DEEP ANALYSIS VOL.1
2025

250 Annotated Games

Chess Notes

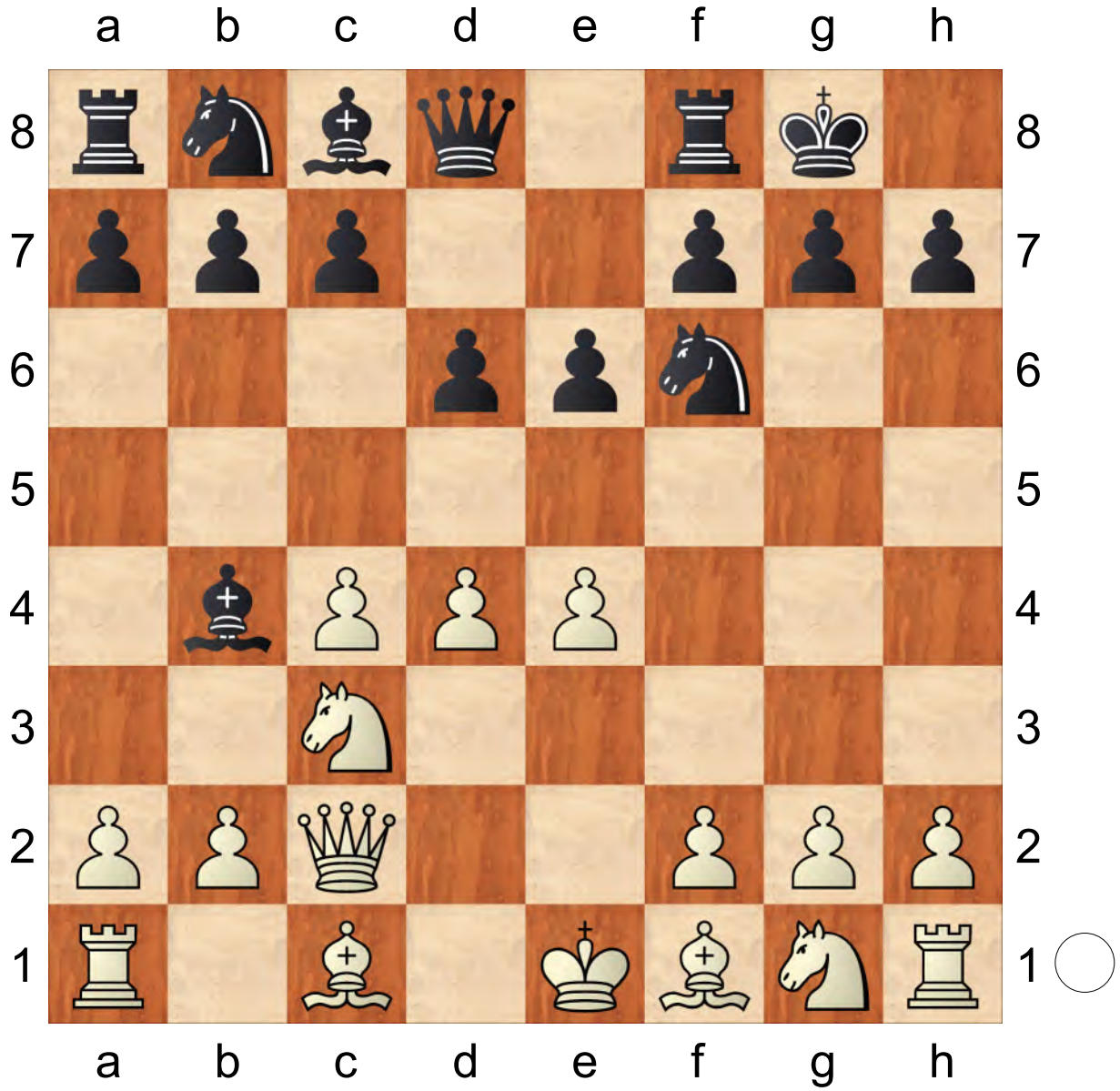
E32

□ **Short,Nigel D** **2660**
■ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2745**
Dortmund SuperGM 25th (7) 11.07.1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

Short,N: 'Chess Informant' **1.d4** Tsesarsky Short,Nigel D Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky Tsesarsky: 'Ftacnik '' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0?** Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '?'' The entire strategy centers around box e4 .Surrender of this point delivers a distinct advantage to White. Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: 'The entire strategy centers around box e4 .Surrender of this point delivers a distinct advantage to White.'' **5.e4±** Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '±'' **5...d6**
[5...d5 — 37/(608) Short,Nigel D: 'Ü 37/(608)']

(Diagram)

6.a3
[6.e5 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky'
A) 6...Nfd7
A1) 7.Bd3?! dxe5!∓;
A2) 7.Nf3 dxe5 8.dxe5 Nc6 9.Ng5 *(9.Bf4 f6⇄)* 9...g6 10.f4 Nd4 Short,Nigel D: '!?' Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '!?' '!?'' 11.Qf2 c5 12.Be3 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.0-0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nf5 16.Ne4 Qg7 17.Bxc5 Nxc5 18.Qxc5 b6 19.Qe5±;
A3) 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Qxc3 c5 *(8...dxe5 9.dxe5 Nc6 10.Nf3 f6 11.exf6 Qxf6 12.Qxf6 gxf6 13.Be3±)* 9.exd6 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nc6 11.Qc3 Nc5
A3a) 12.Be3 Qxd6 *(12...Ne4 13.Qd3 Qa5+ 14.Bd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Rd8 17.c5±)* 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.b4±;
A3b) 12.Be2 e5 13.Nf3 Nd4 14.Nxd4 *(14.Bd1 Qxd6∓* ½-½ Mikenas,V-Konstantinopolsky,A/URS-ch18 Moscow 1950 (37)*)* 14...exd4 15.Qg3 Ne4 16.Qf4 Re8 17.0-0 Nxd6 18.Bd3±;
B) 6...dxe5 7.dxe5
B1) 7...Nfd7 8.Nf3 Nc6
B1a) 9.Ng5 g6 10.f4 Re8 *(10...Nd4!?)* 11.Be3 f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 *(12...Qxf6 13.Nge4 Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 15.Nxc3 e5 16.0-0-0 Nf6 17.Nb5±)* 13.Bd3 Nd4 14.Qd2 Nf5 15.0-0-0 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Qe7 18.Kb2⇄ 1-0 Souza Mendes Joao-Charlier/Ch Brazil (match), Brazil 1943 (51);
B1b) 9.Bf4 Qe7 10.Ng5 g6 11.a3 Nd4 12.Qd3 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 c5 14.Ne4 Qh4 15.g3 Qg4 16.Nd2 g5 17.h3 Qh5 18.g4 Qh6 19.Bg3 b5 20.b4 Bb7 ½-½ Matos,V-Costa,P/POR-chJW U18 (01) 1994;



B1c) 9.a3 Be7 10.Bf4 g5 11.Bg3 g4 12.Nd2 Ndxe5 13.0-0-0 f5
B1c1) 14.h3! Bg5 *(14...Nd4 15.Qb1 f4 16.hxg4 Ng6 17.Bh2 e5 18.Bd3±)* 15.hxg4 Nxg4 16.Kb1 Nd4 17.Qd3 e5 18.Nf3 Bf6 19.Nxe5!±;
B1c2) 14.Bxe5?! Nxe5 15.Nf3 *(15.h3!?)* 15...Bg5+ 16.Kb1 Qf6 17.Nxe5 *(17.Nxg5 Qxg5 18.h3!?)* 17...Qxe5⇄ 0-1 Souza Mendes,J-Reinhardt,E/Mar del Plata 1946 (54) *(17...Qxe5 18.g3 a6 19.h3 h5 20.hxg4 hxg4 21.Rh5 Bf6 22.Bd3 b5* Souza Mendes,J-Reinhardt,E/Mar del Plata (12)/1946/0-1 (54) *)*;
B2) 7...Ng4
B2a) 8.Bf4 Qd4 9.Bg3 Nxe5 10.Rd1 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qc5 12.Qe4 Nbc6∓ 0-1 Bronstein,D-Grigorian,K/URS-ch39 Leningrad 1971 (40) *(12...Nbc6 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Qe3 Ng6 15.f4 Nge7 16.Nf3 Nf5 17.Qd3*

b6 18.Bf2 Ba6 19.Qc2 Nd6 20.0-0 h6 21.Nd4 Ne7 22.Nb3 Qa4 0-1 Bronstein,D-Grigorian,K/URS-ch39 Leningrad/1971 (40) *)*;

B2b) 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bf4 f6 10.Rd1

B2b1) 10...Bxc3+

B2b11) 11.Qxc3 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Nxf2+ 13.Kc1 Nxh1 14.exf6 Rxf6

B2b111) 15.Be3! e5 16.Bd3 Bh3 17.gxh3 Rxf3 18.Be4 Rf1+ 19.Kc2 Re8 *(19...Raf8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qxe5±; 19...Nd4+ 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Qxd4 c6 22.Bxh7+±)* 20.Bxh7+ Kf7 *(20...Kxh7 21.Qd3++-)* 21.Be4±;

B2b112) 15.Bxc7 Nf2±;

B2b12) 11.bxc3 Qe8 12.Bd3 Qh5 13.exf6 e5 14.f7+ Rxf7 15.Bg3⇄;

B2b2) 10...Qe7 11.exf6 Qxf6 12.Bg5 Qf7 13.Bd3 Qh5 14.h3 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Nge5 16.Be3 Nxf3+ 17.Kf1 e5 18.h4 Nfd4 19.Bxd4 Nxd4 20.Qb1 Bg4 0-1 Jezek,J-Pachman,L/CSR-ch Prague (03)/1953 (25);

B2b3) 10...Qe8 11.Qe4 fxe5 12.Bg3 Nf6 13.Qe3 e4 14.Nd2 Qg6 15.Be2 e5 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Bg4⇄ 1-0 Wood,B-Koenig,I/Hastings4950 1949 (51) *(17...Bg4* Ftacnik *18.Rfe1 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Rad8 20.Bh4* Wood,B-Koenig,I/Hastings4950 (05)/1949/1-0 (52) *)*]

[6.Bd3

A) 6...Nc6 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 7.a3 Nxd4 8.Qd1 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nc6∓ 0-1 Fugulyan,G-Doroscenko,M/ATI-Homorod,II-C 1993 (89) *(9...Nc6* Ftacnik *10.f4 e5 11.f5 Nxe4 12.Qg4 Nf6 13.Qh3 e4 14.Be2 d5 15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.g4 Qe5 17.Rb1 h5 18.gxh5 Bxf5 19.Qg3 Qxg3+ 20.hxg3 Rab8* Fugulyan,G-Doroscenko,M/Odorheiu Secuiesc op (05)/ 1993/0-1 (89) *)*;

B) 6...e5 7.Nge2 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' *(7.d5 Na6=)* 7...exd4 *(7...Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Ng6 11.f3 Nh5 12.Be3 Nhf4 13.Nxf4 Qg5 14.Rf2 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.c5 Qe3 17.Re1 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 dxc5 19.Rc2 Bd7 20.Rxc5 Rac8* ½-½ Mikenas,V-Van Scheltinga,T/Buenos Aires ol prel-C (03)/ 1939 (40) *)* 8.Nxd4

B1) 8...Re8 9.f3 c6 *(9...d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bc5 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Qf2 Qf6 15.Rfd1 Rd8 16.Be2±)* 10.Be3 d5 11.0-0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 dxe4 13.fxe4 Qe7 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.Rdf1 Nbd7 16.h3 Be6 17.e5 Qa3+ 18.Kb1 Nxe5 19.Bxf6 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 gxf6 21.Rxf6⇄;

B2) 8...Nc6 Ftacnik 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 Ng4 11.Na4 Qh4 12.Bf4 Qf6 13.Bg3 c5 14.e5 Nxe5 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Be4 Rb8 Eliskases,E-Bogoljubow,E/Noordwijk (07)/1938/½-½ (65);

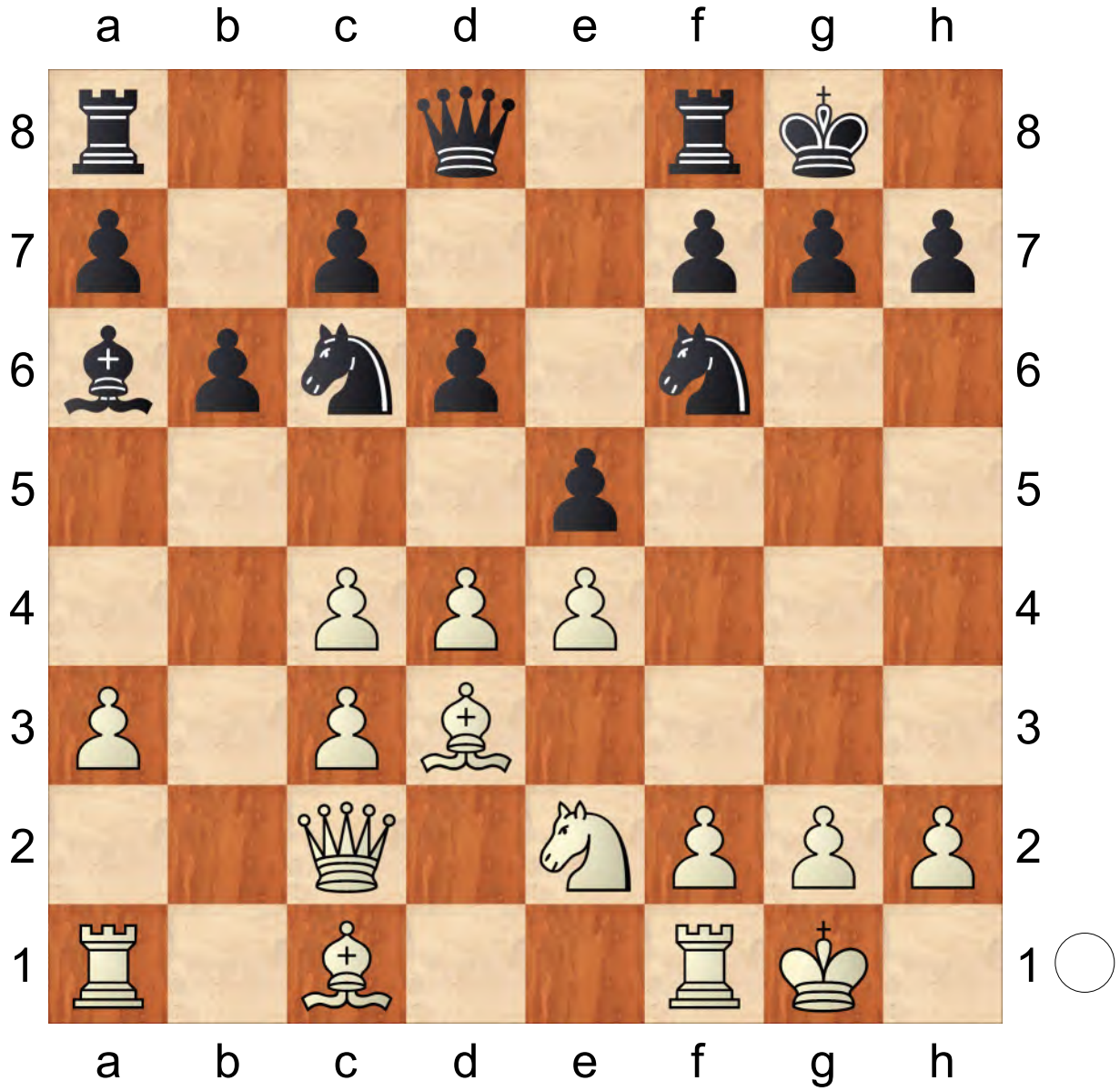
B3) 8...Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Re8 10.f3 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Qb3 c5 13.Ne2 Nb4 14.Bc4 Be6 15.0-0 N8c6 16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.Rd1 Rd6 18.Rxd6 Qxd6 19.Be3± 1-0 Anton,A-Volchok,A/cr 1977 (62)]

[6.Bd2 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' Bxc3? 7.Bxc3 c5 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Nf3 Re8 11.Bd3 h6 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.g4!± 1-0 Lunacek,J-Sidow,B/corr EU/M/

GT2 (FS-273/65) 1964 (20)]
[6.Nge2 c5]
6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 e5 8.Bd3
[8.dxe5? Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' dxe5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Be2 h6 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Rd1 Qe7= 0-1 Kalunga,W-Chaourar,N/Dubai olm 1986 (31) *(12...Qe7* Ftacnik *13.a4 Rfd8 14.Ba3 Rxd1+ 15.Bxd1 Qe6 16.Rb1 b6 17.Nd2 Bxd1 18.Qxd1 Na5 19.Qe2 c5* 0-1 Kalunga,W-Chaourar,N/Dubai olm (04)/1986 (31) *)*]
8...Nc6
[8...b6 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 9.Ne2 Bb7 10.0-0 Re8 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.Bb2 Ne7 13.f4 Ng6 14.Bc1 Nd7 15.f5 Ngf8 16.f6! Nxf6 17.Bg5 N8d7 18.Nh5 Kh8 19.Rf3 Rg8 20.Raf1± ½-½ Leitao,R-Urday,H/Schahin Cury, Americana BRA 1997 (49)]
9.Ne2 b6N
[9...Nh5 10.Be3 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' Na5 11.f3 b6 12.g4 Nf6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Nh7 15.h4 Ba6 16.Ng3 Bxc4 17.g5!
A) 17...hxg5 18.hxg5
A1) 18...f6 19.Rxh7
A1a) 19...Bxd3 20.Rh8+ Kf7 *(20...Kxh8 21.Qh2+ Kg8 22.g6 Rf7 23.Nf5+-)* 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Qxd3+-;
A1b) 19...Kxh7 20.Qh2+ Kg8 21.g6+-;
A2) 18...Nxg5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Qh2 Qe3+ 21.Be2 Qxc3+ 22.Kf2 Qxd4+ 23.Kg2 f6 24.Nf5+-;
B) 17...exd4 18.cxd4 d5 19.gxh6± *(19.e5?! Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Nc4 21.gxh6±* 1-0 Prof.Dr.Schafer-Koch/corr 1959 (53) *)*]
[9...h6]
10.0-0 Ba6

(Diagram)

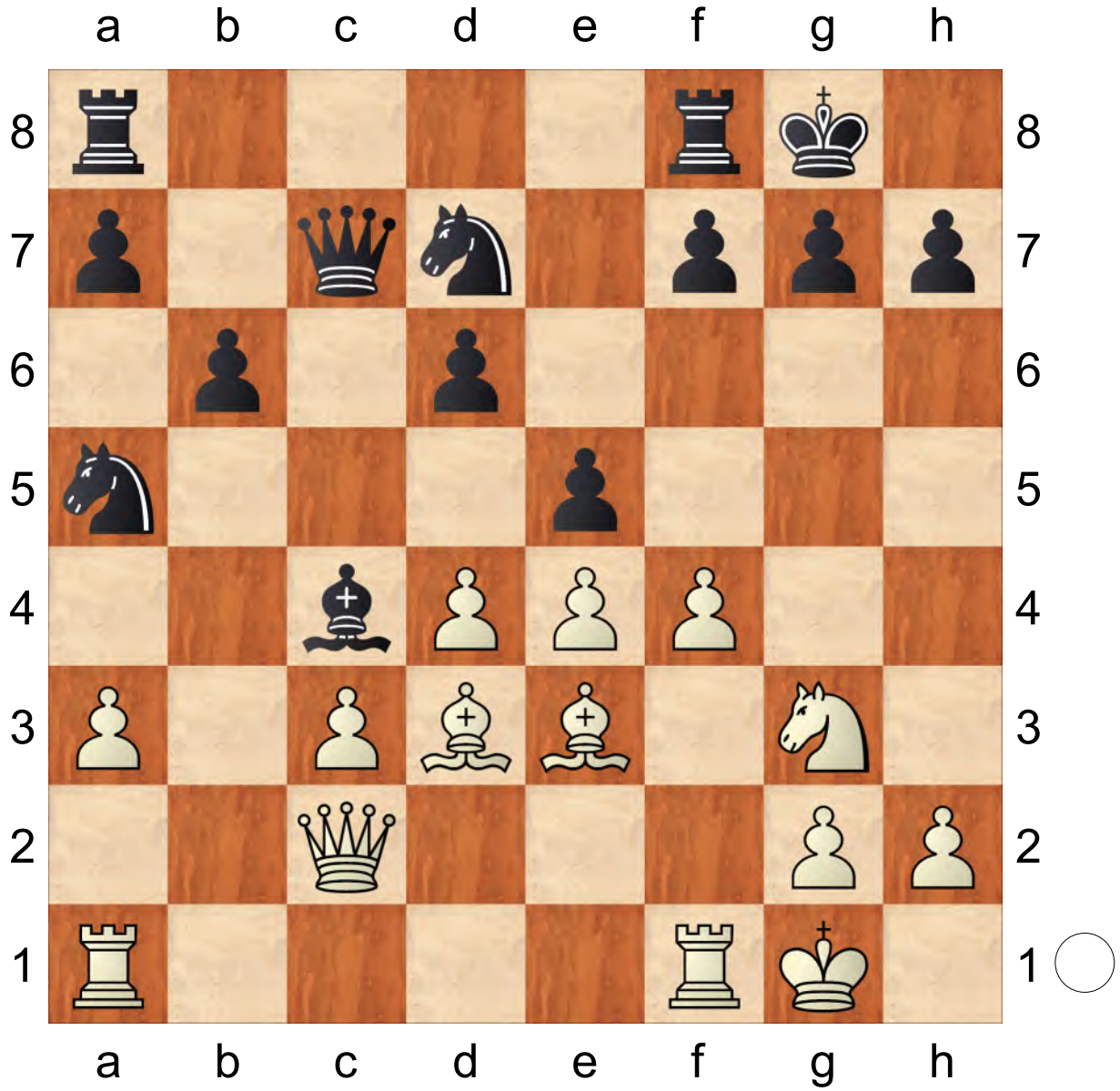
A.Karpov tries to Attack ♙ c4 Δ♘a5 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: 'A.Karpov tries to Attack ♙ c4 Δ♘a5" **11.f4 Nd7** Short,N: '!' Short,Nigel D: '!'
[11...exf4 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 12.Bxf4±]
12.Be3
[12.c5?! Bxd3 13.Qxd3 bxc5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Qb5 Qf6!]
12...Na5 13.c5! Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '!" Maybe this very strong move wasn't avaluated properly by Karpov... Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: 'Maybe this very strong move wasn't avaluated properly by Karpov... "
[13.Qa4? Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' c5!⇄]
[13.Qa2 c5 Δ14.d5 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ne5= *(15...Qe7!? 16.Ng3 g6)*]
13...Bc4
[13...Bxd3 Short,N: '⩲' Short,Nigel D: '⩲' 14.Qxd3
A) 14...dxc5 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 15.dxe5±;
B) 14...bxc5 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Rad1 Nf6 *(16...exf4*



17.Bxf4 Nf6 18.Qa6+-) 17.Qa6+-;
C) 14...exf4 15.Rxf4 bxc5 16.Ng3⩲;
D) 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: ' ± ' '±" bxc5 *(15...dxc5* Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' *16.d5±)* 16.dxc5 Nxc5 *(16...dxc5? 17.Rad1+-)* 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Qc3
D1) 18...Nb7 19.Rad1 Qe7 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' *(19...Qe8 20.Ng3→)* 20.Ng3 Rfe8 21.Nf5 Qf8 22.e5±;
D2) 18...c6 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 19.Rab1 Re8 20.Rfd1 Qc7 21.Ng3±]
[13...exd4 14.cxd4 Bxd3 15.Qxd3±]

14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Ng3 Short,N: '⩲' Short,Nigel D: '⩲'
[15.fxe5!? Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' dxe5 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.Nf5 Bxd3 18.Qxd3±]

15...Qc7



16.Nf5 Kh8
[16...Bxd3 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 17.Qxd3 Nc4 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Bh6+-]
[16...g6 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 17.Nh6+ Kg7 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Ng4⟶]
17.Rf3 Rac8 Short,N: '?' Short,Nigel D: '?'
[17...f6!]
18.Raf1 Short,N: '?' Short,Nigel D: '?'
[18.Rh3 Be6 *(18...f6 19.Ne7+-; 18...Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qxc3 20.Qd1!+- ΔNc4 21.Rxh7+)* 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Qf2! Bxf5 21.Qxf5 g6 22.Qf1±]
18...f6 Short,N: '!' Short,Nigel D: '!'
[18...g6 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 19.Ne7 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qxc3 21.Qd1 Rcd8 *(21...Rce8 22.dxe5!± ΔRxe7? 23.Bd4+-)* 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Bh6 *(23.Nd5 Qb2 24.Bh6±)* 23...Qxd4+ 24.Qxd4 exd4 25.Rxf7+-]

[18...Bxd3 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 19.Qxd3 Qxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxc3 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Bh6! Rxf3 23.Bxg7+ Kg8 24.Rxf3+-]

19.Bf2

[⌓19.Bc1!? Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky'

A) 19...Bxd3 20.Qxd3 exd4

A1) 21.cxd4 Rfe8 22.Rg3 g6 23.Nh6 Re7 24.f5 g5 25.Bxg5! fxg5 26.f6 Nxf6 *(26...Ree8 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.Rxg5+ Kxf7 29.Qh3!+-)* 27.Rxf6 Kg7 *(27...Qb7 28.Rxg5+-; 27...Rg7 28.Qf1 Qe7 29.Rf7+-)* 28.Rxg5+ Kxf6 29.Qf3+ Kxg5 30.h4+ Kg6 31.Qg3+ Kf6 32.Qg5+ Ke6 33.Qf5#;

A2) 21.Qxd4;

B) 19...d5 20.Bxc4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Nxc4 22.Ne7! f5□ *(22...Rce8 23.Qxh7+ Kxh7 24.Rh3#)* 23.Nxf5±]

19...b5

[19...Bb3 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 20.Qd2 Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxc3 22.Nxd6 exf4 23.Be1 Rc7 24.Bb5 *(24.Rxf4 Nc6)* 24...Bg8 25.Bxa5 bxa5 26.Rxf4±]

20.Bg3

[20.Ne7 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' Rce8 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Nd5 Qa5=]

[20.Be1 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ']

20...a6

(Diagram)

21.h4!? Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '!?" **21...Bf7?!** Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '?!"

[⌓21...Bxd3 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 22.Qxd3 Nc4

A) 23.h5! Rf7 24.h6 g6

A1) 25.Ne3 Nxe3 *(25...exf4 26.Nd5 Qa5 27.Bxf4 Rff8 28.Bc1±)* 26.Qxe3 Rff8 27.R1f2 exd4 28.Qxd4 *(28.cxd4 f5∓)* 28...Qc5 29.f5±;

A2) 25.Nxd6? Qxd6 26.fxe5 Qb6 27.R1f2 Rff8 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Rxf6 Nxf6 30.Qf3 Ng8 31.Bh4 Qe6 *(31...Nxh6 32.Bf6+ Kg8 33.Bg5±)* 32.Qf4∓;

A3) 25.fxe5

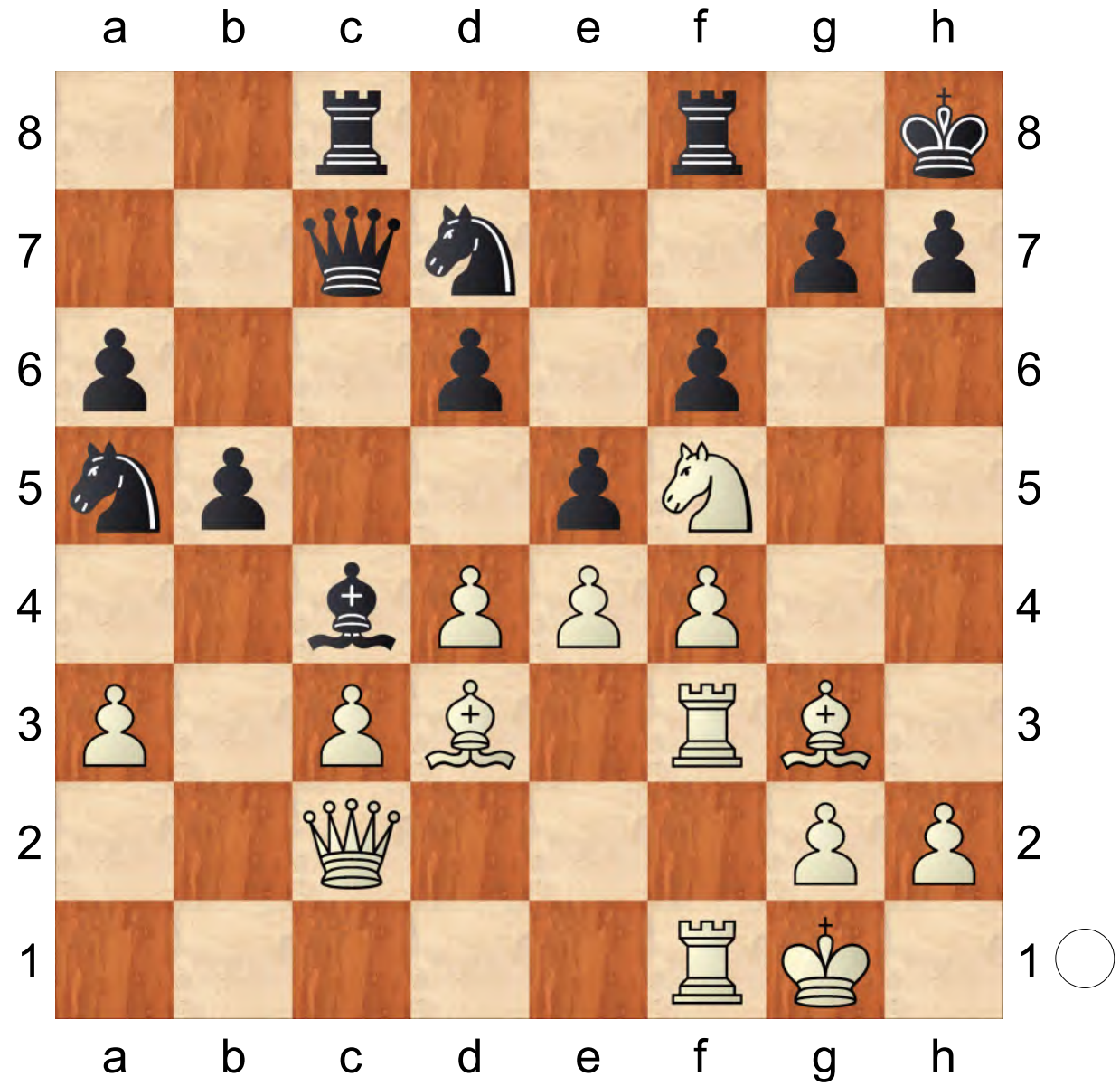
A3a) 25...gxf5 26.e6 fxe4 27.Qxe4 Nd2 28.Qf5 Nxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Re7 30.exd7 Rf8 31.Bh4 Ref7 32.Re3!+-;

A3b) 25...fxe5 26.Ng7 Rxf3 27.Qxf3 Nd2 28.Qf7 Qc4 *(28...Nxf1 29.Ne8!+-; 28...Rg8 29.Ne6! Qc8 30.Ng5+-)* 29.Qxc4 bxc4 *(29...Rxc4 30.Rf7+-)* 30.Rf7 Nxe4 31.Rxd7 Nxg3 32.Ne6 exd4 33.Ng5

A3b1) 33...Nf5 34.Ne4 *(34.g4 dxc3 35.gxf5 c2 36.Rxh7+ Kg8 37.Rg7+ Kf8 38.Nh7+ Ke8 39.Nf6+ Kf8=)* 34...Kg8 *(34...Rf8 35.Nf6!+-)* 35.Nf6+ Kf8 36.Nxh7+ Ke8 37.Nf6+ Kf8 38.h7+-;

A3b2) 33...Rf8 34.Rxh7+ Kg8 35.Rg7+ Kh8 36.cxd4 c3 37.Rh7+ Kg8 38.Rc7±;

A3c) 25...dxe5! 26.Ne3 Nxe3 *(26...Nxa3 27.Nd5 Qd6 28.Nxf6!+-)* 27.Qxe3 Rcf8⇄;



A4) 25.Nh4;

A5) 25.Ng7 exf4 26.Ne6! *(26.Bxf4 Re7 27.Bc1 Qc6 28.Rf4 d5 29.exd5 Qxd5∓)* 26...Qa5 27.Nxf4 Qxa3 28.Nd5 Rcf8 29.Bh4 f5 *(29...Nce5 30.dxe5 Nxe5 31.Bxf6+ Rxf6 32.Rxf6+-)* 30.Be7 fxe4 31.Bxf8 *(31.Rxf7 Rxf7 32.Rxf7 exd3 33.Bf6+ Nxf6 34.Nxf6 Qc1+-+)*

A5a) 31...exd3 32.Rxf7+-;

A5b) 31...exf3 32.Bg7+ Kg8 *(32...Rxg7 33.hxg7+ Kxg7 34.Qxf3+-)* 33.Ne7+! Rxe7 34.Qxf3+-;

A5c) 31...Rxf3 32.Bg7+ Kg8 33.Rxf3! exf3 34.Qe4!+-;

B) 23.Ne7 Nc5! 24.dxc5 Qxe7 25.cxd6

B1) 25...Nxd6 26.fxe5 fxe5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxf8+ Qxf8 29.Bxe5 Nc4

B1a) 30.Bd4 Qxa3 31.Qf3 Qe7 32.e5 h6

B1a1) 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Qe4+ *(34.Qxa6 Qxh4 35.Bf2 Qh5 36.Qxb5*

Qd1+=)

B1a11) 34...Kg8 35.e6 a5 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Qd5 Nd6 *(37...Qxh4 38.Qf5++-)*

B1a111) 38.Bc5 Qxh4 39.Bxd6 *(39.Qd3+ Qe4=)* 39...Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qh4+=;

B1a112) 38.g3! Nb7 *(38...Qc7 39.Kh2 Ne8 40.Qxb5+-)*

B1a1121) 39.Qxb5 a4

B1a11211) 40.Qd7 Qxd7 41.exd7 a3 42.c4

B1a112111) 42...a2 43.c5 Nd8 44.Kf2 Kg6 45.Ke3 Kf7 46.Ke4 Ke7 47.Bxg7 *(47.Kd5 Kxd7 48.Bxg7 h5=)* 47...h5 48.Kf5 Kxd7 49.Kg6 Ne6 50.Ba1 Nxc5 51.Kxh5 Nb3 52.Bb2**±**;

B1a112112) 42...Kg6 43.c5 Nd8 44.Kf2 Kf7 45.Kf3 g6**∓**;

B1a11212) 40.c4 a3 *(40...Qxe6 41.Qxb7 Qe1+ 42.Kg2+-)* 41.c5 Nd8 42.Qd7 Qxd7 43.exd7 Kg6 44.Kf2 Kf7 45.Kf3 g6 Short,Nigel D: '**∓**' 'Tsesarsky: '**∓**' '**∓**'' 46.Ke4 Ke6**∓**;

B1a1122) 39.Qf5+ Kg8 40.Qxb5 Nd8 *(40...a4 41.Qxa4+-)* 41.Qxa5 *(41.Qd7 Qxd7 42.exd7 a4∓)* 41...Nxe6 42.Qe5**±**;

B1a12) 34...Kh8 35.e6 a5 36.Qf5 Kg8

B1a121) 37.g4 a4 38.g5

B1a1211) 38...a3 39.g6 Nd6□ *(39...a2 40.Qf7+ Qxf7 41.exf7+ Kf8 42.Bc5++-)* 40.Qd5 Nb7□ 41.Qxb5 a2 42.Qa4 Nd8 43.Qxa2 Qxe6 44.Qxe6+ Nxe6 45.h5 Nf4 46.Kf2 Nxh5 47.Kf3 Nf6 48.Bxf6 gxf6 49.c4+-;

B1a1212) 38...hxg5 39.hxg5 a3 40.g6 Nd6 41.Qh5 Qxe6 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qxg7+ Ke8 44.Qh8+ Kd7 45.Qh7+ Kc6 46.g7 a2 47.g8Q *(47.c4 Qg4+ 48.Kh2 Qf4+ 49.Kh3 Qxd4 50.cxb5+ Kxb5 51.g8Q Qe3+ 52.Kh2 Qf4+ 53.Kh3 Qf3+ 54.Kh2=)* 47...a1Q+ 48.Kh2=;

B1a122) 37.g3 a4 38.Qxb5 Qxe6 39.Qxa4 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qe2+=;

B1a2) 33.e6 Qxe6 34.Qf8+ Qg8 35.Bxg7+ Kh7 36.Qxg8+ Kxg8 37.Bxh6 a5**∓**;

B1b) 30.Qd5

B1b1) 30...Ne3 31.Bxg7+ Kxg7 *(31...Qxg7 32.Qd8+ Qg8 33.Qd4+ Qg7 34.Qxe3+-)* 32.Qg5+ Kf7 33.Qxe3 Qxa3 34.Qh6**±**;

B1b2) 30...Nxe5 31.Qxe5 h6 32.a4 bxa4 33.c4 *(33.Qa5 a3 34.e5 Qf4 35.Qxa3 Qxe5=)* 33...Qb4=;

B2) 25...Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Nxd6 27.fxe5 Nxe4 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Be5 Rxf3 30.Rxf3 Kg8=]

[21...Be6!?]

22.Be1 Nb6 Short,N: '?' Short,Nigel D: '?'

[22...exd4 Short,N: '!?' Short,Nigel D: '!?'
A) 23.cxd4 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' Qxc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Bxa5 d5=;
B) 23.Ne7! Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' Rce8 24.cxd4 Qxc2 25.Bxc2 Rxe7 *(25...Nc4 26.Nf5±)* 26.Bxa5±;
C) 23.Nxd4 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 23...Nc5∓]
[22...Nc4 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 23.a4±]

23.Qf2 Nac4 24.Rg3
[24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Nxg7!? Kxg7 26.Rg3+ Bg6 27.h5]

24...g6
[24...Bg6 25.Nxg7 Short,N: ' →' Short,Nigel D: ' →' Kxg7 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 26.f5±]

25.Nh6 Be6
[25...exf4 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 26.Nxf7+ Rxf7 27.Qxf4±]
[25...Nxa3? Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 26.fxe5]

(Diagram)

26.f5 gxf5□ Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: ' □" **27.Nxf5 Rg8** Short,N: '⊕?' Short,Nigel D: '⊕?'
[27...Nxa3 28.Rg7 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' *(28.Bd2→)* 28...Nd7 *(28...Rf7 29.Rxf7 Bxf7 30.Nh6+-)* 29.Qg3! *(29.Qe3 Bxf5 30.Qh6 Rg8 31.Rxg8+ Rxg8 32.Rxf5 Nc4 33.h5 Rg4=; 29.Re7 Rce8)* 29...Rg8□ 30.Qg4 Bf7 31.Bd2 Bg6 32.Rxg8+ Rxg8 33.Ne7 Rg7 34.Nd5 Qa7 35.Bh6 Rg8 36.Qe6 Re8 37.Qxd6+-]

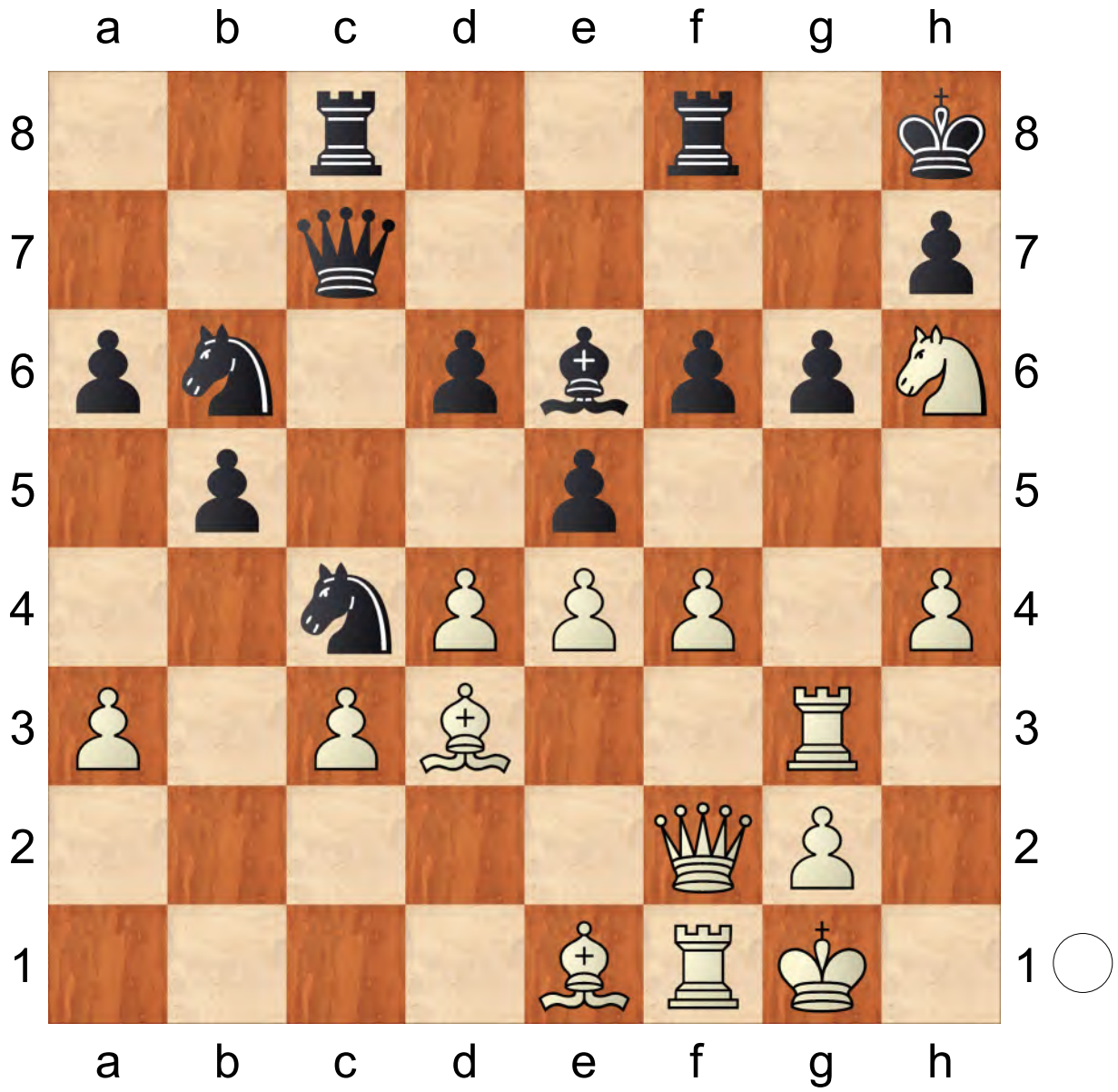
28.Nxd6!+- Short,N: '!' Short,Nigel D: '!' Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '+-!" **28...Rcf8**
[28...Rxg3 29.Nxc8 Rxd3 *(29...Rg6* Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' *30.Nxb6 Qxb6 31.h5 Rh6 32.d5 Qxf2+ 33.Bxf2 Bg4 34.Bxc4 bxc4 35.Be3 Rxh5 36.Rxf6+-)* 30.Qxf6+ Short,N: '+-' Short,Nigel D: '+-' Qg7 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' 31.Qxe6+-]
[28...Qxd6 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 29.Qxf6+]
[28...Nxd6 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 29.Qxf6+ Rg7 30.Rxg7 Qxg7 31.Qxe6 Rg8 32.Qxe5 Qxe5 33.dxe5+-]

29.Rxg8+ Short,N: '?' Short,Nigel D: '?'
[29.Ne8!! Rxe8 *(29...Qe7 30.Rxg8+ Bxg8 31.Nxf6)* 30.Qxf6+ Rg7 31.Qxe6!+-]

29...Kxg8
[29...Bxg8 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 30.Nf5±]

30.Nf5 Qd7
[30...Kh8]

(Diagram)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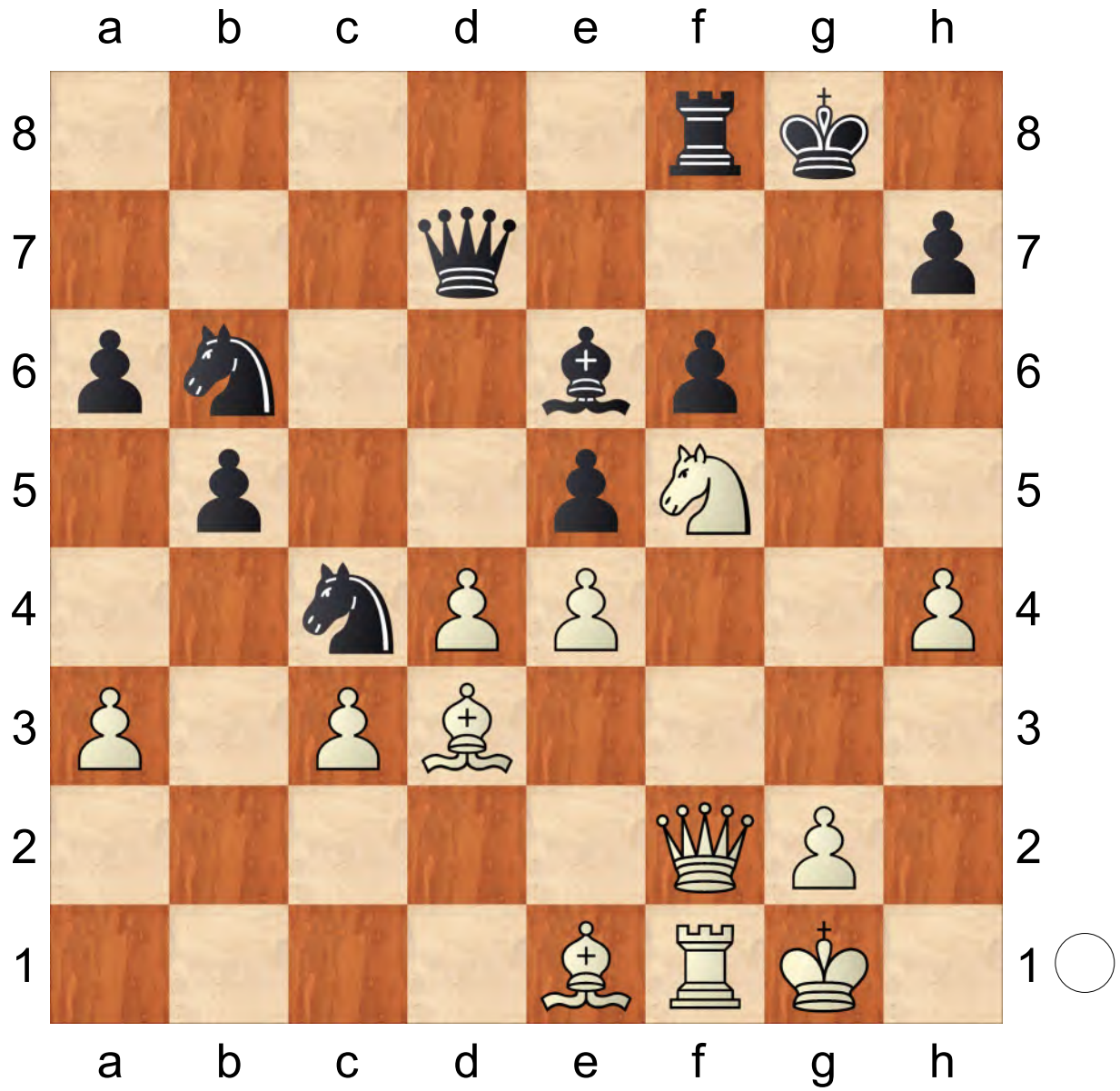

31.Qg3+ Short,N: '⊕?' Short,Nigel D: '⊕?'
[31.Nh6+! Kh8 *(31...Kg7 32.Qg3+ Kxh6 33.Rxf6+ Rxf6 34.Qg5#* Short,Nigel D: '#' *)* 32.d5+-]
31...Kh8
[31...Kf7 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 32.Nh6+ Ke8 33.d5+-]
32.d5 Bxf5 33.Rxf5 Nd6
[33...Nxa3 Ftacnik Short,N: '⌓' Short,Nigel D: '⌓' Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: 'Ftacnik '' 34.Qf3 Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky' *(34.Bd2±)* 34...Qd6 35.h5 Nd7 36.Bh4±]
34.Rf1 Nbc4 35.h5 Qg7
[⌓35...Nxa3]

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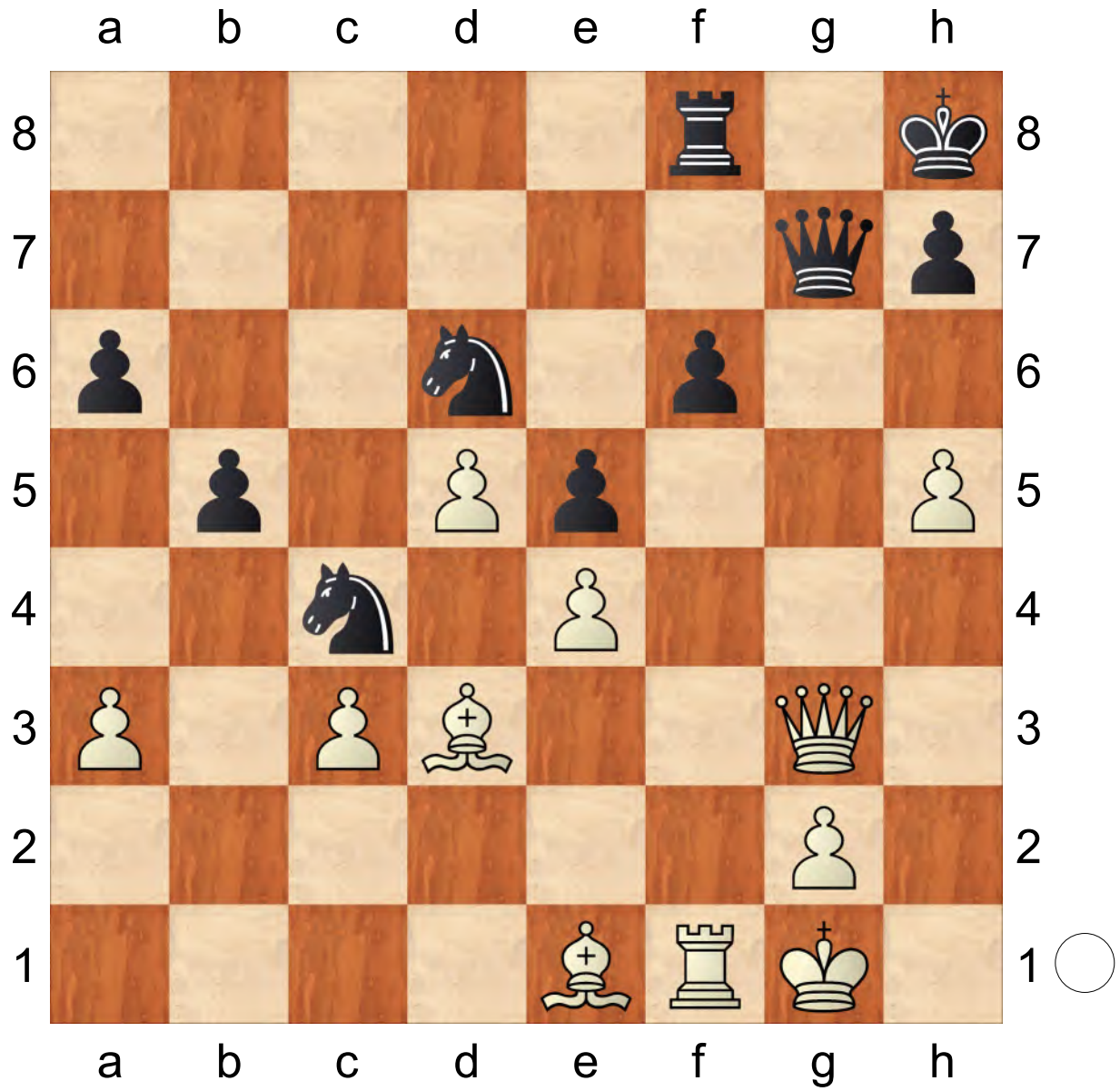
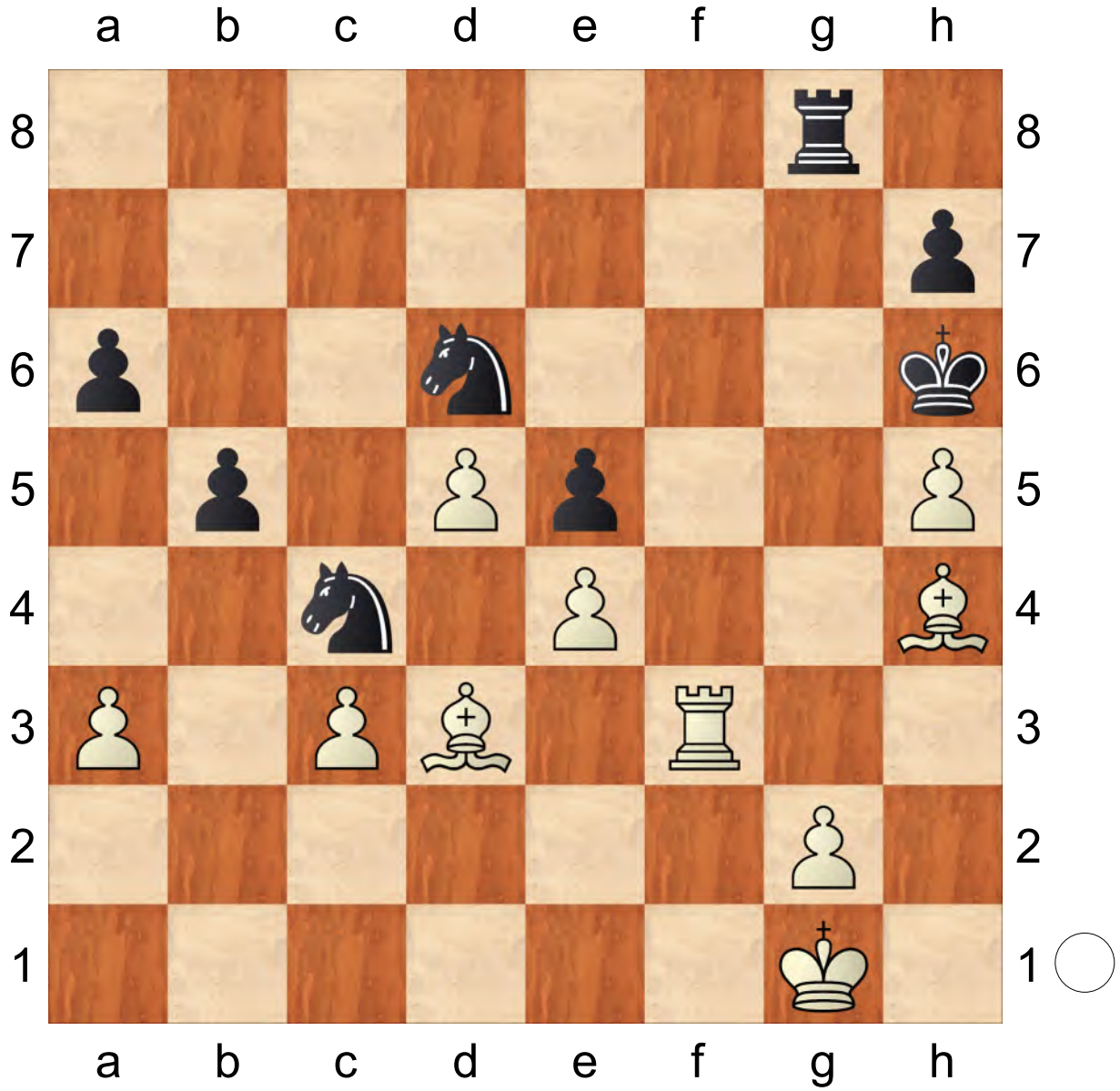
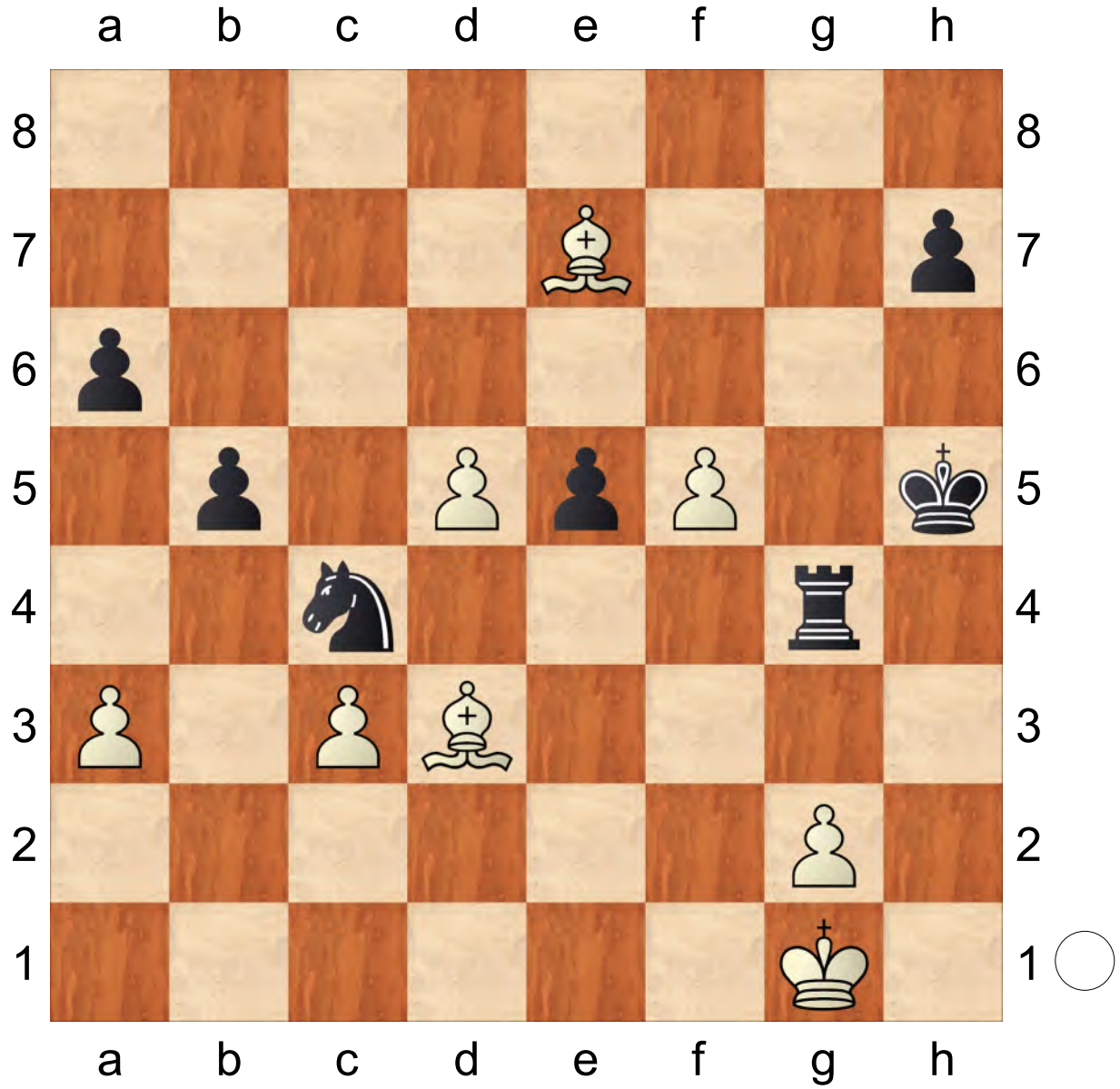


36.Qh4 Rg8 Short,N: '?' Short,Nigel D: '?'
[36...Nxa3 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 37.h6 Qg6 38.Rf3±]
37.Qxf6 Ne3
[37...Qxf6 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 38.Rxf6 Rg4 39.Bxc4 Nxc4 40.Rxa6 Rxe4 41.Bf2+-]
38.Qxg7+
[38.Bh4! Nxf1 39.h6]
38...Kxg7
[38...Rxg7 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 39.Rf8+ Rg8 40.Rxg8+ Kxg8 41.Bf2+-]
39.Rf3 Nec4 40.Bh4 Kh6
[40...Nxa3 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 41.Bf6+ Kh6 42.Be7 Ndc4 43.Rf6+ Kxh5 44.Be2++-]



41.Be7 Kxh5 42.Rf6
[42.Be2 Kh6 43.Rh3+ Kg7 44.Rg3+ Kf7 45.Bh5+ Kxe7 46.Rxg8 Nxe4±]
[42.Bxc4 Nxc4 43.d6 Nb6 44.Rf5+ Kg6 45.Rxe5 Rc8+-]
42...Rg6
[42...Ne8 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 43.Be2+ Kg5 44.Rf8++-]
43.Rf5+ Nxf5
[43...Kh6 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: '(Tsesarsky) Ftacnik ' 44.Bf8+]
44.exf5 Rg4
[44...Rb6 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: 'Ftacnik " 45.f6 Nd6 46.Bxh7+-]
[44...Rg4 Ftacnik Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: 'Ftacnik " 45.Be2+- Short,Nigel D: 'Tsesarsky: '+-"]
[44...Rg3 45.Be2+ *(45.f6 Rxd3 46.f7 Rd1+ 47.Kf2 Nd2 48.Ke2 Rf1 49.d6*

Rxf7 50.d7) 45...Kh6 46.f6 Kg6 47.Bh5+!]



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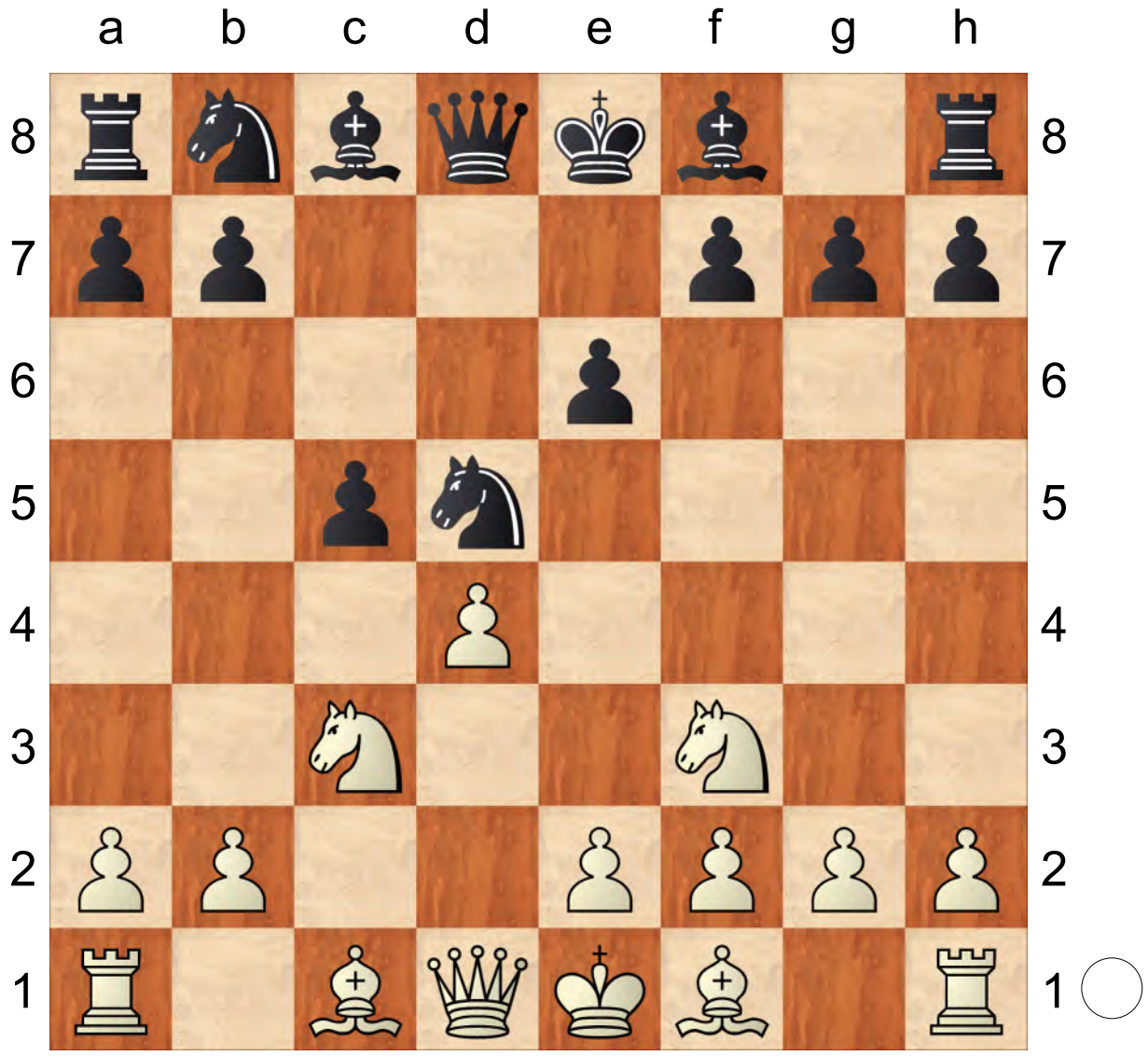
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

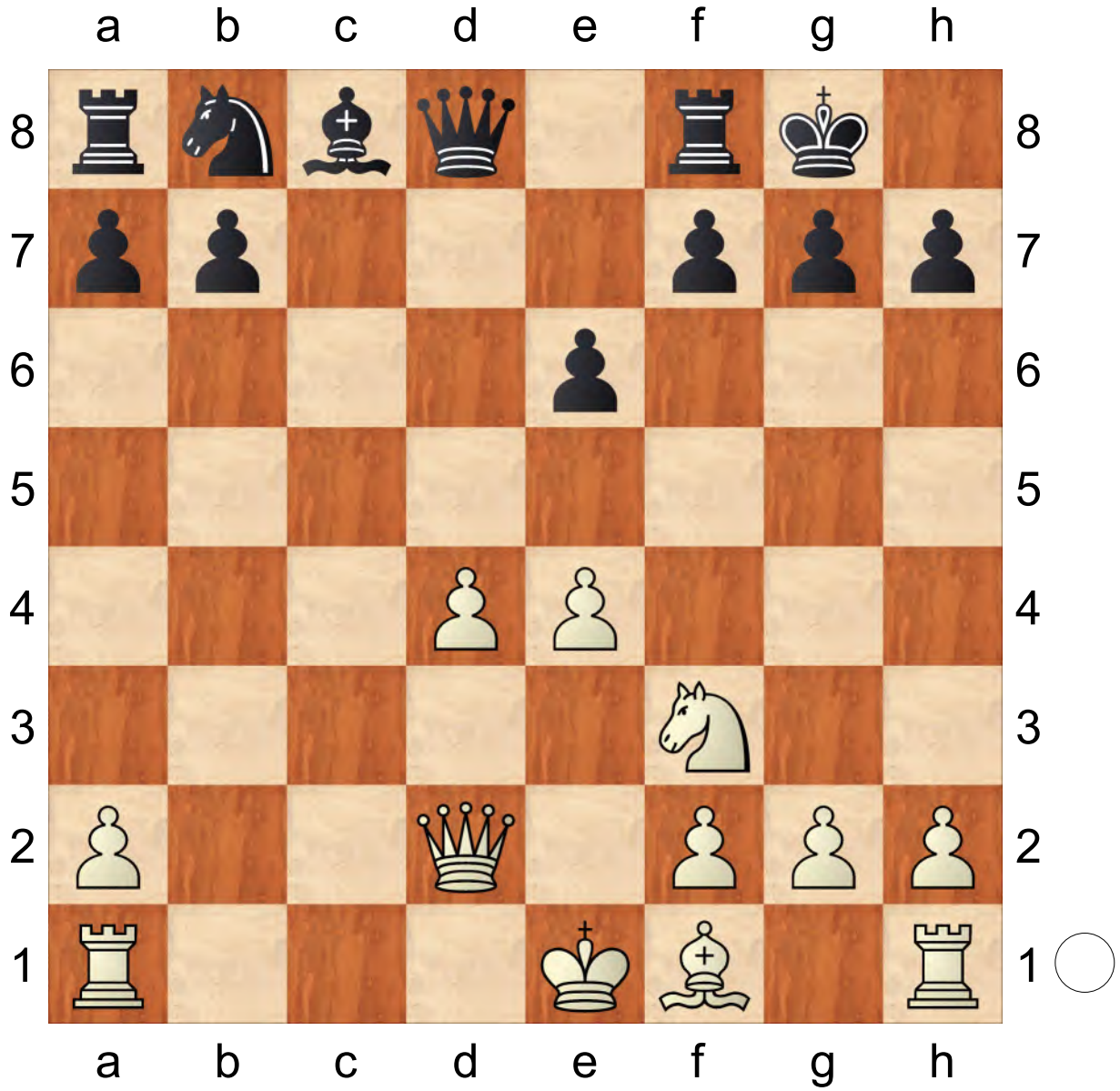
1.d4 Tsesarsky Hecht **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5**



6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0

(Diagram)

11.Bc4 b6 12.0-0



[12.d5 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.d6 Nc5 15.e5 f6 16.0-0 Rf7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Qe3± ½-½ Korchnoi,V-Mecking,H/Hastings 1971 (42)]

12...Ba6

[12...Bb7 13.Qf4 *(13.d5 exd5 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nd7 16.Rfe1 Nf6 17.d6 Rc8 18.Rad1 Re8 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Qd4 Rc5 21.h3 Qa8 22.d7 Qd8 23.Ne5 h6 24.Qd6* ½-½ Hort,V-Timman,J/Wijk aan Zee 1972) 13...Qf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.d5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Nc6 17.Nh4 Na5 18.Rac1 Rfd8 19.Nf5 Kf8 20.Bxb7 Nxb7± ½-½ Henneberke,F-Bisguier,A/Beverwijk 1962 (22)]

13.Rac1 Bxc4 14.Rxc4 Nd7?!

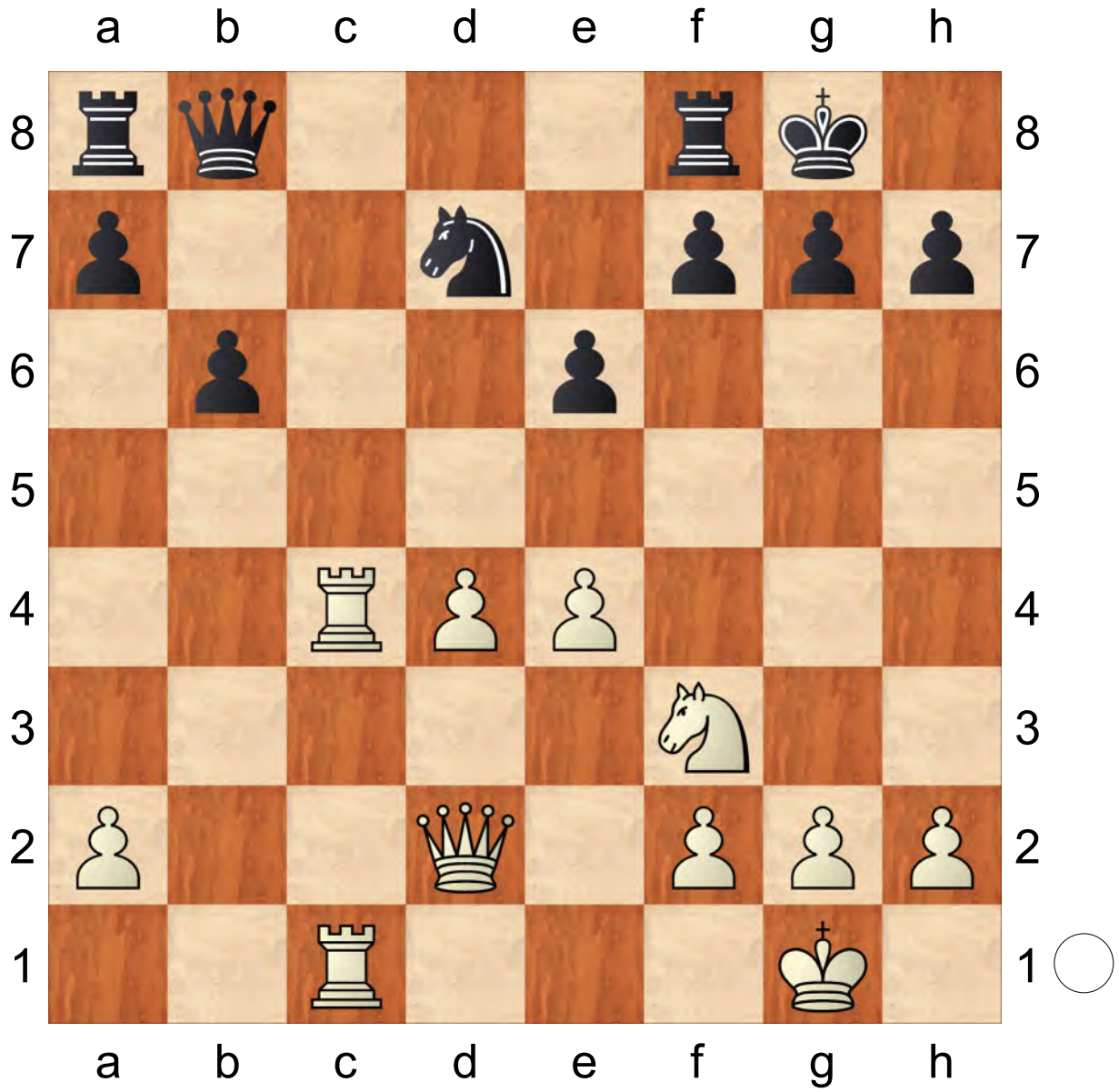
[14...b5 15.Rc5 a6 16.d5 Nd7 17.Rc6 exd5 18.Qxd5 Nf6 19.Qf5 Qe8

A) 20.Ne5!?

A1) 20...Qe7 21.Rfc1 Rfe8 22.R1c5 Rad8 23.h3 Rd2 24.a3 *(24.Rc8 Nd7 25.Nxd7 Rxd7=)* 24...Re2 25.f3 Qd8 26.Rc8 g6□ 27.Rxd8 gxf5

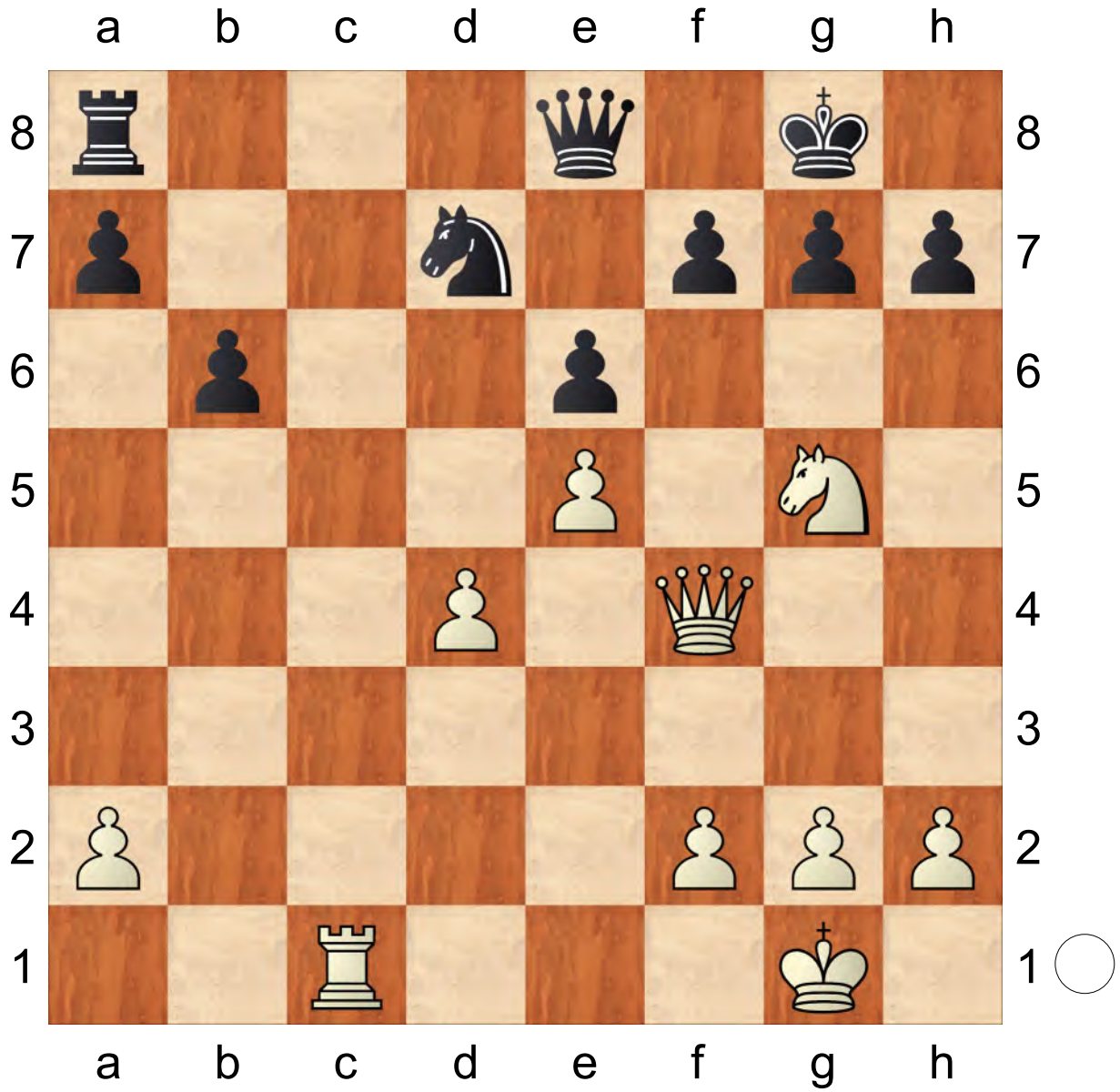
28.Rxe8+ Nxe8 29.exf5 Kg7± *(29...Re3 30.Kf2 Rxa3 31.Rc8+-)*;
A2) 20...Qd8!? 21.Rfc1 Qd2⇄;
B) 20.Rxf6?!= gxf6 21.Ng5 fxg5 22.Qxg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ ½-½ Anikaev,Y-Bronstein,D/Minsk 1983]

15.Rfc1 Qb8
[15...e5 16.d5 f6 17.Rc7 Nc5 18.d6±]
[15...Nf6 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Ne5± *(17.Rc7 Re7)*]



16.e5 Rd8
[16...b5 17.Rc7 Nb6 18.Qd3 Nc4 19.Ng5 g6 20.Qh3 h5 21.Nxe6!! Qb6 *(21...Kh8 22.Qh4 fxe6 23.Qe7 Qxc7 24.Qxc7+-; 21...Re8 22.Qf3+-)* 22.R7xc4 bxc4 23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Qc3 *(24.Qe3 Rd8 25.Rxc4 Rxd4 26.Rc1±)* 24...Rd8 25.Rd1+-]

17.Qf4 Nf8
[17...h6 18.Rc7±]
18.Rc7 Rd7 19.Rxd7 Nxd7 20.Ng5! Qe8
[20...Qf8 21.Rc7 Rd8 22.Qe4 g6
A) 23.Qh4 h6 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Qxg6+ Kh8 27.Rxa7 Qf4 28.g3 Qd2 29.f4 Qxd4+ 30.Kg2 Qd5+ 31.Kh3 Rf8 32.Qxh6+ Kg8 33.Qg6+ Kh8 34.f5! Rxf5 *(34...Qxe5 35.Qh5+ Kg8 36.Qg4+ Kh8 37.fxe6+-)* 35.Ra4+-;
B) 23.Rxa7 Qb4 24.h3+-]



21.Rc7 f6
[21...Rd8 22.Rxa7+-]
22.exf6?!

[22.Ne4!**±**
A) 22...fxe5
A1) 23.Qg5
A1a) 23...h6 24.Nf6+! Kh8 25.Qxg7+! *(25.Nxe8 hxg5 26.Nd6 Nf6 27.dxe5 Nd5 28.Rd7±)* 25...Kxg7 26.Nxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxd7+ Kf6 28.dxe5+ Kxe5 29.Rxa7+-;
A1b) 23...Kf8;
A2) 23.dxe5;
B) 22...f5 23.Nd6
B1) 23...Qe7 24.Qf3 Rb8 *(24...Rd8 25.Qb3+-)* 25.Nxf5 Qb4 *(25...exf5 26.Qd5++-)* 26.h4 Rf8 27.Qb3
B1a) 27...Qe1+ 28.Kh2 Qxf2 *(28...Kh8 29.Qxe6+-)* 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Qxd7+-;
B1b) 27...Qxb3 28.axb3 exf5 29.Rxd7+-;
B2) 23...Qd8 24.Rb7 a6 25.Qe3 Rb8 26.Rxb8 Qxb8 *(26...Nxb8 27.Qb3+-)* 27.Qb3 Nf8 28.Nxf5+-]

22...Nxf6 23.Qe5

[23.Qd6 Rc8
A) 24.Qxe6+ Qxe6 25.Nxe6 Re8 *(25...Rxc7 26.Nxc7±* See later *)* 26.Rc6 Nd5 *(26...Kf7 27.Ng5+ Kg6 28.Nf3±)* 27.g3 Tsesarsky: ' **±**' *(27.Kf1±* See later *)* 27...Nb4 28.Rc4 a5 *(28...Nxa2 29.d5 a5 30.d6±)* 29.a3 b5 30.Rc5 Nd3 31.Rc6 b4 32.axb4 Nxb4 33.Rb6 Nd5 34.Rd6**±**;
B) 24.Rxc8 Qxc8 25.Qxe6+ - this game]

23...Rc8 24.Rxc8?!

[24.Qxe6+! Qxe6 25.Nxe6
A) 25...Re8 26.Rc6 *(26.Rxg7+ Kh8 27.Rxa7 Rxe6 28.f3∓)* 26...Nd5 27.Kf1 Tsesarsky: ' **±**' Tsesarsky: 'See later' *(27.g3±)* 27...Nb4 28.Rc4 Nxa2 29.d5 a5 30.Rc7 g6 31.d6 Rxe6 32.d7 Rd6 33.Rc8+ Kf7 34.d8Q Rxd8 35.Rxd8**±**;
B) 25...Rxc7 26.Nxc7 Tsesarsky: ' **±**' Tsesarsky: 'See later' Ne4 27.Nb5 a6 28.f3!!+-]

[24.Nxe6? Rxc7 *(24...Qd7 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.h3±)* 25.Nxc7 Qa4
A) 26.h3?! Qxa2
A1) 27.d5? Qb1+ 28.Kh2 Qe4 29.f4
A1a) 29...Qxe5 30.fxe5 Ne4 31.d6 Kf8 32.g4 a5 33.Kg2 a4 34.Kf3 Ng5+ *(34...a3 35.Kxe4 a2 36.e6+-)* 35.Kf4 Nf7 36.Ne6+ Ke8 37.Nxg7+ Kd7 38.e6+ Kxd6 39.exf7 Ke7 40.Nf5+ Kf8 41.Nd4 a3 42.Nc2 a2 43.Kf5 Kxf7 44.g5+-;
A1b) 29...a5 30.d6 Kf7 31.d7 Qxe5 32.d8N+ *(32.fxe5 Nxd7 33.e6+ Ke7 34.exd7 Kxd7 35.Nb5 Kc6 36.Nc3 b5 37.Kg3 b4 38.Ne4 Kd5 39.Kf4 Kd4 40.Nd2 a4-+)* 32...Ke7 33.fxe5 Kxd8 34.exf6 gxf6 35.Nb5 Kd7 36.Kg3 Kc6 37.Nc3 b5 38.Kf4 Kc5 *(38...b4 39.Ne4 a4 40.Nd2 a3 41.Ke4 Kc5 42.Kd3 Kb5 43.g4 a2 44.Nb3 Ka4 45.Kc4 Ka3*

46.Na1 Kb2 47.Nb3 Ka3 48.h4 Ka4=) 39.Ne4+ Kc4 40.Nxf6 a4-+;

A2) 27.Ne8!

A2a) 27...Kf7 28.Nd6+ Kf8 29.Nf5 Qb1+ 30.Kh2 Qe4 31.Qd6+ Kg8 32.g4 Qe8 33.f4 *(33.g5 Qe2 34.Ne7+ Kf7 35.gxf6 Qxf2+=)* 33...Qe2+ 34.Kg1 Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Qe2+=;

A2b) 27...Qf7 28.Nd6 Qd5 29.Nc8 Qd7 30.Nd6 Kf8 31.g4⇄;

B) 26.Qe6+ Kf8 27.Qb3 *(27.Qe2 Kf7 28.d5 Qf4 29.Qc2 Qe5 30.g3 Nxd5 31.Nxd5 Qxd5 32.Qc7+ Kf6 33.Qxa7 Qd1+ 34.Kg2 Qd5+=)* 27...Qc6 28.Qa3+ Kf7 29.Na6 Qe4 30.Qb3+ Nd5 31.g3 Kf6 32.Qc4 Qe1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+=]

24...Qxc8 25.Qxe6+? Tsesarsky: '- this game'

[25.g3!±

A) 25...Qc1+ 26.Kg2 Qc6+ 27.Kh3 Nd7 *(27...Qd5 28.Qb8+)* 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6+ 29.Nxe6 Kf7 30.Nd8+ Kf6 31.Kg4±;

B) 25...h6 26.Nxe6 Qc1+ 27.Kg2 Qc6+ 28.Kh3 Qf3 29.Qb8+ Kf7 30.Nf4 Qg4+ 31.Kg2 Qd7 32.Qe5±]

25...Qxe6

(Diagram)

26.Nxe6 Nd5⩲ 27.Kf1!?=

[27.Nd8 a5

A) 28.Nc6 Nc3 29.a3 Nb1 30.d5 Kf8 *(30...Nxa3? 31.d6+-)* 31.Kf1 *(31.a4 Nc3 32.d6 Ke8-+)* 31...Nxa3 32.Ke2 Ke8 33.Kd3 Kd7 34.Nd4∓;

B) 28.Kf1]

[27.h4 Nc3 28.a3 Nb5 29.d5 Kf7

A) 30.Ng5+ Ke7

A1) 31.Nxh7?! Nxa3 32.Ng5 *(32.Kf1 Kd6 33.Ke2 Kxd5∓)* 32...a5 33.Ne6 Kf6

A1a) 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.d6 Kf6 36.d7 Ke7 37.h5 Nc4 38.h6 Ne5 39.h7 Nf7 40.g4 a4 41.g5 a3 42.g6 a2-+;

A1b) 34.h5 Nc4 35.g4 a4 36.g5+ Kf5 37.Nxg7+ Kxg5 38.f4+ Kg4 39.h6 a3 40.h7 a2 41.h8Q a1Q+ 42.Kg2 Qb2+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+ 44.Kh2 *(44.Kg2 Ne3+ 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kg1 Qg2#)* 44...Qxf4+ *(44...Qd2+ 45.Kg1 Ne3 46.Qh5+ Kg3 47.Qg5+ Kf3 48.Qh5+=)* 45.Kg1 Qc1+ 46.Kh2 Qd2+ 47.Kg1 Qxd5-+ *(47...Qe1+ 48.Kh2)*;

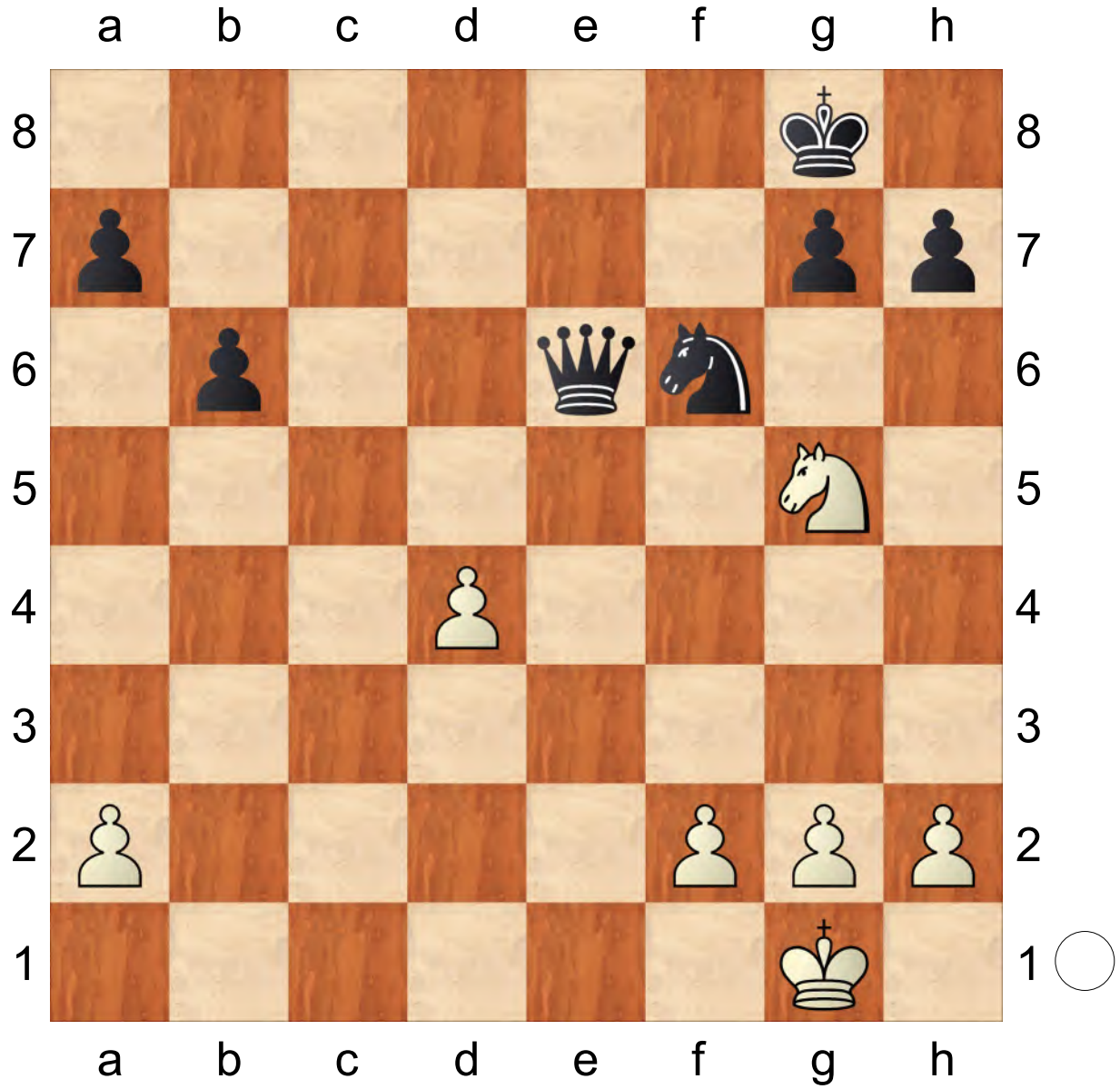
A1c) 34.g4 a4 35.h5 Nb5 36.g5+ Kf5 37.g6 Kf6-+;

A2) 31.Ne4 Nxa3 32.Kf1 Nc4 33.Ke2∓;

B) 30.Kf1 Nxa3 31.Ke2∓]

[27.a3!?= Nc3 *(27...Kf7 28.Nd8+ Kf6 29.Nc6 a5 30.Kf1 Nc3 31.Ne5 Ke6 32.Nc4 Na4 33.Ke2 Kd5 34.Kd3±)* 28.Nc7 Ne2+ 29.Kf1 Nxd4 30.a4 Kf7 31.Nb5 Nc6 32.Ke2 Ke6 33.Kd3 Kd5 34.Nc7+ Ke5 35.Nb5=]

27...Nc3 28.a3 Nb5 29.d5!?



[29.a4!= Nc3 30.a5 bxa5 31.Ke1 a4 32.Kd2 Ne4+ 33.Kd3 a3 34.Kc2 Nxf2 35.Kb3 Ng4 36.d5 Kf7 37.Ng5+ Kf6 38.Nxh7+ Ke5 39.h3 Ne3 40.g4 Nxd5 *(40...Nc4 41.Nf8 Kxd5 42.h4 a5 43.h5 a4+ 44.Ka2 Kc5 45.Ne6+ Kb4 46.Nxg7 Ne5 47.h6+-)* 41.Kxa3 Kf4 42.Nf8 Kg3 43.Ne6 g6 44.Nf8 g5 45.Ne6 Kh4 46.Ka4 Nf4 47.Nxg5 Kxg5 48.Ka5=]

29...Kf7

[29...Nxa3 30.d6+-]

30.Ng5+ Kg6

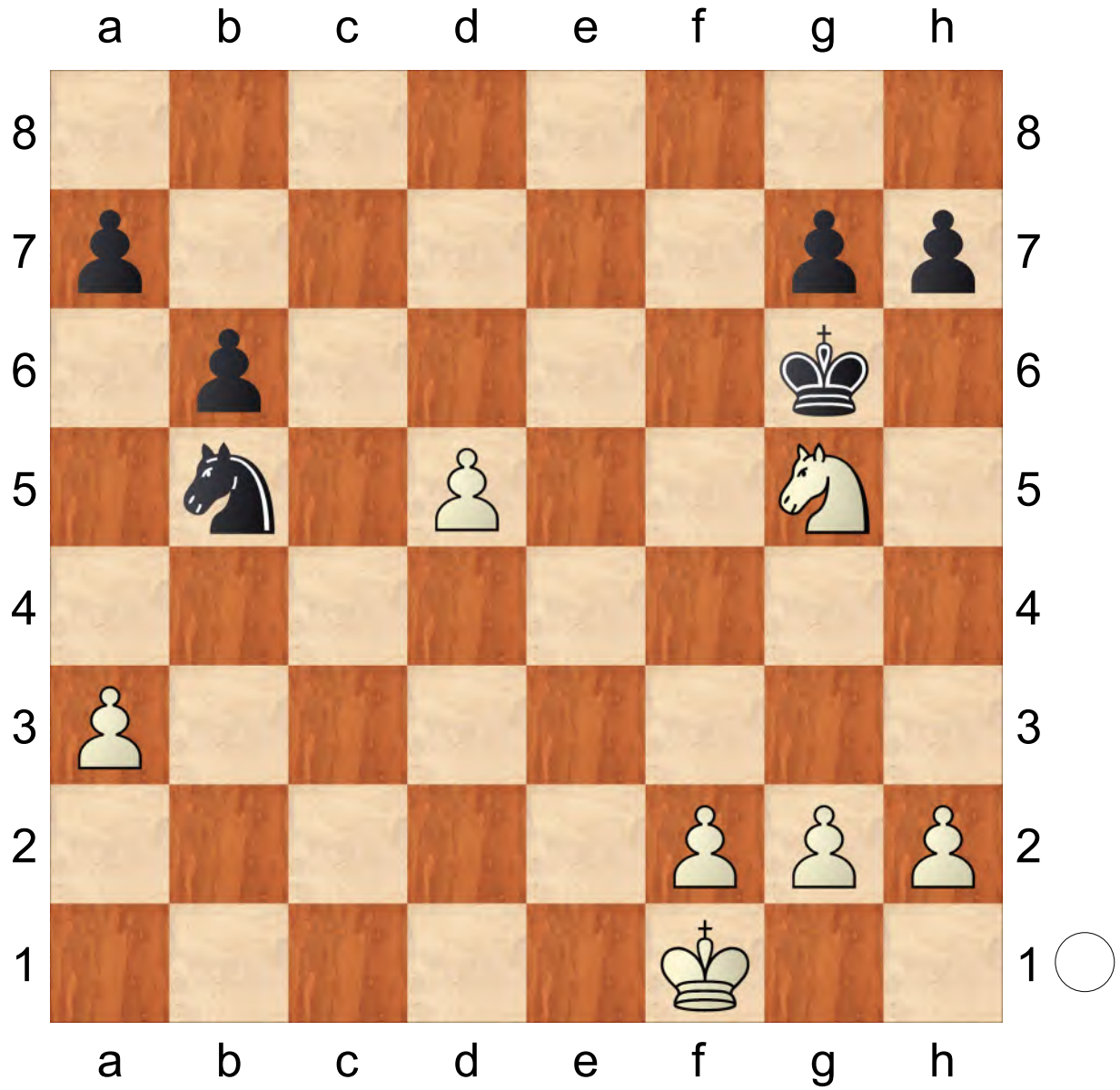
[30...Ke7 31.Nxh7 Nxa3 32.Ng5

A) 32...Kd6 33.Ne6 a5 34.Ke2

A1) 34...Nc4 35.Nxg7 a4 36.Ne8+ Kxd5 37.Kd3 a3 38.Nc7+

A1a) 38...Kc6 39.Ne6 *(39.Na6 Kb5 40.Nc7+ Ka5-+)* 39...Kd5 40.Nc7+;

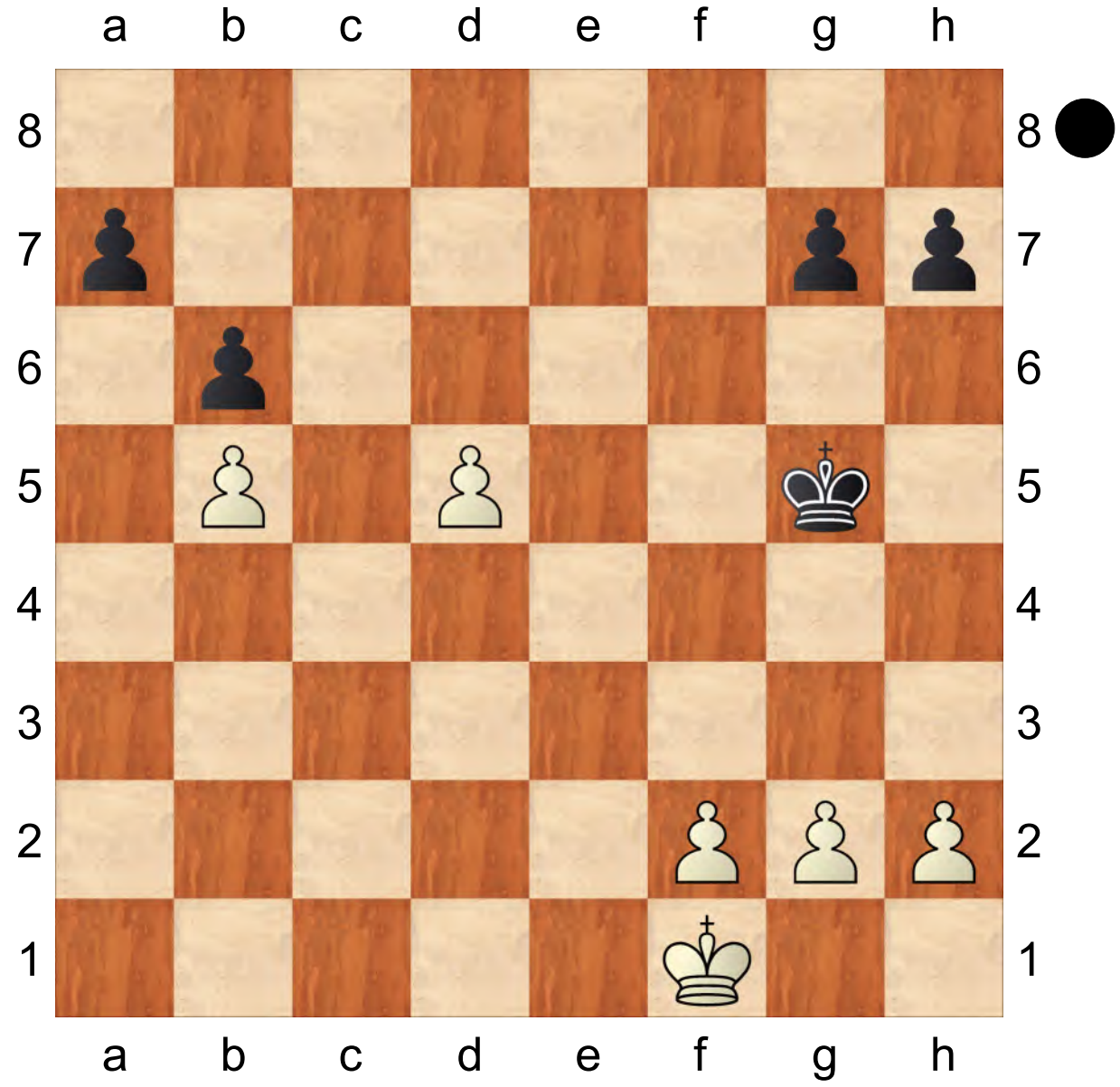
A1b) 38...Ke5 39.f4+! Kf5 40.Nb5 a2 41.Nd4+ Kxf4 42.Nb3 b5=;
A2) 34...Kxd5 35.Nxg7 a4 36.h4 Nc4 37.h5
A2a) 37...Nd6 38.h6 a3 39.h7 Nf7 40.Nf5 a2 *(40...Kc4 41.Nd6++-)* 41.Ne3+ Kc5 *(41...Kd4 42.Kd2)* 42.Nc2 Kc4 43.Kd2 b5 44.Na1 b4 45.Kc2+-;
A2b) 37...a3 38.h6 a2 39.h7 a1Q 40.h8Q Qe5+ 41.Kf3 Nd2+ 42.Kg4 Qe2+ 43.Kh3 Qxf2=;
B) 32...a5 33.Ne4 a4 *(33...b5 34.Ke2 b4 35.Kd3 a4 36.Kd4 b3 37.Kc3 Nb5+ 38.Kb2 Nd6 39.Nd2±)* 34.Ke2 Nb5 35.Kd3 a3 36.Kc2±]



31.a4 Kxg5??
[31...Nc3!
A) 32.Nxh7!

A1) 32...Kxh7 33.d6+-;
A2) 32...Nxd5 33.Nf8+ Kf5 34.f3 Nc3 35.g4+ Ke5 36.h4 Nxa4 37.h5 Nc5 38.Ng6+ Kf6 39.Ke2 a5 40.f4 a4 41.g5+ Kf5 42.Nh4+□ *(42.Ne7+ Ke6 43.h6 gxh6 44.gxh6 Kf7 45.Nd5 a3-+)* 42...Kxf4 43.h6 a3 44.hxg7 a2 45.Ng6+ Kf5 46.Ne7+ Kg4 47.g8Q a1Q 48.Qc8+=;
A3) 32...Nxa4 33.Nf8+ Kf6 34.Ne6 Nc3 35.Nc7 a5 36.d6 a4-+;
B) 32.d6 Kf6 33.Nxh7+ *(33.f4 Nxa4 34.f5 Nc5-+)* 33...Ke6 34.h4 Nxa4
B1) 35.g4 Nc3 36.h5 a5 37.g5 Ne4 38.Nf8+ Kxd6 39.h6 gxh6 40.gxh6 Ng5 41.h7 Nf7 42.Ng6 a4 43.f4 Kd5 *(43...a3 44.Ne5 Nh8 45.Nc4+=)* 44.Ne5 Nh8 45.Nd3 a3 46.Ke2 Kd4 47.Nb4 Kc3 48.Na2+ Kb3 49.Nc1+ Kb2 50.Nd3+ Kc3 51.Nc1 b5-+;
B2) 35.Ke2 Kxd6 36.g4∓]

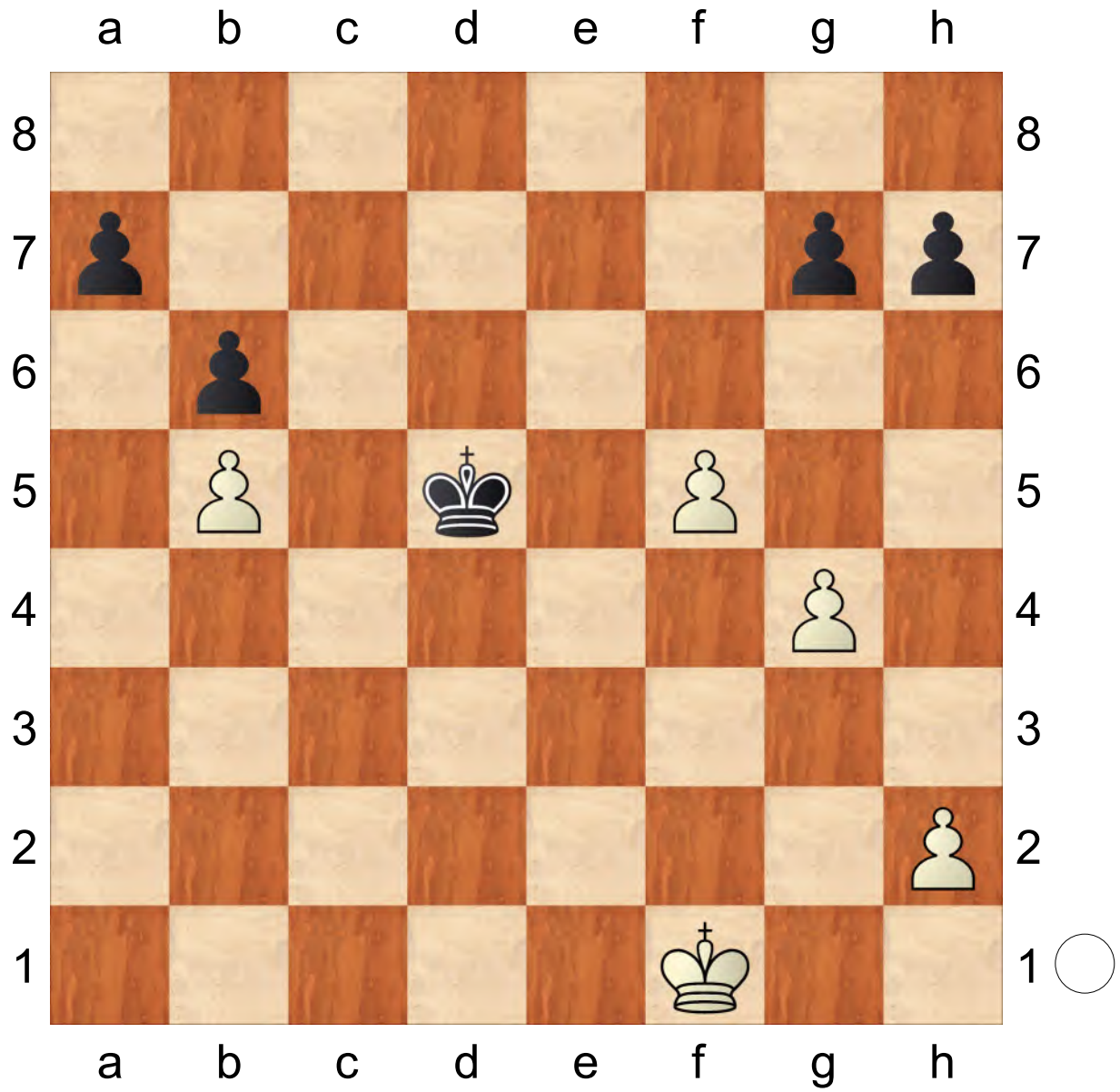
32.axb5+-



Hecht schlechte schwarze Bauernstruktur am Damenflügel; bewegliche gegen blockierte Mehrheit Bauerndurchbruch und ein fieser Trick **32...Kf6**

[32...Kf5 33.f4]

33.f4 Ke7 34.g4 Kd6 35.f5 Kxd5



36.Kf2 Kc5

[36...Ke4 37.Kg3 h5 *(37...Ke5 38.Kf3 h5 39.h3 hxg4+ 40.hxg4 g6 41.fxg6 Kf6 42.Kf4 Kxg6 43.g5 Kg7 44.Kf5 Kf7 45.g6+ Kg8 46.Kf6 Kf8 47.g7+ Kg8 48.Kg6 a5 49.bxa6+-)* 38.f6+-]

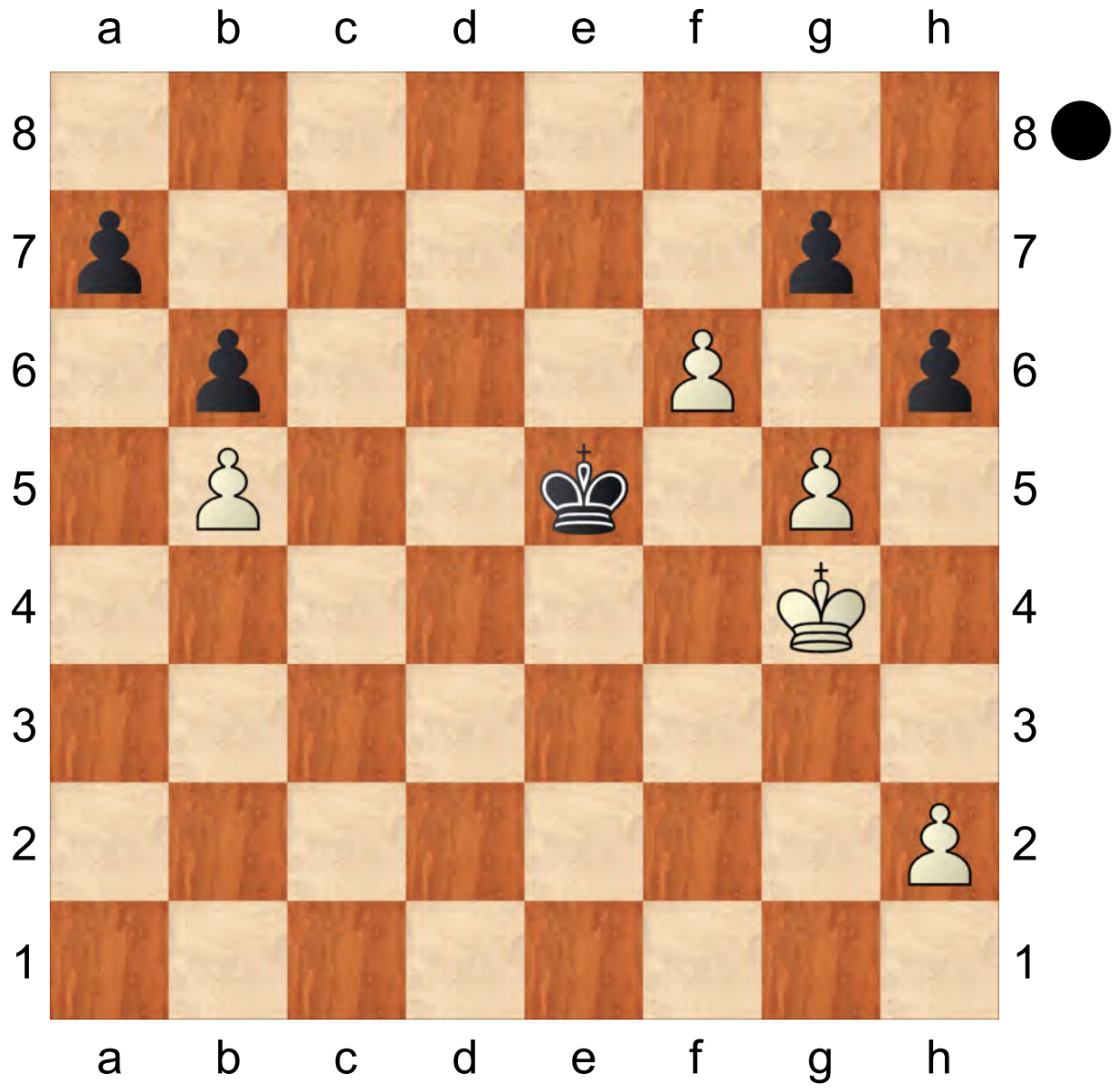
[36...h6 Hecht 37.h4 *(37.Ke3 Ke5 38.h3* ist logischer und klarer*)* 37...Ke4 38.Kg3 h5 39.gxh5 Kxf5 40.Kf3 Ke5 41.Kg4 Kf6 42.Kf4 Ke7 43.Kg5 Kf7 44.Kf5 Kg8 45.Kg6 Kh8 46.h6 gxh6 47.Kxh6 Kg8 48.Kg6 Kh8 49.h5 Kg8 50.h6 Kh8 51.h7 a5 52.bxa6 b5 53.a7 b4 54.a8Q#]

37.g5 Kd5 38.Kf3 Ke5 39.Kg4 h6

[39...Kd6 40.Kf4 Kd5 41.f6 gxf6 42.gxf6 Ke6 43.Kg5 Kf7 44.Kf5 Kf8 45.Ke6 Ke8 46.f7+ Kf8 47.Kf6 h5 48.h4 a5 49.bxa6+-]

40.f6

[40.h4?? Hecht h5+!! 41.Kxh5 Kxf5 42.g6 und Schwarz kann mit Kf6 auf Gewinn spielen statt mit Kf4 pattzusetzen]



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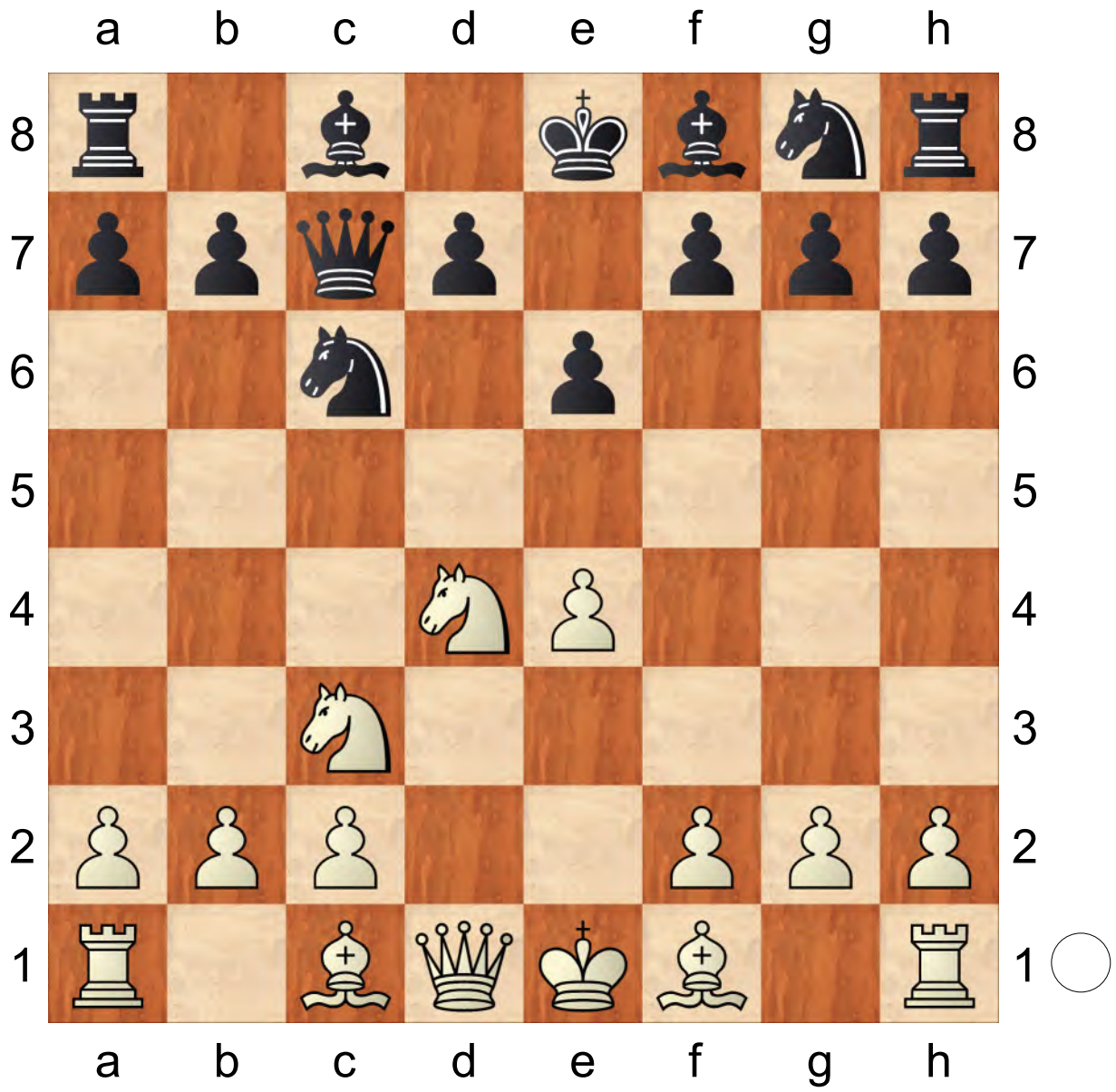
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2753**
Norway Chess 2nd (2) 04.06.2014
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Stohl,I **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7**



6.Be3

[Kamsky's brilliant win against Mamedyarov last year inspired others to try 6.f4 However, Black mostly played the typical Paulsen move

A) Transposing to the Scheveningen 6...d6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Qf3 a6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.Rae1 b5 13.a3 would give White an extra tempo

after taking on d4 - his bishop went to d3 in one move. He had a dangerous attack even after Rab8 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Qh3 Rfd8 16.Bd2 d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.f5!? Nxd2 19.fxe6 Ne4 20.exf7+ Kh8 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.Rxe4 g6 23.Ref4 *(23.Re3!?↑)* 23...Kg7? *(23...Qxe5 24.Bxg6 Qg7 25.Bd3 h6=; 23...Qc6⇄)* 24.e6 Rf8 25.Qe3 Bc5 26.Qe1 Bd6 27.Rh4 Be7 28.Qe3 h5 29.Qd4+ Kh6 30.Rxh5+ 1-0, Kamsky,G (2741)-Mamedyarov,S (2775)/WCup/2013/;

B) Another possible option is 6...Nxd4 7.Qxd4 a6 8.Be3 b5 9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.Kb1 Rc8 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Be7 15.Qg3 g6 16.h4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 d5= Hracek,Z (2638)-Gagunashvili,M (2556)/EU-chT Warsaw/2013/;

C) 6...a6 7.Nxc6!? *(White doesn't want to commit either of his bishops yet. After 7.Be3 b5∞* Black has done fine in practice. *)*

C1) 7...Qxc6 8.Bd3 *(8.Be2 b5 9.Bf3 Bb7 10.Qd3 Rc8 11.Be3 Qc4 12.0-0-0 Nf6 13.e5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qxd3 15.Rxd3 b4 16.Na4 Nd5 17.Nb6 Nxb6 18.Bxb6 Rb8 19.Bc7 Rb7 20.Bd6 a5 21.c4 Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Ke7 23.Kd2 Rc8 24.Kd3 Rbc7 25.b3 Rc6=* Balogh,C (2664)-Vitiugov,N (2709)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2012/ *)* 8...b5 9.Qe2 Bb7 10.Bd2

C1a) 10...Bc5 11.0-0-0 Ne7 12.a3 and now Black should probably prefer the double-edged

C1a1) 12...0-0-0 13.Kb1± d5?! *(⌓13...Kb8)* 14.Rhe1 Rd7? *(14...d4□ 15.Na2±)* 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.f5!↑ Re8 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Ba5 Bd4 *(18...Qxg2 19.fxe6 Rxe6 20.Qh5!+-)* 19.Qf1! Bc6 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Be4 Qc5 22.Qf3+- Naiditsch,A (2716)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731)/Mulhouse/2011/;

C1a2) 12...0-0!? 13.Qh5 f6 14.g4 Rac8 15.Rhe1 Qb6 16.Kb1 Bd4 17.Ne2 Bf2 18.Rf1 Rf7 19.Qh3 Ng6 20.Bc1 Bc5?! *(20...a5⇄)* 21.e5 b4 22.axb4 Bxb4 23.f5!→ Nepomniachtchi,I (2702)-Vitiugov,N (2729)/RUS-ch Nizhny Novgorod/2013/;

C1b) 10...Be7!? 11.a3 Rc8 12.0-0-0 *(12.0-0 Nf6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Rae1 f5∞)* 12...Nf6 13.g4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Be4 Qc7 16.Kb1 0-0 17.f5 Bf6 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Bc1 Qe5 21.Rhe1 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Rc6⇄ Volokitin,A (2647)-Landa,K (2639)/RUS-chT/2014/;

C2) 7...bxc6 8.Bd3 d5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Kh1 Be7

C2a) 11.e5 Nd7 12.Na4 c5 13.c4 d4 14.Be4 Bb7 15.Qf3 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Rc8 17.b3 Qc6 18.Qe2 0-0 19.Bd2 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6∓ Adams,M (2708)-Timman,J (2650)/Dortmund/1999/;

C2b) 11.Qf3 Bb7 *(11...0-0!?)* 12.f5 e5 *(Once more an interesting try is 12...0-0* **Δ** *13.fxe6 fxe6 14.Qh3 Bc8⇄)* 13.Qg3 d4 14.Nb1 c5 15.Nd2 0-0 *(15...h5!? 16.Qe1 h4 17.Nc4 h3 18.g3 Bc6∞* Timofeev,A (2622)-Volokitin,A (2679)/Sarajevo/2005/*)* 16.Re1 *(⌓16.Nc4!±)* 16...Ne8!? 17.Nc4 Bf6 18.a4 Nd6 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Haslinger,S (2543)-

Rodshtein,M (2664)/Hoogeveen/2013/ f6= ;
C2c) 11.b3 Bb7 12.Bb2 c5 13.Qe2 *(13.exd5 exd5 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.Nb5!? Vachier Lagrave,M (2680)-Lazarev,V (2438)/FRA-chT Belfort/2012/ axb5!? 17.Bxf6 Bf8! 18.Be5 Qb6 19.Bxb5 Re7= /∓)* 13...0-0 14.e5 Nd7 15.Rae1 c4!? 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Be4 *(17.Bxc4 Bb4 18.Rb1 Rac8 19.Bd3 Nc5⩱)* 17...Nc5 18.Qxc4 Rfc8 19.Bxb7 Nxb7 20.Qe4 Rab8 21.Ba1 Nc5 22.Qe2 Qc6⩲ 23.f5?! *(23.Rd1!?)* 23...exf5 24.Rxf5 Ne6 25.Ne4 Qxc2 26.Qf1 Qxa2 27.Nd6 Rf8 28.Nxf7 Qc2 29.h3 Rb3 30.Kh2 Qd3∓ Shabalov,A (2546)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2719)/WCup/2013/]

[6.Be2 Nf6 *(6...a6* is in the Pauslen spirit, our example shows this move shouldn't be postponed too long.*)* 7.Be3 Be7?! 8.f4 d6 9.Ndb5!? Qb8 10.g4 Nd7 11.h4 a6 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.g5 Na5 14.h5 b5 15.Nf5! exf5 16.Nd5 Qc6 17.exf5 *(17.h6! g6 18.Bd4 Rg8 19.Bf3→* ± *)* 17...Nc4 18.Bf3 Nxe3 19.Nxe3 Qc5 20.Qd2 Rb8 21.b4! Qa7?! *(⌓21...Ne5 22.Bd5↑)* 22.0-0-0 Bb7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.h6!→ Vachier Lagrave,M (2745)-Mareco,S (2582)/Caleta/2014/]

6...a6

[Even now omitting this move might cause Black some problems: 6...Nf6 7.f4!? Bb4 8.Ndb5 Qa5 9.e5 Nd5 10.Bd2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 0-0 *(11...Bxc3+?! 12.Nxc3 0-0 13.Qd6! ,* po *f6 14.exf6 Qb4 15.0-0-0 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 gxf6 17.Bc4 Kf7 18.Rhd1 Ke7 19.Ne4 Rd8 20.g4±* Inarkiev,E (2656)-Kurnosov,I (2602)/Moscow/2009/ *)* 12.Qd2 Bxc3 *(12...f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.g3 d5 15.Bxb4 Nxb4 16.Nd4 Qb6 17.c3 Nc6 18.0-0-0 Bd7 19.Be2 Be8 20.Bg4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Bg6 23.Bf3±* Giri,A (2715)-Bauer,C (2639)/ESP-chT Leon/2012/*)* 13.Nxc3 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.0-0-0 d5 16.g3!?N *(*Earlier White played *16.Kb1)* 16...Bd7?! *(16...d4 17.Ne4 Qxa2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Qd3 Qa1+ 20.Kd2 Qxb2 21.Qb3∞ /±; 16...Rb8!?⇄)* 17.Ne4 Rh6 18.Qxa5 Nxa5 19.Nf2 Rf6 20.Ng4 Rff8 21.Ne5 Rad8 22.Bh3± /±, Motylev,A (2677)-Shimanov,A (2550)/EU-ch Aix-les-Bains/2011/]

7.Qd2

[7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 was once one of the main lines, now it has fallen out of fashion:

A) 8...Nxd4 9.Bxd4 Bc5

A1) 10.Be2 d6 11.Qd3 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qb4 Be6 *(* The more passive *13...0-0* is also tenable: *14.Rfd1 Rd8 15.Rd2 Be6 16.Rad1 Ne8 17.a4 Rdc8 18.a5 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Rxc5 20.Ra1 Rac8 21.Bd3 Nf6 22.Na4 R5c6 23.Nb6 Rb8 24.c4 Nd7=* Ma,Q (2595)-Mchedlishvili,M (2649)/Hastings/2014/*)* 14.Rfd1 Qc5 15.a3 Qxb4 16.axb4 Ke7 17.Ra5 Rhc8 18.f3 Bc4 19.Bd3 g6 20.Kf2 Ke6 21.Rda1 Nd7 22.Ke2 Nb6 23.Kd2 Rc7 24.Na4 Nxa4 25.R1xa4 Rac8 26.c3 f5= Dembo,Y (2429)-Schneider,V (2261)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2008/;

A2) 10.Bxc5 Qxc5 11.Qd2

A2a) 11...0-0 12.Rae1 d6 13.Re3 e5 *(13...b5 14.Rg3)* 14.Rf3! Kh8 15.Rxf6 gxf6 16.Qh6 Rg8 17.Nd5 Rg6 18.Qf8+ Rg8 19.Qxf7 Bh3

20.Qxf6+ Rg7 21.Ne3↑ Solak,D (2615)-Safarli,E (2660)/Baku op/2013/;

A2b) 11...d6 12.Rae1 e5 13.Re3 Be6 14.Rg3 Nh5!? *(14...h6 15.Be2 Kf8 16.Kh1 Rd8 17.f4 exf4 18.Qxf4 Qe5 19.Qe3 Kg8 20.Bd3 Kh7* Solak,D (2590)-Pelletier,Y (2589)/EU-chT Novi Sad/2009/ *21.Rxf6! gxf6 22.Nd5 Bf5□ 23.Qf3 Bg6 24.h4! h5 25.Nxf6+ Kg7 26.Nd5±)* 15.Rg5 *(*White is consistent, *15.Rf3 0-0=* is too timid.*)* 15...g6 16.Rxh5 gxh5 17.Qg5 Kd7 18.Nd1 Rag8 19.Qxh5 h6 20.Ne3 Rg5 21.Qf3 Rc8 22.Rd1 Kc7 23.a4 Qc6 24.h4 Rgg8 25.b3 Here White's compensation for the exchange is not as impressive as in the above games and Black can even get some initiative with f5!? 26.Nxf5 Rcf8 27.Qh3 h5∞ /∓, Solak,D (2583)-Ivanisevic,I (2614)/SRB-chT Kragujevac/2009/;

B) 8...b5

B1) 9.Qe2 Bb7 10.f4 *(10.a3 Be7 11.f4 d6 12.Nf3 0-0 13.Rae1 b4 14.Nd1 bxa3 15.bxa3 e5! 16.Nf2 exf4 17.Bxf4 Ne5∓* Polgar,J (2630)-Ljubojevic,L (2580)/Buenos Aires/1994/*)* 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 13.Kh1 *(13.Rf2?! b4 14.Nd1 0-0 15.Kh1 d6 16.Rf3 e5 17.fxe5 Qxe5 18.Rf5 Qe6 19.Nf2 Rae8 20.Qd2 d5!↑* Sengupta,D (2538)-Grachev,B (2668)/Basel/2014/*)*

B1a) Practically forced, as White gets a huge attack after 13...d6? 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.Be4! Bc6 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh4!± → *(18.Qf3?! 0-0 19.Bxc6 Nxe5 20.Bxa8 Nxf3 21.Bxf3 b4 22.Ne4 Qxc2 23.Rf2 Qc7∞* Vachier Lagrave,M (2715)-So,W (2684)/Reykjavik/2013/*)* ;

B1b) 13...b4!

B1b1) 14.Nb1 d5 *(14...d6=; 14...h5!? 15.e5 Ng4∞)* 15.e5 Ne4 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 g6 18.Rae1 a5! 19.Rf3 Ba6 20.a3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Rc8 22.axb4 axb4 23.c3 0-0= Vorobiov,E (2534)-Vescovi,G (2590)/Moscow/2002/;

B1b2) 14.Nd1 d6 15.Nf2 e5 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 0-0 18.a3 Bc6 19.Qf5 bxa3 *(19...a5!?)* 20.Rxa3 Bb5 21.Rc3 Qb4 22.Rb3 Qc5 23.Rc3 ½, Byrne,R (2510)-Karpov,A (2540)/Moscow/1971/ One of the few Sicilians with Black in Karpov's career.;

B2) 9.Nxc6 Qxc6 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qe2 *(11.Qf3 Bd6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Rfe1 Bxf4 14.Qxf4 d6 15.Re3 Nd7 16.Qh4 Ne5 17.Nd5 Ng6 18.Ne7+ Nxe7 19.Qxe7 Rae8 20.Qg5 Qc5=* Leko,P (2763)-Kramnik,V (2744)/Dortmund/2005/ *)* 11...Be7 12.f4 0-0 13.e5 *(13.Bd4 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Kh1* Golubev,M (2487)-Tregubov,P (2647)/Manama/2009/ *d6⇄)* 13...Nd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 Qc6 17.Rac1 *(17.f5 Rac8 18.Bd3 exf5 19.Bxf5 Bc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 21.Kh1 Rce8 22.Rae1 Re7 23.b4 Qc3=* Bacallao Alonso,Y (2526)-Gonzalez Vidal,Y (2549)/Santa Clara/2014/*)* 17...Bc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Rfb8 21.b4 Bc6 22.f5 a5= Landa,K (2615)-Tregubov,P (2658)/Novokuznetsk/2008/;

C) 8...Ne5 9.h3 Bc5 10.Kh1 d6 11.f4 Ng6 was earlier played with success:

C1) 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Rae1 b5 14.a3 Re8= *(14...e5!?⇄)*;

C2) 12.Qe1 Bd7!? *(12...0-0 13.f5 Ne5 14.Qh4∞* followed by the sacrificial ♖f3 is more dangerous, but probably playable as well *)*

C2a) 13.b4 Ba7! 14.a4 0-0 15.Ra3 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 *(18.Nxe3 Nf4=)* 18...Bxf5 19.exf5 Nf4 20.Ne4 N6d5 21.Qe1 f6∓ ½, Pinkovetsky,S (2549)-Toro Solis de Ovando,G (2541)/email/2011/;

C2b) 13.f5 Ne5 14.Qh4 *(14.Nce2 exf5 15.exf5 Nd5 16.Bg1 0-0 17.Qg3 Kh8 18.a3 Rae8 19.b4 Bb6 20.c4 Nf6∞* /∓, Mitkov,N (2530)-Ivanisevic,I (2548)/EU-chT Plovdiv/2003/*)* 14...Qb6 15.Nce2 *(15.Bh6? Ng6!∓; 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Rxf6 gxf6 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Qxf6 Kd7 19.Na4 Bxe3 20.Nxb6+ Bxb6∓)* 15...0-0-0 16.Bg1 *(16.Qg3 Nh5=)* 16...exf5 17.b4?! *(⌓17.exf5 Qxb2 18.Rfb1 Qa3 19.Rb3 Qa5 20.Rab1 b5 21.Qg3∞)* 17...Qxb4 18.Rab1 Qa4 19.exf5 Rhe8 20.Nc3 Qa5 21.Ne4 Nxd3 22.cxd3 Nxe4 23.dxe4 Qa4 24.Rfc1 Kb8 25.e5 Bxd4 *(25...dxe5? 26.Rxc5 exd4 27.Rd5+-; 25...Ka8!?∓)* 26.Bxd4 Bc6 27.Rb4 *(27.e6! fxe6 28.Rb4! Qxb4 29.Ba7+ Kxa7 30.Qxb4 exf5 31.Qd4+ Ka8 32.Rxc6 bxc6 33.Qb6=)* 27...Qxb4 28.Ba7+ Kxa7 29.Qxb4 dxe5∓ Haznedaroglu,K (2430)-Ribli,Z (2591)/EU-Cup Saint Vincent/2005/]

[7.Qf3 also prepares 0-0-0, but is still only a sideline: b5 8.Nxc6 *(8.Qg3!?)* 8...Qxc6 9.0-0-0?! *(⌓9.Bd3)* 9...Bb7 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.Bd4 b4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne2 f5! 14.Ng3 Bg7 15.Kb1 Qc5 16.Qf4 Be5 17.Qd2 f4∓ Grischuk,A (2783)-Wang,Y (2723)/Beijing blitz/2013/]

7...Nf6 8.0-0-0

[8.f4!? is right now highly topical:

A) The Scheveningen continuation 8...d6 9.Be2 Be7 allows White to spice it up with the dangerous 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.g4! Nxd4 *(11...b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.a3!?↑)* 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qd3 Bxg4 *(13...exf4 14.Bxf4 Be6 15.g5 Nd7 16.Bxd6±; 13...d5 14.exd5 exf4 15.Bd4↑)* 14.Bxg4 Nxg4 15.Nd5 Qd7 16.f5 Bd8 17.Rhg1 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 f6 19.h4 Qf7 20.h5 Kh8 21.Rg6→ Rg8 22.Rdg1 h6? 23.Nxf6! Bxf6 24.Rxh6+!+- Shirov,A (2726)-Ljubojevic,L (2571)/Monte Carlo rpd blindfold/1999/;

B) 8...b5 9.e5 isn't quite ideal either:

B1) 9...b4 10.Ncb5 axb5 11.Nxb5 Qb8 12.exf6 gxf6 13.c4 bxc3 14.bxc3

B1a) 14...Rg8 15.Rb1 Na7 16.a4 Nxb5 17.Bxb5 Qc7 18.Bb6 *(18.0-0↑)* 18...Qb7 19.Rg1 Be7 20.g3 Qe4+?! *(20...Kf8! 21.Qe3 Rb8∞)* 21.Kf2 Bb7 22.Bxd7+ Kf8 23.Qe2 Qd5 24.Bb5 Bc5+ 25.Bxc5+ Qxc5+ 26.Qe3 Qh5 27.h4± Popov,I (2653)-Demianjuk,A (2345)/Moscow/2014/;

B1b) 14...Ra5 15.a4 Ba6 16.Kf2 *(16.Be2!± Δ Bxb5 17.Bxb5 Qxb5 18.axb5 Rxa1+ 19.Kf2 Rxh1 20.bxc6 dxc6 21.Qa2+-)* 16...Be7 17.Be2 0-0 18.Qxd7 Bb7 19.Rhd1 Rc8 20.g3 Bf8 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.Qxd6 Qa8 Hansen,E (2567)-Shankland,S (2605)/Barcelona/2013/ 23.Qa3± /+-;

B2) 9...Ng4 10.Bg1 Bb7

B2a) 11.Nb3!? d5 *(11...d6 12.Qe2!)* 12.0-0-0±;

B2b) 11.0-0-0 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Be7 13.Bd3 f5 14.h3 Nh6 15.Rhg1 0-0 16.Kb1 *(16.Qe3 Rac8 17.Kb1 Bc6 18.Ne2 Bd5 19.g4 g6 20.b3 Qb7 21.Rdf1 a5 22.Ng3 Bc4 23.Be4 Bd5* ½, Karjakin,S (2766)-Svidler,P (2758) /Khanty-Mansiysk Candidates/2014/*; 16.g4±)* 16...Kh8 17.g4 Bc6 18.Ne2 b4?! *(⌓18...g6±)* 19.gxf5 Nxf5 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Ng3 Rf7 22.f5! exf5 23.Rdf1 Raf8? 24.Nh5 Rg8 Schrott,E (2059)-Collutiis,D (2449)/ Amantea/2009/ 25.Qh6!! gxh6 26.e6++-;

C) 8...Bb4 9.Bd3

C1) 9...d5 10.e5 Ng4 11.Bg1 f6 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Bxd4!? *(13.Qxd4 Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3↑)* 13...fxe5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.0-0 *(15.Qg5?! Ng6 16.0-0 Qe7 17.Qe3 Bd7 18.a3 Bd6 19.Bh5 0-0-0 20.Bb6?* Dominguez Perez,L (2757)-Robson,R (2628)/St Louis blitz/2014/ *Qh4!-+)* 15...Bd6 16.Bh5+ g6 17.Rae1! Rf8 *(17...gxh5 18.Nxd5! exd5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Qxd5+-)* 18.Rxf8+ Kxf8 19.Qf4+ Nf7 *(19...Qf7 20.Qh6+ Qg7 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Rxe5±)* 20.Qf6 e5 *(20...gxh5 21.Nxd5! Qd8 22.Qg7+ Ke8 23.Rf1+-)* 21.Rf1! Bf5 22.Rxf5 gxf5 23.Nxd5 Qd7 24.Bxf7 Be7 25.Qxe5 Kxf7 26.Nb6 1-0, Smirnov,P (2635)-Maletin,P (2611)/Tomsk/2013*/*

C2) 9...0-0 10.a3! Bxc3?! 11.Qxc3 Ng4 12.Bd2↑ e5 *(* This line won't be tested anymore, as Black's former intention *12...Qb6* runs into *13.h3!±)* 13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.h3 Nf6 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Bc4 Nxe5 18.Rf1! Kh8 19.0-0-0 f6 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 *(20...Rxe5? 21.Qxe5!)* 21.Qxe5 fxe5 22.Rf7↻ +-, Solak,D (2610)-Navara,D (2700)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014*/*

C3) 9...Ne7 10.Nde2 d6 11.a3 *(11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Kb1±)* 11...Bc5 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Ng3 b5 14.e5 Nfd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Be4 Bb7 18.Nh5 Rad8 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf6 g6 22.f5 exf5 23.Nf4 Bf7 24.Nd3 Perunovic,M (2617)-Firat,B (2480)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014/ Qb6!= ;

C4) 9...e5?! 10.Nf5 g6 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Bg5 Nfg4?! Popov,I (2620)-Potkin,V (2666)/EU-ch Legnica/2013/ 13.Ne7!**±** ;

C5) 9...Na5!? 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 *(12...d6 13.Nb3 Nc6 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Rhe1 Bb7 16.Bb6 Rc8 17.c4 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Ke7 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nc5 Nb8 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Nxb7 Nfd7 23.Bf2 exf4 24.Bh4+ Nf6 25.Rd6→* Shomoev,A (2560)-Grigoriants,S (2581)/Taganrog/ 2014/ *)*

C5a) 13.exd5 exd5⇄ *(13...Nxd5 14.Bd2 Nb6∞)*;

C5b) 13.e5 Ne4 14.Nb3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Na5 Bd7 *(16...b5 17.Bd4 f5 18.exf6 gxf6 19.0-0 Rf8 20.Rae1 f5 21.Rf3 Rf7 22.Rh3 Bb7 23.Nxb7 Rxb7 24.Rh6 Re7 25.g4±* Edouard,R (2658)-Javakhishvili, L (2430) /Caleta/2014/*)* 17.Bd4 Rc8 18.Nxb7 Bc6! *(18...Ba4 19.Ke2 Bxc2 20.Ke3 0-0 21.Ra2 Bd3 22.Rb2 Rb8 23.Rb4 f5 24.Na5∞* /**±**, Sutovsky,E (2652)-Oral,T (2528)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014/*)* 19.Na5 Bd5 20.Rb1

C5b1) 20...0-0 21.Ke2 *(21.Rb4 f6 22.0-0±)* 21...Nc5 *(⌓21...f6!)* 22.Kf2 Ne4+ 23.Ke3 Nc5 24.Rhg1 Nd7 25.Rb4 Nb8 Popov,I (2650)-

Oral,T (2528)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014/ 26.Nb7± ;
C5b2) 20...Kd7!N An important novelty by Giri saves the line for Black. 21.Ke2 *(21.Rb4 f5 22.exf6 gxf6 23.0-0 Rhg8⇄)* 21...f5 22.Rb6 g5! 23.fxg5 Rhg8 The point of Black's 20th move - he can use his rook for active counterplay. If he had castled, his own king would get in the way. 24.Rg1 Rxg5 25.Rxa6 Rgg8 26.Rb6 Rb8 27.Rb4 f4⩲ Volokitin,A (2683)-Giri,A (2749)/Bundesliga/2014/ With White's sidelined knight Black has full compensation and he even went on to win the game.]

8...Be7

[The other main move is 8...Bb4 , but this has gradually almost disappeared from the scene since last year: 9.f3

A) After 9...Ne7!? 10.Nde2 *(*Here *10.Nb3* is too soft due to *d5 11.e5 Nd7 12.f4 b6 13.Bd4 Nc5 14.a3 Ne4 15.Qe1 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 a5 19.Nd4 Ba6 20.Bd3 Kd7*= Carlsen,M (2872)-Ivanchuk,V (2757)/London Candidates/2013/*)* 10...d5 the critical line seems to be 11.Bg5!? *(11.a3 Ba5 12.Bg5 dxe4 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qh6 f5 15.Qf6 Ng6 16.fxe4 f4! 17.g3 fxg3 18.hxg3 Qe5!? 19.Qf2 Bd7 20.Bg2 0-0-0 21.Kb1 Be8 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.Nf4 Bc7 24.Rh5 Qg7 25.Rc5 Ne5*= Scheuermann,B (2544)-Ugge,A (2541) /email/2003/*)* 11...dxe4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qd4 exf3 14.Qxb4 fxe2 15.Bxe2 f5 16.Rd6 Bd7 17.Rhd1 Bc6 18.Bf3!?⩲ *(18.Qd4 0-0 19.g4 Rfc8!⇄)*;

B) 9...Ne5 10.Nb3 b5 11.Qe1 Be7 12.f4 Ng6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Ne4 Nxe3! *(14...0-0 15.Bc5±)* 15.Qxe3 0-0 16.h4 *(16.Nd6 f6 17.Bd3!?±)* 16...Bb7 17.h5 *(17.Nd6 f6 18.Nxb7 Rac8 19.c3 fxe5!?⇄)* 17...Rac8 18.Bd3 Nxe5! 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.Nbd2 f5 21.Nf3 Qc7 22.Neg5 *(22.Nc3∞; 22.Ned2!?)* 22...Bd5 23.Nh4? *(23.h6 g6⩱)* 23...Qc5! 24.Qd2 Bf6 25.a3 b4! 26.axb4 Qd4 27.c3 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Rxc3+-+ →, Ter Sahakyan,S (2575)-Potkin,V (2653)/EU-ch Aix-les-Bains/2011/]

9.f3 White opts for the English Attack setup.

[Just like one move earlier, the alternative is 9.f4 b5

A) 10.Bd3 b4 11.Na4 *(11.Nce2 Na5⇄)* 11...Rb8

A1) 12.e5 Nd5 13.Be4 Bb7 14.Bxd5 Nxd4 15.Bxb7? *(15.Qxd4 Bxd5 16.Nb6 Bc6= /∓)* 15...b3! 16.Bxd4 bxa2 17.b4 *(17.b3?? Ba3+)* 17...Rxb7 18.Ba1 Bxb4 19.Qe3 0-0 20.c3 d5 21.Kd2 Ba3 22.f5 Qa5 23.Qd4 Rc8→ Soares,F (1924)-Tosi,F (2370)/email/2009/;

A2) 12.Kb1 d6 13.b3 0-0 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Rhe1 Qc7 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Nb2 Bb5 18.Bd4 Qc6 19.Qf3 Rfc8⇄ ½, Gashimov,V (2719)-Movsesian,S (2723)/Reggio Emilia/2010/;

B) 10.e5 b4

B1) 11.Na4 Nd5∓;

B2) 11.Ncb5 axb5 12.Nxb5

B2a) 12...Qa5!? 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Qxa2 16.Rd3 Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Ra2 18.Rb3 *(18.Bd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Rxb2 20.Bb5 Qxh1*

21.Bxd7+ Bxd7 22.Qb8+!=) 18...Rxb2 19.Bb5 Qa2 20.Rxb2 Qxb2 21.Bc5 Qc3+ 22.Kd1 Ba6! 23.Bxa6 *(23.Bxc6 Qa1+=)* 23...Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Qxa6 25.Bd4 Rg8 26.g3 Qb7 27.Bc5 Qb8= Wei,Y (2551)-Stukopin,A (2522)/WChJ Kocaeli/2013/;

B2b) 12...Qb8 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Kb1 d5 15.c4 bxc3 16.Qxc3 Bd7 17.Bc5 0-0 18.Qg3+ Kh8 19.Qh4 Bxc5 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Qg5+ *(21.Rd3? Ne7)* 21...Kh8 ½, Yu,Y (2662)-Cori Tello,J (2587)/WChJ Kocaeli/2013/;

B3) 11.exf6 bxc3 12.Qxc3 Bxf6 13.g4

B3a) 13...Bb7 14.g5 Bxd4 15.Rxd4

B3a1) 15...Rc8

B3a11) 16.Rd2 Ne7 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.Rg1 Nf5 19.Bb6 Rc6 20.Bf2 d5 21.Bd3 *(21.Rd3!?±)* 21...Nd6 22.Bd4 0-0 23.h4 *(23.a4 a5 24.Bb5!?±)* 23...a5 24.h5 Ba6 25.Bxa6 Rxa6 26.h6 g6= Sengupta,D (2529)-Konguvel,P (2347)/Kolkata/2014/;

B3a12) 16.Ra4 0-0 17.Rg1 d5 18.Kb1

B3a121) 18...Rfd8 19.Bd3 d4? 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qb6 22.Bxh7+! Kxh7 23.g6+! fxg6 24.Qh3+ Kg8 25.Qxe6+ Kf8 *(25...Kh8 26.Rg3+-)* 26.Qd6+ Kg8 27.Rdd1+- Yu,Y (2675)-Svidler,P (2753)/Dubai rpd/2014/;

B3a122) 18...d4! 19.Bxd4 Qxf4 20.Qg3 Qxg3 21.Rxg3 Rfd8 22.Rd3 a5 *(⌓22...Nxd4 23.Raxd4 Rxd4 24.Rxd4 Kf8⇄)* 23.Bb6 Rxd3 24.Bxd3± Yu,Y (2675)-Ganguly,S (2619)/Dubai blitz/2014/;

B3a2) 15...0-0!? 16.Rd2 Rfc8 17.Rg1 Qd8

B3a21) 18.Bd3 Ne7 *(18...a5? 19.g6! hxg6 20.Bxg6 fxg6 21.Rxg6 e5 22.Qb3++-)* 19.Qd4 Rab8∞;

B3a22) Interesting is 18.Qb3!? Qc7 *(18...Rab8 19.Bc5!?)* 19.Qb6± and the endgame is slightly better for White.;

B3a23) 18.Bd4 Ne7!? *(18...Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bd5=)* 19.Qd3 Qa5 *(19...Nf5⇄)* 20.a3

B3a231) ⌓20...Nf5 21.Bc3 *(21.Bf2?! Qa4↑)* 21...Qb6 22.Bd4 Qa5= *(22...Qc7!?)*;

B3a232) 20...Qa4?! 21.Bh3! Nd5

B3a2321) 22.Qe4! Nb4 *(22...Rxc2+ 23.Qxc2 Rc8 24.Bc3±)* 23.Qxb7 Nxc2 24.Bc3 Nxa3 25.Qxd7 Nb5 26.Rg3± Black has counterplay, but hardly full compensation for the piece.;

B3a2322) 22.Kb1 Nxf4 23.Qe3 Ng6 *(23...Nxh3 24.Qe5 Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Nxg1 26.Qxg1 Be4 27.Qd4 d5 28.b3±)* 24.Rf1 Qb5 *(24...Bd5!? Δ 25.Qf2 e5 26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.Rxd5 Nc4 28.Rd3 Rab8 29.Ka1 Ne5⇄)* 25.Qf2 Rf8 26.Bc5 Ne5 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Rd4± /∞, Sutovsky,E (2642)-Morozevich,A (2719)/Poikovsky/2014/;

B3b) 13...h6 14.h4 *(14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Rhg1 Rc8 16.Kb1 Nxd4 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Ke7 20.Ra4 Bxg2 21.Rxg2 Rc6=* Hracek,Z (2635)-Akesson,R (2469)/Pardubice rpd/2013/*)* 14...Bb7 15.Rh2 *(15.Rh3 Rc8 16.Kb1 Nxd4 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.Bxd4 Be4 19.Bd3 Bxd4 20.Bxe4 Bf6 21.Bd3 Rb7 22.b3 a5 23.Ba6 Rb6 24.Be2 d5 25.Re3 Be7 26.f5 a4 27.fxe6 fxe6 28.c4 axb3 29.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 30.axb3 dxc4 31.Bxc4 Bxh4=* Ramsden,J (2000)-Voigt,D (1991)/email/2012/*)*

B3b1) 15...Qd6!? 16.Qd2 *(16.Rhd2!? Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxf4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Kb1⩱)* 16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bf3 18.Bxf6 Qxd2+ 19.Rdxd2 gxf6 20.Bg2 Bxg2 21.Rhxg2 Ke7 22.Rd4 d5 23.b3 ½, Pikula,D (2489)-Arsovic,Z (2434)/Valjevo/2012/;

B3b2) 15...Rc8 16.Qd2

B3b21) 16...Be7 17.Nxc6 *(17.Kb1?! Nb4! 18.Nb3? Bf3 19.Rc1 Bxg4 20.Bd4 0-0 21.Be2 Bf5∓* Aagaard,J (2528)-Rasmussen,A (2538)/DEN-ch Odense/2011/*)* 17...Bxc6 18.Kb1∞ /±;

B3b22) Too risky is 16...g5?! 17.fxg5 hxg5 18.Rf2 Bxd4?! *(⌓18...Be5)* 19.Bxd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 e5 Gorovykh,E (2446)-Geller,J (2534)/Dagomys/2010/ 21.Qe3!**± Δ** gxh4 22.Rxd7!+-;

B3b23) 16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 0-0 19.g5 h5 20.Rf2

B3b231) 20...Qa5 21.a3 Rc7 22.Bd3 g6 23.Rdd2 Bc6 *(23...Bd5!?)* 24.Qf6 Ba4 25.f5! exf5 26.b4 Qd5 27.Bxf5 Qa2 *(⌓27...Qh1+ 28.Rd1 Qxh4 29.Bxg6 Qxf2! 30.Qxf2 fxg6±)* 28.Bxg6 Qxa3+ 29.Kd1 d5 30.Qe5! *(30.Rxd5 Qxb4 31.Bxf7+ Rcxf7 32.Qg6+ Rg7 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Qh6+ Kg8 35.Qe6+ Kh8* ½, Inarkiev,E (2674)-Movsesian,S (2716)/Olginka/2011/*)* 30...Rb7 *(30...Rfc8? 31.Rxf7+-; 30...Qxb4 31.Qxc7 Qb1+ 32.Ke2 Re8+ 33.Kf3 Qh1+ 34.Kg3 Qg1+ 35.Rg2+-)* 31.Bh7+! Kxh7 32.Rxf7+ Rbxf7 33.g6+! Kg8 34.gxf7+ Rxf7 35.Rg2+ Kf8 36.Qb8+ Ke7 37.Re2+ Kd7 38.Qe8+ Kd6 39.Qe6++-;

B3b232) 20...d5!?

B3b2321) Black wants to exchange his passive bishop after 21.Bd3 g6 22.a3 a5 23.Re1 Bc6 24.Qf6 Bb5! 25.Bxb5 *(25.Bxg6 Qa7 26.Rf3 fxg6 27.Qxg6+ Qg7 28.Qxe6+ Qf7=)* 25...Qb6 26.Ree2 Qxb5 27.Rxe6 fxe6= Guseinov,G (2613)-Macieja,B (2594)/Istanbul olm/2012/;

B3b2322) 21.Re1 g6 22.Re3

B3b23221) 22...Bc6 23.Bxa6 *(23.Rb3!?)* 23...Ra8 24.Ra3 Ra7 25.Rff3 Rfa8⇄;

B3b23222) 22...a5 23.Rb3 a4!? 24.Qxa4 Qc5 25.Rg2 Ra8 26.Qb4 *(26.Qb5 Qc7!=)* 26...Qxb4 27.Rxb4 Rxa2 28.Be2 *(28.Kd2 Ba6=* is drawish, so White retains the bishops. However, this shouldn't have given him an advantage either.*)* 28...Ba6 29.Bd1 Ra8 *(29...Rc8!?)* 30.Rg3 Bc4 31.Kd2

Saric,I (2637)-Yu,Y (2677)/Wijk aan Zee-B/2014/ R2a7!?=]

9...b5 All the rage nowadays.

[9...0-0 10.g4 b5 11.g5 Nh5 12.Nce2 Rd8 13.Ng3 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Nf4 15.h4 Bb7 16.Qb6 Qb8 17.Kb1 d5! 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Qxb7 Bc5 20.exd5 *(20.Ne2 Qd6!)* 20...Qxg3 21.Bd3 ½, Salgado Lopez,I (2626)-Movsesian,S (2721)/Moscow/2011/ Rdb8 22.Bxh7+ Kf8 23.Qd7 Ra7 24.Qc6 Rc7 25.Qxa6 Ra7=]

10.Kb1 This quiet prophylactic move (moving the king away from the semi-open c-file is usually useful) has started to replace the openly aggressive

[10.g4 Nxd4 which has brought Black excellent results in recent practice:

A) 11.Bxd4 Bb7

A1) 12.Qf2 0-0 13.Bd3 Rac8 14.Ne2 d6 15.Ng3 Nd7 16.Rhe1 Nc5 17.Kb1 Rfd8 18.b3 e5 19.Bb2 Bh4 20.Rg1 g6 21.Qe3 f6 22.f4 exf4 23.Qxf4 d5! 24.Qxc7 Rxc7∓ Karjakin,S (2776)-Topalov,V (2767)/Beijing/2013/;

A2) 12.Ne2?! Rc8 13.c3 h6 14.Ng3 b4 15.c4 d5!↑ 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Nf5 exf5 18.Bxf6 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Bxf6 20.Rhe1+ Kf8 21.Kb1 Qxc4 22.Rc1 Bc3 23.Qd7 Kg8-+ Volokitin,A (2688)-Robson,R (2623)/WCup Tromsoe/2013/;

A3) Caruana was understandably unwilling to repeat 12.Kb1 0-0

A3a) 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 f6! 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Bg2 Nd5 18.Rhe1 Rae8 *(18...Rad8!?= Δ 19.Be5 d6 20.Bg3 e5* and White doesn't have f4 anymore.*)* 19.Be5 d6 20.Bg3 e5 21.f4! Nxf4 22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.Qxd6 Re6 24.Qc5± /⇄, Inarkiev,E (2682)-Le,Q (2712)/Dubai rpd/2014/;

A3b) 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rg1 Bc6 15.Bd3 b4 16.Ne2 d5 17.g5 Nh5 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Rg4 e5 20.Be3 Qc6 21.Rf1 g6 22.Nc1 f5! 23.gxf6 Nxf6 24.Rgg1 Nh5 25.Qd2 Bxf3∓ Caruana,F (2779)-Svidler,P (2740)/ECC Rhodes/2013/ For more details see the notes to this game by Kr. Szabo in CBM 157.;

A4) 12.Bd3 0-0 only transposes after 13.g5 Nh5;

A5) 12.g5 Nh5

A5a) 13.Kb1 0-0 14.Bd3 *(14.Rg1 Rac8 15.Qf2 Rfd8 16.Bb6 Bc5 17.Bxc7 Bxf2 18.Bxd8 Bxg1 19.Rxd7 Bxh2 20.Be7 Bc6 21.Ra7 Rc7 22.Rxc7 Bxc7= /∓,* Blomqvist,E (2508)-Cramling,P (2520)/SWE-chT/2014*/; 14.Be3 d5! 15.exd5 b4 16.Na4 Bxd5 17.Nb6 Rad8 18.Nxd5 Rxd5 19.Qc1 Rxd1 20.Qxd1 Nf4⇄ /∓,* Bauer,C (2622)-Ganguly,S (2630)/Linares/2013*/; 14.Ne2!?∞* is an unexplored version of Almasi's idea below. *)* 14...Nf4 15.h4 Rac8 16.Ne2 Nxd3 17.cxd3 e5 18.Be3 Bb4 *(18...d5!?∓)* 19.Qxb4 Qc2+ 20.Ka1 Qxe2 s pohodlnou hrou, Mamedov - Morozevic, Europsky pohar 2013. 21.Qd2 *(21.Bd2!?)* 21...Qxd2 *(⌓21...Qxf3∓)* 22.Bxd2 f6 Mamedov,N (2612)-Morozevich,A (2734)/ECC Rhodes/2013/ 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rhf1=;

A5b) 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.Rg1 0-0 15.Bh3 g6 16.Kb1 d5 17.e5 Ng7 18.f4

b4 19.Bg4 a5 20.Nc1 Ba6 21.Rg2 a4⇄ Almasi,Z (2710)-Movsesian,S (2700)/EU-chT Warsaw/2013/;

A5c) 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Ne2 e5 15.Be3 g6 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.h4 Rac8 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qxf4 Bd6 21.e5 Bxe5 22.Qd2 Bg7 23.f4 Rfe8 24.Kb1 Dominguez Perez,L (2725)-Potkin,V (2642)/Havana/2012/ d4 25.Rh2 Re3∓;

A5d) 13.Be5 Qxe5 14.Qxd7+ Kf8 15.Qxb7

A5d1) 15...Rb8 16.Qa7 g6 17.Kb1 h6!? 18.Rd7 Re8 19.gxh6 Rxh6 20.Qxa6 b4 21.Ne2 Nf6 22.Rd1 Rxh2 23.Rxh2 Qxh2 24.Nd4 *(24.Nc1!?)* 24...Rd8 25.Qe2 Qc7 26.Nb5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qf4 28.c3 g5!⩱ Safarli,E (2653)-Movsesian,S (2700)/`WChT Antalya/2013/;

A5d2) 15...Bxg5+ 16.Kb1 Qb8 17.Rd7!? *(17.Qc6 g6 18.Rd7 Qe8⇄)* 17...Qxb7 18.Rxb7 Bf6 19.a4! Bxc3 20.bxc3 bxa4 21.Bxa6 g5 22.Bb5 Kg7 23.Rd1 Rhb8 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.c4 Nf4 26.Kb2 Ng6 27.Ka3± /∞, Ter Sahakyan,S (2572)-Polgar,J (2693)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014/ Although Black has counterplay here, White's passed pawns on the c-file eventually decided the game in his favour.;

A5d3) 15...Qb8!? 16.Rd7 Qxb7 17.Rxb7 g6! 18.a4 b4 19.Na2 Bxg5+ 20.Kb1 a5 21.Bc4 Nf4 *(Black has avoided weakenening his queenside and should hold the balance with 21...Rc8!? 22.b3 Nf4 23.Rd1 Kg7 24.Rdd7 Rhf8 Δ 25.Rb5 Rfd8=)* 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8 24.Nc1 h5 25.Nd3 *(⌓25.Nb3±)* 25...Nxd3 26.cxd3 g5= Khairullin,I (2651)-Jumabayev,R (2564)/Moscow/2014/;

B) 11.Qxd4 Bb7 12.g5 Nh5 Now the most concrete move is

B1) 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.Rd2 *(14.Qd2 d5 15.e5 d4!? 16.Nxd4 0-0 17.Bd3 Rfd8 18.Kb1 g6 19.Rhf1 Qxe5 20.f4 Qc7 21.Qf2 Bf8=* Bauer,C (2622)-Lopez Martinez,J (2543)/ESP-chT Linares/2013/*)* 14...d5 *(14...Bc5!? 15.Qd3 d5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.e5 d4! 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 Rc5 20.Re2 Nf4 21.Re3 Ng6 22.Rg1 Ke7 23.Bg2 h6 24.gxh6 Rxh6∓* Proudian,A (2259)-Mekhitarian,K (2548)/Mogi das Cruzes/2013/*)* 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Nf4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Qa5 18.Qxg7 Rf8 19.Rxd5 Qa4! 20.Rd2 Qxf4 21.h4? *(21.Qd4! Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxg5+=)* 21...Rd8 22.Bd3 *(22.Qc3 f5!∓)* 22...Bb4 23.Rhd1 Inarkiev,E (2698)-Schlosser,P (2612)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014/ Bxd2+ 24.Rxd2 Ke7∓;

B2) 13.Rd2 Rc8 14.Bxb5 *(14.Rg1 Bc5 15.Qxc5 Qxc5 16.Bxc5 Rxc5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Nxa4 Ra5 19.b3 Bc6 20.Nc3 Rc5 21.Nd1 a5=* Saric,I (2622)-Khairullin,I (2657)/EU-ch Legnica/2013/*)* 14...axb5 15.Nxb5 Qc6 16.Na7 Qc7 17.Nb5 ½, Dominguez Perez,L (2757)-Caruana,F (2779)/Elancourt/2013/;

B3) 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Qd2 b4!? *(14...g6 15.Bh3 b4 16.Ne2 d5 17.e5 0-0 18.Bd4 a5 19.Bg4 Ng7 20.h4 a4 21.Nc1 Ba6 22.h5 a3 23.Qh2 gxh5 24.Rd2!→* Almasi,Z (2689)-Inarkiev,E (2688)/Havana/2013/*)* 15.Na4 *(15.Ne2 d5 16.e5 d4!? 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Be2 Rfd8 19.Qc1 g6 20.Rhe1*

Qxe5 21.f4 Qc7 22.f5 e5 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Bxh5 gxh5 25.Nf5 Be4 26.Nxe7+ Qxe7 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Re2 Bg6↑ Volokitin,A (2683)-Najer,E (2628)/Bundesliga/2013/) ⩲15...d5 *(15...Bc6?! 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Nd5 exd5 18.exd5 Ba4 19.b3 Bd6 20.bxa4 0-0 21.Bxa6 Qa5 22.Bc4 Qxa4 23.Rhe1 g6 24.Bb3 Qb5 25.Bd4± /±,* Erenburg,S (2615)-Rasmussen,A (2502) /Helsingor/2013/ White's king is relatively safe and he went on to convert his extra pawn. *)* 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Nb6 Rd8⇄;

B4) 13.Bh3 Rc8 *(13...f6!?∞)* 14.Bg4 *(14.Qd2 b4 15.Na4 Bc6 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Bg4 Rxb6 18.Bxb6 Qxb6 19.Bxh5 Qa5 20.Kb1 Qxg5 21.Qxg5 Bxg5 22.Bg4 Bf4 23.Bh3 Ke7 24.Bf1 a5⩱ /∓,* Robson,R (2628)-Wang,Y (2705) /Ningbo WChT/2013/*; 14.Rd2 Bc5 15.Qxc5 Qxc5 16.Bxc5 Rxc5 17.Rg1 Nf4 18.Bf1 h6 19.gxh6 g6 20.Rg4 Nh5= /∓,* Feygin,M (2512)-Wirig,A (2495)/BEL-chT/2014/*)* 14...b4 15.Bxh5 bxc3

B4a) 16.b3

B4a1) 16...e5 17.Qa4 Bc6 18.Qc4!± *(18.Qxa6? Ra8 19.Qc4 Rxa2 20.Qxc3 0-0 21.Bg4 Rc8 22.Bc5 Bxe4 23.fxe4 Bxc5 24.Kb1 Bd4* 0-1, Browne,W (2444)-Van Kampen,R (2603)/Reykjavik/2014/) ;

B4a2) 16...0-0!? 17.Qxd7 Van Foreest,J (2380)-Ivanov,J (2375)/Can Picafort/2014/ Bc5!↑;

B4b) 16.Qxg7 cxb2+ 17.Kxb2 *(17.Qxb2?? Ba3-+)* 17...Rf8 18.Qd4 *(18.Ka1 d5 19.Bd4 dxe4 20.fxe4 Bxe4 21.Rhf1 Bg6 22.Be2 Qa5∞* Demetrio,A (2510)-Schiendorfer,R (2348)/email/2009/) 18...Bc5!? *(18...d5⇄)* 19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.h4 h6 22.Rhg1 Ke7⩲ Rasik,V (2450)-Miton,K (2597)/SVK-chT/2014/]

10...Ne5

[Statistically the most often played move is 10...h5

A) 11.Qf2!? d6 12.h3 h4 *(12...Bb7 13.Bd3 h4 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Rhe1 b4 16.Ne2 e5 17.Bb6 Qb7 18.Nc1 Nd7 19.Ba5 0-0 20.Bc4 Rfc8 21.Nd3 Ba4 22.Bb3 Bxb3 23.axb3±* Yu,Y (2527)-Movsesian,S (2718)/Khanty-Mansiysk WCup/2009/ For more details see the notes to this games by Kritz in CBM 134. *)* 13.g4 *(13.Bd3!? Ne5∞)* 13...hxg3 14.Qxg3 g6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.e5 Nh5 17.Qg1 Bb7 18.exd6 Bxd6 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.Bxe7 ½, Karthikeyan,P (2415)-Malakhatko,V (2552)/Mumbai/2013/ Kxe7∞ /∓;

B) 11.Nxc6 dxc6 12.e5

B1) 12...Qxe5 13.Bd4 Qc7 14.Qg5 Rg8 15.Be5 Qa5 *(15...Qa7 16.Be2↑)* 16.Bd6 *(16.Qg3!?⩲)* 16...Bxd6 17.Rxd6 Qc7 18.Rd2 *(*Now Black consolidates, so White should consider other moves: *18.Qc5⩲; 18.Qe5!?)* 18...Bb7 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 c5 21.Be2 g6 22.Rhd1 Bxe4 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qe7 25.Qe5 Rc8 26.Rd6 Qc7 27.Qg5 a5 28.Qd2 Kf8 29.Rd7 Qe5 30.Qh6+ Ke8 31.Ra7 Qf6 32.Qd2 Kf8 33.Qh6+ ½, Kryvoruchko,Y (2676)-Macieja,B (2614)/Lublin/2012/

B2) 12...Nd5!?N 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.f4 Bd7 15.g3 Rc8 16.Bg2 a5 17.Bd4 b4= The centre is closed and Black's position is solid, so Motylev goes for the

double-edged 18.f5 exf5 19.e6!? *(19.Bxd5 Be6=)* 19...fxe6 20.Bxg7 Rg8 *(20...Rh7!?)* 21.Bd4 a4 22.Bf3⩲ Motylev,A (2656)-Eljanov,P (2723)/EU-ch Yerevan/2014/]

[After 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4

A) 11...b4?! 12.Na4 Rb8 13.Qf2 *(13.c4!↑ Karjakin)* 13...0-0 14.Nb6 e5 *(⌓14...d6⇄)* 15.Be3 d6 16.Nxc8 Qxc8 Karjakin,S (2756)-Safarli,E (2653)/WChT Antalya/2013/ 17.g4!↑;

B) 11...Bb7 White can avoid the lines from the above note with 12.Qg5 *(12.g4* transposes to the 10.g4 lines.*; 12.e5!? Nd5 13.Ne4* also deserves attention; this is a better vesrion of White's idea from Inarkiev-Le Queng Liem.*)* 12...b4 *(12...0-0? 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5+-* shows one concrete tactical reason for 10.♔b1. *)* 13.Na4 0-0 14.Nb6 Rae8 15.Qg3 d6 16.Nc4 e5 17.Bb6 Qc6 18.Be3 Rc8 19.Bd3 Rfe8 20.Rhe1 Nd7 21.Na5 Qc7 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Qf2 a5?! *(⌓23...Nc5)* 24.Qe2 Nc5 25.Bc4↑ Ivanchuk,V (2731)-Wang,Y (2723)/Beijing blitz/2013/]

[After 10...Bb7 it's quite possible Fabiano intended to play 11.Bf4!? , finally this idea was used somewhat later by Anand: *(11.g4 Nxd4* again resembles (and can transposes into) 10.g4 ♘xd4. Black equalized after *12.Qxd4 Rc8 13.Rd2 Bc5 14.Qxc5 Qxc5 15.Bxc5 Rxc5 16.h4 Ke7 17.a4 b4 18.Na2 b3 19.Nc3 bxc2+ 20.Rxc2 d6 21.b4 Rcc8 22.Be2 h6 23.Rhc1 g5 24.h5 Nd7=* Tazbir,M (2555)-Movsesian,S (2688)/CZE-chT/2013/*)* 11...e5 *(11...Qb6 12.Nb3!±)* 12.Nf5 *(*The bishop sortie makes no sense after *12.Nxc6 dxc6=)* 12...exf4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 *(13...Qb8 14.Nxg7+ Kf8 15.Nf5⩱)* 14.exd5 Nb4 15.c4! *(15.Nxe7 Qxc2+ 16.Qxc2 Nxc2∓;* White has higher ambitions than *15.d6 Qxc2+ 16.Qxc2 Nxc2 17.Nxg7+ Kf8 18.dxe7+ Kxg7 19.Kxc2 Bc6 20.Rd4 Rhe8=)* 15...Bd6 *(15...Bc5 16.a3 Nxd5 17.cxd5 0-0 18.d6 Qb6 19.Qxf4↑)* 16.a3 *(16.Nxg7+!? Kf8 17.Nf5∞)* 16...Be5 *(16...0-0!? 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Qxb4 Qg6+⇄)* 17.Qxb4 *(17.d6!±)* 17...d6 18.cxb5 0-0 19.g3 axb5 20.Bxb5 Rfb8? *(⌓20...Bc8 21.Nd4± /⇄)* 21.gxf4 Bc8 22.Nh6+! gxh6 Anand,V (2785)-Movsesian,S (2672)/Dubai rpd/2014/ 23.Rhg1+! **Δ** Bg7 24.Rxg7+! Kxg7 25.Qd4+ f6 26.Rg1+ Kf7 27.Qe4!+-]

(Diagram)

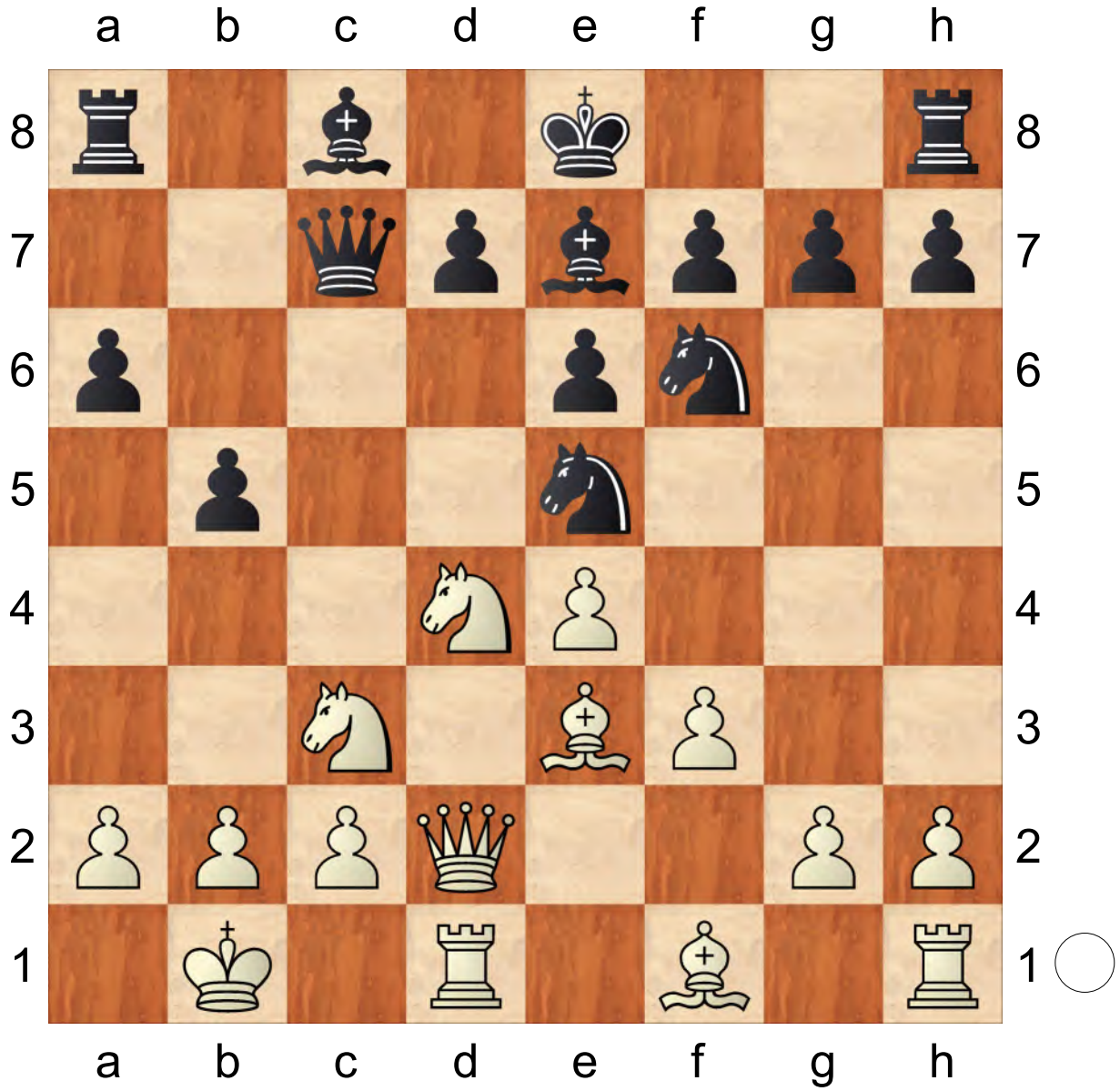
This is still only a sideline, but Caruana was excellently prepared anyway. **11.g4 b4**

[11...Bb7 12.g5

A) 12...b4 13.gxf6 *(⌓13.Na4!↑)* 13...bxc3 14.fxg7 Rg8 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Rxg7 17.Be2 Rc8⩲ Luther,T (2551)-Mastrovasilis,D (2462)/Fuerth/2002/;

B) 12...Nh5 13.Rg1

B1) 13...b4 14.Na4 d5 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.f4 *(16.Qf2 Ng6 17.b3 Bd6 18.Bd3 Nhf4∞* Worek,J (2274)-Krejci,J (2454)/CZE-chT/2011/*)* 16...Nf3



17.Nxf3 Bxf3 18.Bg2 Bxg2 19.Qxg2 0-0 20.f5!±;

B2) 13...0-0 14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 *(15...bxc4!? 16.f5±)* 16.Nb3 Bb4 17.Qxd7 Bc6 18.Nd2 Qxc3 19.bxc3 Bxd7 20.cxb4 Bc6 21.Kb2± Shomoev,A (2587)-Morozevich,A (2722)/RUS-chT Loo/2014/]

[11...d6?! 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Rhe1↑ leads to a position, which arises more often via Scheveningen move orders. White has a powerful initiative here: b4 *(15...Bb7 16.e5! b4 17.Na4 Qd5 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Qxd6 Bxd6 21.Rxd6+-* Fedorchuk,S (2599)-Lazarev,V (2517)/FRA-chT/2007/ *)* 16.Na4 Rb8 17.f5 Ne5 18.f6! gxf6 19.gxf6 Bd8 *(19...Bxf6 20.Nf5! exf5 21.Qxd6+-)* 20.Bf4 Qc7 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Nc6!+- Svidler,P (2635)-Maksimenko,A (2550)/Tivat/1995/]

[11...h6 12.Rg1 b4 - 11...b4]

12.Na4 h6 13.Rg1

[After 13.Bf4 Bb7 *(13...Rb8!? 14.Rg1 d6* Δ♗d7 *)* 14.h4 d5 the central break is more effective: 15.Qh2 Bd6 16.Nc5 Qxc5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Rc8 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Qh2 Qa5 21.Nb3 Qc7 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.Be2 Ke7= ½, Janosi,E (2223)-Koch,C (2175)/email/2009/]

13...d5

[13...g5 14.h4 won't slow White down, so Svidler logically seeks central counterplay.]

14.Bf4!N Only this move is a novelty. The pin is unpleasant, but

[14.g5 was less flexible: hxg5 15.Rxg5 Nxf3?! *(15...dxe4 16.Bf4* transposes back to our game.*; 15...Ng6 16.Rxg6!? fxg6 17.e5⩱;* However, White has to reckon also with other moves as *15...Bd7!?)* 16.Nxf3 Nxe4 17.Qd4 Bxg5 *(17...Bf6 18.Re5±)* 18.Nxg5 Rxh2 19.Bd3↻ →, Wiegner,D-Bretz,D/email/1998/]

14...dxe4

[It's difficult to give a clear verdict about 14...Bd6 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nf5! 0-0 17.Nxd6 Nxf3! *(17...Qxd6? 18.g5→)* 18.Qf2 Nxg1 19.Bg3!? *(19.Rxd5 exd5 20.Qxg1 Qa7!?∞)* 19...Qc6 20.b3 Nf3 21.Bg2 Ng5 22.h4 Nh7 23.Nf5⩲ ↑ In any case entering such a tactical labyrinth without thorough prior preparation is very impractical to say the least.]

15.g5

[15.Bxe5?! Qxe5 16.Nc6 Qd5∓]

15...hxg5

(Diagram)

16.Rxg5 Stohl,I: 'transposes back to our game.' **16...Nfd7**

[≤16...e3?! 17.Qg2→]

17.Rxg7 exf3

[Natural enough, but Black had also the alternative 17...Qa5!? The follow-up 18.Qg2 *(18.b3!? exf3 19.Nb2 Bf6 20.Rg3∞)* 18...exf3 19.Nxf3 Bb7 20.Be2 Bf6!?= is chaotic to the human eye, Houdini indicates the position is roughly equal.]

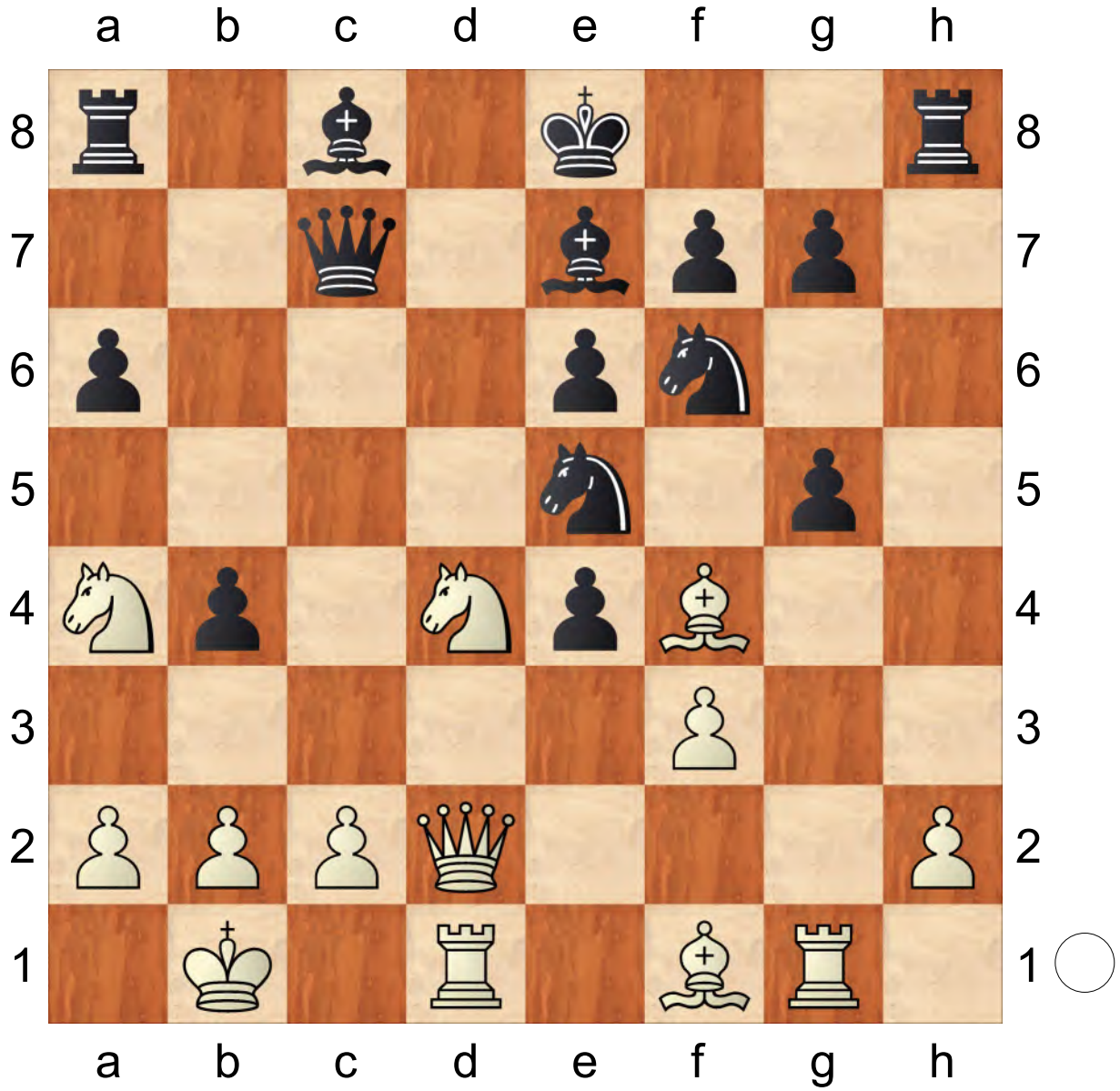
18.Nxe6! A typical Sicilian sacrifice. Once Black manages to coordinate his forces with ♗f6, ♗b7 and possibly 0-0-0, he would have little to of his lead in development.

18...fxe6 A sensible choice.

[18...Qc6 19.Nd4!? Qxa4 20.Nf5→ is far more dangerous for Black. Even the engine agrees, a sample line is b3 21.axb3 Qb4 22.Qe3 Qc5 23.Rd4±]

19.Bd3 White's moves were coming fast, Caruana was obviously still on well-known terrain. **19...Bf6?!** If one has to choose the decisive error, objectively it's probably already this move. However, it's difficult to blame Svidler for not playing (finding?) the computer move

[⌓19...Rb8! Δ 20.Qe3 *(20.Bg6+ Kd8 21.Bg5 Nxg6 22.Bxe7+ Nxe7 23.Qg5 Re8 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Qg8+=* is one of the possible forced draws, but White can play on without much risk - Black's king remains permanently exposed.*)* 20...Rb5



21.c4 bxc3

A) 22.Bg6+ Kd8 23.Nxc3 Qc5 *(23...Rxb2+ 24.Ka1 Re2!? 25.Nxe2 fxe2 26.Rxd7+ Bxd7 27.Bxe5 Qc5 28.Qxe2 Rf8⇄ =)* 24.Nxb5 Qxe3 25.Bxe3 Nxg6 26.Bb6+ Ke8 27.Nc7+ Kf8 28.Nxe6+ Ke8=;

B) 22.Nxc3!?

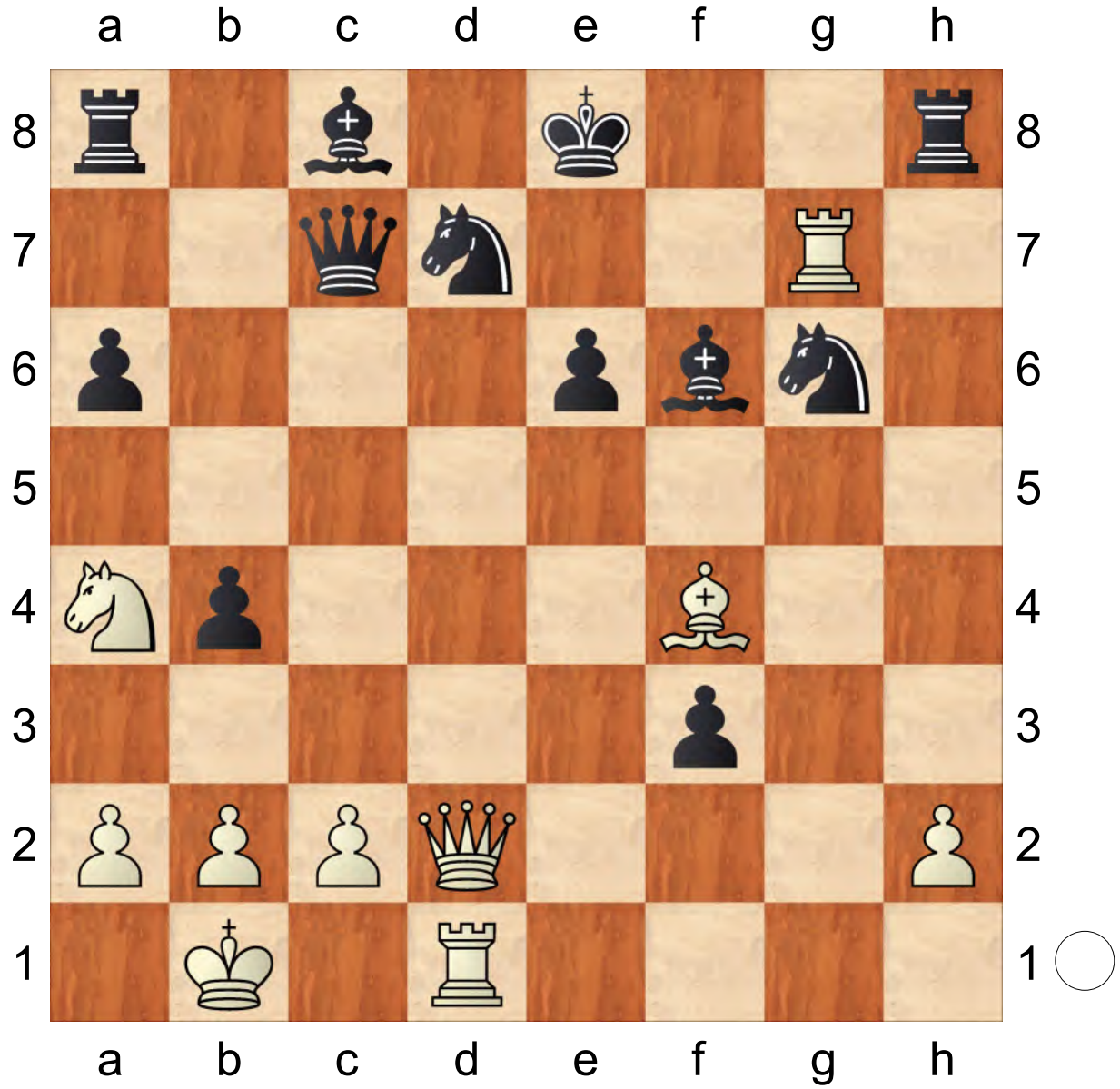
B1) 22...Ra5 23.Bg6+ Kd8 24.Rxe7 *(24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Qxf3 Rf8∓)* 24...Kxe7 25.Bg5+ Kf8 26.Bh6+ Ke7 27.Qf4!? *(27.Bg5+= Nf6? 28.Qf4 Rf8 29.Ne4+-)* 27...Rxh6 28.Qg5+ Nf6 29.Qxh6 Rd5□ 30.Nxd5+ Nxd5 31.Rc1 Qb7 32.Bh5±;

B2) 22...Rxb2+!? 23.Kxb2 Kf8! 24.Rxe7 *(24.Rg6 Kf7!∞)* 24...Kxe7 25.Kc2 Qa5⇄]

20.Bg6+ Nxg6□

[20...Kd8? 21.Bxe5+-]

[20...Kf8? 21.Rf7+! Kg8 22.Rg1 Qa7 23.Be3! Nxf7 24.Bxa7 Rxa7 25.Qe3+-]



21.Bxc7 Bxg7 22.Qd3! Black has more than enough material for the queen, but his pieces are uncoordinated.

[The energetic text move is the best, after 22.Qxb4 Ra7 23.Qg4 0-0!? Black may even spurn the perpetual with 24.Qxe6+ Kh7 25.Qh3+ Bh6∓]

22...Nge5

[Svidler didn't like 22...Ne7 23.Qxf3 Ra7 24.Bd6↑ , so he holds on to the passed pawn as a potential source of counterplay.]

23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Qe4!?

[White's move is even more forcing than 24.Qxf3 Rb8 25.Qc6 Ke7 26.Nc5 Nf6 27.Nxa6 Bxa6 28.Qc5+ Kf7 29.Qxe5± /±]

24...Ra7□

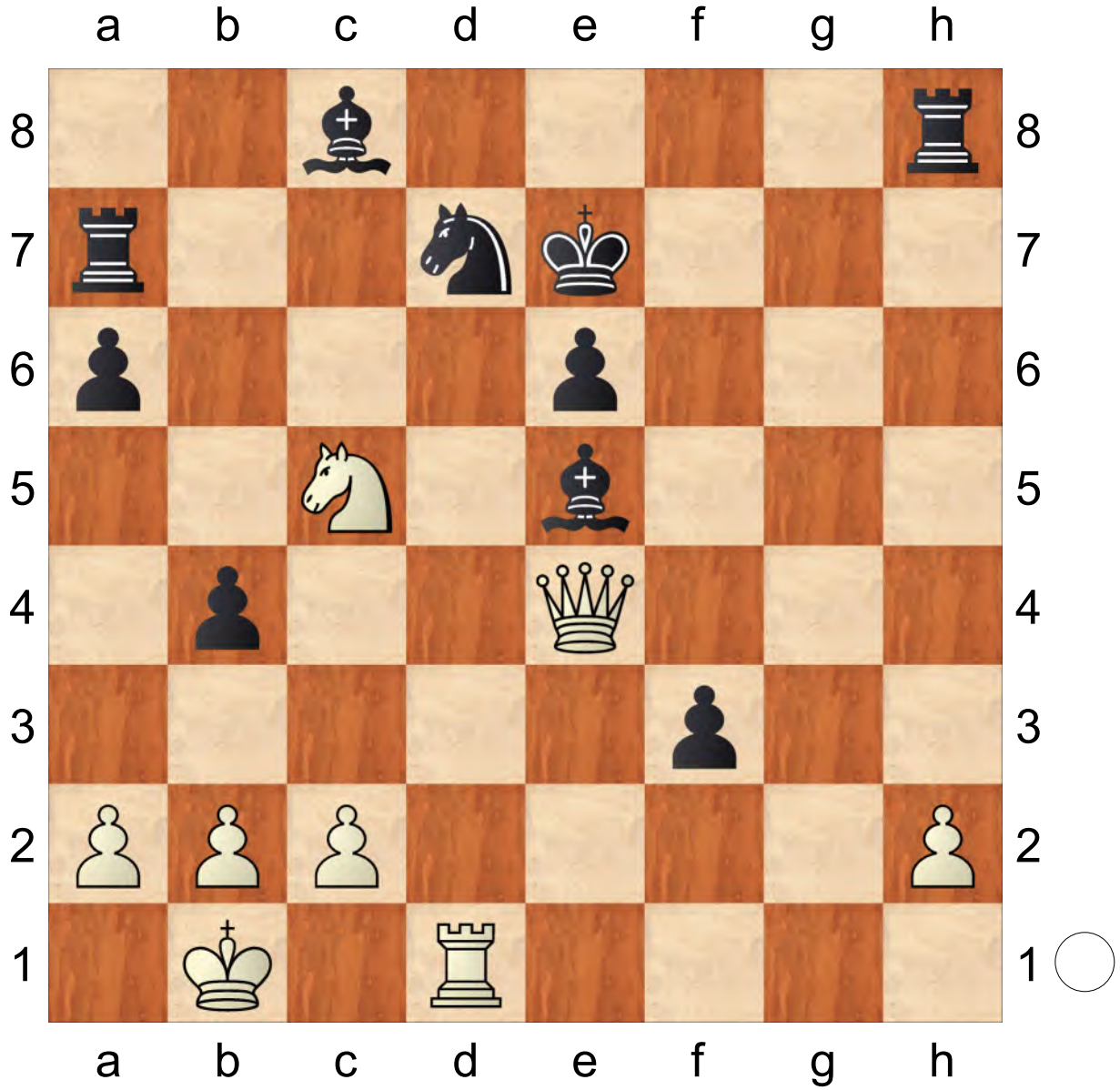
[24...Rb8? 25.Nc5+-]

25.Nc5 Ke7

[⌓25...Rh6! 26.Qe3 *(26.Nxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Qxe5 f2=)* 26...Rg6 , but after 27.Qxf3!

A) 27...Nxc5 28.Qh5 Rag7 29.Qxe5 Rg1 *(29...Nd7 30.Qc7+-; 29...Nb7 30.Qb8+-)* 30.Qh5++-;

B) 27...Nf6 28.Qe3! Ng4 29.Qe4 White has a clear advantage: Rg8 30.h3 Nf2 31.Qxe5 Nxd1 32.Qb8 Re7 33.Qxc8+ Kf7 34.Qxa6 Rg1 35.Kc1±]



26.Rf1! White cleverly avoids the rook swap.

[26.Nxd7? Rxd7 27.Rxd7+ Bxd7 28.Qxe5 Rf8= and White must already give a perpetual.]

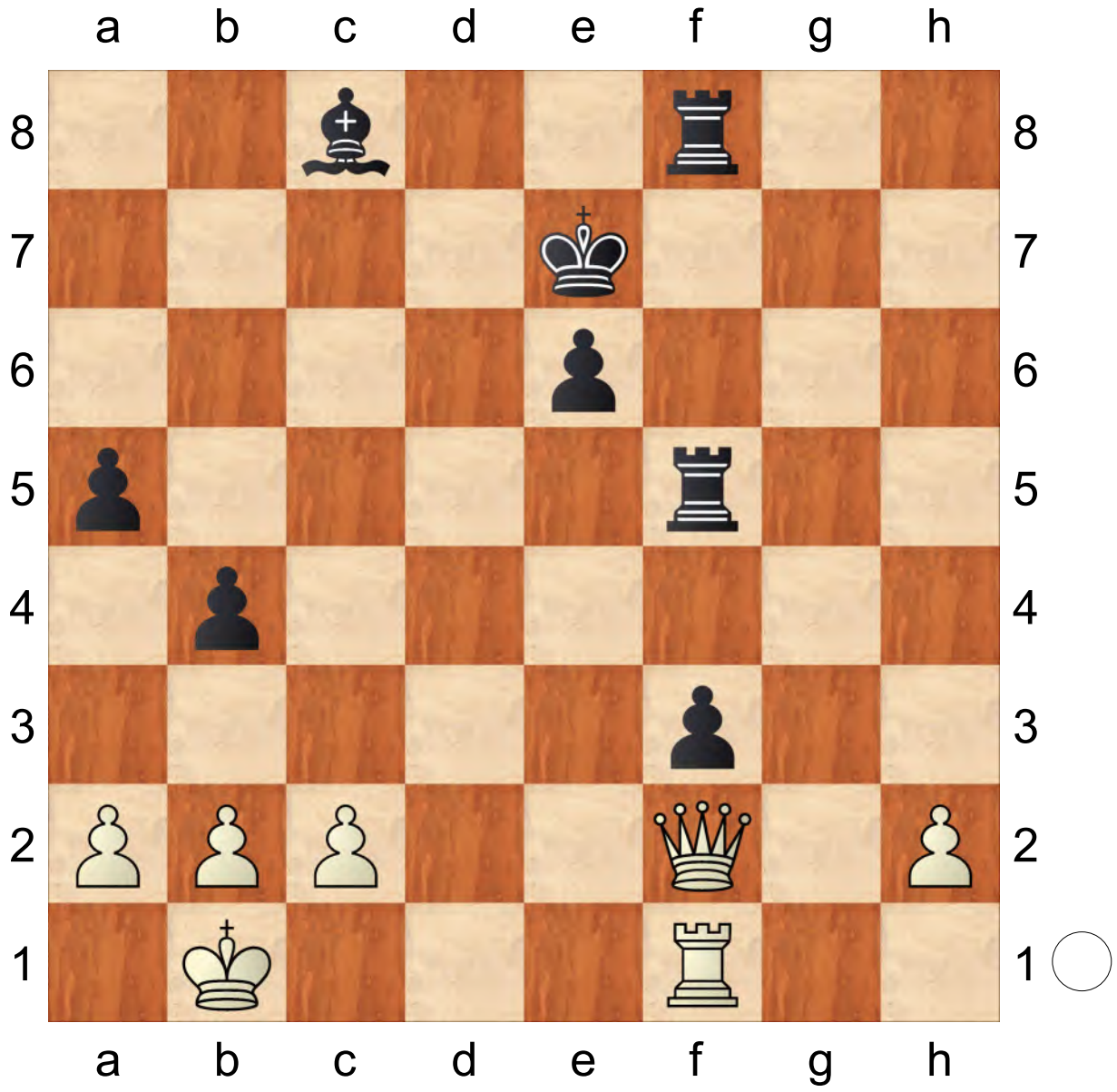
26...Rf8?!

[A more resilient try was 26...Rd8!? 27.b3! f2 *(27...Rc7 28.Nxd7 Rcxd7 29.Qxe5 Rd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Kb2* and Black will lose the ♙f3: *Bb7 32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Qxb7 f2 34.Qa8+ Rd8 35.Qc6++-)* 28.Rxf2 Rg8 29.Rf1 Nxc5 30.Qxe5 Nd7 31.Qe4± /+-]

27.Nxd7 Rxd7 28.Qxe5 Rd5 29.Qe3 Rdf5 30.Qf2

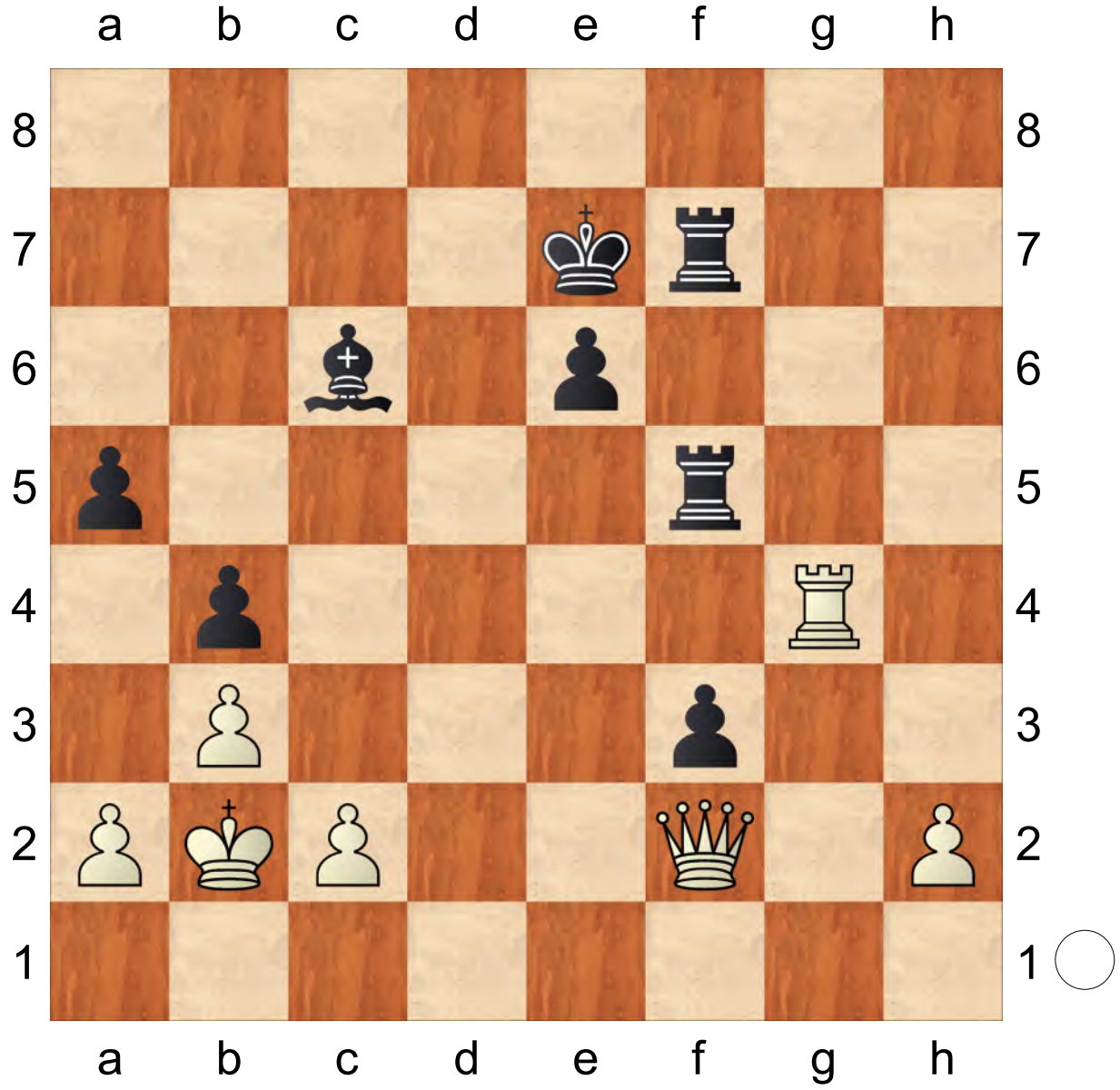
[Caruana is understandably unwilling to calculate if he can afford the rook swap after 30.Qa7+ Bd7 31.Rd1 Rd5!? *(31...Rd8 32.Qf2+-* is a better version of the game position.*)* 32.Rxd5 exd5 33.Qc5+ Ke8 34.Qe3+ Kd8 35.Qb6+ Ke8 36.Qb8+ Kf7 37.Qf4+ Ke7 38.Qxb4+ While this probably also wins, the text move is more practical.]

30...a5



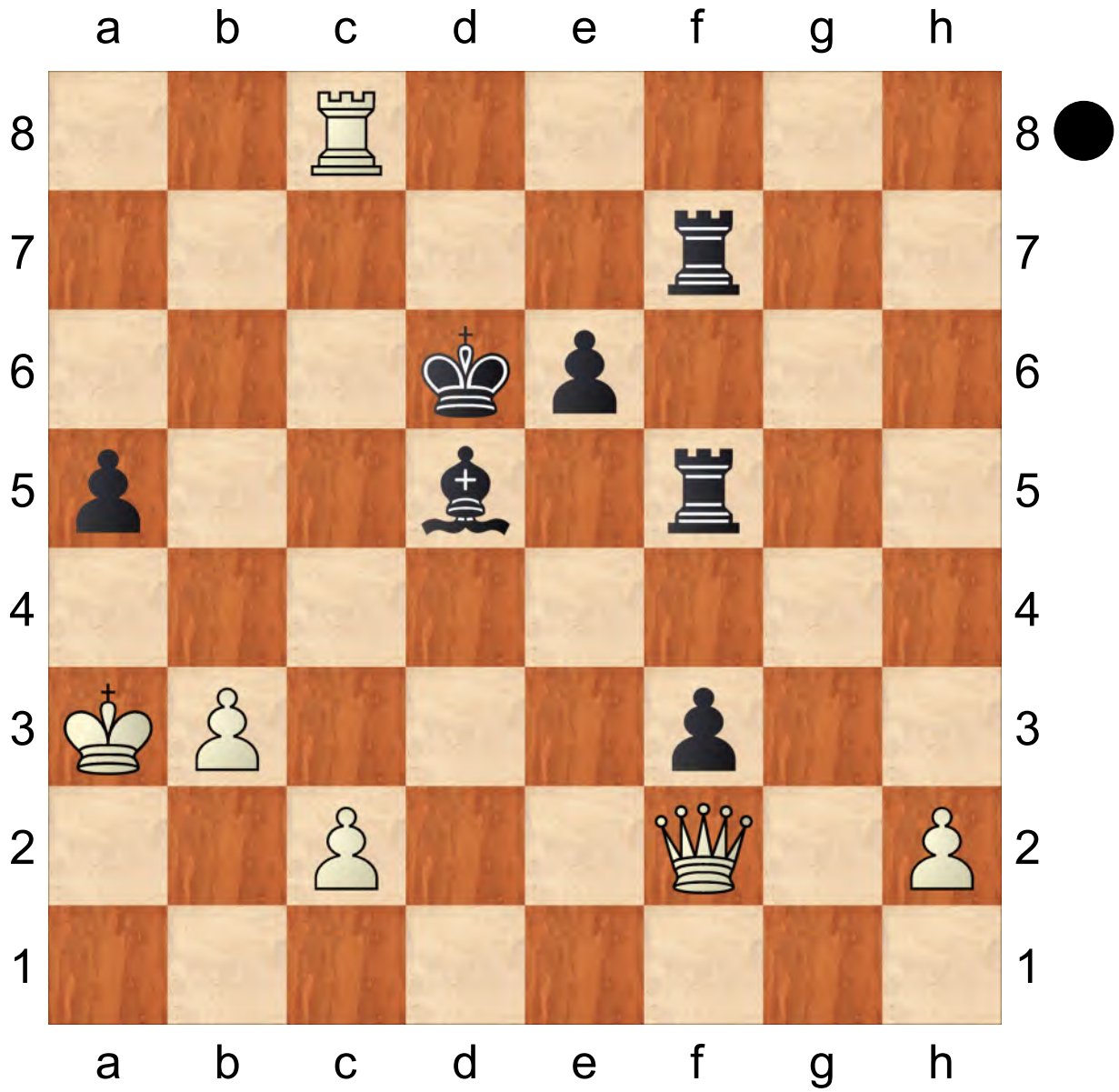
31.b3 White already has a material advantage, his plan is to first free his king, then activate the rook and prepare the opportunity for the queen to rejoin the attack.

31...Bd7 32.Rg1 Bc6 33.Kb2 R8f7 34.Rg8 Rf8 35.Rg4 R8f7
[35...Rf4? 36.Qc5+ Kd7 37.Qa7+ Kd6 38.Rxf4 Rxf4 39.Qb8++-]



36.a3!+- bxa3+ 37.Kxa3 Kd6 38.Rc4 Bd5?!
[Shortens his suffering, but 38...Bd7 39.h4!?+- would also gradually win for White.]
39.Rc8
[39.Rc8 Be4 *(39...Bc6 40.Qb6 Rc5 41.Rd8+ Ke7 42.Qc7+ Kf6 43.Qf4+ Rf5 44.Qh4+)* 40.Qd4+ Bd5 *(40...Rd5 41.Qxe4 f2 42.Rc6+!)* 41.c4 f2 42.cxd5 f1Q 43.Rc6++- with a mating attack.]

(Diagram)



Black's resignation was maybe slightly premature, but not unjustified - the threat c4 decides the issue:

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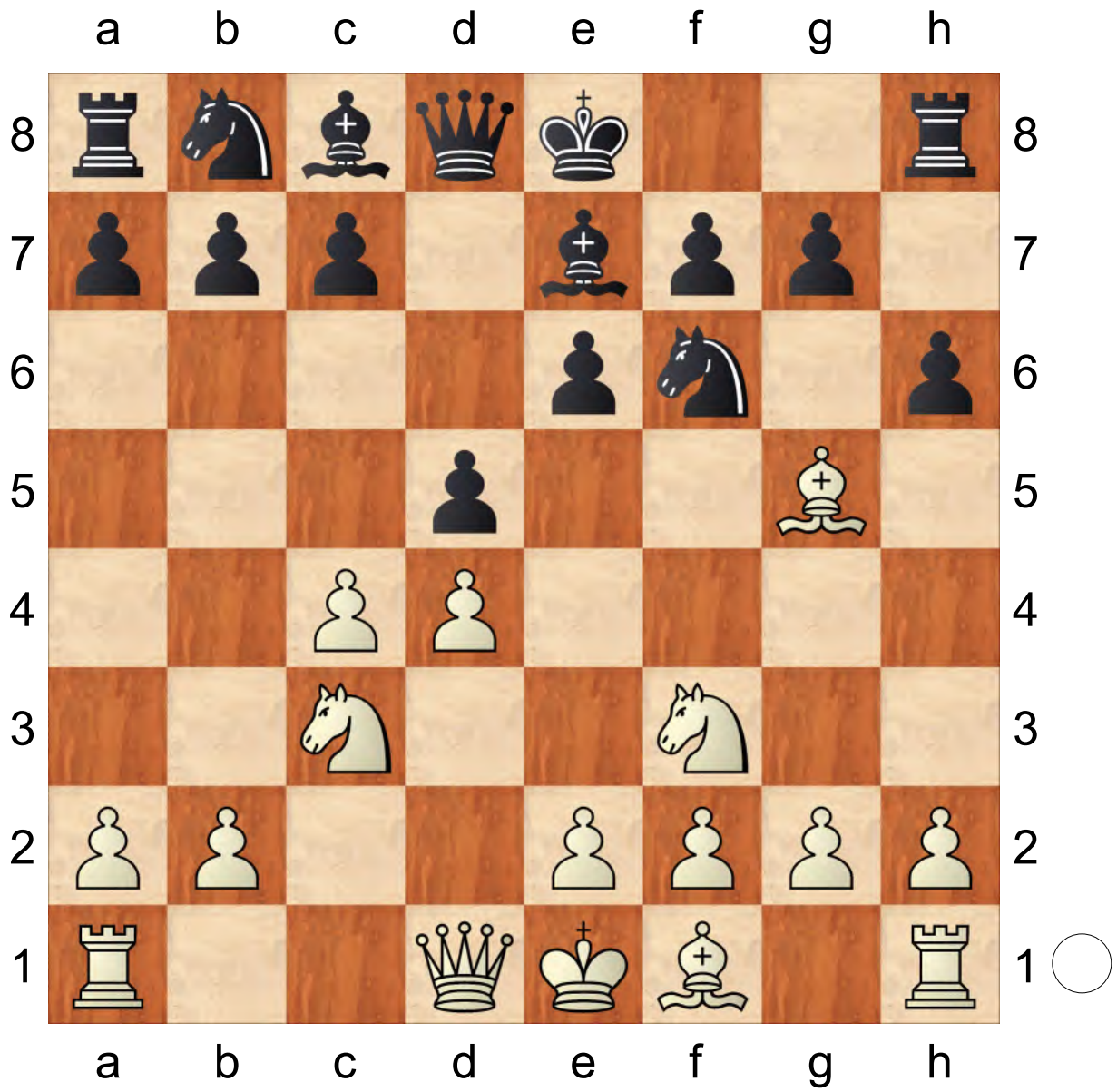
1.d4 Stohl,I **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nc3 h6**



6.Bh4

[Should White give up a tempo, or the bishop? 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 is played less often:

A) 7.e3 c6 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Bxc4 e5

A1) 12.d5 Nb6 13.b3!? cxd5 *(13...Bf5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.e4 Bg4 16.Be2 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Be7 18.Qc2 Bb4 19.Bg4 Ba3 20.Rcd1 Qe7 21.Nb1 Bc5*

22.Nd2 Bb4 23.Nf3 Qf6 24.Rd3 Rfd8 25.Rfd1 Rxd3 26.Qxd3± Kramnik,V (2785)-Radjabov,T (2744)/Kazan candidates/2011/*)* 14.Bxd5 Qe7 15.Qc2 Bg4 16.Qe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Rac8 18.Be4 Rc7 19.Ne2 Rfc8 20.Rcd1 a5 21.a4 Kf8 22.g4 Rd8 23.Ng3 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 g6= Sargissian,G (2676)-Baramidze,D (2614)/WchT Antalya/2013/ In both cases White's pull was rather symbolic, the opposite-coloured bishops being a strong neutralising factor.;

A2) 12.h3 has brought Kasparov success in his duel with Karpov, but since then Black has found roads to reliable equality.;

A3) 12.Ne4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Be5 14.f4 Bxd4!? *(14...Bc7 15.Bxf7+ Rxf7 16.Ne6 Qe7 17.Nxc7 Qxe4!? 18.Nxa8 Qxe3+ 19.Rf2 Nf6⩱* is possibly playable, but Black doesn't need such complications. *)* 15.Qxd4 Nb6

A3a) 16.Nd6 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Be6 18.Rc3 Qb6⇄ 19.f5 *(19.Qxb6 axb6 20.a3 Rad8 21.Rd1 f5 22.Rd4 Bd5 23.Nb5 Be4 24.Nd6 Bd5 25.Nb5 c5 26.Rd2 Bc6 27.Nd6 Rd7 28.Nc4 Rxd2 29.Nxd2 Rd8= /∓,* Iotov,V (2576)-Onischuk,A (2674)/Richardson/2011/*)* 19...Qxd4 20.exd4 Bd5 21.b3 b6 22.Nc4 Rfe8 23.Ne3 Be4∓ Fressinet,L (2706)-Bacrot,E (2705)/Calvi rpd/2013/;

A3b) 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.Bb3 Nd5 18.Rfe1 Nb4= *(18...Nc7 19.Kf2 Be6 20.Bxe6 Nxe6 21.Red1 Kf8 22.g4 Ke7 23.h4 g6 24.f5 gxf5 25.gxf5 Nc7 26.Kf3 Nd5 27.Nc5 b6 28.Nd3 c5 29.e4↑* Cramling,P (2495)-Van der Sterren,P (2514)/Amsterdam/2011/*)* ;

B) 7.Qc2 0-0 8.0-0-0!? is an aggressive try, which requires an accurate reaction: dxc4 *(8...c5 9.dxc5 d4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qe4! Nc6 12.e3 f5 13.Qf3 Qg5 14.h4±)* 9.e4 Nc6 10.e5 Bg5+ 11.Kb1 Nb4 12.Qe4 Rb8 *(*Pasivne *12...Bd7?! 13.Bxc4 Bc6 14.d5 exd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5↑ Qc8 18.h4 c6? 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.hxg5 f5 21.Qh4 Qe6 22.Rd7* 1-0, Mamedyarov,S (2753)-Bacrot,E (2725)/Geneve rpd/2013/*)* 13.Bxc4 b5!? 14.Nxg5 *(14.Bb3 Bb7 15.d5 Be7 16.a3 Nxd5)* 14...Qxg5 15.h4 Qe7 16.Bxb5 Bb7 17.Qe2 Nd5 *(17...Bxg2!?)* 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bc4 Rfd8 20.Bxd5 Rxd5⩲ Goganov,A (2526)-Airapetian,G (2435)/St Petersburg/2012/]

6...0-0 7.e3 Ne4

[The Tartakower is also still popular and topical: 7...b6

A) 8.Bd3 Bb7 *(8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe2 a6 12.Rfd1 Nd5 13.Bg3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 15.e4 Bxg3 16.hxg3 b5 17.Bd3 Nb6 18.Qe3 Na4 19.Bc2 Nb2 20.Rdb1 Nc4 21.Qc1 c5 22.a4 cxd4 23.cxd4 Rc8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qe1 Bc6 26.Rb4 Ra8 27.Rd1 Ra3 28.d5!↑* Kramnik,V (2784)-Andreikin,D (2716)/WCup Tromsoe/2013/*)* 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 c5 11.Rfd1 cxd4 12.exd4 Ne4!?N 13.Nxe4 Bxh4 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Nc3 Bb7 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Be7 18.d5 exd5 19.Rxd5 Qc7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Nd4 Nf6 22.Nb5 Qb8 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Nd6 Qc7 25.h3 a5 26.b3 Be7= Bacrot,E (2702)-Moiseenko,A (2702)/Fujairah City/2012/

B) 8.Be2 Bb7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.cxd5 exd5

B1) 11.0-0 Re8 12.Qb3 c6 13.Rfe1 Nd7 14.Rad1 g6 15.e4 Nf8 16.e5 Bg7 17.Bd3 Ne6 18.Bb1 Qe7 19.Qc2 Red8 *(19...Rad8!?)* 20.h4 h5 21.Qd2 Re8 *(21...c5⇄ Δ 22.Nb5 Bc6 23.Nd6 Rxd6 24.exd6 Qxd6⩱)* 22.Ng5 Nxg5 23.hxg5 Qe6 24.f4 Qg4 25.Qf2 Rad8 26.b4 Bf8 27.a3 c5!∞ Korobov,A (2713)-Meier,G (2623)/WchT Antalya/2013/;

B2) 11.b4

B2a) 11...c5 12.bxc5 bxc5 13.Rb1 Bc8!? *(This is a new alternative to 13...Bc6 , tested already in the K-K matches.)* 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Rc1 cxd4 16.Nb5 Qb6 17.Nbxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Qxd4 20.exd4= ½,Giri,A (2730)-Naiditsch,A (2712)/Belgium/2013/;

B2b) 11...c6 12.0-0 a5 13.b5 c5 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Ng4 Nd7 16.Bf3 Rad8

B2b1) ⌓17.Nxd5!? Bxd5 18.Bxd5 h5!? *(18...cxd4 19.Rc1 Qd6 20.e4±)* 19.Nxf6+ Nxf6 20.Bc6 cxd4 21.exd4 Qf4 22.d5 Rd6⩲ /= Although this looks dangerous for Black, the engine sees no problems and claims equality.;

B2b2) 17.Rc1 Bg5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Qd6 20.Nc3 cxd4 21.f4?! *(⌓21.Ne4 Qe7 22.Nxg5 dxe3 23.Nxe3 Qxg5=)* 21...Bf6 22.Ne2 Qe6 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.exd4 Qxa2 25.Rc6 Qd5= /∓ 26.Nxh6+? gxh6 27.Rxh6 *(27.Qg4+ Kh7 28.f5* is parried by *Nf6! 29.Rxf6 Rg8-+)* 27...Kg7 28.Rh5 f5∓ Aronian,L (2809)-Adams,M (2727) /Paris/St Petersburg/2013/ For more details see the notes in CBM 154 by Krasenkow.]

8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Rc1 Definitely the main move nowadays.

[The once popular 9.cxd5 Nxc3 10.bxc3 exd5 doesn't give White anything, a recent example is 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nc6 13.0-0 Na5 14.Be2 c5 15.Rc1 cxd4 16.Nxd4 b6 17.Bf3 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Nxb7 19.Nc6 Qe6 20.Qb3 Rfe8 21.Qxe6 Rxe6 22.Nd4 Re7 23.Rc6 Rd8 24.Rfc1 Nc5= Seirawan,Y (2643)-Karpov,A (2615)/Saint Louis m rpd/2012/]

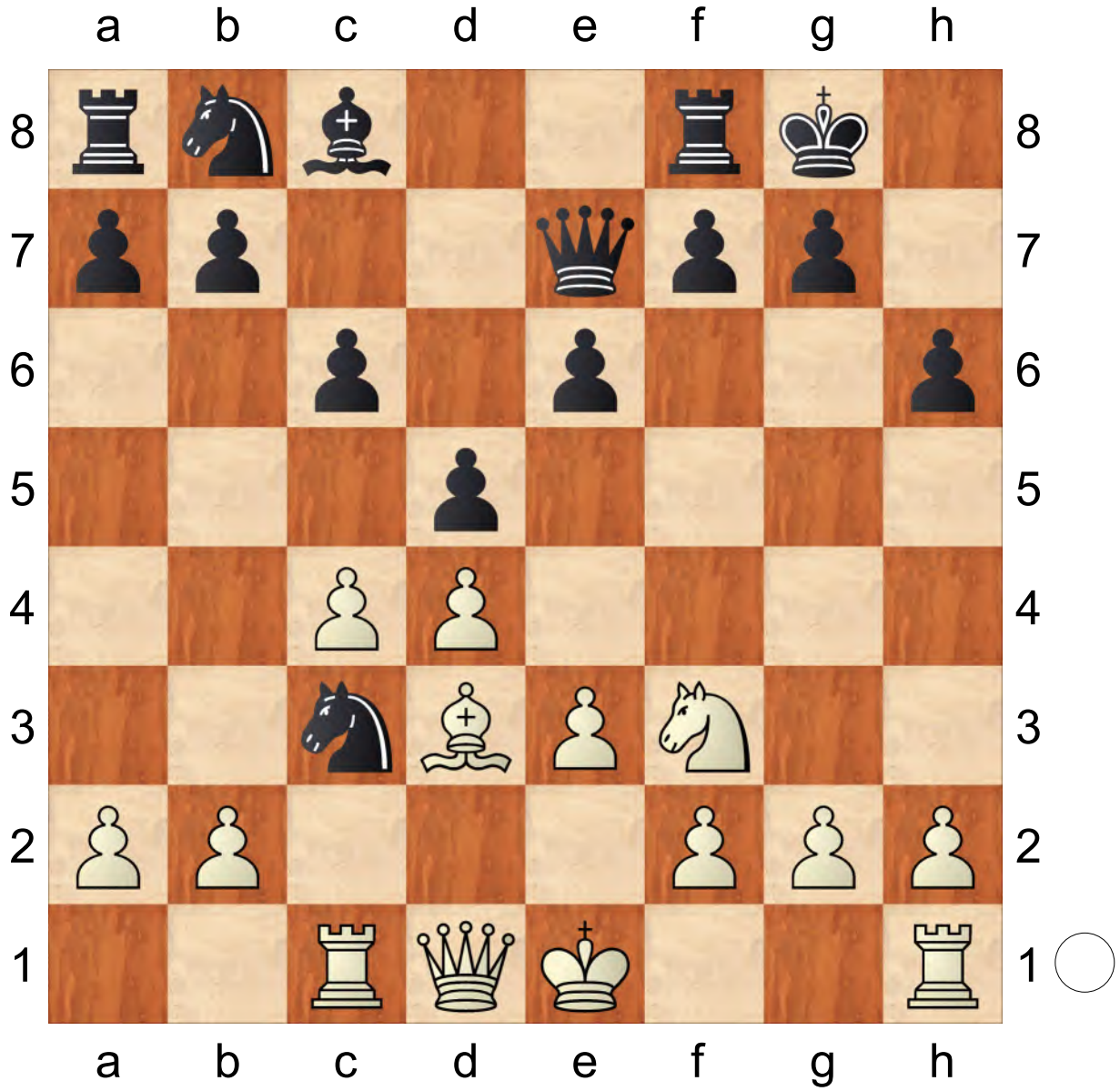
9...c6 10.Bd3

[10.Be2 was played by Topalov in the last match game in Sofia 2010. If White takes with the bishop on c4 2 moves later, both continuations are equivalent.]

[Levon doesn't repeat the double-edged 10.h4 Nd7 11.g4 f5 *(11...e5 12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 cxd5 14.g5 h5 15.Bb5 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qe4 17.Qxe4 dxe4 18.Nd2 Ne5 19.Nxe4 Be6 20.f4 Bd5 21.fxe5 Bxe4 22.0-0↑* Aronian,L (2805)-Harikrishna,P (2669)/WchT Ningbo/2011/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 144.*)* 12.gxf5 Rxf5!?N 13.Bd3 *(13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 e5 15.d5 Nc5 16.Qc2* Van Wely,L (2691)-Fridman,D (2668)/Wolvega/2012/ *Rf7!? 17.b4 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 exd3 19.Qxd3 Qxb4∓* White's king is more exposed, than Black's. *)* 13...Ndf6 *(13...Qf8 14.Rh3 Ndf6 15.Qc2 e5 16.dxe5 Rh5!?∞)* 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ne5 c5 16.Rg1 *(⌓16.Ng6!?* complicates the deployment of Black's bishop and gives more chances for an advantage.*)* 16...Bd7 17.Ne2 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Be8! Gajewski,G (2653)-Svetushkin,D (2588)/EU-ch Legnica/2013/

19.Ng3 Rd8 20.Qc3 Bh5⩲ ↑]

10...Nxc3



11.Rxc3 dxc4

[It would be interesting to know what Levon had on his mind after 11...Nd7

A) 12.0-0 e5 *(12...dxc4 -* 11...dxc4 *)*

A1) 13.cxd5 e4 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Be2 exf3 16.Bxf3 Bb7 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Rxc6 Rac8∓ Psakhis,L (2525)-Kholmov,R (2475)/Tallinn/1983/ White's pawns can't advance freely and are not too dangerous.;

A2) 13.Bb1 or;

A3) 13.Bc2 is an attempt to transpose into the game after all, but Black also has e4 *(13...dxc4 14.Rxc4 -*11...dxc4 *)* 14.Nd2 Nf6= *(14...f5!?⇄)*;

A4) 13.dxe5 dxc4 14.Bxc4 *(*We will still mention *14.Rxc4 Nxe5)* 14...Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 This position arises also from Capablanca's line with 5...0-0

snd 6... ♘bd7, only here Black has the extra move h6. The breathing space for his king certainly doesn't hurt his chances: 16.Qc2 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Rad8 19.Rfd1 Rxd3 20.Rxd3 Qa5 21.h3 Qxa2 22.Ra3 Qd5 23.Rxa7 c5 24.Ra5 b6= 25.Ra7 Rd8= Wojtaszek,R (2721)-Alekseev,E (2673)/Lublin/2011/;

B) 2) 12.cxd5 exd5 13.0-0 leads to a Carlsbad pawn structure, after Re8 14.Qb1 a5!?⇄ Black has no serious problems in the resulting simplified position.;

C) 12.Qc2 dxc4 13.Bxc4 gives Black a choice. White has perhaps the best chances to get a slight pull after e5 *(13...b6 14.Bd3 Nf6 15.Rxc6 Nd5 16.Qb3 Nb4 17.Rc1 Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Bb7 19.0-0 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Qd5 22.Qe4 Qxa2 23.Rg1 Rfc8 24.Qb7 Rf8 25.Qe4 Rfc8 26.Qb7 Rf8 27.Rc7 Qxb2 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Qxa8+ Kh7 30.Qe4+ Kg8 31.Qa8+ Kh7 32.Qe8 Rc7 33.Qg6+ Kh8 34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Qxe6 Qxf2 36.Qe4+ Kg8 37.h3 Qc2 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.d5 Qf5 40.Qe4 Qxe4 41.fxe4* Jakovenko,D (2716)-Gelfand,B (2746)/ECC Rogaska Slatina/2011/ *Re7!⇄ ; 13...b5!? 14.Be2 Bb7 15.0-0 b4 16.Rc4 a5 17.Rc1 Rfc8 18.Qe4 Rc7 19.Qf4 Rac8 20.R4c2 c5 21.h4 Nf6 22.Bd3 Qd8 23.Qe5* ½, Hinterberger,W (2355)-Szczepanski,Z (1400) /corr/2010/*)* 14.0-0 Stohl,I: '!?' Stohl,I: 'transposes to the above note' exd4 15.exd4!? *(15.Nxd4 Nf6 16.Rd1 a6 17.Bb3 Ne4 18.Rc4 Re8 19.f3 Nd6 20.Rc3 Nb5 21.Nxb5 axb5 22.a3 b4 23.axb4 Qxb4 24.e4 Be6=* Khairullin,I (2660)-Korneev,O (2609)/RUS-chT Loo/2013/*)* 15...Qd6 16.Re1 Nb6 17.Bb3 Nd5 18.Ne5 Be6 *(18...Nxc3? 19.Nxf7!)* 19.Rg3 Nc7 20.Re4 Rad8 21.h3 Bxb3 22.Qxb3 Ne6 23.Nxf7! *(23.Qxb7 Nxd4 24.Rd3 c5 25.b4 Qb6 26.Qxb6 axb6 27.bxc5 bxc5 28.Kf1 Rfe8 29.Ree3 Ra8 30.Rd2 f6=* ½, Grischuk,A (2736)-Jakovenko,D (2736)/WCup Khanty-Mansiysk/2009/*)* 23...Rxf7 24.Rg6!± Black loses a pawn and has to fight for draw.]

12.Rxc4 Taking with the rook makes more sense with the bishop on d3 instead of e2.

[The more usual follow-up is 12.Bxc4 Nd7 13.0-0 and now:

A) 13...e5

A1) 14.Bb3 Rd8 15.Re1 exd4 16.exd4 Qd6 17.d5 *(17.Rce3 Nf8 18.Ne5 Be6= Δ 19.Bxe6 Qxe6 20.Rf3? f6 21.Ng6 Rxd4! 22.Qb1 Qxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Rad8∓)* 17...cxd5 18.Qxd5 Qxd5 19.Bxd5 Nf8 20.Bb3 Be6 21.Kf1 Rac8 22.Rec1 Rxc3 23.Rxc3 Bxb3 24.Rxb3 Rd7= Babula,V (2585)-Baramidze,D (2615)/AUT-chT/2012/;

A2) 14.Qc2!? transposes to the above note;

B) 13...b6

B1) 14.Qc2!? Bb7 15.Bd3 c5 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Rac8 19.Rfc1 Rc7 20.Qc2 Rfc8 leads to a known position, only with the king on h8. 21.h3 *(21.b4!?* is critical*)* 21...Nf6 22.Rc4 Ne8 23.dxc5 Rxc5 24.Qb3 Rxc4 25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Qxc4 Nd6= Ivanchuk,V (2766)-Carlsen,M (2835)/ Wijk aan Zee/2012/;

B2) 14.Bd3 c5 15.Be4 Rb8 16.Qc2

B2a) 16...Ba6 17.Rc1 Rfc8 18.Qa4 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.Qc2 Rbc7 21.b4 Nf6!N *(21...e5* Kramnik,V (2765)-Kasparov,G (2785)/Las Palmas/1996/ *22.bxc5 exd4 23.exd4 bxc5 24.Rc4!↑)* 22.e4□ c4□ 23.b5 a6 24.a4 axb5 25.axb5 Qd7 26.Qb1 *(26.Rb1!? Ne8 27.e5 g6⇄)* 26...Ra8 27.h3 Ra5 28.Rxc4 *(28.Ne5 Qxb5 29.Qxb5 Rxb5 30.f3=)* 28...Rxc4 29.Rxc4 Qxb5= Babula,V (2574)-Stupak,K (2494)/EU-chT Warsaw/2013/ Here already White should tread with care.;

B2b) 16...Nf6 17.Bc6 *(17.dxc5 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 bxc5 19.Qc2 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rfd8 21.f3 Ba6 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.g3 Rbd8 24.Kg2 Bd3 25.Qc1 Ba6=* Topalov,V (2805)-Anand,V (2787)/WCh Sofia/2010/*)* 17...cxd4 18.Nxd4 e5 19.Nf3 *(19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Rfd8 21.Rfc1 Rd2 22.Ba4 Rbd8 23.h3 g6 24.Qf3 e4 25.Qg3 Nh5 26.Qc7 Qf6⇄* Babula,V (2515)-Toufighi,H (2499)/Khanty Mansiysk olm/2010/*)* 19...Rd8 *(* In postal play Black prefers *19...Bg4!? 20.h3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 e4=)* 20.h3 Qd6 21.Qa4 a5 22.Qb5 Be6 23.a3 Bd5 24.Rfc1 Ne4 25.R3c2 Babula,V (2591)-Cyborowski,L (2543)/EU-ch Legnica/2013/ Bxc6 *(25...g6!?=)* 26.Rxc6 Qd5=]

12...Nd7 13.0-0 e5

[13...c5?! 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bb1↻]

14.Bc2!? Stohl,I: '-11...dxc4' A rare move, obviously prepared by Aronian, who was still playing very fast.

[There is nothing new and exciting after the standard Stohl,I: 'We will still mention' 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Re4 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Be6 17.Bc4 Rad8 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qg4 Rd2 20.Rxe6 Qd7 21.Qc4 Qf7 22.f4 Rxb2 23.Rd1 Rb4 24.Qxb4 Qxe6= Babula,V (2536)-Stohl,I (2514)/Hustopece rpd/2010/]

14...Nb6N

[14...exd4 seems playable: 15.Qd3 *(15.Rxd4 Nf6 16.Qd3* Stahlberg,G-Espina,C/Mar del Plata/1942/ *c5! 17.Qa3 b6=)* 15...Nf6 16.e4!? g6 17.e5 Nd5 18.Qd2 Kg7!? *(18...Bg4 19.Nxd4 Qxe5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Rxg4±)* 19.Rxd4 Be6 20.Rd1 Rad8 21.Bb3 Rd7 22.Qa5 b6 23.Qe1 Rfd8 24.Qe4 Bf5 25.Qe1 Be6 26.Qe4 Bf5 27.Qe1 Be6 ½, Cherednichenko,S (2165)-Hrabinska,M (2295)/Nikolaev/2008/]

[Perhaps Black can venture even the untested 14...e4 15.Nd2 f5∞]

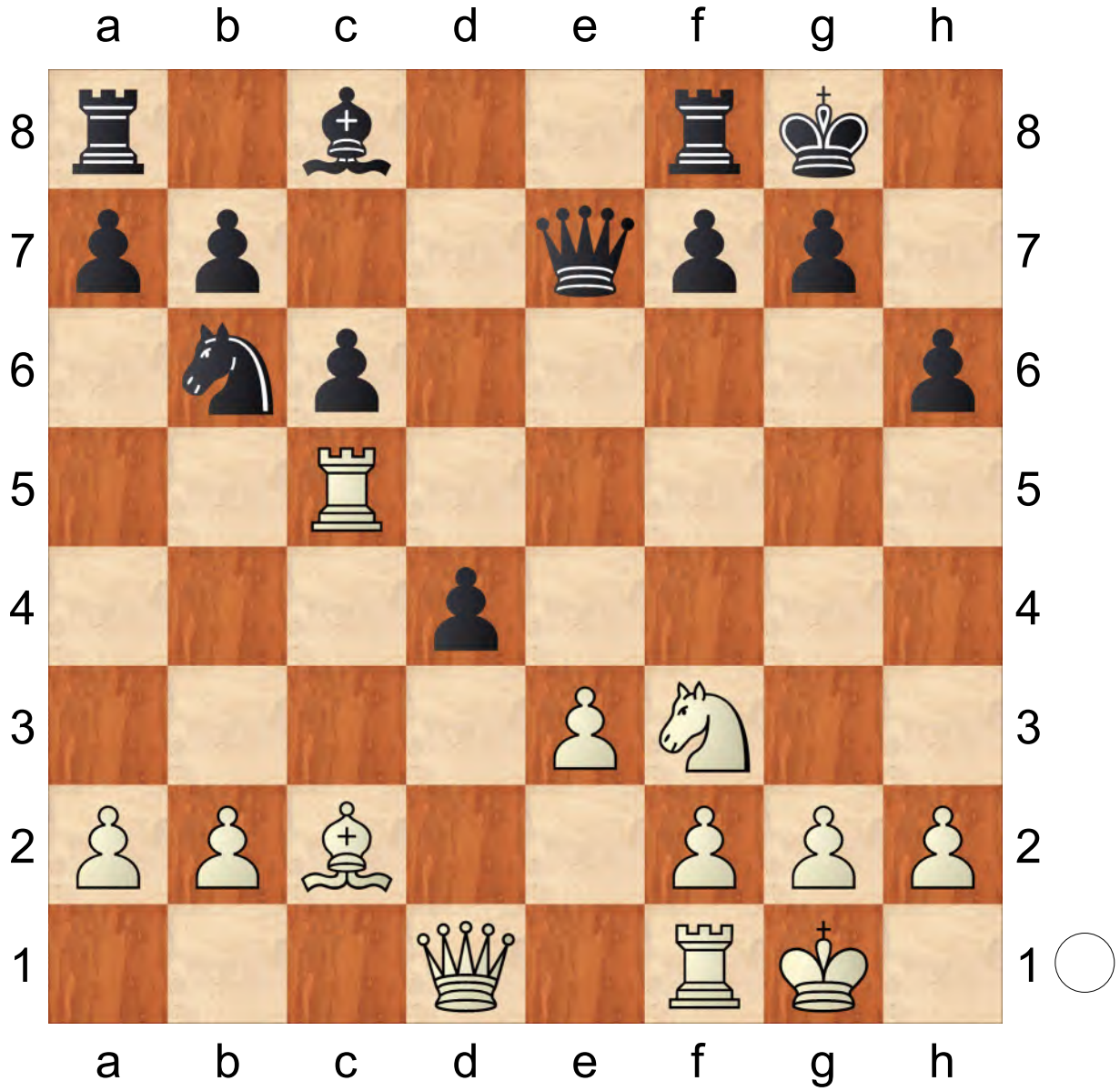
15.Rc5 exd4

[The swap is natural enough. However, even after 15...Nd7 16.Rc3 Re8!? it's not easy get anything tangible. Perhaps White can try 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Qd3 g6 *(19...Be6!?)* 20.f4]

(Diagram)

16.Qd3 g6 17.Bb3! Still analysed at home and played fast. **17...Kg7**

[17...Qxc5? 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.e4!+-]



[17...Be6?! 18.Re5→]
[17...Qd6 18.Nxd4± Δ Qxc5? 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 21.f4!+- →]
[17...Kh7 18.exd4!?± Black with his vulnerable king must still fight for equality. *(18.Qxd4 Be6=)*]

18.Qxd4+ Qf6

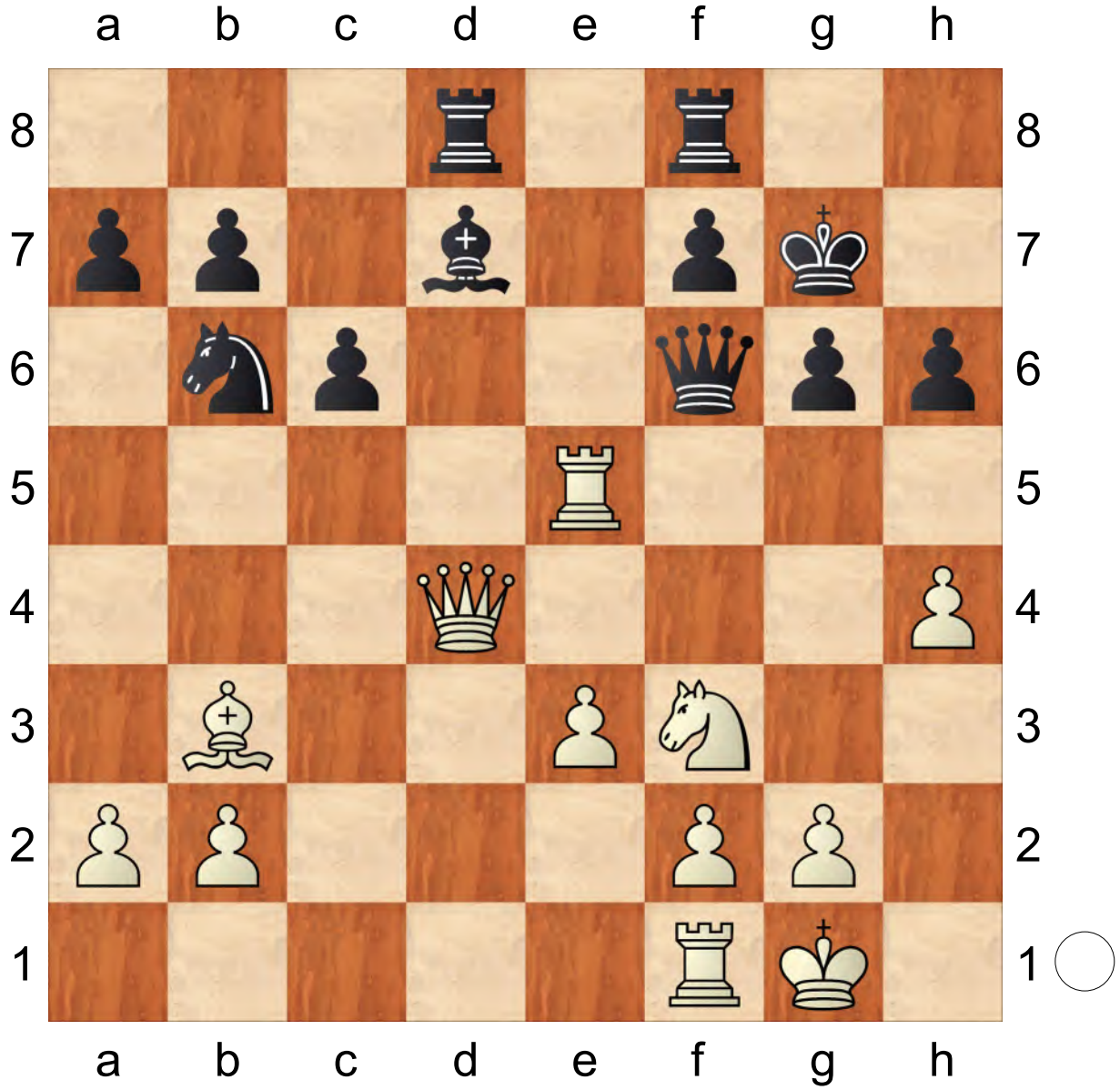
[18...f6 is a computer suggestion, but a top GM wouldn't dare to play such a weakening move without thorough analysis.]

19.Re5! A typical engine move - concrete and unpleasant. The rook aims for e7 and discourages ♗e6. **19...Bd7**

[After some thought Nakamura spurned 19...Rd8 20.Qb4 Nd5!? *(20...Bd7 21.a4↑)* 21.Bxd5 cxd5⇄ Although formally White has a better minor piece, the rook on e5 is now rather clumsy and Black has counterchances.]

20.h4 Rad8

[Also here Black had an alternative in 20...Rfe8 21.h5 g5 22.Ra5 *(22.Rxg5+? hxg5 23.h6+ Kg6 24.Bc2+ Bf5 25.Bxf5+ Kxf5 26.Qd3+ Kg4 27.Qe2 Kh5 28.Ne5+ g4∓* with no mate in sight.*; 22.Bc2 Nd5!=; 22.Rc5!? Qxd4 23.Nxd4 Nc8* is similar *)* 22...Qxd4 23.Nxd4± /=]



21.h5 Now Levon started thinking as well. **21...Bf5** Stohl,I: '='
[21...g5? 22.Nxg5±]
[21...Nc8!? 22.hxg6 fxg6± /⇄]
22.Qc3
[22.Qb4!? gxh5 23.Ra5 was suggested by Korotylev, but Black has Nd5 Δ 24.Qxb7 Be4∞]
22...Bg4
[22...Rd3 23.Qb4↑]

[22...Nd7 23.Ra5 Qxc3 24.bxc3 Bd3 25.Rd1 Be2 26.Rd6!∞ /± White has an initiative in this endgame, as it's difficult to prevent his offside ♖a5 from reentering the fray.]

[Perhaps a better move was 22...Nd5!? 23.Bxd5 *(23.Qd4 Nb6=)* 23...Rxd5⇄]

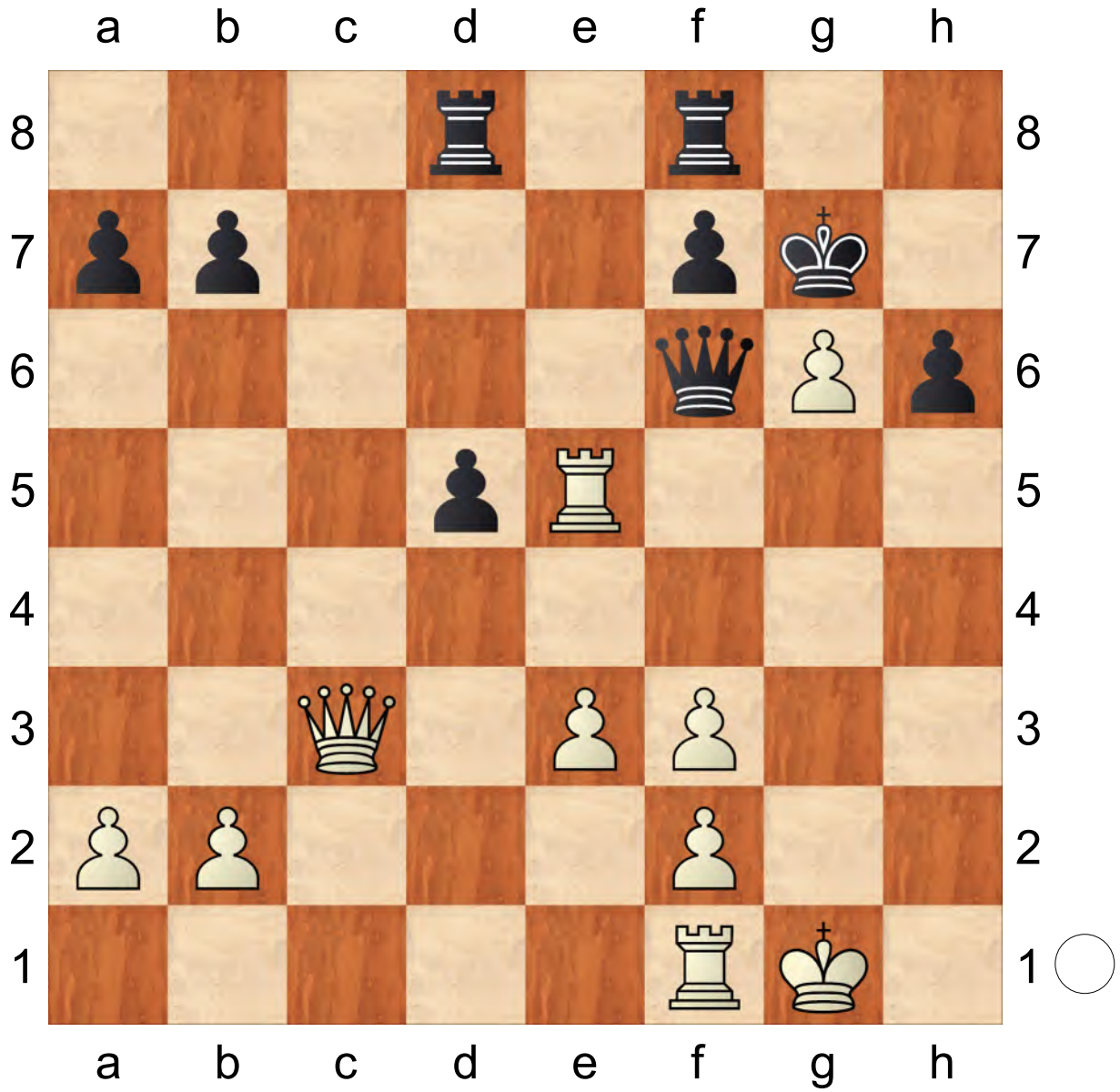
23.hxg6 Bxf3

[23...Nd7 already gives White a choice between 24.Re7 *(* and *24.Ra5!?* - this is similar to 22...♘d7 from the above note. *)*]

24.gxf3 Nd5?! Forces White to swap his bishop, but stabilises his advantage.

[Black had the last chance to play ⌓24...Nd7!±]

25.Bxd5 cxd5



26.gxf7

[A safer and less complex way is ⌓26.Rd1! fxg6 *(26...d4 27.exd4 fxg6 28.Kg2↑)* 27.f4± /±]

26...d4

[A more concrete line was 26...Rc8!? 27.Rf5 *(27.Qd4 Rc4 28.Re6 Qxd4 29.exd4 Rxf7=)* 27...Rxc3 28.Rxf6 Rc2⇄ *(*or *28...Rxe3!?* , in both cases Black has drawing chances. *)*]

27.exd4 Rxf7 28.d5

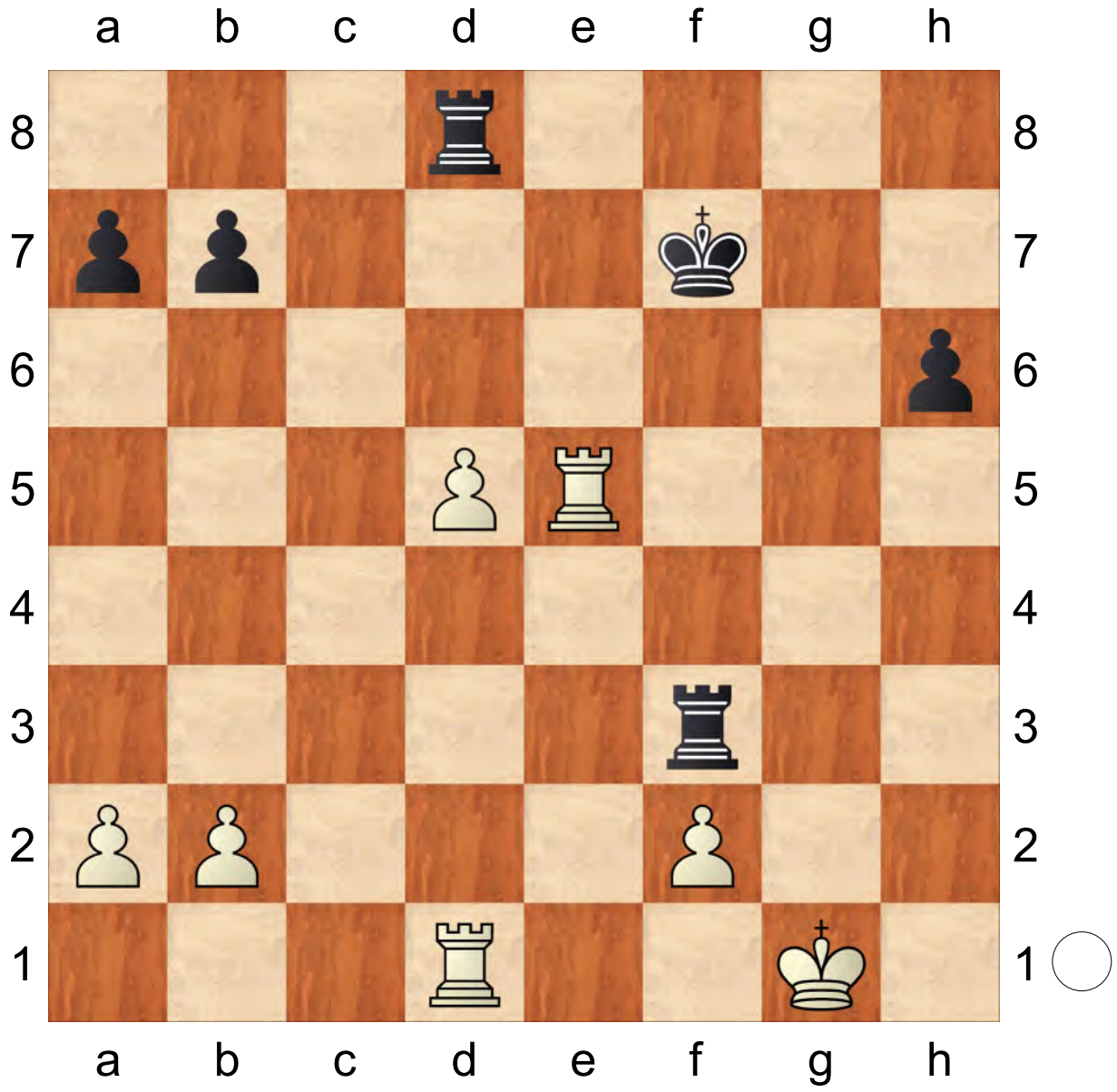
[White had other moves as 28.Rc1 and also]

[28.Kg2± /± However, the outcome of the game remains open.]

28...Qxf3! 29.Qxf3

[29.Re3+ Qf6 also forces a queen swap.]

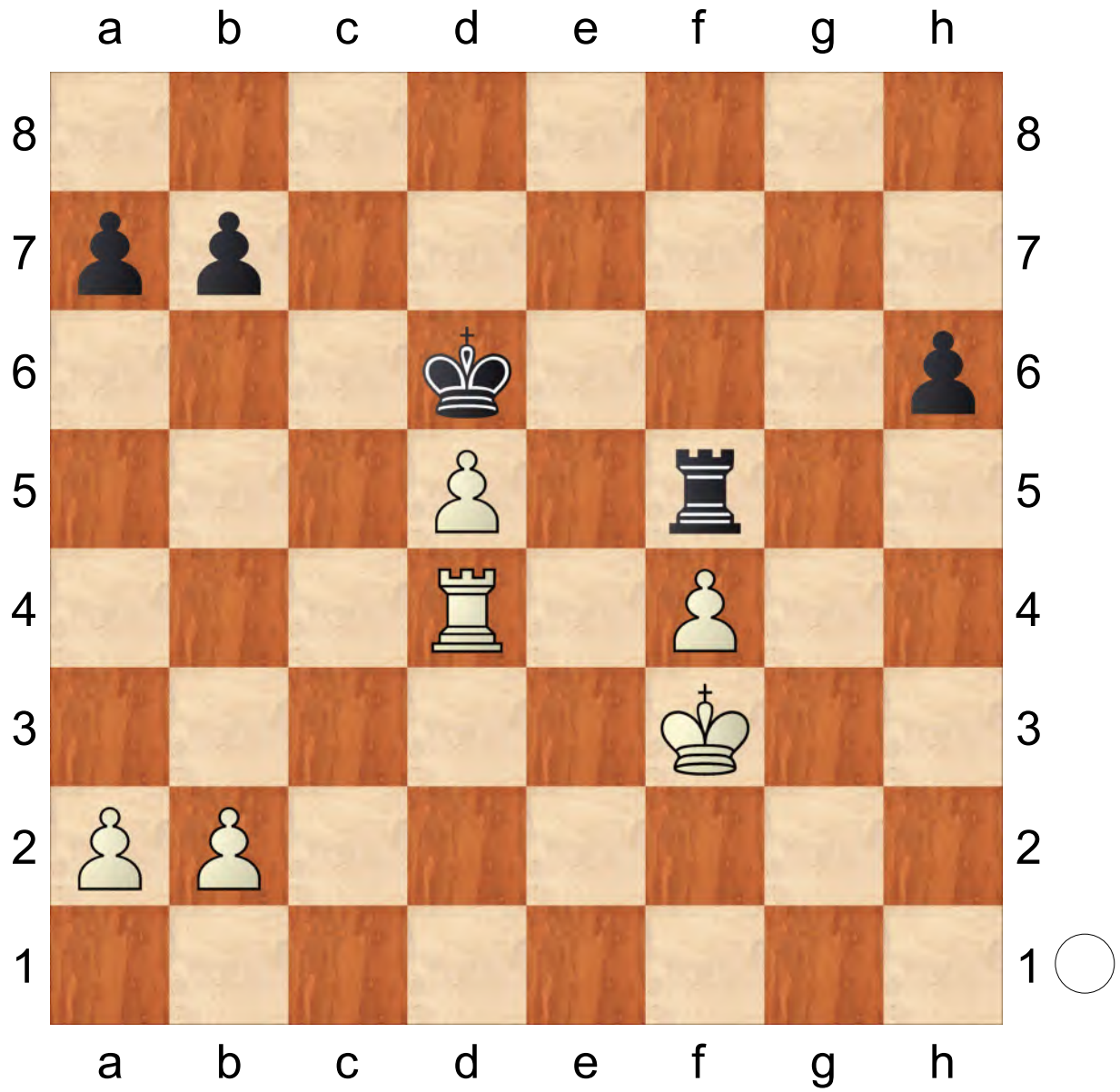
29...Rxf3 30.Rd1 Objectively in the endgame Black has drawing chances, but another problem arises on Nakamura's clock... **30...Kf7**



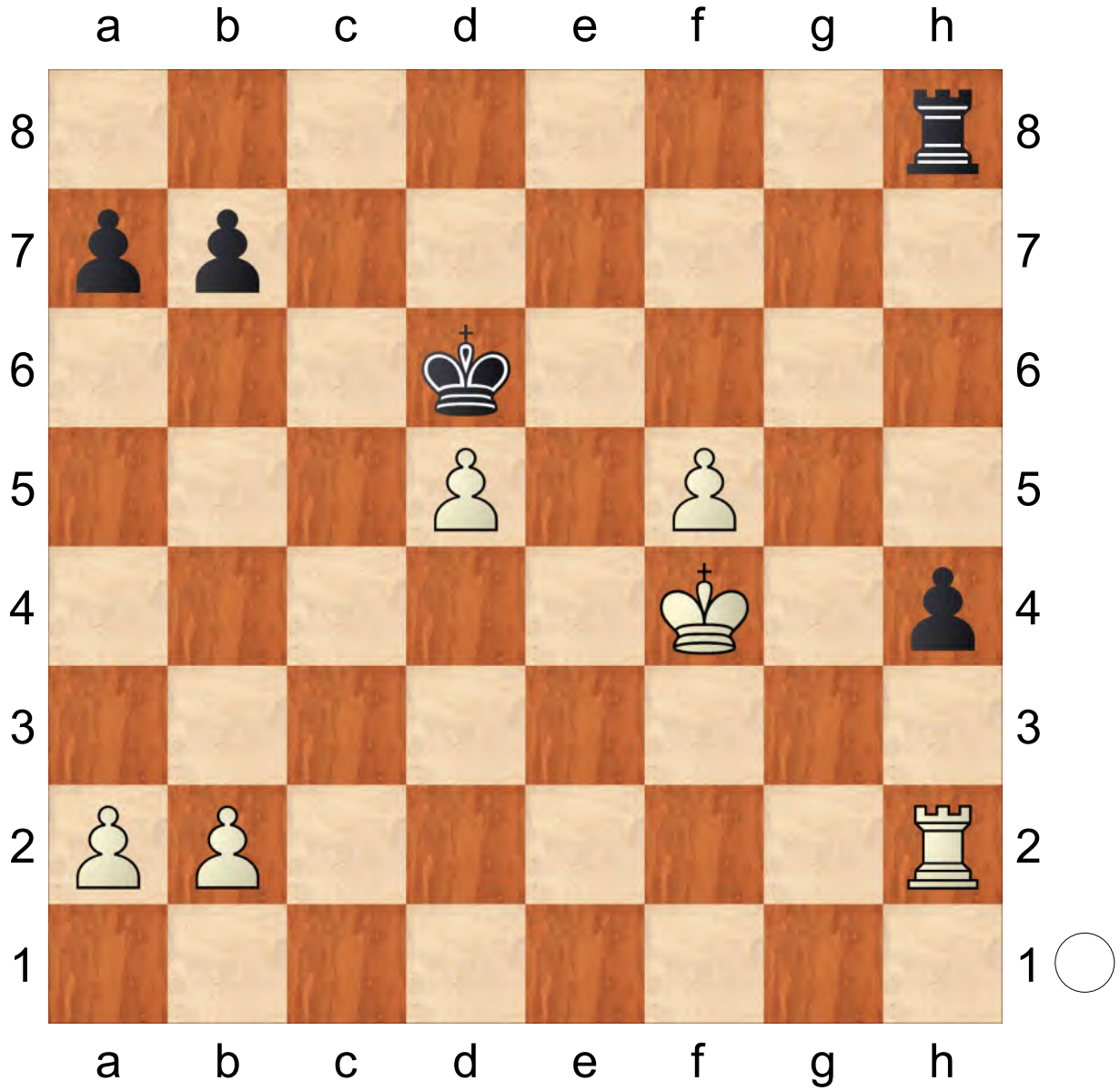
31.Rd4?! White should have tried to keep both rooks on the board.

[A more promising try was ⌓31.Kg2 Rf6 32.Rde1↑ *(*or *32.Rc1!?)*]

31...Re8!± 32.Rxe8
[32.Rh5 Rf6 33.d6 Rd8 stops the passed pawn.]
32...Kxe8 Activating the king gives good chances to hold the game. **33.Kg2 Rf5 34.f4 Kd7 35.Kf3 Kd6**



36.Ke4 Rf8 37.Rd2
[37.f5 Re8+ 38.Kf3 Re1⇄]
37...h5?!
[⌓37...Re8+! 38.Kf5 Rf8+ forces the king back: 39.Kg4 Rg8+ 40.Kh5 Rf8 41.Rf2 Rf6=]
38.f5 h4 39.Rh2 Re8+ 40.Kf4 Rh8?⊕
[He had to play 40...Kxd5! 41.Rxh4!? *(41.Rd2+ Kc6 42.f6 h3 43.Rh2 Re6! 44.Kf5 Re3 45.f7 Rf3+ 46.Ke6 Re3+=)* 41...Re2 42.Rh3 Rf2+ *(*or *42...Rxb2 43.Rd3+ Kc4±)*]



This definitely throws away the game. **41.f6 Re8** Desperation.

[Now 41...Kxd5 42.Kf5 h3 43.f7+- is insufficient: Although his rook is "correctly" behind the passed pawn, he has no defence against the penetration of White's king.]

42.Rxh4

(Diagram)

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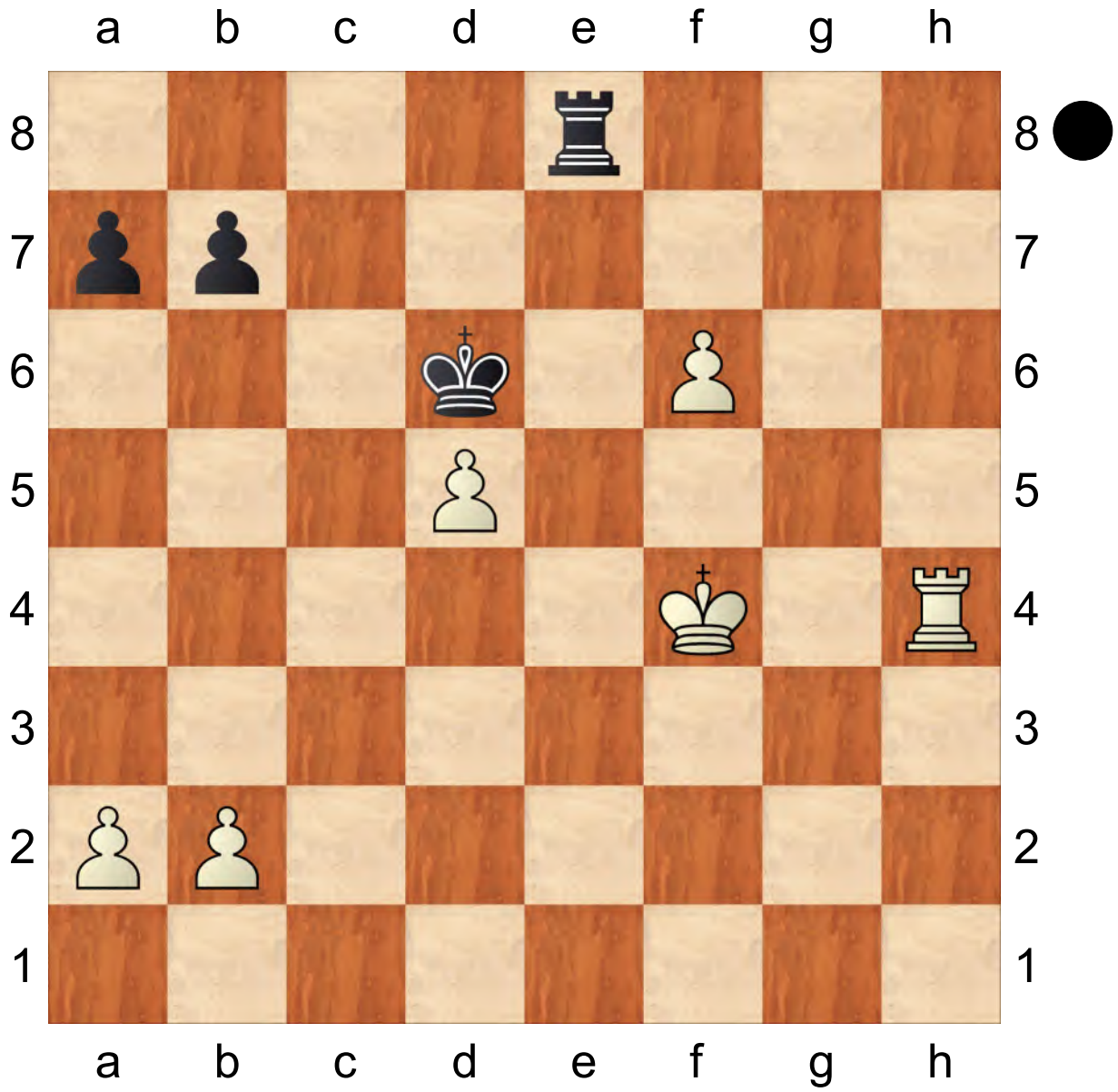
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2772**
■ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2739**
Moscow Tal Memorial 4th (6) 11.11.2009
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Notkin,Maksim Notkin,Maksim Stohl,I Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I' Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris Stohl,I'' **1...e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5**

[After 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Black, apart from transposing into our game with Nbd7 has other options: *(6...0-0 7.e3 c5 8.dxc5 Nbd7* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' is currently quite topical, after Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'is currently quite topical, after'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: 'is currently quite topical, after' Van Delft/ Ris: 'Stohl: 'is currently quite topical, after''' 'is currently quite topical, after'' *9.Rc1* Notkin,Maksim: 'leads to a position we have already mentioned above in the note to move 5.' *Nxc5!?* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' *10.Qd4 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Nce4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Be2 Bg4* Black usually gradually equalizes.*;* The older line *6...h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4⇄* also seems playable. *)*]

5...Nbd7

[5...dxc4 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' leads to the Vienna line, which featured quite prominently in Moscow (see Ivanchuk-Kramnik).]

[Black can also try 5...0-0 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 6.e3 c5 , which after 7.cxd5 exd5 transposes to a line we mentioned in the previous note.]

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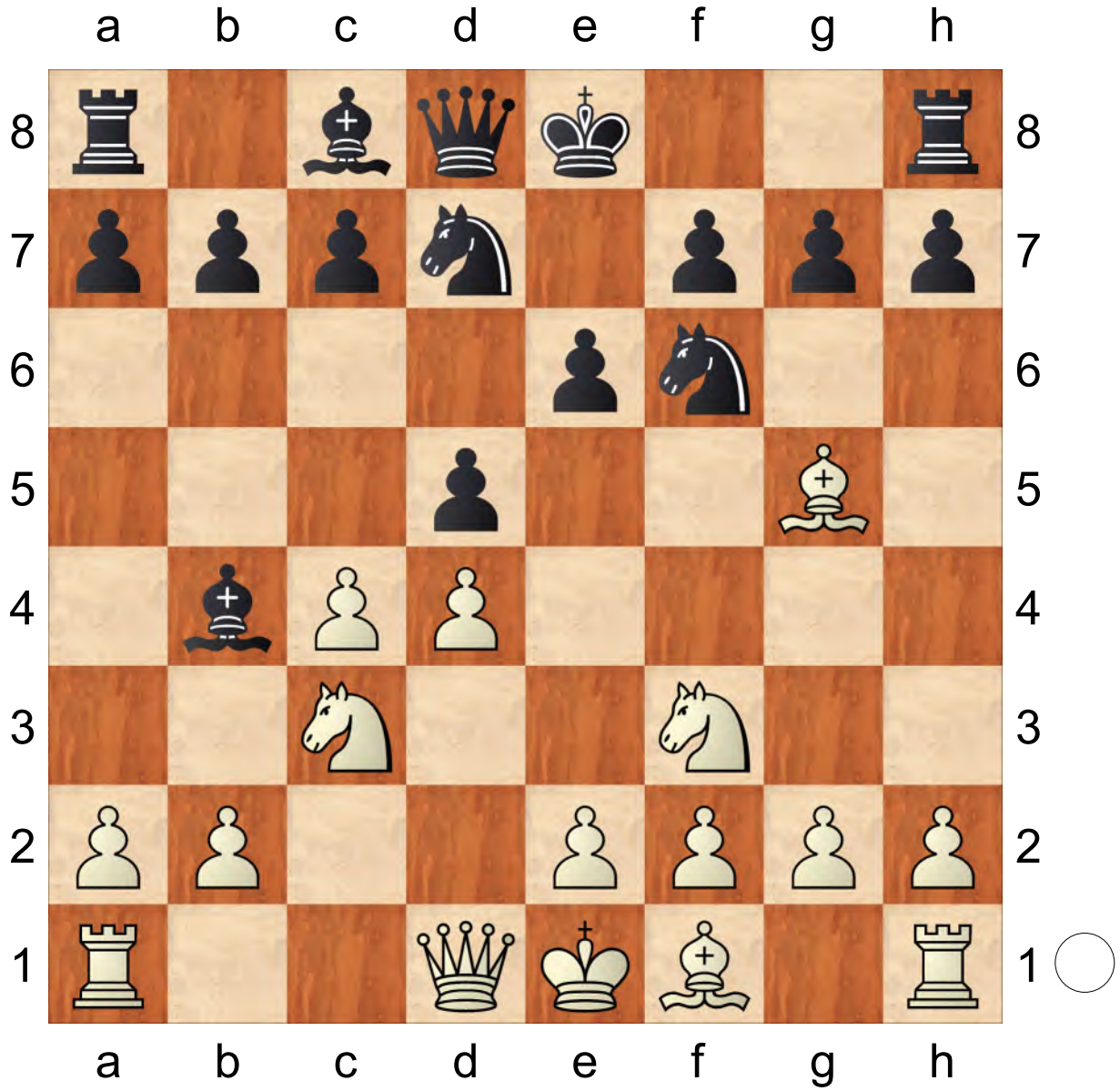
6.cxd5 exd5 Stohl,I: 'has other options:' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'has other options:'' ' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'has other options:' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'has other options:''' 'has other options:'' ' **7.e3**

[Kramnik in his previous practice was very successful with 7.Qc2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' The most solid reaction seems to be postponing the c5 advance with

A) 7...h6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl''' 8.Bh4 c5 9.e3 c4 *(9...Qa5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 c4 12.Bf5 Re8 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Rae1 Nb6 15.a3 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.f4! Nd7 19.Nf3 Qc7 20.g4! Nf8 21.g5 hxg5 22.fxg5 Be7 23.e4 dxe4 24.Qxe4 Rad8 25.Re2 a6 26.Qg4 Qa5 27.Ne5→* 1-0,Kramnik,V (2685)-Serper,G (2590)/Dortmund/1993/*)* 10.Be2 Qa5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ne4 13.Rfc1 Nb6 14.a4 Bf5 15.Qb2 0-0 16.Bd1 Rfe8 17.Ra2 f6?! *(17...Nd7! 18.Qa3 Qc7±* Kramnik *)* 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.Nf1!**±** Nxa4? 20.Qxb7 Red8 21.Bxa4 Bxa4 22.f3 Rdb8 23.Rxa4!+- Kramnik,V (2685)-Lautier,J (2645)/Cannes m/1993*!*

B) 7...c5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl''' 8.dxc5 h6 9.Bd2 0-0



10.e3 Bxc5 11.Bd3 a6 12.0-0 Bd6 *(12...Ba7 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Bc3 Nf8 15.Nf4 Be6 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Qb3 b5 18.Qa3 Ra8 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Nde2 Qd8 21.Bb1 N8d7* Kramnik,V (2715)-Lautier,J (2655)/Monte Carlo blindfold rpd/ 1995/ *22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Bg6±)* 13.Ne2 *(13.Rfd1 Nc5 14.Bf5 Be6 15.Be1 Rc8 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Rac1 Be5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bh3 Qf7 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Rxd5 exd5 22.Bxc8 Rxc8 23.b4 b6 24.Qe2 Qb7 25.bxc5 bxc5=* Mikhalchishin,A (2512)-Aronian,L (2675)/Calvia olm/2004/) 13...Ne5 *(13...Nc5!?)* 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bc3 Qe7 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Rac1 Be6 18.Qc3 Ng4 19.Qxe5 Nxe5 20.Bb1 Rac8 21.Nd4= /±, Dreev,A (2650)-Zvjaginsev,V (2610)/RUS-ch Elista/1997/ White has a riskless, but only very slight edge.;

C) 7...0-0 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'was Ivanchuk-Ponomariov from the third round.'"

C1) 8.a3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 c6 Here White lately hasn't been able to prove an advantage: 10.e3 *(10.Nd2 Qe8 11.e3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bf4 Qe6 14.Be2 Nb6 15.Bg3 Qg6 16.Qc5 Bg4=* Alekseev,E (2708)-Ponomariov,R (2718)/Moscow Tal mem/ 2008/ *)* 10...Qe8 11.Qc2 Ne4 12.Bd3 h6 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.h3 Re8 15.Bh2 c5!⇄ 16.0-0 c4 17.Bxe4 Qxe4 18.Qxe4 Rxe4 19.Nd2 Re6 Zhou Jianchao (2623)-Bu Xiangzhi (2702)/JinZhou/2009/ 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxc4 Nf6 22.Nd6 Ne8=;

C2) 8.e3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" 8...c5 9.Be2 *(9.Bd3 Qa5 10.0-0 c4* leads to the 7.e3 c5 8. ♗d3 lines. *)* 9...Qa5 10.0-0 cxd4 *(*Simpler is *10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ne4=* ⇄ *)* 11.Nxd4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Re8 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Rab1 a6 15.Bxe5 Rxe5 16.Rfc1 Qc7 17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Qxc4 19.Rxc4 b5 20.Bf3 *(⌓20.Rc7 Ne8 21.Rc3±)* 20...bxc4 21.Bxa8 Kf8 22.Rb8 Re8 23.Kf1?! *(23.Bf3 Bg4⇄)* 23...Nd7 24.Rb4 a5! 25.Rb1 Ne5 26.Bd5 c3↑ Ivanchuk,V (2739)-Ponomariov,R (2739)/Moscow Tal mem/ 2009/]

7...c5 8.dxc5!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?" A rare move, which was certainly prepared by Kramnik at home - one can hardly imagine a top GM going for the following king-walk without checking it with a computer. Notkin, Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'A rare move, which was certainly prepared by Kramnik at home - one can hardly imagine a top GM going for the following king-walk without checking it with a computer." ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'A rare move, which was certainly prepared by Kramnik at home - one can hardly imagine a top GM going for the following king-walk without checking it with a computer.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'A rare move, which was certainly prepared by Kramnik at home - one can hardly imagine a top GM going for the following king-walk without checking it with a computer.'" 'A rare move, which was certainly prepared by Kramnik at home - one can hardly imagine a top GM going for the following king-walk without checking it with a computer." '

[The main line 8.Bd3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Qa5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" 9.Qc2 c4 10.Bf5 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nd2 g6 13.Bh3 leads to complex play, recently Black has been able to hold his own after Kg7 14.Rae1 h6 15.Bh4 g5!? 16.Bxd7 Bxd7 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.e4 Nxg3 19.hxg3 dxe4 *(19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 dxe4 21.Nxc4 Qa4 22.Qxa4 Bxa4 23.Ne3 Bd7 24.c4 b6 25.g4 Rac8 26.a4 h5 27.gxh5 f5⇄* Zhao Jun (2560)-Wang Hao (2696) /Beijing/2009/*)* 20.Nxc4 Qa6 21.Ne5 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Bb5 23.c4 Rxe5 24.dxe5 Bxc4 25.Qxe4 Bxf1 26.Rxf1 Rd8= Zhukova,N (2461)-Kosintseva,T (2522)/RUS-chTW Dagomys/2009/]

8...Qa5 The direct counterattack is the most logical reaction. Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'The direct counterattack is the most logical reaction." ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl, I: 'The direct counterattack is the most logical reaction.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'The direct counterattack is the most logical reaction.'" 'The direct counterattack is the most logical reaction." '

[8...0-0 9.Rc1 leads to a position we have already mentioned above in the note to

move 5.]

9.Rc1 Other moves can't cause Black any problems: Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'Other moves can't cause Black any problems:" ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'Other moves can't cause Black any problems:' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'Other moves can't cause Black any problems:"' 'Other moves can't cause Black any problems:" '

[9.Bxf6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Nxf6 10.Qd4 0-0 11.Bd3 Bxc5=]

[9.Nd2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Ne4 10.Ndxe4 dxe4 11.Qd4 0-0 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxc5 15.Be7 Nb3 16.Rd1 Re8 17.Bb5 Bg4 18.Bxe8 Bxd1 19.Kxd1 Rxe8 20.Bb4 Rc8 21.Kc2 Nc5 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Rd1 g6 24.g4 h5= Karpov,A (2725)-Lautier,J (2645)/France/1993/]

9...Ne4

[9...Qxa2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.Rxc3 0-0 *(14...Qxb2 15.Rc2 Qf6 16.Qxd5↑)* 15.b4 Rfc8 16.Nd4 g6 17.Qc1± Lingnau,C (2365)-Gebhardt,U (2245)/Dortmund/1992/]

[9...0-0 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 10.a3! leads to a position, which arises mostly via a different move order with Black castling earlier. Here after Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 Ne4 12.b4 Nxc3 13.Qa1⩲ White has been very successful in current practice, the latest example is Qa4 14.Qxc3 a5 15.b5 b6 16.c6 Nc5 17.Be2 Re8 18.0-0 Bg4 19.Bd1 Ne4 20.Qb2 Qc4 21.Be2 Qc5 22.Rc1± Bacrot,E (2709)-Korchnoi,V (2566)/EU-chT Novi Sad/2009/]

[In the future Black should possibly have a closer look at Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'In the future Black should possibly have a closer look at'' 9...Bxc3+!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bd3

A) 11...Qxc5 12.0-0 b6 13.c4! Bb7 14.cxd5 *(14.Qa4!?)* 14...Qxd5 15.e4 *(15.Bc4±)* 15...Qe6 16.Be3 Nc5 *(16...Rfc8=)* 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.Re1 Rad8 19.e5 Qg4 20.h3 Bxf3 21.hxg4 Bxd1 22.Rexd1 Nxg4 23.Rxc5 Rfe8 24.Be2 Van der Sterren,P (2535)-Winants,L (2515)/NED-chT/1992/ Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Nxe5 26.Ba4 Nd3 27.Rc7 Re1+ 28.Kh2 g6 29.f3 Ne5⇄;

B) 11...Ne4!? 12.0-0 Ndxc5 13.Bb1 Na4 *(13...Bg4⇄; 13...Re8!?)* 14.c4 Bg4?! *(⩲14...Be6!=)* 15.Qxd5 Qxd5 16.cxd5 Bxf3 17.Be7! Nec3 18.Bxf8 Bxd5 1/2, Novikov,I (2545)-Blatny,P (2495)/Budapest/1991/ 19.Bb4 Ne2+ 20.Kh1 Nxc1 21.Rxc1±]

10.Qxd5 Nxc3

[10...Bxc3+ (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris 11.bxc3 Ndxc5 *(11...Nxc3? 12.Qd2)* 12.Qe5+ Be6 13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.Nd4±]

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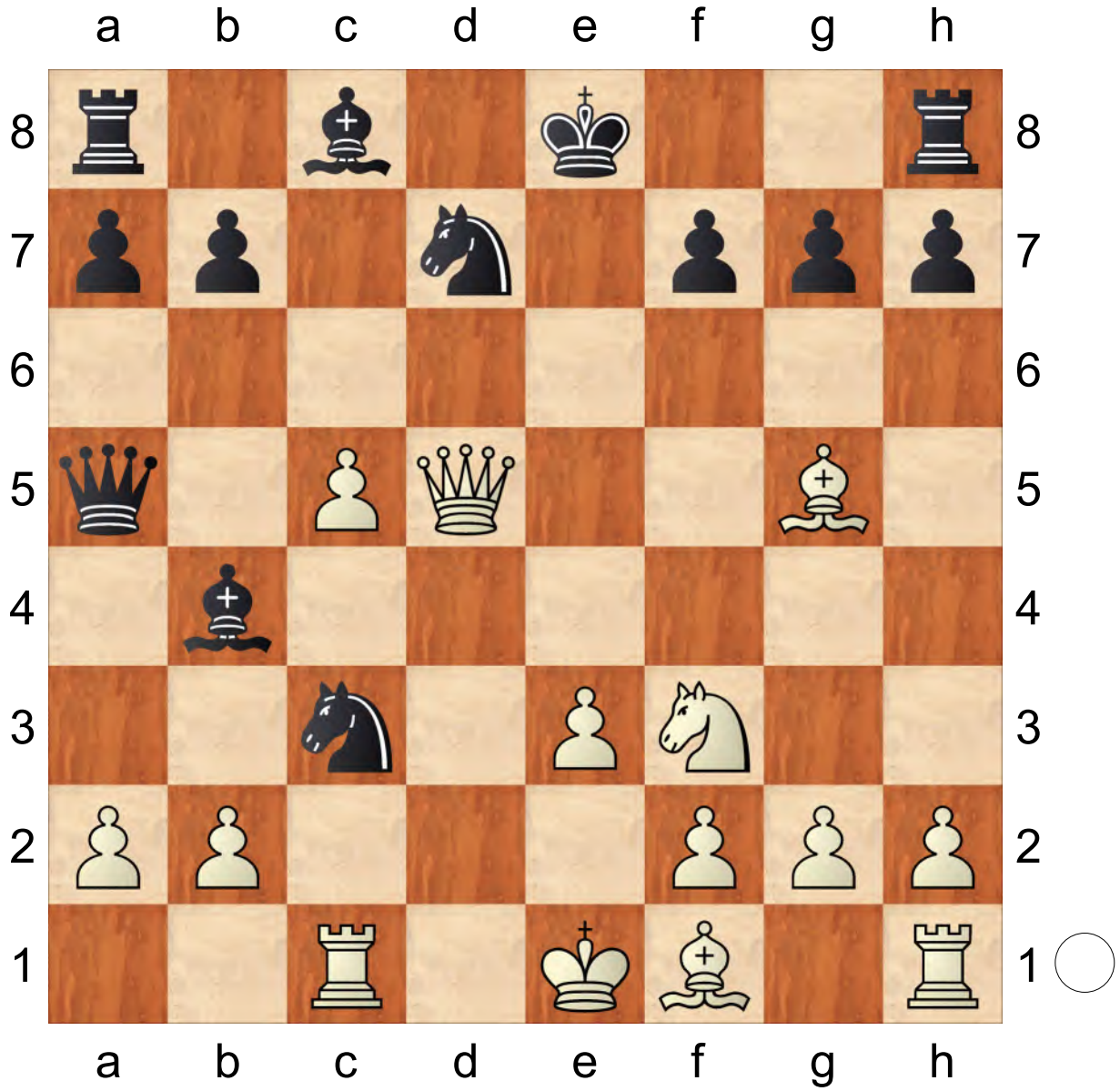
11.bxc3 Bxc3+ 12.Kd1! □ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!' Stohl,I: '□" '!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!' Stohl,I: ' □' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!' Stohl: ' □"' '!' 'Stohl,I: '!' Stohl,I: '□" '!"

[12.Nd2? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 0-0↑]



12...0-0

[12...Nf6? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 13.Qc4 Bb4 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qb5+ Bd7 16.Qxa5 Bxa5 17.Nd4± Danner,G (2408)-Fletcher,J/ECC Saint Vincent/2005/]

13.Bc4 Nf6 Ftacnik: 'N' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'Ftacnik: 'N''' ' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl, I:'Stohl,I: 'Ftacnik: 'N'' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'Ftacnik: 'N'''' 'Ftacnik: 'N''' '

[The tactical complications after Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'The tactical complications after'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'The tactical complications after' Stohl,I: 'The tactical complications after Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'The tactical complications after'''' 13...Nxc5 '?!' Ftacnik. Notkin,Maksim: '!?' '!?' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '(Stohl,I) '?!' Ftacnik. '' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '(Stohl,I) '?!' Ftacnik. ' Stohl,I: '(Stohl,I) '?!' Ftacnik. Van Delft/Ris: '?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ''?!' Ftacnik. '''' 14.Be7 seem to favour White: Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'seem to favour White:'' Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'seem to favour White:' Stohl,I: 'seem to favour White: Van Delft/

Ris: 'Stohl: 'seem to favour White:""

A) 14...Bb4 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' 15.Bxf8 Be6

A1) 16.Qe5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" Rxf8 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Rc2 Notkin,Maksim: '=' '=' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '=" *(18.Rxc5? Qxa2!→)* 18...Rf5 19.Qb8+ Rf8 20.Qe5=;

A2) 16.Qd4!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?' Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!?"" 16...Rxf8 17.Ke2± Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' ±"" Rd8 18.Qh4 b5 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Rc2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: ' ±' Van Delft/Ris: 'Novikov-Schulte, Edmonton 2000.'" Qa3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" 21.Rd1 Rxd1 22.Kxd1± Novikov,I (2611)-Schulte,O (2392)/Edmonton/2000*{*

B) 14...Be6 15.Qxc5 Qa4+ 16.Bb3 Bxb3+ 17.axb3 Qxb3+ 18.Ke2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: '+-' Van Delft/Ris: 'Novikov-Tischbierek, Copenhagen 1991.'" Qb2+! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" *(18...Rac8* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" *19.Qf5 Rfe8 20.Rhd1 g6 21.Qd7 b5 22.Nd2 Qb2 23.Kf1* 1-0, Novikov,I (2545)-Tischbierek, R (2500) */Copenhagen/1991/* Ftacnik: '1-0/Novikov,I-Tischbierek,R/Copenhagen op/1991/'*; 18...Rfc8* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" *19.Qf5±; 18...Qa2+* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" *19.Kf1±)* 19.Kd3 Rfc8 20.Qd5! Δ♖c2, ♗c5 *(20.Rc2? Qxc2+ 21.Kxc2 Bb4!! 22.Qxc8+ Rxc8+ 23.Kb3 Bxe7-+* Mikhalchishin,A (2465)-Plachetka,J (2465)/Kecskemet/1983*/)* 20...Ba5!? Plachetka *(20...Bb4 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Bxb4 Qc2+ 23.Kd4 Qb2+ 24.Ke4 Qxb4+ 25.Nd4+-)*

B1) 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Ke4! *(22.Qxa5? Qc2+ 23.Kd4 Rc4+-+; 22.Nd4 Qd2+! 23.Ke4 Qxf2∓)* 22...Qc2+ 23.Kf4 Bc7+ 24.Kg4 Qxf2 25.g3±;

B2) 21.Rc5 Rxc5! *(21...Rd8?! 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Rxa5! Rxd5+ 24.Rxd5+-)* 22.Qxc5 Qb3+ Stohl,I: '=' Notkin,Maksim: '=' '=' '=' '=' Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '=' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '=" '=" 23.Ke4 *(23.Ke2 Qb2+ 24.Kd3 Qb3+=)* 23...Bb6 24.Qd5 Qc2+ 25.Kf4 Qxf2 26.Qxb7 *(26.Qd2 Qxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Bxe3+ 28.Kxe3 Re8=)* 26...Re8∞;

B3) 21.Qe5!? Qb3+ 22.Ke4 Δ♔f4-g3 Bc3 23.Nd4 Δ Bxd4 24.exd4 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Qb2 26.Rc7 Qxf2 *(26...Qe2+ 27.Kd5 Qa2+ 28.Kd6±)* 27.Kd3↑]

14.Bxf6

[Time is important; the text move is simpler than 14.Qd3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I'

A) 14...Rd8 15.Nd4 Bg4+ 16.Kc2? *(⌓16.f3 Bxd4 17.exd4 Be6 18.Ke2±)* 16...Bb4 17.Kb1 Bh5 18.Ka1 Bg6 19.Qb3 Bxc5 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rhd1 Ba3↑ Hefty Hilardo,J (2335)-Baron Rodriguez,J (2407)/ESP-chT/2006*{*

B) 14...Bb2 15.Rc2 *(15.Bxf6!? Bxf6 16.Ke2±)* 15...Bg4 16.Ke2 *(16.Qb3 Ne4!? 17.Qxb2 Nxg5⩱)* 16...Be5 17.h3 Bh5 18.Qb3±]

14...Bxf6 15.Ke2 b5!?N

[15...Bg4 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" White can fight for an advantage: Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'White can fight for an advantage:" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'White can fight for an advantage:' Stohl,I: 'White can fight for an advantage: Van

Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'White can fight for an advantage:'"'

A) 16.c6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl"' Qb6!? *(16...Qxd5 17.Bxd5 bxc6 18.Rxc6 Rab8 19.Rhc1±* leads to a better version of the ⊥ in Novikov-Serper. *)* 17.Bb3 *(17.Bd3!?)* 17...Be6 18.Qc5 Qa6+ 19.Bc4±;

B) 16.Qxb7!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl"' Rab8 17.Qe4 Bh5 18.Bb3 Bb2 19.c6 Bxc1 20.Rxc1⩲;

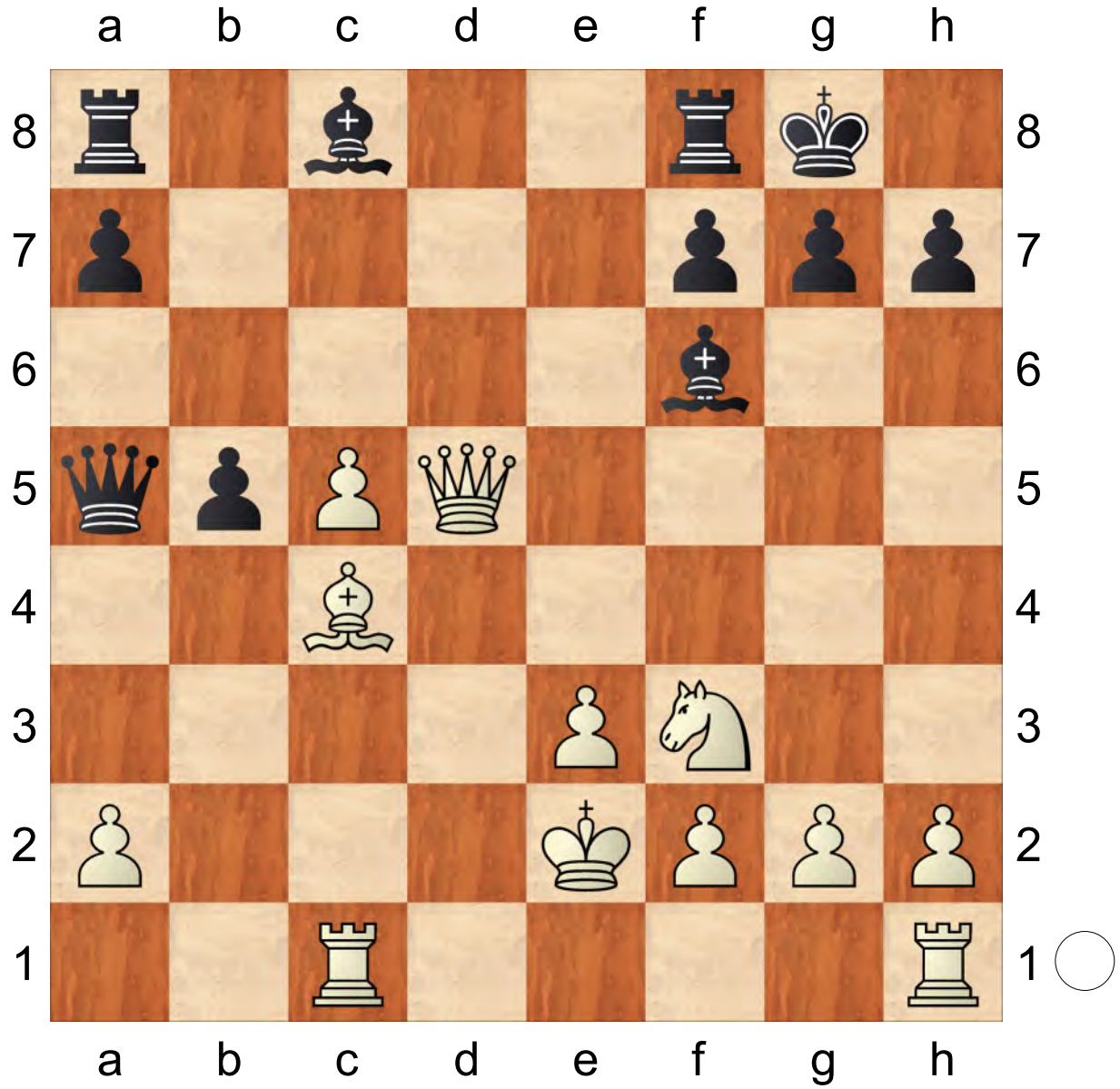
C) 16.Rhd1 Rac8 *(16...Rad8* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl"' *17.Qxb7 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Qxc5 19.Qb3±)* 17.c6 *(17.Qxb7* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl"' *Rxc5⇄)* 17...Qxd5 18.Bxd5 bxc6 19.Rxc6 Rxc6 20.Bxc6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: '±' Van Delft/Ris: 'Novikov-Serper, Moscow 1991.'"' Rb8 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl"' 21.a4 Rb2+ 22.Kf1 Ra2 23.Rb1 Ra1! 24.Rxa1 Bxa1 25.Nd4 Kf8 26.f3 Bc8 27.Ke2 Ke7 28.Kd3 Kd6 29.Bb5 f6± /=, Novikov,I (2550)-Serper,G (2490)/ URS-ch Moscow/1991/]

[15...Be6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 16.Qe4 Bxc4+ 17.Qxc4 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl, I: 'Van Delft/Ris: ' ±'" Rac8 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl"' 18.Rhd1±]

(Diagram)

Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'N!?'' ' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'N!?' Van Delft/Ris: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Like in th e Vienna, Kramnik opts for an almost forgotten line against the Ragozin. 8. dxc5!? leaves main stream theory which starts with 8.Bd3. In the beginning of the 1990s GM Igor Novikov made some good efforts for White, but the line never caught on. Until move 15 the players followed the game Novikov-Serper where Black drew after having suffered an ending a pawn down. Ponomariov's 15...b5!? doesn't only improve on Serper's play, but even sharpens the battle. With the white K stuck in the centre, Black doesn't hesitate sacrificing some extra material. Both players committed some serious errors, almost literally changing the evaluation of the position each move. Had Pono played 17...Bb2 18. Rc2 g6, there wouldn't be anything to worry about for him. Kramnik could have gone for the brilliancy prize, had he played the simple 19.Qxh7 followed by a fantastic rush of his K to g4! Finally he won a classic ending that is nicely explained on the ChessVibes site by GM Reinderman. Stohl: 'N!?'" 'N!?'' An ambitious novelty, but it doesn't completely solve Black's problems. However, even after Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'An ambitious novelty, but it doesn't completely solve Black's problems. However, even after'' ' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'An ambitious novelty, but it doesn't completely solve Black's problems. However, even after' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'An ambitious novelty, but it doesn't completely solve Black's problems. However, even after'" 'An ambitious novelty, but it doesn't completely solve Black's problems. However, even after'' ' **16.c6** Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!'

[White also wants more than the simple Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'White also wants



more than the simple'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'White also wants more than the simple' Stohl,I: 'White also wants more than the simple Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'White also wants more than the simple''' 16.cxb6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I''

A) 16...Qxd5 Notkin,Maksim 17.Bxd5 Ba6+ 18.Bc4 axb6 19.a4! *(19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rc2 Rfa8)* 19...Bb2 20.Rc2 Rfc8 21.Nd2±;

B) 16...Qxb6?! Notkin,Maksim 17.Rb1;

C) 16...axb6± Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '±'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '±' '±' Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '±''' Now the game becomes very complex with the tension growing fast. Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Now the game becomes very complex with the tension growing fast.'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Now the game becomes very complex with the tension growing fast.' Stohl,I: 'Now the game becomes very complex with the tension growing fast. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'Now the game becomes very complex with the tension growing fast.'''' 17.Rhd1

Notkin,Maksim *(17.Qxa5* (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris *Rxa5 18.Rhd1 Ba6)*]
[16.Qxa8?! Notkin,Maksim Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris'' bxc4 17.Qe4 c3⩱]
[16.Bb3 Notkin,Maksim Ba6! *(16...Be6 17.Qe4 Rae8 18.Qc2 b4 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Qc4 Bc3 21.Rhd1±)* 17.Ne5 *(17.Rhd1?! b4+ 18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Qe4 Qxa2+ 20.Rc2 Qa5; 17.Rc2?! b4+ 18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Qe4 Rfe8 20.Qf4 Qxc5; 17.Nd4?! Rad8 18.Qf5 b4+ 19.Kf3 Bxd4 20.exd4 Rxd4 ɣf3; 17.Ng5 Rad8 18.Qf5 b4+ 19.Kf3 Bb7+ 20.Kg3 Qc7+ 21.f4 Bxg5 22.Qxg5 Rd2 23.Rc2 Rfd8↑; 17.Kf1 Rad8 18.Qf5 b4+ 19.Kg1 Bd3 20.e4∞ ɣh1)* 17...b4+ 18.Kf3□ Rad8 19.Nd7 Bc3 (Δ Bb5) 20.Rhd1 *(20.c6 Bb5 21.e4 Qa6! 22.Qf5 g6 23.Qf4 Bxc6 24.Nxf8 Rd3+ 25.Kg4 Qc8+ 26.Ne6 Bd7!→)* 20...Bb5 21.Qb7 Bxd7 22.Rxd7 Qxc5=]

16...Ba6

[16...Rb8 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 17.Qc5↑]

17.Qf5!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!?''' '!?' '!?''

[17.Rhd1 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' Bc3!

A) 18.Qd3! Notkin,Maksim Bb2 *(18...bxc4 19.Qxc3±)* 19.Ng5 g6 20.Bxf7+ Rxf7 21.Nxf7

A1) 21...Bxc1? 22.Nh6+ Kf8 23.Qd6+ Kg7 24.Qe7+! Kxh6 25.Qh4+ Kg7 26.Rd7+;

A2) 21...Qxa2? 22.Nh6+ Kg7 *(22...Kh8 23.Qd2)* 23.Qd7+ Kxh6 24.Qh3+ Kg7 25.Rd7+ Kf8 26.Kf1!! Bxc1 27.Qh6+! *(27.Qxh7 Bb2! 28.Qh6+ Ke8 29.Qxg6+ Kf8 30.g4 Re8=)* 27...Ke8 28.Qxh7 Qc4+ 29.Kg1+-;

A3) 21...Kxf7? 22.Qb3+;

A4) 21...b4 22.Rc4 Kxf7 23.c7 Bf6∞ *(23...Rc8? 24.Qd7+ Kf8 25.Qxc8+! Bxc8 26.Rd8+ Ke7 27.Rxc8+-)*;

B) 18.Bd3 Rad8 19.Qc5 *(19.Qe4 Rxd3 20.Rxd3 b4↑* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '↑'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '↑' '↑'' *)* 19...Rxd3 20.Rxd3 Qxa2+ 21.Rd2

B1) 21...b4+ Notkin,Maksim 22.Ke1 Qb3!? 23.c7 Bxd2+ 24.Nxd2 Qd3 25.Rc4 *(25.Nc4? b3)* 25...Rc8 *(25...Bxc4? 26.Qxf8+ Kxf8 27.c8Q+ Ke7 28.Qxc4)* 26.Qxb4 h5 *(26...Bxc4 27.Nxc4 a5 28.Qb7 Qc3+ 29.Kd1 Qd3+ 30.Ke1=)* 27.Qb8 Kh7 28.Kd1 Rxb8 29.cxb8Q Bxc4∓;

B2) 21...Bxd2 22.Nxd2 b4+ 23.Ke1 Qa3 24.Qc2 b3!?⇄]

[17.Bb3? Notkin,Maksim b4+ 18.Ke1 Qa3!-+ *(18...Bc3+)*]

[17.Bd3? Notkin,Maksim Rad8 18.Qb3 Rxd3! 19.Kxd3 b4+ 20.Kc2 Qf5+-+]

[17.Qc5 Notkin,Maksim Be7]

17...Qa3? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?' '?''

[⌓17...Bb2! Notkin,Maksim: '!?' '!?'

A) 18.Ng5?! Notkin,Maksim Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris'' g6 19.Bxf7+ *(19.Qh3* Notkin,Maksim *h5)* 19...Kh8 20.Qf4 b4+ 21.Kf3 Be5 *(21...Rae8)* 22.Qe4 *(22.Qh4? Qd5+)* 22...Rae8;

B) 18.Rc2 g6 Δ 19.Qc5 *(19.Qg5* Notkin,Maksim *Qa3 20.Bxb5? Rab8*

21.Bc4 Qa4-+) 19...Ba3 20.Qg5 Be7! Notkin,Maksim: '∞' '∞' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '=" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '=' '=" 21.Qe5 *(21.Qxe7 bxc4∓)* 21...Bd6 22.Qg5 Be7=]

[17...Rad8 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" 18.c7! Rd6 *(18...Rd7 19.a4!? Rxc7 20.Bd3 Rd8 21.Rxc7 Qxc7 22.axb5±; 18...Qxc7??* Notkin,Maksim: '?' '?' Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '??" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '??' '??" *19.Bd3*+- Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-' '+-" *)*

A) 19.Bxf7+ Notkin,Maksim Kxf7! *(19...Rxf7 20.c8Q+ Bxc8 21.Rxc8+ Rf8 22.Rxf8+ Kxf8 23.Rc1!)* 20.Ng5+ Ke7 21.Qe4+ Kd7 22.Qf5+ Ke7;

B) 19.Rhd1 Notkin,Maksim: '±' '±' 19...Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Qxc7 21.Bd3±]

[17...Rfd8 Notkin,Maksim 18.Rhd1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Qc3 20.Bxf7+! Kxf7 21.Ng5+ Kf8 22.Rd6!+- Qe5 23.Nxh7+ Kf7 24.Ng5+ Kf8 25.Rxf6+! gxf6 26.Ne6+ Ke7 27.Qh7+! Kxe6 28.Qd7# #]

[17...g6!? Notkin,Maksim 18.Qxf6 bxc4

A) 19.Qc3 Qd5 20.c7 *(20.Nd4 Qxg2⇄)* 20...Rac8 21.Rhd1 Qe6 22.Kf1 Rxc7⇄;

B) 19.Ne5 c3+ 20.Kf3 Rae8 21.Nd7 Re6 22.Qd4 Rxc6! 23.Nf6+ *(23.Nxf8? Rc4-+)* 23...Kh8 24.Nd5+ f6 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Nxc3 Qh5+ 27.Kg3 Qg5+=;

C) 19.Nd4 Rae8 *(19...c3+ 20.Kf3 Rae8 21.Kg3)* 20.h4 *(20.Kf3? Re6! 21.Qf4 Kg7! Δ* Rf6 *)* 20...c3+ 21.Kf3 Re6 22.Qf4 Bd3∞ *(22...Kg7 23.Kg3 Rf6 24.Qg5)*]

18.Bd3

[18.Bxb5?? Notkin,Maksim Qb2+]

18...Rfd8 19.c7?! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?!' Van Delft/Ris: '?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '?!"' '?!' '?!" Kramnik repays the tactical favour from move 17 - a situation, which will arise even later in the game. Notkin, Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'Kramnik repays the tactical favour from move 17 - a situation, which will arise even later in the game.'' ' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik repays the tactical favour from move 17 - a situation, which will arise even later in the game.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'Kramnik repays the tactical favour from move 17 - a situation, which will arise even later in the game.'" 'Kramnik repays the tactical favour from move 17 - a situation, which will arise even later in the game." '

[⌓19.Qxh7+ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I' Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' ⌓"" Kf8 20.c7 Δ Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Δ" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: ' Δ' Stohl,I: 'Δ Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' Δ"" Qxa2+ *(20...Rd6* (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris *21.Rhd1 Rc8 22.Nh4 g6 23.Bxg6! Qxa2+ 24.Rc2 b4+ 25.Kf3 Bb7+ 26.Kg4+-; 20...Rxd3* (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris *21.Qxd3 b4 22.c8Q++-)* 21.Kf1! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!"" *(21.Rc2?* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?" Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?' '?' Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '?"" *Qxc2+* Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: '!"' *22.Bxc2 b4+ 23.Bd3* Notkin,Maksim Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris" *Bxd3+ 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.Kxd3 Rc8* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '=" *26.Rc1 Bc3; 21.Nd2* Notkin,Maksim *Rxd3 22.Qxd3*

b4 23.c8Q+ Bxc8⩱)

A) 21...Rdc8 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" 22.Be4 b4+ 23.Kg1 Bb7 24.Bxb7 Rxc7 25.Re1±;

B) 21...Rxd3 Notkin,Maksim 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxa8+- Rc3 24.Qd8+ Ke6 25.Rxc3 Qa1+ *(25...b4+ 26.Rd3 Qb1+ 27.Ne1)* 26.Ke2 Qxc3 27.Rb1;

C) 21...Re8 22.Qh8+ *(22.g3!?* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" *g6 23.Kg2 Bb7 24.Rhd1±)* 22...Ke7 23.Qh5→ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '→""]

19...Qxa2+ 20.Nd2

[20.Rc2? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Qxc2+ 21.Bxc2 b4+∓]

[20.Ke1 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Qa5+!? *(20...Rxd3 21.Qxd3 b4 22.Qd2 Qa5 23.Nd4±)* 21.Nd2 Rxd3 22.Qxd3 Rc8 23.f4 b4 24.Qd6 Bc3 25.Kf2∞ is similar to the game continuation. However, one can understand that White instinctively wants to keep his ♖♖ connected.]

[20.Kf1? Notkin,Maksim Rxd3 21.Qxd3 b4 22.Kg1□ *(22.c8Q+ Rxc8 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8-+)* 22...Rc8∓]

20...Rxd3!

[20...b4? Notkin,Maksim 21.cxd8Q+ Rxd8 22.Bxa6 Qxa6+ *(22...Rxd2+ 23.Ke1)* 23.Nc4 Bc3 24.Qf4 Rc8 25.Rhd1 g6 26.Rd7+-]

(Diagram)

Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!"' '!' '!" Black doesn't give his opponent a second chance to take on h7. Notkin, Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'Black doesn't give his opponent a second chance to take on h7. " ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'Black doesn't give his opponent a second chance to take on h7. ' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'Black doesn't give his opponent a second chance to take on h7. "' 'Black doesn't give his opponent a second chance to take on h7. " '

21.Qxd3

[21.Kxd3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" b4+ 22.Ke4□ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '□" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: ' □' '□' Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' □"" *(22.Nc4?* Notkin,Maksim *Bxc4+ 23.Rxc4 Qb3+)* 22...Qxd2 23.c8Q+ Rxc8 24.Rxc8+ Bd8!↑ Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '↑!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '↑!' '↑!' Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' ↑!"" *(24...Bxc8* Notkin,Maksim *25.Qxc8+ Bd8 26.Ra1! b3 27.Rb1! f5+ 28.Ke5)* 25.Kf3 Notkin,Maksim Bxc8 26.Qxc8 Qd5+=]

21...b4 22.Kf3 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: '!"'

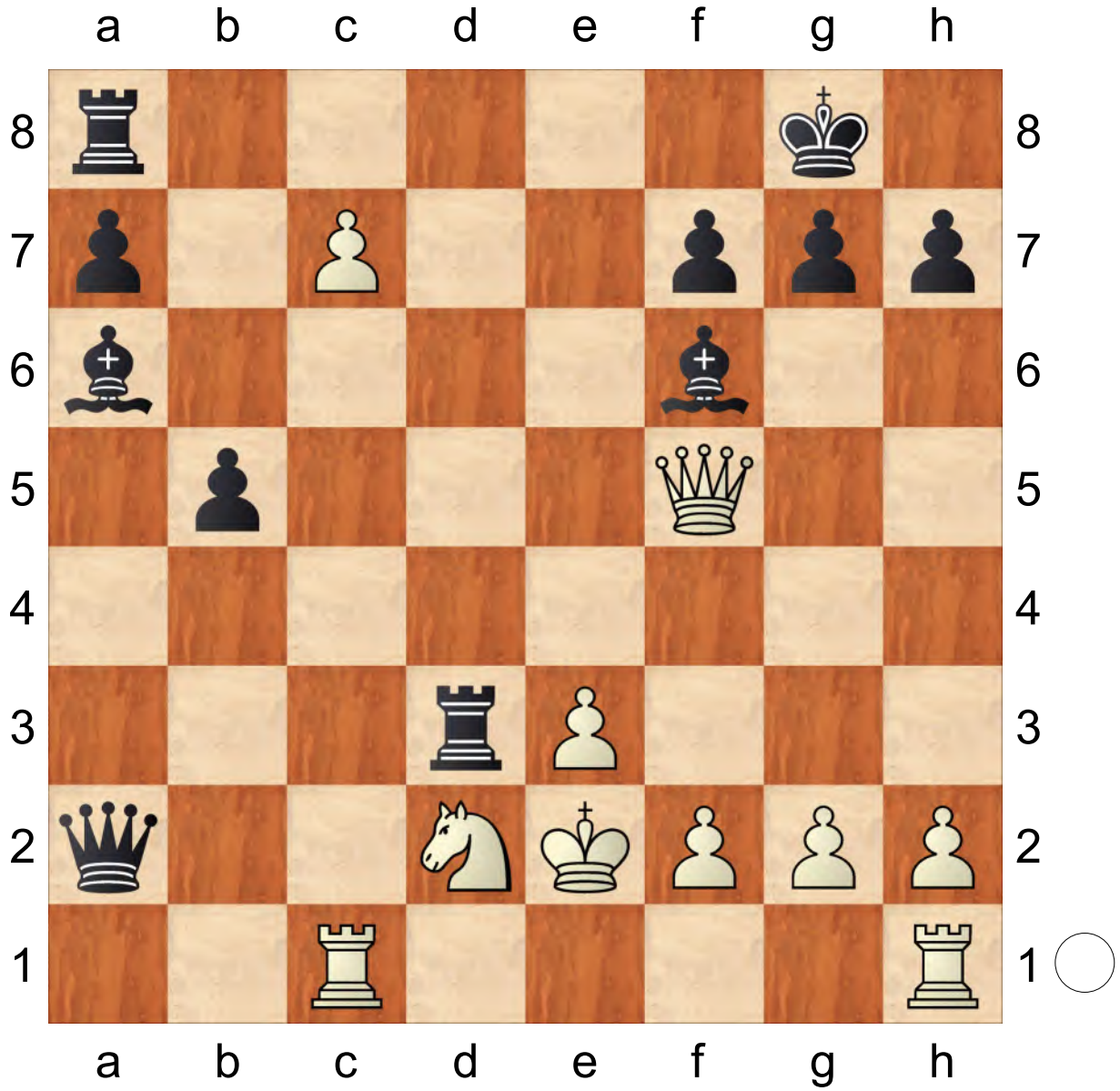
[22.Rc4 Notkin,Maksim Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Qxc4+ 24.Nxc4 Rc8]

[22.c8Q+?! (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris Bxc8]

22...Bb7+

[22...Qa5!? Notkin,Maksim: '⏢' '⏢' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?"

A) 23.Qd7 Qh5+ and playing for a win with 24.g4 Qh3+ is very risky;



B) 23.Qd6 Notkin,Maksim

B1) 23...Bc3 24.e4! Qh5+ 25.g4 Qh3+ 26.Qg3 Qh6 *(26...Qxg3+ 27.hxg3 Bxd2 28.Ra1!* Δ Rhd1+- *)* 27.Nb3±;

B2) 23...Bb7+ 24.e4 *(24.Ke2 Ba6+ 25.Ke1 Rf8∞)* 24...Qa3+ 25.Ke2 *(25.Kf4 Re8∞)* 25...Ba6+ 26.Rc4!

B2a) 26...Bxc4+ 27.Nxc4 Qa2+ 28.Nd2 Qe6 *(28...Qc2 29.Ra1!)* 29.Qxb4±;

B2b) 26...Qa5! (Δ Be5) 27.Ke3 Qa3+ 28.Kf4 Bxc4 29.Nxc4 Qa2 30.Qc5 Rc8∞;

C) 23.Qe4 Rc8⩱ Notkin,Maksim: '∞' '∞' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⩱" Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: ' ⩱' '⩱" 24.Rhd1 Notkin,Maksim Qh5+ 25.Kg3 Qg5+= 26.Qg4? Qxg4+ 27.Kxg4 Be2+]

[22...Bxd3? (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris 23.c8Q+]

23.Kg3

[23.Ne4 Notkin,Maksim: '!?' '!?' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' Qe6 *(23...Re8? Notkin,Maksim 24.Kg3)* 24.Qc4 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' *(24.Kg3 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxe4 26.c8Q+ Bd8⩱)* 24...Bc3 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' *(24...Qf5+? Notkin,Maksim 25.Ke2)* 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Rhd1 Rf8+

A) 27.Kg4! Notkin,Maksim Bxe4 28.Rd8 Bb7 29.Rcd1 Bf6 *(29...b3? 30.Rb8 Bc8 31.Rd8)* 30.f4 *(30.Rxf8+? Kxf8 31.Rd8+ Ke7 32.c8Q Bxc8 33.Rxc8 b3; 30.Rb8 Bc8 31.Rxb4 h5+!∓)* 30...b3 *(30...Kf7 31.R1d7+ Be7 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Rd8+ Kf7 34.Rb8 Ba6 35.c8Q Bxc8 36.Rxc8 Bd6 37.Kf3±)* 31.e4 e5 32.f5 Δ Bb8±;

B) 27.Ke2!? Bxe4 28.Rd8 Bb7 29.Kd3 a5 *(29...Kf7 30.Kc4 Ke7 31.Rxf8 Kxf8 32.Rd1±)* 30.Kc4 a4 31.Rcd1 Ba6+ 32.Kc5 Be5 33.Ra8! Bxc7 34.Rxa6±]

[23.e4!? Notkin,Maksim Qa5 (Δ Bc3) *(23...Qa3 24.Qxa3 bxa3 25.Rb1 Bb2 26.Nc4 f5 27.Rhd1+-; 23...Qe6 24.Qb5)* 24.Qd7 Bc3 *(24...Qa3+ 25.Ke2 Ba6+ 26.Kd1)* 25.Rxc3!? *(25.c8Q+ Rxc8 26.Qxb7 Qh5+ 27.Ke3 Qg5+ 28.f4 Bxd2+ 29.Kxd2 Qxf4+ 30.Kd3 Rd8+ 31.Kc4±)* 25...bxc3 26.Rb1! Qh5+ 27.g4 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Ba6+ 29.Kd1 Rf8 30.Rb8 g6 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Qd6+ Kg7 33.Qxa6 Qxg4+ 34.f3 Qd7 35.Qe2± cxd2? 36.Qc4+-]

23...h5

[23...Qa5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 24.f4 Rc8 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'' 25.Rhd1± Δ Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '±' Stohl,I: 'Δ'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '±' '±' Stohl,I: 'Δ'

A) 25...h5 Notkin,Maksim 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Rxc7 *(27...Bc3 28.Rd7)* 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qxb4+-;

B) 25...Rxc7? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?' '?'' 26.Nb3 Notkin,Maksim: '+-' '+-']

[23...Qe6 Notkin,Maksim 24.f3 Rc8 25.Kf2 Bc6± *(25...Qe7 26.Qb5; 25...Qb6 26.Nc4! Qxc7 27.Nd6 Qd7 28.Nxb7!)*]

24.h3 White doesn't need this move. Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'White doesn't need this move.'' ' Notkin,Maksim: ''Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'White doesn't need this move.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'White doesn't need this move.'' 'White doesn't need this move.'' '

[⌓24.f4 Notkin,Maksim: '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓' '⌓' Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I Van Delft/Ris: '!'' Qe6 Notkin,Maksim *(24...h4+* (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris *25.Kf2 h3 26.Rhd1 hxg2 27.Qb5!)* 25.Kf2! *(25.h3 Rc8)* 25...Bh4+ *(25...Rc8±)* 26.g3! Bxh1 27.gxh4 Bb7 28.Qd8+ Qe8 29.Qxe8+ Rxe8 30.Nc4 Re6 31.Na5 Bc8 32.Nc6±]

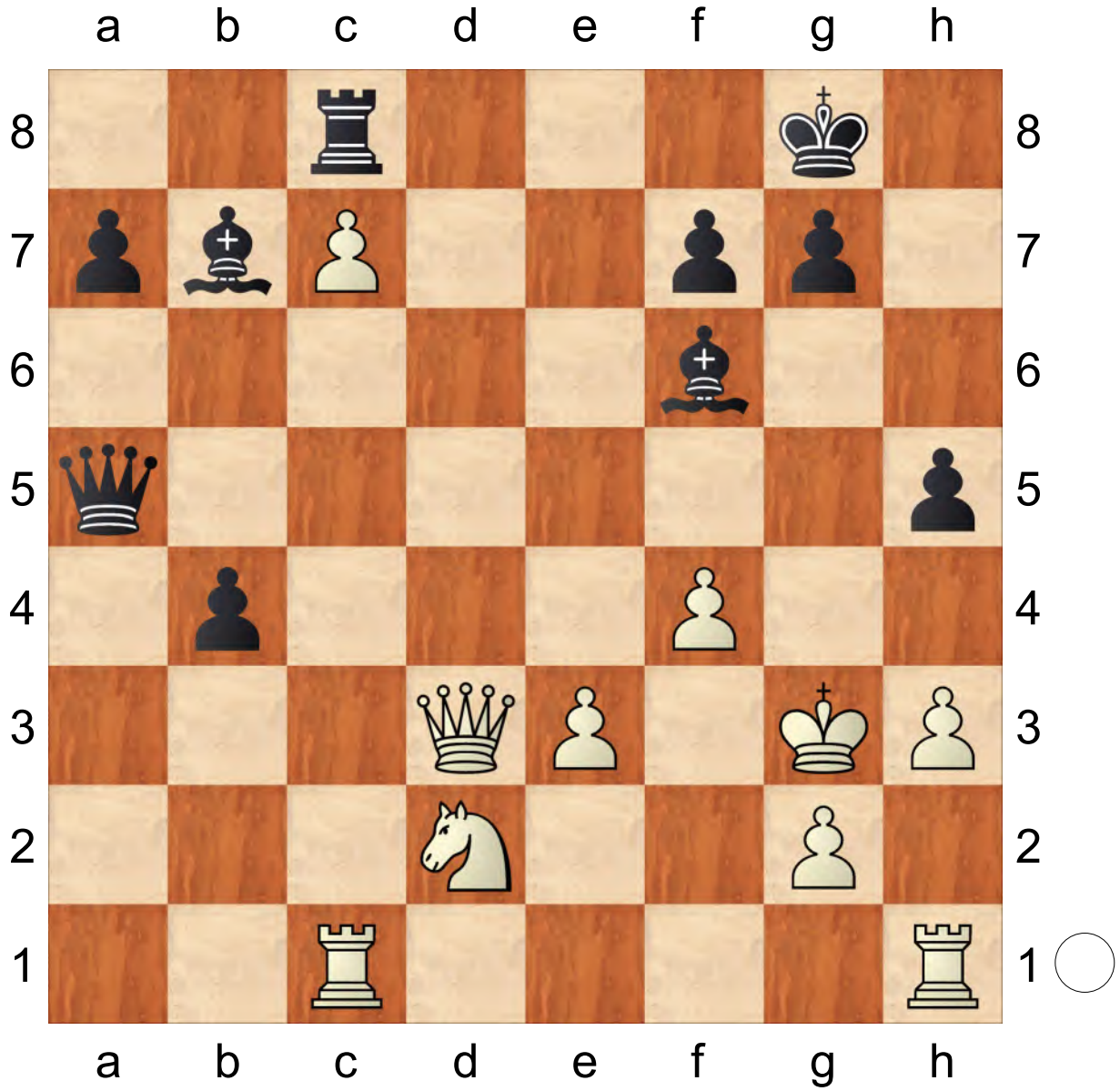
[24.f3!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I']

24...Qa5 25.f4

[25.Ne4 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' h4+ 26.Kh2 Be5+ 27.f4 Bxc7⇄]

25...Rc8

(Diagram)



26.Nc4!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!?'" '!?' '!?"

[26.Qd7 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Bc3 27.Ne4 Qxc7 28.Qxc7 Rxc7 29.Nxc3 bxc3 30.Rhd1 f5⩱ *(30...Be4!?∓* and already White has to fight for a draw. *)*]

[26.Rhd1 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Rxc7 27.Ne4 Be7⩱]

26...Qa6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: '?'"

[⌓26...Qxc7 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: ' ⌓' '⌓' Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' ⌓"" 27.Nd6 Qd8 Notkin,Maksim: ' ± ' '±' 28.Kh2± Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl'" *(28.Rxc8* (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris *Bxc8 29.Qc4)*]

[26...Qb5 (Notkin,Maksim) ✕d7]

27.Ne5?! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '?!'" '?!' '?!"

[27.Qd7! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' b3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl''' *(27...Bc6 28.Qd6±* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '±'''' *Bc3* (Notkin,Maksim) Van Delft/Ris *29.Ne5 Bb7 30.Qxa6 Bxa6 31.Nc6 Kh7 32.Rhd1+-; 27...Qa2* Notkin,Maksim *28.Rhg1)* 28.Rhd1 Δ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Δ'' *(28.Nd6?* Notkin,Maksim *Qe2!-+)* 28...b2 29.Rc2 Bc6 30.Qf5 *(30.Qd6* Notkin,Maksim *Qb7 31.Nxb2 Rxc7 32.Nd3+-)* 30...Rxc7 31.Rxb2±]

27...Qxd3 28.Nxd3 Bc3⩱ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '⩱'' '⩱'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '⩱' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '⩱''' '⩱' 'Stohl,I: '⩱'' '⩱'' **29.Rhd1**

[29.Nxb4? Notkin,Maksim Bxb4 30.Rhd1 Ba5 *(30...Kf8)*]

29...a5

[29...Rxc7? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 30.Nxb4+-]

30.Nc5

[30.Nxb4!? was more circumspect: axb4 *(30...Bxb4?* Notkin,Maksim *31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Rxc8 Bxc8 33.Rd1)* 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Rxc8 Bxc8 33.Rd1 *(33.Kf3 Kg6 34.Ke4 Be6=)* 33...b3 *(33...h4+!?* Notkin,Maksim*)* 34.Rd8 b2 35.Rxc8 Be1+ *(35...b1Q 36.Rh8+ Kxh8 37.c8Q+±* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '±'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: ' ±' '±'' *Kh7* Notkin,Maksim *38.Qxc3±)* 36.Kh2 b1Q 37.Rb8 Bg3+ *(37...Qd3 38.c8Q Bg3+ 39.Kxg3 Qxe3+=)* 38.Kxg3 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 h4 40.c8Q *(40.Rh8+* Notkin,Maksim *Kg6 41.f5+ Kf6 42.c8Q Qg3+ 43.Kg1 Qe1+=)* 40...Qg3+=]

30...Rxc7

(Diagram)

31.Na4 Be4 32.Rd6?⊕ Notkin,Maksim: '?' '?' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '⊕?'' '⊕?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: ' ⊕?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: ' ⊕?''' '⊕?' 'Stohl,I: '⊕?'' '⊕?''

[32.Kf2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' h4⩱]

32...Kh7?⊕ Notkin,Maksim: '?' '?' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '⊕?'' '⊕?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '⊕?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '⊕?''' '⊕?' 'Stohl,I: '⊕?'' '⊕?''

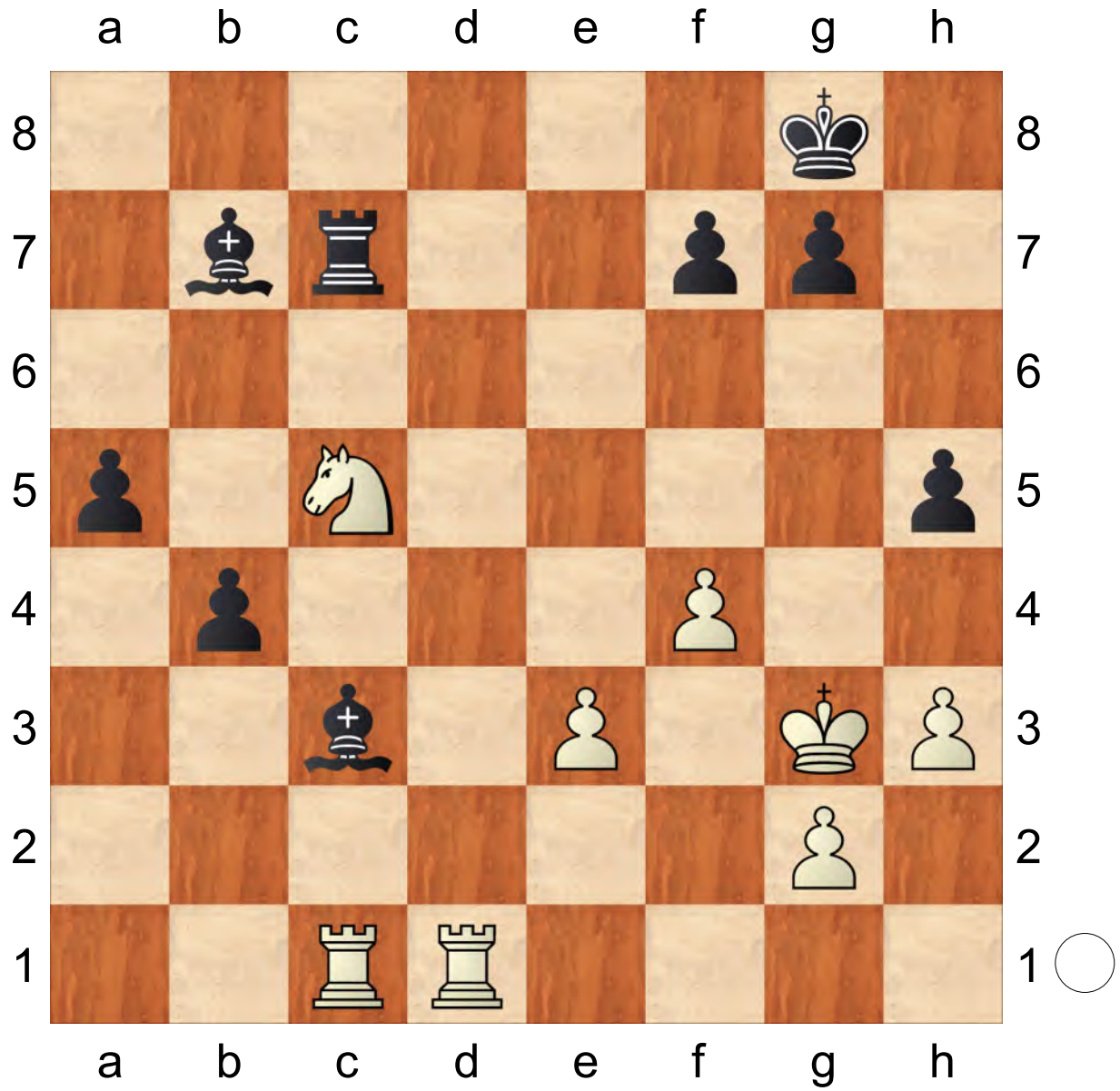
[32...Bc2! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 33.Nxc3 *(33.Rxc2 Be1+-+* Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '-+'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '-+' '-+'' *34.Rf2* Notkin,Maksim *Rc2-+)* 33...Rxc3↑ /∓ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '↑' '↑' Stohl,I: '/∓'' and Black's unleashed ♁ are very dangerous. Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'and Black's unleashed ♁ are very dangerous.'' 34.Rb6 Notkin,Maksim Rc4 *(34...Rxe3+ 35.Kf2 Rc3 36.Rb5 b3 37.Ra1)* 35.Rb8+ Kh7 36.Rb5

A) 36...b3 37.Rxh5+ Kg6 38.Rxa5 b2 39.Rxc2 Rxc2 *(39...b1Q? 40.Rg5+ Kh6 41.Rxc4)* 40.Rb5=;

B) 36...a4 37.Rxc2 Rxc2 38.Rxb4 a3 39.Ra4 a2∓]

33.Ra6 h4+ 34.Kh2! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!''' '!' '!''

[34.Kf2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' Rd7 35.Nxc3 bxc3 36.Rxc3 Rd2+ Notkin,Maksim: '=' '=' 37.Ke1 Rxg2 38.Rxa5 f5= Δ♖g3]



[34.Kxh4? Notkin,Maksim Bf6+]

34...Rd7

[34...f5!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 35.Rxa5 Rc6⩱]

35.Nc5

[35.Rxa5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Rd2 36.Rh5+ Kg8 37.Kg1 Rxg2+ 38.Kf1±]

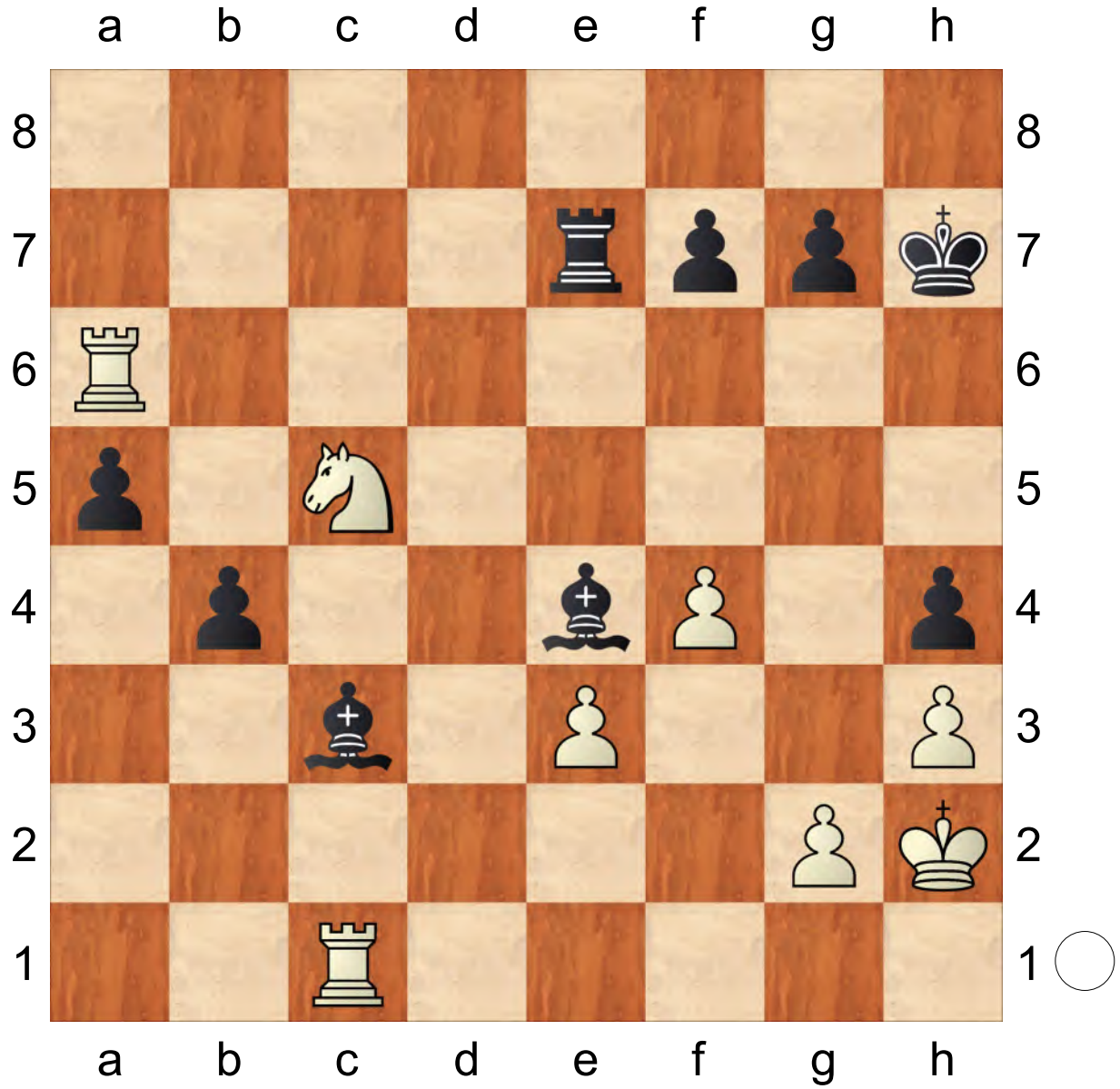
35...Re7

(Diagram)

36.Rxa5

[36.Nxe4 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Rxe4 37.Rxa5 Rxe3 Δ 38.Rh5+ Kg6 39.Rxh4 b3 40.Rg4+ Kf5 41.Rg5+ Kxf4 42.Rb5 b2 43.Rxc3 Rxc3=]

36...Bd2



[36...Bg6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" 37.Na4± Δf5]

37.Rc4 f5?! Notkin,Maksim: '?' '?' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '?!"' '?!' '?!"

[37...b3!? Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?"

A) 38.Rb5 Bc6 *(38...Bd5* Notkin,Maksim *39.Rd4 Bc6)* 39.Rb6 *(39.Rxb3* Notkin,Maksim *Bd5)*

A1) 39...Ba5!? Notkin,Maksim 40.Rxb3 *(40.Rxc6 b2)* 40...Bd5 41.Ra4 Bxb3 42.Rxa5±;

A2) 39...Rxe3 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' 40.Rxc6 *(40.Rxb3?* Notkin,Maksim *Re2; 40.Nxb3* Notkin,Maksim *Be1)* 40...b2 41.Rb6 Be1 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' 42.g3 *(42.Ne4??* Notkin,Maksim *Bg3+ 43.Nxg3 hxg3+ 44.Kg1 Re1# #; 42.Kg1* Notkin,Maksim *Bg3 43.Re4 Rc3 44.Kf1 Rc1+ 45.Ke2 b1Q*

46.Rxb1 Rxb1=) 42...hxg3+ 43.Kh1 Re2 44.Ne4 Rh2+ 45.Kg1 Bf2+ 46.Nxf2 gxf2+ 47.Kf1 b1Q+= *(47...Rh1+* Notkin,Maksim *48.Kxf2 b1Q 49.Rxb1 Rxb1=)*;

B) 38.Nxb3 Bxa5 39.Nxa5 Notkin,Maksim: ' ± ' ' ± ' Re6 40.Rd4 f5 41.Nc4 Rg6 42.Rd2 Rg3≅ ×e3,g2 and I don't see any way for White to convert his extra ♙.]

[37...Bg6? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 38.f5 Bxf5 39.Nb3 Δ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Δ'' Be1 40.Rxf5 Rxe3 41.Rf3+-]

[37...Bf5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 38.Nb3 Be1 39.Rxf5 Rxe3±]

[37...Bc6? Notkin,Maksim 38.Nb3]

[37...Bd5? Notkin,Maksim 38.Rd4]

[37...Bb1!? Notkin,Maksim]

38.Nxe4 fxe4 Notkin,Maksim: '[R 9/o]' **39.Rh5+**

[39.g3!? Notkin,Maksim

A) 39...Rb7? 40.Rh5+

A1) 40...Kg6 41.Rc6+! Kf7 *(41...Kxh5 42.g4# #)* 42.Rf5+;

A2) 40...Kg8 41.Rc8+ Kf7 42.Rf5+ Kg6 *(42...Ke7 43.Rc4 b3 44.Rxe4+ Kd6 45.Rd4+ Ke6 46.Re5+ Kf6 47.Rxd2 b2 48.Rd1+-)* 43.g4 Bxe3 44.Rcf8 Rb6 45.Rh5! (Δ f5#) Bxf4+ 46.Rxf4 b3 47.Rf1 Rc6 48.Kg2+-;

B) 39...b3 40.Rh5+ Kg8 41.Rc8+ Kf7 42.Rf5+ Kg6 43.Rc6+! Kh7 *(43...Kxf5 44.g4# #)* 44.Rb6 Bxe3 45.Rxb3 Bf2⇄]

39...Kg6 40.Rg5+

[40.Rxh4 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I''

A) 40...Rb7 41.Rc8! *(41.Rh8 b3 42.Rc6+ Kf7 43.Rhc8 b2 44.R8c7+ Rxc7 45.Rxc7+ Ke6 46.Rb7 Bc3∓)* 41...Bxe3 *(41...b3? 42.Rf8! Rb5 43.f5+ Rxf5 44.Rb8 Bxe3 45.Rxb3 Rf4 46.Kg3+-)* 42.Rf8 Rf7 43.Rxf7 Kxf7 44.f5 b3 45.Rxe4+-;

B) 40...b3

B1) 41.Rc8!? Notkin,Maksim Bxe3 *(41...b2 42.Rf8 Rf7 43.Rg4+ Kf6 44.Rb8)* 42.Rf8 Rf7 *(42...b2? 43.f5+ Kg5 44.Rg4+ Kh5 45.f6! gxf6 46.Rh8+ Bh6 47.Rgg8!* Δ g4+- *)* 43.Rg4+ Kf6 44.Rb8 Bd4 45.Rxb3 e3=;

B2) 41.Rc6+ Kf7 42.Rb6 Bxe3 43.Rxb3 Bd2⇄ Notkin,Maksim: '=' '=' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⇄'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⇄' '⇄'']

40...Kf6

[40...Kh7 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 41.g4!±]

[40...Kf7!? Notkin,Maksim 41.g3 *(41.g4)*]

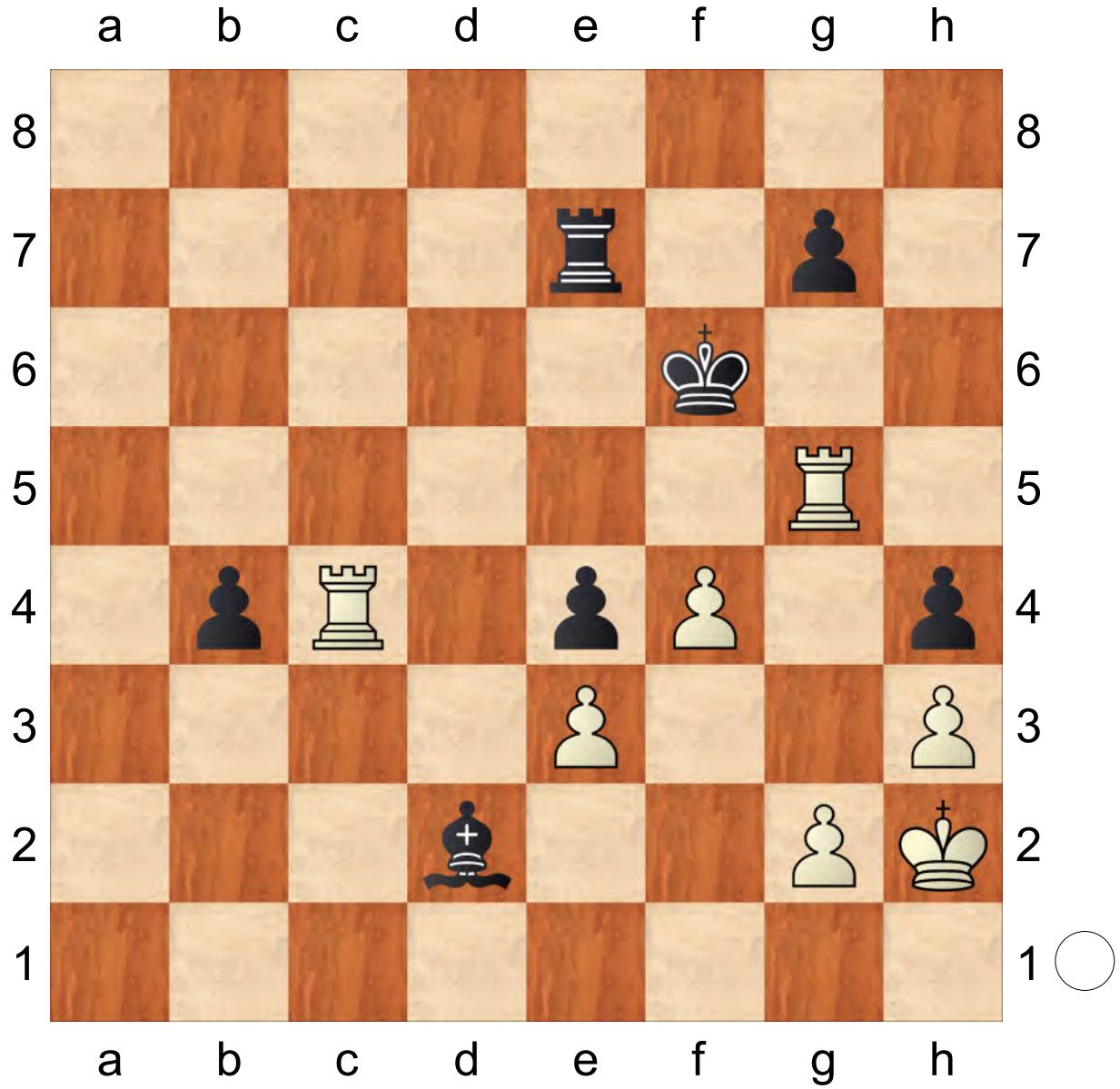
(Diagram)

41.Rc6+

[41.g4! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' hxg3+ 42.Kxg3±]

41...Kf7 42.Rf5+ Kg8

[42...Ke8?! Notkin,Maksim 43.Rc8+ Kd7 44.Rc4]



43.g4

[43.Rc8+!? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' Kh7

A) 44.Rh5+ Notkin,Maksim Kg6 45.Rxh4 b3 *(45...Bxe3 46.Rf8! Rf7 47.Rg4+ Kf6 48.Rxf7+ Kxf7 49.f5 b3 50.Rxe4* Stohl,I: '+-' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-' '+-'' *Bd2 51.Re6 Ba5 52.Re3 b2 53.Rb3 Bc7+ 54.g3 Be5 55.Kg2+-)*

A1) 46.Rb8 Bxe3 47.Rxb3 Bd2 48.Rb6+ Kf5⇄ *(48...Kf7? 49.f5 e3 50.Re6 Rxe6 51.fxe6+ Kxe6 52.Kg1+-)*;

A2) 46.Rf8! Rf7 47.Rb8 Bxe3 48.Kg3 Bd4 49.Rxb3;

B) 44.g4±]

43...Re8!? Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!?''' '!?' '!?''

[43...hxg3+ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 44.Kxg3 Bxe3 45.Rc8+ Kh7

46.Rh5+ Kg6 47.Kg4! ∆ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!' Stohl,I: '∆" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!' '!' Stohl,I: '∆" b3 48.Rf8+-]
[43...Bxe3 Notkin,Maksim 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.Rh5+ Kg6 46.Rf8]

44.Re5

[44.Rb6 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Bxe3 45.Rxb4 Bd2⇄]

44...Rb8

[44...Rxe5 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" 45.fxe5 Bxe3

A) 46.Rc4 Notkin,Maksim

A1) 46...b3 47.e6 Kf8 *(47...Bf4+ 48.Kg2 b2 49.e7 Kf7 50.Rxe4 Ke8 51.Rb4 Be5 52.Rb7)* 48.Rxe4 Bc5 49.Rf4+ Ke8 50.Rf7 Be7 51.Rf3 b2 52.Rb3 Bf6 53.Rb7+-;

A2) 46...Bd2!

A2a) 47.e6 Kf8 48.Rxe4 Ke7 49.Kg2 *(49.Re5?? Bf4+)* 49...b3 50.Re5 b2 51.Rb5 Bc3 52.Rb6 Bd4=;

A2b) 47.Rxe4 Kf7 *(47...b3 48.e6 Kf8 49.e7+ Ke8 50.Re6+-)* 48.Rc4 Ke6 49.Rc5 Bf4+ 50.Kg2 Bxe5 51.Rb5 Bc3=;

B) 46.e6 Notkin,Maksim Kf8;

C) 46.Kg2 b3 47.Rc8+ Kf7 48.Rb8 Ke6 49.Rxb3 Bf4 50.Rb6+ Kxe5 51.Rg6±]

45.g5?! Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?!' Van Delft/ Ris: 'Stohl: '?!'" '?!' '?!"

[⌓45.Rce6 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓"

A) 45...Bxe3 46.Re8+ Rxe8 47.Rxe8+ Kf7 48.Rxe4 Bd2 49.Rd4 Bc3 50.Rd7+ Ke6 51.Rd3+-;

B) 45...b3 Notkin,Maksim 46.Re8+ Rxe8 47.Rxe8+ Kf7 48.Rb8 Bxe3 49.Rb7+ Kf6 50.f5+-;

C) 45...Kh7 Notkin,Maksim 46.Re8 Rxe8 *(46...Bxe3 47.Rxb8 Bxf4+ 48.Kg2 Bxe5 49.Rxb4; 46...Rb7 47.Rh5+ Kg6 48.Rf8)* 47.Rxe8 b3 48.Kg2! Bxe3 *(48...b2 49.Rb8 Bxe3 50.Rxb2 Bxf4 51.Rb4)* 49.Rxe4 Bc5 50.Re8 Bd6 51.Re3 b2 52.Rb3+-;

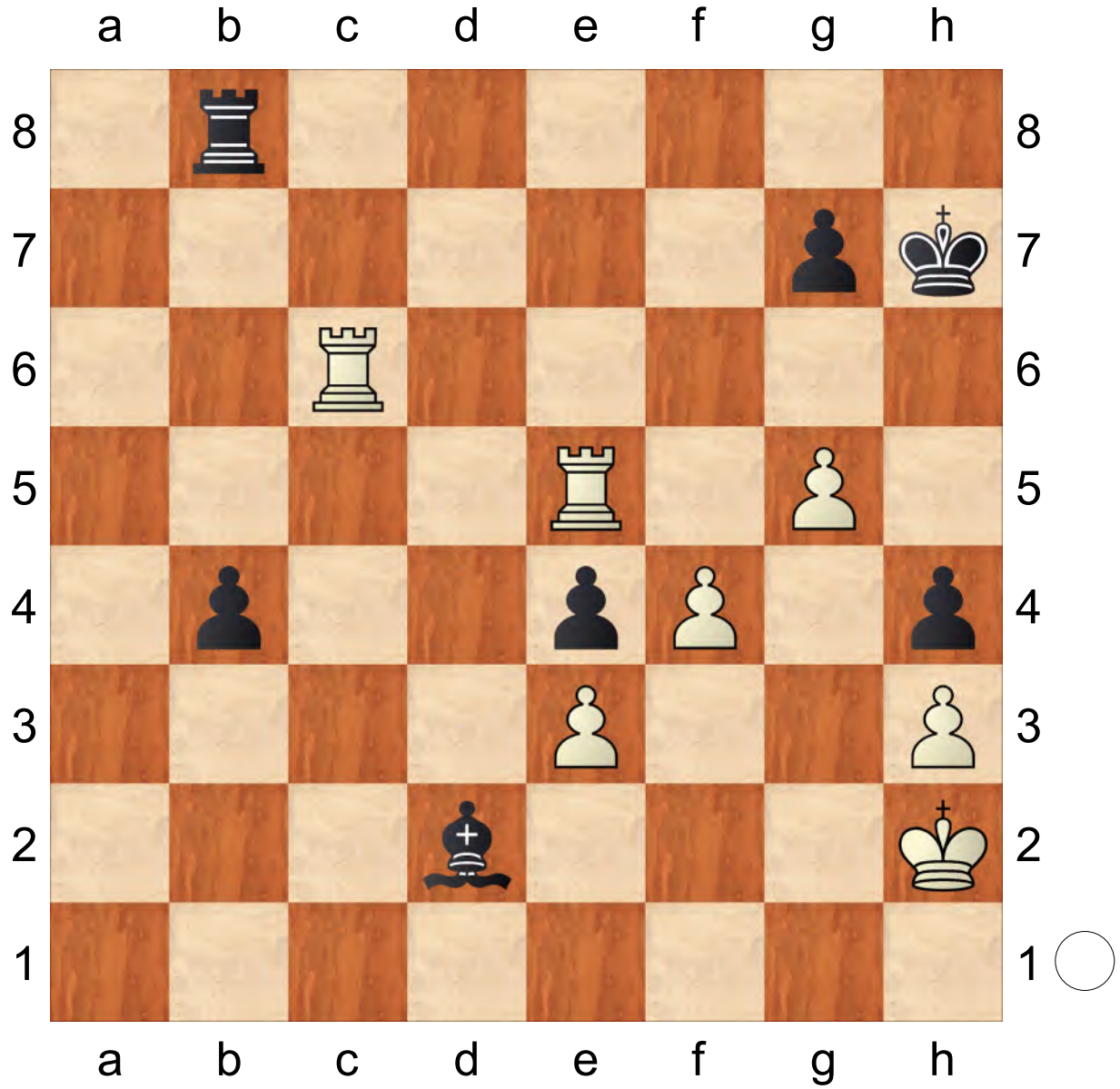
D) 45...Kf8□ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '□"

D1) 46.g5 Notkin,Maksim b3 *(46...Bxe3 47.Rf5+ Kg8 48.Rxe4 b3 49.g6! b2 50.Rb5 Bxf4+ 51.Kg2+-; 46...g6 47.Rf6+ Kg7 48.Re7+ Kh8 49.Rxg6 b3 50.Rh6+ Kg8 51.f5 b2 52.f6 b1Q 53.Rg7+ Kf8 54.Rh8# #)* 47.Rf5+ Kg8 48.g6 Bb4 49.Rfe5 Kf8 *(49...Bf8 50.Re8)* 50.Rh5 Kg8 51.Ree5! b2 52.Rb5 Rc8 *(52...Rxb5 53.Rxb5 b1Q 54.Rb8+ Bf8 55.Rxb1)* 53.Rxb4 Rc2+ 54.Kg1 Rc1+ 55.Kf2 b1Q 56.Rxb1 Rxb1 57.Rxh4+-;

D2) 46.Rd5 Bc3 *(46...Bxe3 47.Rxe4 b3 48.Rh5! Kf7 49.Rxe3 b2 50.Re1 b1Q 51.Rxb1 Rxb1 52.Rxh4+-)* 47.Rdd6±]

45...Kh7!

[45...b3? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?' '?" 46.g6 b2 47.Rb6+-]



Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '!'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '!'' '!' '!'' **46.Re7 Bxe3**

[46...b3 Notkin,Maksim 47.Rcc7 *(47.Rh6+ Kg8 48.Rg6 Bc3=)*

A) 47...b2? 48.Rxg7+ Kh8 49.Rh7+ Kg8 50.Rcg7+ Kf8 51.f5! b1Q 52.f6+-;

B) 47...Bc3 48.Rb7 *(48.Rxc3 b2 49.Rcc7 b1Q 50.Rxg7+ Kh8=)* 48...Rd8 49.Rxe4 *(49.Rxb3 Rd2+ 50.Kg1 Rd1+ 51.Kf2 Rd2+ 52.Ke1 Rd7+ 53.Rxc3 Rxe7±; 49.Red7 Rxd7 50.Rxd7 b2 51.Rb7 Bd2 52.Rxb2 Bxe3 53.f5 Bxg5 54.Rb4 Bf4+ 55.Kg2 Kh6 56.Rxe4 Kg5 57.Kf3 Bg3=)* 49...Rd2+ 50.Kh1 b2 51.Rc4! (γc3) Rc2 *(51...Rd3 52.f5)* 52.Rc6 *(52.Rxb2? Rc1+ 53.Kg2 Bxb2)* 52...Rc1+ 53.Kg2 Ba5 54.Ra6 Bc3 55.Rab6+-;

C) 47...Bxe3 48.Rxg7+ Kh8

C1) 49.Rb7 Bxf4+ 50.Kg2 Rc8! *(50...Rxb7 51.Rxb7 b2 52.Rxb2 Kg7* Ü 49.Rh7 *)* 51.Rgd7 Rc2+ 52.Kf1 Rc1+ 53.Ke2 Rc2+ 54.Ke1 Rc1+

55.Rd1 Rxd1+ 56.Kxd1 Bxg5 57.Rxb3 Kg7 58.Rb4 Bf4!? *(58...e3)* 59.Rxe4 Bg3 60.Ke2 Kf6 61.Kf3 Kf5=;

C2) 49.Rh7+ Kg8 50.Rcg7+ Kf8 51.Rb7 *(51.f5 Bf4+ 52.Kg2 Rc8 53.Rh8+?? Kxg7 54.Rxc8 b2)* 51...Bxf4+ 52.Kg2

C2a) 52...Kg8!? 53.Rhg7+ *(53.Rxb8+? Kxh7 54.Rxb3 Kg6 55.Rb4 Kxg5 56.Rxe4 Bg3 57.Kf3 Kf5=)* 53...Kh8 54.Rge7;

C2b) 52...Rxb7 53.Rxb7 b2 *(53...Bxg5 54.Rxb3 Ke7 55.Rb4)* 54.Rxb2 Kg7 Notkin,Maksim: 'Ü 49.Rh7' 55.Rb6! *(55.Rb4 Kg6 56.Rxe4 Kxg5 57.Kf3 Bg3)* 55...Bxg5 56.Re6 e3 *(56...Bf4 57.Rxe4 Bg3 58.Kf3 Kf6 59.Kg4+-)* 57.Kf3 Kf7 58.Re4 *(58.Ra6? e2 59.Kxe2 Bf4)* 58...Kf6 59.Kg4 Bh6 60.Re8 *(60.Kxh4? Kf5)* 60...Kf7 61.Re5 Kf6 62.Re4+- ⊙]

47.Rh6+

[47.Rxe4 Notkin,Maksim b3]

47...Kg8 48.Rg6 Bd4

[48...Bxf4+ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I" 49.Kg2

A) 49...Rc8 Notkin,Maksim 50.Rxe4 *(50.Rgxg7+ Kh8 51.Rh7+ Kg8 52.Reg7+ Kf8 53.Rd7 Rc2+ 54.Kf1 Rc1+ 55.Ke2 Rc2+ 56.Ke1 Rc1+ 57.Rd1 Rxd1+ 58.Kxd1 Bxg5±* gives White only practical winning chances, as he won't be able to reach the ⊥ from the game. *)* 50...Kf7!;

B) 49...Kh8 50.Rgxg7 Rc8 51.Rh7+ Kg8 52.Reg7+ Kf8 53.Rd7 Rc2+ 54.Kf1 Rc1+ 55.Ke2 Rc2+ 56.Ke1 Rc1+ 57.Rd1 Rxd1+ 58.Kxd1 Bxg5± gives White only practical winning chances, as he won't be able to reach the ⊥ from the game.]

[48...b3 Notkin,Maksim 49.Rgxg7+ Kh8 Ü 46...b3]

49.Rge6

[49.f5 Notkin,Maksim Kf8 *(49...b3? 50.f6)*

A) 50.f6 gxf6 51.Rgg7 *(51.gxf6 Bxf6)* 51...fxg5 52.Ref7+ Ke8 53.Re7+ Kf8=;

B) 50.Rxe4 b3 51.Rxh4 *(51.Rxd4 b2 52.Rd1 b1Q 53.Rxb1 Rxb1=)* 51...Rb4 52.Rh8+ *(52.Rxd4 Rxd4 53.Rb6 Rf4=)* 52...Ke7 *(52...Kf7? 53.Re6+-)* 53.Rh7 Kf7 *(53...b2 54.f6+ Kf7 55.fxg7 Bxg7 56.Rhxg7+ Kf8 57.Rg8+ Kf7 58.R6g7+ Ke6 59.Re8+ Kd5 60.Re1+-)* 54.Re6 Rb8 55.g6+ Kg8 56.Rh4 b2 57.Rhe4 Kf8 58.Rh4 Kg8=]

49...Kh7? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?' Van Delft/ Ris: 'Stohl: '?"' '?' '?"

[⌓49...Bc5! Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓!" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓!' '⌓!" 50.Re8+ Rxe8 51.Rxe8+ Kf7 52.Rxe4 b3 53.Re1 b2

A) 54.Rb1 Be3 *(54...Bd4* Notkin,Maksim *55.Kg2 Ke6 56.Kf3 Kf5=)*;

B) 54.f5 g6= Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '=" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '=' '=" and White won't pick up the ♙b2 without losing two »♙. Notkin, Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'and White won't pick up the ♙b2 without losing two »♙." 55.f6 Notkin,Maksim *(55.Rb1* Notkin,Maksim *gxf5 56.Rxb2 Kg6)* 55...Be3 56.Rb1 Bxg5 57.Rxb2 Kxf6=]

[49...b3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 50.g6 Rf8 *(50...Kf8 51.Rf7+ Kg8 52.Rb7)* 51.Rb7 b2 52.Rxe4+- Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-' '+-'']

50.f5 Bc5

[50...b3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 51.f6 Rg8□ *(51...b2 52.Rxg7+ Kh8 53.Ree7+-)* 52.Rb7+-]

[50...Be3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 51.Rg6 *(51.f6 Bxg5 52.Rxg7+ Kh6 53.Rd7 Rf8 54.f7+ Kg7 55.Rxe4 Rxf7 56.Rxf7+ Kxf7 57.Rxb4+-* according to Tablebases. *)* 51...Bd4 52.Rxe4+-]

[50...Ra8 Notkin,Maksim

A) 51.f6 Ra2+ 52.Kh1 Ra1+ 53.Kg2 Rg1+ *(53...Ra2+? 54.Kf1 Ra1+ 55.Ke2 Ra2+ 56.Kd1 Ra1+ 57.Kc2 Ra2+ 58.Kb3)* 54.Kh2 Rxg5 55.f7 Rf5 56.Rxe4 Rf2+ 57.Kh1 Rf1+=;

B) 51.Rxe4]

(Diagram)

51.Re8? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '?''' '?' '?''

[⌓51.Rd7! Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓!'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '⌓!' '⌓!'' Kg8

A) 52.f6 Notkin,Maksim gxf6 53.gxf6

A1) 53...b3 54.f7+ Kf8 55.Rg6;

A2) 53...e3 54.f7+ Kf8 55.Kg2 *(55.Rg6? Be7 56.Rg8+ Kxf7 57.Rxb8 e2 58.Rxe7+ Kxe7 59.Rb7+=)*;

A3) 53...Ra8 54.Re5! *(54.Rxe4 Ra2+ 55.Kh1 Ra1+ 56.Kg2 Ra2+ 57.Kf3 Rf2+ 58.Kg4 Rxf6; 54.f7+ Kg7 55.Re8 Ra2+)* 54...Bb6 55.Rxe4 Ra2+ 56.Kh1 Ra1+ 57.Kg2 Ra2+ 58.Kf3 Rf2+ 59.Kg4 Rxf6 60.Rxb4+-;

B) 52.Rxe4 b3 53.f6 gxf6 54.gxf6+-]

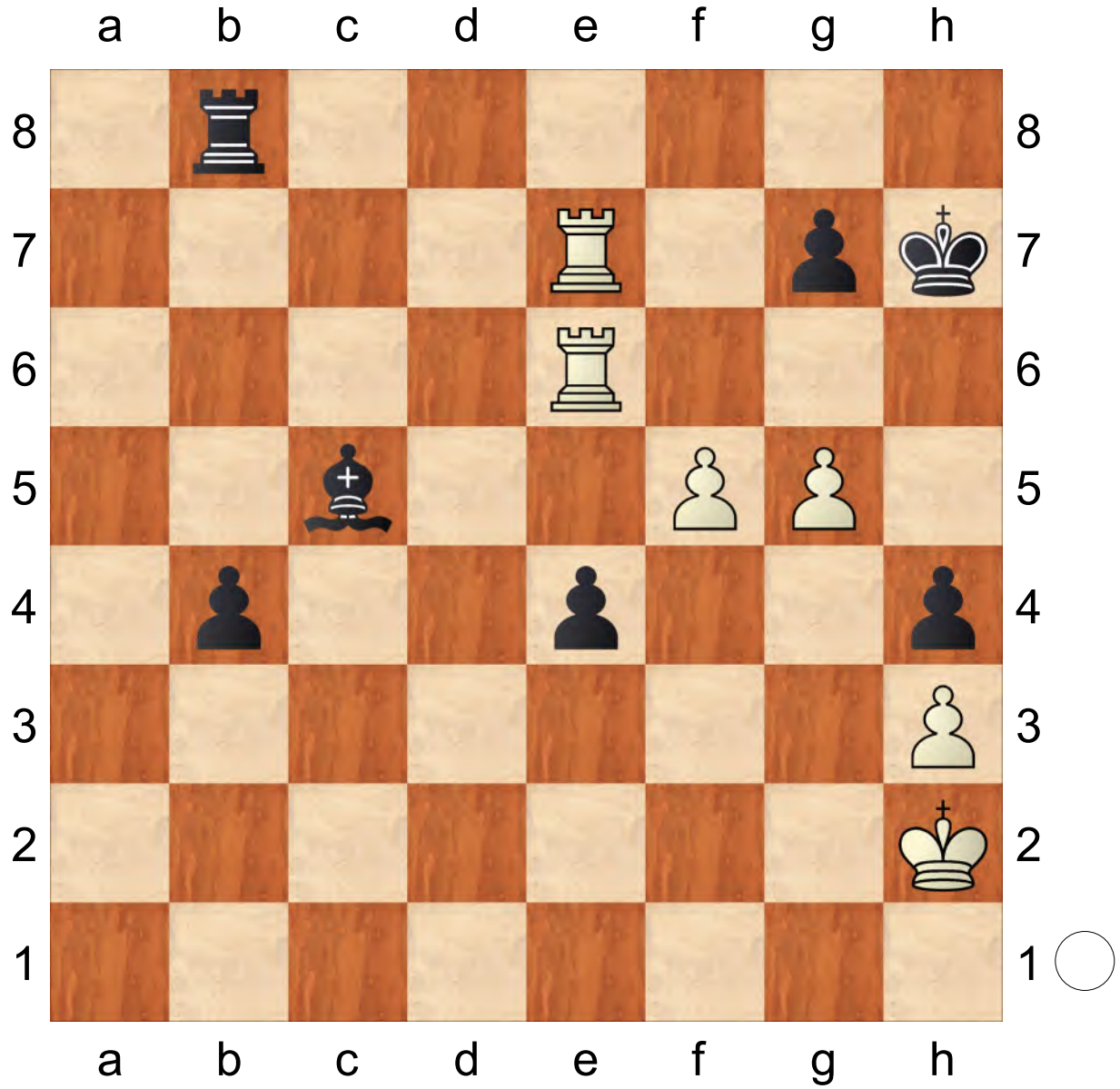
51...Rxe8 52.Rxe8 Notkin,Maksim: '[R 2/j]' **52...b3**

[52...e3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 53.Kg2 b3 54.Kf3+- Δ Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-' Stohl,I: ' Δ'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '+-' '+-' Stohl,I: ' Δ'' b2 *(54...g6* Notkin,Maksim *55.f6 b2 56.Rb8 Bd4 57.Ke2+-)* 55.g6+ Kh6 56.Kg4 Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Δ Rh8#']

53.Kg2

[53.Rxe4? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' g6! 54.f6 b2 55.Re1 Be3 56.Rb1 Bxg5=]

53...Be3? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: '?'' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '?''' '?' '?'' Seemingly only this is the final and decisive mistake. Notkin, Maksim: ''Stohl,I: 'Seemingly only this is the final and decisive mistake.'' ' Notkin, Maksim: ''Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'Seemingly only this is the final and decisive mistake.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'Seemingly only this is the final and decisive mistake.''' 'Seemingly only this is the final and decisive mistake.'' '

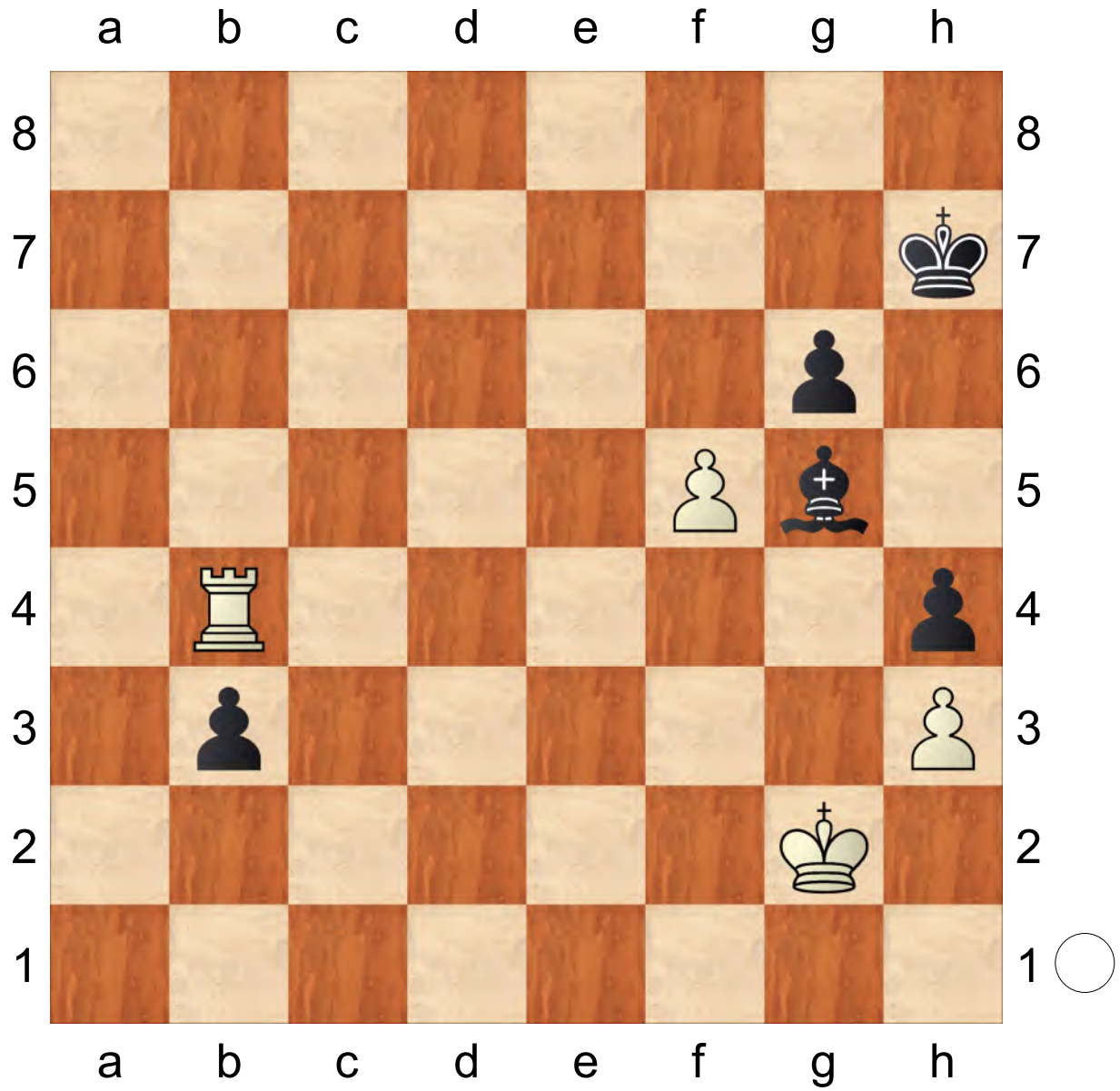


[53...b2 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I'' 54.Rb8 Bd4 55.Kf1 Be5 56.Rb7 Kg8 57.Ke2 Bd4 Notkin,Maksim *(57...g6* Notkin,Maksim *58.fxg6 Bf4 59.Rxb2 Kg7 60.Rb6 Bxg5 61.Re6+-)* 58.Kd2 Kf8 59.Kc2 (Δ Rb4) e3 60.Rb4 e2 61.Rb8+ *(61.Kd2?? Bc3+)* 61...Ke7 62.Kd2 Be3+ 63.Kxe2 Bxg5 64.Rxb2 Kf6 65.Rb5+-]

[⌓53...Bd6! Notkin,Maksim: '!' '!' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: ' ⌓!'' 54.Rxe4 b2 55.Re1 Bf4 *(55...g6 56.Rb1 gxf5 57.Rxb2 Bf4 58.Rf2 Bxg5 59.Rxf5+-)* 56.Rb1 Bc1 57.Kf3 g6 58.Kg4 gxf5+ 59.Kxf5 Kg7 60.g6 Kf8 61.Kf6 Kg8 62.g7 Bd2 Notkin,Maksim: '=!' '=!' 63.Kf5 Bc3= still holds. *(63...Bc1? 64.Kg6⊙)*]

[53...g6 Notkin,Maksim 54.Rc8! *(54.f6 Bd6 55.Rxe4* Notkin,Maksim *b2 56.Re1 Bf4 57.Re7+ Kg8 58.Rb7 Bxg5 59.Rxb2 Kf7=)* 54...b2 *(54...Bd6 55.Rd8)* 55.Rc7+ Kg8 56.Rb7 gxf5 57.Rxb2+- ɣg8]

54.Rxe4 Bxg5 55.Rb4 g6



56.Rb7+ Kh6 57.fxg6

[57.Rb6!? Notkin,Maksim Bd8 58.Rxg6+ Kh5 *(58...Kh7 59.Kf3 b2 60.Rg1 Bg5 61.Rd1 Bc1 62.Rd7+ Kh6 63.Rb7)* 59.Kf3 b2 60.Rg1 Bg5 61.Rb1 Bc1 62.Ke4 Kh6 63.Ke5 Kg7 64.f6+ Kf7 65.Kf5 Kf8 66.Ke6 Ke8 67.f7+ Kf8 68.Kf6 Be3 *(68...Bd2 69.Rg1)* 69.Rd1 Bb6 70.Ke6 Kg7 71.Rb1 Bd4 72.Ke7+-]

57...Kxg6 58.Kf3 Bd2 59.Kg4 Be1 60.Rxb3+- Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: '+-" ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: '+-' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '+-'" '+-" ' From now on TB show the ⊥ is winning for White. Although Kramnik doesn't always take the most straightforward path, he knows the basic principles of the winning method and he will never endanger his victory. Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'From now on TB show the ⊥ is winning for White. Although Kramnik doesn't always take the most straightforward path, he knows the basic principles of the winning method and he will never endanger

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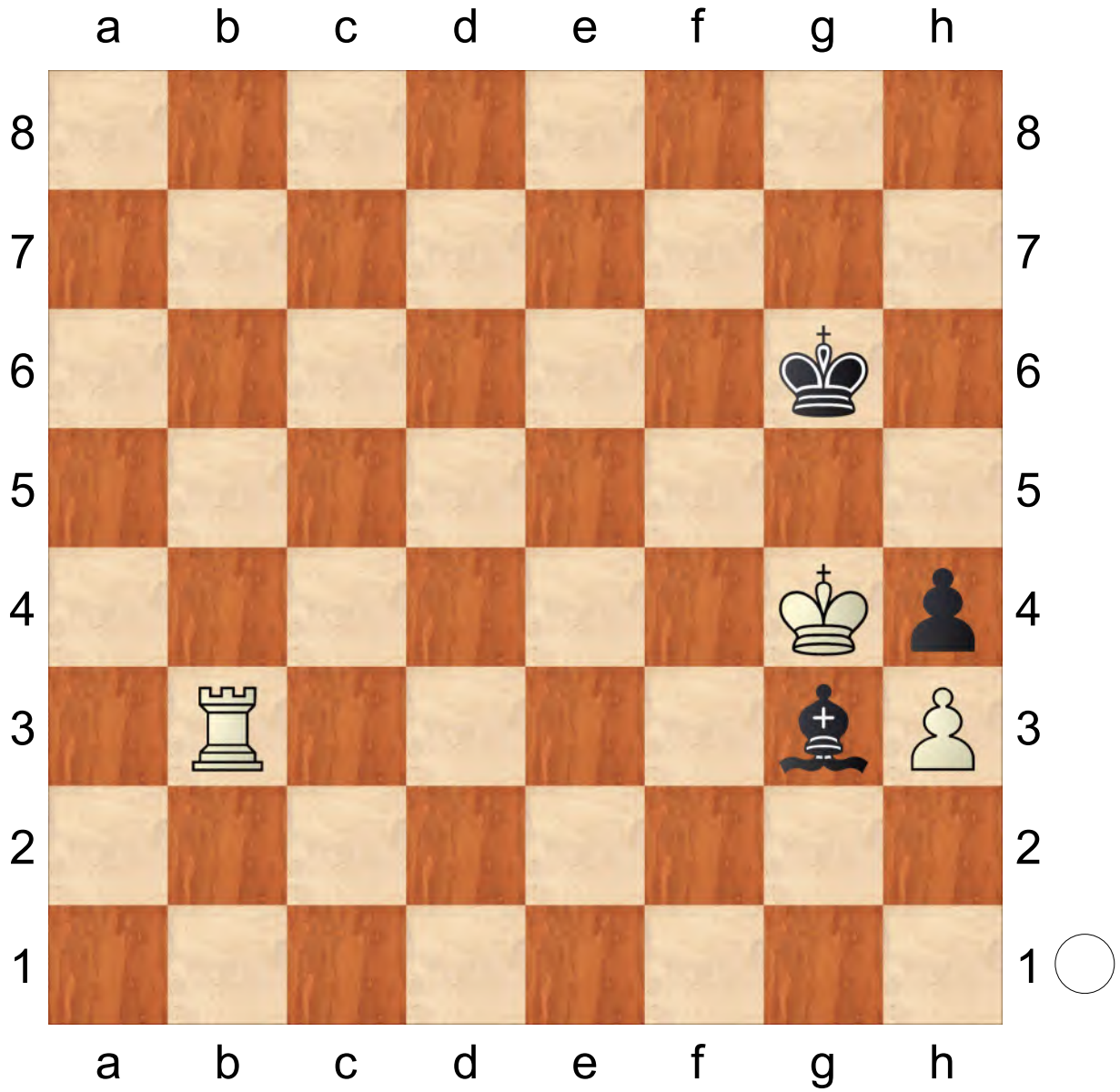
[60...Kf6 61.Rf3+ Kg6 62.Re3+-]



61.Rf3

[61.Re3+- Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' is equivalent.]

[61.Rb6+? Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' Kf7 62.Kf5 Ke7= allows Black's ♔ to escape the dangerous corner.]

61...Be1

[61...Kh6 62.Rf6+ Kg7 63.Kg5 Bc7 64.Re6 Kf7 65.Re4 Bg3 66.Re3 Kg7 67.Rf3 Be1 68.Rf1 Bg3 69.Kh5 Kh7 70.Rf7+ Kg8 71.Kg6 Stohl,I: '-61...♔h6' Bh2 72.Rd7 Kf8 73.Rd4 Bg3 74.Re4⊙+- We will see this method (and final position) in the game as well.]

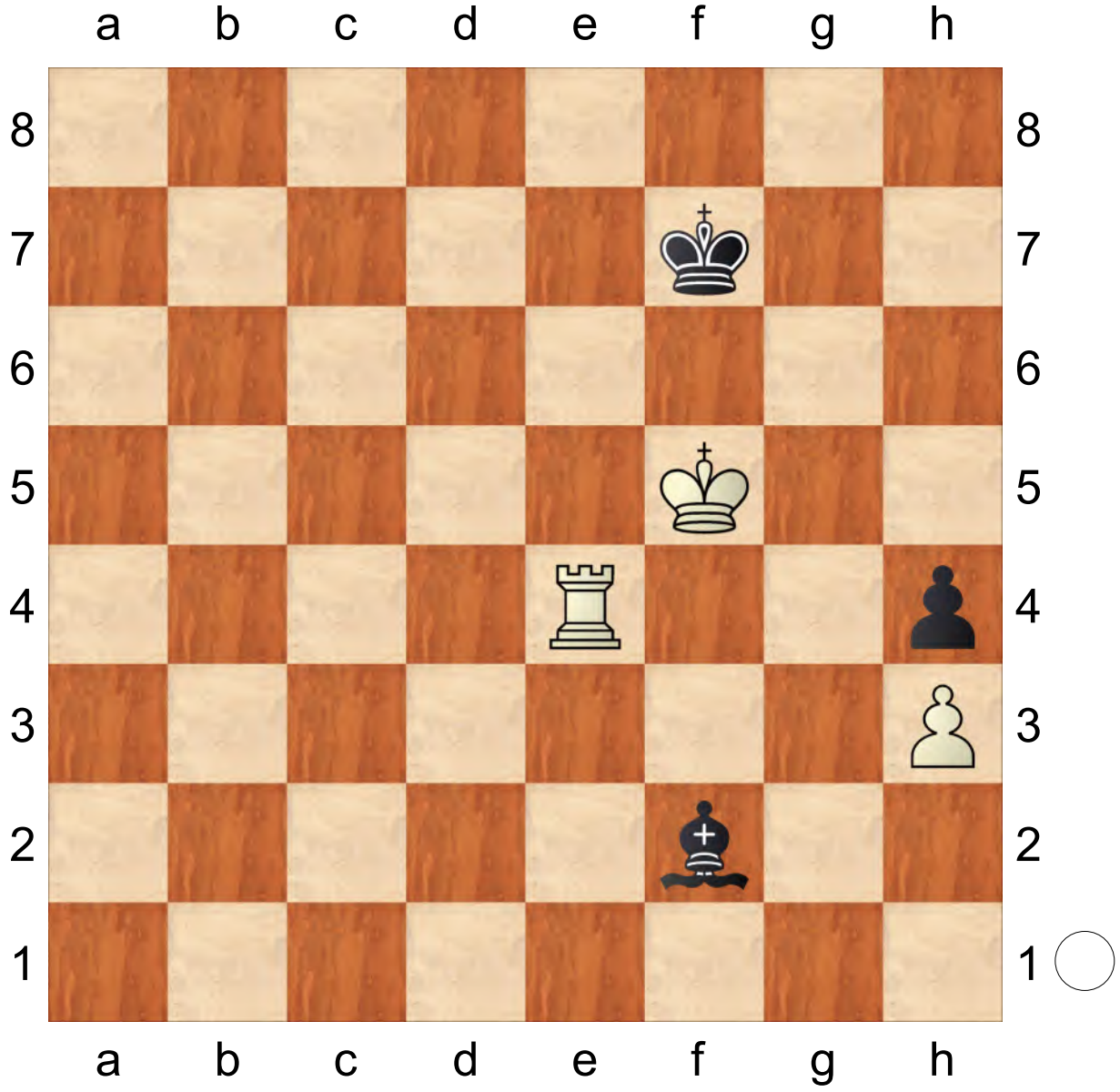
62.Re3 Stohl,I: '+-' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '+-' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '+-''' '+-' '+-'' **62...Bf2**

[Similar is 62...Bg3 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 63.Re6+ Kf7 64.Kf5+-]

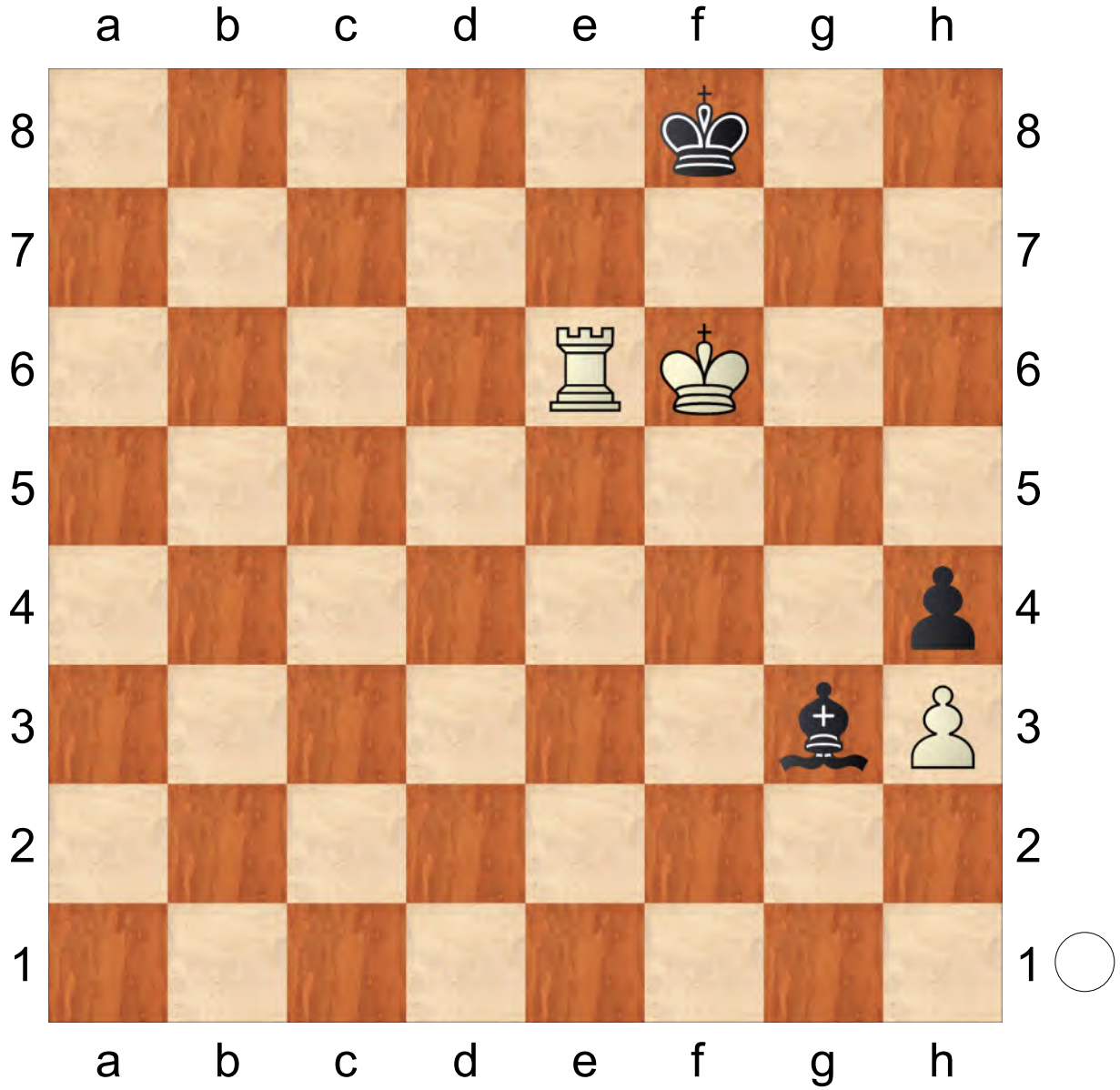
63.Re6+ Kf7 64.Kf5

[64.Re2! Bg3 65.Kg5 is slightly faster.]

64...Bg3 65.Re4 Bf2



66.Kg5 Bg3 67.Re2 Notkin,Maksim: '⊙' '⊙' See the 64.♖e2! line. Stohl,I: 'is slightly faster.' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'See the 64. ♖e2! line.' Stohl,I: 'is slightly faster." ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'See the 64. ♖e2! line.' Stohl,I: 'is slightly faster.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'See the 64. ♖e2! line.' Stohl: 'is slightly faster.'" 'See the 64. ♖e2! line.' Stohl,I: 'is slightly faster." ' **67...Kg7 68.Re7+ Kf8 69.Kf6 Bf2 70.Re6**
[70.Ke6! Be1 *(70...Bd4 71.Rh7+-)* 71.Rc7 Bg3 72.Ra7 Stohl,I: '-70. ♔e6!' Bh2 *(72...Be1 73.Kf6 Bc3+ 74.Kg6 Be1 75.Ra4! Bg3 76.Re4+-)* 73.Rf7+! Kg8 *(73...Ke8 74.Rh7+-)* 74.Kf6 Bg3 75.Kg6 -61...♔h6]
70...Bg3



71.Kg6 Bh2 72.Re4 Bg3 We have already seen that White must achieve this position with Black to move, thus forcing zugzwang. Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'We have already seen that White must achieve this position with Black to move, thus forcing zugzwang. " ' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'We have already seen that

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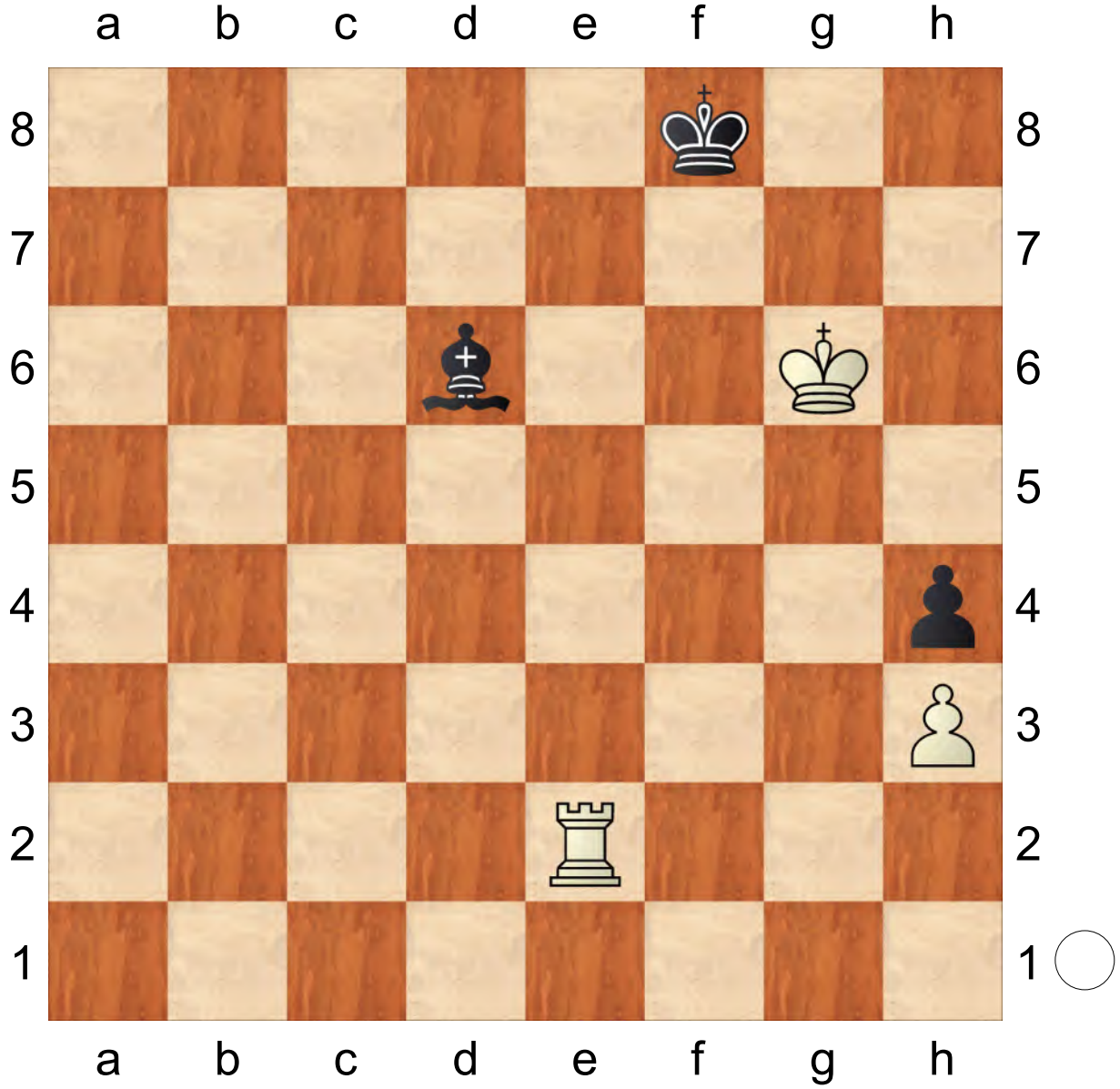
[74.Re7! Bd4+ 75.Ke6 Bc3 76.Rh7 Be1 77.Rc7 Bg3 78.Ra7 -70.♔e6!]

74...Bg3 75.Re2 Bd6



76.Kg5 Bg3

[76...Be7+

A) 77.Kg4 Notkin,Maksim Kf7 78.Re4 Ke8 79.Kf5 Kd7 *(79...Kf7 80.Ra4 Bf6 81.Ra7+ Be7 82.Rb7 Kf8 83.Ke6 Bg5 84.Rd7 Be3 85.Rf7+ Ke8 86.Rh7)* 80.Kg6 Bd8 81.Kf7 Kd6 82.Rd4+ Kc7 83.Ke6 Kc8 84.Rc4+ Kb7 85.Kd7 Bg5 86.Rb4+ Ka7 *(86...Ka6 87.Rg4)* 87.Ke6 Δ Kf5-g4, Rb5-h5-h4;

B) 77.Kf5 Bc5 78.Re4 Bf2 79.Kf6 Bc5 *(79...Bg3 80.Kg6)* 80.Ra4 Be7+ *(80...Ke8 81.Ke6)* 81.Ke6 Bg5 82.Ra7 Kg8 83.Kf5 Be3 84.Ra3 Bc5 85.Ra5 Bd6 86.Ra4 Bg3 *(86...Be7 87.Kg6)* 87.Kg6 Kf8 88.Re4+-]

77.Kf6 Bf4 78.Re4 Bd6

[78...Bc7 Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I' 79.Rc4 Bd8+ 80.Kf5 Kf7 81.Rd4 Be7 82.Rd7+-]

79.Rd4

[79.Rxh4?? Notkin,Maksim Be7+]

79...Bc7

[More resilient, but equally hopeless is ⌓79...Be7+ 80.Kf5 Kf7 *(The ♔ won't escape: 80...Ke8 81.Ke6 Kf8 82.Rf4+ Ke8 83.Ra4+-)* 81.Rd7 Kf8 82.Ke6 Bg5 83.Rb7

A) 83...Kg8 84.Kf5 Bd2 85.Kg6 Kf8 86.Rb5 Bc1 *(86...Be1 87.Rf5+)* 87.Rh5+-;

B) 83...Bd2 84.Rf7+! Kg8 *(84...Ke8 85.Rh7)* 85.Kf6 Be1 86.Kg6 Bg3 87.Re7 Kf8 88.Re4+-]

80.Kg6 Bg3

(Diagram)

81.Re4⊙

(Diagram)

Stohl,I: '+- ⊙' '+-' '+-' '+-' Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '+- ⊙' '+-' '+-' '+-' ' ⊙" '+-⊙" Notkin,Maksim: 'Stohl,I: 'Stohl,I: '+- ⊙' '+-' '+-' '+-' ' ⊙' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: '+- ⊙' '+-' '+-' '+-' ' ⊙'" '+- ⊙' 'Stohl,I: '+- ⊙' '+-' '+-' '+-' ' ⊙" '+- ⊙" Stohl,I: 'We will see this method (and final position) in the game as well.' Notkin,Maksim: "Stohl,I: 'We will see this method (and final position) in the game as well." ' Notkin, Maksim: "Stohl,I:'Stohl,I: 'We will see this method (and final position) in the game as well.' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl: 'We will see this method (and final position) in the game as well.'" 'We will see this method (and final position) in the game as well." '

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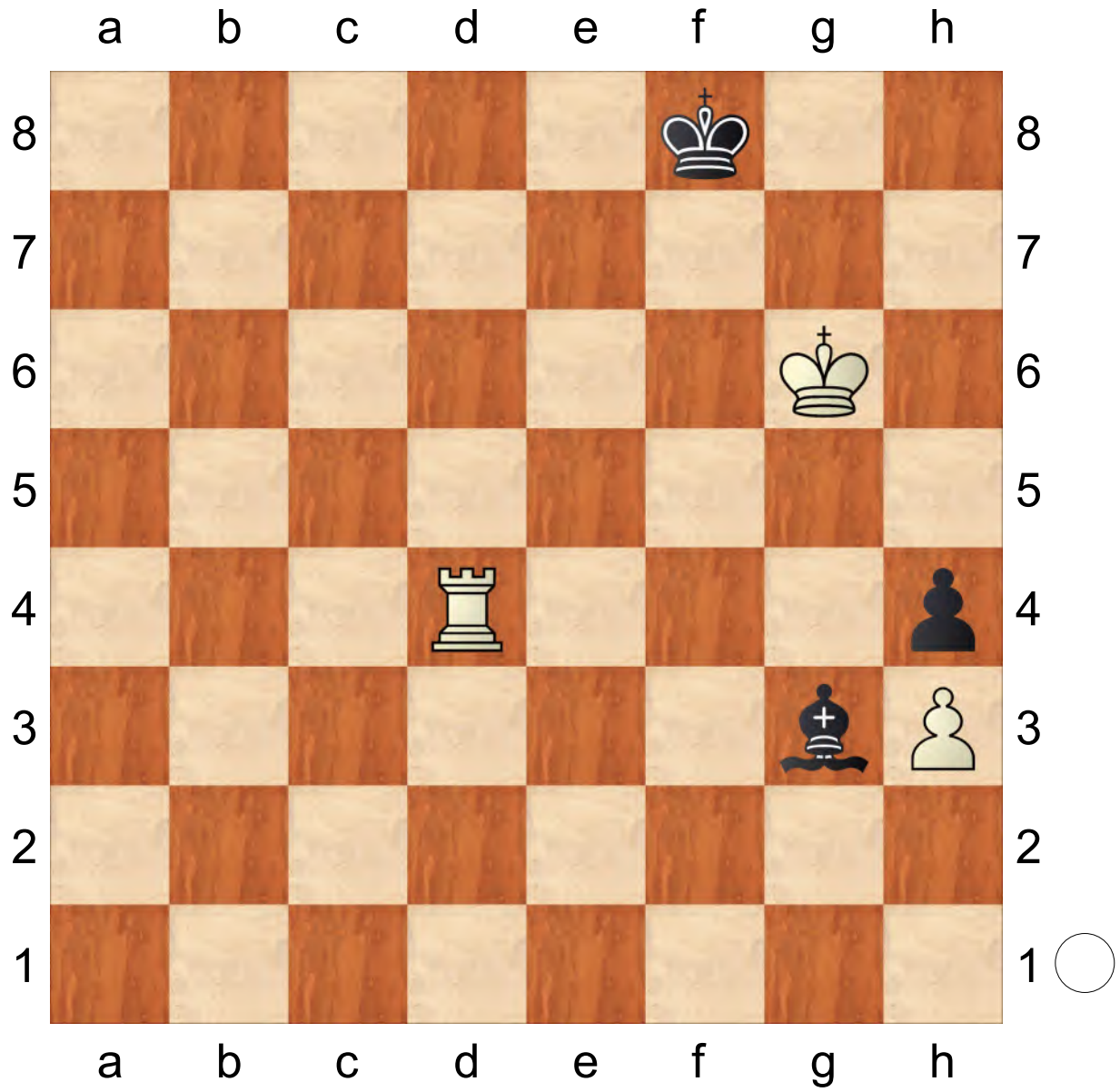
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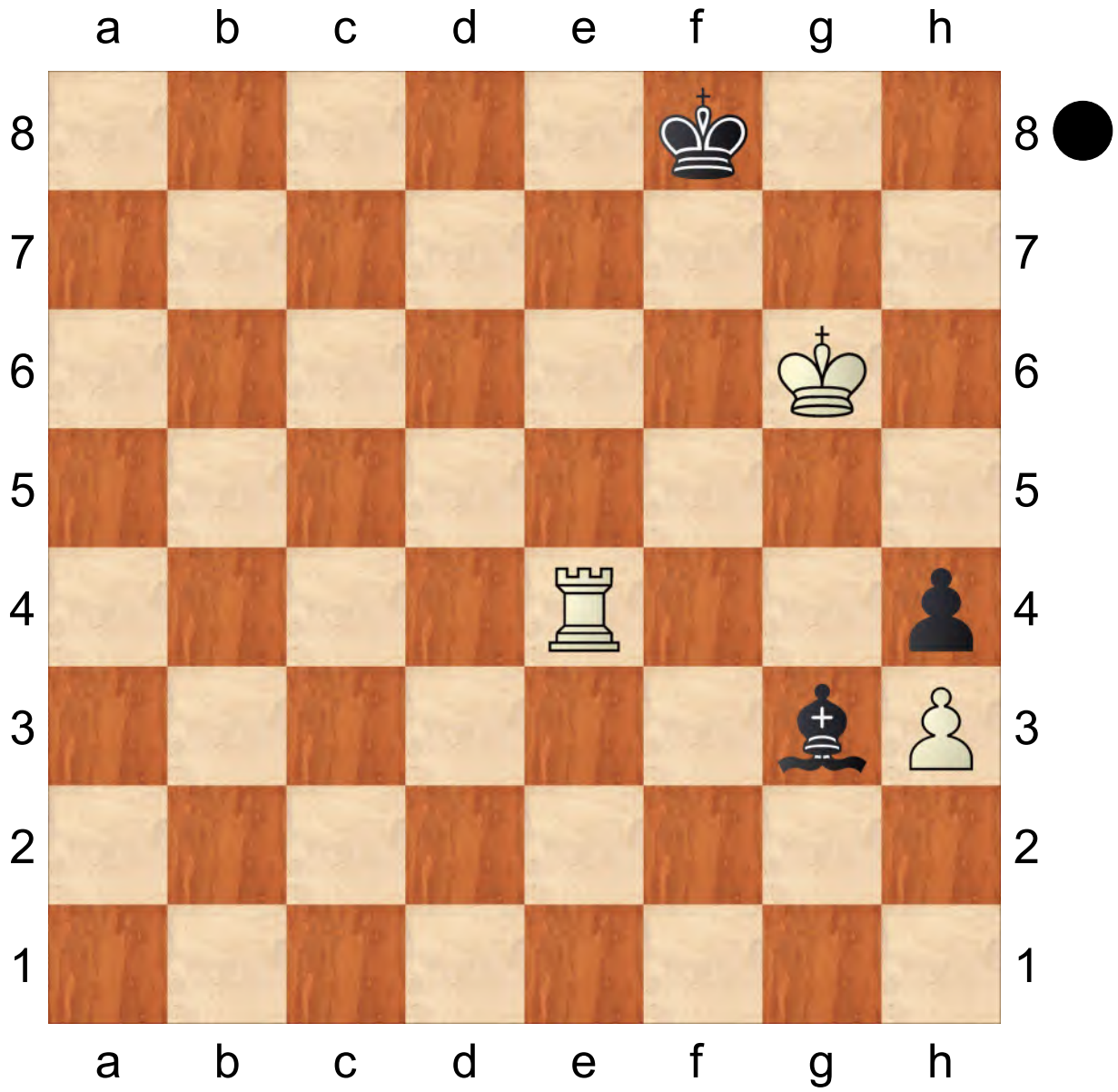
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C17

□ **Hracek,Zbynek** **2636**
■ **Nikolic,Predrag** **2620**
Bundesliga 1314 (1.4) 12.10.2013
[Meyer,Claus Dieter]

Endspiele mit Türmen und ungleichfarbigen Läufern sind häufig in der Turnierpraxis anzutreffen. Gerade aufgrund der ungleichen Läufer bieten sie einerseits erhebliche technische Schwierigkeiten in Anbetracht möglicher Blockaden und Remistendenzen, andererseits reizvolle taktische Möglichkeiten sowohl im Angriff als auch in der Verteidigung. Im vorliegenden Treffen alterprobter Bundesliga-Haudegen vermag der tschechische Großmeister seine Probleme bei der Vorteilsverwertung (Mehrbauer) in glänzendem Stil zu lösen, während der bosnische Widersacher seine Verteidigungsressourcen nur ungenügend nutzt. **1.e4** Meyer,CD **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2** Weniger ehrgeizig, aber auch weniger riskant als die Hauptvariante 5.a3. Mit dem Läuferzug, der angeblich von Bogoljubow stammt, vermeidet Weiß die Schwächung seiner Bauernstruktur und möchte er die dunklen Felder im gegnerischen Lager okkupieren. **5...cxd4**

[5...Ne7 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 , wonach der Anziehende den beabsichtigten Tausch der schwarzfeldrigen Läufer erreicht.]

(Diagram)

Eine Alternative zu den geläufigeren Fortsetzungen ♘e7, ♘h6 und ♘c6, z.B. **6.Nb5 Bc5** Kaum probiert und ob besser als ♗f8 oder ♗e7 ist noch die Frage, z.B.

[6...Bf8 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Ngf3 Nge7 9.Bd3 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bc5 13.c3± Afinogenov - Smirnov, UdSSR 1960, ECO/C5]

7.b4 Damit erhält Weiß angenehmes Spiel.

[Eher in "Winawer-Manier" ist das scharfe und zweischneidige 7.Qg4 , aber Weiß strebt hier mit dem soliden ♗d2 nebst b4 ("Semi-Winawer") einen kleinen Vorteil an.]

7...Bf8!? 8.Nxd4 Ne7 9.Ngf3 Nec6N

[9...Nbc6 10.Bd3 Ng6 *(10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.0-0±)* 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0± Pereira, R - Fernandes, A, Amadora 2009]

10.a3 Nd7

[Natürlicher wirkt 10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 , indes kann Schwarz mit dem Textzug auch die Springerroute d7-b6-c4 ins Auge fassen.]

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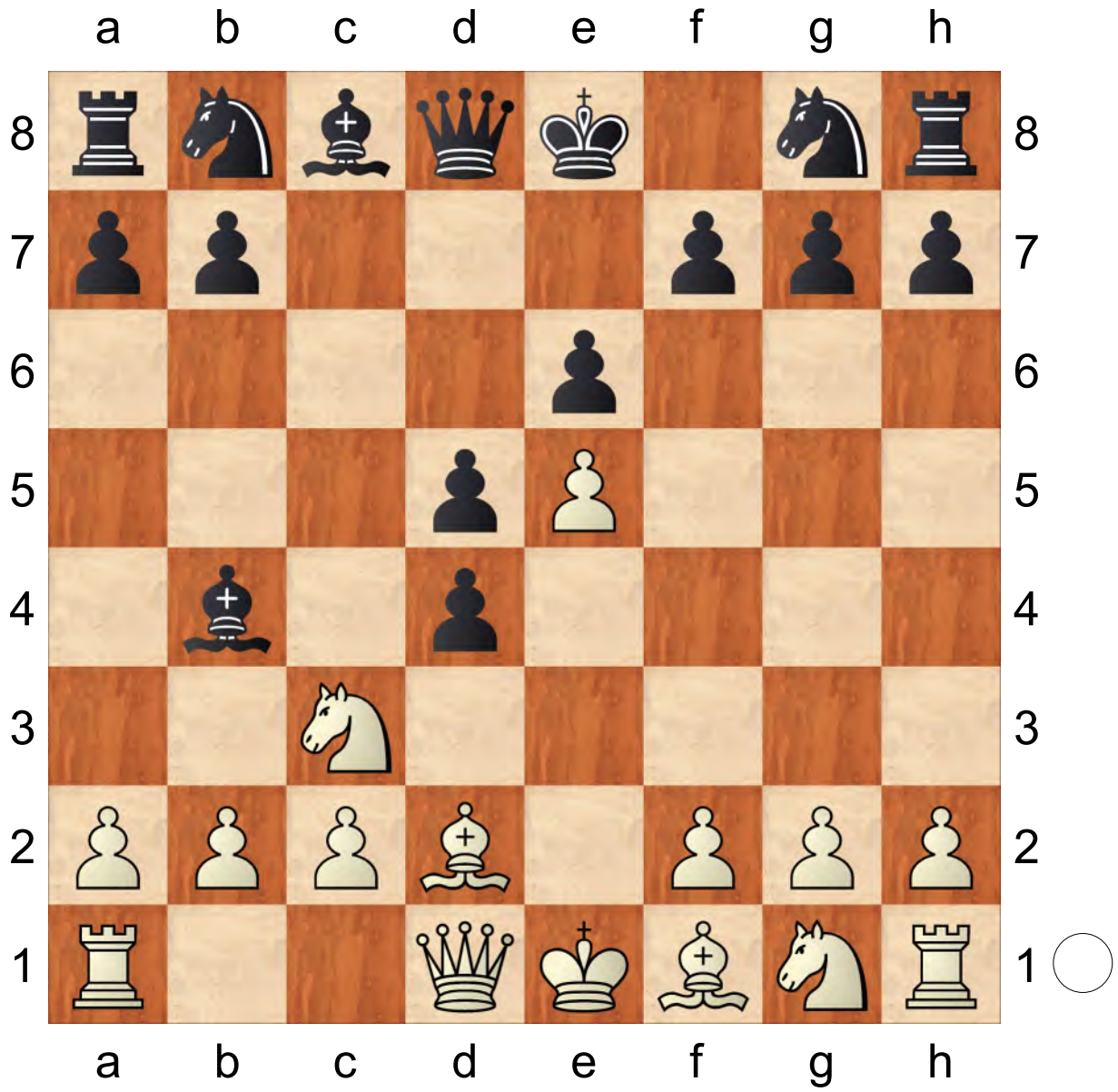
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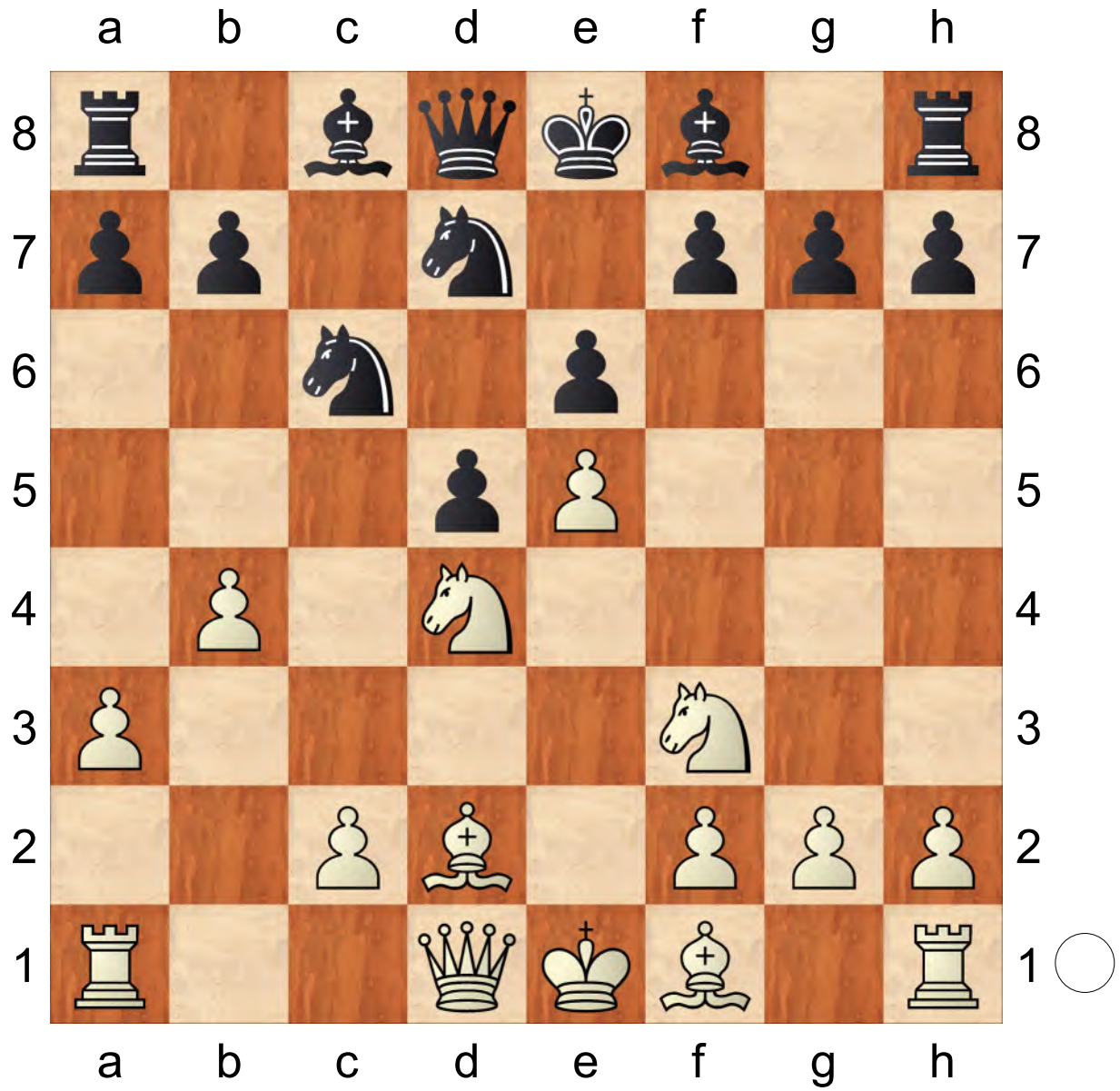
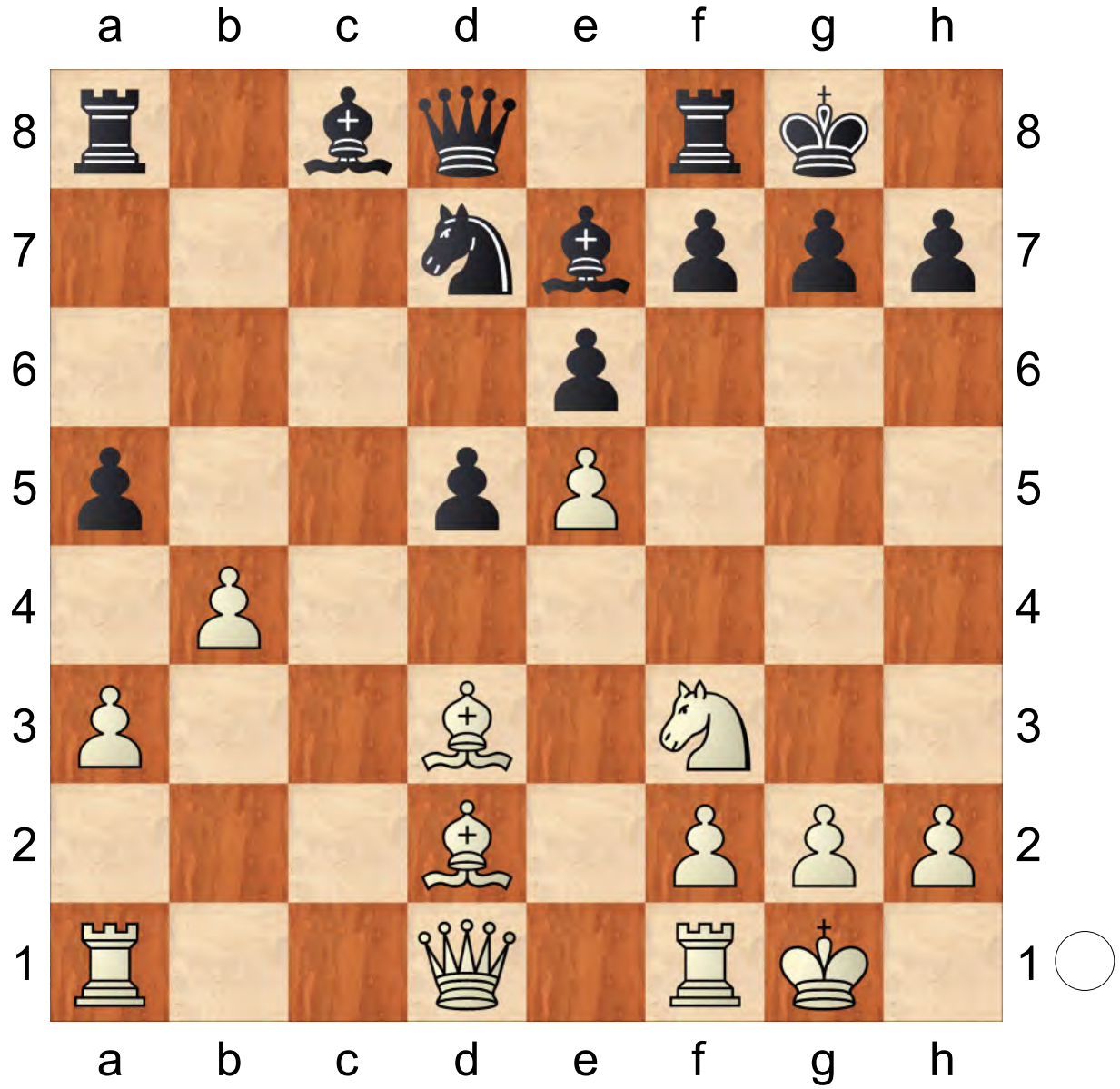


11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.c4± Be7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bd3 a5 15.0-0 0-0

(Diagram)

16.Re1
[Ebenso in Betracht kommen 16.b5 oder]
[16.Qc2]
16...axb4 17.axb4 Bb7 18.Rxa8 Bxa8
[Oder auch 18...Qxa8 und z.B.:
A) 19.Qb1 h6 20.Qb2 Nb6 21.Ra1 *(21.Qd4 Nc4!)* 21...Qb8 22.Qd4 Nc4!=;
B) 19.Ng5!
B1) 19...h6? 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Bb1 Bxg5 *(21...Kg8? 22.Qc2+- g6*



23.Nxf7) 22.Bxg5→ ±;
B2) 19...g6? 20.Nxh7!± Kxh7? 21.Qh5+ Kg7 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Bxg6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Qxe6→ +- mit durchschlagendem Angriff d4 *(25...Qd8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Re3)* 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Qg4+ Kh8 30.Qh3+ Kg8 31.Bh6!;
B3) 19...Bxg5 20.Bxg5± und aufgrund seines Läuferpaares und des Freibauern steht Weiß zweifellos etwas besser. Meyer,CD: 'und aufgrund seines Läuferpaares und des Freibauern steht Weiß zweifellos etwas besser. ']

19.Qc2 h6 20.Rc1 Nb6

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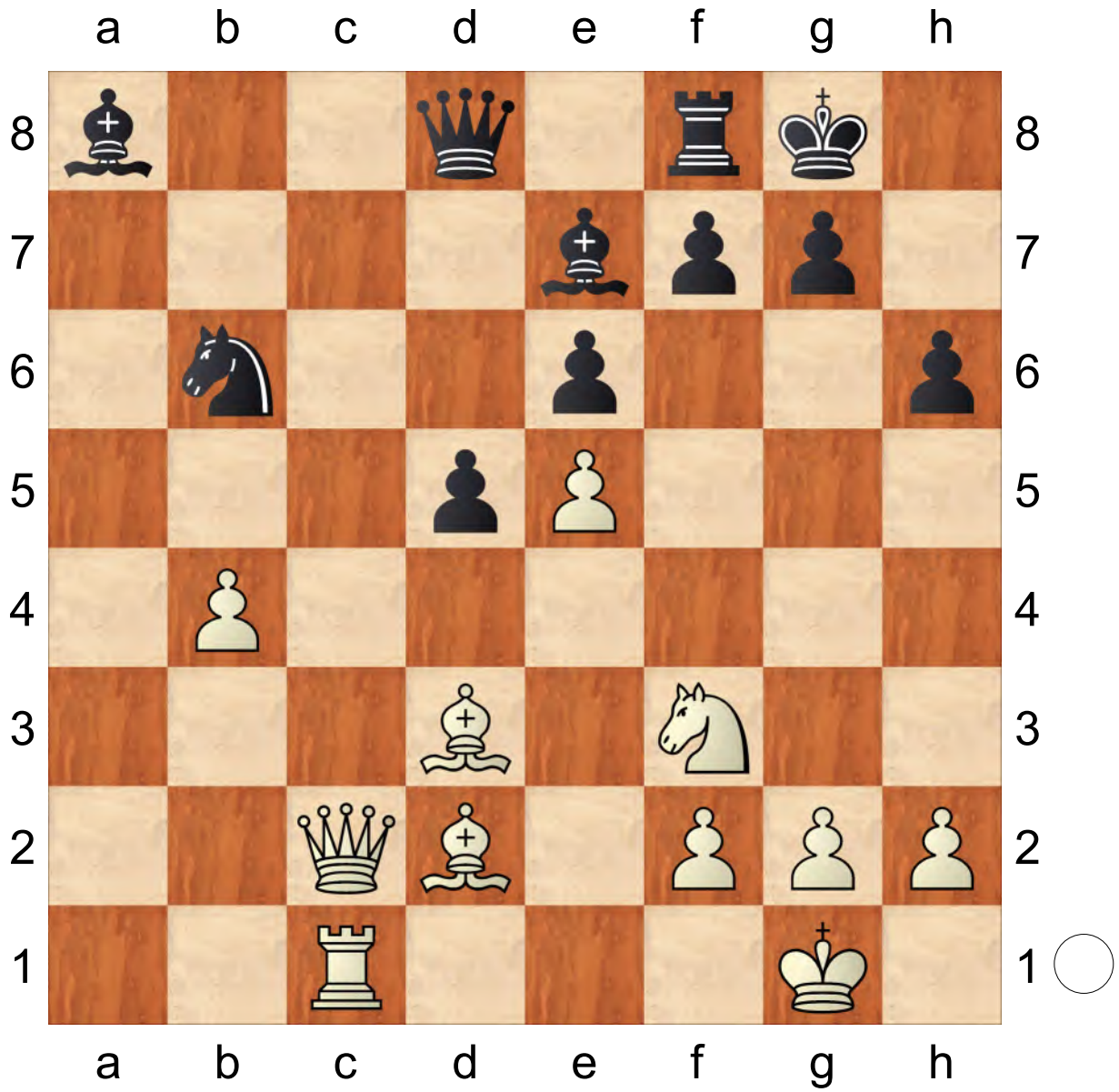


21.Nd4 In dieser Übergangsphase vom Mittel- ins Endspiel, wo Weiß noch über leichten Raumvorteil und einen Freibauern gebietet, verfügt Schwarz über diverse Optionen, die dem Ausgleich näher kommen als der folgende Partiezug. **21...Qb8?!** Keine gute Wahl. Interessante Alternativen, z.B.:

[I 21...Nd7!?

A) ≤22.f4?! Qb6 23.Qc3 *(23.Qb2?! Nc5!)* 23...Bb7 24.Rb1 Rc8 25.Qb2=;

B) 22.Qc7!? Qxc7 23.Rxc7 Nxe5 24.Rxe7 Nxd3 25.f4 Rb8 *(25...g5 26.fxg5 e5 27.Nf3± hxg5 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.Rxe5 f6 30.Re7 d4 31.Rd7 Re8 32.Rxd4 Re2 33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.Rxa8 Rxd2 35.b5 Rb2 36.Rb8±)* 26.b5 g5 27.fxg5 e5 28.Nf5 hxg5 29.Bxg5 d4 30.h4±]

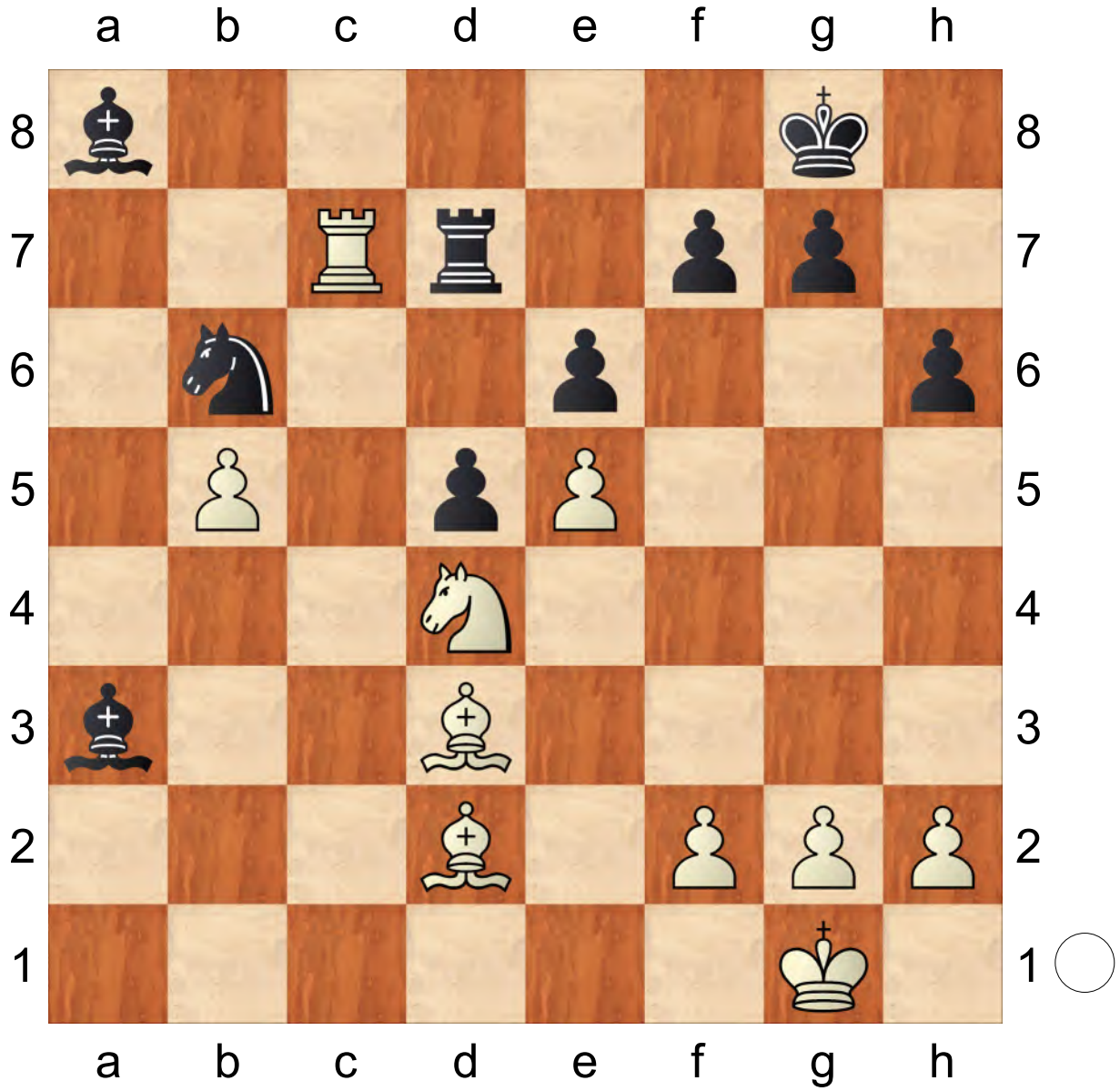
[II 21...Nc4! Dieser gut getimte, energische Springerausfall, der ein Bauernopfer impliziert und Schwarz den gegnerischen Druck abschütteln lässt, scheint für diesen Stellungstyp thematisch zu sein. 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Qxc4 Qb6 24.b5

(24.Nc6?? Qxc6 25.Qxc6 Bxc6 26.Rxc6 Rd8 27.Rc2 Bxb4-+; 24.Nf3 Rd8= 25.Qc7 Qxc7 26.Rxc7 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Rxd2 28.Rxe7 Rd5) 24...Ba3!⩱ 25.Rb1 *(25.Bb4 Bd5 26.Qc3 Bxc1 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Qxc1 Qxd4 29.Qc8+=; 25.Rc3?? Bd5 26.Qd3 Bb2)* 25...Bd5 26.Qc3 Bc5 27.Be3 Ba2 28.Rb2 Rd8= mit völligem Ausgleich. Weiter könnte folgen: 29.Rxa2 Bxd4 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.h3 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Qxb5 33.Ra8+ Kh7 34.Qc2+ *(34.Qc7 Rd7=)* 34...Qd3= In unserer Partie indes zögert Schwarz den Springerausfall zu lange hinaus.]

22.Qc7 Qd8

[Auch nach 22...Re8 23.b5 Ba3 24.Qxb8 Rxb8 25.Rc2 Nc4 *(25...Rc8 26.Nc6 Kf8 27.Be3)* 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.Rxc4 Bd5 28.Rc7± bleibt Schwarz auf der Suche nach Kompensation.]

23.b5 Ba3 24.Qxd8 Rxd8 25.Rc7 Rd7



26.Rc2 Bb7

[Aus spielpraktischen Erwägungen verdiente 26...Nc4!? auch an dieser Stelle den Vorzug:

A) 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.Rxc4 Bd5 29.Rc8+ Kh7 30.Be3±;

B) 27.h3 Bb7 28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Rxc4 Rd5 30.b6 Bc5 31.Nb3 Bxb6 32.Rb4 Rd3 33.Rxb6 Bd5 34.Bxh6 Bxb3 *(≤34...Rxb3 35.Rxb3 Bxb3=)* 35.Be3±;

C) 27.Be3 Bc5 *(27...Nxe3?? 28.Rc8+ Bf8 29.fxe3 Ra7 30.Rb8* Δb6+- *)*

C1) 28.f4 g5 29.g3 Bb6 30.Bxc4 *(30.Bf2 Ra7)* 30...dxc4 31.Rxc4 gxf4 32.gxf4 Be4 33.Kf2 Bd3=;

C2) 28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Rxc4 Rd5 30.h4 Kh7 *(30...Rxe5? 31.Nc6!)* 31.h5 Bxd4 nebst ♖xb5=;

C3) 28.f3!? Bb7 *(28...g5?! 29.Bxc4 dxc4 30.Rxc4 Rd5 31.Nc2 Bxe3+ 32.Nxe3 Rxe5 33.Ng4 Re1+ 34.Kf2 Ra1 35.Rc7)* 29.f4 g5 30.g3±]

27.Be3 Nc4 Jetzt der Not gehorchend entschließt sich Schwarz reichlich spät zu diesem Befreiungsversuch, nun allerdings ohne spürbare Entlastung zu finden.

[Unangenehme Konsequenzen hätte beispielsweise auch 27...Bb4 28.f4 *(28.Nxe6 Nc4 29.Nc5 Bxc5 30.Bxc5 Nxe5 31.Bf5 Rc7 32.Bd4 Rxc2 33.Bxc2 Nc4)* 28...Be7 29.Nxe6 Nc4 30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.Nd4±]

28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Rxc4 Bb2 Der Verteidigungsplan fußt nun darauf, den Springer zu tauschen und ein Endspiel mit Türmen und ungleichfarbigen Läufern herbeizuführen. Schwarz möchte seine Remischancen verbessern, indem er eine Blockadestellung errichtet und unter Umständen auch noch die Türme tauscht. **30.f4 Rd5?!**

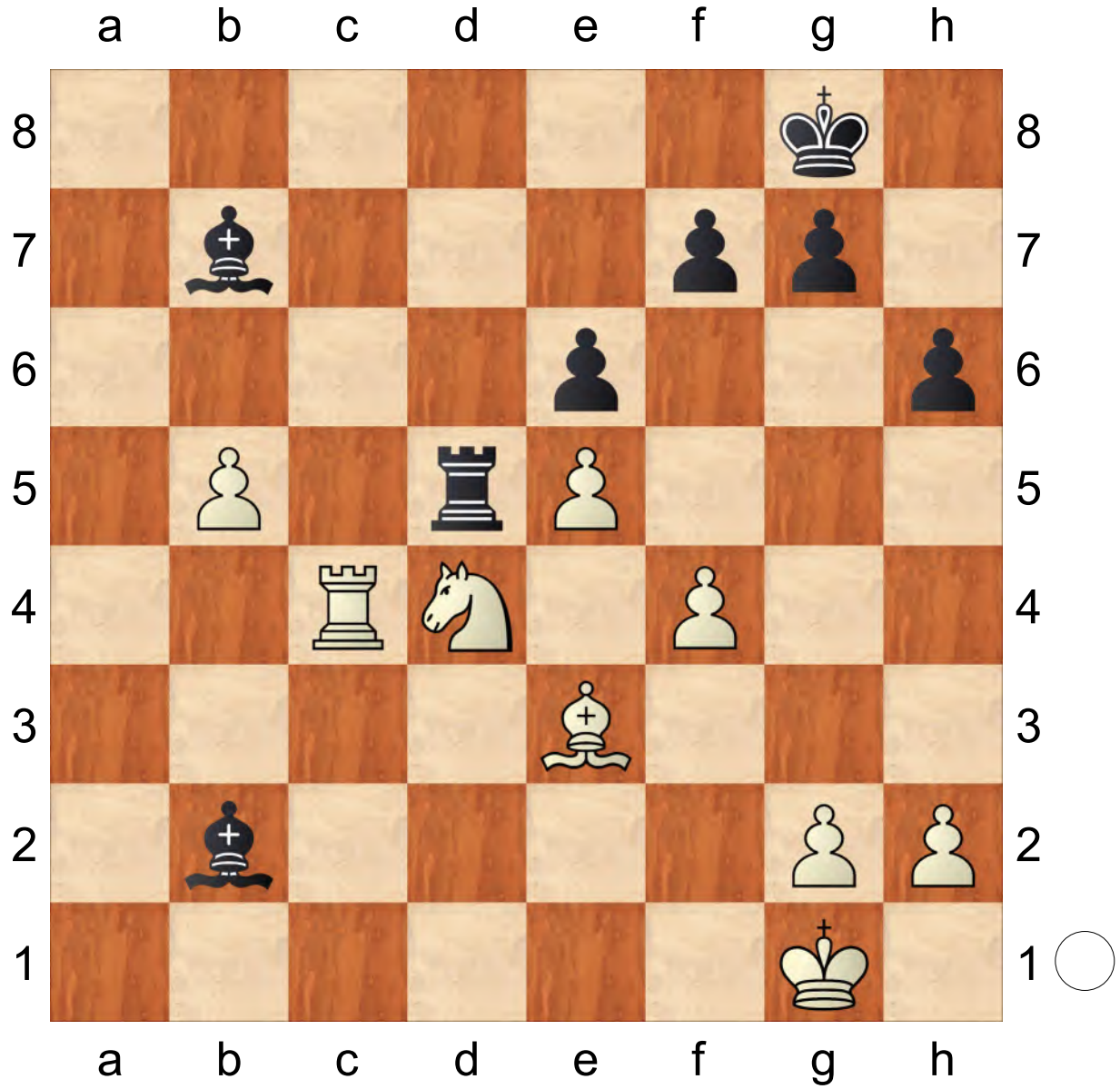
[Allem Anschein nach ist die sofortige Ausführung des angedeuteten Plans mittels 30...Bxd4 konsequent und besser. Man prüfe: 31.Bxd4 und nun z.B.

A) 31...Kf8?! 32.g4! Ke8 33.Kf2 g6 34.h4 Rd8 35.h5! gxh5 36.gxh5 Kd7 *(36...Rc8 37.Rxc8+! Bxc8 38.f5!+-* und nach diesem taktischen Schlag ist Schwarz in dem Läuferendspiel mausetot: *exf5 39.Be3 f4 40.Bxf4 Bg4 41.b6 Kd7 42.b7 Kc7 43.e6++-)* 37.Bb6 Bd5 *(37...Rc8 38.Rxc8 Kxc8 39.f5 Be4 40.fxe6 fxe6 41.Be3+- Bd3 42.b6 Kb7 43.Kg3 Kc6 44.Kh4 Bf5 45.Bxh6 Kxb6 46.Kg5 Kc7 47.Bf8 Kd7 48.Kf6* usw. *)* 38.Rc7+! Ke8 39.Be3 Ra8 *(39...Rd7 40.Rc8+ Rd8 41.Rxd8+ Kxd8 42.f5+-; 39...Rb8 40.b6 Kf8 41.f5+-)* 40.Bc5 Ra1 *(40...Ra2+ 41.Ke3 Rc2 42.Kd3 Rc4 43.b6 Rc1 44.Kd2 Rc4)* 41.b6 Rc1 42.Re7+ Kd8 *(42...Kf8 43.Bd6)* 43.Bd6 Rb1 44.Ra7! Ke8 45.Bc5

A1) 45...Rb5 46.Rc7 Kd8 47.Ke3 Ke8 48.Kd4 Rb1 *(48...Kd8 49.f5+-)* 49.f5+-;

A2) 45...Rc1 46.Bb4 Rb1 47.b7+-;

B) 31...h5! 32.b6 *(32.h3 Kf8 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Ke8 35.b6 Rd8 36.Kf2 Rc8±)* 32...Kf8 33.Bc5+ *(33.g3 Ke8 34.h3 Rd8 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 Rc8±)* 33...Ke8 34.Bd6 Rd8 35.Kf2 *(35.Rc7 Rd7 36.Rc2 Rd8 37.Kf2 Rc8±)* 35...Rc8 36.Bc7 Ra8 *(36...g6?! 37.Kg3)* 37.Rc2 Ra3 38.Bd6 Rb3 39.Bc5 Kd7±]



31.b6 Bxd4 32.Bxd4 Rb5!? Eine verlockend aktive Aufstellung des Turms, dennoch sind die Verteidigungsprobleme - wenn überhaupt - nun kaum noch am Brett zu lösen. Hier ein paar Alternativen:

[I Falls 32...Kf8? , so folgt 33.Rc7 Rxd4 34.Rxb7 Rb4 35.h4 Δg3 nebst Königswanderung zum Damenflügel +-; h5 *(35...f5 36.h5+-; 35...f6 36.f5!+-)* 36.g3 Rb2 37.Kf1 Kg8 38.Ke1 Kh7 39.Kd1 Kg6 40.Kc1 Rb5 41.Kd2 f6 42.Kc3 fxe5 43.fxe5 Rxe5 44.Rd7 Re1 45.Kc4+-]

[II 32...h5? 33.Kf2 Rd7 34.Be3

A) 34...Kf8 35.Bc5+ Ke8 36.Bd6 Rd8 37.Rc7 Rd7 38.Rc2

A1) 38...f6 39.Kg3

A1a) 39...g5 40.fxg5 fxg5 41.h4! Rg7 *(41...gxh4+ 42.Kxh4 Rg7 43.g3)* 42.hxg5 Rxg5+ 43.Kh4 Rg4+ 44.Kxh5 Rxg2 45.Rc7 Bf3+ 46.Kh6 Rb2 47.Re7+ Kd8 48.Rxe6 Rxb6 49.Be7+ Kc7 50.Bd8++-;

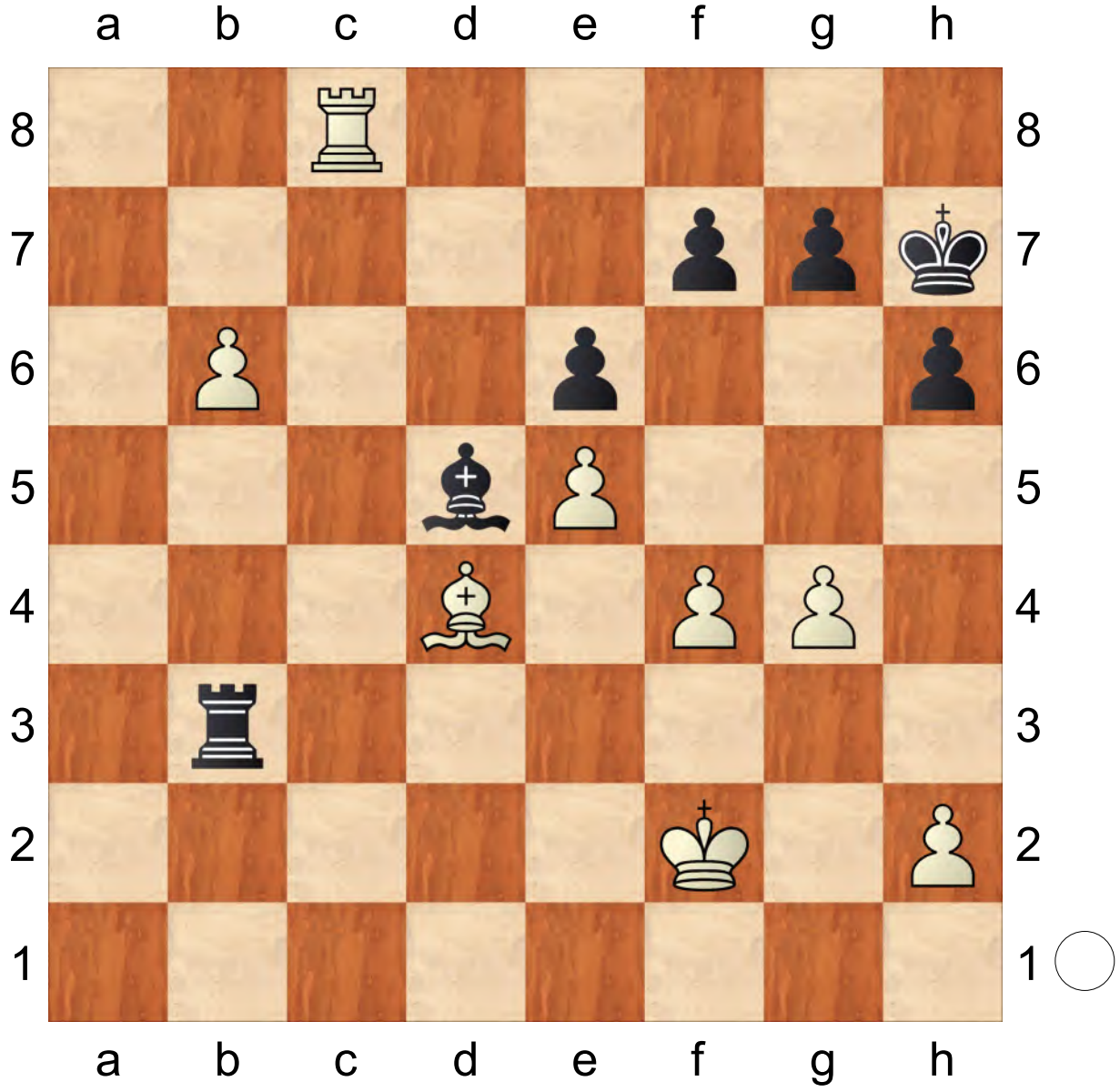
A1b) 39...Kf7 40.Kh4 Kg6 *(40...fxe5 41.Bxe5)*
A1b1) 41.Rc7? Rxc7 42.bxc7 Ba6 43.Bf8 f5 44.Bxg7 Bb7= *(44...Kxg7?? 45.Kxh5+-)*;
A1b2) 41.Rc3!
A1b21) 41...Kf5 42.Rg3! Bd5 43.Bc7 Bb7 44.h3 Rf7 *(44...Bd5 45.exf6 gxf6 46.Rd3* Δ♖xd5+- *)* 45.exf6 gxf6 46.Rg8+- Rh7 47.g3 Bf3 48.Rd8 Bb7 49.Rd4 e5 50.Ra4 e4 51.Ra5+ Ke6 52.f5+ Kd7 53.Rc5 Ke8 54.Bf4 Re7 55.Rc3 Rh7 *(55...e3 56.Rxe3!)* 56.Be3 Δ♗d4-xf6;
A1b22) 41...Kh6 42.Rg3!
A1b221) 42...fxe5 43.Bxe5 Rf7 44.Rg5 g6 45.Rg3 Kh7 46.Rc3
A1b2211) 46...Bxg2 47.Rc7! Rxc7 *(47...Kg8 48.Kg5+- Be4 49.Kh6 Kf8 50.Rc8+ Ke7 51.h4)* 48.bxc7 Bb7 49.Kg5 Δ♔f6+-;
A1b2212) 46...Kh6 47.g3 Rd7 48.Rc2 Rf7 49.Rd2 Bd5 *(49...Re7 50.Rd8)* 50.Bc7 Bb7 *(50...Bc6 51.Rd6)* 51.Rd8+-;
A1b222) 42...f5 43.Rg5 g6 44.Bf8+ Kh7 45.Rg3 Bd5 46.Bd6 Kh6 *(46...Rb7 47.Bc7+-)* 47.Rc3 Rb7 48.Rc7 Rxc7 49.bxc7 Bb7 50.Bf8+ Kh7 51.Kg5+- Kg8 52.Kxg6 Kxf8 53.Kxh5;
A2) 38...Rd8 39.Kg3 Rc8 40.Bc7 Ra8 41.Rd2 Δ♔h4-g5 plus ggf. g3 wirkt gewinnträchtig;
B) 34...Kh7 35.Rc7! und hier retten Schwarz auch die ungleichfarbigen Läufer nicht: Rxc7 36.bxc7 Kg6 37.Bc5! Kf5 38.Ke3 g5 39.Be7! gxf4+ 40.Kd4 f6 41.Bxf6 Kg6 42.Kc5 Kf7 43.Kb6 Bc8 44.Ka7 Ke8 45.Kb8 Kd7 46.Bg5+-]

[III 32...Rd7? 33.g4! g6 *(33...Kf8 34.Bc5+ Ke8 35.Bd6 Rd8 36.h4 g6 37.h5 gxh5 38.gxh5 Rc8 39.Rxc8+ Bxc8 40.Kf2 Ba6 41.Ke3 Kd7 42.Bf8 Kc6 43.Bxh6 Bf1 44.Bg5 Bh3 45.h6 Bf5 46.Bd8+-; 33...Bf3 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Bc5)* 34.Kf2 Kf8 35.Bc5+ Ke8 36.Bd6 f6 37.Ke3 fxe5 *(37...f5 38.gxf5 gxf5 39.Kd4)* 38.Bxe5 h5 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.h4 Ke7 41.Rc1 Rd5 42.Rg1 und vermutlich +-]

[IV 32...g5! um den König zu aktivieren und freieres Spiel auf den hellen Feldern zu erlangen, mag gerade noch ausreichend sein:
A) 33.fxg5 hxg5
A1) 34.g3 Ba6 35.Rb4 Kh7 36.Kf2 Kg6 37.Ke3 Bb7 38.Rc4 Rb5! *(38...Rd7? 39.Rc7 Rxc7 40.bxc7+- g4 41.Kf4 Kh5 42.Bc5 Bc8 43.Be7 Ba6 44.Ke3 Kg6 45.Bf6 Bc8 46.Kd4)* 39.Rc7 Rb3+ 40.Kd2 Bd5 41.Rc3 Rb2+ 42.Rc2 Rb4±;
A2) 34.Kf2 Rb5
A2a) 35.Rc2 Rb4 36.Ke3 Rb3+ 37.Rc3! Rb1 *(37...Rb5)* 38.g3 *(38.Ra3)* 38...Kg7 39.Rc7 Rb3+ 40.Kd2 Be4;
A2b) 35.Rc7 Bd5 36.Rc2 Bb7 37.Rb2 Rd5 38.Ke3 f6 39.exf6 e5 40.Bc3 Kf7 41.Rf2 Rc5;
B) 33.g3 gxf4 34.gxf4 Kh7 35.Kf2 Kg6 36.Ke3

B1) 36...Rd7? 37.Rc1 Kh7 *(37...Kf5 38.Rg1 Bc6 39.Rg7 Bb7 40.h4 Bc6 41.h5 Bb7 42.Bc5 Δ♗d6 und ♖h7+-)* 38.Rg1 Rd8 39.f5! und vermutlich +-;
B2) 36...Rb5! 37.Kd3 Rb3+ 38.Kc2
B2a) 38...Rb5? 39.Kc3 h5 40.Ra4 Bd5 41.Rb4 Rxb4 42.Kxb4 Kf5 43.Kc5 Kxf4 44.Bc3 Kg4 45.Be1 Be4 46.Kd6 Kf5 47.Bh4 Kg4 48.Bg3 Kf5 *(48...h4 49.Be1)* 49.Kc7 h4 50.Bxh4 Kxe5 51.Bg3+ Kf5 52.b7 Bxb7 53.Kxb7+-;
B2b) 38...Rh3! 39.Bg1 Ra3 40.Rc7 Be4+ 41.Kb2 *(41.Kd2 Rd3+ 42.Ke2 Rb3 43.Bc5 Bd5±)* 41...Rf3! 42.b7 Rf1 43.f5+ Kh5 *(43...exf5? 44.Rc6+! Kh7 45.Bb6+-)* 44.Kc3 Bxb7 45.Rxb7 Rxg1 46.Rxf7 exf5 47.Rxf5+ Kg6 48.Rf6+ Kg5 49.Rf2 Ra1 50.Kd4 Ra4+ 51.Kd5 Ra5+ 52.Kd6 Ra6+ 53.Ke7 Ra7+ 54.Kf8 Ra6=]

33.g4! Bd5 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Kf2 Rb3



36.Rd8

[Nach 36.f5 h5! 37.Rc7 hxg4 38.Rxf7 exf5 39.Rd7 Bc4 40.Re7 Rb4 *(40...f4? 41.e6 g3+ 42.hxg3 fxg3+ 43.Ke1+-)* 41.Ke3 f4+! *(41...Bd5? 42.e6!+- f4+ 43.Kd3)* 42.Kxf4 Bd5 43.Ke3 Rb3+ 44.Kd2 Kg6 45.Rd7 Be6 46.Rd6 Kf5⇄ ist nicht zu sehen, wie Weiß weiterkommen kann.]

36...Rh3? In äußerst schwieriger Lage der letzte und entscheidende Fehler. Alternativen, z.B.:

[I 36...Rd3! - vielleicht der einzige Zug - scheint gerade noch ausreichenden Widerstand zu leisten: 37.Be3 Rb3 38.Rd7 Rb2+ 39.Kf1 Bc4+ 40.Kg1 Rb1+ 41.Kf2 Rb2+

A) 42.Rd2 Rb5 43.Rc2 *(43.h4 h5! 44.gxh5 Kh6⇄ 45.Kg3 Bd5)* 43...Bd5 44.Bd4 Rb3 45.f5 exf5 46.gxf5 Rf3+ 47.Ke1 Rf4 48.Rd2 Rxf5 49.Bb2 Bc4 50.Rd7 Rf1+ 51.Kd2 Rf2+ 52.Kc3 Ba6 53.Ra7 Bc8 54.Rc7 Ba6 55.e6 fxe6 56.Kb3 Kg6 57.Rxg7+ Kh5 58.Be5 *(58.Ra7 Bc8 59.Rc7 Ba6=)* 58...Rf5 59.Bd4 *(59.Ra7 Bc8 60.Bd4 e5 61.Bg1 Rf1∞)* 59...Rb5+ 60.Kc3 e5 61.Bf2 Bc8⇄;

B) 42.Kg3 Bd5 43.f5 Rg2+ 44.Kf4 g5+ 45.fxg6+ Kxg6 46.Bd4 Rd2 47.Ke3 Rd1 48.h4 Rb1 49.Bc5 h5 50.gxh5+ Kxh5 51.Rxf7 Kxh4 52.Kd4 Kg4⇄]

[II 36...Kg6? provoziert den tödlichen Vorstoß 37.f5+! : Kh7 *(37...Kg5 38.Rxd5 exd5 39.e6+-)* 38.Rd7 Kg8 39.h4 Rb4 40.Ke3 usw. +-]

[III 36...Rf3+? 37.Ke2 Rb3 *(≤37...Rxf4 38.Rxd5! exd5 39.b7+-)* 38.Rd7! Bf3+ 39.Kd2

A) 39...Be4 40.f5! h5 *(40...exf5 41.e6 fxe6 42.Rxg7+ Kh8 43.b7+-)* 41.Rxf7 Rd3+ 42.Ke2 Rxd4 43.f6+- Kh6 44.Rxg7 hxg4 45.Ke3 Rb4 46.Rxg4;

B) 39...Bxg4 40.Kc2! Rb5 41.Rxf7 Bf3 *(41...Bf5+ 42.Kc3 Kg6 43.Re7 Rb1 44.Kc4+-)* 42.f5! Be4+ 43.Kc3 Bxf5 44.Kc4 Rb1 45.Rxf5! exf5 46.e6 Kg6 47.Kd5 f4 48.Kc6 f3 49.b7 Rxb7 50.Kxb7 f2 51.Bxf2 Kf6 52.Bd4+ Kxe6 53.Bxg7+-]

37.Rd7! Danach geht es für Schwarz unweigerlich den Bach hinunter. **37...Rxh2+**

[Oder z.B.: I 37...h5 38.Rxf7 hxg4 *(38...Rxh2+ 39.Ke3 hxg4 40.f5 exf5 41.Rd7* ist Zugumstellung*)* 39.f5! exf5 40.Rd7 Rxh2+ 41.Ke3 Meyer,CD: 'ist Zugumstellung' Rh3+ 42.Kd2 Rh2+ 43.Kc3 Rh3+ 44.Kb4 Be6 45.Rd8 f4 46.Kc5 Rb3 47.Kd6+-]

[II 37...Kg8 38.Ke2 Rb3 39.f5! Bf3+ 40.Kf2 Bc6 41.Re7 Bd5 42.Ke2 Rb4 43.Ke3 Rb3+ 44.Kd2 Rb4 45.Bc5 Rb5 46.Rc7 Rb2+ 47.Kc3 Rb3+ 48.Kd4 Rb1 49.h4 Rd1+ 50.Kc3 Rb1 51.h5 Rb3+ 52.Kd4 Rb1 53.f6+-]

38.Ke3 Rh3+ 39.Kd2 Be4

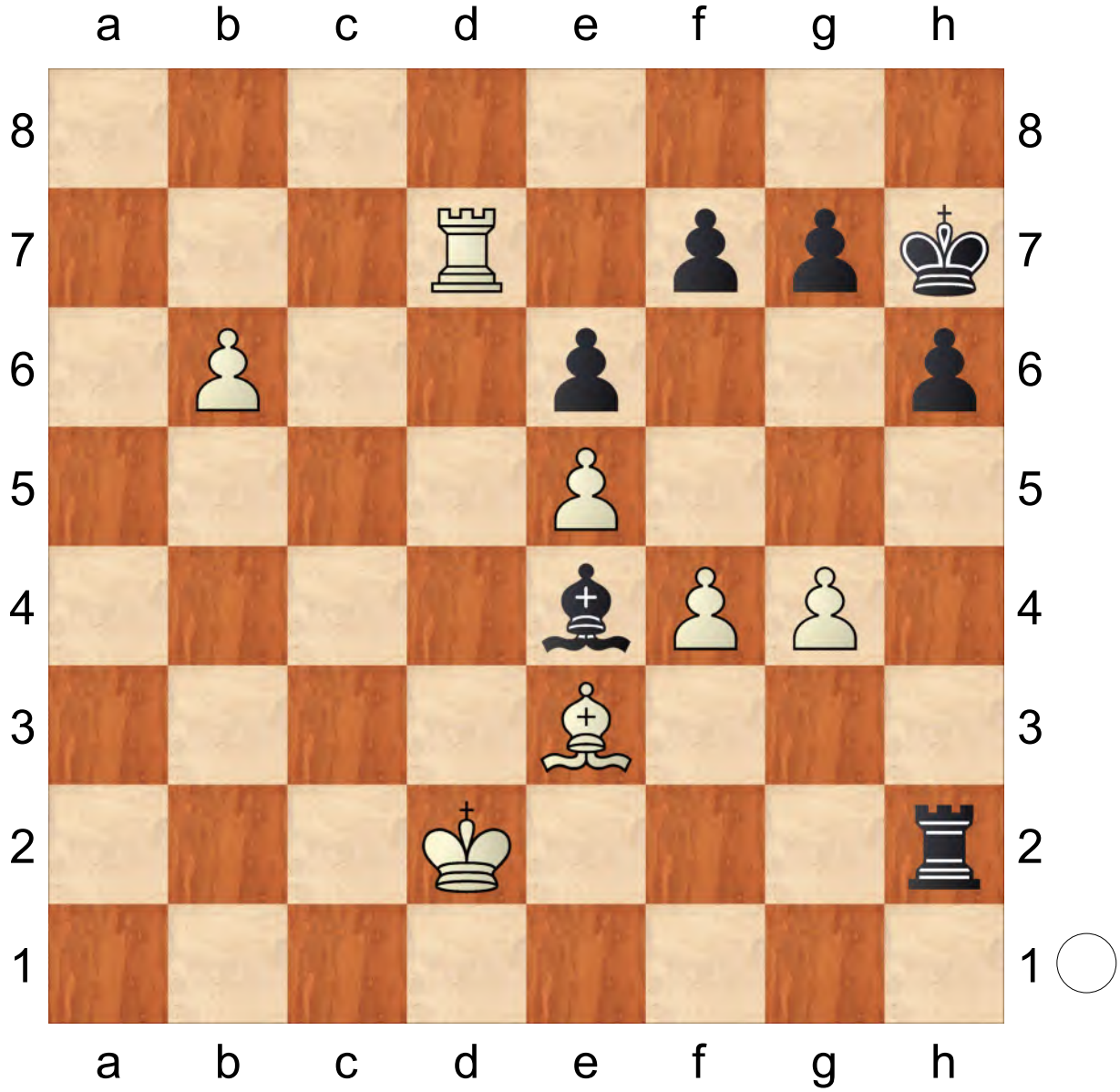
[Ansonsten entscheidet ein Qualitätsopfer: I 39...Kg6 40.Rxd5!+- exd5 41.Bc3 d4 42.b7]

[II 39...h5 40.Rxd5! exd5 41.Bc3 Rh2+ 42.Kc1+-]

40.Be3 Rh2+

[40...Kg6 41.b7 Rh2+ 42.Kc3 Bxb7 43.Rxb7 Rh4 44.f5+! Sehr schön und in

diesem Stellungstyp offenbar eine Art Patentzug. exf5 45.Rb6+ Kh7 *(45...f6 46.e6 Rxg4 47.e7 Kf7 48.Bc5 Re4 49.Rb8 Rxe7 50.Bxe7 Kxe7 51.Rb7+ Kf8 52.Kd4+-)* 46.gxf5 Rh5 47.f6 gxf6 *(47...Rxe5 48.Bd4)* 48.exf6+- mit technischer Gewinnstellung]

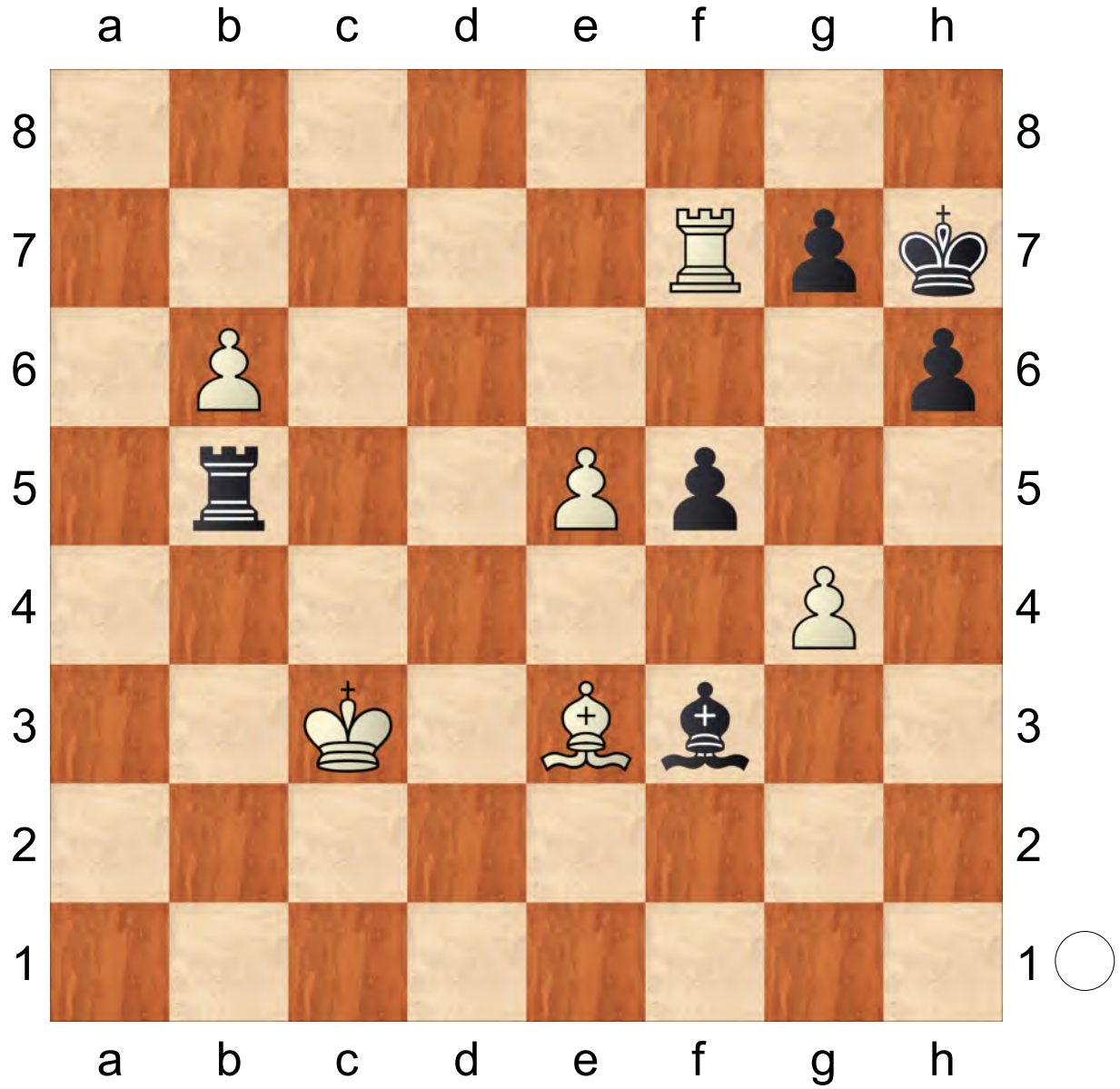


41.Kc3 Rc2+

[41...Kg6 42.b7 Bxb7 43.Rxb7 Rh4 44.f5+! exf5 45.Rb6+ Kh7 46.gxf5 Rh5 47.f6 gxf6 *(47...Rxe5 48.Bd4 Re8 49.fxg7+-)* 48.exf6+-]

42.Kd4 Bf3 43.Rxf7 Rb2 44.Kc3 Rb5 45.f5!+- Zur Krönung folgt der thematische (und hinter den Kulissen allgegenwärtige) Ausheber. **45...exf5**

[45...Kg8 46.fxe6 Bxg4 47.b7 Bxe6 48.Re7 Bf7 49.Bc5! Bh5 *(49...Bd5 50.Re8+ Kf7 51.b8Q+-)* 50.Bd6+-]



46.e6 fxg4 47.e7 Bc6 48.Bd4 Kg6 49.Rxg7+ Kf5 50.Rf7+ Ke4

(Diagram)

51.Rf6

(Diagram)

Schwarz gab auf - ein "technisches Sahnestück"
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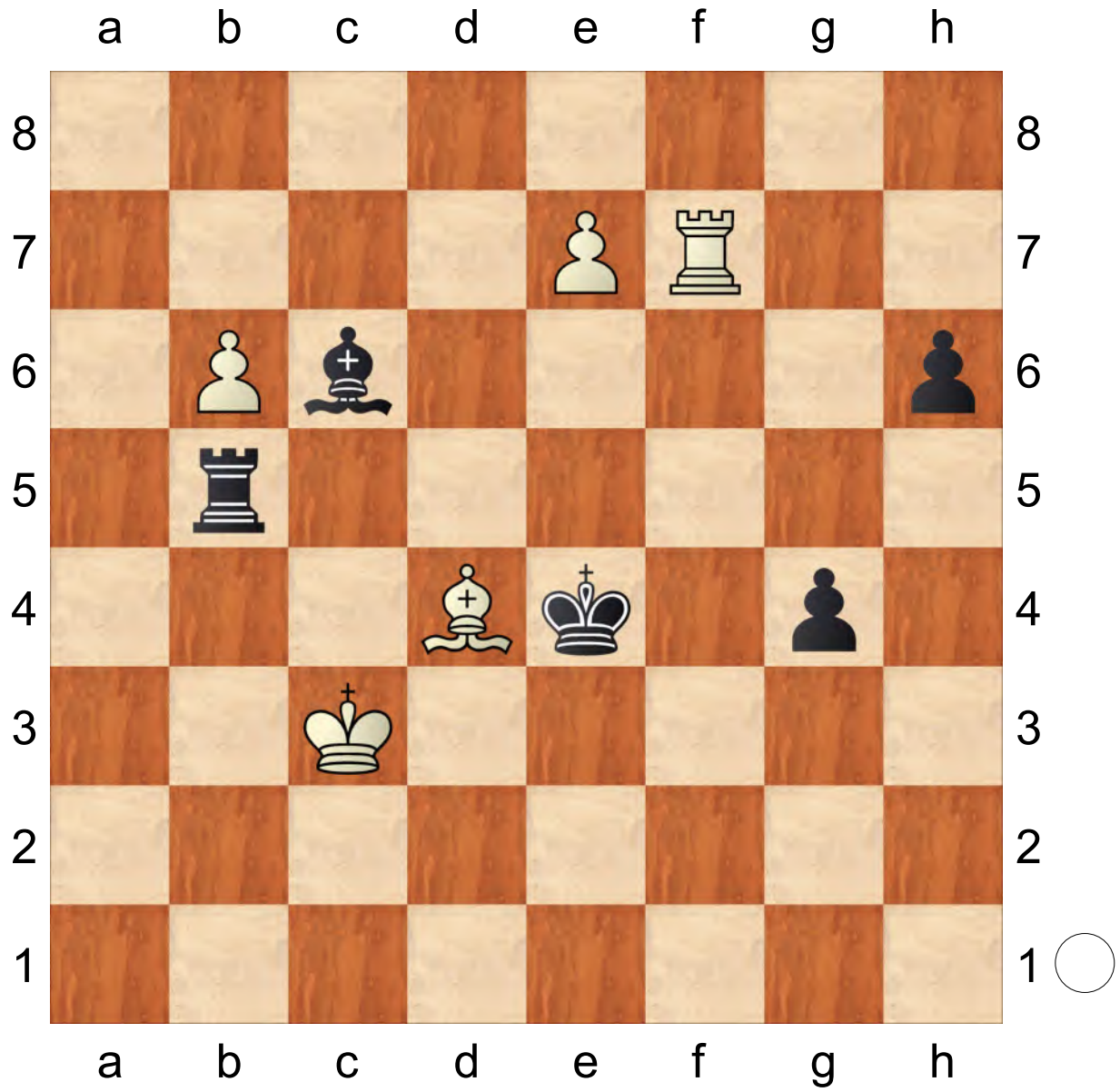
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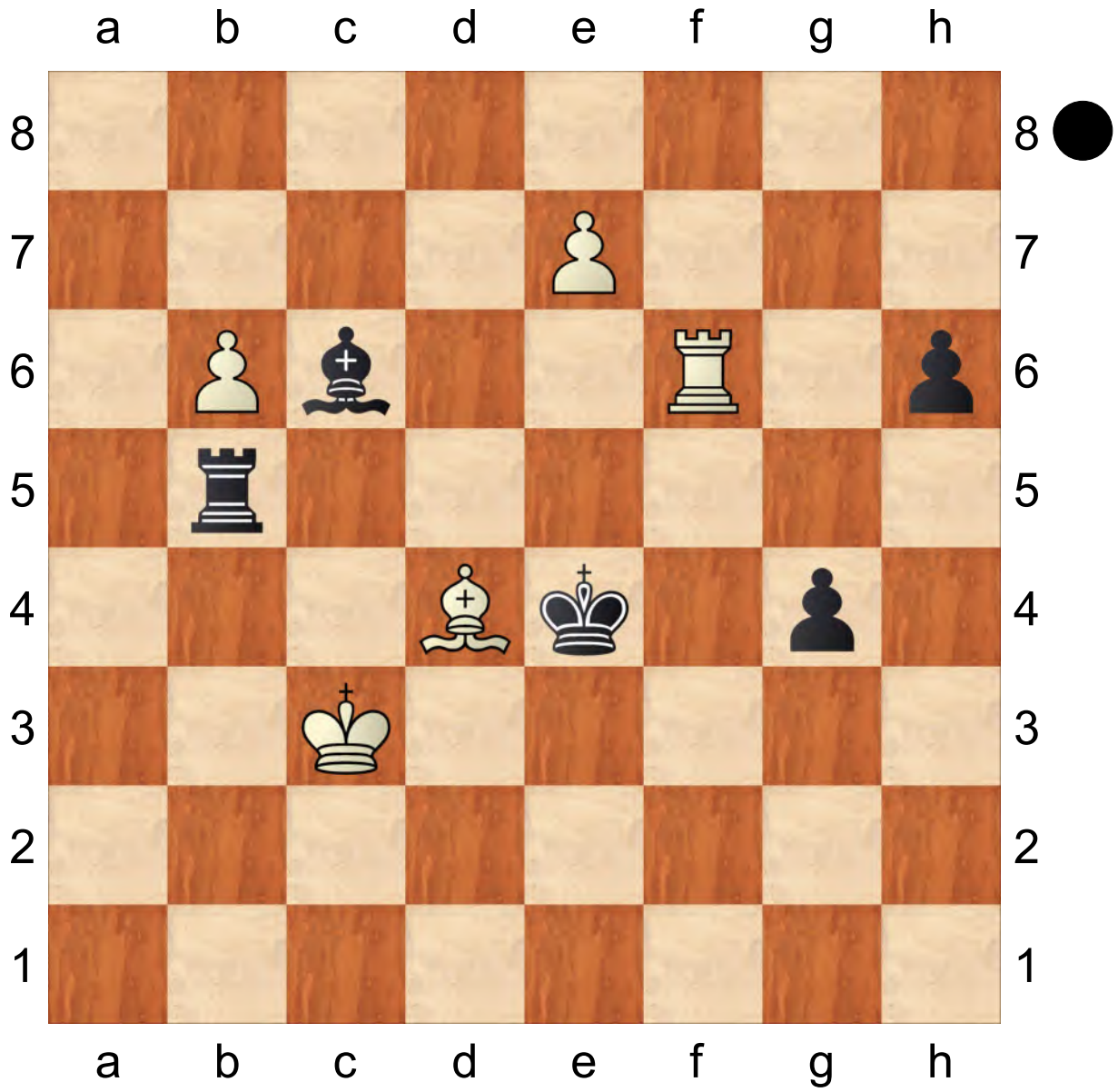
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□ **Tartakower,Saviely**
■ **Botvinnik,Mikhail**
Staunton Memorial (13) 29.08.1946
[Bastian/ChessBase]

War Tartakower doch nicht verloren? Herbert Bastian, 2.7.2008 (Aktualisierung 15.8. 2008; vollständige Version) Zu den Glanzstücken des 6. Schachweltmeisters Michail Moissejewitsch Botwinnik (17.8.1911 - 5.5.1995, Weltmeister in den Perioden 1948-1957, 1958-1960 und 1961-1963) gehört sein berühmtes Springerendspiel gegen Dr. Savielly Tartakower vom Staunton-Memorial in Groningen 1946 (13. Runde). Der weiße König war in der Ecke eingeklemmt und einem Mattangriff ausgesetzt, wie man ihn in Springerendspielen nur selten zu Gesicht bekommt. Deshalb hat dieses Endspiel Aufnahme in viele Lehrbücher gefunden. Kürzlich habe ich das Endspiel für ein Stützpunkttraining vorbereitet und dazu alle mir verfügbaren Varianten geprüft. Folgt man der Einschätzung in der Literatur, musste Schwarz immer gewinnen. Umso größer war meine Überraschung, als ich im Partieverlauf eine relativ einfache und logische Fortsetzung entdeckte, mit der Weiß sich wahrscheinlich retten konnte. Der Check mit meinen Analyseprogrammen zeigt zwar zunächst einen Vorteil für Schwarz an, aber der ist nach meinen Erkenntnissen nicht zu nutzen. "Hier musste Schwarz den Zug abgeben; er wählte eine ganz natürliche Fortsetzung" (Botwinnik in [3]). **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3** The plan of play Tartakower has chosen is interesting. In order to exclude any suprises in the opening, he has gone in for the exchange variation (usually this variation is chosen as a convenient base for a draw). But in this game he cleverly finds a way of complicating the struggle **4...Bd6 5.c4 Nf6**

[5...Ne7? 6.c5+-]

[5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 Ne7? 7.Ng5! 0-0 8.Qh5+-]

(Diagram)

6.c5?! Hardly the strongest as Black forces the exchange of this pawn

[⌓6.Nc3 0-0 *(6...c6 7.c5 Bc7 8.Bg5; 6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 c6∞* cf.Queens Gambit Accepted. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.e3 e5 *)* 7.c5 Be7 8.Bf4 b6 9.b4 a5 10.a3]

6...Be7 7.Bd3 According to the tournament book. Botvinnik himself gives the moveorder: 7.♘c3 b6 8.cb6 ab6 9.♗d3 0-0 10.0-0.

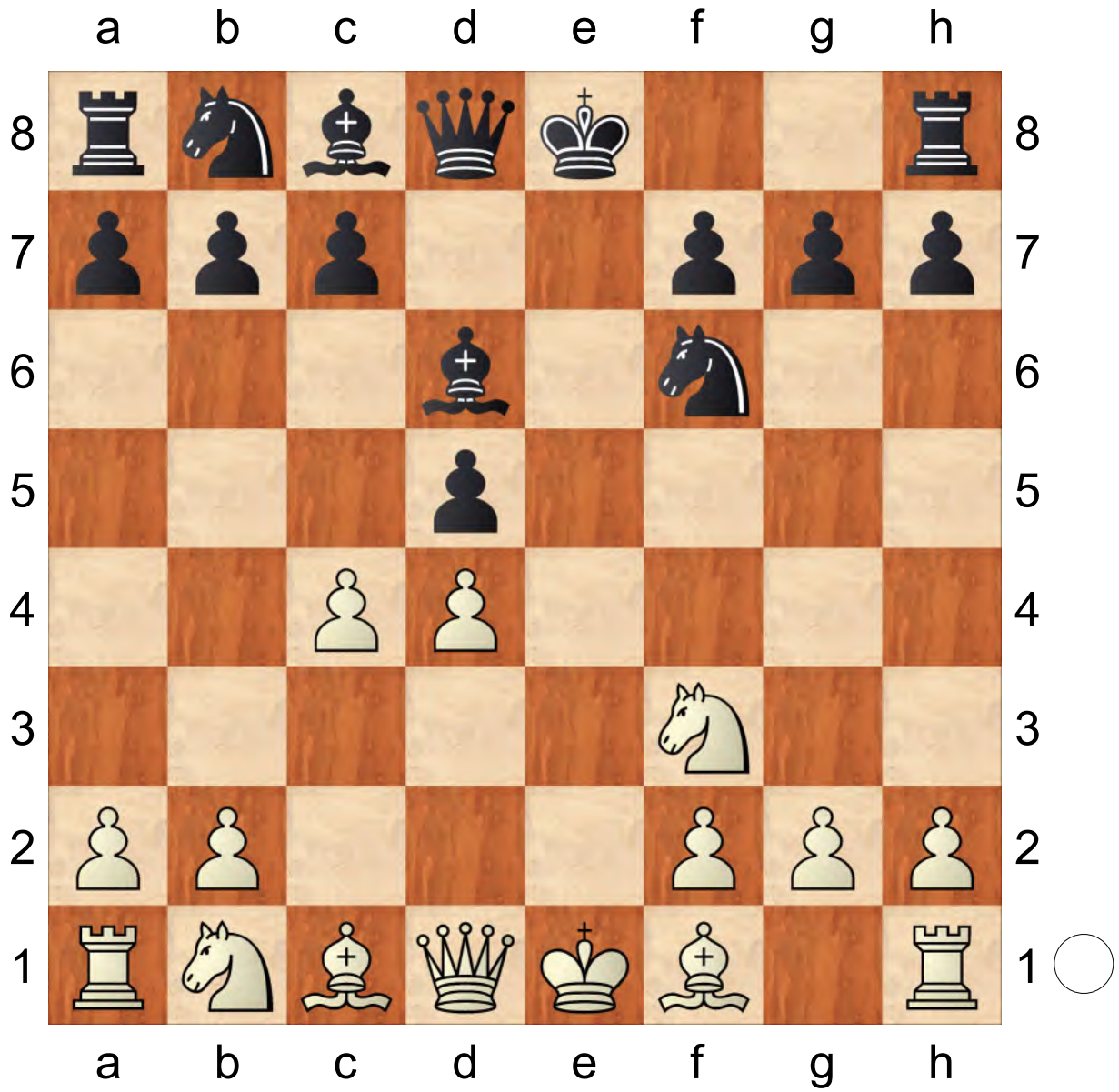
[7.Be2!?]

[7.Bb5+ c6 8.Bd3 b6 Kasparian-Botvinnik/URS-ch20/1952/]

[7.Nc3 Botvinniks moveorder. b6 8.cxb6 axb6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 game-]

7...b6! 8.cxb6

[8.b4? a5 9.a3? axb4 10.axb4? Rxa1-+]



8...axb6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 Bg4

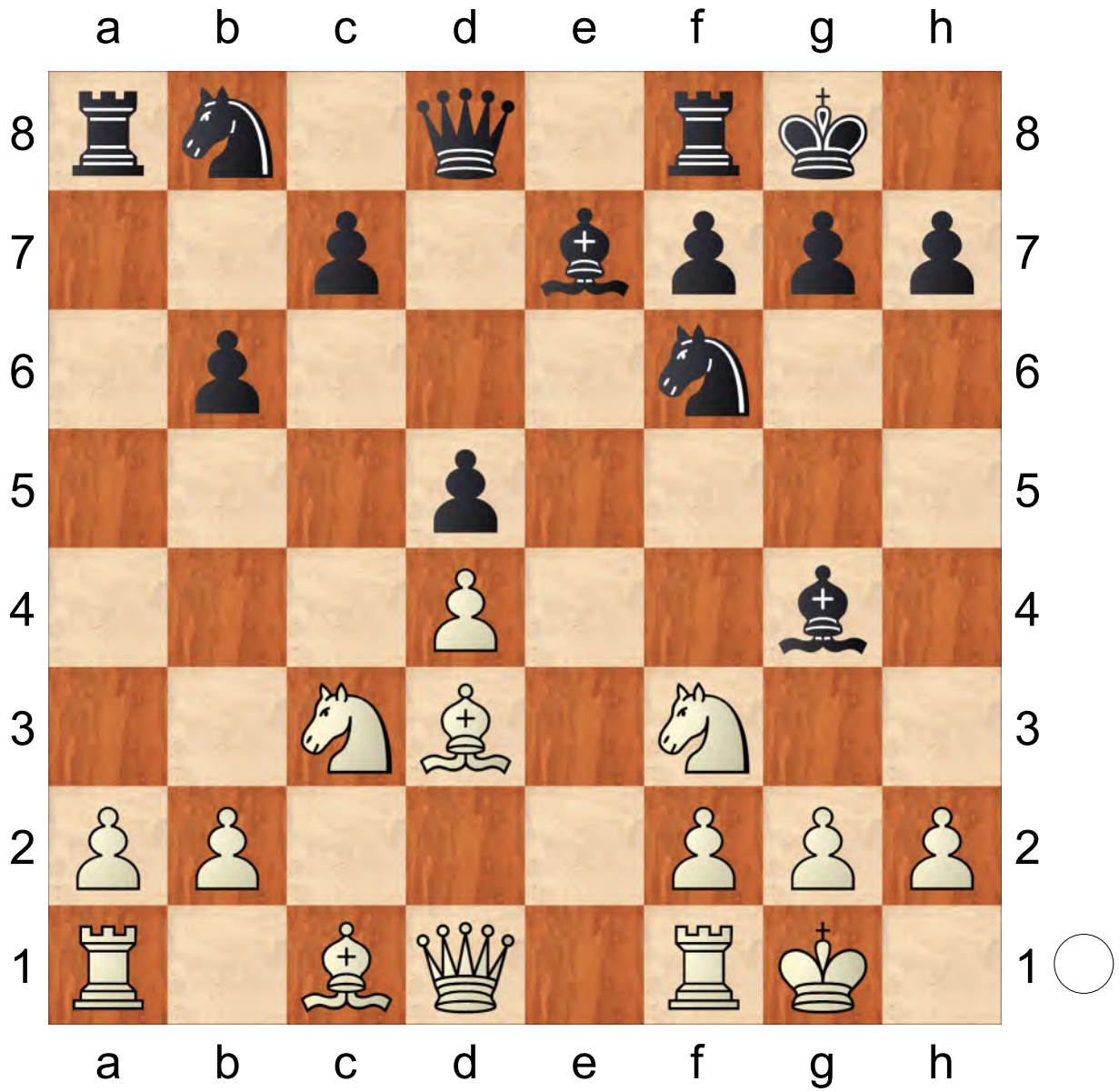
[10...c5! inviting but leads to a weakening of b5 11.Bg5 ! Botvinnik *(11.Bb5 Bd6 12.Ne5* White has the initiative*)* 11...Be6 12.Ne5 ↑ Botvinnik h6 13.Bh4 Nfd7! Timman: quite satisfactory for Black.]

(Diagram)

It is not easy for Black to find a sound plan **11.h3** A double edged continuation **11...Bh5 12.g4!**

[12.Be2]

12...Bg6 13.Ne5 Δ♘ g6,f4 **13...Bxd3 14.Qxd3 c6 15.Bg5!?** Now there is a sharp struggle; but it must be remarked that, as the further course of the game shows,



White did not foresee Black's reply

[15.Bf4! Botvinnik more cautious]

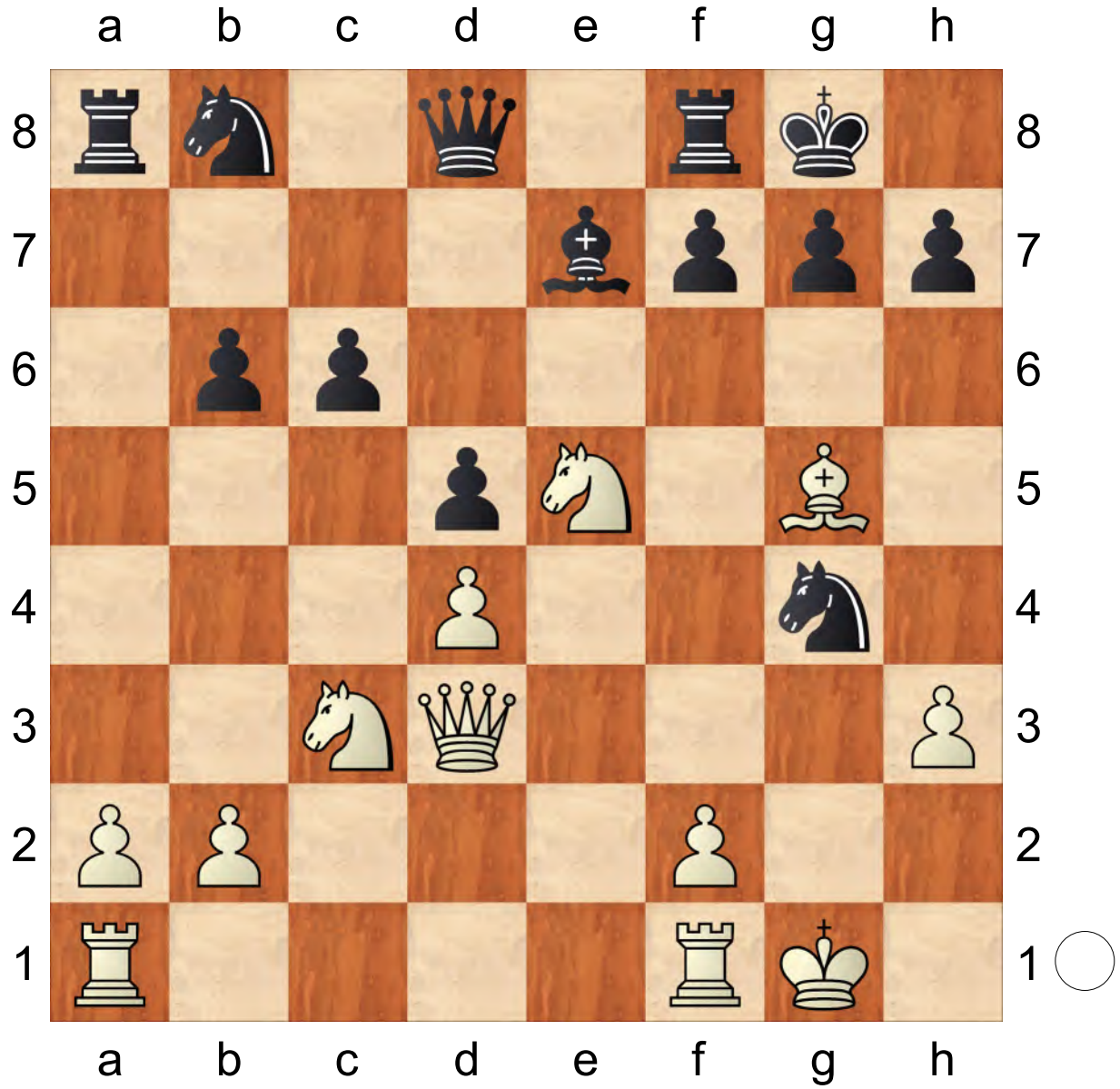
15...Nxg4!?

[15...Nfd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rae1 Qd6 18.Re3=]

(Diagram)

An unexpected stroke, which Black decided upon after twenty minutes consideration. White mistakenly rejects the hxg4 continuation indicated, he decided to preserve material equality, which hands the initiative to Black. If the initiative passes to Black the weakness of White's Kingside begins to tell and his game proves to be lost

16.Nxc6?∓



[16.Bxe7?? Nxe5 17.Bxd8 *(17.Qxh7+ Kxh7 18.Bxd8 Nc4 19.Bc7 Na6)* 17...Nxd3 18.Bxb6 Nxb2 '∓']

[16.hxg4! Bxg5

A) 17.f4 f6 *(17...Bf6 18.Kg2 Bxe5 19.Rh1? f5!∓)* 18.fxg5 fxe5 19.Rxf8+ Qxf8 20.Rf1 Qe7∓;

B) 17.Kg2! f6 18.Rh1 Bh6 19.Ng6! Rf7 *(19...hxg6? 20.Rxh6!+- '!' gxh6 21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Qxh6+ Kg8 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Rh1#)*

B1) 20.Nh4= Bg5 despite Black's extra pawn, White retains the initiative 21.Ng6 Δ♘e5 Bh6 22.Nh4 Bg5 23.Ng6=;

B2) 20.Rae1?! Timman Nd7! *(20...hxg6? 21.Rxh6 gxh6 22.Qxg6+ Rg7 23.Re8++-)*;

B3) 20.Ne2! Timman Δ♘e2-g3-f5 20...hxg6 21.Qxg6 Nd7 *(21...Qe8 22.Rxh6 Qe4+ 23.Qxe4 dxe4 24.Rh3±)* 22.Rxh6 Nf8 23.Rh8+ Kxh8

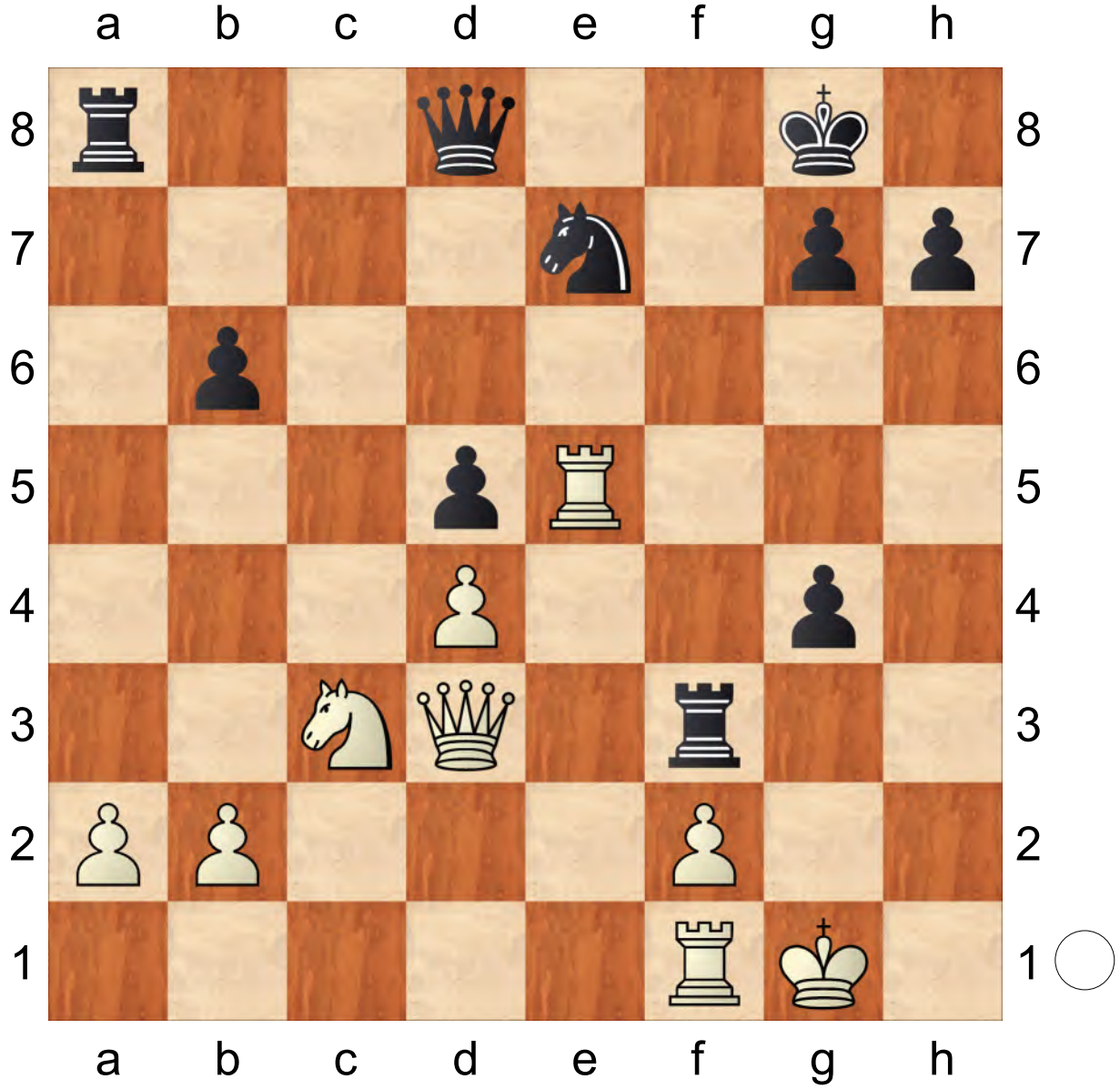
24.Qxf7+-]

16...Nxc6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.hxg4 f5→ '!' A great unpleasantness for White! There is no sound way of defending the g-pawn. Tartakower chooses the best course: he sacrifices the g-pawn to gain time to double his Rooks on the e-file **19.Rae1!**

[19.f3 Qd6 20.Kg2 Ng6]

[19.gxf5 Nxf5 Black swiftly transfers his forces for an attack on the King.]

19...fxg4 20.Re5 Rf3!



An important move shutting the White Queen out from defence of the King **21.Qb5 Ng6!** Fundamentally decides the game

[21...Qd6? 22.Rxe7 Rg3+= '=' *(22...Qxe7 23.Qxd5++-)*]

22.Rxd5 White gains equality in material, but he can't hinder the development of Black's attack

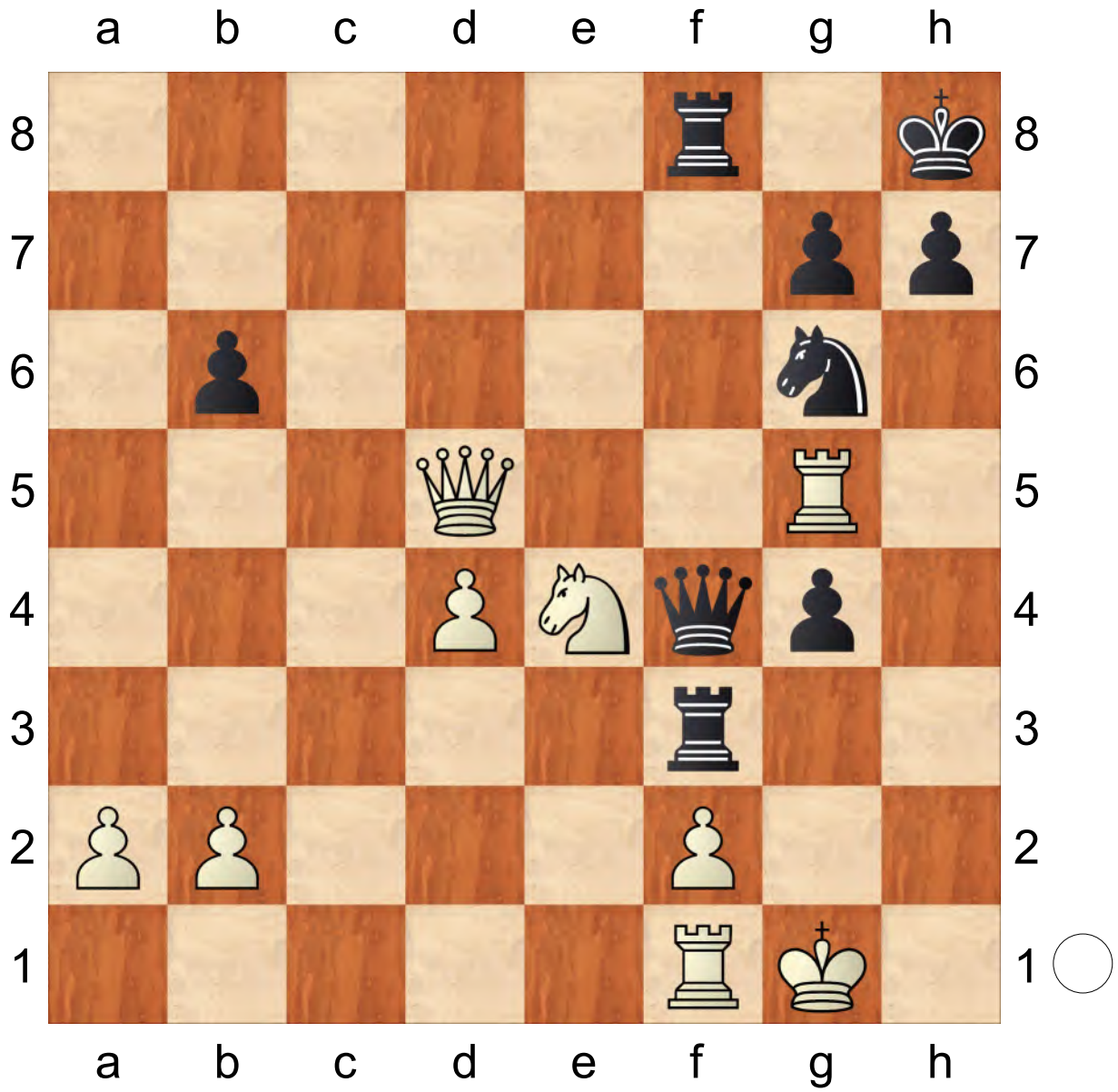
[22.Qxd5+? Qxd5 23.Rxd5 Nf4-+ Δ24...♖af8, 25...g3/ 25...♘h3+ The endgame

is hopeless for White]

22...Qf6 **23.Rg5** Now the g-pawn is threatened and White has a tempo check with his Queen

[23.Rh5 Rd8 preventing the check at d5 and Black should consumate his attack without difficulty.]

23...Rf8 **24.Ne4** **Qf4** **Δ♖h3** **25.Qd5+** **Kh8**

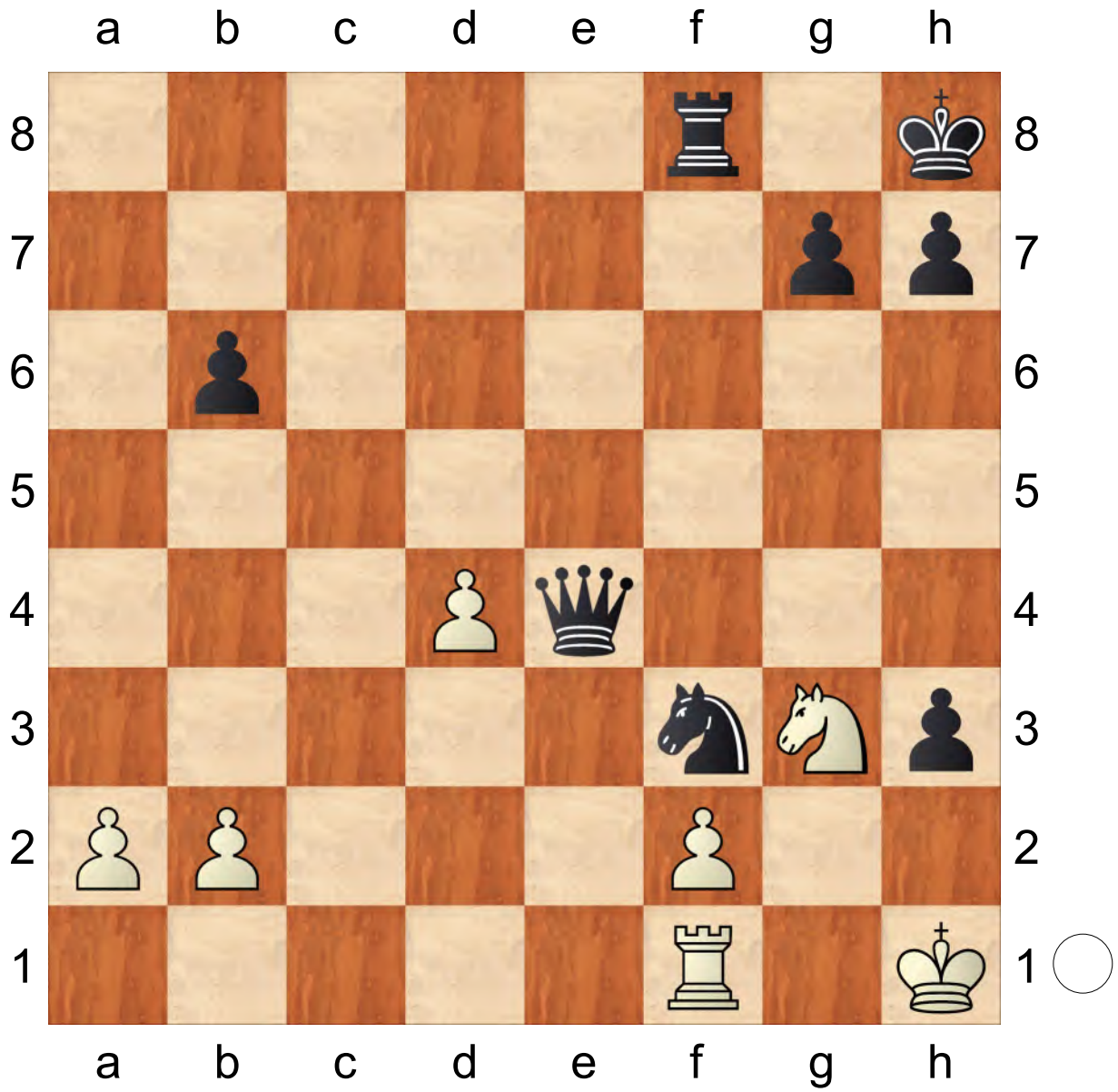


Δ 26... ♖h3! **26.Rh5** At first glance this move serves only as defence against ... ♖h3 but it is associated with a counterthreat ♘g5 **26...Rh3⊙** Zeitnot

[26...g3? 27.Ng5! gxf2+ 28.Kh1]

[White was in severe time trouble, and Black had fifteen minutes in hand 26...h6! 27.Qe6 Re3! I failed to find this move and spent ten minutes on ... ♖h3, so I too, found myself in time trouble and all but let the win slip out of my hands 28.Qxg6 Rxe4-+ **Δ**♖e2,♖d4]

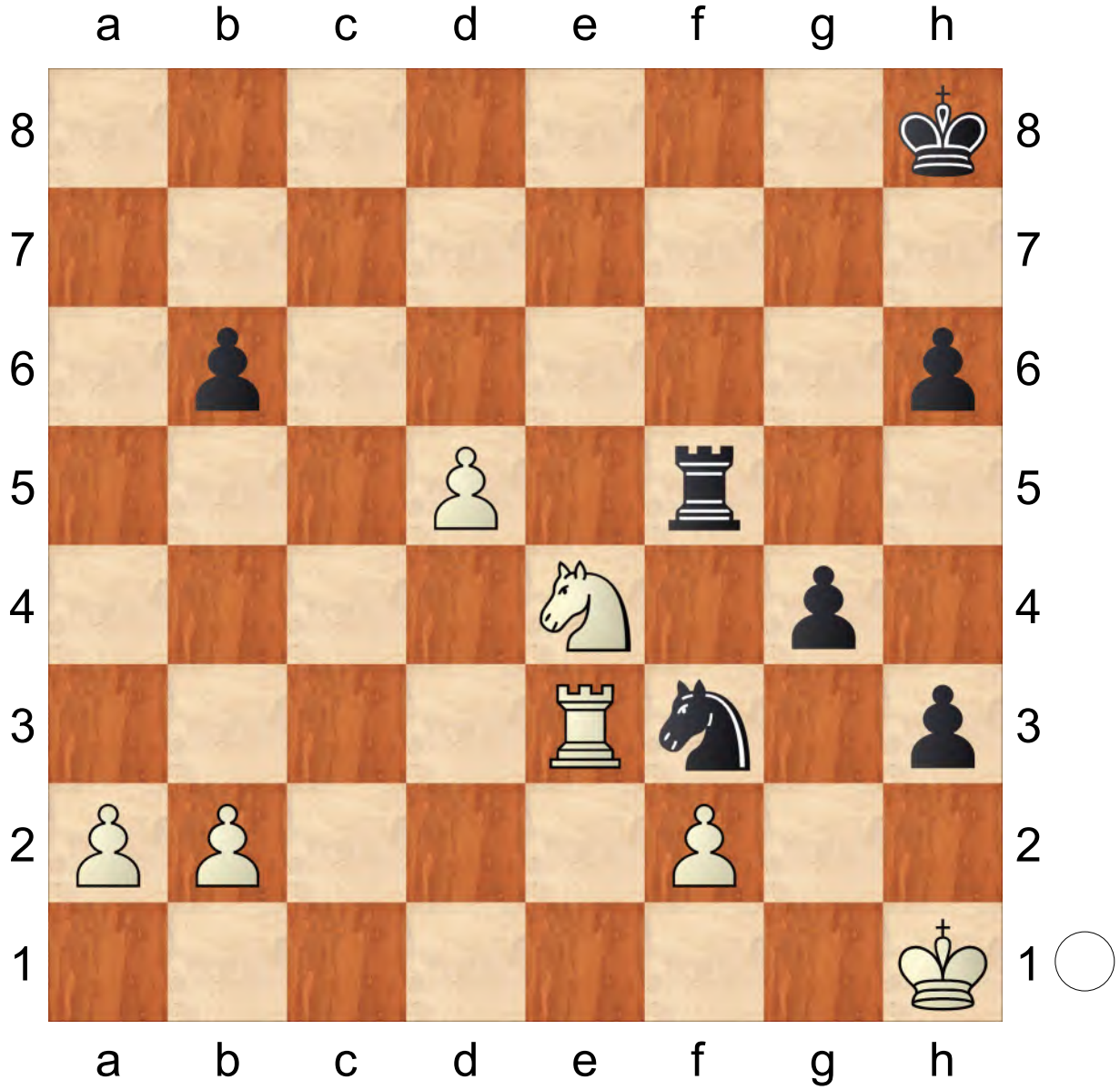
27.Rxh3 gxh3 28.Ng3
[28.Ng5? Ne7 29.Qe5 Qg4+ 30.Qg3 Qxg3+ 31.fxg3 h2+ '-+' 32.Kg2 Rxf1 33.Kxf1 h1Q+-+]
28...Nh4 29.Qe4 Nf3+ 30.Kh1 Qxe4



31.Nxe4 Rf4 32.Rc1 h6
[32...g5!? 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Rc7+ Kf8 simpler]
33.Rc3!? g5?= An inexact move caused by time trouble
[33...Nxd4!-+ '⩲' 34.Re3 Nf3]
34.d5⊕ Moveorder according to the tournament book. Botvinnik gives 34.♖e3 g4 35.d5 ♔g7 36.♘c3 ♖f6 37.♖e6 ♔f7 38.♖f6 ♔f6.
[34.Re3 Botvinniks moveorder g4 35.d5 Kg7
A) 36.d6! Timman
A1) 36...Rf5 37.Rd3 Re5 38.d7 Rxe4 39.Rxf3 *(39.Rd1 g3 40.fxg3*

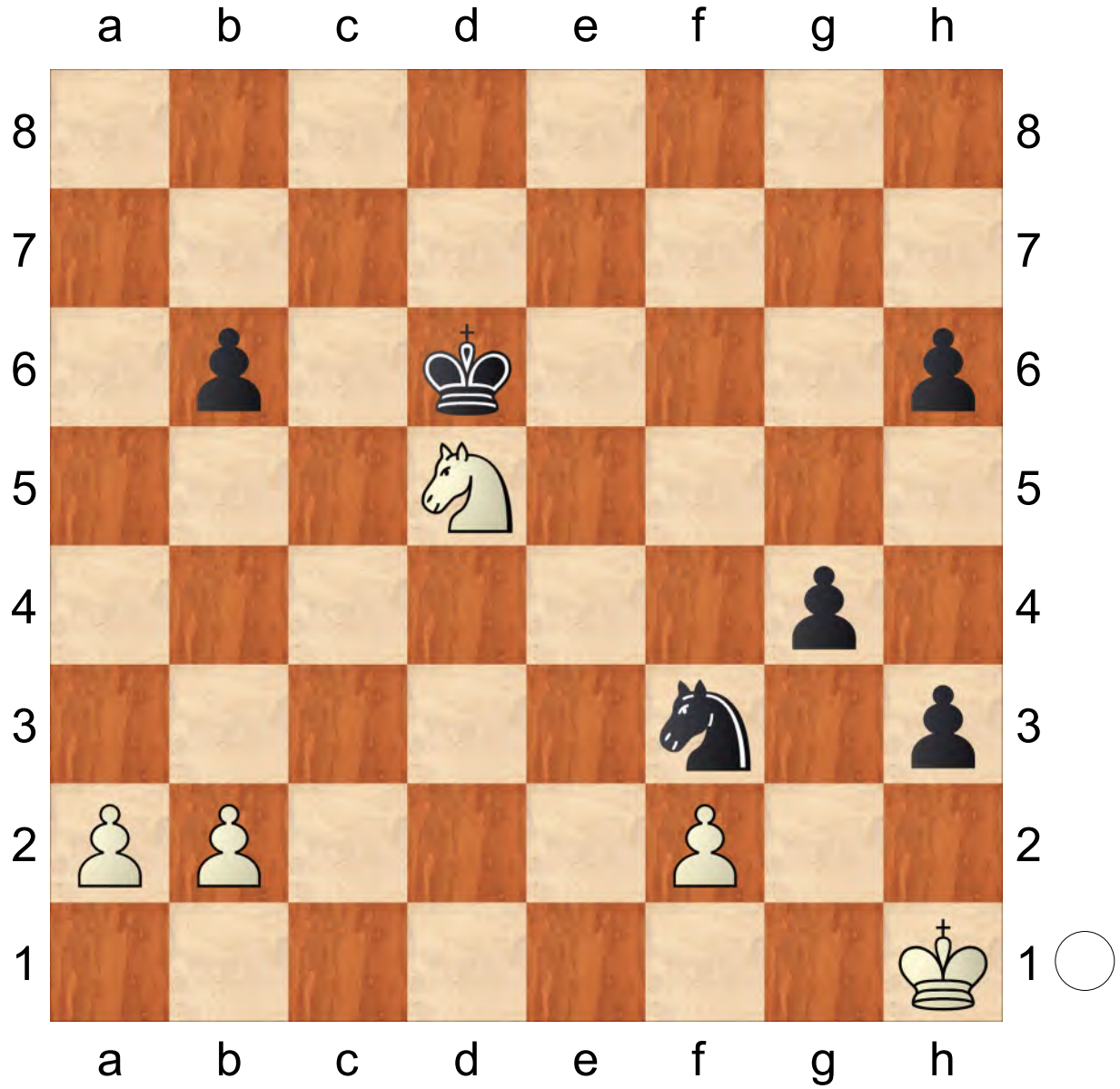
Re2-+ 41.d8Q Rh2#) 39...Rd4 40.Rg3 h5 41.f3=;
A2) 36...Rf7 37.Rc3∞;
B) 36.Nc3? Rf6 37.Re6 Kf7 *(37...Rxe6!* Botvinnik *38.dxe6 Kf6 39.Nd5+ Kxe6 40.Nxb6 h5-+)* 38.Rxf6+ Kxf6 game]

34...g4! 35.Re3 Rf5



36.Nc3 Rf6 37.Re6 Kg7 38.Rxf6+ Kxf6 39.d6
[⌓39.Ne4+ Δd6 Kmoch]
39...Ke6 40.Nd5 ? Kmoch
[40.Ne4! Kmoch]
40...Kxd6

(Diagram)



41.Nxb6 Further analysis by Herbert Bastian. Weitere Analyse von Herbert Bastian

41...h5? '!' The sealed move. It is obviously the most logical. White's misfortune consists in the desperate position of his King, under the mortal threat of ♙h4-g3-g2+

[Schwarz nutzt seine letzte Ressource und droht mit dem Mattgespenst h4-g3-g2# [3]. Nach 41...Kc5 rettet 42.Nd7+ Kd4 43.Nf6 Ne5 44.Kh2]

[Nach meinen Analysen musste Botwinnik mit 41...Nd2!! beginnen.

A) 42.Nc8+ Ke6 43.b4 h5 44.b5 h4 45.b6 g3 46.fxg3 hxg3 47.Kg1 *(47.b7 Nf3 48.b8Q g2#)* 47...Nf3+ 48.Kf1 g2+ 49.Ke2 h2!-+;

B) 42.a4 h5 43.a5 h4! 44.a6 g3 45.fxg3 hxg3 46.a7 g2+ 47.Kh2 Nf3+ 48.Kxh3 g1Q 49.Nc4+ Ke6 50.a8Q Qh2+ 51.Kg4 Qh4+ 52.Kxf3 Qh1+-+ ist Bronsteins Gewinnvariante.;

C) 42.b4 h5 43.Na4 Ne4! 44.Kg1 h4 45.Nb2 g3 46.fxg3 hxg3 47.Nd3 *(47.Nc4+ Kc7)* 47...h2+ 48.Kg2 Nf2!-+;

D) 42.Na4! Der Springer versucht, zum König zu gelangen. Andere Züge sind nicht besser: 42...Ne4!

D1) 43.Kh2 Nxf2 44.Nc3 Ke5! und weiter wie in a). 45.a4 h5 46.a5 h4 47.Ne2 Ke4 48.a6 Ke3! 49.a7 *(49.Ng3 hxg3+ 50.Kxg3 Ne4+ 51.Kxg4 h2 52.a7 h1Q 53.a8Q Qf3+ 54.Kh4 Qg3+ 55.Kh5 Qg5#)* 49...Kxe2 50.a8Q g3+ 51.Kg1 h2+ 52.Kg2 h1Q#;

D2) 43.f3 gxf3 44.Nb6 *(44.Nc3 Nxc3 45.bxc3 f2-+)* 44...f2 45.Nc4+ Kc5 46.Ne3 Kd4 47.Nf1 Kd3-+;

D3) 43.Nc3 Nxf2+ 44.Kh2 Ke5 und weiter wie in a).;

D4) 43.Kg1 Die Aufgabe des f-Bauern hilft nicht: 43...h5 44.Nc3 *(* Nach *44.Nb6 Nd2 45.Na4 h4* hat Schwarz einen hübschen Gewinn mit *46.Nc3 g3 47.fxg3 hxg3 48.Ne2 Nf3+ 49.Kf1 g2+ 50.Kf2 g1Q+!! 51.Nxg1 h2!!-+;* oder *44.f3 gxf3 45.Nc3 Nxc3! 46.bxc3 Kc5 47.a4 Kc4-+* Das wandernde Quadrat der schwarzen Bauern hat bereits den Brettrand erreicht.*; 44.b4 h4-+)* 44...Nxc3 45.bxc3 Dieses Bauernendspiel ist für Schwarz gewonnen. Er kann die weißen Bauern so weit hinten stoppen, dass sein König nach kurzer Vorbereitung die eigenen Bauern umwandeln und matt setzen kann. h4 46.a4 Kc5 47.Kh2 Kc4 48.Kg1 g3 49.fxg3 *(* Auch *49.f4 Kd3! 50.f5 Ke3 51.f6 h2+ 52.Kg2 h1Q+ 53.Kxh1 Kf2-+* geht zugunsten von Schwarz aus*)* 49...hxg3 50.Kf1 Kd3!-+ 51.a5 Ke3 52.a6 g2+ 53.Kg1 Kf3 54.a7 *(54.Kh2 Kf2)* 54...Kg3 55.a8Q h2#]

[In dieser Variante reicht 41...Ne5?! nicht aus, weil der weiße Springer über a4 und c3 wieder ins Spiel kommt. (Nach aktuellen Analysen 5.1.2014 reicht 41...Se5 auch zum Gewinn; hb). 42.Na4! Nd3 43.Kg1

A) Einen Versuch wert ist 43...h5 44.Nc3

A1) Unzureichend ist 44...Nxb2 45.a4 Nc4 Weiß macht sich nun an die Vernichtung der schwarzen Bauern: 46.f3!! Ke5 *(46...g3 47.Ne4+=; 46...gxf3 47.Kh2 Ke5 48.Nd1 Kd4 49.Kxh3 Ne3 50.Nf2 Ng4 51.Kg3 Nxf2 52.Kxf2=)* 47.fxg4 hxg4 48.Kf2 Kf4 49.Ne2+ Kg5 50.Kg3 Ne3 51.a5=;

A2) 44...h4 45.a4 Kc5 *(45...Nxb2 46.Kh2 Nd3 47.Nd1! Ke5 48.a5 Nb4 49.Ne3 Kf4 50.Nxg4!=* ist eine wichtige Remisvariante, die in der Partie auftreten konnte *)* 46.Ne4+ Kd4 47.a5!=;

B) 43...Ke5 44.Nc3 Nxb2 *(44...Kf4!?* Houdini 5.1.2014 hb *45.Ne2+ Kf3 46.Nd4+ Ke4 47.Nc2 Nxb2-+)* 45.a4 Nc4 46.Ne2 h5 47.f3!! gxf3 48.Ng3 Ne3 49.a5 h4 50.Nh1 Kd5 51.Kf2=]

42.Nc4+!

[Holt den Springer zur Verteidigung des Königs heran und macht dem b-Bauer den Weg frei. Der (in de Analyse der Hängepartie vorbereitete) Zug ist logisch, weil die Hauptschlacht am Königsflügel geführt wird: Weiß muss dort die schwarzen Bauern vernichten. Eine Alternative bestand darin, unverzüglich Gegendrohungen am Damenflügel durch 42.a4!? zu schaffen [3]. Der Grund dafür ist darin zu sehen, dass Schwarz mit dem geradlinigen 42…h4? nur Remis erreichen kann, was

Ragosin zuerst aufgedeckt hat.

A) 42...h4? 43.Nc4+

A1) Interessant, aber wahrscheinlich nicht ausreichend für einen Gewinn ist 43...Ke6 44.Ne3 g3 45.fxg3 hxg3 46.a5 *(46.Ng2? Ke5!-+)*

A1a) 46...Nd4!? 47.a6 Nb5 48.Kg1 Ke5 49.Nf1 Kf4 50.Nd2 Ke3 51.Nf1+ Kf3 Auch hier scheint es trotz großem Vorteil für Schwarz keinen Gewinn zu geben, z.B. 52.Nd2+ Kf4 53.b4 Ke3 *(53...g2 54.Kf2=; 53...h2+ 54.Kg2=; 53...Na7 54.Nf1 Kf3 55.Nd2+ Kg4 56.Nf1 g2 57.Nd2 Kg3 58.Ne4+)* 54.Nf1+ Kf4 55.Nd2 Kg4 *(55...Nc3 56.a7 Ne2+ 57.Kf1 Ke3 58.Nc4+±)* 56.Kf1! *(56.Nf1? Nc3!! 57.Nh2+ Kf4 58.a7 Ne2+ 59.Kf1 gxh2 60.a8Q Ng3+ 61.Kf2 Ne4+ 62.Ke2 h1Q-+* bringt Weiß in Verlustgefahr *63.Qb8+ Kg4 64.Qg8+ Kf5 65.Qh7+ Ke5 66.Qe7+ Kd4 67.Qd7+ Kc4)* 56...Kf5 57.Kg1 Kf4 58.Kf1 Ke3 59.Nc4+ Kd3 60.Ne5+ Ke4 61.Nc4! Schwarz scheint nicht weiterzukommen.;

A1b) 46...Ne1 47.a6 Nd3 Droht Schach auf f2, aber Weiß rettet sich nun mit 48.Nf1!!= Ragosin [7]. g2+ 49.Kg1 Ne5 *(49...Nc1?? 50.Ng3 Ke5 51.a7 Kf4 52.a8Q Kxg3 53.Qa3+ Kg4 54.Qe3+-)* 50.Nd2 Nc6=;

A2) 43...Kc5 44.Ne3 g3 45.fxg3 hxg3 Nun sieht es fast nach Zugzwang aus, aber Weiß hat sogar zwei Wege, um sich zu retten. 46.Ng2!!= *(46.a5? Ne1! 47.b4+ Kb5 48.Kg1 h2+ 49.Kh1 Nd3!-+; 46.b4+! Kxb4 47.Nd5+ Kxa4 48.Nf4)*;

B) 42... Sd2 ist ein brilliante Analyse von Bronstein, der seine Ergebnisse 1948 als Studie veröffentlichte [4]. Leider habe ich herausgefunden, dass die Studie eine Nebenlösung hat. Die Grundidee von Schwarz bestand darin, den weißen Springer vom Spiel auszuschalten. Dieses Ziel lässt sich auch mit 42...Ne5! erreichen. Ein Unterschied ergibt sich nach 43.b3 , weil das Feld e5 für den Einmarsch des Königs blockiert ist. Deshalb gewinnt Schwarz nach einer anderen Methode, wobei er davon profitiert, dass jetzt d7 kontrolliert wird. *(*Ganz schlecht wäre dann *43.f4 Nf3 44.Nc4+ Kd5 45.Ne3+ Ke4 46.Ng2 hxg2+ 47.Kxg2 Kxf4-+; 43.a5* Schwarz gewinnt mit 43...h4 wie in Bronsteins Hauptvariante. *)*

B1) 43...h4? 44.Nc4+ Nxc4 45.bxc4 Kc5 46.a5 g3 47.fxg3 *(47.f4 Kd4-+)* 47...hxg3 48.Kg1= Die weißen Bauern snd zu weit vor.;

B2) 43...Kc5! 44.a5 *(*Hoffnungslos ist *44.Nc8 h4 45.Ne7 g3 46.fxg3 hxg3 47.b4+ Kc4-+)* 44...h4 45.Nc4! *(45.Na4+ Kd4 46.a6 Nf3-+)* 45...Nd3! Der Springer schafft es jetzt alleine mit den Bauern, z.B. 46.Kg1 *(* oder *46.Ne3 Nxf2+ 47.Kg1 g3 48.Nf1 Ng4! 49.b4+ Kb5-+;* bzw. *46.Nd2 Nxf2+ 47.Kg1 g3 48.Nf3 Ng4-+)* 46...g3 47.fxg3 hxg3 48.Ne3 h2+ 49.Kg2 Nf2;

C) 42...Nd2! Der direkte Angriff am Königsflügel führt also nicht zum Ziel. Doch schon im Jahre 1948 zeigte Bronstein [4], dass Schwarz sein Spiel entscheidend verbessern kann, wenn er zuerst den weißen Springer daran hindert, über c4 zum Königsflügel zu gelangen. Bronsteins Analysen wurden später von mehreren Autoren ergänzt. '!!' Pointed out by Bronstein

C1) Zu prüfen ist 43.b3 Weiß kämpft um das lebenswichtige Feld c4. Aber der schwarze König hat nun freie Bahn für den Angriff auf den f-Bauer, die letzte Bremse gegen das Vorrücken der schwarzen Bauern. Ke5! *(43...h4? 44.Nc4+ Nxc4 45.bxc4 Kc5 46.a5 g3 47.fxg3 hxg3 48.Kg1=)*

C1a) Zu langsam ist 44.a5 Kf4 45.Nd5+ *(45.a6 Ne4 46.a7 Nxf2+ 47.Kg1 Kg3 48.a8Q h2+ 49.Kf1 h1Q+ 50.Qxh1 Nxh1-+)* 45...Kf3 46.Nf6 Kxf2 47.Nxh5 g3 48.Nxg3 Kxg3 49.a6 Ne4 50.a7 Nf2+ 51.Kg1 h2+ 52.Kf1 h1Q+ 53.Ke2 Qd1+ 54.Ke3 Qd3#;

C1b) 44.Nc4+ Nxc4 45.bxc4 Kf4 46.a5 Kf3 47.a6 Kxf2 48.a7 g3 49.a8Q g2+-+ Beide bekommen eine Dame, aber Schwarz setzt matt.;

C2) 43.a5 h4 44.a6 g3

C2a) Auf 45.a7 antwortet Schwarz am besten

C2a1) Das naheliegende 45...g2+?! macht es unnötig kompliziert. 46.Kh2 Nf3+ 47.Kxh3 g1Q 48.a8Q Qh1+! Timman *(48...Qh2+? 49.Kg4 Ne5+* Gewinnt laut Botvinnik, aber ... *50.Kh5!* macht nach Timman Remis.*)* 49.Kg4 Ne5+ 50.Kf4! In meinen Anmerkungen in der Quelle [11] hatte ich mir um 1970 bereits folgende Gewinnvariante notiert:

C2a11) Hier sorgt die Datenbank [5] für einige Verwirrung: 50...Qc1+?! 51.Kf5 *(*zu einem hübschen Mattangriff führt *51.Ke4? Qe1+ 52.Kd4 Qd2+ 53.Ke4 Qe2+ 54.Kf4 Qxf2+ 55.Kg5 Qg3+ 56.Kh5 Qg4+ 57.Kh6 Qg6#)* 51...Qc2+ 52.Kg5! Keene. *(*ein grober Fehler wäre *52.Qe4? Qxe4+ 53.Kxe4 h3 54.Nc4+ Kc7!-+* Timman. *)* 52...Qg6+ 53.Kf4 Qf7+ *(53...Qf6+ 54.Ke3 Ng4+ 55.Kd3 Qf5+ 56.Kc3 Qe5+ 57.Kc2!=)* 54.Kg5= [5];

C2a12) 50...Qxa8!! 51.Nxa8 Kc6! 52.f3 Kb7 53.Ke3

C2a121) 53...h3 54.Kf2 Nd3+! *(54...h2?? 55.Kg2 Nxf3 56.b4=)* 55.Kg3 Nf4-+;

C2a122) 53...Ng6! 54.f4 h3-+;

C2a2) 45...gxf2! Botvinnik 1985. 46.a8Q f1Q+ 47.Kh2 Qf2+ *(47...Nf3+* Botvinnik *48.Qxf3 Qxf3-+)* 48.Kh1 Qe1+! 49.Kh2 Nf1+ 50.Kg1 Ne3+ 51.Kh2 Ng4+ 52.Kxh3 Qg3#;

C2b) 45.fxg3 hxg3 46.a7 g2+ *(*Zu langsam ist *46...Nf3?? 47.Nc4+ Kc7 48.Ne3 Kb7 49.Ng2!=)* 47.Kh2 *(*Nicht besser ist *47.Kg1 Nf3+ 48.Kf2 g1Q+ 49.Ke2 Qe1+! 50.Kd3 Ne5+ 51.Kc2 Qe4+ 52.Kb3 Qd3+-+)* 47...Nf3+ 48.Kxh3 *(48.Kg3 g1Q+ 49.Kf4 Qg5+!-+)* 48...g1Q 49.a8Q *(49.Nc4+ Ke6 50.a8Q Qh2+ 51.Kg4 Qh4+ 52.Kxf3 Qh1+-+)* 49...Qh2+ 50.Kg4 Ne5+ Weiß hat das Maximale erreicht, dennoch sind seine verstreuten Figuren machtlos gegen den Schlussangriff der schwarzen Figuren, die perfekt koordiniert sind (Dame und zentraler, gedeckter Springer). 51.Kf5 Qf2+ 52.Kg5 Qg3+ 53.Kf5 Qg4+ 54.Kf6 Qg6#]

[Hätte Weiß auch mit 42.b4!? (an Stelle von 42.Sc4+) beginnen können? 42.b4 Die Antwort lautet: Nein, denn dann gewinnt Weiß mit der Methode von Bronstein:

A) 42...h4 43.Nc4+ Kc6 44.Ne3 g3 45.fxg3 hxg3 46.Ng2=;
B) 42...Ne5!? Der Unterschied zwischen 42... Sd2 und 42... Se5 besteht darin, dass Schwarz im ersten Fall den Konkurrenten von c3 fernhalten kann, was ihm im zweiten Fall nicht gelingt (a4 ist hier noch nicht blockiert!). 43.Na4! *(*Zu langsam wären *43.Kg1 h4!-+; 43.a4? h4)* 43...Nd3 *(* Übereilt wäre *43...h4?! 44.Nc3 Nd3 45.Kg1 Nxb4 46.a4 Nc6 47.Ne4+ Ke5 48.Ng5 Kf4 49.Nxh3+ gxh3 50.Kh2 Kg4 51.f3+ Kg5 52.Kxh3=)* 44.Kg1 *(44.Kh2 Nxf2 45.Nc3 h4 46.Ne2 Kd5* '-+' *47.a4 Ke4-+; 44.Nc3 Nxf2+ 45.Kh2 h4 46.Ne2 Kd5-+)* 44...Nxb4! *(*von mir wurde nur die schwächere Variante *44...h4?! 45.Nc3 Nxb4 46.a4 Nd3 47.a5 Ne1 48.Ne4+ Kc6 49.Ng5 Kb5 50.Nxh3 Nf3+ 51.Kg2 Kxa5 52.Nf4=* betrachtet *)* 45.Nc3

B1) Wahrscheinlich führt 45...h4?! nach 46.Kh2 nur zum Remis: *(* nicht *46.a4?! Nc6 47.Kh2 Nd4)*

B1a) 46...Nd5!? 47.Ne4+ Ke5 48.Ng5 *(*nicht *48.f3 Nf4 49.fxg4 Kxe4 50.a4 Kd5-+)*

B1a1) 48...Kf5 49.Nxh3 gxh3 50.Kxh3 Kg5 51.a4 Nf4+ 52.Kh2 Kg4 53.a5 Ne6 54.a6 Nc7 55.a7 Na8 56.f3+ Kxf3 57.Kh3;

B1a2) 48...Kf4 49.Nxh3+ Kf3 *(49...gxh3 50.a4 Kg4 51.a5 Nc7 52.f3+=)* 50.a4 Nb4 51.a5=;

B1a3) 48...Nf4 49.a4 Nd3 *(49...Kf5 50.Nf7=; 49...Kd5 50.Nf7=)* 50.Nxh3 *(50.a5? Nxf2 51.Nxh3 g3+! 52.Kg2 Nxh3-+)* 50...Kd5 *(50...gxh3 51.Kxh3=)* 51.f3!! gxf3 *(51...g3+ 52.Kg1! Kc5 53.f4 Kb4 54.f5 Kxa4 55.f6 Ne5 56.Nf4=)* 52.Ng5 f2 53.Kg2 Kc6 54.Nh3=;

B1b) 46...Nd3 47.Nd1 Droht, mit 48. Se3 alle Bauern zu vernichten. Ke5 48.Ne3 Kf4 49.a4 Nxf2 *(49...Kf3 50.a5 Nc5 51.Nxg4 Kxg4 52.f3+=; 49...g3+ 50.fxg3+ hxg3+ 51.Kxh3 Kf3 52.a5 Nf4+ 53.Kh4=)* 50.Nxg4 Nxg4+ *(50...Kxg4?? 51.a5 Nd3 52.a6 Ne5 53.a7 Nf3+ 54.Kh1+-)* 51.Kxh3 Kg5 52.a5 Ne5 53.a6 Nc6 54.Kg2=;

B2) 45...Ke5! Schwarz tut gut daran, seinen h-Bauern noch zurück zu halten, damit der g-Bauer nicht anfällig wird. 46.a4 Nc6 Raj Tischbierek regte in "Schach" 8/08, S. 62 eine Prüfung an, ob Schwarz diese Stellung gewinnen kann. Gegenüber einer ähnlichen Remisvariante, die von mir entdeckt wurde, steht der a-Bauer nicht auf a6 sondern noch auf a4. Das erhöht die weißen Chancen beträchtlich, weil der schwarze Springer in einigen Varianten entscheidend eingreifen kann. Mit dem Bauer auf a6 wäre das fast ausgeschlossen. Vorab zwei Bemerkungen: (1) Offenbar steht der Springer auf c6 optimal, weil er sowohl über e5 als auch über d4 das wichtige Feld f3 erreichen kann; (2) Weiß verteidigt sich anscheinend am besten, wenn er wie in der Partie den Springer nach e3 überführt.

B2a) 47.Ne2

B2a1) 47...h4 48.Kh2 Nd4! 49.Ng1 Ke4

B2a11) 50.a5

B2a111) 50...Nf3+ 51.Nxf3 Kxf3 52.a6 Kxf2 *(52...g3+ 53.fxg3*

hxg3+ 54.Kxh3 g2 55.a7 g1Q 56.a8Q+=) 53.a7 g3+ 54.Kxh3 g2 55.a8Q g1Q 56.Kxh4=;

B2a112) 50...Kd5 51.a6 Kc6-+;

B2a12) 50.Nxh3 gxh3 *(50...Nf3+? 51.Kg2 gxh3+ 52.Kxh3=)* 51.Kxh3 Nf5-+;

B2a2) 47...Nd4! Mit dem a-Bauern auf a6 könnte Schwarz sich diese "Frechheit" nicht erlauben, aber nun steht sein König im Quadrat!

B2a21) 48.Nxd4? Kxd4 49.Kh2

B2a211) es geht auch 49...Kc4 50.a5 *(50.f4 gxf3 51.Kxh3 Kd3!)* 50...Kb5 51.f4 gxf3 52.Kxh3 h4!-+;

B2a212) 49...h4 50.f4 gxf3-+;

B2a22) 48.Ng3 h4

B2a221) 49.Nf1 Kf4-+ 50.Ne3 *(50.Nd2 Nf3+; 50.Nh2 Nf3+)* 50...g3!-+;

B2a222) 49.Nh5 Nf3+-+ 50.Kh1 Kf5 51.a5 Kg5 52.Ng3 hxg3 53.fxg3 Ne5 54.a6 Nc6-+;

B2b) 47.Kh2 Nd4 48.a5 h4 49.Nd1 *(49.a6? Nf3+ 50.Kh1 g3 51.fxg3 hxg3 '-+' 52.a7 g2#)* 49...Nf3+ 50.Kh1 g3 51.fxg3 hxg3 52.Ne3 Kf4 53.Ng2+ hxg2+ 54.Kxg2 Nh4+;

B2c) 47.f3 g3 48.Ne4 Kf4 49.Nxg3 Kxg3-+;

B2d) 47.Nb1!?

B2d1) 47...Ke4 48.Nd2+ Kd3 49.Nf1 h4 50.Ne3 Ne5 *(50...g3 51.fxg3 hxg3 52.Nf5 g2 53.Nh4=)* 51.Nxg4 Nxg4 52.f3 Ne5 53.Kh2=;

B2d2) 47...h4

B2d21) 48.Nd2 g3 49.Nf3+ Kf4 50.Ne1 *(50.Nxh4 h2+-+)*

B2d211) 50...h2+ 51.Kh1 Ne5! *(51...gxf2? 52.Nd3+ Ke3 53.Nxf2 Kxf2 54.Kxh2=)*;

B2d212) 50...Ne5-+;

B2d22) 48.Kh2 Kf4 *(48...Nd4 49.Nd2)* 49.Nc3 Nd4 50.a5 Ke5 51.Nd1 *(51.a6? Nf3+ 52.Kh1 g3 53.fxg3 hxg3-+)* 51...Nf3+ 52.Kh1 g3 53.Ne3 Ne1! 54.fxg3 hxg3-+ 55.a6 Nd3 56.Nf1 g2+ 57.Kg1 Nc1 58.Ng3 Kf4-+;

B2d3) 47...Kf4 48.Nd2 h4 49.Nc4 Nd4-+;

B2e) 47.Nd1 Wenn Weiß eine Chance hat, dann wohl nur so, aber auch jetzt gewinnt Weiß haarscharf.

B2e1) 47...Kf4 48.Ne3

B2e11) 48...Ke4!? 49.Nf1 Kf3 *(49...Kf4 50.Ne3 Kf3 51.Nf1 h4 52.Nh2+ Kf4 53.Nxg4=)* 50.Nd2+ Ke2 51.Ne4 h4 52.Kh2 Nd4 53.a5 Kf3 54.a6 Nc6 55.Nf6 g3+ 56.fxg3 hxg3+ 57.Kxh3 g2 58.Kh2=;

B2e12) 48...Na5 49.Nc2! *(49.Nf1? h4 50.Kh2 Nc4!-+)* 49...h4 50.Kh2 Nc4 *(50...Kf3 51.Ne3!)* 51.Ne1! Nd2 *(51...Ke4 52.f3+!*

gxf3 53.Nxf3 Kxf3 54.Kxh3=) 52.a5 Nf1+ 53.Kg1 h2+ 54.Kh1=;

B2e13) 48...Kf3

B2e131) 49.Nf5? funktioniert hier nicht, weil der a-Bauer zu weit vom Umwandlungsfeld entfernt ist. h2+ 50.Kxh2 Kxf2

B2e1311) 51.Nh4

B2e13111) 51...Nd4 52.a5 g3+ 53.Kh3 *(53.Kh1 Nf3 54.Ng2 h4 55.Nf4 Kf1 56.Ng2 h3 57.Ne3+ Ke2 58.Ng2 Kf2 59.Ne3 g2+ 60.Nxg2 hxg2#)* 53...Ne6-+;

B2e13112) 51...Ne5!-+ 52.a5 g3+ 53.Kh3 *(53.Kh1 Ng4! 54.Ng2 h4 55.a6 h3 56.Ne3 g2+ 57.Nxg2 hxg2#)* 53...Nf7!-+;

B2e13113) 51...g3+! 52.Kh3 Nd4!-+;

B2e1312) 51.Ng3 h4 52.Ne4+ Ke3 *(52...Kf3 53.Ng5+ Ke3 54.Kg2)* 53.Ng5 Hier hat Schwarz Gewinnchancen, obwohl ich mir keneswegs sicher bin. *(53.Nf6 Kf4-+)*;

B2e132) 49.Nf1!? Na5 *(49...Nd4? 50.a5 Ne2+ 51.Kh2 Kxf2 52.a6 Kxf1 53.a7 g3+ 54.Kxh3 g2 55.a8Q g1Q 56.Qa1+ Kf2 57.Qa7+!=; 49...h4? 50.Nh2+ Kf4 51.Nxg4= Kxg4 52.Kh2 Nd4 53.a5= Nf3+ 54.Kh1 Nd4 55.Kh2=; 49...Ne5 50.a5 Ke2 51.a6 Nf3+ 52.Kh1 Kxf1 53.a7 Kxf2 54.a8Q=)* 50.Nd2+ Ke2 *(50...Kf4 51.Kh2!)* 51.Ne4! Deckt f2. Kf3 *(51...Nc6 52.Ng3+ Ke1 53.Nxh5 Nd4 54.Nf6 Nf3+ 55.Kh1=; 51...h4 52.Kh2! Kf3 53.Nf6! g3+ 54.fxg3 hxg3+ 55.Kxh3 g2 56.Kh2=)* 52.Nd2+ *(* jetzt bloß nicht *52.Ng5+ Kf4 53.Nxh3+ gxh3 54.Kh2 Kg4 55.f3+ Kh4!-+)* 52...Kf4 53.Kh2! h4 *(53...Nc6 54.Nf1 Kf3 55.Kg1!)* 54.f3! g3+ 55.Kxh3

B2e1321) 55...Nc6 56.Ne4 Ne5 *(56...Kxf3 57.Ng5+ Ke2 58.Kxh4 g2 59.Nh3=)* 57.a5 Kxf3 58.Ng5+ Ke3 59.Kxh4 g2 60.Nh3=;

B2e1322) 55...Ke3 56.Ne4 Kxf3 57.Ng5+ Kf4 58.Kxh4 *(58.Ne6+? Ke3 59.Kg2 Nc6 60.Ng7 Kf4 61.Nh5+ Kg4 62.Nf6+ Kg5 63.Ne4+ Kf4 64.Nf6 Nb4 65.a5 Nd3 66.Nh5+ Kg4 67.Nf6+ Kf5 68.Nd5 Ne1+ 69.Kh3 Ke4 70.Nc3+ Ke3 71.Nd1+ Kd4 72.a6 g2 73.Kh2 h3-+)* 58...g2 59.Nh3+ Kf3 60.Ng1+ Kf2 61.Nh3+ Kf1 62.Kg3=;

B2e2) 47...h4! 48.Kh2 *(48.Ne3 g3 49.fxg3 hxg3 50.Nf1 Kf4-+)* 48...Nd4! 49.a5 Nf3+ 50.Kh1 g3 51.Ne3 Ne1! 52.fxg3 hxg3-+ 53.a6 Nd3 54.Nf1!? Diese Verteidigungsidee stammt (in einer ähnlichen Stellung) von Ragosin, aber in seiner Variante stand der schwarze König auf e6 und Weiß konnte sich halten. Hier fehlt genau ein Tempo. g2+ 55.Kg1 Nc1! 56.Ng3 Kf4-+ 57.Kh2 g1Q+ 58.Kxg1 Kxg3 59.a7 h2+ 60.Kh1 Nd3 61.a8Q Nf2#;

C) 42...Nd2! 43.Na4 Ne4! 44.Kg1 h4-+ 45.Nb2 g3 46.fxg3 hxg3 47.Nd3

h2+ 48.Kg2 Nf2!-+]

42...Kd5 43.Ne3+

[Nur Zeitverlust bedeutet 43.b3? Ke4 44.Ne3 Kd3! 45.Nd5 Ke2 46.Nf4+ Kxf2 47.Nxh5 g3 48.Nxg3 Kxg3-+ Der Springer steht auf e3 optimal, weil er h4 verhindert.]

43...Ke4 Wir haben die kritische Stellung erreicht. Wegen des drohenden Einbruchs des schwarzen Königs über d3 muss Weiß seine Freibauern einsetzen, um wenigstens den schwarzen Springer vom König abzulenken. Tartakower wählte den naheliegendsten, aber falschen Weg: Er startete mit dem am weitesten entfernten Bauer. **44.a4?** Weiß hat sich in der Partie leider für den Vorstoß des a-Bauern entschieden. Dies stellt sich als zu langsam heraus.

[Warum dies falsch ist, sehen wir am schnellsten, wenn wir den Vormarsch des b-Bauern prüfen: 44.b4!? Weiß opfert, wie wir noch sehen werden, den b-Bauer, um durch den damit verbundenen Zeitgewinn den a-Bauer so weit vorstoßen zu können, dass der schwarze Springer gebunden wird und wegen der weiten Entfernung zum Königsflügel dort nicht mehr eingreifen kann. Der nächste Zug ist die einzige Chance für Schwarz, wie schon Botvinnik in seinen Anmerkungen nachgewiesen hat.

A) Nicht zum Ziel führt 44...Kd3? 45.b5 Ke2 46.b6 Kxf2 47.Nf5 h4 48.Nxh4 Nxh4 *(48...g3 49.Nxf3 Kxf3 50.b7 Kf2 51.b8Q g2+ 52.Kh2 g1Q+ 53.Kxh3=* Mit dem a-Bauer funktioniert diese Rettung nicht, weil g3 am Ende ungedeckt ist. The g3 square is undefended*)* 49.b7 g3 50.b8Q g2+ 51.Kh2 g1Q+ 52.Kxh3= Botvinnik;

B) 44...Nd4! Dieser von Botwinnik angegebene Springerzug ist am besten. Schwarz will den Vormarsch des b-Bauern verhindern und danach mit seinem Angriffsplan fortfahren. 45.b5! *(* Schwarz lässt sich nicht beirren. Andere Züge verlieren nachweislich. *45.Kg1 Kf3 46.a4 Ne2+ 47.Kh2 Kxf2 48.Nf5 h4 49.Nxh4 Ng3!! 50.Nf5 Nf1+ 51.Kh1 g3 52.Nxg3 Kxg3-+)*

B1) Ein interessanter Versuch ist 45...Kf3!? 46.b6 Kxf2 47.b7 Nc6 Ich konnte jedoch keinen Gewinn für Schwarz finden: *(47...g3 48.Nd1+ Ke1 49.b8Q g2+ 50.Kh2 Nf3+ 51.Kxh3 g1Q 52.Qb4+)* 48.Nd1+! Ke1 *(48...Kf3 49.Kh2 h4 50.a4)* 49.Nc3 g3 50.Ne4

B1a) 50...g2+ 51.Kh2! *(51.Kg1?? Nd4!-+)* 51...Kf1 '=' 52.Ng3+ Kf2 53.Ne4+ Kf1=;

B1b) 50...h4 51.a4 Kf1 52.Nd2+ Ke2 53.Ne4 Ke3 54.Nc5 Nb8 *(54...h2 55.a5=)* 55.a5 Kf3 56.a6=;

B2) 45...Nxb5

B2a) Das ist meine entscheidende Verstärkung der weißen Verteidigung: Weiß bringt den a-Bauer bis nach a5, und das ist zu weit für Weiß!
Bekannt war bisher nur das unsinnige 46.Nc4 ? Bastian Nc3 *(46...Nd4! 47.Nd6+ Kf3 48.a4 h4 49.Kg1 g3 50.Nc4 Ne2+ 51.Kh1 g2+ 52.Kh2 g1Q+ 53.Kxh3 Qh1#)* 47.a3 Kf3 48.Kg1 h2+ 49.Kxh2 Kxf2 50.Ne5 g3+ 51.Kh3 g2-+ [9] .;

B2b) 46.a4! Bastian 1.7.08 Weiß nutzt den Zeitgewinn, um den a-Bauer vorzustoßen und den schwarzen Springer dadurch zu binden. Wegen der weiten Entfernung kann dieser dann nicht mehr effektiv am Königsflügel eingreifen.

B2b1) 46...Nc3 47.a5 Kf3 48.a6 Nb5 *(48...Kxf2 49.a7 Kxe3 50.a8Q)* 49.Kg1 Na7 *(*nach *49...h4?* kommt eine wichtige Pointe der Verteidigung zum Vorschein: Weiß vernichtet alle Bauern: *50.Nxg4! Kxg4 51.Kh2 Na7 52.f3+ Kg5 53.Kxh3=; 49...h2+ 50.Kxh2 Kxf2 51.Ng2=* reicht nicht zum Sieg*; 49...g3 50.fxg3 Kxe3 51.Kh2=)* 50.Nf1! Kf4 *(50...h4 51.Nh2+ Kf4 52.Nxg4=)* 51.Nd2=;

B2b2) 46...Nd4 47.a5 Kf3 *(47...Nb5 48.a6 Kf3 49.Kg1)* 48.a6 Nc6! *(48...Nb5 49.Kg1= h2+ 50.Kxh2 Kxf2 51.Nf5)* 49.Kg1 h2+ 50.Kxh2 Kxf2 51.Nf5 Ne5? 52.a7+-;

B2b3) 46...Nc7 Alternativen: 47.a5 Kf3 48.Kg1 h2+ *(48...h4 49.Nxg4 Kxg4 50.Kh2 Na6 51.f3+ Kh5 52.Kxh3 Kg5 53.f4+ Kh5 54.f5=)* 49.Kxh2 Kxf2 50.Ng2 Kf3 51.Nh4+ Kf4 52.Ng2+ Kg5 53.Kg3 Na6 54.Nh4 Nc5 55.Ng2 Ne4+ 56.Kh2=]

44...Kd3! 45.Nd5 further advance of the pawn is hopeless as Black mates at h3

[45.a5 Ke2 46.a6 Kxf2 47.Nf5! *(47.Nd1+ Ke1 48.a7 g3 49.a8Q g2#; 47.a7 g3 48.Nd1+ Ke2 49.Nc3+ Kf1 50.a8Q g2#)* 47...h4! 48.Nxh4 Nxh4 49.a7 g3 50.a8Q g2+ 51.Qxg2+ hxg2+ 52.Kh2 g1Q+ 53.Kh3 Qg3# Diese Gewinnvariante wäre nicht möglich, wenn Weiß den b-Bauern umgewandelt hätte, weil die Dame von b8 aus das Feld g3 deckt. Botwinnik gelingt jetzt ein eleganter Schlussangriff.]

45...Ke2

(Diagram)

46.Nf4+ Kxf2 47.Nxh3+

[Das Schlagen auf h5 ist ein Tempo zu langsam: 47.Nxh5 g3 48.Nxg3 Kxg3 49.a5 h2 50.a6 Ne5 51.a7 Nd3 52.a8Q Nf2#]

47...Kf1!

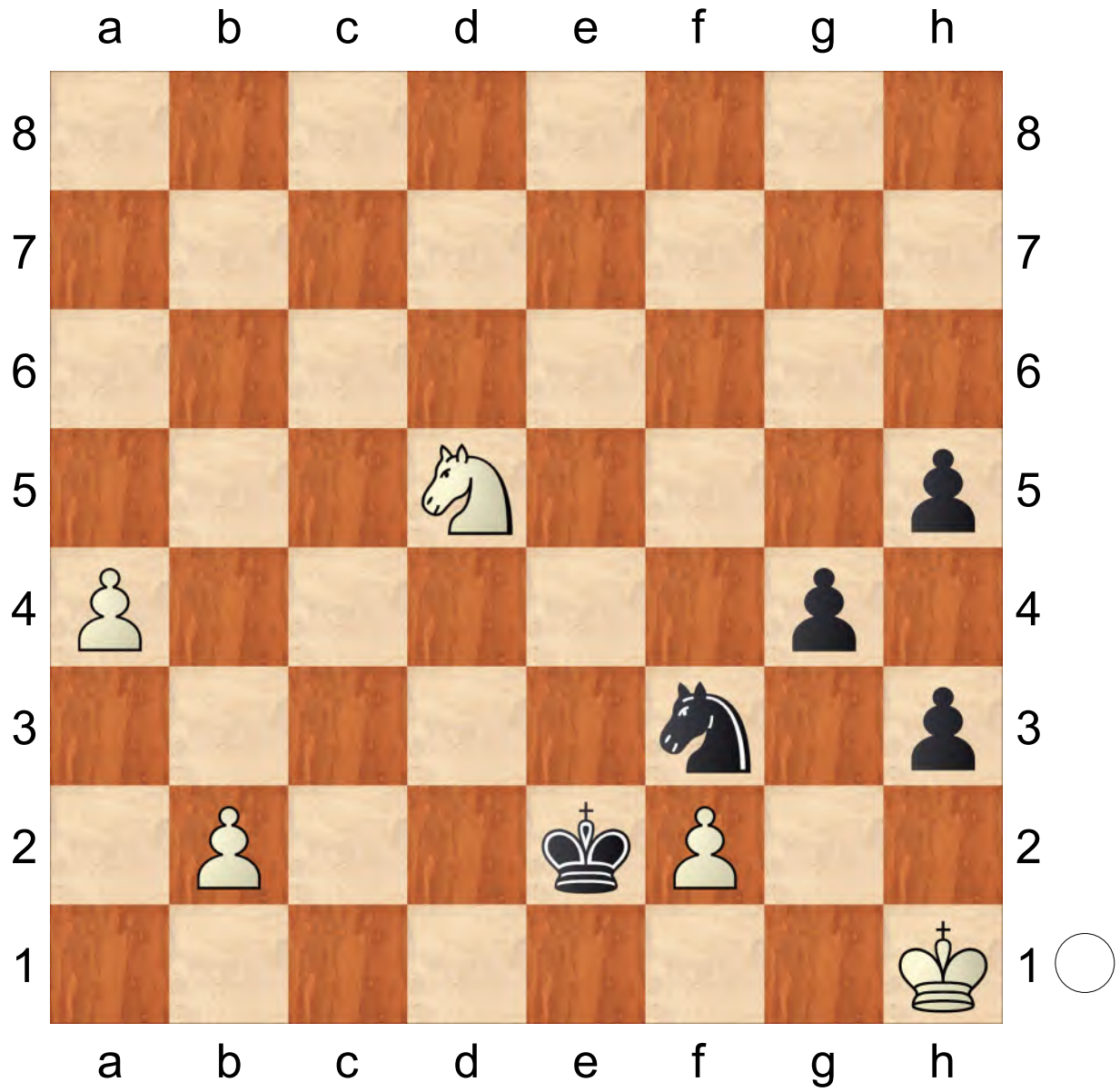
[Sehr hübsch, obwohl nicht notwendig: 47...gxh3! 48.a5 Kg3 49.a6 Ne5 50.a7 Nd3 51.a8Q Nf2+ 52.Kg1 h2+ 53.Kf1 h1Q+ 54.Qxh1 Nxh1 55.b4 Nf2 56.b5 Ne4 57.b6 Nc5 58.Kg1 h4 59.Kf1 h3 60.Kg1 h2+ 61.Kh1 Ne4 62.b7 Nf2# Botwinnik in [3].]

48.Nf4 g3 49.Ng2 Kf2! 50.a5

[50.Ne3 Kxe3 51.Kg2 h4 52.a5 Ne1+ '-+' 53.Kg1 h3 54.a6 Nf3+ 55.Kf1 g2# Khalifman.]

50...h4

(Diagram)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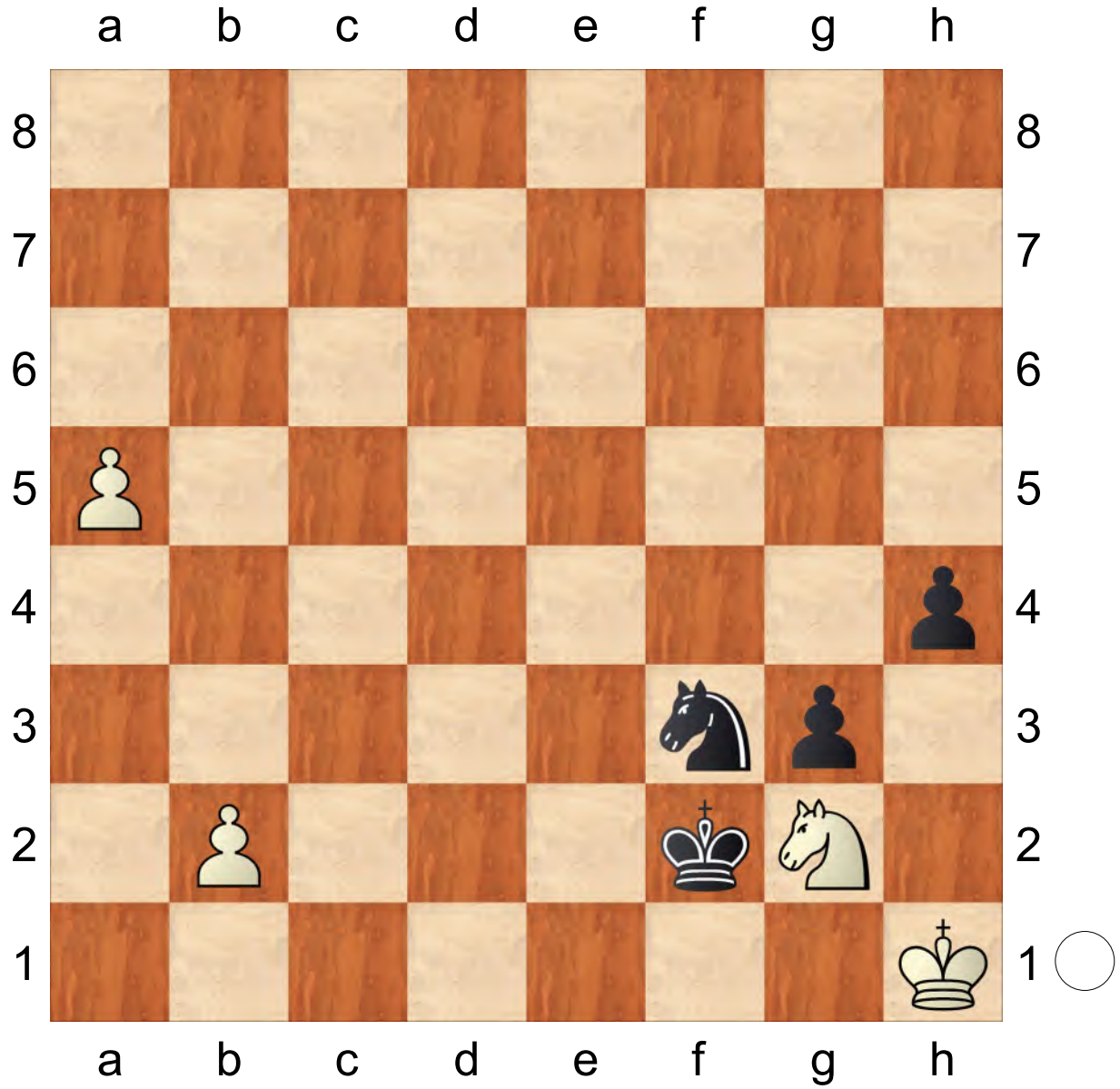
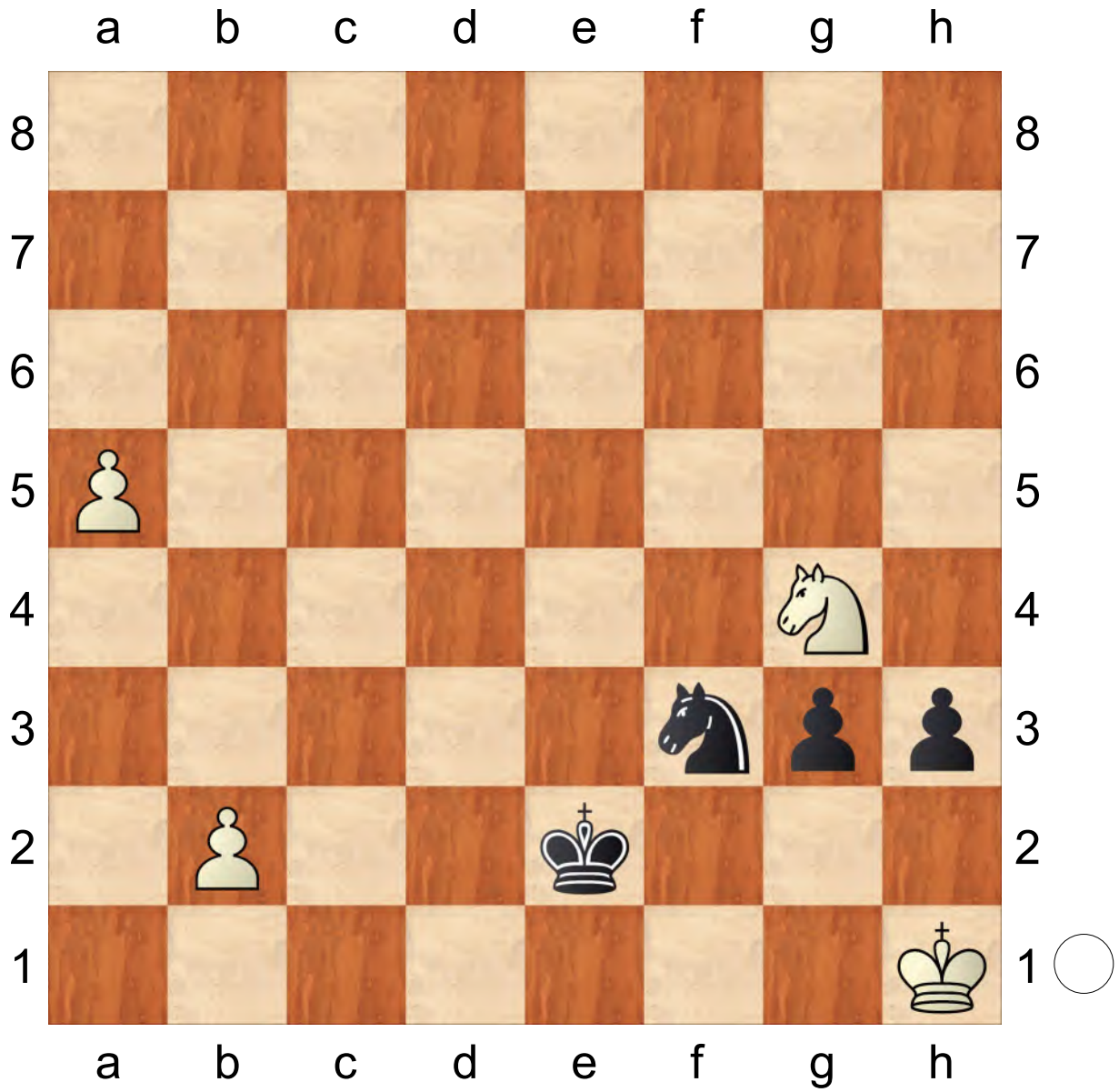


51.Nf4 Kf1! 52.Ng2
[52.a6 h3 53.a7 g2+ 54.Nxg2 hxg2#]
52...h3 53.Ne3+ Kf2 54.Ng4+ Ke2

(Diagram)

Zusammenfassung (a) In der Ausgangstellung leidet Weiß an zwei Problemen: erstens ist sein König eingeklemmt und von Mattbildern bedroht; zweitens ist sein Springer außer Spiel. Dennoch hat er noch Hoffnung auf eine erfolgreiche Verteidigung, weil die wenigen schwarzen Bauern sich auf demselben Flügel befinden und die eigenen Freibauern die Chance bieten, den schwarzen Springer zu binden. (b) Botwinnik setzte in der Partie auf den Mattangriff und war erfolgreich, weil Weiß mit dem falschen Bauer vormarschierte. Der b-Bauer hätte nach



Umwandlung von b8 aus das Mattfeld g3 kontrolliert, was dem a-Bauer nicht möglich war. Deshalb hätte der b-Bauer zuerst vorgehen müssen. Schwarz kann den b-Bauer zwar stoppen, aber dann wird dieser von Weiß geopfert, um das entscheidende Tempo für den Vormarsch des a-Bauern mit Bindung des schwarzen Springers zu gewinnen. Von e3 aus kann der weiße Springer verhindern, dass der hintere h-Bauer nach h4 gelangt, weil er sich nach Bindung des schwarzen Springers auf g4 opfern kann. (c) Bronstein hat erkannt, dass die Abseitsstellung des weißen Springers das Hauptproblem war. Daraus ergibt sich, dass 41...h5? schon ein Fehler war, der Tartakower eine Rettungschance gab. Botwinnik hätte mit 41...Sd2!! zunächst den weißen Springer vom Spiel ausschalten müssen. Diese Rettungschance wurde zwar von Tartakower erkannt, aber falsch berechnet. Tartakower war somit in der Ausgangsstellung zunächst verloren, hätte sich aber bei richtigem Spiel nach Botwinniks Fehleinschätzung retten können. Werfen wir zuletzt noch einen Blick auf

die von mir geprüften Quellen. Nirgendwo wird Botwinniks Abgabezug 41...h5? in Frage gestellt. Sämtliche Autoren sehen den primären Vorteil von Schwarz in den Mattdrohungen [8] und nicht in der Abseitsstellung des weißen Springers. Botwinnik ([2], [3]) betrachtet 44.b4! und die Notwendigkeit von 44...Sd4!, erkennt aber nicht, dass Weiß sich mit dem Opfer des b-Bauern retten kann. Bei Soloviov [9] wird das Opfer betrachtet, aber nach 45.b5! Sxb5 unsinnig mit 46.Sc4? fortgesetzt, wonach Weiß verliert. Daraus ergibt sich, dass der Autor die Idee des Opfers nicht erkannt hat. Awerbach [1] weist ohne weitere Varianten auf 44.b4! Sd4! hin und gibt Schwarz Gewinnchancen. In der zweibändigen Ausgabe gibt er übrigens nur die Stellung nach 44.a4? an, womit er die prinzipielle Diskussion vermeidet. Van Perlo [10] zitiert nur einen kleinen Ausschnitt der bekannten Varianten. Diese werden in der Enzyklopädie der Schachendspiele [6] relativ gut zusammengefasst, wobei natürlich die bekannten Fehleinschätzungen übernommen wurden. Am umfangreichsten sind die Analysen bei ChessBase [5], die nun hoffentlich um meine neuen Erkenntnisse ergänzt werden. Der ältesten Quelle [7] verdanke ich den Hinweis, dass Ragosin als Erster erkannt hat, dass Weiß überhaupt noch Rettungschancen hat. Quellen [1] Awerbach, J. (1987), Läufer- und Springerendspiele, S. 310, Sportverlag Berlin. [2] Botwinnik, M.M. , Analytitscheskije i kritischeskije raboty, 1942 - 1956, Fiskultura i Sport, Moskau 1985, S.115 - 116. [3] Botwinnik, M.M. (1985), Meine 25 interessantesten Endspiele, S.26ff, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin. [4] Bronstein, D. (1948), Na pervenstvo mira,. [5] ChessBase Datenbank, Analysen zur Partie. [6] Enzyklopädie der Schachendspiele (1993), Band Leichtfigurenendspiele, S.. Chess Informant Ltd., Nr. 617. [7] Müller, H. (1949), Botwinnik lehrt Schach!, S. 281f, Verlag Willy Verkauf, Wien. [8] Richter, K. (1966), Schachmatt, 3. Auflage, S. 59, Walter de Gruyter & Co. [9] Soloviov, S. (2000), Mikhael Botwinnik, Games I, 1924 - 148, S. 447 - 448, Chess Stars,. [10] Van Perlo (2006), Endgame Tactics, New in Chess, Nr. 924, S. 387 [11] Wildhagen, Dr. E. (1959), Weltgeschichte des Schachs, Band 23 Botwinnik, Anmerkungen von Botwinnik zur Partie 23-228, Verlag Dr. E. Wildhagen, Hamburg - Berlin. White resigns as the mate is unavoidable. A struggle not without mistakes, but also full of interest

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□ **So,Wesley** **2741**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2778**
Carlsen Inv Prelim rapid (6) 10.03.2021
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Paunovic,Tomislav **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2** The Classical line is So's most usual choice against the Nimzo. **4...0-0** Nowadays the most usual reaction.

[Recently Levon tried 4...c5 5.dxc5 0-0 , but the resulting positions after 6.a3 Bxc5 7.Nf3 Nc6 were not too enticing: The main move is

A) Also 8.e3 b6 *(Black can and maybe should forego the Hedgehog and go for a Queen's Gambit instead with 8...d5!? 9.b4 Bd6⇄)* 9.b4 Be7 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Rd1 Rc8 12.Be2± is comfortable for White: a5?! 13.b5 Nb8 14.e4 Qc7 15.e5 Ne8 16.0-0 Bxf3? *(16...d6 17.Na4↑)* 17.Bxf3 d6 18.Na4! dxe5 19.Rfe1 Qxc4 20.Qxc4 Rxc4 21.Nxb6 Rc2 22.Re2 Rxe2 23.Bxe2 e4 24.Nc4± /+-, Vachier Lagrave,M (2784)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 8.Bg5

B1) 8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.e3 Qa5 11.exd4 Qxg5 is also only a fight for equality after 12.Qd2± *(or 12.g3!?)*;

B2) 8...h6 9.Bh4 Be7 10.0-0-0 *(This is double-edged. In practice White had good results with both 10.Rd1 and; 10.e3)* 10...b6 11.e4 Bb7 *(Po 11...Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Kb1 d6 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.g4 Qf6 16.gxh5 Qxf3* Zhu,C (2476)-Zhao,X (2462) Ulaanbaatar 2010 *17.Rg1 Qxh5 18.Rg3↑)* 12.e5 Ne8 13.Bg3 Rc8 14.Qd3 f5!? 15.Qxd7 Qxd7 16.Rxd7 So,W (2770)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com INT 2021 Rc7 17.Rxc7 Nxc7⩲]

5.Nf3 Let's check the alternatives:

[5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 is the main line, here Black favours d5 *(6...b6* is gradually falling into oblivion. *)*

A) 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.h4!? was Garri Kasparov's contribution to the theoretical debate in 2017. However, he didn't have to face Ba6 , which has become the main reaction, leading to sharp and complex play: 10.Qc2 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5

A1) 12.h5 h6 13.g4!? Nxg4 14.Rg1 f5 15.Bh3 Nc6! *(15...Qe8? 16.Bxg4 fxg4 17.Bxh6! Qxh5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qe4 Kh8 20.0-0-0+-* 1-0 (27) Sarkar,J (2366)-Park,E (2207) Charlotte 2021*)* 16.Bxg4 fxg4 17.Rxg4 Rxf3 18.Rxg7+ *(18.exf3 Ne5∓)* 18...Kxg7 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+=;

A2) 12.Rh3 Nc6 13.Bg5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Rd1 e5 16.Rf3 Bb7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rg3+ Kh8 19.e3 Qe7 *(19...Qb6 20.Qf5±; 19...Qd7 20.Be2 Rg8⇄)* 20.exd4 exd4+ 21.Be2 Be4 *(21...Rad8!? 22.Kf1 Rg8=)*

22.Qd2 d3 23.Bxd3 Bxd3+ 24.Re3 Qb7 25.Qxd3 Qxg2 26.Qd4 Qg1+?! *(⌓26...Qc6!?)* 27.Ke2 Qg6 28.Rf3± Ding,L (2791)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com INT 2020;

B) 7.Bg5 and now:

B1) Black has a sharp and interesting pawn sacrifice idea with 7...c5!? 8.dxc5 d4 Today White's attention has shifted towards

B1a) 9.Qg3 Nbd7 10.Nf3 e5! 11.e3 *(11.Nxe5?! Nxc5↻)* 11...Re8⩱ 12.0-0-0 Nxc5 13.Nxe5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.f4 dxe3 16.Qxe3 a5!? 17.Qxc5 Qxf4+ 18.Kb1 Rxe5 19.Rd8+ Kh7 20.Bd3+ Bf5 21.Qd4 Re4 22.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 23.Ka1 Qxg2⩱ /∓, Romanov,L (2041)-Pavlicek,M (2316) email 2014;

B1b) 9.Qc2 e5 10.e3 h6 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.Be2 Re8 13.Rd1 a5 14.Nf3 Nc6 *(14...d3!?)* 15.0-0 d3 16.Rxd3 e4 17.Rd6 exf3 18.Bxf6 fxe2 19.Bxe7 exf1Q+ 20.Kxf1 Rxe7 /=, Nepomniachtchi,I (2730)-Karjakin,S (2763) Moscow 2011/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 146 by Krasenkow.;

B1c) 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.e3 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Ne2

B1c1) 13...Bg4 14.Qg3 Ne4?! *(14...d3!? 15.f3 Be6⇄)* 15.Qxg4 Nxf2 16.Qf3 Nxd1 17.exd4 Nxb2 18.Kxb2 Rc8 19.d5 Rxc5 20.Nc3 b5 21.Be2 bxc4 22.Ka2 f5 23.Rb1± /±, Carlsen,M (2847)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com INT 2021;

B1c2) ⌓13...d3! 14.Nc3 Bg4 15.Rxd3 Qa5 16.Qg3 *(16.Qxb7 Rab8 17.Qe7 Rbe8=* and Black has at least repetition - *18.Qd6?? Re6-+)* 16...Qxc5 17.e4 Be6 18.Rd2

B1c21) 18...Rfd8 19.Qe3 Qc6?! *(19...Qxe3 20.fxe3 Rxd2 21.Kxd2 Rd8+ 22.Ke1 Ng4 23.Nd5 f5⇄; 19...Rd4!? 20.b4 Qc7⩱)* 20.f3 Rxd2 21.Qxd2 Rc8 22.Kb1 Bxc4 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Qd6± mal biely mierne navrch, Vidit - Ganguly, Makati 2018. Lepšie bolo meniť dámy, alebo pokračovať 19...Vd4!?=. left White slightly on top in Vidit - Ganguly, Makati 2018. It was better to exchange queens or play 19... ♕d4!?=. Qe6 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Nb5± Vidit,S (2701)-Ganguly,S (2621) Makati 2018;

B1c22) 18...Rfc8 19.Kb1 b5! 20.Qe3 Qxe3 21.fxe3 Bxc4 *(21...bxc4!?)* 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Nxb5 Nxe4 24.Rd5 a6 25.Nd6 Nxd6 26.Rxd6= Wang,H (2763)-Grischuk,A (2777) Chess.com INT 2020 White just barely equalized in this game.;

B2) Equally interesting is a modified version of this idea 7...h6 8.Bh4 *(*Black must also reckon with *8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nf3* , which we will check below. *)* 8...c5!? 9.dxc5 d4 10.Qc2 *(≤10.Qf3?! Nbd7* and contrary to the previous line, Black can flick in g5 at a suitable moment. *)*

B2a) Another viable move is 10...Nc6 11.Nf3 e5 12.Nd2?! *(⌓12.e3∞)* 12...Re8↻ 13.e4 *(13.e3 g5 14.Bg3 dxe3 15.fxe3 Ng4 Δ 16.Qc3 Qd4!↑)* 13...dxe3?! *(13...a5!∓)* 14.fxe3 Nd4 15.Qc3 Bg4 16.Bd3 g5

17.0-0 gxh4 18.exd4 exd4 19.Qc2± Stohl,I (2503)-Haring,F (2258) Slovakia 2019;

B2b) 10...e5 11.e4?! *(⌓11.e3 Qe7∞* transposes to Nepo-Karjakin above *)* 11...a5 12.0-0-0 Nc6 *(⌓12...Qc7!∓)* 13.f4! exf4 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.e5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nxe5 17.Qf5 Re8 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Rxd4 Hess,R (2581)-Piorun,K (2643) Douglas 2019 Rac8 21.Rxf4 Rxc5⇄;

B3) Currently the most popular is 7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 and here Black is holding the balance: 9.Rd1 Ba6 10.Qa4 h6 11.Bh4

B3a) 11...Qd7 12.Qc2 Qc6 should also be sufficient for equality, despite Black's loss after 13.Qxc6 Nxc6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.e3 Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Na5 17.Nf3 Nc4 18.Rb1 c5 19.Ke2 Rfc8 20.Rhc1 Nd6 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Rc2 Kf8 23.Nd2 c4 24.Rbc1 Rab8 25.Kf3 c3?! *(⌓25...Rc5! 26.b4 Rc6⇄ Δ 27.Nxc4? Rbc8)* 26.bxc3 Rc5 27.c4± Carlsen,M (2863)-Caruana,F (2828) Stavanger 2020

B3b) 11...Qe7 12.Nf3 Rd8!?

B3b1) 13.e3 Bxf1 14.Rxf1 c5 15.dxc5 Rxd1+ 16.Qxd1 g5 17.Nxg5 *(17.Bg3 Qxc5 18.Qd8+ Kg7 19.Be5 Qc1+ 20.Ke2 Qc4+* and the only way to avoid a perpetual is *21.Qd3 Qxd3+ 22.Kxd3 Nbd7=)* 17...hxg5 18.Bxg5 Nbd7 19.Qf3 Rc8 20.c6 Qc5 21.Bxf6 Qc1+ 22.Ke2 Qc2+ 23.Ke1 Qc1+ ½-½, Wang,H (2763)-Wei,Y (2732) Chess.com INT 2020;

B3b2) 13.Ne5 c5 14.f3 b5 15.Qa5 Rxd4 16.Rxd4 cxd4 17.Ng4 Bb7 *(17...b4 18.axb4 Bc8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qh5 Qxb4+ ½-½* (20) Reynoso,G (2239)-Matozo,P (2285) ICCF email 2018 *21.Kf2 Nd7 22.Nxh6+ Kg7 23.h4 Ne5 24.f4 Qd2 25.fxe5 Qe3+ 26.Ke1 Qc1+=)* 18.Qxb5 Bd5 19.e4 dxe3 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nxe3 Nc6 22.Be2 Rb8 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Qxc6 Rxb2 25.Qc8+ Kg7 26.Qg4+ Kh8 27.Qc8+= Wang,H (2763)-Ding,L (2791) Chess.com INT 2020]

[The sharp 5.e4 has already acquired a large body of concrete theory after the principled reaction d5 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nd7 10.Bf4 Black here nowadays plays almost exclusively

A) The older line is 10...Ndc5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxd3 *(12...Bd7!?)* 13.Qxd3 b6 14.cxd5 *(14.Nc6 Qc7!?)* 14...Qxd5 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.c4 Qa5 17.f3 Nc5 18.Qe3 and here Rfd8! still seems playable: *(18...Ba6? 19.Bh6! gxh6 20.Nc6 Qa4 21.Qxh6 Qxc6 22.Rd4+-)* 19.Nb3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qxa2 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Qxc5 h6= ½, Salzmann,S (2310)-Siebarth,M (2131) email 2017;

B) 10...Qh4 11.g3 Qh5 and now: *(≤11...Qh3 12.0-0-0!±)*

B1) 12.h4 is a new attempt here: However, after a series of forcing moves

B1a) 12...f6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.exf6 Ndxf6⇄ *(14...Rxf6!?* s protihrou. *)*;

B1b) 12...g5? 13.g4! Qxg4 14.Be3 Nxe5 15.Be2 Qg2 16.0-0-0→;

B1c) 12...Nxe5 13.Be2 Ng4 14.Bxg4 Qxg4 15.f3 Qh5 16.g4 Qg6

17.fxe4 e5! Black is fully OK:

B1c1) 18.Nf5? Qxg4→;

B1c2) 18.Bxe5

B1c21) 18...Bxg4 19.exd5 Rae8 *(19...Rfe8=)* 20.Qxg6 fxg6 21.Ne6?! *(21.Kd2 Rxe5 22.Rae1∞)* 21...Bxe6 22.0-0-0 Bg4 23.Rde1 Chigaev,M (2644)-Yilmaz,M (2595) Douglas 2019 Bc5∓ ;

B1c22) 18...Re8!? 19.0-0-0 Bxc3 20.Bxg7 *(20.exd5 Bxg4∓)* 20...Bxg4 21.Qxc3 Qxg7 22.Rhg1 Rxe4 23.Nf5 Qxc3+ 24.bxc3 Kf8 25.Nh6 Bxd1 26.Rg8+ Ke7 27.Rxa8=;

B1c3) 18.0-0-0 Bxc3 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.gxf5 Qa6! 21.Qxc3 d4 22.Qb3 *(22.Qd3 exf4 23.Kb1 Rad8 24.h5 Rfe8 25.Rh4 h6 26.Rxf4 f6= /∓,* Starodubtsev,V (2337)-Tocklin,T (2316) email 2018*)* 22...exf4 23.Rxd4 Rad8 24.Qd3 Rxd4 25.Qxd4 Rc8⇄ Xiong,J (2709)-Esipenko,A (2682) chess.com INT 2020)

B2) 12.0-0 g5 13.cxd5 leads to another crossroads: Roughly equivalent is

B2a) 13...gxf4 14.dxe6 Nxc3 15.exd7

B2a1) 15...Bxd7 16.bxc3

B2a11) 16...Rac8?! 17.Qd1! Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Bxc3 19.Bf5 Rcd8 20.Bxd7 Rxd7 21.Nf5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 fxg3 23.hxg3 *(23.f4! gxh2+ 24.Kxh2⩲ ↑* Ponomariov *)* 23...Bxe5 24.Rd7 b6 25.Rxa7 h5 26.Ra6± Giri,A (2768)-Caruana,F (2822) Wijk aan Zee 2020)

B2a12) 16...fxg3

B2a121) 17.fxg3 Rac8 18.Bxh7+ Kg7?! *(18...Kh8! 19.e6 Bxc3=)* 19.e6! fxe6 *(19...Bxc3? 20.Nf5+ Kxh7 21.Ne3++-)* 20.Rxf8 Bxf8 21.Be4 Bc5 22.Kh1± Khismatullin,D (2604)-Esipenko,A (2682) Sochi 2020)

B2a122) Black must also reckon with 17.Bxh7+!? Qxh7 *(17...Kh8? 18.hxg3±; 17...Kg7?! 18.fxg3 Rac8* transposes to Khismatullin-Esipenko*)* 18.Qxh7+ Kxh7 19.cxb4 gxf2+ 20.Kxf2 a5⩲ /± Although a draw is a likely result, it's still Black, who has to play an ⊥, being a ♙ down.;

B2a2) ⍝15...fxg3!? , as this limits White's options after 16.hxg3 Bxd7 17.bxc3 Rac8 18.Qd1 *(18.Bxh7+ Kg7 19.e6 fxe6=; 18.Bf5 Bxc3 19.Bxd7 Bxa1 20.Bxc8 Bxd4 21.Bxb7 Qxe5 22.Kg2 Rb8 23.Rb1 Kg7=* Leko,P (2732)-Dominguez Perez,L (2726) Tashkent 2012*)* 18...Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Bxc3 20.Bf5 Rc4 21.Bxd7 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.Re1!?N Rd8 24.Ba4 Rd5 *(* This is not a direct error, but the defence was easier after *24...Kf8!? 25.e6 Bf6 26.exf7 Kxf7=* or*; 24...b5!?* **Δ** *25.Bxb5 Rd5 26.e6 fxe6 27.Bc4 Re5=)* 25.e6 fxe6 26.Rxe6 Re5 27.Rd6 Bc5 28.Rd2 Kg7 29.Kg2= /±, Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020 White's position is more pleasant and in the end he converted his edge with the help of the opponent.;

B2b) 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 exd5

B2b1) 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.e6 gxf4 17.exd7 Bxd7 18.Qxe4 fxg3 19.fxg3 b6 20.Nf5 Rae8 quickly releases the tension after 21.Qd5 *(21.Ne7+ Kg7 22.Qd4+ f6 23.Qxd7 Qc5+=)* 21...Bxf5 22.Rxf5 Qe2 23.Raf1 Qe3+ 24.R1f2 Qe1+ 25.Rf1 *(25.Kg2 Qe4+ 26.Qxe4 Rxe4 27.Rg5+ Kh8 28.Rgf5 Kg8 29.Rg5+ Kh8 30.Rgf5 Kg8 ½,* So,W (2770)-Nakamura,H (2736) Lichess.org INT 2020*)* 25...Qe3+ 26.R1f2 Qe1+ 27.Rf1 Qe3+ ½, So,W (2770)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com INT 2021;

B2b2) 15.e6 gives Black the alternative fxe6 *(15...gxf4 16.exd7 Bxd7 17.Bxe4 -15.♗xe4)* 16.Bc7 Rf7!? 17.f3 Nec5 18.Be2⩲ ∞;

B2b3) 15.Be3 Nxe5 16.f3

B2b31) 16...Nc5!? 17.Bf5 Ne6 18.g4 *(18.Rae1 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Nc6=* Perez Ponsa,F (2559)-Della Morte,G (2369) Buenos Aires 2020 *)* 18...Qh6 19.Rae1 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Nc6 and White's compensation was enough only for equality after 21.Bc5 Rd8 22.Be7 Nxe7 23.Rxe7 Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Qg6 25.Qxg6+ hxg6 26.f4 d4 27.fxg5 dxc3 28.Rfxf7 c2= So,W (2770)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020;

B2b32) 16...Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Nd6!? *(17...Nc5 18.Qd2 h6 19.g4 Qg6* Sarana,A (2654)-Sevian,S (2660) chess.com INT 2020 *20.h4!±)* 18.g4 Qg6 19.Qxg6+ hxg6 20.Bxg5 f6 21.Bf4 Nc4 22.Nb5 *(22.h4 Bd7 23.Kf2 Kf7 24.Rh1 Rac8 25.Rac1 Nb2 26.Rc2 Nd3+ 27.Ke3 Ne5 28.Kf2 Nd3+ 29.Ke3 Ne5 30.Kf2 Nd3+* ½, Mamedyarov,S (2772)-So,W (2760) Bucharest blitz 2019*)* 22...Bd7 23.Nc7 Rac8 24.Nxd5 Rc5 25.Rad1 Be6 26.Nb4 g5 27.Rfe1 Bxg4 28.fxg4 gxf4 29.Nd3 Ra5= Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-So,W (2770) Lichess.org INT 2020]

5...d5

[5...c5 6.dxc5 Na6 has a good reputation, but here the theory has also grown both in width and depth: The main line is

A) After Morozevich's 7.c6 Black can also play

A1) 7...bxc6 is fully viable: 8.e3 *(8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Nc5⇄)* 8...d5 9.Be2 Ne4 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Be7 12.Rb1 Nc5 13.Ba3 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.Ne5 Qd6 17.f4 Ba6 18.Qa4 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Qxc4 Eljanov,P (2702)-Jakovenko,D (2724) Poikovsky 2013 Qd2 21.Rfe1 Nd5=;

A2) 7...d5!?

A2a) 8.Bd2? d4 9.Nb5 e5! 10.Nxe5 Re8 11.c7 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nxc7 13.Nf3 Nxb5 14.cxb5 Le,Q (2714)-Iordachescu,V (2651) Moscow 2012 Ne4! 15.Qb4 *(15.Qxd4 Qa5+ 16.b4 Qa3-+)* 15...d3 16.Rd1 Bg4 17.Rxd3 Qc7↻ -+;

A2b) 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Ne4 10.Qc2 bxc6 11.e3

A2b1) 11...Qa5+ 12.Bd2 *(12.Nd2!?)* 12...Nxd2 13.Nxd2±;

A2b2) 11...Qf6!? 12.Rb1 e5 13.b4 Nd6 14.Ra1 Kayis,C (2180)-

Fernandes,L (2061) email 2012 Here the engine recommends the forcing Bf5 15.Qb3 Nxc4!? 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 c5 18.Bb2 cxb4 19.axb4 Rfc8! 20.Qxa6 Qxa6 21.Rxa6 Rc2 22.Ba3 Ra2 23.0-0 Bd3 24.Ra5 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 Rd8 26.Ke1 Ra1+ 27.Ke2 Ra2+=;

B) 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2

B1) 8...Nfe4!? also deserves attention - 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 b6!? 11.Ng5 d5 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Ba6 15.Ba3 Re8 16.c5 Qd2 17.Rfe1 *(17.c4?! Qc3 18.Qd3 Qxc4 19.Qxc4 Bxc4∓* Garriga Cazorla,P (2495)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2566) Linares 2019*)* 17...Qxc3 18.Bb4 Qc4 19.Qxc4 Bxc4 20.cxb6 axb6 21.a3 b5= Yu,Y (2738)-Rapport,R (2735) Danzhou 2019;

B2) 8...Nce4

B2a) 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Nxd2 a6 *(*Andersson's *10...Rb8 11.0-0 b6=* equalizes reliably.*)* 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Rfc1 Rb8 13.a3 Be7 14.Na4 b6 15.b4 a5 16.b5?! *(16.Rab1=)* 16...Bb7 17.Qd3 Rfc8 18.Rc3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qb7+ 20.Qf3 d5 21.cxd5 Nxd5∓ Boensch,U (2470)-Ivanchuk,V (2695) Terrassa 1991;

B2b) 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.e4 d6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Qc7 14.Qe2 and has been significantly influenced by engines: The modern treatment of the line is

B2b1) Black used to play 14...Bd6 15.Bf4

B2b11) 15...Nd7 16.Nxd7!? *(16.Rfe1* -14...♘d7*)* 16...Bxd7 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Bxb7±;

B2b12) 15...Ne8

B2b121) 16.Rab1 f6 17.Nd3 Qxc4 18.Bxb7 *(18.Bxd6 Nxd6 19.Rb4 Qc7 20.Nf4 Re8∓* Hertneck,G (2540)-Karpov,A (2785) Baden-Baden 1992 *)* 18...Bxb7 19.Rxb7 e5 20.Be3 Nc7= /∓;

B2b122) , but here every modern engine immediately shows the strong 16.c5! Qxc5 17.c4↻ ↑ White's score of 67% from about 150 games is no fluke, his initiative is really dangerous and Black must defend with care after Rb8 *(17...Qc7 18.c5!? Qxc5 19.Rac1 Qa5 20.Rfd1 Be7 21.h4 Nf6 22.h5 Nd5 23.h6 Nxf4 24.gxf4 g6 25.Bh3 Bf6 26.Rd3 b6 27.Qe3 Bb7 28.Nd7 Bb2 29.Rc7 Ba6 30.Nxf8 Bxd3 31.Nxe6+-* Indjic,A (2630)-Lobanov,S (2526) Moscow 2019*)* 18.Rfe1 f6 *(18...b6 19.Rab1 f6 20.Nc6 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Rb7 22.Rb5 Qa3 23.c5↑* Babychuk,V (2176)-Zhuravlev,K (2160) email 2015*)* 19.Nd3 Qxc4 20.Rac1 Qa6 21.Rxc8 Bxf4 22.Rc3! Bd6 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Rec1 f5 25.Ne5 *(25.Bf1 Qb6 26.Rc8 Nc7 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Qd7⩲* Leenders,C (2262)-Fichtner,B (2414) ICCF email 2017*)* 25...Bxe5 26.Qxe5 Qd6 27.Qa5 a6 28.Bf3 Qf6 29.Rb3 Nd6 30.Rb6 Qg5 31.Rc7 Qd8 32.Qc5 Rf6 33.Kg2 Ne4 34.Qe5 Nd6 35.Qe7 Qxe7 36.Rxe7 g6 37.Rd7 Ne4 38.Rxf6 Nxf6 39.Rxb7 Rxb7 40.Bxb7±

Esposito,L (2422)-Evgrafov,B (2343) email 2015/ White's relentless pressure lead to an advantageous ⊥, which he duly converted.;

B2b2) 14...Nd7 15.Bf4 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.Rfe1 *(17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Rfd1 Qc7* followed by ♖b8 and b6 makes the defensive task easier. *)* 17...Rb8 18.Rad1 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Qxe5 20.Rxe5 b6 21.c5

B2b21) 21...f6 22.cxb6 axb6 23.Re2 e5!? *(23...Kf7 24.f4 e5 25.fxe5 Bg4 26.e6+ Kg6 27.Be4+ f5 28.e7 Bxe2 29.Rd6+ Kg5 30.exf8R Rxf8 31.Bd5 Rf6 32.Rd7 Kh6 33.Kf2 Bb5 34.Rc7 Rd6 35.c4↑* Navara,D (2730)-Caruana,F (2787) Wijk aan Zee 2016*)* 24.Rd6 Kf7 25.f4 Bg4 26.Rb2 exf4 27.Bd5+ Ke7 28.Rdxb6 Rxb6 29.Rxb6 fxg3 30.hxg3 Rd8 31.c4 Rd6 32.Rb7+ Rd7 33.Rb3 Kd6 34.Rb6+ Kc5 35.Rb5+ Kd4 36.a4 Re7 37.a5 Re1+= Leenhouts,K (2502)-Istratescu,A (2589) Belgium 2018;

B2b22) 21...Ba6!? 22.c6 *(22.h4 Rfd8 23.Rb1 Bc4 24.cxb6 Rxb6 25.Rb4 Bxa2 26.Ra5 Bd5 27.Bxd5 exd5= ½,* Topalov,V (2740)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) Saint Louis 2019*)* 22...Rbc8!? *(22...Rfd8 23.Ree1 Rbc8 24.c7 Rf8 25.Rd7 Bb5 26.Red1! Bxd7 27.Rxd7±* Tang,A (2538)-Esipenko,A (2682) chess.com INT 2020 White has winning chances in the ♖⊥, as driving the rook from the 7th will cost time. *)* 23.Bf3 *(23.Rd7 Rfd8 24.Re4 Rxd7 25.cxd7 Rd8 26.Ra4 Bb5 27.Rxa7 Kf8 28.Bf1 Bxd7 29.Rb7 e5 30.Bc4 b5 31.Bxb5 Be6=* Nakamura,H (2781)-Caruana,F (2799) London 2017*)* 23...Rc7 24.Rd4 Re8 25.a4 Kf8 26.Re1 Xiong,J (2712)-Caruana,F (2822) Wijk aan Zee 2020 and now the most reliable road to equality is activating the ♗a6 with e5! 27.Rb4 Bd3=]

(Diagram)

At this point Black's choice is still a matter of taste. **6.Bg5** From the NImzo we have entered a somewaht unusual Ragozin - the 4th move is extra for both sides. While castling is important for development, on the other hand Black must be more careful with advancing his ♙ pawns after h6 and g5. Also White's ♕-move has it's pluses (c3 is overprotected) and minuses (it's less useful for development, than 0-0).

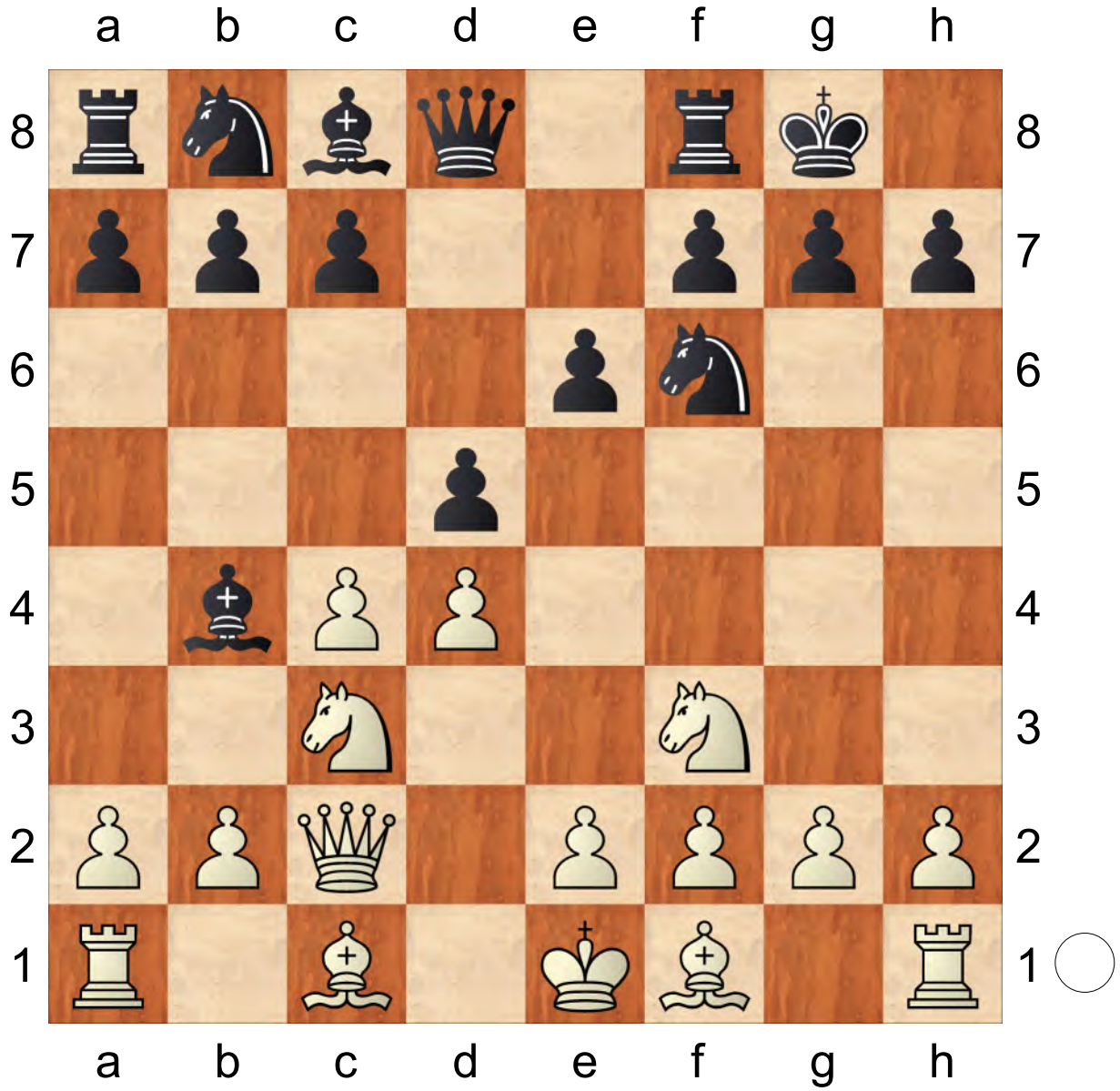
[So wants more, than just 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'reaches the 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 Qxc3 d5 line' dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 , transposing to one of the lines with 5. a3 we mentioned above.]

[Paunovic,Tomislav: 'The main alternative is' The ♗ sortie can be preceeded with 6.cxd5 exd5 , but this eases Black's development and he equalizes after 7.Bg5 Paunovic,Tomislav: '- see games in the archives.' h6 8.Bh4 c5!

A) 9.dxc5 Nbd7 10.e3 g5!? *(10...Qa5=)* 11.Bg3 Nxc5 12.Be2 Nfe4⇄;

B) 9.e3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6

B1) 11.Rd1 Bg4! 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Bxe2 15.Bxf6



(15.Kxe2 g5 16.Bg3 Rc8= /∓) 15...Qxf6=;

B2) 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Be2 *(12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 d4!∁ 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.exd4 Re8+ 16.Kd1 g5 17.Bg3 Bf5⩱ 18.f3 Rad8 19.Bf2 Rb8 20.Kc1 Nd5 21.Bc4 Nf4 22.b4 a5 23.Re1 axb4 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.axb4 Bd3 26.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 27.Kd2 Nxb4 28.Rb1 ½,* Laznicka,V (2662)-Gelfand,B (2703) Novy Bor 2018*)* 12...g5 13.Bg3 Ne4 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Bf5 16.Bd3 Re8 *(16...Qf6=)* 17.f3 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Re6 20.Rfe1 Qe7 21.g4 Rb8 22.Re2 Re8 23.Kf2 Qc7= Wojtaszek,R (2744)-Leko,P (2723) Beijing blitz 2014]

[while 6.e3 is a Rubinstein with an early Qc2.]

6...h6 The main move, but Black has also

[6...c5 7.dxc5 dxc4

A) 8.e4 h6 9.Bh4 Qa5 10.Bxf6 *(10.Bxc4 Qxc5 11.Bd3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3*

Nbd7 13.0-0 b6 14.Kh1? Bb7 15.Nd2 Rac8 16.c4 Ne5∓ Mamedyarov,S (2736)-Lenic,L (2639) Berlin blitz 2015*)* 10...gxf6 11.Bxc4 Qxc5 12.Be2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Rac1 Qf8 15.a3 Be7 16.Na4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 fxe5 is solid for Black and the impetuous 18.f4? *(18.Qb3=)* only opens the position for the ♗ after 18...Bd7 19.fxe5 Bg5∓ Sivuk,V (2479)-Warakomski,T (2466) Polanica Zdroj 2015;

B) 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 Qa5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bxc4 Qxc5 12.Bb3 Nc6 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.Rac1 Bb4 15.Qxc5 Bxc5 16.Rxc5 Bd7 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Ba4 Kf8 19.Kf1 Ke7 20.Ke2 a6 21.a3 b5 22.Bd1 Na5 23.Nd2 Nb7 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rxc8 Bxc8= So,W (2767)-Alekseenko,K (2674) Douglas 2019/ White's slight pull has gradually evaporated.]

[Lines involving an early ... Nbd7 are likely to transpose to the QGD Ragozin, e.g. 6...Nbd7 7.e3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Qa5 10.0-0]

7.Bh4 An ambitious pawn sacrifice.

[Wesley and Levon already had this position and White went for the simple 7.Bxf6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '- 140/184' Qxf6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 , which we have mentioned already in the note to move 5. After dxc4 10.Qxc4 Black has a choice: More straightforward and usual is

A) Levon played the rare 10...Bd7 11.e3 *(*Principled is *11.Qxc7!?* , but Black had compensation after *Bc6 12.e3 Nd7 13.Be2 Qf5 14.Qd6 Rac8 15.Qb4 a5 16.Qb3 Be4 17.0-0 Rc2 18.Bd1 Rc6 19.Nd2 Rb6 20.Qa2 Bd3 21.Re1 Rc8 22.e4 Qf6 23.e5 Qf4 24.Nf3 Bc4 25.b3 Bd5⩲* Andraschko,F (2173)-Dehaybe,A (2149) email 2012*)* 11...Rc8 12.Qb4 Bc6 13.Be2 Bd5 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.0-0 a5 16.Qa4 c6 17.Nd2 Qg5 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 and correctly evaluated the surprising Qb5!? 20.Qxb5 cxb5 After 21.Rfd1 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Kf1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Ra2 25.Rb1 Nb6 26.Ne5 b3 27.Ke1 f6 28.Nd3 Nc4 White already has nothing better than 29.Nc1 Rxb2 30.Rxb2 Nxb2 31.Nxb3= So,W (2770)-Aronian,L (2792) Leuven rpd 2016

B) 10...Nc6

B1) Black has a good position after 11.e3 e5 12.d5 e4!? *(12...Ne7=)* 13.Nd2 Ne7∞;

B2) 11.Qc3 Re8 12.Rd1 e5! 13.d5 Nb8 14.e4 *(14.e3 Bg4 15.Be2 Nd7* and White found nothing better than *16.e4 Qd6 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Qc4* Xiong,J (2709)-Nakamura,H (2736) Lichess.org INT rpd 2020/ Now the simplest was *Bd7!? Δ* c6= *)* 14...c6 15.Bc4 cxd5 *(15...Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 cxd5 19.Bxd5 Nc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Ke2 Reb8 22.Rd2 Rb3 23.Rc1 Rab8 24.Rxc6 Rxb2 25.Ra6 Rxd2+ 26.Kxd2 Rb1 27.Rxa7 Rh1⇄* Ivanchuk,V (2732)-Wei,Y (2740) Hoogeveen 2017*)* 16.Bxd5 Nd7 17.0-0 Nb6 18.Rfe1 Bg4 19.Bxb7 Rab8 20.Bd5 Na4 21.Qc6 Nxb2 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Rd2 Red8 24.Rc1 Na4 25.Bb3 Nb6 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Ne1 Be6= Balcazar Novoa,L (2148)-Loisel,D (2214) email 2018]

7...dxc4 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: '!?' John Emms: 'This capture is quite unusual here, but the idea is a common one and there's some resemblance to the

QGD Vienna variation." Black accepts the challenge.

[Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Previously we've considered' He could have also played 7...c5 Paunovic,Tomislav: '- see the notes to Mamedyarov,S-Ding Liren/Huai'an 2017.' 8.e3 *(8.dxc5 dxc4* leads to an aforementioned position from the 6...c5 line *)* 8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.Rd1

A) Another interesting move is the aggressive 10...g5!? 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Bd3 f5 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 f4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Qf6 *(16...Qe7!?)* 17.h4 fxg3 18.fxg3 Qf5? *(*The modest *18...Qg7∞* is still unclear.*)* 19.Qe3 Bd7 20.hxg5 Qg6 21.gxh6 Qxg3 22.d5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Bf5 Mamedyarov,S (2799)-Ding,L (2777) Huaian rpd 2017 24.Qc5! Bg4 25.Rg5+ Kh8 26.Rg7+- →;

B) 10...Be7!? 11.a3 *(11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxe7 Ncxe7 13.Bc4 b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qe4 Rc8 17.Bd3 g6 18.Ne5 Qe7∓* Yanchenko,R (2467)-Zhigalko,S (2572) Chess.com blitz INT 2021*)* 11...b6 12.Bd3 dxc4 *(12...Bb7!?)* 13.Bxc4 Bb7 14.Ba2 Rc8 15.0-0 Na5 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Qh5 Rf8 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Rfe1 Qd6 23.Rd3 Rc7 24.Rg3 Re7 25.h3 Nc6= Finegold,B (2460)-Martens,M (2315) Wijk aan Zee 1991 All in all the defence has no serious problems here.]

8.e4

[8.e3 b5 9.a4 c6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 *(10...gxf6!?* is also interesting, White must yet prove his compensation here.*)* 11.axb5 cxb5 12.Qe4 Qf5! 13.Qxa8 Qc2 14.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Ke2 Qxc4+ and Black has a perpetual at the very least.]

8...g5

[An analogy with the Botvinnik System doesn't work, 8...b5? 9.e5 g5 fails to 10.exf6 gxh4 11.Qe4+-]

[However, Black still had 8...c5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'and' 9.e5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'are possible.' *(*For *9.dxc5 Qa5=* see the 6...c5 line above.*; 9.Rd1; 9.0-0-0)* 9...cxd4 10.exf6 g5 11.Bg3 with an unclear piece sacrifice Nc6!⩱ *(11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Ba5 13.Be5⩲* is more risky *)*]

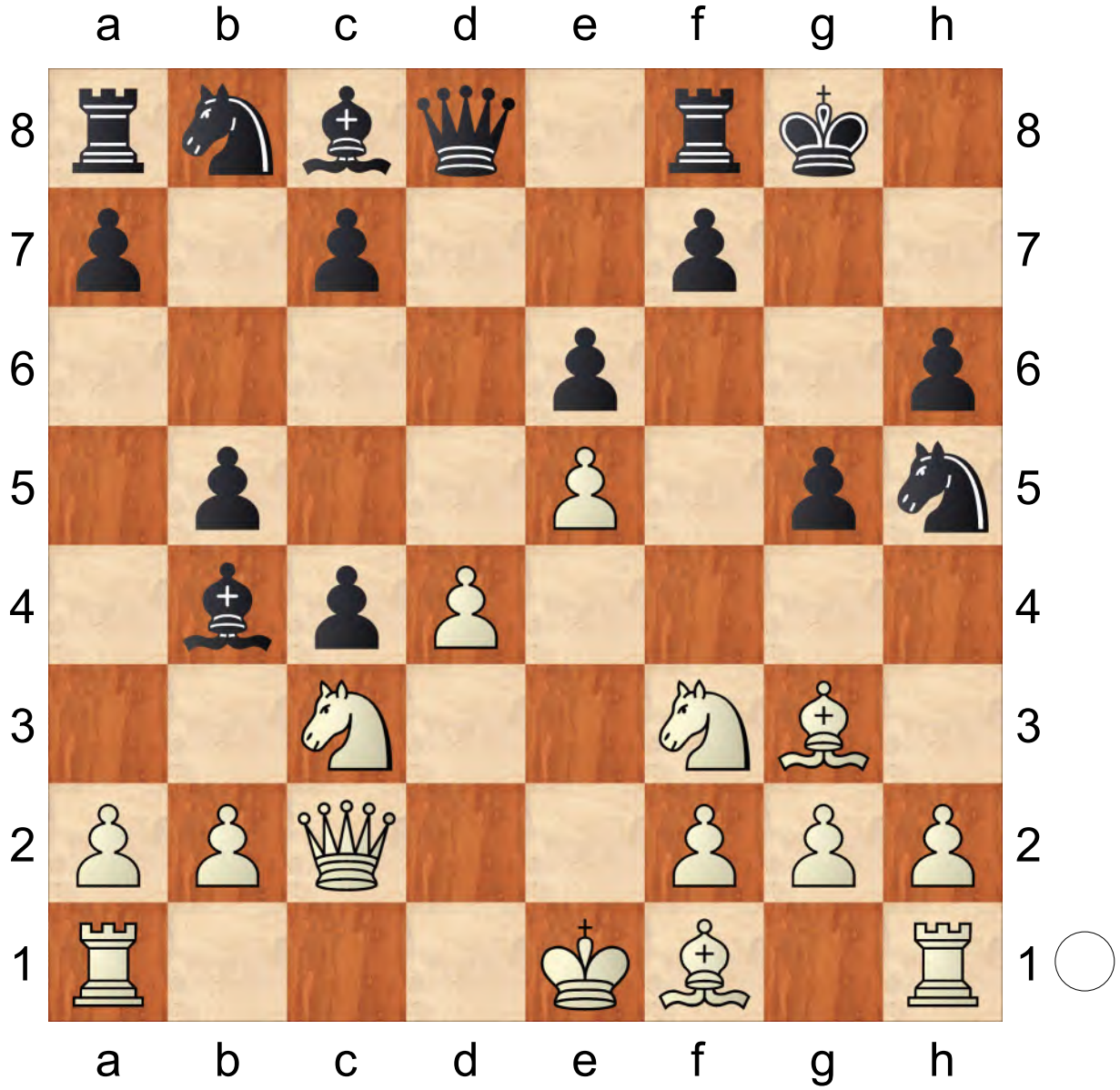
9.Bg3 b5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: 'The first new move." We are already entering almost uncharted waters.

[9...g4 10.Nd2 *(*Stockfish prefers *10.a3!?* Δ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'is also possible, intending' *Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 gxf3 12.Bh4↑* and White wins the piece back advantageously*)* 10...Nc6 *(10...Qxd4? 11.0-0-0±)* 11.Rd1 *(11.e5 Nd5 12.Nde4 Nxd4 13.Qd1 b5! 14.Qxg4+ Kh7 15.0-0-0 Rg8∞)* 11...Nxd4 12.Qc1 b5 13.Nxc4 bxc4 14.Be5 Bc5 15.Qxh6 Nc2+ 16.Ke2 Paunovic,Tomislav: '1/2-1/2 Gascon del Nogal,J-Fier,A/Apeldoorn 2018.' Nd4+ 17.Ke1 Nc2+= ½, Gascon del Nogal,J (2470)-Fier,A (2576) Apeldoorn 2018]

10.e5 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' **10...Nh5□**

[A forced retreat. The knight would prefer going to the ⊞, but after 10...Nd5? 11.h4 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' g4 12.Ng5! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'gives White a very strong attack, e.g.' the vulnerable kingside collapses: hxg5 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?' *(12...f5 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Qh7+ Kf8 15.Nge4)* 13.hxg5 Re8 14.Qh7+ Kf8

15.g6+-]
[10...Nh7?! is not ideal for the same reason: 11.h4 g4 12.Ng5! Nxg5 *(12...hxg5 13.hxg5 Nxg5 14.Rh5! Nc6 15.0-0-0+- →)* 13.hxg5 Qxg5 14.Be2→ with a dangerous attack on the h-file.]



Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'The knight is required to stay on the kingside.'' **11.Qe4N** A new and very direct move, White transfers his ♕ to the » in an attempt to whip up an attack.
[11.Be2 Bb7 12.Rd1 Kg7 *(12...Nd7!∞ deserves attention)* 13.0-0 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nd7 16.h4 g4 17.Nh2 f5? *(*Black should have continued *17...h5* , although he will have to defend with care after *18.Bxg4!?⩱)* 18.exf6+ Nxf6 19.Nxg4 Be4 20.Qd2 Nxg4 21.Rxf8 Qxf8 22.Bxg4± Debashis,D (2522)-Koustav,C (2365) New Delhi 2018]

[Now 11.h4? g4 12.Ng5? fails simply to hxg5 13.hxg5 Qxg5]

11...Qd5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'N' 'N' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: 'The obvious choice, but not the only option and Black doesn't actually have to defend the rook."

[11...Nxg3? 12.hxg3 Qd5 13.Qe3+-]

[However, apart from the natural text-move Black had alternatives: 11...Bd7!?

A) 12.Qxa8? Bc6 13.Qxa7 Bxf3

A1) 14.d5 Paunovic,Tomislav Bxd5 15.Qe3 *(15.a3 Nc6 16.Qe3 Ba5 17.0-0-0 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Qa8∓ →)* 15...Nc6∓;

A2) 14.gxf3 Nc6 15.Qb7 Qxd4-+ → 16.Be2 Paunovic,Tomislav Bxc3+ 17.Kf1 Bxb2 18.Rb1 *(18.Rd1 Qc5 19.Qxc7 Nxg3+ 20.hxg3 Bxe5 21.Qb7 Rb8 22.Qd7 c3-+)* 18...Nb4-+;

B) 12.h4 Bc6 13.Qg4 Nxg3 14.fxg3 h5!⇄ Δ 15.Qxh5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Qxd4 17.hxg5 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Qxc3+ 19.Kf2 Qd4+ Paunovic,Tomislav: '□' '□' 20.Kg2 Qb2+= Paunovic,Tomislav: '=!' '=!' leads to a perpetual.]

[A similar motif appears after 11...c5!? 12.Be2!? *(12.h4 Qa5!; 12.Qxa8? cxd4!∓; 12.dxc5 Qa5!)* 12...Bd7 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!?' '!?' 13.dxc5 *(13.Qxa8? Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qa5!?)* 13...Bc6 14.Qg4 Ng7 15.h4 h5! Δ 16.Qxg5 Qxg5 17.hxg5 Bxc5∞ *(17...Nd7!?⇄)*]

12.Qg4 Ng7 13.Be2 Solid development, connected with a potential threat.

[13.h4? runs into f5! 14.exf6 e5 15.f7+ Qxf7 16.Qe4 exd4-+ and it's Black, whose attack is faster and stronger.]

[However, interesting was 13.Nd2!? Paunovic,Tomislav: ' ⌓' '⌓' Bxc3 14.bxc3 Paunovic,Tomislav: ' ∞' '∞' Black must quickly seek counterplay and break up White's ⊞ with

A) 14...Nd7 15.Be2! *(15.h4* may now be met effectively by *f5! 16.exf6 Nxf6)* 15...f5 Otherwise Bf3 is coming. 16.Qh3! g4 17.Qxh6 Qxg2 18.0-0-0 Qh3 19.Qxh3 gxh3 20.Rhg1 with some advantage to White.;

B) 14...Bb7 15.h4 c5 16.hxg5 h5 17.Rxh5 cxd4 18.f3! threatens Ne4, and after Nxh5 *(18...dxc3 19.Ne4)* 19.Qxh5 Qd7 20.0-0-0 White's attack will be decisive.;

C) 14...b4! 15.cxb4 Paunovic,Tomislav: ' ±' *(15.Bxc4 Qxg2; 15.h4 h5! 16.Qxg5 bxc3* is Black's idea*)* 15...Nc6 16.Bxc4 Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Nxd4 18.0-0 Rb8± /⇄]

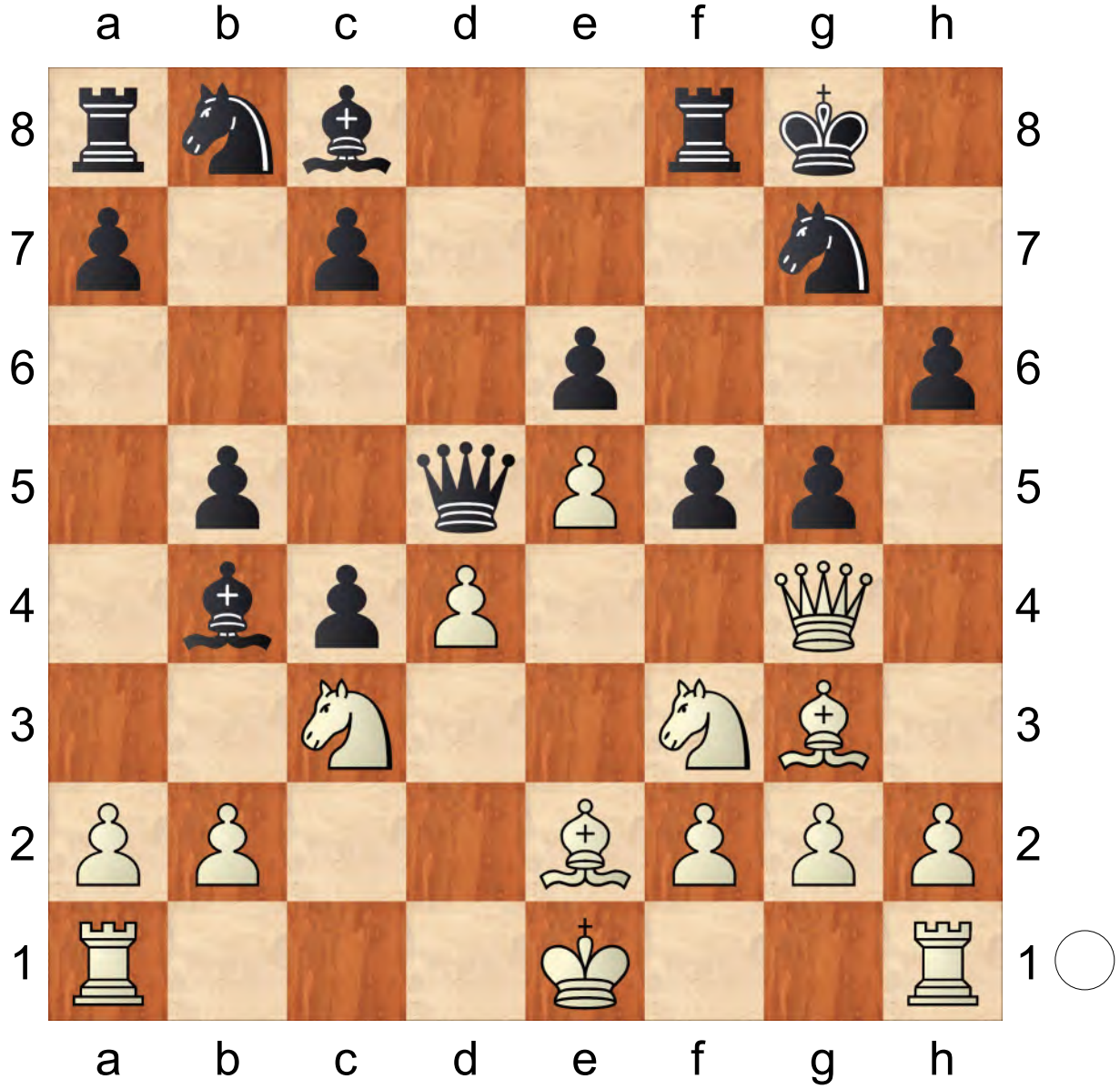
13...f5? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

[Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: 'After" He had to play 13...Nc6! Paunovic, Tomislav: ' ↑' '↑' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'adding pressure on d4 and also preparing ...f6, the chances remain finely balanced. For example," 14.Qh3 *(14.h4? f5! 15.exf6 e5-+; 14.0-0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 b4→;* On the other hand, *14.0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 f6! 16.Qh3 h5∓* leads to problems with the ♕h3*; 14.Nd2 Qxd4! 15.Nde4 f5! 16.exf6 e5! 17.Qf3 g4)*

A) 14...Nf5 15.0-0 Bxc3 *(15...Qd7)* 16.bxc3 b4 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.Bf3 Qd7 19.Qh5 bxc3 20.Qxg5+ Kh8 when the most likely outcome is perpetual check.;

B) 14...Nxd4 15.Rd1 *(15.Qxh6 Nxe2 16.Nxg5 Qd3 17.Rd1 Qf5 18.Kxe2 Bb7∓ /∓)* 15...c5 16.Nxd4 *(16.Kf1!)* 16...cxd4 17.0-0 with a murky position. One possible follow-up is Bxc3 18.bxc3 d3 19.Bf3 h5! 20.Rfe1 Qd7 21.Bxa8 b4 22.cxb4 Ba6⩱ White's ♕ is offside and the dangerous pawns compensate even for a full rook.]

[13...Nd7 14.Nd2! would be similar to 13 Nd2.]



' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram [#] John Emms: 'This mistake proves to be decisive." A serious and almost certainly decisive tactical error. This advance should have followed only after h4. **14.Qh3!** □ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: 'Instigating a forcing sequence which leads to a winning attack for White." Necessary, but strong.

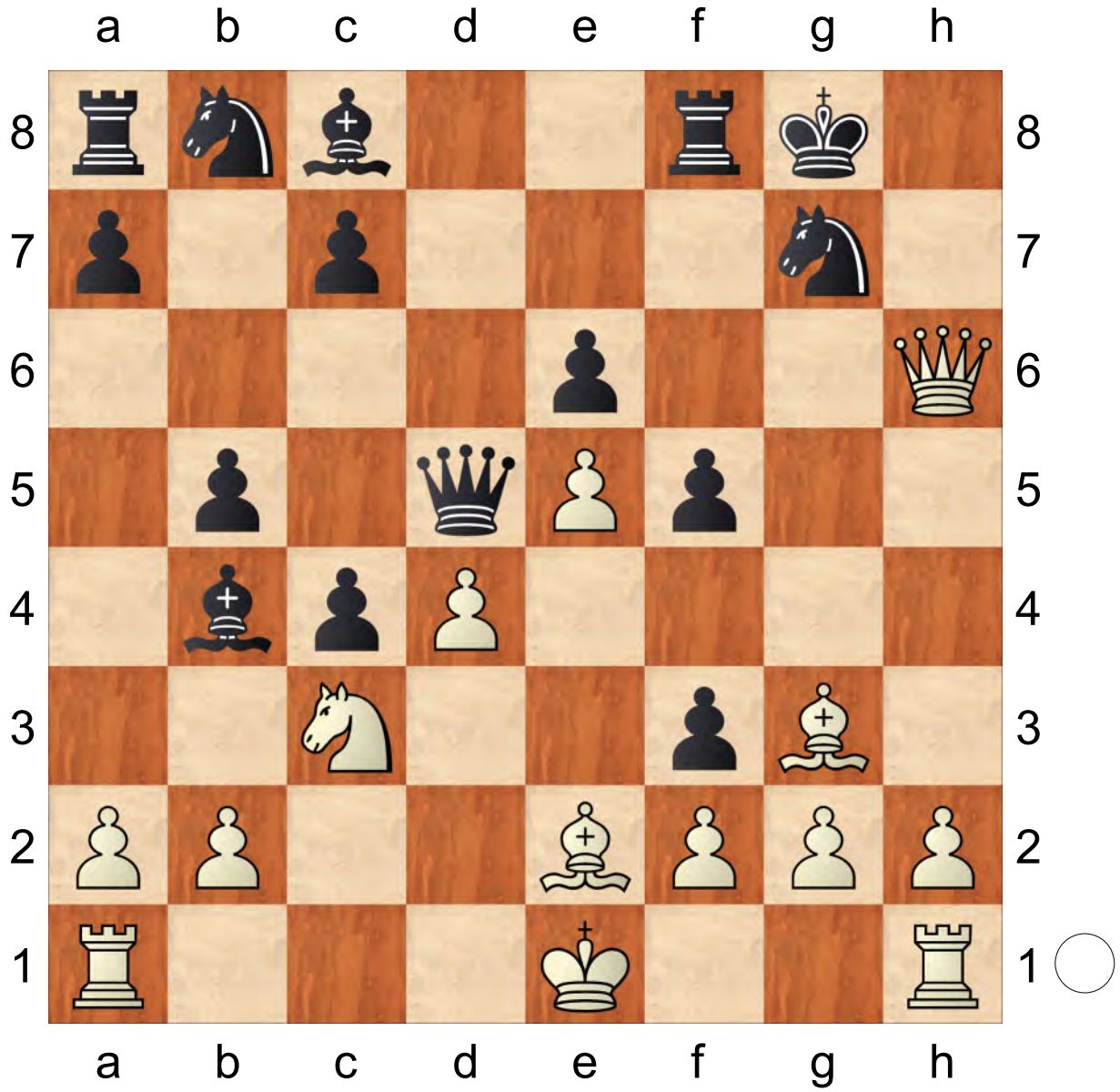
[14.exf6? e5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: '!" 15.f7+ Kh7! *(15...Kh8? 16.Nxe5)* 16.Nxg5+ hxg5 17.Qxg5 Qxf7∓ gives White only questionable

compensation. 18.0-0 Paunovic,Tomislav Nc6∓]

14...g4 Aronian probably didn't realise he can't properly defend h6 and g5.

[14...h5 doesn't help much due to 15.Nxg5 Qxd4 *(15...Qd8* Paunovic,Tomislav *16.Bf4 Be7 17.Bxh5 Bxg5 18.Bg6 Bh4 19.Rg1! Nc6 20.g3+-)* 16.0-0+- Qd2 Paunovic,Tomislav 17.Qh4 Bxc3 18.Bxh5 Nxh5 19.Qxh5 Qd7 20.bxc3+-]

15.Qxh6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '+-' '+-' **15...gxf3**



16.Bxf3 Qxd4 17.0-0+- Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' '!' White has broken up the kingside and exposed the ♔g8. Although this cost him a piece, it's well worth it, as Black won't be able to finish his development in time and his « pieces can't effectively join the defence.

[17.Bxa8? Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Qxc3+ 19.Ke2 Black has at least a draw by perpetual check, but could quite justifiably play on too.]

17...c6

[17...Nd7 18.Bxa8 *(18.Rad1* Paunovic,Tomislav*)* 18...Nxe5 19.Nxb5+- and material decides.]

18.Rad1 Qb6 19.Ne4! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'A nice idea. I was reminded of Fischer's classic Be4! against Panno, and here the role of the knight and bishop are reversed." A nice move, exposing the king even more.

[However, White could have won also with the simple 19.Bh4 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!?' '!?' Nd7 *(19...a6 20.Bf6 Ra7 21.Ne4! fxe4 22.Bxe4 Nf5 23.Qg6++-; 19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nd7 21.Rxd7 Bxd7 22.Bf6 Rf7 23.Bh5!)* 20.Bf6 *(20.Rxd7!?* Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' *Bxd7 21.Bf6 Rf7 22.Ne4!+-* Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'wins with the same basic theme, and is actually cleaner, but the game continuation is visually striking.' is similar to the game.*)* 20...Rf7 21.Bh5+-]

19...fxe4 20.Bxe4 Rf5

[Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Or' 20...Nf5 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Bh4 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' Nd7 23.Qxe6+- **Δ** Nc5 24.Bf6+ Kh7 25.Bxf5+ Kh6 26.Bg7+! Kxg7 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh7#]

(Diagram)

21.Bxf5 exf5

[21...Nxf5 22.Qg5+ Kf7 23.Rd8+-]

22.e6! Paunovic,Tomislav: '[**Δ** Be5]' Paunovic,Tomislav: '[**Δ** Be5] John Emms: 'Vacating e5 for the bishop." Both the ♗ and the ♙ join the attack.

[22.Bh4+- is also good enough.]

22...Bf8

[22...Bxe6 23.Be5+-]

23.Be5 White's forces are playing a powerplay on the kingside. The threat e7 is decisive.

[23.e7!? Bxe7 24.Be5 Bf8 25.Rfe1 c5 26.Rd6!+-]

23...c5

[23...Nxe6 24.Qg6+ Bg7 25.Bxg7 Nxg7 26.Rfe1 One ♘ can't defend the king against 3 major pieces!]

24.Bxg7 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' '!' **24...Bxg7 25.e7!** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: '!" **25...Bd7**

[25...Bxh6 26.e8Q+ Kh7 *(26...Bf8* Paunovic,Tomislav *27.Qxc8)* 27.Qxc8+-]

[Even after the more resilient 25...Qxh6 26.e8Q+ Kh7 27.Qxc8 Paunovic, Tomislav: 'John Emms: '+-" Qc6 28.Qxf5+ Qg6 29.Qc8 Qc6 30.Qg4 Na6 31.Rfe1+- Black can't beat off the attack without further losses. *(31.a4!?+-)*]

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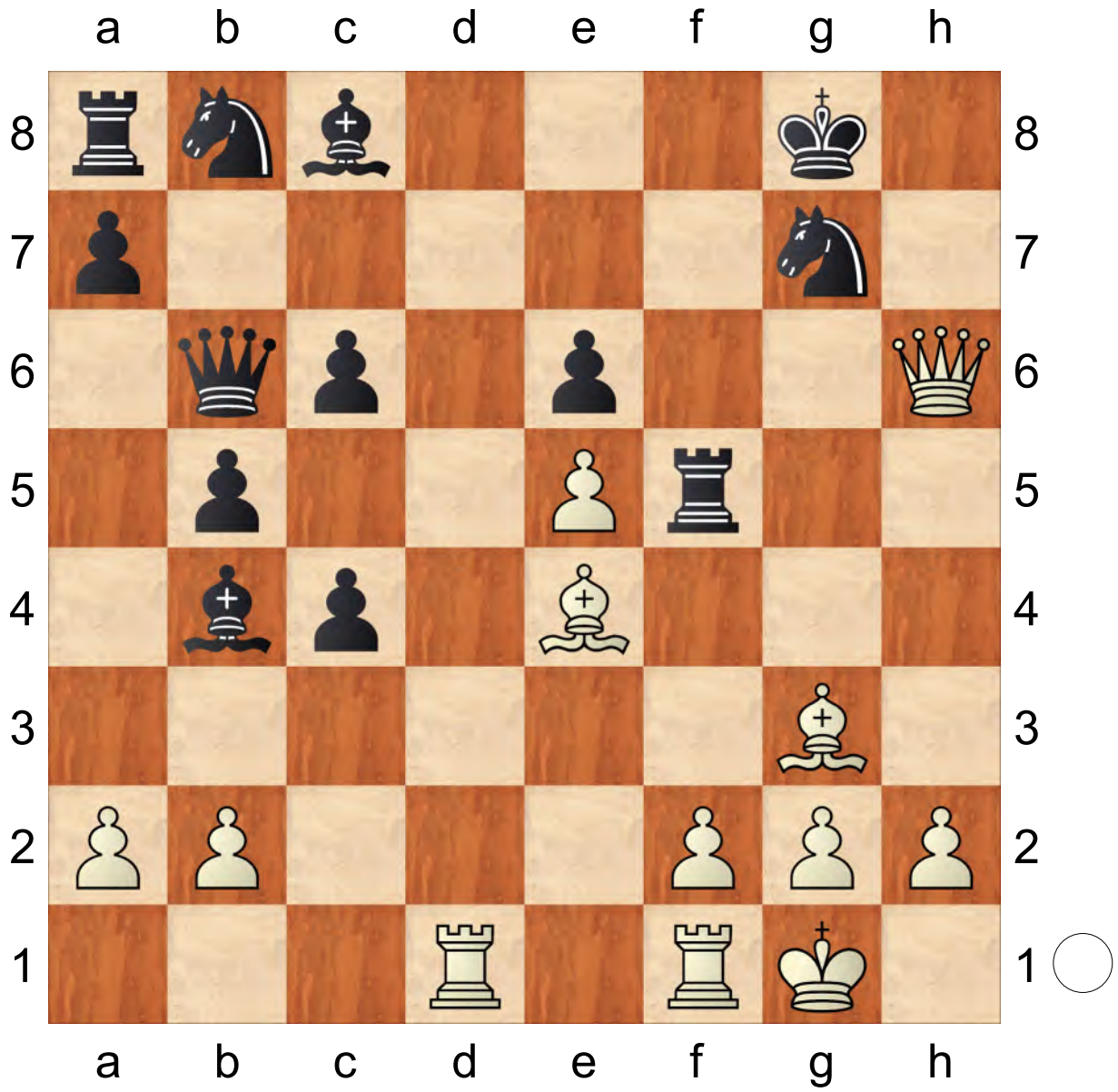
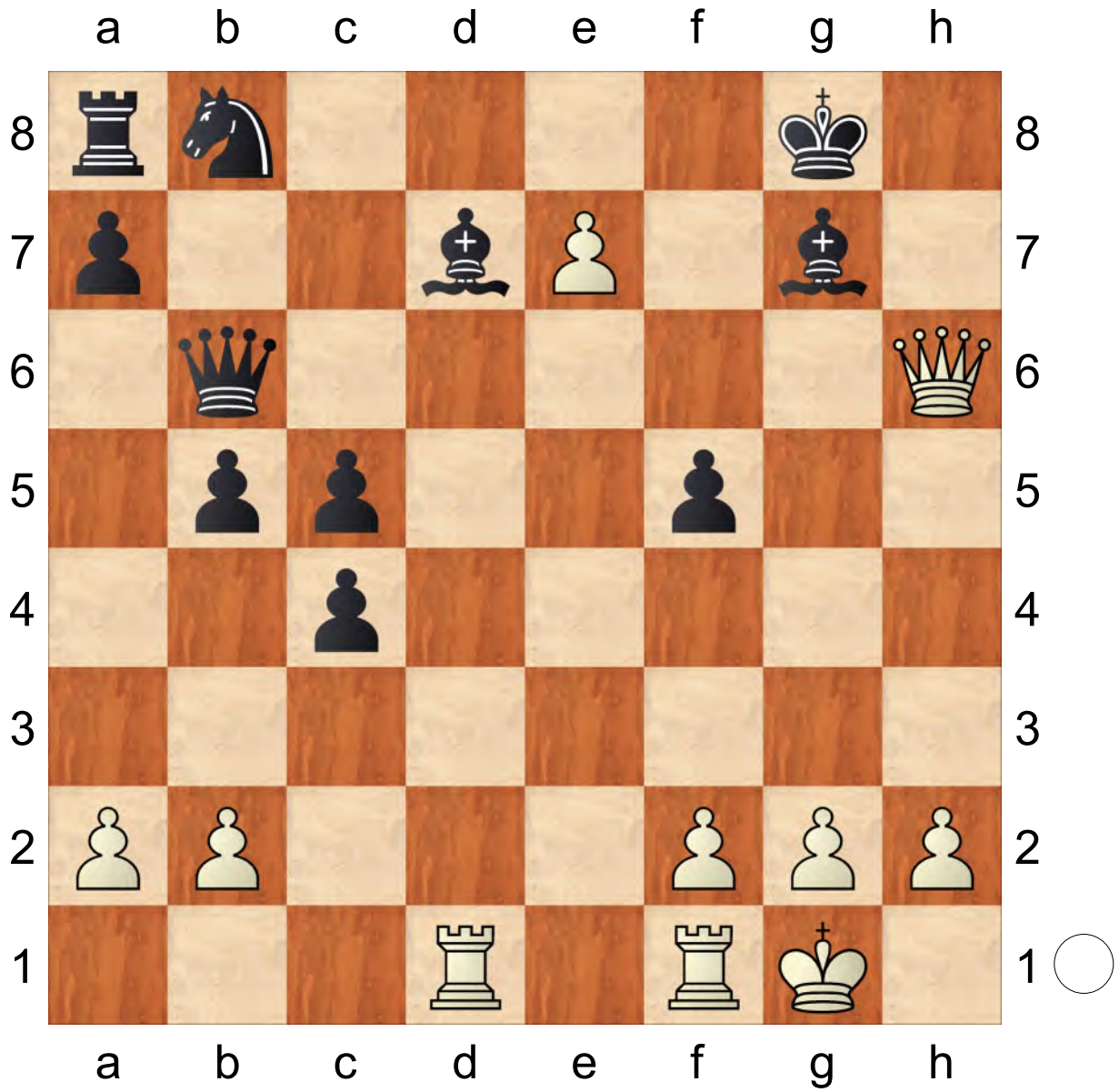
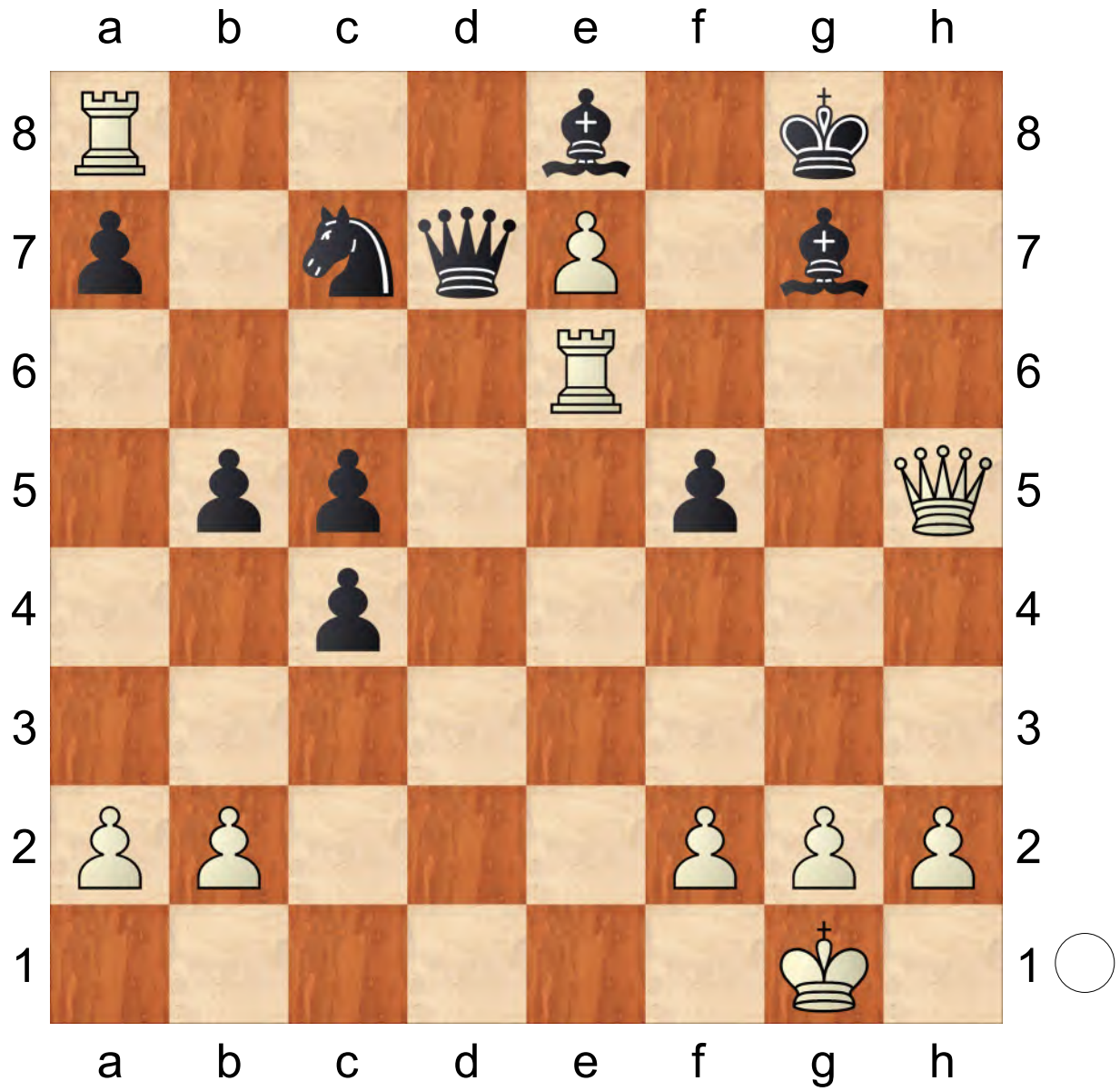




26.Qh5 Qc6 27.Rfe1 Be8
[Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Or' 27...Na6 28.Rxd7 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' Qxd7 29.e8Q+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8+ Bf8 31.Qg6+ Qg7 32.Qxa6 Qxb2 33.g3+- is hopeless - the weak ♔ prevents any meaningful counterplay due to c3? 34.Qf6]
28.Rd8 Na6 29.Re6! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'John Emms: 'This deflection is the final piece in the jigsaw and Black's resistance is broken.'' **29...Qd7**
[29...Qxe6 30.Qxe8+ Kh7 31.Qh5+]
30.Rxa8 Nc7

(Diagram)

31.Rd8 Nxe6
[31...Qxe6 32.Rxe8+ Nxe8 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Qh5+ Bh6 35.e8Q+- protects e1



just in time.]

32.Rxe8+ Nf8 33.Rxf8+

[33.Rxf8+ Paunovic,Tomislav: '!" Bxf8 34.Qg6+ Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' *(34.Qh7+!? Kxh7 35.exf8N+!* would be the end of a beautiful combination, were it not for the fact that White has more mundane (and better) ways to win. 1-0 (35) So,W (2770)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 148/180 2021 Chess Informant 148 [Paunovic,Tomislav]*; 34.e8Q!)* 34...Bg7 35.e8Q++-]

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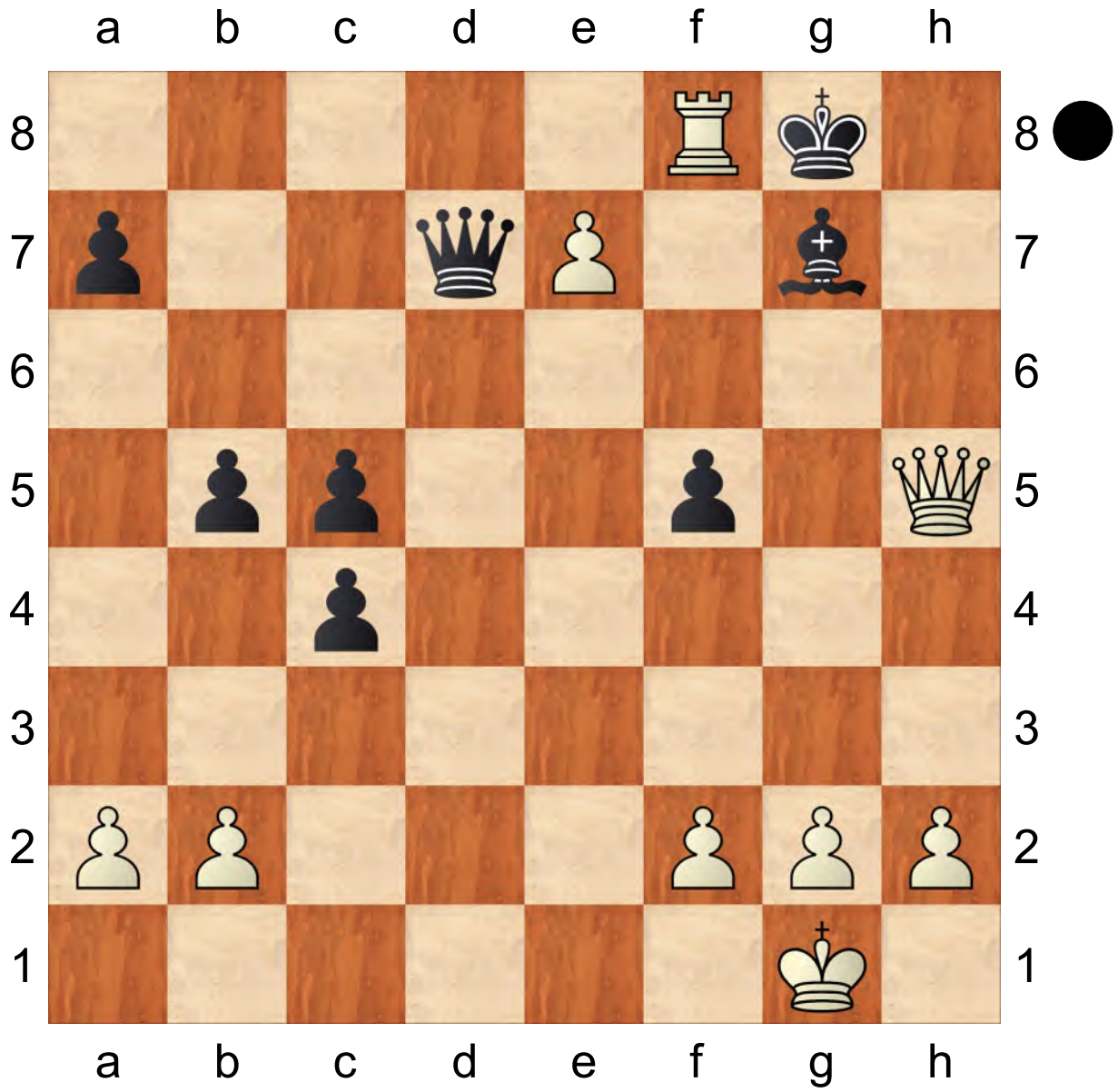
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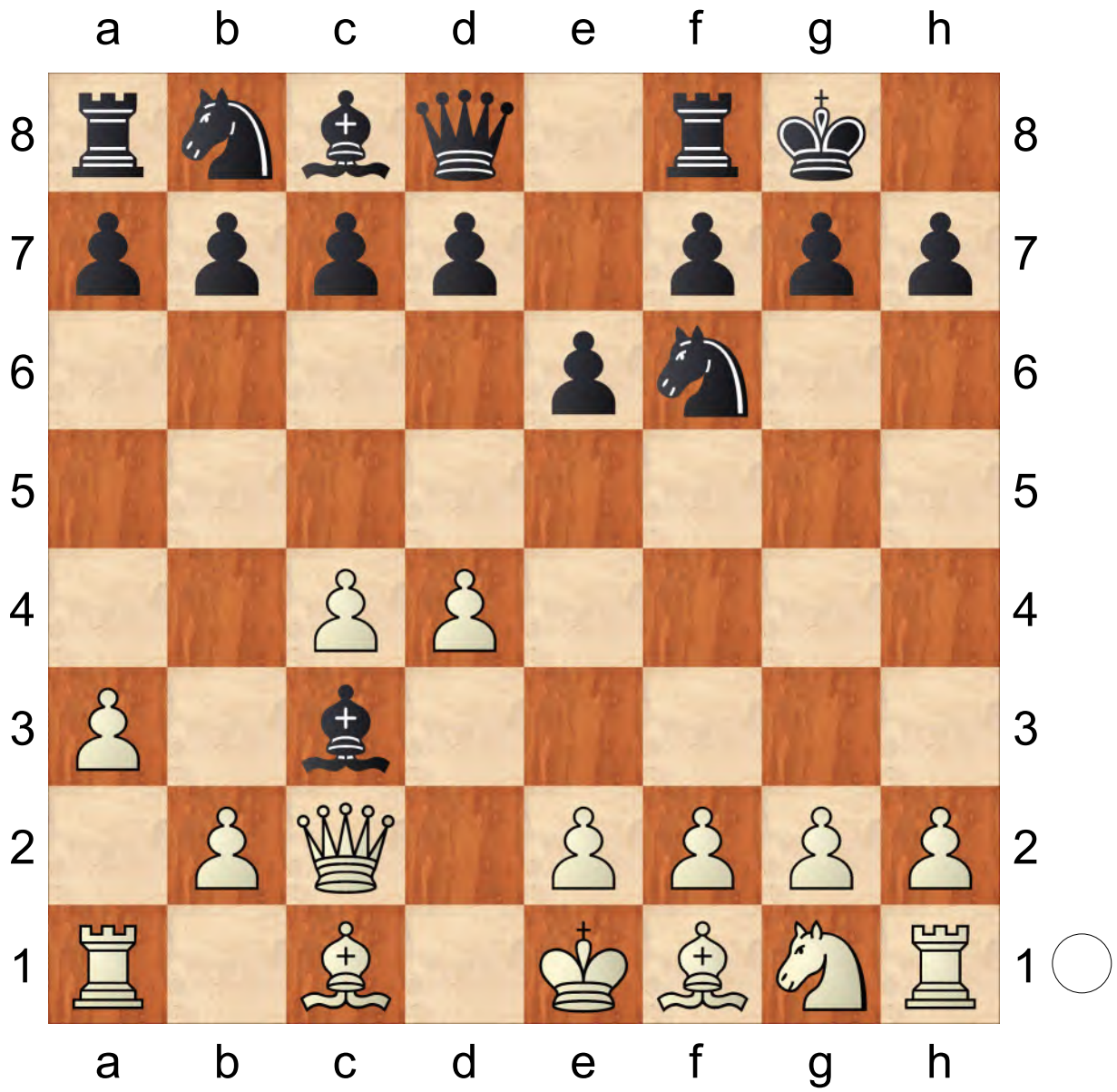


6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5

[7.Nf3 Bb7 8.g3 d6 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qe7 11.b4 a5 12.Bb2 axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1 14.Rxa1 Ra8 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.Bh3 Qf8 17.Nd2 c5 18.Ba3 Qb8 19.dxc5 dxc5 20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Qd4 Qc7 22.Bb2 h6= Lautier,J-Psakhis,L/ Chalkidiki/1992/]

7...Bb7 8.e3

[8.f3

A) 8...d5 9.e3 *(9.Nh3 h6 10.Bh4 Re8 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.e3 Na5 14.Be2 Rc8 15.0-0 c5 16.Bb5 cxd4 17.Qxd4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Nb3 19.Qd1 Nxc1 20.Bxe8 Qxe8 21.Qxc1 Nd7 22.Be1 Nc5 23.Bc3 Ne6 24.Qd2 Qb5 25.Kf2 Ba6 26.Nf4 Nxf4 27.exf4 Qf1+ 28.Kg3 Qd3 29.Qxd3 Bxd3 30.Kf2 f6 31.Ke3* Dydyshko,V-Mitenkov,A/Katowice op/1992/½-½/48/ *)*

9...Nbd7

A1) 10.Bd3 c5 11.Ne2 Ne4 12.Bxd8 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Rfxd8 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Kf2 g6 16.Rab1 Rac8 17.a4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rc7 19.Rhc1 Rdc8 20.Rxc7 Rxc7 21.Rb3 Kf8 22.Nc3 a6 23.Ke2 Ke8 24.Kd2 Kd8 25.e4 dxe4 26.fxe4 Rc6 27.Ke3 g5 28.h3 f6 29.Nd5 Re6 30.Nc3 Bxe4 31.Nxe4 Hoang Th,T-Olle,A/Budapest Spring op/1992/1-0/44/;

A2) 10.Nh3 h6 11.Bh4 c5 *(11...Rc8 12.c5 bxc5 13.dxc5 c6 14.Bg3 Ra8 15.Bd6 Re8 16.b4 e5 17.Bd3 d4 18.Qb3 Nd5 19.e4 Ne3 20.g3 Nf6 21.Nf2 Re6 22.Nd1 Ne8 23.Nxe3 dxe3 24.Bc4 Rf6 25.0-0 Nxd6 26.cxd6 Qb6 27.Rae1 Rd8 28.Kg2 Rdxd6 29.Rxe3 Rd2+ 30.Re2 Rd4 31.Rd1* Lev,R-Greenfeld,A/ISL-ch/1992/½-½/42/ *)* 12.cxd5 cxd4 *(12...Nxd5 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.Be7 Rfe8 15.Bh4 Nd5 16.Bb5 g5 17.Bf2 Red8 18.e4 N5f6 19.0-0-0 Rac8 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Bxc5 Rc8 23.b4 bxc5 24.Kb2 cxb4* Hracek,Z-Van der Wiel,J/Debrecen EU-chT/1992/½-½/24/ *)* 13.Qxd4 e5 14.Qd2 Bxd5 15.Bb5 Be6 16.0-0 Nc5 17.Qe2 a6 18.Rad1 Qc8 19.Bc4 b5 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Nf2 Rac8 22.Nd3 e4 23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Rd4 exf3 25.gxf3 Nd5 26.Re4 Qc6 27.Rd1 f5 28.Red4 f4 29.e4 Ne3 30.Rd6 Qe8 31.b4 Iashvili,A-Shipov,S/Belgrade IKO/1992/0-1/50/;

A3) 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd8 Nxc3 12.Bxc7 Nd5 13.Bf4 Nxf4 14.exf4 Rfd8 15.Rd1 Nf6 16.Bd3 Nd5 17.Be4 Rd7 18.Bxd5 Rxd5 19.Ne2 Rad8 20.Kf2 Ba6 21.Rhe1 Bxe2 22.Rxe2 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.f5 Rd6 25.Rc2 g5 Hertneck,G-Petursson,M/Debrecen EU-chT/1992/½-½/25/;

B) 8...h6 9.Bh4

B1) 9...c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.e3 a5 *(11...Nc6)* 12.0-0-0 Ra6 **Δ** d6, **±**bd7;

B2) 9...d5 10.e3 Nbd7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd8 Nxc3 13.Bh4 Nd5 14.Bf2 f5 15.Bc4 c5 16.Ne2 Rac8 17.Bb5 Bc6 18.Ba6 Rce8 19.Rc1 b5 20.dxc5 e5 21.a4 Nb4 22.axb5 Nxc5 23.0-0 Nbxa6 24.bxc6 Olafsson,H-Petursson,M/Reykjavik/1992/½-½/24/;

C) 8...c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.e3 a5 11.Nh3 d6 12.Rd1 Ra6 13.Be2 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Nf4 Rb6 17.Rd2 Rd8 18.Nh5 Nd7 19.Kf2 Kf8 20.Rc1 Ke7 21.Nf4 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxd3+ 23.Bxd3 Rb8 24.Re1 Ba6 25.Rb1 f5 26.e4 fxe4 27.fxe4 Rb3 28.Kg1 R8b6 29.Kf2 Kf6 30.Ke1 Bb7 31.Ke2 Wachinger,G-Dokhoian,Y/Bad Woerishofen op/1992/0-1/33/]

[8.Nf3 d6 9.Nd2 h6 *(9...Nbd7 10.f3 c5 11.e4 Re8 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Be2 d5 14.e5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 d4 16.Qb3 dxe3 17.Qxe3 Nd7 18.0-0-0 Qc7 19.f4 f5*

20.Rhg1 Nb8 21.g4 Nc6 22.Nf3 fxg4 23.Rxg4 Ne7 24.Bd3 Nf5 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.Rg5 Qf7 27.b3 Be4 28.Rgg1 Rcd8 29.Ng5 Qh5 30.Nxe4 fxe4 31.Rd5 Flear,G-Breyther,R/Bern op/1992/1-0/43/ *)* 10.Bh4 Nbd7

A) 11.f3 c5 12.e4 Rc8 *(12...Re8 13.Bg3 Qc7 14.Rd1 Nh5 15.Bf2 d5 16.g3 cxd4 17.Bxd4 dxe4 18.fxe4 e5 19.Bf2 Nc5 20.Bg2 Rad8 21.0-0 Rd3 22.Qc2 Red8 23.b4 Ne6 24.Nb1 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Qxc4 27.Nd2 Qc3 28.Qxh5 Qxd2 29.Qxe5 Qc1+ 30.Bf1 Qc6 31.h4* Crouch,C-Pritchett,C/London Lloyds/1992/½-½/60/ *)* 13.Bf2 Qe7 14.Be2 Nh5 15.g3 f5 16.0-0 fxe4 17.fxe4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Nhf6 19.e5 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Nd5 21.Rxf8+ Qxf8 22.Qd4 Nxe5 23.cxd5 Bxd5 24.b4 Qf5 25.Rf1 Nc6 26.Qd3 Qxd3 27.Bxd3 Ne5 28.Be4 Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Rc2 30.Rf2 Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Flear,G-Chandler,M/Walsall/1992/0-1/55/;

B) 11.e3 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Ncd7 14.f3 Re8 15.Qb2 Ne5 16.Be2 Ng6 17.Bg3 e5 18.0-0 d5 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Bf2 Rac8 22.Rac1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd8 24.Ne4 Bc8 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.e4 Be6 27.Rd1 Ne8 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.g3 Nd6 30.Qd2 Qc7 31.Nb5 Lutz,C-Karpov,An/Baden Baden (09)/1992/½-½/34/]

[8.Nh3

A) 8...d6 9.f3 Nbd7 10.e4 c5 11.Be2!? h6 12.Be3

A1) 12...d5!? 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e5 Ne8 15.0-0 Nc7 16.dxc5 *(16.f4?! Ne6 17.f5 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Rc8 19.Qe3 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Nxe5 21.f6 gxf6 22.Nf4 Rc2 23.Rae1 Qd6! 24.Nh5 Qc5∓)* 16...Ne6 17.cxb6 Rc8 18.Qd2 Nxe5 19.f4! Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.f5 Rg4! 22.fxe6 d4 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Rf1+ Kg8 26.Nf4 g5 27.Qe2 Qc8! 28.Ng6! Qe6! 29.Ne7+ Kh7 30.Rf7+□ Qxf7 31.Qxg4 dxe3 32.Qf5+ Qxf5 33.Nxf5 e2 34.Kf2 axb6 35.g3±;

A2) 12...Rc8 13.0-0 Ba6 Δ d5 *(13...d5?! 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e5 Ne8 16.f4 Nc7 17.f5 Re8 18.Bf4 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Qe7 20.Rae1 Nxe5 21.Bh5 Nb5 22.Qe3 Qh4 23.Bxe5 Qxh5 24.Qg3±)* 14.Rfe1! Re8 *(14...d5? 15.cxd5 Bxe2 16.dxe6±; 14...cxd4 15.Qxd4 e5 16.Qxd6 Bxc4 17.Rad1±)* 15.Bf1 Qc7 16.Rad1 Qb8? 17.Nf2 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Ne5 19.b3 Red8 20.Qb2!± Δ »d4 Rd7? 21.Bd4 b5 22.c5! Rxc5 23.f4! Ng6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Ng4+- Rdc7 26.Nxf6+ Kf8 27.Rxd6 Qc8 28.Red1 Ke7 29.Qd4 e5 30.fxe5 Nxe5 Lautier,J-Piket,Je/Lyon zt/1990/1-0/31/;

B) 8...h6 9.Bh4 d6 10.f3 Nbd7 11.e4 c5 12.Bf2 Rc8 13.Be2 Ba6 14.Rd1 d5 15.e5 Ne8 16.cxd5 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 exd5 18.Rhe1 Nc7 19.Kf1 Re8 20.Kg1 Ne6 21.Qd2 cxd4 22.Bxd4 Qc7 23.f4 Qc4 24.Bf2 Nc7 25.b4 Nf8 26.Rc1 Qa6 27.f5 Nb5 28.Rxc8 Qxc8 29.Qxd5 Nxa3 30.e6 fxe6 31.fxe6 Onishchuk,A-Ovseevich,S/URS-chJ Jurmala/1992/1-0/35/]

8...h6

[8...c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Nh3 h6 11.Bf4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.Be7 Re8 16.Bxc5 Ne4 17.Bb4 a5 18.Bd2 Nxd2 19.Kxd2 a4 20.Rc1 Nc6 21.Bd3 Na5 22.Ke2 Rec8 23.Rc3 Rc5 24.h4 Ba6 25.h5 Rb8

26.Rc2 Bxc4 27.Rh4 d5 28.h6 Bxd3+ 29.Kxd3 Rxc2 30.Kxc2 Nc4 31.Kc3 Touzane,O-Huzman,A/Cannes op/1992/0-1/32/]

[8...d6 9.f3 c5 *(9...Nbd7 10.Bd3 e5 11.Nh3 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.d5 Qh4+ 14.Nf2 f5 15.0-0 a5 16.b4 Qg5 17.e4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Qe7 19.Bc2 Nf6 20.Qd3 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 g5 22.h4 Bc8 23.Qg6+ Qg7 24.hxg5 Qxg6 25.Bxg6 hxg5 26.c5 axb4 27.axb4 Bb7 28.Be4 bxc5 29.bxc5 dxc5 30.Rab1 Ba6 31.Rfc1* Priehoda,V-Fischdick,G/Dortmund op-A (04)/1992/½-½/54/ *)*

A) 10.Bd3 Nbd7

A1) 11.Ne2 Rc8

A1a) 12.b4 d5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.b5 Ne4! 15.Bxd8 Nxc3 16.Be7 *(16.Ba5 Ne5)* 16...Rfe8 17.Bd6 Na4!?=;

A1b) 12.0-0 d5 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Ba6 Rb8 15.Bf4 Bb7 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Bd6 Re8 18.e4 Qc8 19.Rac1 Qc6 20.e5 Nd5 21.Qd3 a5 22.b3 Ra7 23.h3 Raa8 24.Kh2 Rac8 25.a4 Nb4 26.Qd2 Qb7 27.Ng3 cxd4 28.Bxb4 axb4 29.Qxd4 Qd5 30.Rcd1 Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Tunik,G-Savon,V/Anapa/1991/½-½/61/;

A1c) 12.Qb3 cxd4 13.exd4 e5 14.Bf5 Rc7 15.Qb4 h6 16.Bh4 d5 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.0-0 exd4 19.Nxd4 Rc4 20.Qd2 Nc5 21.Rad1 Nb3 22.Qf2 Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Be6 25.Qxd8 Rxd8 26.Bc2 g5 27.Bg3 Rd2 28.Rf2 Rxf2 29.Kxf2 Nd5 30.Bb8 a5 31.Ba4 Drasko,M-Tozer,R/Budapest Spring op/1990/1-0/52/;

A1d) 12.Rc1 Ba6 13.Qd2 Re8 14.b4 Qc7 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rfd1 e5 17.Bf5 Rb8 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Qxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Bc8 21.b5 Rb6 22.Rcd1 Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Nb6 24.Bxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Rxf6 Kg7 27.Rd6 Nxc4 28.Ra6 Rc7 29.e4 Nb6 30.a4 Kf8 31.Kf2 Flear,C-O'Siochru,M/Novi Sad olw/1990/1-0/42/;

A1e) 12.Qd2

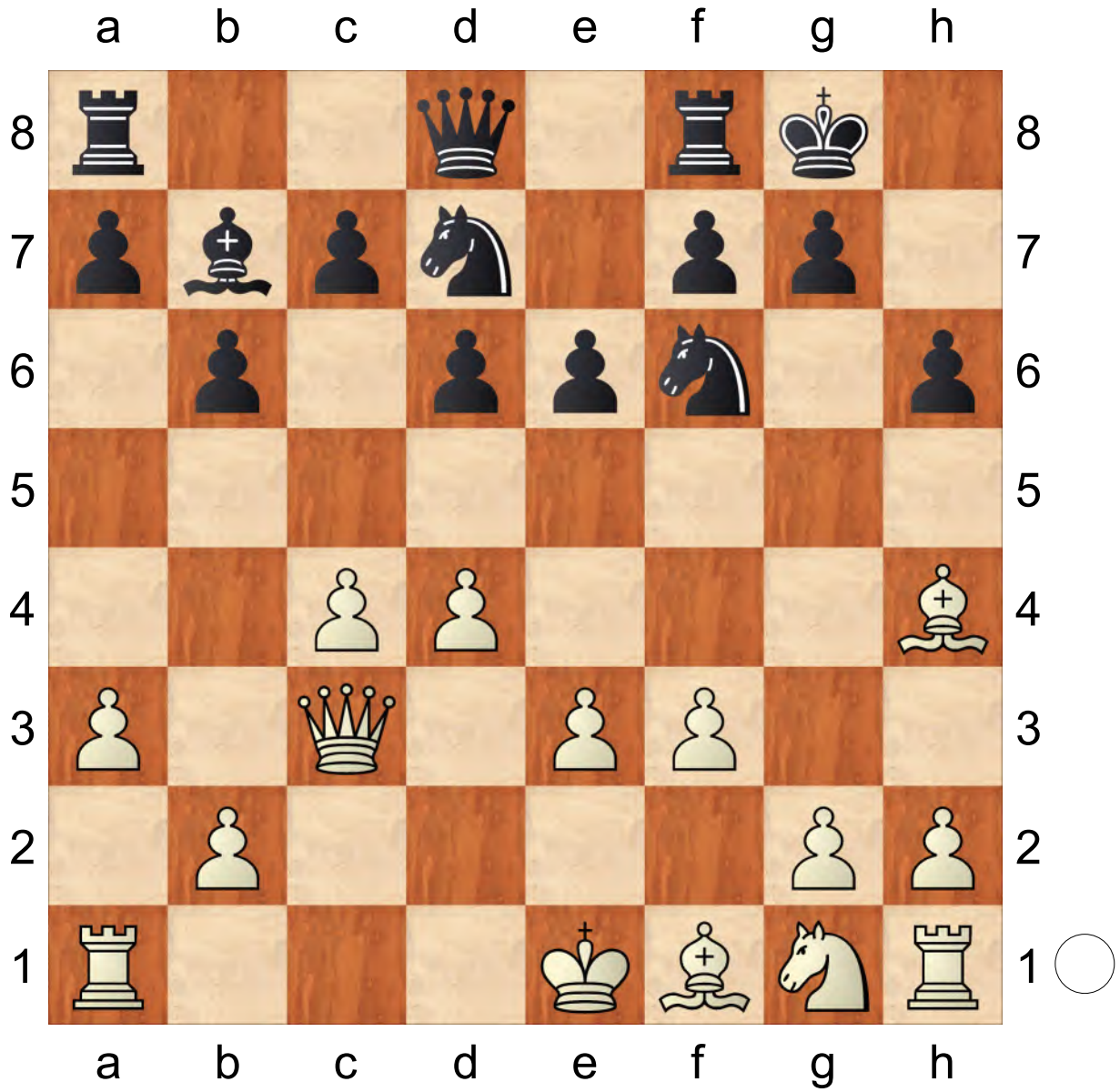
A1e1) 12...cxd4 13.exd4 d5 *(13...Ba6 14.Rc1 d5 15.cxd5 Bxd3 16.dxe6 Bxe2 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.exd7 Qxd7 19.Kxe2 Nd5 20.Kf2 h6 21.Bh4 f5 22.Re1 g5 23.Re5 gxh4 24.Qxh6 Nf6 25.Qg5+ Qg7 26.Qxh4 Nd7 27.Rd5 Rc8 28.g4 Nf8 29.Qh5 Rc2+ 30.Ke3 Rxb2 31.Qxf5* Nikolic,Pr-Agdestein,S/Wijk/1988/0-1/38/*)* 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Ba6 Rc6 16.Bb5 Rc7 17.Bf4 Rc8 18.Ba6 Ra8 19.Rc1 Nb8 20.Bd3 Bb7 21.Bg5 Nbd7 22.0-0 h6 23.Bh4 Rc8 24.Nc3 a6 25.Qe2 b5 26.Ne4 Qb6 27.Nc5 Rfe8 28.b4 Bc6 29.Qd2 Nd5 30.Be4 N7f6 31.Rfe1 Karpov,An-Hansen,Cu/Wijk/1988/1-0/58/;

A1e2) 12...Re8 13.0-0 *(13.b4 d5! 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b5 Ne4 16.Bxd8 Nxd2 17.Kxd2 Rexd8=; ⌓13.Rc1 cxd4 14.exd4 d5 15.cxd5 Rxc1+ 16.Qxc1 Bxd5 17.0-0 Qa8=)* 13...Ba6 14.Rac1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 Qxg5 16.f4 Qe7 17.Bd3 g6 18.b4 Nf6 19.e4 cxd4 20.Nxd4 e5 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.cxb5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 d5 24.exd5 Nxd5 25.Bxg6 Nxf4 26.Be4 Rd8 27.Qc2 Qg5 28.Bxh7+ Kg7 29.Kh1 Rh8 30.Be4 Toth,Ch-Razuvaev,Y/Dortmund op-A (04)/1992/0-1/;

A2) 11.Qc2 h6 12.Bh4 Rc8 13.b4 d5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b5 Ne5 16.Ne2 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxf3 18.0-0 Be4 19.Qc3 Nxc4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qxc4 Qd3 22.Qxd3 Bxd3 23.Rf2 Bxb5 24.Nc3 Bc6 25.Rxf6 Rfd8 26.Raf1 Rc7 27.Rxh6 Rd2 28.e4 Rb7 29.Rh3 Rc2 30.Rg3+ Kf8 31.Rf2 Flear,C-Gomez,M/Oviedo 45'/1992/½-½/;

B) 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Rd1 Nc6 12.Nh3 Rb8 13.Be2 Ba8 14.0-0 h6 15.Bh4 Re8 16.Nf2 g5 17.Bg3 e5 18.Rd2 Qe7 19.Bd3 Qe6 20.Rfd1 Rb6 21.Bb1 Ne7 22.b4 Rc8 23.b5 Ne8 24.e4 h5 25.h4 gxh4 26.Bxh4 Ng6 27.Bg3 Rb7 28.Rf1 f6 29.Nd1 Rg7 30.Ne3 Ne7 31.Kf2 Dorfman,J-Kortschnoj,V/Polanica Zdroj/1992/½-½/52/]

9.Bh4 d6 10.f3 Nbd7



11.Bd3

[11.Nh3 c5 12.0-0-0 *(12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Be2 a5 14.0-0 d5 15.Rfd1 Qb6*

16.Rd2 Bc6 17.Bf2 Rfb8 18.Bd1 e5 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.Ba4 Qe6 21.Rad1 Nb6 22.Bc2 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Qxh3 24.Qxe5 Re8 25.Qxc5 Nbd5 26.e4 Rac8 27.Qd4 Nf4 28.Bg3 N6h5 29.e5 Ne6 30.Qf2 Nhf4 31.Ba4 Georgiev,Ki-Razuvaev,Y/Elenite (11)/1992/1-0/60/*)* 12...Rc8 13.Kb1 d5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Qe1 Qc7 16.Rc1 Qc6 17.e4 Nc7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Bf2 Ba6 20.Bxa6 Qxa6 21.Nf4 Rb8 22.Qc3 Qa4 23.Be1 Rb3 24.Qa5 Qc6 25.Rc2 Rfb8 26.Bg3 Qb7 27.Qd2 Yrjola,J-Georgiev,Ki/Komotini op/1992/0-1/]

[11.Be2 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Nfe4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.Be7 Rfe8 16.bxc5 Rxe7 17.cxd6 Rd7 18.Rc1 Na4 19.Kf2 Rxd6 20.Nh3 Rad8 21.Rhd1 Rxd1 22.Bxd1 Nc5 23.Ke2 Rd3 24.a4 Ra3 25.Nf4 Ba6 26.Kd2 Ra2+ 27.Rc2 Rxa4 28.Be2 Ra3 29.Rc3 Ra2+ 30.Rc2 Ra1 31.Nd3 Fochtler,E-Csiszar,C/Eger op/1992/1-0/48/]

[11.0-0-0!? d5 *(11...c5?! 12.dxc5!±)* 12.c5 *(12.Nh3 c5 13.dxc5 Rc8!? 14.b4 bxc5 15.b5∞)*

A) 12...bxc5 13.dxc5 c6 *(13...Bc6!?* **Δ**e5,a5 *14.Ba6 e5 15.Ne2±)*

A1) 14.Kb1 **Δ** 14...Fe7 15.Lc1 a5 *(14...e5 15.Bd3 Qe7 16.Rc1 e4∞)* 15.Bd3 Ba6;

A2) 14.Bg3 Re8 15.Bd6 e5**∞**;

B) 12...Bc6 13.cxb6 cxb6

B1) 14.Ba6 Bb5! 15.Bxb5 *(15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Bxb5 Rc8 17.Bc6 Qd6∓)* 15...Rc8 16.Bc6 Nb8 17.Kb1 Nxc6;

B2) 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.Rc1 *(15.Qe1!? Ba4 16.Rc1 Rxc1+ 17.Qxc1 b5?* **Δ**Fb6,b4 *18.Qc3 Qb6 19.b3! b4 20.axb4 Bb5 21.Ne2±)* 15...Bb7? 16.Qe1 Rxc1+ 17.Qxc1 Qa8 18.Bd3 a5 19.Qf1! e5 20.Ne2 e4 21.Bb5 Bc6 22.Nc3 exf3 23.gxf3 Re8 24.Qd3 Bxb5 25.Nxb5 Qc6 26.Re1 Nf8 27.Bg3 Ng6 28.Nd6 Re6 29.Rc1 Qd7 30.Nf5 Rc6 31.Rg1 Gelfand,B-Anand,V/Munich/1991/1-0/59/]

11...c5

[11...Re8 12.Ne2 e5 13.0-0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Kb1 Ba6 17.Qb4 d5 18.Nc3 Bxc4 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.e4 a5 21.Qe1 Ncxe4 22.fxe4 Rxc2 23.Rxd5 Qc7 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Qg3+ Kh7 26.Qf3 Rc8 27.Qxf6 Chabanon,JL-Lejeune,JP/FRA-chT/1992/½-½/]

12.Ne2

[12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.0-0 a5 15.Rad1 d5 *(15...Rfe8?! 16.Rd2!± d5 17.Bf2 Ba6?! 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Bb1 Qa6 21.Ba2! Nb6□ 22.Bh4!+- d4 23.exd4 cxd4 24.Rxd4 Na4 25.Qc2 e5 26.Rd6 Rc6 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.Bxf6 exf4 29.Bd4 Rd8 30.Bb1 g6 31.b3* Lautier,J-Spraggett,K/Manila olm/1992/1-0/39/*)* 16.h3 *(16.Bf2 Ba6±* **Δ** «fb8 *)* 16...Bc6 17.Rd2 a4 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Nf4 Qc7 20.Bg3 Qa7 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Bf5 Rac8 23.Red1 Ba8 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Bh4 d4 26.exd4 Nd5 27.Nxd5 Qxd5 28.dxc5 Qxc5+ 29.Qxc5 Rxc5 30.Rd8 Rc8 31.Rxe8+ Remlinger,L-Psakhis,L/Philadelphia World op/1992/½-½/]

12...Rc8 13.Qd2

[13.0-0 Ba6 14.Rac1 *(14.b3 cxd4 15.Qxd4 d5 16.Rac1 Nc5 17.Bc2 dxc4 18.b4 Nd3 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Qxf6 gxf6 21.Rcd1 Rfd8 22.Nc3 Kf8 23.Rd2 f5 24.Rfd1 Rd6 25.Kf1 Rcd8 26.Ke2 Ke7 27.g3 Bb7 28.Nb5 R6d7 29.Nxa7 Nc1+ 30.Ke1 Rxd2 31.Rxd2* Kouatly,B-Ligterink,G/Cannes FRA-NLD (5)/1990/0.5 (53) *)* 14...cxd4 15.exd4 b5 16.Qb4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.Rxc4 Rxc4 19.Qxc4 Qb8 20.Rb1 Rc8 21.Qd3 Nd5 22.Be1 Rc6 23.b4 N7b6 24.Rc1 Nf4 Pekarek,A-Hansen,C/Prague Bohemians-A/1989/0-1 (24)]

[13.Qb3 d5 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Qa4 cxd4 16.exd4 Bc6 17.Qd1 b5 18.0-0 Qb6 19.Bf2 Qb7 20.Ng3 Nb6 21.Qe2 Nbd5 22.Qd2 b4 23.a4 b3 24.Rfc1 Qb4 25.Qd1 Bxa4 26.Ne2 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Sokolov,I-Adams,M/Preston/1989/0.5 (27)]

13...cxd4

[13...Re8 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Rac1 Nf8 16.e4 Ng6 17.Bf2 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Red8 19.Rfe1 Qc7 20.Bf1 Qb8 21.b4 Ba6 22.a4 h5 23.Qg5 Ne5 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 Ng6 26.c5 dxc5 27.bxc5 bxc5 28.Rxc5 Rd7 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Ra1 Qc3 31.Qc1 Lima,D-Gonzalez,JC/Capablanca mem-A/1992/½-½/78/]

14.exd4 Ba6

[14...d5 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Ba6 Rc6 17.Bb5 Rc8 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qxh6 Rc2 21.Nf4 Qb5 22.h4 e5 23.Qxf6 exf4 24.Qg5+ Kh8 Steingrimsson,H-Vidarsson,J/Reykjavik op/1990/½-½/]

15.Rc1

[15.b3 d5 16.cxd5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 exd5 18.0-0 Re8 19.Nc3 Nf8 20.Rae1 N8h7 21.Re5 Rxe5 22.dxe5 Qc7 23.Nxd5 Qxe5 Dzhandzhava,L-Vekshenkov,N/Novosibirsk/1989/½-½/]

15...d5

(Diagram)

16.b3?!∓

[16.cxd5= Bxd3 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.dxe6 *(18.Qxd3 Nxd5 19.0-0 Qb7 20.Rc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.Be1 Qc6 23.Bd2 a5 24.b3 a4 25.Qc4 Qd6 26.Qxa4 N7f6 27.Qa6 g5 28.a4 Nf4 29.Bxf4 gxf4 30.g3 Nd5 31.Qd3* Dokuchaev,A-Magerramov,E/Moscow6/1991/½-½/ *)* 18...Bxe2 19.exd7 Qxd7 20.Kxe2

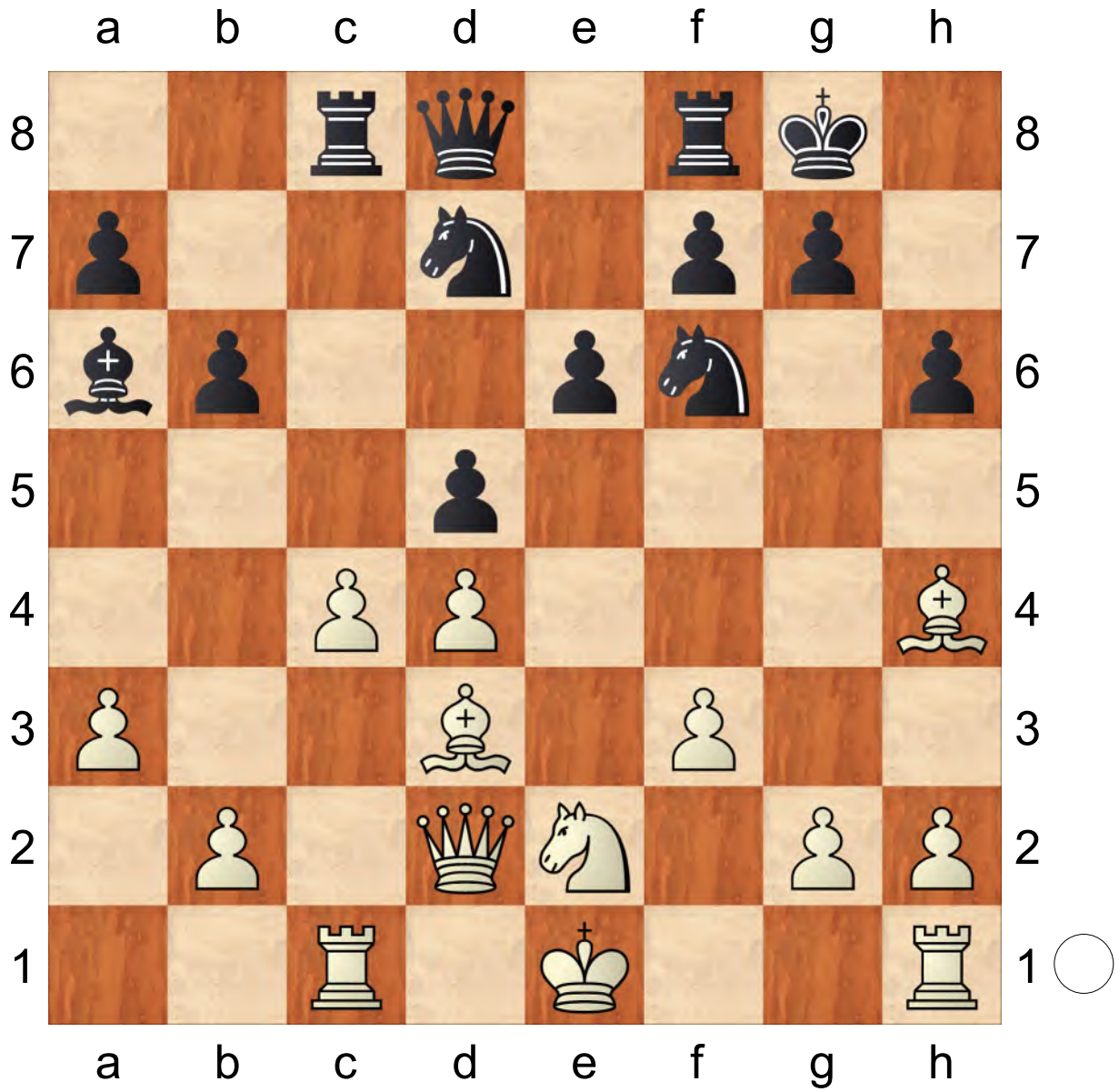
A) 20...g5 21.Bg3 Re8+ 22.Kd1 *(22.Be5 Nh5 23.Kd1 Rd8 24.h4 f6 25.hxg5 fxe5 26.Rxh5 Qb5 27.Ke1 exd4 28.Rxh6 Re8+ 29.Kf2 d3 30.Qf4 Qxb2+ 31.Kg3* Hansen,Cu-Lukacs,P/Rome/1988/1-0/*)* 22...Qf5 23.Re1 Qb1+ 24.Qc1 Qd3+ 25.Qd2 Qb1+ Lima,D-Van der Wiel,J/Manila olm/1992/½-½/;

B) 20...Nd5?! 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Kf1 Qf5 23.Re5 Qb1+ 24.Be1 Rc2? 25.Re8+ Kh7 26.Qd3+ g6 Baburin,A-Schlosser,P/Budapest Honved/1991/1-0/;

C) 20...Re8+! 21.Kf2 *(21.Kd1 Qf5=)* 21...Ne4+! 22.fxe4 Rxe4∞ 23.Re1 Rxh4 24.d5 Qd6 25.Re8+ Kh7 26.Qd3+ g6 27.Qc3 Rf4+ 28.Ke2 Rf6 29.Qc8 g5= Flear,G-Summermatter,D/Chiasso/1991/]

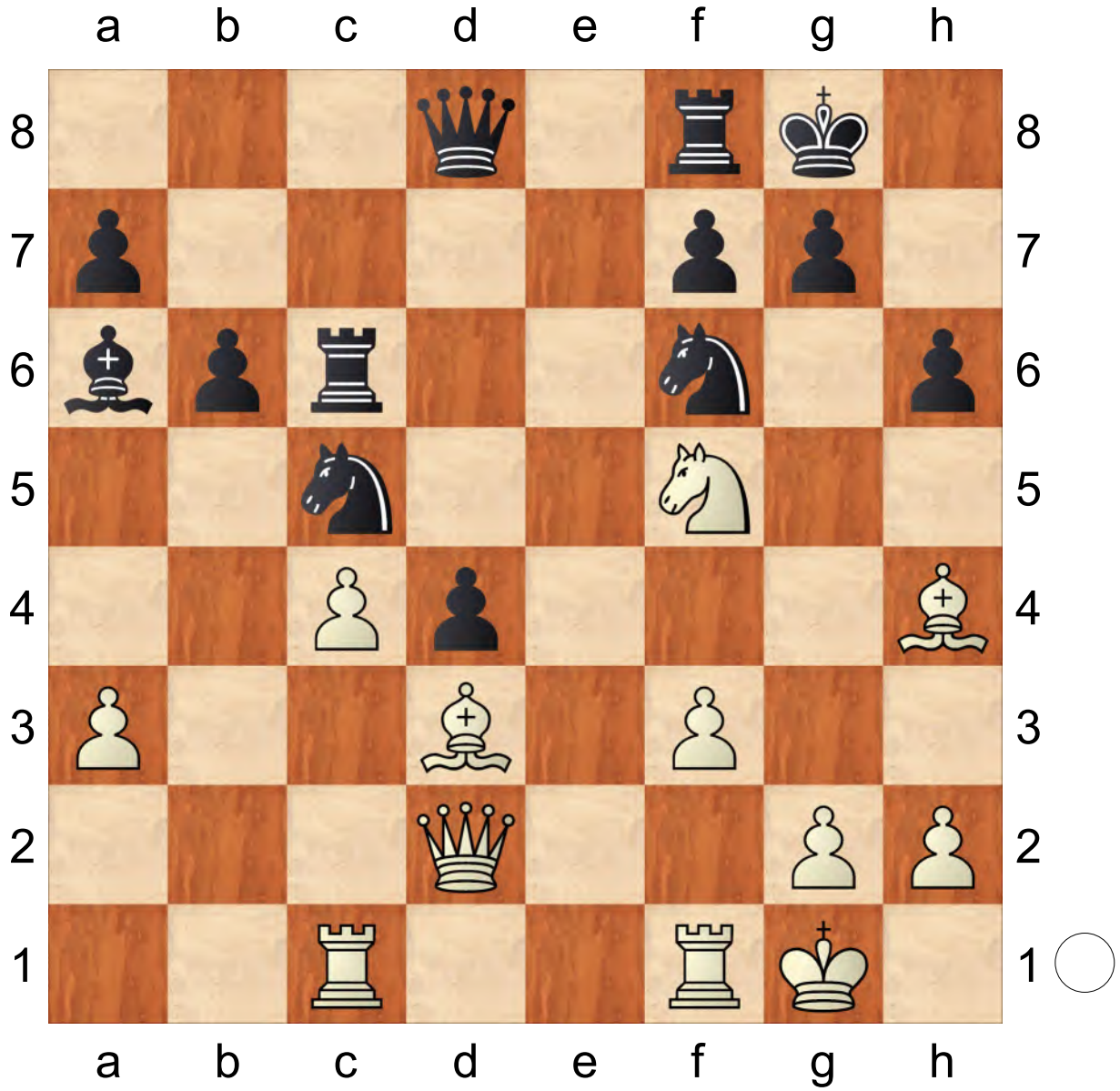
16...dxc4 17.bxc4 e5

[17...Ne4? 18.Qf4]



18.0-0
[18.d5?! Ne4]
18...exd4 19.Ng3
[19.Nxd4? Ne5]
19...Rc6!
[19...Nc5?! 20.Nh5 Nfe4!? 21.Qe1 Ng5 22.Bf5 d3 23.Qc3 f6 24.Bxc8 Bxc8 25.Rcd1 Nge6 26.Bf2 Qd6 27.Rfe1 Rd8 28.Ng3 Nf4 29.Be3 Be6 30.Kh1 Kf7 Nikolic,Pr-Short,N/Tilburg/1988/½-½/]
20.Nf5
[20.Be4? Nxe4-+]
[20.Nh5 Qc7 21.Bg3 Qc8∓]
20...Nc5

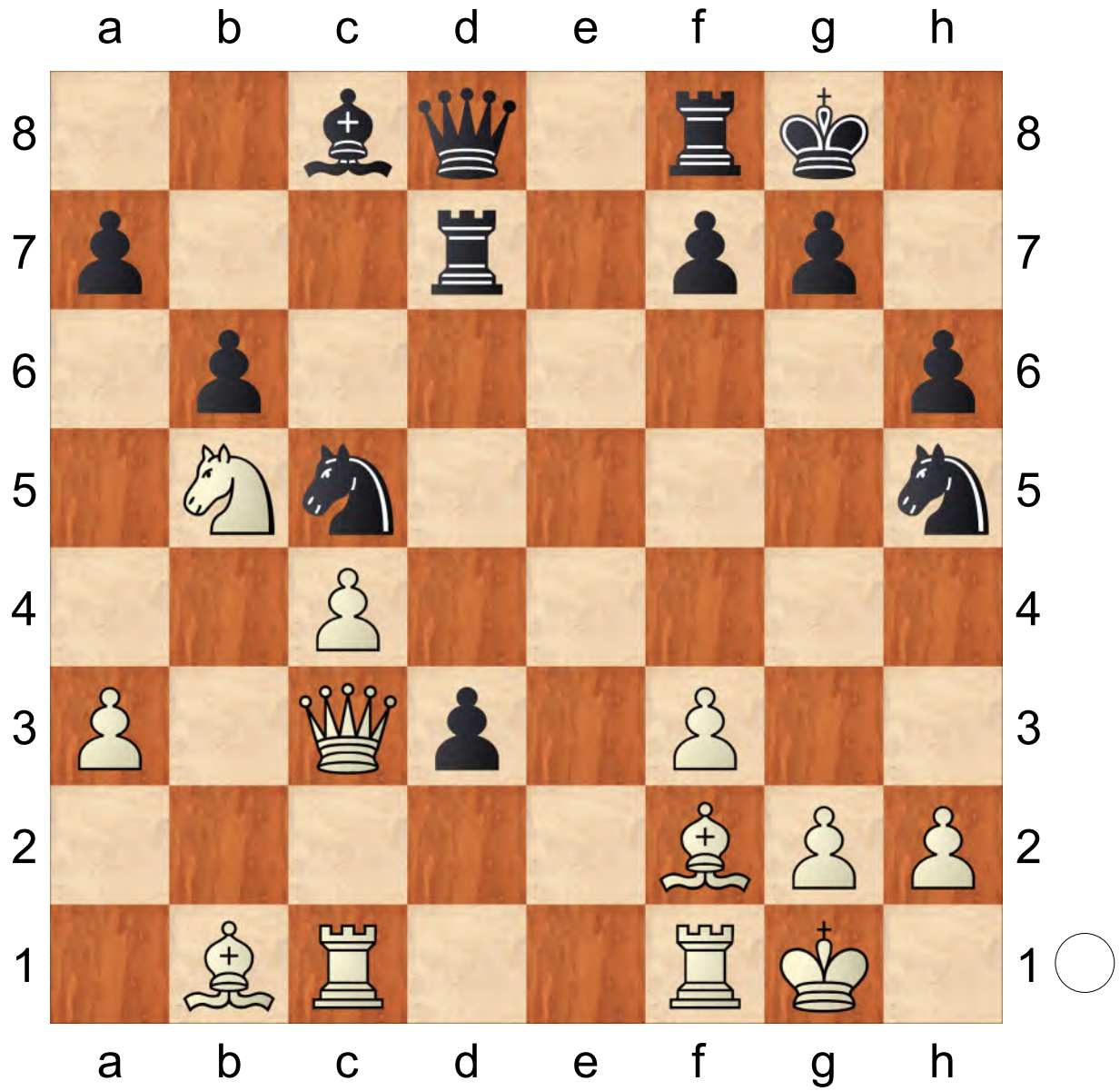
(Diagram)



21.Bb1
[21.Nxh6+? gxh6 22.Qxh6 Nxd3 23.Qg5+ Kh7 24.Qf5+ Kh8-+]
21...d3!
[21...Nb3 22.Qb4 *(22.Qe1!?)* 22...Nxc1 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Nxc6 Ne2+ 25.Kh1∞]
22.Qc3 Bc8! 23.Nd4 Rd6 24.Nb5 Rd7 25.Bf2 Nh5

(Diagram)

Δ ♘h5-f4 **26.g3**
[26.Qe5!? Qg5 27.Qxg5 hxg5 28.g3 Nf6∓]
26...Qg5 27.Rce1 Bb7 28.Re5 Qg6 29.Qd2
[29.Bxc5? Nxg3 30.hxg3 Qxg3+ 31.Kh1 Bxf3+ 32.Rxf3 Qxf3+-+]



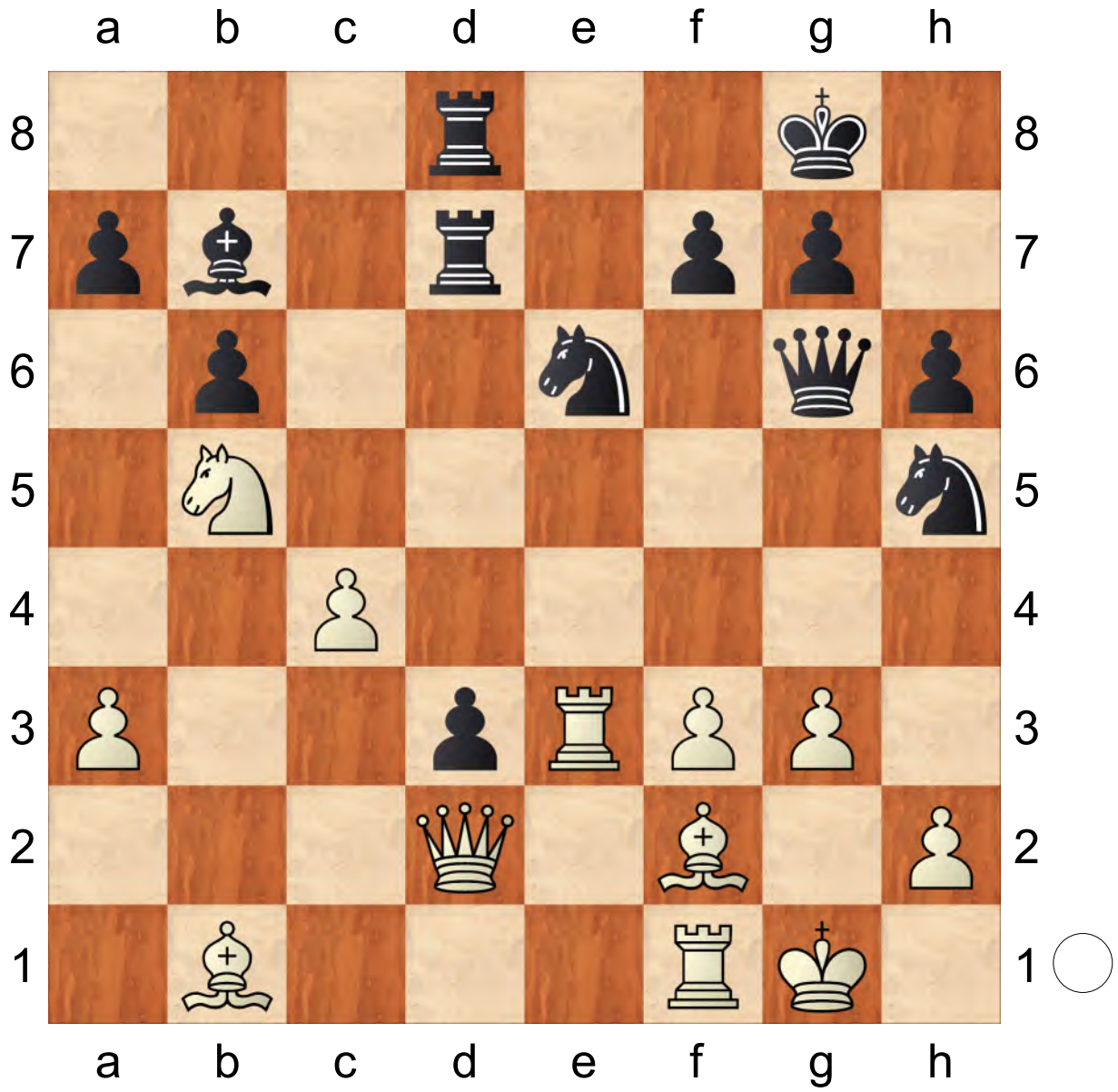
29...Ne6 30.Re3 Rfd8?!
[30...Ng5! 31.Rxd3 *(31.Bxd3 Nxf3+ 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.Bxg6 Rxd2-+; 31.Be1 Qf5 32.g4 Nh3+ 33.Kh1 Qxg4-+)* 31...Rxd3 32.Qxd3 Nxf3+-+]

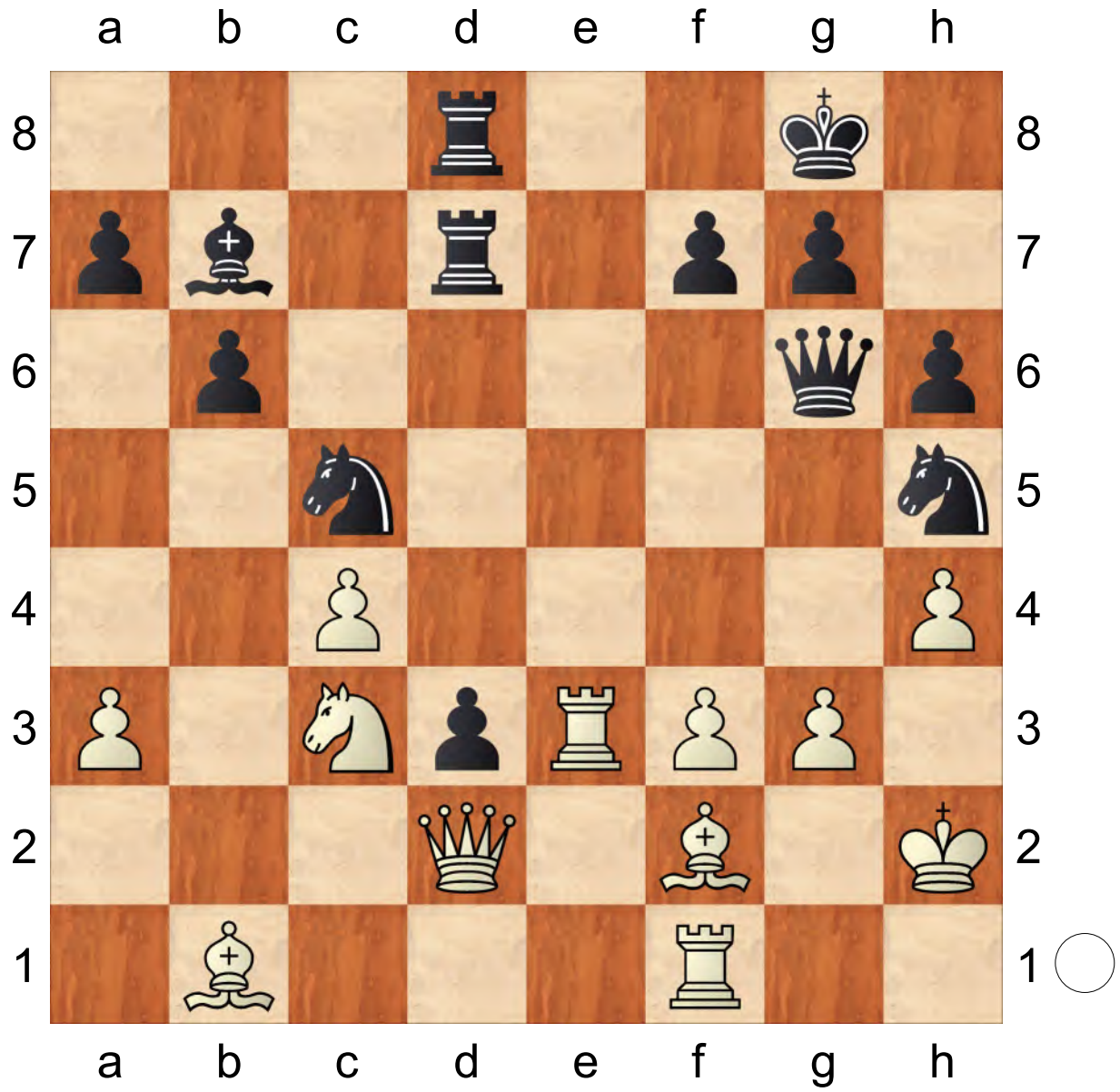
(Diagram)

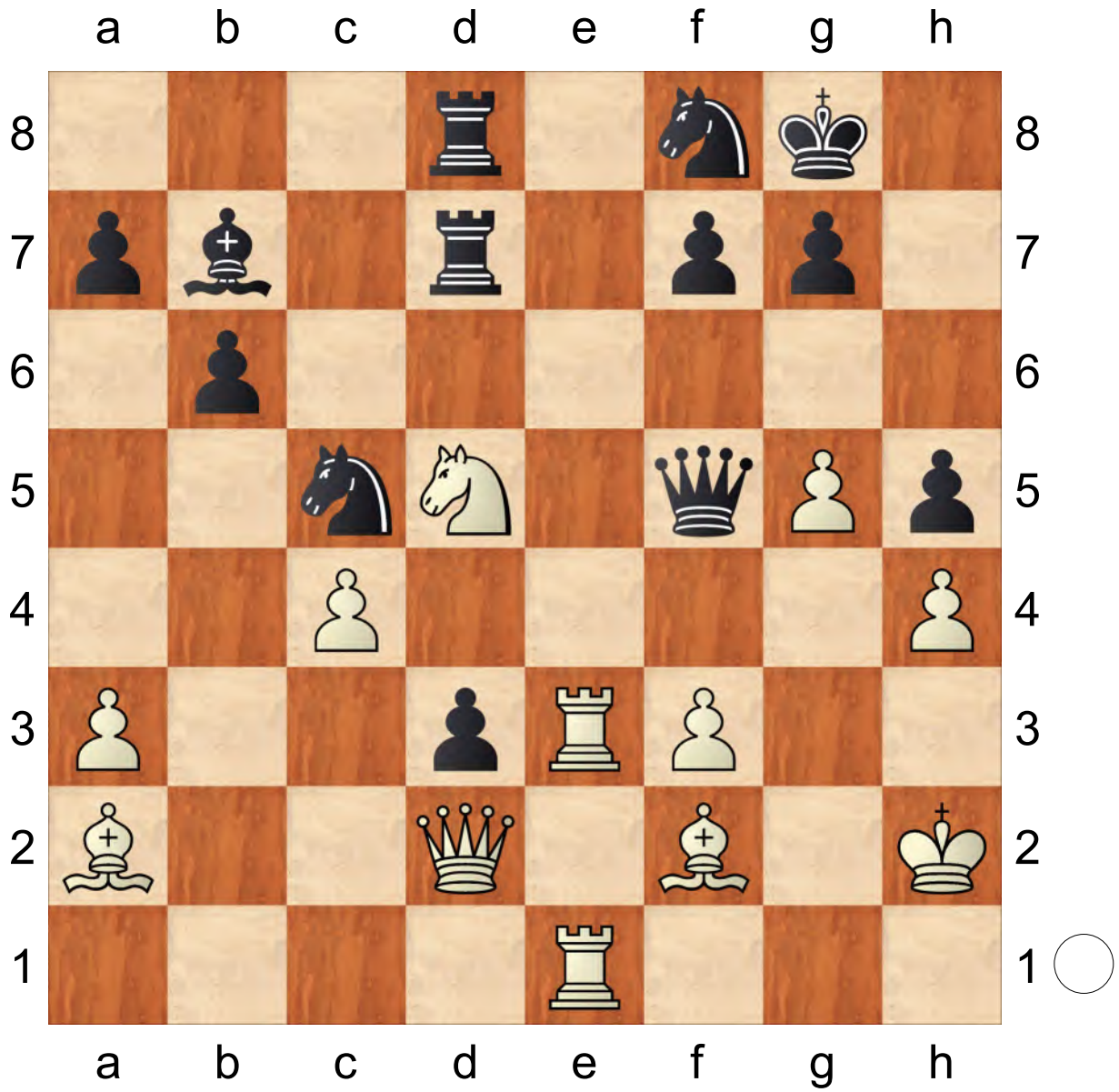
31.Nc3 Ng5 32.Be1 Nf4 33.h4! Nge6 34.Kh2 Nh5 35.Bf2 Nc5

(Diagram)

36.Rfe1 Nf6 37.g4 h5 38.g5 Nh7 39.Ba2! Δ ♘c3-d5 39...Qf5 40.Nd5 Nf8!
(Diagram)





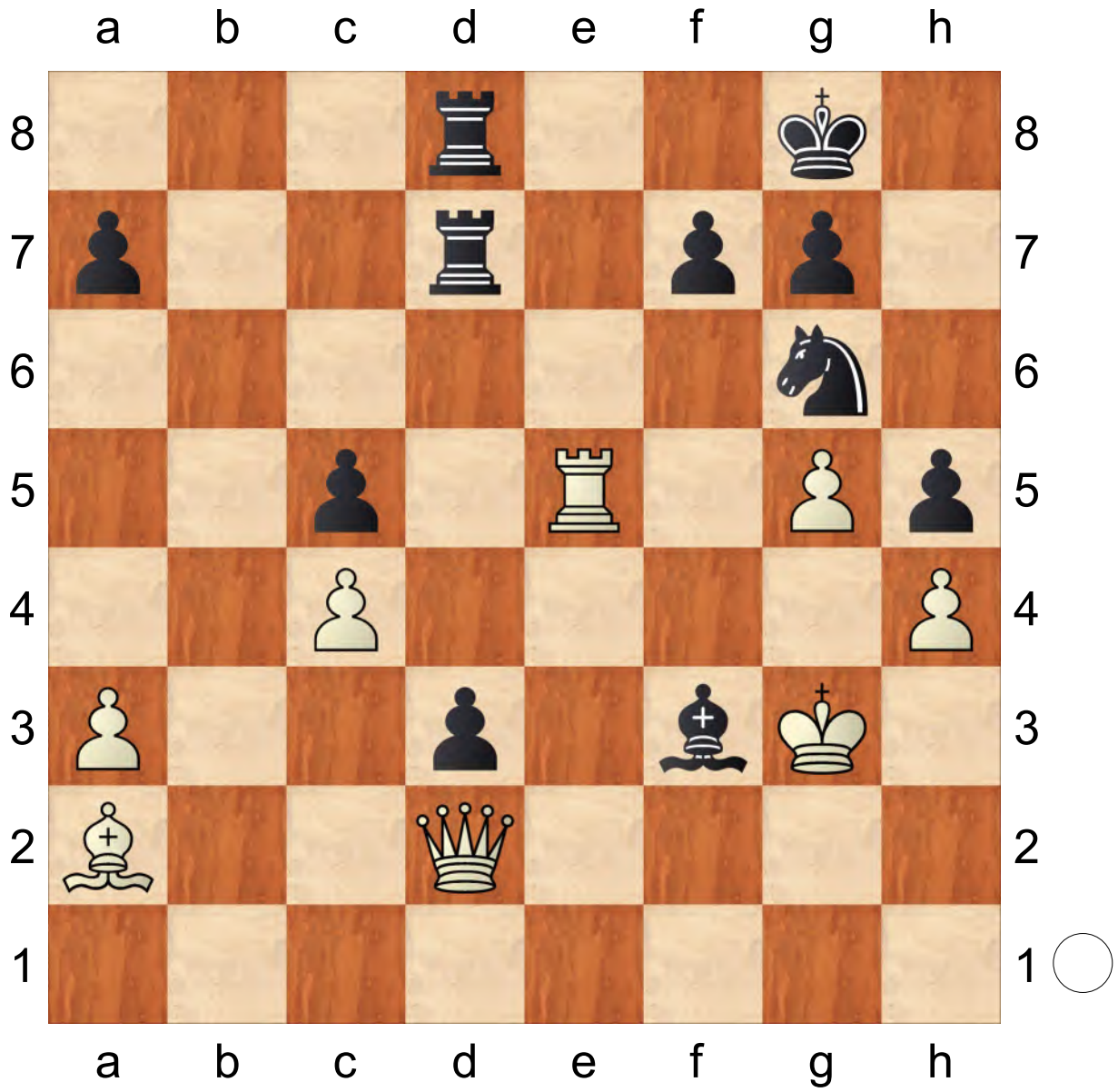


41.Re5
[41.Ne7+ Rxe7 42.Rxe7 Qxf3-+]
41...Qxf3 42.Bxc5 bxc5 43.R1e3 Bxd5! 44.Rxf3 Bxf3 45.Kg3
[45.Rxc5 Re7]
45...Ng6!

(Diagram)

46.Rxc5 Ba8 Δ ♖d7-d4 47.Rd5 Bxd5 48.cxd5 Rxd5 49.Bxd5 Rxd5-+ 50.Kf2 Nxh4

(Diagram)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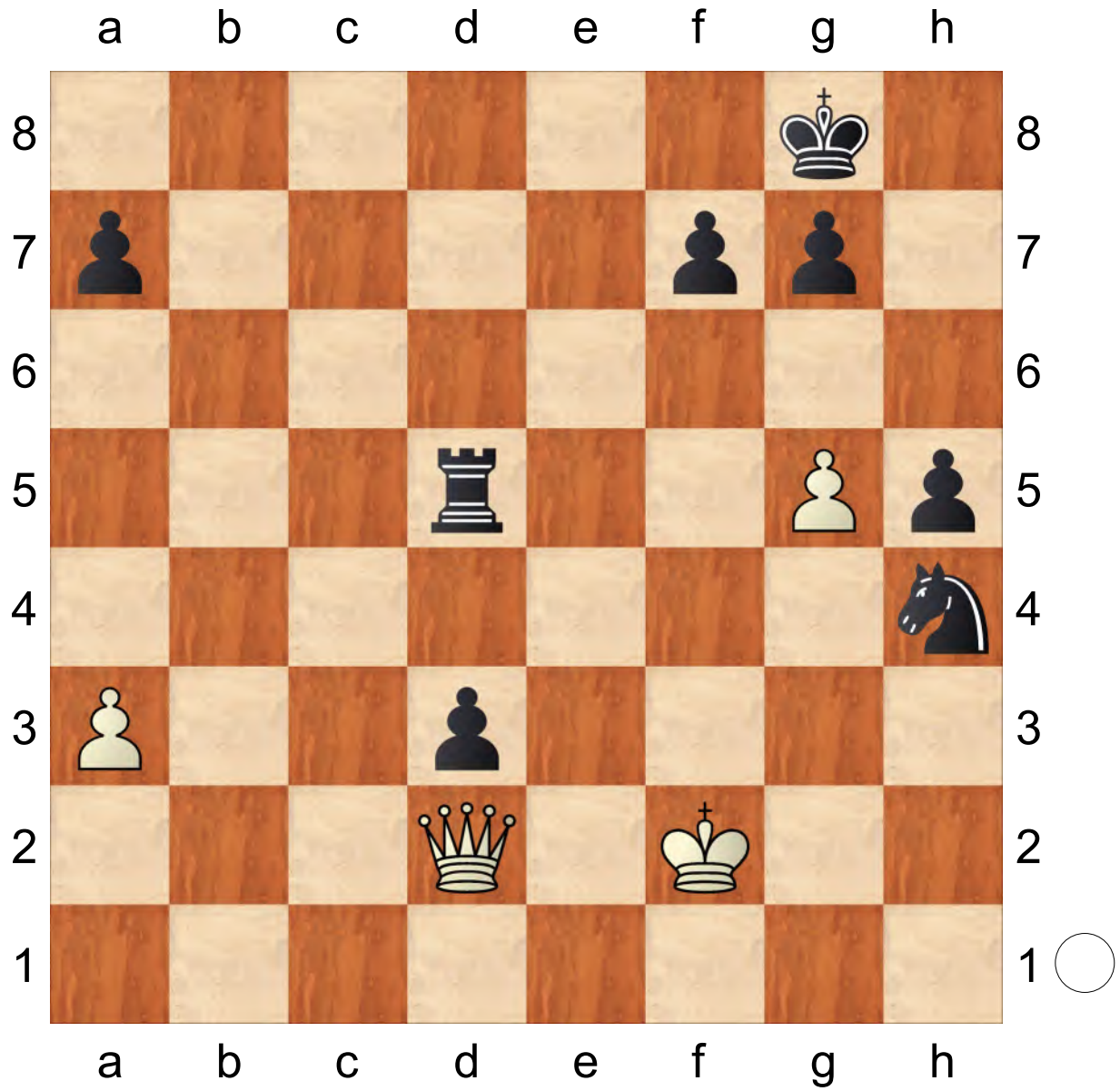
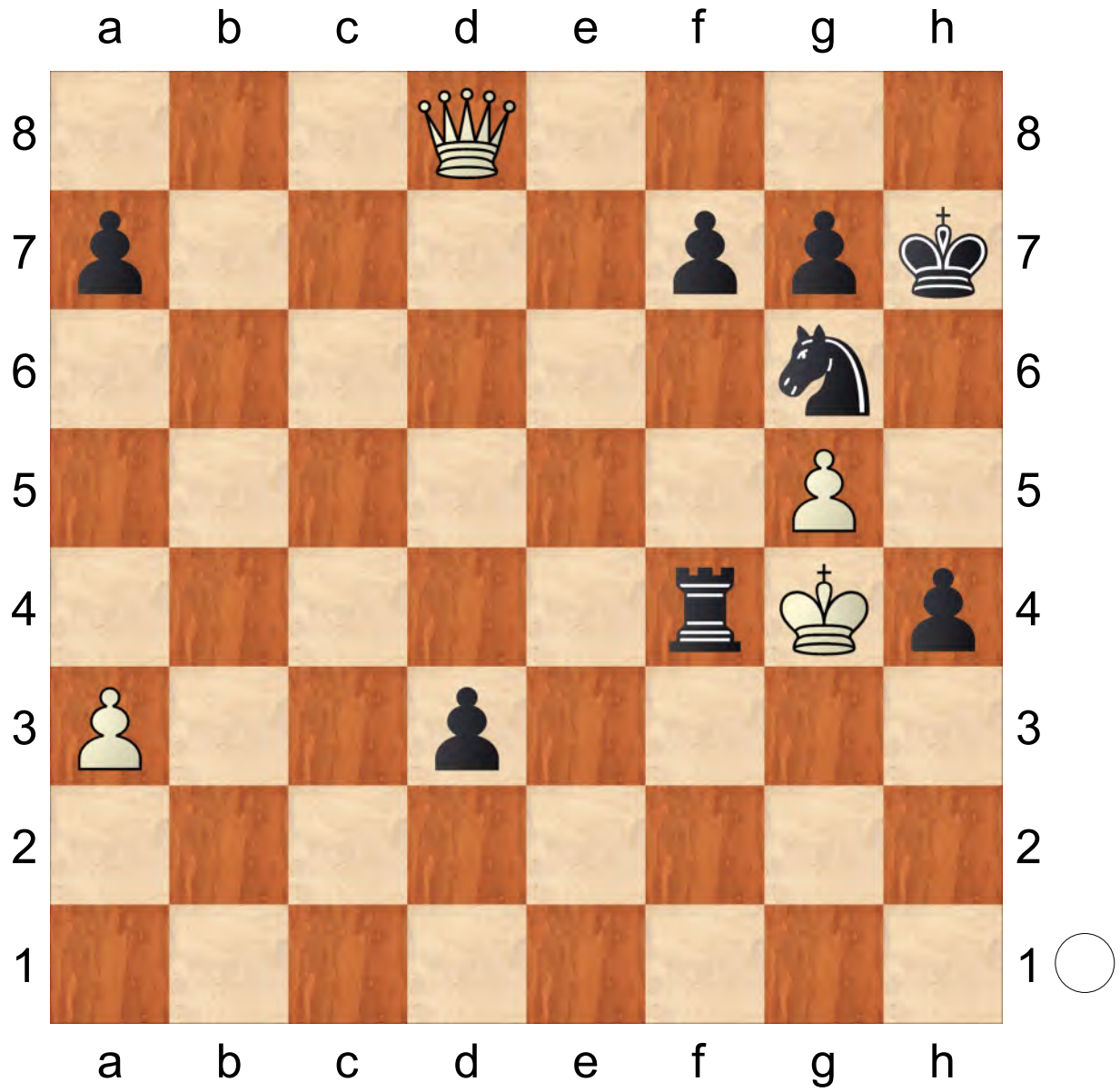


51.Qe1 Rf5+ 52.Kg3 Ng6 53.Qe8+ Kh7 54.Qd8 h4+ 55.Kg4 Rf4+

(Diagram)

56.Kh3
[56.Kh5 h3]
56...Rf3+ 57.Kh2
[57.Kg4 Rg3+ 58.Kh5 h3]
57...Nf4 58.Qd7 Rf2+ 59.Kg1 Rg2+ 60.Kf1 Rxg5

(Diagram)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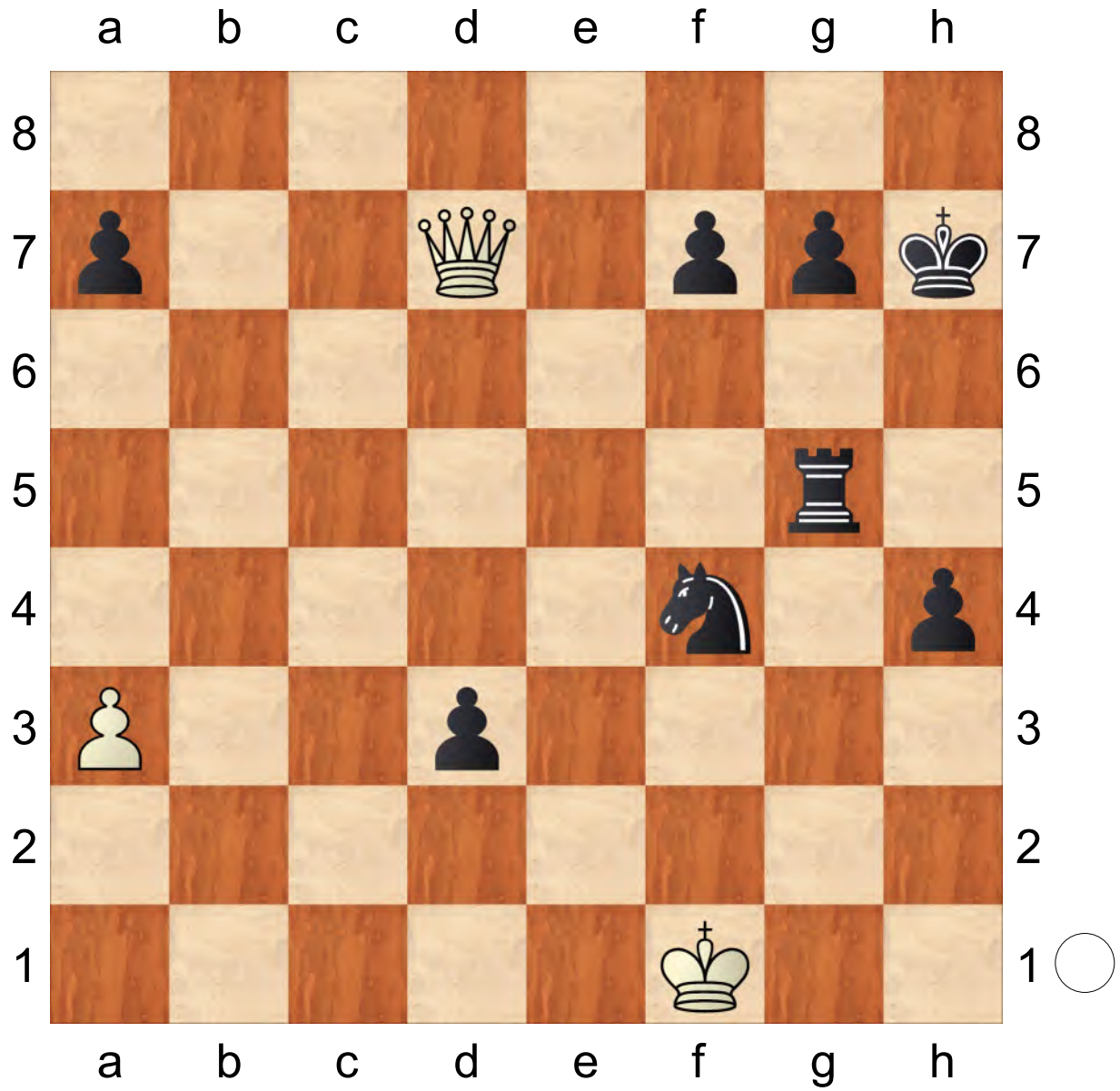

61.Ke1 h3

(Diagram)

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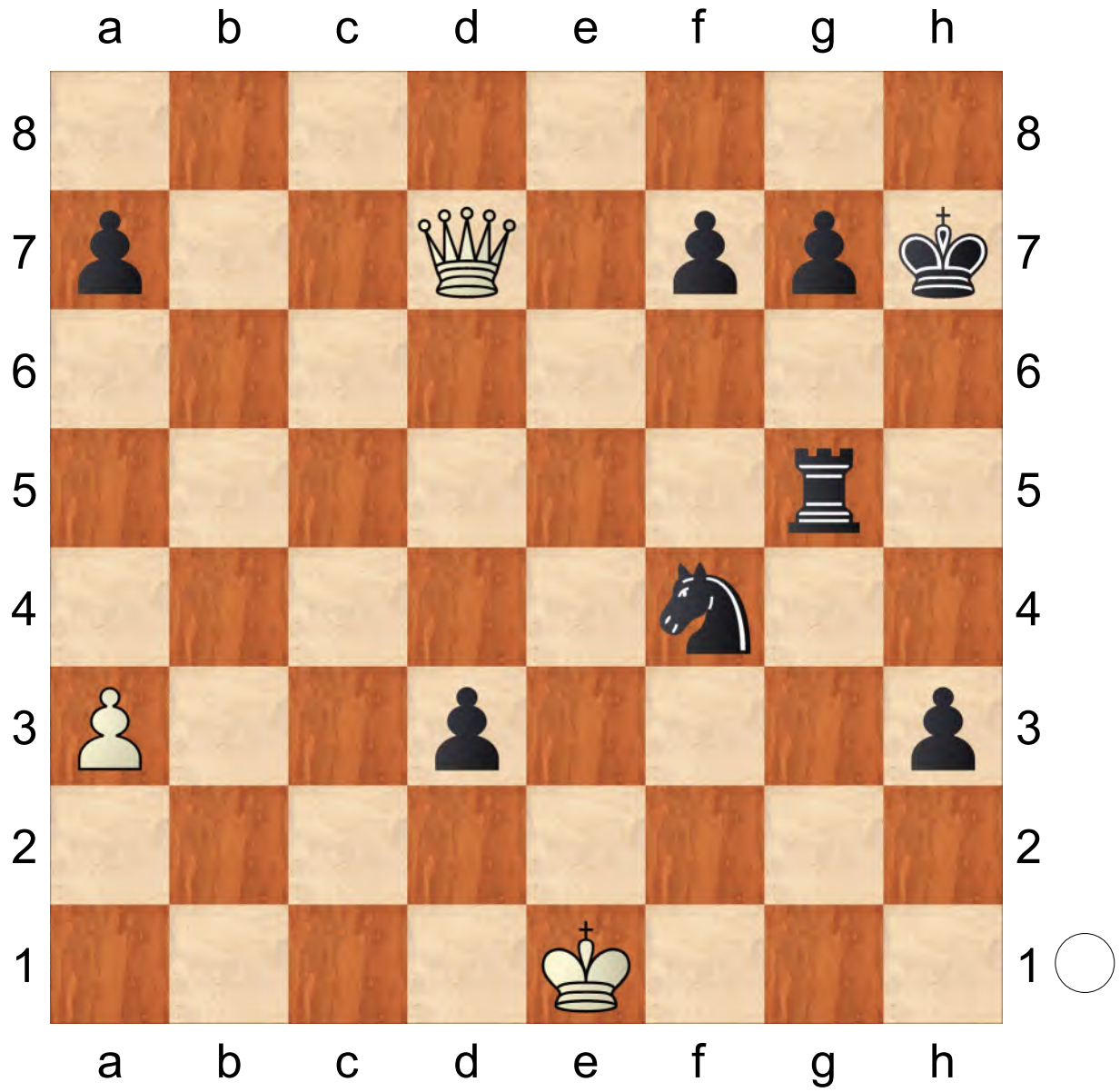
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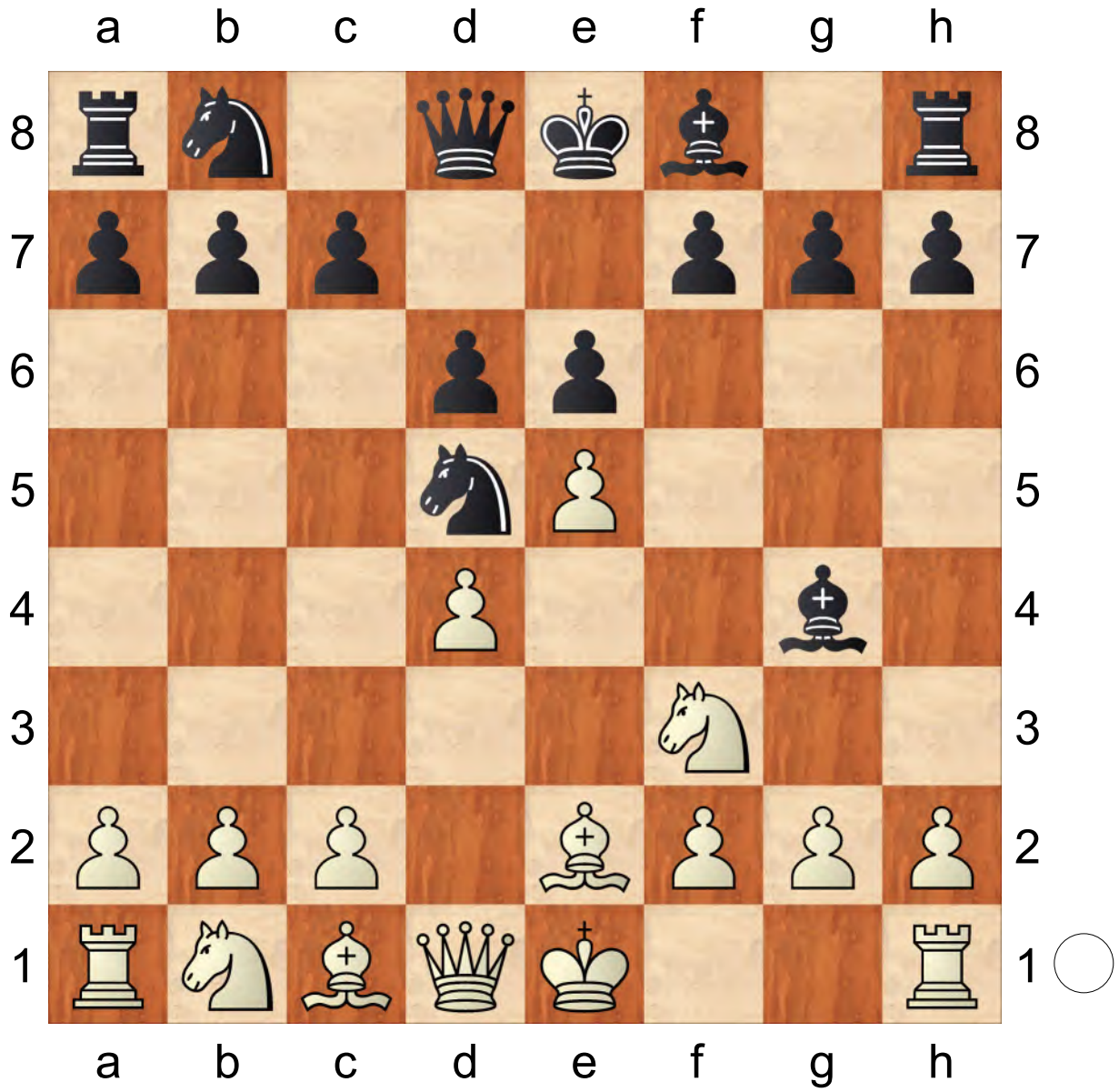
1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6



6.c4 Nb6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 a5 Δ10... Lf3 11.Lf3 Sc4 12.Lb7 Ta7∓
[9...a6 10.exd6 cxd6
A) 11.Qb3!? N8d7 12.a4 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Qc7 14.Rfc1! Qxc4 15.Qa3!
A1) 15...Qd3? 16.Nd5 *(16.Be4 Qc4 17.Nb1+-)* 16...Qxa3 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Rxa3 Rae8 *(18...Rfe8 19.a5+-)* 19.a5 Na8 20.Bf4 e5□ 21.Bg5!

(21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Bd2+- ⊥) Δ21...f6 22.Ng6+! hxg6 23.Bd5 Δ♖h3#;

A2) 15...Qc7 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Bxb7± ⧉,×a6,⇔c;

B) 11.b3 d5 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ne5 *(13.c5 Nc8 14.b4 Nc6 15.Rb1 Bf6 16.a4 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 N8e7 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 Na5=* Smyslov-Shabalov/Tilburg/ 1993/ *)* 13...Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nc6 15.Rfd1 Bf6 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5= Anand-Yusupov (7)/Wijk aan Zee m/1994/]

[9...d5 10.c5 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nc8 *(11...N6d7 12.f4 f5 13.b4 b6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.Rac1 c6 16.Kh1 a5 17.a3 Qc7 18.Rg1±* Quillan-Roe, Southhampten GB-ch 1986 *)*

A) 12.f4 Nc6 13.Rb1 Δ 14.b4

A1) 13...Bh4 14.Kh1 N8e7 15.Bd3!

A1a) 15...g6 16.Qg4 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Qf3 Ne7 19.Qh3 Nc6 *(19...Nc8 20.Rg1 Kh8□ 21.b4 a6 22.a4± c6 23.Rb3* Δ b5± *)* 20.b4±;

A1b) 15...Nf5? 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Qf3! Ne7 18.Qh3+-;

A2) 13...Bxc5 14.dxc5 d4 15.Ne4 dxe3 16.fxe3 Qxd1 17.Rfxd1± Abramovic-Albert /New York open /1988;

B) 12.b4 Nc6 *(12...Bh4 13.f4 Nc6 14.Kh1 N8e7 15.Bd3 g6 16.Rb1 Kh8 17.Rg1 Rg8 18.Qf3 Nf5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Rxg8+ Qxg8 21.Rg1 Qf8 22.Qh5 Bd8 23.a3∞* Pichler-Goebel/corr/1988*)* 13.b5 Na5 14.Qa4 b6 15.Rac1 Bh4 16.Bd3 f5 17.f4 Ne7 18.c6 a6 19.bxa6 Nexc6 20.Nb5± Goedkoop-Alingh Prins/corr/ 1989]

[9...Nc6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.d5

A) 11...Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne5 *(12...exd5 13.Bxd5* ×d6 *)* 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Bg4±;

B) 11...exd5 12.Nxd5 Bxf3 13.Bxb6 axb6 *(13...Bxe2 14.Bxd8 Bxd1 15.Bxe7±)* 14.Bxf3±]

10.b3

[10.h3 Bh5 *(10...Bxf3 11.gxf3)* 11.exd6 cxd6 12.Qb3 N8d7 13.Rac1 Bg6 14.Rfd1 Nc8 15.c5± Haba,P-Tagnon/Toulouse op/1990/]

[10.exd6 cxd6 11.c5!? *(11.b3 d5 12.c5 Nc8 13.Ne5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nc6 15.f4 N8a7 16.Rad1 Nxe5 17.fxe5 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6=* Fedorowicz-Yermolinsky/ USA-ch/1993/*)* 11...dxc5 12.dxc5 N6d7 13.Ne4 Na6 14.Rc1 f5 Nijboer-Oll/ Groningen PCA-qual/1993/ 15.Nd6! Ndxc5 16.Rxc5 Bxd6 17.Rb5 Qc7 18.h3 Bh5 *(18...Bxf3?! 19.Bxf3±)* 19.Qb3±]

10...Na6

(Diagram)

11.h3 Bh5

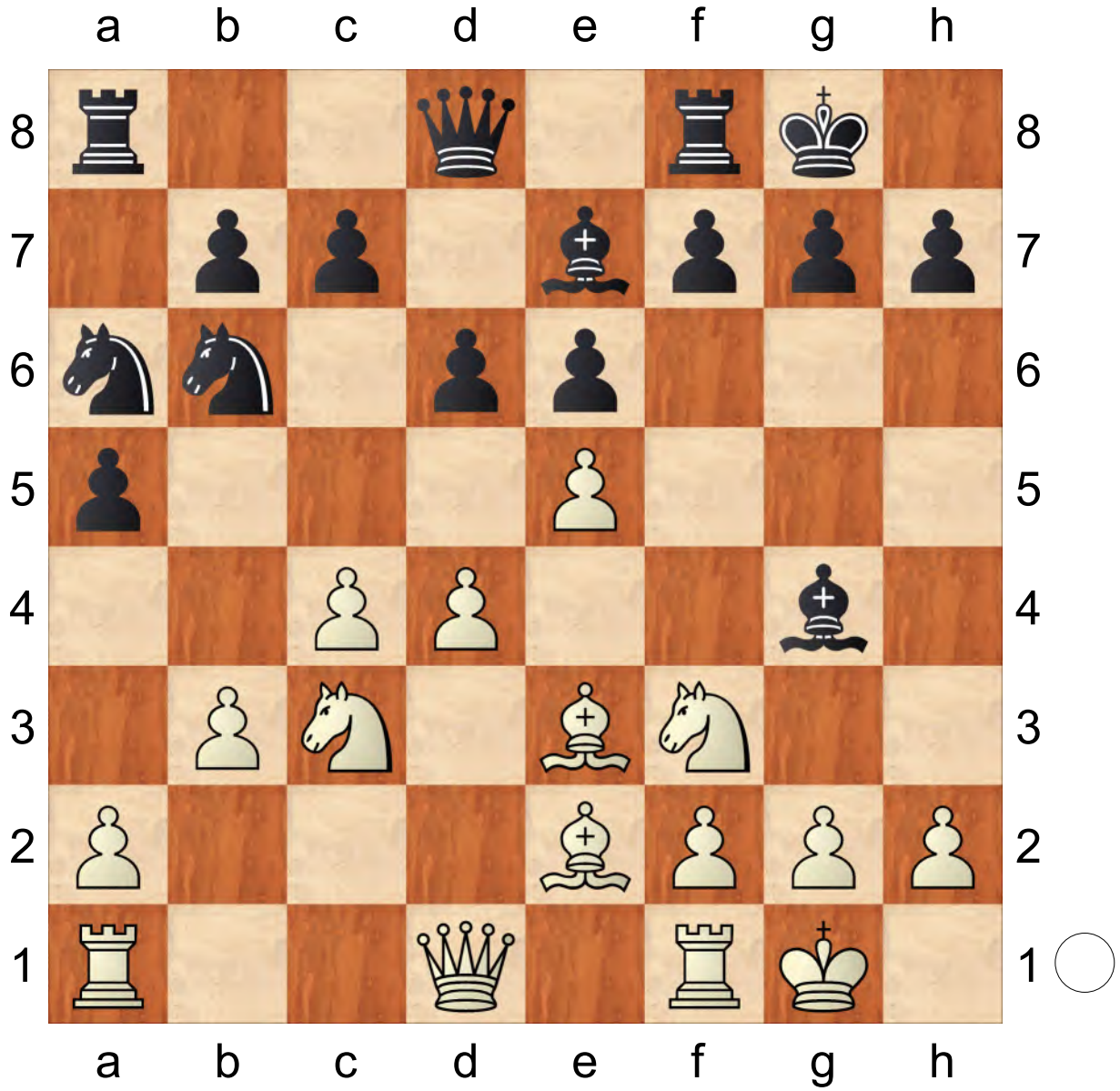
[11...Bf5]

12.Qd2

[12.exd6 cxd6 13.Nb5 Nd7 14.Qd2 Nc7 15.a4 Na6 ΔSb4=]

12...Nd7 Δde, de, Sc5 **13.Rad1 Bg6**

[13...dxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe2 *(14...Nxe5 15.Bxh5±)* 15.Qxe2 Δf4 Nxe5 16.dxe5



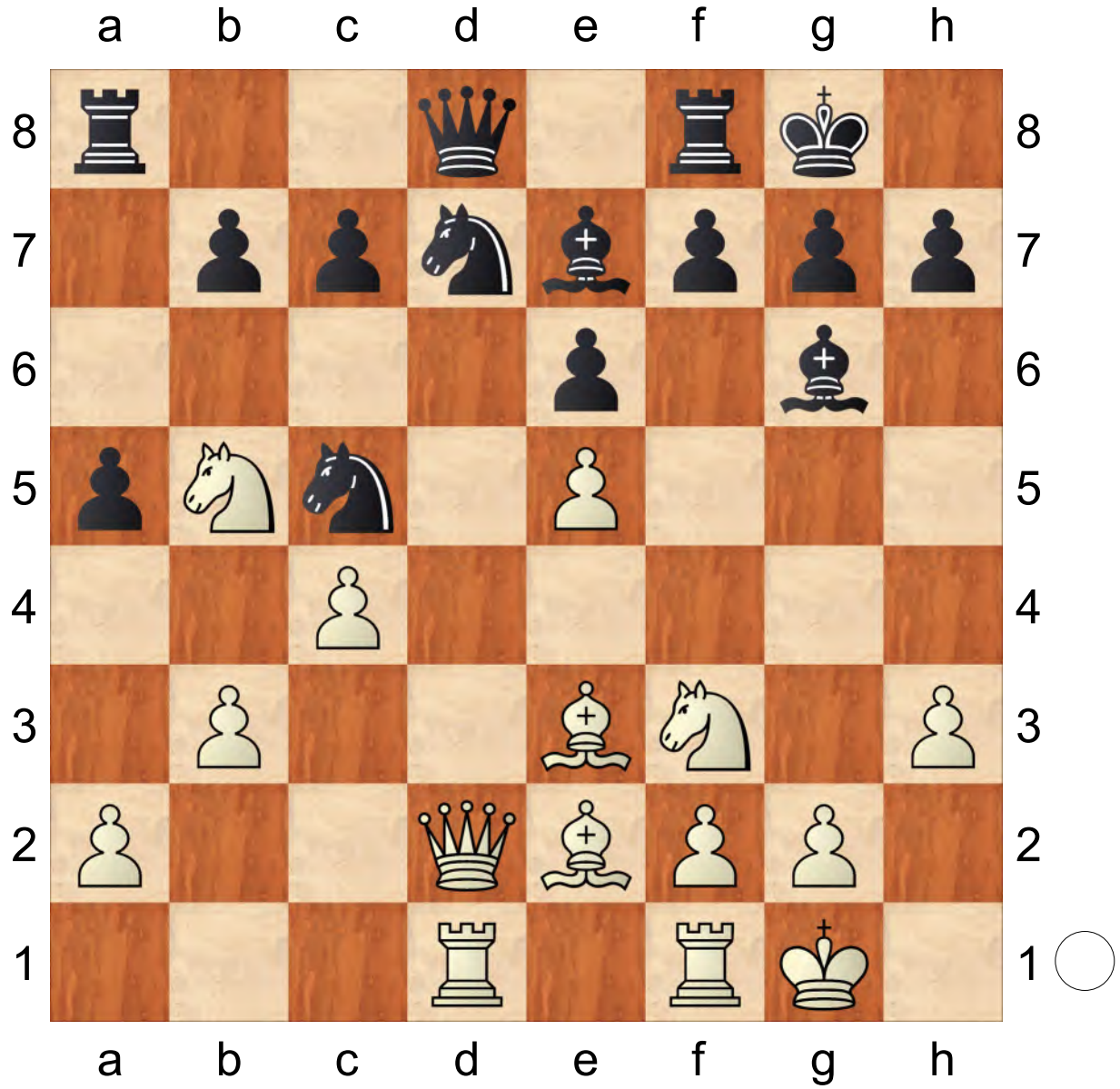
Qe8 *(16...Qc8 17.Ne4)* 17.Qg4↑ *(17.Ne4 Qc6 18.Qg4 Rfd8)*]
[13...Qb8 Δ14... Lf3 15.Lf3 de 14.Bf4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 dxe5 16.dxe5 Rd8 17.Qe2 ΔSe4 ± O,⇆]

14.Nb5?! ΔSd6
[14.Bf4 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5±]

14...dxe5 15.dxe5
[15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Rad8 18.Rfd1 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 Rd8 20.Bf3 Rxd2 21.Bxd2 b6 22.Bb7 Nc5 23.Bc6 Bb1 24.Nc3 Bd3=]

15...Nac5
[15...Ndc5? 16.Qxa5]

(Diagram)



16.Bd4 ΔDe3→c5,Td2,Td1
[16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Qxd8 *(17.Qe3 Qb8)* 17...Bxd8=]
16...c6 17.Nd6
[17.Nc3 Ne4 18.Nxe4 *(18.Qe3 Nxc3 19.Bxc3 Qc7=)* 18...Bxe4 19.Bc3 Nc5=]
17...Qc7
[17...Qb8 18.Qe3
A) 18...b6 19.Ba1 Rd8 20.Nd4
A1) 20...Qc7 21.f4 *(21.Bf3 Nxe5 22.Qxe5 Bxd6∓)* 21...Bxd6 *(21...Nf8 22.Bf3 Bxd6 23.exd6 Rxd6 24.Nb5±)* 22.exd6 Qxd6 23.Bf3± *(≤23.Nf5)*;
A2) 20...Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Bxd6 *(21...Qxd6 22.Nxc6 Qxe5 23.Nxe7+ Kf8 24.Bxe5 Kxe7 25.Bxg7 f6 26.Bh6+-)* 22.Nxc6 Bxe5 23.Nxb8 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Bf6 *(24...Rxb8 25.Bxe5 Rc8 26.Bc7+-; 24...Bc7 25.Be5+-)*

25.Be5 h6 26.Bc7± /+-;

B) 18...Bxd6 19.exd6

B1) 19...Qxd6 20.Bxg7;

B2) 19...b6 20.Ne5 Nxe5 *(20...Qxd6 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.Bxg7)* 21.Qxe5 f6 22.Qe3 Qxd6 23.Bxf6±;

B3) 19...Ne4 20.c5 f6 *(20...b6 21.cxb6 Nxd6 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Rd8 24.Qf4+-)* 21.Nh4+-]

18.Qe3 b6 19.Rd2

[19.Ba1

A) 19...Rad8 19… Tfd8 20.Nd4 *(20.Rd2 Nxe5 21.Qxe5 f6∓)* 20...Nxe5 *(20...Nb8 21.f4 Bxd6 22.exd6 Rxd6 23.Nb5 cxb5 24.Qe5±)* 21.Qxe5 *(21.N4b5? cxb5 22.Nxb5 Nxc4 23.Qc3 Qe5)* 21...f6 *(21...Bxd6 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Nf5+ Kg8 24.Nh6#)* 22.Nxe6 fxe5 23.Nxc7 Bxd6∓;

B) 19...f5 20.Nd4 Nxe5 *(20...f4?! 21.Qc3 Nxe5 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Qxe5 ×e4)* 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Qxe5 Rf6 Δ23... Sc5-+ 23.c5 Nxc5 *(23...b5 24.Bf3 Δ25.Sb5, 25.Tfe1)* 24.Nc4

B1) 24...Qxe5 25.Bxe5 Rff8 *(25...Re6 26.Nxb6 Rxe5 27.Bc4+± /+-)* 26.Nxb6± ⊥;

B2) 24...Qb7 25.Nxb6 Re8 *(25...Qxb6? 26.Qxe7 Re8 27.Bc4+ Kh8 28.Qxf6+-)* 26.Nc4 Bf8 27.Qb2 a4∞]

19...Rad8

[19...f5!?

A) 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.Nd4 f4 22.Qc3 Bxd6 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Bf3 *(24.Nf5 Qc7)* 24...Be4;

B) 20.g3 h6 21.Nh4 game;

C) 20.Rfd1 f4 21.Qc3 Ne4 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.Qb2 Rad8∓]

20.Rfd1 f5

[20...Bxd6 21.exd6 Qb8 Δ22... Se4 22.Nh4±]

[20...f6 21.Ba1±]

(Diagram)

→Sd6 Δ21... f4 22.Dc3 Se4 ΔSc5-e4 **21.g3?**

[⌓21.Bxc5 Nxc5? 22.Nd4 ×c6, e6

A) 22...Qd7 23.Bf3 Bxd6 24.Nxc6+-;

B) 22...Bxd6 23.exd6

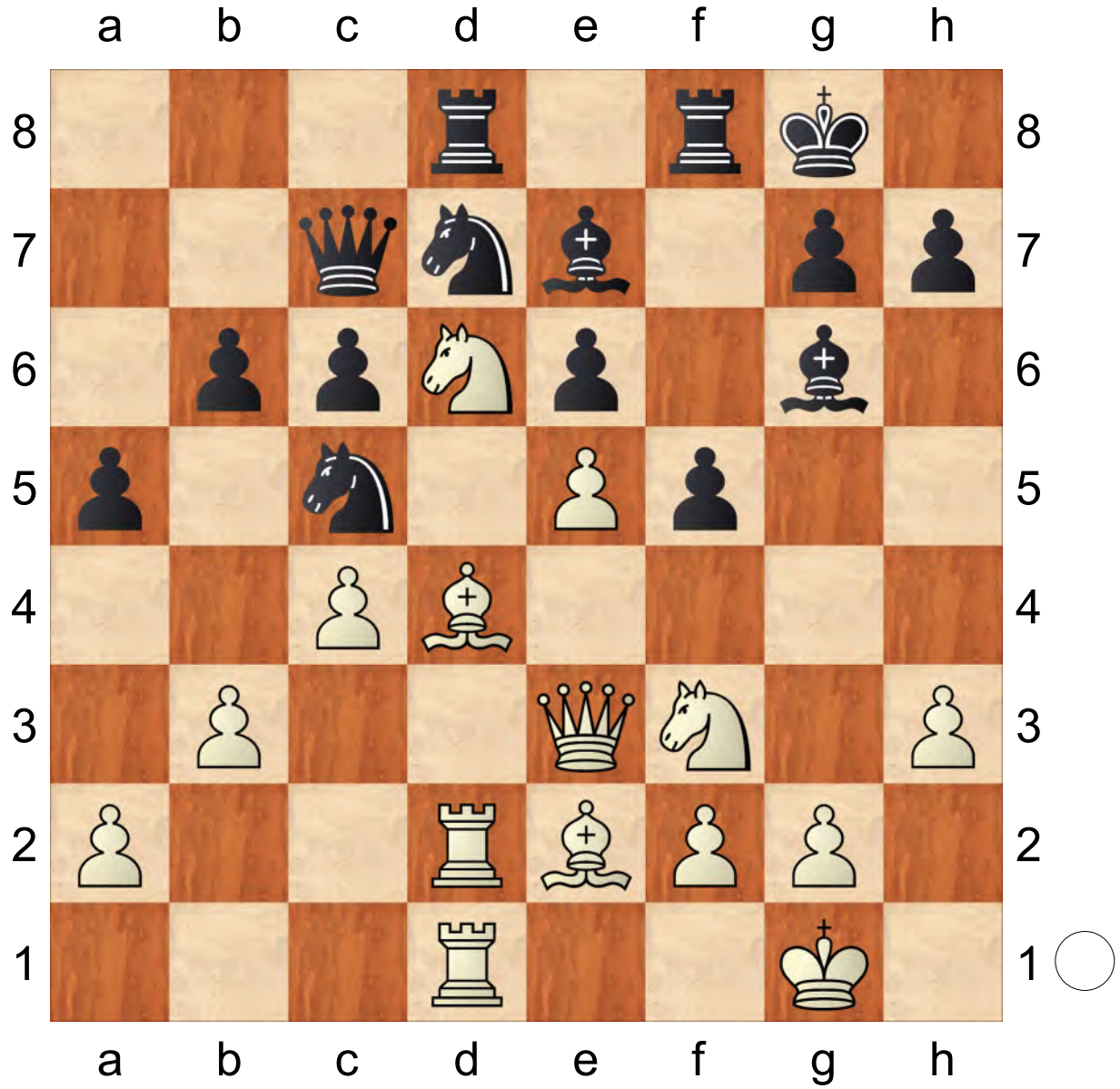
B1) 23...Qxd6 24.Nxc6+-;

B2) 23...Rxd6 24.Nb5± /+-;

B3) 23...Qd7 24.Nf3 Δ25.Se5± *(24.Bf3±)*;

B4) 23...Qc8 24.Bf3 Rxd6 25.Nxf5 Rxd2 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Nxc8 Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1 Rxc8 29.Bf3±;

B5) 23...Qb7 24.Nxe6 Rde8 25.Nxc5+-;



C) 22...f4 23.Qf3 Bxd6 24.exd6 Qxd6 *(24...Rxd6 25.Nb5 Rxd2 26.Nxc7+-)* 25.Nxe6±]

[21.Ne1? Ne4 22.Nxe4 *(22.Rd3? f4 23.Qf3 Ng5 24.Qg4 h5-+)* 22...fxe4 23.Qg3 Nc5∓ *(23...Bb4?! 24.Bc3 Nc5 25.Rd6)*]

21...h6

[21...Ne4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.Ng5±]

22.Nh4?

[22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nd4 Δ24.Df3 (24Lf3? Lg5) Be8 24.f4 Bd7 25.Bf3↑]

[22.Ne1 Ne4 23.Rd3 *(23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.f4 exf3 25.Nxf3 Nc5±)* 23...c5 *(23...Kh7!? 24.Ng2 c5 25.Bb2 Nxe5 26.Nb5 Rxd3 27.Rxd3 Qb8 28.Bxe5 Qxe5 29.f3+-; 23...Ndc5 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Rd4↑)* 24.Bb2 Nxe5 25.Nb5 Qb8 *(25...Rxd3? 26.Nxd3)* 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8 28.f3±]

22...Bh7?

[22...f4!?
A) 23.Qc3
A1) 23...Ne4 24.Nxg6 Nxc3 25.Nxe7+ Kh8 *(25...Kh7? 26.Bd3+)* 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Bxc3+-;
A2) 23...Bh7 24.Bg4↑;
A3) 23...Bxh4 24.gxh4 Ne4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4= Δ26... c5;
B) 23.Qf3 Bh7 *(23...Bxh4? 24.gxh4±; 23...fxg3? 24.Qxg3 Ne4 25.Qxg6 Nxd2 26.Qxe6+ Δ27.De7+-)* 24.Qg4 Bg5 25.Nf3 Bf5 26.Nxf5 exf5 27.Qh5 fxg3 28.Nxg5 gxf2+ 29.Bxf2 hxg5∓ 30.Qxg5? Ne4]
[22...Bxh4 23.gxh4 Ne4
A) 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Bg4
A1) 25...Bf5?! 26.Bxf5 exf5 *(26...Rxf5 27.Bxb6)* 27.e6±;
A2) 25...Rde8 26.Kh1 Bf5 *(26...Nxe5? 27.Qg3)* 27.Bh5 Rd8 28.Rg1→ »;
B) 24.Rd3 f4 *(24...Ndc5 25.Bxc5 Nxc5 26.Rd4±)* 25.Qf3 Nxd6 26.exd6 Qxd6 *(26...Qb8 27.Qg4)* 27.Bxg7 Bxd3 28.Rxd3 Qe7 *(28...Ne5? 29.Qg2)* 29.Bxf8 Rxf8= 30.Qxc6 Ne5 31.Qd6 *(31.Qg2+ Kh8* Δ32... Sd3, 32... Tg8 33. Lg4 h5 *)* 31...Qg7+∓]

23.f4?
[23.Ng2 Ne4 *(23...g5 24.Bf3±)* 24.Rd3 Nec5 *(24...c5 25.Bb2 Nxe5 26.Nb5 Rxd3 27.Rxd3 Qb8 28.Bxe5 Qxe5 29.f3)* 25.Bxc5 Nxc5 26.Rd4↑]

23...Ne4
[23...Bxh4 24.gxh4 Ne4 25.Nxe4 fxe4 26.Kh2+- →g⇔]

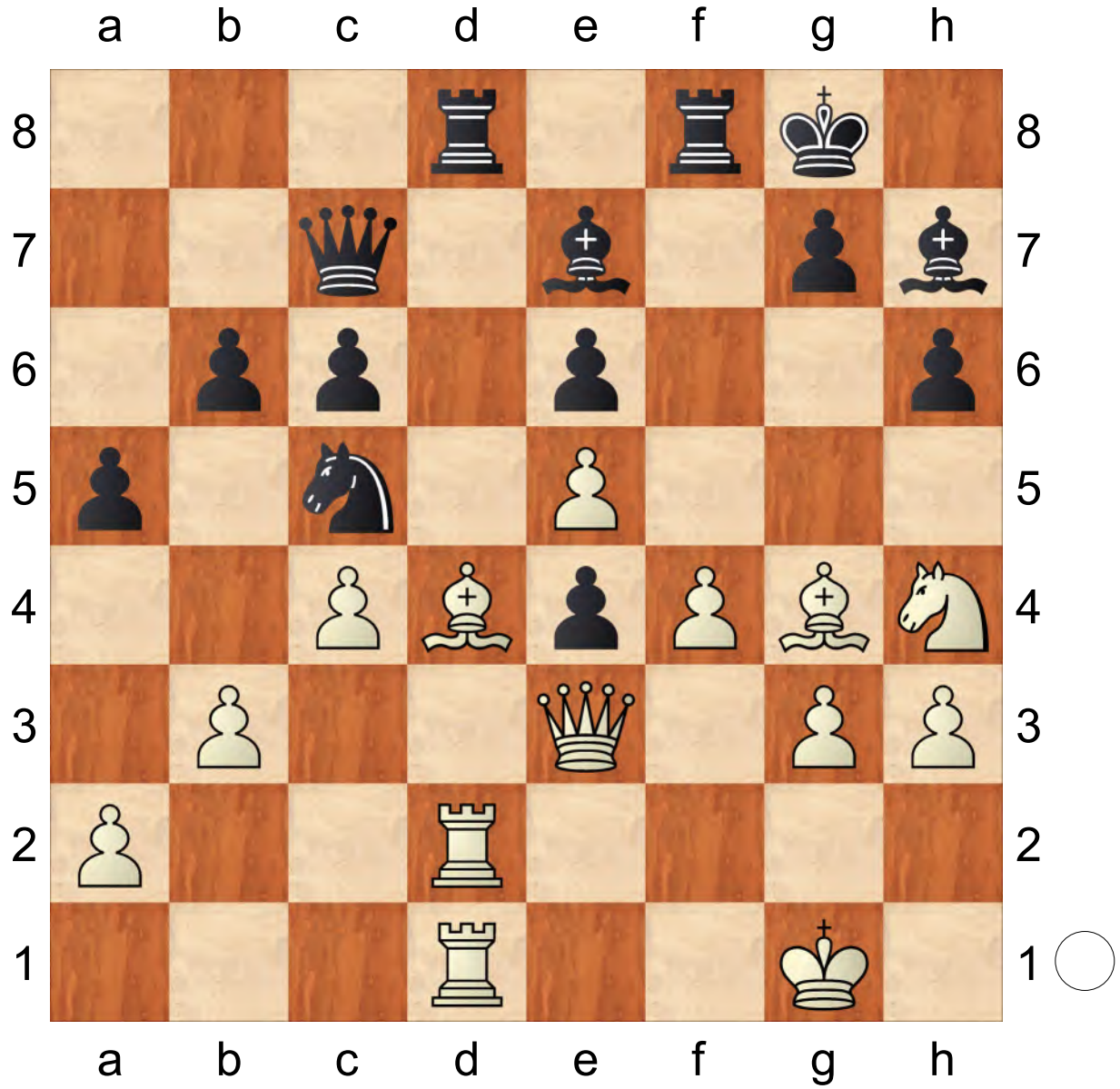
24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Bg4
[25.Kh2 Bb4= 26.Bc3 *(26.Rc2 Nc5=)* 26...Bc5 27.Bd4 Bb4]

25...Nc5
[25...Bf5? 26.Bxf5 exf5 27.Ng6 Rfe8 28.Nxe7+ Rxe7 29.Bxb6+-]

(Diagram)

26.Kh2 Δ27.Lc5 Lc5 28.Le6
[26.Ng2?! Bg6 27.Kh2 Nd7 Δ28... Lb4= 28.Nh4 Kh7]

26...Kh8?!
[⌓26...g5 27.Ng2 Bf5]
[26...Bxh4]
[26...Bxh4? 27.Bxc5 bxc5 *(27...Bxg3+ 28.Kxg3 bxc5 29.Bxe6+ Kh8 30.Qxc5)* 28.Bxe6+ Kh8 29.gxh4 Rd3 30.Rxd3 exd3 31.h5 Qe7 32.Bg4 Δ33.Kg3 Qh4 33.Rd2+-]
[26...Bf5? 27.Bxf5 exf5 28.Ng6 Rf7 *(28...Rfe8 29.g4+-)* 29.Bxc5 Rxd2+ 30.Qxd2 Bxc5 *(30...bxc5? 31.e6 Rf6 32.Nxe7+ Qxe7 33.Qd8++-)* 31.e6 Rf6 32.Qd8+ Qxd8 33.Rxd8+ Kh7 34.e7+-]
[26...Rfe8? 27.Bh5 Rf8 28.Ng6→ +-]



[26...Qc8?!]

27.Ng2?

[27.Bh5 Bxh4 28.gxh4 Qe7

A) 29.Bg4? Qxh4 30.Bxc5 Rxd2+ 31.Rxd2 bxc5 32.Qg3 *(32.Qxc5 Rxf4 33.Bxe6 Rf3→ -+)* 32...Qe7∓;

B) 29.Qg3?! e3 30.Bxe3 Rxd2+ *(30...Ne4 31.Rxd8 Nxg3 32.Rxf8+ Qxf8 33.Kxg3±)* 31.Bxd2 Ne4 32.Qe1 Nxd2 33.Qxd2 Qxh4=;

C) 29.Kg3 Δ30.Lc5 bc 31.Td6 29...Nd3 30.Bxb6 Rb8 *(30...Rxf4 31.Bxd8 Qxd8 32.Qxf4+-; 30...Nxf4 31.Rxd8 Nxh5+ 32.Kh2+-)* 31.Rxd3 exd3 32.Bc5±]

27...Rfe8?!

[27...Bf5!= 28.Qg1 *(28.Be2 Nd7* Δ29... Lb4 30.Lc3 Lc5∓ *)*

A) 28...Nd7 29.Ne3 Bb4 30.Re2 Bc5 *(30...Nc5 31.Nc2* Δ32.a3 *)* 31.Bxf5

exf5 32.e6
A1) 32...Nf6? 33.Nxf5;
A2) 32...Nb8 33.Bxc5 bxc5 *(33...Rxd1 34.Nxd1 bxc5 35.Qxc5)* 34.Rxd8 Qxd8 35.Qa1± Qd4? 36.Qxd4 cxd4 37.e7;
A3) 32...Bxd4 33.e7 *(33.Rxd4? Ne5)* 33...c5 34.Qg2± /+-;
B) 28...Rd7 29.Be3 *(29.Ne3? Nd3 30.Nxf5 exf5 31.Bxb6 Qb8 32.Be2 Bb4 33.Rc2 c5∓)* 29...Rfd8 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Rxd7 Qxd7 32.Be2 g5=]

28.Qg1
[28.Bh5]
[28.Ne1
A) 28...Rb8 29.Qg1 Nd3 *(29...Bf8 30.Be3* Δ31.Sc2 Sd3 32.Sd4 ±*)* 30.Nxd3 exd3 31.Be3 Bb4 32.Rf2± Δ33.Dg2, 34.Lf3, 35.Le4;
B) 28...Rd7 29.Bxc5 Rxd2+ 30.Qxd2 Bxc5 31.Qd7 Qxd7 32.Rxd7 e3 Δ33... Lb1 33.Rd1± × Pawns, ΔK→⊞;
C) 28...Bf8 29.Nc2 *(29.Qg1 Rd7 30.Be3 Red8 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Nc2 Bf5 34.Nd4 Nd3 35.Bxf5 exf5 36.e6 Qd6 37.Nxf5 Qxe6 38.Nh4 Bc5 39.f5 Qf6=)* 29...Rd7 30.Bxc5 *(30.Qg1 Red8=)* 30...Rxd2+ 31.Qxd2 Bxc5 ΔLf5 32.Qd7 Qxd7 33.Rxd7 e3 34.Ne1 Bb1=]

28...Bg6?! Δ29... Lf8
[28...Rd7
A) 29.Bxe6
A1) 29...Nxe6? 30.Bxb6 Rxd2 31.Bxc7 Rxd1 *(31...Rxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Nxc7 33.Qb6+-)* 32.Qxd1 Nxc7 33.Qd7 Bd8 34.f5 Rf8 35.g4+-;
A2) 29...Rxd4 30.Rxd4 Nxe6 31.Rd7 Qb8 32.g4 Bc5∓;
B) 29.Bxc5 Rxd2 *(29...Bxc5? 30.Rxd7 Bxg1+ 31.Kxg1 Qc8 32.Bxe6+-)* 30.Rxd2 Bxc5 31.Qd1 e3 32.Rd7 Qc8 Δ33... Lc2 33.Bxe6 e2 34.Qd2 Bb4 35.Qd4 Bc5 *(35...e1Q? 36.Nxe1 Bxe1 37.f5* Δ38.Dg4→+- *)* 36.Qd2 Bb4=;
C) 29.Be3 Red8 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Rxd7 Qxd7 32.Ne1 Bf5 33.Nc2 Bf8 34.Nd4 Nd3 35.Bxf5 exf5 36.e6 Qd6 37.Nxf5 Qxe6 38.Nh4 Bc5 39.f5 Qf6=]
[28...Bf5 29.Ne3± Bxg4 *(29...Rf8 30.Nc2* Δ31.Le3, 32.Se4 *)* 30.Nxg4 ×e4 Δ31.De3, 32.Sf2]
[28...Bf8 29.Bh5 Re7 30.Bxc5 Rxd2 31.Rxd2 *(31.Bd6? Rxd1)* 31...bxc5 32.Qxc5 Re8 33.Qd4±]

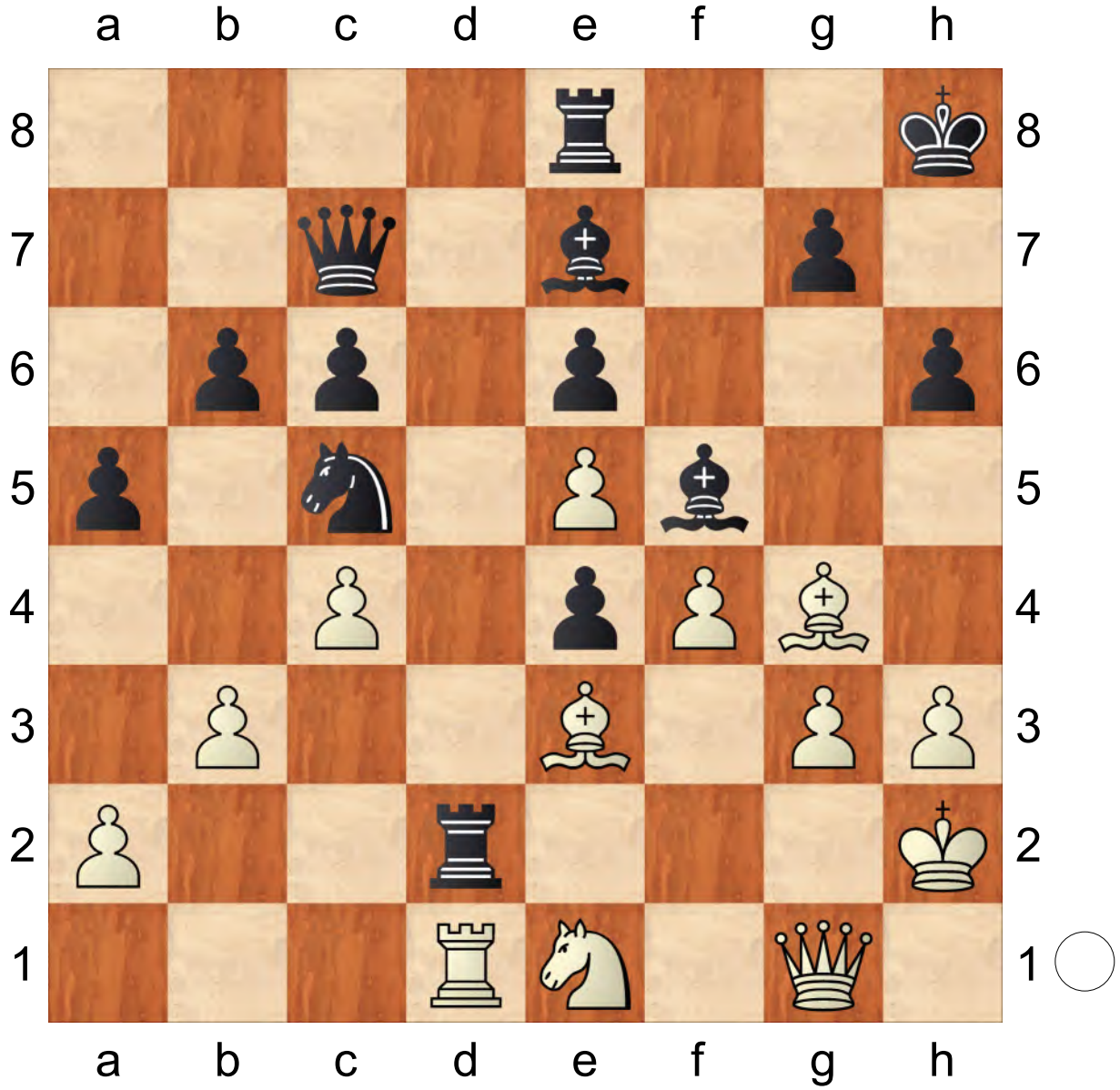
29.Be3
[29.Ne1 Rd7 30.Be3 Red8 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Nc2 game]

29...Bf5
[29...Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Rd8 31.Qd1 Δ32.Lc5 Td2 33.Dd2 Lc5 34.Le6 Bf5 32.Rxd8+ Qxd8 33.Qxd8+ Bxd8 34.Bxc5 bxc5 35.Ne3+-]
[29...Rd3 30.Ne1]

30.Ne1
[30.Bh5 Rxd2 31.Rxd2 *(31.Bxe8 Rxd1 32.Qxd1 Nd3=)* 31...Rd8=]
[30.Nh4 Bxg4 31.hxg4

A) 31...Rxd2+? 32.Rxd2 Bxh4 33.gxh4 Qe7 *(33...g5 34.fxg5 Qxe5+ 35.Kh1* Δ36.Ld4 *)* 34.Kg3 Nd3 35.Qg2± × e4;
B) 31...Kh7 Δ32... g5]

30...Rxd2+



31.Rxd2 Rd8 32.Rxd8+ Qxd8 33.Nc2
[33.Be2 g5=]

33...Qd7?
[33...Qd3!? 34.Nd4 Bxg4 35.hxg4 a4 36.Nxc6 axb3 37.axb3 Bf8 38.Nd4 *(38.b4 Na6⩱)* 38...Nxb3 39.Nxe6 Bb4 Δ40... Ld2, 40... Sd2 40.f5 Qe2+ 41.Qf2 *(41.Kh3 h5)* 41...Qxg4 42.Bxb6 Nd2 43.Nd4 Nxc4]

34.Be2? Δ35.Sd4 Sd3 36.Sf5 ef 37.Lb6
[34.Bxf5 exf5 35.Nd4
A) 35...g6 36.g4 Kh7 *(36...Ne6 37.Nxe6 Qxe6 38.Bxb6± /+-; 36...fxg4*

37.Qxg4+-) 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.Qg2 Δ39.e6 Se6 40.Sf5 (Δ41.De4) Dd3? 41.Se7 De3 42.Dg8# Bf8 39.h4 Qf7 40.Qh3± ×f5;

B) 35...g5

B1) 36.e6 Nxe6 37.Nxf5 Kh7 *(37...Nxf4? 38.Qa1+; 37...Bc5 38.Qa1+* Δ39.Df6 *)* 38.Qb1 *(38.Qg2 Qd3; 38.Qa1 Qd3)* 38...Nc5∞ 39.Bxc5 *(39.Nxe7 Qxe7 40.fxg5 hxg5 41.Qf1 Kg6 42.g4 Qe5+)* 39...Bxc5 40.Qxe4 Qd2+ 41.Qg2 Qd3;

B2) 36.Qf1 gxf4 37.gxf4 Δ38.h4 39.Dh3 Nd3 38.Qg1 Δ39.e6+- Nxf4? 39.Bxf4 Bc5 40.e6 Qxd4 41.Qxd4+ Bxd4 42.e7+-]

[34.Nd4

A) 34...Nd3 35.Bxf5 exf5 36.e6 Qd6 37.Nxf5 Qxe6 38.Nxe7 Qxe7 39.Bxb6 c5 40.Qe3 Qd6 41.Qxe4 Nxf4 42.Bxa5+-;

B) 34...a4 35.Bxf5 exf5 36.g4 fxg4 37.Qxg4 Qe8 37... Db7 *(37...Qxg4 38.hxg4* Δ39.Sc6*; 37...Qc7? 38.b4 Nd3 39.Ne6)* 38.f5±;

C) 34...Bxg4 35.hxg4 Nd3 *(35...a4 36.Qg2* Δg4+-*; 35...g6 36.Qg2 Kg7 37.a3+-)* 36.Qg2 c5 37.Qxe4 Nb4 *(37...cxd4 38.Qxd3+-)* 38.Nb5 Nxa2 39.f5±]

34...Bg6?

[∆34...a4 35.Nd4 g5=]

[∆34...Bh7]

35.h4?

[35.Bg4!

A) 35...Bf5 36.Nd4± *(36.Bxf5 exf5 37.Nd4±)*;

B) 35...Qd3 36.Nd4 a4 *(36...Be8 37.Qc1* Δ38.Le2+- *)* 37.Nxc6 *(37.Qc1? axb3 38.Be2 b2)* 37...axb3 38.axb3 Bf8 39.Nd4 Nxb3 40.Be2 Qc3 41.Nxe6+-;

C) 35...a4 36.Nd4 compare 35... h5;

D) 35...h5 36.Be2 Δ37.h4 ×h5 a4 *(36...h4 37.gxh4 Bf5 38.h5)* 37.Nd4 Nd3 38.Qd1

D1) 38...c5 39.Bxh5 cxd4 *(39...Bh7 40.Nb5)* 40.Bxg6→ +-;

D2) 38...Bc5 39.Bxh5 Bxd4 40.Bxd4 Qxd4 41.Bxg6 Qf2+ *(41...Kg8 42.Qe2+-)* 42.Kh1 Kg8 *(42...Qxg3 43.Qh5+ Kg8 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.Qh8+ Ke7 46.Qe8#)* 43.Bxe4 Ne1 44.Qd8+ Kf7 45.Qd7+ Kf8 46.Qxc6 Qxg3 47.Qxe6+-;

D3) 38...h4

D3a) 39.Bh5?! hxg3+ 40.Kxg3 Qe8 *(40...Bf5 41.Bf7)* 41.Bg4 Bc5;

D3b) 39.Bg4 hxg3+ 40.Kxg3 Bf7 41.Qh1 ΔDe4 c5 42.Qxe4 cxd4 43.Qxd3]

[35.Qb1 b5 ΔSd3]

35...a4

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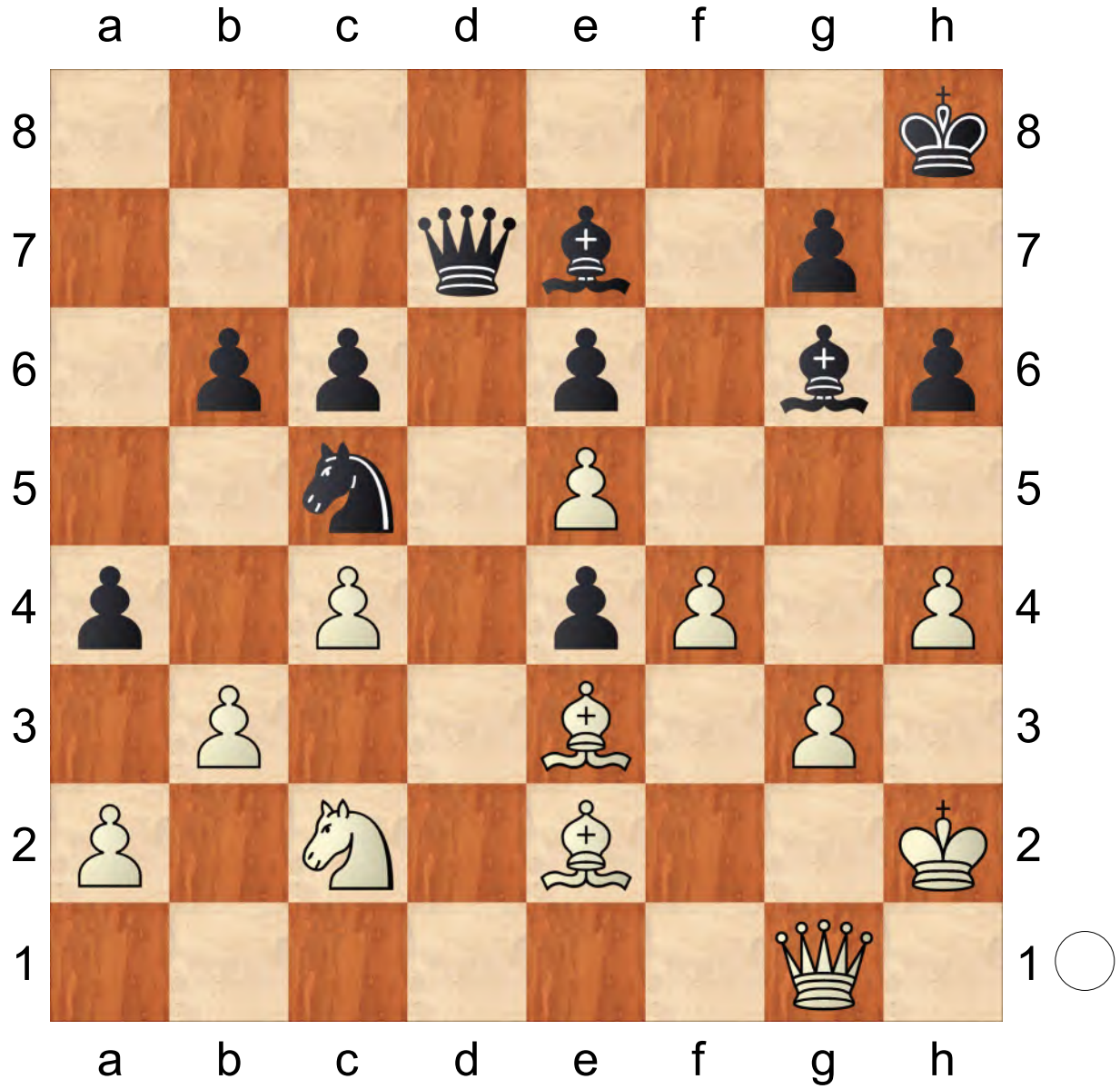

36.h5 Bf5

[36...axb3? 37.axb3 Bh7 38.Nd4 Nd3 39.Qa1 c5 40.Qa8+ Bg8 41.Nc6]

[36...Bh7

A) 37.Qb1 Nd3

A1) 38.bxa4 Bc5 39.a5 *(39.Bxc5 Nxc5* Δ40... Dd2 *40.Qd1 Nd3=)* 39...Bxe3 *(39...bxa5 40.Bxc5 Nxc5 41.Qb8+ Bg8 42.Qd6±)* 40.Nxe3 *(40.axb6? Nc5 41.b7 Nxb7 42.Nxe3 Qd2 43.Qxb7 Qxe2+ 44.Ng2 Qxh5+∓)* 40...bxa5 41.Qb8+ Bg8 42.Qd6 Qa7 43.Ng4 Nc1 44.Bf1 e3 45.Qd1 Nxa2=;

A2) 38.Bxb6 Nxf4 39.gxf4 *(39.Qd1 Nd3)* 39...Qd2 40.Qd1 Qxf4+ 41.Kg2 c5= 42.Bg4 *(42.Qd7 Bh4)* 42...e3;

B) 37.Nd4 Nd3 38.Bg4 Bf5

B1) 39.Nxf5 exf5 40.Bh3 Bc5 41.Bxc5 *(41.g4? Nxf4)* 41...Nxc5 42.g4

Qd2+ ΔDb4;
B2) 39.Bxf5 exf5 40.e6 Qd6 41.Nxf5 Qxe6 42.Nxe7 Qxe7 43.Bxb6 axb3 44.axb3 Qb4 *(44...Qe8 45.Qd1)* 45.Qe3 Qxb3 46.Qxe4 Qb2+
B2a) 47.Kh1 Qb1+ 48.Bg1 *(48.Kg2 Ne1+-+; 48.Kh2 Qc2+ 49.Qg2 Qxc4∓)* 48...Nf2+-+;
B2b) 47.Kh3 Nxf4+ Δ48... Db6=]

37.Qb1
[⌓37.Nd4
A) 37...Nd3 38.Nxf5 exf5 39.bxa4 c5 *(39...Nb2 40.g4±)* 40.Qd1± Δ41.Db3;
B) 37...axb3 38.axb3 Nd3 39.Nxf5 *(39.Qa1 Bc5)* 39...exf5 40.Bxb6 Qb7 *(40...c5? 41.Ba5±)* 41.c5 *(41.Bxd3 exd3 42.Qd4 c5 43.Bxc5 Bxc5 44.Qxc5 Qf3 45.Qf8+ Kh7 46.Qxf5+=; 41.Be3 Qxb3 42.g4 Qa2 43.Qg2 Ne1→)* 41...Qd7 42.Qe3 Qd5]
[37.g4? Bh7 \,f4]

37...Nd3
[⌓37...axb3 38.axb3 Nd3 39.Qa1 c5=]

38.Bxb6?
[38.bxa4 Bc5 39.a5 Bxe3 40.Nxe3 bxa5 41.Nxf5 *(41.Qb8+ Kh7 42.Qd6 Qa7 43.Nxf5 Qf2+* Δ44... De2 *)* 41...exf5 42.Qb8+ Kh7 43.Qd6 Qxd6 44.exd6 Nc5 45.g4 Kg8 46.Kg3 Kf7 47.gxf5 Ke8 48.Kf2 *(48.f6 gxf6 49.Kg4 Kd7 50.Kf5 e3∞)* 48...Kd7 49.Ke3 Kxd6 50.Kd4 Nd7 51.Kxe4 Nf6+ 52.Kd4 c5+=]

38...c5?
[38...Nxf4 39.gxf4 *(39.Qd1 Qb7∓)* 39...Qd2 40.Qd1 Qxf4+ 41.Kg2 c5→ /= ΔLh4, e3]

39.bxa4?
[39.Ba5 axb3 40.axb3 *(40.Qxb3? Nc1 41.Qb8+ Kh7 42.Bf1 Qd2+)* 40...g5 41.hxg6 Bxg6 42.Bc3± h5 43.Ne3 Δ44.f5]

39...Qxa4?!
[39...Nxf4
A) 40.Qd1□ Nd3 *(40...Qb7 41.a5)* 41.a5 *(41.Ne3? Qd4)* 41...Qa4 42.Ne3 Qxa2 43.Qc2 Qa3=;
B) 40.gxf4 Qd2 41.Qd1 Qxf4+ 42.Kg2 e3→ -+]

40.Ne3
[40.Qb3 Qxb3 41.axb3 Nc1=]

40...Qd7?
[40...Qa3 Δ41... Sf4, 41... Dc3 41.Nxf5 exf5 42.Bc7 *(42.Qb3 Qc1 43.Bxd3 Qd2+)* 42...Qc3 43.Qb8+ *(43.Bd6 Bxd6 44.exd6 Qd4)* 43...Kh7 44.Qc8 Qd2 45.Qxf5+ Kh8 46.Qxe4 Nc1=]
[40...g5 41.hxg6 Bxg6 42.Bc7±]

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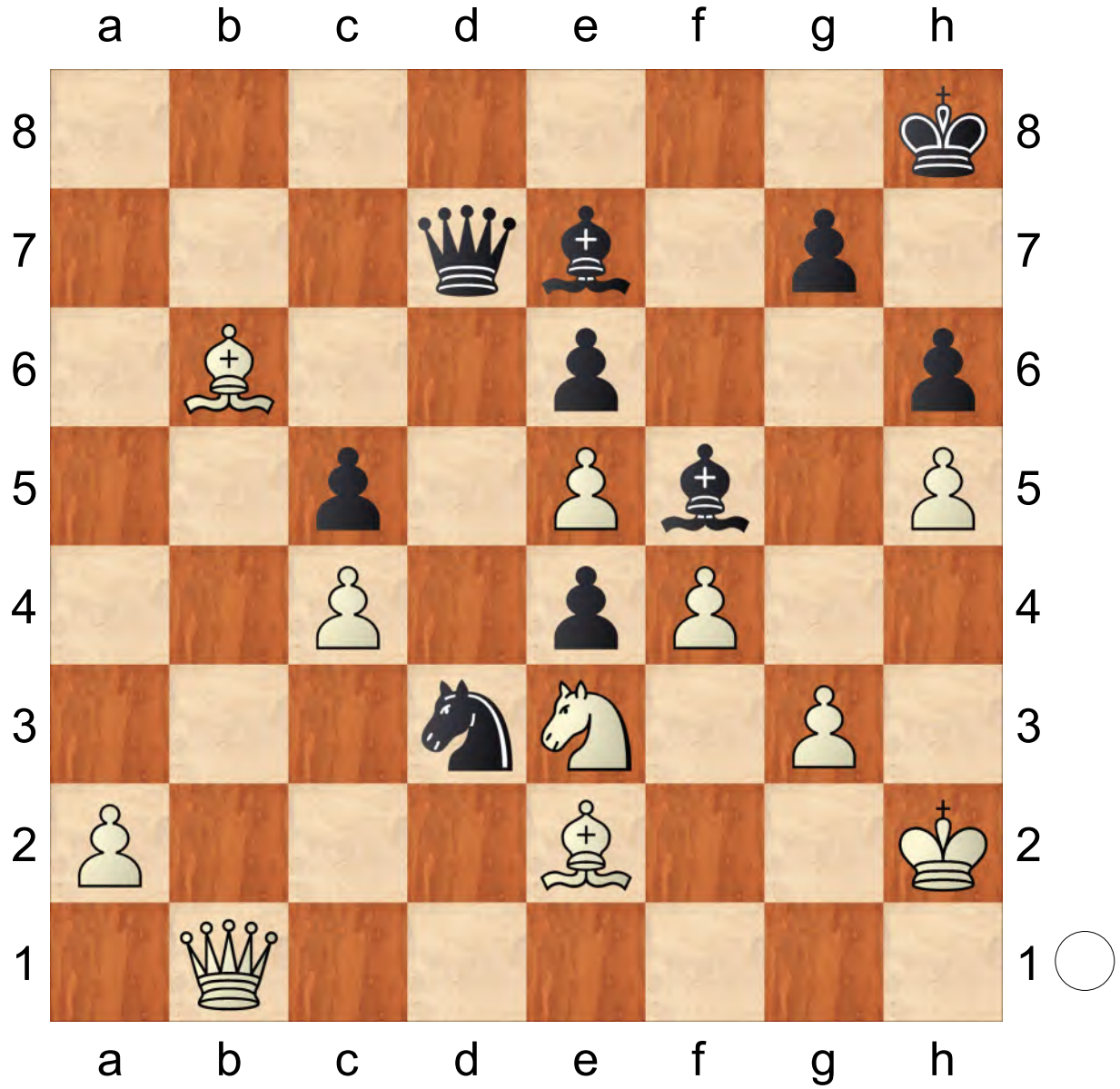
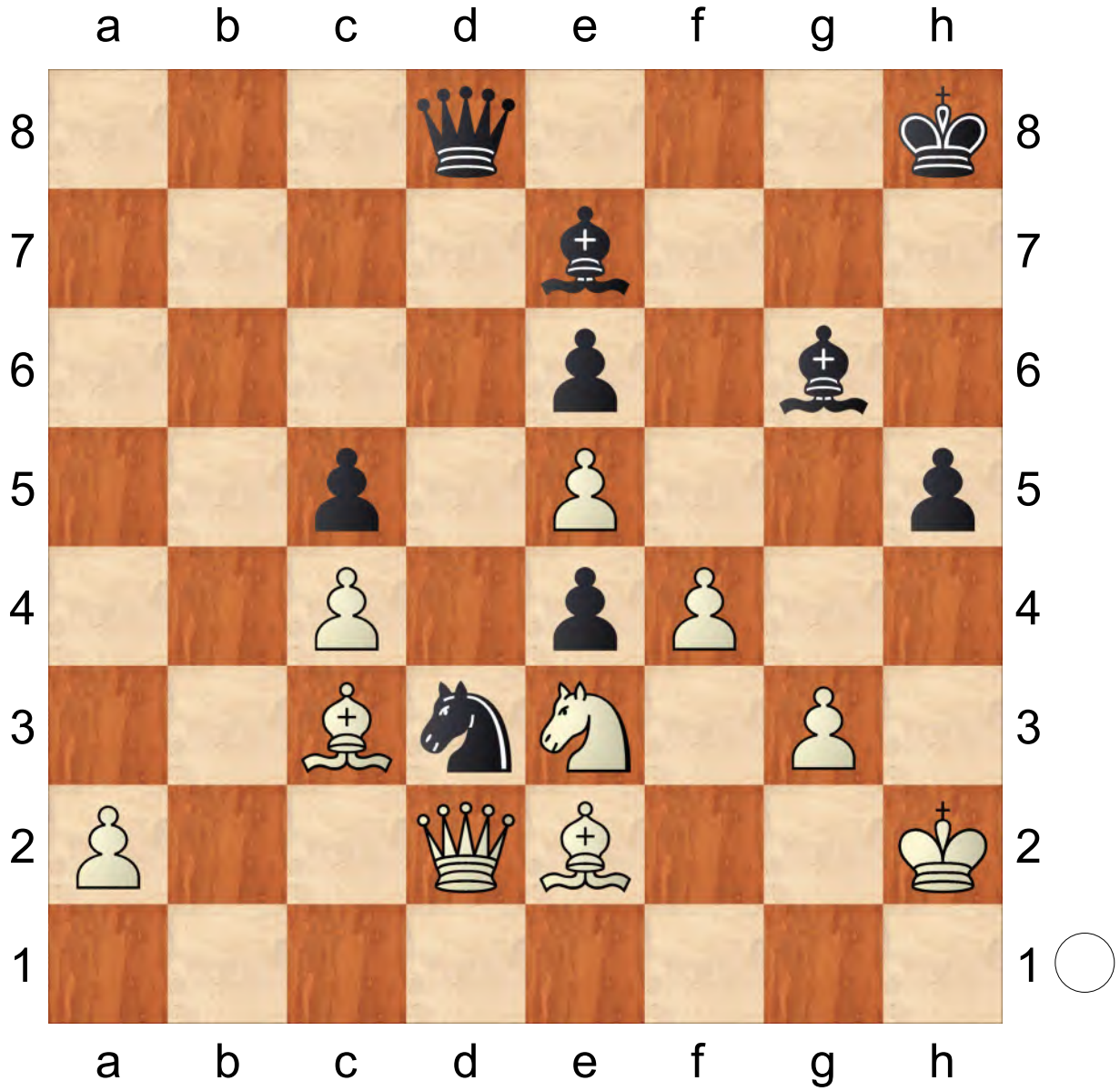


adjourned **41.Qd1**
[41.Qb5 Qd4 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Nxf5 *(43.Qxe7 Qxe3)* 43...Qf2+ 44.Kh3 exf5 45.Qg6+ Kh8 *(45...Kg8? 46.Qe6+ Kh8 47.Qc8+ Kh7 48.Qxf5++-)* 46.Qe8+ Kh7=]
41...Qd4
[41...g5 42.hxg6 Bxg6 43.a4 *(≤43.Ba5 Qa7 44.Qd2 Kh7 45.Bc3 Qa3)* 43...Qd4 44.Qd2 Nb2 45.Qxd4 cxd4 46.Bxd4 Nxa4 47.Bg4+-]
42.Qd2 g5
[42...Qa1 43.Bd1 *(43.Ba5? Nc1)* 43...Qb1 *(43...Nb4 44.a4 Nd3 45.a5)* 44.Ba5 Δ45.Lc3]
43.hxg6 Bxg6 44.Ba5 h5?!
[44...Kh7 45.Bc3 Qd7 46.Qd1+- ♁a]
45.Bc3 Qd8



46.Ng2?!
[46.f5+-
A) 46...Bxf5 47.Nxf5 Bg5 *(47...exf5 48.Qh6+ Kg8 49.e6+-)* 48.Qd1 *(48.Ne3+-)* 48...exf5 49.Bxd3 exd3 50.Qxh5+ Kg8 51.e6+-;
B) 46...Bf7 47.f6 Bf8 48.Ng2 Δ49.Dg5 Kh7 49.Qd1+-;
C) 46...exf5 47.Nxf5
C1) 47...Bg5 48.e6+
C1a) 48...Kh7 49.e7 Qd4 *(49...Qxe7 50.Nxe7 Bxd2 51.Bxd2)* 50.Qxg5 Qf2+ 51.Kh1 Qxf5 52.Qxf5 Bxf5 53.e8Q+-;
C1b) 48...Kg8 49.e7 Bxe7 50.Qh6→ +-;
C2) 47...Bxf5 48.Qh6+ Kg8 49.e6+-]
46...Qf8
[46...h4 47.g4+-]

[46...Qa8
A) 47.f5 Bxf5 48.Qh6+ Kg8 49.Bxh5 Qa3 *(49...Qxa2? 50.g4)* 50.Bd2 *(50.g4? Qxc3 51.gxf5 Qxe5+)* 50...Nxe5∞;
B) 47.Qd1 h4 48.gxh4 Qxa2⇄ Δ49... Dc4;
C) 47.Bd1 Qa3 48.g4 hxg4 49.Bxg4 Bf5 50.Bxf5 exf5 51.Ne3 Nxf4 52.Nxf5 Bg5 53.e6+ Kg8 54.e7±;
D) 47.g4 hxg4 *(47...h4 48.f5)* 48.Bxg4→ +- Qa6 *(48...Bf5 49.Bxf5 exf5 50.Qe3* Δ51.e6, 51.Dh3 *Qf8 51.Qh3+ Kg8 52.Ne3* ×f5 *Nxf4? 53.Qg3+; 48...Qg8 49.Qe3 Qh7+ 50.Qh3 Bf5 51.Bxf5 exf5 52.Qxh7+ Kxh7 53.a4* ΔSg2-d5+- *)* 49.f5 Bxf5 50.Qh6+ *(50.Bxf5 exf5 51.e6+ Kg8 52.Qh6+-)* 50...Bh7 51.Bf5]

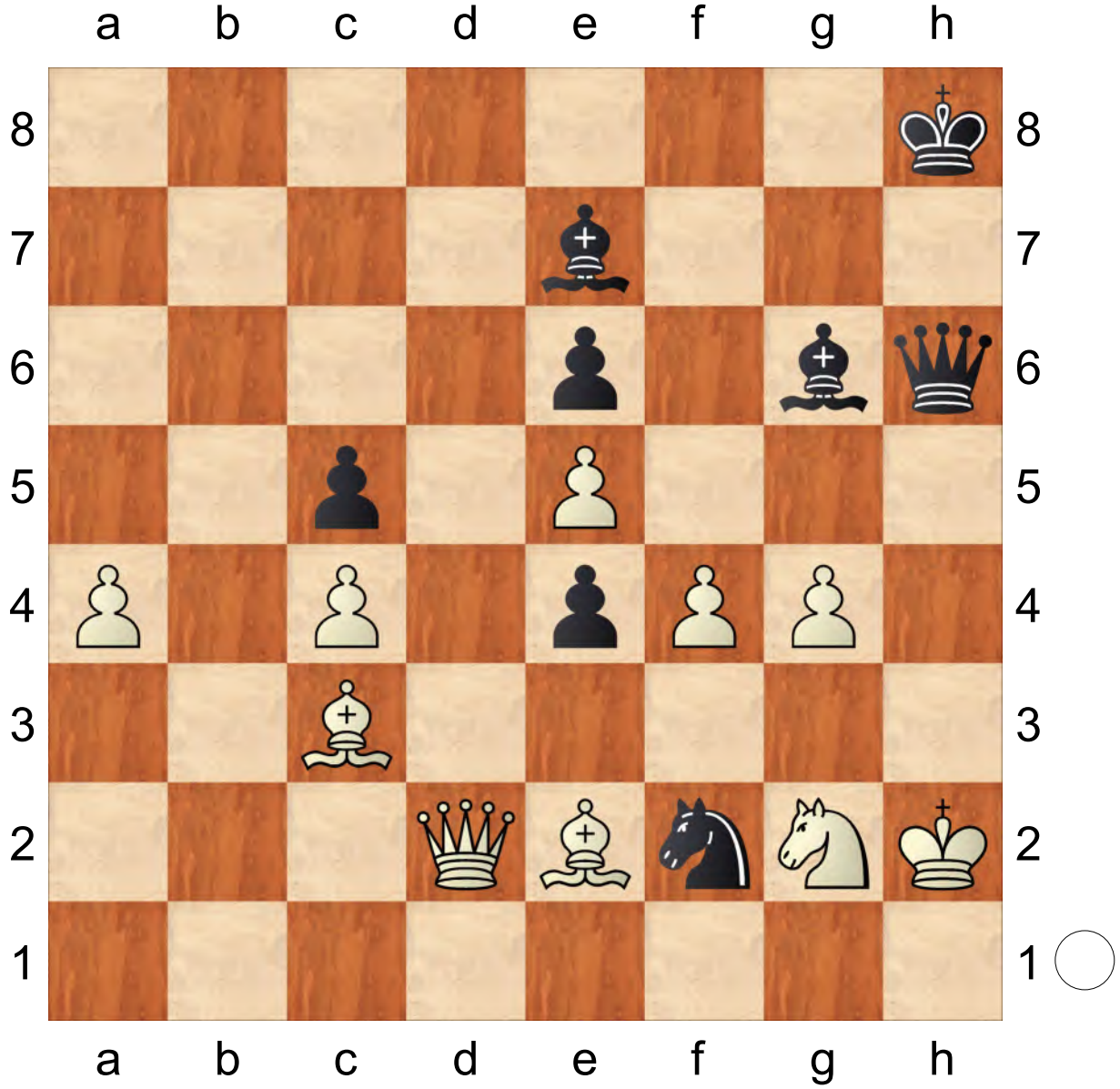
47.a4
[47.Qe3 Qa8 48.g4 Qa3 *(48...Qxa2 49.f5; 48...hxg4 49.Bxg4 Qa3 50.Bd2+-* ×e6 *)* 49.gxh5 Bf5 *(49...Qxc3 50.hxg6 Kg7 51.Qh3+-; 49...Bxh5 50.Qh3 Qxc3 51.Qxh5+ Kg7 52.Qe8+-)* 50.Qd2 Nc1 ±/+- 51.Bb2 Qh3+]

47...h4 48.g4?? Δ49.De3+-
[⌓48.gxh4 Qh6
A) 49.Qe3 Bxh4 50.Qh3 Nxf4 51.Qxh4 Qxh4+ 52.Nxh4 Nxe2 53.Nxg6+ Kg7 54.Bb2 *(≤54.a5 Nxc3 55.a6 Na4+-)* 54...Kxg6 55.a5 Nd4 56.Bxd4 cxd4 57.Kg3+- ♁a;
B) 49.Kg3 Bf5 50.Qe3 Δh5, Kh2]

48...h3 49.Kxh3 Nf2+ 50.Kh2?
[⌓50.Kg3 Nh1+ 51.Kh2 Qh6+ 52.Kg1
A) 52...Bh4? 53.Nxh4 *(53.g5 Bf2+ 54.Kf1 Qh2 55.Qd8+ Kg7 56.Qf6+ Kh7 57.Qe7+=)* 53...Qxh4 54.Qe1 Qh3 *(54...Ng3 55.Kg2+-)* 55.Bf1+-;
B) 52...Ng3 53.Qe3 *(≤53.f5 Bg5; ≤53.g5 Qh1+ 54.Kf2 e3+ 55.Qxe3 Ne4+ 56.Kf3 Qh5#)* 53...Qh1+ 54.Kf2 Nxe2∞ *(54...Qh2 55.Qxg3 e3+ 56.Qxe3 Bh4+ 57.Kf1 Qh1+ 58.Qg1+-)* 55.Qxe2
B1) 55...Bh4+ 56.Nxh4 Qxh4+ 57.Kg2 e3 58.Qf3 Bd3 59.Qh3+-;
B2) 55...Qh2
B2a) 56.Ke3 Qg3+ 57.Kd2 e3+ 58.Kc1 Be4 59.Nxe3 Qxf4 60.Kb2 Bg5⇄;
B2b) 56.Qe3?! Bh4+ 57.Kf1 Qh1+ 58.Qg1 Qh3=;
B2c) 56.g5 Bf5 57.Qe3 *(57.Ke3? Qg3+ 58.Kd2 Bg4 59.Qxe4 Bf3)* 57...Bh3 58.Qg3 Qh1 59.Ne3+-;
B2d) 56.a5 Bh4+ 57.Ke3 Qg3+ 58.Kd2 e3+ 59.Kd1 Be4 60.Be1 *(≤60.Nxh4)* 60...Qxg2 61.Qxg2 Bxg2 62.Bxh4 Bf3+ 63.Ke1 Bxg4 64.Be7+-;
B3) 55...Qh3
B3a) 56.Be1 e3+ 57.Nxe3 Bh4+ 58.Kg1 Be4 59.Ng2
B3a1) 59...Bxe1? 60.Qxe4;
B3a2) 59...Bxg2 60.Bxh4 Bf3 61.Qh2 Qxh2+ *(61...Qxg4+ 62.Kf2+-)* 62.Kxh2 Bxg4∞ /+-;

B3a3) 59...Bf3 60.Qd2 Bxe1 61.Nxe1 Qxg4+ 62.Kf2+-;
B3b) 56.Bd2 e3+ *(56...Qh2 57.g5)*
B3b1) 57.Nxe3 Bh4+ 58.Kg1 Be4 59.Ng2 *(59.Qh2? Bf2+)* 59...Bf3 60.Qf1⇄;
B3b2) 57.Bxe3 Be4 58.Qf1□ Qxg4⇄;
B3b3) 57.Qxe3 Qxg4 58.Qg3+-]

50...Qh6+



51.Kg1
[51.Kg3 Nh1#]
51...Nh3+ 52.Kf1 Ng5!
[52...Nxf4? 53.Qxf4 Bg5
A) 54.Qg3? Qh1+ 55.Kf2 e3+ 56.Kf3 *(56.Nxe3? Bh4)* 56...Be4+ 57.Kxe4 Qh7+ *(57...Qb1+ 58.Bd3 Qb7#)* 58.Kf3 Qb7#;

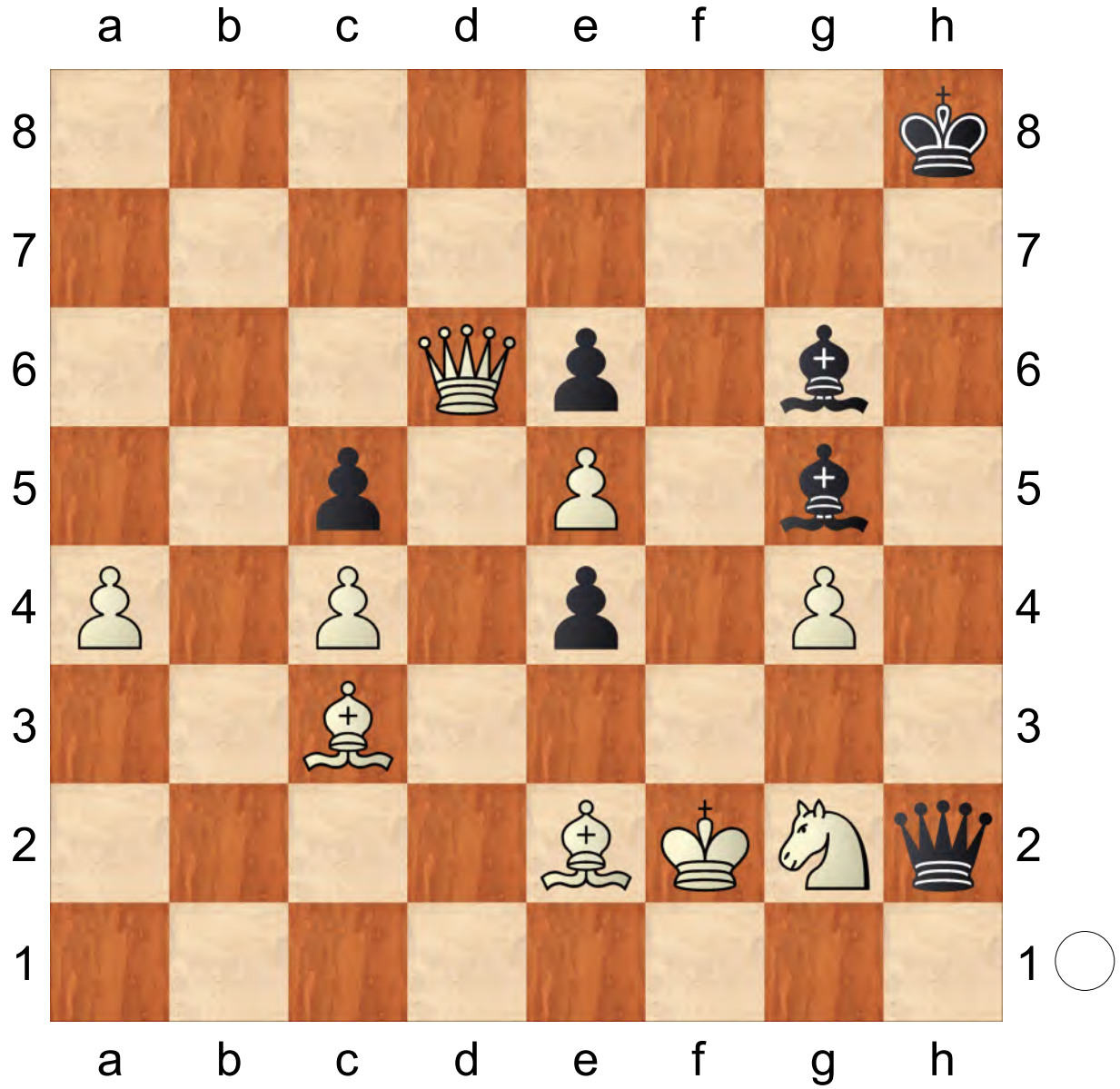
B) 54.Qf2
B1) 54...Qh3 55.Be1 e3 56.Qf8+ Kh7 57.Kg1 Be4 58.Qf7+ Δ59.Dh5+-ä *(58.Qf1? Bf4-+)*;
B2) 54...e3
B2a) 55.Qg1 Be4 *(55...Qf8+ 56.Ke1 Qb8 57.Nxe3+-)*
B2a1) 56.Ke1 Qh3 57.Qf1 *(57.Bf1 e2; 57.Nxe3 Bxe3 58.Qf1 Qh4+ 59.Kd1 Qd8+=)* 57...Kg7∓;
B2a2) 56.a5 Qh3 ΔLh4 57.Be1 Kg7 58.a6 Kg6 59.a7 Kg7∞;
B2b) ⌓55.Nxe3 Qh3+ *(55...Bxe3 56.Qf6+ Kh7 57.Qf3+-)* 56.Ng2 *(56.Qg2 Qxe3 57.Qf3 Qc1+ 58.Kf2+-)* 56...Qxc3 57.Qxc5 Qa1+ 58.Kf2 Qxa4 59.Qc8+ Kg7 *(59...Qe8 60.Qxe8+ Bxe8 61.Kg3+-)* 60.Qxe6 Qa7+ 61.Kg3 Qa3+ 62.Kh2+-]

53.fxg5
[53.Ke1? Qh1+ 54.Kf2 *(54.Bf1? Nf3+)* 54...e3+-+ 55.Kxe3 *(55.Qxe3 Ne4+ 56.Kf3 Qh3#; 55.Nxe3 Ne4#)* 55...Qg1#]
[53.Kf2 Nh3+
A) 54.Ke3 Nxf4 55.Nxf4 Bg5↑;
B) 54.Kf1 Ng5=;
C) 54.Ke1 Ng1 55.Qe3 Qh1
C1) 56.Kf2 Qh2 57.g5 *(57.Kf1? Nh3 58.Ke1 Qxg2 59.Bf1 Bh4+-+)* 57...Nh3+ 58.Ke1 Qxg2 59.Bf1 Nxf4 60.Qxf4 Qc2=;
C2) 56.Bf1 Nf3+ 57.Kf2 *(57.Ke2 Qh3→)* 57...Bh4+ 58.Nxh4 *(58.Ke2 Nh2 59.Nxh4 Qxf1+ 60.Kd2 Nf3+ 61.Nxf3 exf3=)* 58...Qxh4+ 59.Ke2 Qh2+ *(59...Qxg4? 60.Kd1)* 60.Qf2 *(60.Kd1 Qa2=)* 60...Qxf4 61.Qxc5 Qxg4→;
D) 54.Kg3 Ng1 55.Kf2 *(55.Qe1 Qh3+∓; 55.Qe3 Nf3)* 55...Nh3+ 56.Kg3 Ng1 57.a5 *(57.Kf2=)* 57...Qh3+ 58.Kf2 Qh2 59.g5 Nh3+ 60.Ke1 Qxg2 61.Bf1!? Nxf4 *(61...Qg3+∓)* 62.Qxf4 Qc2 63.Qd2 Qa4=]

53...Bxg5 54.Qd6 Qh1+ 55.Kf2 Qh2
[55...e3+? 56.Kg3 Be4 57.Qf8+ Kh7 58.Bf3+-]

(Diagram)

56.Bf1□
[56.Qxc5? e3+ 57.Ke1 Qg1+ 58.Bf1 Qf2+ 59.Kd1 Qxf1+ 60.Ne1 e2#]
[56.Qf8+ Kh7 57.Bf1 *(57.a5 Bh4+ 58.Ke3 Qxg2 59.Kd2 e3+ 60.Kd1 Qe4∓)* 57...e3+ 58.Ke2 Qg3 59.Kd1 *(59.a5 Qxg4+ 60.Ke1 Qg3+ 61.Kd1 e2+ 62.Bxe2 Qxc3-+)* 59...Qxg4+ 60.Be2 Qe4-+]
56...e3+ adjourned **57.Ke2**
[57.Ke2 Qg3 58.Kd1□ *(58.Qf8+ Kh7-+ 59.Qf3? Bd3+)* 58...Qxg4+ *(58...e2+ 59.Kxe2 Qxc3 60.Kf2±)* 59.Be2 Qxg2 *(59...Qe4? 60.Qb8+ Kg7 61.Ne1+-)* 60.Qf8+ Kh7 Δ61... De4 61.Qf3 Qg1+ 62.Qf1 Qf2! Δ63... Lh5 63.Qxf2



(63.Qh1+ Kg7 Δ64... Df5 *64.Qb7+ Kh6 65.Qh1+=)* 63...exf2 Δ64... Lh5 64.Bf1 Bh5+ 65.Kc2 Bf3 66.a5 Bb7 ΔKh7-g6-h5=]

(Diagram)

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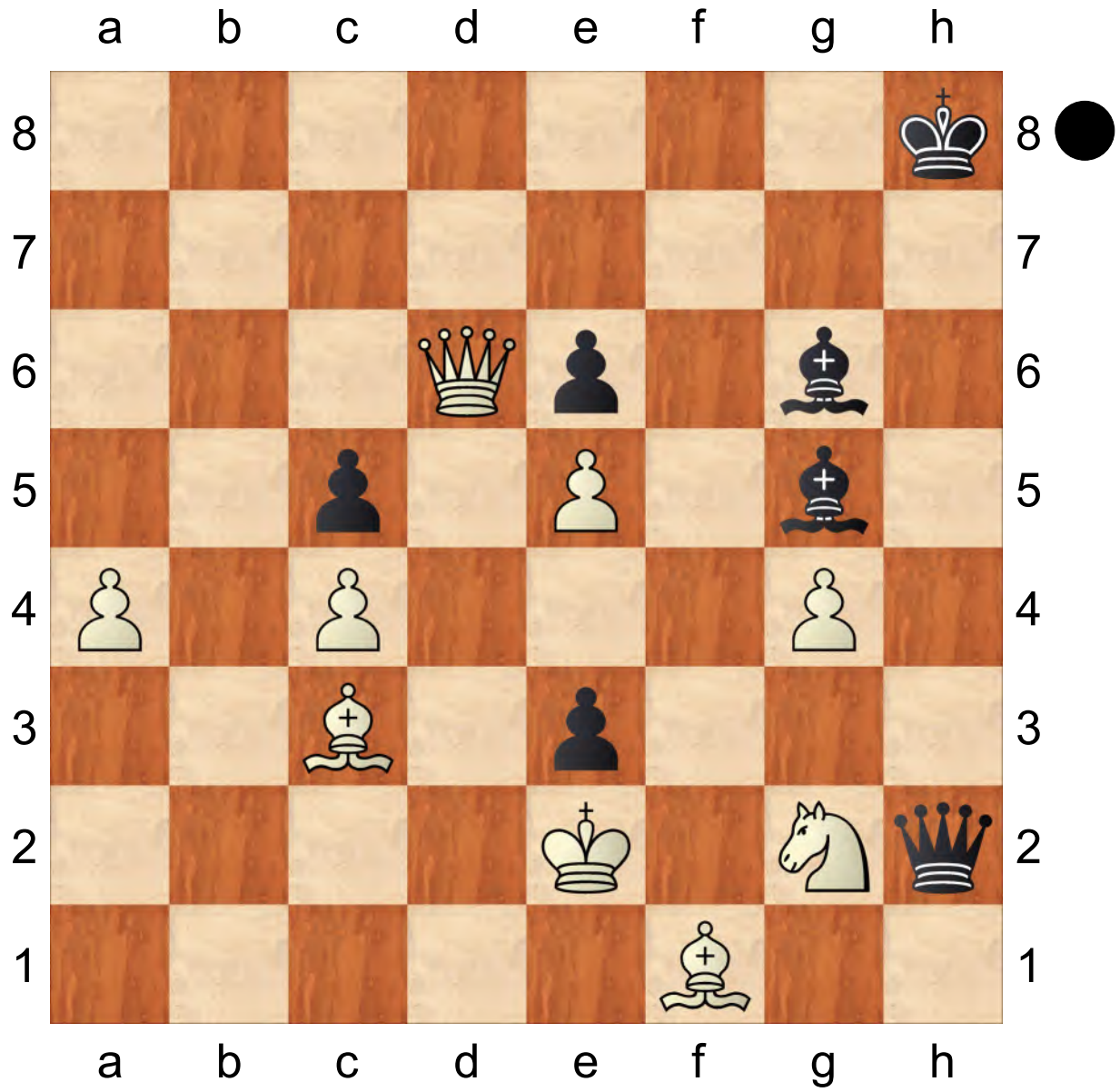
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□ **Hertneck,Gerald** **2540**
■ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2785**
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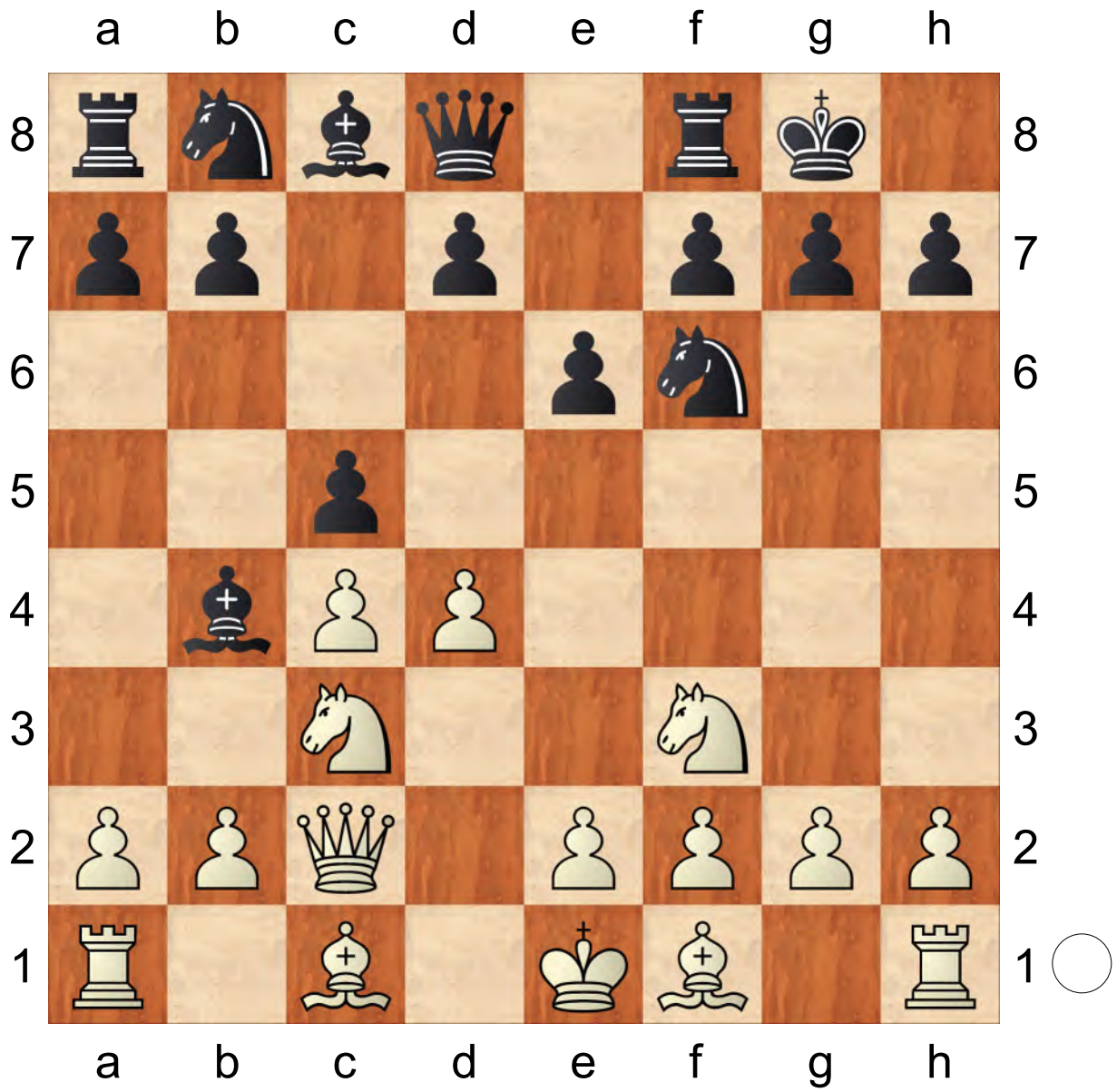
1.d4 Ftacnik Ftacnik **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 c5**



6.dxc5 Na6 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2

[8.Bd2

A) 8...d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3

A1) 11...Nfe4!? 12.b4!? *(12.Bg2?! Bd7! 13.0-0 Ba4 14.Qb1 Nb3∓; 12.Bd4 Bf5!? 13.Bxc5 Rc8 14.b4 b6↑)*

A1a) 12...Na4 13.Qxa4! *(13.Bd4? Bd7 14.Bg2 Bb5 15.0-0 Rc8∓ Δ ♘a4-c3)* 13...Nxc3 14.Qc2 d4 15.Qd3**±**;

A1b) 12...Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Qd4 a5 15.Bg2 axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1+ 17.Qxa1 Qb6 18.Qd4**±**;

A1c) 12...Ne6 13.Bg2 Qc7 *(13...Nxc3 14.Qxc3 d4 15.Qd3±; 13...Bd7!? 14.Be5!? Rc8 15.Qb2 f6 16.Bd4 Ba4 17.Rc1 Rxc1+ 18.Qxc1 Qd7 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Qe3∞)* 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.Ne5! *(15.Bd4?! Qxc2 16.Rxc2 Rfc8 17.Rxc8+ Rxc8 18.0-0 b6∓)* 15...Ba4 *(15...Rac8 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4±)* 16.Qb2 *(16.Qd3?! Rac8 17.Bxe4 Qxe5!! 18.Bxd5 Rxc3! 19.Rxc3 Rd8 20.e4 Rxd5 21.Rc8+ Nf8 22.Qxd5 Qa1+ 23.Ke2 Qxh1∞)* 16...Rac8 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.0-0 Qb6 19.Ng4!? Δ ♘e3-f5 ⇄» Rc6 20.Ne3 Qb5 21.Be5 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 f6 23.Bd6 Rd8? 24.Be7**±** Re8 25.Bxf6! gxf6 26.Ng4 f5? 27.Nh6+ Kf8 Gurevich,M-Ehlvest,J/FRA-chT/1992/1-0/28/;

A2) 11...Nce4 12.Bd4 Bg4 13.Bg2 Rc8 14.Qa4 a6 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.exf3 Nc5 17.Qd1 Ne6**∞** Dydyshko,V-Serper,G/URS/1991/;

B) 8...b6 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nce4!= A simple good move which is a theoretical novelty and which equalises. White tries to create something, but after the forced exchange it is very difficult. *(10...Rc8 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.Bf4 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nb5 Nce4 15.Qb3 Bc5 16.Nbd4 Ng4 17.Rf1 Qf6 18.Rad1 g5 19.Bc1 Ngxf2 20.Rxf2 Bxd4 21.e3 Nxf2 22.Kxf2 Bc5 23.Kg1 Rcd8 24.Nd4 Ba6 25.Qc2 Rc8 26.Qa4 Bxd4 27.exd4 Be2 28.Re1 Rc4 29.Qa3 Rc2 30.Qe3 Bb5 31.Qxg5+* Gurevich,M-Ivanov,AV/Moscow 25'/1992/0-1/65/) 11.Nxe4 *(11.Ng5?! Nxd2 12.Bxb7?! Nxf1 13.Bxa8 Nxg3∓)* 11...Bxe4 12.Qa4 *(12.Qd1 Be7!? 13.Bf4 d5=)* 12...Bxd2 *(12...Bxf3 13.Bxb4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qc8 16.Bd6±)* 13.Nxd2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qc7 15.Qa3 Rfc8 16.Rac1 h6 17.Rfd1 Qe5 18.Nf3 [If 18..Qxe2 19.Re1 traps the queen] Qe4 19.Qd3 Qxd3 20.exd3 Rc7 21.Nd4 Kf8 22.Rc3 d5?! 23.Nb5 Rb7 24.Ra3 Rd7! 25.Rc1 dxc4 26.dxc4 Rd2 27.b4 [Active play secures the draw] Rb2 28.Rxa7 Rxa7 29.Nxa7 Rxb4 30.c5 bxc5 31.Rxc5 Gurevich,M-Georgiev,Kir/Manila olm/1992/½-½/33/]

[8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Nce4 *(9...Ng4?! 10.Qc2! Qb6 11.b4±)* 10.Qc2

A) 10...Qa5+?! 11.b4! *(11.Nd2 Qf5 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bf4! Nxg3 14.Qxf5 Nxf5 15.Rd1≅)* 11...Qf5 12.Bb2 Ng4 *(12...Nxg3 13.Qxf5 Nxf5 14.Rg1↑)* 13.h3! Ngxf2 14.Rh2**±**;

B) 10...b5!↑ 11.cxb5 Qa5+ *(11...Bb7?! 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.Qa4 Nc5 14.Qd1 Bd5 15.b4 Nb3 16.Rb1 Ne4 17.Bb2±)* 12.b4 *(12.Nd2? Bb7 13.Bg2 Rac8 14.Qd1 Nc3∓)* 12...Qxb5 13.Bg2 Ba6 14.Nd4 Qd5 15.Qb2! *(15.Bb2? Rac8 16.Qd1 e5* Δ d1, «c2↑*)* 15...e5 16.Nf3 *(16.Nb3 Qc4! 17.Na5∞)* 16...Rac8! 17.Nd2?! Bxe2! 18.Kxe2 Nxg3+ 19.hxg3 Qxg2 20.Rh4□ d5!?→ 21.Qb1! d4? 22.Ne4**±** Nd5 23.Bd2 f5? 24.Nc5 e4 25.Qh1 d3+ 26.Ke1 Qxh1+ 27.Rxh1 a5? 28.Kf1 Rfe8 29.Kg2 axb4 30.axb4 Rb8 31.Rhb1+- Nikolic,Pr-Yusupov,A/Tilburg/1987/1-0/38/]

8...Nce4

[8...b6 9.0-0 *(9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Bxb7 Nxb7 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ng4 f5 14.Ne3 Na5 15.a3 Bc5 16.Ncd1 Rac8 17.Rc1 b5!)* 9...Bb7 *(9...Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Ba6 11.b3 d5 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Qe1 Ne4 15.Bb2 Rac8 16.Rac1 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Rc8 18.Rxc8+ Bxc8 19.Ne5 f5 20.Qc1 Bb7 21.Nc6 Qc7 22.Bxe4 fxe4 23.Nxa7 Qxc1+ 24.Bxc1 Nc3 25.Be3 Nxe2+ 26.Kf1 Nc3 27.Bxb6 Nxa2 28.Ba5 Kf7 29.Bd2 e5 30.Ke2 Ke6 31.Ke3* Makarjev,I-Kostanjeda,G/Moscow-ch/1992/1-0/61/ *)*

A) 10.Rd1 Rc8 11.Bf4!? *(11.a3?! Bxc3 12.Qxc3 d5∓)* 11...Nce4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Qa4! a5□ *(13...Rxc4? 14.a3 Bc2 15.Qb5±)* 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 d5!? 16.Rac1 *(16.Bg5?! Qc7! 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nd7 Rfd8 19.Nxf6+ Kg7 20.Nh5+ Kh6 21.Nf4 Qxc4∓)* 16...Qe7 17.a3 Bc5 18.Bg5!? h6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Nd3 Qf5 21.cxd5 Qxd5+ 22.Kg1 Qf5?! 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Bd4 25.Qa6?!⊕ Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rd8 27.Rc8 Qd5 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8 29.Qb7 g5! Δ »g7, d5= 30.b5 Kg7 31.Kg2 Gurevich,M-Hjartarson,J/Reykjavik/1990/½-½/53/;

B) 10.Bf4 Nce4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Qa4 Be7 13.Rfd1 Qc8 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Rd8 16.Bg5 a6 17.Bxf6 b5 18.cxb5 Bxf6 19.Nf3 Bxb2 20.Rab1 axb5 21.Qxb5 Bf6 22.a4 Qc2 23.a5 Qa2 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Rxa5 26.Rxd7? Rf8 27.Rb2 Crouch,C-Speelman,J/Hastings (12)/1992/½-½/27/;

C) 10.Nb5!? Be4 *(10...Nce4 11.Bf4 a6 12.Nbd4 Rc8 13.Qd3 d5 14.Rac1 Bc5 15.a3 dxc4 16.Rxc4 b5 17.Rcc1 Qe7 18.b4 Ba7 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rc1 Rxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Qd6 23.Ndc6 Bxf2+ 24.Kf1 Bxc6 25.Nxc6 Bb6 26.Qxd6 Nxd6 27.Nb8 a5 28.Bc6 axb4 29.axb4 Ng4 30.Kg2 Ne5 31.Ba8* Annakov,B-Danielsen,H/Manila olm/1992/0-1/57/*)* 11.Qd1 Nb7! 12.a3 a6 13.axb4 axb5 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.cxb5 Nd5 16.Qd4 f5 17.Ne5!? Boensch,U-Browne,W/Dortmund/1990/]

[8...Nfe4!? 9.0-0 Bxc3 *(9...Nxc3?! 10.bxc3 Ba5 11.Rd1±)* 10.bxc3 d6! Δ »d7-a4 *(10...Qa5! 11.Nd4! Qxc3 12.Qxc3 Nxc3 13.Ba3 N3a4 14.Nb5↑* Δ □d6 *)* 11.Nd4 *(11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Qc7 13.Rd1 Rd8 14.Qg5∞)* 11...f5 12.Nb3 Bd7 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bf4 e5 *(14...Bc6?! 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Rad1 d5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.c4±)* 15.Be3 e4 *(15...Bc6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Rd2 Rad8 20.Rfd1±)* 16.f3 Qc7! 17.Qd2 Bc6 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Bf4 Qb6?! 20.Kh1 Rd7?! 21.Bxd6 Qd8 22.Qd4!? Ne6 23.Qe5 Re8 24.fxe4 Ng5 25.Qxf5 Nxe4 26.Be5!± Gurevich,M-Beliavsky,A/Reggio/1991/1-0/38/]

[8...d5!? 9.cxd5 *(9.0-0 Qa5 10.cxd5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxd5 12.Bd2 Qa4 13.Qxa4 Nxa4 14.Rfc1 Rd8 15.c4 Ne7 16.Ba5 b6 17.Ne5 Rb8 18.Bb4 Nc5 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Nd3 Bb7 21.Bxb7 Rxb7 22.Nxc5 Rb2 23.e3 Rdd2 24.Ne4 Re2 25.Rab1 Nc6 26.Rxb2 Rxb2 27.a3 Kf8 28.Rc3 Ke7 29.c5 Kd7 30.g4 Ne5 31.h3* Boensch,U-Wehmeier,S/Lippstadt/1992/½-½/43/ *)* 9...exd5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Be3 Rc8 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Nfe4 14.Qc2 Qd7 15.Qd1 Rfd8 16.Rc1 b6 17.Nd4± Glek,I-Balashov,Y/URS/1989/]

9.0-0

[9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Nxd2
A) 10...a6 11.0-0
A1) 11...Qc7
A1a) 12.Nce4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 f5 14.Qb3 *(14.a3!? Be7 15.Nd2)* 14...Be7 15.Nc3 Rb8 16.Rad1? Bf6 17.Rd3 b5!∓ 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Qe5 20.a4 Qxe2 21.Rb1 f4 22.Bf3 Qe5 23.g4 Rd8 24.Qd1 d5 25.Nd4 Qd6 26.b4 Bxd4? 27.Rxd4 Bb7 28.b5 e5 29.Rd2 Qe6 30.Be4□ d4 31.Bxb7 Kortschnoj,V-Timman,J/Tilburg/1991/1-0/54/;
A1b) 12.Rfc1
A1b1) 12...Rb8 13.a3 *(13.Nce4 N Nxe4 14.Bxe4 h6 15.a3 Be7 16.c5 b6 17.cxb6 Qxb6 18.Nc4 Qb3 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Qxb3 Rxb3 21.Bc2 Rb8 22.b4 g5 23.Bd3 Kg7 24.Ra2 Bb7 25.Na5 Rfc8 26.Rac2 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 Bc8 28.e3* Illescas Cordoba,M-Salov,V/Linares/1992/*)* 13...Be7 14.Na4 b6 15.b4 a5! 16.b5?! Bb7 17.Qd3 Rfc8 18.Rc3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qb7+ 20.Qf3?! d5! 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Rc4 Bg5 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.Ne4 Be7 25.Qb3 Qc7 26.Rd1 Rc8 27.Rd3 Qc4 28.Nd2 Qxb3 29.Rxb3 f5∓ Boensch,U-Ivanchuk,V/Terrassa/1991/½-½/52/;
A1b2) 12...Be7 13.Na4 d6 14.c5 d5 15.b4± Boensch,U-Lobron,E/Hannover/1991/;
A2) 11...Qc7;
B) 10...Rb8 11.0-0 b6
B1) 12.Nde4 N Nxe4 *(12...Bb7 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Ne4±)* 13.Bxe4 h6 *(13...f5 14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.a3 Be7 17.Rad1 Qc8 18.Qd3 a6 19.Rd2 Rc7 20.Na4 Qb7 21.b4 b5 22.Nb2 bxc4 23.Nxc4 Qb5 24.Nd6 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Rb8 26.e4 fxe4 27.Nxe4 d5 28.Nd2 Rbc8 29.Re3 Kf7 30.Rfe1 Rc6 31.Nb3* Kortschnoj,V-Gelfand,B (3)/Tilburg5.02 (30')/1992/0-1/80/*)* 14.Rad1 Δ □b5 a6= 15.a3 Be7 16.Rd2 Qc7 17.Qd3 Rd8 18.Rfd1 d6 19.e3 Δ □e2-f4-h5 Bd7!? [Δ b5] 20.a4 Rbc8 21.b3 Be8 22.Ne2 b5!= 23.axb5 axb5 24.cxb5 d5 25.Bg2 Qb6 26.Nd4 Bf6 27.Bf1 Rb8 28.e4! Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Bxb5 30.Bc4!? Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Gurevich,M-Sax,G/Moscow GMA/1990/½-½/33/;
B2) 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Bb7 14.Rfd1 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qe7 16.Qf3 Rfc8 17.Rac1 Rc7 18.Rc3 Rbc8 19.Rd3 d6 20.Nf1 Rxc4 21.Rxd6 Nd5 22.R6xd5 exd5 23.Ne3 R4c5 24.b4 R5c6 25.Nxd5 Qe5 26.Ne3 Re6 27.Qb7 Rf8 28.Qxa7 f5 29.Rd2 f4 30.Nf1 fxg3 31.hxg3 Chiong,L-King,D/Bern op/1992/0-1/33/;
B3) 12.Rac1 Bb7 13.Qa4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Qc7= Yrjola,J-Andersson,U/Thessaloniki olm/1988/;
C) 10...d5 11.0-0 *(11.cxd5?! N exd5 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Qd3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Rc8 15.Rab1 b6 16.h3 Bh5? 17.f4! h6 18.f5 Qc7 19.Rb4! Ne4* Finegold,B-Winants,L/BEL/1991/ *)*
C1) 11...Bd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.a3 *(13.Nxd5? Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Bh3∓)*

13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qb6 15.Qb3 Bb5 16.Rfe1 Qa6 *(16...Rfe8 17.e3 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.Qb4 Bc6 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.b4 b5± Boensch,U-Palkovi,J/Stara Zagora zt/1990/)* 17.e3 Rac8 18.Rec1?! *(⌓18.Rac1±)* 18...Rc6!= 19.Qb4 Rfc8 20.Rxc6 Qxc6 21.Re1 Qc5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5 23.Nf3 Kf8?! 24.Nd4 Ba4 25.Bf1 g6 26.f3± Timman,J-Kortchnoi,V (01)/Brussels m/1991/½-½/;

C2) 11...d4 12.Nce4

C2a) 12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 f5 *(13...Bxd2 14.Qxd2± Stempin,P)* 14.Bg2 e5 15.Bd5+ Kh8∞;

C2b) 12...e5!

C2b1) 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Ne4 Qg6 15.a3 Be7 16.b4 f5 17.Nd2 e4 18.Nb3 Bf6 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.Rd2 Be6 21.Rfd1 Rac8 22.Nc5 Qf7∓;

C2b2) 13.a3 Bxd2 *(13...Be7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.b4±; 13...Nxe4 14.axb4 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Qe7 16.b5 Be6 17.b3* **Δ**♖a4 *)* 14.Nxd2 Qe7=;

C2b3) 13.c5 Bf5 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Be4 *(15.Ne4 Qg6 16.a3 Bxc5 17.Qxc5 Bxe4 18.Qxe5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rfe8 20.Qxd4 Rxe2=)* 15...Bh3 16.Rfc1 Rac8 17.Bxb7 Rc7 18.Bf3 Bxc5 19.Ne4 Qb6 20.Bg2 Bf5 21.g4 Bg6 22.h4 Rfc8 23.Qb3 Qxb3 Kortschnoj,V-Greenfeld,A/Beersheba/1992/½-½/23/]

9...Nxc3

[9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Nd4!

A) 11...Qxc3? 12.Qxc3 *(12.Bxe4 Qxd4 13.Bg2 Qxa1 14.Bb2 Qxa2 15.Ra1 Qxa1+ 16.Bxa1∞)* 12...Nxc3 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Rfc1 Na4 15.Nb5;

B) 11...d5! 12.cxd5 exd5 13.c4 Re8 14.cxd5 *(14.Bb2?! dxc4 15.Qxc4 Nd2∓)* 14...Qxd5 15.Bb2 Bd7⇄ 16.f3 Rac8 17.Qd3 Nc5 18.Qd2 Na4 19.e4 Qd6 20.Rad1 Nxb2 21.Qxb2 Rc4 22.Rfe1? Ba4∓ 23.Nb3 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rb4 25.Rd2 Nd7! 26.Qa1 Ne5 27.Nd4 Rd8? 28.Nf5! Rxd2 29.Qxe5 Qf6 30.Qc5! Qb6 31.Qe5 Vera,R-Adla,D/CUB/1992/½-½/]

10.bxc3 Be7

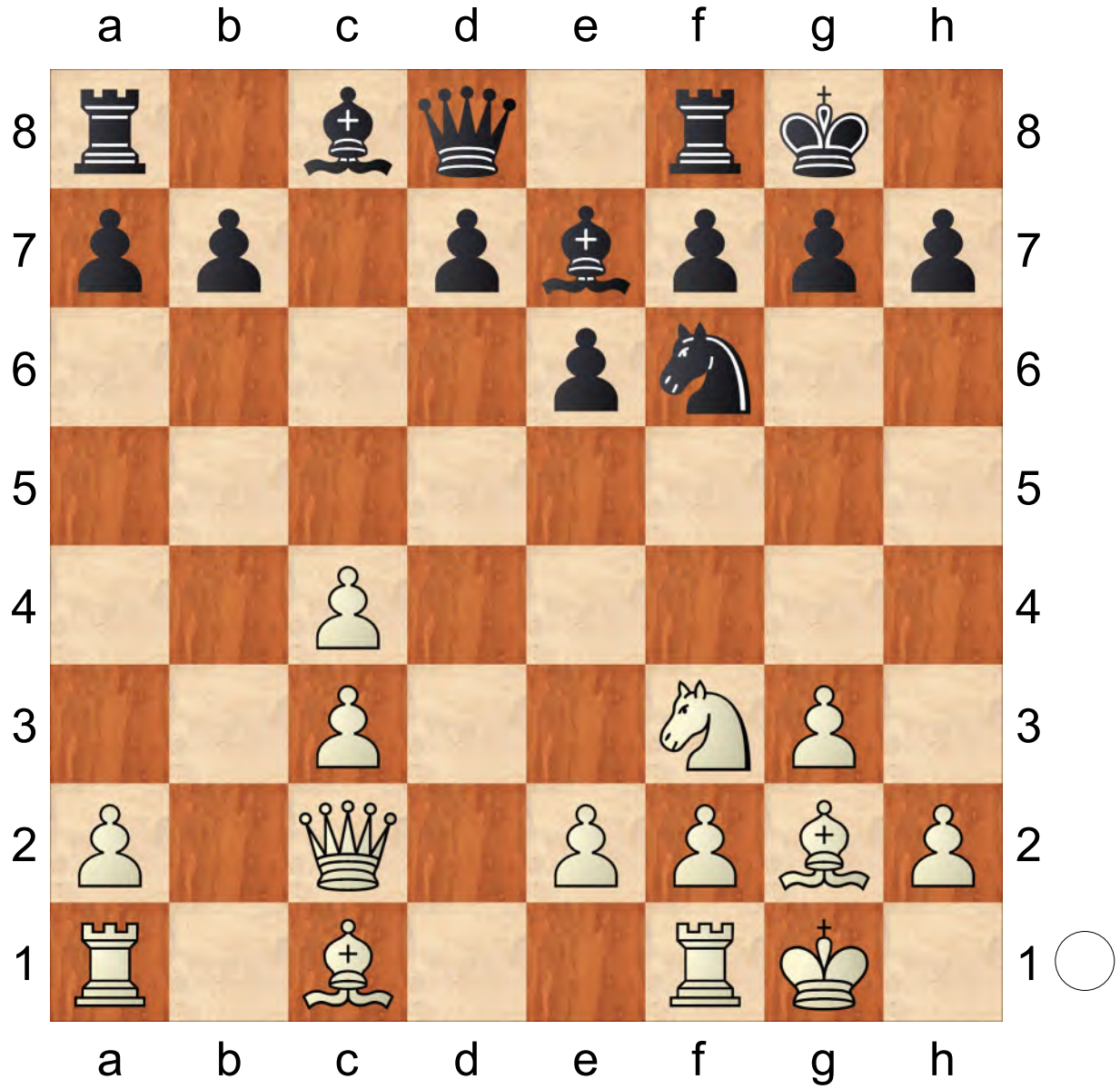
[10...Bc5 11.Nd4 d6 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Rd1 Nd7 16.Ba3 Nc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Rd2 Rb8 19.Rad1 b6 20.Qa4 g6 21.Rd6 Kg7 22.f4 Qe7 23.Qc2 e5 24.Qe4 Bf5 25.Qxe5+ Qxe5 26.fxe5 Rbe8 27.Kf2 Rxe5 28.Rd8 Be6 29.Rxf8 Kxf8 30.Bd5 Ke7 31.e4 Wiedenkeller,M-Schneider,LA/SVE-ch/1992/½-½/38/]

(Diagram)

11.e4

[11.Bf4 d6 12.c5!? dxc5 13.c4 Nd7 14.Rab1 Qe8 15.Bc7 Bd8 16.Bd6 Be7 17.Bc7 Bd8 18.Bd6 Be7 Crouch,C-Polugaevsky,L/Hastings/1992/½-½/]

[11.Nd4 Qc7 12.Qb3 d6 13.Ba3 Nd7 14.Nb5 Qb8 15.Rab1 a6 16.Nd4 Qc7



17.f4 Nf6 18.Rb2 d5 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qb4 Qc7 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.f5 Re8 24.f6= Ftacnik,L-Schlosser,P/Brno/1992/]

[11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Qd3 Rd8 13.Be3 d6 14.Nd4 Ng4 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.Bc1 a6 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Qc2 Qc7 19.f4 Nxc4 20.f5 e5 21.Bd5 Nb6 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.f6 Bxf6 24.Qxh7∓ Doroshkievich,V-Makarov,M/RSFSR-ch Kuibishev/1990/]

[11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Qd3 Rd8 *(12...d6 13.Ba3!)*

A) 13.Rb1 Rb8! Δ b6;

B) 13.a4 d5!= *(13...b6? 14.Bf4!±; 13...Rb8?! 14.a5!)*;

C) 13.Nd4 a6 14.e4 *(14.Rb1 d5! 15.cxd5 Nxd5! 16.Nf5? Bf6)* 14...d6 15.Rb1 Rb8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Ba3 Ba4 18.Re1 Bf8 19.f4 Nd7 20.Bb4 Rdc8 21.Bf1 b6 22.Rb2 b5 23.cxb5 a5 24.Ba3∓ Wilder,M-Pinter,J/Dortmund/1988/ 0-1/49/]

11...d6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Qc7

[13...Nd7?! 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Bf4 Qc8 17.Bd6!±]

14.Qe2

[14.Bf4? g5]

14...Bd6!?

[14...Nd7 15.Bf4

A) 15...Bd6 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Bxb7 Rab8 19.Rfd1 *(19.Rab1 Bc6 20.Rfd1 Qc5 21.Bxc6 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Qxc6 23.Qe5 Qxc4 24.Rb8=* Lobron,E-Rechlis,G/Bern zt/1990/½-½/33/ *)* 19...Qc7 20.Be4 Bc8 21.Rd4 e5 22.Rd5 f5 23.Bg2 e4 24.Rad1± Gurevich,M-Petursson,M/Reggio/1989/1-0/33/;

B) 15...Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Rab1 Rb8 20.Qe3 b6 21.c5 Bd7 *(21...bxc5 22.Rxb8 Qxb8 23.Qxc5 Ba6 24.h4=* Franco,Z-Vera,R/Barcelona (06)/1990/ *)*

B1) 22.cxb6 axb6 23.Rb4 *(23.Qd4 Bc6 24.Qd6=* Bareev,E-Kortschnoj,V/Tilburg/1991/*)* 23...b5 24.Be4= Gurevich,M-Lalic,B/Haifa EU-chT/1989/½-½/29/ *(24.Rg4 e5 25.Rh4 Be6 26.Be4 h6* Finegold,B-Winants,L/Wijk-B/1992/½-½/ *)* 24...Bc6;

B2) 22.Qd4 bxc5 23.Qc4 Rb6 24.Rxb6∓ Kaidanov,G-Panchenko,A/Palma GMA-op (4)/1989/]

[14...Ne8 15.Rd1 *(15.Rb1 f6 16.Nf3 Nd6 17.Nd4 e5 18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.Bxe6 b6 21.f4 Nb7 22.Bd5 Rae8 23.fxe5 Bc5+ 24.Kg2 fxe5 25.Bg5 e4 26.Rxf8+ Bxf8 27.Rf1 Nd6 28.Be3 Be7 29.Bd4 Qd8 30.Qh5 Rf8 31.Qe5* Vera,R-Ivanov,AV/Linares NL/1992/½-½/81/ *)* 15...f6 16.Ng4 Nd6 17.Ba3 Re8 18.c5 Nf5 19.Rd2 Rf8 20.Qc4 Rb8 21.Re1 Kh8 22.Rxe6 h5 23.Be4 Nd6 24.Qd5± Hertneck,G-Wahls,M/BL 9293/1992/1-0/]

15.Bf4 Ne8!?

[15...g5? 16.c5! *(16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.Bxd6±)* 16...Qxc5 17.Nd3 Qc7 18.Bxg5±]

[15...Nd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Bxb7 Rab8 cf. 14...♘fd7 15.♗f4 ♗d6]

(Diagram)

16.Rab1 f6!

[16...g5 17.c5 Qxc5 18.Nd3 Qa5 19.Be3 Rb8 20.c4↑]

17.Nd3 Qxc4 18.Bxd6

[18.Bxb7 Rb8 *(18...Bxb7 19.Rxb7 e5∓)* 19.Bxc8 Rxc8∓]

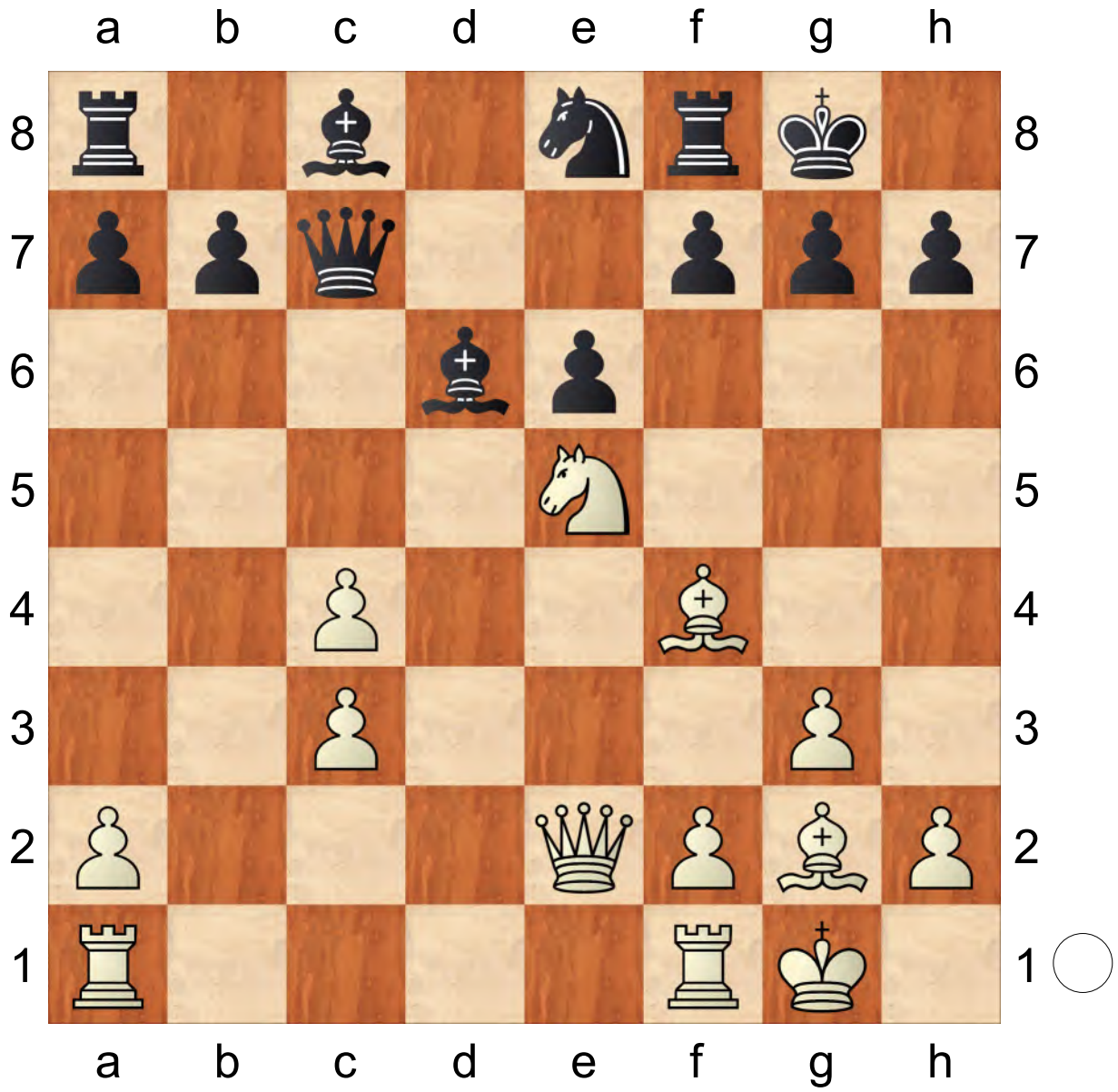
18...Nxd6 19.Rb4 Qc7

[19...Qxc3? 20.Rc1 Qa3 21.Rc7⇄]

20.Nf4 Re8

[20...Qxc3 21.Rb3 Qc4 22.Qxc4 Nxc4 23.Bxb7∓]

[20...e5? 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Ng6+ hxg6 23.Rh4#]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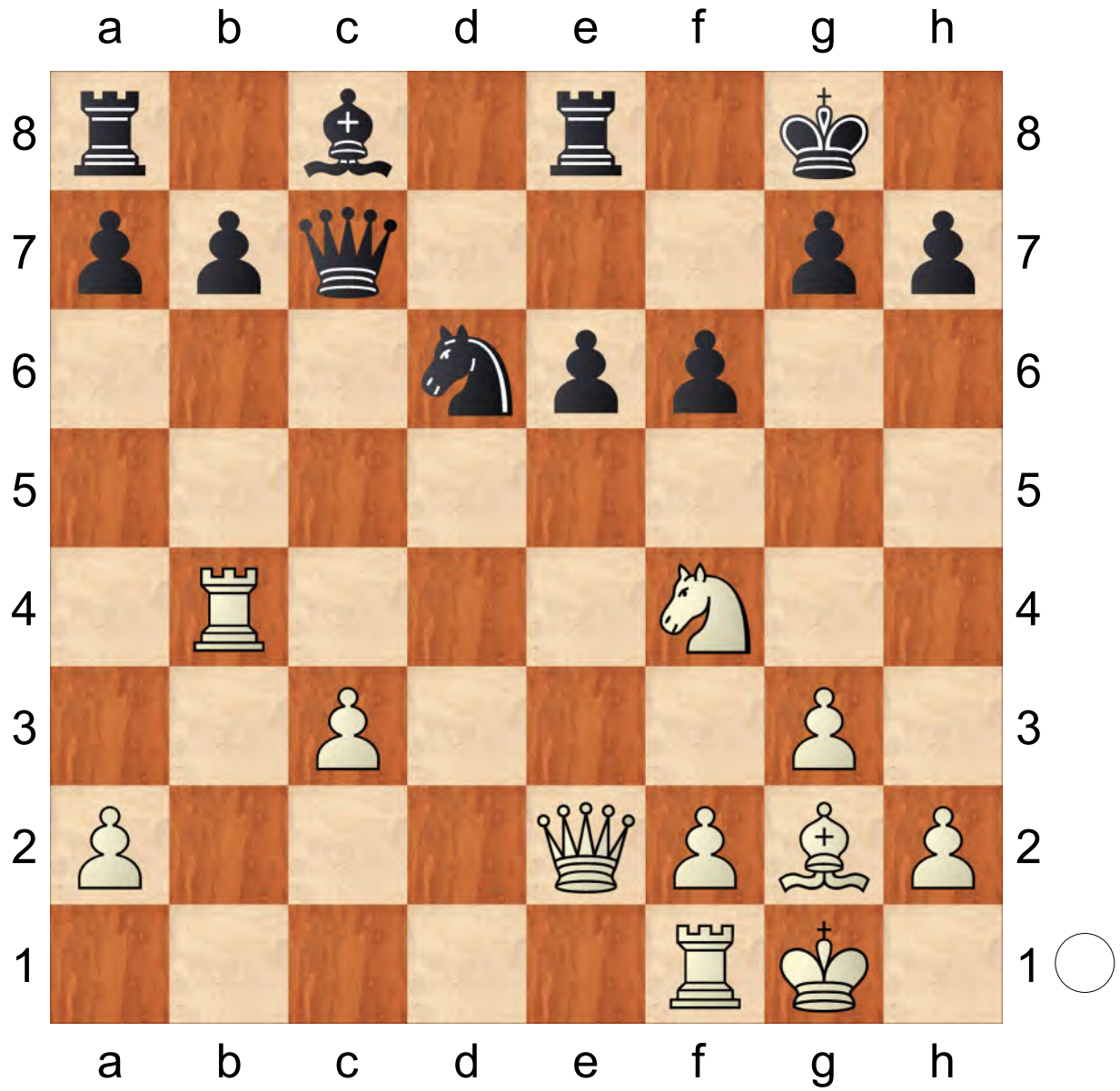
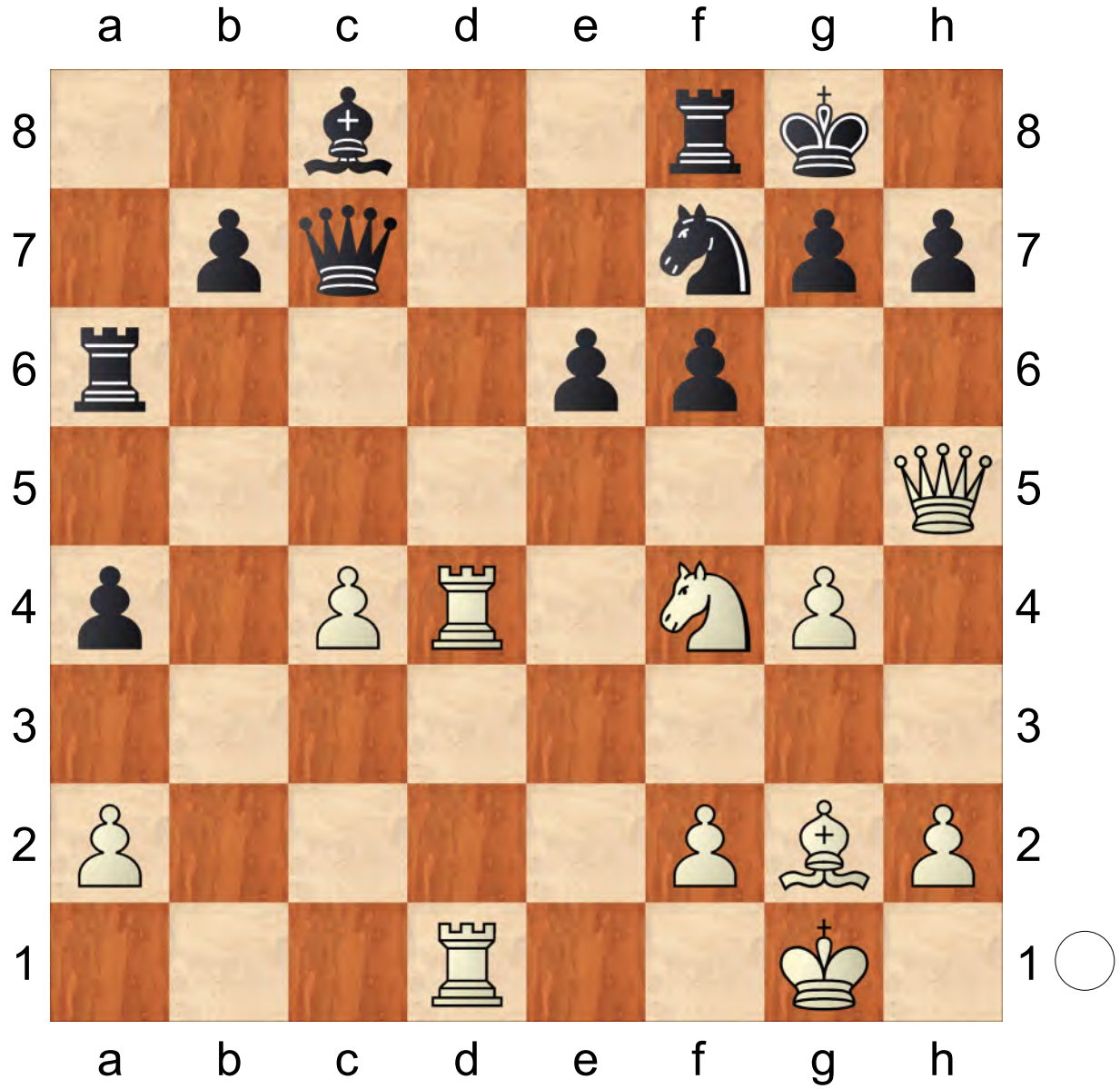


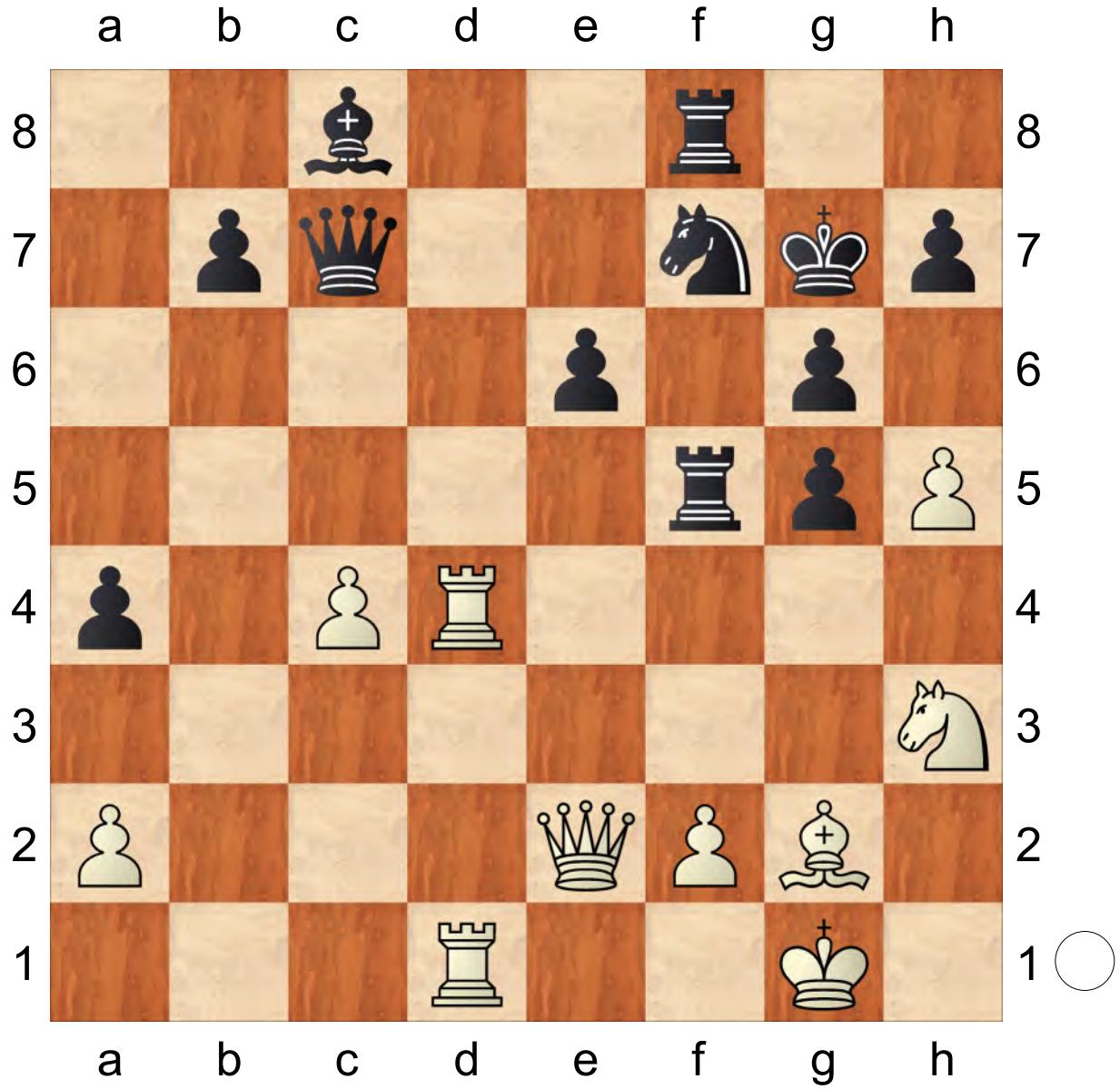
21.Rd1 a5
[21...Qxc3 22.Rbd4 Nf7 23.Nd5 Qa5 24.Rc1↑]
[21...e5?
A) 22.Bd5+?! Nf7 *(22...Kh8 23.Ng6+ hxg6 24.Rh4#)* 23.Nh5 Kf8;
B) 22.Nd5 Qc5 23.Qe3=]
22.Rbd4 Ra6
[22...Nf5 23.R4d3]
23.Qh5?!
[23.Qd3! Nf7 24.Qb5 Rf8 25.Rc4⩲]
23...Rf8∓ 24.g4 a4! 25.c4
[25.g5 Nf5 26.g6 h6∓]
25...Nf7
[25...Ra5 26.Qxa5! Qxa5 27.Rxd6⩲ Qe5? 28.Nxe6 Bxe6 29.Rxe6 Qxe6

30.Bd5]



26.h4 Ra5
[26...g6? 27.Nxg6 hxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Qxf6+→]
[26...e5! 27.Nd5!? *(27.Bd5 f5! 28.gxf5 Rh6)* 27...Qc5 28.Be4 f5! 29.gxf5 Rh6!-+ *(29...exd4? 30.f6!)*]
27.g5 Rf5! 28.Nh3 g6!?
[28...e5!? 29.R4d2 g6 30.Qe2 fxg5 31.Be4 gxh4 32.Bxf5 Bxf5±]
29.Qe2
[29.Qg4 e5 30.Qg3 fxg5 31.hxg5 Qe7∓]
29...fxg5 30.h5 Kg7

(Diagram)

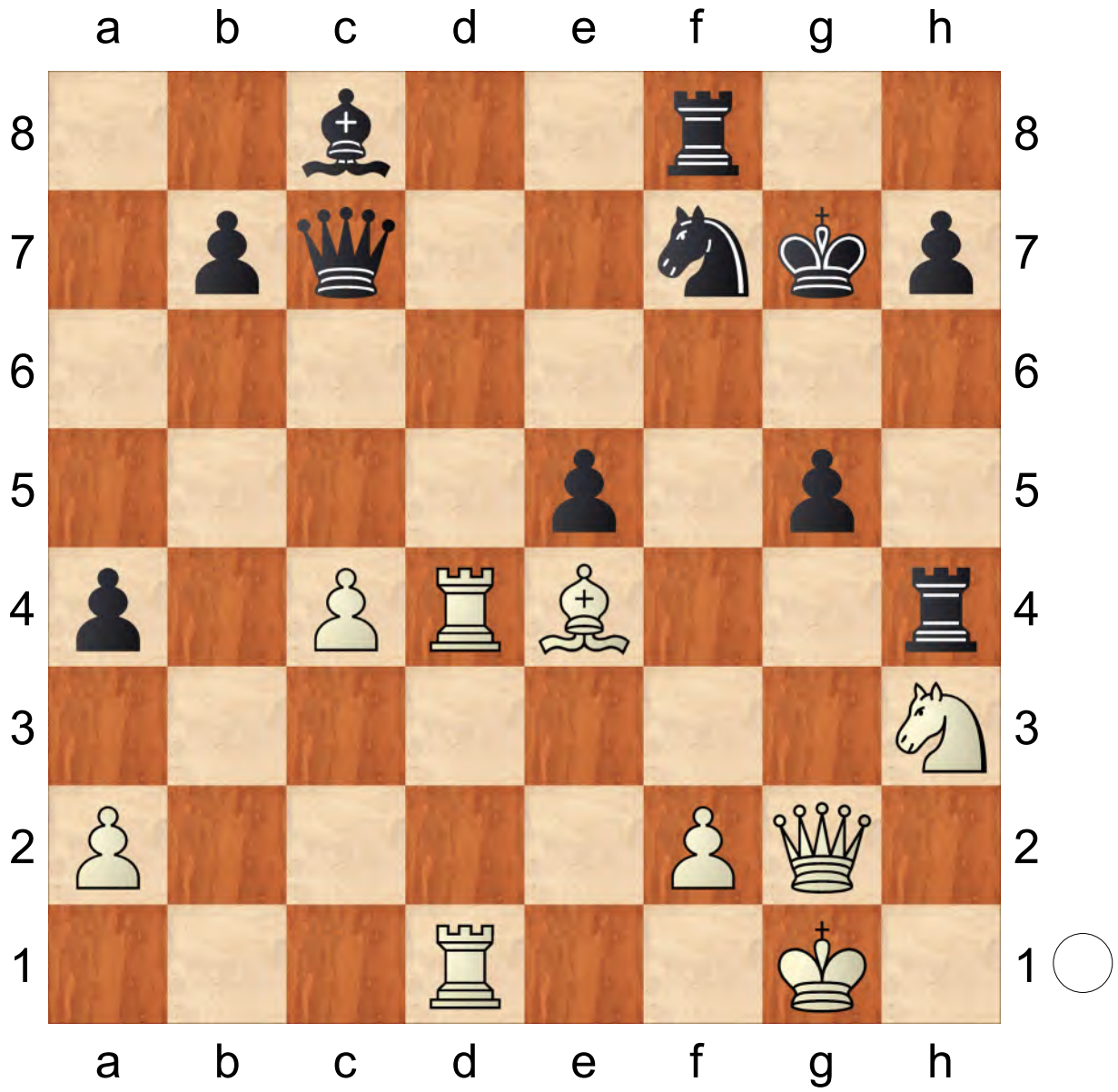


31.Be4 Rf6 32.Qg4 gxh5
[32...e5? 33.Rd7 Bxd7 34.Rxd7 Qxc4 *(34...gxh5?? 35.Qxh5+-)* 35.Nxg5∞]
33.Qxh5 Rh6 34.Qg4 Rh4
[34...e5? 35.Rd7!]
35.Qg2 e5

(Diagram)

36.R4d3
[36.Nxg5 Rg4-+]
36...g4 37.f4 exf4 38.Rd5 Qb6+ 39.c5 Qf6

(Diagram)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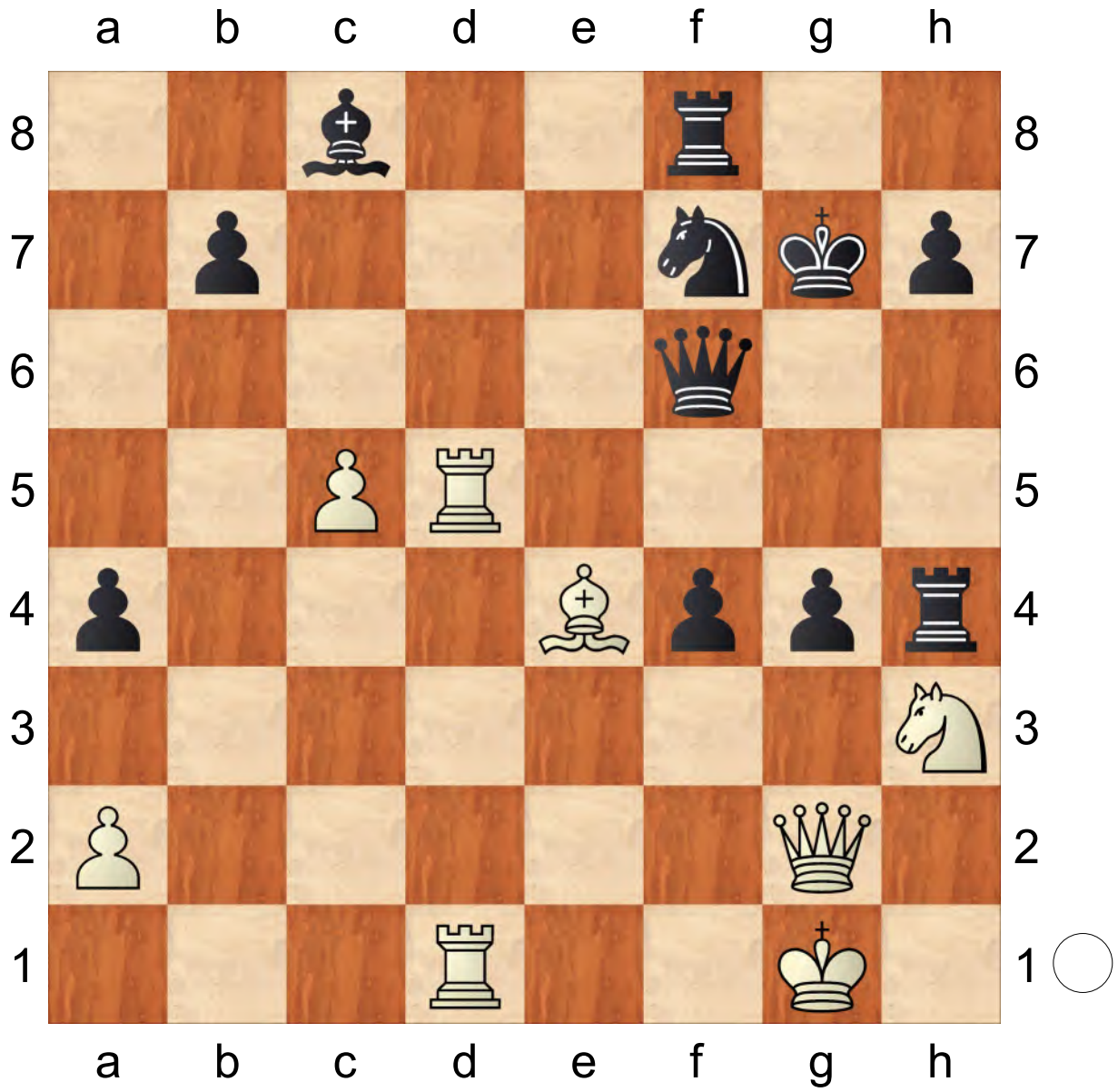

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■ **Browne,Walter Shawn** **2535**
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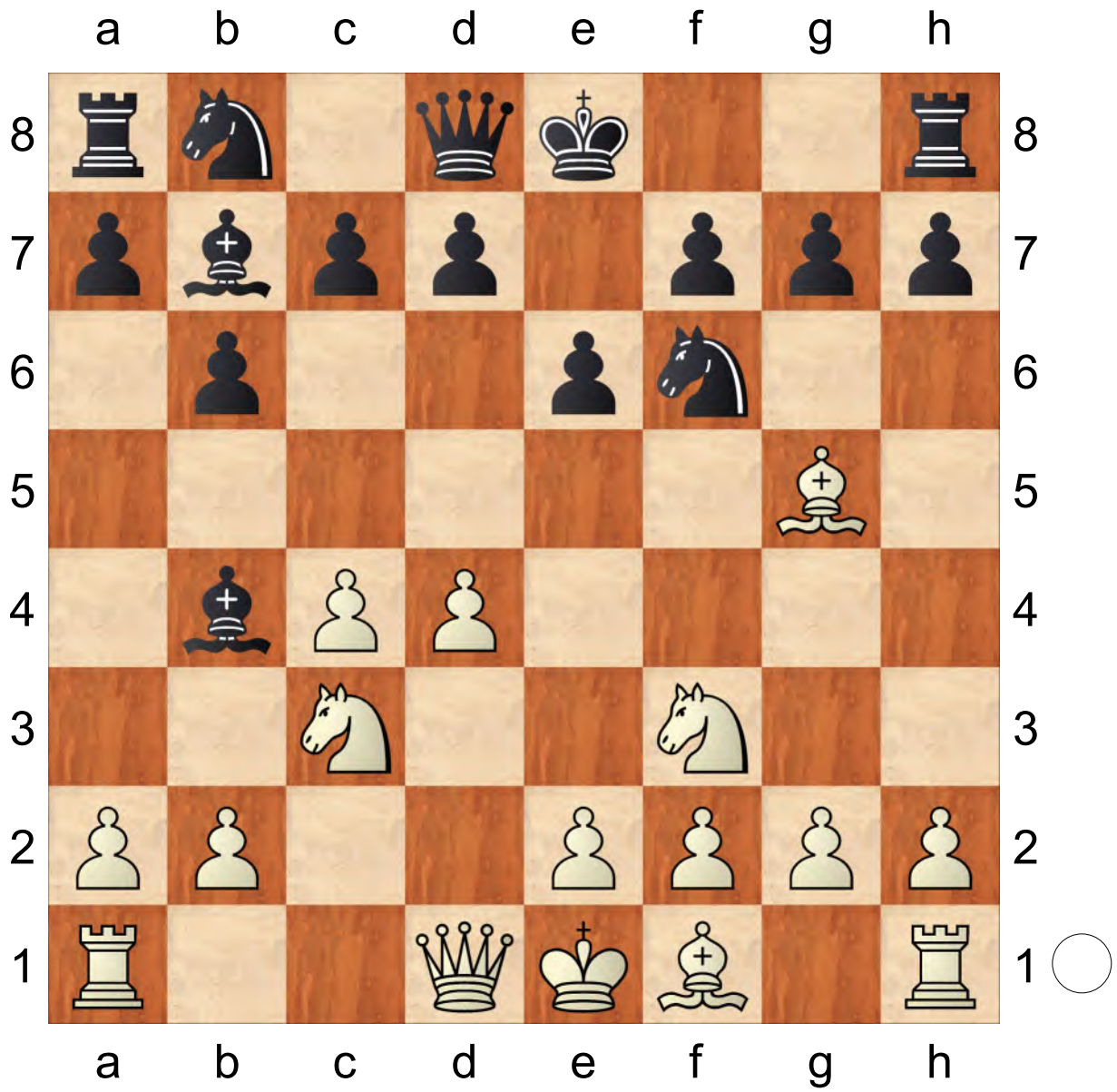
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Bb7



6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Nd2 e5

[9...Nbd7 10.f3 Qe7 11.Bd3

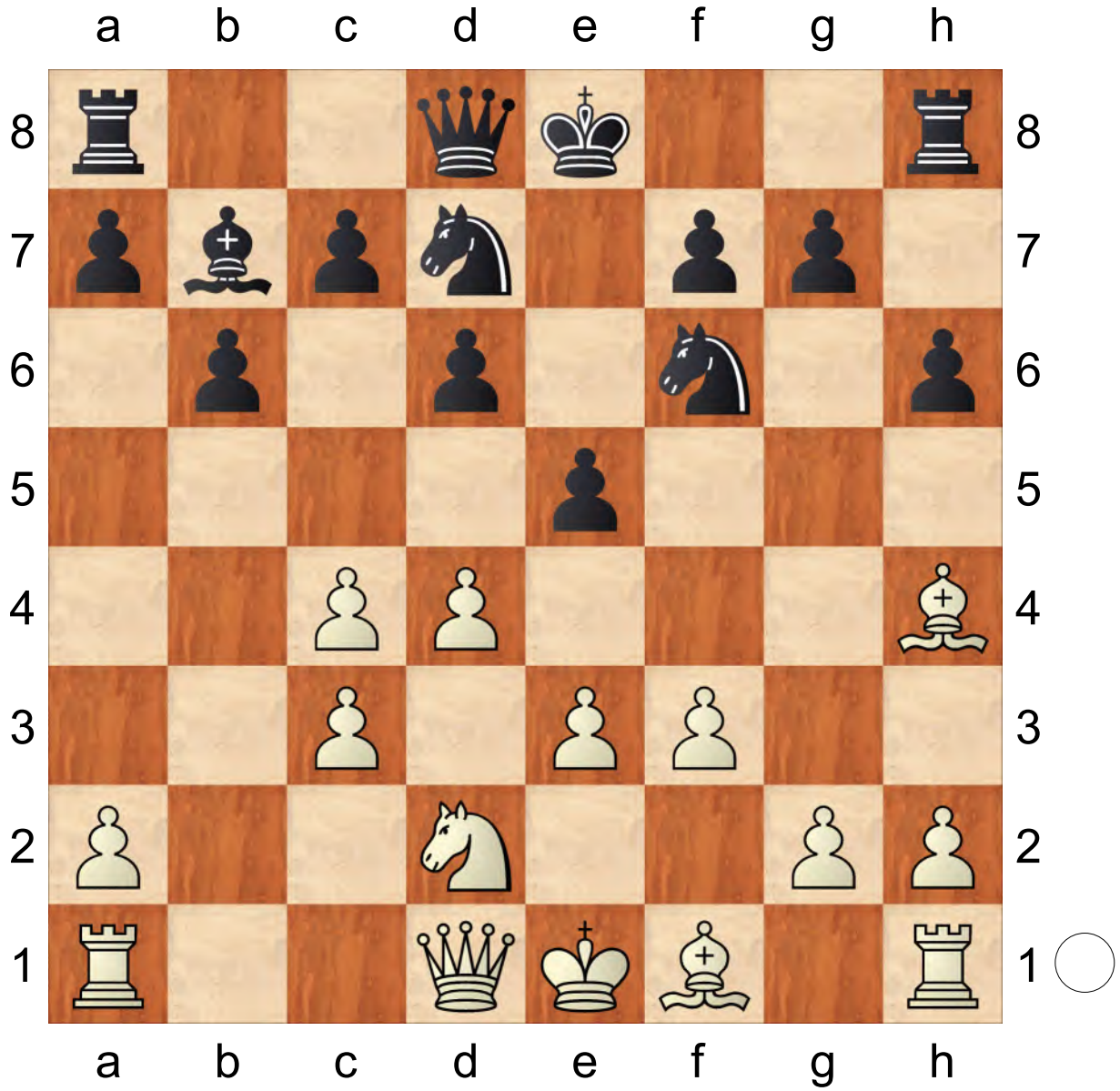
A) 11...e5 12.Qe2 *(12.e4* → game *)* 12...Nf8 13.Be4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 g5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Bf2 Ng6 17.Qc2 Kf8 18.h4 Kg7 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.0-0-0 Ne7 21.Qa4 e4 22.Rhf1 Rh2 23.f4 Rxg2 24.fxg5 Qf3 25.Qd7 Nf5 26.g6

Simonenko,S-Murzin,L/URS-chT 1988/0-1 (36);
B) 11...0-0-0 12.a4 e5 *(12...a5 13.Qe2 g5 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.Rb1 c5 16.Be4 f5 17.Bxb7+ Kxb7 18.g3 Nhf6 19.e4 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4+ Kc7 22.0-0 Nf6 23.Qe2 e5 24.Rfe1 Rhe8 25.g4 Qd7 26.dxc5 dxc5 27.Red1* Lautier,J-Spraggett,K/Correze m (04) 1989/½-½ (38) *)* 13.e4 g5 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.g3 a5 16.Qb3 Ng7 17.0-0-0 Ne6 18.Qa3 Qf6 19.c5 dxc5 20.d5 Ng7 21.Rhf1 Ne8 22.Be3 Nd6 23.Qb2 Qe7 24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.Bxc4 Qd6 26.h4 gxh4 27.gxh4 Kb8 28.Qh2 Nf6 29.h5 Bc8 30.Qh4 Bd7 31.f4 Nxe4 32.fxe5 Qxe5 33.Rd3 Nd6 34.Bf4 Qe4 0-1 Sandstrom,L-Brynell,S/Malmo 1988;
C) 11...g5 12.Bf2
C1) 12...0-0-0 13.Qa4 Kb8 14.0-0-0 c5 15.e4 Nh5 16.Rhe1 Nf4 17.Bf1 e5 18.Nb3 Nf6 19.Na1! Rc8 20.Nc2 Rhd8 21.Ne3 h5 22.Nf5?! *(22.dxc5 dxc5 23.Nd5 N4xd5 24.cxd5 Ne8±)* 22...Qc7± 23.g3 Ng6 24.Be3!? Nh7 25.d5 Rh8= Browne,Walter S: '=' 26.Ng7 h4 27.Nf5 hxg3 28.hxg3 Rcg8 29.Bh3 Bc8 30.Rh1 Bd7 31.Qb3 f6 32.Bg4 Nhf8 33.a4 ½-½ Gligoric,S-Hjartarson,J/Beograd 44/653 (Gligoric,S) 1987;
C2) 12...h5 13.a4 a5 14.Qb3 h4 15.h3 Nh5 16.Kd1 Kf8 17.Kc2 f5 18.Rae1 Kg7 19.Rhg1 Raf8 20.Kc1 e5 21.Qb1 Qf6 22.c5 dxc5 23.Bb5 Bc6 24.Nc4 Kh6 25.Rd1 Qe7 1-0 Schumacher,N-Cichy,M/2BLN 8889 Braunschweig-Hannover [7] 1989;
C3) 12...Nh5 13.Qa4 f5
C3a) 14.g4!? Ng7 15.gxf5 *(15.e4 fxg4 16.fxg4 h5∞* Maksimovic,B-Cebalo,M/Jugoslavija (ch) 45/(650) 1988*)* 15...exf5 16.0-0-0 a6 17.Qc2 Qf7 18.Rhg1 0-0-0 19.h4 gxh4 20.Bxh4± Nesis-Yanosi, Corr. 1989/91;
C3b) 14.h4 Kf7 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.0-0-0 a6 17.Qc2 *(17.e4 f4 18.Rh3 Nhf6 19.Rdh1 Rxh3 20.Rxh3 Kg7* ½-½ Rohde,M-Wilder,M/USA-ch 1988 *)* 17...Qf6 18.Rdf1 Ng7 19.g4 Ke7 20.gxf5 exf5 21.e4 f4 22.Qb3 Ne6 23.c5 Rxh1 24.cxd6+ cxd6 25.Rxh1 Rh8 26.Rf1 Nc7 27.Re1 Kd8 28.a4 Kc8 Sandstrom,L-Westerinen,H/Malmo 1988/½-½ (43)]

10.f3
[10.c5!?]
10...Nbd7

(Diagram)

11.e4 Qe7 12.Bd3 Hansen,Cu: ' → game' **12...Nf8** Δ♘g6 ×f4 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘g6 ×f4"
[12...g5 13.Bf2 Nh5 *(13...Nf8 14.Nf1 Ng6 15.Ne3 Nf4 16.Qa4+ Qd7 17.Qxd7+ Nxd7 18.Bf1 Nf6 19.Nd5 N6xd5 20.cxd5 f6 21.h4 Kf7 22.h5 Rhe8 23.0-0-0 g4 24.fxg4 exd4 25.Rxd4 c5 26.dxc6 Bxc6 27.Rxd6 Rac8 28.Bd4±* Kumaran,Dharshan-Kamsky,Gata/New York open (02) 1990/½-½ (40) *)* 14.Nf1 *(14.g3 Ng7 15.Qe2 h5 16.h4 gxh4 17.Rxh4 Nf8 18.Rh2 Ng6 19.d5 0-0-0 20.Nf1 h4 21.g4 Qf6 22.Qe3 Kb8 23.Nd2 Ne8 24.0-0-0 c6 25.Kb2 Nc7*



26.Nb3 Na6 27.Rdh1 Rh7 28.Bf1 Rdh8 29.Be1 ½-½ Botvinnik,M-Keres,P/URS-ch12 Moscow 1940*; 14.0-0 Nf4 15.Bc2 h5 16.Re1* ½-½ Kharitonov,A-Razuvaev,Y/Moscow-A 1988*)* 14...exd4 *(14...f5 15.Ne3 fxe4 16.Nf5 Qh7 17.Bxe4* ½-½ Levitt,J-Razuvaev,Y/Moscow-A 1988 *; 14...Nf4 15.Ne3 g4 16.Bc2 gxf3 17.Qxf3 Qg5 18.h4 Qf6 19.0-0-0 0-0-0 20.h5 Ne6 21.Bh4 Ng5 22.Qf5* ± Razuvaev,Y-Stoica,V/Nikea 42/(678) 1986 *)* 15.cxd4 f5 16.Ne3 fxe4 17.Nf5 Qf7 18.fxe4 Nf4 19.0-0 Nxg2 *(19...Nxd3 20.Qxd3 0-0-0 21.Bg3 Qe6 22.Rae1 Kb8 23.c5 bxc5 24.d5 Qe8 25.a4 c4 26.Qd4 c3 27.Qxc3 Nc5 28.e5 Nxa4 29.Qa5 dxe5 30.Bxe5 Qd7 31.Bxh8 Rxh8 32.Ra1 Nb6 33.Qxa7+ Kc8 34.d6* 1-0 Tal,M-Mnatsakanian,E/URS-ch30 Erevan 1962*)* 20.Bg3 Nf4 21.Bxf4 gxf4 22.Rxf4 Qg6+ 23.Rg4 Qf6 24.Ng7+ Kd8 25.Kh1 Kc8 26.Bc2 Ba6 27.Ba4 Bb7 28.Qd3 Nc5 29.Rf1 Nxe4 30.Rxf6 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Nxd3 32.Ne6 Nb2 33.Rxh6 Nxa4 34.Rxh8+ Kd7 35.Rxa8 Bxa8 36.d5 1-0 Piket,J-

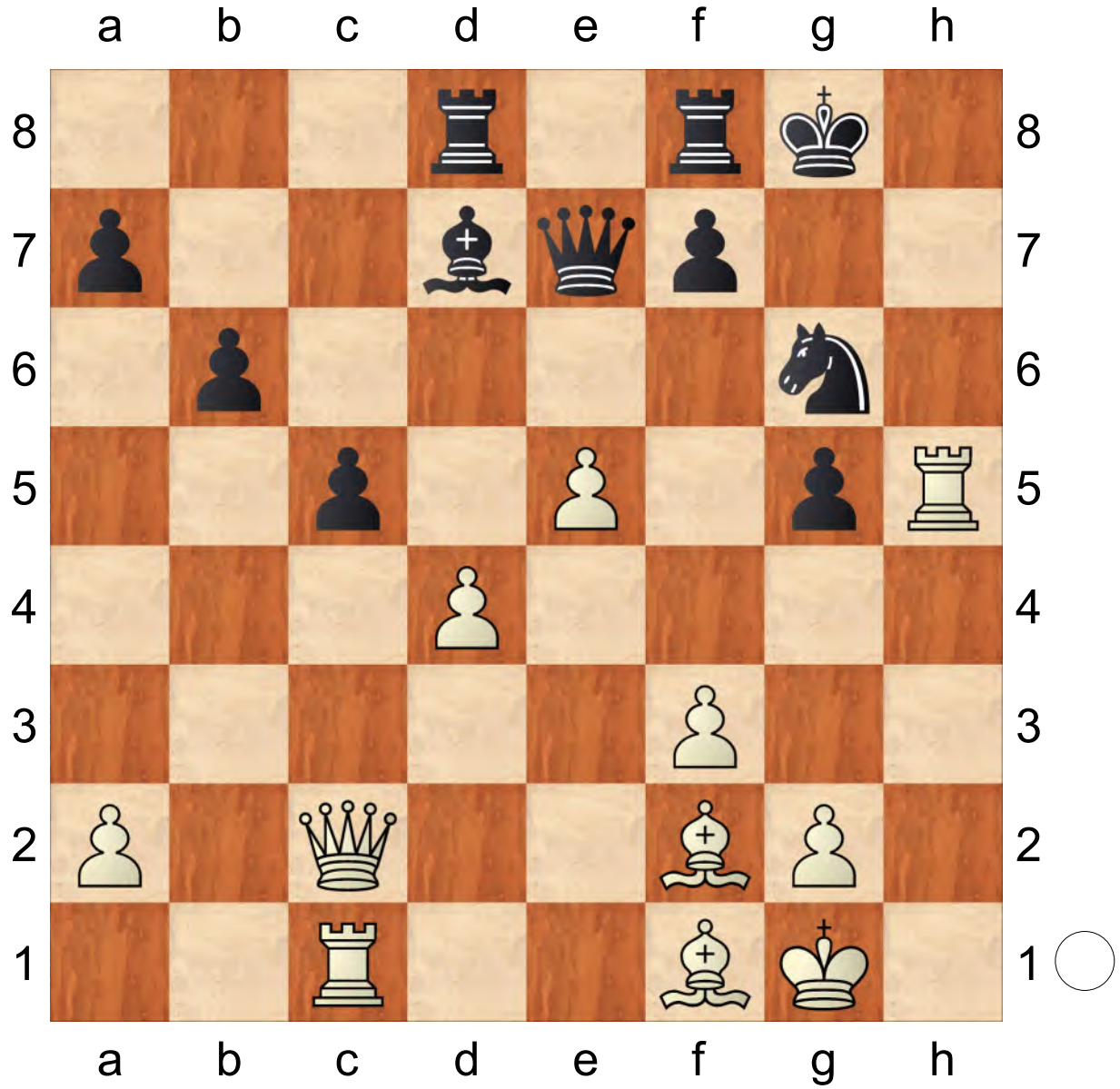
Tiviakov,S/Wijk (02) 1994]
[12...c5 13.Nf1 *(13.0-0 g5 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.Re1 Nf4 16.Nf1 g4 17.Ng3 gxf3 18.Qxf3 Rg8 19.Bf1 Qf6 20.Kh1 Nf8 21.d5 Nh7 22.Nf5 Ng5 23.Qg4 Kf8 24.Bh4 Bc8 25.Re3 h5 26.Qd1 Nxe4 27.Bxf6 Nf2+ 28.Kg1 N4h3+ 29.Rxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kh1 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Nxd1* ½-½ Ravikumar,V-Kuzmin,G/New Delhi 1984 *)* 13...g5 *(13...cxd4 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Ng3 Qe5 16.Ne2 0-0 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Bf2 Ba6 19.Bxd4 Qa5 20.Rc1 Ne5 21.Ng3 b5 22.f4 Nxd3 23.Bxf6 Nxc1 24.Qg4 g6 25.f5 g5 26.Bxg5 Kh7 27.Qh5* 1-0 Flear,Glenn-Ligterink,Gert/Wijk aan Zee II 1988*)* 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.Ne3 Ng7 16.h4 exd4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nf5 20.Bb5 0-0-0 21.Bxd7+ Rxd7 22.hxg5 Qe5 23.Rc1+ Rc7 24.Rxc7+ Kxc7 25.Qa1 Kb7 26.gxh6 Rc8 27.0-0 Ng3 28.Re1 Rc2 29.Qxd4 Ne2+ 0-1 Azmayparashvili,Z-Khalifman,A/Kujbysev 42/678 1986]
[12...0-0

A) 13.0-0 Rfe8 *(13...Qe8 14.Re1 Nh5 15.Nf1 Nf4 16.Ne3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 f6 18.Bf2 Qf7 19.Qc2 Nb8 20.Rad1 Nc6 21.c5 dxc5 22.dxc5 Na5 23.c4 Bc6 24.Nd5 Rfc8 25.Rd3 Nb7 26.Red1 Nxc5 27.Bxc5 bxc5* Gligoric,S-Zlotnik,B/Belgrade GMA-op 1988/1-0 (53)*)* 14.Re1 g5 15.Bf2 Nf8 16.Nf1 Ne6 17.Ne3 Ng7 18.Rb1 Bc8 19.Bc2 Rf8 20.Ba4 Be6 21.Bc6 Rab8 22.Qa4 a5 23.Qa3 exd4 24.cxd4 Nfh5 25.e5 Qd8 26.exd6 cxd6 27.g3 Qc7 28.d5 Bc8 29.Nc2 Ba6 30.Qb3 Nf6 31.Nd4 Rfc8 32.Qc3 Qd8 33.Rb2 Nd7 34.Nb5 Nc5 35.Rbe2 Qf8 36.Bd4 Rxc6 37.Bxg7 1-0 Gausel,E-Aberg,A/Gausdal Troll Masters (5) 1991;

B) 13.Nf1 exd4 *(13...Rfe8 14.Ne3 Nf8 15.0-0 Ng6 16.Bf2 Nf4 17.Re1 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Qd7 19.a4 a5 20.Qd2 Nh7 21.Nf5 Qc6 22.c5 bxc5 23.dxc5 d5 24.exd5 Qxd5 25.Qxd5 Bxd5 26.f4 g6 27.Ne3* Tukmakov,V-Psakhis,L/Moscow TV 1987/½-½ (71) *)* 14.cxd4 d5!? 15.cxd5 g5 16.Bf2 Nxd5 17.Ng3!? Qb4+ 18.Kf1 Nf4 19.Kg1!± Rad8 *(19...Nxd3 20.Qxd3±)* 20.Bf1 Ne5 21.h4 Bc8 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Nh5 Qe7 *(23...Nxh5 24.Rxh5 f6 25.Qb3+ Qxb3 26.axb3 Nc6 27.d5 Ne5 28.b4±)* 24.Qc2 Neg6 25.Rc1 Bd7 26.e5 [Δ 27.♘f6; 26.♕c7? ♖c8] Nxh5 27.Rxh5 c5!?

(Diagram)

Browne,Walter S: ' ♘' 28.f4!! cxd4 29.Rxg5 [Δ 30.f5] Rc8 30.Qd2 Rxc1 31.Qxc1 Rc8 32.Qd2 Qa3!? Nesis,GJ-Anton,VM/X Olympiad Final 1987/91 CCYB 5\264 1991/1-0 (43)]
[12...0-0-0 13.Qa4 Kb8 14.0-0-0 c5 *(14...g5 15.Bf2 g4 16.Bh4 gxf3 17.gxf3 Rdg8 18.Bf1 Qe8 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.c5 dxc5 21.d5 Nh5 22.d6 cxd6 23.Qc6 Nf4 24.Qxd6+ Kb7 25.Bf5 Rg2 26.Bg3 Ne2+ 27.Kb2 Nxg3 28.hxg3* Campos,J-Gonzalez,R/Oviedo 25' (10) 1993/1-0 (41)*)* 15.d5 Nf8 16.Rhe1 Ng6 17.Bf2 Nf4 18.Bf1 Bc8 19.Be3 g5 20.Kb2 Rdf8 21.Ka1 g4 22.Rb1 gxf3 23.gxf3 Bb7 24.Rb2 Nd7 25.Reb1 *(25.Reb1 Rc8! 26.Rb3 Rc7 27.Ra3± ↑ ± Gligoric,S-Timman,J/Beograd 44/(653) 1987)* 25...Rc8 Hansen,Cu: '!' '!'



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13.Nf1

[13.Bf2 Ne6 14.Nf1 *(14.g3 0-0 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.0-0 Ng5 17.Be3 Nfh7 18.h4 Ne6 19.Rae1 Qf6 20.Nb3 a5 21.a4 Qg6 22.Qg2 Nf6 23.Kh2 Nh5 24.f4 exf4 25.gxf4 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 f5 27.d5 Nc5 28.Nxc5 bxc5* Borisenko,G-Kotov,A/URS-ch22 Moscow 1955/0-1 (57)*)* 14...Nh5 15.g3 exd4 16.cxd4 0-0-0 17.Ne3 Qe8 18.Nd5 f5 19.0-0 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Kb8 21.Qc2 Qf8 22.f4 c6 23.Nc3 Nf6 24.Bf5 Nc7 25.a4 d5 26.c5 bxc5 27.dxc5 d4 28.Ne2 d3 29.Bxd3 Kots,Y-Bannik,A/URS-ch30 Erevan 1962/1-0 (68)]

[13.c5 dxc5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Qa4+ N6d7 *(15...c6 16.0-0 Ng6 17.Nc4 Qe6 18.e5 b5 19.exf6 bxa4 20.fxg7 Rg8 21.Bf5 Nxh4 22.Bxe6 Ba6 23.Nd6+ Ke7*

24.Bc4 Rxg7 25.g3 Kxd6 26.Bxa6 Nf5 27.Rab1 f6 Tal,M-Hecht,H/Varna ol 1962/1-0 (49)*)* 16.Rc1 Qe6 17.0-0 Bc6 18.Qa6 Ne5 19.Bc2 g5 20.Bg3 Nfg6 21.Bb3 Qc8 22.Qe2 Qd7 23.Rcd1 0-0-0 24.Nc4 Qe7 25.Ne3 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Bd5 Bxd5 28.Nxd5 Qe6 29.Qa6+ Kb8 30.Rb1 Garcia-O'Kelly de Galway,Alberic/Havana 1963/0-1 (40)]

13...Ng6 14.Bf2

[14.Bg3 Nh5 15.Ne3 Ngf4 16.Qa4+ Kf8 17.Rd1 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Ne6 19.Be2 g6 20.Kf2 Kg7 21.Qa3 Qg5 22.Qc1 Rad8 23.Qd2 h5 24.Nd5 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 f6 26.Ne3 Kf7 27.Bd1 c5 ½-½ Van der Wiel,J-Ljubojevic,L/Amsterdam OHRA 1986]

14...Nf4 15.Ne3 Δ♘f5/Δ0-0,♘d5 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘f5/Δ0-0,♘d5"

15...g6

[15...Nxd3+ Browne,Walter S: 'Ü 60/484' 16.Qxd3 Qd7 *(16...Nh5 17.0-0-0 g6 18.Qc2 0-0-0 19.Rd2 f6 20.Rhd1 Nf4 21.Bg3 Qf7 22.Qa4 Kb8 23.dxe5 fxe5 24.c5 bxc5 25.Rb2 Ka8 26.Rxb7 Kxb7 27.Qb5+ Kc8 28.Nc4 Rhe8 29.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 30.Kc2 Qxh2 31.Nxd6+ Rxd6 32.Qxe8+* Piket,J-Ljubojevic,L (01)/ Monaco m 1994/1-0 (79)*)* 17.0-0 *(17.Rd1 Qa4 18.0-0 0-0 19.Bg3 Rfe8 20.Rf2 Nh5 21.Rb2±)* ± Sokolov,I-Govedarica,R/Beograd (open) 44/(653) 1987 *)* 17...Qa4 18.Rfb1 0-0 19.Rb5!? Ba6 20.dxe5! dxe5 *(20...Bxb5 21.exf6 Bc6 22.fxg7→)* 21.Rxe5 Rfd8 22.Qe2 Ne8 *(22...c6)* 23.Rb1 Nd6 24.Rb4 Qd7 25.Rd5! [Δ 26.e5] c6 26.Rd2 Qe7 27.Ra4 Bc8 28.c5! bxc5 29.Nf1!± Nb5 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8 31.Rc4 Ba6 32.Rxc5 Nc7 33.Qd2 Qe8 34.Ne3 Rd8 35.Qe1 Qd7 36.h3! Bd3 37.Nf5 [Δ 38. ♖c6] Kh7 38.Be3! Ne6 39.Qh4!! Bb5 40.Nxh6!+- gxh6 41.Qxh6+ Kg8 42.Rh5 [Nesis] 1-0 Nesis,GJ-Koskinen,O/X Olympiad Final 1989/91 CCYB 5\265 1991]

[15...Bc8 16.Bc2 0-0 17.a4 a5 18.h4 g6 19.Qd2 Bd7 20.Kf1 Qe8 21.g3 N4h5 22.Kg2 Kh7 23.Bg1 Rc8 24.Bh2 Qe6 25.g4 Ng7 26.Rad1 Rfd8 27.Rde1 h5 28.g5 Ng8 29.Nd5 f6 30.gxf6 Nxf6 31.dxe5 Nxd5 32.exd5 Qh3+ 33.Kf2 Qxh4+ 34.Bg3 Qxc4 35.Qg5 Qc5+ 36.Kg2 Qxd5 37.Rxh5+ Kg8 38.Qxg6 Qd2+ 39.Kg1 Qxc2 40.Qxc2 Nxh5 41.Qg6+ 1-0 Piket,J-Lim,M/AUS-WchJ (6) 1988]

(Diagram)

Browne,Walter S: 'N?!' **16.Bc2**

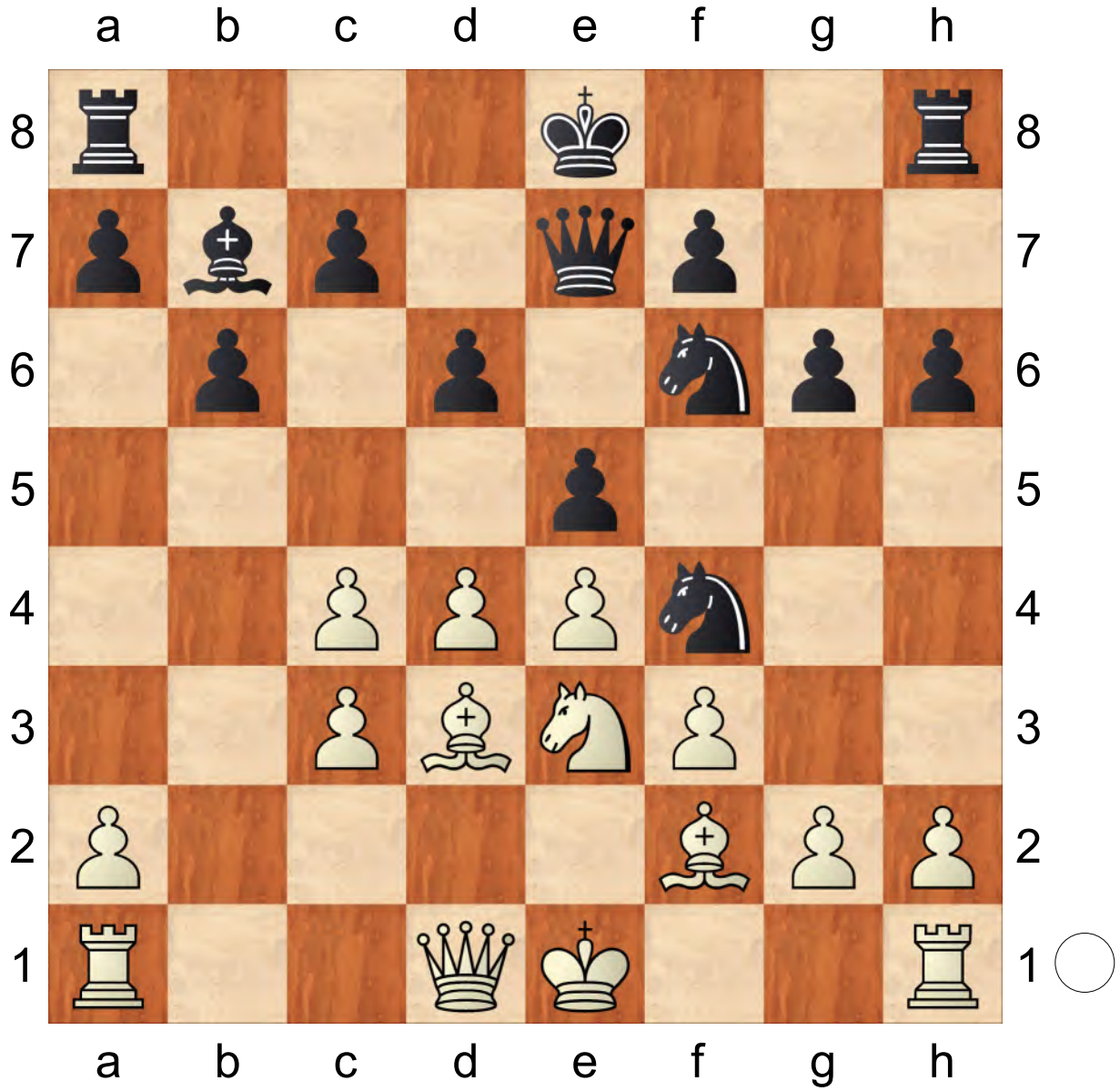
[16.Bh4!? Qe6! 17.d5 Qe7 18.Bc2 Bc8 (Δ g5) 19.Ba4+ Kf8 20.Qd2 g5]

16...0-0 Browne,Walter S: '?!'

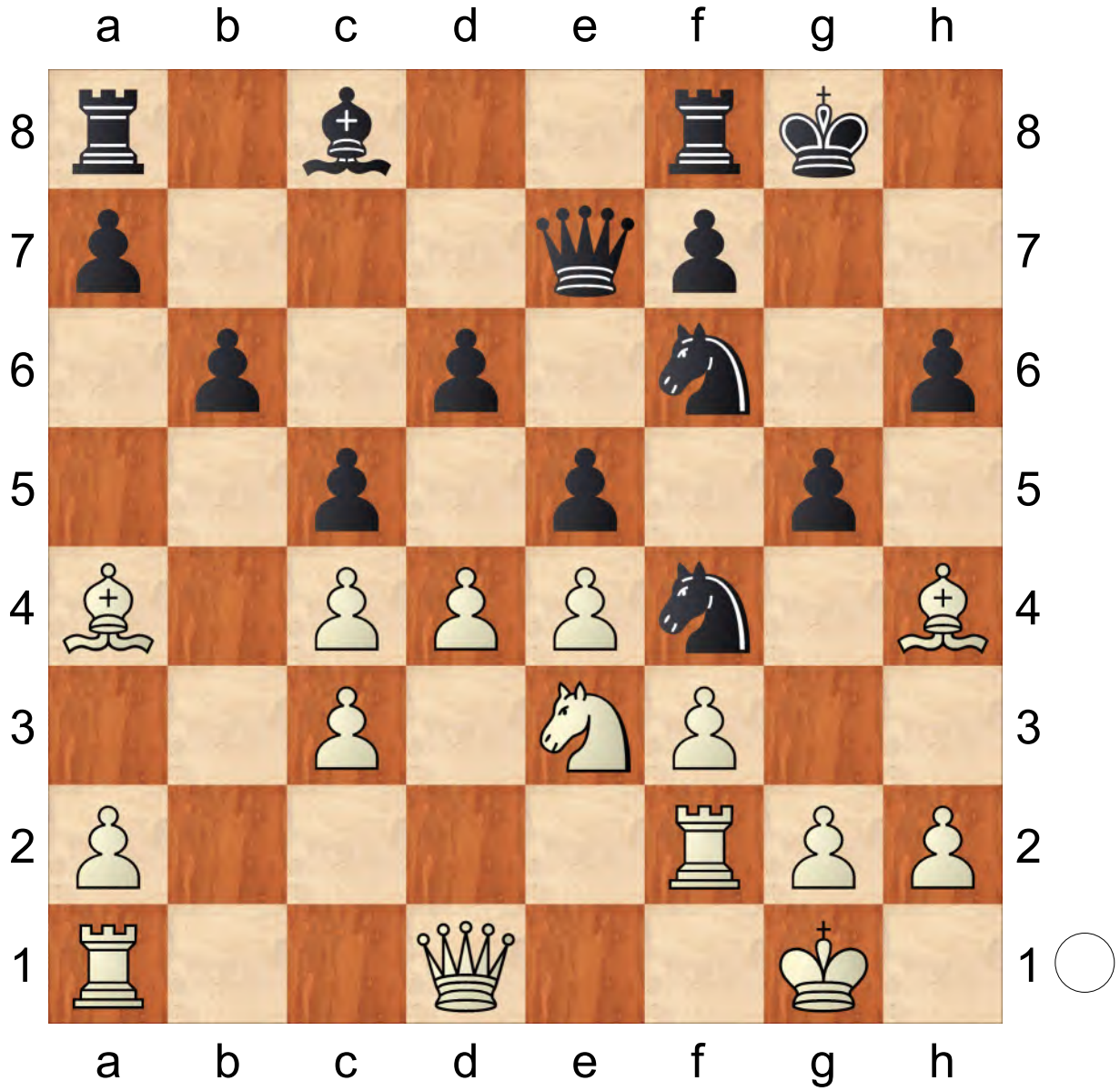
[16...0-0-0!? 17.a4! a5 *(17...exd4?! 18.cxd4 Δd5?! 19.cxd5 N6xd5 20.exd5 Nxg2+ 21.Kd2+-)* 18.0-0 Δ d5 ɔf4]

17.Bh4 ⇗h4-d8 Browne,Walter S: '!' Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ⇗h4-d8" **17...c6** ×d5 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '×d5"

[17...g5? 18.Nf5 Qe6 19.Nxh6+ Kh7 20.Bxg5±]



18.0-0 Δ♘g4 +- Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘g4 +-"
[⌓18.Qd2 Bc8 19.0-0-0 Be6 *(19...g5?! 20.Bf2 Rb8 21.h4! b5 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.g3! Ng6 24.Nf5±)* 20.g3 Nh3 21.Ng4!? Bxg4 22.fxg4 g5 *(22...Kg7)* 23.Qg2 gxh4 24.Qxh3±]
18...Bc8 19.Ba4 Browne,Walter S: '!' **19...c5□** Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '□"
[19...Bd7 20.c5! *(20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.Ng4 N4h5-+)* 20...bxc5 21.dxc5± dxc5? 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Qxd7+-]
20.Rf2?! Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '?!"
[20.g3?! Nh3+□ Browne,Walter S: ' □' 21.Kg2 g5 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.exf5 gxh4 24.Kxh3 hxg3 25.hxg3∞]
[20.Nd5!?]
[20.Bc6!? Rb8 21.Nd5]
20...g5



21.Bg3 N6h5 Browne,Walter S: '!' Browne,Walter S: '[Δ ♘g7, f5]' **22.Rd2 Be6=** Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '="' **23.Qc2**

[23.Bc6!? Rad8 24.Nd5 Nxd5 *(24...Bxd5?! 25.cxd5 f5 26.dxc5! bxc5 27.Rb1 Qh7!?±)* 25.cxd5 Bc8 26.dxe5 Nxg3 27.exd6 Qxd6 28.hxg3 Qxg3 29.Qe1 Qe5 30.Rd3 h5! 31.Rad1 Rd6=]

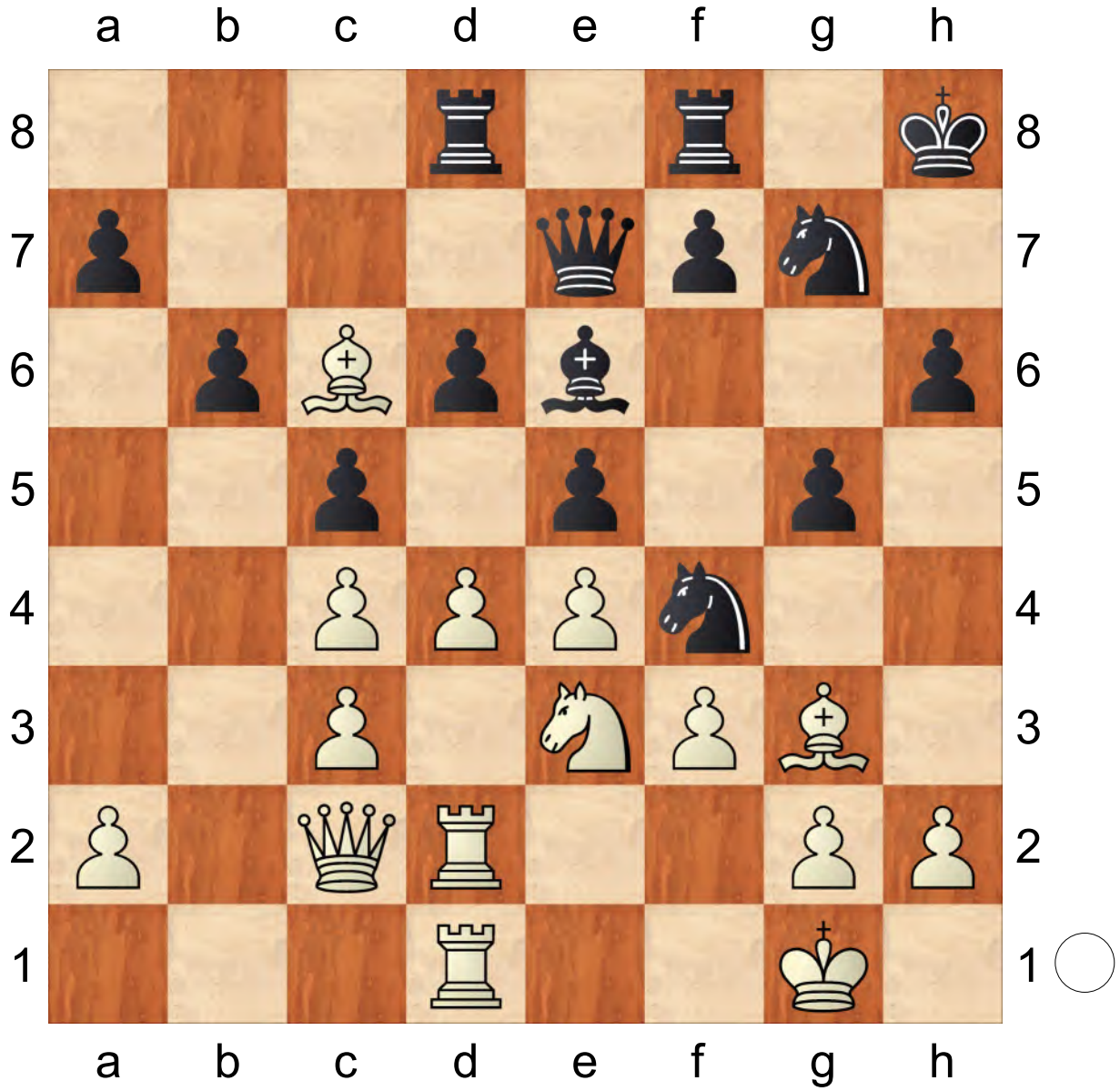
23...Ng7 24.Rad1 Rad8 25.Bc6

[25.dxe5 dxe5 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rd6 28.Qb1 h5! *(28...f5?! 29.Bc2!)* 29.c4 h4 30.Be1 Rfd8 31.Bc2 h3!? *(31...Rh6⇄)*]

25...Kh8

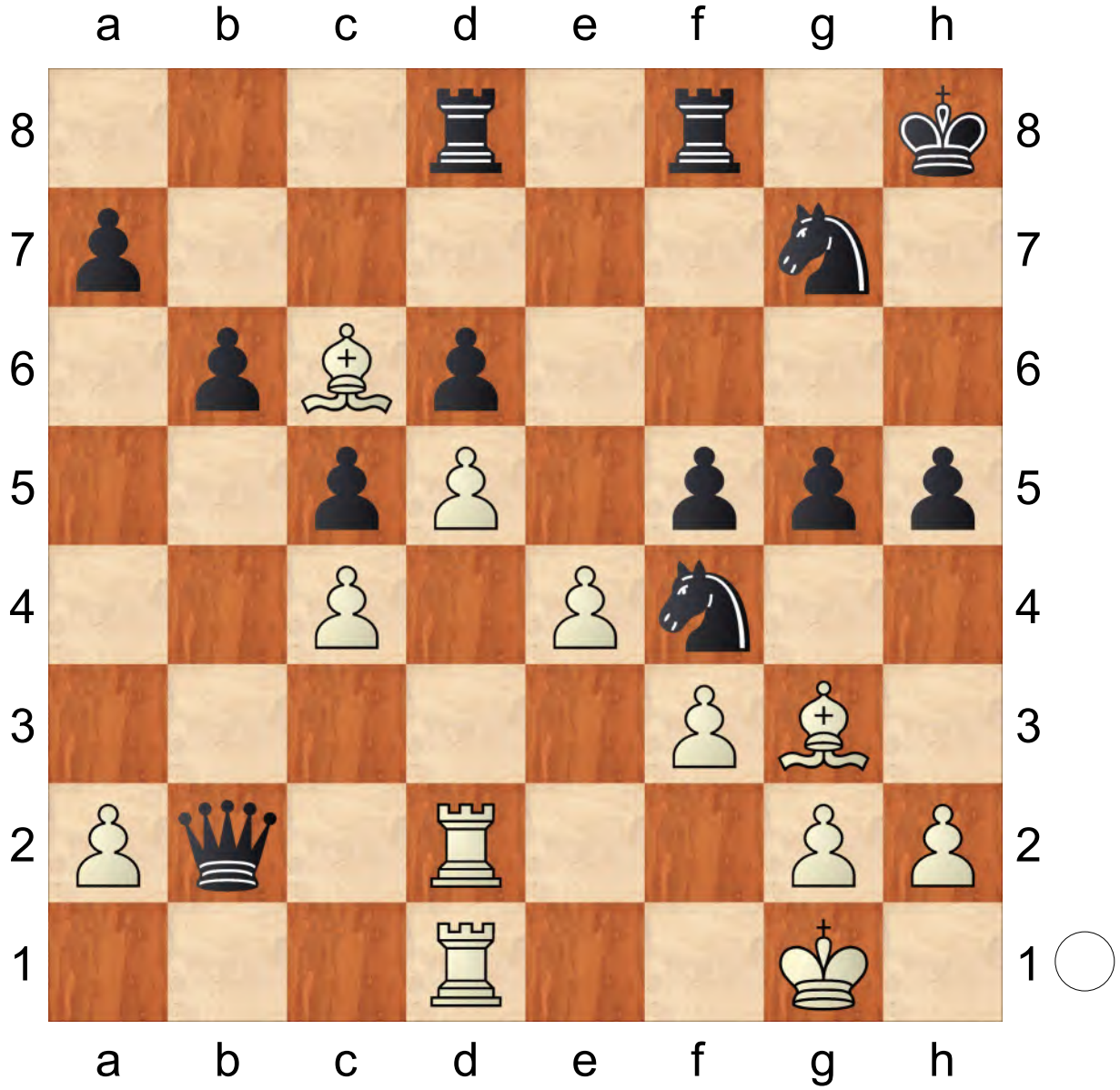
[25...h5!?]

(Diagram)



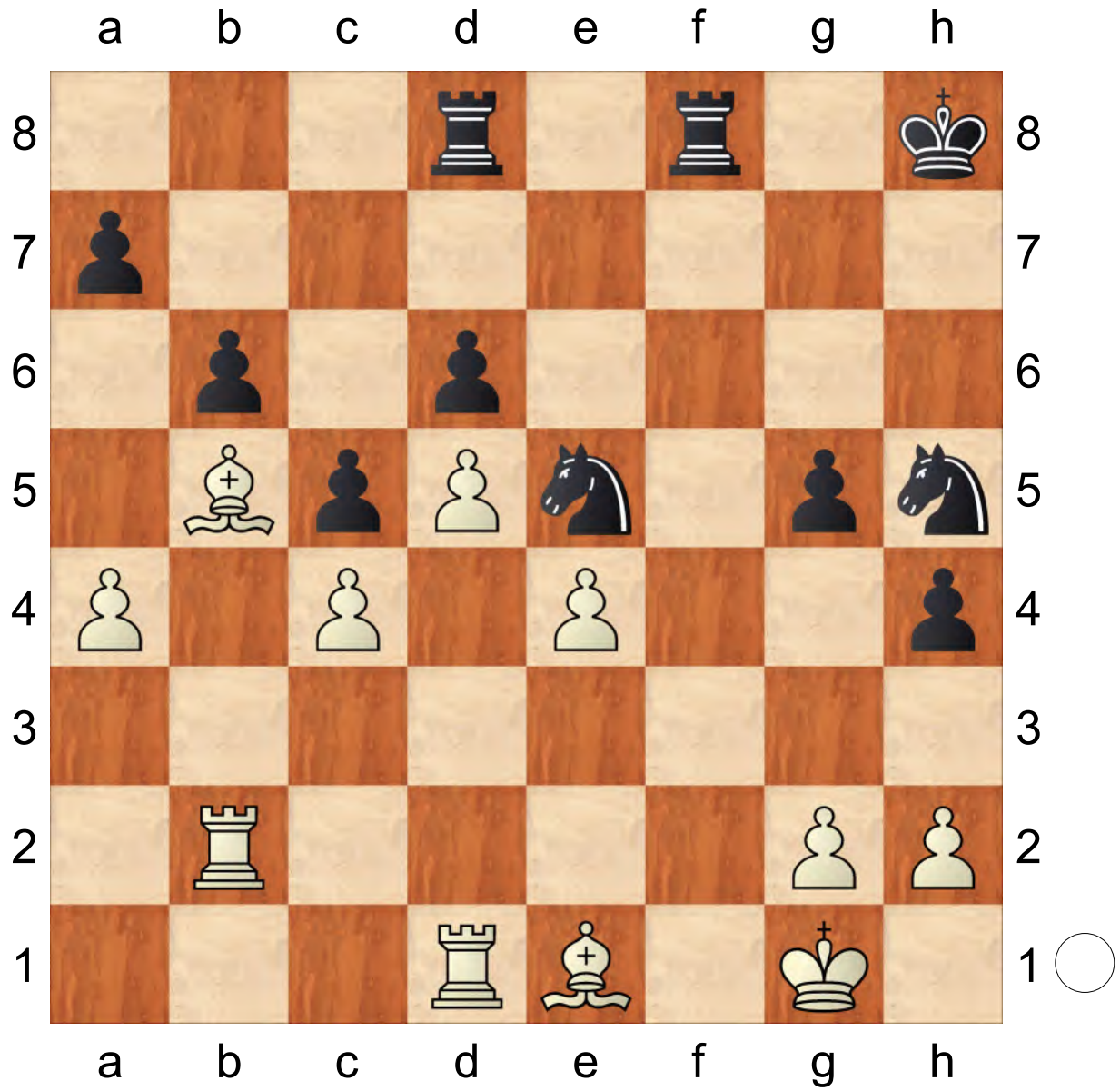
26.Nd5
[26.a4!? f5!? 27.dxe5 dxe5 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.exf5 Nxf5∓]
26...Bxd5 **27.cxd5** Δa2-a4-a5 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: ' Δa2-a4-a5" **27...h5** Browne,Walter S: '⊕' **28.dxe5**
[28.dxc5!? Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '!?" bxc5 29.Rb1∞ Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∞" Rb8 30.Qd1! h4 31.Bf2 f5 32.Rdb2 Rxb2 33.Rxb2 Qf6 34.exf5 Nxf5 35.h3 Ng3∓]
28...Qxe5
[28...dxe5? 29.d6]
29.c4 Δ♗e1,♖f2,♗c3 ± Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♗e1,♖f2,♗c3 ±"
[29.h4!? Rg8! *(29...Ne2+?! 30.Rxe2 Qxg3 31.hxg5 h4! 32.e5! dxe5 33.Qe4)*
A) 30.Kh2?! gxh4! 31.Bxh4 Nxg2+! 32.Bg3 *(32.Kxg2 Nf5+-+)* 32...Nf4 33.Rg1 h4! 34.Bxh4 Ngh5! 35.Bxd8 Ne2+!-+;

B) 30.hxg5 Qxg5! 31.Bh2 h4 32.Kh1 Ngh5∓]
29...f5 Browne,Walter S: '!' **30.Qb2** Browne,Walter S: '?!'
[30.Re1!?]
[30.Be1 fxe4 31.fxe4 Ng6 32.Re2 Qf6 Δ ♘e5, h4, ♘h5-f4∓]
30...Qxb2



31.Rxb2 fxe4 32.fxe4 ɔg7, Δh2-h4 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'ɔg7, Δh2-h4"
32...Ng6!∓ Δh5-h4,♘g6-e5,♘g7-h5-f4, ɼe4 Browne,Walter S: '!' Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∓!' Hansen,Cu: ' Δh5-h4,♘g6-e5,♘g7-h5-f4, ɼe4" **33.a4 h4 34.Be1 Ne5 35.Bb5**
[35.Bc3 Nxc4∓]
35...Nh5

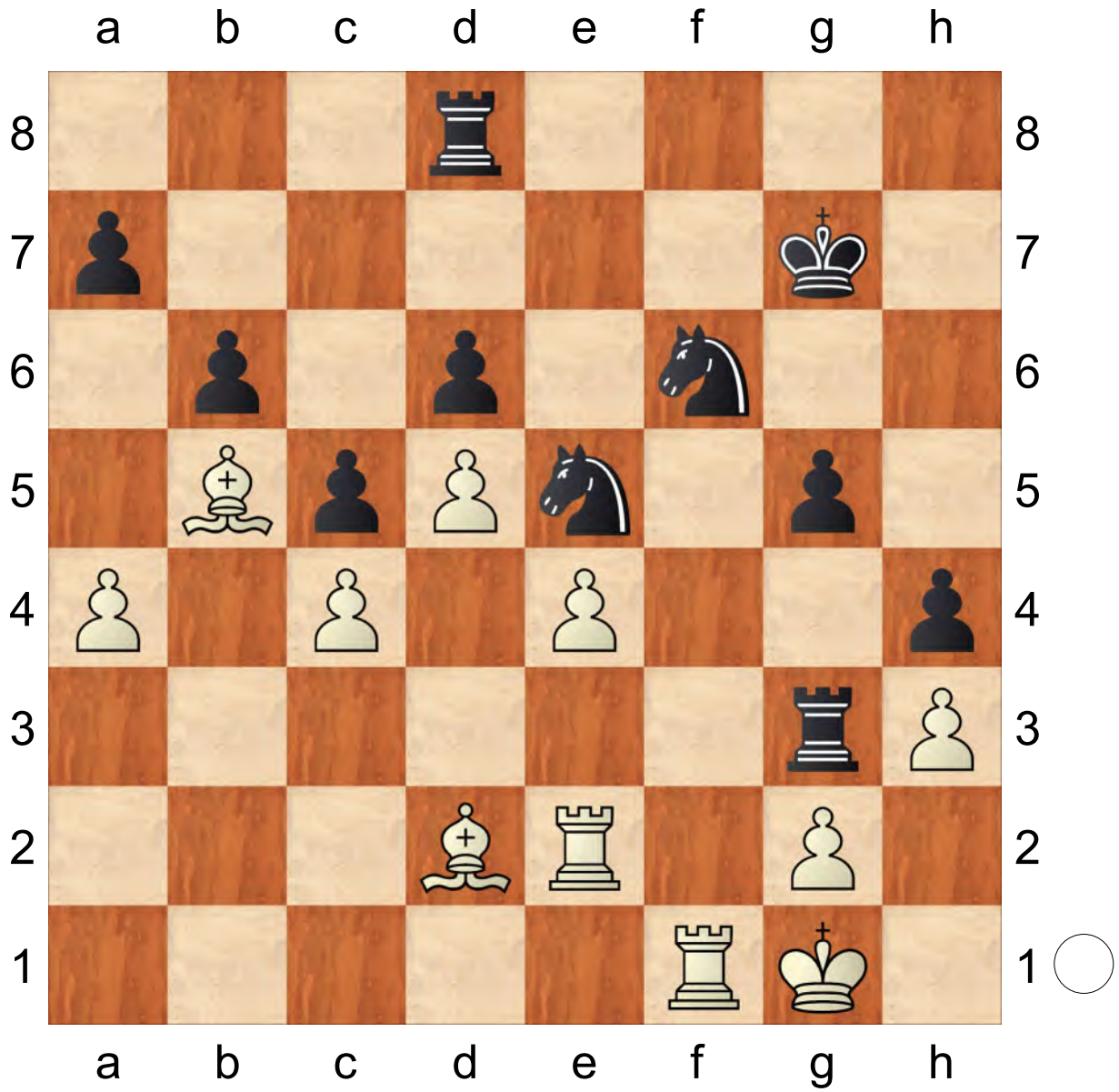
(Diagram)



36.Bc3 Rf4∓ γb5 Browne,Walter S: '!' Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '∓' Hansen,Cu: 'γb5" **37.Re2 Nf6 38.Bd2** Browne,Walter S: '!'
[38.Rde1 Rf8 39.Bd2 Rg4⇄ Δ♘f3+ 40.Kh1 Nxe4∓]
38...Rg4□ Browne,Walter S: '!' Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '□"
[38...Rxe4 Browne,Walter S: '??' 39.Bxg5+- Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '+-"
Rxe2 40.Bxf6++-]
39.h3 Rg3 40.Rf1 Kg7
[40...Rf8 41.a5]

(Diagram)

41.a5 ɤd8 Browne,Walter S: '?' Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'ɤd8"



[41.Be1 Ra3]

41...a6! Browne,Walter S: '!!' Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '!'' **42.Bxa6**

[42.Bc6 bxa5 43.Bxa5 Rc8! 44.Bb7 Rb8 45.Bxa6 Ra8-+]

[42.Ba4 bxa5 43.Bxa5 Rc8 44.Rb2 Nxc4 45.Rb7+ Kg6-+]

42...bxa5 43.Bb5

[43.Ra1 Nf3+ *(43...Ra8!? 44.Bb5 a4-+)* 44.Kh1 Nxd2 45.Rxd2 Nxe4 46.Rb2 *(46.Re2 Rxh3+! 47.Kg1 Rh1+!-+)* 46...Rf8 47.Rxa5 Rf1+ 48.Kh2 Nf2-+]

43...Ra8 Δa5-a4-a3 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δa5-a4-a3'' **44.Bc1**

[44.Be1 Rd3 45.Bd2?! Nxe4 46.Bc1 Ng3-+]

44...a4 Browne,Walter S: '!'

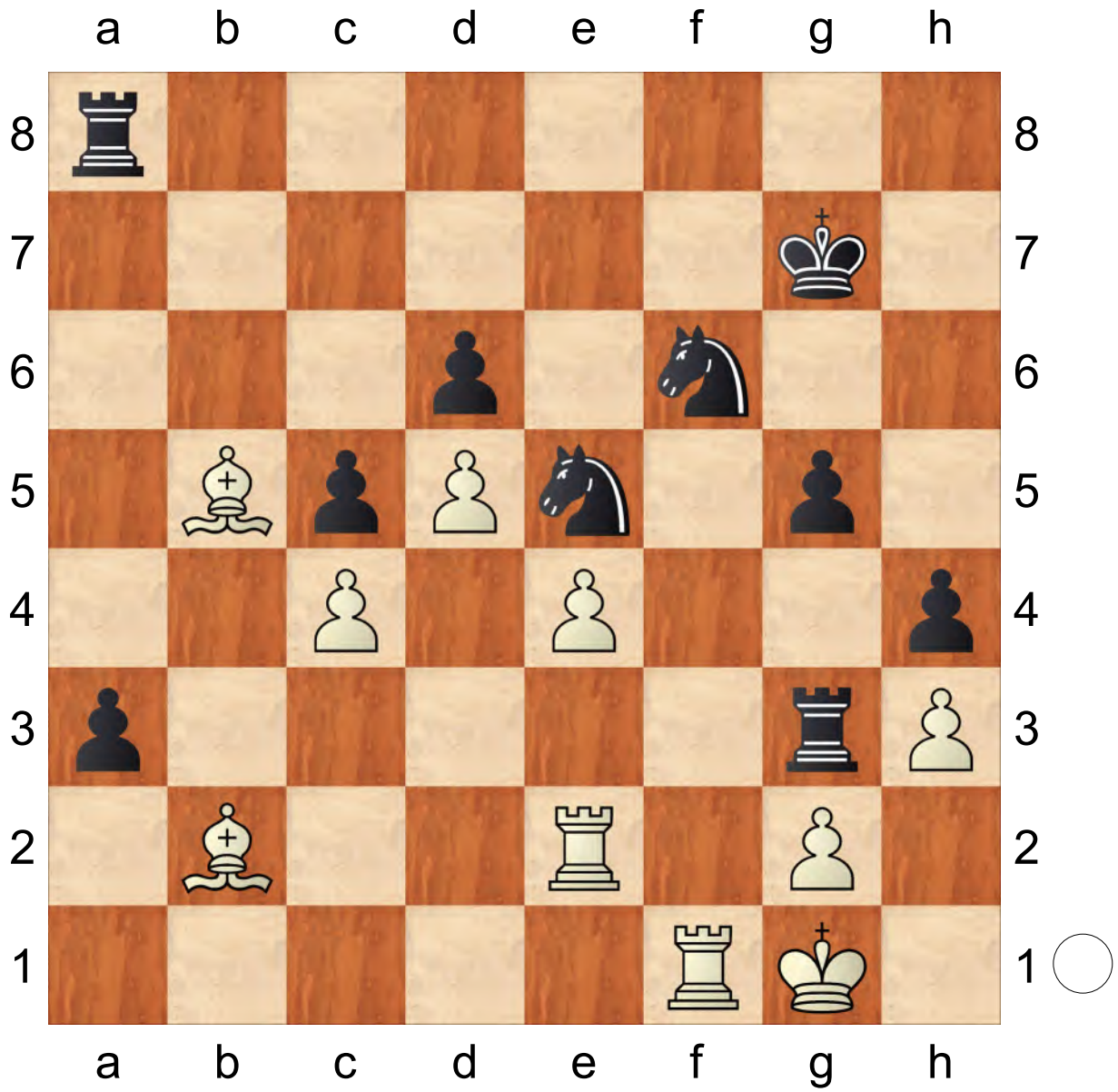
[44...Nd3 45.Bb2 *(45.Re3? Nxc1 46.Rxg3 Ne2+-+)* 45...Nxb2 46.Rxb2 Nh5 *(46...Nxe4? 47.Re2 Nf6 48.Re7+ Kg6 49.Re6)* 47.e5! dxe5 48.Re2 Nf4-+]

45.Bb2

[45.Ra2 Nxe4∓]

45...a3

[45...Nh5!?]



46.Ba1

[46.Bxe5 dxe5 47.Ra1 *(47.d6? Rd3-+)* 47...Rd3!

A) 48.Rf2 Nxe4 49.Rf5 a2 50.Rxe5 Nc3-+ *(50...Rb3-+)*;

B) 48.Kf1 Nh5! *(48...Kf7 49.Ke1 Ke7 50.Rd2 Rxd2 51.Kxd2 Kd6 52.Ke3 a2 53.Kd3 Ra3+ 54.Kc2 Nxe4 55.Kb2 Rg3-+)* 49.Ke1 Ng3-+]

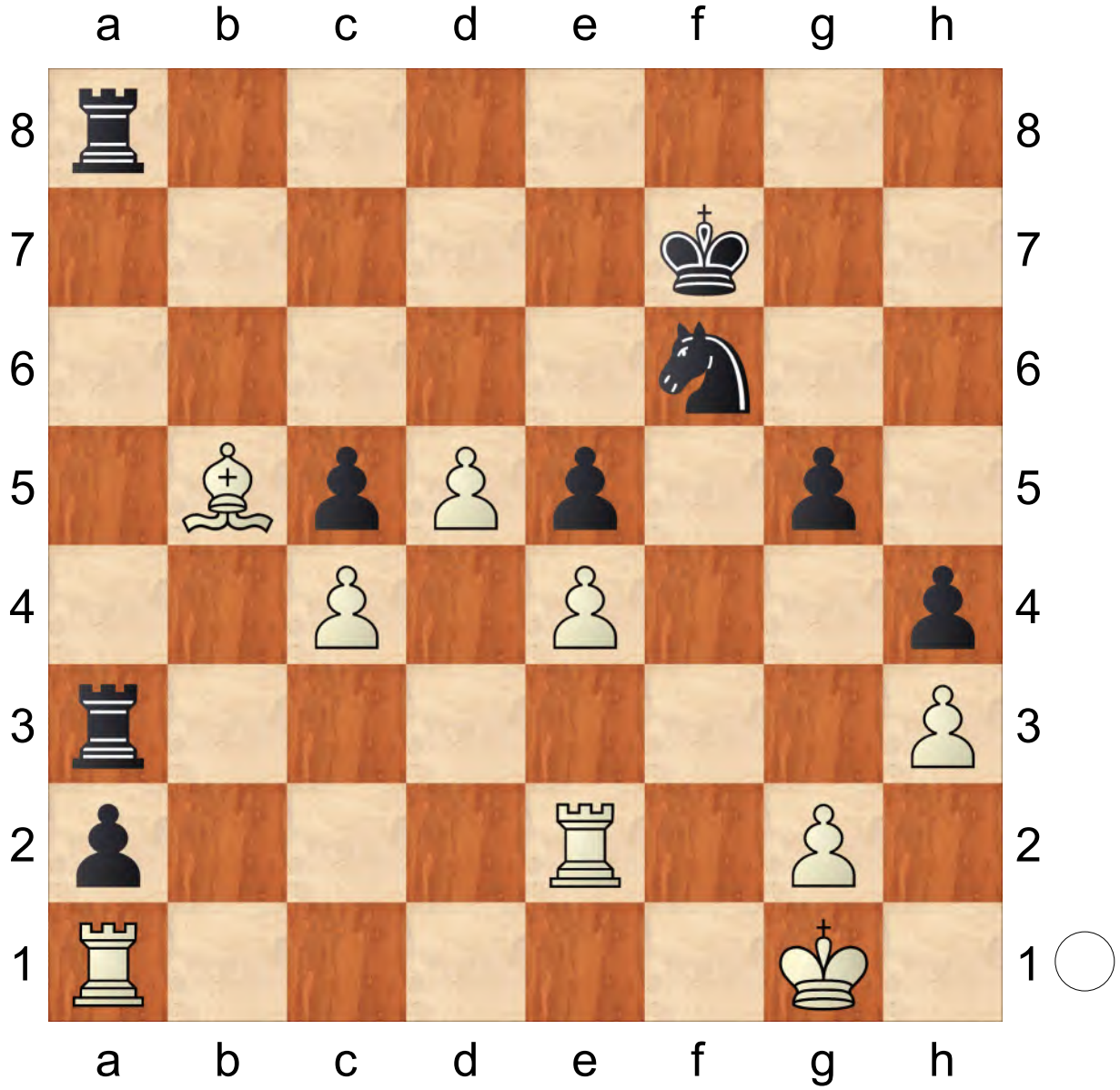
46...Kg6

[46...Nh5!?]

47.Kh2 a2 Δ♖b3 Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♖b3" **48.Bxe5**

[48.Rff2 Rga3 49.Rf1 g4! Δ g3, ♖b3-+]

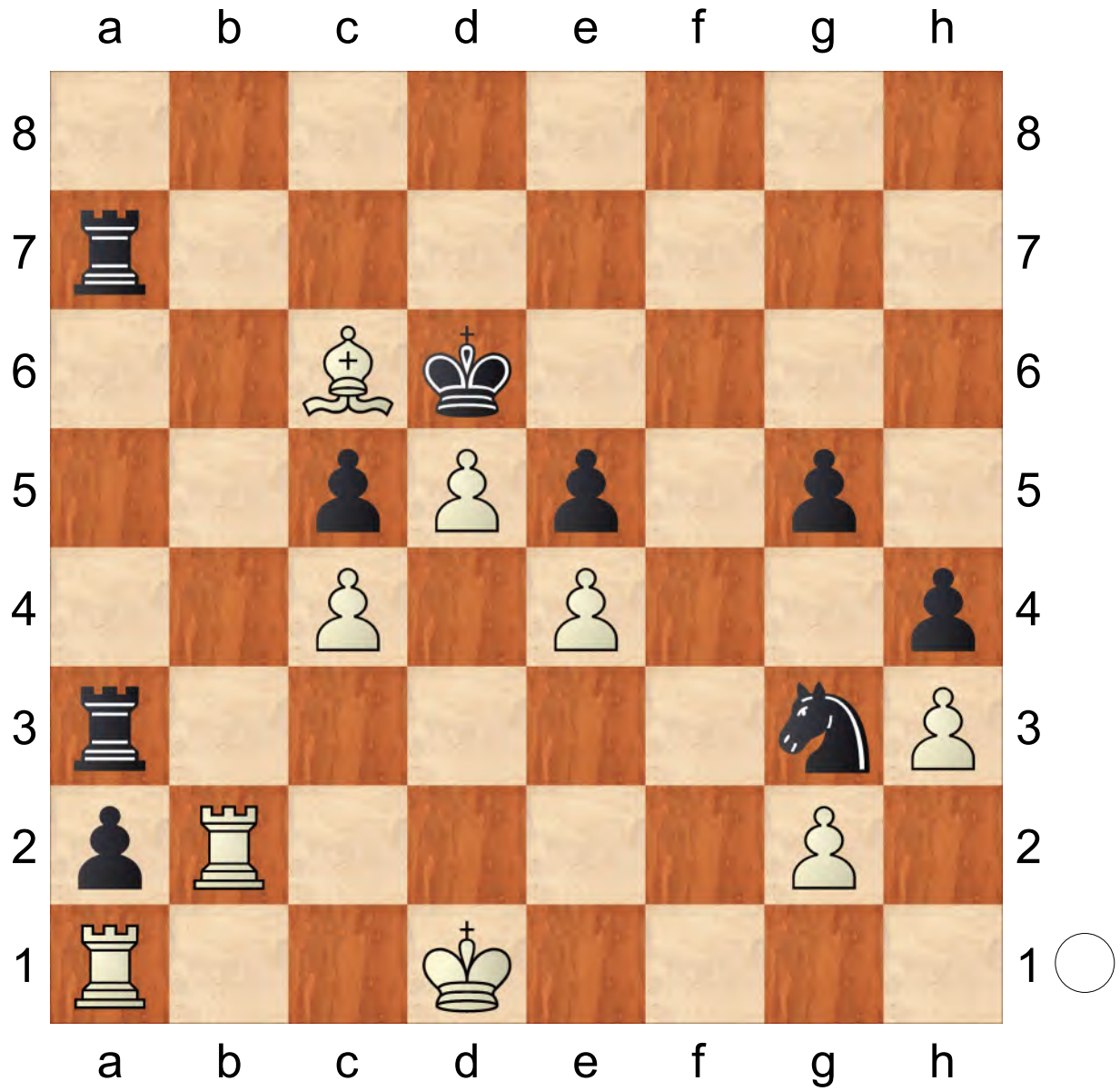
48...dxe5 49.Ra1 Rga3-+ Browne,Walter S: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+'' **50.Kg1**
[50.d6 Kf7 51.d7 *(51.Rd2 g4! 52.d7 g3+ 53.Kg1 Ke7 54.Kf1 Nxe4 55.Re2 Nc3 56.Rxe5+ Kd6 57.Re8 Nxb5 58.cxb5 Kxd7-+)* 51...Ke7 52.Rd2 g4! 53.hxg4 Nxg4+ 54.Kg1 Rb3 55.Rdd1 Rb2-+ **Δ** ♖g8, ♘e3]
50...Kf7



51.Kf2 Ke7 52.Ke1 Kd6 53.Kd1 Nh5 54.Bc6 R8a7 55.Rb2 Browne,Walter S: '⊕' **55...Ng3**

(Diagram)

56.Rb8 Nxe4 57.Kc2 Browne,Walter S: '?'
[57.Rd8+ Kc7 58.Re8 Nd6 59.Rxe5 Nxc4 60.Rxg5 Rd3+! 61.Ke2 *(61.Kc2 Raa3 62.Rxa2 Rac3+ 63.Kb1 Rd1#)* 61...Raa3 62.Rg7+ Kb6 63.Rb7+ Ka6-+]



57...Rf7 58.Kb2 Raa7
[58...Re3 59.Kxa2 Ra7+ 60.Kb2 Re2+-+]
59.Re8 Rf2+ 60.Kb3 Nd2+

(Diagram)

61.Kb2
[61.Kc3 Ra3+-+]
61...Nxc4+ 62.Kc3 Ra3+ Browne,Walter S: '!' **63.Kxc4 Rf4+**

(Diagram)

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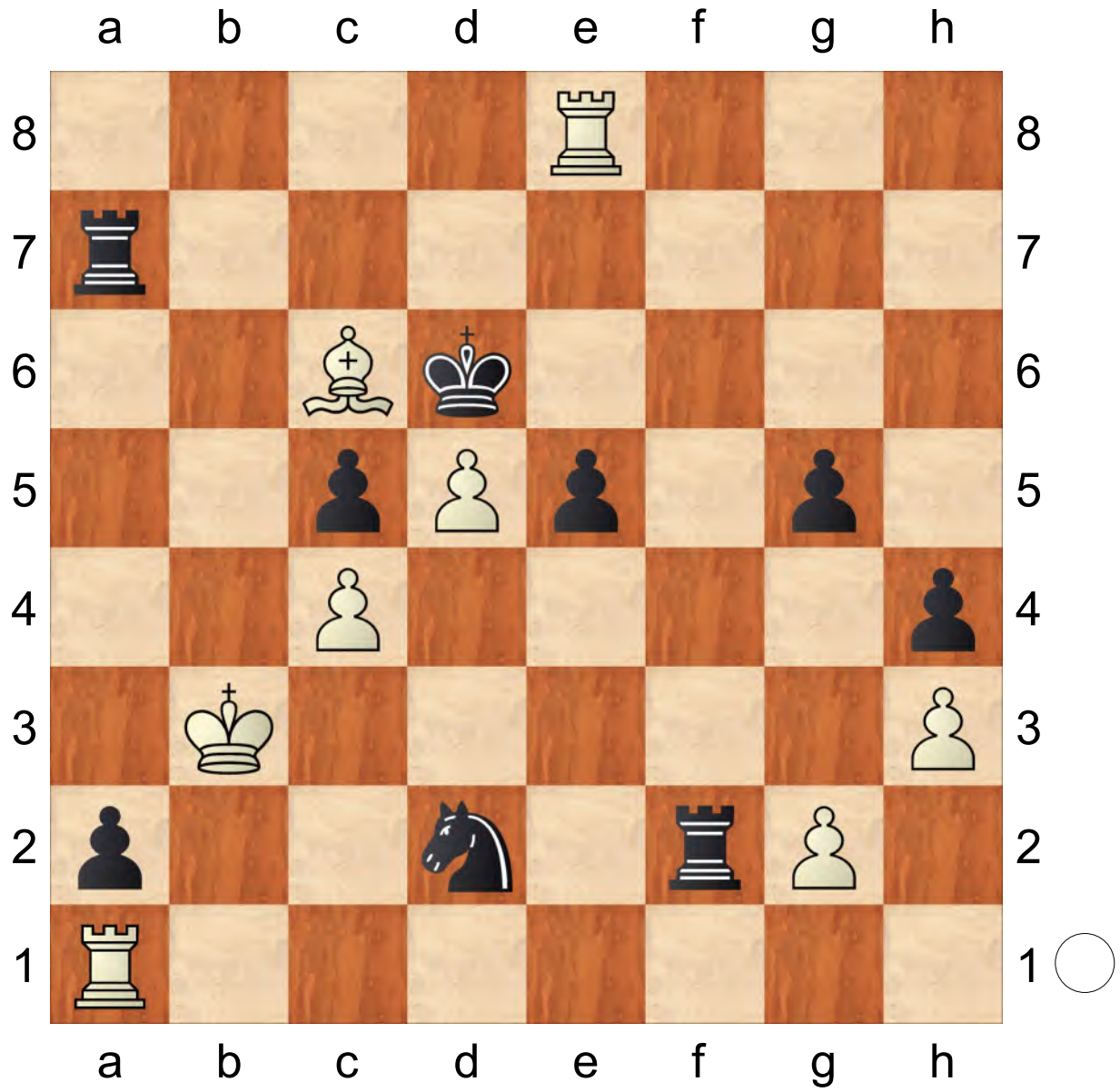
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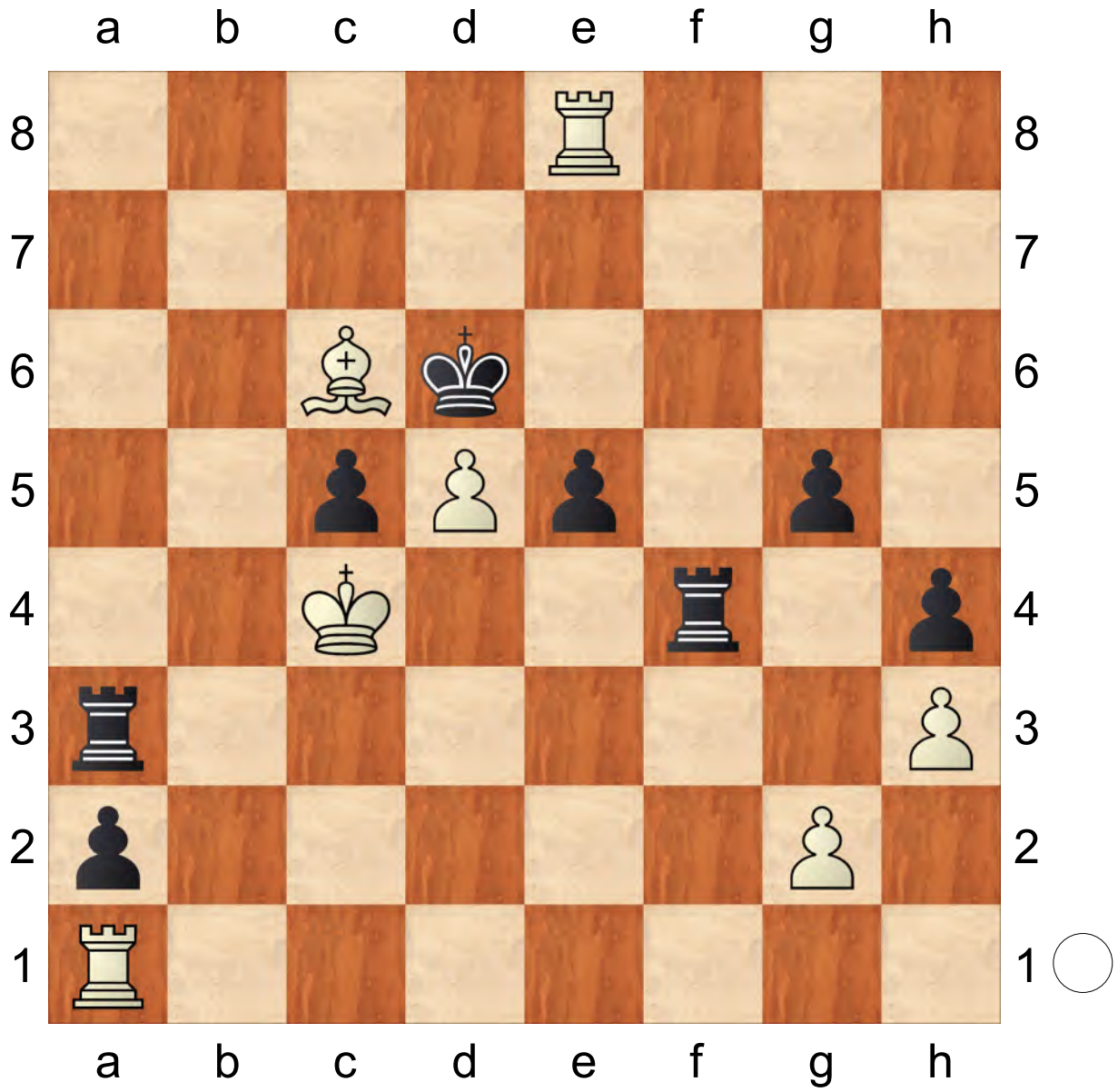
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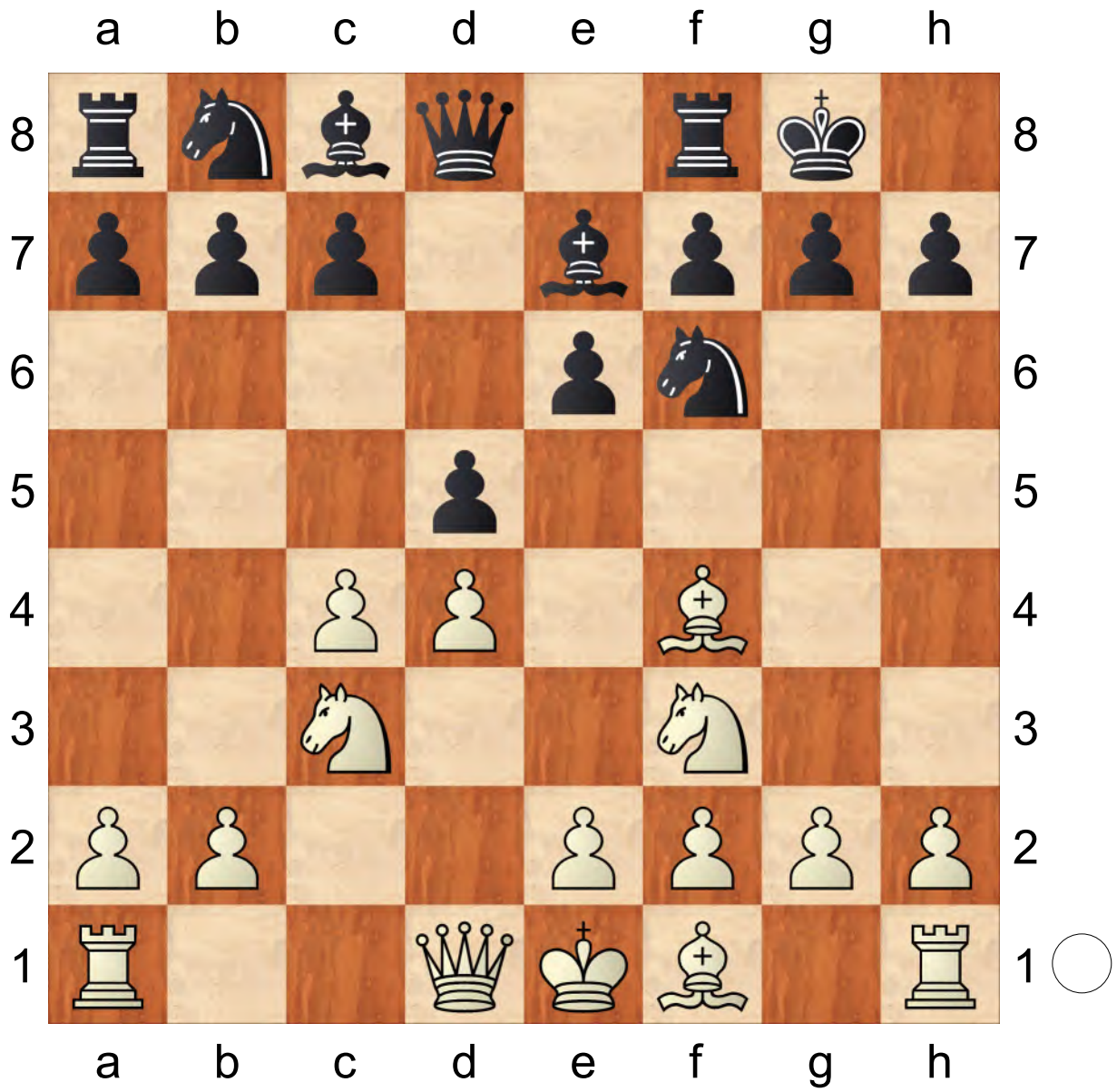
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2699**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2592**
EU-chT 22nd Batumi (7.4) 31.10.2019
[Stohl,Igor]

1.c4 Stohl, Igor **1...e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0**



6.e3 b6

[Recently I had a personal experience with 6...Nbd7

A) I don't like Sunday morning games, so I couldn't force myself to play the more principled 7.c5 Here after Nh5 8.Bd3 Nxf4 9.exf4 b6 Black needn't worry about 10.c6?! *(10.b4 a5 11.a3 c6* leads to a manoeuvring struggle, Black is

somewhat passive, but it's very difficult to take his fortress.*)* 10...Nb8 11.Ne5 Bd6

A1) 12.a3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nxc6 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 f5 16.h4 Rf7 17.h5 g5 18.g4

A1a) ⌓18...gxf4 19.gxf5 *(19.Qxf4 fxg4 20.Qxg4+ Rg7∓)* 19...Nxe5 20.fxe6 Qe7!∓;

A1b) 18...Qf8?! 19.Qxg5+ Rg7

A1b1) 20.Qf6! Qxf6 *(20...Rxg4? 21.Nxd5!±)* 21.exf6 Rxg4 22.Ne2∞;

A1b2) 20.Qh4? Rxg4 21.Qh2 Esipenko,A (2624)-Aronian,L (2758) Douglas 2019 Nd4! 22.0-0-0 Qh6∓;

A2) 12.Qc2!? might be better, but Black is still OK after 12...Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nxc6 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Qd2 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Qh4 18.Qg3 Qh7 19.0-0-0 Ba6 20.h4 c5 21.h5 Qh6 22.Qg5 Bb7∞ /∓, Cornes,D-Stukalov,M (1918) email 2013;

B) 7.a3 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Be2 *(* More usual is Stohl, Igor: 'A more usual move is' *11.Be5)* 11...Bf6 12.Be5 Re8 *(* This is not ideal, Black is closer to full equality after *12...Bg4 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qd4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Rfc8* or*; 12...Bxe5 13.Nxe5 Bf5)* 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qd4 Qc6 *(⌓14...Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Bd7±* is objectively better, but it admits Black is playing only for a draw.*)* 15.Rd1 Be6 16.0-0 Rac8 17.Qb4 Bd7 18.Rc1 *(18.Nd4± /±* is more natural *)* 18...b6 19.Rfd1 Qf6 20.Qd4 Qxd4 21.Nxd4 Ba4 22.Bb5! Bxd1 23.Bxe8± Stohl,I (2487)-Malinovsky,K (2478) Slovakia 2019]

[6...c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5

A) After 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Bb4+ 11.Nd2 Nakamura lost twice with Nepo, but already in 2017 Hikaru showed, that Black has the interesting Stohl, Igor: 'Nakamura lost twice to Nepo, but back in 2017 Hikaru showed, that Black has the interesting' d4 *(11...Nc6* is the more popular move *)* 12.e4 *(12.Qc2 Nc6 13.0-0 dxe3 14.Bxe3 h6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Be4 Rc8 18.Bf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Qa5 20.Qd7 Rc7 21.Qh3 Re8 22.Rad1 Bf8 23.Bf4 Rce7=* Radjabov,T (2759)-Nakamura,H (2761) Moscow 2019 *)* 12...Na6! 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Nb3 *(14.Nf3 Bg4 15.a3 Ba5 16.b4 Ne6 17.Bg3 Bc7 18.e5 Ng5 19.h4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Be6 21.Re1 Qd7 22.f4 Bb6 23.Qh5 g6 24.Qh6 Bf5∓* Sargissian,G (2652)-Nakamura,H (2781) Douglas 2017 *)* 14...Qf6!? *(14...Be6 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Rc1 Rc8 17.a3 a5 18.h3 Qb6 19.Qe2 Be7 20.Be5 Rfe8 21.Qd2 Bf8 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 23.Bg3 Bd7 24.e5 g6 25.f4±* Nepomniachtchi,I (2773)-Nakamura,H (2761) Abidjan blitz 2019*)* 15.Bg3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Bg4 18.f3 Be6 19.Qb5 a5 20.Rac1? *(20.e5 Qg6 21.Nxd4 Rd5⩲)* 20...d3! 21.Be5 Qh6∓ Moiseenko,A (2635)-Alekseenko,K (2674) Douglas 2019

B) 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Rd1 After

B1) 10...Be7 11.Be2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bd7 *(* The older treatment, which was connected mainly with *12...e5* or*; 12...Nh5)* 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.Qb3 Qc5

15.Be2 Na5 16.Qa2 Nc6 17.Rc1 a6 18.b4 Qa7 19.Qb1 Rac8 20.Ne4 *(20.Rfd1±; 20.e4!?)* 20...Nd5 21.Bg5 Qb8 22.Bxe7 Ncxe7 23.Nc5 Be8± /=, Tomashevsky,E (2718)-Georgiev,K (2581) Mali Losinj 2019 Black gradually managed to equalize. Stohl, Igor: 'Black gradually managed to equalise.';

B2) 10...Re8 11.Nd2 e5 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.Qb1 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Ne4 16.Ndxe4 dxe4 17.Qd2 Ne6 a new attempt is 18.Nxe4 *(18.Bh4 Qa6 19.Qe2 Rac8 20.0-0 Bf8=)* 18...Qxd2+ *(18...Qa6 19.0-0 Qxc4 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.Rxd5 Bf8 22.Bf6! Rac8 23.Bxe5 Nc7 24.Bxc7 Rxc7 25.Nd2 Rc2 26.Rb1 Re6 27.Kf1 Rb6 28.b4 a5 29.Nf3 axb4 30.axb4 Be7 31.b5±* Karjakin,S (2752)-Anand,V (2774) Cupar 2019*)* 19.Rxd2 f5 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.f3 Rac8 22.0-0 e4 *(22...Ne6!? 23.Bh4 Rxc4=)* 23.Rd5 Ne6 24.Rxf5 exf3 25.R1xf3 Nxg5 26.Rxg5 Rxc4 27.h3 Rc1+ 28.Kh2 Rc2 29.Rb5= /±, Karjakin,S (2748)-Nakamura,H (2754) Zagreb 2019]

7.Qc2 One of the rare reactions, we will see it's connected with a very sharp idea.

[7.a3

A) 7...c5!? 8.cxd5 *(8.dxc5 bxc5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Rd1* is perhaps a better chance to fight for an opening edge.*)* 8...Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Rc1 Be6 12.Be2 Qa5+ 13.Kf1?! Nd7 14.h4 Rfc8 15.Ng5 Nf8 16.Be5 Qb6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qd2 Nd7 19.Bc3 a5 20.Rd1 Bf6∓ Atalik,E (2464)-Kovalev,V (2661) Douglas 2019

B) 7...Bb7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Bd3 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5 *(11...Bxc5? 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Ng5+±)* 12.0-0 *(⌓12.Qc2!?)* 12...Nd7 13.Nd2 Nb6 14.Qc2 h6 15.Rac1 Qd7 16.Rfd1 Qb7 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Be4 Rac8 19.Be5 Kg8 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Be4 Kg8 22.h3 Rfd8 23.Bc3 Rd7 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Nf3 Rdd8⇄ Lupulescu,C (2643)-Solomon,K (2382) Douglas 2019]

[7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Bd3 *(9.Bxc7 Bb4+ 10.Nd2 Nc6!? 11.a3 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Na5 13.Qd3 Bd7⟳)* 9...Qa5+

A) 10.Nd2 Ba6 11.Bxa6 *(11.Be4 Nd7!)* 11...Nxa6 12.0-0 Nasledovalo c5 13.Be5 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Qf5 15.Nf3 Nb4 16.Qa4 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Bd6 18.Rfd1 Nd3 19.Rc6 e5 20.Qb5 Adhiban,B (2689)-Zherebukh,Y (2612) Atlantic City 2016 Nc5! 21.Bc3 Bf8 22.Rc1 f6= /∓;

B) 10.Kf1 Ba6 11.Bxc7!? is principled, but Black can improve on Caruana-Nakamura, London rpd 2018: Bxd3+ 12.Qxd3 Na6 13.Bg3

B1) 13...Nb4

B1a) 14.Qe2

B1a1) 14...Rfc8 15.a3 Qa4 16.Kg1 Na2 *(16...Nd5 17.Ne1 Bb4 18.Nd3 Rc2 19.Qf3±)* 17.h3 Nc1 18.Qf1 Qc2 19.Kh2 Ne2 20.Be5 Qxb2 21.d5 Nc3 22.dxe6 fxe6 Caruana,F (2832)-Nakamura,H (2746) London rpd 2018 23.Nd4↑;

B1a2) ⌓14...Rac8 15.a3 Qa4 16.Kg1 Nd5⩲ We will check this below in more detail.;

B1b) 14.Qb3 Rfc8 15.h3 Rc2 16.Ne1 Rd2! 17.Kg1 Rc8 18.Kh2 h5

19.h4 Qd5 and according to Dautov Black has suffcient compensation: 20.Nf3 Rdc2 21.Rhd1 a5 22.Rab1 Qe4 23.Qa4 Nd5 24.Qd7 Kf8⩱ Pheby,I (2341)-Fuzishawa,R (2281) email 2014;

B2) 13...Rac8!?

B2a) 14.h3 Nb4 15.Qb3 Rc2 16.Kg1 Qd5!? *(16...Rfc8 17.Kh2 Qb5 18.a3 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Rhb1 Nf6 21.Ne1 R2c6 22.Rd1± Levin,F (2506)-Beckhuis,G (2328) Germany 2005)* 17.Kh2 Qxb3 18.axb3 a6⩱;

B2b) 14.a3 Nb4 15.Qe2 Qa4 16.Kg1 Nd5 Stohl, Igor: '⩱' Stohl, Igor: ' ' Stohl, Igor: 'We will check this below in more detail.'

B2b1) 17.h3 Rc2 18.Qd1 b5 19.e4 Nf6 20.Bh4 Re8 21.d5?! *(21.Kh2∓)* 21...Qxe4 22.d6 Kowalski,I (2344)-Shpanko,N (2233) Suwalki 2019 Bf8∓;

B2b2) 17.Ne1 Bb4! 18.Nd3 Rc2 19.Qf3 Bd2!⇄ In top games nobody has ventured 11. ♗xc7 since London 2018, so the elite has almost certainly worked out a reliable way to hold the balance.]

7...Ba6 The modern treatment of the 6...b6 line. We'll also check the alternatives:

[7...c5 8.dxc5 bxc5 9.Rd1 Nc6!? is interesting: *(* More common is Stohl, Igor: 'A more common try is' *9...Bb7 10.Be2 Nbd7* , but Black wants to develop his forces differently.*)* 10.Be2 Qa5 11.0-0 Ba6 12.cxd5 *(12.Nd2!? Nb4 13.Qb3 Qb6⇄)* 12...Nb4 13.Qb3 Nfxd5 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Ne5 ½, Ramirez Alvarez,A (2593)-Friedel,J (2499) Wheeling 2012 Rfb8=]

[Black more often than not plays 7...Bb7

A) 8.Rd1 Bd6 9.Bg3 *(9.Bg5!?)* 9...Nbd7 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxg3?! *(12...h6!?)* 13.hxg3 e5?! *(⌓13...h6)* 14.Bb5 c6 15.Be2 Qc7 16.g4?! *(16.Nh4!↑)* 16...Rfe8 17.g5 Rad8 18.Kf1 b5 19.Rh4 a6 20.a4 Qa5 21.g6!? hxg6 22.Ng5 Caruana,F (2832)-Nakamura,H (2746) London 2018 c5! 23.Qd3 *(23.d5 c4∞)* 23...f6 24.Qh3 fxg5 25.Rh8+ Kf7 26.Rxe8 Rxe8! 27.Qxd7+ Re7= For details see the notes to this game in CBM 188 by Krasenkow.;

B) 8.cxd5!? causes Black more problems: 8...Nxd5 *(8...exd5 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.a3 c4 12.Bf5 a6 13.Rad1 b5 14.e4 dxe4 15.d5 Na5 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 g6 18.d6 Bf6 19.d7±* Gupta,A (2637)-Murali Krishnan,B (2320) New Delhi 2013*)* 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Bd3

B1) 10...h6 11.Qxc7! Bb4+ 12.Ke2 Nc6 13.e4 Nxd4+ 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Be5! *(15.Qxb7 Qxb2+ 16.Kf3* Hertneck,G (2526)-Singer,C (2327) Bayern 2011 *Rad8 17.Rad1 Qc3 18.Qa6 f5!⩱)* 15...Rac8 16.Qxf7+! Kxf7 17.Bxd4± with a healthy extra pawn.;

B2) 10...Bb4+ 11.Ke2 Ba6 12.Rhc1 Bxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 Bewersdorff,O (2320)-Rybak,R Prague 1989 15.Qe4↑;

B3) 10...c5

B3a) 11.Bxh7+ Kh8 12.Bd3 *(12.dxc5!?)*

B3a1) 12...cxd4 13.0-0 dxe3 14.fxe3 Na6 15.Rad1 Nb4 16.Qc7 Bf6

17.Bb1 Qc6 18.Qxc6 Nxc6 19.Rd7 White has some initiative, but it's certainly not necessary to lose in 4 moves after Ba6 *(19...Bc8!?)* 20.Rfd1 *(20.Rc1!)* 20...Rac8?! *(20...Be2 21.Rc1 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ne5⇄)* 21.Be4 Bxb2 22.Bd6 Be2? 23.Bxf8 1-0 (23) Dreev,A (2560)-Doroshkievich,V (2425) Rostov on Don 1993]

B3a2) 12...Na6 13.a3 cxd4 14.exd4 Qa5+ 15.Ke2 Rac8 16.Qd2 Qh5 17.Rhc1 e5? *(⌓17...Rcd8 18.Qe3 Bf6 19.Be5 Nc5!?⇄)* 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Qe3! f6 20.Kf1 exf4 21.Qxe7 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qxf3 23.Qe4 Qxe4 24.Bxe4 Nb8 25.Ke2 Nc6 26.Rd1 g5 27.Kf3 Kg7 28.h4± Sakaev,K (2649)-Tregubov,P (2570) St Petersburg 1999]

B3b) Possibly more convincing is Stohl, Igor: 'Possibly a more convincing move is' 11.dxc5!? Na6 12.0-0 Nb4 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Qb1 g6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qxg6 Qf5 17.Ne5 Nc6 18.Qxf5 Rxf5 19.Ng6+ Kg8 20.Nxe7+ Nxe7 21.cxb6 axb6 22.Rfd1 Kf7 23.Rd7 Bc6 24.Rc7 e5 25.Bg3± Lucki,S (2362)-Andersen,J (2331) email 2013]

8.0-0-0!?N An enterprising novelty, typical for Dubov's style. Stohl, Igor: 'An enterprising novelty, typical of Dubov's style.'

[8.cxd5 Bxf1 *(Fully playable is also Stohl, Igor: 'Another fully playable move is' 8...Nxd5!? 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 , po Stohl, Igor: ', then' 10.0-0 c5 11.Rfd1 Nab4 12.Qb3 Nxf4 13.exf4 Qc7 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne5 Rad8 16.a3 Nc6= /∓, L'Ami,E (2628)-Bruzon Batista,L (2666) Merida 2015)*

A) 9.Rxf1 Nxd5 10.Ke2 *(10.0-0-0 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Qd5⇄)* 10...Nxf4+ *(10...c5=)* 11.exf4 Nc6 12.Qe4 Nb4 13.Rfd1 c6 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.Rac1 Rc7 16.g3 Qc8 17.a3 Nd5 18.Kf1 Rd8 19.Kg2 Bf8 20.Qf3 f6 21.Ng4 Qd7 22.Ne3 Ne7 23.h4 Qe8 24.Qe4 Qf7 25.Rd3 Rcd7⇄ Deac,B (2440)-Iordachescu,V (2581) Reykjavik 2015]

B) 9.Kxf1 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 *(10.Rd1!?)* 10...Qxd5 11.e4 Qb5+ 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Na6 14.Rhd1 Rfd8 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.f3 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 f6 18.Bf4 c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Rac1 e5 21.Be3 Ne6 22.g3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc8 24.Rd2 Rc7= Kosic,D (2509)-Vaibhav,A (1957) Backi Petrovac 2016]

[Until now White mostly tried Stohl, Igor: 'Until now White has mostly tried' 8.Ne5 , but here Black can achieve sterile symmetry after dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bxc4 10.Nxc4 Nd5

A) 11.Bg3 Nxc3 *(11...c5 12.dxc5 Nxc3 13.cxb6!± Fier,A (2543)-Anuj,S (2336) Taleigao 2019; 11...Nd7!? 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxc5=)* 12.Qxc3 Qd5 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Rac1 Shishkin,V (2428)-Sahil,T (2167) Alba Iulia 2019 Nc6= ;

B) 11.Rd1 Nc6! *(11...Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6 13.0-0 Nd7 14.g3 Nf6 15.Ne5 Qc8 16.Nc6 Nd5 17.Ne4 h6 18.Rc1 Qb7 19.Rfe1 Rac8 20.a3 a5 21.Qb3 Qa6 22.f5± Kveinys,A (2512)-Cummings,D (2341) Reykjavik 2012)* 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.0-0 Nb4⇄;

C) 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Rac1 Nd7 *(14...Nc6 15.Qe4 Nb4 16.Nd6 Qa5 17.a3 Nd5 18.Bg3 Qa6 19.Rfd1 Bxd6 20.Bxd6 Rfc8*

21.h3 ½, Khalifman,A (2545)-Pigusov,E (2560) Sochi 1989 *Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8=)* 15.a3 Rfd8 16.Qb1 Qb5 17.Bd6 Bf8 *(17...Bxd6!? 18.Nxd6 Qe5 19.Rfd1 Nf6=)* 18.Rfd1 Rac8= Inarkiev,E (2693)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2669) Mali Losinj 2019]

8...dxc4 An ambitious reaction.

[After 8...Bxc4 9.Bxc4 dxc4 White can change his mind and regain the pawn with 10.Ne5 *(or 10.Qe2* I doubt this gives him an advantage, but Svane reminds his opponent he is playing a real gambit. *)*]

9.Ng5 Canadian icehockey - puck into the attacking zone! Stohl, Igor: 'Canadian ice hockey - puck into the attacking zone!' **9...Nc6**

[9...h6 10.h4 and the ♘g5 remains on its outpost, while Black has weakened his ».]

[Black's move is connected with an active idea, but the knight will be a liability later on. Standard development with 9...Nbd7!? is more harmonious and deserves attention.]

10.a3 Renews the threat.

[10.d5? Nb4 11.Qa4 Nfxd5∓]

10...g6!

(Diagram)

A strong and concrete reaction. This weakens the kingside less, than advancing the ♙h7. Stohl, Igor: 'A strong and concrete reaction. This weakens the kingside less, than advancing the ♙h7. ' **11.h4 Bd6?**

[However, this is a serious error, Black had to fight against the h5 advance more forcefully. The engines consider 11...Nd5! to be practically the only playable move! A complex position arises after

A) 12.g3 gives Black a choice: Bb7∓ *(12...Nxc3 13.Qxc3 b5!?)*;

B) 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Be2 *(13.Nxh7 Kxh7 14.h5 Kg7! 15.hxg6 fxg6∓)* 13...Bc8 14.g4!?∞ Δ h6 15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.h5 Rg8 17.Bxh6⩲]

12.g3! A strong multipurpose move. The ♗ aims for g2, moreover the h5 advance is unstoppable. Stohl, Igor: 'A strong multipurpose move. The ♗ aims for g2, moreover the h5 advance is unstoppable.' **12...Qe7**

[12...Bb7!? activates the ♗, but White remains on top after 13.h5 *(13.Rh3!?↑)* 13...Nxd4 14.Rxd4 Bxh1 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Nxe6 Qe7 17.Nxf8±]

13.h5! e5 Desperately striving for counterplay.

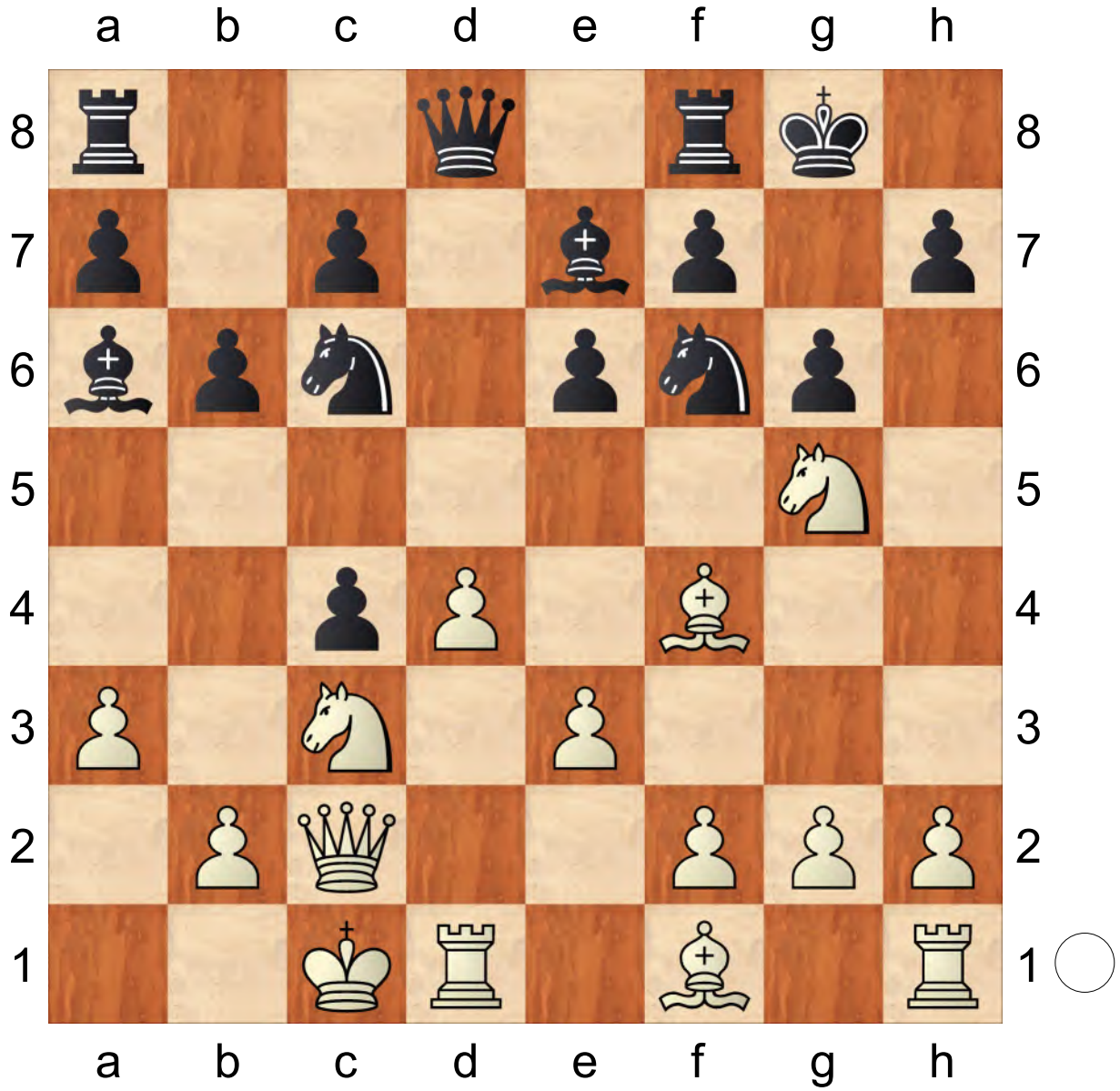
[13...Nxh5? 14.Rxh5+-]

[13...Rad8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Nce4→ gives White a raging attack.]

14.hxg6

[White can even go for fireworks as 14.Nxh7!? A sample line is Stohl, Igor: 'A sample line is' Nxh7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Bg2! exf4 17.Bxc6 fxg3 18.Qxg6+ Qg7 19.Bd5+ Kh8 20.Rxh7+ Qxh7 21.Rh1+-]

14...hxg6



[14...exf4 15.g7 Kxg7 16.Rxh7+ Kg8 17.Nd5! Qd8 *(17...Nxd5 18.Rh8+ Kg7 19.Qh7+ Kf6 20.Qh6+ Kf5 21.Bh3#)* 18.Nxf7!+-]

15.Bg2

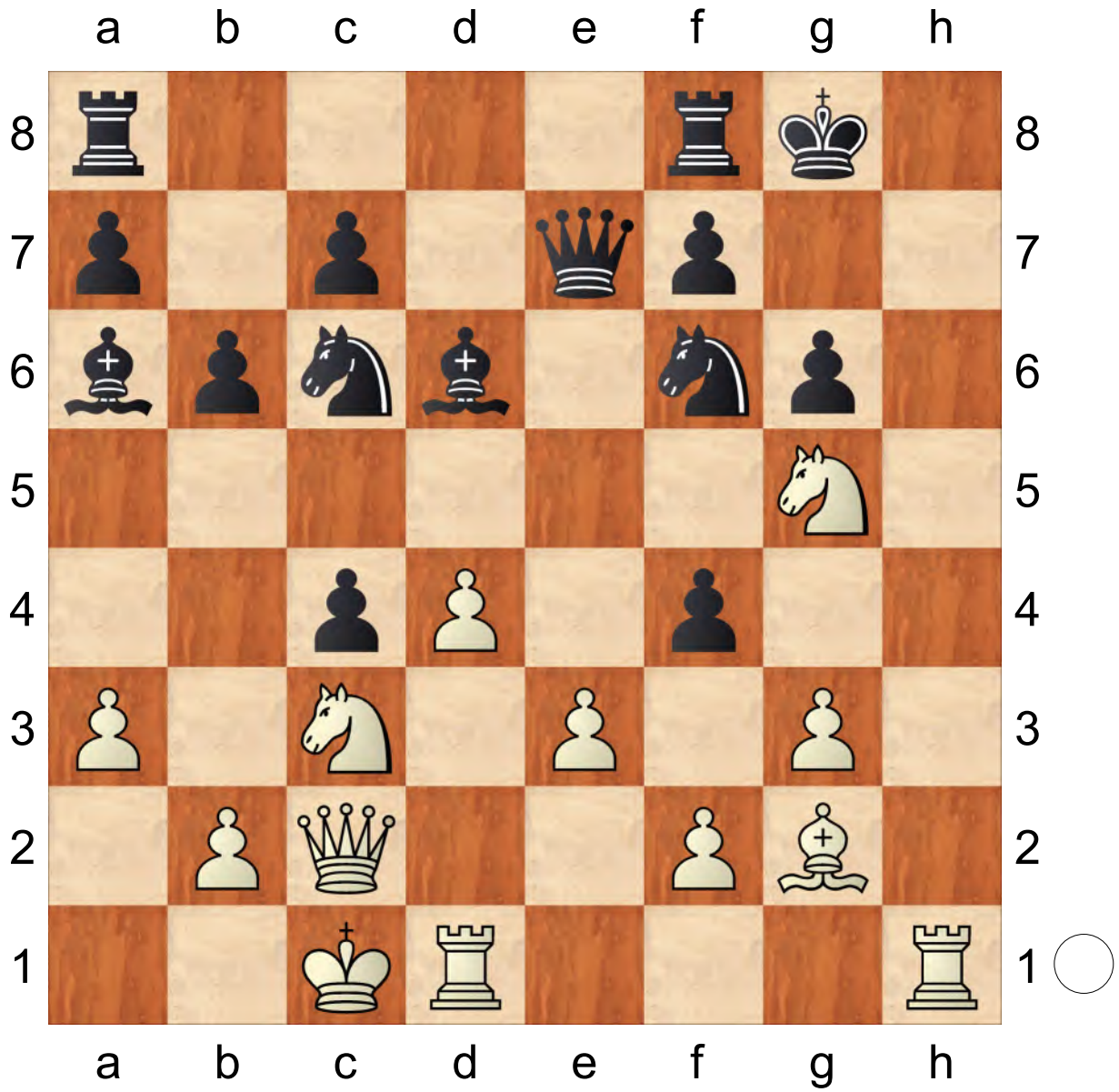
[A good alternative is 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nd5! Nxd5 17.Rxd5→ Δ Bb7 18.Rxe5! Bxe5 19.Bxc4 Qf6 20.Rh6+- and g6 collapses]

15...exf4

(Diagram)

16.Bxc6 A human solution, Dubov probably already saw his following move.

[However, the engines praise even the piece sacrifice 16.gxf4!? Black must lose a tempo to protect the ♘c6 and he can hardly withstand the concentrated assault of White's attacking forces.]



16...fxg3
[16...fxe3 17.Rde1 Ng4 18.f4+- and Black has no plausible defence.]
17.Kb1! White would like to take on g3, but that's not immediately possible. Safeguarding the white ♔ is an important attacking move!
[17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.Qd2± might also keep an advantage, but the text is much stronger - the ♗c6 is more potent, than the ♖a8.]
17...Rad8
[17...Kg7 loses material after 18.Qa4+- *(18.Rdf1!?+- →)*]
18.f4? After a series of strong moves White commits an error, which allows Black to get back into the game.
[⌓18.fxg3! The ♕ aims for h2, ♘d5 is already a direct threat:
A) 18...Kg7 19.Nd5 *(19.e4!?+-)* 19...Nxd5 20.Rh7+ Kg8 21.Qxg6+! fxg6 22.Bxd5++-;

B) 18...Qxe3 19.Nge4+- Nxe4 20.Qh2 Nxc3+ 21.bxc3 Kg7 22.Qh7+ Kf6 23.Rdf1+! *(23.Rhf1+ Bf4 24.Rxf4+? Qxf4 25.gxf4 Rh8-+)* 23...Ke7 24.Re1 Qxe1+ 25.Rxe1+ Kf6 26.Rf1+ Ke7 27.Qg7+-;
C) 18...Bxg3 19.Rdg1 *(19.Rh3 or; 19.Nge4!?→ are also strong)* 19...Qxe3 20.Nce4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 wins the ♗g3. Even simplification Qd3 22.Rxg3 Qxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Kg7 24.Rgh3 Rh8 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.Rxh8 Kxh8 27.Nf6± /+- doesn't help, as the important ♙c7 falls.]

18...Bc8! Rerouting the ♗ complicates matters.
[18...Qxe3? 19.Nd5+- *(* or *19.Rh6*+- loses quickly. *)*]

19.Rde1
[19.Qc1!? protects f4 and is directed against Kg7?! 20.e4± , but on the other hand from c1 it takes the ♕ longer to join the attack.]

19...Kg7
[19...Bf5 20.e4 Bd7 21.Bxd7 Bxf4 22.Nh3+- wins a piece. With the text move Black prepares ♖h8, so Dubov starts a new wave of the attack, connected with sacrifices.]

20.Nd5!?
[20.Qc1 Rh8 21.e4 Bd7 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.e5 Qf5+ is at best unclear after 24.Ka2 Rxh1 25.Rxh1 Nh5∞]

20...Nxd5
[20...Bf5? 21.e4 Nxd5 22.exf5! Ne3 23.Rh7+ Kg8 24.Rxe3 Qxe3 25.fxg6+-]

(Diagram)

21.Rh7+!
[21.Bxd5? Bf5 22.e4 Bxf4 and the attack is over: 23.Rh7+ Kg8 Stohl, Igor: 'transposes into the above line.' 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Rxf7 Qxg5 26.Qxc4 Rxd4! 27.Qxd4 Kxf7 28.exf5 Qxf5+-+]

21...Kg8 22.Rxf7! The forcing play continues.
[22.Bxd5? Bf5 23.e4 Bxf4 transposes into the above line.]

22...Rxf7 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 Now White has to postpone taking the ♘d5.
[23...Rg7? 24.Bxd5+ Kf8 25.Nh7+ Rxh7 26.Qg8#!]

24.Qh6+ Rg7 25.Bxd5 Ke8
[⌓25...Bf5+ 26.e4 Ke8! 27.exf5 *(27.Bc6+ Bd7 28.Qh5+ Kf8 29.Bd5 Qf6 30.Qh4 Ke8 31.e5 Qg6+ 32.Ka2* is also a plausible continuation, but White doesn't seem to have more than a draw after *Bxa3 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qh4=* After all, he is a ♖ down already for a while! Stohl, Igor: 'After all, he has been a ♖ down for a while already!'*)* 27...Qxe1+ 28.Ka2 Rxg5!? 29.Qxg5 Rd7 30.Be6= and the best White can hope for is a perpetual.]

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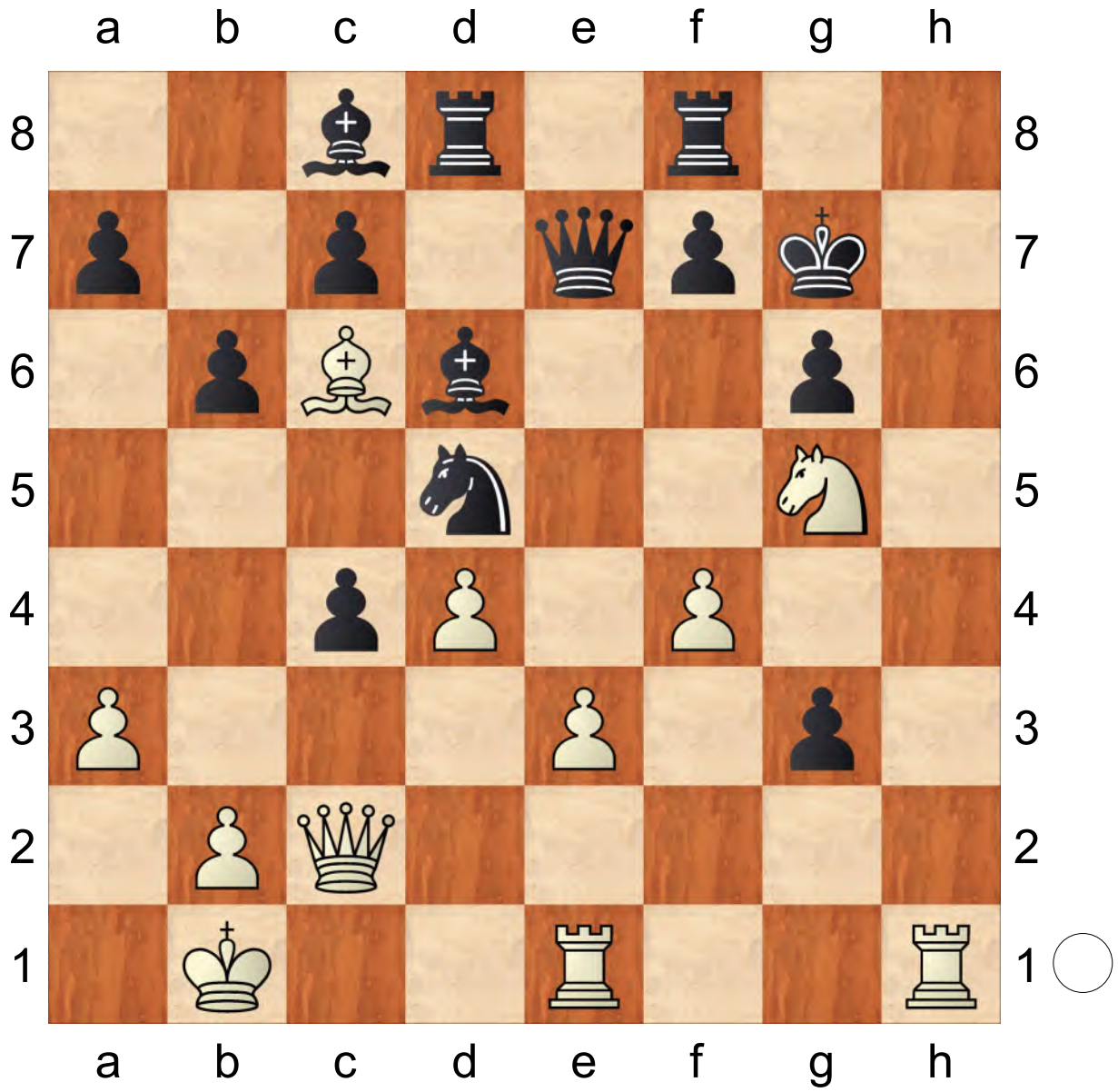
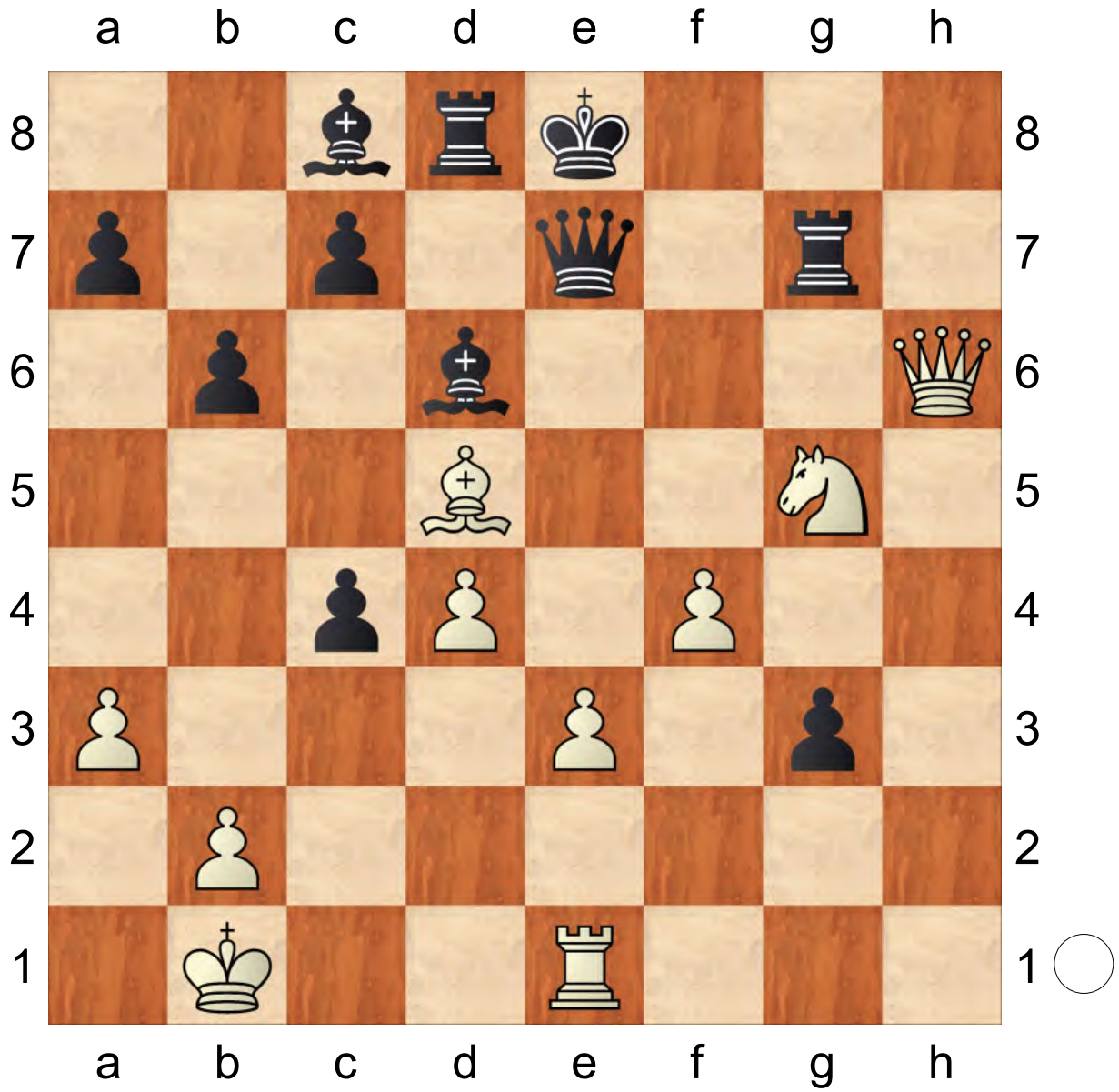
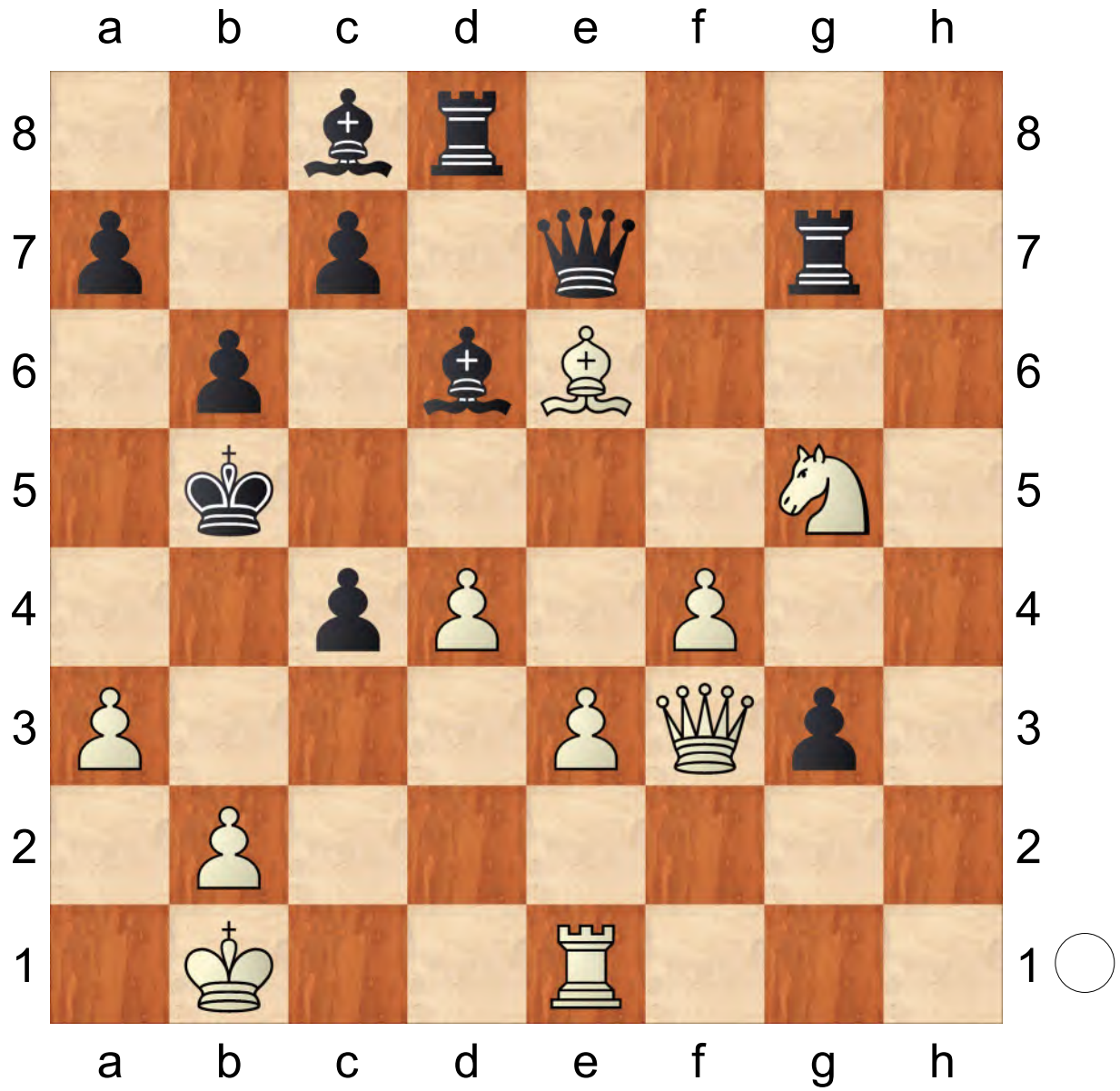




26.Qh5+ Kd7 27.Qh3+ Ke8 28.Qh5+ Kd7 Is this also a draw? Stohl, Igor: 'Is this also a draw? ' **29.Be6+!** After repeating the position White continues the fight. His decision is based on evalutaion and precise calculation... Stohl, Igor: 'After repeating the position White continues the fight. His decision is based on evaluation and precise calculation...' **29...Kc6?** Now we will witness the second case.

[The correct reaction was 29...Qxe6! 30.Nxe6 Kxe6 , leading to a position which Dubov had to evaluate. After 31.f5+ Ke7 32.e4↑ White is the active side - his pawns are mobile and strong and the ♔e7 is permanently exposed. However, the ♙g3 gives Black counterchances and the final outcome is still open. Stohl, Igor: 'White is the active side - his pawns are mobile and strong and the ♔e7 is permanently exposed. However, the ♙g3 gives Black counter-chances and the final outcome is still open.']

30.Qf3+ Kb5



31.Bxc4+! Ka5
[31...Kxc4 32.Qc6+ Bc5 33.Rc1+ Kd3 34.Rc3+ Ke2 35.Qg2+ Kd1 36.Rc1#]
32.Qd5+ Bc5
[32...c5 33.b4+ Ka4 34.Ka2 Qe8 *(34...Bd7 35.Qb7 a5 36.Qxb6+-* mates *)* 35.Ne4!+-]
33.b4+ Ka4 34.Qg2! Relentlessly continues the king-hunt. Stohl, Igor: 'He relentlessly continues the king-hunt.' **34...Bxb4**
[34...Bf5+ 35.Ka2 Rg6 36.Qb7+-]
35.Qc6+ Kxa3
[35...b5 36.Qxb5+ Kxa3 37.e4+-]

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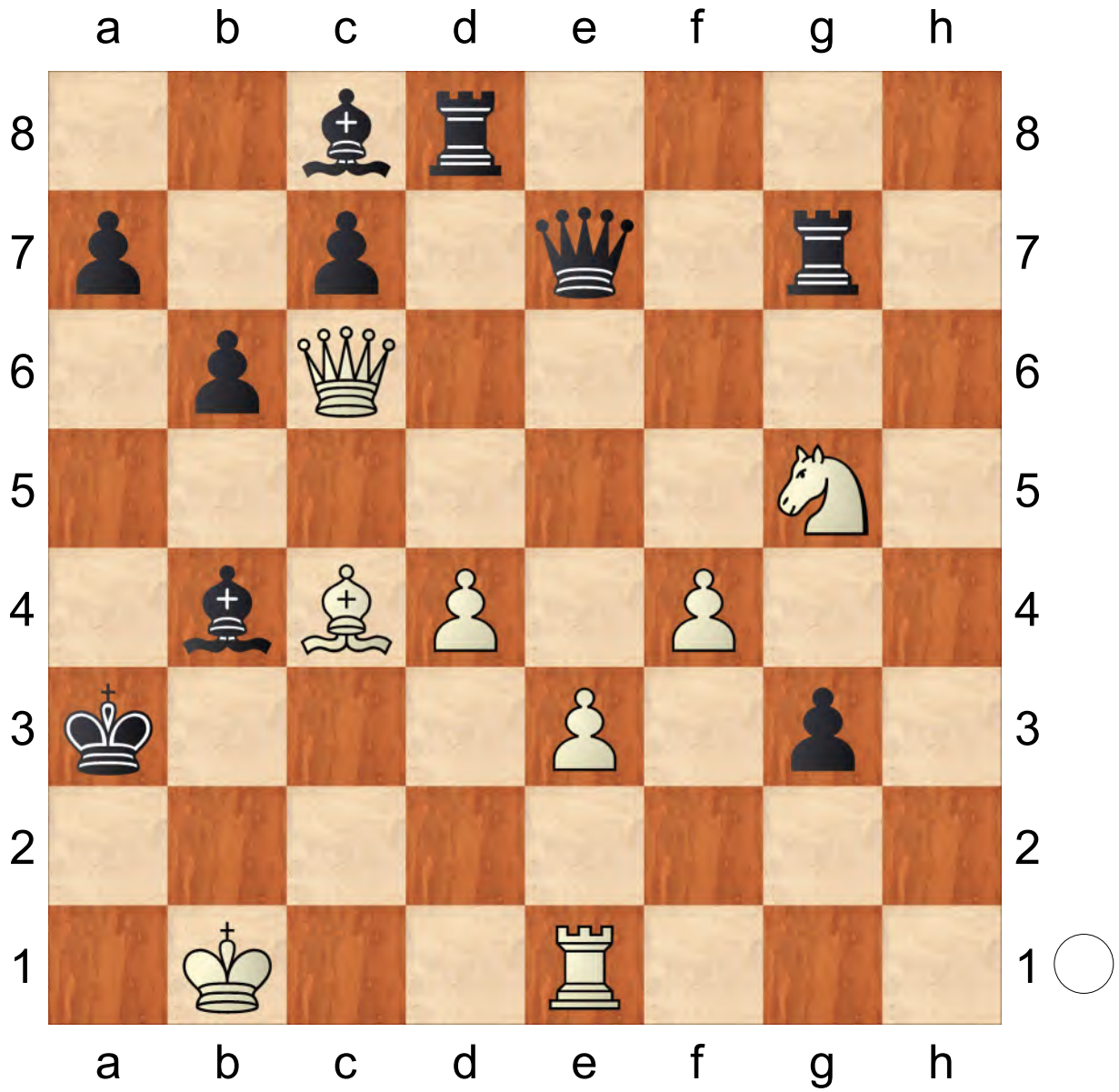

36.Bb3! □ This beautiful move is the only way to force mate and win!
[36.Re2? Bd2! 37.Rxd2 Qb4+ 38.Kc2 Bf5+-+ completely turns the tables.]
36...Bd7
[36...Kxb3 37.Qc2+ Ka3 38.Qa2#]
[36...Bf5+ is a Rachesschach, which only postpones the inevitable after Stohl, Igor: 'is a spite check, which only postpones the inevitable after' 37.e4+-]
37.Qc1+ Kxb3 38.Qc2+ Ka3 39.Qa2#

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A fitting end to a great game. Stohl, Igor: 'A fitting end to a great game.'
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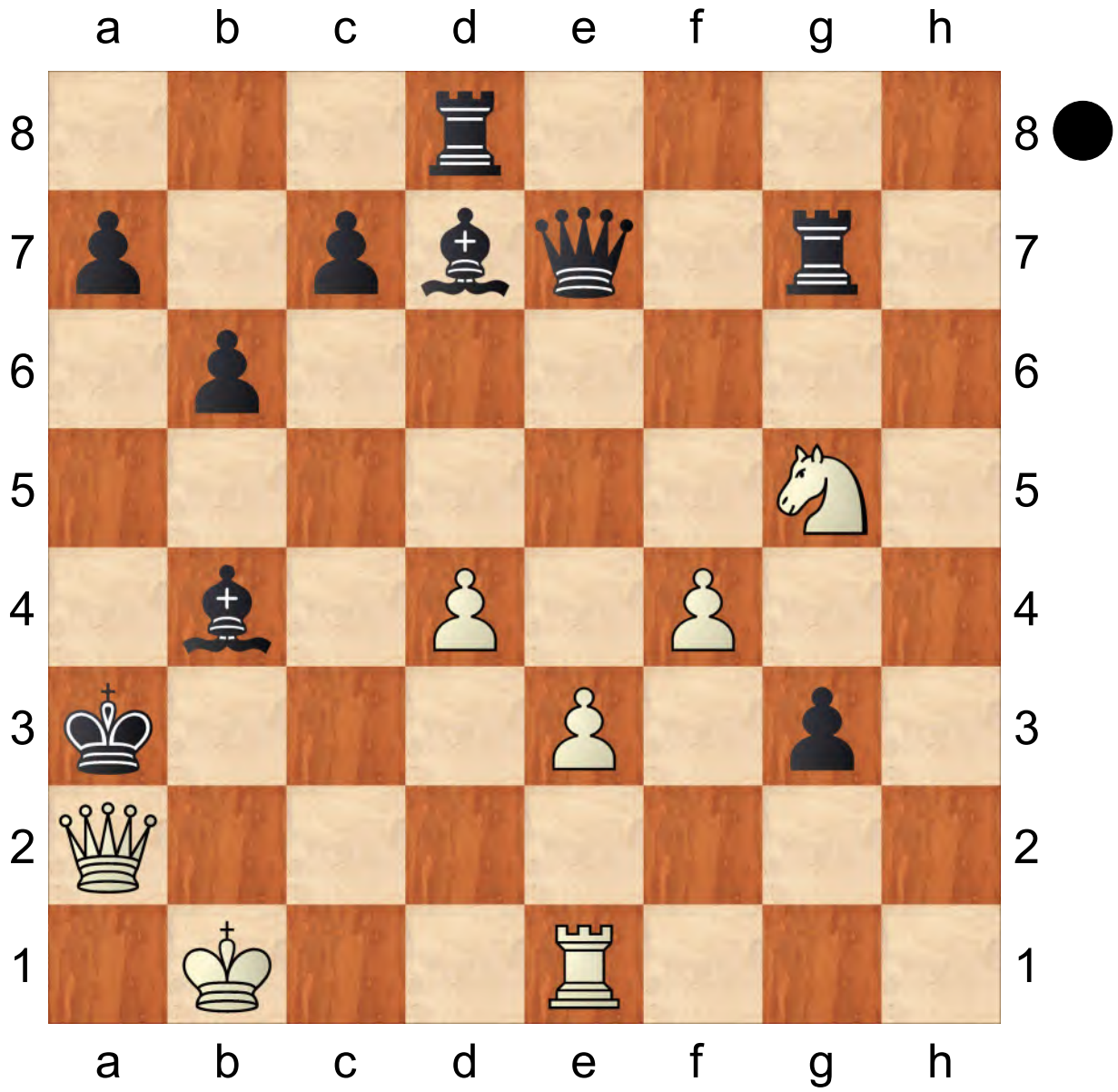
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[Tiviakov,Sergei]

1.e4 Tiviakov **1...d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 c6 5.Bc4**

[5.Bg5 Bf5 6.Qd2 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0-0 Nf6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.Qf4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nd7 14.h4 Nb6 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 h5 18.Qe4 Rd8 19.c3 Rd6 20.Kb1 Qd8 21.Bb3 g6 22.f4 Qa5 23.Qe3 Kg7 24.Bc2 Rhd8 25.Rdg1 Kf8 26.Rg3 R8d7 27.Rf3 Qd8 28.Qe4 c5 29.Ba4 Rc7 30.dxc5 Rxc5 31.Bb3 b5 32.Qe3 Qb6 33.Qe2 a5 34.a3 Qd8 35.Qe3 Rf5 36.Bc2 Rfd5 37.Qe4 Rd2 38.f5 exf5 39.Qb7 Rb6 40.Qa7 b4 41.axb4 axb4 42.cxb4 Rxb4 43.Qa3 Qd6 44.Rb3 Rxb3 45.Qxd6+ Rxd6 46.Bxb3 Rd2 47.Bc2 Rxf2 48.Rd1 Bxh4 49.Rd7 Be7 50.Bb3 h4 51.Bd5 h3 52.Rc7 g5 0-1 Gopal,G-Tiviakov,S/Kolkata 2007 (52)]

[5.Nf3 Bg4 *(5...Nf6 6.Bg5 Bg4 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bf4 Qb4 10.0-0 Be7 11.a3 Qa5 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rfe1 0-0 14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Rad8 17.Bf3 Nd7 18.Qe2 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qb6 20.Na4 Qd4 21.b3 Qf4 22.c4 Rd3* 0-1 Dhar-Barua,S-Tiviakov,S/Vlissingen 2007/The Week in Chess 665 (22)*)* 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 *(9...Nd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Rg1 Nd7 12.c4* ½-½ Fedorchuk,S-Tiviakov,S/Sibenik CRO 2009 (12) *)* 10.Qe2 Nd5 11.Bg2 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 e6 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.f4 Bb4 16.a3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 h5 18.Rhf1 hxg4 19.hxg4 Rd8 20.Rde1 Qe7 21.Kb1 Rh2 22.f5 exf5 23.gxf5 Bxf5 24.Rxf5 Rxg2 25.e6 fxe6 26.Qh3 Rdd2 27.Qh8+ Kd7 28.Qb8 Rge2 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Qxb7+ Kd6 31.Qb8+ Qc7 32.Qb4+ c5 33.Qf4+ e5 34.Qg3 Qa5 35.Qxg7 Kd5 36.Qd7+ Ke4 37.Qd3# 1-0 Sadvakasov,D-Tiviakov,S/Kolkata 2007 (37)]

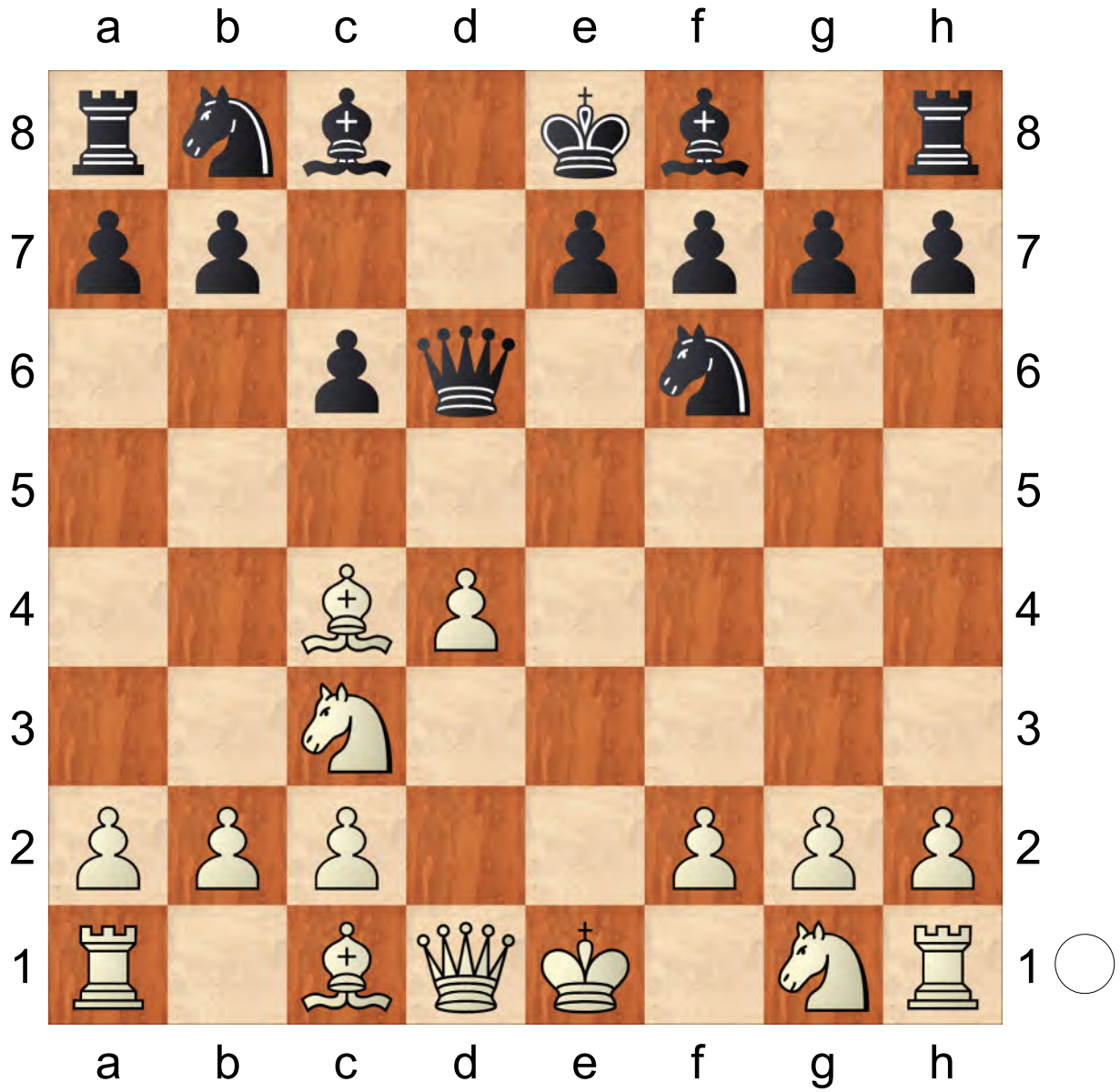
[5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Na6 10.Bf4 Qd8 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Rad1 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 e6 15.Be5 Qe7 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Rad8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qa5 Qc7 20.Qxc7 Nxc7 21.Rd3 Rd6 22.Rb3 Rb8 23.Kf1 g5 24.Bf3 Kf6 25.c3 h6 26.Re5 Ke7 27.a4 b6 28.Ra3 f6 29.Re2 c5 30.dxc5 bxc5 31.Ke1 f5 32.Rc2 a5 33.Ra1 Ne8 34.Rd1 Rxd1+ 35.Kxd1 Nd6 36.Be2 e5 37.b4 cxb4 38.cxb4 Rxb4 39.Rc5 Rxa4 40.Rxe5+ Kf6 41.Rc5 Ne4 42.Rc6+ Ke5 43.Rxh6 Ra1+ 44.Kc2 Ra2+ 45.Kd3 Nxf2+ 46.Ke3 Ne4 47.Bb5 Ra3+ 48.Ke2 Nc3+ 0-1 Grana Lois,J-Tiviakov,S/Vila Nova de Gaia 2009 (48)]

[5.Ne4 Qe6 6.Qe2 Nf6 7.f3 g6 8.g3 Nxe4 9.fxe4 Bg7 10.Bh3 f5 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Ng5 Qd6 13.c3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd7 15.Nf3 Qe6 16.Ne5 Nd7 17.exf5 gxf5 18.0-0 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qg6 20.c4 Be6 21.Bg2 Rfd8 22.b3 Rd7 23.Bf3 Bf7 24.Rad1 Rad8 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.h4 Qe6 27.h5 Rd8 28.Re1 Be8 29.a4 Qd7 30.Qe3 a6 31.Kf2 Kh7 32.Be2 Qd4 33.Qxd4 Rxd4 34.e6 Re4 35.Bf3 Bd4+

36.Kf1 Rxe1+ 37.Kxe1 b5 38.cxb5 cxb5 39.a5 b4 40.Be2 Kg7 41.Bxa6 Bxh5 42.Bb7 Kf6 43.a6 Kxe6 44.Kd2 Kd7 45.Bb8 Bf7 46.Kc2 h5 47.a7 Bxa7 48.Bxa7 Kd6 49.Bf3 e5 50.Be3 Bg6 51.Kc1 h4 52.gxh4 f4 53.Bd2 Kc5 54.h5 Bh7 55.Bg4 Kd4 56.Bxb4 e4 57.Kd2 1-0 Bologan,V-Tiviakov,S/Sibenik CRO 2009 (57)]

5...Nf6

[5...Nd7 6.Nf3 Ngf6 7.Qe2 Nb6 8.Bb3 e6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Nd5 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Qe2 Be7 13.c4 0-0 14.Rd1 c5 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Be3 Qh5 ½-½ Berg,E-Tiviakov,S/Crete 2007 (16)]



6.Nge2 Bf5 7.0-0 e6 8.Ng3

[8.Bf4 Qd8 *(8...Qb4 9.Bb3 Qa5 10.d5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Nd4 Be4 13.c4 Nc6 14.Nb5 Rc8 15.Qe2 a6 16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Nc7+ Rxc7 18.Bxc7*

Qxc7 19.Bxd5 Nd4 20.Qe4 Bc5 21.Rac1 Qb6 22.Bxb7 0-0 23.Qe3 e5 24.Bf3 Bd6 25.b3 f5 26.Bd5+ Kh8 27.Rc4 h6 28.Rfc1 f4 29.Qd3 Qa5 30.Bf3 Rf6 31.Rc8+ Bf8 32.a4 Qb6 33.R1c3 Qe6 34.h3 Qd6 35.Ra8 g6 36.Rcc8 Qb4 37.Qc3 Nxf3+ 38.gxf3 Qd6 39.Rd8 Qe7 40.Re8 1-0 Autenrieth,M-Schmid, G/Abensberg 1987/EXT 1997 (40)*)* 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Re1 Be7 11.Nce4 *(11.Qe2 0-0 12.Rad1 Nd5 13.Bc1 Bb4 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Nge2 Nd7 16.a3 Bxc3 17.Nxc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Nb6 19.Bb3 Qa6 20.Qe2 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 Nd5 22.Bb2 b5 23.c4 Nb6 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Re5 a6 26.Bc1 Rac8 27.Rc5 Be4 28.f3 Bd5 29.Bd2 Bc4 30.Kf2 Nd7 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.Ba5 Nf6 33.Bb4 Bxb3 34.cxb3 Rc2+ 35.Rd2 Rc1 36.Rb2 h6 37.a4 bxa4 38.bxa4 Ra1 39.a5 Ra4 40.Be1 Nd5 41.Rc2 g5 42.g3 Kg7 43.Rc6 Ra2+ 44.Kg1 Ra1 45.Kf2 Ra2+ 46.Kg1 Ne3 47.Rc3 Rg2+ 48.Kh1 Re2 49.Rc1 Kg6 50.Kg1 Rg2+ 51.Kh1 Ra2 52.Kg1 Rg2+ 53.Kh1 Rc2 54.Rxc2 Nxc2 55.Bc3 Ne3 56.Kg1 Kf5 57.Bb4 h5 58.Kf2 Nd5 59.Bd2 Nf6 60.Ke2 g4 61.Bb4 Nh7 62.Be7 f6 63.Ke3 Ng5 64.fxg4+ hxg4 65.Kf2 Nf3 66.h3 Nxd4 67.hxg4+ Kg6 68.Bc5 Nc6 69.Bb6 Kg5 70.Kf3 Ne5+ 71.Ke4 Kxg4 72.Bd4 Nd7 73.Bxf6 Nxf6+ 74.Ke5 Nd7+ 75.Kxe6 Nc5+ 76.Kd5 Nb3 77.Kc6 Nxa5+ 78.Kb6 Nb7 79.Kxa6* ½-½ Pavelka, J-Buran,J/Moravia 2003/EXT 2006 (79)*)* 11...Nxe4 12.Nxe4 0-0 13.c3 Nd7 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Bd6 Nf6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Qe5 Qe7 19.Re3 b5 20.Bb3 a5 21.a3 Rec8 22.f4 Qc7 23.Rae1 h6 24.g4 c5 25.dxc5 Qxc5 26.f5 exf5 27.gxf5 Bxf5 28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.Re7 Bg6 30.Rf1 Rf8 31.Rd1 a4 32.Ba2 Rfc8 33.Rdd7 Rg5+ 34.Kf2 Rf5+ 35.Ke3 Rf1 36.Kd2 Rf6 37.Ke3 Rc5 38.Kd4 Rh5 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.Ree8 Bf5 41.Re5 Rxh2 42.Rb8 Rxb2 43.Rbxb5 Rxa2 44.Rxf5 Rxf5 45.Rxf5 Kg6 46.Re5 Rxa3 47.c4 Kf6 48.Re2 Rb3 49.Rf2+ Ke6 50.Re2+ Kd6 51.c5+ Kc6 52.Kc4 Rf3 53.Rg2 g6 54.Ra2 Rf4+ 55.Kd3 Kxc5 0-1 Larghi,R-Marelli,M/Robecchetto 1992/EXT 2000 (55)]

[8.Re1 Qb4 9.Bb3 Bd6 10.Bf4 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 0-0 12.Nce2 Qd6 13.Qd2 Nd5 14.Rad1 Nd7 15.Nh5 Bg6 16.Nhg3 N7f6 17.c4 Ne7 18.Nf4 Qc7 19.h4 h6 20.Nxg6 Nxg6 21.h5 Ne7 22.Bc2 Rfd8 23.Qe3 Qa5 24.Qe5 Qxa2 25.Ne4 Qxc4 26.Nxf6+ gxf6 27.Qxf6 Qxc2 28.Qxe7 Rd5 29.Qxb7 Rad8 30.Rc1 Qd2 31.Rcd1 Qf4 32.Qxa7 Rxh5 33.Re3 Qh2+ 34.Kf1 Rg5 35.g3 Rf5 36.Rd2 Qh1+ 37.Ke2 Qg1 38.Rf3 Rxf3 39.Kxf3 Rd5 0-1 Rolletschek Heinrich (AUT)-Pfaffel Thomas (AUT)/Tweng (Austria) 2007 (39)]

8...Bg6 9.Nce2

[9.f4

A) 9...Bxc2 10.Qe2 *(10.Qd2 Bf5 11.Nxf5 exf5 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Kh1 0-0 14.d5 b5 15.Bb3 b4 16.Nd1 Ne4 17.Qc2 g6 18.Ne3 Qc5 19.a3 bxa3 20.bxa3 Rd8 21.g4 Qxc2 22.Bxc2 Bh4 23.Re2 Nf2+ 24.Kg2 Nxg4 25.Nxg4 fxg4 26.dxc6 Nxc6 27.Be4 Nd4 28.Rb2 Rac8 29.Be3 Bf6* 0-1 Iliopoulos,A-Nikolaidis,I/Korinthos 2004/CBM 101 ext (29)*)* 10...Be7 11.f5 Qxd4+ 12.Kh1 Qg4 13.Rf3 e5 14.h3 Qh4 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.Qxc2 Rd8 17.Qb3+ Kf8 18.Qxb7 Nbd7 19.Nf1 Nc5 20.Qxc6 Rab8 21.Re3 e4 22.b4 Rdc8 23.Qxc8+ Rxc8 24.bxc5 Bxc5 25.Rg3 0-1 Charbonneau,P-Zatonskih,A/

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B) 9...Qd7 10.f5 exf5 *(10...Bxf5 11.Nxf5 exf5 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Rae1 0-0 15.g4 h6 16.Bxh6 Nxg4 17.Bxf8 Bxf8 18.Ne2 b5 19.Bb3 Na6 20.Nf4 Kg7 21.a4 Bd6 22.d5 Qc7 23.Qd4+ Be5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.Qxe5+ Nxe5 26.dxc6 bxa4 27.Bxa4 Nc5 28.Bb5 a6 29.Ra1 Rb8 30.c7 Rc8 31.Bxa6 Nxa6 32.Rxa6 Rxc7 33.c3 Rd7 34.Ra5 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 Nc4 37.Rc5 Nxb2 38.h4 Rd7 39.Rc6 Nd3 40.Nxd3 Rxd3+ 41.Kg2 Kh6* 0-1 Hoffmann,M-Cicak,S/Sitges 1999/EXT 2000 (41)*)* 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Qe1+ Qe7 14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.Rxf5 Bxd4+ 16.Kh1 f6 17.Ne4 Be5 18.Rd1 Nd7 19.Qa5 g6 20.Rff1 b5 21.Bb3 f5 22.h3 Rd8 23.Qxa7 Rf8 24.Nd2 Nc5 25.Qb6 Rf6 26.Nf3 Rb8 27.Qxc5 Qxc5 28.Rfe1 Rd6 29.Rc1 Kf8 30.Rxe5 Qf2 31.Ng5 Rd2 32.Nxh7+ Kg7 33.Re7+ Kh6 34.Rg1 Rbd8 35.Nf6 Rd1 36.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+ 0-1 Al Modiahki,M-Cicak,S/Benasque 1999/EXT 2001 (37)]

9...Nbd7 10.Bf4N

[10.Bb3 0-0-0 *(10...Qc7*= **Δ**♗d6 *)* 11.Bf4 Qb4 Tiviakov: '- 10.♗b3 0-0-0 11.♗f4 ♕b4' 12.c4 e5 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.c5 Qc7 15.f4 exd4 16.f5 Bh5 17.Nxh5 Nxh5 18.Bxf7 d3 19.Bxh5 Bxc5+ 20.Kh1 dxe2 21.Qxe2 Nf6 22.Bc3 Bd4 23.Bf3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rhe8 25.Qf2 Kb8 26.Rfe1 Qf4 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Qc5 Qe5 29.Qxe5+ Rxe5 30.g4 Kc7 31.Kg2 Ra5 32.Kg3 h6 33.h4 Ra3 34.g5 hxg5 35.hxg5 Nd7 36.Rg1 Ne5 37.Be4 Kd6 38.Kf4 Nf7 39.f6 gxf6 40.g6 Ng5 41.g7 Ne6+ 42.Kf5 Nxg7+ 43.Rxg7 b5 44.Rf7 Rxc3 45.Rxa7 b4 46.Ra6 Kc7 47.Kxf6 b3 48.axb3 Rxb3 49.Rxc6+ Kb8 50.Ke5 Ka7 51.Bd5 Rb1 52.Rc8 Rg1 53.Kd6 Rd1 54.Ra8+ Kb6 55.Rb8+ Ka7 56.Rb4 Rg1 57.Bc6 Ka6 58.Kc7 Rg7+ 59.Bd7 Rg5 60.Rh4 Re5 61.Kc6 Ka7 62.Ra4+ Kb8 63.Kb6 Re1 64.Rh4 Rb1+ 65.Bb5 Rc1 66.Rh8+ Rc8 67.Rh7 Rc1 68.Bc6 Rb1+ 69.Kc5 Kc8 70.Kd6 Rd1+ 71.Bd5 Kb8 72.Rb7+ Kc8 73.Ra7 Rb1 74.Rh7 1-0 Del Rio Angelis,S-Pinheiro,J/Leon 2001/CBM 086 (74)]

10...Qb4

(Diagram)

11.Bb3 Be7

[11...0-0-0 - 10.♗b3 0-0-0 11.♗f4 ♕b4]

12.Bg5 Qa5 13.h4?!

[13.f4=]

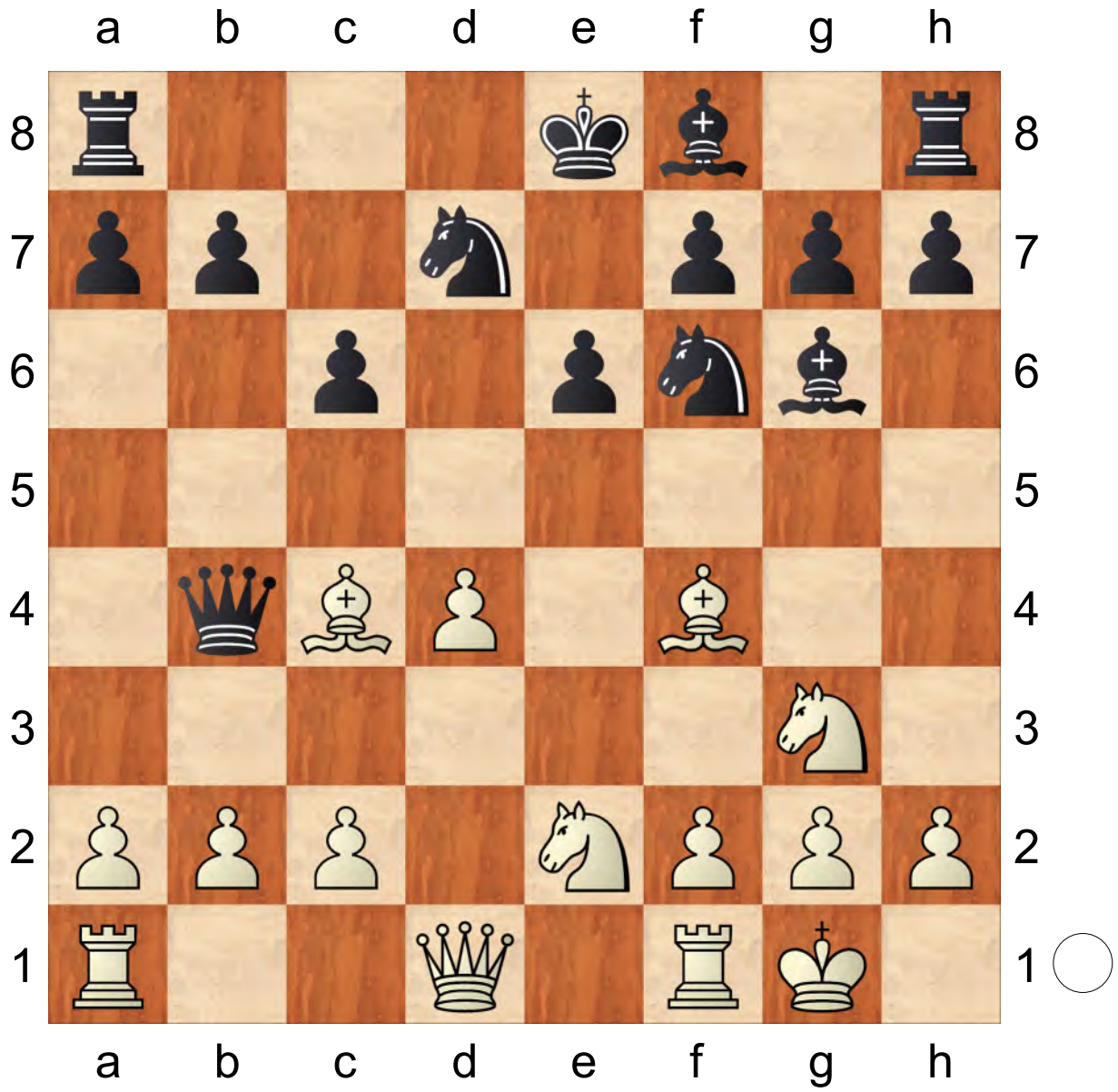
13...0-0-0

[13...h6 14.Bd2 *(14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Nf4 Bh7∓)* 14...Qc7 15.Nf4 Bh7∓]

14.Nf4 Nf8 15.c3 h6

(Diagram)

16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qf3?!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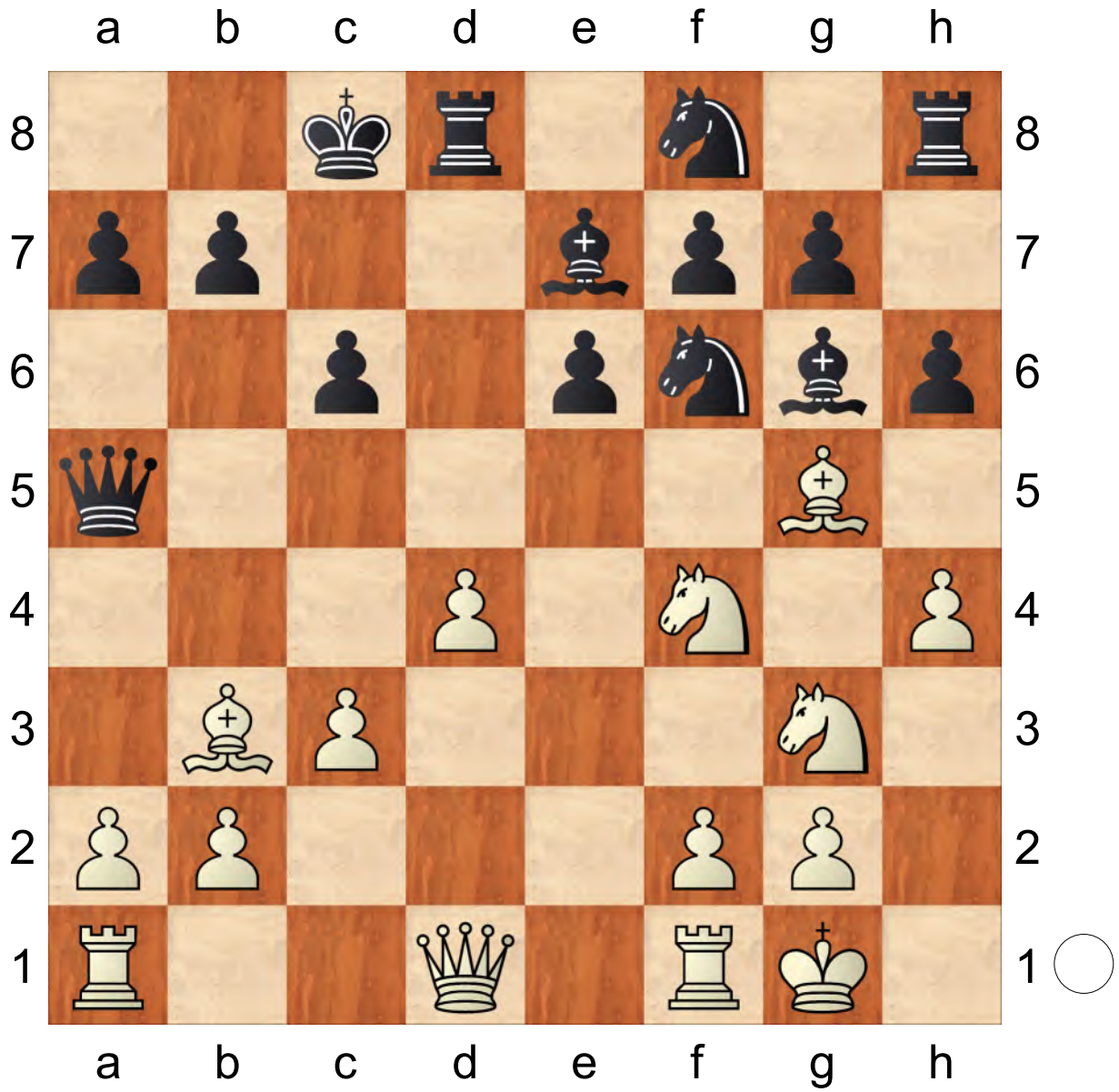


[17.h5 Bh7 18.Qf3=]

17...Bh7?!

[17...h5!?∓]

18.Nfh5 Nd7

[18...Bxh4 19.Qxf7]

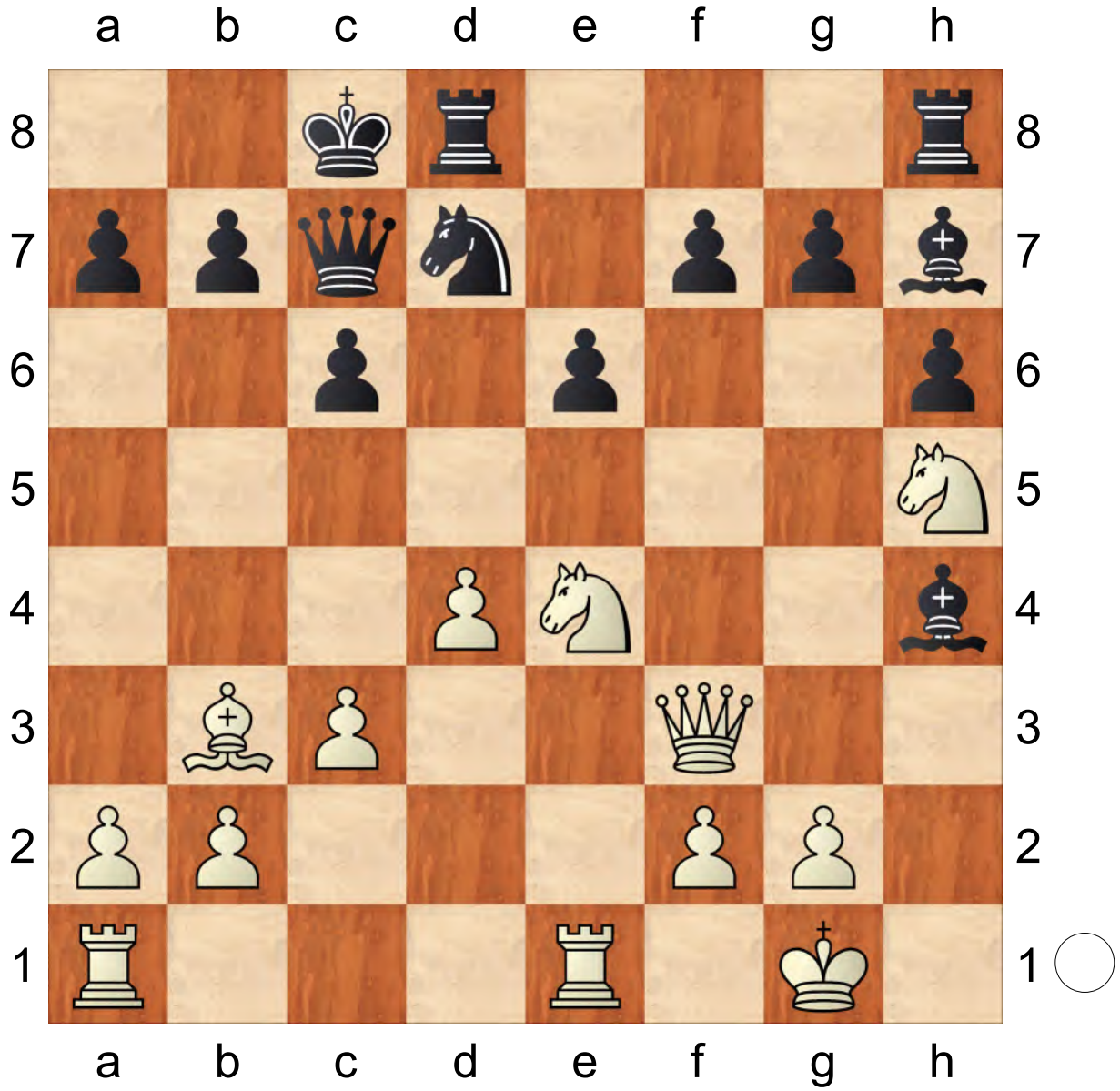
19.Rfe1 Qc7

[19...Bxh4 20.Qxf7 g6 21.Ng7 Rhf8 22.Qxe6 Bf6 23.Qd6 Bxg7 24.Re7±]

20.Ne4 Bxh4!?

[20...Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Qd6=]

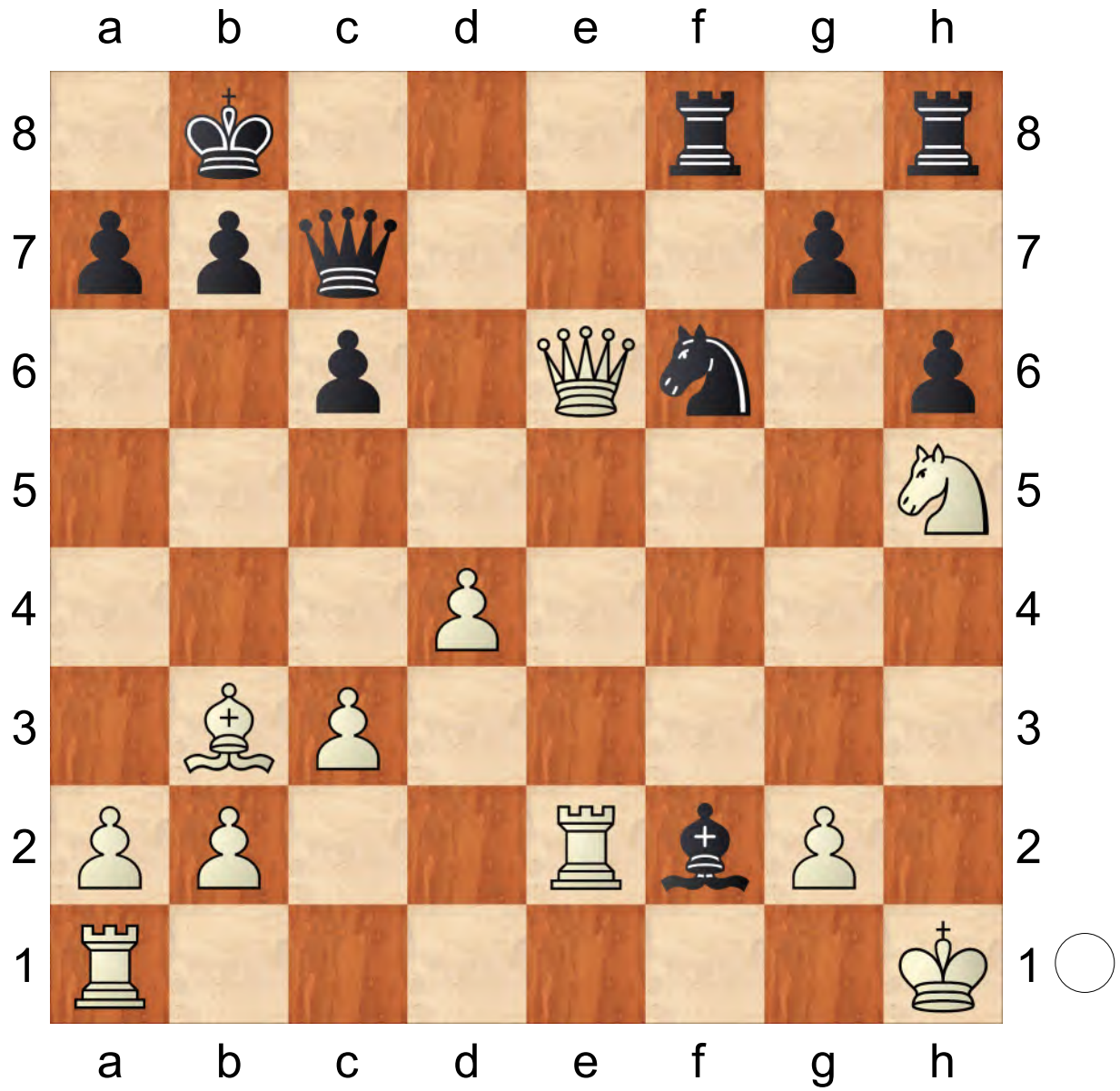
(Diagram)



21.Qxf7 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Rdf8 23.Qxe6 Bxf2+ 24.Kh1 Kb8 25.Re2
[25.Qe7!±]
[25.Rf1 Nf6 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Qe8+ Rxe8 28.Rxe8+ Qc8 29.Rxc8+ Kxc8=]
25...Nf6

(Diagram)

26.Nxg7?
[26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Qe8+ Rxe8 28.Rxe8+ Qc8 29.Rxc8+ Kxc8=]
[26.Rxf2 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Re1 a6=]
26...Ng4!
[26...Bxd4 27.cxd4 *(27.Qe7=)* 27...Qxg7=]
27.Qxg4□ Rf4 28.Qh5



[28.Qh3 Rh4 29.Rxf2 Rxh3+ 30.gxh3 Qxg7∓]

28...Rh4+ 29.Qxh4 Bxh4 30.Nf5 Bg5

[30...Bd8!?]

(Diagram)

31.Rf1 Rf8 32.Rf3 a6 33.Be6

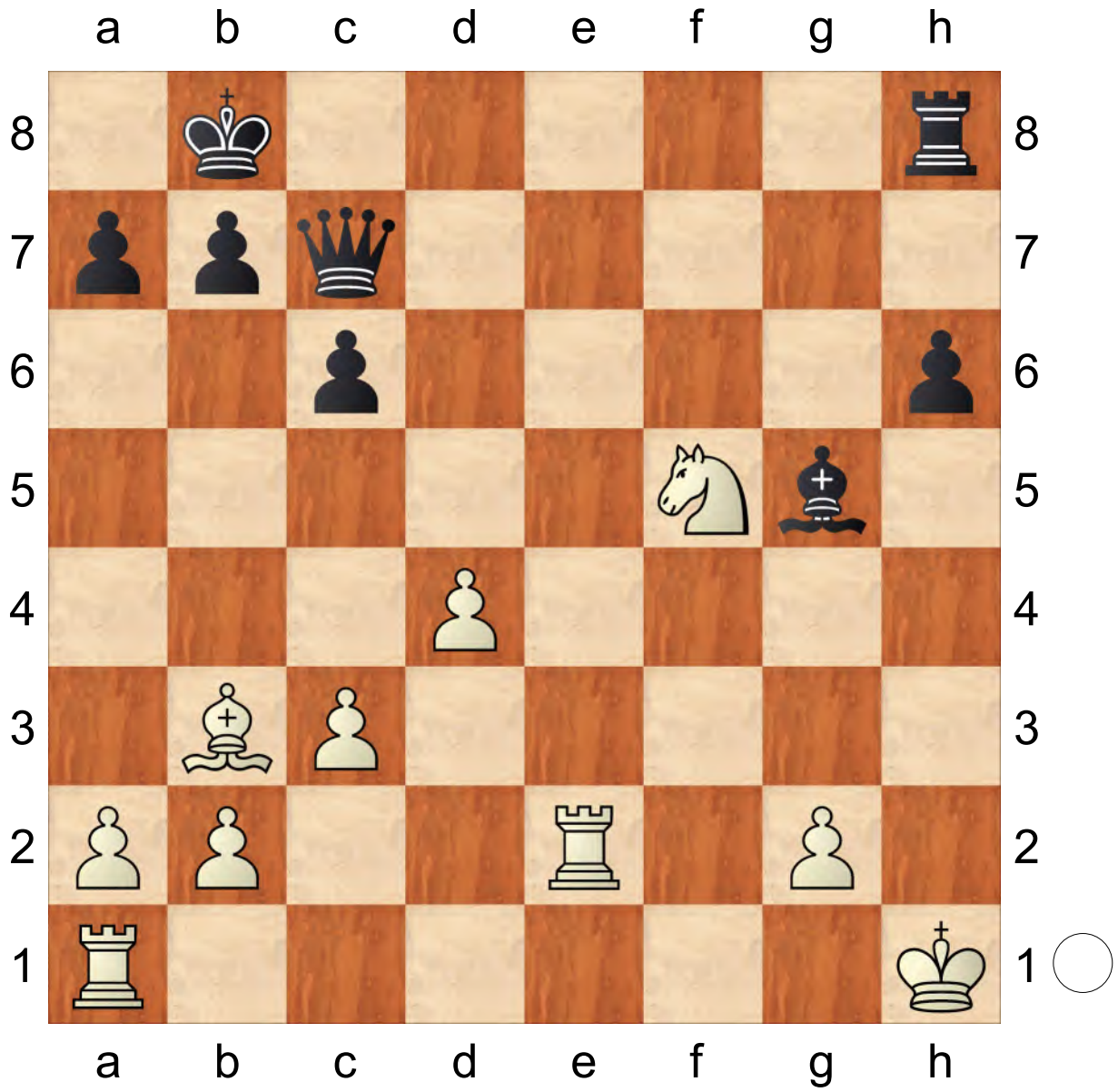
[33.d5 cxd5 *(33...Qa5 34.c4∓)* 34.Bxd5∓]

33...Ka7 34.c4

[34.b4∓]

34...Qa5 35.b3 Qa3

(Diagram)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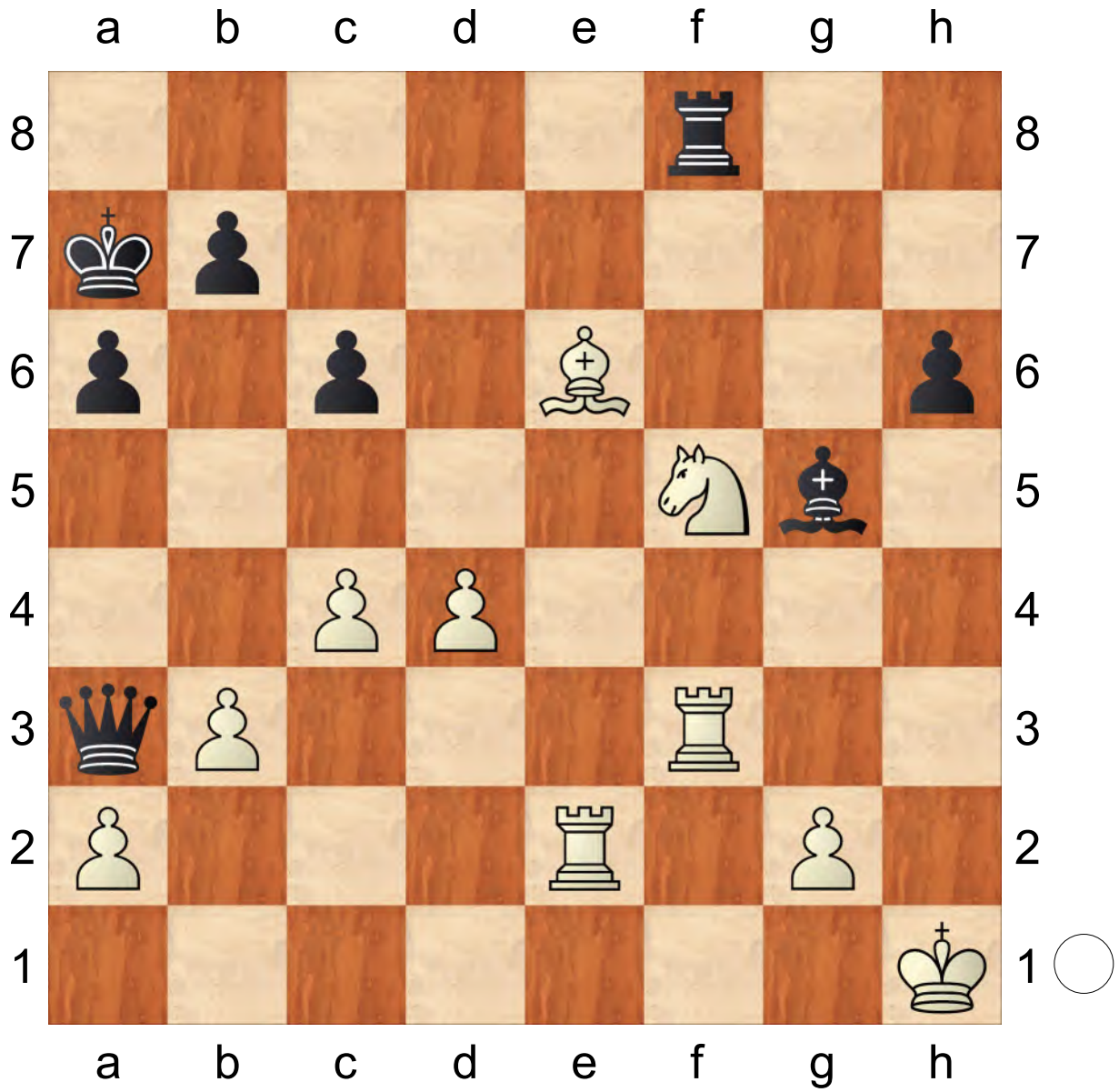
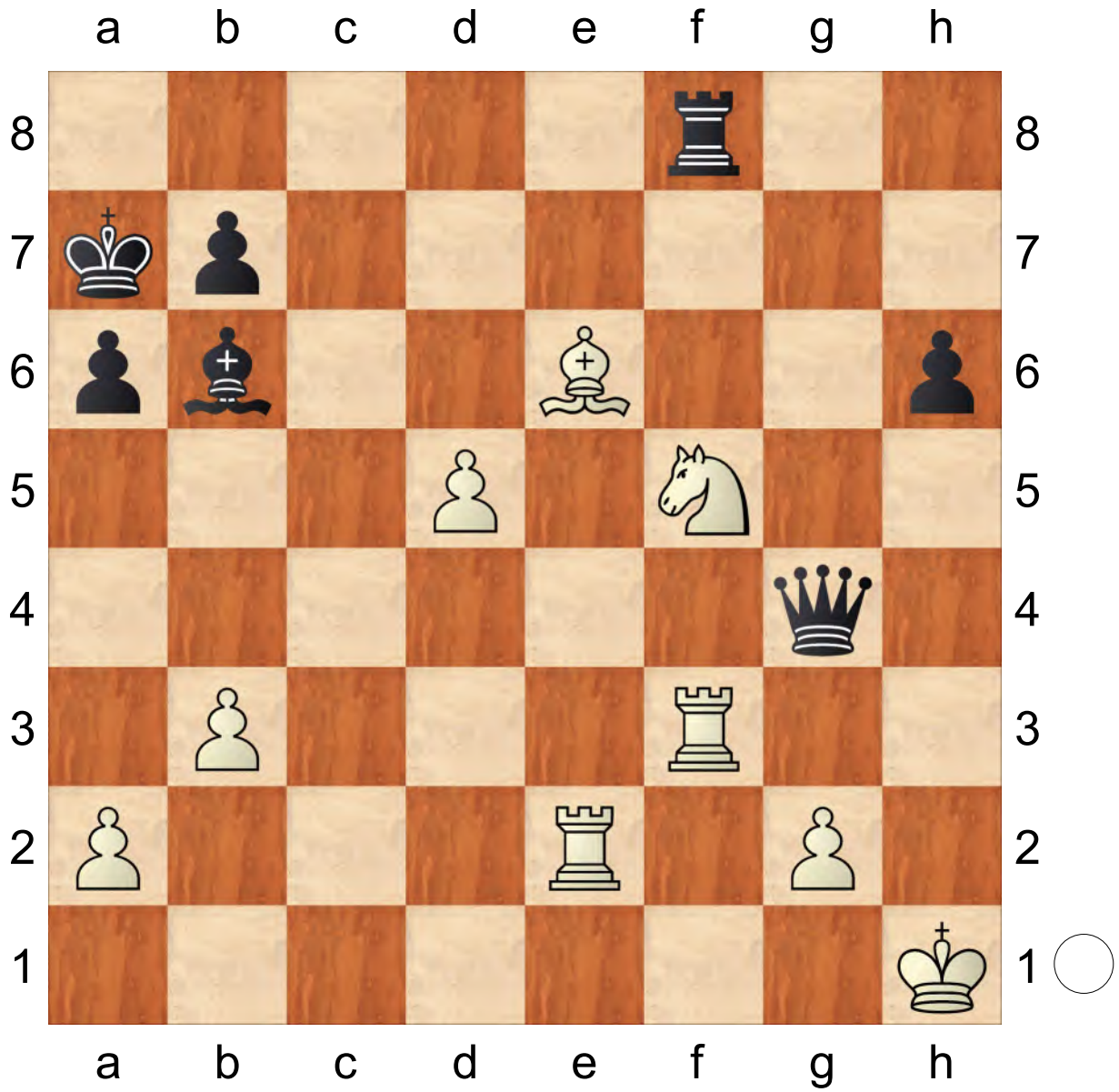


36.Ref2?!⊕
[36.Rf1 Qb4 37.Rf3∓]
36...Bd8! [Δ♕c1-g5] **37.d5 cxd5 38.cxd5 Bb6 39.Rc2 Qb4 40.Re2**
[40.Rc1 Qd2∓]
[40.Kh2 Qe1∓]
40...Qg4

(Diagram)

41.Kh2□ Rf6-+ [Δ♖g6-g5] **42.Rc2 Rg6 43.Ng3 Qh4+**
[43...Rxe6? 44.Rc4! Bd4 45.Rxd4 Qxd4 46.dxe6∓]
44.Bh3 Qd4 45.Ne2
[45.Bf5 Rg5 46.Kh3 Qxd5-+]



45...Qxd5

(Diagram)

46.Nf4 Qd1
[46...Bg1+! 47.Kxg1 *(47.Kh1 Qd1-+)* 47...Qxf3 48.Nxg6 Qd1+-+]
47.Nxg6 Qxc2 48.Bf5 Qxa2 49.Kh3 Qa1 50.Nf4 Bc7

(Diagram)

51.g3 Qh1+ 52.Kg4 Qd1 53.Be4 Qd4 54.Bf5 Qg7+ 55.Kh3 Qe5

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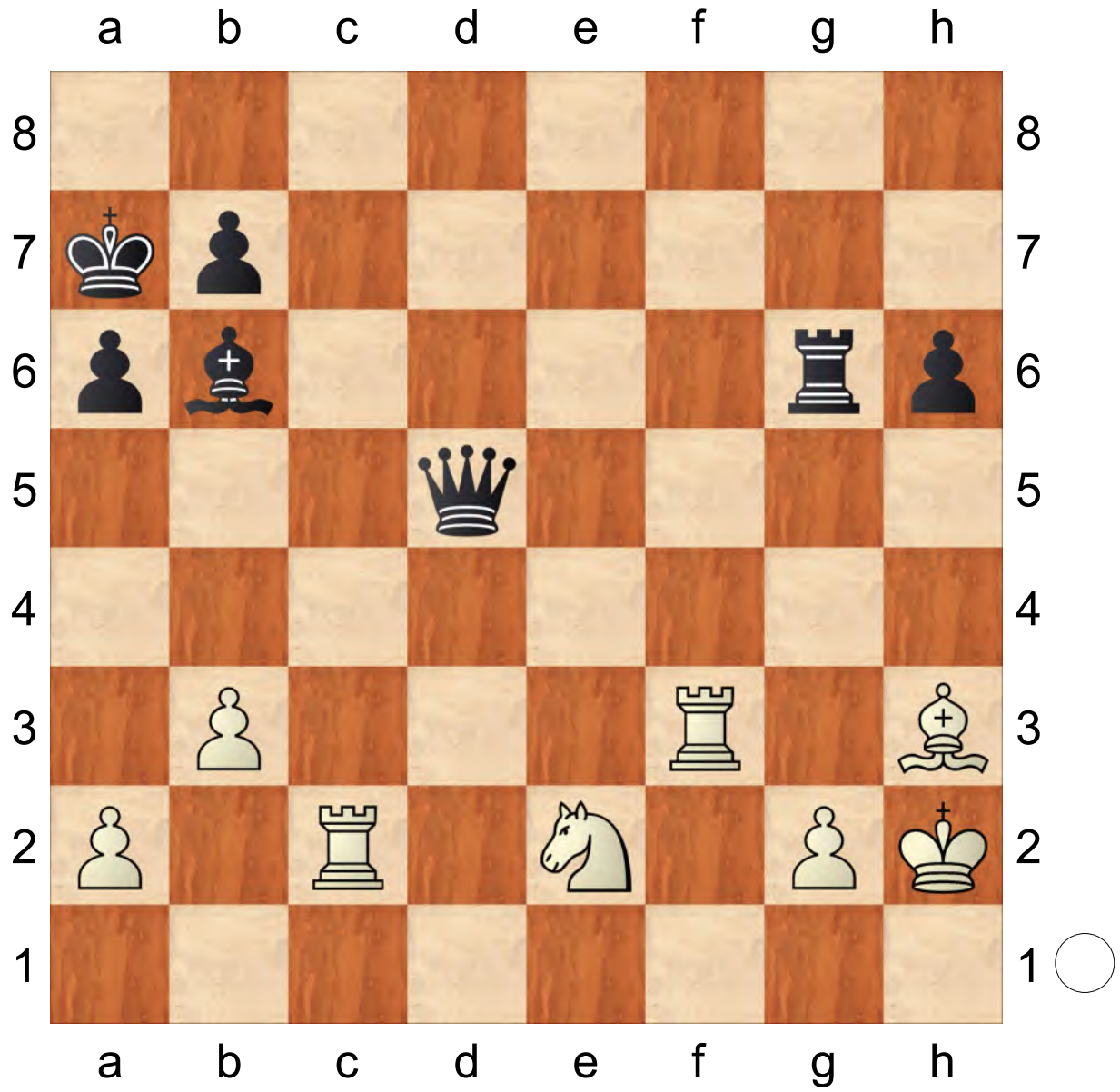
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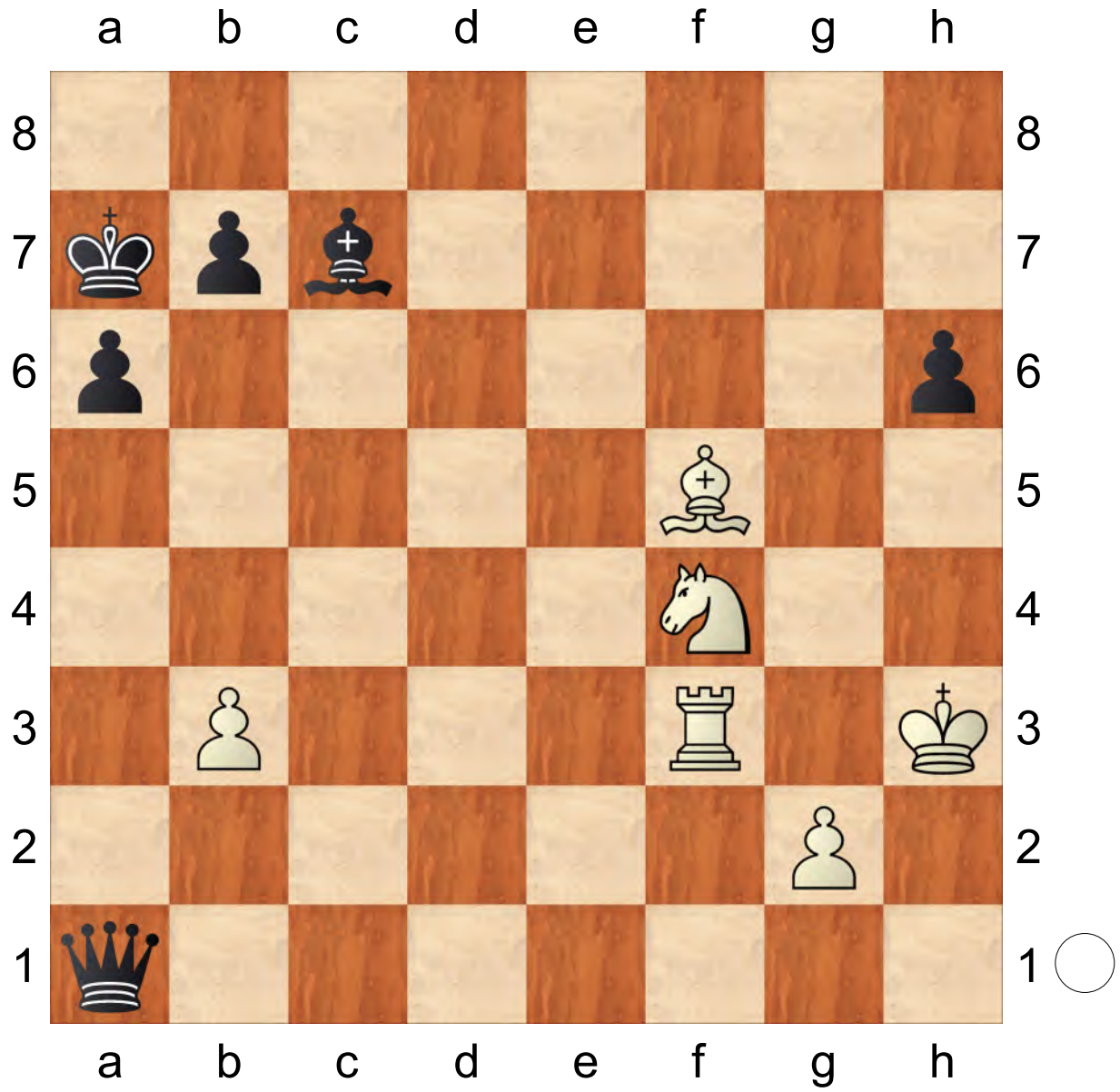
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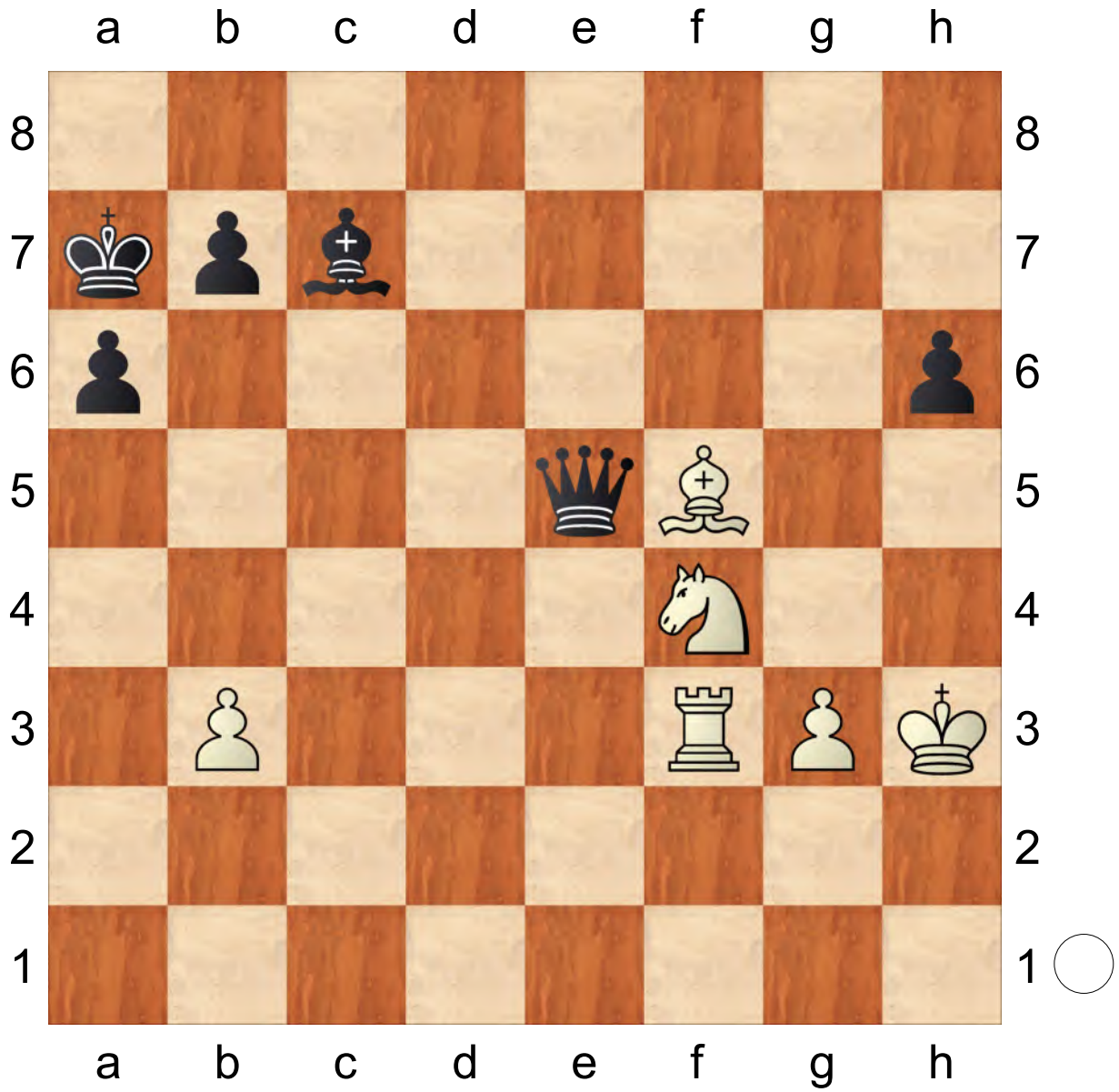

56.Ne6 Bb6 57.Kg4 Be3 58.Nf4 b5 59.Ng2 Bc1 60.Nf4 a5

(Diagram)

61.Nd3 Qd4+ 62.Nf4 a4 63.bxa4 bxa4 64.Rd3 Qg7+ 65.Kf3 a3

(Diagram)

66.Ne6 Qf7

(Diagram)

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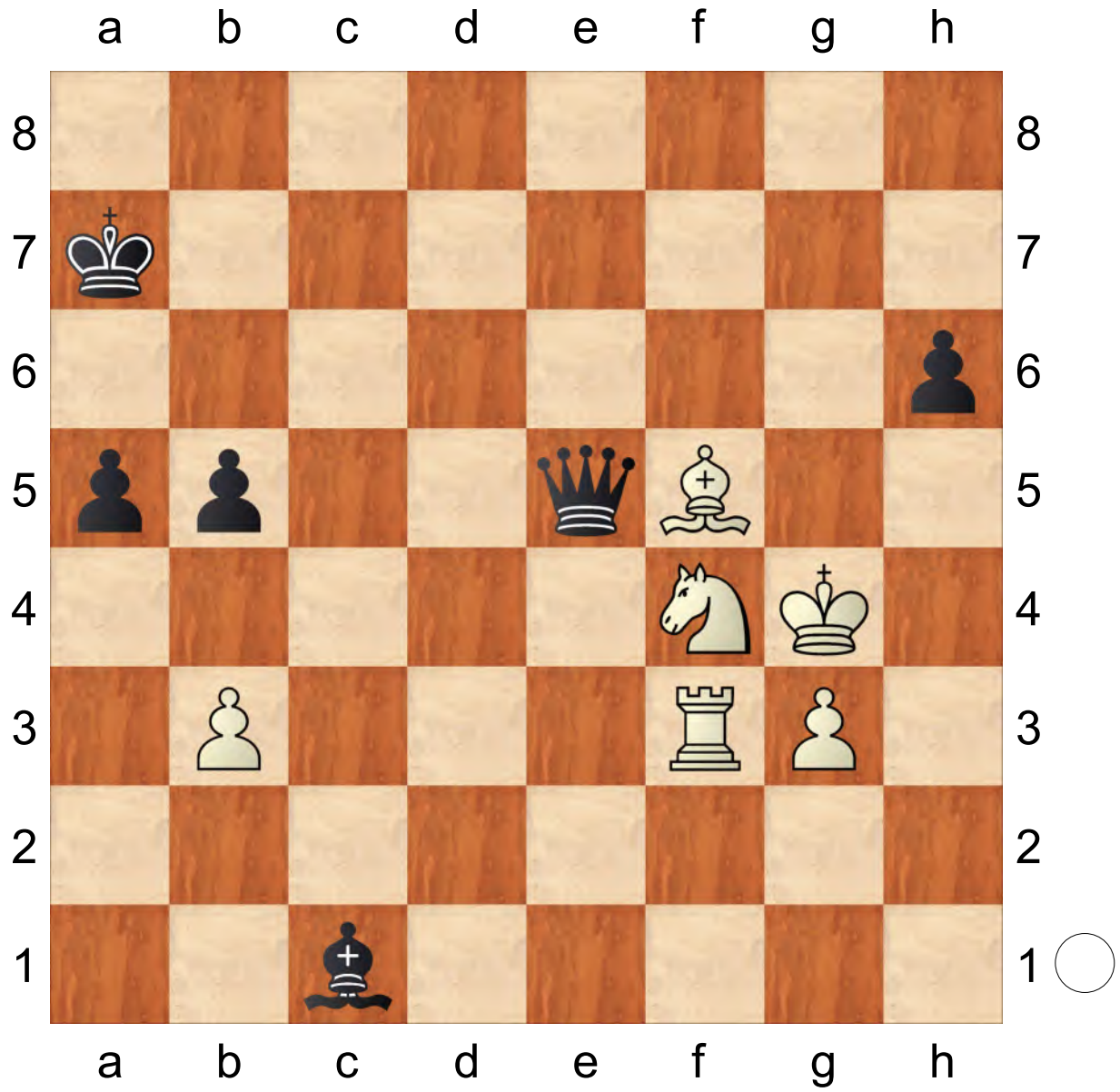
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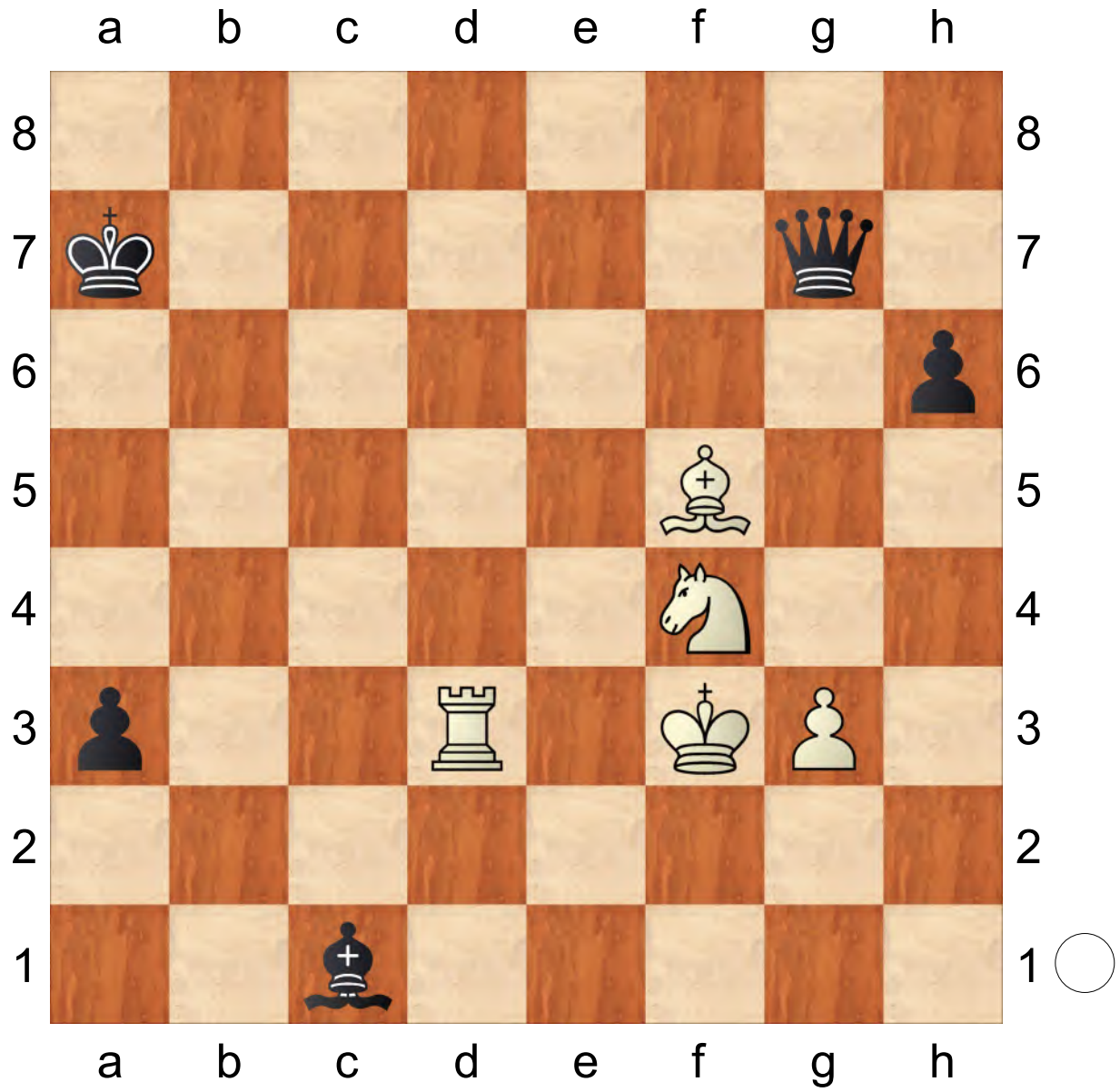
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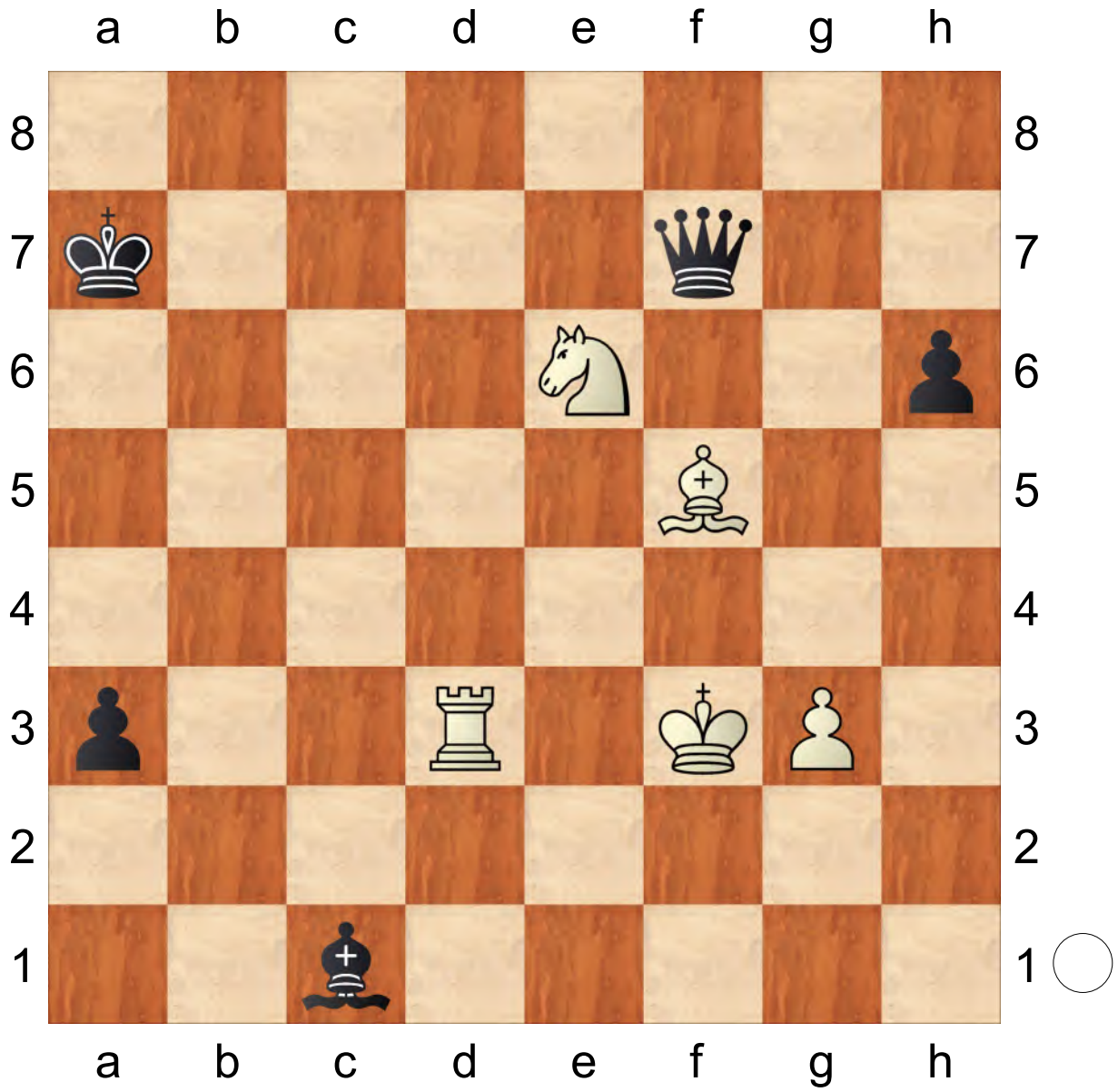
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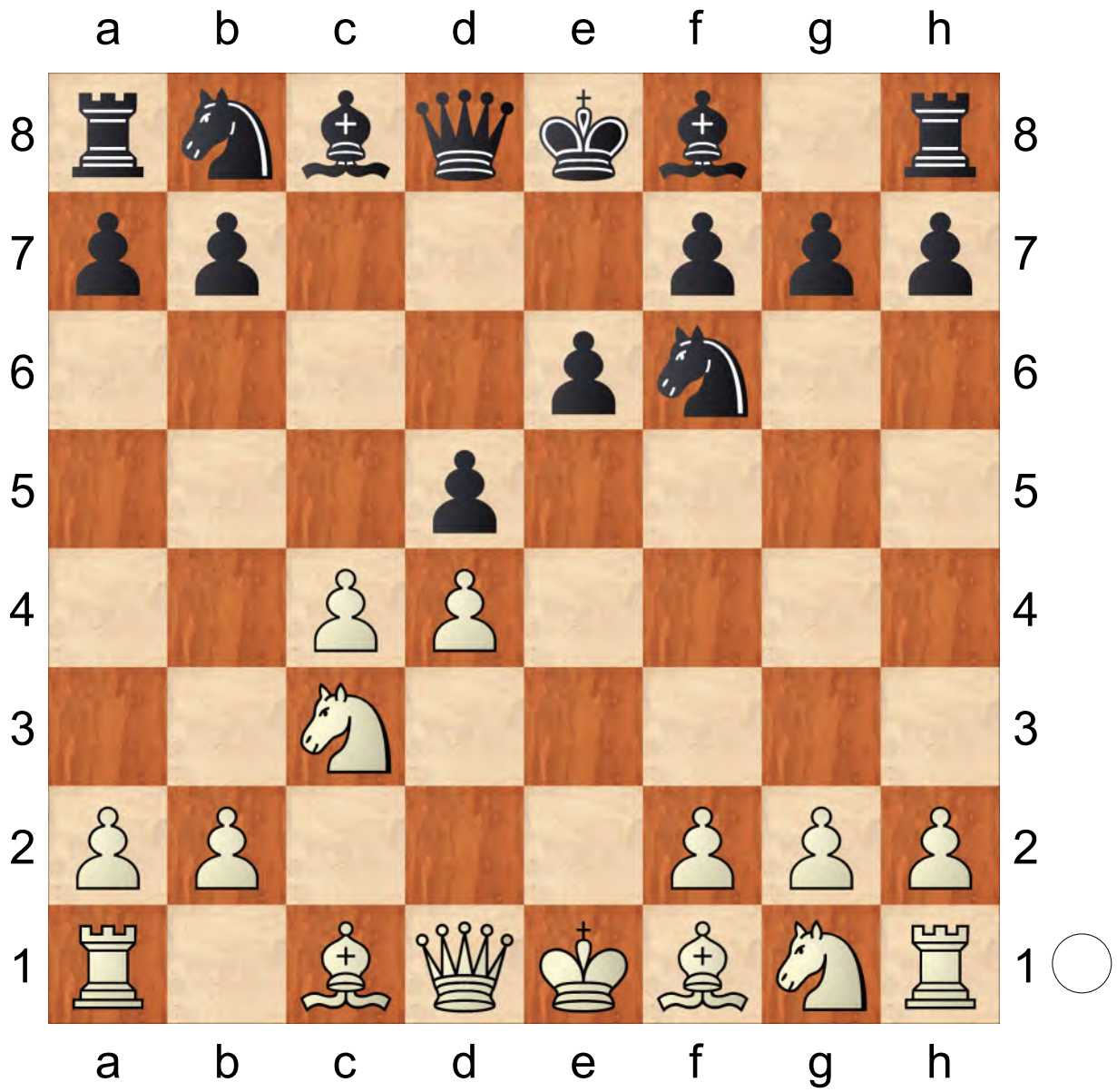
1.c4 Tsesarsky **1...c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6**

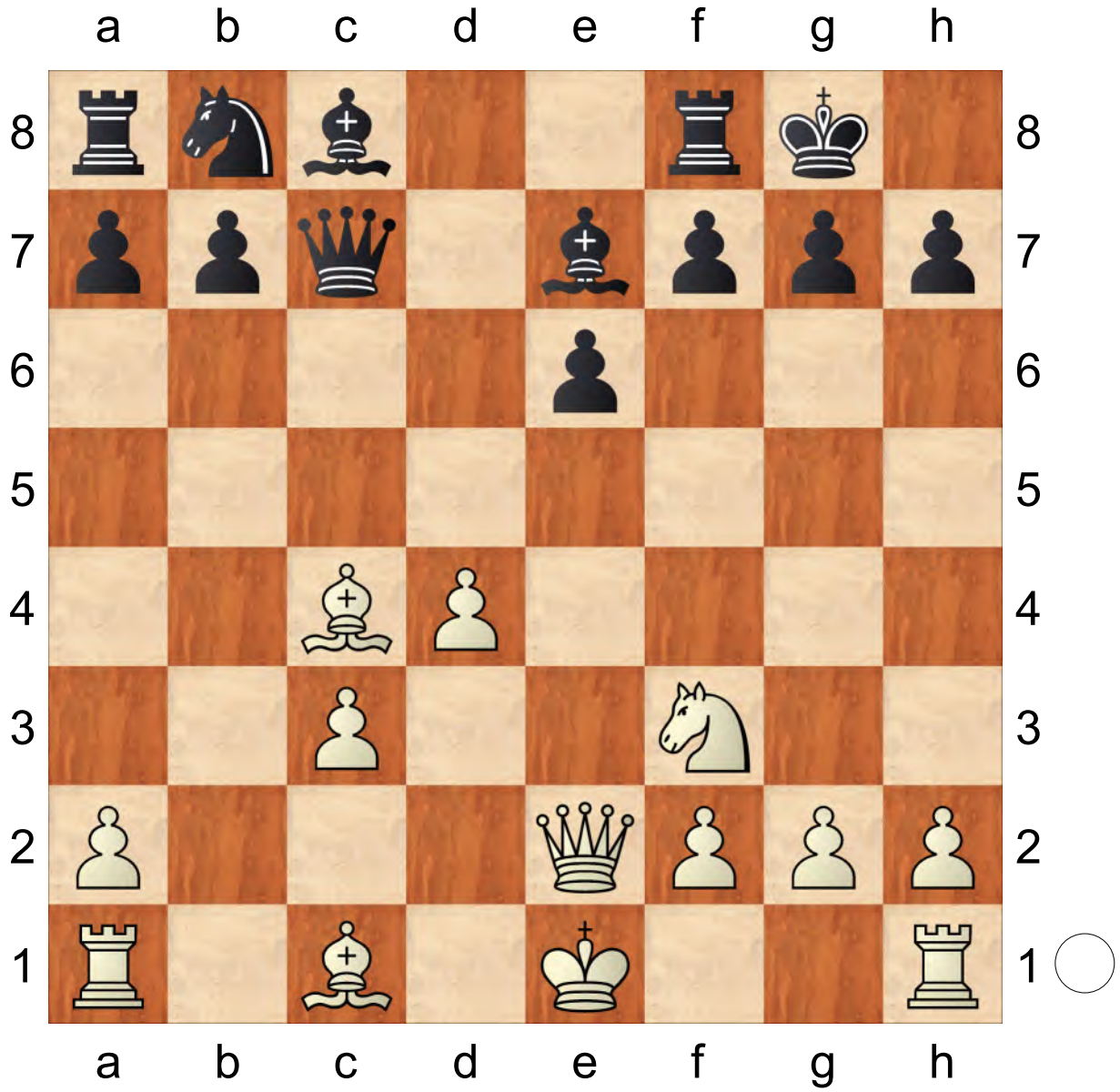


6.Nf3 Be7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bc4
[8.Bd3!?]
8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Qe2 Black easily equalized after
[10.Qd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Bg5 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Nf6 14.Rae1 Bd7 15.Bb3 h6= ½-½ Fritz3-Kasparov,G/Munich Intel 1994 (47)]

[10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Qb3 0-0 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Ne5 Bf6∓ ½-½ Remus,H-Love,W/Calchess 1993 (45)]

10...0-0

[10...a6 11.Bd2 b5 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.0-0 Bb7 14.a4 bxa4 15.Rxa4 0-0 16.c4± 0-1 Morphy-Tillmann,M/Varna ol 1962 (31)]



11.0-0 Nd7 12.Bb2 Nf6?! Better was

[12...b6!? 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.c4 Rfe8= without any troubles . *(14...Rfe8* Tsesarsky *15.Qe3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Bf6 17.Rfe1 Rad8 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.Bc2± ½-½* Alterman, B-Khlian,E/Rostov op 1993 (46) *)*]

13.Bd3 b6

[13...Nd5!? 14.Qc2 h6]

14.Ne5 Bb7 15.f4 g6

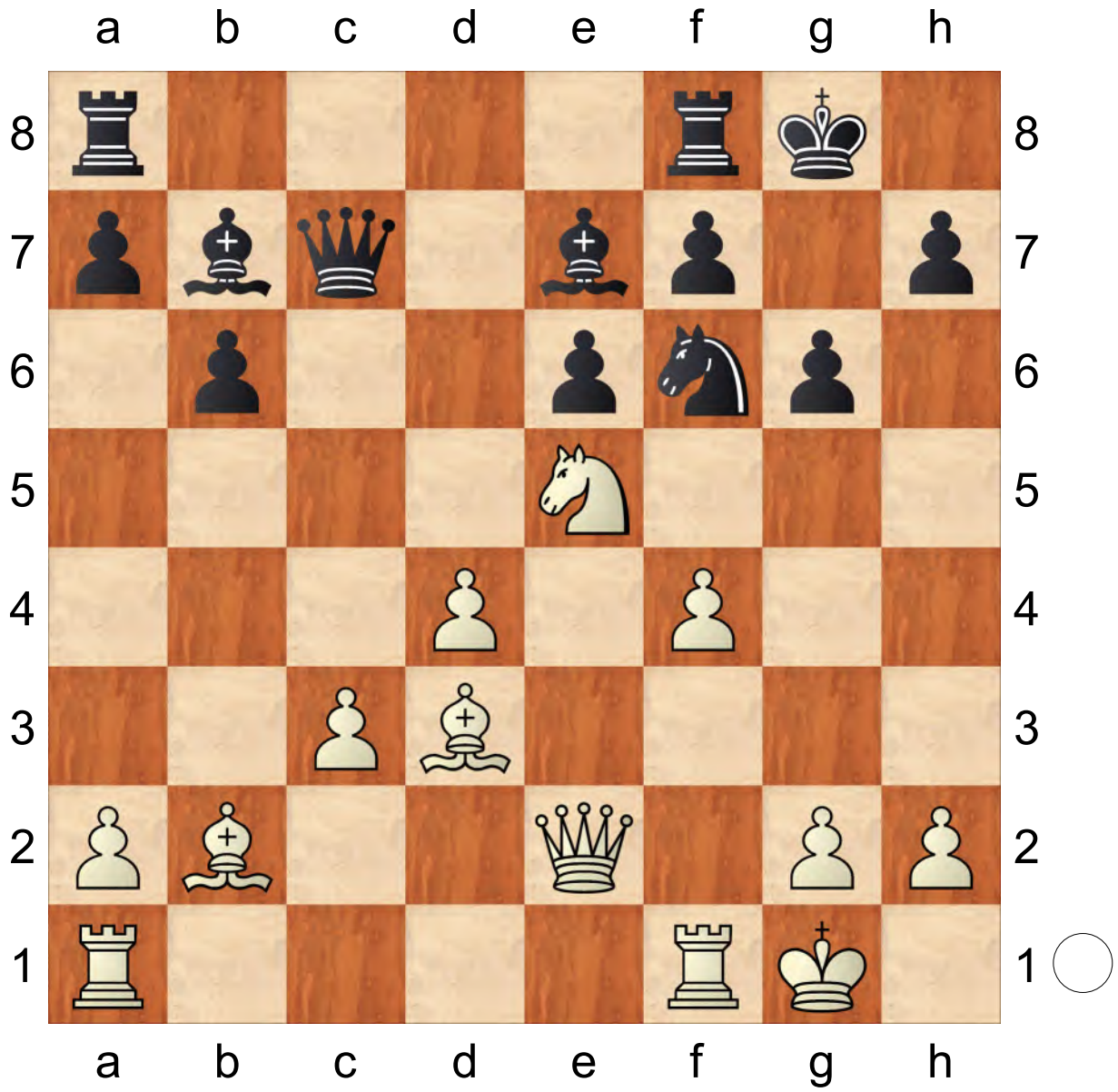
[15...Nd5 Tsesarsky 16.f5
A) 16...f6!?
A1) 17.c4 Nb4 18.Nf3 *(18.fxe6 fxe5-+)* 18...Nxd3 19.Qxd3 exf5∓;
A2) 17.Nc4 Nf4 18.Rxf4 Qxf4 19.Rf1 Qh4 20.fxe6⩲;
A3) 17.Ng4! exf5 *(17...Nf4 18.Rxf4 Qxf4 19.Rf1 Qd6 20.fxe6 Rfe8 21.c4 Rad8 22.d5±)* 18.Rxf5 *(18.Qe6+ Kh8 19.Qxf5 g6 20.Qe6 Rae8 21.Bb5 Nf4 22.Qd7 Qxd7 23.Bxd7 Rd8 24.Rxf4 Rxd7∓)* 18...Rfd8 *(18...Rad8? 19.Qe6+ Kh8 20.Rh5+-)* 19.Qe6+ Kf8 *(19...Kh8 20.Rh5+-)* 20.Ne5 Bd6 21.Rh5 Nf4 22.Ng6+ Nxg6 23.Bxg6 h6 24.Rxh6 gxh6 25.Rf1 Bxh2+ 26.Kh1 Bd5 27.Ba3+ Kg7 28.Qxf6+ Kg8 29.Be7 Rd6 30.Bf7+ Bxf7 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Rf6 Rad8 *(32...Rg8 33.Rxd6 Bxd6 34.Bf6+ Rg7 35.Bxg7+ Kh7 36.Qxc7 Bxc7 37.Bf8 Kg6 38.d5+-)*
A3a) 33.Bxd8
A3a1) 33...Qxd8 34.Qf8+ Qxf8 35.Rxf8+ Kg7 36.Rf3 Be5 37.dxe5 Rd2 38.a4 *(38.e6 Rxa2=)* 38...Re2 39.Rf5 Kg6 40.Rf6+ Kg7 41.Re6±;
A3a2) 33...Qxf7 34.Rxf7 Rxd8 35.Kxh2+-;
A3b) 33.Re6! Rxe6 34.Qxe6 Rd6 35.Bf6+ Kh7 36.Qe4+ Kg8 37.Qg6+ Kf8 38.Qxh6+ Ke8 39.Qxh2±;
A4) 17.Ng6 hxg6 18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Rf3 *(19.fxg6 f5 20.Qe2 Bg5 21.Rxf5 Rxf5 22.Bxf5∓)* 19...Nf4 20.Rxf4 Qxf4 21.Qxe7 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rfe8 23.Qf7 Qd2+-+;
B) 16...Nxc3 17.Qh5 Ne4 *(17...exf5 18.Rac1 g6 19.Qh6 Bb4 20.Rxf5 Qd6 21.Rh5 Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 Bxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Qd5+ 24.Kh3+-)* 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Qg4 Ng5 20.h4 Nf7 21.Rxf7 Rxf7 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Qh5++-]

(Diagram)

16.c4 Rad8 17.Rae1
[17.Rad1!?]
17...Bb4 18.Rd1 Qe7 19.Qe3! a6
[19...Nd7 20.Qh3]
20.a4 Ba8

(Diagram)

21.Kh1 Qb7 22.Qh3 Rd6 23.Rf3 Qe7 Interesting but to White favour going 23...♘e4
[23...Ne4!?
A) 24.d5
A1) 24...Nc3
A1a) 25.Ng4 exd5 26.Nh6+ Kh8 *(26...Kg7 27.Nf5+! gxf5 28.Bxf5 d4*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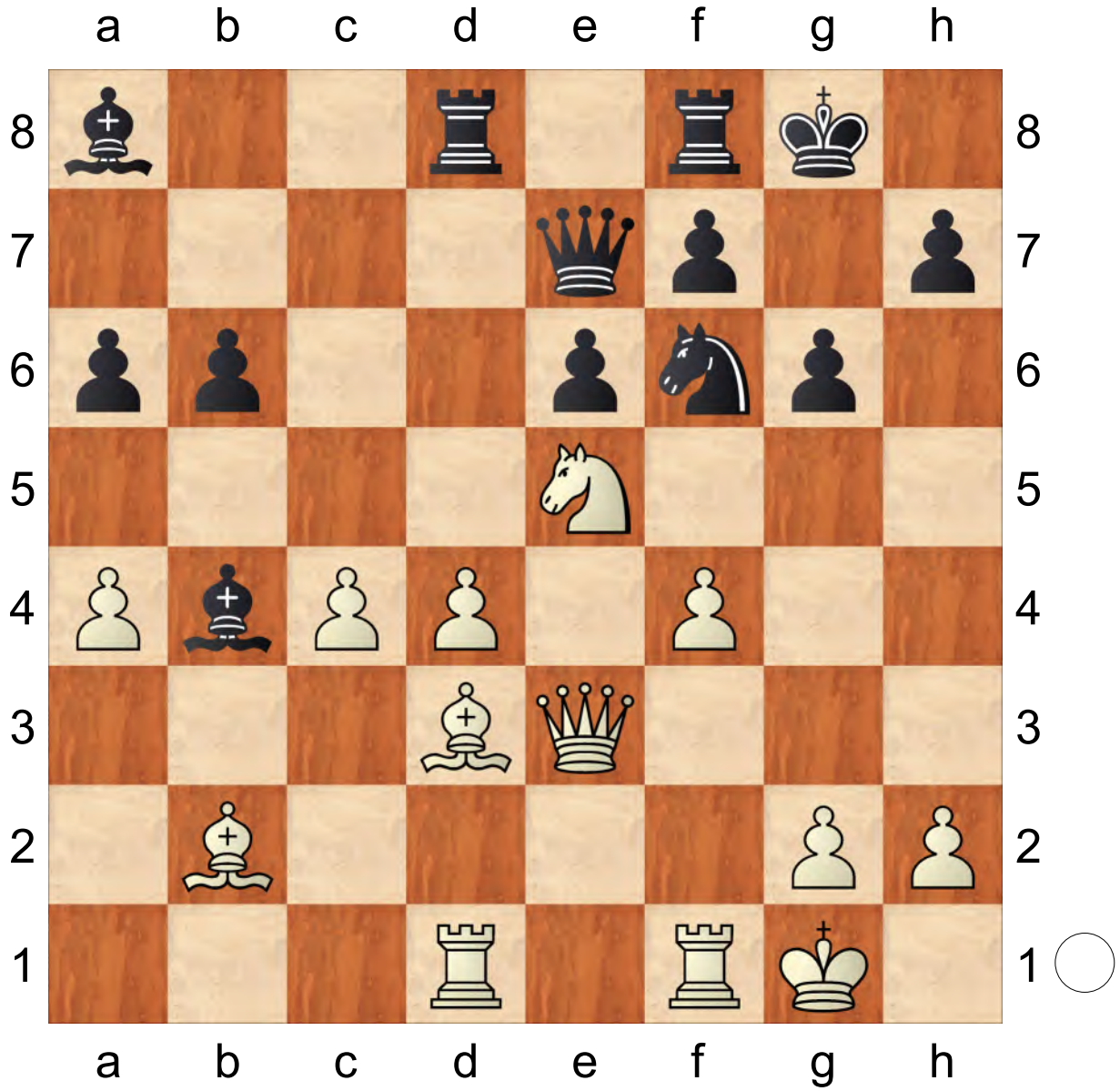


29.Qxh7+ Kf6 30.Re1! Re6□ 31.Qh4+ Kg7 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.Rg3+ Kf7 34.Bg6+ Kg8 35.Be4++-) 27.Nf5 *(27.Bc2 d4 28.Rxc3 dxc3 29.Bxc3+ Bxc3 30.Rxd6 Bg7∓)* 27...Rdd8 *(27...gxf5 28.Bxc3+ Bxc3 29.Bxf5 h6 30.Rxc3 Qc6∞)*;

A1b) 25.Bxc3 Bxc3 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.Rxc3 exd5;

A2) 24...exd5! 25.cxd5 Qxd5!?∓ *(25...Rxd5 26.Ng4 h5)*;

B) 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.d5 Qc2;

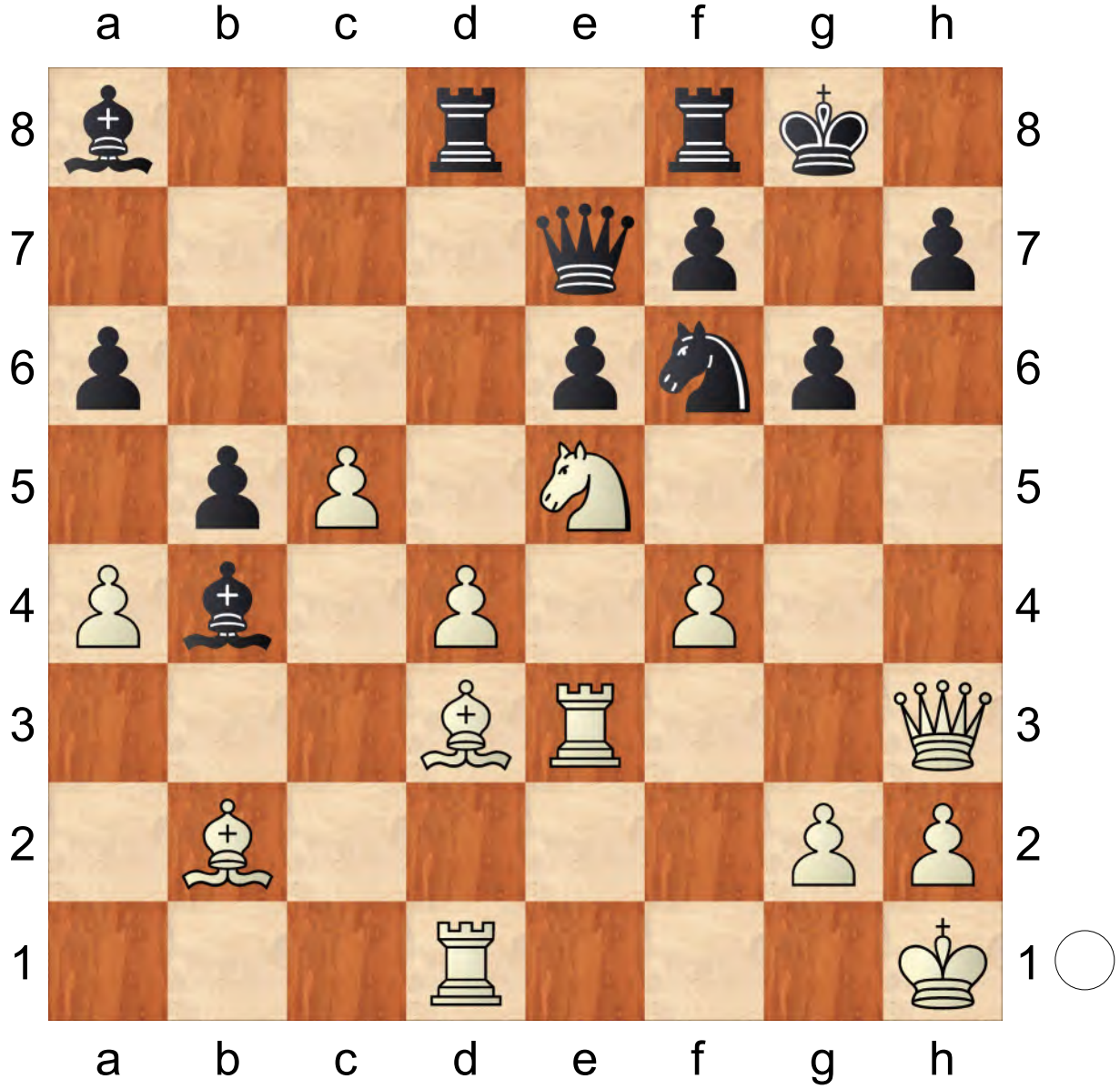
C) 24.Bc2 Rc8 25.Qh6 f6 26.Nxg6 hxg6 27.Bxe4 Qxe4 28.Rg3 Rd7! 29.Rxg6+ Qxg6 30.Qxg6+ Rg7 31.Qxf6 Bxg2+ 32.Kg1 Bd5+ *(32...Rf8 33.Qxg7+! Kxg7 34.Kxg2 Rxf4 35.c5±)* 33.Kf2 Be7 34.Qe5 Rxc4±;

D) 24.Qh6! ΔNc3 25.d5 *(25.Bxc3* Tsesarsky *Bxc3 26.d5 exd5 27.Rh3 f5 28.cxd5 Qg7 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Bxa6 Bxe5 31.fxe5 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Bxd5 33.Rd3 Rd8 34.Rd2=)* 25...exd5 *(25...Nxd1 26.Nd7!+-)* 26.f5 gxf5 27.Rg3+!

Rg6 28.Bxf5!
D1) 28...Nxd1 29.Rxg6+ fxg6 *(29...hxg6 30.Nxg6 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Nh3+ 32.Kf1 fxg6 33.Qxg6++-)*;
D2) 28...d4 29.Bxg6 fxg6 30.Nxg6+-]

24.Re3 b5 25.c5
[25.axb5? axb5 26.c5 Ra6]

25...Rdd8



26.Qh6 White posision is really rigorous, but why to give chances to opponent? After simple
[26.axb5! Nd5 *(26...axb5 27.Qh6+-)* 27.Rg3 axb5 *(27...Nxf4 28.Qh6)* 28.Qh6 is very difficult to give good advice to Black. For instance: Qf6 29.Nxg6 fxg6 30.Bxg6 Rd7 31.Bxh7+ Kf7 32.Rg6 Qh8 *(32...Qxf4 33.Rg7+ Ke8 34.Qxe6+ Ne7 35.Bd3!+-)* 33.Rxe6 Qg7 34.Qh3! Ne7 *(34...Nxf4 35.Qf5+; 34...Rh8*

Tsesarsky *35.Qf5+ Nf6 36.d5+-)* 35.d5! Rxd5 36.Rxd5 Qxb2 37.Rxe7+ Kxe7 38.Qd7+ Kf6 39.Rf5# Matt.]

26...bxa4 27.f5 Mistake!.Bishop on b2 deserves better destiny. Stronger was natural .. Bishop on b2 deserves better destiny. Fantastic complications could be raised after natural...

[27.d5!

A) 27...Bxc5 28.Ng4 Nh5 *(28...Ne8 29.Qxh7+)* 29.Qxh5 f6

A1) 30.Nxf6+ Rxf6 31.Bxf6 Qxf6 32.Qe5 Qxe5 33.Rxe5 Bxd5;

A2) 30.Rxe6 gxh5 *(30...Qxe6? 31.dxe6 gxh5 32.Nxf6+ Rxf6 33.Bxf6 Re8 34.Bxa6+-)* 31.Bxf6 Qg7!? 32.Bxg7 Kxg7 33.Ne3 Bxe3 34.Rxe3 Rxf4∓;

A3) 30.Qh4! Bxe3 31.Nxf6+ Rxf6 32.Bxf6+-;

B) 27...Bxd5 28.Ng4+-;

C) 27...Rxd5! Only move. 28.Rh3! *(28.Ng4 Nh5! 29.f5 Rfd8 30.Rg3 Rxf5!)* 28...Rfd8 29.Ng4 Rxd3□ 30.Rdxd3 *(30.Nxf6+? Qxf6 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Rhxd3 Rxd3 33.Rxd3 Qxb2-+)* 30...Rxd3 31.Rxd3 Nh5 32.Qxh5!? I think it is the best solution. White has exchange up but strong pawn on a4 and dangerous bishop on a8 really can produce many troubles for them. I think it is the best solution. White has exchange up but strong pawn on a4 *(32.Rh3 Qd8-+)* 32...gxh5 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nxh7+ Ke8 35.Nf6+ Kf8= *(35...Qxf6 36.Bxf6 Bd5 37.c6!?)*]

27...a3! Just in time!. After..

[27...Bd5 28.Rh3 exf5 29.Bc1 bishop will play decisive role in attack.]

28.Ba1 Bd5!

[28...exf5 29.Nxg6 Qxe3 30.Qxe3 *(30.Ne7+!? Qxe7 31.Qg5+ Kh8 32.d5 Rxd5 33.Bxf6+ Qxf6 34.Qxf6+ Kg8∞)* 30...hxg6 31.Bxf5± *(31.Qg5 Ng4)*]

29.Rf1? Mistake. White position still better after

[29.fxg6! fxg6 *(29...hxg6 30.Rh3 Nh5 31.Rxh5+-)* 30.Bxg6

A) 30...Qg7 31.Bxh7+ Nxh7 *(31...Qxh7 32.Rg3+ Kh8 33.Ng6++-)* 32.Rg3 Qxg3 33.hxg3± *(33.hxg3 Rf6 34.Qh4+-)*;

B) 30...hxg6 31.Rg3 Qh7 *(31...Be4* Tsesarsky *32.Nxg6+-)* 32.Rxg6+ Kh8 33.Rxf6 *(33.Qg5 Ne4 34.Nf7+ Qxf7 35.Rh6+ Qh7)* 33...Qxh6 34.Rxh6+ Kg7 35.Rg6+ Kh7 36.Kg1±]

[29.Rg3? Tsesarsky

A) 29...Ne4 30.Bxe4 Bxe4 31.Rh3 f6 32.Nxg6 Qg7 *(32...Qb7 33.Rg3+-)* 33.Qxg7+ Kxg7 34.Nxf8+-;

B) 29...exf5 30.Bxf5

B1) 30...Ne4 31.Bxe4 Bxe4 32.d5 f6 33.Nc6 Qxc5 34.Nxd8 Rxd8 35.Bxf6 Rd7

B1a) 36.Rg4? Bxd5 37.Rf1 *(37.Rgd4 Qc2!; 37.Rxg6+ hxg6 38.Qxg6+ Kf8 39.Rf1 Rf7-+)* 37...Qc2∓;

B1b) 36.Re3? Bd2!∓;

B1c) 36.d6 Qf5∓;

B1d) 36.Rc1 Qxd5 37.Rc8+ *(37.h3 Qb7)* 37...Kf7 38.Qg7+ Ke6 39.Re8+ Kd6 40.Qf8+ Kc6 41.Rc8+ Kb7 42.Qxb4+ Kxc8 43.Rc3+ *(43.h3 Rd6 44.Bh4 a2 45.Rc3+ Kd7-+)* 43...Rc7 44.Qf8+ Kb7 45.Qb4+=;

B2) 30...Bxc5 31.Nxg6 fxg6 32.Bxg6 Kh8 33.dxc5 Bxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Rxd1 35.Re3 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 Qc7+ 37.Be5 Rg8 38.Bxc7 Rxg6+ 39.Qxg6 hxg6 40.Be5+-]

29...exf5? Porper trust,s me and at random.

[29...Bd2! 30.fxg6 fxg6 31.Nxg6

A) 31...Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Qb7+ 33.c6! Bxe3 34.cxb7 Bxh6 35.Nxf8;

B) 31...hxg6 32.Qxg6+ Qg7 33.Rg3 Qxg6 34.Rxg6+ Kh8 35.Rgxf6 Rxf6 36.Rxf6 Rb8⩲ *(36...a2 37.Bxa6 Rb8 38.Rf1 Rb1 39.c6 Bxc6 40.d5+ Rxa1 41.Rxa1 Bxd5 42.Bb7 Bb3-+)*;

C) 31...Qb7 Tsesarsky 32.Ne7+ Qxe7 33.Rg3+ Kh8 34.Qxd2 Ne4 35.Rxf8+ Rxf8 36.Qe1 Nxg3+ 37.Qxg3 Qb7 38.Qe5+ Qg7-+;

D) 31...Qg7 32.Qxg7+ Kxg7 33.Nxf8 *(33.Rg3 Nh5 34.Nxf8+ Nxg3+ 35.hxg3 Rxf8 36.Rxf8 Kxf8 37.Bxh7 Bc1-+)* 33...Bxe3 34.Re1 Ng4 *(34...Rxf8 35.Rxe3)* 35.Nxh7 *(35.Nxe6+ Bxe6 36.d5+ Kf8 37.dxe6 Rxd3 38.c6 Bb6-+; 35.h3 Nf2+ 36.Kg1 Nxh3+ 37.Kh2 Nf2!-+)* 35...Rb8∓]

30.Rh3

[30.Nxg6 Qxe3 *(30...Bxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Qb7+ 32.c6! Qxc6+ 33.Be4!!+-)* 31.Qxe3 fxg6 *(31...hxg6 32.Rxf5+-)* 32.Bxa6 Rfe8 with good compensation for a Queen. *(32...Rfe8* Tsesarsky *33.Qf4 a2±)*]

30...Rfe8

[30...Qb7!?]

[30...Qb7? Tsesarsky 31.c6! Qe7 *(31...Bxc6 32.Nxc6 Qxc6 33.d5 Rxd5 34.Bxf6* Mate *)* 32.Bxf5!±]

(Diagram)

31.Bxf5

[31.Rxf5!?

A) 31...gxf5? 32.Rg3+ Ng4 33.Rxg4+ fxg4 34.Qxh7++-;

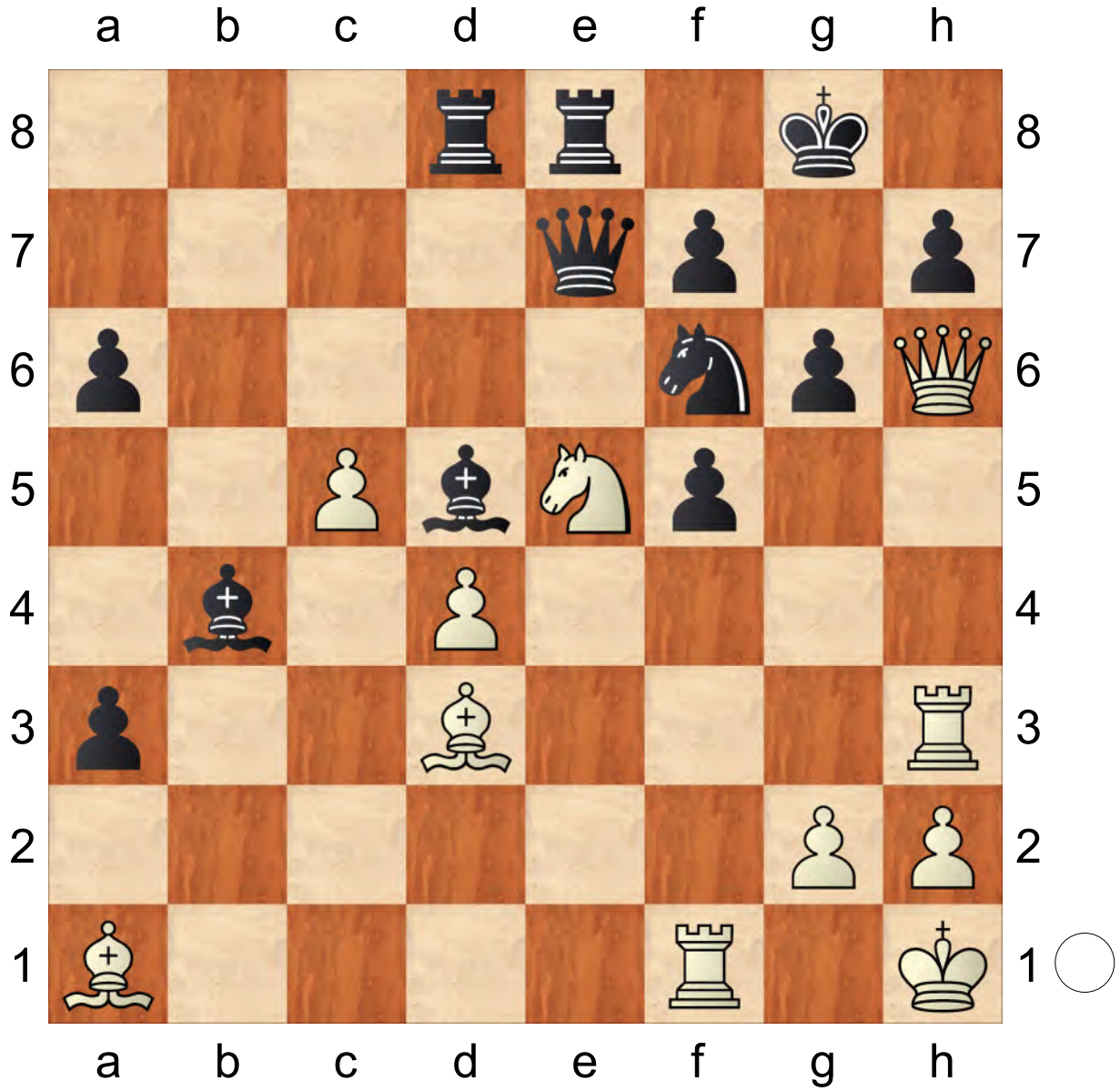
B) 31...Bd2 32.Qxd2 gxf5 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qxf5+-;

C) 31...Be6 32.Rxf6 Qxf6 *(32...Bxh3 33.Rf1 Be6 34.Nc6 Qb7 35.Nxb4 Qxb4 36.d5 f6 37.Bxg6!+-)* 33.Qxh7+ Kf8 34.Rf3 Bf5 35.g4! Rxe5 36.dxe5 Qc6 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qf6++-;

D) 31...Qe6! 32.Rf1 *(32.Rxf6 Qxf6 33.Qxh7+ Kf8∓)*

D1) 32...a5 33.Bb5!± *(33.Bxg6 fxg6 34.Rxf6 Qxf6! 35.Qxh7+ Kf8 36.Kg1 Rxe5!-+)*;

D2) 32...Bd2 33.Qxd2 Qxh3 34.Rxf6 Rxe5 35.dxe5 Bxg2+ 36.Qxg2 Qxd3 37.e6! fxe6 38.Rf1±;



D3) 32...a2!? 33.Bb2!?∞ with unclear position. *(33.Bxg6? fxg6 34.Rxf6 Qxf6 35.Qxh7+ Kf8-+)*]

31...Qf8

[31...Qb7!? Tsesarsky

A) 32.c6 Bxc6 33.Nxc6 Qxc6 34.d5 Rxd5 35.Bxf6 Qxf6 36.Qxh7+ Kf8 37.Qh6+ Qg7 *(37...Ke7 38.Re3+ Kd8 39.Bd3 Qd4∓)* 38.Bxg6 Qxh6 39.Rxh6 Re1 40.Rxe1 Bxe1-+;

B) 32.Ng4!!= Bxg2+ 33.Kg1 Nxg4 34.Qxh7+ Kf8 35.Bxg4 Bxh3 36.Qh8+ Ke7 37.Qf6+ Kf8 38.Qh8+= *(38.Bxh3?? Kg8 39.d5 Bxc5+ 40.Kh1 Qxd5+ 41.Bg2 Bd4 42.Bxd4 Qxd4 43.Qxf7+ Kh8-+)*]

32.Qg5 Qg7 33.Bd3

[33.Bxg6?! fxg6 34.Rxf6 Bd2!? 35.Qh4 Rf8∓]

33...Nd7

[33...Re6? 34.Ng4!+-]
[33...Nh5!? 34.Ng4 f6]

34.Nc4 f5 35.Nd6 Rf8

[35...Re7!? 36.Re3! *(36.Rg3* Tsesarsky *Kh8∓)* 36...Rxe3 *(36...Nf6 37.Rxe7 Qxe7 38.Rxf5! Kg7 39.Re5+-)* 37.Qxd8+

A) 37...Nf8 38.Ne8

A1) 38...Rxe8 39.Qxe8**±** *(39.Qxd5+!?; 39.Qxd5+!?)*;

A2) 38...Bxg2+ 39.Kxg2 Qb7+ 40.d5 Rxd3 *(40...Rxe8 41.Qxe8 Qxd5+ 42.Rf3+-)* 41.Nf6+ Kf7 *(41...Kg7 42.Nd7+)* 42.Qe8+ Kg7 43.Ng4+ Bc3 44.Bxc3+ Rxc3 45.Qe5+ Kf7 46.Nh6#+- Matt;

B) 37...Qf8 38.Qxd7 Rxd3

B1) 39.Nxf5 Qxf5! 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Kg1! Bf3!? *(41...Qxf1+ 42.Kxf1 Rd1+ 43.Ke2 Re1+ 44.Kf2)* 42.gxf3 Bd2**∞**;

B2) 39.Ne8 Bc4;

B3) 39.Nc8

B3a) 39...Bf7 40.Ne7+ Kg7 *(40...Kh8 41.Qd6 Qg7 42.Qb8+ Bg8 43.Qxb4 Rb3 44.Qxb3 Bxb3 45.d5+-)* 41.Nxf5+ gxf5 42.Qxf5 Rc3 *(42...Rb3 43.d5+ Rb2 44.Qg4+ Kh8 45.Bxb2+ axb2 46.Qxb4)* 43.d5 Qe7 44.d6 Qe6 45.d7!+- Qxf5 46.Rxf5 Kg6 47.Bxc3 Kxf5 48.d8Q Bxc3 49.Qd3++-;

B3b) 39...Qxc5!!

(Diagram)

40.Qd8+ *(40.Ne7+ Qxe7 41.Qxd5+ Qf7 42.Qa8+ Bf8∓)* 40...Kf7 41.Qd7+ *(41.dxc5 Bxg2+ 42.Kxg2 Rxd8 43.Nd6+ Ke6⩲)* 41...Kg8=]

[35...Qe7 36.Qg3 Rf8 37.Nxf5 Qe6 38.Qh4 Nf6 39.Re3⟶]

(Diagram)

36.Rg3! Qf6□ 37.Qf4

[37.Rxf5!? Qxg5 38.Rxf8+ Rxf8 39.Rxg5]

37...Kh8

[37...a2 Tsesarsky

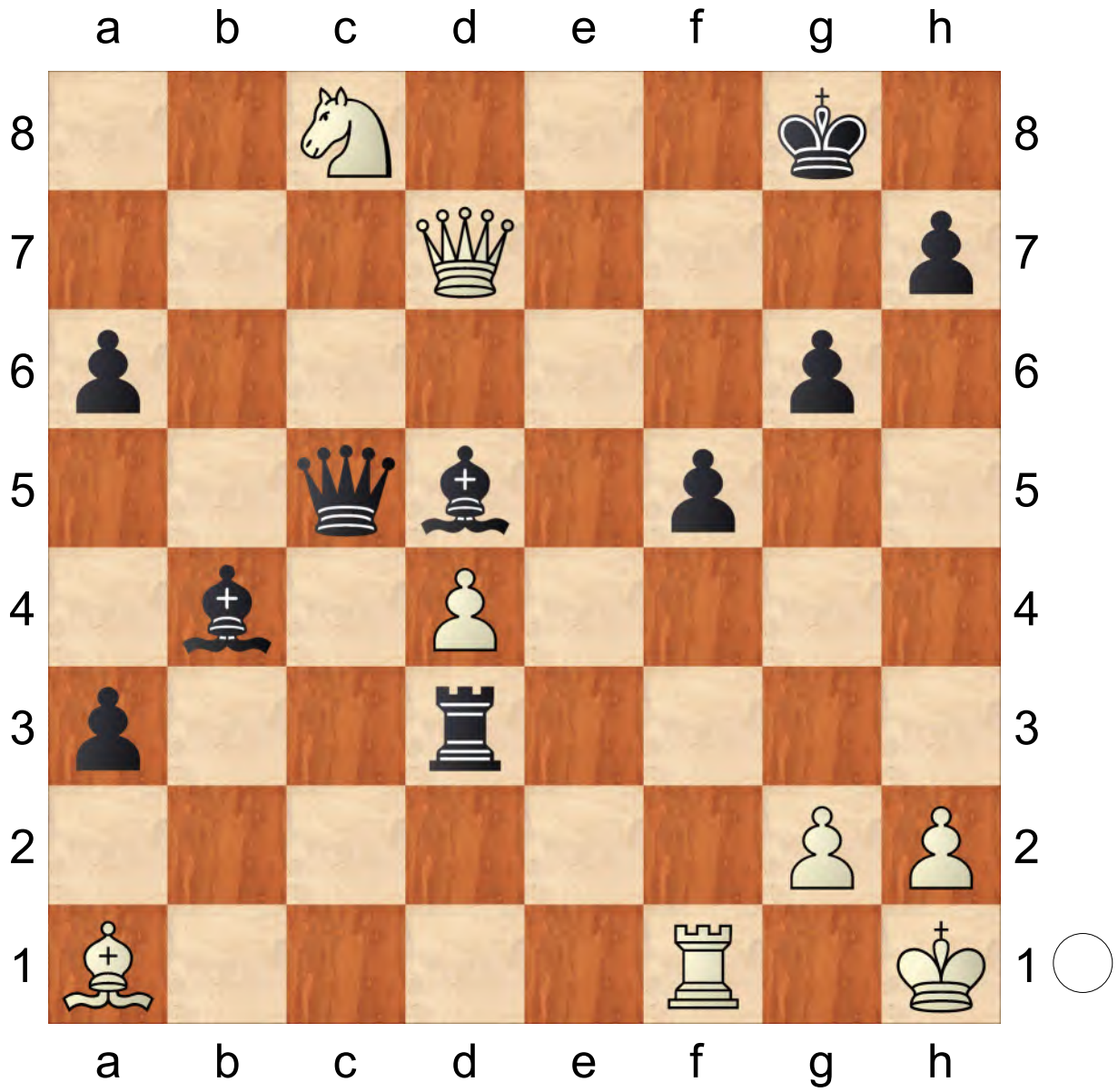
A) 38.Nxf5 Kh8 39.Qd6 Qxd6 *(39...Nb8 40.Qxf6+ Rxf6 41.Ne7 Rxf1+ 42.Bxf1 Kg7 43.Nxd5 Rxd5 44.Bc4 Rf5 45.d5+ Kf8 46.c6±)* 40.Nxd6 Rxf1+ 41.Bxf1 a5 42.Rg5 Bb3 43.Bb5 Kg8∓;

B) 38.Qxf5 Qxf5 39.Rxf5 Rxf5 40.Bxf5 a5∓]

38.Qc1

[38.Bc4 Nb6! 39.Bxa6 Rxd6 *(39...a2!?; 39...a2!?)* 40.Qxd6 Qxd6 41.cxd6 a2∓]

38...Nb8?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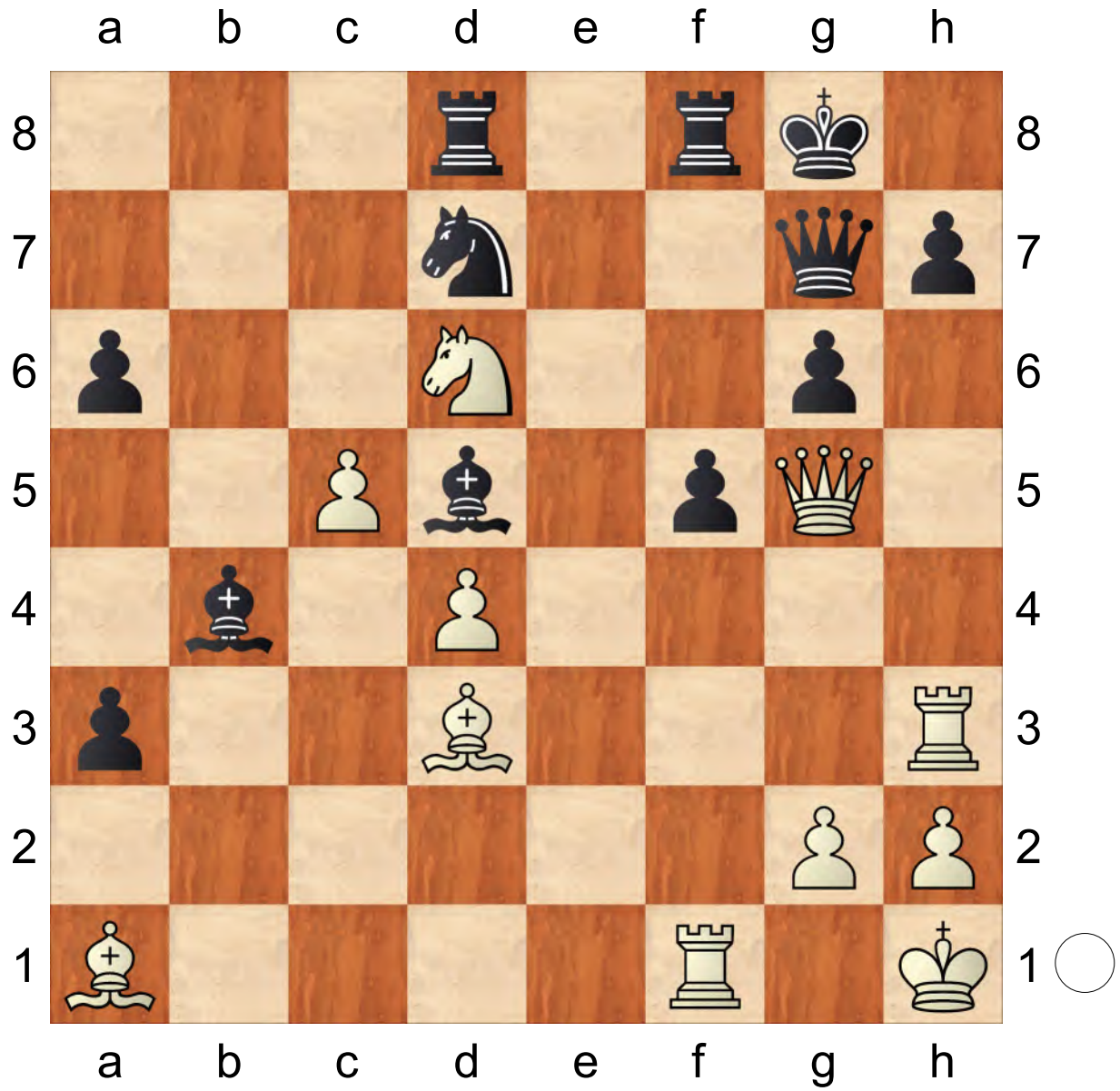


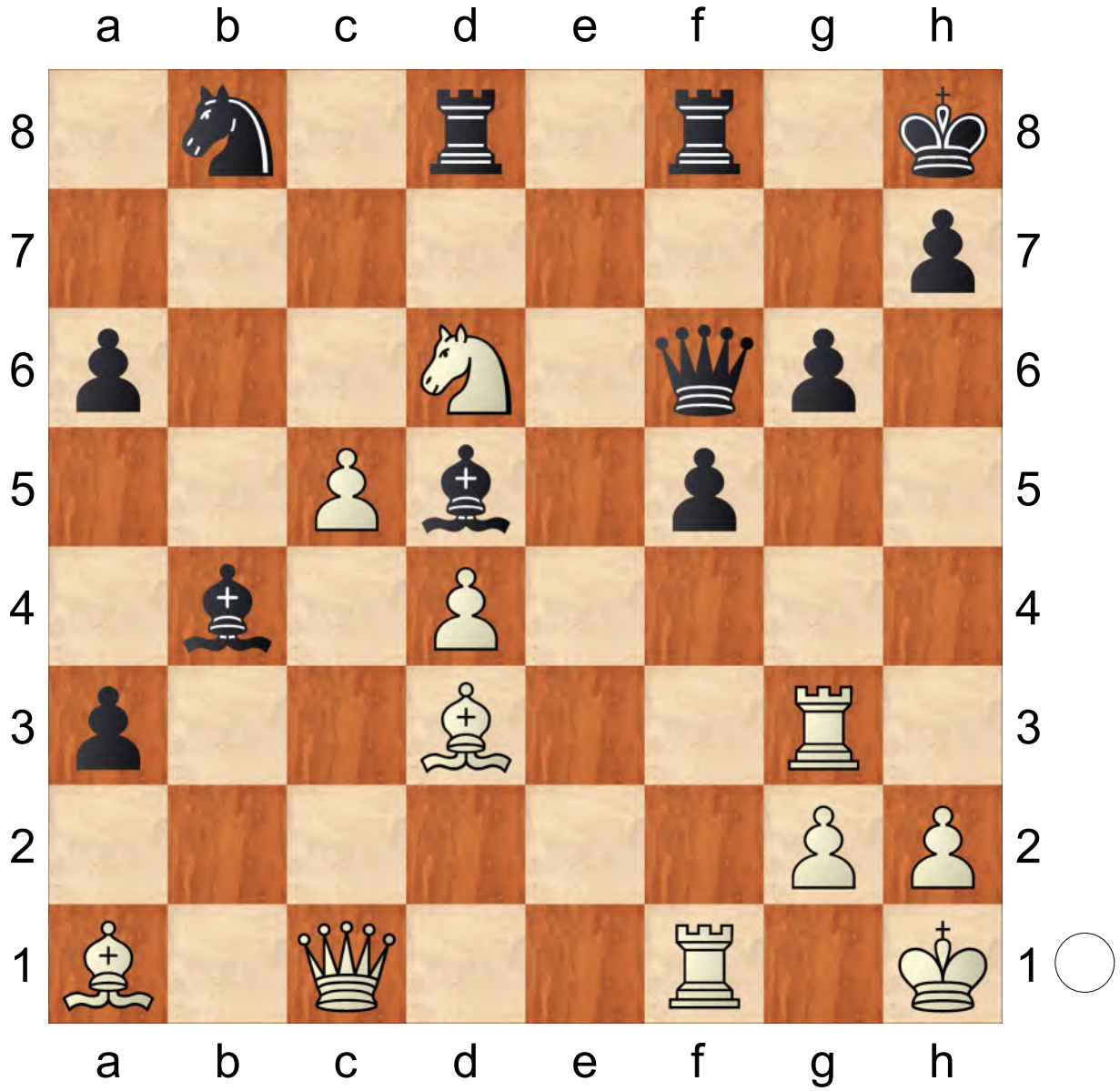
[38...a5!? Δ39.Bc4 Nb6!⇄]

(Diagram)

We both had some problems with time in so complicated position. It is difficult to believe, but this strong (from positional point of view) move loosing by force. Stronger was **39.Bc4 Rxd6**

[39...Qe6 Tsesarsky 40.Bxd5 Qxd5 41.Rxg6 f4□ 42.Rg4

A) 42...Rxd6 43.cxd6 Bxd6 44.Qc5 Rf5 45.Qa7!+- *(45.Rfxf4? Rxf4 46.Rg8+ Qxg8 47.d5+ Qg7 48.Qc8+ Rf8 49.Bxg7+ Kxg7 50.Qg4+=; 45.Qc8+ Rf8 46.Qc4 Rf5; 45.Re1? h5 46.Qxd5 Rxd5 47.Rg6 Kh7 48.Rge6 Nc6 49.Rb1±)* 45...Rf7 *(45...Bf8 46.Qxb8+-)* 46.Qxf7;



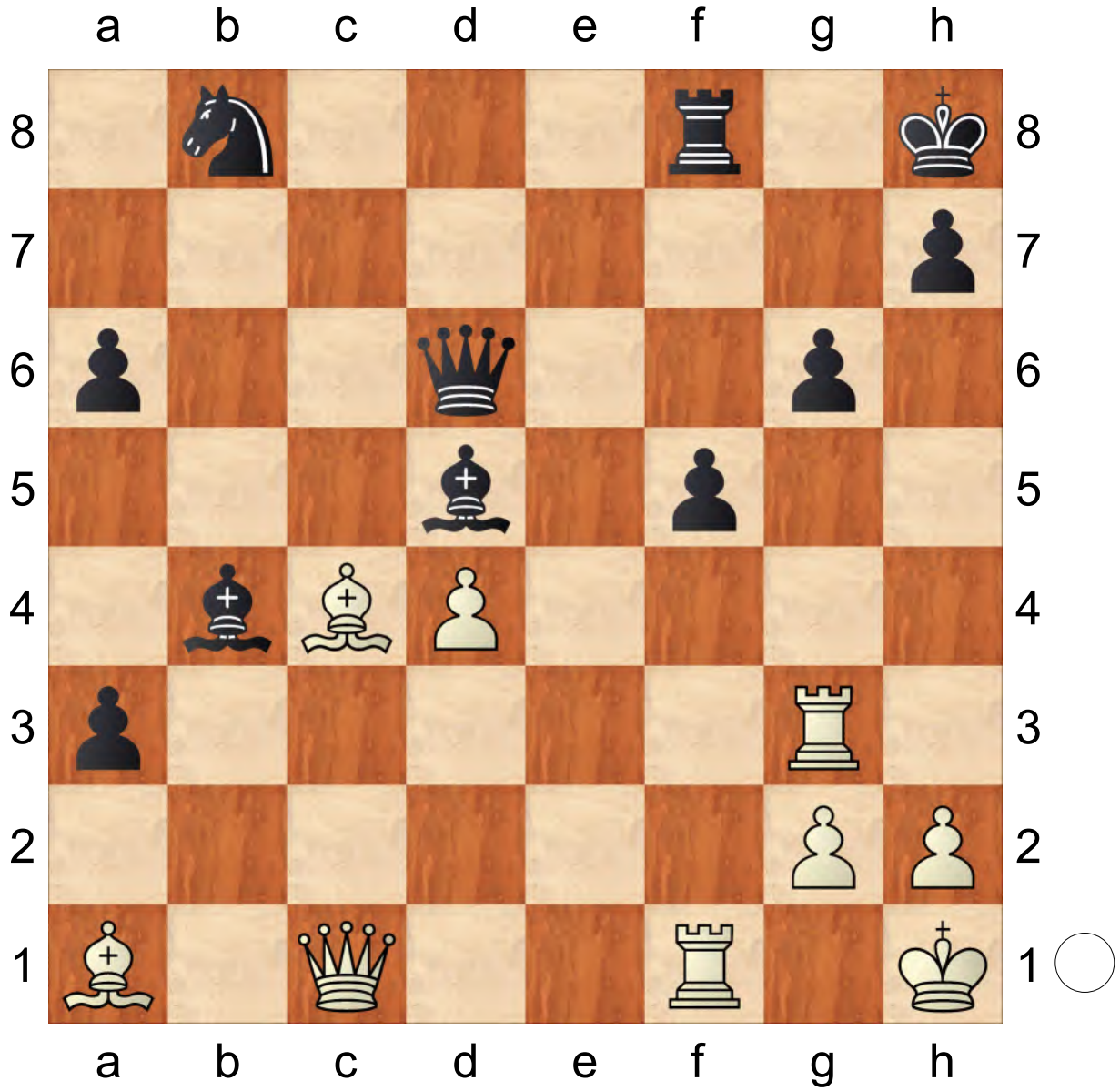
B) 42...f3 43.gxf3 Rxf3 44.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 45.Rg2+-]

40.cxd6 Qxd6

[40...Rc8!?

A) 41.Rc3 Bxc3 42.Bxd5 Qxd6 43.Bb7 Rc7 44.Bxc3 Rxb7 45.d5+ Kg8 46.Qe3 Re7 47.Qd4 Kf7 *(47...h5 48.Qh8+ Kf7 49.Qg7+ Ke8 50.Qg8+ Kd7 51.Rb1 Qc7 52.d6!)* 48.Qg7+ Ke8 49.Qg8+ Kd7 50.Rb1! Qc7 51.d6! *(51.Rxb8 a2!-+; 51.Qxb8 Qxb8 52.Rxb8 Re3!)* 51...Qxd6 *(51...a2 52.Qxa2 Qxd6 53.Qg8+-)* 52.Qb3! Nc6 53.Rd1 Nd4 54.Qa4+ Kc8 55.Rxd4+-;

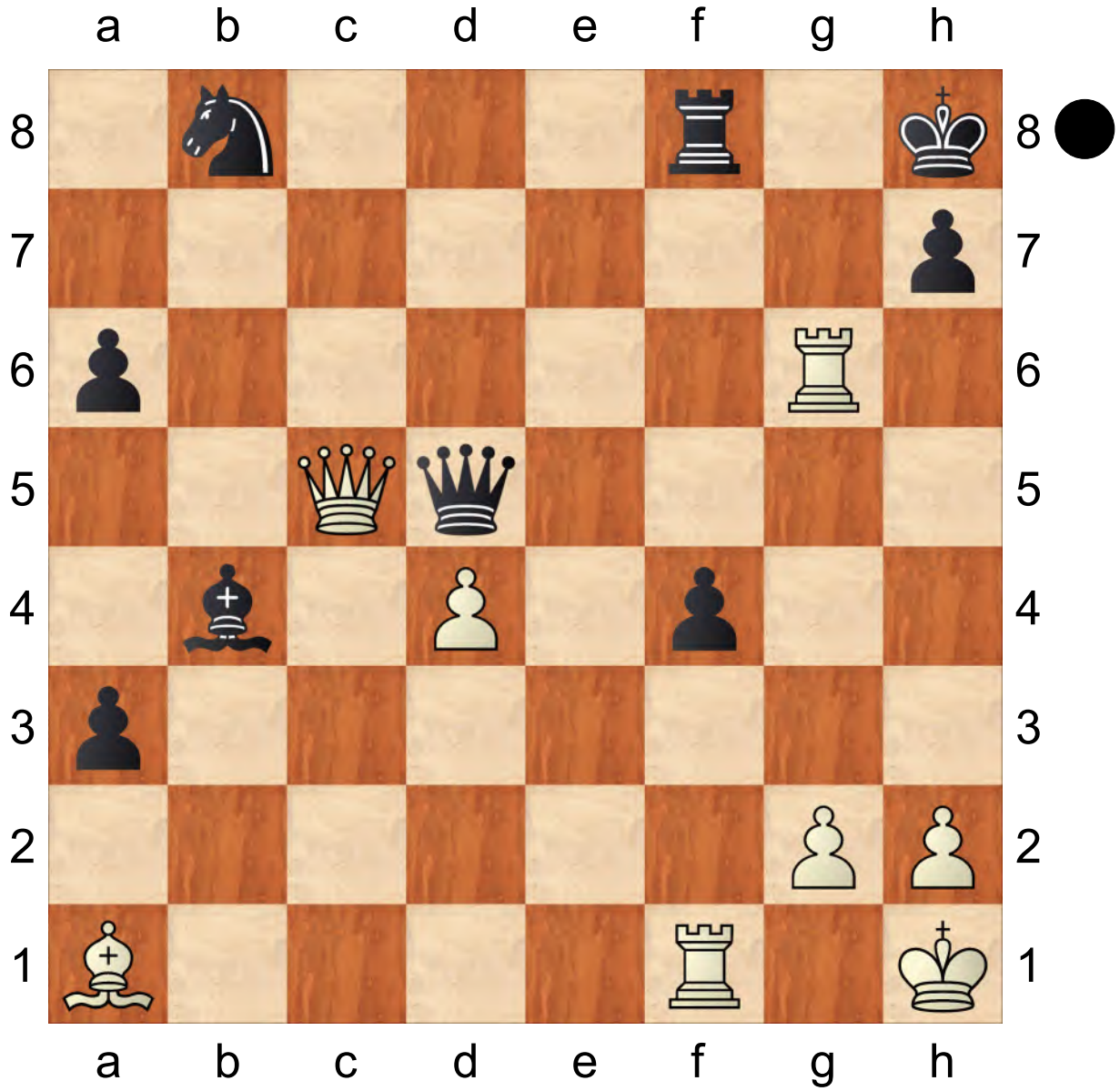
B) 41.Bxd5 Rxc1 42.Rxc1 Bxd6 *(42...Qxd6? 43.Be6! Kg7 44.d5+ Kf8 45.Bf6 Bc5 46.Rxc5 Qxc5 47.Rc3 Nd7 48.d6!+-)* 43.Rc8+ Kg7 44.Rg8+ Kh6 45.Rh3+ Kg5 46.Rxh7 Kf4 47.Bc3! Ke3 48.Rh3+ Ke2 *(48...Kf2 49.Rf3+ Ke2 50.Bc4+ Kd1 51.Bd3!+-)* 49.Rf3! Qe7 50.Bc4+ Kd1 51.Bd3+-]



41.Bxd5 Qxd5 42.Rxg6!+- f4
[42...hxg6 43.Qh6+ Kg8 44.Qxg6+ Kh8 45.Rf3 Qxf3 46.gxf3 Rc8 47.Qh6+ Kg8 48.Qe6++-]
[42...Rg8 43.Rxg8+ *(43.Rxf5!? Qxf5 44.d5+ Rg7 45.Rxg7+-; 43.Qc5!?; 43.Qc5!?)* 43...Kxg8 44.Qg5+ Kh8 45.Rxf5+-]
[42...Nd7 Tsesarsky 43.Qc6 Qxc6 44.Rxc6 a5 45.d5+ Kg8 46.Rc7 Rf7 47.g4 f4 48.Kg2+-]
43.Qc5!

(Diagram)

Good illustration to rule , that queen is always bad blocker. **43...Rd8**
[43...Rf5 44.Qc8+ *(44.Qxb4 hxg6 45.Qxb8++-)* 44...Rf8 *(44...Bf8 45.Qxf5!*



Qxf5 46.d5+ Bg7 47.Rxg7+-) 45.Qb7! Qxb7 46.d5+ Qg7 47.Rxg7+-]

44.Rg5! Bxc5□ 45.dxc5+ Qd4

(Diagram)

46.Rf5! Nc6

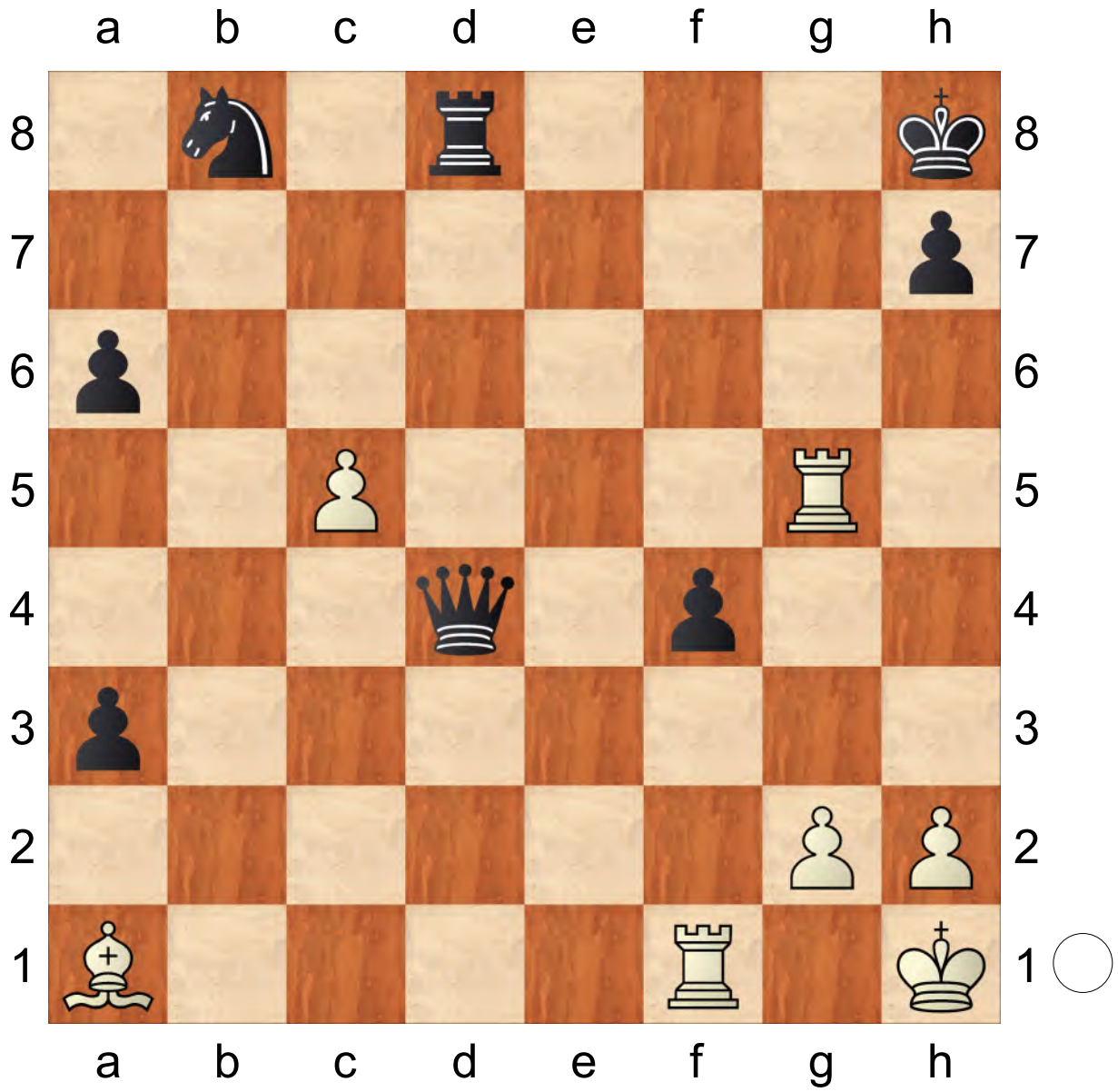
[46...Qb2 47.R5xf4! Nc6 48.Bxb2+ axb2 49.R4f2 Rb8 50.Rb1+-]

47.R5xf4 Qxa1

[47...a2 48.R4f2]

48.Rxa1 Rd5 49.h3 Rxc5 50.Rxa3 a5

(Diagram)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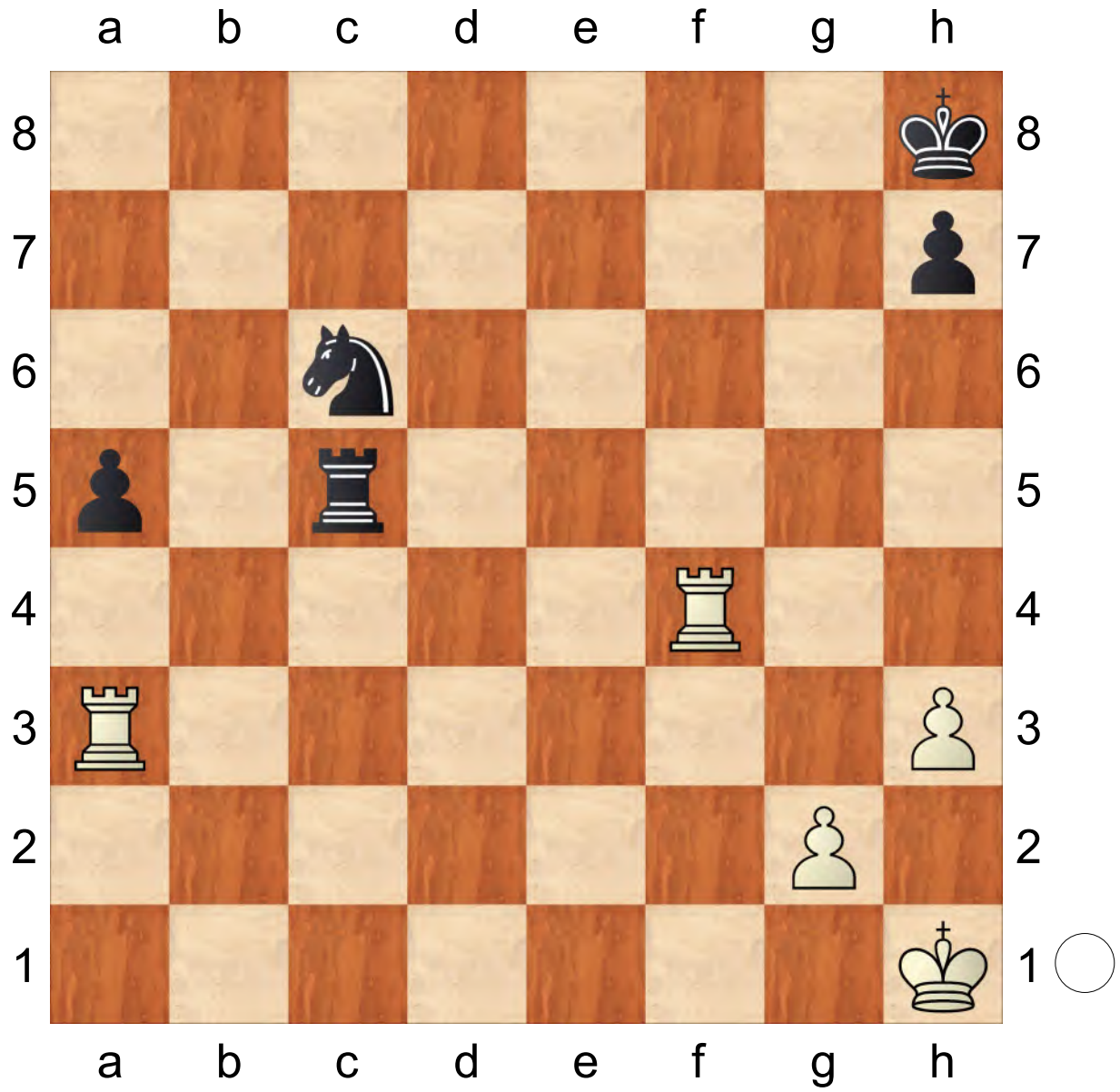

51.Rf7

(Diagram)

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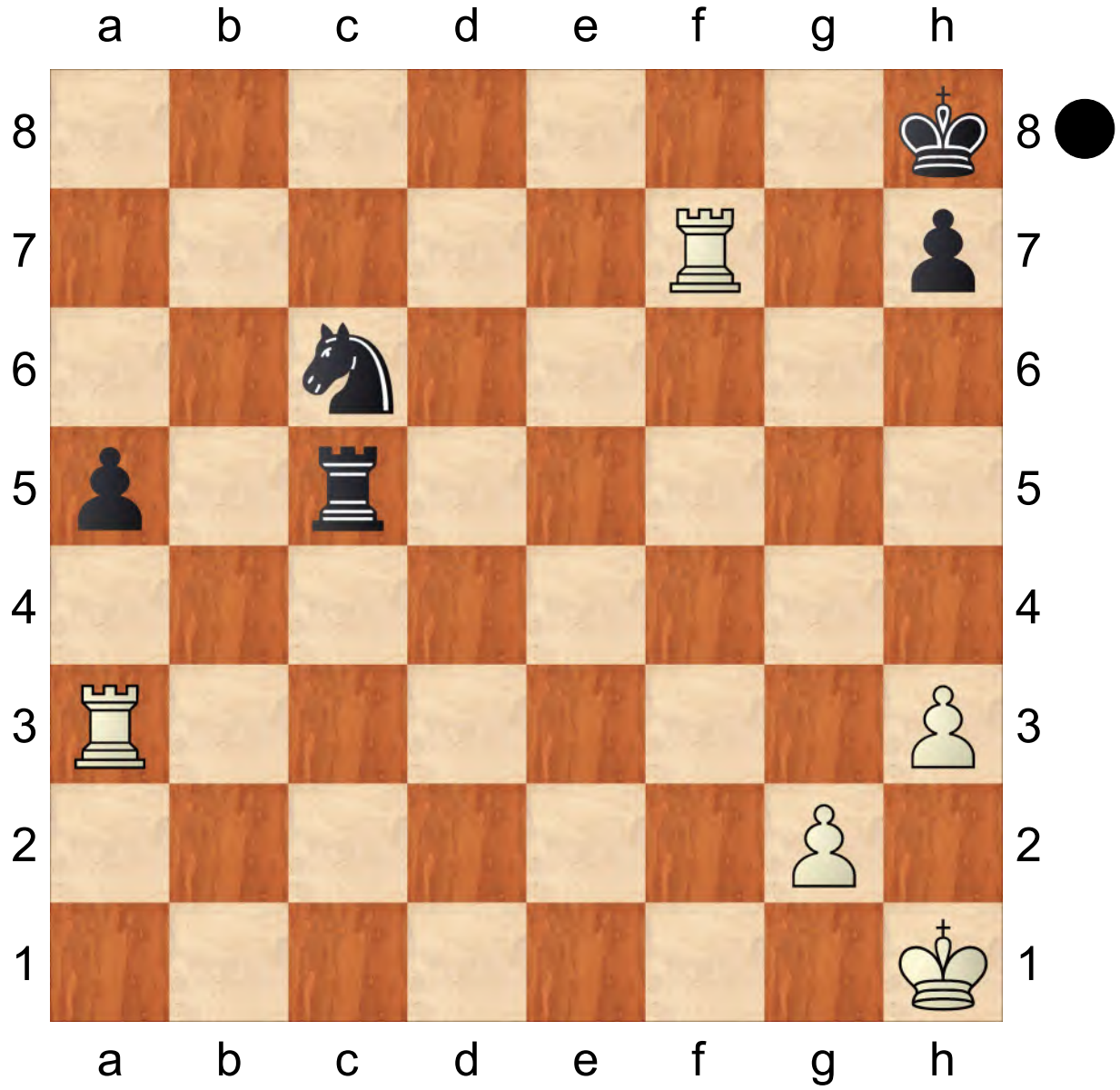
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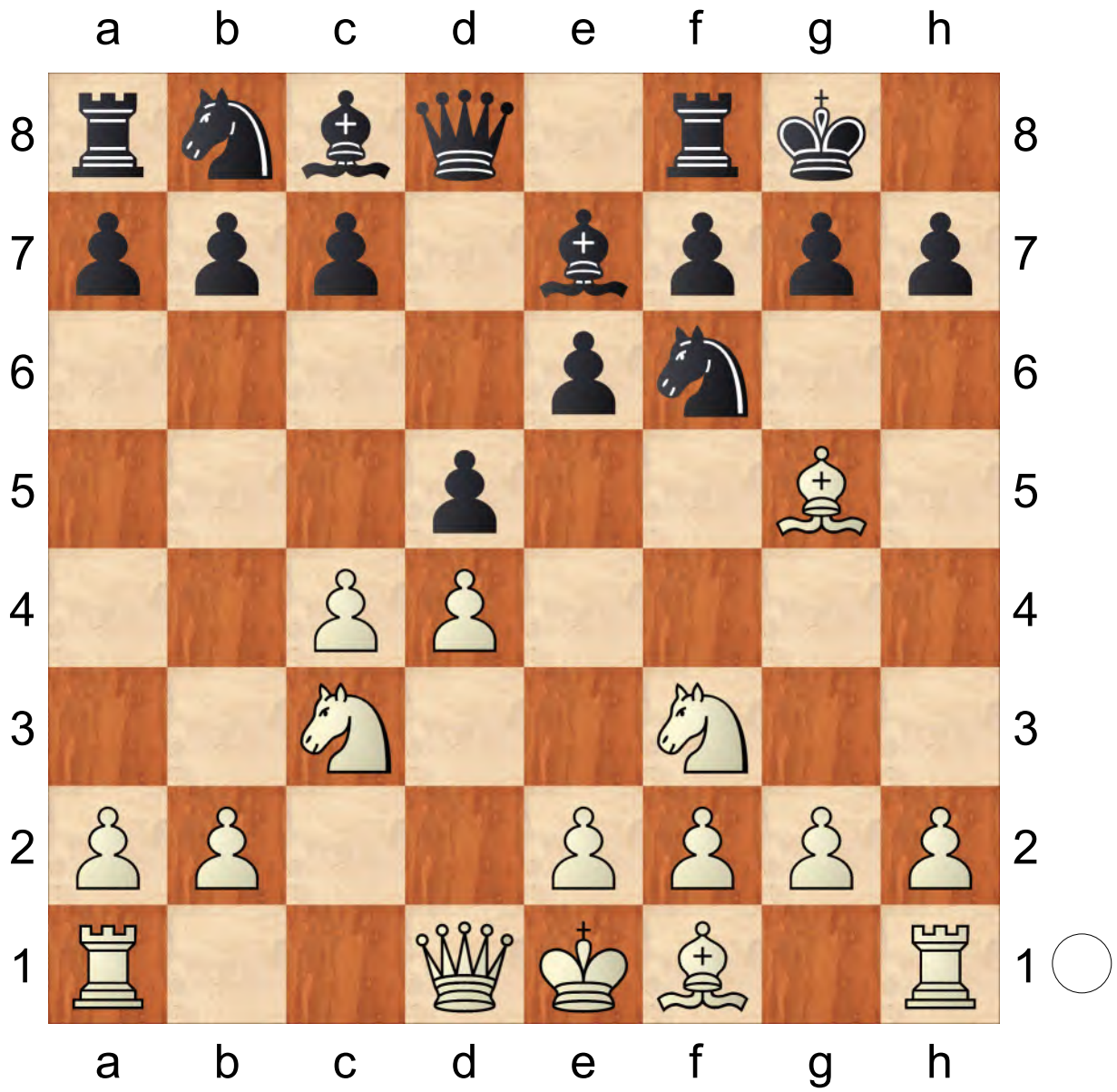
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.Nf3 Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0**



6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5
[8...cxd4! 9.Nxd4 Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.Rd1 *(11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.g4 Nf6 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.g5 Nfd5 15.Nxd5 Qxc2+ 16.Kxc2 Nxd5 17.Bg2 Nb4+ 18.Kb1 Rb8 19.a3 Na6 20.Na5⩲* 1-0 Ruzele,D-Khurtsidze,N/Koop Tjuchem (open), Groningen NED 1996 (42)*)* 11...Qa5 *(11...a6 12.Bd3 h6 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Ne4*

Qb8 15.Nf3 Nd5 16.Bc4 N7b6 17.Bb3 Bd7 18.Rd4 Rc8 19.Qd2 Bc6 20.Ng3 Nf6= 0-1 Jovicic,M-Ziatdinov,R/Belgrade ,EXT 1991 (64)*)* 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Nb3 Qe5 14.Qe2 Ned5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Na5 Qc7=]

9.Bxe7 Qxe7

[9...Nxe7!? 10.Bd3 cxd4 11.Nxd4

A) 11...Nf6

A1) 12.0-0-0 Qb6 13.g4 e5 14.g5 exd4 15.gxf6 *(15.Na4 Qe6 16.gxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Be4 dxe3 19.fxe3 Bf5 20.Nc3=)* 15...Qxf6 16.exd4 Bg4⇄ Khenkin,I-Arbakov,V/USSR 1987/Inf 45 (16);

A2) 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Qb6 *(13...Rc8 14.Qb3 Qb6 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.Ndb5±* 0-1 Piket,J-Kamsky,G/Monte Carlo Amber Rapid MON 1996 (58)*)* 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.Nxb3 b6 17.Nd4 Nfd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Be4 Nf6 20.Bb7 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rd8= ½-½ Novikov,I-Gorelov,S/Pavlodar 1987/EXT 87 (30);

B) 11...Ng6 12.0-0 Nde5=]

10.Nxd5 exd5

(Diagram)

11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Be2 Bg4

[12...Be6 13.0-0 Rac8

A) 14.Qd2 Ne4 15.Qd4 Qc5 16.Bd3 *(16.Qxc5?! Rxc5 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Rxc5 Rxc5 19.Nd4 Kf8 20.Kf1 Ke7=)* 16...Qxd4 17.Nxd4± 1-0 Vladimirov,E-Hoffman,A/Salamanca 1991/[Ftacnik] (30);

B) 14.Rad1 a5 15.Nd4 Rfd8 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Bf3 Qb6 18.Rfe1 a4 19.Re2± 1-0 Vokac,M-Chernikov,O/Ceske Budejovice ope 1992 (42)]

13.0-0

[13.Nd4

A) 13...Ne6

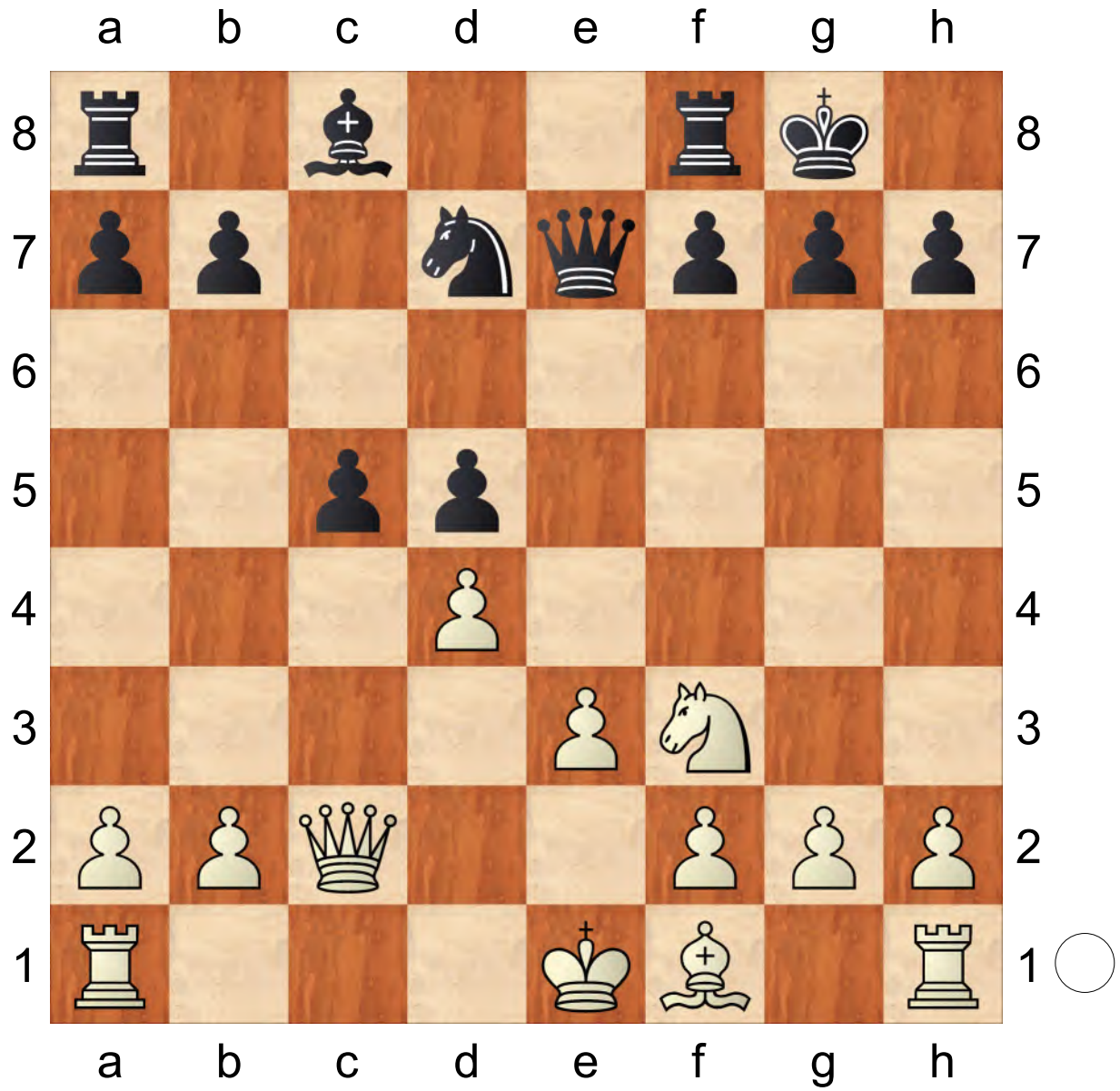
A1) 14.Nxe6 Rfc8 *(14...fxe6 15.Bxg4 Qb4+ 16.Qc3 Qxg4 17.0-0 Rac8=)* 15.Qd2 Bxe2 16.Nd4 Ba6 17.f3 Qh4+ 18.g3 Qh3 19.Kf2 b6 20.b4 Bc4 21.a4⇄ ½-½ Lengyel,L-Laszlo,C/HUN-ch 1952 (28);

A2) 14.Bxg4 Nxd4 15.Qa4 *(15.Qd2 Nc6 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Bf3 d4 18.Bxc6 dxe3=)* 15...Nc6 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Rd6 ½-½ Polugaevsky,L-Geller,E/Portoroz plof (Petropolis izt 2-3pl) 1973 (17) 18.Bf3 Rad8 19.Rac1±;

B) 13...Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Ne6 15.Qd2 Nxd4 *(15...Qf6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.0-0* ½-½ Sajtar Jaroslav-Foltys Jan/Prague Czech Republic 1943 (23) *)* 16.Qxd4 Qe4 17.Qxe4 dxe4 18.0-0-0 Rac8+ 19.Kb1 Rc7 ½-½ Ballmann,M-Begovac,F/SUI-chT 1995 (31)]

13...Rac8

[13...Rfd8 14.Rad1 *(14.Nd4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rac8 16.Rac1 a6 17.Rc2 Ne6=* ½-½ Anapolsky,S-Danielian,O/WchJM-U18 Duisburg 1992 (46) *)* 14...Rac8 15.Nd4 Ne6 16.Qd2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Rc4 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rd2 Rdc8= ½-½ Tisdall,J-



Ostenstad,B/Gausdal TM 1988/EXT 88op (26)]

14.Rac1

[14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rac1 *(15.Nd4 Ne6 16.Qd3 Nxd4 17.Bxg4 Ne6 18.Qb3 Rc4 19.Bf3 Nc5 20.Qa3 Ra4 21.Qc3 Rc4 22.Qa3 Ra4 23.Qc3 Rc4 24.Qa5 Ra4 25.Qb5 a6 26.Qb6 Ne4 27.Rd4 Rxd4 28.Qxd4 Qh4 29.g3 Ng5 30.Bg4 Qh6 31.h4 Ne4 32.Rc1 Qd6 33.Kg2 h6 34.Bf3 f5 35.b4 Rd7 36.Bd1 Qf6 37.Qxf6 Nxf6 38.Ba4 b5 39.Bb3 Kf8 40.Rc6 d4 41.Be6 Rd8 42.exd4 Rxd4 43.Rxa6 f4 44.a3 fxg3 45.fxg3 Ke7 46.Bf5 Nd5 47.Kf3 Rd1 48.g4 Rh1 49.Ke4 Nf6+ 50.Ke5 Rxh4 51.Ra7+* 1-0 Lechtynsky,J-Hresc,V/Polanica Zdroj(9) 1983 (51) *)* 15...a6 16.Nd4 Ne4 17.Qd3 Bxe2 *(17...Be6 18.Bf3 Ng5 19.Be2 Ne4 20.Bf3 Ng5 21.Be2* ½-½ Reinfeld,F-Shainswit,G/New York ch-USA 1940 (21) *)* 18.Qxe2 g6 19.Rc2 Rc5 20.Rdc1 Rdc8 21.Rxc5 Rxc5 22.Rxc5 Qxc5 23.g3 Nf6 24.Qc2 Qxc2 25.Nxc2 Kf8 26.Kf1 Ke7 27.Ke2 Nd7 28.Nd4 Kd6

29.Kd2 Nc5 30.f3 h6 ½-½ Gruenfeld,Y-Becker,A/Zandvoort NED 1936 (30)]
[14.Rfc1 Qf6 15.Qd2 Rfd8 16.Nd4 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Ne6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Qb5 Qe7 21.h3 Rc5 22.Qa4 a6 23.Rd1 Rc4 24.Qb3 b5 25.Qd3 Qc5 26.Qe2 Rc2 27.Rd2 Rc1+ 28.Kh2 Qc7+ 29.g3 Qc4 30.Qh5 Qc6 31.e4 Rc5 32.b4 g6 33.Qe5 Rc2 34.exd5 exd5 35.Rxc2 Qxc2 36.Qxd5+ Kg7 37.Kg2 Qe2 38.a3 h5 39.Qd4+ Kh7 40.Qa7+ Kg8 41.Qxa6 Qe4+ 42.Kh2 h4 43.Qc8+ Kh7 44.Qc7+ 1-0 Douven,R-Welling,G/NLD-chT ,EXT 1993 (44)]

14...Rfd8

[14...Qf6 15.Qd2 Ne4 16.Qd4 Bxf3 17.Qxf6 Nxf6 18.Bxf3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 Kf8 20.Kf1 Ke7 ½-½ Lilienthal,A-Lasker,E/Moscow 1936 (20)]
[14...a6 15.h3 Be6 16.Qd2 Ne4 17.Qa5 Rc5 18.Rxc5 Qxc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Nd4 Rc8 21.Rd1 *(21.Rc1±)* 21...Na4 22.Kh2 Kf8 23.g4 Ke7 24.g5 Rc7 25.Rd2⇄ ½-½ Rashkovsky,N-Murugan,K/Alma Ata ,EXT 1989 (51)]
[14...Ne4 15.Qd3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qe5 17.Rc2 Rxc2 18.Qxc2 f5 19.Rd1 Rd8 20.g3 h6 21.Kg2 Kh7 22.Rd4 b6 23.Qc6± 1-0 Barlov,D-Acebal,A/Candas 1992 (61)]

15.h3 Ne4

(Diagram)

16.Qd3 Be6 17.Qd4± b6 18.Bd3

[18.Rfd1 Rc5 19.b4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Qb7 21.Bd3 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Qxc8 23.Qb2±]

18...Nc5 19.Bb1 Nd7

[19...Rc7 20.b4 Ne4 21.a3 Rdc8 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Qxe4 Rc3 25.Ra1±]

20.Rfd1 Qf6

(Diagram)

21.Qxf6

[21.Bd3±]

21...Nxf6 22.Nd4 a5 23.Kf1 Rxc1

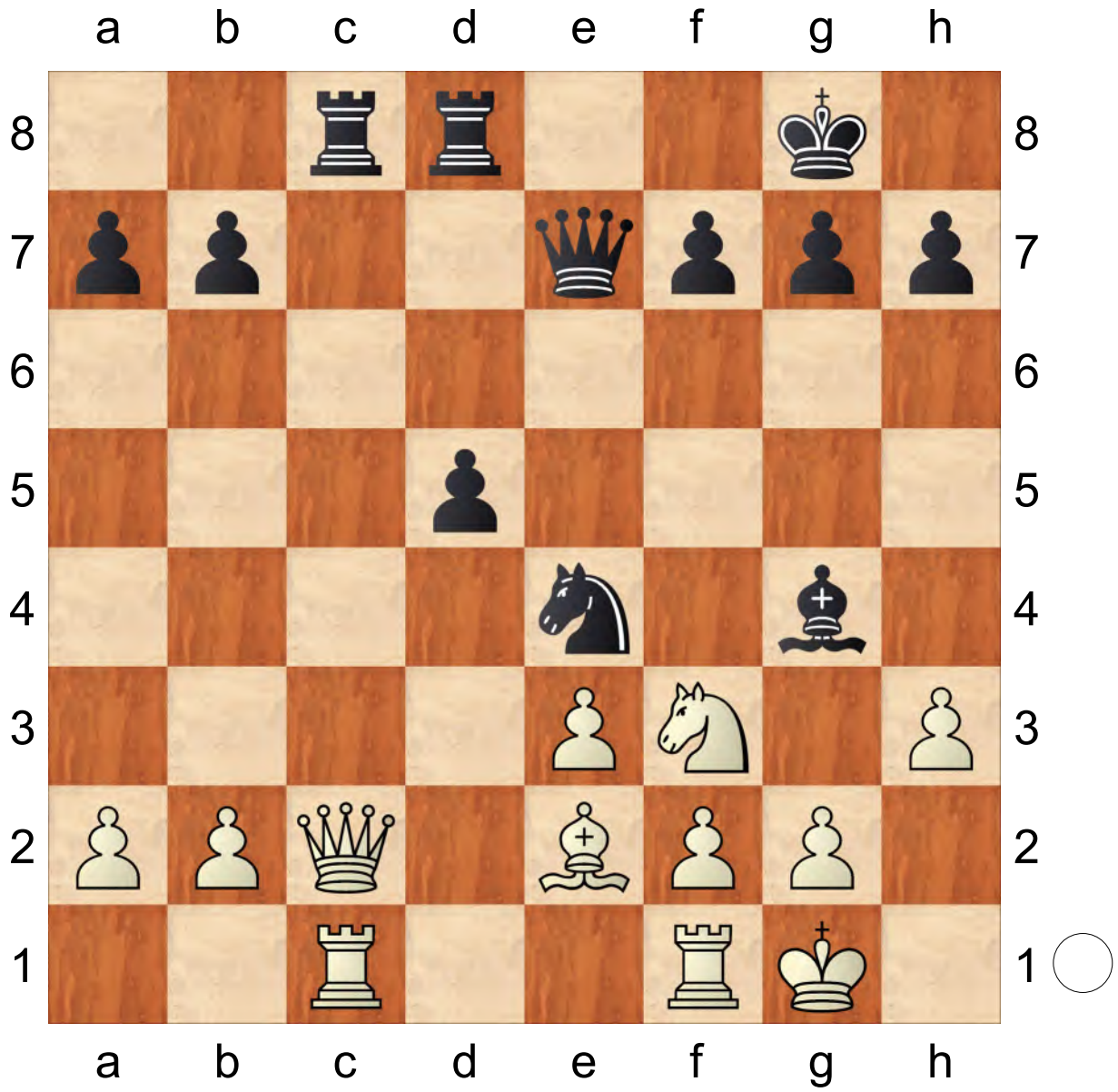
[23...Kf8 24.a3 Ke8 25.Bd3 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Ke2±]
[23...Rc5 24.Nb3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Nd4 Ba6+ 28.Ke1 Kf8 29.h4 *(29.Kd2 Bf1∓)* 29...Ke7 30.Nf5+ Kf8 31.Kd2 g6 32.Nd4 Ke7 33.f3 *(33.Kc3 Ng4∓)* 33...Bf1 34.g4 Nd7 35.g5 f6 36.Bc2 Ne5⇄]

24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8

(Diagram)

26.Ke1 Kf8 27.Kd2 Ke7

[27...Ba6!=]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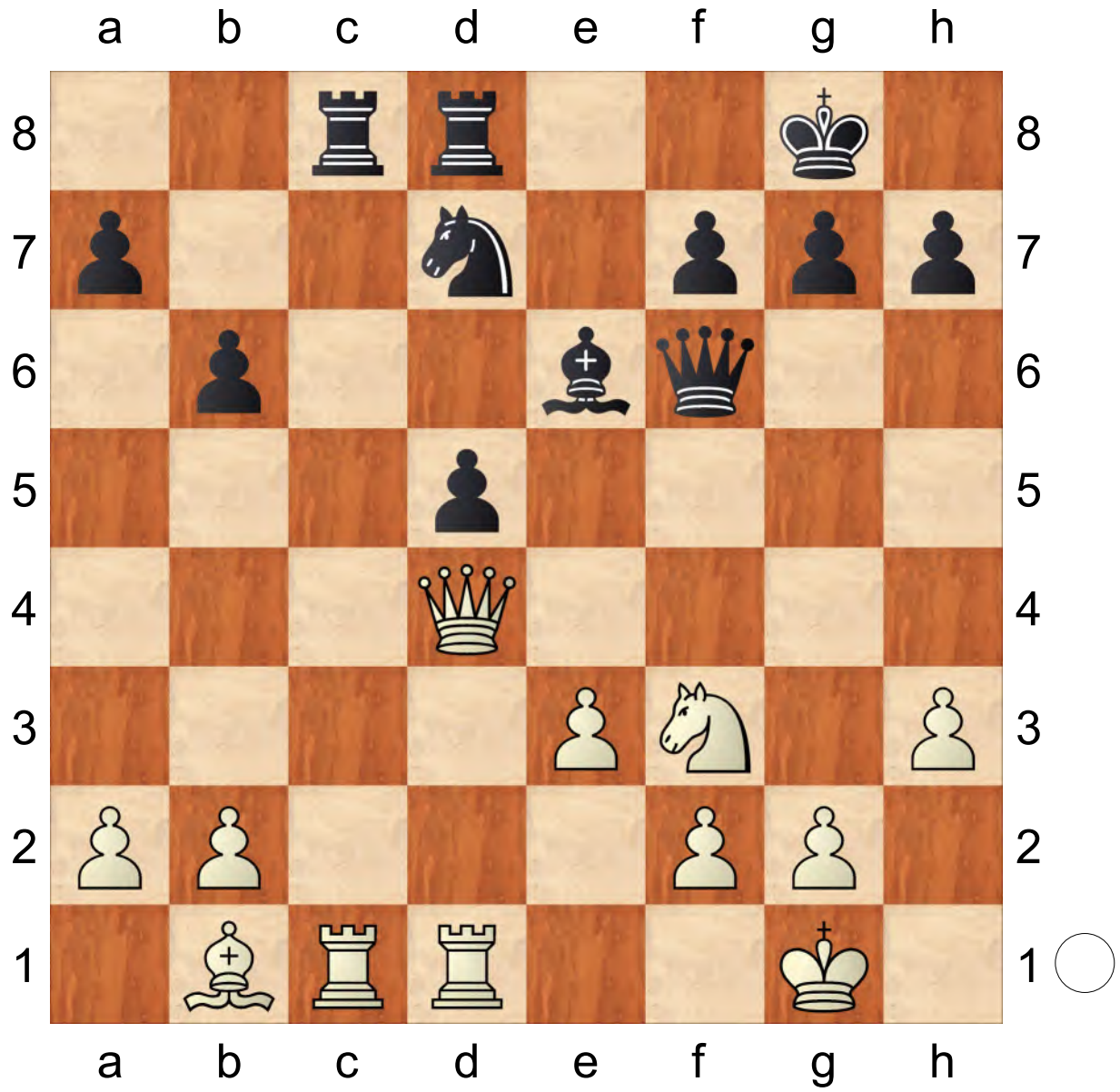
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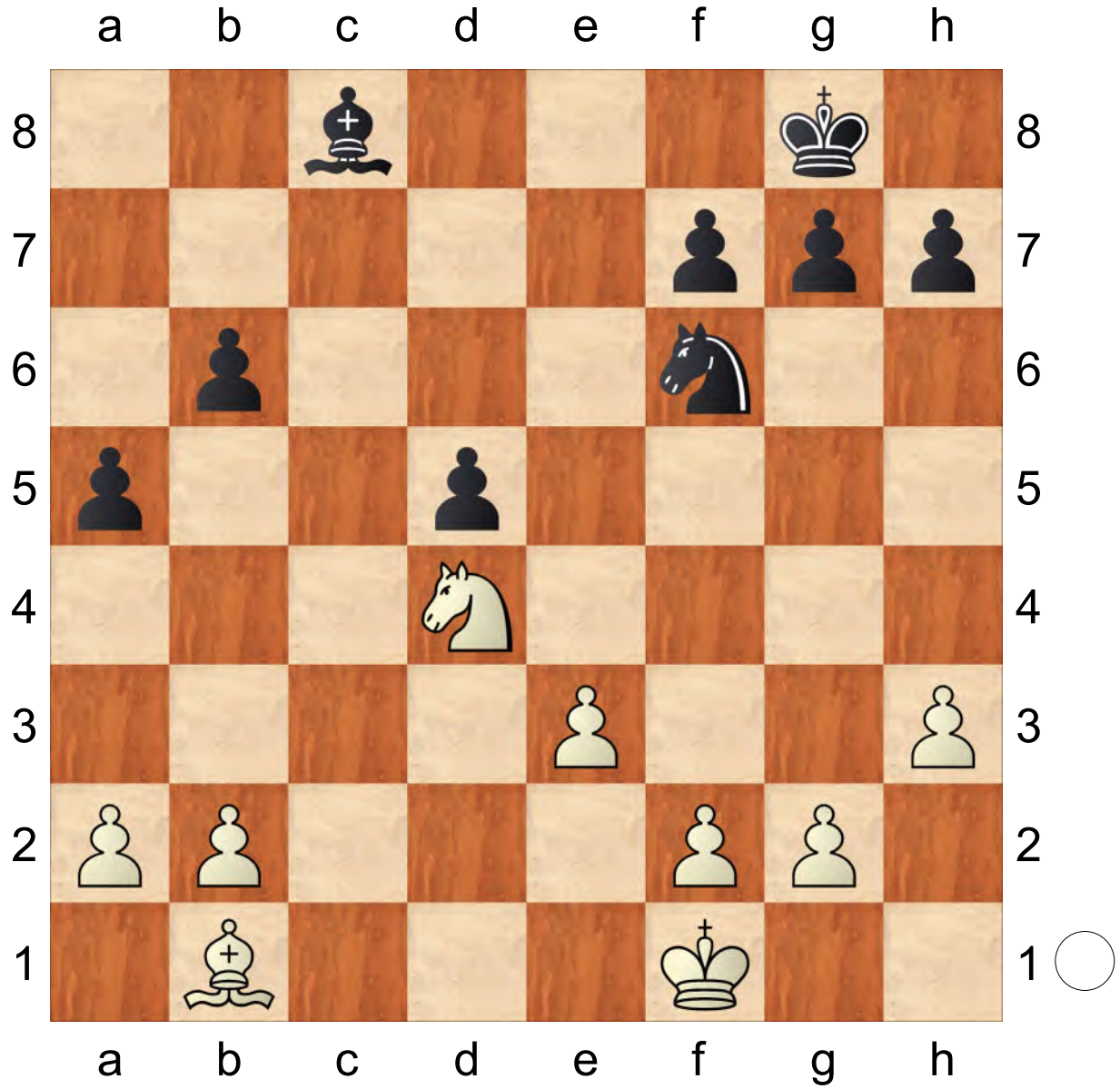


28.Kc3 Kd6?
[28...Ba6 29.Nf5+ Kf8 30.Ng3 *(30.Kd4 Bf1 31.Nh4 g5 32.Nf3 Bxg2∓)* 30...g6 31.Kd4 Ke7 32.Bc2 Ne8 33.Bd3 Bxd3 34.Kxd3 Kd6=]
29.Nf3?
[29.b4!
A) 29...axb4+ 30.Kxb4 Bd7
A1) 31.Bf5
A1a) 31...h5 32.Bxd7 Kxd7 33.f3 Ne8 34.Kb5 Kc7 35.Nf5
A1a1) 35...h4 36.Ne7 *(36.Nxh4 Nd6+ 37.Kb4 g5-+; 36.Ka6 g5 37.Kb5 Kb7 38.Kb4 Kc6 39.f4 f6 40.Nd4+ Kd7 41.fxg5 fxg5 42.Nf3 Nd6 43.Nxg5 Nf5 44.e4 dxe4 45.Nxe4±)* 36...Nf6 37.Kb4 g6 38.Kb5 Kd7 39.Nc6 Kc7 40.Ne5**±**;
A1a2) 35...g6 36.Ne7 Nd6+ 37.Kb4 Kd7 38.Nxd5**±**;

A1b) 31...g6
A1b1) 32.Bxd7 Kxd7 33.f3 Ne8
A1b11) 34.Kb5!? Kc7
A1b111) 35.Nc2! Nd6+ 36.Kb4
A1b1111) 36...h5 37.Kc3 Kc6 38.Kd4 Nf5+ 39.Ke5 Kc5 40.Kf6 *(40.g4 Nh4 41.Nd4 Kc4 42.g5 Ng2 43.e4 dxe4 44.Kxe4 Nf4 45.h4 Ng2 46.Nc6 Nxh4 47.Ne5+ Kb4∓)* 40...Nd6 41.g4 Kc4 42.Ke7 Kc5 43.gxh5 gxh5 44.Nd4 b5 45.h4 b4 46.f4**±**;
A1b1112) 36...Nc4 37.e4 *(37.Kc3 Kd6 38.Kd4 Ne5 39.Nb4 f6 40.f4 Nc6+ 41.Nxc6 Kxc6=)* 37...Kc6 38.Nd4+ Kd6 39.Nb5+ Ke5 40.Nc3 Ne3 41.Nxd5 Nxg2 42.Nxb6 Ne1 43.Nc4+ Kd4 44.a4**±**;
A1b112) 35.Ka6
A1b1121) 35...Nd6 36.Nb5+ Nxb5 37.Kxb5 Kb7 38.a4 Kc7 39.h4 h5 40.a5 bxa5 41.Kxa5
A1b11211) 41...Kd6 42.Kb4 *(42.Kb5 d4 43.Kc4=)* 42...Ke5 43.Kc5 f6 44.g4 f5□ 45.g5□ f4□ 46.exf4+ Kxf4 47.Kxd5 Kg3 48.Ke5 *(48.f4 Kxh4 49.Ke6 Kg4 50.f5 h4 51.fxg6 h3 52.g7 h2 53.g8Q h1Q⩲)* 48...Kxh4 49.f4 Kg3 50.f5 h4 51.fxg6 h3 52.g7 h2 53.g8Q h1Q 54.Qb3+ Kg4 55.Qc4+ Kg3 56.Qf4+ Kh3 57.g6+-;
A1b11212) 41...Kc6 42.Kb4 Kb6 43.Kc3 Kc5 44.Kd3 Kc6 45.Kd4 Kd6 46.g4 Ke6 47.gxh5 gxh5 48.e4 dxe4 49.Kxe4 f5+ 50.Kd4 Kd6 51.f4+-;
A1b1122) 35...f5!
A1b11221) 36.Ne6+ Kc6 37.h4 *(37.Nf8 f4!-+)* 37...Nd6 38.Nd4+ Kc5 39.Ne6+=;
A1b11222) 36.f4 Nd6 37.Nb5+ Nxb5 38.Kxb5 Kb7
A1b112221) 39.Ka4 Kc6 40.Kb4 Kc7 41.Kb5 Kb7;
A1b112222) 39.g4 h5 *(39...fxg4 40.hxg4 h5 41.f5+-; 39...Kc7 40.g5 Kb7 41.a3 Kc7 42.a4 Kb7 43.a5 bxa5 44.Kxa5 Kc6 45.Kb4 Kb6 46.Kc3 Kc5 47.Kd3 Kc6 48.Kd4 Kd6 49.h4 Kc6 50.Ke5 Kc5 51.Kf6 Kc4 52.Kg7 Kd3 53.Kxh7 Kxe3 54.h5 d4 55.hxg6 d3 56.g7 d2 57.g8Q d1Q 58.Qc4+-)* 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.h4 Kc7 42.a4 Kb7 43.a5 bxa5 44.Kxa5 Kc6 45.Kb4 Kb6 46.Kc3 Kc5 47.Kd3 Kc6 48.Kd4 Kd6=;
A1b112223) 39.a3 Kc7 40.a4 Kb7 41.a5 bxa5 42.Kxa5 Kc6 43.Kb4 Kb6 44.Kc3 Kc5 45.Kd3 Kc6 46.Kd4 Kd6 47.g3 h6
A1b1122231) 48.g4 fxg4 49.hxg4 h5 *(49...Ke6=)* 50.gxh5 gxh5 51.Kd3 h4 52.Ke2 Ke6 53.Kf2 Kf5

54.Kg2 Kg4=;

A1b1122232) 48.h4 h5=;

A1b11223) 36.h4 Nf6 37.a4 *(37.Nb5+ Kc6)* 37...Nd7 38.h5

A1b112231) 38...Ne5 39.h6 Nc4 40.Ne6+ Kc6 41.Nf8 Nxe3 42.Nxh7 d4 43.Nf6 d3 44.h7 d2 45.h8Q d1Q 46.Qe8+ Kd6 47.Qd8+ *(47.Qxe3 Qxa4+ 48.Kxb6 Qb4+=)* 47...Ke6 48.Qxb6+ Kf7 49.Qc6±;

A1b112232) 38...gxh5 39.Nxf5 Kc6 40.Nd4+ Kc5 41.f4 Nf6 42.Kb7 Ng4 43.Nc2 h4 44.Kc7 h5 45.f5 Nf6 46.Nd4 Ng4 47.Ne6+ Kb4 48.Kxb6 Kxa4 49.Kc5 Nxe3 50.f6 Ng4 51.f7 Ne5 52.f8Q Nd7+ 53.Kxd5 Nxf8 54.Nxf8+-;

A1b11224) 36.Nc2? Kc6 37.Nb4+ Kc5 38.Nd3+ Kc6 39.Ne5+ Kc5 40.Nd7+ Kc6 41.Nxb6 Nd6 42.a4 Nc4 43.a5 Nxe3∓;

A1b12) 34.g4 h6 35.Kb5 Kc7 36.Ka6 Nd6 37.Nb5+ Nxb5 38.Kxb5 f5 39.gxf5 gxf5 40.h4 h5 41.f4 Kb7 42.a3 Kc7 43.a4 Kb7 44.a5 bxa5 45.Kxa5 Kc6 46.Kb4 Kb6 47.Kc3 Kc5 48.Kd3 Kc6 49.Kd4 Kd6=;

A1b2) 32.Bd3±;

A2) 31.Bd3±;

B) 29...Ne4+? 30.Bxe4 dxe4

B1) 31.bxa5 bxa5 32.Nb3 Be6 33.Nxa5 *(33.Kd4 a4 34.Nc5 Bxa2 35.Nxa4 f5 36.Nc3 Bb3=)* 33...Bxa2 34.Kd4 Bd5 35.Nc4+ Bxc4 36.Kxc4 Ke5 37.Kc5 f5 38.h4 g6 39.Kc6 Ke6 40.g3 h5=;

B2) 31.a3!

B2a) 31...axb4+ 32.Kxb4 Bd7 33.Nb5+ Kd5 34.Nc3+ Ke5 35.Na4 Bxa4 36.Kxa4 Kd6 37.Kb5 Kc7 38.g4 *(38.Kc4 Kd6 39.Kd4 f5 40.a4 g6=)* 38...f6 39.Kc4 g6 40.Kd5+-;

B2b) 31...Kd5 32.h4 Ba6 *(32...Bd7 33.bxa5 bxa5 34.Nb3 a4 35.Nd2 f5 36.Kb4 h6 37.Nb1+-)* 33.bxa5 bxa5 34.Nb3 Bf1 35.g3 a4 36.Nd2 Be2 37.Kb4 Bd1 38.Nb1+-]

29...h6 30.Kd4

[30.Nd4±]

30...Ne8

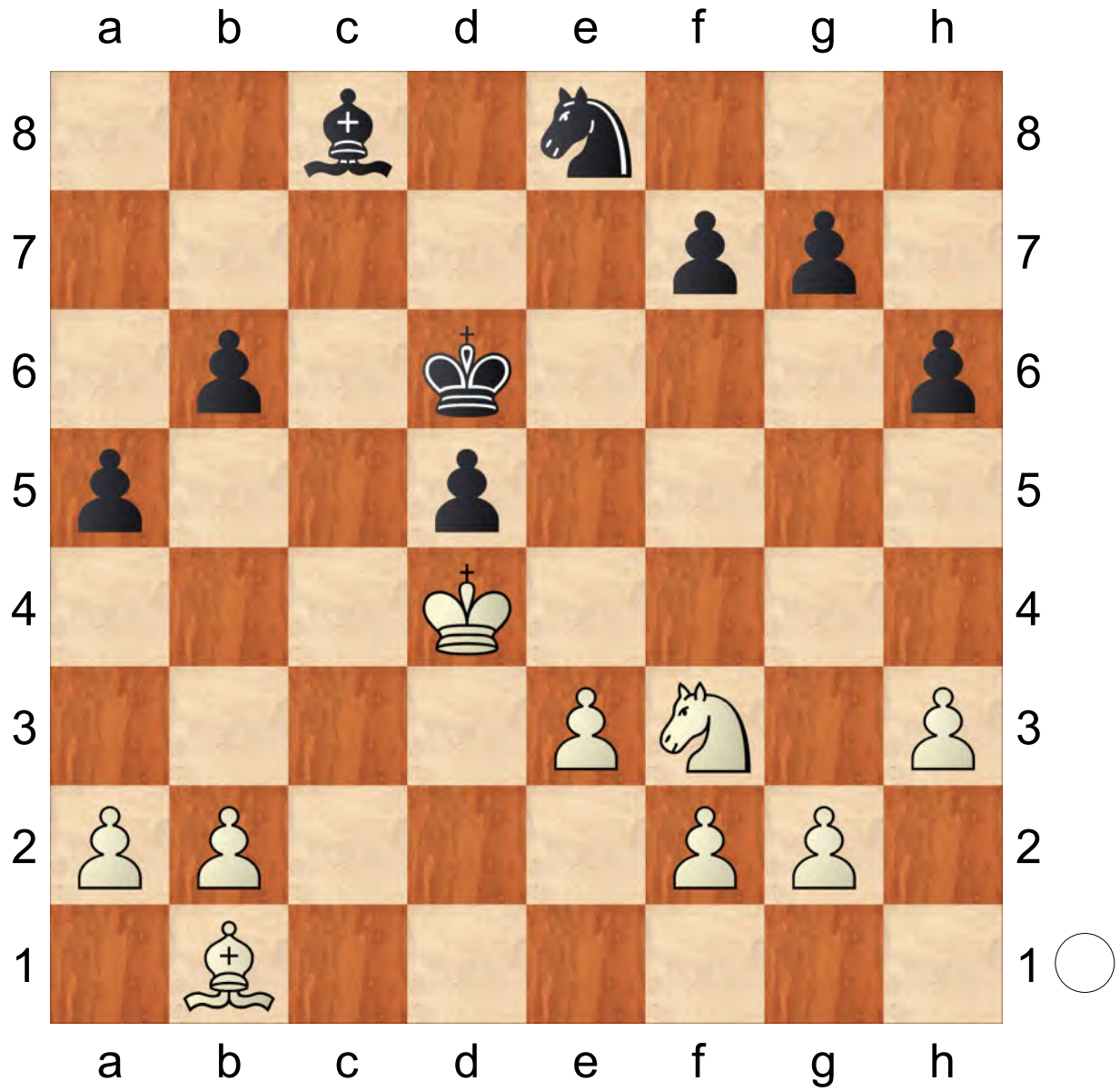
(Diagram)

31.Bd3

[31.Ne5 f6 32.Nd3 Nc7 33.Kc3=]

31...Nc7 32.a3 Bd7 33.Kc3 Ne6 34.b4 axb4+ 35.axb4

[35.Kxb4 Nc5 36.Bc2 Na6+ 37.Kc3 Nc5=]



35...Bc6

(Diagram)

36.Nd4 Nxd4 37.Kxd4 Bd7 38.h4 g5 39.g3 f6 40.Bc2 Bg4

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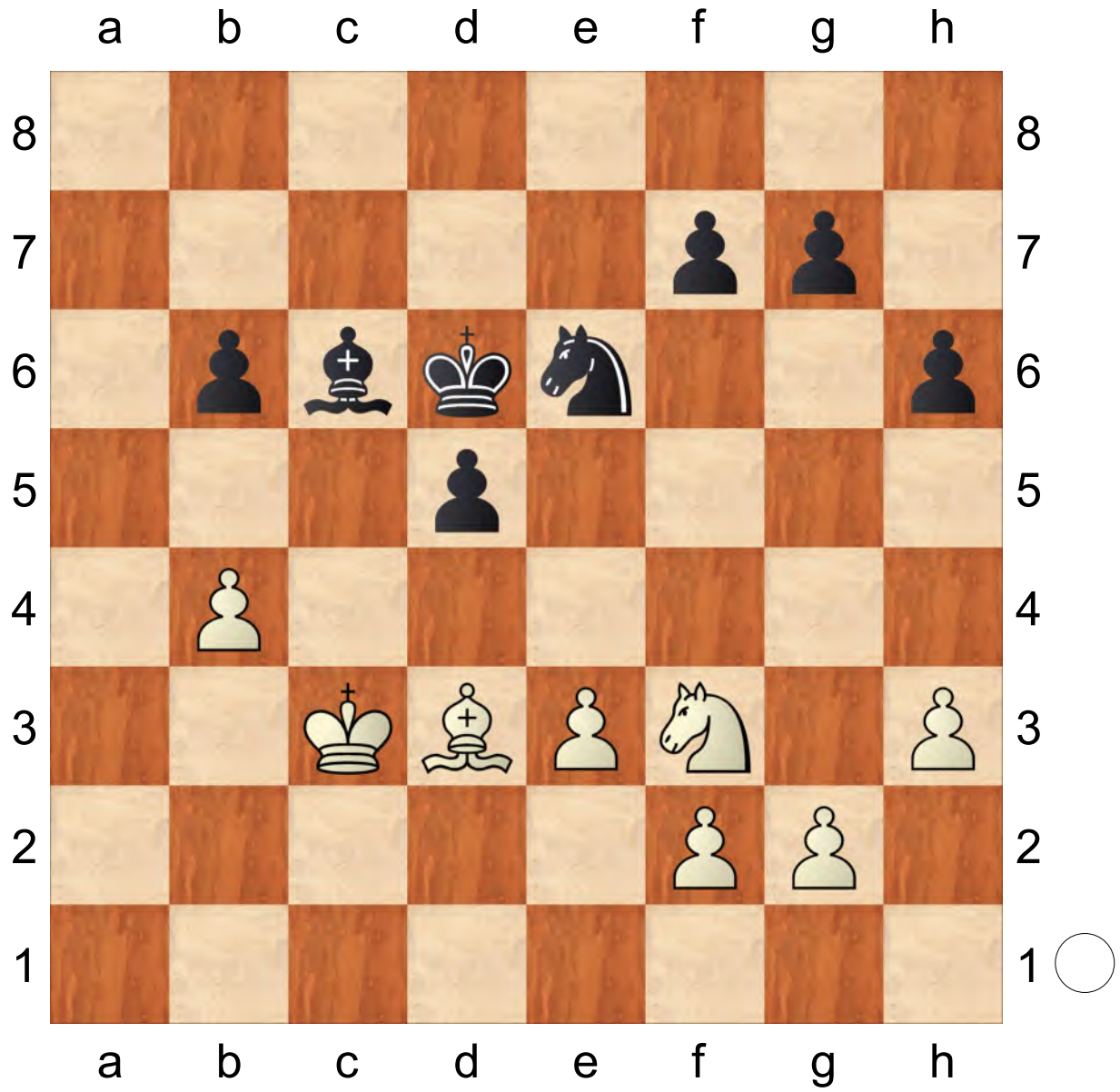
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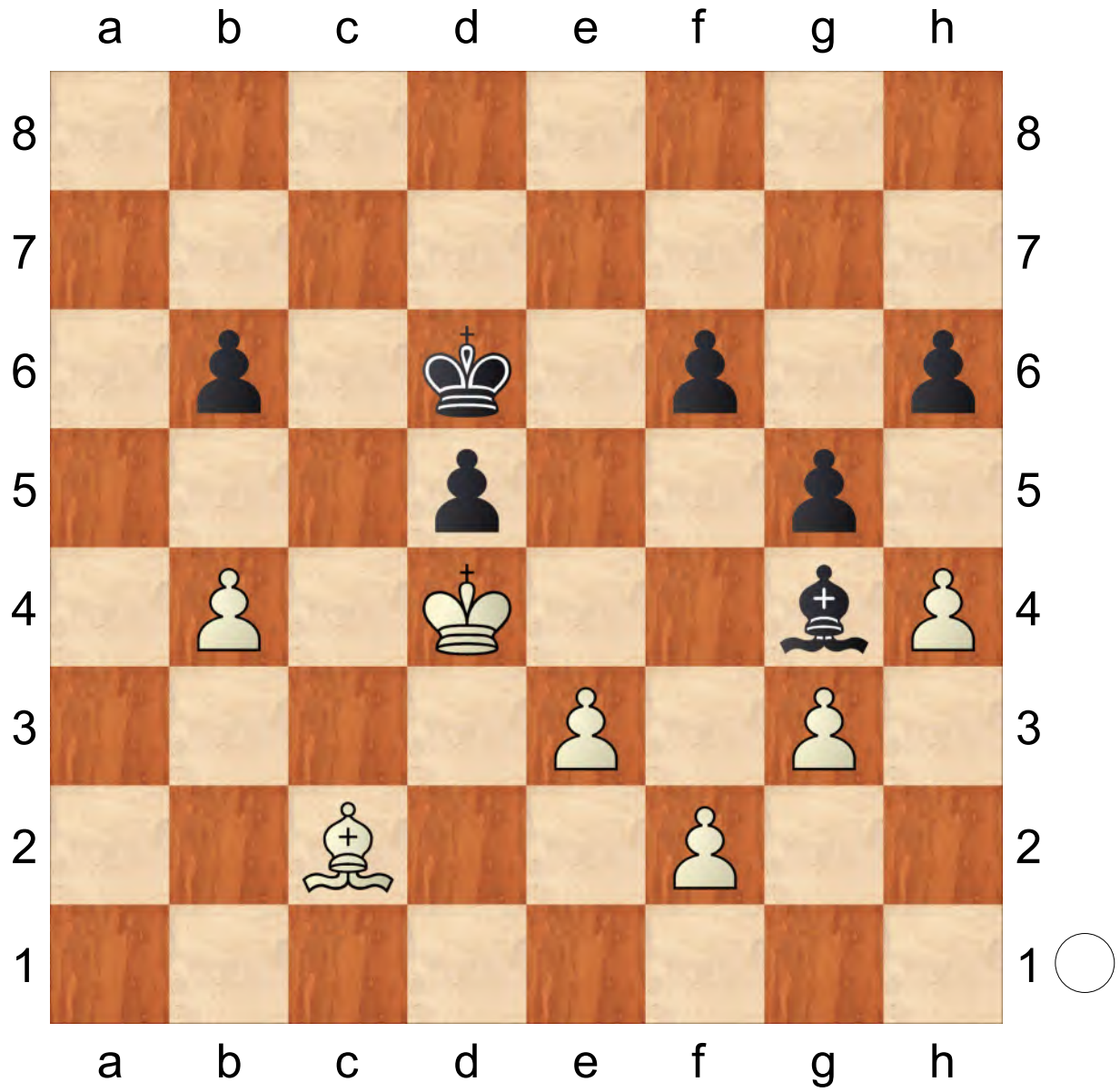
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□ **Perunovic,Milos** **2617**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2679**
EU-ch 15th Yerevan (11) 14.03.2014
[Marjanovic,Slavoljub]

1.e4 Perunovic,Milos Marjanovic,S **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 c5!?**

[The main line is 5...Nd7 and after 6.Nf3 Black has played many moves. Among them I have analysed 6...a6 (with a quick attack in the centre, played by Grischuk) and the most promising 6...♘e7 (played by Ivanchuk)

A) 6...a6

A1) 7.Be3 Rc8 8.c3 c5 9.dxc5

A1a) 9...Nxc5 10.Nfd4 Bg6 11.Be2 Nh6? *(11...Nd7 12.f4 Qh4+ 13.g3±)* 12.h4 Nxb3 13.axb3 *(13.Qxb3)* 13...Bc5 14.h5 Bf5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.g4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Bc2 18.Ra3+- Qg5 19.Qd2 d4 20.Qxc2 dxc3 21.bxc3 0-0 22.0-0 Qxe5 23.c4 Rfd8 24.b4 Rd4 25.Re3 Qg5 26.Rd1 Rf4 27.Qd2 Qf6 28.Rd3 Kg7 29.Rd4 Rxf2 30.Qe3 1-0 (30) Jakovenko,D (2725)-Eljanov,P (2751) Odessa 2010;

A1b) 9...Bxc5 10.Nxc5 Nxc5 11.Be2 Ne7 12.Nh4 h6 13.Nxf5 Nxf5 14.Bxc5 Rxc5 15.Bd3?! *(15.Qa4+; 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bd3= Ne7)* 15...d4 16.Qa4+?! b5 17.Qxa6 Rxe5+ 18.Kf1 0-0-+ 19.Bxb5 *(19.Qc6 Ne7)* 19...dxc3 20.bxc3 Qd2 21.Be2 Qxc3 22.Re1 Rd8 23.h4 Ng3+ 24.fxg3 Rf5+ 25.Kg1 Qxe1+ 26.Kh2 Qa5 27.Qc4 Qc5 28.Qb3 Rf2 29.Bf3 Qc2 30.Qb6 Rf8 31.Be4 Qxa2 32.Rd1 Rd2 33.Rf1 Qb2 34.Qc5 Rdd8 35.Qe7 Qd4 36.Bb1 Qd6 37.Qb7 Rb8 38.Qe4 f5 39.Qe3 Rb4 40.Kh3 Kh8 41.Ba2 Re4 42.Qf3 Qe5 43.Qa3 Rb8 0-1 (43) Navara,D (2722)-Grischuk,A (2746) Khanty-Mansiysk 2011;

A2) 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Nxc5

A2a) 10.0-0 Ne7

A2a1) 11.Be3 Rc8 12.c4 *(12.Rc1 b5!=)* 12...dxc4 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Bxc4 Na4 15.b3 Nb2!= Kritz;

A2a2) 11.Nh4 Be4 *(11...Rc8!?)* 12.f3 Bg6 13.Be3 Rc8 14.c3 b5= Almasi, Z 2726 - Grischuk, A 2746, WchT 8th Ningbo 2011;

A2b) 10.Nd4 Ne7

A2b1) 11.Be3 Rc8 12.0-0 Qc7 13.f4 Be4 14.a4 0-0 Marjanovic,S: '-11.Be3'

A2b11) 15.a5 Nf5 16.Bf2

A2b111) 16...f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.g3 Nd7 19.Ra3 Nxd4 20.Bxd4± Rff8 21.Bd3 *(21.Bg4)* 21...Bxd3 22.cxd3 Nb8 23.Qg4 *(23.b4)* 23...Qd7 24.Re1 Nc6 *(24...Rf5)* 25.Bc5 Rf6 26.d4 h6 27.Rae3 *(27.b4±)* 27...Kh7 *(27...Nxa5 28.Rxe6 Rxe6 29.Qxe6+*

Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Nb3=) 28.b4 Re8 29.Qh5 Kg8 30.Qe2 Qf7 31.Qd3 Qd7 32.Qe2 Qf7 33.Qd3 Qd7 34.Qe2 ½-½ (34) Caruana,F (2712)-Motylev,A (2690) Poikovsky 2011;

A2b112) 16...Qe7!? 17.Qd2 Nd7 18.c3 f6= ½-½ (34) Rublevsky,S (2688)-Grachev,B (2693) Loo 2013;

A2b12) 15.c3 Nf5 16.Bf2 Qe7 17.Rc1 f6 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Nf3 Nd6 20.g3 Qg6 21.Ne5 Qe8 22.b3 Nd7 23.Nf3 Nf6 24.Ne5 Nd7 25.Nf3 Nf6 26.Ne5 ½-½ (26) Svidler,P (2747)-Ragger,M (2655) Germany 2013;

A2b2) 11.a4 0-0 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Be3 Rac8 14.f4 Be4 - 11.Be3;

A2b3) 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 Rc8

A2b31) 13.a4 Nd7 *(13...Qc7 14.f4 Bg6=)* 14.f4 Be4 15.c3 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 17.Bd4 f6 18.Qd2 *(18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qe1±)* 18...Nc5 19.Ra3 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Nd7 21.Bd4 e5 22.fxe5 Rg6 23.Rxf8+ Nxf8 24.Bf1± Ne6 25.Be3 h5 26.Rb3 h4 27.h3 Qc7 28.c4 *(28.a5!)* 28...d4 29.Bxd4 Qd8 30.Be3 Qxd2 31.Bxd2 Nd4 32.Re3 Nf3+ 33.Rxf3 Bxf3 34.Be1 Bc6 35.Bxh4 Bxa4 36.Be1 Bb3 ½-½ (36) Svidler,P (2740)-Berkes,F (2706) Rogaska Slatina 2011;

A2b32) 13.c3 b5 14.Qd2 Bg6 15.f3 Qc7 16.Rf2 h6∞ 17.Bf4 Na4 18.Bf1 Nb6 19.Qe1 Qb8 20.g4 Nc6 21.Rd1 Nd7 22.Bg3 Qb6 23.Re2 Nxd4 24.cxd4 b4 25.h4 h5 26.Bf4 Rc2 *(26...hxg4 27.fxg4 Be4)* 27.gxh5 *(27.Rxc2 Bxc2 28.Rd2 Bg6 29.Qg3)* 27...Rxe2 28.Qxe2 Bxh5 29.Qxa6 Qxa6 30.Bxa6 Ra8= 31.Bb5 Nb6 32.Ra1 Bxf3 *(32...Nc4!)* 33.Bd2 b3 34.a4± 1-0 (89) Polgar,J (2689)-Pantsulaia,L (2595) Warsaw 2013;

B) 6...Ne7 7.Be2

B1) 7...h6 8.0-0 g5 9.Ne1 *(9.a4; 9.Bd2)* 9...c5 10.Nxc5 Nxc5 11.dxc5 Nc6 12.Bd3 Bxc5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Nd3± Bb6 15.Be3 d4 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.a4 a6 18.b4 Nd8 19.Qf3 g4 20.Qf4± Rc8 21.Rac1 Rc6 22.f3 g3 23.Qxg3 Rg6 24.e6 *(24.Qh4 Ne6 25.a5+-)* 24...Nxe6 25.Qb8+ Bd8? *(25...Qd8 26.Qxb7 Bc7 27.f4)* 26.Ne5+- 1-0 (61) Svidler,P (2739)-Nakamura,H (2710) Amsterdam 2009;

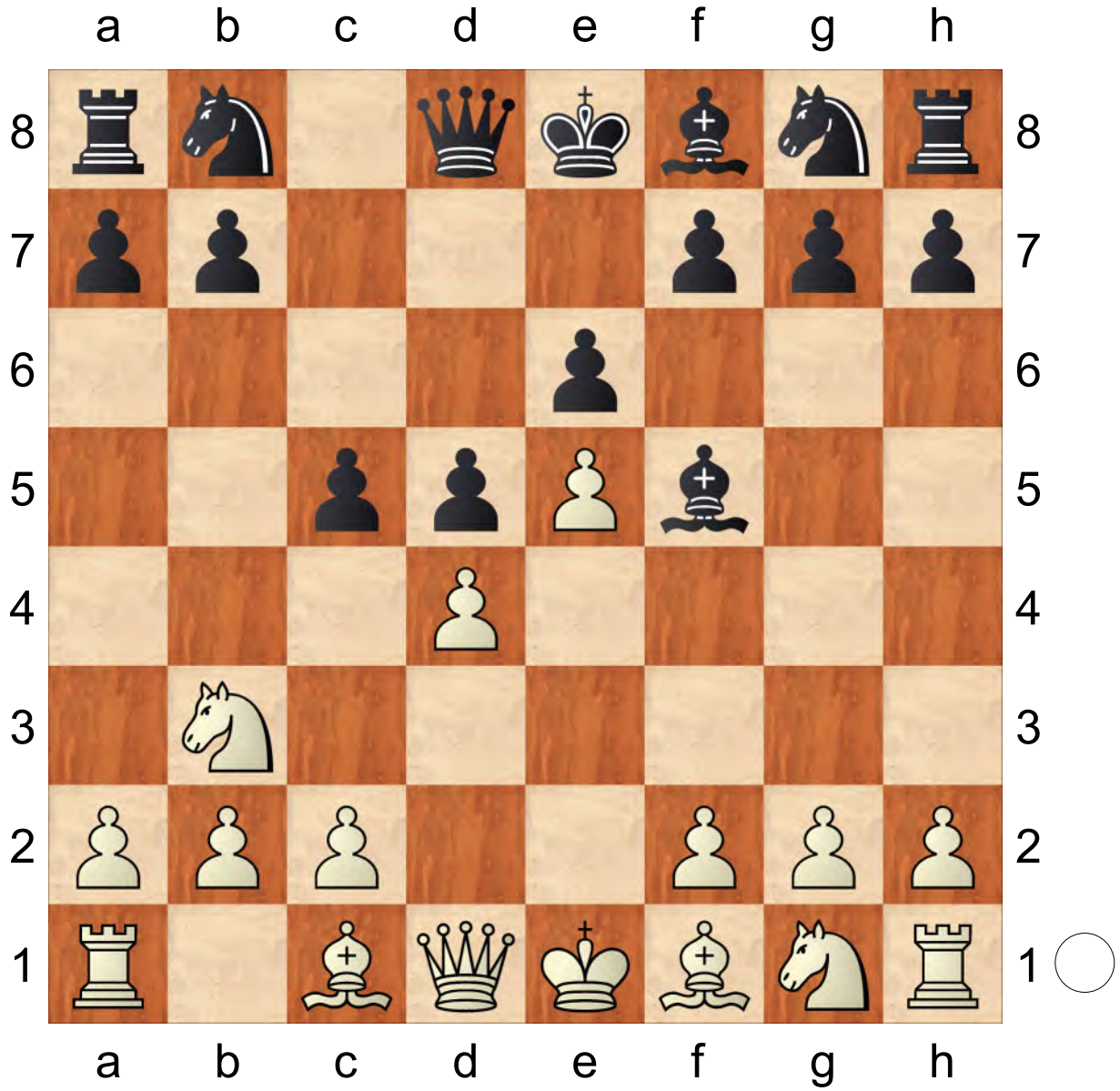
B2) 7...Nc8 8.0-0

B2a) 8...Ncb6 9.a4 Be7 10.a5 Nc4 11.Bd3± Bg4 *(11...Bg6 12.Qe2)* 12.Qe2 b5 13.axb6 axb6 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Qxc4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 b5 18.Qe2 0-0 19.Bd2 Nb6 20.Na5 *(20.Ra1±)* 20...Rd8 21.Qe4 Nd5 22.Ra1 Rd7 23.Nb3 Ra7 24.Rxa7 Qxa7 25.Qe1 h5 26.Qa1 Qb7 27.Nc1 c5 28.dxc5 Bxc5 29.Nd3 Bb6 30.Qe1 Qc6 31.c3 Qc4 32.Qe4 Qb3 33.Qe2 Qc2 34.Kf1 Qb1+ 35.Kg2 Qc2 36.Kf1 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 Qc2 38.Kf1 ½-½ (38) Leko,P (2753)-Topalov,V (2780) Nice 2008;

B2b) 8...Be7

B2b1) 9.Be3 Ncb6 10.a4 0-0 11.Nfd2 a5 12.Bg4 Bg6 *(12...Nc4*

13.Nxc4 dxc4 14.Nd2 Nb6 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.c3± Nd5 17.Nxc4 b5 18.Na3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nb6 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Qd3 Nc4 22.Raa1 Qd7 23.Qc2 a4 24.b3 axb3 25.Qxb3 h6 26.Rfe1 Rfc8 27.h3 Qd5 ½-½ (27) Rublevsky,S (2703)-Bologan,V (2688) Kragujevac 2009*)*
13.Bh5 Qc7=;
B2b2) 9.a4 0-0 *(9...a5 10.Bd2)* 10.a5 a6 11.Be3 *(11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3)* 11...Na7 12.Ne1 *(12.c4)* 12...c5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Nd4 *(16.c3; 16.Bd4)* 16...Bxe2 17.Nxc6 Bxd1 18.Nxd8 Be2 19.Rfe1 Rfxd8 20.Rxe2 d4 21.Bd2 Bxc5 22.Kf1 Rac8 23.Re4 Ba7∓ ½-½ (43) Galkin,A (2608)-Ivanchuk,V (2787) Khanty-Mansiysk 2007]



Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!?" Second posibility. **6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bb5+**

[After 7.Nxc5 Perunovic,Milos: 'has been seen in 3 games on ChessPub before - the point is that Black is very solid after' Qa5+ 8.c3 Qxc5 Perunovic,Milos: 'Black is very solid so Perunovic opts for a different approach' White has the bishop pair, which gives him a small advantage.

A) 9.Qa4+

A1) 9...Nc6

A1a) 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Qxa5 Nxa5 12.Bb5+ Nc6 13.f4 Be4 14.Kf2 Nh6 15.h3 Nf5 16.Bc5 h5= 17.Nf3 h4 *(17...a6 18.Bxc6+ bxc6 19.Ng5 h4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Rhd1± f6 22.Rd2 fxe5 23.fxe5 Kf7 24.Rd7+ Kg6 25.Rad1 a5 26.Rc7 Rhc8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rd7 Rb8 29.b3 Rb5 30.b4 axb4 31.cxb4 Rb8 32.a4 Kg5 33.a5 Ra8 34.Rc7 Kf4 35.Rxc6 Kxe5 36.a6 Rd8? 37.a7+- Rd2+ 38.Ke1 Ra2 39.Rc8 Ra1+ 40.Kd2 Ra2+ 41.Kc1 e3 42.a8Q e2 43.Bf2 Rxa8 44.Rxa8 Ne3 45.Kd2* 1-0 (45) Zinchenko,Y (2546)-Lastin,A (2643) ICC INT 2010*)* 18.Rhe1 a6 19.Bxc6+ bxc6=;

A1b) 10.Nf3 Nge7 *(10...Qb6)* 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Bb5+ *(13.Nd4 Nac6 14.f4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nc6 16.Bc5 Rc8 17.Bd6 f6!=* Karjakin, S 2707 - Kamsky, G 2717, Jermuk FIDE Gp (13) 2009*)* 13...Nac6 14.Nd4 0-0 *(14...Bg6 15.Nxc6!? Nxc6 16.Bc5±* Fressinet, L , 2656 - Doettling, F 2544, FRA Cup final Paris 2008 *)* 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.a4±;

A2) 9...Nd7 10.Bb5 Qc7 11.Nf3 Ne7 *(11...a6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qa3 Ne7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qa4+ Qd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Nd4 Bh7 20.Rfe1 Ke7 21.Re3 Bg6 22.Kf1 Be4 23.f3 Bg6 24.Ke2 Rc7 25.Kd2 Rcc8 26.h4 h5 27.a4 Rc4 28.a5 Rhc8 29.Ra3 R4c5 30.Re1 Kd7 31.Ke3 Rb8 32.Rea1 Kc7 33.Rb3 b6 34.axb6+ Rxb6 35.Rxb6 Kxb6 36.Kf4± Rc8 37.Kg5 Re8 38.b4 Re7 39.Ra5 Rc7 40.Ra3 Re7 41.Ne2 Rd7 42.Nf4 d4 43.cxd4 Rxd4 44.Nxg6 fxg6 45.g3+- Rxb4 46.Kxg6 a5 47.Kxg7 a4 48.f4 Kc5 49.f5 exf5 50.e6 f4 51.e7 Re4 52.Kf7 Kb4 53.Rf3 a3 54.e8Q Rxe8 55.Rxf4+* 1-0 (55) Fedorov,A (2603)-Kharitonov,A (2526) Plovdiv 2008*)* 12.0-0 a6 13.Bg5 Ng6 14.Nd4 Ngxe5 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Rfe1

A2a) 16...f6? 17.Rxe5+! Qxe5 *(17...fxe5 18.Qa3+-)* 18.Bxd7+ Ke7 19.Bf4+- Qe4 20.f3 Qxa4 21.Bxa4 Rhd8 22.Re1+ Kf7 23.Bc7 Rdc8 24.Bb6 1-0 (24) Vachier Lagrave,M (2718)-Mchedlishvili,M (2613) Germany 2010;

A2b) 16...0-0 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.Re7 b5=;

B) 9.Be3 Qc7 10.f4 Ne7 11.Nf3 Nbc6 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Be4 14.Nd2 Bg6 15.Nb3

B1) 15...Na5 16.Bf2 *(16.Nxa5* ½-½ (16) Rublevsky,S (2688)-Dreev,A (2654) Warsaw 2012*)* 16...Nc4 17.Qc1±;

B2) 15...Rfd8 16.Bf3 Na5 17.Qe2 Nec6 18.Rfd1 Nc4 19.Bf2 b5 *(19...Rac8)*

B2a) 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 a5 22.Rac1 *(22.b3 Na3 23.Rac1 a4*

24.Qf2±) 22...a4 23.a3 Na5 24.Qf2 Ra6 25.Re1 Nb3 26.Rcd1 Rc6 27.g4 Nxd4 28.Rxd4 Rc4 29.Red1 Rf8 30.Qe3 f5 31.g5 Rb8 32.Be2 Kf8!? 33.Bxc4 bxc4 34.R4d2 Rb5 35.Rf1 Qb7 36.Rff2 Kg8 37.Qd4 Kf8 38.Kf1 Kg8 39.Ke1 Kf8 40.Kd1 Kg8 41.Kc1 Kf8 42.Rf3 Kg8 43.Rh3 Kf8 ½-½ (43) Rublevsky,S (2684)-Laznicka,V (2681) Valjevo 2011;

B2b) 20.Nc5 a5 21.a4 bxa4 22.Rxa4±]

7...Nc6 **8.a4!?N** Perunovic,Milos: 'N!' Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!?' Tom Rendle: 'Defending the bishop on b5 so Black now has to react to the threat of Nxc5'' An interesting novelty recommended by GM Nedev, Trajko

[8.Ne2 Bb6 *(8...Nge7?? 9.Nxc5 Qa5+ 10.Nc3* 1-0 (10) Rublevsky,S (2678)-Lintchevski,D (2539) RUS-ch rapid Olginka 2011*)* 9.Nbd4 Nge7 10.Bg5 Rc8=]

8...Bf8

[White stands slightly better after 8...Qb6 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'would seem to lead to a similar position as after 7.Nxc5 but perhaps here they are preferable for White'' 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.c3 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'and Black's position is a bit awkward here. 10... Nge7 is the move he wants to play but then 11.Be3 traps the queen, so perhaps best is'' a6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'with a slight edge for White'' 13.a5±]

9.a5 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'Very direct play from White'' **9...a6** Perunovic, Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!'' **10.Ba4** White keeps a strong bishop on the a4-e8 diagonal, which makes Black a little bit nervous. **10...Qc7**

[It makes more sense to develop the knight on e7, because it gives him the opportunity to equalise more easily. 10...Nge7!?

A) 11.Ne2 Bg6 *(11...Qc7* - 10...♕c7 11.♘e2 ♘ge7!*)* 12.Be3 Nf5 13.Bb6 Qb8 14.f4±;

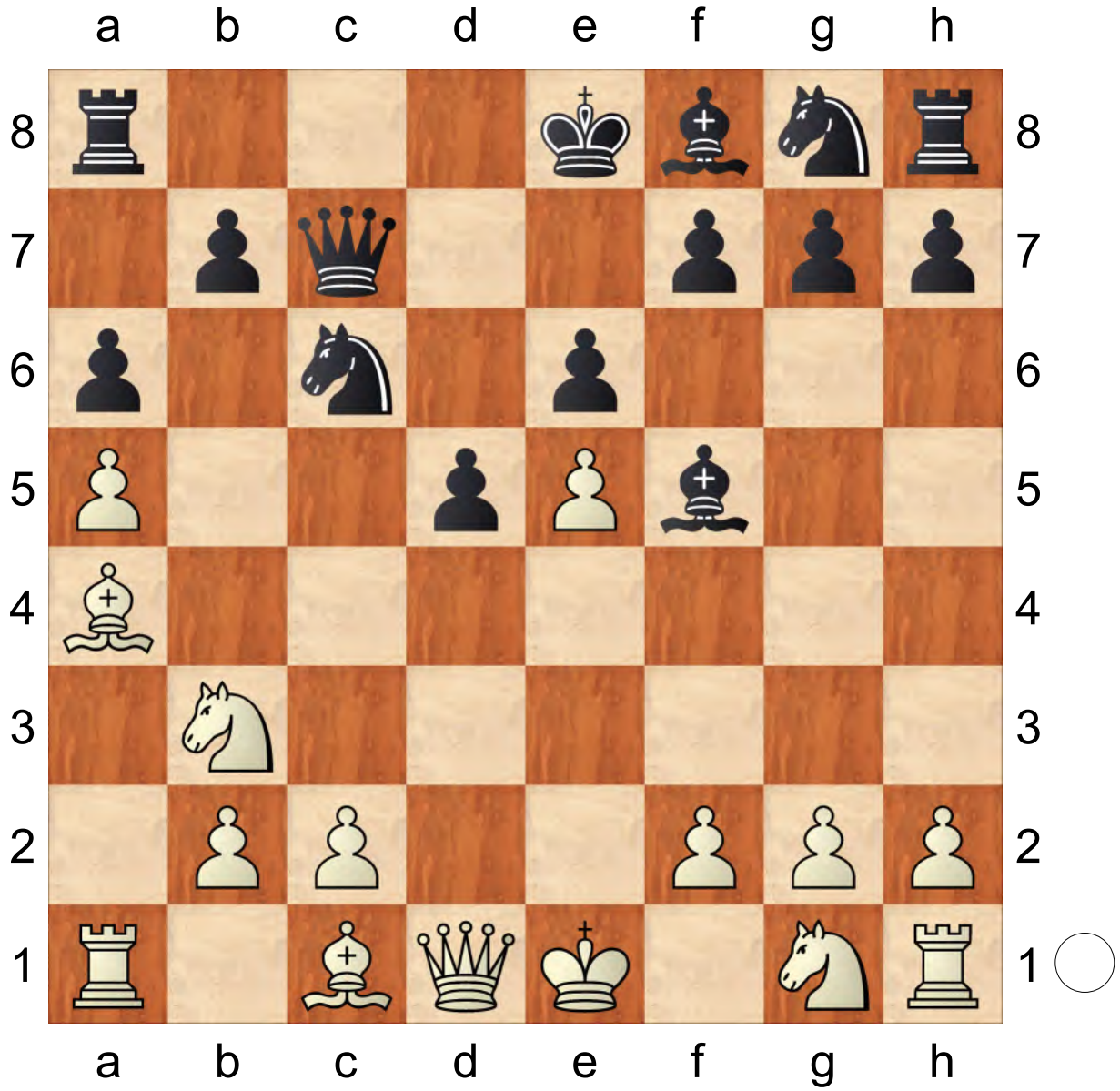
B) 11.Be3 Ng6 12.Bb6 Qh4 13.Nd4 Ngxe5 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.Qxd5 *(15.Ne2 Be7)* 15...Bb4+ 16.Kf1 *(16.c3 0-0 17.Kf1 Rad8! 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Nf3 Qh6 20.Bxc6 Rxd5 21.Bxd5 Nxf3 22.Bxf3 Bxa5=)* 16...0-0=]

(Diagram)

11.Ne2 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!' Tom Rendle: 'An interesting decision to offer the pawn here - Black is slightly worse if he doesn't go for it, so Dreev decides it's worth the risk - but Black has to be very accurate after this as White gets an early initiative.''

[Also after 11.Nf3 Perunovic,Milos: 'safely defends the pawn on e5 and may even be a little better for White, for example' Be4 *(11...Nge7* Perunovic,Milos *12.0-0 Bg4 13.Be3 Ng6 14.Bb6!* and Black is under some pressure here*)* 12.0-0 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxe5 14.Bf4 White has compensation for the pawn]

11...Qxe5 A risky decision! He neglects development to take (slightly) poisoned pawn.



[11...Bg6 12.0-0 Qxe5 *(12...Nge7 13.f4±)* 13.Ned4±]
[Better is 11...Nge7! Marjanovic,S: '- 10... ♕c7 11. ♘e2 ♘ge7!' 12.0-0 0-0-0 with the idea to play a sharp position with heterogeneous castling. 13.Be3 *(13.f4 Bg4)* 13...d4 14.Nbxd4 Nxe5 15.Qe1 Nc4 16.Bg5! Be4! *(16...Nxb2 17.Nxf5±; 16...Bg6 17.b3±)* 17.Bb3 *(17.b3 Nxa5∞)* 17...e5 18.Ra4 Bd5 19.Nc3 Nxb2 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Ra2 *(21.Bxd5 Nxa4 22.Bxb7+ Qxb7 23.Qxe5⩲)* 21...Nc4=]

12.Nbd4 Rc8?! Wrong decision. Again it was better to develop the knight.

[12...Nge7!? 13.0-0

A) 13...0-0-0 14.Ra3!?;

B) 13...Be4 14.Re1;

C) 13...Qc7 Perunovic,Milos 14.Bf4 *(14.b4!)*

C1) 14...Qd7 15.Re1

C1a) 15...Bg4 16.Qd2 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 Ng6 18.Bg3

C1a1) 18...Rc8 19.Nf5± f6 *(19...h5 20.c4 h4 21.cxd5 hxg3 22.Rd1+-)* 20.Rd1 Kf7 21.c4;
C1a2) 18...Be7 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qc3±;
C1b) 15...Bg6 16.Qd2 *(16.c4!? dxc4 17.b3)* 16...Nf5 17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.Nd4 Bg6 19.Nxc6 *(19.c4±)* 19...bxc6 20.Qd4±;
C2) 14...e5 15.Nxf5 Nxf5 *(15...exf4 16.Ned4)* 16.Qxd5 Bd6 17.Qe4 0-0 *(17...Nfe7 18.Be3 0-0 19.Bb6 Qb8 20.Rad1±)* 18.Bd2±;
D) 13...Bg6 Perunovic,Milos 14.Re1 Qc7 15.Nf4
D1) 15...Qd7 16.b4;
D2) 15...Rc8 16.Nfxe6! fxe6 17.Nxe6 Qd7 18.Bg5 Be4 19.Bxe7 Qxe6 *(19...Bxe7 20.Rxe4; 19...Kxe7 20.c4+-)* 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.f3+-;
D3) 15...0-0-0 16.Nfxe6 fxe6 17.Nxe6 Qd7 18.Bf4 Nf5 19.Nxd8 Qxd8 *(19...Kxd8 20.Re5 d4 21.c4)* 20.c4±;
E) 13...Qd6
E1) 14.Re1 e5 *(14...Bg6 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Qd2±)* 15.Nxf5 Nxf5 16.Nf4 Nfe7 17.c4 0-0-0 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.Qh5 Bc5 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Be3 Bd4 23.Rac1⩲;
E2) 14.Ra3!? e5 15.Nxf5 Nxf5 16.Rb3 Rb8
E2a) 17.Nf4
E2a1) 17...exf4? 18.Qg4! Nfd4 19.Bxf4 Qg6 20.Re1+ Kd8 21.Bxc6 *(21.Qh4+ Be7 22.Qh3)* 21...Nxc6 22.Qd1 Bd6 23.Rg3 Bxf4 24.Rxg6 hxg6 25.Qxd5+ Kc8 26.g3+-;
E2a2) 17...Nfd4 18.Rd3 Rd8 19.c3 Be7 20.cxd4 exf4 21.Qg4±;
E2b) 17.c4 dxc4 *(17...d4 18.f4±)* 18.Rb6 Qc7 19.Qd5±;
E3) 14.Nxc6 Nxc6 15.Bf4 Qd7 *(15...Qc5 16.Nd4 Be7 17.Be3 Qd6 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Qf3 0-0 20.Rfd1±)* 16.Nd4 Be7 17.c4±]

13.0-0 **Bc5** Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '?!' Tom Rendle: 'A slight mistake that doesn't look like it should lead to much, but energetic play from Perunovic sets Black real problems after this"

[13...Bg6 Perunovic,Milos: 'was more solid when after' 14.Nxc6 *(14.Re1* Perunovic,Milos *Qc7 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Qe2! Bd6 18.Qxa6 Ne7* White is only slightly better *)* 14...bxc6 15.Nd4±]
[13...Be4 14.Nxc6 *(14.Bf4)* 14...bxc6 15.Nd4 Ne7 16.Re1±]
[13...Nge7 Perunovic,Milos 14.Re1]

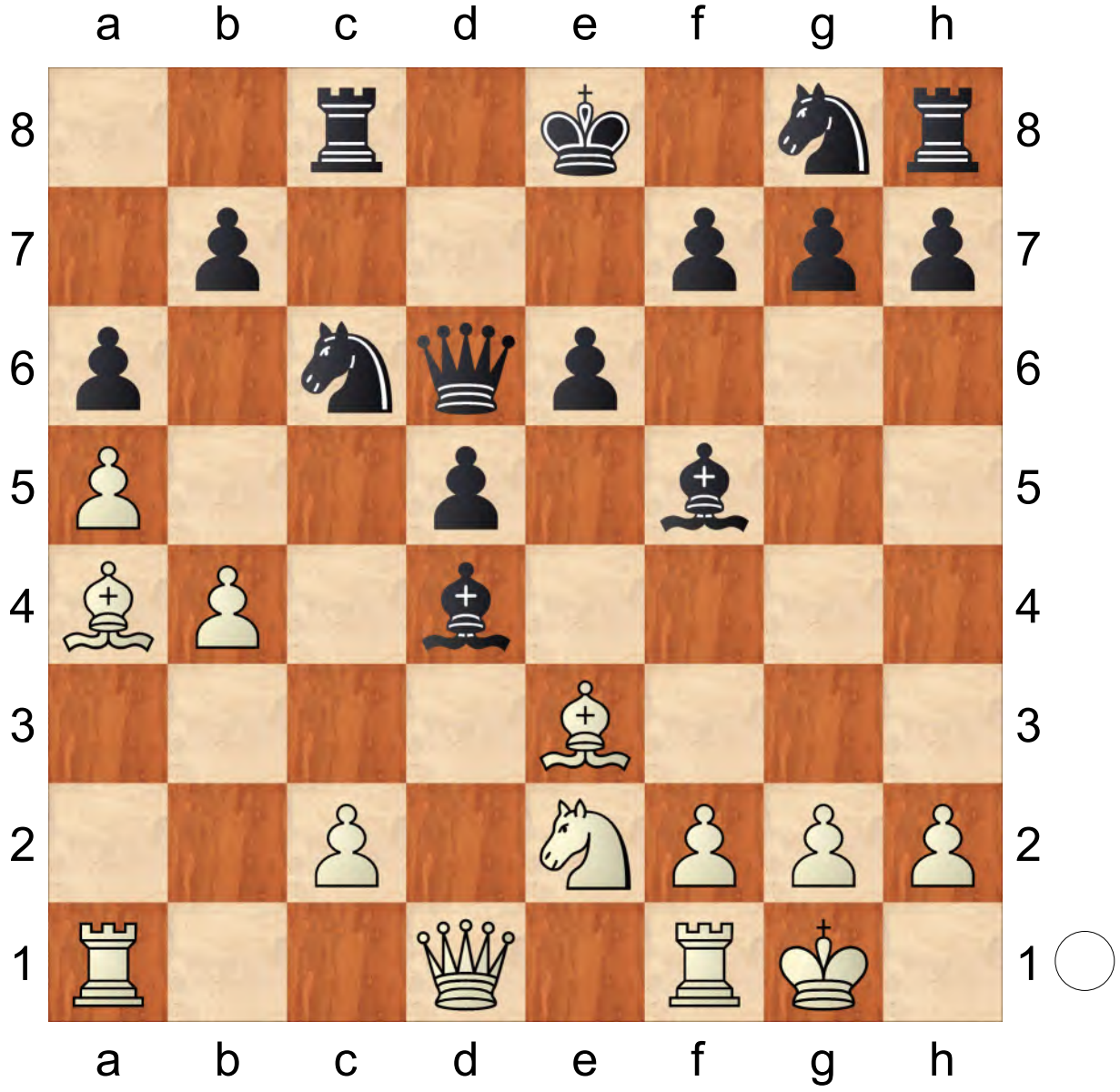
14.Be3 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'Now Nxf5 and Nxc6 are both big threats, so Black's next move is practically forced'' **14...Qd6** **15.b4!** Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'White is happy to sacrifice a pawn for more open lines and a bigger initiative, but Dreev wisely declines the offer"

[Another very good move is 15.Bf4! with an advantage in development: Qd8 *(15...Qd7 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Be5±)*
A) 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.b4 *(18.Re1 Ne7 19.Qd3±)* 18...Bd6 19.Qd3±;
B) 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.b4 Bxb4 18.Qd4 *(18.Rb1 Bxa5 19.Rxb7 Nge7)*

18...Be7 19.Qxg7 Bf6 20.Qg3 Bxa1 21.Rxa1±]

15...Bxd4

[15...Bxb4 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '?!' Tom Rendle: 'only leads to more trouble after'' 16.Bxc6+ Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!'' bxc6 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Qd4± Nf6 Perunovic,Milos *(18...Ne7* Perunovic,Milos *19.c3 c5 20.Qf4 Qxf4 21.Bxf4±)* 19.c3 Ba3 *(19...c5 20.Qh4 Bxc3 21.Nxc3 0-0 22.Bg5±)* 20.Ng3 Tom Rendle: 'and White regains one of the sacrificed pawns with a massive position - e.g.' 0-0 21.Nxf5 Qd7 *(21...Qe6 22.Qf4 Be7 23.Bd4±)* 22.Nxg7! *(22.Qf4!? Be7 23.Bd4* is probably even stronger*)* 22...Be7 *(22...Kxg7 23.Bh6+)* 23.Bh6 Tom Rendle: 'and it's clear Black is in trouble' Qg4 24.Rae1 Qxd4 25.cxd4 Bb4 26.Nf5 *(26.Rb1)* 26...Rfe8 *(26...Bxe1 27.Ne7+ Kh8 28.Bxf8 Rxf8 29.Rxe1±)* 27.Re3 Rxe3 28.fxe3±]



16.Nxd4 Nge7
[16...Qxb4 Perunovic,Milos 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.c4! Qxc4 *(18...dxc4 19.Rb1 Qe7 20.Re1+-)* 19.Qb1 Nge7 20.Rc1 Qe4 21.Qxb7+-]
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17.Nxf5
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17...Nxf5 18.Bc5 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'Now Black's king is caught in the centre and Dreev has to be very careful'' **18...Qc7?!** One more imprecision.
[He was better playing 18...Qd8
A) 19.c4 Perunovic,Milos
A1) 19...Nfe7 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Re1 Nde7 22.Qg4 *(22.b5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Qxd1 24.Rexd1 0-0 25.Bxc6 Nxc6 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Rdc1±)* 22...0-0 23.Rad1 Qe8 24.h4**±**;
A2) 19...d4 20.Re1**±**;
A3) 19...dxc4
A3a) 20.Qg4 c3 *(20...Qh4? 21.Qxh4 Nxh4 22.b5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Nf5 24.a6 bxa6 25.Rxa6 Nfe7 26.Bxe7 Kxe7 27.Bxc6+-; 20...Qd3 21.Rad1 Qc3 22.Rfe1 Qf6 23.Bxc6+ Rxc6 24.Qxc4+-; 20...Qf6 21.Qxc4 Nfe7 22.b5 axb5 23.Qxb5)* 21.Rfe1 Qf6 22.b5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Nfe7 *(23...h5 24.Qc4+-)* 24.Bxe7 Kxe7 *(24...Qxe7 25.Qxg7 Rf8 26.Qxc3)* 25.Bxc6 bxc6 *(25...Rxc6 26.Qb4+ Rd6 27.Qxb7+ Rd7 28.Qb4++-)* 26.Qb4+ Ke8 27.a6 Qe7 28.Qc4;
A3b) 20.Qc1;
B) 19.Qe2 Nd6 20.Qe5 Ne4 21.Qxg7 Qf6 22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.b5 *(23.f3!?)* 23...axb5 24.Bxb5**±**]
[18...Qd7 Perunovic,Milos 19.c4!↑]
19.c4! Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'Opening up more lines'' **19...dxc4 20.Qg4±** White has reached a better position. Black did not castle and he has problems with his king in the centre. **20...Qe5**
[20...c3 21.Rfe1 g6 22.Rad1**±**]
[20...h5 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!'' 21.Qxc4 *(21.Qxf5!?* Perunovic,Milos *exf5 22.Rfe1+ Kd8 23.Rad1+ Qd7 24.Rxd7+ Kxd7 25.Re7+ Kd8 26.Rxf7+-)* 21...Nfe7 Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'is the best chance when Black can hope to hang on - at least for a while'' 22.Qh4**±** Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!'' *(22.b5* Perunovic,Milos *axb5 23.Qxb5 0-0* is no longer so clear*)* 22...Nf5 Perunovic,Milos *(*or *22...Nd5* Perunovic,Milos *23.b5! axb5 24.Bxb5* with a clear advantage for White *)* 23.Qh3 Qf4 24.Rad1 still leaves Black in a lot of trouble]

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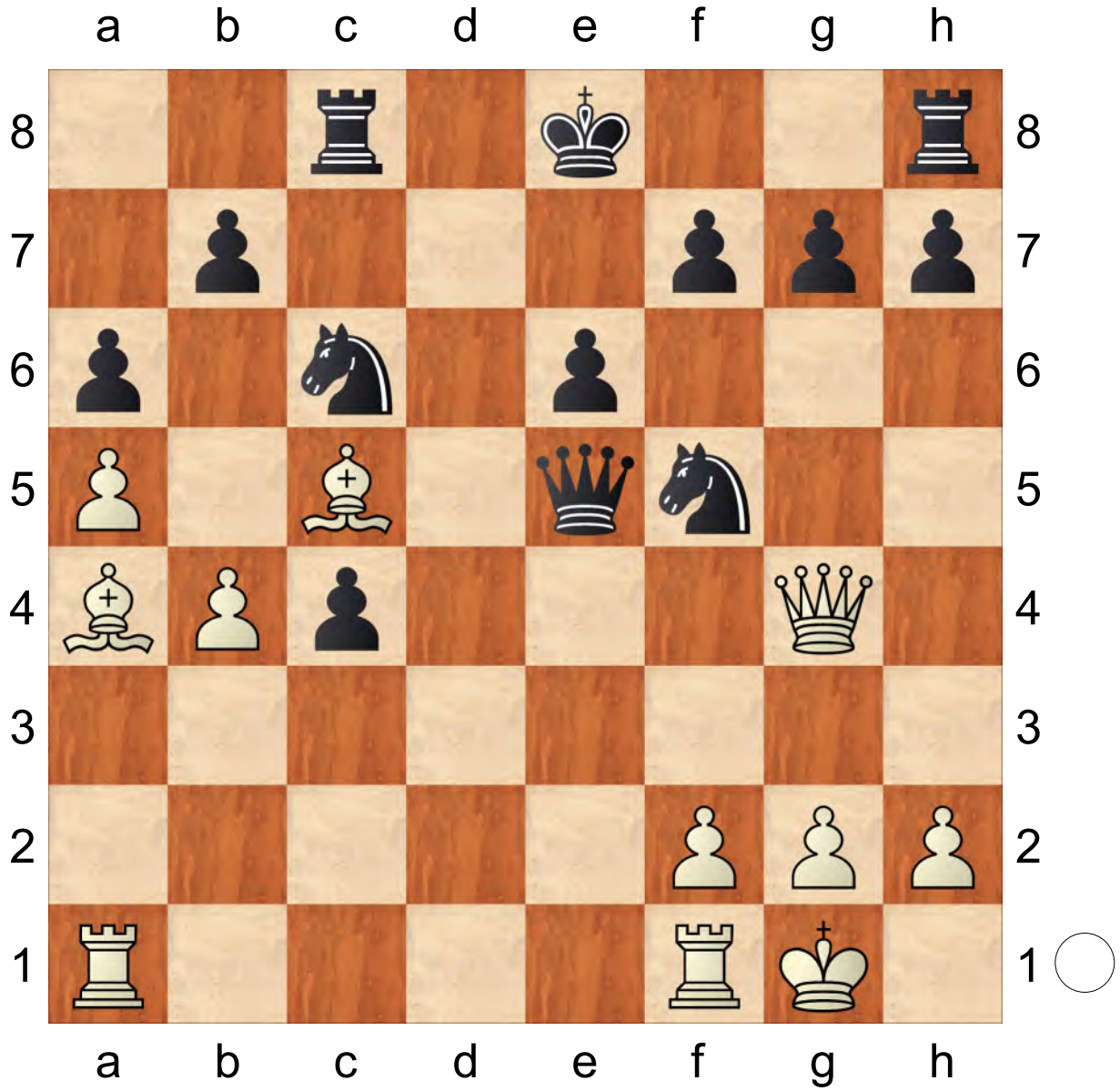

Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '?!' Tom Rendle: 'It's very difficult to see how Black should defend but this seems to be the tipping point after which White is winning with best play'' Again on e5! The last inaccuracy. **21.Rfe1 Qf6 22.Qxc4 Nfe7 23.b5** Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: '!' Tom Rendle: 'There is no way to defend on the queenside'' **23...axb5 24.Qxb5+-** White has a decisive advantage. **24...Qf5**

[24...0-0 25.Qxb7 Rb8 Perunovic,Milos: '!' Perunovic,Milos: 'was a more stubborn try, but after' 26.Bxc6 Perunovic,Milos: '!' Rxb7 27.Bxb7 Perunovic,Milos: 'White should win easily enough - the pawn on a5 will be supported all the way to a8.']

[24...Rc7 25.Qb6 Nd5 26.Qb3]

25.Rec1 0-0

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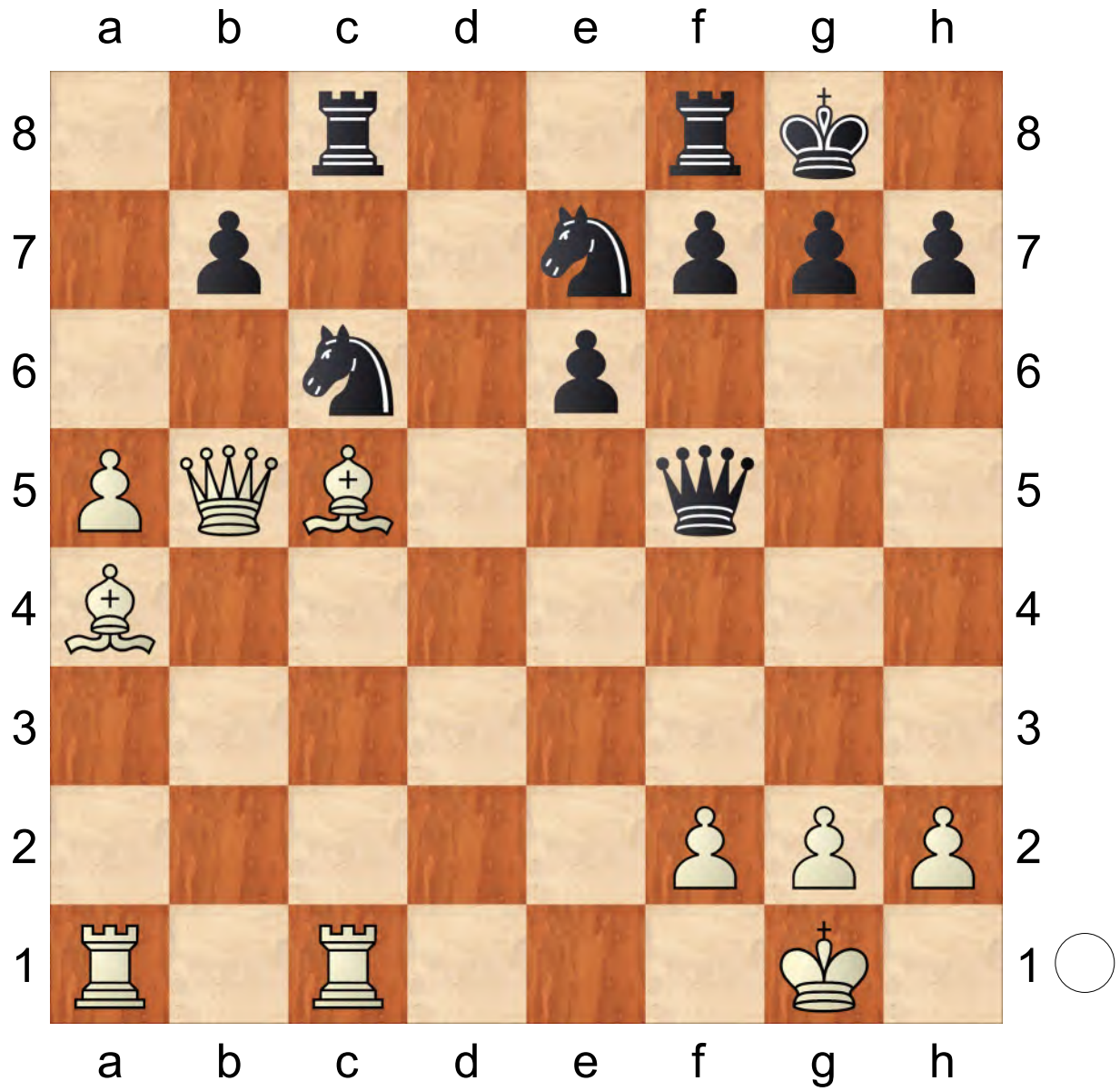

26.Qxb7 Nxa5
[26...Rb8 Perunovic,Milos 27.Bxc6 Rxb7 28.Bxb7+-]
27.Qxe7

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Perunovic,Milos: 'Tom Rendle: 'A flawless performance from Perunovic''
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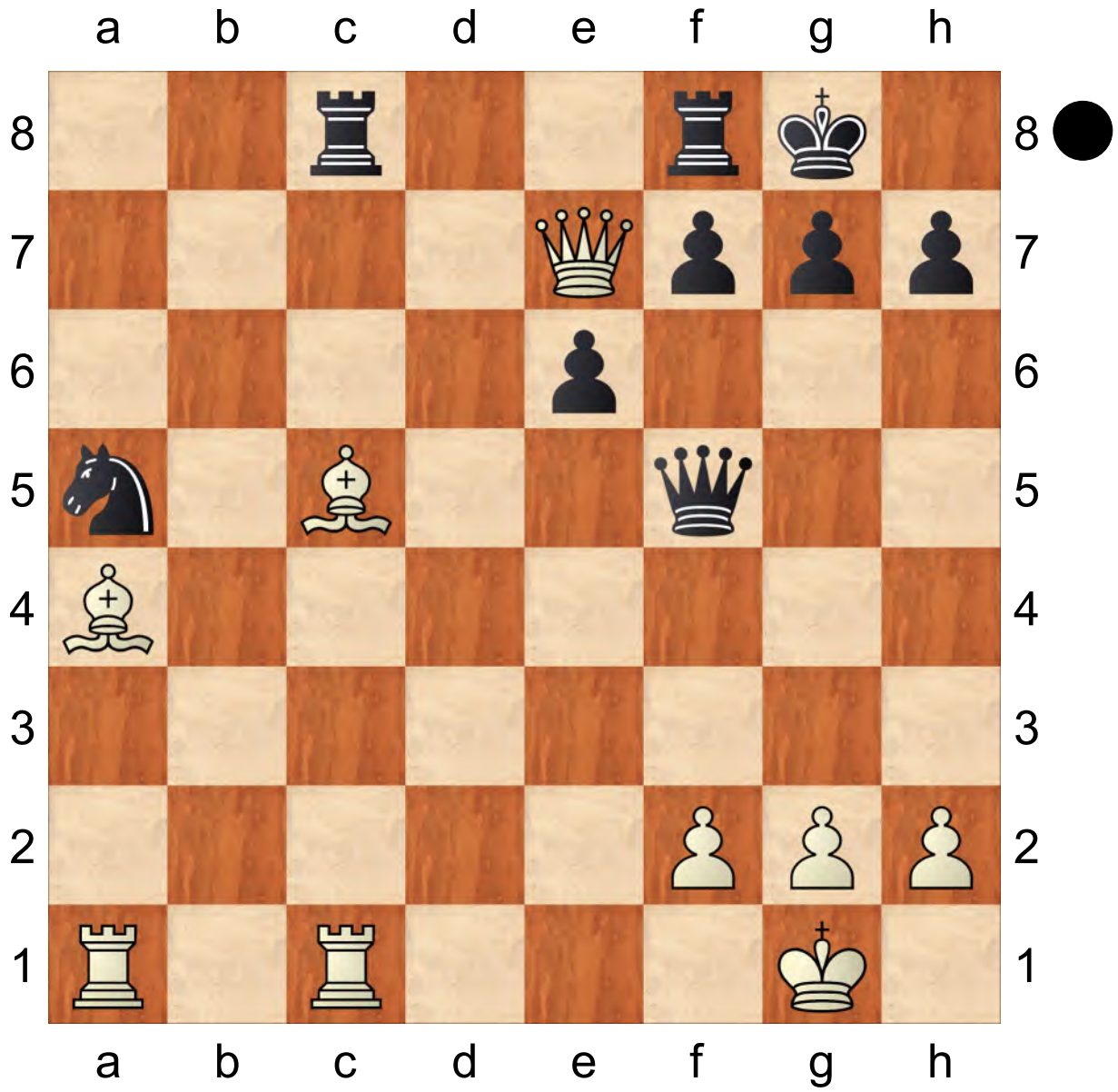
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2772**
■ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2783**
World-ch Anand-Kramnik +3-1=8 (5) 20.10.2008
[Stohl,Igor]

R.Scherbakov: 'Kramnik and his team decided to fight on Anand's territory but this turned out to be unwise. Vishy was first to come up with a slight innovation, which forced Vladimir to go into deep thought. White found a decent way to treat the position but eventually collapsed under the tension and time pressure. This disaster has broken all Kramnik's dreams for the World Title.' **1.d4** Anand,Viswanathan R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Stohl: 'Stohl,I" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Stohl: 'Stohl,I' Dan: 'Stohl,I" **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7**

(Diagram)

6.Bd3

[Apart from inviting Black into the Meran with the text-move, Kramnik equally often played also 6.Qc2 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl, I" Bd6 Here he preferred positional follow-ups (7.♗d3, 7.b3), his most recent try was 7.e4 *(*Kramnik never played the ultra-sharp *7.g4* , but he had to face it lately: *Nxg4 8.Rg1 Nxh2 9.Nxh2 Bxh2 10.Rxg7 Nf8 11.Rg2 Bd6 12.e4 Ng6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.0-0-0 dxe4 16.Nxe4 f5 17.Nd2 c5 18.dxc5 Bd7 19.b4 0-0-0 20.Rg3 e5 21.Rd3∞ Be6? 22.Ra3 a6 23.c6! bxc6 24.c5 Qg5 25.Rxa6 Kd7 26.Bc4+-* →, Morozevich,A (2788)-Kramnik,V (2788)/Tal mem Moscow/ 2008/ *)* 7...Nxe4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qxe4 c5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qa5+ 12.Ke2!? Kxe7 13.g3 cxd4 *(13...Rd8!?)* 14.Bg2 Nf6 15.Qxd4 Rd8 16.Qf4 Bd7 17.Ne5

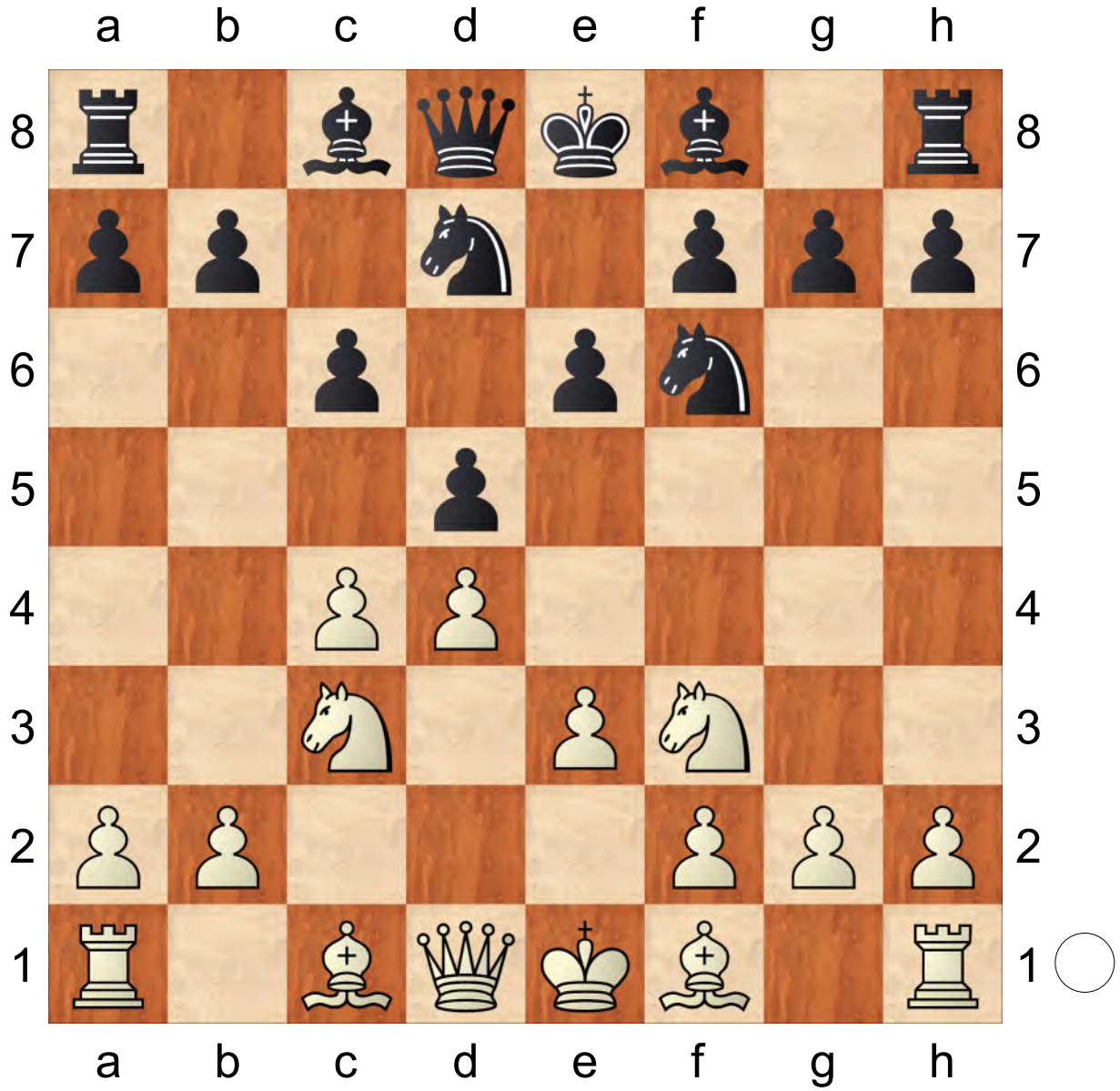
A) 17...Ba4 18.b3 Rd2+ 19.Kf1!? *(19.Qxd2 Qxe5+ 20.Qe3 Qb2+ 21.Qd2* 1/2, Laznicka,V (2594)-Atalik,S (2564)/Polanica Zdroj/2007/*)* 19...Qc3 20.Re1 Be8 21.Bxb7 Rad8 22.Kg2± Atalik;

B) 17...Be8 18.Rhd1

B1) 18...Kf8!? 19.Bxb7 Rab8 20.Rxd8 Qxd8! 21.Rd1 Qb6! 22.Bc6!? *(22.Ng6+ hxg6 23.Qxb8 Ne4! 24.Rd8 Qxf2+ 25.Kd1 Qf1+ 26.Kc2 Qxc4+ 27.Kb1 Qf1+=)* 22...Qxb2+ 23.Kf1≅ ♘c4 is a line, mentioned by Kramnik.;

B2) 18...Qb6 19.b3 Rac8!? *(19...Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8 Qxd8 22.Bxb7 Qa5 23.Qe3 Qxa2+ 24.Kf1 Qa5 25.Bf3±* Kramnik,V (2772)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Dortmund/2007/*)* 20.Rac1 h6 21.Qe3 Qxe3+ 22.Kxe3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc7 24.f4 Nd7 25.Nf3 h5 26.Nd4 a6 27.a4 g6 28.a5 Nb8! 29.Rc1 Nc6± /=, Ramesh,R (2470)-Savchenko,S (2571)/Benasque/ 2007/;

C) 17...Rac8!? **Δ** 18.Rhd1 Ba4 19.b3 Rc5= Krasenkow]



6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 Already the choice of Rubinstein's older move in Game 3 must have been the first surprise for Kramnik, as Anand avoided it in his earlier practice. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Already the choice of Rubinstein's older move in Game 3 must have been the first surprise for Kramnik, as Anand avoided it in his earlier practice.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Already the choice of Rubinstein's older move in Game 3 must have been the first surprise for Kramnik, as Anand avoided it in his earlier practice.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Already the choice of Rubinstein's older move in Game 3 must have been the first surprise for Kramnik, as Anand avoided it in his earlier practice.' Stohl: 'Already the choice of Rubinstein's older move in Game 3 must have been the first surprise for Kramnik, as Anand avoided it in his earlier practice.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Already the choice of Rubinstein's older move in Game 3 must have been the first surprise for Kramnik, as Anand avoided it in his earlier practice.'''

[Recently he tried Zvjaginsev's 8...Bd6 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' with success: 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 Bb7 11.Bb2 a6 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bc2 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Ng5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 Kh8 18.g3 h6 19.Bxf6 hxg5 20.Bb2 Rac8 21.Rc1 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Bf3 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.a3 b4 25.a4 f5 26.Kf1 f4 27.Be4? *(27.gxf4 gxf4 28.exf4 Rd2 29.Bg6⇄)* 27...Bxe4 28.Rxc5 Rd1+ 29.Ke2 Rb1∓ /-+, Carlsen,M (2690)-Anand,V (2779)/Morelia/Linares/2007/]

[However, his main choice always used to be 8...Bb7 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' and now: His last game in this line against Kramnik went

A) 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 c4 12.Bc2 Qc7 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Be3 e5 16.Nf5 *(16.Nf3 Be7 17.Ng5 0-0! 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Ne6 Qb6⩱)* 16...g6!?N *(16...Ncxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Qg4!? Nf6 19.Qh3⩱)* 17.Nh6 Bg7 18.Qf3 Ne6 19.Qh3 Bc8 20.Qh4?! *(20.Qg3!?∞)* 20...Qe7 21.Rfe1 Nd5! 22.Qxe7+ Nxe7 23.Nd5 Bb7 24.Ng4 Nd4 25.Bd1 Nxd5 26.exd5 0-0-0 27.Bg5 Rxd5∓ 1/2 Morozevich,A (2758)-Anand,V (2792)/Mexico City 2007/CBM 120 (61);

B) 9.a3 Bd6 *(*Anand in his practice adopted also the more usual *9...b4* -for more details see Carlsen-Aronian, Bilbao 2008 (CBM 126).*)* 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 a6 *(11...a5 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.h3 Re8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Ne2 Bd6 19.Nd4 Nh5 20.Rfe1 Nf4 21.Bf1 Ne6 22.Nxe6 Rxe6 23.f4 f6 24.Qb3 Qf7 25.Bb6 a4 26.Qa2 Rd7 27.Be2 g6 28.e5!±* Kramnik,V (2785)-Anand,V (2801)/Moscow exh/2007/ Although this was only a rapid "advanced chess" game and Anand later against Gelfand successfully played the stronger main move, preparing for Bonn he probably nevertheless felt this line would better suit his opponent.*)* 12.b4 a5 13.Rb1 axb4 14.axb4 Qe7 15.e4 e5 16.dxe5 *(16.Ne2!? Bxb4 17.Ng3 g6 18.dxe5 Ng4 19.Bg5 Qc5 20.e6 Nde5 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bf6 Qxc2 23.Bxc2 Bd6 24.Bb3↑* Svidler,P (2746)-Karjakin,S (2732)/Baku/2008/*)* 16...Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Ne2 Qe6 19.f4 Ra2 20.Qd1 Ba1! 21.e5 c5!! 22.exf6 Bd4+ 23.Rf2 Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qd5 25.Bb2 Qxg2+ 26.Ke1 c4-+ Gelfand,B (2737)-Anand,V (2799)/Nice blindfold rpd/2008/]

9.e4 c5 10.e5

[The second main branch 10.d5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' is often directly connected with the 8... ♗b7 line, e.g., c4 11.Bc2 Qc7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.0-0 Bb7 *(* However, this move-order forces White to reckon with other alternatives as well: *13...Bd6* and especially*; 13...Bc5!?)*]

10...cxd4

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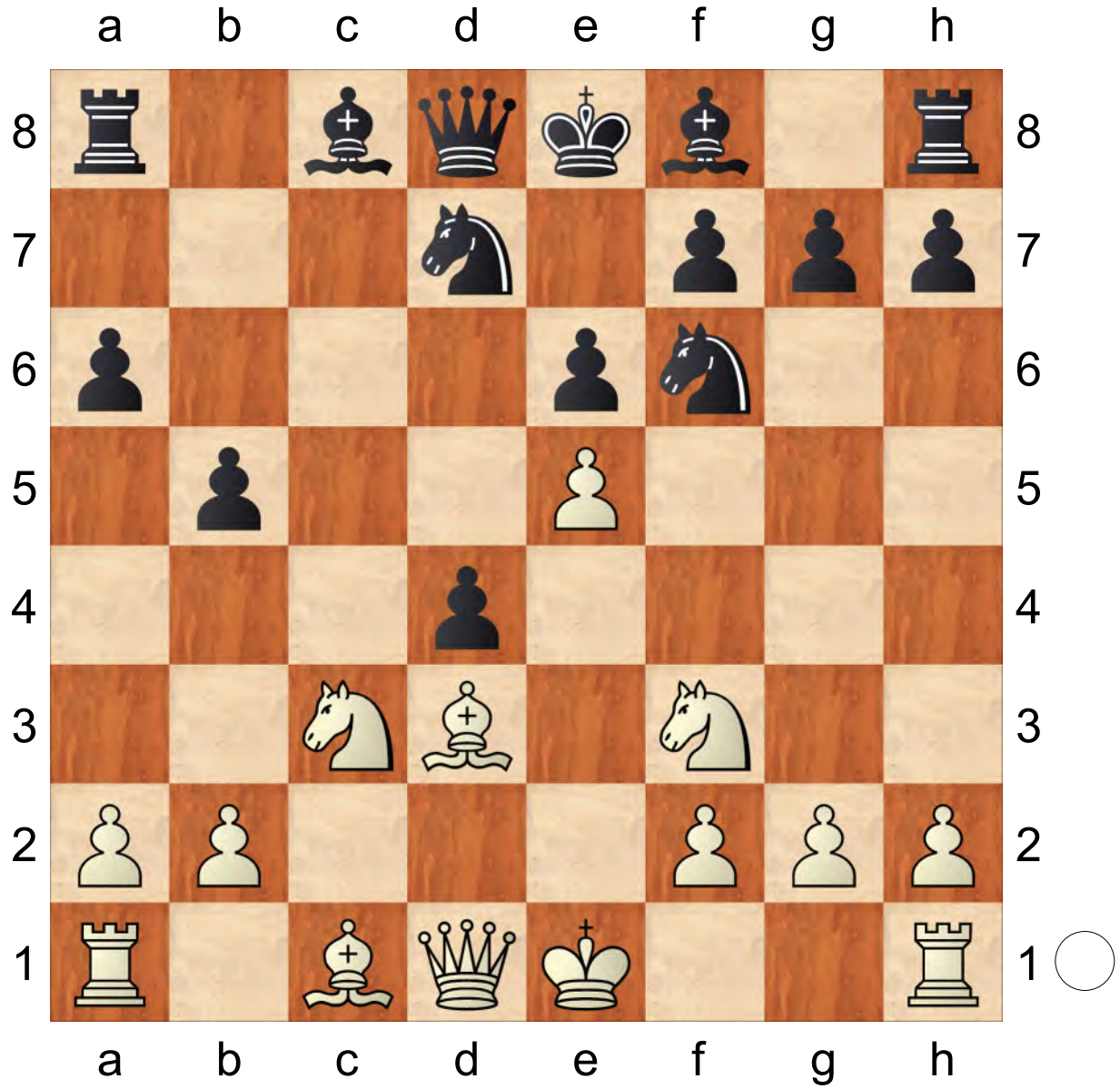
11.Nxb5

[The gambit 11.Ne4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,



I'' Nd5 12.0-0⩲ is in itself quite rare and Anand could be almost sure this wouldn't occur in Bonn.]

11...axb5 An important crossroads, where Black has two alternative options: R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'An important crossroads, where Black has two alternative options:'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'An important crossroads, where Black has two alternative options:'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'An important crossroads, where Black has two alternative options:' Stohl: 'An important crossroads, where Black has two alternative options:' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'An important crossroads, where Black has two alternative options:'''

[The least played is 11...Ng4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' , but even here White doesn't seem to have a clear road to an undisputed advantage: 12.Qa4 Bb7 13.Nbxd4 Qb6 14.0-0 Bc5 15.h3 Bxf3 16.hxg4 Bd5 17.Nf3 *(17.Nb3 0-0! 18.Qxd7 Bxb3 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qd3+*

Kg8 21.Qxb3 Qxb3 22.axb3 Rfb8⩱ leads to an ⊥, which Black should easily hold despite the material deficit.*)* 17...Qb7 18.Qf4 0-0 19.g5 Rfd8!⩱ Δ♘f8-g6 20.Be3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qxf3 22.gxf3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Nxe5 24.Be4 Rab8 25.b3 f5 26.gxf6= 1/2,Moiseenko,A (2632)-Hoffmann,M (2477)/Bad Wiessee/2006/]

[11...Nxe5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' occurs about as often, as the text-move, here Black also holds his own: 12.Nxe5 axb5

A) An old, but inncuous try is 13.Qf3 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 Rb8 15.Qg3 Qd6 16.Nf3 Qxg3 17.hxg3 Bd6 18.Nxd4 Bd7 19.Bd2 Be5 20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Ke7 22.Rac1 Rhc8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8= Ragozin,V-Botvinnik,M/Moscow/1946/;

B) After 13.0-0 Qd5 14.Qe2 Ba6 15.Bg5 Be7 16.f4 0-0 17.Rf3 Bb7 18.Rg3 the best is Rxa2!? 19.Rxa2 Qxa2 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nd7 Be7 22.Nxf8 *(22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Rxg7+=)* 22...Bxf8 23.h4 Qa1+ 24.Kh2 Qc1 25.Qe5 Qxb2 26.h5 Qb4 27.Bxb5 Bd5 28.Bd3 Qe7 29.Kh3 Qc5 30.Kh2 Qe7 31.Be4 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Qc5= Sasikiran,K (2536)-Abdulla,A (2367)/BCF-ch Scarborough/1999/;

C) 13.Bxb5+ Bd7 14.Nxd7 Qa5+ 15.Bd2 Qxb5 16.Nxf8 Rxf8 17.a4 *(17.b3 Kd7!?∞)* 17...Qc4 18.b3 Qd3 19.Qf3 Qe4+! 20.Qxe4 Nxe4 21.b4 Ke7

C1) 22.Ke2 e5 *(22...Rfc8 23.Rhc1 Rxc1 24.Bxc1 Nc3+ 25.Kd3 Nxa4 26.Kxd4 Rd8+ 27.Kc4± /=,* Kruppa,Y (2561)-Vysochin,S (2494)/Kiev/2000*)* 23.Rhc1 Nxd2 24.Kxd2 Rfb8 25.Rc4 Ke6⇄ 1/2, Dias,S (2470)-Czukor,J (2450)/corr/2003*/*

C2) 22.f3 Nc3 23.Bxc3 dxc3 24.Ke2 Rfd8 25.Rhd1 c2 26.Rdc1 *(26.Rxd8 Rxa4! 27.Rc8 Rxa1 28.Rxc2 Rb1=)* 26...Rd4 27.Rxc2 Rxb4= Kramnik,V (2751)-Kasparov,G (2812)/Wijk aan Zee/1999/ However, Anand was not interested how Kramnik intended to improve on this game - instead he wanted to present some new ideas of his own!]

12.exf6 gxf6

[12...Qb6 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' is the move, played already in Botvinnik's times: 13.fxg7 Bxg7 14.0-0 Nc5?! *(⌓14...Bb7 15.Re1 0-0±)* 15.Bf4 Bb7 16.Re1 Rd8? *(* Safer is simplification with *16...Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3±* , but this doesn't fully solve Black's problems with his vulnerable ♔, characteristic for the whole 12.. ♕b6 line.*)* 17.Rc1 Rd5 18.Be5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Rxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 f6 22.Qg3! fxe5 23.Qg7 Rf8 24.Rc7+- Botvinnik,M-Euwe,M/WCh Den Haag/Moscow/1948/ With the text move Black a.o. prepares a relatively safe haven for his ♔ in the ⊞ on e7 - we can follow this motif in many games with this line, including this one.]

13.0-0

[≤13.Nxd4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Qb6 14.Be3 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Bc5 16.Bxb5 e5! 17.Bxd7+ Bxd7⩱ 18.Qf3 Qa6+ 19.Ne2 Rg8 *(19...Be7!* Δ♖g8, ♗c6,f5↑ *20.Kg1 Bc6 21.Qh5 Rg8 22.Ng3 Qd3 23.Rd1 Qg6 24.Qxg6 fxg6∓* Chernin *)* 20.Bxc5 Bc6 21.Qf5! *(21.Qh5? Bxg2+ 22.Ke1 Bxh1 23.Qxh7 0-0-0 24.Rc1 Kb8 25.Qxf7 Bd5 26.Qh5 Qd3 27.Qh4 Bc4* 0-1, Alterman,B (2585)-Chernin,A (2615)/Groningen/1993/*)* 21...Bxg2+ 22.Ke1

Bxh1 23.Rd1! Qe6 *(23...Qc6 24.Qxh7 Qxc5 25.Qxg8+ Ke7 26.Qg4∞)* 24.Qxh7 Qg4 25.Qd3 Bc6 26.Qd6 Qe6 27.Qc7 Rc8 28.Qa7 Ra8= Chernin]

13...Qb6 14.Qe2 White for the time being ignores the ♙d4 and proceeds to activate his pieces first. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'White for the time being ignores the ♙d4 and proceeds to activate his pieces first.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'White for the time being ignores the ♙d4 and proceeds to activate his pieces first.'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'White for the time being ignores the ♙d4 and proceeds to activate his pieces first.' Stohl: 'White for the time being ignores the ♙d4 and proceeds to activate his pieces first.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'White for the time being ignores the ♙d4 and proceeds to activate his pieces first.'"

[Too soft is 14.Be4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl, I'' Bb7 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Nxd4 Rg8 17.f3 Ne5 18.Qe2 Bc5 19.Be3 Rd8 *(19...Qb6 20.Nc2 Ke7=)* 20.Rad1 Nc4 21.Bf2 Qb6 22.b3 Bxd4 23.bxc4 bxc4 24.Rc1 Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Rg5 26.Qxc4 Rgd5= Kamsky,G (2695)-Kramnik,V (2710)/ Linares/1994/]

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[14...Ba6 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' is somewhat weaker due to 15.a4!? *(15.Rd1⩱ is also unpleasant)* 15...Nc5 16.axb5 Bb7 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.Nxd4! Qd6 19.b6! Nxd3 *(Po 19...Qxd4? 20.Bb5+ Ke7 21.Be3 Qd5 22.f3+- →)* 20.Qxd3 Qxb6 21.Be3 Qb7 22.f3 Be7 23.Rc1! *(23.Bh6 Bf8 24.Nf5 Qd5 25.Qxd5 Bxd5 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.Ne3 Bc6 28.Rc1 Bd7 29.Rc7 Ke7 30.Rb7 Rc8 31.b3 Kd8 32.Ng4 Ke7 33.Nxf6 Kxf6 34.Rxd7*

Rc3⩱ ⇄, Bareev,E (2675)-Karjakin,S (2658)/WCht Beersheba/2005/) 23...0-0 24.Nc6↑ ±]

[Less clear is the situation after 14...b4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' 15.Rd1 Bc5 16.Bf4 h5!? *(16...Bb7 17.Be4 Ba6 18.Qd2 Rd8 19.Rac1 e5 20.Bh6⩱* Here Lutz give the unforced, but pretty line *Qe6 21.Re1 Rg8 22.Nxd4!? Bxd4 23.Rc6 Qxa2 24.Qxd4! exd4 25.Bd5+ Ne5 26.Bxa2±)* 17.Rac1 Rg8 18.Nh4 *(18.Nd2 Bb7 19.Be4 f5 20.Nc4 Bxe4 21.Nxb6 Rxg2+ 22.Kf1 d3 23.Rxd3 Rxf2+⩱* De Jong,J (2237)-Delemarre,J (2464) /Leeuwarden/2004/ promises Black at least a draw.*;* Also unclear is *18.Bg3 Rxa2 19.Nxd4 h4 20.Bxh4 Bb7 21.Nf3 Rxb2 22.Qxb2 Bxf3 23.Bf1 Bxd1 24.Rxd1 Rg4 25.Bg3∞)* 18...Rg4 *(18...Rxa2!?)* 19.Bg3 Ba6 20.Nf3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Rxa2 22.Qh7 Rxb2 23.Qxh5 Rxg3 24.hxg3 b3∞ Dreev,A (2657)-Pavasovic,D (2597)/CRO-chT Sibenik/2008/ Although Black went on to lose the game, at this moment he can harldy be worse.]

15.Bxb5

[The first practical reaction of the chess world to Game 3 came already one day earlier, than Game 5 was played. After 15.Bf4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' (allegedly recommended by Mikhalchishin) Bc6 16.Rfc1 Nc5 White played the ambitious 17.Bg3 *(* A risky attempt to achieve more than *17.Nxd4 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Rd8 19.Be3 Bc5 20.Qc2 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Qxc6+ Qxc6 23.Rxc6 0-0=)* 17...Rd8 18.Rc2 Qb7 19.Re1 Rg8 20.Nh4 Rg5 21.f3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Rc5 23.Rce2 Qd7∓ Moiseenko,A (2678)-Colovic,A (2458) /ECC Kallithea/2008/ Although White won, this is definitely no refutation of the whole line.]

15...Rg8!?N

[R.Scherbakov: 'Just a couple of days before, the move' 15...Bd6 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Ü 104/(116)' R.Scherbakov: 'brought him great success in game 3, but Kramnik's team has certainly worked on it.' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Ü 104/(116) Ü 104/(116)' Kramnik's choice was the natural Anand,Viswanathan: 'Kramnik's choice was the natural Kramnik's choice was the natural Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik's choice was the natural'"

A) The direct 16.Nxd4? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' runs into Rg8! *(16...Qxd4?! 17.Rd1 Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Bxg2 20.Bxd7+ Ke7 21.Kxg2 Rhg8+ 22.Kf3 Qh5+ 23.Ke3 Qc5+* can lead to a perpetual, even after the fighting *24.Kd2 Rad8 25.Qf1 Rxd7+ 26.Ke1 Rxd1+ 27.Kxd1 Rd8+ 28.Bd2 Qb4 29.Qe2 Qxb2 30.Rc1 Qxa2=* a draw is the most plausible result.*)* 17.Nf3 Ke7 18.Bxd7 *(18.a4? Ne5 19.Ne1 Rxg2+-+)* 18...Qc5! **Δ**♖g2,♗h2,♕h5 *(18...Ba6 19.Qc2∞* would be a relief for White, the exchange is not interesting at this point.*)* 19.Rd1 *(19.Bg5 Rxg5! 20.Nxg5 Qxg5 21.f4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Kxd7-+)* 19...Bxh2+!? *(19...Qh5 20.Rxd6!?⇄* **Δ** *Bxf3? 21.Rxe6+ Kxd7 22.Rd6+! Kxd6 23.Bf4+→)* 20.Kf1 *(20.Nxh2 Rxg2+ 21.Kf1 Rxh2-+)* 20...Ba6 21.Rd3 Qf5 22.Ne1 Rad8∓;

B) 16.a4!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' is a

possible alternative, protecting the ♗b5 improves White's chances in the coming tactical skirmish.;

C) 16.Rd1 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' 16...Rg8 R.Scherbakov: 'could have transposed to the previous game' 17.g3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(17.Rxd4?* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' *Rxg2+ 18.Kxg2 Qxd4∓ →; 17.a4!?* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'*)* 17...Rg4!N Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'N!''' *(17...Bc5?* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' *18.b4! Bxb4 19.Nxd4 Bd5 20.Rb1 Qc5 21.Be3 Rxa2 22.Qd3 Ra3 23.Qxh7 Rf8 24.Nxe6* 1-0, D'Israel,D (2259)-Gerbelli Neto,E (2234)/Americana/2000/*)*

C1) 18.Bxd7+?! Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Kxd7 19.Ne5+ fxe5 20.Qxg4 Qc6 21.f3 Qxf3∓ ⊞;

C2) 18.Nd2 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Ke7! 19.Bxd7 *(19.Qxg4 Qxb5↑)* 19...Rag8

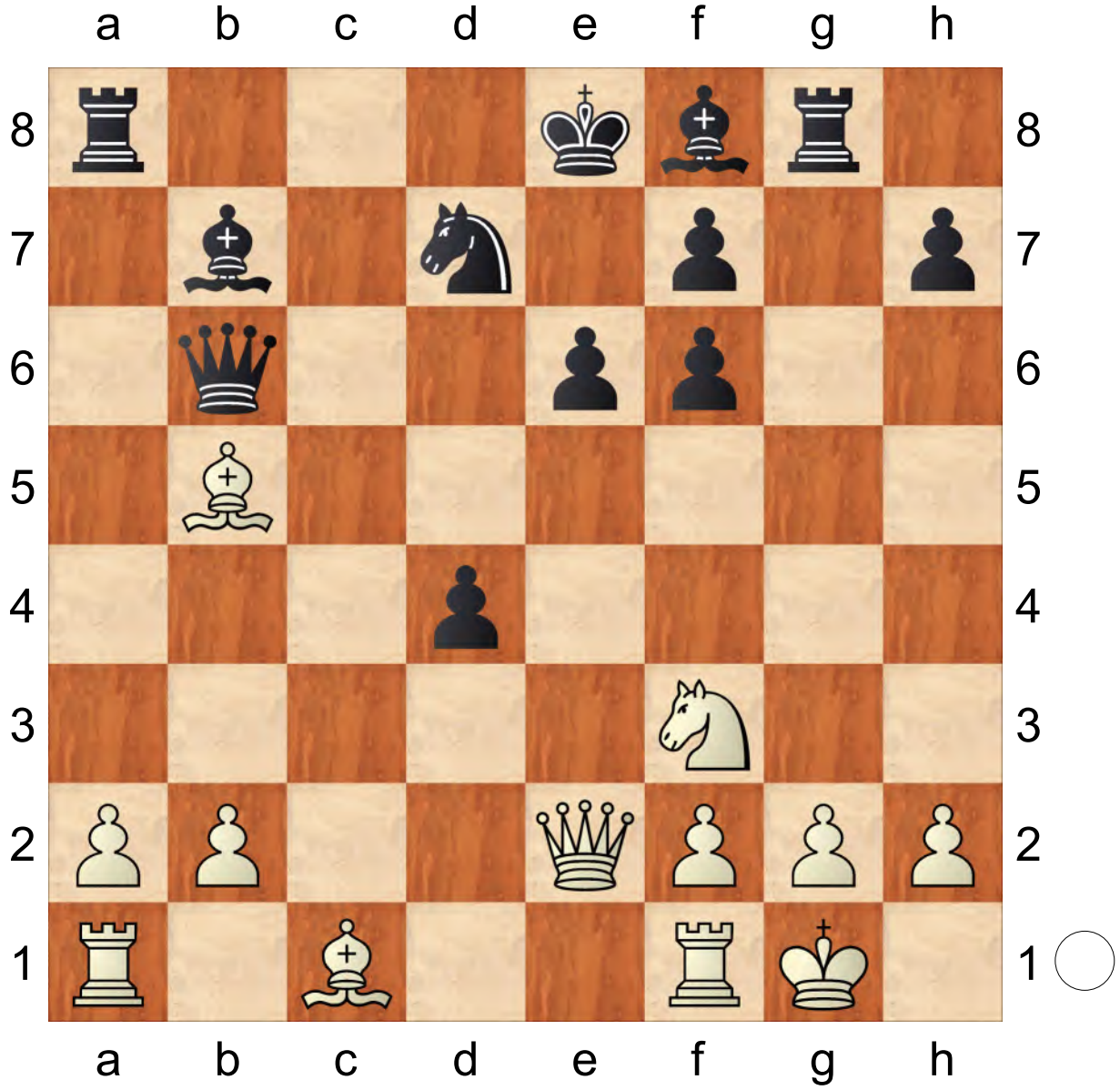
C2a) 20.Qb5 Qc7 21.Nc4 Qxd7 *(21...Bxg3? 22.hxg3 Rxg3+ 23.Kf1 Rg1+ 24.Ke2* leads nowhere for Black. *)* 22.Nxd6 Kxd6= /∓;

C2b) 20.Bb5 d3 21.Qxd3 Rxg3+ 22.hxg3 Rxg3+ 23.Kf1 Rxd3 24.Bxd3 Qd4≌;

C3) 18.Bf4 Bxf4 *(18...Ke7?* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' *19.Bxd6+ Qxd6 20.Nxd4!+- Δ Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1)*

C3a) After 19.Rxd4 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Shipov recommended Kf8!? *(19...Bxf3?! 20.Qxf3 Qxd4 21.Rd1!±; 19...0-0-0 20.Rad1 Bd5 21.Bc4! Bb7!?±)* 20.Bxd7 Rd8 21.Rad1 Rxd7 22.Rxd7 Bxg3 23.hxg3 Rxg3+ 24.Kh2 Bxf3 25.Qe3 Rg2+ 26.Kh3 Qxe3 27.fxe3 Rxb2=;

C3b) 19.Nxd4 At this moment Anand was an hour(!) up on the clock, but now he had his first long think... Anand,Viswanathan: 'At this moment Anand was an hour(!) up on the clock, but now he had his first long think... At this moment Anand was an hour(!) up on the clock, but now he had his first long think... Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'At this moment Anand was an hour(!) up on the clock, but now he had his first long think...''' 19...h5!? Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I: '!?''' 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Rxd7 Kf8 22.Qd3 Rg7! Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I: '!''' *(Black wants more,* than an equal ⊥ after *22...Bxg3* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' *23.hxg3 h4 24.Qd6+!? Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Bd5=)* 23.Rxg7 Kxg7 24.gxf4 Rd8≌ Kramnik,V (2772)-Anand,V (2783)/WCh Bonn (3)/2008/ Anand, Viswanathan: 'Kramnik,V (2772)-Anand,V (2783)/WCh Bonn (3)/2008/ Kramnik,V (2772)-Anand,V (2783)/WCh Bonn (3)/2008/ Dan: 'Stohl,I: ' ≌' Stohl,I: 'Kramnik,V (2772)-Anand,V (2783)/WCh Bonn (3)/2008/''' 25.Qe2 Kh6 26.Kf1 Rg8 27.a4 Bg2+ 28.Ke1 Bh3 29.Ra3 Rg1+ 30.Kd2 Qd4+ 31.Kc2 Bg4 32.f3 Bf5+ 33.Bd3 Bh3 34.a5 Rg2 35.a6 Rxe2+ 36.Bxe2 Bf5+ 37.Kb3 Qe3+ 38.Ka2 Qxe2 39.a7 Qc4+ 40.Ka1 Qf1+ 41.Ka2 Bb1+ 0-1 Kramnik,V-Anand,V/Bonn GER 2008 (41)]



R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'Anand comes first! Stohl,I: 'N!?'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'N!?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'N!?' Stohl: 'N!?' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'N!?''' Anand is the first to deviate from Game 3 and present Kramnik with a new surprise instead of R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Anand is the first to deviate from Game 3 and present Kramnik with a new surprise instead of'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Anand is the first to deviate from Game 3 and present Kramnik with a new surprise instead of'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Anand is the first to deviate from Game 3 and present Kramnik with a new surprise instead of' Stohl: 'Anand is the first to deviate from Game 3 and present Kramnik with a new surprise instead of' Dan: 'Stohl, I: 'Anand is the first to deviate from Game 3 and present Kramnik with a new surprise instead of'''. **16.Bf4** R.Scherbakov: 'Taking a good opportunity to move the bishop into defence, neutralizing Black's pressure on the g-file.' Kramnik still played this

move quite fast. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik still played this move quite fast.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Kramnik still played this move quite fast.'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Kramnik still played this move quite fast.' Stohl: 'Kramnik still played this move quite fast.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik still played this move quite fast.'"

[After R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'After'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'After'' 16.Rd1 R.Scherbakov: 'could be strongly met by' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Black can transpose into Game 3, but he also has R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Black can transpose into Game 3, but he also has'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black can transpose into Game 3, but he also has'' Ra5!? R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?' '!?' Dan: '!?'' *(16...0-0-0* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *17.Bf4±* is not ideal. We have already indicated Black's ♔ feels safer in the ⊞. *)*

A) 17.a4 R.Scherbakov: '?' Rxb5! Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!' '!' Dan: '!'' 18.axb5 Ne5≅ ↑ Anand,Viswanathan: '⟶' '⟶' '⟶' R.Scherbakov: 'gives White a very strong initiative. For example, Stohl,I: ' ≅' Stohl,I: ' ↑'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' ≅' Stohl: ' ↑' '≅' ↑' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '≅' Stohl: ' ↑' '≅' ↑ '≅' ↑ Dan: '≅'' 19.Nxe5 *(19.Ne1 Bb4! 20.Bd2 d3! 21.Qh5 Ng4! 22.Qh4 Nxf2!-+)* 19...Rxg2+ 20.Kf1 fxe5 21.Qxe5 Bc5 followed by ...Qb6xb5;

B) 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.Rxd4+ Qxd4 R.Scherbakov: '!' 19.Nxd4 Bxg2 Anand,Viswanathan: '=' '=' '=' R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'and Black gives perpetual check:' 20.Qd2 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Bh3+ 21.Kh1 Bg2+=]

[16.g3 Anand,Viswanathan Ra5 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Rd1 Qxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Rxb5∓]

16...Bd6 R.Scherbakov: '!?'

[In one computer game Black played 16...Ra5 17.a4 Rxb5 18.axb5 Nc5 but then failed to prove compensation: 19.Rfd1 Rg4 20.g3 d3 21.Rxd3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 with a tangible advantage, Shredder 10 - Junior 10, 2006.]

17.Bg3

[R.Scherbakov: 'In case of' 17.Bxd6 Anand,Viswanathan Qxd6 18.Rfd1 R.Scherbakov: 'Black got acceptable play by'

A) 18...e5 R.Scherbakov: '!?' 19.Rxd4 R.Scherbakov: 'led to perpetual after' *(19.Nh4 Kf8 20.a4 Rg5⇄* with reasonable counter chances.*)* 19...Qxd4 R.Scherbakov: '!' 20.Nxd4 Bxg2 R.Scherbakov: '=!';

B) 18...Ke7 was also playable but perhaps somewhat better for White after 19.g3 *(*not *19.Bxd7 Qd5!? 20.Kh1 Qxd7)* 19...Bxf3 20.Qxf3 f5 21.a4±;

C) 18...Kf8 19.Bxd7 *(19.Rxd4 Rxg2+ 20.Kf1 Qc5 21.a4 Ne5 22.Qe3 Qc2!)* 19...Qxd7 20.Rxd4 Qxd4 21.Nxd4 Bxg2 *(21...Rxg2+ 22.Kf1 Rxh2 23.Qd2 Rh1+ 24.Ke2 Ba6+ 25.Ke3 Rxa1 26.Qc3∞)* 22.Qe3 Bh3+ 23.Qg3 e5=]

17...f5 Anand continues to harass the ♗g3. Here his preparation once again proved to be deeper, than his opponent's - now Kramnik thought for about 45 minutes. R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Anand continues to harass the ♗g3. Here his preparation once

again proved to be deeper, than his opponent's - now Kramnik thought for about 45 minutes." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Anand continues to harass the ♗g3. Here his preparation once again proved to be deeper, than his opponent's - now Kramnik thought for about 45 minutes.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Anand continues to harass the ♗g3. Here his preparation once again proved to be deeper, than his opponent's - now Kramnik thought for about 45 minutes.' Stohl: 'Anand continues to harass the ♗g3. Here his preparation once again proved to be deeper, than his opponent's - now Kramnik thought for about 45 minutes.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Anand continues to harass the ♗g3. Here his preparation once again proved to be deeper, than his opponent's - now Kramnik thought for about 45 minutes.'"

[A serious positional error is 17...Bxg3? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' 18.hxg3↑ , as here the ♔g1 is far safer, than it's counterpart]

18.Rfc1!? R.Scherbakov: 'This decent move cost Kramnik a lot of time.' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?' Stohl: '!?' Dan: 'Stohl,I: '!?'" An interesting fighting reaction. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'An interesting fighting reaction.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'An interesting fighting reaction.'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'An interesting fighting reaction.' Stohl: 'An interesting fighting reaction.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'An interesting fighting reaction.'"

[R.Scherbakov: 'while' 18.Rfd1?! R.Scherbakov: 'was even worse for White due to' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' f4 19.Bh4 allows R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'allows'' Ra5!↑ Δ R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: ' ↑!' Stohl,I: ' Δ'' R.Scherbakov: 'or' 20.a4 R.Scherbakov: '?' *(20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Kh1 Rg6* with Black's superiority.*)* 20...Rxb5 R.Scherbakov: '!' 21.axb5 Ne5 R.Scherbakov: ' →' R.Scherbakov: 'with a strong attack:' 22.Nxe5 Rxg2+ 23.Kf1 Rxh2 R.Scherbakov: '-+' 24.Nf3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Rh1+ 25.Kg2 Rxh4∓ →]

[18.Nxd4 R.Scherbakov: 'was hardly promising:' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' f4 *(18...Rxg3* R.Scherbakov: '!?' *19.hxg3 Qxd4 20.Rfd1 Qb6* R.Scherbakov: '∞' R.Scherbakov: 'with unclear play' *21.Rd2* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *Ba6∞* /= is risky, bur perhaps also possible.*)* 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kf8 21.Qf5+ *(21.Kh1 Ne5 22.Qh6+ Rg7 23.Qxf4+ Kg8* with good play for Black*)* 21...Kg7 22.Bd3 Qc6!? 23.Qxh7+ R.Scherbakov: '=' R.Scherbakov: 'with perpetual' Kf8 24.Qf5+= leads to a perpetual.]

[Other moves, deserving attention, are 18.a4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' , or]

[18.Ne5!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?' '!?' Dan: '!?' Dan: 'Stohl,I'' d3!? Anand,Viswanathan: '!' '!' '!' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?' '!?' Dan: '!?'' *(18...Bxe5* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' *19.Qxe5 f6 20.Qe2± Δ f4? 21.Qh5+)* 19.Bxd7+ *(19.Qxd3* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' *Bxe5 20.Bxd7+ Kf8∓)* 19...Ke7 20.Qe1 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' *(20.Nxd3?!* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' *Bxg3 21.hxg3 Rxg3 →; 20.Qxd3* Anand,Viswanathan *Bxe5 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Bxb5 f4*

23.Bh4+ f6 24.g3 fxg3 25.hxg3 Bd5∓) 20...Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Kxd7⇄]

18...f4 19.Bh4 Be7 Anand,Viswanathan: '!' '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'The exchange of these bishops will help Black to get the e7-square for the king and so connect the rooks.' The bishop's role on d6 is over, so it returns to free the e7-sqaure for Black's ♔. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'The bishop's role on d6 is over, so it returns to free the e7-sqaure for Black's ♔." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'The bishop's role on d6 is over, so it returns to free the e7-sqaure for Black's ♔." Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'The bishop's role on d6 is over, so it returns to free the e7-sqaure for Black's ♔.' Stohl: 'The bishop's role on d6 is over, so it returns to free the e7-sqaure for Black's ♔.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'The bishop's role on d6 is over, so it returns to free the e7-sqaure for Black's ♔.'"

[Takticku pointu 18.tahu bieleho ukazuje variant R.Scherbakov: 'The tempting Stohl,I: 'Takticku pointu 18.tahu bieleho ukazuje variant'' The tactical points of White's 18-th move are: R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'The tactical points of White's 18-th move are: ' ' 19...Ra5?! R.Scherbakov: 'did not work well this time:' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' 20.a4 Rxb5? R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '?'' 21.axb5 *(21.Qxb5!?±* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I') Δ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: ' Δ" 21...Ne5 R.Scherbakov: '?' 22.Nxe5 R.Scherbakov: '!' Rxg2+ 23.Kf1 Rxh2 24.Ra8+! Bxa8 25.Rc8++- R.Scherbakov: 'with mate on the next move. Stohl,I: '+-"]

[, or 19...Bd5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I'' 20.Rc2 Qb7 21.Rac1↑ Δ♗c6 Bxf3? 22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.Rc8++-]

20.a4

[20.Qd3!? was worthy of consideration. Black had a big choice, for example: Bxh4 *(20...f5 21.Re1!?)* 21.Nxh4 Rg5 22.a4 Ke7 23.Bxd7 *(23.Qa3+ Qd6)* 23...Kxd7 24.Qxh7 Ke7∞ with very unclear play, in which Black keeps good counter chances.]

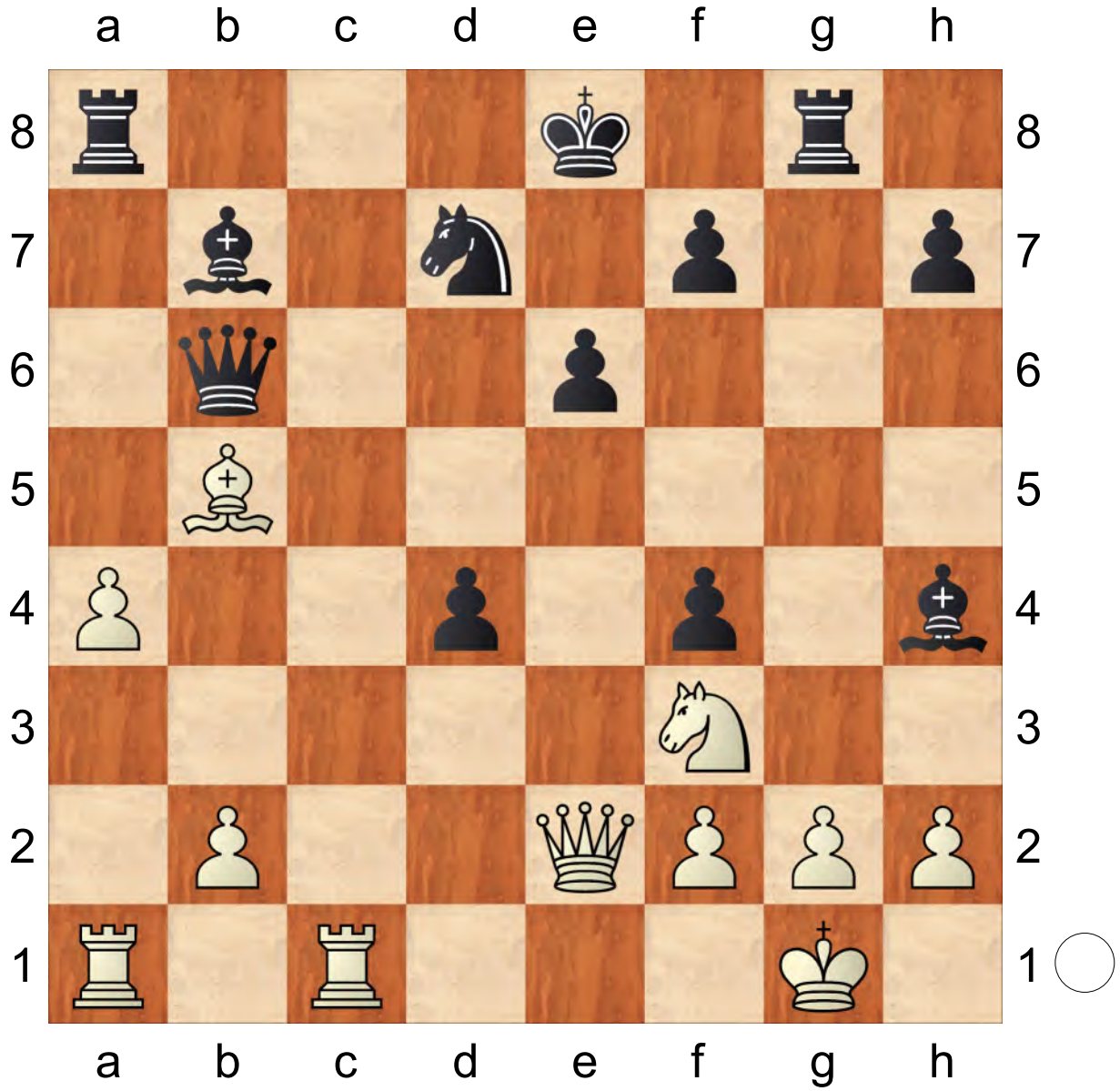
20...Bxh4

[The consolidating 20...Qd6!? also came to mind.]

(Diagram)

21.Nxh4 Ke7! Anand,Viswanathan: '!?' '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'Not being too worried about a possible check and already thinking about a capture on g2.' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!' Stohl: '!' Dan: 'Stohl,I: '!'" The possible threat ♖g2 again enters the equation. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'The possible threat ♖g2 again enters the equation." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'The possible threat ♖g2 again enters the equation." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'The possible threat ♖g2 again enters the equation.' Stohl: 'The possible threat ♖g2 again enters the equation.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'The possible threat ♖g2 again enters the equation.'"

22.Ra3 Anand,Viswanathan: '?!' '?!' '?!' R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'Taking control of the f3-square but placing a rook somewhat awkwardly.' White boosts his »,



but on the other hand disconnects his rooks and Black can turn his attention to the ⇔ c. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'White boosts his », but on the other hand disconnects his rooks and Black can turn his attention to the ⇔ c." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'White boosts his », but on the other hand disconnects his rooks and Black can turn his attention to the ⇔ c." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'White boosts his », but on the other hand disconnects his rooks and Black can turn his attention to the ⇔ c.' Stohl: 'White boosts his », but on the other hand disconnects his rooks and Black can turn his attention to the ⇔ c.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'White boosts his », but on the other hand disconnects his rooks and Black can turn his attention to the ⇔ c.'"

[Rybka pleads for the radical Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Rybka pleads for the radical" 22.g3!?∞ /± R.Scherbakov: '(Stohl,I) /±' Anand,Viswanathan: '!' '!' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' ∞!?' Stohl: '/±' '∞!?' /±' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' ∞!?' Stohl: '/±' '∞!?' / ± '∞!?' / ± Dan: ' ∞!?' Dan: '(Stohl,I) / ±" This weakens the long ⇔, but

removing the ♙ from g2 enables White to actively use his ♘ in the near future. Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'This weakens the long ⇔, but removing the ♙ from g2 enables White to actively use his ♘ in the near future.'' fxg3 Anand,Viswanathan 23.hxg3 Rg5

A) 24.Qd2 Rag8 25.Ra3 *(25.Qb4+ Kf6 26.Rc4 Rg4)* 25...Qd6;

B) 24.Bxd7 Rag8! 25.a5 Qd6 26.Ra3 Rxg3+ 27.fxg3 Rxg3+ 28.Rxg3 Qxg3+ 29.Ng2 Bxg2= **Δ**30.Qf2 Qg5]

[R.Scherbakov: 'In case of something like' 22.b4? Anand,Viswanathan R. Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'Black would have already thought about' Rxg2+! 23.Nxg2 Rg8 24.f3 d3+ 25.Qf2 Bxf3 R.Scherbakov: '!' 26.Qxb6 Rxg2+ 27.Kf1 Nxb6 R.Scherbakov: 'with the idea ...Nb6-d5-e3.' 28.Bxd3 Nd5**∓**]

[22.Bxd7!? seemed to be the most reliable continuation: Kxd7 23.b4 Here White most probably could have avoided the disaster. A possible continuation could be Qd6 24.Qd3 Rg5 25.Rc4 Ba6! 26.Qe4! Bxc4 27.Qxa8 d3!? with sufficient counterplay *(*or *27...Qxb4 28.Qa7+ Ke8 29.Qxd4 Rd5 30.Qxf4 Qxa4 31.Re1 Rd1=* with a drawish ending. *)*]

22...Rac8

[22...Rg5!? was also quite playable and possibly stronger.]

23.Rxc8 Another debatable decision. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Another debatable decision.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Another debatable decision.'' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Another debatable decision.' Stohl: 'Another debatable decision. ' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Another debatable decision.'"

[With all ♖ on the board after 23.Rd1 , the ⇔c would not play such an important role. R.Scherbakov: '(Stohl,I) , the ⇔c would not play such an important role.' Anand,Viswanathan: '(Stohl) , the ⇔c would not play such an important role.' Anand,Viswanathan: '(Stohl) , the ⇔c would not play such an important role. , the ⇔c would not play such an important role. Dan: '(Stohl,I) , the ⇔c would not play such an important role.'']

23...Rxc8 24.Ra1 Qc5 Anand,Viswanathan: '!' '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: '!' **25.Qg4**

[25.Qd2 R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'was another playable option.' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Qd6 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(25...f3!?* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *26.Nxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Qd5≅)* 26.Rd1 *(26.b4* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' *Ne5↑* is at least unclear, White's ♘ still don't play a major role. *; 26.Rc1* Anand,Viswanathan *Rxc1+ 27.Qxc1 Ne5)* 26...Ne5 27.Kf1 *(27.Qxf4??* Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' *Nf3+-+)* 27...f3 Anand,Viswanathan: ' ↑' '↑' '↑' 28.Qg5+ Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Kf8 29.Qh6+ Ke7=]

25...Qe5

[Another interesting alternative is R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Another interesting alternative is'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Another interesting alternative is'' 25...Qc2!? R.Scherbakov: 'was also possible but Anand probably saw no reason to look for equality:' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?' '!?' Dan: '!?' Dan: 'Stohl,I'' to support the ♘d4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'to support the ♘d4'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'to support the ♘d4''

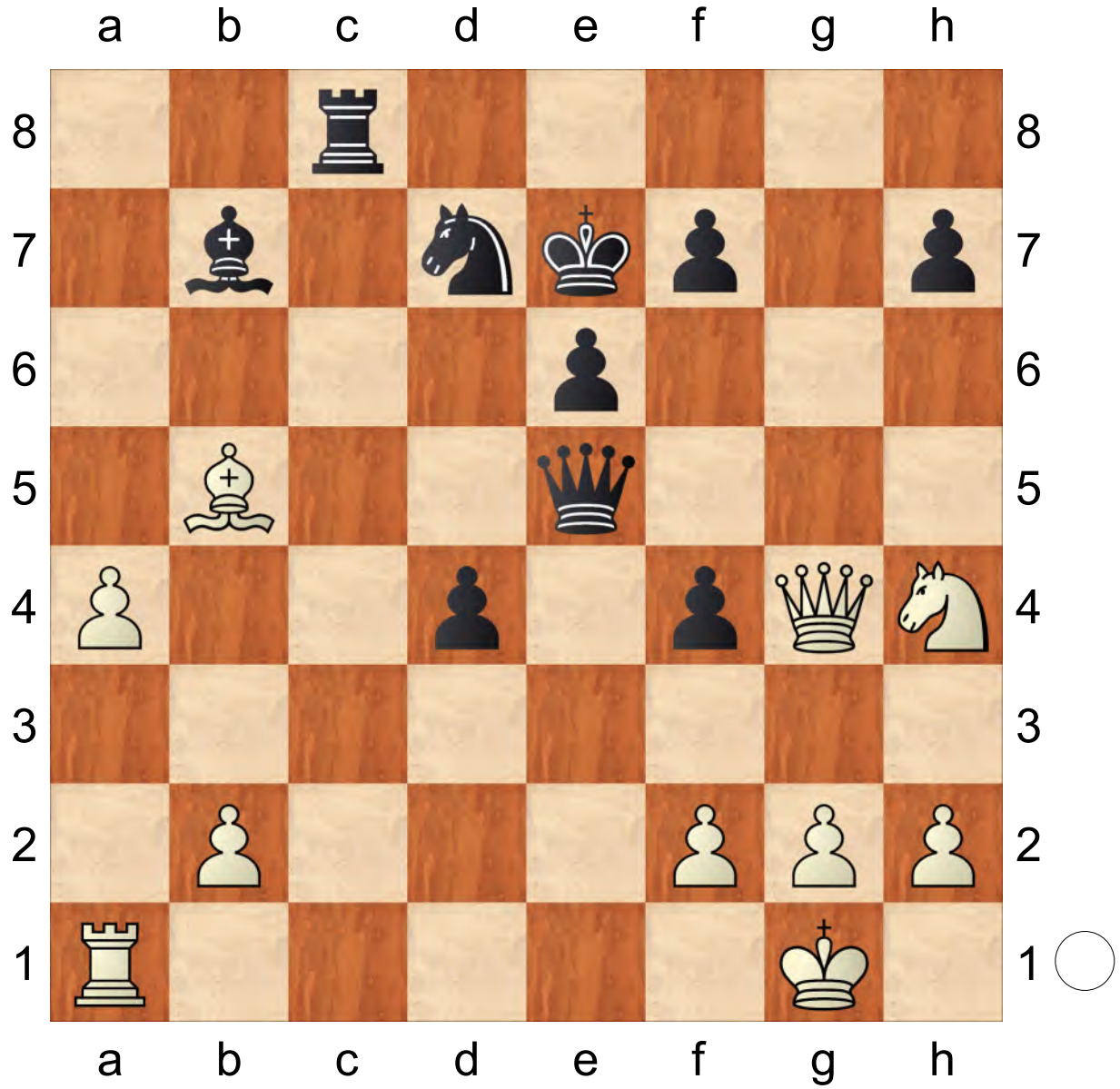
A) 26.Qxf4 d3≌ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '≌'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '≌'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' ≌' '≌' Dan: '≌'' and it's already reasonable to bail out with R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'and it's already reasonable to bail out with'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'and it's already reasonable to bail out with'' 27.Nf5+ exf5 28.Re1+ Kf8 *(28...Kd8* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *29.Qxf5 Bc6 30.Bxd3≌* /± Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' ≌' Stohl: '/±' '≌' /±' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' ≌' Stohl: '/±' '≌' /± '≌' /± Dan: '≌'' *Qd2* Anand,Viswanathan *31.Re3 f6∞)* 29.Bxd7 d2 R.Scherbakov: '=' 30.Qh6+ Kg8 Anand,Viswanathan: '=' '=' '=' 31.Qg5+= Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl';
B) 26.Qg5+!? Nf6 27.Qxf4 Ne4 *(27...d3?? 28.Qb4+)* 28.f3 Qf2+ 29.Kh1 Qd2!? 30.Qxd2 Nxd2≌ with good compensation.;
C) 26.Bxd7 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' 26...Kxd7 27.Qxf4 Ke8≌ **Δ** 28.Qxd4? Rc4!-+ and Black wins the stray ♘h4]

(Diagram)

Black intuitively keeps his ♕ closer to his ♔. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Black intuitively keeps his ♕ closer to his ♔.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black intuitively keeps his ♕ closer to his ♔.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black intuitively keeps his ♕ closer to his ♔.' Stohl: 'Black intuitively keeps his ♕ closer to his ♔.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Black intuitively keeps his ♕ closer to his ♔.''' **26.Nf3 Qf6 Δ**♘e5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '**Δ**♘e5'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' **Δ**♘e5'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' **Δ**♘e5' Stohl: '**Δ**♘e5' Dan: 'Stohl,I: ' **Δ**♘e5''' This move is also connected with a hidden trap. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'This move is also connected with a hidden trap.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'This move is also connected with a hidden trap.'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'This move is also connected with a hidden trap.' Stohl: 'This move is also connected with a hidden trap.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'This move is also connected with a hidden trap.''' **27.Re1**

[R.Scherbakov: 'while it remains unclear if Kramnik saw and calculated' 27.Nxd4? R.Scherbakov: '??' R.Scherbakov: 'since it was losing in the same way as happened in the game: Stohl,I: '?'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Qxd4 *(*perhaps Vladimir found *27...Rc5 28.Rd1 Rd5* acceptable for Black and did not thoroughly check the capture*)* 28.Rd1 Nf6 Anand,Viswanathan: '-+' '-+' '-+' R. Scherbakov: '!' 29.Rxd4 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Nxg4 30.Rd7+ Kf6 31.Rxb7 Rc1+ 32.Bf1 Ne3!-+ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '-+!'' Suprisingly enough, this motif occurs later in the game! R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Suprisingly enough, this motif occurs later in the game!'' 33.fxe3 fxe3 and Black wins.]

[Harmless is R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Harmless is'' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Harmless is'' 27.Bxd7 Anand,Viswanathan: '!?' '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: '!?' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I'' Kxd7 28.Nxd4 Ke7 R.Scherbakov: 'was acceptable for Black' 29.Rd1 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Rc4= Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '='' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '=' '=' Dan: '='' Kramnik still wants more and keeps the



tension. Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Kramnik still wants more and keeps the tension."]
[27.Qg5 Anand,Viswanathan Qxg5 28.Nxg5 Ne5∓]
[27.Qh4 Anand,Viswanathan Qxh4 28.Nxh4 Ne5⇄]
[27.Rd1 Anand,Viswanathan Ne5 28.Nxe5 Qxe5]

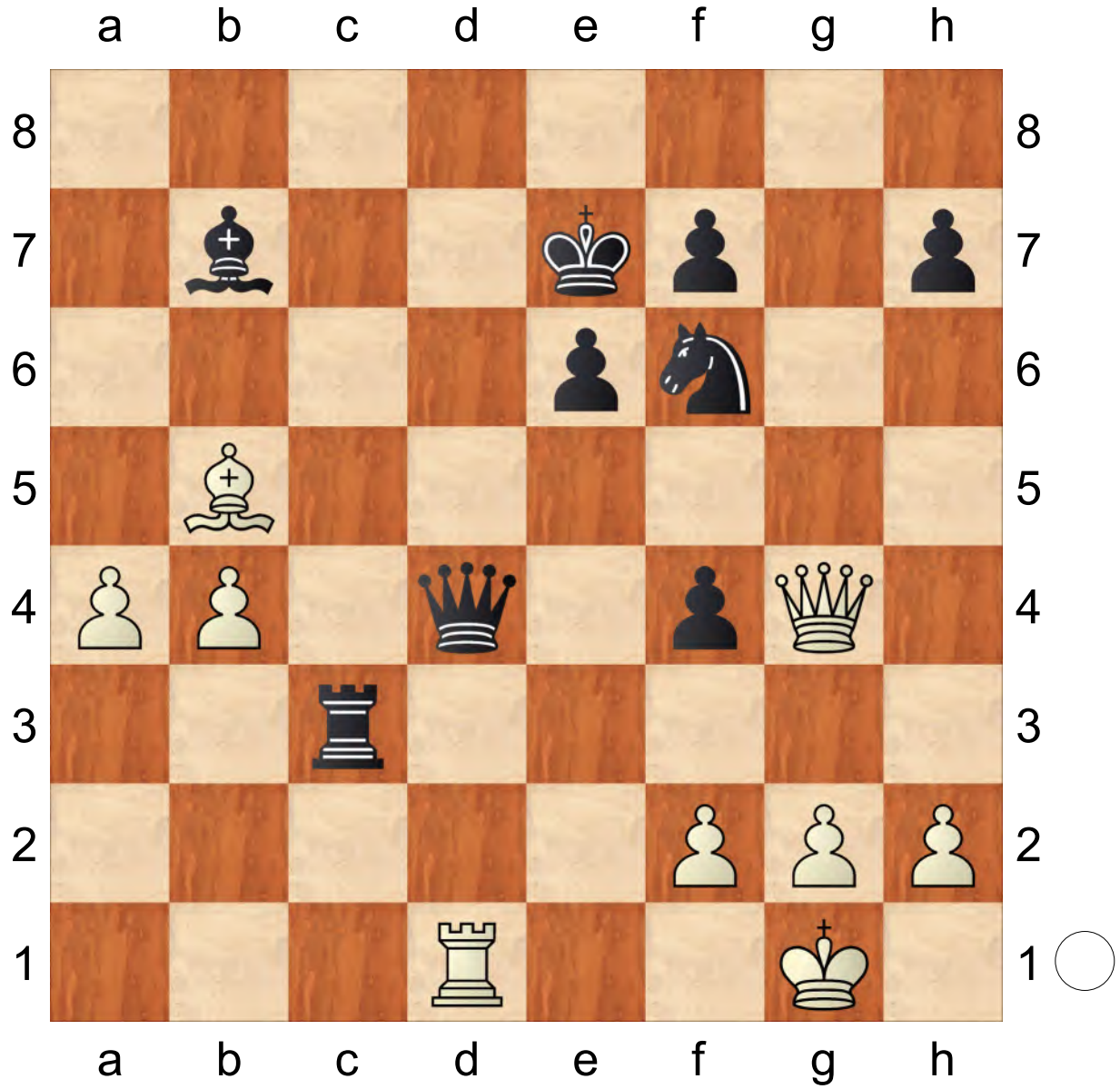
27...Rc5!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?" Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '!?' Stohl: '!?' Dan: 'Stohl,I: '!?"' Black insists on ♘e5. R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Black insists on ♘e5." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black insists on ♘e5." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black insists on ♘e5.' Stohl: 'Black insists on ♘e5.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Black insists on ♘e5.'"

[27...Rc2 28.b4 *(28.Rd1 Rxb2 29.Nxd4 Qg6 30.Qxg6 hxg6 31.Nxe6 Rxb5 32.axb5 Kxe6=* is drawish) 28...Rc3 -27... ♖c5!? *(28...Rb2?! 29.Rc1! Rxb4 30.Ne1↑* Δ♖c7)]

28.b4
[28.h3 Anand,Viswanathan h5]
28...Rc3 Δ♗f3,♘e5 R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Δ♗f3,♘e5' Stohl,I: '-27... ♖c5!?" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' Δ♗f3,♘e5 Stohl,I: '-27... ♖c5!?" Stohl: 'Δ♗f3,♘e5' Stohl: '-27... ♖c5!?" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' Δ♗f3,♘e5 Stohl,I: '-27... ♖c5!?" Stohl: 'Δ♗f3,♘e5' Stohl: '-27... ♖c5!?' Stohl: ' Δ♗f3,♘e5' Stohl: '-27... ♖c5!?' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Δ♗f3,♘e5' Stohl,I: '-27...♖c5!?'"
[A counterblow 28...Ne5?! actually simplifies the position in White's favour: 29.Nxe5 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5 31.Qh4+! Kf8 32.Bf1 and his Q-side passers are becoming really strong.]
29.Nxd4? Anand,Viswanathan: '??' '??' '??' R.Scherbakov: '??' R.Scherbakov: 'A fatal mistake, which spoiled not only this game but the whole match. Stohl,I: '?" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '?" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '?' Stohl: '?' Dan: 'Stohl,I: '?"' Black's forces already exert unpleasant pressure, but the text-move is an unforced and decisive tactical miscalculation. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Black's forces already exert unpleasant pressure, but the text-move is an unforced and decisive tactical miscalculation." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black's forces already exert unpleasant pressure, but the text-move is an unforced and decisive tactical miscalculation." Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: 'Black's forces already exert unpleasant pressure, but the text-move is an unforced and decisive tactical miscalculation.' Stohl: 'Black's forces already exert unpleasant pressure, but the text-move is an unforced and decisive tactical miscalculation.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'Black's forces already exert unpleasant pressure, but the text-move is an unforced and decisive tactical miscalculation.'"
[29.Bxd7 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Dan: 'Stohl,I" Kxd7 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(29...Bxf3 30.gxf3 Kxd7* was fine for Black*)* 30.Nd2 Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl' Qg6∓]
[29.Nd2!?∞ R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'seemed to be the best option, which could have maintained a roughly balanced position. Stohl,I: ' ∞!?" Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I" still leads to a murky position and the outcome of the game remains open. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'still leads to a murky position and the outcome of the game remains open."]
[29.Qh5 Anand,Viswanathan d3 *(29...Bxf3 30.gxf3 Qg6+ 31.Qxg6 hxg6 32.a5 Rb3 33.a6 Rxb4 34.Bc6 Nb6 35.a7 Rb2)* 30.Rd1 Be4 *(30...Bxf3 31.Qxf3 Qd4 32.Bxd3 Qxb4 33.Qe2 Nf6)*]
29...Qxd4 R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Otherwise Black was simply too bad. It is interesting if Kramnik was really thinking he was winning?' **30.Rd1 Nf6**

(Diagram)

Anand,Viswanathan: '-+' '-+' '-+' R.Scherbakov: '!' **31.Rxd4 Nxg4 32.Rd7+ Kf6 33.Rxb7 Rc1+ 34.Bf1 Ne3!-+** R.Scherbakov: '!!' R.Scherbakov: 'A cold shower! Stohl,I: '-+!" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '-+!" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '-+!' Stohl:



'-+!' Dan: 'Stohl,I: '-+!'"
[34...Nxh2 35.Kxh2 Rxf1]

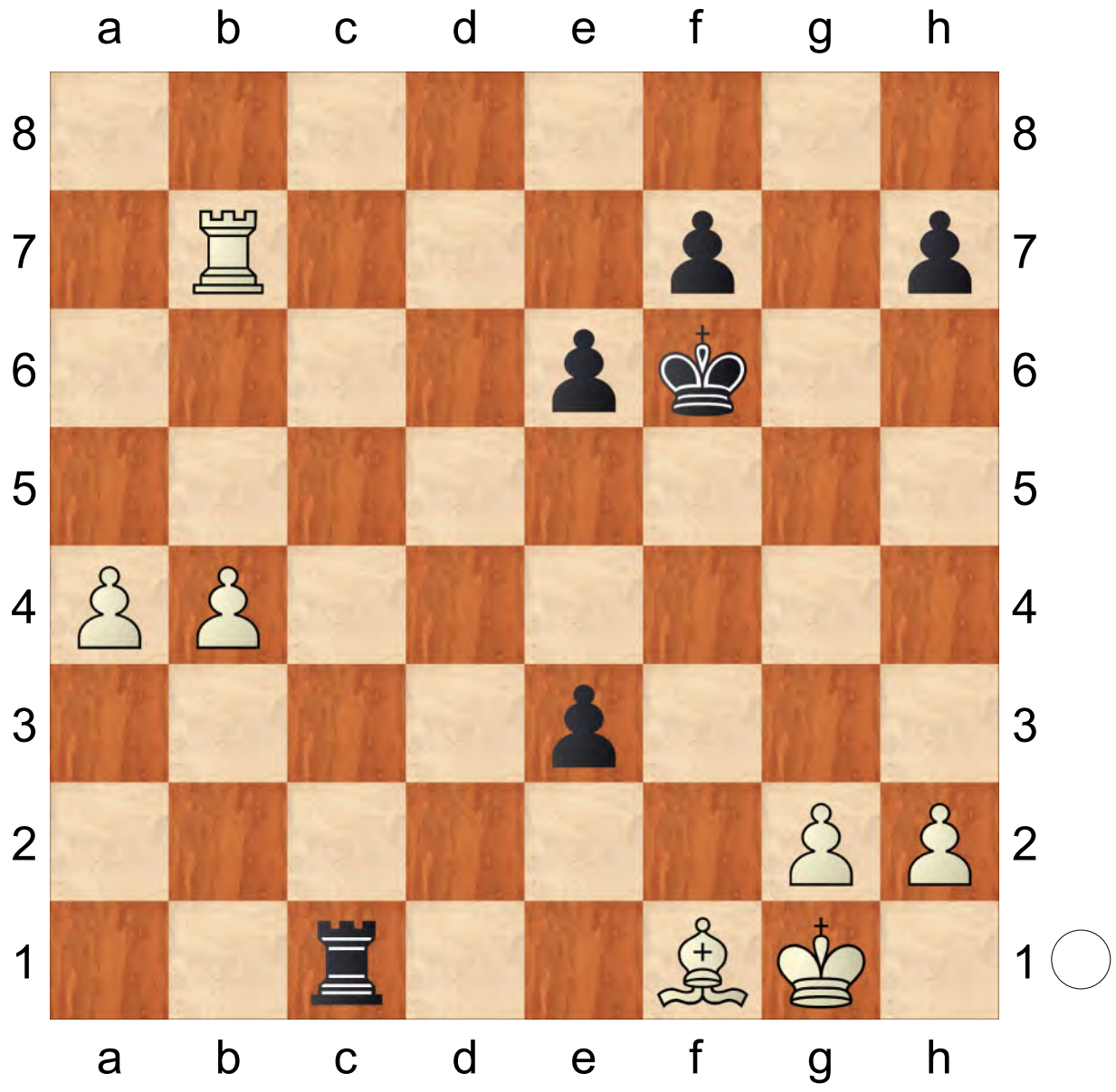
35.fxe3

[35.h3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Dan: 'Stohl,I" Rxf1+ 36.Kh2 Rxf2-+]

35...fxe3

[35...fxe3 Δe2 R.Scherbakov: 'The triumph of Black's central strategy! There is no defence against ... e3-e2 so White resigned. Stohl,I: ' Δe2" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' Δe2" Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: ' Δe2' Stohl: ' Δe2' Dan: 'Stohl,I: ' Δe2'" 36.Rc7□ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl Stohl: '□" Anand, Viswanathan: 'Stohl Stohl: ' □' Stohl: '□' Dan: '□" Rxc7 37.g3 Rc1 38.Kg2 Rc2+ 39.Kf3 Rf2+-+ Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '-+' 0-1 (39) Kramnik,V (2772)-Anand,V (2783) Bonn 2008' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Stohl: '-+' 0-1 (39) Kramnik,V (2772)-

Anand,V (2783) Bonn 2008 Stohl: '-+' 0-1 (39) Kramnik,V (2772)-Anand,V (2783) Bonn 2008 Dan: '-+" a Black remains a whole ♖ up. Anand,Viswanathan: 'a Black remains a whole ♖ up. Stohl: 'a Black remains a whole ♖ up." Anand,Viswanathan: 'a Black remains a whole ♖ up. Stohl: 'a Black remains a whole ♖ up.' Stohl: 'a Black remains a whole ♖ up.' Dan: 'Stohl,I: 'a Black remains a whole ♖ up.'"]



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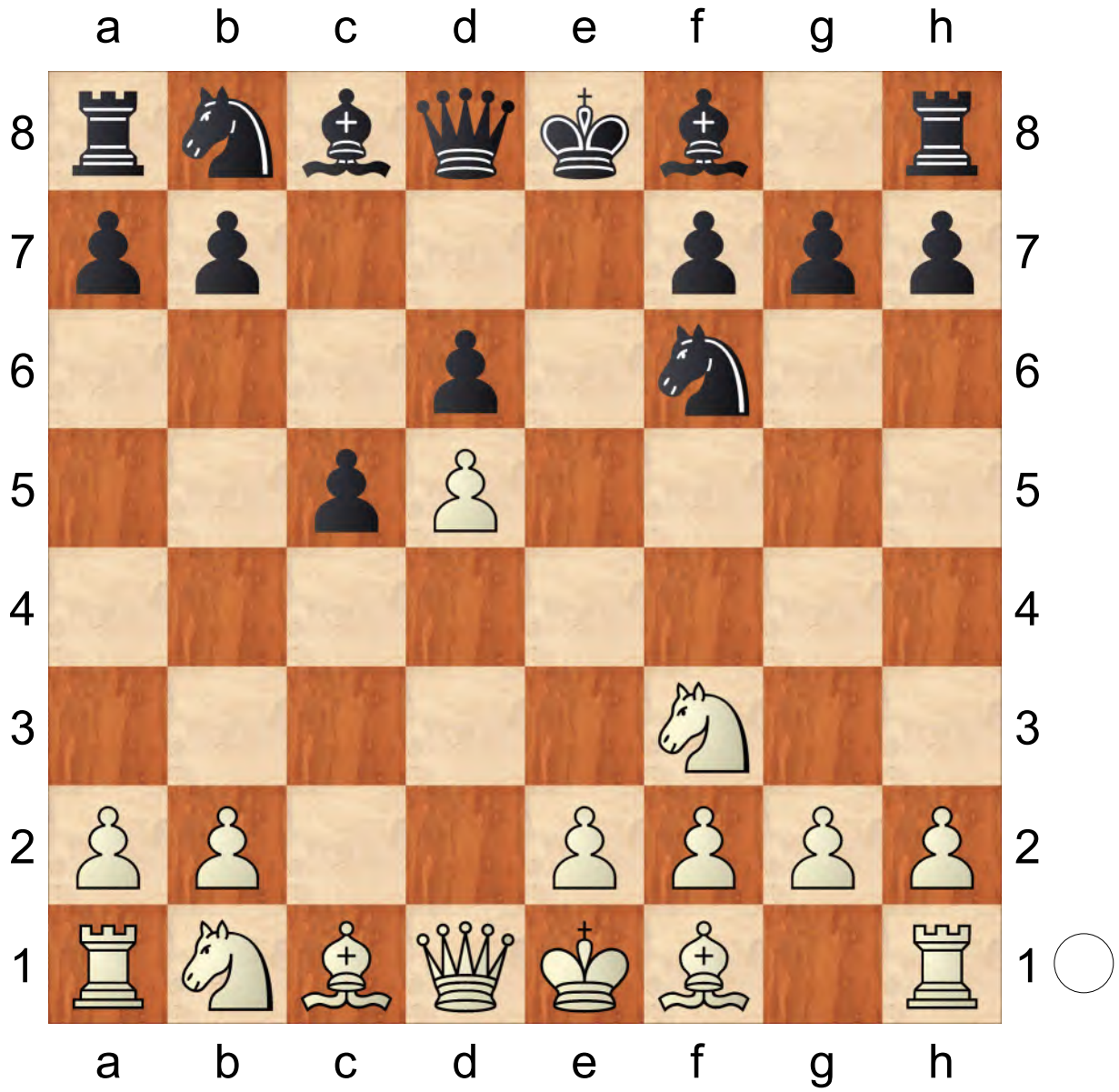
□ **Kozul,Zdenko** **2585**
■ **Akopian,Vladimir Eduardovic** **2705**
EU-chT (Men) 15th (8.1) 06.08.2005
[Kapengut,Albert Z]

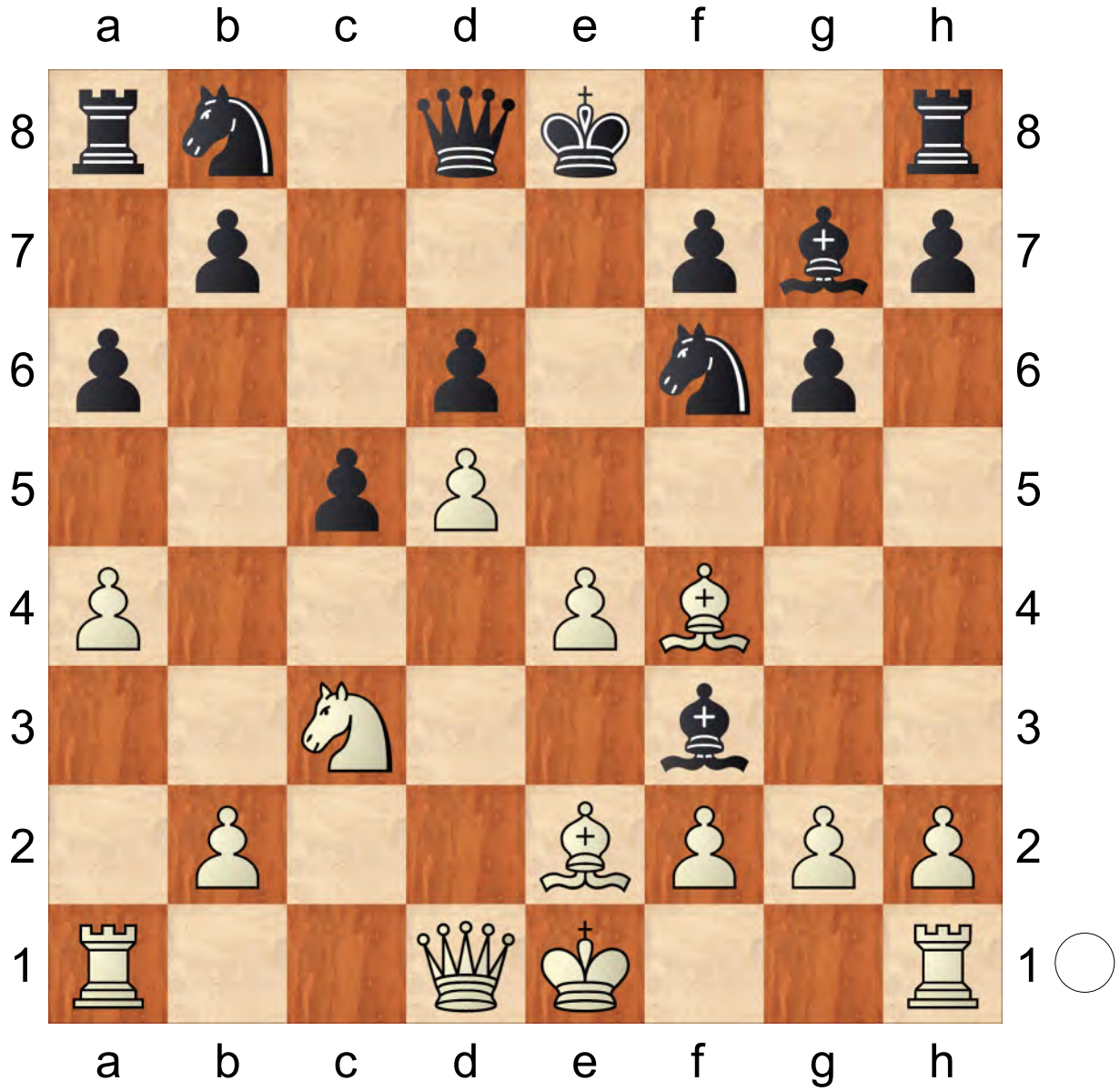
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6



6.Nc3 g6 7.Bf4 a6 8.a4 Bg7 9.e4 Bg4 10.Be2 Bxf3

(Diagram)

11.Bxf3 0-0 12.0-0 Qe7 This is an important "tabyia" of the Benoni. By exchanging



on f3 and developing his knight to d7, black has secured control of several dark squares in the centre (the most important beeing e5 and d4) and has avoided for the moment the dangerous break e4-e5. On the other hand, white defended very well his central pawns and can decide later on which side he should start concrete actions.

13.Qd2 In the different sourses a reader could see this game with the strange move 13.♕e2?. I'm not a witness of this game, but sure about the typing mistake and analyse it with the imagine move order.

[13.e5 see Aronian,L -Handke,F /Neukoelln GER 2005/CBM106 [Kapengut]]

[13.Re1 see Lautier,J-Korneev,O /ESR-chT Sanxenxo 2004/CBM105 [Kapengut]]

13...Nbd7 14.a5 Rab8

[14...h5 15.h3 Rac8!? *(15...Rab8 16.Ra2 Nh7 17.Re1 Rfe8 18.Re2 Bd4! 19.Ra4 Nhf6*= Ruban-Emms, Hastings 1991*; 15...Rfb8 16.Ra2 Ne8∞; 15...Rfe8 16.Rfe1±*) 16.Rfe1 c4

A) 17.Ra4 Ne5!? 18.Be2 *(18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Be2 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qxe4 21.Bg4 c3!∓)* 18...Nfd7 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.f4 Bh6!∞ 21.g3 Qd7 *(21...h4 22.g4!↑)* 22.Kg2 Rc5! 23.Qd1 Nd3! 24.Bxd3 cxd3∞;

B) 17.Na4!? Ne5

B1) 18.Nb6 Nd3! *(18...Nxf3+?! 19.gxf3 Rc5 20.Rac1±)* 19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.Re2 *(20.Red1 Nxe4∞)* 20...Nd7!⩱;

B2) 18.Bxe5 Qxe5

B2a) 19.Qb4 Nd7! 20.Qxb7 Nc5 21.Nxc5 Rxc5 22.Qxa6 Rb8!⩱;

B2b) 19.Rac1 Nd7 20.Qb4 *(20.Qe2 Qf4!∓)* 20...Nc5!∓;

B2c) 19.Nb6 c3! 20.bxc3 Rxc3 21.Rac1 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Qd4! Δ ♕b4 23.Qa3! Re8! *(23...Rd8 24.Rd1 Qe5 25.Nc4±)*

B2c1) 24.Qxd6 Bf8!? *(24...Nxe4∓)*;

B2c2) 24.Rd1 Qe5 25.Nc4 Qg5 Gaprindashvili,N-Madl,I / Smederevska Palanka (izt) 1987 26.Qb3!? Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Rxe4 28.Nxd6 Rd4! 29.Nxb7 *(29.Rxd4 Bxd4∓)* 29...Qe7! 30.d6! *(30.Rxd4? Qe1+-+; 30.Rb1 Qe2∓)* 30...Qe2! *(30...Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Qxb7 32.d7=)* 31.Rf1 Qd2 32.Qb6 h4 33.Qxa6 Be5∓ ↑[Perenyi,B]]

15.Rfe1!?

[15.Be2 Rfe8 *(15...Ne8!? 16.Ra4 Nc7∞)* 16.Ra4± b5?! *(16...h5!?)* 17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Rxa6 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxe4 20.Bxd6 Rb7 21.Bxc5 Nd7 22.Be3 Rxb2 23.Qd3± Gerusel-Hartmann, BL 1986]

15...b5

[15...Rfc8

A) 16.Bg5 Qf8 17.Be2 Ne8 *(17...Re8 18.Qd3 Ne5 19.Qh3 h5!?±)* 18.Bg4!? Rc7 19.f4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 b5 21.axb6 Rxb6 22.e5! dxe5 23.Bxd7! Rxd7 24.fxe5± Gaprindashvili,N-Fischdick,G/Wuppertal WGM 1990;

B) 16.Na4 h5 *(16...Ne5 17.Nb6 Rd8 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Nc4 Qd4 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Rad1 Nd7 22.Be2 b5 23.axb6 Nxb6 24.Na5± Tarnowiecki,H-Ekebjaerg,O/ICCF 2002)*

B1) 17.h3 Ne8 18.Rac1 b5 19.axb6 Nxb6 20.b3 Nd7 21.Bd1 Rc7 *(21...Nc7 Δ22.Nxc5?! Nxc5 23.Rxc5 dxc5 24.d6 Qd7 25.dxc7 Qxd2 26.Bxd2 Ra8 27.Bf4 Bc3∓)* 22.Nb2 Ne5 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 *(24.bxc4 Rcb7 25.Ba4 Rb4⇄)* 24...Rcb7 25.Ra4 Rb6 26.Qe3 Nc7⇄ Tasic,B-Kovacevic,Sl/Cannes op 1990;

B2) 17.Ra3 Ne8 18.Bh6 b5 19.axb6 Nxb6 20.Nxb6 Rxb6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Be2 Nc7 23.Bxh5!? Rh8!? *(23...Qe5 24.Bg4 Rh8 25.h3 Qxb2=)* 24.Qc3+?! *(24.Bd1 Qe5 25.f4 Qxb2 26.Qe3 f5⇄)* 24...Qf6 25.e5 dxe5 26.Qxc5 Nxd5?! *(26...Nb5! 27.Rf3 Qd6 28.Qxd6 Rxd6∓)* 27.Qxd5 ½-½ Burgess,G-Anderton,M/4NCL, Telford ENG 1997;

C) 16.Be2

C1) 16...Ne8

C1a) 17.Bg4 b5 18.axb6 ½-½ Gruenberg,H-Nun,J/Polanica Zdroj 1989 Rxb6 19.e5?! *(19.Na4 Rb4 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Bxf6 Nxf6*

23.Nc3 Ra8=) 19...dxe5 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Nd6 23.Qe2 c4 24.h4 Rcb8 25.h5 Rxb2 26.Qf3 R2b6∓ Naumkin,I-Nun,Ji/Namestovo 1987;

C1b) 17.Bg5 Qf8 18.g3 Nc7 19.Be3 b5 20.f4 b4 21.Nd1 Re8 22.Nf2 Nb5∞ Sahovic,D-Cebalo,M/YUG-ch/1986;

C1c) 17.Bf1?! Qf8 18.Qc2 Nc7 19.Ra2 Qe7 20.Bd2 Re8 21.Kh1 Bd4 22.Nd1 Nf6 23.Ra4 Nb5 24.Bg5 h6! 25.Bh4 g5 26.Bg3 Nxe4⇄ Gaprindashvili,N-Cramling,P/Tbilisi w 1984;

C1d) 17.h3 Nc7 *(17...h5!?)* 18.Bg4 Re8 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.e5! dxe5 22.d6 Qd8?! *(⌓22...Rbd8 23.Rad1 Qf8 24.d7 Re7 25.Qd6 Ne6 26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Qc7±)* 23.Rad1 Nb5 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.d7± Firt,S-Priehoda,V/CSR-ch Brno 1990;

C2) 16...c4?! 17.Ra4 Nc5 18.Rxc4 Nfd7 *(18...Nb3?! 19.Rxc8+ Rxc8 20.Qe3 Nxa5 21.Qb6 Nxe4 22.Bd3 Nc4 23.Qb3 Bxc3 24.Rxe4 Na5 25.Rxe7 Nxb3 26.bxc3* 1-0 Sahovic-Kovacevic/Pinerolo 1987*)* 19.Qc2 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rb5 a4 23.Be3 Nbd7 24.Rxb8 *(24.Nxa4! Nxe4 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Qc7±)* 24...Rxb8 25.Bf1 Rb4 26.f3 Be5 27.Bf2 Qf6 28.Rd1 h5 29.Kh1 h4⩱ Szymczak,Z -Palkovi,J /Naleczow 1988;

C3) 16...h5 17.Bg5 *(17.Bf1 Ne8 18.Bg5 Qf8 19.Ra4 Nc7 20.Rea1 Kh7 21.Kh1 b5 22.axb6 Rxb6 23.Bxa6 Rcb8 24.R1a2 Qh8 25.Bf1±* Taboada,P-Anderton,M/IECG 1996*)* 17...Qf8 18.h3 Ne8 19.f4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Nef6 21.Ra4 Re8 22.Bf3 Nh7 23.Bh4 Qg7 24.Qd3 Qh6 25.Bg3 Pavlovic,R-Kovacevic,Sl/JUG-ch 1991 g5!?⇄]

[15...h5

A) 16.h3 Ne8 17.g4 Ne5 18.Be2 hxg4 19.hxg4 b5 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.Kg2 Nc7 22.Bh6 *(22.Na4 Rb4 23.Nxc5!? dxc5 24.d6 Qd7 25.dxc7 Qxc7 26.Bxa6 Rfb8⩱)* 22...f5 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Rg1 Rf6 25.Kf1 Rg6 26.Rxg6 Nxg6 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.exf5 Qh4! 29.Bf3 Bus,M-Twardon,M/POL-chT Jachranka 1987 Qf4 30.Qxf4 Nxf4 31.Ra4 Nd3∓;

B) 16.Be2!

B1) 16...Rfe8?! 17.h3 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Bxa6 Reb8 20.Ra2 Rb4 21.Bg5?! *(21.Bf1±)* 21...Qe8 22.Bd3 c4 23.Bf1 Nc5 24.Bf4 *(24.Qc2 Nfd7 25.Be3 Qc8 26.f4 Nd3!?⩱* Chatalbashev,B-Izoria,Z/Antalya TUR 2004 *)* 24...Qd7 25.e5!±;

B2) 16...b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Bf1 Rfb8 19.Ra2 Rb4 20.f3 Ne8 21.Kh1 Nc7 22.Bg5 Qf8 23.Rc1?! *(⌓23.f4±)* 23...Ne5 24.Re1 f5 25.exf5 Qxf5 26.Be7 Rd4 27.Qc1 Nxd5 28.Bxd6 *(28.Nxd5?! Rxd5 29.Rxa6 Nd3 30.Qc4 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Rb4∓)* 28...Nxc3 29.Rxa6 Nxf3! 30.gxf3 Rd8 31.Qxc3 *(Δ31.Bxc5?! Rd2 32.bxc3 Qxf3+ 33.Kg1 Qg4+ 34.Kh1 R8d5-+)* 31...R4xd6∓ Mochalov,E-Magerramov,E/URS-chT1 corr 1988]

[15...Ne8

A) 16.Bg5 Bf6 *(16...Qe5 17.Bg4!? Nef6 18.Bh3±)* 17.h4 Nc7 *(17...Bxg5 18.hxg5 Ne5 19.Bd1 f6 20.f4 Nf7 21.gxf6 Qxf6 22.g3 g5!?∞)* 18.Bg4?!

Ne5 19.Be2 Bxg5 20.hxg5 f6 21.f4 Nf7 22.gxf6 Qxf6 23.Bc4 Kh8 24.Rad1 g5!? 25.e5!? Qxf4 26.e6 Nestorovic,D-Kovacevic,S/San Benedetto 1989 Qxc4! 27.exf7 Rxf7 28.Ne4 Qd4+ 29.Qxd4+ cxd4∓;

B) 16.Be2 Nc7 17.Bg5 *(17.Bf1 b5 18.Bh6?! f6 19.Bxg7 Qxg7 20.f4 c4 21.Ne2 Nc5 22.Nd4 Rbe8∓* Oadeoiiia,A-Aiaeueyiia,I/Cork 1998 *)*

B1) 17...f6 18.Be3 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Ra2 Rfb8 21.Qc2 Ne5 22.Rea1 Nf7 23.Bc1 Ra8 *(23...Qe5!? Δ24.Bxa6 Nxa6 25.Rxa6 Rxa6 26.Rxa6 f5⩱)* 24.Bf1 Ne5 25.Ra4 Qf8 26.Bd2 Bh6 27.f4 Nd7 28.Nd1± Gaprindashvili,N-Armas,J/Berlin Neukoelln 1988;

B2) 17...Qe8

B2a) 18.Bf1 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Na4 Rb4 21.Qc2 Nb6 22.Nc3 Qe5 23.Be3 Nc4 24.Bxc4 Rxc4 25.Qd2 Qe7 *(25...Rb8!?)* 26.Bf4 Qd7 27.Qd3 Rb4 28.Qg3 Rd8 29.Re2 Nb5!?⇄ Nebolsina,V-Hou Yifan/Jinan CHN 2005;

B2b) 18.e5!? dxe5 *(18...Bxe5?! 19.Bh6 Bg7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Bxa6 Qd8 22.Bc4±; 18...Nxe5?! 19.f4 Nd7 20.Bf3 Qc8 21.Be7 Re8 22.Bxd6±)* 19.d6 Ne6 20.Be7 Nd4 21.Rad1 Kh8 22.Nd5 Qc8 23.Bc4 Re8 24.Rc1 Nf5 25.b4↑;

B3) 17...Bf6 18.Bxf6

B3a) 18...Nxf6?! 19.Bc4 b5 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.f4 Nd7 *(21...Rfb8 22.b3 Nfe8±)* 22.e5 dxe5 23.Rad1 Nb5 *(23...Ne8? 24.fxe5 Nxe5 25.Qf4 Rb4 26.d6! Nxd6 27.Nd5 Qa7 28.Qxe5* 1-0 Christiansen,L-Kudrin,S/USA (ch) 1984*; 23...Rd6 24.Ne4 exf4 25.Qxf4 Ne8 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Qxd6 Nxd6 28.Bxa6+-)* 24.fxe5 Nd4 25.d6+-;

B3b) 18...Qxf6 19.f4 Qg7 *(19...Qh4 20.Bf3 Rfe8 21.g3 Qf6 22.Bg4±)* 20.Bd1 b5 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.e5 Rfd8 23.Bf3 f6 24.Qf2 *(24.e6 f5∞)* 24...fxe5 25.fxe5 Nc4 26.exd6 Nxd6 27.Qxc5 Rxb2 28.Rac1± Sakic,R-Ingersol,H/IECC 2004;

B4) 17...Qe5! 18.Bg4!? *(18.Ra4 Bf6 19.Bh6 Bg7 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Be3 b5 22.axb6 Rxb6 23.f4 Qe7 24.Bg4 Bg7 25.e5 Re8 26.Ne4±* Kozul,Z-Horvath,C/Groningen ch-EU jr 1984*)* 18...Nf6 19.f4 Qd4+ 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Na4±]

(Diagram)

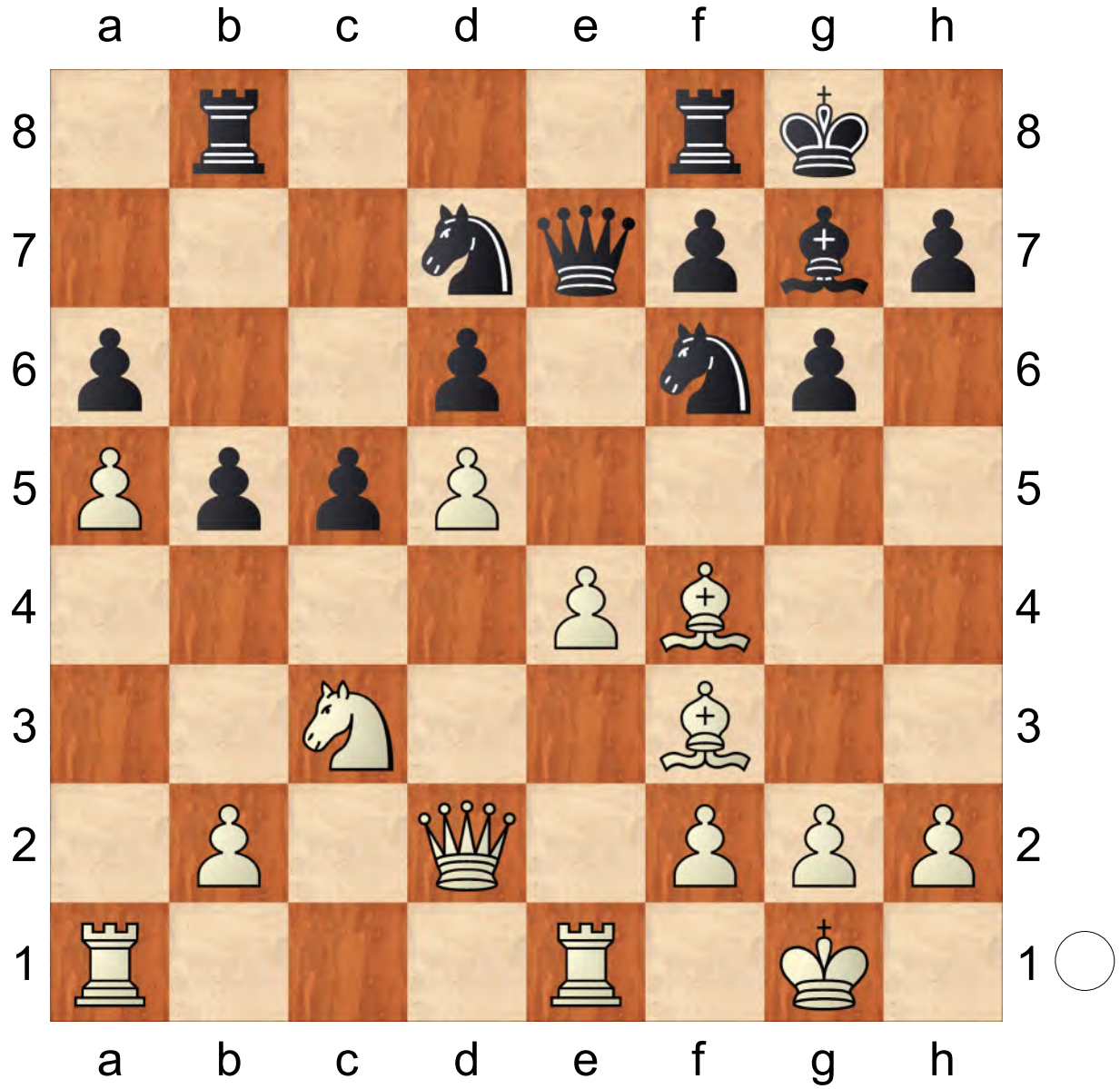
16.axb6 Rxb6 17.Na4!?N

[17.Ra2 Rfb8

A) 18.Bd1

A1) 18...Ne5 19.Be2 Rb4 20.f3 Nh5 21.Bg5 Qd7 22.Qc2 *(Δ22.Bxa6 c4!?⩱)* 22...Nc4 23.Bxc4 Bd4+ 24.Be3 Rxc4 25.Rxa6± Cardelli,G-Sender,C/ICCF Email 2000;

A2) 18...Ne8 19.Ba4 Ne5 20.Bxe8?! Qxe8 21.Qe2 Qc8 22.h3 c4!?



23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Rc1 Rb4 25.Rc2 Qb7∓ Roeder,M-Galje,H/Graz op 1997;

B) 18.h3 Ne8 19.Bd1 Ne5 20.Be2 Nc7 21.Bg5 Qe8 22.Kh1 Nd7 *(22...Rb4!?)* 23.Bg4 h5 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Bf4 Re8 26.f3 Rb4⇄ Green,P-Xu Jun/Shenyang 1999]

[17.Ra5 Ne5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Na4 Rb4 20.Rxa6 Nxe4! 21.Rxe4 *(21.Qc2 f5∓)* 21...Rxe4 22.Bxe4 Qxe4∓ Aieueaeooaei-Oadeoiiia A/Corr. OOID-1 1987]

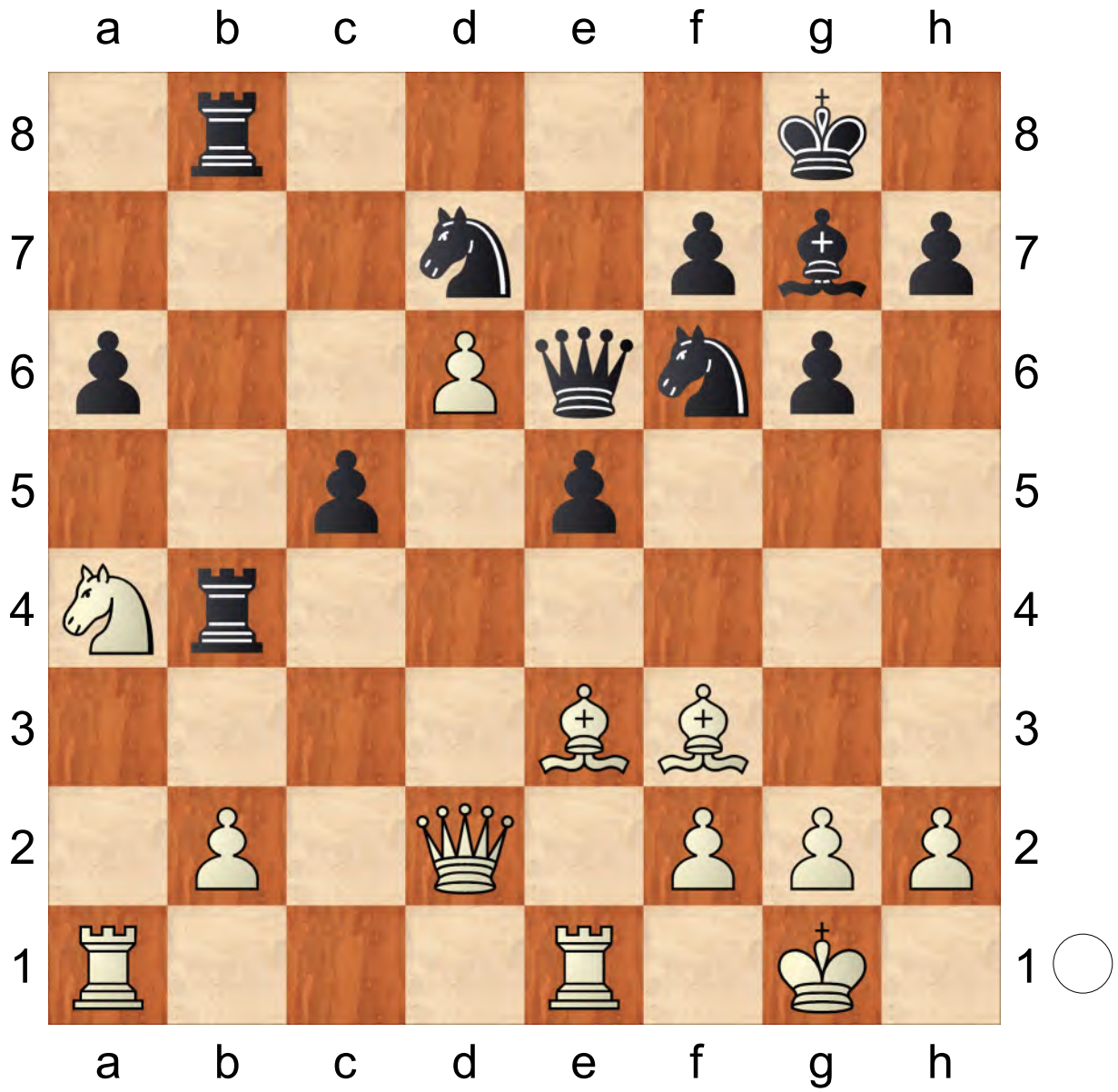
[17.Be2?! Rfb8 18.Ra2?! *(18.Rxa6 Rxb2 19.Qe3 Ne8⇄)* 18...Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxe4 20.b3 *(20.Bxa6 Qf5∓)* 20...Re8 21.Rd1 Rxb3 22.Bxd6 Williams,S-Lie,K / Gausdal NOR 2005 Bd4∓]

17...Rb4 18.e5!? dxe5 19.d6 Qe6 20.Be3

[20.Nxc5!? Nxc5 21.Qxb4 Nd3 22.Qa5 Nxf4 23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Rxe5 Rd8 25.Rxa6 Ne8 26.Rea5!? *(26.Re1 Nxd6 27.Rd1 Be5 28.b4 Ne6 29.b5 Nc7*

30.Rb6 Kf8∓) 26...Kf8!? *(26...Rxd6 27.b4 Ne6 28.Rxd6 Nxd6 29.Ra8+ Bf8 30.Rb8⩱)* 27.b4 Nxd6 28.b5 Re8 29.Ra8 Bd4 30.Rxe8+ Nxe8 31.g3 Ne6 32.Ra8 Ke7∓]

20...Rfb8



21.Nxc5

[21.Bc6!? Bf8 *(21...e4 22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.Bxc5 Rxb2 24.Qa5 Qf5 25.Red1 Nd7 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.Qc7 R2b7 28.Qxd7 Rxd7 29.Rxa6=)* 22.Red1 Rd4!? *(22...Rb3 23.Qa5 Rc8 24.Bxd7 Nxd7 25.Qxa6⇄)* 23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.Rac1 Qxd6 25.Rc4 Rb4 26.Qxb4 Qxb4 27.Rxb4 Bxb4 28.f4 Bd6 29.fxe5 Bxe5 30.b4⩱]

21...Nxc5 22.Bxc5 Rxb2 23.Qd1

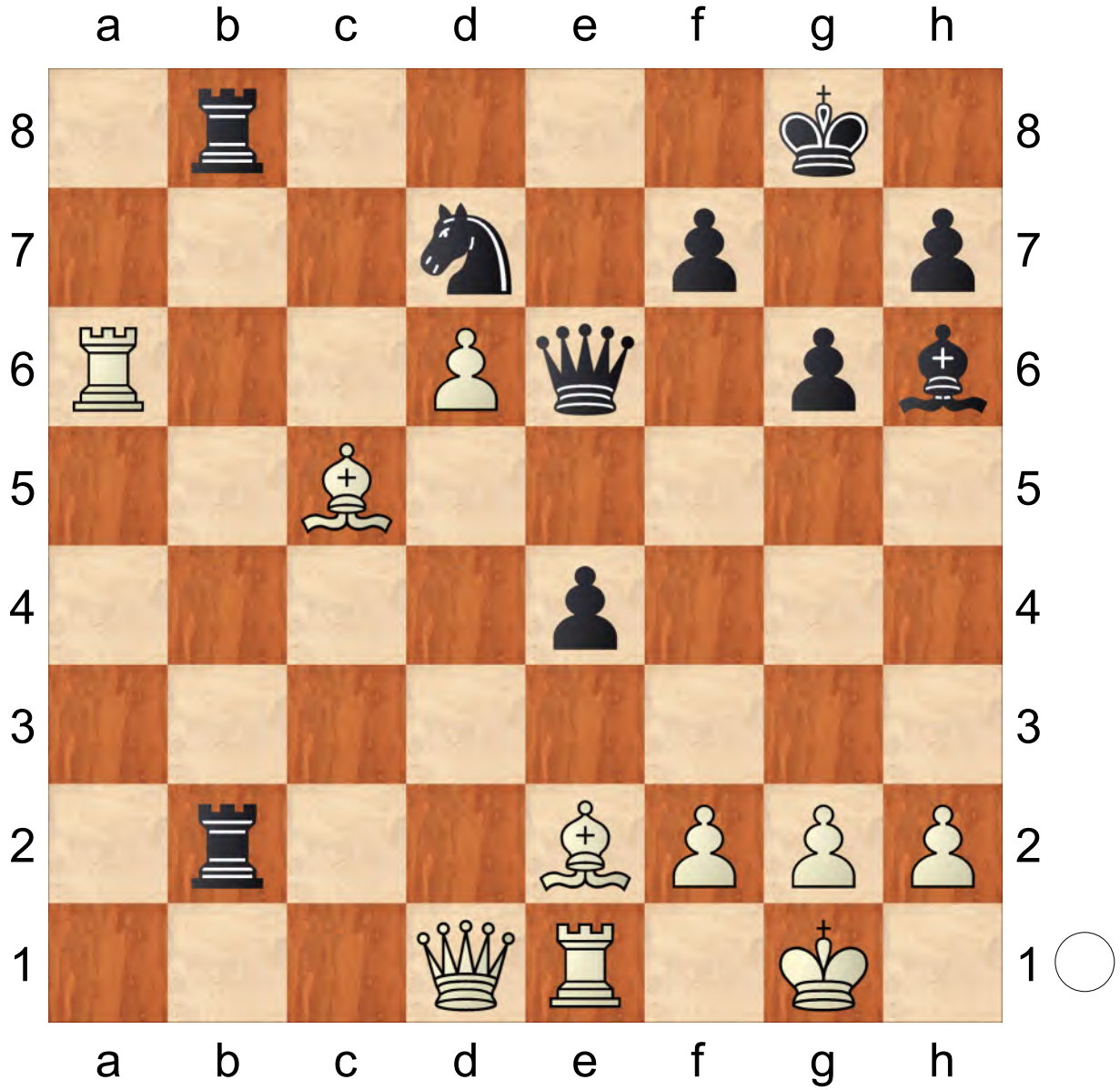
[23.Qc1!? e4 24.Be2 Nd5 25.Bxa6

A) 25...e3 26.Bc4 *(26.Bxe3 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 Qxd6∓ /=)* 26...exf2+ 27.Bxf2

Qxd6 28.Bg3 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Rc8 30.Bxd5⇄;
B) 25...Nc3!? 26.Bf1 Qd5 27.Qe3 R2b3 28.Ra5 Be5∓]

23...e4!∓ 24.Be2 Bh6
[24...Nd7 25.Ba7 R8b7 26.Rxa6 Bc3 27.Rf1 Be5 28.Be3 R7b4 29.Re1 Nb8 30.Ra8 Qxd6 31.Qxd6 Bxd6∓]

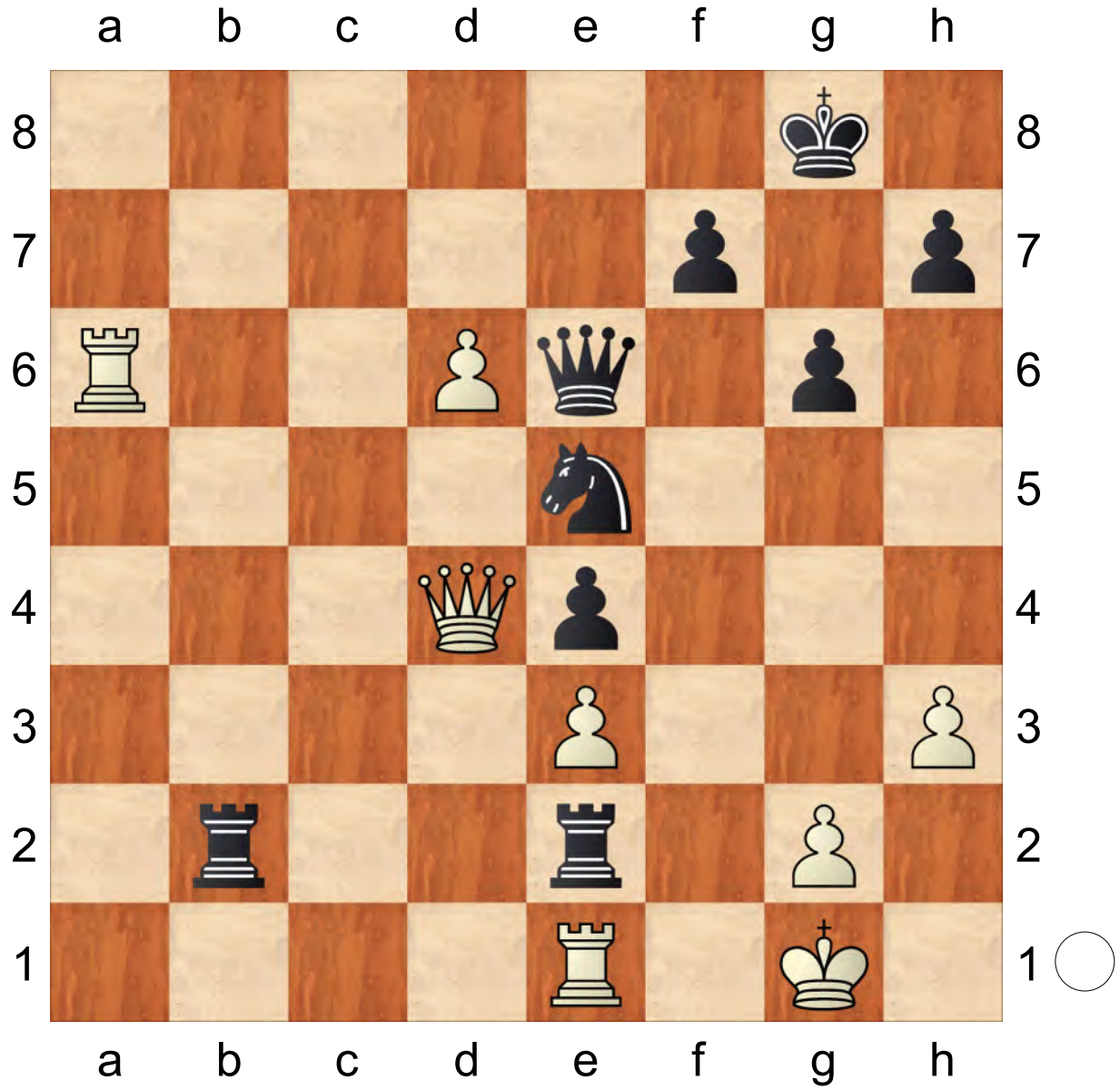
25.Rxa6 Nd7
[25...Qc8 26.Bd4 Rd2 27.Bxf6!? Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Qd7 29.h3 e3 30.fxe3 Bxe3+ 31.Kh1 h5 32.Bf3 Bb6=]



26.Ba7?!
[26.Bd4 Rd2 27.Qa1 Bf4 28.Qc3 Qd5 29.Bh8!?⇄]

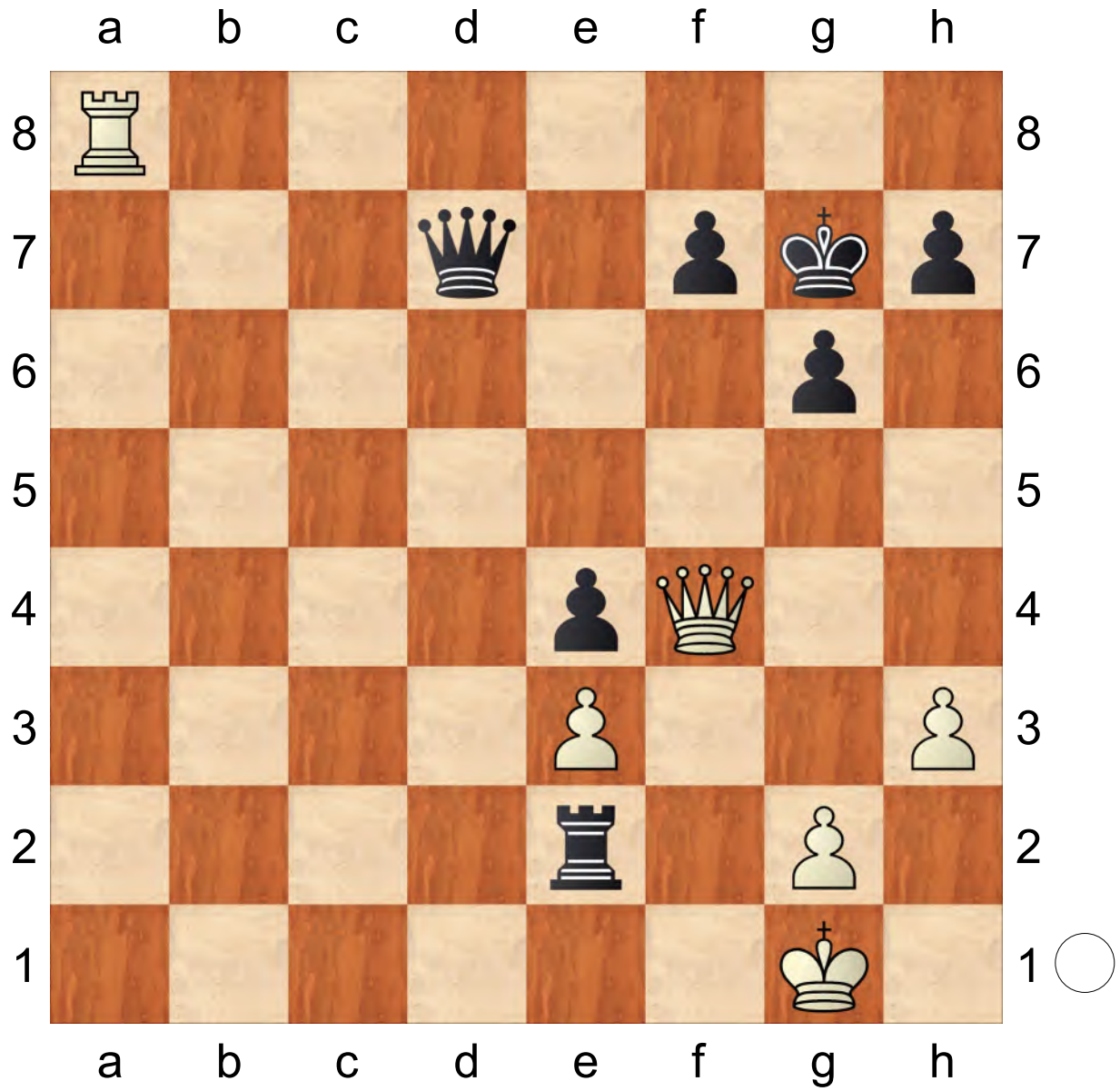
26...Rc8 27.Be3 Bxe3 28.fxe3 Ne5?!
[28...Rcc2! 29.h3 Rd2 30.Qa1 Qf6 31.Ra7 Qxd6 32.Ra8+ Nf8-+]

29.h3
[29.Ra4 Rcc2 30.Rxe4 Rd2 31.Qa1 Qxd6 32.Rd4 Qc5! 33.Rxd2 Qxe3+ 34.Kh1 Qxd2 35.Bf1 Nd3∓]
29...Rcc2 30.Qd4 Rxe2=
[30...Rd2 31.Qxe4 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Qxd6 33.Rd1 Qf6 34.Rf1 Qe6∓ /=]



31.Rxe2 Rxe2 32.d7 Qxd7 33.Ra8+ Kg7 34.Qxe5+ Kh6
[34...f6 35.Qb8! *(35.Qxe4 Qd1+ 36.Kh2 Qd6+ 37.Qf4 Qe7 38.Qd4 Qc7+ 39.Kg1 Rxg2+!∓)* 35...Rxg2+! 36.Kxg2 Qd2+=]
35.Qf4+ Kg7

(Diagram)



36.Qe5+ Kh6 37.Qf4+ Kg7 38.Qe5+

(Diagram)

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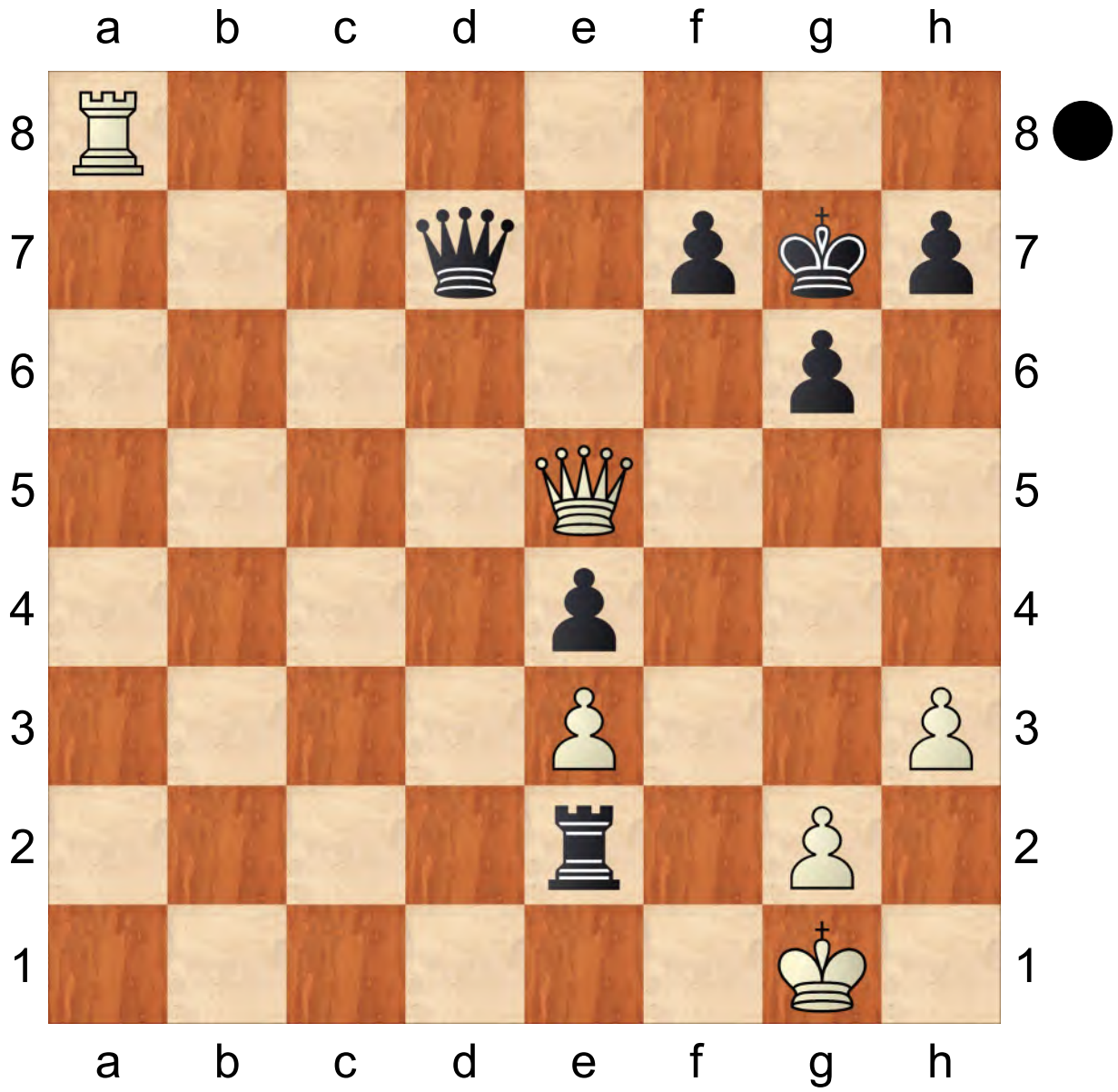
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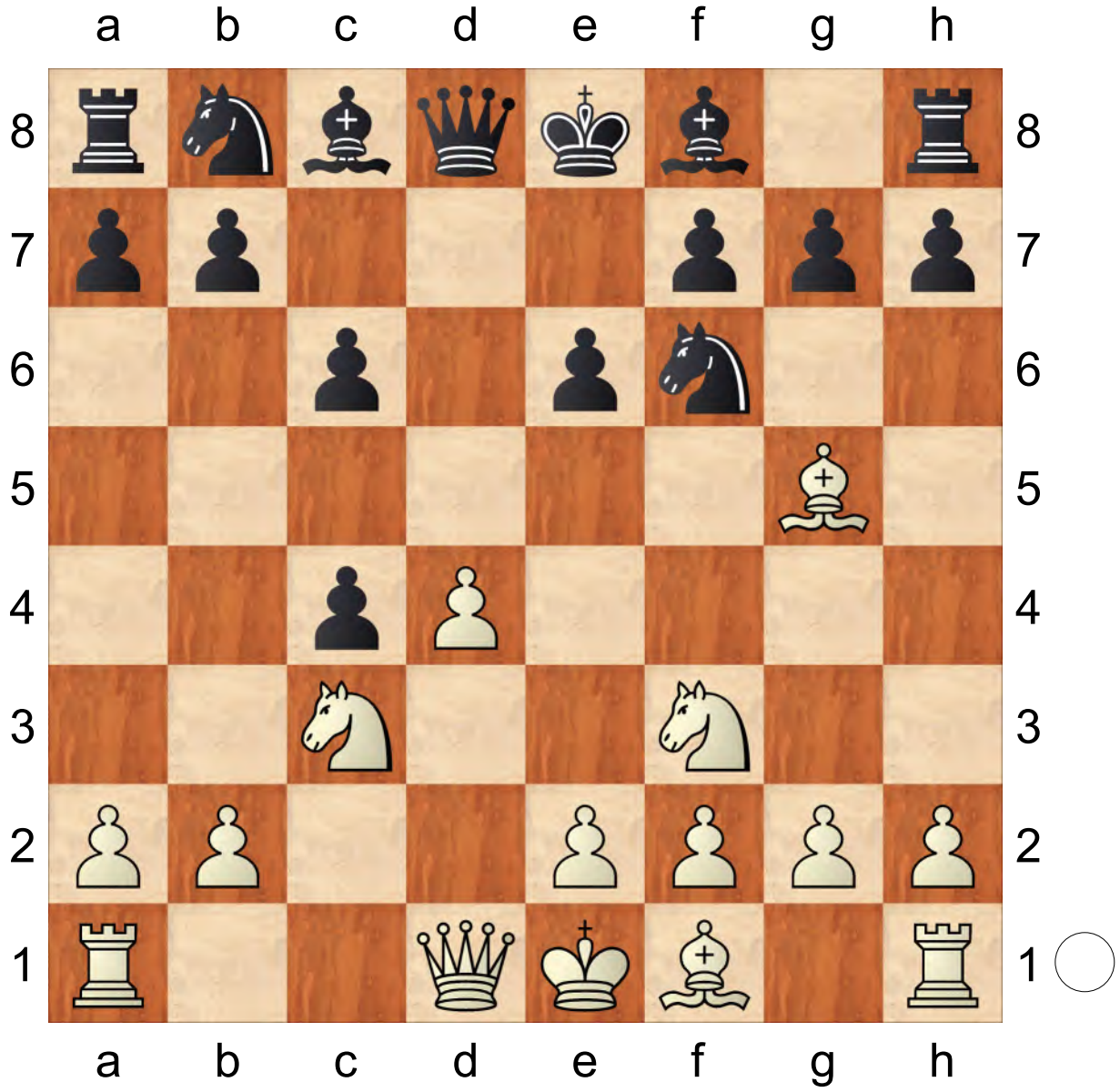
□ **Tal,Mihail**
■ **Keller,Dieter**
Zuerich (7) 27.05.1959
[Huebner,Robert]

Cyrus Lakdawala: 'In a lifetime of crazy, if I had to pick Tal's craziest game, this one would be my choice.' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4**



6.e4 b5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Thank God that covering this opening is outside the jurisdiction of this book. Keller's game plan: "Okay then, I'm playing Mikhail Tal in his invincible prime, in the year 1959, Anno Domini. My best shot may be to play the Botvinnik Semi-Slav, one of the most complicated openings in chess. He is certain to

get confused!" Did Keller commit the Van Helsing/Harker error? --- Oh, you don't know what that is? Then let me explain. I remember watching Dracula: Prince of Darkness at age 8. Professor Van Helsing and Jonathan Harker were about to ram a wooden stake through Christopher Lee's dark heart and, just then, the sun went down, allowing the enraged, undead count to burst out of his coffin and start kicking butt with his super vampire strength. The obvious question arises: why did the professor and Mr. Harker attack so close to sunset, when they could have waited until the next morning, at 9:00 a.m., after a leisurely pancake breakfast at IHOP?'

7.a4 Qb6

[7...Bb4 8.e5 h6 9.exf6 hxg5 10.fxg7]

[7...b4?! 8.Nb1 Be7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.Bxc4 a5 12.Nbd2 Tukmakov-Pinter/Szirak/1985/i40/522 Δ ♘e4 ×c5, ×d6]

[7...Bb7 8.axb5 cxb5 9.e5 *(9.Nxb5 Bxe4 10.Bxc4 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 Nbd7=* Ribli-Inkiov/Dubai ol/1986/i42/542*)* 9...h6 10.Bd2 *(10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nxb5 Bb4+ 12.Nc3 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Nc6* Osnos-Ivanov,S/UdSSR/1985/i41/485*)* 10...Ne4 11.Nxb5 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nc6 Schtscherbakov-Novikov/ Blagoveschtschensk/1988/i46/(559)]

8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Be2 a6

[9...Nd7?!

A) 10.d5 b4 *(10...Bb4 11.dxc6 Qxc6 12.Nd4 Qxe4 13.0-0)* 11.a5 Qc7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Na4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.0-0± 28 Vachidov-Galachov/ UdSSR/1984 ECO D (2. Auflage) 44/6, Fußnote;

B) 10.0-0

B1) 10...Bb7 11.d5 *(11.axb5 cxb5 12.b3* Dolmatov *b4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Bxc4 Bxe4 15.d5↑)* 11...cxd5 12.exd5 b4 13.a5 Qa6 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Na4 Rg8 16.Qc2 0-0-0 Eingorn-Dolmatov/UdSSR/1985/i40/(522);

B2) 10...Bb4 11.d5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nc5

B2a) ⌓13.dxc6± Clarke/Bouwmeester/Withuis

B2a1) 13...Nxa4 14.Rxa4 bxa4 15.Qd6 Clarke Qd8 *(15...Ba6? 16.Qd7+ Kf8 17.Ne5 fxe5 18.Bh5 Kg7 19.Qxf7+ Kh6 20.Qf6+ Kxh5 21.h3 Rhg8 22.g4+ Rxg4+ 23.hxg4+ Kxg4 24.Kh1+-* Körholz *)* 16.Qg3 Kf8 17.Rd1 Qe7∞;

B2a2) 13...Nxe4 14.Qc1 ! Clarke *(14.Qc2* ♕c1. *f5 15.axb5 Qxb5 16.Nd4±)* 14...e5∞;

B2b) 13.Qd4 e5 Slepuchov-Bronstein/Moskau/1946/ 14.♘e5 ♘b3∓]

[9...Bb7 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is Black's main move today.' 10.0-0

A) 10...Bg7 Clarke 11.axb5 cxb5 12.b3 b4 *(12...cxb3 13.Bxb5+* Δ 14.♕b3 ± *)* 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Bxc4 Bxe4 15.d5↑;

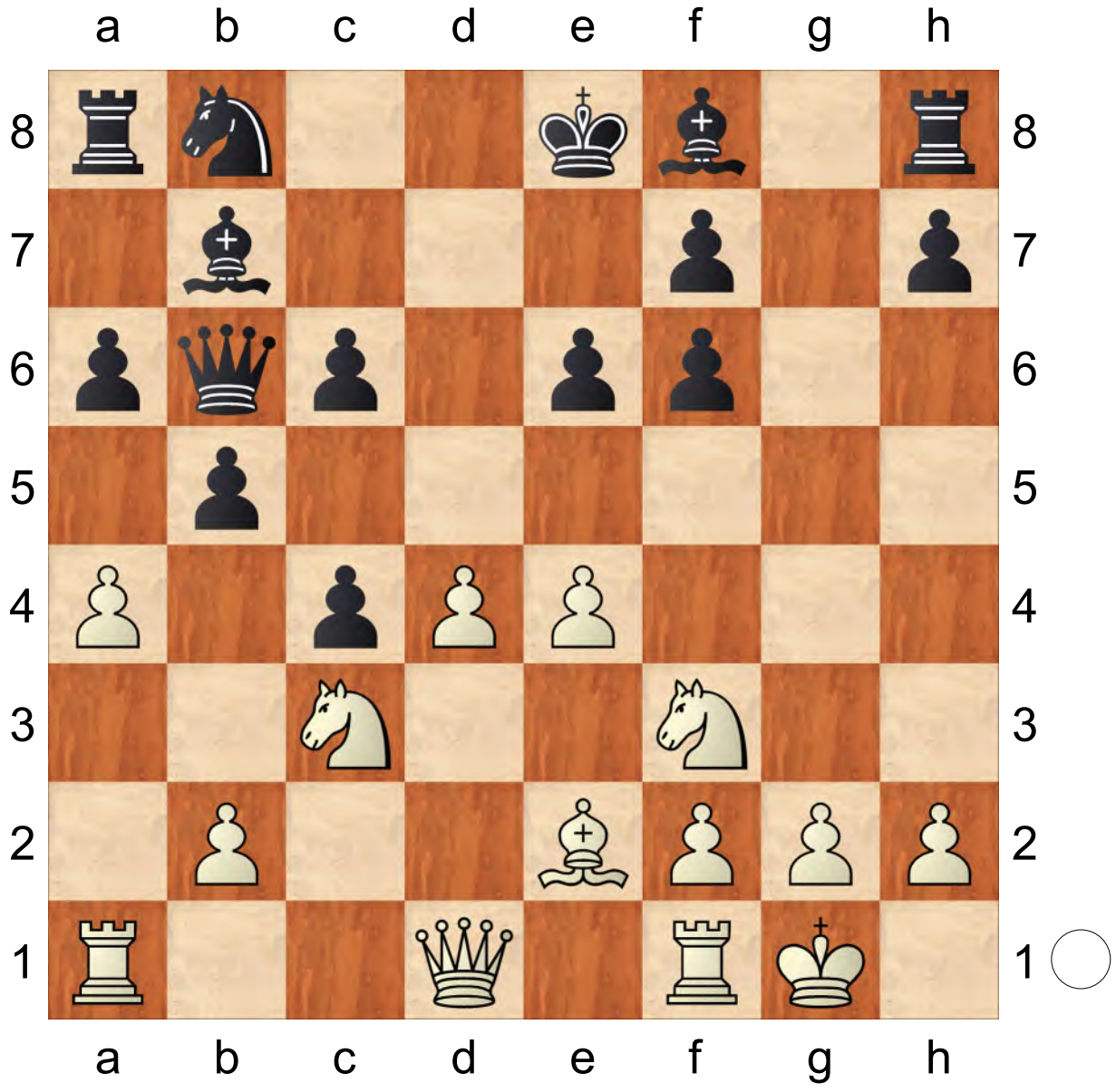
B) 10...Bb4± Δ 10... ♘d7,0-0, 0-0-0;

C) 10...a6 Siehe Partie]

10.0-0 Bb7

[10...Nd7 11.d5 Rb8 12.dxc6 *(12.Nd4 Ne5 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Bh5+ Ng6* Δ 15... ♗c5*)* 12...Qxc6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nd4 Qc5 29 Garcia-Santos/1976/ECO

D (2.Auflage)/ 44/6/Fußnote 15.b4 *(15.Ra5 Be7 16.Rxb5 Rxb5 17.Ndxb5 0-0)* 15...Qxb4 *(15...cxb3 16.Ndxb5 Be7±)* 16.Ncxb5 Rxb5 17.Ra4 Qb2 18.Nxb5 Qxb5 19.Rxc4 Qb8 20.Qc2 Ba6 21.Rb1±]
[10...Ra7 Δ 11.d5 ♖d7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.d5 cxd5 13.exd5 Nc5 14.Qe3= Kelecevic-Sifrer/Jugoslawien/1985/ECO]



11.d5! Unzicker Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Principle: Create confrontation and open the game when leading in development.'
[11.b3 cxb3 *(11...b4 12.a5 Qc7 13.Na4 c3 14.Nb6 Ra7∓)* 12.Qxb3 Nd7 13.d5 cxd5 14.exd5
A) 14...bxa4 15.Qxa4 *(15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.Rab1 Nxd5)* 15...Qb4 Sveshnikov/ ECO 16.dxe6 fxe6 *(16...Qxa4 17.exf7+ Kxf7± 18.Nxa4±)* 17.Qa2±;
B) 14...Nc5 15.Qb4 Nd7 16.Qh4 b4 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Ne4± 30

Lerner-Kajdeanov/Moskau II/1985/ECO D (2.Auflage)/44/6/Fußnote]

11...cxd5

[11...Nd7 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is now considered to be in Black's favour.'

A) 12.dxc6 Bxc6

A1) 13.Nd4 Rb8 *(13...Rd8)*;

A2) 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8+ Bxa8 15.Nd4 *(15.b3 Bb4)* 15...Bc6∓ 16.Bh5 Nc5;

B) 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Nd4 c5 14.Bh5+ Ke7 15.Nde2 Rg8∓]

[11...b4? 12.dxe6

A) 12...fxe6 13.a5 Qd8 *(13...Qc7 14.Na4±)* 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Na4 Nd7 16.Bxc4± 31 Lputjan-Odejev/UdSSR/1985/ECO D (2.Auflage)/44/6/Fußnote;

B) 12...bxc3 13.exf7+ Kxf7 *(13...Ke7 14.bxc3→)* 14.Bxc4+ Ke8 15.bxc3 Nd7 *(15...Qc5 16.Qb3)* 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Nd4+-]

[11...Bc5 12.dxe6 fxe6

A) 13.Nh4 Nd7 14.Bg4

A1) 14...Nf8 15.Bh5+ Ke7 16.Qg4±;

A2) 14...0-0-0 15.Bxe6 Kb8 *(15...Kc7 Δ ♘e5-d3)* 16.Bxd7 Bc8 *(16...Qc7? 17.Qh5)* 17.Nd5 cxd5 18.Bxc8 dxe4 19.Qg4 *(19.Bd7 Kc7* Farago,I-Flear/Hastings/1984-85/i39/(522)*)* 19...Rxc8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qxe4 Qc6=;

A3) 14...Ke7?! 15.Bxe6 Kxe6 16.Qg4+ Ke7 17.Qg7+ Ke6 18.Ne2 Qc7 19.Rad1;

B) 13.b3?! Qd8 *(13...Bb4* Δ 14... ♘d7*)* 14.Qc1 *(14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.bxc4 b4 16.Nb1 Nd7 17.Nbd2 Be7* Δ c5 = *)* 14...Nd7 15.axb5 cxb5 16.bxc4 b4 17.Na4 Qe7 Ragozin-Szily/Moskau-Budapest/1949 Sveshnikov. 18.♖d1 ♖c8]

12.exd5 b4? Cyrus Lakdawala: 'In my minority opinion, the opening is the least creative stage of a chess game. Even "our" novelties are, 99 times out of 100, not really ours, since we merely copied Overlord Engine's suggestions with cult-like obedience. Not so in 1959, when novelties – strong or weak – were products of the human mind.'

[12...Bc5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bxc4!]

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Rather than continue normally with' 12...Nd7 Cyrus Lakdawala: ', Keller chases material and neglects his development, which is exceedingly reckless, especially considering his opponent is Tal!' 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8+ Bxa8

A) 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Nd4 Bc5 17.Ndxb5 Ne5 18.Qa4 Ke7↑ Trifunovic-van den Berg/Amsterdam/1950;

B) 15.Nd4± Unzicker Bc5 16.Ndxb5 Ne5

B1) 17.Qa4 0-0 18.Bxc4 *(18.dxe6? Qc6)* 18...Nxc4 19.Qxc4 exd5;

B2) 17.Na3 exd5;

B3) 17.Kh1 exd5 18.b4 Bxf2;

B4) 17.b4 Be7 *(17...Bxb4 18.Qa4 Ba5 19.Ra1)* 18.Kh1 *(18.d6 Bd8∓)*

18...0-0 19.f4 Nd3 20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.Rf3 Kh8 22.Qxd3 Bxb4 23.Na4 Qa5 24.Rh3 f5= 25.Rxh7+ 32 Dauerschach/Gorelov-Kischnjev/Barnaul/1984/ECO D (2.Auflage)/44/6/Fußnote *(25.Qd4+ f6∓)*;

C) 15.b3 ! Bouwmeester/Withuis 15...Bb4 16.Qa1 *(16.Na2 Bc5 17.bxc4 b4)* 16...0-0=]

13.a5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!'

[13.dxe6

A) 13...fxe6 14.Bxc4 *(14.Nb1?! Nd7 15.Bxc4 0-0-0=)* 14...bxc3 15.Nd4∓ ⇄ Clarke Rg8 16.g3□ *(16.Qh5+ Rg6 17.Nxe6 Bxg2-+)* 16...Nc6! 17.Nxe6 Ne5-+;

B) 13...bxc3 14.exf7+ Kxf7 15.Bxc4+ Kg7 16.Nh4 +- Clarke Bc8! *(16...h5 17.Qd3+-)* 17.Qd5 *(17.Qf3 Bd6 18.Qxa8 Bb7 19.Nf5+ Kg6 20.Qxb7 Qxb7 21.Nxd6 Qb4 22.Bd3+ f5; 17.bxc3→)* 17...Ra7]

[13.Ne4?! exd5 is slightly better for Black.]

13...Qc7! Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (critical decision): White is a pawn down. How should he proceed? --- ANSWER: The only thematic continuation is to offer a piece to open central lines and expose Black's king.'

[13...Qd8 14.dxe6 Qxd1 *(14...fxe6 15.Nd4 bxc3 16.Bh5+ Ke7 17.Re1 Bd5 18.Nxe6± Unzicker)* 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.Bxc4+± Unzicker Kg7 17.Nxd1 Bxf3± Clarke 18.gxf3 Nd7 19.Ne3 Ne5 20.Be2 Bc5 21.Rfc1 Rhc8 22.f4 Ng6 23.Rc4+-]

14.dxe6 ! Tal Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Engagement cannot be delayed. In irrational positions Tal never attempted to control chaos. Instead, the great chaoticist tended to ride the complications, the way a hawk glides upon the wind, in search of prey.'

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'b)' 14.Na4! Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is not as strong as the move Tal played in the game. After'

A) 14...Nd7 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Rc1 *(16.Nd4 Rg8 17.Bh5+ Ke7 18.g3 Qxa5 19.Nxe6! Kxe6 20.Bf7+ Kxf7 21.Qxd7+ Be7 22.Rfe1 Rge8 23.Qxb7 Rad8* White only has a small edge. *)* 16...Bd5 *(16...c3 17.bxc3 Bh6 18.Rb1±)*

A1) 17.Nd2 Rg8 18.g3 Bh6 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 *(20.Qh5+ Rg6 21.Rxc4 Qe5)* 20...Qxa5;

A2) 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.b3 Clarke,±→ Unzicker Qxa5 19.Rxc4±

A2a) 19...Qh5 20.Rc6 e5 *(20...Qf7 21.Nd4)* 21.Re6+ Be7 22.Qd6 Qf7 23.Rd1 Rd8 24.Nb6+-;

A2b) 19...Be7

A2b1) 20.Nd4 Qd5 21.Re1 e5 22.Nc6 *(22.Qh5+ Qf7)* 22...Qxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc8 Δ24... ♘b8;

A2b2) 20.Re1 Rd8 21.Nd4 Nf8 22.Nc5+- h5 23.Ncxe6+-;

B) 14...Bxd5 15.Nb6 Clarke Nd7 *(15...Ra7 16.Nxd5* Dies führt zur Variante 14... ed 15. ♘b6 ♖a7 16. ♘d5 ♗d5 17. ♕d5*)* 16.Nxa8 Bxa8 17.Rc1+- Bd5 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.b3;

C) 14...Qxa5 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Bxc4+-;

D) 14...exd5 15.Nb6 ±→ Unzicker
D1) 15...Ra7 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(16...Qc6 17.Re1)* 17.Qxd5 c3 18.bxc3 bxc3 19.Rfe1 *(19.Bc4 Bh6 20.Rfe1+ Kf8 21.Nd4 Bd2 22.Re4 Rg8±)* 19...Be7 *(19...Bh6 20.Nd4 Kf8 21.Bc4+-)*
D1a) 20.Bd3 Nc6;
D1b) 20.Bc4 0-0 21.Nd4 *(21.Bd3 Qc5)* 21...f5= Δ ♗f6;
D1c) 20.Nd4 Kf8 *(20...0-0 21.Bd3+-)* 21.Bc4 Bd6 22.Nf5 Bxh2+ 23.Kh1 Bf4 24.Rad1+- Nc6 25.Qxc6;
D2) 15...Nd7 16.Nxa8 Bxa8 17.Nd4+- ×f5;
D3) 15...Bc5 Timman
D3a) 16.Nxa8 Bxa8 17.Qd2 *(17.Nd4 Qf4)* 17...0-0 18.Qh6 Nd7 19.b3 Re8 20.Rfe1 Bf8=;
D3b) 16.Nxd5 Qd6 17.Bxc4 0-0 18.Qd3 *(18.Nh4 Kh8* Timman *)* 18...Kh8 19.Rad1 Rg8 20.Rfe1± Δ21.♕f5]
[Instead: a) 14.Ne4?! Nd7 is just fine for Black.]

14...bxc3 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'There is no turning back.'
[14...fxe6 15.Nd4 Unzicker (15.♘a4 vgl 14.♘a4 ♘d7) bxc3 Vgl. 15.♖g8]

15.Nd4! Unzicker
[15.bxc3?
A) 15...fxe6 16.Nd4 Bd5 17.Bh5+ Kd7 = Bouwmeester/Withuis;Clarke 18.Nxe6±
A1) 18...Qd6 19.Nf4 Bb7 *(19...Bg8 20.Qf3 Qc6 21.Rfd1+ Kc7 22.Qg3+-)* 20.Qg4+ Δ 21.♖fd1 +-;
A2) 18...Kxe6 19.Re1+ Kd6 20.Qd4 Nd7 21.Rad1 Qc5 22.Qf4+ Kc6 23.Rxd5+-;
B) 15...Bg7 Δ 16... 0-0 16.exf7+ Kxf7 Δ 17... ♖d8 -+]

15...Rg8!
[15...fxe6
A) 16.Nxe6? Hübner Qd7 17.Bh5+ Ke7
A1) 18.Qg4 +- Unzicker; Bouwmeester/Withuis Bd5∓ *(18...cxb2? 19.Rae1 b1Q 20.Rxb1 Bd5 21.Rfe1 Bxe6 22.Rb7! Qxb7 23.Qxe6+ Kd8 24.Qxf6+* Δ 25.♕h8 +- Clarke *)*
A1a) 19.Rad1 c2 20.Rd2 *(20.Rxd5 Qxd5 21.Re1 Qd2)* 20...Bh6 *(20...Qxe6 21.Re2∞)* 21.f4 Nc6 22.Re1 c1Q 23.Rxc1 Rhg8-+ 24.Qh4 Qa7+;
A1b) 19.Nf4 Qxg4 20.Nxd5+ Kd6 21.Bxg4 Kxd5 22.Bf3+ Kc5 23.Bxa8 cxb2-+;
A2) 18.Re1 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 f5 20.Nxf8+ *(20.Nc7+)* 20...Be4 *(20...Kxf8 21.Rd8+ Kg7 22.Re7+ Kf6 23.Rf7+ Kg5 24.Rxh8 c2 25.Rg8++-)* 21.f3 *(21.bxc3 Kxf8-+)* 21...cxb2 22.fxe4 Rxf8=;
B) 16.Bh5+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' 16...Ke7 17.Re1
B1) 17...Bd5 18.Nxe6 *(18.Bf3 Qc5∞; 18.Qg4 Qd7 19.Nxe6! Bxe6 20.Rad1! Qc6 21.Qf5 Nd7 22.Bf3* wins. *)* 18...Bxe6 19.Bg4 cxb2 20.Rb1

(20.Qd5 Qe5) 20...Qe5 *(20...Qc6 21.Rxe6+ Qxe6 22.Bxe6 Kxe6 23.Qf3; 20...Nd7 21.Qd5)* 21.Rxe5 fxe5 22.Bxe6 Kxe6 23.Qg4+ Kd6 *(23...Ke7 24.Qe4)* 24.Qf3+-;

B2) 17...e5 18.Nf5+ Ke6 19.Qg4 Bc8 20.bxc3+- **Δ** 21.♖ad1 nebst 22.♘h6 ♔e7 23.♘g8 ♖g8 24.♕g8]

[15...Nc6 16.exf7+

A) 16...Qxf7 17.Bh5 *(17.Nxc6)* 17...0-0-0 18.Bxf7 Nxd4 19.Qa4+- Hübner;

B) 16...Kxf7 17.Bxc4++- Unzicker]

[15...cxb2

A) 16.Qa4+

A1) 16...Kd8 17.Rad1 b1Q *(17...Kc8 18.Qe8+ Qd8 19.exf7* **Δ** 20.♗g4 *)* 18.Rxb1 Rg8 19.Rxb7! Qxb7 20.Bf3 Qa7 21.Rd1+- Clarke, Panov;

A2) 16...Nc6 17.exf7+ Qxf7 *(17...Kxf7 18.Qxc4+ Ke7 19.Rad1)* 18.Nxc6 *(18.Rad1* Tal/Weltgeschichte des Schachs. *0-0-0* Hübner *19.Bg4+ f5 20.Bxf5+ Kc7 21.Ne6+ Kb8 22.Nxd8 Qxf5 23.Nxc6+ Kc7 24.Nd4 Qd5 25.Nf3 Qc6∞ 26.Qc2 Qxf3)* 18...bxa1Q 19.Rxa1+- Qc7 *(19...Qd5 20.Bh5+ Kd7 21.Rd1 Qxd1+ 22.Qxd1+ Kxc6 23.Bf3+ Kc7=)* 20.Bh5+ Kd7 21.Bg4+ Ke8 22.Ne5+ Kd8 *(22...Ke7 23.Qb4+ Kd8 24.Rd1+)* 23.Rd1+ Bd6 24.Rxd6+ Qxd6 25.Nf7++-;

B) 16.exf7+

B1) 16...Kxf7 17.Bh5+ Kg8 *(17...Ke7 18.Re1++-)* 18.Qg4+ Bg7 19.Qe6+ Kf8 20.Qe8#;

B2) 16...Ke7 (both captures lose to 17 Bh5) 17.Re1! bxa1Q 18.Bxc4+ Kd8 19.Nc6+ Kc8 20.Re8+ Qd8 21.Rxd8+ Kc7 22.Qxa1 Nxc6 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.Qxf6 wins the h8-rook and the game.;

B3) 16...Qxf7 17.Bh5 bxa1Q 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Rxa1+-;

C) 16.Rb1 c3 17.exf7+ Kxf7 18.Bh5+ Kg8 19.Qb3+ Kg7 20.Nf5#]

[15...Bg7 16.Qa4+ Kf8 *(16...Nd7 17.exf7+ Kxf7 18.Bxc4+ Kg6 19.Qc2++-)* 17.exf7 Qd7 18.Qb4+ Kxf7 *(18...Qe7 19.Ne6+ Kxf7 20.Bh5+ Kxe6 21.Rfe1++-)* 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.Bxc4+ Bd5 21.Nf3 Qc6 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Qb3+-]

[15...Bd5

A) 16.Qa4+ Nc6!;

B) 16.Bh5!? Bc5 *(16...cxb2 17.Bxf7+ Kd8 18.Rb1 Kc8 19.Rxb2+-)* 17.Bxf7+ Kf8 18.bxc3 **Δ** 19.♕h5 **±**;

C) 16.Bf3

C1) 16...fxe6 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Re1+ Kd7 *(18...Be7 19.Qh5++-)* 19.Qg4+ Kd6 20.Qf4+ Kd7 21.Qf5+ Kd6 22.Qxf6++-;

C2) 16...Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Ra7 18.Qxf6 Rg8 19.Rfe1+-;

C3) 16...Qb7 17.Qa4+ Kd8 *(17...Ke7 18.Nf5+ Kxe6 19.Bg4 Nc6 20.Rad1+-)* 18.Rfd1 Bxf3 *(18...Kc7 19.exf7 Bxf3 20.Ne6+ Kc8 21.Rd8#)* 19.Nxf3+ Kc7 *(19...Ke7 20.Nd4 fxe6 21.Qxc4 Qd5 22.Nf5+ Qxf5 23.Qc7+ Ke8 24.Rd8#)* 20.Qxc4+ Qc6 21.Qf4+ Bd6 22.Qxf6+-;

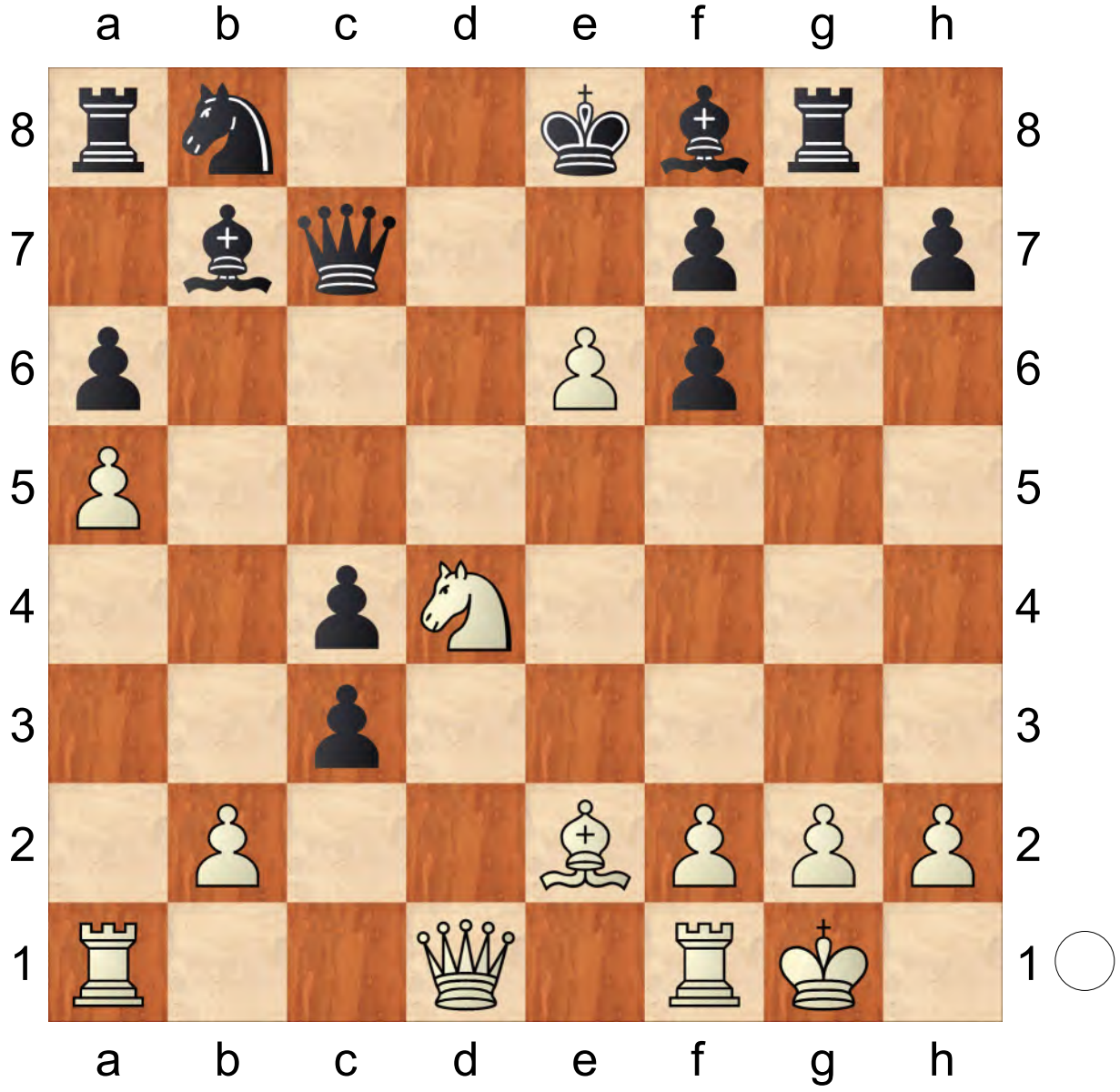
C4) 16...Qc5

C4a) 17.Nb3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 cxb3 *(18...Qc6 19.Qxf6?!)* 19.Qxf6 *(19.Qxa8 Bd6-+)* 19...fxe6 20.Rfe1 *(20.Qxh8 Nc6∓)* 20...Nc6 21.Rxe6+ Kd7 22.Rd1+ Kc7 23.Qxh8 *(23.Rxc6+ Qxc6 24.Qf7+ Be7)* 23...c2 *(23...Qxf2+)* 24.Qxh7+ Be7-+;

C4b) 17.Re1 Δ ♘f5 17...Nc6 18.exf7+ Kxf7 19.Bh5+ Kg8 20.Qg4+ Bg7 21.Nf5 Qa7 22.Bf7+ Qxf7 23.Nh6+ Kf8 24.Nxf7

C4b1) 24...cxb2 25.Nxh8 bxa1Q 26.Rxa1 Bxh8 *(26...Kg8 27.Rd1)* 27.Qh5 Rd8 *(27...Bg8 28.Qc5+ Ne7 29.Re1 Re8 30.Qd6* Δ 31. ♕a6 ±*)* 28.Qxh7 Bg7 29.h4 c3∞ 30.h5 Bg8 31.Qe4 Nd4 32.Re1 Be6 33.Qf4 f5 34.Qg5 Rc8;

C4b2) 24...Bxf7 25.bxc3±]



Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Menacing g2.' **16.Qa4+!** Unzicker
[16.exf7+ Kxf7 17.Bh5+ Rg6∓]
[16.g3 fxe6 17.Bh5+ Rg6 18.Nxe6 Qc6 19.Qd8+ *(19.Bxg6+ hxg6 20.Qd8+ Kf7 21.Qxf8+ Kxe6 22.Rae1+ Kf5 23.g4+ Kxg4 24.f3+ Kg5∓)* 19...Kf7 20.Qxf8+ Kxe6 21.Rae1+ Kf5 22.g4+ Kg5 Δ ♔h4]
16...Kd8
[16...Nd7 17.exf7+ Kxf7 18.Bxc4+ Kg7 19.Ne6+ Kh8 20.Nxc7 Rxg2+ 21.Kh1 Rxf2+ 22.Bd5+-]
[16...Ke7 17.Nf5+ Kxe6 18.g4 Nc6 *(18...Qc6 19.Nd4+)* 19.Qxc4+ Kd7 20.Qxf7++-]
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Blocking with knight or bishop allows e6xf7+ and wins. For example:' 16...Nc6 17.exf7+ Kxf7 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' *(* but *17...Qxf7 18.Nxc6* regains the piece with a winning position *)*
A) 18.Bxc4+ Kg7?? *(18...Kg6* drops the rook *)* 19.Ne6+ with a deadly fork.;
B) 18.Qxc4++- Unzicker]
17.g3
[17.Rfd1 Rxg2+ 18.Kf1 Rxf2+ 19.Ke1 *(19.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 20.Kf1 Qg2+ 21.Ke1 Qg3+ 22.Kf1 Bg2+ 23.Kg1 Bh3+ 24.Kh1 Qg2#)* 19...Rxe2+ 20.Nxe2+ Ke7-+]
17...Bd5 Δ 18... fe 17... cb Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (critical decision): The position screams for a white rook on d1, but which one? One choice leads to a winning position, while Black can draw against the other. --- ANSWER: The a-rook is correct.'
[17...Nc6 18.exf7 *(18.Rad1 Kc8 19.exf7!?)* 18...Qxf7 *(18...Nxd4 19.Qe8#)* 19.Bxc4 Nxd4 20.Rad1! *(20.Bxf7 Ne2#)*]
[17...Bc5 18.Rfd1 *(18.exf7 Qxf7 19.Bxc4 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Rfd1 Kc8∓)*
A) 18...Kc8 19.Bxc4 *(19.Bg4 Nc6; 19.exf7 Qxf7 20.Bxc4 Bd5)* 19...Nc6 20.exf7 Rd8 21.Ne6+- ♙f7;
B) 18...Bd5 19.Bxc4+-;
C) 18...Bxd4 19.Rxd4+ Kc8 *(19...Ke7 20.exf7+-)* 20.Rxc4 Bc6 21.exf7+- 21... 8 22.♗g4 ♔b7 23.♕b4]
[17...Rg5 18.Rad1 Δ f4 *(18.Rfd1 Bd5)* 18...Bd5
A) 19.exf7 Qxf7 *(19...Qd7∓)* 20.Nf3 Nd7 21.Nxg5 fxg5 22.bxc3 Rb8 23.Rd2↑;
B) 19.bxc3 Bc5 20.Bxc4 *(20.exf7 Qxf7 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Ne6+ Ke7 23.Nxg5 fxg5)* 20...Bxd4 21.Rxd4 *(21.exf7 Rxg3+)* 21...fxe6-+;
C) 19.f4
C1) ≤19...Rg7 20.Bf3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Bc5 22.Kg2 Bxd4 *(22...Kc8 23.Rxc3+-)* 23.Rxd4+ Ke7 24.Qb4+ Ke8 25.Rxc4 Nc6 26.Qxc3+-;
C2) 19...Bc5 20.fxg5 cxb2 21.exf7 Qxf7 22.Bf3 b1Q 23.Rxb1 Bxd4+ 24.Kg2 Bxf3+ 25.Rxf3 Qd5∞;
D) 19.Nf3 fxe6 *(19...Rf5 20.g4)* 20.Nxg5 fxg5 21.Bxc4 cxb2 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Rxd5+ Nd7 24.Rfd1 Ra7 *(24...Bd6 25.Qd4)* 25.Qb3 Bg7 *(25...Rb7 26.Rxd7++-; 25...Qb7 26.Rxd7++-)* 26.Rxd7+ Qxd7 27.Qg8++-]

[17...cxb2
A) 18.exf7 Qxf7 19.Rad1 Bd5 *(19...b1Q 20.Rxb1 Bd5 21.Rfd1± Clarke Nd7∞ Hübner)*;
B) 18.Rad1 Bd5 *(18...b1Q 19.Nb5+ Qxd1 20.Rxd1+ Kc8 21.Na7+ Rxa7 22.Qe8+ Qd8 23.Qxd8#)*
B1) 19.exf7 Qxf7 Vgl. 18.ef7.;
B2) 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 *(19...b1Q? 20.Bxd5+- Δ 21.ef7)* 20.exf7 Rxg3+-+;
B3) 19.Nb5 Qc6 20.Rxd5+ *(20.Bxc4 fxe6; 20.exf7 Rg5)* 20...Qxd5 21.Rd1 b1Q-+;
B4) 19.e7+ Bxe7 *(19...Qxe7 20.Nc6+ Nxc6 21.Qxc6+-; 19...Kxe7 20.Nf5+ Ke6 21.Ne3)* 20.Nf5 Qd7 21.Qc2 Rg5 22.Ne3 *(22.Rxd5 Qxd5 23.Rd1 Qxd1+ 24.Qxd1+ Nd7)* 22...Nc6 *(22...Bc5 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Bf3→)* 23.Bxc4 Nb4 24.Qxb2 Ke8 25.Rfe1 *(25.f4 Qa7)* 25...Qc6 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Nxd5 Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.Qxf6 Ra7∓;
B5) 19.Bh5 Tal Rg5
B5a) 20.exf7 Nd7 21.Bf3 *(21.Rfe1 Kc8)* 21...Kc8 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.Bxa8 Rb5-+;
B5b) 20.Bxf7 Kc8 21.Qe8+ *(21.h4 Rxg3+; 21.f4 Bc5)* 21...Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.h4□ *(23.e7+ Kxe7-+; 23.Nf3 b1Q-+; 23.f4 Bc5 24.fxg5 b1Q 25.Rxb1 Bxd4+ 26.Rf2 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Ke7-+)* 23...Re5 24.f4 Re3 *(24...Re4 25.Nf5 Bc5+ 26.Kh2 Re2+ 27.Kh3±; 24...Bc5 25.fxe5 fxe5 26.e7+ Kxe7 27.Bxd5±)* 25.e7+ *(25.Nf5 Rd3)* 25...Bxe7 26.Bxd5 Ra7 27.Bxc4 Rd7∓ ♙b2;
B5c) 20.Bf3;
B6) 19.Bf3 Rg5 *(19...Bxf3 20.Nb5+ Bxd1 21.Rxd1+ Kc8 22.Nxc7+-)* 20.Rfe1 Tal *(20.exf7 Qxf7 21.Nc6+ Kc7-+; 20.h4 Re5)* 20...b1Q *(20...Kc8 21.Qe8+ Qd8 22.exf7+-; 20...Re5 21.Bxd5 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qe5 23.Qd1)* 21.Rxb1 Bxf3 22.Nxf3 *(22.exf7 Qxf7 23.Ne6+ Kc8 24.Nxg5 fxg5 25.Qe8+ Qxe8 26.Rxe8+ Kc7 27.Rxf8 Bd5)* 22...Rd5 23.exf7 *(23.Rbd1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1+ Ke7)* 23...Qxf7 24.Qxc4 Qd7 *(24...Nd7 25.Rbd1)* 25.Rb6 Bc5 26.Rxf6 Nc6=]

18.Rfd1? Cyrus Lakdawala: 'This is the case of the wrong rook. Tal logically didn't want to move the a1-rook because then the f1-rook isn't working. The problem with Tal's choice is that Black gains a crucial tempo by chopping the b2-pawn.'
[18.Rad1 cxb2 19.Bf3 vgl.17... cb .]

18...Kc8 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' '?'
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black can save himself with' 18...cxb2 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' 19.Rab1 c3-+
A) 20.e7+ Bxe7 21.Nf5 c2 22.Rxd5+ Nd7;
B) 20.exf7 Qxf7 21.Nc6+ *(21.Bc4 Rg5! , when 22.Qb3 Nd7 23.Nc6+ Kc7 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 c2! 26.Rxd7+ Qxd7 27.Qxc2 Qxc6 28.Qxh7+ Qd7 29.Qc2+ Qc6* is perpetual check. *)* 21...Kc7;
C) 20.Bf3

C1) 20...Bxf3 21.Nb5+ Bxd1 22.Rxd1+ Kc8 23.Nxc7 Kxc7 24.Qc4+ Nc6 *(24...Kb7 25.Qe4+ Ka7 26.e7+-* Panov *)* 25.Rd7+ Kb8 26.Qxc6 b1Q+ 27.Kg2+-;

C2) 20...Rg5-+]

[18...Bd6 **Δ** 19... fe6 19.exf7 Qxf7 20.Nf5 cxb2 21.Nxd6 *(21.Rab1 Qe6)* 21...Qe6 22.Rab1 c3 23.Ne4 *(23.Rxd5 Qxd5 24.Rd1 b1Q)* 23...Nd7 24.Nxc3 Bb3 25.Rxd7+ Kc8 26.Qa3 Kxd7 27.Rxb2+-]

[18...Rg5 19.bxc3 *(19.Nf3 cxb2 20.Rab1 fxe6 21.Nxg5 fxg5 22.Bxc4 Bg7 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Rxd5+ Nd7 25.Rbd1 Ra7=* ♙b2 *)* 19...Bc5 20.Nf3 fxe6 *(20...Rxg3+ 21.Kf1)* 21.Nxg5 fxg5 22.Bxc4 Qf7∞]

19.bxc3? Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Is there such a thing as a position which is too complicated for Mikhail Tal?'

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Apparently there is, since even Tal is confused in the swirl of complications. In the engine world, simply' 19.Qe8+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Kb7 *(*Cyrus Lakdawala: 'or' *19...Qd8 20.exf7+-* Unzicker Cyrus Lakdawala: ', when' *Rh8 21.Ne6* is fatal for Black *)* 20.bxc3

A) 20...fxe6 21.Nxe6 Bxe6 22.Qxe6 Rg7 23.Bf3+ Ka7 24.Rab1

A1) 24...Qxa5 25.Rd7+ Rxd7 26.Qxd7+ Nxd7 27.Rb7# Hübner;

A2) 24...Bc5 25.Qd5 *(25.Rb2 Re7 26.Rdb1+-)* 25...Qc6 *(25...Rxg3+ 26.Kf1 Rxf3 27.Rb7+ Qxb7 28.Qxc5+ Qb6 29.Qxb6#)* 26.Qf5 Qc7 27.Rb7+ Qxb7 28.Qxc5+ Qb6 29.axb6# Hübner;

A3) 24...Re7 25.Qd5 +- Unzicker, Bouwmeester/Withuis, Clarke *(25.Qb6+ Qxb6 26.axb6#* Hübner *)*;

B) 20...Ka7 21.Bf3 fxe6 22.Nxe6 gives White a crushing attack.;

C) 20...Nc6 21.Rab1+ Ka7 *(21...Nb4 22.exf7; 21...Bb4 22.Qxf7 Rab8 23.Nxc6 Kxc6 24.Rxd5+-* Clarke *)* 22.exf7 Rg5 *(22...Rh8?* Bouwmeester/Withuis *23.Qe3 Bc5 24.Nb5++-* Unzicker*; 22...Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Bxf7 24.Rd7+-* Unzicker *)*

C1) 23.Bxc4 Nxd4 24.Bxd5 *(24.Rxd4 Re5)* 24...Rxd5 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 *(25...Rdd8 26.Qe6)* 26.cxd4 **Δ** 27.♖b6 **±**/+- Qe7 27.Re1 **Δ** 28.♖e6 **±**/+- Hübner;

C2) 23.Rb6 Nxa5?!;

C3) 23.Qe3

C3a) 23...Nxd4 24.Qxd4+ Bc5 25.Qxf6

C3a1) 25...Qe5 26.Rb6

C3a11) 26...Qxe2 27.Rxa6+ Kb7 28.Rb1+ Kc7 29.Rxa8 Bxa8 30.f8Q Bxf8 31.Qb6+ *(31.Qxf8 Qe4; 31.Qxg5 Qe4)* 31...Kd7 32.Qa7++-;

C3a12) 26...Qxf6 27.Rxf6 Rf8 28.Kf1! Re5 *(28...Be7 29.f4!+-)* 29.f4 Bg2+ 30.Kxg2 Rxe2+ **Δ** 31... ♖e7 Hübner;

C3a2) 25...h6 !! Timman 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Bf3 Rd2

C3a21) 28.Bxa8 Rxf2

C3a211) 29.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Qc5+ *(30...Qxf7+ 31.Bf3+-*

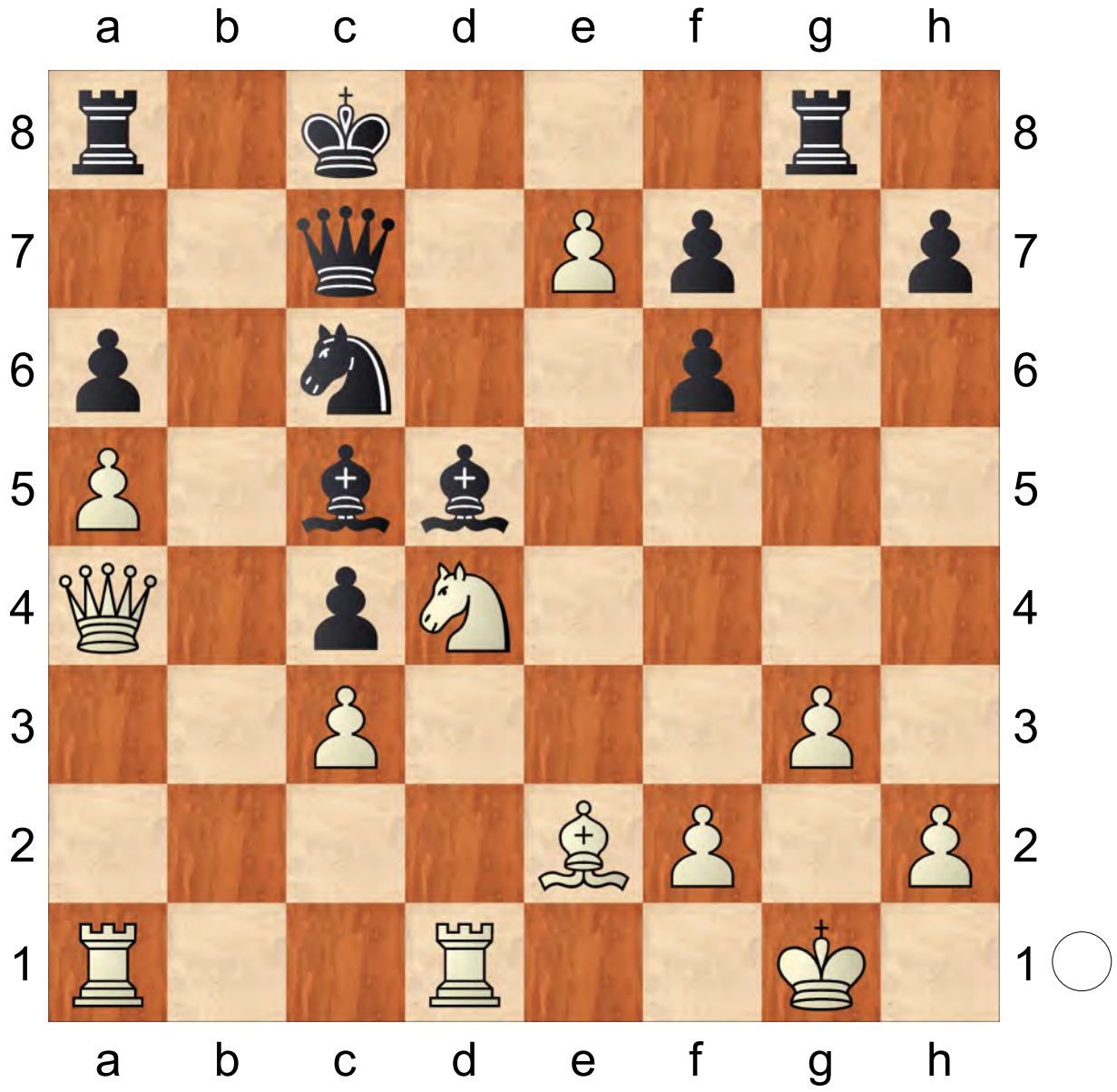
Δ ♖b7.) 31.Kg2 Kxa8 32.Rf1 Qf8 33.g4+- Hübner;
C3a212) 29.Qb6+ Qxb6 30.axb6+ Kxa8-+;
C3a22) 28.Rb7+ Qxb7 29.Bxb7 Kxb7 30.Qf3+ Ka7
C3a221) 31.Qc6 Bxf2+ 32.Kf1 Rf8 *(32...Rb2 33.Qd7+ Rb7 34.Qf5 Rf8 35.Qxf2+* Δ 36.♕c5± */+-)* 33.Qc7+ Ka8 34.Qe7 Bc5 35.Qxc5 Rxf7+= × ♔;
C3a222) 31.Qf4 Rd7 32.Qxc4 Rc7 33.Qf4 Rcc8 34.Kg2= Hübner;
C3a23) 28.Qb6+ Bxb6 29.axb6+ Qxb6 30.Rxb6 Kxb6 31.Bxa8∓ Timman;
C3a3) 25...Rg6 26.Qf5 Be6 *(26...Rxg3+ 27.hxg3 Qxg3+ 28.Kf1+-)* 27.Qe4
C3a31) 27...Rxg3+ 28.hxg3 Qxg3+ 29.Qg2 Bxf2+ 30.Kf1 Bh3 31.Rb7#;
C3a32) 27...Rf6 28.Bf3 Rxf3 29.Qxe6 *(29.Qxf3 Rf8∞)* 29...Rxf2 30.Kh1 Rxf7 31.Rb6 Bxb6 32.axb6+ Qxb6 33.Qxf7+ Qb7+ 34.Qxb7+ Kxb7=;
C3a33) 27...Bd7 28.Rxd7! Qxd7 29.Bf3?! Hübner;
C3b) 23...Bc5 24.Nb5+ axb5 25.Qxc5++- Clarke]

19...Bc5
[19...fxe6 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 *(20...Qc6 21.Qxc6+ Bxc6 22.Rd8++-; 20...Qd7 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Nf4+-)* 21.Qe8+ Kb7 22.Qxe6 Rg6 23.Bf3+ Ka7 24.Rab1+-]
[19...Bd6 20.exf7 Qxf7 *(20...Bxf7 21.Nf5* Δ22.♘h6 *)* 21.Nf5 Bf8 *(21...Bc5 22.Nh6±)* 22.Rxd5 Qxd5 23.Bxc4 Qxf5 24.Bxg8±]
[19...Nc6 20.exf7
A) 20...Nxd4 21.fxg8Q Nxe2+ 22.Kf1 Bxg8 23.Qe8+ Kb7 24.Rab1+ Ka7 25.Qe3+ Bc5 26.Rd7 *(26.Qxc5+ Qxc5 27.Rd7+ Qc7 28.Rxc7#)*;
B) 20...Rg5 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 *(21...Nxd4 22.Rxd4)* 22.Qxc4 Nxd4 23.Qxd4±]
[19...Kb7 20.Rab1+ Ka7 21.exf7 Qxf7 22.Bxc4 Bxc4 23.Qc6+- Tal]

20.e7 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' '!?'
[20.exf7 Qxf7 *(20...Bxf7 21.Bxc4!* Unzicker, Bouwmeester/Withuis*)* 21.Nf5! Unzicker Rg5]
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Everyone else in the world would have played' 20.Bxc4 fxe6 21.Bxd5 *(21.Nxe6? Rxg3+)* 21...exd5 22.Ne6 *(22.Qb3* with full attacking compensation for the sacrificed piece.*)* 22...Qd6 *(22...Rxg3+? 23.Kf1)* 23.Nf4 Qc6!? Clarke]

20...Nc6?
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'I would chop it straight away with' 20...Bxe7 Cyrus Lakdawala: ' '
A) 21.Rab1 Nc6 *(21...Bc5 22.Bxc4 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rd8; 21...Rg5* Δ 22... ♘c6, 22... ♘d7, 22... ♗e4 *22.Qe8+ Qd8 23.Qxd8+ Bxd8 24.f4 Rg8 25.Nf5 Bc6)* 22.Nf5 Be4 23.Rb6!± Timman Ne5 *(23...Bc5 24.Qxc4→*

Hübner) 24.Nxe7+ Qxe7 25.Bxc4 Nf3+= Hübner (*25...Kc7*);
B) 21.Bf1→ Tal Qc5
B1) 22.Bh3+ Kc7 23.Nf5 Bc6-+ (*23...Nc6? 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Bg2 Qb5 26.Qxb5 axb5 27.Bxc6∓*);
B2) 22.Nf5 Bc6 23.Nxe7+ (*23.Qxc4? Qxf5*) 23...Qxe7 24.Bh3+ Kc7 25.Qxc4 Rg5-+ Hübner;
C) 21.Nf5 Be6 Bouwmester/Withuis 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Bf3 Ra7-+ = Clarke]
[20...Qxe7?! 21.Bxc4 Qe4 (*21...Bb7 22.Bd3; 21...Rg5 22.Rab1→*) 22.Bxd5 Qxd5 23.Nb3 Qf5 24.Nxc5 (*24.Ra2 Ra7*) 24...Qxc5 25.Rd4 Qb5 26.Rc4+ Kd8 27.Rd1+ Nd7 28.Qa2→]



× ♗d5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'That e7-pawn would make me nervous.' **21.Bg4+?-+**
Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Tal is under no obligation to make sense

to us.'
[21.Bxc4?! Nxe7]
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'After' 21.Nf5
A) 21...Be6 22.Bf3 Bxf5 23.Bxc6 Rb8 *(23...Rxg3+ 24.Kh1)* 24.e8R+ Rxe8 25.Bxe8 Rb2 26.Rf1 Bd3 *(26...Bc2 27.Qc6)* 27.Rad1 ±/+- × ♙, × ♔;
B) 21...Be4 22.Bg4 Δ ♖d7 Kb7 23.Qxc4 Bxf5 *(23...Rxg4 24.Qxc5* Δ 25. ♘d6 +- *Bxf5 25.Qxf5 Ne5 26.Rab1+ Ka7 27.Qxf6 Rg6 28.Qxe5)* 24.Bxf5 Ne5 *(24...Bd6 25.Be4+-)* 25.Qf4= Δ 1.) 26.♖ab1 ♔a7 27.♖d7 2.) 26. ♗e4, 27.♗a8 3.) 26.♗h7, 27.♕f6;
C) 21...Qe5 22.Bxc4
C1) 22...Qxf5 23.Bxd5 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1+-;
C2) 22...Bxf2+ 23.Kf1 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Qxf5 *(23...Bxc4+ 24.Qxc4 Kc7 25.Rd5+-)*
C2a) 24.e8Q+ Kc7!! *(24...Rxe8? 25.Rxd5 Qh3+ 26.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 27.Kf3* is lost for Black*)* 25.Qaxc6+ Bxc6 26.Qxf7+ Bd7 27.Qxd7+ Qxd7 28.Rxd7+ Kxd7 29.Bxg8 Rxg8 30.Kxf2 Rc8 31.Ra3 Rc5 , Black can probably hold the draw.;
C2b) 24.Rxd5 Ne5 25.e8Q+ Rxe8 26.Qxe8+ Kc7 27.Qxf7+ Δ 28.♖e5 +-;
C3) 22...Be4 23.Bd3 Qxf5 *(23...Bxd3 24.Qxc6+ Kb8 25.Rxd3+-; 23...Bf3 24.Re1+-; 23...Rg4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.e8Q+ Qxe8 26.Qxg4+-)* 24.Bxe4 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1+-;
C4) 22...Bf3 23.Re1 *(23.Nh4? Rxg3+; 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Qxe7 25.Rd3 Be4 26.Re1+-)* 23...Qxf5 24.e8Q+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Kc7 D.Keller *(25...Kb7 26.Qb3+ Ka7 27.Rxa8+ Kxa8 28.Rb1+-)* 26.Rxa8 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 *(27.Kf1 Bxg3)* 27...Bd1+ 28.Kg1 Bxa4 29.Rxa4∞]

21...Kb7 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (critical decision): Should White try 22 Nb5 or refrain in favour of a more natural move like 22 Rab1+ ?'
[21...Kb8 22.Nb3
A) 22...Nxe7 23.Nxc5 Rxg4 *(23...Qxc5 24.Rab1+ Bb7 25.Rxb7+ Kxb7 26.Qd7+* Δ 27.♖b1 +-*; 23...Ka7 24.Bf3+-)* 24.Rab1+ Ka7 25.Rb6 *(25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Rb7+ Qxb7 27.Nxb7* Δ 28. ♕d7*)* 25...Rd8 26.Rxa6+ Kb8 27.Qb5+ Kc8 28.Rb6+- Qa7 29.Na6;
B) 22...cxb3 23.Rxd5
B1) 23...Bxe7 24.Rd7 Rxg4 25.Qxg4 Qe5 26.Qg8+ Bd8 27.Rxd8+ Nxd8 28.Qxd8+ Kb7 29.Qb6++-;
B2) 23...Nxe7 24.Rd7 Qc6 *(24...Rxg4 25.Qxg4 Qc6 26.Rb1 f5 27.Qd1+-)* 25.Qf4+ Bd6 26.Rxd6 Rxg4 27.Rxc6+ Rxf4 28.Rb6+ Kc7 29.gxf4 Weiß gewinnt.;
B3) 23...Ne5 24.e8Q+ Rxe8 25.Qxe8+ Ka7+-]
[The bishop obviously can't be touched in view of 21...Rxg4?? 22.e8Q+ .]

22.Nb5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'ANSWER: The knight sacrifice is completely unsound. Of course that didn't discourage Tal one bit! --- On our front

porch we have a "Welcome!" sign and then, on the windowsill, another sign which ominously reads: "No Solicitors!" Unfortunately, solicitors (like Tal's obnoxious knight) choose to see the "Welcome!" sign, while wilfully ignoring the other one which tells them to go away.'

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Objectively' 22.Rab1+?! Ka7 23.Nb5+ *(23.Nf5* is correct, when *Be6 24.Bf3 Bxf5 25.Qxc6 Qxc6 26.Bxc6 Bxb1 27.Rxb1 Rab8 28.Rxb8 Kxb8 29.e8Q+ Rxe8 30.Bxe8* reaches a drawn ending.*)* 23...axb5 24.Qxb5 Nxe7-+]

[22.Nf5 Qe5 23.Re1 Qxc3 24.Rad1 Rxg4 25.e8Q Rxe8 26.Rxe8 Qf3-+]

[22.Nb3 cxb3 23.Rxd5 Ne5 24.Rb1 *(24.Rad1 b2)* 24...Ka7 25.Rxb3 Rae8-+]

[22.Nxc6

A) 22...Qxc6 23.Rxd5 Qxd5 *(23...Rxg4 24.Rd7++-; 23...Qxa4 24.Rxa4+- Bxe7 25.Bf3)* 24.Bf3 Qxf3 25.Qd7+ Kb8 26.Rb1++-;

B) 22...Bxc6 23.Rab1+ Ka7 *(23...Bb5 24.Rd7+-)* 24.Qxc4

B1) 24...Qxa5 25.Bf3 Rac8 26.Bxc6 *(26.Rd7++-* Clarke *)* 26...Rxc6 27.Qxf7+-;

B2) 24...Qxe7 25.Rb6 Schamkovitsch

B2a) 25...Bb5 26.Rd7+ Qxd7 27.Qxc5 Clarke Rac8 28.Rc6+ *(28.Rxa6+ Kb8 29.Rb6+ Ka8 30.Bf3++-)* 28...Kb8 29.Bxd7+-;

B2b) 25...Bxb6 26.Qxc6 Clarke Bxa5 27.Rd7+ Qxd7 28.Qxd7+ Kb8 *(28...Kb6 29.Qd4++-)* 29.Qxf7 Rd8 *(29...Rxg4 30.Qe8+ Kb7 31.Qd7+* Δ 32.♕g4 +- *)* 30.Qxh7+- ♙h2, × ♔;

B3) 24...Bb5 25.Rxb5 axb5 *(25...Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Qxc4 27.Rd7++-)* 26.Qxb5 Rab8 27.Qa4 Δ28.♖d7;

B4) 24...Be8 25.Be2 Bb5 *(25...Rxg3+ 26.Kf1; 25...Qc6 26.Rb6 Bxb6 27.Qxa6+ Kb8 28.Rd8++-)* 26.Rxb5 axb5 27.Qxb5;

B5) 24...Rg5 Tal

B5a) 25.Qxf7

B5a1) 25...Qxe7? 26.Qxe7+ Bxe7 27.Bf3+-;

B5a2) 25...Bxe7 26.Re1 *(26.Bd7 Bc5* Δ27... ♖g3*; 26.Rd7 Bxd7 27.Qxe7 Rd8-+)* 26...Re5 *(26...Bd6 27.Qxc7+ Bxc7 28.Re7+-)* 27.Qxh7 Rb8∓;

B5a3) 25...Re8-+ 26.Bf3 Rxg3+-+;

B5b) 25.Be2 Bb5 26.Qxf7 Rxg3+

B5b1) 27.Kh1 Bc6+ 28.f3 *(28.Rd5 Rg7)* 28...Rxf3-+;

B5b2) 27.hxg3 Qxg3+ 28.Kh1 Bc6+ 29.Rd5 Qh4+ 30.Kg2 Re8-+;

B5b3) 27.Kf1 Bxe2+ 28.Kxe2 Rg5 29.Kf1 *(29.e8Q Rxe8+ 30.Qxe8 Re5+)* 29...Bxe7 30.Qe6 Rd8-+]

22...Qe5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Threat: ...Qe4.'

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Tal may have expected' 22...axb5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '??' '??' 23.Qxb5+

A) 23...Bb6 24.axb6 Qxe7 *(24...Qxb6 25.Qxd5+-)* 25.Rxa8 *(25.Ra7+!* and wins. *)* 25...Rxa8 26.Qxd5+-;

B) 23...Ka7 24.Qxc5+ Ka6 25.Rxd5 Rxg4 26.Rd6 Rc8 27.Rxc6++-]
[22...Qxe7 23.Rxd5 Rxg4 24.Rb1 Kc8 *(24...axb5 25.Qxb5+ Ka7 26.Rd7+* Matt in 2. *)* 25.Nd6++-]
[22...Qxa5
A) 23.Qc2 Qxb5 *(23...Qxa1 24.Rxa1 axb5-+* Clarke *)* 24.Rab1 Nb4-+;
B) 23.Qxa5 Nxa5 24.Rxd5 Nb3
B1) 25.Bf3 Kb6 Clarke;
B2) 25.Rxc5□ Nxc5 26.Bf3+ Kb6 27.Nd6± *(27.Bxa8 axb5)*;
B3) 25.Re1 Kc6 *(25...axb5 26.Bd7 Rge8 27.Bxe8 Rxe8 28.Rd8 Rxe7 29.Rxe7+ Bxe7 30.Rd7+* Clarke *Kb6 31.Rxe7 b4=; 25...Rxg4 26.Rd8 Rg8-+)* 26.Rxc5+ Nxc5 27.Bf3+ Kxb5 28.Bxa8 Re8 29.Bd5 Ne6∞ Clarke 30.Re4±]

23.Re1
[23.Bd7 Rxg3+-+]
[23.Rab1 Rxg4 24.Nd6+ Kc7 25.e8Q Rxe8 26.Nxe8+ Kc8 27.Rxd5 Qxd5 28.Nxf6 Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 *(29.Kf1 Qf3 30.Nxg4 Bd4+ 31.Ke1 Bxc3#)* 29...Qf5+ 30.Kg2 Qxf6 31.Rb6 Kc7-+]

23...Be4?
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Here' 23...Qg5!-+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'leaves White busted:' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'or'
A) 24.Bd7 Qd2 25.Nd4!? Clarke Nxd4 26.cxd4 Bxd4 27.Rab1+ Kc7 28.Rf1 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 Qh6-+;
B) 24.Rad1 Rae8-+ *(24...Nxe7 25.Nd6++-; 24...Bxe7 25.Rxe7+ Nxe7 26.Nd6++-)* 25.Bh3 Qh5 since White lacks a useful discovered check with the b5-knight;
C) 24.Red1
C1) 24...Qe5 25.Re1=;
C2) 24...Rae8 Hübner 25.Rab1 Rxe7 26.Rxd5 Qxd5 27.Nd4+ Kc7 28.Bf3 Qd6 29.Bxc6 *(29.Nxc6 Rxg3+-+)* 29...Bxd4 30.Rb7+ Kd8-+;
C3) 24...h5 25.Bh3 Qe5 *(25...h4 26.Rab1)* 26.Kf1
C3a) 26...Rae8 Hübner 27.Rab1 Rxe7 28.Re1 Qg5 29.Nd4+ *(29.Nd6+ Ka8-+; 29.Rxe7+ Nxe7-+)* 29...Kc7-+;
C3b) 26...Qe4 27.Rxd5 Qxd5 28.Rd1 Qh1+ 29.Ke2 Qe4+= Timman;
D) 24.Rab1 Qxg4 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'since White lacks a useful discovered check with the b5-knight' 25.Nd6+ Kc7 26.e8N+ Raxe8 27.Nxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rxe8 Qf3-+ Unzicker]
[23...Rxg4 24.Rxe5 fxe5
A) 25.Qd1+- Hübner Be6 *(25...axb5 26.Qxd5+-)* 26.Nd6+ Bxd6 27.Qxd6 Δ 28.♖b1;
B) 25.Rb1! Clarke]

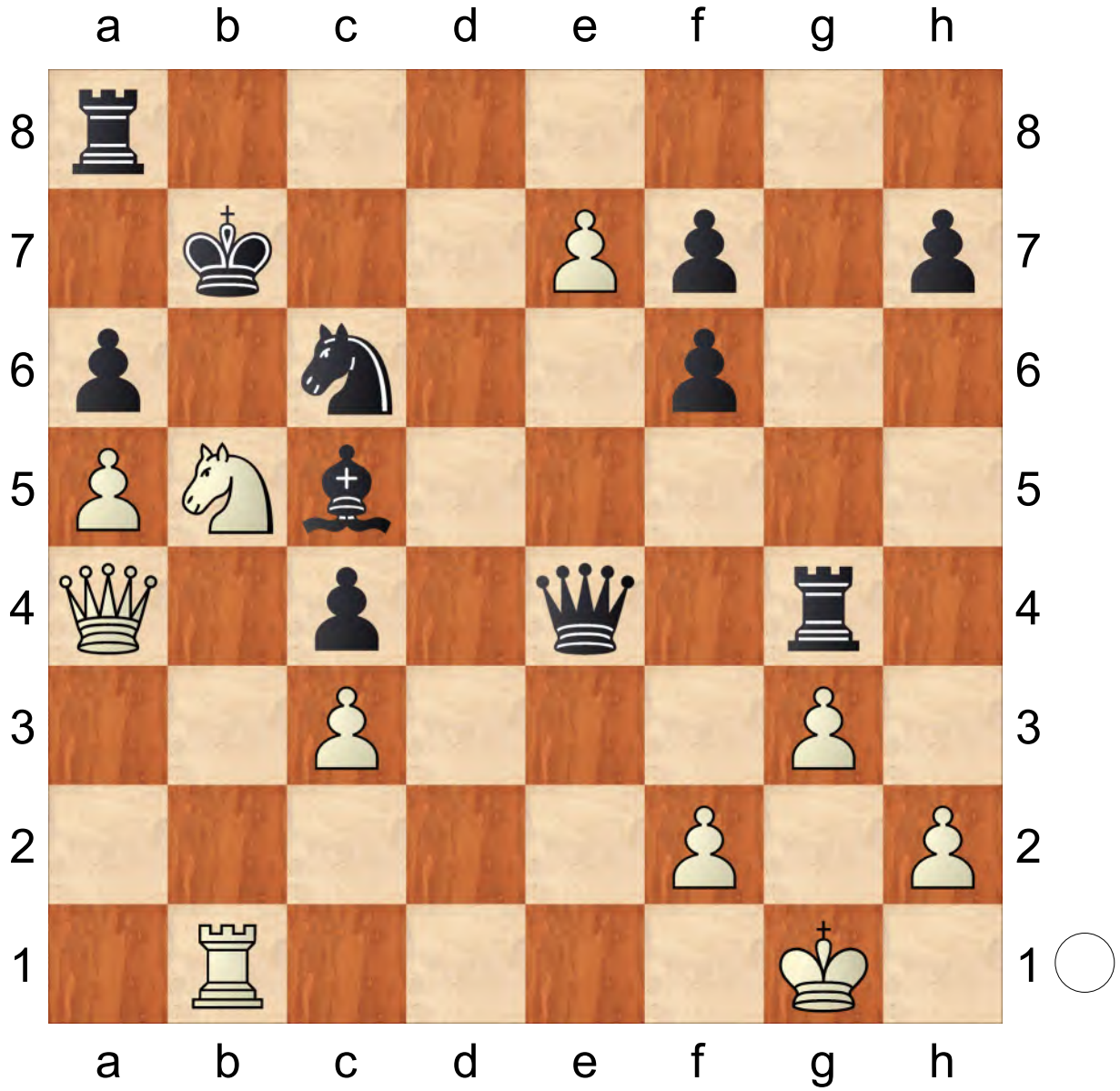
24.Rab1 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' **24...Rxg4** Δ 25... ♖g3 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (combination alert): The position drifts upon an ocean of chaos, occasionally passing by islands of lucidity. How should White continue? --- ANSWER: Sacrifice the

exchange on e4, in order to remove Black's most potent piece.'
[24...Bxb1 25.Rxb1 Δ 26.♘d4, 26.♘d6 ♔c7 27.♖b7 ♔d6 28.♖d7#
A) 25...Bb4 26.Nd4 Nxd4 27.Qd7+ Kb8 *(27...Qc7 28.Rxb4+ Nb5 29.Bf3+ Kb8 30.e8Q++-)* 28.Rxb4+ Nb5 29.Qd8+ Matt in 2.;
B) 25...Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Qc5+ 27.Nd4+ Kc7 28.Bf3 *(28.Rb6 Ne5∞)* 28...Nxd4 29.Rb7+ Kd6 30.Qd7+ *(30.Rd7+ Ke6 31.cxd4 Qb5∞)* 30...Ke5 31.cxd4+ Qxd4+ 32.Qxd4+ Kxd4 33.Rd7+ Ke5 34.Bxa8 Rxa8 35.Rd8+-;
C) 25...Rxg4 26.Nd4+ Nb4 27.Qc6+ Ka7 28.Qd7+ Kb8 29.Nc6# Bouwmeester/Withuis, Clarke]

25.Rxe4 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' **25...Qxe4**
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Instead,' 25...Rxe4 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' '?' 26.Nd4+ +- Unzicker Nb4 27.Qd7+ *(27.Qc6+ Kb8 28.Qd7 Re1+)* 27...Qc7 28.Rxb4+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' *(28.Qd5+?! Ka7 29.Qxe4 Qxe7* Clarke *30.Qxe7+* Hübner *Bxe7 31.cxb4 Kb7 32.Rc1 Rc8 33.Kf1* ±/+- × *)* 28...Bxb4 29.Qd5+ Kb8 30.Qxe4 *(30.Nc6+ Kc8 31.Qxe4)* 30...Bxe7 31.Nc6+ Kb7 32.Nxe7+ Ka7 33.Nc6+ Kb7= Clarke 34.Nd8+ *(34.Nb4+ Ka7 35.Qd4+ Kb7 36.Qxf6* leaves Black fighting for his life. *)* 34...Kb8 35.Qd5 Ka7 36.Qd4+ Kb8 37.Qxf6∞]

(Diagram)

∓/-+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Keller finds the best defence, giving up his queen for close to sufficient compensation.' **26.Nd6+** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Double check.' **26...Kc7**
[Not 26...Ka7?? 27.Rb7# .]
27.Nxe4 Rxe4 28.Qd1 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Cutting off ...Re2 ideas, while opening the queen's avenue to h5.' **28...Re5?** Cyrus Lakdawala: '??' '??' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'One of the cruellest aspects of chess is the fact that just because our cause is just, is no insurance that we will actually win (or not lose) the game. --- EXERCISE (combination alert): What did Black miss on his last move?'
[28...Rxe7 29.Qd5 Ba7∓ Clarke 30.Qxc4= Δ 31.♕f4 Hübner Rae8 = Unzicker 31.Qxa6 Re1+ 32.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 33.Kg2± Δ 34.♕c4]
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black would be fine had he played' 28...Bxe7 = Bouwmeester/Withuis Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' 29.Qd5 Hübner *(29.Qh5* Tal *Rf8 30.Qxh7 Re5* and it's anybody's game. When, oh when are people going to realize that it's unwise to allow Tal a pawn on the seventh rank?*)* 29...Re5 *(29...Re6 30.Rb6+-)* 30.Qxf7 Rxa5 *(30...h5 31.Rb6)* 31.Qxh7± ♙h]
[28...Nxe7
A) 29.Qf3 f5;
B) 29.Qc2 f5 30.Qb2
B1) 30...Kd6 31.Qb7 Ra7 32.Qb8+± Ke6 *(32...Kc6 33.Rb6+)* 33.Rb6+;
B2) 30...Rc8 31.Qb7+ Kd8 32.Qxa6 *(32.Rd1+ Ke8)* 32...Re2∓;
C) 29.Qh5 f5 30.Qxf7 *(30.Qxh7 Rd8 31.Qxf7 Rd3 32.Kg2 Rxc3 33.h4*



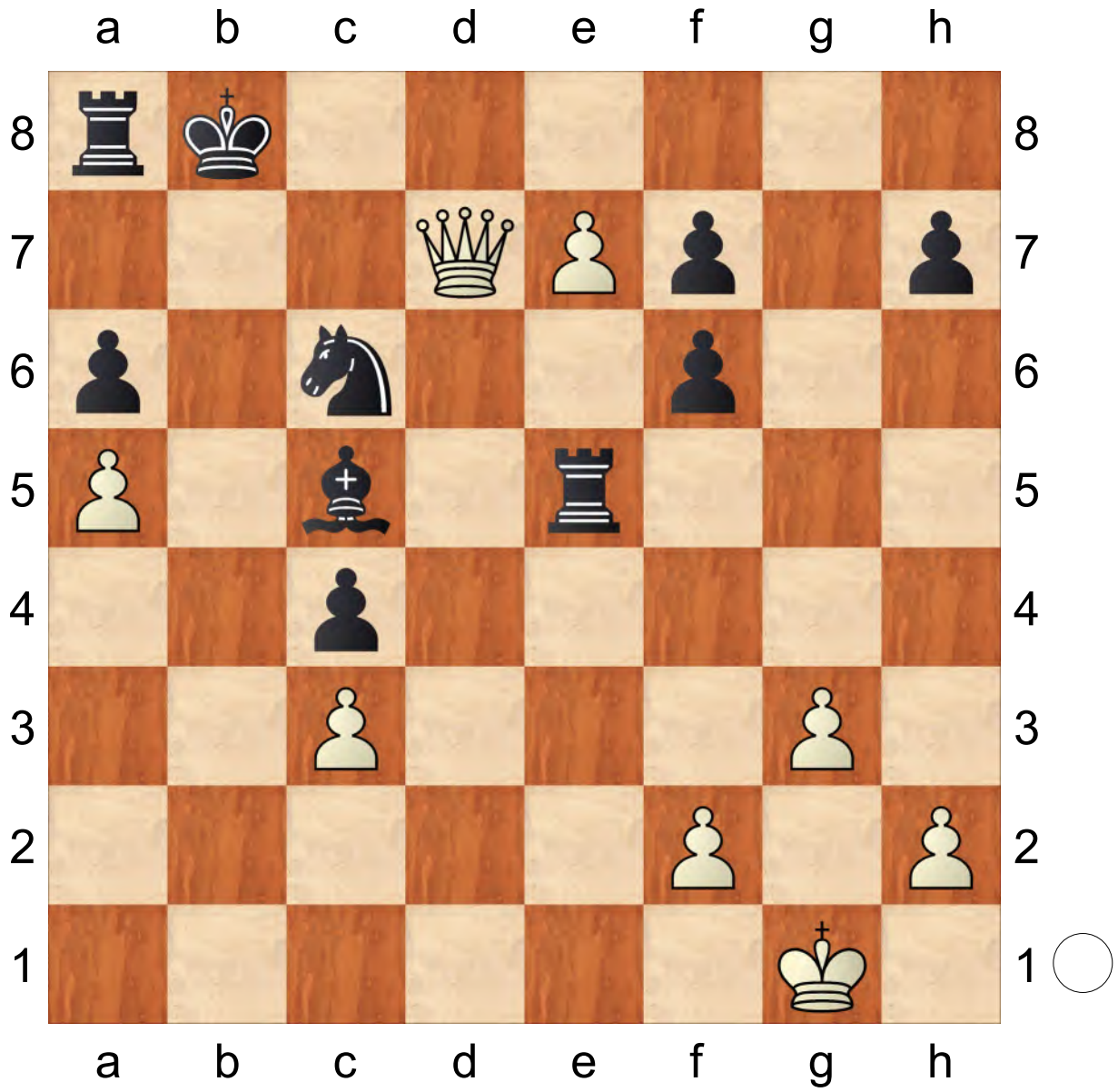
Rc2 34.Rf1 Timman *Rd2∓)* 30...Rd8 Δ 31... ♖d3, 31... ♖d2 ∓]

29.Rb7+ !! Unzicker Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'ANSWER: Decoy rook sacrifice to b7. --- Of all the people who made a pact with Satan, Tal was clearly the devil's favourite.' **29...Kxb7 30.Qd7+ Kb8**

(Diagram)

31.e8Q+ Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White's two queens believe they are Bonnie and Clyde, or maybe Bonnie and Bonnie. "Why didn't I take the e7-pawn when I had the chance??" Keller must have lamented at this stage.' **31...Rxe8 32.Qxe8+ Kb7 33.Qd7+ Kb8 34.Qxc6**

(Diagram)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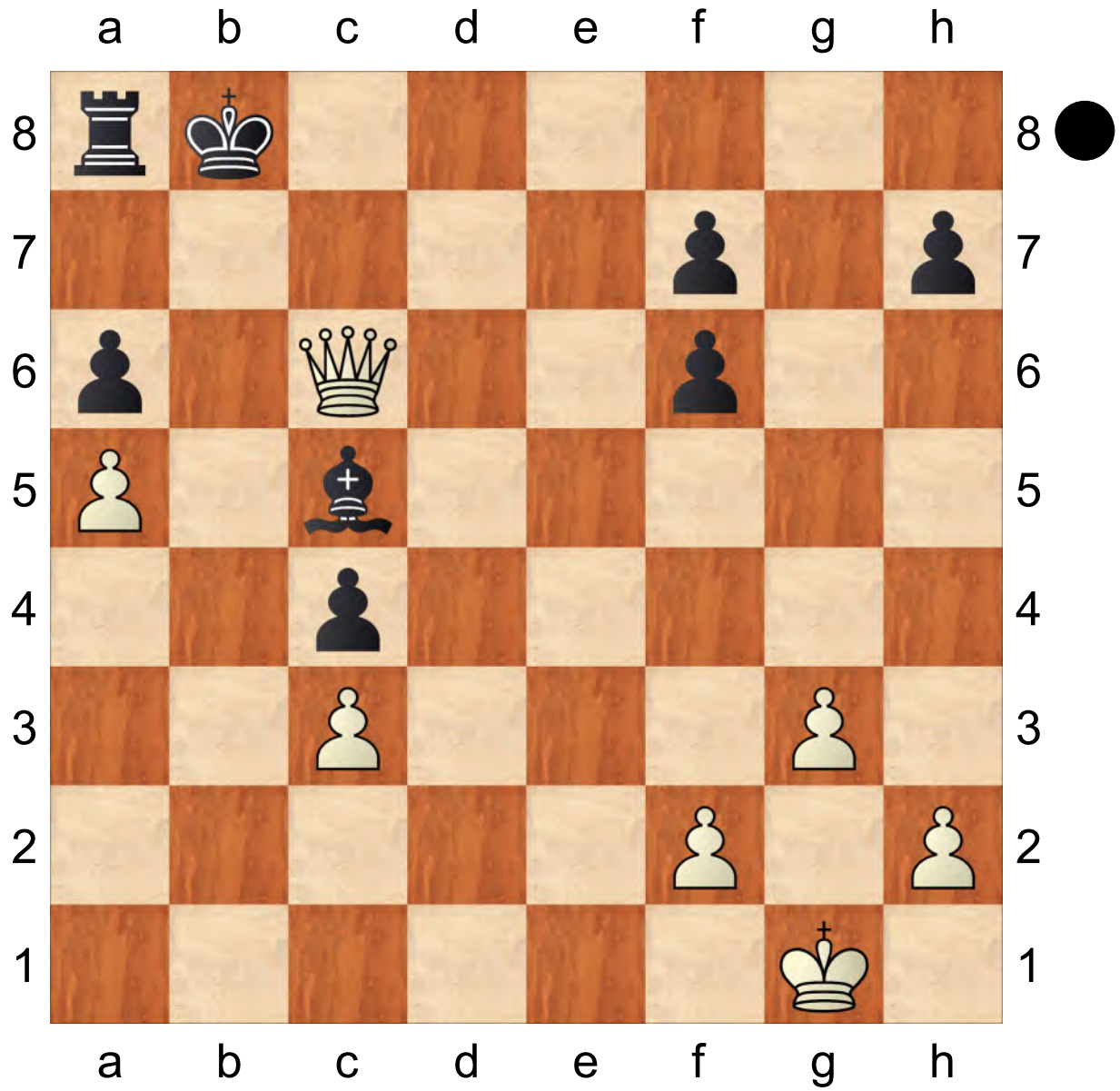

Cyrus Lakdawala: '. The queen's hunger is finally abated.'
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Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3'' I first met and played Lembit Oll at the World Junior Championship in 1984. Although almost two years my junior, already then he was a mature player and after the fall of the Iron Curtain he quickly went on to become a Grandmaster (1990). We met a few times afterwards - at the Manila Olympiad in 1992 he inflicted me my only defeat and our last game took place in the European Club Cup in 1998. At that time Lembit was at the the peak of his strength (No. 25 in the world rankings). Although Ilyumzhinov did a lot to hurt the prestige of chess and his K.O World Championship system was one of these things, it did have a positive side. Grandmasters, who otherwise had little or no chance to play in super-tournaments, would get a shot at the highest title. Oll took part in the first installment in Groningen 1997. In the first two rounds he smoothly eliminated Petursson and Morozevich by winning with Black, but in round 3 succumbed to Tkachiev in the rapid tiebreak. The 1999 edition in Las Vegas took place without him. Sadly, a few months prior to the event, in May 1999 Lembit comitted suicide... Ich habe Lembit Oll zum ersten Mal 1984 bei der Juniorenweltmeisterschaft getroffen und gegen ihn gespielt. Obwohl er fast zwei Jahre jünger war als ich, war er schon damals ein reifer Spieler, und nach dem Fall des Eisernen Vorhangs wurde er schnell zum Großmeister (1990). Wir sind uns danach noch einige Male begegnet - bei der Manila-Olympiade 1992 fügte er mir meine einzige Niederlage zu, und unsere letzte Partie fand 1998 beim Europäischen Club-Cup statt. Zu dieser Zeit war Lembit auf dem Höhepunkt seiner Stärke (Nr. 25 der Weltrangliste). Obwohl Ilyumzhinov viel getan hat, um dem Ansehen des Schachs zu schaden, und sein K.O.-Weltmeisterschaftssystem war eines dieser Dinge, hatte es auch eine positive Seite. Großmeister, die sonst wenig oder gar keine Chance hatten, an Superturnieren teilzunehmen, bekamen eine Chance auf den höchsten Titel. Oll nahm an der ersten Auflage in Groningen 1997 teil. In den ersten beiden Runden schaltete er Petursson und Morozevich mit Schwarz problemlos aus, unterlag aber in Runde 3 im Schnellschach-Tiebreak gegen Tkachiev. Die Ausgabe 1999 in Las Vegas fand ohne ihn statt. Traurigerweise beging Lembit einige Monate vor der Veranstaltung, im Mai 1999, Selbstmord... **1.d4** Oll,Lembit Oll,Lembit Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3**

[After Nach 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 White doesn't have to go for a gambit and can try muss Weiß sich nicht auf ein Gambit einlassen und kann stattdessen 5.Qa4+ *(5.Nf3* transposes to the game führt zur Partie *)* 5...Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Be3!? instead. Here the road to equality is not so clear: versuchen. Hier ist der Weg zum Ausgleich nicht so klar:

A) 7...b5 8.Qc1 Rb8 9.Nd2 Bd6 10.Nb3 Nd5 11.Nf3 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 Bb7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Ne5 *(⌓14.Rac1±)* 14...Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nb6 17.Rfd1 Nc4 18.Qc3 Qe7 19.Na5 Nxa5 20.Qxa5 Qc5= Vrolijk,L (2476)-Bjerre,J (2601) Germany 2022;

B) 7...Nb6 8.Qd3 Nbd5 9.Nf3 Nxe3 10.Qxe3 c5 11.Nc3 *(11.dxc5 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxc5 13.0-0±)* 11...cxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bc5 14.Nb3 Bb4 15.Rc1 Ke7 16.0-0 Rb8 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rd8 19.Rc7+ Rd7 20.Rc4 Bd6 21.Rfc1 Rd8 22.Na5 f5 23.Bg2 e5= Gleizerov,E (2508)-Beerdsen,T (2482) Groningen 2019;

C) 7...Bd6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nh3 e5 10.0-0

C1) 10...Ng4 11.Bg5 Qe8 *(11...f6 12.dxe5 Ndxe5 13.Bd2±)* 12.dxe5 Ndxe5 13.Nc3 h6 14.Bf4 Nf6 15.Rad1 Rb8 16.Bc1 Ng6 17.e4 b5↑ So,W (2780)-Duda,J (2737) Chess.com blitz 2018 18.Nf4!↑ ;

C2) 10...h6 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nc3 Qe7 13.Rad1 Re8 *(13...Ng6!?)* 14.Nf4 c6 15.Bd4 g5 *(⌓15...Bd7)* 16.Nd3 Nxd3 17.Rxd3 Be5 18.Qd2 Bf5 19.e4 Bg6 20.f4↑ gxf4? *(20...Bxd4+ 21.Rxd4 Rad8±)* 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.gxf4 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Rg3 Rd4 26.Qe3 1-0, Caruana,F (2827)-Anand,V (2771) Batumi 2018 For more details about this game see the notes in CBM 187 by Ganguly. Weitere Einzelheiten zu dieser Partie finden Sie in den Notizen in CBM 187 von Ganguly.]

3...d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 To fight for an edge, White should be generous. Um sich einen Vorteil zu erkämpfen, sollte Weiß großzügig sein.

[5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Bg2 a6 is too soft and Black has more than one way to hold the balance: ist zu weich und Schwarz hat mehr als eine Möglichkeit, das Gleichgewicht zu halten:

A) 7.Nc3 Rb8 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qd3 Bb7 10.Bf4 *(10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5=)* 10...Bd6 11.0-0 Bxf4 12.gxf4 c5=;

B) 7.Qxc4 b5 8.Qc6 Rb8 *(8...Ra7 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.a4 Be4!? 11.Qd1 b4 12.Bg5 c5 13.Nbd2 Ba8 14.0-0 Be7 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Nb3 h6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qc2 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 cxd4 20.Rfd1* Peelen,P (2309)-Hovhannisyan,M (2475) Germany 2016 *Ne5 21.Nxd4 Rd7=)* 9.Bf4 Nd5 *(9...Bb7!? 10.Qxc7 Qxc7 11.Bxc7 Bb4+ 12.Nbd2 Rc8 13.Bf4 Rc2 14.Rb1 Bxd2+ 15.Bxd2 0-0⩱)* 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nc3 Qb4!? 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qd6 15.Qxd6 cxd6 16.a4 Nb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.Rfb1 Ke7 20.Ra7 Nc8 21.Raa1 Nb6 22.Ra7 Nc8 ½, Kveinys,A (2493)-Bluebaum,M (2633) Brest 2018]

5...Nc6

[The other main try in this spirit is Der andere wichtige Versuch in diesem Sinne ist 5...a6 Here the extra option Black has to reckon with is Hier ist die zusätzliche Option, mit der Schwarz rechnen muss 6.Ne5 *(*After Nach *6.0-0* the systems may and usually do transpose into one another with können die Systeme ineinander übergehen und tun dies in der Regel auch mit *Nc6)* 6...c5 *(6...Bb4+!? 7.Nc3 Nd5 8.0-0!? 0-0 9.Ne4 b5 10.b3⩱* is another sharp option. ist eine weitere

scharfe Option.*)* 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Naxc4 Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 This was featured in 2 games of the World Championship match in 2010 - see the notes in CBM 136: Dies war in 2 Partien des Weltmeisterschaftsmatches 2010 zu sehen - siehe die Anmerkungen in CBM 136:

A) 10.Bd2 Nd5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Ba5 Qe7 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Qa3 *(⌓15.Nce5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5⩱)* 15...Qxa3 16.bxa3 N7f6?! *(16...Nc5! 17.Nd6 b6∓)* 17.Nce5 Re8 18.Rc2 b6 19.Bd2 Bb7 20.Rfc1 Rbd8 21.f4 Bb8 22.a4⩲ Anand,V (2787)-Topalov,V (2805) Sofia 2010;

B) 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Qa4 Nc6

B1) 14.Bxc6!? bxc6 15.b4 Qe7 16.Rfc1 f6 17.Na5 Bd7 18.Nxc6 Qd6 19.Qxa6 *(19.Rc4∞)* 19...Rfc8 20.b5 Bc5 21.Qb7 Ba3 22.Rc2 e5 23.Rd1 Kh7 24.e4 dxe3 25.fxe3 Bf5 26.Nf2 Ducci,R (2222)-Marturano,M (1953) email 2014 Qf8↑;

B2) 14.Rac1 e5 15.Bxc6 b5 16.Qc2 Qxc6 17.Ncxe5 Qe4 18.Qc6 Bb7 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rc2 Rfe8 21.Rfc1 f6 22.Nd7 Bf5 23.N7c5 Bb6 24.Nb7 Bd7 25.Nf4 Anand,V (2787)-Topalov,V (2805) Sofia 2010 CBM 136 [Stohl,I] Rac8!=]

(Diagram)

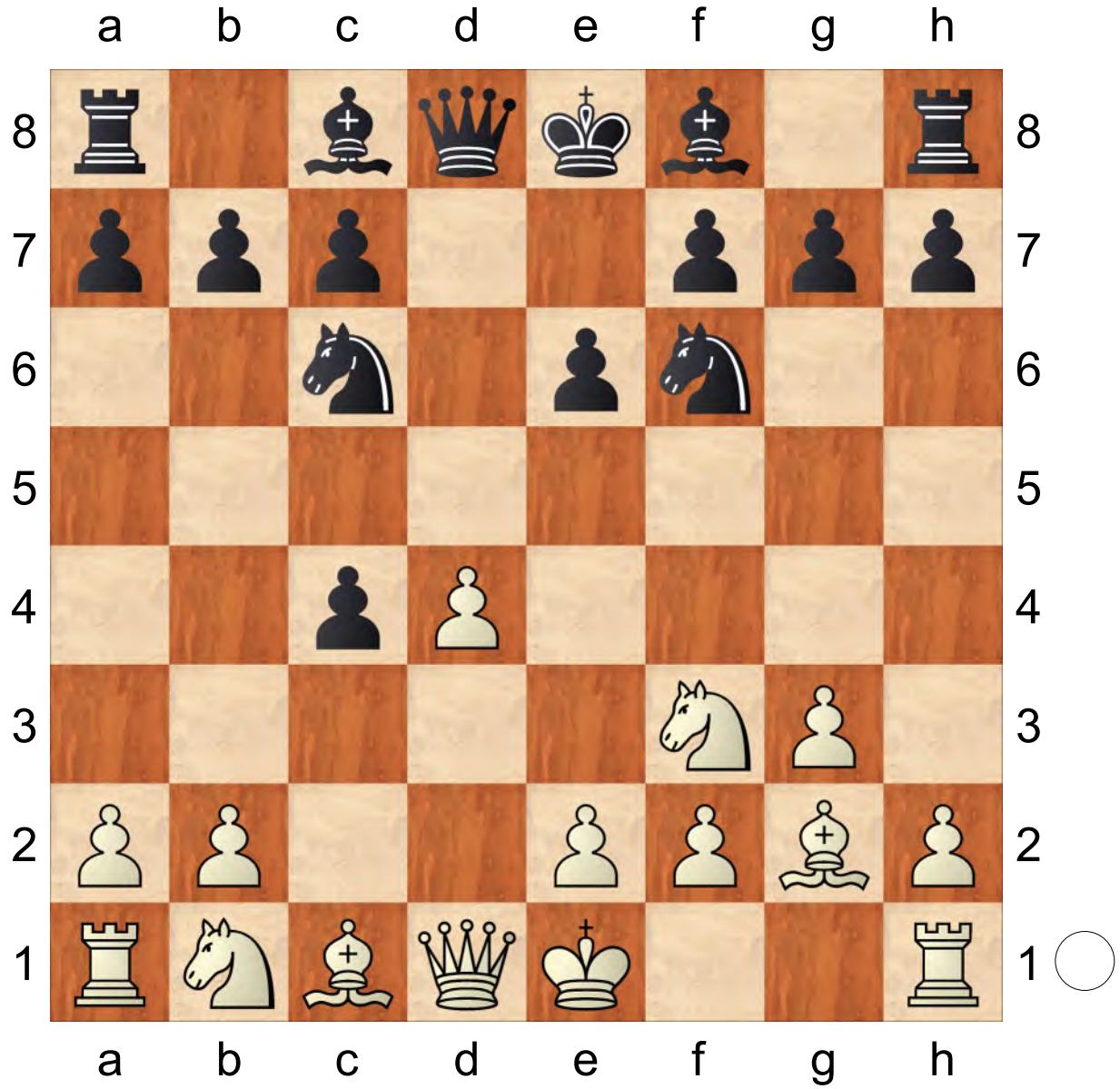
One of the main attempts to hold on to the extra ♙. Einer der wichtigsten Versuche, den Mehrbauern festzuhalten. **6.0-0** Also here White can deviate and attack the ♙c4 immediately. Auch hier kann Weiß abweichen und sofort den ♙c4 angreifen.

[Meanwhile, the theory of Unterdessen hat sich die Theorie von 6.Qa4 has developed substantially and it has become the main line. However, nowadays Black is holding his own here: erheblich entwickelt und ist zur Hauptvariante geworden. Allerdings behauptet sich Schwarz hier aktuell: Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 Currently the main line is Aktuell die Hauptvariante ist

A) White initially tried Ursprünglich versuchte Weiß 9.a3 b5 10.Qxb5 Nc2+ 11.Kd2

A1) 11...Nxa1 12.Qxc6+ Bd7 13.Qxc4 c5 14.Qa2 Qa5+ 15.Nc3 *(15.b4? cxb4 16.Qxa1 Rc8→ 17.Ne5 Bb5 18.Ke3 Rc2 19.Bf3 0-0 20.a4 f6 21.Nd3 Bc4 22.Nd2 Qg5+ 23.Nf4 e5 24.Nxc4 exf4+ 25.gxf4 Qf5 26.Nd6 Qe6+* 0-1, Ivanchuk,V (2660)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) Tilburg 1989*)* 15...cxd4 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Rxa1 e5 18.b4 Qb6 19.Nc2 Qxf2 20.Bd5 0-0 21.Qc4 Be6 22.Ne3 Qxh2 23.Qh4 Qxh4 24.gxh4 f5 25.Kc2 Kf7 26.Rg1! Rd7 27.Bxe6+ Kxe6 28.Na4 Kf6 29.Nc5 Rd4? *(29...Rc8□±*) 30.Nxf5!+- Kasimdzhanov,R (2695)-Van Wely,L (2697) Wijk aan Zee 2002 See the notes to this game in CBM 87 by Kasimdzhanov. Siehe die Anmerkungen zu dieser Partie in CBM 87 von Kasimdzhanov.;

A2) ⌓11...Bd7! 12.Kxc2 Nxd4+ 13.Nxd4 Bxb5 14.Nxb5 Rb8 15.Bc6+ Kf8 16.Rd1 Qg5 17.N1c3 Qc5 18.Be4 g6 19.Nd4 Kg7 20.e3 Rb6 21.Na4



Qe5 22.Nc3 Rd6 23.Ndb5 Rb6 24.Nd4 Rd6 25.Ndb5 Rb6 26.Nd4= ½, Dimov,D (2294)-Antonov,N (2306) email 2011;

B) 9.Nc3 Bd7 10.0-0 a5 11.Qd1 0-0 12.e3 a4

B1) 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Bh3 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Bxf7+ Kh8 19.Rxf1 Nc6 20.Nxc6 *(20.Qh5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Ra5 22.Rd1 Qe7 23.Bg6 h6 24.f4 Rb5 25.Bc2 Rb6 26.Qf3 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Qe4 g6 29.e6* Sasikiran,K (2679)-Alekseev,E (2673) Lublin 2011 *Qd2!? 30.Kf1 Rxe6 31.Qxe6 Qxc2=* Sasikiran *)* 20...bxc6 21.Qh5 Rb8 22.Bxc4 Rxb2 23.Bd3 g6 24.Bxg6 Qe7 25.Bb1 Qf7 Aronian,L (2783)-Kramnik,V (2780) Shanghai 2010 26.Qe5+ Qf6 27.Qe4 Qg6 28.Qe5+=;

B2) 13.Nxa4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bxa4 15.Qxc4 Qe7 16.a3 Nd5 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.b3 *(18.e4 Nf6 19.Re1 Rd8 20.h4 h6 21.b3 Be8 22.a4 c5 23.e5 Nd5 24.Nd2 Nb4 25.Ne4 b6 26.Nd6 Bc6 27.Rad1 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Nc6 29.Qe4*

Nd4⇄ Lykke,H (2450)-Kokkila,T (2542) email 2016*)* 18...Bc6 19.Nd4 Rxa3 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qxc6 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Nf6 23.Rc1 h5 24.Bf3 Rb8= Matlakov,M (2718)-So,W (2792) Wijk aan Zee 2018;

C) 9.0-0 Rb8 and now:

C1) 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ne5 0-0 12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qxc4 Qd6 After

C1a) 15.b3 Rb4 16.Ne4

C1a1) 16...Rxc4 17.Nxd6 Rxd4 18.Nxc8 *(18.Nc4!?⩲)* 18...Rxc8 19.Rfc1 a5 20.Rxc6 a4 21.Rac1 g6 22.bxa4 Rxa4 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Rxc7 Rxa2= Grandelius,N (2666)-Van Foreest,J (2691) Malmo 2021;

C1a2) 16...Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Rxd4 18.f3 e5 19.Kf2 Rfd8 20.Rfc1⩲ f5 *(20...f6 21.Rc5 Bb7 22.Rac1 R8d5 23.Ke3 Kf8 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Nc5 Bc8 26.Nd3 Bb7 27.Nb4 Rd6 28.Rc5 Ke7 29.Ra5 c5 30.Rxc5 Kd7 31.Nd3±* Bluebaum,M (2642)-Lupulescu,C (2609) Germany 2016*)* 21.Nc5 a5 22.Rc2 R8d6 23.Nd3 e4 24.Ne5 Ba6 25.Rac1 exf3 26.Nxc6 *(26.Nxf3!? Re4 27.e3 Bb7 28.Rc5 a4⇄)* 26...Rd2 27.Ne7+ Kf8 28.Nxf5 Rd7 29.Kxf3 Bxe2+ 30.Ke3 R7d3+ 31.Ke4 Bg4 32.Ne3 Bh5 33.Rxd2 Rxd2= ½, Jumabayev,R (2630)-So,W (2767) Douglas 2019;

C1b) 15.Ne4 Qd5 16.Qxd5 Black has the concrete exd5! *(≤16...cxd5?! 17.Nc5 Rxb2 18.e3⩲)* 17.Nc5 Rxb2 18.e3 Bf5 Th crucial move, despite his compromised ♙-structure Black's ♗ is active and he controls the ⇔b: Der kritische Zug, trotz seiner kompromttierten Bauernstruktur ist der Läufer von Schwarz aktiv und er kontrolliert die b-Linie: 19.f3 *(19.Rfc1 a5 20.Nb3 a4 21.Na5 g6 22.Nxc6 Re8 23.a3 Re6 24.Nb4 Be4 25.Ra2 Rb3 26.h3 g5↑* Giri,A (2777)-So,W (2778) chess24.com rpd 2021*)* 19...a5 20.Rf2 Rfb8 21.g4 Bg6 22.h4 h5 23.g5 Rb1+ 24.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 25.Kg2 Re1 26.Rb2 Rxe3 ½, Vecek,M (2342)-Ozalp,A (2116) email 2016 27.Rb8+ Kh7 28.Nd7 Bf5 29.Nf8+=;

C2) 10.Na3 0-0 11.Qb5 b6 12.Qxc4 Ba6 13.Nb5 Qd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.a4 Na5 16.Ne5 Rbd8 17.Nxa7

C2a) 17...Nb3 18.Nac6 Bxe2 19.Ra3 Bxf1 20.Kxf1 Na5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Nxd8 Rxd8 23.Rc3 f6 24.Nd3 c6 25.b3 *(25.Nb4!? Rd6 26.Nc2±)* 25...Kf7 26.Nb2 Ra8! 27.b4 Nc4 28.Nxc4 dxc4 29.Rxc4 Rxa4 30.Rxc6 Rxb4= Vidit,S (2726)-Fier,A (2569) Krasnaya Polyana 2021;

C2b) 17...Nb4!? 18.Rac1 Rxd4 19.Rxc7 Bxe2 20.Rfc1 f6 21.Nec6 Naxc6 22.Nxc6 Nxc6 23.R7xc6 Rfd8 24.h4 Rb4 25.Rxe6 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bxd1 27.Bc6 Rxb2= Markus,R (2609)-Martinovic,S (2542) Austria 2021]

6...Rb8 This is a topical line even nowadays. Dies ist auch heute noch eine aktuelle Variante.

[However, as has been indicated above, there are even more examples with the

transpositional Wie bereits erwähnt, gibt es jedoch noch mehr Beispiele für das überleitende 6...a6]

7.a4 One of the main tries, but White has tested numerous alternatives here. Einer der Hauptversuche, aber Weiß hat hier zahlreiche Alternativen getestet.

[7.Qc2 b5 8.b3 Nb4 9.Qd1 cxb3 10.axb3 a6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Bxb7 Rxb7 13.Ba3 Rb6 14.Qd2 Nc6? *(14...Ne4 15.Qf4 f5∞ /∓)* 15.Bc5! Nxe5 16.Bxb6 Ned7 17.Ba5 Bd6 18.Bb4 Qe7 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Qf4 Qb6 21.Rc1 Nd5 22.Qd2 0-0 23.Nc3+- Dubov,D (2702)-Bluebaum,M (2663) Chess.com rpd 2022]

[7.Be3 frees c1 for the ♕d1 and toys with ♘e5. Recently this rare move was essayed by Carlsen: befreit c1 für die Dd1 und spielt mit Se5. Kürzlich wurde dieser seltene Zug von Carlsen ausprobiert:

A) 7...Nd5 8.Qc1?! *(⌓8.Bd2; 8.Bg5!?⩱)* 8...Nxe3 9.fxe3 g6 10.Qxc4 Bh6 11.Qd3 0-0 12.e4 Qe7 13.e3 Rd8 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Qe2 b6 16.Rfd1 Ba6 17.Qf2 c5 18.Kh1 Rbc8 19.Bf1 Bb7 20.a3 Nc6∓ Janik,I (2466)-Leniart,A (2508) Bialystok 2019;

B) 7...Be7 8.Qc1 *(8.Nbd2 b5 9.a4 a6∓)* 8...b5 9.b3 0-0 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.Qxc4 resembles Carlsen's game: ähnelt Carlsens Partie: Nb4 12.Qc1 Ba6 13.Re1 c5 14.dxc5 Qa5?! *(14...Ng4⇄; 14...Rc8!?)* 15.Nd4 *(15.Nbd2!?)* 15...Bxc5 16.a3 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Nc2 18.Bc3 Rxb1 19.Qxc2 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qxa3 21.Ra1 Qd6 22.Qa4 Bxe2 23.Bb4 Qd4 24.Bxf8 Qxa4 25.Rxa4 Kxf8 26.Rxa7± Kozul,Z (2589)-Farago,I (2367) Karlsruhe 2019;

C) 7...b5 8.Qc1 *(8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd5 10.Bxa7 Ra8∓; 8.a4! a6 9.Ne5⩱)* 8...Nd5 9.b3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 Bd6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.bxc4 bxc4 13.Qxc4 Nb4 14.Qc1 Ba6 15.Rf2 Nd5↑ Yanayt,E (2099)-Tsay,V (2315) Sturbridge 2021;

D) 7...Bd6

D1) 8.Nfd2!? Ng4 *(8...0-0 9.Nxc4 Ne7 10.Bg5 Nd7 11.e4 f6 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4±)* Mulyar,M (2385)-Zeng,S (1863) Philadelphia 2018 9.Nxc4 Nxe3 10.Nxe3± O;

D2) 8.Qc1 b5 *(8...Nd5 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 Nb6∞)* 9.b3 Bb7 *(9...Ba6 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.Ne5! Nxe5 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Bc6+ Nd7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Nc3 Bd6 16.Bxa7 Bb7 17.Bxb8 Bxc6 18.Rxd6 cxd6 19.Bxd6 Re8 20.Qf4±; 9...Nd5 10.Bg5 f6 11.bxc4±; ⌓9...0-0! 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.Qxc4 Nb4=)* 10.bxc4 bxc4

D2a) ⌓11.Na3! In the lines above Black's ♔ remains in the centre, more solid is In den obigen Varianten bleibt der schwarze König im Zentrum, solider ist

D2a1) 11...Bxa3 12.Qxa3 Qd6 *(12...Nd5 13.Nd2 c3 14.Ne4↑)* 13.Qa4 Nd5 14.Ne5↑;

D2a2) 11...c3!? 12.Qxc3 0-0±;

D2b) 11.Qxc4?! Nb4 *(11...0-0!?=)* 12.a3 Nbd5 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rfc1 Nd7 17.Qa4 c5!= 18.Qxa7 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 cxd4 20.Ra2 Carlsen,M (2865)-Rapport,R (2763) Wijk aan Zee 2022 Ne5!

21.Be4 *(21.Qxd4 Bxa3! 22.Qxd8 Rfxd8=)* 21...d3!? 22.exd3 f5 23.d4 fxe4 24.dxe5 Bxe5 25.Nxe4 Bb2 26.Rb1 Qd5 27.Raxb2 Rxb2 28.Rxb2 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qf3+=]

[7.Nc3 is the most popular move: ist der beliebteste Zug: b5 *(7...a6* tranposes into 5...a6 and is a more circumspect choice leitet über zu 5...a6 und ist eine umsichtigere Wahl.*)* 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.Qc2 *(10.Qd4!* is the standard move, ist der Standardzug, *c5 11.Qf4 Qc7 12.a4 a6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rd1⩲* gives White excellent compensation - gibt Weiß ausgezeichnete Kompensation - *Nxe5? 15.Bc6+! Qxc6 16.Qxe5 Rb6 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bxf6 Bb7 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne4 h6 21.Rd8 Rg8 22.Rad1 Bc8 23.Qh5+ g6 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qxh6* 1-0, Raetsky,A (2446)-Levacic,M (1993) Sautron 2005*)* 10...Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.Bg5 *(13.Ne4 Nxe5 14.b3 f5 15.Bb2 Nf7 16.Nd2⩲ /=)* 13...h6?! *(⌓13...c6! 14.Ne4 h6 15.Be3 Be7 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Rxd6 0-0 18.Qe4⩲ /=)* 14.Rxd7 Qxd7? *(14...hxg5 15.Rad1 Bd6 16.Rxf7 Kxf7 17.exd6 cxd6 18.Ne4±)* 15.Rd1 *(15.Qe4! Rb8 16.Rd1 Bd6 17.exd6 hxg5 18.Qe5 cxd6 19.Qxg7 Ke7 20.Ne4→)* 15...Qxd1+ 16.Nxd1 hxg5 17.Qe4 *(17.a4!?)* 17...Rb6 18.Qa8+ Kd7 19.Nc3 f5 *(19...b4!?)* 20.a4 *(20.exf6 gxf6 21.Ne4→)* 20...a6 21.a5 Rc6 22.Nxb5? *(22.e4! g6 23.Nd5↑)* 22...axb5 23.a6 Dubov,D (2711)-Ponkratov,P (2635) Chess.com rpd 2022 g6 24.a7 Bg7∓]

[Another main line is Eine andere Hauptvariante ist 7.e3

A) 7...b5 8.b3!? cxb3 9.axb3 a6 10.Qe2 *(* or *10.Ne1!? Rb6 11.Nd3⩲* gives White typical Catalan compensation. gibt Weiß typische Katalanisch-Kompensation. *)*;

B) 7...Be7!? 8.Nfd2 *(8.Qe2 b5 9.b3 0-0!* **Δ** *10.bxc4 bxc4 11.Qxc4 Nb4↑)* 8...e5 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Nxc4 Be6 12.Nbd2 h5 13.f3 Qd3 14.fxg4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Qxc4 16.gxh5 Qe6 17.Qf3 Rb5 18.Qf5 Rxe5 19.Qxe6 Rxe6 20.Rf5 Rd6 21.Kg2 Rd1 22.b3 g6 23.Re5 Mamedyarov,S (2809)-Caruana,F (2784) Berlin Candidates 2018 Rxh5 24.Rxe7+ Kxe7 25.Ba3+ Rd6= For more details about this line and game see the notes in CBM 184 by Marin. Weitere Einzelheiten über diese Variante und die Partie finden Sie in den Anmerkungen in CBM 184 von Marin.;

C) 7...a6 leads to great complications after the similar und führt zu großen Komplikationen nach dem ähnlichen 8.Nfd2 e5 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Nxc4 Be6 12.Nbd2 Bb4 13.b3 h5 14.h3 Bc3 15.Ba3 Bxa1 16.Qxa1 h4 17.hxg4 hxg3 18.Nf3 Qd3 19.Ncd2 Rd8

C1) 20.Qb1 gxf2+ *(20...Qe2!? 21.Qe1 Qxe1 22.Rxe1 gxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Rxd2+ 24.Nxd2 Rh2+∓)* 21.Kxf2? *(21.Kg2 Qxe3 22.Qe4∓)* 21...Rh2+ 22.Nxh2 Qxd2+ 23.Kg1 Qxe3+ 24.Rf2 Rd2 25.Qf1 Bd5 26.Nf3 Rxa2 27.Bc1 Niemann,H (2508)-Bjerre,J (2550) Bassano del Grappa 2021 Qc5 28.b4 Rxf2 29.bxc5 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Bxf3 31.g5 a5-+;

C2) ⌓20.Qc1

C2a) 20...Kd7 21.Qc5 *(21.Qb1! gxf2+ 22.Kxf2±* **Δ** *Rh2+ 23.Nxh2 Qxd2+ 24.Kg3)* 21...Kc8 22.fxg3 Rh3 23.Kg2 Rdh8 24.e4? *(24.Qd4*

Qe2+ 25.Rf2 Rh2+ 26.Nxh2 Rxh2+ 27.Kxh2 Qxf2+ 28.Kh3 Bd5 29.g5 Be6+ 30.g4 Bd5 31.Qf4 Qxd2 32.g6 fxg6 33.Qf8+ Kb7 34.Qb4+=) 24...Bxg4 25.Qa7 Qe2+ 26.Rf2 Bxf3+ 27.Nxf3 Qxe4 28.Qa8+ Kd7 29.Rd2+ Ke6-+ Di Benedetto,E (2407)-Haring,F (2429) Corte 2022;

C2b) 20...g2! 21.Kxg2 Bxg4 22.Rh1 *(22.Qxc6+!? Bd7 23.Qe4 Bh3+ 24.Kg1 Bxf1 25.Qc6+ Qd7 26.Qxd7+ Rxd7∞ /±)* 22...Bxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Qf5+ *(23...Rxh1 24.Qxh1 Qxd2 25.Qh8+ Kd7 26.Qh3+=)* 24.Ke2 Qd3+ 25.Kf3 Qf5+ 26.Ke2 Qd3+ 27.Kf3 Qf5+ 28.Ke2 Qd3+ 29.Kf3 Qf5+ ½, Arvola,B (2482)-Vitenberg,N (2298) Fagernes 2020]

7...a6 Fights to retain the extra pawn. Kämpft darum, den Mehrbauern zu behalten.

[Giving it back also makes sense: Auch eine Rückgabe ist sinnvoll: 7...b6!?

A) 8.Nbd2 Ba6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Qc2 Bc5 12.Qe4 c3 13.Nb3 0-0 14.Bf3 f5 15.Qc2 cxb2 16.Bxb2 Qe7 17.Rfc1 Rfd8 18.a5⩲ /=, Lei,T (2455)-Tan,Z (2487) Wuxi 2015;

B) 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.e4 Na5 10.e5 *(10.Bg5!?; 10.Qe2!?)* 10...Nd5 11.Ne4 h6 12.Bd2 Nb3 13.Rb1 Qd7 14.a5 b5 15.Qe2 a6 16.Rbd1 Be7 17.h4 Bc6 18.Rfe1 Kd8 19.h5 Kc8 20.Rf1 Kb7 21.Be1 Ka7∓ Zakaryan,D (2304)-Triapishko,A (2506) Kerch 2021;

C) 8.e3 Bb7 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Nd5 11.Ne5 Nb4 12.Qc3 *(12.Qd1? Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Qd5+ 14.Qf3 f5!∓ 15.e4 Qxd4 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kd7 19.Nf3 Qxe4 20.Re1 Qd5 21.Qf7+ Be7 22.Bg5 Rbe8-+* Alburt,L (2530)-Ivanov,I (2505) USA 1989*)* 12...Bxg2 *(12...Nd5 13.Qc2=)* 13.Kxg2 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Ndxc4 Qd5+ 16.f3 Nxc4 17.Nxc4 0-0 18.e4 Qd7 19.Bg5!=;

D) 8.Na3 Na5 *(8...Bxa3 9.Rxa3 Bb7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Rc3 Na5 13.Ne5 c5=)* 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Bxb7 Rxb7 11.Naxc4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bf4 Nd5 17.axb6 ½, Gleizerov,E (2540)-Krasenkow,M (2555) Rewal 1992]

8.a5

[8.Nc3 A safe option is the developing

A) 8...b5 9.axb5 axb5 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.Bc6 Bc5! *(12...b4? 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Qa4±)* 13.Nxb5 *(13.Bxb5 0-0 14.Bf4 h6 15.h4 Qe7⇄)* 13...0-0 14.Bf4 Rb6 15.Na7 Nb8 16.Bf3 Bb7∓ Bazeev,G (2398)-Glavina,P (2411) Chess.com blitz 2021;

B) 8...Be7! 9.e4 *(9.a5 0-0 10.Qa4 Nb4 11.Bg5 Bd7 12.Qd1 Bc6 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nc6 15.Nf3 Nd5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.e4 Ndb4 18.b3 Rfd8 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 Qc5∓* Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) Chess.com rpd 2020 *)*

B1) 9...b5 10.axb5 axb5 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Re1 Nb4 *(12...b4!? 13.Na4 Ba6∓)* 13.Bf1 Nh5 14.Be3 Nf6 15.Bf4 Nh5 16.Be3 Nf6 17.b3 Bb7 18.Bf4 Nh5 19.Be3 Nf6 20.Bf4 Nh5 21.Be3 Nf6 ½, Short,N (2680)-Kosic,D (2504) Warsaw 2013;

B2) 9...0-0 10.Bf4 *(10.e5 Nd5 11.h4 Ncb4 12.Qe2 Nd3 13.Bg5 h6*

14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ne4 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.b3 Bb7 18.bxc4 bxc4 19.Nfd2 Lei,T (2507)-Kosteniuk,A (2546) Hengshui blitz 2019 *Qb4∓)* 10...b5 11.axb5 axb5 12.d5 exd5 13.exd5 Nb4 14.Nd4 Bd7∓]

8...b5

[Even after Selbst nach 8...Bb4!? White can hardly claim an advantage: kann Weiß kaum Vorteil beanspruchen.

A) 9.Bd2 Bxd2 10.Qxd2 b5 11.axb6 cxb6 12.Ne5 *(12.Rc1 Na5 13.Rxa5 bxa5 14.Ne5 Bd7∓)* 12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Qd6 Qe7 15.Qc6 0-0 16.Qxc4 Nxe5 17.Qf4 Qf6 18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.Rd1 a5 20.f4 Nc4 21.Rc1 Ne3 22.Bf3 Bb7∓ Splosnov,S (2355)-Galkiewicz,D (2205) Suwalki 2000/ Black simply has a healthy extra ♙. Schwarz hat einfach einen gesunden Extrabauern.;

B) 9.Qa4 0-0

B1) 10.Ne5 Qxd4 *(10...Nd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qc2 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Qxc4 Qe7 15.Nd2 ½,* Vasilevich,T (2396)-Prusikin,M (2560) Bad Wiessee 2006*)* 11.Bxc6 Bd6! 12.Nd7 *(12.Nxc4 bxc6 13.Rd1 Qc5 14.Nbd2 Rb4 15.Qc2 Ng4 16.Rf1 Bb7 17.Kg2 Qh5 18.h3 c5+ 19.Nf3 Ne5-+* Glavina,P (2460)-Gharamian,T (2658) France 2010*)* 12...Bxd7 13.Bxd7 Qg4!∓;

B2) 10.Bd2 Bxd2 11.Nbxd2 Nxd4 12.Qxc4 Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Bd7 14.Rfd1 Bb5 *(14...Qc8!∓)* 15.Rxd8 Bxc4 16.Rxb8 Rxb8 17.Rc1 Bd5 18.Rxc7 Ne8 19.Rc2 f6 20.Ne1 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Kf7 22.Nd3 Ke7 23.f4 Rd8 24.Kf3 Rd7± Laxman,R (2408)-Sengupta,D (2566) Kottayam 2014;

B3) 10.Rd1 Qe7 11.Bd2 Bd7 12.Ne5 Bxd2 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Rxd2 Nb4 15.Na3 b5 16.axb6 cxb6 17.Nc2 a5 18.Qb5 Rfc8 19.Ra4 c3 20.bxc3 Rxc3 21.Nxb4 Rc1+ 22.Bf1 axb4 23.Rxb4 Rbc8= Kirpichnikov,V (2194)-Kryukov,V (2161) Togliatti 2008;

C) 9.Ra4!? 0-0 10.Ne5 Bd7 11.Bg5 *(11.e3 Re8 12.Nxc4 Bf8 13.Ra1* Voll,A (2503)-Helbich,J (2485) email 2007 *e5 14.d5 Nb4 15.e4 b5 16.axb6 cxb6⇄)* 11...Be8 12.Nxc4 Be7 13.e3 Na7 14.Ra1 Bc6 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nc3 Be7 18.Qf3 Bb4 19.d5 Bxc3 20.dxc6 Bf6 21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.e4 Qc5 23.Rac1 Bg5 24.Rc3 Qb5 25.cxb7 Rxb7= Theodorou,N (2566)-Repka,C (2496) Philadelphia 2021]

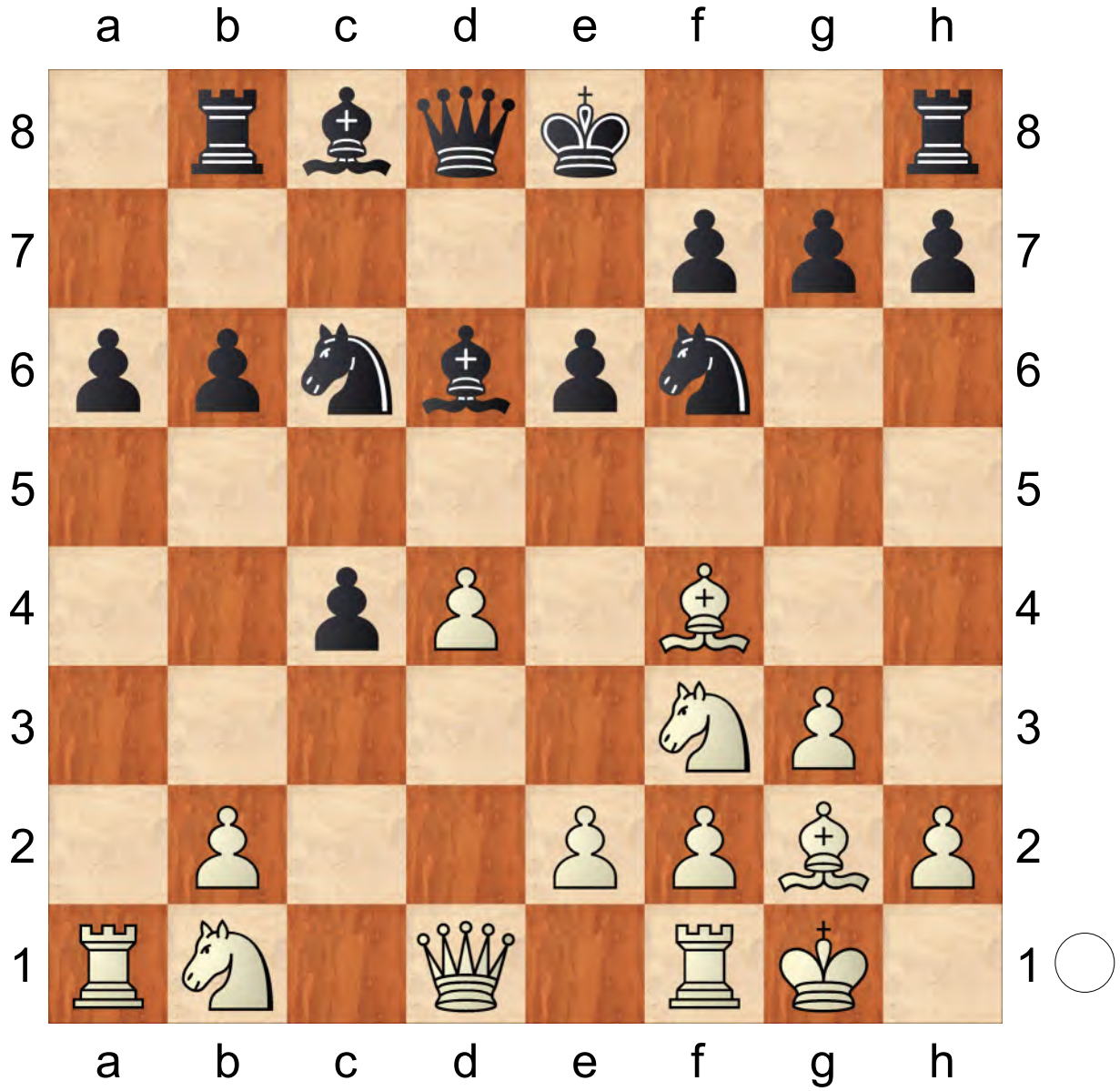
9.axb6 cxb6 10.Bf4 Bd6

(Diagram)

11.Ne5 Ne7!? □ The only sensible reaction, other moves fail miserably: Die einzig sinnvolle Reaktion, andere Maßnahmen scheitern kläglich:

[11...Na5? 12.Rxa5 bxa5 13.Qa4+ Kf8 14.Nc6 Qd7 15.Bxd6+ Qxd6 16.Nxb8 Qxb8 17.Qxa5±]

[11...Nb4? 12.Bd2! Bd7 13.Nxc4 Bb5 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.Bxb8 Qxb8 17.Nc3+- Vaupot,L (1989)-Shoshin,K (2183) Bratislava 2019]



12.e4 Petursson follows his own older game, but objectively the text-move doesn't cause Black too many problems. We'll check the alternatives: Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'N'' Petursson folgt seiner eigenen älteren Partie, aber objektiv bereitet der Zug Schwarz nicht allzu viele Probleme. Wir prüfen die Alternativen:

[12.Nxc4 Bxf4 13.gxf4 Oll,Lembit: '=' '=' '=' 0-0 allows Black to finish his development without concessions and get a promising position: ermöglicht es Schwarz, seine Entwicklung ohne Zugeständnisse zu beenden und eine vielversprechende Stellung zu erreichen: 14.e3 *(14.Nc3 Qc7 15.Ne5 Ng6 16.e3 Nh4 17.Bh1 Bb7∓; 14.Ne5 Nfd5 15.e3 f6 16.Nd3* Harikrishna,S (1930)-Sumets,A (2569) Visakhapatnam 2011 *a5!?∞ /∓)* 14...Nfd5 *(14...a5!?)* 15.Ne5 *(15.Nbd2 Bb7 16.Ne4 Nf5 17.Qh5 h6 18.Ra3 Rc8 19.Qe2 Qe7 20.Ne5 Rc7↑ 21.Nc3? Nxd4! 22.Qd3 Nxc3 23.Bxb7 Nce2+ 24.Kh1 Rxb7 25.exd4 Nxf4-+* 0-1 (39) Mayrhuber,N (1998)-Antova,G (2247) Sitges 2020*)* 15...Bb7

(We have already mentioned the more enterprising Wir haben bereits die unternehmungslustigeren *15...f6!? 16.Nd3 a5* above über) 16.Nd2 Ng6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Nf3 Qe7 19.Ne5 Nb4 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Rc1 Rc7 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.Qd2 ½, Timoshenko,G (2510)-Novikov,I (2580) Nova Gorica 1997 a5 24.Rc1 Qb7=]

[Two moves attempt to prevent castling: Mit zwei Zügen wird versucht, die Rochade zu verhindern: 12.Nc6 Nxc6 13.Bxc6+ Ke7 14.Bg5 Qc7∓ /∓ is rather soft, I don't think White has sufficient compensation here. ist ziemlich weich, ich glaube nicht, dass Weiß hier genügend Kompensation hat.]

[Keeping more tension and far more dangerous is Mehr Spannung und weitaus gefährlicher ist 12.Bc6+! Kf8

A) 13.Bf3!? h5!? Stoica Stoica *(13...b5 14.b3! cxb3 15.Qxb3⩱)* 14.Nxc4 *(14.b3!?∞)* 14...Bxf4 15.gxf4 Rh6 16.Ne5 Ng4!⇄;

B) 13.Bg2 Here it's not so simple for Black to untangle his forces:

B1) 13...Nfd5 14.Bd2 b5 15.b3! f6 *(15...cxb3 16.Qxb3 Bb7 17.Ba5 Bc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.e4↑* Stoica Stoica*)* 16.bxc4 fxe5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bg5 Bb7 19.Nc3 h6 20.Bxe7+ Bxe7 21.dxe5 d4 Giri,A (2776)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Zagreb blitz 2021 22.Bxb7 dxc3 23.Bd5+-;

B2) 13...Qc7 14.b3?! *(⌓14.e4! Bb7 15.Qe2 b5 16.b3 cxb3 17.Nd2 b2 18.Ra2⩱* Stoica *)* 14...Nfd5 15.Bc1 c3 16.Qc2 b5 17.e4 Nb4 18.Qxc3 Nc2 19.Qxc7 Bxc7 20.Ra2 Nxd4 21.Bf4 Rb7 22.Rd1 g5∓ Lalith,B (2563)-Murphy,C (2429) Budapest 2022;

B3) 13...b5

B3a) 14.e4 Bb7

B3a1) 15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.e5 Qd7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Qh5+ Ng6 21.Nc3 Laxman,R (2474)-Chandra,A (2269) Nagpur 2012 b4 22.Ne2 Qb5∓;

B3a2) 15.Nc3 h5!? 16.d5 exd5 17.Re1!? Ng4 18.exd5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5!? *(19.Bxe5 Rh6∞)* 19...h4!? 20.Ne4 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 h3 22.Qg4 *(22.Bh1 Bxd5 23.Bxb8 Qxb8 24.Nc5 Qc8 25.Bxd5 Qxc5 26.Bxc4 g5! 27.Bf1 Rh6∓)* 22...Ng6 23.Bxb8 Qxb8 24.Bxh3 *(24.Bh1 Bxd5 25.Rxa6 Bb7 Δ26.Ra1 Bc6 27.Rd1 Rh6∓)* 24...Ne5 25.Qf5 g6 26.Qf6 Rxh3 27.Ng5 Rxh2 28.Ne6+ Ke8 29.Re1! Qd6 30.Rxe5 Rh1+! 31.Kxh1 Bxd5+ 32.Kh2 Bxe6⩾ Stoica;

B3a3) 15.Re1 Bc7 16.Nc3?! *(16.b3! cxb3 17.Qxb3 Qxd4 18.Ra2⩱)* 16...Ng6 17.Nxg6+ hxg6 18.Qf3 Rh5 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.g4 Rh8 21.h3 Ne8 22.Bxc7 Qxc7 23.Qe3 Rd8 24.f4 Qb6 25.Kh2 Nf6 26.Kg3 Ng8 27.Qe2 Qc7 28.h4 Ne7 29.Qf2 f6 30.g5 Kf7∓ Bluebaum,M (2641)-Gavrilescu,D (2454) Germany 2020;

B3b) 14.b3!? cxb3 15.Qxb3 h5 *(15...a5 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 f6 19.Rfd1⟳)* 16.Bg5 Qb6 17.Rd1↑ Ng4?! Studer,N (2580)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2640) Chess.com blitz 2020 *(17...h4!? 18.Bxh4 Rh5±)* 18.Bxe7+ Bxe7 19.Nc6 Rb7 20.Nd2 g6 21.Rac1 Kg7 22.Ne4⟶]

[12.Nd2 ChessCalisthenics b5 13.Bc6+ Kf8 14.Bg2 Nfd5 15.Bg5 f6 16.e4 Nb4 17.Qf3 Kg8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Ng4 f5 20.Nf6+ Kf7 21.e5 Ng6 22.Qh5 Be7 23.Nf3 Bxf6 24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Rfe1 Kg7 26.Ng5 h6 Likavsky,T (2409)-Fressinet,L (2536)/Charleville 2000/ CBM 079 ext/0-1]

[12.Qc2 ChessCalisthenics Qc7 13.Qxc4 Qxc4 14.Nxc4 Bxf4 15.gxf4 0-0=]

12...0-0 Oll,Lembit: 'N' 'N' 'N'

[12...Bb7 Oll,Lembit: 'Ü 52/(491)' Oll,Lembit: 'Ü 52/(491)' 13.Nc3 *(13.Qe2 b5 14.Rd1 0-0 15.h4 Ne8 16.h5 f6 17.Bh3 Qc8 18.d5 fxe5 19.Bxe6+ Qxe6 20.dxe6 exf4 21.gxf4 Rxf4 22.f3 Bc5+ 23.Kg2 Nc7-+* Andersen,M (2384)-Piorun,K (2520) Krakow 2012*)*

A) 13...b5?! 14.Nxf7 Kxf7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.e5 Qb6 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Re1 h5 *(19...Rbd8? 20.Ne4 Qc6 21.Qh5+ Kg7 22.Nc5 Rd6 23.Rxa6 Qxa6 24.Nxa6 Rxa6 25.Qxb5* 1-0, Petursson,M (2515)-Zlatilov,I (2365) Andorra 1991*)* 20.Ne4 Nf5 21.Qf3 Kg6 22.d5 Qxd5 23.Rad1 Qc6 24.Rd6 Qc8 25.Red1↑;

B) ⌓13...0-0 14.Bg5 b5 transposes into the game leitet zur Partie über. *(14...Bxe5? 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qd6 Re8 17.Rfd1+-)*]

[Black can also start with Schwarz kann auch beginnen mit 12...b5!?

A) 13.b3 cxb3 14.Qxb3 0-0 15.Rd1 Bb7∓;

B) 13.Nxf7 Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!' Oll,Lembit: 'Oll,L' Kxf7 14.Bxd6 *(14.e5 Ng6 15.Bg5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5∓)* 14...Qxd6 15.e5 Qc7 16.exf6 gxf6∞ /∓ The difference between the Petursson-Zlatilov game and this position is that the ♗c8 supports e6 and Black's defence is far more solid. Der Unterschied zwischen der Petursson-Zlatilov-Partie und dieser Stellung besteht darin, dass der Lc8 den Punkt e6 unterstützt und die schwarze Verteidigung viel solider ist.;

C) 13.Nc3 0-0

C1) 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.e5 Ned5!? *(15...Bc7 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Bxc7 Qxc7∓)* 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Ba3!? 18.Bxe6 Bxe6 19.Rxa3 Rb6∓;

C2) 14.Bg5 is the game once again ist erneut die Partie.]

13.Bg5

[13.Nxc4? Bxf4 14.gxf4 Bb7 15.Nc3 Ng6 **Δ** 16.Qd2 Nh5-+]

13...b5!

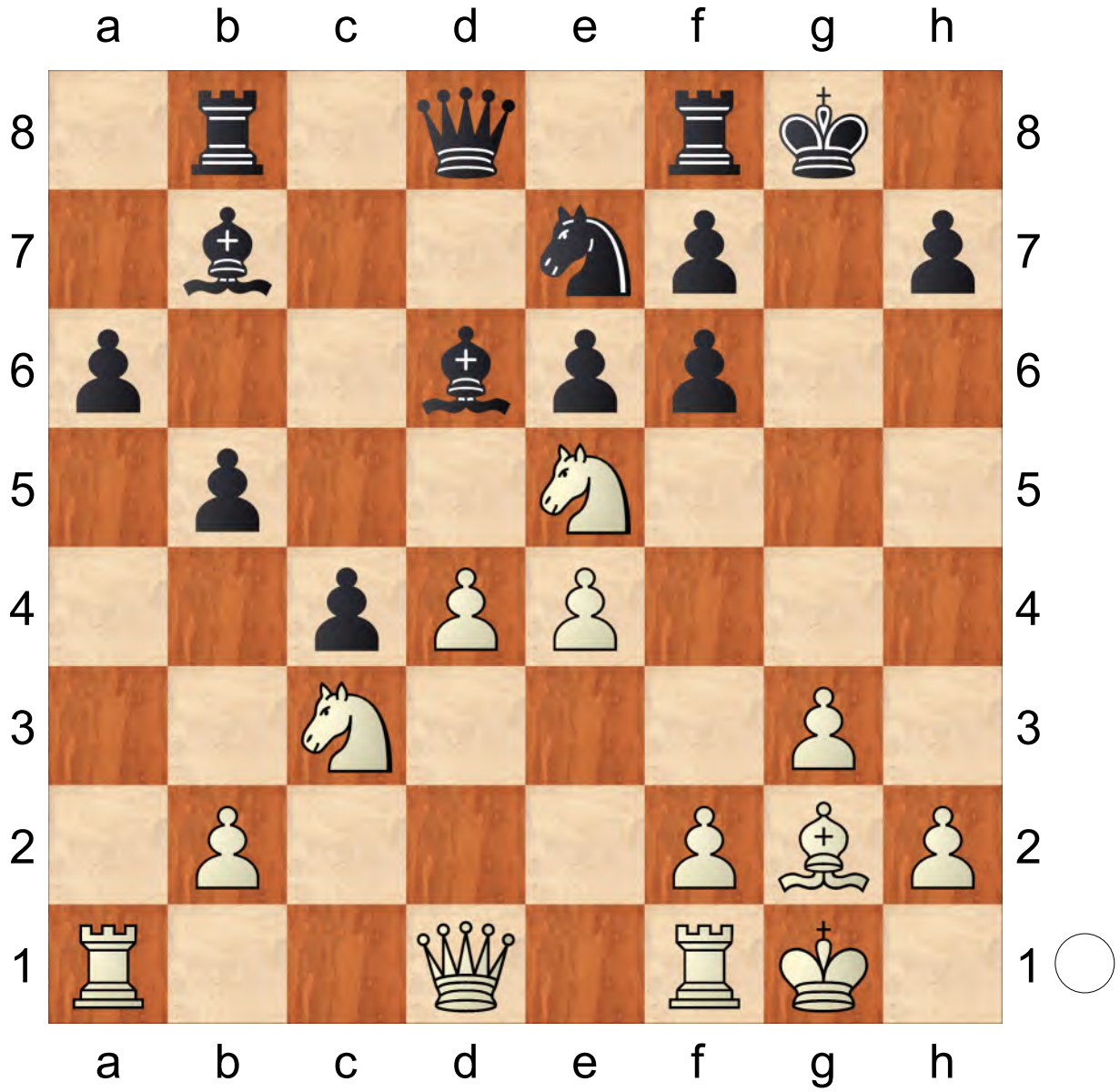
[13...h6? 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nxc4 regains the pawn with a positional advantage - gewinnt den Bauern mit positionellem Vorteil zurück - Bc7 16.Nc3 b5 17.Ne3 Bb6 18.d5 e5 19.Qh5 Kg7 20.Ng4 Rh8 21.Nxe5!+- Maciaga,M (2117)-Krainski,S (2098) Jastrzebia Gora 2018]

14.Nc3 Bb7 Developing is natural enough, but Black had a wider choice and at least two plausible alternatives. Entwickeln ist natürlich genug, aber Schwarz hatte eine größere Auswahl und mindestens zwei plausible Alternativen.

[14...Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qd6 Re8 17.Rfd1 Rb6 Vujadinovic,M (2022)-Yasakov,I (2249) email 2003 18.Qb4 h6 19.Be3 Rc6 20.Ne2 Rc7!?∓ **Δ** 21.Bb6 Nc6 22.Bxc7 Qxc7 23.Qd6 Qb6↑ Black will tak on e5 and is on top with 2 ♙ for the exchange.]

[14...Bc7!?∞ /∓ is also interesting, even here White must struggle to prove his compensation. Black's bishop on c8 might come in handy, as it protects f5 - see move 22 in the game. ist ebenfalls interessant, aber auch hier muss Weiß versuchen, seine Kompensation zu beweisen. Der schwarze Läufer auf c8 könnte sich als nützlich erweisen, da er f5 schützt - siehe Zug 22 in der Partie.]

15.Bxf6 gxf6



16.Ng4 Ng6 The ♙f6 requires protection. Der Bauer f6 muss geschützt werden.

[Premature is Verfrüht ist 16...f5? 17.Nf6+ Kg7 18.e5 Bb4 *(18...Bxg2 19.exd6 Bxf1 20.Nh5+ Kh6 21.dxe7 Qxe7 22.Kxf1±)* 19.Bxb7 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rxb7 21.Rxa6 Ng8 22.Qf3 Qe7 23.Qe3 h6 24.Nh5+ Kh7 25.d5 exd5 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Qf4+- Stoll,F (2250)-Dgebuadze,A (2425) Boeblingen 1996]

17.h4 Petursson follows his own recommendation. Petursson folgt seiner eigenen Empfehlung.

[An interesting and possibly stronger alternative was Eine interessante und möglicherweise stärkere Alternative war 17.f4!? b4 18.Ne2 f5 *(18...Kh8 19.Ne3!?∞)* 19.exf5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 exf5 21.Ne3!? *(21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Nxf5 Re8∓ 23.Rxa6? Bf8→)* 21...Rc8 22.Rc1 Bb8 23.Kf2⇄]

17...b4

[Nowadays an engine quickly recommends Heutzutage empfiehlt eine Engine schnell ⌓17...Kh8! and lashes out tactically: und schlägt taktisch um sich:

A) 18.h5 Nh4! 19.gxh4 f5 20.e5 *(20.Ne5 Qxh4 21.Nf3 Qxh5 22.Ne5 Qh4 23.Nf3 Qg4 24.Ne5 Qg7-+)* 20...Rg8 21.f3 fxg4 22.exd6 gxf3 23.Rxf3 b4 24.Na4 *(24.d5 Qb6+ 25.Kf1 bxc3-+)* 24...Qxd6 25.Nc5 Bxf3 26.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 27.Qf2 Rbd8-+;

B) 18.Ne3 Qb6!? 19.h5 Ne7∓;

C) 18.e5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 fxe5 20.h5 Nh4+! 21.gxh4 f5 22.dxe5 *(22.Nh2 e4 23.f4 Qxh4 24.Ne2 Rf6 25.Rg1 Rh6-+)* 22...Rg8

C1) 23.Qxd6 Qxh4 24.Rfd1 b4! *(24...Qxg4+ 25.Kf1 b4 26.Nd5 exd5 27.Qf6+ Qg7 28.Rxa6∓)* **Δ** 25.Nd5 exd5 26.Qf6+ Qxf6 27.exf6 Rxg4+ 28.Kf3 *(28.Kh3 Rb6!?-+)* 28...d4 29.Rxa6 Kg8∓ /-+;

C2) 23.exd6 Rxg4+ 24.Kf3 b4 25.Rg1 *(25.Ne2 Rb5! 26.Rxa6 Rd5-+)* 25...Qxh4 26.Rxg4 Qxg4+ 27.Ke3 f4+ 28.Kd2 bxc3+ 29.bxc3 Qg2∓ However, finding even a parti of these lines over the board is between very difficult and practically almost impossible. Es ist jedoch sehr schwierig bis fast unmöglich, auch nur einen Teil dieser Varianten auf dem Brett zu finden.]

18.Ne2

[Oll suggests Oll schlägt stattdessen 18.Na4 Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!' instead. However, the ♘ can be offside and Black still has a pleasant position after vor. Der Springer kann jedoch im Abseits stehen und Schwarz hat immer noch eine angenehme Position nach f5 19.exf5 *(19.Ne3 fxe4 20.h5 Ne7 21.Nxc4 f5 22.Nc5 Bc8!?∓)* 19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 exf5 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Nxf5 Qf6! *(22...Rb5 23.d5 Be5 24.Qf3 Rg8!?∓)* 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.d5 Rb5 25.Qd4+ f6 26.Qxc4 *(26.Rad1 Ne5)* 26...Rxd5↑]

18...f5!? Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!' **19.exf5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 exf5**

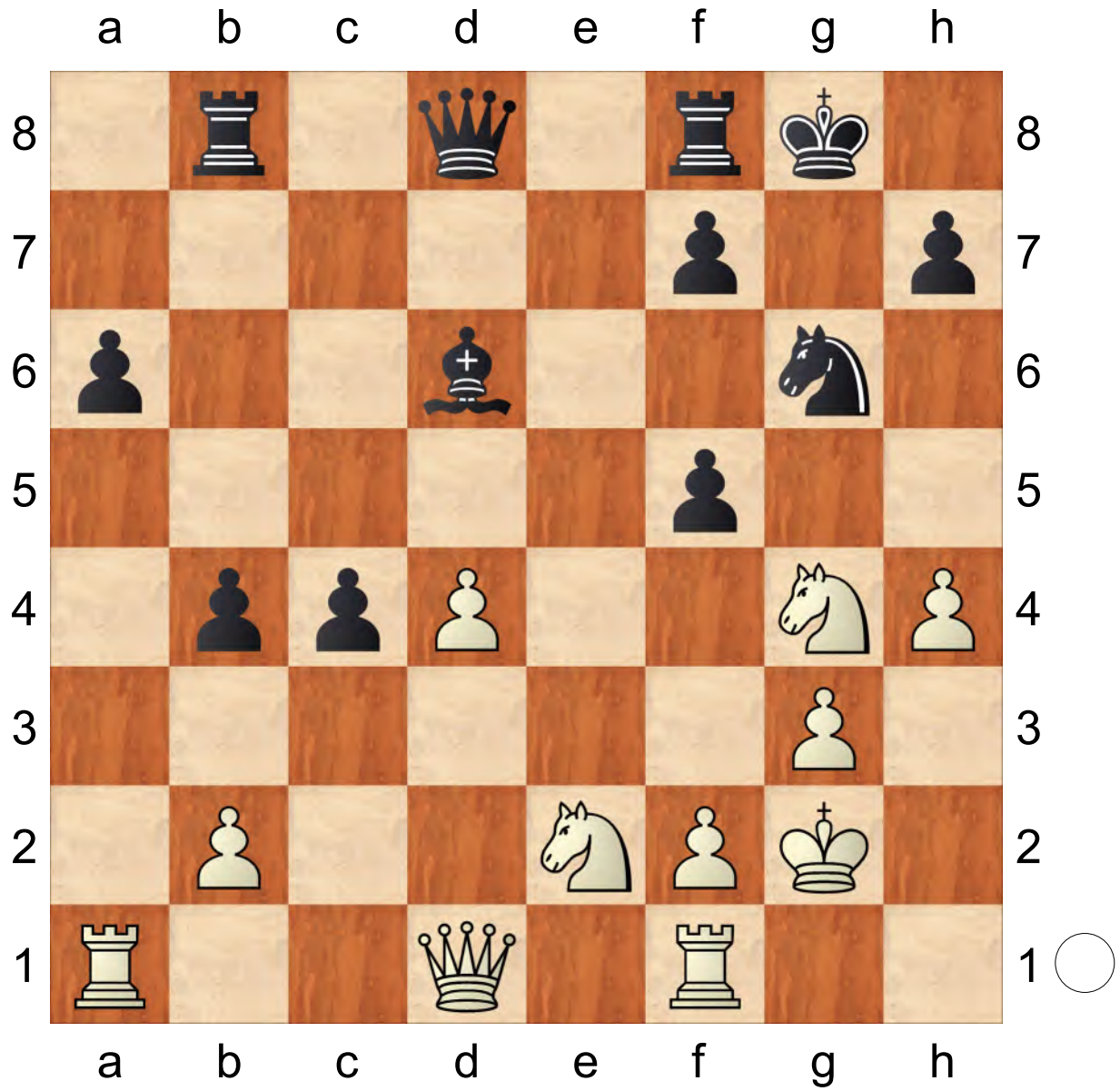
(Diagram)

21.Nh6+

[After Nach 21.Ne3 f4!? *(21...Re8!? 22.Nxc4 Bxg3∓)* 22.Nxc4 Rb5 23.Rxa6 Bb8 24.Qd3 Qd5+↑ Stockfish promises Black a promising pull, but the position and outcome still remain open. Stockfish verspricht Schwarz ein vielversprechendes Plus, aber die Position und der Ausgang sind noch offen.]

21...Kh8 22.Nxf5

[≤22.Rxa6? Qf6! gives Black a powerful attack: gibt Schwarz einen starken Angriff: 23.Nxf5 *(23.d5 f4-+)* 23...Qxf5 24.Rxd6 Qe4+ 25.f3 *(25.Kh3 Rfe8 26.h5 Qf5+-+; 25.Kh2 Nxh4 26.gxh4 Qxh4+ 27.Kg2 Qe7!! 28.Ra6 Qb7+)*



25...Nxh4+ 26.Kh3 *(26.gxh4 Qxh4 27.Ng3 Rg8 28.Qe1 Rbe8 29.Qf2 Re2!-+)* 26...Nxf3-+ *(26...Qe7 27.Ra6 Nf5-+)*]

22...Rb5!

[22...Qf6 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.d5 is different to the note to move 18 - White's ♘ is on e2 instead of a4 and he is completely fine. In fact, it's Black, who should be satisfied with unterscheidet sich von der Anmerkung zu Zug 18 - der Springer von Weiß steht auf e2 statt auf a4 und er steht völlig zufriedenstellend. In der Tat ist es Schwarz, der zufrieden sein sollte mit Qe5!? 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.Nxd4 Rbd8 27.Ra5 Ne7=]

23.d5

[23.Ne3!? Qe7 *(23...Nxh4+ 24.gxh4 Qxh4 25.Ng3 Rg8 26.Qf3 Bxg3 27.fxg3 Rbg5 28.Qf6+ R8g7 29.Qd8+ Rg8 30.Qf6+=; 23...Rg8 24.Rh1! Nxh4+?! 25.Kg1±)* 24.Nxc4 Nxh4+ 25.gxh4 Qe4+ 26.f3□ Qxh4 27.Rg1□ Rf5 28.Qd3

Rg8+ 29.Kf1 Qh3+ 30.Kf2 Qh2+ 31.Ke3 *(31.Kf1 Rxg1+ 32.Nxg1 Rg5 33.Ne2 Rg2 34.Ke1 Qh1+ 35.Kd2 Bf4+ 36.Kc2 Qxa1-+)* 31...Re8+ 32.Kd2 Bf4+ 33.Kc2 Qxe2+ 34.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 35.Kb3⇄ /=]

23...Be5 24.h5 Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!'

[24.Ne3!? a5∞ *(24...f5!? 25.h5 f4∞)*]

[24.Rxa6 ChessCalisthenics Qc8 25.f4 Qxf5 *(25...Qxa6?! 26.fxe5 Qb7 27.Ne3∓)* 26.fxe5 Qe4+ 27.Kg1 Rxd5-+]

24...Ne7!? The ♙d5 and b2 are vulnerable and White is fighting for equality. Die Bauern d5 und b2 sind verwundbar und Weiß kämpft um Ausgleich.

[24...Rxd5 25.Qc2 Ne7 26.Nxe7 Qxe7 *(26...Rd2 27.Qxc4 Qxe7 28.Rfd1 - 26... ♕xe7)* 27.Qxc4 Rd2 *(27...Qb7 28.Qxa6 Qxa6 29.Rxa6 Rd2 30.Re1 Rxb2 31.Ra5=; 27...Rdd8 28.Rxa6=)* 28.Rfd1 Qb7+ 29.Kg1 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Bxb2 31.h6⩲ /= gives White sufficient compensation. gibt White eine ausreichende Kompensation.]

25.Nxe7 Qxe7

(Diagram)

26.Qc2

[≤26.Rxa6 ChessCalisthenics Qb7 27.Qa4 Qxd5+ 28.Kg1 Bxb2∓]

26...Rc8

[26...a5!? 27.Qxc4 Qb7∓]

27.Qf5 Rd8 28.Rxa6 Rbxd5 29.Nf4

[29.Rh6? f6-+ Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!' traps the poor ♖h6 fängt den armen Turm h6]

29...Bxf4

[29...Qd7!? 30.Qxd7 R5xd7= /∓ and White must still tread with care. und Weiß muss immer noch vorsichtig vorgehen.]

30.Qxf4 Rxh5

(Diagram)

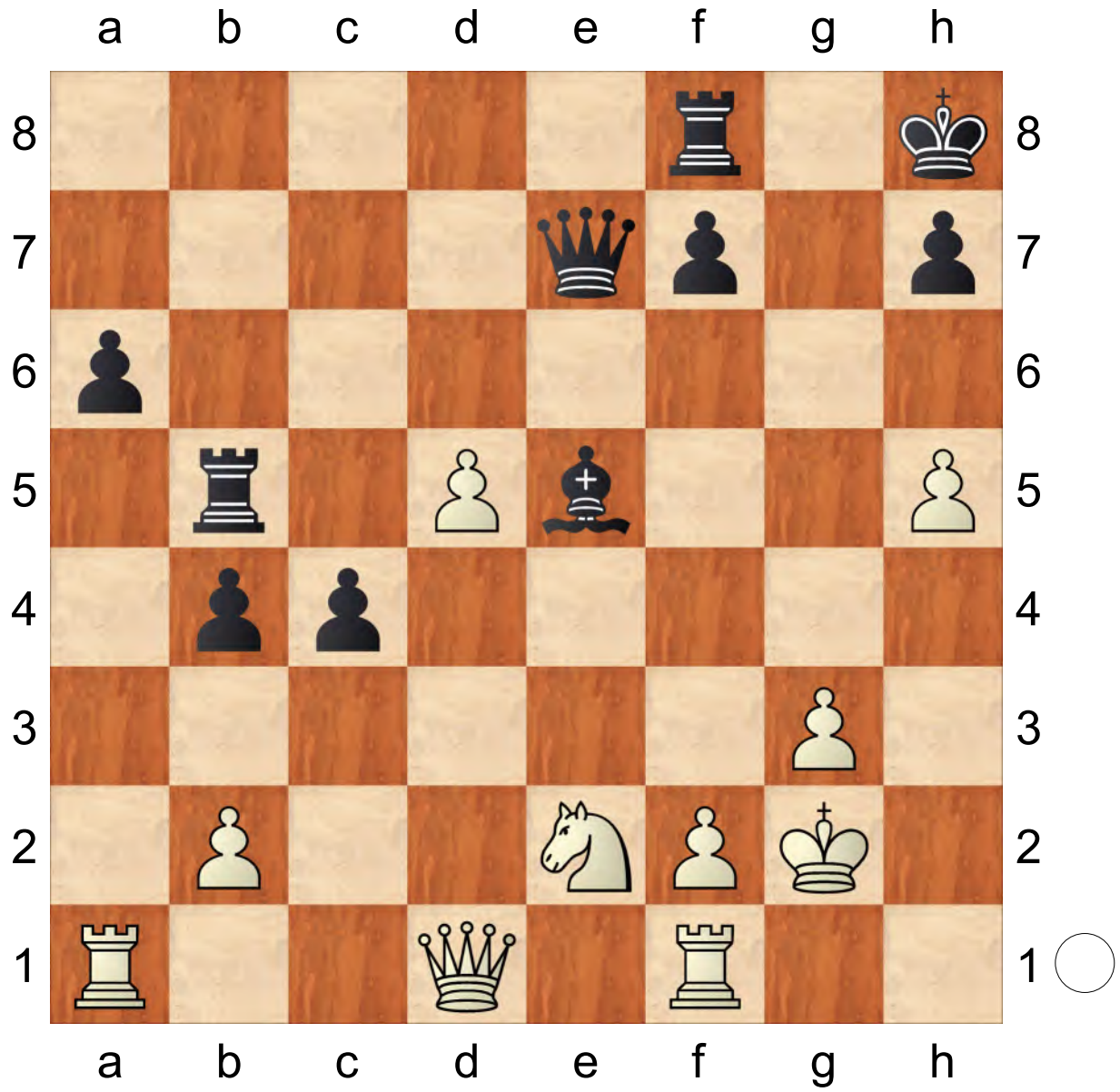
31.Qxc4? White mishandles the tension, this tactical mistake will decide the game. Weiß misshandelt die Spannung, dieser taktische Fehler wird die Partie entscheiden.

[Both Sowohl 31.Rb6 Oll,Lembit: '=!?' Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics' Qd7 32.g4=]

[and als auch 31.Qf6+ Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!' Qxf6 32.Rxf6= hold the balance. hält das Gleichgewicht.]

31...Qd7! A sudden and very powerful ambush. Ein plötzlicher und sehr starker Überfall. **32.g4** Oll,Lembit: '?' '?' '?'

[More resilient was Widerstandsfähiger war 32.Rf6 Oll,Lembit: '!' '!' '!' , but even here after aber auch hier entscheidet nach Qh3+ 33.Kf3 Rhd5! the attack decides - e.g., der Angriff - z.B., 34.Re1 Rd3+ 35.Ke2 *(35.Re3 Qh1+ 36.Kg4 R3d4+)* 35...Qh5+! 36.g4 Qh3-+]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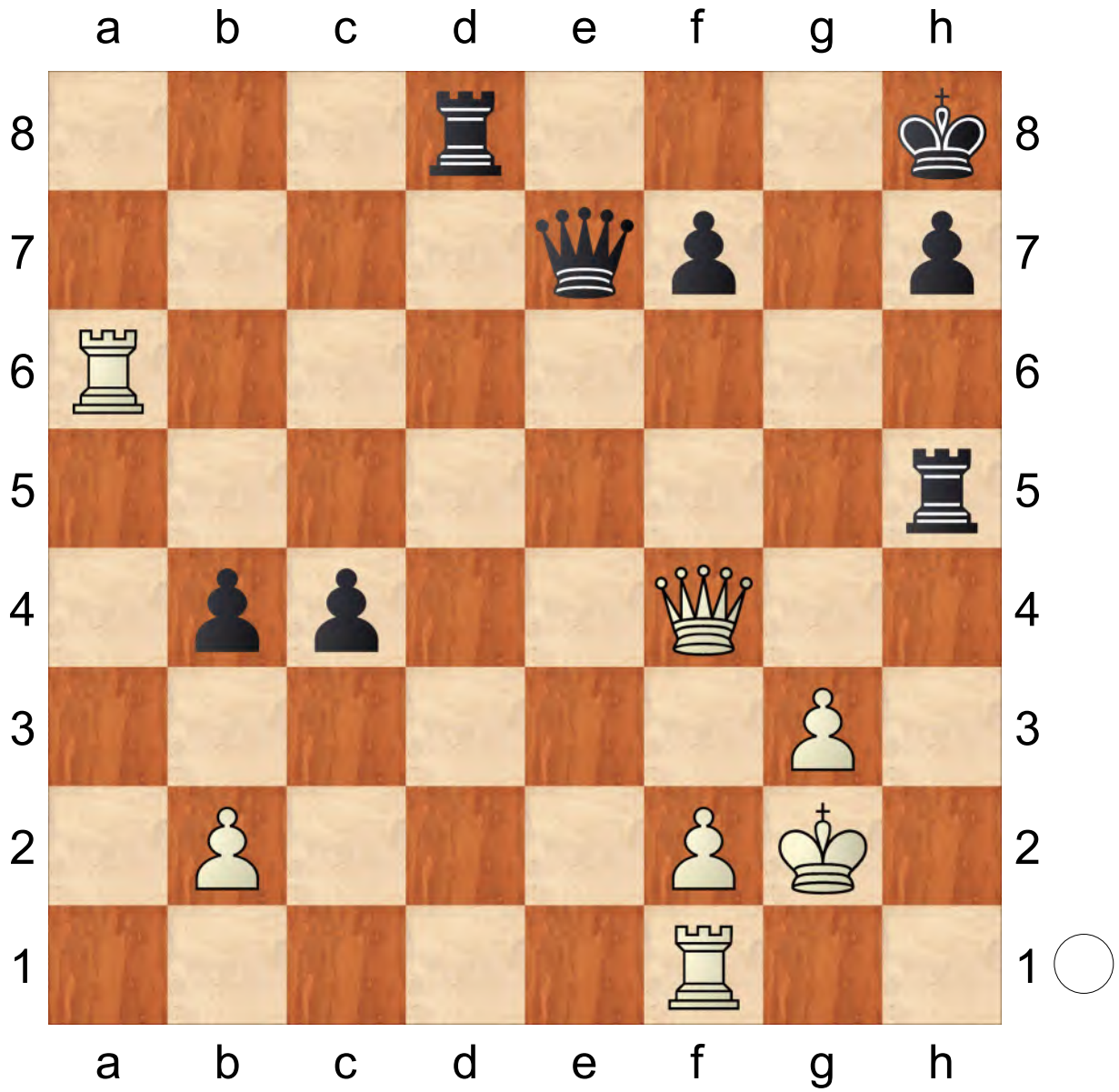
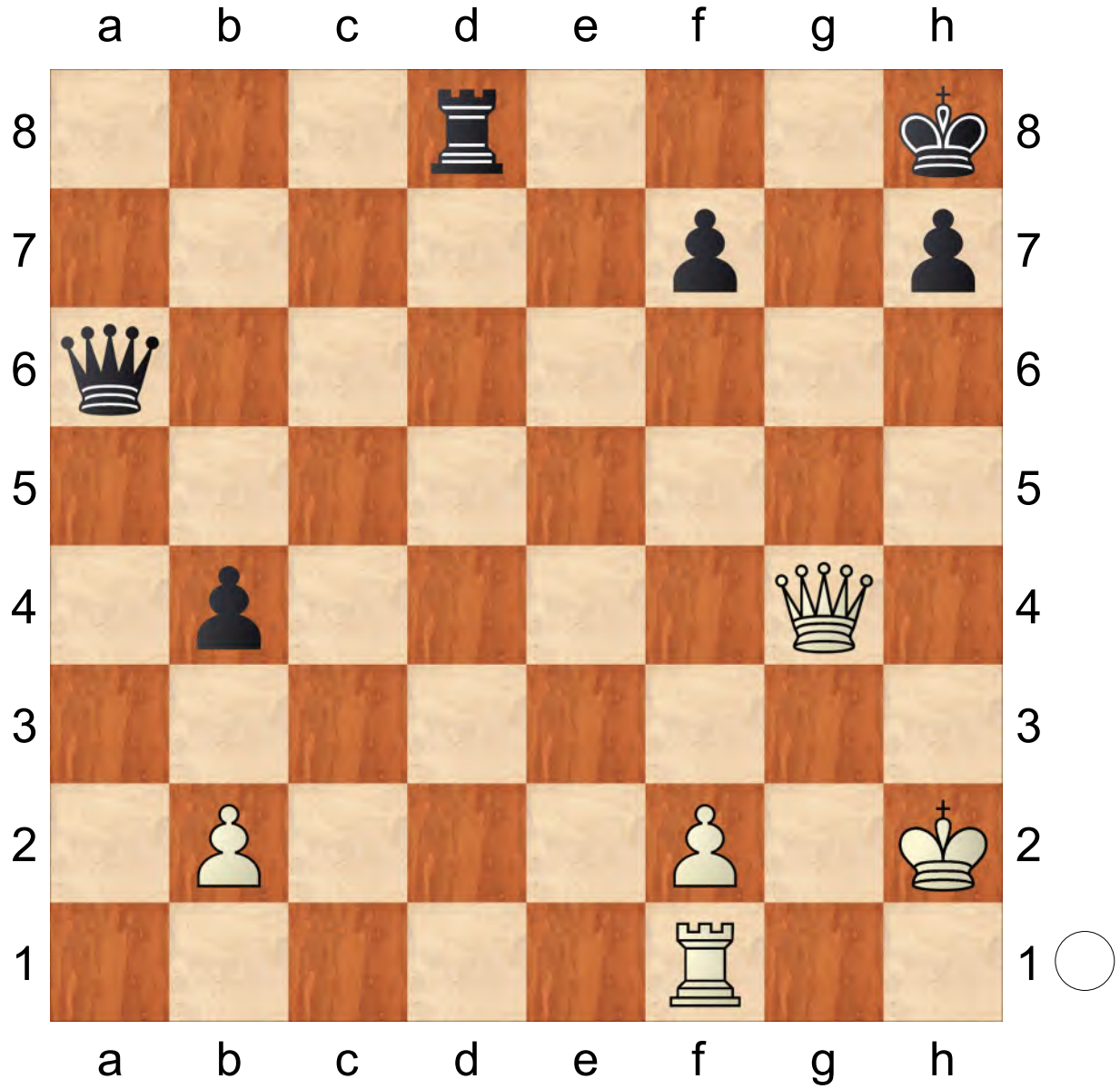


32...Rh4-+ 33.Kg3
[33.Kf3 Rxg4 34.Qxg4 Qd3+-+ 35.Kg2 Qxa6 is similar. ist ähnlich.]
[33.f3 Qd2+ 34.Rf2 Rh2+-+]
33...Rxg4+! Oll,Lembit: '-+!' '-+!' '-+!' **34.Qxg4 Qd3+ 35.Kh2 Qxa6**
[35...Qxf1? 36.Qh4=]

(Diagram)

36.Qh4 Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics: '??"
[36.Re1 Qh6+ 37.Qh3 Qxh3+ 38.Kxh3 Rd2-+ wins another pawn. gewinnt einen weiteren Bauern.]
[⌓36.Qg5 ChessCalisthenics Qd6+ 37.f4 Qd2+ 38.Kh1 Qd5+ 39.Kh2 Qxg5



40.fxg5 Rd2+ 41.Kg3∓]

36...Rd6→ 37.Qxb4

[37.Qe4 ChessCalisthenics Rh6+ 38.Kg2 Rg6+ 39.Kh2 Qd6+ 40.Kh3 Rh6+ 41.Kg4 Qd7+ 42.Kf3 Qh3+ 43.Ke2 Re6-+]

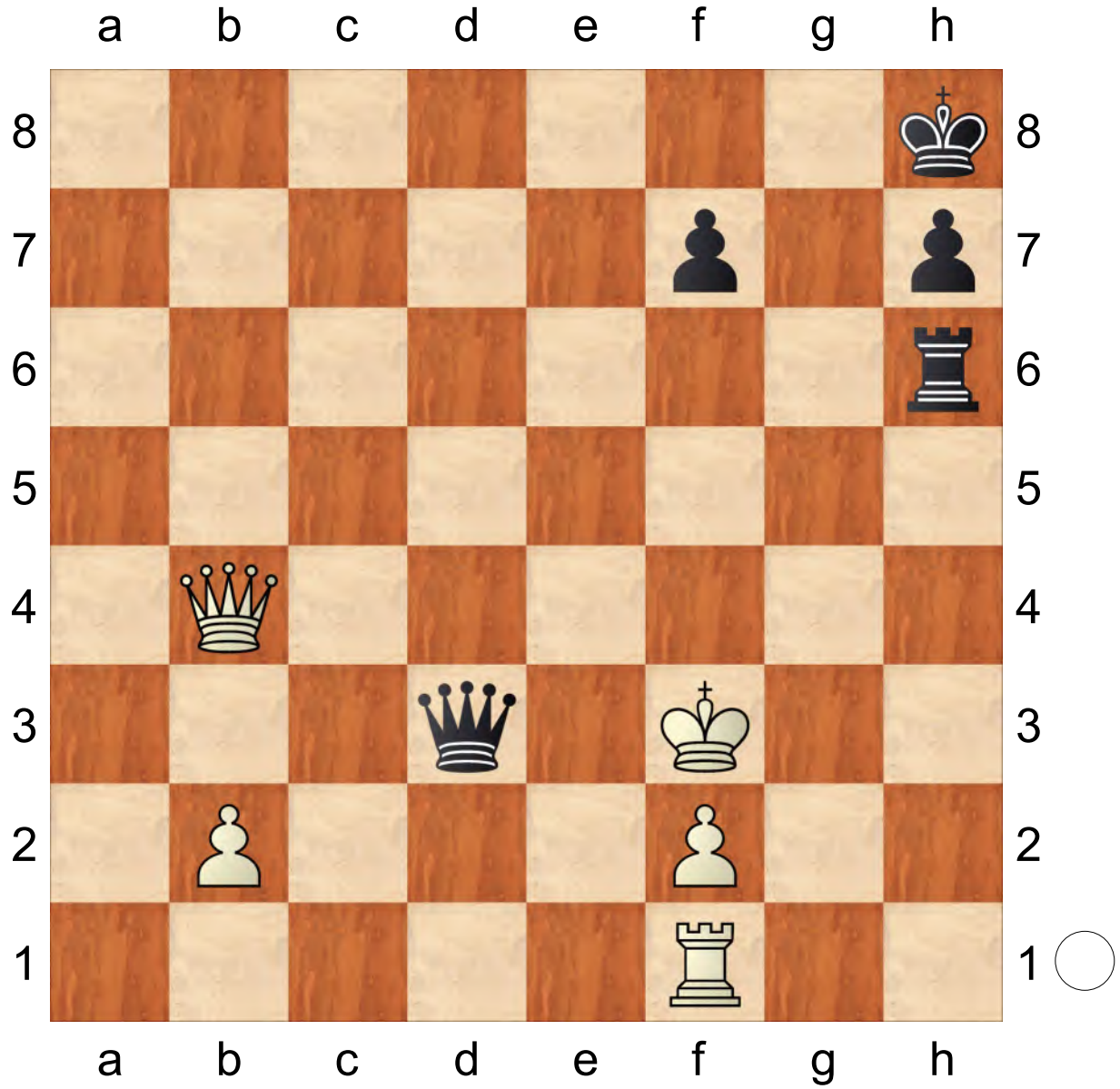
37...Rh6+ 38.Kg2

[38.Kg3 Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics' Qg6+ 39.Qg4 Qd3+ 40.Kg2 Oll,Lembit: '-+' Rg6-+]

38...Qg6+ 39.Kf3 Qd3+

[39...Qd3+ 40.Kf4 Oll,Lembit: 'ChessCalisthenics' *(40.Kg2 Qh3+; 40.Kg4 Qh3+ 41.Kf4 Rh4+ 42.Kg5 h6+ 43.Kf6 Qe6#)* 40...Rf6+ *(40...Rh4+ 41.Ke5 Rxb4 42.f4 Qxf1 43.Kd5 Qxf4 44.Kc6 Qd4 45.Kc7 Rc4+ 46.Kb8 Qxb2+ 47.Ka7 Ra4#* 0-1 (47) Petursson,M (2555)-Oll,L (2645) Groningen (m/1) 71/517 1997 CI1-130 [Oll,Lembit]*)* 41.Kg5 *(41.Ke5 Rf5#)* 41...Qf5+ 42.Kh4 Rh6+ 43.Kg3

Rh3+ 44.Kg2 Qf3+-+]



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□ **Almasi,Zoltan** **2595**
■ **Bareev,Evgeny** **2665**
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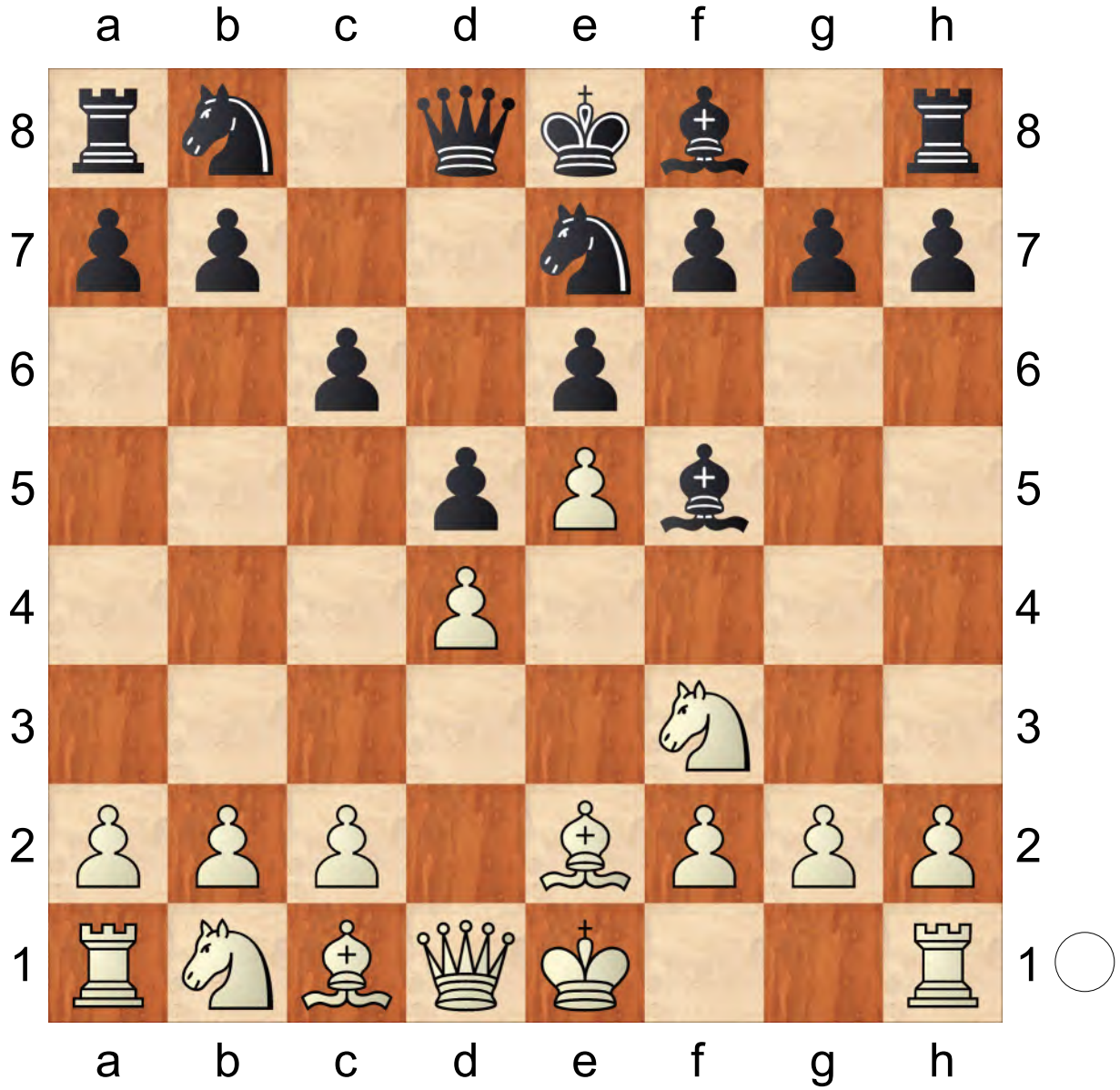
1.e4 Almasi,Zoltan Hansen,Cu Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P Blatny,P: 'Hansen, Cu Finkel,A " **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Ne7**



6.0-0 Nd7

[6...Bg6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 7.Nh4 *(7.Nbd2N c5 8.c4! cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nec6 10.N2f3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Be7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Rc1 a6 14.a3! Qe8∞* Kamsky,G-Karpov,An/Groningen/1995/0,5/101/) 7...c5 8.c3 Nbc6 9.Be3 Qb6 10.b3 Nf5∓

Sutovskij,E-Yudasin,L/Haifa/1996/0,5/14/]

7.Nh4 This is the negative side of playing 5..♘e7. Blacks ♕ does not control h4 any more so his Caro-Kann ♗ can be exchanged. Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'This is the negative side of playing 5.. ♘e7. Blacks ♕ does not control h4 any more so his Caro-Kann ♗ can be exchanged." **7...Bg6**

[7...a6 Hansen,Cu Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Hansen,Cu ' 8.Nd2 c5 9.c3 Rc8 10.Nxf5 Nxf5 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Rb1 Be7 14.b4± Topalov,V-Karpov,An/6.parti rapid 1996 (34)]

8.Nd2 c5 9.c3 Qb6

[9...Nc6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Nf3

A) 11...c4 12.g3 b5 13.h4 b4 14.Ng5 bxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Qc2 Ne7 17.Kg2 Nb6 18.a4 Nf5 19.Rh1 Be7 20.h5 gxh5 21.Bxh5 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 g6 23.Bg4 Kd7 24.Rhb1 Rhb8 25.Rb5 Qa6 26.Rab1 Kc8 27.Rc5+ Kd7 28.a5 1-0 Hellers Ferdinand-Koenig Dietrich/It (open), Bad Woerishofen (Germany) 1991;

B) 11...Qb6N 12.Rb1 Be7

B1) 13.b4? c4 *(13...c4 14.Ng5 a5 15.b5 Nd8 16.a4 f5 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Nh3 Nf7 19.Nf4 Nf8 20.Qc2 f5 21.g3 0-0-0 22.Bf3* ½-½ Kindermann,S-Pezerovic,E/BL 1995 *)*;

B2) 13.Be3 Rc8 14.g3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qa5 16.a3 a6 17.h4 b5 18.Ra1!? Qb6 19.b3 Bd8 20.Qd3 Ndb8 21.Rfc1 Qb7 22.Rc2 Ne7 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Rc1 Nec6 25.Kg2 *(25.a4!↑ «)* 25...Qb7 26.Qc2 *(26.a4↑ «)* 26...Bb6 27.b4? Δ a4 *(27.a4↑ «)* 27...Na7! 28.Ng5 *(28.a4 Kd7∞)* 28...Nbc6 29.Bg4 Ne7 30.Nf3?! *(30.Nxe6!? fxe6 31.Bxe6⩱)* 30...Nf5= 31.Bxf5 gxf5 32.Qd1 Bd8 33.Nd2 Δ ♘b3-c5 Nc8 34.Nb3 Nb6 35.Nc5 Qa8 36.Bg5 Bxg5 37.hxg5 g6?⊕ 38.a4 bxa4 Lutz,C-Rogers,I/Deutschland 1995/1-0 (59);

C) 11...Qc7 12.g3 f6 13.Bd3 0-0-0 14.Bxg6 cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5 16.dxe5 Ndxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bd3 g5 19.Be3 Bb4 20.Rc1 d4 21.Bd2 Bxd2 22.Qxd2 Kb8 23.Rfe1 Qf6 24.Rc5 Rxh2 25.Rxe6 Qf3 0-1 Prie,E-Kallai,G/FRA-chT 1996;

D) 11...Be7 12.Be3

D1) 12...a6 13.g3 *(13.Bd3 0-0 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Rad1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qa5 17.Qe2 Qxa2 18.Bg5 Rfe8 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Qe3 Nf8 21.Qf4 f5 22.exf6 Rf7 23.Ng5 Rxf6 24.Qh4 Nd8 25.b4 Qb3 26.b5 axb5 27.Be2 b4 28.Bb5 Qc2 29.Rb1 b3 30.Ba4 Qxb1 31.Rxb1 b2 32.h3 Rc1+ 33.Kh2 Rxb1 34.Bc2 Rd1 35.Nf3 b1Q 36.Bxb1 Rxb1 37.Qg3 Nc6 38.Qc7 Rb2 39.Kg3 Rxf3+ 40.gxf3 Nxd4 41.Qc5 Nf5+ 42.Kg2 Rb3* 0-1 Shevelev,A-Lyrberg,P/Linares op sp 1996*)* 13...g5 14.Kg2 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nf8 16.Rc1 f6 17.h3 Qd7 18.Rc3± 0-1 Khalifman,A-Lobron,E/Munich 1992 (43) *(18.Rc3 Bd8 19.a3 Ng6 20.Rh1 Bb6 21.Bd3 Nge7 22.Bc2 0-0-0 23.exf6 gxf6 24.h4 gxh4 25.Rxh4 Kb8 26.Qh1 Qc8 27.b4 Rxh4 28.Qxh4 Rf8 29.Bf4+ Ka8 30.Bh6 Rf7 31.Be3 Qg8 32.Bd3 e5 33.dxe5 Bxe3 34.e6 Rg7 35.fxe3 Qxe6 36.Kf2 Ne5 37.Nxe5 fxe5 38.e4 Rf7+ 39.Kg2 d4 40.Rc5 Qb3*

41.Qh5 Rf8 42.Bc4 Qe3 43.Rxe5 Ng6 0-1 Khalifman Alexander-Lobron Eric/It, Munich (Germany) 1992 *)*;

D2) 12...0-0 Finkel,A 13.g3 *(13.h4 a5 14.g3 a4 15.Kg2 a3 16.b3 Qa5 17.Rc1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rfc8 19.Bd3 Rc7 20.Bb1 Rac8 21.Rh1 Nf8 22.h5 gxh5 23.Rxh5 f5 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Bf4 Rd7 26.Be5 Qd8 27.Qh1 Nxe5 28.Rxc8 Qxc8 29.dxe5* 1-0 Cao,S-Vadasz,L/Budapest 1995*)* 13...Rc8 *(13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Nb6 15.b3 a5 16.a3 a4 17.b4 Nc4 18.Bc1 Na7 19.h4 Nb5 20.Qd3 Qb6 21.Kg2 Rac8 22.Rh1 f5 23.h5 g5 24.Rd1 g4 25.Ne1 Qd8 26.Kg1 Qe8 27.f3 Qxh5 28.fxg4 fxg4 29.Ng2 Bd8 30.Nf4 Rxf4 31.gxf4 Nxd4 32.Ra2 Bb6 33.Kg2 Nf5 34.Rh1 Nce3+ 35.Bxe3 Nxe3+ 36.Qxe3 Qxh1+ 37.Kxh1 Bxe3 38.Bxg4* Tischbierek,R-Schmidt,P/BL 1996/0-1 (49)*)* 14.h4 *(14.a3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Na5 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.h4 Nbc4 18.Nxc4 Nxc4 19.Bc1 Qb6 20.b3 Na5 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Be3 Na5 23.b4 Nc4 24.Bxc4 Rxc4 25.h5 g5 26.Rc1 Rfc8 27.Qd2 Qd8 28.Kg2 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rxc1 30.Qxc1 Kh7 31.Qc2+ Kh6 32.Kh3 Qd7 33.f4 Qb5 34.Kg4 g6 35.fxg5+ Kh7 36.Bf2 Qf1 37.hxg6+ fxg6 38.Qc7 Qe2+ 39.Kh3 Qf1+ 40.Kg4 Qe2+ 41.Kh3 Qf1+* ½-½ Rabiega Robert-Ellers Holger/It (open), Berlin (Germany) 1993*)* 14...Qb6 15.Rb1 Rfe8 16.Kg2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Na5 18.b3 Nc6 19.Rh1 Nb4 20.Rb2 Qc7 21.h5 Qc3 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.Qb1 Nc2 24.Bd2 Na3 25.Qxg6 1-0 Borge Nikolaj-Hansen Mads Smith/Ch Denmark (team) 1996;

D3) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Qb6 *(13...f6 14.Bd3 Kf7 15.h4 fxe5 16.Ng5+ Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Nf6 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Bc2 Nc6 20.Qd3 Ne7 21.Rfe1 Qd6 22.Re2 Nf5 23.g3 Qa6 24.Qxa6 bxa6 25.Rd1 Rhc8 26.h5 Rab8 27.hxg6+ Kxg6 28.Bf4 Rb6 29.f3 Kf7 30.Bxf5 exf5 31.Bg5 Rd6 32.Kf2 Rd7 33.Rd4 Rc6 34.b3 Nh7 35.Bd2 Nf6 36.Re5 g6 37.Ke2 Rc2 38.g4 fxg4 39.fxg4 Re7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7 41.Kd3 Rxa2 42.Bg5 Ke6 43.Bxf6* ½-½ Stripunsky Alexander-Drozdov Igor/It (cat.10), Noyabrsk (Russia) 1995 *; 13...0-0 14.h4 Rc8 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Bb1 Nb6 17.a3 Nc6 18.b3 Bxh4 19.g3 Be7 20.Kg2 Qe8 21.Rh1 f5 22.Bg5 Kf7 23.Qd2 Bxg5 24.Nxg5+ Ke7 25.Rh7 Rg8 26.Bd3 Kd8 27.Bb5 a6 28.Bxc6 Rxc6 29.Rc1 Rxc1 30.Qxc1 Qe7 31.Qc5 Nc8 32.f4 Kd7 33.Qa5 Qe8 34.Rh1 Qd8 35.Qa4+ b5 36.Qxa6 Qb6 37.Qxb6 Nxb6 38.Rc1 Ra8 39.Rc5 Rxa3 40.Rxb5 Na8 41.Rb7+* 1-0 Becerra,R-Soppe,G/It cat.10, III 1995*)* 14.Rb1 0-0 *(14...a6 15.g3 0-0 16.h4 Qa5 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Bc3 f5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Qd3 Kf7 21.h5 f5 22.hxg6+ Kxg6 23.Kg2 Rh8 24.Rh1 Nf6 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.b4 Ne4 27.b5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Qa7 29.Bd2 Nxd2 30.Qxd2 Bf6 31.Qe3 Nxd4 32.Rb4 Nc6 33.Qxe6* 1-0 Rosito Jorge-Martinez Marcos/It (open), Buenos Aires (Argentina) 1995*)* 15.b4 Rfc8 16.g3 Qd8 17.Qd2 a6 18.h4 b5 19.Bg5 Nb6 20.Qf4 Qf8 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Ng5 Rf8 23.Qg4 f5 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Bd3 Nxb4 26.Rxb4 Qxb4 27.h5 gxh5 28.Qxh5 Qxd4 29.Bg6 Rxg6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qxg6 Ke7 32.Qxe6+ Kd8 33.Qd6+ 1-0 Kaminski Marcin-Tsiganova Monika/It (open), Cappelle la Grande (France) 1994;

D4) 12...Qc7 13.Bd3 *(13.Rc1 c4 14.Qd2 b5 15.Ra1 Nb6 16.b3 Na5 17.Rfb1 a6 18.Bd1 Rc8 19.b4 Nc6 20.a4 Kd7 21.a5 Na8 22.Bf4* ½-½ Gabrielsen,T-Dahl,I/Gausdal International 1992 *)* 13...c4 14.Bc2 b5 15.g3 Nb6 16.Ng5 b4 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Qg4 Ke8 19.Qxe6 Qd7 20.Qxg6+ Kd8 21.f4→ 1-0 Anand,V-Ravi,L/Calcutta 1992 (41) *(21.f4 Qh3 22.Rf2 Qh6 23.Qxh6 Rxh6 24.f5 Rh8 25.h4 a5 26.a4 b3 27.Bd1 Kc7 28.Kg2 Nd8 29.Rf4 Nf7 30.Rg4 Rag8 31.Rg6 Nh6 32.g4 Bxh4 33.Bf4 Nf7 34.g5 Nc8 35.Bg4 Ne7 36.Re6 Re8 37.Rh1 Nxg5 38.Rxe7+ Rxe7 39.f6 Ne6 40.Bg3 Bxg3 41.fxe7 Re8 42.Bxe6* 1-0 Anand,V-Ravi L/It open 1992 *)*]

[9...cxd4 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 10.cxd4

A) 10...Nc6 Finkel,A 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Nf3 Be7 13.Qb3?! *(13.Bd2!? 0-0 14.Bd3 a6?! 15.g3 Qb6 16.Bc3 Rae8?! 17.Qd2±* Gallagher,J-Polak,T/Bern op 1995 (24)*)* 13...Qb6 14.Be3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Nb6 16.Rfc1 Kd7= Michalek,J-Polak,T/CZE-ch 1994 (42);

B) 10...Nf5 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Nf3 Be7 13.Bd3 Nb8 14.Bd2= ½-½ Anand,V-Karpov,A/Brussels cqf4 1991 (62)]

[9...Rc8 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P'

A) 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Nf3 Qb6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Ü 67/163' *(11...Nc6 12.Be3)* 12.Rb1± a6 *(12...Nc6 13.b4!)* 13.b4 cxd4 *(13...c4 14.a4±)* 14.cxd4 Nf5?! *(14...f6!? 15.b5 a5 16.Bd3 g5)* 15.g4 Nh4 *(15...Ne7 16.b5 f6 17.Bf4±)* 16.Nxh4 Rxh4 17.b5 a5 18.Be3 f5?! *(18...Bb4 19.Rc1 Rc7 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 21.Qd3±)* 19.Rc1!± 1-0 Short,N-Yudasin,L/Erevan olm 1996 (43);

B) 10.g3 cxd4 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.cxd4 Nf5 13.Nf3 Be7 14.Kg2 0-0 15.h4 Qb6 16.Rh1 f6 17.g4 fxe5 18.gxf5 e4 19.fxe6 exf3+ 20.Bxf3 Qxe6 21.Bg4 Qf6 22.Qe2 1-0 Lau,R-Grund,H/Baden-Baden Hofmann Cup 1995]

10.Nxg6 hxg6

[10...Nxg6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Be7 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Qc7 15.Bd2 0-0 16.Rc1± ½-½ Khalifman,A-Burmakin,V/St.Petersburg op 1995 (36)]

(Diagram)

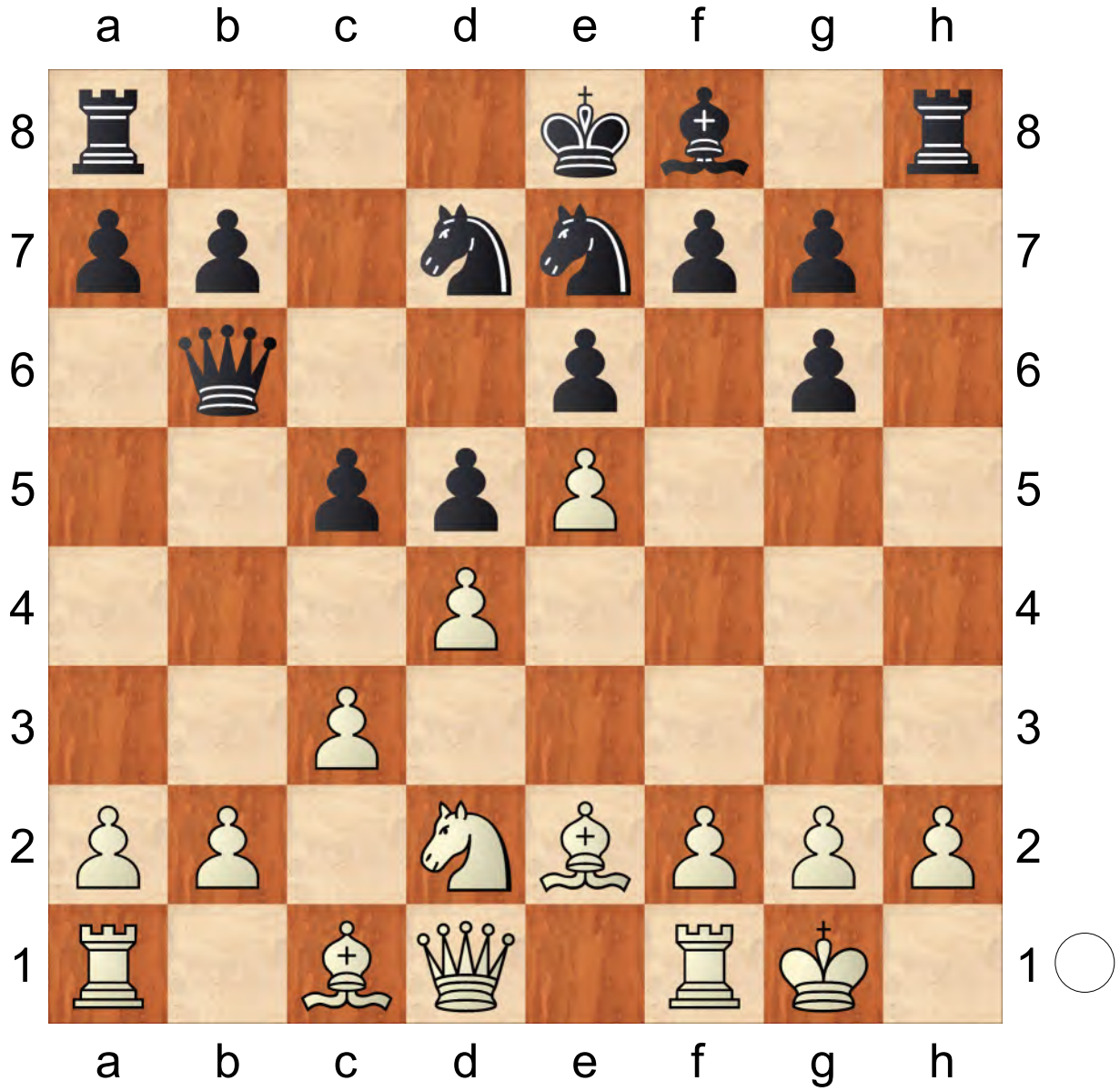
11.Nf3 Nf5?! Almasi,Zoltan: 'N?' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: '?!"

[11...cxd4 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 12.cxd4 Nc6

A) 13.g3 Be7 14.Kg2 *(14.Rb1 Rc8 15.h4 0-0 16.Kg2 Rc7 17.Rh1↑* 1-0 Hellers,F-Berg,K/Copenhagen op 1991 (39)*)* 14...0-0-0 15.a3 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.b4∞ ½-½ Lau,R-Borik,O/BL 1996 (30);

B) 13.Rb1 Be7 14.b4 Rc8 15.Be3 0-0 16.a3 a6 17.Bd3 Na7 18.Rb3 Rc7 19.Qd2 Rfc8 20.a4 a5 21.b5 Bb4 22.Qe2= ½-½ Kindermann,S-Roos,D/BL 1995 (47)]

12.c4 Almasi,Zoltan: '!?' Changing the pawnstructure in a very brutal way. The move



is however very logical and strong. There are to reasons for opening up the position. White has the bishop-pair and blacks ♔ is still in the center. Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'Changing the pawnstructure in a very brutal way. The move is however very logical and strong. There are to reasons for opening up the position. White has the bishop-pair and blacks ♔ is still in the center."

[12.Qa4 Almasi,Zoltan: ' ±!?' a6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 13.Rd1 Qc6 14.Qxc6 bxc6 15.Bd2 Be7 16.Rac1= Karpov,A-Speelman,J/Roquebrune rapid 1992/1-0 (71) *(16.Rac1 Finkel,A 0-0 17.b3 Rfc8 18.Rc2± Karpov,A-Speelman,J/ Roquebrune 1992/1-0 (71))*]

12...dxc4

[12...cxd4!? Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: '!?" 13.cxd5 Almasi,Zoltan exd5 14.Qa4]

[12...Nxd4 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 13.Nxd4 cxd4

A) 14.cxd5 Finkel,A exd5 15.Qa4 *(15.Bd3!? Be7 16.Qe2 Qe6 17.f4±)*

15...Qb4 16.Bb5 Qxa4 17.Bxa4 Rc8 18.Re1!⩲;
B) 14.Qa4⇄]

13.d5 Almasi,Zoltan: '!' **13...0-0-0**
[13...Nd4∞]
[13...Nd4!? Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: ' ∞' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 14.Nxd4 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' cxd4
A) 15.Bxc4 exd5 16.Bxd5 Nxe5 17.Re1 f6 18.Bf4 *(18.f4 0-0-0∞)* 18...0-0-0! *(18...Bd6 19.Qg4 Kf8 20.Rxe5! fxe5 21.Qxg6 Qc7 22.Rc1 Qd7 23.Be6+-)* 19.Bxe5! fxe5 20.Be4∓;
B) 15.dxe6! Qxe6 16.Qxd4 Qxe5 17.Qxe5+ Nxe5 18.Rd1! Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Be3 Bd6 21.Bxa7±]

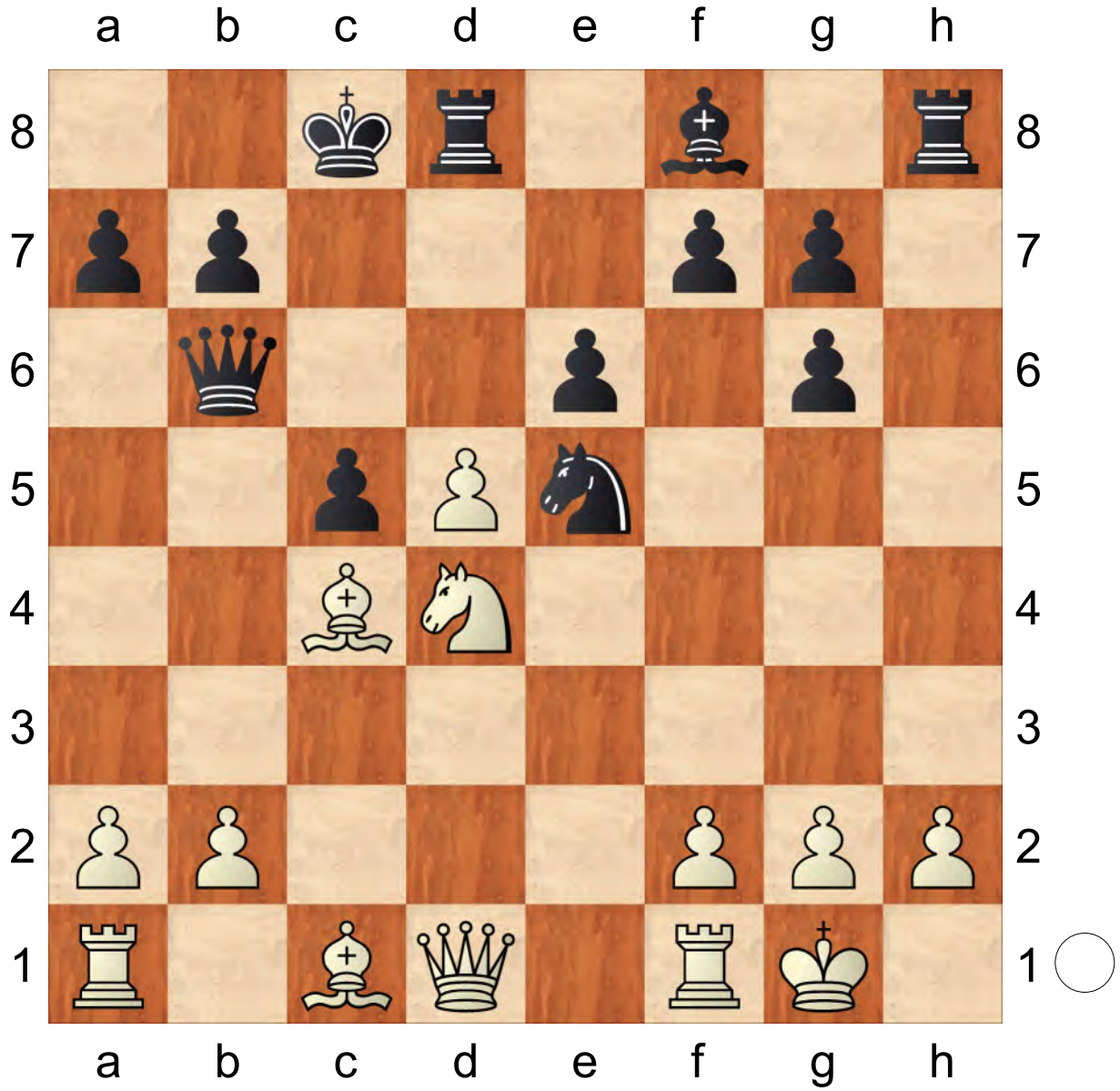
14.Bxc4 The d-line could well be opened within the next few moves. So black needs to find a good square for ♘d7 which must get out of the way. However that is not so easy. The ♙-structure has to be changed again: Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'The d-line could well be opened within the next few moves. So black needs to find a good square for ♘d7 which must get out of the way. However that is not so easy. The ♙-structure has to be changed again:" **14...Nd4**
[14...Nh4?! Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Finkel,A ' 15.Re1! Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Qb4 17.Bg5 Qxc4 18.dxe6 *(18.Bxd8!? Qxd5 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Bg5 f6 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Re8+±)* 18...Qxe6 19.Bxd8 Kxd8 20.Qxb7⟶]

15.Nxd4 Nxe5
[15...cxd4 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 16.Bf4 exd5 *(16...f6 17.exf6 e5 18.fxg7 Bxg7 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rc1±)* 17.Bxd5∞ Blatny: ';see 15...cd' Almasi, Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: ';see 15...cd'' *(17.Bxd5* Finkel,A *Nxe5 18.Rc1+ Nc6 19.Bxf7±)*]
[15...exd5 Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Finkel,A ' 16.Bxd5 Nxe5? *(16...cxd4 17.Bf4* ;see 15...cd *)* 17.Ne2 Qd6 18.f4+-]

(Diagram)

16.Bb3
[16.Qe2 Almasi,Zoltan exd5!]

16...cxd4 17.dxe6 Bd6? Almasi,Zoltan: '□' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: '?"
[⌓17...fxe6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P'
A) 18.Bf4 Nd7 *(18...Bd6* Hansen,Cu Almasi,Zoltan: ' ±' *19.Re1±* The bishop-pair in the open position - blacks loose struckture - and his not entirely safe ♔-position would give white a solid advantage. *)* 19.Rc1+ Nc5 20.Re1 Bd6 21.Qxd4+-;
B) 18.Re1 Bd6 19.Bf4 Blatny: '±' Almasi,Zoltan: '±' 'Blatny,P: '±'' Blatny: 'The bishop-pair in the open position - blacks loose struckture - and his not entirely safe ♔-position would give white a solid advantage.' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'The bishop-pair in the open position - blacks loose struckture - and his not entirely safe ♔-position would give white a solid advantage.'' Nc6± *(19...Nc4*



Finkel,A *20.Rxe6 Bxf4 21.Rxb6 Bxh2+ 22.Kf1 Nxb6 23.Qg4++-; 19...Nd3 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qxd3 Qxh2+ 22.Kf1 Qh1+ 23.Ke2+-)*]

18.f4 Almasi,Zoltan: '!?' **18...d3+ 19.Kh1 Qd4** Almasi,Zoltan: '!'

[19...fxe6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 20.Bxe6+ Kb8 21.Bh3±]

20.Bd2

[20.fxe5? Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Finkel,A ' Rxh2+! 21.Kxh2 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Bc5+-+]

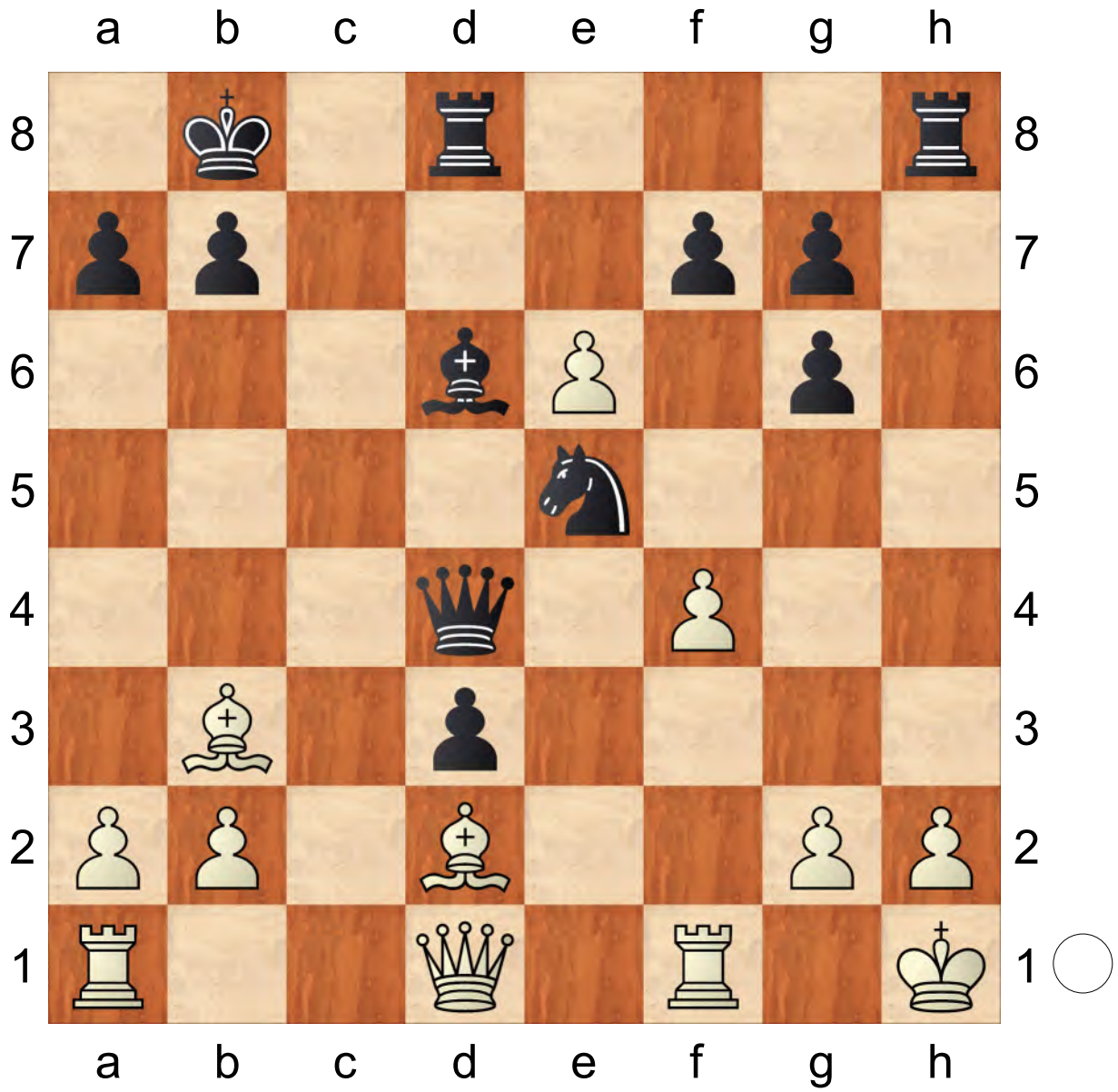
[20.exf7!?± Finkel,A Blatny: '±' Blatny: 'Hansen,Cu ' Almasi,Zoltan: '⌓±' Almasi, Zoltan: '∆ Be6 Blatny,P: '±' '±!?' Blatny,P: 'Finkel,A ' Blatny,P: 'Hansen,Cu "]

[20.exf7± Hansen,Cu]

20...Kb8

[⌓20...fxe6 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 21.Bxe6+ *(21.fxe5 Rxh2+ 22.Kxh2 Qh4+ 23.Kg1 Bc5+ 24.Be3 Bxe3+ 25.Rf2 Qxf2+ 26.Kh1 Qh4#)*

A) 21...Kb8? 22.Bc3 Qe3 *(22...Rxh2+ 23.Kxh2 Rh8+ 24.Bh3!)* 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.fxe5+-;
B) 21...Nd7 22.Rf3± *(22.Rf3 Finkel,A Kb8 23.Bc3 Qe4 24.Bh3±; 22.Ba5± Hansen,Cu Is much better for white than the game.)*]
[20...Rh4 Almasi,Zoltan 21.Qc1+ Kb8 22.Bc3+-]



Almasi,Zoltan: '!' Ingeneous defence Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'Ingeneous defence''
21.exf7
[21.Bc3? Hansen,Cu Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Hansen,Cu ' Rxh2+ 22.Kxh2 Rh8+ 23.Kg3 Qe3+∓]
[21.h3 Almasi,Zoltan Qe4]
21...Nxf7 Almasi,Zoltan: '!'
[21...g5!? Almasi,Zoltan 22.Be6!]

22.h3 White does not want to go to the ending with a pawn up which arises by force after 22.Bf7 and dicides to play with all the pieces on the board.Absolutely justified dicision taking into consideration the fact that black pieces lack coordination and all the pawns are weak Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'White does not want to go to the ending with a pawn up which arises by force after 22.Bf7 and dicides to play with all the pieces on the board.Absolutely justified dicision taking into consideration the fact that black pieces lack coordination and all the pawns are weak''

[22.Bxf7 Qf6 Almasi,Zoltan: '!' Almasi,Zoltan: ' Δ Rh2' 23.Be3 *(23.Bb3?? Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' Rxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Qh4+ 25.Kg1 Bc5+ 26.Be3 Bxe3+ 27.Rf2 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 Qh4#; 23.Be3* Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P Blatny,P: 'Finkel,A '' *Qxf7* Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' *24.Qxd3 Bc5 25.Qc3 Bxe3 26.Qxe3 Rhe8±; 23.Rf3* Hansen,Cu Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Hansen,Cu ' *Qxf7 24.Rxd3 Bc7∞* Black is a pawn down but has good control over the important files and diagonals. *)*]

22...Qf6

[22...Nh6□ Hansen,Cu Almasi,Zoltan: '!?' 23.Bc3 Qe4 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' *(23...Qb6* Almasi,Zoltan *24.Bxg7 Nf5 25.Bxh8 Ng3+ 26.Kh2 Nxf1+)* 24.Qf3 *(24.Bxg7 Nf5 25.Bxh8 Ng3+↑)* 24...Nf5 25.Rae1 Qxf3 26.Rxf3 Bc5 White is probably better but black is not without counterchances. The position is not clear]

23.Qf3± Almasi,Zoltan: '!' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: '±'' **23...Rh4** Almasi,Zoltan: '?'

[23...g5!? Finkel,A Almasi,Zoltan: '(Blatny,P) Finkel,A ' 24.Bc3 Qf5 25.fxg5 Qxf3 26.Rxf3 Nxg5 27.Rxd3 Ne4 28.Be1±]

24.Bd5 Almasi,Zoltan: '⊕!' **24...Rdh8**

[24...g5 Blatny: '!?' Blatny: 'Finkel,A ' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P Blatny,P: '!?' Blatny, P: 'Finkel,A '' 25.Qxd3 *(25.fxg5 Qe5 26.Bf4 Rxf4 27.Qxf4 Qxd5 28.Qf2 Qe5-+)* 25...Bxf4±]

[24...g5!? Finkel,A]

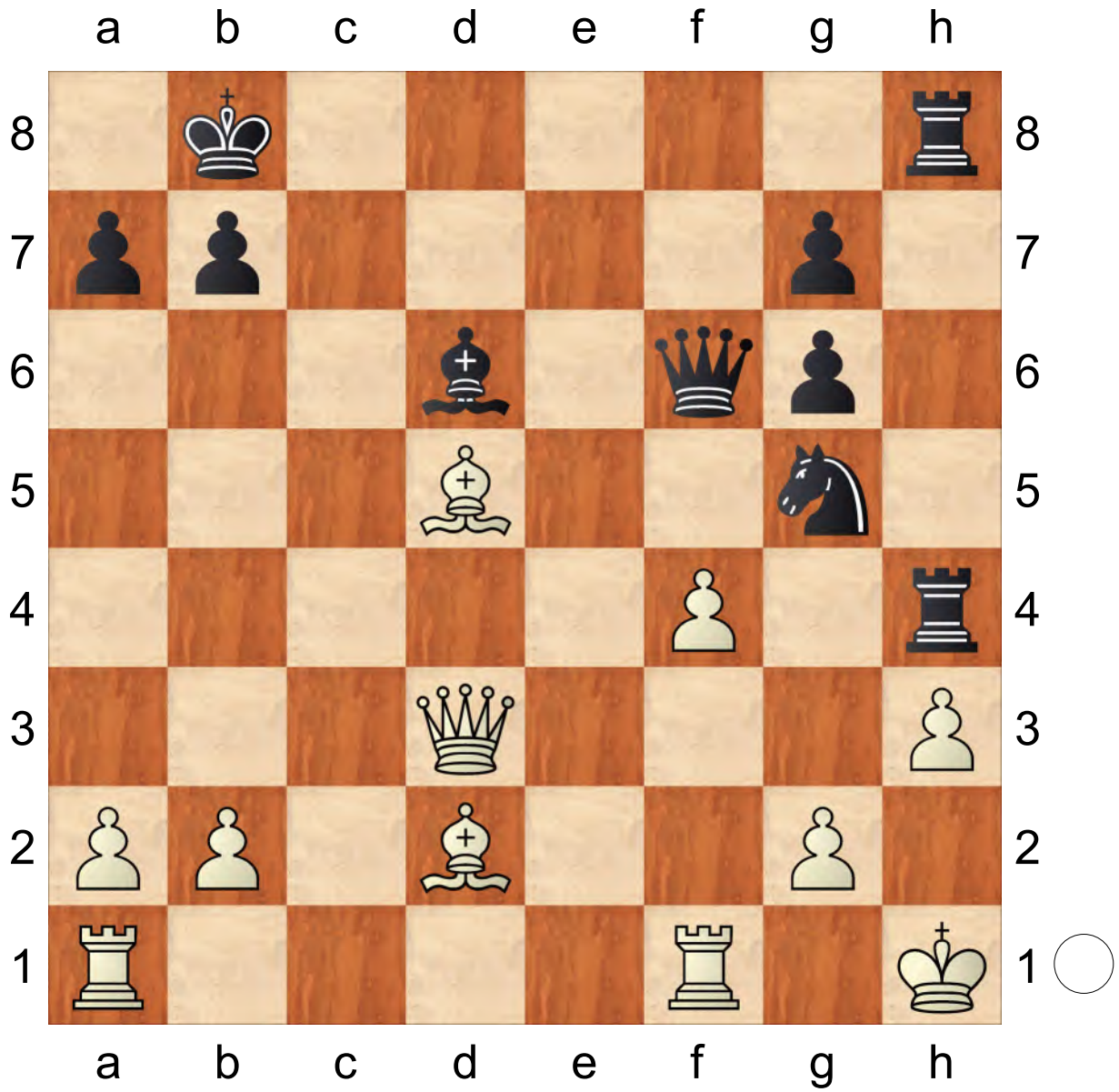
25.Qxd3± Almasi,Zoltan: '!' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: '±'' Blacks buildup on the h-line was a complete misunder standing. He should have concentrated on the center and especially on his d3-♙ which could have counternbalanced whites bishop-pair Almasi, Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'Blacks buildup on the h-line was a complete misunder standing. He should have concentrated on the center and especially on his d3- ♙ which could have counternbalanced whites bishop-pair''

[25.Bxb7 Almasi,Zoltan Ng5]

25...Ng5

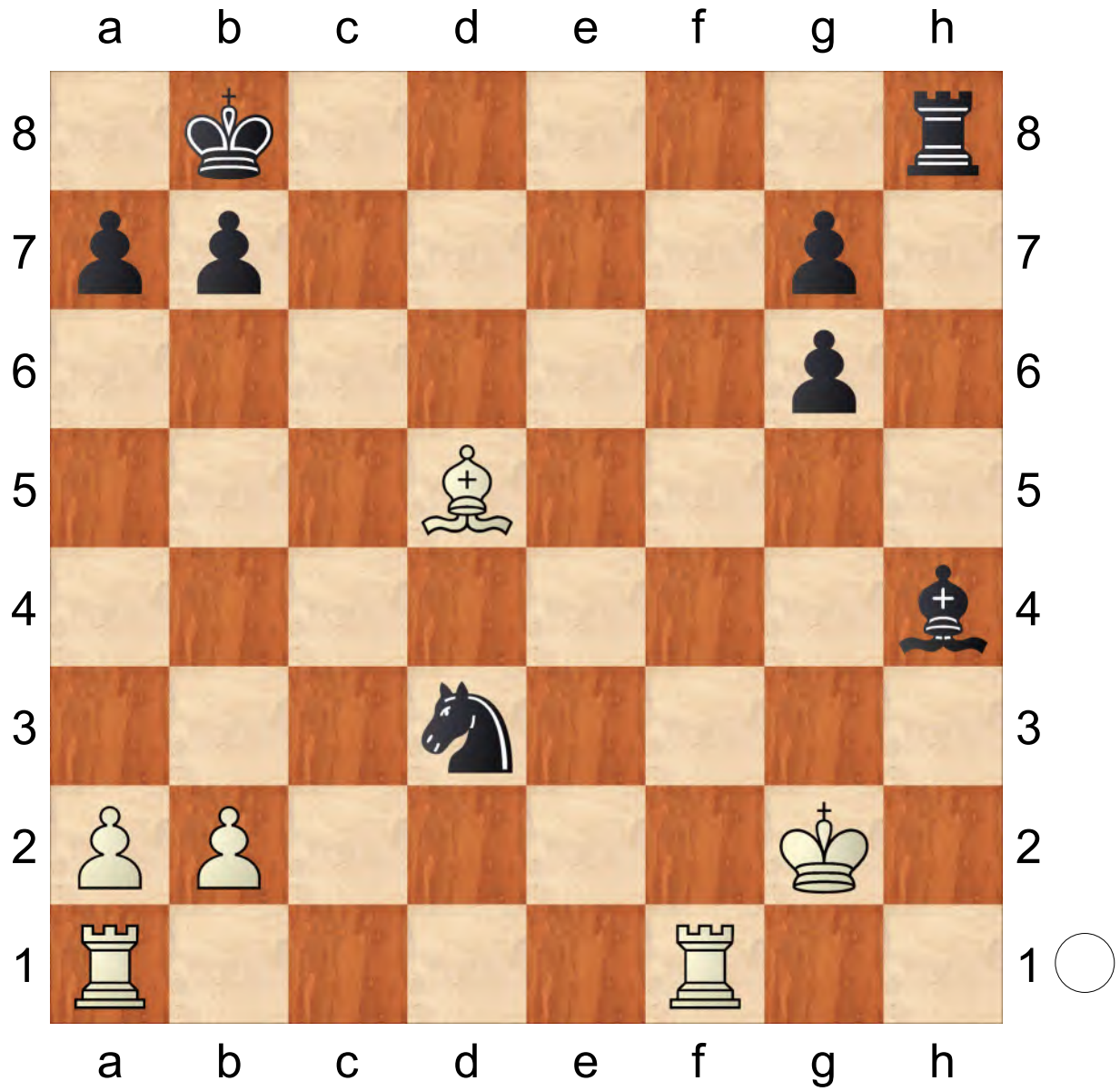
(Diagram)

Despiration.But it's difficult to offer something better Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'Despiration.But it's difficult'' to offer something better'' **26.Bc3** The simpliest way to win the game:white enters completly winning ending Almasi,Zoltan: '!' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'The simpliest way to win the game:white enters completly winning ending ''



White may have better moves here, but the textmove seems sufficient. Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'White may have better moves here, but the textmove seems sufficient.''
26...Nxh3 27.Bxf6 Nxf4+
[27...Nf2+ Almasi,Zoltan 28.Kg1 Nxd3 29.Bxh4 Rxh4 *(29...Bc5+ 30.Bf2)* 30.g3+-]
28.Bxh4 Nxd3
[28...Rxh4+ Hansen,Cu Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'Hansen,Cu '' 29.Qh3]
29.g3 Almasi,Zoltan: '!' **29...Bxg3**
[29...g5 Almasi,Zoltan 30.Rf7 gxh4 31.g4!+-]
30.Kg2 More elegant was 30.Rf8! Almasi,Zoltan: '!' Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: 'More elegant was 30.Rf8!'' **30...Bxh4**

(Diagram)



31.Rf7 Almasi,Zoltan: '+-' **31...Be7**
[31...Rd8 Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P' 32.Rxb7+ Kc8]
32.Rd1+- Almasi,Zoltan: 'Blatny,P: '+-'' **32...Nxb2 33.Rb1**

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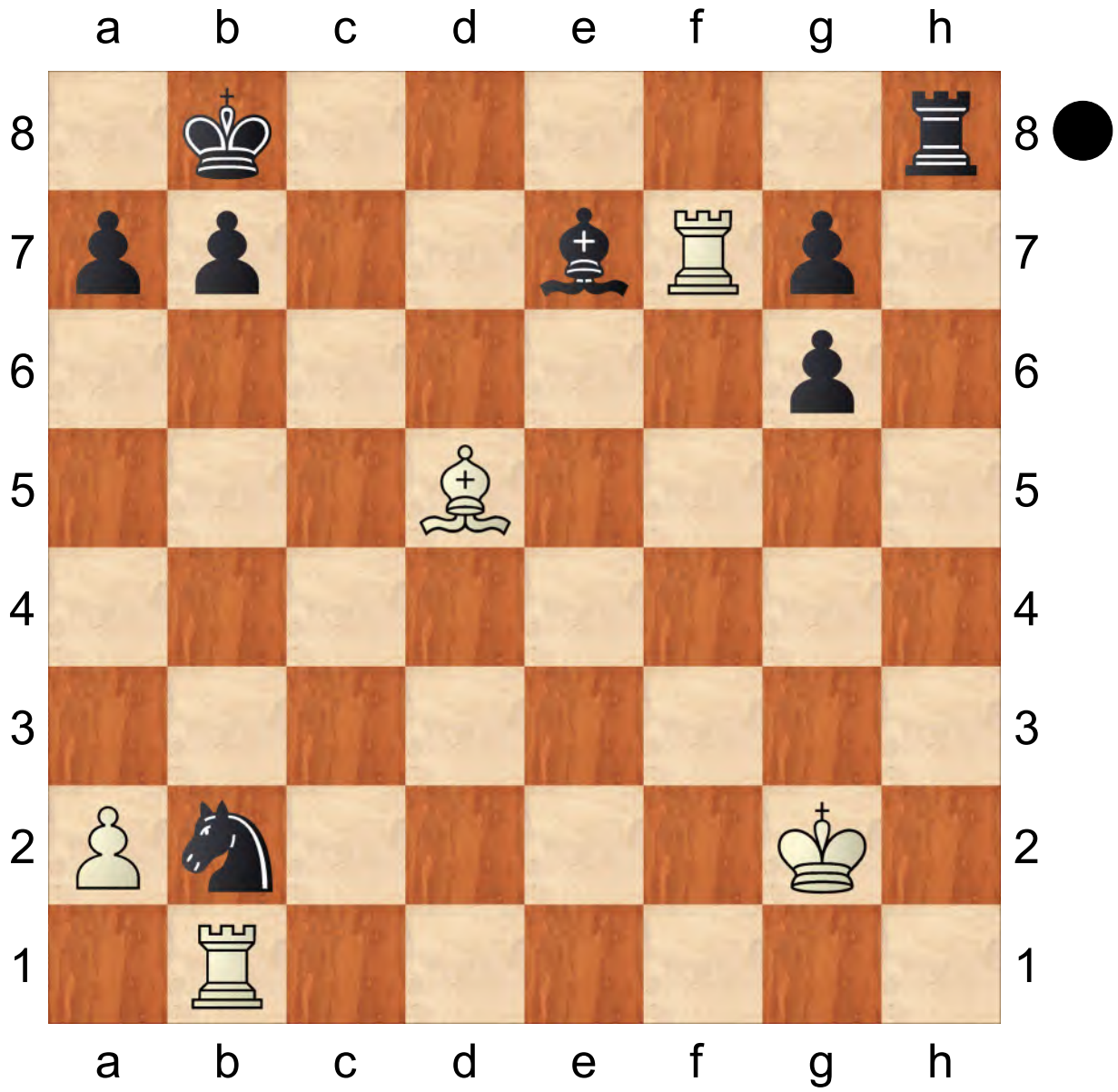
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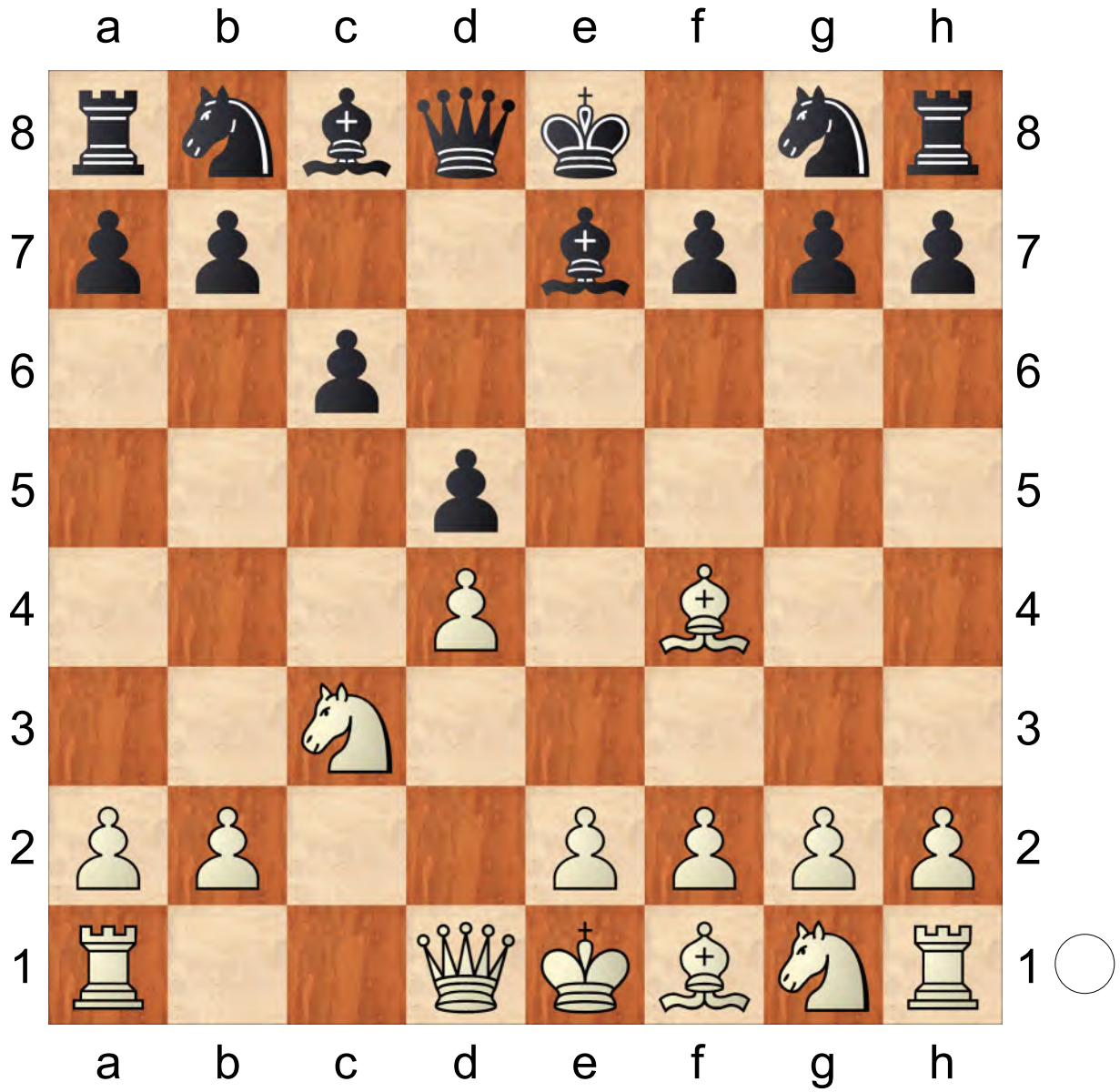
□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2740**
■ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2735**
Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (9) 26.01.1998
[Donev,Ivo Hristov]

Topalov,V: 'Chess Informant' **1.d4** Donev Topalov,Veselin Topalov Tsesarsky Baburin Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin' **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6**



6.Qc2 g6 7.e3
[7.f3!?]
7...Bf5 8.Qd2 Baburin: This line remains quite popular and it seems that Black still

has problems here. Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'This line remains quite popular and it seems that Black still has problems here." **8...Nf6**

[Another option here is 8...Nd7 Baburin Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin' 9.f3 g5 *(9...Nb6* Topalov *10.e4 Be6 11.e5±* Karpov-Kasparov (London 1986)*)* 10.Bg3 h5 which led to White's victory in the game Yakovich-Geller, RUS-ch Elista 1995 after 11.e4 dxe4 12.fxe4 Bg6 13.Bd3 h4 14.Bf2 Nf8 15.0-0-0 Qa5 16.Nf3 Bh5 17.d5 h3 18.Bd4 Rh6 19.Rhg1 hxg2 20.Be2 Ng6 21.Rxg2 Nf4 22.Qxf4 gxf4 23.Rxg8+]

9.f3

[9.Nge2 Tsesarsky Nbd7 10.Ng3 Be6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 *(12.Bh6 Re8 13.f3 c5 14.0-0 a6 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Bb1 Rad8 17.Kh1 cxd4 18.exd4 Nf8 19.a3 Bd7 20.Ba2 Bc6 21.Rfe1± ½-½* Yanin,P-Donchenko,A/Russian Cup 8th Leg, Smolensk RUS 1997 (35)*)* 12...Ne8 13.Bh6 Ng7 14.Nce2 f5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 a5 17.b5 Bb4 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Rfc1± 1-0 Azmaiparashvili,Z-Diaz, J/Capablanca mem-A 1988 (59)]

9...h5 Baburin: This enables Black's light- squared bishop to stay on f5, but it comes at a price - Black's kingside is weak now. Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'This enables Black's light- squared bishop to stay on f5, but it comes at a price - Black's kingside is weak now." Vermeidet g2-g4

[9...0-0 Tsesarsky

A) 10.Nge2 Nbd7 *(10...c5?! 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bg5±; 10...Re8 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Be2 c5 13.0-0 cxd4 14.exd4 Nc6 15.Kh1 Bf8 16.Rad1 Bg7 17.Be5 h5⇄* 1-0 Sherbakov,R-Ahlander,B/Alborg 1993 (56) *)*

A1) 11.g4 Be6 12.Ng3 c5 *(12...Ne8?! Δ* g5 *13.Bh6 Ng7 14.0-0-0±)* 13.Rd1?! *(13.h4 Ne8∞)* 13...cxd4 14.exd4 Ne8!∓ 1-0 Howell,J-Diaz,J/ Frunze 1989 (28);

A2) 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Be2±;

B) 10.g4 Be6 11.Nge2 *(11.Bd3 c5 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf1 Nd7 14.Rc1 a6 15.Kg2 Re8 16.Qe1 Bf6 17.Qf2 cxd4 18.exd4 Qb6 19.Be3 Qxb2 20.Rb1 Qa3 21.Rxb7 Reb8 22.Rhb1 Rxb7 23.Rxb7 Rb8 24.Rxb8+ Ndxb8=* 1-0 Wessman,R-O'Donnell,T/Novi Sad olm SVE-CAN 1990 (37)*; 11.h4 c5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Nge2* Howell *)* 11...c5 12.h4 Nc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0-0 Rc8 15.Kb1 Qa5 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.h5 Nxf3! 19.Nxf3 d4 20.exd4 Ne4 21.Bxe7 *(21.Qg2 Rxc3 22.d5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Qxd5-+)* 21...Nxd2+ 22.Rxd2 Rfe8∓ 0-1 Belli,M-Upton,T/Thessaloniki olm 1988 (29)]

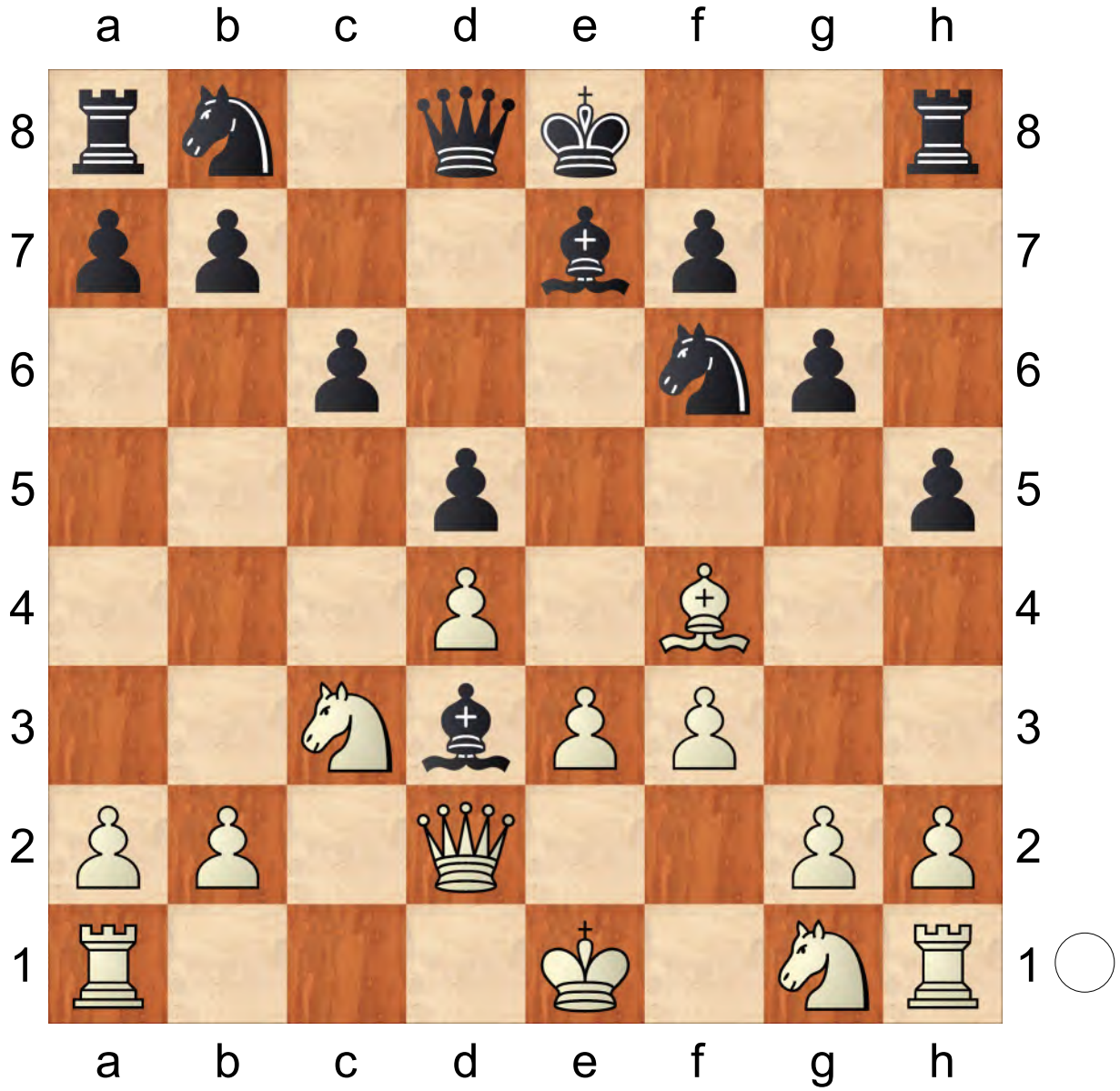
[9...Nbd7 Tsesarsky 10.Nge2 *(10.g4)* 10...Nb6 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Bd3 h5 13.Nge2 h4 14.e4 *(14.Bg5 Qd7 15.e4 0-0-0 16.e5 Ng8 17.b3 Bf5 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.0-0-0 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Kb8⇄* 1-0 Doroshkievich-Belikov/Bjeloreschensk 1989 (71) *)* 14...Nh5 15.Be3 Qd7 16.e5 Bf5 17.b3 Rd8 18.g4 hxg3 19.hxg3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rg8 21.0-0-0 Ng7 22.g4± 1-0 Anapolsky,S-Saric,I/Leningrad URS-JUG TeamJ 1991 (32)]

10.Bd3

[10.Nge2 Tsesarsky h4!? *(10...Nbd7 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.0-0 a6*

14.Bg5± 1-0 Gulko,B-Anikaev,Y/Klaipeda 1983 (25) *)*]

10...Bxd3



11.Qxd3 Na6 Topalov,V: 'N' Topalov,Veselin: 'N' Der Springer strebt nach e6.

[11...Nbd7 Tsesarsky Topalov,V: '— 43/488' Topalov,Veselin: 'Ü 43/488' 12.Nge2 0-0

A) 13.0-0 Re8 14.e4! Nf8 *(14...dxe4 15.fxe4 Nc5 16.Qf3 Ne6 17.Be5±)* 15.e5 N6h7

A1) 16.Bh6?! Qd7! 17.f4 f5 18.Nd1 *(18.exf6?! Bxf6 19.f5 g5∓; 18.Bxf8 Nxf8 19.Nd1 Ne6 20.Ne3 Rf8=)* 18...Ne6⇄ 1-0 Ionescu,C-Geller,E/Sochi 1986 (46);

A2) 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.f4 f5 18.Nd1 Ne6 19.Ne3±;

B) 13.0-0-0!?±;

C) 13.e4 dxe4 14.fxe4 Nc5 15.Qf3 Ne6 16.0-0-0± 1-0 Gurevich,M-Geller,E/

Moscow-A 1987 (23) O⊞ M.Gurevich]

12.Nge2

[12.a3 Tsesarsky Nc7 13.Nge2 Ne6 14.Be5 Bd6 15.0-0 h4 16.Rad1± 0-1 Raisa,U-Nokso Koivisto,A/Tampere SM 1989 (42)]

12...Nc7

[12...Qd7 Tsesarsky 13.Be5 h4 14.Nf4 g5 15.Nh3 Rg8 16.Nf2 Qe6 17.h3 Nc5 18.Qd2 Ncd7 19.Bh2 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.0-0 0-0-0 22.Rac1± *(22.e4?! dxe4 23.Nfxe4 Nxe4 24.fxe4 Ne5 25.Rad1 g4∓* 1-0 Mielke,K-Hofstetter,H/cr JMZ-06 1988 (60) *)*]

13.0-0

[13.Be5!?± Tsesarsky Ne6 14.0-0-0 Topalov,V: '↑' Topalov,Veselin: '↑']

13...Ne6 14.Be5 h4 Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!'

[Baburin: Perhaps Black should have castled immediately - 14...0-0 Baburin]

[Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'Perhaps Black should have castled immediately -'' 14...0-0 Tsesarsky Topalov,V: '?!' Topalov,Veselin: '?!'

A) 15.e4 Qb6 16.Na4 Qb4∓;

B) 15.f4! Topalov Ng7 16.f5! Nxf5 *(16...g5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4±)* 17.Rxf5 gxf5 18.Rf1→ Topalov,V: '±' Topalov,Veselin: '±' *(18.Qxf5)*;

C) 15.a3 Nd7 16.Bg3 Bh4 *(16...h4 17.Bf2±)* 17.b4±]

15.Rae1

[15.e4 Tsesarsky Rh5!⇄ *(15...0-0 Topalov 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.e5 Bg7 18.f4 f5∞)*]

[15.Nf4 Topalov Topalov,V: '?!' Topalov,Veselin: '?!' Nxf4 16.exf4 Qd7 17.Rae1 Kf8! *(17...0-0 18.g4!)*]

15...0-0

[15...Qd7 Tsesarsky

A) 16.e4 Rh5 17.Rd1 *(17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.Nc3 Qd7=)* 17...Rd8 18.Qc2±;

B) 16.g4? hxg3 17.hxg3 Ng5 18.g4 Rh7 19.Ng3 *(19.Kg2 Nxg4 20.fxg4 Qxg4+ 21.Bg3 Rh3∓)* 19...Qe6∓]

(Diagram)

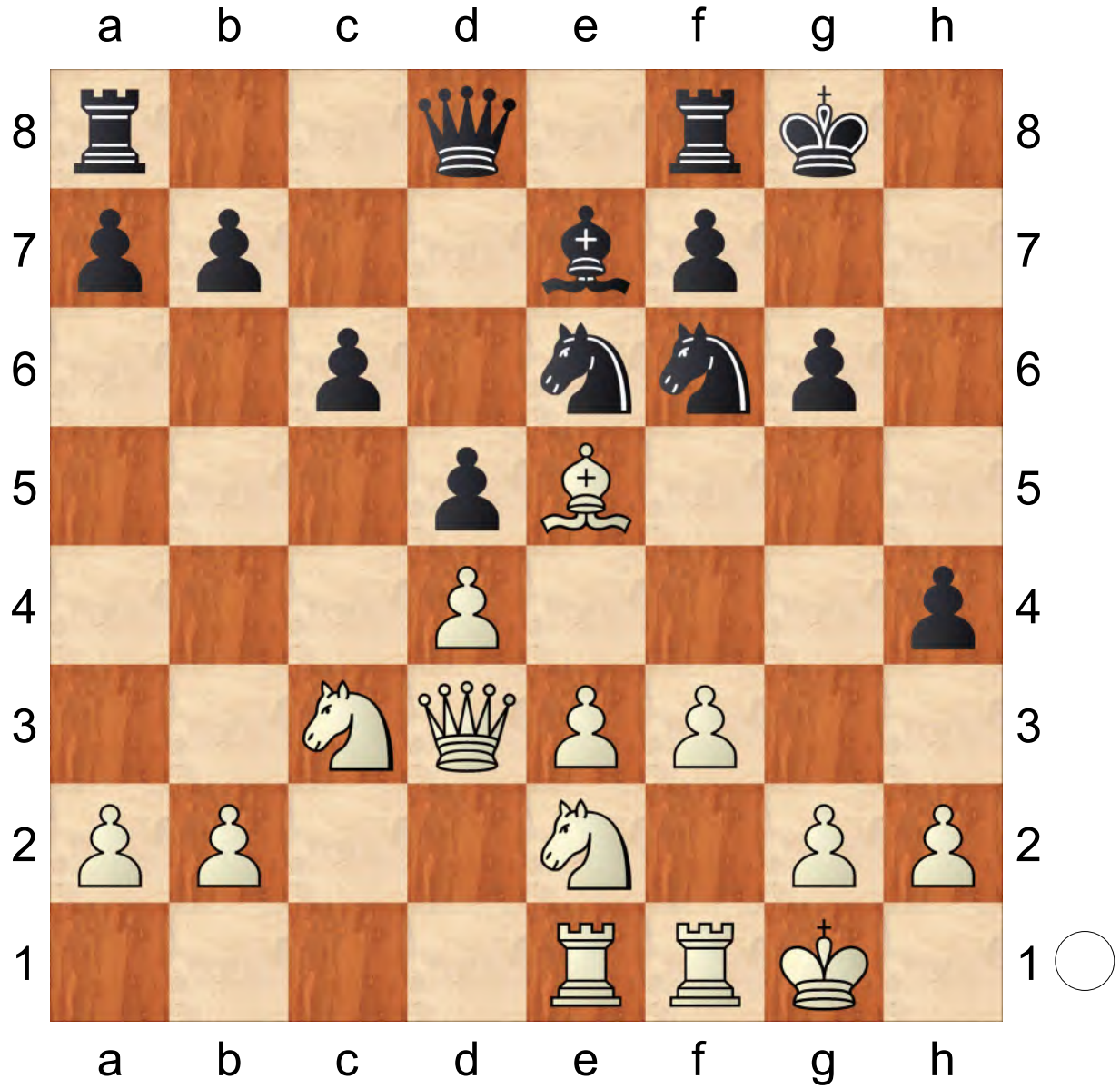
16.g4 Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!'

[16.e4 Tsesarsky Qb6⇄]

[16.h3 Tsesarsky Nd7 17.Bh2 Re8⇄]

[16.Nf4 Topalov Nxf4 *(16...Qd7 17.g4!)* 17.exf4 *(17.Bxf4 Nh5 18.Bh6 Re8 19.e4 Bg5!)* 17...Qd7 18.g4 Donev: '!' Ne8! *(18...hxg3? 19.hxg3 Qh3 20.Ne2 Nh5 21.Rf2!* Topalov,V: '±!' Topalov,Veselin: '±!'*; 18...Nh7?! 19.Kh1±)* 19.f5 gxf5 20.gxf5 f6 21.Bf4 Ng7∓]

[16.f4!? Topalov Ng7 17.f5 Nxf5 18.Rxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 Nh7 20.e4 *(20.g3*



Bb4! Δ 21... ♕g5 Topalov,V: 'Δ ♕g5' Topalov,Veselin: 'Δ Qg5'*)* 20...dxe4 21.Nxe4 f6 22.Bf4 Qd5! Topalov,V: '∓!' Topalov,Veselin: '∓!']

16...hxg3 Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: '?!" Baburin: It's too risky to open up the h-file; the immediate 16... ♘d7 would have been more prudent. Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'It's too risky to open up the h-file; the immediate 16... ♘d7 would have been more prudent."

[16...Nd7 Topalov 17.f4! Topalov,V: '!?' Topalov,Veselin: '!?' *(17.Nf4 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qd7* Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!'*; 17.h3 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Kg7 19.f4 f6 20.exf6+ Bxf6* Topalov,V: ' ∞' Topalov,Veselin: ' ∞'*)* 17...Nxe5 *(17...f6* Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' *18.Qxg6+ Ng7* Topalov,V: '∞' Topalov,Veselin: '∞' *19.Kh1)* 18.dxe5 f5 19.Kh1± *(19.Nd4±)*]

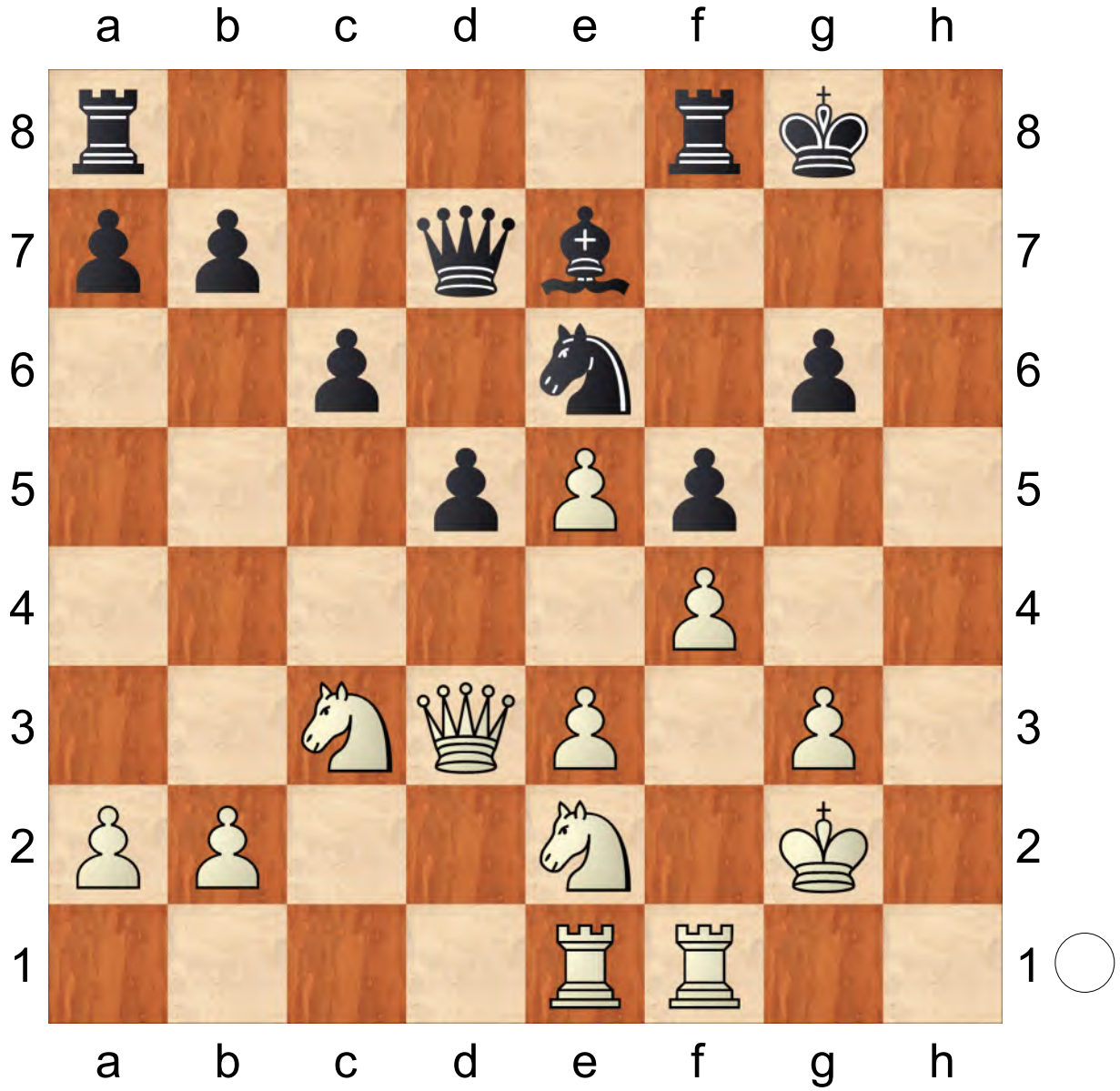
17.hxg3

[17.Nxg3?! Nd7 18.f4 f5=]

17...Nd7 18.Kg2
[18.f4 Topalov Topalov,V: '?!' Topalov,Veselin: '?!' f6! 19.Qxg6+ Ng7 20.g4 *(20.Kg2 Qe8!)* 20...fxe5 21.dxe5 *(21.fxe5 Bh4!* Topalov,V: 'Δ ♕g5' Topalov, Veselin: ' Δ Qg5' *)* 21...Qe8 22.Qh6 Bc5 23.Nd4 Nxe5! 24.fxe5 Qxe5∓ Topalov,V: '∓' Topalov,Veselin: '∓']
18...Nxe5
[18...Re8 Tsesarsky 19.Rh1 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qb6
A) 21.Rh2 Bf8 22.Reh1 *(22.f4 Qxb2 23.e4 d4∓)* 22...Bg7 23.f4 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qa3∓;
B) 21.Qd2 Bc5 22.Nf4 Nxf4+ 23.exf4±;
C) 21.f4 Qxb2 22.Rb1 Qa3∓]
19.dxe5 Δ f3-f4-f5 **19...Qd7** Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?'
[19...Kg7 Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' 20.f4 *(20.Rh1* Tsesarsky *Qb6 21.Qd2 Rh8 22.f4=; 20.Nd4* Topalov,V: '±' Topalov,Veselin: '±'*; 20.Nf4* Topalov,V: '±' Topalov,Veselin: '±' *)* 20...f5 *(20...f6!?)*
A) 21.g4 Topalov,V: '?!' Topalov,Veselin: '?!'
A1) 21...fxg4∓;
A2) 21...Nc5 Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?' 22.Qd2 *(22.Qc2 fxg4 23.f5! gxf5 24.Ng3±)* 22...fxg4 23.f5! gxf5 24.Ng3;
A3) 21...fxg4 22.Ng3;
A4) 21...Bh4! Topalov 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Rd1 Qe8 24.Rh1 *(24.Rg1 Qh5)* 24...Qg6+! 25.Kf1 Qh5 Topalov,V: '⇄' Topalov,Veselin: '⇄' 26.Nd4!± Fritz;
B) 21.exf6+ Bxf6=;
C) 21.Rh1 Qd7∞]
[19...Qb6⇄ Tsesarsky]
20.f4 f5
[Der Nachziehende verpaßt die aktivere Fortsetzung: ⌓20...Nc5 Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin' 21.Qb1 *(21.Qc2* Baburin *Qg4 22.Nd4* is also in White's favour. *)* 21...Qg4=]
[20...Kg7 Tsesarsky 21.e4 Nc5 22.Qf3 dxe4 23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Rad8⇄]

(Diagram)

21.g4 Topalov,V: '±!' Topalov,V: '[×f5]' Topalov,Veselin: '±!' Topalov,Veselin: '[✕f5]' Alexander Baburin: '!?"
[21.exf6 Tsesarsky Rxf6 *(21...Bxf6 22.Qxg6+ Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Bxg7 24.g4±)* 22.e4 Nc5 23.Qd2 dxe4 24.Qxd7 Nxd7 25.Nxe4 Rf7 26.Nd4⇄]
21...Rf7?! Auf f7 der Turm dem König den Fluchtweg verspert.
[Besser ist: 21...Ng7 22.Rh1 Kf7 Topalov,V: ' ±' Topalov,Veselin: ' ±' *(22...fxg4 23.Qxg6 Qf5 24.Qh6!→* Δ♘g3, ♘d4 *)* 23.Rh6 Rh8 24.Reh1 Rxh6 25.Rxh6 Rd8±]
[21...Nc5 Tsesarsky 22.Qc2 Ne4 23.Rh1 *(23.gxf5* Topalov *gxf5 24.Nd4±)*



23...Kg7 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Reg1 Rg8 26.Kf3+ Kf8 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8 28.Nd4+-]
[21...Rae8 Tsesarsky 22.Rh1±]

22.Rh1 Bf8

[⌓22...Kg7! Tsesarsky

A) 23.g5!? Rh8 24.Rxh8 Kxh8 25.Rh1+

A1) 25...Rh7 26.Rxh7+ Kxh7 27.e4 fxe4 28.Nxe4 Nc5 29.Nxc5 Bxc5 *(29...Qg4+ 30.Kh2 Bxc5 31.Qh3+ Qxh3+ 32.Kxh3 Kg7 33.Kg4 Kf7 34.f5±)* 30.Qh3+ Qxh3+ 31.Kxh3 Kg7 32.Kg4 Kf7 33.f5±;

A2) 25...Kg8 26.Rh6 Rg7 27.Nd4 Nf8 28.a3±;

B) 23.Ng3

B1) 23...fxg4? 24.f5 *(24.Nh5+? gxh5 25.Rxh5 Rh8 26.Rxh8 Kxh8 27.Rh1+ Kg8 28.Qg6+ Rg7 29.Qh5 d4-+)* 24...Raf8 *(24...gxf5 25.Nxf5++-)* 25.Ref1! *(25.fxe6?! Rf2+ 26.Kg1 Qxe6 27.Qd4 b6∞; 25.f6+?*

Bxf6 26.exf6+ Rxf6 27.Ref1 Rf3∓) 25...gxf5 26.Nxf5+ Rxf5 27.Rxf5+-;

B2) 23...Rg8

B2a) 24.Rh2 fxg4

B2a1) 25.Reh1 Rxf4! 26.Rh6 Kf7 *(26...Kf8 27.Rxg6 Rf7 28.Nh5 Rxg6 29.Qxg6±)* 27.Rxg6 Rxg6 28.Rh7+ Rg7 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Nh5+ Kh6 31.Nxf4 Nxf4+ 32.exf4 Bh4 33.Ne2 c5 34.f5 Kg5∓;

B2a2) 25.f5 gxf5 26.Nxf5+ Kf8 27.Rf1 Nc5 28.Qb1 Ke8∓;

B2b) 24.g5 Rff8 25.Rh6 Rh8 26.Reh1 Rxh6 27.Rxh6 Rh8 28.Rxh8 Kxh8 29.Nge2⇄;

B2c) 24.Qd1! fxg4 25.Ref1 *(25.Qxg4?? Nxf4+-+)* 25...Nc5 26.b4 Na6 27.e4 Bxb4 28.f5!! *(28.exd5 Bxc3 29.e6 Qxd5+ 30.Qxd5 cxd5 31.exf7 Kxf7∓)* 28...Qe8 29.e6 Rf6 30.Qc1 Kf8 31.e5+-;

B2d) 24.gxf5 gxf5

B2d1) 25.Nxf5+ Kf8+ 26.Ng3 Rxf4 27.Ref1 Rxf1 28.Rxf1+ Ke8 29.Qh7 Rg7∓;

B2d2) 25.Rh5 Nc5

B2d21) 26.Qc2 Ne4 27.Ncxe4 fxe4 28.Reh1 *(28.f5? Kf8 29.Rf1 Qc7 30.f6 Bxf6 31.Rhf5 Ke8 32.R1f2 Rh7!-+)* 28...Kf8 *(28...Qg4 29.Qe2 Qxe2+ 30.Nxe2 Kf8+ 31.Kf2 Rfg7 32.f5 Bc5 33.Nf4 Ke8 34.Rh8±)* 29.Rh8 *(29.Qe2 Rfg7 30.R1h3 d4 31.exd4 Qxd4∓)* 29...Rfg7 30.Rxg8+ Rxg8 31.Qe2

B2d211) 31...Qe6

B2d2111) 32.Rh3 Qg6 33.Qh5 *(33.a3 Bh4 34.Qf2 Qg4 35.f5 c5 36.e6 Ke7-+)* 33...Qxh5 34.Rxh5 Bc5 35.Rh7 *(35.Kf2 Bxe3+ 36.Kxe3 Rxg3+ 37.Kd4 Rd3+ 38.Kc5 e3-+)* 35...Bxe3 36.e6 Ke8 *(36...Rg4 37.f5 Bf4 38.e7+ Ke8 39.f6 Rxg3+ 40.Kh1 Kd7 41.Rh8+-)* 37.f5 Bd4 38.Kh3 *(38.Rxb7 Be5 39.Rb3 Rg5-+)* 38...Rh8 39.Rxh8+ Bxh8∓;

B2d2112) 32.Qh5 Bc5 33.Qh4

B2d21121) 33...Bb6? 34.Kf1 d4 35.exd4 Qxa2 36.Qf6+ Ke8 37.Rh8 Qc4+ 38.Ne2□ Qf7 39.Rxg8+ Qxg8 40.Qf5 Qd5 41.Qc8+ Bd8 42.Kf2!± *(42.Qxb7 e3 43.Kg1 Qf3=)*;

B2d21122) 33...Bxe3! 34.Qd8+ Qe8 35.Qf6+ Qf7 36.Qd6+ Qe7 37.Qb8+ Qe8 38.Qd6+=;

B2d212) 31...Qg4 32.Qxg4 Rxg4 33.Rh8+ Kg7 *(33...Kf7 34.Kh3±)* 34.Rb8 b6 35.f5 Bc5 36.Kh3 Rg5 37.Kh4 Bxe3 38.Nh5+±;

B2d22) 26.Qd4 Kf8 27.Reh1 Rfg7 28.R1h3 Qe6 29.Nce2 Ne4 30.Qxa7 Nxg3 31.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 32.Nxg3 Rxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Qg6+ 34.Rg5 Bxg5 35.fxg5 Qxg5+ 36.Kf2 Qh4+ 37.Ke2 Qh2+ 38.Kd3 Qxb2 39.Qb8+ Kf7 40.Qc7+ Kg6 41.Qd6+ Kg5 42.Qf6+ Kg4 43.Qg6+ Kh4 44.e6±;

B2d3) 25.Kf3 Kf8 26.Rh5 *(26.Rh6 Nc5 27.Qc2 Ne4 28.Nce2 Rfg7*

29.Rg1 d4!∓) 26...Nc5 27.Qc2 Ne4 28.Nce2⇄ *(28.Ngxe4 fxe4+-+)*]

23.gxf5

[23.Ng3 Tsesarsky Nc5 24.Qd1 fxg4 25.Rh4 Bg7 26.Rxg4 Nd3 27.Rh1 Nxb2 28.Qe2 Qe6 29.Rg5 Nc4 30.Qd3 Re8 31.Rxg6 Nxe3+ *(31...Qd7 32.Rhh6±)* 32.Kg1 Qd7 33.Qxe3 d4 34.e6 dxe3 35.exd7±]

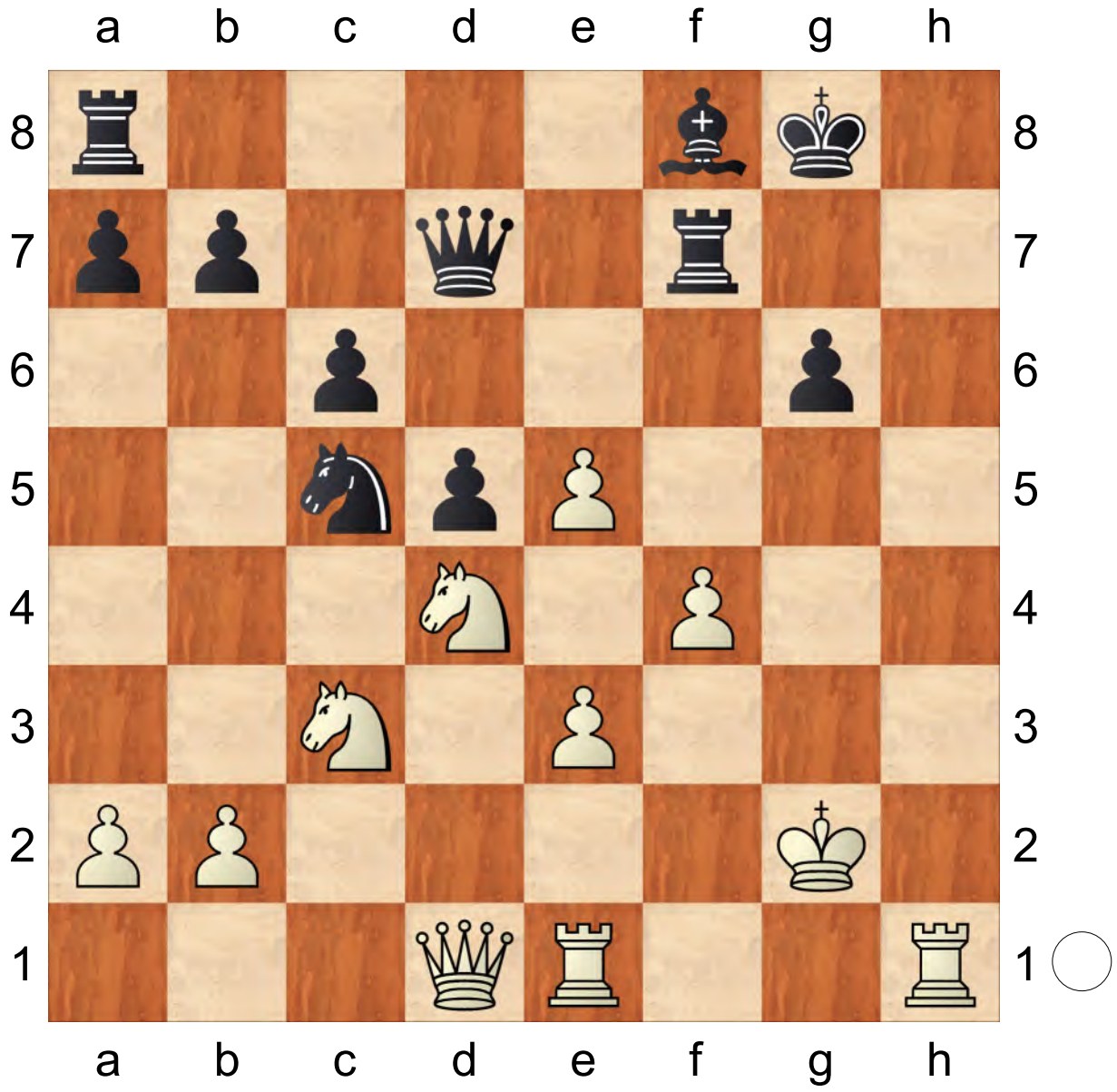
23...Nc5

[23...gxf5]

[23...gxf5 Tsesarsky 24.Ng3± *(24.Ng3* Topalov *Nc5 25.Qd1+-)*]

24.Qd1 Qxf5 25.Nd4 Qd7

[25...Qd3 Tsesarsky 26.Qf3 *(26.Qg4+-)* 26...Bg7 27.Qg3±]

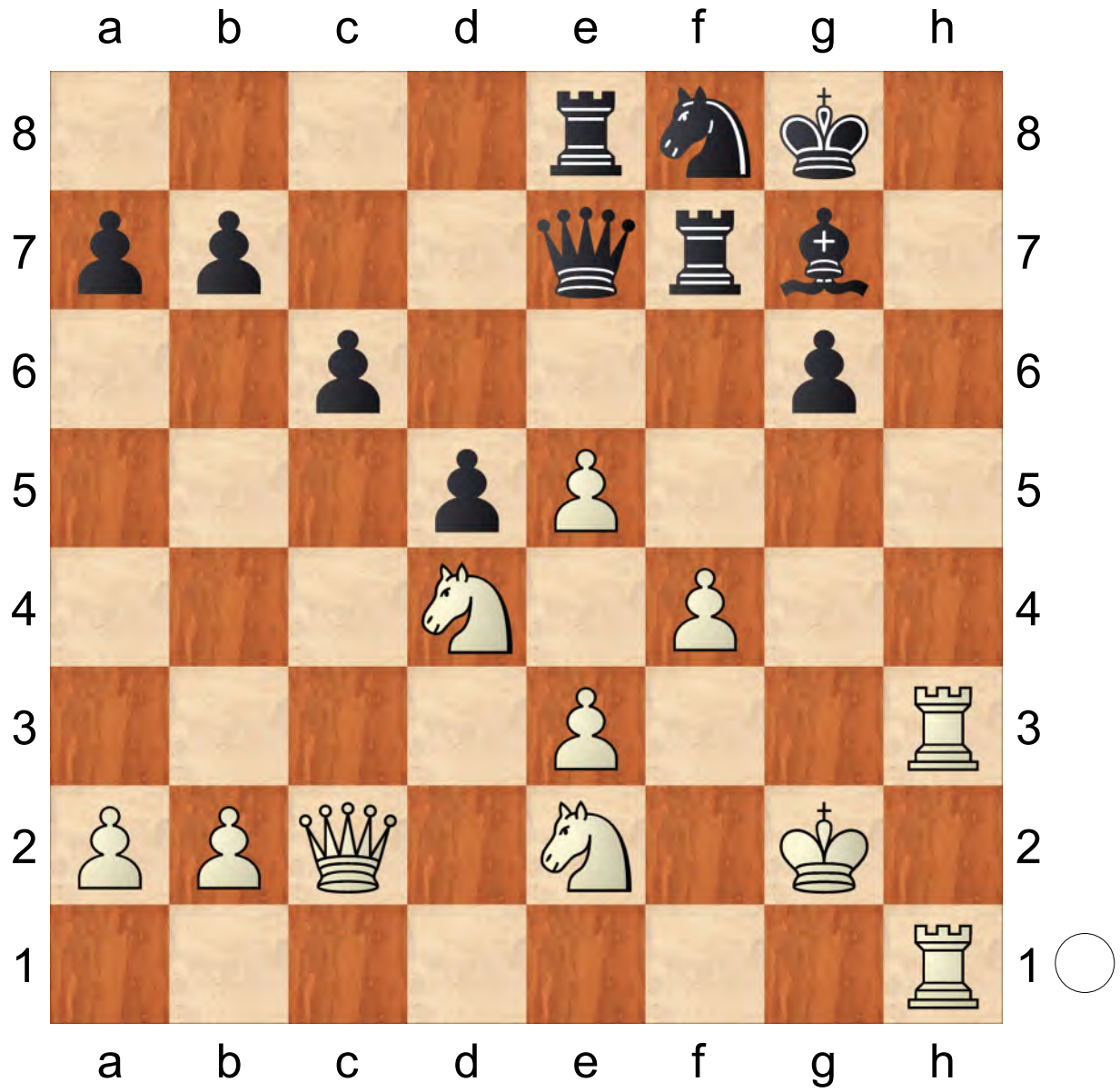


26.Reg1 Baburin: White has a much more solid pawn structure and clear prospects of attack on the kingside. Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'White has a much

more solid pawn structure and clear prospects of attack on the kingside."
[⌓26.Rh3! Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!'
A) 26...Ne6 27.Reh1 Bg7 28.Qc2 Nf8 *(28...Nxd4 29.Qxg6 Kf8 30.exd4+-)* 29.e6! Nxe6 30.Qxg6+-;
B) 26...Rh7 27.Rg3! Rg7 28.Qc2 **Δ** 29.♖eg1, 30.♔f1 Topalov,V: '**Δ** ♖g1, ♔f1+-' Topalov,Veselin: '**Δ** Rg1, Kf1+-']
26...Re8 27.Rh3 Topalov,V: '?!' Topalov,Veselin: '?!'
[27.Qc2?! Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?' Rxe5! 28.Kf2 *(28.fxe5?? Qg4+ 29.Kh2 Rh7#)* 28...Ne4+ 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxg6+=]
[⌓27.Kf2! Topalov Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' Rxe5 28.Rxg6+ Bg7 29.Rxg7+! Kxg7 30.Qg1+ Kf8 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Qg8 Nd3+ 33.Kg1 Rxe3 34.Nf5+! Rxf5 *(34...Qxf5 35.Qd8+ Ke6 36.Re8+* Topalov,V: '+-' Topalov, Veselin: '+-'*)* 35.Rh7+ Kd6 36.Rxd7+ Kxd7 37.Qh7+! Ke6 38.Qg6+ Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' Rf6 39.Qe8++- Topalov,V: 'Karpov,An']
[27.Kf3 Rxe5 28.Rxg6+ Bg7 29.Rxg7+? Rxg7! 30.fxe5 Qg4+-+]
27...Ne6
[27...Rh7 Tsesarsky 28.Rxh7 Kxh7 *(28...Qxh7 29.Qg4 Qf7 30.Kf1 Kh7 31.Qh3+ Bh6 32.Rh1 Qg7 33.b4+-)*
A) 29.Qf3 Bh6 30.Rh1 Rh8 *(30...Qf7 31.Qh3±)* 31.f5**±**;
B) 29.Rh1+ Kg8 30.Qf3 Bg7 31.Qg3 *(31.b4 Nd3 32.a3 Qf7±)* 31...Qf7 32.Nf3 Ne6 33.Qh3 Kf8 34.Qg4**±**]
28.Rgh1 Bg7 29.Qc2 Nf8 Topalov,V: '**±**' Topalov,Veselin: '**±**'
[Baburin: Black had no time to take on d4 - 29...Nxd4 Baburin Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin' bacause of 30.Qxg6 which threatens 31 ♖h8#.]
30.Nce2
[30.e6 Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?' Rxe6 *(30...Nxe6? 31.Qxg6±)* 31.Nxe6 Qxe6⩲ Topalov,V: '**±**' Topalov,Veselin: '**±**']
30...Qe7
[30...Rfe7 Tsesarsky 31.Nf3**±** *(31.e4 dxe4 32.Qxe4 c5⇄)*]

(Diagram)

Topalov,V: '[**Δ** c5]' Topalov,Veselin: '[**Δ** c5]' **31.Nf3** Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!'
31...Qb4 32.Rg3 c5 33.Nh4 Re6 34.Nc3 Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?'
[Baburin: For White there is no point getting involved in this line: Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'For White there is no point n getting involved in this line:'' 34.Nxg6 Baburin Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' Rxg6 35.Rxg6 Nxg6 36.Qxg6
A) 36...Qd2? 37.Kf3 d4 38.Qe4+- *(38.exd4 cxd4 39.Qe4! d3 40.Ng3+-)*;
B) 36...Qxb2⇄ Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: ' ⇄'' 37.Kf3**±** Fritz Topalov, V: '+-' Topalov,Veselin: '+-' Qxa2 38.e6 Re7 39.Rh5]
34...d4 35.Nd5 Qb5
[35...d3 Tsesarsky 36.Nxb4 dxc2 37.Nxc2**±**]

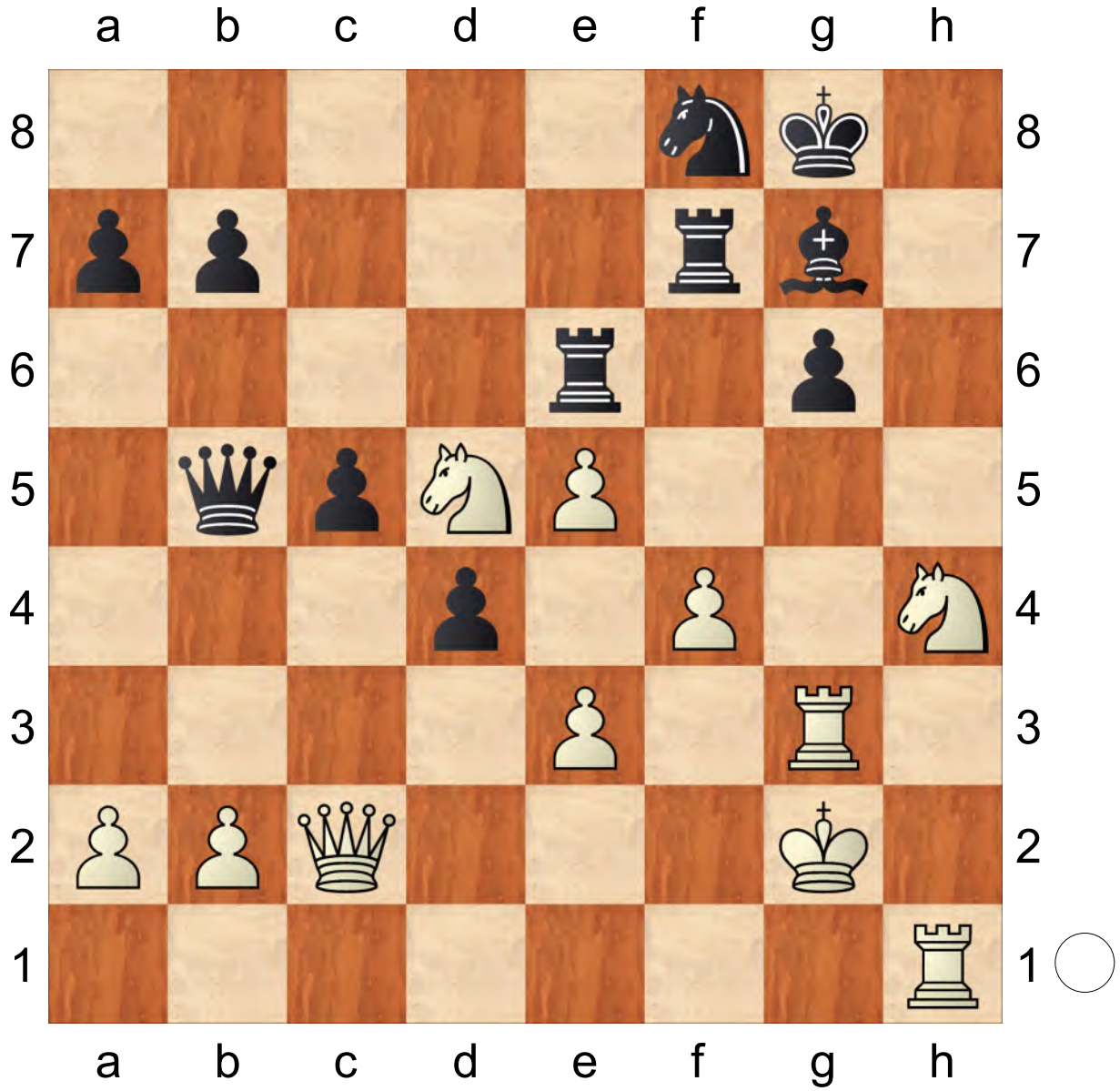


(Diagram)

36.e4 c4 37.Nf3 d3 38.Qc3 Ra6 39.Nd4 Baburin: White's mass in the centre looks very impressive! Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'White's mass in the centre looks very impressive!" Es ist merkwürdig, wie der junge bulgarische Großmeister seine Springer im Zentrum plaziert hat. Sie kontrollieren alle wichtigen Felder im Zentrum und jeder ist mindestens ein Turm wert! Im Gegenteil dazu, stehen die schwarzen Leichtfiguren sehr bescheiden. Besonders schwach ist der Läufer auf g7 der sich kaum bewegen kann.

[39.Nd2 Tsesarsky]

39...Qc5



[Baburin: Black had to play 39...Qa4 Baburin Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin' although 40.Nb4 Rb6 41.a3 is stil better for White. *(41.a3 Tsesarsky a5 42.Nd5 Ra6 43.b3 cxb3 44.Qxd3 Qxa3 45.Qc4±)*]

40.Rxd3!

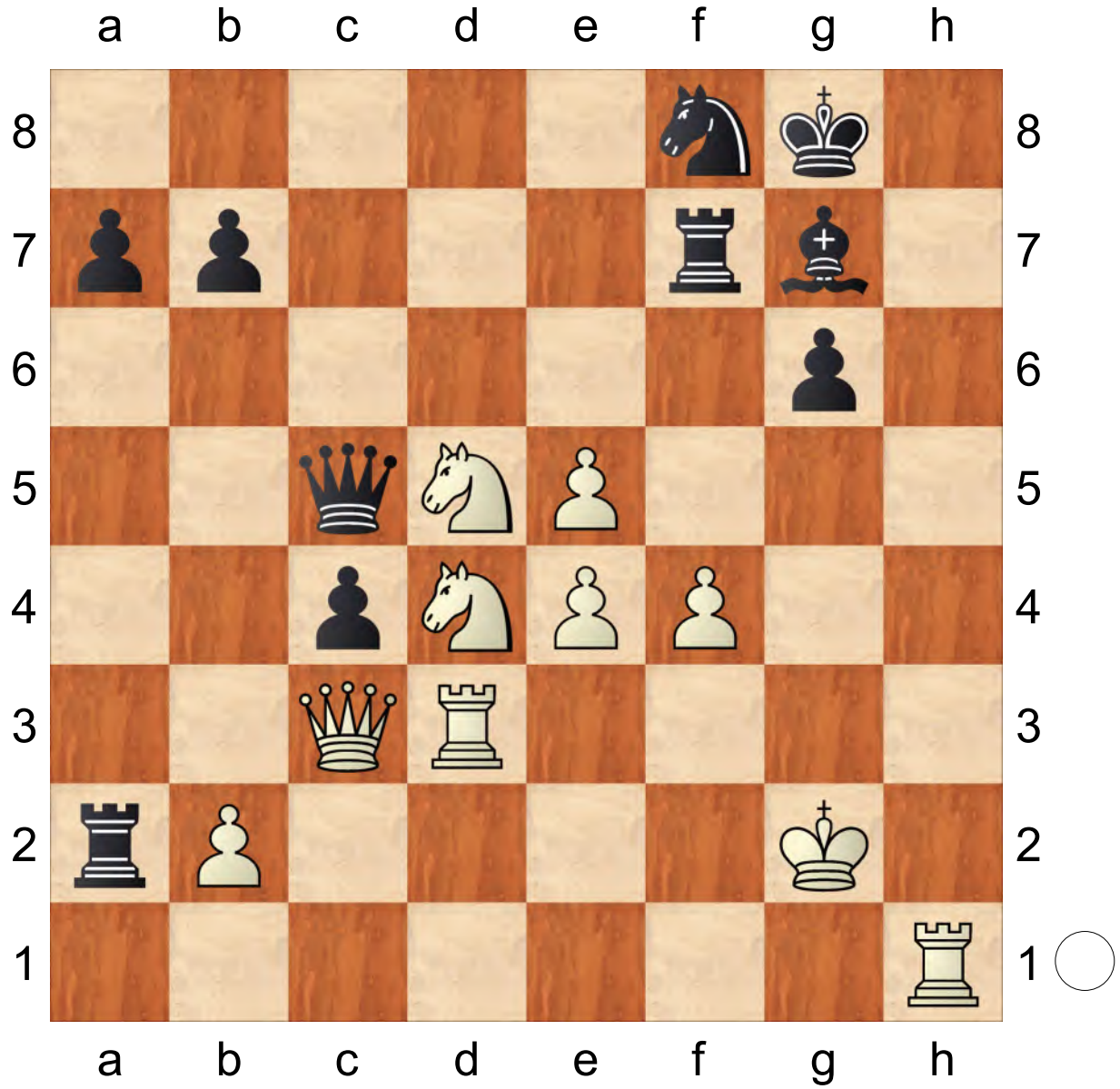
[40.a3 Topalov **Δ** 41.♖:d3 Rd7? Topalov,V: '(Karpov,An)' *(40...Ne6! 41.Nxe6 Rxe6 42.Rxd3?* Topalov,V: ' **Δ**' Topalov,Veselin: ' **Δ**' *Bxe5! 43.fxe5 Qf2+-+)* 41.Rxd3 Rxd5 42.exd5 Qxd5+ 43.Rf3 Topalov,V: '+-' Topalov,Veselin: '+-']

40...Rxa2

(Diagram)

41.Rdh3 b5 42.Nf3! Topalov,V: '±!' Topalov,Veselin: '±!'

[42.Nf6+ Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?' Rxf6!∞ Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin:



'!' 43.exf6 Bxf6 *(43...b4!? 44.fxg7 bxc3 45.gxf8Q+ Qxf8 46.Rh8+ Kf7 47.Rxf8+ Kxf8)* 44.Rh8+ *(44.e5 b4)* 44...Kf7 Topalov,V: '∓' Topalov,Veselin: '∓']

[42.e6? Topalov Bxd4 43.Rh8+ *(43.exf7+ Kxf7)* 43...Kg7 Topalov,V: '-+' Topalov,Veselin: '-+']

[42.Kg3!? Topalov]

42...Ne6

[42...b4 Topalov 43.Nxb4 Ne6 44.Nxa2 Nxf4+ 45.Kf1 Nd3 46.Qd2□ Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,V: '□' Topalov,Veselin: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '□' g5 47.Rg1+-]

43.Kg3 b4 44.Qd2 Topalov,V: '+-!' Topalov,Veselin: '+-!' **44...Rf8** Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?'

[Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'After'' 44...c3 White triples on the h-file and his attack succeeds after the further Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'White

triples on the h-file and his attack succeeds after the further" 45.Qh2
A) 45...Rf8 46.f5 *(46.Rh7!* Baburin Donev: '+-' Donev: 'Tsesarsky'*; 46.Rh7+-* Tsesarsky*; 46.Rh7!* Topalov *Rxb2 47.Rxg7+ Nxg7 48.Qh7+ Kf7 49.e6+! Kxe6 50.Qxg6+ Kd7 51.Qxg7+ Kc8 52.f5+-)* 46...Nd4 47.Rh8+ Kf7 48.Qh7+-;
B) 45...Rd7 46.Rh8+ Kf7 47.Qh7+-;
C) 45...Rb7 46.Rh8+! Kf7 47.Qh7+-;
D) 45...Rxf4!! Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' 46.Nxf4 Qe3!! Topalov,V: '(Piket,Je)' 47.Rh4! Rxb2 *(47...g5* Topalov,V: '?' Topalov,Veselin: '?' *48.Rh8+ Kf7 49.Qh5++-)* 48.Qg1 Qxg1+ 49.Rxg1 Nxf4 50.Kxf4 c2 51.Rc1 b3 52.Nd4 a5 53.Nxb3 Rxb3 54.Rxc2+-]

45.Nf6+
[45.Nxb4+- Tsesarsky]

45...Rxf6

(Diagram)

46.exf6 Bxf6 47.e5 Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: '+-"
[47.Qh2 Tsesarsky Nf8 48.e5+-]

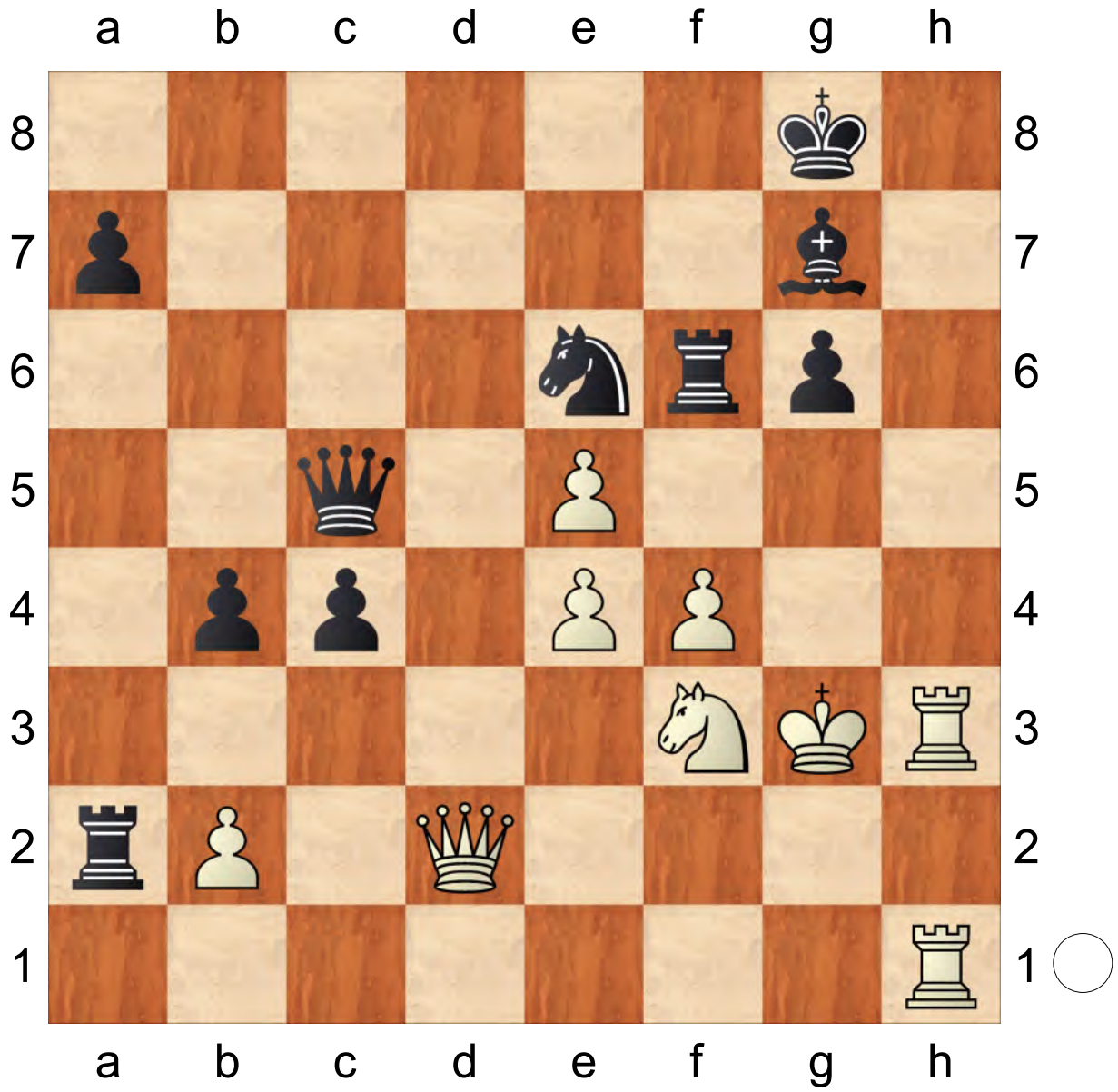
47...Bg7 48.Rh7
[48.Qd7? Nf8!]

48...Qf8
[48...Nf8 Tsesarsky
A) 49.Qd8 Ra6□ *(49...Rxb2 50.Rxg7+! Kxg7 51.Qf6+ Kg8 52.Rh8#)* 50.Nd4 c3 51.bxc3 Qxc3+ 52.Kg4 Qc4 53.R7h3±;
B) 49.Rxg7+ Kxg7 50.Ng5 Rxb2 *(50...c3 51.Qh2 Qe3+ 52.Kg4+-)* 51.Qxb2 Qe3+ 52.Kg4 Qd3 53.Qxb4+-]

49.Ng5 Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!'
[⌓49.Rxg7+! Topalov Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' Qxg7□ 50.Ng5! *(50.Qd5 Qf7)* 50...Nxg5 51.Qd8+ Kf7 *(51...Qf8 52.Rh8++-)* 52.Qc7+ Kg8 53.Qb8+ Kf7 54.fxg5 Topalov,V: '+-' Topalov,Veselin: '+-']

49...Ra6
[Topalov,Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: 'Or" 49...Nxg5 50.Qd5+
A) 50...Nf7 51.e6+- *(51.e6* Topalov Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' Topalov, Veselin: 'Alexander Baburin: '+-" *Rxb2 52.exf7+ Qxf7 53.Rxg7+! Kxg7 54.Rh7+ Kxh7 55.Qxf7+ Kh6 56.Qg8 Rb3+ 57.Kg4* Topalov,V: '+-' Topalov, Veselin: '+-' *)*;
B) 50...Qf7 51.Qd8+ Qf8 52.Rh8+! Bxh8 53.Rxh8+ Donev: '+-' Kxh8 54.Qxf8++-]

50.Rh8+
[50.Rh8+ Bxh8 51.Rxh8+ Kxh8 52.Qh2+ *(52.Qh2+* Topalov *Kg7 53.Qh7#)* 52...Kg8 53.Qh7#]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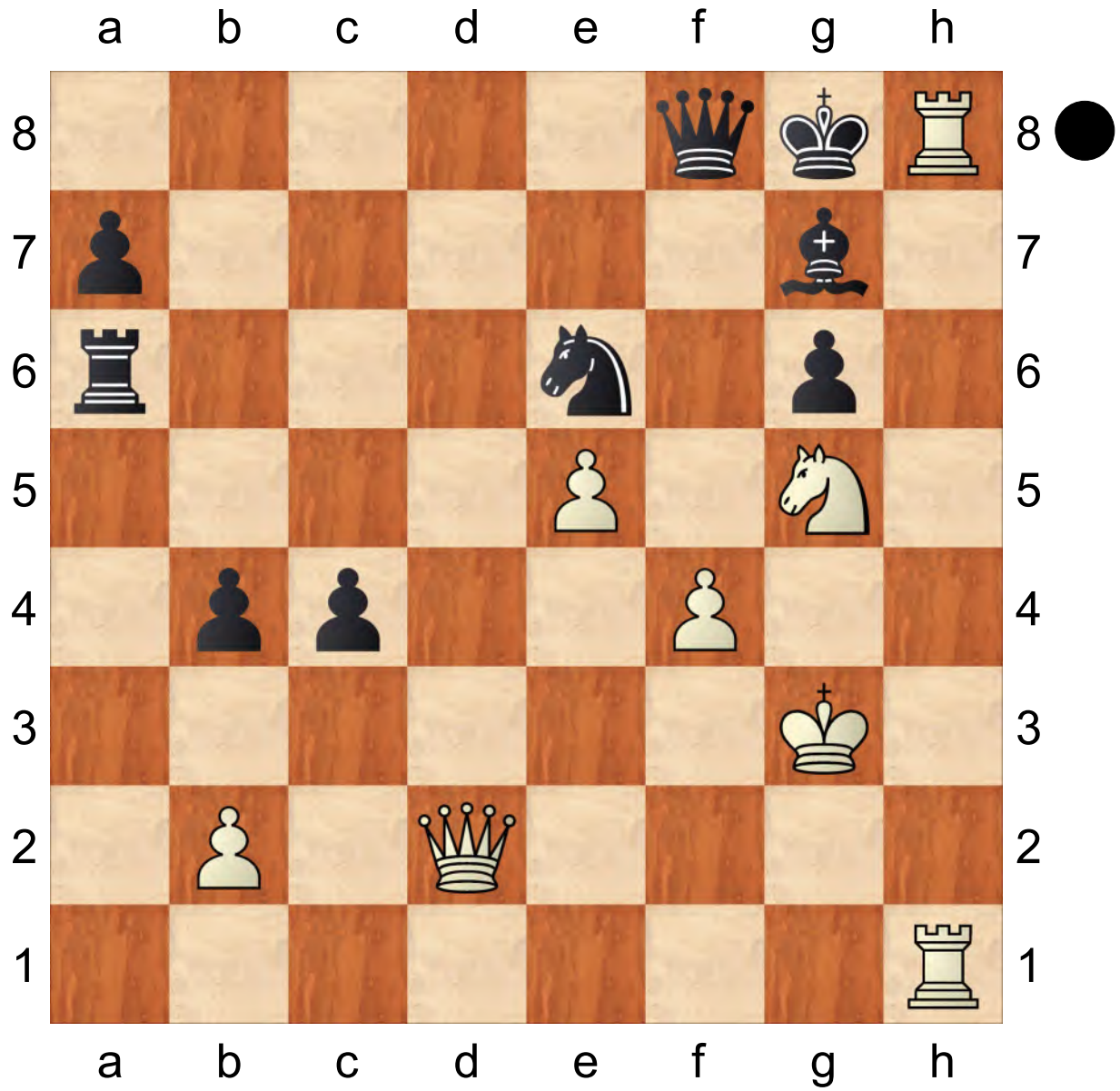

Topalov,V: '!' Topalov,Veselin: '!' ein sehr hübsches Mattmotiv:
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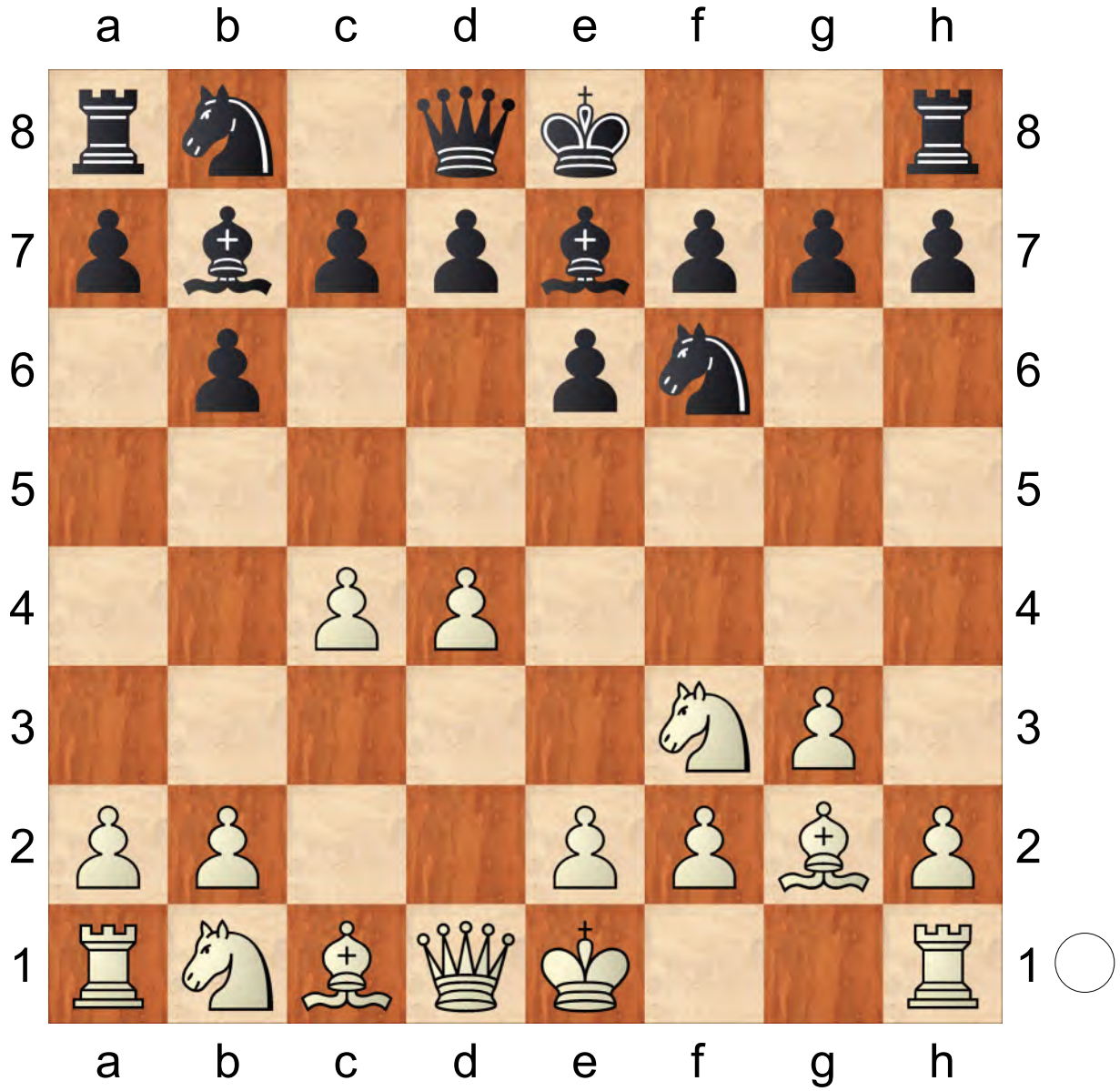
□ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2733**
■ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2723**
Biel GM 48th (3) 22.07.2015
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Tadic,Branko **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7**
[Choosing between the classical text move and 4...Ba6 is still more or less a matter of taste and preparation. Both continuations remain roughly equally popular in elite practice.]
5.Bg2 Be7



6.0-0 0-0 7.d5!? As the notes will show, Wojtaszek has had previous experience

with this sacrificial line with both colours.

[More restrained attempts to fight for an opening edge are 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2]

[and 7.Re1]

7...exd5 8.Nh4 The Candidates match Korchnoi-Polugaevsky in 1980 was crucial for the development of this line, which later caught the interest of Kasparov.

[Thanks to Polugaevsky White's knight started heading for f5 via the edge, as after 8.Nd4 he has to reckon with Bc6! 9.cxd5 Bxd5 10.Bxd5 Nxd5 11.e4 Nb4 12.Nc3 Bf6 13.Nf5 Re8 14.f4 d6 15.Qg4 N8c6 16.e5 dxe5 17.Ne4 exf4 18.Nh6+ Kf8 19.Nxf6 Qxf6 20.Rxf4 Re1+ 21.Kg2 Ne5 22.Rxf6 Nxg4 23.Rxf7+ Ke8 24.Rxg7 Nxh6 25.a3 Rd8 26.axb4 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Kxd7∓ Polugaevsky,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2695) Candidates Buenos Aires 1980]

8...c6 Clearly the main move.

[Returning the pawn immediately with ≤8...Ne4 9.cxd5 Bxh4 10.Bxe4 Bf6 11.Nc3 *(11.Qc2!?↑)* gives White a riskless pull: 11...Na6 12.Qc2 h6 13.Bf4 Nc5 14.Bg2 a5 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 c5 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Rfd1 Rc8 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Qd2 Qc8 21.Rac1 Re8 22.Be3 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Qb7 24.Rd1 d5 25.Qxd5 Qxd5 26.Rxd5 Bxb2 27.Rb5± Adhiban,B (2564)-Prince,B (2305) Visakhapatnam 2012]

9.cxd5 Nxd5

[9...cxd5 will sooner or later cost Black the central pawn: 10.Nc3 Na6 11.Nf5 Nc7 12.Bf4

A) 12...Bc5 13.Rc1 *(13.Ne3!?)* 13...Bc6

A1) 14.a3 a5 15.Qd2 Ne6 16.Nxd5?! *(⌓16.Be5⩱)* 16...Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Nxf4 18.gxf4 Qf6 19.Bxc6 dxc6↑ Piazza,R-Schmidt DDR corr 1989;

A2) 14.Na4

A2a) 14...d6 15.b4 Qd7 16.bxc5!? *(16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.bxc5±)* 16...Bxa4 17.c6 Qxf5 18.Qxa4↑;

A2b) 14...g6 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.Ne7+ Kg7 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rab8 20.b3 Rfe8 21.Bf3 Qe5 22.Qd2 d6 23.Rc4!? *(23.Rfd1 Rb6 24.Qa5 Re7 25.Rc4 Qb2 26.Ra4 h5 27.Qd2 Qe5 28.h4 Rd7 29.Rc1 Rc7 30.Kg2 d5=* Beliavsky,A (2590)-Spassky,B (2615) Vienna 1980 *)* 23...Rb6 24.Ra4 Re7 25.Rc1± Timman,J (2655)-Gligoric,S (2535)/ Bugojno 1982/ Black didn't get in the d5 advance, his pawns are vulnerable and he is slightly worse.;

B) 12...d6

B1) 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Bxb2 18.Rad1 Qf6 19.Qf3 Rad8 20.Rd5 Rfe8 21.Rfd1 Re5= Ftacnik,L (2612)-Gschnitzer,O (2427) Germany 2006

B2) 13.Qb3 Bc8 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Rad1 Bb7 16.Qa3 *(16.Bg5±)* 16...Rfd8 17.e4 Nh5! 18.exd5 Nxf4 19.gxf4 Jobava,B (2644)-Sachdev,T (2393) Benasque 2007 Re8⇄ ;

B3) 13.Rc1 Re8 14.Re1 Bf8 15.Ne3 Rc8 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Qa4 a6 18.Qb3 Ne6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ncxd5 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Nd4 22.Qd3 Bxd5

23.Bxd5 b5 24.Kg2 g6 25.h4± 1-0 (38) Gledura,B (2407)-Georgescu,T (2478) Arad 2014]

10.Nf5 Nc7

[Korchnoi was surprised and reacted badly in this position with 10...Bc5?! 11.e4

A) Even the subsequently tested 11...Qf6 12.Nxg7 *(12.Bd2!?↑)* 12...Kxg7 13.exd5 Ba6 14.Bd2→ doesn't solve the opening problems.;

B) 11...Ne7 12.Nxg7! Kxg7 13.b4

B1) A more resilient move is 13...Ba6!? , but 14.bxc5!? *(14.Re1 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Ng6 16.Bb2+ f6∞)* 14...Bxf1 15.Bxf1⩲ is still very dangerous for Black.;

B2) 13...Bxb4 14.Qd4+ f6 15.Qxb4 c5 16.Qd2 Nbc6 17.Bb2 Ba6 18.Rd1 Ne5 19.Na3 N7c6 20.Qe3 Qe7 21.f4 Nc4 22.Nxc4 Bxc4 23.e5! fxe5 24.Bxc6 dxc6 25.Rd7!! Qxd7 26.Qxe5+ Kf7 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kf7 29.Re1!+- Polugaevsky,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2695) Candidates Buenos Aires 1980]

[10...Bf6 was introduced by Portisch, but it's quite risky:

A) 11.Re1 After

A1) 11...Ne7 12.Nd6 Ba6 13.Nc3 Be5 *(13...Nc8 14.Bf4 Nxd6 15.Bxd6 Re8 16.Qb3 Bb7 17.Rad1 Na6 18.Ne4± Greenfeld,A (2575)-Mecking,H (2565) /Passo Fundo 2008/ Here White profits from omitting e4, as this allows him to increase his pressure.)* 14.Bf4 *(14.f4!?)* 14...Bxf4 15.gxf4 Ng6 16.e3 *(16.Qd4!?⩲)* 16...Nh4 17.Bh3 c5 18.Nd5 Nc6∞ Wojtaszek,R (2625)-Hernandez Carmenates,H (2568)/Havana 2008/ Despite the pretty white knights Black has counterplay and the position remains unclear.;

A2) 11...Ba6 12.e4 Ne7 Black must reckon also with 13.Ne3 *(13.Nd6!? Nc8 -11.e4)* However, this seems playable after 13...Be5 14.Ng4 Bc7 15.e5 d5 *(15...d6!∞)* 16.Bg5 Bc8 17.Nf6+! gxf6! *(17...Kh8? 18.Nc3 Na6 19.Nfxd5 cxd5 20.Nxd5 Be6 21.Bxe7 Qd7 22.Nxc7 Qxc7 23.Bd6 Qc4 24.Bf1* 1-0, Timman,J (2605)-Portisch,L (2630) London 1982*)* 18.Bxf6 Bf5 19.Qh5 Bg6 20.Qh6 Nf5 21.Bxd8 Nxh6 22.Bxc7 Nf5⇄;

B) 11.e4 Ne7 12.Nd6 Ba6 13.Re1 is more natural:

B1) 13...Be5?! 14.Nc3 c5 15.Bf4! *(15.f4 Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Nbc6 17.Be3 Nb4 18.Qd2 d5! 19.exd5 Nf5 20.Bf2 Nd3=* Cheparinov,I (2618)-Ponomariov,R (2704) Pamplona 2005*)*

B1a) 15...Nbc6?! 16.Qa4 Bc8 17.Rad1 a6 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.f4 N5c6 20.e5 Ra7 21.f5 Nd4 22.Rxd4 cxd4 Almasi,I (2441)-Sachdev,T (2343) Balatonlelle 2005 23.Qxd4± /+-;

B1b) 15...Ng6?! 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.f4 Nd3 18.Re3 c4 19.e5 Nc6 Vazquez Igarza,R (2558)-Kravtsiv,M (2510) Cappelle la Grande 2009 20.Qh5→ *(20.Nd5!?→)*;

B1c) 15...Bxf4 16.gxf4 Nbc6

B1c1) ≤17.Qa4 Nc8 18.Rad1 Nxd6 19.Rxd6 Bb7 20.e5 Rb8 21.Red1 *(⌓21.Re3 Nd4 22.Qxd7 Qc8!?⇄)* 21...Qh4 22.Rxd7 b5!

23.Nxb5? *(23.Qe4!? Ba8 24.Qf5 Nd4 25.Qg5=)* 23...Ba8! 24.b3 Nd4! 25.Nxd4 Bxg2 26.Nf5 Qh3 27.R1d3 Bf3 28.Ne3 Rb4 0-1, Lukacs,P (2465)-Portisch,L (2650) Budapest 1981;

B1c2) 17.e5!?⩱;

B1c3) 17.Re3!

B1c31) ⌓17...Nc8 18.Nf5 N8e7 *(Black tries to avoid the weakening 18...g6 19.Rh3→)* 19.Qg4! Nxf5 20.exf5↑ After a while even the engine confirms that Black is in trouble here.;

B1c32) 17...Nd4? 18.Qa4 Bc8 19.e5 Nec6 20.Rae1 a5 21.Nd5 Ba6 22.Qd1 Ne7 23.Nf6+!

B1c321) 23...gxf6 24.Qh5 Be2 *(24...Ne2+ 25.R1xe2 Bxe2 26.Qh6! fxe5 27.Rh3 Bd3 28.f5+-)* 25.R1xe2 Nxe2+ 26.Qxe2 Ng6 27.Rh3+-;

B1c322) 23...Kh8 24.Rh3 h6 25.Qb1 1-0, Ftacnik,L (2563)-Garcia Palermo,C (2455) Sibenik 2014;

B2) ⌓13...Nc8!? 14.Nxc8 *(14.Nf5 Ne7 15.Nd6=; 14.e5 Nxd6 15.exd6 Bc4!?∞)* 14...Bxc8 15.e5 Be7 16.Nc3 Na6 17.Be3 *(17.Ne4 Nc5 18.Nd6 a5!?⇄)* 17...Nc5 *(17...f6 18.Qb3+ Kh8 19.Rad1 fxe5 20.Bxc6↑; 17...Bb7!? 18.Ne4⩱)* 18.Qc2 f6 19.Rad1! fxe5 20.Bxc6 Rb8 21.b4 Qe8 22.Bg2 Ne6 23.Qa4 Bb7 24.Nd5↑ Buhmann,R (2594)-Rozentalis,E (2592) Austria 2013]

[10...Nf6 also isn't quite ideal: 11.e4 d5 12.Nc3

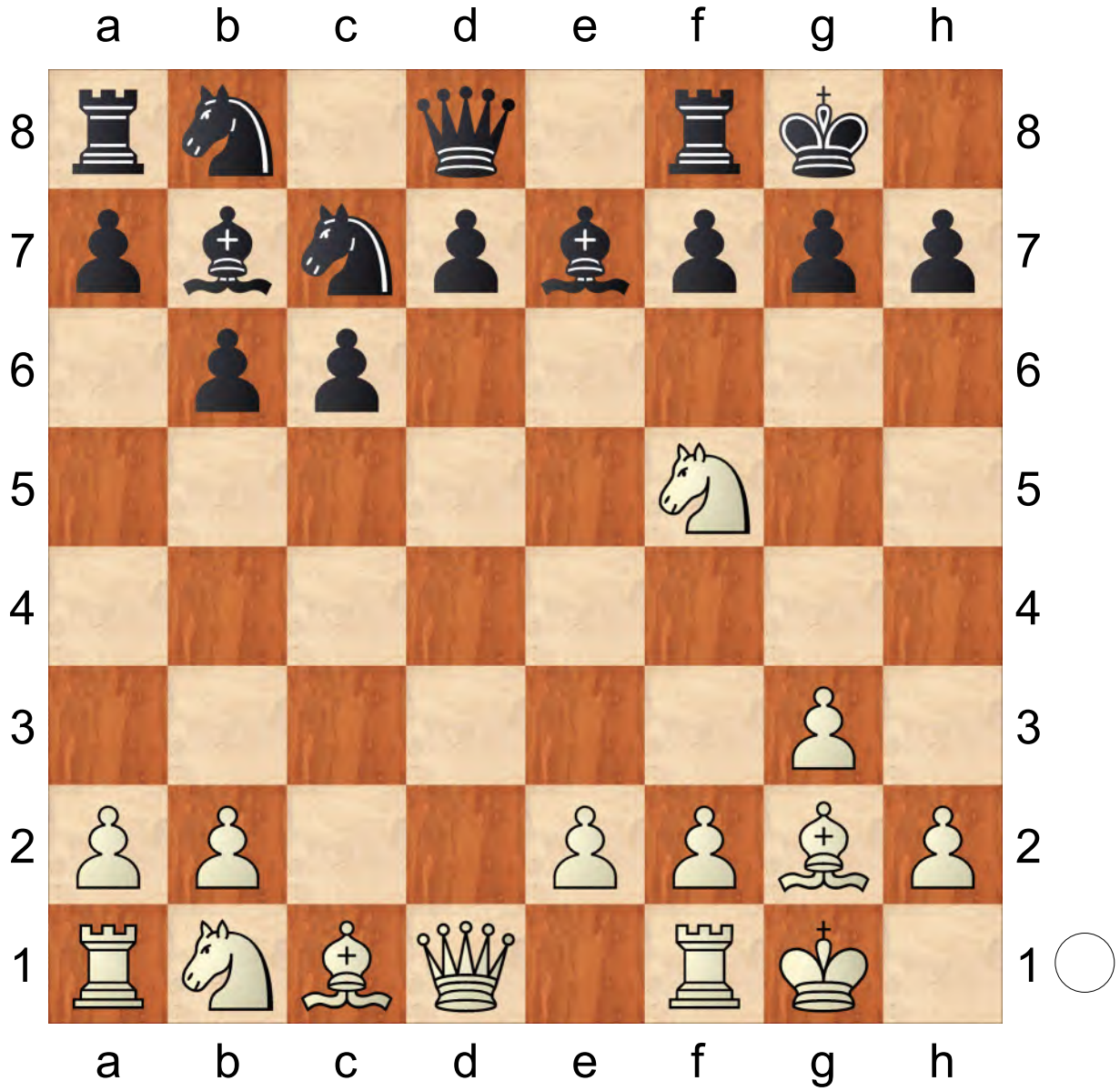
A) It's not easy to retain the tension: 12...Re8 13.e5 Nfd7 14.Qg4!? *(14.Bh6⩱)* 14...g6 15.Nh6+ Kg7 16.Re1 f6 17.e6 Ne5 18.Rxe5! fxe5 19.Nf7 Qc7 20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Rc1 Bc5 22.b4 Na6 23.bxc5 Nxc5 24.f4 Rxe6 25.Nxe5± Pogrzeba,G (1881)-Schlosser,R (1845) GER email 2006;

B) 12...dxe4 13.Bg5 *(The most common move, but Kasparov points out the simpler 13.Nxe4!? Nxe4 14.Bxe4↑* White easily coordinates his forces and he has a powerful initiative - *Bf6 15.Qc2 Qc7 16.Bf4 Be5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Rad1 Bc8 19.Rfe1 g6 20.Nh6+ Kg7 21.Bxc6+-* Nanu,C (2515)-Corlatescu,D (2176) Eforie Nord 2010*)* 13...h6 14.Bf4 and Black has development problems: *(14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qc1 Bc8! 16.Nxh6+ Kh8 17.Rd1 Qc7 18.Re1 Qe5 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Qg5 21.Nxf7+! Rxf7 22.Qxg5 Bxg5 23.Re8+ Kg7 24.Rxc8 Rf8 25.Rc7+ Rf7 26.Rc8 Rf8 27.Rc7+ Rf7* ½, Polugaevsky,L (2620)-Stean,M (2420) Valetta olm 1980*)*

B1) The untested 14...Nbd7!? deserves attention, but White has a choice here: 15.Nxe7+ *(15.Bxh6!? gxh6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Qxh6 Bf8 18.Qg5+ Kh8 19.Rad1⩱* with at least a guaranteed draw *)* 15...Qxe7 16.Bd6±;

B2) Insuffcient is 14...Ba6?! 15.Re1 Bb4 16.Qb3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qd3 18.Nxh6+ Kh8 19.Qxd3 exd3 20.Bd6± Sturua,Z (2450)-Kengis,E (2385) Tallinn 1981]

(Diagram)



Black still follows a well-trodden path. Let's have a look at the less common alternatives: **11.e4**

[Kasparov actually considered 11.Nc3 more flexible, his point being it eliminates some defensive options by Black. After The most natural

A) 11...d6 12.Bf4 Ne8 13.Qd2 Na6 14.Rfd1 Nc5 15.Bxd6 Nxd6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Qxd6 Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Rfd8 19.Rad1 Rxd6 20.Rxd6± Sveshnikov,E (2570)-Platonov,I (2435) /Tashkent 1980/ White is better, as he has refrained from closing the long white diagonal with e4.;

B) After 11...Nba6 12.Bf4 d5 White already plays 13.e4

B1) 13...Re8 14.Qg4 g6 15.Nh6+ Kf8 *(⌓15...Kg7 16.Rad1⩲)* 16.Rad1 d4 17.Qf3 f6 18.Ne2 Ne6 19.Bh3 Nxf4 20.Nxf4 Bc8 21.Qb3+- Frisk,E (2184)-Golubka,P (2397) Vaxjo 2014

B2) 13...Bf6!? 14.Nd6 Bc8 15.exd5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxd5 17.Be5!? Nc5

18.c4 Nb4! *(18...Ne7 19.Re1 Be6 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.Rc2 f6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Rd2 Qc7 24.Bb4 Bg4 25.Qxg4 Rxd6 26.Bxc5 bxc5 27.Qf4± Miladinovic,I (2555)-Iordachescu,V (2515) Elista olm 1998)* 19.Bc3 Nbd3 20.Bxc6 Bh3= *(20...Be6 21.Qf3 Rb8⇄)*;

C) 11...Ne6 12.e4⩲ *(12.Nd6!?)*;

D) 11...Ne8 12.Bf4 Na6 13.Qd2 d5 14.e4 Nac7 15.Rad1 Bf6 16.Qc2!↑ Kasparov *(16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Ne3 Nc7 19.Bxc7 Qxc7* ½, Timman,J (2605)-Karpov,A (2710) Tilburg 1983*; 16.Rfe1!?⩲)*;

E) 11...d5 transposes into the game after 12.e4]

11...d5

[11...d6 is perhaps playable, but rather passive:

A) 12.Nc3 Nd7 13.Qg4 Bf6 *(⌓13...g6∞)* 14.Rd1 Ne5 15.Qe2 d5 16.f4 *(16.exd5 cxd5 17.Ne4↑)* 16...Ng6 17.Be3 Ne7 18.g4 Nxf5 19.gxf5 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qc8 21.f6 dxe4 22.Qh5 Wojtaszek,R (2630)-Shirazi,K (2404) France 2009 Qe6!? 23.fxg7 Rfd8⩱ /∓;

B) 12.Bf4 Ne8 13.Nc3 Na6

B1) 14.Qg4!? Nc5 *(⌓14...Nac7 15.Rad1 Bc8!?⇄)* 15.Rad1 f6? 16.b4 Nd7 17.Bxd6 Bxd6 18.Nxd6 Nxd6 19.Rxd6+- Rizouk,A (2406)-Crouch,C (2403) Hampstead 2001;

B2) 14.Qd2 Nac7 15.Rfd1 Ne6 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bxd6 Nxd6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 c5! *(19...Rfd8 20.Rad1 Rxd6 21.Rxd6 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.e5 Kf8 24.f4± /=*, Shulman,Y (2571)-Seirawan,Y (2643) Saint Louis 2012 *)* 20.e5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nd4 22.Rd1 ½-½ (22) Mozny,M (2405)-Hracek, Z (2510) Czechia 1994]

12.Nc3

[White has also tested the alternative 12.Re1 and now: Black's main reaction is the provocative

A) 12...Re8 13.Nc3 *(13.exd5 cxd5 14.Nc3 Bf8 15.Rxe8 Qxe8 16.Bf4 Nba6 17.Qh5 Qd7 18.Ne3 Nc5 19.Qd1 Rd8 20.Bxc7 Qxc7 21.Nexd5 Qe5=* Miroshnichenko,E (2671)-Le Quang,K (2284) Abu Dhabi 2007*)* 13...Nba6 *(13...Bf8!?* also seems playable*)* 14.exd5 *(14.Qg4 Bf6 15.Bf4 Bc8!* is a standard motif, White's compensation gives him only equality after *16.exd5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nxd5 19.Bg5 Qc8=)* 14...cxd5 15.Bf4 Bf8 16.Qg4 Qf6 17.Nh6+ *(*Ambitious, the modest *17.Ne3 Qe6 18.Qh5* regains the ♙d5 with simplification and equality. *)* 17...Kh8 18.Qd7? *(18.Qf5! Qxf5 19.Nxf5=)* 18...gxh6! 19.Bxc7 Bc6 20.Nxd5 Qg6! 21.Qh3 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 Nxc7 23.Bxa8 Rxa8 24.Rad1 Ne6∓ Kozul,Z (2602)-Alekseev,E (2700) EU-ch Rijeka 2010;

B) Opening the centre is better than in the 10...♘f6 line, but still quite risky: 12...dxe4

B1) 13.Qg4 Bf6 14.Nc3 Bc8 15.Bxe4 *(15.Nxe4 Nd5⇄ 16.Ned6!? Qxd6 17.Nh6+ Kh8 18.Nxf7+ Kg8=)* 15...Bxf5 16.Qxf5 g6 17.Qf3 Ne6 18.Bh6 Nd4 19.Qg2 Re8 20.Be3 a6 21.Ne2 Ra7 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Bxd4 Qxd4

24.Bxc6 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nxc6 26.Qxc6 Kg7 27.b3 ½, Sosonko,G (2513)-Komarov,D (2588) France 1999)

B2) 13.Nc3!?

B2a) 13...Bc8 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Nxe4 Ne6 16.Qh5 Nd7? *(16...h6 17.Be3↑)* 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bf4! Nxf4 19.gxf4 Qb4 20.Rad1 Rb8 21.Nd6 Nc5 22.Bxc6 Be6 23.Bd5 1-0, Mamedyarov,S (2728)-Jakovenko,D (2671) Fuegen 2006)

B2b) 13...Ne6 14.Qg4 Nd7 15.Nxe4 *(15.Rd1!↑)* 15...Ne5 16.Nh6+ Kh8 17.Nxf7+ Nxf7 18.Qxe6 Bb4 19.Nc3 Re8 20.Qxe8+ Qxe8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Be3 Shomoev,A (2551)-Tiviakov,S (2663) Sochi 2007 Re7= /± *(22...Ne5!?)*;

C) 12...Bc5? 13.b4! Qf6 14.bxc5 Qxa1 15.Bd2! Qxa2 16.Bh6 *(16.Qg4 g6 17.Qf4!→)* 16...Bc8 *(16...Ne6 17.Bxg7! Nxg7 18.Qg4 Qb2 19.e5+-)* 17.Nxg7 Qb2 18.Nh5 Be6 19.Bf4 *(19.Bg7!?)* 19...Nd7 20.Bxc7 Rfe8 21.Re2 Qa1 22.Qd2 Kh8 23.Re1 f6 24.Nc3 Qa5 25.Nxf6 Nxf6 26.Be5 Kg8 27.Qg5+ 1-0, Schebler,G (2474)-Huebner,R (2637) Germany 2005)

D) A radical solution is 12...d4!? 13.Nxd4 c5 14.Nf5 Nc6 15.Nc3 Nd4 16.Bf4 Bf6 *(16...Nce6 17.Nd5!)* 17.e5!? Bxg2 18.exf6 Bf3 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Bxc7 *(20.fxg7+ Kxg7 21.Nf5+ Kh8 22.Qb1 Nce6⇄; 20.Be5!? g5 21.Qc1 Nce6∞)* 20...Qxc7 21.Nb5 Bxd1 22.Nxc7 Bc2 23.Nxa8 Nf3+ 24.Kg2 Nxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Rxa8 26.Nd5 gxf6 27.Nxf6 Kg7= Aronian,L (2744)-Ivanchuk,V (2750) Morelia/Linares 2007;

E) 12...Ne6? 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Nc3 Bb4 15.Qg4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 *(16...Qc7 17.Ba3 Rd8 18.Be7 g6 19.Bxd8 Qxd8 20.Nh6+ Kg7 21.Nxf7 Qf6 22.Rxe6 Qxf7 23.Qd4+* 1-0, Lalic,B (2600)-Marchand,F (2310) Montecatini Terme 1997*)* 17.Ba3 Nc5 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Rab1 Bc6 21.Nxd5 Qd8 22.Rbd1 Qa5 Sosonko,G (2525)-Tiviakov,S (2655) Polanica Zdroj 1995 23.Qf5! **Δ** Nd7 *(23...Bd7 24.Qf4 Nc6 25.Nf6+-)* 24.Ne7! Bxg2 25.Rxd7 Qxc3 26.Re3+-;

F) 12...Bf6!? 13.e5 *(13.Nc3 Bc8!? 14.Qf3 Be6 15.g4 Nd7 16.Qg3 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Nd5 18.g5 Be5 19.Qh4 g6 20.Nh6+ Kh8∓* Romanishin,O (2550)-Epishin,V (2475) Belgrade 1988*)* 13...Be7 *(13...Bc8!? 14.exf6 Bxf5 15.fxg7 Re8∞* hasn't been refuted either *)*

F1) 14.Bh6?! gxh6 15.Qg4+ Bg5 16.h4 Kh8 17.hxg5 Qxg5 18.Qf3 Bc8 19.Nd6 Be6 20.Qc3 c5 21.b4 Nba6 22.a3 f6∓ Netolitzky,G (2263)-Gaujens,A (2377) email 2008)

F2) 14.Nc3 Nba6 15.Qg4 g6 16.Bh6 Re8

F2a) 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Rad1 f5?! *(18...Ne6∞; 18...Qb4!?)* 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Bg5 Qf8 21.Re3! Bc8 22.Qh4 Rxe3 23.fxe3 Be6 24.Be7 Qf7 25.Rf1 Qg7 26.Bf6 Qd7 27.Bd4 Ne8 28.e4!→ Sadowski,M-Salomone,N email 2003;

F2b) 17.Rad1 Bc8 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qe2 *(19.Qa4!?⩱)* 19...Nc5 20.b4 Ba6 21.Qc2 N5e6 22.Qa4 Bb7 23.Qb3 Ba6 24.f4 Bc4 25.Qb1

c5 *(25...a5!∓)* 26.Nxd5 Bxd5 27.Bxd5 Nxd5 28.Rxd5 Rad8= Ftacnik,L (2544)-Langrock,H (2398) Rakovnik 2008

F3) White mostly plays 14.Qg4 , the knight can be developed also via d2. After 14...g6 15.Bh6 *(15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Nd2* was successfully tested in mail games, but Black seems to be OK after *Nd7 18.Nf3 c5!?∞ /∓)* 15...Re8 16.Nc3 *(16.Ng7 Bc8 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Qe2 Bf8! 19.Nxe8 Bxh6 20.Nxc7 Qxc7∓ /∓)* 16...Bc8 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qa4 *(18.Qd1∞* Tiviakov *)* 18...b5! 19.Qd1 b4 20.Ne2 Ne6 21.f4 *(⌓21.Nd4; 21.Rc1⩱)* 21...Nd7 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.Nd4 Rac8 *(23...Nxd4!? 24.Qxd4 c5∓)* 24.Nf3 *(24.Bh3!?)* 24...c5 25.g4? *(25.f5! gxf5 26.Nh4⇄)* 25...c4 26.f5 Nec5∓ L'Ami,E (2617)-Tiviakov,S (2663)/Hilversum 2007/ Black took over and converted his advantage. See the notes to this game by Tiviakov in CBM 119.]

12...Bf6

[12...dxe4?! 13.Qg4 Bf6?! *(⌓13...g6)* 14.Rd1! *(14.Nxe4 Bc8 15.Bh6±; or 14.Bh6* are also good for White*)* 14...Nd5 15.Bh6 Bc8 16.Bxe4! g6 *(16...Bxc3 17.Bxg7 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Kxg7 19.Qxh7+ Kf6 20.bxc3 b5 21.Qh6+ Ke7 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Rd3!+-* and the attack breaks through*)* 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Rxd5 Qe8 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Qf4 Bxf5 *(20...gxf5 21.Bg2 Bb7 22.Rxf5 Bxg2 23.Rxf6+-)* 21.Rxf5 gxf5 22.Bxa8 Na6 23.Bf3 Bxb2 24.Rd1+- Thejkumar,M (2441)-Yashas, D (1992) Nagpur 2008]

[2) 12...Nd7?! is an attempt to finish development by returning the pawn, but White stays clearly on top after 13.Re1!

A) 13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 Ne6 15.Ned6 *(15.Bd2!? Nf6 16.Bc3±)* 15...Bxd6 16.Nxd6 Qc7 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Rxe6 Nc5 20.Re3 Qd6 21.Rc3 Rae8 22.Bf4↑ RexT,G-WOODIE,R Engine Room blitz 2007;

B) 13...Bf6 14.Nd6 Ba6 15.exd5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 cxd5 *(16...Nxd5 17.Qa4 Qc7 18.Nf5 Bd3 19.Nxg7!±)* 17.Bf4 Nc5 18.Nf5 Bd3 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Nc6 Qc8 21.Bd6± Ghaem Maghami,E (2599)-Canda,D (2289) Dresden olm 2008]

13.exd5

[13.Bf4 Bc8! *(13...d4?! 14.e5 dxc3 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Nd6 cxb2 17.Rb1 Rd8 18.Re1 Nba6 19.Be5 Qe6 20.Rxb2 Ne8 21.Rd2↑* Hergott,D (2390)-Shakhnazarov,O (2230)/San Francisco 1999/ This game followed an older analysis of Kasparov.*)* 14.g4!? Nba6 15.Rc1 *(15.e5 Be7 16.Bg3 f6! 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Rc1 fxe5 19.Bxe5 Bf6 20.Bg3 Rc8∓* Navara,D (2719)-Gelfand,B (2729) Prague 2006*)* 15...Bxf5 *(15...Bd7?! 16.Qd2 Nc5* Kasparov,G (2715)-Karpov,A (2705) WCh Moscow 1984 *17.Bxc7! Qxc7 18.exd5 Bxf5 19.gxf5 Rad8 20.b4 Na6 21.Qe2! Nxb4 22.Qc4↑)* 16.gxf5 Bg5 17.Bxc7 *(17.Qg4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 d4 19.Rcd1 f6 20.Ne2 c5 21.Qh4 Nb4 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rd3 Ne5 24.Rh3 h6 25.Nf4 Rf7∓* sirocco,h (2550)-jamwan,h (2563) Engine Room 2012*)* 17...Nxc7 18.f4 Be7 *(18...Bf6!? 19.e5 Be7∞)* 19.exd5 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxd5 23.Bxd5 Rad8 24.Rcd1 Rfe8 25.Bc6 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 ½, Sosonko,G (2565)-Tukmakov,V (2550) Tilburg 1984]

[13.Qg4?! Nd7 14.f4 g6 15.Nh6+ Kh8 16.e5 Bg7∓ Razuvaev,Y (2465)-Makarichev,S (2495)/Tbilisi 1978/ This was one of the first games in the whole line, but it was played with the 8.♘d4 move order.]

13...cxd5

[The modest 13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 returns the pawn, but also deserves attention:

A) 15.Ne3 Nc6 *(15...Na6 16.Nxd5 Nc5 17.Be3 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Rc8 19.Rb1 Qe7 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.b4 Rc3 22.Re1 Qc7 23.Bb3 g6 24.Qg4 Kg7 25.Rbd1 h5 26.Qd7 Rd8=* Harika,D (2528)-Adams,M (2758) Douglas 2014*)* 16.Nxd5 Be5 17.Re1 *(17.Qg4 Re8 18.Bg5 Qc8 19.Qh4 h6 20.Be3 Qd8 21.Qg4 Qc8 22.Qh4 Qd8 23.Qh5 Nd4 24.Rad1 Bxd5 25.Bxd4 Bxg2 26.Bxe5 Qg5=* Ramirez,A (2593)-Shulman,Y (2571) Saint Louis 2012*)* 17...Re8 18.Qg4 Nd4 19.Bg5 f5 20.Bxd8 fxg4 21.Ne7+ Kf7 22.Bxb7 Raxd8 23.Rxe5 Rxe7 24.Rxe7+ Kxe7= Lysyj,I (2670)-Khismatullin,D (2671)/Vladivostok/2014;

B) 15.Bf4 Bxb2 *(15...Nc6!? 16.Bxd5 Na5 17.Bxb7 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Nxb7 19.b4 Nd8 20.Rfe1 Ne6 21.Be5 Bxe5 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Rxe5 Rfd8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Nc6 Rd7 26.Re3 h6 27.Ra3 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Nd4 29.Nxa7 Rb1=* Ragger,M (2655)-Rozentalis,E (2592) Austria 2012*)* 16.Rb1 Bf6 17.Re1 Na6 18.Nd6 *(18.Bd6 Re8 19.Qg4 g6 20.Nh6+ Kg7 21.Nf5+* ½, Brunsteins,D (2383)-Helmreich,R (2470) email 2011*)* 18...Bc6 19.Bxd5 ⌓Bxd5 *(19...Qd7?! 20.Bc4 Nc5 21.Qh5 g6 22.Qh6 Ba4 23.Be5! Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Bc2 25.Rbe1 Qxd6 26.Rh5±* Kraai,J (2514)-Romanenko,V (2486) ICC INT 2012 *)* 20.Qxd5 Qd7= *(20...Nc5!?)*]

14.Bf4 Nba6 15.Re1

[15.Rc1 Bc8 16.Nd4 *(16.Ne3 d4! 17.Ncd5 dxe3 18.Bxc7 Nxc7 19.Rxc7 Be5* leads nowhere*)* 16...Be6 *(16...Bb7=)* 17.Re1 Qd7 18.Qd2 Rad8 19.b4 Rc8 20.a3 Bxd4 21.Qxd4⩲ Dgebuadze,A (2547)-Werle,J (2412) Dieren 2001]

15...Qd7

[Possibly after this game Black will concentrate only on 15...Bc8! , which seems more reliable: Maybe Wojtaszek intended

A) 16.Ne3? d4 17.Bxa8 dxc3 *(17...Nxa8∓)* 18.Qf3 cxb2 19.Rad1 Bd7 20.Bc6 Bxc6 21.Qxc6 Qa8 22.Qxa8 Rxa8 23.Ng4 Bc3 24.Re3 Nd5∓ Cerveny,M (2328)-Michenka,J (2357) Czechia 2013;

B) 16.Nd6

B1) 16...Bxc3 17.bxc3 Be6

B1a) 18.c4 dxc4 19.Rc1 *(19.Qh5 Nc5 20.Ne4 Nd3 21.Rad1 Nd5 22.Ng5 Nf6 23.Qh4 Nxe1 24.Rxd8 Raxd8 25.Be4 h6 26.Be5 Rd1 27.Nxe6 Nf3+* 0-1, Sciborowski,M-Marusiak,L Poland corr 1990*)* 19...b5 *(19...Rb8!?)* 20.Qh5 Nb4? *(⌓20...Qd7∞)* 21.Be4 g6 22.Qc5 Ncd5 23.Bh6± alexander3,d (2330)-gürü,h (2522) Engine Room 2012;

B1b) 18.Qd2 Nc5 19.Rad1 Bg4 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.c4 N7e6 22.Be5 d4 23.h3 Bh5 24.Nf5 Rac8 25.Bd6 Rfe8 26.Bxc5 Rxc5 27.Bd5= tamino,d (2347)-solidor,h (2401) Engine Room 2011;

B1c) 18.a4 Nc5 *(18...Qd7 19.c4 Bh3 20.Bxh3 Qxh3 21.Nb5 Qd7 22.Nxc7 Nxc7 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.cxd5 Rad8 25.Ra2 Rd6 26.Rd2 Qd7=* Basso,P (2428)-Repka,C (2414) Zillertal 2015*)* 19.h4 a6 *(⌓19...Ne8 20.Nb5 a6=)* 20.c4 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Qxd8 Raxd8 23.Bxc7 Rde8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Bxb6± ½, Diermair,A (2488)-Efimenko,Z (2656) Zalakaros 2015;

B2) 16...Be6 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Bxb2 20.Rad1 Nc5

B2a) 21.Re8 Rxe8 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Qd5 Qf6 24.Nf7+ Kg8 25.Nh6+ Kh8=;

B2b) 21.Be3 Qc7 22.Nb5 Qb7 23.Bxc5 Qxd5 24.Rxd5 bxc5 25.Rxc5 Rfd8 26.Rc6 Bf6 *(26...a6 27.Nd6 Ba3=)* 27.Ra6 h5 28.Re4 Rd2 29.a4 Kh7 30.Kg2± lm_martinez,R (2703)-Mrtambourineman,L (2386) 3m + 0s, rated 2007;

B2c) 21.h4 h6! 22.Re2 Bf6 23.Qf3 Ne6 24.Re4 Nxf4 25.Rxf4 Be5 26.Nxf7 Qc7 27.Nxe5 Qxe5 28.Rd7 Rxf4 29.gxf4 Qe8= Lehnhoff,H (2237)-Schwierzy,H (2435)/corr/2008/ This game was quoted already in the notes to Aronian-Karjakin in CBM 159.;

C) 16.Qh5 , which has been scoring well in engine games after 16...g6 *(16...Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Qc8 18.Qh5 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qd7 20.c4 Rad8 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Be5 g6 23.Qh6 f6 24.Rad1 fxe5 25.Bxd5+ Kh8* Nisipeanu,L (2668)-Polgar,J (2708) Vitoria Gasteiz 2007 *26.Rxe5↑ ; 16...Be6 17.Rad1 Kh8 18.Ne3 Qc8 19.Be5 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 Rb8 21.Nexd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5↑* Spiess,G (2406)-Langrock,H (2422) Leipzig 2006*)* 17.Nh6+ Kg7 18.Qf3 Bg5 *(*Perhaps the safest is *18...g5!? 19.Bxc7 Nxc7=)* 19.Rad1!? Kxh6 *(19...Bxf4 20.Qxf4 Be6 21.Ng4 Bxg4 22.Qxg4 Qf6 23.Bxd5±* oskarwin,h (2501)-Pavel, h (2423) Engine Room 2012*)* 20.Nxd5 Bxf4 21.Qxf4+ Qg5 22.Qd4 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Bf5 24.h4 Qh5 25.Re7 Rad8 26.Qe3+ Kg7 27.Qc3+ Kh6 28.Rd4≅ oskarwin,h (2512)-Павел-,h (2391) Engine Room 2012]

(Diagram)

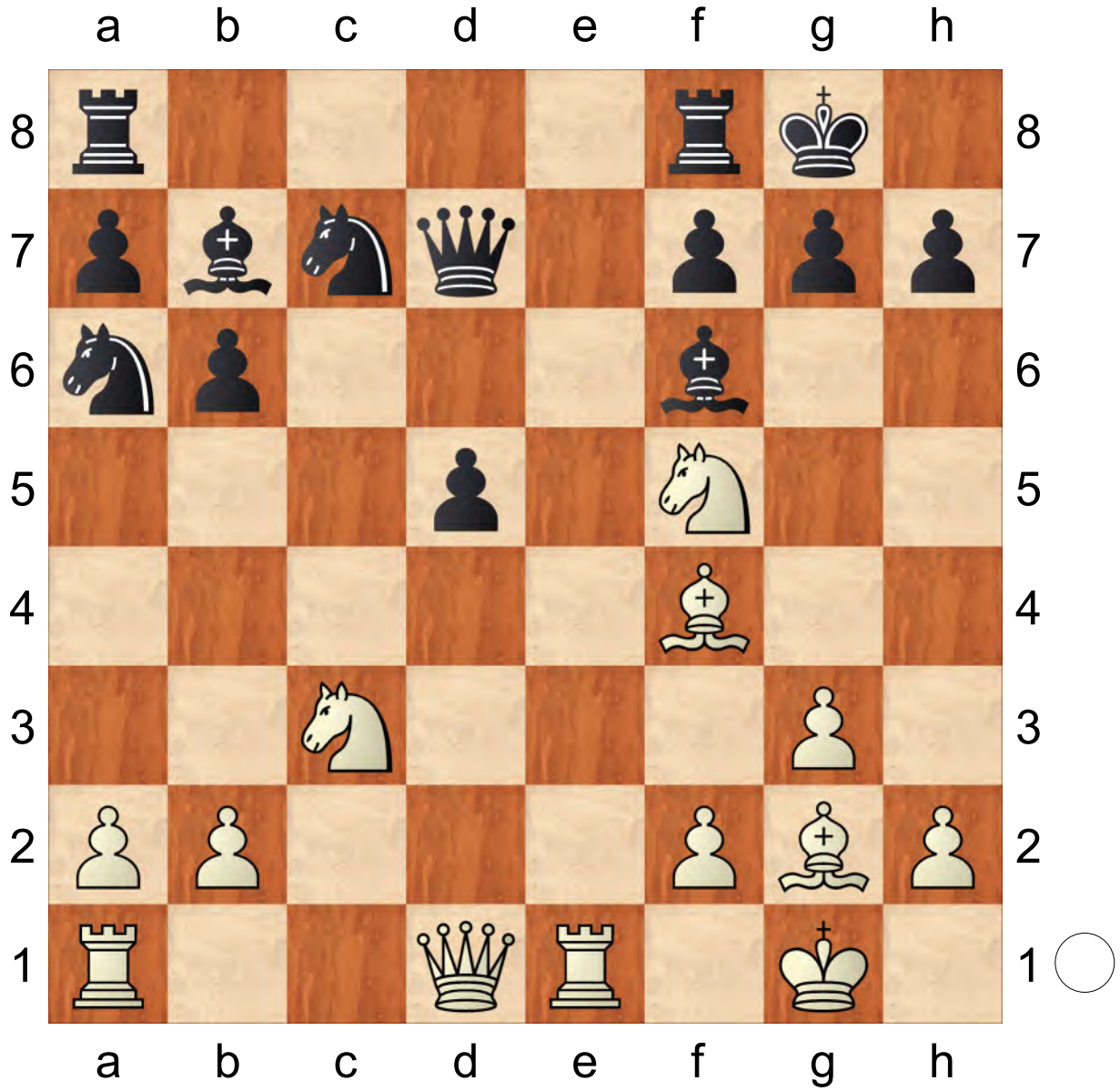
16.Bh3 Qd8 Black must take a move back, parrying both ♘h6+ as well as ♘e4:

[16...Kh8? 17.Ne4! Bxb2 18.Ng5 Qc6 19.Ne7 Qf6 20.Nxh7 Qd4 21.Qh5 g6 22.Qh4 Bxa1 23.Nf6+ 1-0, Kasparov,G (2595)-Marjanovic,S (2490) Valetta olm 1980]

[16...Ne6? 17.Ne4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 doesn't help:

A) 18...Rad8 19.Ng5 Bf6 20.Nxg7! *(20.Rxe6?! fxe6 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Bxe6 Bxg5 23.Bxd7 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Rxd7 25.Qd4 Rd6 26.Ng4 Rg6 27.h3 Nc5⇄* Hracek,Z (2628)-Wojtaszek,R (2701) Poland 2013*)* 20...Kxg7 *(20...Bxg7* Tadic,Branko *21.Rxe6)* 21.Qh5 Bxg5 22.Bxg5+- f5 Tadic,Branko 23.Bxd8 Nxd8 24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Re7 Ne6 26.Qh4+-;

B) 18...Bc8 Tadic,Branko: ' ±' Tadic,Branko: '- 100/413' 19.Ng5 Bf6 20.Qh5



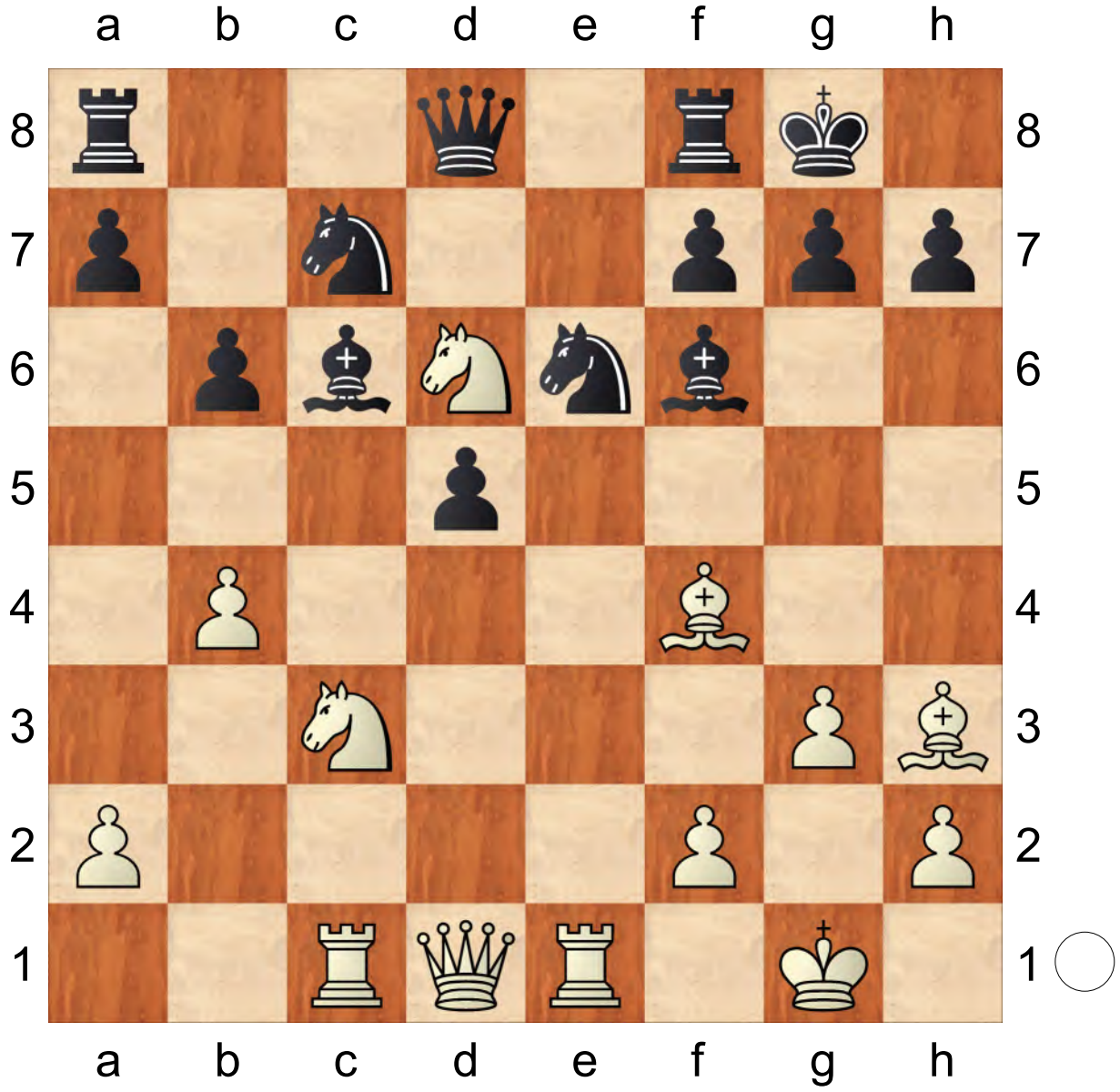
Bxg5 21.Bxg5 Re8 22.Bf6!! gxf6 23.Qh6 Nac5 24.Rbd1 Qb7 25.Rd4 Ne4 26.Rexe4 dxe4 27.Qxf6 Qc7 28.Nh6+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Nf5# 1-0, Sandipan,C (2563)-Tiviakov,S (2648) Ottawa 2007]

17.Nd6 Bc6 18.Rc1 Nc5 19.b4N Tadic,Branko: '!' A definite improvement over [≤19.Nf5? Tadic,Branko: '?' d4 Tadic,Branko: ' ∓' *(19...N7e6∓)* 20.b4 N7e6 21.Bd6 *(21.bxc5 Nxf4 22.gxf4 dxc3 23.Qd6 Bd7∓)* 21...dxc3 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Qg4 Rd8-+ *(24...Nd3* Ragger,M (2632)-Eljanov,P (2723) Dubai blitz 2014 *25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.Qc4!∓)*]

19...N5e6 Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram

[Black's position hangs on a very thin thread after 19...d4 20.Nce4 Nxe4 *(20...Bxe4?* Tadic,Branko *21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Bxc7 Qd5 23.Bg2 Rae8 24.Qd3+-)* 21.Rxc6 Nc3 22.Qd2 Tadic,Branko: ' ±' N3d5 *(22...N7d5? 23.Nb7)* 23.Nb7 Qb8 24.Rxc7! Nxc7 25.Bg2 a6 26.Rc1 Rc8 27.Nd6 *(27.b5 axb5*

28.Nd6 Rf8 29.Nxb5 Nxb5 30.Bxb8 Raxb8± /⇄) 27...Rf8 28.Ne4!? *(28.Bxa8 Nxa8 29.Qc2⩱)* 28...Bd8 29.Be5↑]

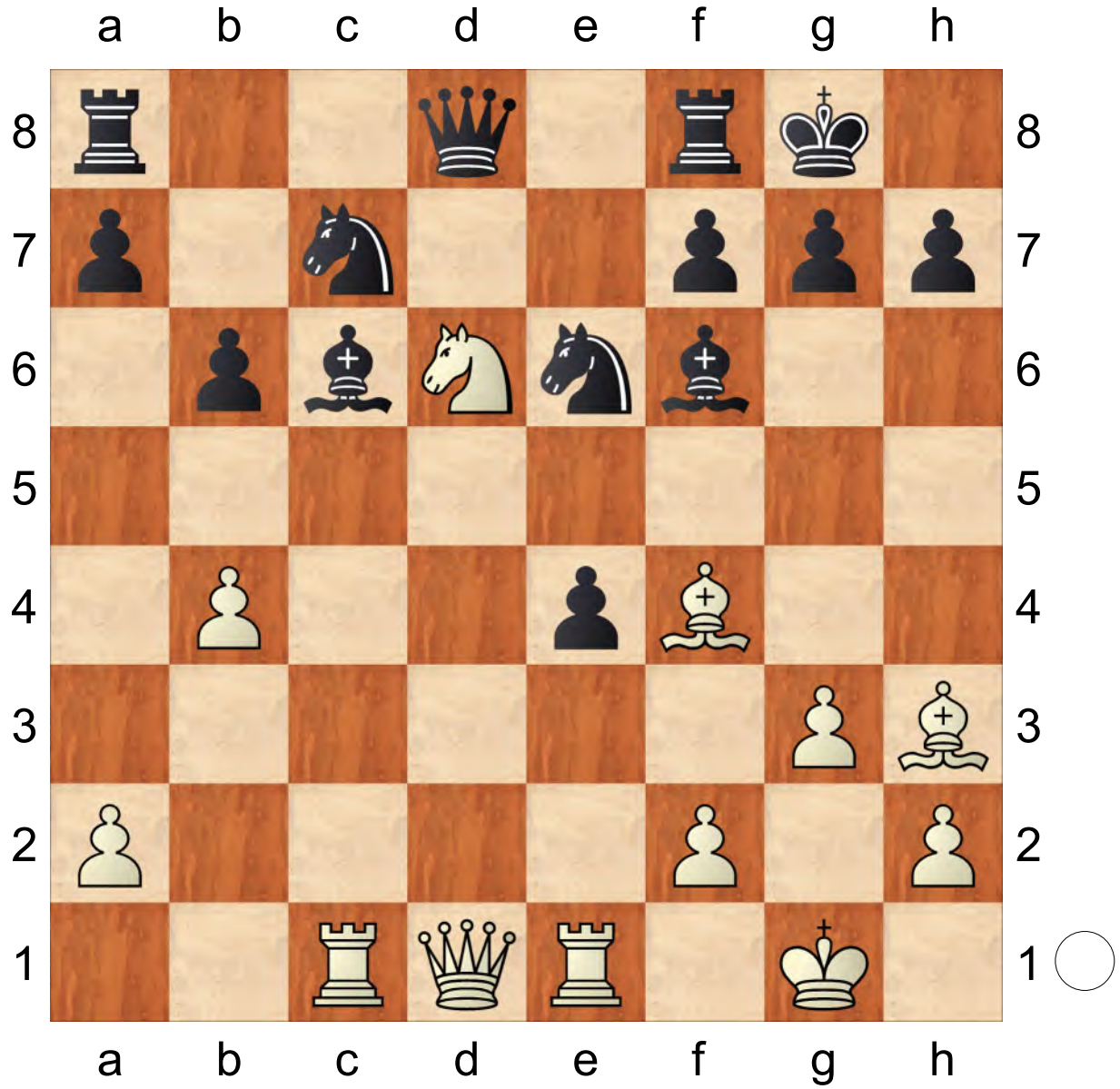


' **20.Nce4!** Tadic,Branko: 'N!' After this strong move White retains some pressure.
[20.Nxf7 Rxf7 *(20...Kxf7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Bxe6+ Nxe6 23.Rxe6 d4* Tadic,Branko: ' ∞' *24.Ne4 Qd5!?=)* 21.Bxe6 Nxe6 22.Rxe6 d4 *(22...Bb7?! 23.Rd6±)* 23.Rxc6 dxc3⇄ releases the tension and gives Black enough counterplay.]

20...dxe4

(Diagram)

21.Rxc6 Nxf4 22.gxf4 Ne8 Passive and leads to problems.



[⌓22...Be7! 23.Nf5

A) 23...Ne6

A1) 24.Qxd8 Bxd8 25.Rxe4 Bf6 26.Nd6 Nd4 27.Rc7 a5 28.b5 Rad8 *(28...Rfd8* Tadic,Branko *29.Bd7 Ne6 30.Rxe6 Rxd7 31.Rxd7 fxe6 32.Nc4±)* 29.Bd7 Ne6 30.Rxe6 fxe6 *(*or *30...Rxd7* and the defence holds *)*;

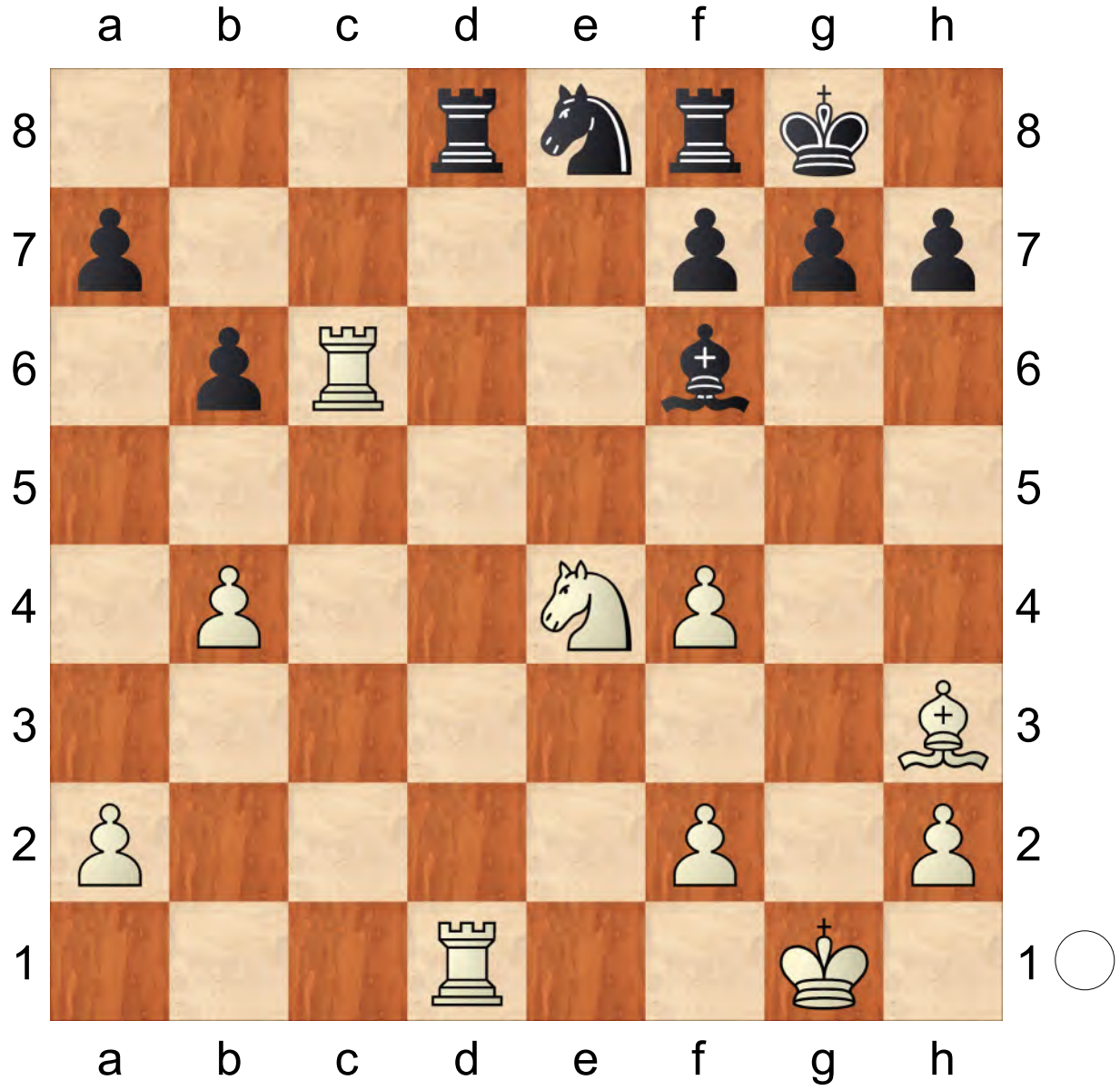
A2) 24.Nxe7+ Qxe7 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Rxe4 Rad8 27.Qb3 Qd7 28.Rcxe6 Qd1+± /= is drawish despite White's extra pawn. 29.Qxd1 Tadic,Branko Rxd1+ 30.Kg2 Ra1=;

A3) 24.Qg4 Bf6 25.Nh6+ *(25.Rxe4* Tadic,Branko *Qd2 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Nxf7+ Rxf7 28.Qxe6 Rff8±)* 25...Kh8 26.Nxf7+ Rxf7 27.Qxe6 Re7 28.Qc4± /=;

B) 23...g6!? is more dangerous, but there is no immediate refuration in sight after 24.Qb3!? gxf5 *(24...Na6 25.Qc3! gxf5 26.Bxf5→)* 25.Rd1 Qb8

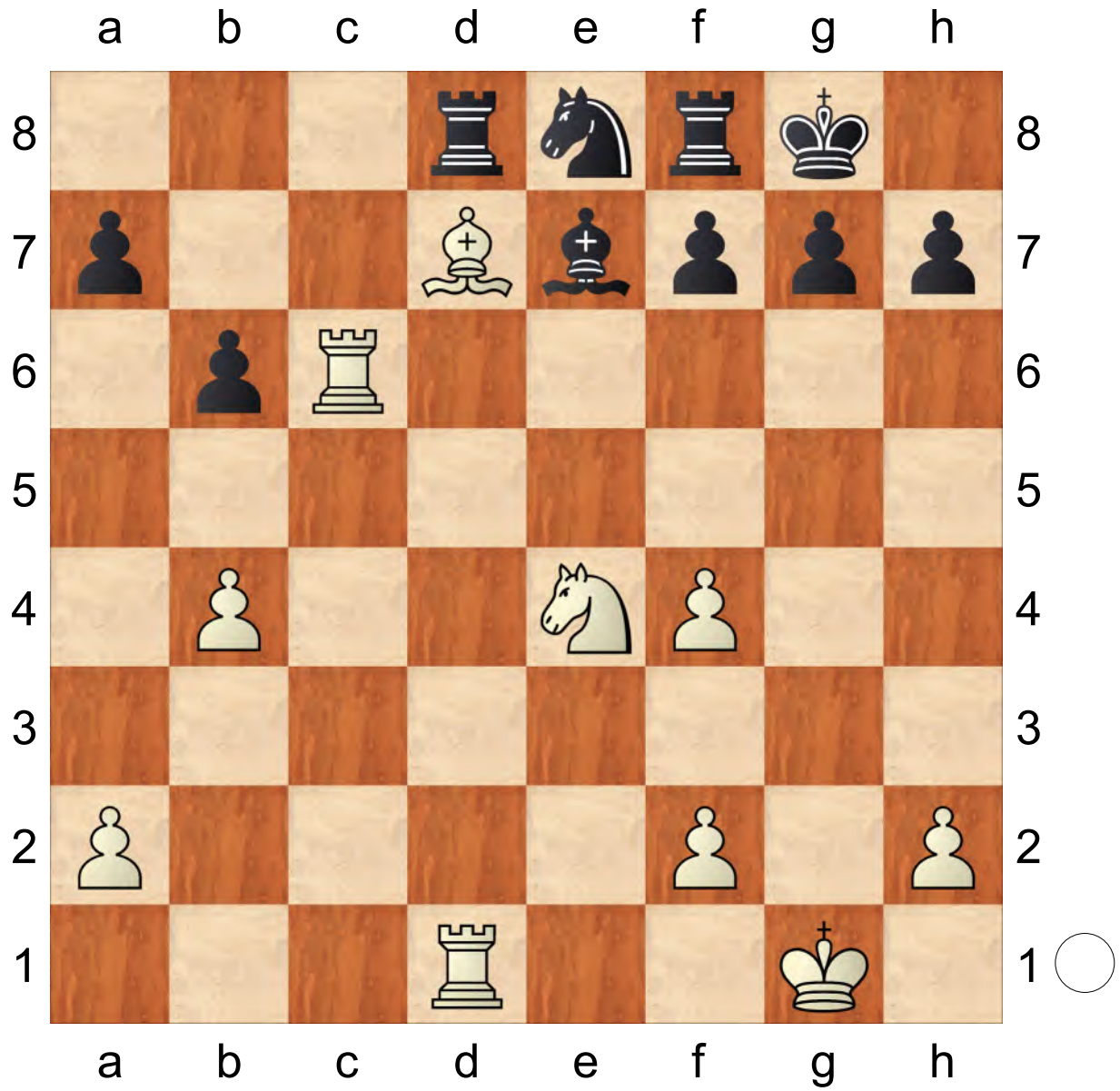
B1) 26.Qg3+ Kh8 27.Qc3+ f6 *(27...Kg8?! 28.Bxf5)* 28.Rxc7 Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8=;
B2) 26.Kh1 Ne6! *(26...Ne8 27.Qg3+ Kh8 28.Rg1 e3 29.Rh6 Qc8 30.fxe3+-)*;
B3) 26.Bxf5 Rd8 27.Bxh7+ Kg7 Tadic,Branko: '!' 28.Bxe4 Tadic,Branko: '⩲' Ne6 29.Rxe6 fxe6 30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.Qxe6 Qd1+ *(31...Rc8 32.Qg6+ Kf8 33.Qh6+ Kf7 34.Qh5+)* 32.Kg2 Rg8 33.Bd5! Re8! 34.Qf7+ Kh6 35.Qe6+ Kg7=]

23.Nxe4 Qxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram



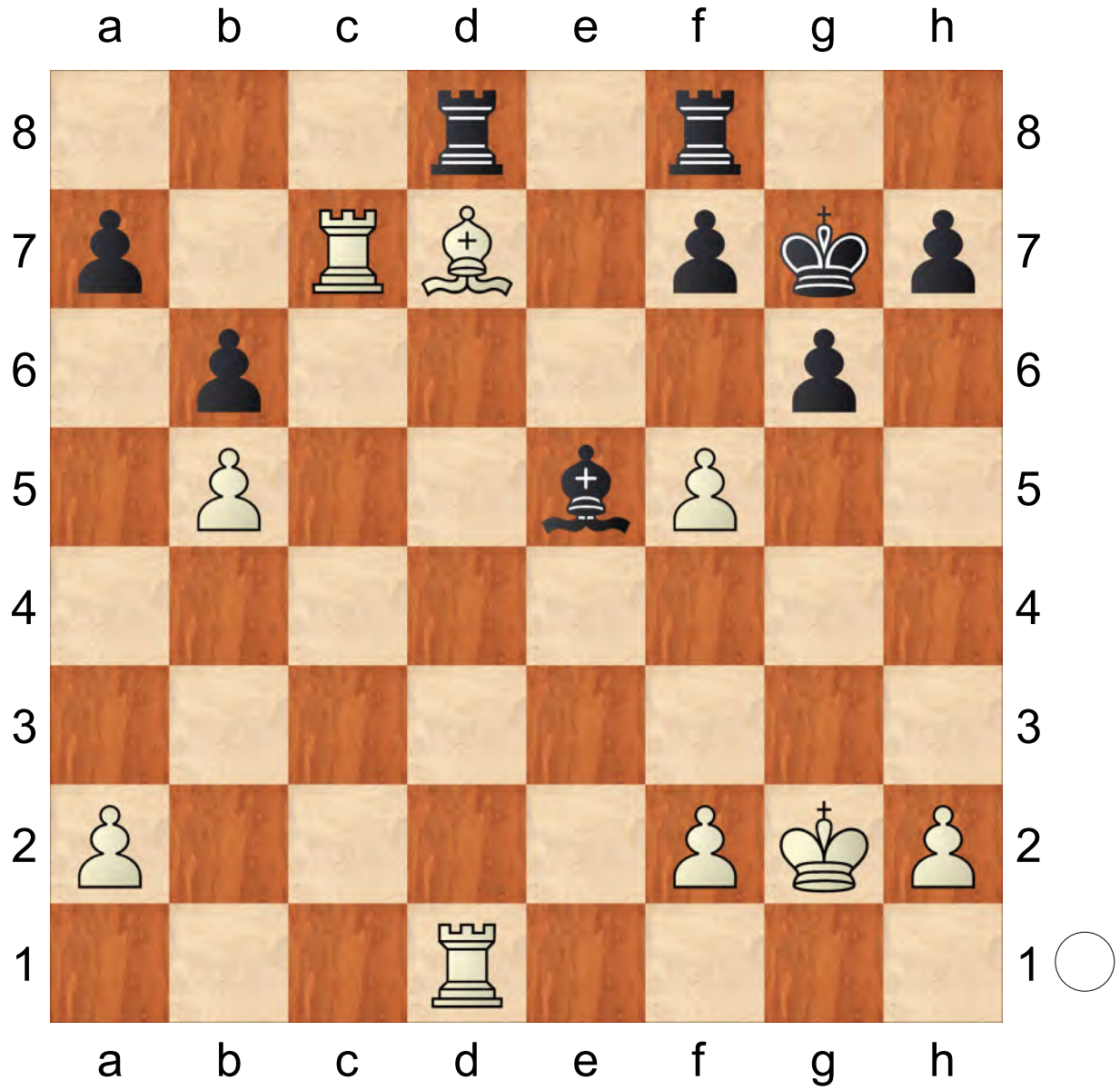
' **25.Bd7!±** Tadic,Branko: '!' **25...Be7**
[A similar line is 25...Bh4 26.b5 g6 27.Kg2±]

(Diagram)



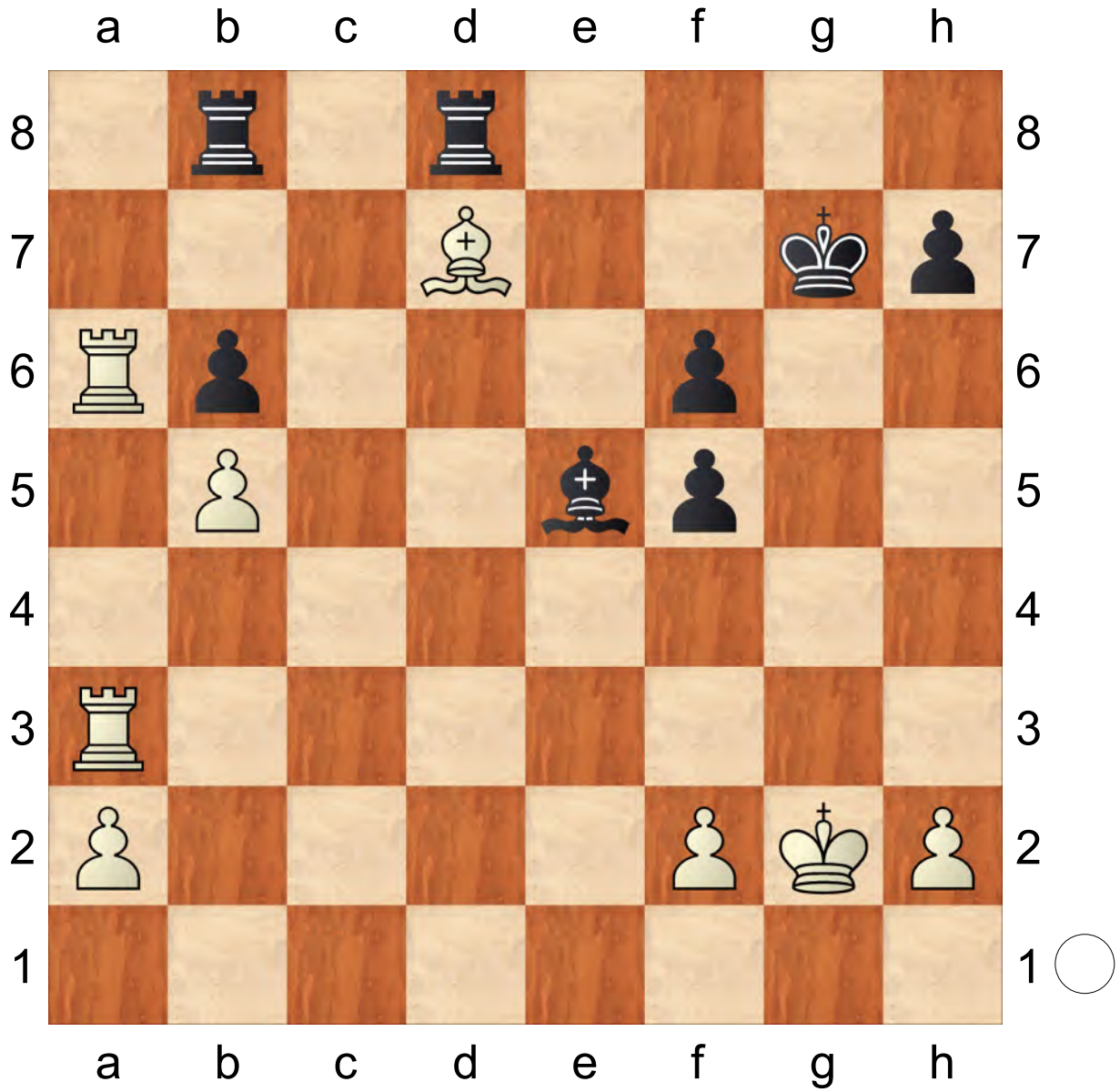
26.b5 g6
[26...Nf6 Tadic,Branko 27.Nxf6+ Bxf6 28.Rc7±]
27.Kg2 Kg7 28.f5
[28.Rc4 Kg8 *(28...f5 29.Ng5 Bxg5 30.fxg5 Rf7 31.Rcd4↑)* 29.Kf3±]
[28.Rd3 Tadic,Branko: '⌓!'
A) 28...f5?! 29.Ng5 Bxg5 30.fxg5 Rf7 *(30...f4* Tadic,Branko *31.Kf3±)*
31.Bxf5 Tadic,Branko: '±';
B) 28...Rg8!?± Tadic,Branko: '!' Δ29.Kf3 Tadic,Branko Kf8 30.Ke2 Rg7 (Δ f5)
31.f5 gxf5 32.Bxf5 Rxd3 33.Kxd3±]
28...Nf6?! Eljanov is too impatient to simplify the position.
[28...gxf5 29.Ng3 Rg8 30.Nxf5+ Kf8+⇄ 31.Kf3 Tadic,Branko Rg5⇄]
[28...Rg8!?=]
29.Nxf6 Bxf6 30.Rc7 In this endgame opposite-coloured bishops give White the

initiative due to his far more active rooks. **30...Be5**
[30...Ra8 31.fxg6 hxg6 32.Be6±]



31.Rxa7 Ra8 32.Ra6!↑ Perhaps Black overlooked this important move - White keeps the active rook on the board and retains his advantage.
[32.Rxa8? Rxa8= would be a rather easy draw.]
32...Rfd8 33.Rd5 f6
[33...Bf6 34.Rxb6 *(34.Bc6 Rxd5 35.Bxd5 Rd8 36.Bb3 Bd4 37.Ra7 gxf5±; 34.fxg6!? hxg6 35.Bc6)* 34...Rxa2 35.Rb7 Bh4 36.Be6±]
34.Rd3
[34.Rxb6 Rxa2 35.Rb7 Kh6 36.Rd3
A) 36...Rb2 Tadic,Branko 37.Rh3+ Kg5 **Δ**38.Rf3± *(38.Rxh7 Ra8!⇄* **Δ** Raa2 *)*;

B) 36...Kg5±]
[⌓34.a4!? gxf5 *(34...Rab8 35.fxg6 hxg6 36.a5 bxa5 37.b6±)* 35.Rd3↑]
34...gxf5?
[34...Rab8! Tadic,Branko: '⌓' allows Black to exchange rooks and retain drawing chances after 35.Ra7 Ra8 Tadic,Branko: '!' 36.Rda3 *(36.Rb7 Rdb8±)* 36...Rxa7 37.Rxa7 Kh6± Tadic,Branko: '±']
35.Rda3! Rab8
[35...Rxa6? 36.bxa6 Bd6 *(36...Rxd7 37.a7+-)* 37.Ra4 Ra8 38.Bc6 *(38.a7? b5 39.Bxb5 Bc5)* 38...Ra7 39.Bb7+-]



36.Bxf5 With both rooks on the board White is close to winning. **36...Rg8**
[36...Rb7 37.Be4+- Tadic,Branko: '+-!']
37.Ra7+

[37.Be6!? Rgf8 38.Rh3 h6 *(38...Rb7 39.Bd5 Rd7 40.Bc6)* 39.Bf5→]

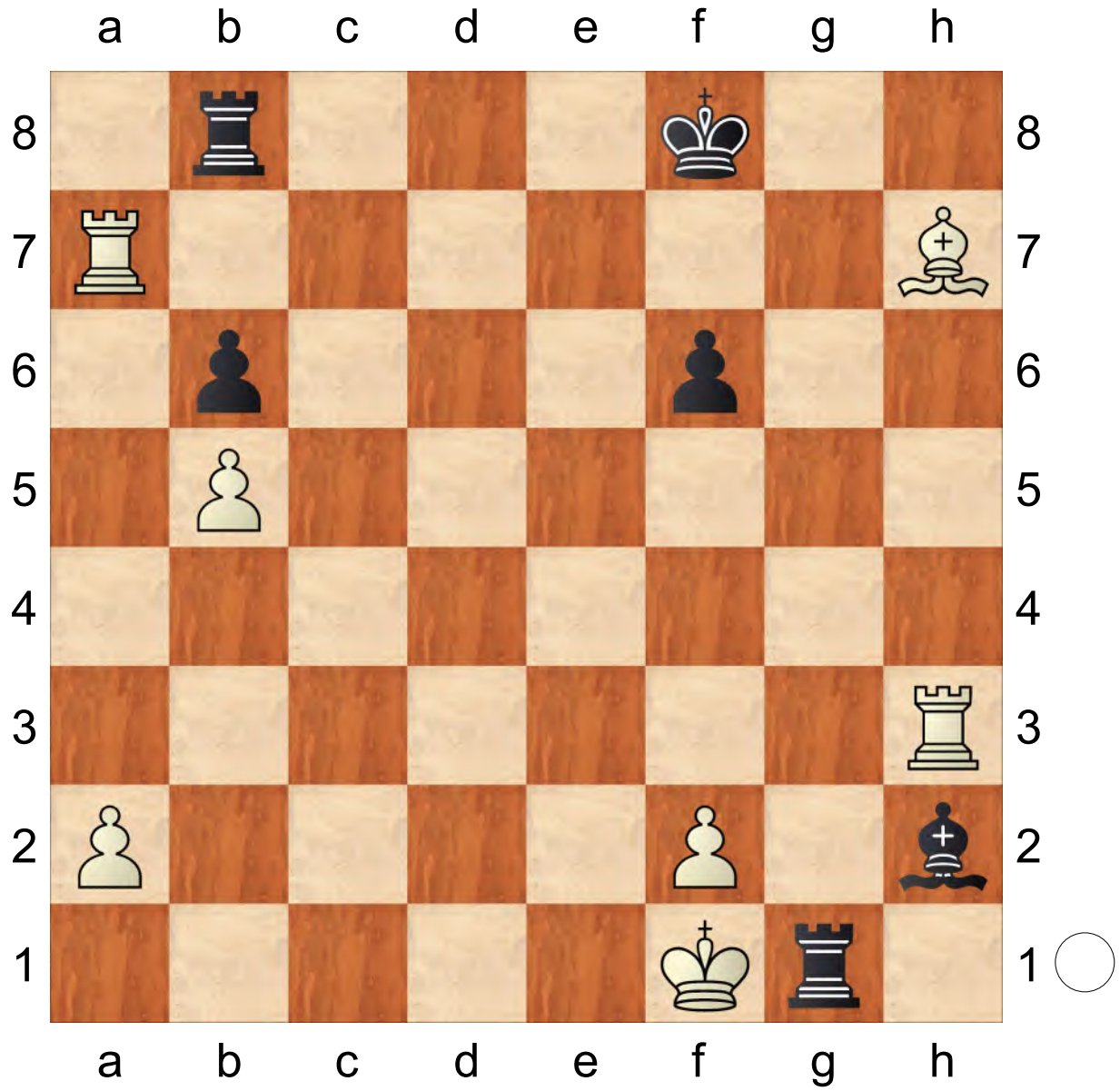
37...Kf8+ 38.Kf1 Rg5

[A more resilient way was 38...Rg7 , but after 39.Rxg7 *(39.h4!?)* 39...Kxg7 40.Ra7+ Kh6 41.Rxh7+ Kg5 42.Bd3 White should gradually convert his extra pawns.]

39.Bxh7 Bxh2

[39...Rg7 40.h4+-]

40.Rh3!+- Rg1+



41.Ke2 Re8+ 42.Kf3 Bd6

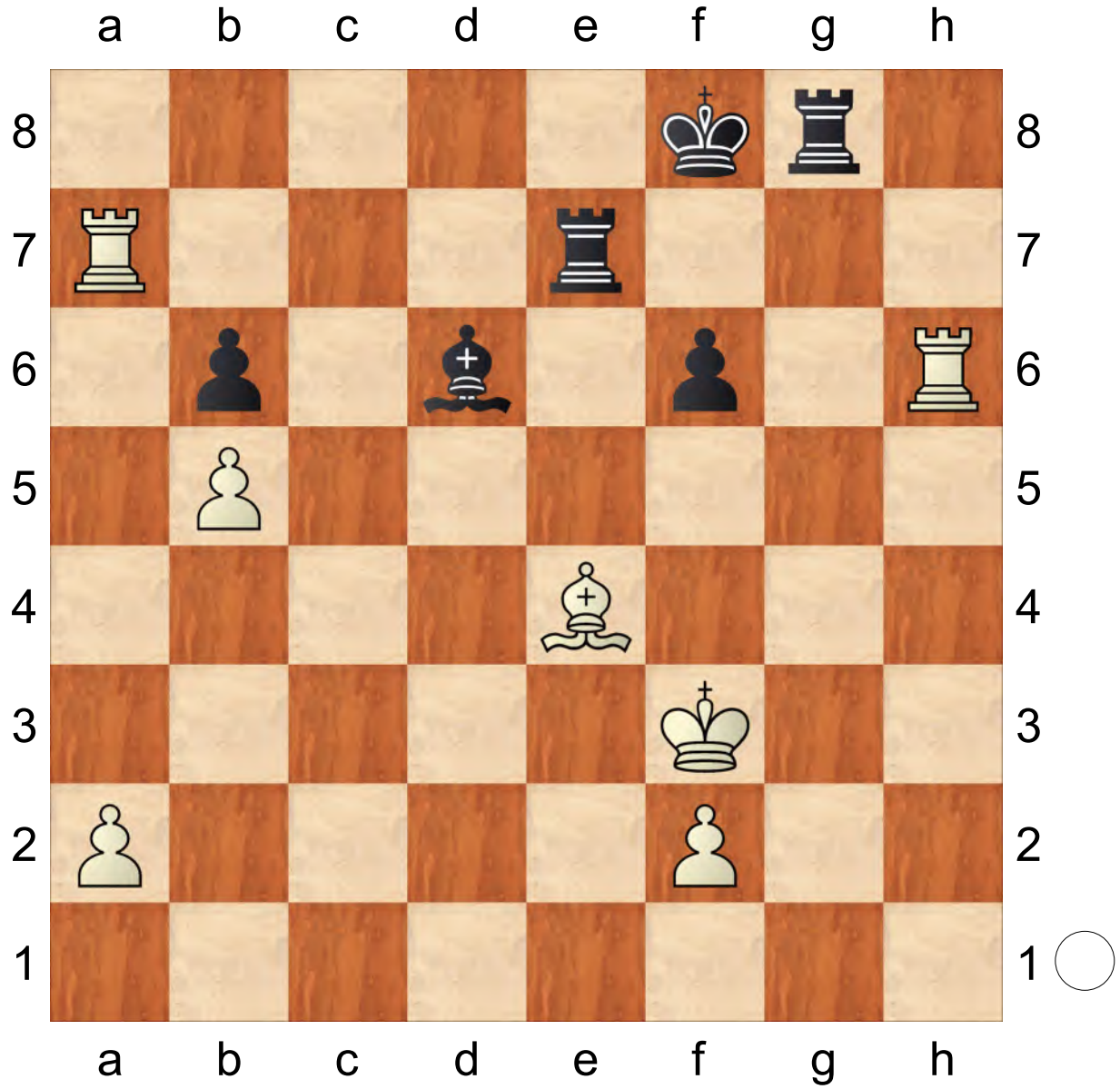
[42...Bb8 43.Rb7+-]

43.Be4 Rg7 44.Rh8+ Rg8 45.Rh6 Black loses more matierial, the rest is simple.

45...Re7

[45...Be7 46.Bc6 *(46.Bd5±* Tadic,Branko *)* 46...Rd8 47.Rh7+-]

[45...Be5 46.Rhh7 Rc8 47.Raf7+ Ke8 48.Re7+ Kd8 49.Rd7+ Ke8 50.Bc6+-]



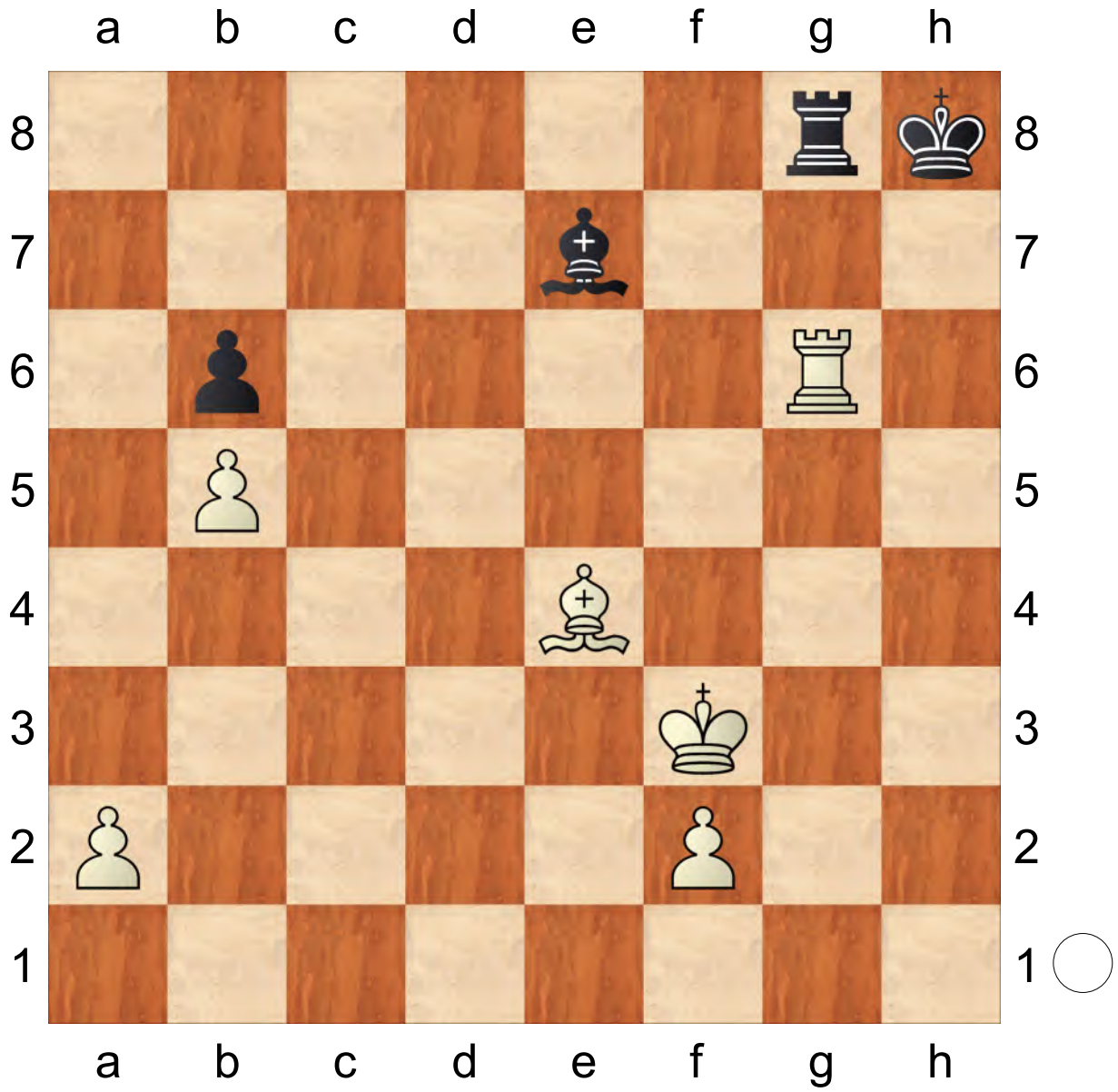
46.Rxf6+ Kg7 47.Rg6+ Kh8 48.Rh6+ Kg7 49.Rxe7+ Bxe7 50.Rg6+ Kh8

(Diagram)

51.Rxb6 Rf8+ 52.Ke2 Rxf2+
[52...Bc5 53.Rh6++-]
53.Kxf2 Bc5+ 54.Kf3 Bxb6 55.Kf4 Black's king is too far away. **55...Kg7**

(Diagram)

56.Ke5 Kf7 57.Kd6 Ke8 58.Kc6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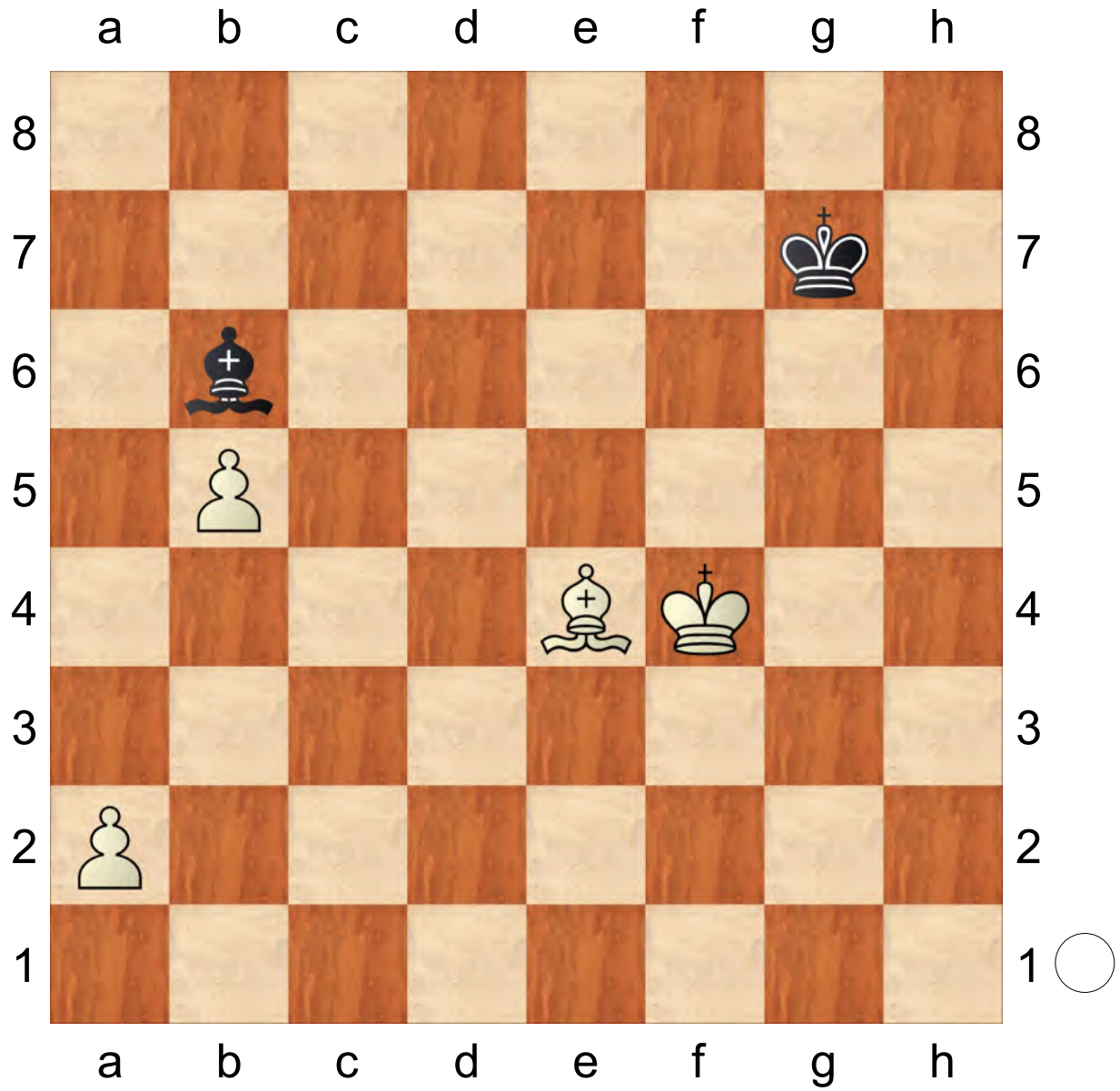

[58.Kc6 Be3 59.b6+-]

(Diagram)

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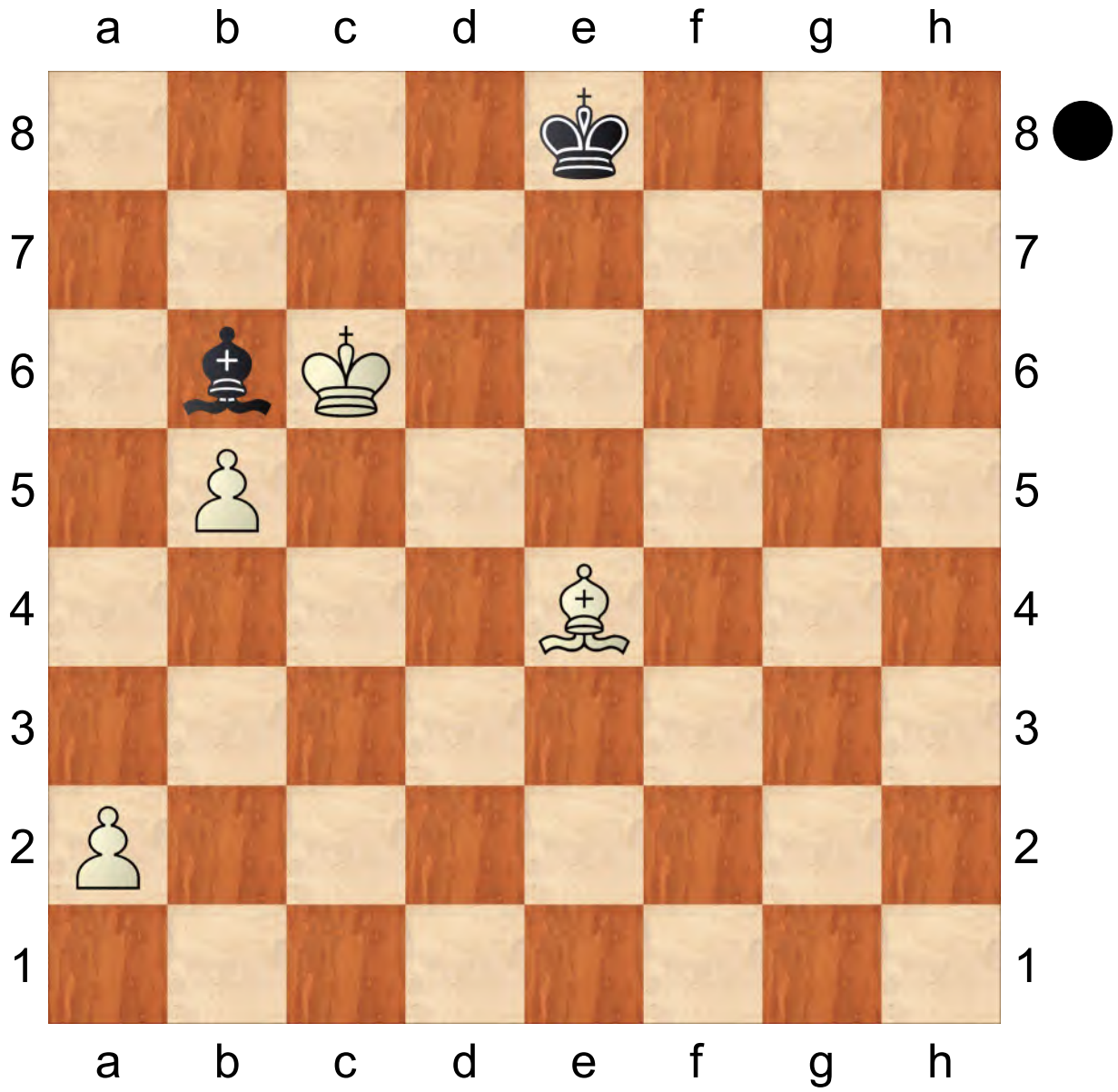
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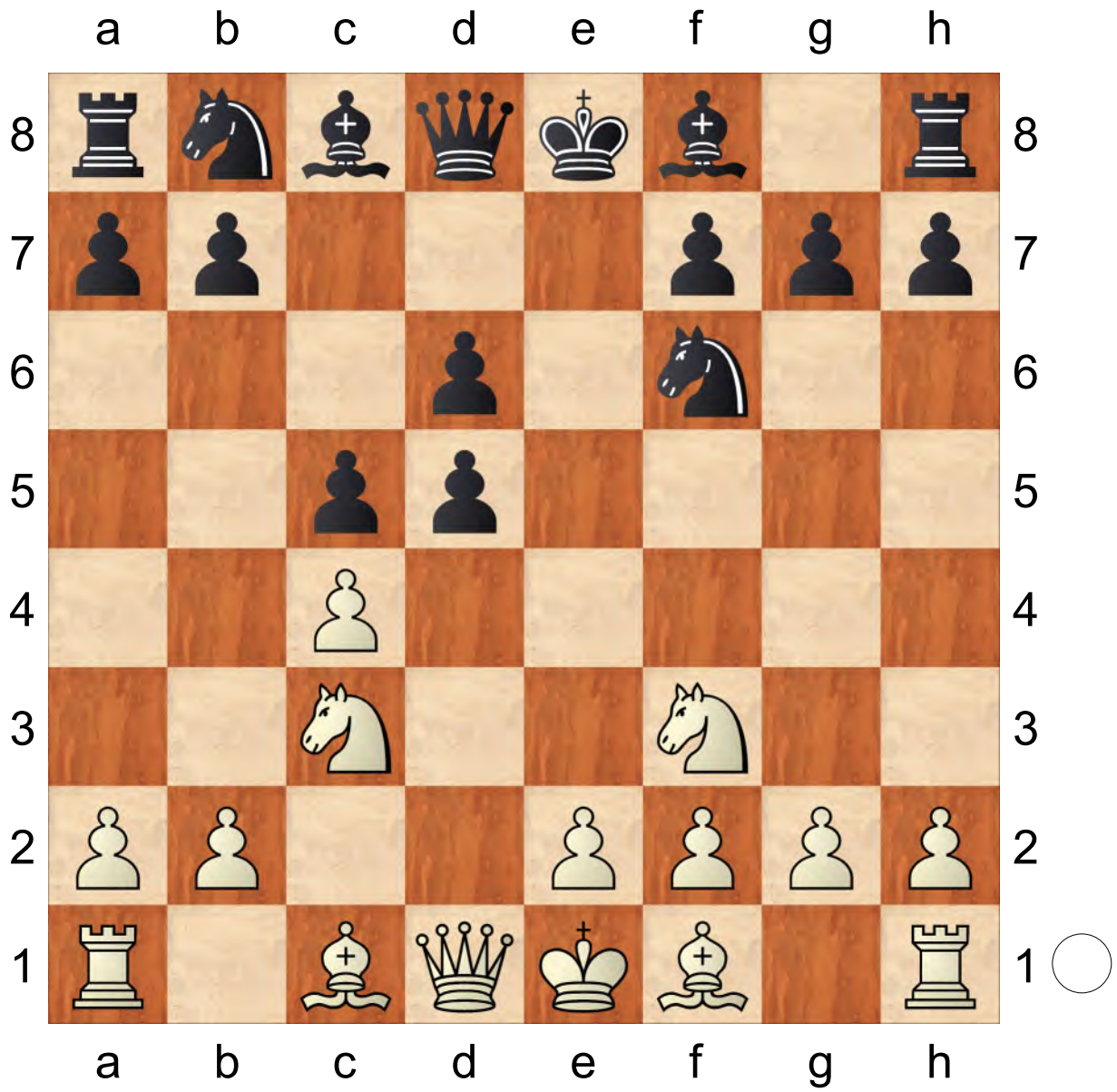
1.d4 Stohl Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5**



6.cxd5 g6 7.e4 a6

[Black decides to avoid the long main line 7...Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Bd3 b5 10.Bxb5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Qa5+ 12.Nfd2 Qxb5 13.Nxd6 Qa6 14.N2c4 Nd7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.Re1 Bd4 *(⌓18...Rfd8!?)* 19.Qf3 c4 20.Bh6 Bxb2 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Re6!± Krasenkow,M-Velicka,P/EU-ch Batumi/2002/]

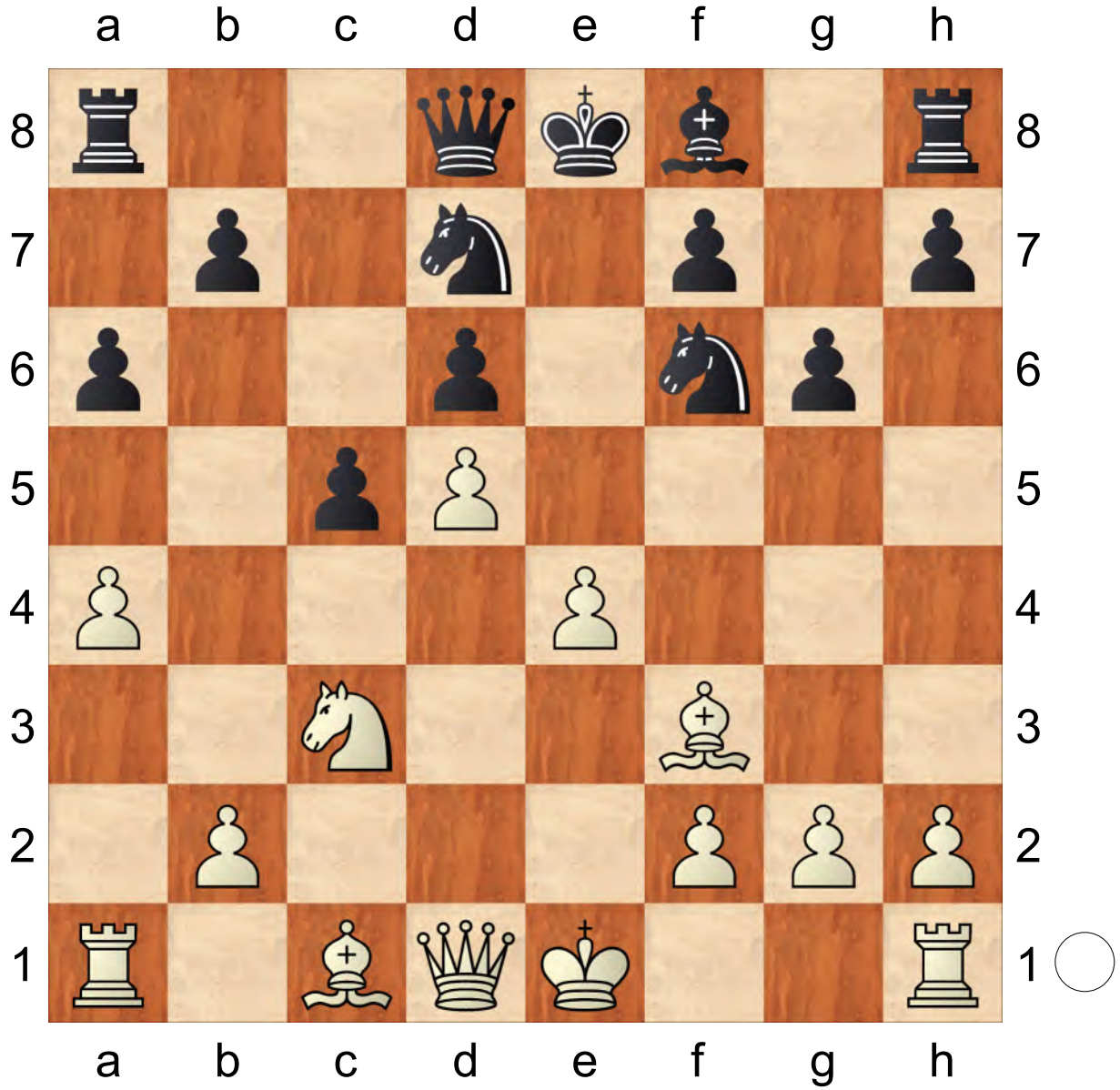
8.a4 Bg4 9.Be2

[9.Qb3 Bxf3 10.Qxb7 Nbd7 11.gxf3 Bg7↻ 0-1 Van Wely,L (2655)-Topalov,V (2745) Lost Boys 5th 1997 (7) ↑ is a risky alternative, which hasn't appeared in high-level practice since]

9...Bxf3

[≤9...Bg7 10.Nd2! Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Nb6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Qxe5+ Kf8 15.Nxb6 Qxb6 16.a5 Qd8 17.0-0 Ne8 Mikhalevski,A-Marin,M/Tel Aviv/ 2000/ 18.Bh6! Qf6 19.Qxf6 Nxf6 20.Bf4↑ Marin]

10.Bxf3 Nbd7



11.0-0

[11.Bf4 slows down Black's development, but here the ♗ gets in the way of a possibel ⊞ pawn advance. Qe7 *(11...Qb8 12.g4!? h6 13.h4±)* 12.0-0 Bg7 13.a5 *(13.e5?! dxe5 14.d6 Qe6 15.Bxb7 Ra7 16.Bc6 0-0 17.Re1 Rb8*

18.Qd2 Rb6 19.Bxd7 Nxd7 20.Rad1 Rab7∓ Vitiugov,N-Poluljahov,A/Ekaterinburg/2002/ *)* 13...0-0 14.Re1 Rab8 15.Qc2 Ne8 16.Be2 Nc7

A) 17.h3 b5 18.Bh2?! Bd4 *(18...c4!? Δ♘c5↑)* 19.Bf1 Rfe8 20.Rad1 Rbc8 21.Ne2 Bg7 22.Nc1 Qf8 23.Nd3 Bd4 24.Kh1 Nf6 25.f3 h5 26.b4!∞ Krush,I-Sherbakov,R/Presov/2000/;

B) 17.Bf1 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Rad1 Rb4 20.Bc1 Re8 21.f3 Nb6 22.Kh1 Rd4⇄ Ahlander,B-Marin,M/Gothenburg/2001/]

11...Bg7 A typical balanced Benoni position. Black has solved the problem of his ♗c8 by exchanging it and his dark-square control makes it difficult for White to implement a ⊞ advance like e5. On the other hand to pursue his 《 play Black often has to loosen his central grip, as in our game. The White's 🗗 can become powerful. Kapengut: 'By exchanging on f3 and developing his knight to d7, black has secured the control of several dark squares in the centre (the most important beeing e5 and d4) and has avoided for the moment the dangerous break e4-e5.' **12.Bg5** Kapengut: 'Usually the bishop stays better on f4 in this system.'

[12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bd2 Re8 14.a5 Rc8 15.Rfe1

A) 15...c4 16.Be2 Ne5 17.Na4 Rc7 18.f3!± *(18.Bg5 h6 19.Bh4 g5 20.Bg3 Nfd7 21.h3 Qf6 22.Ra3 Nc5 23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Ra4 Rec8 25.Rb1 Qd8 26.Rba1 c3⇄* Pinter,J-Emms,J/Copenhagen/1995/ *)*;

B) 15...h5!? 16.h3 Kh7 17.Be2 c4 18.Bf1 Bh6 In this line Black often combines 《 and 》 play. 19.Bxh6 Kxh6 20.Qd2+ Kg7 21.Qd4 Rc5 22.f4 Rxa5 23.Rxa5 Qxa5 24.e5 Kf8!∞ Nilssen,J-De Firmian,N/Copenhagen/2001/]

12...0-0 Kapengut: 'After this move game's classification was transformed to A75, this one was popular in the seventies.' **13.Qd2**

[13.Qc2 Re8 *(13...c4!?)* 14.Be2 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Qe7 17.Rae1 Ne5 18.f4 gxf4 19.Rxf4 Ng6 20.Rf2 Nd7 21.Kh1 Be5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Ref1 Re7 24.Bg4→ Popov,N-Vladimirov,E/Rostov/1976/]

13...Qc7

[13...Qe7 14.a5 c4 15.Ra4 Rac8 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Rb4 Ne5 18.Be2 Qc7 19.Ra4 Nfd7 20.Be3 Nc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Rc1 h5 *(22...b5?!* Kapengut *23.axb6 Qxb6 24.Nd1±; 22...f5!?* Kapengut *23.exf5 gxf5 24.Qg5 b5!? 25.axb6 Qxb6 26.Ra2 Rc7!?⇄)* 23.Nd1 Kh7 *(23...Qb5!?* Kapengut *24.Nc3=)* 24.Ne3 Bh6 25.Ra3 Qb5 *(25...b5* Kapengut *26.axb6 Qxb6 27.Rac3 Qb4 28.Qc2 Bxe3 29.Rxe3 Nd3!? 30.Rb1! Nc5 31.Qxc4 Rb8⩲)* 26.g3 Ng4= Lugovoi,A-Tolnai,T/Budapest/1996/ 27.Bxg4 hxg4 28.Qc2 Rc5 29.Nxg4 Bg7 30.Rd1 Qd7 31.Ne3± Lugovoi,A-Tolnai,T/EU-Cup Budapest 1996]

[More often Black plays 13...Re8

A) 14.Rfe1

A1) 14...Qe7 Kapengut 15.a5 Qf8 16.Ra3 Ne5 *(16...h5!?* (Kapengut) *Δ♘g4 17.Rb3 Rab8 18.h3 Nh7 19.Bf4±)* 17.Be2 h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bg3 Ng6 *(19...Nfd7* Kapengut *20.f4!?)* 20.f3 Nh5?! *(20...Nd7!?* Kapengut *)* 21.Bf2 Nhf4 22.Bf1 Ne5 23.Be3 Nfg6 24.Na4 Qe7 25.Nb6 Rad8 26.b4!± Van Hecke,E-Tagnon,N/22 HZ open, Vlissingen 1997;

A2) 14...Qc7 Kapengut 15.Bh6 Bh8 16.Rac1 Ne5 17.Bd1 c4!? 18.Be2 Rab8 19.Bf4 *(19.f3 Kapengut b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.b4!?⇄)* 19...b5 20.axb5 axb5 Cardoso,C-Caporalle,G/Vitoria 2002 21.f3∓;

A3) 14...c4 '!?' Kapengut. 15.Be2 *(15.Bd1 Kapengut b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bc2 Qb6 18.Be3 Nc5 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Bd4 Nfd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qd4+ f6 23.Ne2 Ra2 24.Nf4 Nd3!? 25.Qxb6 Nxb6 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.Nxd3 Nc4⩱* Gallego,V-Foisor,O/Zaragoza op 1996*)* 15...Rc8 16.Bf1 Qa5 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.h3 Nfd7 19.Ra3 Nc5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxc4 Bxc3 '!' Kapengut. 22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.Rxc3 Nxa4∓ Vranesic,Z-Psakhis,L/Toronto/ 1997/ 24.Rc2 b5∓ Vranesic,Z-Psakhis,L/Int open, Toronto CAN 1997;

B) 14.Qf4

B1) 14...Qc7 Kapengut 15.Qh4 b6?! *(15...h5!?* (Kapengut) **Δ**♘h7*)* 16.Nd1 Rac8 17.Ne3 c4!? 18.Rfc1 b5 19.Ra2?! *(⌓19.b4!?* Kapengut *)* 19...Qc5 20.Nc2?! b4 21.Ne3 b3 22.Raa1 Qd4∓ Baragar,F-Kinlay,J/ 1978;

B2) 14...Qe7 '!?' Kapengut. 15.Rae1 Qe5 16.Qc1 Qd4 17.Qc2 c4 '!?' Kapengut. 18.Be3 Qe5 19.h3 Qe7 *(19...Rac8!?* Kapengut *)* 20.Bf4 Rac8 21.Re3 Ne5 22.Be2 Qc7 23.Ra1 Nfd7 24.a5 Nc5⇄ Schmidt,W-Vilela,J/Polanica Zdroj/1982/ 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Bxc4 Bd4 27.Ree1 Bxc3 ½-½ Schmidt,W-Vilela,J/Polanica Zdroj 1982;

C) 14.a5 Kapengut

C1) 14...c4 Kapengut 15.Ra4 It is a standard manoeuvre in a similar situation.

C1a) 15...Nc5!? Kapengut 16.Rxc4 Nb3 17.Qf4 Nxa5 18.Rb4 Rc8∞ *(18...b5?!* Kapengut *19.Ne2!±)*;

C1b) 15...Qc7 16.Qf4 h5!? 17.Be2 Nh7 18.Bh6 Bxh6 *(18...Be5* Kapengut *19.Qh4 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Ra3 Qc5⇄)* 19.Qxh6 b5 *(19...Nhf6!?* Kapengut *)* 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Ra3 *(21.Ra2!?* Kapengut *)* 21...Nf6

C1b1) 22.f4?! Kapengut Qc5+ *(Δ22...Nxe4?* Kapengut *23.Nxe4 Rxe4 24.f5±)* 23.Kh1 Qe3 24.Bf3 Qd2!∓;

C1b2) 22.f3 Nbxd5!? 23.exd5 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Qxb2 25.Qc1! Rxe2 26.Nxe2 Qxe2 27.Re3 Qa2⩱ Hansen,C-Agdestein,S/Gjovik 1985/Inf 40;

C2) 14...Rb8 15.Qc2 **Δ** ♗e2 b5 16.axb6 Rxb6 *(16...Qxb6!?* Kapengut *17.Ra2 Ne5 18.Be2 c4⇄)* 17.Be2 h6!? *(17...Qb8* Kapengut *18.Ra2 Qb7 19.Rfa1 Ra8 20.Bd2* **Δ** ♘a4 *Qc8±)*

C2a) 18.Bxf6 Kapengut Nxf6 *(18...Qxf6* Kapengut *19.Rxa6 Rxa6 20.Bxa6 Rb8 21.Bb5 Ne5⩱)* 19.Rxa6 Rb4 *(19...Rxa6* Kapengut *20.Bxa6 Qa5⩱)* 20.Ra4 *(20.Bb5* Kapengut *Re7 21.Rfa1 Kh7 22.f3 Nh5⩱)* 20...Qb8 21.Rxb4 Qxb4⩱;

C2b) 18.Bd2 Rb4!? 19.f3 Nh5 20.g4?! *(⌓20.Rxa6* Kapengut *Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Qh4 22.Be1 Qe7⩱)* 20...Bd4+ 21.Kh1 *(21.Kg2!?* Kapengut *)* 21...Nhf6 22.Rxa6 *(22.Bxh6* Kapengut *Kh7 23.Bg5 Qb8* **Δ** ♖h8⩱↑ *)*

22...Qb8 23.Bc1 *(23.Nd1* Kapengut *Nxd5! 24.Bc3 Nf4 25.Bxb4 cxb4⩱)* 23...Kg7⩱ ×b2, ♔h1 24.Qd2 Rh8 25.f4?! *(25.Kg2!?* Kapengut *Ne5 26.h3!?∞)* 25...h5!?⩱ Iskusnyh,S-Sherbakov,R/Novgorod 75/65 1999;

D) 14.Rae1 '?!' Kapengut.

D1) 14...c4 '!?' Kapengut.

D1a) 15.Bh6?! Kapengut Bh8 16.Bd1 Nc5 17.Bc2

D1a1) 17...Ng4 Kapengut 18.Bf4 Qb6⇄ *(18...Ne5?!* Kapengut *19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.f4↑)*;

D1a2) 17...b5!? 18.axb5 axb5

D1a21) 19.e5?! Kapengut dxe5 20.Nxb5 Nxd5 *(20...Qxd5* Kapengut *21.Nc7 Qxd2 22.Bxd2 Red8 23.Nxa8 Rxd2⩱)* 21.Rd1 Qb6 22.Na3! Qxb2! 23.Nxc4 Qd4∓ Δ24.Qe2? Nc3!-+;

D1a22) 19.Nxb5 Nfxe4

D1a221) 20.Qb4 Kapengut Qb6 21.Be3 *(Δ21.Qxc4?!* Kapengut *Nxf2! 22.Be3 Rxe3 23.Rxe3 Nce4 24.Qc6 Qxe3 25.Qxa8+ Kg7 26.Qa7 Nh3+ 27.Kh1 Nef2+-+)* 21...Reb8! 22.Bxe4 Qxb5 23.Qxb5 Rxb5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5∓ Cebalo,M;

D1a222) 20.Bxe4 Nxe4 21.Qc2 Qb6 22.Rxe4?! *(22.Qxc4?!* Kapengut *Nxf2!; 22.Na3!?* Kapengut *ΔNxf2 23.Nxc4!=)* 22...Rxe4 23.Qxe4 Qxb5 24.Re1 *(24.Bc1* Kapengut *Re8∓* ×d5, b2 *)* 24...Bxb2∓ Gligoric,S-Cebalo,M/Sarajevo 1986/Inf 41;

D1b) 15.Qf4

D1b1) 15...Re5 Kapengut 16.Qh4 Qf8 17.Bd1 h6 18.Be3 Ree8 19.Bc2 Rac8 20.f3 Nc5 21.Qf2 Nfd7 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Kh1 Qe7 *(23...Qh8!?* Kapengut *)* 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.f4 Spraggett,K-Magerramov,E/Andorra op 1993 Qd7⇄;

D1b2) 15...Qb6!? Kapengut 16.Re2 h5!? Δ♘h7;

D1b3) 15...Qe7 '?!' Kapengut. 16.Qh4 Qf8 17.Bd1 h6 18.Bd2 Nc5 *(18...g5* Kapengut *19.Qg3 Nc5 20.Bc2 b5!? 21.f3 b4 22.Nd1 b3 23.Bb1 Nxa4 24.h4 Nh7 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Bxg5 Nxg5 27.Qxg5 Qe7∓* Sande,O-Kudela,S/ICCF Email 1999*)* 19.Bc2 b5 '!?' Kapengut. *(19...Rab8?!* Kapengut *20.f4 Nfd7 21.e5! Qe7 22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.exd6 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 f5 25.g4! Nd3 26.Re7 Rd8 27.gxf5 gxf5 28.b3 Bxc3 29.Bxc3 b5 30.Ba5+-* Veysseyre,D-Michaud,P/Corr 1989*)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 g5 22.Qh3 Nfxe4 23.Bb4 Rab8 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Na3 Bxb2 27.Nxc4 Bg7 28.Qf5→ Gligoric,S-Najdorf,M/Manila/1973/;

D2) 14...Qb6!? 15.Rb1 Qb4 16.Qc2 c4 '!?' Kapengut. *(16...b5!?)* 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Be2 Nfd7 19.b3 cxb3 20.Rxb3 Qa5 21.Bd2 Nc5∞ Arencibia,J-Del Rio Angelis,S/Varadero/2000/ 22.Rb2 Qd8 23.Qb1 Ned7 24.f3 Bxc3! 25.Bxc3 Nxa4 26.Bd4 Nxb2 27.Qxb2 b5∓ Arencibia,J-Del Rio Angelis,S/Varadero CUB 2000]

[is worthy of attention immediately 13...c4!? Kapengut

A) 14.Be2?! Kapengut Qc7 15.Kh1?! This is inaccurate. Nc5
A1) Δ16.Bxf6?! Kapengut Bxf6 17.Bxc4 Bxc3! 18.Qxc3 Nxe4 19.Qd4 Rfe8∓;
A2) Δ16.Qf4?! Kapengut Nfd7! 17.Be7 *(Δ17.Bxc4? Kapengut f6-+)* 17...Be5 18.Qh4 Rfe8-+;
A3) 16.Qe3 Rfe8 17.f3 Nb3 18.Rad1 Rab8 19.Qf2 b5∓ Stahlberg,G-Spassky,B/Gotenborg 1955;
B) 14.Rae1 Rb8 15.Bd1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.f4 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.e5!? dxe5 20.f5 g5 21.Ne4 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Nc5 23.Bc2 Rfd8 24.Rd1 Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Rd6 26.Qe2 Ra8 27.g3 Qc5 28.Rd2 Ra2 29.Rfd1 Qb4 30.Bf3 Frederiksen,E-Gallmayer,P/corr 1980 e4!? 31.Qxe4 Ra7!? Δ♖e7 ∓ *(Δ31...Rxb2?* Kapengut *32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Bh5+-)*]

14.Qf4N
[14.Rae1 Rab8 15.Qf4?! *(⌓15.Be2)* 15...b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Be2 c4 18.Nd1 Rfe8 19.Bf3 Rec8 *(19...h5!?* (Kapengut) Δ♘h7*)* 20.Qh4 Qa5 21.Ne3 Rc7 22.Qf4 Ne8 23.Ng4 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.Qc1 b4↑ Bernal,G-Albarran,G/ Buenos Aires/2001/]
[14.Be2 Rfe8 15.Qc2 c4⇄]
[14.Rac1 Kapengut Rab8 15.Be2 Rfe8 16.f3 c4 17.Na2 b5 18.b3 Nc5!? 19.Bd1 *(Δ19.bxc4?!* Kapengut *b4!?∓)* 19...cxb3 20.Bxb3 Qb6 *(20...Nxb3!?* Kapengut *21.Rxc7 Nxd2 22.Bxd2 bxa4 23.Bb4 Red8 24.Rc6 Ne8⇄)* 21.a5 Nxb3+ 22.axb6 Nxd2 23.Bxd2 Rxb6 24.Ba5 Rb7 25.Rc6 Tiihonen Ilpo-Lehtosaari Jyrki/ corr/ 198 Nd7 26.Rxd6 b4!∓ Δ27.Bxb4? Bf8∓]

14...h5 '!?' Kapengut. Kapengut: 'It is the modern idea in old-fashion variation!'
[14...Rab8 15.Rfe1± Δ b5?! 16.axb5 axb5 17.Be2 c4 18.Ra6 b4 19.Nd1± ×c4,d6]

15.Rfe1 Nh7
[15...Rfe8!?± /∞]

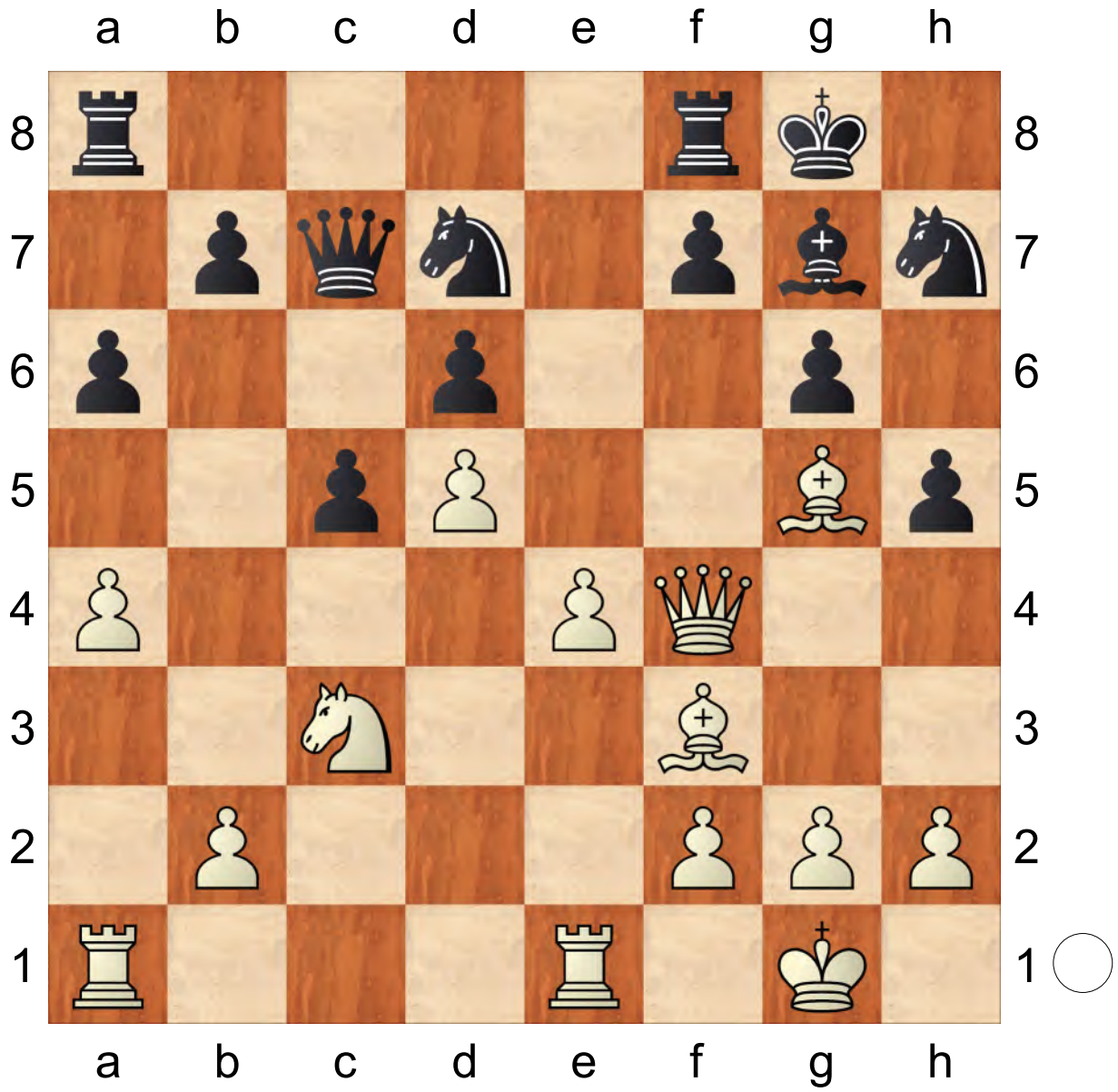
(Diagram)

16.Be7 Be5□ The ♗ is misplaced on e5, this is a square for the ♘. **17.Qd2 Rfe8**
18.Bh4 c4 '∓!?' Kapengut.
[18...Rab8 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Qxb6 21.Ra2±]

19.Bd1! Δ♗c2,f4,e5 White already prepares a dangerous »→ **19...Nc5 20.Bc2 Qb6**
[20...Nb3 21.Bxb3 cxb3 22.Rac1 Qa5 23.Bg3±]
[20...Rab8 21.f4 Bg7 22.e5!? dxe5 23.f5±]

(Diagram)

21.Rab1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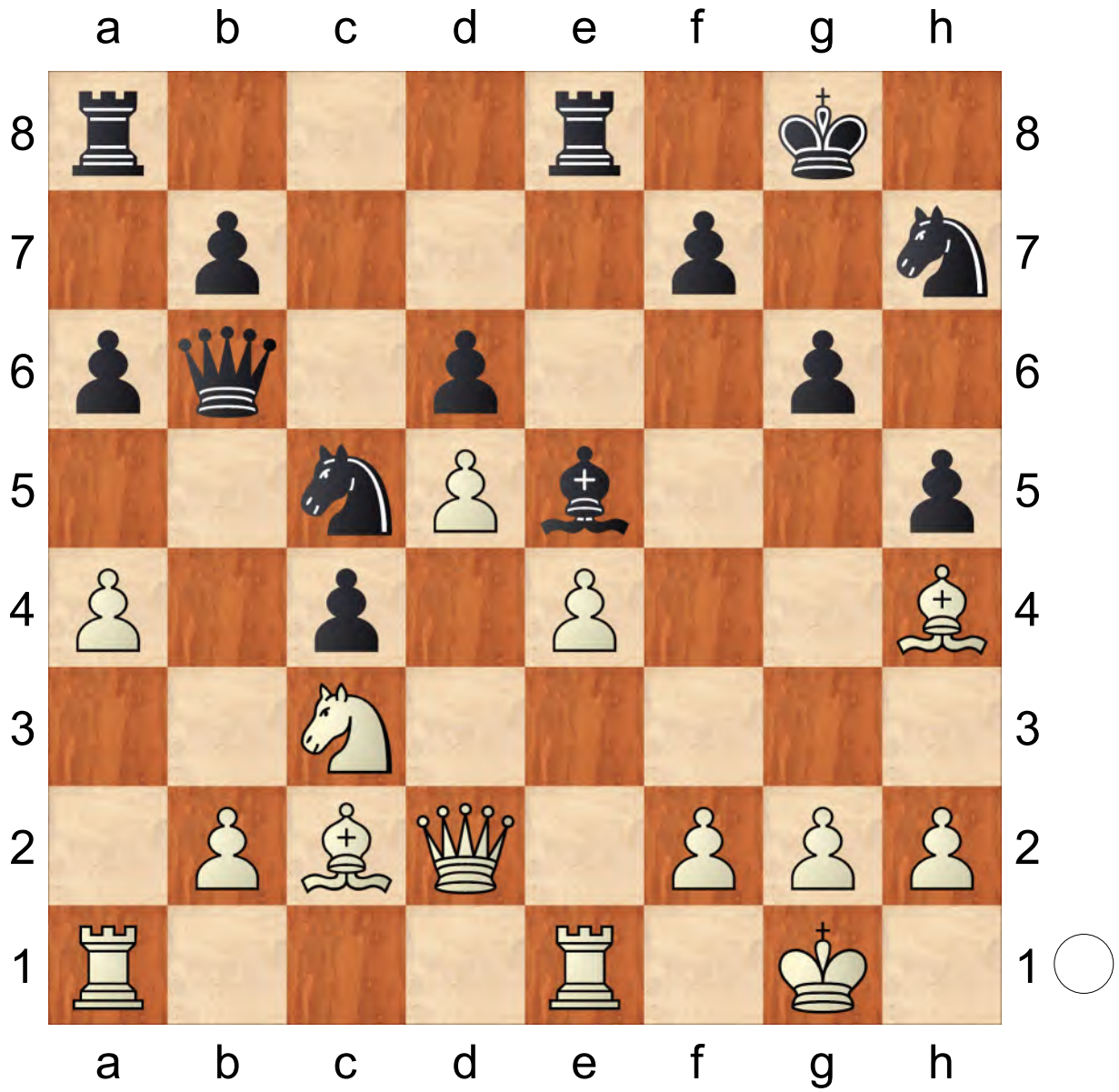

[21.Reb1 Kapengut Qb4 22.a5⇄]

21...Rac8 22.Qe3 Qa5

[22...Nd7 23.Qxb6 Nxb6 24.a5 Nd7 25.Ba4±]

[22...Qb4!? Δ 23.f4 Bg7 24.e5 dxe5 25.f5 Nd3! 26.fxg6 fxg6∞]

23.f4 Bg7 24.e5!? dxe5 25.f5 Kapengut: 'White conducts a standard breakthrough in the centre and Black answers no less standard with a countersacrifice of a pawn.'

25...e4

[25...Nf8 26.d6→ Δ♘d5,f6±]

[25...g5?! Kapengut 26.Bxg5 Nxg5 27.Qxg5 Qb6 28.Kf1 Qh6 29.Qxh6 Bxh6 30.Rbd1±]

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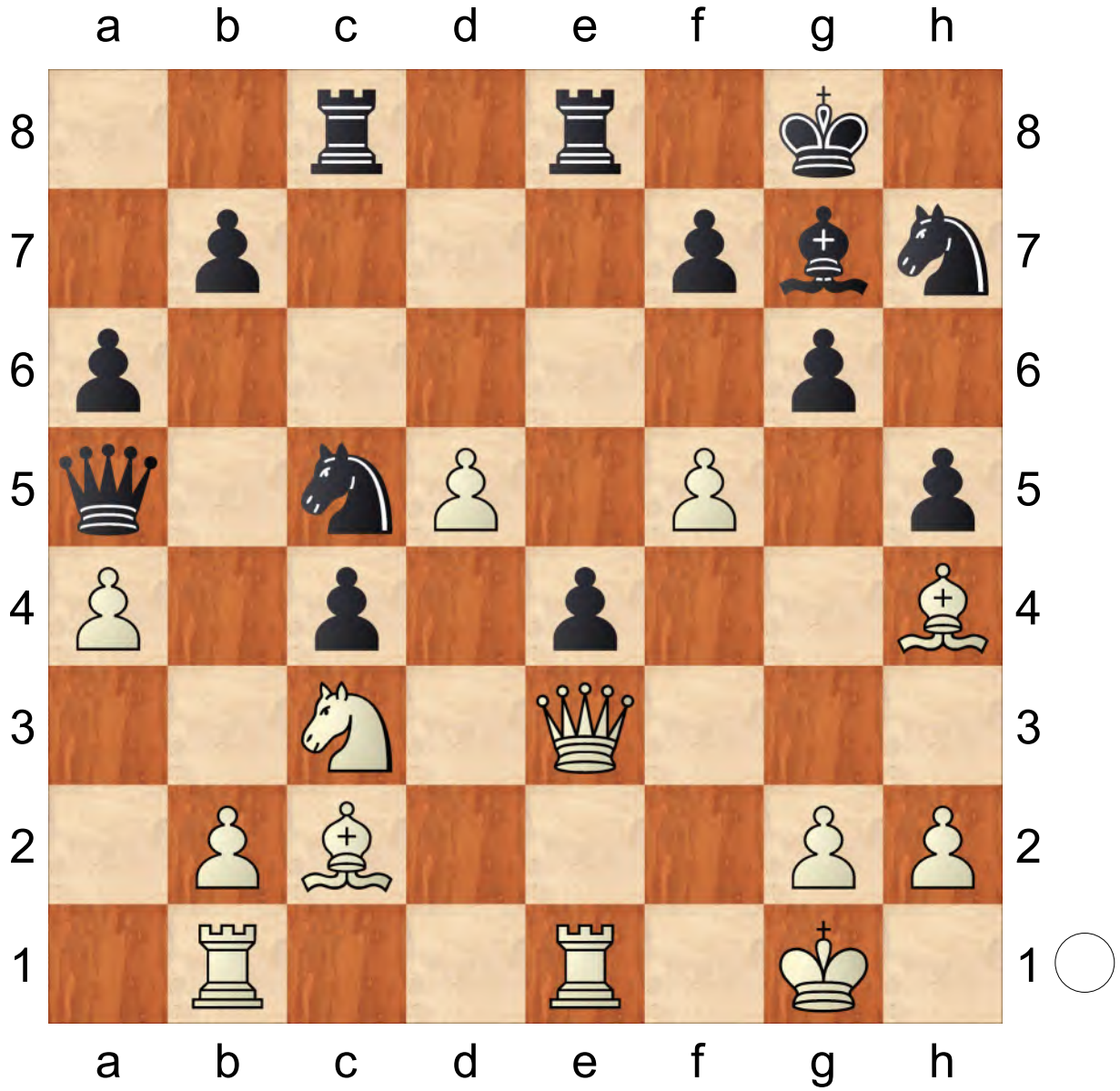


26.fxg6 fxg6 27.d6 ♁d

[27.Nxe4 Nd3!? *(27...g5 28.Bxg5 Nxe4 29.Bxe4 Rxe4 30.Qxe4 Nxg5 31.Qf5 Qc5+ 32.Kh1±)* 28.Bxd3 Qxd5 29.Nc3 Qxd3 30.Qxe8+ Rxe8 31.Rxe8+ Nf8∓]

27...g5! Black decides to defend actively, although this weakens his ♔. Passive moves give White strong pressure:

[27...Nf8 28.Be7±]

[27...Nf6 28.Bxf6 *(28.Rf1 Re6 29.Rbd1 Rc6∞)* 28...Bxf6 29.Nxe4↑ Δ Nxe4? 30.d7]

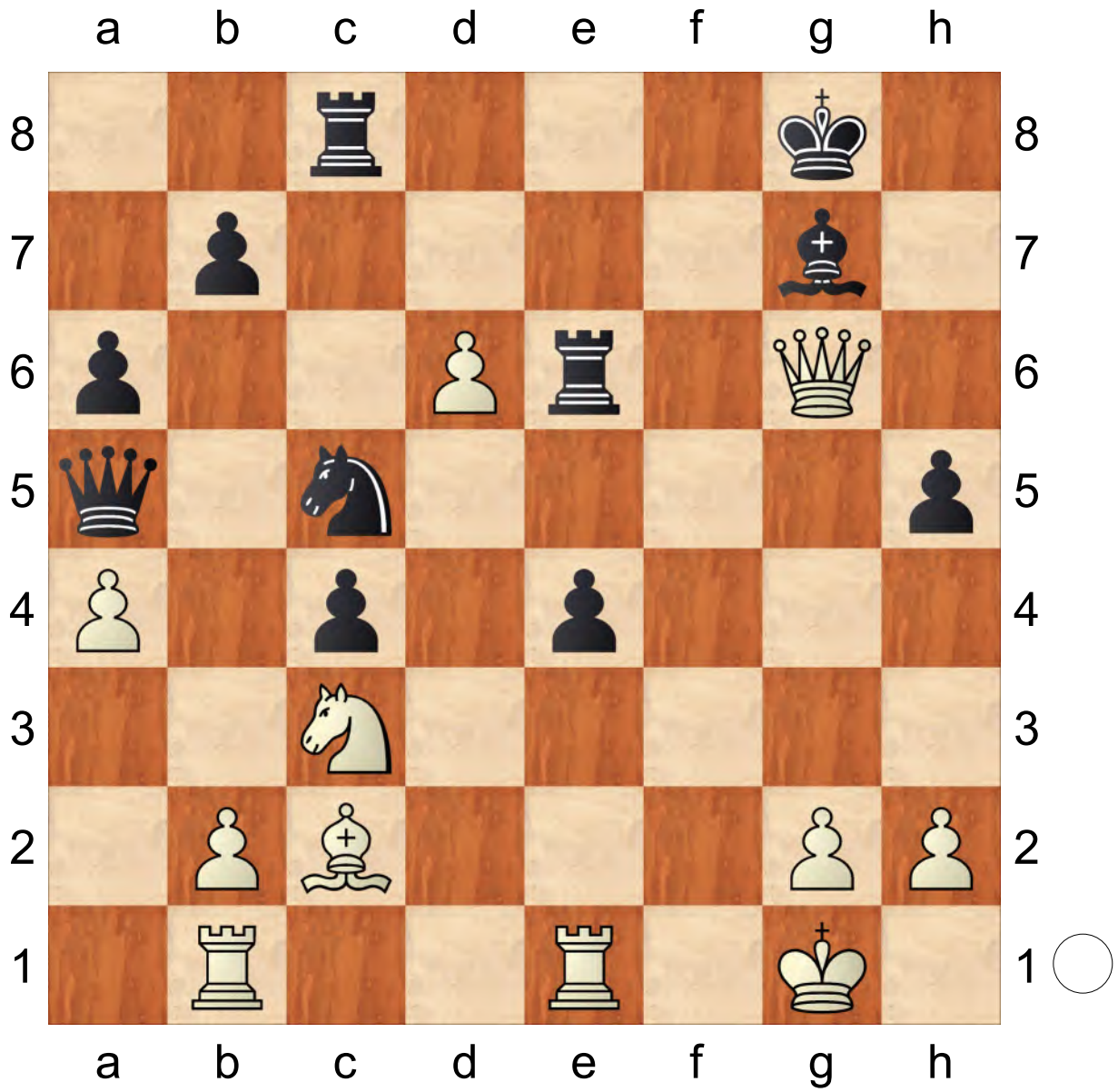
28.Bxg5

[More dangerous for Black is: 28.Bf2!? Kapengut Qd8!? 29.Bxe4 Nxe4 *(29...Qxd6?!* Kapengut *30.Bd5+ Kf8 31.Qf3+ Nf6 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Bxc4±)* 30.Nxe4 Qd7 31.Qd2 Nf6 32.Nxf6+ Bxf6 33.Qd5+ Qf7 34.d7!±]

28...Nxg5 29.Qxg5 Re5?!

[⌓29...Qb6 30.Kh1 *(30.Qd5+ Re6=)* 30...Qxd6 31.Bxe4 *(31.Nxe4 Qe5 32.Qd2 Qd4!?=)* 31...Re5!⇄ Δ 32.Bd5+ Qxd5 33.Nxd5 Rxg5 34.Ne7+ Kh7 35.Nxc8 Nxa4↑]

30.Qg6 Re6



31.d7?! Kapengut: 'This move leeds to a draw.'

[⌓31.Qxh5→ Rxd6 32.h3 *(32.Rxe4!?* Kapengut *Nxe4! 33.Qxa5 Bd4+ 34.Kf1 Rf8+ 35.Ke2 Nxc3+ 36.bxc3 Re6+=)* 32...Rh6 33.Qf5 *(33.Qd5+* Kapengut *Kh8 34.Nxe4 Qd8±)* 33...Qd8 34.Bxe4 Qd4+ 35.Kh2 Rf8 36.Qd5+ Kh8 37.Qxd4 Bxd4 38.Bd5]

31...Rf8! 32.Qxh5

[32.Qg3 Nd3 33.Bxd3 Qb6+! 34.Kh1 exd3∓]

32...Nd3!= 33.Qxa5□ Bd4+ 34.Kh1 Nf2+ 35.Kg1 Nh3+

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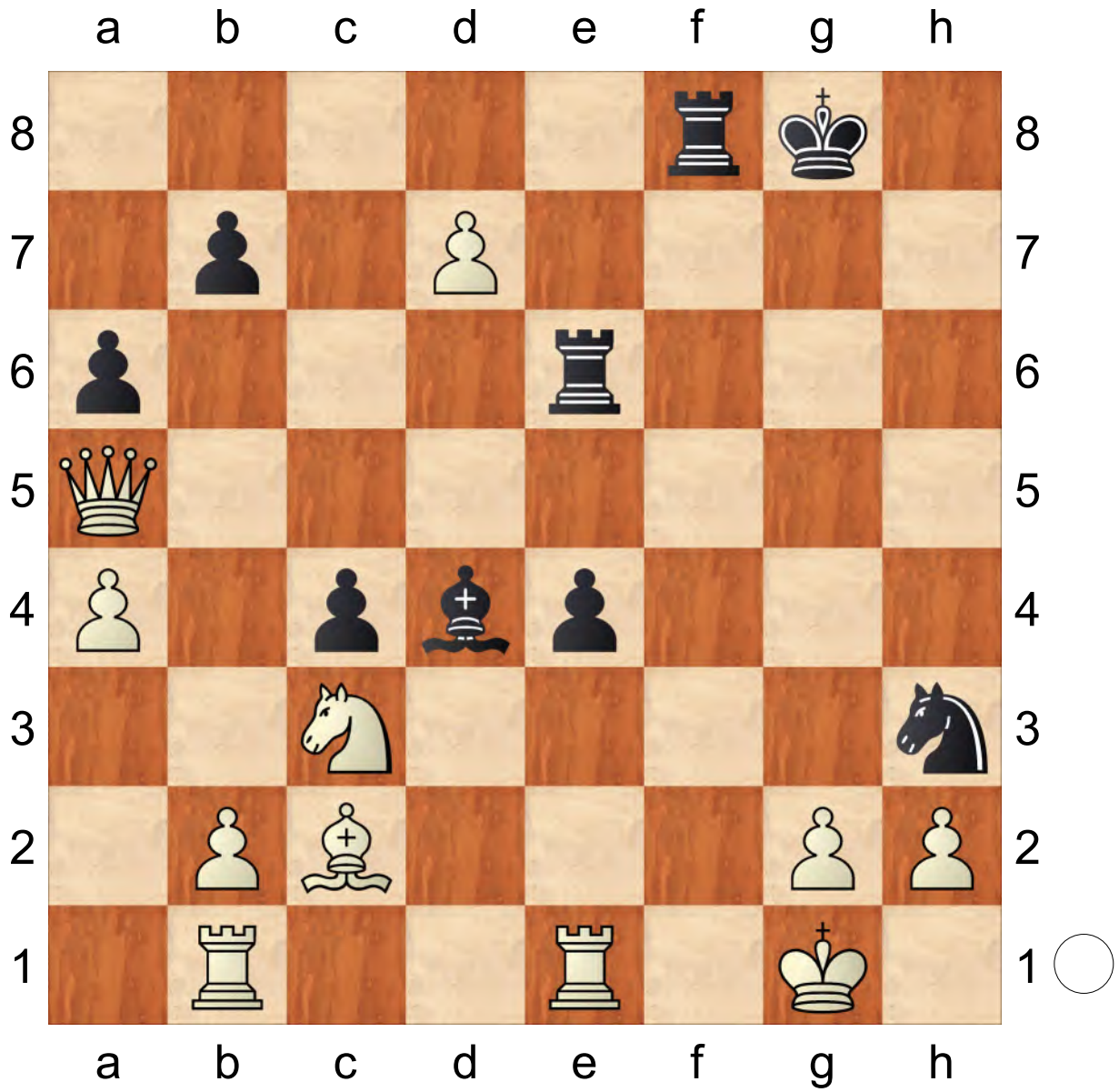

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D41

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■ **Ruiz Castillo,Joshua Daniel** **2498**
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[Ruiz Castillo,Joshua]

I had come from playing a somewhat dubious match on my part against MF Jhon Edison Muñoz, so I was somewhat concerned about my level for the next match. This was the first game out of 4 that I had to play against IM Gabriel Cardoso, who is one of the great promises that Colombia has. I know Grabriel and I know that he is quite theoretical with his lines and especially with white he is very dangerous. Generally I feel very comfortable playing against him but we beat me in the previous tournament, so it wasn't the same feeling. Anyway, I decided to play the same variation as on that occasion since I did not want to prepare and I remembered some things that I had reviewed for that game. I wanted to play a calmer position and not where there were many tactical issues since I think that is what he performs best at. I knew that in a calm position he would despair and go on the attack in some perhaps wrong way.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5

[3...Bb4 This is the main line and I have been playing this for already some years. White has a couple of choices here. 4.e3 *(4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Ne4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 c5 9.f3 Qh4+ 10.g3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Qxh1* 0-1 (32) Caruana,F (2835) -So,W (2770) Lichess.org INT 2020*; 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 d5* 1/2 (54)-1/2 (54) Carlsen,M (2863)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 4...0-0 5.Bd3 d5 *(5...c5 6.Nge2 d5 7.cxd5 cxd4 8.exd4 Nxd5* 0-1 (62) Ding,L (2791)-Gelfand,B (2676) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nf3 b6 8.0-0 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.Rc1 Bg4 0-1 (35) Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020]

4.cxd5

[4.Bg5 Is the most played, but lately, taking on d5 is fashionable. 0-1 (37) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) chess.com INT 2020 Be7 5.Nf3 *(5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Rc1 Nbd7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Rxc7 Qb4+ 12.Qd2* 1-0 (55) Rapport,R (2747)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis 2019*; 5.cxd5 exd5* Transposes to 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5*)* 5...h6 6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.a3 Qa5 11.0-0-0 Ne4 12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 Bxa3+ 0-1 (37) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) chess.com INT 2020]

[4.Nf3 a6 *(4...Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 dxc4 8.0-0 a6* 0-1 (42) Carlsen,M (2863)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.h3 Bd6 9.Bd3 c6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qb3 Rab8 14.a4 1-0 (48) Carlsen,M (2863)-Caruana, F (2835) chess24.com INT 2020]

4...Nxd5

[4...exd5 Is the main line. A couple of years ago, I tried to add this to my repertoire, but I wasn' tconfortable at all and had to suffer many times. 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nge2 1-0 (62) Carlsen,M (2863)-Kramnik,V (2753) chess24. com INT 2020]

5.e4

[5.Nf3 c5 6.e4 It transposes to the game. *(6.e3* This was our last game in the previous natioanl championship where he beat me. *Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.a4 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Bd3 b6 12.e4 Qc7 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Rd1 c4 15.Bc2 e5 16.Rb1 f6 17.Be3 Rfd8 18.Nh4 Bf8 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.Qh3 Re8 21.Ng6+ Kg8 22.dxe5 Bc8 23.Nxf8 Nxf8 24.Qg3 fxe5 25.Rxb6 Be6 26.Rdd6 a5 27.h3 Bf7 28.Qg4 Rad8 29.Rdc6 Qe7 30.Bc5 Qd7 31.Qxd7 Nxd7 32.Rb2 Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Rd2 34.Rxa5 Bh5 35.Rab5 Bd1 36.Bb3* 1-0 (36) Gabriel,C (2350) -Joshua,R (2497) Final Nacional 2019*)*]

5...Nxc3

(Diagram)

6.bxc3 c5 7.Nf3

[7.Rb1 Is has been played many times lately and with really good results for white. The idea behind 7.Rb1 is to prevent 8...Bb4+. It also pressures the b7 P. Be7 8.h4 0-0 9.h5 h6 10.Qg4 f5 11.Qg3 Kh8 12.Nh3 cxd4 13.Nf4 1-0 (30) Carlsen,M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis 2019]

7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0

(Diagram)

11.Bc4 There are other options, but this still remains the best.

[11.Rd1]

[11.Bd3]

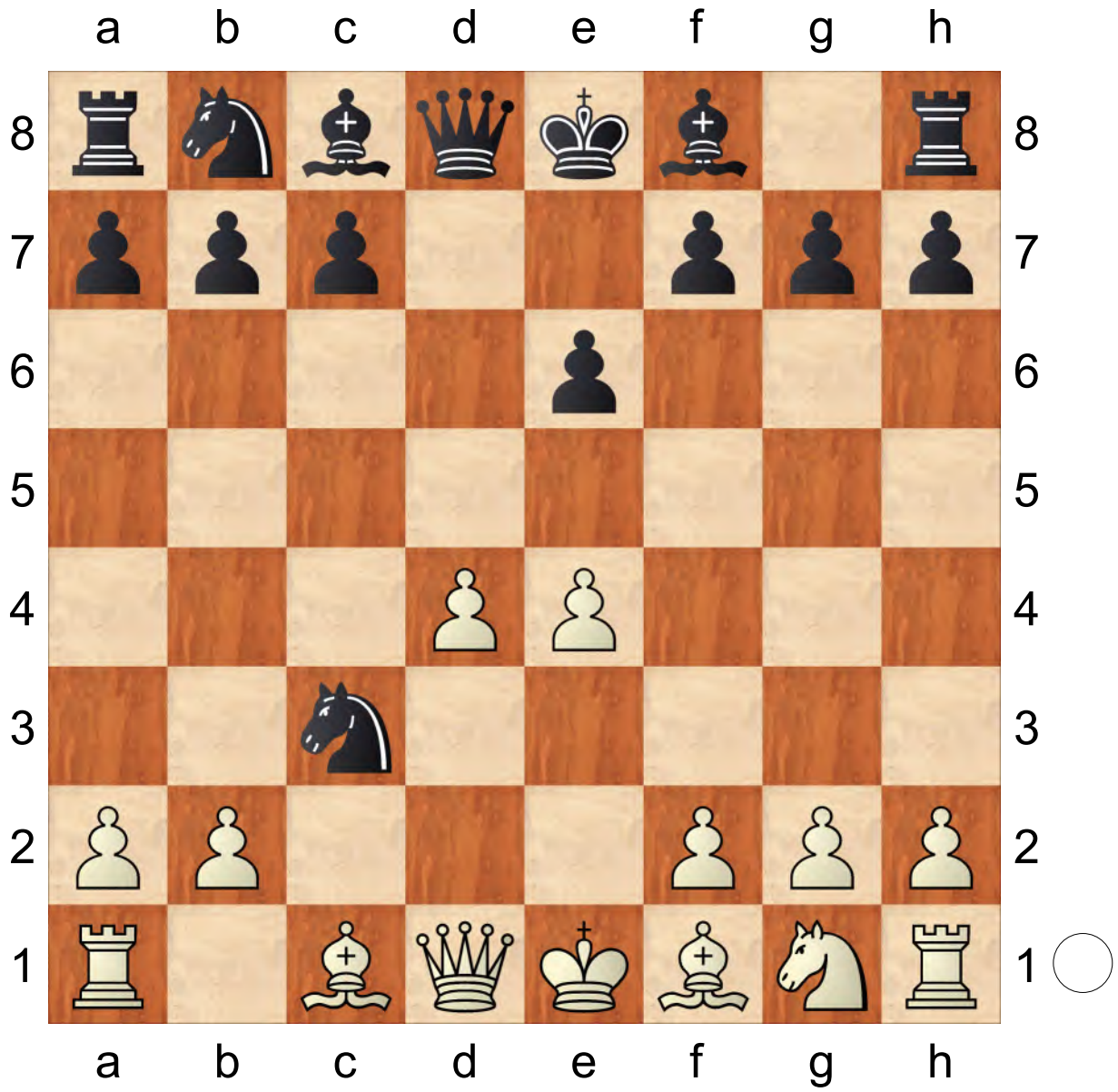
11...b6 is not the most precise order because I allow 12.Pd5, which can be troublesome.

[11...Nd7 12.0-0 b6 13.Rfe1 *(13.d5* now is not the same as earlier, because I have the option of *Nc5±)* 13...Bb7 14.Rad1 Transposes to the game.]

[11...Nc6 This is another option, but white obtains pretty good results.]

12.0-0

[12.d5 Na6 Is more precise. Still, it can lead to extremely unclear positions. *(12...Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.d6 Nc5 15.e5 Qd7 16.0-0 Rad8* We can see that this position is unconfortable to play as black. White has a strong center control plus space advantage. 1-0 (32) Caruana,F (2799)-Xiong,J (2633) Douglas 2017*)* 13.d6 Nc5 14.e5 Bb7 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nxe6 Qh4 19.f4 Rfe8 20.Nc7 Red8 21.Ne6 Re8 22.Nc7 Red8 23.Rac1 Qg4 24.h3 Qg6 25.Qb2 Kh8 26.Rf2 Be4 27.e6 Nc5 28.Rxc5 bxc5 29.Qe5 Bc6 30.f5 Qf6 31.Qxc5 Bd7 32.Re2 h6 33.Kh2 Kh7 34.exd7 Rxd7 35.Re6 Qg5 36.Qe5 Rf7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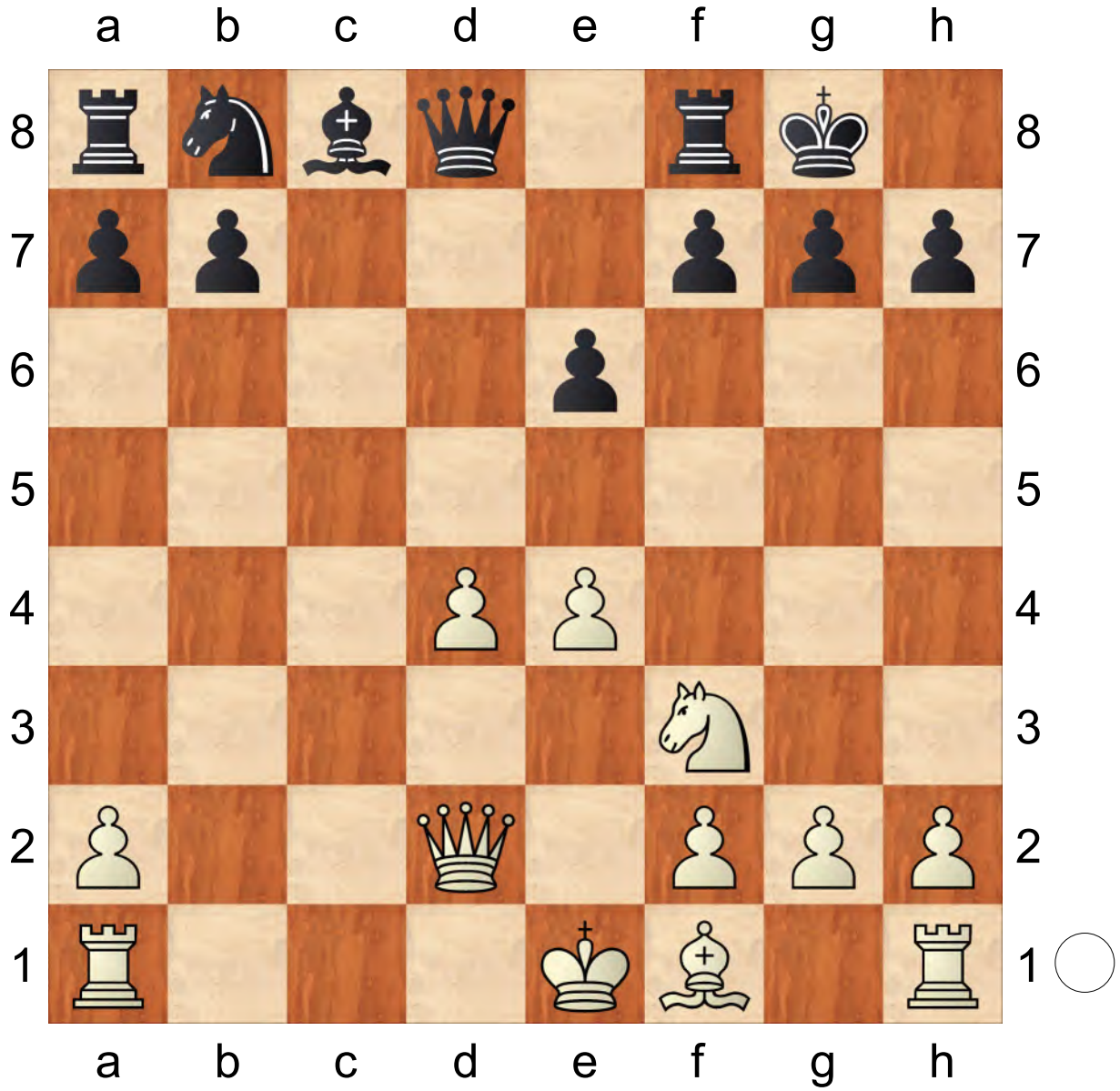


37.Rg6 Qd8 38.Ne6 Qd7 39.Rg3 Rc6 40.f6 g6 41.Nf4 Qxd6 42.Nxg6 Rxf6 43.Qxd6 Rcxd6 44.Ne5 Ra6 45.a3 Rf5 46.Nc4 Rc5 47.Nd2 Rc2 48.Rd3 Ra2 49.Nc4 Rg6 50.Ne3 Re2 51.h4 h5 52.Kh3 a5 53.g3 Rf6 54.Nd1 Rf1 55.g4 Ree1 56.Nc3 Rh1+ 57.Kg2 Reg1+ 58.Kf2 Rxg4 59.Rd7+ Kg6 60.Rd6+ Kf7 61.Nd5 Rh2+ 62.Kf3 Rh3+ 63.Kf2 Rxa3 64.Rf6+ Kg7 65.Rf5 Rxh4 66.Nf4 Rh2+ 67.Kg1 Rb2 68.Ne6+ Kg6 69.Rf1 Rab3 70.Nd4 Rb4 0-1 (70) Sarana,A (2651)-Shimanov,A (2587) Skolkovo 2019]

12...Bb7 I am giving him the option of 13.Pd5...again.

[12...Nd7 Would be more precise.]

13.Rfe1

[13.d5 exd5 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.exd5± In this position, black really doesn't have much winning aspirations.]

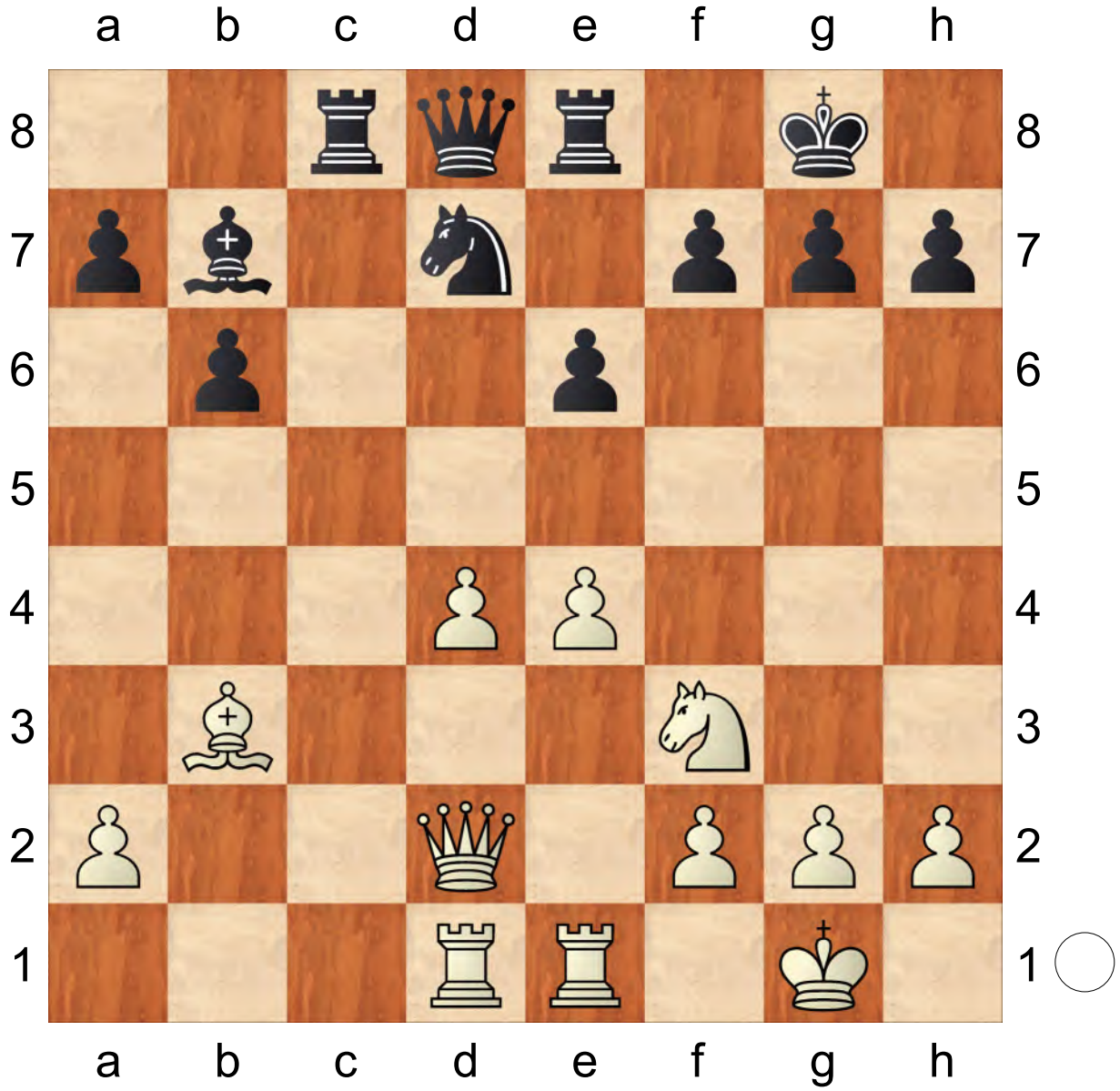
13...Nd7 14.Rad1

[14.a4 Is another common variation.]

14...Rc8 15.Bb3

[15.Bd3 The difference with 13.Bb3, is that now is not supporting the Pd5 advance, so its idea is to creating some threats in the K side. Some ideas are Ph4--h5-h6 with the idea of Qf4 and try to bother the black K. Re8 16.h4 Nf8 17.h5 h6 18.a4 Nh7 19.Qf4 1-0 (45) Mamedyarov,S (2729)-Socko,B (2635) Istanbul 2012]

15...Re8



16.d5

[16.Re3 I knew that a couple of days earlier, Magnus Carlsen had played this move, with a similar plan to the one Gabriel tried. Nf6 17.d5 exd5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Qe1 Qc7 20.Nd4 a6 21.h4 Rcd8 22.f3 Nc5 23.h5 Ne6 24.Nf5 d4 25.Red3 Nc5 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Nxb3 28.Qg3 g6 29.axb3 Rd8 30.e6 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Rxd4 32.e7 Qc8 33.Qe5 Rh4+ 34.Kg3 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M

(2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020]
[16.h3 One of the main lines, but it seems to slow and it doesn't create much problems for black. Nf6=]
16...exd5
[16...e5?! 17.Ba4 a6 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 A very sad position for black. 19.Qe3± b5 We can note, that the B on b7 is badly placed.]
[16...Nc5?! 17.d6 Rf8 18.Qd4± Black is lacking space and the d6 P is imponent.]
17.e5?! This move seemed odd. I know this is a plan in this type of lines, but I don't think he had the right setup to do it.
[17.exd5 Is the main line, and Komodo suggest equality. Black doesn't have any problem, although is clear that white have it easier in this position. Nc5= 18.d6 Bxf3 19.Rxe8+ *(19.gxf3 Qd7□=)* 19...Qxe8 20.gxf3 Qc6 This is key to obtain an equal position.]
17...Nc5 I did not want to get into a complicated position, which was the goal before the game. I wanted to go for calm positions.
[17...Rc5∓ This move has multiple ideas. First one, of course is to defend Pd5. The other idea is more profilactic. If white manages to exchange its B with black's N, then black might suffer, so the Ba4 plan won't work anymore because of Pb5. 18.Ba4 Either way, is what engine suggests. I guess white wants to make black move its Ps into light squares to worsen the B. b5 19.Bc2
A) 19...Qc7
A1) 20.Bf5
A1a) 20...Nf8;
A1b) 20...d4 We now find out that 17...Rc5 had another idea. Indirectly, we were pressing the Pe5. 21.Qxd4 Nf8 22.Be4 Ne6 23.Qd6 *(23.Qe3 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 h6∓* Profilactic...the black K needs a breathing space. *25.g3* Is not an easy position for white because black can star advancing his P majority. Also, I believe black's pieces are better placed.*)* 23...Bxe4 24.Qxc7 *(24.Rxe4?? Rd8-+)* 24...Rxc7 25.Rxe4 Rec8∓ White will suffer a bit in this position.;
A1c) 20...Nxe5?? 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Re1 Qb8 24.Qe3 Qf8 25.Qxc5 Qxc5 26.Re8+ Qf8 27.Bxh7+ Kxh7 28.Rxf8+-;
A2) 20.Nd4 Rxe5 21.Rxe5
A2a) 21...Qxe5 22.Re1 Qb8 23.Re7 Nf6 24.Nf5 h6 25.Bd3 d4 *(25...b4 26.f3 Bc6 27.Nxh6+ gxh6 28.Qxh6 Qb6 29.Kh1 Qb8□* Increible! *30.Qg5+ Kf8 31.Re1 Qd6 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Qg5+=)* 26.Nxh6+ gxh6 27.Qxh6
A2a1) 27...Qc8 28.Qxf6 Rc1+ 29.Bf1 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Qc4+ 31.Re2 *(31.Ke1 Qc1+ 32.Ke2 Qc4+=)* 31...Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Qxe2 33.Qxd4=;
A2a2) 27...Rc6
A2a21) 28.Bg6 Qxh2+!! 29.Kxh2 *(29.Qxh2 Rc1+ 30.Re1 Rxe1#)* 29...Ng4+ 30.Kg3 Nxh6-+;

A2a22) 28.f3 Breating window for white's K, and now Bg6 is coming. 28...Qf8 29.Qxf8+ Kxf8 30.Rxb7 a6= I think is more complicated to play this position as white rather than as black.;

A2b) 21...Nxe5 22.Re1 Here, engines suggest to difficult-to-make moves to keep equality.

A2b1) 22...Rc4 At the begining I couldn't understand the idea behind it. But simply, is to make the white B go away of the C column. In some variations we need to go to c1 with our R. 23.Bb3 Rc5 24.Qe3 Ng6 25.Qe8+ Nf8 26.Re7 Rc1+;

A2b2) 22...a6 23.Qe3

A2b21) 23...Ng6?? 24.Qe8+ Nf8 25.Re7 In the other variation, we had Rc1. *(25.Bxh7+?? Kxh7 26.Qxf8 Rc1 27.Qe8 Qc3-+)* 25...Qf4 26.g3 Qf6 27.Rxb7;

A2b22) 23...Rc4 We must get into this variation because 23.Ng6 doesn't work. 24.Bd3 *(24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Kf8!!)* 24...Ra4 25.Qxe5 Qxe5 26.Rxe5 Kf8± White has it easier in this position.;

A2b3) 22...Bc8 The plan is to protect the N on g4... I know 23.Qe3

A2b31) 23...Ng6 24.Qe8+ Nf8 25.Re7 Qf4 26.g3 Qc1+ *(26...Qf6 27.Rxf7!! Qxf7 28.Bxh7+! Kxh7 29.Qxf7)* 27.Kg2 Bh3+ 28.Kxh3 Qf1+ 29.Kg4 h5+

A2b311) 30.Kxh5?! ΔQxf2 Rc4

A2b3111) 31.Bh7+ Kxh7

A2b31111) 32.Qxf8? Qxh2+ 33.Kg4 Rc4 34.Qxf7 Rxd4+ 35.Kf5 Qf2+ 36.Ke6 Re4+ 37.Kd7 Rxe7+-+;

A2b31112) 32.Rxf7 Qxh2+ 33.Kg4 Rc4 34.Qe5 Ne6 35.Qf5+ Kh8 *(35...Kg8?? 36.Qxe6 Rxd4+ 37.Rf4+)* 36.Rf8+ Nxf8 37.Qxf8+ Kh7 38.Qf5+=;

A2b31113) 32.Qxf7

A2b311131) 32...Qxh2+ 33.Kg4 Qh6 34.Qxf8 Rc4 35.Qf5+ *(35.Qf2 Qb6 36.Qf5+ Qg6+=)* 35...Qg6+ 36.Kf3□ Rxd4 37.Qh3+=;

A2b311132) 32...Qxf7+;

A2b3112) 31.Bd3

A2b31121) 31...Qf6 32.Ne2□ To try to win. Rc4 33.Bxc4 g6+ 34.Kh6□ An unvelibable position. bxc4 35.Qd8□ Only way for white to obtain advantage. *(35.Nd4 c3 36.h4 a6 37.a3 a5 38.a4 g5+ 39.Kh5 g4□ 40.Kxg4 Qxd4+ 41.Kh3 Qf6=; 35.a3 Qf5 36.Nf4 Qf6= 37.Nxd5 Qh8+ 38.Kg5 Qh5+ 39.Kf4 Qxd5⩲)* 35...g5+ 36.Kh5 Kg7;

A2b31122) 31...g6+ 32.Kg5 a6 33.Nf5 Qd2+ 34.Ne3 d4+ 35.Kg4 Qf2 36.Ng2! Rf5 37.Nh4 Rf6 38.Qd8+-;

A2b312) 30.Kf3 Rc3+ 31.Re3+-;

A2b32) 23...f6 24.f4 Rc3 25.Qf2 Ng4 26.Qh4 g6

A2b321) 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Qe1 Qc5□ to get advantage. 29.Kh1 *(29.Qe7+ Qxe7 30.Rxe7+ Kf8 31.Rxh7 Rc4 32.h3 Ne3 33.Bb3 Rxd4 34.Rh8+ Ke7 35.Rxc8 Rxf4-+)* 29...Rxc2 30.Nxc2 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Ne4+ 32.Ne3 Bd7 33.Ra8 Qb6 34.Kh1 *(34.Qc1 Nd6 35.Kh1 Qb7 36.Qc5 Qxa8 37.Qxd6 Qc6 38.Qe7+ Kg8-+)* 34...Qb7 35.Qb4 Qxa8 36.Qe7+ Kh6 37.Qxd7 f5∓;

A2b322) 27.Bxg6 With a complicated position.

A2b3221) 27...Re3 28.Bc2 Re7 29.Qg3 b4 30.Rxe7 *(30.h3 Qxf4!! 31.Qxf4 Rxe1+ 32.Qf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1-+)* 30...Qxe7 31.h3 Qe3+ 32.Qxe3 Nxe3∓ Black is up in material. but extremely difficult to transform it into a point.;

A2b3222) 27...hxg6 28.Re8+ Kf7 29.Qh7+ Kxe8 30.Qg8+ Ke7 31.Qg7+ Ke8 *(31...Kd6 32.Nxb5++-)* 32.Qg8+=;

B) 19...d4 20.Nxd4 Nxe5 21.Re2

B1) 21...Ng6 22.Nxb5 Rd5 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Nd4=;

B2) 21...a6 22.f4 Ng6 23.Bxg6 *(23.Nxb5 Rd5 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Nd4 Rd6∓* The difference with 21.Ng6 is that now the f P is now on f4, which weakens the white side. *)* 23...hxg6;

B3) 21...Rf8!∓ Keeping the P, but of course white has still counterplay to bother the black side.]

18.Re3 When he played this move, I realize he was "following" Magnus' idea, but I guess he confused the order. Here it seems just odd, I knew there were ways to keep the P but I decided to give back the material to gain some activity.

[18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Red8 I knew that in this position black was more confortable and could try to win with the P majority.]

[18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Bc2 Ne4 20.Qe3 Rc3 21.Qf4 g6 22.f3 Nc5 23.Qd2 Ra3 24.Nf5≅]

18...Nxb3?!

[18...Qc7 Avoiding Nd4. 19.Rde1 Ne6 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Qc5∓]

19.axb3 d4 20.Nxd4 Qd5

[20...Qg5 Antes de hacer 18...Nxb3 habia considerado esta jugada pero me di cuenta de que podia sufrir si me hacian 21. Pf4 When I played 18.Nxb3, I considered this move but I realized that after Pf4 I was going to suffer. 21.f4 Qxf4 22.Rf1 Qg5 23.Nf5 *(23.Qf2 g6 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ Qxf6 26.Rxf6=)*

A) 23...Rxe5 24.h4 Rd8 25.hxg5?? *(25.Qf2 Qxg2+ 26.Qxg2 Bxg2 27.Rxe5 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 g6=)* 25...Rxd2 26.Rxe5 Rxg2+ 27.Kh1 Re2+-+;

B) 23...g6 24.Nd6?? *(24.Qb2 Qxg2+ 25.Qxg2 Bxg2 26.Nh6+ Kg7 27.Rxf7+ Kxh6 28.Kxg2 Re6 29.Kf3 g5 30.Ke4 Kg6 31.Ref3 Rc5 32.R3f6+ Rxf6 33.Rxf6+ Kg7 34.Rf2 Rb5 35.e6 Rb4+ 36.Ke5 Rxb3 37.e7 Re3+ 38.Kd6 Rd3+ 39.Kc6 Re3 40.Kd7 Rd3+=)* 24...Rxe5 25.Rd3 Qxd2 26.Rxd2 Rd8-+]

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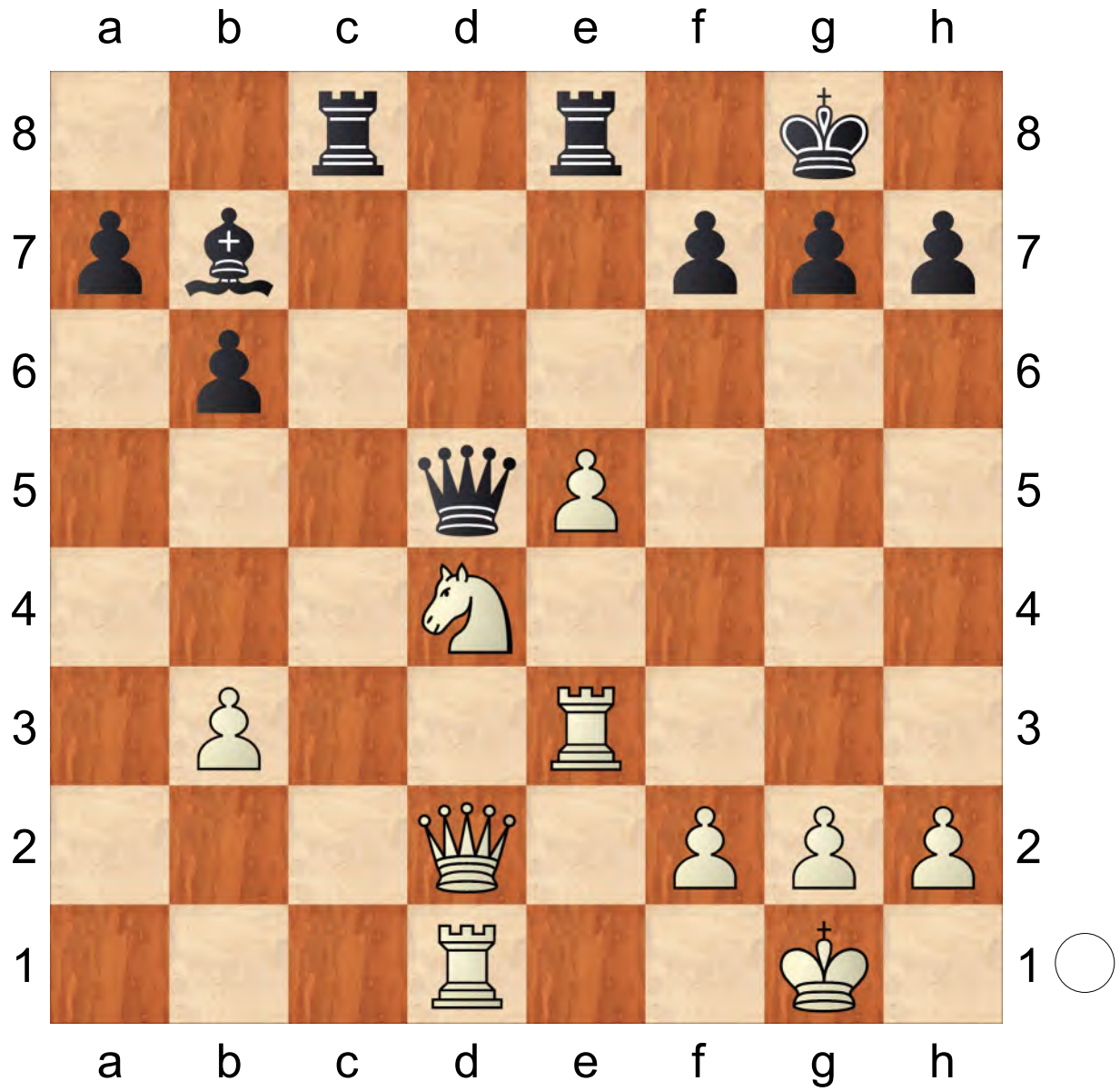
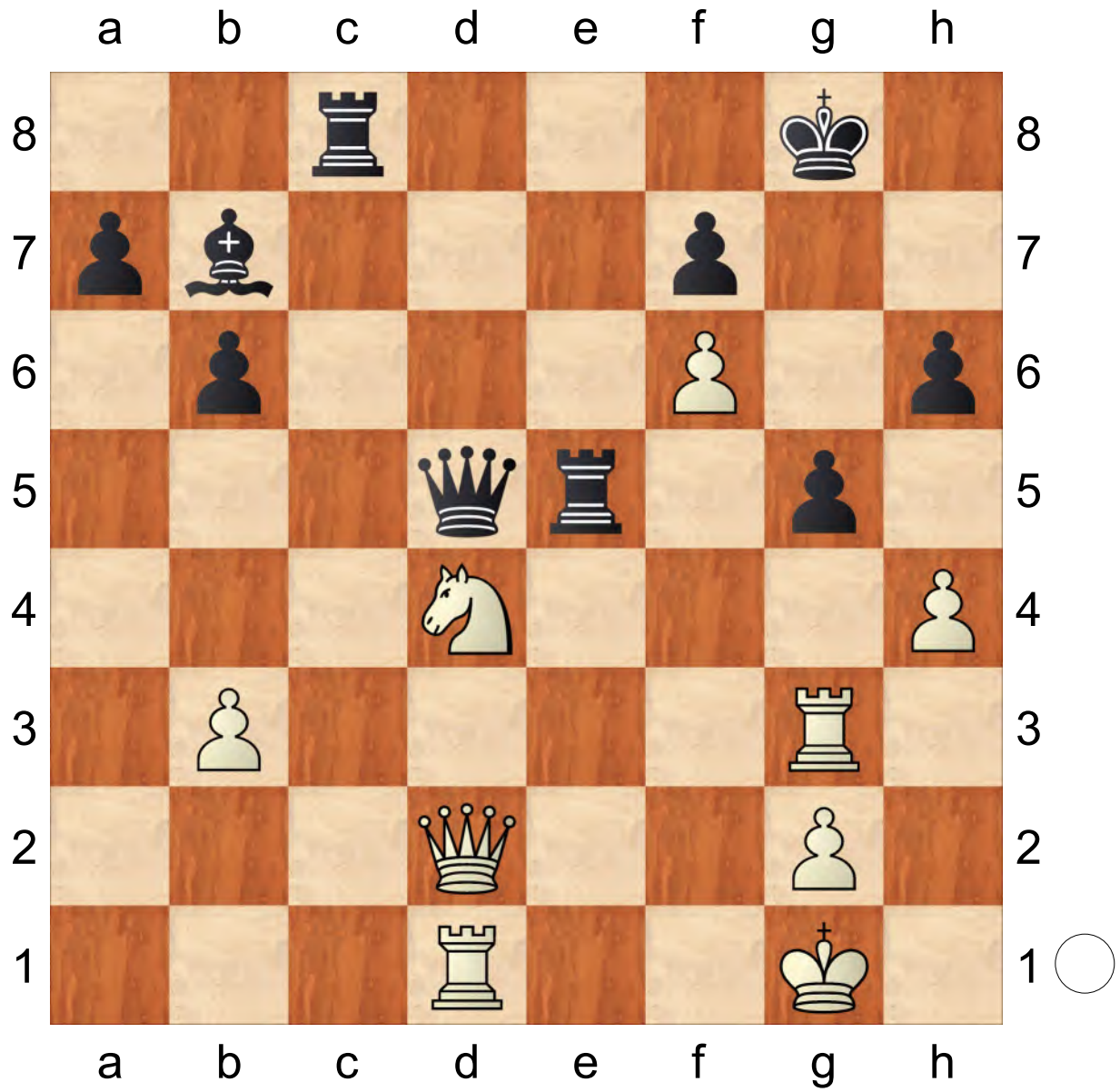


21.f4 Red8?!
[21...Rcd8 I knew this was better, but I wanted him to go with Pf5, the position looked interesting. 22.Rg3 Rd7 23.Qf2 Qe4 24.Re3 Qd5 25.Red3 Qc5=]
22.f5 Re8 I thought 23.Pe6 wasn't a problem...clearly, I was wrong. **23.f6?**
[23.e6 fxe6 24.Qe2 Rcd8 25.Re5 Qd6 26.Qe3 Bc8 27.Rd2 Qa3 28.h4 Qc1+ 29.Kh2 Qc7 30.Rc2 Qe7 31.g3 Qd6 32.Nc6 Qd1= To get to this position, black had to make a couple of very-complicated maneuvers.]
[23.Qe2 Rcd8 24.e6 fxe6 Transposes]
23...Rxe5 24.Rg3?
[24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.Nf5! Only move to obtain equality. I realized this but only after he played 23.Pf6. Re8 26.Nxg7 Rf8
A) 27.Rf1 Qc5+ 28.Kh1 Qd5 29.Qf2 Kh8 Now black is the one with initiative. 30.Qg3 Rg8∓;

B) 27.Nf5 Qxf5 28.Qh6 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Bxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Qc2+ 31.Kh3 Qxb3+ *(31...Qg6?? 32.Qxf8+ Kxf8 33.Rd8#)* 32.Kh4 Qb4+ 33.Kh3 Qc3+=;
C) 27.Qd6 Qxd6 28.Rxd6 Be4 29.Nh5 Rb8=]

24...g5! I guess, he didn't expect this move. **25.h4 h6**



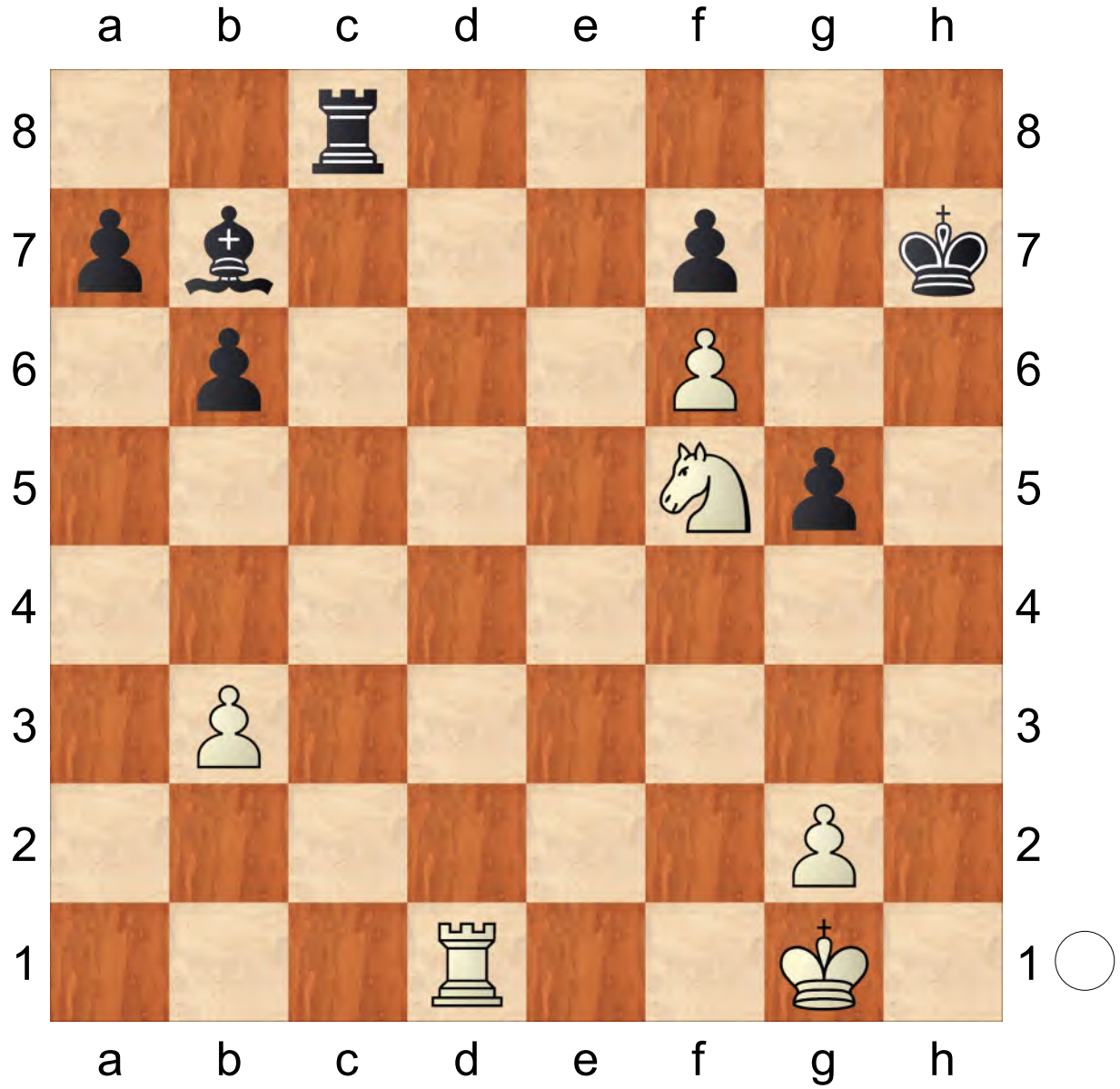
26.hxg5
[26.b4 A very tough move to play. a5 27.bxa5 bxa5 28.Nf3 Qxd2 29.Rxd2 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Kh8∓]

26...Rxg5 27.Qe1?
[27.Rxg5+ hxg5 28.Qe2 *(28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.Qxd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Rc5 31.Rd7 a5-+)* 28...Rd8 29.Rd2 Qe4 30.Nf5 Qxe2 31.Rxe2 Kh7 32.Re7 Bc8 33.Ne3 Be6 34.Rxa7 Bxb3-+]

27...Rxg3?! I blundered in my calculations. I thought he couldn't play 31.Rd7.
[27...Kh7 28.Ne2 *(28.Rxg5 Qxg5 29.Qf2 Rg8 30.Nf3 Qxf6-+)* 28...Qc5+

29.Qf2 Rxg3 30.Nxg3 Qxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rc2+-+]

28.Qxg3+ Qg5 29.Qxg5+ hxg5 30.Nf5 Kh7



31.Rd7 I had a wrong assessment in this variation. **31...Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bc8** This was the trick I had prepared, but I totally missed 35.Rg7+ followed by 36.Ne8+ rescuing the position. **33.Rxf7+ Kg6 34.Nd6** Tough decision for me after this move. I remember spending almost all the remaining time in this position because I wasn't sure what was the best square for my R, if c6 or d1. I had one think clear, his pieces will have many troubles to activate, specially his N. We will see a clear example of the B's superiority over the N in open positions. **34...Rc6**

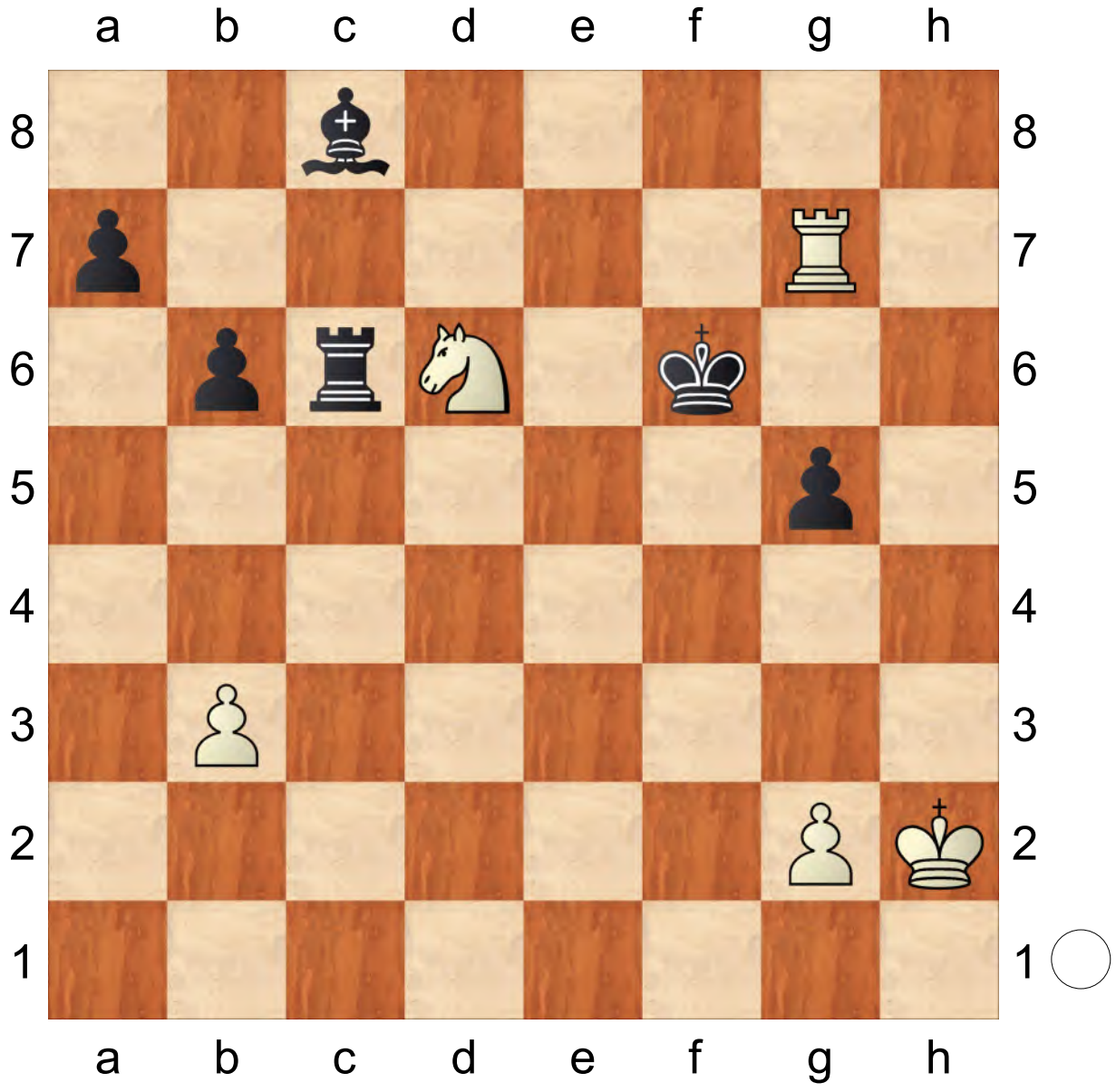
[34...Rd1 35.Rg7+ Kxf6 36.Ne8+ Kf5

A) 37.Rxa7 Bd7 38.Ra8 *(38.Nc7 Rd2 39.Ra6 Bc6 40.Kg1 Kf4 41.Rxb6 Bxg2 42.Nb5 g4 43.Rd6 Rb2 44.Nc3 Bf3 45.Rd4+ Kg3 46.Kf1 Rxb3 47.Ne4+ Bxe4 48.Rxe4 Rb1+ 49.Ke2 Kh3-+)* 38...Rd3 39.Rd8 *(39.g4+*

Kxg4 40.Nf6+ Kf3 41.Rf8 Bf5 42.Ng8 Ke4 43.Ne7 Bd7-+) 39...g4 40.g3 Rd1 41.Nc7 Kf6 42.Rh8 Kg7 43.Rh4 Bc6 44.Rxg4+ Kh6 45.Rh4+ Kg5 46.Ne6+ Kf6 47.Rh6+ Ke7-+;

B) 37.Rf7+ Ke5 38.Rxa7 Rd3 39.Re7+ Kf5 40.Rf7+ Ke6 41.Rg7 Rd8 42.Rxg5 Rxe8 43.Rb5 y el blanco logra tablas.]

35.Rg7+ Kxf6

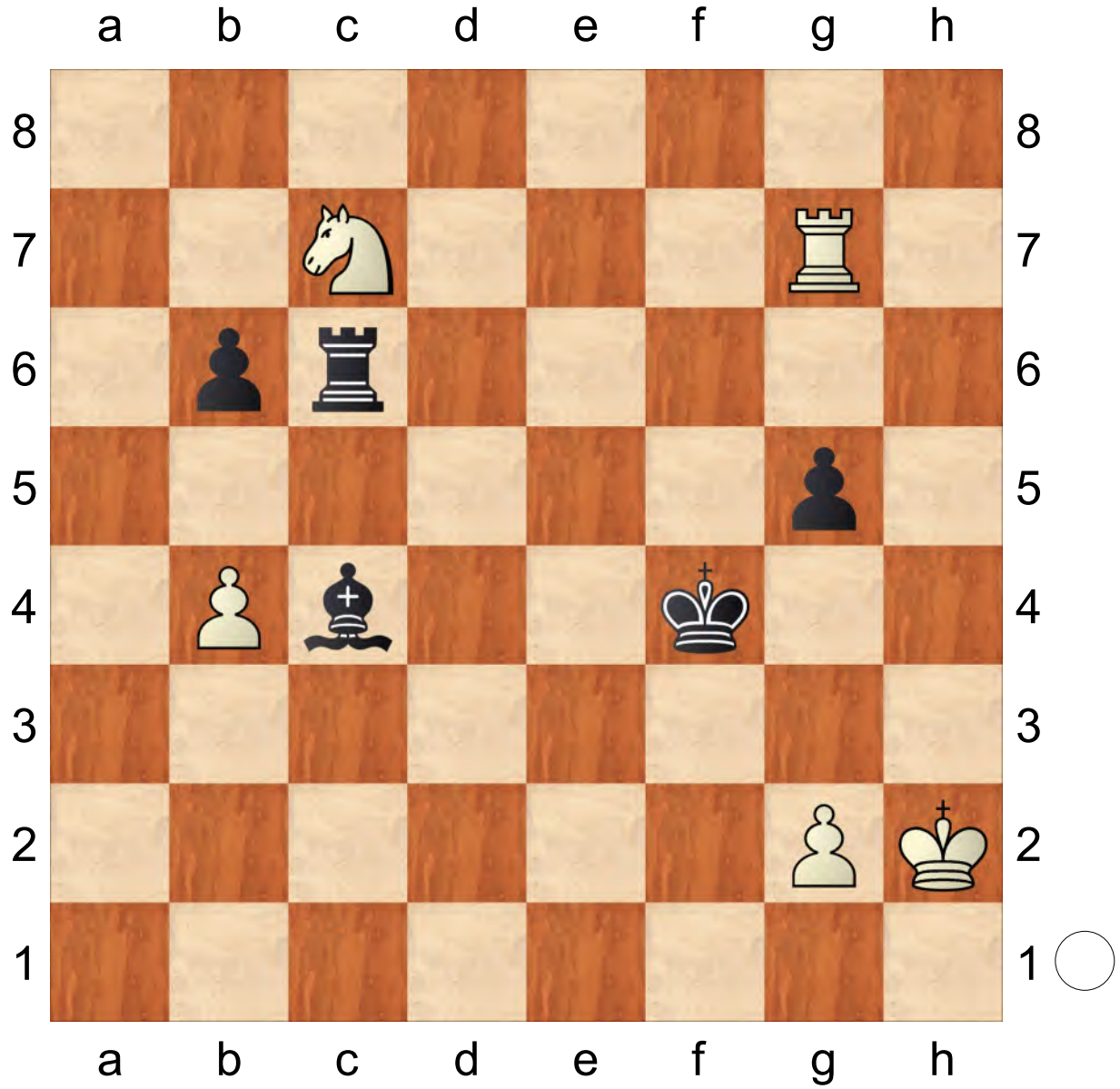


36.Ne8+ Ke5! 37.Rxa7 This was the best choice. But he will suffer in this position.

[37.Rxg5+ Kd4 38.Rg7 a5 39.Nc7 Rc5! Black's game is based on avoiding the activation of white's pieces, pressing the weakness of b3 and imposing his majority. 40.g4 Kc3 41.Na8 b5 42.Ra7 b4 43.Nb6 Kxb3 44.Nxc8 a4!! Black can afford the luxury thanks to the ppor position of the N. *(44...Rxc8 45.Rxa5=)* 45.Nb6 a3 46.Kg3 a2 47.Kf4 Rc7 *(47...Rc1 48.Nd5 a1Q 49.Rxa1 Rxa1 50.g5 Ra6 51.Nxb4!! Kxb4 52.Kf5 Kc5 53.g6 Kd6 54.Kf6=)* 48.Rxc7

(48.Ra5 Kb2 49.Nd5 Rc4+ 50.Kf5 b3-+; 48.Ra6 Rc6-+) 48...a1Q-+]

37...Be6 38.b4 Bd5 39.Rg7 Kf4 40.Nc7 Bc4



We can see how the B dominates the N. Up to this position, we played very precise the endgame. **41.Rd7?**

[41.b5 Rd6 42.Re7 g4 43.Rg7 Rh6+ 44.Kg1 Kg3 45.Re7 Rd6 46.Re3+ Kf4 47.Rc3 Bf7 48.Kf2 Rd2+ 49.Kg1 This position seems dangerous for black, but amazingly, black does not have a way to make any progress. Although my B is controlling his N, ironically now his N controls my B to get into the h1-a8 diagonal.]

41...g4 42.g3+ Kf3 43.Ne8 Rh6+ 44.Kg1 Kxg3

[Mejor era 44...Re6 45.Ng7 Re1+ 46.Kh2 Re2+ 47.Kg1 Kxg3 48.Nh5+ Kh4 49.Nf4 Rb2-+]

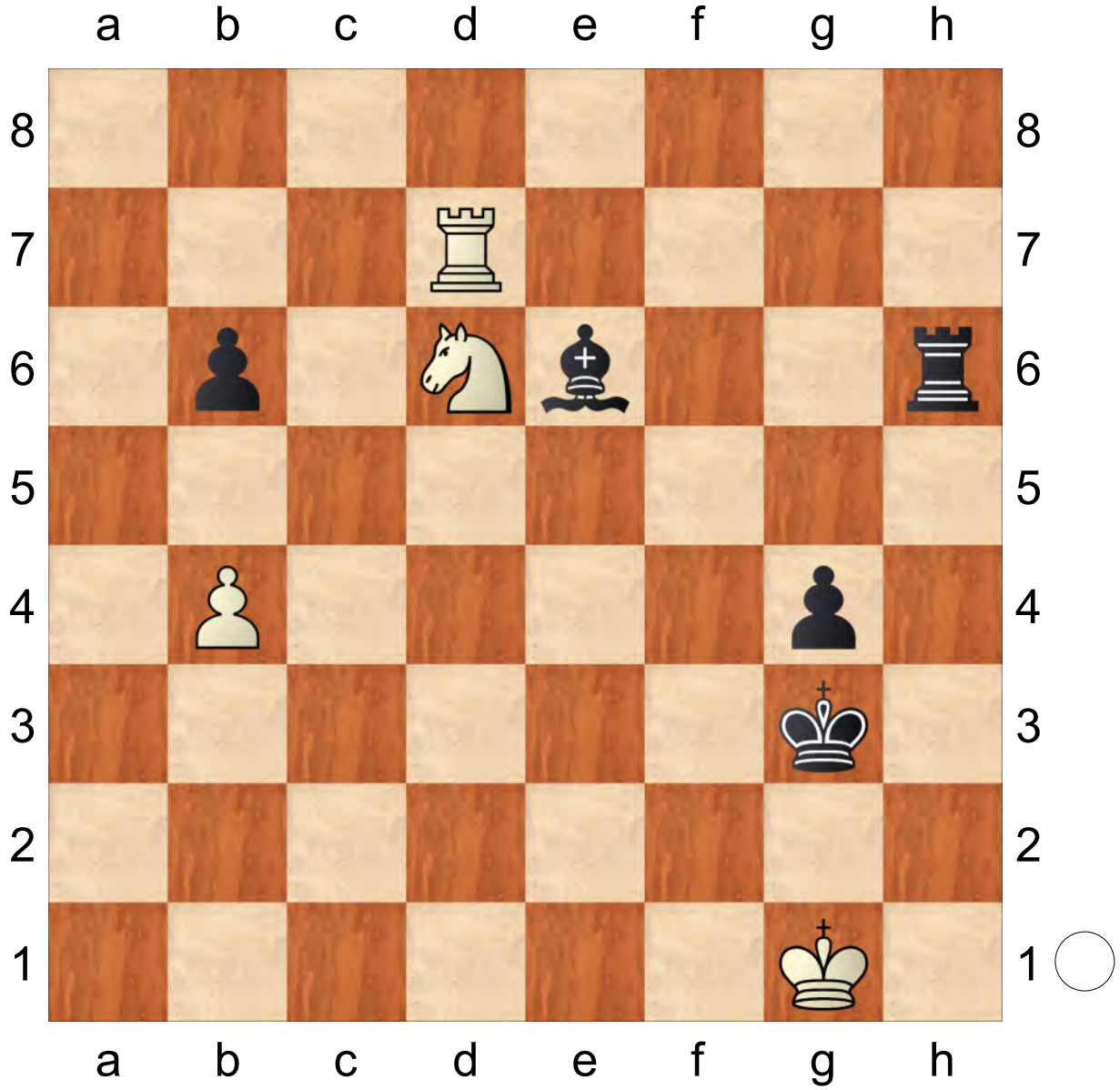
45.Nd6

[45.Ng7 Kf3 My bishop doesn't let his rook to come into play. 46.Rd2 g3 47.Nf5

Rh5 48.Rd4 Rxf5 49.Rxc4 Rf4 50.Rc3+ Kg4 51.Rb3 b5-+]

45...Be6

[45...Re6 -+ (-3.72) 46.Nf5+ Kf4 47.Rd4+ *(47.Nh4 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Re2+ 49.Kg1 b5* the Pb4 will fall. *)* 47...Kxf5 48.Rxc4 Re4-+]

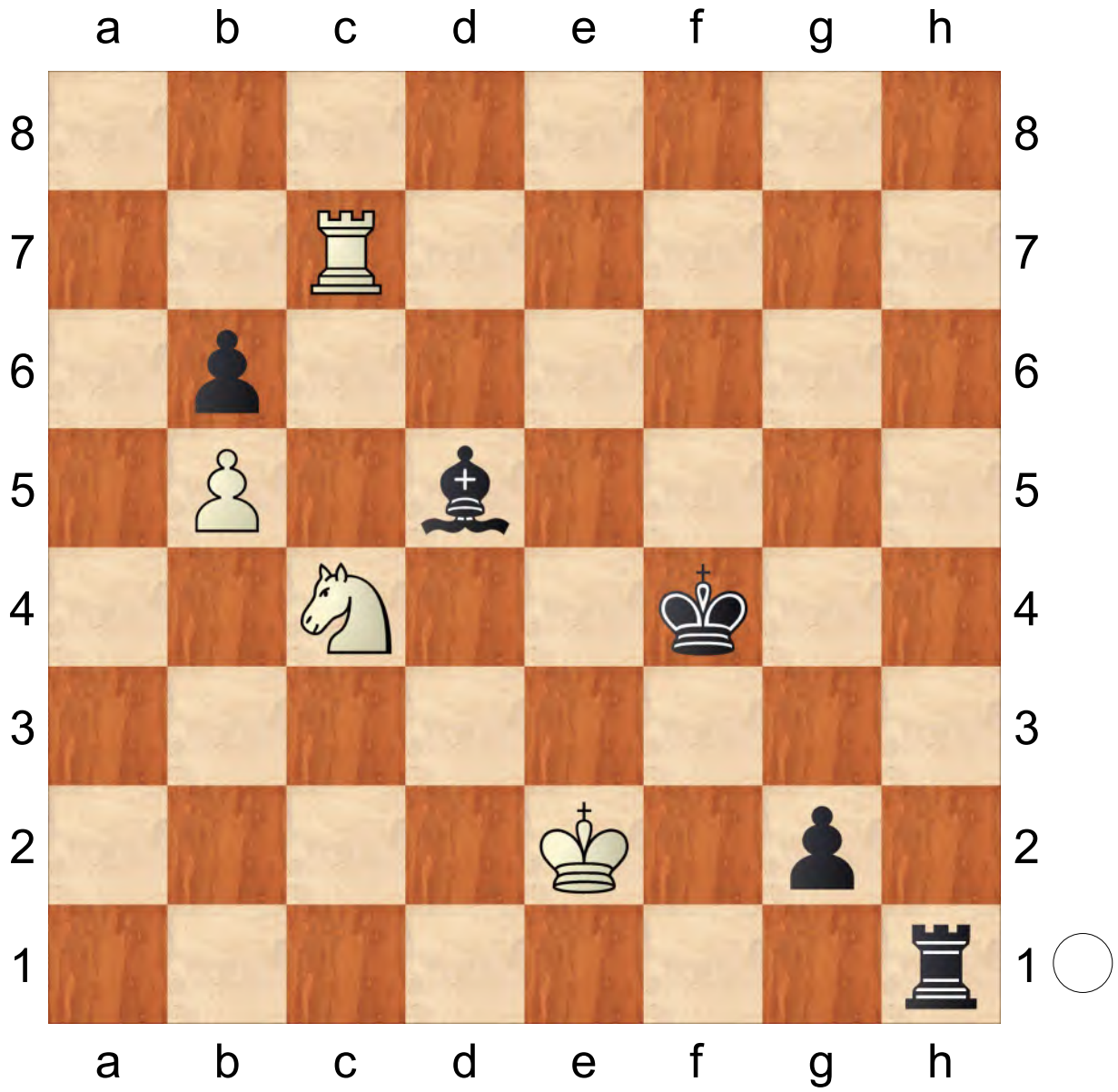


It wasn't the best. -+(-1.80) **46.Rc7??**

[46.Rd8 He must try to activate his R, otherwise he does not have any hope of counterplay. Rh5 47.Ne4+ Kf4 48.Nc3 Re5 49.Kf1 Kf3 50.Rf8+ Bf5 51.Ne2 Ke3 52.Ng3 Bd3+ 53.Kg2 Be4+ 54.Kg1 Kd3-+ Now, I go for the Pb4.]

46...Kf4! Realizing that my opponent doesn't have a way to activate his pieces. **47.b5 Bd5 48.Nc4 Rh1+ 49.Kf2 g3+ 50.Ke2 g2**

(Diagram)



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□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2750**
■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2674**
Berlin FIDE GP 3 Pool-A (5) 27.03.2022
[Stohl,Igor]

Nakamura qualified for the Candidates from the last leg of the Grand Prix in Berlin by showing great mental strength. He started the round-robin phase by losing to Aronian, but in the second half of the tournament he won all three games and advanced directly to the semifinals! Critical for his overall success was the following game - at this point Oparin was leading the group on +1, Hikaru and Levon were trailing by half a point. This led to a complex encounter with the almost inevitable mutual mistakes, in the end Nakamura handled the tension better and scored a very valuable victory.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5

[The text-move and the 4...0-0 line sometimes tranpose into one another:

A) 5.Nf3 d5 *(5...c5 6.dxc5 Na6* is another big line, where the theory goes on for many more moves*...)* and now 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 again leads to our game.;

B) An independent line, requiring accurate theoretical knowledge, is 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nd7 10.Bf4 and now:

B1) The older 10...Ndc5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 b6 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.c4 Qa5 17.f3 Nc5 18.Qe3 might also be playable due to Rfd8! *(18...Ba6? 19.Bh6! gxh6 20.Nc6 Qa4 21.Qxh6 Qxc6 22.Rd4+-)* 19.Nb3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qxa2 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Qxc5 h6= ½, Salzmann,S (2310)-Siebarth,M (2131) email 2017;

B2) 10...Qh4 has become the main move: 11.g3 Qh5 *(≤11...Qh3 12.0-0-0!↑)*

B2a) 12.h4

B2a1) 12...f6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.exf6 Rxf6⇄ *(14...Ndxf6!? 15.f3∞)*;

B2a2) 12...g5? 13.g4! Qxg4 14.Be3→;

B2a3) 12...Nxe5 13.Be2 Ng4 14.Bxg4 Qxg4 15.f3 Qh5 16.g4 Qg6 17.fxe4 e5!

B2a31) 18.Nf5? Qxg4→;

B2a32) 18.Bxe5 Re8!? 19.0-0-0 Bxc3 20.Bxg7 *(20.exd5 Bxg4∓)* 20...Bxg4 21.Qxc3 Rxe4 22.Rhg1 Qxg7∓;

B2a33) 18.0-0-0 Bxc3 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.gxf5 Qa6! 21.Qxc3 d4 22.Qd3 *(22.Qb3 exf4 23.Rxd4 Rad8 24.Qd3 Rxd4 25.Qxd4 Rc8∓* Xiong,J (2709)-Esipenko,A (2682) Chess.com INT 2020*)* 22...exf4 23.Kb1 Rad8 24.h5 Rfe8 25.Rh4 h6 26.Rxf4 f6= Starodubtsev,V (2337)-Tocklin,T (2316) email 2018;

B2b) 12.0-0 g5 13.cxd5

B2b1) 13...gxf4 14.dxe6 Nxc3 15.exd7 Black can limit White's choice

with

B2b11) 15...Bxd7 16.bxc3 fxg3 *(16...Rac8?! 17.Qd1! Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Bxc3 19.Bf5 Rcd8 20.Bxd7 Rxd7 21.Nf5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 fxg3* Giri,A (2768)-Caruana,F (2822) Wijk aan Zee 2020 *23.f4! gxh2+ 24.Kxh2⩲* Ponomariov*)* gives White the option 17.Bxh7+!? Qxh7 18.Qxh7+ Kxh7 19.cxb4 gxf2+ 20.Rxf2 a5⩲ /± Here Black is a pawn down and fighting for a draw.;

B2b12) 15...fxg3!? 16.hxg3 Bxd7 17.bxc3 Rac8 18.Qd1 *(18.Bxh7+ Kg7 19.e6 fxe6=; 18.Bf5 Bxc3 19.Bxd7 Bxa1 20.Bxc8 Bxd4 21.Bxb7 Qxe5 22.Kg2 Rb8 23.Rb1 Kg7 24.Qd3 Qf6=* Leko,P (2732)-Dominguez Perez,L (2726) Tashkent 2012*)* 18...Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Bxc3 20.Bf5 Rc4 21.Bxd7 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.Re1!? Rd8 24.Ba4 Rd5 *(24...Kf8!? 25.e6 Bf6 26.exf7 Kxf7=* or*; 24...b5!?* Δ *25.Bxb5 Rd5 26.e6 fxe6 27.Bc4 Re5* seem easier to defend.*)* 25.e6 fxe6 26.Rxe6 Re5 27.Rd6 Bc5 28.Rd2 Kg7 29.Kg2= /±, Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com rpd 2020/ In the end with some help from the opponent White converted his small edge.;

B2b2) 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 exd5 is possibly safer:

B2b21) 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.e6 gxf4 17.exd7 Bxd7 18.Qxe4 fxg3 19.fxg3 b6 20.Nf5 Rae8 21.Qd5 *(21.Ne7+ Kg7 22.Qd4+ f6 23.Qxd7 Qc5+=)* 21...Bxf5 22.Rxf5 Qe2 23.Raf1 Qe3+ 24.R1f2 Qe1+ 25.Rf1 Qe3+ 26.R1f2 Qe1+ 27.Rf1 Qe3+ ½, So,W (2770)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com rpd 2021;

B2b22) 15.e6 fxe6 *(15...gxf4 16.exd7 Bxd7 17.Bxe4* transposes to 15.♗e4 *)* 16.Bc7 Rf7!? 17.f3 Nec5 18.Be2⩲;

B2b23) 15.Be3 Nxe5 16.f3

B2b231) 16...Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Nd6!? *(17...Nc5 18.Qd2 h6 19.g4 Qg6* Sarana,A (2654)-Sevian,S (2660) Chess.com blitz 2020 *20.h4!±)* 18.g4 Qg6 19.Qxg6+ hxg6 20.Bxg5 f6 21.Bf4 Nc4 22.Nb5 Bd7 23.Nc7 Rac8 24.Nxd5 Rc5 25.Rad1 Be6 26.Nb4 g5 27.Rfe1 Bxg4 28.fxg4 gxf4 29.Nd3 Ra5 30.Nxf4 Rxa2⇄ Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-So,W (2770) Lichess.org INT 2020;

B2b232) 16...Nc5!? 17.Bf5 Ne6 18.Rae1 *(18.g4 Qh6 19.Rae1 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Nc6 21.Bc5 Rd8 22.Be7 Nxe7 23.Rxe7 Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Qg6 25.Qxg6+ hxg6 26.f4 d4 27.fxg5 dxc3 28.Rfxf7 c2=* So,W (2770)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Nc6 20.f4 *(20.Bc5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Qd7 Re2 24.Qc8+ Kg7 25.Qf8+ Kg6 26.Qg8+ Kf6 27.Qh8+ Kg6 28.Qg8+ Kf6 29.Qh8+ Kg6 30.Qg8+* ½, Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Navara,D (2717) Batumi 2019*)* 20...Nxd4 21.cxd4 gxf4 22.Rxf4 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 Qh6 24.Qc7 Rac8 25.Qe5 f6 26.Qxd5+ Kh8 27.Rf2!? *(27.Qxb7 Rc2 28.Rf2 Rxf2 29.Kxf2 Qxh2+*

30.Qg2 Qh5 ½, So,W (2778)-Nakamura,H (2750) Berlin 2022*)* 27...Rc1 28.Qe6 Rd8 29.d5 Rxd5 30.Kg2 Rxe1 31.Qc8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7+ Kg6 33.Qxd5 Re7 34.Rf4 Qg5 35.Qg8+ Rg7 Xiong,J (2700)-So,W (2778) Saint Louis 2021/ Black should be able to hold the slightly worse endgame, e.g., 36.Qc4 h5 37.Qd3+ f5⇄;

C) 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 and here Fedoseev for the GP series prepared the older b6 *(6...d5* again leads back to our game.*)* 7.Bg5 Bb7 However, he was not in great form and didn't do too well:

C1) 8.f3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e3 Re8 11.Bb5 c6 12.Ba4 Nbd7 13.Ne2 h6 14.Bh4 Ba6 15.Bd1 Qe7 *(15...c5!?⇄)* 16.Bf2 c5 17.Qd2 Rac8?! *(17...cxd4 18.exd4 Bxe2 19.Bxe2 b5∞)* 18.0-0 Nb8 19.Re1 Nc6 20.Nc3 Na5 21.b3 Qd8 22.Rc1 Re6 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.Na4 Rec6 25.Bh4 Nb7 26.Bc2↑ Qa5 27.Qxa5 Nxa5 28.Rcd1 g5 29.Bg3 Re6 30.Bf5 Nxb3 31.h4 Rcc6 32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Kf2 c4 35.Be5+- Vidit,S (2727)-Fedoseev,V (2704) Belgrade 2022

C2) 8.Nh3 h6 9.Bh4 also requires an energetic reaction. Too passive was d6?! *(9...d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e3 c5! 12.dxc5 g5 13.Bg3 d4!⩱* is a promising older method*)* 10.f3 Nbd7 11.e4 c5 12.Nf2 Re8 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.b4 Nb3 17.Rd1 a5 18.Rxd6 *(⌓18.Rd3!? axb4 19.Rxb3 bxa3 20.Rb1±)* 18...axb4 19.axb4 Ra1+ 20.Rd1 Rea8 21.Be2 Nc1 22.Ng4 R8a2 23.Nxf6+ Kf8 24.Kf2! Rxe2+ 25.Kg3 Rc2 26.Kh4! Kg7 *(26...Rxc4 27.Kh5 Rc2=)* 27.Nh5+ Kg6? *(27...Kf8=)* 28.Rd8 Ra8 29.Rhd1 Rxc4 30.Rxa8 Bxa8 31.Rd8 Bxe4 32.g4!+- Rapport,R (2763)-Fedoseev,V (2704) Berlin 2022

C3) 8.e3 h6 *(*More common and stronger is *⌓8...d6 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.Qc2 c5)* 9.Bh4 Re8?! 10.Ne2 d6 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.Qc2 g5 13.Bg3 Be4 14.Qc1 e5 15.h4!? g4 16.h5 Qe7 17.Nc3 Qf8 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Bh4 Ned7 20.Be2 Qg7 21.Kf1 Re5 22.Bg3 Rf5 23.Kg1 Re8 24.Rd4 Nc5 25.Qd1 Nxh5 26.Bh4 Bf3 27.Rxg4 Qxg4 28.Bxf3 Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Qxf3 30.gxf3 c6 31.Kg2 Re6 Rapport,R (2763)-Fedoseev,V (2704) Belgrade 2022 32.b4!? Nd3 33.b5↑]

5.a3

[Nakamura alternates the text-move with the second and somewhat more popular main move 5.cxd5 , here Black is at at a crossroads:

A) 5...exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.dxc5 Nc6 *(8...g5 9.Bg3 Ne4∞* is more principled and still fully playable*)* 9.e3 g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Bd3 Nxg3 12.hxg3

A1) Black shouldn't have refrained from 12...d4 13.exd4 Qxd4 , after 14.Nge2 Qxc5 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.Be4 Stockfish suggests 3 still untested moves: Kf8!? *(*or *16...Rc8* , possibly*; 16...Rd8* - Black has reasonable chances for full equality. *)*;

A2) 12...Bxc5?! 13.Nf3 g4 14.Nh4 d4 15.exd4? *(* Missing the strong

15.0-0-0!± , suddenly Black has big problems with his ♔ in the ⊞.*)* 15...Nxd4 16.Qd2 Qe7+ 17.Kf1 Be6 18.Ne4 Bb6 19.Rc1 Nakamura,H (2736)-Fedoseev,V (2704) Warsaw rpd 2021 Nc6!?⇄ *(19...Kf8∞)*;

B) 5...Qxd5

B1) After Anand's 6.Nf3 Qf5 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Bd2 0-0 9.h3 Roiz recommends the sharp a5 10.g4 Qg6 11.a3 a4 12.Qc4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 e5!? 14.d5 *(14.dxe5 Be6 15.Qd3 Qxd3 16.exd3 Nd5⩱)* 14...e4 15.Nh4 Qg5 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.dxc6 Qxh4 18.Qxe4 bxc6 19.Bg2 Rb8 20.Qxa4 Rxb2 21.0-0 h5!⇄;

B2) 6.e3 c5 7.Bd2 Bxc3

B2a) Riskless, but symmetrical is 8.Bxc3 cxd4 9.Bxd4 Nc6 10.Bc3 0-0 11.Nf3 Rd8 12.Be2 Qe4 13.Rc1 Qxc2 14.Rxc2 Ne4 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bb4 *(17.Ba5 Rdc8 18.f3 Nf6 19.Kf2 Bd5 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8 21.b3 Rc2 22.Ra1 e5 23.e4 Be6 24.Rd1 Nd7 25.Rd2 Rxd2 26.Bxd2 f6 27.Bb4 Nb8 28.Bd6 Nc6 29.Ke3 Kf7 30.h4 Ke8 31.g3 Kd7= /±,* Nakamura,H (2785)-Karjakin,S (2781) Stavanger 2017*)* 17...f5 *(17...a5!? 18.Be7 Rd7 19.Ba3 Nf6 20.0-0 h6 21.Rfc1 Nd5⇄)* 18.f3 Nf6 19.Kf2 Kf7 20.Rhc1 g5 21.Bc5 g4 22.Bd4 gxf3 23.Bxf3! Ne4+ 24.Bxe4 fxe4 Nakamura,H (2736)-Le,Q (2709) chess24.com rpd 2021 25.Rc5!?↑;

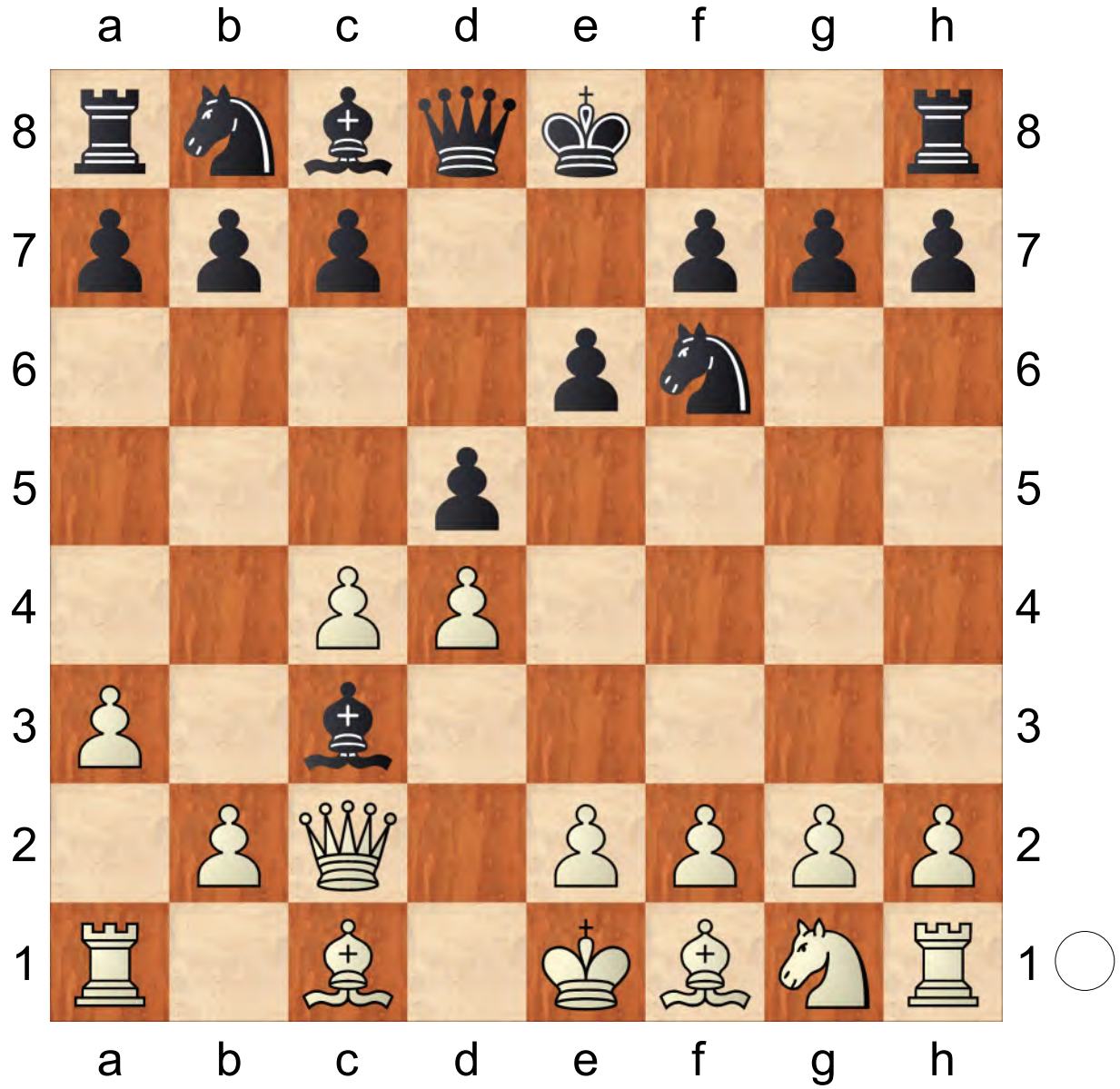
B2b) 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Nf3 b6 10.c4 Qc6 *(10...Qh5 11.Be2 Bb7 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Rfe1 Rfd8 14.a4 Rac8 15.a5 cxd4 16.exd4 Qg6 17.Qxg6 hxg6 18.Ng5 Nb8 19.axb6 axb6 20.Reb1 Nc6 21.Nf3 Ne7 22.Ne5 Nf5 23.Rxb6 Nxd4 24.Bf1 Nd7 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.Bc3 e5 27.Ra7 Rcc7 28.f4±* Nakamura,H (2736)-Le,Q (2709) chess24.com rpd 2021*)* 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Bc3!? *(12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Qd6! 14.Be2 Nc6⇄* with play against the hanging pawns*)* 12...Nbd7 *(12...cxd4 13.exd4 Qd6!?* might again be more accurate*)* 13.0-0 Rac8 14.d5!? exd5 15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.Rad1 Qh5 17.Bf5 Rcd8?! So,W (2772)-Le,Q (2709) chess24.com rpd 2021 *(* The central pawn-sacrifice was interesting, but double-edged and Black would be fine after *17...Bxf3! 18.gxf3 Rc7∞ /∓)* 18.e4!↑]

5...Bxc3+

(Diagram)

6.Qxc3 0-0 Nowadays the most common move.

[6...Ne4 7.Qc2 c5 is currently played less often. White's attempts to get an edge are still connected mainly with 8.dxc5 Nc6 9.cxd5 *(*In the line *9.e3 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 dxc4 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Rc1 b5 14.cxb6 Bb7 15.bxa7 Ke7 16.Ne2 Rxa7 17.Nc3 Rb8 18.Na2 Bd5 19.Nb4 Nc6 20.Nxc6+ Bxc6 21.Rxc4 Ba4! 22.Rb4 Rxb4 23.axb4 Bb5! 24.f3 Ra1+ 25.Kf2 Rb1=* Black liquidates the tension practically by force.*;* Equally boring was *9.Nf3 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qxc5 11.e3 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 dxc4 13.Bxc4 0-0 14.b4 Qe7 15.Qb2 b6*



16.0-0 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Be2 Rac8 19.Bf3 Nb8 20.Rac1 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Nd7 23.h3 h6 24.Rc1 Qd8= Nguyen,T (2594)-Thybo,J (2604) Terme Catez 2021*)* 9...exd5 10.e3!? Qf6 *(10...Qa5+ 11.b4 Nxb4 12.axb4 Qxa1 13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.Ne2⩱)* 11.f3 Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxg3 13.Qf2 Nf5 14.Qxh4 Nxh4 15.b4∞ 1-0 Carlsen,M (2733)-Polgar,J (2707) Corus A Wijk aan Zee 2008 (6) /± was played in a game I annotated not so long ago in CBM 200.]

7.Nf3

[We'll check also 7.Bg5 , here Black has a wide choice: A solid choice is

A) 7...h6

A1) 8.Bh4 c5!? 9.dxc5 d4 10.Qc2 *(≤10.Qf3?! Nbd7* and Black has g5 at a suitable moment. *)*

A1a) 10...Nc6 11.Nf3 e5 12.Nd2?! *(12.e3 g5 13.Bg3 Qa5+ 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 a5 16.0-0-0 dxe3 17.fxe3 Bg4 18.Nf3 a4 19.h3 Bh5*

20.Be1∞) 12...Re8↻ 13.e4 *(13.e3 g5 14.Bg3 dxe3 15.fxe3 Ng4 16.Qc3 Qd4!↑)* 13...dxe3?! *(13...a5!∓)* 14.fxe3 Nd4 15.Qc3 Bg4 16.Bd3 g5 17.0-0 gxh4 18.exd4 exd4 19.Qc2± Stohl,I (2503)-Haring,F (2258) Slovakia 2019;

A1b) 10...e5

A1b1) 11.e4?! a5 12.0-0-0 Nc6 *(12...Qc7!↑)* 13.f4! exf4 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.e5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nxe5 17.Qf5 Re8 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Rxd4 Hess,R (2581)-Piorun,K (2643) Douglas 2019 Rac8 21.Rxf4 Rxc5⇄;

A1b2) 11.e3 Qe7 12.Be2 Re8 13.Rd1 a5

A1b21) 14.Nf3 Nc6 *(14...d3!∓)* 15.0-0 d3 16.Rxd3 e4 17.Rd6 exf3 18.Bxf6 fxe2 19.Bxe7 exf1Q+ 20.Kxf1 Rxe7 21.b3 Be6∞ Nepomniachtchi,I (2730)-Karjakin,S (2763) Moscow 2011;

A1b22) 14.exd4 exd4 15.Rxd4 g5 16.Bg3 Qxc5 17.Nf3 Nc6 18.Rd6 Bf5 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Rxd8 *(20.Rxf6? Qe7)* 20...Nxd8 21.Qd1 Nc6 22.0-0 Qb6 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Ne4 25.Re1 Nxg3 26.hxg3 Qxb4 27.Qa1 Qa5= Johansen,A (2386)-Fremmegaard,J (2372) email 2021;

A2) 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nf3

A2a) 9...c6 10.g3 b6 11.Bg2 Ba6 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Rfc1 Nd7 15.cxd5?! *(15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.b3± ○)* 15...cxd5 16.Nc6? Qd6 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Nf6 19.Qf3 So,W (2772)-Nihal,S (2650) Chess.com blitz 2021 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Bb7 21.d5 Rc7-+;

A2b) ⌓9...dxc4! 10.Qxc4

A2b1) 10...c6 11.g3 Nd7 12.Bh3!? c5 13.dxc5 b6! 14.c6

A2b11) 14...Nc5 15.Rb1 *(15.0-0 Qxb2 -* 14... ♕b2*)* 15...Ba6 16.Qf4 Qxf4 17.gxf4 Nb3! Δ 18.f5 exf5 19.Bxf5 Rfe8 20.e3 Bc8! 21.Bd3 Be6=;

A2b12) 14...Qxb2 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Nd4 Rd8?! *(16...e5! 17.Bxc8 Raxc8 18.Nf5 Kh7⇄* a plausible follow-up is *19.Qd5 Rc7 20.Rab1 Qxe2 21.Rbe1 Qb2 22.Rb1=)* 17.e3 Ba6 18.Qb4 Nd3 19.Qxb2 Nxb2 20.Rfb1 Na4 Rapport,R (2760)-Karjakin,S (2758) Stavanger 2021 21.c7! Rd7 *(21...Rd6 22.Bf1! Bxf1 23.Kxf1 Rc8 24.Nb5 Rd5 25.e4* Δ *Rc5 26.Rd1 Kh7 27.Rac1 Rxb5 28.Rd8+-)* 22.Bg2 Rc8 23.Bc6 Rxd4 24.exd4 Nc3 25.Rb4 Rxc7 26.Bf3±;

A2b2) 10...Nc6 11.Qc3 Re8 12.Rd1 *(*Sterile is *12.e3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qxe5 Rxe5 16.Rc1 c6 17.Bc4 Kf8 18.Ke2 Be6 19.Rhd1 Ke7 20.Bxe6 Rxe6=* Bok,B (2624)-Sevian,S (2647) Krasnaya Polyana 2021 *)* 12...e5 13.d5 Nb8

A2b21) 14.e4 c6 15.Bc4 Bg4 *(15...cxd5 16.Bxd5 Nd7 17.0-0 Nb6 18.Rfe1 Bg4 19.Bxb7 Rab8 20.Bd5 Na4 21.Qc6 Nxb2 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Rd2 Red8 24.Rc1 Na4 25.Bb3 Nb6 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Ne1 Be6=* Balcazar Novoa,L (2148)-Loisel,D (2214) email

2018 *)* 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 cxd5 19.Bxd5 Nc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Ke2 Reb8 22.Rd2 Rb3 23.Rc1 Rab8 24.Rxc6 Rxb2 25.Ra6 Rxd2+ 26.Kxd2 Rb1 27.Rxa7 Rh1= Ivanchuk,V (2732)-Wei,Y (2740) Hoogeveen 2017;

A2b22) 14.e3 Bg4 15.Be2 Nd7 16.0-0 *(16.e4 Qd6 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Qc4* Xiong,J (2709)-Nakamura,H (2736) Lichess.org rpd 2020 *Bd7=)* 16...Bxf3 *(16...e4 17.Nd4±)* 17.Bxf3 *(17.gxf3 Qd6 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.Qa5 a6 20.Rfd1 Nf6 21.Bf1 Re7 22.Rc4 Rd8 23.Qc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5 Red7 25.Bh3 Rxd5 26.Rcxd5 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Nxd5 28.Bc8 a5 29.Bxb7 Nb6= /∓,* Abdusattorov,N (2648)-Gelfand,B (2680) Yasnaya Polyana 2021*)* 17...e4 18.Qxc7 exf3 19.Qxd7 fxg2 20.Rfe1 Qxb2 21.Rb1 Qxa3 22.Rxb7 Rf8 23.e4 a5 24.Re3 Qc1+ 25.Kxg2 a4 26.Ra7 Rab8 27.Qc6 Qxc6 28.dxc6 Ra8= Shankland, S (2709)-Nakamura,H (2736) Saint Louis 2021;

B) 7...c5 8.dxc5 d4

B1) 9.Qg3 Nbd7 10.Nf3 e5! 11.Rd1 *(11.e3 Re8 12.0-0-0 Nxc5 13.Nxe5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.f4 dxe3 16.Qxe3 a5 17.Qxc5 Qxf4+ 18.Kb1 Rxe5 19.Rd8+ Kh7 20.Bd3+ Bf5 21.Qd4 Re4 22.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 23.Ka1 Qxg2∓* Wittal,W (1882)-Knittel,M (2048) email 2020*)* 11...Re8 12.b4 a5 13.Nd2 axb4 14.axb4 Rapport,R (2763)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2612) Wijk aan Zee 2022 e4!?*C*;

B2) 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.e3 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6

B2a) 12.Ne2N d3 13.Nc3 e5 14.h3 Be6

B2a1) 15.0-0-0 Bxc4 16.Bxd3 Bxd3 17.e4 Nxe4!? 18.Nxe4 *(18.Rxd3? Qg5+)* 18...Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Qf6=;

B2a2) 15.Rd1 Bxc4 16.Bxd3 Bxd3 17.e4 Qa5 18.Rxd3 Qxc5 19.0-0 Rad8 20.Rfd1 Rxd3 21.Rxd3 Qb6 22.Qe2 Rd8 23.Nd5 Qe6= Shankland,S (2704)-So,W (2778) Berlin 2022;

B2b) 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Ne2

B2b1) 13...Bg4 14.Qg3 d3 *(14...Ne4?! 15.Qxg4 Nxf2 16.Qf3 Nxd1 17.exd4 Nxb2 18.Kxb2 Rc8 19.d5 Rxc5 20.Nc3 b5 21.Be2 bxc4 22.Ka2 f5 23.Rb1±* Carlsen,M (2847)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com rpd 2021 *)* 15.f3 Be6 16.Nc3 Qc7 17.Bxd3 Qxc5 18.Kb1 Rfe8 19.Qf2 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Qxc4 21.e4 Rec8 22.Rd6 b5 23.Rc1 a5 Riazantsev,A (2654)-Inarkiev,E (2707) Geneva 2017 24.Rdd1 Qb3 25.Qe3 b4 26.Nd5±;

B2b2) 13...d3 14.Nc3 Bg4 15.Rxd3 Qa5 16.Qg3 *(16.Qxb7 Rab8 17.Qe7 Rbe8=* with repetition*)* 16...Qxc5 17.Rd2 *(* White barely equalized after *17.e4 Be6 18.Rd2 Rfc8 19.Kb1 b5! 20.Qe3 Qxe3 21.fxe3 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Nxb5 Nxe4 24.Rd5 a6 25.Nd6=* Wang,H (2763)-Grischuk,A (2777) Chess.com rpd 2020*)* 17...Rac8 *(17...Be6 18.b4!? Qc8 19.Qxe5 Bxc4 20.Kb2 a5 21.b5 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Qc4 23.Rc1 a4* Vidit,S (2727)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2612) Wijk

aan Zee 2022 *24.Qe7 Qb3+ 25.Ka1±)* 18.Bd3 Be6 19.Rhd1 Qa5 20.Kb1 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Qf3 b5 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Qxd5 Re8 25.g3 a6 26.Qd7 ½, Woelfelschneider,P (2277)-Silva,R (2352) email 2017 Rcc8=;

C) 7...b6?! is more of an idea for a blitz game, after 8.cxd5 *(8.e3!?)* 8...exd5 9.e3 Bf5 10.Ne2 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nf4 Qd6 13.Be2 Nd7 14.0-0 *(14.b4!?)* 14...c5 the premature 15.dxc5?! *(15.Bf3±)* 15...bxc5 16.Bf3 d4 17.Qa5 Rab8 18.Qxa7 Ne5↑ Sarana,A (2685)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) Chess.com blitz 2022 /already gave Black the initiative.;

D) 7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 and now:

D1) 9.Rd1 Ba6 10.Qa4 h6 11.Bh4

D1a) 11...Qd7 12.Qc2 Qc6 13.Qxc6 Nxc6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.e3 Bxf1 *(15...Bb7!?)* 16.Kxf1 Na5 17.Nf3 Nc4 *(17...Rac8 18.Ke2 c5 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Rd7 Nc4 21.Rc1 Nxb2 22.Rc2 Na4 23.Rxa7 Ra8 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Nd2 Nb6 26.Rb2 Ra6 27.Ne4 Nd5=* Wang,H (2763)-Radjabov,T (2765) Chess.com rpd 2020*)* 18.Rb1 c5 19.Ke2 Rfc8 20.Rhc1 Nd6 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Rc2 Kf8 *(⌓22...Rab8! 23.Nd2 c4 24.Rbc1 Kg7! 25.Kf3 c3!? 26.bxc3 Nc4 27.Nxc4 Rxc4≅ Δ 28.Rd1 Rb3 29.Rd7 Rxa3 30.Rb2 Rc8! 31.Rbb7 Rf8=)* 23.Nd2 c4 24.Rbc1 Rab8 25.Kf3 c3?! *(25...Rc5! 26.b4 Rc6⇄ Δ 27.Nxc4? Rbc8)* 26.bxc3 Rc5 *(26...Nc4 27.Nxc4 Rxc4 28.Rd1!↑)* 27.c4± Carlsen,M (2863)-Caruana,F (2828) Stavanger 2020;

D1b) 11...Qe7 12.Nf3 Rd8!? 13.e3 *(13.Ne5 c5 14.f3 b5 15.Qa5 Rxd4 16.Rxd4 cxd4 17.Ng4 Bb7 18.Qxb5 Bd5 19.e4 dxe3 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nxe3 Nc6 22.Be2 Rb8 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Qxc6 Rxb2 25.Qc8+ Kg7 26.Qg4+ Kh8 27.Qc8+ Kg7=* Wang,H (2763)-Ding,L (2791) Chess.com INT 2020 *)* 13...Bxf1 14.Rxf1 c5 15.dxc5 Rxd1+

D1b1) 16.Qxd1 g5 17.Bg3 *(17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Nbd7 19.Qf3 Rc8 20.c6 Qc5 21.Bxf6 Qc1+ 22.Ke2 Qc2+ 23.Ke1 Qc1+ 24.Ke2 Qc2+ 25.Ke1 Qc1+* ½, Wang,H (2763)-Wei,Y (2732) Chess.com INT 2020 *)* 17...Qxc5 18.Qd8+ Kg7 19.Be5 Qc1+ 20.Ke2 Qc4+ and the only way to avoid a perpetual is an equal endgame after 21.Qd3 Qxd3+ 22.Kxd3 Nbd7=;

D1b2) 16.Kxd1!?N g5 17.Bg3 Qxc5 18.Kd2 Nbd7 *(* Interesting is *18...Nc6 19.Rc1 Rd8+ 20.Nd4 Ne4+ 21.Kd1 Nxd4 22.Rxc5 Nxc5 23.Qc4 Ndb3+ 24.Kc2 Rd2+ 25.Kc3 Rd5≅)* 19.Rc1 Rd8! *(19...Qd5+ 20.Ke2 Nc5 21.Qc4±* Carlsen,M (2847)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com rpd 2021*)* 20.Qd4 Ne4+ 21.Kd1 Qe7!? 22.Bc7 Rc8 23.Qxe4 Nc5=;

D2) 9.Rc1!? is an attempt to play for a minimal edge: However, White must also reckon with the more aggressive

D2a) 9...Ba6 10.Qa4 Qd7 11.Qxd7 Nbxd7 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.e3 Bxf1 14.Kxf1 c5 *(14...Rfc8 15.Rc6 Nd5 16.Nf3 Ne7 17.Rc2 f6 18.Ke2 Kf7*

19.Rhc1 c6 20.Ne1 Ke8 21.Nd3↑ Eljanov,P (2734)-Lenderman,A (2565) Tbilisi 2017*)* 15.dxc5 Rfc8 16.Nf3 Rxc5 17.Rxc5 bxc5 18.Ne5 Rb8 19.Nc4 Nd5 20.Ke2 Kf8 21.Rc1 Ke8 22.Rc2± Zorko,J (2465)-Drnovsek,G (2421) Slovenia 2017;

D2b) 9...c5!? 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.f3 Nbd7 12.e4 a5 13.Nh3 Ba6 14.Qc3 Bxf1 15.Rxf1 h6 16.Be3 Rb8 17.Rf2 a4⇄ Ivanchuk,V (2684)-Tomashevsky,E (2702) Konya 2019;

D3) 9.Nf3 and now:

D3a) 9...Ba6 10.Qa4 Qd7 *(10...h6!? 11.Bh4 Qd7 12.Qc2 c5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.dxc5 Rc8 15.Qe4 Qb5 16.b4 bxc5 17.e3 Qb7 18.Qg4+ Kf8 19.Bxa6 Nxa6 20.Qf4 Kg7 21.h4 Qc7 22.Qxc7 Nxc7 23.bxc5 Na6 24.Ke2 Nxc5 25.Rhc1 Rab8=* Indjic,A (2618)-Nihal,S (2620) Chess.com blitz 2020*)* 11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc5 Rc8 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Rd1 Qb5 *(14...Qe7=)* 15.h4!? Qxc5 16.Qxc5 Rxc5!? *(16...bxc5 17.Nd2 Kf8 18.Rh3 Nd7 19.Rc3 Rab8 20.b3 /±,* Duda,J (2738)-Sevian,S (2647) Krasnaya Polyana 2021 /White has a slight plus and won after a long fight. *)* 17.Rd8+ Kg7 18.Rh3 f5 19.Nh2 Rc1+ 20.Kd2 Rc8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Rg3+ Kf8 23.Rc3 Nd7 24.g4 Ba6 25.gxf5 Nc5 26.Ke1 exf5 27.Nf3 Ne6= Willmann,B (2280)-Egorov,V (2021) email 2018;

D3b) However, the most recent twist is the direct 9...c5!? 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Nd2 *(11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.e4 h6 13.Bf4 e5! 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Re8 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Be2 Qxb2 18.0-0 Be6 19.Qa6 Qb6 20.Rb1 Qxa6 21.Bxa6=* Howell,D (2646)-Grandelius,N (2672) London 2022/ White just barely finished his development to equalize...*;* The greedy *11.Qxc5!? Nbd7 12.Qd4∞* deserves attention, but more as an attempt to bail out into a draw by quickly returning the extra pawn.*)* 11...Ba6 12.Qc2 h6 13.Bh4 Nbd7 14.e3 Bxf1 15.Rxf1 c4 16.Ke2 Qb8 17.Bg3 Qb7 18.f3 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Nc5 *(*Simpler is *19...Nb6 20.Kf2 Rd8=* /∓ and Black is completely OK.*)* 20.Qxc4 Nce4 21.Qb3 Qa6+ 22.Nc4 Rc6? *(22...Nxg3+ 23.hxg3 Rc6⩱)* 23.fxe4 Rac8 24.Qd3 Rxc4 25.Rxc4 Qxc4 26.Qxc4 Rxc4 27.Kd3 Rc8 28.Rd1 Rd8+ 29.Ke2± Shankland,S (2708)-Grischuk,A (2764) Belgrade 2022/ The tide has turned completely, in the endgame White is already on top due to his more active ♔.]

7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.h4!? Kasparov's idea, with which he shocked the chess world in Saint Louis 2017. Nakamura himself then felt the power of this original thrust on his own skin. However, what are the alternatives?

[9.g3 Ba6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Bg2 c5 12.0-0 Rc8⇄]

[Similar is 9.Bf4 Ba6 10.Qc2 *(10.Qxc7 Qd5 11.Qd6 Qb5 12.Qb4 Qf5⩱* and White has problems finishing his development*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Rd1 Qc8 12.g3 c5 13.Bg2 Bb7 14.0-0 Be4 15.Qd2 Rd8 *(*or *15...c4!?∞* In both cases Black's pieces are active and the impact of the ♖ is not so great - the position is roughly equal. *)*]

[We checked 9.Bg5 in tha above note via a slightly different move-order.]

9...Ba6 Developing with tempo. As I predicted already in 2017, Black's subsequent efforts concentrated on this natural move.

[9...c5?! 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.h5 h6 12.g4! and even a transition to the endgame Qd5 *(12...Ba6 13.Qa4±)* couldn't solve Black's problems after 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.g5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 f6 16.Bd2 Nc6?! *(16...Nd7 17.e4↑)* 17.Rc1 Nd4 18.Rxc5 Nxf3+ 19.exf3 Bd7 20.Rh4 Rfb8 21.b4 a6 22.Rd4 Bb5 23.Bg2 Re8 24.f4+- Kasparov,G (2812)-Nakamura,H (2792) Saint Louis blitz 2017]

[9...Bb7 10.Bg5

A) 10...Qd5 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Qxd5 Bxd5 13.Ne5 c5?! *(13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.f3 Nxe5 16.e4 f6± /±)* 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.f3! Rab8 17.e4 Ba2 18.Rc2 Bb1 19.Rd2 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Bb5 Nh5 22.g4 Nf4 Kasparov,G (2812)-Aronian,L (2799) Saint Louis blitz 2017 23.Rh2!**±** ;

B) Perhaps 10...h6!? also deserves attention.;

C) 10...Nbd7 11.Ne5 h6 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Rh3! f5 15.Rd1 Kh7 16.Qc1 Bd5?! *(Too passive. ⌓16...Rac8 17.Rc3 Qd6⇄)* 17.Rc3 c6 18.g3 a5 19.e3 *(⌓19.Qf4!±)* 19...Rac8 20.Be2 Qe7 21.Rd2 Rc7 22.Bc4 Rfc8 23.Rdc2 Be4 24.Bd3 Bf3 25.Be2 Be4 26.Bd3 Bf3 27.Be2= ½, Kasparov,G (2812)-Anand,V (2783) Saint Louis blitz 2017]

10.Qc2

[10.Qa4 Qd7 11.Qxd7 *(After 11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc5 Rc8 13.Be3 bxc5 14.Bg5* Khismatullin,D (2619)-Askerov,M (2315) Sochi 2019 /Black could have continued *Ng4!?∞* - here h4 shows also it's negative aspects...*)* 11...Nbxd7 12.h5 h6 13.Rh4 c5 14.g4 Bb7 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Bxf3 17.exf3 cxd4 18.Rxd4 Rac8 19.Rad1 Nd5 20.Bd3 N7f6 21.Rh4 Rc5= Ivanisevic,I (2593)-Deac,B (2560) Heraklio 2017 With his nicely centralized ♘ Black holds the balance against the ♕.]

10...c5

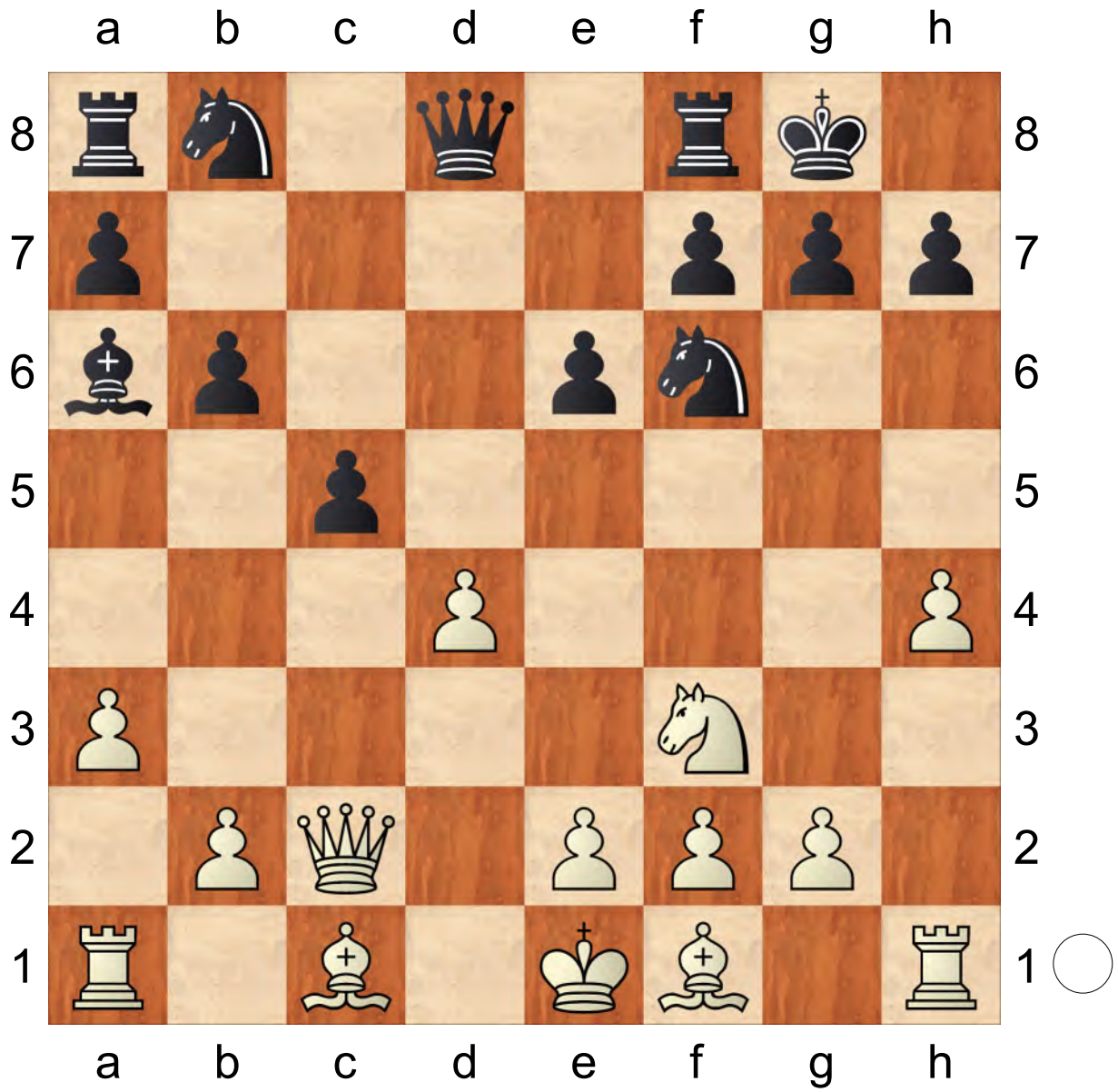
[After 10...Nbd7 11.e4!? *(11.h5 h6 12.g4?! Nxg4 13.Rg1 f5 14.Qc6 Qe8 15.Bh3* Urh,Z (2072)-Salimova,N (2416) Pardubice 2019 *e5!∓)* 11...Bxf1 12.Kxf1 h6 *(12...c5? 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ng5 g6 15.h5→)* Black must reckon with the tactical 13.e5 Nd5 14.Bxh6!? gxh6 15.Ng5 hxg5 16.hxg5 f5 17.gxf6 Rxf6 18.exf6 Nf8 19.Re1∞ /±↑ Although the position is not quite clear, White with his less exposed ♔ holds the initiative here.]

[10...Qd5?! also isn't ideal and after 11.h5 Rc8 *(11...Qf5* or*; 11...c5?!* seem to be stronger.*)* 12.h6 g6 13.b4 *(13.Rh4!?)* 13...Ne4 14.Rh4 f5? 15.Ng5 Nd6 16.Bf4 Bc4 17.f3 Nd7 18.e4 Qxd4 19.Rd1 Qg1 20.Rd3!+- *(20.Qxc4 Nxc4 21.Rxd7 Ne3 22.Rg7+ Kf8 23.Nxh7+ Ke8 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Nd7+ Ke8 26.Nf6+ Kf8 27.Nd7+ Ke8 28.Nf6+* ½, Akobian,V (2662)-Lenderman,A (2565) Douglas 2017*)* 20...Bxd3 21.Qxd3+- and Black has no good defence against ♙e3.]

[Matters are less clear after 10...Bb7 11.h5 *(11.Bf4!?)* 11...h6 12.Rh4 Nbd7 13.e4 c5 14.e5 The ♘ should have defended his ♔ with his own body:

A) 14...Nd5? 15.Bxh6 Ne7 *(15...gxh6 16.Rg4+ Kh8 17.Qd2+-)* 16.Rg4 Nf5

17.Bxg7 1-0, Akobian,V (2647)-Lalith,B (2542) Chess.com rpd 2018]
B) ⩀14...Nh7! 15.Rg4 f5 *(or 15...Kh8!?∓* is fine for Black, as White's ⊞ is falling apart. *)*]



The classical approach - meeting a flank thrust with a central counter. However, we'll shorlty check the alternatives as well: **11.dxc5 Nbd7N** A novelty, but quite a natural one - this developing move is suggested also by Stockfish. Oparin may well have prepared it at home, moreover it was also recommended in the very recent Nimzo-Indian repertoire book by Lysyj.

[Until now Black played 11...bxc5 here, which is equally logical. One of the few relevant games even featured Nakamura, but on the other side of the board:

A) 12.h5 h6! *(≤12...Nc6?! 13.h6 g6 14.Bg5 Qa5+ 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.e3±* Ulrich,S (1974)-Wu,R (2138) Saint Louis 2021 Here Black's dark-square

weaknesses are serious and chronic. *)* 13.g4 Nxg4 14.Rg1 f5 15.Bh3

A1) 15...Qe8?! 16.Bxg4 fxg4 17.Bxh6! Qxh5 *(17...gxh6 18.Rxg4+ Kh8 19.Qc3+ e5 20.Nxe5 Rf6 21.0-0-0!?+-)* 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qe4 Kh8 20.0-0-0 Qf5 21.Qxg4 Qf4+ 22.Qxf4 Rxf4 23.Rg3+- Sarkar,J (2366)-Park,E (2207) Charlotte 2021;

A2) ⌓15...Nc6!? 16.Bxg4 fxg4 17.Rxg4 *(17.Bxh6 Rxf3! 18.Rxg4 Rf7-+)* 17...Rxf3! and White has at best a perpetual after 18.Rxg7+ *(18.exf3 Ne5↑)* 18...Kxg7 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh6+=;

B) 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.e4 Bxf1 14.Kxf1 Qb6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ng5 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Re1 Rab8 20.Re2 Rfd8 21.Nxe6 Rd5⩲ Cardoso Cardoso,J (2313)-Turgut,A (2281) Mumbai 2019 22.Nf4 Rd4 23.Ne6= would be quite a logical repetition here.;

C) 12.Rh3 Nc6 13.Bg5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Rd1 e5 16.Rf3 Bb7 *(16...Rc8! 17.Qf5 Rc6 Δ 18.Qxe5 d3!↑* is very dangerous here. White can parry the threats on the ⇔e with *19.Rfxd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3* , but how to finish his development after *Qc8 21.f3 Re8∓ →)* 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rg3+ Kh8 19.e3 Qe7 20.exd4 exd4+ 21.Be2 Be4 22.Qd2 d3?! *(* Possibly an oversight - *22...Rad8 23.Kf1=* is still roughly equal.*)* 23.Bxd3! Bxd3+ 24.Re3 Qb7 *(24...Be4 25.Qd4±)* 25.Qxd3 Qxg2 26.Qd4 Qg1+ 27.Ke2 Qg6 28.Rf3 Rae8+ 29.Kf1 Re6 30.Rg3 Qf5 31.Qg4⩲ Ding,L (2791)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com INT 2020/ White forces a queen swap, the ♖⊥ is better for him.]

12.c6□ Practically forced.

[White can't consider opening the position, after 12.cxb6? Rc8 13.Qd2 Qxb6⟳ Black's lead in development is as good as decisive.]

12...Rc8 13.Bg5

[13.Rh3 Nb8 14.Ne5 Qd5 15.Bf4 Nxc6 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Qxc6 Rxc6= Lysyj]

13...Bb7 14.Nd4 Ne5 The simplest.

[14...e5 15.Nf5 *(15.Qf5 Bxc6 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 17.g3∞)* 15...Rxc6 16.Qd2∞ unnecessarily allows the ♘f5 into the vicinity of Black's ♔.]

15.Rd1 Qe7

(Diagram)

This position is evaluated in Lysyj's book as equal. **16.Rh3!** White must activate his ♖h1 as fast as possible - the ♗f1 will have to wait for more than 20 moves! **16...Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Rxc6**

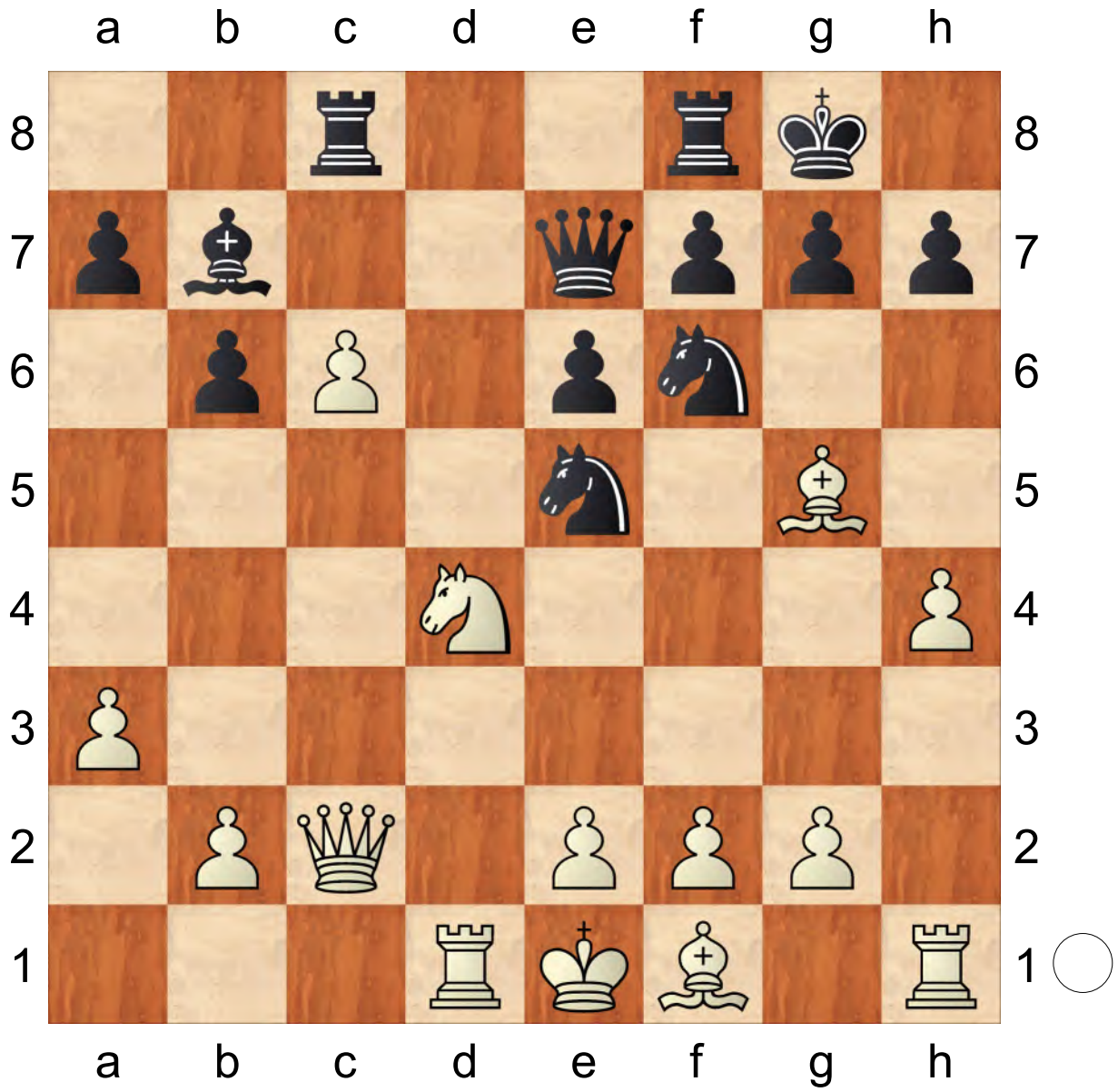
[17...Bxc6!? 18.Rc3 Bb7 19.e3 Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Rc8 21.Qd4 h6= is also roughly equal. Did Oparin at this moment have higher ambitions, than a draw? In any case his move leads to more complex play.]

18.Qa4 h6 A consistent sacrifice.

[Black didn't take on c6 with the ♖ to continue 18...a6 19.Rf3∞ /⩲]

19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Qxa7 Ba8

(Diagram)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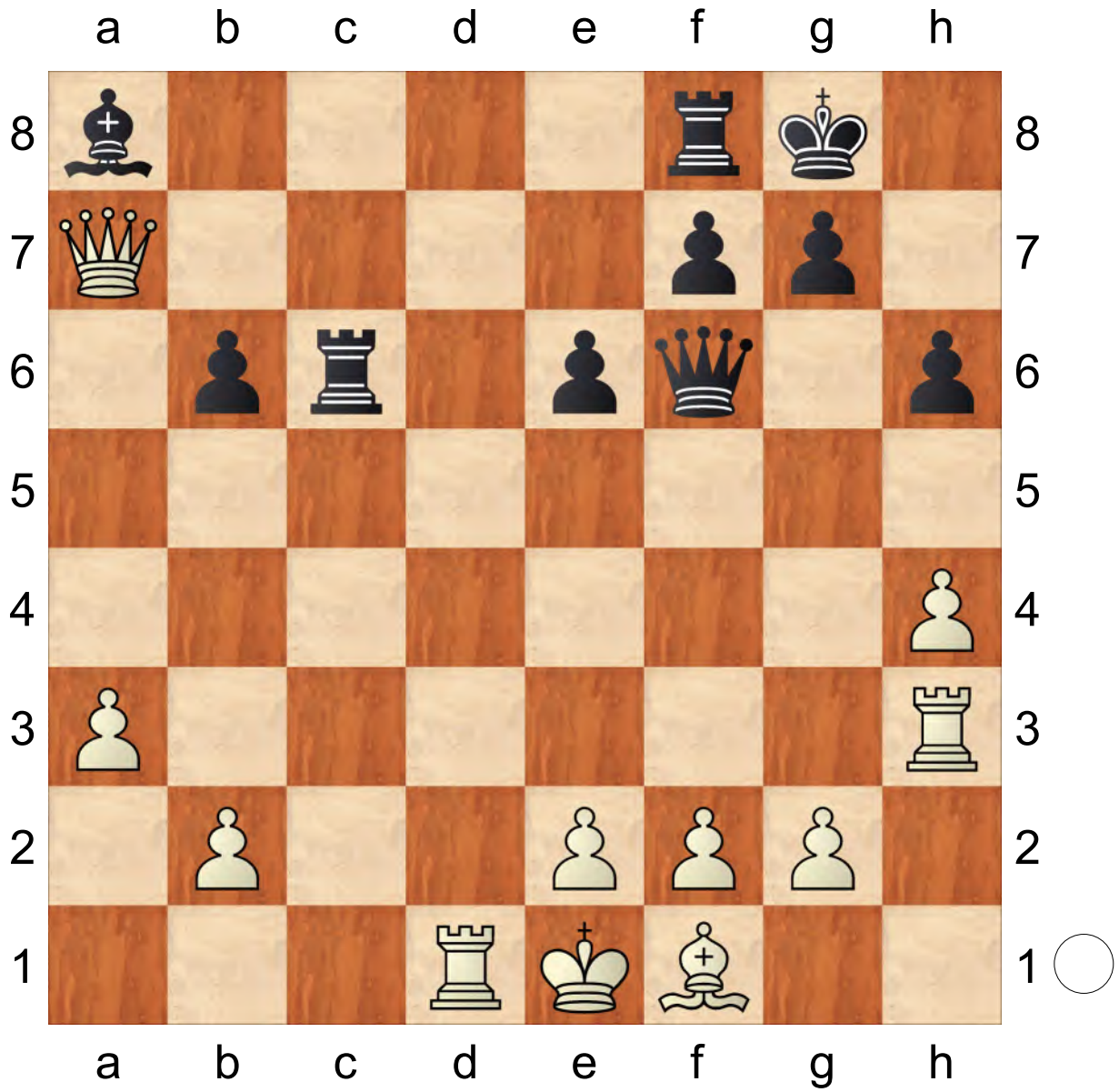


21.Rb3 Rd8! 22.Rbd3 White also wants to play on and spurns a draw for the time being.

[22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Rd3 Rc1+ 24.Kd2 Qc8 25.Rc3 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Qd8+ 27.Ke1 Qc8 either repeats moves, or Black regains the ♙ after 28.c4 *(28.Kd2 Qd8+=)* 28...Bd5!=]

22...Rdc8 23.Rd4

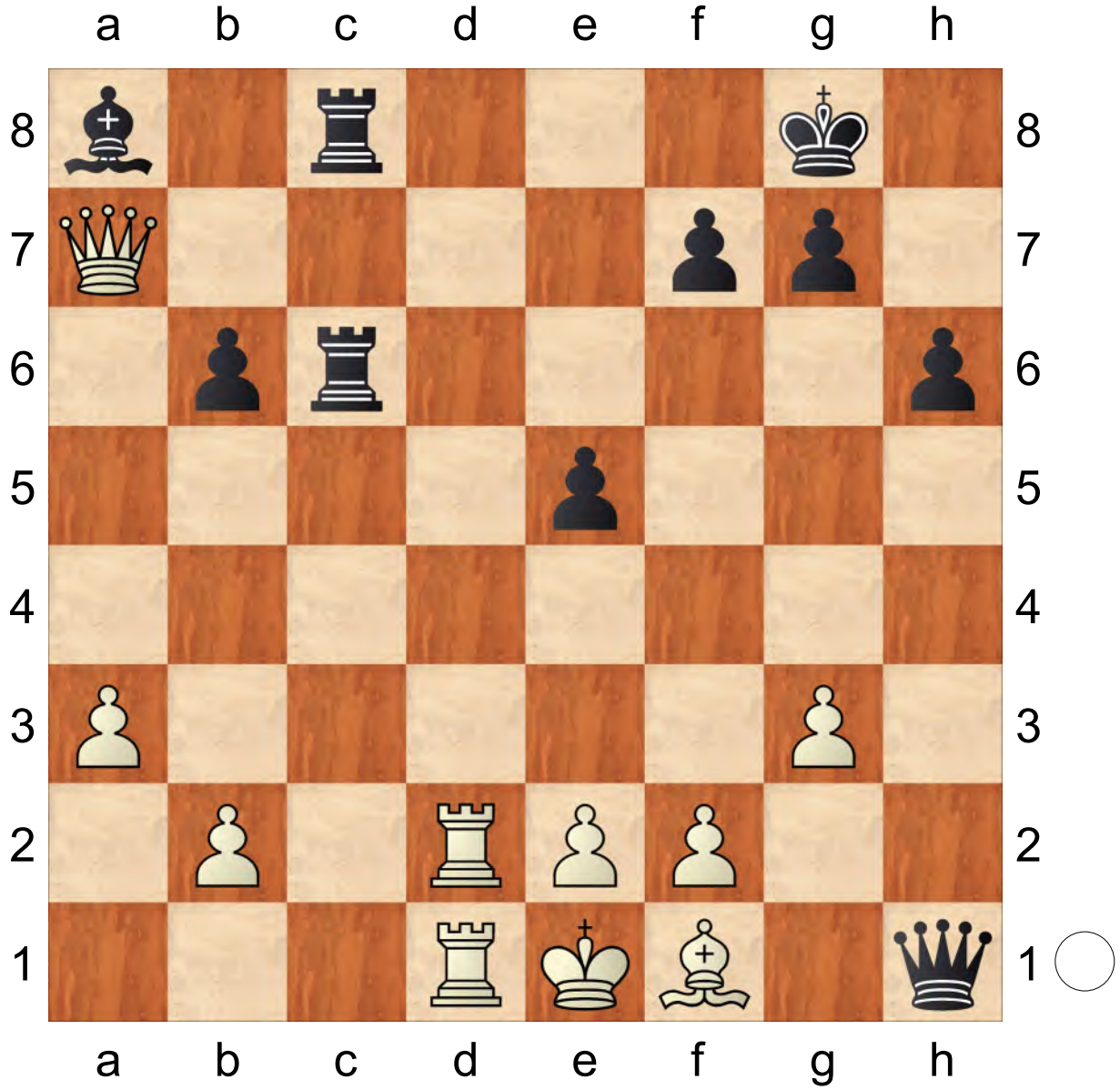
[23.Rf3 Qxb2 24.Qxf7+ Kh7 25.Rfd3 Rc1 26.Qxe6 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Qc3+ 28.Rd2 Qa1+= is another immediate draw. *(28...Qc1+=; 28...Rd8 29.Qf5+ Kh8 30.Qc2 Qa1+ 31.Qd1 Qc3=)*]

23...e5 24.R4d2 Qxh4 25.g3 Qh1?!

[⌓25...Qe4! is the right way to go and also keeps the ♗f1 grounded. After 26.Qe7 Kh7 the position remains about equal:

A) 27.Qxf7? Rf6 28.Qe7 *(28.Qh5 Rxf2-+ 29.Kxf2 Rf8+ 30.Kg1 Rxf1+*

31.Kxf1 Qg2+ 32.Ke1 Qg1#) 28...Qf5 29.e3 Bf3 30.Rd7 *(30.Be2 Bxe2 31.Rxe2 Qf3 32.Qd7 Rcc6-+)* 30...Rg6 31.Ra1 e4→;
B) 27.Qh4=;
C) ⌓27.Qd7 R8c7 28.Qd3=]



The first demonstrable error. **26.Qe7?** White returns the favour, moreover the text-move could have gotten him into trouble.

[⌓26.Rd8+! Rxd8 *(26...Kh7 27.Qxf7 Rxd8 28.Qf5+ Rg6 29.Rxd8 Bg2* and now the most convincing is *30.Qc8! Qxf1+ 31.Kd2 Rg5 32.f4!+-* → The extra piece is of little importance, while the combined attack of White's major pieces is decisive: *Rxg3 33.Rh8+ Kg6 34.Qe8+ Kf5 35.Qxe5+ Kg6 36.Qe8+ Kf5 37.Qf7+ Ke4 38.Re8+)* 27.Rxd8+ Kh7 28.Qd7! Rc1+ 29.Kd2 forces Black to parry the ♕f5+ threat and Be4 30.Kxc1 Qxf1+ 31.Kd2 Qxf2

32.Qa4!? Bf3 33.Qc2+ e4 34.Kc1± gives White good winning chances.]

26...Rf6?!

[Far more unpleasant was the quiet prophylactic 26...Kh7!

A) 27.Qxf7? Rf6;

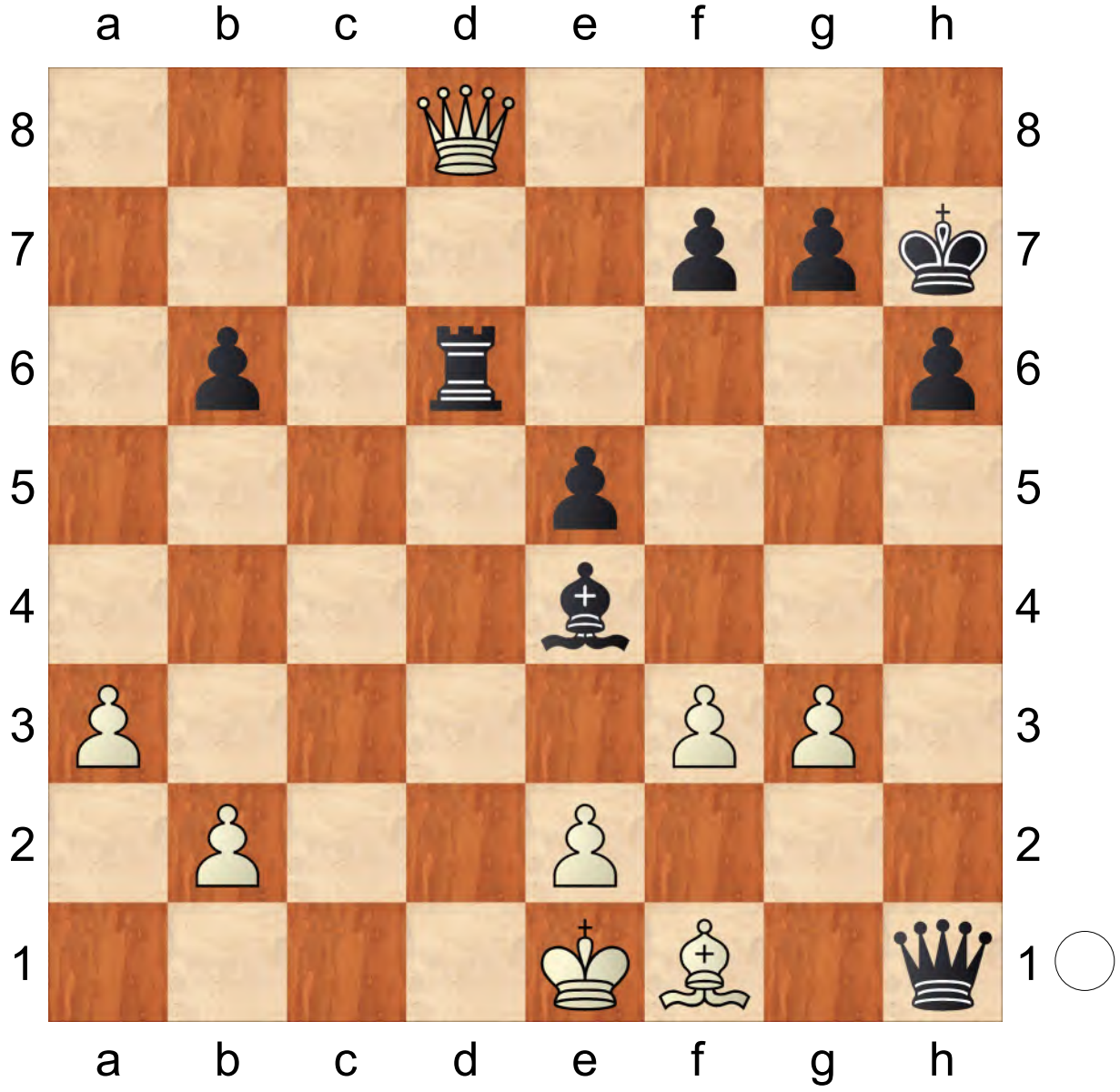
B) 27.Rd8 Rxd8 28.Qxd8 *(28.Rxd8 Qxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Rc1+ 30.Rd1 Rxd1#)* 28...Rg6 29.Kd2 Bg2 30.Bxg2 Qxg2 31.Ke3 Rf6-+;

C) 27.Qh4 Qg1↑ What should White do here? It seems his best bet is the nasty endgame after 28.g4 Rc4 29.Qg3!?∓ *(29.f3 e4 30.Qf2 Qh1→)*]

27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Kh7 29.f3 Be4

[More circumspect was ⌓29...Bc6! , after 30.Rd6 Qg1 31.Rxf6 Qxg3+ 32.Kd1 gxf6 33.Qxf6 Qg6 34.Qxe5!? Qb1+ 35.Kd2 Qxf1 36.Qf6 Be8 37.Qe7 Qb1 38.Qxe8 Qxb2+= the game is heading for a draw.]

30.Rd6 Rxd6



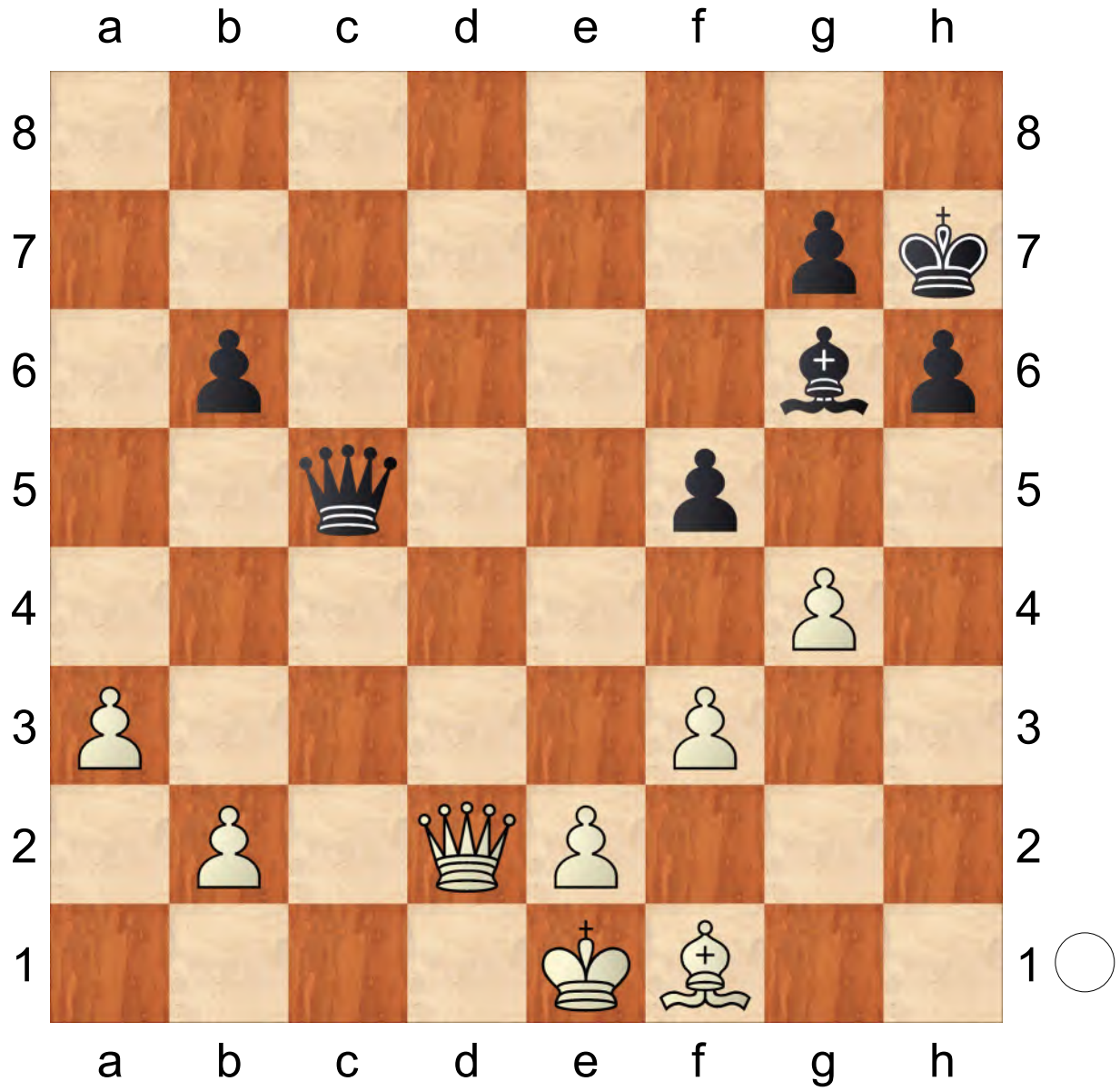
31.Qxd6 Qg1 32.Qxe5

[White already wants more than repetition after 32.fxe4 Qxg3+ 33.Kd2 *(33.Kd1 Qg1=)* 33...Qf4+=]

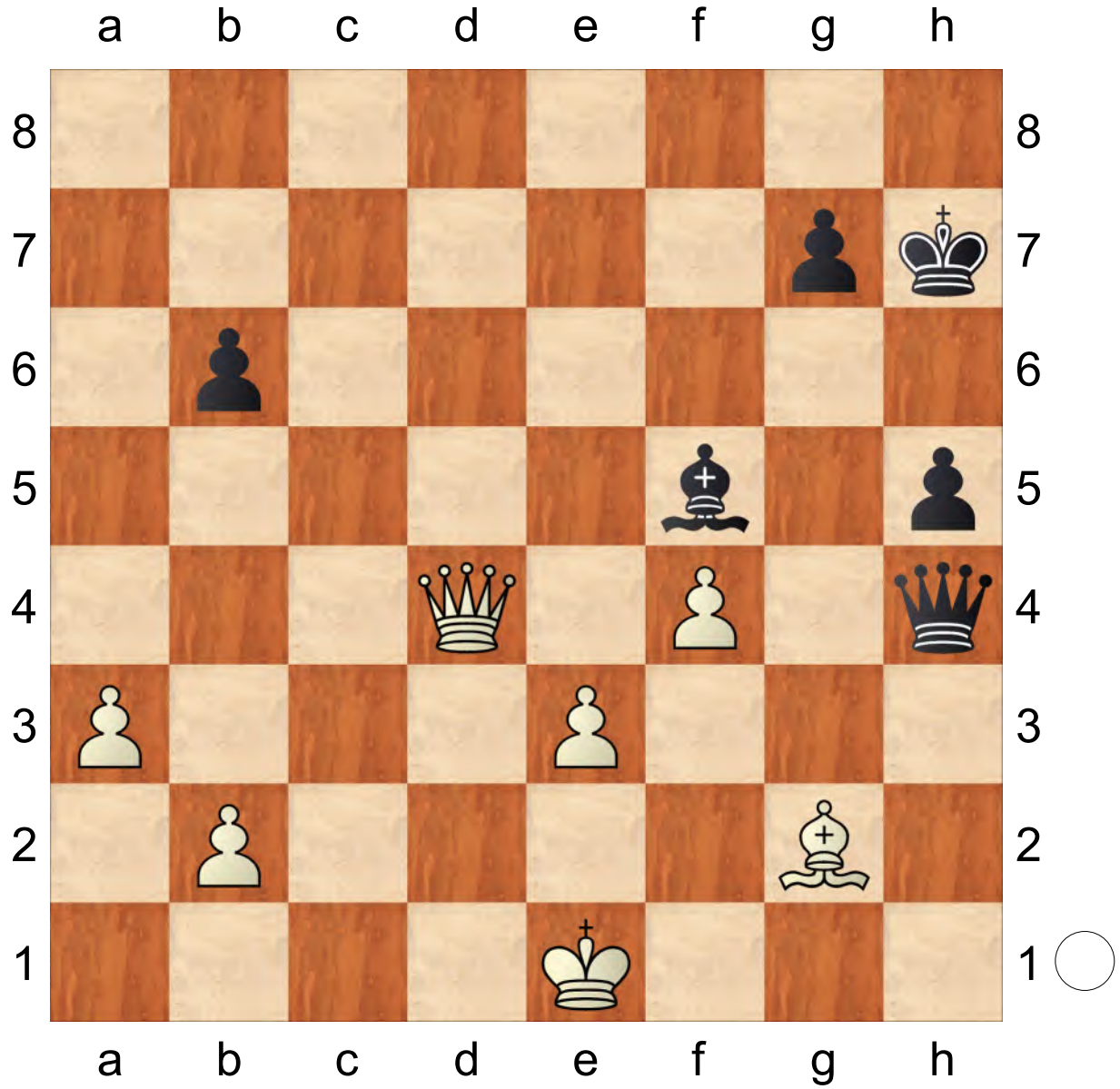
32...Bg6

[The engine suggests 32...Bb1! 33.g4 Ba2⩲ = as sufficient for equality, as White can't untangle without concessions. However, to find and correctly evaluate such a manoeuvre in time-trouble is really inhuman.]

33.g4 f6 34.Qf4 Qc5 35.Qd2 f5



36.gxf5 Bxf5 37.e3 Qe5 38.f4 Qe7 39.Bg2± /± The position has become more stable and normal-looking. White has consolidated his set-up and even managed to activate the ♗f1 (You won't find many games, in which it finally moves only on move 39!). This gives him reasonable winning chances, but the fight goes on… **39...h5 40.Qd4 Qh4+**



41.Kf1 Qg4 42.Qd2 h4 43.Qe2 g5?! Oparin allows simplification, but one rather feels Black should try to retain the queens on the board.

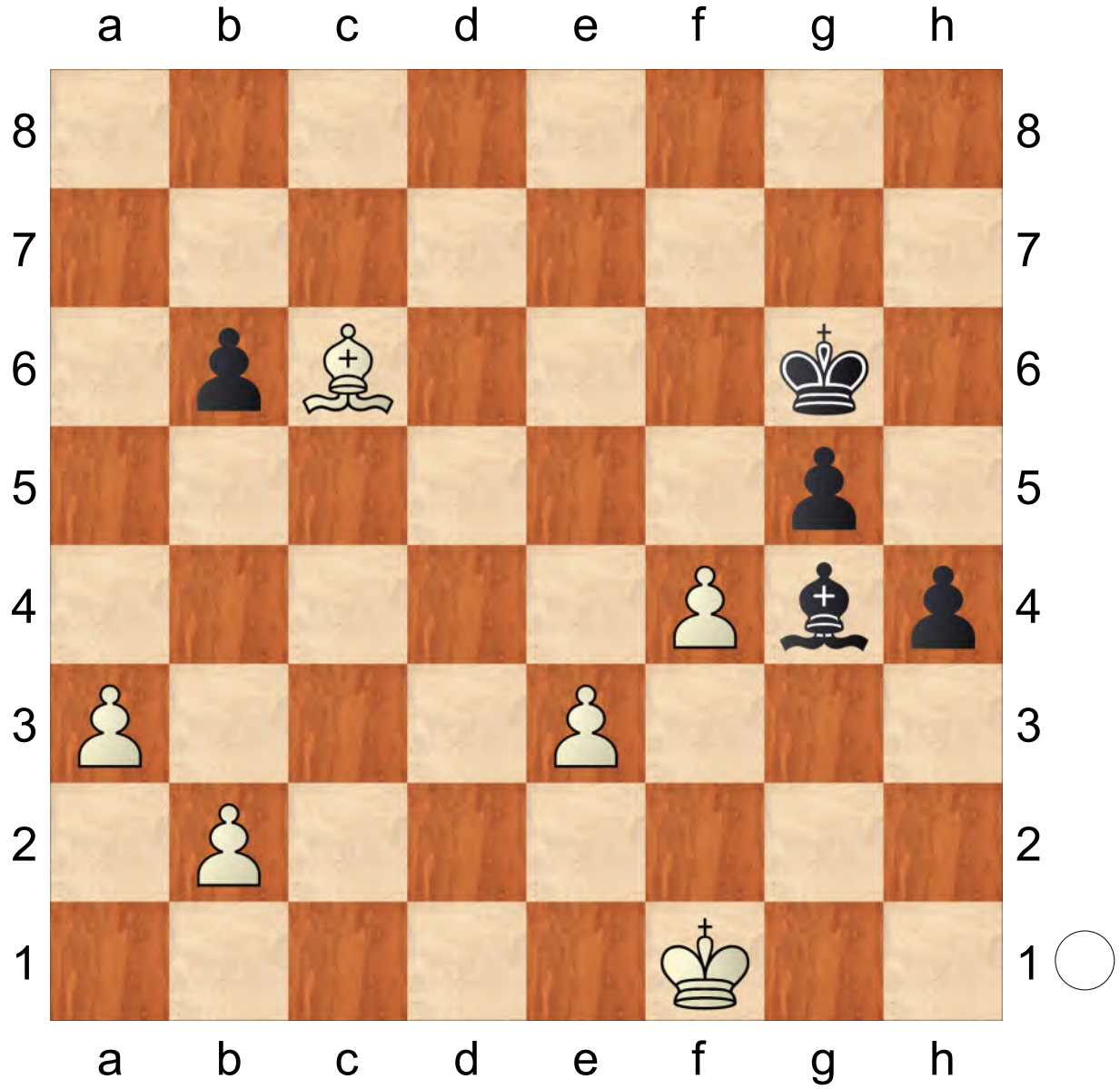
[After 43...Qg6! a sample line is 44.Qf2 Qf6 45.e4 Bg4 *(* A plausible alternative is *45...h3 46.exf5 hxg2+ 47.Kxg2 Qxf5 48.Qd4 b5±* - it's not easy to to compare these lines and fully appreciate, where Black's drawing chances are more realistic. Even the engine evaluation can be misguiding from a practical viewpoint, as ♕ ⊥ are notoriously difficult to play over the board. *)* 46.e5 Qf5 47.Qxh4+ *(47.Qe3!?)* 47...Kg6 48.Qg3 Qb1+ 49.Qe1 Qxb2 50.Be4+ Kf7 51.Qe3 Bd7± The extra ♙ is very difficult to convert due to the exposed ♔f1, Black can put up stiff resistance.]

44.Qxg4 Bxg4 45.Bc6

[The engine claims the way to win is ⌓45.a4! Bd7 46.b3 A possible follow-up is Kg6 *(*A human player would be reluctant to allow *46...g4* , but after *47.Be4+ Kg7*

48.Kg2 Black's ♙ are under control and White can gradually get his own moving (♗c2, e4, a4). The main line shows us an example of this. *)* 47.Be4+ Kf6 48.Kg2 Be8 49.Bc2 Bc6+ 50.Kh3 Bd7+ 51.Kh2 Bg4 52.b4 Be2 53.a5 bxa5 54.bxa5 g4 55.e4 Ke6 56.e5 Ba6 57.Be4⊙ with an illustrative zugzwang: Black must either allows the connected passed pawns forward, or unblock the ♙a5 Bc8 *(57...Bc4 58.Bb7+-)* 58.Bd3 g3+ 59.Kh3 Kd5+ 60.Kg2+-]

45...Kg6



46.b4 gxf4 47.exf4 Kf6? Only this is the decisive mistake.

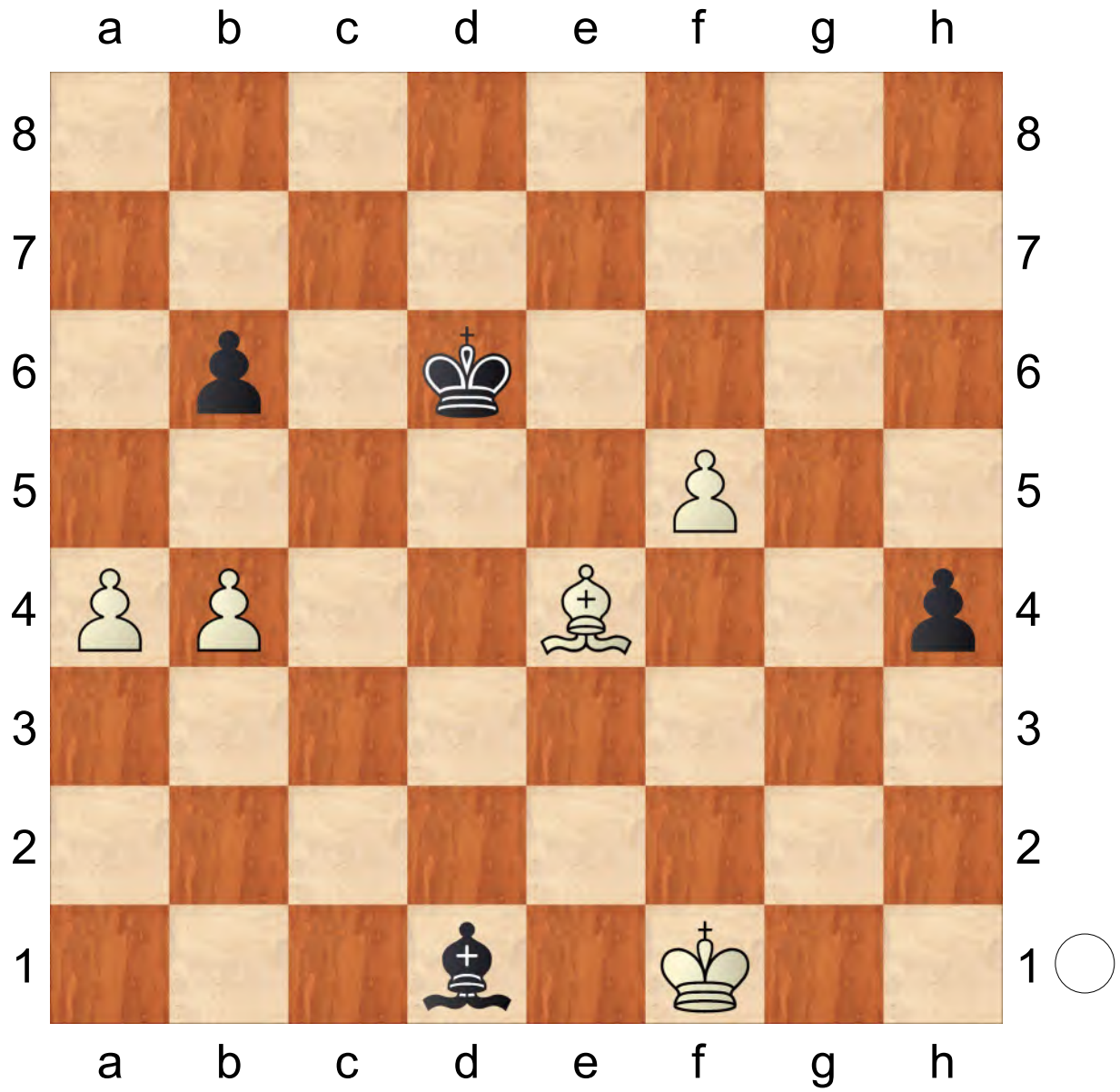
[47...Kf5? also fails to 48.Bd7+ Kxf4 49.Bxg4 Kxg4 50.a4+-]

[Po However, Black's ♔ should have supported his won passed pawn with ♘47...Bc8 48.Kg2 Kh5!± □ *(48...Kf5? 49.Kf3+-* is hopeless.*)* Here the game still goes on and I haven't managed to find a convincing win for White, e.g., 49.Kf3 Bg4+ 50.Ke3 h3 51.Kf2 Kh4 52.a4 Bf5 53.a5 bxa5 54.bxa5 Bc8 is only a

draw.]

48.a4 Ke7 49.Be4 Kd6 50.f5+- Black has brought his ♔ over to help, but has lost any chances for effective counterplay in the process and White's passed pawns are unstoppable anyway. **50...Bd1**

[50...Ke5 51.a5! bxa5 52.bxa5 Kxe4 53.f6 Be6 54.a6+-]



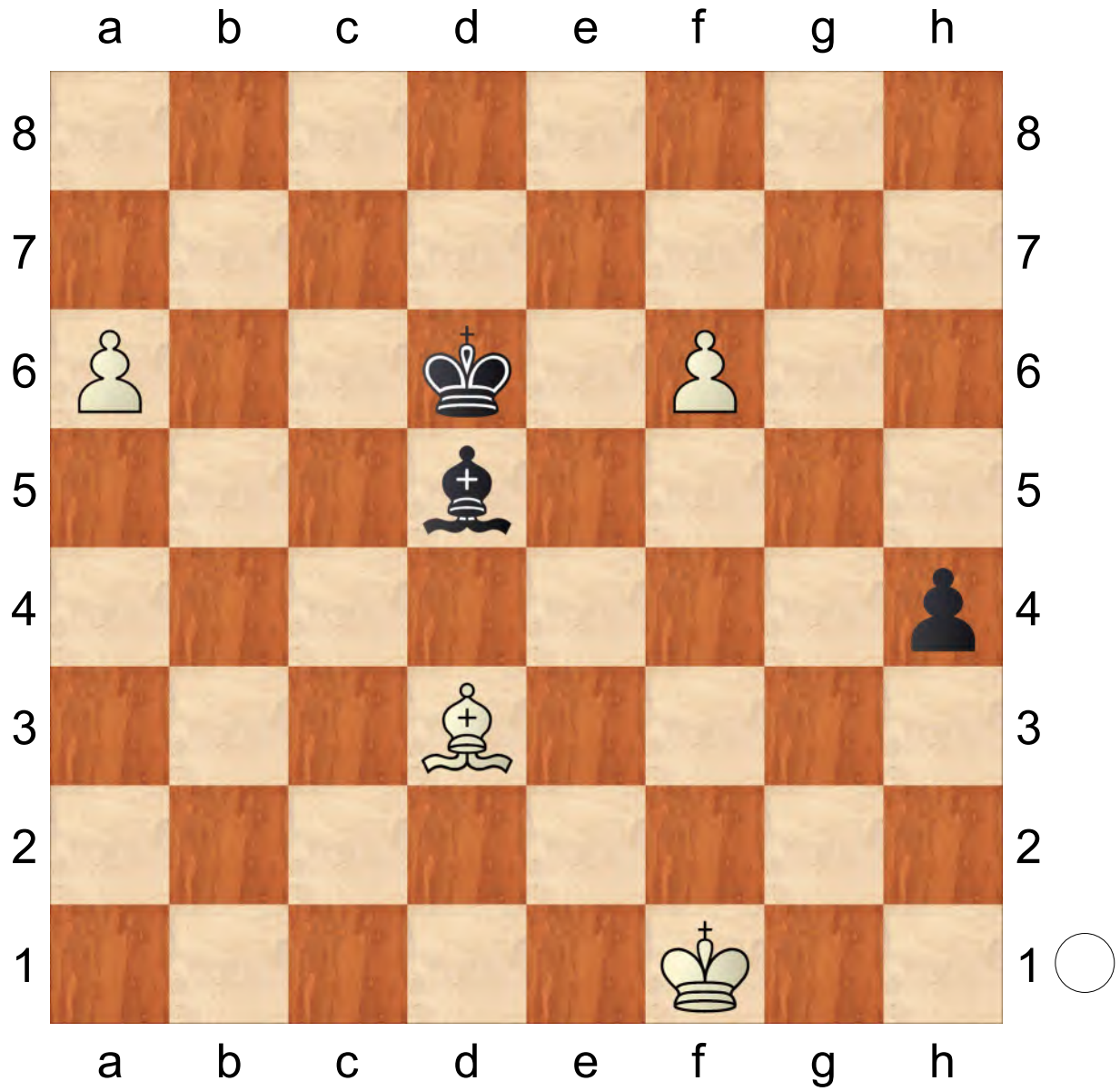
51.a5 bxa5 52.bxa5 Kc5 53.f6 Bb3 54.Bd3 Kd6 55.a6 Bd5

(Diagram)

56.a7 Kc7

[56...Ke6 57.Kf2 Kxf6 58.Bf1+- Δ♗g2]

57.a8R



[Naturally, also 57.a8Q+-]
[and 57.f7+- win easily.]

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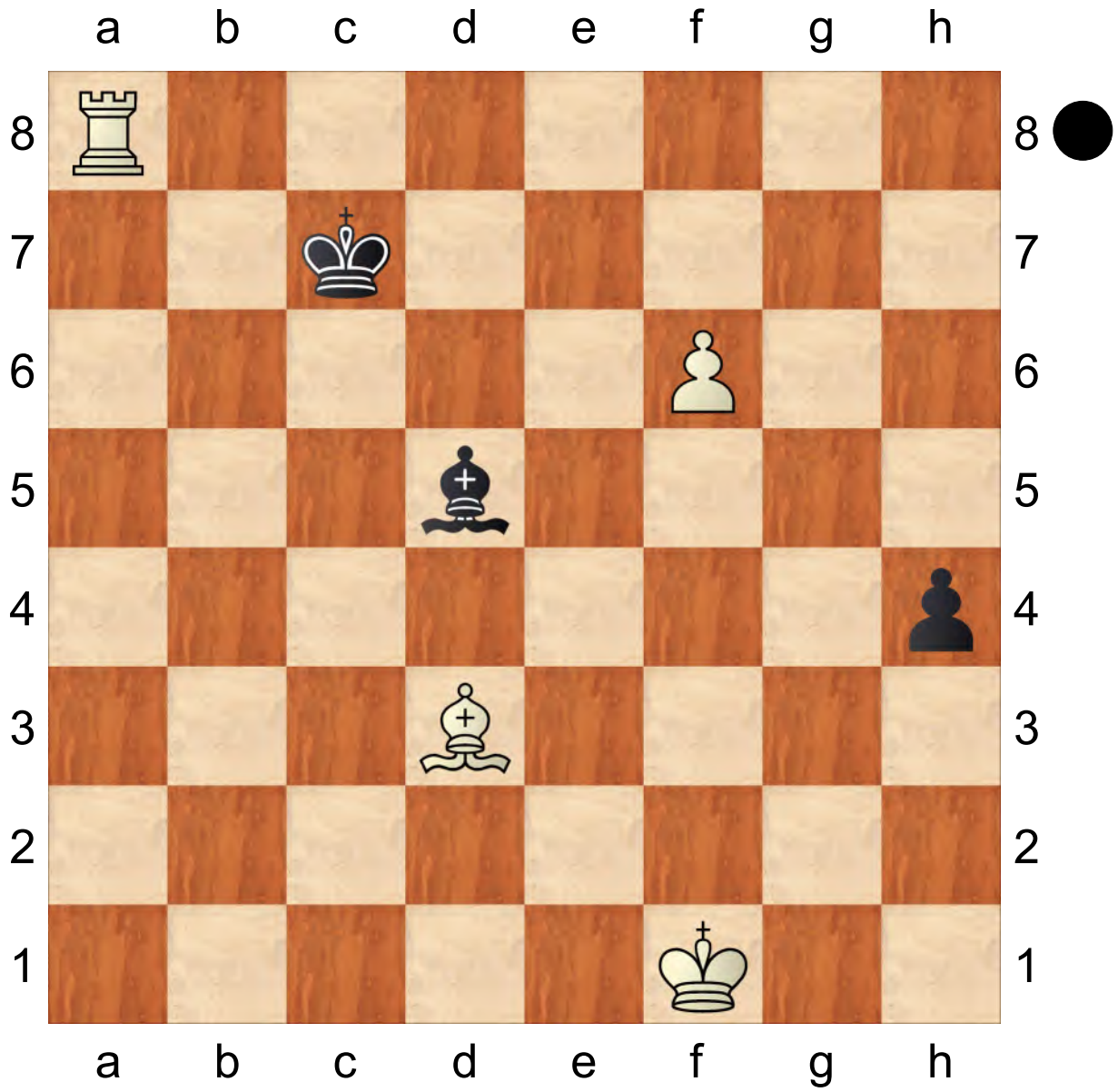
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2760**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2776**
Qatar Masters op (7) 02.12.2014
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
[With White always searching for ways to combat the solid Slav, the immediate 4.g3 has also recently become popular: Perhaps critical is The critical move is perhaps
A) 4...Bg4 5.Ne5 Bf5 6.cxd5
A1) 6...Qxd5 7.f3 Bxb1 8.Rxb1
A1a) Risky, but more consistent is Risky, but a more consistent way is 8...Qxa2!? 9.Bd2⩱ *(9.Qc2!?)*;
A1b) 8...e6 9.a3 Nbd7 10.e4 Qa5+ 11.b4 Qc7 12.Nc4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qb3 Be7 16.Bf4 Qh5 17.g4 Qg6 18.Bd3 Nd7 19.0-0 Qf6 20.Bg3± Rombaldoni,A (2505)-Altini,N (2394)/Boscotrecase/2014/;
A2) 6...cxd5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.f3!?
A2a) 8...Bd7 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.e4 e6 11.e5 Ng8 12.Be3 *(12.a3!? Nge7 13.Be3 Nf5 14.Bf2 Be7 15.Be2±)* 12...Bb4
A2a1) 13.Rc1 Nge7 14.a3 Bxc3+ *(14...Ba5!? 15.g4!?∞)* 15.Rxc3 0-0 16.Be2 Rfc8 17.Qd2 Rc7 18.0-0 Rac8 19.Rfc1 Nf5 20.Bf2 Nb8 21.g4 Rxc3 22.Rxc3± Lysyj,I (2661)-Prohaszka,P (2575)/Iasi/2014/
A2a2) 13.Bd3 Nge7 14.Bf2 *(14.g4!? Na5⇄)* 14...Nf5 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Kf1 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Na5 18.Rc1 Nc4 19.Qe2 0-0 20.Kg2 f6 *(20...Rc7⇄; 20...Na3 21.Bd3 Rc6∞)* 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Bd3 b5 23.Rhf1 Qf7?! *(⌓23...Ne7!⇄)* 24.Rce1 Rf8 25.g4 Ne7 26.Bg3 Ng6 27.h4 Kh8 *(27...h5!? 28.Bxg6 Rxg6 29.g5 e5±)* 28.h5 Nf4+ 29.Bxf4 Rxf4 30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.Qxe6± Grischuk,A (2777)-Tomashevsky,E (2697)/RUS-chT Loo/2014/;
A2b) 8...Rc8! 9.g4 Bd7
A2b1) 10.Nxd7 Nxd7! *(10...Qxd7?! 11.g5 Nh5 12.e4 e6 13.Bh3 Bb4 14.0-0± Bxc3 15.bxc3 0-0 16.c4 dxc4 17.d5 Rfd8* Laznicka,V (2679)-Matlakov,M (2689)/Dubai rpd/2014/ *18.f4 g6 19.Qe1! Nd4 20.Qe3 Nb5 21.a4±)* 11.Bf4 *(11.Nxd5? e6 12.Nc3 Qh4+)* 11...e6 12.e3 Be7∓;
A2b2) 10.g5 Nxe5!? *(10...Nh5 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.e4 e6 13.Bh3 Bb4 14.0-0±)* 11.dxe5 Nh5 12.Qxd5 e6 13.Qxb7 Bc5⩱;
A2b3) 10.Bf4 e6 11.e3 Bb4 12.Rc1 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 0-0 14.Qb3 Qa5 15.a3 Be7 16.Bd3 Bc6 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Bg3 Melkumyan,H (2647)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2572)/Martuni/2014/ Qd8!?= ;

B) 4...Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4

B1) 6...Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.c5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Qc8 11.e4 Be7 12.Bg2 Nh5 *(⌓12...0-0 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.0-0±)* 13.Bd6! Bxd6 14.cxd6 0-0 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.e5 c5 17.Ne2 Nc6 18.f4 cxd4 19.Rd1 f6 20.g4± Laznicka,V (2676)-Perunovic,M (2602)/Tromso olm/2014/;

B2) 6...dxc4 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bxc4 Nb6 10.Bb3 h5 11.Qd3 Qd7 12.Bd2 h4 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.f3 Bd6 15.Rhg1 hxg3 16.hxg3 Bc7 17.Kb1 Kb8 18.Bc1 Rhe8 19.e4 fxe4 20.fxe4± Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Tomashevsky,E (2701)/Baku/2014/ For more details about this game see the noets by Marin in CBM 163.;

C) 4...g6 is the solid symmetrical Fianchetto Grünfeld, but not all Slav players have it in their repertoires. is the solid symmetrical Fianchetto Grünfeld, but not all Slav players have it in their repertoire.;

D) 4...dxc4 5.Bg2 Nbd7 and now:

D1) Ambitious, but also more committal is to ignore the ♙c4 and occupy the centre with 6.0-0 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Qe2 Nb6 10.a4 a5 11.h3

D1a) 11...e5?! 12.dxe5 Nfd7 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Qe3 Ra6 15.Rfd1 Nxe5 16.Rd8 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Qe5 18.Rad1 Bxh3? *(18...f6 19.Bf4 Qe7 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Bd6 Qe8 22.Bc7 Nd7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Be2→)* 19.g4! f5 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Rd8 Bxg4 Avrukh,B (2585)-Motylev,A (2655)/EU Cup Eilat/2012/ 22.Bxg4 *(22.Bh6 Ra8 23.Qxb6 Rxd8 24.Qxd8 Qd6 25.Qxd6 Bxd6 26.Bxg4 fxg4 27.Be3 Kf7 28.Bb6 Bb4 29.Nd1 Bd2 30.Kf1 h5 31.Ke2 Bb4 32.Ne3 c3 33.b3 Kf6 34.Kd3 Kg5 35.Bc7 h4 36.Nd1 Bc5 37.Nxc3 Bxf2 38.Ke2 Bd4 39.Nd1 b6 40.Nf2 g3 41.Bd8+ Kh5 42.e5 g2 43.Nh3 Kg4 44.Nf2+ Kf5 45.Nh3 g1Q 46.Nxg1 Bxg1 47.Bxh4 Kxe5 48.Bd8 Ke4 49.Kf1 Be3 50.Ke2 g5 51.Bc7 g4 52.Bg3 Bf4* 0-1 (52) Avrukh,B (2585)-Motylev,A (2655) Eilat 2012*)* 22...fxg4 23.Bh6 Ra8 24.Qxb6+-;

D1b) 11...Ne8!? 12.Rd1 Nd6 13.g4 f6 14.e5 *(⌓14.Bf4⩱)* 14...Ne8 15.Ne4 Be6 16.Nc5 Bd5 17.Nxb7 Qc8 18.Nc5 Nc7 19.Re1 f5 20.gxf5 Rxf5 21.Ra3 Nd7 22.Ne4 Ne6↑ 23.Ng3? Rxf3! 24.Bxf3 Nxd4 25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.Qd1 Nxe5-+ Manolache,M (2441)-Cheparinov,I (2567)/Ortigueira/2004/;

D2) 6.Qc2 Nb6 *(6...b5!?)* 7.Nbd2 g6 *(* Simple development, Black is unwilling to risk *7...Bg4 8.Nxc4!? Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Qxd4 10.Na5⯑;* or *7...Be6 8.0-0⩱)* 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nxc4 Bf5 10.Qc3 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 0-0 12.Rd1 a5 13.Qb3 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nd7 15.Nc4 Qb4 16.Ne3 Qxb3 17.axb3 Be6 18.d5 cxd5 19.Nxd5 Nc5 20.Ra3 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rac8 22.Bg5 e6 23.Rd6 Bxb2 24.Rxa5 Bc1= Grischuk,A (2764)-Aronian,L (2809)/London candidates/2013/ For more details about this game see the notes by Marin in CBM 154.]

4...e6 5.g3!? Kramnik goes for the Catalan, which he knows so well. His move-order is quite rare, as White has already committed his knight to c3. Kramnik goes for the Catalan, which he knows so well. His move order is quite rare, as White has already

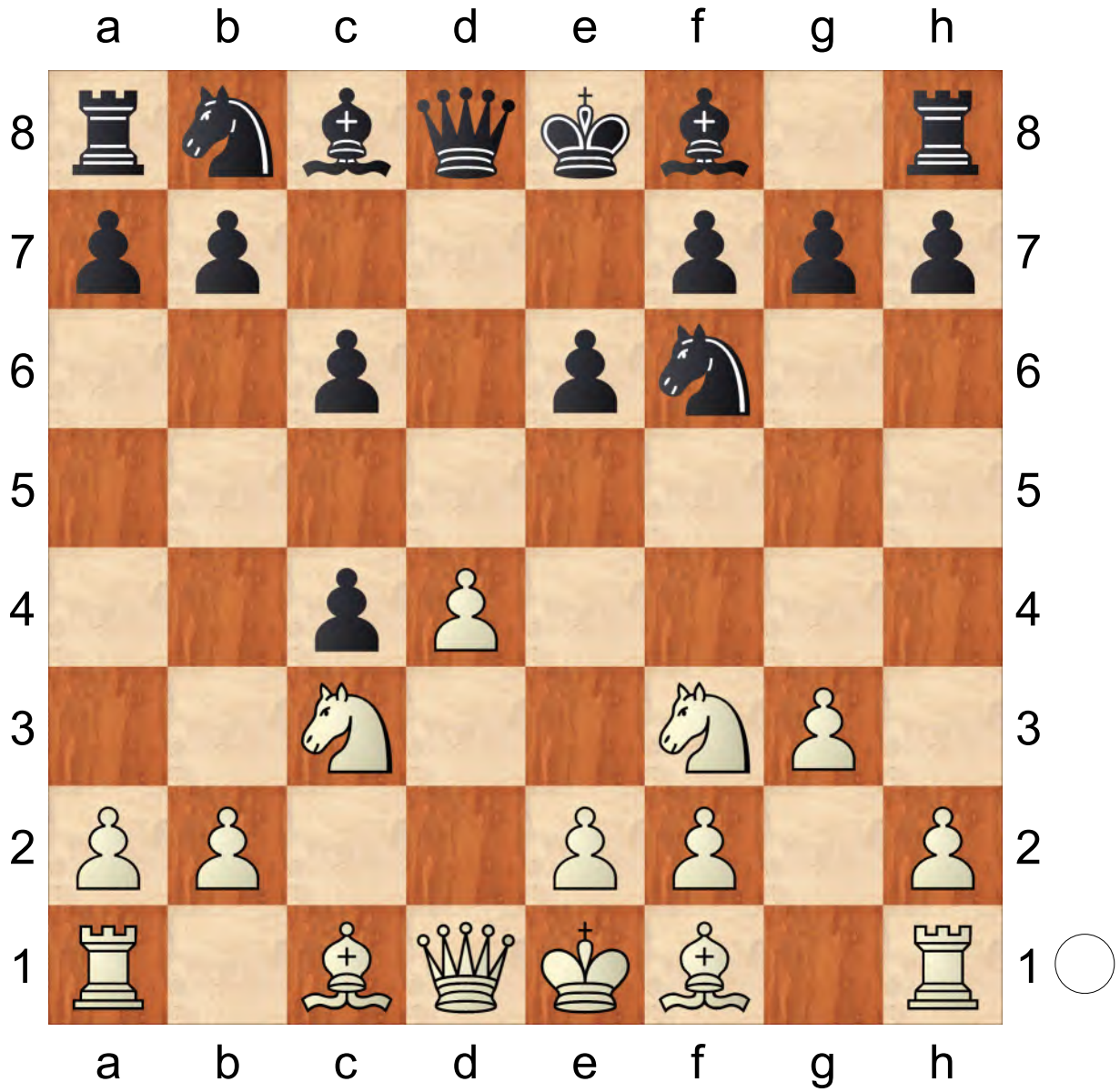
committed his knight to c3.

[He is in no mood for either 5.e3 Nbd7]

[or 5.Bg5 h6 Both systems are heavily analysed mainline theory, to catch up with the confident leader (In Qatar Giri started with 6/6) he has to come up with something less usual.]

5...dxc4

[Taking on c4 sooner or later is certainly principled, the shy Taking on c4 sooner or later is certainly principled, the modest 5...Nbd7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 b6 9.Nd2!? gives White chances for an edge without much risk - altogether in the Catalan spirit... *(*For *9.Bb2* see Kramnik-Karjakin. *)*]



Anish picks up the gauntlet. **6.Bg2 b5** Protects his booty.

[Black's main alternative is 6...Nbd7 7.a4 *(7.0-0!?* also deserves attention *)*

A) 7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 e5!?⇄ has a solid reputation is quite dangerous for Black, but *(9...a5!?* has a solid reputation - see Wang Yue-Ponomariov. *)*;
B) 7...Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 Here Giri had a pleasant experience in the past, but with White: 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Na2 Bd6 11.Qxc4 Nb6 12.Qc2 Qxa4 13.b3 Qa5 14.Ne5 Nbd7 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Rd1 e5 18.Nc3 exd4 19.Ba3 c5 20.e3 d3 21.Rxd3 Qb8 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 b6 24.Bb2 a5 25.Ra4 Re8 26.Rg5 g6 27.Bd5 Kf8 28.Rf4 1-0, Giri,A (2720)-Caruana,F (2781)/Wijk aan Zee/2013/ For the notes to this game by Marin see CBM 153. Naturally Black's play can be improved, but it's no wonder that Giri prefers to avoid this particular branch. For the notes to this game by Marin see CBM 153. Naturally Black's play can be improved upon, but it's no wonder that Giri prefers to avoid this particular branch.]

7.Ne5 a6

[7...Bb7? 8.Nxb5]

[Black mostly plays 7...Nd5 , but holding on to the pawn means falling behind in development:

A) 8.0-0

A1) 8...f6 9.Ng4!? Be7 10.e4

A1a) 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.a4⩲ *(12.e5!? f5 13.Ne3 Bb7 14.a4* ○ *)*;

A1b) 10...Nb6 11.a4⟳;

A1c) 10...Nb4?! 11.a4 bxa4 12.Ne3 Nd7 13.Qg4?! *(13.Nxa4±)* 13...g6 14.Nxc4 Nb6 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.Qd1 0-0 17.Rxa4 Rxa4 18.Qxa4 Qxd4 19.Be3 b5 20.Bxd4 bxa4 21.Nxa4 Rd8 22.Bb6 Rd2 23.Be3 Rd8 24.Rc1 e5= Eljanov,P (2712)-Gurevich,M (2617)/Konya/2011⁄

A2) 8...Bb7 9.a4 a6 and now: transposes to 7...♘d5 above.

A2a) 10.e4 is more popular, but postponing the swap on b5 can later gives Black a choice to advantageously take back with the c-pawn: Nxc3 *(10...Nf6 11.d5 cxd5 12.exd5 exd5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Nxb5 Bc5 16.Qa4 0-0 17.Qxa8 Qe8 18.Nc3 Qxe5 19.Bf4 Qh5 20.Bxb8 Ng4 21.h4 Nxf2 22.Qb7! Ng4+ 23.Kh1 Nf2+ 24.Kh2 Ng4+ 25.Kh1 Nf2+ 26.Rxf2 Bxf2 27.Bd6±* Mikhalevski,V (2632)-Naiditsch,A (2637) /Heviz /2008/ For more details about this line see the notes by Mikhalevski in CBM 123.*)* 11.bxc3 Nd7 12.Bf4 *(12.f4 Be7 13.Ng4 0-0 14.f5 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.e5 Kh8 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 f6 19.axb5 Nxe5 20.Qxd8 Rfxd8 21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.bxa6 Rd6=* Grigoryan,A (2580)-Hovhannisyan,R (2623) Martuni 2013*)* 12...Be7 13.Qg4 g6 14.Nxd7 *(14.Bh6 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qc7 16.Qf4 g5 17.Bxg5 0-0-0 18.Bxe7∞* ½, Nielsen,P (2625)-Goloshchapov,A (2558)/Istanbul/2003/*)* 14...Qxd7 *(14...h5!?)* 15.Bh6 f6 *(15...e5* Δ *16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Bg7 exd4 18.Bxh8 Rxh8 19.cxd4 Kc7↑)* 16.axb5 cxb5 17.Rfe1 e5! 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Bg7 Rhe8 21.Bxe5 Bc5 22.Bh3+ Kc6 23.Bf6 Kb6 24.e5 Kortschnoj,V (2602)-Wang,Yue (2704)/Amsterdam/2008/ a5

25.Bd7 Rf8∓;

A2b) 10.axb5

A2b1) 10...cxb5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.e4⟳

A2b11) 12...dxe4 13.Qh5 Qc7 *(13...g6 14.Nxg6± fxg6 15.Qe5+±)* 14.Bxe4! Bxe4 15.Re1 g6 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Rxe4+ Be7 18.Qd5 Ra7 19.Bh6 Nc6 20.Rae1± →;

A2b12) 12...Be7 13.exd5 Bxd5 14.Nxf7! Bxf7 15.Bxa8 0-0 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Be4 Nc6 18.d5+- Ben Menachem,I (2305)-Varga,Z (2480)/Ramat Hasharon/1992/;

A2b2) Safer is 10...axb5 , keeping the centre more closed for the time being. 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.e4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nd7

A2b21) 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Be3 Bb7 *(15...c5 16.Qa1 Bb7 17.dxc5 Be7 18.Qa7 Bf6 19.e5 Bxg2 20.Qb8+ Qd8 21.Qxb5+ Qd7 22.Qb8+ Qd8 23.Qxd8+ Kxd8 24.Kxg2 Bxe5 25.Bd4±)* 16.Qg4 h5 17.Qe2 Be7 18.Ra1 g6 19.Ra7 0-0 20.Qa2 Qc8 21.e5 Rd8 22.h4 Rd7 23.Be4⩲ Fridman,D (2635)-Kraemer,M (2570)/Bundesliga/2014/;

A2b22) 14.Bf4!?

A2b221) Deserving attention was A move which deserved attention was 14...Be7 **Δ** 15.Qg4 g6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Bh6 e5!? 18.Qf3!? *(18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Bg7 Re8 20.Bxe5 c5⇄)* 18...exd4 19.Bg7 Rg8 20.Bxd4 c5 21.Bf6 Qc6 22.Bxe7 Kxe7 23.Qf4 Rd8=;

A2b222) 14...Bb7 15.Nxd7 *(15.Qh5 g6 16.Qf3 f6 17.Nxd7 Qxd7* ½, Wells,P (2517)-Haslinger,S (2468)/Caerleon/2007/ *18.Ra1 Be7 19.Ra7 0-0 20.Bh3 f5= /∓)* 15...Qxd7 16.Qg4 Qd8 17.Ra1 h5 18.Qe2 Bd6 19.e5 Be7 20.Be4 g6 21.Qf3 Qc7 22.Be3 0-0 23.h4 Kg7 24.Qf4 Rh8 25.Kh2 Qb8 26.Ra2 Qc8 27.Bc1 Qd7 28.Ra7 Bd8 29.Qf3 Be7 30.Ba3 Bxa3?! *(30...Rb8!±)* 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Rxa3↑ Mikheev,S (2547)-Van Unen,H (2552)/email/2010/

B) 8.e4!?

B1) 8...Nb4 9.a3 Qxd4 10.axb4 Qxe5 11.Bf4 Qf6 12.e5 Qd8 13.0-0! *(13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Nxb5 Bxb4+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2 a6 17.Kc3 Nd7 18.f4 Rb8 19.Nd6 Ke7 20.Nxc4 Nb6=* Tregubov,P (2646)-Pavasovic,D (2597) /Kallithea/2008/*)* 13...Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Bxb4 15.Nxb5 cxb5 16.Bxa8 a6 17.Bd2 Bxd2 18.Rxd2 Ke7 19.f4 Nd7 20.Rad1 f6 21.exf6+ gxf6 Arngrimsson,D (2385)-Mihok,O (2451) /Budapest/2013/ 22.Rd6 Nc5 23.Rc6↑;

B2) 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be7 *(9...Bb7 10.Qh5! Δ g6 11.Nxg6 fxg6 12.Qe5±)* 10.Qg4 0-0 11.Bh6 Bf6 12.0-0 Kh8 13.Be3 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.f4 Qe7 16.Qh5 b4 17.f5 *(17.Qe2!±)* 17...f6 *(17...Nxe5 18.f6 gxf6 19.Bd4 Nd7!?∞)* 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qh4 bxc3 20.Rae1 Ng8 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Bc5 Re8 23.g4↑ Nyzhnyk,I (2620)-Graf,A (2605)/Bad Wiessee/2012/]

[7...Qb6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.e4 Be7 10.Bg5 0-0 *(10...h6!? 11.Be3⩲)* 11.Ng4 Qd8 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e5 Be7 14.Nxb5 Nd7 15.Nc3 Rb8 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Rad1 c5 18.d5 h5 19.Ne3 Nxe5 20.Qxh5 Qxb2 21.Rc1↑ Nisipeanu,L (2686)-Van Wely,L (2685)/Canberra/2014/]

8.0-0 Proceeds in gambit style. Taking the pawn back releases the tension and is generally a relief for Black.

[8.Nxc6 Qb6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.e4 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0 12.d5 Nbd7 13.Be3 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.dxe6 Ne5 17.b4 Qxb4 18.Qd4 Nd3 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Qd6∓ Vachier Lagrave,M (2721)-Smeets,J (2669) Bundesliga/ 2010/]

[8.a4 Bb7 We have already had 9.0-0 above, Kramnik has a different approach in his mind, one often championed by GM Gleizerov. Be7!? *(9...Nd5* transposes to 7...♘d5 above. *)* 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.Nxb5 cxb5 13.Bxa8 0-0 14.Bg2 Nd5 15.f4 Bd6 16.e3 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Nc6 18.Qg4 Qd7 19.h4 Ncb4 20.h5 Nyzhnyk,I (2585)-Giri,A (2717)//EU-ch Plovdiv /2012/ Now, as Krasenkow points out in CBM 148, f5!∓ gives Black an excellent position.]

8...Bb7 9.b3!?

[We have already had 9.a4 above, Kramnik has a different approach on his mind, often championed by GM Gleizerov.]

9...cxb3 Modest, but solid.

[9...b4 10.Na4 *(* Interesting is also the enterprising piece sacrifice Another interesting try is the enterprising piece sacrifice *10.bxc4 bxc3 11.Rb1 Ra7 12.Be3 Bd6 13.d5 c5 14.Qa4+ Nbd7 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Bxb7 Bxe5 17.Bxc5 Rxb7 18.Rxb7 Qc8 19.Ra7* Li, Chao (2697)-Ankit,R (2455)/Graz/2014/ *Kf7∞)* 10...c3 11.Nc4↻ is very risky, Black's lag in development makes it difficult for him to retain his powerful pawn-chain after is very risky, Black's lag in development makes it difficult for him to retain his powerful pawn chain after *(11.Qc2)* 11...a5 *(11...Nbd7 12.Bf4 a5 13.a3 Nd5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Bxd6 Nb8 16.Bc5 Na6 17.e4 Ndc7 18.Bb6 0-0 19.Bxa5 Qe7* Gleizerov,E (2549)-Hovhanisian,M (2513)/ Charleroi/2014/ *20.axb4 Nb5 21.e5 Nxb4 22.Bb6 Na6 23.Qd3↑)* 12.a3 Ba6 13.axb4 axb4 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxd1 *(15...0-0 16.Bf4 Nd5 17.Bd6 Nd7 18.e4 N5f6 19.Ra4 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Qxd1 21.Rxd1 Bxc4 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Rxb4 Be2 24.Rc1+-* Gleizerov,E (2531)-Bruno,F (2413)/Sibenik/2014/*)* 16.Rxd1 0-0 17.Bf4 Nbd7 18.Bxc6 Bxc4 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Bxa8 Bxb3 21.Rd4+- Gleizerov,E (2546)-Solodovnichenko,Y (2543)/Koge/2013/]

10.axb3 Be7

[10...Nbd7!? 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Rd1 Be7 13.Bb2 Qb6 14.Ne4 Nxe5 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.dxe5 Be7 17.Qe4 *(17.Rd6!?)* 17...0-0 18.Bd4 Qc7 19.Rdc1 Bb4 20.Qe3 h6 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.Bc5 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 Rfd8 24.b4⩱ Melkumyan,H (2678)-Duda,J (2599)/Doha/2014/ White's compensation is just enough to hold the balance, this game was played in Round 4.]

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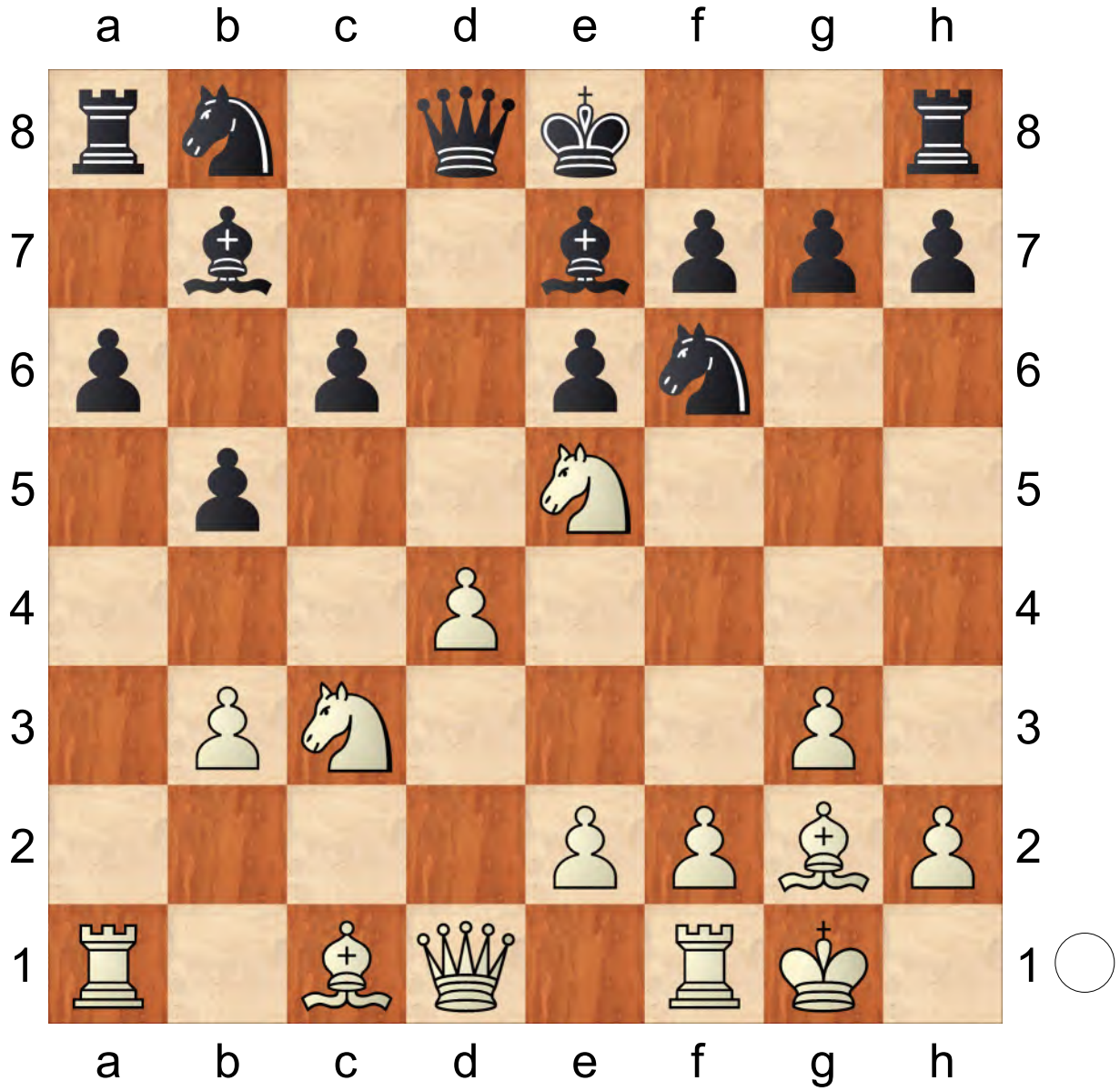

11.Bb2
[11.Bg5 0-0 12.e3 Ra7 13.h4 c5 14.dxc5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 Bxc5 17.Nd3 Nbd7 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.b4 Na4 21.Nxa4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rb7= Li,Chao (2687)-Tomashevsky,E (2733)/St Petersburg/2012/]
11...0-0
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12.Qc2 Subsequently Kramnik admitted this was a slip.
[A later game went Originally he had intended ⌓12.Ne4!⩲ , which appeared in a

later game: Nd5 13.Qc1 *(13.Nc5!? Bxc5 14.dxc5↑)* 13...Nd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Nc5 Qc7 16.Rd1 Rfd8 17.e3 a5 18.Ba3 b4 19.Bb2 Ba6 20.e4 Nf6 21.Nxa6 Rxa6 22.Qc4 Qb6 23.Rdc1 g6 24.Qe2 Ra7 25.Rc4 Ne8 26.Qc2 *(26.e5 c5 27.Qe3 Rad7!? 28.dxc5 Rd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Bf1 Qc6⇄)* 26...Rc7 27.e5 c5⇄ Dubov,D (2629)-Shirov,A (2675)/Moscow rpd/2014/]

12...Nfd7?!N This anti-developing move doesn't make a good impression.

[Black should have been more generous with 12...Nbd7! 13.Nxc6 *(13.Bxc6 Qc7 14.Bxb7 Qxb7=; 13.Nd3* or*; 13.Rfc1* retains pressure and compensation, but White can't justifiably claim an advantage.*)* 13...Bxc6 14.Bxc6 Rc8 15.Bxd7 *(15.Rxa6?! b4)* 15...Qxd7 16.Qd3 Qb7 17.f3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 h6 19.Ne4 e5 20.e3 exd4 21.Bxd4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4 23.fxe4 Rc6∓ Onischuk,A (2699)-Roussel Roozmon,T (2487)/Montreal/2009/]

13.Nd3!↑ The congestion on the queenside makes Black's life difficult, while White has many different motifs to improve his position.

[13.Ne4!? Kramnik a5 *(13...Nxe5 14.dxe5↑)* 14.Rfc1 Qb6 15.Nd3≌ is similar to the game: Na6 16.Qd2 Nb4 17.Nec5 Nxd3 18.Nxd7 Qd8 19.Nxf8 Nxc1 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxc1± Rombaldoni,A (2501)-Schandorff,L (2524) Porto Mannu 2014]

13...Qb6 14.Ne4 a5

[14...c5 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.b4±]

15.Ndc5

[15.Nec5!? Nxc5 16.Nxc5≌ *(16.dxc5 Qc7 17.Be5 Qd8 18.Rfd1 Nd7∞)* 16...Bc8 17.Rfc1 *(17.Qe4 Ra7 18.Rfc1 Rd8 19.Rc2 Rc7=)* 17...Na6 18.Nxa6 Rxa6 19.Qxc6 Qb8 *(19...a4!?)* 20.Qc7 Qxc7 21.Rxc7 Bd6 22.Rc6 b4 according to Kramnik Black holds.]

15...Bc8

[Most engines insist Black should have taken the plunge with 15...f5!?

A) 16.Nxb7

A1) 16...fxe4 17.Nc5 *(17.Qxe4 Qxb7 18.Qxe6+ Rf7 19.d5 Ra6 20.dxc6 Rxc6∞)* 17...Nxc5 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Qxe4 Qf5 20.Qe3 Bc5 21.Qc3 Ra7 22.Rxa5 Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qc5 24.Rxa7 Qxc3 25.Bxc3 Bxa7 26.Rd1↑;

A2) 16...Qxb7 17.Nc3 *(17.Nd2 Nb6∞)* 17...Na6 18.e4≌;

B) 16.Nxe6 fxe4 17.Nxf8 Nxf8 18.Qxe4 Qd8 *(18...Bf6 19.Rfc1 Bc8 20.Qd3± Kramnik)* 19.Rfd1± Although White should be on top with his central pawns, the position remains sharp.]

[15...Nxc5?! 16.dxc5 Qc7 17.Qc3! is the reason why Kramnik went to c5 with the d3-knight, Black is in trouble after f6 18.Rfd1 Na6 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.Nd6±]

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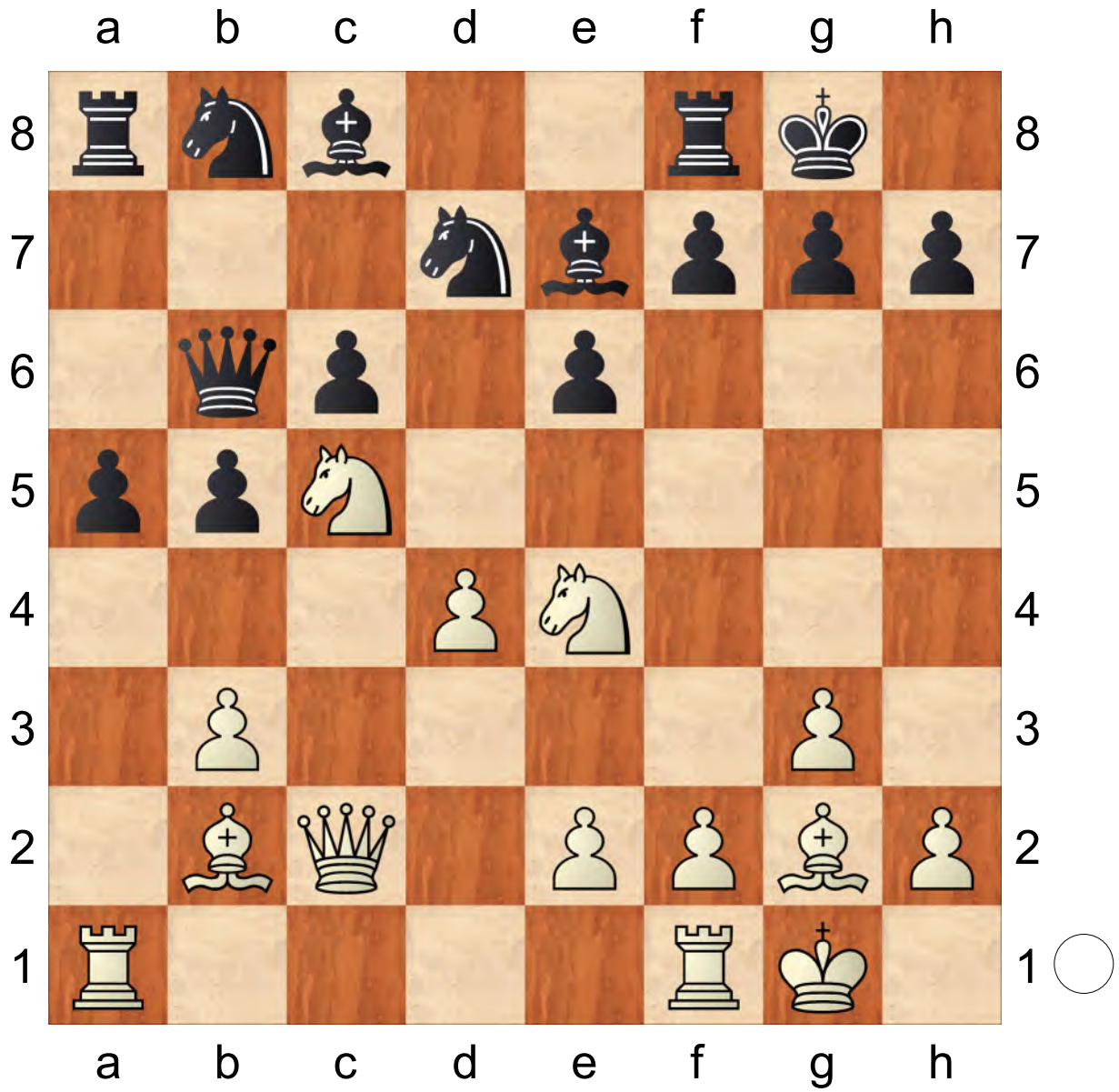
Another retreat, which doesn't improve the situation. Another retreat, which doesn't help Black's development. **16.Qc3!?**



[16.Rfc1 Na6 17.Qd2 *(17.Qc3 b4 18.Qe3* transposes to the game*)* 17...Nc7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Nc5 Be8 20.Bc3 b4 21.Bb2⩲ Kramnik]

16...b4 17.Qe3 Kramnik has fixed Black's queenside pawns and stopped the ♘a6-b4 option. **17...Na6 18.Rfc1** transposes to the game **18...Nc7?!**

[18...Naxc5 19.dxc5 Qc7 20.Rd1↑ *(20.Nd6⩲* looks very promising for White, but actually after *Ba6* it's not so simple to improve his position. *)*]

[18...Qb5!?±]

19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.Nc5 Be8□

[20...Bc8 21.Na4±]

[20...Bxc5 21.dxc5 Qa7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Rc4 e5 26.Be4! Rfd8 27.Bxh7+ Kf8 28.Bg6 Be6 29.Rh4+-]

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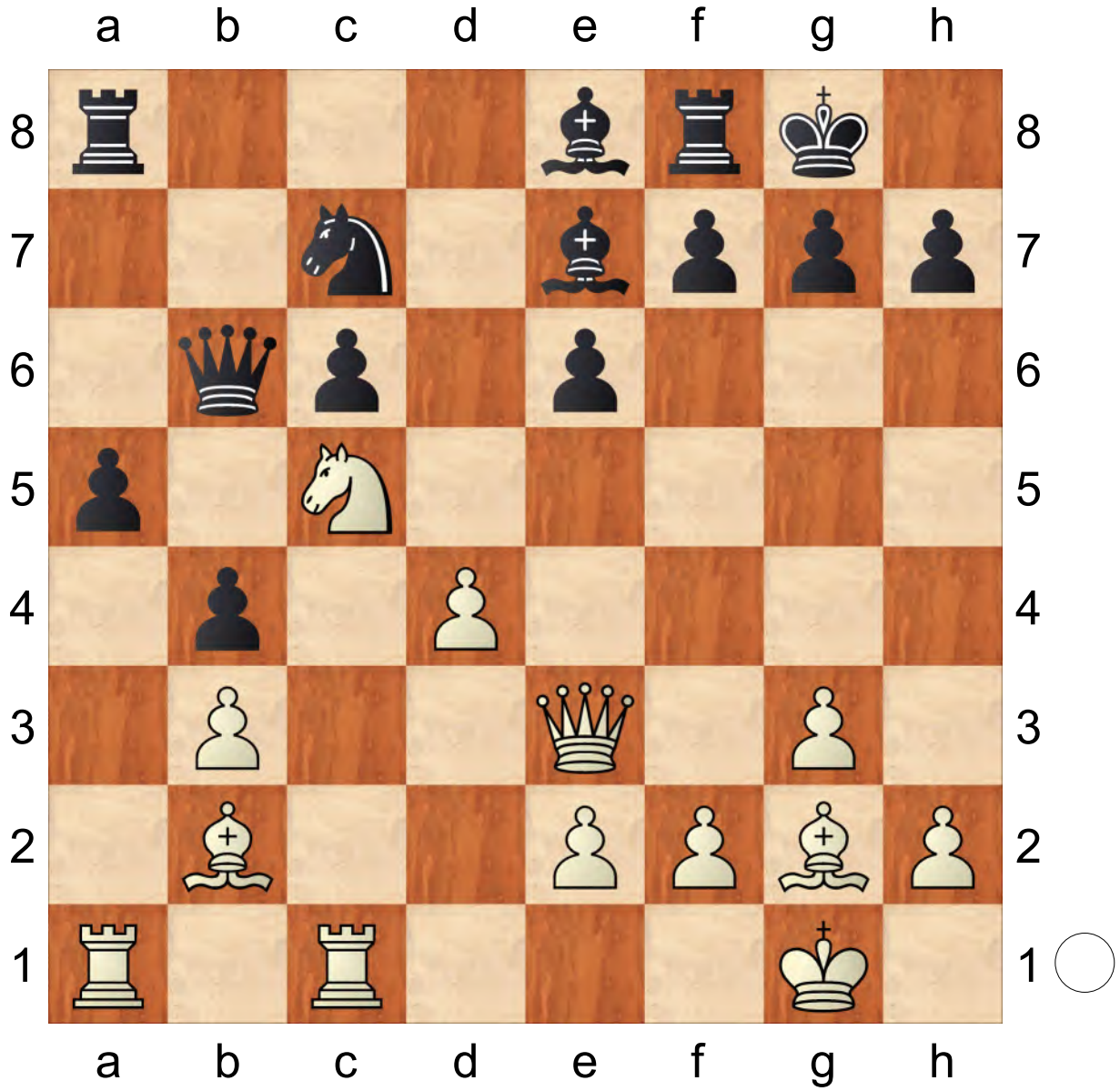


For the time being Black has to keep his ♖f8 locked in. **21.Ra2 Qb5 22.Qd3⊕**
This seems rather soft, but Kramnik wanted to simplify, as he was down to 2 minutes at this point.

[22.Be4!?↑]

[22.Qe4!?↑ Kramnik]

22...Qxd3

[⌓22...Bxc5 23.Qxb5 Nxb5 24.Rxc5 Ra6 Δ 25.e4

A) 25...f6 26.Bf1 Bf7 27.f3 *(27.d5 exd5 28.exd5 Raa8 29.Rxc6 Nc3=)* 27...Rfa8 28.Kf2↑ Kramnik;

B) 25...Ra7!? Δ 26.Bf1 Nd6 27.f3 f5⇄]

23.Nxd3 Nd5 24.Ne5 Ra6?!

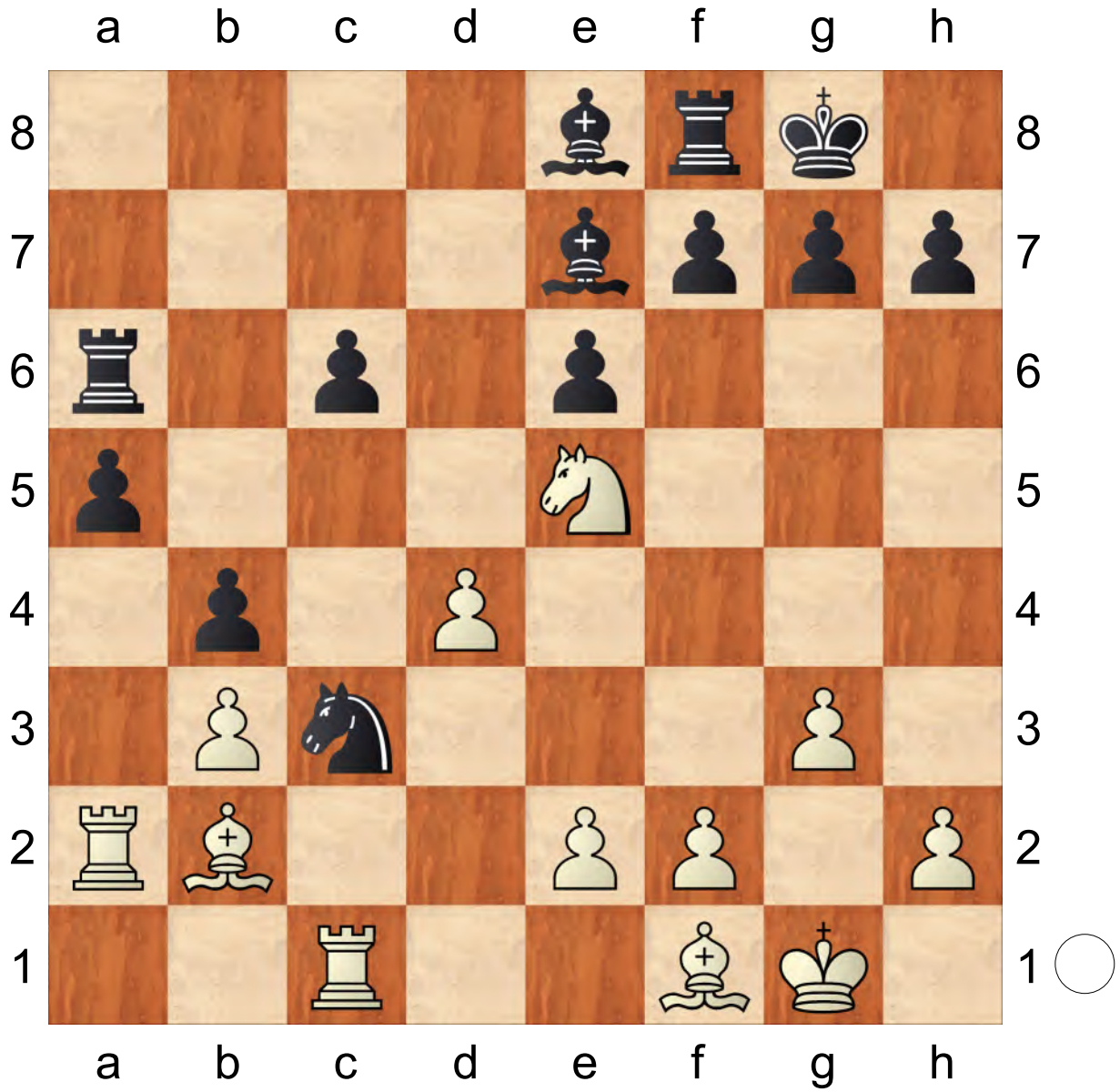
[Giri missed the following move. Kramnik pointed out ⌓24...c5! 25.dxc5 Bb5 26.e4 Nc3 27.Bxc3 bxc3 28.Rxc3 Rfc8 Black has a much better version of the

game position and real drawing chances after 29.c6 Bb4 *(29...f6? 30.Bh3 fxe5 31.Bxe6+ Kf8 32.Bxc8 Rxc8 33.Rxa5+-)* 30.Rc1 f6 31.Nc4 Ra6]

25.Bf1! Nc3?!

[More resilient was 25...Ra7!? was more resilient: 26.e4 *(26.Nxc6 Bxc6 27.Rxc6 Rfa8 28.e4 Nc3±)* 26...Nc3 27.Bxc3 bxc3 28.Rxc3 Bd7 Here White's ♙d4 is vulnerable, winning the opposite-coloured bishops after 29.Nxc6 Bxc6 30.Rxc6 Rd8± /± won't be that easy.]

[Also better than the text was 25...Nc7!? 26.e3 Nb5 27.Bg2 *(27.Nc4 Bd8 28.Rca1± /±* Kramnik *)* 27...Na3 28.Raa1 a4±]

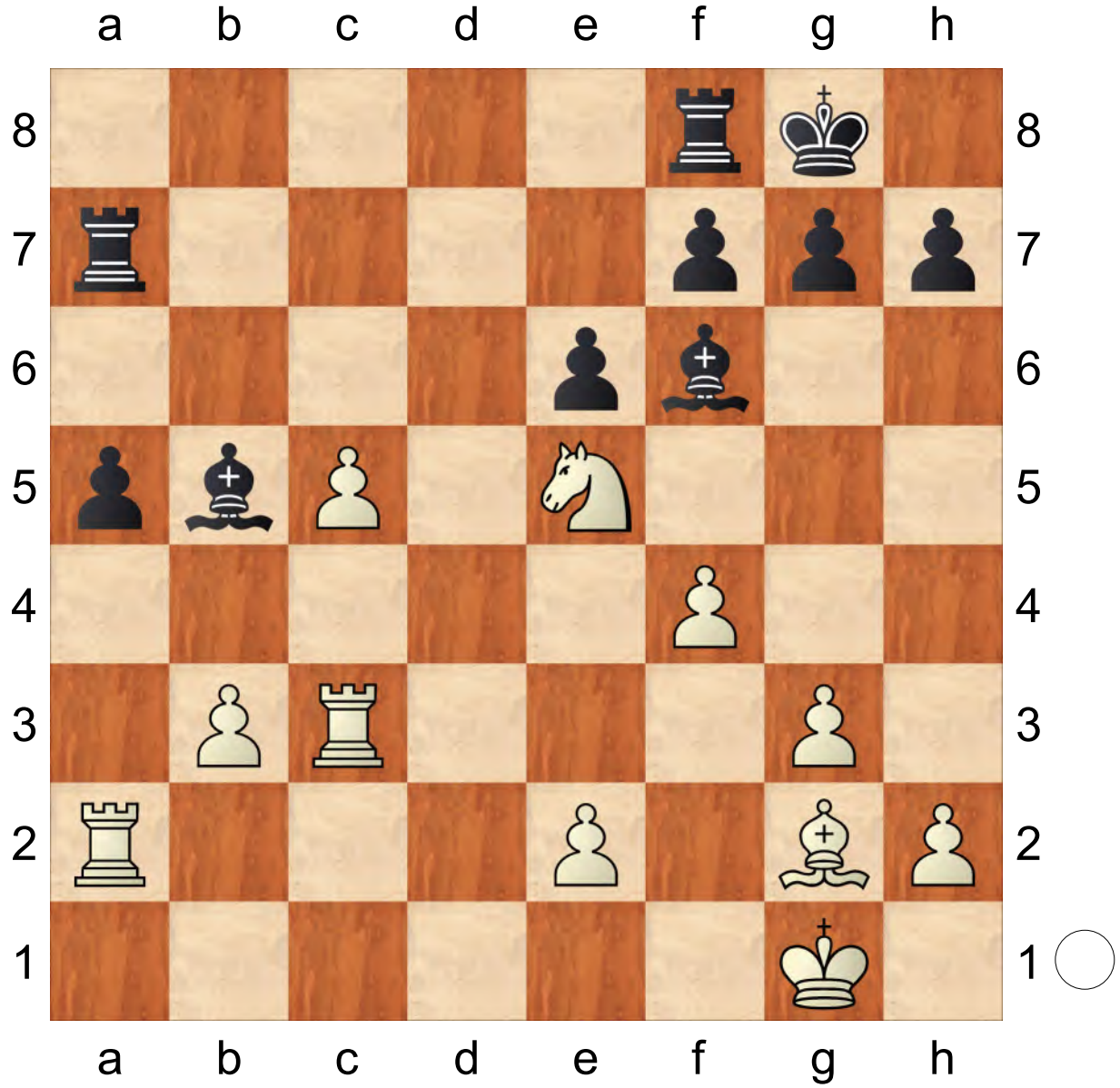


Black will have to return at least one pawn anyway, but now the weaknesses remain.

26.Bxc3 bxc3 27.Rxc3± c5?! Black is in serious trouble, but this is desperation.

Black is in serious trouble, but this seems rather too desperate.

[27...Bf6 28.e3±]
[27...Bb4 28.Rc1 f6 29.e3 Rb6 30.Nd3±]
28.dxc5 Bf6 29.f4 Bb5 30.Bg2 Ra7



31.c6± /+- White has a powerful extra passed pawn - the game is more or less decided. **31...Be7 32.Be4**
[Kramnik suggested 32.Nf3!? as a good alternative.]
32...f6
[32...Rc8 33.Nf3 is similar is similar to the game *(33.Bd3!? Bxd3 34.Nxd3 Rac7 35.Rac2+-)*]
33.Nf3 Rd8
[33...f5 34.Nd4 Ba6 35.Bf3+-]
34.e3 e5 35.fxe5 fxe5

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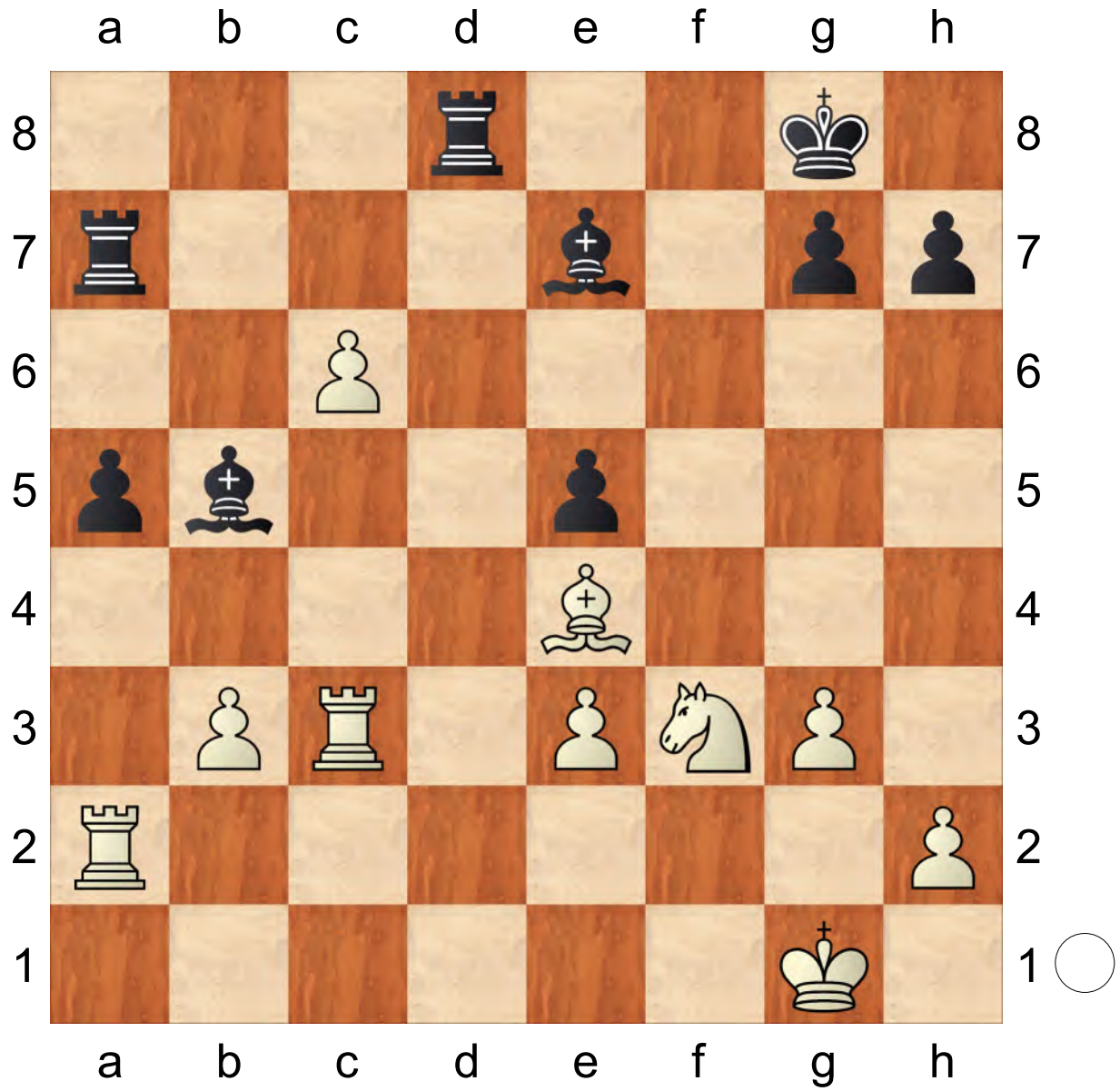

36.Rc1 a4 37.bxa4

[Black has had enough, 37.bxa4 Ba6 *(37...Rxa4? 38.Rxa4 Bxa4 39.c7)* 38.Nxe5+- is hopeless.]

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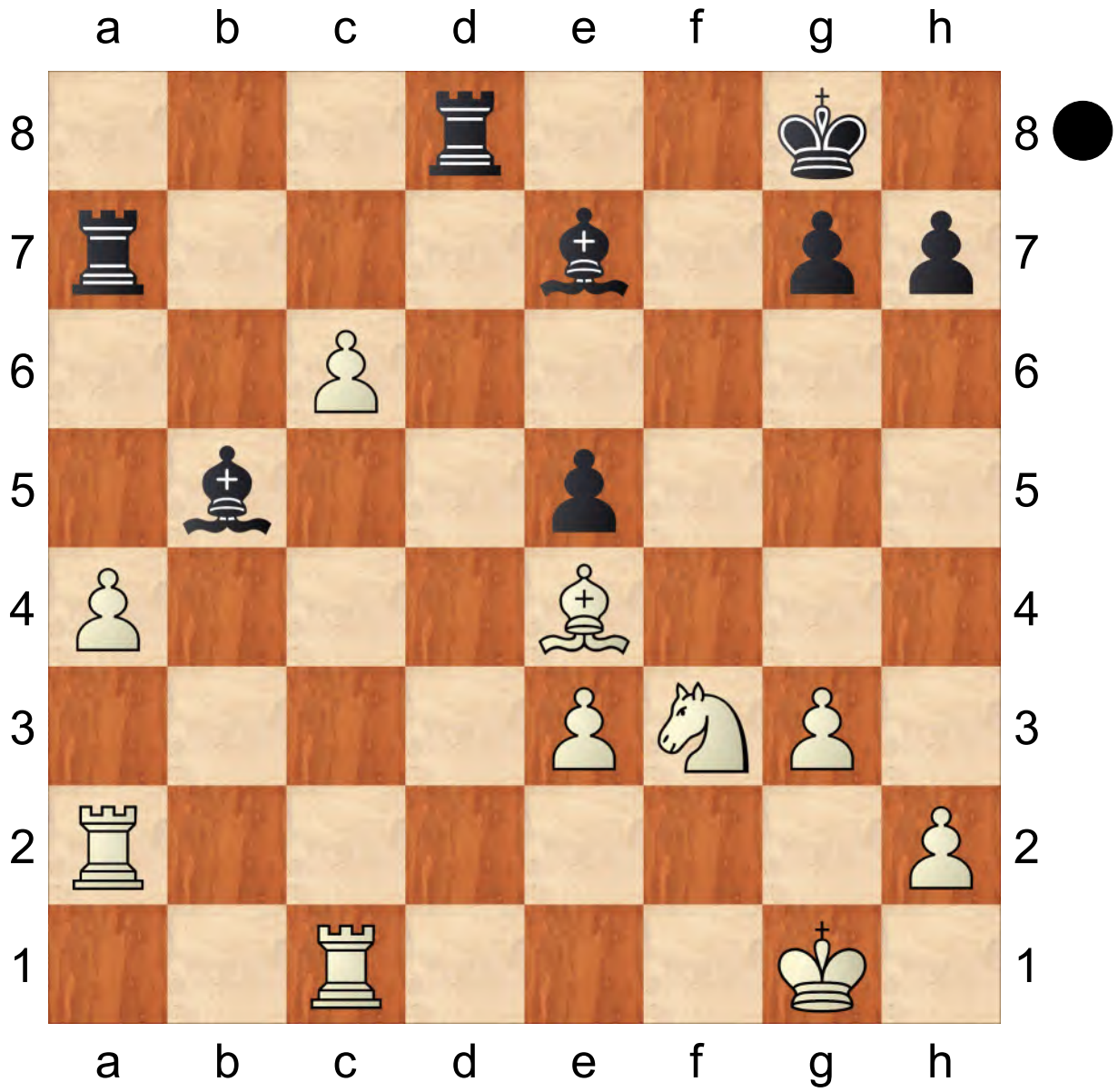
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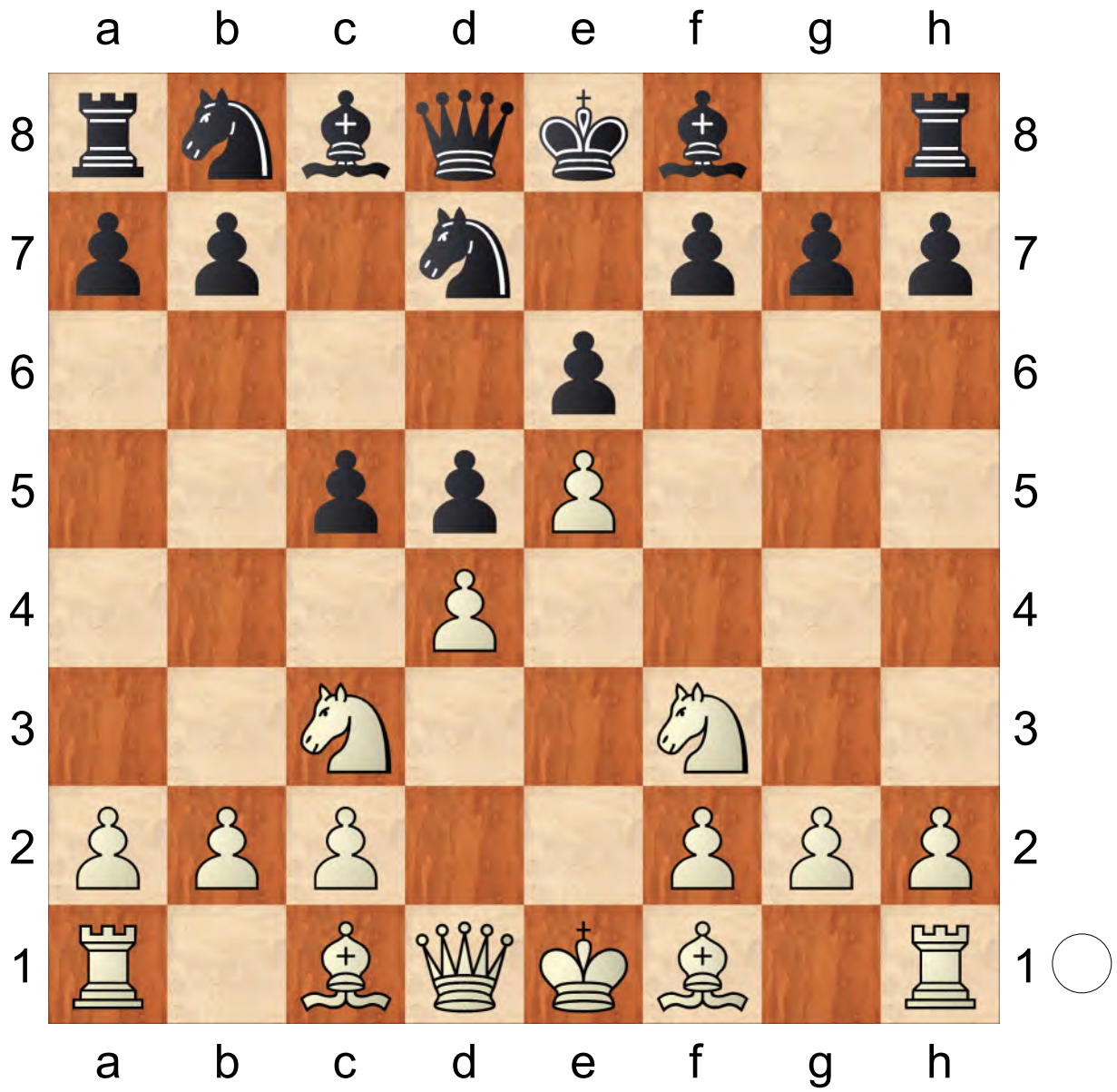

6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bf4 Bxc5 8.Bd3 f6
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[8...Qb6 9.0-0 Qxb2 *(9...Be7 10.Re1 a6 11.a3 h6 12.h4 Nc5 13.b4 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Qd8 15.h5 Bd7 16.Na4 Nb8 17.Nc5 Bb5 18.Qe3 Qc8 19.Nb3 Nc6 20.Nfd2 Qc7 21.a4 Bc4 22.c3 Bxb3 23.Nxb3±* Knezevic,M-Raicevic,V/Majdanpek 21/181 1976/1-0 (33)*)* 10.Nb5 Bb6 11.Bd2 d4 12.Rb1 Qxa2 13.Bc4 Qxb1 14.Qxb1 0-0 15.Re1 Bc5 16.c3 dxc3 17.Nxc3 Nb6 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Be7 20.Qh4 h5 21.Be2 Kg7 22.Bf3 Bd7 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Nxe6+ Bxe6 25.Qxe7 Nd7 26.Qg5 Rh8 27.Ne4 Rab8 28.Nf6 Nc5 29.Be3 Nd3 30.Rd1 Bf5 31.e6 Ne5 32.Bd4 Rhd8 33.Nd7 1-0 Carretero,F-Carrasco,JM/ESP-chT 1993]

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[8...a6 9.0-0

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B) 9...f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Ne5 0-0 12.Bg3 Qe7 *(12...Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd7 14.Qe2 Be8 15.Bg3 Bf7 16.Bh4 Re8 17.Qf3 e5 18.Bf5 e4 19.Qh3 g6 20.Bg4 Qd6 21.Rad1 Nxg4 22.Qxg4 Qc6 23.Rfe1 Kg7 24.Bg5∓* Rogers,Cathy-Ladanyine Karakas,Eva/Biel open-W (05) 1991/½-½ (81) *)* 13.Qe2 Nd4 14.Qd2 Nh5 15.Kh1 Nxg3+ 16.fxg3 Bd7 17.Rf4 Qd6 18.Re1 Nc6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rh4 g6 21.Qh6 Rf6 22.Rf4 Raf8 23.Qg5 Rxf4 24.gxf4 Qf7 25.g3 e5 26.Bf1 Be7 27.Qg4 d4 28.fxe5 Nxe5 29.Qxd4 Nf3 30.Qe4 Nxe1 31.Bc4 Qxc4 32.Qxc4+ Kg7 33.Qe2 1-0 Letay-Godel/Budapest open

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9.exf6 Qxf6

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A) 11.Qe2

A1) 11...Nh5 12.Bg5 Qe8 *(12...Nf4 13.Qd2 Qd6 14.Nb5 Qb8 15.Bxf4 Rxf4 16.Rae1 a6 17.Nc3 Qd6 18.Qe2 ½-½* Kaeser,U-Wintzer,J/Sankt Augustin (09) 1990*)* 13.Rae1 Qf7 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Qxe5 Bd7 16.Be3 Be7 17.Ne2 a6 18.c4 Rac8 19.b3 Rc6 20.Qb2 Bd6 21.Nd4 Rc7 22.Nf3 Nf6 23.Bd4 Rcc8 24.h3 b5 25.cxb5 axb5 26.Ng5 Qe7 27.Qe2± Pandavos,P-Moutousis,K/GRE-ch (09) 1994/½-½ (55);

A2) 11...Bd7 12.Rae1 *(12.Rad1 a6 13.Na4 Ba7 14.c4 e5 15.cxd5 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bc2 Bb5 18.Qd2 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 b5 20.Bg5 bxa4 21.Qd3 Qd7* 0-1 Rigo,J-Gulko,B/Rome 1988*)* 12...Qe7 13.Ne5 Rae8 14.Bg3 *(14.Kh1 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bc6 16.Nb5 Nd7 17.f4 Nxe5 18.Qxe5 Qf6 19.Nc7 Qxe5 20.Rxe5 Bd6 21.Nxe8 Bxe5 22.fxe5 Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Bxe8 24.Bd3 Kf7 25.Kg1 h6 26.Kf2 Ke7±* Garcia,G-Alvarez Ibarra,DR/Capablanca mem-B (03) 1993/½-½ (45) *)* 14...a6 15.Kh1 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bc6 17.a3 g6 18.b4 Bb6 19.b5 axb5 20.Nxb5 Ne4 21.f3 Qg5 22.Bd4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Nc5 24.Bb5 Bxb5 25.Qxb5 Qe7 26.Re2 Qd6 27.Rfe1 e5 28.Qb2 e4∓ Zimmermann,F-Meyer,H/2.BLW 9192 Delmenhorst-FTG Frankfurt II [7] 1991/½-½ (44);

B) 11.Bg5 Bd7 12.a3 a6 13.Bh4 Qc7 14.Re1 Bd6 15.Qe2 Rae8 16.Rad1 Kh8 17.Qd2 Bf4 18.Qe2 Bd6 19.Qd2 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bg3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 e5 23.Rf1 Bc6 24.Rde1 Qb6 25.Nd1 e4∓ Tolnai,T-Farago,I/Budapest Noviki-A (7) 1990/0-1 (45);

C) 11.Bg3 Bd6 *(11...a6 12.Qd2 b5 13.a3 Nh5 14.Rae1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Qf6*

16.Qg5 Nd4 17.Qxf6 gxf6 18.Rd1 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bb7 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Bf1 Kf7 22.Be2 h5 23.f4 Rh8 24.Bf3 f5 25.Kg2 h4 26.Rh1= Matychenkov,V-Moskalenko,V/URS-chT Podolsk 1990/½-½ (66) *)* 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nb5 Qf4 14.g3 Qh6 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Ng4 17.Nh4 Nge5 18.Be2 Qf6 19.Qa4 g5 20.Ng2 Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 Qxf3 22.Rae1 e5 23.Re3 Qf7 24.h4 Bh3 25.Kh2 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 gxh4 27.gxh4∞ Sikora Gizynska,Bozena-Berntsen,Sheila/Novi Sad ol-W (02) 1990/0-1 (62);

D) 11.Qd2 Bd6 *(11...Qe8 12.Rae1 Bd7 13.a3 Qh5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bd6 Ng4 16.b5 Rxf3 17.gxf3 Nge5 18.Be2 Nd4 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.f4 Qf6 21.Na4 Bxb5 22.Nxb6 Bxe2 23.Qe3 Qg6+ 24.Qg3 axb6* 0-1 Rigo,J-Klinger, J/Wien op 1986*; 11...a6 12.a3 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rae1 Bd7 15.Re2 Ng4 16.Rfe1 Rxf3* (1.10/0.48) 0-1 Muri,E-Praznik,A/Bled op (7/24) 1992*)* 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.c4 a6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Ng4 18.f4 Nh6 19.Qc2 Qa7 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Qd3 Bd7 22.Kh1 Rf6 23.Rad1 Raf8 24.g3 Qb6 25.Qc2 Ng4 26.Nf3∓ Buchenau,F-Hartmann,We/ 2BLN 8889 Bad Schwartau-Hannover [7] 1988/½-½ (62) Ne3;

E) 11.Ne5 Bd7 *(11...Bd6 12.Qe2 a6 13.Rae1 Qc7 14.Bg3 b5 15.Nb1 Re8 16.Nd2 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 Nd7 20.Re2 e5 21.Rfe1 g6 22.f3 Bb7 23.Nf1 Re7 24.c3 Rae8 25.Bc2 Kf8 26.Bb3=* Aleksic,N-Vaiser,A/Roma op (3) 1990/0-1 (71)*; 11...Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bd7 13.Qe2 a6 14.a3 Qb6 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.f4 Bc6 17.Rae1 Rf7 18.Nd1 Ne4 19.c3 Rd8 20.Qg4 Re8 21.Rf3 Bd6 22.Bxd6 Nxd6 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Qxe6 Ne4 25.Re3 Qb3 26.Re1 Bd7 27.Qe5 Rf5 28.Qe7 Bc6 29.Qe6+* 1-0 Rogers,Ian-Calderwood,Stephen/London LB (02) 1991*; 11...Qe8 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Nxc6 Nxg3 14.hxg3 bxc6 15.Qe2 e5 16.Rad1 a5 17.Na4 Ba7 18.c4 e4 19.Bc2 Qg6 20.c5 Bg4 21.f3 exf3 22.gxf3 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Qxg3+ 24.Qg2 Qxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Rxf5 26.Rd3∓* Terentiev,A-Serafimov,D/RUS-sf Perm 1993/0-1 (36)*)* 12.Nxc6 *(12.Bg3 Be8 13.a3 a5 14.Nb5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bxb5 16.Bxb5 Ne4 17.Qg4 Qe7 18.Bg3 h5 19.Qh3 Rf6 20.Bd3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf7 22.Kh2 Bxf2 23.Rad1 g6 24.c4 Kg7 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Be4 h4 27.gxh4∞* Lida,Fidel-Egger,Fernando/Buenos Aires FMDA tt (07) 1990/1-0 (44)*; 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Qd2 Be8 14.Be3 Qb6 15.b4 Qxb4 16.Rab1 Qa5 17.Rxb7 Rc8 18.Ne4 Qxd2 19.Nxd2 Bc6 20.Rb2 Nd7 21.Nxd7* ½-½ Motwani,P-Webster,A/Gausdal Troll (1) 1992 *)* 12...Bxc6 13.Qe2

E1) 13...Ne4 14.g3 Nxf2 *(14...e5 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bc4+ Kh8 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Be3* ½-½ Vogelmann,P-Schaefer,Ma/2BLW 8889 Münster-Monheim [3] 1989 *)* 15.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Qb6+ 17.Kg2 e5 18.Qh5 h6 19.Bxe5 Qe3 20.Qg6 Rf2+ 0-1 Vogt,L-Farago,I/Kecskemet 27/246 1979;

E2) 13...Qe7 14.Rae1 Rae8 15.Bg3 a6 16.a3 Qf7 17.b4 Bd4 18.Be5 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Nd7 20.Qg3 e5 21.f3 Qf4 22.Qxf4 Rxf4 23.Rf2 g6 24.Rd2 Nb6 25.Rde2 Nd7± Spassky,B-Petrosian,T (19)/Moscow-Wch 1966/ 1-0 (68)]

10.Bg3

[10.Bg5 Qf7 11.0-0 *(11.Bh4 Qh5 12.Bg3 a6 13.Qe2 Nf6 14.Na4 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.c3 Ba7 17.b4 0-0 18.Bd6 Rf7 19.Nc5 Qxe2+ 20.Kxe2 b6 21.Nb3 e5 22.Bxe5 Re7 23.f4 Ng4 24.Kd2 Nxe5 25.fxe5 Rxe5±* Maier,C-Zier,L/FRG-qual (Süd) 1986/1-0 (46) *)* 11...0-0 12.Bh4 Qh5 13.Bg3 Nf6 14.a3 Kh8 15.Re1 Bd7 16.Nb5 Rac8 17.c3 Ng4 18.Nbd4 e5 19.Nxe5 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxg4 Bxg4 22.Be2 Bxe2 23.Qxd4 b6 24.Be5 Rf7 25.Qxd5 Rf5 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.Qd7+ Rf7 28.Qxc8 Bg4 29.Qc3+ Kg6 30.h3 Bd7 31.Rad1 1-0 Dankert,P-Krauseneck,P/BL 8182 Markth'feld-Porz [5] 1982]

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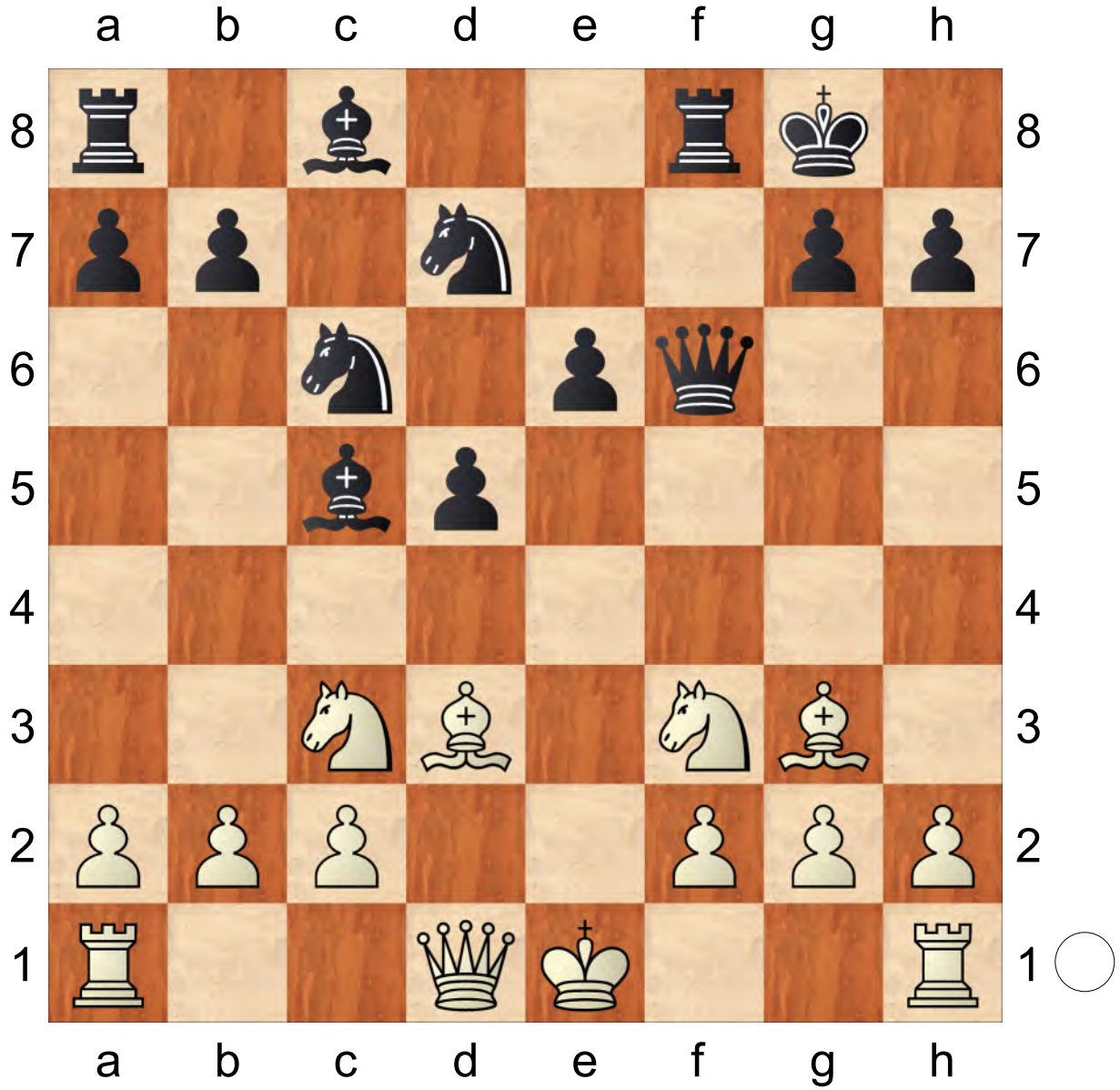

11.0-0 Nd4

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[11...g6 12.Qe2 Nb6 13.Rae1 a6 14.Ne5 Bd4 15.Nd1 Re8 16.Ng4 Qf8 17.c3 Bg7 18.f4 Bd7 19.h4 Qe7 20.Ndf2 Qc5 21.h5 gxh5 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Bb5 24.Kh2 Rf8 25.Qxh5 Bxd3 26.Nxd3± Kaeser,U-Meyer,P/Sankt Augustin (04) 1990/1-0 (40)]

12.Nd2?!
[12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qe2 a6 15.Rae1 Nc5 = Rogers,I-Drasko,M/ Tallinn 39/(361) 1985]

12...a6 13.Na4 Ba7 14.c4 Δcxd5 × ♙d5 **14...b5 15.cxd5? bxa4**

(Diagram)

16.Ne4 Qh6 17.dxe6 Nxe6
[17...Qxe6? 18.Ng5]

18.Nd6 Δ♗c4/♗e4 **18...Ndc5-+ 19.Bc4 Bd7 20.b4 axb3**

(Diagram)

21.axb3 Δb4, × e6, × d7 **21...Rab8 22.Qe1** Δb4 **22...Rxb3 23.Bxb3 Nxb3 24.Rxa6 Bd4 25.Qe2 Nbc5**

(Diagram)

26.Ra7 Bc6 Δ♘e4 **27.Qg4 Qf6** × ♙f2
[27...Ne4 28.Re7 Nxg3 29.hxg3 Bd5∓]

28.Ra2 g6 29.Qd1 Qg5

(Diagram)

Δ♕d5 -+
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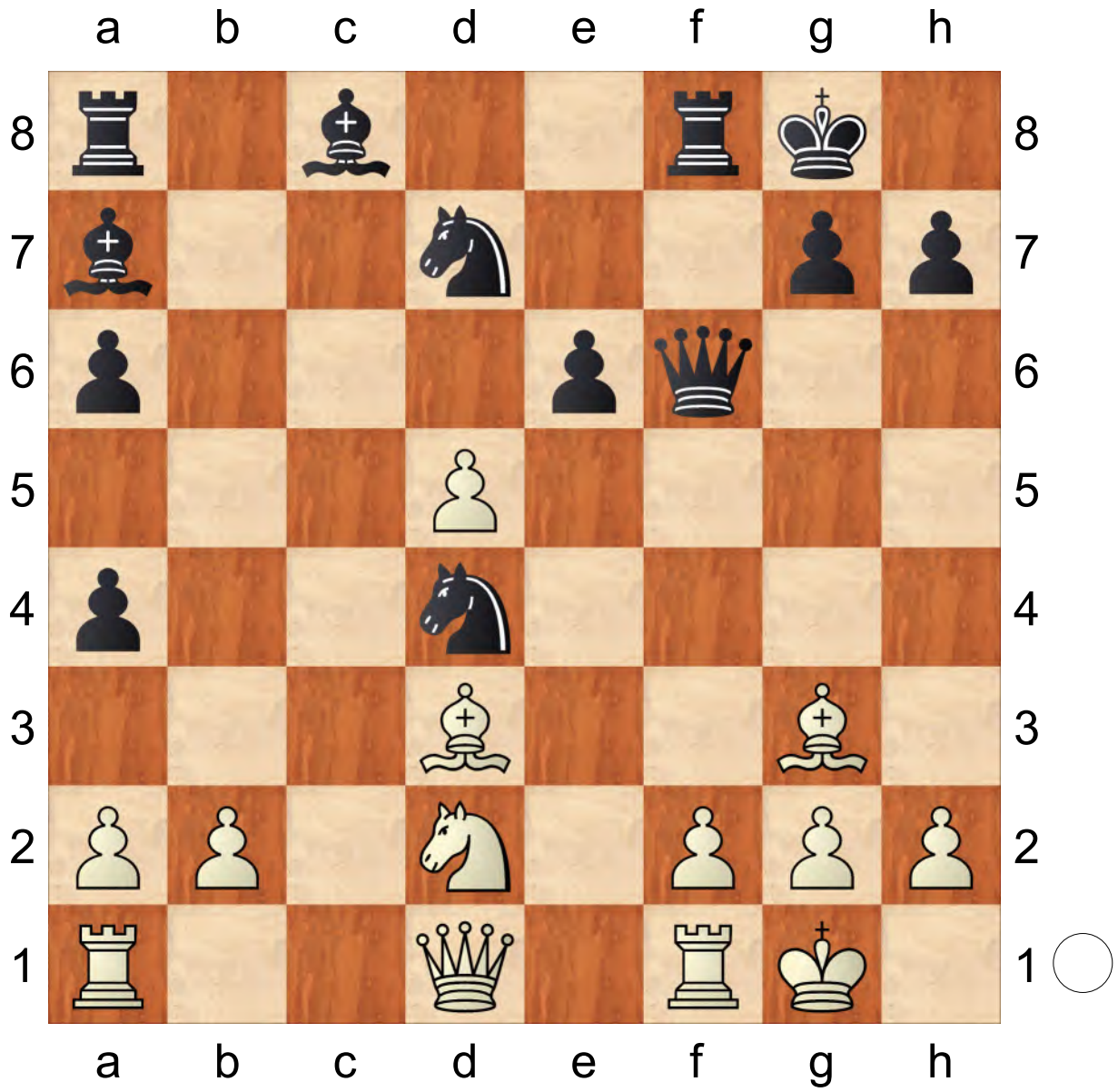
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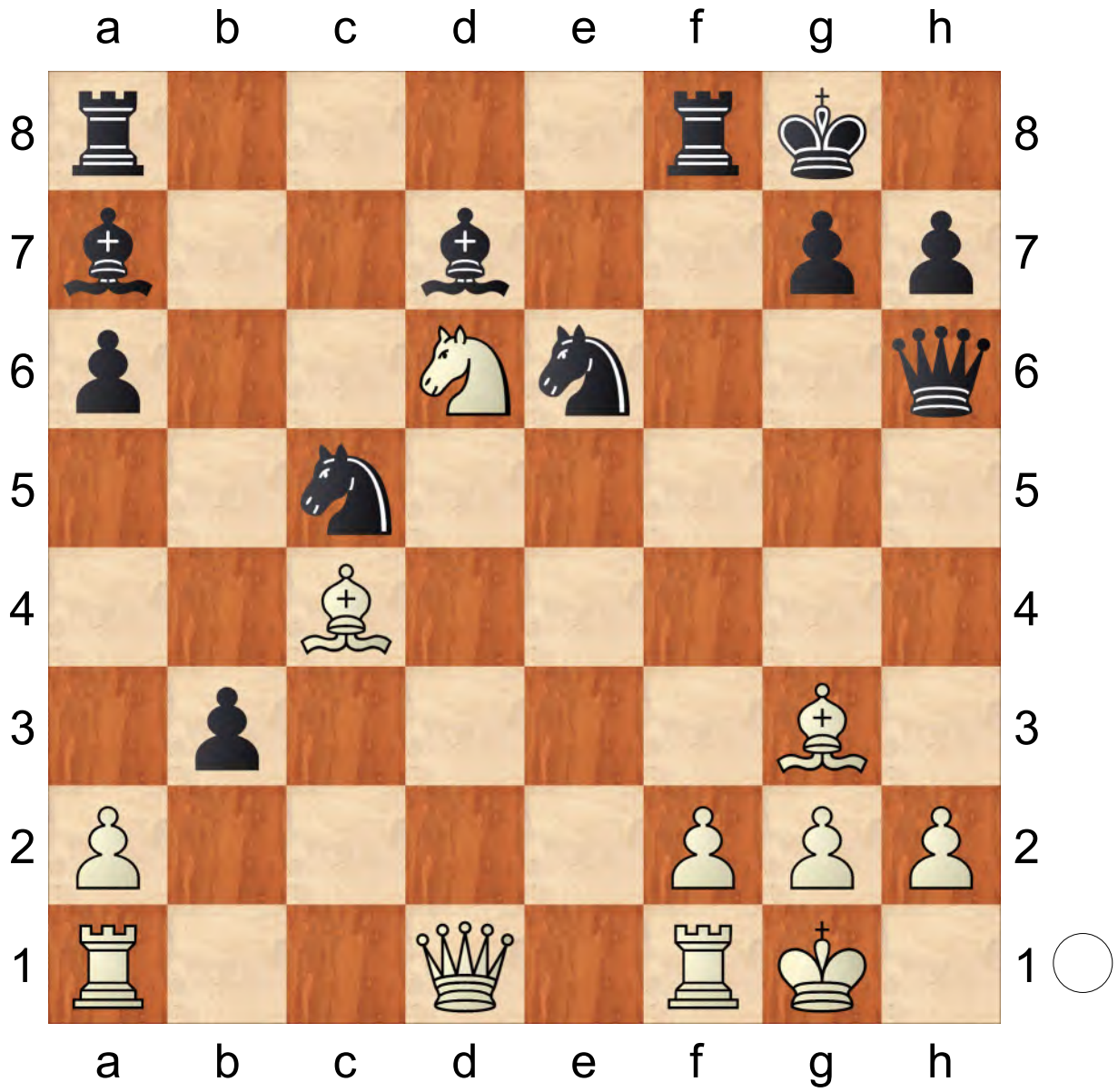
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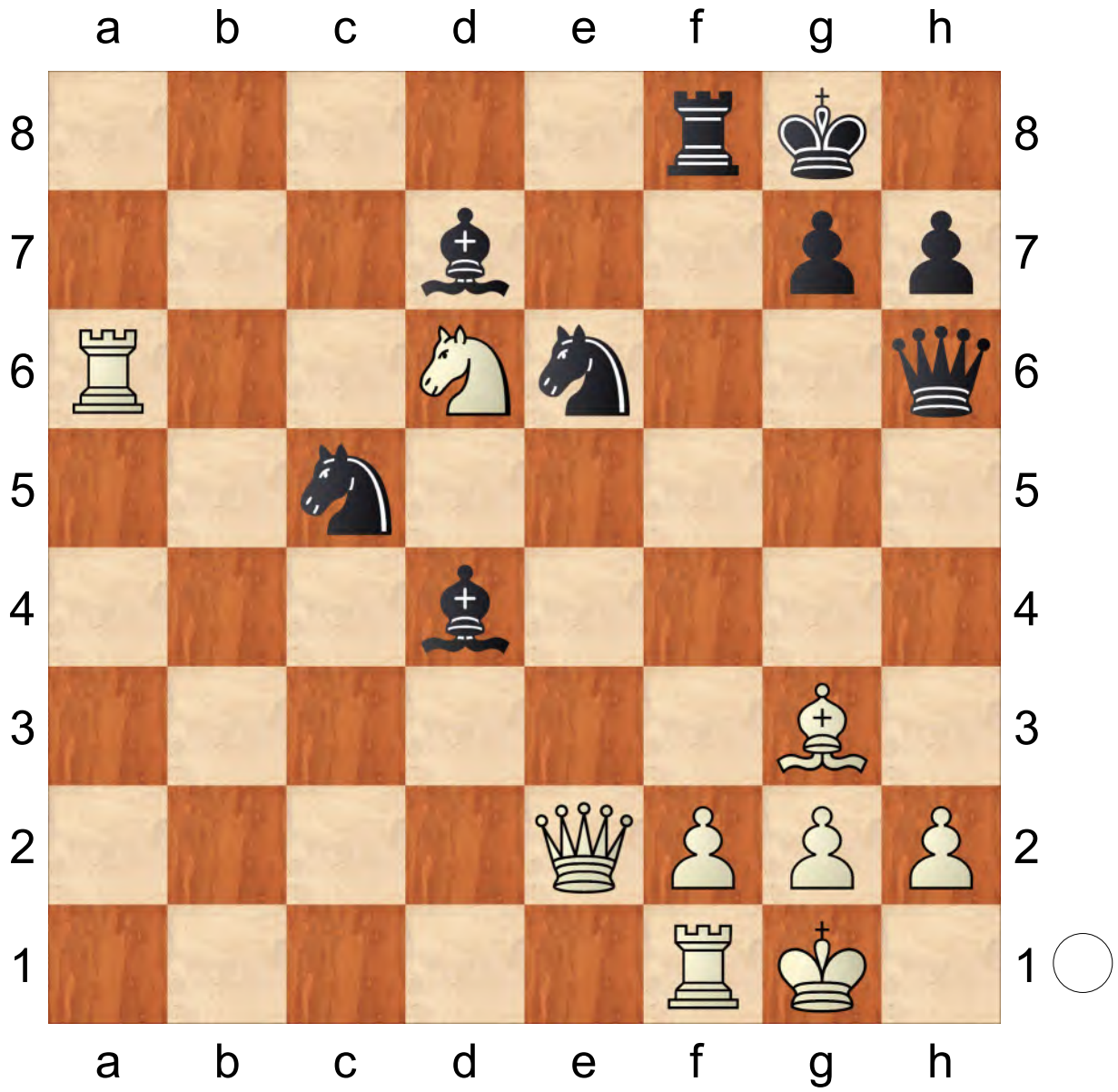
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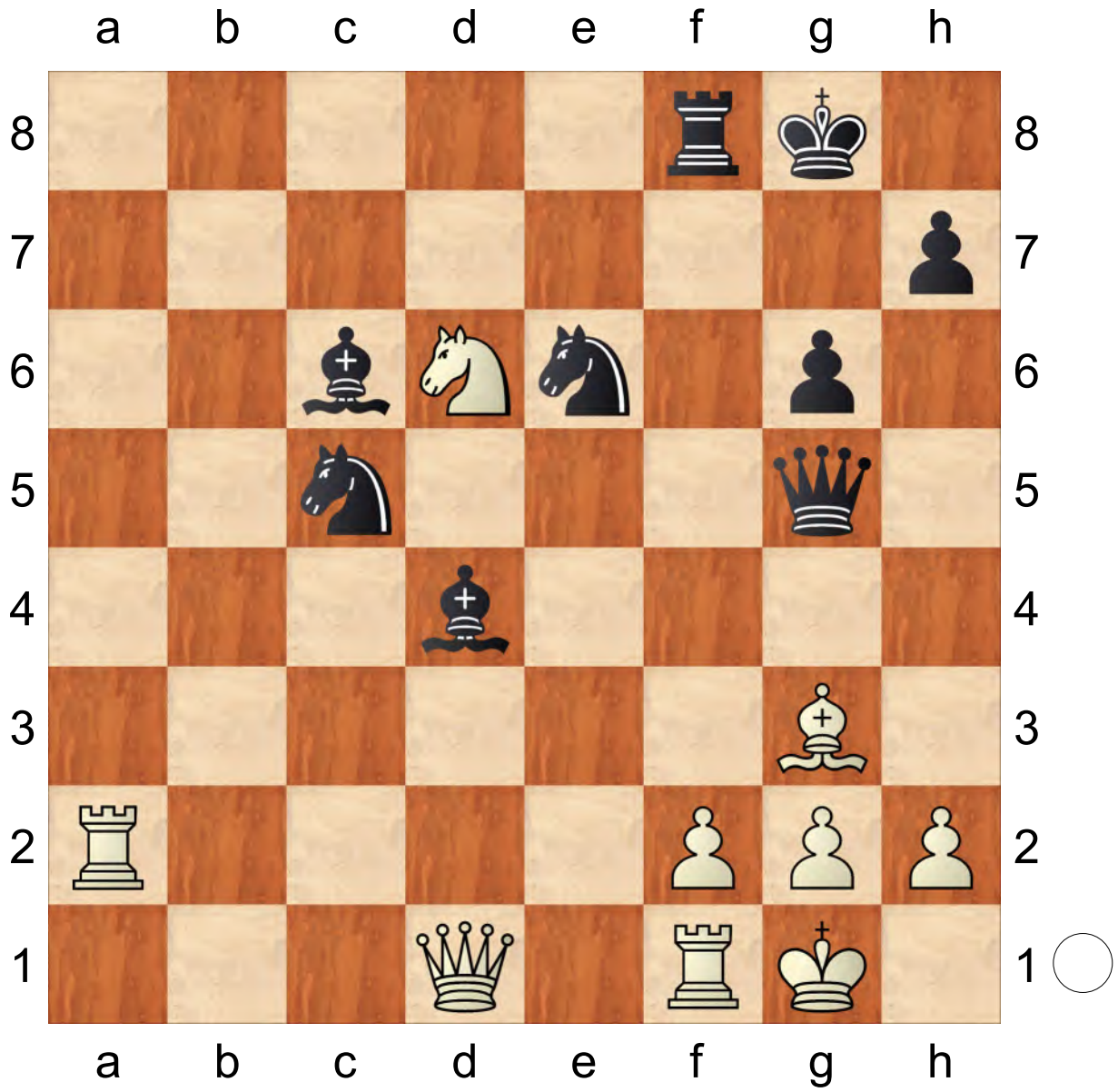
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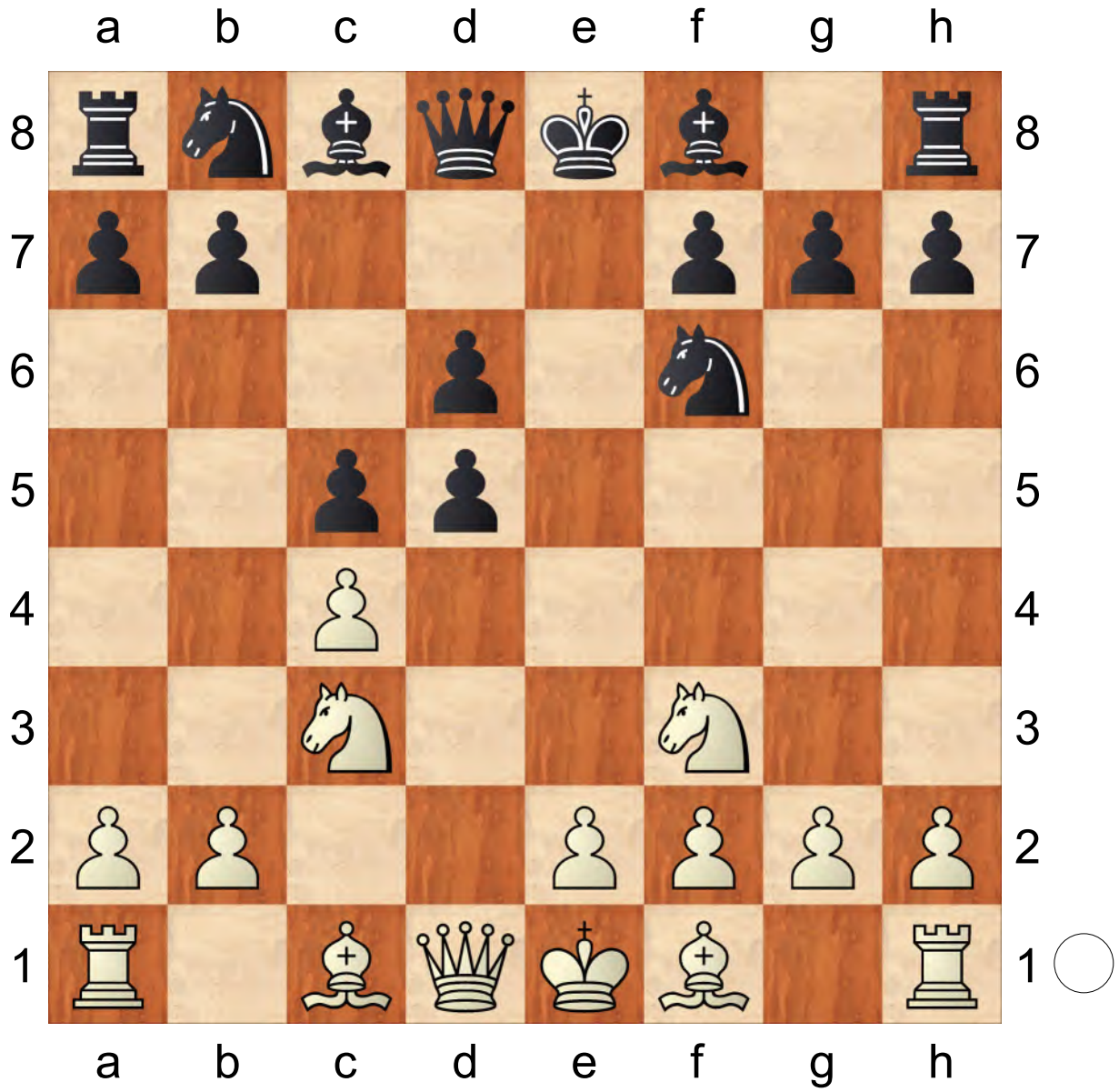
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5



6.cxd5 g6 The negative side of early position of the knight on f3 when playing against Benoni, is the impossibility to play the unpleasant variation for Black with e4, ♗d3, h3, ♘f3. If 7.e4, then Black can play 7. ...a6 8.a4 ♗g4. John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'The negative side of early position of the knight on f3 when playing against Benoni, is the impossibility to play the unpleasant variation for Black with e4, ♗d3, h3, ♘f3. If

7.e4, then Black can play 7. ...a6 8.a4 ♗g4." **7.h3** John Emms: '!?' '!?' John Emms: 'The idea behind 7 h3 is to answer the natural developing move 7... Bg7 with 8 e4!, transposing into the Modern Classical Variation, without allowing ...Bg4 ideas. After the immediate 7 e4 Black can play 7...a6!?, planning to meet 8 a4 with 8. ..Bg4!.' **7...a6** **8.a4** John Emms: 'Once more White prepares to meet 8...Bg7 with 9 e4, entering into the Modern Classical Variation. Of course, there is nothing wrong with this from Black's point of view, even though White's results have been quite favourable, but I preferred to play what I had previously played in this position before.' **8...Qe7** John Emms: 'The positive feature of this move is that it prevents White from playing an early e2-e4. A negative side, however, is that it commits the queen to e7 rather early. Often the best place for the black queen in the Benoni is the d8-square.' Not allowing 9.e4.UsuallyWhite tries to use queen's position on e7 by preparing to push his central pawns. John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'Not allowing 9.e4.UsuallyWhite tries to use queen's position on e7 by preparing to push his central pawns.'' **9.Bg5** John Emms: '9 Bf4, 9 Nd2 and 9 g3 are all possible, but pinning the knight is the most common move.' **9...Nbd7** **10.e3** This position is reminiscent of those arising from the system 7. ♗g5 ♗g7 8.e3. Black should also fallow the similar plan. John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'This position is reminiscent of those arising from the system 7. ♗g5 ♗g7 8.e3. Black should also fallow the similar plan." **10...h6**

(Diagram)

11.Bh4 **Ne5?!N** John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'N?!"

[John Emms: 'For' The main theoretical continuation in this position: 11...Bg7 John Emms: 'see the game Bellon Lopez,J-Suba,M/Malaga 2001 in ChessPub (ECO code A61).' He author is convinced that for this topic the method of examining definite positions is the optimal one, since if were to be constructed in strict accordance with the order of moves.

A) 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 g5 14.Bg3 Ne8!? Δ f5-f4 15.e4 Rb8

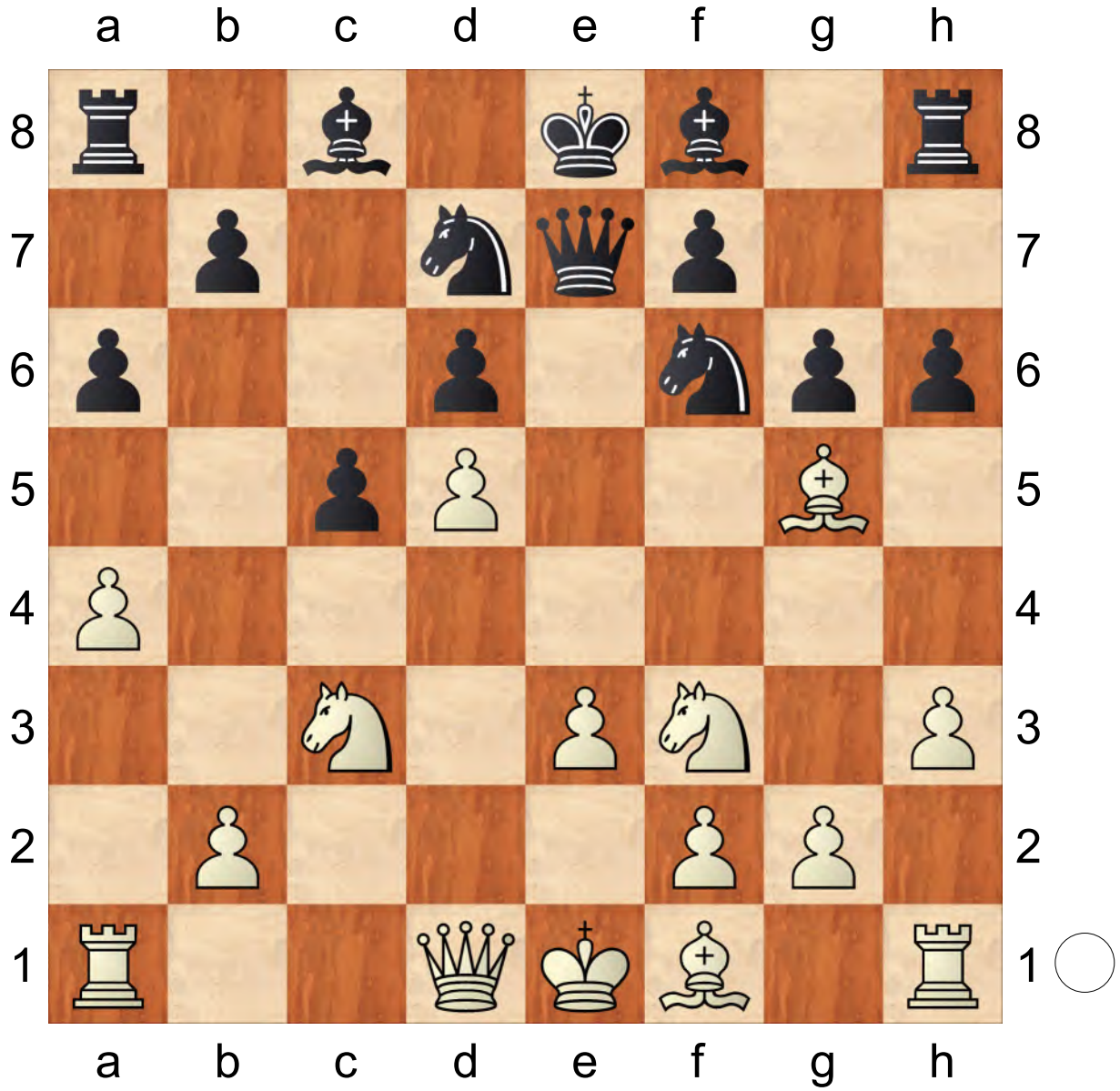
A1) 16.Qd2 b5!? 17.axb5 axb5 18.Nxb5 *(18.Bxb5? Bxc3-+)* 18...Qxe4 19.Bd3 *(Δ19.Nxd6? Nxd6 20.Bxd6 Rxb2-+)* 19...Qe7 20.Rfe1± AK;

A2) 16.Qc2 Nc7 17.Rfe1! *(17.a5?! b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Ra5 Re8 20.Nd2 Ne5⇄ 21.f4?! gxf4 22.Bxf4 Rb4 23.Nf3 Bd7 24.Qc1 Reb8∓* Rodriguez,O-Suba,M/Linares op 1994 *)* 17...Re8 *(17...b5!?⇄)* 18.Qd2!

A2a) 18...b5? 19.e5! Nxe5 *(19...b4? 20.exd6 bxc3 21.bxc3+-)* 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Bxb5! Qd4!? 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Bxe8 dxc3 26.bxc3 Bxh3 27.Bxf7+ Kxf7 28.gxh3± AK;

A2b) 18...Qf8

A2b1) 19.Bf1?! b5 20.axb5 *(20.e5?! b4 21.exd6 bxc3 22.dxc7!? cxd2 23.Rxe8 Qxe8 24.cxb8Q Nxb8∓)* 20...Nxb5! *(20...axb5 21.Ra7±)* 21.Nxb5 *(21.Bxb5 axb5 22.Ra7 b4∓)* 21...axb5 22.Ra5 c4 23.Qb4 Nc5 24.e5!? *(24.Rxb5 Rxb5 25.Qxb5 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Nxe4 27.Qxc4 Nxg3 28.fxg3 Bxb2∞; 24.Bxc4 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Nxe4 26.Rxb5*



Rxb5 27.Bxb5 f5≅) 24...Bd7! 25.e6 *(25.exd6 Ne4⇄)* 25...fxe6 26.dxe6 Rxe6 27.Rxe6 Bxe6 28.Rxb5 Rxb5 29.Qxb5 d5 30.Be5 Bxe5 31.Nxe5 Ne4 Cosma,I-Marin,M/Bucuresti 1996/Inf 66/[Marin,M] 32.f3!∓ Cosma,I;

A2b2) 19.h4! g4 *(19...gxh4 20.Nxh4 Ne5 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 b5 23.Ne4±; 19...f6!? 20.Rab1! g4 21.Nh2 h5 22.b4±)* 20.Nh2 Nf6 *(20...h5 21.Qg5±)* 21.e5!? dxe5 22.d6 Na8 *(22...Ne6 23.Bxe5±)* 23.Bf1 Nb6 24.Bxe5 Be6 25.d7 Nbxd7 26.Bxb8± Cosma,I;

B) 12.Nd2 This is a typical idea improving the knight's position.

B1) 12...g5 13.Bg3 Ne5 14.Be2 Bf5 15.e4 Bg6 16.0-0 *(16.a5 Nfd7 17.Nf1 c4!? 18.Ne3 Nc5 19.0-0 0-0 20.f3 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Nxc4 Nxc4 23.Bxc4 Rac8 24.Re1 Qf6 25.Bf1 h5 26.Ra3 Qg6 27.Qd2 g4 28.fxg4 hxg4 29.h4 Bd3!?≅* Novikov,I-Emms,J/Isle of Man op 1996*)* 16...0-0 17.Re1

(17.f4?!) 17...Nfd7 *(17...Kh8!? 18.a5∞)* 18.Nf1 f5 John Emms: 'gave Black good counterplay in Lalic-Ward, British Championship, Scarborough 1999.' 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Nd2± *(20.Ne3?! Bg6⇄)* 20...Kh8 *(20...Rab8 21.Nde4 Nf6? 22.Nxc5! dxc5 23.d6 Qe6 24.Bxe5+-)* 21.a5 Qd8 22.Nce4!? Qc7 23.b4! *(23.Rc1 b5! 24.b4 c4⇄)* 23...cxb4 24.Qa4! *(Δ24.Qb3? Nc5 25.Qxb4 Ned3∓)* 24...Nc5 25.Rac1 Qd7! *(25...Nxa4? 26.Rxc7 Rf7 27.Rxf7 Nxf7 28.Bh5!±)* 26.Qxd7 ½-½ Lalic,B-Ward,C/ 86th ch-British, Scarborough ENG 1999 *(26.Qxb4? Ned3∓; 26.Nxc5?! dxc5 27.Qb3 Rac8 28.Bxa6 bxa6 29.Bxe5∓)* 26...Nexd7 27.Nxd6 Bc3 28.Red1 Bxd2 29.Rxd2 Nb3 30.Rcd1 Nxd2 31.Rxd2≅ ΔNc5 32.Rd4! b3 33.Rb4∞ Lalic,B;

B2) 12...0-0

B2a) 13.Bd3

B2a1) 13...Ne5 14.Bc2 g5 15.Bg3

B2a11) 15...Nh7?! 16.h4!? g4 17.Bxe5! Bxe5 18.Nc4 Bd7 19.a5 f5 20.g3 f4!? 21.gxf4 Bxf4 22.Qe2 Be5 23.Na4 Rf3 *(23...g3 24.f4±)* 24.Nab6 Raf8 25.Nxe5 dxe5 26.d6!± Cramling,P-Franco,Z/ Palma de Mallorca op 1991;

B2a12) 15...Bd7!? 16.0-0 Rfe8 17.a5 Qf8 This position was reached with different move orders. 18.f4 gxf4 19.exf4 Ng6 20.Qf3 Bb5 21.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Re8 23.Ra1 Qe7 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Re1 Qd8 26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.Bxg6 fxg6 28.Qe4 Bd4+∓ Jakobsen,O-De Firmian,N/Copenhagen PC 1996;

B2a2) 13...Rb8 14.0-0

B2a21) 14...g5 15.Bg3 Ne8 16.Qc2 Ne5 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Bf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra5 Nc4 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Ra2 Kg8 *(23...Nc7?! 24.Ne4±)* 24.Rc1 Rb4 25.Rc2 Bxc3 26.Rxc3 Ng7 27.Qc2 f5⇄ Cramling,P-Suba,M/ESP-chT 1994;

B2a22) 14...Ne5 15.Bc2 *(15.Be2 g5 16.Bg3 Ne8 17.f4 Nd3! 18.Bxd3 Qxe3+ 19.Kh2 Qxd3 20.fxg5 Bxc3 21.bxc3 hxg5 22.Nf3 Qxd1 23.Raxd1 f6 24.Rde1 b5∓* Garza Marco,S-Suba,M/Zaragoza op 1999 *)*

B2a221) 15...b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.f4 Nd3! 18.Qe2 *(18.e4?! Nxb2 19.Qb1 g5 20.fxg5 Nh5 21.Qxb2 hxg5∞)* 18...Nb4 *(18...Nxb2 19.Rab1±)* 19.Bb1 Δ e4→»;

B2a222) 15...g5 16.Bg3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.f4! Nc4 *(18...Nd3 19.Bxd3 Qxe3+ 20.Kh2 Qxd3 21.fxg5 hxg5 22.Bxd6±)* 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.fxg5

B2a2221) 20...hxg5 21.Rxf6!! Qxf6 *(21...Rxb2 22.Ne4! Rxc2 23.Bxd6 Qd8 24.Bxf8 Bxf6 25.Ra8+-; 21...Bxf6 22.Qh5* Δ ♕h7, ♖f1, ♘e4→» *)* 22.Ne4 Qg6 *(22...Qxb2 23.Rb1+-; 22...Qh6 23.Bxd6 Rxb2 24.Bxf8* Δ ♖a8+- *)* 23.Nxd6 *(23.Bxd6 Bf5!)* 23...f5 Chernin,A-Wahls,M/Dortmund 49/91 1990 Chernin,

A 24.Qf1! Bxb2 *(24...Rxb2 25.Nxc8+-)* 25.Ra7 **Δ** ♕c4**±** Chernin,A;

B2a2222) 20...Qxe3+!? 21.Kh1 Ng4!?

B2a22221) 22.Rf3 Rxb2! 23.hxg4 Qxg5 24.Ne4 Qxg4 25.Bxd6 Qh4+ 26.Kg1 Bd4+ 27.Qxd4!! cxd4 28.Rg3+ Qxg3 29.Nxg3 d3? *(29...Rd8!∓)* 30.Ba4 Bg4 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.Ne4 f5 33.Nc3**±** Cramling,P-Suba,M/ESP-chT 1993;

B2a22222) 22.Bxd6! **Δ**Rxb2 23.Ne4 Rxc2 24.Qxc2 Bxa1 25.Bxf8 Bf5 26.Bxc5!+-;

B2b) 13.Be2

B2b1) 13...Rb8 14.a5 Ne5 15.0-0 g5 16.Bg3

B2b11) 16...b5? 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Bxe5**±**;

B2b12) 16...Re8 17.Qc2 *(17.Ra3!?)* 17...g4!? *(17...Nfd7 18.Rae1! b5 19.axb6 Nxb6 20.f4↑)* 18.hxg4 Nfxg4 19.Ra4!**±**;

B2b13) 16...Ne8 17.Qc2 Bd7 18.Rae1 f5 19.f4 Ng6 20.Nc4 gxf4 21.exf4 Nc7 22.Nb6 Qf7 23.Bh5! Be8 24.Bh4 Bd4+ 25.Kh2 Bf6 26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Bxg6 Qxg6 28.Re3 Qf6 29.Rfe1**±** Ionescu,C-DeFirmian,N/33rd Olympiad men 1998;

B2b14) 16...Nfd7!? 17.f4! *(17.Qc2 f5 18.f4 Nf7!?∞* covers the potentially vulnerable ♙d6.*)* 17...Ng6 *(17...Nd3 18.Bxd3 Qxe3+ 19.Kh2 Qxd3 20.Nde4!?±)* 18.Kh2 *(18.Nc4 b5! 19.axb6 Nxb6* **Δ** *20.Qd2 Nxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxb2! 22.Qxb2 Qxe3+ 23.Bf2 Qxc3∓)*

B2b141) 18...Qxe3? 19.Nc4 Qe7 20.fxg5 Nge5 *(20...hxg5 21.Bxd6 Be5+ 22.Bxe5 Ndxe5 23.d6±)* 21.gxh6 Bxh6 22.Qc2→ \ ;

B2b142) 18...b5!? 19.axb6 Nxb6

B2b1421) 20.f5 Ne5 *(20...Nh4!?)* 21.Bxa6 Bxa6 22.Rxa6 Nbc4⩲ *(22...Nec4!?)*;

B2b1422) 20.Bxa6□

B2b14221) 20...Bxa6!? 21.Rxa6 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Nxd5 23.Nc4 Nxc3 24.Qxd6 Qe4!? 25.Ne5 *(25.Nd2 Qxe3 26.Rf3 Qe2 27.Rxc3 Rfd8∓)* 25...Rb2 26.Rf2 Rxf2 27.Bxf2 Nxe5 28.fxe5 Qf5 29.Qxh6 Qxe5+ *(29...Ne4 30.e6! fxe6 31.Ra7 Rf7 32.Ra8+ Rf8 33.Rxf8+ Qxf8 34.Qxe6++-)* 30.Bg3 Qxe3 31.Ra1!?⩲ **Δ**♖ f1, ♗d6 *(31.Rg6+ fxg6 32.Qxg6+=)*;

B2b14222) 20...Bxc3!? 21.bxc3 Nxd5 22.Nc4 Nxc3 *(22...Bxa6 23.Qxd5!? Bxc4 24.Qxc4 Rb6 25.fxg5 hxg5 26.Qd5±)* 23.Qxd6 Ne4!? 24.Qxe7 Nxe7 25.fxg5 Nxg3 26.Kxg3 hxg5 *(26...Nf5+? 27.Kh2 Be6 28.gxh6 Bxc4 29.Rxf5 Ra8 30.Rf6±)* 27.Bxc8 Rbxc8 *(27...Nxc8 28.Rf5±)* 28.Ra7↑ Piket,Je. -Reinderman,D/Mondariz Balnereario (zt) 79/57/ 2000 Piket,Je.;

B2b2) 13...Ne5 14.0-0 *(14.Qc2* Danailov *)* 14...g5 -13...g5;
B2b3) 13...g5 14.Bg3
B2b31) 14...Ne8 15.h4!? *(15.0-0 f5⇄)* 15...Ne5 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.Qc2 f5
B2b311) 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Rb8 20.Bd3 Nc7 21.Qe2 c4!? 22.Qh5?! *(Δ22.Bxc4 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bd3 b4 25.Nd1 Nxd5 26.Bc4∞)* 22...Bxc3+ *(22...cxd3 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ Kf6 25.Bh4=)* 23.bxc3 Qg7 24.Rc1 cxd3 25.Bxd6 Nxd5 26.Bxb8 Nf6 27.Qh6 Ne4! 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Be5+ Kg6≌ Gomez Jurado, L-Volzhin,A/Barbera del Valles op 1999;
B2b312) 18.a5! Rb8 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Nc4 This is one of the main ideas solving the problems of the Queen side in the Benoni. Bg7 21.Nb6 Nc7 22.g4! Bd7 23.Bd3 Nb5 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Nxb5 axb5 26.Bxf5+- Wells,P-Kovacevic,S/Harkany op 1994;
B2b32) 14...Rb8 15.0-0 Ne8 16.Re1 *(16.e4?! Ne5 17.a5 Bd7 18.f4 Ng6 19.fxg5 hxg5 20.Bg4 Be5 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Nf3 Nxf3+* ½-½ Kaniansky,M-Priehoda,V/SVK t-ch 1998 *)* 16...f5 17.Bf1 Qf6 18.Bh2 Ne5 19.Rb1 Bd7 20.a5 Kh8 21.Qc2 *(21.Qb3 f4! 22.Nd1 Qd8 23.Ne4 Qc8⇄* Valentin Pscual Em-Suba, M/Collado 1996*)* 21...f4 22.Nce4 Qd8 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Bxc4 Qxa5 25.Qe2 Qd8 26.h4 Qe7∓ Valles Moreno,I-Suba,M/Villalba 1996;
B2b33) 14...Ne5
B2b331) 15.h4 g4 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Nc4 Qe7 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nxc8 Rbxc8 20.Bxg4 Nxg4 21.Qxg4 f5 22.Qf4 Kh7 23.Kf1 Be5 24.Qf3 Qf6 25.Rc1 Rc7 26.g3± Kutirov,R-Kovacevic,S/ Sitges op 1996;
B2b332) 15.Qc2!? ×f5
B2b3321) 15...Nh7 16.0-0 f5 17.f4!? *(17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nc4 Bd7 19.Nb6 Rad8 20.Bd3 f4 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.a5 Kh8 23.Na4 Nf6 24.Bf5 Qg7 25.Nb6 g4⇄* Garcia Trobat,F-Franco, Z/Javea 1992*)* 17...Ng6 18.Nc4↑ Δ 19. ♖ae1 Δ 20. ♗h5, 20. ♗d3;
B2b3322) 15...Rb8 16.0-0 Re8 *(16...g4!? 17.hxg4 Nfxg4 18.Rfe1 h5! 19.Bf1 h4 20.Bf4 Ng6 21.Qe4 Qd8 22.Nc4 Re8 23.Qf3 N4e5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Qd1 Qf6 26.Qh5 Bg4 27.Qg5 Qxg5 28.Bxg5 Ng6 29.e4 Be5 30.Ra2 Kg7 31.Bd2 Rh8∓* Jakhin,R-Vasiukov,E/Moscow 1964*)* 17.Rfe1 Qf8 18.Bf1 This position was reached with different move orders. Nh5 19.Bh2 f5 20.Be2 Nf6 21.f4!? gxf4 22.exf4 Ng6 23.g4 Bd7 24.g5?! hxg5 25.fxg5 Nh7 26.Bh5 Nxg5! 27.Bxg6 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Qf6 29.Bh5 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2 Qg5+ 31.Kxh3 f4+-+ Bellon Lopez,J-Suba,M/Malaga 2001;
B2b3323) 15...Bd7 16.0-0 b5? *(16...g4!∞)* 17.axb5 axb5

18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Bxe5! *(Δ19.Bxb5?! Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Nxd5 21.Qe4 Nb6* Δ d5∞ *)*

B2b33231) 19...Qxe5!? 20.Bxb5 Bxb5 21.Nxb5 g4! *(21...Qxd5? 22.Nc7+-; 21...Nxd5 22.Nc4 Qe7 23.Nbxd6±)* 22.Nc4 Qh5 23.h4! Qxh4 24.g3 Qg5 25.e4 Qg6 26.Ncxd6 Nxd5 27.Qxc5±;

B2b33232) 19...dxe5 20.Bxb5 Bxb5 21.Nxb5 Nxd5 22.Ne4 Nb4 *(22...Rb8!? 23.Nbd6 Qe6± 24.Rd1 Δf5? 25.Nxf5! Nb4 26.Nxg7+-)* 23.Qc4 Ra2 24.Rb1! Bf8 ×c5 25.Rd1! Ra6□ 26.Nbd6 Rc6 27.b3+- Chernin,A-Milov,V/Biel (open) 1994/Inf 61/[Chernin,A];

B2b333) 15.0-0

B2b3331) 15...Re8?! 16.Re1 Rb8 *(16...Bf5!?)* 17.a5 Bf5 *(17...Nh7? 18.f4 Ng6 19.Nc4±)* 18.e4 Bg6 19.Ra4!± Nfd7 20.Qc2 ×f5 Rbc8 21.b3 Qf8 *(21...Rf8!?± Δ*f5 *)* 22.Nf1 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Qd2 Nf6 25.Ne3 Bg6 26.f4!↑ ⇔f Nf7 *(26...gxf4?! 27.Rxf4* Δ ♘f5± *)* 27.Bf2 Δ f5 gxf4 28.Rxf4 Qe7 29.Nf5 Bxf5 30.Rxf5± Karpov,A-de Firmian,N/Biel 1990/Inf 50/[Karpov,An];

B2b3332) 15...Nfd7?! 16.Qc2 Rb8 17.Rae1 Ng6 18.Nde4 Be5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.f4! gxf4 21.exf4 Nxf4 22.Qc1 Nxe2+? *(22...Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Rf4→)* 23.Rxe2 f5 24.Nxd6!+- Kiss,P-Higatsberger,M/1992;

B2b3333) 15...Ne8 16.a5 *(16.Qc2!± Δ f5 17.f4↑)* 16...f5 17.Bh2 *(17.f4?! Nd3!)* 17...Rb8 18.Na4 Bd7 19.Nb6 Bb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.Bxe5 *(21.Qb3?! Nc7 22.f4 c4∓)* 21...Bxe5 22.Qc2 Qg7 23.Nf3! Bxb2 24.Rab1 Bc3 25.Rxb5 Nc7 26.Rb3 Bxa5 27.Nc4 Bb4 28.Nxd6 Qf6 29.Nc4 Nxd5 30.Rd1 Rbd8 31.Rbd3⩲ Stohl,I-Maus,S/BL 1991;

B2b3334) 15...Bf5!?

B2b33341) 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Nc4 Qe7 18.Bd3 *(18.a5 Nd7 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 f5 21.f4!? Rae8 22.Kh2 h5 23.g3 Kh8 24.Rg1 h4!? 25.gxh4 gxf4 26.exf4 Bh6⇄* Kiss,P-Mastrovasilis,A/Kavala GRE 2002*)* 18...Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Nd7 *(19...Rae8 20.Ra3 Nd7 21.Rb3 Ne5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Qf5 Bg7 24.Rd1 Qe5 25.Qxe5 Bxe5 26.a5 Re7 27.Na4 f5±* Johannessen,S-Diez del Corral,J/Amsterdam IBM-B 1969 *)* 20.Qf5 b5!? 21.Nd2 Rfb8 22.axb5 Bxc3!? Black has given away is the important bishop on the long diagonal for the weakness of the pawn d5. 23.bxc3 axb5 24.Ne4 Kg7 25.Ng3 Nf6 26.Qd3 Qe5 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Qxb5 Nxd5 29.Qd7 Nxc3 30.Nf5+ Kg6 31.Nxd6 Qe6 32.Nxf7!± Bellon Lopez,J-Wedberg,T/Hasselbacken SWE

2001;
B2b33342) 16.e4 Bh7 17.Re1 Nfd7 18.a5 Ng6 19.Nc4 *(19.Ra3!?)* 19...Nf4 20.Bf1 Ne5 21.Ne3 Kh8 22.Nf5 Qf6 23.Nxg7 Qxg7 24.f3 f5 25.exf5 Bxf5 26.Ne4 Rad8 27.Ra3 Bh7! 28.Bf2 Bg8∓ Piza,D-Franco,Z/San Fernando op 1991;
B2b33343) 16.a5
B2b333431) 16...Nfd7 17.Ra4 *(17.Kh1 Rab8 18.f4 gxf4 19.exf4 Nd3 20.Bxd3 Bxd3 21.Re1 Qf6 22.Nde4 Bxe4 23.Nxe4 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qd4 25.Qf3 b5 26.Rbd1 Qb2 27.Nxd6 c4⇄* Savchenko,S-Marin,M/Pula tt 1994*)* 17...Bh7 18.e4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Re1 Qd8 *(20...Qf7? 21.Nde4 Qg6 22.Bh5+-)* 21.Nde4 b5!? 22.axb6 Qxb6 23.Qa1 a5⇄ San Segundo Carrillo,P-Spraggett,K/ESP 1994;
B2b333432) 16...Rae8
B2b3334321) 17.e4 Bh7 18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Rfe1 Nfd7 20.Qa4 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Nde4 Nf6 *(22...c4!? 23.Qa3! ΔNc5 24.Nxc5 Qxc5 25.Qxc5 dxc5 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.Bxc4±)* 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Bg4± Anderton,D-Marks,I/Alan Shaw Memorial 1995;
B2b3334322) 17.Re1 Qc7 18.e4 Bh7 19.Ra4 Nfd7 20.h4 Qd8 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Ra3 Bf6 *(22...f5!?)* 23.Nf1 Kg7 24.Ne3 Rh8 25.Ra4 Qc7 26.Rf1 Bg6 27.f4 gxf4 28.Rxf4 Rh7 29.Nf5+ Bxf5 30.exf5 Reh8∓ Garcia Ilundain,D-Spraggett,K/Candas op 1992;
B2b3334323) 17.Ra3 Marin,M Nfd7 18.Kh1 Bh7 19.Rb3 Rb8 20.f4 Nd3 21.Nc4 Nb4 22.e4 b5!? 23.axb6 Nxb6 24.f5 Nxc4 25.Bxc4 Be5 26.Bxe5 dxe5 27.Ra3± Hansen,C-Emms,J/Copenhagen PC 1996;
B2b3334324) 17.Ra4 Nfd7 *(17...Qc7 18.f4 Nd3 19.fxg5 Nxb2 20.Qb3 Nxa4 21.gxf6±* Marin,M *)* 18.e4 Bg6 19.Re1 *(19.f4!?)* 19...Qd8 20.Nf1 c4! 21.Ne3 Nc5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Rxc4 Bxc3!? 24.Rxc3 Nxe4 *(24...Rxe4 25.Rc4±)* 25.Rb3 *(25.Ra3 Qf6 26.Ng4 Qxb2∓)* 25...Re7 *(25...Qxa5 26.Rxb7 Nxf2?! 27.Kxf2 Rxe3 28.Kxe3 Qc5+ 29.Kf3 Qc8 30.Rb4!+-)* 26.Nc4 Rfe8 27.Rb6 Qc7 28.Rf1 Danailov,S-Marin,M/Benasque 2000/CBM 78/[Marin,M] *(28.Qd4 Nc5 29.Ne3 Nd7 30.Rb4 Qxa5∓)* 28...Ng3! 29.fxg3 Rxe2 30.Nxd6 Qc5+ 31.Kh2 *(31.Kh1 Bc2 32.b4 Qe3 33.Qc1 Qxg3-+)* 31...Bc2! 32.b4!? *(32.Qc1 Qxd5 33.Rg1 R8e7∓)* 32...Qc3 33.Qc1 R8e3→ Cifuentes]

12.Nxe5 John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'This, combined with White's next move, is a powerful novelty which asks questions about Black's move order. Normally Black is

happy to exchange a pair of knights in order to ease piece congestion, but here White has a very specific idea in mind.' **12...Qxe5** **13.Qb3** John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'The real star move and an impressive piece of home preparation from Peter Wells. The problem with Black's early ...Qe7 with ...Nbd7-e5 is that the b6-square is now a bit of a headache for Black. Normally White isn't in a good position to exploit this weakness, but in this position Black has to be wary of such moves as Qb6. In fact, I could see only one way to continue here.' **13...Qe7**

[Δ13...Bg7?! John Emms: 'Kapengut: ' Δ?!" 14.Bg3 Qe7 15.Qb6± John Emms: 'is awful for Black.' John Emms: 'is awful for Black. Kapengut: '±"]

14.Qb6 The queen is not that dangerous on h6, as it looks at first sight. John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'The queen is not that dangerous on h6, as it looks at first sight."

[14.Be2 Bg7 15.0-0 0-0 16.a5 *(16.Qb6 Bf5⇄)* Δ16...Bf5?! 17.e4!?±]

[During the game I was more concerned about 14.Bd3 Bg7 15.Qb6 0-0 16.Bg3 giving Black two choices about how to protect d6: Rd8 *(16...Ne8 17.0-0 Be5* (what else?) *18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Rae1 Nf6 20.f4 Qe7 21.e4 Nd7 22.Qc7!* is a Benoni which has gone terribly wrong for Black.*)* 17.0-0? *(17.Bh2! Nh5 18.a5* kills any counterplay*)* 17...Nh5 18.Bh2 also looked grim for Black until my friend Fritz spotted the cheap tactic Bxh3! 19.gxh3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qg5+ and ...Qxd5+, winning the bishop on d3.]

14...Nd7!? John Emms: 'The only way to get out of the tangle, but the ending will still be good for White.' John Emms: 'The only way to get out of the tangle, but the ending will still be good for White. Kapengut: '!?" **15.Bxe7 Nxb6**

(Diagram)

16.Bf6!? John Emms: 'Kapengut: '!?" **16...Rg8 17.g4 Be7**

[17...Nd7!? is the precise move order, for example: 18.Ne4 Be7 Δf5⇄]

18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.f4± John Emms: 'Kapengut: '±" White stay a little better,because the knight is really ugly on b6 and. John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'White stay a little better, because the knight is really ugly on b6 and. " **19...Bd7**

[19...Rb8 20.Ra3 Nd7 21.Bd3 Re8±]

[19...Nd7 20.Kd2 g5!?⇄]

20.Be2 John Emms: 'Excellent play. It's tempting to flick in a4-a5 and to play on the queenside in general, but in fact Black is ready for this type of action. It's in the centre and on the kingside where White holds all the trumps.'

[20.a5 Nc8 21.Rb1 b5 22.axb6 Nxb6 only succeeds in giving Black undeserved counterplay.]

20...f5

[20...Nc8 21.e4 Na7 22.e5 shows up Black's play on the queenside as being painfully slow. I figured that I needed to slow down White's play in the centre.]

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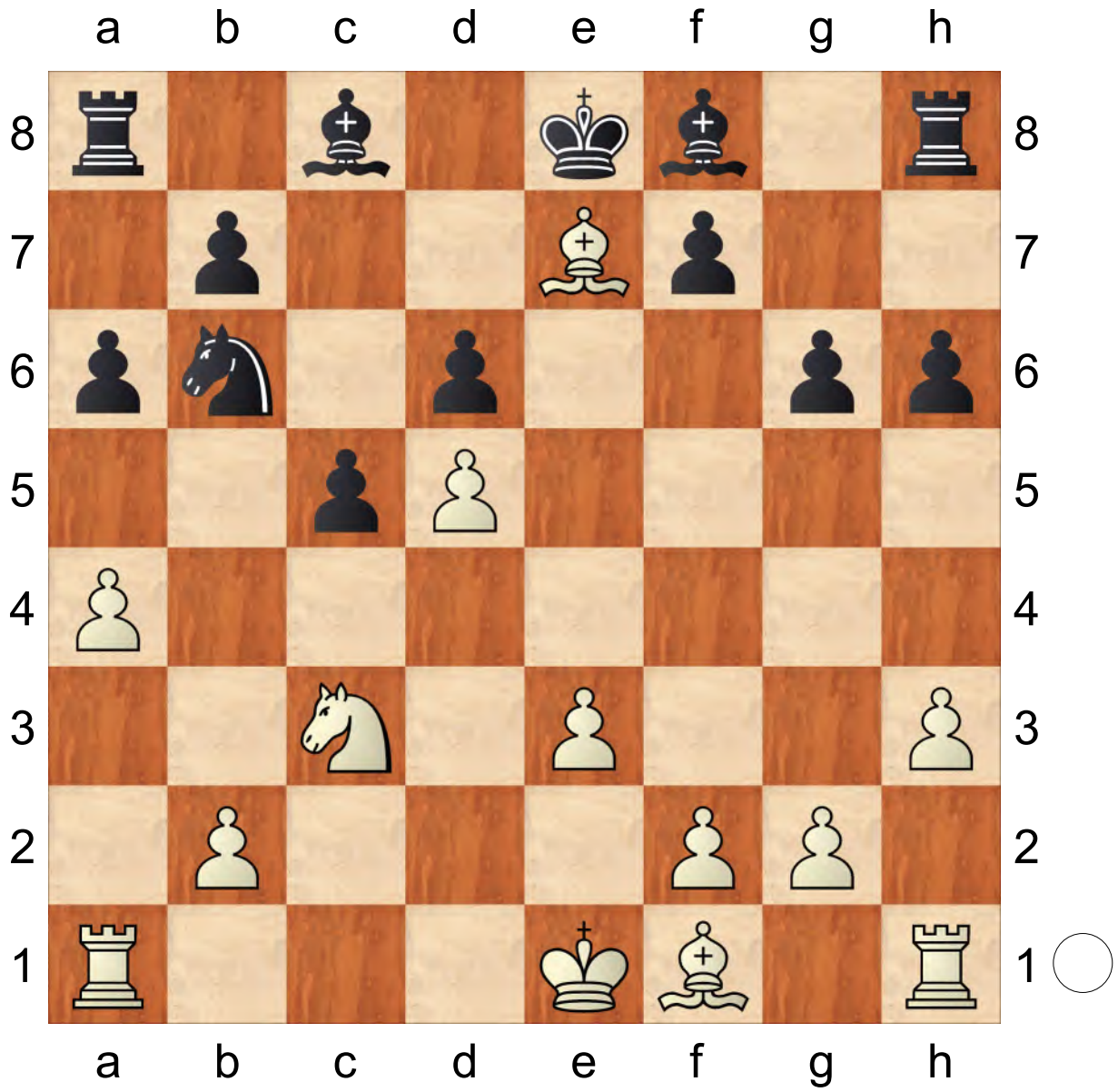
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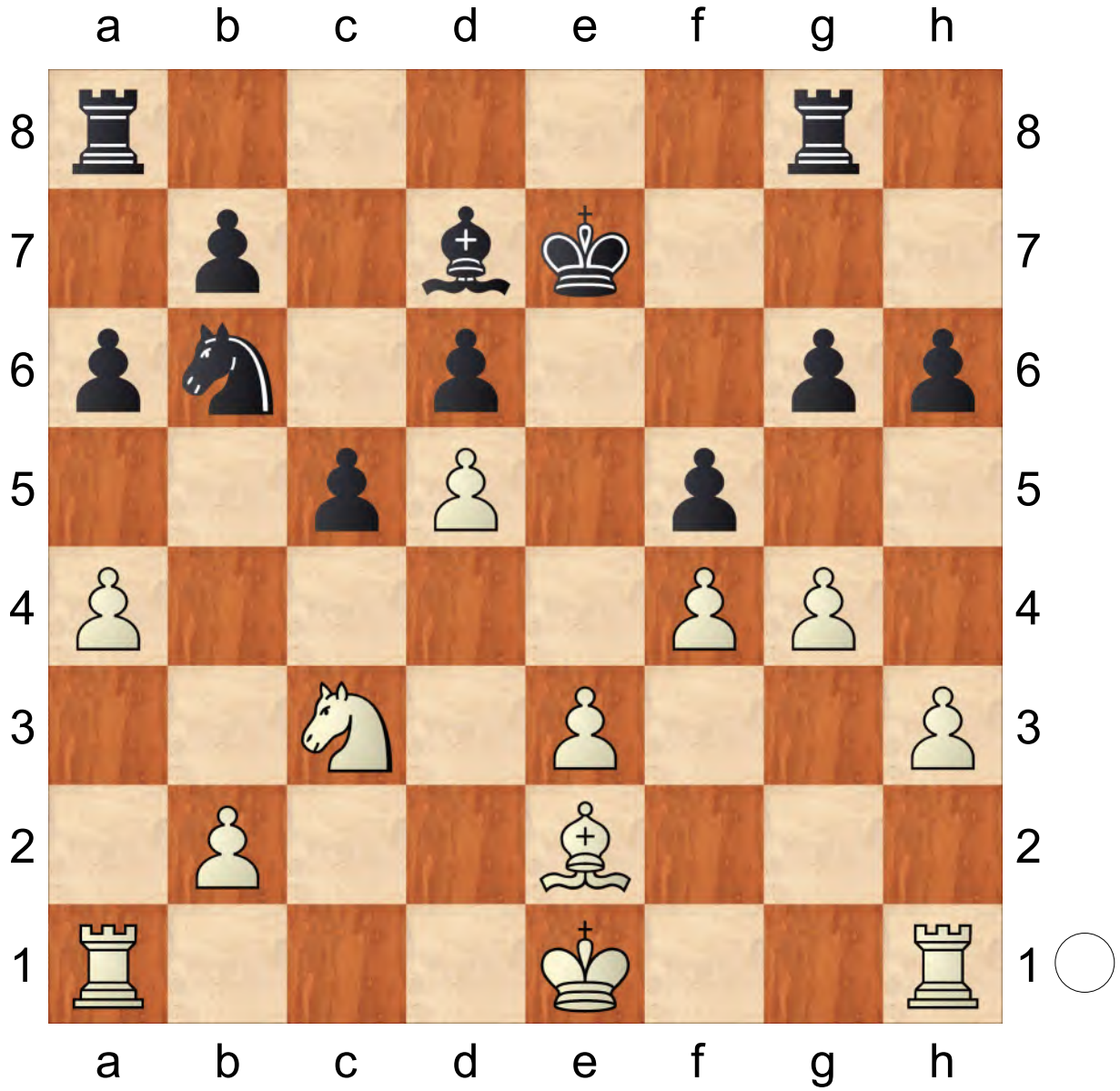

21.a5 John Emms: 'Perfectly timed.' successfully blockading the « John Emms: 'Kapengut: 'successfully blockading the «" **21...Nc8** **22.Kd2** **Na7** **23.e4** John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'Any delay and Black would have got in ...Na7-b5.'

[23.Rab1!?]

23...fxe4

[23...Nb5!?]

24.Nxe4 **Rgf8**

[24...Raf8 25.Rae1! *(25.Rhf1 Nc8 26.Nc3 h5 27.Rab1 hxg4 28.hxg4 b5⩲)* 25...Nc8 26.g5!± White get a huge space advantage.]

25.Rhf1 **Bb5**

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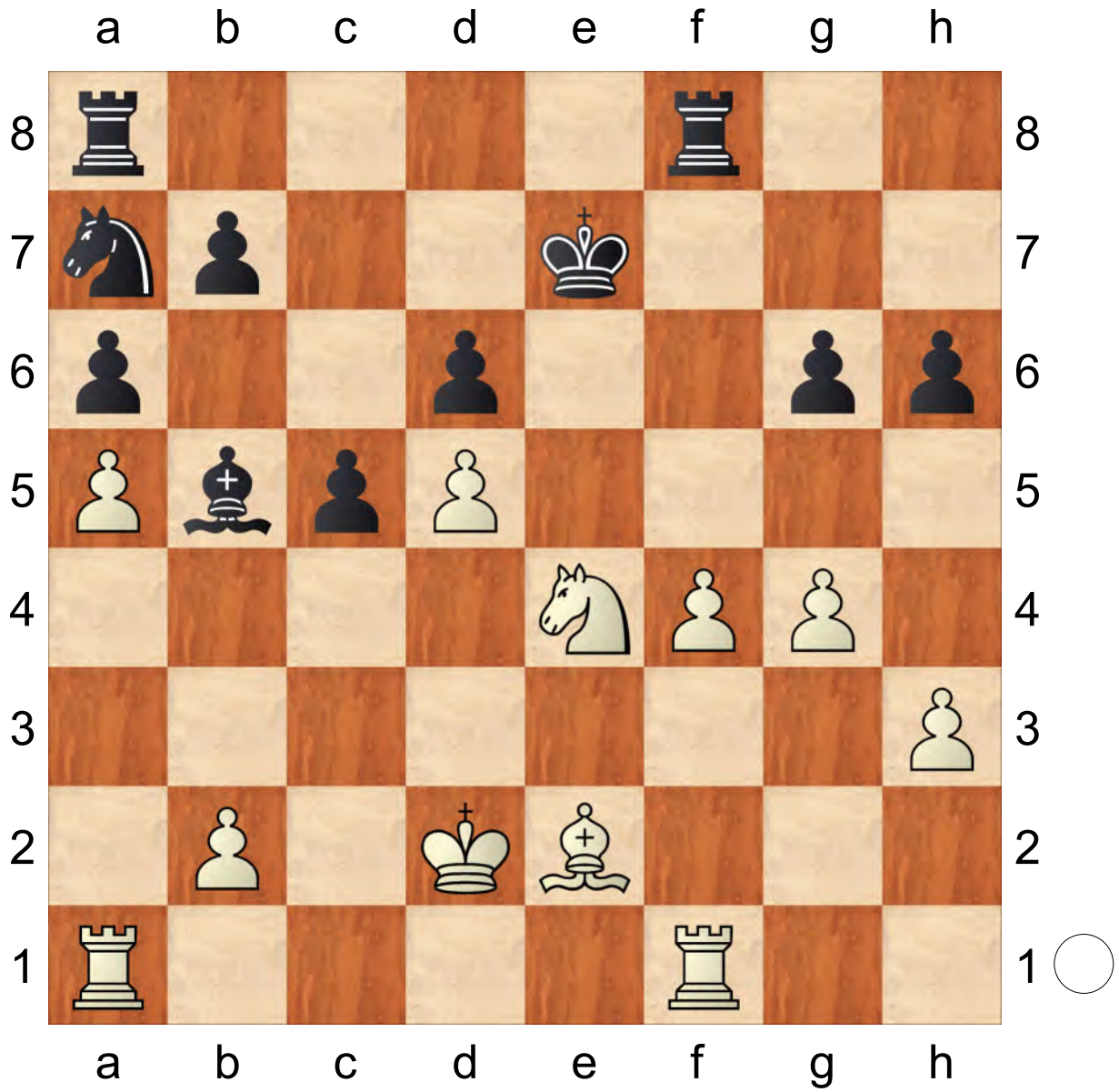
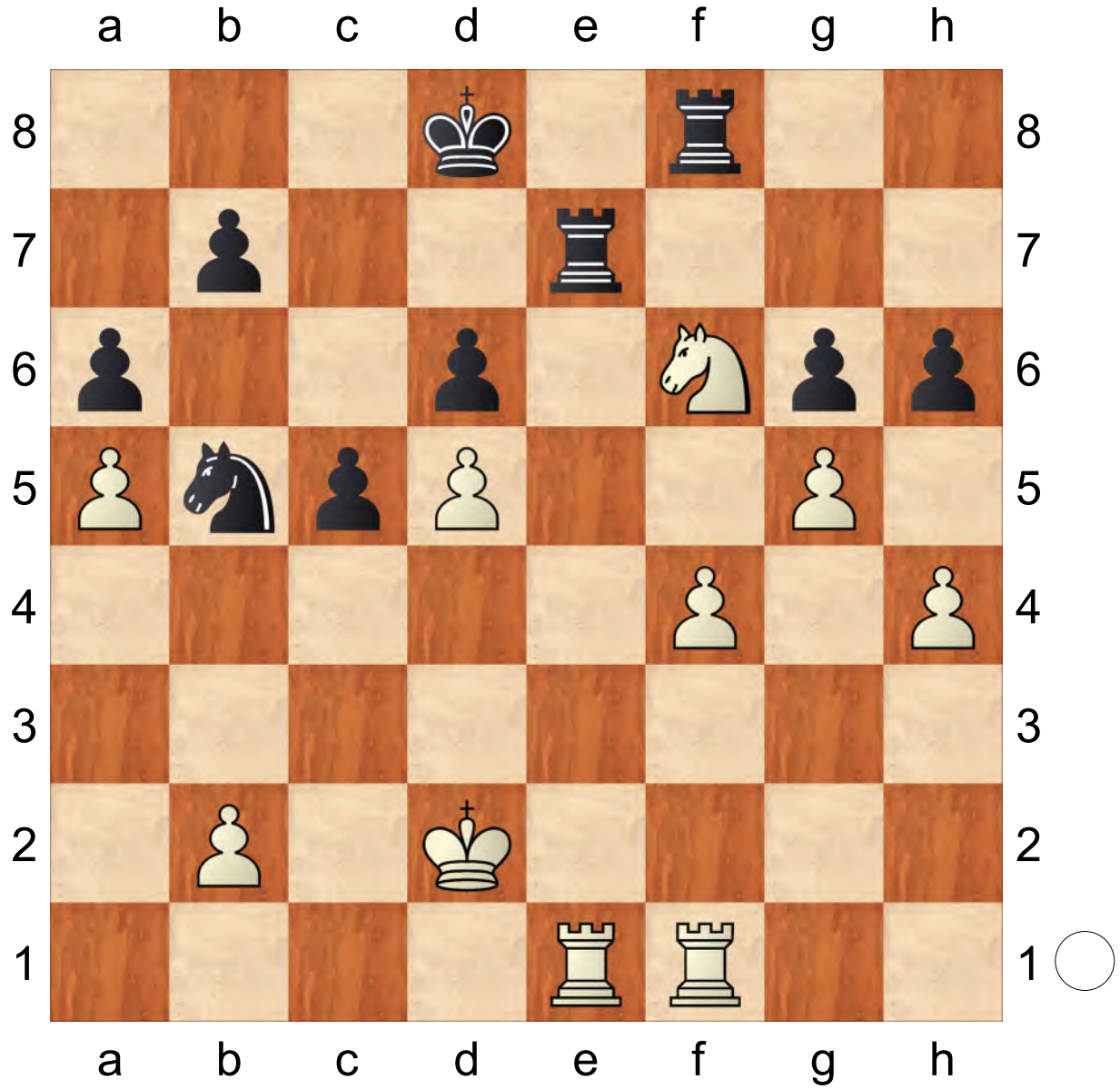


26.Rae1 John Emms: 'White's direct play in the centre has resulted in a close-to-winning advantage.' **26...Kd7 27.h4**
[27.g5!? ΔBxe2 28.Rxe2 hxg5 29.Rfe1! This intermediate move decides the battle. Rad8 30.fxg5±]
27...Rae8 John Emms: '?' '?' John Emms: 'After this mistake I'm totally lost.'
[The only chance was 27...Bxe2 28.Rxe2 Nb5 29.g5 Nd4! 30.Ree1 when Black's knight on d4 promises counterplay.]
28.g5 John Emms: '!' '!' **28...Re7 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Bxb5 Nxb5**

(Diagram)

31.Rxe7 Kxe7 32.Re1+ Kf7 33.Re6± John Emms: 'Kapengut: ' **±"** **33...hxg5 34.hxg5 Rh8 35.Ng4** John Emms: '!' '!' **35...Rh4**



[35...Rh3 36.Nh6+ Kf8 37.Rxg6 Nd4 38.Rxd6 Nb3+ 39.Kc2 Nxa5 40.Rf6+ Ke8 41.Re6+ Kf8 42.Nf5+-]

(Diagram)

36.Nh6+ Kg7 37.f5!+- John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'Kapengut: '+-!'' **37...Rd4+ 38.Ke3 Rxd5 39.Rxg6+ Kh7 40.Re6 Nd4**

(Diagram)

41.Re7+ Kh8 42.Ke4 Re5+ 43.Rxe5 dxe5

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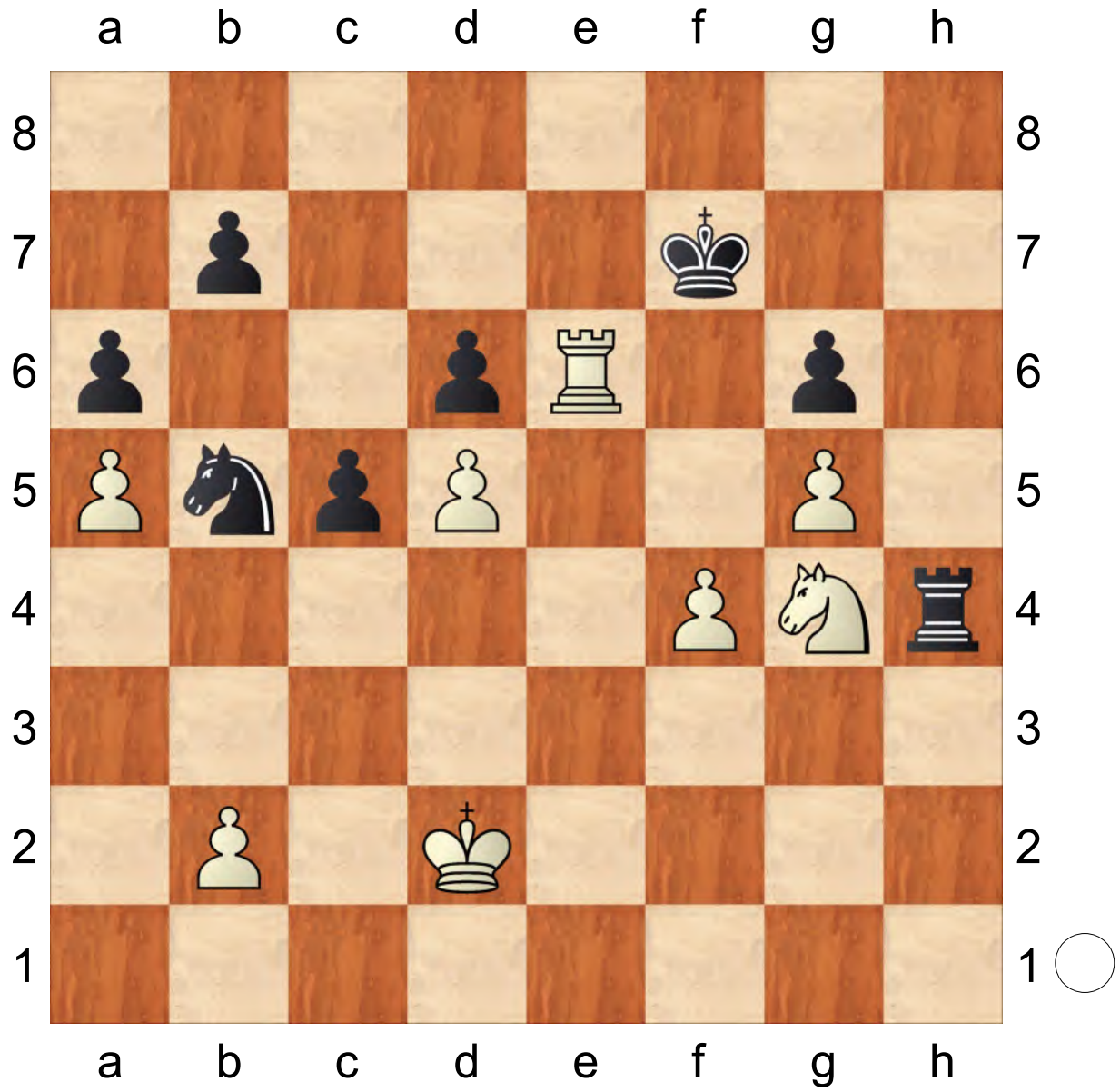
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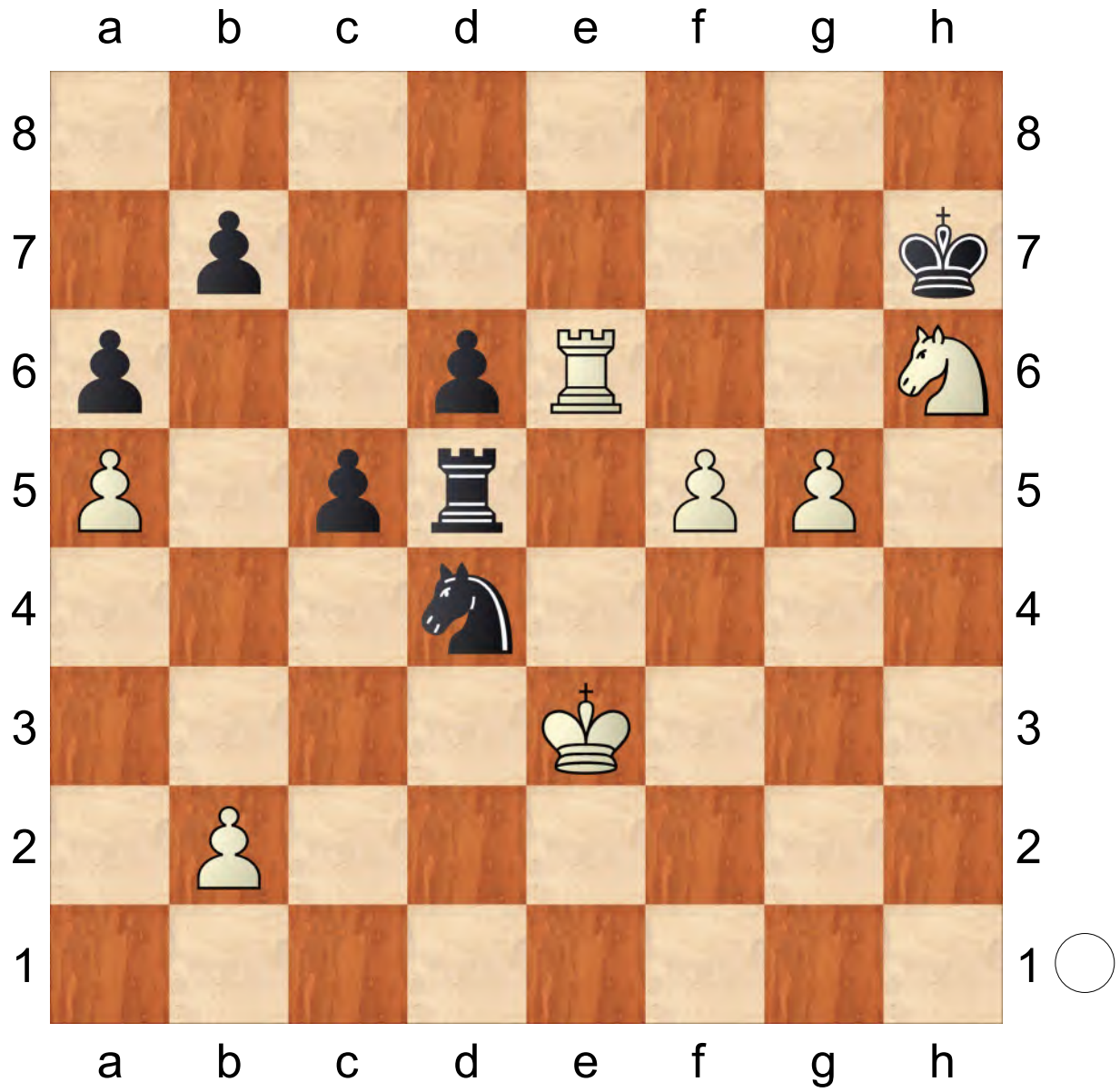
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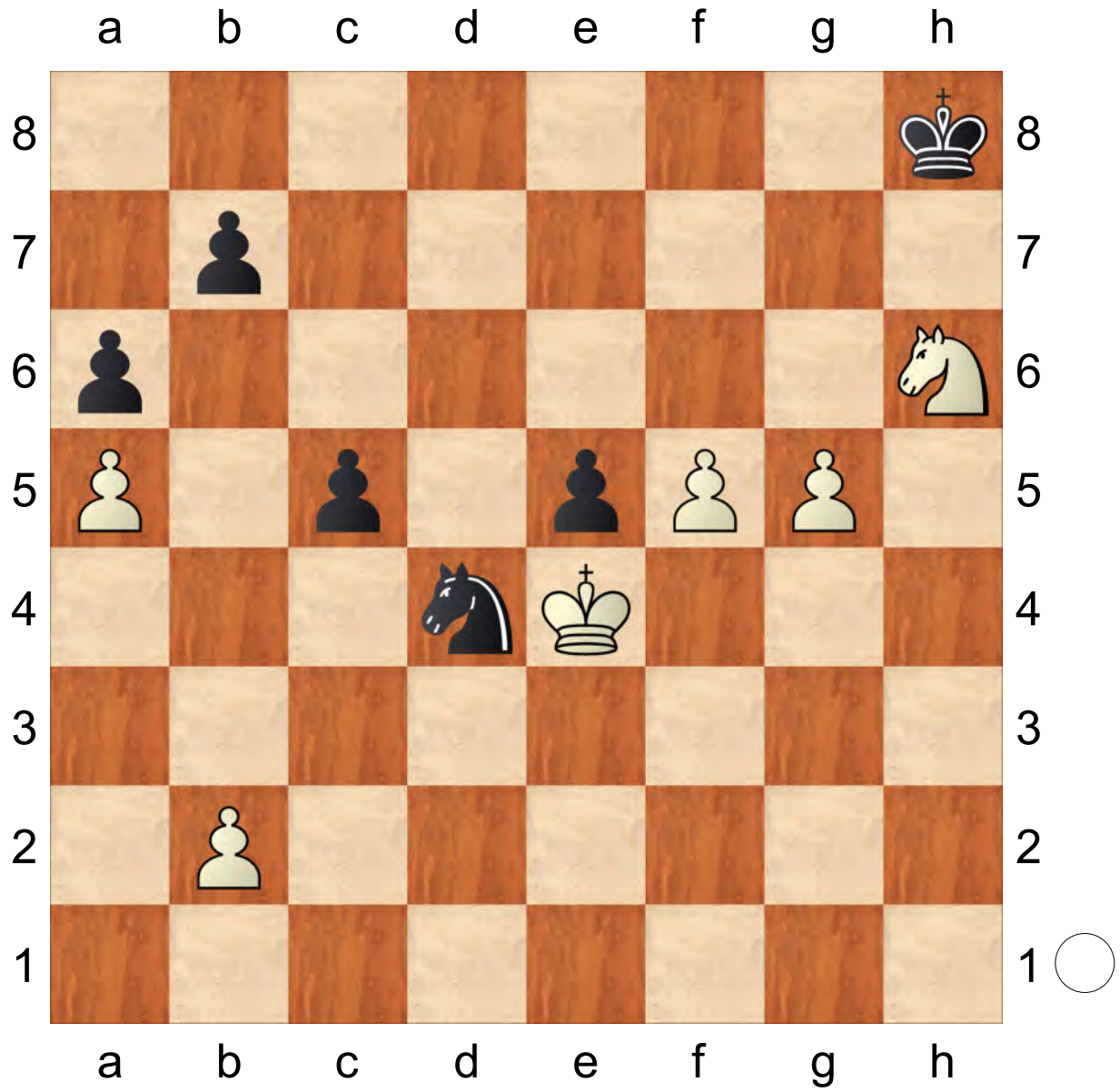

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■ **Hracek,Zbynek** **2614**
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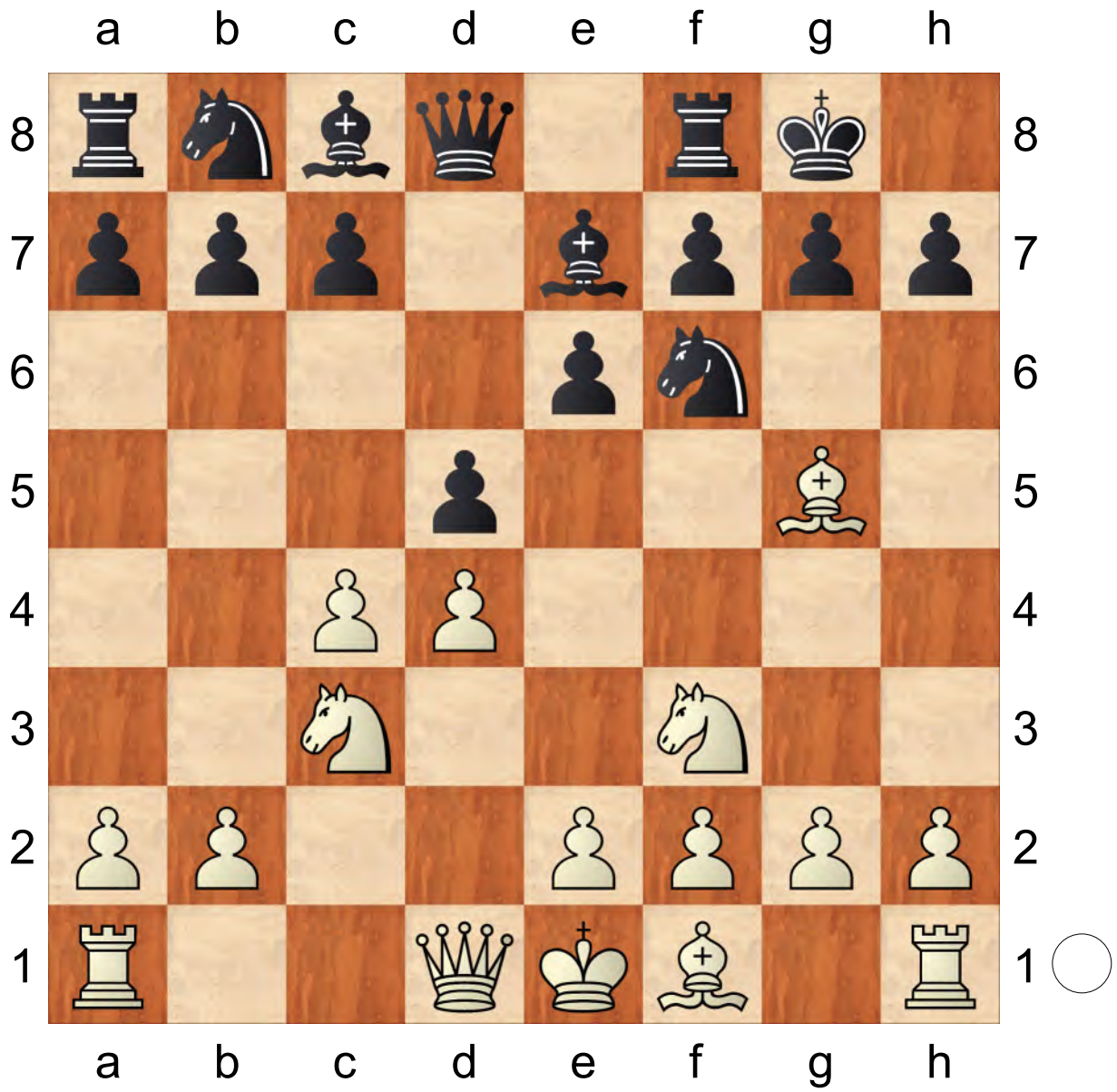
[Meyer,Claus Dieter]

1.d4 Meyer,CD **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0**

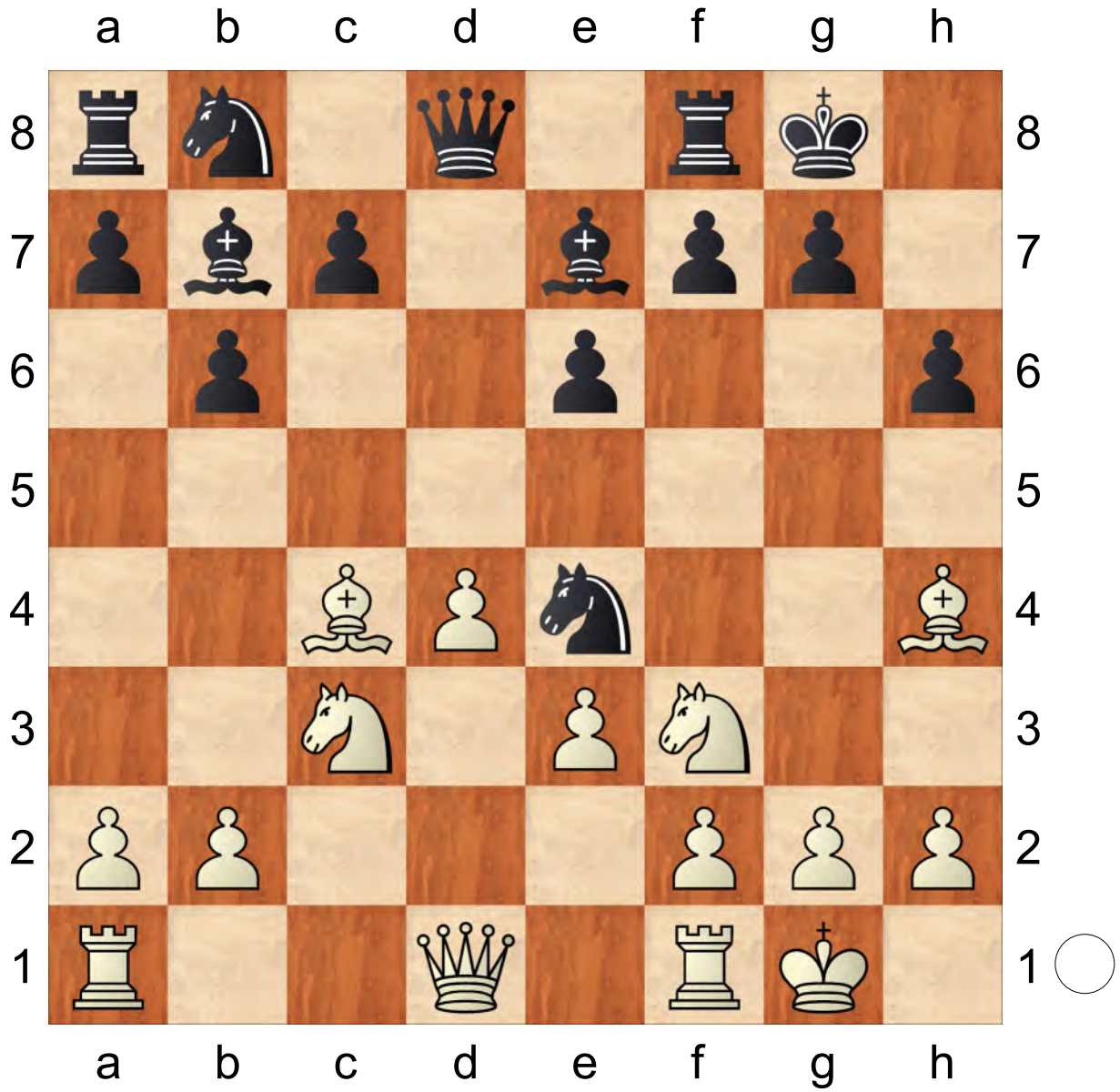


6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 dxc4

[Eine Nebenvariante des Tartakower-Systems: Schwarz aktiviert den ♗b7, strebt mittels ...♘e4 Leichtfigurentausch an und hofft, sich mit baldigem ...c5 befreien zu können. 9...Nbd7 ist die oft erprobte Hauptvariante. Hierzu kurz ein älteres, aufregendes Bundesliga-Gefecht des Tschechen sowie eine aktuelle, solide

Partie: 10.Qe2 c5 11.Rad1 *(11.Bg3 Ne4 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rad1 Qc8 14.Rc1 Rd8 15.Rfd1 Ndf6 16.Ne5 Qe6 17.Bh4 Rac8 18.f3 cxd4 19.exd4 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Nd7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Re1 Qxe2 25.Rxe2 Kf8 26.Re3 Re7 27.Kf2 Rxe3 28.Kxe3 Ke7* ½-½ Bacrot,E (2705)-Ivanchuk,V (2750)/Odessa 2007/CBM 116*)* 11...Ne4 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Nf6 16.Ne5 Bb4 17.f4 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Ne4 19.f5 exf5 20.Nxf7 Rxf7 21.Rxf5 Nf6 22.Rxf6 gxf6 23.Qh5 Qe7 24.Qg6+ Kf8 25.Rf1 Be4 26.Qxh6+ Ke8 27.Re1 f5 28.Rxe4 Qxe4 29.Qg6 Rc8 30.Qxf7+ Kd8 31.Be6 Qe3+ ½-½ Speelman,J (2603)-Hracek,Z (2610)/Germany 2001/CBM 87]

10.Bxc4 Ne4



11.Nxe4

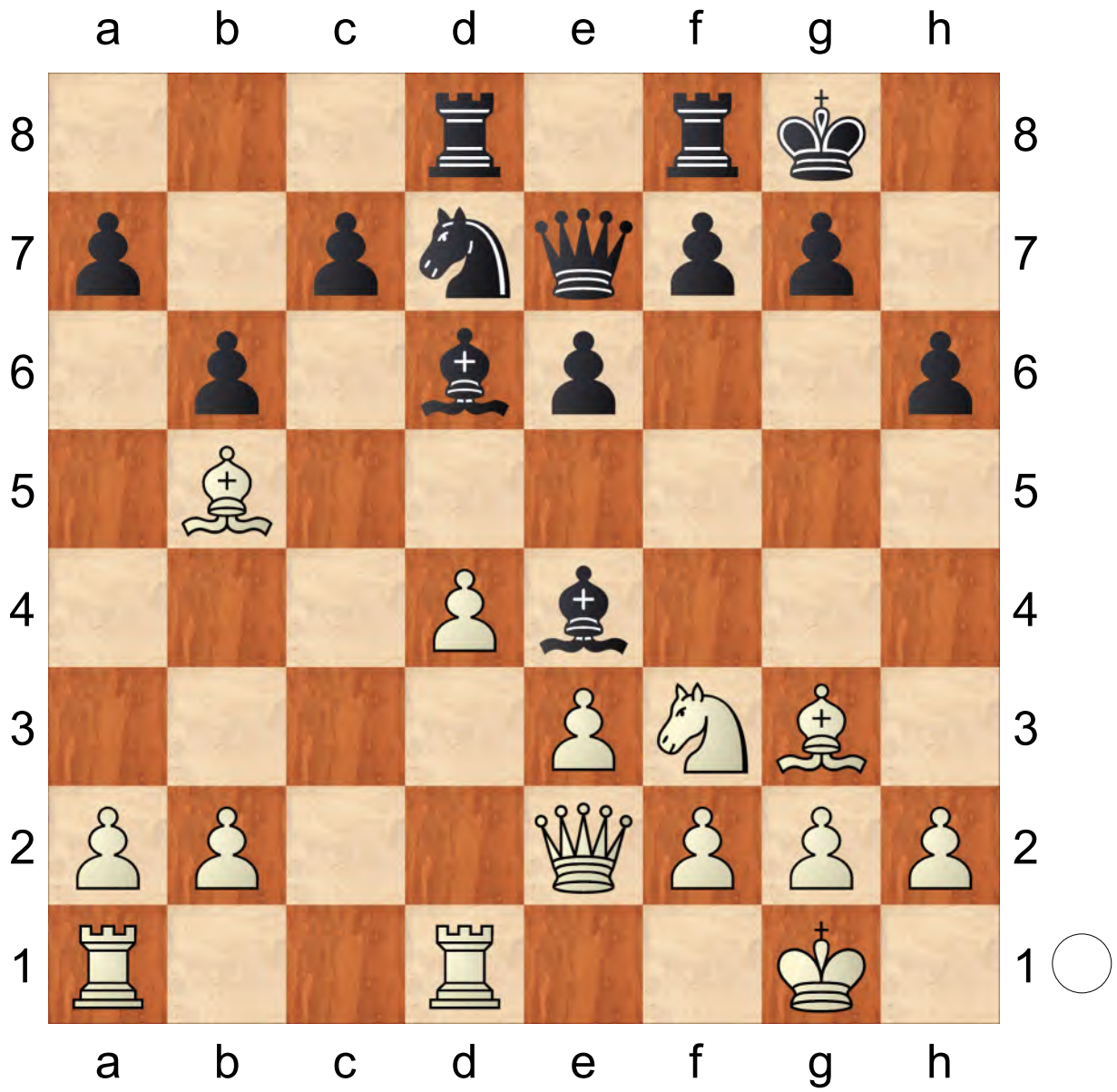
[I 11.Bg3!? Nxg3 12.hxg3 c5 *(12...Nd7* Δc5 *)* 13.d5 exd5 14.Bxd5 Nc6 15.Qa4 Qc7 16.Rfd1 a6 *(16...Rad8)* 17.Qf4!?± 1-0 Van Wely,L (2676)-Borriss,

M (2455)/BL 0607 SF Berlin - SG Köln Porz 2007 (40)]
[II 11.Bxe7?! Qxe7 12.Rc1 *(12.Nxe4 Bxe4=)* 12...Nxc3 13.Rxc3 Rc8 14.Qe2 c5 15.Rfc1 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Ba6 ½-½ Unzicker,W (2437)-Spassky,B (2548)/Mainz 2005/CBM 107 ext]

11...Bxe4 12.Bg3 Nd7 13.Qe2

[Zu beachten ist 13.Rc1 Δ Bd6 14.Bb5 Bxg3 15.hxg3 c5 16.Qa4! S. Atalik/CBM *(16.Bxd7? Qxd7 17.dxc5 Qb7 18.Qe2 Rfd8⇄)*]

13...Bd6 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.Bb5 Rad8

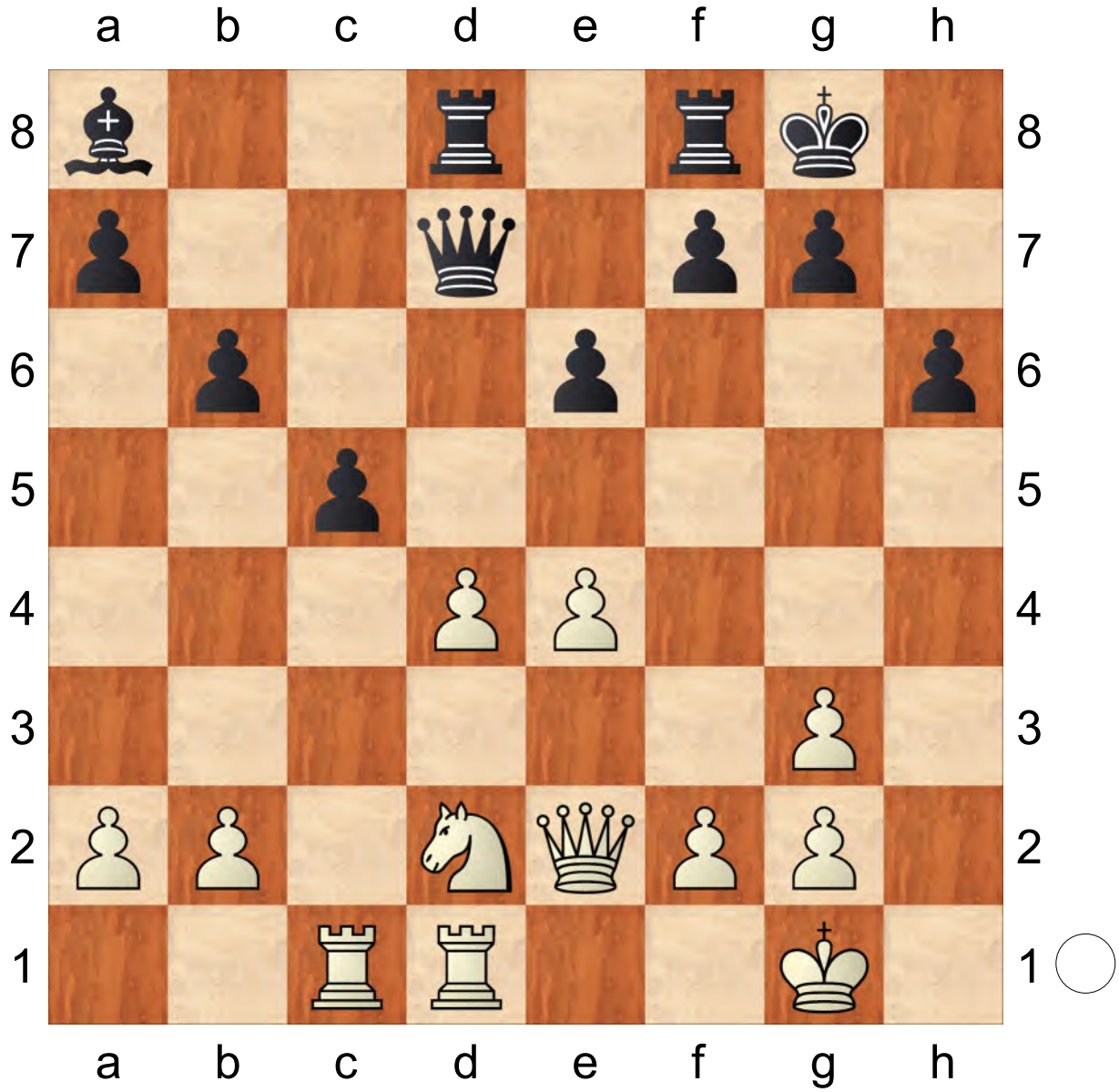


16.Rac1 Bxg3 17.hxg3 c5 18.Nd2 Bd5?!

[Verfehlte Provokation, nach ⌓18...Ba8 19.Bxd7 Rxd7 20.dxc5 bxc5∞ /= stünde Schwarz völlig okay.]

19.e4 Ba8 20.Bxd7 Qxd7

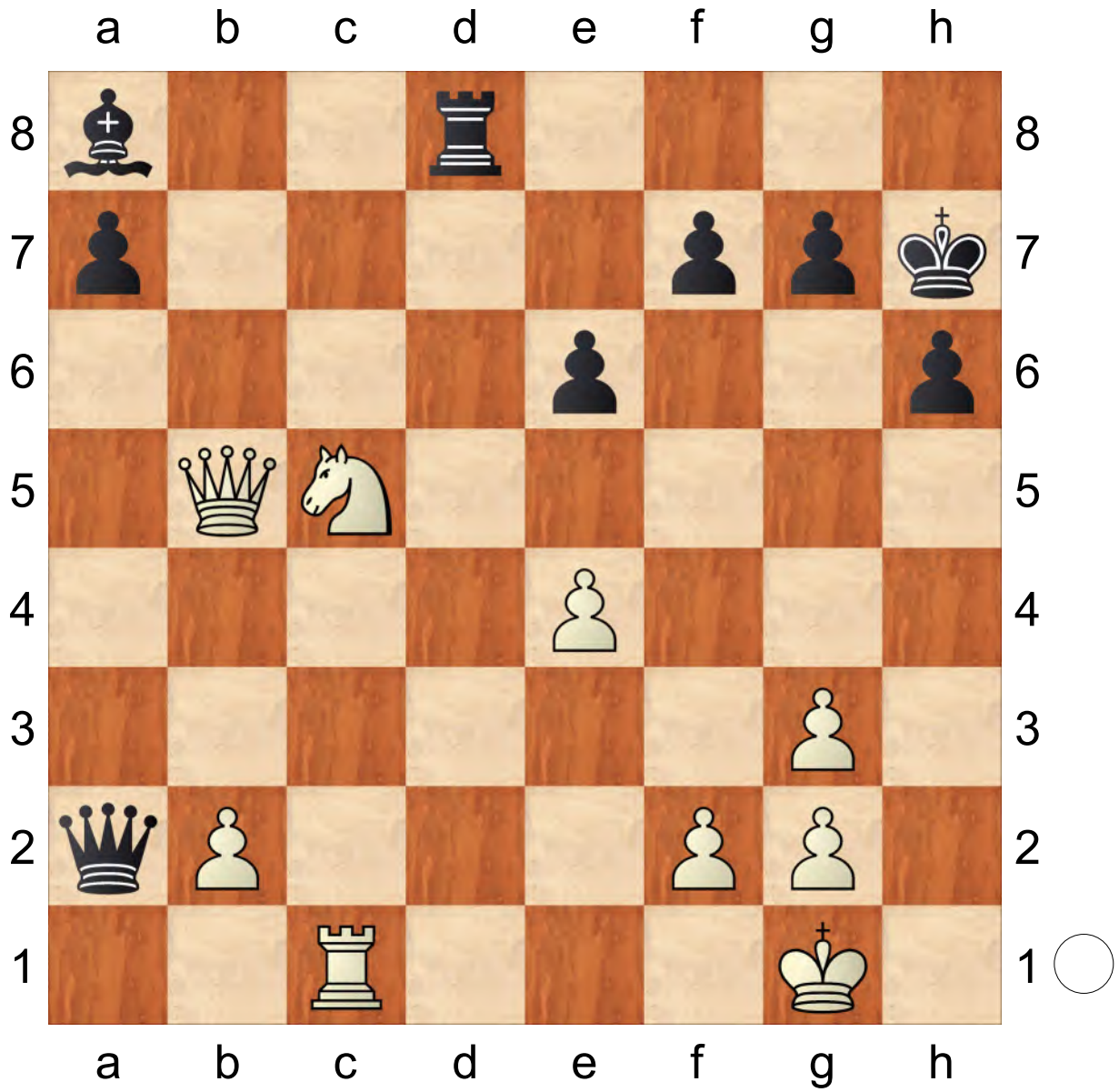
[⌓20...Rxd7 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Nb3 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rc8 24.Rc1± /=]



21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Nb3 Qa4 23.Rxd8
[⌓23.Nxc5±]
23...Rxd8 24.Nxc5 Qxa2 25.Qb5 Kh7

(Diagram)

Entlastet die Grundreihe und plant ♖d2. **26.f3 Rd2 27.Na4 Rd4?!**
[Der taktisch äußerst versierte "Fritz" empfiehlt 27...f5! , um den ausgesperrten ♗a8 zurück ins Spiel zu holen: 28.exf5 a6!
A) 29.Qxa6?? Rxb2;
B) 29.Qb4 Rc2! 30.Rxc2 *(30.Rd1 exf5)* 30...Qb1+ 31.Rc1 Qxc1+ 32.Kh2 exf5=;



C) 29.Qe8 exf5=]

28.Nc3 Qc4 29.Qxc4 Rxc4 30.Ra1 Rc7

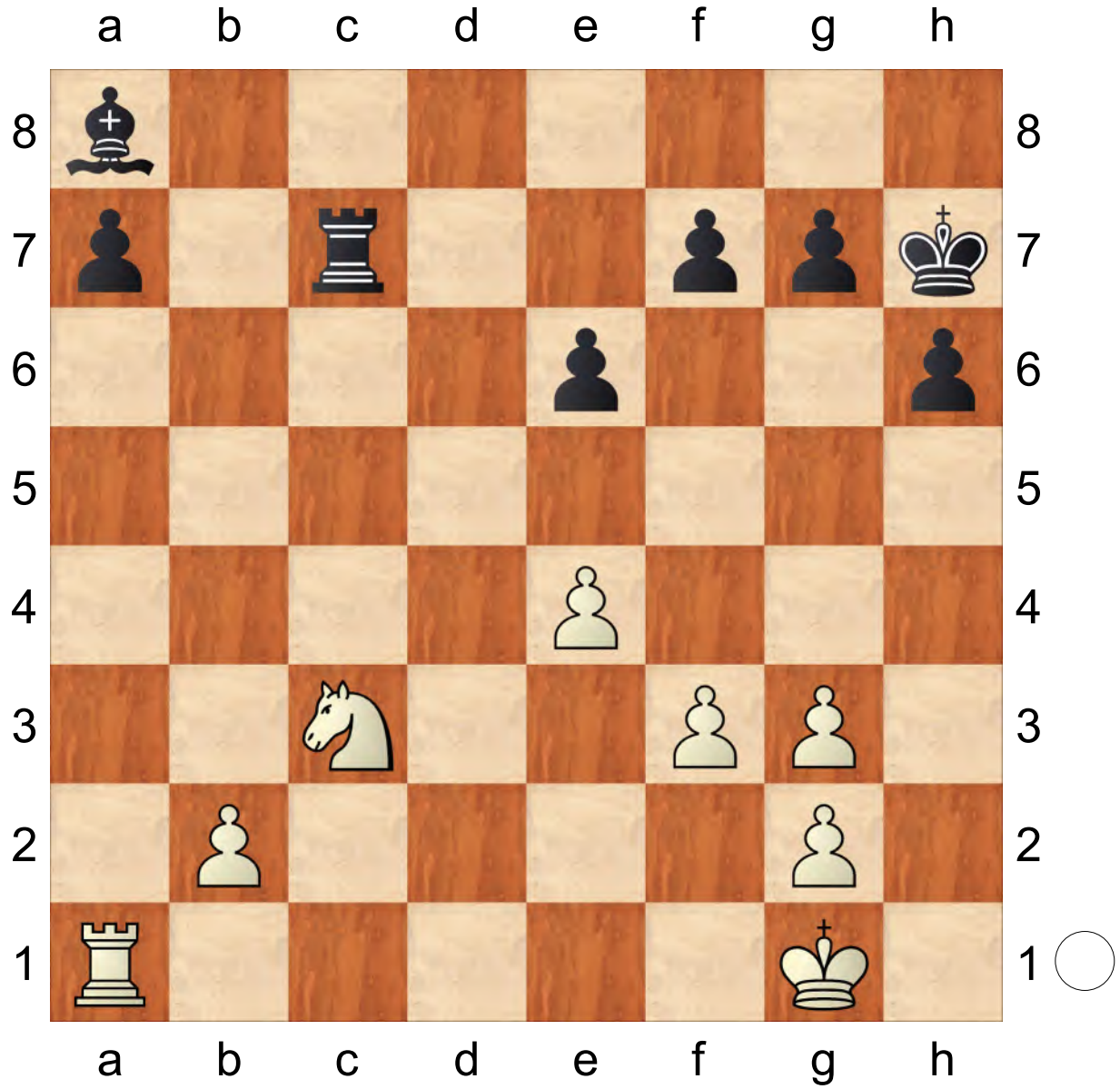
(Diagram)

31.Nb5 Rb7 32.Nd6 Rd7 33.Ra6 In diesem für ihn unerquicklichen Endspiel wählt Schwarz unter Bauernopfer eine mutige Fortsetzung, welche die Leichtfiguren tauscht und ihm einen Turmendspiel-Typus mit besseren Remischancen verschafft.

33...Bb7!?

[Unter dem sofortigen Einschalten von 33...h5!? war das gleich thematische Endspiel auch gut zu erreichen: 34.b4 *(34.Kf2 Bb7!? 35.Rxa7 Rxd6 36.Rxb7 Rd2+ 37.Kf1 Kg6±)* 34...Kg6

A) 35.Nc4 Rb7 36.Ne5+ *(36.b5 Rxb5 37.Rxa7 Bc6 38.Re7 Kf6 39.Rc7*



Rc5 40.Nd6 Rc2 41.Rxf7+ Ke5 42.Nb7 Bxb7 43.Rxb7 g6±) 36...Kf6 37.Nd3 Rd7 38.Nc5 Rc7 39.Kf2 Bc6±;

B) 35.Kf2

B1) 35...f6? 36.Nb5 Rb7 37.Nd4 Rxb4 38.Nxe6 Rb7 39.Rd6 Re7 *(39...Rb6? 40.Nf4+ Kh7 41.Rxb6 axb6 42.Nxh5)* 40.Nf4+ Kf7 41.Nxh5±;

B2) 35...Bb7!? 36.Rxa7 Rxd6 37.Rxb7 Rd2+±]

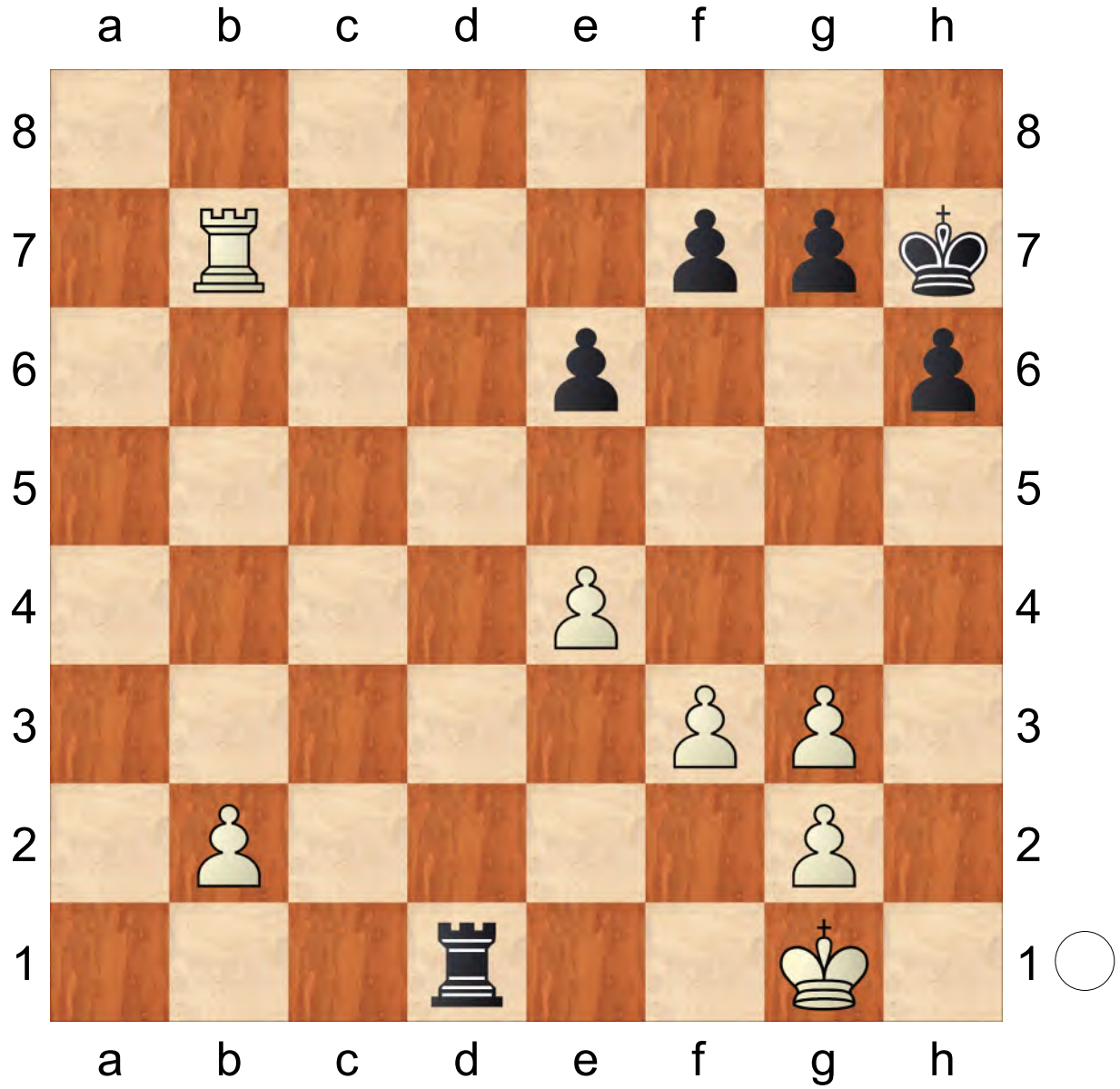
34.Rxa7 Rxd6 35.Rxb7 Rd1+

(Diagram)

36.Kf2 Rd2+ 37.Kf1 Kg6

[37...h5!? war immer noch möglich, z.B.

A) 38.Rxf7 Rxb2 39.Re7 Rb6 40.Kf2 *(40.Kg1 Kg6 41.e5 Kh7 42.Kh2 Kg8*



43.Kh3 Kf8 44.Rd7 Rb5 45.f4 Rb2±) 40...Kg6 41.e5 Kh7

A1) 42.Ke3 Kg8 43.Rd7 *(43.f4 Kf8 44.Rd7 Rb2 45.Rd2 Rb3+ 46.Rd3 Rb2±; 43.Kf4?! Kf8 44.Rd7 Rb2)* 43...Rb2 44.Rd2 Rb4±;

A2) 42.Kg1;

B) 38.b4 Kg6 39.b5 Rb2 40.b6 Kf6 41.Rb8 *(41.Ke1 Rxg2 42.Rc7 Rb2 43.b7 g5=; 41.f4 Rb3 42.Kg1 Rb4 43.e5+ Kg6 44.Rb8 Kf5 45.Kh2 f6 46.b7 Rb1=)* 41...Ke5 42.b7 g6 43.Ke1 f5!? 44.f4+ Kxe4 45.Re8 Rxb7 46.Rxe6+ Kd4 47.Rxg6 h4 48.gxh4 Ke3 49.Kd1 Rd7+ 50.Kc1 Rc7+ 51.Kb1 Kxf4=]

38.g4! Verbessert die Mobilität der weißen Königsflügelbauern. **38...Kf6**

[38...e5]

39.b4 Rb2 40.b5 Rb1+

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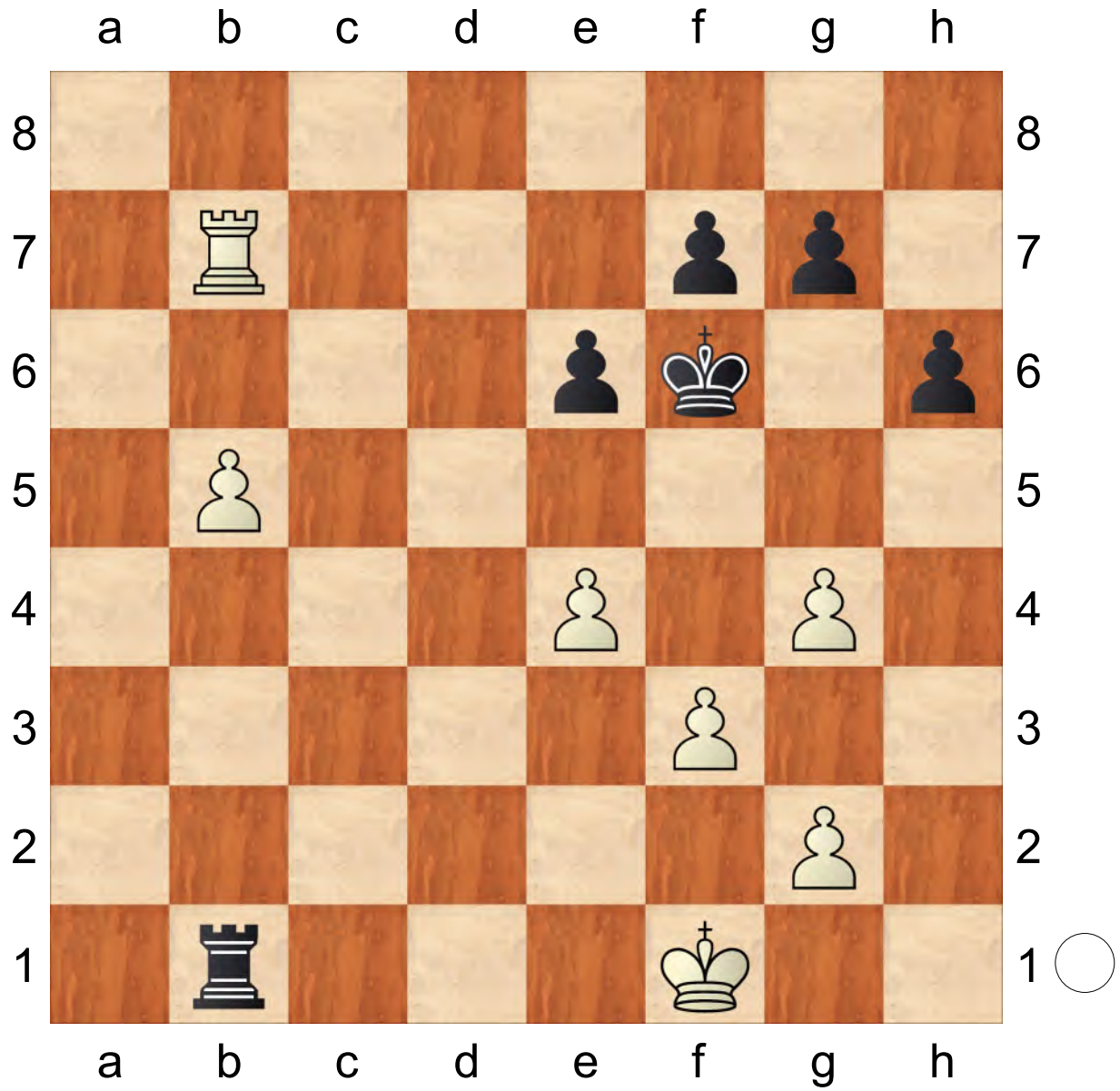


41.Kf2 Rb2+ 42.Kg3?!

[Chancenreich war der Marsch zum b-Bauern: 42.Ke3!? Rxg2

A) 43.b6 e5 44.Rd7 Rb2 45.b7 g6 46.Kd3 h5 47.Kc4 h4 48.Kc5 h3 49.Rd6+ Kg7 50.Rb6 Rxb6 51.Kxb6 h2 52.b8Q h1Q 53.Qxe5+±;

B) 43.e5+?! Kxe5 44.Rxf7 Rb2= *(44...g5)*;

C) 43.Kd4

C1) 43...g6? 44.e5+ Kg7 45.Ra7

C1a) 45...h5 46.gxh5 gxh5 47.Ra1 *(47.Ra4 h4)* 47...Rb2 48.Kc5 h4 49.Rh1 Rc2+ 50.Kb6 Rc4 51.Ka5 Rc5 52.Rxh4 Rxe5 53.Ka6+-;

C1b) 45...Rb2 46.Kc5 h5 47.gxh5 gxh5 48.Ra4 Rc2+ 49.Kd6 Rb2 50.Kc6 Rc2+ 51.Kb7+-;

C2) 43...Rb2? 44.e5+! Kg6 *(44...Kg5 45.Kc5)* 45.Kc5+-;

C3) 43...e5+! 44.Kc5

C3a) Jedoch nicht 44...g6? 45.Rc7! Rc2+ 46.Kb6 Meyer,CD: '!' Rb2 *(46...Rf2 47.Rc6+ Kg5 48.Kc7 Rxf3 49.b6 Rb3 50.b7 Rxb7+ 51.Kxb7 Kxg4 52.Rf6+-)* 47.Ka6 Meyer,CD: 'wie vorher' h5 48.b6 h4 49.b7 h3 50.Ka7 *(50.Rc6+?! Ke7 51.Rb6 Rxb6+ 52.Kxb6 h2 53.b8Q h1Q 54.Qxe5+ Kf8±)* 50...Ra2+ 51.Kb8 Kg5 52.Kc8 Rb2 53.b8Q Rxb8+ 54.Kxb8 h2 55.Rc1 Kf4 56.Kc7 Kxf3 57.g5! Kxe4 *(57...Kg4 58.Kd6+-)* 58.Kd6+- Kf4 59.Rh1 e4 60.Rxh2 e3 61.Kd5;

C3b) 44...Rc2+ 45.Kd6 *(45.Kb6 Rf2)* 45...Rd2+ 46.Kc7 Rc2+ 47.Kb6 Rf2 *(47...g6? 48.Rc7! Rb2 49.Ka6* wie vorher*)* 48.Rc7 *(48.Ra7 Rxf3 49.Ra5 Re3 50.Ka6 Rxe4 51.b6 Rb4 52.b7 Rxb7 53.Kxb7 Kg5 54.Kc6 Kxg4 55.Kd5 f6=)* 48...Rxf3 49.Rc5 *(49.Rc6+ Kg5 50.Kc7 Kxg4* und ohne den Einschub von ...g6 ist Schwarz hier deutlich schneller als in der 44…g6?-Variante *51.b6 Rb3 52.b7 Rxb7+ 53.Kxb7 Kf3=)* 49...Kg5

C3b1) 50.Kc7 Kxg4 51.b6 Rb3 52.Kc6 Rxb6+ 53.Kxb6 Kf4 54.Kc6 Kxe4 55.Kd6 f6 56.Ke6 Kf4;

C3b2) 50.Rxe5+ Kxg4 51.Kc6

C3b21) 51...h5 52.b6 Rf6+ 53.Kc7 Rxb6 54.Kxb6 h4 55.Re7 Kf3 56.e5 Ke4 57.Kc5 h3 58.Re8 g5 59.Kd6 g4 60.Rh8 Kf4 61.Rh7 Ke3 62.Kd5 Ke2 63.Rxf7 g3 *(63...h2 64.Rh7 g3 65.e6+-)* 64.e6 g2 65.e7 g1Q 66.e8Q++-;

C3b22) 51...f6 52.Rc5 Rd3 *(52...Re3)* 53.b6 Rd8 54.b7 Kf4 55.Kc7 Re8 56.Kb6 Rb8 57.Rc8 Rxb7+ 58.Kxb7 Kxe4=;

C3b3) 50.Kc6 Kxg4 51.b6 Rf6+ 52.Kc7 Rxb6 53.Kxb6 Kf4 54.Kc6 Kxe4=]

42...e5! 43.b6

[Falls Weiß seinen König zum Damenflügel zurückbeordert, erhält Schwarz reichlich Zeit, um ein Gegenspiel mittels ♔g5 plus g6 nebst f5 aufzuziehen: 43.Kh2 g6 44.Kg1 Kg5 45.g3 f5!? 46.gxf5 gxf5 47.exf5 Kxf5 48.b6 e4 49.Rb8 Rb1+ 50.Kf2 Rb2+ 51.Ke3 exf3 52.Kxf3 Rb3+ 53.Ke2 *(53.Kg2 Kg4 54.b7 Rb2+ 55.Kf1 Kh3=)* 53...Kg4 54.Rg8+ *(54.b7 Kh3=)* 54...Kf5 *(54...Kh5?? 55.g4+ Kh4 56.Rg6+-)* 55.g4+ Kf6 56.Rb8 Ke5! *(56...Kg5? 57.b7 Kh4 58.g5!+-)* 57.b7 Kd6=]

43...g6 44.Rb8 Kg7

[Die eingekeilte Lage des weißen Königs war aktiv durch 44...Kg5! auszunutzen:

A) 45.b7

A1) 45...f6? 46.Kh2 Rb1 *(46...Kf4? 47.Rg8)* 47.g3 Rb3 48.Kg2 Rb1 49.Kf2 Rb2+ 50.Ke3 Rb3+ 51.Kd2 Rb2+ 52.Kc3 Rb1 53.Kc4 Rc1+ 54.Kd5 Rd1+ 55.Ke6 Rb1 56.Kf7 Rb6 57.Kg7 Rb1 58.f4+!+- exf4 *(58...Kxg4 59.Kxf6)* 59.gxf4+ Kxf4 60.Kxg6 Rb6 61.Kxh6;

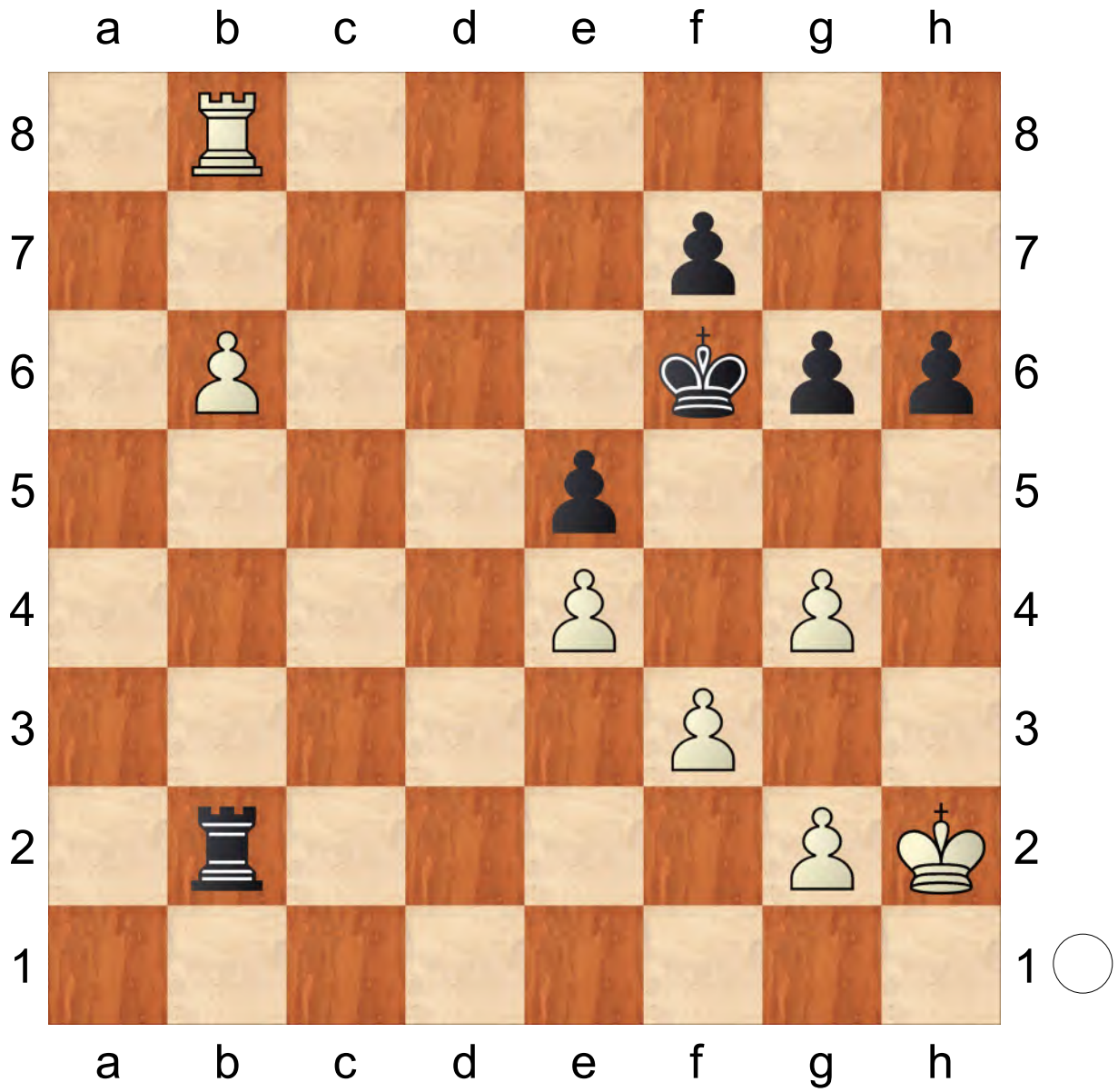
A2) 45...Kf6 46.Kh2 Kg5 47.Re8 Rxb7 48.Rxe5+ Kf6±;

A3) 45...Rb1 46.Re8 *(46.Kf2 Kh4=)* 46...Rxb7 47.Rxe5+ Kf6±;

B) 45.Kh2 Kf4

B1) 46.Rb7 Kg5 *(46...f6? 47.Rg7 Kg5 48.b7)* 47.Rxf7 Rxb6±;
B2) 46.b7? Rb1;
B3) 46.Rf8 Rxb6 47.Rxf7+ Kg5±]

45.Kh2 Kf6



46.Kg1 Ke6?

[Der entscheidende Fehler, die Knetmassage zeitigt endlich Erfolg! Alternativen: I Zu spät kommt jetzt 46...Kg5? z.B.:

A) 47.Kf1? Kf4=;
B) 47.b7? Kf4±;
C) 47.Rb7? Kf4 48.Kh2 *(48.Rxf7+? Kg3 49.Kf1 Rxb6=)* 48...Kg5 49.Rxf7 Rxb6±;
D) 47.g3! h5!? *(47...Rb1+ 48.Kf2 Rb2+ 49.Ke3 Rb3+ 50.Ke2 Kf6 51.b7+-)* 48.gxh5 Kxh5

D1) 49.b7? Kg5 50.Kf1 Meyer,CD: '?' Kf6 Meyer,CD: '='

D1a) 51.f4 Rb4 52.Kf2 *(52.fxe5+ Kg5)* 52...Rb3 53.Ke2 exf4 54.gxf4 Kg7 55.e5 *(55.f5 gxf5 56.exf5 Kf6=)* 55...Kh7 56.Kd2 Kg7 57.Kc2 Rb6 58.Kc3 Rb1 59.Kc4 Rc1+ 60.Kb5 Rb1+ 61.Kc6 Rc1+ 62.Kd6 Rd1+ 63.Ke7 Rb1=;

D1b) 51.Ke1 Rb6 52.Kd2 Rb1 53.Kc3 Rb6 54.Kc4 Rb1 55.Kc5 Rc1+ 56.Kd6 Rd1+ 57.Kc7 Rc1+ 58.Kd8 Rb1 59.Ke8 Kg7± 60.f4 *(60.Kd7 Kf6)* 60...exf4 61.gxf4 Rb4 62.Kd7 Rb1=;

D2) 49.Rf8? Rxb6 50.Rxf7 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Ke3 Rb3+ 53.Ke2 Ra3

D2a) 54.Re7 Ra5 55.Kd3 *(55.Kf2 Ra2+ 56.Kf1 Ra1+ 57.Kg2 Ra2+ 58.Kh3 Ra5 59.Rd7 Ra3=)* 55...Ra3+ 56.Kc4 Rxf3=;

D2b) 54.Rd7 Kg5 55.Rd3 Ra2+ 56.Ke3 Ra5±;

D2c) 54.Rf6 Kg5 55.Re6 Ra2+ 56.Ke3 Ra3+ 57.Kf2 Ra2+ 58.Kg1 Ra1+ 59.Kh2 Ra2+ 60.Kh3 Ra5±;

D2d) 54.f4 exf4 55.gxf4 Ra5! *(55...Kg4? 56.e5)* 56.Rf6 Kg4 57.Ke3 Ra3+ 58.Kd4 g5 59.f5 *(59.fxg5 Kxg5=)* 59...Kf4=;

D3) 49.Kf1 Kg5 50.Ke1 *(50.b7? Kf6=)* 50...Kf6 *(50...f5 51.exf5 Kxf5 52.b7 Kg5 53.f4+!+- exf4 54.gxf4+ Kg4 55.f5)* 51.Kd1 Ke7 52.Kc1 Rb5 53.Kc2 Kd6

D3a) 54.Kc3? Kc5 55.g4 Rb1 *(55...Rxb6? 56.Rxb6 Kxb6 57.Kc4 Kc6 58.g5+-; 55...g5? 56.b7 Kc6 57.Re8)* 56.Rc8+ Kd6 57.Rd8+ Kc5 58.g5 *(58.b7 Rxb7 59.Rd5+ Kc6 60.Rxe5 Ra7±)* 58...Rxb6 59.Rd5+ Kc6 60.Rxe5 Kd7±;

D3b) 54.Rb7! Kc5 *(54...f6 55.Rb8 Kc5 56.b7 Kc6 57.Rf8 Rxb7 58.Rxf6+ Kc5 59.Kd3!+-)* 55.Rc7+ Kxb6 56.Rxf7 Kc5 57.Rd7 Kc4 58.Rd6 Ra5 59.Kd2 *(59.Rxg6?! Ra2+ 60.Kc1 Rf2 61.Rf6 Kd4 62.g4 Ke3)* 59...g5 60.g4+-]

[II Allein richtig war die Verfolgung 46...Rb1+□ , und falls Weiß einen Fortschritt erzielen will, also 47.Kf2 , dann Rb2+ 48.Kf1 (Im Gegensatz zur Variante nach dem 46.Zug verfügt Weiß hier eben nicht über die Möglichkeit Ke3-d4 plus e5+.)
Rb1+ 49.Ke2 Rb2+ *(49...Kg5? 50.g3)* 50.Kd3 Rxg2 (Analyse) und nun:

A) 51.Rc8 Rb2 52.Rc6+ Kg5 53.Kc4 h5 54.gxh5 gxh5 55.Kc5 h4 56.Kd6 h3 57.Kc7 h2 58.Rc1 Rg2= *(58...Kf4=)*;

B) 51.Ra8 Rb2 52.Ra6 Kg5 53.Kc4 h5 54.gxh5 gxh5 55.Kd5 h4=;

C) 51.Kc4 h5 52.gxh5 gxh5 53.Rh8 Rb2 *(53...Rc2+ 54.Kd5+- Rd2+ 55.Kc6 Rc2+ 56.Kd7 Rd2+ 57.Kc8 Rc2+ 58.Kb8 Kg5 59.b7 Rc3 60.Ka7 Ra3+ 61.Kb6 Rxf3 62.b8Q Rb3+ 63.Kc6 Rxb8 64.Rxb8)* 54.Kc5 *(54.Rxh5 Kg6 55.Rxe5 Rxb6=)* 54...Kg5 55.Kc6 Rc2+ 56.Kd7 Rd2+ 57.Kc8 Rc2+ 58.Kb8 f6 59.b7 Kf4 60.Rc8 Rb2 61.Kc7 Kxf3 62.b8Q Rxb8 63.Rxb8 Kxe4=]

47.b7!+- Im höheren Sinne ist Schwarz jetzt bereits verloren, da der weiße König zur entscheidenden Wanderung gen Damenflügel ansetzt. **47...Kf6**

[In ein verlorenes Bauernendspiel führt 47...Kd7 nach 48.Rf8 Rxb7 49.Rxf7+ Kc8 50.Rxb7 Kxb7 51.Kf2 Kc6 52.g5 h5 *(52...hxg5 53.Kg3+-)* 53.g3 Kc5 54.f4+-]

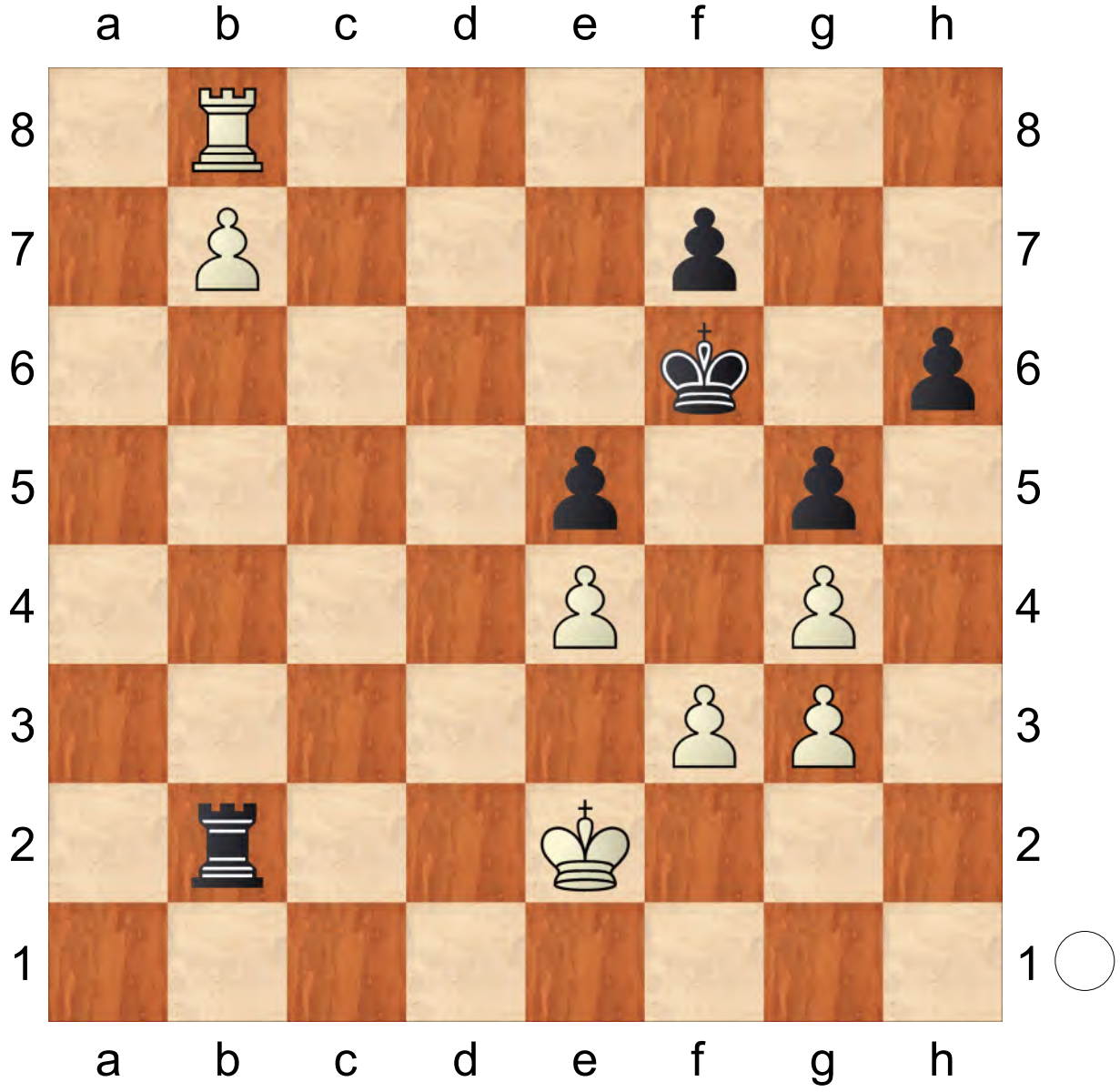
48.g3! g5

[I 48...Kg7 49.Kf1 nebst Königsmarsch analog dem Text]

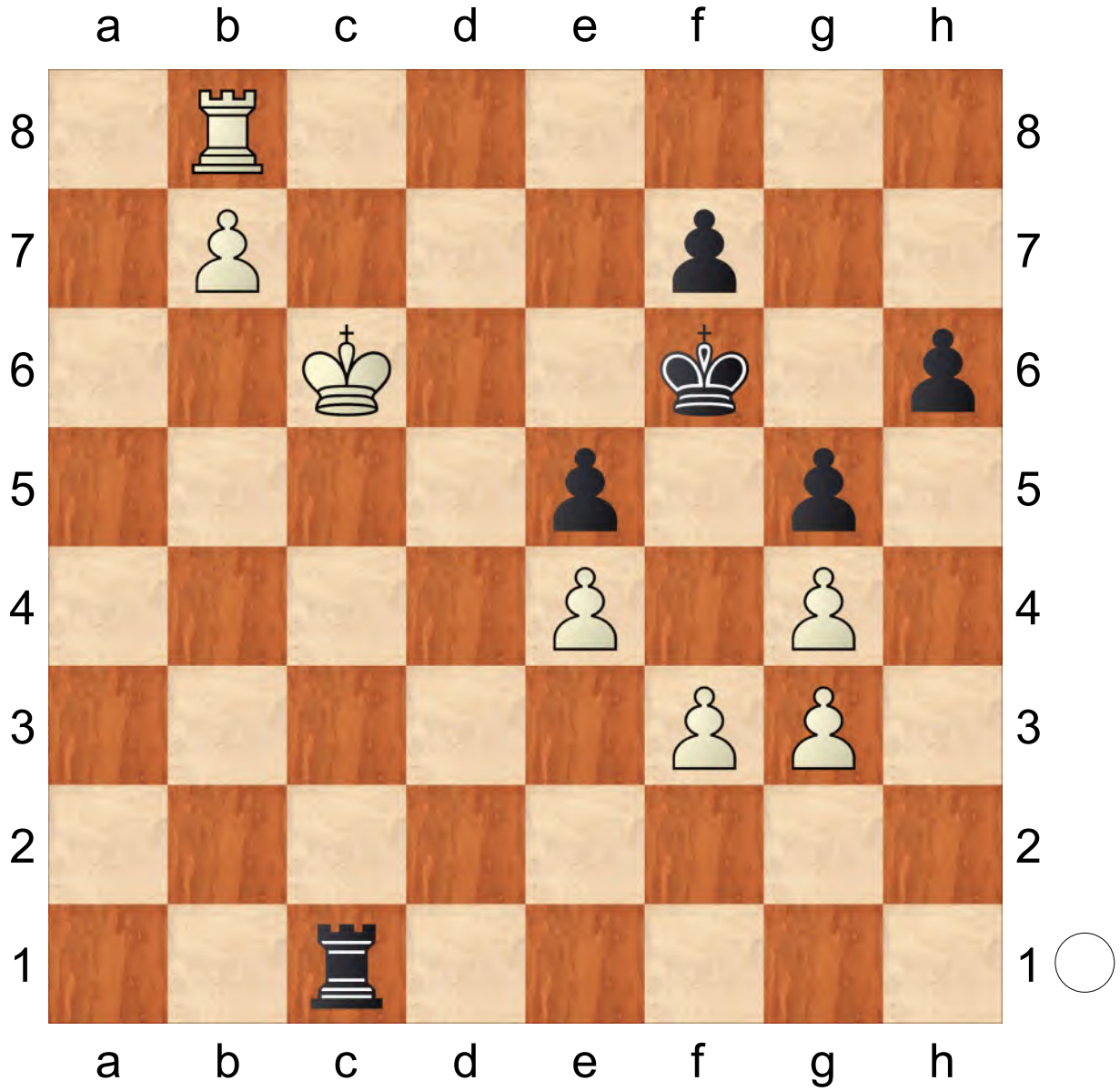
[II 48...h5 49.gxh5 gxh5 50.f4 exf4 51.e5+ Kg7 52.gxf4+- h4 53.f5 h3 54.f6+ Kh7 55.e6]

49.Kf1 Rb1+ 50.Ke2 Rb2+

[50...Ke7 51.Kd3 Kd7 *(51...Kf6 52.Kc4 Rc1+ 53.Kd5 Rd1+ 54.Kc6 Rc1+ 55.Kd7 Rb1 56.Ke8 Kg7 57.Ke7* ist Zugumstellung zur Partie*)* 52.Rf8 Rxb7 53.Rxf7+ Kc6 54.Rxb7 Kxb7 55.f4+- ergibt wieder ein für Weiß gewonnenes Bauernendspiel: exf4 56.gxf4 gxf4 57.Ke2 -f3-xf4 usw.]



51.Kd3 Rb3+ 52.Kc4 Rb1 53.Kc5 Rc1+ 54.Kd6 Rd1+ 55.Kc6 Rc1+



56.Kd7 Rb1 57.Ke8 Kg7

[Als erstes, schönes Mattbild zeichnet sich nach 57...Rb2 58.Kf8 Rb3 *(58...Kg6 59.Ke7 Kg7 60.Kd6* siehe Partie *)* 59.Rc8 Rxb7 60.Rc6# ab.]

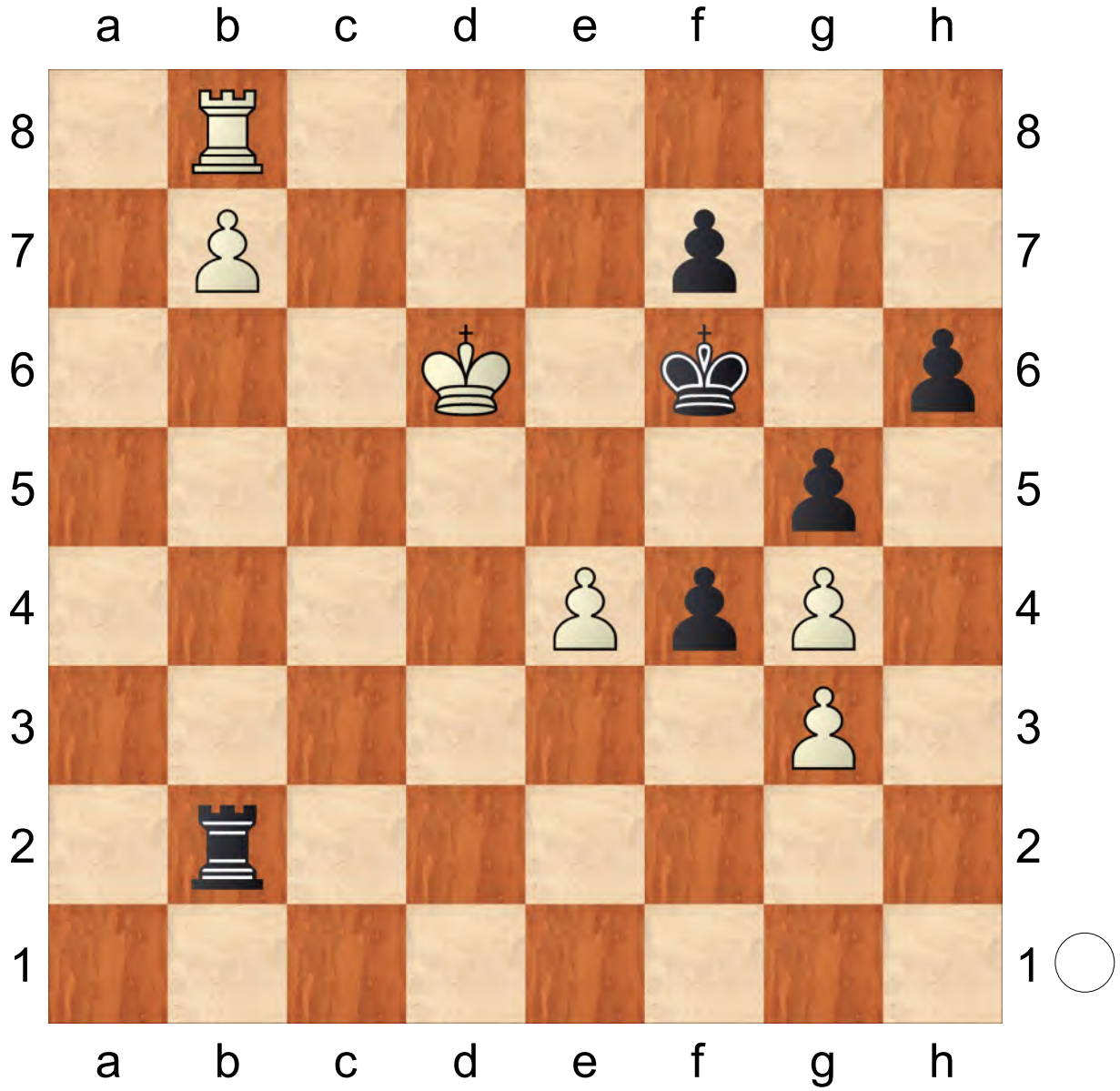
58.Ke7 Meyer,CD: 'ist Zugumstellung zur Partie' **58...Rb2 59.Kd6** Meyer,CD: 'siehe Partie' **59...Kf6**

[Nach 59...f6 gewinnt der Übergang ins Bauernendspiel auf beliebige Weise: 60.Re8 *(60.Rd8 Rxb7 61.Rd7+ Rxd7+ 62.Kxd7 Kh7 63.Kd6+-; 60.Rc8 Rxb7 61.Rc7+ Rxc7 62.Kxc7+-)* 60...Rxb7 61.Re7+ Rxe7 62.Kxe7+-]

Nun jedoch gewinnt Weiß auf spektakuläre Weise mittels Bauerndurchbruch und Mattangriff: **60.f4! exf4**

[Oder 60...Rd2+ 61.Kc6 Rc2+ 62.Kd5 Rd2+ 63.Kc4 Rc2+ 64.Kd3 *(64.Kb3)* 64...Rb2 65.fxe5+ Kg7 66.Kc4 und der König wandert nach e7 und unterstützt

die Schaffung eines weiteren Freibauern mittels e6.]

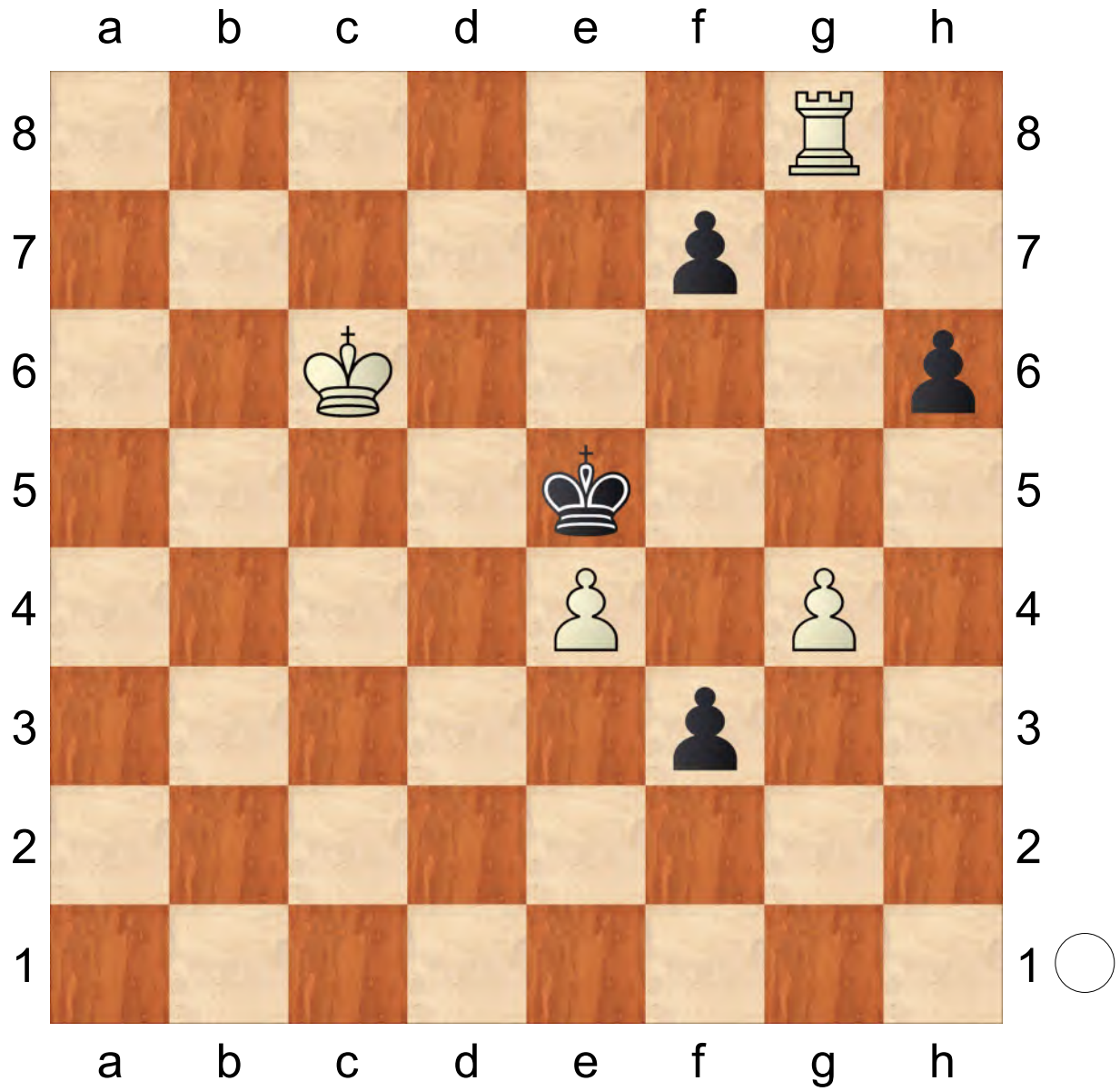


61.gxf4 gxf4 62.Rg8!+- Die entscheidende Pointe: Der Turm kann sich aus seiner passiven Lage befreien, indem er dem schwarzen König die Fluchtfelder auf der g-Linie nimmt und Weiß gleichzeitig e5# droht. **62...Rb6+ 63.Kc7 Rxb7+ 64.Kxb7 f3 65.Kc6** Das erwähnte Mattmotiv taucht wieder auf und zwingt den schwarzen König ins Freie. **65...Ke5**

[65...f2 66.Kd6 f1Q 67.e5#]

(Diagram)

66.Re8+ Kf4 67.Kd5 f6



[67...Kxg4 68.Rf8+-]

68.Rf8

(Diagram)

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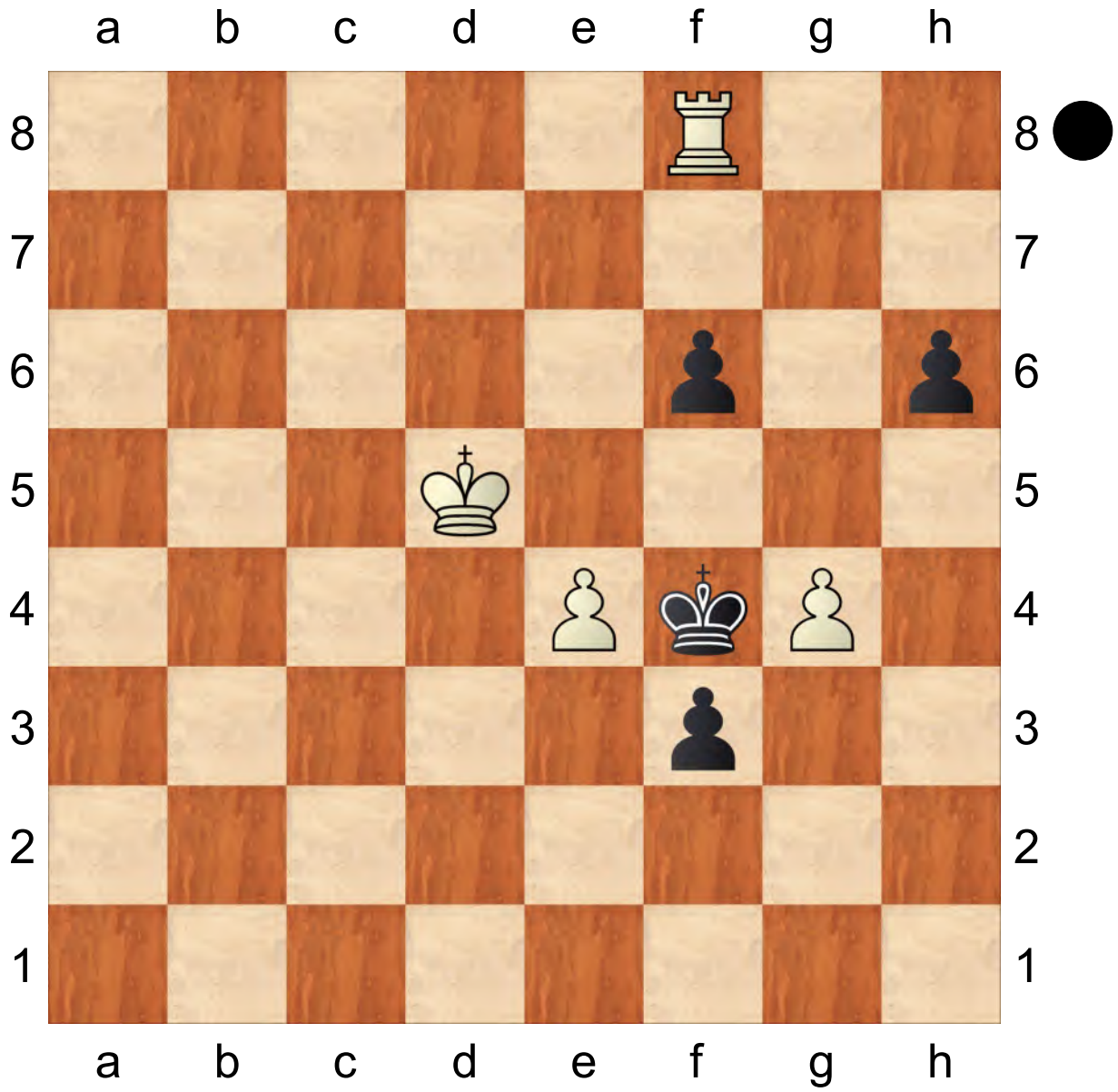
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■ **Kempinski,Robert** **2616**
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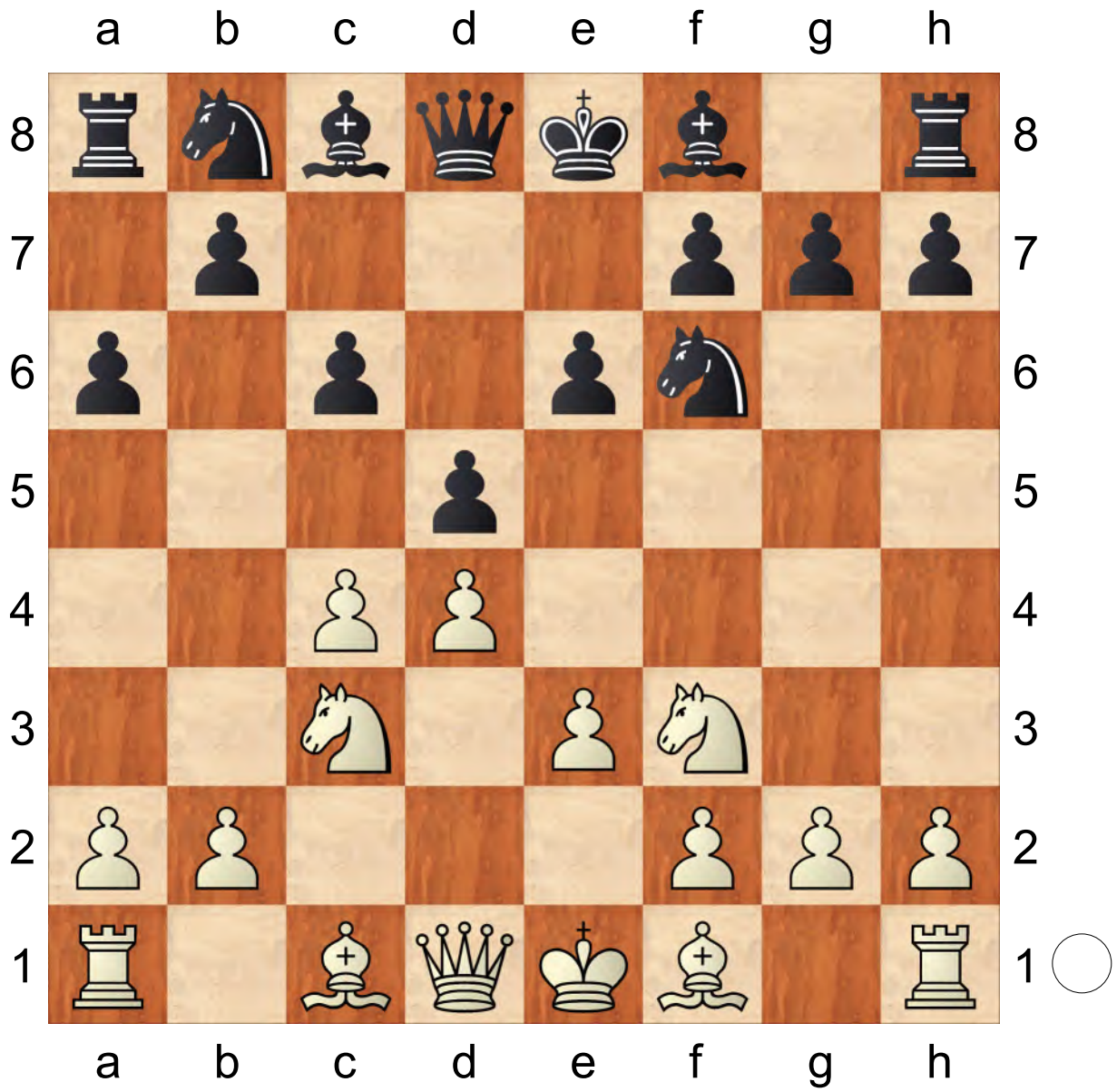
[Fressinet/Meyer,CD]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 a6



Eine interessante Mischung von Semi-Slawisch (Meran) und Chebanenko-Slawisch, die in den letzten Jahren immer häufiger anzutreffen ist. **6.c5**
Dieser raumgewinnende, ambitionierte Vorstoß führt zwar zu einer ähnlichen Stellung wie im Chebanenko-Slawen, aber der Einschub von e3/e6 macht gegenüber der Zugfolge 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 a6 einen wesentlichen Unterschied, da

hier der ♗f8 hilft, die Blockade des Damenflügels zu bekämpfen und letztlich den Befreiungsvorstoß c6-c5 durchzusetzen. **6...b6!?** Neben diesem sofortigen, konsequenten Sprengungszug, der vermutlich am besten ist, erfolgt oft auch 6... ♘bd7 nebst g6 plus ♗g7 mit dem Ziel, den Zentrumshebel e5 anzusetzen, während nach 6... ♘bd7 7.b4 b6 8. ♗b2 Weiß seine Blockade bequem aufrechterhalten kann. Zu beiden Alternativen hier zwei neuere, instruktive Partien von Laurent Fressinet:

[6...Nbd7 7.b4± g6 *(7...a5 8.b5; 7...b6 8.Bb2 a5 9.a3 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.Na4 axb4 14.axb4 bxc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.bxc5 Ne4 17.Qc2 f5 18.Rfb1 h6 19.h3 Rfb8 20.Bc3 Qc8 21.Be1 Ba6 22.Rxb8 Nxb8 23.Qa2 Bb7 24.Qb2 Nd7 25.Ra3 Kf8 26.Qa1 Rxa3 27.Qxa3 Ke7 28.Qa7 Qb8 29.Qxb8 Nxb8 30.Ba5± 1-0/68,* Fressinet,L (2664)-Akopian,V (2696) */Paris 2009/CBM 130 Extra)* 8.Bb2 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Na4 Ne4 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Qd4 f5 17.Nb6 Qxd4 18.exd4 Nxb6 19.cxb6 Re8 20.Bd3 a5 21.a3 f4 22.b5 Bd7 23.bxc6 Bxc6 24.Rfc1 Kf7 25.g3 fxg3 26.hxg3 Re6 27.Kg2 Rd8 28.Rh1 h5 29.Rae1 Bd7? *(⌓29...Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Rd6)* 30.Rxe6 Bxe6 31.Rc1 Rc8 32.Rc5 Rxc5 33.dxc5 Bd7 34.f4 Kf6 35.Kf3 g5 36.fxg5+ Kxg5 37.Ke3 Be8 38.Be2 1-0, Fressinet,L (2667)-Le Roux,J (2485)/Nimes 2009]

7.cxb6

[7.b4? a5∓]

7...Nbd7

[7...Qxb6 ist auch zu beachten, z.B. 8.Na4 Qa7 9.Bd3 Nbd7!? 10.0-0 c5 *(10...Bd6)*]

8.Bd3

[Nach 8.Na4 Nxb6 9.Bd2 Nxa4 10.Qxa4 Bd7 11.Ne5 nebst dem angestrebten c5 ist die Stellung in etwa ausgeglichen *(11...Ne4 12.Ba5 c5)*]

8...c5

[Oder auch 8...Nxb6 9.0-0 c5]

9.0-0

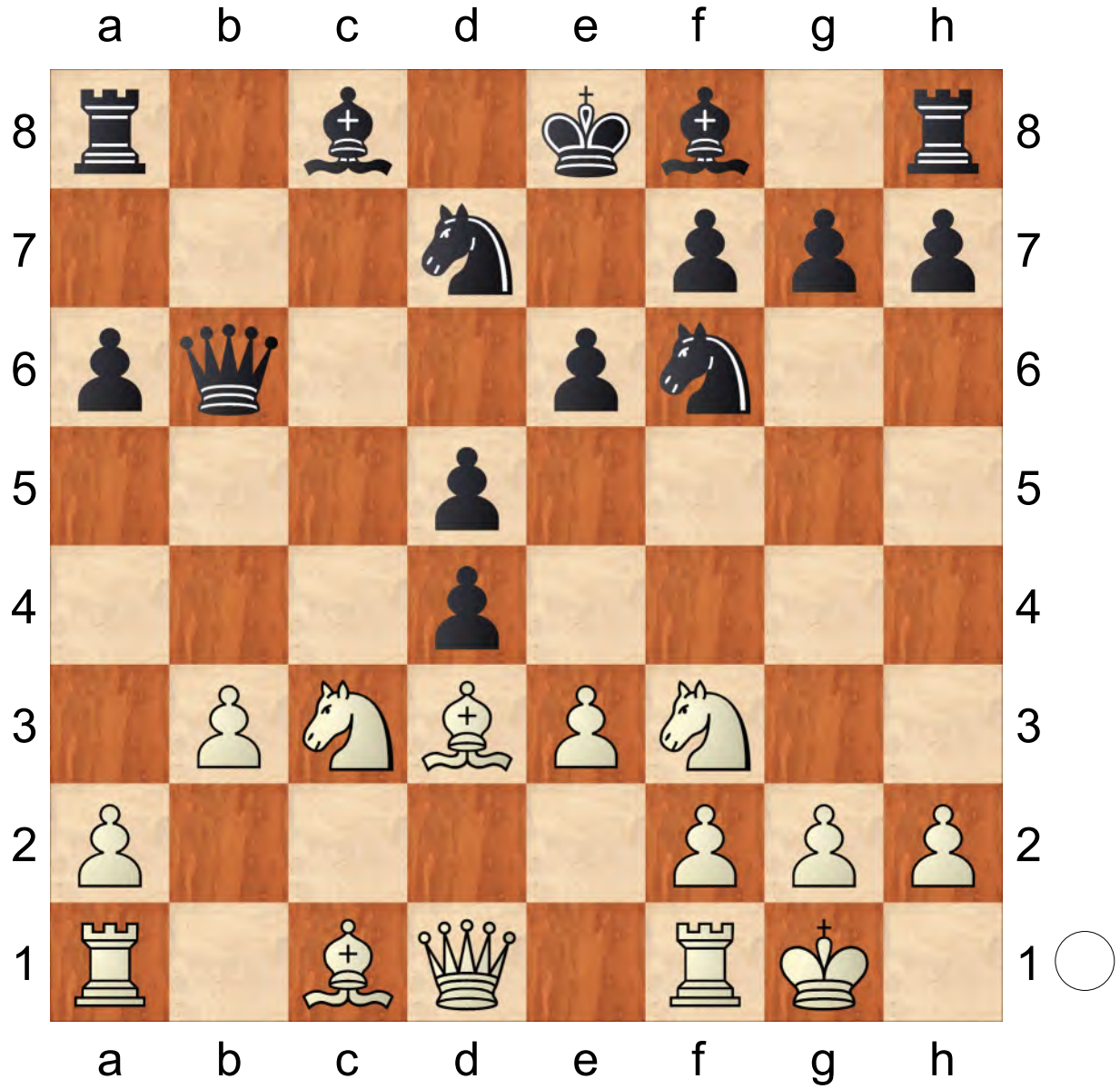
[9.b3 Qxb6!? 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Na4 *(11.Qe2!? cxd4 12.exd4 Bd6 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Rac1 Rfc8 15.Ne5 Qa7 16.Rfe1 Nf8 17.a3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Bc6 19.Qe2 Rc7 20.Rc2 Qb6 21.b4 Ne8 22.Rec1± ½-½* Beikert,G (2470)-Bellon Lopez,J (2440) */Germany 2009/CBM 129 Extra (58))* 11...Qa7 12.Bb2 cxd4 13.exd4 Bc6 14.Nc3 Bd6 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Ne5 Rfc8 17.Rad1 Nf8 18.Kh1 Be8 19.f4 Bb4⇄ 0-1 Prohaszka,P (2508)-Najer,E (2670)/Mainz 2008/CBM 125 Extra (39)]

9...Qxb6 10.b3 cxd4

(Diagram)

11.exd4 Bd6 My opponent decided not to allow ♗f4 which gave Gelfand a convincing victory in the following game:

[I 11...Be7?! 12.Bf4!N 0-0 13.Na4 Qa7 14.Rc1 Bb7 15.b4 Rfc8?! *(15...Bxb4 16.Qb3 Nh5)* 16.Nc5 Qb6 17.a4 Bxc5 18.bxc5± Qa5 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5



Nd7 21.Bd6 Bc6 22.Bc2 Qb4? 23.Rb1 Qc4 24.Qd2 g6?? - 1:0, B. Gelfand - S. Feller, Ohrid MKD 2009; *(24...g6?? 25.Bd3; 24...a5 25.Rfc1 Qa6 26.Bd3 Qa7 27.Bb5)*]

[II 11...Bb7 12.Bb2 *(*Automatically, *12.Bf4* was stronger.*)* 12...Be7 13.Rc1 Qa7 14.Na4 0-0 15.Nc5! The same idea as in my game against Kempinski Rfc8 16.b4 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 Qb6 19.Bc3 Bc6 20.Qe2 Ne4 21.Be1 Rcb8 22.Na6 Rc8 23.b5 Bb7 24.Ra1 Ng5 25.Nxg5 Bxg5 26.Ra4 Bf6 27.Ba5 Qa7 28.Rd1 ½-½ Fressinet,L (2667)-Tkachiev,V (2650)/Nimes 2009/CBM 132]

12.Na4

[12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rc1 Qb8 14.Re1 a5 15.Qe2 Bb4 16.Ne5

A) 16...Nxe5!? 17.dxe5 Nd7 18.a3 Be7 *(18...Bxc3? 19.Rxc3± h6 20.Bb5 Rd8 21.Bc1 Qb6 22.Rg3)* 19.Nb5 Ba6 *(19...Nc5 20.Bxh7+!! Kxh7 21.Nd6!)* 20.Bd4 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Bxa3 22.Bxd7 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Qxb3∞ /=;

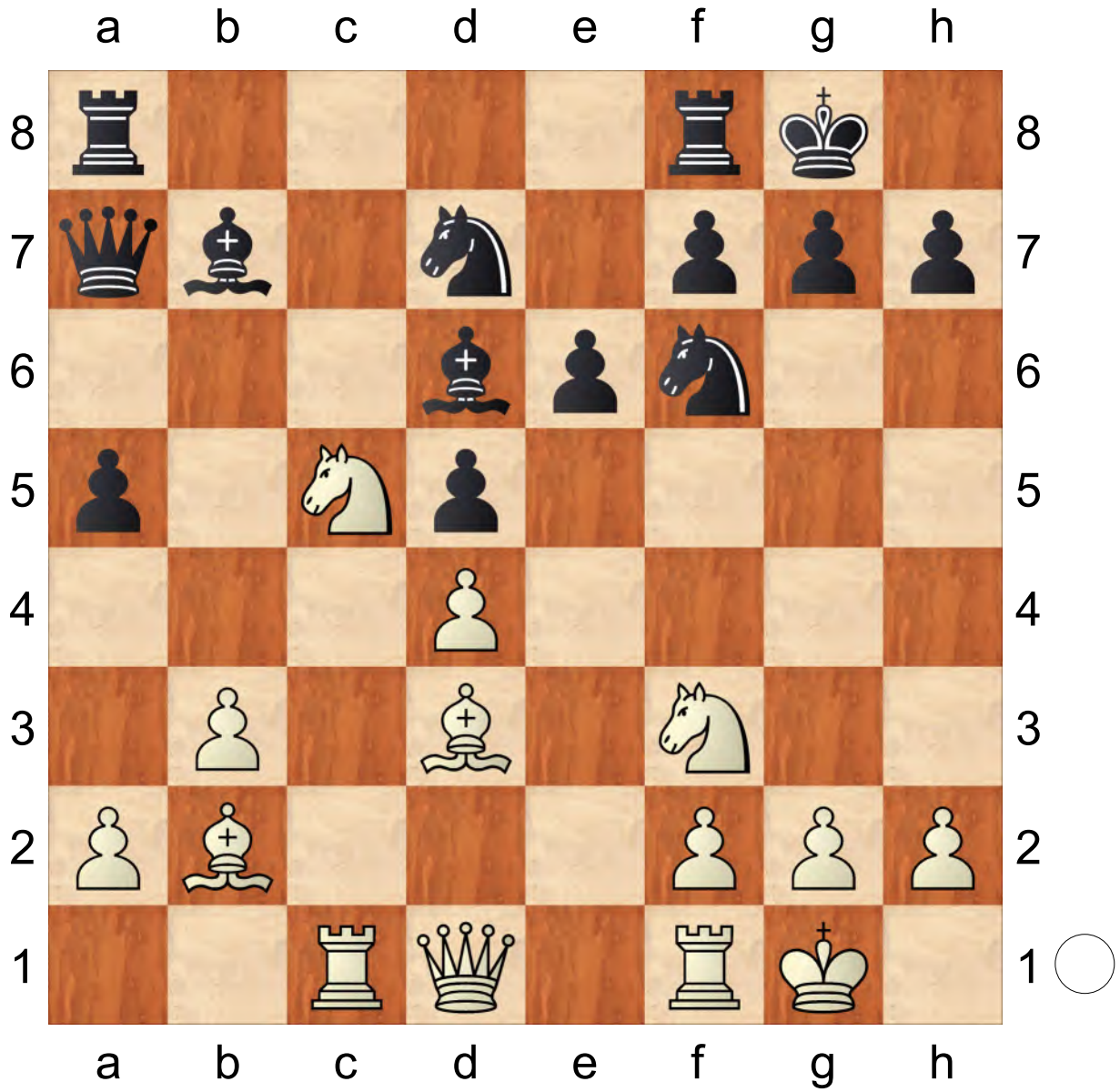
B) 16...Bb7 17.a3 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Ne4
B1) ⌓20.Rcc1 Qa7 21.Kf1 h6 *(21...Ba6 22.Bxa6 Qxa6 23.Qxa6 Rxa6 24.Rc2)* 22.f3 Ng5 23.h4 Nh7 24.Red1 Ba6 25.Bxa6 Qxa6 26.Qxa6 Rxa6 27.Bd4±;
B2) 20.Bxe4 dxe4∞ /=, Li Shilong (2557) - Zhou Jianchao (2635), Beijing CHN 2009, remis/33]

12...Qa7 13.Bb2 Bb7
[13...0-0 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Rfd1 Be7 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.b4
A) ⌓19...a5 20.Nc5 Nxc5 *(20...Ba8? 21.Nxe6! fxe6 22.Qxe6+ Kf8 23.Bxh7 Nf6 24.Bg6 Bd6 25.Qh3±)* 21.dxc5 *(21.bxc5 Bc6±)* 21...d4±;
B) 19...Nb6? 20.Nc5± Nc4 21.Nxe6 Re8 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Qg4+ Kf8 24.Bxh7 Bf6 25.Qg8+ Ke7 26.Re1+ Kd6 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Qxe8 Nxb2 29.Qxf7 Bxd4 30.Re1 Kc6 31.Qe8+ Kc7 32.Qf7+ Kb8 33.Qf4+ 1-0 Wirig,A (2464)-Gurevich,M (2624)/Antalya TUR 2009]

14.Rc1 0-0 15.Nc5! Ein hochgiftiges Bauernopferangebot, dessen Annahme in den Untergang führt. **15...a5**
[I 15...Nxc5? 16.dxc5 Bxc5 gibt dem Weißen sehenswerte, durchschlagende Angriffsmöglichkeiten: *(16...Be7 17.c6 Bc8 18.Qc2±)*
A) 17.Bxf6 gxf6
A1) 18.Ne5?! f5 *(18...fxe5? 19.Bxh7+! Kg7 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Qh5 Kg7 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qh6+-)* 19.Nd7 Ba3 20.Nxf8 Bxc1 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Qxc1 Qd4 23.Qc2! a5 *(≤23...Rc8 24.Qe2)* 24.Qe2 Qf6 25.Re1±;
A2) 18.Qc2? Ba3;
A3) 18.Bxh7+!
A3a) 18...Kg7 19.Ne5! Rac8 *(19...Rfc8 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Qh5+-)* 20.Nd7 Be7 *(20...Rh8 21.Qg4+ Kxh7 22.Qh4+! Kg8 23.Qg3+ Kh7 24.Rc3+-)* 21.Nxf8 Bxf8 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 23.Bb1 Δ♕c2, h4+-;
A3b) 18...Kxh7 19.Ne5! *(19.Qc2+? Kg7 20.Qxc5 Qxc5 21.Rxc5 Rac8 22.Rfc1 e5)* 19...d4 *(19...Bd4 20.Qh5+ Kg7 21.Qg4+ Kh6 22.Rcd1 Rg8 23.Qf4+ Kg7 24.Ng4 Kf8 25.Rxd4 Rg6 26.Nxf6+-; 19...Be3 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Rc3 d4 22.fxe3 Be4 23.Rf4 dxc3 24.Rxe4+-; 19...Bxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Qe3 21.Ng4+-)* 20.Qh5+ Kg7 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Qh4+! Kg7 23.Nd7 Be7 24.Rcd1 Be4 *(24...Rfc8 25.Rxd4+-)* 25.Qxe4 f5 *(25...Qxd7 26.Qg4+ Kh6 27.Rd3 2 nebst Matt in)* 26.Qe5+ f6 27.Qxe6 Rf7 28.Qxf5+-;
B) 17.Ng5!→ mit unwiderstehlichem Angriff, z.B.
B1) 17...Be7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Nxf7+! Rxf7 *(20...Kxh7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Rc7 Rxf7 23.Qxf7+ Kh8 24.Rd1 Δ♖d3-h3++-)* 21.Qh5;
B2) 17...Rfc8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxh7 Bd4 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Rcd1 f5 22.Qh4
B2a) 22...Kg8 23.Bxf5 Bg7 24.Bb1+-
B2a1) 24...Rc3 25.Nf6+ Bxf6 *(25...Kf8 26.Qb4+)* 26.Qxf6+-;

B2a2) 24...Bc6 25.Rd3 -g3+-;
B2a3) 24...Rc7 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.Qb4+ Re7 *(26...Qc5 27.Qxc5+ Rxc5 28.Nd7+)* 27.Ng8+-;
B2a4) 24...f5 25.Ng5 Re8 26.Rde1 Qb6 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Qg6;
B2b) 22...Kg7 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Rxd4+-;
B2c) 22...Bb2 23.Ng5+ Kg7 24.Qh7+ Kf6 25.Qxf7+ Kxg5 26.Qxe6+-]

[II 15...Rfc8!? 16.b4
A) 16...Bc6 17.a4± *(≤17.Qe2 Bb5)*;
B) 16...a5 17.Ne5 Nxc5 18.bxc5±]



Wirkt zwar natürlich - unterbindet b4 und ermöglicht bei Gelegenheit ... ♗a6 -, aber die Einschaltung von ♖fc8 (siehe Variante II) erscheint genauer. Alternativen:
16.Ne5! Here I saw this idea connected with the sacrifice of three (!!) pieces. Of

course it is difficult to withstand such a beautiful idea.

[Der Auftakt zu einem fulminanten Opferreigen und viel gefährlicher als beispielsweise das überfallartige 16.Ng5?! : h6 *(16...Rad8 17.Ncxe6!?)* 17.Nh7 Nxh7 18.Nxd7 Rfc8 19.Nc5 Nf6 *(19...Bxc5? 20.dxc5 Rxc5? 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qd4+-)* 20.Qe2± /= Bc6 21.Nxe6 Qb8 22.Ba6 Re8 23.Rxc6 Rxe6 24.Qc2 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Re8 26.Bd3 Bd6]

16...Nxc5

[Öffnet dem ♗b2 die Diagonale und erhöht damit die Kraft des weißen Läuferpaares. Andere Möglichkeiten: I 16...Rfd8?? 17.Ncxd7 Nxd7 18.Bxh7+!+- Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Rc3]

[II Vielleicht verdiente 16...Rad8 den Vorzug gegenüber dem Textzug? Beispielsweise 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.Qe2±]

17.dxc5 Bxc5? Durch die Annahme des Bauernopfers riskiert Schwarz ziemlich waghalsige Komplikationen.

[Dabei konnte er sich noch mit 17...Be7 in vorsichtiger Zurückhaltung üben:

A) 18.Ng4 Ne4± *(18...Nxg4? 19.Qxg4 g6 20.Qd4 f6 21.Qg4→)*;

B) 18.Nd7? reicht hier nur zum Remis durch Dauerschach: Nxd7 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qg4+ Kf6 23.Rc3 Bxc5 24.Qh4+ Ke5 25.Qg3+ Kf6 26.Qh4+=;

C) 18.Bd4 Ba6 19.Nc6 *(19.Re1 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rfc8±)* 19...Qc7 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.c6 Rfc8 22.Re1 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 a4!⇄ ±]

18.Nd7!!

[Verlockend und bärenstark. Von Fressinet zwar verworfen, aber nicht so einfach von der Hand zu weisen ist 18.Nc6?! Bxc6 19.Bxf6 und nun:

A) ≤19...gxf6 20.Bxh7+! *(≤20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Qh4 f5 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Qg5+=)* 20...Kh8 21.Qh5 Rfc8 *(21...Kg7 22.Qg4+ Kh8 23.Rc3+-)* 22.Rxc5 Kg7 23.Qg4+ Kf8 24.Rfc1±;

B) 19...Rfc8

B1) 20.Qg4 g6 *(20...Bf8? 21.Bxh7+! Kxh7 22.Rc3 Kg8 23.Rh3+-)* 21.Rxc5 *(21.h4!?)* 21...Qxc5 22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Qxe6+ Kf8 24.Bg5 Kg7 25.Bf6+ Kf8 26.Bg5=;

B2) 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 *(20...Kxh7? 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Rc3 gxf6 23.Qh6+-)* 21.Bb2 Bb5 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3∞]

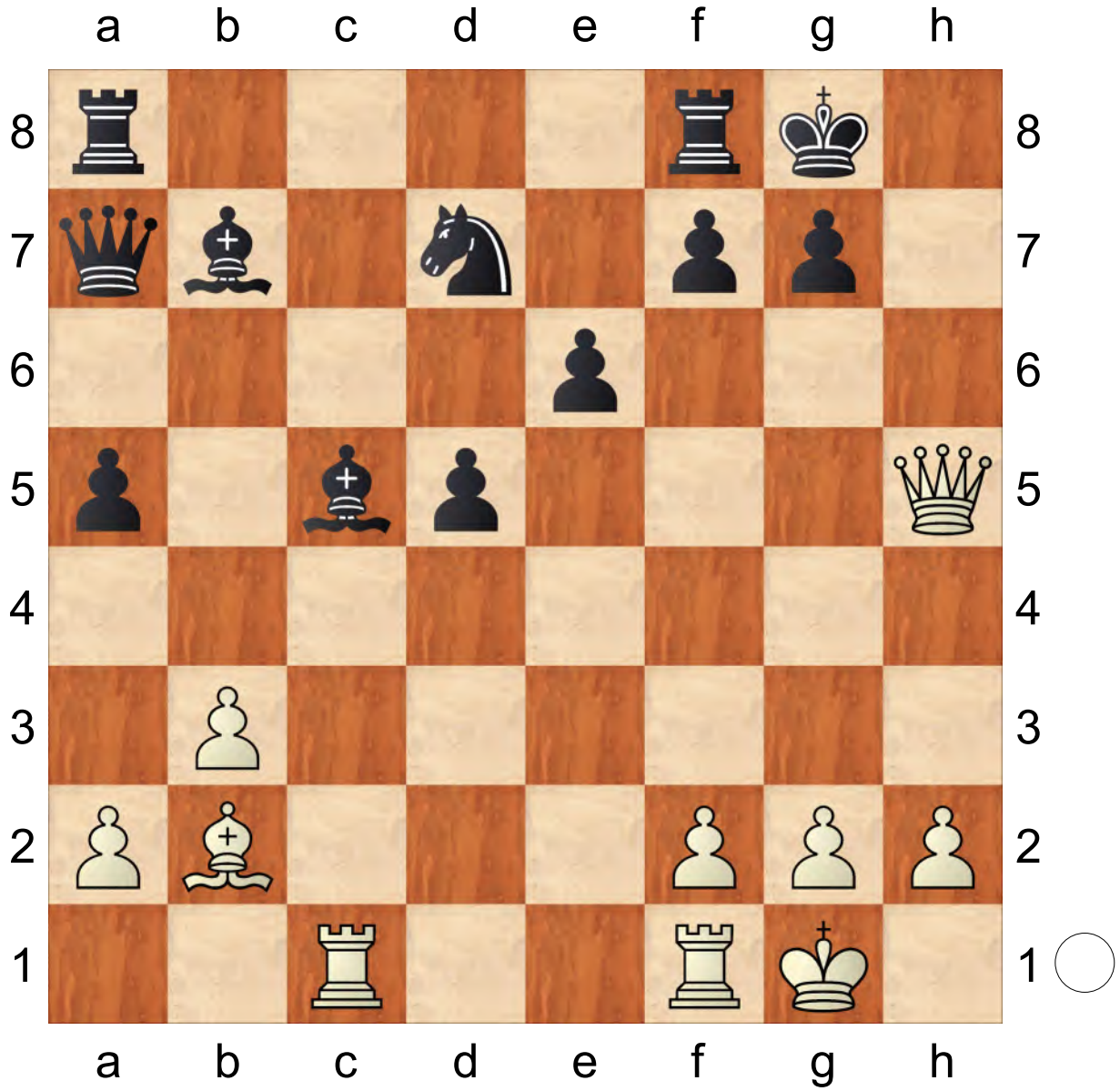
18...Nxd7 19.Bxh7+ Nach der opferfreudigen Ablenkung des Verteidigers auf f6 ist das folgende, doppelte Läuferopfer mit Zerstörung des Königsschutzes die logische Konsequenz. **19...Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8**

(Diagram)

21.Bxg7 Kxg7□

[Klar verlieren: I 21...f6? 22.Rc3 *(22.Bh6 Ne5 23.Rc3+-)* 22...Bd6 *(22...Rfe8 23.Rg3+-)* 23.Bh6+-]

[II 21...f5? 22.Qg6 Rf7 23.Bh6+ Kh8 24.Qxf7 Rg8 *(24...Bd4 25.Qxd7+-)*



25.Rc3+-]

22.Qg5+ Kh7

[22...Kh8?? 23.Rc3 Be3 24.fxe3+- Δ♖f4(3)-h4#(h3#) Ne5 *(24...Rg8 25.Qh6#; 24...f6 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+ Kh8 27.Rf3+- /4 nebst Matt)* 25.Qxe5+ f6 26.Qh5+ Kg8 *(26...Kg7 27.Rc7+)* 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Rf3 /4 nebst Matt]

23.Qh5+

[Zwecks Zeitgewinn schiebt Weiß zwei Schachgebote ein, um dann seinen Damenturm ins Gefecht zu schicken. Das direkte 23.Rc3 Be3☐

A) 24.fxe3??

A1) 24...Ne5? 25.Rf6! Ng4 *(25...Ng6 26.Rxg6 fxg6 27.Rc7+* nebst Matt*)* 26.Rf3 3 nebst Matt in;

A2) 24...f6☐ 25.Qg4 *(25.Qh5+? Kg7 26.Rf3 Rf7!-+)*

A2a) 25...Rf7?

A2a1) 26.Qxe6? Kg8 27.Rc7 *(27.Rf3 Qb6-+)* 27...Qb6-+;
A2a2) 26.Rf3 Kh8 *(26...Rg7 27.Qxe6 Qb6 28.Rh3+ Kg6 29.Rg3+ Kh7 30.Rh3+=)* 27.Rh3+ Rh7 28.Rc7 Rd8 29.Qxe6 Rxh3 30.Qxh3+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kf8 32.Qd6+ Kg7 33.Rxd7+ Rxd7 34.Qxd7+ Kh6 35.Qe6! Qa6 *(35...Kg7 36.Qd7+ Kh6 37.Qe6 Qa6)* 36.Qh3+ Kg5 *(36...Kg6 37.Qg4+ Kh7 38.Qd7+ Kh6 39.Qh3+=)* 37.Qh7! f5 *(37...--Δ 38.h4+ Kg4 39.Qg6+ Kxh4 40.g3+ Kh3 41.Kf2+-)* 38.Qg7+ Kh5 39.Qh7+=;

A2b) 25...Rg8? 26.Qh3+ Kg7 27.Qxe6∞ Ba6 28.Rf3 Kf8 29.Qd6+ Ke8 *(29...Kf7?! 30.Rc7 Qxc7 31.Qxc7 Ke7 32.Qc6!?)* 30.Qe6+ *(30.Rc7? Qxc7 31.Qxc7 Rc8-+)* 30...Kf8 31.Qd6+=;

A2c) 25...f5! 26.Qh5+ Kg7 27.Qg5+ Kf7 28.Rc7 Ke8 29.Rfc1 Qb6 30.Qg6+ Ke7 *(30...Kd8 31.Qg5+ Rf6 32.Qg8+ Ke7 33.Qg7+ Rf7)* 31.Qg7+ Rf7 32.Rxd7+ Kxd7 33.Qxf7+ Kd6-+;

B) 24.Rxe3 Qxe3 25.fxe3 f6□ leitet unter Zugumstellung zur Partie über (27...f6).]

23...Kg7 24.Qg5+ Kh7 25.Rc3 Be3□

(Diagram)

26.Rxe3 Qxe3 27.fxe3 f6□ Nach langem Nachdenken findet Kempinski die einzige Verteidigung und stellt Fressinet damit vor eine schwierige Wahl. **28.Qh4+!?** I think that White is better but my opponent defended very well and I could not find the best options.

[I 28.Qg4!? bot die besten praktischen Chancen:

A) nicht 28...f5? 29.Qh4+ *(*oder auch *29.Qg5 Rf7 30.Rf3 Rg7 31.Qh4+ Kg8 32.Rg3 Re8 33.Rxg7+ Kxg7 34.Qg3+ Kf7 35.Qc7 Bc8 36.a4 Kg6 37.h3 Nf6 38.Qxa5±)* 29...Kg7 30.Rc1

A1) 30...Rae8 31.Rc7 Bc8 32.a4! *(≤32.Qa4 Kf6 33.Qxa5 Ne5)* 32...Rg8 *(32...Kg6 33.Qe1 -xa5)* 33.b4! *(≤33.Qe1 Kf6 Δ♘e5)* 33...axb4 34.a5 Kg6 35.a6 Nf6 36.a7 Bd7 37.Qxb4±;

A2) 30...Rf7 31.Rc7 Ba6 32.Qa4!? Nf6 33.Rxf7+ Kxf7 34.Qxa5±;

B) nicht 28...Rae8?? 29.Rf3 -h3#;

C) nicht 28...Rg8?? 29.Qxe6 Rg7 30.Rf3+-;

D) 28...Ne5!? am zähesten 29.Qxe6 Kg7 *(29...Rae8? 30.Qb6! Bc6 31.Qxa5)* 30.Qb6! Bc6 31.Qc5 a4 32.b4 Rab8 33.Rf4± /=]

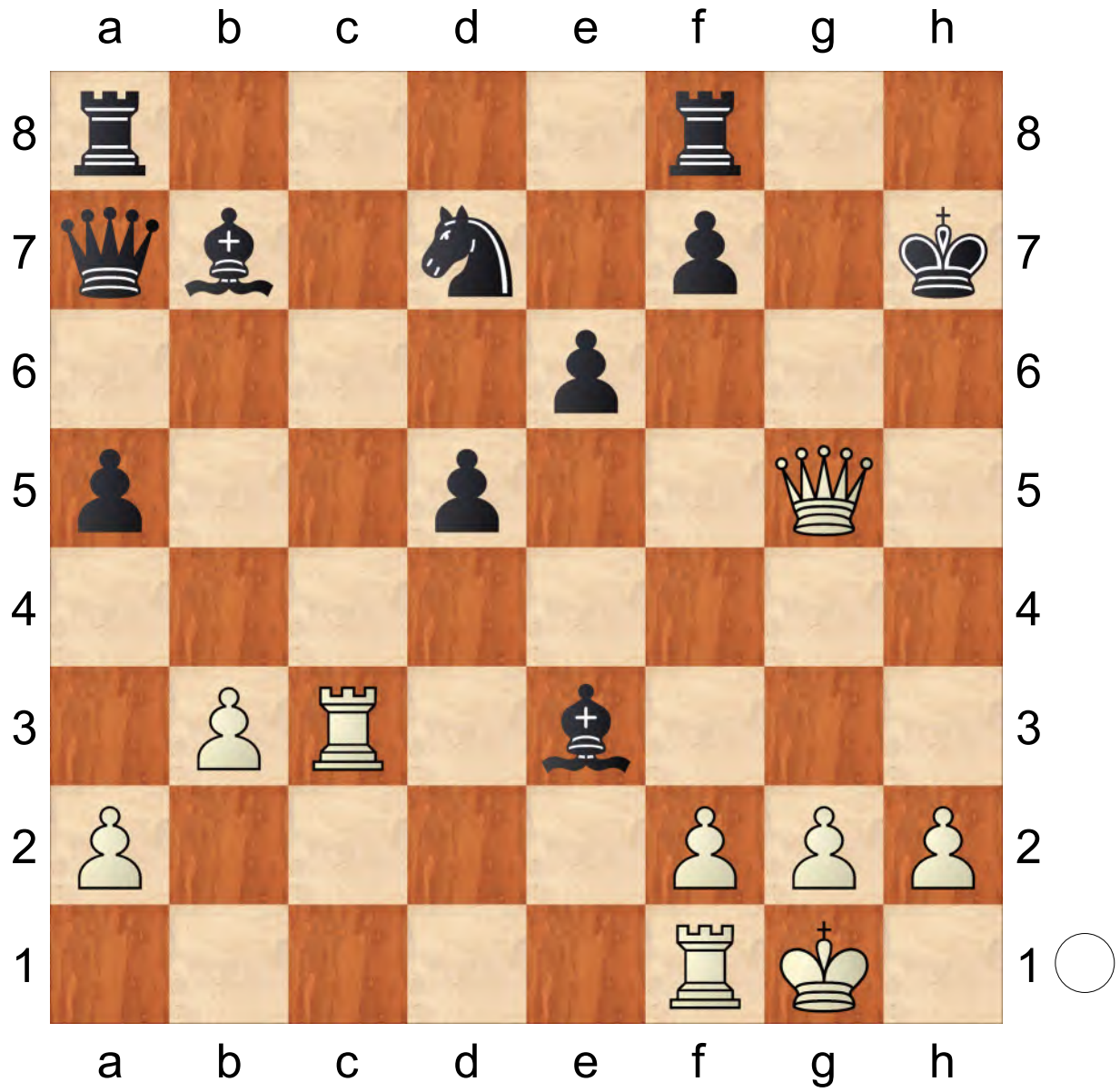
[II ≤28.Qh5+ Kg7 29.Rf3 Rf7 30.Qg4+ Kf8 31.Qxe6 Ra6 32.Qf5 Rc6∞ *(32...d4∞)*]

28...Kg7

[28...Kg8 /6 29.Qg3+ Kf7 - Partie]

29.Qg3+ Kf7 30.Qc7 Bc8

(Diagram)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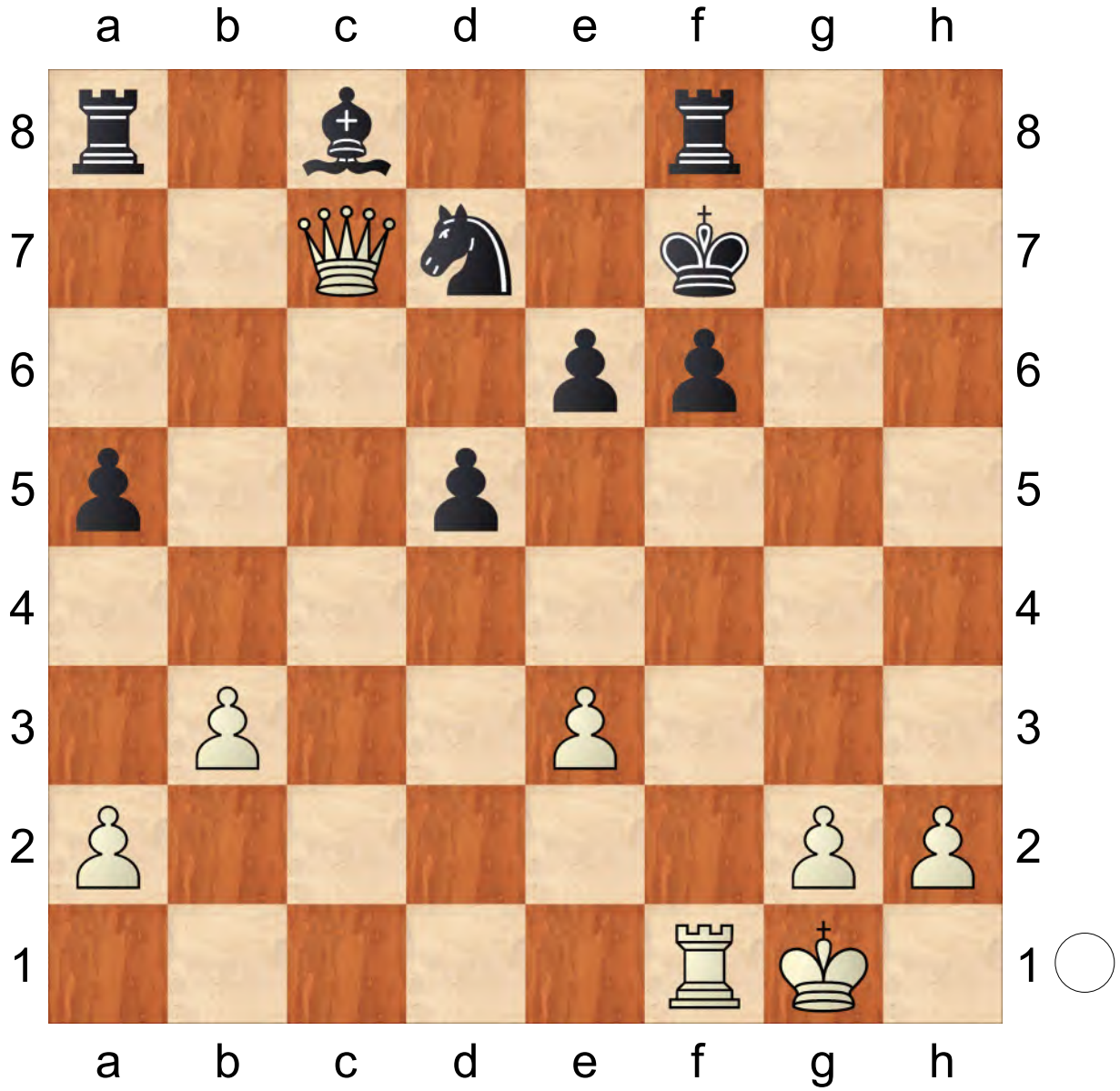


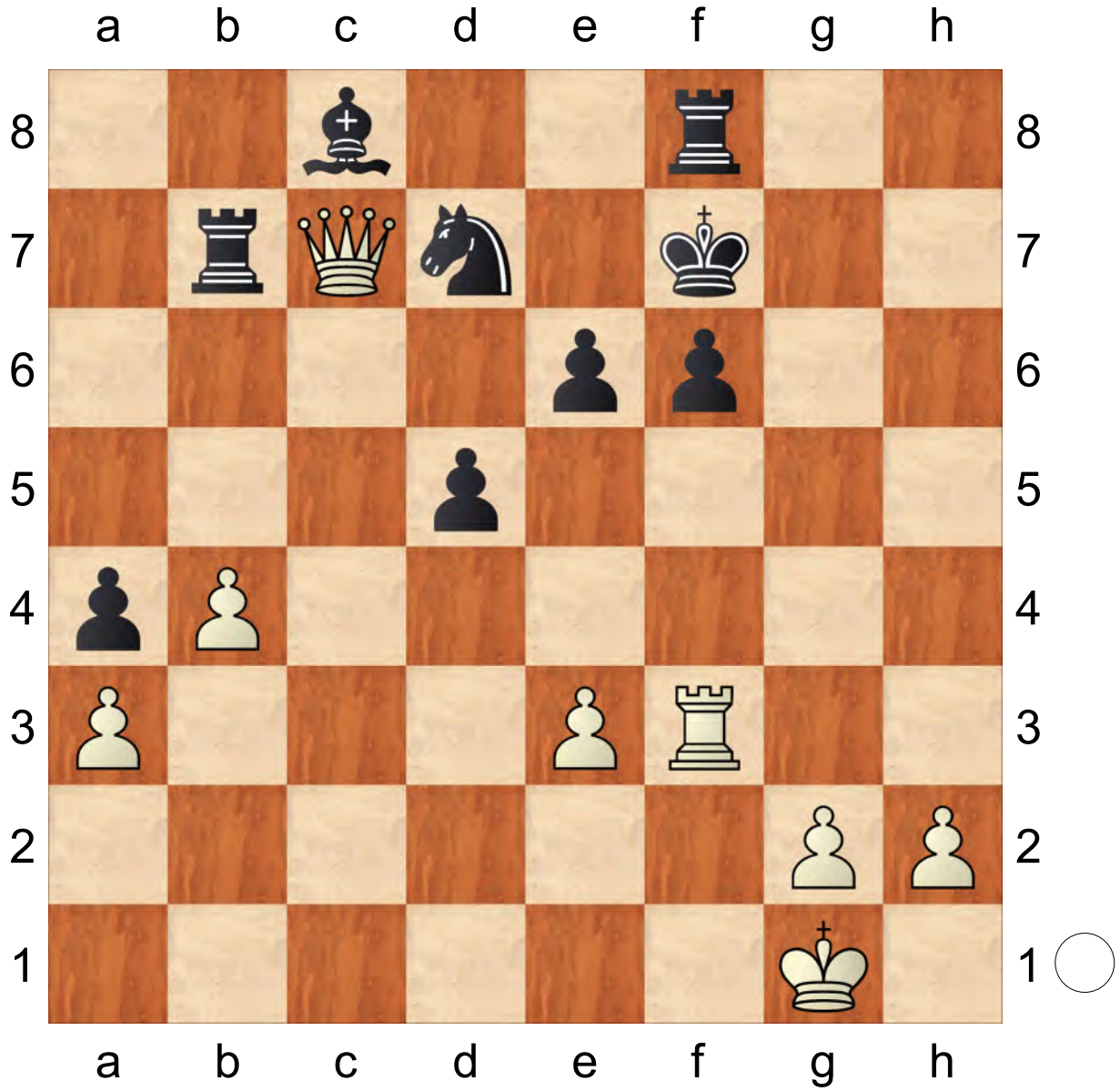
31.Rf3?! Nun sind die weißen Aussichten auf Vorteil vertan.
[B e s s e r w a r ⩲31.Rf4 , um den a-Bauern abzuholen und zwei verbundene Freibauern am Damenflügel zu bilden, z.B. Rh8 32.Ra4 Rb8 33.Rxa5 Rb7 34.Qc2±]
31...a4! After this move it is not clear who is better. **32.b4**
[32.Rh3 axb3 33.axb3
A) 33...Rg8?! 34.Rh7+ Rg7 35.Rxg7+ Kxg7 36.b4 *(36.Qc6)*;
B) 33...f5 34.Rh7+ Kg6 35.Rxd7 Bxd7 36.Qxd7 Kf6∞ /=]
32...Rb8 33.a3 Rb7 34.Qd6?!
[Hier konnte Weiß mit Stärkerem aufwarten, etwa mit ⩲34.Qc3!
A) 34...e5?? 35.Qc6;
B) 34...f5 35.Rh3 Nf6 36.Rh6! Ng4 37.Rh8 Rxh8 38.Qxh8 Bd7∞ /= 39.Qh7+

B1) 39...Kf6?? 40.h3! Nxe3 *(40...Ne5 41.Qh8+ -xe5+-)* 41.Qh6+ -xe3+-;
B2) 39...Kf8 40.Qh8+ Kf7 41.Qh7+ = mit Stellungswiederholung;
C) 34...Ke7 35.Qc6 *(≤35.Rh3 Kd6)* 35...Rh8 *(35...Ne5?? 36.Qc5+)* 36.Rg3 Kf7 37.Rh3!? *(37.Qxa4 Ne5)* 37...Ne5 38.Qc2 Rxh3 39.Qxc8 Rxb4 40.gxh3 Rb3 41.Qc5 Kg6∞ /= 42.Qf8 Rxe3 43.Qg8+ Kf5 44.Qh7+ Kg5 *(44...Kf4 45.Qh4+)* 45.Qg7+ Kf5 *(45...Ng6?? 46.h4+ Kf5 47.Qh7! Rxa3 48.Qh5+ Kf4 49.Qxg6+-)* 46.Qh7+ = mit Stellungswiederholung]

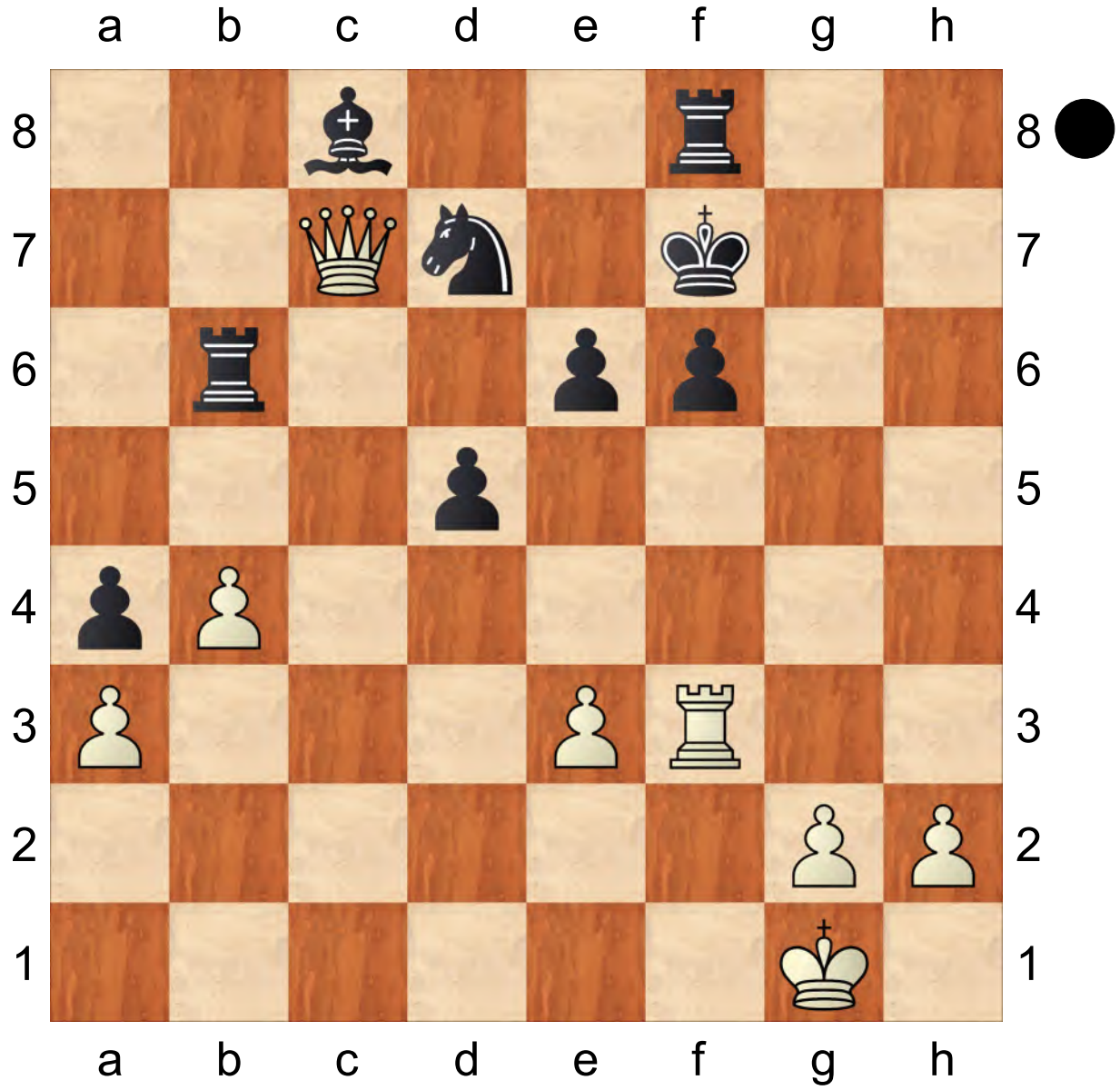
34...Rb6?!

[Nach ⌓34...f5! After ...f5! I definitely prefer Black. Δ♘f6∓ hätte Schwarz gut weiterkämpfen können, doch Kempinski hatte gegen eine Stellungswiederholung nichts einzuwenden.]

35.Qc7 Rb7



36.Qd6?! Rb6?! 37.Qc7



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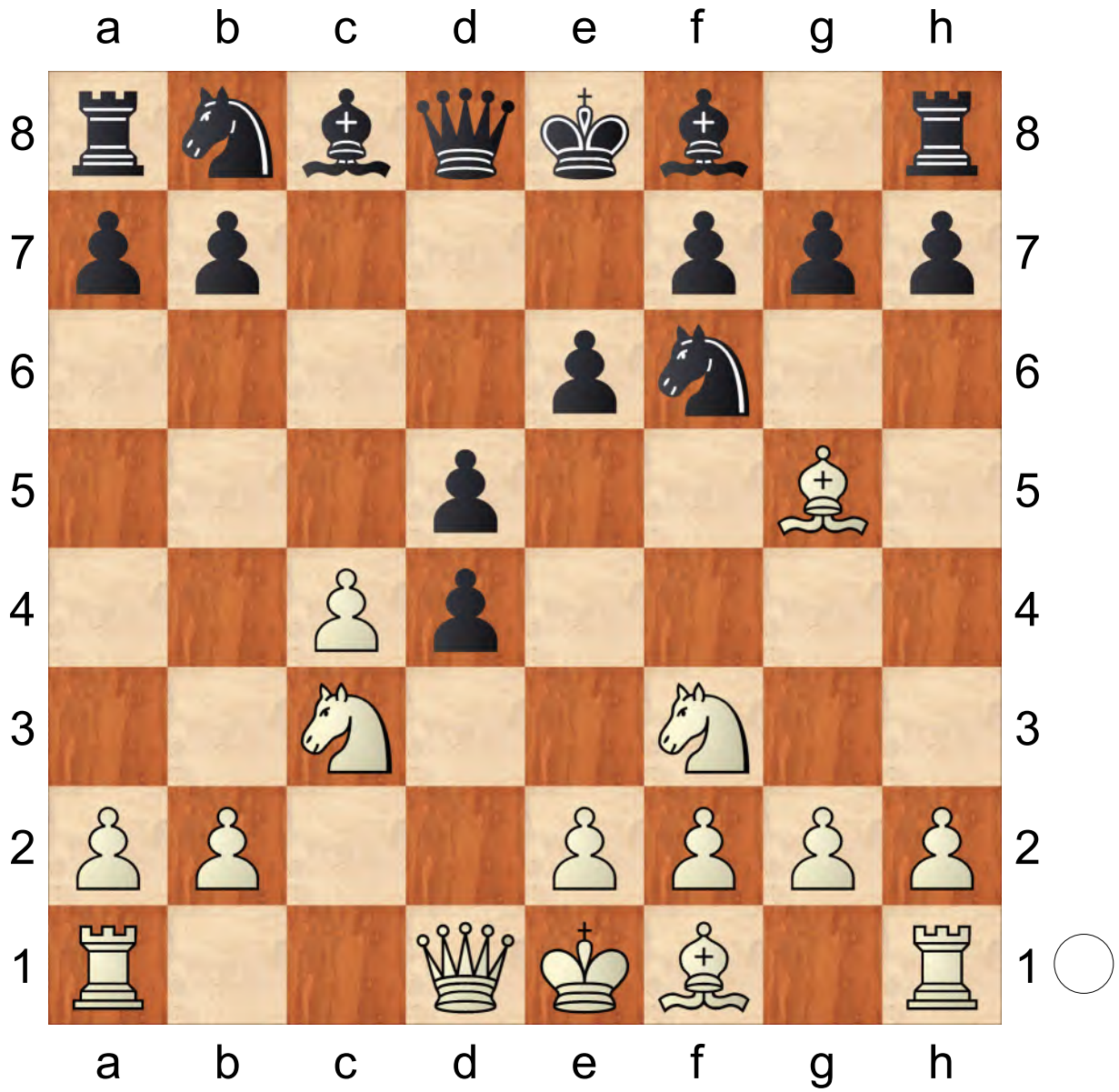
[ChessBase]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
[4.Bg5 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qa5 9.Bd2 Qc5=]
4...c5
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 c5 7.e5 cxd4 8.exf6 gxf6 9.Bh4 Nc6! 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxc4 Ke7!? *(11...Be7)* 12.Bg3 *(12.Qh5 Δ ♕e5)* 12...Nf5 13.Qb3 Qa5 14.0-0 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 h5!∓ →Krudde,F-Cifuentes Parada,R/Dieren/1989]
5.Bg5
[5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Qc3!? Bd7 13.Rb1! Rc8 14.Qd2 Na5 15.0-0 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Rxb7 Bc6]
5...cxd4
[5...dxc4 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 Bb4 8.Bxc4 Qa5 9.Bd2±]
[5...Nc6? 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bxf6±]

(Diagram)

6.Nxd4
[6.Qxd4 Pillsbury-Lasker/Cambrige Springs/1904 Nc6 *(6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5=)* 7.Bxf6!±]
6...dxc4
[6...e5
A) 7.Nf3 7.♘db5 ,7. ♘b3 d4 8.Nd5 Be7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.g3 Be6!= 11.Qb3 *(11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Nd2=)* 11...Bxd5 *(11...Qa5+ 12.Nd2 Nd7 13.Bg2∞)* 12.cxd5 Qa5+ 13.Nd2 Na6! Δ 14. ♕b7? 0-0 ∓ 14.Bh3! Bg5 15.Rd1 Nc5 16.Qc2∞;
B) 7.Nc2 d4 8.Nd5 Be7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.g3=;
C) 7.Ndb5 a6 8.Qa4 *(8.Nxd5? axb5! 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6!* -+ Kouatly,B-Preissmann,E/Sainte Maxime/1982/Bogoljubow 1934*)* 8...Bd7 9.cxd5 Qb6 10.Be3 Bxb5 11.Bxb6 Bxa4 12.Nxa4 Bb4+ 13.Kd1 Nbd7= Bogoljubow]
7.e3
[7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qxc4 Be7 9.Rd1 0-0 10.Ndb5 *(10.e3 Qa5)* 10...Nc6= 11.Qd3 a6! 12.Bxf6 *(12.Nd6 Qc7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nxb7 Qxb7 15.Qxd7 Qxb2-+)* 12...Bxf6 13.Qxd7 axb5 14.Qxd8 *(14.Qxb7 Qa5 15.Qxc6 b4 16.Ne4 b3+ 17.Nc3 bxa2 18.Ra1 Rfc8 Δ♗c3-+)* 14...Bxc3+ 15.Qd2 *(15.bxc3 Rfxd8∓)*



15...Bxd2+ 16.Rxd2∓ Fine]

7...Qb6

[7...e5]

[7...a6 8.Bxc4 Qc7 Δ♘c6 or b5, ♗b7]

[7...Be7 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.0-0±]

8.Bxf6

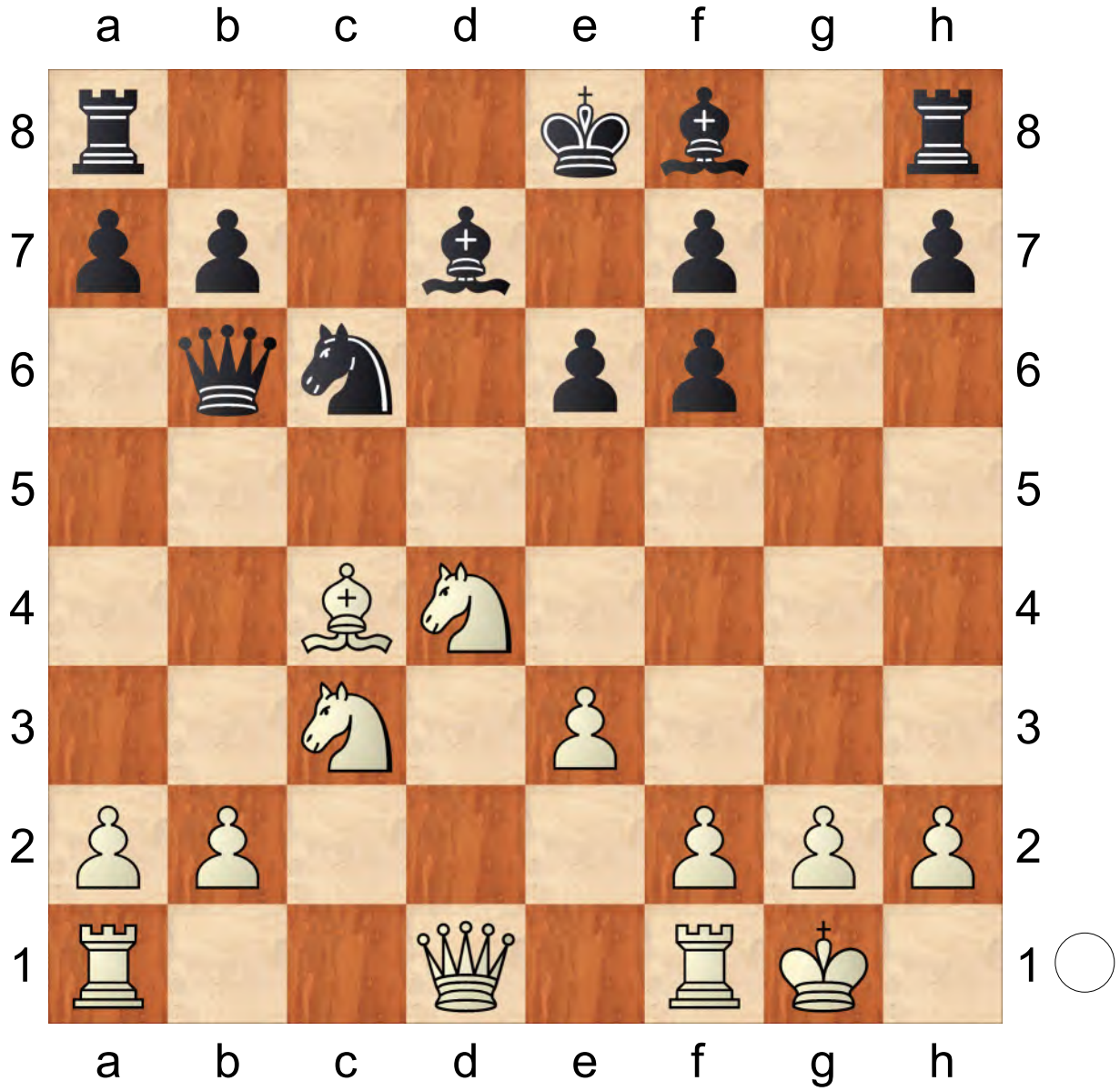
[⌓8.Bxc4 Qc5 9.Bxf6]

8...gxf6 9.Bxc4 Bd7

[9...Qxb2 10.Ndb5 Δ11.♖b1, 11. ♘c7 *(10.0-0!→ Bogoljubow)* 10...Bb4 *(10...Qb4 11.Nc7+ Ke7 12.Qb3+-)* 11.0-0! Bxc3 12.Rb1 Qd2 13.Qa4!+- Qd7 14.Rfd1 Qc6 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Rd8+ Kg7 17.Bb5!+- Qxc7 *(17...Rxd8 18.Bxc6 Nxc6 19.Nxa8 Be5 20.Qc4 Bd7 21.Rd1+-)* 18.Qg4+ Kh6 19.Rxh8+- Fine]

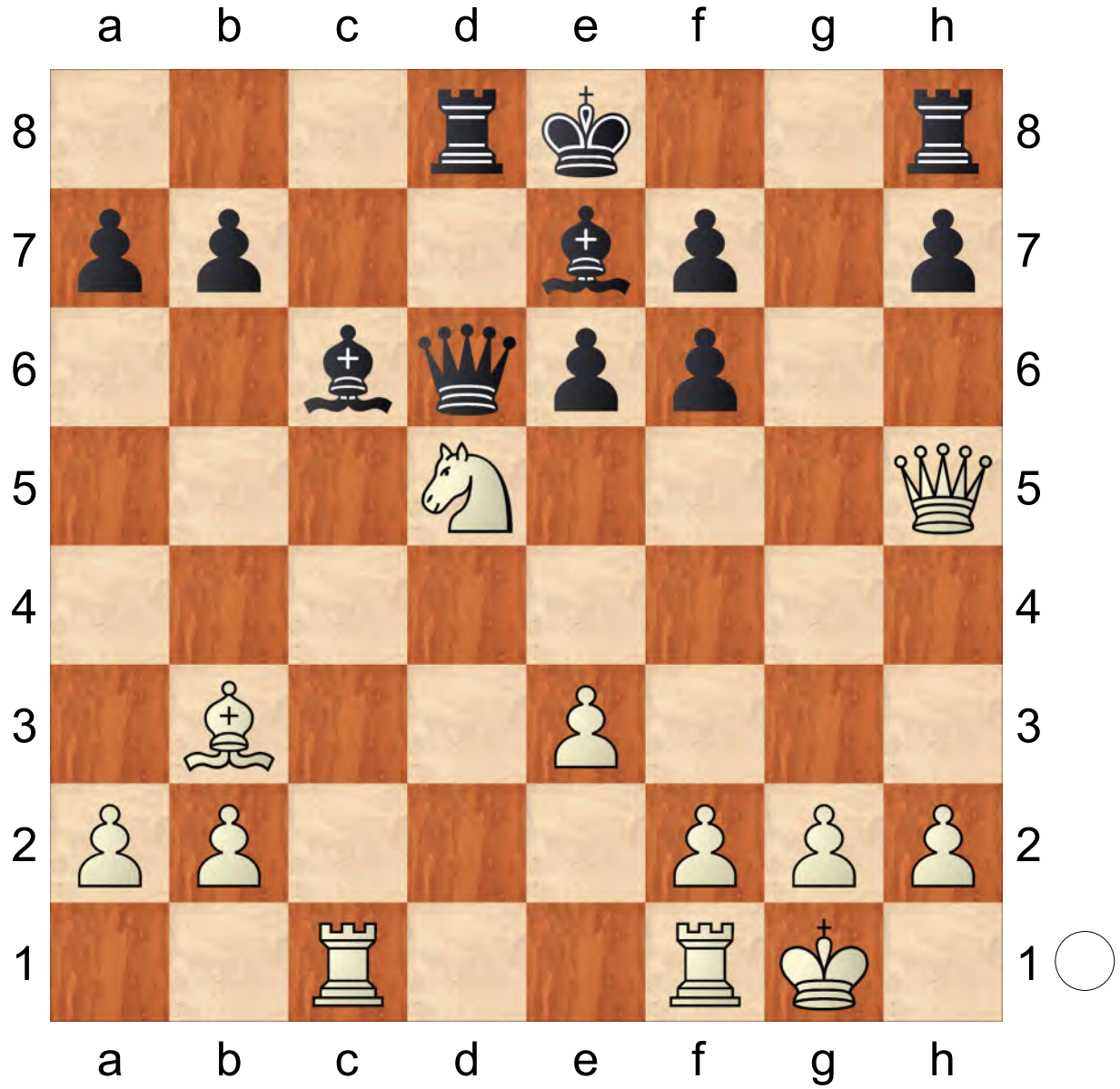
10.0-0 Nc6

[10...Qxb2 11.Ndb5]



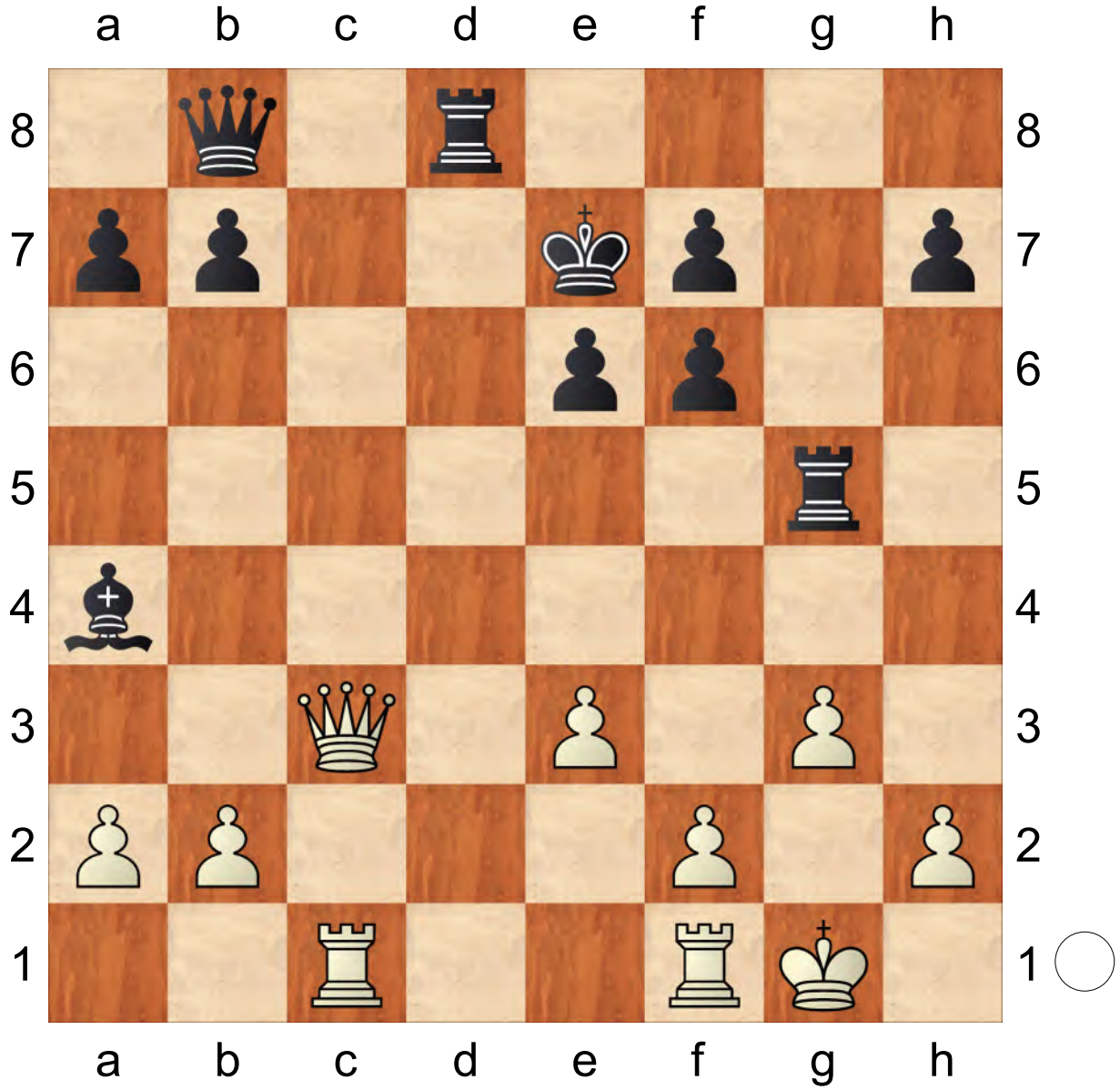
11.Bb3!
[11.Qh5! Nxd4 *(11...Ne5 12.Bb3* Δf4-f5 *)* 12.exd4 Qxd4 *(12...Qxb2 13.d5* Lasker *)* 13.Bb5→ Nimzowitsch]
11...Be7
[11...0-0-0 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Qh5 Rg8 14.g3 Rg7 15.Rac1! Kb8 16.Ba4±]
12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qh5!± Δ♗e6 **14...Qc5!**
[14...Rg8 15.e4]
[14...0-0 15.Bc2 f5 16.e4]
15.Nd5 Qd6

(Diagram)



16.Nxe7
[16.Nf4 0-0! *(16...Qe5 17.Nxe6 Rg8* Alekhine *18.Qxe5 Rxg2+ 19.Kh1 Rxf2+ 20.Bd5!+-)* 17.Qh6 *(17.Bc2 f5 18.g4 Kh8∓* Lasker *)* 17...Kh8 *(17...Qe5∓* Lasker *)* 18.Rfd1 Qb4 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Ng6+ Kg8 21.a3 +-Nimzowitsch Qc5! 22.b4 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Qc2-+ Bogoljubow]
16...Kxe7
[16...Qxe7 17.Qa5 Rg8 18.g3 a6 19.Ba4 Bxa4 20.Qxa4+±]
17.Qa5 Rhg8
[17...Rdg8? 18.g3 h5? 19.Rfd1 Qe5 *(19...Qb8 20.Qb4+ Ke8 21.Rxc6+-)* 20.Qb4+ Ke8 21.Rxc6 bxc6 22.Ba4 Qc7 23.Qc5+- *(23.Rd6* +-Fine *Rg4!±)*]
18.g3 Qb8! Δ♖g5, h5-h4→ **19.Ba4 Rg5 20.Qc3**
[20.Qb4+ Qd6 21.Qxd6+ Rxd6 *(21...Kxd6)* 22.Bxc6 Rxc6=]
20...Bxa4

[20...Rc8 21.Bxc6! Rxc6 22.Qb4+ Rd6 *(22...Ke8?? 23.Rxc6+-; 22...Kd7? 23.Rxc6 Kxc6 24.Qe7+-)* 23.Rfd1 Rgd5 24.Rxd5 exd5±]



21.Qb4+ Qd6?!

[21...Rd6 22.Qxa4 Rgd5 23.Rc3 *(23.Qb4 a5 24.Qa3 f5)* 23...Rd7 24.Rfc1 a6 Δ♕d6 Lasker]

22.Qxa4 Qb6

[22...a6 23.Rfd1

A) 23...Qb6 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 *(24...Kxd8 25.Qa3!)* 25.Qb4+;

B) 23...Rd5 24.Rxd5 exd5 *(24...Qxd5 25.Qb4+ Ke8 26.Rc7! Rd7 27.Rc8+ Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.Qf8+ Kd7 30.Qxf7+)*]

23.Rc3!

[23.Rfd1 Rc5 *(23...Rgd5)*]

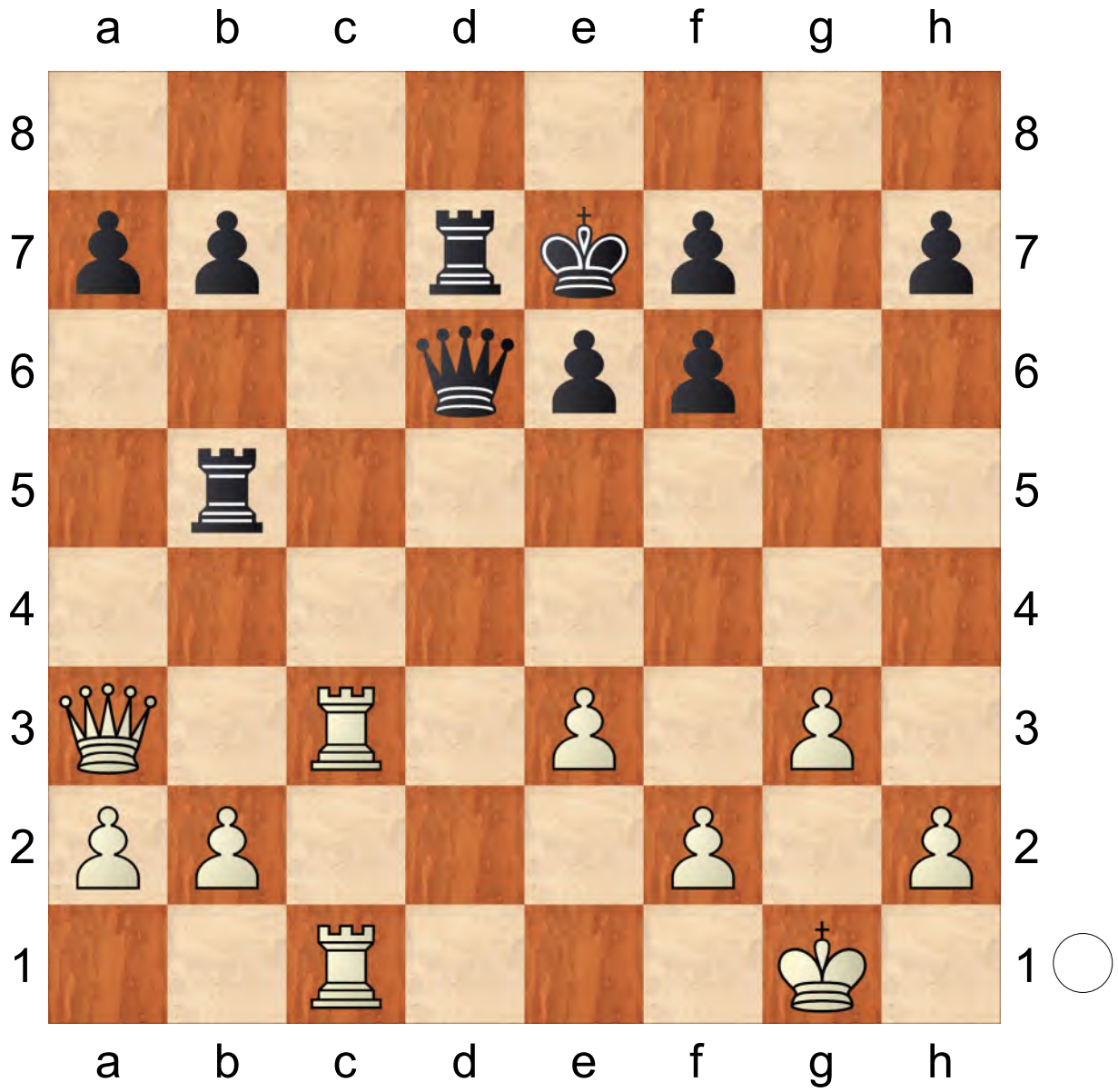
23...Rb5
[23...Ra5 24.Qc4± *(24.Qe4± Qxb2 25.Rb3)*]
[23...Qa5 24.Qe4±]
24.Rfc1 Rd7
[24...Rxb2? 25.Rc7+ Kf8
A) 26.Qh4 Rd1+ *(26...Kg7? 27.Qg4+ Kf8 28.Qh5+-)* 27.Rxd1 *(27.Kg2 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Rxa2!)* 27...Qxc7 28.Qxf6 Rd2=;
B) 26.Qf4
B1) 26...e5 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.R1c4 Rb4 29.Qh5 Rf8 30.Qg4+ Kh8 31.Rc8!+- *(31.Rxf7!+-)*;
B2) 26...Rb1 27.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 28.Kg2 Qb6 *(28...Rd1 29.Qxf6 Qe4+ 30.Kh3 Qf5+ 31.Qxf5 exf5 32.Rxb7 Rd2 33.Kg2 Rxa2 34.Rb5+- Δ♖xf5)* 29.Qh6+ Ke8 30.Rc4 Qb1 31.Qxf6 Qxa2 32.Rc7 Qd5+ 33.f3 Rd7 34.Rc8+ Rd8 35.Rc7 Rd7= Fine]
25.Qa3+ Qd6
[25...Ke8 26.Rc8+ Rd8 27.R1c7 Rb4 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.Rxf7+-]

(Diagram)

26.Qxa7 Rxb2= Black offered a draw **27.Rc8** Δ28.♕a8 ♖d7? 29.♖c1c7+- **27...Rd2?!**
[27...f5!=]
28.e4!
[28.Qa8 f5]
28...Rd1+
[28...f5 29.Qe3]
29.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 30.Kg2 Qd3

(Diagram)

31.Qc5+ Qd6
[31...Rd6? 32.Kh3! Qd1 33.Qc7+ Rd7 34.Qb8 Qh5+ 35.Kg2 f5 36.Re8+ Kf6 37.e5++-]
32.Qc3!
[32.Qh5
A) 32...Rd8 33.Rxd8 *(33.Rc3 Qd2 34.Rf3 Qxa2 35.e5 f5 36.Qg5+ Ke8 37.g4 Qd5 38.gxf5 exf5 39.Qxf5 Rd7±)* 33...Qxd8 34.Qxh7 Qa5± Lasker;
B) 32...Qb6! Fine;
C) 32...Rc7 33.Rxc7+ *(33.Rh8 Qd4⇄ =)* 33...Qxc7 34.Qxh7 Qa5 35.h4 Qxa2 36.h5 Qe2 37.h6 b5 38.Qg7 Qxe4+ 39.Kh2 Qe2=]
32...b5
[32...Qd4 33.Qa3+ Qd6 34.Qa8!]
[⌓32...Qe5 Fine]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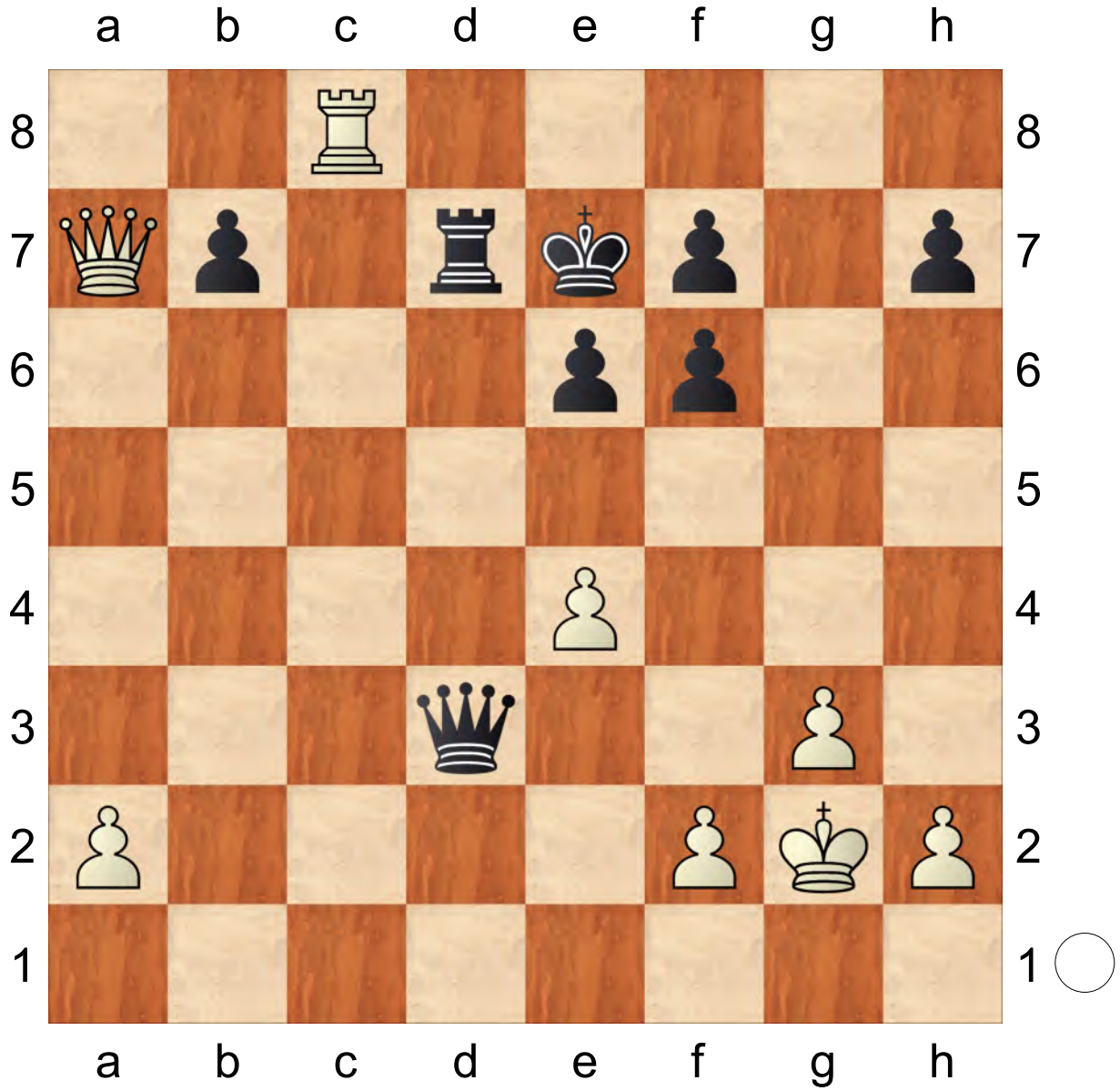
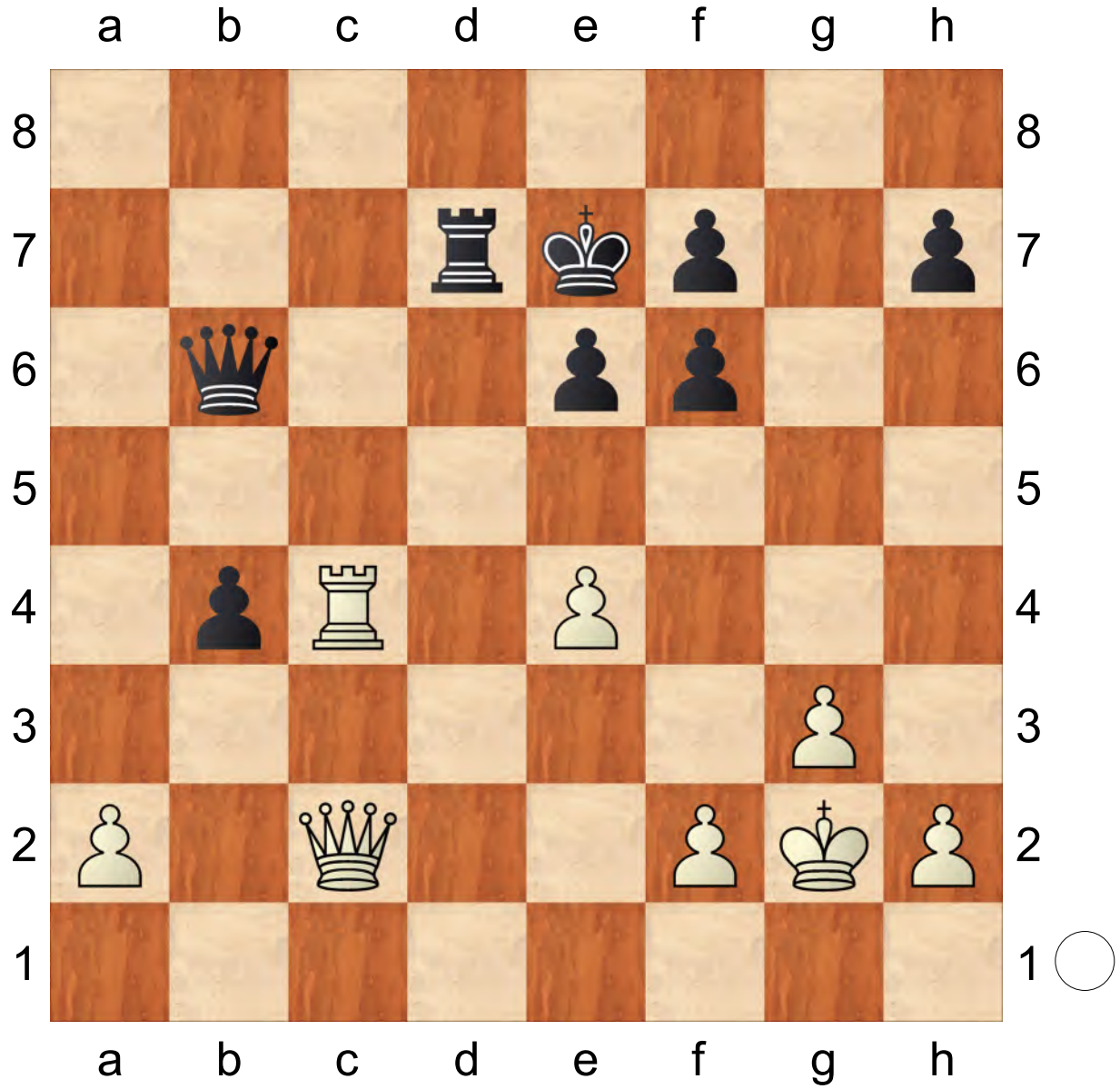


33.Rc6 Qd4 34.Qc2 b4? 35.Rc4 Qb6
[35...Qd6? 36.Qb3 Rb7 37.a3]

(Diagram)

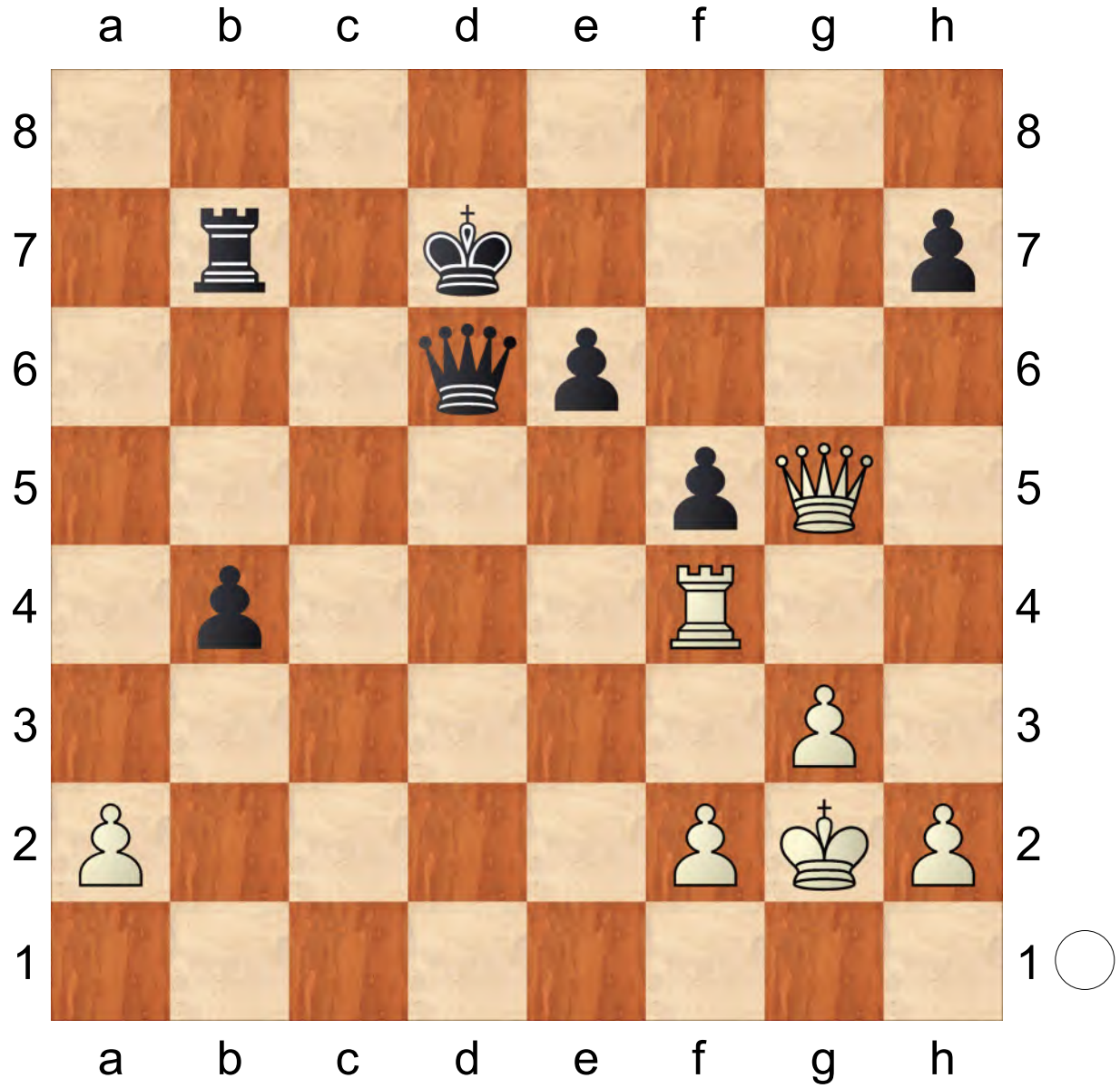
36.Qb2! Rb7 37.e5! fxe5
[37...f5 38.Qd2±]
38.Qxe5 Qd6
[38...b3 39.Qg5+ Kd7 *(39...Ke8 40.axb3 Qxb3 41.Rc8+ Kd7 42.Qd8#)* 40.axb3 Qxb3 41.Rd4+ Kc6 42.Qc1+! Kb6 43.Rd2 Ka7 44.Qa1+ Kb8 45.Qe5+ Ka8 46.Rd8+ Rb8 47.Qa5+ Kb7 48.Rd7+ Kc6 49.Rc7+ Kd6 50.Qc5# Fine]



39.Qg5+ Kd7
[39...Ke8?? 40.Rc8+ Kd7 41.Qd8#]
40.Rf4 f5?
[⌓40...Kc6]
[40...Qe7? 41.Rd4+ Ke8 *(41...Kc8 42.Qxe7 Rxe7 43.Rxb4)* 42.Qg8+ Qf8 43.Rd8++-]

(Diagram)

41.Kh3! the sealed move
[41.Qf6 Qd5+ *(41...Rb5 42.Rd4 Rd5 43.Rc4 Qb8 44.Qf7+ Kd6 45.Rxb4!)* 42.Kh3 Kc6 *(42...Qxa2 43.Qf7+ Kc6 44.Qe8+ Kd6 45.Qd8+ Kc6 46.Qc8+*



Rc7 47.Qe8+ Kc5 48.Qf8+ Kc6 49.Qxb4) 43.Rd4 *(43.Qf8! Kc7!)* 43...Qxa2 44.Qe5 Rb6 45.Rd8 Qb3! 46.Rc8+ Kb7 47.Qc7+ Ka6 48.Qd7 Qd5 49.Qa4+ Qa5 50.Ra8+ Kb7 51.Qxa5+-]

41...Kc6 42.Qg8 Kb5

[42...Qd5 43.Rh4 Qd1? 44.Qxe6+]

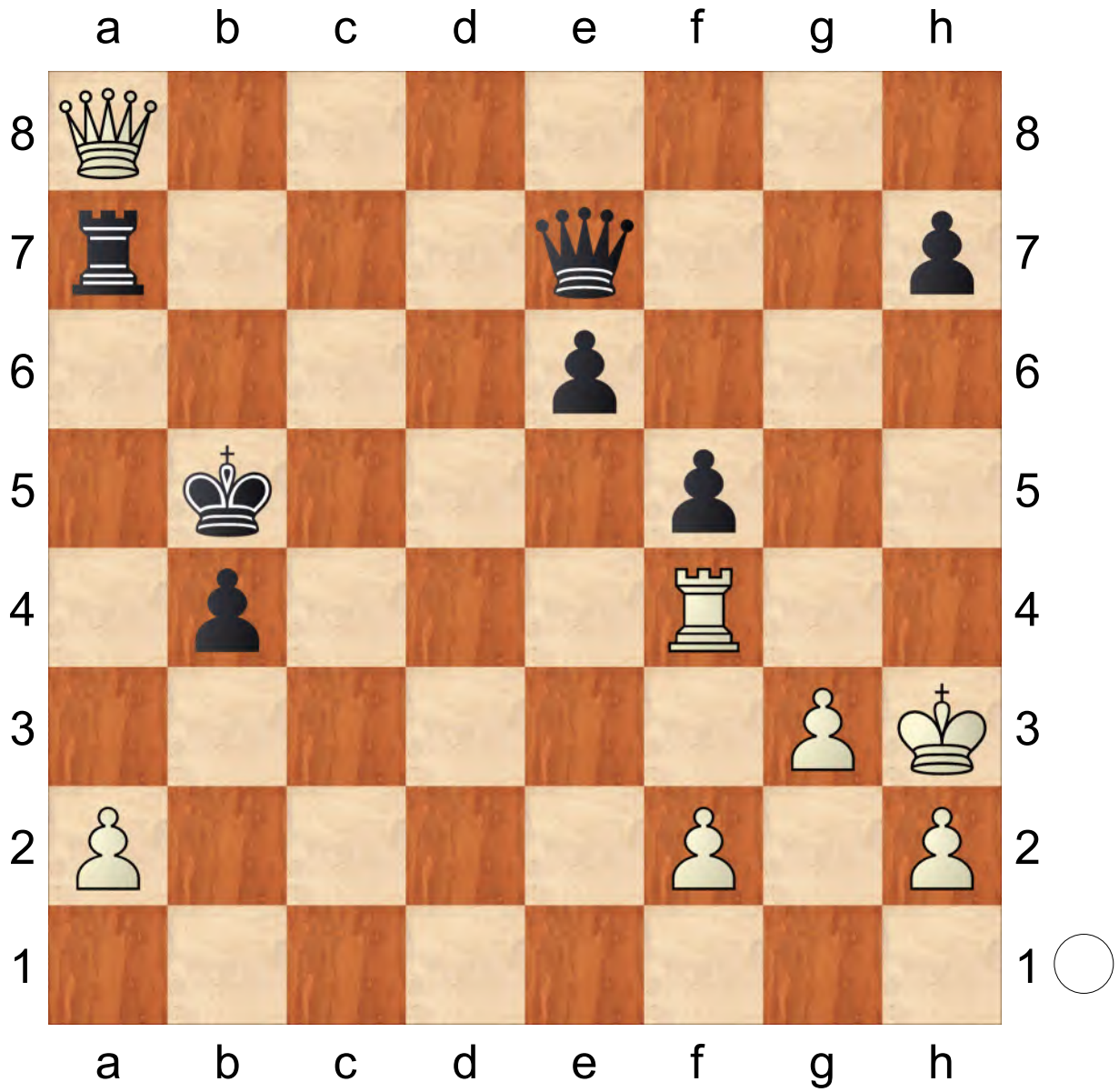
43.Qe8+

[43.Rh4? Qd1 44.Qxe6?? Qf1#]

43...Qd7 44.Qf8 Qe7 45.Qa8 Ra7

[45...Kb6 46.Qa4 Kc7 47.Qa5+ Kb8 48.Qe5+]

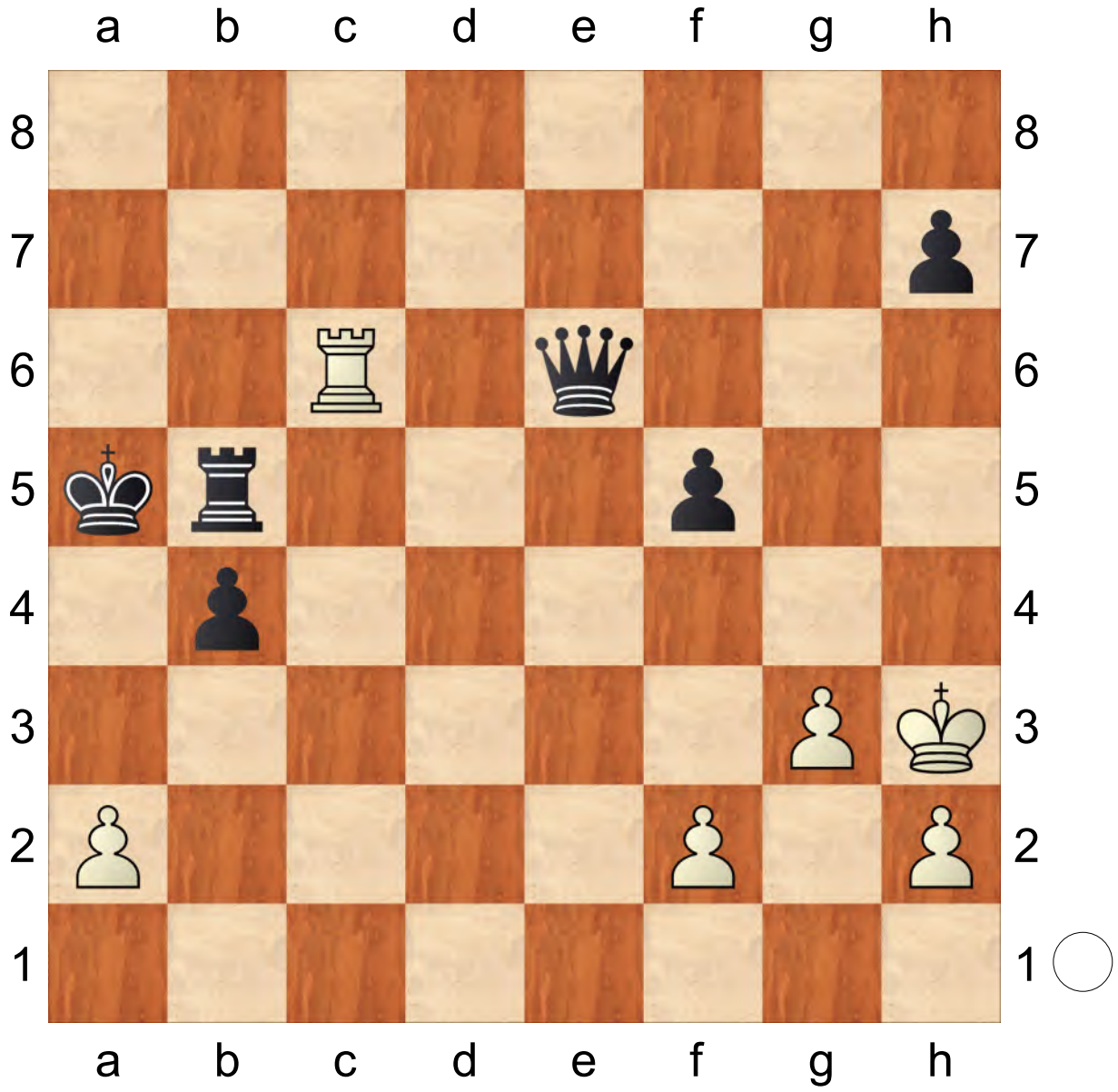
(Diagram)



46.Qb8+ Rb7 47.Qe5+ Ka6 48.Rc4
[48.a3!? bxa3 *(48...Rb5 49.Qe2 bxa3 50.Ra4+ Kb6 51.Qe3+)* 49.Ra4+ Kb6 50.Qc3→]
48...Rb5
[48...Qd7 49.Rd4]
49.Rc6+ Ka5
[49...Rb6 50.Rc7 Qe8 51.Qg7 Qb8 52.Qd7 Rb7? 53.Qa4+ Kb6 54.Rc6# Fine]
50.Qxe6!
[50.Qh8 Rb6 *(50...Ka4 51.Ra6+ Ra5 52.Qc8+-; 50...Rb7)* 51.Qa8+ Kb5 52.Rc1! Ra6 *(52...Qb7? 53.a4+ bxa3 54.Qxa3+-; 52...Qd6 53.a4+ bxa3 54.Rb1+ Qb4 55.Qe8+ Ka5 56.Rxb4 Kxb4 57.Qd8 Ra6)* 53.a4+ bxa3 *(53...Ka5? 54.Qb8 Rb6 55.Qe5+ Ka6 56.Rc7+- Δ♕e2)* 54.Qb8+ Ka5

(54...Ka4 55.Rc4+ Ka5 56.Qb3!+-) 55.Qe5+ Ka4 56.Rc4+ Qb4 57.Rxb4+ Kxb4 58.Qd4+ Kb5 59.Qd3+ Kb6 60.Qb3+ Kc5! The win remains difficult.]

50...Qxe6



51.Rxe6 Rd5 52.Re2 Δ♔h4-g5

[52.f4 Rd2 *(52...Kb5 53.Re5 Rxe5 54.fxe5 Kc5 55.Kh4 Kd5 56.Kg5 Kxe5 57.h4 Ke4 58.h5 Ke5 59.Kh6 Kf6 60.Kxh7 Kf7 61.h6 Kf8 62.Kg6+-)* 53.Re5+ Ka4 54.Rxf5 Rxa2 55.Rf7 b3 56.Rxh7 b2 57.Rb7 Ka3 58.f5 Ra1 59.g4 b1Q 60.Rxb1 Rxb1 61.f6 Rf1 62.g5 Kb4 63.Kg4 Kc5 64.Kh5 Kd6 65.Kg6 Δh4-h8+- Fine]

52...Rd6!!

[52...Rd1? Δ♖a1, ♔a3, b4-b1 This is too slow. White wins with: f4, g4, f4-f8]

53.f4

[53.Kh4 Rh6+ 54.Kg5 Rxh2 55.Kxf5 Ka4 56.g4 Ka3 57.Kf4 Rh1 58.Kg3

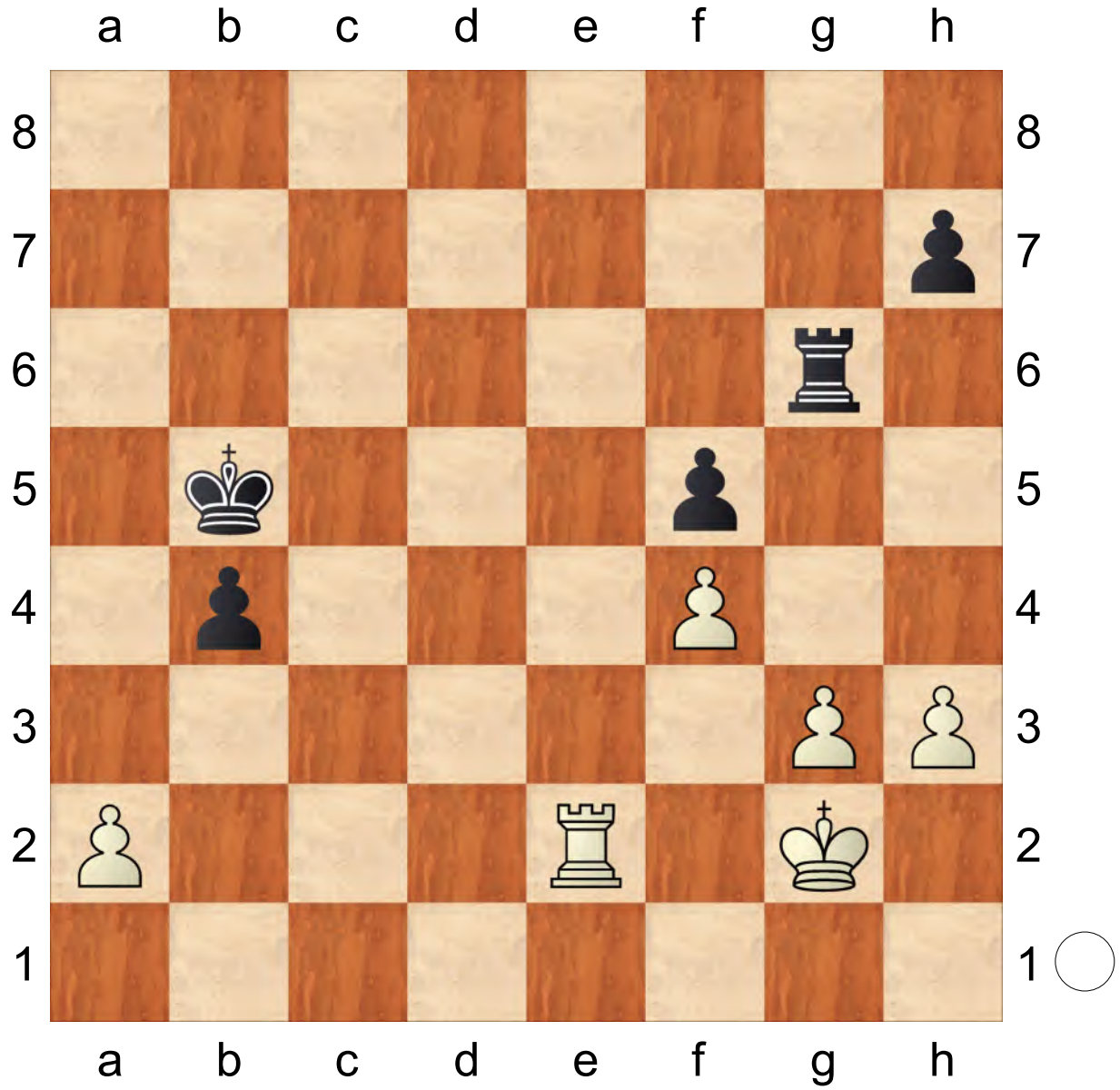
Rg1+ 59.Kh3 Ra1=]

53...Rh6+ 54.Kg2 Kb5!!

[54...Ka4 55.h3 Rg6 56.Kf3 h5 57.Re5 Ka3 *(57...Rf6 58.g4)* 58.Rxf5 Kxa2 59.Ra5+ Kb2 60.g4+-]

[54...Rf6 55.Re7 h6 56.h3 Δ♔f3, g4]

55.h3 Rg6



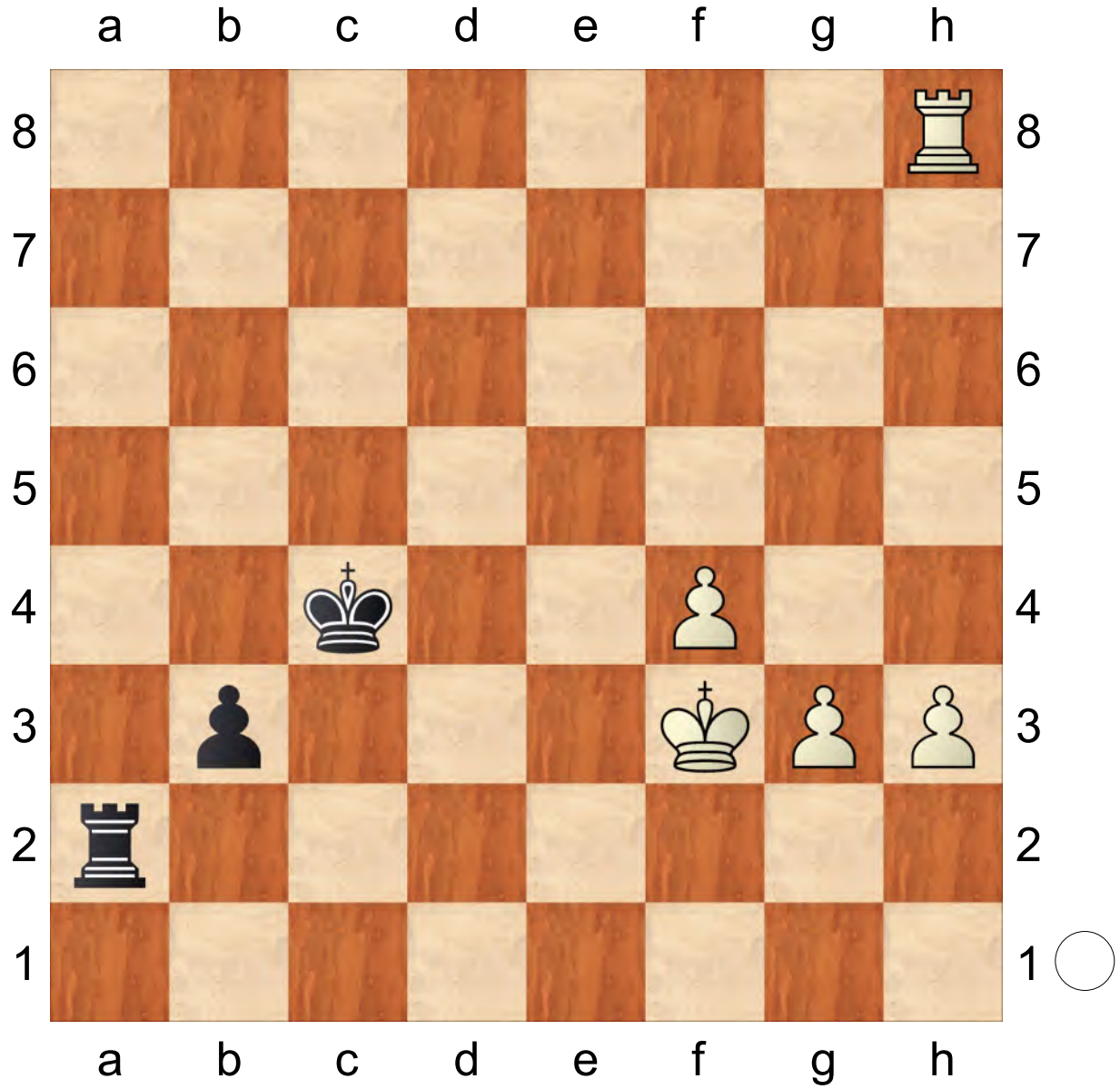
56.Kf3 h5 57.Re5+ Kc4 58.Rxf5 Ra6 59.Rxh5 Rxa2 60.Rh8 b3

(Diagram)

61.Rc8+ Kd4?

[61...Kd3]

62.Rd8+



[62.Rb8!+-]

62...Kc3 63.Rc8+ Kd3 64.Rd8+ Kc3 65.Rc8+ Kd3

[65...Kd3 66.Rb8 b2

A) 67.g4 Kc2 68.Ke4 Ra4+ 69.Ke5 Ra5+ 70.Ke6 *(70.Kf6 Ra3 71.Rxb2+ Kxb2 72.h4 Kc3 73.h5 Kd4 74.h6 Ra6+ 75.Kg5 Ra7=)* 70...Ra6+ 71.Kf7 Ra7+ 72.Kg6 Ra6+ 73.Kg5

A1) 73...Ra3 74.Rxb2+ Kxb2 75.h4 *(75.f5 Rxh3=)* 75...Kc3 76.f5 Kd4 77.Kg6 Ke5 78.g5 Ra8 79.f6 Ke6=;

A2) 73...Ra8! 74.Rb4 Rh8 75.h4 Rg8+ 76.Kf5 Rf8+ 77.Ke5 Re8+ 78.Kd6 Re4=;

B) 67.h4 Kc2 68.Kg4 *(68.Ke4 Ra4+ 69.Ke5 Ra5+ 70.Ke6 Ra6+ 71.Kf7 Ra3 72.Rxb2+ Kxb2 73.g4 Ra4=)* 68...Ra8! Alekhine 69.Rb5 Rg8+ 70.Kf3 Ra8 71.Kg4 Rg8+ 72.Kh3 b1Q 73.Rxb1 Kxb1=;

C) 67.f5!

C1) 67...Kc3 68.g4 Ra3 *(68...Ra1 69.g5 b1Q 70.Rxb1 Rxb1 71.Ke4 Kc4 72.Ke5 Kc5 73.g6 Re1+ 74.Kf6 Kd6 75.g7 Rg1 76.h4+-; 68...Ra8 69.Rb6 Ra6 70.Rxb2+-* compare 67... ♔c2*)* 69.Rxb2 Kxb2+ 70.Kf4 Kc3 71.f6 Kd4 72.f7 Ra1 73.Kg5 Rf1 74.Kg6 Ke5 75.Kg7+-;

C2) 67...Kc2

C2a) 68.Kf4 Ra4+ 69.Kg5? Ra3 70.Rxb2+ Kxb2 71.g4 *(71.Kf4)* 71...Rxh3 72.f6 Rf3 73.Kg6 Kc3 74.f7 Kd4 75.Kg7 Ke5 76.g5 Ke6 77.g6 Ke7= T.C.Kok;

C2b) 68.Ke4

C2b1) 68...Ra3 69.Rxb2+ Kxb2 70.f6 Kc3 *(70...Rxg3? 71.f7)* 71.f7 Ra8 72.Ke5 Kc4 73.Ke6 Kc5 74.Ke7 Ra7+ 75.Kf8 Ra8+ 76.Kg7 Ra7 77.Kg8+-;

C2b2) 68...Ra8 69.Rb6 Ra3 70.Rxb2+ Kxb2 71.g4 Kc3 72.g5 Kc4 73.g6 Kc5 74.g7 Ra8 75.f6+-;

C2b3) 68...Ra1 69.f6 b1Q 70.Rxb1 Rxb1 71.g4 Kc3 72.g5 Rf1 73.h4 Kc4 74.h5 Kc5 75.g6 Rxf6 76.g7 Re6+ 77.Kf5 Re8 78.h6+-;

C2b4) 68...Ra4+ 69.Ke5

C2b41) 69...Ra5+ 70.Ke6

C2b411) 70...Ra6+ 71.Kf7

C2b4111) 71...Ra7+ 72.Kg6 Ra3 73.Rxb2+ Kxb2 74.g4 Rxh3 75.f6 Kc3 76.f7 Rf3

C2b41111) 77.Kg7 Kd4 78.g5 compare 77.g5 *(78.f8Q?? Rxf8 79.Kxf8 Ke5=)*;

C2b41112) 77.g5 Kd4 78.Kg7+- Ke5 79.g6 Ke6 80.f8Q;

C2b4112) 71...Ra3 72.Rxb2+ Kxb2 73.g4 Rxh3 74.g5 Kc3 75.f6 Kd4 76.Kg7 Ke5 77.f7 Rf3 78.g6+-;

C2b412) 70...Ra3 71.Rxb2+ Kxb2 72.g4 Rxh3 *(72...Rf3 73.Kf7)* 73.f6 Re3+ 74.Kd5! Rf3 75.g5 Kc3 76.Ke5 Re3+ 77.Kf4 Re1 78.g6 Rf1+ 79.Kg5+-;

C2b42) 69...Ra3 70.Rxb2+ Kxb2 71.g4 Rxh3

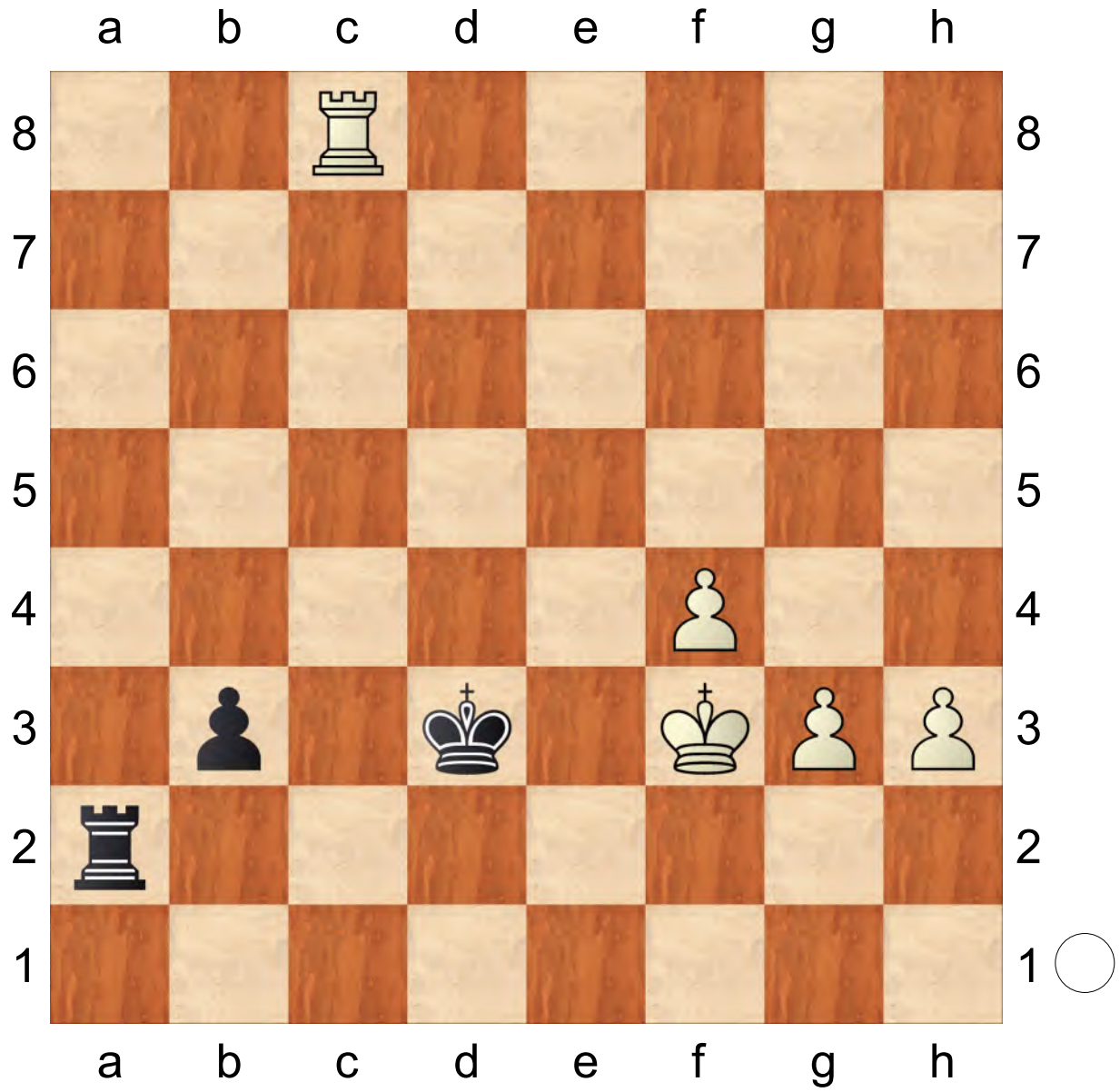
C2b421) 72.f6 Re3+ 73.Kf4 Re1 74.g5 Kc3 *(74...Rg1 75.Kf5 Kc3 76.Kg6)* 75.g6 Rf1+ 76.Kg5 Kd4 77.f7+-;

C2b422) 72.g5 Re3+ *(72...Kc3 73.f6 Rg3 74.f7 Rxg5+ 75.Ke4 Rg4+ 76.Ke3 Rg3+ 77.Kf2+-)* 73.Kf4 Re1 74.f6 Rg1 75.Kf5 Rf1+ 76.Kg6 Kc3 77.f7 Kd4 78.Kg7 Ke5 79.g6+-]

(Diagram)

Alekhine claimed a draw: Triple repetition of the same position. This was wrong, but was accepted.

½-½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□ **CBM 43**
■ **7.Qg4 Kf8**
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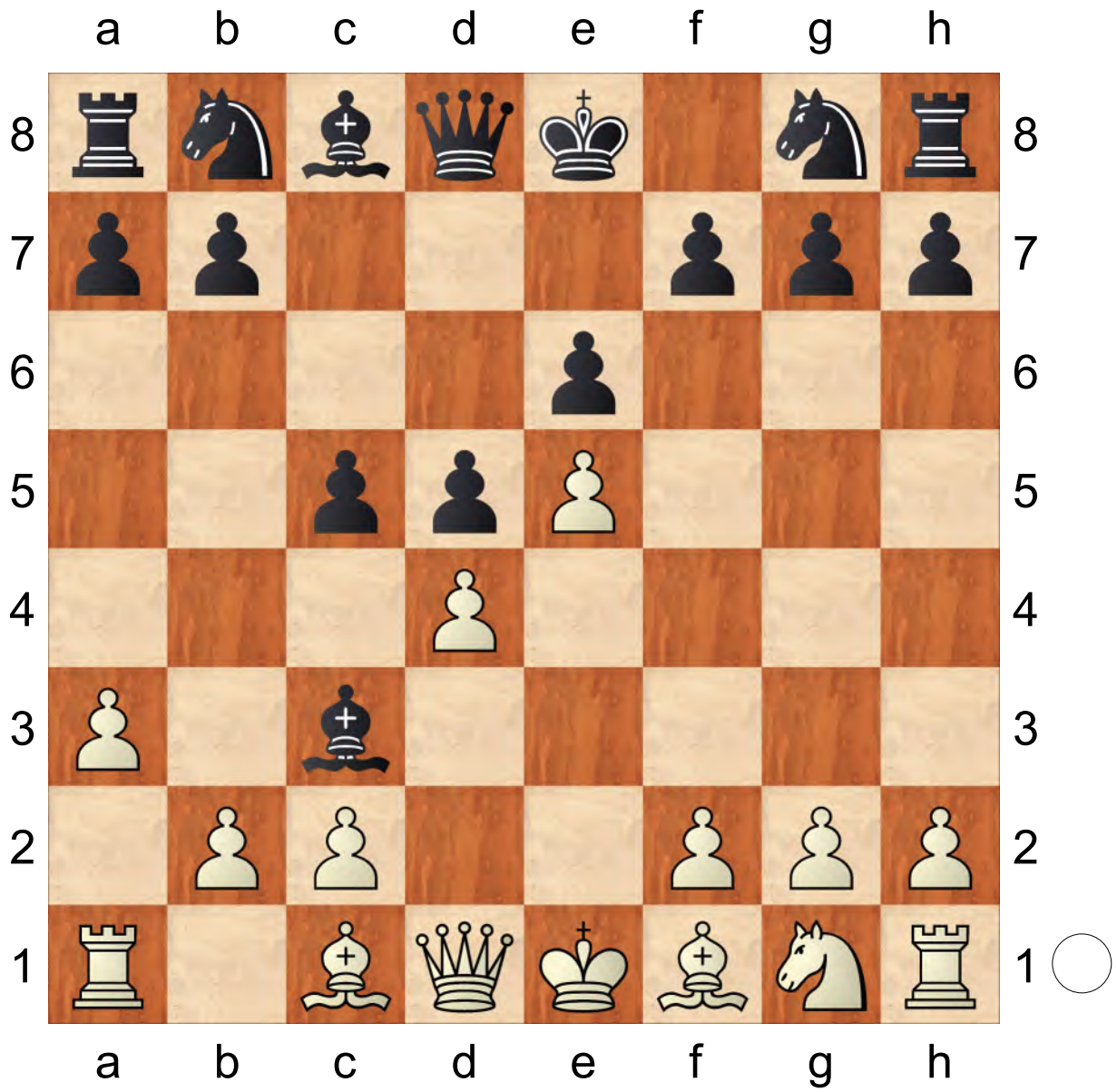
[Hansen,Curt]

1.e4 Hansen,Cu **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.h4
[8.dxc5 Nbc6 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Be2 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.0-0 Qxc5 14.a4 Qc7 15.Ba3 Bd7 16.c4 dxc4 17.Rfd1 Bc6 18.Qg4 Bd5 19.Bf3 f5 20.Qd4 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Qd7 23.Qxc4∞ Vitolinsh,A-Tabatadze,T/ Frunze op 1989/1-0 (50)]

[8.Bd2 Qa5 9.a4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Bd3 h6 13.0-0 Qb6 14.Rfe1 Bd7 15.c4 Qc7 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Qf4 Be6 18.h4 Kg8 19.h5 Rf8 20.a5 Qd7 21.Nh4 Bg4 22.Be2 Bxe2 23.Rxe2± Short,N-Nikolic,Pr/Intel GP London(01)6'-5' 1994/½-½ (49)]

[8.Nh3 Qa5 9.Bd2 Qa4 10.Nf4 *(10.Ra2 Nbc6 11.Be2 cxd4 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Qh5 N5g6 14.Bd3 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Qh4 16.Qe2 Nc6 17.f4 Qe7 18.Ba1 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 d4 20.Bb5 Nge7 21.Ng5 Nf5 22.Rd1± 1-0 Madl,Ildiko-Peng Zhaoqin/Azov izt 1990)* 10...Nbc6 11.Nh5 Nf5 12.Bd3 Nxe5 13.Qg5 f6 14.Nxf6 Nf7 15.Qf4 gxf6 16.g4 e5 17.Qf3 e4 18.Qh3 exd3 19.gxf5 h5 20.cxd3 Qd7 21.0-0-0 Qxf5 22.Qe3 Bd7-+ Grabics,M-Moutousis,K/Komotini GP-1 (05) 1993/ 0-1 (38)]

[8.Bd3 Qa5 *(8...b6 9.Nf3 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 h6 12.a4 Nb8 13.Ba3 Nd7 14.c4 dxc4 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Qxc4 Rc8 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Qd3 Nb6 19.Bxc5 Nbd5 20.Bd6 Qxc2 21.Qa3 Rc3 22.Bxe7+ Kg8 23.Qd6 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Nf4 25.Qb8+* 1-0 Vogt,L-Mohr,S/Bad Lauterberg (06) 1991*; 8...Nd7 9.Nf3 h6 10.h4 Qa5 11.Bd2 c4 12.Be2 Qa4 13.Ra2 a5 14.h5 Ra6 15.Nh4 Rb6 16.0-0 Rg8 17.f4 f5 18.Ng6+ Kf7 19.Qg3 Nf8 20.Nxe7 Kxe7 21.Qh4+ Ke8 22.g4 Qd7 23.a4 fxg4 24.Bxg4± Polgar,Judit-Jimenez,Francisco/San Sebastian open (01) 1991/1-0 (43))* 9.Bd2 Qa4

A) 10.Kd1 Bd7 11.Nf3 Bb5 12.Bxb5 Qxb5 13.Qf4 Ng6 14.Qe3 Qb2 15.Ke2 Qb5+ 16.Qd3 Qxd3+ 17.cxd3 cxd4 18.cxd4 ½-½ Fuller-Lloyd/ Leamington 1958;

B) 10.Ra2 b6 *(10...Nbc6)* 11.Nf3 *(11.h3 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.cxd3 c4 15.Rb1 Rc8 16.Ne1 cxd3 17.Qf3 Nc6 18.Nxd3 Na5 19.Nf4 Qc6 20.h4 Ke8 21.Nh5 Rg8 22.Qg3 g6 23.Nf4 Kd8 24.Nh3 h5 25.Qf3 Ke8± Gallagher,J-McDonald,N/Zug 1991/1-0 (43))* 11...Ba6 *(11...Nd7 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Qf4 h6 14.h4 Kg8 15.h5 Rf8 16.Re1 Bxd3 17.cxd3 c4 18.dxc4 dxc4 19.Raa1 Nd5 20.Qg3 Qc2 21.a4 Kh7 22.Qh4 f6 23.exf6 Rxf6 24.Qe4+ Qxe4 25.Rxe4 Rc8 26.Rae1± Stratil,P-Jurek,J/Praha DDM III (06) 1992/½-½ (43))* 12.Bxa6 *(12.0-0; 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.cxd3 c4 14.Ng5 h6 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh4 Nd7 17.dxc4 Qxc4 18.Rb2 Nf5 19.Qh3 Kg7 20.Nf3 Qd3 21.Rd1 Qa6 22.Ra1 Qd3 ½-½ Balashov,Y-Eingorn,V/Minsk/1983/)* 12...Qxa6 13.Qf4 h6 14.g4 Nbc6 15.Rg1 Rc8 16.Rg3 Ke8 17.Qe3 h5 18.Rh3 Kd7 19.gxh5 Nf5 20.Qd3 Qxd3 21.cxd3 cxd4 22.Rc2 dxc3 23.Rxc3 Ncd4 24.Nxd4 Nxd4 25.Rxc8 Kxc8∓ McDonald,Neil-Stisis,Yaacov/ London LB (08) 1991/0-1 (46);

C) 10.Kd1;

D) 10.c4 dxc4 11.dxc5

D1) 11...Bd7 12.Be2?! *(12.Qxc4 Qxc4 13.Bxc4 Bc6 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nxe5 17.Be2∞)* 12...Bc6 13.f4 *(13.Nf3? c3! 14.Bf4 Ng6 15.g3 Nd7∓)* 13...h5! 14.Qg3 *(14.Qg5 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf5 Δ f6; 14.Qh3 c3 15.Bxc3 Qxf4∓)* 14...h4 15.Qg4 Qxc2 16.Rc1 Qf5 17.Kf2 *(17.Qxf5 Nxf5 18.Nf3 h3! 19.g3 Nd4 20.Kf2 Nxe2 21.Kxe2 Bd5∓)* 17...Qxg4 18.Bxg4

Bd5 19.Be2 Nd7 20.Bxc4 Nxc5 21.Bxd5?! *(21.Nf3 Rc8 22.Be2∓)* 21...Nd3+ 22.Ke3 Nxc1 23.Be4 Nb3 24.Bb4 Rc8 25.Nf3 Nc5 26.Rd1 Ke8 27.Nd4 Nxe4 28.Kxe4 a6 29.Bxe7 Kxe7 30.Rb1 b5 31.a4 Rc4 0-1 Polgar,J-Nikolic,Pr/EUCup f (3) 1993;

D2) 11...Bd7 ½-½ Sax,G-Gurevich,M/Reggio 1988]

[8.Qd1

A) 8...Nbc6 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.Qd2 b6 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Bxa6 Qxa6 14.cxd4 Qa4 15.c3 h6 16.Rb1 Rc8 17.Qd3 Na5 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Rxb5 Ke8 20.a4 Rc4 21.Rb4 Rxc3 22.Bd2 Rc2 23.Rfb1-+ Arribas,Maritza-Peng Zhaoqin/Novi Sad ol-W (12) 1990/0-1 (38);

B) 8...Qa5 9.Bd2 cxd4 *(9...Qa4 10.Nf3 b6 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Re1 Rb8 15.Rb1 Rb6 16.Be3 h6 17.Nd2 Bxd3 18.cxd3 Qxd1 19.Rexd1 Nf5 20.d4 Ke7 21.Kf1 Rc8 22.Ke2 cxd4 23.cxd4 Rc3 24.Ra1∓* Beliavsky,A-Nikolic,Pr/Tilburg (04) 1993/½-½ (43) *)* 10.cxd4 Qa4 11.Nf3 *(11.Rb1!?)* 11...b6

B1) 12.Be2 Nbc6 13.Be3 Ba6 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.h4 h6 17.h5 Qa4 18.Qd3 *(18.Nh4 Nxe5)* 18...Na5 19.Bd2 Nec6 *(19...Qxc2? 20.Qxc2 Rxc2 21.Bxa5 bxa5 22.Rab1* is better for White*)* 20.Qa6 Ke7 *(20...Rc7? 21.Bb4+ Kg8 22.Bd6; 20...Ra8 21.Bb4+ Nxb4? 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.Rxb6)* 21.Bb4+ *(21.Bxa5 Kd7!)* 21...Kd7 22.c4 *(22.Rfc1 Nb8 23.Qxa7+ Rc7 24.Qxb6 Nc4)* 22...dxc4 23.Bxa5? *(23.d5!?)* 23...Rc7! **Δ** ♘b8! 24.Rab1 Rhc8 25.d5 exd5 26.Rfd1 Ke6 27.Qb5 Qxb5 28.Rxb5 Nxa5 29.Rbxd5 c3 30.Rd6+ Ke7 31.Nd4 c2 32.Rc1 Rc4 0-1 Cobb,J-Levitt,J/British Ch(4) 1993;

B2) 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.Qe2 Bxd3 14.cxd3 Nbc6 15.0-0 h6 16.Bb4 Kg8 17.Qe3 Nf5 18.Qd2 Nfxd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 20.Rac1 Qd7 21.Qb2 Nc6 22.d4 Rc8 23.Bd2-+ Ziatdinov,R-Levitt,J/Dublin TEL 1991/½-½ (62);

C) 8...Qc7 9.Nf3 b6 10.a4 Ba6 11.h4 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 Nbc6 13.h5 h6 14.Rh4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Na5 16.Rf4 Rc8 17.Ne1 Nc4 18.Rb1 Nc6 19.Rb3 Kg8 20.Rg3 Ne7 21.Rgf3 Rf8 22.Qd3 Qd7 23.Qb3∞ Mitkov,N-Lamoureux,C/ Nice(09) 1994/1-0 (35);

D) 8...b6

D1) 9.a4 Ba6 10.Bb5 Bxb5 *(10...Qc8 11.Ne2 Nbc6 12.0-0 Na5 13.Nf4 Bxb5 14.axb5 h6 15.Qf3 Nc4 16.Ra4 Kg8 17.h4 cxd4 18.Nh5 Nxe5 19.Qg3 N5g6 20.Nxg7 Kxg7 21.h5 Qxc3 22.hxg6 Qxg3 23.fxg3 Nxg6 24.Rxd4 Rhc8 25.Bb2-+* Kupfer,M-Grimm,S/2.BLW 9091 Porz II-Wuppertal [7] 1991/0-1 (51)*)* 11.axb5 Qd7 12.Qe2 c4 13.Rb1 a6 14.bxa6 Rxa6 15.Nh3 h6 16.0-0 Qa7 17.Nf4 Ra1 18.Be3 Rxb1 19.Rxb1 Nd7 20.g4 Kg8 21.Nh5 Kh7 22.Kh1 Rf8 23.Rg1 Qa4± Pedzich,D-Gizynski,T/Bielsko Biala (09) 1991/½-½ (35);

D2) 9.Nf3 h6 *(9...Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.cxd4 Rc8 13.Bb2 Nb8 14.Qd3 Qc7 15.Rfc1 Qc4 16.Qd2 Nbc6 17.a4 Na5 18.Ba3 Qc7 19.Qf4 Kg8 20.Nd2 h6 21.c3 Qd7 22.Bb4* ½-½ Rogers,I-Chernin,A/

London open 1989*)* 10.a4 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 Nb8 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.c4 g6 15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.Qe2 Kg7 17.Rd1 Qb7 18.c4 Na6 19.h4 ½-½ Kindermann,S-Eingorn,V/Debrecen 1989]

[8.a4

A) 8...b6 9.Nf3 *(9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Nf3 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxb5 12.axb5 a5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.c4 Nd7 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.c4 Ne7 17.Qe4 Nb6 18.Rd1 Rc8 19.Rd6 h6 20.Bd2 g6 21.Bxa5* 1-0 Brunner,L-Lempereur/Clichy op (3) 1991*; 9.h4 Qc7 10.Rh3 h5 11.Qg5 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Ne2 Nf5 14.a5 b5 15.Ng3 cxd4 16.Nxh5 Qxe5+* 0-1 Smirin,I-Eingorn,V/Metz/1991/*; 9.Ba3 Qc7 10.Nf3 Kg8 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.cxd3 Nd7 14.c4 h5 15.Qg5 Re8 16.Rfc1 Rh6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.d4 Qc6 19.Bxc5 dxc4 20.Bxe7 Rg6 21.Qxh5 Rxe7 22.Ng5 Nf8 23.Qf3 Qd5 24.Qxd5 exd5+-* Gallagher,J-Legky,N/Geneve op A(8) 1994/½-½ (61) *)*

A1) 9...h6

A1a) 10.h4 Qc7 11.h5 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.0-0 ½-½ Rodriguez,O-Dimitrov/Las Palmas-II(1) 1993 *(13.0-0 Rc8 14.Ba3 Kg8 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Rfe1 Kh7 17.Nd4 a6 18.Re3 Rhe8 19.Rae1 Qd7 20.Rf3 Rf8 21.a5 b5 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qxe6 fxe6 25.Rxf8 Rxc3 26.Re8 Nc6 27.Rxe6 Kg8+-* Lanc,A-Priehoda,V/SVK-ch (9) 1993/1-0 (41) *)*;

A1b) 10.Ba3!? Qc7 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 *(12...Kg8 13.a5 Bxd3 14.cxd3 Nd7 15.c4 Kh7 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Qe4+ g6 18.Rfc1 Kg7 19.Nd2 Rab8 20.Nc4 Qd8 21.axb6 axb6 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Ne3 Nb4 24.d4 Qc7 25.d5 exd5 26.Nxd5 Qxe5 27.Qxe5+ Nxe5 28.Nxb4 cxb4±* Arnason,J-Eingorn,V/Reykjavik 1989/1-0 (39) *29.Bb2 f6 30.Rc7+)* 13.cxd3 Na6?! *(13...Nd7 14.c4±)* 14.c4 Rd8 15.dxc5 *(15.Rac1!?)* 15...bxc5 16.cxd5 *(16.d4!?)* 16...Rxd5 17.Qc4!± Nb8 18.d4 Kg8 19.dxc5! *(19.Bxc5 Nd7 20.Rac1 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Nc6±)* 19...Nbc6 20.Rad1 Kh7 *(20...Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.c6 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nd5 24.Qc2!)* 21.Qe4+ Ng6!? *(21...g6 22.Qf4)* 22.Rxd5 exd5 23.Qxd5 Rd8 24.Qe4 Ncxe5 25.Nxe5? *(25.Nd4! Nc4 26.Ne6±)* 25...Qxe5 26.Qc2 Kg8 27.Bc1?!± Hellers,F-Eingorn,V/Debrecen 56/315 1992/½-½ (49);

A2) 9...Ba6 10.Bd3 Bxd3 *(10...h6 11.dxc5 Bxd3 12.cxd3±)* 11.cxd3 Nd7 12.Ba3 Kg8 13.0-0 h6 *(13...Rc8 14.c4 h6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Rab1 Kh7 17.Rb7 Rc7 18.Rxc7 Qxc7 19.d4 Rc8 20.Rc1 Qa5 21.cxd5 Qxa4 22.dxe6 Qxa3 23.Rf1 fxe6 24.Qxe6 cxd4 25.Qxd7 d3 26.g3 Rc1 27.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 28.Kg2±* Ernst,T-Anderton,D/Gausdal Troll (2) 1992/½-½ (42) *)* 14.a5?! *(14.c4 Kh7 15.dxc5↑)* 14...Kh7 15.dxc5 *(15.axb6 axb6 Δ ♖a4; 15.c4)* 15...bxc5 16.d4 *(16.Qf4 Ng6 17.Qxf7 Rf8 18.Qxe6 Rxf3→; 16.Qa4!?)* 16...Re8!∓ 17.a6 Qc8 18.Qf4 *(18.Rfb1 Rb8)* 18...Ng6 19.Qd2 *(19.Qxf7? Re7)* 19...cxd4 20.cxd4 Qxa6 21.Bc5 *(21.h4! Qb7 22.Rfb1⩱)* 21...Qb7 *(21...Qc6 22.Bxa7 Rec8 23.Rac1)* 22.Rfb1 Qc6! *(22...Nb6 23.Qd3⩱)* 23.Bxa7 Rec8 24.Ra5 *(24.Rc1? Rxa7)* 24...Qc3 *(24...Rc7! 25.Rba1 Qc3∓)* 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.h3 Rc7 27.Rba1 Nf4?!

28.Bc5 Rxa5 29.Rxa5 Nxc5 30.Rxc5 Rb7 31.Rc2?! g5 32.Kh2∓ Smirin,I-Eingorn,V/USSR (ch) 50/323 1990/0-1 (66);

B) 8...Qc7

B1) 9.Kd1! N b6 *(9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Δ ♖a3, Δ ♗a3-d6)* 10.a5 bxa5? *(10...Nd7?! 11.axb6 Qxb6 12.Nf3 Δ h4-h5, ♗d3, ♗a3→; 10...Bb7 ⌓ 11.Nf3± Nbc6 12.Bd3 Δ Nxa5 13.Rxa5!? bxa5 14.Ba3→)* 11.Ba3 cxd4 12.Bd6!! Qb6 *(12...Qxc3 13.Ra3 Qb2 14.Nf3→)* 13.Nf3 Nbc6 14.Nxd4 Kg8 *(14...Nxd4 15.Qxd4!?± ⧉ ×a5, a7)* 15.Bd3 Bd7 *(15...Nxd4 16.cxd4 Nf5 17.Bc5 Qc7 18.Kd2±)* 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.h4 d4 *(17...Qxf2 18.h5 Δ ♖a4-f4 f5 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Rf1 Qxc3 21.Ra3 Qb2 22.Rb3 Qd4 23.Qf3 Qf6 24.Qg3 Δ ♖b7+-)* 18.h5 dxc3 *(18...Qb2 19.Ke2 Qxc3 20.Rh3! Qxa1 21.Qxg7+! Kxg7 22.h6+ Kg8 23.Rg3#)* 19.Rh4!+- g6□ *(19...h6 20.Qxg7+ Kxg7 21.Rg4#; 19...Qxf2 20.Qxg7+! Kxg7 21.h6+ Kg8 22.Rg4#)* 20.Ke2 Kg7 21.Rah1 Nb4 22.hxg6 1-0 Blatny,P-Jurek,J/Osterreich/1992/ *(22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Qg5 Nd5 24.Be7)*;

B2) 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nbc6

B2a) 11.Qc5

B2a1) 11...b6?! 12.Qd6 Qxd6 13.exd6 Nf5 *(13...Ng6 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.Bb5 Nge5 16.f4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Nc6 18.0-0 Ke8 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.f5 Bd7 21.a5 Bb5 22.Rf3 bxa5 23.Rxa5 a6 24.Ba3 Rc8 25.c3 Ra8 26.Bb4 Bd7 27.Re3 Kd8 28.Rc5 Rc8 29.Ba5+ Ke8 30.Rxd5 Kf8 31.Rde5 g6 32.fxe6 fxe6 33.d5* 1-0 Fogarasi,T-Alibaev,A/Zalakaros op(04) 1994 *)* 14.Ba3 Ke8 15.Bd3±;

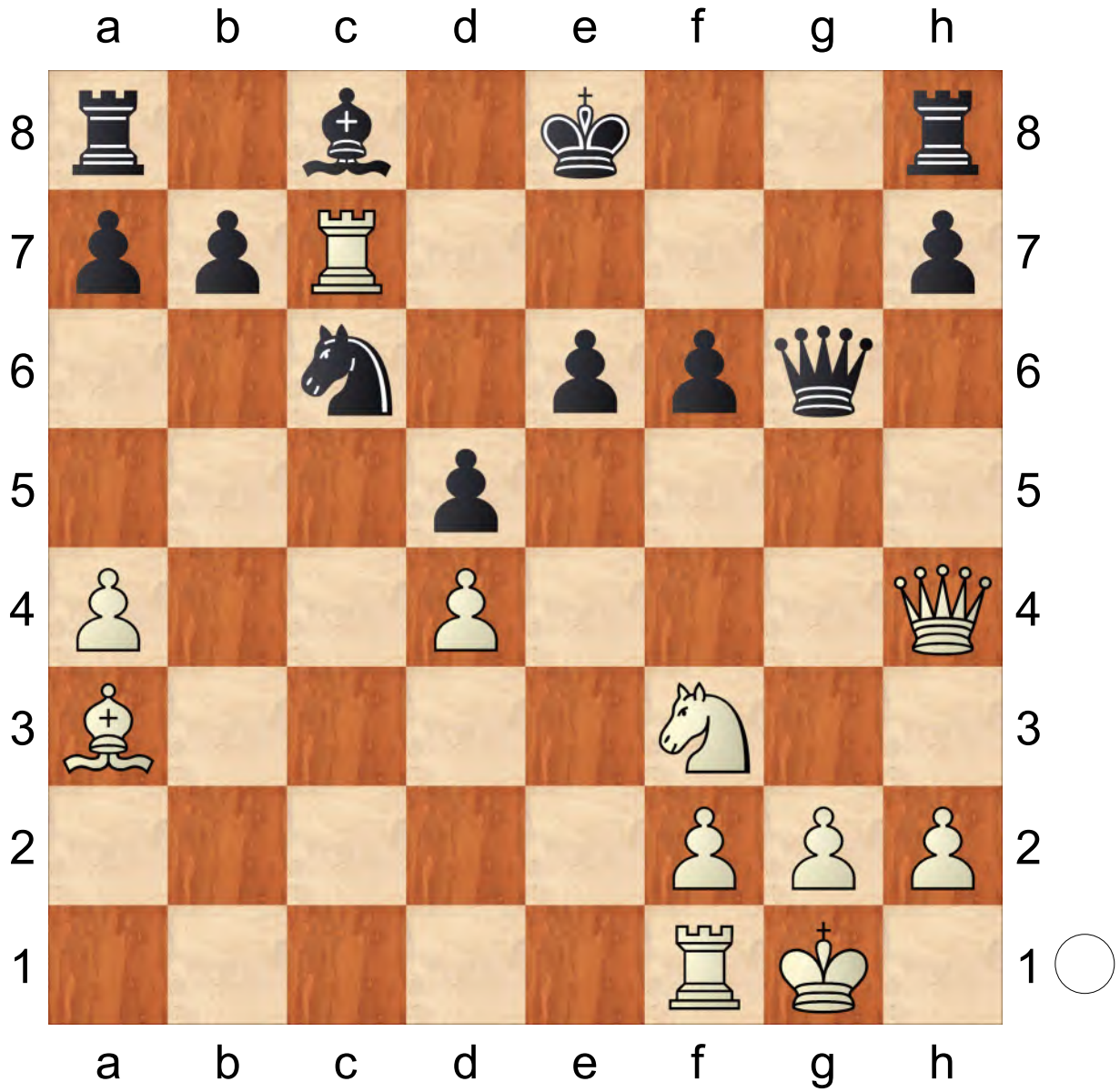
B2a2) 11...f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bh6+ Kf7 14.Bd3 e5 15.Nh4 Qa5 16.Qa3 Rg8 17.Be2 Bg4 18.f3 Nd4 19.Bd3 Bf5 20.0-0-0 Bxd3 21.cxd4 Bg6 22.dxe5 fxe5 23.Rhe1 Rac8 24.Re2 Bxc2 25.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 26.Kxc2∞ Rodriguez Talavera,J.C-Zlotnik,B/Ceuta (02) 1992/0-1 (37);

B2a3) 11...Bd7 12.Bb5 *(12.Ba3!?)* 12...a6 13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Ba3! Δ 14... ♔g8 15.0-0 ♘g6 16. ♖fe1 ♘ce5 17. ♘e5 ♕c5 18. ♗g6!+- Qa5 15.0-0± Qxc5 16.Bxc5 f6 17.Rfb1 Nd8 *(17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.Bd6!±)* 18.Bb6 Nec6 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Kg7 21.f4?! *(21.Nb3! ⌓ Rf8 22.Nc5 Rf7 23.c4 Ne5 24.cxd5 exd5 25.Nxd7 Nxd7 26.Bxd8±; 21.c4!?)* 21...Re8 22.Nb3 Re7 23.c4 *(23.Nc5!? Be8 24.c4)* 23...dxc4 24.Bxc4 e5 25.fxe5 Nxe5 26.Bd5 Bc6?! 27.c4 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Nc4 29.Bf2 Re5 30.Rd1 Kg6 31.Bg3 Re3 32.Nd4 Nf7 33.Rab1 Re4?± Ivanchuk,V-Nikolic,Pr/Reykjavik/1991/½-½ (55);

B2b) 11.Qe3 Nf5 12.Qf4 *(12.Qc5+!? Kg8 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bf4 h6∞ 15.Qa3 Nce7 16.g4?! Ng6!)* 12...g5? *(12...h6! Δ ♘ce7 ; 12...Ncd4 13.Ba3+ Kg8 14.Kd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Bd7 16.Bb4 a5 17.Bd6 Qb6 18.Be2 Rc8 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Rhf1 h5 21.Bd3 Nxd6 22.exd6 Qc5 23.Qd4 Qxd6 24.f4 Qc5 25.Qxc5 Rxc5 26.Rxb7 Be8 27.Rb8±* Ernst,T-McDonald,N/London LB (04) 1991/1-0 (50)*)* 13.Qxg5 Nxe5

14.Qf6!± Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Rg8 16.Ba3+ Ke8 17.0-0-0 Qd8? *(17...a6 18.Bd3 Qd8 19.Qe5±)* 18.Bb5++- Bd7 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 *(19...Qxd7? 20.Rhg1!)* 20.Qxf7+ Ne7 21.Rhe1 Rg6 22.Rxe6 1-0 Oll,L-Eingorn,V/Debrecen (1) 1989;

C) 8...Nbc6 9.Nf3 cxd4 *(9...Qc7 10.Bd2 b6 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 Ng6 13.Qh5 Nce7 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Rfe1 Ke8 16.g3 h6 17.Nh4 Kd8 18.Bc1 Kc8 19.Ba3 Nxh4 20.Bxe7 Ng6 21.Bd6 Qd8 22.Qf3 Kb7 23.Qxf7 Qe8 24.Qxg7± Tal,M-Gunsberger,A/Varna ol (07) 1962/1-0 (34))* 10.cxd4 Qc7 11.Bd3 Nb4 12.0-0 Nxc2 13.Bxc2 Qxc2 14.Ba3 Qg6 15.Qh4 f6 16.Rac1 Ke8 17.Rc7 Nc6 18.exf6 gxf6



19.Ne5 fxe5 20.Re7+ 1-0 Cseshkovsky,V-Wolf,A/Biel op(01) 1993]

[8.Nf3

A) 8...b6 9.h4 Ba6 10.h5 h6 11.Nh4 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 cxd4 13.Rh3 Qc7

14.Rf3 Nd7 15.Bf4 dxc3 16.Re1 Rg8 17.Ree3 Qc4+ 18.Kg1 Ke8 19.Ng6 fxg6 20.Qxe6 Nf8 21.Qg4 d4 22.Bg3 gxh5 23.Qxh5+∓ Borkowski,F-Naumkin,I/Moscow5 1991/0-1 (39);

B) 8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Qa4

B1) 10.Be2 b6 11.Ng5 h6 12.Qh5 Qe8 13.f4 Kg8 14.Nf3 Ba6 15.Bd1 Nbc6 16.g4 f5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Be3 d4 19.cxd4 fxg4 20.Qxg4 Nf5 21.Rg1 Qd7 22.d5 Nxe3 23.dxc6 Qf7 24.Qh4 Bb5∞ Velimirovic,D-Eingorn,V/Bor (06) 1985/½-½ (40);

B2) 10.Ra2

B2a) 10...b6 11.h4 *(11.Qf4 h6 12.dxc5 Qxf4 13.Bxf4 bxc5 14.Be3 Nd7 15.Rb2 c4 16.g3 Nc6 17.Bd4 Ke7 18.Bg2 Ba6 19.Kd2 Rhc8 20.Re1 Rab8 21.Ra2 Rb7 22.h4 Rcb8 23.Raa1 Bb5 24.a4 Ba6 25.h5 Rc7=* Ernst,T-Eingorn,V/Tallinn (06) 1989/0-1 (57) *)*

B2a1) 11...h6 12.Qf4 Nd7 13.h5 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Rh3 Rc8 *(15...Qb5 16.Ra1 Qa4 17.Ra2 Qb5 18.Ra1 Qa4 19.Ra2* ½-½ Sokolov,A-Eingorn,V/URS-ch55 Moscow 1988 *)* 16.Nh4 Ke8 17.Rg3 ½-½ Mokry,K-Eingorn,V/Polanica Zdroj (06) 1984;

B2a2) 11...Ba6 12.Bxa6 Qxa6 13.h5 h6 14.Rh3 Qc4 15.Rb2 Nbc6 16.Nh4 cxd4 17.Ng6+ Nxg6 18.hxg6 dxc3 19.Qxc4 cxd2+ 0-1 Wade,Robert-Lloyd/Bognor 1960;

B2b) 10...Nbc6 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.0-0 c4 13.Be2 Nf5 14.Nh4 Nce7 15.Bg5 Ng6 16.Rb1 Ngxh4 17.Bxh4 Qa6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Qh3 Kg8 20.Bc1 Ba4 21.Bg4 Ne7 22.Rab2 Rb8 23.f4 Qc6 24.f5 h5 25.Qh4 Qc7 26.fxe6 hxg4 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.e6+ Kg8 29.Qxg4 Qxh2+ 30.Kf2 Rf8+ 31.Ke2 Rh4 0-1 Csima,J-Tabatadze,T/Kobanya op 1992;

B3) 10.Kd1 Nbc6 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.cxd4 b6 13.Ke2 Ba6 14.Bb4 Qxc2+ 0-1 Schoeder,A-Roemer,U/Eger Agria92 open 1992;

C) 8...Qc7 9.Kd1 *(9.Bd3 cxd4 10.0-0 dxc3 11.a4 Nd7 12.Ba3 Nc5 13.Rfe1 Kg8 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.Re3 Re8 16.Rg3 Ng6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Nf3 Rc8 19.h4 h5 20.Qg5 Qe7 21.Qe3 Nxh4 22.Nxh4 Qxh4 23.Qxa7 Qb4* Smith,AP-Levitt,J/BCF-ch (1) 1992/½-½ (43) *)* 9...b6 10.h4 h6 11.h5 Ba6 12.Qf4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Kg8 14.Re1 Nbc6 15.g4 Rc8 16.Ra2 Na5 17.Nh4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qc4 19.Rb2 Qa4 20.Re2 Rc4 21.Rb4 Rxb4 22.axb4 Qxb4∓ Haist,W-Levitt,J/Badenweiler op (09)/1990/0-1 (43)]

8...Qc7

[8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Qa4

A) 10.h5 h6 *(10...Qxc2 11.h6 gxh6 12.Qh3 Ke8 13.Qxh6 Nbc6* Knaak ½-½ Huebner,R-Nikolic,Pr/Munich 1990 *)* 11.Rh3 Nbc6

A1) 12.Qf4

A1a) 12...b6□ Δ♗a6 13.Rf3 Nd8 14.dxc5! *(14.Bd3? c4! 15.Bg6 Qe8; 14.g4!?∞)* 14...Qxf4 15.Rxf4 bxc5 16.Be3! *(16.c4?! d4! 17.Ba5 Nb7! 18.Bc7 Bd7 19.Rb1 Bc6 20.Bd3 Rc8 21.Bd6 Nxd6 22.exd6 Ng8)* 16...c4 17.Rb1! Ndc6 18.Nf3 g5□ *(18...a6 19.Bc5±* Δ♗d6, ♘d4 ⇗a3-

f8, ×f7) 19.hxg6 (*19.Rf6? Ng8-+*) 19...Nxg6 20.Rg4! (*20.Rf6 Kg7!* Δ ♘ce5*; 20.Bc5+ Ke8*) 20...Kg7 (*20...Ncxe5!? 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bc5+ Ke8 23.Rg7⩱* ⧉) 21.Nh4! Bd7□ (*21...Ncxe5? 22.Bd4! Kh7 23.Nxg6 Nxg4 24.Nxh8 e5 25.Nxf7 exd4 26.cxd4±; 21...Ba6 22.f4!±*) 22.Nxg6 fxg6 23.Rb7 Rhd8 24.Be2!≛ Rab8 25.Rc7 Rbc8 26.Rb7 Rb8 ½-½ Atlas,V-Psakhis,L/Geneve/1992/;

A1b) 12...Bd7 13.Rf3 Be8 14.g4 cxd4 15.Bd3 b5 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Rg3 Rc8 18.Rc1 Ndc6 19.Qxa4 bxa4 20.f4⩲ Voekler,B-Tabatadze,T/Brno III 54/(274) 1991;

A2) 12.Rf3 Nxe5 13.Qf4 Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 c4 15.Kd1 Bd7 16.g4 f6 17.Bh3 Ke8 18.Qg3 Kd8 19.Bf4 Kc8 20.Bd6 Re8 21.Nh4 b6 22.Bg2 Kb7 23.Rb1 Rad8 24.Rb4 Qc6∓ Kveinis,A-Tatabadze,T/Belgorod GMA-qual 1989/0-1 (43);

B) 10.Ra2;

C) 10.Rh3!

C1) 10...Nbc6 11.Rf3?? (*11.h5! Nxe5?! 12.Qf4 Nd7 13.h6±* →) 11...Nxe5-+;

C2) 10...Qxc2 11.Bd3 Qb2 12.Rb1 Qxa3 13.Rg3 g6 14.Qf4 Nf5 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Qg5! Ke8 17.Nh3! Δ ♘f4-h5±;

D) 10.Kd1 Nbc6 (*10...cxd4!? 11.cxd4 Nbc6=*) 11.Nf3

D1) 11...h6 12.h5 b6 (*12...Bd7*) 13.Qf4 cxd4□ (*13...Ba6? 14.dxc5 Qxf4 15.Bxf4 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 bxc5 17.Rb1±*) 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4? (*15.Qxd4!? Qd7 16.Bd3±*) 15...Ba6?! (*15...Nc6!?* Δ ♗a6) 16.Bxa6 Qxa6 17.Bb4 Ke8= 18.Kd2 Rc8 19.Rh3 Qa4 20.c3 a5 21.Bxe7 (*21.Bd6? Qb3∓*) 21...Kxe7 22.Rf3 Rhf8 23.Qg4 b5! 24.Qxg7? (*24.Rb1 Qc4!? 25.Rb2 b4! 26.axb4 a4∓; 24.Qh4+!? Kd7 25.Qh1∓*) 24...b4 25.Ke1 b3 26.Kd2∓ Rodriguez,Am-Dolmatov,S/Sochi 46/379 1988/0-1 (40);

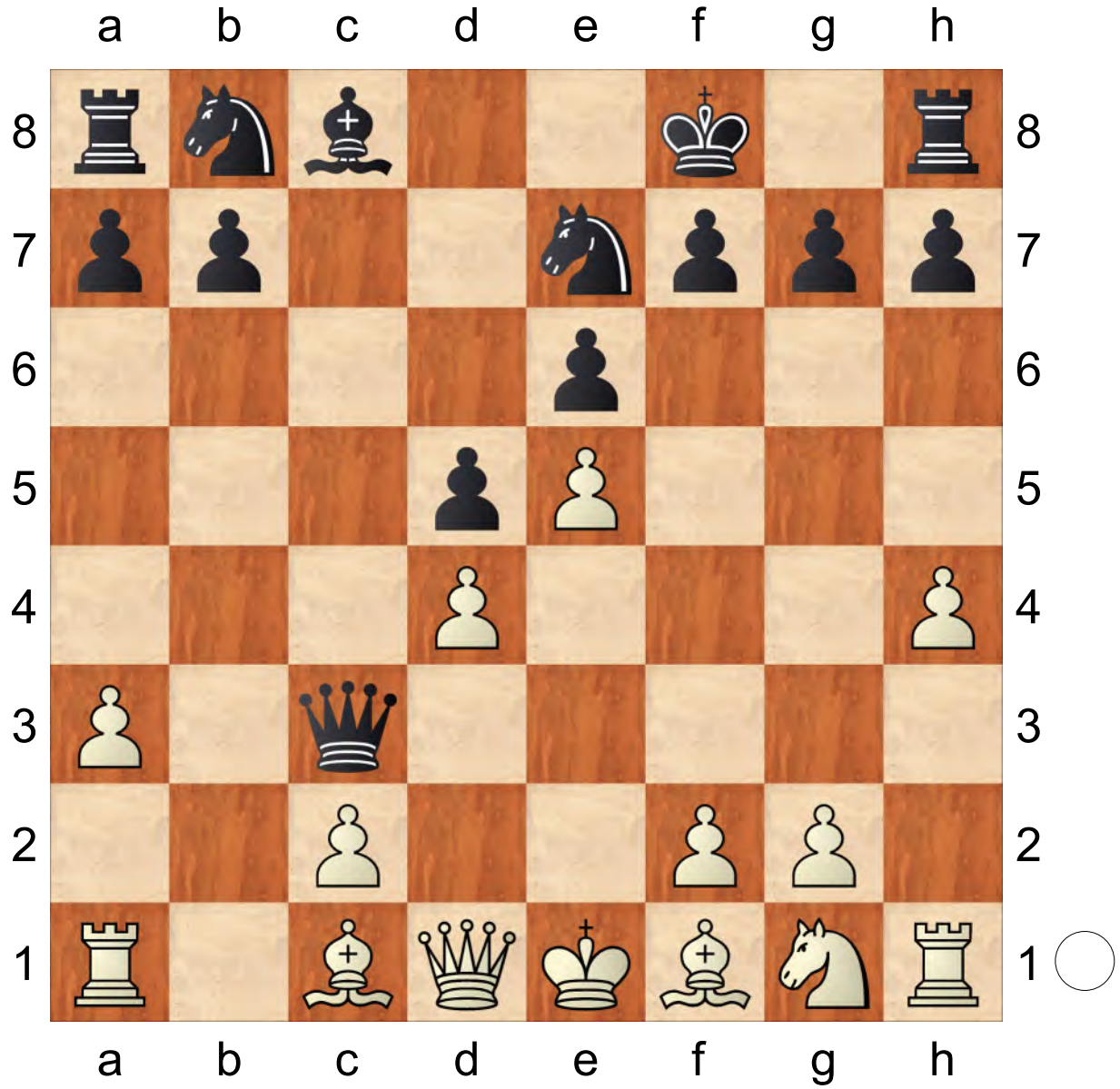
D2) 11...Bd7 12.h5 h6 13.Qf4 cxd4 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Rh3 Qa5 16.cxd4 Qa4 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.Rg3 a6 19.Rxg7 Kxg7 20.Qf6+ Kg8 21.Bxh6 Rxh6 22.Qxh6 Nf5 23.Qg5+± Vasiukov,E-Lachti/Helsinki 1956/1-0 (34)]

[8...b6 9.Rh3 (*9.h5 h6 10.a4 Ba6 11.Ba3 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 Nd7 13.Ne2 Kg8 14.Rh3 Rc8 15.Nf4 Kh7 16.Qe2 Re8 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.a5 Ne4 19.Bb4 Rc4 20.Qd3 Kg8 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 22.Ne2 bxa5 23.f3 Ng5 24.Rh1 Qb6 25.Ke1 Rec7 26.Kd2 Qf2 27.Rhg1 Rxc3* 0-1 Kalesis,N-Moutousis,K/Biel izt (09) 1993*)* 9...Ba6 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.cxd3 Nbc6 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nf5 15.Ba3+ Kg8 16.Rc1 h5 17.Qf4 Qd7 18.Ra1 Rc8 19.Kf1 Nd8 20.Bb4 Nc6 21.Ba3 Rh6 22.f3 Nd8 23.Bb4∓ Fogarasi,T-Naumkin,I/Budapest Elekes (02) 1991/0-1 (42)]

9.Qd1 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qc3+

(Diagram)

11.Bd2 Qxd4 12.Nf3 Qe4+ 13.Be2 b6



[13...Nbc6 14.h5 Nxe5 15.h6 43 Kasparov,G-Nikolic,Pr/ Paris PCA 25 / 1994/ 1-0/ EXP]

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(Diagram)

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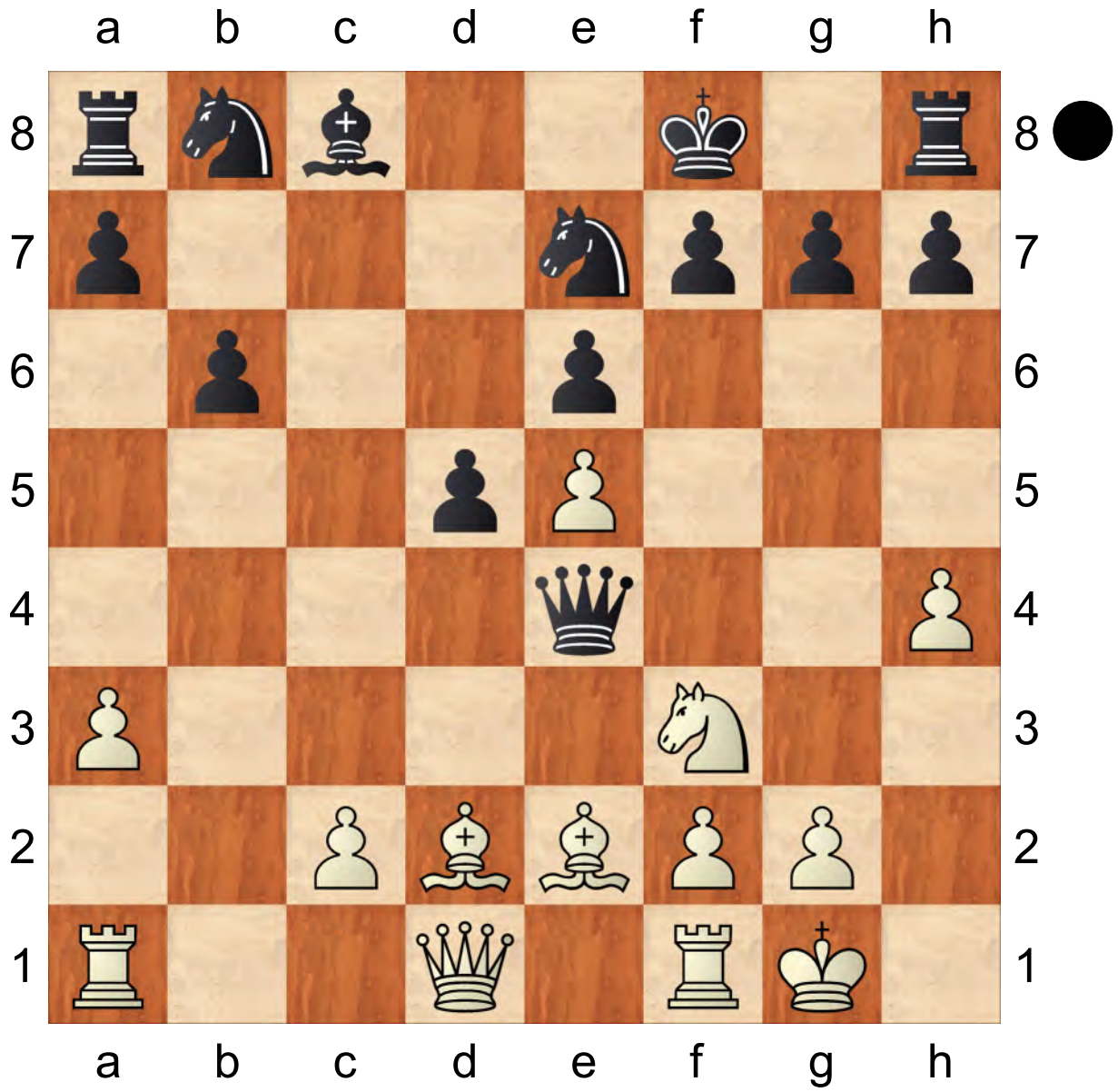
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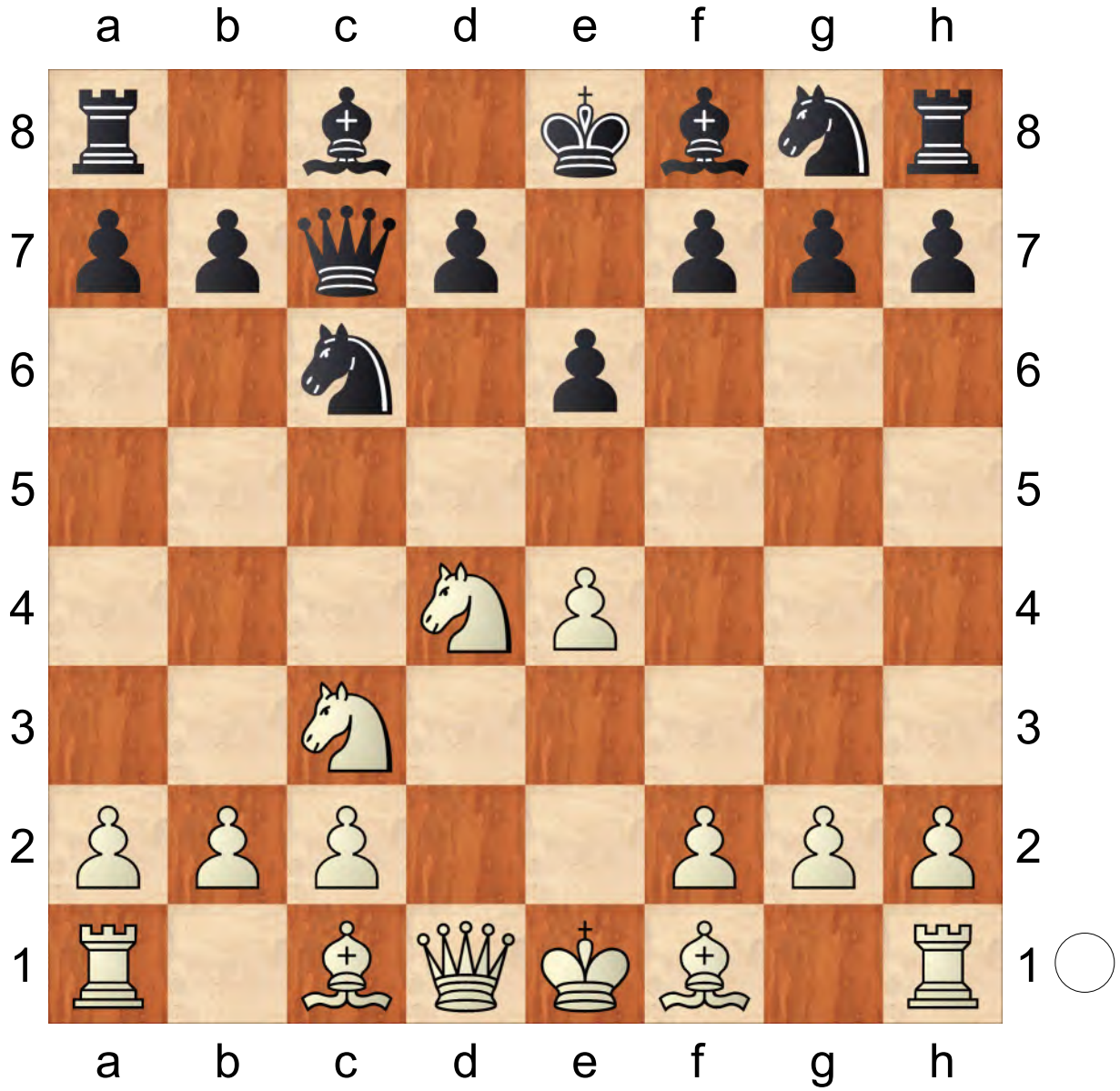
[ChessBase II]

1.e4 Ftacnik **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6**
[También se puede entrar en la variante con este orden de jugadas: 2...d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.Be3 Qc7 11.f4 a6 12.a4 b6 13.Qe1 *(13.Bf3 Rb8 14.g4 Nd7 15.g5 Re8 16.Bg2 Bf8 17.Qh5 Nb4 18.Rf2 Bb7 19.Raf1 Re7 20.Bc1 g6 21.Qh4 Nc5 22.Nd4 Bg7 23.Be3 Rbe8 24.Rd2 e5 25.fxe5 Rxe5 26.Bf4 Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Rxe4 28.Bxe4 Rxe4 29.c3 Nd5 30.Qg3 Nxf4 31.Rxf4 Be5 32.Rdf2 Bxf4 33.Rxf4 Qe7 34.Rxe4 Qxe4 35.Kf2 Kg7 36.Qxd6 Qg2+ 37.Ke1 Qxg5 38.Qxb6 Qg1+ 39.Kd2 Qxh2+ 40.Ke3 Qe5+ 41.Kd2 Qf4+ 42.Kc2 Qe4+ 43.Kd2 h5* 0-1 Ivanov,I-Yermolinsky,A/Philadelphia 1994/EXT 97 (43)*)* 13...Bb7 14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Bf3 Rfd8 17.Kh1 Rab8 18.Nd4 Bf8 19.Qg3 Re8 20.Bg1 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 e5 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.f5 Rbd8 24.Be2 c4 25.b3 cxb3 26.cxb3 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Rf1 Rd4 29.Bc4 Bxe4 30.Nxe4 Rxe4 31.Bxa6 ½-½ Brooks,M-Yermolinsky,A/Newark 1995/CBM 47 ext (31)]
3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.a4 Nc6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Kh1 Δf4,g4]
5.Nc3
[5.c4 conduce a posiciones tipo "erizo", y es la variante preferida por Karpov.]
[5.Nb5!? es la variante preferida del GM estonio Jaan Ehlvest]
5...Qc7

(Diagram)

6.Be2 a6 7.a4 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nb3
[Probablemente sea mejor quitar el rey de la diagonal g1-a7, y mantener de momento el caballo en d4: 9.Kh1 0-0 10.f4 d6 11.Be3 Re8 12.Bf3 Bf8 *(12...Rb8 13.Qd2 Na5 14.b3 Rd8 15.Ncb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Qc6 17.Qxa5 Nxe4 18.Bb6* 1-0 Asrian,K-Pelletier,Y/Stepanakert 2004/CBM 100 (18)*; 12...Na5 13.g4 Nc4 14.Bc1 Bf8 15.g5 Nd7 16.Bg2 Rb8 17.Rf3 g6 18.b3 Na5 19.Bb2 b6 20.Nce2 e5 21.Rc3 Nc5 22.Nf3 Nc6 23.Re3 exf4 24.Nxf4 Be6 25.b4 Nd7 26.Rc3 Bg7 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Nde5 29.Qf2 Qe7 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 Na5 32.Rf1 Nac4 33.Ba1 Ra8 34.Rg3 Ra2 35.Bd4 Na3 36.Nxe6 fxe6 37.Bxe5 dxe5 38.Qxb6 Nxc2 39.Qf2 Rf8 40.Rf3 Rxf3 41.Bxf3 Nb4 42.Qb6 Nd3 43.Bg4 Kg7 44.Qxe6 Nf2+ 45.Kg1 Qxg5 46.Qxa2 Nxg4 47.Qf7+ Kh6 48.Qf8+ Kh5 49.Qf3 Qd2 50.Qh3+ Kg5 51.Qg2 Qd4+ 52.Kh1 Kh5 53.Qh3+ Kg5 54.Qg2 Kh5 55.h3 Ne3 56.Qf3+ Kh6 57.Re1 Nc4 58.Qf8+ Kh5*



59.Qf3+ Kh6 60.h4 Qd7 61.Rd1 Qe6 62.Kh2 Kg7 63.Ra1 1-0 Leitao,R-Vasquez,R/Santiago 2004/CBM 100 (63)*)* 13.Qd2 *(13.Nb3!?* - Tiviakov- Shipov, Port Erin 1999*)* 13...Na5 14.b3!?N Ftacnik Brave novelty in a well known position, this move was cosidered dubious on the base of the flawed analyses.

A) 14...Rb8 15.Rad1 *(15.f5 Nc6 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Rad1 Ne5 19.Be2 Bd7 20.Nf3 Nf7 21.e5 dxe5 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxd7 Qxc3 24.Qd3 Qb4 25.Qe3 e4 26.Nd4 Rbd8* ½-½ Hossain,E-Goloshchapov,A/Dhaka 2003/CBM 95 (26)*; 15.Nde2 b6 16.Qe1 Nc6 17.Qf2 Nb4 18.Na2 Nxa2 19.Rxa2 Nd7 20.Bd4 Bb7 21.Ba1 Nc5 22.Qe3 Rbc8 23.Rd1 Qb8 24.Ng3 Qa8 25.c4 Bc6 26.Re2 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bd4* ½-½ Dolmatov,S-Kurnosov,I/Istanbul 2003/CBM 96 (28)*)* 15...b6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7 18.Bf4 Nxe5 19.Qe3 f6 20.Ne4 Bc5 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Ne2 c4 23.Qc3 Bb7 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Qxe5 fxe5 26.Bxb7 Rxb7 27.Rd6 cxb3 28.cxb3 Nxb3 ½-½ Jansa,

V-Stohl,I/Germany 2003/CBM 95 (28);

B) 14...d5 15.e5

B1) 15...Bb4 Ftacnik

B1a) 16.Ncb5 Bxd2 *(16...axb5 17.Qxb4 Ne4 18.axb5+-)* 17.Nxc7 Bxe3 18.exf6 Bxd4 19.Rad1±;

B1b) 16.Nde2 Ne4 17.Nxd5 exd5 *(17...Nxd2 18.Nxc7 Nxf1 19.Rxf1+-)* 18.Qxb4±;

B2) 15...Nd7 16.Nce2 f6? Black is too vulnerable with his uncoordinated pieces, now the game will be over in a few moves. *(16...Bc5* Ftacnik *17.Rfd1 b6 18.Qc3 Ra7 19.b4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Nc4 21.a5±)* 17.Nxe6! Rxe6 18.Bxd5 Nc5 *(18...Nxe5* Ftacnik *19.Nd4+-)* 19.f5 Qxe5 *(19...fxe5* Ftacnik *20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.b4+-)* 20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.fxe6 Nc6 *(21...Bxe6* Ftacnik *22.Bxe6+ Qxe6 23.Qxa5+-)* 22.e7+ Be6 *(22...Kh8* Ftacnik *23.Bxc6+-)* 23.Bxc6 1-0 Navara,D-Pedersen,S/Morso 2002/CBM 88/[Ftacnik] (23) *(23.Bxc6* Ftacnik *bxc6 24.Qd8++-)*]

9...0-0 10.Be3 b6

(Diagram)

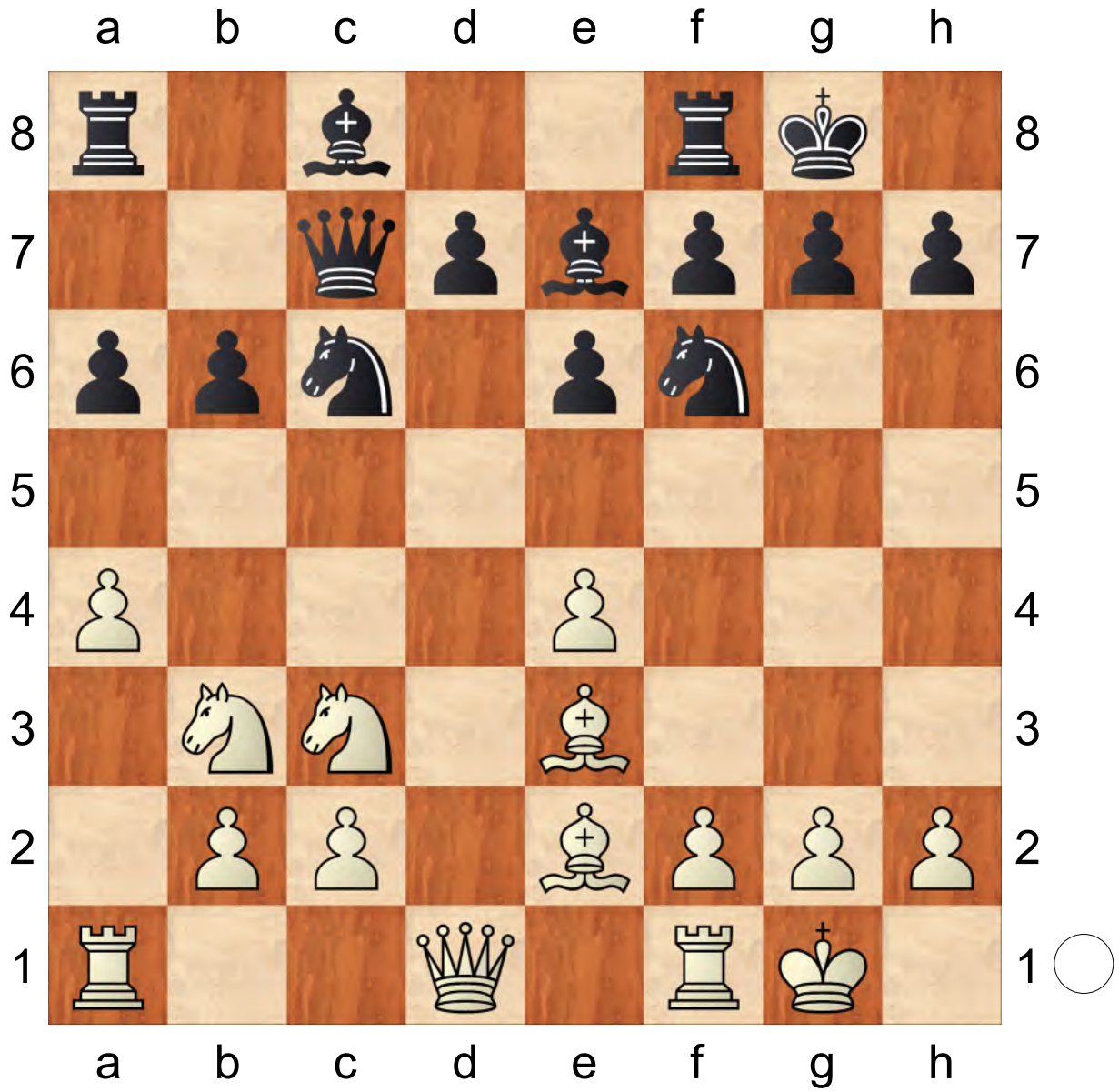
11.f4 d6 12.Bf3

[12.Qe1 Nd7 13.Nd4 ½-½ Ricardi,P-Panno,O/Buenos Aires 1999/CBM 74 (13)]

[12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Qf3 Nb4 14.Nd4 g6 15.Rad1 e5 16.Nde2 d5 17.fxe5 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Qxe5 19.Qxf6 Nxd3 20.Bd4 Bxf6 21.Nxf6+ Kg7 22.Nd7 Qxd4+ 23.Nxd4 Nxb2 24.Rb1 Rfd8 25.Ne5 Rxd4 26.Rxf7+ Kh6 27.Rxb7 Nxa4 28.Rb3 Rd1+ 29.Kf2 Rd2+ 30.Kg3 Nc5 31.Ng4+ Kg5 32.Re7 Rxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Nxb3 34.Kg3 Kf5 35.Re5# 1-0 Savon,V-Polugaevsky,L/Leningrad 1971/URS-ch (35)]

12...Bb7

[12...Rb8 13.g4 *(13.Qe2 Re8 14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Be2 Nb4 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Nd2 Rbc8 18.Nc4 Nc5 19.e5 Nd5 20.exd6 Bxd6 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Bd4 Nxa4 24.Bd3 Nc5 25.Bf5 Ne6 26.Bxb6 d4 27.Ba5 Qd5 28.Bxe6 Rxe6 29.f5 Re4 30.Qd2 Rce8 31.Rf2 R8e5 32.Bc7 Rxf5 33.Rxf5 Qxf5 34.Bg3 Qd5 35.Rf1 h6 36.Rf2 f5 37.h3 Kh7 38.Kh2 Qb5 39.h4 Qd5 40.Re2 Bc6 41.Rf2 a5 42.b3 a4 43.bxa4 Bxa4 44.Qd3 Bb5 45.Qf3 Bd7 46.Bf4 Qe6 47.Bg3 Qe7 48.Rd2 Rxh4+ 49.Kg1 Re4 50.Bf2 Qe5 51.Qd1 Ba4 52.Qa1 Qe8 53.Rxd4 Bxc2 54.Qc3 Qe5 55.Qc4 Rxd4 56.Qxd4 Qe2 57.Qe3 Qd1+ 58.Qe1 Qg4 59.Qe5 Be4 60.Qg3 Qd1+ 61.Kh2 Qd5 62.Be1 f4 63.Qxf4 Bxg2 64.Bc3 Be4 65.Qg3 Qh5+ 66.Kg1 Qd1+ 67.Kf2 Qc2+ 68.Kg1 g5 69.Qc7+ Kg6 70.Qg7+ Kh5 71.Qf7+ Kg4 72.Qd7+* ½-½ Shevelev,A-Avrukh,B/Israel 1999/EXT 2000 (72)*)* 13...Nd7 14.g5 Re8 15.Bg2 Bf8 16.Qh5 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.f5 Nde5 19.Rf4 g6 20.Qe2 Qb7 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Na5 Nxa5 23.Rxa5 Bd7 24.Ra7 Qc6 25.Na2 Nc4 26.Nb4 Qc8 27.Nd3 Nxe3 28.Qxe3 Be7 29.Rf2 Rb7 30.Rxb7 Qxb7 31.h4 Bc6 32.Kh2 Bd8 33.Rf1 Bb6 34.Qf4 Qe7 35.e5



Bxg2 36.Kxg2 Bc7 37.exd6 Bxd6 38.Qe4 Rc8 39.Nf4 Rc4 40.Qxe6+ Qxe6 41.Nxe6 Rxc2+ 42.Kf3 Kf7 43.Nd4 Rxb2 44.Ke4+ Ke7 45.Ra1 Bc5 46.Nf3 Bf2 47.Ra8 Kd6 48.Rd8+ Kc7 49.Rh8 Re2+ 50.Kd5 Re7 51.Rf8 Rd7+ 52.Ke6 b4 53.Rf4 Rd6+ 54.Kf7 b3 55.Rc4+ Rc6 56.Rb4 Rb6 57.Rxb6 Kxb6 58.Nd2 Bxh4 59.Nxb3 Bxg5 60.Nd4 Be3 61.Ne2 g5 62.Ng3 Kc6 63.Kg7 Bf4 64.Kf6 Kd5 65.Kf5 h6 66.Ne4 Kd4 67.Nf6 Be5 68.Ne4 ½-½ Becerra Rivero,J-Arencibia,W/Havana 1999/CBM 71 (68)]

13.Qe1?!

[13.Rf2!? Rab8 14.Rd2 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.Nd1 Rbc8 17.Nf2 Nc5 18.Nc1 Bf6 ½-½ Campora,D-Fiorito,F/Pinamar 2002/CBM 88 (18)]

[13.Qe2!? Nd7 14.Rfd1 Rab8 15.g3 Rfd8 16.Bg2 Nc5 17.Nd4 Bf6 18.f5 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Nd7 20.Qf2 Bc6 21.g4 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Ne5 23.h3 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.f6 Be8 26.fxg7 b4 27.Nd1 Qc5 28.b3 Ra8 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Rd2

Ra1 31.Kh2 Qxf2 32.Nxf2 Rc1 33.Kg3 Kxg7 34.Kf4 h6 35.Nd1 Kf6 36.Ne3 Ke7 37.Bf1 Bd7 38.h4 Ra1 39.g5 Ng6+ 40.Kg4 hxg5 41.Kxg5 Ne5 42.Kf4 f6 43.h5 Nf7 44.Kg3 Ra8 45.Rd4 Rg8+ 46.Kf2 Rb8 47.Be2 Ng5 48.Bf3 Nxf3 49.Kxf3 Rh8 50.Rxb4 Rxh5 51.Rb7 Kd8 52.Rb8+ Bc8 53.Nc4 Kc7 54.Ra8 d5 55.exd5 exd5 56.Na5 Rh2 57.c3 Rh3+ 58.Kf4 ½-½ De Firmian,N-Kasparov, G/New York 1995/CBM 47 ext (58)]

13...Rfe8 14.g4

[14.Qf2

A) 14...Nd7 15.g4 *(15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Rd2 Bf6 17.Nd4 Na5 18.Be2 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.f5 Qc7 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Qg3 Kh8 23.Rdf2 Nc5 24.Qg4 Qe7 25.Rf3 Nd7 26.Rh3 Ne5 27.Qh5 g6 28.Qe2 Rc8 29.Kh1 Nc4 30.Qf2 Bg7 31.Qg3 Nxe3 32.Qxe3 Rc4 33.Nde2 b5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Nf4 Kg8 36.Qe2 Bxc3 37.bxc3 Rxe4 38.Qxb5 Rf8 39.Rhf3 Re5 40.Qd3 Bxf3 41.Qxf3 g5* 0-1 Freiknecht,H-Koscielski,J/Dortmund 2001/EXT 2002 (41)*)* 15...Rac8 16.g5 Bf8 17.h4 Nb4 18.h5 g6 19.h6 d5 20.Rac1 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Nd5 22.Bd2 f5 23.gxf6 N5xf6 24.Nxf6+ Nxf6 25.Bc3 Bxf3 26.Bxf6 Ba8 27.Kh2 Bxh6 28.Be5 Qe7 29.Nd4 Rf8 30.Qg3 Bd5 31.c3 Bg7 32.Bxg7 Qxg7 33.Qh3 Rce8 34.Rce1 e5 35.fxe5 Rxf1 36.Rxf1 Qxe5+ 37.Qg3 Qh5+ 38.Qh3 Qxh3+ 39.Kxh3 Kg7 40.Rf2 h5 41.Rd2 Re3+ 42.Kh2 Be4 0-1 Lundquist,R-Poluljahov,A/Gausdal 1994/EXT 97 (42);

B) 14...Bd8 15.Rfd1 Nd7 16.Rd2 Be7 17.Rad1 Rab8 18.Ne2 Red8 19.Nc3 Ba8 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qe2 Bc6 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.exd5 Nf8 26.Ra1 Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Qxb5 Rb8 29.Qc6 Qa5 30.Qc3 Qa1+ 31.Rd1 Qa4 32.b3 Qb5 33.Ra1 exd5 34.Ra5 Qd7 35.Bxd5 Ne6 36.Bxe6 fxe6 37.Ra7 Rb7 38.Ra8+ Bf8 39.Qc8 Qf7 40.Qc6 Qd7 41.Qxd7 Rxd7 42.Rb8 Kf7 43.b4 e5 44.fxe5 dxe5 45.Bxe5 Rd1+ 46.Kf2 Rd2+ 47.Kf3 Rxc2 48.b5 Rc4 49.b6 Rb4 50.Rxf8+ 1-0 Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son-Chiu,H/Singapore 2002 (50)]

[14.Rd1

A) 14...Rac8 15.Rd2 Bf8 16.Qf2 Nd7 17.Rfd1 Red8 18.Qh4 Nb4 19.g4 Qb8 20.Nd4 Nc5 21.Rg2 Rd7 22.g5 Qa8 23.f5 exf5 24.Nxf5 Re8 25.Rg3 Qd8 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Ng4 Re6 28.Bd4 Kg8 29.Nf6+ Rxf6 30.gxf6 g6 31.Rh3 h6 32.Be3 Nxc2 33.Bxh6 Bxh6 34.Qxh6 Qxf6 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Rd2 Nd4 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Bg4 Rd8 39.Qh7+ Kf8 40.Rf2 Qg7 41.Qh8+ Qxh8 42.Rxh8+ Ke7 43.Rxf7+ Kxf7 44.Rxd8 Bxe4 45.Rxd6 1-0 Capitaine,A-Moltchanov,R/Avoine 2000 (45);

B) 14...Rad8 15.Kh1 Nd7 16.Qg3 Bf6 17.Rd2 Nc5 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.Ne2 Na5 20.b3 d5 21.e5 Be7 22.Rdd1 Rd7 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.Ng3 Nc6 25.Nh5 Rg8 26.Be2 Qd8 27.Bd3 g6 28.Nf6 Bxf6 29.exf6 d4 30.Bf2 Qxf6 31.Bh4 Qg7 32.Qg5 f5 33.Bc4 h6 34.Qf6 g5 35.fxg5 Qxf6 36.gxf6 Ne5 37.Bg3 Nxc4 38.bxc4 Be4 39.Rf2 Kh7 40.Rb1 d3 41.cxd3 Rxd3 42.Rc1 Kg6 43.Be5 Rgd8 44.Kg1 Rd1+ 45.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 46.Rf1 Rxf1+ 47.Kxf1 Bd3+ 48.Kf2 Bxc4 49.a5 ½-½ Roskar,R-Kragelj,I/Bled 1998/EXT 2000 (49);

C) 14...Nd7 15.Qg3 Bf8 16.Rf2! ΔTf1, ΔTd2 Nc5 17.f5 Δ18.Sc5 bc 19.Lc5, Δ18.f6 g6 19.Dh4 Ne5 *(⌓17...Nxb3; ⌓17...Nxb3)* 18.Nd4! Δ19.f6 g6 20.Dh4 ΔLh6xf8, ΔDh6 Kh8 19.Bg5 Be7 20.Bh5 Δ21.fe Qd8 *(20...Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bxe4 22.fxe6±)* 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 *(21...Qxe7 22.fxe6 Nxe6 23.Nf5 ΔSd6)* 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Nf3!

C1) 23...Qc7 24.Rxd6 *(24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.Rdf1)* 24...Qxd6 25.Nxe5 Qc7 26.Rf7 Rg8 27.Rxe7 Qxe7 28.Nf7+ Qxf7 29.Bxf7+-;

C2) 23...Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 e5 25.Rfd2 Re6 *(25...Rd7 26.Bg4)* 26.b4! Nd7 *(26...Rg6 27.Qxe5!)* 27.Bg4 Rf6 28.Rxd6 1-0 Levenfish,G-Makogonov,V/Tbilisi 1937/EXT 2000/[Ftacnik] (28);

D) 14...Rab8 15.Qg3 Nd7 16.Nd4 Bf8 17.f5 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 e5 19.Be3 Bc6 20.Be2 Nf6 21.Bd3 Qb7 22.Bg5 Be7 23.Bh6 Bf8 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.exd5 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.Qg5 Qxd5 28.Rf3 Qd4+ 29.Re3 Ng4 30.f6 Qxe3+ 31.Qxe3 Nxe3 32.Bxe3 gxf6 33.b3 d5 34.Be2 d4 35.Bf2 f5 36.g3 Bh6 37.Kg2 Rec8 0-1 Peter,J-Kordts,W/Miercurea Ciuc 1999 (37)]

[14.Qg3 e5 15.f5 Nb8 16.Qf2 Nbd7 17.g4 d5 18.exd5 e4 19.Nxe4 Nxd5 20.Bd4 Nf4 21.Kh1 Bh4 22.Qxh4 Rxe4 23.c3 Rae8 24.Qg3 Re2 25.Nc1 Rg2 26.Bxg2 Bxg2+ 27.Kg1 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 Qc4+ 29.Kf2 Re4 30.Qf3 Qd5 31.Na2 Re2+ 32.Kg3 Rg2+ 33.Kxf4 Qd6+ 34.Ke4 Qc6+ 35.Ke3 Qh6+ 36.Kd3 Qd2+ 37.Kc4 Qxb2 38.Nb4 Qxa1 39.Qxg2 Qxa4 40.Qc6 b5+ 41.Kd5 Qb3+ 42.Kd6 Nf8 43.Qe8 Qa3 44.Bc5 Qxc3 45.Nd5 Qd2 46.Kc6 1-0 Sebag,M-Bellaiche,A/Avignon 1999/[Bois-Colombes - Paris AECE] (46)]

14...Nb4

[14...Nd7!? 15.Qg3 Nc5 16.Qf2 Rac8 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Ne2 Nb4 19.Ng3 d5 20.Qd2 Red8 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Qf2 c4 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Ne4 Qc6 25.Qf3 Rd7 26.Nd2 Bc5 27.Rae1 Rxd2 0-1 Munoz Perez,M-Lorenzini,M/San Sebastian 1996/EXT 2001 (27)]

15.Qf2 Nd7

(Diagram)

16.a5 b5 17.Rfd1 Bf8 18.Rd2 Rac8 19.Rad1 Qb8 20.Kg2 Qa8

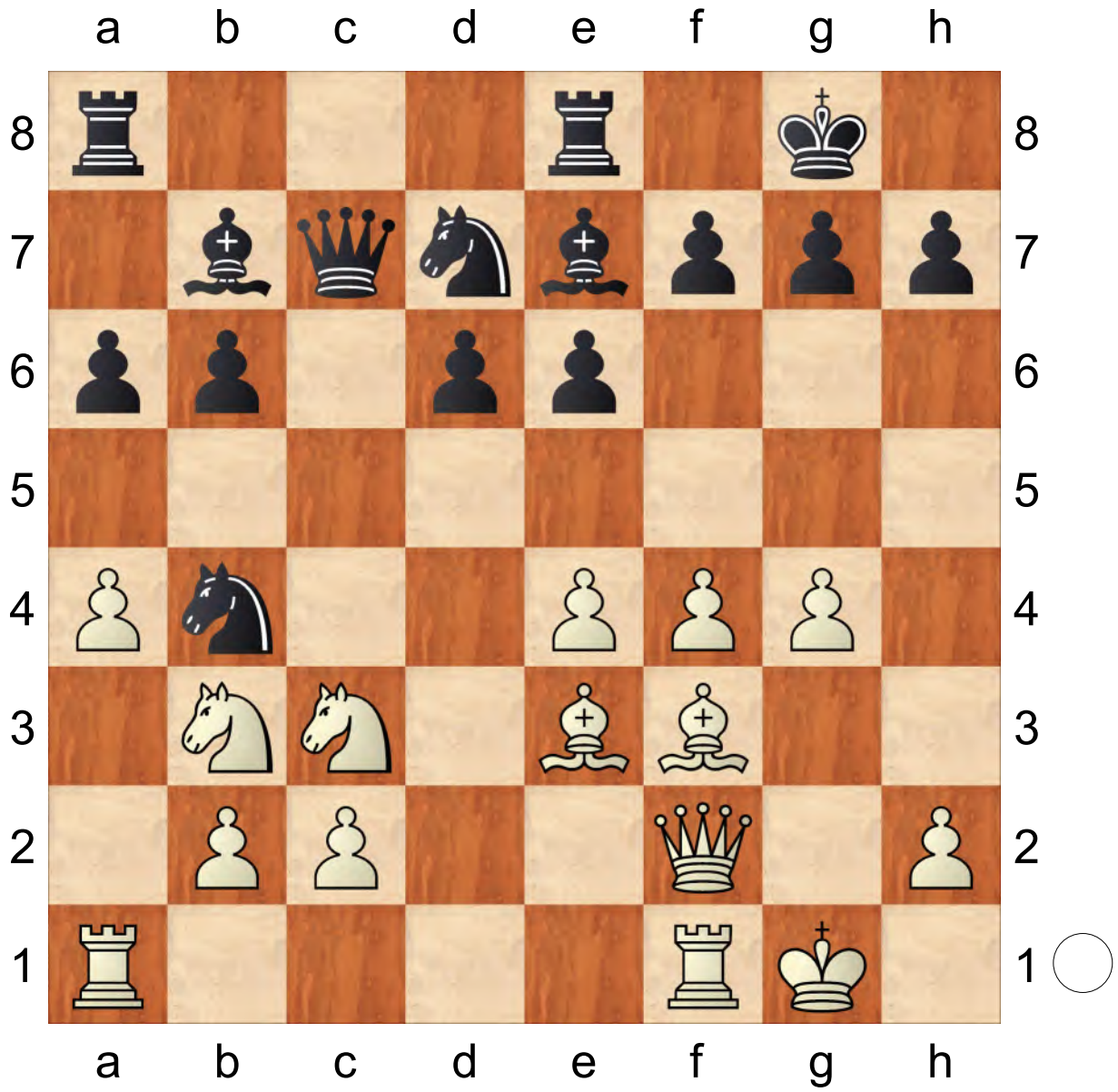
(Diagram)

21.Rc1 Nf6 22.Rd4 Nc6 23.Rdd1 Nb8 24.Nd2 b4 25.Na2 d5

(Diagram)

26.e5 Ne4 27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Be2 Nc6 29.Qe1 Nxa5 30.Nxb4 Nc4

(Diagram)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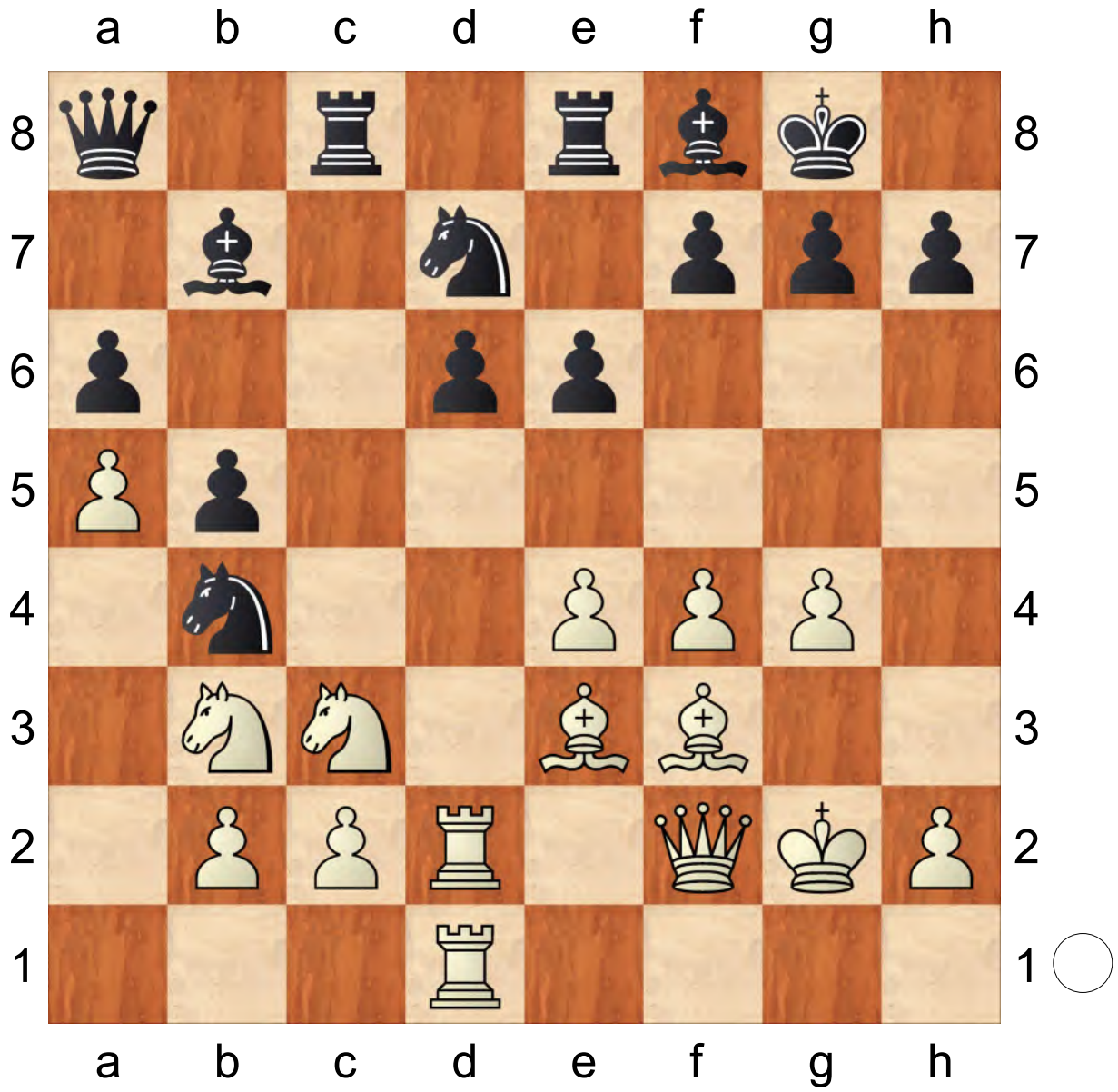
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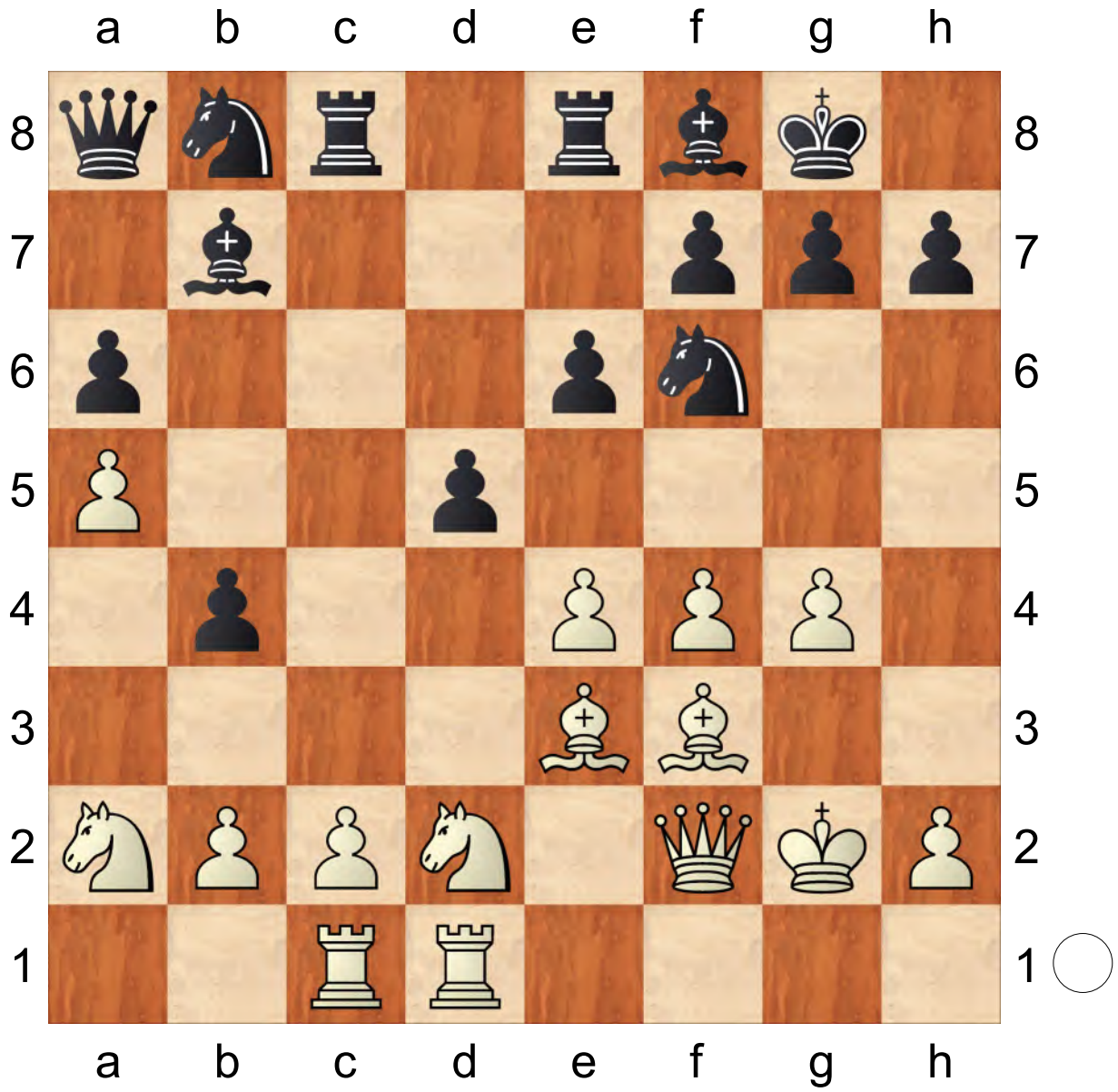
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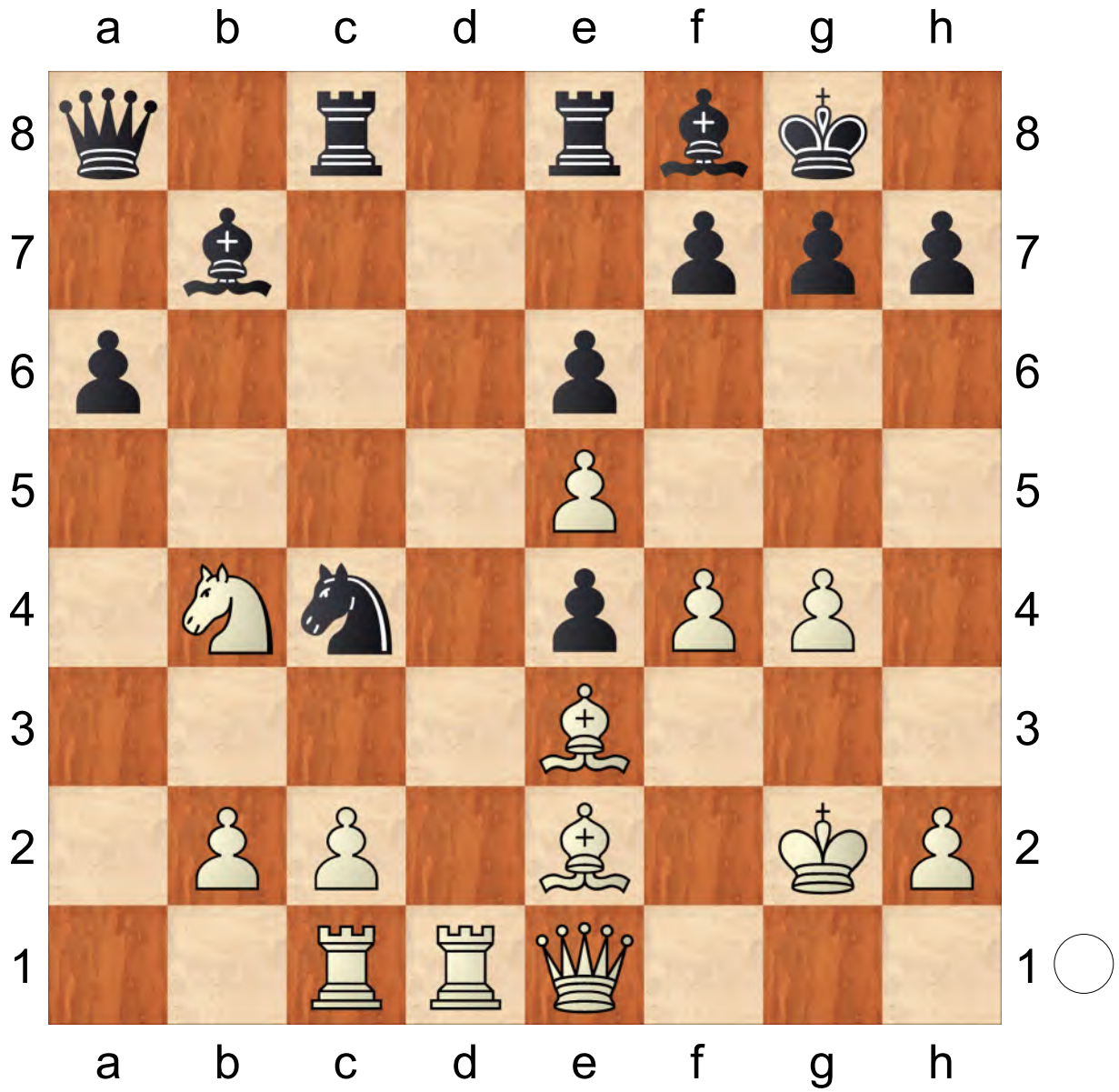

31.Bd4 e3+ 32.Kg3 a5 33.Nd3 Red8 34.c3 Ba6 35.Bf3 Qb8

(Diagram)

36.Rc2 Nd2 37.Qxe3 Nxf3 38.Qxf3?
[38.Kxf3±]
38...Rxd4 39.Nc5 Rxd1

(Diagram)

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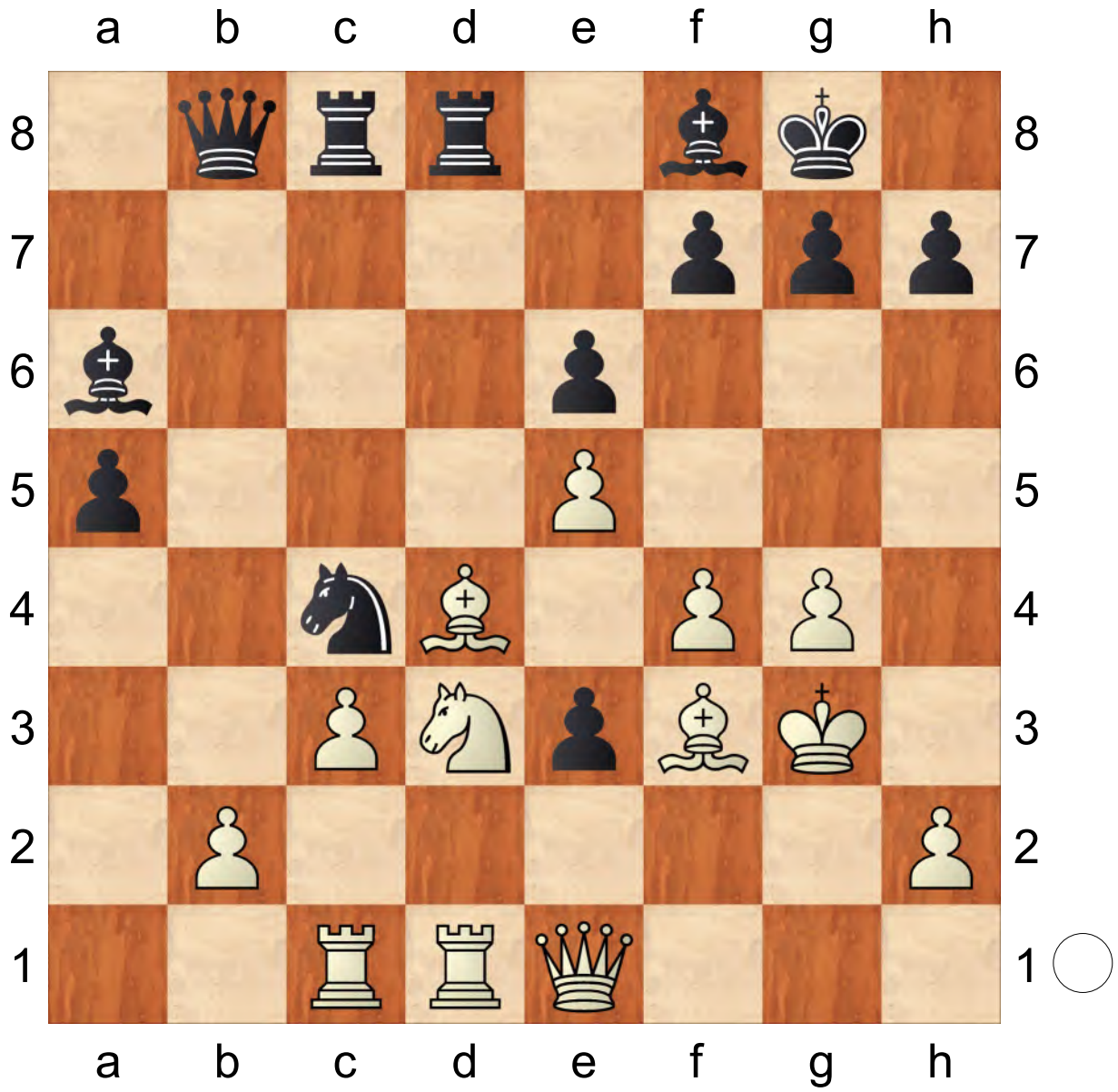
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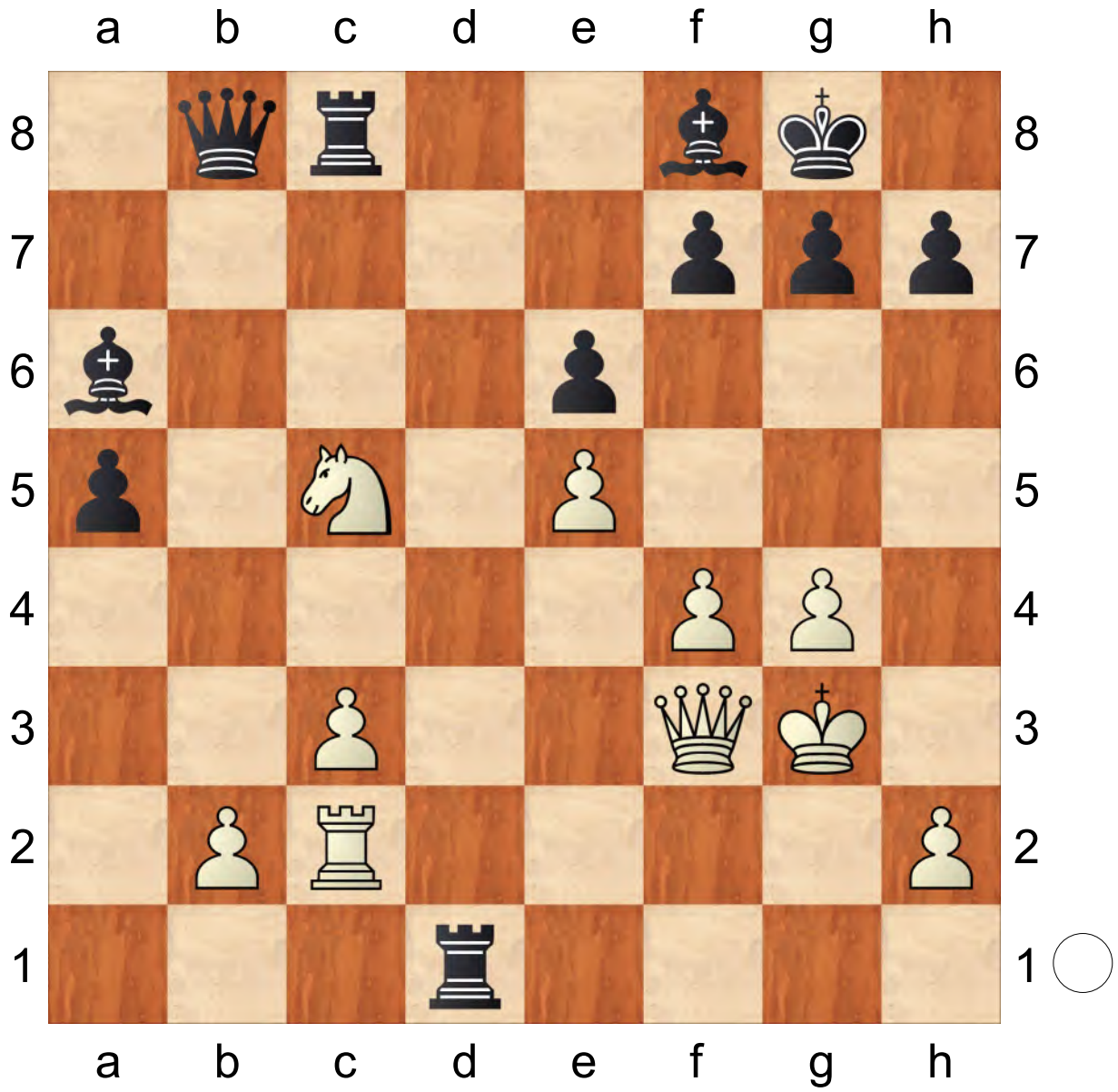
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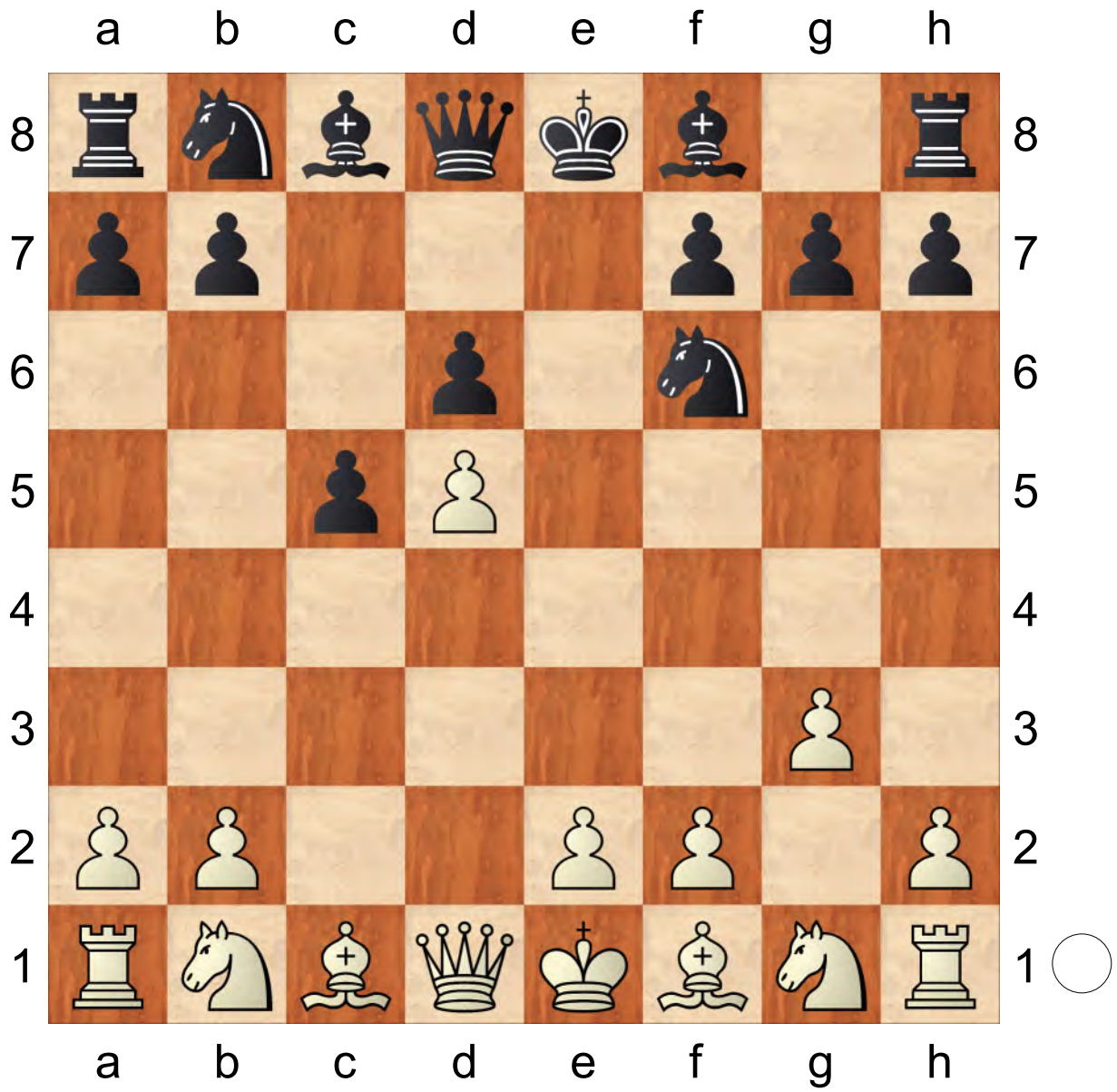
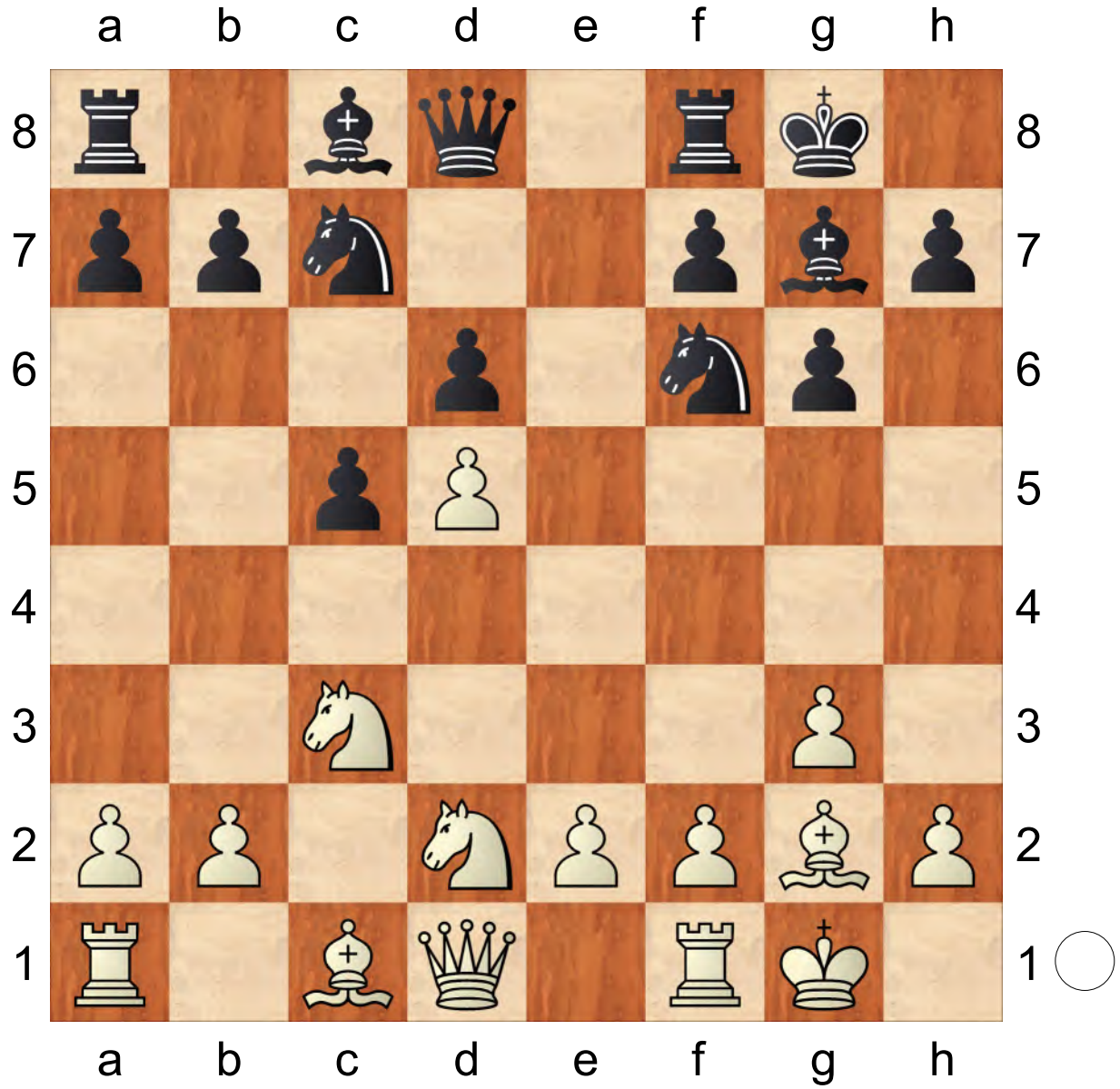
1.d4 Kapengut Hecht **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 Less popular than the reflex Benoni plan of Nbd7, Re8 and a6, though it is also very respectable. **10.Nd2 Nc7**

(Diagram)



11.Nc4 Nh5!? More active plan than

[11...Nfe8 Full survey of this line you can find in CBM64 (Mikhalevski,V-Sakaev,K/Beer-Sheva-St. Petersburg,1998)]

[11...Re8]

[11...Rb8]

[11...b5?! The history of this variation has begun since the game of the annotator against his famous teacher in 1961. 12.Nxd6! Qxd6 *(12...b4 13.Nce4 Nfxd5 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.Nxc5 Qe7 16.Ne4 h6 17.Qb3 Rfd8 18.Rd1 Kh7 19.h4 f5 20.Bg5 hxg5 21.Nxg5+ Kh8 22.Bxd5+-* Beil,Z-Tokaji Nagy,Gy/VI."Elekes" "A" Budapest 1981 *)* 13.Bf4

A) 13...Qd8?! 14.d6 Ne6 15.Bxa8 Nxf4 16.gxf4 b4 17.Na4 Bd7 18.Bg2 Qa5 19.b3 Nh5 20.Rc1 Bxa4 21.bxa4 Nxf4 22.Rc4 Be5 23.Re4 f6 24.e3 Nxg2 25.Kxg2 Qd8 26.Qd5+ Kg7 27.f4+- Dusa,D-Taborsky,R/Pardubice

Komercni Banka op 1996;

B) 13...Qb6?! 14.d6

B1) 14...Rd8? 15.dxc7!! This magnificent move Boleslavsky had found out before our game! *(15.Qc1 Rxd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Bxa8 Nxa8 18.Rd1 Qc6 19.Rd8+ Bf8 20.Qh6 Ne8 21.Qe3 Bb7 22.f3 Nac7 23.Rad1 Ne6⩲* Le Bideau,A-Lupu,S/Val Maubuee op 1990*)* 15...Rxd1 16.Rfxd1 Bb7 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Rd8+ Ne8 19.Rad1 Bd4 *(19...Bf6 20.Rb8 Qc8 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Nxb5 a6 23.Na7 Rxc7 24.Bxc7 Nxc7* 1-0 Boleslavsky,I-Kapengut,A/Minsk 1961 *)* 20.Rb8 Qc6 21.Nd5!+-;

B2) 14...Nh5 15.dxc7 Nxf4 16.Bxa8 Bh3 Kotkov,Y 17.gxf4 Bxf1 18.Nd5 Qe6 19.f5!+-;

B3) 14...Bb7 15.Bxb7 *(15.dxc7 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qc6+ 17.Kg1 b4 18.Qa4 Qe6 19.Nb5 Qh3 20.f3 Nd5 21.Nd6 Nxc7 22.Be3 Ne6⇄* Nielsen,Be-Jensen,O/Taastrup 25' 1997*)* 15...Qxb7 *(15...Rad8 16.Bf3 Nce8 17.Qb3 a6 18.e4! c4 19.Qb4 Nd7 20.Nd5 Qc5 21.Qxc5 Nxc5 22.e5* +- Vladimirov,E-Kristiansen/FRA 1974*)* 16.dxc7 b4 17.Na4 Nd5 18.Nxc5 Qc6 19.Nd3 Nxf4 20.Nxf4 Qxc7**⩲** Relic,R-Stankovic,M/JUG-chTW Niksic 1997;

B4) 14...Ne6 15.Bxa8 Nxf4 16.gxf4

B4a) 16...Bh3 17.Bg2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rd8 *(18...Qc6+ 19.Kg1 b4 20.d7 Rd8 21.Na4 g5 22.Qc2 Ne4 23.Rac1 Bd4 24.f5 g4 25.Rcd1 Ng5 26.Rd3 Nh3+ 27.Rxh3 gxh3 28.e4 Rxd7 29.Rd1 Qd6 30.Kh1 Qf4∓* Wallach-Burke/Midwest Masters VI 1988*)* 19.e3**⩲** *(19.Qb3 Qc6+ 20.f3 b4 21.Qa4 Rxd6 22.Qxc6 Rxc6 23.Nd1 Nd5 24.Kg3 Bh6 25.e3 c4⩱* Derieux,C-Moulain,J/Paris-ch 1992 *)*;

B4b) 16...Rd8 17.Bg2**⩲** *(17.Qd2 Bh3 18.Bg2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 b4 20.Nd5 Qb7 21.e4 Nxe4 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Qd5 Qxd5 24.Nxd5 Bxb2 25.Rad1 Nxd6⩱* Gerber,R-Anastasian,A/Candas op 1996*)* 17...Rxd6 *(17...Bb7?! 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qc2 Nh5 20.Qe4 Qd7 21.Qf3+-* Despotovic-Waisse/Dresden 1969 *)*

B4b1) 18.Qb3 a6 19.Rad1 Be6 20.Qc2 c4 21.e3 h5 22.Rxd6 Qxd6 23.Rd1 Qc5 24.Rd8+ Kh7 25.Qd2 b4 26.Ne2 Qa5 Lapienis,D-Konstantinov,A/Novosibirsk 1962 27.a3**⩲**;

B4b2) 18.Qc1 Be6 19.Rd1 b4 20.Na4 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Qc7 22.a3!

B4b21) 22...Qxf4?! 23.Nxc5 Ng4 24.Qd8+ Bf8 25.Nxe6 Qxf2+ *(25...Qxh2+ 26.Kf1 fxe6 27.Qg5 Ne5 28.axb4+-)* 26.Kh1 fxe6 27.Rf1 Qc5 28.Qh4**⩲**;

B4b22) 22...b3!? Renet,O;

B4b23) 22...a5 23.axb4 axb4 24.Qd2 Bf8 25.e3 Kg7 26.Qd3 c4 27.Qd4 Qa5 28.Qe5 Verat,L-Haik,A/FRA Cup Monaco 1999 Qxe5 29.fxe5 Ng4**⩲**;

B4b3) 18.Qc2 Rd4 19.e3 *(19.e4!⩲* Atalik,S *)* 19...Bf5 20.Qc1 *(20.e4!⩲)* 20...Rd7 21.Rd1 Bd3?! *(21...c4!⩲* **Δ**♗d3 *)* 22.a4! *(22.Nd5?*

Nxd5 23.Rxd3 Nxf4!) 22...b4 23.a5 Qd6 *(23...Qe6? 24.Na4!+- ΔNe4 25.f3; 23...Qb8 24.Na4±; 23...Qd8 24.Na4±; 23...Qc7 24.Nd5!±)* 24.Nb5!± Gleizerov,E-Gerber,R/Geneve 2002 Inf 84/35;

C) 13...Qd7 14.d6 Ne6 15.Bxa8 Nxf4 16.gxf4

C1) 16...b4

C1a) 17.Nd5 Qxd6 18.e3 Ba6 19.Nxb4!? Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 cxb4 ½-½ Weemaes,R-Polaczek,R/BEL jub50 corr 1991 Δ21.Bf3 Ne8 22.Rd2 Bc4 23.Be2 Be6 24.a3 b3 25.Rc1⩱ Weemaes/Delabie;

C1b) 17.Na4 Qg4+!? *(17...Ba6? 18.Nxc5 Qg4+ 19.Bg2 Bxe2 20.f3+-)* 18.Bg2 Bb7 19.e4 Qxf4 20.Qf3 Qxd6 21.e5 Bxf3 22.exd6 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Ne4⩱ Weemaes/Delabie;

C1c) 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Qg4+ 19.Bg2 Bb7 20.e4 Qxf4 21.Qc1! Qg4 *(Δ21...Qxd6? 22.e5! Qc7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qxc5 Qf3 25.Qd4!+-)* 22.h3 Qh5 23.a3!± Be5 24.axb4 Bxd6 25.Qd1 Qe5 26.f4 Qe7 27.e5+- Nikolic,P-Pliester,L/Lugano op 1986;

C2) 16...Qg4+ 17.Bg2

C2a) 17...Bb7 18.e4! Qxf4 19.Qf3 *(19.Ne2 Qh4 20.f3 Nh5 21.Qd2 f5 22.exf5 Rxf5 23.d7 Rf8 24.f4 Qg4 25.Rf2 Rd8 26.Rd1 Bc6 27.Qe3 Rxd7 28.Qe8+ Bf8 29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.Qe5±* Kozma,J-Espig,L/Polanica Zdroj 1971*; 19.Qd3 b4 20.Ne2 Qe5 21.f4 Qxb2* Pekeri-Huebner,R/FRG 1966 *22.e5 c4 23.Qxc4 Rc8 24.Qb5 Bxg2 25.Rab1±* AK IZ/234 *)* 19...Qe5 *(19...Qxd6 20.Nxb5±* Adorjan,A *)* 20.Qg3±;

C2b) 17...Qxf4!? 18.Qc1 *(18.e3 Qe5 19.h3 Rd8 20.Qf3 Bf8±* Benko,P-Kraidman,Y/Netania 1971*)* 18...Qxd6 19.Nxb5 Qe5 20.Qc3 *(20.Nc3!?)* 20...Qxe2 21.Nxa7 Be6 22.Qxc5 Nd7!± 23.Qb5 Qxb5 24.Nxb5 Bc4 25.a4 Bxb2 26.Rab1 Bxf1 27.Kxf1 Be5 28.Rd1± Ulibin,M-Tunik,G/RUS-chT Podolsk 1992]

[11...b6?! The similar way as in the previous line sacrifices a rook instead of a bishop for getting the initiative without weakening of ⟪ side. 12.Nxd6! Qxd6 *(12...Ba6?! 13.Qa4! Qxd6 14.Bf4 Qd7 15.Qxd7 Nxd7 16.Bxc7 Rac8 17.d6±* Scherbakov,R-Nun,Y/ Pardubice 1992*)* 13.Bf4 Qd7 14.d6 Ne6 15.Bxa8 Nxf4 16.gxf4 Qg4+ 17.Bg2 Bb7 *(17...Qxf4±)* 18.e4 Qxf4 19.Qf3 *(19.Ne2?! Qh4 20.f3 Ba6 21.Qe1 Qh5 22.Rf2 Rd8 23.Rd1 Bh6⩱* Movsesian,K-Basin,L/ Leningrad 1985 *)* 19...Qe5 *(19...Qxd6 20.e5!)* 20.Qg3±]

12.a4 f5 This is one of the main ideas solving the central problems in the Benoni. Black wants not only to build an obstacle for White's plans of using square e4, but also prepares the siege of pawn d5.

[12...b6

A) 13.Qc2 Ba6 14.b3 f5 15.Bb2 Qd7 16.Rfe1 *(16.e3; 16.Rad1)* 16...Rae8 17.e3 *(17.Rad1!? Δ e4)* 17...g5 *(⌓17...Nf6)* 18.Rad1 Re7 19.Bh3 Ref7 20.Rd2= Qd8 21.Qd1! g4□ 22.Bg2 Re7 23.e4 Bxc4 24.bxc4 Rfe8?! *(24...Qd7)* 25.f4!± *(25.Rde2 f4; 25.Rf1 Qd7)* 25...gxf3 *(25...Bd4+ 26.Rxd4 cxd4 27.Qxd4±)* 26.Qxf3 Nf6 27.Qxf5 Rf8 28.Qg5 *(28.Qh3 Nd7 29.Qg4*

Ne5 30.Qe2 Qd7⩱) 28...Re5 29.Qe3 Ng4 Drasko,M-Topalov,V/Varna 1994/Inf 63/[Drasko,M] 30.Qe2 Rf2 31.Qd3 Rxd2 32.Qxd2 Rh5 33.Nd1± Drasko,M;

B) 13.Bd2 Ba6 14.b3 f5 15.Qc2± Δ 16.♖ad1 *(15.Rc1 Qe7 16.Bf3 Nf6 17.Bf4 Rad8 18.Qd2 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 Qf8= 20.e4 fxe4 21.Bxe4 b5 22.axb5 Nxb5 23.Bg2 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Nxc3 25.Qxc3 Nh5∓* Cosma,I-Ionescu,C/ROM-ch 1992);

C) 13.Ne4 Ne8 14.Bf3 Ba6 15.Qc2 Nhf6 16.Bg5 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 h6 18.Nxf6+ Nxf6 19.Bd2 Nd7= 20.Qc1 Kh7 21.Bc3 f5 22.e3 Rc8 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Rd1 Rc7 25.Qc2 Qe7 26.a5 Rb8 27.axb6 axb6 28.Bb5 Ne4 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Ra4 h5 31.Rda1± Cosma,I-Ionescu,C/Bucharest Ciocaltea 1994;

D) 13.Nb5?! Nxb5 14.axb5 f5 15.e4?! *(15.e3)* 15...fxe4 16.Bxe4 Bh3 17.Re1?! *(17.Bg2)* 17...Qd7 18.Bh1 Rad8 19.Qb3 Rf7 20.Be3 Nf6! 21.Bf4 Ng4! 22.Nxd6 *(22.Ne3 Nxf2 23.Kxf2 g5∓)* 22...Bd4 23.Re2 Qxd6!! 24.Bxd6 Rxf2-+ Andrianov,N-Ehlvest,J/Riga 1978;

E) 13.Re1 Ba6 14.Qd3 f5 15.Bd2 Qd7 16.b3 Rae8 17.Bf3 Nf6 18.Rad1 Ng4 19.Bxg4 fxg4 20.Rf1 Rf5 21.Qc2 Bxc4 22.bxc4 ½-½ Rzaev,R-Tugui,A/Menorca Wch B18 1996;

F) 13.e4!? Ba6 14.Qd3 Bxc4 *(14...Re8 15.b3±; 14...f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.b3 Qf6 17.Bb2 f4 18.Nb5 Qd8 19.Be4 Nxb5 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Bxh7+ Kh8 22.Bxg7+ Nxg7 23.Be4 Qf6 24.gxf4 Bd7 25.Kh1 Qxf4 26.Rg1 b5 27.Ne3 Rf6⇄* Navrotescu,C-Tugui,A/Eforie Nord 1997) 15.Qxc4 a6

F1) 16.Re1 Qd7 *(16...Rb8)* 17.Qf1 Rae8 *(17...f5)* 18.Bd2 Nf6?! *(18...f5)* 19.Rab1!? *(19.f3!± Δb5 20.Bh3 Qe7 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7)* 19...b5

F1a) 20.axb5 Nxb5!? *(20...axb5 21.Bh3 Qd8 22.b4± ɔc7)*;

F1b) 20.b4!? cxb4 21.Rxb4 a5 22.Rxb5□ Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Ra8 24.Rc1?! *(24.Bh3 Qe7 25.Qc4!±)* 24...Rfc8? *(24...Rac8!∞)* 25.Rc6!± Rxc6 26.dxc6 Qxc6 27.e5

F1b1) 27...Nd5 28.Qd3 dxe5 29.Bxd5 Qd7 *(29...Rd8 30.Bxf7++-)* 30.Nd6+-;

F1b2) 27...Ne4 28.Nxd6 Qxa4 *(28...f5 29.exf6 Qxd6 30.Qc4+!+-; 28...Nxd2 29.Bxc6 Nxf1 30.Bxa8 Nd2 31.f4±)* 29.Bxe4 Rd8

F1b21) ⌓30.Bg5 Rf8 *(30...Rb8; 30...f6? 31.Qd3!+-)*;

F1b22) 30.Bf4 Drasko,M-Popovic,P/Jugoslavija 1996/Inf 67/[Drasko,M] 30...Rxd6□ 31.h4!?± *(31.exd6 Qxe4 32.Qd1±)*;

F2) 16.Be3

F2a) 16...Rb8 17.Rfe1 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qd3 b4 20.Nd1 Nb5 21.f4∞;

F2b) 16...b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Nxb5 Bxb2 *(18...Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Bxb2 20.Ra7 Nxb5 21.Qxb5±; 18...Nxb5 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Qxb5 Rb8 21.Qc6±)* 19.Rxa8 Nxa8 20.Qa2± Δ ♕a6 Ilincic,Z;

F2c) 16...Qd7 17.Rfe1 *(17.f4 b5 18.Qd3 b4 19.Nd1 f5∞)*

F2c1) 17...Rfe8?! 18.Qf1!

F2c11) 18...b5 19.axb5 *(19.Bh3 Qe7 20.f3±)* 19...axb5 20.Bh3 Qe7 *(20...Qd8 21.Rxa8 Qxa8 22.Nxb5 Nxb5 23.Qxb5 Rxe4 24.Qc6 Qb8 25.Ra1! Re8 26.Ra6 Rd8 27.Rb6±)* 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Nxb5 Bxb2 *(22...Nxb5 23.Qxb5 Qxe4 24.Qc6 Rd8 25.Bd2 Qc4 26.Ba5±)* 23.Rb1 Bg7 24.Nxc7 Qxc7 25.Qb5 **Δ** ♕c6**±** Ilincic, Z;

F2c12) 18...Nf6 19.f3 Qe7? *(19...b5? 20.Bh3±; 19...Rab8±)* 20.Rad1**±** **Δ**21.e5! Nd7 *(20...Qf8 21.Kh1 **Δ**f4)* 21.f4 Qf8 *(21...f6 22.h4±)* 22.e5!

F2c121) 22...dxe5 23.f5! *(23.d6 Ne6 24.Bxa8 Rxa8⩱)* 23...Ra7 *(23...gxf5 24.Qxf5 Nf6 25.Bg5 Qd6 26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Qxf6 Bxf6 28.d6+-)* 24.d6 Na8 25.Bc6**±** Ilincic,Z;

F2c122) 22...Rab8 23.Ne4 dxe5 24.f5**±**;

F2c123) 22...f5 23.h3 Rab8 *(23...dxe5 24.d6 Ne6 25.Bxa8 Rxa8 26.fxe5 **Δ** ♗f4+- Ilincic,Z)* 24.e6 Nf6 25.g4! Kh8 Ilincic,Z-Velimirovic,D/JUG-ch Podgorica 1996/CBM 53/[Notkin] *(25...fxg4 26.f5!±)* 26.Bf3**±** **Δ**g5,h4;

F2c2) 17...b5 18.Qf1 *(18.Qd3 bxa4 19.Nxa4 Rab8 20.f4 Qb5∞; 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qe2 b4 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Nd1 Nf6 22.f3 Ra2 23.Qc4 Qa4 24.Bf4 Nfe8⇄)* 18...b4 19.Nd1 f5

F2c21) 20.exf5 gxf5 *(20...Qxf5 21.Qc4 Nf6 22.Bf4±)* 21.Bf3 Nf6 22.Bf4**±**;

F2c22) 20.e5 f4 *(20...Bxe5 21.Bxc5)* 21.Bh3 Qd8 22.Bxc5!? dxc5 23.d6 fxg3 24.hxg3 Kh8 25.Qc4 Qg5 *(25...Re8!∞)* 26.Qg4! Qd8 27.Rc1 Rf5 28.Qe4 Rxe5 29.dxc7 Qe8 30.Qxe5 Bxe5 31.Rxc5 Bxc7 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Rxc7 Re1+ 34.Kg2 Rxd1 Drasko,M-Velimirovic,D/Jugoslavija 1996/Inf 67/[Drasko,M] (34) 35.Be6**±**]

13.Bf3

[13.e4?! f4 14.Bf3 Bh3 15.Bxh5 Bxf1 16.Qxf1 fxg3 17.hxg3 gxh5 18.Bf4 Ne8 19.Qh3 h4 20.Kg2 Qe7 21.f3 hxg3 22.Bxg3 Qf6 23.Rf1 Qg6**∓** Jirka,J-Batsanin,D/World Youth bu16, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1998]

[13.Ra3 b6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Qb3 Ba6 *(15...Qd7!?)* 16.Nb5 Ne8 17.Qe3 Kh8 18.Bc3 Nhf6 19.Qf4 Qd7 20.Bf3 Rd8 21.Ra2 h6 22.h4 Kh7 23.Rd1 Qe7 24.b4**±** Wagner-Roemer,B/DDR-ch11 sf07 corr 1981]

[13.Bd2 b6 14.Bf3 *(14.Rb1 Ba6 15.b3 Qd7 16.Qc2 Rad8 17.Rbe1 Bb7 18.Bg5 Rde8 19.Qd2 f4!? 20.Ne4 Bxd5 21.Nexd6 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Re6 23.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 24.gxf4 Bd4 25.e3 Rxd6 26.Nxd6 Qg4+= Nikolic,P-Sherbakov, R/Neum BIH 2000)* 14...Ba6 15.Qb3 Nf6 16.Bf4 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Qe7 *(17...a6?! 18.b4 Qd7 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rab1 Rfb8 21.Rxb8+ Rxb8 22.Rb1 Rxb1+ 23.Nxb1 Qe7 24.Nd2 Nfe8 25.Qb3 Qf6 26.h4 h6 27.Be3 Kh7 28.Nc4± Burmakin,V-Kotsur,P/RUS-Cup Tula 1999)* 18.Rae1 Nd7 19.e4 Ne5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Bg2 Rae8 23.Kh1 Qf6 24.f4 Bd4 25.Nb5 Nxb5

26.Qxb5 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Bxb2 28.Re6 Qd4 29.Rxd6 c4 30.h4 Evelev,V-Kotsur,P/Moscow 2001 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Bd4-+]

[13.e3 b6 *(13...Nf6 14.Rb1 b6 15.b4 cxb4 16.Rxb4 Nd7 17.Ne2 Na6 18.Rb1 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nd4 Qc7 21.Bb2 Nc5 22.Rc1 Qg7 23.Re1 Bd7 24.Rc4 Rae8 25.Ba1 Bc8 26.Nb5 Ba6 27.Rc2 Qd7⇄* Nedilsky,D-Bertorello,J/ARG-ch 1994*; 13...Rb8 14.Bd2 b6 15.Qc2 Ba6 16.b3 Qd7 17.Rfe1 Rbe8 18.Rad1 Kh8 19.Bc1 Rf7 20.Bb2 Ref8 21.f4 Re8 22.e4 Bxc4 23.bxc4 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Nf6 25.Ng5 Rfe7 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Qd2 Kg8 28.Ne6± Soppe,G-Fabrega,E/ITT Jaque 1995)* 14.Qc2 Ba6?! *(14...Qd7! 15.b3 Bb7 16.Bb2 Rad8 17.Rad1 Nf6 18.h3 Qf7 19.Qd2 Rfe8⇄)* 15.b3

A) 15...Qe7 16.Bb2 Rae8 17.Rfe1 Nf6 18.Rad1 Ne4 *(18...Ng4 19.Ne2 Bxb2* ½-½ Sommer,P-Suess,P/DDR corr 1988 *)* 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.b4 cxb4!? *(21...Kg8 22.b5 Bc8 23.h3 h5 24.Rd2 Bf5 25.Kh2 Rf7 26.Qd1 Ref8 27.Qe2 Bc8⇄* Sherbakov,R-Simantsev,M/Chigorin mem, St Petersburg RUS 1999*)* 22.Rd4 *(Δ22.Qb2+?? Qf6-+)* 22...Qf6 23.Bxe4 b3! 24.Qd2 Bxc4 25.Rxc4 Na6 26.Bg2 Nc5⇄;

B) 15...Qd7 16.Bb2 Rae8 17.Rad1 *(17.Rfd1 Nf6 18.h3 Rf7 19.Rab1 Qe7 20.Ba1 Bb7 21.Rd2⇄* Shumiakina,T-Maksimovic,S/JUG-chTW Niksic 1997 *)*

B1) 17...Nf6 18.h3 Qe7 19.Rfe1 Nd7 20.f4 Nf6 *(20...h6!)* 21.e4 Bxc4 22.bxc4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxb2 25.Qxb2 Qd8 26.Re2± Marovic,D-Honfi,K/ Maribor 1977;

B2) 17...Re7 18.Bf3 Nf6 19.Ne2 g5 20.Bg2 Bb7 21.Nc3 Rfe8 22.Bh3 g4 23.Bg2⇄ Civin,T-Hrivnak,D/CZE 2000]

13...Rf7N

[13...f4?! 14.Ne4! fxg3 15.hxg3 Bh3 16.Re1 Ne8 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Ne6! Rf7 19.Ra3 Nef6 20.Ng5 Rff8 21.Nxd6! Qxd6 22.Nxh3 Rae8 23.Ng5 Nd7 24.Bxh5 gxh5 25.Ne6± Sosonko,G-Blees,A/Nederland tt 1993]

[13...Nf6 14.Bf4

A) 14...Nce8 15.Nb5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.Qb3! *(17.Nbxd6 Bh3 18.Nxe8 Qxe8 19.Re1 Rd8±)* 17...Bh3 *(17...g5 18.Bxd6 a6 19.Bxf8 axb5 20.Bxg7 bxc4 21.Qxc4 Kxg7 22.Qxe4+-)* 18.Rfd1 Qf6 19.Qe3± Ilincic,Z;

B) 14...Nfe8 15.Qd2 b6

B1) 16.h4 Ba6 17.Na3 *(17.b3!? b5 18.axb5 Nxb5 19.Rxa6 Bxc3 20.Qe3 Nec7 21.Rc6±)* 17...Qd7 18.Kg2 Nf6 19.h5?! Rae8 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Qc2 Ne4! 22.Nxe4? *(22.Nab5)* 22...fxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxf4!-+ Rossberg-Suess,P/DDR-Cup corr 1989;

B2) 16.Rad1 Ba6 17.b3 g5! 18.Bxg5 *(18.Be3 f4 19.gxf4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxc3-+)* 18...Bxc3 19.Bxd8 Bxd2 20.Bxc7 Bxc4 21.bxc4 Bh6-+;

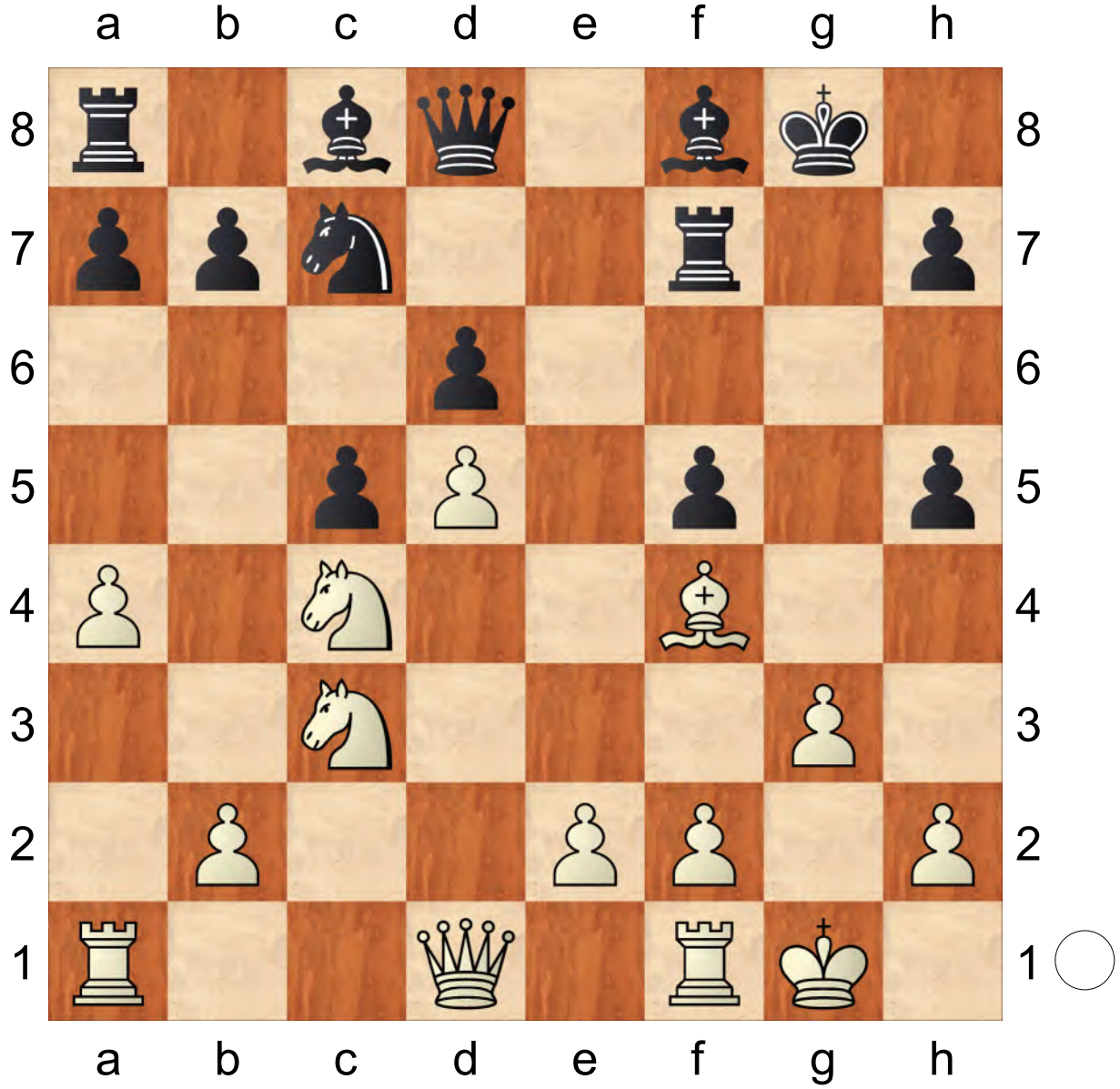
B3) 16.Rac1! Bb7 17.Rfe1

B3a) 17...Qf6

B3a1) 18.e4 Qd4 19.Qxd4 cxd4 20.Nxd6 Nxd6 *(20...dxc3 21.Nxb7 cxb2 22.Rxc7±)* 21.Bxd6 dxc3 22.Bxc7 cxb2 23.Rcd1 fxe4 24.Bxe4 Rae8∞;

B3a2) 18.b3! Qd4 19.Qxd4 cxd4 20.Nxd6±;
B3b) 17...Qd7 18.h4! Rd8 19.h5 Qf7 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Rcd1 Bd4 *(21...Ba6 22.b3 Bxc4 23.bxc4±)* 22.e3 Bf6 23.e4 Bd4 *(23...fxe4 24.Bxe4 Bd4 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Rxe3±)* 24.e5! dxe5 *(24...Nxd5? 25.e6+-)* 25.Nxe5 Qh7 26.Nc6!± Ilincic,Z-Kovacevic,A/Novi Becej 1996/Inf 67/[Ilincic,Z]]

14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.Bf4 Bf8



16.e3 b6 17.Qxh5 Ba6 18.b3 Bg7 19.Nxd6!?
[Δ19.Rfc1 Bxc3 20.Rxc3 Nxd5⩱]
19...Rd7 20.Nxf5 Bxc3

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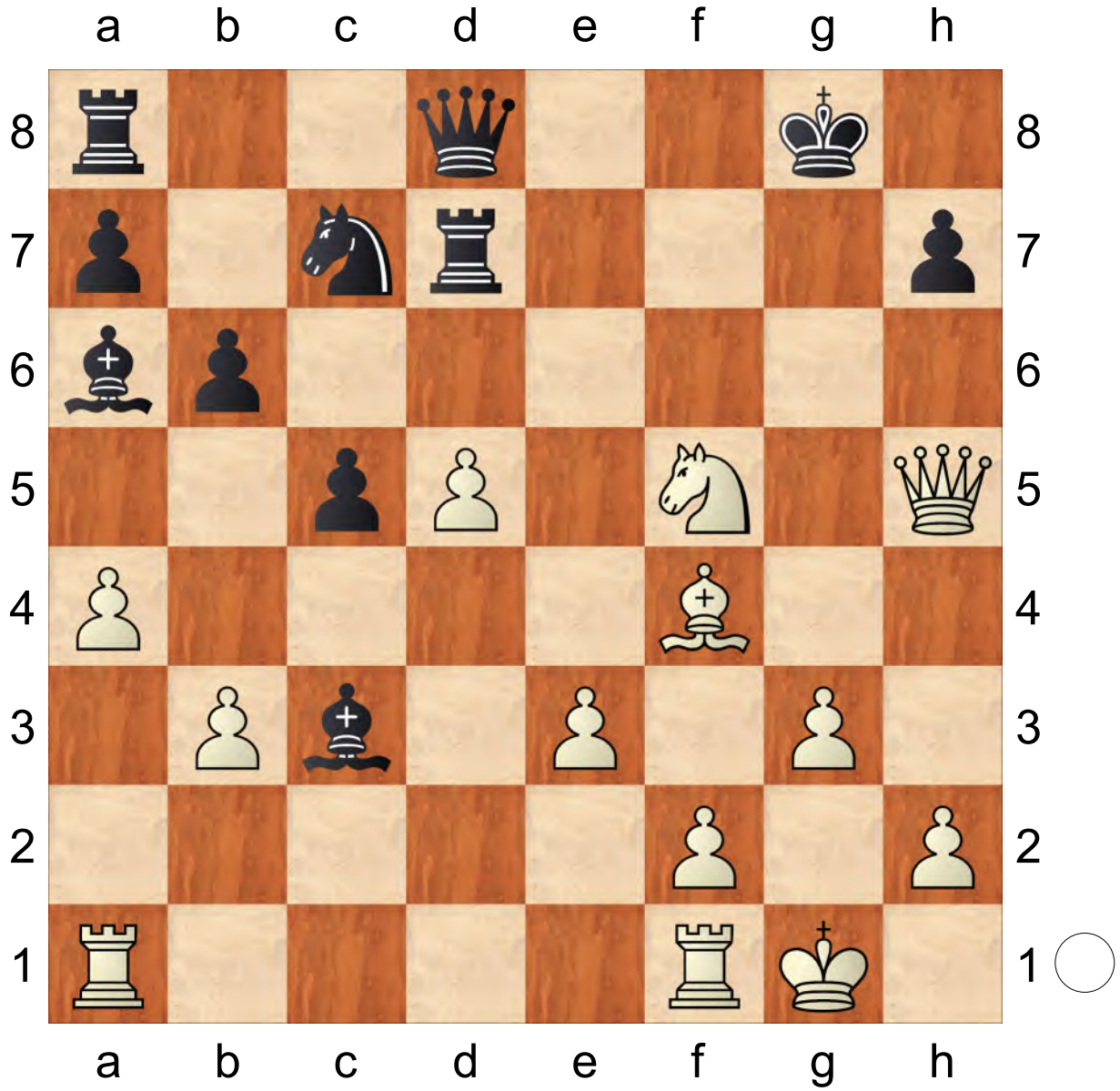
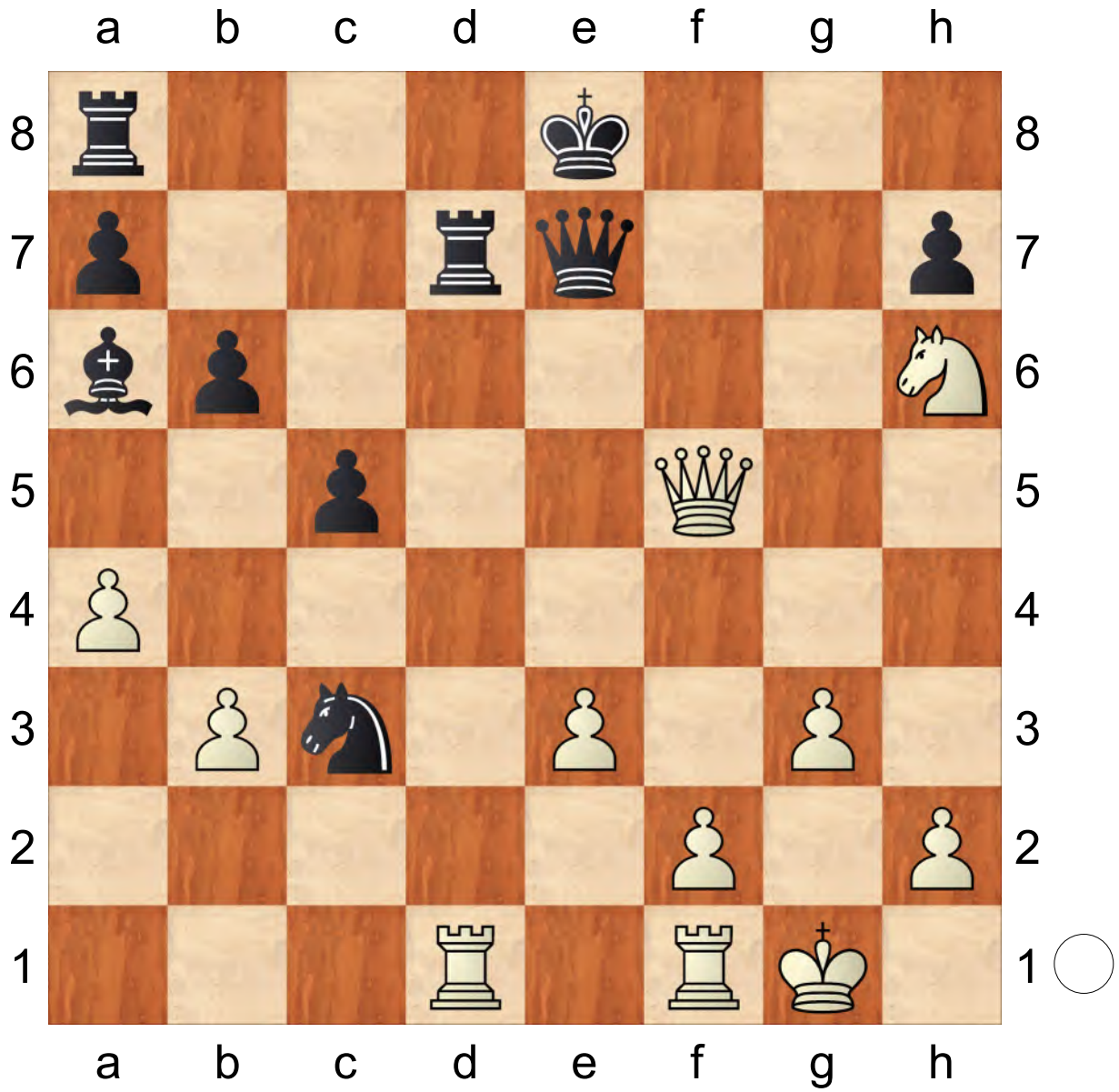


21.Nh6+ Kf8? 22.Be5
[⩲22.Rac1 Bf6 23.Rfd1 Bb7 24.e4±]
22...Nxd5?
[⩲22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Nxd5 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qe5+=]
23.Qf5+ Ke8 24.Rad1?!
[⩲24.Bd6! Nf6 25.Qe6+ Re7 26.Bxe7 Qd5 *(26...Qxe7? 27.Qc6++-)* 27.Qxd5 Nxd5 28.Bg5 Bxa1 29.Rxa1+-]
24...Qe7 25.Bxc3 Nxc3

(Diagram)

26.Rxd7?!
[White has to play at most actively, even investing material. 26.Ng8! Bb7!?



27.Qh5+ *(Δ27.Nxe7?? Ne2# #)* 27...Qf7 28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Nxd7++-]
26...Qxd7 27.Qe5+ Kd8 28.Qxc3 Bxf1 29.Qh8+ Qe8 30.Qf6+ Kc7

(Diagram)

31.Qf4+ Kb7 32.Nf7⩲ Qe7?!
[⌓32...Qd7 33.Kxf1 Qd3+ 34.Kg2 Ka6⇄]
33.Nd6+ Ka6?!
[⌓33...Kc6 34.Nf5 Qd8 35.Qe4+ Kc7 36.Kxf1 Qd1+ 37.Kg2 Rd8±]
34.Kxf1 Qe6 Hecht: '

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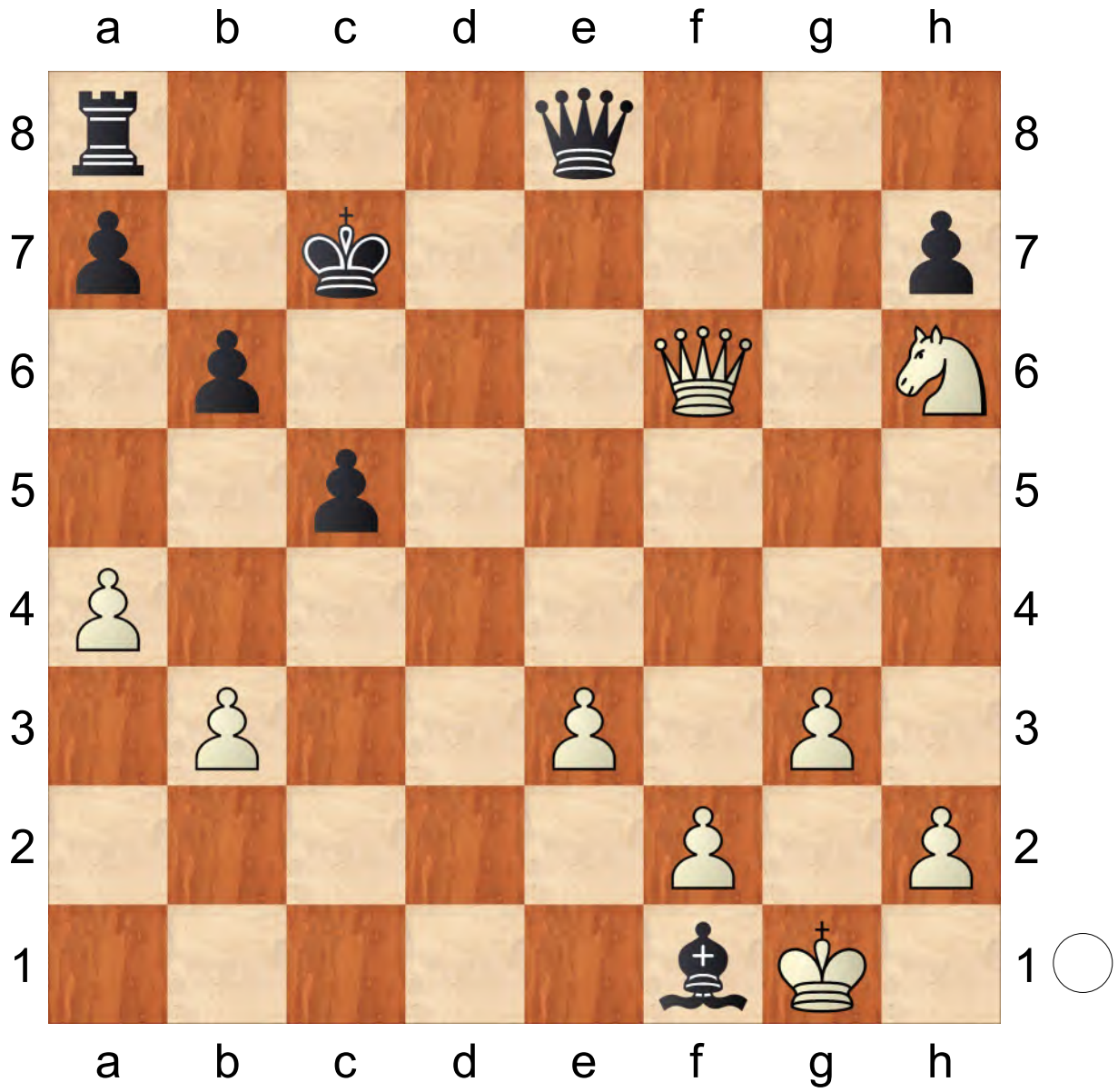
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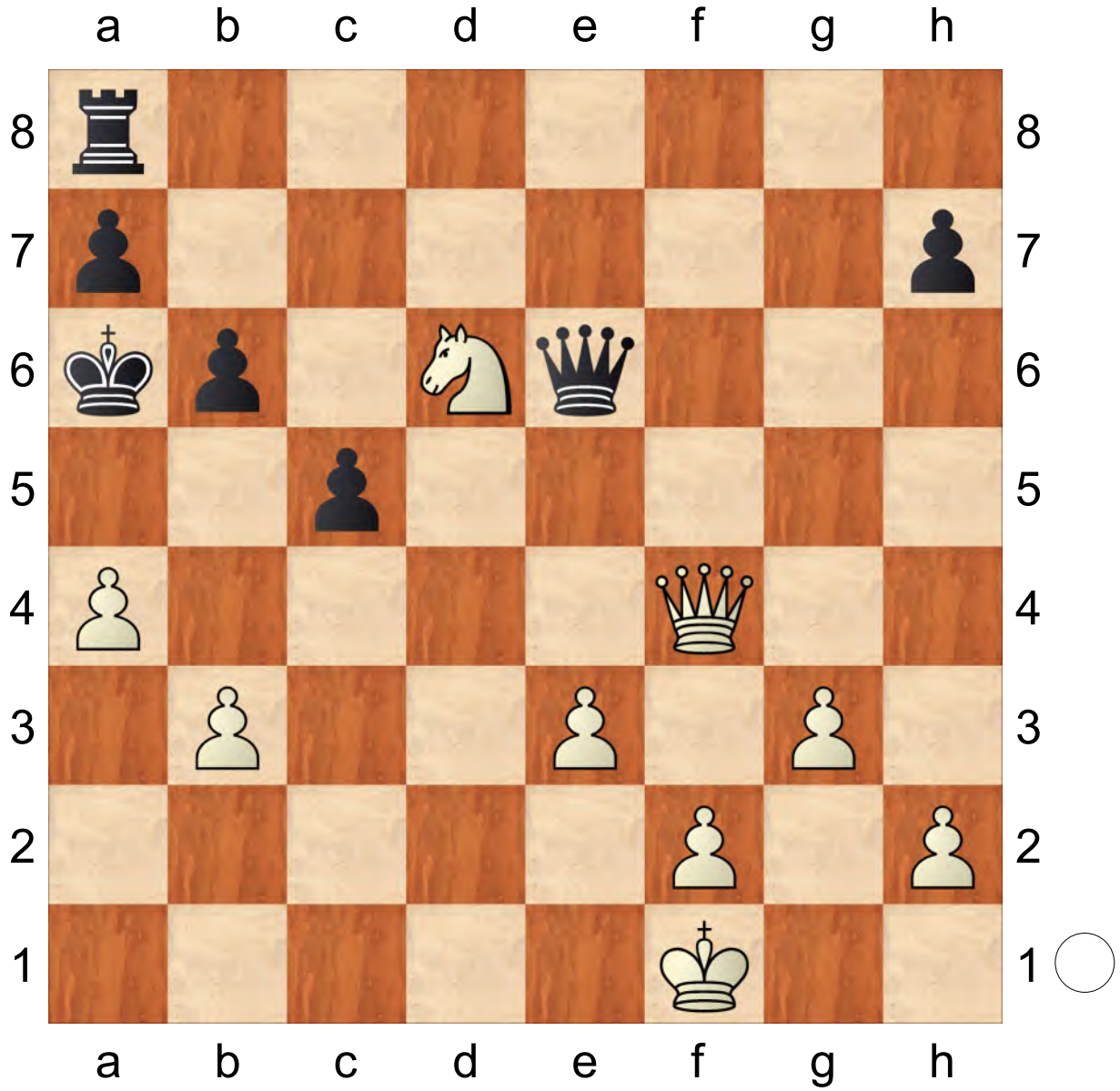
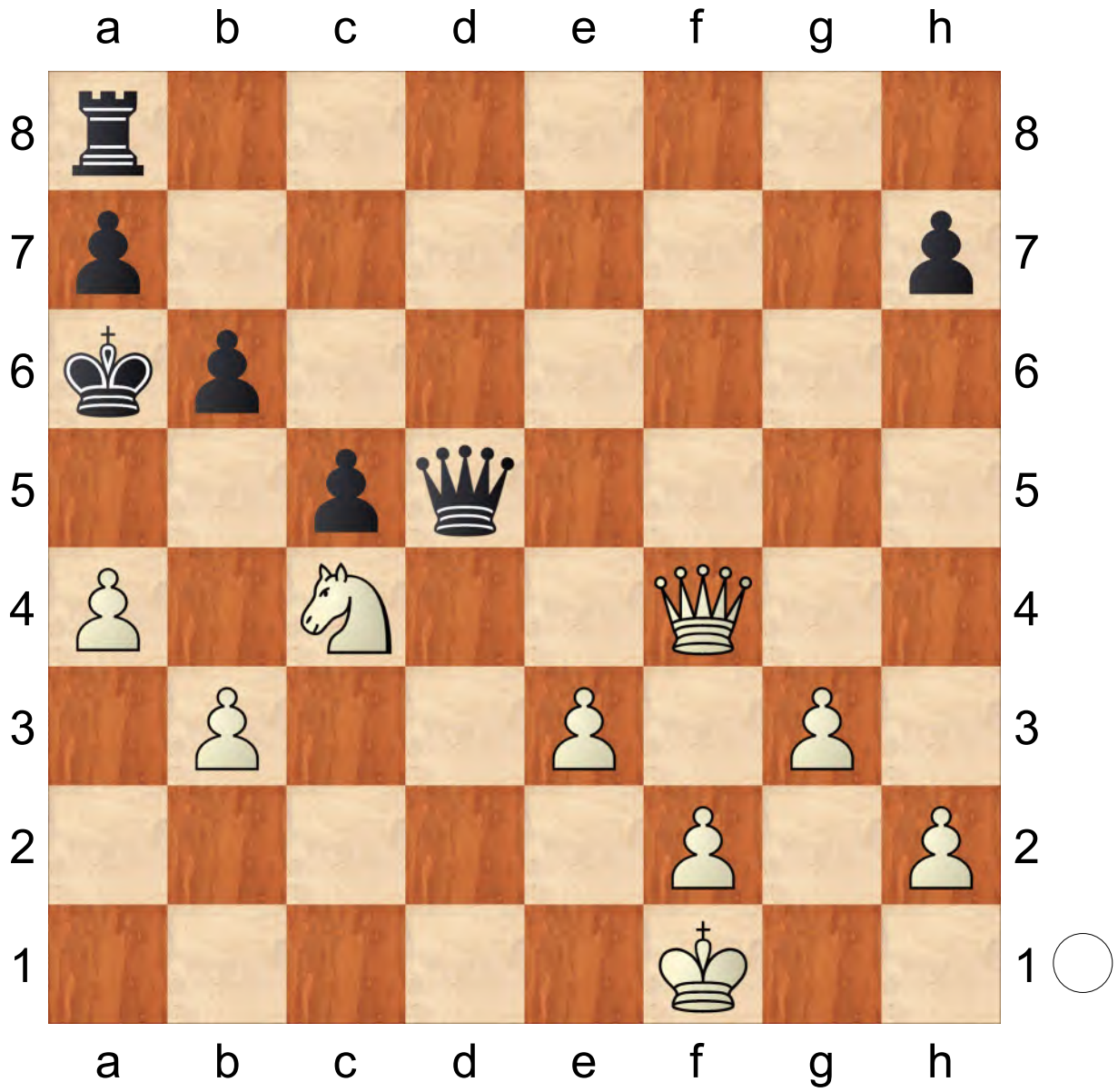


' **35.Nc4?!** '?' Hecht.
[With a minimum of material White can create a mating net: 35.b4! cxb4 *(Δ35...Rd8?? 36.b5+ Ka5 37.Nb7#; 35...Rb8? 36.b5+ Ka5 37.Nc4+ Kxa4 38.Nd2+ Kxb5 39.Qxb8+-)* 36.Qxb4 Qd5 37.e4 Qd3+ 38.Kg2 Hecht: 'und Weiß muss mit seinen Freibauern und dem eingeklemmten schwarzen König gewinnen zumal' Rf8 *(38...Rd8* Hecht *39.Qb5+ Qxb5 40.axb5+ Ka5 41.Nb7+ Kxb5 42.Nxd8+-* nicht geht. *)* 39.Qb5+! Qxb5 40.axb5+ Ka5 41.e5+-]

35...Qd5

(Diagram)

36.e4 Qd1+ 37.Kg2 Qxb3 38.Nd6 Ka5 39.e5 Qd5+= 40.Kh3 Rd8
(Diagram)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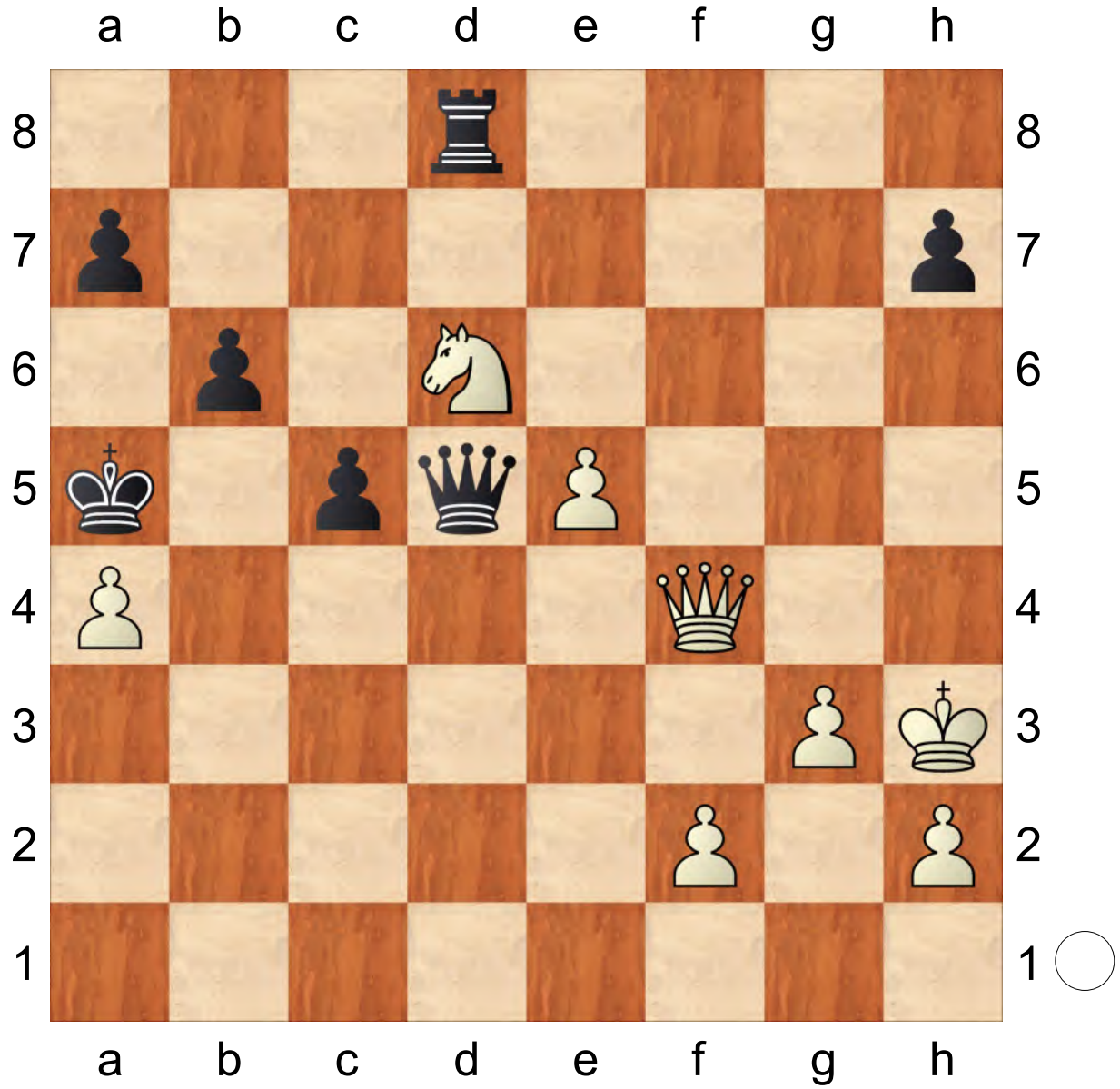
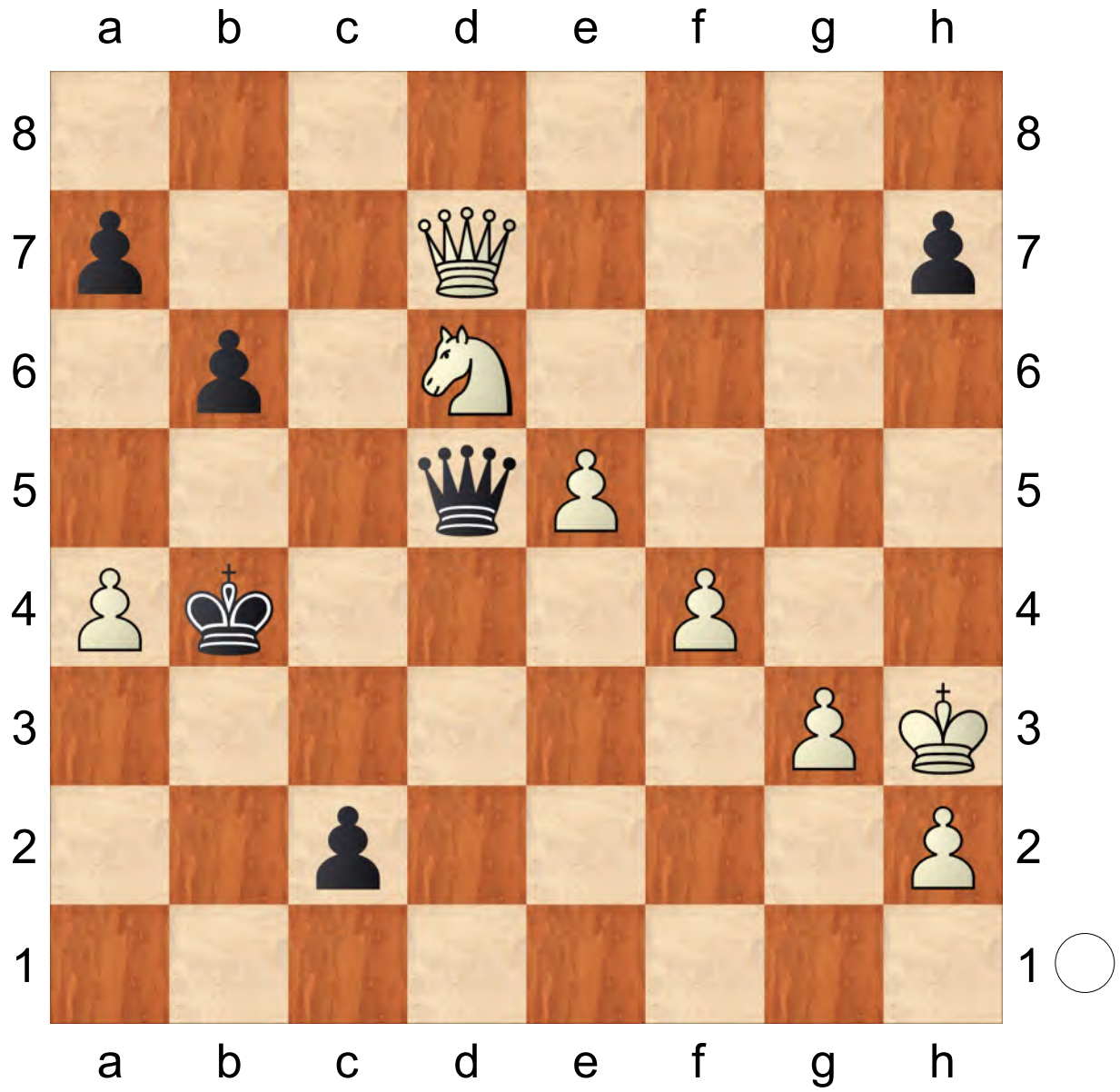


41.Qf6 Rd7!?
[≤41...Rg8 42.Qe7 a6 43.Qd7 Kb4 44.Qxh7 Qe6+ 45.Kg2 Qd5+=]
42.f4 c4∓ 43.Qf8 c3 44.Qc8 Kb4 45.Qxd7 c2

(Diagram)

46.Qxa7
[46.Qc7 Hecht Qc5-+]
46...c1Q 47.Qxh7
[⌓47.Qxb6+ Kxa4 48.Qa7+ Kb3 49.Qb6+ Kc2 50.Kh4 Qch1-+]
47...Kxa4 48.Qa7+ Qa5 49.Qf7 Qf1+
[⌓49...Qc2!-+]
50.Kh4 Qe2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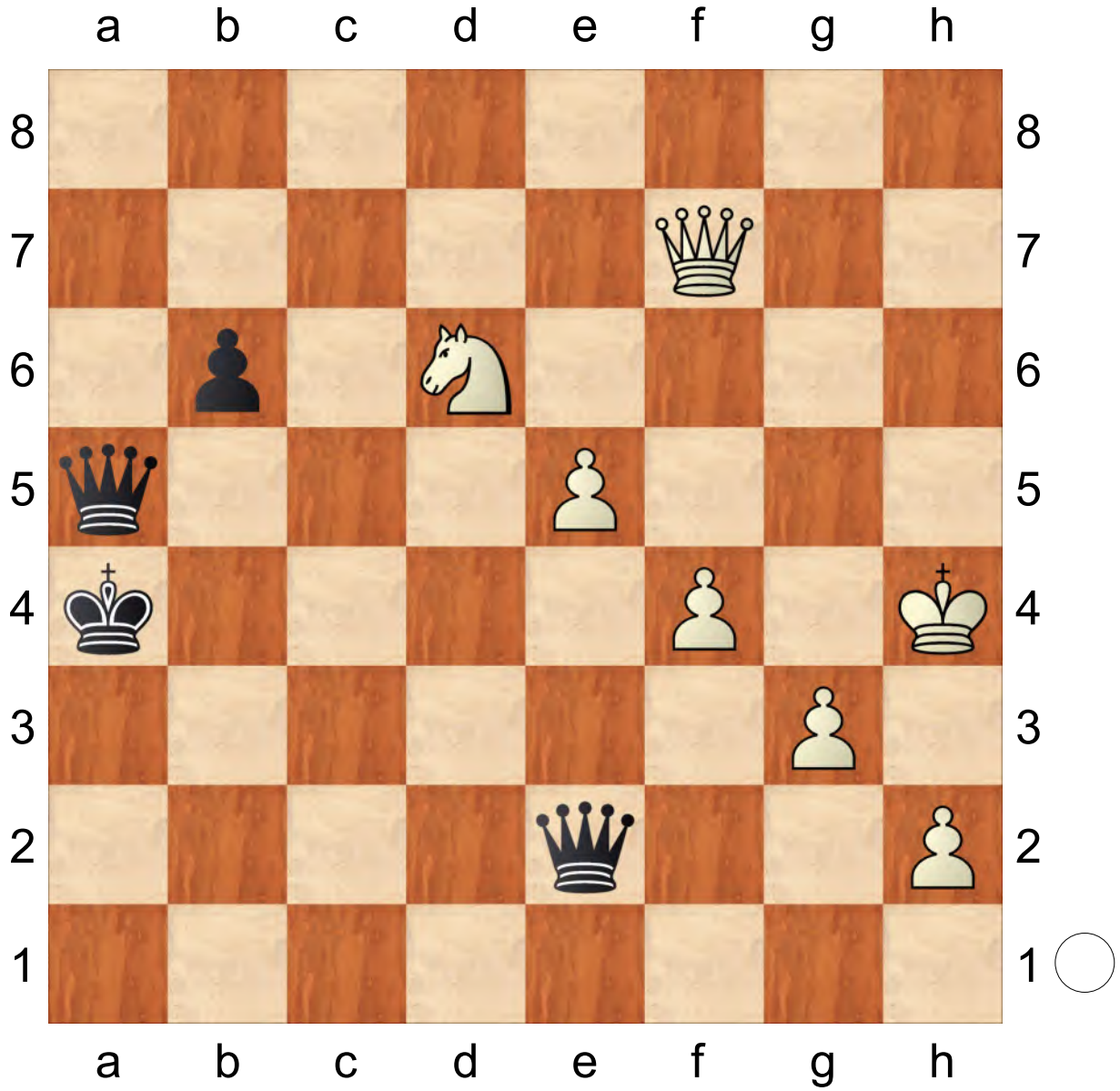
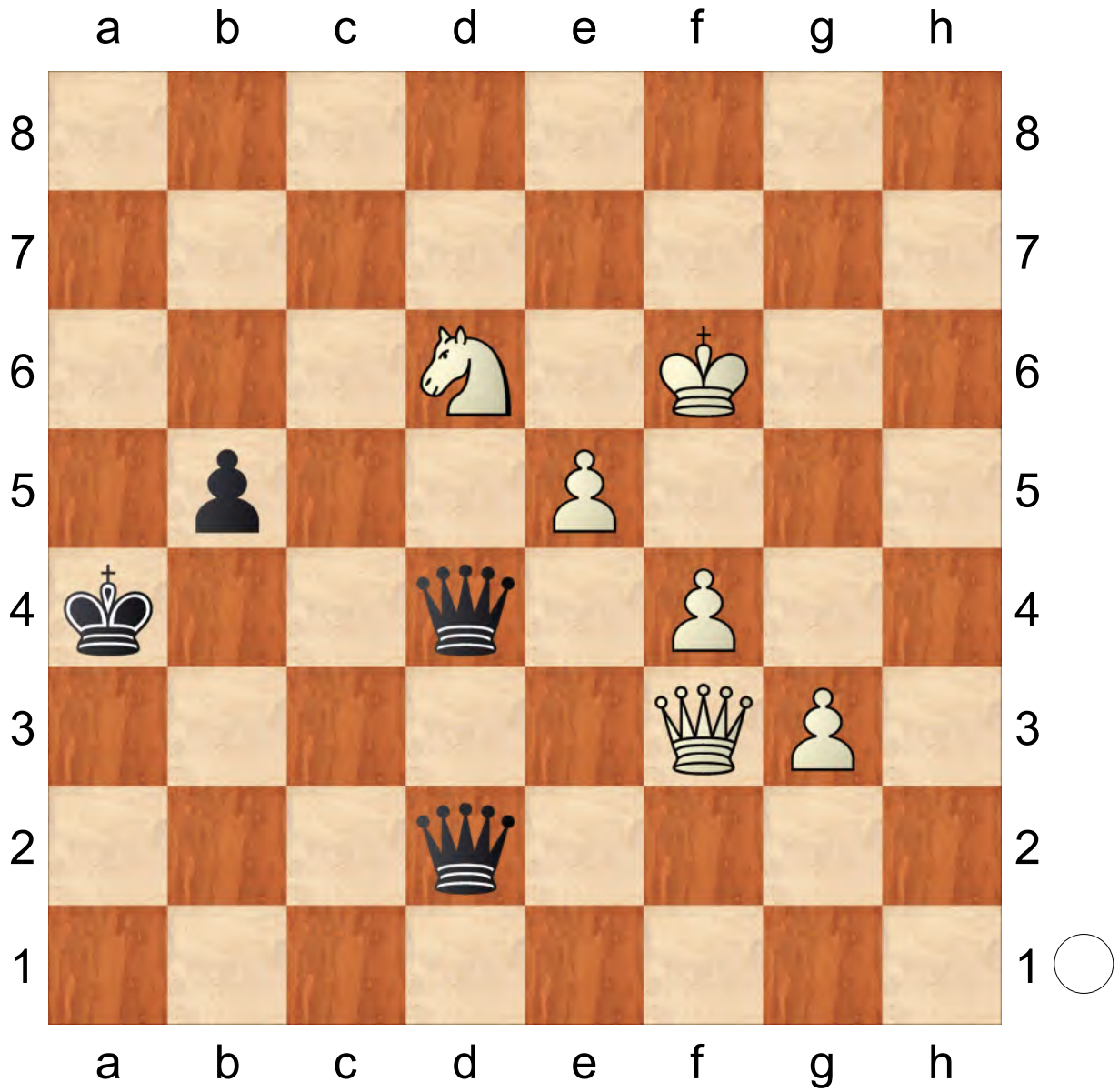


51.Kg5 Qxh2 52.Qc4+ Qb4 53.Qd3 Qhd2?!
[⌓53...b5! Kapengut: '!?' Kapengut: 'Hecht' 54.f5 Qbd2+ 55.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 56.Kg6 *(56.Kf6? b4-+)* 56...Qc3-+]
[53...b5!? Hecht]
54.Qf3 b5 55.Kf6 Qbd4
[⌓55...Qa5!-+]

(Diagram)

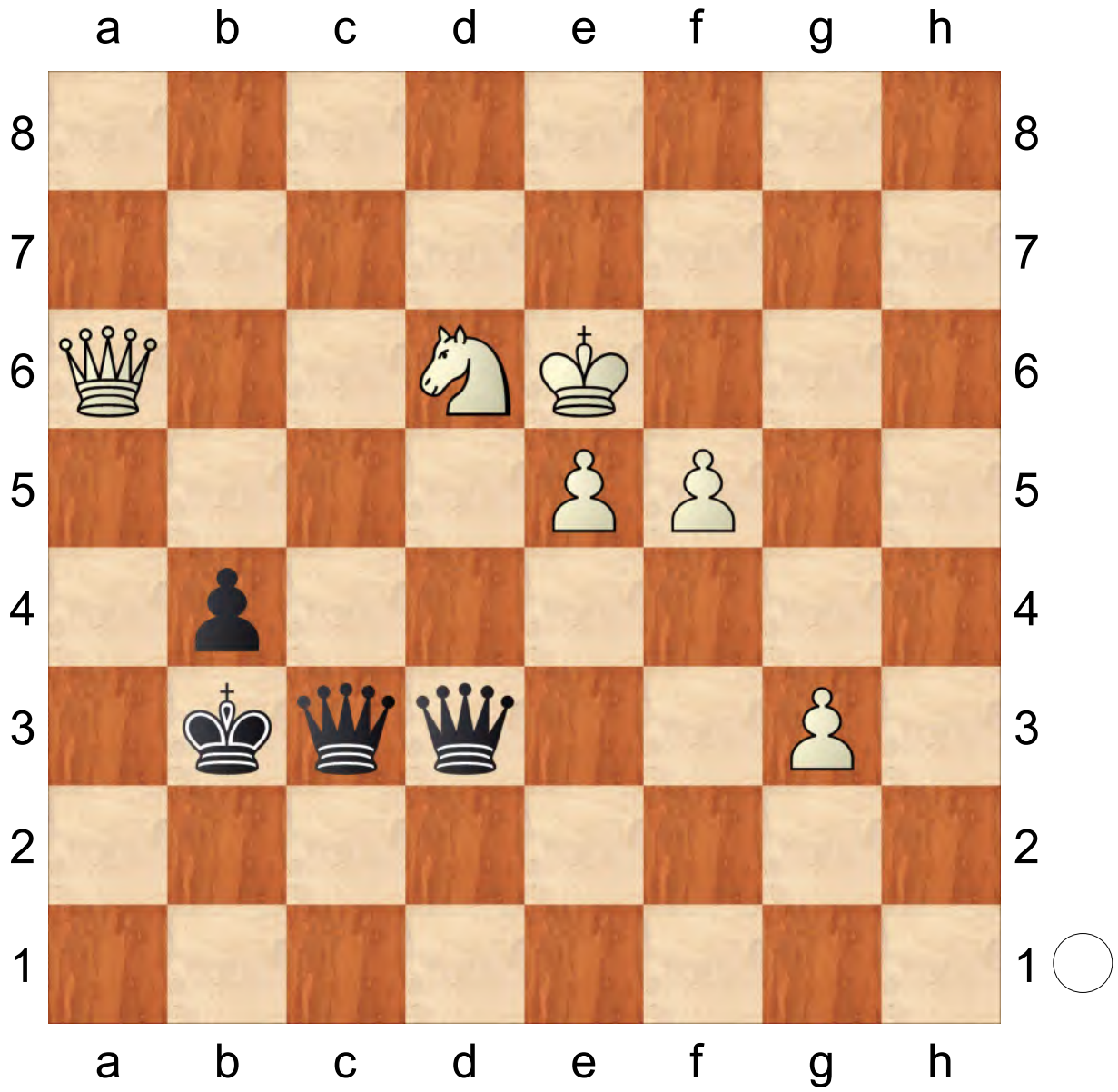
56.Ke6 Q2d3 57.Qc6
[⌓57.Qxd3 Hecht Qxd3 58.f5 Qxg3 59.f6 b4 60.f7 Qg7 61.Kd7 b3 62.e6 b2 63.e7 b1Q 64.e8Q Qf1 Schwarz gewinnt ?!]



57...Q4c3 '?' Hecht.
[57...Qg6+ Hecht 58.Ke7 Qa7+ 59.Kd8 Qb8+ 60.Qc8 Qxc8+ 61.Kxc8 b4-+]
58.Qa6+ Kb3 59.f5 Hecht: 'Es sollte nun Dc5 geschehen... aber' **59...b4**
[59...b4 60.Qxd3 Qxd3 61.f6 Qxg3 *(61...Qf3* Hecht *62.f7 Kc3 63.Ke7 b3 64.f8Q Qxf8+ 65.Kxf8 b2 66.e6 b1Q 67.e7 Qb8+=* (FRITZ) *)* 62.f7 Qf4 63.Kd7=]

(Diagram)

An interesting game with a big number of mistakes in its final stage.
½-½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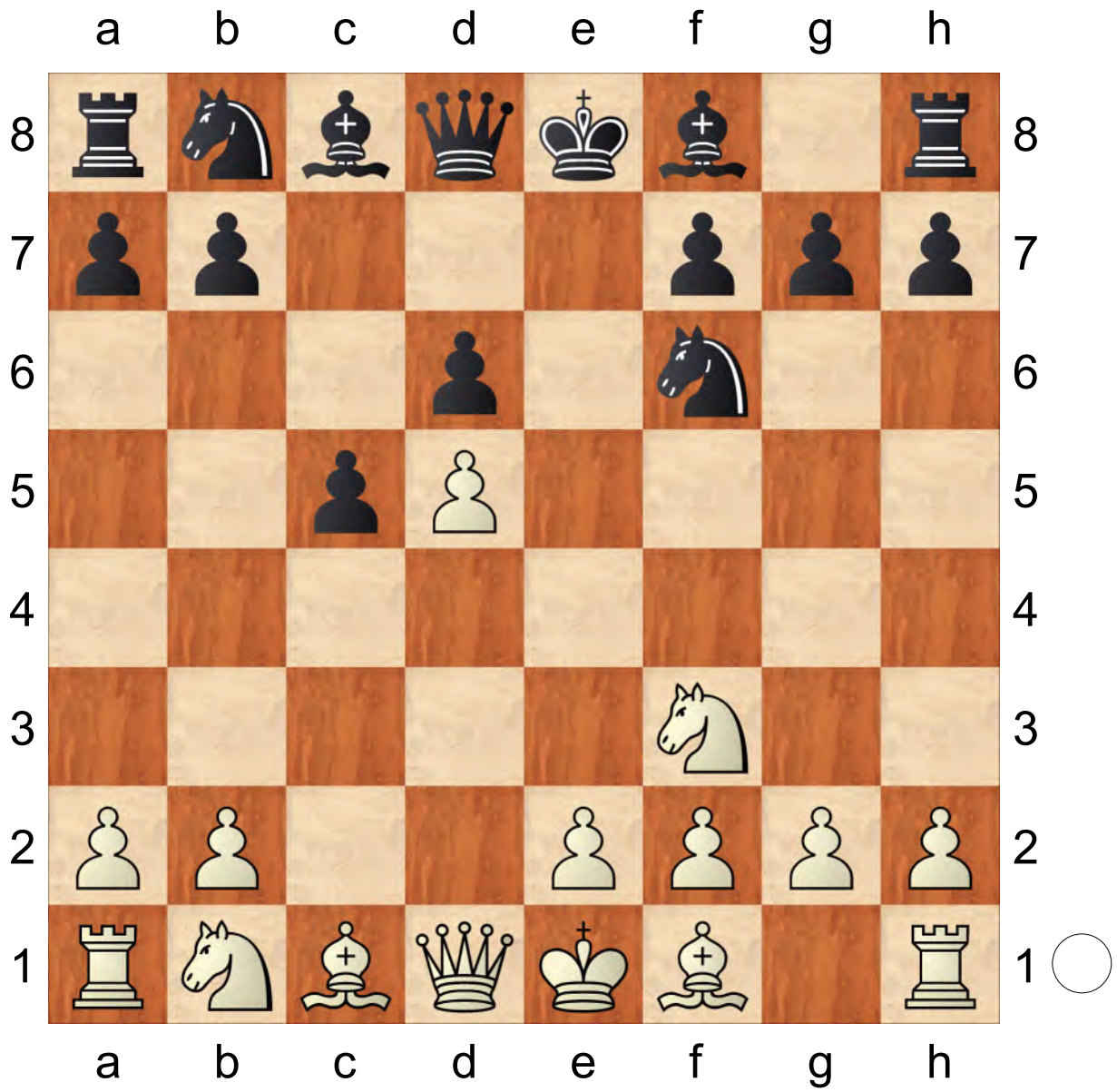
□ **Gelfand,Boris** **2724**
■ **Jobava,Baadur** **2621**
EU-chT (Men) 15th (8.1) 06.08.2005
[Kapengut,Albert Z]

1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.Nc4 Usually, White's plan is to put pressure on the d6-pawn and to go for e4-e5 at appropriate moment. **8...0-0 9.g3** Instead of typical 9. ♗f4 (or 9. ♗g5 h6 10. ♗f4) with the pressure on pawn d6, White prefers to turn into Fianchetto system, but Black can use a development advantage. **9...Ng4!N** It is very strange that this typical for Modern Benoni maneuver became an important

novelty for Nimzowitch pirouette system.

[9...Ne8 10.Bg2 a6 11.a4 Nd7 12.a5 Rb8 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Nb6 Nc7 -A63]

[9...Nh5 10.Bg2 b6 11.a4 Ba6 12.Nb5! Bxb5 13.axb5 a5 14.0-0 f5 15.Bf3?! *(15.Qc2±)* 15...Nd7 16.e4 *(16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.Ra4 Ne5 18.b3 h4!? Δ19.Nxe5?! dxe5 20.Rxh4 Qd7∞)* 16...Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxh5 gxh5 19.Ra4 f4!? 20.Qxh5 f3 21.Ra3 Qf6 22.Re1 ½-½ Delemarre,J -Van Riemsdijk, V/Guarapuava 1995]

[9...Na6 10.Bg2 Nc7 11.a4 *(11.0-0* -A62 *)* 11...b6 12.Nxd6!? Qxd6 13.Bf4 Qd7 14.d6

A) 14...Ne6? 15.Bxa8 Nxf4 16.gxf4 Rd8 *(16...Nh5 17.Qd2 Bh6 18.e3 Qf5 19.Be4 Qe6 20.Qd5 Qg4 21.Bf3* 1-0 Staniszewski,P-Balicki,C/Poznan 1984*)* 17.Qd2 Ne8 18.Bg2 Qg4 19.Bf3 Qe6 20.0-0-0 Nxd6 21.Qc2 Re8 22.Bc6 Rf8 23.e3± Fernandez Garcia,M-Tebar Moreno,J/Espana 2001;

B) 14...Ncd5!? 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 *(16.Bxd5 Bb7 17.Ra2 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Rac8 19.0-0 c4⇄)* 16...Bxb2 17.Ra2 Rb8!? 18.Qc6 Bc3+ 19.Bd2 Be5 20.Qxd7 Bxd7 21.Bf4 Be6!∓]

[9...Qe7 10.Bg2 Nbd7

A) 11.0-0

A1) 11...Ne8 12.a4 b6 13.Re1 Ba6 14.Na3 Ne5 15.Bd2 f5 16.Qc1 Nf6 17.h3 Nh5 18.Kh2 f4 19.g4 f3!? *(19...Qh4?! 20.Kg1 Nxg4 21.hxg4 Qxg4 22.Nab5 Be5 23.Ne4 Bxb5 24.axb5 f3 25.exf3 Rxf3 26.Ra3*+- Shapiro,D-Friedman,J /Stratton Mountain 1999*)* 20.exf3 Qh4 21.gxh5 Nxf3+ 22.Kh1 Bc8 23.Re6 Qxf2 24.Ne4 Qh4 25.Ng5 Nxd2 26.Qxd2 Qxh5≌;

A2) 11...Ne5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5

A2a) 13.e4 a6 14.a4 Rb8 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.e5?! dxe5 17.d6 Qe6 18.Re1 Ne8 19.Be3 b6 20.a5 Nxd6 21.axb6 Bb7 22.Bxc5 Rfd8 23.Bd5 Qd7 *(⌓23...Qh3!? 24.Qb3 Qc8 25.Qa3 Bxd5 26.Nxd5 Nf5⇄)* 24.Bxb7 Nxb7 25.Qxd7 Rxd7 26.Be3 a5 27.Red1± Grachev,B-Arbakov, V/Samara 2003;

A2b) 13.Re1 Qe7 14.a4 Nd7 15.Qb3 Ne5 16.Bd2 g5 17.Ne4 h6 18.Bc3 b6 *(18...f5?? 19.Nxc5!*+- Van Seters,F-Tan Hiong Liong/Hastings 1962 *)* 19.f4!? gxf4 20.gxf4 Ng4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qc3+ Kg8 23.h3 f5 24.Nxd6!? Qxd6 25.Qg3 a6 26.hxg4 Ra7!? 27.gxf5+ Rg7 28.Qh2 Rxf5 29.e4 Rxf4 30.Rf1±;

A2c) 13.a4 a6 - A 64

A2c1) 14.a5

A2c11) 14...Re8?! 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.Qb3 *(16.Na4 Nd7 17.Rb1±* Bronstein,D*)* 16...Nd7 17.Rfe1 Ne5 18.Na4 Bd7 19.Nb6 Rab8 20.Bd2 Bb5 21.Bc3± Gligoric,S-Petrosian,T/Zürich 1953;

A2c12) 14...Rb8 15.e4 b5 16.axb6 Rxb6 17.Qc2 Ne8 18.Bd2 f5 19.Bf4 Qf6 20.Qd2 fxe4 21.Bxe4 Nc7 *(21...Qd4!?∓)* 22.Bg2 Nb5 23.Na4 Rb7 24.Rfe1 Nd4 25.Ra3 Olausson,C-Hall,J/Sweden 1999 Bf5!∓;

A2c2) 14.Qb3

A2c21) 14...Re8 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.Qb6 Bf8 17.e4?! *(⌓17.a5!?±)* 17...Nd7 18.Qb3 *(Δ18.Qc7?! g5!? 19.Bc1 Ne5=)* 18...b5 19.axb5 Rb8 20.h4 *(⌓20.Ra5!?±)* 20...axb5 21.Ra7 b4 22.Na4 Qd8= Edelsvard,O-Thapper,R/corr 1974;

A2c22) 14...Qe7 15.a5 Rb8 16.Bf4 Nd7 17.Na4 *(17.Ne4 Ne5 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bd2 Nf7 20.Rfe1 f5 21.Nc3 g5 22.f4 gxf4 23.gxf4 Nh6 24.h3 Kh8 25.e3 Rg8⇄* Fedder,S-Brinck Claussen,B/ Copenhagen 1973*)* 17...b5 18.axb6 Nxb6 19.Nxb6 *(Δ19.Nxc5?! Nd7!∓)* 19...Qd8⇄;

B) 11.Bf4 Ne8 12.Qd2 b6 13.a4 Ba6

B1) 14.Nb5 Ne5 15.Qe3 Bxb5 16.axb5 Kapengut: ' ∞!?' Rd8 *(16...Nc7 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.d6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qe6 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Qe4±)* 17.0-0 Rd7 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Kh1 Qd8 20.Ra3 Re7 21.Qb3 Bg7 22.e3 f5 23.Qa2 Rff7 24.Rb1± Delemarre,J-Reinderman,D /Wijk aan Zee 2000;

B2) 14.Na3 Nc7 15.0-0 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Ne5

B2a) 17.Rec1 f6?! *(17...Qd7 18.Qc2 Rab8 Δ19.Qb3?! b5! 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Naxb5 a6⇄)* 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Qb3 Nf7 20.Nab5 Bxb5 21.axb5 a6?! 22.bxa6 b5 23.a7!+- Reicher-Ungureanu /Romania 1972;

B2b) 17.Rad1 f5 18.h3 Qd7 19.Qc2 Rf8 20.b3 Rae8 21.Bc1 Re7 22.f4 Nf7 23.e4 Rfe8 *(23...fxe4 24.Nxe4 Bb7⇄)* 24.Qd2 Bd4+ 25.Kh2 h5?! *(⌓25...fxe4!?∓)* 26.Nc2 Bg7 27.e5! dxe5 28.d6 Qxd6 29.Qxd6 Nxd6 30.Rxd6 exf4 31.Rxe7 fxg3+ 32.Kxg3 Rxe7± Hertneck,G - Georgiev,K /Saint Vincent 2000]

[9...Re8 10.Bg2

A) 10...Nh5?! 11.a4 a6?! *(11...b6)* 12.a5! f5 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Nb6 Ra7 15.Re1 Nd7 16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.e4 Re8 18.Bd2 Qf7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Bh3 Qf7 22.Qc2± Huss,A-Mubarak,W/Caracas 1976;

B) 10...Bf5 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bd2 Qd7 *(12...Bd3 13.Ne3 Ba6∓)* 13.a4 Na6 14.0-0 Nb4 15.Rc1 Bh3

B1) 16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.Nxd6 Re5 18.Qb3 *(Δ18.Nxb7 Nf6!? 19.f3 Nfxd5 20.e4 Rh5 21.Qe2 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Ne3 23.Bxe3 Bxe3 24.Rcd1 Qxg3∞)* 18...Nf6 19.f3 Rh5 *(19...Nfxd5 20.Nce4 b6 21.Bxb4 cxb4 22.Rc2±)* 20.Rf2 Qd7 21.g4 Re5 22.g5 Qxd6 23.gxf6 Qxf6 24.Ne4⇄;

B2) 16.Nxd6

B2a) 16...Bxg2!? 17.Nxe8 Bxc3 18.Kxg2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Rc8 *(Δ19...b6?? 20.Nc7!)* 20.Rxc5!? Rxc5 21.Qxb4 b6 22.g4 Qxd5+ 23.f3 Qe6!∓;

B2b) 16...Re7 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.Nce4 *(⌓18.Nde4!? Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bf4 Ree8 21.Qd2 Rad8 22.e4 Nc6 23.f3 Nd4±)* 18...Nxd5 19.Rxc5 Nhf6 20.Ng5 Qd7 21.Ngxf7?! *(21.Nb5 h6 22.Nf3 Ne4 23.Rc2 a6 24.Nc3 Nb4⩲)* 21...Rxf7 22.Nxf7 Qxf7 23.Qc2 Qe6 24.Qc4 Bf8

25.Rb5 Rc8∓ Langeweg,K-Haist,W/Biel 1997;

C) 10...a6?! 11.a4 Qc7?! *(11...b6 12.Bf4 Bf8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.0-0 Nbd7 * 15.e4 Rb8 16.Qc2 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Na5 b4 19.Ne2 Ba6 20.Rfc1 Nxd5!∓* Dany,S-Lang,B/Wittlich 1997 *)* 12.Bf4 Bf8 13.0-0 Nbd7

C1) 14.h3 Nh5 *(14...Rb8 * 15.Na3 Ne5 16.Bg5 Bg7 17.f4 Ned7 18.e4 h6 19.Bh4 c4!? 20.Qc2 Qc5+ 21.Kh2 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.g4 Ba6 24.Nxc4 Qxc4 25.Rxa6 Nxe4∓* Winants-Reyss/1959*)* 15.Be3 f5 16.g4 fxg4 17.hxg4 Nhf6 18.g5 Ng4 19.Bf4 Nge5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Ne4 Bg7 22.Nf6+ *(22.a5 Bf5 23.Ng3 Bg4 24.Qd2 b5 25.axb6 Qxb6⇄)* 22...Bxf6 23.gxf6 Qf7 24.Bg5 Ng4 25.Qb3 Nxf6 26.Qb6 Ne4 27.Be3 Bf5 28.b4 Hernando Rodrigo,J-Alonso Moyano,J/Valles 1999 Nc3! 29.Qxd6 cxb4∓;

C2) 14.Qd2 Rb8 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Na5 Bb7 *(17...Bf5 18.Rfc1± Zaitsev,I-Pasos/Quito 1977)* 18.Nc6 Nc4 19.Qc2 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Na5 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 Nxc6 23.Qxc5! dxc5 24.Bxc7 Rxb2 25.Bxc6 Rc8 26.Be5 Rxe2 27.Bb7 Re8 28.Bf4+- Weber,R-Bartel,M/Bydgoszcz 2001;

C3) 14.Qb3 b6 * 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Rfd1 Bb7 17.e4 Bc8 18.Re1 Ne5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Bg2 Bd7 21.Na3 Rb7 22.Bf1 Ra8 23.Qc2 Ne8 24.Bd3 Nd6 25.Qe2⇄ Omari,F-Guthi,I/Leipzig 1960;

C4) 14.e4

C4a) 14...Rb8?! 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Na5 Nbd7!? 18.Qd2 Nh5 19.Nc6 *(19.Be3 Ne5 20.h3? Bxh3!)* 19...Rb3 20.Qc2 Rb6 21.Na4 Rb5 *(21...Rb7? 22.Bd2!)* 22.Rfe1 Nxf4 23.gxf4 Nb8 24.Nc3 Rb6 25.Na5 *(25.e5 Bf5 26.Qd2 Kg7 27.exd6 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Bxd6 29.Ne5 Nd7 30.Qe2 Nf6∓)* 25...Rb4 26.Nc6? Bd7! 27.Bf1!? Nxc6 28.dxc6 Bxc6 29.Rxa6 Qb7∓ Letic,S -Duenhaupt,H/ corr 1985;

C4b) 14...Nh5 15.Be3 Ne5 *(15...b6 16.h3 * Rb8 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Ne2 Bd6 20.f4 f6* Maccario,M-Ferri,S/Castellaneta 1998 *21.f5!?±)* 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f4 Re8 18.Bf3 Nf6 19.Re1 Bd7 20.a5 b5 21.axb6 Qxb6 22.Qd2 Ng4 23.Bxg4 Bxg4 24.b4!± Dede,E -Borocz,I / Debrecen 1993;

D) 10...Bf8 11.0-0 Na6

D1) 12.e4 b5!? 13.Nxb5 Nxe4∞;

D2) 12.Re1 Rb8 *(12...Nc7! 13.a4 b6 Δ ♗a6∞)* 13.Nb5!± Nc7 14.Nxa7 *(14.a4!? a6 15.Nxc7 Qxc7 16.a5!±)* 14...Bd7 15.Bf4± Ng4 *(15...Ra8 16.Nc6 bxc6 17.dxc6 Be6 18.Nxd6±)* 16.Nxd6 g5 17.Nxe8 gxf4 18.Nxc7 fxg3 19.hxg3 Qxc7 Δ ♕b6 20.a4 Bd6 21.Ra3?! *(21.Qd3? c4 22.Qf3 Bc5∓; 21.e3! Bxg3 22.fxg3 Qxg3 23.Qf3 Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Re8 25.Nb5 Qh6! 26.Qg3! Re5 27.Kg1 Rg5 28.Qf4!+-)* 21...Ra8∞ 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.axb5 Rxa3 24.bxa3= Pribyl,J-Bellon Lopez,J /Nice 1974 *(24.b6!?)*;

D3) 12.Bg5!? h6 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Bd2 Δe4±;

D4) 12.a4 b6 13.e4 Nb4 14.f4 *(14.b3 a6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.e5 dxe5 18.d6 Ra7 19.Ne4 Qd8 20.Nxb6 Bb7 21.d7 Re6 22.a5 Nc6*

23.Na4± Spassov,L-Schinzel,W/Polanica Zdroj/1979/) 14...Ba6 15.b3 Bg7 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.h3 Rad8 18.Rc1 Rf8 *(18...b5?! 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Qxb5 21.e5!±; 18...Nh5 19.Qf3 Bd4+ 20.Kh2±; 18...Re7 19.Qf3 Qe8)* 19.Qf3 Ne8 20.Rfe1 f5 21.e5!**±** Furman,S-Nezhmetdinov,R/Soviet Union 1950]

[9...b6 so as to play ...♗a6 as soon as possible. How Black played in this game allowed White time for ♗d2 and b2-b3 which shut the door down on the q-side.

A) 10.Bg2 Ba6 11.Qb3 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 a6 13.0-0 b5 14.Qh4 Nbd7 15.Bg5 Re8 16.Rfe1 ½-½ Anikaev,Y-Tarjan,J /Graz 1972;

B) 10.Bf4 Ba6 *(10...Ne8 11.Bg2 Ba6 12.Qb3 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Nd7 14.h3 f5 15.0-0 Ne5 16.Qb3 Nc7 17.Qc2 b5 18.Qc1 Re8 19.a3 a5 20.Re1 Qb8 21.Qc2 b4 22.Na4 Nb5⇄* Sadowski,M-Ferro,S/IECG 2003*)* 11.Nxd6 Nh5 12.Nde4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nd7 14.Qa4 Bb7 15.Bg2 a6?! *(15...Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.h4 a6±)* 16.Nd6! b5 17.Nxb7 bxa4 18.Nxd8 a3 19.0-0-0?! *(19.Kd2!?±)* 19...Rfxd8 20.Kc2 axb2 21.Kxb2 Rab8+ 22.Kc2 Rb4 23.e4 Rdb8**∓** Krasnov,S-Yudovich,M/Cheboksary Candidates-Masters 1960;

C) 10.a4

C1) 10...Nh5?! 11.Nb5!? *(11.Bg2 Qe7 12.Nb5 Rd8±)* 11...Nd7 12.Ncxd6 Ba6 13.Nc4**±** f5 14.Bg2 f4 15.0-0 fxg3 16.hxg3 Qf6 17.Ra3**±** Staniszewski,P-Zvara,P /Prague 2000;

C2) 10...Ne8 11.Bg2

C2a) 11...f5 12.0-0 g5 13.f4 g4 14.Qb3 * Na6 15.Bd2 h5 16.e4 h4 17.gxh4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Bb7 *(18...Nac7 19.Rae1 Bd4+ 20.Be3 Bxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Bf5 22.Rg3±)* 19.Ng5 Qf6 20.Ne6+- Rashkovsky,N-Grigorian,L/ Moscow 1965;

C2b) 11...Nd7 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Na3 f5 14.Bd2 Ne5 15.Qc1 Nf6 16.Bh6 Qd7 17.Ra2 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Nh5

C2b1) 19.Bh3!? Qe7 20.Qd2 *(Δ20.Re1??-+ Nf3+)* 20...f4↑;

C2b2) 19.Qc1 f4! 20.Nab5 h6 *(20...Bb7!?∓)* 21.b3 *(21.Ne4!? Bxb5 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Nxd6 Qxe2 24.Ra3 Rad8 25.Re1 Nd3 26.Rxe2 Nxc1 27.Re6∞)* 21...Rf7 22.Ne4 Bxb5 23.axb5 Rd8 24.Qc3 *(24.Qb2!? ΔNf6? 25.gxf4±)* 24...Nf6 25.Nxf6+ Rxf6 26.Rfa1**±** Sadler,M-Ward,C /Nottingham 1996;

C3) 10...a6?! 11.Qb3 Nbd7

C3a) 12.Bf4!? Ne8 13.Ne4 Ne5 14.Bxe5!? *(14.Nxb6 Rb8 15.a5 f5 16.Ng5 Nc7 17.Bg2 Re8±)* 14...Bxe5 15.Qxb6 Qe7 16.Bg2 Bf5 17.Ned2 Bd4 18.e3**±**;

C3b) 12.Nxd6

C3b1) 12...Ne5 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.Bg2 Nh5 *(14...c4 15.Qc2 Ned7 16.0-0 Nc5 17.Be3 Ne8 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.e4 f5 20.f4±)* 15.0-0 f5 16.Qd1 *(16.d6+! c4 17.Qa3 Rb8 18.Nd5±)* 16...Qd6 17.f4 Ng4 18.e4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 g5 20.Qf3+- Orr,M-Short,P/Bunratty 1998;

C3b2) 12...Qe7!? 13.Bf4 *(13.Nxc8 Raxc8 14.Bg2 c4 15.Qa3 Nc5*

16.0-0 Rfe8 17.Be3 Nfe4 18.Qb4 Qd7 19.Qxc4 Nxc3 20.bxc3 b5!? 21.axb5 axb5 22.Qf4 Na4±) 13...Nh5 14.Nxc8 Raxc8 15.d6 Qe8 16.Nd5 Kh8 17.Ne7 c4 18.Qc2 Nxf4 19.gxf4 *(Δ19.Nxc8?? Nd3+-+)* 19...Rc5±;

C4) 10...Na6 11.Bg2 Nb4 *(11...Ne8 12.0-0 Nac7 - A 62)* 12.Bf4 Ba6 13.Nxd6?! *(13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.axb5 a6! 15.bxa6 Ne8 16.Bc1 Rxa6 17.Rxa6 Nxa6 18.Qb3 Nb4 19.Bd2 b5 20.Ne3±)* 13...Nh5! 14.Ndb5 *(14.Nde4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Qh4 16.Qd2 Rad8 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Ng3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Bxd5!∓)* 14...Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb7 16.0-0 a6 17.Na3 Qh4 18.e3 Rad8 19.d6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qf6 21.Nc4 Qe6 22.Qe2 Bxc3! 23.bxc3 Nd5 24.Qf3 Nxc3 25.Nxb6 Rxd6∓ Costa,J-Cramling,P/Biel 1987;

C5) 10...Ba6

C5a) 11.Qb3 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 a6 Δb5 13.Rb1 Nbd7 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.Qh4 Nh5 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.0-0 f5⇄;

C5b) 11.Na3 Re8 12.Bg2 Qe7 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Nab5 Ne5 15.f4 Nc4 16.e4 Bxb5?! *(⌓16...Bb7?! Δ17.e5?! dxe5 18.d6 Qd7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Qd3 Na5 21.Nc7 e4! 22.Qc2 Rad8 23.Nxe8 Nxe8 24.Nxe4 Bd4+ 25.Nf2 Nxd6↑)* 17.axb5 Rad8 18.Ra4 Na5 19.Kh1± Tunik,G-Berelovich,A /Azov 1996;

C5c) 11.Nb5!?

C5c1) 11...Bxb5 12.axb5 Nbd7 13.Bg2 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.d6!? *(15.e4 Qd7 16.Qe2 Ne8⇄)* 15...e4!?

C5c11) 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Qb3 Rfe8 18.h4!? h6 *(Δ18...Nh5?! 19.Bh3 Qb7 20.d7±)* 19.Ra4⇄;

C5c12) 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Bh3 Re5 18.Qd2 h6 *(18...c4!?↑)* 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.0-0 Rd8 21.d7 e3 *(21...c4!?)* 22.fxe3 Qg5 23.Rxa7 Rxe3 24.Rf4 *(24.Bg2 Bd4 25.Kh1 Qg4 26.Rf3 Re7 27.h3 Qe6 28.Rd3⇄)* 24...Be5 25.Qxe3!? Bd4 26.Qxd4 cxd4 27.Rc7 Belotelov,D-Kraai,J/Budapest 1998 f5 28.Rc8 d3!? 29.exd3 Kf7 30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.Rd4 Ke6 32.Bg2±;

C5c2) 11...Ne8 12.Bg2 Bxb5 13.axb5± ×b5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qe7 *(14...Ndf6!? 15.Bf3)*

C5c21) ⌓15.Qd2 Ne5 16.Nxb6 *(16.Qe3!?∞; 16.Rc1? Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Nc7∓)* 16...Rb8 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nc4= Rxb5 19.0-0 ±/±;

C5c22) 15.0-0?! g5! ○» 16.Bd2 Nc7 17.Qb3□ f5

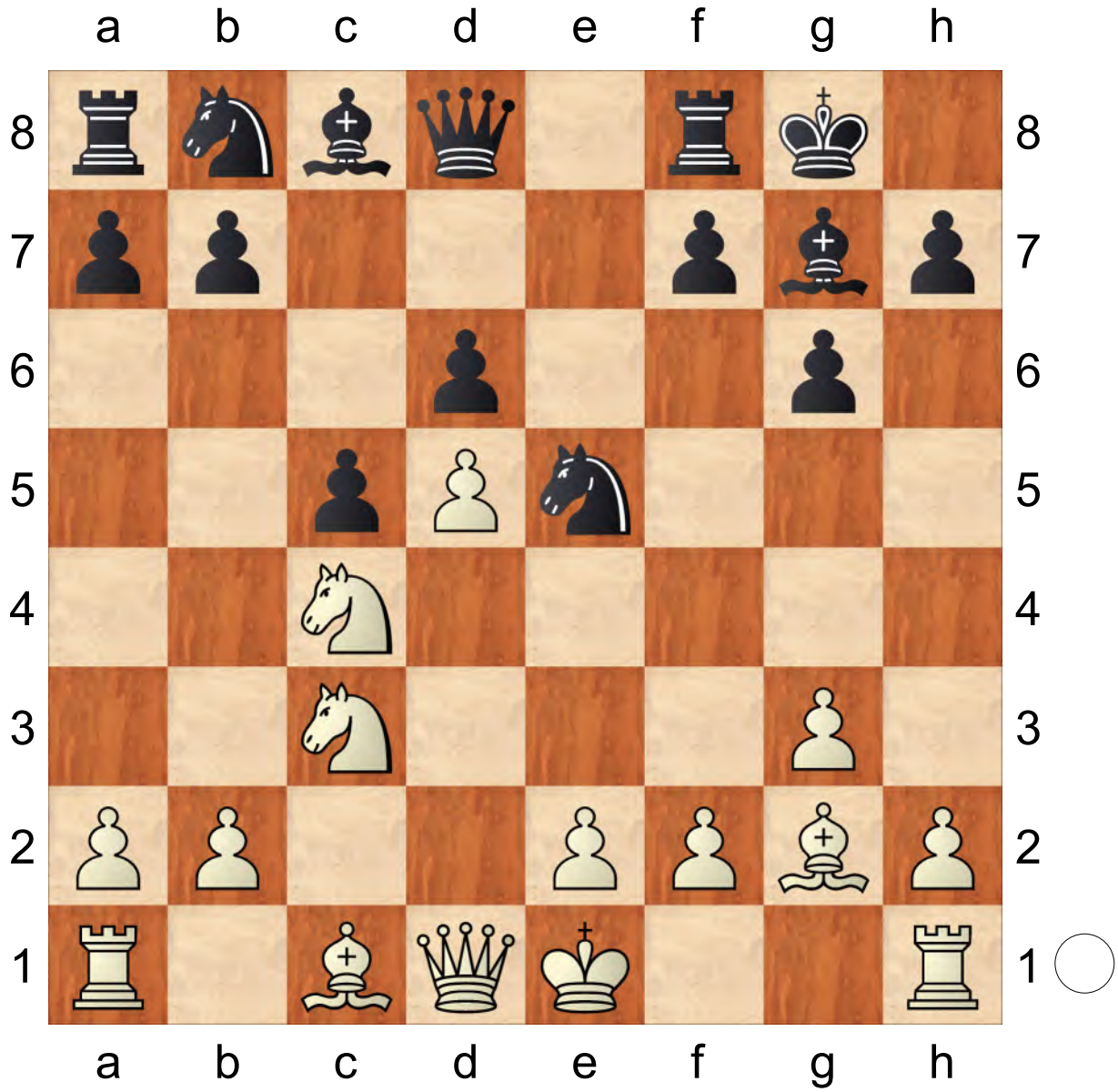
C5c221) 18.f4!?⇄ □ gxf4 19.Bxf4 *(19.gxf4 Nf6∓ ×d5, Δ♘e4)* 19...Ne5 20.Rae1∞;

C5c222) 18.e3 Nf6 19.Bc3 Qd7⇄;

C5c223) 18.Rae1 f4∓ 19.gxf4 gxf4 20.Kh1 Ne5 21.Bf3? *(21.Nxe5 Bxe5∓ Δ♕d7,×b5, →⇔g; 21.Na3 Ng6!?→ Δ♘h4; 21.Bc3)* 21...Qd7 22.Rg1 *(22.Na3 Nxf3 23.exf3 Qf5-+)* 22...Qxb5 23.Qxb5 Nxb5 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.Bg4 *(25.Rg4 Kh8*

26.Reg1 Bf6∓) 25...Kh8∓ Ivanchuk,V-Topalov,V /Novgorod 1995/ [Stohl]]

10.Bg2 Ne5



Usually in the Fianchetto system, Black has to prepare the knight trade to eliminate the very strong position of ♘c4, but using this move order it is easy for him. **11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Ne4**

[13.Bh6 Re8 14.e4 *(14.Qd2 f5⇄)* 14...a6 15.a4 Bd4! *(15...c4?! 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Rfc1±)* 16.h3 Ne5 17.Kh2 f5!⇄]

13...Qc7

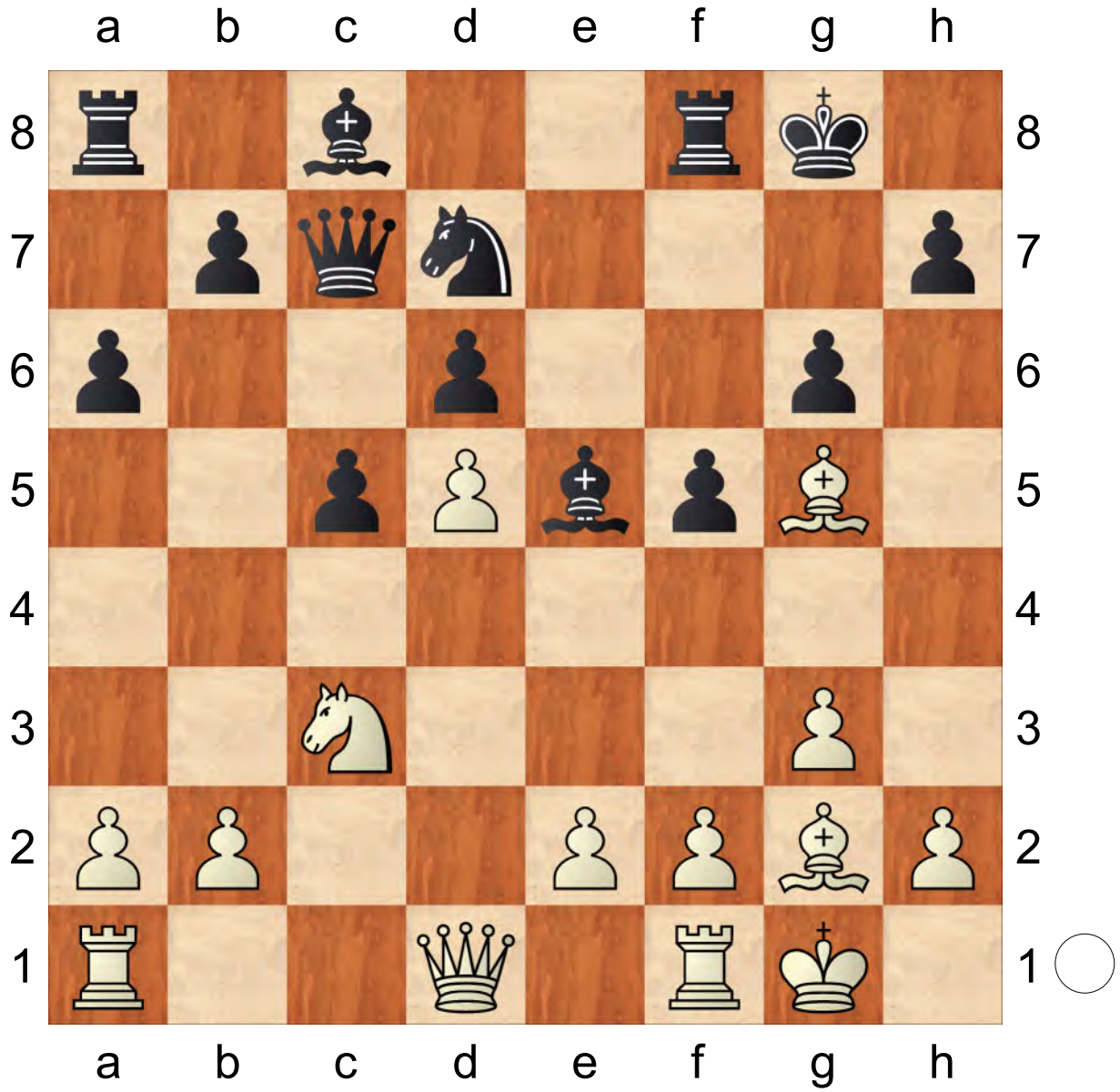
[Δ13...f5?! 14.Ng5 Nb6 15.a4 f4 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.dxe6 fxg3 18.hxg3 Rb8 19.a5 Na8 20.f4 Bf6 21.e4±]

14.Bg5 f5

[14...Bxb2!? 15.Be7 Bxa1 16.Bxd6 Qa5 17.Bxf8 Bh8 18.Be7 *(18.Bd6 f5!?⇄)*

18...Qxa2 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Bg4!? 21.d6! Rc8 22.Bxb7! Bxe2 23.d7! Rd8 24.Qd6 Qe6 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Bc8 Bxf1 27.Kxf1±]

15.Nc3 a6



16.Rc1

[Δ16.a4 c4!?]

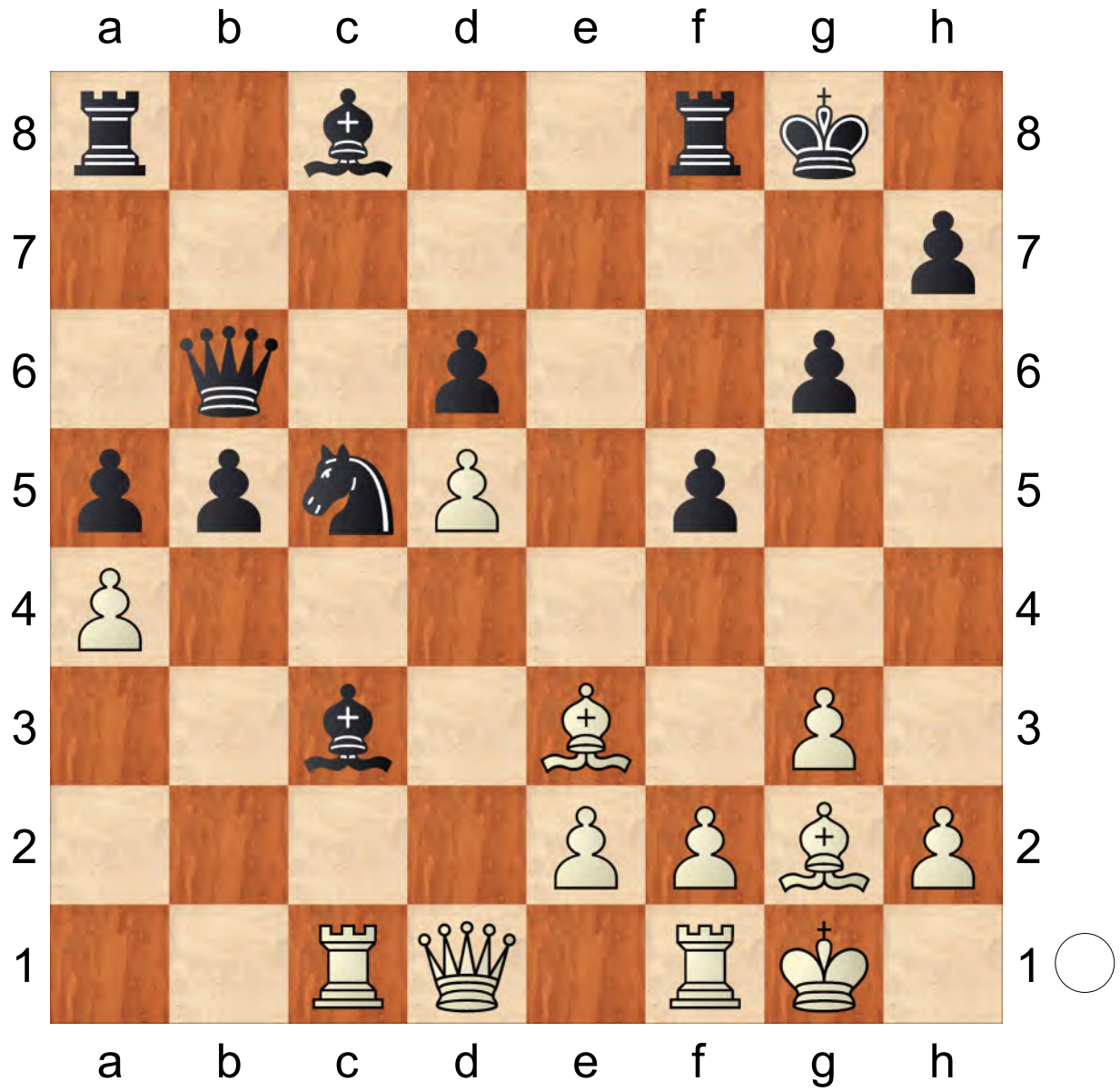
16...b5 17.b4!? Qb6 18.Be3 a5! 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.a4!? Bxc3

[Δ20...b4?! 21.Nb5 Ba6 22.Bxc5! dxc5 23.d6!±]

(Diagram)

21.Rxc3 b4 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.d6 bxc3

[23...Be6 24.Re3 Bf7 25.Bxa8 Rxa8 26.Re7 Rd8 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Qd5+ Kf8



29.Rd1 Rd7 30.h4±]

24.Qd5+ Kg7 25.Qe5+ Rf6

(Diagram)

26.Qe7+ Rf7 27.Qe5+ Rf6 28.Bxa8 c2 29.Qe7+

[29.Qc3 Qb4 *(29...Qb1 30.Qxc5 Be6 31.Qc7+ Rf7 32.Qc3+ Rf6 33.Bc6±)* 30.Qxc2 Rxd6 31.Rb1 Rd2 32.Qc1 Qd4 33.Bf3 Ba6 34.e3 Qd3=]

29...Rf7 30.Qe5+ Rf6

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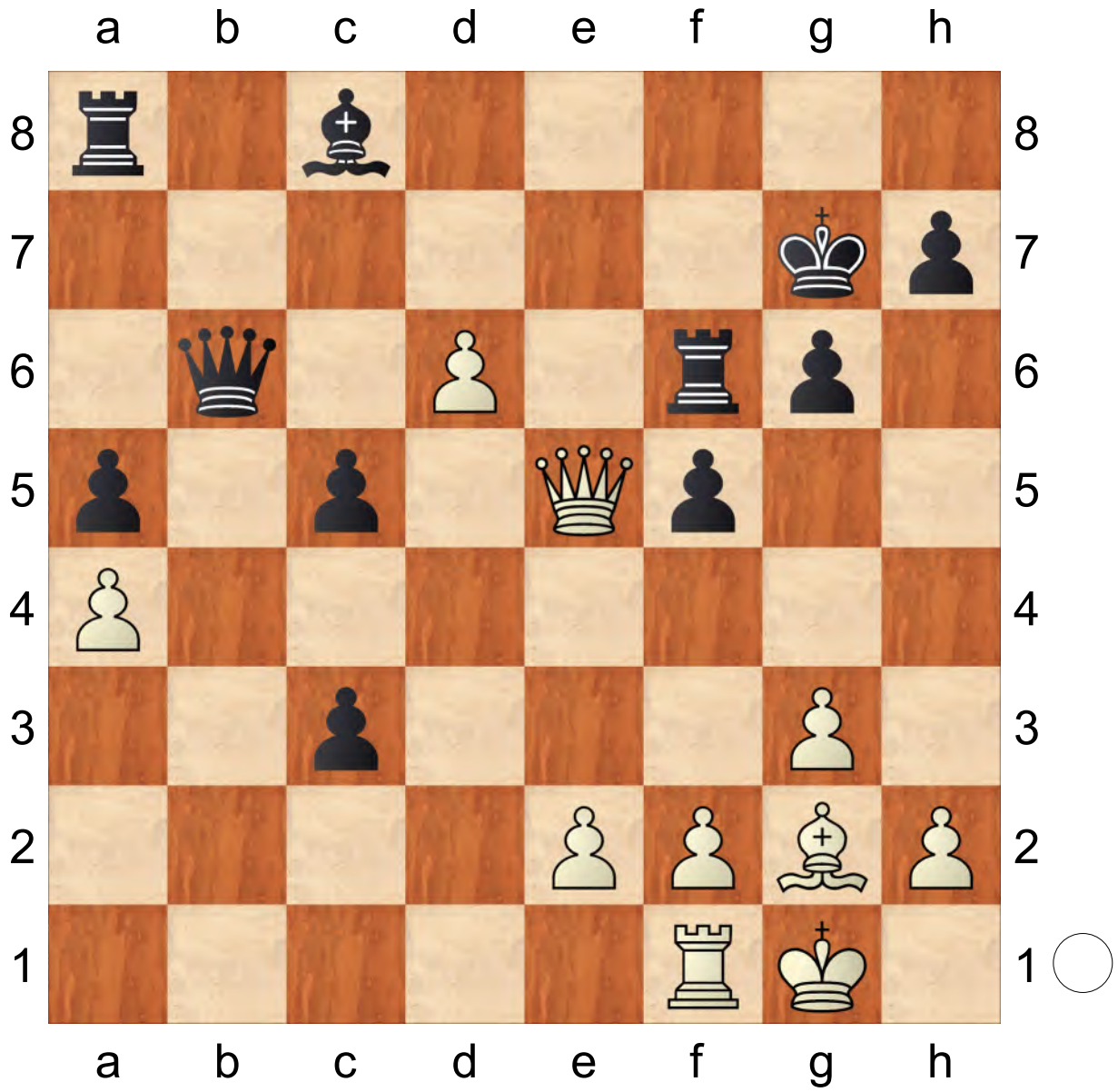
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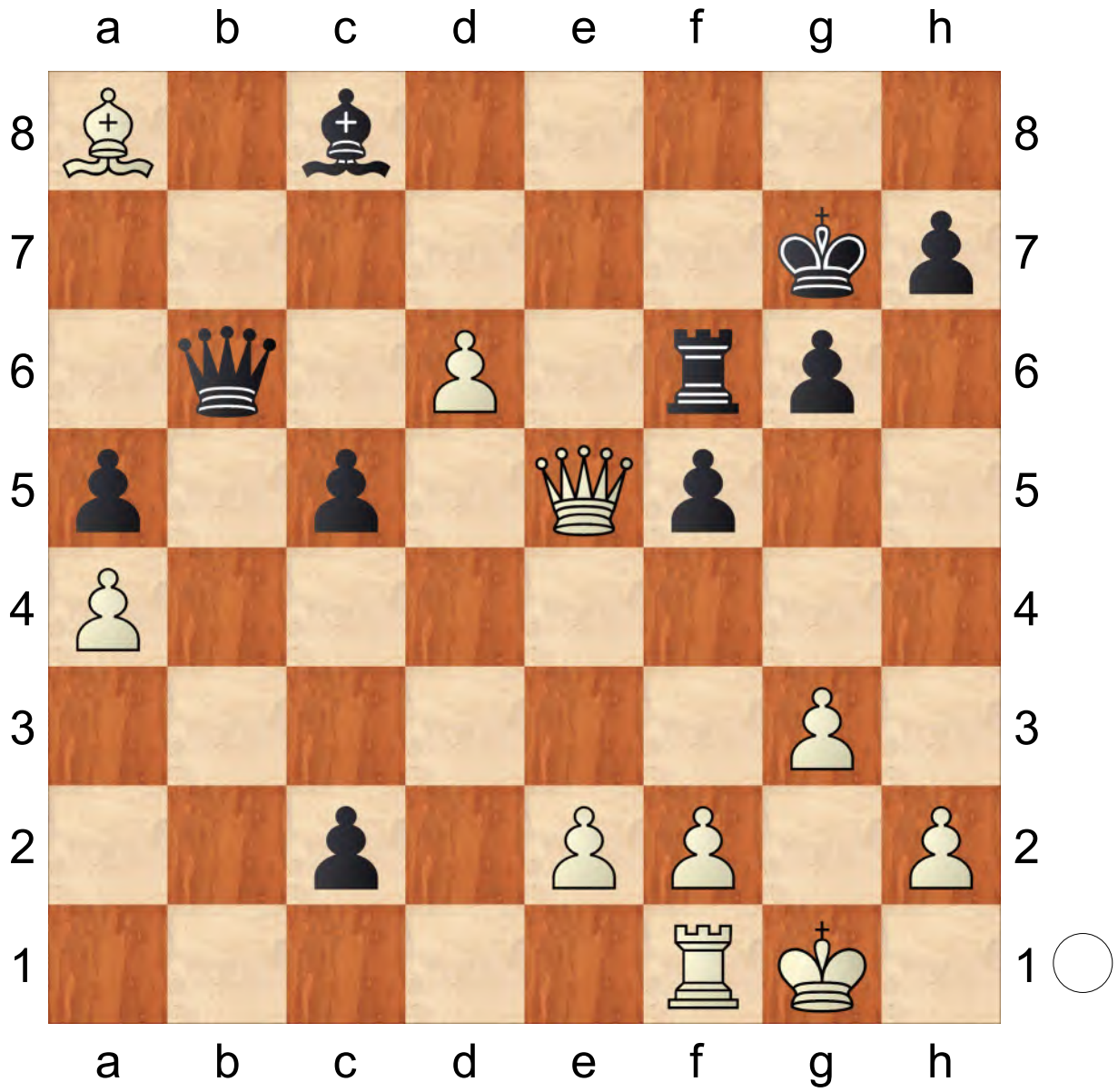
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□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2728**
■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2727**
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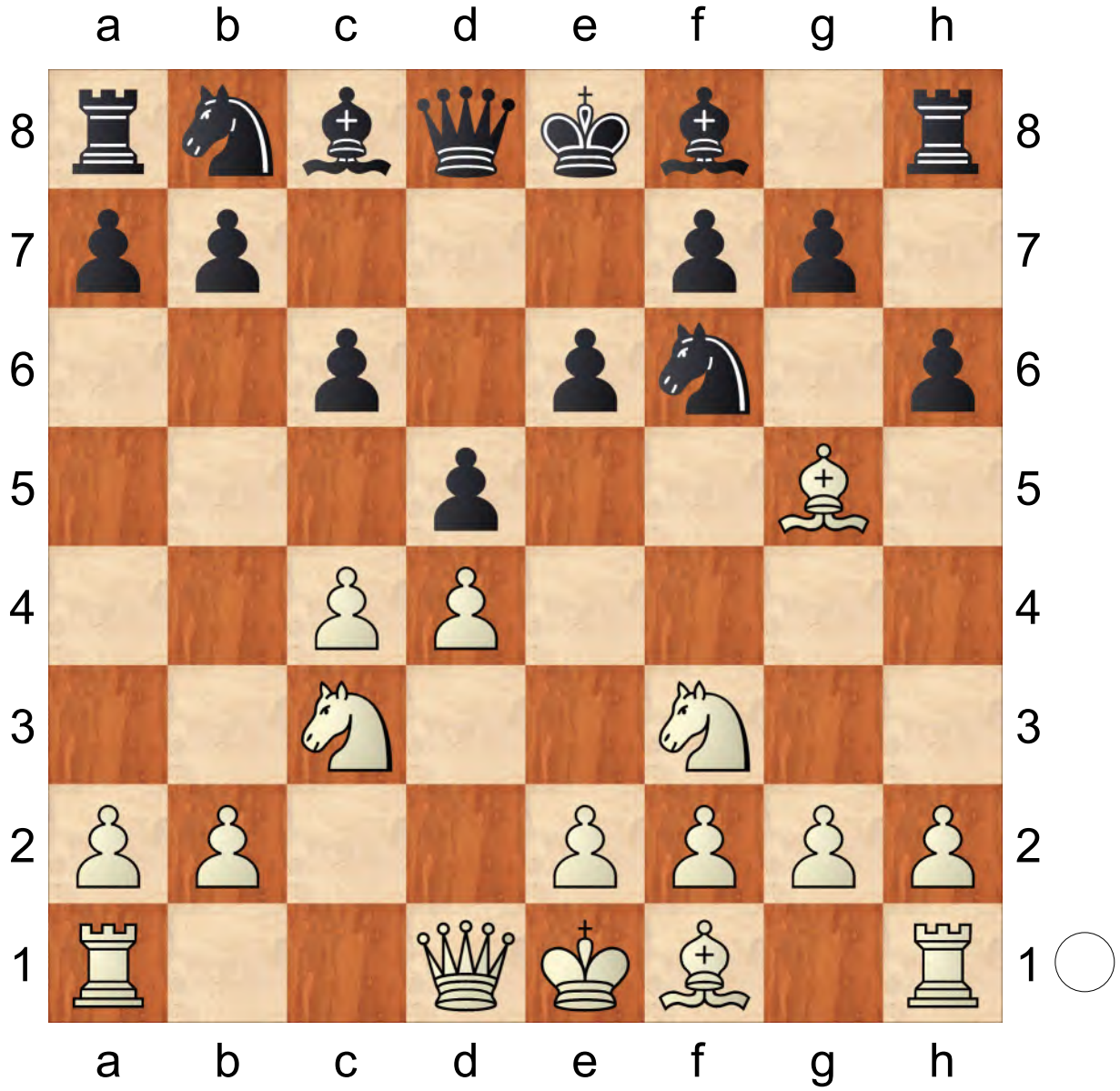
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6



6.Bh4 In a recent interview Grishchuk admitted that this gambit is for him like a red cloth to a bull - he is unable to resist it. This game shows he has a good reason for this - his excellent understanding of the resulting tense positions. **6...dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Ne5** Although this ♘ sortie is typical for the whole line, White more often chooses a different move order. More popular is the developing

[9.Be2 Bb7 and now White has a choice - the two main alternatives are 10.0-0 *(*or *10.h4 g4 11.Ne5 h5 12.0-0 Nbd7* which transposes into the game.*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 , now 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bd6 a6⩱ ½-½ Radjabov,T (2751)-Aronian,L (2763) Sofia MTel Masters 4th 2008 (3) ∞ is the second topical possibility (see my notes in CBM 124 to]

9...h5!? This move has currently the best reputation.

[In an earlier game between the same opponents, Karjakin went for 9...Bb7 10.h4 Rg8 *(10...g4 11.Nxg4 Nbd7 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Qf3 Rg8 14.Be2 a6 15.Rd1 Nd7 16.0-0 Qf6 17.Qe3 0-0-0 18.b3 cxb3 19.axb3 Be7 20.Rc1±* Black hasn't managed to create sufficient ⇄ and his vulnerable ♔ will soon become a direct target. *Qh8 21.Bh2 Qg7 22.Bf3 e5 23.Nd5 Bd6 24.Qc3 Rde8 25.Qa5 Re6 26.Rxc6+! Bxc6 27.Rc1 Nb8 28.Rxc6+! Nxc6 29.Qxa6++-* →, Gelfand,B (2723)-Alekseev,E (2711)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2008/*)* 11.hxg5 hxg5 There seems to be more space for White's improvements after

A) This line seems very risky for Black, but 12.Nxf7 isn't sufficient for an advantage after Kxf7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Rh7+ Bg7 15.Qh5+ Kf8 16.Qf3+ *(16.Ne4 Qa5+ 17.Kd1 Qa4+ 18.Kc1 Nb4 19.Qf3+ Ke8 20.Nd6+ Kd8 21.Qf6+ Kc7 22.Ne8+ Kb6 23.Qd8+ Ka6 24.Nc7+ Ka5 25.Ne8+* 1/2, Estremera Panos,S (2394)-Perez Candelario,M (2537)/La Massana/2008/ is another, more attractive perpetual.*)* 16...Ke8 17.Qh5+ 1/2, Grischuk,A (2716)-Karjakin,S (2732)/Baku/2008/

B) 12.Qf3!? Qe7 13.0-0-0 Nbd7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.e5 0-0-0 16.Ne4 c5 17.d5 Qe8 18.Qg4 *(18.d6 f5 19.exf6 Qg6 20.Re1∞ /±*) 18...Bxd5 19.Rh7 Be7 20.Rxd5 exd5 21.e6 f5 22.Qxf5 dxe4 23.Qxe4 Nb6 24.Rxe7 Rd1+ 25.Kxd1 Qxe7 26.Be2 *(26.Qc6+!? Kd8 27.Be2↑)* 26...Qb7 27.Qe3 Qd5+ 28.Kc1 Rh8 29.e7 Rh1+ 30.Kc2 Qf5+ 31.Kd2 Qd7+ 32.Kc2 Qf5+ 33.Kd2 Qd7+ 34.Kc2 Qf5+ 1/2, Sargissian,G (2676)-Perez Candelario,M (2537)/ Merida/2008/]

[Anand also prefered the text-move after the following experience: ⩲9...Bg7?! 10.h4 Nfd7 *(10...g4 11.Nxg4 Nxg4 12.Qxg4 Qxd4 13.Rd1⩱)* 11.hxg5 hxg5 12.Rxh8+ Bxh8 13.Qh5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.Qh8+ Kd7 16.Qxe5 Bb7 17.0-0-0 Kc8 18.Qg7 Qe7 19.e5 Nd7 20.Ne4↑ Kasimdzhanov,R (2683)-Anand, V (2792)/Mainz rpd/2007/]

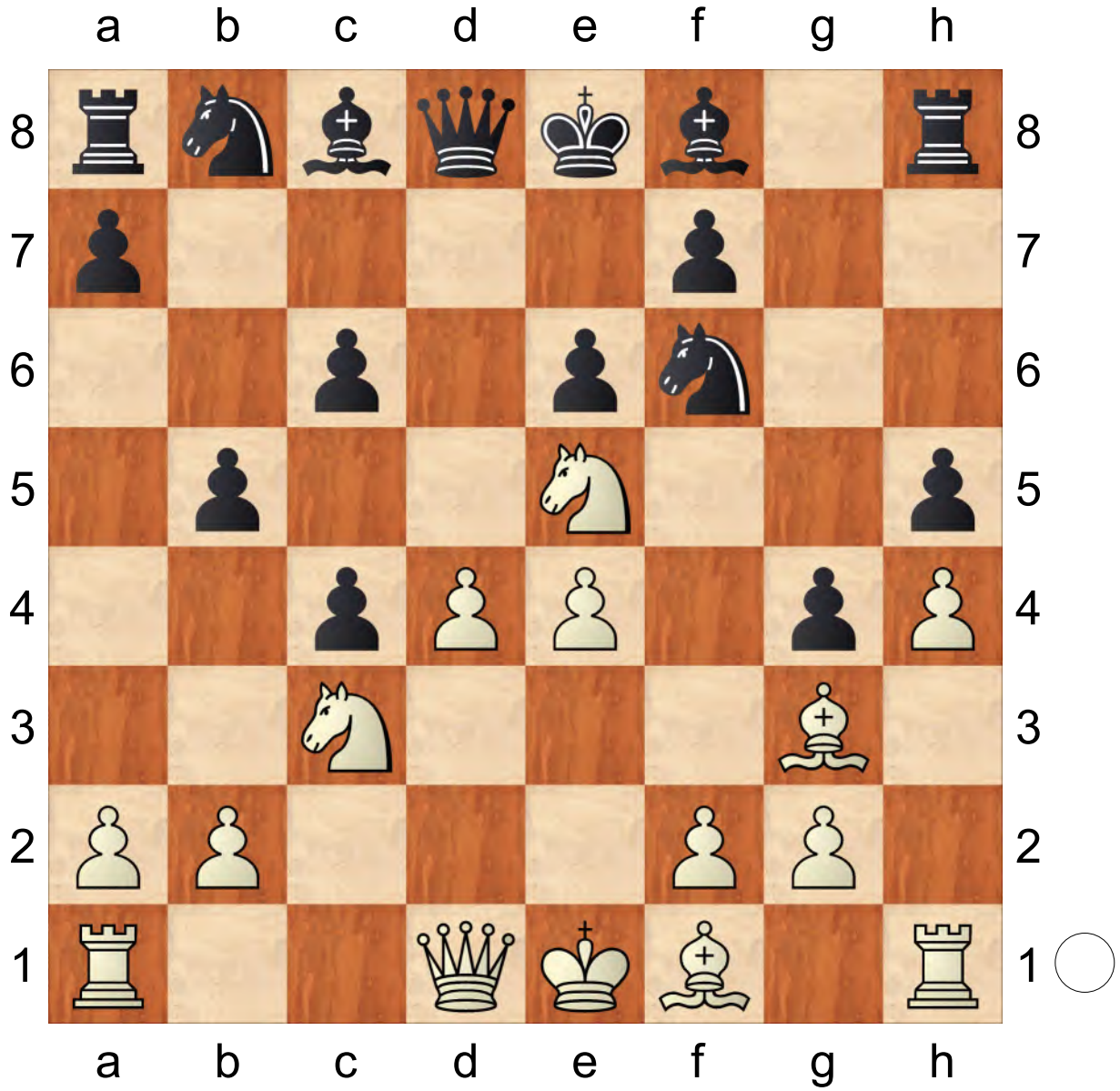
The best, as it wins a tempo. **10.h4**

[⩲10.f3 h4 11.Bf2 Bb7 12.Be2 Nbd7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.0-0 e5 15.a4 a6 16.d5 Rh6 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Qc1 Rg6 21.Rd1 Bc5∓ /∓,Carlsen,M (2733)-Anand,V (2799)/Morelia/2008/]

10...g4□

(Diagram)

11.Be2 Black is behind in development and for the time being must keep the position closed.



[The same goes here for White, weaker is 11.f3 Rg8!?⇄ ⇔g]

11...Bb7 Bryan Paulsen: 'Once the main line of the Anti-Moscow with 10 h4, but now relegated to a theoretically less solid footing than the continuations seen in our next two games. If White could somehow force a transposition to this particular line I would be prepared to argue he might have something worth trying for.' In this line Black should very carefully consider the disruption of his ♙-phalanx - it's one of his main positional trumps.

[However, in this concrete position the rare 11...b4!? Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'would have effectively undermined the transposition White achieved in this game, as we saw in Caruana-Kobalia.' deserves attention: 12.Na4 Nxe4 13.Bxc4 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Nd7 *(14...Bg7!?* is also playable and perhaps stronger: *15.Nc5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Ba6 Rb8 20.Rc1 Ke7 21.Rf1 Rb6 22.Bc4 c5 23.Be2 Rc8∓* Amura,C (2355)-Delgado

Crespo,M (2298)/San Felipe/1999/) 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.0-0 Bb7 (16...Bg7!?∓) 17.Qe2 Bg7 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Nc5 Rh6 20.Kh2 Rd8 21.Qe4 Rd6 22.a3 bxa3 23.bxa3 Bc8 24.Qe3 Rd8∞ Maletin,P (2545)-Kobalia,M (2618)/RUS-ch qual Novokuznetsk/2008/]

12.0-0

[12.f3 Nbd7 13.fxg4 hxg4 14.0-0 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7! 16.Bxh8 Qxh4 17.Bxg4 Qxh8 18.e5 0-0-0 19.Qe2 c5 20.d5 Nxe5 21.dxe6 Nxg4 22.Qxg4 Qd4+ 23.Qxd4 cxd4 24.Nxb5 fxe6⩱ Bacrot,E (2715)-Dreev,A (2704)/Poikovsky/2005/ After this game the line 12.f3 more or less disappeared from high-level practice.]

12...Nbd7

[12...Bg7 13.f3⩱ ↑]

13.Qc2 The main move.

[13.f3 Bryan Paulsen: 'has a very specific flaw. After' Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7!? Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'White must retreat the bishop, giving Black comfortable play. U.Duessel-M.Nekrasov, German League 2007, continued' (14...Rg8∞) 15.Bxh8 Bryan Paulsen: '??' '??' (15.Bg3 Be7 16.fxg4 hxg4 17.Bxg4 Bxh4 with at least equal chances for the second player.) 15...Qxh4 (15...g3! followed by ...Qxh4 leads to a decisive win of material for Black) 16.fxg4 hxg4 transposes into the Bacrot-Dreev game above.]

13...Nxe5 Bryan Paulsen: 'Alternatively:'

[a) Bryan Paulsen: 'Alternatively:' 13...Bg7 is quite similar to variations in which White elects not to play h2-h4, but here White can direct his energy to quickly conquering the d6-square. Indeed, 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.e5 Qb6 16.Ne4 c5 17.Nd6+ left White with sufficient compensation and then some in V.Zakhartsov-S. Matsenko, Voronezh 2006; e4-e5 combined with Ne4-d6 is typically desirable in response to ...Bg7.]

[b) 13...Be7 14.Rad1 Qb6 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 left the black king without a safe wing to occupy in A.Zontakh-J.Dlugosz, Krakow 2000. While Black has completed development, he also does not have any means of active counterplay and must wait for White to engineer a breakthrough with d4-d5 or f2-f3.]

14.Bxe5 Bg7 Bryan Paulsen: 'A critical juncture where a few different moves have been tried, all posing certain problems, but one seems to have paramount importance:' Once again Karjakin follows the main line, not daring to repeat his rare choice from a previous rapid game with Grischuk:

[Bryan Paulsen: 'a) It isn't at all clear what' Bryan Paulsen: 'A critical juncture where a few different moves have been tried, all posing certain problems, but one seems to have paramount importance: It isn't at all clear what' 14...Bh6!? Bryan Paulsen: 'is supposed to accomplish beyond developing a piece. The bishop is mostly out of play, and it doesn't interfere with White's typical piece deployment. After'

A) 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3⩱ 0-0 17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Bg3 Nd7 19.e5 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 although Black won in I.Krush-S.Erenburg, Las Vegas 2007, his position was extremely questionable. Bd3, Re1, Be5, and Ne2-f4 in some order would

threaten to invade all of the weak kingside squares.;

B) 15.d5 cxd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Rad1 0-0 18.Nxb5!?⩱ *(18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Qg6 21.Qxg6+ fxg6 22.Rxb5 Rac8=* Onischuk *)*;

C) 15.Bg3 Qxd4 16.Rfd1 Qb6 17.b3 cxb3 18.axb3 a6 19.b4 Bf8 20.Be5 Be7 21.Qc1 Rg8 22.Qf4 g3!? 23.Bd4 e5 24.Qxe5 Nd7 25.Qxh5 *(25.Qf5!?)* 25...gxf2+ 26.Bxf2 Qc7 27.Qh7 *(27.e5! 0-0-0 28.Rac1↑)* 27...Nf6 28.Qh6 Qe5 29.Qe3 Bxb4 30.Rac1 Ba5 31.Bf3 Bc7↑ Grischuk,A (2711)-Karjakin,S (2732)/Odessa rpd/2008/]

[b) 14...Rg8 15.Rfd1 (given Black has forfeited any idea of castling kingside, White can afford to keep his queen's rook on a1 in an attempt to discourage queenside castling as well) Nd7 *(*if *15...Rg6 16.g3* shoring up h4, while the bishop on e5 has little to fear; *Nd7 17.Bf4 a6 18.e5 Nb6* was A.Moreno-R. Hameister, correspondence 2009, and now *19.Bf1 Nd5 20.Bg5* followed by Bg2 and Ne4 would have given White ample compensation, since Black's king would still be in need of shelter in the forthcoming battle*)* 16.Bg3 Qb6 17.b3 cxb3 18.axb3 was quite comfortable for the first player in H.Verhoef-C.Gatto, correspondence 2002. Positions where Black has to fear both d4-d5 and e4-e5 with Ne4-d6, without having active play of his own, are precisely what he has to avoid.]

15.b3 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Without taking time to commit a rook, White simply opens more lines. There are, however, two important alternatives:' Another critical position, in which the theory was formed mainly by two important games from last year's World Championship. This time White chooses a third (and possibly the most promising) option.

[Bryan Paulsen: 'a)' Bryan Paulsen: 'There are, however, two important alternatives:' 15.Bg3 Bryan Paulsen: 'is an ambitious sacrifice of a second pawn that was recommended in the series of books penned by Khalifman, when Black is probably best off accepting the pawn:' Qxd4 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' *(15...--; 15...0-0 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Ne7 18.Nd6 Nf5 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Qxf5 Qd5 21.f3 Qxd4+* brings about a position in which Dreev thought Black to be doing well, but his position just looks dubious to me. Indeed, *22.Rf2! Qxb2 23.Raf1* eventually gave White a winning attack in M.Hrubaru-W.De Waele, correspondence 2009. Maybe Black can find a way to return some material, but his open king and White's ideas of Bd1-c2 and Bf4 only seem to compound his problems. *)*

A) 16.Rad1 Qb6 17.b3!? cxb3 18.axb3 a6 19.Rd2 c5 20.Rd6 Qa5 21.e5 Nd7 22.Rfd1 0-0-0 23.Ne4 Qc7 *(23...Qb4!?∞)* 24.Nf6↑ Aronian,L (2741)-Gustafsson,J (2606)/WCup Khanty-Mansiysk/2007*!*

B) 16.Rfd1 Qc5 *(16...Qb6 17.a4 a6 18.a5 Qa7 19.Qd2* was the suggestion of the aforementioned repertoire book by Khalifman, but U.Ruggieri-U.Peschke, correspondence 2007, continued *Rh6 20.Bc7 Rg6* , proving to be okay for Black; ...c5 is on the cards, and White struggles to make further inroads without his d-pawn*.)* 17.Bd6 Qb6 18.a4 a6 19.e5 Nd7 20.a5 Qa7 21.Ne4 c5 22.Ng5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Bxc4 bxc4 *(24...Bc8!?)* 25.Qa4+ Kf8

26.Rd7 Bd5 27.Rd1 Bd4 28.Rxa7 Rxa7 29.b3 Kg7 30.bxc4 Ba8∞ /⇄=, Grischuk,A (2726)-Svidler,P (2735)/WCh Mexico City/2007/]

[Bryan Paulsen: 'b) Unfortunately it seems that' 15.Rad1 Bryan Paulsen: 'is too slow:' 0-0

A) 16.Qc1 Nh7 17.g3 f6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Rfe1 Rf7 20.Qc2 Rd7 21.b3 cxb3 22.Qxb3 Nf8 23.Be3 Qe7 24.a4 Qf7 25.d5 *(25.f3!?⩲* Krasenkow *)* 25...exd5 26.exd5 f5 27.Bf1 Ng6 28.Bg2 Ne7= Radjabov,T (2735)-Aronian,L (2739)/ Linares/2008/;

B) 16.f3 seems destined to the draw first seen in D.Tyomkin-I.Novikov, Edmonton 2000; following Nh7! 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.fxg4 Qxh4 19.gxh5 Ng5 20.Qd2 Nh3+ 21.gxh3 Qg3+ 22.Kh1 Qxh3+ neither side can profitably avoid the perpetual;

C) 16.Bg3 Nd7

C1) 17.e5!? is the most harsh test of Black's defences; indeed, c5 *(* but *17...f5 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.b3 Nb6* was okay for the Black in C.Issler-F. Balabaev, correspondence 2006, when it seems that Black's position is just barely holding on thanks to White's inability to win c4*)* 18.Nxb5 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Rc8 20.f4 leaves Black in some difficulties, as analysed by Dreev;

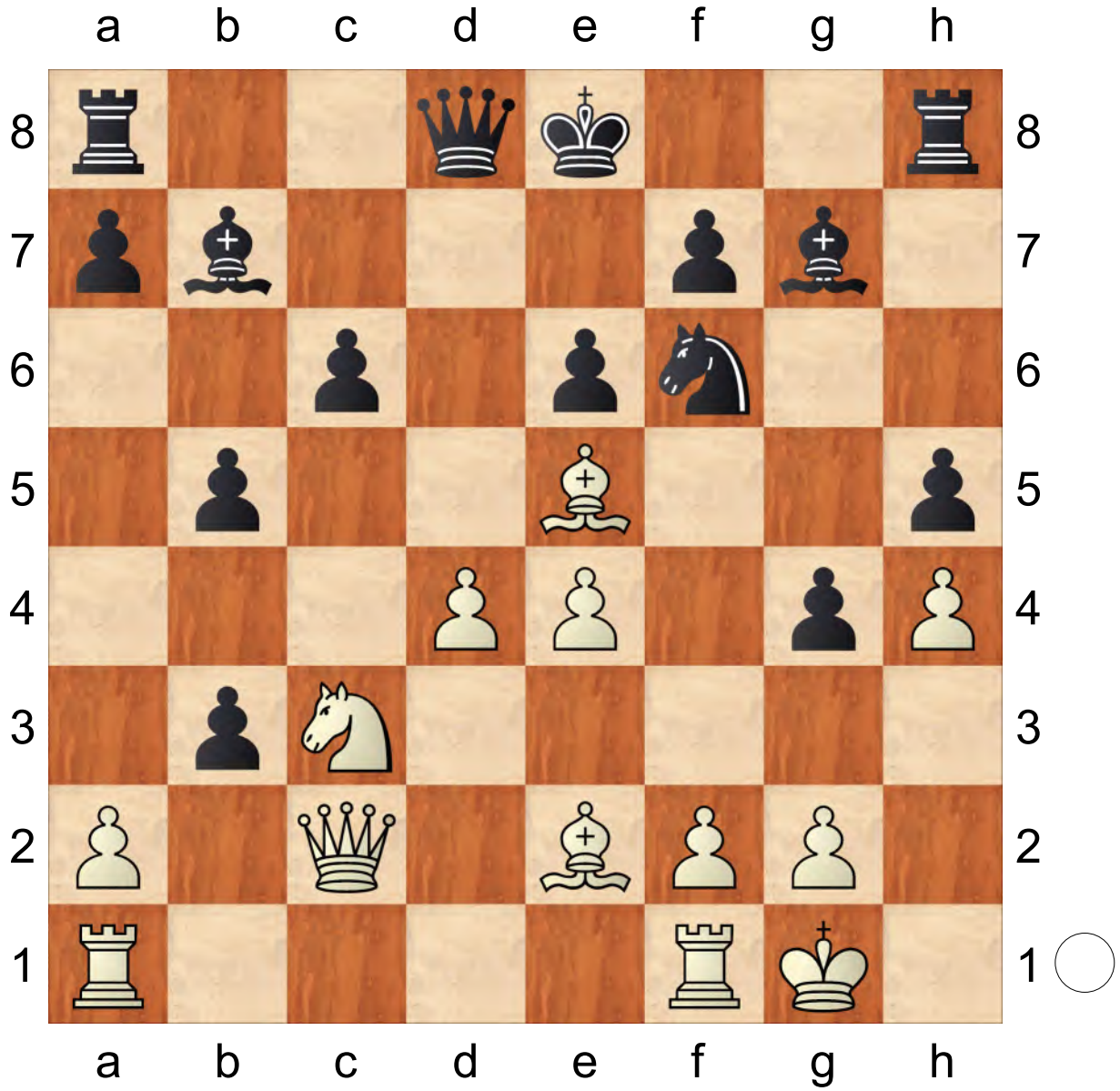
C2) 17.f3 c5! 18.dxc5 Qe7 19.Kh1?! *(19.fxg4∞ Nxc5 20.Bd6 Qxh4 21.g3 Qg5 22.Bf4 Qe7* has resulted in a draw by repetition in numerous correspondence games, most recently J.Ballow-H.Panman, correspondence 2009. *)* 19...a6 20.a4 Bc6 21.Nd5?! exd5 22.exd5 Be5 23.f4 Bg7 24.dxc6 Nxc5 25.Rd5 Ne4 26.Be1 Qe6 27.Rxh5 f5∓ Aronian,L (2750)-Anand,V (2792)/WCh Mexico City/2007/]

Bryan Paulsen: 'We return to the critical 15 b3: ' **15...cxb3**

[Instead, 15...0-0 16.bxc4 Nh7!? 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.e5!? is a straightforward sacrifice of material. When I saw this position I had no interest in going hunting for the b-pawn, playing d4-d5, or doing anything other than hunting the black king. It has received a testing in at least one game, with C.Rodriguez Amezqueta-S. Petkov, correspondence 2009, continuing Qxh4 19.Ne4 c5 20.d5 *(20.dxc5!? bxc4 21.Rfb1!? Bc6 22.Qxc4 Ng5 23.Nf6* looks favourable for White's well centralized position*)* 20...bxc4 21.Bxc4 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Nd6 Qg5 24.Rfe1 Qg6 whereupon a draw was agreed. After 25.Qxc5 Ng5 White would have had some compensation for his pawn, but no more.]

(Diagram)

Bryan Paulsen: 'The most typical response.' **16.axb3 0-0 17.Bg3!?** Δe5 Bryan Paulsen: 'Now, unlike the variations with 15 Bg3, the d-pawn is laced with poison due to Black having castled. ' We mentioned this second ♙-sacrifice already last year; since then it has occurred in practice. White's intention is to play e5 and activate his ♘ as soon as possible.



[17.Rad1 is the more sedate alternative:

A) 17...Qe7 18.Bg3 b4 19.Na4 c5 20.Nxc5 Rfc8 21.f3 *(21.Bc4 Rxc5⩲)* 21...Nd7 22.fxg4 Nxc5 23.dxc5 Rxc5 24.Bc4 Rd8 *(24...Be5 25.Bf2 hxg4 26.Qe2!?↑)* 25.Qe2 Ra5 26.gxh5 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qc5+ 28.Bf2 Qe5 29.h6!?→ Christensen,J (2422)-Selyanchin,N (2479)/corr/2005/

B) 17...Ne8!?

B1) 18.Bxg7 Nxg7

B1a) 19.e5 f5!? 20.exf6 Qxf6 21.Bd3 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.g3 Bc8 *(23...f4!?∓)* 24.Ne2 Be6 25.Nf4 Bf7 26.Rfe1⩲ =, Taucius,M (2149)-Figueiras,J (2316)/corr/2005/

B1b) 19.g3 e5! 20.d5 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Ne6 22.Qc1 Nd4 1/2, Riedener,T (2453)-Isaev,A (2445)/corr/2005/ 23.Rxd4 exd4 24.Qh6 Bxd5 25.exd5 Qxd5 26.Bd3 f5 27.Qg6+=;

B2) 18.Bg3!?
B2a) 18...Bxd4!? 19.e5 *(19.Be5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8 Rxd8⩱)* 19...c5⩲;
B2b) 18...f5 19.exf5 exf5 20.Qc1 Qf6 *(20...Nc7 21.Rfe1⩱; 20...Qe7!?)* 21.Bf4 a6 22.Rfe1 c5 23.Bg5 Qc6 24.d5 Qb6 25.Bd3 g3 26.Re7⩱ →,Neto,H (2525)-Avotins,M (2466)/corr/2004/]

[17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Bf4 Nd7 19.e5 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bg5 c5 22.d5 *(⌓22.Nxb5!?)* 22...exd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Qe4 25.Rxc5 Qxc2 26.Rxc2 Ne4 27.Ra6 1/2, Volokitin,A (2678)-Gustafsson,J (2606)/Bundesliga 0708/2007/ Nxg5 *(27...Rxf2 28.Be3 Rf5= ⇄)* 28.hxg5 Rf5=]

17...c5 A novel idea, which has earlier occurred only in correspondence games.

[However, as in the course of the game Black will get outplayed, he should have possibly realized this liberating thrust differently: 17...b4 18.Na4 c5!? *(18...Nd7 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5↑* (for more details see Avrukh's notes in CBM 124 to Avrukh,B (2641)-Sargissian,G (2673)/Bundesliga 0708/2007/)) 19.Nxc5 Rc8 20.Qd3 *(20.Bc4 Rxc5 21.dxc5 Nxe4 22.Rxa7 Nxg3 23.Rxb7 Nxf1 24.Bxf1 Bd4⇄)* 20...Rxc5 21.dxc5 Nxe4 22.Qxd8 Rxd8 23.Rxa7 Nxc5 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Bd5 26.Rc7 1/2, Leitao,R (2604)-Matsuura,E (2500)/ Sao Paulo/2008/ Bxb3 27.Bxb3 Nxb3 28.Bd6 Nd4 29.Bxb4 Nf5 30.g3 Be5⩲ /= leads to a position, in which White has only very slight practical winning chances.]

[Bryan Paulsen: 'Instead,' 17...Nd7 18.e5 f5 *(18...c5 19.Ne4!↑* - 17...c5 18.e5 ♘d7 *)* 19.exf6 Nxf6 20.Rad1 Bryan Paulsen: 'followed by the invasion of the white queen on g6 gave White more than sufficient compensation in A.Pashikian-S.Ter Sahakyan, Yerevan 2008.' Qe7 21.Qg6 Qf7 *(21...Qe8!? 22.Qg5 b4 23.Na4 Ne4⩲ /⇄)* 22.Qg5 b4 23.Na4 c5 24.Nxc5 Ne4 25.Qe3 Nxc5 26.dxc5 Rfd8 27.Bc4 Bd5 28.Qg5 Qb7 29.Be5 Rd7 30.Rxd5 exd5 31.Bxg7 dxc4 32.Be5+ Kf8 33.Qf6+ Rf7 34.c6 Qc8 35.Qh6+ Ke8 36.Re1 1-0, Pashikian,A (2537)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2449)/Yerevan/2008/]

[17...Qxd4 18.Rad1 Qb4 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4↑ →\ ,Δ♘g5 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'followed by Ng5 will begin to cause very real problems for Black's king.' Contrary to the aforementioned game Aronian-Gustafsson, here Black has already committed his ♔ to the », where it's in danger.]

[17...Ne8 18.e5 Qxd4 19.Rad1 Qc5 20.b4 Qxb4 21.Ne4 Bh6 22.Rd7 Bc8 23.Rd8 Bb7 24.Rxe8 Rfxe8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.Qh7 Bd2 27.Bxg4! Ke7 *(27...hxg4 28.h5 Red8 29.Bh4 Qf4 30.h6+-)* 28.Bxh5 Rf8 29.Ne4 c5 30.Nd6 Bd5 31.Bxf7 1-0, Dhanish,P (2504)-Misiunas,A (2342)/corr/2006/ was another straightforward and powerful attacking game, underlining the value of White's concept.]

18.e5

[18.dxc5 b4⇄]

18...Nd5

[Bryan Paulsen: 'And here' 18...Nd7 19.Ne4!
A) 19...cxd4 20.Ng5 Re8 21.Qh7+ *(21.Bxb5!?)* 21...Kf8 22.Qxh5⩲;

B) 19...Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Δ Bryan Paulsen: 'with Bd3 to follow put Black under serious fire in Y.Shulman-D.Baramidze, Dresden 2008.'

B1) 20...cxd4 21.Bd3 Re8 *(21...f5 22.exf6 Nxf6 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Bxb5±)* 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qxh5↑;

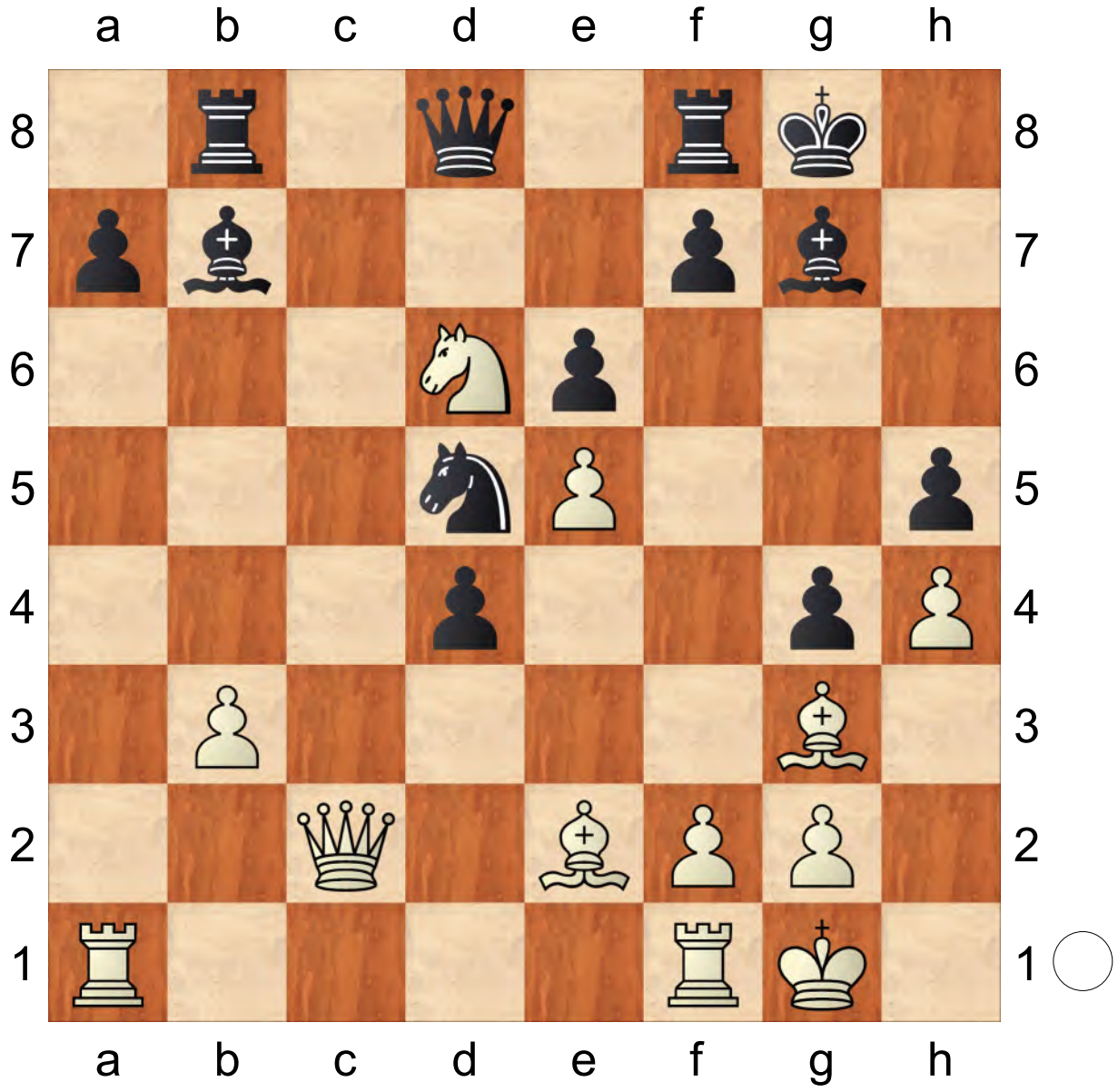
B2) ⌓20...Qb6 21.Bd3 f5 22.exf6 Nxf6 23.Qe2± ⧉,\ ]

19.Nxb5!

[The text-move is more enterprising, than 19.Ne4 Nb4 20.Qxc5 Bxe4 21.Qxb4 a5 22.Qd2 Qd5 23.f3 gxf3 24.Bxf3 Bxf3 25.Rxf3 f6 26.Qe3 fxe5 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.dxe5 Rf5 30.Rxa5 Qxe5 31.Qd2 Rf4 32.Rxb5 Qa1+ 33.Kh2 Rxh4+= Bester,B (2302)-Van Vugt,W (2344)/corr/2007/]

[The same goes for the rather sterile 19.dxc5 Nb4 20.Qc1 Qd4!? 21.Rd1 *(21.Nxb5? Qe4)* 21...Qxc5 22.Nxb5 Qxc1=]

19...cxd4□ 20.Nd6 Rb8



21.Qd2!? Δ♗d3(d1)-c2, ♕d3,↗b1-h7 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' An ambitious move, White set his sights on Black's » and will gradually develop a dangerous →. Less dangerous seems

[21.Bc4 Bryan Paulsen: 'doesn't seem quite the right way to build up White's attack. After' Nb4 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' 22.Qd2 Bd5 23.Rfe1 a5 *(23...Bxc4 24.bxc4 Nc6* Black had a sound enough position thanks to the elimination of the light-squared bishops in V.Dell'Isola-K.Stalmach, correspondence 2008. *)* 24.Rac1

A) ⌓24...Bxc4 25.bxc4!? *(25.Rxc4 Nd5=)* 25...d3 26.Ne4⩲;

B) 24...Rb6 25.Ne4 Bxe4 This is hardly ideal, as it weakens the light squares - we'll see the same motif later in our game. 26.Rxe4 d3 27.Bf4 Kh7 28.Bg5 f6 29.exf6 Bxf6 30.Bxe6 Bxg5 31.hxg5 Qd6 32.Bc4 g3 33.fxg3 Qxg3 34.Re7+ Kg6 35.Qb2 1-0, Van Unen,H (2526)-Lanc,A (2494)/corr/2007/]

[21.Rxa7 Qb6 22.Rfa1 *(22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.Qe4 Qxb3 25.Bd3 Ra8=)* 22...Nb4 23.Qd2 Nc6 24.Rxb7 Rxb7 25.Ra6 Qc7 26.Nxb7 *(26.Qg5 Nb8 27.Ne4 Rc8 28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Nh7+=)* 26...Qxb7 27.Qg5 Rc8⇄]

21...Nc3 Karjakin wants to keep his ♕ closer to his ♔, rightly fearing

[21...Qb6 22.Qg5!→]

22.Bd3

[22.Bc4 Ne4= would be a relief for the defence.]

22...a5 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Making things more difficult for White by refusing to surrender his extra material – the lone claim to anything Black has in the resulting positions.' Bryan Paulsen: 'Making things more difficult for White by refusing to surrender his extra material - the lone claim to anything Black has in the resulting positions.' Karjakin was still playing quite fast, but this move, just as the previous one, doesn't stop White's ideas. However

[Bryan Paulsen: 'Unsurprisingly' 22...Bd5 23.Rxa7 Bryan Paulsen: 'proved much better for White in V.Akobian-K.Szabo, Gibraltar 2009.' Rxb3 24.Qf4 is also dangerous: Δ Na2 25.Ne4!→

A) 25...Rxd3? 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 *(26...Kh8 27.Qg5+-)* 27.exf6+-;

B) 25...Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Rxd3□ 27.Qxd3 Qd5 28.Rb1± /±]

23.Ra3!? Grischuk avoids both

[23.Bc2 Ba6!∞]

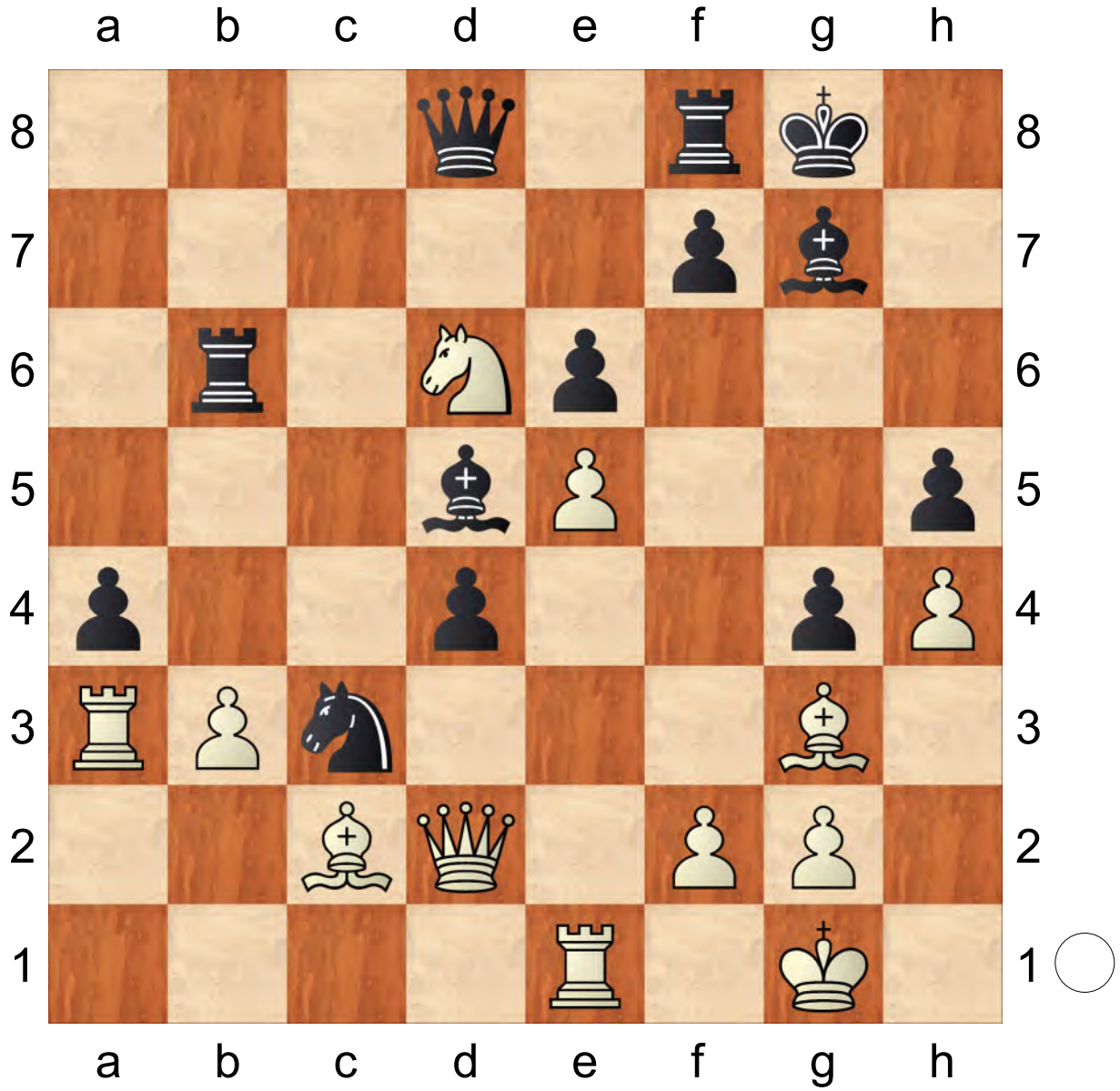
[and 23.Rfe1 Bd5⇄ Δ 24.Bf4 Rxb3 *(24...f5!?)* 25.Bg5 f6□ *(25...Qb8 26.Bf6+-)* 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 *(26...Bxf6 27.Qh6 Ne2+ 28.Rxe2 Rxd3 29.Qg6+ Bg7 30.Qxd3 Qxh4 31.Qxd4±)* 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.Qf4 Qf8 29.Rxa5 Be7=]

23...Bd5 **24.Bc2** Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'On the evidence of the five games to reach this position it is evident there is a substantial amount of danger for Black. He has been unable to equalize or even hold a draw over the board or in correspondence. The b1-h7 diagonal cannot be easily dealt with, while Black has a number of loose pawns in his position (a5, d4, and h5). ' Effectively combines both → and defence. **24...Rb6?!** Bryan Paulsen: 'The defender has tried too:' The critical moment of the game. Black had many options and he probably didn't choose the best one:

[24...f5 25.exf6
A) 25...Qxf6 26.Qd3 Rfd8 *(26...Qh6 27.Rxa5 Ra8 28.Rfa1 Rxa5 29.Rxa5* again left Black under severe pressure in G.Pezzica-J.Kuiper, correspondence 2008 *)* 27.Re1 a4 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qxh5 Rb6 *(29...axb3? 30.Ra7! bxc2 31.Rf7+ Kg8 32.Rxf6 Rb1 33.Qf7+ Kh7 34.Kh2! Rxe1 35.Bf4+-)* 30.Be5 Qe7 31.Nc4±;
B) 25...Rxf6!? **Δ** 26.Be5 Rb6 27.Nc4 Bh6⇄]
[24...a4!? 25.Qd3 *(25.bxa4 Rb2* **Δ** *26.Bh7+ Kxh7 27.Qxb2 Qa8⩲)* 25...f5 26.exf6 Rxf6⇄ **Δ** 27.Qh7+ *(27.Re1 Bxb3 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Ne8 Kxe8! 30.Qxg7 Bxc2 31.Bxb8 Qe7⩲)* 27...Kf8 28.Ne8 Rb7 *(28...Qxe8? 29.Bd6+ Kf7 30.Qxh5+ Kg8 31.Bh7+ Kh8 32.Bg6+ Kg8 33.Qh7#)* 29.Nxf6 Bxf6 30.Qh6+ Bg7⩲]
[Bryan Paulsen: 'a)' Bryan Paulsen: 'The defender has tried too:' 24...Qc7 25.Qd3 Rfd8 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Bd3⩲ ↑ Bxb3 28.Bf4 a4 29.Rc1 Rd7 30.Raa1 Qa5 31.Re1 Qb6 32.Qxh5 followed by Bh6 left Black under more pressure than he could handle in A.Rawlings-F.Mayr, correspondence 2009.]
25.Re1! Activates another piece and keeps the tension.
[≤25.Qd3 f5 26.exf6 Rxf6 27.Rxa5 Rxd6 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Ra7 Rf7 *(29...Rd7? 30.Bd6++-)* 30.Rxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qxh5+ Kg8⩾ /∓]
25...a4
[25...f5 26.exf6
A) 26...Qxf6 27.Qd3 Qh6 *(27...Ra8 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qxh5±)* 28.Rxa5↑;
B) 26...Rxf6!? 27.Nc4 Rb4± is still not so clear, although Black lost a tempo with his previous move. *(27...Ra6 28.Qg5* left Black an untenable position after the eventual capture on a5 in R.Pierzak-G.Pezzica, correspondence 2008.*)* 28.Qxd4! still leaves White with a dangerous attack after the ensuing Nb5 29.Qd3 Rxc4 30.bxc4 Nxa3 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.cxd5 Rh6 33.Qd3 Nxc2 34.Qxc2 Qxd5 35.Rd1 Qf5 36.Qc8+ Kf7 37.Rd7+ Kg6 when Black's slight material edge is ruined by his horrid coordination.]
[After the game Grischuk recommended 25...Rxd6 26.exd6 f5 , but this sacrifice seems insuffcicient due to 27.Bd3! **Δ**♗c4±]

(Diagram)

26.Qd3! Bryan Paulsen: 'The attack must go on! '
[26.bxa4 Rb2⩲ ⇄ is still not so clear, although in comparison with 24...a4!? White has the useful extra move ♖e1. *(26...f5 27.Qxd4!?±)*]
26...f5□ 27.exf6 Rxf6 28.Nc4! Bxc4? The decisive error.
[28...axb3 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Nxb6 Qxb6 31.Bxb3! Bb7 *(31...Bxb3 32.Ra8+ Kf7 33.Rg8 Rg6 34.Be5+-)* 32.Bc4 Qc6 33.Bf1±]
[Black shouldn't have clung on to material, arguably the best try was 28...Rf5!? 29.Nxb6 *(29.bxa4 Ra6 30.Rb3!↑)* 29...Qxb6 30.Qd2± /±]



[28...Rc6 29.Be5→ *(29.Ne5* followed by bxa4 wouldn't alleviate Black's problems. *)*]

[28...Rb7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qxh5 *(30.Bd6+ Re7!* is less clear*)* 30...Rh6 31.Qxg4 axb3 32.Rxb3 Rxb3 33.Bxb3 d3 34.Bd1!?± (Rybka)]

29.bxc4+- Δ♖c3 Bryan Paulsen: 'Black has eliminated one attacker, but the unmolested battery single-handedly ruins his hopes of a playable position. ' The ♗c2 is too strong, with the gaping holes on the light squares Black is in desperate trouble.

[29.Qxc4? Qd5!=]

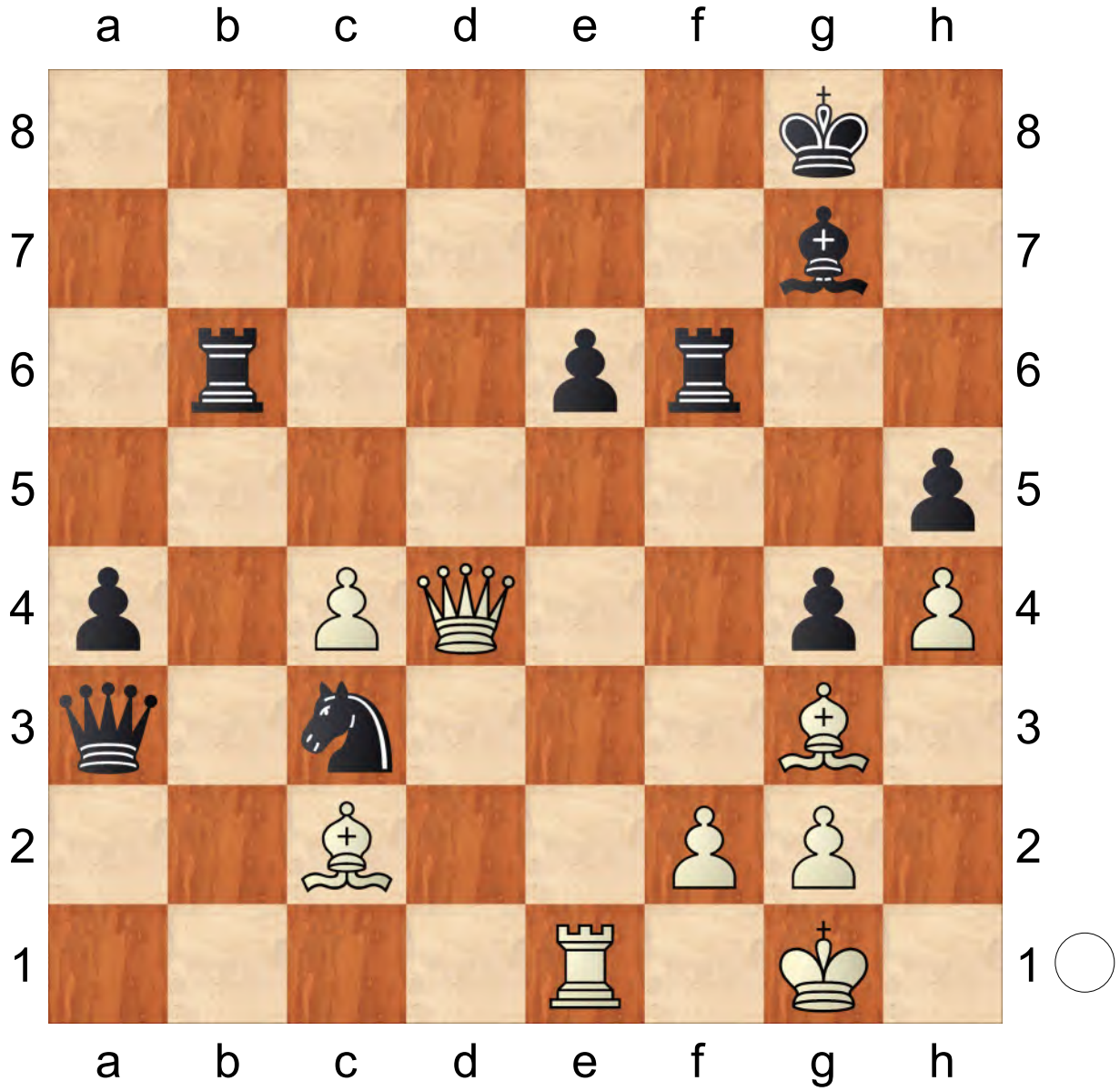
29...Qe7

[Moreover, Black can't hold the ♙d4, as the tactical 29...Rb2 fails to 30.Rxc3 Qa5 31.Qh7+ Kf7 32.Re5! Qxc3 33.Rg5+-]

[29...Rb7 30.Rxc3 Qa5 31.Qh7+ Kf7 32.Re5!?+- is similar *(32.Qe4+-)*]

30.Qxd4! Qxa3

[30...Rb1 31.Bxb1 Qxa3 32.Be5 Rf7 33.Bg6 Rb7 34.Bxg7 Rxg7 35.Rxe6+-]



31.Qxb6
[31.Qd8+!? Qf8 32.Qxb6 Δ e5 33.Qe3+- was equally strong.]
31...e5 32.Qd8+ Qf8 33.Qa5 Bryan Paulsen: '!' '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'White correctly calculated the consequences of Black's miniature attempt at freedom, and now he can set about destroying all of the loose black pawns. ' **33...e4** Black's last chance. However, even in time trouble Grischuk winds up his ⟶ effectively. **34.Bxe4**
[34.Qxc3?! Rxf2 35.Be5 Qc5 *(35...Bxe5 36.Qxe5 Rxc2 37.Rf1+-)* 36.Bxg7 Rxc2+ 37.Bd4 Rxc3± would only prolong the game.]
34...Nxe4 35.Rxe4 a3

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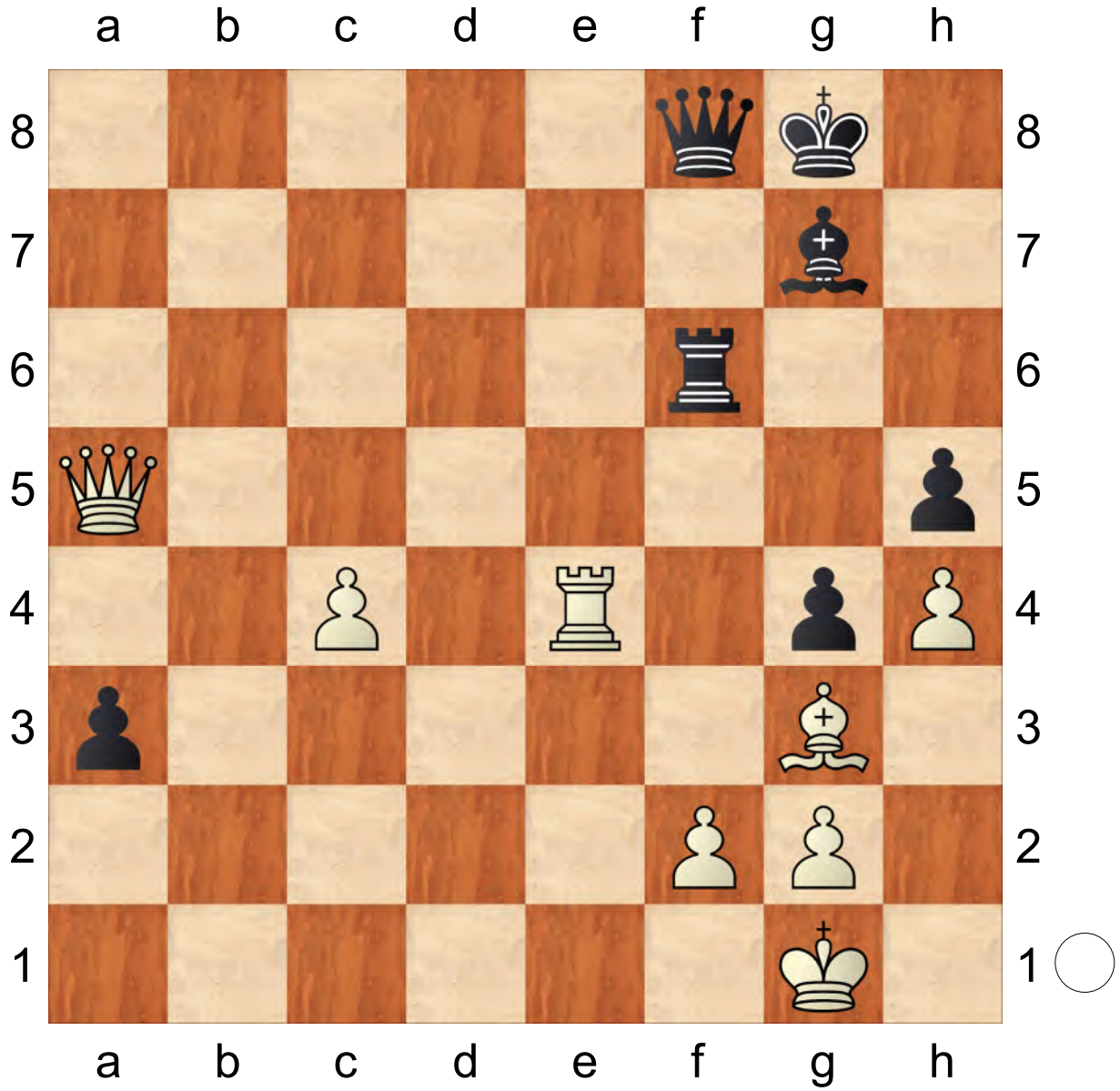

36.Re3 Disarms Black's ♁ **36...Qf7** **37.Qxa3** **Qxc4** Bryan Paulsen: 'In some circumstances Black may have hopes for a draw due to the pawns all being on one side of the board, but this isn't one of them. ' **38.Qa5+-** Black did his best to survive the direct →, but (apart from White's extra ♙) the difference in the ♔ position is still decisive: ♔g1 is safe, while ♔g8 remains permanently exposed. White will break down the defence by targetting the ×h5. **38...Qf7** **39.Re5** **Rh6□** Bryan Paulsen: 'Black holds h5, but now g7 becomes the target. '

[39...Re6 40.Qa8+ *(40.Rxh5+-)* 40...Bf8 41.Rg5+ Rg6 42.Rxh5+-]

40.Qd8+ **Kh7**

[40...Bf8 41.Rg5+ Kh7 42.Qd3+ Rg6 43.Rxh5+ Kg8 44.Be5+- →]

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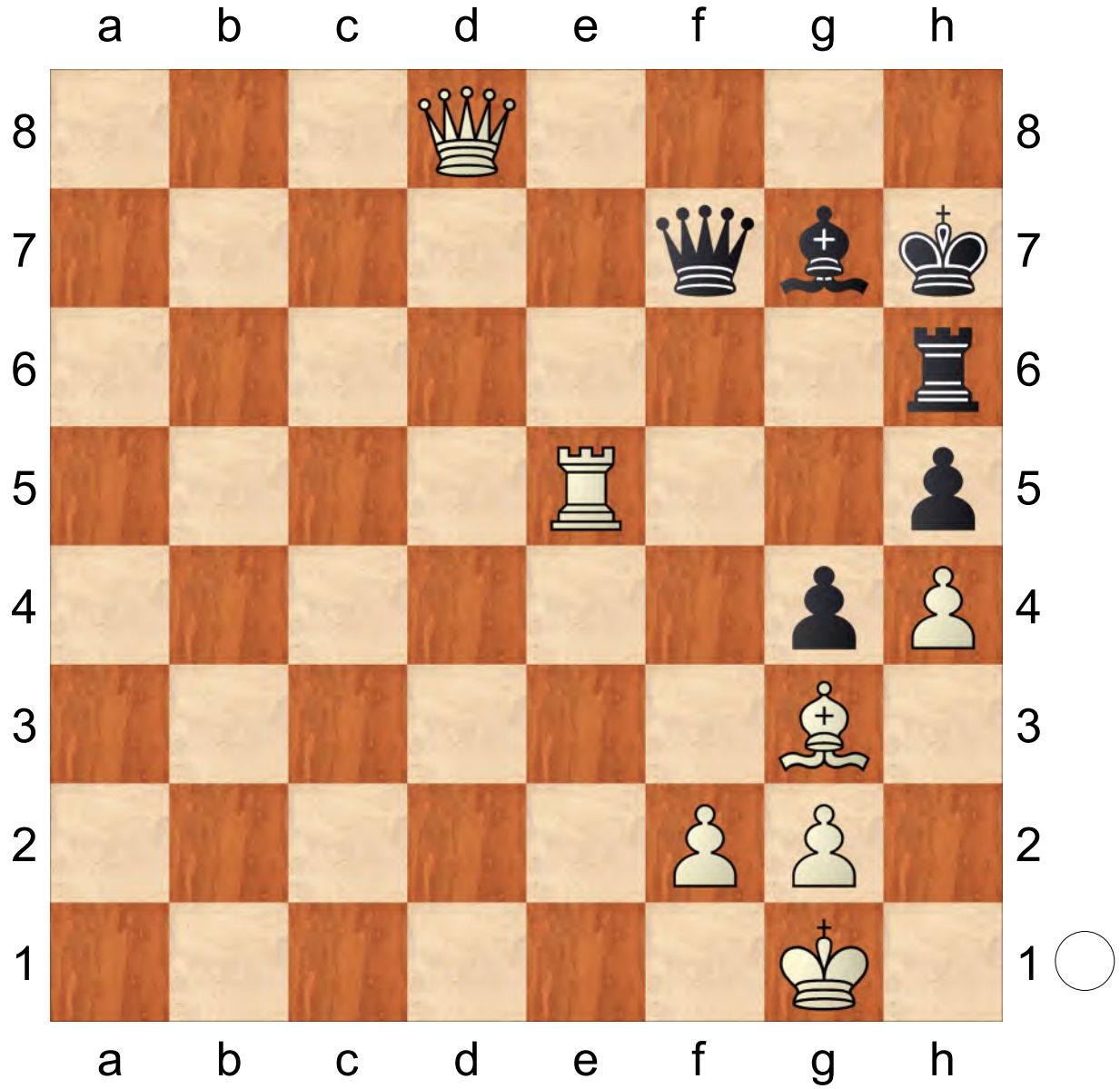
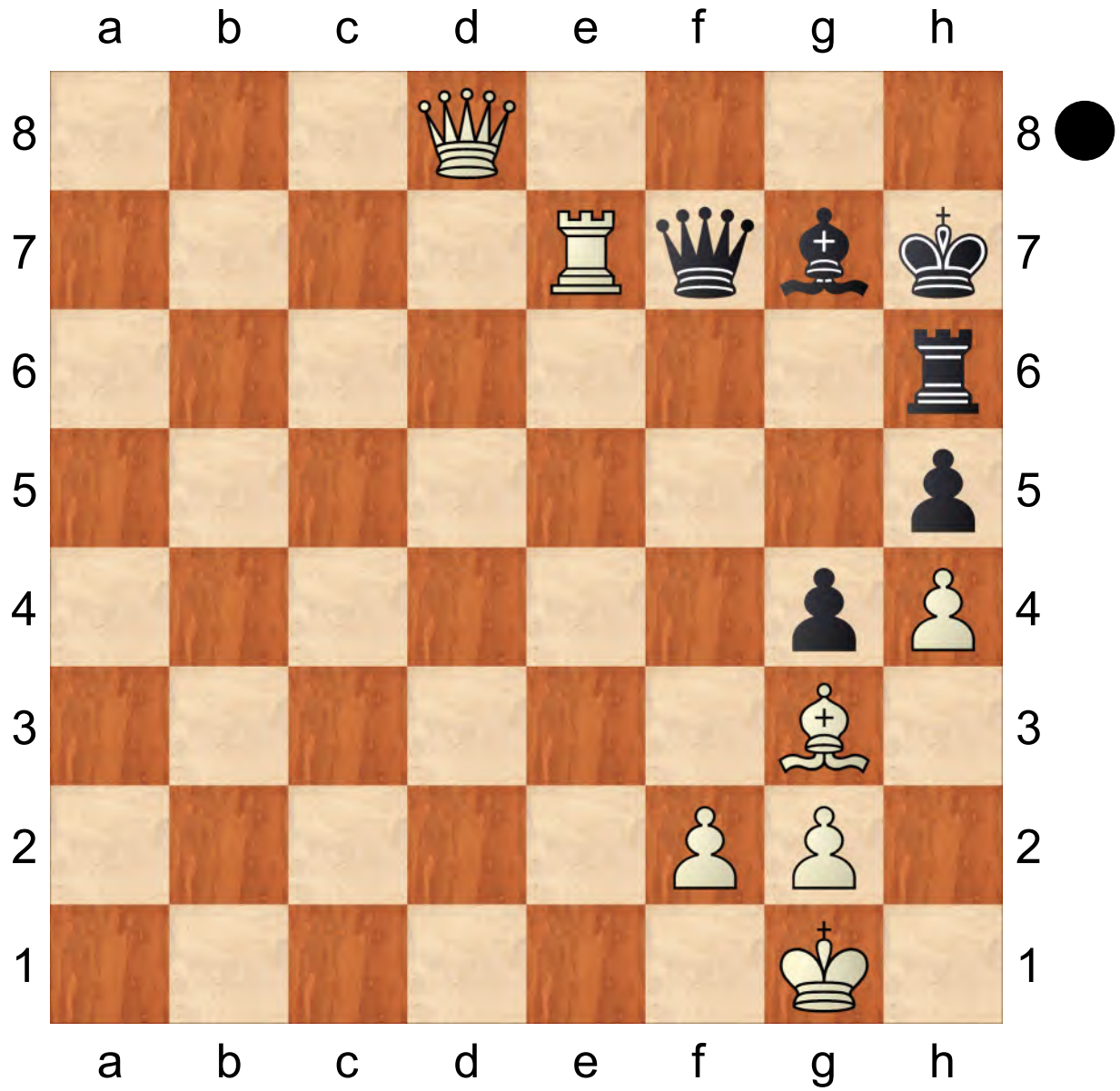


41.Re7

[41.Re7 Qc4 *(41...Qf5 42.Qc7 Rg6 43.Be5 Qf8 44.Rf7 Qg8 45.Qd7 Kh6 46.Bxg7+ Rxg7 47.Qe6+ Kh7 48.Qf5+ Kh8 49.Rf8+-)* 42.Be5 Qc1+ 43.Kh2 Rg6 44.Qd7+-]

(Diagram)

Bryan Paulsen: 'Black resigned due to further material losses after Be5, and the possibility of easily won pawn endings at the very least. Summary: This game is absolutely critical to the entire Anti-Moscow with 10 h4, and represents the reason Black has flocked towards other continuations than 11...h5.' Bryan Paulsen: 'Black resigned due to further material losses after Be5, and the possibility of easily won



pawn endings at the very least. --- Summary: This game is absolutely critical to the entire Anti-Moscow with 10 h4, and represents the reason Black has flocked towards other continuations than 11...h5.' Black at the very least can't avoid simplification into a lost ♙ ⊥ after

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C07

□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2796**
■ **Kamsky,Gata** **2725**
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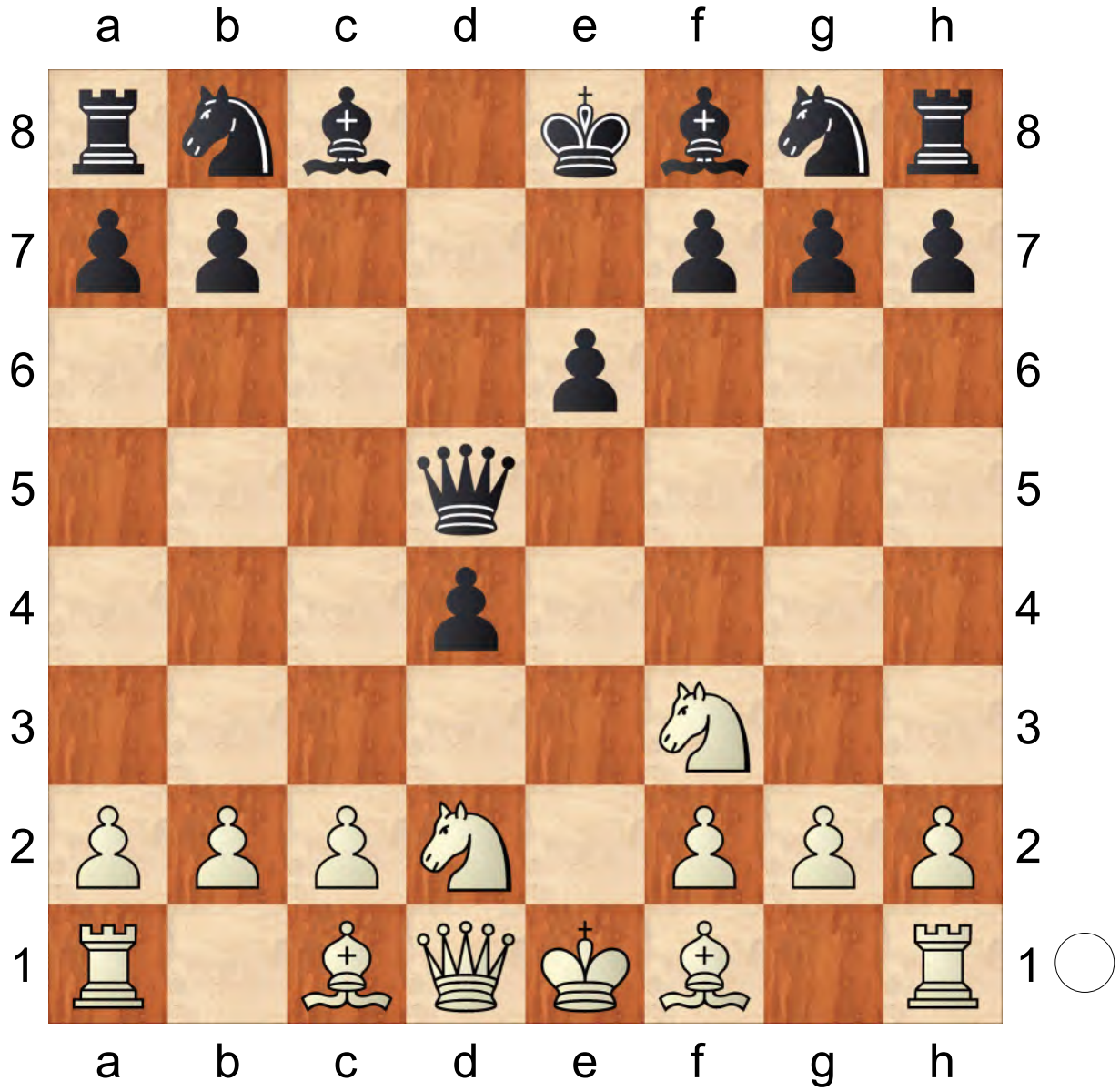
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5**
[Game 5 featured 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 , here Topalov goes for the main alternative.]
4...Qxd5 Black doesn't want to defend an isolated queen's ♙ and strives for free development of his forces. This line was highly popular in the 1980s, although it lost most of its appeal towards the end of the 20-th century, when Black mostly turned to 3...♘f6. Black's choice is still largely a matter of taste, the other main move
[4...exd5 is also far from refuted and objectively hardly any worse - Korchnoi used it successfully in his 1974 match against Karpov. 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nb3 Nce4 11.Nfd4 Qd7 12.Qf3 g6 13.Bh6 Ng4 14.Bf4 0-0 15.h3 Ngf6 16.c3 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd8 18.Nc2 Bb6 19.Nbd4 Re7 20.Ne3 Rae8 21.Ng4 Nxg4 22.hxg4 Qc8= 1/2 Topalov,V (2455)-Fries Nielsen,J (2415)/Copenhagen/1991/]
5.Ngf3 cxd4

(Diagram)

6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0
[A very ambitious idea is 7.Qe2!? , after Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 a6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Rhe1 Bb7 *(12...Bd7!?)* 13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qd5?! *(14...Nd5±; 14...Bd5!?)* 15.Nf5 Qxa2 16.Qe5! Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Qa5+ 18.c3 Ne4+? *(18...Kf8±)* 19.Bxe4 Bxg5+ 20.Ke2 Bxe4 21.Nxg7+ Kf8 22.Qxg5+- Ganguly,S (2603)-Petrik,T (2487)/Dresden olm/2008/ Black was soon crushed. However, Topalov is one point up with two games to go and doesn't need double-edged positions with opposite-side castling.]
7...Nf6 8.Re1 This idea gained it's share of attention after Kasparov used it against Gelfand in Astana 2001.
[However, the main line is still 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 and now Moskalenko advocates Petrosian's simple developing move Be7!? , which seems quite solid: *(10...a6* and*; 10...Bd7* occur far more often, but are perhaps no better. *)*
A) 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Qf4 13.Nf3 b6 14.Be5 Qg4 15.Nd4 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Bb7 17.Nb5 Bc5 18.Bd6 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Rfc8 20.Rfd1 Kf8= 1/2, Tal,M (2615)-Petrosian,T (2625)/Biel izt plof/1976*(*
B) 11.Nb5 Qc6 *(11...Qb8!? 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Re1 a6 14.Nc3 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Rad1 Rfd8=* Alonso Fernandez,M (2196)-Gavilan Diaz,M



(2081) /Mondariz/2004/) 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Bf4 a6 14.Nd4 Qc5 15.Nb3 Qc6 16.Nd4 Qc5= 1/2,Tal,M (2615)-Petrosian,T (2635)/Tbilisi/1976/;

C) 11.c3 0-0 12.Qf3 *(12.Re1* can lead to the position from our game.*)* 12...Qc7 13.Bb3 *(13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Rfe1 Rad8=* 1/2, Cooper,L (2313)-Lalic,B (2538)/Bunratty/2009/) 13...Bd7 14.Bg5 Rad8 *(14...Nd5!?=* Illescas) 15.Bh4 Bc8 16.Rfe1 a6 17.Rad1 Rfe8 18.Bc2 Nd5 19.Bg3 Bd6 20.Bb3 Bxg3 21.hxg3 Nf6 22.Nc2= 1/2, Illescas Cordoba,M (2603)-Moskalenko,V (2569)/Barcelona/2008/;

D) 11.Be3 0-0 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Bb3 Bd7 14.h3 Rac8 15.Rad1 b5 16.Rfe1 Rfe8 17.Bf4 Qb6 18.a3 b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.c3 Be7 21.Be5 a5 22.Ra1 Onischuk,A (2610)-Gulko,B (2585)/New York op/1998/ a4=]

8...Be7 Kamsky played this quickly, just as in the above note Black strives first of all to safeguard his ♔.

[8...Nc6 is played more often, but it can lead to the same position after both of White's main reactions:

A) 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 Be7

A1) Later White tried 11.Bf4 , but this is also far from convincing: Qc5 12.Bd3 Bf6 13.a3 0-0 *(13...a5!? 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nd2 Be7 16.Nc4 Rd8 17.Bc7 Rd7 18.Bb6 Qg5 19.Qe2 a4 20.Rad1 Bf6 21.Qe4 g6 22.Nd2 Bd8 23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.f4 Qc5∓* Marcotulli,G (2484)-Legemaat,G (2381)/corr/2004/ *)* 14.b4 Qb6! *(14...Qh5?! 15.b5 Ne7 16.Be5 Nd5 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Nf6 19.Qd2 a6 20.b6 Qc5 21.Re1 Qxb6 22.Ne5→ Nd5? 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Rh4+ Kg8 25.Qd3 g6 26.Qh3 Qa5 27.Rh8+ Kg7 28.Qh6+* 1-0, Hracek,Z (2584)-Kelly,B (2487)/ECC Rethymnon/2003/*)* 15.Re1 *(15.b5 Ne7 16.Nxd4 Nd5 17.Be5 Rd8∞ /∓)* 15...Ne7 16.Qe2 Nd5 17.Qe4 g6 18.Be5 Rd8 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Qh4 Kg7 21.Rad1 a5 22.Bf1 axb4 23.axb4 h6 24.Ne5 Ra4 25.Rd3 Qxb4 26.Rf3 Qe7∓ Marcotulli,G-Sandstroem,B/corr/2004/ *(26...g5 27.Rg3 Qxe1 28.Rxg5+ hxg5 29.Qxg5+ Kh7 30.Qh4+=)*;

A2) 11.Nxd4

A2a) 11...0-0 12.Bf4 Qc5

A2a1) 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bd3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: ' ±!?' b5 15.a4 a6 16.Re3 Bb7 17.Be4 Kasparov,G (2835)-Gelfand,B (2712)/Astana/2001/ Qb6 *(17...Qc8!? 18.Rc3 Bxe4 19.Rxc8 Raxc8≅)* 18.a5 Qa7=;

A2a2) 13.Bd3!± ↑,Kasparov;

A2b) The principled continuation is ⌓11...e5! , the forced series of moves 12.Bf4 *(12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Qxf7+ Kd8 14.Qxg7 Re8∓)* 12...exf4 13.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 bxc6 15.Rde1 Kf8 16.Rxe7 Be6 17.R1xe6 fxe6 18.Rc7 *(18.Rxe6 Re8 19.Rxc6 Re1+ 20.Bf1 Ke7 21.Rc7+ Kf6 22.Rc6+ Kg5∓* Moreno Tejera,E (2360)-Matamoros Franco,C (2472)/Lorca/2003/ *)* 18...h5! leads to a sharp ⊥, in which even Black can have winning chances, if White overdoes it: 19.Kf1 Rh6 20.Rxc6 *(20.Ke2 Rf6 21.Rxc6 Rd8 22.a4 Ke7 23.Ra6 Rd7 24.Bd3 f3+ 25.gxf3 Rf4∓* Efimenko,Z (2590)-Petrik,T (2393)/Cappelle la Grande/2003/*)* 20...Rd8 *(20...Re8 21.Rc7 Re7 22.Rc8+ Re8 23.Rc7 Re7 24.Rc8+* 1/2, Kurnosov,I (2549)-Najer,E (2614)/Kazan/2005/*)* 21.Bd3 Ke7 22.Ra6 Rd7 23.h4! Oral,T *(23.Ra5?! h4 24.h3 g6 Δ♖h5∓ 25.Ra6 g5 26.Ke2 Kf6 27.b3 Rh8 28.Bc4 Re7 29.Rc6 Rb8 30.a4 Rb6 31.Rc8 e5 32.Rf8+ Kg6 33.Rg8+ Kf5 34.a5 Rd6 35.Rf8+ Rf6∓* Oral,T (2565)-Wang Hao (2456)/Calvia olm/2004/*)* 23...e5 *(23...Rf6 24.Ra5 g6 25.Ke2 f3+ 26.gxf3 Rf4 27.Bxg6 Rxh4 28.Rxh5=)* 24.Ra5 Kd6 25.Ke2∞;

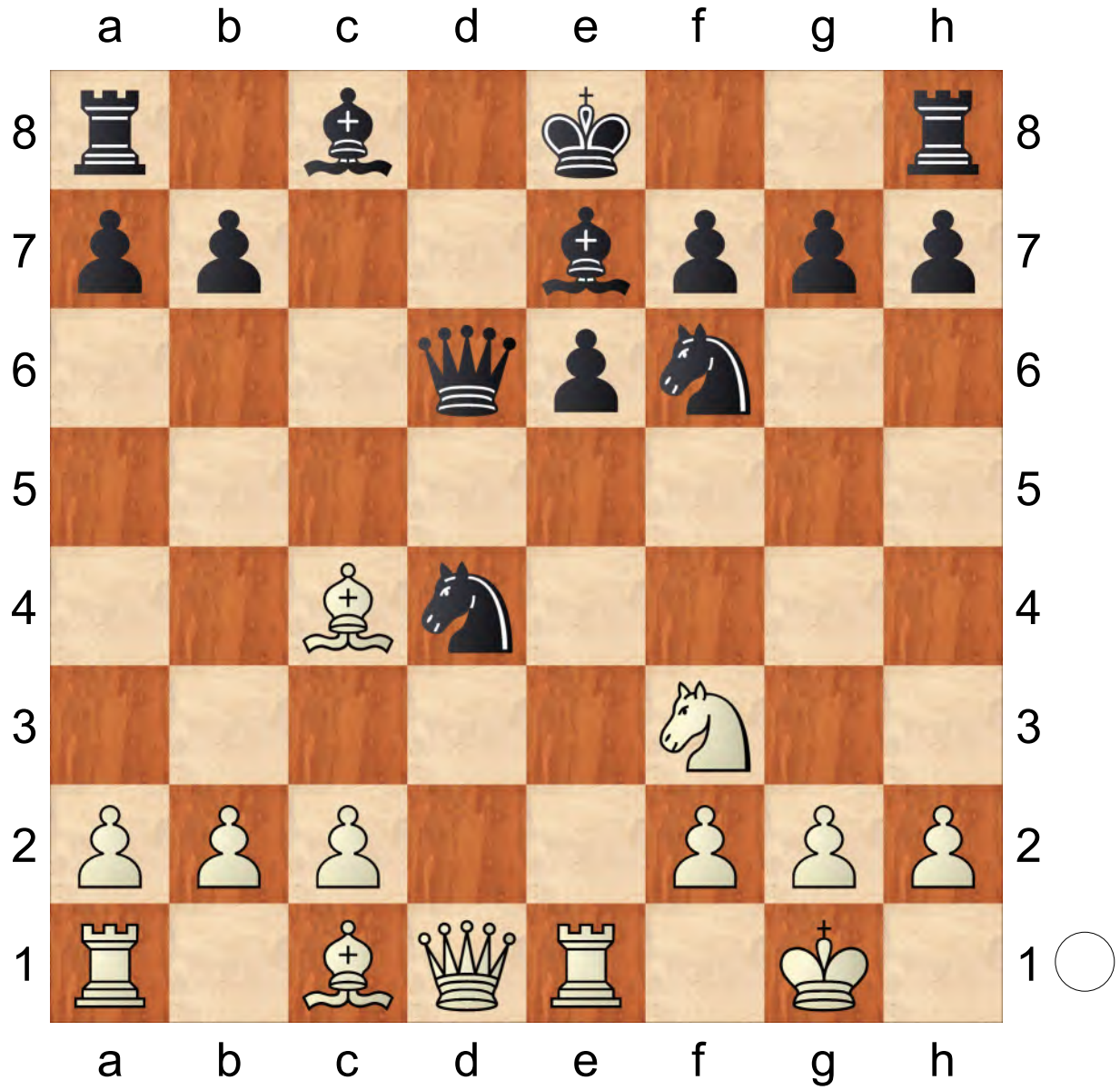
B) 9.Nb3 again gives Black a choice between transposing to the game with 9...Be7 *(*or sharper moves as *9...Bd7* or*; 9...a6)*]

9.Nb3 Just as on move 7, Topalov makes the more restrained move and is simply content with regaining the ♙.

[9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 Nc6 -8...♘c6]

9...Nc6 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4

[10...0-0 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Ne5↑]



11.Nxd4

[11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7=]

11...0-0 12.c3 Bd7

[12...e5 13.Nf3

A) 13...Qc7 Ehlvest,J (2589)-Lobron,E (2517)/Reykjavik/2002/ 14.Nxe5! Bd6 15.Qd4 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 Rd8 17.Qf4 Rd1+ 18.Bf1 Qc6 *(18...Be6 19.Re1±)* 19.c4 Be6 20.b3±;

B) 13...Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bg4 15.Re1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Bd6 17.Be3 Rfc8 18.Bb3 a5 19.Rad1 Ra6 20.Kg2 h6 21.Bc2± Hotting,A (2479)-Bendig,F (2373)/corr/2004/ This endgame is pleasant and riskless for White with his ⧉, no wonder

Kamsky avoids it.]

[12...Qc7 13.Bb3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Qh5 Rae8 17.Re3 g6 18.Qg5 Kg7 19.Rh3 Ng8 20.Qh4 h6 21.Nc2 e5 22.Rg3 Ne7 23.Ne3 Nf5= Minhazuddin,A (2339)-Panggabean,H (2254)/Kuala Lumpur/2008/]

13.Qf3

[13.Bg5? Qc5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6∓ Middelhoven,H-Marcus,J (2274)/Haarlem/2001/]

[13.Bb3 Bc6 14.Bg5 1/2, Adams,M (2715)-Seirawan,Y (2647)/Bermuda/2000/ Rfd8⇄]

[13.Qe2 Rac8 14.Bb3 Qb6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Bg5 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Qb5 18.Qe5 Qxe5 19.dxe5 Nd5 20.Rac1 Bc6 21.Bxd5 Bxd5= Arnason,J (2500)-Eingorn,V (2570)/Moscow/1990/]

13...Qb6!N An interesting novelty, which puts White's ♔ under pressure and gives Black good ⇄. Kamsky was still playing quite fast, indicating that he was still following his preparation.

[13...Qc7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Ü 45/(315)' 14.Bd3 *(14.Bb3 Bd6 15.h3 e5 16.Nc2 e4 17.Qe2 Qc5 18.Ne3 Rae8 19.Nf1 Qf5∞ /∓,* Cioara,A (2422)-Kruppa,Y (2538)/Bucharest/2006/*)*

A) 14...Bd6 15.g3 *(15.h3 a6 16.Bg5 Be5 17.Qe3 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Nd5 19.Qe4 f5 20.Qe2 Rae8 21.g3 Bxg3 22.fxg3 Qxg3 23.Nf3 Qxh3+⩲* Horvath,T (2475)-Almasi,I (2370)/HUN-chT 9394/1994/*)* 15...Be5 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.Bxb5 Rfd8 18.Bf1 Nd5 19.Bd2 Bf6 20.Rad1 Qb6 21.Bc1± Ciornas,V (2357)-Saul,A (2100)/corr/2005*!*

B) 14...Rfe8 15.Bg5 *(15.Bf4!? Qb6 16.Re2±)* 15...Nd5 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Rad1 Ba4 18.Bc2 Bxc2 19.Nxc2= 1/2, Sokolov,A (2595)-Nogueiras Santiago,J (2560)/Brussels/1988/]

[13...Rac8 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Bb3 Bc6 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Qxc6 Rxc6 18.Rad1 Rcc8 19.Rd3 Rfd8 20.Red1 Rxd3 21.Rxd3 Kf8 22.Kf1 Bc5 23.f3 Ke7 24.Ke2± Liberzon,V (2480)-Tatai,S (2385)/EU-chT Haifa/1989/]

14.Bb3

[14.Bf4 Qxb2 15.Rab1 Qa3 16.Rxb7 seems promising for White, but is in fact at best unclear after Rac8 17.Bb3 Qc5⇄ *(17...a5!?=)*]

[14.b3!? Mikhalchishin,Adrian Bc5 15.Be3 e5 16.Nc2 *(16.Nf5?! e4 17.Qf4 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rad8∞)* 16...Bc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qe3! Qxe3 19.Rxe3! *(19.Nxe3 Rad8)* 19...Rfe8 20.Rae1 e4 21.Nd4±]

14...a5 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!'

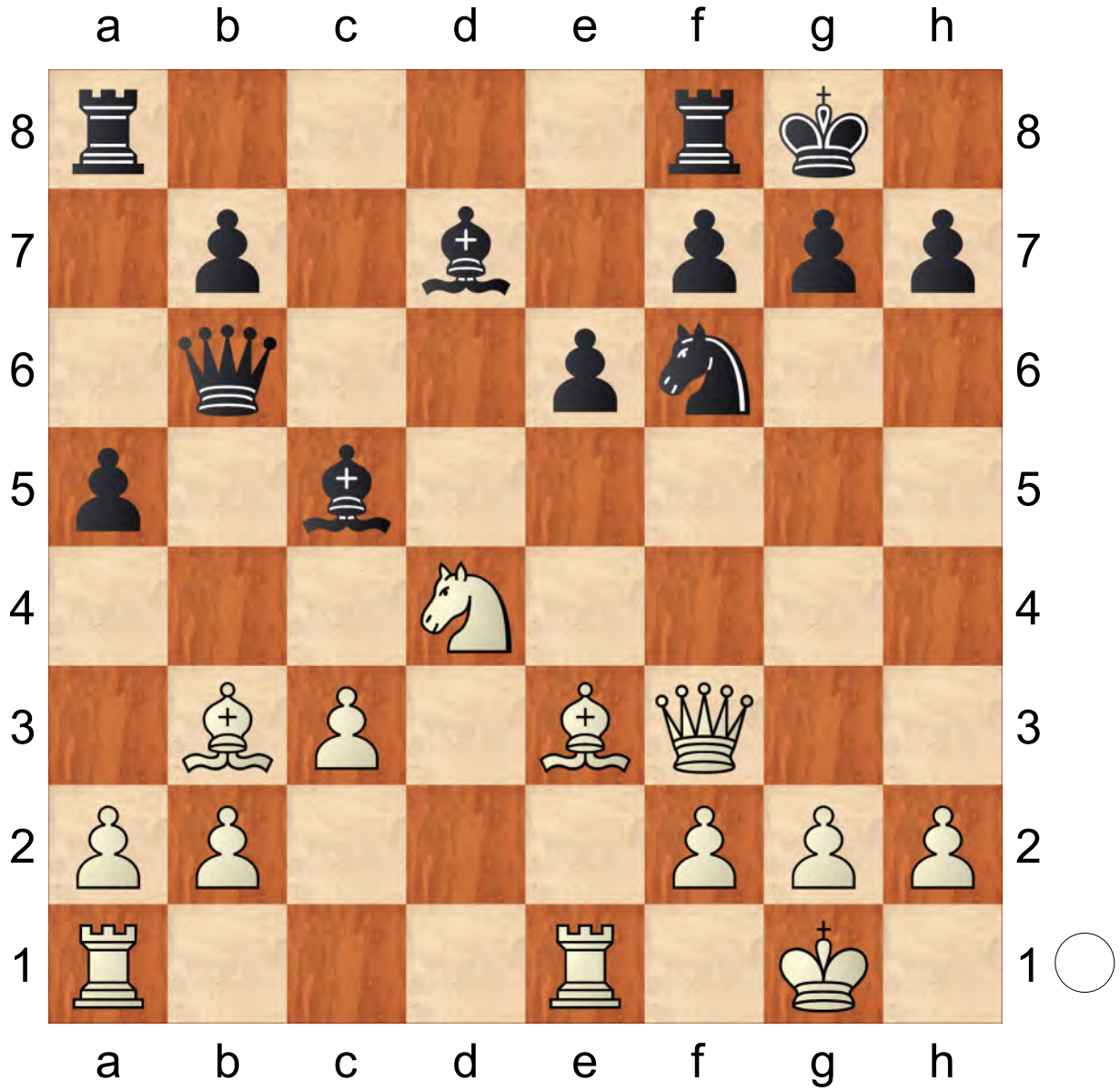
[The text-move is more enterprising, than 14...Bc5 15.Bg5 *(15.Be3 a5 -14...a5)* 15...Bxd4 16.cxd4 Bc6 17.Qd3 Bb5 *(17...Nd5 18.Bc2↑; 17...Qb5?! 18.Qxb5 Bxb5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.d5↑)* 18.Qe3 Nd5=]

15.Be3

[15.Nf5?! exf5 16.Rxe7 a4 17.Bc4 Rae8↻ is risky for White.]

15...Bc5

(Diagram)



16.Rad1 Defensive moves are fine for Black, therefore Topalov sacrifices a ♙ and heads for immense complications.

[16.Qe2 a4 17.Bc4 e5 18.Nc2 *(18.Nf3 Bg4!↑)* 18...Rac8=]

[16.Re2?! e5 *(16...a4 17.Bc2 Nd5 18.Rd1∞)* 17.Nf5 e4 18.Qf4 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Bxe3 20.fxe3 a4↑]

[However, objectively the text-move is quite risky and White still had 16.Bg5!? Bxd4 17.cxd4 Bc6 18.Qd3= , which is similar to 14...♗c5 and rather sterile.]

[16.Rab1!? Mikhalchishin,Adrian]

16...a4 17.Bc2

[17.Bc4!? gives Black a choice: Black can also ignore the ♙, a fighting alternative is

A) 17...Qxb2 18.Bh6!?

A1) 18...Bc6 19.Qg3 *(19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Re2 Qb8 21.Bf4 Qb6∞ /∓)*

19...Nh5 20.Qh4 Ra5 *(20...Bxd4 21.cxd4 Ra5 22.Bc1↑)* 21.Re5 Qxc3 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Rxh5 Bxf2+ *(23...gxh6 24.Bd3→)* 24.Kxf2 Rxh5 25.Qxh5 Qxc4 26.Qg5 Qxa2+ 27.Rd2 Qa1 28.Rd8 f5 29.Rd7 Qb2+ 30.Ke1 Qb1+ 31.Kf2 Qb2+=;

A2) 18...Bd6 19.Bg5 *(19.Rb1 Qa3 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Rxb5 Nd5!?∓)* 19...Rfc8 20.Rb1 Qa3 21.Bxf6 Rxc4 22.Qxb7 Rac8 23.Qxd7 R4c7 24.Qb5 gxf6 25.Qa6!= /±;

A3) 18...Be7 19.Qg3 Nh5 20.Qf3 Nf6= with repetition is probably the most prudent option.;

B) 17...e5!? 18.Nf5 Bxf5 *(18...e4 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Qg3 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Qxb2 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Rac8=)* 19.Qxf5 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 e4∞ 21.Qb5 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Qxb5 22.Bxb5 a3 23.bxa3 Rxa3 24.Bc4 Re8 25.h3 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ra5∞]

17...Qxb2! Consistently accepting the challenge.

[≤17...Nd5 18.Bc1±]

[17...e5?! 18.Nf5

A) 18...Bxe3 19.Qxe3↑ **Δ** Qxb2? 20.Rxd7! Qxc2 *(20...Nxd7 21.Qg5 g6 22.Qh6 gxf5 23.Bxf5 Nf6 24.Qg5++-)* 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Rd2+-;

B) 18...Bxf5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Bxf5± /=]

18.Bg5 Nd5

[≤18...Bxd4 19.Rxd4

A) 19...Qxc2? 20.Bxf6 Bc6 21.Rg4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' Qg6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' *(21...g6 22.Qe3 Qf5 23.Rf4 Qd5 24.Rf3!+-)* 22.Qf4!± *(22.Rxg6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian fxg6 23.Qd3 gxf6 24.Rxe6 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8=)*;

B) 19...Nd5 20.Rd2⩱]

19.c4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '∓' **19...Bxd4**

[Apart from the simple and straightforward text-move Black had also the alternative 19...g6 20.cxd5 Bxd4

A) 21.Rd2 Qc3 *(21...Qxa2 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Qe4⇄)* 22.Qf4 Bg7 23.Qd6 Bc8!?∓;

B) 21.Re2

B1) 21...Qb6 22.Rb1 Qc5!? *(22...Qa6 23.Bd3 b5 24.Bh6∞)* 23.Bh6 *(23.Rxb7 Bb5↑)* 23...Rfd8 24.Rxb7 *(24.Be4!?)* 24...exd5 25.Bxa4 Rab8!∓;

B2) 21...Qc3!? 22.dxe6 *(22.Be4* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Qxf3 23.Bxf3 e5 24.d6 Ra6 25.Be7 Rb6 26.Bxf8 Kxf8⩱* Shipov,S *)* 22...Bxe6 23.Be4 Ra5∓]

[19...Nb4?! 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Re2 Nc2 22.Rxc2±]

[19...Nb6 20.Re2 Qb4 *(20...Bxd4 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Rxb2 Bxb2 23.Be3±)* 21.Bf6⩱ *(21.Bd3!? Δ Bxd4 22.Qe4↑)*]

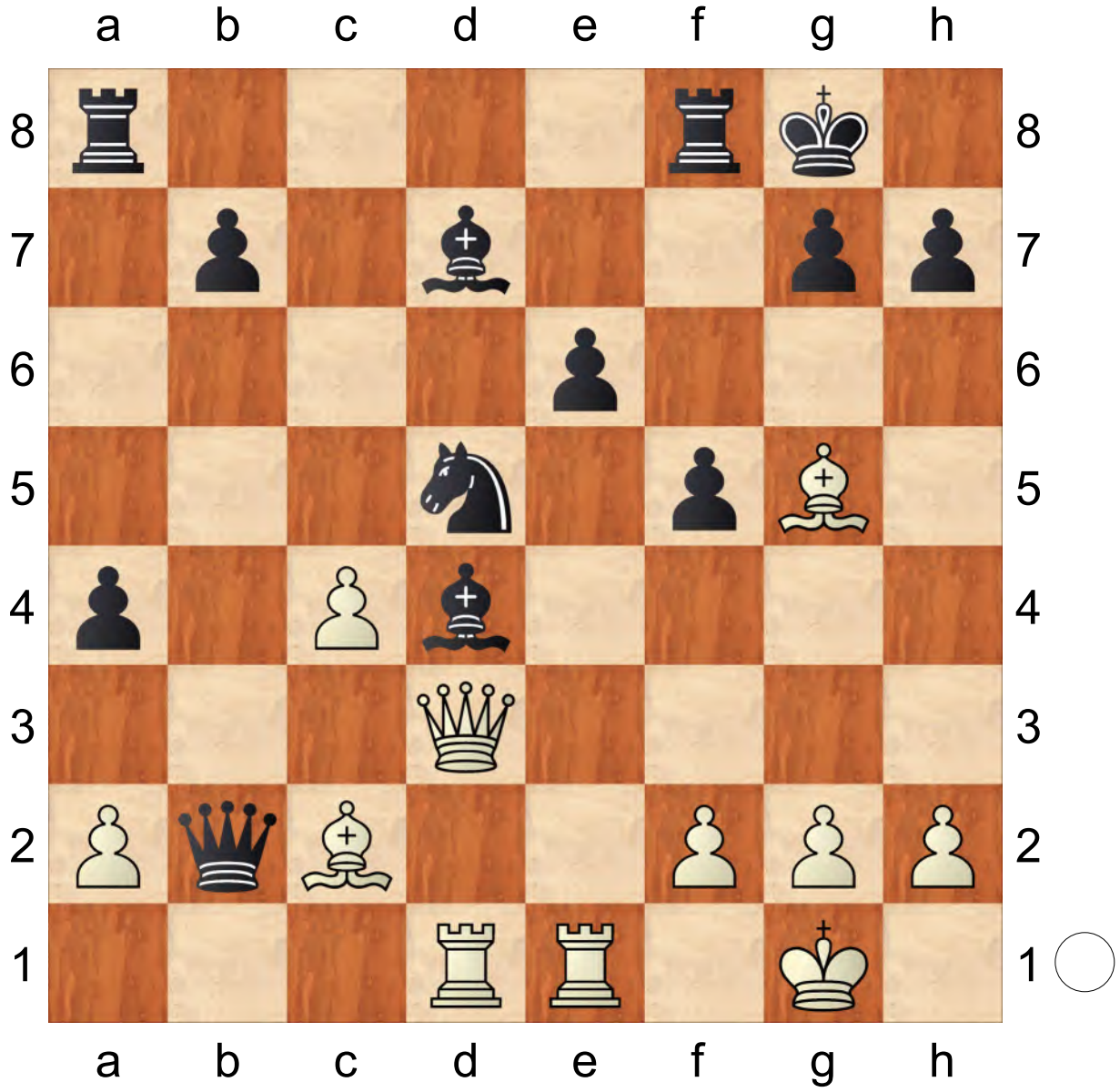
20.Qd3

[20.Re2 g6 transposes into the 19...g6 lines, as *(20...h6!?∓* also seems playable*; 20...Qb6 21.Qd3 g6 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 Nb6 24.Red2 Bc6*

25.Bf6⩱) 21.Bxg6? runs into fxg6 22.Rxb2 Rxf3 23.Rxd4 Rf5-+]

20...f5!

[≤20...g6? 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 *(21...Qxc2 22.Bh6 Qc3 23.Bxf8±)* 22.Rxd4 Nb4 *(22...Rfc8 23.Be4+-; 22...Nb6 23.Rb1±)* 23.Rxd7 Nxc2 24.Rc1 Nb4 *(24...f6 25.Bd2+-)* 25.Be7! Nxa2 26.Rc2± traps the ♘ and gives White a clear ⊥ advantage due to Black's weak back rank. Shipov gives an unforced, but pretty continuation Rfc8 27.Rxa2 Rxc4 28.f3 b5 29.Rb7 Rc1+ 30.Kf2 Rb1 31.Bf6 h6 32.Rxa4!+-]



21.Qxd4 Qxc2 22.cxd5

[White wants to keep the tension, 22.Rd2 Qc3 23.cxd5 Qxd4 24.Rxd4 exd5∓ gives Black a healthy extra ♙ and winning chances.]

22...Qxa2 Just as on move 17, Kamsky chooses a risky, but consistent alternative,

now Topalov must reckon with the ♙a4. After other moves White's initiative would fully compensate the missing ♙, even the ♕ giving his attack an extra impulse.

23.Qb6

[23.Qb4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: ' ⩲' Rae8!? *(23...a3? 24.Rd2+-; 23...Qb3 24.Qd6 Bb5 25.Rb1 Qd3 26.Red1 Qe2 27.Re1=)* 24.Qxb7 Rf7∓ 25.d6⩱ Mikhalchishin, Adrian]

23...a3!? Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!'

[23...exd5? 24.Qxb7+- ɣd7]

[23...Qc4 24.Qd6⇄]

[23...Rae8 from the previous note is playable, but the text-move is even more ambitious.]

24.Be7! The best move, White's ♗ joins the fight against the ♙a3.

[24.Qd6 Ba4 25.Qxe6+ Rf7 26.Ra1 Qc4 27.Be7 *(27.Rxa3? Re8; 27.Rec1* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Bc2 28.Qe5 f4∓)* 27...a2 28.d6 Qxe6 *(28...Bb5∓)* 29.Rxe6 Bb5 30.Re5 Bc4 31.d7 Rxe7 32.Rxe7 Kf8↑ 33.d8Q+ Rxd8 34.Rxb7 Rd2↑]

[24.dxe6 Bc6∓ *(24...Bxe6 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 26.Rxe6 b5 27.Kf1 b4 28.Re3* Δ♖b3 and the blockade holds. *)*]

[24.Qxb7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Ba4∓]

24...Rfe8 25.Qd6?!

[25.Qxb7 Ba4 26.Ra1 Qxd5 *(26...Qb2 27.Qb4∓* is similar*)* 27.Qxd5 exd5 28.Bxa3∓ leads to an ⊥ White should be able to hold in the long run. Instead Topalov plays vabanque.]

25...Ba4?

[25...Kf7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!?'

A) 26.Qxd7 Rxe7 27.dxe6+ Qxe6!-+;

B) 26.Bg5 Bb5∓ *(26...Ba4* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *27.Rd2 Qc4 28.Rd4 Qc8 29.Qxa3 Bc6∓)*;

C) 26.Bf6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian gxf6 27.Qxd7+ Re7 28.dxe6+ Qxe6 29.Qd2 Qxe1+! 30.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 31.Qxe1 a2 32.Qa1 b5-+;

D) 26.Qc7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Rxe7 27.d6 Ree8 28.Qxd7+ Kg8 29.Qxb7∓;

E) 26.Rxe6 Qb3 27.Rde1

E1) 27...Qb5 allows White to bail out with 28.Bf6! Bxe6 29.dxe6+ Kxf6 *(29...Kg6 30.Qg3+ Kxf6 31.Qc3+=)* 30.e7+ Kg5□ 31.h4+ Kxh4 *(31...Kh5? 32.Qg3 f4 33.Qf3++-)* 32.Qg3+ Kh5 33.Qh2+ Kg6 34.Qd6+=;

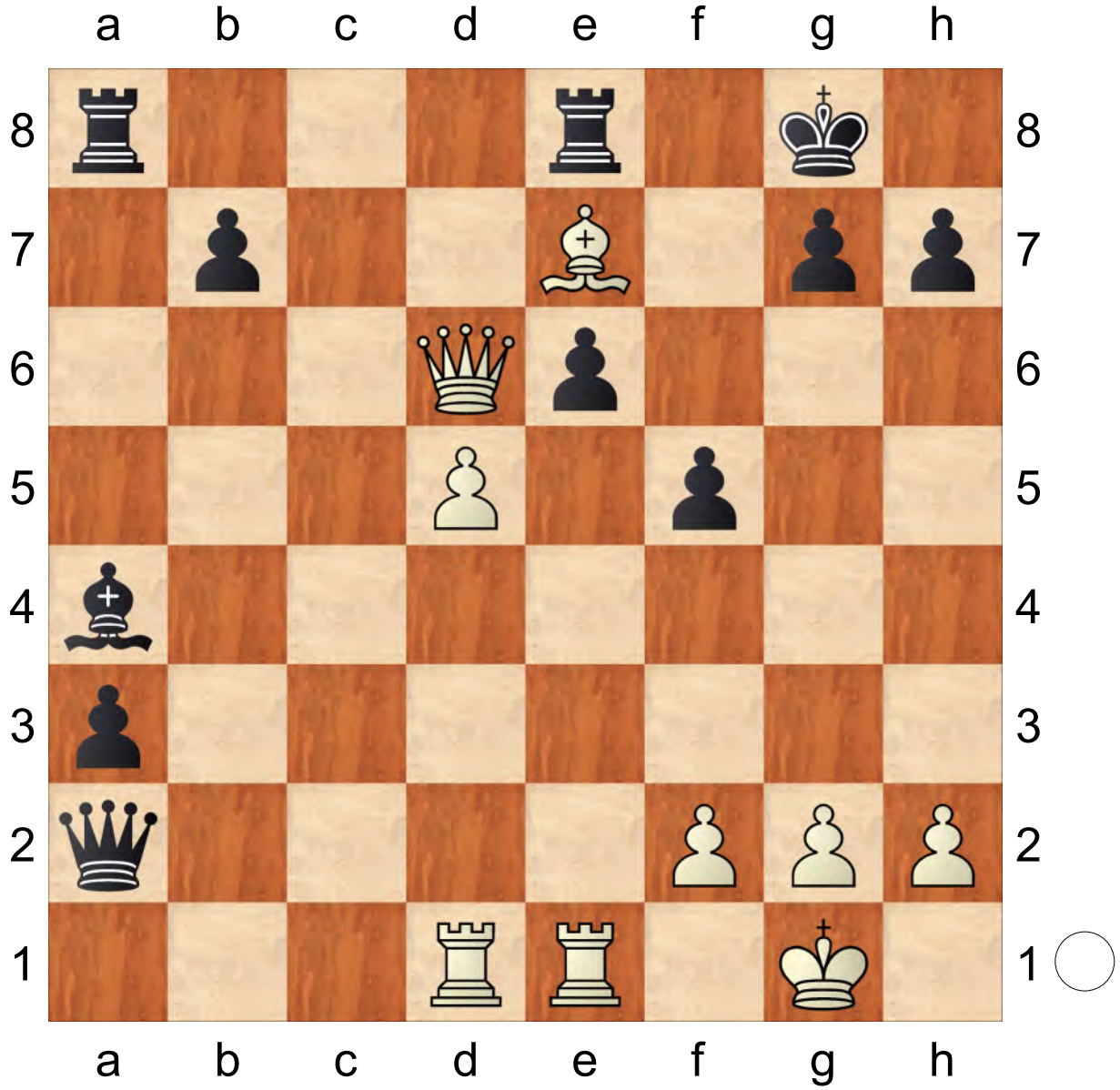
E2) 27...Qa4!?∓ Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '∓!']

[25...Bc8 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' 26.Qc7! *(26.dxe6? Qc4* is hopeless*)* 26...Qb3 *(26...Qb2 27.d6 a2 28.Ra1∓)* 27.d6 a2

A) 28.d7? Bxd7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' 29.Qxd7 Qxd1!-+ 30.Qxd1 Mikhalchishin,Adrian a1Q 31.Qxa1 Rxa1 32.Rxa1 Rxe7-+;

B) 28.Bf6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' Bd7! *(28...gxf6? 29.d7 Bxd7 30.Rxd7+- a1Q* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *31.Rg7++-)* 29.Bxg7 *(29.Ba1* Mikhalchishin,Adrian

Qb5 30.Qc3 e5∓) 29...Kxg7 30.Qxd7+ Kg8∓ 31.h3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian b5∓;
C) 28.Ra1 Qa4 *(28...Ra6!? Δ 29.d7 Bxd7 30.Qxd7 Qa4∓)* 29.Re2 Qd4 30.Qc1 Bd7 31.Rexa2 Rxa2 32.Rxa2 Rc8 33.Qe1 b5∓]



Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?!' An important moment. Kamsky, surprised by White's previous move, spent about 30 minutes. He reacts badly and loses control, moreover getting into time-trouble (which lead to more mistakes). Black had 2 better moves, which would have given him an advantage: **26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Ra1 Qc4**
[27...Qb3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian 28.Rxa3 Qxa3 29.Bxa3 Rxe6 30.dxe6 Kg8±]
28.Rec1?! Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?' Black was down to 8 minutes and Topalov wants to pursue his own ambitions. Altough in the end this risky gamble pays off, the prudent choice was

[28.Rxa3 Bb3
A) 29.Bf6!! Mikhalchishin,Adrian gxf6 30.Qxf6+ Kg8 31.Rxa8 Rxa8 32.h4! Qxd5 33.Re7 Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Qg4 35.Re3 Rf8 36.Qh6 *(36.Qe7 Rf7 37.Qd8+ Rf8 38.Qc7 f4 39.Rxb3 Rf7 40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.Qe5+±)* 36...Qb4 37.Rg3+ Kf7 38.Qg7+ Ke6 39.Re3+ Kd5 40.Rxb3 Qxb3 41.Qxf8 Qc2± Sutovsky,E;
B) 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Qxf5 Qxd5=]
[28.Qxf5!?= Mikhalchishin,Adrian]

28...Bc2! Δb5-b4 **29.Qd7?**
[⌓29.Qe3 f4 *(29...a2? 30.d6± Δd7; 29...Rad8* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *30.Qxa3 Rxd5∓)* 30.Qc5 Qxc5 31.Bxc5 Be4 *(31...a2 32.Rxc2 Re1+ 33.Rxe1 a1Q 34.Rce2⩱)* 32.d6 *(32.Rxa3 Bxd5∓)* 32...a2 33.d7 Red8 34.Bb6 Rxd7 35.Rxa2 Rf8∓]

29...a2 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '∓' **30.d6**
[30.Qxb7 Qe4 31.h4 Bb1 Δ 32.Bg5 Qe5 33.Raxb1 Rab8 34.Qxb8 Rxb8 35.Rxb8+ Qxb8 36.d6 h6 37.Bf4 Qb2 38.d7 Qd4-+]

30...b5

(Diagram)

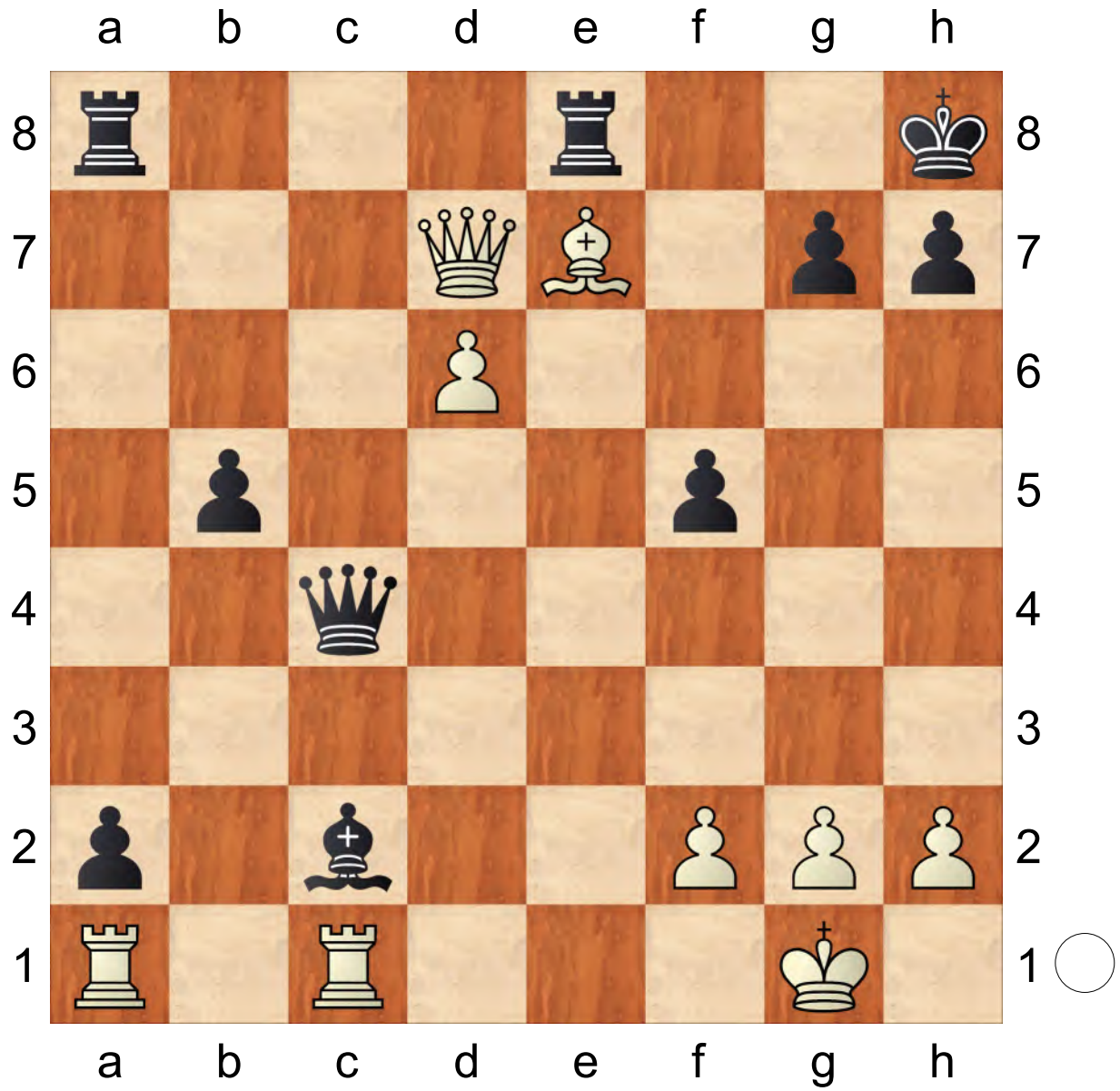
31.Qb7
[31.Qc7 Qxc7 32.dxc7 Bb3-+]

31...Reb8?
[The wrong move-order, after 31...b4! 32.d7 Reb8-+ Black disarms White's ♁ and wins.]

32.Qc7 Rc8?⊕ Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?' The final mistake, which loses material, the game and the whole match.
[32...Bd3! 33.Rxc4 bxc4
A) 34.Qxb8+ Rxb8 35.h4 Rb1+ *(35...Rb7∓* Mikhalchishin,Adrian*)* 36.Kh2 Rxa1 37.d7 Rh1+ 38.Kg3 h6 39.d8Q+ Kh7 40.Bf6! gxf6 41.Qe7+ Kg6 42.Qe8+ Kg7 43.Qe7+=;
B) 34.h4 Rb1+ 35.Kh2 Rxa1 36.d7 Rh1+ 37.Kg3 Rg8 38.d8Q a1Q 39.Qcb8 *(39.Qxg8+ Kxg8 40.Qd8+ Kf7 41.Qf8+ Ke6 42.Qc8+! Kxe7 43.Qc7+ Ke6 44.Qc6+ Ke5 45.Qc5+=)* 39...f4+□ 40.Kf3 Qd1+ 41.Kxf4 g5+ 42.Bxg5 Rxh4+ 43.Bxh4 Qg4+ 44.Ke5 Qe4+ 45.Kd6 Qd4+=]

33.Qxc4 Rxc4 34.d7 Bb1
[34...Rd4 35.d8Q+ Rdxd8 36.Bxd8 Bb3 37.Be7+-]
[Kamsky probably overlooked 34...b4? 35.Rxa2!+- *(35.d8Q+? Rxd8 36.Bxd8 b3∓)*]

35.Rd1!+- Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!'
[35.Rxc4 bxc4 36.d8Q+ Rxd8 37.Bxd8 c3 38.Kf1 *(38.Ba5* Mikhalchishin, Adrian *c2 39.Bd2+-)* 38...c2 39.Bg5 also wins in the long run, but the text-move is even more incisive.]



35...Kg8

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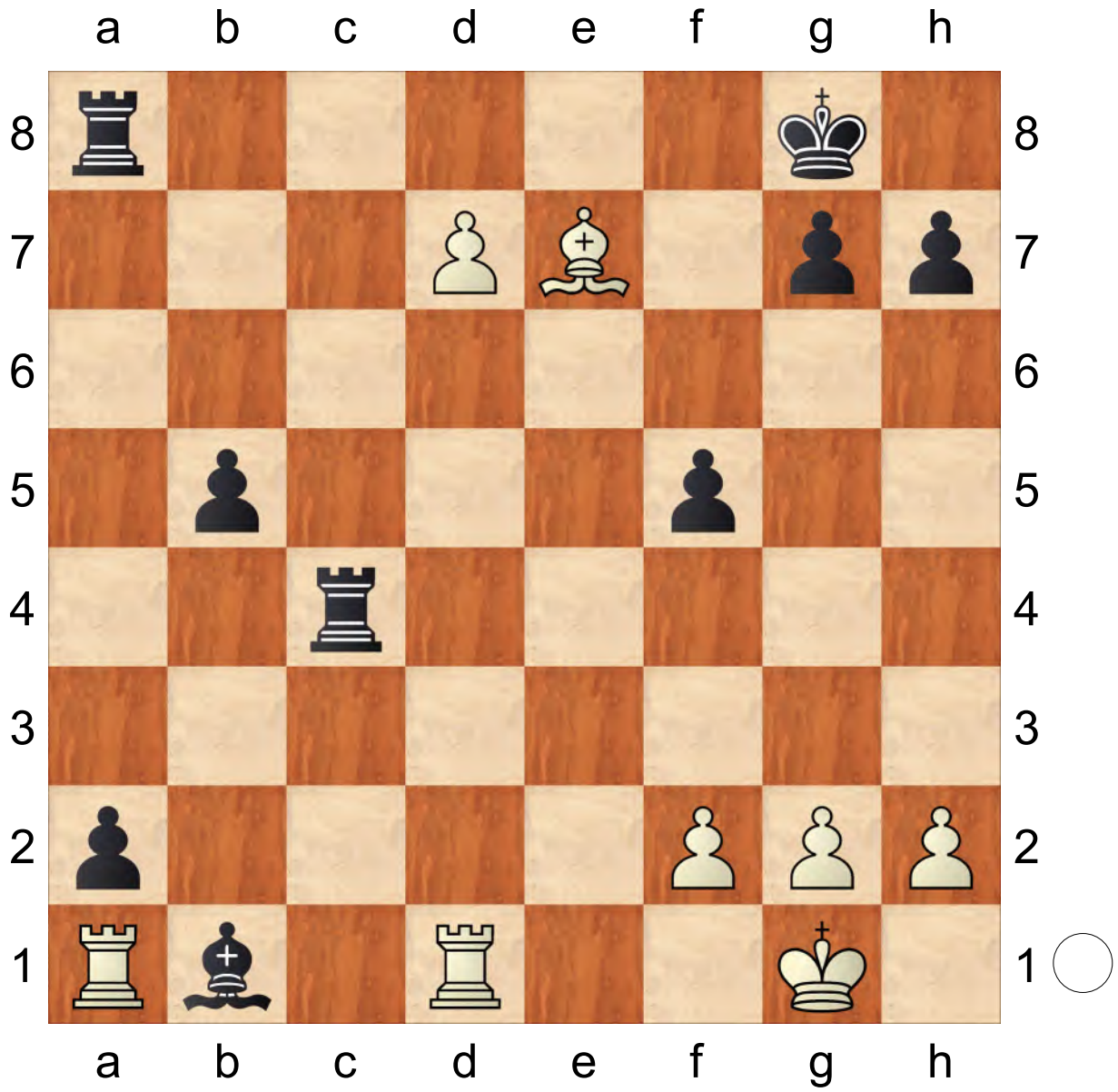
36.d8Q+ Rxd8 37.Bxd8 Bc2 38.Rdc1 b4
[38...Bb3 39.Rxc4 Bxc4 40.Ba5+-]
39.Rxa2 b3 40.Ra8 Kf7
[40...b2 41.Bf6++-]

(Diagram)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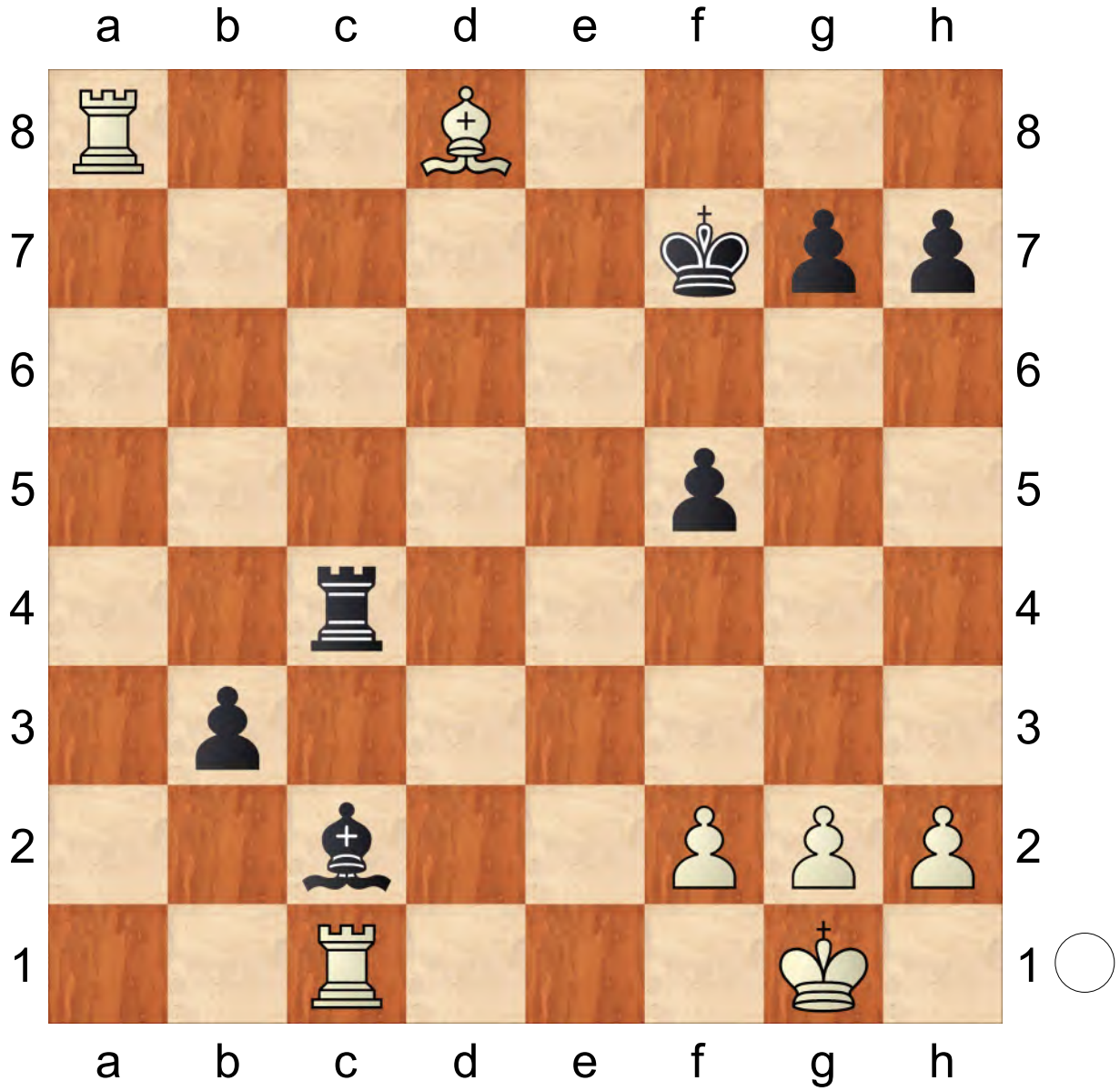

41.Rb8 Ke6 42.Re1+ Kd5 43.Be7 Ra4 44.Bf8 Ra7 45.h4

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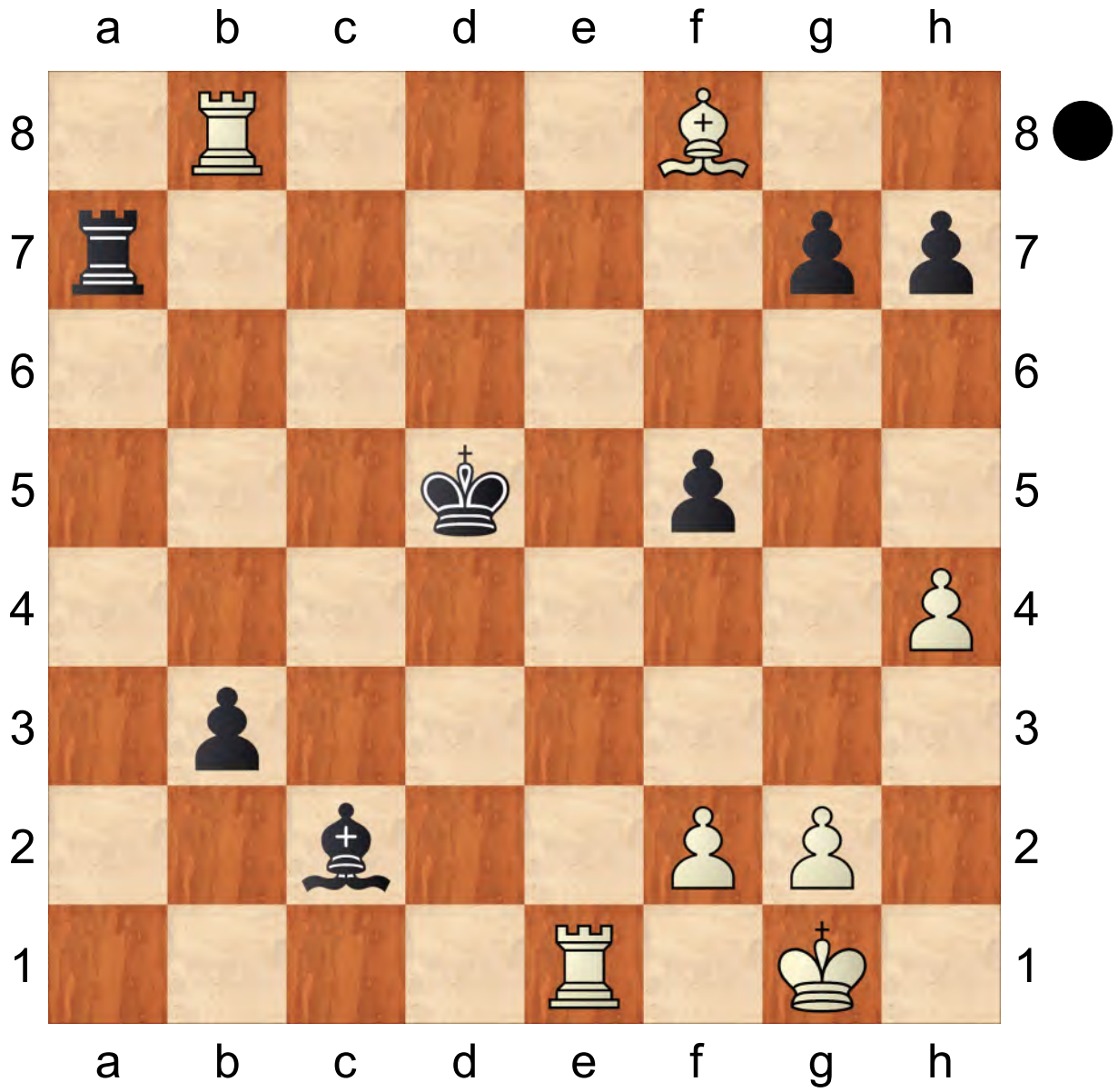
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□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2796**
■ **Kamsky,Gata** **2725**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 After getting nowhere against the Grünfeld, Topalov makes a change already on move 1. **1...e6** This is a much bigger surprise, as Kamsky has previously never played the French Defence. **2.d4 d5 3.Nd2** Neil: 'Surprise and counter-surprise: Kamsky plays the French and Topalov responds with the Tarrasch.' Topalov fights for the opening initiative and is not interested, what Kamsky has up his sleeve against his usual aggressive choice

[3.Nc3]

3...c5 4.Ngf3 Although this is played quite often and can yet transpose into the main lines, the most principled continuation is still

[4.exd5]

4...cxd4

[One of Topalov's rare outings with 3. ♘d2 went 4...Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 *(≤5...Qxd5?! 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.0-0± Qc7 10.Ne4 Be7 11.b3 Bd7 12.Bb2 0-0-0 13.Rad1 Qf4 14.Nd6+! Bxd6 15.g3 Qg4 16.Rxd6 h5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe2 19.Bxe2± /±,* Deviatkin,A (2543)-Pogosian,G (2196)/Sochi/2008/*)* 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nb3 Nge7 9.Bxc6+!? *(9.Nbxd4* leads to usual theoretical positions.*)* 9...bxc6 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.Bf4 Nf5 12.Qa4 Qb6 *(12...c5!? 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qa3 Ba6 15.Rfe1 Rac8⇄)* 13.Rfe1 *(⌓13.Bxd6 Nxd6 14.Ne5 c5 15.Qc6 Qxc6 16.Nxc6 c4 17.Nbd4 Re8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Re5 Kf8 20.f3 a6 21.Kf2 Nb5 22.Nxb5 axb5 23.c3 Ra6 24.Nd4 Rb8 25.Nc2↑* Degraeve,J (2523)-Vaisser,A (2542)/FRA-ch Pau/2008/*)* 13...c5 14.Rad1 Be6 15.Ng5 Rae8 16.Bxd6 Nxd6 17.Qa5 Nb7 18.Qc3 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6= Topalov,V (2769)-Harikrishna,P (2668)/Bilbao/2007/ However, this was a rapid blindfold game.]

[4...dxe4?! 5.Nxe4 cxd4 6.Qxd4C ↑]

[Topalov himself opted for the rare 4...a6 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Bd3 *(⌓6.Nb3 Ba7 7.exd5± /⇄)* 6...Nc6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.exd5 exd5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Be3 Bc7 12.h3 h6 13.c3 Re8 14.Qc2 Qd6 15.Rad1 Qf6 16.Nbd4 Bd7 17.Qd2 Ng6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Bd4 Qd6 20.b4 a5 21.a3 axb4 22.axb4 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Re8= Anand,V (2784)-Topalov,V (2700)/Wijk aan Zee/1999/ and White's slight edge gradually evaporated.]

[Another alternative is 4...Nf6 5.exd5 *(5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6∞* leads to different lines - C05-6.*)* 5...Nxd5 6.Nb3 cxd4 7.Nbxd4 Be7 8.g3 This line could arise also in the game after the possible 5... ♘f6 - White has a slight edge and Black has to defend with care. *(8.Bd3!?)*]

5.Nxd4 Topalov avoids a theoretical duel and leads to game to less trodden paths.

[The more usual 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 was featured in Game 7.]

5...Nc6

[A different, but viable approach, preferred by French connoisseurs Ni Hua and S. Ivanov, is 5...Nf6 6.exd5 Qxd5!? *(6...Nxd5 7.N2f3 Be7± -4...♘f6)*

A) 7.Nb5 Na6

A1) 8.Nc3 Qd8 9.a3 Be7 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nc5 12.0-0 a6 13.b4 Ncd7 14.Bb2 a5 *(14...Qc7!?⇄)* 15.bxa5 Qxa5 16.Nb5 Nb6 17.Bc3 Qa4 18.Bb3 Qh4 19.Nc7 Rxa3 20.g3 Qg4 21.Qe3 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Nbd7 23.Nxe6↑ Timofeev,A (2657)-Ni Hua (2607)/Taiyuan/2006/;

A2) 8.Be2 Qxg2!? *(8...Bd7 9.c4 Qxg2 10.Bf3 Qh3 11.Bxb7 Nb4 12.Ne4 Nd3+ 13.Ke2 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxc1+ 15.Rxc1 Rb8 16.b3 Bc5 17.Nc7+ Ke7 18.Na6 Rb6 19.Nxc5 Qh5+ 20.f3 Qxc5 21.Qg1 Qe5 22.Qg3±* Ni Hua (2703)-Lysyj,I (2595)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2008/*)* 9.Bf3 Qg5 10.a4

A2a) 10...Bc5 11.Nc4 Qh4 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Ne5?! *(⌓13.Rg1∞)* 13...Nb4 14.Rg1 Nfd5 15.Bg5 Qxh2 16.Rg3 *(16.Rh1∓)* 16...f6 17.c3 fxe5 18.cxb4 Qxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 20.Kxf2 e4-+ Brandenburg,D (2340)-Erdos,V (2450)/EU-chJ Iraklion/2004/;

A2b) 10...Qh4 11.Rg1 Bc5 *(11...Qxh2!?)* 12.Qe2 0-0 13.b3 Nb4 14.Nc4 a6 15.Bg5 Qxh2 16.Rh1 Bxf2+ 17.Kf1 Qg3 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 axb5 21.Rag1+ Kh8 22.Rh4 bxc4 23.Rgh1 1/2, Yemelin,V (2460)-Ivanov,S (2515)/St Petersburg/1996/;

A3) 8.c4

A3a) 8...Qc6 9.a3 Be7 10.b4 0-0 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.Bb2 *(12.N2f3* Avrukh,B (2591)-Zifroni,D (2540)/ISR-chT/2002/ *Rd8! 13.Qc2 e5 14.Nb5 e4↑* Avrukh *)* 12...e5 13.Nc2!? Qc7 14.Ne3 Rd8 15.Qc2 Nb8 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne4 h6 *(⌓17...g6⇄)* 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Rd1 Qe7 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Bf5 Bxf5 23.Qxf5 Nc6 24.0-0± Evans,G (2252)-Petrov,M (2114)/corr/2003/;

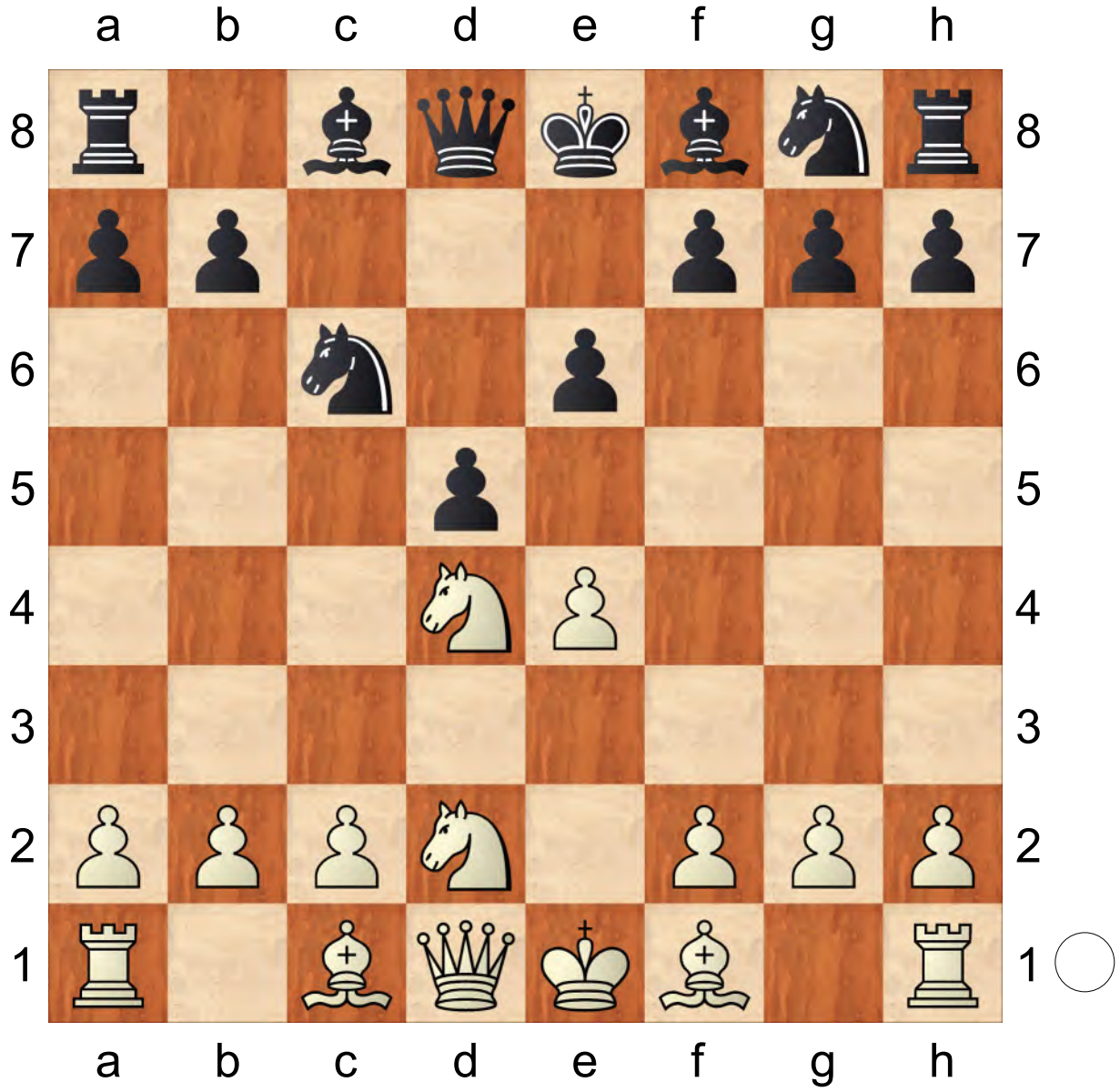
A3b) 8...Qf5 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 *(10.Nf3 0-0 11.Nd6 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Nxc8 Raxc8 14.Qc2 Nb4 15.Qb1 Bc5 16.0-0 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rfd8 18.Qc2 Nb4 19.Qb1 Nc6 20.Qc2 Nd4 21.Nxd4 Bxd4=* Godena,M (2535)-Ni Hua (2641)/Reggio Emilia/2008/*)* 10...0-0 11.Nd4 Qc5 12.N2b3 Qe5 13.Bf3 Qc7 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Be3 Rac8 16.Rac1 Nc5 17.Rfd1 Nxb3 18.axb3 b6 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Bd4 Bc6 21.Ra1 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 a5 23.Qe3 Bc5= Howell,D (2593)-Ni Hua (2710)/Dresden olm/2008/;

B) 7.N2f3!?

B1) 7...a6 8.Bd3 e5 9.Qe2 Bb4+ 10.c3 0-0 11.Bc4 Qd8 12.Nxe5 Qxd4 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qc5 15.Qe3 Qxe3 16.Bxe3 Nbd7 17.Nf3!? b5 18.Bb3 Bb7 19.c4 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Bd5 22.Bf1 Rxc1 23.Bxc1 a5 24.a4± ⊥⊕, Rozentalis,E (2645)-Ivanov,S (2530)/Krynica/1997/;

B2) 7...Bc5 8.Be2 *(8.c4!?)* 8...Nc6 9.c4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qa5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 c5 15.b4 Ke7 16.Ne5 Bb7

17.Ke3± Bxg2?! 18.Rhg1 Be4 19.Rxg7 Bg6 20.Rg1 Nd7 21.R1xg6 Nxe5 22.Rh6± Smagin,S (2575)-Ivanov,S (2550)/RUS-ch St Petersburg/1998/
B3) 7...Nc6 8.Nb5 *(8.Nxc6!?)* 8...Bb4+ 9.c3 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Ba5 11.Nd6+ Ke7 12.Nxc8+ Raxc8 13.Bd3 Rhd8 14.Ke2 Ng4 15.Rd1 Bb6 16.Bg5+ f6 17.Bh4 Nge5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Be4 Nc4 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.b3 Nd6 22.Bd3 g5 23.Bg3 h5⇄ Yudasin,L (2600)-Ivanov,S (2515)/St Petersburg/1997/]



6.Bb5 This natural move is the best.
[After 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 Black is doing fine. He has a better version of a similar line from the Pauslen Sicilian and actually if after 9.Re1 Black plays even the senseless a6?! , he gets a playable theoretical position - B46.]

6...Bd7 7.Nxc6

[7.Bxc6 Bxc6 *(≤7...bxc6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Re1 Qb8 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Nf5! Bxh2+ 12.Kh1 Kf8 13.Nf3 exf5 14.Nxh2 Nf6 15.Nf3 Be6 16.Kg1 Qb4 17.Nd4 h6 18.b3 Re8 19.Bb2 Ne4 20.Qf3→* Smirin,I (2673)-Dizdar,G (2542)/CRO-chT Sibenik/2005/ *)* 8.Nxc6 *(8.0-0 Bc5!? 9.N2b3 Bd6∞)* 8...bxc6 -7.♘c6]

7...Bxc6

[Here after 7...bxc6 8.Bd3 the situation differs from the 6.♘c6 line, as Black's ♗ is misplaced on d7 and he has problems developing his ♘ to the natural f6-square. A spectacular crush was Qc7 *(8...Nf6?! 9.e5±; 8...Bd6 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.e5↑; 8...Bc8!?* , recommended by Gulko, is perhaps the best choice, but it's not easy to make such a move!*)* 9.Qe2 Bd6 *(9...Ne7 10.c4!?↑* Yudasin *)* 10.Nf3 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 Rb8 *(⌓12...Nd5!±)* 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Re1! Be7 15.Qg4 g6 16.c4 f5 17.Bxf5!! Nf6 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Bxf4 Rxb2 20.Bxe6 Bc5 21.Bxd7+ Kxd7 22.Ne5+ Kc8 23.Nd3 1-0, Yudasin,L (2605)-Gulko,B (2635)/Biel izt/1993/]

8.Bxc6+

[Too soft and sterile is 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.0-0 Be7 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 12.Nf3 a6 13.Bg5 Rc8 14.c3 Qe4 15.Rfe1 Qxe2 16.Rxe2 Nd5 17.Rd1 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 0-0= Narciso Dublan,M (2468)-Psakhis,L (2599)/Andorra/2000/]

8...bxc6 9.c4! White must act immediately, after

[9.0-0 Nf6= Black equalizes easily.]

9...Bd6 Neil: '!' Neil: 'An almost new move that should give Black a satisfactory game, albeit with the need to defend patiently in an IQP position which won't appeal to everyone.' Another important moment. Kamsky chooses a rare, but sound and logical developing move. However, Black has more than one alternative:

[9...Nf6 10.Qa4

A) 10...Qc7 11.exd5 exd5 12.0-0 Be7 13.Nf3 *(13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.Rac1 Bxb2 17.Rxc6 Qd7* 1/2, Smirin,I (2649)-Ni Hua (2710)/ ECC Kallithea/2008/*)* 13...0-0 14.Bg5 Rab8 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qc2 h6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Rfe1± \ , Zhang Zhong (2632)-Villamayor,B (2469)/Manila/ 2008/;

B) ⌓10...Qd7 11.e5 Ng8! 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Nf3 c5 *(13...dxc4!? Δ♘ d5 ⇄)* 14.Qc2 Nc6 15.Rd1 d4 16.Qe4 Rb8 17.h4 Be7 18.h5 h6 19.Qg4 Kf8 20.b3 a5 21.Bf4 a4 22.Nd2 Kg8 23.Ne4 Kh7 24.Rd3 Rhg8 25.Rf3 Ra8 26.Re1 axb3 27.axb3 Qe8 28.Bg3 Ra7 29.Qf4 Rf8 30.Nf6+ gxf6 31.exf6 Bd8 32.Qe4+ Kh8 33.Qf4 Kh7 34.Qe4+ Kh8 1/2, Arizmendi Martinez,J (2478)-Karpov,A (2692)/Manises/2001/]

[9...Qa5!? aims to prevent ♕a4 10.Qb3 *(10.exd5 cxd5 11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Qa4+ Qd7 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.Nc4 Nf6 15.Ke2 Bc5 16.Rd1+ Nd5 17.Be3 Rhc8 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.Ne3 Rac8=* Jurcik,M (2378)-Likavsky,T (2485)/Prievidza/ 2008/ *)* 10...Rd8 11.0-0 Nf6 12.e5 Nd7 13.Qg3 Qa6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nb3 g6 16.Bg5 Rc8 17.Rac1 Bg7 18.Qd3 Rc4 19.Rxc4 Qxc4 20.Rc1 Nxe5 21.Qe3 Qa6 22.Qc5 f6 23.Bh6 1/2, Vachier Lagrave,M (2632)-Malakhatko,V (2621)/Paris/ 2008/ Nd7 24.Qe3 0-0 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Rc7 Rf7 27.Rxa7 Qd6∞]

[9...dxe4
A) 10.Qa4 f5!? *(10...Qb6 11.Nxe4 Qb4+ 12.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 13.Bd2±)* 11.Qxc6+ *(11.f3 Qb6!∓)* 11...Kf7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.h3 Rc8 15.Qb7+ Qc7↑ 1/2, Erenburg,S (2595)-Hug,W (2445)/Gothenburg/2005/;
B) 10.Nxe4 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Nf6 12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.Be3 Rg8 14.g3 c5 15.Kc2 Kd7 16.Rhd1+ Kc6 17.Rd3 Be7 18.Rad1 Rgd8= /± gives White a long-term, but only very slight advantage - until now in all games with GM opposition Black managed to hold the ⊥.]
[Lately Black has experienced problems after 9...Bc5 10.Qa4 , but possibly the matters are not so serious: Ne7 11.exd5 exd5 12.Nb3 *(12.cxd5 Qxd5 13.0-0 0-0=)* 12...Bb6 13.c5 Bc7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bf4 Be5 17.Rae1 Bxb2!? *(17...Ng6 18.Bc1 Rc8 19.Qxa7 f5 20.f4 Bf6 21.Re6 Re8 22.Rfe1 Rxe6 23.Rxe6 Nf8 24.Re2 Rc7 25.Qa6 Re7 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Bd2↑* Vachier Lagrave,M (2681)-Stellwagen,D (2616)/Paks/2008/*)* 18.Bd6 Rf7 19.Bxe7 *(19.Na5 Nf5⇄)* 19...Rxe7 20.Qxc6 Rc7 21.Qe6+ Kh8 22.Re2 Bc3 23.Rd1 d4 24.Qg4 Qd7 25.Qf3 Rac8 26.Re4 Krueger,H (2398)-Newman,N/corr/2003/ h6=]

10.cxd5N

[10.Qa4 Qd7 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.0-0 Ne7 15.Nf3 Rab8 *(* Of course, you should always think twice about making loosening pawn moves in the centre, but *15...f6!* seems better. The hole created on e6 would be negligible compared to the importance of controlling the e5 square. In fact 15.. .f6 would not only avoid the trouble Black has in the game after Ne5+ but also rule out Ng5, which can be awkward in some positions [for example imagine the sequence Ng5 f7-f6 Nf7, attacking h8, Rhe8 Nxd6 and White has carried out a favourable exchange of knight for bishop.]*)* 16.b3 a5 17.Bd2 Bb4 18.Bf4 Mahjoob,M (2335)-Ghane Gardeh,S (2315)/IRI-ch/2000/
A) 18...Rb7 19.Ne5+ Ke6 20.Nd3 Rc8 21.Rac1 Bc3 A tactical oversight. Black could still consolidate with *(21...Rxc1 22.Rxc1 f6!)* 22.Be5! d4 *(*Black loses the exchange after *22...Bxe5 23.Rxc8 Nxc8 24.Nc5+ Kf6 25.Nxb7)* 23.Bxg7 f6 24.Bh6 a4 25.b4? *(* Better to eliminate the pawn with *25.bxa4)* 25...a3! 26.Rb1 *(*Black is very active after *26.Nc5+ Rxc5 27.bxc5 Rb2)* 26...Kd5 27.Rb3 Kc4 28.Rd1 Ra8 29.Bf4 Nd5 30.Bd6 Rd7 31.Bc5 Nc7 32.Kf1 Nb5 and hereabouts White gave up trying to win and agreed a draw in Mahjoob, M-Ghane Gardeh, S/IRI 2000.;
B) 18...Rbc8=]

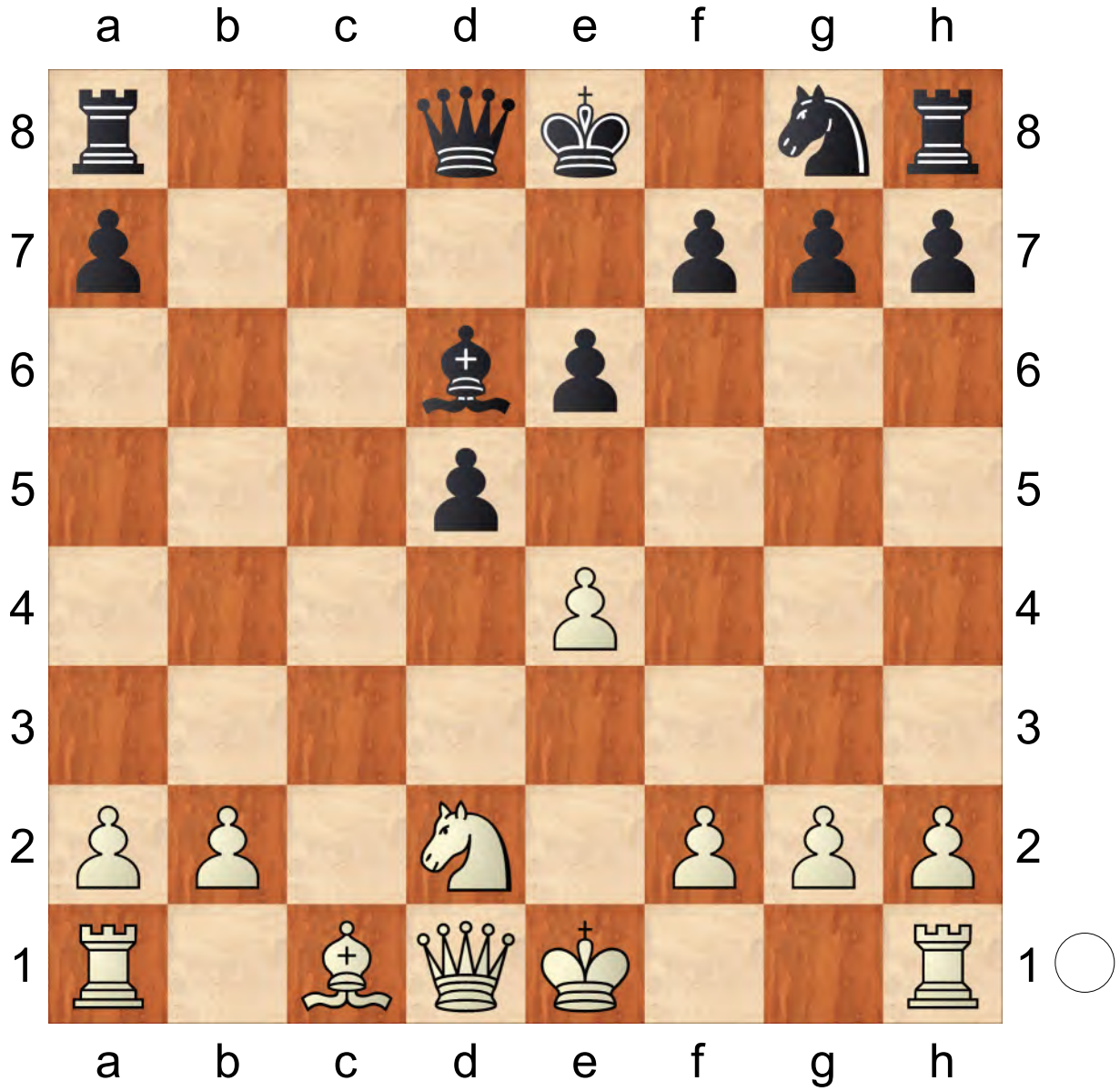
10...cxd5

(Diagram)

11.exd5 exd5 12.0-0

[12.Qa4+ Qd7 could have transposed into the previous example. Topalov keeps the queens on the board, which allows White to exert somewhat more pressure.]

12...Ne7



[12...Nf6? is more active, but after 13.Re1+ Black will have problems with both his ♔ and activating his ♖h8.]

13.Nf3

[13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Nf3 -10.♕a4]

13...0-0 14.Qd3 Now playing ♕a4 makes little sense and White prefers to centralize his ♕ instead. The opening is over and both sides can be more or less satisfied: Topalov, despite a surprise already on move 1, has achieved a comfortable position, in which he can without any excessive risk try to gain something more tangible, than a microscopic edge. On the other hand, Kamsky has survived the opening without serious damage and with patient he can hope to neutralize White's slight pull in the long run. The following phase of the game is characterized by positional manoeuvring, when most of the strategic battle takes place in the open ⊞. While one can suggest improvements for both sides on more than one moment, objectively the balance of

the position remains almost undisturbed, right up to the fateful mistake on move 35.

14...Qd7

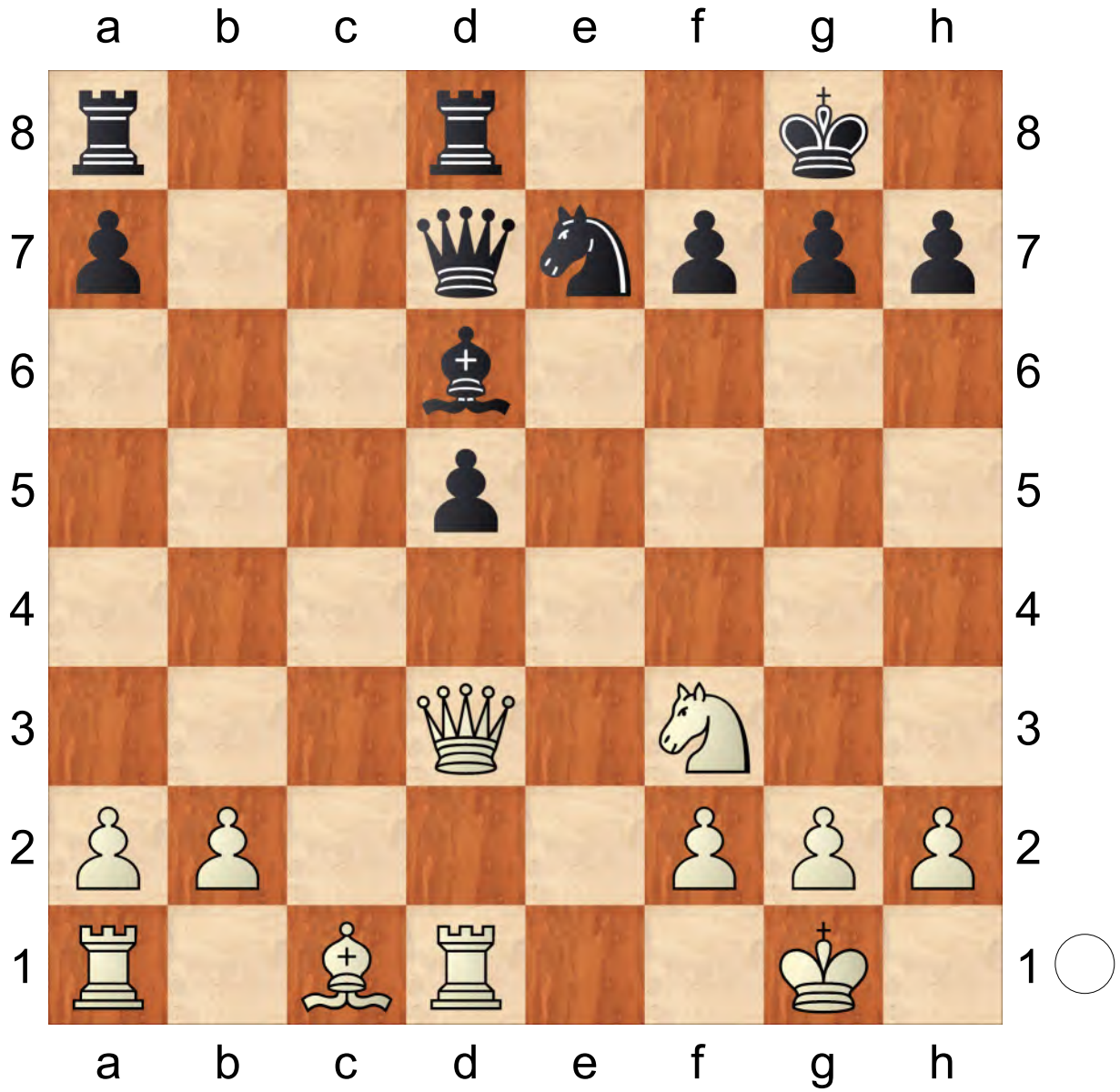
[After 14...Qb6 Black has to reckon with 15.Ng5 , forcing » concessions. Kamsky's move is passive, but safe.]

15.Rd1

[⌓15.Ng5 Qf5=]

[15.Re1!? is a plausible alternative - right now the ♙d5 is reliably defended later in the game White's ♖ will occupy the open ⇔ anyway. Qf5 16.Qxf5 Nxf5 17.Bd2± /=]

15...Rfd8



16.Be3 a5 The ♙ leaves a vulnerable square and makes it more difficult for White to advance his «♙-majority.

[16...Nf5 17.Bg5± Δ f6? 18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Bf4±]

17.g3 h6 Both sides need a luft for their ♔. **18.Bb6** Why force Black's ♖ to occupy a more active square?

[18.Bd4!?]

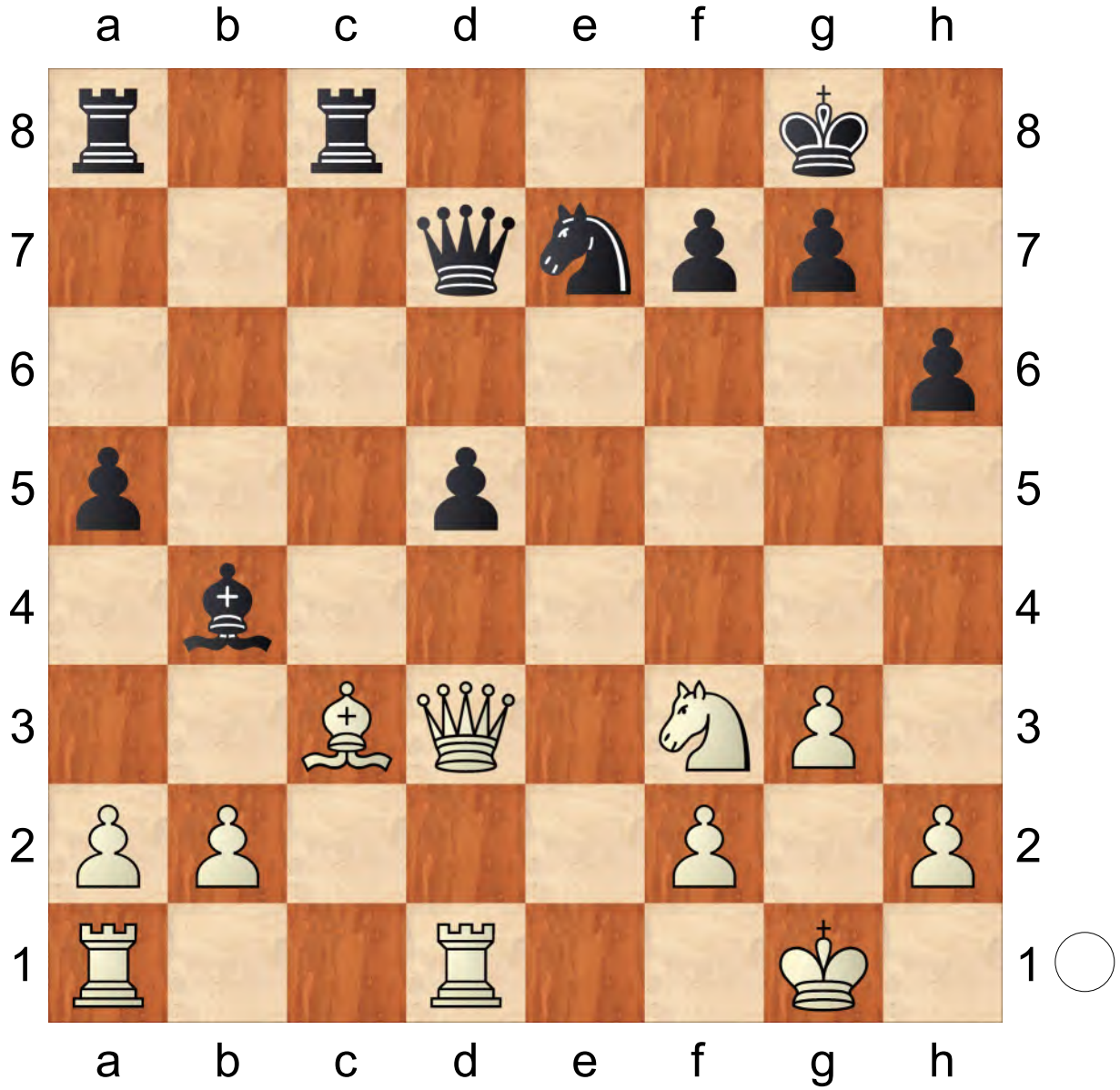
18...Rdc8

[18...Re8!?]

19.Bd4 Bc5 A debatable decision. Although the ♗d4 targets Black's ♙, at this moment it still doesn't present any concrete danger.

[19...a4 , fixing ♙b2, was fully playable.]

20.Bc3 Bb4



21.Be5

[21.Rac1 Bxc3 22.Rxc3 a4⇄]

21...Bd6 Neil: '?' Neil: 'Much too routine.'

[Neil: 'Black should activate his game with' 21...Qg4!? Shipov, Δ♕e4 Neil: '!' Neil:

'e.g.' 22.a3 Bc5 23.Rac1 Qe4 and there is little to fear.]

22.Rd2!?

[After the natural 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Nd4 a4 24.Rd2 Nc6!?= /⇄ White doesn't achieve much, so Topalov prefers another central outpost for his ♘.]

22...Bxe5 Consistent.

[22...Bb4 23.Re2 f6 24.a3!? Bc5 25.Bd4!?↑ ×e6]

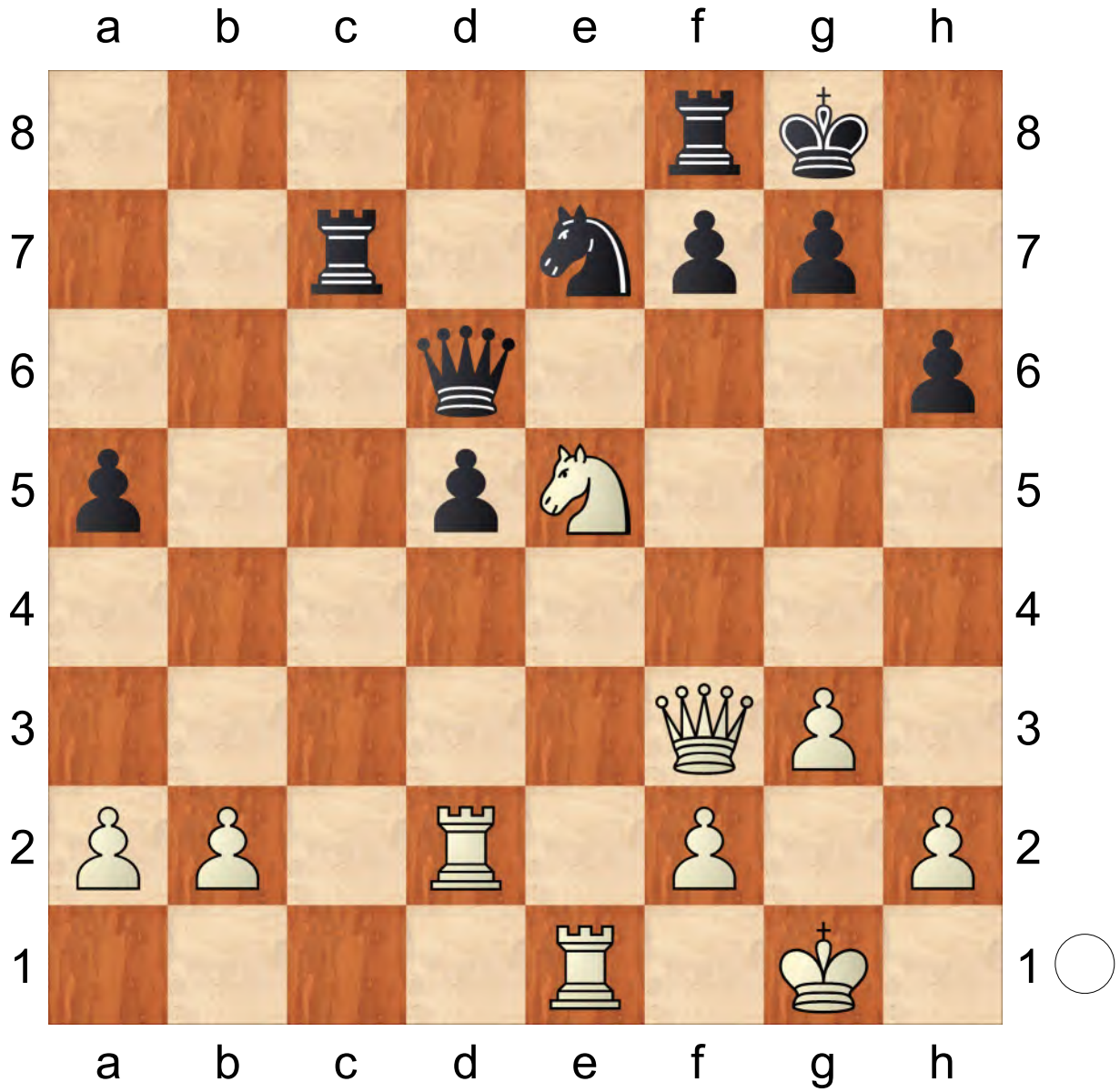
23.Nxe5 Qd6

[23...Qb7!? 24.Qf3 Rf8 Δ♖a6-e6,f6⇄]

24.Re1 Rc7

[24...a4 25.Nc4!? Qf6 26.Nb6 Qxb6 27.Rxe7±]

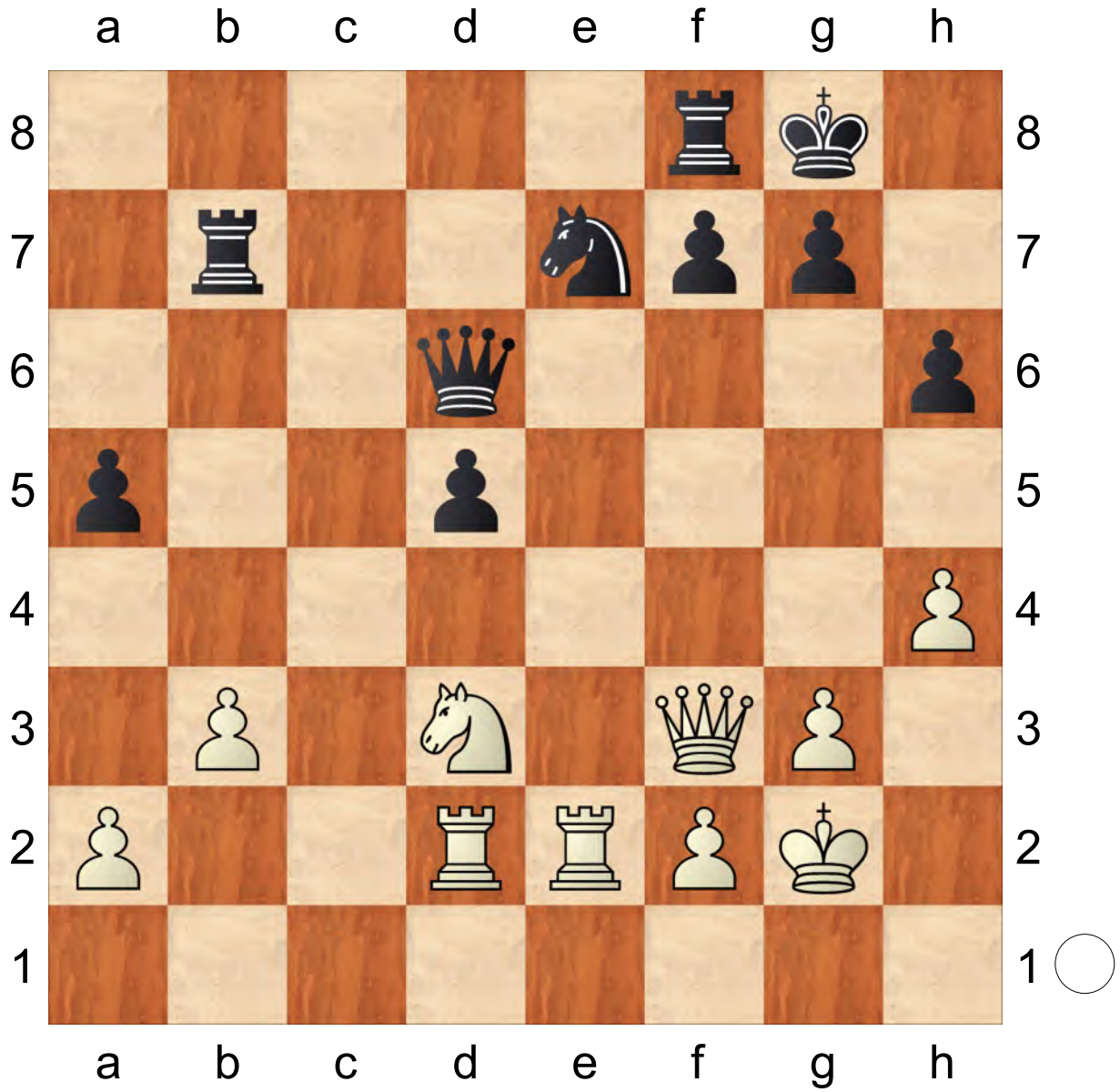
25.Qf3 Rf8



26.Kg2

[26.h4! Δh5O»]

26...Rb7
[26...g6!? 27.h4 *(27.Qf4 Nf5 28.Red1 d4∞* Δ *29.g4 Re7! 30.gxf5 Rxe5 31.Rxd4 Qc6+ 32.Qf3 Qxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Rxf5+=)* 27...h5 Δ♔g7,♕f6 slightly loosens the », but prevents the cramping advance of the h-pawn. This will be significant later on.]
27.h4! Qb4 28.Ree2 Qa4! 29.b3 Qb4 Black has forced an advance of the ♙b2, but why give White a tempo to reposition his ♘?
[⌓29...Qb5!?= /±,Δa4]
30.Nd3
[30.h5 Rc7 is similar.]
30...Qd6



31.h5 Rc7 32.Nf4 d4
[Less committal is 32...Rd8!? and White's edge remains at best minimal.]

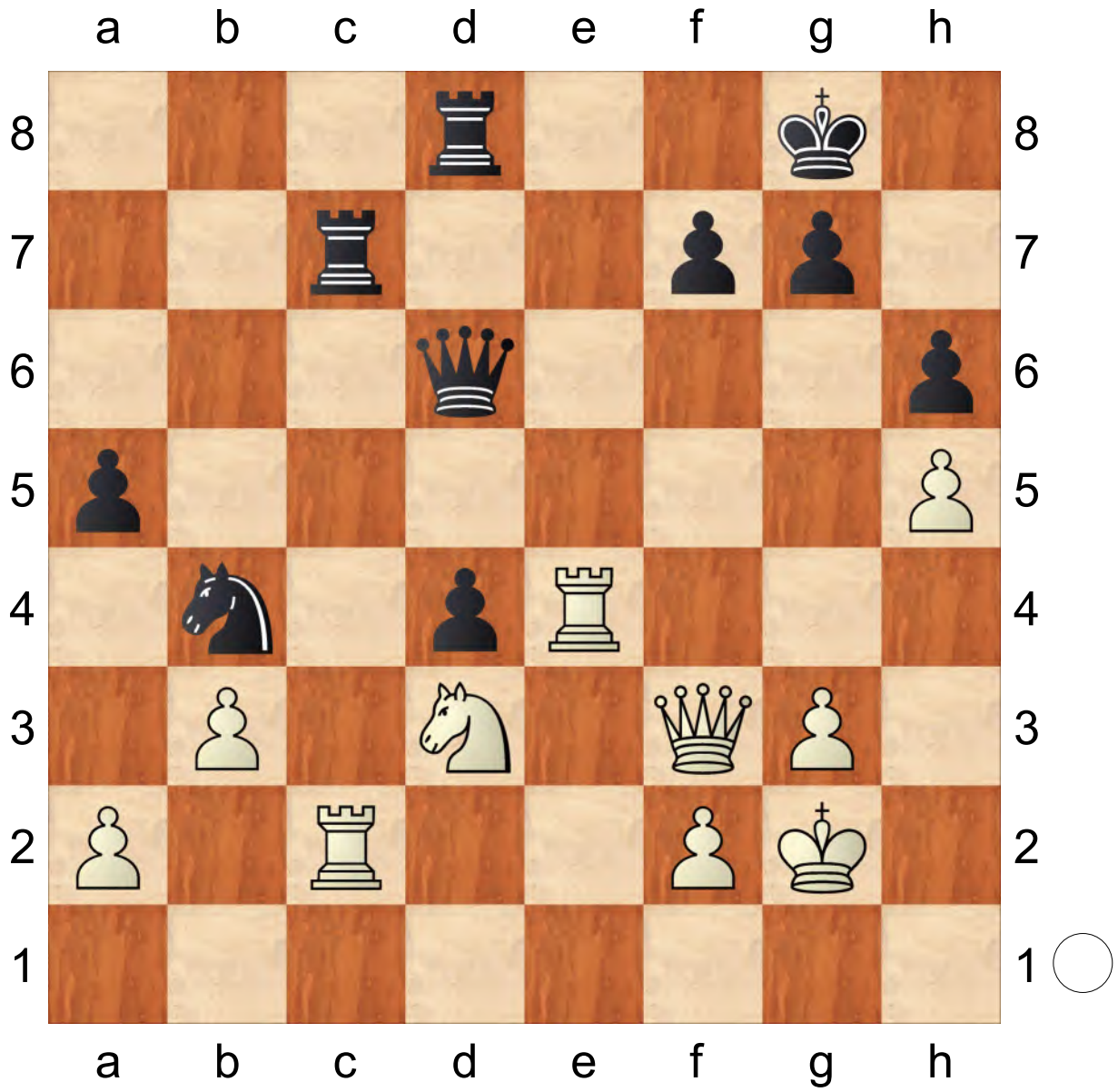
33.Re4 Nc6□
[33...Nf5? 34.Ne2±]
34.Nd3 Solid, White blockades the ♙ and can occupy the neighboring open files.
[34.Ne2? f5 35.Rf4 Ne5∓]
34...Rd8 35.Rc2 Natural, but here the ♖ is undefended.
[35.Qf4 Qd5!⇄ *(35...Qxf4 36.Nxf4±)*]
[35.Rde2!?]
35...Nb4?
[Waiting moves like 35...Kh8 36.Rc4± allow White to retain his edge.]
[35...Ne5? 36.Nxe5 Rxc2 37.Nxf7 Qd7 38.Nxd8 Qxd8 39.Qd3+-]
[However, interesting was the concrete 35...f5!?
A) 36.Ree2 Ne5 37.Nxe5 Rxc2 38.Nf7 *(38.Rxc2 Qxe5=)* 38...Qf6 39.Nxd8 *(39.Nxh6+ Qxh6 40.Rxc2 d3 41.Rc5 d2 42.Rd5 Qf6↑)* 39...Rxe2 40.Qxe2 Qxd8=;
B) 36.Qxf5 Ne7 37.Re6□ Qxg3+□ 38.fxg3 Rxc2+ 39.Qf2 Rxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Nd5 41.Re5 Nb4 42.Nxb4 *(42.Ke2 Nxa2 43.Rxa5 Nc3+=)* 42...axb4 43.Ra5! d3 44.Ke1 d2+ 45.Kd1 Rd3 46.Ra4 *(46.g4 Rg3=)* 46...Rxg3 47.Rxb4 Rg1+ 48.Kxd2 Rg2+ 49.Kc3 Rxa2= and although formally White is still better, it's hard to imagine Black can lose such a simplified ♖⊥.]
[He had to be patient with 35...Rcc8 putting the rook on a defended square so that Nb4 becomes a feasible idea. 36.Rc4! keeping up the pressure. Nb4? *(*Black has to continue to wait, say with *36...Qd7)* 37.Rexd4! Qxd4 38.Rxd4 Rxd4 39.Ne5 Rf8 *(*Or *39...Rc7 40.Qa8+ Kh7 41.Qxa5)* 40.a3 Nd5 41.Nc6 Rd2 42.Nxa5 and White has good winning chances.]

(Diagram)

Neil: 'Black is in too much of a hurry to simplify.' Otherwise a sound positional move, this is a heavy tactical mistake, which costs Black the game. **36.Nxb4 axb4**
37.Rxd4! Neil: 'Simply pocketing the passed pawn.' **37...Qf8?!**
[Neil: 'If instead' 37...Qxd4 38.Rxc7 Qd5 was more tenacious, although here after *(38...Rf8* Neil: 'the black rook would be tied to the defence of f7, meaning that the b4 pawn would be an easy picking for the white queen and rook.' *39.Qf5± Δ♕c5* also forces the ♕-swap.*)* 39.Rb7 Qxf3+ 40.Kxf3± /+- White has excellent winning chances - the ♙h5 plays an important positive role.]
[Neil: 'Black would lose a rook after' 37...Rxc2? 38.Rxd6 Rxd6 39.Qa8+ Kh7 40.Qe4++-]
38.Rxd8 Qxd8 39.Rxc7 Qxc7 40.Qa8+ Kh7

(Diagram)

41.Qe4+ Kg8 42.Qxb4+- Black is 2♙ down and has no perpetual - the result is a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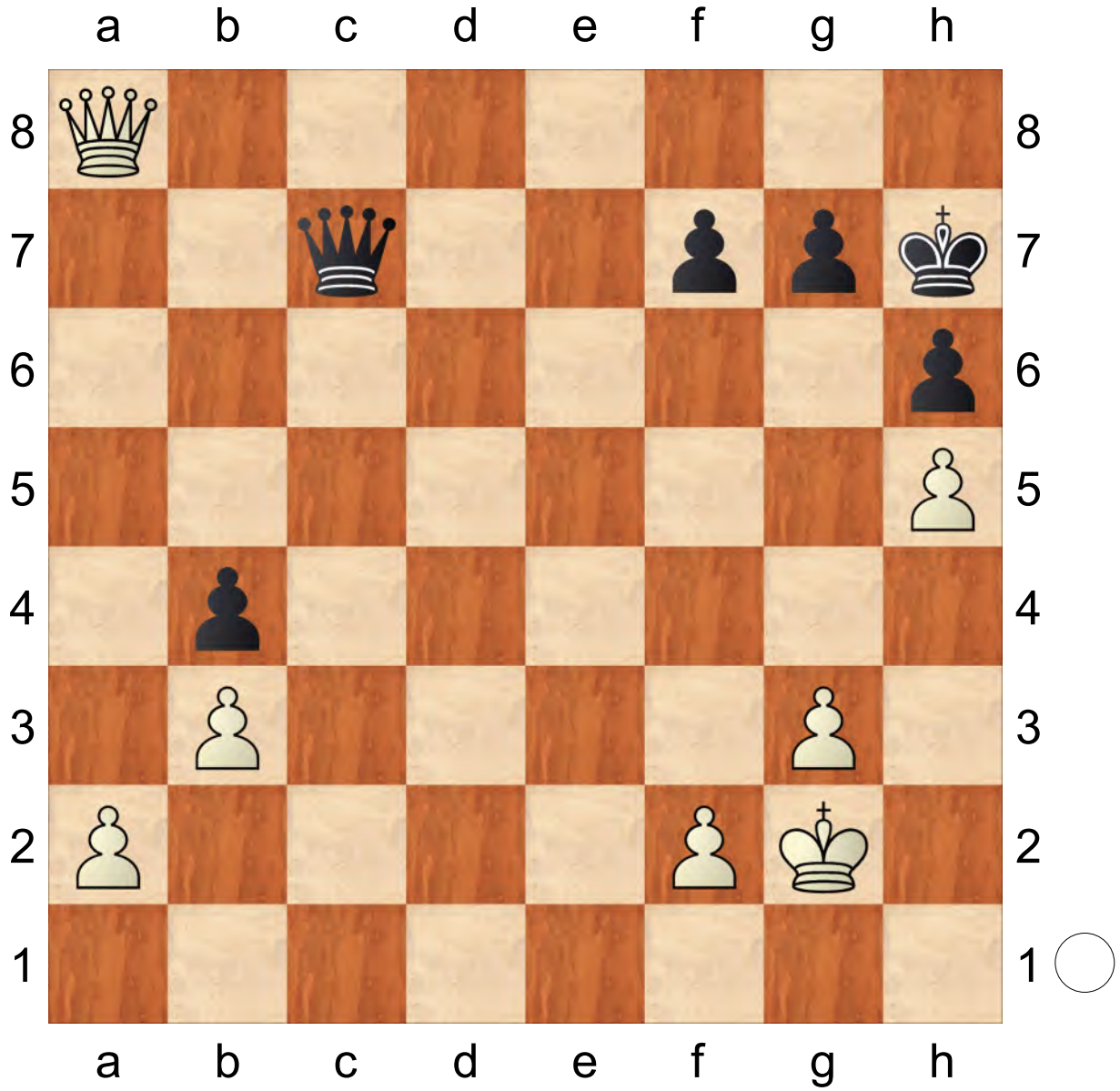
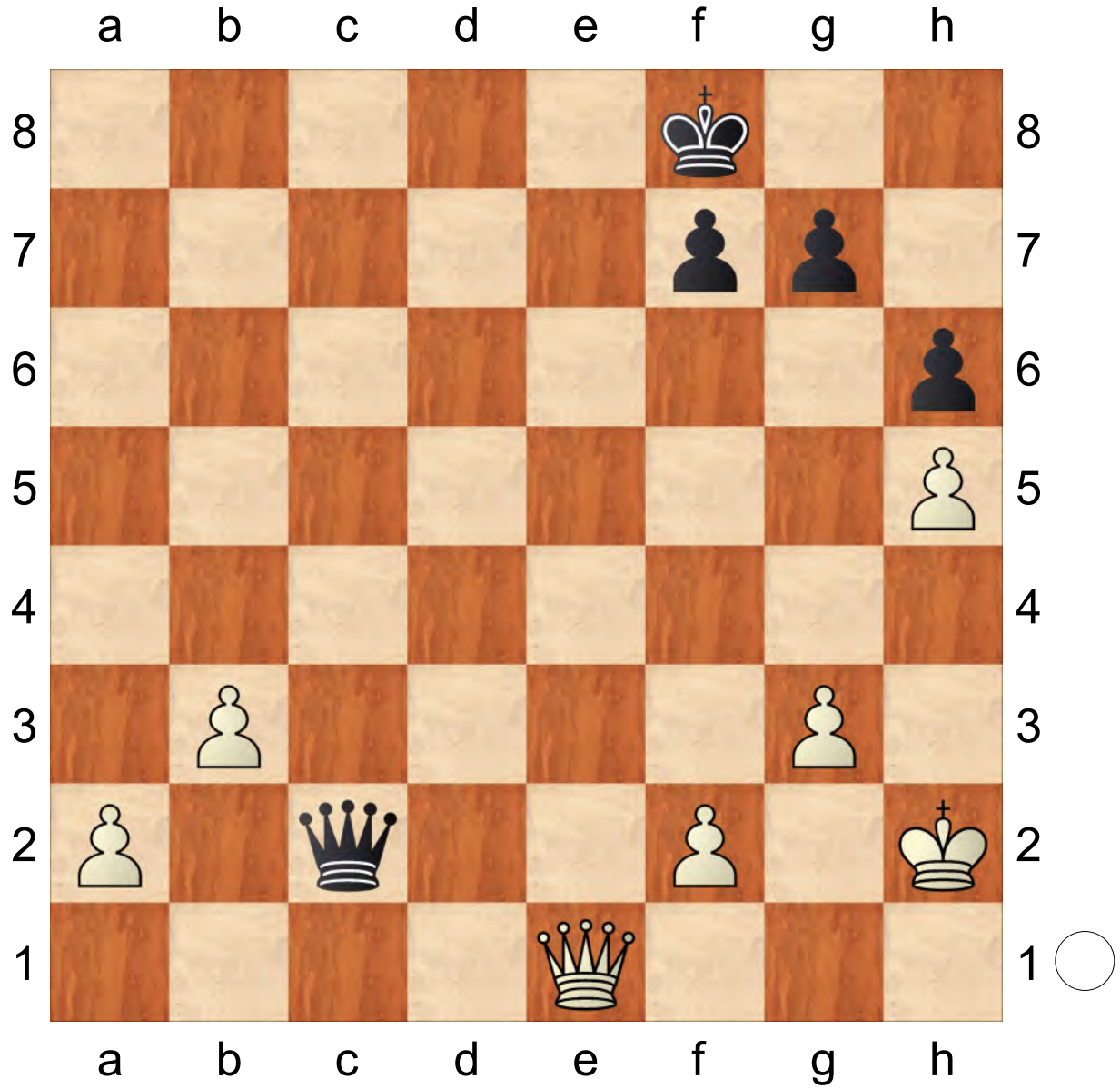


foregone conclusion. **42...Qc6+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+ 44.Kh2 Qc2 45.Qe1**
[45.Qb8+ Kh7 46.Qf4 Kg8 47.Qe3+- is similar]
45...Kf8
[45...Kh7 46.a4!? Qxb3 47.Qe4+ Kg8 48.Qa8+ Kh7 49.a5 and the ♙ is unstoppable.]

(Diagram)

46.a3! Qb2
[46...Qxb3 47.Qb4++-]
47.Qb4+ Kg8 48.Kg2 Qe5 49.Qg4 Qb2
[49...Qd5+ 50.Qf3+-]



50.Qc8+ Kh7

(Diagram)

51.Qc4 Qxa3
[51...Kg8 52.a4+-]
52.Qxf7 Qb4 53.Qc4 Qb7+ 54.Kg1 Qf3 55.g4

(Diagram)

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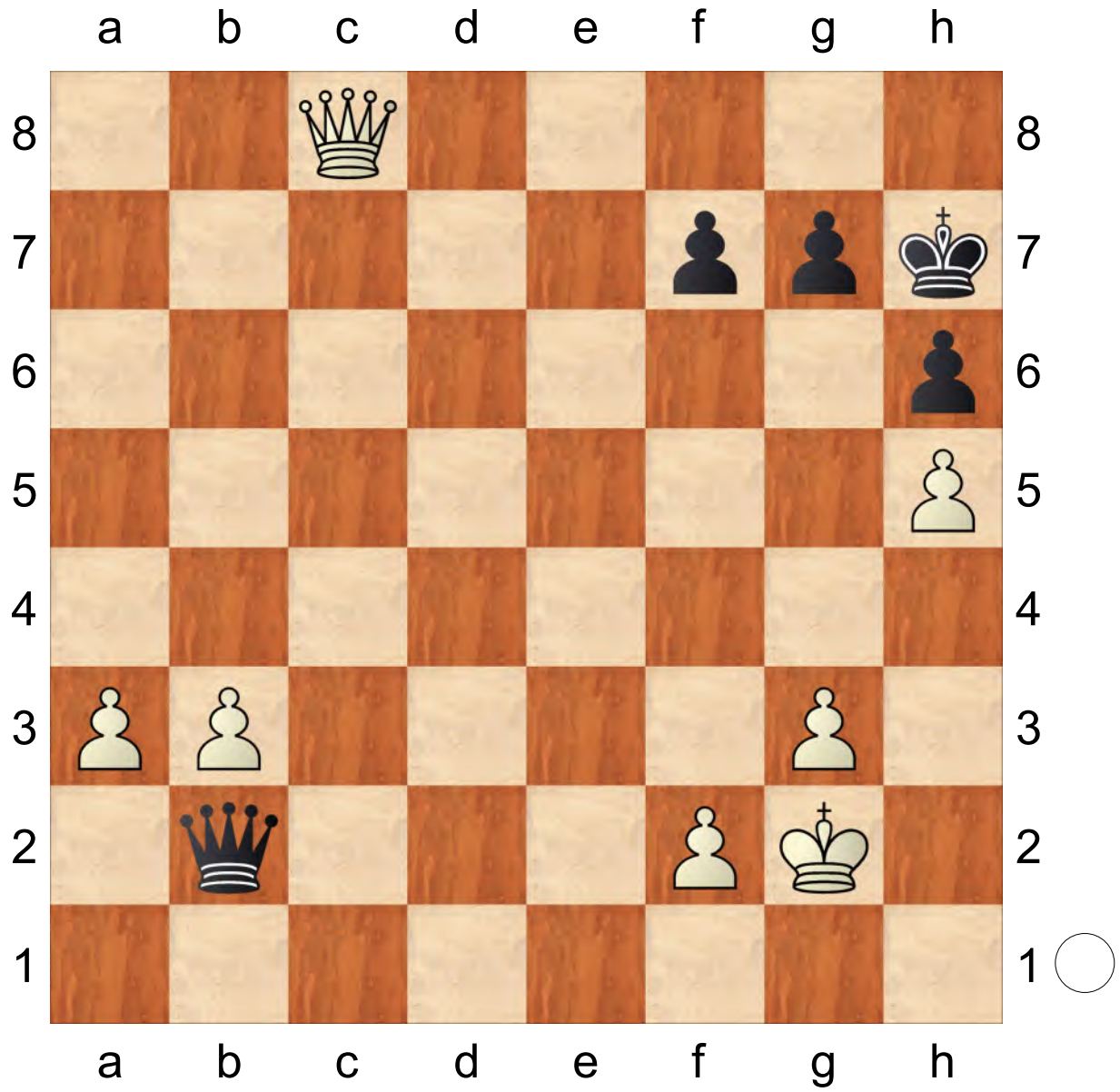
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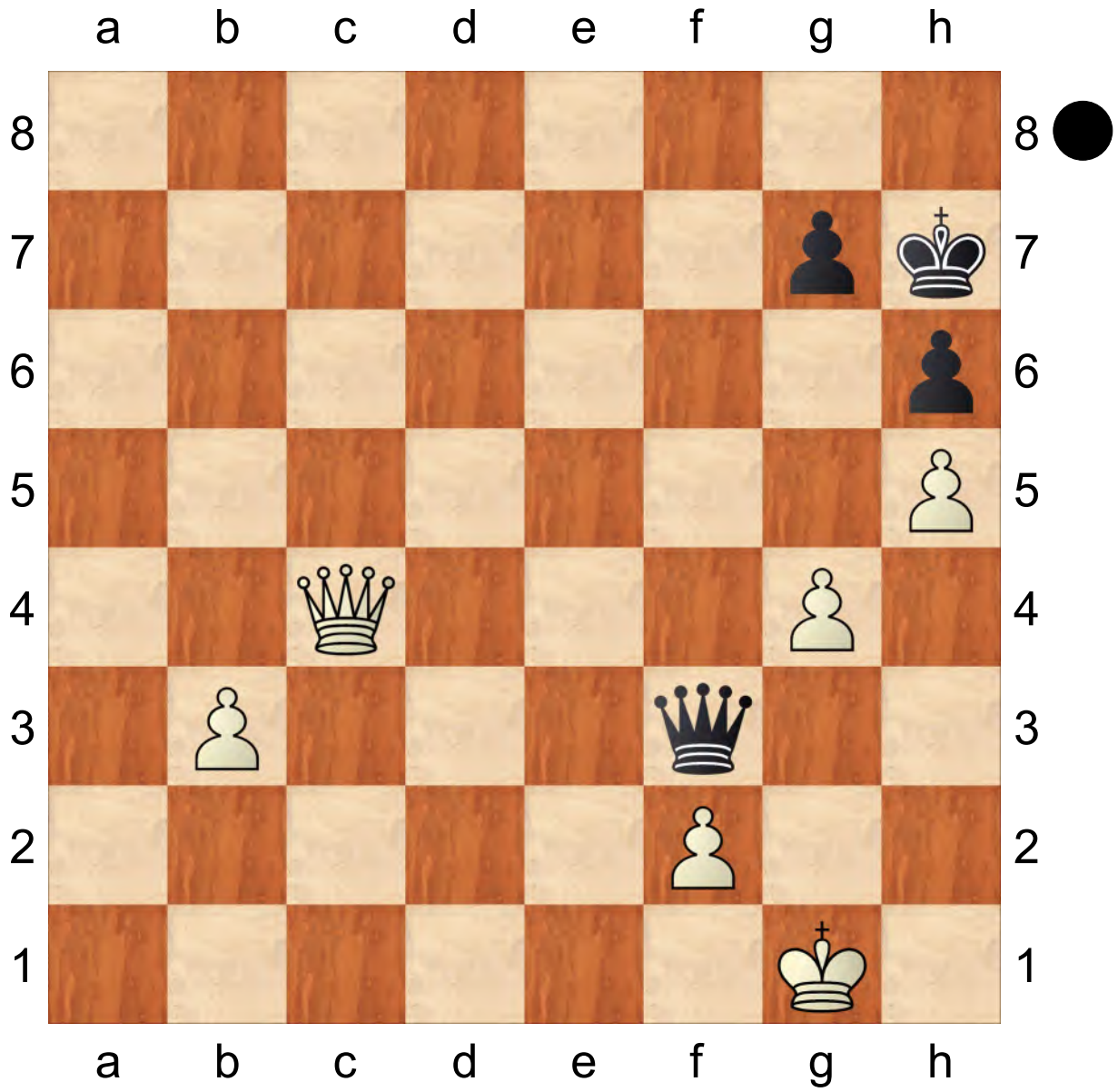
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2780**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2826**
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[Stohl,Igor]

Van Delft & Ris: 'ANOTHER KRAMNIK MASTERPIECE Last week we looked at another one of Shirov's brillancies, while now we have Kramnik at his very best: positionally outplaying none other than Carlsen. The exchange on move 16 is highly instructive, as is the direct attack without Qs on the board.' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: 'E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations '' **1.d4** Skembris,Spyridon Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris, Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6**

[That 4...Bb7 5.Bg2 Bb4+ isn't without venom can be seen on the next page.]

5.Qa4 Van Delft & Ris: 'This Q sortie has recently gained in popularity over 5.Qc2, despite having brought White several spectacular wins.' About 40 years ago, when Black's 4-th move was still regarded as only an experiment, this ♕-sortie was considered to be the strongest reaction and almost refutation of 4... ♗a6. Nowadays things have changed a lot, White tries to build up some pressure without too much risk. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'About 40 years ago, when Black's 4-th move was still regarded as only an experiment, this ♕-sortie was considered to be the strongest reaction and almost refutation of 4... ♗a6. Nowadays things have changed a lot, White tries to build up some pressure without too much risk.'' Skembris,Spyridon: 'In recent times Vladimir Kramnik too has used this line. The opening fits his style perfectly as he likes to play positions with a slight but permanent edge.'

[The main move is 5.b3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' , with heavily analysed theory after Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 *(*and especially *7.Bg2* often going on far beyond the opening and even middlegame. *)*]

[The sharp alternative, connected with a ♙-sacrifice, is 5.Qc2!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 This line has quickly developed in the past 5 years and is still highly topical. However, it hardly suits Kramnik's style, so the ex-champion adopts the more restrained old move. Lately it has become fasionable again and it occurred in quite a few high-level games.]

5...Bb7

[5...c5 6.Bg2 *(*The usual reaction, as *6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 Bb7* is a rather inferior version of the aforementioned ♙-sacrifice. *)* 6...Bb7 is only a transposition.]

[Interesting and less explored is 5...c6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I'

A) 6.Bg2 is too soft due to b5! 7.cxb5 cxb5 8.Qd1 Nc6 9.0-0 Rc8 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Nb3 b4 12.Re1 d5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.e3 0-0 16.Nc5 Bb5 17.Bf1 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 e5 *(18...Be7=)* 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxc5 21.Nd3 Rc4⇄ Smejkal,J-Kavalek,L/CS-ch Luhacovice/1968/;

B) 6.Nc3 b5!? *(* This positional sacrifice in the spirit of the Volga/Benko gambit

is the main point, otherwise Black risks getting under positional pressure. An old example is *6...d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.f4 a5 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.e4 b5 16.Qc2 Na6 17.Rc1 Nc7 18.Rfd1 Qe6 19.Nxd5! Nxd5 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Qc7 Ra7 22.Qc5±* Furman,S-Keres,P/URS-ch Moscow/1948/) 7.cxb5 cxb5 8.Nxb5 Qb6 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3 *(11...Rc8 12.Bd2 Nc6 13.Qd1 d5 14.Na4 Qb5 15.Bxb4 Qxb4 16.Nc5 Qa5 17.Rc1 Rab8 18.b3 Ne4 19.Qe1 Nxc5 20.Qxa5 Nxa5 21.Rxc5 Nb7!=* 1/2 Appolonov,S-Berzinsh,R/Alma-Ata 1991/TD (35) *)* 12.bxc3 Bxe2 13.Re1 Bb5 14.Qb3 d5 *(14...Bc6 15.c4 Na6 16.Bf4 Be4 17.Be5 d5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qe3 Nb4 20.Qh6→ Qd8 21.Nh4 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Kh8 23.Nf4 Rg8 24.Rab1 Nc2? 25.Nxe6!* 1-0, Skembris,S (2545)-Timman,J (2620)/Corfu m/1993/) 15.Ne5 Nbd7 16.Be3 Rab8 17.Rab1?! *(17.a4 Ba6 18.Qa3∞)* 17...Qa6 18.Qd1 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Bd4 Bc4 21.Qd2 h6∓ Leriche,E (2319)-Gervasio,R (2310)/FRA-chT2/2004/]

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 White tries to keep more tension in the position. Nikolic's favourite is Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White tries to keep more tension in the position. Nikolic's favourite is"

[7.0-0 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxg2 9.Kxg2 Qc7 10.Rd1 a6 11.Nc3 Qb7+ *(11...Be7 12.f3 0-0 13.Bf4 Qb7 14.e4 d6 15.Nde2 Rd8 16.Rd2 Nc6 17.Rad1 Ne8 18.a3 Rdc8 19.h4 h6 20.h5 Na5 21.b3 Qc7 22.e5 Rd8 23.exd6 Bxd6 24.Ne4 Bxf4 25.Nxf4 Rxd2+ 26.Rxd2 Nc6 27.b4 Ne5 28.c5 Nf6!?⇄* Browne,W-Andersson,U/Buenos Aires/1978/ *)* 12.f3 Be7 13.Bg5

A) 13...Nc6

A1) 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qxc6 dxc6 17.Ne4 Ke7 18.Nxf6 Kxf6 19.Rd6 Rhd8 20.Rad1 *(20.Rxc6 Rd2≅ ⇄)* 20...Ke7 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rxd8 Kxd8 1/2,Nikolic,P (2630)-Psakhis,L (2565)/ECC Eupen/1997;

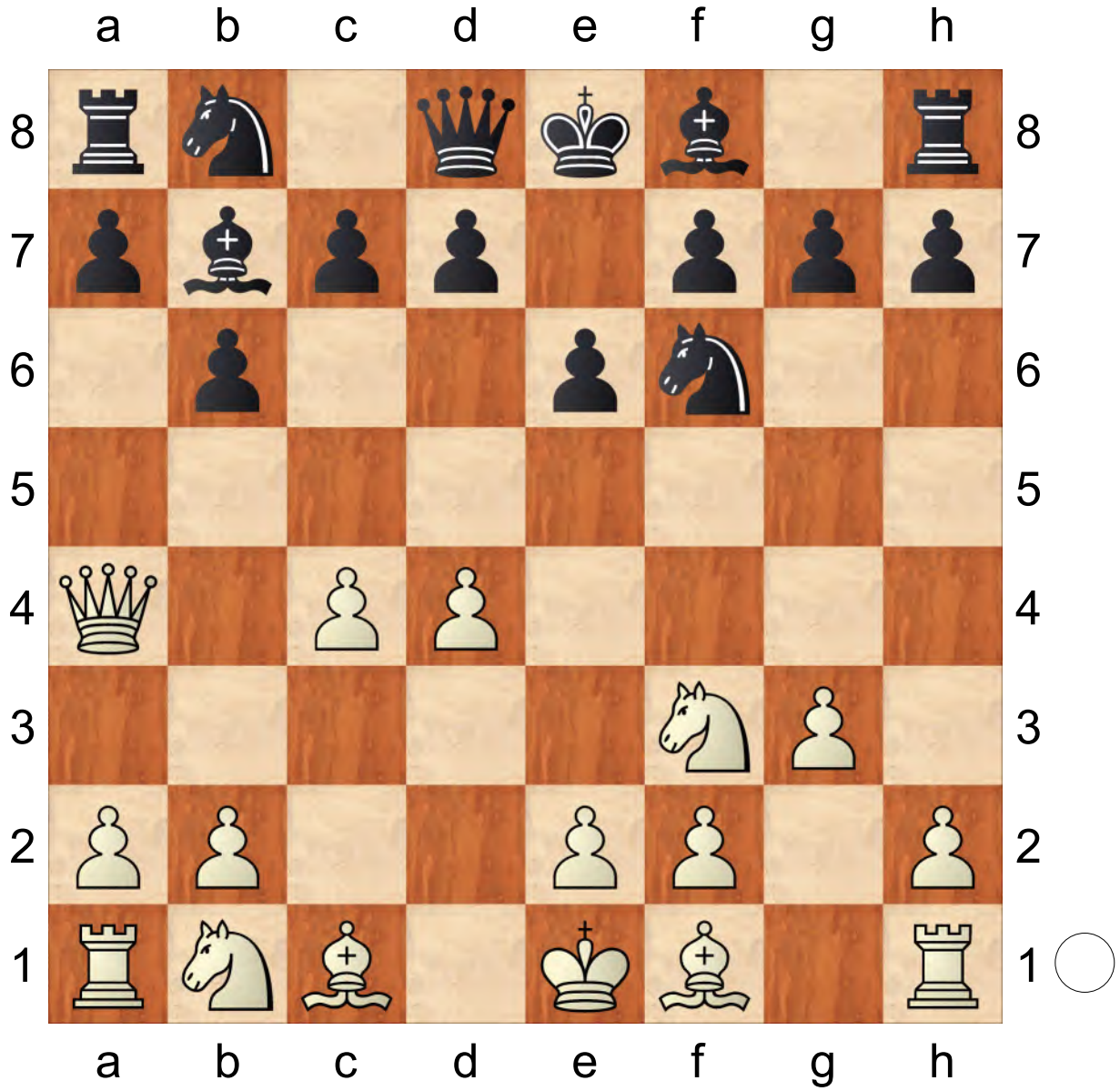
A2) ⩀14.Bxf6!? gxf6 *(14...Bxf6 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Qxc6 dxc6 18.Nd6+↑)* 15.Nxc6

A2a) 15...dxc6 16.Ne4!↑ *(16.Rd3 0-0 17.Rad1 Rfd8 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Qd1 Be7 21.Qd4 Qc7 22.Ne4 Qd8 23.Qxd8+ Bxd8 24.g4 Be7 25.f4 Kf8 26.f5±* Molina,R (2322)-Bittencourt,J (2448)/BRA-ch Rio de Janeiro/2007/ *)*;

A2b) 15...Qxc6 16.Rd3 *(16.Qxc6 dxc6 17.Rd3±)* 16...Qxa4 17.Nxa4 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Nb6 Ra7 Chetverik,M (2289)-Gerstner,B (2144)/Bad Wiessee/2006/ 20.Rb3±;

B) 13...h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Ne4 Be7

B1) 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Rac1 0-0 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nf3 Rfd8 20.Qe3 Rac8 21.g4 d5 22.cxd5 exd5 23.Ng3 *(23.Nd4 Qb7=)* 23...Bc5 24.Qd2 a5 25.a3 Qe7 26.Qd3 Qf6 27.Qd2 Qe6 28.f5 Qe7∓ Nikolic,P (2659)-Karpov,



A (2696)/Monte Carlo blindfold rpd/2000/
B2) 16.Rd3 0-0 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Qb3 Ra7 19.e3 Qc7 20.a3 Hoefer,H (1960)-Skrzynski,I (1713)/corr/2000/ Nc6= ⇄]

7...bxc5 Van Delft & Ris: 'More can be found about the other recapture, 7... Bxc5, in CVO 48.' An important moment, which defines the character of the ensuing struggle. Taking towards the ⊞ is natural, but equally logical is the even more often played developing move Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'An important moment, which defines the character of the ensuing struggle. Taking towards the ⊞ is natural, but equally logical is the even more often played developing move"

[7...Bxc5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: '!?' 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0
A) 9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 d5 12.Rd1 Nd7 13.Bg5 Die korrekte Verteidigung bestand in Be7!? *(13...Qe8 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.b4 Be7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Nd4 Nf6 19.b5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rd5 21.Nc6 Qd7*

22.Qc2 Qb7 23.a4 h6 24.e4 Rc5 25.Qd3↑ Dautov,R (2606)-Polgar,J (2656)/Istanbul olm/2000/*)* 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Rac1 Nc5 17.Ne5! *(17.b4 Na4! 18.Qc2 b5 19.a3 a5=* Dautov *)* 17...Bxg2 18.Kxg2 a5 19.Qf3 Rac8 20.h4 *(20.Nc4!? Qc7 21.Qf4±)* 20...f6 21.Nc4 Qc7 22.Nd6 Rcd8 23.Nb5 Qe5 24.Nc3 f5 25.Qc6 Qb8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rd1 Rxd1 28.Nxd1 Qb7 29.Qxb7 Nxb7 30.Kf3 Nd6 31.Kf4 Kf7 32.Ke5 Ke7 33.Ne3 Nikolic,P (2652)-Istratescu,A (2561)/EU-ch Ohrid/2001/ b5!? Δ♘f7,♔d6=;

B) 9...Be7 10.Rd1 Na6 11.Bf4 Nc5 12.Qc2 Qc8 A more recent attempt is

B1) 13.Rac1 Nce4 14.Nd4 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 a6 *(15...Bxg2 16.Kxg2 a6 17.Qf3 Ra7 18.a4 Qb7 19.Qxb7 Rxb7 20.f3 Rc8 21.e4 d6 22.Ne2 Ne8 23.h4 Kf8 24.b3 Rc6 25.Rd3 Bf6 26.Rcd1 Be7 27.h5± O,* Ftacnik,L (2596)-Sax,G (2568)/ECC Saint Vincent/2005/*)* 16.Qb3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qb7+ 18.Qf3 Ne4!? *(*More enterprising than *18...Ra7 19.Qxb7 Rxb7 20.f3 Rc8 21.e4 d6 22.Ne2 Ne8 23.b3 h5 24.h4 g6 25.Rd2 Rbc7 26.Rd3 Rc5 27.a4 R5c6 28.Rcd1 Rc5 29.Kf1 Bf8 30.Nc3 Rb8 31.R1d2 Rb7 32.Ke2±* Piket,J (2633)-Chuchelov,V (2518)/NED-chT/2000/ Similar to Ftacnik-Sax above, Black must patiently defend a slightly worse ⊥.*)* 19.Nb3 f5 20.Nd2 *(20.Kg1 Bf6⇄)* 20...g5! 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.Qg4 h5 23.Qxh5 gxf4 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Qh6+ Kg8 1/2, Van Wely,L (2654)-Chuchelov,V (2603)/Bundesliga 2003/;

B2) 13.Rd4!? d5

B2a) 14.Rc1 Nce4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 g5!? *(16...Rd8 17.Rxd8+ Qxd8 18.Rd1 Qe8 19.Be3 h6 20.a3 Rc8 21.b4 Rc7 22.h4 Qc8 23.Qb3 Ba6 24.Rd4 Ne8 25.Bxe4 Bf6* Timman,J (2591)-Jackova,J (2388)/Marianske Lazne /2009/ *26.Qd3!? Bxc4 27.Rxc4 Bxe5= /±)*

B2a1) 17.Bxg5 Qc5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rd7 Bc8 20.Ng4 Bg5

B2a11) 21.Rdd1 f5 22.b4 Qxb4 23.Rb1 Qc5 24.Rb5 Qc7 25.h4 *(25.f4? exf3 26.Bxf3 Ba6 27.Re5 Rad8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Kg2 Bc8 30.h4 Be7-+* Koneru,H (2600)-Zhao Xue (2462)/Ulan Bator/2010/ *)* 25...Be7 26.Bxe4 Rb8 27.Bxf5 exf5 28.Nh6+ Kh8 29.Nxf5 Bf6∓ /∞;

B2a12) 21.b4!? Qf5 22.Bxe4 Qxg4 23.Rd4 f5 24.h3 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 Bxc1 26.Qxc1 *(26.Rd4 Bg5∞)* 26...fxe4 27.Qg5+ Kh8=;

B2a2) 17.Be3!? Qc7 18.f4 exf3 *(18...Bc5 19.Qc3 gxf4 20.gxf4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4⩲ →,* Turov,M (2628)-Filip,L (2470)/Rethymnon/2010*/)* 19.Nxf3 h6!?∞ /∓ *(19...e5 20.Qf5! exd4 21.Qxg5+ Kh8 22.Bxd4 Qd8 23.Rd1⩲; 19...Bc5!?)*;

B2b) 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Nf6 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.b4 h6 19.Nf3 *(19.Nxf7 Qxf7 20.bxc5 Rac8⇄)* 19...Ncd7 20.Nb5 Rfc8 21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Rd1 a6 23.Nd6 Qc7 24.e4 e5 25.Rd3 Rc2 26.Qe1 a5⇄ Aronian,L (2752)-Leko,P (2740)/Wijk aan Zee/2006/]

8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1 Qb6

[After the main alternative 10...d6 11.Bf4 Skembris,Spyridon: 'After' Qb6

Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) -10...d6' Skembris,Spyridon: 'X ♗f4' White faces a choice: Van Delft & Ris: 'transposes into the lines from the previous note. Stohl,I: 'White faces a choice:"

A) The older move 12.Rd2 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath' is more or less harmless and even gives Black more satisfactory options: h6 *(12...Nc6 13.Bxd6 Bxd6 14.Rxd6 Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qxc3 16.Rxb7 Nd4 17.Qd1 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Qxc4 19.a4⩱* gives White compensation, but no advantage.*)* 13.Rad1 e5 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Qb5 Qc7 16.Qb3 a6 17.Nh4 Rfb8 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.f3 e4 Onischuk,A (2664)-Eljanov,P (2687) /Foros/2008/ 20.Nf5 *(20.Qc2* Skembris,Spyridon *Re8 21.fxe4 Qc8 22.Nf3 Qh3 23.Kh1 Bf8 24.Rd5 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Ng4 26.Bg1 g6 27.e5 Nxe5 28.Ne4 Ng4 29.Nh4 Rab8 30.Ng2 Rxe4 31.Qxe4 Qxh2+ 32.Bxh2 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Nxe4 34.b3 h5 35.Rc1 Bg7 36.Rc2 g5 37.Ne1 Re8 38.Kf1 Nc3 39.Rd2 g4 40.Ng2 Bh6* 0-1 Onischuk,A (2664)-Eljanov,P (2687)/Foros 2008/ OM 2.02 *)* 20...Bf8 21.Rxd6⩲;

B) 12.Qb3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rd8 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Nb5 Ne8 15.a3 h6 16.Rac1 Nc6 17.Ne1 Na5 18.Bd2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Nc6= Vallejo Pons,F (2686)-Anand,V (2786)/Linares/2005/;

C) 12.Rab1!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' is a more recent idea, here Black is still searching for a reliable road to equality: Skembris,Spyridon: 'gives a good game to White who sometimes can also have the move b4 in mind.'

C1) 12...Na6

C1a) 13.Nb5 Rfd8!? *(13...d5 14.Ne5 d4 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.e3 dxe3 17.Bxe3±* Pelletier,Y (2525)-Alterman,B (2600)/Elista olm/1998/*; 13...Ne8 14.a3 Be4 15.Rbc1 Rd8 16.b4 Bc6 17.bxc5 Nxc5 18.Qxa7 Qxa7 19.Nxa7 Ba4 20.Re1 Nf6 21.Nd4 Rd7 22.Nac6±* Zhigalko,S (2640)-Franco Alonso,A (2490)/ECC Plovdiv/2010/*)* 14.Bd2 Nb4 15.a3 Bc6 16.Bxb4 *(16.axb4 a6 17.Qa5 Qxa5 18.bxa5 axb5 19.b4∞)* 16...cxb4 17.Qxb4 Be4 18.Rbc1 Rab8=;

C1b) 13.a3 Rac8 14.Qc2 Rfd8 15.e4

C1b1) 15...Bc6 16.Qe2 h6 17.Nd5! Nxd5 *(17...exd5 18.exd5 Ba4 19.b3 Bxb3 20.Rdc1± Δ♘d2)* 18.exd5 Bd7 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.Nd2 Bf8 21.Qd3 Qc7 *(⌓21...Nc7)* 22.Ne4 Bg4 23.f3 Bh5 24.Bh3± Giri,A (2677)-Infante,M (2276)/Khanty-Mansiysk olm/2010/;

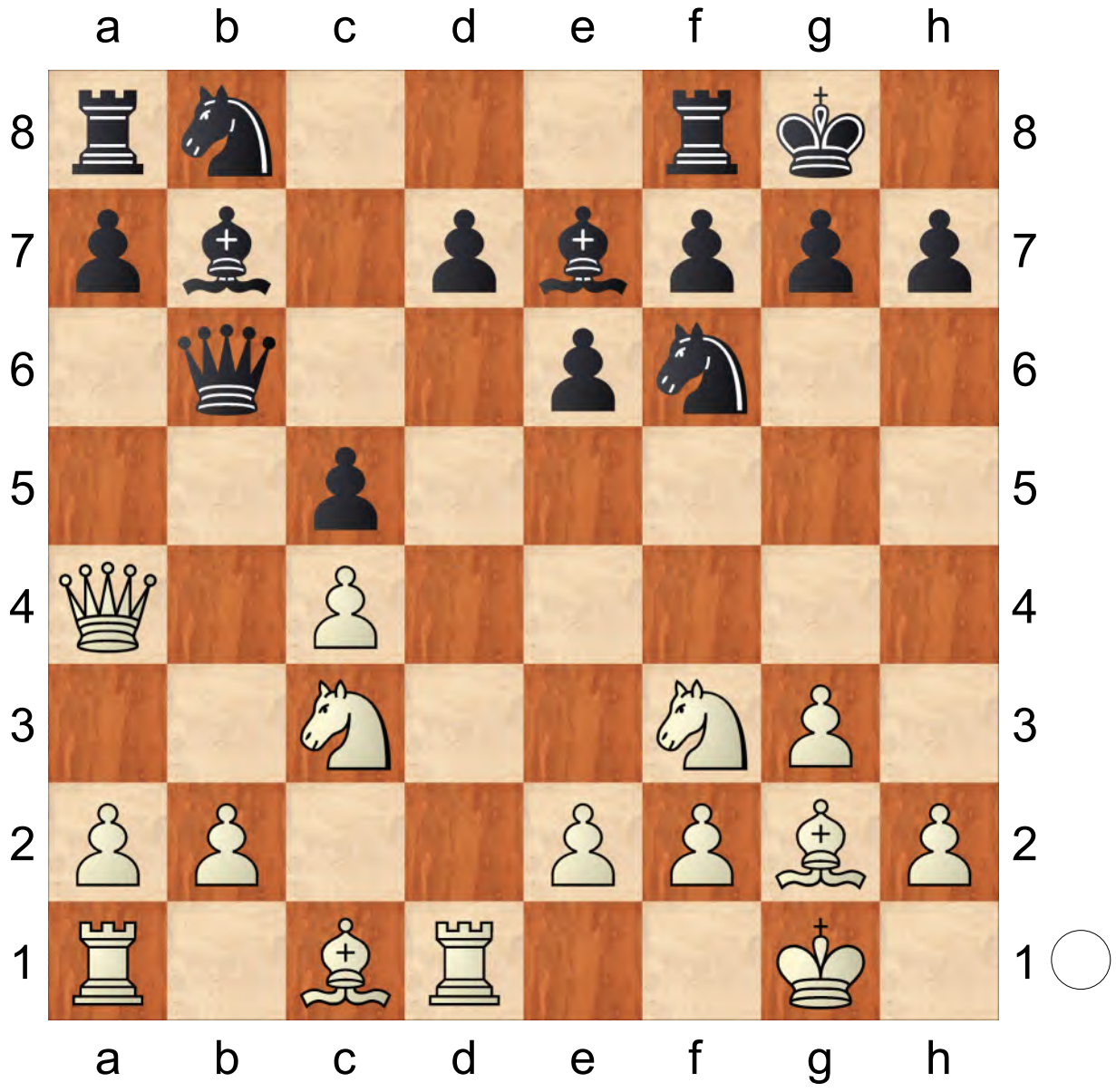
C1b2) 15...h6 16.Qe2 Nb8 Nikolic,P (2629)-Volke,K (2455)/Bundesliga/1999/ 17.b4±;

C1b3) 15...Nd7 16.Qe2 h6 17.h4 *(17.Nb5 Nf8 18.Qe1 Rd7 19.Rd3 Nc7 20.Nc3 Ng6 21.Be3 Qa6 22.Bf1 Ne8 23.Rdd1 Bf6=* Ikonnikov,V (2527)-Volke,K (2450)/Vlissingen/2002/*)* 17...Ba8 18.g4!? Nf8 19.g5 h5 20.Bg3 g6 21.Rd2 Nb8 22.Qd1 a6 23.Rd3 e5 24.Nd5 Qa7 25.Qd2 Nc6 26.Rd1 Nd4 27.Nxd4 cxd4 28.f4± Van Wely,L (2668)-Leko,P (2736)/Monte Carlo blindfold rpd/2003/;

C2) 12...Nbd7 13.b4 cxb4 14.Qxb4!↑ *(14.Rxb4 Bc6 15.Qa3 Qc5 16.Be3*

Qh5 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Qxh3 19.Bg2 Qh5 20.Bf3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl, I: '1/2, Lautier,J (2666)-Gelfand,B (2700)/Enghien les Bains/2003/'' *Qh3 21.Bg2 Qh5 22.Bf3* 1/2, Lautier,J (2666)-Gelfand,B (2700)/Enghien les Bains/2003/ *)*;

C3) 12...Bc6 13.Qa3 *(13.Qc2 Rd8 14.e4 Qb7⇄)* 13...Rd8 14.b4 cxb4 15.Rxb4 Qa6 16.Rb3!? *(16.Qb2 Qc8 17.Nb5 Na6 18.Ra4 Qb7 19.Qb1 Nc5 20.Rb4 Be4↑* Lysyj,I (2638)-Carron,J (2394)/Zürich /2010/ *)* 16...Qxa3 17.Rxa3 h6 18.h4 Nh5 19.Be3 a6 20.g4 Nf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.hxg5 Ne8 23.g6 Rc8 24.gxf7+ Kxf7 25.c5 Nd7 26.cxd6 Bxd6 27.Rb3± Dronov,A (2617)-Mikeshin,S (2591)/corr/2007/]



11.Bf4 Rd8 Carlsen keeps his ♙ on d7 and makes a useful move. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Carlsen keeps his ♙ on d7 and makes a useful move." Skembris,Spyridon:

'Black tries to bring his forces to the centre keeping all the options about when and how he will move his d-pawn.'

[11...d6 -10...d6 transposes into the lines from the previous note.]

[11...Qxb2?? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 12.Rab1 Qxc3 13.Rxb7+- Δ♖c1,♗e5,♗d2]

12.Rab1 Kramnik doesn't insist on occupying the ⇔d with his ♖ and adopts a similar set-up, as we have already mentioned above. His ♖ supports the future b4 advance. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik doesn't insist on occupying the ⇔d with his ♖ and adopts a similar set-up, as we have already mentioned above. His ♖ supports the future b4 advance."

[Van Delft & Ris: 'In CVO 16 we concluded that after' 12.Rd2 d6 *(12...d5?!* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ne5 Na6 15.Rad1 Nc7 16.e4 Ne6 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Nxf4 19.Qxf4 Bd6 20.Qf5±* Lautier,J (2672)-Macieja,B (2593)/ECC Saint Vincent/2005/*)* 13.Rad1 Van Delft & Ris: 'the accurate.'

A) 13...Ne8 Van Delft & Ris: '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'seems to be fine for Black. In two recently played games, White was unable to change this verdict.'

A1) 14.e4 Bc6 15.Qc2 Qb7 16.Qb3?! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *(16.Rd3 Na6 17.Qe2 h6 18.e5 Nb4 19.R3d2 d5 20.a3 d4 21.axb4 dxc3 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rxd8 Bxd8 24.bxc3 cxb4 25.cxb4 Qxb4=* Leko-Zhigalko, Khanty-Mansiysk 2010.*; 16.Ne1 Nd7 17.Nd5 Bf8 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 Ne5 20.Nf4 Qe7 21.h3 Nc7 22.Ne2 Bb7 23.f4 Nc6* with equal chances in Shirov-Almasi, Sestao 2010.*)* 16...Qxb3 17.axb3 f6! 18.Ne1 Nd7 19.Ra1 Rdb8 20.Ra3 Rb7 21.e5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bxg2 23.Bxd6 Nxd6 24.Kxg2 Nf5∓ Gustafsson,J (2603)-Leko,P (2741)/Dortmund/2008/

A2) 14.Nb5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 14...Na6 15.Bg5!N Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nac7 18.Qc2 g6 19.Nc3 Nf6 20.Qd3 Nce8 21.Qf3 Rab8 22.Nce4 Qb7 23.b3 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc7 25.Qf4 e5 26.Qh4± Kramnik,V (2790)-Karjakin,S (2725)/Nice blindfold rpd/2010/

B) 13...a6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 14.Ng5!? Bxg2 15.Kxg2 e5 16.Be3 Qb7+ 17.f3! *(17.Kg1 h6 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb4 21.R5d2 Nc6* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '1/2,Leko,P (2751)-Bacrot,E (2728)/Nalchik/2009/" *22.Rd5 Nb4 23.R5d2 Nc6* 1/2, Leko,P (2751)-Bacrot,E (2728)/Nalchik/2009*/)* 17...Ng4 18.Bxc5 Nd7 19.Bg1 Bxg5 20.Rxd6 Ngf6 21.h4 Bh6 22.b3± Sargissian,G (2675)-Zhigalko,A (2587)/EU-ch Rijeka/2010/

C) ⌓13...h6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 14.Qb5 Ne8 15.e4 g5 16.Be3 Nd7 17.h4 g4 18.Ne1

C1) 18...Qxb5 19.cxb5!? *(19.Nxb5 Ne5 20.b3 a6=)* 19...Bf8 20.Nc2 Ne5 21.Na3 Rdc8 22.Bf4 Bg7 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Nc4 Bd4 25.Ne2 e5 26.a4 Kf8 27.Rc2 Navara,D (2722)-Leko,P (2724)/Khanty-Mansiysk olm/2010/ Rab8 Navara,Δ 28.Na5 Ba8∞ /±;

C2) 18...Kg7!? 19.Bf4 Bc6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Nc2 *(21.e5 Bxg2 22.exd6 Bf6 23.Nxg2 Bxc3 24.bxc3 e5 25.Be3 Ra4↑)* 21...Ne5 22.Ne3 Nf3+ 23.Bxf3 gxf3 24.h5 Bf6 25.Ng4 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Bxe4 27.Bxh6+ Kh7 28.Bg5 Rd7 29.Bf4 f6 Wang Yue (2732)-Bacrot,E (2716)/Nanjing/2010/

30.Bxd6 Rad8 31.Bf4 Rxd2 32.Rxd2 Rxd2 33.Bxd2 Bd3=]

12...h6 Skembris,Spyridon: '!?' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Black plays another useful move giving the ball to White.'

[12...Na6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 13.a3 *(13.e4± Δ Nxe4? 14.Ne5↑; 13.Ne5!?±* Skembris,Spyridon*)* 13...Bc6 14.Qc2 Qb7 15.e4 *(15.Bd6!? Bxd6* Skembris, Spyridon *16.Rxd6 Ne8 17.Rd3* gives White the preferable position*)* 15...d6 16.Ne1 Rac8 17.e5 *(17.b4* Skembris,Spyridon *cxb4 18.Nd3⇄; 17.b3!?* Skembris,Spyridon keeping the tension*)* 17...dxe5 18.Bxe5 *(* better was first *18.Bxc6!?↑* Skembris,Spyridon*)* 18...Nb8= Kantorik,M (2390)-Stefansson,H (2588)/ Sarajevo/2010/ 19.Rxd8+ Skembris,Spyridon Rxd8 20.Rd1

A) ⌓20...Rxd1 21.Nxd1 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Nbd7∓ Δ23.Bc3 *(23.Bf4 h6↑)* 23...Ne4↑;

B) 20...Rc8 21.Nb5?! *(21.Bxb8 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Rxb8 23.Ne1!⇄)* 21...Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Ne8 23.Nf4 Nc6∓ 24.Qe4 a6 25.Nc3 Qxb2 26.Nd3 Qxa3-+ 27.Ne2 Kantorik,M (2390) -Stefansson,H (2588)/Sarajevo BIH 2010/0-1 (48)]

[12...d5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ne5± is still risky for Black, although here it's more justified than with White's ♖ on d2.]

13.Qb5N Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'N" This novelty doesn't seem too enterprising. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'This novelty doesn't seem too enterprising." Skembris, Spyridon: 'Until this point both players followed another Kramnik game which he played in 2009 against Bacrot.'

[Van Delft & Ris: 'Kramnik attempts to improve upon his own game. After' More logical seems to be Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'More logical seems to be" Skembris, Spyridon: 'Probably Carlsen had something to show as an improvement to that game which went' 13.a3 Δb4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Δb4" , but Kramnik already played this earlier and Carlsen was undoubtedly prepared. However, we can only guess what exactly he had on his mind. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ', but Kramnik already played this earlier and Carlsen was undoubtedly prepared. However, we can only guess what exactly he had on his mind. "

A) Skembris,Spyridon: 'An interesting position arises after' 13...Nc6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: '!?' 14.Nb5 Skembris,Spyridon: ' Δ' *(14.Qb5* Skembris,Spyridon *Na5⇄)* 14...a6 15.Nd6± *(15.Nc3* Skembris,Spyridon *d5⇄)* 15...Bxd6 Skembris,Spyridon 16.Rxd6 Ne4 17.Rd3 d5⇄;

B) A probably playable alternative is 13...Bc6!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 14.Qc2 a5 15.e4 d6⇄;

C) 13...a5 Skembris,Spyridon: '?!' Skembris,Spyridon: 'X b5 X b6' 14.Qb5 Skembris,Spyridon: ' ±' Qxb5 15.cxb5 Skembris,Spyridon: ' ↑' *(15.Nxb5!?* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: ' ±!?' seems more promising. *Δd5* Skembris,Spyridon *16.cxd5 exd5 17.Nc7 Ra7 18.Nh4! g6 19.Nb5)* 15...d5 16.Ne5 g5 Van Delft & Ris: '!' 17.Be3 *(17.Bd2!?* Skembris,Spyridon *Δa4 18.h4 gxh4 19.gxh4 Nfd7 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.Bxh6 Bxh4 22.Rd3↑)* 17...Nbd7⇄ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ⇄" Skembris,Spyridon: '=' 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.bxc6 Ne5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Black didn't face any problems in Kramnik-Bacrot,

Dortmund 2009.' 20.Na4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *(20.c7 Rdc8↑)* 20...Nxc6 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Nxc5 Rab8 23.e4 dxe4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Nd4 27.Kg2 Nb3= Kramnik,V (2759)-Bacrot,E (2721)/ Dortmund/2009/ Skembris,Spyridon: ' ↑' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Kramnik,V (2759)-Bacrot, E (2721)/ Dortmund GER 2009/1/2-1/2 Alexander Horvath: 'Kramnik,V (2759)-Bacrot,E (2721)/Dortmund 2009/CBM 131/1/2"]

13...Bc6 Skembris,Spyridon: '?!' Contrary to the previous note, here Black can force his opponent to swap the L. However, he had other plausible and possibly stronger moves at his disposal: Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Contrary to the previous note, here Black can force his opponent to swap the L. However, he had other plausible and possibly stronger moves at his disposal:"

[Skembris,Spyridon: 'It seems to me that after' 13...d5!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' seems more to the point now, 14.cxd5 *(14.Nd2 Qxb5 15.Nxb5 Nc6 16.cxd5 Nxd5=)* 14...Nxd5 *(14...exd5 15.Nh4! ×d5)* 15.Ne5 Skembris,Spyridon: 'Black has dynamic counterplay' *(15.Qc4 Nd7!?=)* 15...g5 Skembris,Spyridon: '!' 16.Bd2 *(Δ16.e4* Skembris,Spyridon *Nxc3 17.Rxd8+ Qxd8 18.bxc3 Ba6 19.Nc6 Nxc6 20.Qxa6 gxf4 21.Qxc6 fxg3 22.hxg3 Rc8=* with equal chances.*)* 16...Nc6∞ leads to a complex position, in which Black's piece-play compensates his shaky ♙-structure. 17.Nxc6 Skembris,Spyridon Bxc6⇄]

[13...Nc6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 14.Ne5 *(14.Qxb6 axb6 15.Bc7 Rdc8 16.Bxb6? Ra6∓)* 14...g5!? *(14...d5 15.cxd5 Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Nxd5 17.Nc7! Nxf4 18.gxf4±)* 15.Qxb6 *(15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Bxc6 dxc6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Bc7 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 b5=)* 15...axb6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bc7 Rdc8 18.Bd6 Kf8 and Black should gradually equalize.]

14.Qxb6 Skembris,Spyridon: 'After this the position is a lot easier to play for White... In this endgame I have my personal experience, and practically it is very tough for Black to hold, even if the position according to Rybka is only a little preferable for White.'

[14.Qb3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' d6=]

14...axb6 15.b3 Skembris,Spyridon: 'White tries to consolidate his position but the battle is not over yet.'

[Van Delft & Ris: 'It should be mentioned that White can't win a pawn with' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Better was' 15.Bc7!? Van Delft & Ris: '?!' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Skembris,Spyridon: ' ⌓!?' Rc8 Skembris,Spyridon: ' Δ' 16.Bxb8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath' *(* Skembris, Spyridon: 'Of course not' *16.Bxb6?* Van Delft & Ris: 'as now the B is trapped by' *Ra6* Skembris,Spyridon: 'and the bishop is trapped' *17.Bxc5* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *Bxc5 18.b4 Ra3-+; 16.Bd6!?* Skembris,Spyridon *Bxd6 17.Rxd6 Ne8 18.Rd2 d6 19.Ne1±)* 16...Rcxb8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '-15.♗c7" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'leads to the same position as the line above with one move less." *(16...Raxb8* Skembris,Spyridon: ' ± *17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 d6 19.Nf3* can be very similar to the game.*)* 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 d5 19.a3 is an interesting try to stabilize Black's ♙ on the dark squares. Black should

probably refrain from dxc4 *(19...d4!? 20.Nb5∞ /±)* 20.Nb5 c3 *(20...Ra4 21.Rbc1)* 21.bxc3↑ *(21.Nxc3 Rb7 22.Nb5 Ra5 23.Nd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 b5* and Black gradually consolidates. *)*]

[15.Bxb8 Rdxb8 -15.♗c7 leads to the same position as the line above with one move less.]

15...g5?!

[Carlsen was probably getting ambitious, as much simpler is Skembris,Spyridon: 'Why not' ⌓15...Ne4! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: '!?' 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: '∓" Skembris,Spyridon: 'and Black is very OK.' 17.Rb2 Nc6= *(17...d5=* and Black has no problems whatsoever. *)*]

[Van Delft & Ris: 'A very tempting solution to drive the B away from the b8-h2 diagonal, though it soon becomes obvious this move has serious drawbacks. It's hard to imagine that Black would have serious problems after' Even Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Even'' 15...d6 is a more solid choice. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'is a more solid choice.'' 16.a4 g5]

(Diagram)

Van Delft & Ris: 'Diagram #' Provocative and positionally risky. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl, I: 'Provocative and positionally risky.'' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Black is playing with fire. Alexander Horvath: 'Ne4 is better active move'' **16.Bxb8!?** Van Delft & Ris: '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'An unexpect ed decision. White gives up his strong B for the undeveloped N, though he aims to trade the light squared Bs. The resulting position looks more pleasant for White, as the black pawns are placed on the color of his B. Stohl,I: '!?"

[Even here Kramnik could play 16.Bc7 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rc8 17.Bxb8 , but he prefers the direct swap. In the long run White's main strategic aim is to achieve a position with a strong ♘ against a passive ♗. *(17.Bd6 Kf8 18.a4 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Ke7 20.Rbd1 Ne8 21.R6d3 d6=)*]

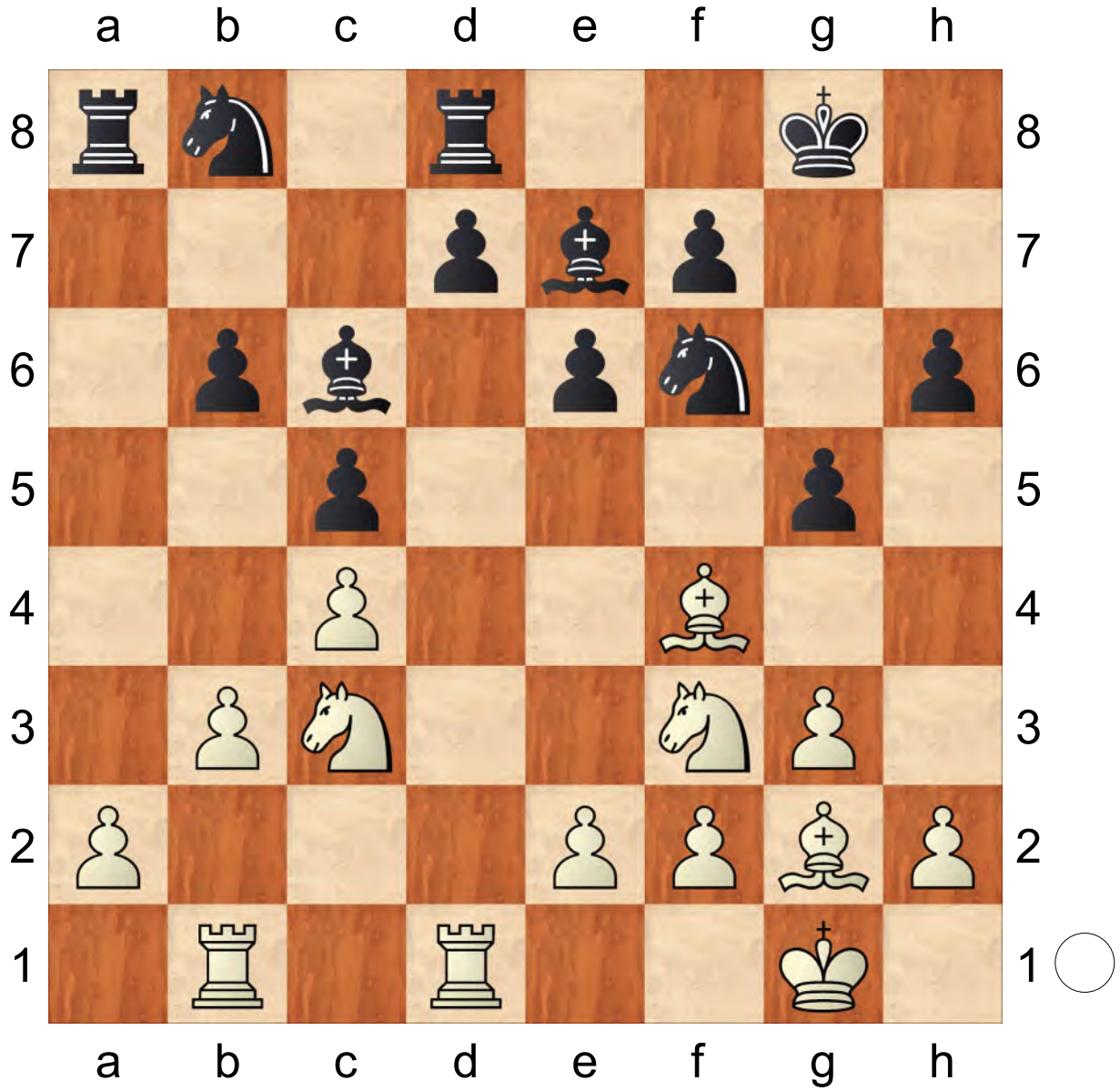
16...Raxb8

[16...Rdxb8!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 d5 deserves attention, leading to a position from the note to White's 15-th move, only with the extra moves b3 and g5. It's not so easy to exploit this with White, as 19.cxd5 *(19.a4 Bd6 20.Nf3 g4 Δ* ♗e5⇄*)* 19...Nxd5 *(19...exd5 20.a4! d4 21.Nb5↑)* 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.a4 *(21.Rxd5 Rxa2 22.e4 Re8=)* 21...d4 22.e3 dxe3 23.fxe3 b5 24.Rd7 Bf8⇄ is not too impressive.]

17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rbc8 Δd6,d5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Δd6,d5"

[Black can't do without this preparatory move, as the immediate 18...d6? loses material to 19.Nc6]

19.e4 Black had to loses a tempo to cover the c6-square, enabling White to prevent the immediate d5. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Black had to loses a tempo to cover the c6-square, enabling White to prevent the immediate d5.'' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Now



we have a typical Kramnik endgame. Black's pawn structure is fixed, and he has to be very careful to defend against any white action.'

[He needn't worry unduly about 19.Na4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' d6 20.Nxb6 Rb8!? *(20...dxe5 21.Nxc8 Rxc8=)* 21.Nc6 *(21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Nc6 Nb4∓)* 21...Rxb6 22.Nxd8 Bxd8 23.b4 cxb4 24.c5 Rb8 25.cxd6 Nd5=]

19...d6 20.Nd3

[More accurate is 20.Nf3! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: ' ⩲' g4 Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath' *(20...Kh7± Skembris,Spyridon)* 21.Ne1 h5 *(21...Ne8± Skembris,Spyridon)* 22.Rd2± *(or 22.f4!?± and White retains some pressure.)*]

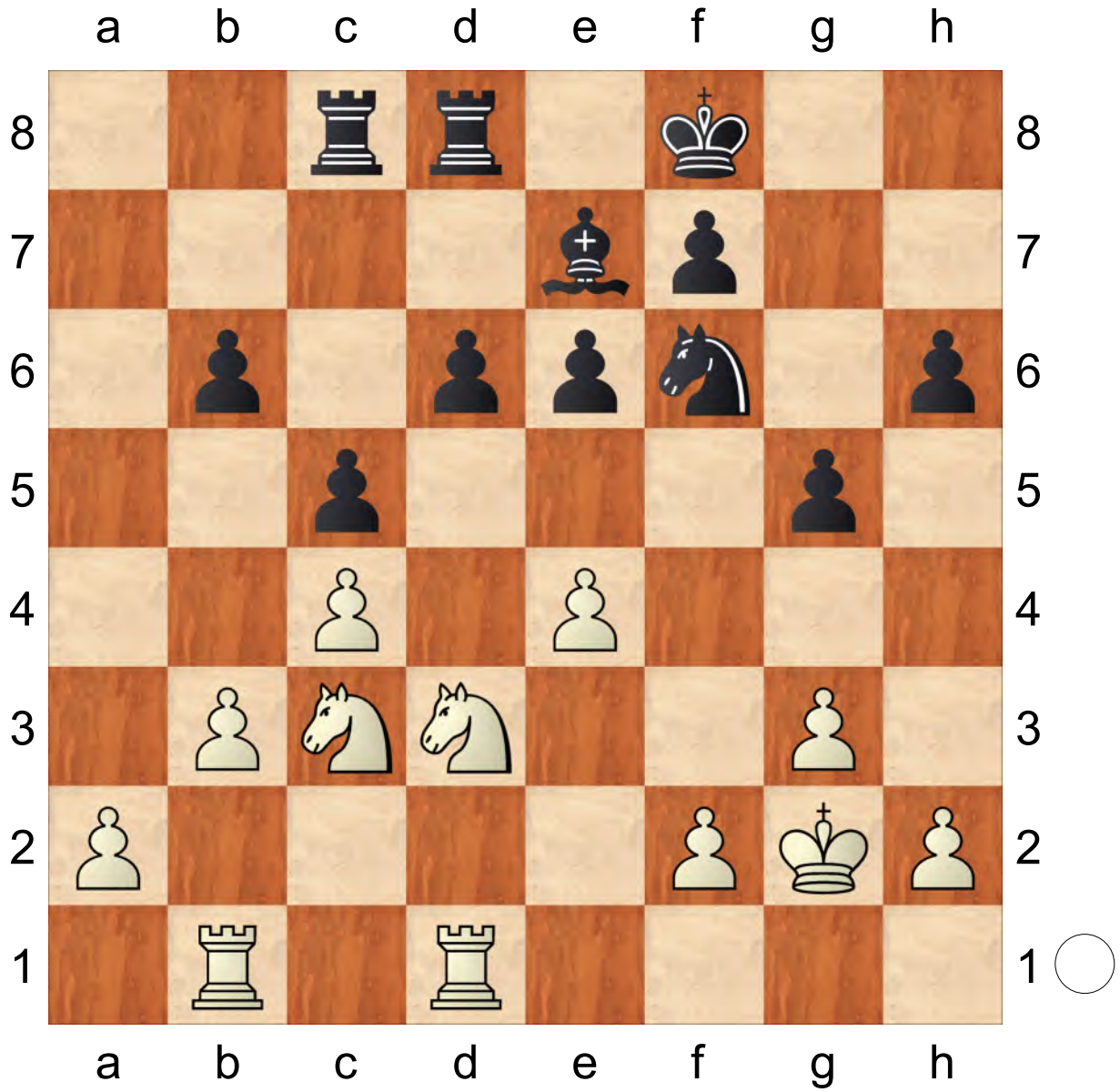
20...Kf8?!

[Van Delft & Ris: 'Considering the rest of the game, it might have been wiser to become active straight away by' Black should have used his chance to play the

active Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Black should have used his chance to play the active'' Skembris,Spyridon: 'If Black wanted to do something active in order to level the game he had to try' ⩲20...d5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '⩲''

A) 21.exd5 exd5 22.Nxd5 *(Δ22.a4* Skembris,Spyridon *d4* and the white knight on d3 and the blocked pawn structure give an easier game to White, but Black's task to hold is also easier than in the game.*)* 22...Nxd5 23.cxd5 Rxd5 and Black is close to equality.;

B) 21.e5 Ne8 Van Delft & Ris: 'and although White has a slightly preferable game, it's not yet clear how he should take concrete steps to increase his advantage.' 22.Nb5!?∞ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I']



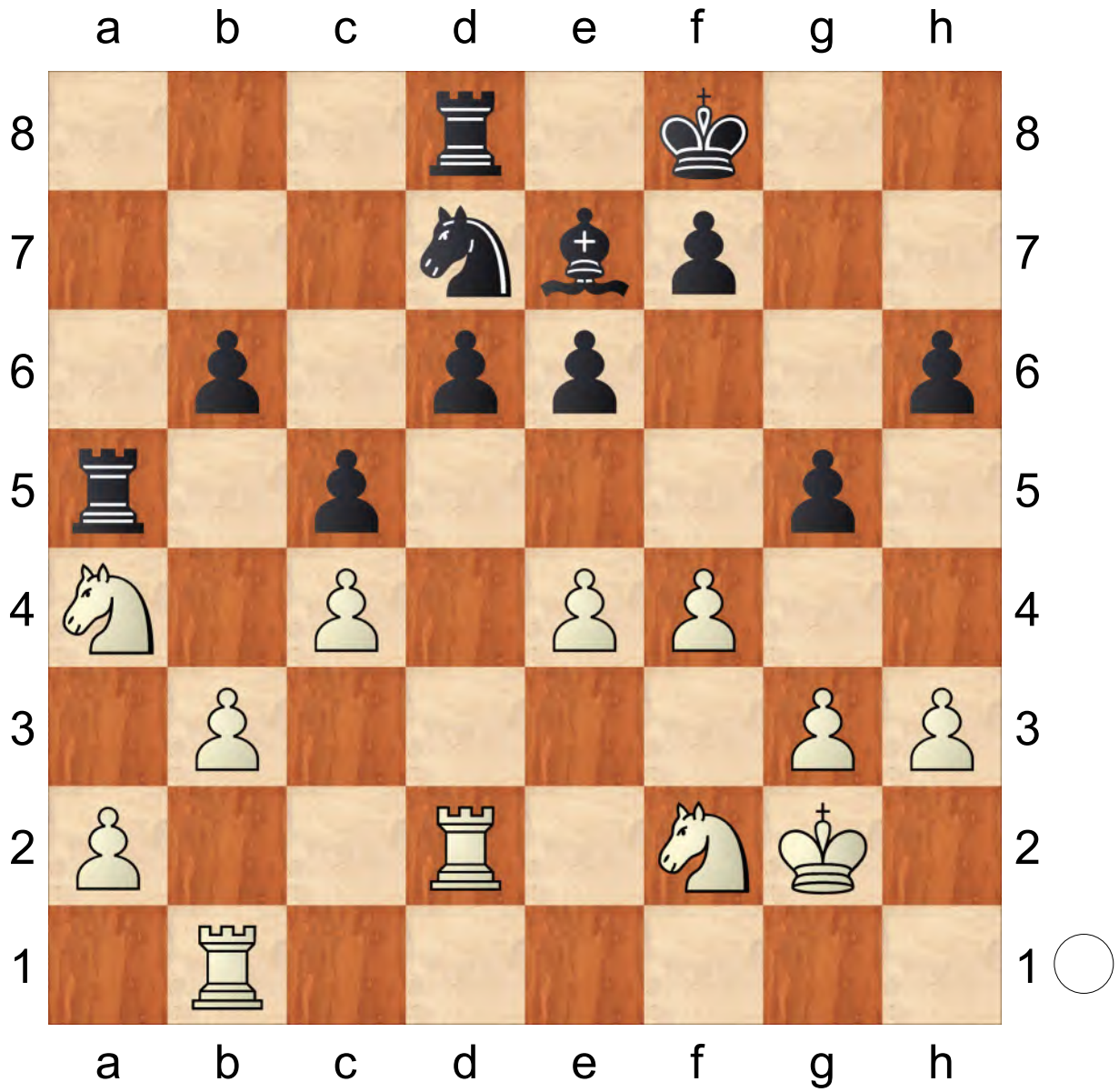
Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '?!'' **21.h3**

[21.Nb2!?± Δ♘ba4,♘b5± Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) Δ♘ba4,♘b5±']

[Useful prophylaxis. The immediate 21.f4 allows Black to create some counter play by Ng4 22.Rd2 Bf6]
[21.f3!?± Skembris,Spyridon]
21...Nd7
[Black still could have gained space with Skembris,Spyridon: 'Still possible was' ⌓21...d5!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: '!?' Δ22.exd5 Skembris,Spyridon *(or 22.e5 Skembris,Spyridon Ne8 23.Nb5 Rd7 24.cxd5 exd5 Δ25.Nb2 Nc7=)* 22...exd5 Δ23.a4 Kg7 24.cxd5 Nxd5 25.Nxd5 Rxd5 26.Nb2 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 b5!=]
22.f4! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!" Skembris,Spyridon: '±' Another drawback of Black's 15-th move is he loosened his ». Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Another drawback of Black's 15-th move is he loosened his »." Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: 'probably equal position"
[22.Ne1 (Skembris,Spyridon) Alexander Horvath Ne5=]
22...Nb8 Δ♘c6-d4,♗f6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Δ♘c6-d4,♗f6" This plan is too slow and doesn't achieve the desired result. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'This plan is too slow and doesn't achieve the desired result."
[⌓22...Ra8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 23.Rd2±]
[22...Bf6 (Skembris,Spyridon) Alexander Horvath 23.Nb5 Ke7 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.Rd2=]
23.Na4 Forces the ♘ back. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Forces the ♘ back."
[23.Nb5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: '⌓'
A) 23...Nc6 Skembris,Spyridon: ' Δ' 24.Nb2 Δ♘a4,♖d2,♖bd1,×b6,d6 *(24.Ne1 Skembris,Spyridon gxf4 25.gxf4 Ra8 26.a4 Rd7 27.Rd2±)*;
B) 23...d5 24.exd5 exd5 25.Ne5↑;
C) 23...Na6!? Δ♘c7±]
23...Nd7□ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' □" **24.Nf2↑** Van Delft & Ris: 'Another useful move. By removing the N from the d-file, the R keeps an eye on d6 and so prevents Black from activating his B via f6-d4. Stohl,I: '↑" **24...Ra8 25.Rd2 Ra5**
[25...Rxa4? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 26.bxa4 Δ♘d1-c3 Ra8 27.e5+-]

(Diagram)

Δb5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' Δb5" Black finds a way to chase away the nagging ♘a4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Black finds a way to chase away the nagging ♘a4" **26.Nc3** Van Delft & Ris: 'Not allowing Black to get rid of his weakness by 26...b5.' **26...Nb8**
[26...Bf6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 27.Nb5
A) 27...gxf4 Skembris,Spyridon 28.gxf4 Bd4 29.Nd3± *(29.Nxd6? Ke7 30.e5 Rg8+ 31.Kf3 f6→)* 29...Nf6 30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.Kf3 Rh5⇄;
B) 27...d5 28.exd5 exd5 29.Rxd5!? Rxa2 30.Rbd1±]
27.Rbd1
[27.a4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Nc6 28.Nb5 stops Black's idea from the game,



but allows Na7±]

27...Nc6 28.Nb5

[28.fxg5 Skembris,Spyridon hxg5 29.Nb5 Kg7 30.a4±]

28...gxf4 Van Delft & Ris: '?' Van Delft & Ris: 'Afterwards, both players agreed that opening the g-file only helps White to start an attack against the K.'

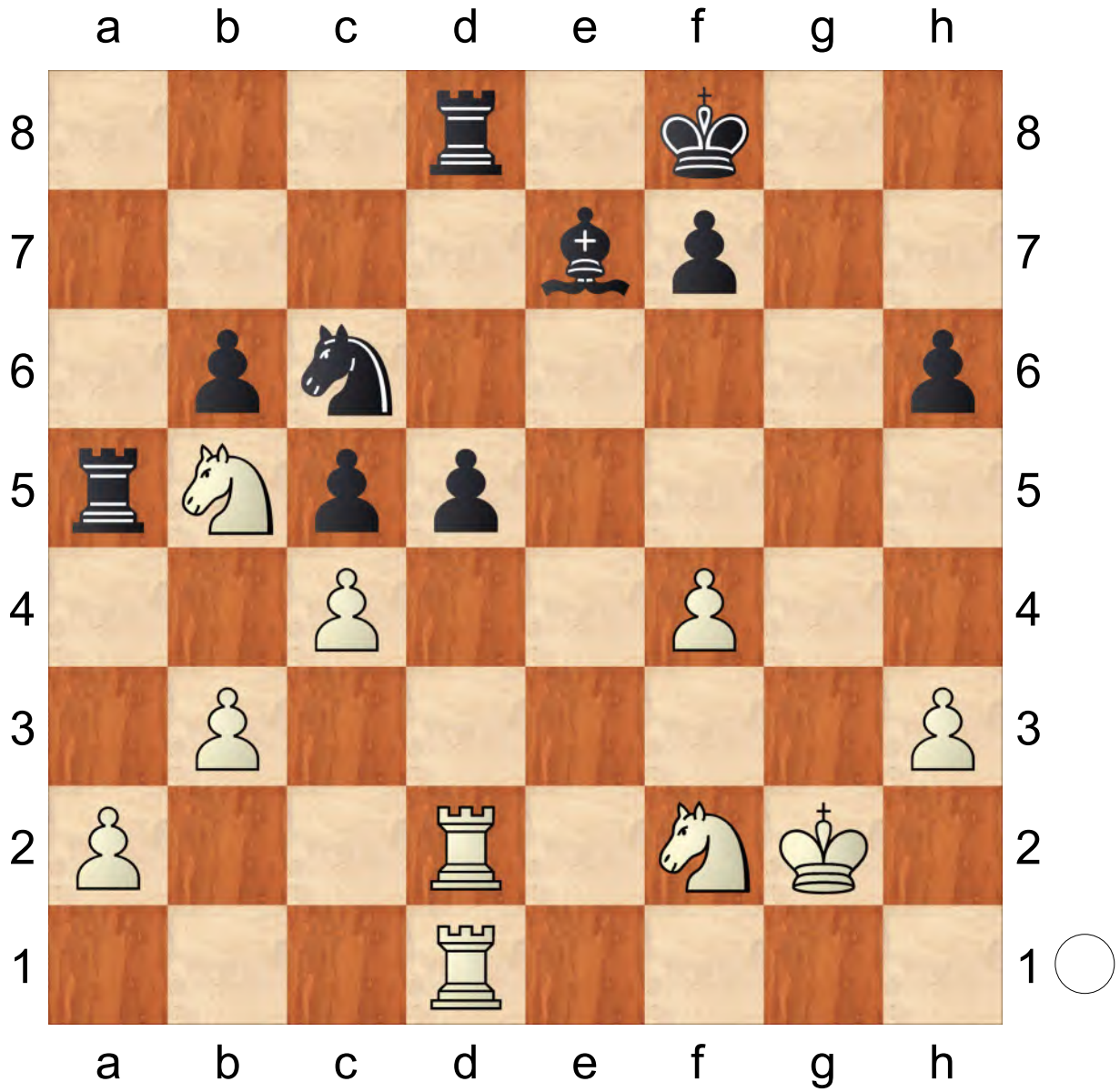
[28...Nd4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 29.Nxd4 cxd4 30.a4! *(30.Rxd4 gxf4* Van Delft & Ris: 'though not' *31.gxf4* Van Delft & Ris: '?' '?' *Rxa2 32.e5 Bh4=* Van Delft & Ris: 'giving Black counter play.'*)* 30...Bf6 31.Ng4 Bg7 32.Nh2± /±,Δ♘f3 will force Black to play e5, killing his ♗. White can then proceed to transfer his ♘ to the dominant square d5 (♘e1-d3-b4) and prepare either b4, or opening the ».]

29.gxf4 d5!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Skembris,Spyridon: '?' Although this doesn't solve Black's problems, one can understand Carlsen's liberating attempt. Van

Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Although this doesn't solve Black's problems, one can understand Carlsen's liberating attempt." Skembris,Spyridon: 'Finally Black decides to free his game with this move but now this is a positional mistake.'

[29...Nd4 Skembris,Spyridon: '⩲!?' is similar to 28...♘d4 and might be safer , but it offers little or no active ⇄. 30.Nxd4 cxd4 Skembris,Spyridon: '±' Skembris, Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: '=" 31.a4! all the strategical trumps are still in White's hand. *(*though not *31.Rxd4? Rxa2 32.e5 Bh4* giving Black counter play. *)* 31...Bf6 Skembris,Spyridon 32.Ng4 Bg7 33.Nh2 Bf6 34.Nf3 e5 35.Kf1 and White is just better but not winning.]

30.exd5 Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: '±" **30...exd5**



31.cxd5 Rxb5

[31...Nd4!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 32.Nxd4 cxd4 33.Rxd4 Rxa2 34.R4d2 Rxd2 35.Rxd2 f5! 36.Nd1 Bc5 37.Kf3 Kf7± /±]

32.dxc6 Rc8 33.Ng4 Skembris,Spyridon: '!' **33...Rxc6** Van Delft & Ris: 'Although Black has regained the pawn, his problems are anything but solved. Kramnik effectively proves that Black's pieces lack any form of coordination.'

[33...c4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 34.bxc4 Ra5 35.Ne5±]

34.Ne5↑ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '↑" White has achieved his strategic aim and his ♘ dominates in the ⊞. This together with the misplaced ♖b5 and vulnerable ♔ makes the defence very difficult. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White has achieved his strategic aim and his ♘ dominates in the ⊞. This together with the misplaced ♖b5 and vulnerable ♔ makes the defence very difficult." Skembris,Spyridon: 'In a few moves Kramnik showed the superiority of his knight. Alexander Horvath: 'White pieces has active positions"

[34.Kf3 Skembris,Spyridon c4 35.Ne5 Re6 36.bxc4 Ra5±]

34...Re6 35.Kf3

[35.Nd7+ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Ke8 36.f5

A) 36...Rc6 37.Ne5 Rc7 *(37...Rf6 38.Nc4!* Δ♖e1+-→ *)* 38.Re2→;

B) 36...Re4 37.f6 Rd4! 38.Rxd4 cxd4 39.Rxd4 Bd8± ×f6,♘d7]

35...Ra5?⊕

[Van Delft & Ris: 'The decisive mistake. More stubborn would have been' Skembris, Spyridon: 'The best practical chances were offered by' ⌓35...Rb4 Van Delft & Ris: 'when Kramnik admitted he couldn't find a forced win, though after Stohl,I: ' ⌓" Skembris,Spyridon: ' ⌓!?' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: ' ⌓±" 36.Rd5!? Δ Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) Δ' *(36.Rd7* Van Delft & Ris: 'White's chances remain clearly better.' Skembris,Spyridon: ' Δ' *b5!?±* Δc4⇄ Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) Δc4⇄' *37.Rb7* Skembris,Spyridon *Bd6 38.Rxf7+ Ke8 39.Rf5 Bxe5 40.Re1 c4 41.Rfxe5 Rxe5 42.Rxe5+ Kf7 43.bxc4 bxc4 44.Rc5 Ra4* and probably Black holds*; 36.Rg2?!* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *Bf6=* Δ *37.Nd7+ Ke7 38.f5 Ree4)* 36...Bf6 37.Nc4±]

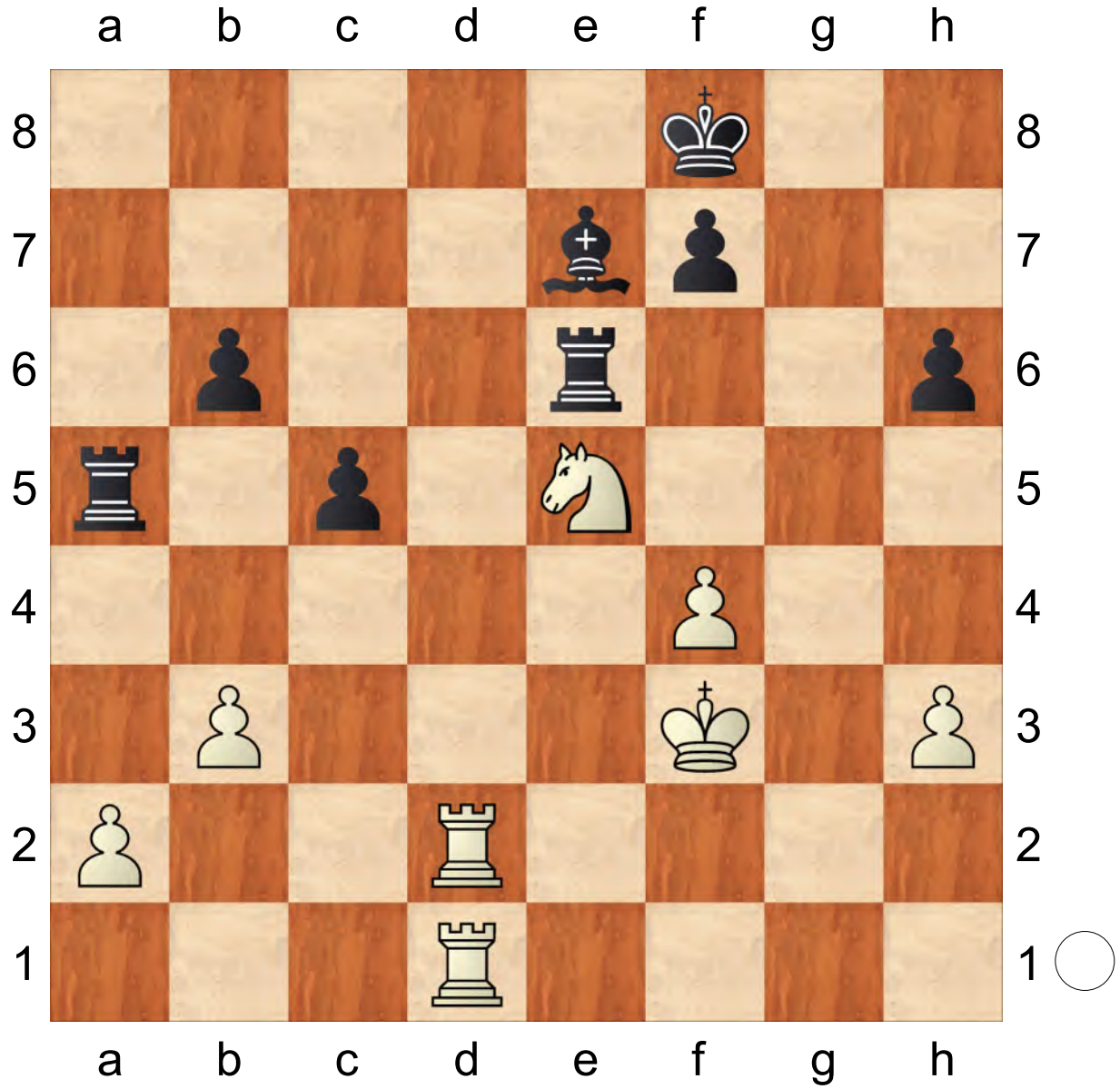
(Diagram)

Van Delft & Ris: '?' Van Delft & Ris: 'Diagram # Stohl,I: ' ⊕?" Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: '?" **36.Rg2** →⇔g,Δ♘d7 Van Delft & Ris: 'Around here Carlsen must have regretted his decision made on move 28. Stohl,I: ' →⇔g,Δ♘d7" Skembris, Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: '+-" Skembris,Spyridon: 'Now White is nearly winning as Black has to make positional compromises defending against ♘d7.'

[36.Rg1 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' f5 *(36...f6 37.Rg6+-)* 37.a4!+-]

36...f6

[Van Delft & Ris: 'In case of' 36...Bf6 Van Delft & Ris: 'White wins by' Skembris, Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath' 37.Nd7+ Ke7 38.f5+- Van Delft & Ris: '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '+-" wins an exchange, as here the ♖ can't go to e4. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'wins an exchange, as here the ♖ can't go to e4." Rc6 (Had Black played 35...Rb4, he could now have played 38...Ree4!) 39.Re2+]



[36...f5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 37.Rd7 Δ♖b7+-]

37.Nc4! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!" Again the strategic approach, Kramnik is in no hurry to win material and tightens the screws. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Again the strategic approach, Kramnik is in no hurry to win material and tightens the screws."

[37.Rg6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rxa2 38.Rdg1 Rxe5 39.fxe5 fxe5 40.Rxb6+-]

37...Ra7

[37...Ra8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Skembris,Spyridon: ' ⩲' 38.f5 Rc6 Skembris, Spyridon: '+-' 39.a4!+- Skembris,Spyridon: '+-' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath' is similar.]

38.f5 Rc6 39.a4!+- Van Delft & Ris: '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'A wonderful move, illustrating the superiority of the N over the B. Stohl,I: '+-!" Skembris,Spyridon: '+-' All Black's ♙ are vulnerable and his miserable ♗ has no moves. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'All Black's ♙ are vulnerable and his miserable ♗ has no moves." **39...Rb7**

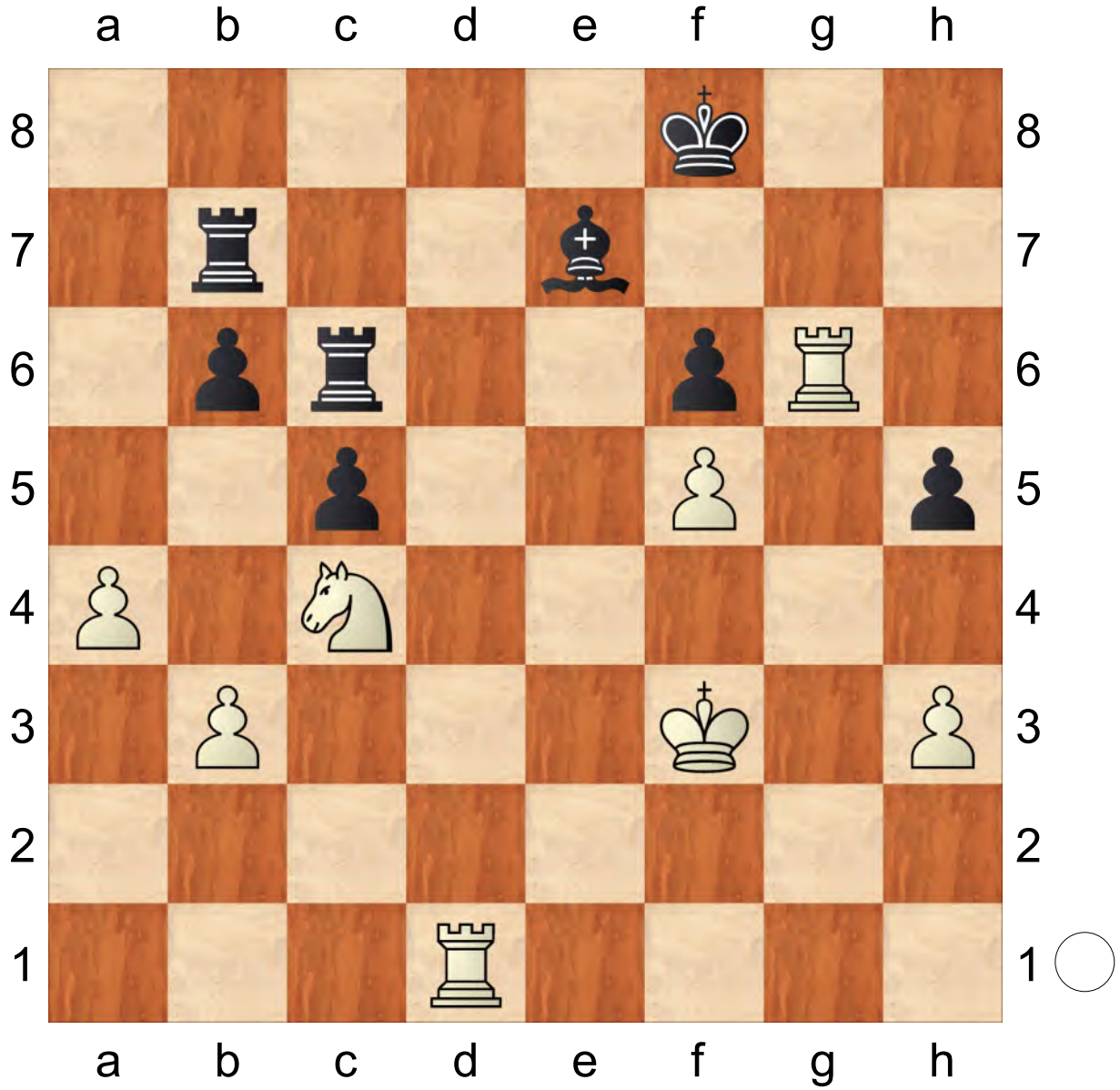
Skembris,Spyridon: 'Now it's all over.'

[39...Ke8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 40.Rg7 *(40.Rg8+ Skembris,Spyridon Kf7 41.Rg6+- Rcc7 Alexander Horvath 42.Nd6+ Bxd6 43.Rxd6+-)* 40...Rac7 41.Rh7 Bf8 42.Re1+ *(42.Rxc7 Rxc7 43.Nxb6+-)* 42...Kd8 43.Rxc7 Kxc7 44.Re8 Bd6 45.Ke4+-]

40.Rg6 h5

[40...b5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 41.Na5+-]

[40...Ke8 Skembris,Spyridon 41.Rxh6 Rbc7 42.Rg1+-]

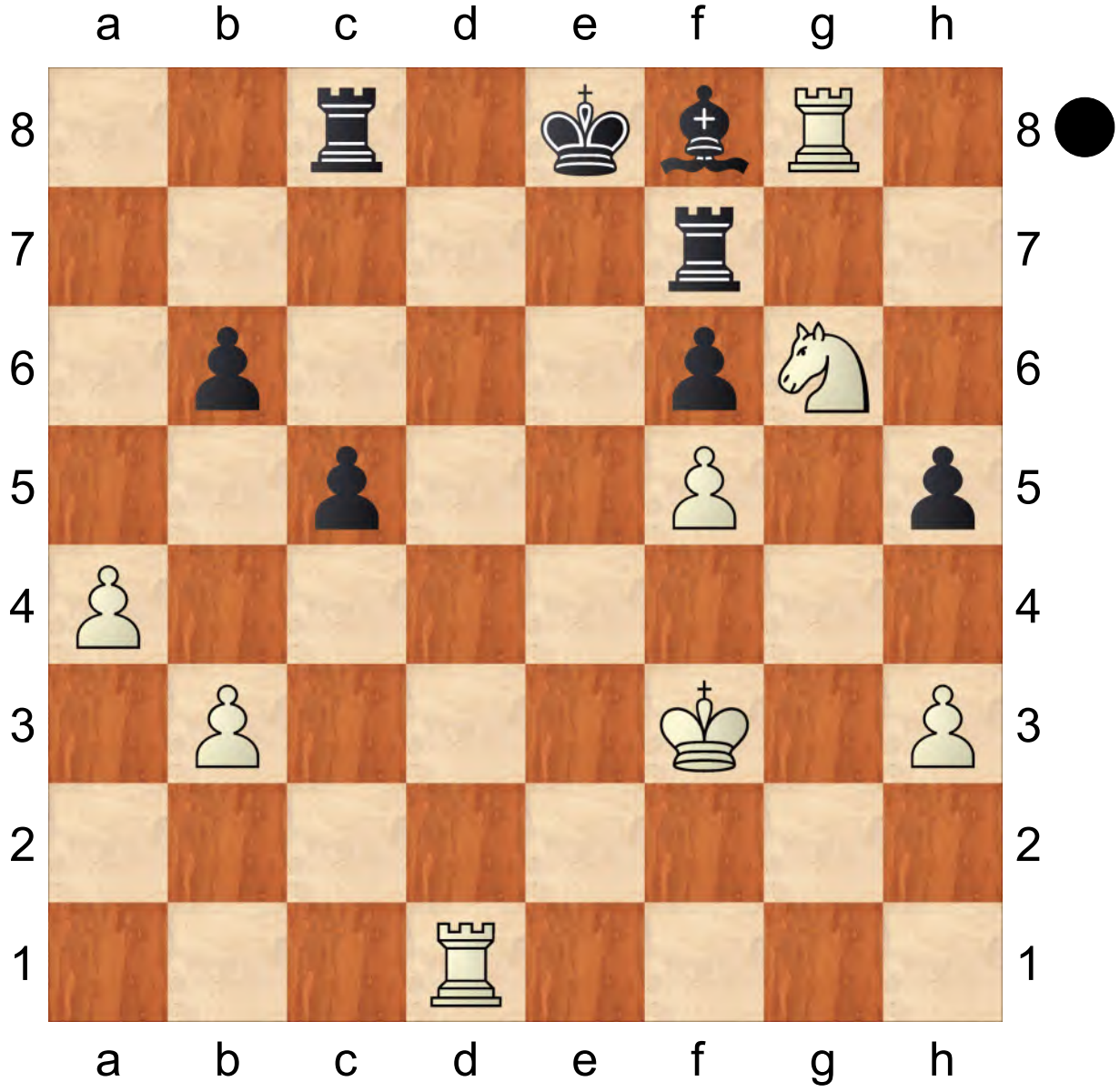


41.Rdg1 Ke8

[41...Kf7 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 42.Ne5++-]

42.Ne5! Van Delft & Ris: 'With the help of the X-ray across the 6th rank, the N can join the attack.' The ♘ joins the → and wraps up the game. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I:

'The ♘ joins the ⟶ and wraps up the game." **42...Rc8**
[42...fxe5 Skembris,Spyridon 43.Rxc6+-]
[Δ42...-- (Skembris,Spyridon) Alexander Horvath 43.Nxc6]
43.Rg8+ Bf8 44.Ng6 Rf7
[44...Kf7 is easily met by 45.Nxf8 Rxf8 46.R1g7+ losing the R.]
45.Rd1⊙
[After Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'After'' 45.Rd1 Ra8 46.Rd6 Rb8 47.Rh8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Black is fully paralysed and can't avoid heavy material losses. *(47.Ke4 Rc8 48.Kd5 Rb8 49.Kc6* and the loss of material is unavoidable. *)*]
[45.Rxf8+?! (Skembris,Spyridon) Alexander Horvath Rxf8 46.Re1+ Kd7 47.Nxf8+ Rxf8±]



Van Delft & Ris: 'The final touch, as Black resigned. His pieces are dominated by their counterparts and only the R on c8 can still move. A possible line is Stohl,I: ' ⊙" Skembris,Spyridon: 'Alexander Horvath: 'Black King cannot move'' The most clinical solution. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'The most clinical solution.'' Skembris,Spyridon: 'Black is completely paralysed.'

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C03

□ **Can,Emre** **2442**
■ **Shulman,Yuri** **2624**
WchT 7th Bursa (1.3) 05.01.2010
[Stohl,Igor]

The most spectacular game in the first round was played - by the lowest rated player!
1.e4 Grivas,Efstratios **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7**
[While the standard lines with 3...Nf6]
[3...c5]
[and even 3...dxe4 occur considerably more often in practice, the text-move might objectively be no worse. Introduced on GM level by Romanishin in the 1970s, it's popularity received a substantial boost when Morozevich took it up in the late 1990s. Hannes Langrock summed up the theoretical development of the whole line in a series of articles in CBM 126-129 (late 2008/2009). I will try not to quote him excessively and mention mainly any relevant newer developments.]
4.Bd3 The current consensus is that this is the main test of Black's idea, as summed up by Langrock in CBM 127.
[While both 4.e5 and]
[4.c3 have their fine points and require accurate reactions from Black, they still have sideline status. Langrock shows in CBM 128 and 129 respectively that they do not pose a serious threat to 3...♗e7.]
[This goes also for 4.Ngf3 (CBM 126), after Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Black has 2 options:
A) 7...b6 8.Qe2 Bb7!? is a rare, but plausible sideline, analysed and recommended by Langrock:
A1) 9.h4 h6 10.Nf1 Qc8 11.Qe3 Ba6 12.Bb1 Bxf1?! *(12...Nc6 13.Ng3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nb4∓ ↑)* 13.Kxf1 Nc6 14.a3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Na5 16.Ba2 Qa6+ 17.Kg1 Rc8 18.Rh3 Rc6 19.h5 Qc8 20.Rg3 Rg8 21.Qe1 Kf8 Stanojevic,S (2130)-Ernst,H/Pizol/1997/(40) 22.Bf4↑ ♗f8,♖g8;
A2) 9.0-0 Qc8 10.a3!? *(10.Rd1 Ba6 11.c4 Nc6 12.cxd5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nb4 14.Qe2 Nxd5 15.Ne4 h6!?∞* Langrock *)* 10...a5 *(10...Ba6 11.c4 0-0 12.cxd5 exd5⇄)* 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Qe3 *(12.b3 Ba6 13.c4∞)* 12...Ba6 13.Bb1 h6 14.Nf1 a4 15.Ng3 Na5 16.Nd2 g6 17.Ba2 Qc6 18.Ne2 0-0-0 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Rb1 Bb7 21.b4 axb3 22.Bxb3 d4 23.Qg3 Bh4 24.Qh3 Cizinsky,P (1946)-Kuchynka,L (2307)/Stare Mesto/2009/ Nxe5 25.cxd4 Nd3∞;
B) 7...Nc6 is the standard move, leading to positions from the 3...♘f6 line, which are not considered critical for Black. Here the more testing set-ups are ones , in which White places his ♘ on e2 and f3 and for this reason White's 4-th move is more flexible.]
4...c5

[The point from the previous note is illustrated by ≤4...Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Ne2 *(6.Qg4!?)* 6...c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Nf3± In this line, in which Black's main plan is to undermine White's ⊞ with f6, the 3... ♗e7 move is redundant - after ef6 the ideal square for the ♗ is d6.]

5.dxc5 Clearly the strongest. Harmless alternatives are

[5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.dxc5 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Bxc5 10.Ke2 Nd7 11.Rd1 Ke7 12.c4 Nf6 13.Bc2 b6 14.b3 Bb7 15.Bb2 Rhd8 16.Ne5 h5 17.f3 1/2,Akopian,V (2660)-Kortschnoj,V (2659)/Kolkata/2000/]

[5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.dxc5 Nbd7 8.Nb3 Nxc5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Ncxd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.c3 0-0 13.Bg5 Rfe8 14.Qe2 Qe4 15.Qxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Rfe1 Nf6 19.Re2 Nfd5 20.g3 Rec7= Xie Jun (2573)-Yu Shaoteng (2542)/Suzhou/2006/]

[5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nf6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0= leads to a typical situation with the isolated ♙d4, which can arise from other openings as well - the Caro-Kann Panov, Queen's gambit, or c3 Sicilian to name a few. The position is balanced and roughly equal.]

5...Nf6

(Diagram)

6.Qe2 Again the main try. White retains the central tension and avoids the ♕-swap after

[6.Ngf3 dxe4 -5.♘gf3]

[6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Ngf3 -5.ed5]

6...0-0 Langrock prefers this line as well.

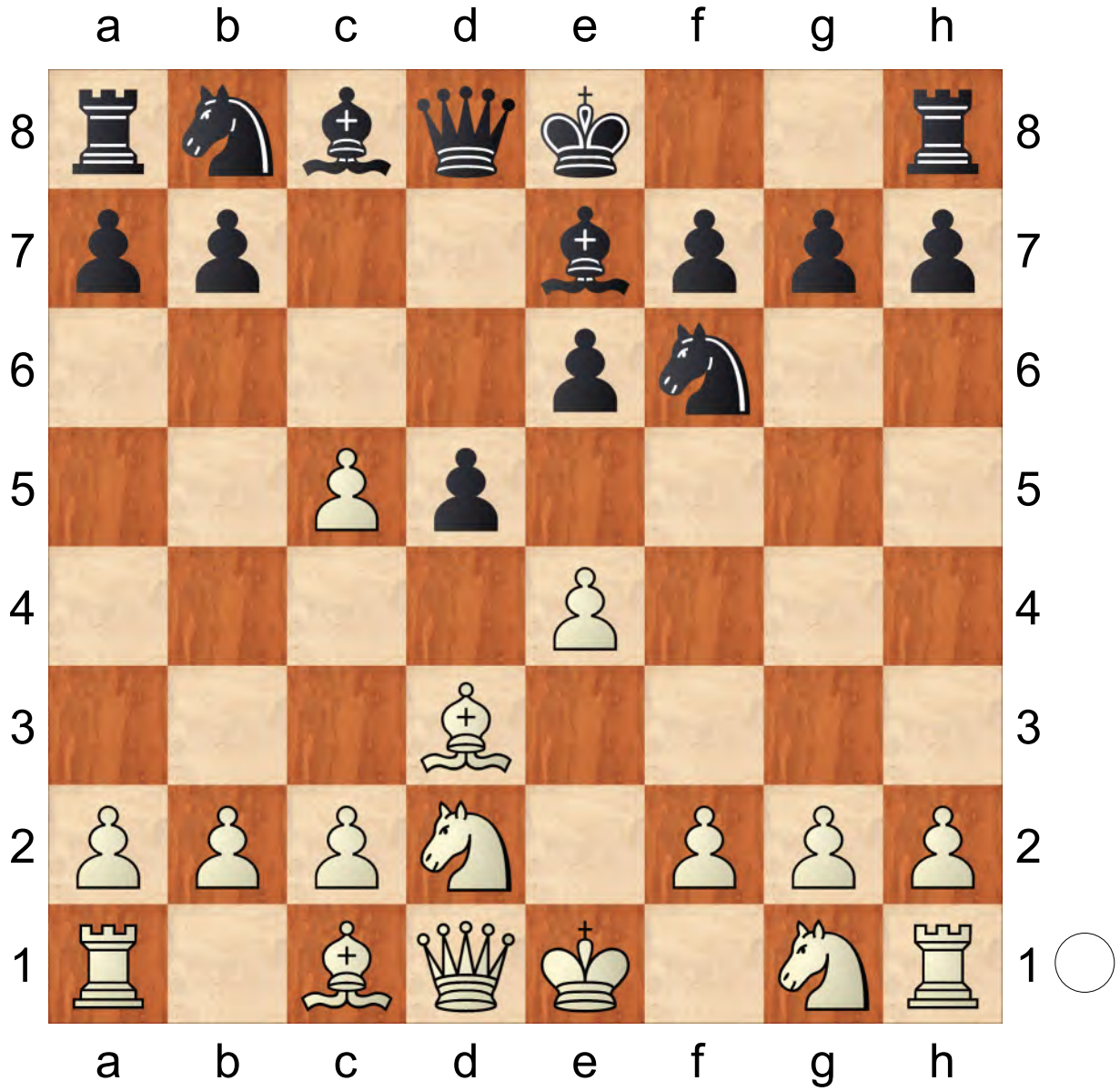
[Morozevich used to play 6...Nc6 7.Ngf3 Nb4 8.Nb3 Nxd3+ 9.cxd3 a5 , but 10.a4! causes Black problems. The almost untested dxe4 11.dxe4 0-0 seems to be only a partial solution: *(11...b6 12.Qb5+ Kf8* Miroshnichenko,E (2525)-Romero Holmes,A (2524)/Chalkidiki/2002/ *13.Ne5!? Nxe4 14.Qc6 Qd5 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.cxb6±)* 12.0-0 b6 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bg5 *(14.cxb6!? Qxb6 15.Qb5 Qc7 16.Be3±)* 14...bxc5 15.Rac1 *(⌓15.e5 Nd5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qc2±)* 15...Ba6 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Bh4 1/2, Rublevsky,S (2664)-Radjabov,T (2628)/Hyderabad/2002/ Bf8!?∞]

7.Ngf3 a5 8.0-0

[8.a4 Na6 is fully playable for Black - after 9.e5 Nd7 10.c3 Naxc5 11.Bc2 b6 he has excellent ⇄. We will see a similar position below, only with White having played the more useful 0-0 instead of a4.]

8...Na6 While this move is played more often, than anything else, developing the ♘ to the rim has its drawbacks.

[Here Langrock recommends the alternative 8...Nc6!? 9.a4 *(9.c4 a4 10.Rd1 Bxc5 11.exd5 exd5 12.cxd5 Nb4 13.Ne4 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Bf5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qb5 b6 17.Be3 Ra5 18.Qe2 Bxe3 19.fxe3 a3!∞* Rublevsky,S (2670)-Pelletier,Y (2623)/Poikovsky/2003/*; 9.c3 Nd7 10.exd5 exd5⇄* gives Black a fully



playable isolani position, with a timely a4-a3 advance givings him sufficient ⇄ in some lines.*)* 9...Nb4 10.Nb3 b6! 11.e5 Nd7 12.c6 Nxc6 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bf4 Kotronias,V (2607)-Drasko,M (2464)/Cutro/2004/ Nc5∞]

9.e5

[9.exd5 exd5! *(9...Qxd5 10.Nc4 Bxc5 11.c3↑* ɔa6 *)* 10.Nb3 a4 11.Nbd4 Nxc5 12.Bb5 Nfe4⇄]

9...Nd7 10.c4 Grivas,Efstratios: '!' White opens the ⊞, but this helps to activate Black's forces as well.

[An alternative method of fighting for an advantage is 10.c3!? Naxc5 11.Bc2

A) 11...f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nb3 b6 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.Rd1 Ba6 16.Qe3 Qe8 17.Ng5 g6 *(17...Bxg5? 18.Qxg5 Ne4 19.Qh4 Qc6 20.Be3 h6 21.Qg4 Nf6 22.Qg3 Kh8 23.Bd4±* Kotronias,V (2626)-Ni Hua (2603)/Khanty Mansiysk/2005/ See the notes by Postny in CBM 111. *)* 18.Qg3 Qe7 19.Be3 Rad8 20.h4!?±;

B) 11...b6 12.Re1 f6!? *(12...Ba6 13.Qe3 Rc8 14.Nd4 Nb8 15.Qh3 g6 16.f4 Nc6 17.N2f3 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Ne4 19.Be3 Bc5 20.Nf3 Be7 21.Rad1 Qe8 22.Qh6 f5 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Bd4±)* Kotronias,V (2622)-Lopez Martinez,J (2518) /Kusadasi/2006/) 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Nb3 Ba6 15.Qd1 Bb7 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Be3 Ne4 18.Bxe4 *(⌓18.Nd4; 18.a4!?± ×b6)* 18...dxe4 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 b5 22.Red1 Bd5 23.Be3 a4 24.Rd4 Rdc8= Kryvoruchko,Y (2604)-Shulman,Y (2639)/Reykjavik/2009/]

10...Ndxc5

[Therefore the more restrained 10...Naxc5!? deserves serious attention: 11.Bc2 b6 12.b3 Bb7 *(12...Ba6 13.Bb2 dxc4 14.bxc4 Qc7 15.Rfe1 Nb8 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 g6 18.Nd4 Bxc4 19.Re3 Bd5 20.Qf4⩱* Papp,G (2509)-Vavrak,P (2478)/HUN-chT 0809/2009/) 13.Bb2

A) 13...Qc7 14.Rfe1 Rfd8 15.Nd4 Nf8 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Rad1 dxc4 18.bxc4 Qc6 19.Nf3 Ng6 20.Nbd4 Qe8 21.Qe3 Ba6 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Ba1 Rc7 24.h4∞ /±,Jens,J (2356)-Cvek,R (2520)/Pardubice/2009/;

B) 13...f5 14.Nd4 Qb8 15.Rad1 *(15.Rfe1±)* 15...Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Bxe5 Rac8 19.Rfe1 g6 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Nc4 Bxc4 22.bxc4 Bf6 23.Bf4 Rfd8 24.Rd5 Kf7 25.Be3 Vachier Lagrave,M (2634)-Sprenger,J (2536)/Bundesliga 0708/2008/ Ne6!?= ;

C) 13...Qb8!? 14.Rad1 Rc8 15.Rfe1 Nf8 16.Bb1 a4 17.Qe3 axb3 18.axb3 Ng6 19.h4 h6 20.h5 Nf8 21.Nh2 Bg5 22.f4 Bh4 23.Rf1 dxc4 24.Nxc4 Ba6 25.Nf3 Be7 26.Rc1 Ra7 27.Kh2 Rac7⇄ Kaplan,S (2437)-Rodshtein,M (2586)/ Biel/2007/]

(Diagram)

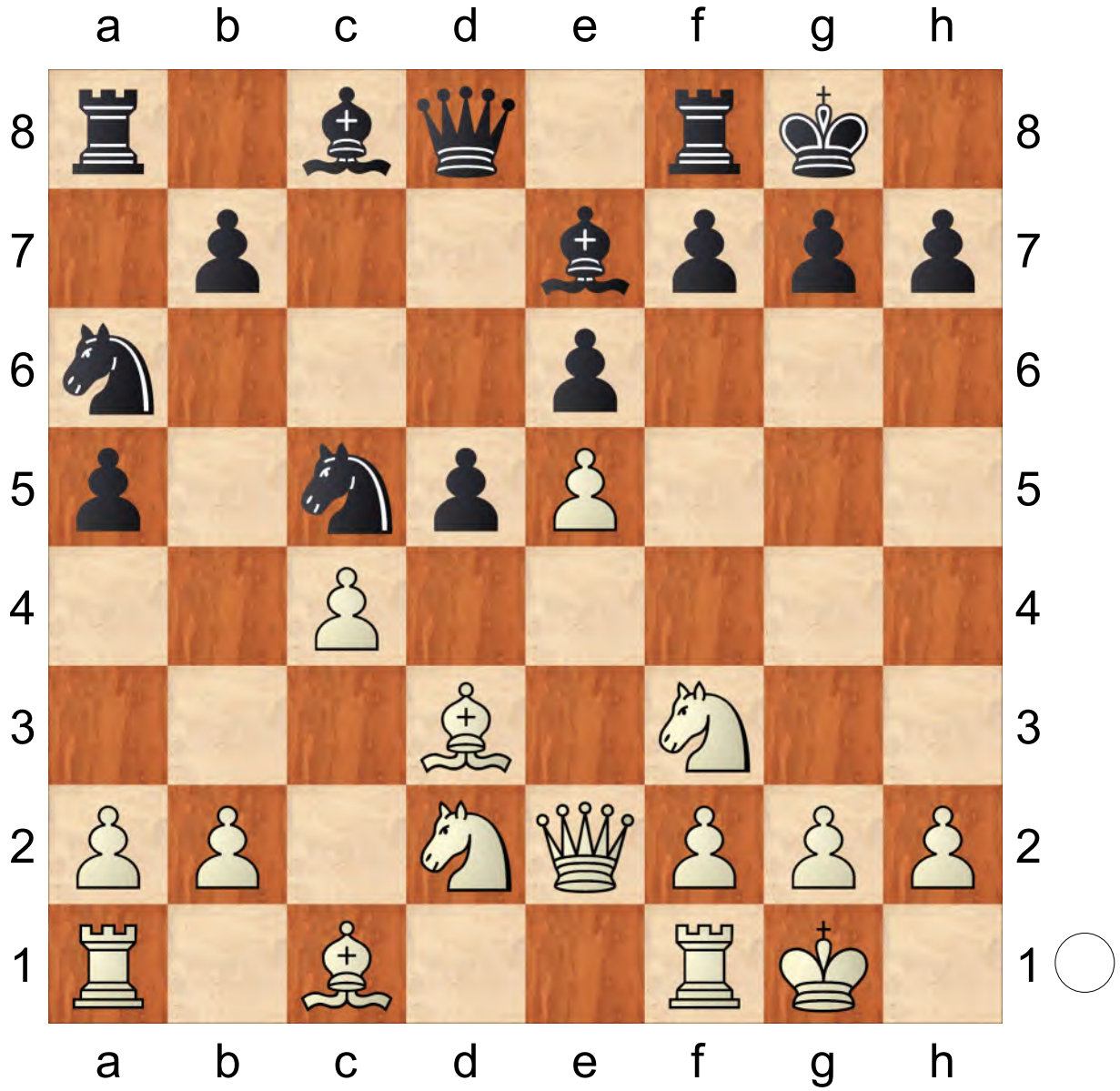
Black seeks activity, but his forces get sidelined from the » in the process - something for which he will pay dearly later on. **11.Bb1**

[11.cxd5?! Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Nb4∓]

11...Nb4

[11...b6!? 12.cxd5 Qxd5 *(12...exd5 13.Nd4 Nb4 14.Rd1 g6 15.N2f3 Qd7 16.Qe3 f5 17.Qh6 Bd8 18.a3 Nba6 19.Ba2 Nc7 20.Bf4 Bb7 21.Ng5 Qg7 22.Ngf3 Qd7 23.Bg5 Qg7 24.Rac1 Bxg5 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Nxg5 Rfe8 27.f4±)* White,I (2015)-Buckley,M (2184)/Torquay/2002/) 13.Ne4 *(13.Nc4!↑)* 13...Bb7 *(13...Nb4 14.Nc3 Qc6 15.Nd4±)* 14.Rd1 Qc6 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.Nf6+ *(16.Bf4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Nc5=)* 16...gxf6 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Qg4+ Kh8 1/2, Cortes Bueno,J (2221)-Jerez Perez,A (2414)/ Pamplona/2005/]

[Double-edged and risky is 11...d4?! 12.Rd1 d3 13.Qe3 Nb4 *(13...b6 14.a3!? Bb7 15.Ne1±)* 14.Ne4 Qc7 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Qe4 Qb6 17.a3 Bxf2+ 18.Kf1 Nc6 19.Bxd3 g6 20.Bh6→ Vachier Lagrave,M (2458)-Baklan,V (2595)/Paris/ 2004/]



12.Rd1 Grivas,Efstratios: '!'

[12.Nb3 b6 *(12...Nxb3 13.axb3 b6⇄)* 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.a3 Nc6 15.Rd1 g6 16.Qe3 *(⌓16.Bh6)* 16...Re8 17.h4 Ra7 18.Qf4 Rd7 19.Bc2 dxc4 *(19...Ba6!?∞)* 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.Qxc4 Qb8 22.Qc3 Rd8 23.Be3 Be8 Mogranzini,R (2418)-Amato,A (2252)/ITA-ch Arvier/2008/ 24.h5±]

12...Qb6?!N Grivas,Efstratios: 'N' This novelty doesn't solve Black's problems and gives White dangerous tactical chances - another piece strays from the » (see the note to Black's 10-th move).

[12...b6 Grivas,Efstratios: 'Ü 109/(159)' 13.Nd4 *(13.a3 Nc6 14.Ne4!↑)* 13...Bb7 *(13...Qc7 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Nf3 Ne6 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ba2± Sebag,M (2519)-Paehtz,E (2482)/Novi Sad/2009/)* 14.N2f3 Qc8 15.Ng5 *(15.Bg5±)* 15...h6 16.Qh5 dxc4 17.Nh7 Be4 *(17...Rd8!?∞)* 18.Bxh6 Bxb1 19.Rdxb1 Kxh7 20.Bg5+ Kg8 21.Bxe7 Re8 22.Bf6± Nd7 *(22...Ne4□*

23.Re1!?±) 23.Qg5 1-0,Lauk,U (2367)-Kunitson,N (2104)/Tallinn/2007/]

13.Nb3!? Grivas,Efstratios: '!'

[The text-move is more energetic than 13.Nf1 Δ♘e3,♗g5 dxc4 14.Ne3±]

13...dxc4 Grivas,Efstratios: '?'

[13...Nxb3 14.axb3 Bd7 Grivas,Efstratios: '?' *(14...Bc5 15.Ng5↑ Δ h6 16.Nh7 Rd8 17.Bxh6! gxh6 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Qf4! Bxf2+ 20.Kh1+-; 14...h6!* Grivas,Efstratios *15.Be3 Bc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Nd4±)* 15.Ng5 Grivas,Efstratios: '!'

A) 15...h6 16.Nh7 Grivas,Efstratios: '!' Rfd8 *(16...Rfe8* Grivas,Efstratios *17.Nf6+±)* 17.Nf6+!→;

B) 15...Bxg5 Grivas,Efstratios 16.Bxg5 Rfe8 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh6 Qc5 19.Bf6±;

C) 15...g6

C1) 16.Nxh7 Kxh7 17.Qh5+ Kg8 Δ 18.Bxg6 Qxf2+!-+ *(18...fxg6 19.Qxg6+ Kh8)*;

C2) 16.Be3! Bc5 *(16...Qd8 17.Nxh7 Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.Rd4+-)* 17.Nxh7 Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 *(18...Kg7* Grivas,Efstratios *19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Bg5+-)* 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Bh6!+-]

14.Qxc4

[14.Nbd2 c3 15.bxc3 Nd5 16.Nc4 Qc7∞]

[14.Bg5 Grivas,Efstratios f6 *(14...Bxg5? 15.Bxh7+! Kxh7 16.Nxg5+ Kg6 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qg3+-)* 15.exf6 Bxf6 *(15...gxf6 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Bh6±)* 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Qxc4 *(17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Rd8+ Rf8 19.Rxf8+ Qxf8 20.Qxc4±)* 17...Nxb3 18.axb3±]

14...Nxb3

[14...Rd8? 15.Bxh7+! We will see a lot of this sacrificial motif yet! Kxh7 16.Bg5 Here White's → breaks through with even more ease: f6 *(16...Nxb3 17.Bxe7+-; 16...Bxg5 17.Nxg5+ Kg6 18.Qg4 f5 19.exf6+-)* 17.Qh4+

A) 17...Kg6 18.exf6 Rxd1+ *(18...Bxf6 19.Rxd8 Qxd8 20.Ne5++-)* 19.Rxd1 Bxf6 20.g4! Kf7 21.Qh5+ Kf8 *(21...Ke7 22.Be3)* 22.Be3+-;

B) 17...Kg8 18.exf6 Rxd1+ *(18...gxf6 19.Bh6!+-; 18...Bxf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nxc5+-)* 19.Rxd1 Bxf6 20.Nxc5+-]

15.axb3! Keeps the ♕ in the firing line.

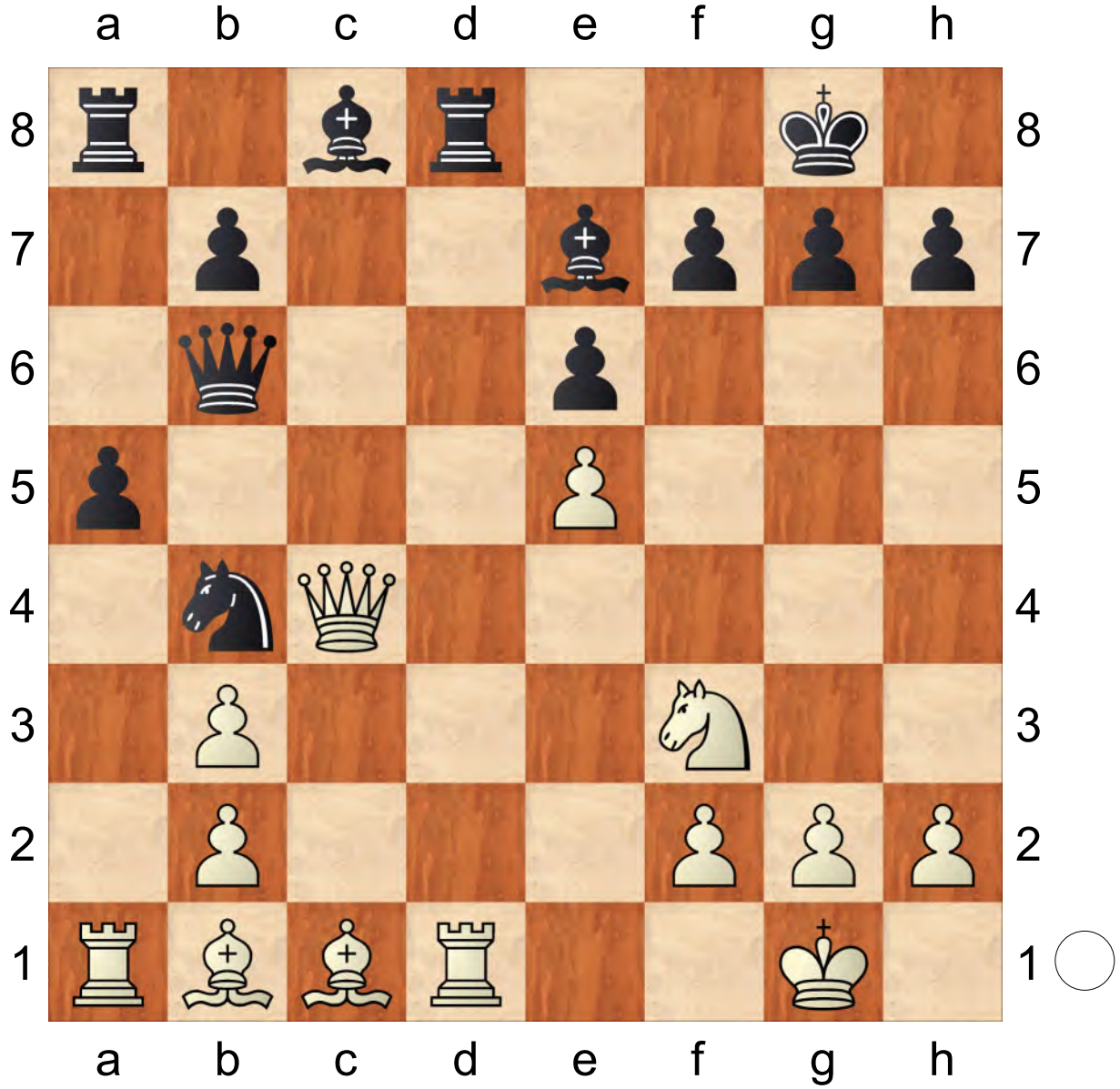
[15.Qxb3 a4 *(15...Rd8 16.Be3 Rxd1+ 17.Qxd1 Qb5 18.Bg5 Bf8 19.Qd8!? Nc6 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qxf8 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.Be3 Qxb2 24.Rc1⩲)* 16.Qc4

A) 16...Rd8 17.Bxh7+! *(17.Rxd8+ Qxd8 18.Bd2 Nd5 Δa3⇄)* 17...Kxh7 18.Bg5→;

B) 16...Nd5 17.Bg5 Bc5!?± /⇄]

15...Rd8?

[15...Nd5 16.Ng5↑ is treacherous, but the text-move is certainly no better. g6 Grivas,Efstratios 17.Qh4 h5 18.Qg3±]



Grivas,Efstratios: '?!' **16.Bd2?!** Grivas,Efstratios: '?' This hesitant move could have cost White almost all of his advantage.

[Time was already ripe for the tactical blow 16.Bxh7+! Kxh7 *(16...Kf8 17.Bg5+-)* 17.Bg5!

A) 17...Bxg5 18.Nxg5+ Kg8 *(18...Kg6 19.Qg4 f5 20.exf6 Kxf6 21.Ne4+ Kf7 22.Qh5++-)* 19.Qf4! Rf8 *(19...Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qc7 21.Rd8+!+-)* 20.Qh4 Re8 *(20...Rd8 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxg7+-)* 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Rd6+-;

B) 17...Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Grivas,Efstratios: '+-'

B1) 18...Bf8 19.Qh4+ Kg8 20.Rd8 Δ♖f8 f6 *(20...Qc5 21.Be3+-)* 21.Rxf8+! *(21.exf6+-)* 21...Kxf8 22.Qh8+ Kf7 23.exf6 e5 24.Nxe5+ Ke6 25.fxg7+-;

B2) 18...Bxg5 19.Nxg5+ Kg6 20.Qg4 f5 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Ne4++-;
B3) 18...f6 19.Qe4+ *(19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qh4+ Kg6 21.g4!+-)* 19...Kg8 *(19...Kh8 20.exf6+-)* 20.exf6 Bf8 21.Ne5+-;
B4) 18...Qc6 19.Qh4+ Kg8 20.Bxe7 Nd5 21.Qe4!+- White prevents ♕c2 and the threat ♘g5 decides.;
C) 17...f6 18.Qh4+ *(18.exf6+- transposes)* 18...Kg8 *(18...Kg6* Grivas,Efstratios *19.g4! Kf7 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Qh5++-)* 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Qxf6 Grivas,Efstratios: '+-' Rd5 22.Qg6+ Kf8 23.Ng5
C1) 23...Qc7 24.Nh7+ *(24.Re1!?+-)* 24...Ke7 25.Nf6+-;
C2) 23...Ke7 24.Qg7+ Kd8 25.Qf8+ Kd7 26.Ne4+-]

16...Bd7 Grivas,Efstratios: '?' Black finally develops his ♗c8.
[Shulman refrains from 16...Qa6 17.Qg4↑ - while this might not be fully clear, it allows White to retain his attacking chances.]
[16...Bc5! Grivas,Efstratios 17.Qh4 h6 18.Be4!
A) 18...Nc6 19.Bxh6 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Bxf2+ *(20...gxh6? 21.Qxh6 Bxf2+ 22.Kf1 Be3 23.Ng5+-)* 21.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2 gxh6 23.Rd6±;
B) 18...Bd7 19.Bxh6 Bxf2+ *(19...gxh6? 20.Qxh6 Bxf2+ 21.Kh1 Be3 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Nh4!+-)* 20.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 21.Kxf2 gxh6 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Be4 ΔBc6 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Bxc6 Nxc6 26.Rc1 Nb4 27.Ke2]

17.Bg5 Grivas,Efstratios: '?' Once the ⇔ is blocked, this is natural enough.
[17.Be3 Qb5=]
[17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Bg5 gives Black a choice between Bxg5!? transposing to the game, or *(18...Bc6* -see the following note. *)*]
[17.Ng5! Grivas,Efstratios
A) 17...g6 18.Qh4 h5 19.Qg3 Be8 20.Nxf7! Bxf7 21.Bxg6 h4 *(21...Rxd2 22.Rxd2 Rf8 23.Rd6! Qc5 24.Bxh5+ Kh7 25.Bxf7 Rxf7 26.Rxe6+-)* 22.Qg4 Rd4 *(22...Bxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Bh6 Bf8 25.Bxf8 Rxf8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qxh4+ Kg8 29.Rd7+-)* 23.Be4+ Kf8 24.Be3 Rxe4 *(24...Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qb5 26.Bh6+ Ke8 27.Qg7+-)* 25.Qxe4 Qb5 26.Bh6+ Ke8 27.Qh7 Qxe5 28.Re1 Qc5 29.Qh8+ Bf8 30.Rac1 Qd6 31.Rc7+-;
B) 17...h6 18.Bh7+ Kh8 *(18...Kf8?! 19.Nxf7!+-)* 19.Nxf7+ Kxh7 20.Qe4+ Kg8 21.Nxh6+ Kh8 *(21...gxh6 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Be3+-)* 22.Bg5! *(22.Bxb4? axb4 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Nxd8 Rxd8∞)* 22...Bc6 *(22...Bxg5 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Nxg5+-)* 23.Rxd8+
B1) 23...Bxd8?! 24.Nf7+ Kg8 25.Qg6 Be4 *(25...Nd3 26.Rf1! Be4 27.Nh6+ Kh8 28.Qxe4 gxh6 29.Bxh6 Nb4 30.Qg6 Qc7 31.Rd1+-)* 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Qe8+ Kh7 28.Qg8+ Kg6 29.Be3! Qc7 30.Qxe6+ Kh7 31.Qg8+ Kg6 32.h4!+-;
B2) 23...Rxd8 24.Qh4 Rd4 25.Ng4+ *(25.Qh5 Nd5 26.Bxe7 Nf4 27.Qf7 Kh7 28.h4±)* 25...Kg8 26.Bxe7 Nd3 27.h3 Nxe5 28.b4±]

17...Bxg5? Returns the favour from move 16.
[Necessary was 17...Bc6! 18.Bxh7+ Grivas,Efstratios: ' Δ' Kxh7 19.Bxe7 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nd5≅ and due to White's doubled pawns, the extra ♙

doesn't play a major role. 22.Bg5 Grivas,Efstratios Qb4]

18.Bxh7+?! Grivas,Efstratios: '?' We have already seen this was in the air for a while, the exclamation mark is for courage. However, White doesn't choose an ideal moment for this blow and the question mark is for the sake of objectivity. Here Can should have played the simple

[18.Nxg5 h6 *(18...g6? 19.Qh4 h5 20.Nxf7+-)* 19.Rd6 Grivas,Efstratios: '!' Nc6 *(19...Bc6 20.Nxf7! Rxd6□ 21.Nxd6 Bd5 22.Qf4 Rf8 23.Bh7+ Kxh7 24.Qxf8 Qd4 25.h3 Qxe5 26.Nc4+-; 19...Qb5 20.Bh7+ Kf8 21.Nxe6+ fxe6 22.Qf4+ Ke7 23.Bg6+- Rf8* Grivas,Efstratios *24.Qh4++-)* 20.Bh7+!

A) 20...Kh8 21.Nxf7+ Kxh7 22.Qd3+ *(22.Rad1+-* Grivas,Efstratios*)* 22...Kg8 23.Nxh6+! *(23.Nxd8+-)* 23...gxh6 24.Qg6+ Kf8 *(24...Kh8 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Rd3+-)* 25.Ra4 *(25.Qxh6+ Ke8 26.Qg6+ Ke7 27.Qg7+ Ke8 28.Rd3+-)* 25...Qb4 26.Rxb4 axb4 27.Qxh6+ Ke7 28.Qh7+ Ke8 29.h4+-;

B) 20...Kf8 21.Nxf7! Kxf7 22.Rad1 Grivas,Efstratios: '+-'

B1) 22...Qc7 23.R1d3 g5 24.Rf3+ Kg7 *(24...Ke7 25.Qc5 b6 26.Rxe6+ Kxe6 27.Rf6#)* 25.Bb1 Δ♕d3+-;

B2) 22...Qb4 23.Rxd7+ Rxd7 24.Rxd7+ Kf8 25.Qe2± /+- Black has barely managed to survive the first wave of the →, but he is a ♙ down and still under strong pressure.]

18...Kxh7 19.Nxg5+ Kg8

[After 19...Kg6? 20.Qg4 f5 the simplest is 21.exf6 *(21.Qg3!? Kh6 22.Rd6+-)* 21...Kxf6 22.Rd6!+- Δ Qxd6 *(22...Qb5* Grivas,Efstratios *23.Nxe6+-)* 23.Ne4+]

20.Rd6

[20.Qh4 Be8! 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxg7 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Nd5 25.Ne4 Kd8!?∞ *(25...Qxb3 26.Qg5+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7=)*]

[20.Qe4 Be8 -20.♕h4]

20...Qb5!

[≤20...Nc6?! Grivas,Efstratios: '?' 21.Qd3 Grivas,Efstratios: '±'

A) 21...Kf8? 22.Nh7+! Kg8 *(22...Ke8 23.Qg3+-)* 23.Nf6+ Kf8 24.Nxd7+ Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Nxe5 26.Qd6++-;

B) 21...Qc7? 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Rc1! Qb8 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxg7 Nxe5 26.Rcd1 Qxd6 27.Rxd6 Kxd6 28.f4+-;

C) 21...Qb4 22.Qh7+! *(22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Qxd7 Nxe5 24.Qc7 Qd4⇄ /=)* 22...Kf8 23.Rad1 *(23.Qh8+ Ke7 24.Qxg7 Nxe5 25.Rad1 Qf4 26.g3 Qf5 27.f4)* 23...Nxe5 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxg7 Qf4 26.g3 Qf5 27.f4 Bc6!? *(27...Rg8 28.Qxe5 Qxe5 29.Rxd7+ Ke8 30.fxe5 Rxg5 31.Rxb7±)* 28.fxe5 *(28.Qxe5 Rxd6 29.Qxd6+ Ke8±)* 28...Rg8□ 29.Rxe6+ Qxe6 30.Nxe6 Rxg7 31.Nxg7 Be4± /±;

D) 21...Qc5 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Qxd7 Nxe5 24.Qxb7 Rd8 25.h4↑]

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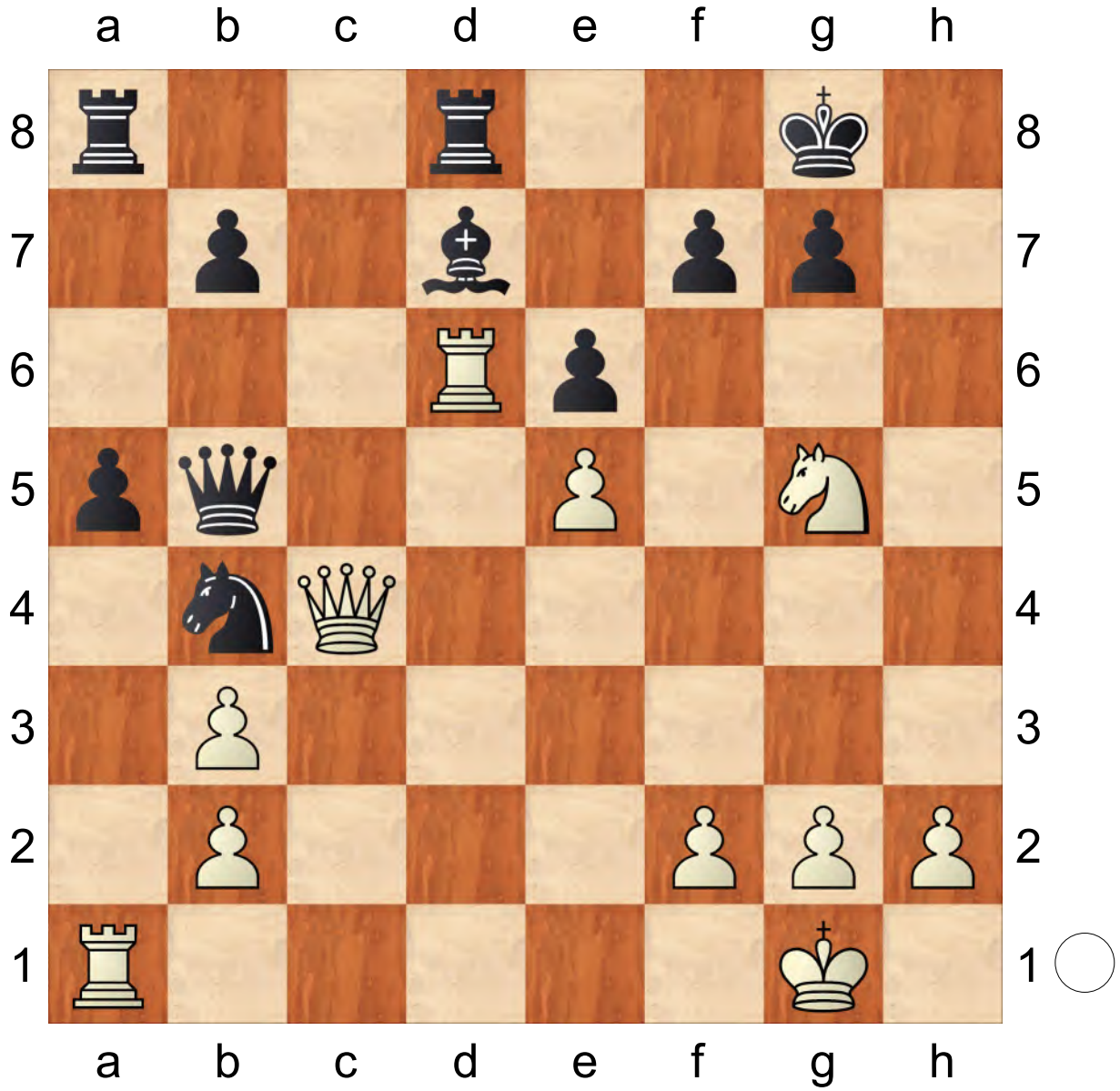

21.Qe4 f5?! This weakens the » without increasing Black's defensive chances.
[⌓21...Nc6! Grivas,Efstratios: '!'
A) 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ *(23.Rxd7?* Grivas,Efstratios *Rxd7 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxa8 Rd8-+)* 23...Ke7 24.Qxg7 Qxe5-+;
B) 22.Rad1 Qxe5 *(22...Nxe5 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxg7* Δf4 *Qe2 26.h3!→* Δ♖6d2 *)* 23.Qxe5□ *(23.Qh7+? Kf8 24.Qh5 g6-+)* 23...Nxe5 24.f4 Rdc8 25.fxe5 Bc6!? Grivas,Efstratios: '=' *(25...Be8 26.Ne4=)* 26.Rf1 Rc7∓ and with his strong ♗ only Black can aspire for more than equality.]
22.Qh4 Grivas,Efstratios: '!' **22...Qxe5□ 23.f4!→**
[23.Qh5 Grivas,Efstratios Nd5 *(23...Qxd6? 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxg7+)* 24.Qf7+ Kh8 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Qxd7 Qxb2 27.Re1 Nf6 28.Qxe6±]
23...Qxb2? The decisive tactical error.
[23...Qxd6?? 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxg7+ Ke8 27.Qf7#]

[23...Qf6 24.Rad1 Qh6 *(24...Qg6 25.Rxd7±)* 25.Qe1! Grivas,Efstratios: '±' Rac8 *(25...Nd5 26.R1xd5 exd5 27.Rxh6 gxh6 28.Nf3±)* 26.h3!→ Δ *(26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 e5! 28.Qd2 Qb6+ 29.Kh1 exf4 30.h4* is also promising, but less incisive. *)* 26...Rc7 27.Rxe6! Qh5 *(27...g6 28.Rdd6 Rc6 29.Rxg6+ Qxg6 30.Rxg6+ Rxg6 31.Qe7+-)* 28.Re7 Qg6 29.Qe5+-]

[More resilient was ⩀23...Qe3+ Grivas,Efstratios: '!' 24.Kh1

A) 24...Ra6? 25.Rad1! Nd5□ 26.Qh5!

A1) 26...Qxf4 27.R6xd5 exd5 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qxg7+ Kd6 31.Qh6+ Ke7 *(31...Kc5 32.Ne6++-)* 32.Re1+ Qe4 *(32...Be6 33.Qg7+! Kd6 34.Nxe6+-)* 33.Qg7+ Kd6 34.Nxe4+ fxe4 35.Qg3+ Ke6 36.Qg6+ Ke7 37.Qg5++-;

A2) 26...Raa8 27.Qf7+ Kh8 28.Rxe6! Bxe6 29.Nxe6 Qxe6□ 30.Qxe6 Nxf4 31.Qe1± /+-;

B) 24...Nd3 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Rxd3 Qxd3 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Qxg7+ Kd6 29.Nf7+

B1) 29...Kc5 30.Nxd8 Kb6 can lead to the same position after 31.Qe5 *(31.Qf6 Qe3! 32.Qe7 Qd2∞; 31.Nf7 Bc6 32.Qc3!?±)*;

B2) 29...Kc7 30.Qe5+ Kb6 31.Nxd8 White has won everything back and even has an extra ♙. This gives him an advantage, although Black can still put up a tough fight after e.g. Qd5!? 32.Nf7 *(32.Qe3+* Grivas,Efstratios *Kc7 33.Nf7 Bc6 34.Rg1 Qe4 35.Qf2)* 32...Bc6±]

24.Rad1!+- After this there are no doubts anymore -White's → breaks through. Can wraps up the game forcefully. **24...Nd5** Grivas,Efstratios: '?!'

[24...Qf6 25.Rxd7 *(25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Rxd7* -25.♖d7 *)* 25...Rxd7 26.Qh7+! *(26.Rxd7? Qh6±)* 26...Kf8 27.Rxd7 Ke8 *(27...Qa1+ 28.Kf2 Qb2+ 29.Kg3 Qc3+ 30.Nf3+-)* 28.Rd6! Grivas,Efstratios: '+-' Qa1+ 29.Kf2 Qb2+ 30.Kg3 Qxb3+ 31.Kh4 Ke7 32.Rxe6+ Qxe6 33.Qxg7++-]

[24...Nc6 25.Qh5 *(25.h3!?+-)* 25...Qf6 *(25...Nb4 26.R6d4!+-)* 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Qh6 28.Qf7+ Kh8 29.Rd3+-]

25.R6xd5! exd5

(Diagram)

26.Re1

[26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Re1 transposes.]

26...Qd4+

[26...Be6 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Nxe6+ Ke7 29.Nxd8++- Kxd8 Grivas,Efstratios 30.Qg8+ Kc7 31.Qxa8+-]

27.Kh1 Qe4□ 28.Qh7+

[28.Nxe4? Grivas,Efstratios fxe4 29.Qe7 a4 30.bxa4 Bxa4 31.Qe6+ Kf8±]

28...Kf8 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qxg7+ Kd6□

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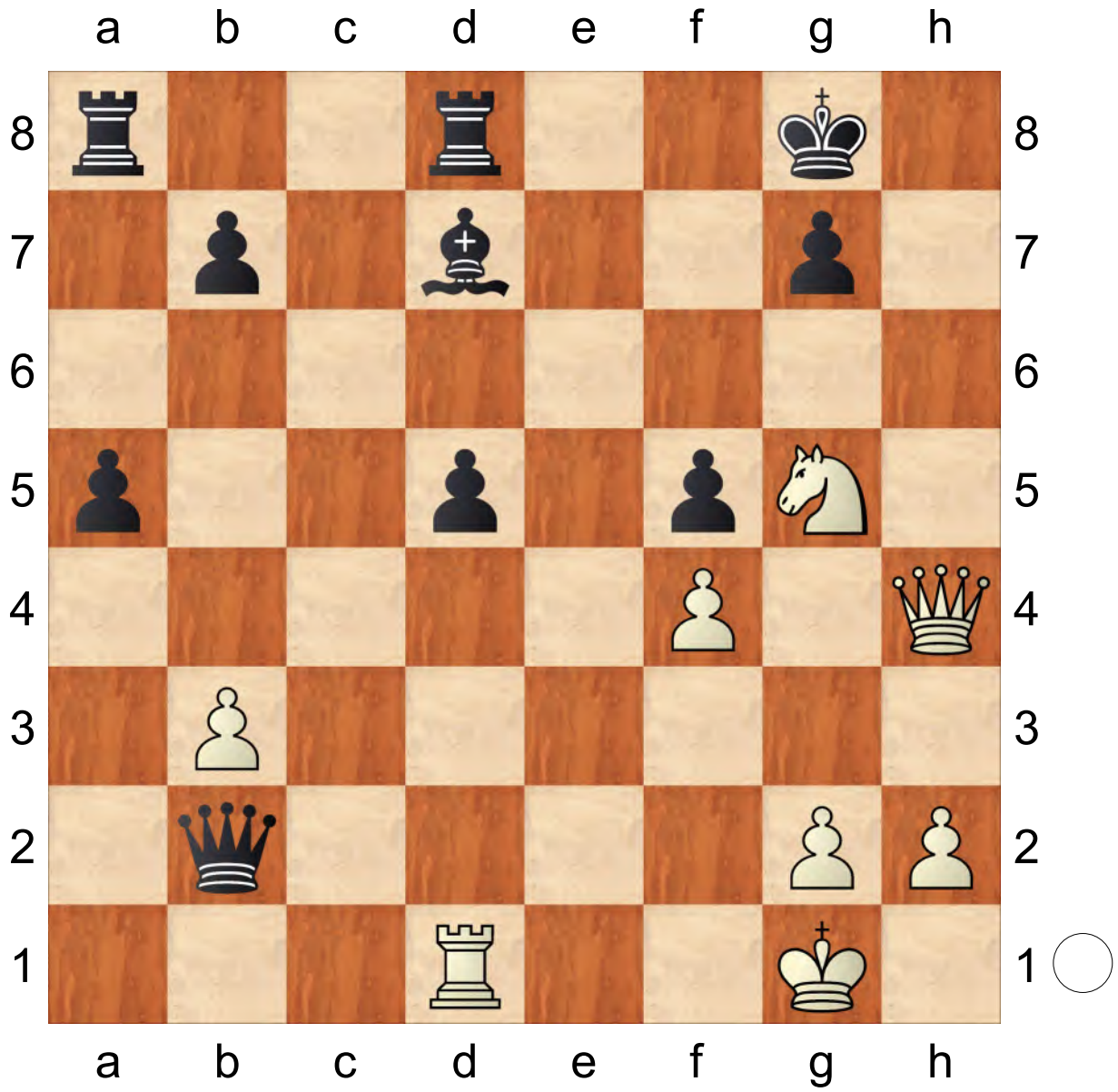
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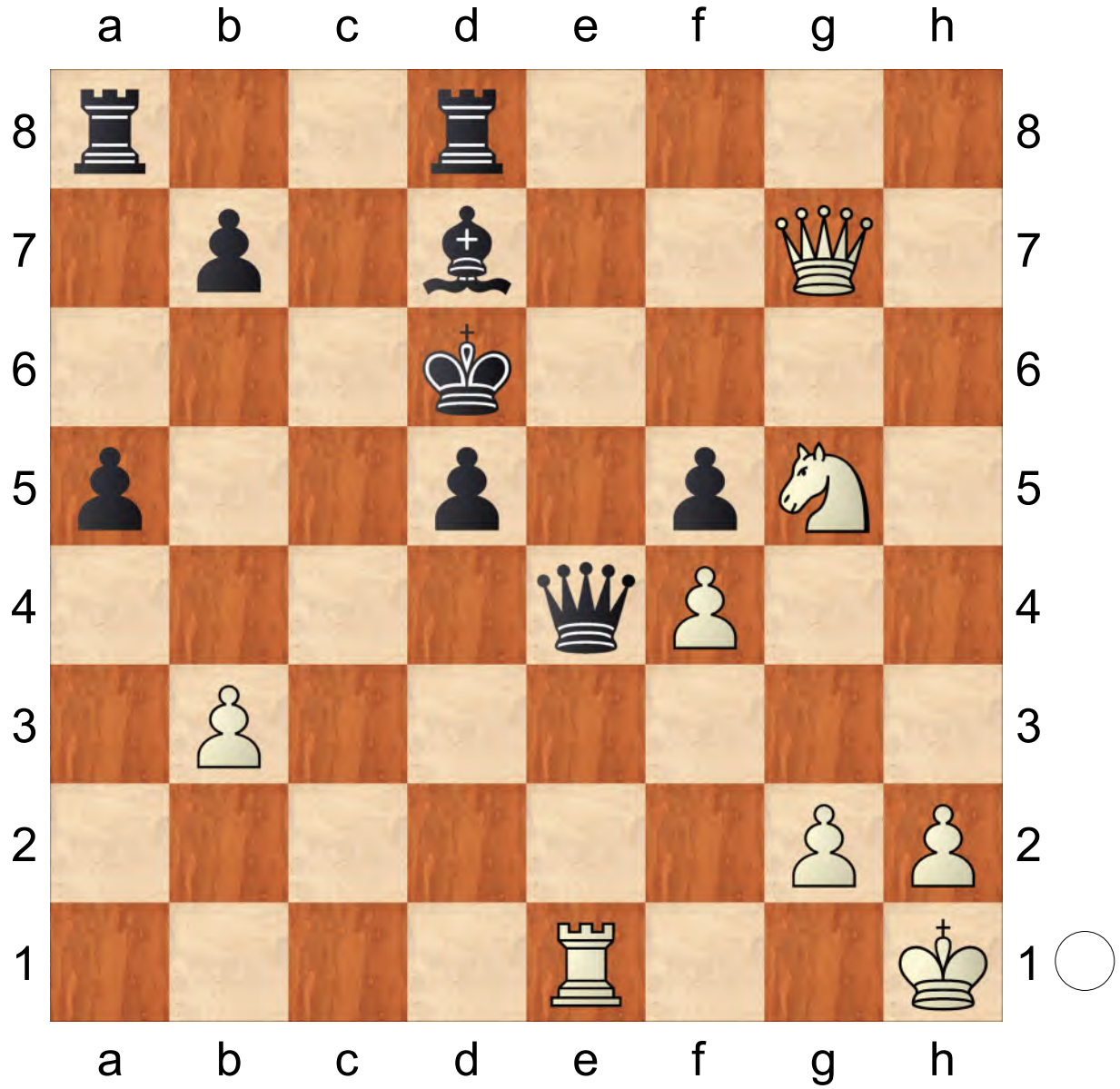
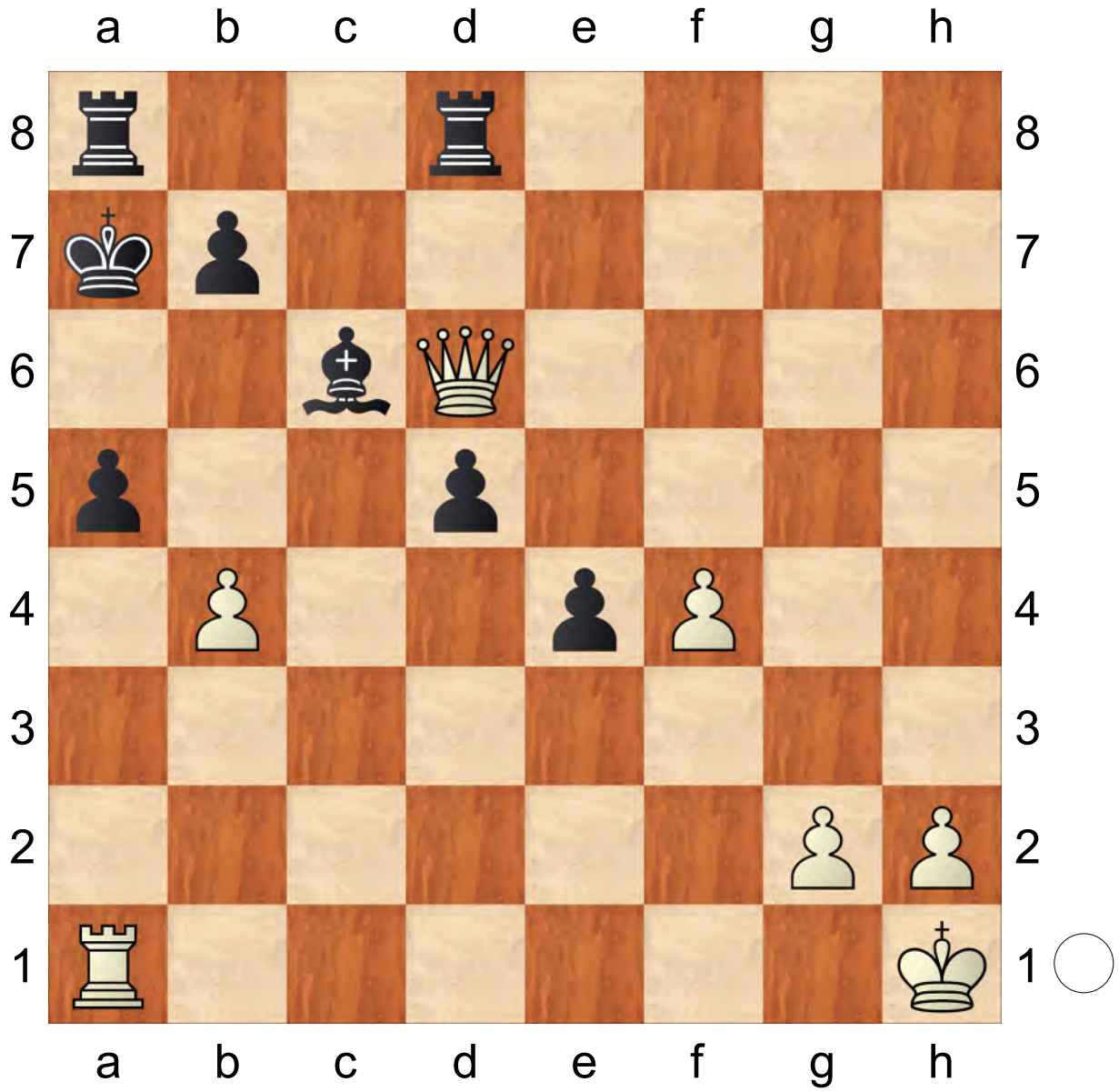


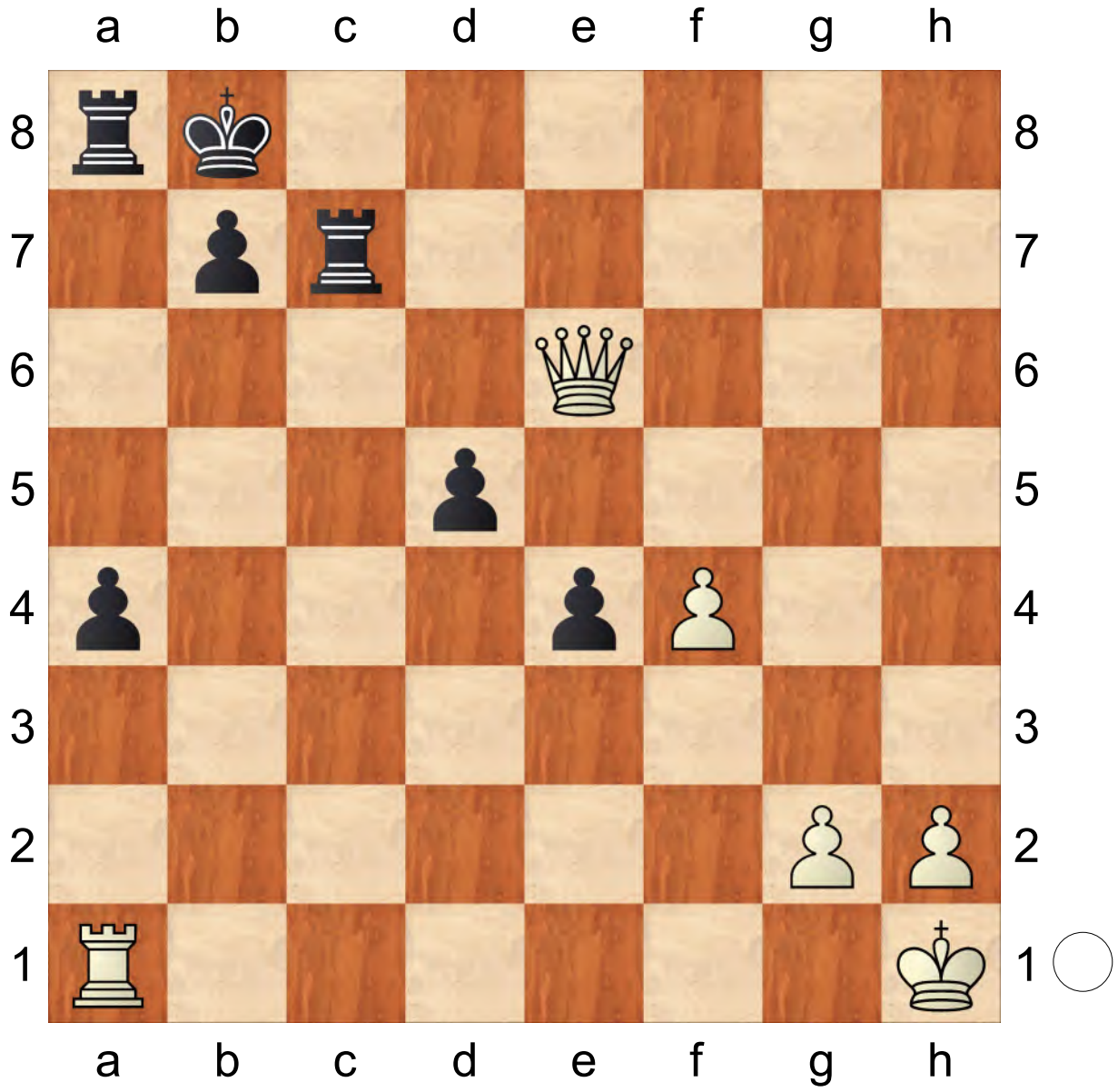
31.Nxe4+ fxe4
[31...dxe4 32.Qe5+ Kc6 33.Rc1+ Kb6 34.b4! Grivas,Efstratios: '+-!' Bc6 *(34...axb4 35.Qc5+)* 35.Qc5+ Kc7 36.b5+-]
32.Qe5+ Kc6
[32...Kc5 Grivas,Efstratios 33.Rc1+ Kb5 34.b4!+-]
33.b4 Grivas,Efstratios: '!' White already has an abundant choice.
[33.Rc1+!? Kb6 34.Qc7+ *(34.Qxd5+-)* 34...Ka6 35.b4+- →]
33...Kb6
[33...Rac8 34.bxa5+-]
[33...axb4 Grivas,Efstratios 34.Rc1+ Kb6 35.Qc7+ Ka6 36.Ra1++-]
34.Qd6+
[34.Qd4+ Kc7 35.Rc1+ Kb8 36.Qe5+ Ka7 37.Qxd5+-]
[34.bxa5+ Grivas,Efstratios Ka7 35.Qd4+ Kb8 36.Qxd5+-]

34...Ka7
[34...Bc6 35.Qc5+ Kc7 36.b5+-]
35.Ra1
[35.Qxd5!? Rac8 Grivas,Efstratios 36.Qxa5+ Kb8 37.b5 Bxb5 38.Qxb5+-]
35...Bc6
[35...a4 36.b5! Bxb5 37.Qc5+ Δ Ka6 38.Rb1 Grivas,Efstratios: '+-']
[35...Ba4 Grivas,Efstratios 36.Qc5+ b6 37.Qd4+-]



36.Qc5+
[36.Qc7 Grivas,Efstratios a4 37.Qa5+ Kb8 38.Qxd8+ Ka7 39.Qa5+ Kb8 40.Qc5+-]
36...Kb8 37.b5 Bxb5
[37...Be8 38.b6 Bc6 *(38...Rd7* Grivas,Efstratios *39.Rc1+-)* 39.Qe7 mates.]

38.Qxb5 a4 39.Qb6 Grivas,Efstratios: '!' **39...Rd7 40.Qe6 Rc7**
[40...Rd8 41.Qe5+]

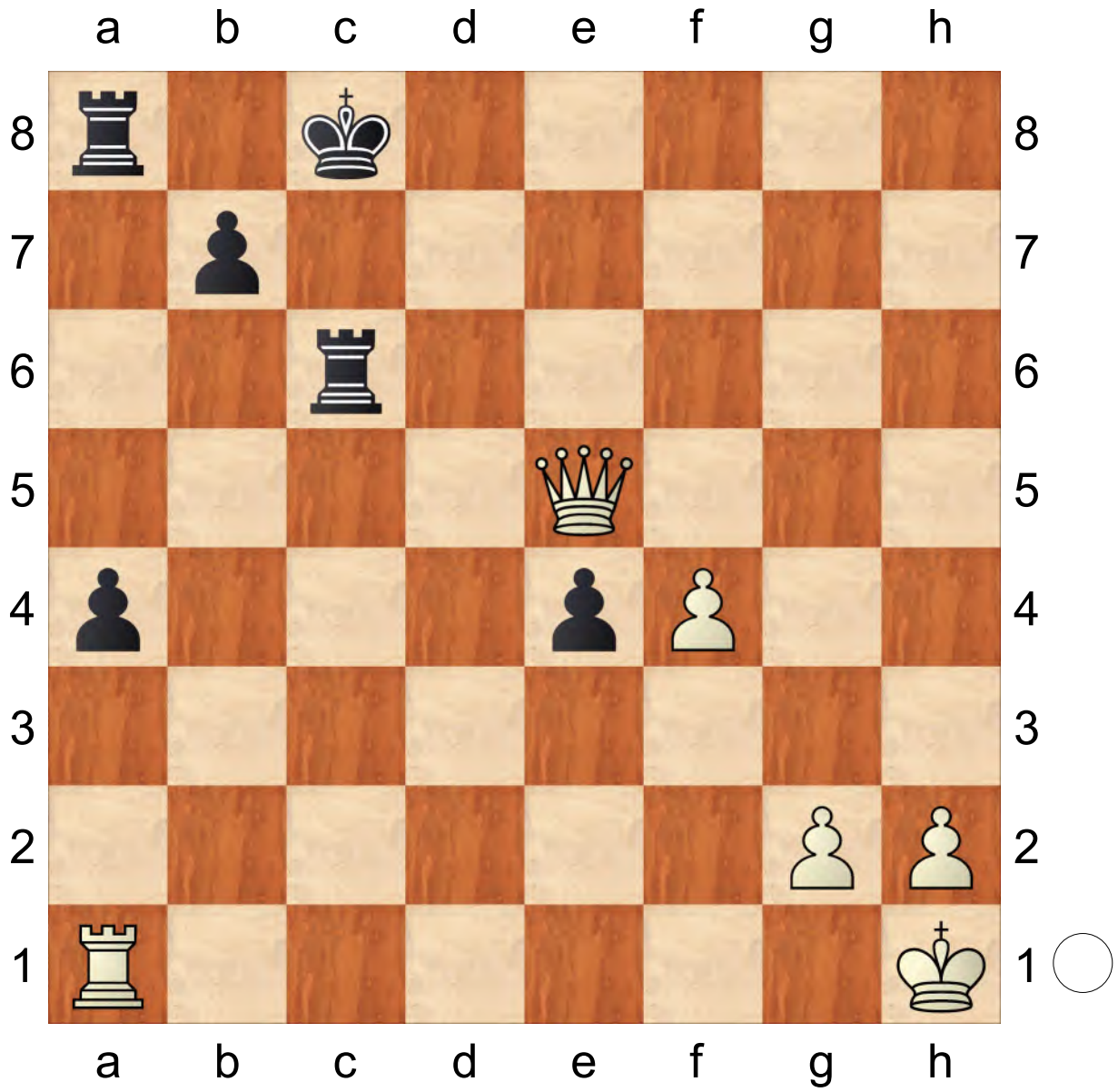


41.Qe8+ Rc8 42.Qe5+ Ka7
[42...Rc7 Grivas,Efstratios 43.Rc1+-]
43.Qxd5 Rc6 Grivas,Efstratios **44.Qd4+ Kb8 45.Qe5+ Kc8**

(Diagram)

46.Qh8+ Kc7 47.Qxa8+-

(Diagram)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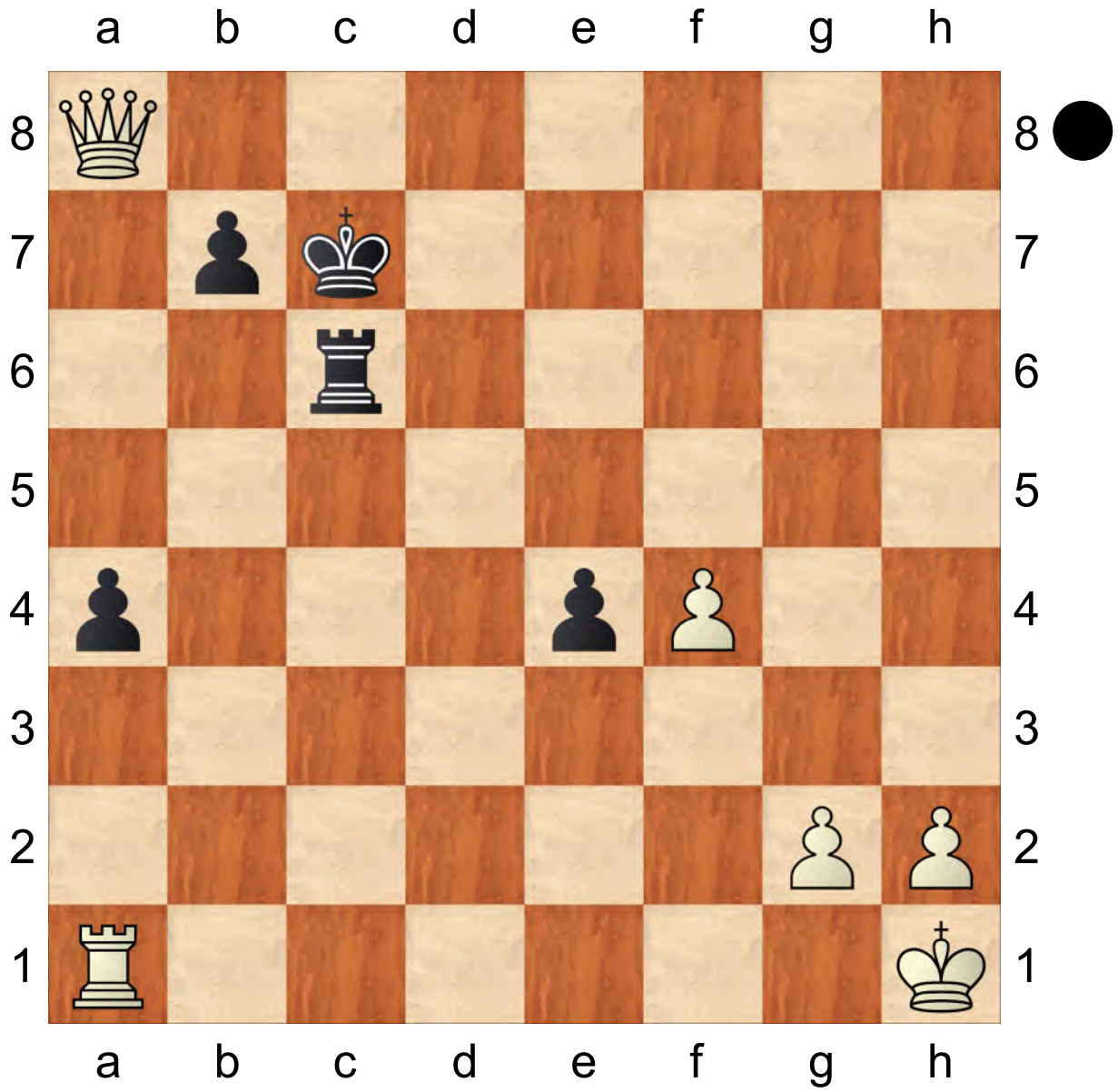

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□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2850**
■ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2748**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Richard Palliser Richard Palliser Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I'
[1.e4 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 - B13 is a line resembling our game. Later we will compare the resulting positions, here Qd7 8.Nd2 e6 9.Ngf3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6= has a reliable reputation.]
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[2.Nf3 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be2 Nfd7 *(6...Nc6 7.Bh2 Nd7 8.a4 e5 9.a5 exd4 10.exd4 a6 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nc3 Nf6 13.Re1 h6 14.d5 Ne7 15.Bf1 Nf5 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Re1 Qf8 19.b4 Re8 20.Rb1 Bc8 21.b5 axb5 22.Nxb5 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 c6 24.Qd2 cxb5 25.Bxb5 Rd8 26.Bd3 Qe7 27.Qb4 Qc7 28.g4 Ne7 29.Qb6 Qxb6 30.Rxb6 Bc3=* Carlsen,M (2850)-Aronian,L (2784) Berlin blitz 2015*)* 7.Bh2 e5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.0-0 Re8 10.Re1 a6 11.a4 b6 12.Bc4 Bb7 13.Bd5 Rb8 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qe2 Qe7 16.Rad1 Nc5 17.Qc4 a5 18.Nb5 Nd8 19.Bxb7 Ndxb7 20.Na7 Qe6 21.Qxe6 Rxe6 22.b3 f6 23.Nb5 c6 24.Nc3 Nd6 25.Nd2 Bf8 26.f3 Ree8 27.Bg3 Kf7 28.Bf2 Red8 29.Kf1 Na6 30.Ke2 Be7 31.e4± Carlsen,M (2850)-Radjabov,T (2738) Berlin rpd 2015 White has finally reactivated his bishop and is slightly better.]
2...d5 Black's reaction is still a matter of choice. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Black's reaction is still a matter of choice."
[Another solid option is 2...e6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 3.e3 c5
A) 4.c3 cxd4 *(4...b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.h3 Be7 7.Nbd2 cxd4 8.cxd4 0-0 9.a3 d6 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Bh2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Ba6 Rc7 15.Nd2 Bc6 16.Qe2 Qa8 17.e4 Bb7 18.Bd3 e5 19.Nc4 b5 20.Na5 exd4 21.Bxb5 Ne5 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Rac1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rd1 Qb6 26.a4 h6 27.Bg3 Qc5 28.Kh2 Bf6 29.f4 Ng6 30.Bd3±* Kamsky,G (2741)-Onischuk,A (2660) Saint Louis 2012*)* 5.exd4 Be7 6.Nf3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 *(9.h3 d6 10.Nbd2* -4.♘d2 *)* 9...d6 10.c4 d5 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nc6 13.a3 Na5 14.Ba2 Rc8 15.Qd3 Nd5 16.Bd2 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Bf6 18.Rad1 Bd5 19.Bb1 g6 20.Ne5 Nc4 21.Ng4 ½, Pakleza,Z (2498)-Stohl,I

(2498) CZE 2015 Bg7 22.Ne3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 f5= /∓;

B) 4.Nd2 b6 5.Ngf3 Be7 6.h3 Bb7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4

B1) 9...d6

B1a) 10.Bh2 Nbd7 11.Re1 Re8 12.c3 a6 13.Rc1 Bf8 14.a4 g6 15.Bf1 Rc8 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Ne3 Qb8 *(17...Ne4!? 18.Bd3 Ndf6⇄)* 18.Nd2 Red8 19.b4 Qa7 20.Qb3 d5 21.Rc2 Nb8 22.b5 axb5 23.axb5 Qa3 24.Qxa3 Bxa3 25.Ra1 Bd6 26.Bxd6 Rxd6 27.Ra7 Rd7 Grischuk,A (2810)-Aronian,L (2797) Beijing rpd 2014 28.c4± ;

B1b) 10.c3 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: '-4. ♘d2" 10...Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.a4 Re8 13.Bh2 Nf8 *(13...Qc7 14.c4 a5 15.Nb1 Qd8 16.Nc3 d5 17.b3 Bb4 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.Re3 Nf8 20.Nb5 Ne4 21.Rc2 Re7 22.Qc1 Nd7 23.Na7 Ra8 24.cxd5 exd5 25.Nc6 Bxc6 26.Rxc6±* Kamsky,G (2718)-Tiviakov,S (2648) Montreal 2007*)* 14.Nc4 Ng6 *(14...Nd5!?=)* 15.a5 b5 16.Nb6 Ra7 *(⌓16...Rb8)* 17.b3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.c4 bxc4 20.bxc4 Ba8 21.d5! Bf6 22.Ra3 exd5 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.cxd5 Bxd5 25.Bxg6 Bxf3 26.Bxh7+ Kxh7 27.Rxf3± Kramnik,V (2777)-Duda,J (2658) Berlin blitz 2015;

B2) 9...Ba6!? 10.Nc4 Qc8 11.Ne3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nc6 13.c3 d5 14.Rae1 Qb7 15.Ne5 Rac8 16.a3 Rfe8 17.N3g4 Ne4 18.f3 Nf6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Ne5 Qb7 21.Bg5 Nd7 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.f4 Rce8 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Re3 Qd6 26.Qe2 f6= Kramnik,V (2777)-Leko,P (2707) Skopje 2015]

3.e3 c5

[3...e6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 *(6...Be7 7.Bd3 Nh5 8.Be5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 g6 12.Rf3 Ne8 13.Rh3 f5 14.g4 Nf6 15.g5 Ne4 16.Qe1 Nxd2 17.Qh4 Nf3+ 18.Rxf3 Bd6 19.Rh3 Qc7 20.Nxg6 hxg6* Fridman,D (2616)-Naiditsch,A (2706) Poznan blitz 2014 *21.dxc5!+-)* 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 *(8.Bb5 a6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nd3 c4 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nc5 e5 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3 Re8 16.0-0 Ng4 17.g3 Qh6 18.h4 Ra7 19.Kg2 Rae7 20.Nf3 e4 21.Nh2 Nxh2 22.Kxh2 g5 23.Rh1 gxh4 24.Kg1 h3 25.Nxa6 Ra7 26.Nc5 Rxa1 27.Qxa1 Bg4↑* Carlsen,M (2850)-Karjakin,S (2762) Berlin blitz 2015*)* 8...b6

A) 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.f4 Ne7 11.Qb1 *(11.Qc2 c4 12.Be2 Nf5 13.Bf2 Be7 14.Ng4 Nxg4 15.Bxg4 Nd6 16.f5?! exf5 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Qxf5 Qc8 19.Qf3 b5 20.h4 a5 21.h5 h6 22.Bh4 Re8 23.Nf1 Qe6 24.Kf2 Bf8∓* Andreikin,D (2720)-Karjakin,S (2762) Baku 2015*)* 11...g6 12.Bf2 cxd4 13.exd4 Nh5 14.g3 f6 15.Nef3 Qc8 16.0-0 Ba6 17.Re1 Ng7 18.Kg2 Rb8 19.a3 Re8 20.Qc2 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qd7 22.Re2 a5 23.Rae1 a4 24.h3 b5= Grischuk,A (2810)-Wang,H (2710) Beijing rpd 2014;

B) 9.e4

B1) 9...Be7 10.e5 Nh5 11.a3 a5 12.Qe2 Ra7 *(12...c4 13.Bc2 b5 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Qxh5 g6 16.Qe2 f5 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.h4 Bf4 19.Bxf4 Qxf4 20.g3 Qf6 21.f4 Ra7 22.Nf3 h6 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Qg7 25.Qg4 Rd8 26.0-0-0 b4 27.Qxg6 Qxg6 28.Bxg6 Rg7 29.h5±* Kramnik,V

(2777)-Zhigalko,S (2656) Berlin rpd 2015) 13.0-0 c4 14.Bc2 b5 15.h4 g6 16.Bh2 Bxh4 17.g4 Ng7 18.Nxh4 Qxh4 19.Kg2 f5 20.exf6 Qxf6 21.Bd6 Rff7 22.f4 e5 23.dxe5 Qh4 24.f5 gxf5 25.Rh1 Qd8 26.Qe3 d4!⇄ Grischuk,A (2774)-Nakamura,H (2816) Skopje 2015;

B2) 9...dxe4!? 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bb7 12.Qa4 Qc7 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Qc4 *(14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Qb5 Na5 18.Bxb7* ½, Burmakin,V (2565)-Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2660) Barcelona 2013) 14...Rad8 15.Qxc5 f5 16.Bc2 f4 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Ng5 g6 20.Qxg6+ Qg7 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Qh3+ Kg8 23.Qe6+ Kh8 ½, Baklanov,V (2354)-Aleksandrov,A email 2003]

4.c3 In keeping with his style Carlsen opts for the more restrained continuation. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'In keeping with his style Carlsen opts for the more restrained continuation."

[After the more concrete and sharper 4.dxc5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Black should be able to hold his own in the resulting complications:

A) 4...e6 5.b4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.c3 a5

A1) 8.Qe2 axb4 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.cxb4 d4 11.Nf3 Nd5 12.0-0 dxe3 13.Bg5?! Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qc4 Qf6 16.Nd4 e2 17.Re1 Nxb4 *(17...Nf4!-+)* 18.Nd2 0-0 19.Nxc6 Nxc6 20.Ne4 Qb2 21.Qxe2 Qxe2 22.Rxe2 Ra4 23.Rb1 Rfa8 24.Rxb7 Rxa2= Savchenko,B (2583)-Motylev,A (2645) Khanty-Mansiysk 2007/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 122 by Krasenkow.;

A2) 8.Qb3 Ne4

A2a) 9.f3 e5 10.fxe4 exf4 11.Ne2 *(11.exd5 Qh4+ 12.Kd1 Qf2 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.exf4 Bg4 15.Re1 Ne7 16.d6 Nf5 17.d7+ Kb8 18.Kd2 Ne3 19.Qxf7 Bxd7! 20.Bxd7 Kc7-+* Rumyantsev,V (1812)-Bohak,J (2185) email 2010) 11...Qh4+ 12.g3 fxg3 13.Nxg3 dxe4 14.0-0 Be6 15.Qa4 Rc8 16.Nd2 Be7 17.Bc4 0-0 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Ndxe4 Ne5 20.Qd1 axb4 21.cxb4 Rxf1+ 22.Qxf1 Ra8 23.Qe2 Bg5⇄ Sanchez Riera,X-Franco Rincon,D (2142) email 2011;

A2b) 9.Ne2 g5 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 *(10...bxc6!? 11.Be5 f6 12.Bg3 Bg7⩲)* 11.Be5 f6 12.Bg3 *(12.Bd4!?)* 12...h5 *(12...axb4 13.cxb4 b6!∞)* 13.f3 h4 14.fxe4 *(14.Bf2±)* 14...hxg3 15.Nxg3 Qc7 16.0-0 0-0-0 *(16...Qh7!?)* 17.Nd2 Be7 18.Nf3 g4? *(18...Rxh2 19.Nxh2 Qxg3 20.Rf3±)* 19.Nd4 Rxh2 20.Rf4 Rdh8 21.Nxe6 Qe5 22.Nd4+- Karjakin,S (2762)-Gajewski,G (2654) Berlin rpd 2015;

B) 4...Qa5+ 5.Nc3 Qxc5 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.a4 g6 9.Be5 Bg7 10.Bd4 Qb4+ 11.c3 Qa5 12.Nxa7 0-0 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Be2 Nb8 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qxd5 Nc6 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qa2 Qb6 19.b4+- Stefanova,A (2551)-Harika,D (2515) Khanty-Mansiysk olw 2010;

C) 4...Nc6 5.Bb5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Nf3 *(8.Qd4 e6 9.b4 Qa3 10.Nge2 a5 11.Rb1 axb4 12.Rxb4 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Be7 15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.cxd6 0-0 17.Ng3 Rfc8 18.Qd2 Rd8 19.e4 dxe4 20.c4*

Qxa2 21.Qxa2 Rxa2 22.Rb6 h5 23.Rxc6 h4∓ Grischuk,A (2781)-Anand,V (2804) Stavanger blitz 2015*)* 8...Ne4!? *(8...e6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.a3 Qxc5 11.Na4 Qa7 12.c4 Be7 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rxc8+ Bxc8 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.exd4 Bd7 18.Nb6 Bd8 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Rc1 f6 21.Rc6 Kf7 22.Rxa6±* Grischuk,A (2771)-Anand,V (2816) Saint Louis 2015 For more details about this game see the notes in CBM 168 by Wagner.*)* 9.Qd4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 f6 11.0-0 e5 12.Bxe5 fxe5 13.Qxe5+ Kf7 14.Ng5+ Kg8 15.Qe8 *(15.Ne6 Bd7 16.Nxf8 Rxf8=)* 15...Qc7 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.Qxe6+ Qf7 18.Qxc6 Ra7 19.Rfd1 h5 20.Qxd5 Rc7 21.Rab1 Rxc5 22.Qa8 Rh6 23.Rb8 Rb5 24.Rxb5 axb5 25.a4 ½, Beecham,C (2499)-Mahling,T (2467) email 2008]

4...Nc6 5.Nd2 cxd4

[However, the more usual 5...Bf5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' is also fully playable: 6.Qb3 *(6.Ngf3 Qb6 7.Qb3 c4 8.Qxb6 axb6= 9.a3 h6 10.Be2 b5 11.0-0 e6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Nd4 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Nc5 17.Nd4 Ra5 18.Bg3 Be7 19.f3 0-0 20.Rad1 Nd3 21.Rd2 Bc5 22.Bh4 Ra6 23.f4 f6 24.exf6 gxf6 25.Re2 e5 26.fxe5 fxe5 27.Rxf8+ Bxf8 28.Nxb5 Rb6 29.a4 Ra6 30.h3 Rxa4∓* Eljanov,P (2717)-Bluebaum,M (2588) Berlin blitz 2015*)* 6...Qd7 7.Ngf3 c4 8.Qd1 e6 9.Be2 *(9.h3 h6 10.Be2 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.b3 b5 13.a4 a6 14.b4 Qc7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qc1 Nd7 17.Qb2 Nb6 18.Bd1 Rfb8 19.a5 Nd7 20.Bc2 Bxc2 21.Qxc2 e5 22.dxe5 Ndxe5 23.Rad1 Nd3 24.Ne1 Nce5 25.Ndf3 Nxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Rd8 27.Rd2 Rd7 28.Rfd1 Rad8 29.Ne1 Ne5=* Grachev,B (2654)-Eljanov,P (2742) Moscow blitz 2010*)* 9...h6 10.0-0 Bd6 *(10...Be7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0 13.Bf3 b5 14.a3 a5 15.Re1 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.a4 Rfc8 18.axb5 Qxb5 19.Qa4 Qd5 20.Bg3 h5 21.h3 h4 22.Bh2 f6 23.f3 Qb7 24.Qc2 exf3 25.e4!?∞* Kamsky,G (2741)-Potkin,V (2647) Khanty-Mansiysk 2013*)* 11.b3 *(11.Bxd6 Qxd6=)* 11...Bxf4 12.exf4 cxb3 13.axb3 0-0 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Qc1 Rfc8 16.Qb2 a6 17.h3 Qb6 18.Rfc1 Rc7 19.Bf1 Rac8 20.Nd3 Nd7 21.Qa3? *(21.b4!?∞)* 21...Na7! 22.Qb2 Nb5**∓** Grachev,B (2673)-Najer,E (2646) Moscow blitz 2014]

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[8...h6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 9.Ne5 g5 10.Bg3 Bg7 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 e6 13.Rae1 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Nd3 Bh7 16.Qd1 Ne7 17.Be5 f6 18.Bd6 Re8 19.Bh5 Bg6 20.Bxe7 Bxh5 21.Qxh5 Rxe7 22.f4 Qe8 23.Qf3 f5 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.g4**±** Carlsen,M (2850)-Wagner,D (2575) Berlin rpd 2015]

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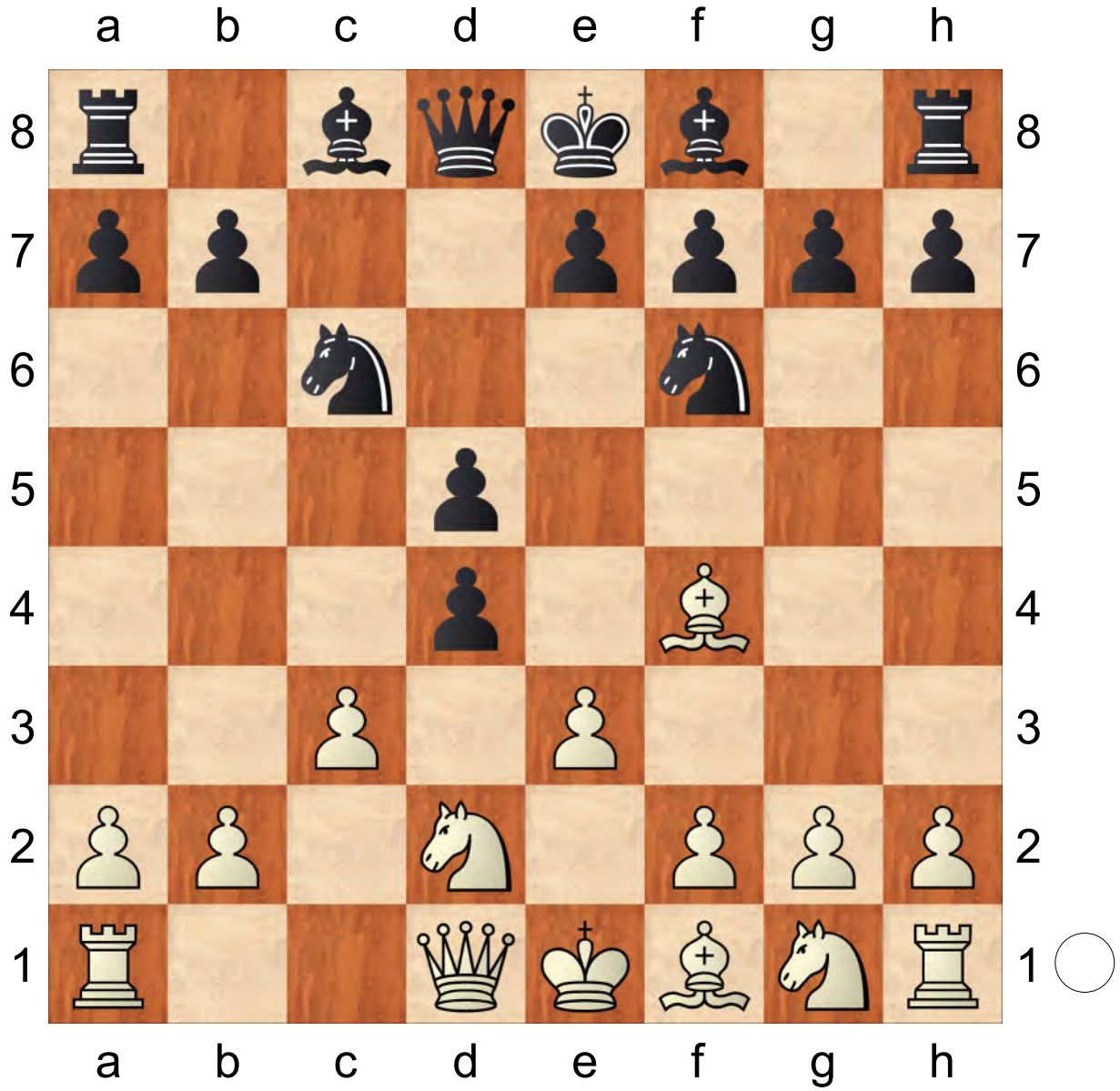

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[9.Ne5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Be7 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 Nb8 14.a4 Nc6 15.a5 a6 16.Qa4 Qd7 17.b4 Eljanov,P (2717)-Motylev,A (2649) Berlin blitz 2015 e5!⇄ Δ 18.dxe5 d4]

[Richard Palliser: 'The critical test, if not forced and we considered' 9.Be2

A) 9...Be7 Richard Palliser 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rfe1 *(11.Nh4!)* 11...a6 12.a4 Ne4!? in an earlier game with a Scandinavian connection, Ringoir-Palac, Tromso Olympiad 2014.;

B) 9...h6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 10.h3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfe1 Bd8 *(12...a6 13.a4 Nd7 14.Bf1 Re8 15.Rac1 Na5 16.Qa2 Nb6 17.b4 Nac4 18.a5 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nb8 21.Nc5± Grachev,B (2666)-Motylev,A (2648) Sochi rpd 2015)* 13.a4 Bc7= ½, Grachev,B (2666)-Motylev,A (2648) St

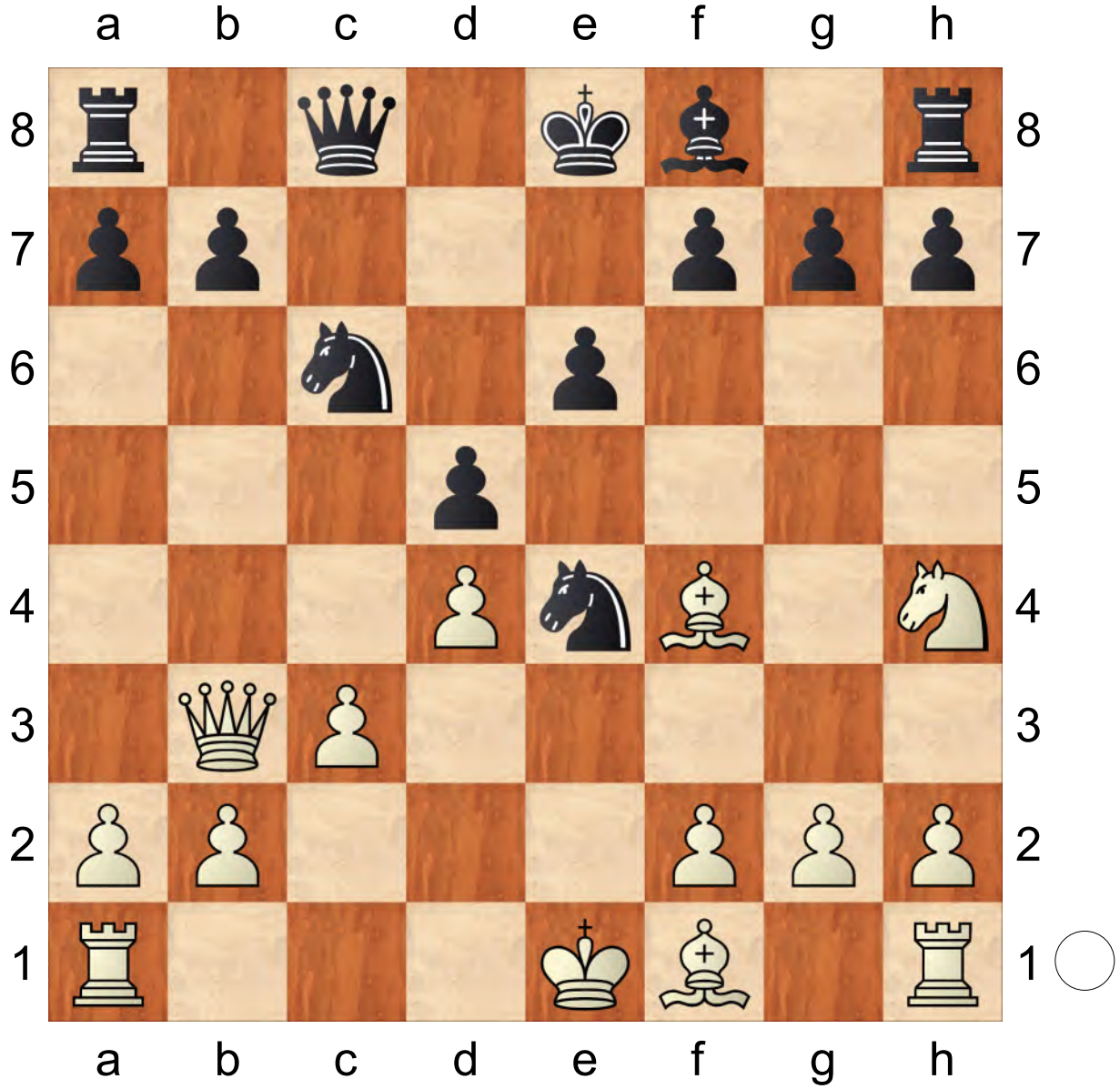
Petersburg rpd 2015]

9...Be4

[Richard Palliser: 'Invariably played, although Eric thought that' 9...Bg6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 Richard Palliser: 'followed by a timely ...Be7-d8-c7 was OK - see the Archive for his analysis.' 11.h3 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Be7 12.Bd3 Bd8 13.Nf3 Bc7 14.Be3 0-0 15.Qc2 a6 16.h4 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.0-0-0 Re8 20.Kb1 b5 21.Bg5 Ne4 22.Bc1 b4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.cxb4 Qg4 25.Rhe1 Bf6 26.g3 Rac8 27.Qb3± Grischuk,A (2774)-Motylev,A (2649) Berlin rpd 2015]

10.Nxe4 Nxe4

[To my mind 10...dxe4 (Richard Palliser) is pretty logical, playing against the knight on the rim and Eric considered 11.g3 Be7 12.Ng2 0-0 13.Be2 Nd5 in Sedlak-Ragger, Greek Team Championship 2012.]



11.Nf3 Richard Palliser: '!?' '!?' **11...Bd6 12.Bxd6** Richard Palliser: '!' '!'
[Richard Palliser: 'Wojtaszek was actually involved in the first high-level test of this position, taking the upper hand after' Radek's previous experience went Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Radek's previous experience went'' 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qc7 14.Bd3 h6 15.g4 0-0-0 Richard Palliser: '!' '!' 16.Kf1 Kb8 17.a4 Rhe8 18.a5 Richard Palliser: '?!' '?!' Richard Palliser: '(too ambitious)' Nxa5 19.Qa4 Nc6 20.b4 Qb6 21.g3 e5 Richard Palliser: 'in Kamsky-Wojtaszek, Russian Team Championship 2015.' 22.b5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Nxd4 23.cxd4 e4∓ Kamsky,G (2683)-Wojtaszek,R (2737) Sochi 2015/ Black had no problems whatsoever, therefore he was willing to repeat the line even against Carlsen.]
12...Nxd6 13.Bd3 Qc7
[13...0-0 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 14.Qc2 h6 can transpose into games from the following note. I somehow doubt Carlsen would go in for something wild like 15.g4 *(15.0-0-0 b5∓)* 15...Re8 16.0-0-0 b5∞ /∓]
14.Qc2!?N Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'N!?'' A tricky move order; for the time being Carlsen leaves his king on e1 and wants his opponent to disclose his castling intentions first. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'A tricky move order; for the time being Carlsen leaves his king on e1 and wants his opponent to disclose his castling intentions first.''
[Richard Palliser: 'The position is obviously not dissimilar to our last note, except that White doesn't have a half-open g-file. London players normally love such an asset, but maybe Carlsen's approach here will force a revaluation. Note too that here' 14.0-0 0-0 Richard Palliser: 'would take play back into the realm of Sandipan-Kasimdzhanov.' Richard Palliser: ', as we considered in Sandipan-Kasimdzhanov, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014, and presumably this was too drawish for the world champion's taste.' 15.Qc2 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' h6 *(15...g6 16.Rfe1 b5 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Rab8 20.h4 Qd8 21.h5 Qf6 22.Rae1 Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.R1e3 Rb6 25.Rf3 Qe7 26.Rh3 Rh8 27.Qe2 Rhb8 28.Qe3 Qf6 29.Rf3 Qh4 30.Rh3 Qf6 31.Rf3=* Sandipan,C (2594)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2700) Dubai rpd 2014*)* 16.Qe2 Rab8 17.a4 *(17.b4?! Ne7 18.Rac1 Nec8 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd3 g6 21.Qe2 N8d6 22.h4 Rfe8 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Nc4 25.Rfe1 h5∓* Karlik,V (2248)-Vrana,J (2298) Novy Bor 2010*)* 17...Rbe8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 ½, Sedlak,N (2538)-Prohaszka,P (2573) Hungary 2012 19.Qxe5 *(19.dxe5 Nc4=)* 19...Re7= We have already mentioned a position like this in the very first note, here the strategy is very similar. In the reversed Carlsbad structure White's chances for a successful kingside attack with only one pair of minor pieces are minimal; moreover Black has reasonable queenside counterplay.]
14...0-0-0 Richard Palliser: '!?' '!?' Radek repeats queenside castling from Kamsky-Wojtaszek above, but here the situation is different. While the text move is probably objectively playable, a more circumspect one was Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Radek repeats queenside castling from Kamsky-Wojtaszek above, but here the situation is different. While the text move is probably objectively playable, a more circumspect

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[Richard Palliser: 'Ambitious. Many would have waited for White to go long first, such as with' 14...h6 and we will probably get a position from the previous note. And if Black is too worried, his king can still copy White's castling... Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'and we will probably get a position from the previous note. And if Black is too worried, his king can still copy White's castling...'' 15.0-0-0 Richard Palliser 0-0-0 , but here 16.Kb1 might be a little something for White. Put simply he can clamp down on e5 with Rhe1 and, with his kingside pawns still intact, try to seize space with a timely h4-h5 followed by g2-g4-g5.]

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(Diagram)

16.a4 Kb8 17.Rfe1 A sound positional move. White is in no hurry to push b4 and give Black play against c3. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'A sound positional move. White is in no hurry to push b4 and give Black play against c3."

[Carlsen is also not interested in the typical, but unclear pawn sacrifice 17.a5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Nxa5!? 18.Qa4 *(18.Ra4!? Nc6 19.Rfa1⩲)* 18...b6∞]

17...Rc8 18.Qd1 Richard Palliser: '!' '!' Richard Palliser: 'A very Carlsen move, allowing the queen to eye the g4-square. White has also realised that a quick b2-b4 wouldn't produce any attack, but would give Black good counterplay on the c-file, so for now White calmly improves his pieces.'

[18.Qe2 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' seems more natural, but White maybe already anticipated using this square for a different piece later on. g5∞ *(18...Rhe8!?⇄)*]

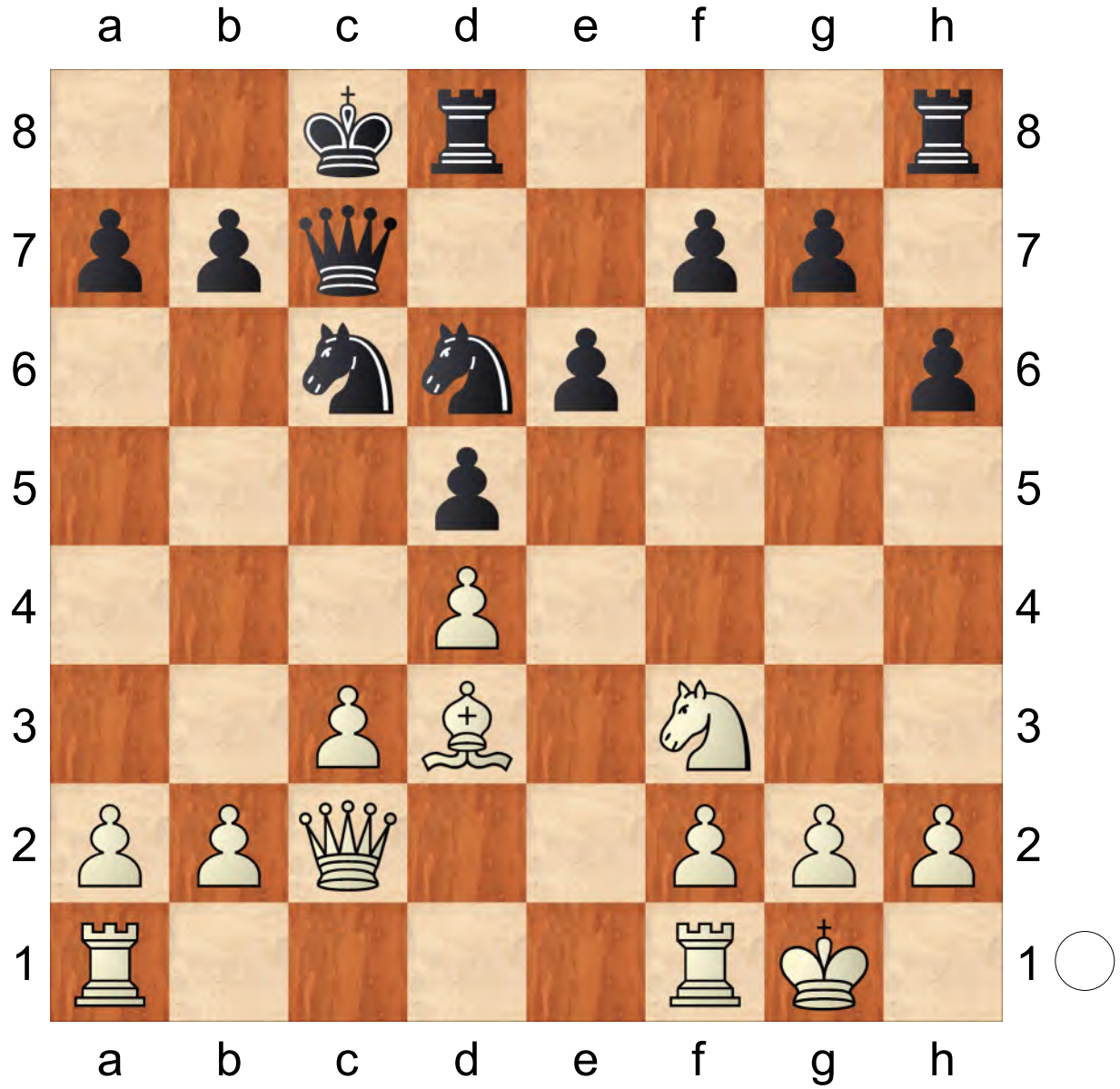
18...Rhe8 Starting from this moment onwards kingside expansion would seem natural. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Starting from this moment onwards kingside expansion would seem natural."

[However, after 18...g5 Black must reckon with 19.Ne5!? Richard Palliser: 'was presumably White's idea and after' h5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' *(19...Nxe5* Richard Palliser *20.Rxe5 Rcg8 21.a5 h5* it's hard to believe he will get mated on the kingside.*)* 20.Qf3 Nxe5 21.dxe5 *(21.Rxe5 Qd8∞)* 21...Nc4 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Rad1⩲ - here his 18th move has only weakened his setup.]

19.Bf1 Richard Palliser: 'Very calm and unhurried.' **19...Re7**

[19...f6!? Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I']

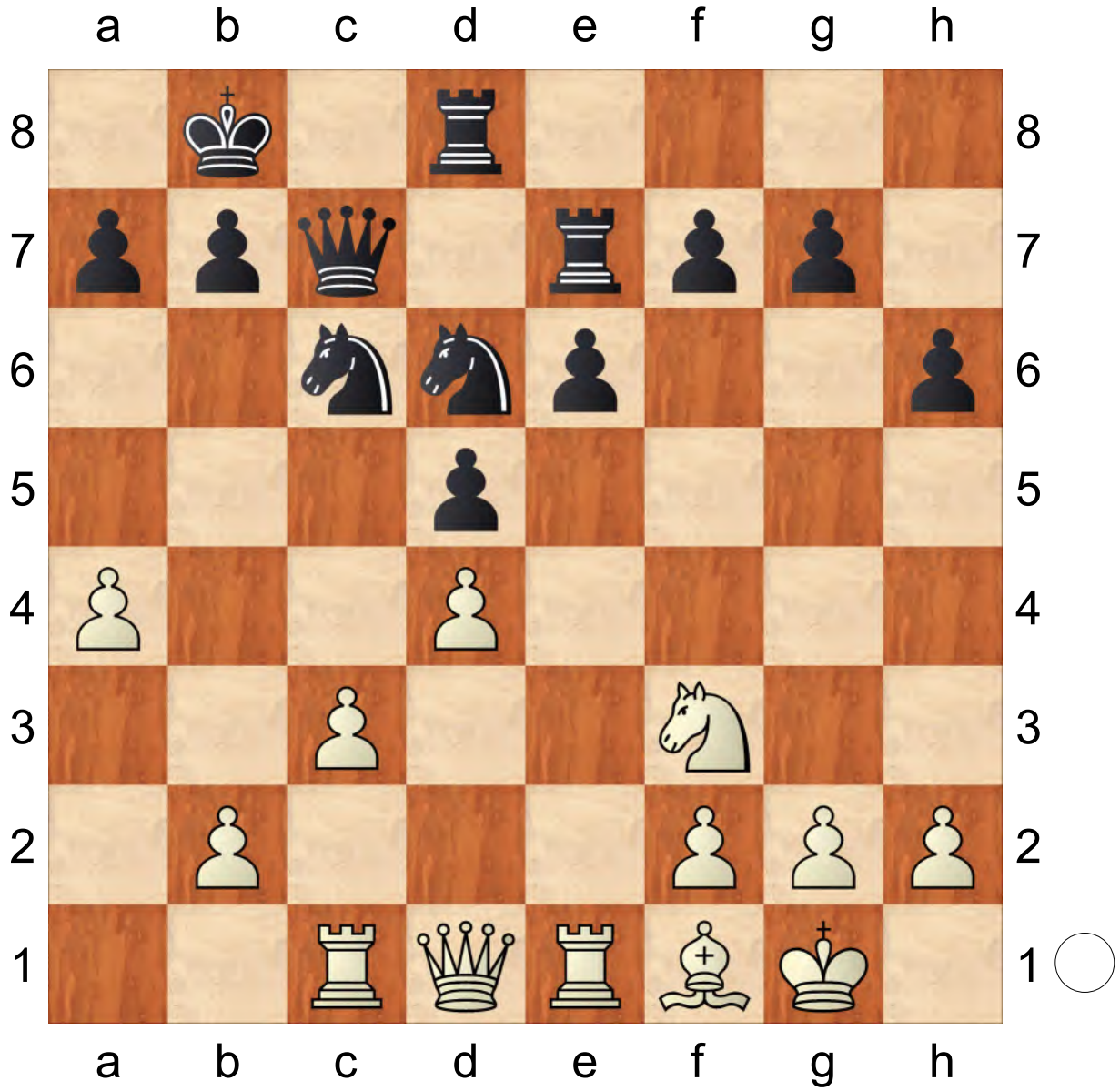
20.Rc1 Rd8



[Although it's difficult to evaluate the position unequivocally, the time already seems ripe for 20...g5!?∞ Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I']

(Diagram)

Restrained manoeuvring. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Restrained manoeuvring." **21.Re2** Richard Palliser: 'Yet another piece can be improved before the b-pawn is finally advanced. The engines think the position is about equal, but White holds a small edge in my view, since his king is the safer (a bishop on g2 or even just f1 is often a good defender), and because any opening of the centre should favour him.' This frees e1 for the knight. Although this will work nicely in the game, right now it's not too impressive. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'This frees e1 for the knight. Although this



will work nicely in the game, right now it's not too impressive."
[21.b4!? Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' g5 22.Nd2∞]
21...Ne4?! Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: '?!" This doesn't seem ideal anymore. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'This doesn't seem ideal anymore."
[Richard Palliser: 'Faced with having to come up with a plan, Wojtaszek begins to drift a little.' 21...g5⇄ Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: ' ⇄" 22.b4 Richard Palliser g4 23.Ne5 h5 was positionally committal, but also likely a better try.]
22.b4! Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: '!" **22...Ng5**
[22...g5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 23.b5 g4 *(23...Na5 24.c4!↑)* 24.Nd2 Nxd2 25.Qxd2 Na5 26.Qxh6±]
[⌓22...f5!? Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 23.b5 Na5 is maybe better, but I can understand Black was unwilling to make such a committal move.]
23.Ne1 Richard Palliser: '!?' '!?' Richard Palliser: 'Another move which few would

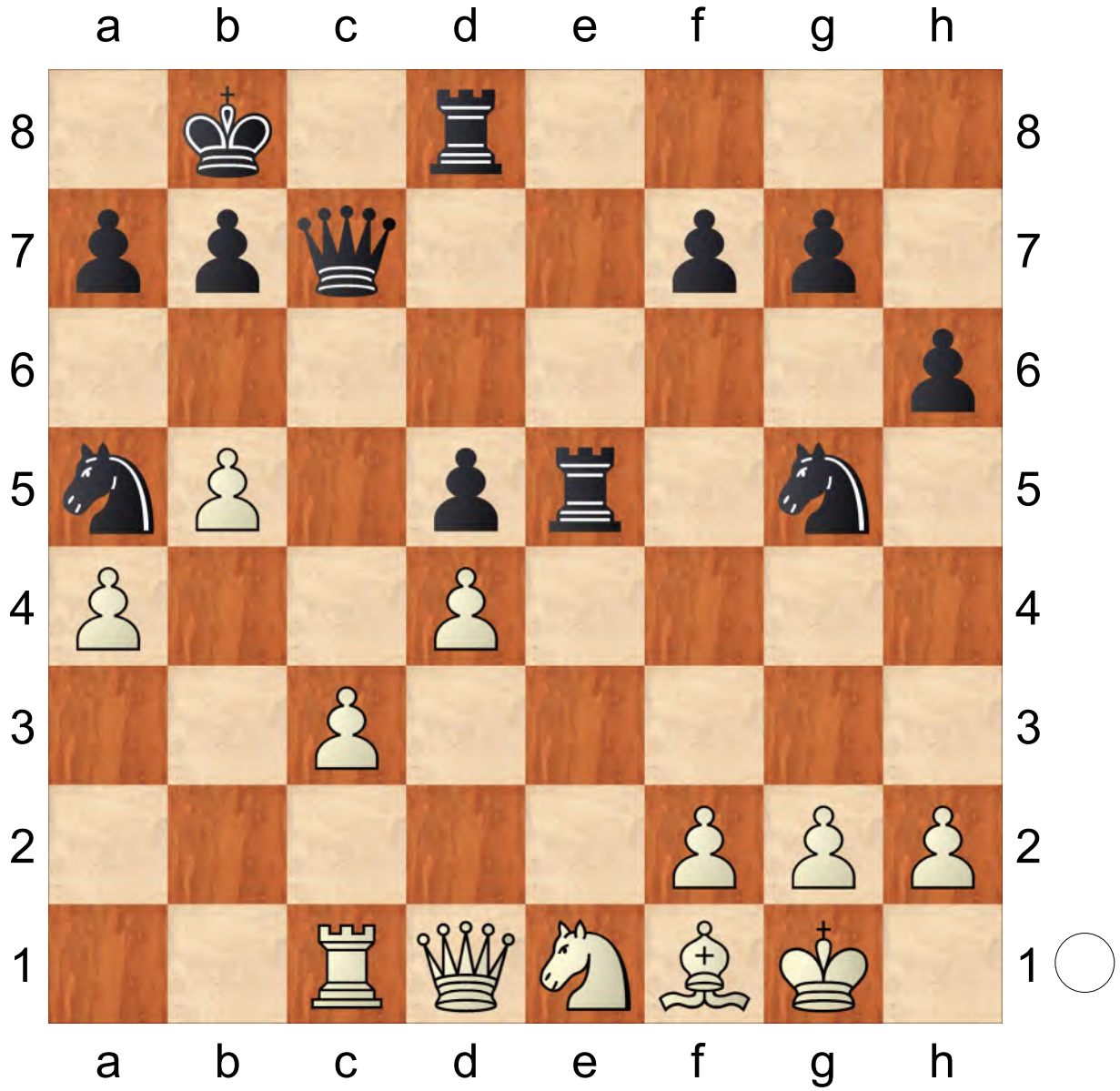
have played and one no doubt designed to provoke Black's next.' **23...e5** Richard Palliser: '?!' '?!' seeking quick central counterplay. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'seeking quick central counterplay."

[White already has a lead in his attack after 23...f6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 24.a5!? *(24.Nd3 e5 25.a5 e4 26.Nc5 f5 27.Ra2↑* is a line, given by Danny King - also here White's play is more straightforward and dangerous.*)* 24...e5 25.a6 b6 26.Nc2± /↑]

24.b5 Richard Palliser: '!' '!'

[The Polish no.1 was no doubt hoping for 24.Nd3 Richard Palliser e4 25.Nc5 f5 when he might well have obtained something on the kingside, but the world champion finds something much better.]

24...Na5 25.Rxe5 Rxe5



26.dxe5 Qxe5 27.c4↑ Richard Palliser: 'This is the position Carlsen had in mind

when he retreated his knight to e1. All White's pieces are on the back rank, but he is the better coordinated and Wojtaszek must have been left wondered why he did all White's hard work for him by pushing ...e6-e5.' Richard Palliser: 'This is the position Carlsen had in mind when he retreated his knight to e1. All White's pieces are on the back rank, but he is the better coordinated and Wojtaszek must have been left wondered why he did all White's hard work for him by pushing ...e6-e5. Stohl,I: ' ↑" Despite all his pieces on the basic rank, Magnus is pushing! The main reason is Black's forces are uncoordinated, once the game has opened up especially the decentralised knights are a problem. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Despite all his pieces on the basic rank, Magnus is pushing! The main reason is Black's forces are uncoordinated, once the game has opened up especially the decentralised knights are a problem." **27...Ne6 28.Nf3**

[28.c5!? Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Rc8 *(28...Qd4 29.Nd3* is similar*)* 29.Nd3↑ **Δ** Qd4 30.c6 bxc6 31.Qe1→]

28...Qf4? Gives White's initiative a further boost. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Gives White's initiative a further boost."

[28...Qe4 Richard Palliser: 'would have stayed in touch with d5, although even here after' 29.c5↑ Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: ' ↑" Rc8 Richard Palliser 30.Bd3 Qf4 31.g3 Qf6 32.c6! White can be quite happy, d5 falling in the event of multiple exchanges.]

[However, even after the better ⌓28...Qd6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 29.cxd5 Qxd5 30.Qe1 b6 31.Rc3 *(* or *31.g3!?±* Black's king is more vulnerable and he is worse. *)*]

29.cxd5 Richard Palliser: '!' '!' **29...Rxd5**

[29...Nc7 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 30.g3 Qd6 31.Rc2±]

30.Qxd5 Qxc1

(Diagram)

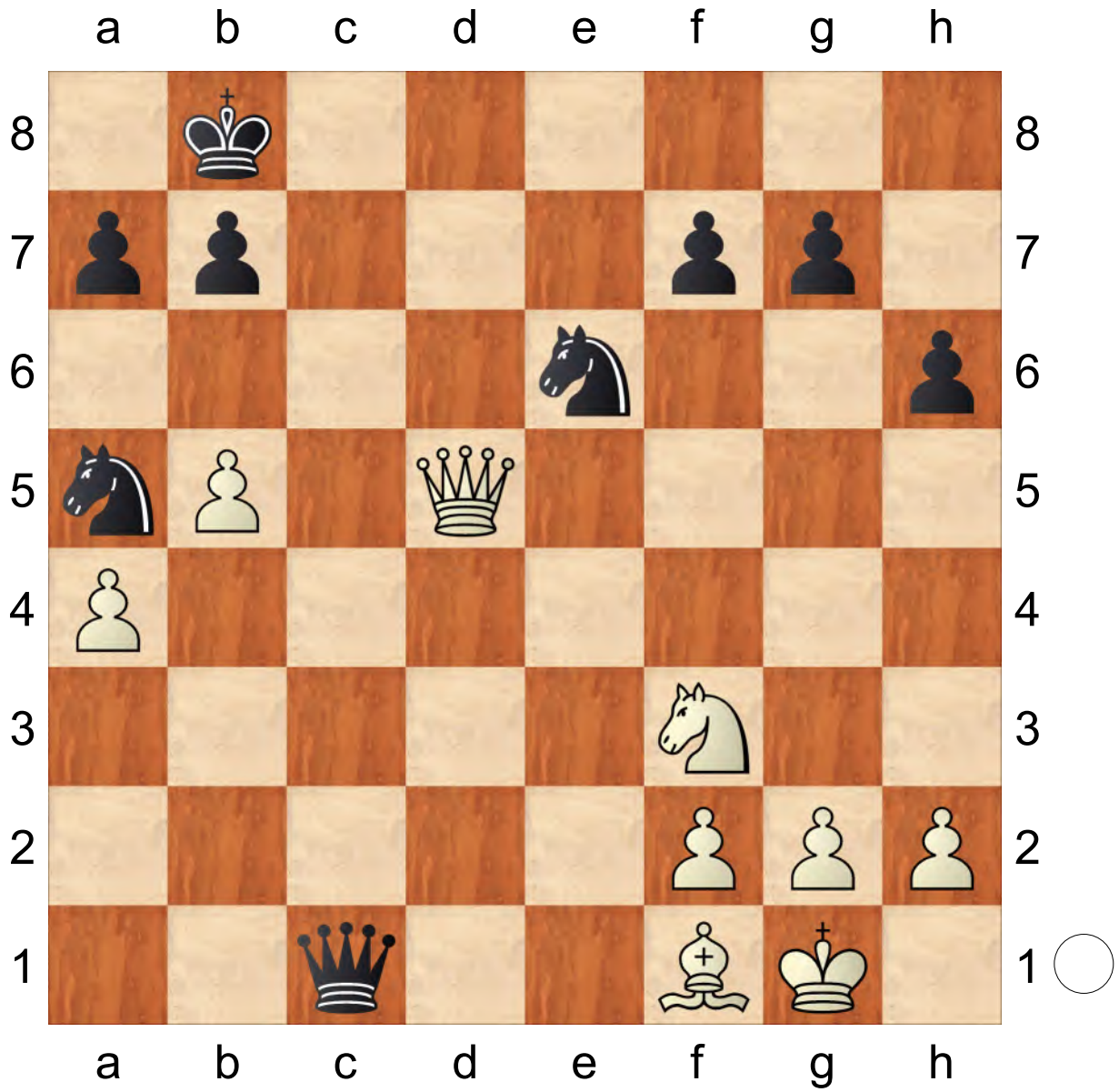
31.g3!± Richard Palliser: 'Played even more to keep the knight on e6 fully under control than to create luft. Meanwhile the other black knight on a5 is beginning to look rather out of play indeed.' Richard Palliser: 'Played even more to keep the knight on e6 fully under control than to create luft. Meanwhile the other black knight on a5 is beginning to look rather out of play indeed. Stohl,I: ' ±!" A strong multi-purpose move. It gives the king luft, limits the ♘e6, prepares ♘e5 and frees g2 or h3 for the bishop. Carlsen winds up the attack impeccably. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'A strong multi-purpose move. It gives the king luft, limits the ♘e6, prepares ♘e5 and frees g2 or h3 for the bishop. Carlsen winds up the attack impeccably."

[31.Ne5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' Qc7 32.g3 Qd8 33.Qe4 Qc7 34.Qe3↑ is less convincing.]

31...Qc5

[31...Qc7 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 32.Bh3 Nc5 33.Ne5→]

[A more resilient try was ⌓31...Qc8!? Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 32.Bh3 Nc4±]



32.Qd7 Qf8

[Richard Palliser: 'Suddenly f7 is pretty vulnerable, as if' 32...Qc7 33.Qe8+ Qd8 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' *(33...Nd8 34.Ne5 f6?* Richard Palliser *35.Nf7! .)* 34.Qxf7+-]

[32...Qf5 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 33.Nd4! and Black's kingside collapses: Nxd4

A) 34.Qd8+ Qc8 35.Qxd4 f6 *(35...Qf8 36.Qf4+ Ka8 37.Qc7 Nb3 38.Bg2 Qb8 39.Qc3+-)* 36.Qd6+ Ka8 37.Qe7+-;

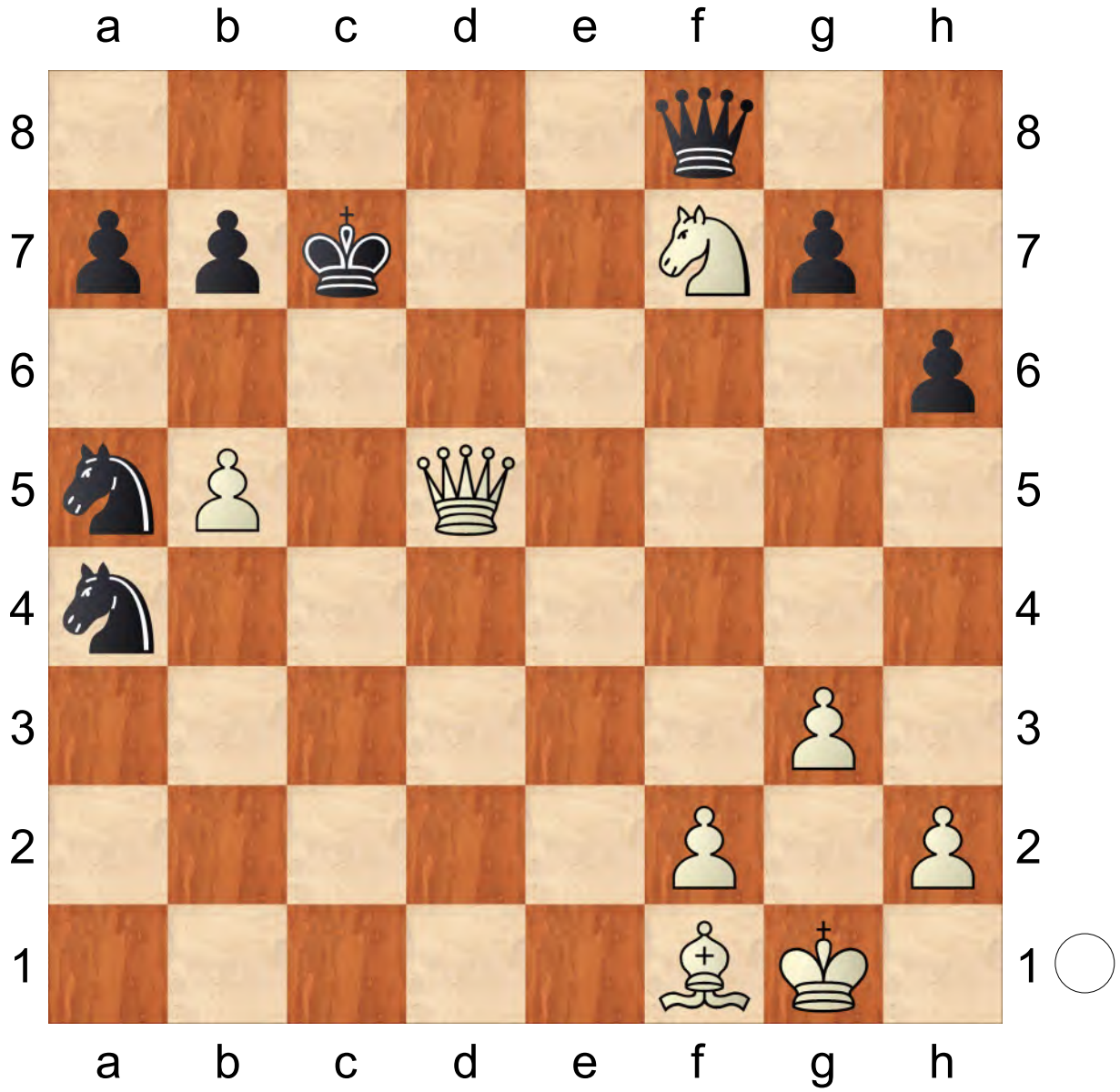
B) 34.Qd6+ Kc8 35.Qxd4+-]

33.Ne5+- Richard Palliser: '!' '!' Richard Palliser: 'In almost no time at all, Black has been completely outplayed. White now dominates the board and already there's no real defence.' Richard Palliser: 'In almost no time at all, Black has been completely outplayed. White now dominates the board and already there's no real defence. Stohl, I: '+-" **33...Nc5 34.Qd5 Kc7**

[Unfortunately for Black, 34...f6? (Richard Palliser) would have been rebuffed by 35.Qxc5! .]

35.Nxf7 Nxa4

[35...Qe7 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 36.Ne5 Nxa4 37.Ng6 Qd6 *(37...Qd7 38.Qe5+ Kb6 39.Nf8+-)* 38.Qf7++- Δ Qd7 39.Qf4+]



Richard Palliser: 'Very hard to criticise, but now the attack proves decisive.' Trying to keep at least material equal, but this won't last for long. Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: 'Trying to keep at least material equal, but this won't last for long." **36.Qe5+ Kb6□** Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I: '□"

[36...Kc8 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' 37.Bh3#]

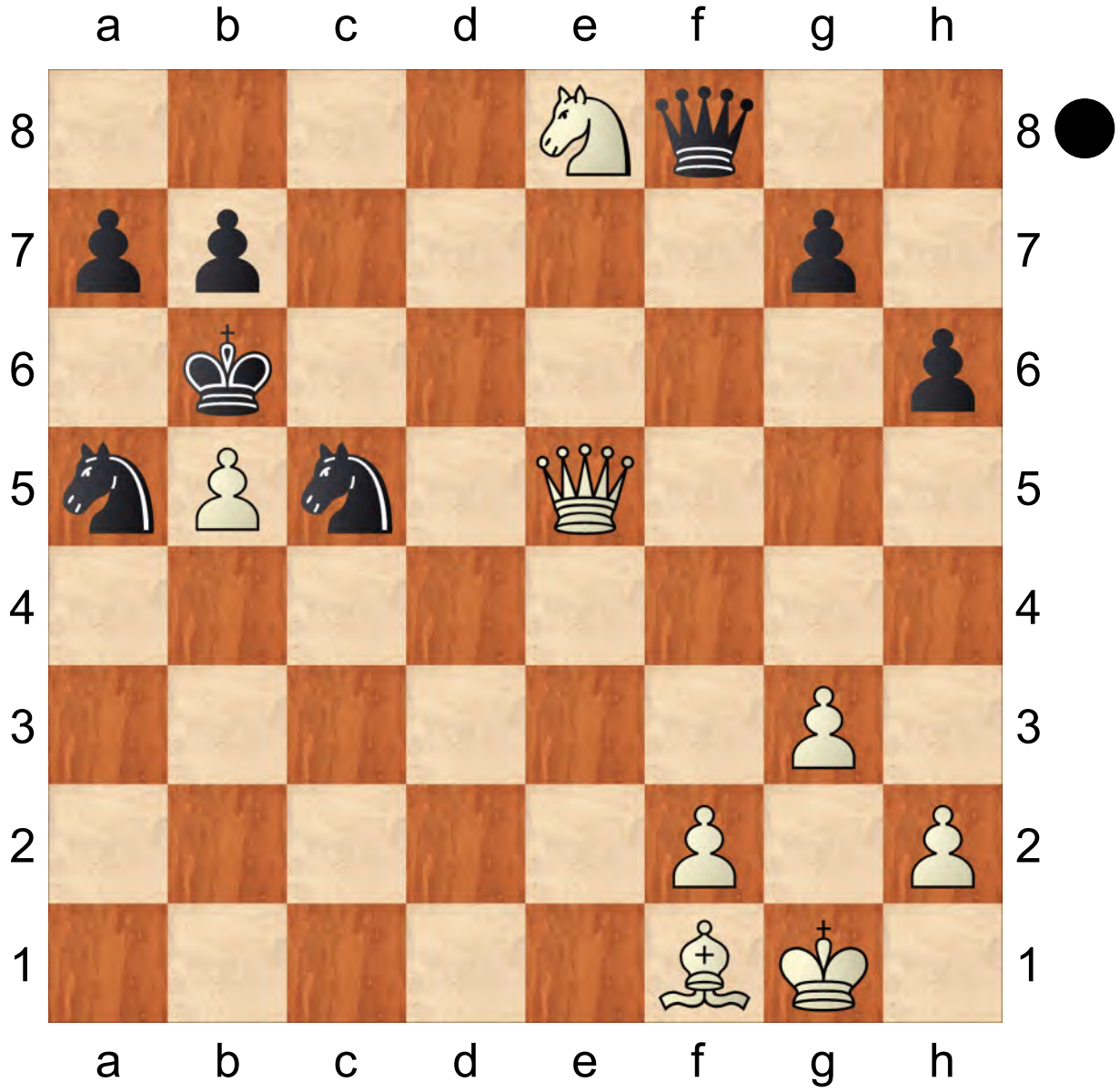
37.Nd6 Nc5

[37...a6 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I'

A) 38.Qe6 Kc7 *(38...Ka7 39.bxa6+-)* 39.Ne8+ Kb8 40.bxa6+-;
B) 38.Bh3!? Nc5 39.Nc8+ Kxb5 40.Bf1+ Kb4 41.Qe1++-]

38.Ne8

[Richard Palliser: 'Magical manoeuvring from Magnus. Mate on c7 is threatened, Black's queen must remain guarding d6, and if' 38.Ne8 Qf7 Richard Palliser: 'Stohl,I' *(38...a6* Richard Palliser *39.Qc7+ Ka7 40.b6+* followed by mate.*)* 39.Qd6++-]



Richard Palliser: '!' '!'

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□ **Jones,Gawain C B** **2682**
■ **McShane,Luke J** **2664**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3

[4.exd5 is played somewhat more often, after Qxd5 *(Although Korchnoi never lost after 4...exd5* against Karpov, nowadays French fans prefer to avoid playing with the isolani.*)* the independent continuation is 5.dxc5 and now: *(5.Ngf3 cxd4* transposes to the main line *)*

A) Black has more often played 5...Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 More popular is immediately hitting the ♕ with

A1) 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qe2 Nbd7

A1a) 9.Ne4 b6 10.Nxc5 Qxc5 *(10...Nxc5∞)* 11.Be3 *(11.0-0 Bb7⇄)* 11...Qc7 12.Bd4 Bb7 13.0-0-0 Nc5 14.Be5 Nxd3+ 15.Rxd3 Qc4 16.Nd4 Be4 17.Re3 Qxa2 18.Bxf6 Bg6 19.Ra3 Qd5∓ Kasparov,G (2770)-Anand,V (2650) Reggio Emilia 1992 Anand's only classical win with black against Kasparov was annotated by Knaak in CBM 027.;

A1b) 9.b3

A1b1) 9...b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.0-0-0 a5 12.Rhe1?! *(12.a4±)* 12...a4 13.Ne4 Qh5 14.Nfg5 Qh6 15.Kb1 axb3 16.axb3 Ba3 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6⇄ 18.Bxf6? Qxf6 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Qh5 Qb2# Rublevsky,S (2595)-Beliavsky,A (2650) Novosibirsk 1995

A1b2) 9...Ng4!? 10.0-0 Nde5 11.Be4 Nxf3+ 12.Nxf3 Qh5 13.Bf4 Nf6 14.Rad1 Qg4 15.Qc4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 f6 17.h3 Qg6 18.Qc4 Bb6 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Qe8 21.Ng5 Qe7 22.Ne4 Rd8 23.Rd4 Rxd4 24.exd4 b6 25.d5 Bb7 26.d6 Rublevsky,S (2685)-Ivanov,S (2550) St Petersburg 1998 Qf7 27.Ng5 Bd5!=;

A2) 7.Bc4 Qc6 8.Qe2 *(8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 a6 10.a4 b6 11.Nb3 Bb7 12.Nxc5 Nxc5* Zherebukh,Y (2605)-So,W (2822) Saint Louis 2017 *13.b3±)* 8...0-0

A2a) 9.Nb3 Be7 *(⌓9...Bd6!?)* 10.Bf4! a6 11.0-0 b5 12.Bd3 Qb6 13.a4 Nd5 14.Bg3 b4 15.a5 Qd8 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Nd7 18.Nc4 Qc8 Adams,M (2745)-Gupta,A (2626) Douglas 2016 19.Nd6↑ *(19.Be4!?)*;

A2b) 9.0-0 b6 *(*More promising is *9...a6!?* **Δ** *10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Bd6⇄)* 10.Nb3 Bb7 11.Nxc5 Qxc5 12.b3 Nbd7 13.Bb2 Qh5 14.Ne5 Qxe2 15.Bxe2 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Ne4 18.f3 Nc5 19.Kf2 f6 20.Bc7 Rdc8 21.Bd6 Bd5 22.c4 Bc6 23.b4 Bruzon Batista,L (2653)-Lenderman,A (2626) Saint Louis 2018 Black had to defend this unpleasant endgame for a long time.;

B) Because of the problems, indicated above, Black started paying more

attention to 5...Qxc5 , the idea is to first hide the exposed ♕ and flexibly develop the minor pieces: 6.Ngf3 *(*Interesting is *6.Ne4!? Qb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.a3 Qa5 9.Bd3 a6 10.Bf4 Nbd7 11.Nf3 Nh5 12.b4 Qd8 13.Be3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne4±* Karjakin,S (2769)-Giri,A (2714) Wijk aan Zee 2012 For details see the notes to this game in CBM 147 by Kritz.*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bd3 Be7 *(7...Nbd7 8.0-0 Qc7!?* is a viable and possibly more accurate alternative, after *9.Qe2 Nc5 10.Bb5+ Bd7* Black should gradually equalize. *)* 8.0-0 Nbd7

B1) 9.Qe2 Vitiugov recommends the immediate

B1a) 9...0-0 10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 *(11...Qh5!?)* 12.Qh4±;

B1b) ⌓9...Qc7!? to take the sting out of ♘e4.;

B2) 9.a4

B2a) 9...b6 10.a5 b5? *(⌓10...0-0; 10...Bb7!?)* 11.Nb3 Qh5 12.a6! b4 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Ra5 Nbd5 15.Ng5 Qg6 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bc6 Rb8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3± Adams,M (2751)-Ju,W (2583) Caleta 2017 See the notes to this game in CBM 177 by Kr. Szabo.;

B2b) 9...Qc7

B2b1) 10.Nb3 b6 *(10...0-0 11.a5 Nd5 12.c3 N7f6 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Nbd4 Bd7 15.a6 Rab8 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.Qe2 bxa6 18.Bxa6 Be8 19.Ndf3 h6 20.Qc4 Qb6 21.Qa2±* Tiviakov,S (2668)-Popilski,G (2493) Douglas 2014*)* 11.a5 Bb7 12.a6 Bd5 13.Nbd4 Rd8 14.Qe2 0-0 15.c4 Ba8 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Nfd4?! *(17.Bc2∞)* 17...Nc5 18.Bc2 Nxa6! 19.Be3?! *(19.Rxa6 Qb7 20.Nc6 Qxa6!∓)* 19...Rd7∓ Kosteniuk,A (2543)-Ju,W (2568) WChW Khanty-Mansiysk 2018;

B2b2) 10.a5 Nc5 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Qe2 Rd8 *(12...Bd7!?)* 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Ndf3 Nce4 15.Bf4?! *(⌓15.Rd1! Bd7 16.Nxd7 Rxd7± /⇄)* 15...g5! 16.Bd3 gxf4 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 f6 20.Nf3 e5 21.Rfd1 Be6 22.h3 Qc6 23.Qxc6 bxc6∓ Movsesian,S (2671)-Erdos,V (2624) Heraklio 2017;

C) 5...Nf6!? 6.Ngf3 *(6.Nb3 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Bd7!=)* 6...Qxc5 is a refined move-order, which transposes into 5... ♕xc5, while avoiding the line from Karjakin-Giri above.]

4...cxd4 5.exd5

[Black must be well prepared also for 5.Nxd4 , when he has two main moves: Black has also

A) 5...Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 *(8...Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.Re1 Nf4 13.Bxf4 Bxf4 14.g3 Bd6 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Rac1 Rd8 17.c4 dxc4 18.Rxc4 Qb6 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 0-0 21.a3 Rc8 22.Rd4± Bc6? 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Rg4* 1-0, Kovalev,V (2687)-Kuipers,S (2470) Wijk aan Zee 2019*)* 9.Qe2 Aagaard prefers giving up the idea to develop the ♘ to f6 with

A1) 9...Qc7 10.Nf3 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 h6 *(12...Rb8?! 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Re1 Be7? 15.Qg4 g6 16.c4! f5 17.Bxf5! Nf6 18.Qf4 Qxf4*

19.Bxf4 Rxb2 20.Bxe6 Bc5 21.Bxd7+ Kxd7 22.Ne5+ Kc8 23.Nd3 1-0, Yudasin,L (2605)-Gulko,B (2635) Biel 1993*)* 13.0-0 c5 14.Nd2! Nd5 15.Nc4 Bf4 16.Re1 Rb8 17.Be4 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Nb6?! *(*Marin's *⩲18...0-0* is at best only slightly better for White*)* 19.Ne3 0-0 20.b3 f5 21.Bd3 e5 22.f3± Ponomariov,R (2741)-Morozevich,A (2748) Tashkent 2012 White is better, as Black's pawns are vulnerable.;

A2) 9...Ne7!? 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 , eading to a complex position with mutual chances:

A2a) 12.c4 Qc7 13.Re1 *(13.cxd5 cxd5 14.exd5 exd5⇄* and Black has good piece play to compensate the isolani.*)* 13...dxc4 *(13...e5!? 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.exd5 f5⩱)* 14.Bxc4 c5⇄;

A2b) 12.e5 Bc7

A2b1) 13.c4!? Qe7 14.Bd2 c5!?∞ *(14...f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Rfe1 g5* Tal,M-Kortschnoj,V Moscow blitz 1972 *17.h3!±)*;

A2b2) 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.f4 *(14.b3 h6 15.Nf3 c5 16.Ba3 Bb6 17.Qd2 a5 18.Rfe1 Bc6 19.c3 Qd8 20.Rad1 Re8 21.Bb1* Durarbayli,V (2621)-Libiszewski,F (2522) Doha 2014 *Rc8∞)*

A2b21) Na 14...h6 15.Nf3 c5 16.c4 d4?! Nielsen,H (2300)-Andersen,M (2459) Reykjavik 2015 17.Nd2± alebo aj 17.b4!? viedlo k výhode bieleho. *(17.b4!?)*;

A2b22) 14...f5 15.c4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.b3 a5 18.Bd2 a4 *(18...c5!?⇄)* 19.b4 c5 20.Rab1 Rb8 21.Rfc1 d4 22.a3∞ ½, Fedorchuk,S (2635)-Vitiugov,N (2726) Germany 2012

B) 5...Nf6 6.exd5 aand now: *(6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Qc7 9.0-0 a6∞* is at best unclear *)*

B1) 6...Nxd5 has long been considered more comfortable for White, a recent example is 7.Ne4 *(7.N2f3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bf6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Be4 Qe7 12.a3 N4c6 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.Qc2 g6 15.Be3 Rd8 16.Rad1 Rxd1 17.Rxd1 a5 18.c5±* Ivanov,A (2530)-Gulko,B (2620) Modesto 1995*)* 7...Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 *(9...Nc6!?±)* 10.Qe2 Nc5 11.Rd1 a6 12.Nf5 exf5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.Bxd5 Qb6 15.a4 Be6 16.a5 Qc7 17.Bxe6 Rae8 18.Bxf7+ Qxf7 19.Qd3 f4 20.Ra4 g5 21.Re4± Kovalev,V (2664)-Gupta,A (2588) Douglas 2018

B2) Once Black is ready to take on d5 with the ♕ on move 4, even now 6...Qxd5!? makes sense: 7.Nb5 *(7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Bd3 Qc7 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Qe2 0-0 14.c3 Rfe8 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Nb6 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Qe2 h6=* Godena,M (2537)-Caruana, F (2652) Reggio Emilia 2010*)*

B2a) 7...Na6 8.Nc3

B2a1) After 8...Qd8!? 9.a3 Be7 10.Qf3 White does have an excellent score, but objectively the position is not so clear after Nc7 *(10...Nc5;* , or even *10...Nb8)*;

B2a2) 8...Qd6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Qe2!? *(10.Qf3 Bc6 11.Qg3 Qxg3*

12.hxg3 Nc7 13.Nc4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.c3 f6= ½, Popovic,D (2521)-Predojevic,B (2652) Bihac 2016*; 10.Nc4 Qxd1+ 11.Nxd1 Nc5 12.Nc3 Na4 13.Nxa4 Bxa4 14.b3 Bd7 15.Bb2 0-0-0 16.Bd3 Nd5 17.0-0-0 f6 18.Be4 b6 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Be6 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Nd2 Bd5 23.Nf3 Kc7 24.Rd1 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Bd6*⩲ Kovalev,V (2655)-Nisipeanu,L (2672) Dortmund 2018*)* 10...Be7 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Qe5 0-0 13.Bf4 and the offside ♘a6 causes problems: Rfc8 *(13...Qxe5+ 14.Nxe5 Be8 15.Bxa6!? bxa6 16.0-0-0*± *)* 14.0-0-0 Qxe5 15.Bxe5 Be8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Nc5 18.Rd4 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Nb3+ 20.Kb1 Nxd4 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.Bd3 Bc6 24.f3± Balogh,C (2632)-Petrik,T (2473) Czech Republic 2018 Black had to defend an unpleasant endgame.;

B2b) Recently Black tried 7...Qd8 and it's in the similar spirit as the 5...♕xc5 line from the previous note - Black first resolves his ♕ and only then worries about developing his minor pieces: 8.Nc4 *(*Too soft is *8.Bd3 a6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Be2* Vachier Lagrave,M (2796)-Caruana,F (2808) Paris blitz 2017 *Bd7! 12.Nf3 Ng6*∞ /∓*; 8.Nb3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6! 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Ne4*= Ragger/ White can't retain the ♲ and he gets nothing. *)* 8...Nd5

B2b1) 9.Qh5 a6 *(9...Be7 10.Bd3)* 10.Bg5 g6 11.Bxd8 gxh5 12.Nc7+ Kxd8 13.Nxa8 b5 14.Ncb6 is complex, but roughly equal after Bc5⩱ *(14...Nd7!?*∞ *)*;

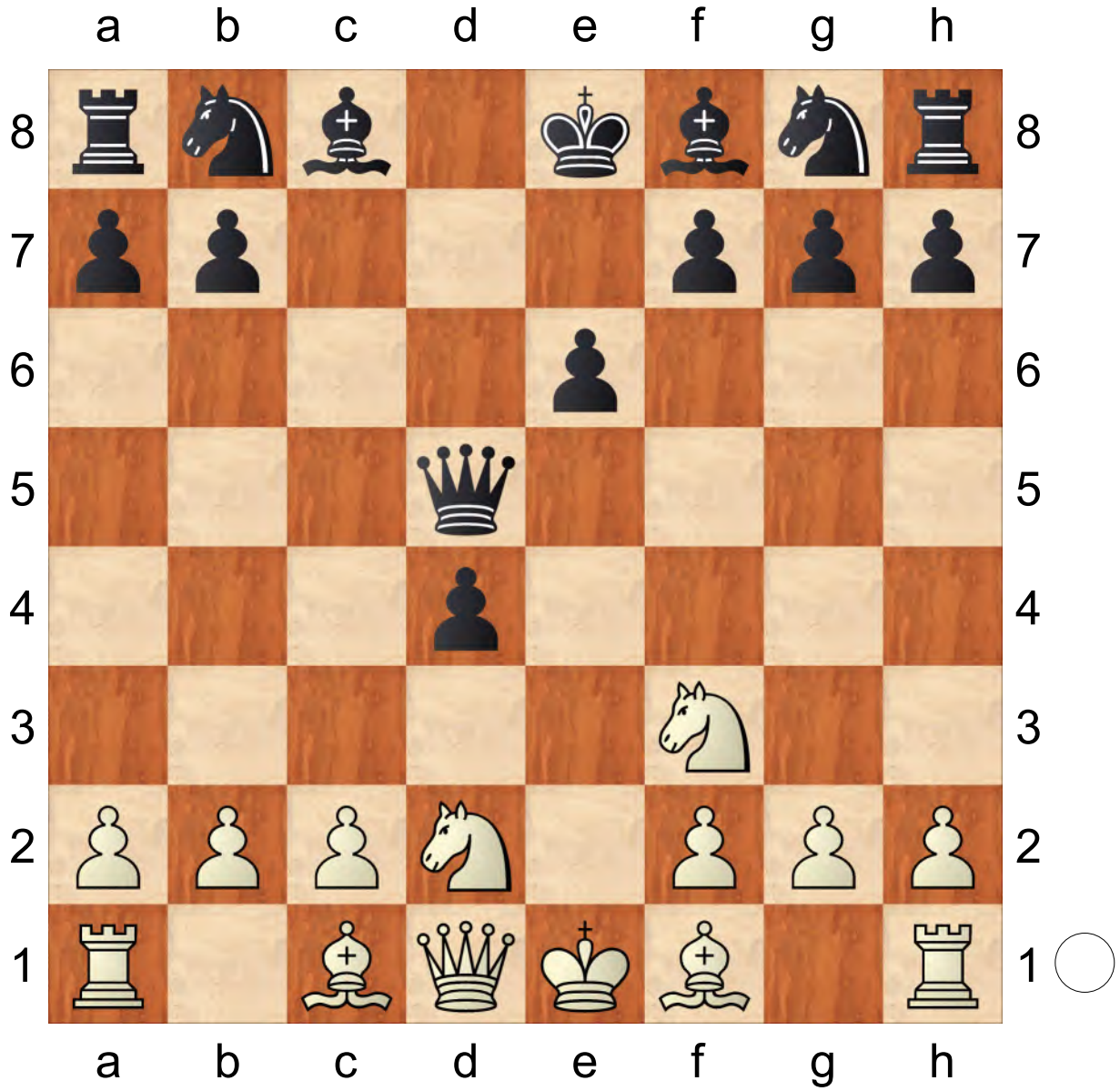
B2b2) 9.Ne3 a6!? *(*This replace the older move *9...Nc7 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.a4*↑ *)* 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nd4 Nc6 12.Be3 *(12.Be2 Bd6* bude len prehodenie ťahov *)*

B2b21) 12...Qf6 13.c3 *(⌓13.Qd2!*± Ragger **Δ**0-0-0 *)* 13...Bc5 14.Be2 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.cxd4 Be6 18.Rc1 Kd7 19.Kd2 Rhc8 20.Bd3 Kd6= ½, Schroeder,J (2552)-Van Kampen,R (2646) Germany 2018

B2b22) 12...Bd6! 13.Be2 *(13.g3!?N 0-0 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.0-0 Bg4 16.f3 Bd7*⇄ Ragger *)* 13...0-0 14.0-0 Re8!? *(* Even more accurate than *14...Qc7 15.g3 Bh3 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Bf3 Rad8 18.c3 Ne5 19.Bf4 Nc4 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qc2 g6 22.Re2 Re5*= /±, Mammadzada,G (2392)-Cornette,D (2467) Stary Smokovec 2018*)* 15.c3 Qc7 16.h3 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Bf4 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Bf3 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Qxd4 21.cxd4 Ragger,M (2659)-Cornette,M (2602) Germany 2018 Be6= Although this branch leads to a position with an isolani, which Black avoids in the ... ♕xd5 lines, here the burden of proof to get even a slight plus is on White.]

5...Qxd5

(Diagram)



6.Bc4 Qd7 McShane returned to the French after a long break and started playing the modern text-move. Black doesn't need d7 for the ♗c8, which he can even fianchetto after b5. The ♕ can move to c7, or stay on d7, leaving the ⇗a3-f8 free for the ♗f8. Let's check the new developments after the recently standard retreat

[6...Qd6

A) 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 is sharp, but after a6!? *(9...Qb4+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bd7⇄)* 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Be7 Black has little to fear in the arising complications.;

B) 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 and now: More flexible is the immediate

B1) 11.Bb3 Therefore more popular is

B1a) 11...Bd7 12.c3 Qc7 *(12...0-0-0 13.Qf3 Qc7* also hasn't been fully refuted. *)* 13.Bg5

B1a1) 13...h5?! 14.Qf3 Bd6 15.h3 Bh2+ 16.Kh1 Be5 17.Rfe1 0-0-0 18.Rad1 Rdg8 *(18...Rde8!?±)* 19.Qe3 Bd6 20.Nf3 Bc5 21.Qd2 Ng4 22.Bf4 Nxf2+ 23.Kh2 Qd8 24.Re5→ Svidler,P (2630)-Glek,I (2635) Haifa 1996 For details see the notes in CBM 054.;

B1a2) 13...0-0-0 is recommended by Vitiugov in his 2012 book about the French Defence. However, games like Svidler-Glek above have mostly discouraged Black from branches with 0-0-0 in this line.;

B1b) 11...Qc7

B1b1) White gets nothing in the tactical shootout after 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Nxg7 Rd8! 16.Qf3 Kxg7 17.Bh6+ Kg6 18.c3 Nh5 19.Be3 *(19.Bc1 Bf4 20.g4 Ng3+ 21.fxg3 Bxc1 22.Raxc1 b6 23.Bc2+ Kg7 24.Be4 Ra7 25.Rc2 Bb7 26.Rh2 Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Qb7 28.Rxh7+ Kg8 29.Qxb7 Rxb7 30.Rh2 Rd3 31.Kg2 Rd2+ 32.Kh3 Rxh2+ 33.Kxh2 Rd7 34.Re2 Kg7≅ /=,* Brodsky,M (2530)-Glek,I (2566) Wijk aan Zee 1999*)* 19...f5 20.g4 Nf6 21.gxf5+ exf5 22.Qg2+ Ng4 23.f3 b5 24.Bc2 *(24.Bd4? Kg5 25.Be6 Bg3 26.Bxc8 Raxc8 27.fxg4 Bxe1 28.Rxe1 Qc6 29.gxf5+ Qxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Kxf5* Petrov,M (2267)-Santos Ruiz,M (2431) Porto Carras 2015*)* 24...Kf6 25.Bd4+ Rxd4 26.cxd4 Bb7 27.Bxf5 Nf2+! 28.Qxf2 Qf4 29.Bh3 Bg3 30.Re6+ Kg7 31.Qe3 Bxf3+ 32.Kg1 Bh2+ 33.Kf1 Bg4+ 34.Kg2 Bxe6 35.Qxf4 Bxf4 36.Bxe6 Rf8 ½, Mosadeghpour,M (2535)-Xu,Y (2539) Qinhuangdao 2018;

B1b2) 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.h3 0-0 14.Bg5

B1b21) 14...Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bh4 Nd7 18.c3 Bf6 19.Bg3 Be5 20.Bc2 Nf6 21.Qd3 Bd7?! Nakamura,H (2781)-Lenderman,A (2565) Douglas 2017 *(21...Bf4□ 22.Ne2 e5±)* 22.Bh4!± **Δ** g5 23.f4! Bxf4 24.Rxf4 Qxf4 25.Bg3+-;

B1b22) 14...Nd7 15.c3 Ne5!? 16.Qh5 Ng6 17.Bc2 b6

B1b221) 18.Be4 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Rad1 Bf4= *(20...Qc7=)*;

B1b222) 18.Rad1 Bb7 19.Nf3 Qc5 20.Qg4 f5!? 21.Qh5 Bf4 22.Nd4 Bd5 23.Rfe1 Rae8 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Bxf4 Bxg2 27.f3 Re2 28.Bc1 Qd5 29.c4 Qxc4 30.Nxe2 Qxe2 31.Rd8+ Nf8 32.Qxf5 Qe1+ 33.Kxg2 ½, Sobry,S (2157)-Arounopoulos,S (2345) email 2015 Qe2+ 34.Kg3 Qe1+ 35.Kg4 Qg1+ 36.Kh4 Qe1+=;

B2) 11.Re1 , as the ♗c4 can be used differently. After 11...Qc7 White is on a crossroads: Even more recent and interesting is

B2a) 12.Qe2 Interesting and possibly the best is Aagaard's prophylactic

B2a1) 12...Bd6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bd3! and contrary to lines with ♗b3, the ♗ effectively joins the attack after Bxh2+ *(15...f5 16.Qh5↑)* 16.Kf1 Bf4 17.Qh5 f5 18.Rad1 Be5 19.c3 f6 20.Bc2 Qf7 21.Qh3 a5 22.g4 fxg4 23.Qxg4+ Kh8 24.Nf3 Bc7 25.Ke2 e5 26.Qh4 Qe7 27.Rh1 e4 28.Rd5!→ Dolgov,I (2343)-Majer,D (2172)

email 2011;

B2a2) 12...Bc5 13.c3

B2a21) 13...h6 14.Nf5 Kf8 *(14...0-0 15.Nxh6+! gxh6 16.Bxh6↑)* 15.Nd4⟳;

B2a22) 13...0-0 14.Bg5 b5 *(14...Bxd4 15.cxd4 Nd5 16.Rac1±)* 15.Bd3 Nd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh4 Bb7 18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4± Wei,Y (2729)-So,W (2780) chess.com blitz INT 2018 This is pleasant for White, although in email games the defence managed to hold.;

B2a3) 12...h6!?

B2a31) 13.b3 Bb4! 14.Bd2 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 0-0=;

B2a32) 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.Nf5 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 0-0 16.Nxh6+ gxh6 17.Bc3 Nh7 18.Bd3 Bf4 19.Qg4+ Ng5 *(*or *19...Bg5!?* also holds *)*;

B2a33) The most played move is 13.g3 b5 14.Bd3 *(14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Qxe6+ Be7 17.Bf4 Qd7 18.Qb3 Rd8 19.Re6 Kf8 20.Rae1 Bc5 21.Rxa6 Qd5∓)* 14...Bc5 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Nb3 Bb7 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Be5

B2a331) 18...Qc6 19.f3 Qxf3 20.Qxf3 Bxf3 21.a4 b4 22.Rf1 *(22.a5!?±)* 22...Be4 23.Rxf6 Bxd3 24.Rf2 f6 25.cxd3 fxe5 26.Rc1 Rf8⇄ Durarbayli,V (2620)-Baryshpolets,A (2597) New York 2018;

B2a332) ⌓18...0-0!? 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qe3 Qd5 21.f3 Qxf3 22.Qxf3 Bxf3 23.Rf1 Bc6 24.Rxf6 Kg7 25.Rf4 f5 26.g4 Kf6 27.gxf5 e5 28.Rh4 Kg5 29.Rh3 e4 30.Be2 Rxf5 31.Rd1 ½, Kunzelmann,F (2510)-Schulz,K (2369) email 2015 Raf8= ;

B2a34) 13.h3 Bc5 14.Nf5 More circumspect is Aagaard's

B2a341) 14...0-0?! 15.Nxh6+ gxh6 16.Qf3! *(16.Bxh6? Qg3!∓)* 16...Be7 17.Bd3 Qc6 18.Re4! Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Qe8 20.Bxh6 Kh8 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.Qh5+ Kg7 23.Qh7+ Kf6 24.g4! *(24.Qh5 Kg7 25.Qh7+ Kf6 26.Qh5 ½,* Jones,I (2221)-Hughes,S (2273) email 2016 *)* 24...Ke5 25.Rd1 f5 26.Bf3 Qf6 *(26...Kf6 27.g5+ Kxg5 28.Kh1 Kf6 29.Qh4+ Kf7 30.Qh5+ Kf6 31.h4!→)* 27.Bg2!→ is dangerous, according to the engine.;

B2a342) 14...Kf8! 15.Ne3 b6 *(*or *15...b5 16.Bb3 Bb7* , preparing artificial castling. *)*;

B2b) 12.Bf1!?

B2b1) 12...Be7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.c4± is certainly playable for Black, but requires patient defence of a slightly worse position. *(17.Qg3!?)*;

B2b2) 12...Bd6

B2b21) The aggressive try is 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 Kf8□ *(14...0-0? 15.Nxg7 Rd8 16.Bd3 Kxg7 17.Qd2!±* wins the piece back with a clear plus.*)* 15.Qd4 exf5 16.Qxf6 h6 *(16...h5 17.Qd4≅)* 17.Qd4≅ with good compensation, but the position remains

sharp and complex.;
B2b22) The more restrained move is 13.g3 0-0 14.Bg5 Be5 15.c3 Nd5 *(15...h6 16.Nf3!? Bxc3 17.Rc1 hxg5 18.Rxc3⩱ Z.Almasi)* 16.Bg2 h6 17.Bd2 Nf6 *(⌓17...Bxd4; 17...Bd7!?* also gives good chances for equality.*)* 18.Qf3 Rd8 19.Rac1 *(19.Nb3 a5!?⇄)* 19...Nd5 20.Qg4 f5? *(20...Bf6 Δ 21.Bxh6 e5 22.Nf5 Ne7 23.Be4 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Qxf5 Qb6∞)* 21.Qe2 Bxd4 22.cxd4 Qf7 23.Qe5 Bd7 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Rc7± Almasi,Z (2684)-Radjabov,T (2722) Baku 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 175 by Almasi.]

7.0-0

[7.Nb3

A) 7...Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Nf6 10.Nbxd4 a6? *(10...0-0±)* 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Qe2 Nbd7 14.Nxf7! Rxf7 15.Nxe6 Qa5 Fernandez Barrera,V (2302)-Dvirnyy,D (2558) Linares 2017 16.Qd2!+- ;

B) 7...Nc6 8.Nbxd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.Bf4 *(*We will consider *10.0-0 Qc7* below *)* 10...Nf6 *(*Artificial is *10...Ne7?! 11.Qd2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 Bc5 13.Bg3 b5 14.Be2 0-0 15.Qc3 Qa7 16.Bf3 Bb7 17.Nxe6 fxe6! 18.Rd7±* Adams,M (2709)-Suarez Gomez,J (2486) Caleta 2018*)* 11.0-0 *(11.a4 Bc5 12.Be5 0-0 13.c3 Qe7 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Qf3 Bd6 16.Rae1 h6 17.Qg3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qd6 19.Qe2 Bd7 20.Bb3 Bc6=* Teclaf,P (2373)-Szustakowski,A (2331) Katowice 2018*)* 11...b5 12.Bb3

B1) 12...Bb7?! 13.Re1 Be7 *(13...Bc5? 14.Nxe6+- →)* 14.c3 *(14.Nxe6!?⩱)* 14...Nd5?! *(14...Bd5!±)* 15.Be5 0-0 16.Qg4 g6 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.h4! Bd6 19.h5 Qe8 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Bf6 Be7 23.Qh4 Bxf6 24.Qxf6 Rd7 25.Nf5! exf5 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.Rd3+- Adams,M (2703)-McShane,L (2664) London 2018 As Adams didn't win this game, it was Luke who in the end advanced into the finals.;

B2) 12...Bc5 13.Be5 Bb7? *(⌓13...0-0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.Rfd1 Qb7 17.Qh4 Be7 18.Qh5 Rg8 19.g3 Bf8 20.Qh4 Be7 21.Qh5* ½, Plat,V (2510)-Vykouk,J (2424) Ostrava 2017*)* 14.c3? *(14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bxe6! Qxd4 16.Qh5 Rf8 17.Rae1 Be7 18.Re3+- →)* 14...0-0 15.Qe2 Qe7 *(*Also playable is *15...Nd5 16.Qg4 g6 17.Rad1 Bd6 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.h4 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Qe7 21.Rde1 Qf6 22.g3 b4⇄* Rogic,D (2543)-Buhmann,R (2615) Austria 2016 The extra tempo in comparison with Adams-McShane gave Black counterplay.*)* 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Rfe1 Ba8 18.Rd3 *(18.Bc2!?)* 18...g6 19.Qd2 *(19.h3* is more circumspect*)* 19...Ng4 20.Bg3 e5 21.Bd1?! *(21.h3!?)* 21...Qf6 22.Bxg4? *(22.b4 Bb6 23.h3* was necessary*)* 22...exd4 23.cxd4 Rxd4∓ Navara,D (2735)-Bartel,M (2631) Jerusalem 2015 See the notes to this game in CBM 166 by Bartel.]

7...Nc6 With the ♕ on d6 Black plays 7...♘f6 first, so as not to worry about the ♘e4 sortie. Now Black can develop the ♘g8 differently. **8.Nb3 a6 9.a4** Prevents b5 and wants to regain the ♙d4 after first connecting his rooks.

[After 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4

A) 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Nf6 12.Bf4 is too soft, Black has a wider choice: Bd7= *(12...Bc5* and*; 12...b5!?* are also good *)*;

B) 10.Nxd4 Qc7 the two main moves are:

B1) 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 *(12.h3 Ne7* **Δ**0-0= doesn't cause Black problems, the ♕ sortie aims to complicate Black's development. *)* 12...Nf6 13.Qh4 Bd7! 14.Bg5 0-0-0 is one of the sub-lines, in which queenside castling works well - due to the exposed ♕h4: 15.Rad1 h6 16.Bxf6 gxf6

B1a) Na 17.Qxf6 Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 Qf4 19.Qe7 Rhg8 20.Qc5+ Qc7 21.Qh5 Ahmadzada,A (2340)-Bajarani,U (2451) Baku 2017 Bd6! *(21...Be5 22.Qxf7 Rg4 23.Nf3 Bxb2 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Bxe6 Rg7 26.Qf8+ Qd8 27.Qb4 Qf6 28.Bxd7+ Rxd7 29.Re1* 1-0 (29) Ahmadzada,A (2340)-Bajarani,U (2451) Baku 2017*)* 22.Qxf7 Rdf8→ **Δ** 23.Nxe6? Qc6;

B1b) 17.Rd3 Kb8

B1b1) 18.Rfd1 Be5 19.c3 Rdg8 20.Qh5 Rg5 21.Qh3 Rgg8 *(21...f5!?∓* **Δ** *22.Nf3 Bc6)* 22.Qh5 Rg5 23.Qh3 Rgg8 24.Qh5 Rg5 ½, Navara,D (2737)-Harikrishna,P (2737) Biel 2017;

B1b2) 18.Rc3 Qa5 19.Qxf6 Qg5! 20.Qxf7 Rhf8 21.Nxe6 Bxe6 22.Qxe6 Bc5 23.Qe1 Rxf2 24.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Rd2+ 26.Kf3 Qxg2+ 27.Ke3 Qg5+ 28.Kf3 Qf5+= Cornette,D (2447)-Landa,K (2613) Reykjavik 2018 Black has a perpetual.;

B2) 11.Qe2 Bd6 12.h3 *(12.Nf5 Bxh2+ 13.Kh1 Be5 14.Re1 g6! 15.Qxe5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 gxf5* gives White some compensation for the pawn, but it gradually evaporated after *17.Bd2 Ne7 18.Bc3 Rg8 19.Re3 b5 20.Bf1 Nd5 21.Rh3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Bd7 23.Rd1 Ra7 24.Be2 Ke7 25.Rd4 e5 26.Re3 Kf6∓* Plat,V (2522)-Bluebaum,M (2632) Minsk 2017*; 12.Re1 Ne7! 13.h3 0-0 14.Nf3 Ng6 15.Bd3 Nf4 16.Bxf4 Bxf4 17.Rad1 g6 18.Ne5 Bh6 19.h4 Bg7 20.Qe4 b6 21.Qf4 Ra7=* Huschenbeth,N (2541)-Shankland,S (2638) Las Vegas 2015 Black has comfortable equality here*)* 12...Ne7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Rad1 b5 15.Bb3 Ng6 16.c4 bxc4 17.Qxc4 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Qxc4 19.Bxc4 Bf4 20.Bxf4 ½, Adams,M (2706)-Howell,D (2687) Hull 2018 Nxf4=]

9...Nf6

[Maybe even here 9...Bd6!? 10.Nbxd4 Nge7⇄ deserves more attention.]

10.Qe2 Bd6

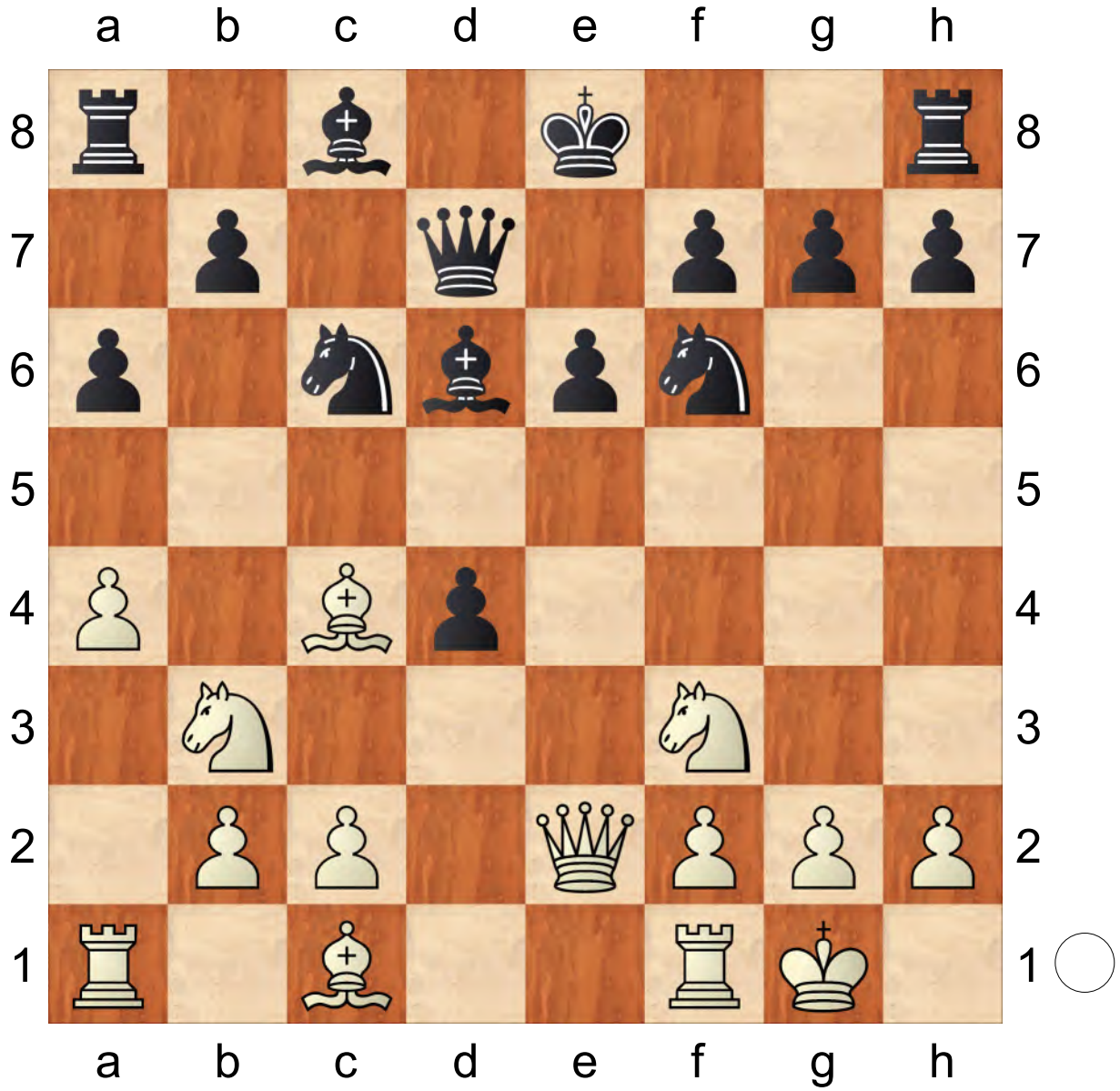
(Diagram)

11.Rd1

[11.Bg5

A) Interesting is also 11...Qc7 12.Rad1 Bd7 13.Nbxd4 0-0 *(or even 13...0-0-0!?)*;

B) 11...0-0 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxh2+ *(* Accepting the

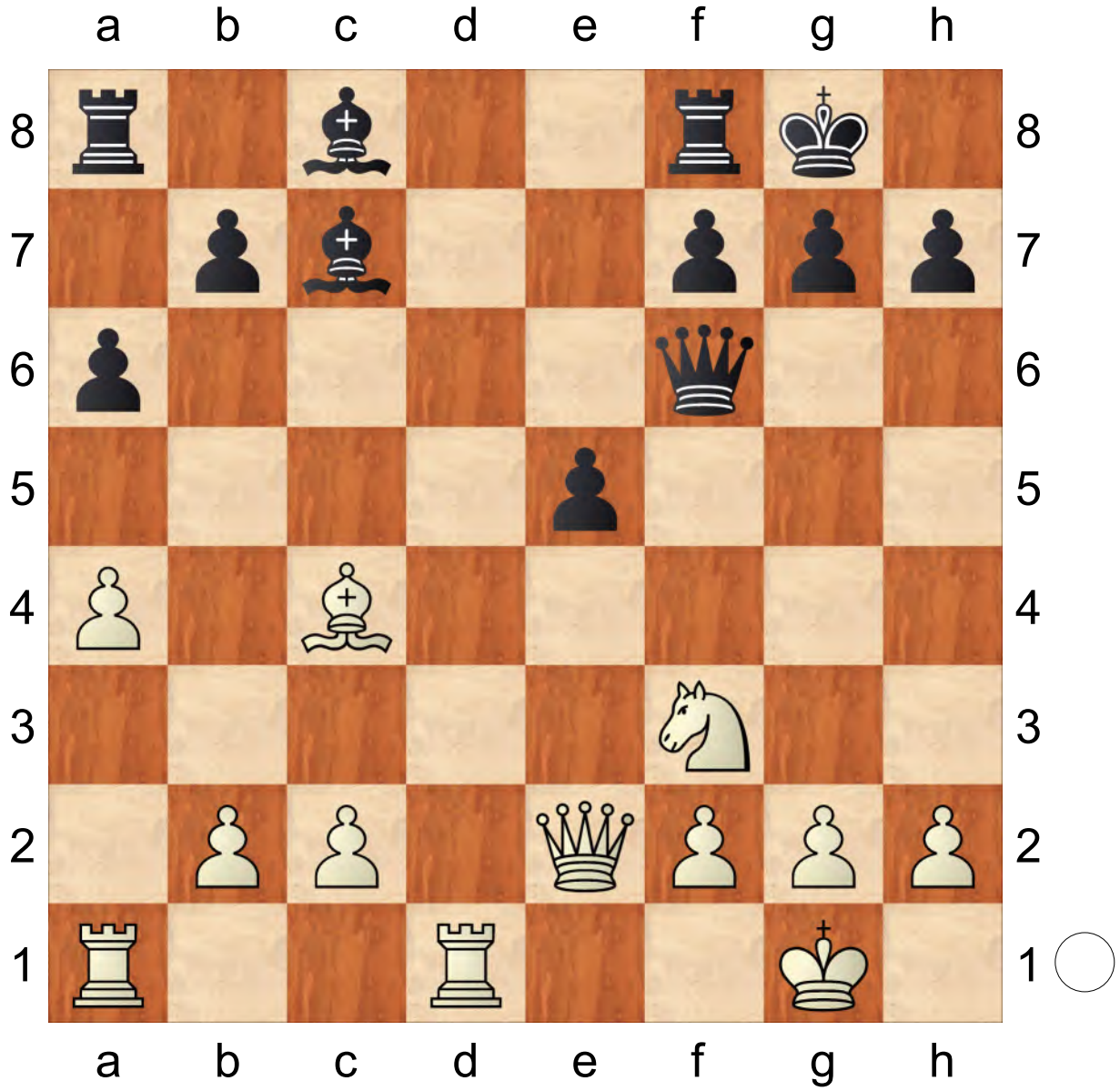


sacrifice is quite risky, Black has more sedate alternatives *14...Kh8* or*; 14...Qc7!?∞* We had a similar position in the note to move 6, but there instead of a4 White has the more useful move ♖e1.*)* 15.Kxh2 Qxd4 16.Ra3 Kh8 17.Rg3 Qf4 *(17...Qh4+ 18.Rh3 Qf4+ 19.g3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Qg5 21.f4 Qg7 22.a5 e5 23.f5 Qg5 24.Qxg5 fxg5 25.g4 Bd7 26.Kg3≅* Adams,M (2724)-Fridman,D (2660) Caleta 2012 White retains pressure even in the endgame, see the notes by Fridman in CBM 147.*; 17...b5* Faerber,D (2321)-Schnider,G (2423) Innsbruck 2018 *18.Bd3! f5 19.Qh5↑)* 18.Rd1 Rg8 *(18...e5 19.Bxf7 Bf5 20.Bb3±* and Black's ♔ is more vulnerable *)* 19.Qf3 Qxf3 20.Rxf3 *(20.gxf3!?)* 20...b5!? *(*Black doesn't want to allow *20...f5 21.a5)* 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bf1! Ra2?! *(⌓22...f5!±)* 23.Rb3 Bb7 24.c4! Bxg2 25.Bxg2 bxc4 26.Rb7 c3 27.Rxf7 cxb2 28.Be4 f5 29.Rdd7 Rb8 30.Rxh7+ Kg8 31.Rdg7+ Kf8 32.Bb1± Milde,L (2075)-Vujadinovic,M (1996) email 2013]

11...e5 Opens the diagonal for the ♗c8. Postponing this move is dangerous,
[11...0-0 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4?! *(12...e5* transposes into the game*)* 13.Rxd4 Qc7 14.Bg5 e5 15.Rh4!↑]
12.Nbxd4 0-0
[After 12...Nxd4 White tried both recaptures: Jones has already played the more ambitious
A) 13.Nxd4 Qe7 *(13...0-0 14.Nf5)* 14.Nb3 e4 *(14...h6 15.Qd3 Bb8 16.Be3↑* and*; 14...Bg4 15.f3 Bf5 16.Bg5±* are both not ideal.*)* 15.Bg5 Qe5 16.g3!? *(16.f4 exf3 17.Qxe5+ Bxe5 18.Re1 f2+ 19.Kxf2 0-0=)* 16...Qxg5 17.Rxd6 0-0 18.Qe3 Qe5!? leads to a position, in which Black is close to equality.;
B) 13.Rxd4 Qe7 14.Rxd6! *(*Practically forced: *14.Rd1?! e4∓* is excellent for Black. *)* 14...Qxd6
B1) 15.Nxe5 0-0 16.b3 *(16.Bf4 Qd4)* 16...Qc7∞ /∓ gives Black chances to consolidate.;
B2) ⌓15.b3! e4 16.Ba3 Qf4 The most dangerous is
B2a) 17.Bb5+? axb5 18.Qxb5+ Nd7 19.Qb4 Kd8 20.Qe7+ Kc7 21.Rd1 Ra6-+ Idani,P (2563)-Kobalia,M (2628) Moscow 2017;
B2b) 17.Re1
B2b1) 17...Bg4? 18.Bb5+! *(18.h3? Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3 0-0-0 21.fxe4 Rd7∞ /∓,* Jones,G (2645)-Shimanov,A (2655) Tromsoe 2013*)* 18...axb5 19.Qxb5+ Kd8 *(19...Nd7 20.Qxb7+-; 19...Bd7 20.Qc5+-)* 20.Ne5→;
B2b2) ⌓17...Be6! 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qc4 Kf7 20.Bc1 Qd6 21.Ng5+ Kg6 22.h4 h5∞ /∓, Melia,S (2393)-Kashlinskaya,A (2450) Wroclaw 2016;
B2c) 17.Qe1!? Be6 18.Qa5 Rd8 *(18...Rc8? 19.Ne5 Ng4 20.Nxg4 Qxg4 21.Qb4 Rc7 22.Qd6 Rd7 23.Qb8+ Rd8 24.Qxb7+- →,* Lagunow, R (2403)-Jarmula,L (2504) Manavgat 2018*)* Here White has at the very least an immediate draw with 19.Qc5 *(* I wouldn't be surprised, if *19.Re1!?⩲* promises even more*)* 19...Nd5 20.Bxd5 Qf6 21.Bc6+ bxc6 22.Qxc6+ Rd7 23.Qa8+=]
13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bg5 Bc7 15.Bxf6
[The immediate swap was in my opinion unnecessary and 15.h3!? causes Black more problems:
A) 15...e4 16.Nd2! *(16.Nd4 Qd6 17.g3 Bb6 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.Kh2 Rd8 20.c3 Bc7 21.Qe3 Bg4 22.Re1 Rac8 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.Bf1 Bh5 25.Bg2 Re8= /∓,* Daianu,C (2166)-Gavrilescu,D (2468) Arad 2018*)* 16...Bf5 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.Ne3 Bh5?! *(18...Rad8 19.b3±* is pleasant for White, but this loses a tempo. *)* 19.g4 Bg6 20.Bb3 Rac8 21.Rd2 Bb8 22.Rad1 *(22.Qc4!?)* 22...Kh8? *(*Necessary was *⌓22...Qc7)* 23.Bh4 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Bg3 h6 26.Kg2 Bxg3 27.fxg3± Rodshtein,M (2664)-Edouard,R (2657) Germany 2013;
B) 15...h6

B1) 16.Bh4 Nh5! *(16...e4 17.Nd4±)* 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bd5 Nf4 19.Qxe5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Qxc2= neutralizes White's pull.;
B2) 16.Bxf6! Qxf6 17.Bd5 resembles the game position, but White's luft is more useful, than Black's: Rb8 18.Ra3 Bf5 19.Rc3± and Black must still tread with care. *(19.Nd2?! e4! 20.Nxe4 Qxb2 21.Re3 Rbd8 22.c4 Qxe2 23.Rxe2 b6∓* Tate,A (2366)-Lupulescu,C (2620) Heraklio 2017*)*]

15...Qxf6



16.Bd5 Rb8

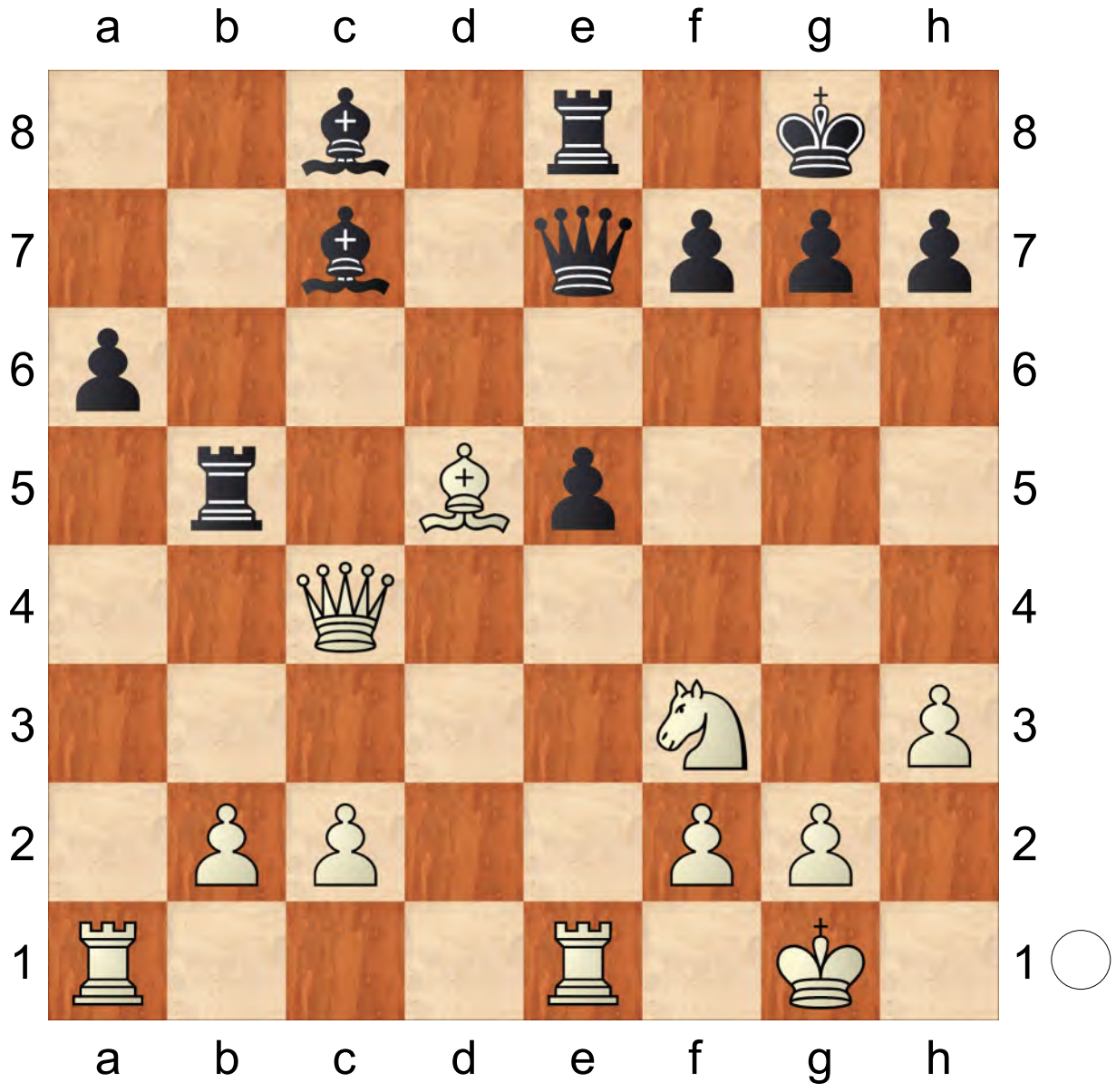
[Interesting is also 16...Bf5!? 17.Bxb7 *(17.Be4!?)* 17...Rab8 18.Bxa6 *(18.Qxa6!?* is more testing*)* 18...Rxb2 19.Bd3 e4! 20.Bxe4 Re8 21.Qc4 Bxe4 22.Qxc7 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Qxf3 24.Rd8 Qg4+ 25.Kf1 Qe2+= ½, Nisipeanu,L (2683)-Svane,R (2583) Dresden 2017]

17.h3N

[17.Qc4 Qe7 18.Re1 Kh8! *(18...Bf5? 19.Nh4 Bg6 20.Nxg6 hxg6 21.Qe4 Rfd8 22.Ra3 Qc5 23.Rd1 Rd7 24.b4 Qe7 25.Rg3 Rd6 26.c4±* Borisek,J (2552)-Bluebaum,M (2521) Meissen 2013*)* 19.Rad1 b5 *(*More active is *19...f5!=* **Δ** *20.Nxe5? Bxe5 21.f4 b5-+)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qd4 f6 22.Qh4 Bb7 *(*If Black wanted to swap bishops, more accurate is *22...Be6;* However, he could have also ignored the ♗d5, interesting is *22...Rb6!?∞)* 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Qe4 Bb6 25.Rd5= /±, Vykouk,J (2426)-Haba,P (2454) Ostrava 2018 Black is not without counterplay, but he must tread with some care.]

17...Qe7 18.Re1 Re8 19.Qc4 b5 20.axb5 Rxb5!?⇄

[20...axb5 21.Qc3 *(*or *21.Qe4!?* is slightly more comfortable for White. *)*]



The dynamic choice, activating the ♖ - Black hopes for active piece play. **21.Rad1**

[21.Bc6 Rc5 or]

[21.b3 Rd8 is OK for Black.]
[21.Qd3 Rxb2!? *(*Playable alternatives are *21...g6∞* and*; 21...Rd8 22.c4 Rxb2 23.Qc3 Qb4 24.Qxb4 Rxb4 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Kf8* - Black should hold this slightly worse endgame.*)* 22.Bb3 e4 23.Qc3 Rxb3 24.cxb3 *(24.Qxb3 Be6 25.Rxe4 Bxb3=)* 24...Bb7⩲ 25.Rad1]

21...Rc5? An error with serious tactical consequences.
[⌓21...Rxb2 works fine: 22.Nxe5 *(22.Bc6 Be6 23.Qc3 Reb8 24.Bd7 Bxd7 25.Qxc7 R2b7=)* 22...Bxe5 23.f4 Rb4 24.Rxe5 Rxc4 25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.Bxc4 Kf8=]

22.Qd3 g6
[Black can't take the move back, 22...Rb5 runs into 23.Nxe5! Bxe5 24.Bc6+-]

23.c4! a5 24.Qa3 The ♖c5 is paralyzed and ♙e5 is under strong pressure.

24...Bd6?! The attempt to free the ♖ allows a pretty tactical blow.
[More resilient was 24...Kg7 , but after 25.Nxe5 *(25.Nd2!?)* 25...Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Qxe5 27.Qxc5 Qxb2 28.Qxa5± White has a healthy extra pawn and active pieces.]

25.Bxf7+! Qxf7
[25...Kxf7 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Ne4 Qd4 29.Qxc5+- is hopeless - Black is a pawn down and more weaknesses will fall shortly.]

(Diagram)

26.Rxd6 Qxc4
[26...Rxc4 27.Qxa5+-]

27.Nd2 Qb4 28.Qxb4 axb4 29.Ne4

(Diagram)

A ♘ fork will cost Black an exchange and further resistance is futile.

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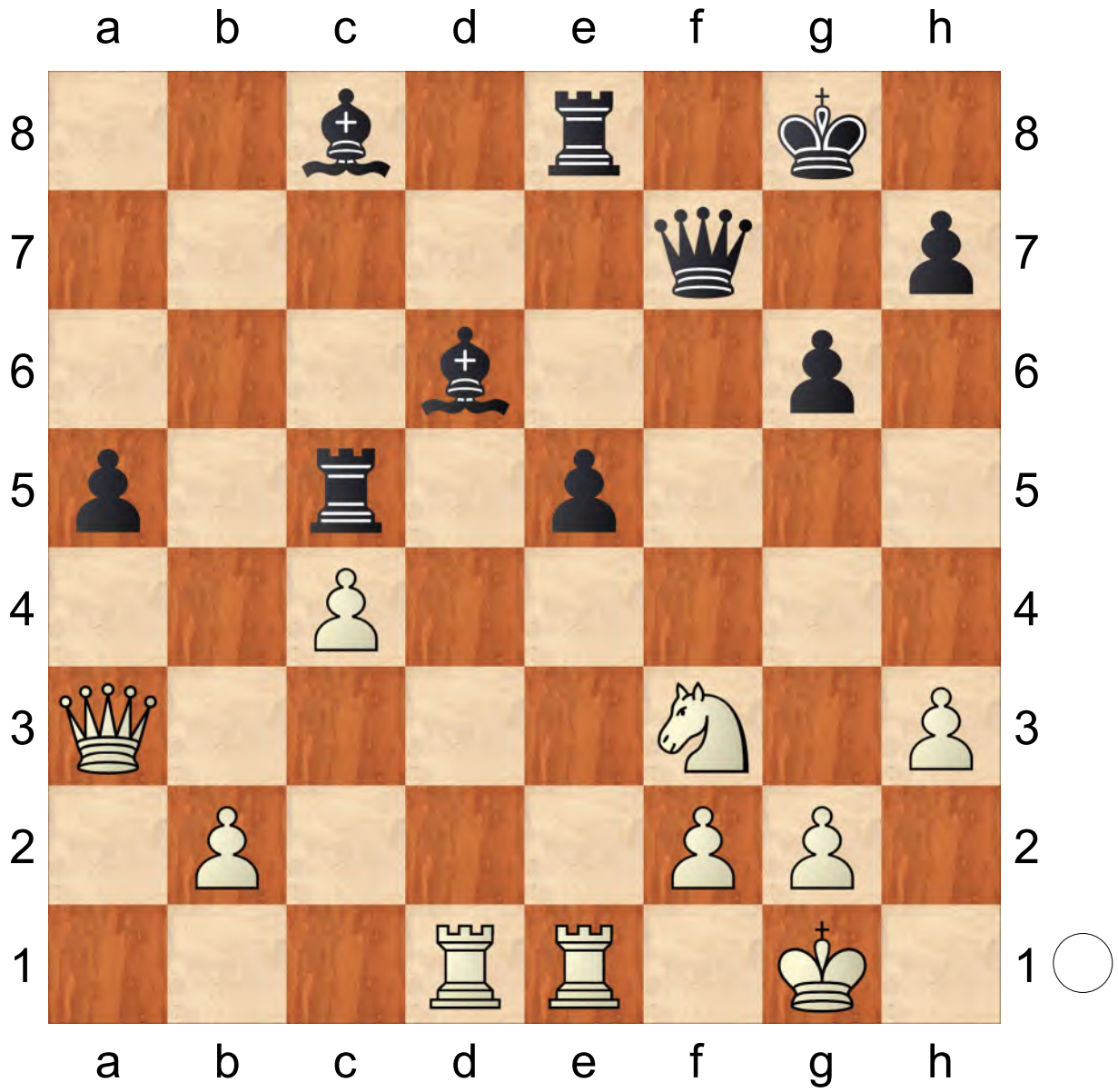

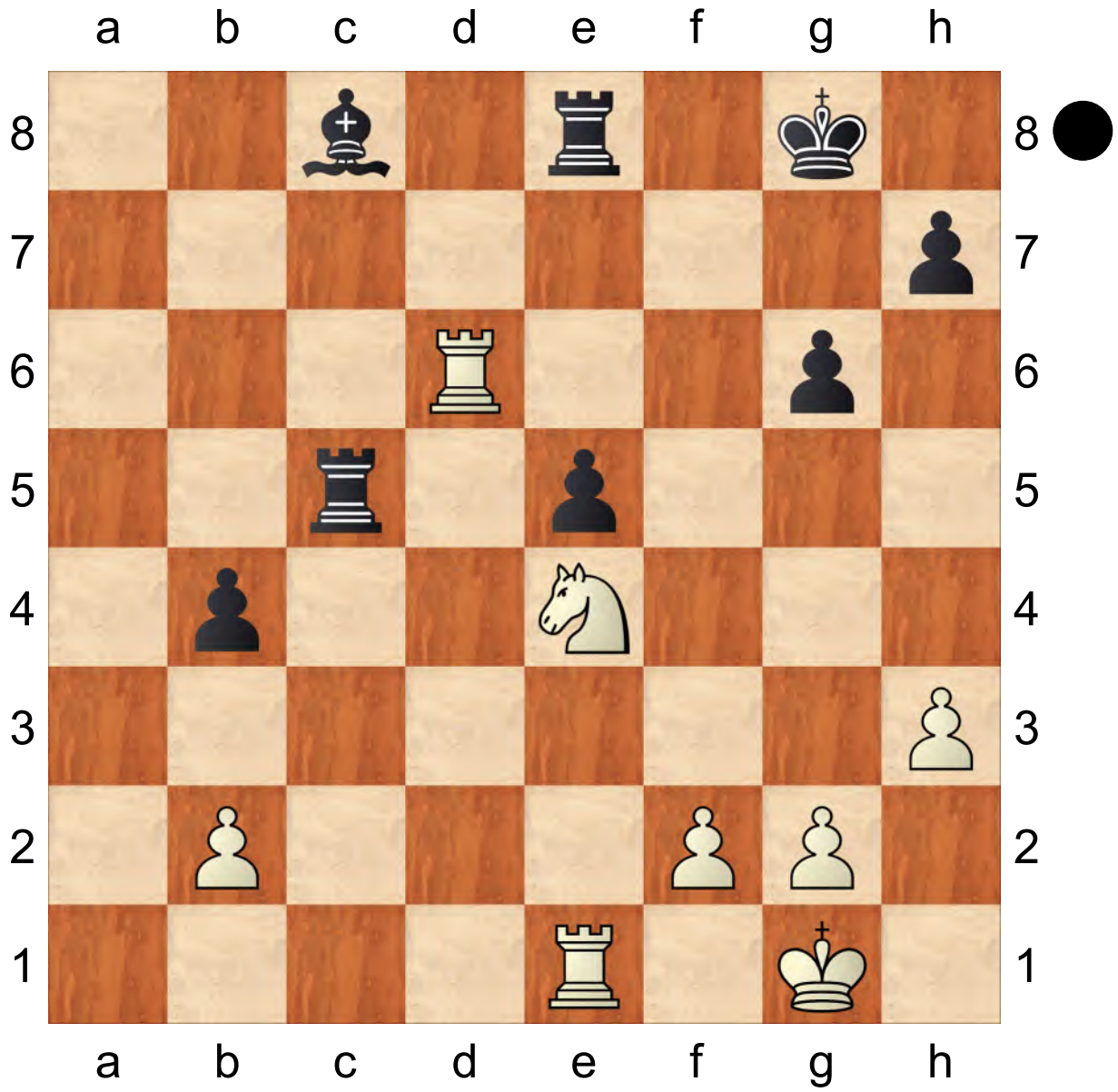
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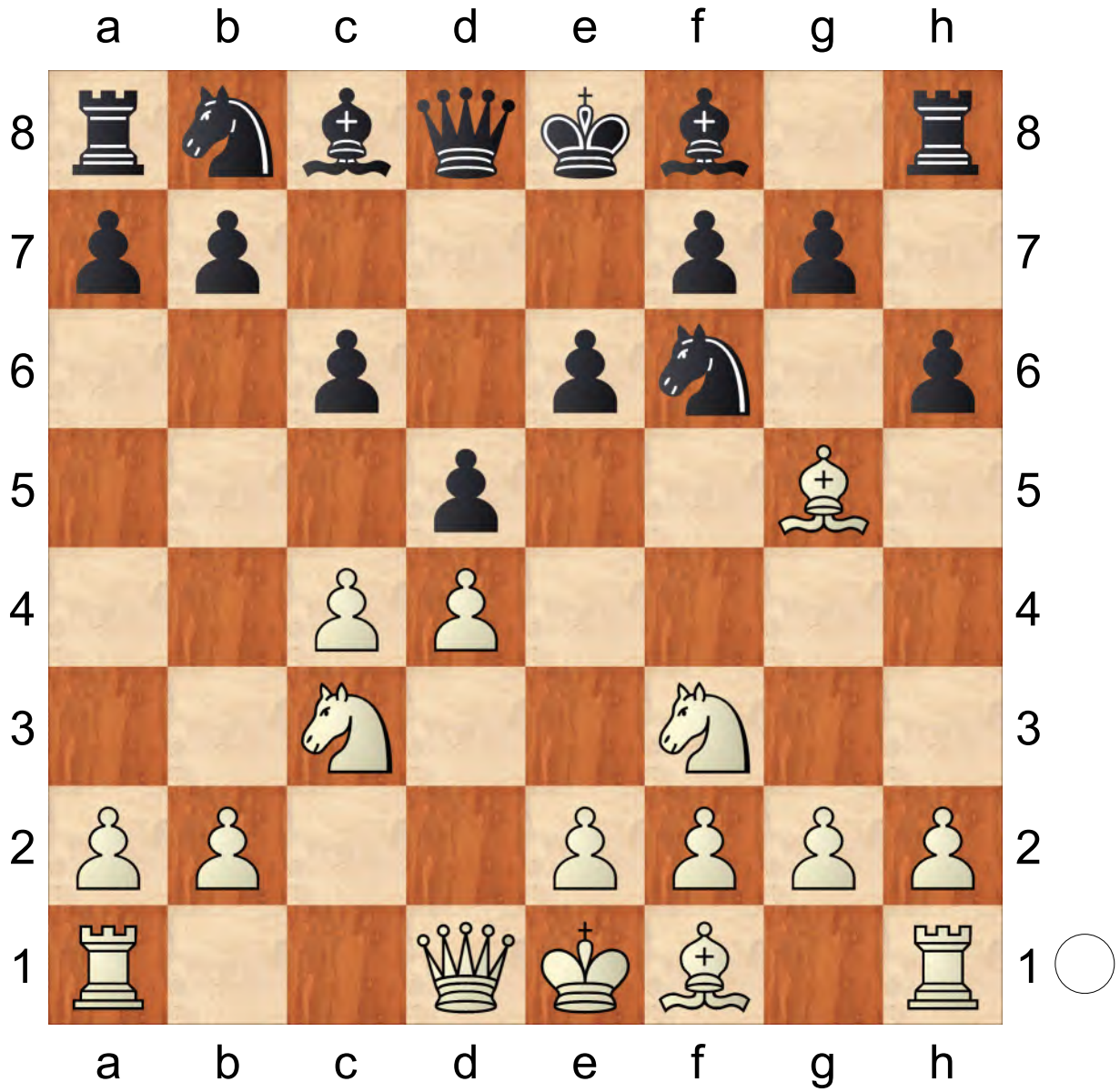
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2709**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2773**
EU-chT (Men) 17th (5) 26.10.2009
[Stohl,Igor]

R.Scherbakov: 'Etienne Bacrot came up with a surprising and well-prepared novelty. The piece sacrifice gave White a strong initiative but Levon Aronian was equal to the task and almost defended... only to slipup just one more precise move away from safety.' **1.d4** R.Scherbakov **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2

[In this year's heavy-weight AntiMoscow duel between Grischuk and Aronian Black

was finally successful in the most recent encounter: 9.Ne5

A) 9...h5 10.h4 g4 11.Be2 Bb7 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bg7 15.b3 0-0!? *(15...cxb3 16.axb3 0-0 17.Bg3! c5 18.e5 Nd5 19.Nxb5 cxd4 20.Nd6 Rb8 21.Qd2 Nc3 22.Bd3 a5 23.Ra3⩲ ↑,* Grischuk,A (2728)-Karjakin, S (2727) */Sochi/2008/* For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 126.*)* 16.bxc4 Nh7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rad1 Qxh4 19.cxb5 cxb5 20.Nxb5 Rac8 21.Qd3 Rfd8?! *(21...g3!=)* 22.d5! exd5 23.Qd4+ Kg8 24.Qxa7 Qe7 25.e5 Qxe5? *(⌓25...Ra8 26.Qe3 Rxa2 27.Bd3↑)* 26.Qxb7 Rb8 27.Qc7 Qxe2 28.Nd4→ Grischuk,A (2733)-Aronian,L (2750)/Linares/2009/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 129.;

B) 9...Bb7 10.h4 g4

B1) 11.Nxg4 Nxg4 12.Qxg4 Qxd4 13.Rd1 Qf6 14.a4 h5 15.Qg5!?N Qxg5 16.hxg5 a6 17.Be5 Rg8 *(17...Rh7 18.Bf6!? Nd7 19.e5⩲ ⩲h7)* 18.Rxh5 Nd7 19.Bf4 b4 *(19...Nc5∞; 19...Be7!?)* 20.Nb1 c5 *(20...Nc5 21.Bxc4 Nxa4 22.Be5± /∞)* 21.f3 Bg7 *(21...Bc6⇄)* 22.Rh7 Bd4 *(22...Bxb2 23.Rxd7!↑; 22...Bc6!?)* 23.Bxc4 Nf8 *(23...Bxb2? 24.Bxe6+-)* 24.Rh5 Ng6? *(* Aronian considered this a serious mistake, recommending *24...Bxb2∞)* 25.Bc1 0-0-0 *(25...Ke7* Δ♖ad8 is somewhat better, as ♙f7 remains protected. However, after *26.b3±* White remains on top.*)* 26.b3 Ne5 27.Be2 Rd7 28.Rd2! Rgd8 *(28...c4 29.bxc4 a5 30.Bb2±)* 29.Rc2 Ng6 30.Kf1 Kb8 31.g3± /+-, Aronian,L (2786)-Leko,P (2752)/Moscow Tal mem/ 2009/ White prepares ♘d2 by stopping ♘f4. He has a distinct, possibly already decisive advantage, as Black's activity will gradually evaporate.;

B2) 11.Be2 Nbd7

B2a) Less common is 12.Bxg4 , after Rg8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Bf3 0-0-0 15.Qd2!? Rxg3 16.fxg3 e5 17.0-0-0

B2a1) Black should have possibly gone for the ⊥ 17...exd4!? 18.Qf4 Qe6 19.e5 dxc3 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Qxf6+ Qxf6 22.exf6 cxb2+ 23.Kxb2 Bd6 24.Re1 Bxg3 25.Re7 Bc8 26.Bxc6 *(26.Rxa7 Bf5⩲)* 26...b4⇄;

B2a2) 17...Qxd4 18.g4! Nd7 19.Qxd4 exd4 20.Rxd4 Bg7 21.Rdd1 Rg8 22.g5 Ne5 23.gxh6 Bxh6+ 24.Kb1 b4 25.Ne2 c5 26.Rd6 Bg7 27.Rhd1 Kc7 28.Nf4 Rh8 29.h5 Bc6 30.R6d2± Grischuk,A (2733)-Aronian,L (2773)/Bilbao/2009/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 132.;

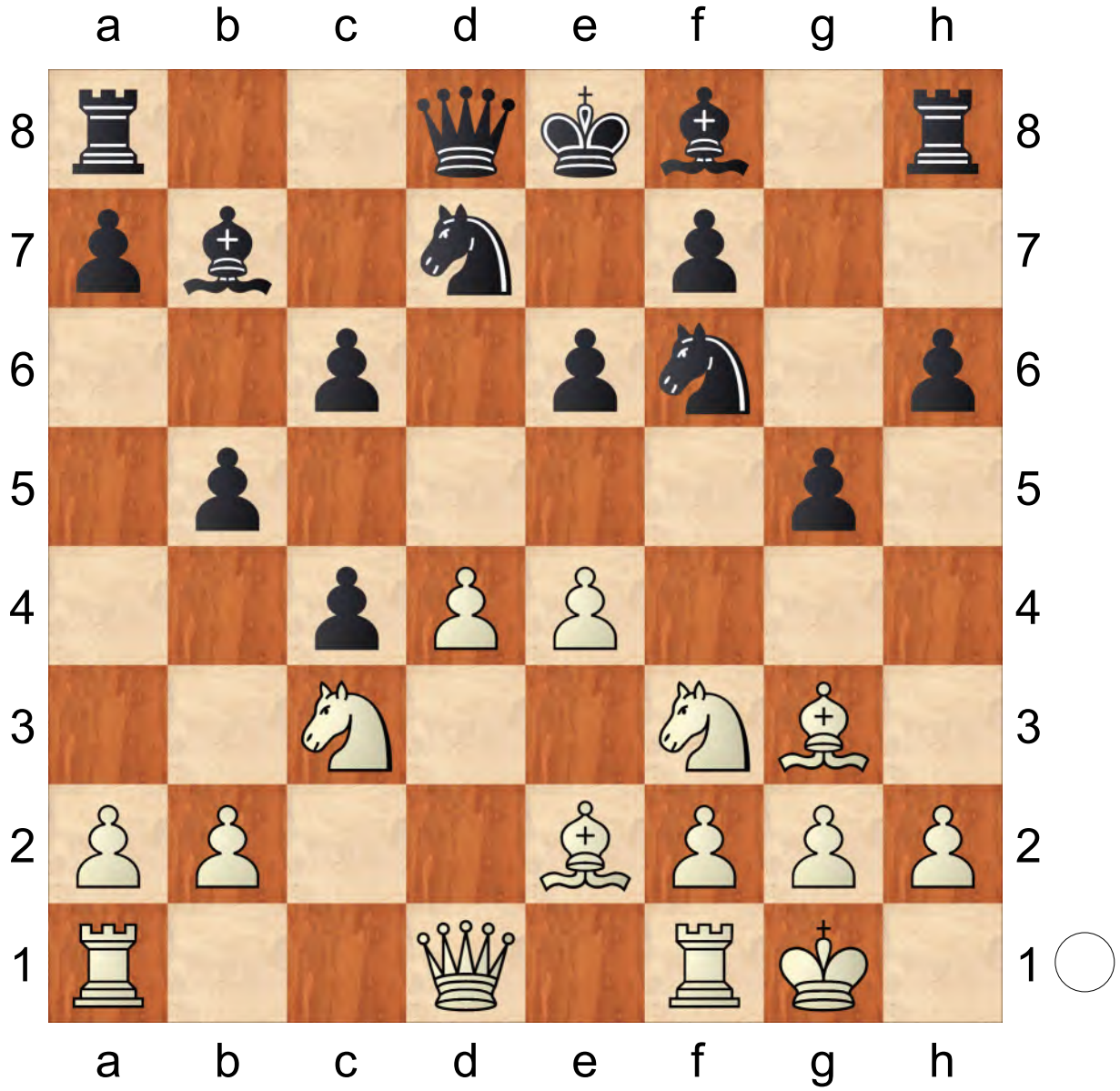
B2b) 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Be5 Qe7 Po 14.0-0 Rg8 15.b3 Nd7 16.Bg3 b4 17.Na4 c3 18.Qd3 h5!?N *(18...e5 19.Rad1 Bg7 20.d5 Qd6 21.Bxg4 cxd5 22.exd5 0-0-0 23.a3 Ba6 24.Qe3 h5 25.Bf5 Kb8 26.Rfe1∞ /↑,* Grischuk,A (2717)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Odessa rpd/2007/ White finally won this game after some hair-raising complications.*)* 19.a3 a5 20.axb4 axb4 21.Nc5!? *(21.Qc4 Ra5∓; 21.Qe3 Rg6↑)* 21...Rxa1 22.Nxb7! Ne5! 23.Rxa1 Nxd3 24.Ra8+ Kd7 25.Bxd3 Qf6 26.Be5? *(26.e5! Qh6 27.Ra7 Kc8 28.Na5=* and Black's ♔ can't escape the

threatening perpetual.*)* 26...Bd6!-+ ♔c3 27.Bxf6 Rxa8 28.Kf1 Ra1+ 29.Ke2 Ra2+ 0-1,Grischuk,A (2733)-Aronian,L (2773)/ECC Ohrid/2009/]

9...Bb7 10.0-0 This move and the lines connected with it were recently somewhat unfairly neglected.

[More attention concentrated on 10.h4 g4 11.Ne5 , transposing into the lines from the previous note.]

10...Nbd7



11.Ne5 Bg7

[Due to the recent developments in this branch Black should perhaps pay more attention to the less usual, but playable alternative 11...h5 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 , which doesn't lead to such forcing play as the text-move:

A) 13.Qc1 Rg8 14.Rd1 Bb4 15.Qe3 Qe7 *(15...Ng4 16.Bxg4 hxg4 17.a4 Kf8 18.axb5 cxb5 19.d5 a6 20.Qb6 Rg6 21.Bc7 Rc8 22.Qxb7* Goganov,A

(2462)-Yevseev,D (2529)/St Petersburg/2009/ *Rxc7 23.Qxa6 exd5⇄)* 16.h3 *(16.e5!?±; 16.a4!?)* 16...h4 17.Bh2 Bxc3 18.bxc3 g4 19.Kh1 c5 20.hxg4 cxd4 21.Rxd4 e5 22.Rdd1 Nxg4 23.Bxg4 Rxg4 24.f3 Rg6 25.a4 a5 26.axb5 a4 27.Qe2 Qc5 28.Rab1 Rd6 29.Rxd6 Qxd6 30.Qxc4 a3 31.Ra1 h3 32.Qe2 hxg2+ 33.Qxg2 0-0-0!⩱ Kramnik,V (2769)-Gelfand,B (2733)/WCh Mexico City/2007/;

B) 13.Be5 Rh6 14.Qc1 Rg6 15.Rd1 Ng4 16.Bxg4 hxg4 17.b3 cxb3 18.axb3 f6 19.Bg3 Kf7 20.Qe3 a6 21.Rd3 Kg8 22.Rad1 Qf7 23.Qe2 1/2,Wang Hao (2696)-Predojevic,B (2652)/Sarajevo/2009/ a5!?∞ /∓]

12.Nxd7

[Topalov's blow 12.Nxf7 has almost disappeared from the scene: Kxf7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 Qb6 15.Nd6+ Ke7 16.Bg4 Raf8 17.Qc2 Rhg8 18.Rad1 c5 19.Qg6 Nc7 20.Nxb7 cxd4 21.Qe4 d3 *(21...Nd5!? 22.Nd6 d3∓)* 22.Rxd3 cxd3 23.Qb4+ Nc5 24.Nxc5 a5 25.Qa3 Rd8! 26.Nb3+? *(26.Nxd3+ b4 27.Qb3 Rc8∓ /∞)* 26...b4 27.Qxa5 Qxa5 28.Nxa5 Rd5 0-1, Bromberger,S (2510)-Sandipan,C (2585)/Zuerich/2009/]

12...Nxd7 13.Bd6 a6 14.a4 This is the main and most ambitious move.

[14.Re1 Bf8! 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.b3 cxb3 17.Qxb3 Kg7 18.a4 Qe7 19.d5 b4 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Qb2 Kh7 22.e5 Rhf8 *(22...c5!?∓)* 23.Qc2+ Kh8 24.Ne4 c5 25.Nd6 Bd5 26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Nxc4 Rf4 28.Rad1 Kg7 29.g3 Rd4 30.Rxd4 cxd4 31.Qe4 Rf8 32.Qxd4 Qc5∓ Lorenzo de la Riva,L (2331)-Alsina Leal,D (2529)/Barcelona/2009/]

[14.Bh5 Bf8 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.e5 Qe7!?N *(16...Qb6 17.b3 0-0-0∞* Kramnik,V (2769)-Anand,V (2792)/WCh Mexico City/2007/ See the notes in CBM 120.*)* 17.Ne4 0-0-0 18.Nd6+ Kb8 19.a4 Nb6 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Bf3 Rxd6 22.exd6 Qxd6 23.Bxb7 Kxb7 24.Qf3+ Nd5 25.Ra5 Qe7 26.Rfa1 Ra8∓ Pavlidis,A (2270)-Kotanjian,T (2578)/Kavala/2008/]

[14.d5 cxd5 15.exd5 Nf8∓]

14...e5 15.Bg4

[15.d5 c5 16.b4 Qb6! is still considered reliable for Black: *(16...cxb4 17.Bxb4 a5 18.Bd6 b4 19.Nb5 Rc8 20.Bxc4! Rxc4 21.Qb3→ Qc8 22.Bc7 Qxc7 23.Nxc7+ Rxc7 24.Rac1 Nc5 25.Qh3 Bc8 26.Qf3 g4 27.Qe3 Bf8 28.f4 gxf3 29.Qxf3 f5 30.Qg3* 1-0,Gustafsson,J (2606)-Rodshtein,M (2615)/Khanty Mansiysk/2007/ *)* 17.bxc5 Nxc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8+ Bxa8 21.Qa1 0-0 22.Qa5 Rb8 23.Rb1 Bf8 24.Nxb5 f5 25.Qa6 Kh8 26.Nc3 Rxb1+ 27.Nxb1 Qb4 28.Qxa8 Qxb1+ 29.Bf1 Qb4 30.exf5 c3 31.Qc8 *(31.Qc6 e4 32.h4 g4 33.g3 Qc5 34.Qf6+ Bg7 35.Qd8+ Bf8 36.Qf6+ Bg7 37.Qd8+ Qf8 38.Qc7 Qxf5 39.d6 Bd4 40.Qd8+ Kg7* 1/2, Alekseev,E (2716)-Bareev,E (2653)/Khanty Mansiysk/2007/*)* 31...e4 32.d6 Qxd6 33.Qxc3+ Bg7 34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.g3 Qd4 36.Qe8 Qe5 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Kg2 Qe7 39.Kh3 e3 40.fxe3 Qxe3= Kramnik,V (2799)-Karjakin,S (2732)/Nice blindfold rpd/2008/ The ⧾ are a sufficiently strong drawing factor to hold this ⊥ for Black.]

[Interesting, but hardly conclusive is Kramnik's alternative idea 15.Re1!? Qf6!?

(15...exd4?! 16.e5! Δ dxc3 17.Bh5 Nf8 18.Qf3 Qd7 19.e6 Nxe6 20.Rxe6+! Qxe6 21.Bxf7+! Qxf7 22.Re1++-; 15...Qb6 16.Bg4! Δ Qxd4 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.Qh5! Kxd6 19.Qxf7→) 16.Ba3 Bf8 17.Bg4 Rd8 18.axb5 axb5 *(18...cxb5 19.Nd5±)* 19.Bxf8 Kxf8

A) 20.Ra7 exd4!? *(20...Nc5? 21.dxc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1+-; 20...h5∞)* 21.Rxb7 Ne5⩱;

B) 20.Bxd7 Rxd7! *(20...exd4 21.e5 Qe7 22.e6 dxc3 23.Qd4±)* 21.dxe5 Qe6 22.Qh5 Qxe5 23.f4!? Qxf4 *(23...Qe7∞; 23...Qc5+ 24.Kh1 Qf2∞* Kramnik *)* 24.Rf1 Qe5 25.Rf5 Qe6 26.Raf1 Kg7? *(26...Rh7 27.e5⩱)* 27.Ne2! Rf8 28.Ng3 c5? *(⌓28...Qg6□ 29.Qg4 Rd6 30.Nh5+ Kg8 31.Rf6 Rxf6 32.Rxf6 Qh7 33.Rd6!→)* 29.Rf6 Qxf6 30.Rxf6 Kxf6 31.Qxh6+ Ke7 32.Nf5+ Ke8 33.Nd6+ Ke7 34.e5 Rg8 35.Qf6+ Kf8 36.e6 1-0, Kramnik,V (2759)-Leko, P (2751)/Nice rpd blindfold/2009/]

15...exd4

(Diagram)

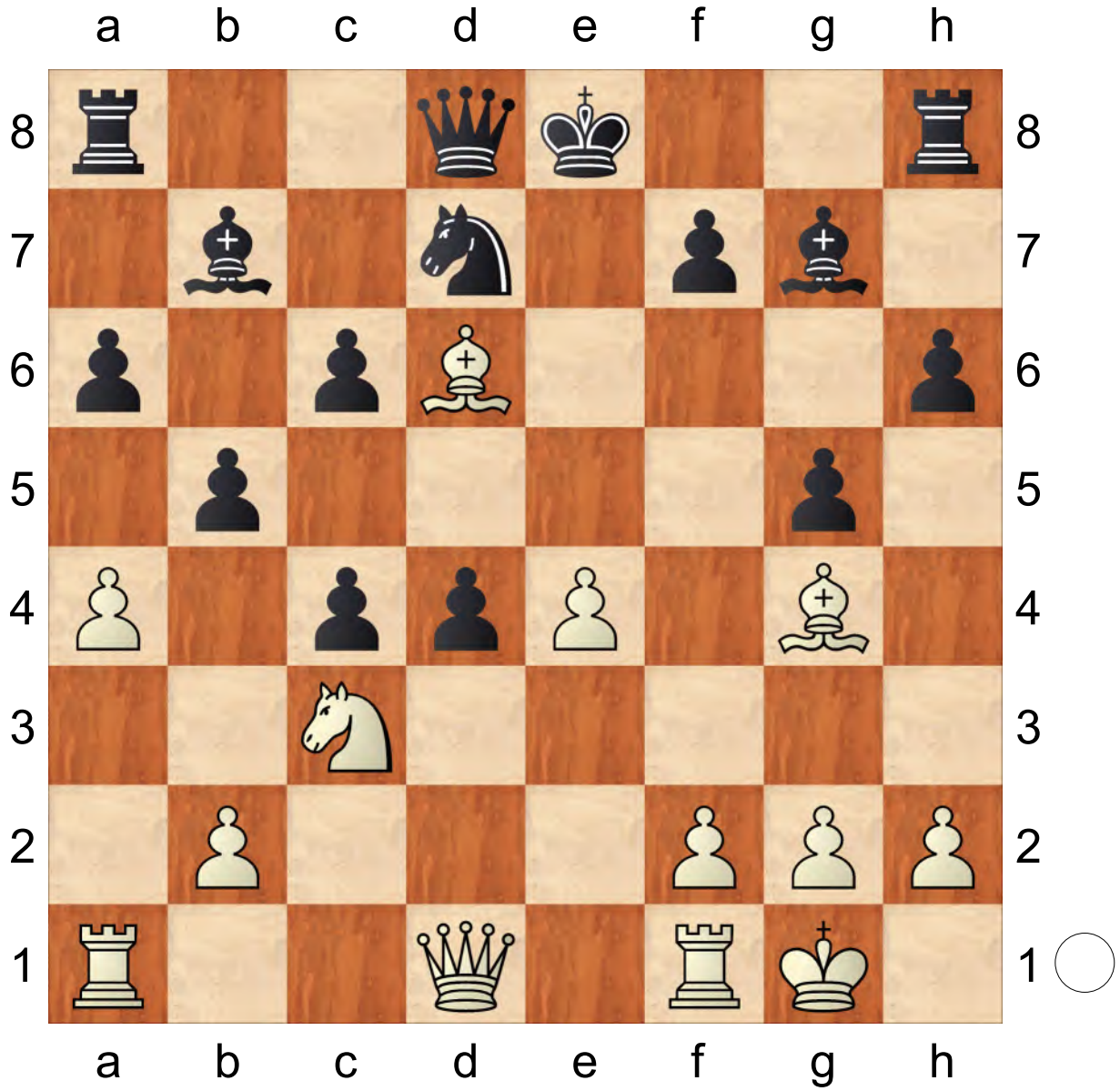
16.e5 c5 17.f4!?N R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'A real surprise in a well-known position.' A new idea, White would like to open both the ⇔e and f against Black's ♔. Bacrot prepared this novelty already against Carlsen in Dortmund 2009, but had to face a Botvinnik (5...dxc4) instead. Now Aronian became the victim, Bacrot in a subsequent interview mentioned a look of surprise in his opponent's face after the text-move. Other continuations lack the shock value, but even here White subsequently came up with a dangerous new idea:

[R.Scherbakov: 'White only tried' 17.Bf3 Nxe5! *(17...Ra7? 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Ne4 Nxe5 20.axb5 axb5 21.f4 gxf4 22.Qh5 Rb6 23.Bxe5 Qd5 24.Rxf4 Rg6 25.Nd6+ Rxd6 26.Rxf7 Bxe5 27.Rb7+ Kf8 28.Ra8+* 1-0, Iljin,A (2538)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2602)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 118.*; 17...Bxf3? 18.Qxf3 Nxe5 19.Qd5 dxc3 20.Rfe1 cxb2 21.Rad1 b1Q 22.Rxb1 Rc8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rbd1 Qd7 25.Rxe5++-* Kuljasevic,D (2464)-Zhao Jun (2552)/Richardson/2007/*)* 18.Bxb7 Qxd6 19.Bxa8 0-0

A) 20.Bf3 Qe7 *(⌓20...Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 b4 22.Ne4 Qd5↑)* 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra6 f5 24.h3 *(24.Nb6!?)* 24...d3 25.Re1 Re8 26.Nb6? *(26.Kf1!±)* 26...Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 d2∓ Pantsulaia,L (2607)-Babuiian,L (2415)/Istanbul/2008*!*

B) 20.Ne4 Qc7 21.axb5 Rxa8 22.f4 gxf4 23.Qh5 Ra7 *(23...Qb6!?∓)* 24.Rxa6 Rxa6 25.bxa6 Qc6 26.Qf5 Qxa6 27.Rxf4 Qg6 28.Nxc5 d3 29.Ne4 Qxf5 30.Rxf5 Ng4 31.Rb5= Deep Junior-Deep Fritz/Elista comp m/2007/]

[More promising seems to be 17.Re1 R.Scherbakov: 'with extremely sharp play. Both variations, especially the latter, are well-analysed and at the moment Black is holding on. We considered it in several games, including Kramnik - Aronian/Wijk aan Zee 2008, so Levon, being one of the leading experts on the whole Anti-



Moscow Gambit, was certainly familiar with the subtleties.' Nxe5 18.Bxe5 0-0 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Ne2 f5 21.Bh5 f4 But White can deviate earlier with

A) 22.b4 However, stronger is the yet untested

A1) 22...cxb3 23.Qxb3 Qd5 24.Qh3 Bc8 25.Nc3 dxc3 26.Qxc3+ Qd4 27.Qf3

A1a) 27...Rb8 28.Qc6 Bf5 *(28...Kg8 29.Rad1 Qg7 30.Re8 Rxe8 31.Qxe8+ Qf8 32.Bf7+ Kg7 33.Qe5+ Kxf7 34.Qxb8±* Kramnik *)* 29.Rad1 Qc3 30.h3→;

A1b) 27...Ra7 28.axb5 Qf6 *(28...Bb7 29.Qe2 Bd5 30.Rad1 f3 31.Rxd4 fxe2 32.Rxd5+-* Munkhchuluun,T (2042)-Lhamsuren,U (2038)/ MGL-ch Ulaanbaatar/2009/*; 28...Rf6 29.Rad1 Qc4 30.Rd8→* Kramnik *)* 29.Qa3 Qb6 30.Qc3+ Kg8 31.Re5 Qf6 32.Qxc5 Rd7 33.h4 gxh4 Kramnik,V (2799)-Aronian,L (2739)/Wijk aan Zee/2008/ 34.bxa6! Bxa6

35.Bg4 Rd6 36.Rae1+- Kramnik;

A2) 22...d3! 23.bxc5 b4∞ Anand *(23...d2!? 24.Rf1 f3 25.gxf3 Qd3≌)*;

B) 22.Nxd4!N cxd4 *(22...Qxd4? 23.Re7++-)* 23.Re6 Bc8 *(23...Rf6 24.Qe1* guarantees White at least a draw and he can fight for more.*)* 24.Rg6+ Kh7 25.axb5 Rf6 26.Rxf6 *(26.Qe2!?)* 26...Qxf6 27.Qc2+ Bf5 28.Qxc4 Rc8 29.Qd5 axb5 30.h3 Kh8 *(30...Rc7!? 31.Ra8 Be6 32.Qxb5 Bc4 33.Qa5±)* 31.Qxb5 Rf8 32.Ra6 Qg7 33.Rd6 d3 34.Qb6 Qe5 *(34...Kh7 35.Bg4↑)* 35.Bg6 d2 36.Bxf5 Qxf5 37.Qd4+ Kh7 38.Qxd2± /+-,Anand,V-Leko,P/ Moscow Tal mem/2009/]

17...dxc3 R.Scherbakov: 'Black accepts the challenge but perhaps Aronian did not analyse the f-pawn push as deeply as White's other options.' White's last move prevented ♘xe5, thus enhancing the potential effect of the ideas/threats, indicated in the above note (axb5, e6, ♖e1, ♗f3 etc.). Although it's a piece sacrifice (Black has time to take the offered ♘), the question is of he can't afford to play even

[17...gxf4!? **Δ** R.Scherbakov: 'was worth considering but perhaps it would be useful for Black in the line 17. Bf3 -' with the analoguous idea 18.Bf3 R.Scherbakov: '!' *(18.Rxf4* R.Scherbakov: '?!' *Nxe5∓; 18.Re1 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 0-0∓* **Δ** *20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Ne2 d3!-+* and the ♘ can't go to g3. *; 18.e6* R.Scherbakov: '?' *Nf6-+)* 18...Nxe5 19.Bxb7 Qxd6 20.Bxa8 0-0 R.Scherbakov: '- see the game Ijin - Nepomniachtchi/EU-ch Dresden 2007, for details.' 21.Ne4 *(21.Be4 b4↑)* 21...Qb6 22.Bd5 Rd8∓]

18.bxc3 Bf8 R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'This bishop's retreat seems to be the best - Black wants to get his king to the K-side.' A natural reaction, Black forst of all challenges the monster ♗d6.

[R.Scherbakov: 'Here' 18...gxf4?! R.Scherbakov: '?' R.Scherbakov: 'failed to' already runs into 19.e6 R.Scherbakov: '!' Nf6 20.Bh5 R.Scherbakov: '!' Nxh5 21.Qxh5 Qxd6 *(*after *21...Bd4+?* R.Scherbakov *22.cxd4 Qxd6 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Qxb7 Rb8 25.e7+! Ke8 26.Qf3!→* Black could hardly defend his king*)* 22.Qxf7+ Kd8 23.Qxg7 R.Scherbakov: 'followed by Qg7xb7 with a strong attack' Re8 24.Qxb7↑ Rb8 R.Scherbakov 25.Qg7 with good attacking chances. For example, Re7 26.Qxh6 Rxe6 27.Qh4+ Kc7 28.Rad1 and so on.]

[18...Nf8 R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'was also rather suspicious as Black's king has got stuck in the center:'

A) 19.fxg5 R.Scherbakov Ng6!? *(*both *19...hxg5? 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qb1! b4 22.Qf5→;* and *19...Qxg5? 20.Qe2 Ne6 21.Rf5 Qg6 22.Rxf7!! Qxf7 23.Bh5 Ng5 24.Qg4→* were unsatisfactory for Black*)* 20.axb5 *(20.Bf3!?)* 20...Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Qe2 Qe7 23.Rae1 0-0 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 axb5 26.Rxc5 with better chances for White, but Black should have got sufficient counter chances after Ra2±;

B) 19.f5≌ R.Scherbakov: '≌!?']

19.Qe2 R.Scherbakov: 'White is simply improving his position, not being in a hurry to get some material back.' White calmly continues his development, as more direct continuations are inadequate:

[R.Scherbakov: 'The tempting' 19.e6 R.Scherbakov: '?' R.Scherbakov: 'was met by' Nf6 R.Scherbakov: '!' 20.Be5 Qxd1 21.Bxd1 Rg8 R.Scherbakov: '!' 22.Bxf6 gxf4∓]

[R.Scherbakov: 'while' 19.fxg5 R.Scherbakov: '?' R.Scherbakov: 'was also in Black's favour:' Bxd6 20.exd6 *(20.Qxd6 Nb6 21.Qxc5 Qd5* R.Scherbakov: '!' *22.Qf2 Qxg2+!?* R.Scherbakov: '!' *23.Qxg2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nxa4∓)* 20...0-0! 21.gxh6 Ne5 22.Rf5 f6∓ R.Scherbakov: '∓' R.Scherbakov: 'and so on.']

19...Bxd6 R.Scherbakov: 'Apart from this natural capture Black had some other options to think about, but the position was too complicated and his choice was rather difficult. Yet, other moves seemed much more risky as they would give White important time to bring more pieces into action.' Another logical and human moves, which is consistent with 18... ♗f8. Although now White's initiatiative gives him at least a draw, other tries, initially favoured by the computer, are connected with serious practical risk, especially for the defence.

[19...h5 20.Bxh5 Rh7 21.Rad1 Bxd6 22.Rxd6!? *(22.exd6+ Kf8 23.Bg4 Kg8∓)*

A) 22...Qe7 23.Rfd1±;

B) 22...Qc7 23.Re6+!? Kf8 *(23...Kd8 24.Rd6→)* 24.fxg5→;

C) 22...Rxh5 23.Qxh5 Qe7 24.Qxg5 Qxg5 25.fxg5 b4 *(25...Nf8 26.Rb6)* 26.e6±]

[R.Scherbakov: 'or' 19...Nb6 20.fxg5 *(20.Rad1!? Be7* Δ0-0∞ *)* 20...Qxg5 21.Rf5 Qg7 *(21...Qh4 22.g3 Qd8 23.Bh5→)*

A) 22.Raf1 Bd5 23.Rxf7!? *(23.Bf3* R.Scherbakov *0-0-0! 24.Bxd5 Bxd6! 25.Bb7+ Kb8 26.exd6 Qxc3 27.Rxf7* with the better chances for White although Black was still very much alive.*)* 23...Bxf7 24.Rxf7 Qxf7 25.Bh5⩱ Bxd6 R.Scherbakov 26.exd6+ Kf8 27.Bxf7 Kxf7 28.Qe7+ Kg6∞;

B) 22.Bf3 R.Scherbakov: ' ↑!?' 22...Qh7 *(22...Nd5 23.Qd2 Bxd6 24.Bxd5⩱)* 23.Bxb7 *(23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Bxb7 Qd3 25.Qf2+ Kg8 26.Bxa8 Bxd6 27.Rf1 Rh7 28.exd6 Qxd6=)* 23...Qxf5 24.Bxa8 Nxa8 25.axb5⩱ ↑]

[For example, 19...gxf4 R.Scherbakov 20.Rxf4 h5 21.Bh3↑]

20.exd6+ Kf8

(Diagram)

21.fxg5 hxg5

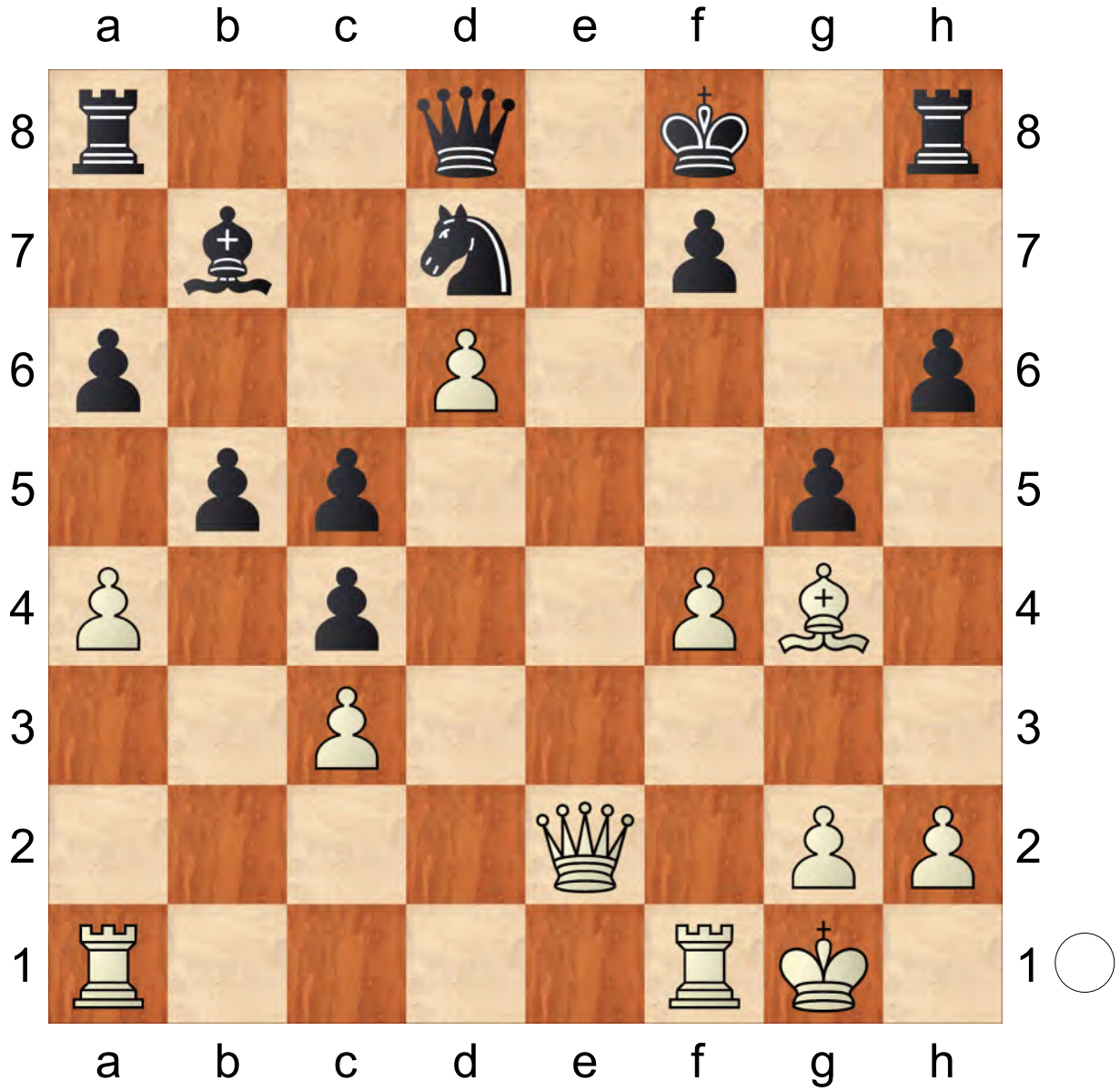
[21...Rh7 R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'did not solve the problems:'

A) 22.Be6 Qxg5 *(22...hxg5!? 23.Qc2* -21...hg5 *)* 23.Rf5 *(23.Bxd7 Rg7 24.Rf2 Rd8∓)* 23...Qd8 24.Raf1 f6 25.Qh5⩱;

B) 22.g6!? R.Scherbakov: '!' 22...Rg7 23.gxf7

B1) 23...Bxg2 R.Scherbakov: '?' 24.Kxg2 h5 *(24...Nf6* R.Scherbakov *25.Qe8+! Nxe8 26.fxe8Q+ Kxe8 27.Rae1+ Re7 28.dxe7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7+ Kxe7 30.Re1++-)* 25.Qe6 Rxg4+ 26.Kh1+-;

B2) 23...Nf6



B2a) 24.d7! R.Scherbakov Qe7 *(24...Rxf7? 25.Bh5)* 25.Qxe7+ Kxe7 26.Rxf6! Rxg4 *(26...Kxf6?? 27.Rf1+ Ke7 28.f8Q++-)* 27.f8Q+ Rxf8 28.Rxf8 Rxg2+ 29.Kf1 Rd2 30.Rh8 Rxd7 31.Rb1± and White kept real winning chances.;
B2b) 24.Bf3 R.Scherbakov: '!?' 24...Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Rxf7 26.axb5⩲ R.Scherbakov: '↑']

22.Be6 R.Scherbakov: '!' **22...Rh7** R.Scherbakov: '!'
[≤22...Nf6?! R.Scherbakov: '?' 23.Rxf6 R.Scherbakov: '!' Qxf6 24.Rf1
A) 24...Rh6 R.Scherbakov: '?' 25.Rxf6 Rxf6 26.Qh5+- *(26.Qe5* R.Scherbakov *Kg7 27.Qxg5+ Rg6 28.Qe5+ Kg8 29.Bh3+-)*;
B) 24...Qg6 25.Rxf7+ Qxf7 26.Bxf7 Kxf7 27.Qe7+ Kg6 28.Qxb7± R.Scherbakov: 'and again Black's task was too difficult.' With his exposed ♔ and weak ♙ Black is fighting for his life in the resulting ⊥.]

23.Qc2 R.Scherbakov: '!' **23...Kg8?** R.Scherbakov: '??' R.Scherbakov: 'Up to now Black was equal to the task but here he goes astray.' This fails tactically, allowing Bacrot to demonstrate a forced win.

[23...Nf6? 24.Rxf6 Qxf6 25.Qxh7→ /+-]

[The only correct defence was ⌓23...Rg7! R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'was the only defence. White would have maintained the pressure by'

A) 24.Bxf7 R.Scherbakov: '?!' Rxf7 25.Qh7 R.Scherbakov: 'did not promise much:'

A1) R.Scherbakov: 'but' 25...Nf6 R.Scherbakov: 'was not losing yet:' 26.Qh8+ Ng8 27.Rxf7+ Kxf7 28.Qh7+ Ke6 R.Scherbakov: '?!' *(28...Kf6!* R.Scherbakov *29.Rf1+ Ke6 30.Qxb7 Nf6∞)* 29.Qxb7≅ Nf6 R.Scherbakov 30.axb5↑;

A2) 25...Rf6 R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'was dubious:' 26.Rae1 R.Scherbakov: '!' *(26.Rfe1 Rxd6 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Qh7+=)* 26...Be4 R.Scherbakov: '!' 27.Qxe4 Kg7 28.Rf5!? *(28.Qd5!↑* R.Scherbakov*)* 28...Rxd6 29.Rf7+ Kxf7 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+=;

A3) 25...Rf4! 26.h4!? R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'and here some moves might lead to some kind of repetition, for example:' *(26.g3 Qf6! 27.gxf4 gxf4 28.Rf2 Re8! 29.Qxd7 Qg5+ 30.Kf1 Be4-+)*

A3a) 26...Bxg2!? R.Scherbakov 27.Qh6+

A3a1) 27...Kf7 was risky: 28.Kxg2 Qg8 29.Rae1 *(29.Rfe1 Rg4+ 30.Kf3! Rf4+ 31.Kg2=)* 29...gxh4+ 30.Kh1 Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1+ Ke8 32.Qh5+ Kd8 33.Rg1 Qe8 34.Qg5+ Kc8 35.Qd5 Ra7 36.Rg8 Qxg8 37.Qxg8+ Kb7≅;

A3a2) 27...Kg8 28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qh6+ Kg8=;

A3b) 26...Bf3!? R.Scherbakov 27.Qh6+ Kf7 28.Rae1 Nf6 29.hxg5 Qxd6 30.Re3 Rg8 31.Rexf3 Rg6∞;

A3c) 26...Nf6 27.Qxb7 Rb8∓;

B) ⌓24.Qf5 R.Scherbakov: '!' 24...Nf6 R.Scherbakov: '!' *(24...f6? 25.Qh3+-)* 25.Qxf6 Qxf6 26.Rxf6 Rd8 R.Scherbakov: 'and Black should have held the balance. For example,' *(26...Ke8?! 27.Bf5± ↑)* 27.Raf1 *(27.Bf5 b4=* now already gives Black sufficient ⇄.*)* 27...Rxd6 28.Rxf7+ Rxf7 29.Rxf7+ Ke8 30.Rxb7 Rxe6 31.axb5 axb5 32.Rxb5 Re5 33.Kf2= /± R.Scherbakov: '±' R. Scherbakov: 'with only a theoretical advantage for White thanks to his better pawn structure.' White has a slightly better ♖⊥, but the most probable result is a draw. I can only speculate if Aronian wanted to avoid this endgame, or what he overlooked in the final pahse of the game...]

24.Rxf7! Rxf7 25.Rf1! R.Scherbakov: '→' R.Scherbakov: 'White's attack is decisive.' The combination requires accuracy.

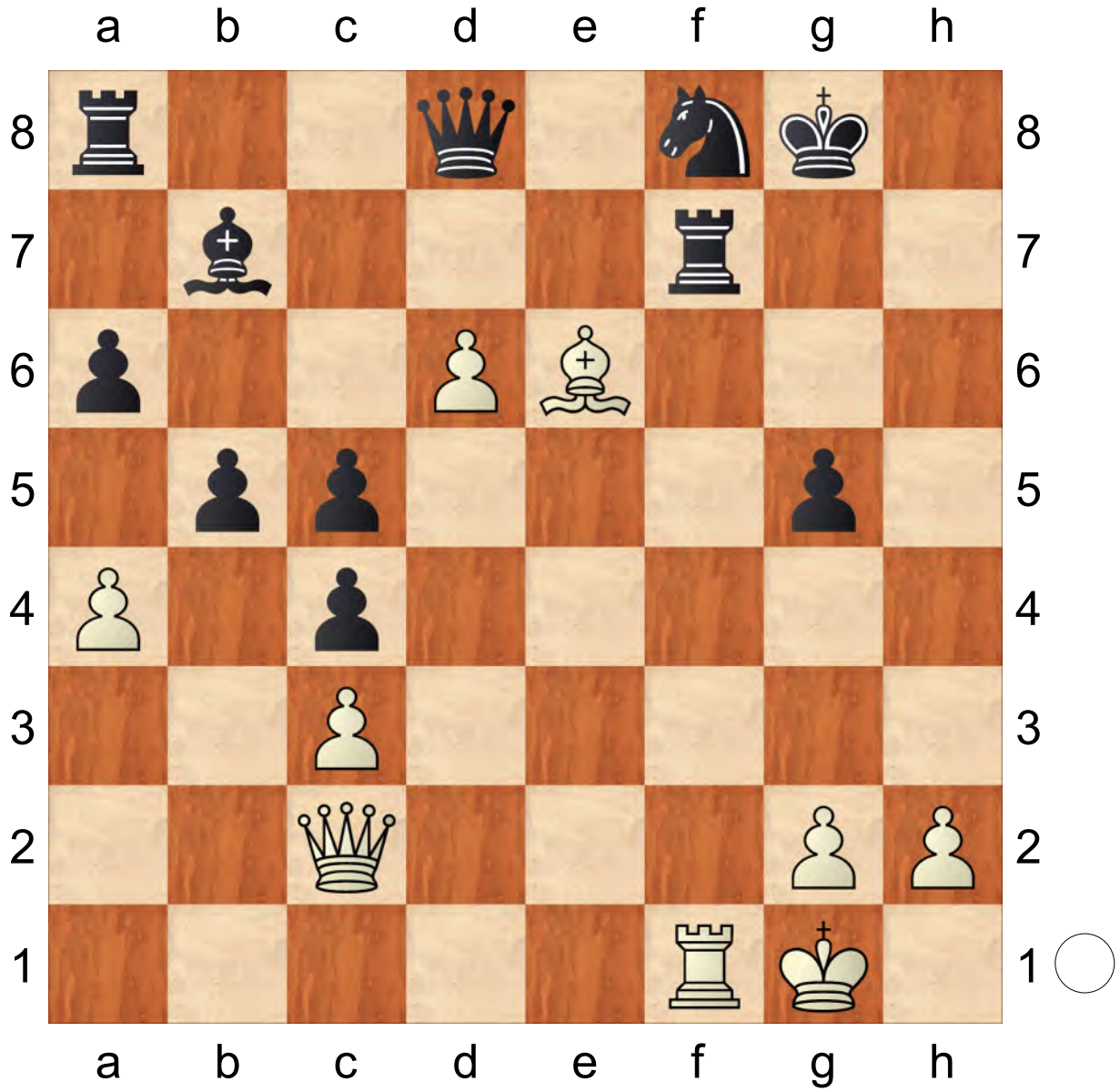
[25.Qg6+? Kh8 26.Qxf7 Qf6! Δ 27.Qxd7 Rf8-+]

25...Nf8

[25...Ne5 R.Scherbakov: 'was crushed by' 26.Rxf7 R.Scherbakov: '!' Nxf7 27.Qg6+ 7 R.Scherbakov: 'with mate in' Kh8 28.Qh5+! Kg7 29.Qxf7+ Kh8

(29...Kh6 30.Bf5 Qg8 31.Qf6+ Kh5 32.g4+ Kh4 33.Qh6#) 30.Bf5 Qg8 31.Qh5+ Kg7 32.Qxg5+ Kh8 *(32...Kf7 33.Qe7#)* 33.Qh6++-]

[R.Scherbakov: 'while' 25...Nf6 R.Scherbakov: 'also gave Black no chance to escape:' 26.Qg6+ Kh8 27.Qxf7 R.Scherbakov: 'followed by Qf7xe7.' Qf8 28.Qxb7 Rd8 29.Qe7!+- wins at least a piece.]



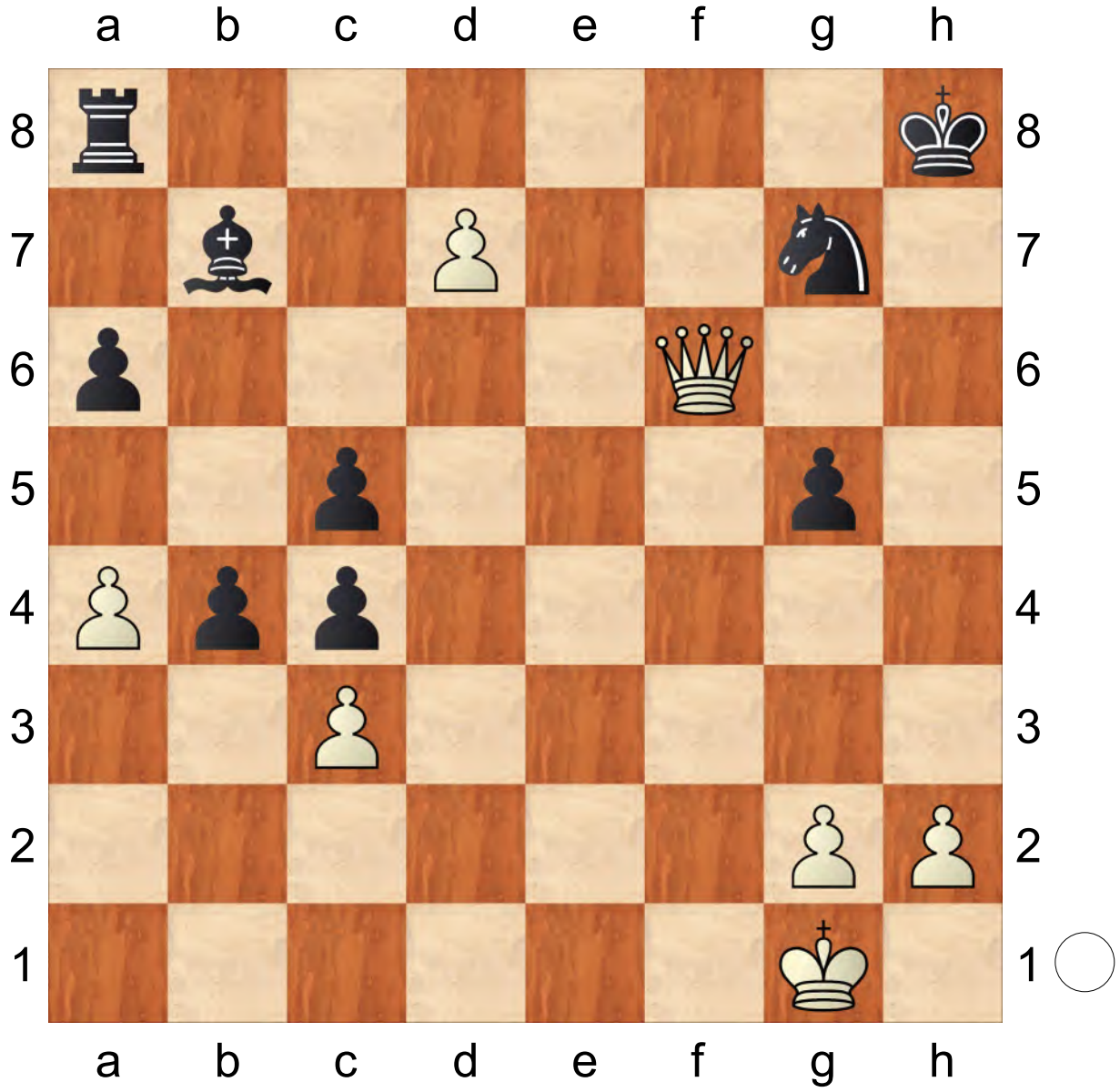
R.Scherbakov: 'There was no defence.' **26.Qf5!** R.Scherbakov: 'Perhaps Aronian missed this strong move.' The decisive blow.

[R.Scherbakov: 'Both captures were helpful for Black:' 26.Rxf7? R.Scherbakov: '??' Qxd6-+]

[R.Scherbakov: 'or' 26.Bxf7+?! R.Scherbakov: '?' Kh8 R.Scherbakov: ' ∞!' 27.Qd1 Kg7∞]

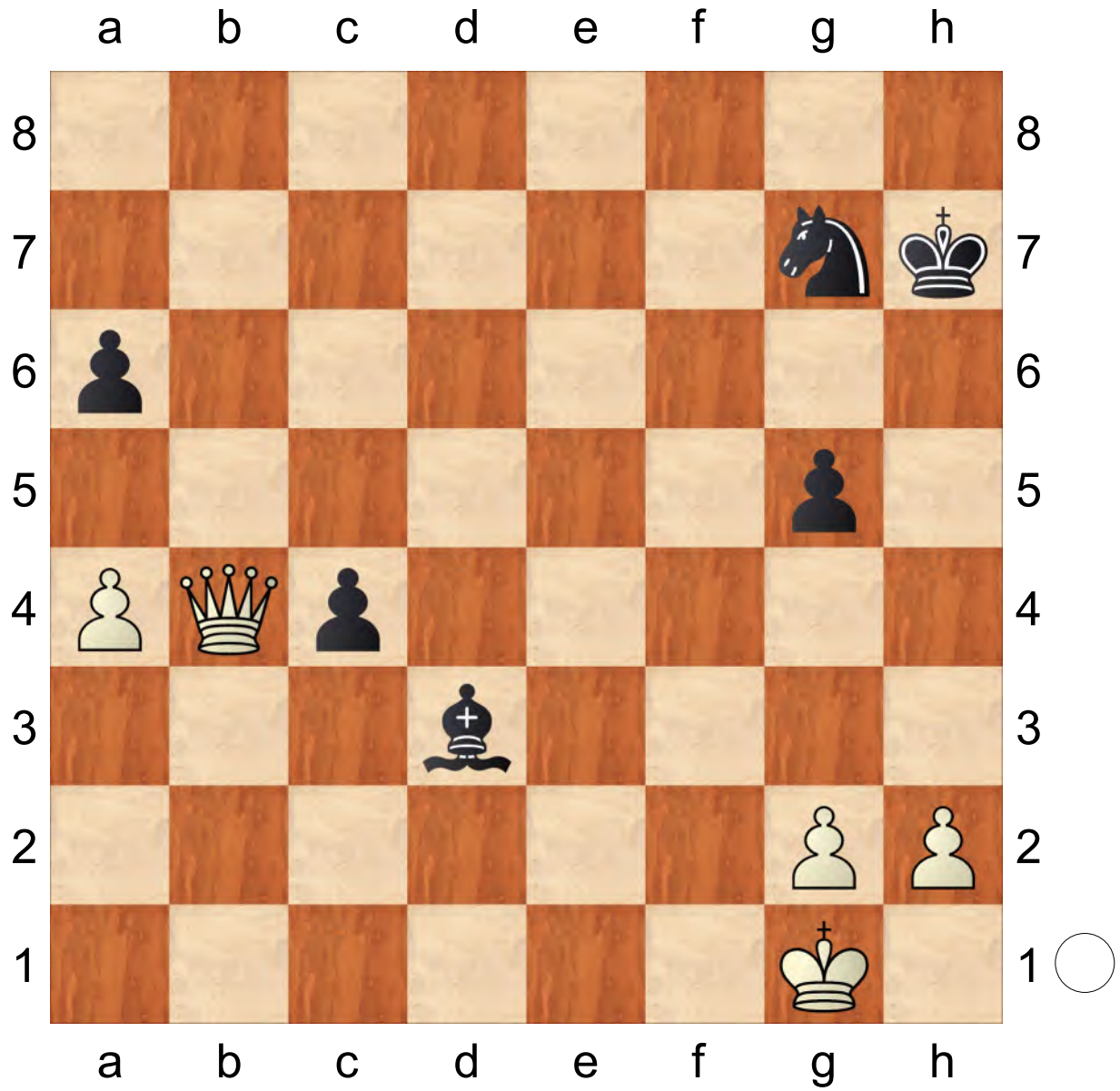
26...Nxe6

[R.Scherbakov: 'The tricky' 26...Qd7 R.Scherbakov: 'couldn't help:' 27.Bxf7+ *(27.Qxg5+* R.Scherbakov *Kh8 28.Rxf7 Qxf7 29.Bxf7 Nh7 30.Qe5++-)* 27...Kh8 28.Qxg5+-]
[26...Kh8 27.Qxf7 Nh7 *(27...Nxe6 28.Rf6* -26...♘e6 *)* 28.Qxb7+-]
27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Rf6 R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'All White's moves are full of energy!' **28...Qxf6**
[28...Qf8 29.Qxe6+-]
29.Qxf6+ Ng7 30.d7+- R.Scherbakov: 'The rest wasn't quite necessary.' This ♙ will cost Black a whole ♖, the rest is just agony. **30...b4**



31.cxb4 cxb4 32.d8Q+ Rxd8 33.Qxd8+ Kh7 34.Qb6 Be4 35.Qxb4 Bd3

(Diagram)



36.Qa5

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R.Scherbakov: 'Black resigned.'
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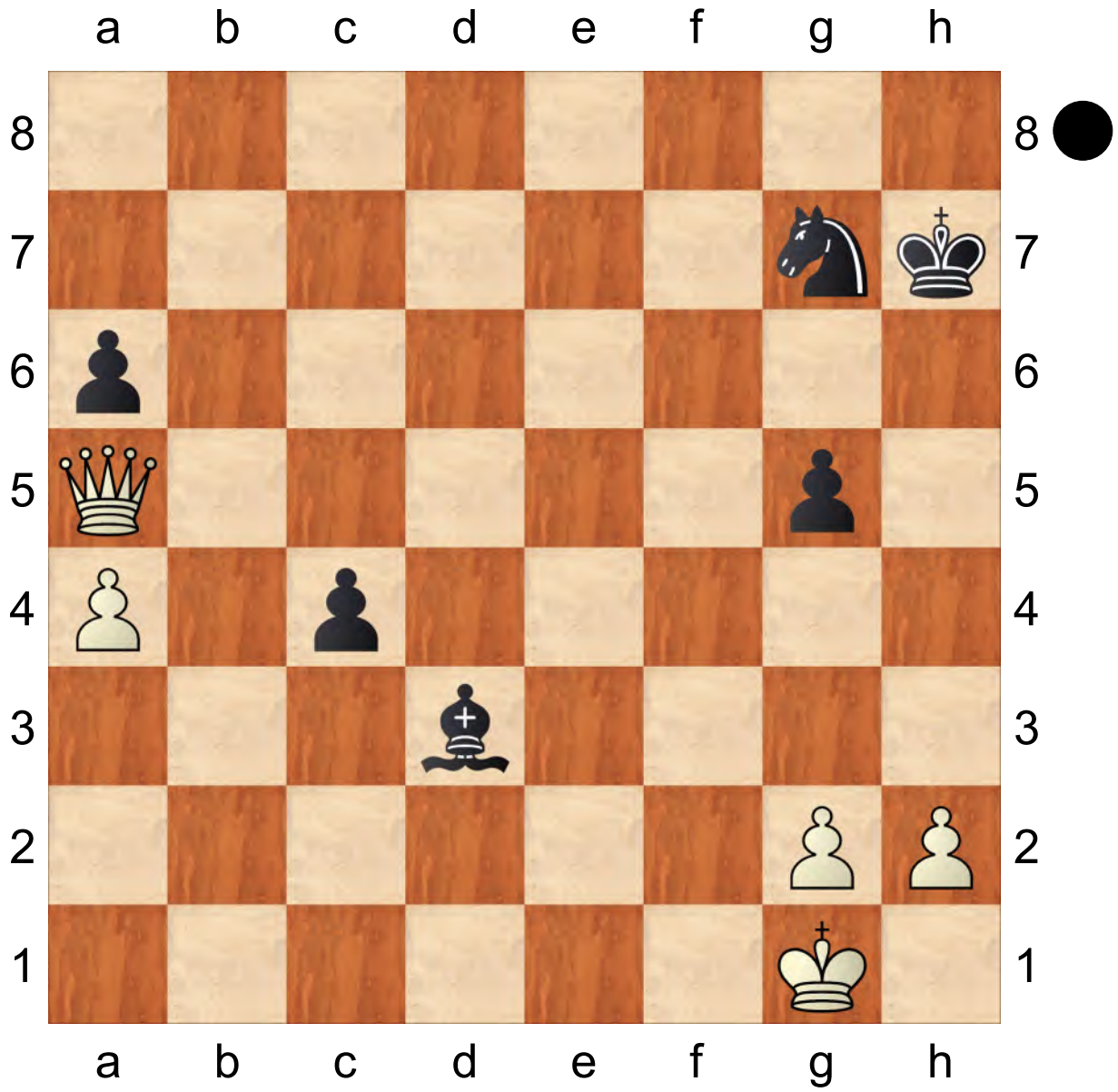
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□ **Navara,David** **2744**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2731**
Prague Cez Trophy m (4) 08.06.2016
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Nf6 Rapport is well-known for his original openings. For the Prague match he prepared the Alekhine, which he had never played before. With 1,5/2 he could hardly have wished for a better result! **2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3** David remains true to his repertoire. The solid text-move is more popular than the ultra sharp 4 pawns attack, which doesn't seem to be a refutation of the Alekhine anyway:

[4.c4 Nb6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.d5 *(10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Qd2 Qe8 14.Rad1 Rd8 15.Qe1 Rd7 16.Qg3 Qg6 17.Qxg6 Bxg6 18.Rd2 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 h6 20.h3 Na5 21.b3 Nc6 22.Kf2 Rf8 23.Kg1 Rfd8 24.g4 a6 25.Kg2 Nb4 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.dxe5 Rxd2 28.Rxd2 Rxd2 29.Bxd2 Nd7 30.Nb5 axb5 31.Bxb4 bxc4 32.Bxc4 Kf7=* Dominguez Perez,L (2734)-Vitiugov,N (2691) St Petersburg rpd 2012. In the manoeuvring struggle Black patiently neutralised White's slight edge.*)* 10...exd5 11.cxd5 Nb4 12.Nd4 Bd7 Black can hold the balance even after the straightforward

A) 13.Qf3 c5 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Nxc6 *(15.Qg4 N6d5 16.Bd2 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bc5 18.0-0-0 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Nd5 20.e6* Kain,A (2102)-Collobiano,A (2077) email 2008 *0-0 21.exf7+ Rxf7 22.Bc4 Rd7=)* 15...bxc6 16.Qe4 N6d5 17.Bf2 0-0 18.Bc4 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Nd5 20.0-0 Nxc3 21.Qxc6 Rc8 22.Qa6 Kulaots,K (2578)-Yuffa,D (2502) Moscow 2016 Ne4⇄ ;

B) 13.e6 fxe6 14.dxe6 Bc6 15.Qg4 Bh4+ 16.g3 Bxh1 17.0-0-0 Qf6 18.gxh4 0-0 19.Bb5 c6 20.Bg5 Qe5 21.e7 with Rf2!? *(≤21...Rfe8 22.Nf5↑)* 22.Qg1 *(22.Qe6+?! Qxe6 23.Nxe6 N4d5 24.Nd8 Nxe7 25.Bxe7 cxb5 26.Rxh1 Rc8∓* Wiesinger,J-Caprano,J ICCF corr 1990*)* 22...Qxh2 23.Qxh2 Rxh2 24.Ne6 N4d5 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Bc4 Be4 27.Bb3 h6 28.Rf1 Nxe7 29.Bxe7 ½, Van Daatselaar,J (2122)-Legemaat,G (2345) ICCF email 2009 Bd5 30.Nc7 Bxb3 31.Nxa8 Bxa2=]

4...Bg4 This classical continuation is rather rare nowadays.

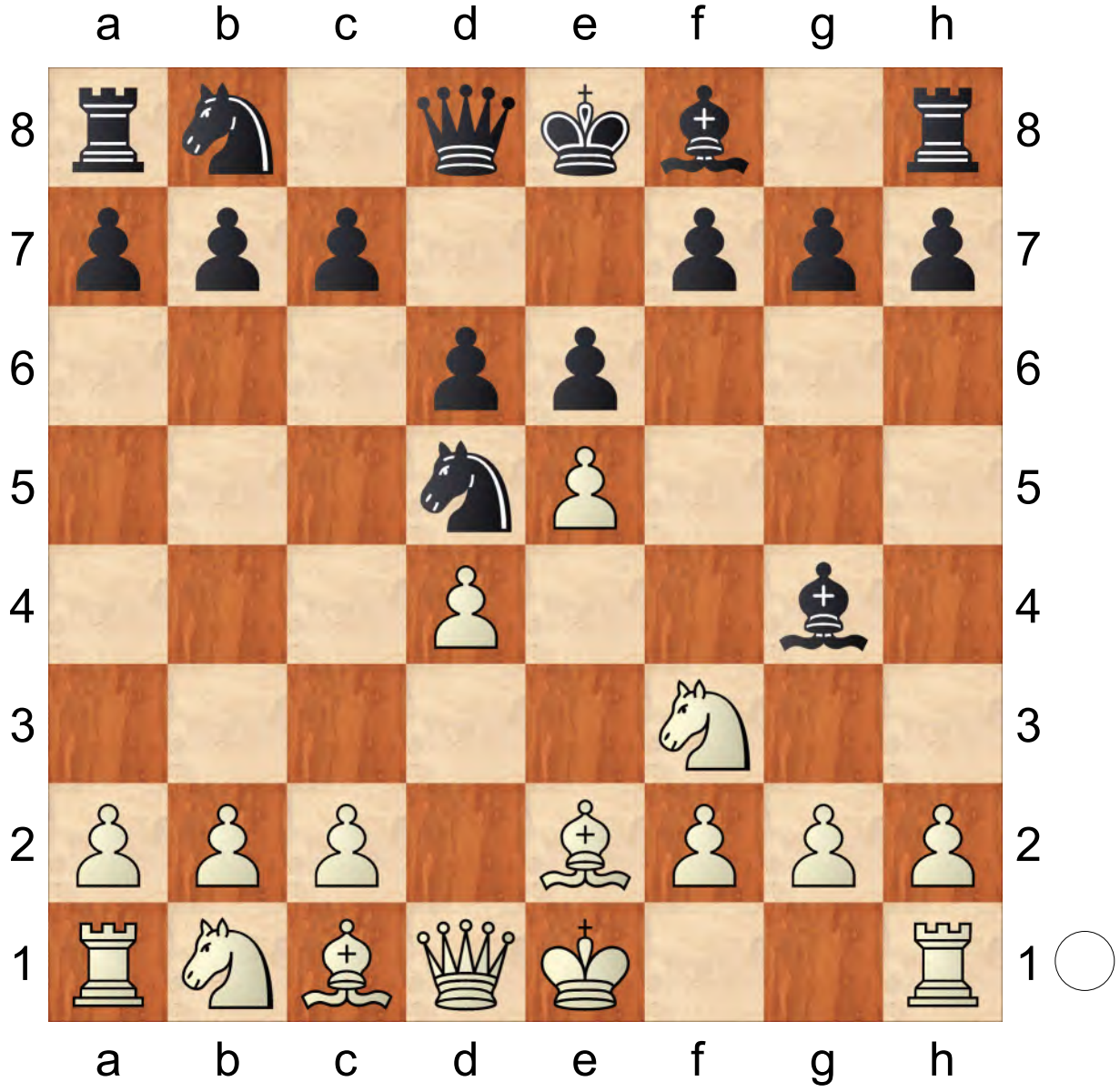
[Black often prefers the modest 4...dxe5 5.Nxe5 , leading to structures featured also in the Caro-Kann, Rubinstein French, or Scandinavian. In fact the Alekhine games I annotated in the not too distant past featured this line: c6 *(5...g6 6.Bc4 Be6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Nef3 N7f6 11.Rxe6! fxe6 12.Ng5→* Grischuk,A (2736)-Riazantsev,A (2661) Moscow 2009. For more details see the notes in CBM 134*)* 6.Be2 Bf5 7.0-0 *(* A circumspect choice instead of the wild *7.g4 Be6 8.f4 f6 9.Nd3 Bf7 10.0-0 Na6 11.Nc3 e6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Be3 Be7 14.Bf3 Qd7 15.c3 Rd8 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Kh1 Nc7 18.Rae1 Bg6 19.Bf2 Rfe8 20.Rg1 Bd6 21.Bg3 Nd5=* Navara,D (2638)-Short,N (2663) Wijk aan Zee

2009) 7...Nd7 8.Nf3 (*8.Bg4 Bxg4 9.Qxg4 g6!?* Grischuk,A (2763)-Kamsky,G (2746) olm Istanbul 2012. This line looks OK for Black, for more details see the notes in CBM 151.) 8...e6 9.c4 N5f6 10.Nc3 Bd6 (*⌓10...Ne4!?*) 11.h3 (*11.Nh4⩲*) 11...0-0 (*11...Ne4* and; *11...h6* are more solid) 12.Nh4 Ne4 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.Bd3 Re8 15.Bxe4 (*15.Qf3!?*) 15...fxe4 16.Re1 Qh4 17.Qg4 Qxg4 18.hxg4 Bb4 19.Bd2 Nb6 (*19...Bxc3 20.Bxc3⩲*) 20.b3 Rad8 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.Bxb4 Rexd4 23.Re7 (*23.Be7! Re8 24.Bc5 Rdd8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rd1↑*) 23...R4d7 24.Rae1 f6 25.a4? (*25.Bc5↑*) 25...Rxe7 26.Rxe7 Rd1+ 27.Kh2 Nd7 28.Re8+ Kf7 29.Ra8 Navara,D (2727)-Luch,M (2413) Czechia 2015 Rb1 30.Rxa7 Rxb3∓ **Δ** 31.Rxb7 Ke6]

5.Be2

[5.h3 is another option which I may examine later.]

5...e6



6.0-0

[Undoubtedly surprised in game 2, Navara went for a line he used in his junior years: 6.c4 Nb6 7.exd6 cxd6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0

A) 10.Be3 The standard continuation is

A1) 10...N8d7 11.b3 Nf6 12.Re1 *(12.Nd2!? Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Re8 14.Rfe1 Nbd7 15.Qf3 Qa5 16.b4! Qxb4 17.Nb5 Qa5 18.Nb3 Qb6 19.d5 Nc5 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Nxc5 dxc5 22.Bf4⩲* De Gleria,F (2432)-Appel,R (2481) Essen 2001 See the notes to this game in CBM 083 by Finkel.*)* 12...d5 13.c5 Nbd7 14.b4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 *(15.Qc2⩲)* 15...dxe4 16.Nd2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 f5 18.Qc4 f4 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Nxe4 fxe3 21.Rxe3⩱ Bf6? *(21...Nf6!?∞)* 22.Rd1 Qc7 23.Nd6± 1-0 (39) Navara,D (2433)-Kobler,M (2166) Aviles 2000;

A2) 10...d5 11.c5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nc4 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.b3 and now Black can consider the unusual Na3!? *(14...N4a5 15.Rb1 Bf6 16.Be3 b6 17.cxb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb4 19.a3 Qd6 20.Nc5⩲* Geller,E-Kortschnoj,V Stockholm izt 1962 This is similar to Navara-Rapport, quoted below.*)* 15.Rc1 Bf6 16.Ne2 a5 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.Rfd1 b6 19.Qd2 Nb5 20.Be3 bxc5 21.Rxc5 Qb6 22.a4 Nd6 23.Rdc1 Nf5 24.Qc3 Nce7 25.Qd3 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Bg5 27.g3 Nc6 28.Qc3 Na7 29.Kg2 Be7∓ Leite,D (2315)-Arnold,G (2224) email 2012

B) 10.h3 Bh5 11.b3 Nc6 12.Be3 d5 13.c5 Nc8 14.b4 a6 15.a3 *(15.Rb1 Bf6 16.a4 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 N8e7 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 Na5 20.Be2 Nf5 21.Rb4⩲ /∞*, Godena,M (2485)-D'Amore,C (2415) Florence 1993. This is maybe more promising for White, but the resulting position still remains quite complex.*)* 15...Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Bf6 17.g4 N8e7 18.Bg2 g6 19.f4 b6 20.Na4 bxc5 21.Nxc5 Nc8 22.Rc1 N6e7 23.Qd3 Nd6 24.Kh1 Nc4⇄ Although the engine still favours White, Black's setup is solid and he even gained the upper hand after 25.Bf2 Kh8 26.Rc2 Re8 27.Re2 Ra7 28.Rfe1 Rf8 29.Rf1 Re8 30.Ne4 Bg7 31.Bh4?! dxe4 32.Qxc4 f5 33.Qxe6 Nd5!∓ Navara,D (2744)-Rapport,R (2731) Prague m 2016]

[6.h3 Bxf3! 7.Bxf3 c6 8.0-0 dxe5! 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.Qe2 Qc7 When Black is doing fine thanks to the pressure on e5. He can continue with either g6-Bg7 or Bc5 with the idea of Ne7-f4 to g6.]

6...Be7 7.h3 Moulthun Ly: 'It is still not clear whether inserting this move will help White's position in the mainline of this variation involving c5, but Navara has a different idea in mind.'

[7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be3 d5 is the main alternative when the move 10.c5! has been analysed heavily in the archives.]

7...Bh5

[7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.c4⩲]

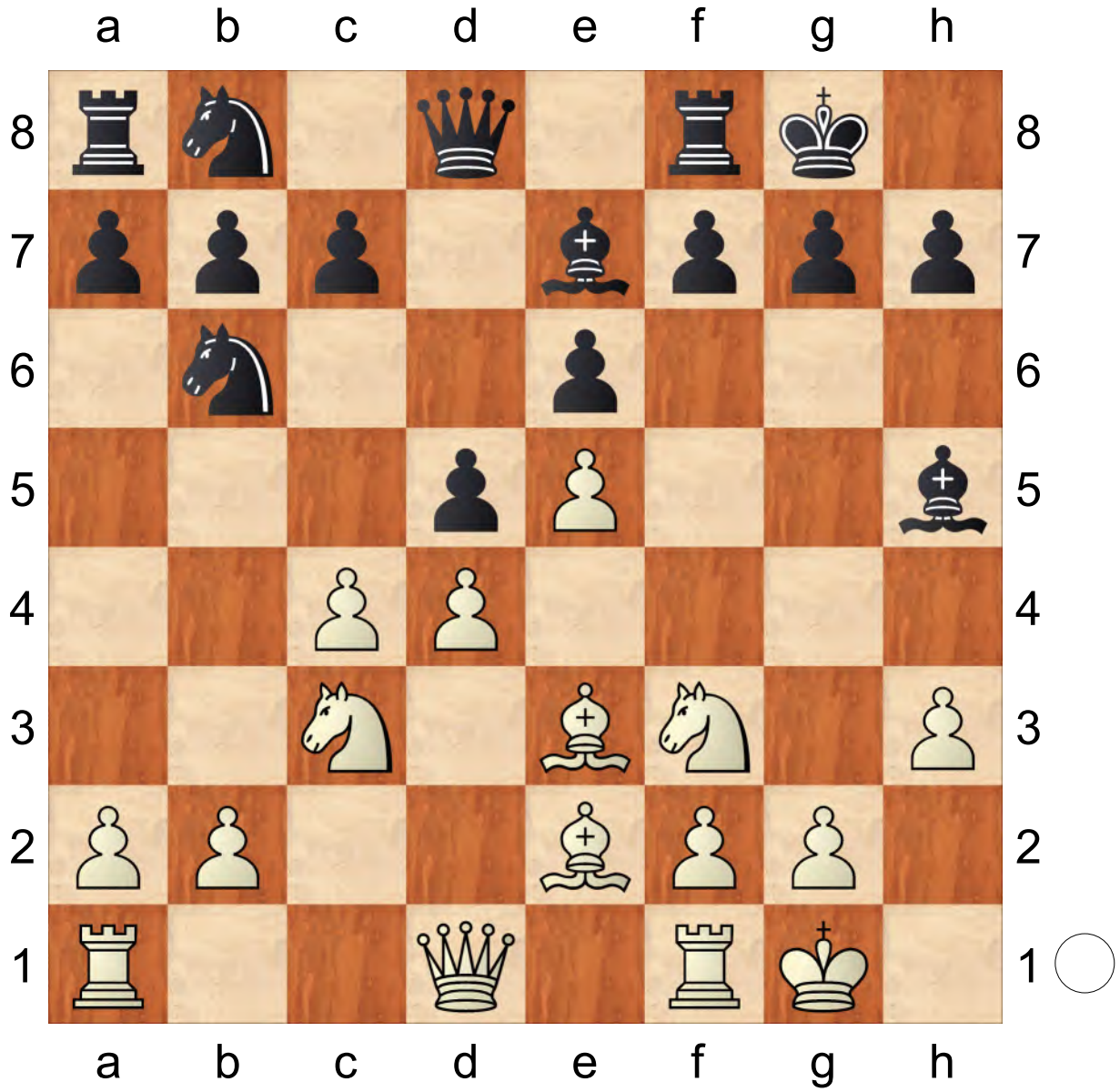
8.c4 Nb6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 The main alternative.

[White finally spurns the line from game 2, which he could have still achieved with 10.exd6 cxd6 - 6.c4 ♘b6 7.exd6]

10...d5

[10...Nc6 11.exd6! Smeets, J-Tjiam,D/Netherland NED 2012.]

[10...a6!? 11.exd6 cxd6 12.Qb3 N8d7 13.a4 Qc7 14.a5 Nc8 15.Rfc1 Na7 16.d5 e5 17.Bb6 Qc8 18.Ne4 f5 19.c5 fxe4 20.cxd6+- Smith,B (2450)-Sale,S (2384) Zagreb 2012 (1-0 in 30)]



Moulthun Ly: 'is by far the best here for Black.' **11.cxd5!?** Moulthun Ly: 'Not covered before on Chess Publishing. It makes sense why h3 was inserted now, to cut out options of the bishop's retreat. The idea is to provoke exd5 and use the extra kingside pawn majority.' David probably also wanted to present an opening surprise of his own and opts for a relatively rare continuation. Possibly he was inspired by White's impressive score in this line in engine games.

[The standard move is 11.c5 Bxf3 *(11...N6d7 12.b4 f6!?* Abdulyazanov,M-

Tukhvatullin,T/Kazan RUS 2008 *)*

A) 12.Bxf3 Nc4 13.Bf4 *(13.b3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 b6 15.e4 c6 16.b4 bxc5 17.bxc5 Qa5 18.Nxd5 Bg5! 19.Bh5 cxd5 20.Bxf7+ Rxf7 21.Rxf7 Qd2! 22.Qxd2 Bxd2 23.Raf1 Nc6 24.exd5 exd5 25.Rd7 Be3+ 26.Kh1 Bxd4 27.e6 Be5 28.Rxd5 Re8 29.Re1 Rxe6 30.Rd6 Kf7 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxe5 Kf6 33.Rd5 Ke6 34.Rh5 h6=* Spassky,B (2660)-Fischer,R (2785) Reykjavik 1972 *)* 13...b6 14.b3 Na5 15.Na4 bxc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Nd7 18.Re1 Nc6 19.a3 a5 20.Qd3 Qe7 21.Rac1 Rfb8 22.Bd1 Ra7 23.Bc2 Nf8 24.Bd2 Rab7⇄ ½, Hayakawa,S (2316)-Vlasveld,W (2512) email 2012;

B) More principled is ⌓12.gxf3 Nc8 13.f4 Nc6 Moulthun Ly: 'is a critical line. Check the archives for some games here.' 14.b4± ○ Although Black's position is solid, it remains cramped for a long time. *(*Even *14.f5!? exf5 15.Bf3 Bg5 16.Nxd5 f4 17.Bxf4 Bxf4 18.Nxf4* gives White chances to fight for an advantage. *)*]

[The even more unusual 11.b3!? also deserves attention: dxc4 *(11...Nc6 12.c5 Nc8 13.Qd2±)* 12.bxc4 Nc6 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Bd3! Nb4 *(14...Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nxe5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.dxe5 Qd3 18.Ne4 Kg8 19.Qg4 Rfd8 20.Rb3 Qc2 21.Bh6 g6 22.Qf4 Nd7 23.Rf3+-* White,D (2408)-Everitt,G (2271) email 2008*)* 15.Bxh7+! Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.g4 Bxg5 18.Rxb4 Kh7 19.gxh5 Bxe3 20.Qd3+ Kg8 21.fxe3 Qh4 22.Rb2↑ Rytshagov,M (2420)-Maki,V (2415) Tampere 1992]

11...exd5!? Black wants to blockade White's kingside majority on the light squares. The text move leads to a complex strategic fight.

[Initially Black used to prefer 11...Nxd5 and Navara admitted that in his preparation he concentrated mainly on this more popular recapture. However, 12.Qb3 causes Black quite a few problems:

A) 12...Nxe3 13.fxe3 Qc8 *(13...b6 14.d5 Bc5 15.dxe6 Bxe3+ 16.Kh1 fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.Rad1 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Rxc8 20.Nd5 Bc5 21.Nxc7+-* Giorgadze,T-Alburt,L (2505) Tbilisi 1977*; 13...Na6 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Qc4 Rb8 16.Na4±)* 14.d5!? *(*More energetic than *14.Bd3±)* 14...Bc5 *(14...Nd7 15.dxe6 Nc5 16.exf7+ Bxf7 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qc2 a5 20.Bc4 Rae8 21.a3 c6 22.Rad1 Bxc4 23.Qxc4+±* purepower,h (2604)-amd64bit,s (1842) Engine Room blitz 2011*)* 15.Ne4 *(15.Bc4↑; 15.Nd4!? Bxe2 16.Ncxe2 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 exd5 18.Qxd5↻ Δ Nd7 19.Rxf7 Rxf7 20.e6±)* 15...Bb6 16.Bc4 exd5 17.Bxd5 Nc6 18.e6 Na5 19.exf7+ Bxf7 20.Qd3 Qd8 21.Nfg5 Bxe3+ Savon,V (2540)-Alburt,L (2505) Beltsy 1977 22.Kh1! Bxg5 *(22...Bxd5 23.Nf6+ Rxf6 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Bg8 26.Ne6++-)* 23.Rxf7 Rxf7 24.Rf1 Bf6 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Bxf7+↑;

B) 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.Rad1±;

C) 12...Nc6 13.Qxb7 Ndb4 14.Qb5±;

D) 12...Nb6

D1) 13.a4 a5

D1a) 14.Rad1 c6 *(14...Nc6 15.d5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Rxd5 Qc8*

18.Rb5 Bg6 19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Bf5 21.Bc5 Be6 22.Qc3 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 c6 24.Rxa5± Gligoric,S-Vukic,M Novi Sad 1976*)* 15.d5 Nxd5 16.Qxb7 Nd7 17.g4 Bg6 18.Qxc6 Rc8 19.Qb7 Rb8 20.Qa7 Ra8 21.Qd4? *(21.Qb7=)* 21...Bc5 22.Qd2 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Bernardino,Z-Cirello,L corr 1989 Nxe5!∓;

D1b) 14.Rfd1 c6 15.d5!? *(15.Nd2 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Na6 17.Nf4 Nb4 18.Ne4 N6d5 19.Nh5 Kh8 20.Bd2 g6 21.Nf4 Nxf4 22.Bxf4 Qd5∓* Balashov,Y (2595)-Palatnik,S (2505) Kislovodsk 1982*)* 15...Nxd5 16.Qxb7 Nd7 17.g4 Bg6 18.Qxc6 Rc8 19.Qb5 Rb8 20.Nxd5!? *(20.Qc6 Rc8=)* 20...Rxb5 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Bxb5 *(22.axb5 Be4⇄)* 22...Nb8 *(22...Rd8!? 23.Bd2 Nf8 24.Bxa5 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Be4∞)* 23.Rac1 Qb7 Vinagre,H-Zarske,J France corr 1992 24.Ne1⩲ /±;

D2) 13.d5!? Moulthun Ly: '!'

D2a) 13...exd5 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Nxd5 Bc5 *(15...Nc6 16.Rad1 Qc8 17.a3±; 15...Nd7 16.Rad1 Kh8 17.Qc3 c6 18.Nxb6±)* 16.Rad1 Qc8 17.Nf4 *(17.Ng5!? Bxe2 18.Qc2 g6 19.Qxe2→)* 17...Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nc6 19.e6 *(19.Bg4 Qe8 20.e6 Nd4 21.Rxd4 Bxd4 22.Nd5±)* 19...Nd4 20.Rxd4 Bxd4 21.exf7+ Rxf7 22.Bg4 Qd8 23.Be6 Qf6 24.Bxf7+ Qxf7 25.Ne6 Kremenietsky,A (2395)-Kolev,A (2380) Ruse 1987 Bxb2= ;

D2b) 13...Nxd5

D2b1) 14.Qxb7 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Nd7 16.Rfd1 Nc5 17.Rxd8 Nxb7 18.Rd7 Bc5 19.Kf2 Bb6 20.b4 *(⌓20.Na4↑)* 20...Rfd8 21.Rad1 Rxd7 22.Rxd7 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.Nd4 Bg6 25.Bf3 c5= Felgaer,R (2570)-Valerga,D (2481) Buenos Aires 2015;

D2b2) 14.Rfd1 c6 *(14...Nxc3 15.Rxd8 Nxe2+ 16.Kf1 Rxd8 17.Qxb7* Moulthun Ly: ' **±**' *Nd7 18.g4 Bg6 19.Rd1 Rab8 20.Qc6 Nf8 21.Rxd8 Bxd8 22.Kxe2 Rxb2+ 23.Kf1±* purepower,h (2546)-amd64bit,s (1980) Engine Room blitz 2011*)* 15.g4 Bg6 16.Qxb7 Nd7 17.Rac1 N7b6 18.Qxc6 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 Nd5 20.Qd2 Rc8 *(20...Bb4 21.Qd4 Ba5 22.Qc4 Bb6 23.Bc5 Bxc5 24.Qxc5 h5 25.Rd4 Rb8 26.b3±* phil harris,h (2643)-ivanhoe,h (2548) Engine Room blitz 2011*)* 21.a3 Qd7 22.Bc4 h5 23.Bg5 hxg4 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.hxg4 Nb6 26.Be2**±** Glaser,K (2241)-Barbalic,Z (2132) email 2014]

12.Ne1 Starts preparing a kingside attack.

[More committal, but also interesting is 12.g4 Moulthun Ly: 'is another critical alternative.' Bg6 13.Ne1 Moulthun Ly: 'Svidler,P (2635) -Solozhenkin, E (2515) Elista 1995 (1-0 in 39)'

A) 13...f5?! 14.Ng2 Bg5 15.Bxg5 Qxg5 16.f4 Qd8 17.Ne3 Nc6 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.b3 a6 20.Rf2 Ne7 21.Bd3 Qd7 22.Ne2 c6 23.Ng3 Rf7 24.h4**±** Drozdov,I (2440)-Bratchenko,A (2355) Maikop 1998;

B) 13...f6 14.f4 fxe5 *(14...f5 15.Ng2 Nc6 16.Kh1 Qd7 17.Bg1 Bb4 18.Nh4 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Ne7 20.Ng2 c6 21.Ne3 Rac8 22.a4 Na8 23.Ra2 b6 24.Bd3 Nc7 25.Raf2* 0-1 (46) Van Dongen,P-Villeneuve,A (2330) Epinal 1989*)* 15.dxe5

c5 16.f5 Be8 17.Bf4 Bc6 18.Bf3 d4 19.Ne4 Nd5 20.Ng2 Nd7 21.Bg3 Qb6 22.b3 Rad8 23.Kh2 Kh8 24.Qd2 Qb4 25.Qc2 Bb5 26.Rfe1 d3 27.Qf2↑ King,D (2514)-Baburin,A (2591) Birmingham 2000]

C) 13...Nc6

C1) 14.Ng2 f6 15.Nf4?! *(15.f4!)* 15...fxe5 16.dxe5 d4 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Qb3+ Kh8 19.Rad1 Bc5 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Qc2 Qxe5∓ Emms,J (2500)-Baburin,A (2545) Isle of Man 1996]

C2) 14.f4 f5 15.exf6? *(⩲15.Ng2∞ /±)* 15...Bxf6 16.Nf3 h6 17.b3 Qd6 18.Bd3 Rae8 19.Qd2 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Nb4 21.Qd2 Nc2 22.Qxc2 Rxe3↑ Svidler,P (2635)-Solozhenkin,E (2515) Elista 1995]

12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2

[13.Nxe2!? Nc6 14.Nf4 Qd7 15.Rc1 Rfe8 16.Ned3 Rad8 17.Nc5 Qc8 18.Qb3 Na5 19.Qc3 Nac4 20.b3 Nxe3 21.fxe3 c6 22.Qe1 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 Nd7 24.Rc2 Nf8 25.Nh5± Vaida,R-Satosuo,R (2093) email 2012]

13...c6

[13...Nc6 14.Nd3

A) 14...f6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bf2 fxe5? *(16...f5±)* 17.dxe5 d4 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Qxc4+ Kh8 20.Nd5± Donaldson Akhmilovskaya,E (2280)-Wiese Jozwiak,M (2030) Buenos Aires olw 1978]

B) 14...Qd7 15.Rad1 Nd8 16.Nc5 Qc8 17.f4 f5 18.g4 c6 19.Kh2 Nd7 20.Nd3 Ne6 21.gxf5 *(21.Qg2±)* 21...Rxf5 22.Qg4 g6 23.Ne2 Ndf8 24.Ng3 Ng7! 25.Nxf5 Nxf5 26.Bf2 Ne6⩱ Plachetka,J-Bagirov,V Kirovakan 1978]

[13...f6 14.Rd1 Qd7 15.exf6 *(15.f4±)* 15...Bxf6 16.Nd3 c6 17.b3 Na6 18.f4 Rae8 19.Ne5 Qd8 20.Bc1 Nc8 21.Qd3 Nc7 22.Ba3 Be7 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.b4 a6 25.a4 Nd6 26.Rde1 g6± /=, Ruch,E (2472)-Vlasveld,W (2508) email 2014. Despite the powerful ♘e5 it's difficult to breach Black's defences. A similar situation could occur later in the game.]

14.Nd3

[14.f4!? it makes sense if this is White's idea to try and advance the pawn majority as soon as possible. f5! *(14...Nc4 15.f5 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Nd7 17.Nd3* I think White has a dangerous initiative here with the pawns. *)* 15.b3 Na6

A) 16.Nf3 Nc7 17.Nd1 *(17.a4 a5 18.Na2 Ne6 19.Nc1 Nd7 20.Nd3 Nb8 21.Qb2 Na6∞* it is not clear how White will break through and Black has some squares on the queenside to play with.*)* 17...Ne6 18.Nb2 a5 19.Nd3 Nd7 20.Rab1 Again it seems Black is doing fine here.;

B) 16.a4! Nc7 17.a5 Nd7 18.Nd3 Ne6 19.b4 a6 20.Na4± Offers decent chances for White to breakthrough along the b-file later.]

14...Na6!?N A natural novelty, the knight heads in the direction of e6.

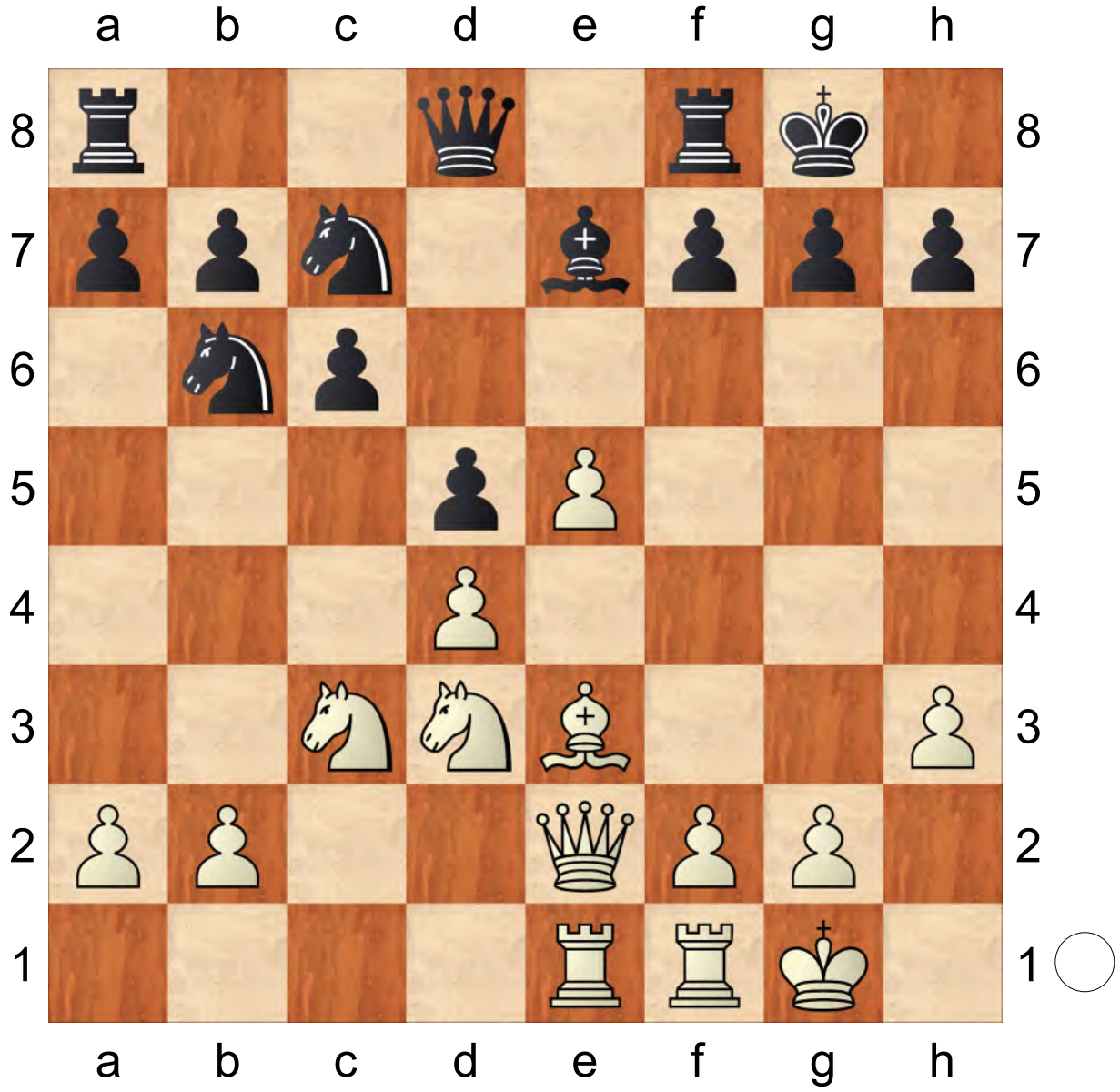
[14...a5 15.f4 f5 16.Nc5 Qc8 17.Rae1 Na6 18.Bf2 Re8 19.g4 Rf8 20.e6 Qc7 21.Kg2 Rae8!? 22.Nxa6 bxa6 23.Bg3 Qc8 24.Qd3 g6 25.Re2 Bb4⇄ Lumley,W (2395)-Vlasveld,W (2471) email 2008]

[14...Qd7 15.b3 Qf5? 16.f4 h5 17.g4 Qh7 18.f5± alfjoo,h (2628)-amd64bit,s (1985) Engine Room blitz 2011]

[14...Nc4
A) 15.f4 f5 *(15...Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Nd7 17.Rae1↑)* 16.Bf2;
B) 15.Bc1 looks simplest and playing b3 next to kick back the knight. 15...Qb6 16.Qg4 f5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Ne2±]

15.Rae1 Moulthun Ly: 'This is a natural-looking move to support the pawn's advance.' He prefers concentrating his pieces against the king to a pawn attack.
[The position after 15.f4 f5 16.g4 *(16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Ne5 Nc7⇄)* 16...Nc7∞ is far from clear.]

15...Nc7



16.Nf4!? Moulthun Ly: 'Navara tries to go for active piece play instead.'
[16.f4 Moulthun Ly: 'is the logical follow up but Black's idea is to setup a blockade with the knight on e6. However, White doesn't have to be so willing either.' f5 17.exf6 *(17.b3 Ne6∞)* 17...Bxf6 18.Ne5 *(18.b3 Ne6 19.Ne5 Qe7 20.Qg4⇄)*

18...Qd6 is again similar to the previous note - Navara was not impressed.]

16...Qd7 17.Nh5 Rae8

[A move which also deservs attention is also 17...f6 18.Bc1!?∞ *(18.e6 Nxe6 19.Bh6 gxh6 20.Qxe6+ Qxe6 21.Rxe6 Kf7∓; 18.exf6 Bxf6=)*]

18.Qf3

[18.f4 is again met by f5= *(18...g6 19.f5! gxh5 20.Qxh5⩱)*]

[18.b3 f6 19.f4∞]

18...Kh8

[18...f6!? 19.Qg3 *(19.Bh6 Ne6 20.Qg4 Bd8∓* leads nowhere*)* 19...Ne6 20.Bf4 *(20.exf6 Bxf6* is more pleasant for Black *)* 20...Kh8∞ *(20...fxe5 21.Bxe5 g6=)*]

19.Ne2

[According to Navara, limiting the ♘b6 with 19.b3 is more solid. However, Black can claim equality after f6⇄]

19...Nc4 20.Bc1

[20.b3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 *(21.fxe3 f6∓)* 21...Ne6=]

[20.Qg3!?

A) 20...Rg8 21.b3 Nxe3 22.fxe3!?±;

B) 20...g6

B1) 21.Nhf4 Qf5! *(21...f6 22.Nxg6+ hxg6 23.Nf4⩱)* 22.Bc1 Moulthun Ly: '∞' Moulthun Ly: 'With chances for play from both sides.' f6⇄;

B2) 21.Bh6 Rg8 22.Nf6 Bxf6 23.exf6 Ne6 24.Qg4 Nd6 25.Bg7+ Rxg7 26.fxg7+ Kg8!⩱;

C) 20...Ne6 21.Nef4 g6∞]

[20.Neg3 f6

A) 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.Bh6+ Kh8!∓ was mentioned by Navara in the post-mortem, the attack has no obvious follow-up. *(22...Kxh6? 23.e6 Qxe6 24.Rxe6 Nxe6 25.b3 Nd6 26.Qe3+ Ng5 27.h4±)*;

B) 21.Nf5 Ne6!? *(21...fxe5 22.Nhxg7 Bb4∞)* 22.b3 *(22.Nxe7 fxe5 23.Nf5 g6∓)* 22...Nxe3 23.Qxe3 fxe5 24.Nxe7 Qxe7 25.dxe5 d4⇄ /∓]

20...f6□

(Diagram)

Forced, but good - due to the increasing pressure Black must free his position.

21.Qg3

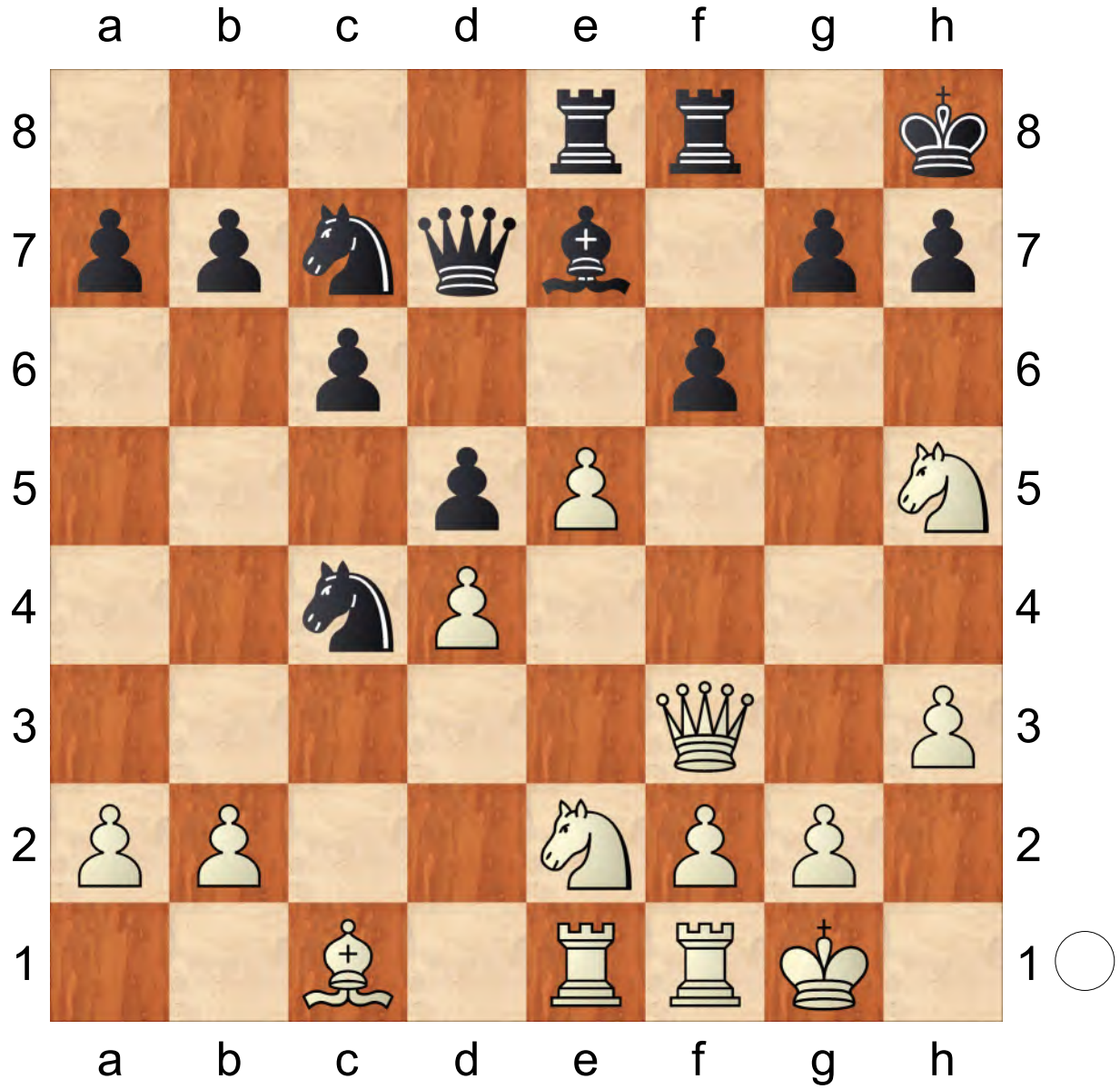
[21.b3 fxe5 22.Qg3 Bb4 23.bxc4 Bxe1 24.Rxe1 exd4!? *(24...g6 25.Bh6 Rf7 26.dxe5 gxh5 27.Nf4⩱)* 25.c5 b6∓ Δ 26.cxb6 axb6 27.Bf4 Rf5! 28.Bxc7 Rxh5∓]

[After 21.exf6 Bxf6 the attack is over and White is fighting for equality.]

21...Bb4 22.exf6 g6!? The tactical tension grows and unfortunately for White, he loses track here...

[22...gxf6 23.Nc3 Ne6=]

23.Bh6? Moulthun Ly: 'The losing move. After this it was hard to come back and



Richard won the game quite comfortably.'

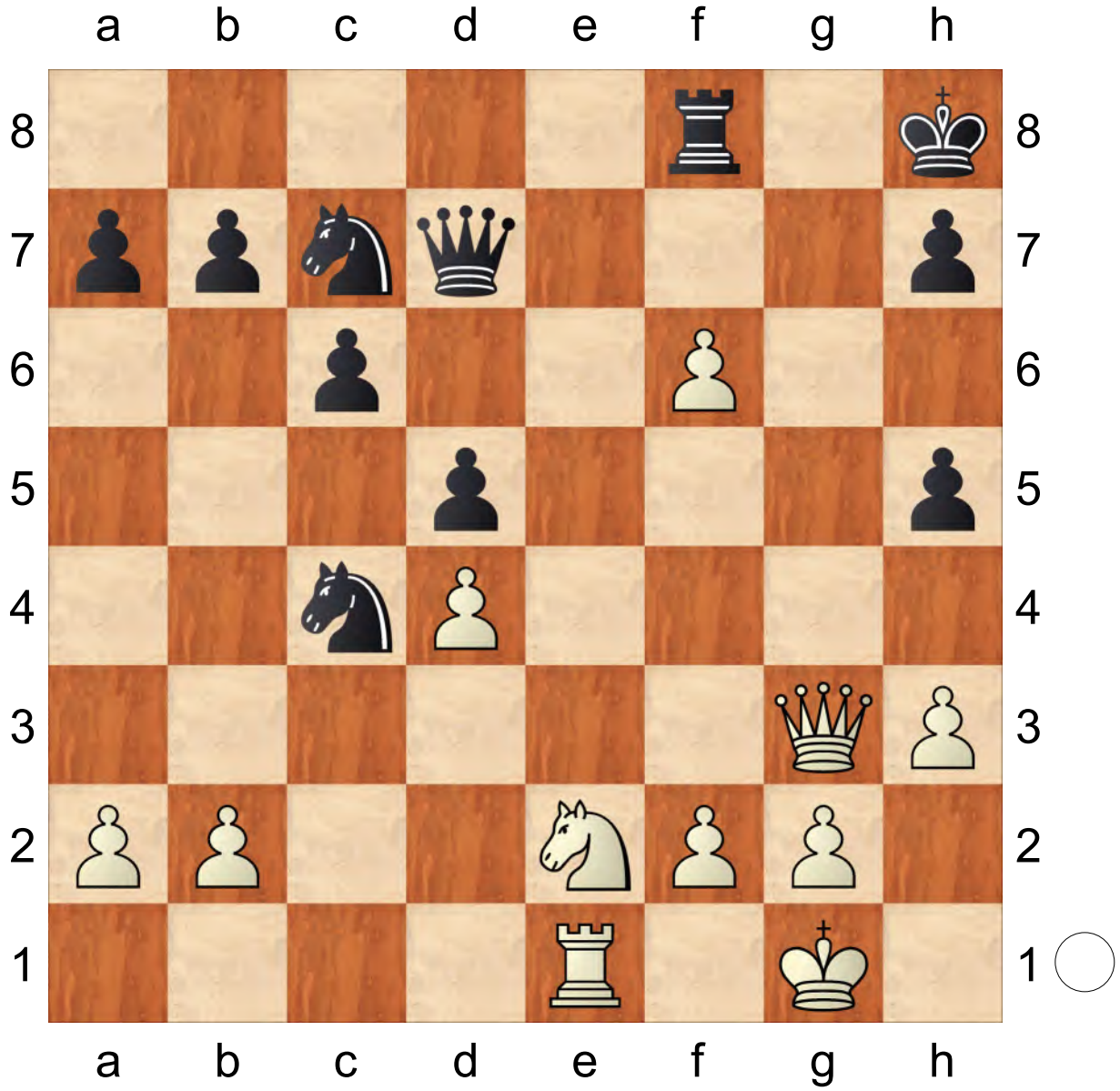
[The correct way to hold the balance was ⌓23.Ng7! Moulthun Ly: 'still holds.'

A) 23...Bxe1 24.Nxe8 Ba5 25.Nxc7 Bxc7 26.Qf3 *(26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.Nxf4 Qd6=)* 26...Qe6 27.Bg5 h6=;

B) 23...Re4 24.f3 Re3 25.Qf2! Rxe2 *(25...Rxf6 26.Bxe3 Bxe1 27.Rxe1 Nxe3 28.Qxe3 Kxg7 29.Nf4±)* 26.Rxe2 Rxf6 27.Bh6 Rf7 *(27...g5 28.f4 Rxh6 29.fxg5→)* 28.Qh4↑;

C) 23...Ra8 24.Bg5 Bxe1 *(24...Nd2 25.Nf4 Ne4 26.Rxe4 dxe4 27.h4∞)* 25.Rxe1 Ne8 26.Nf4!? *(26.Qh4 Nxf6 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Qxf6 Qxg7 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Nf4=)* 26...Nxf6 *(26...Nxg7? 27.fxg7+ Qxg7 28.Re7 Rf7 29.Ne6 Rxe7 30.Nxg7 Rxg7 31.Bf6+-)* 27.Nge6 Ne4 *(27...Rae8? 28.Nxg6+ hxg6 29.Bxf6+ Rxf6 30.Qh4+ Kg8 31.Qxf6 Qf7 32.Qxf7+ Kxf7 33.Ng5+±)* 28.Qh4 Kg8 29.Nxf8 Rxf8 30.Bh6 Re8 31.f3 Ned6=]

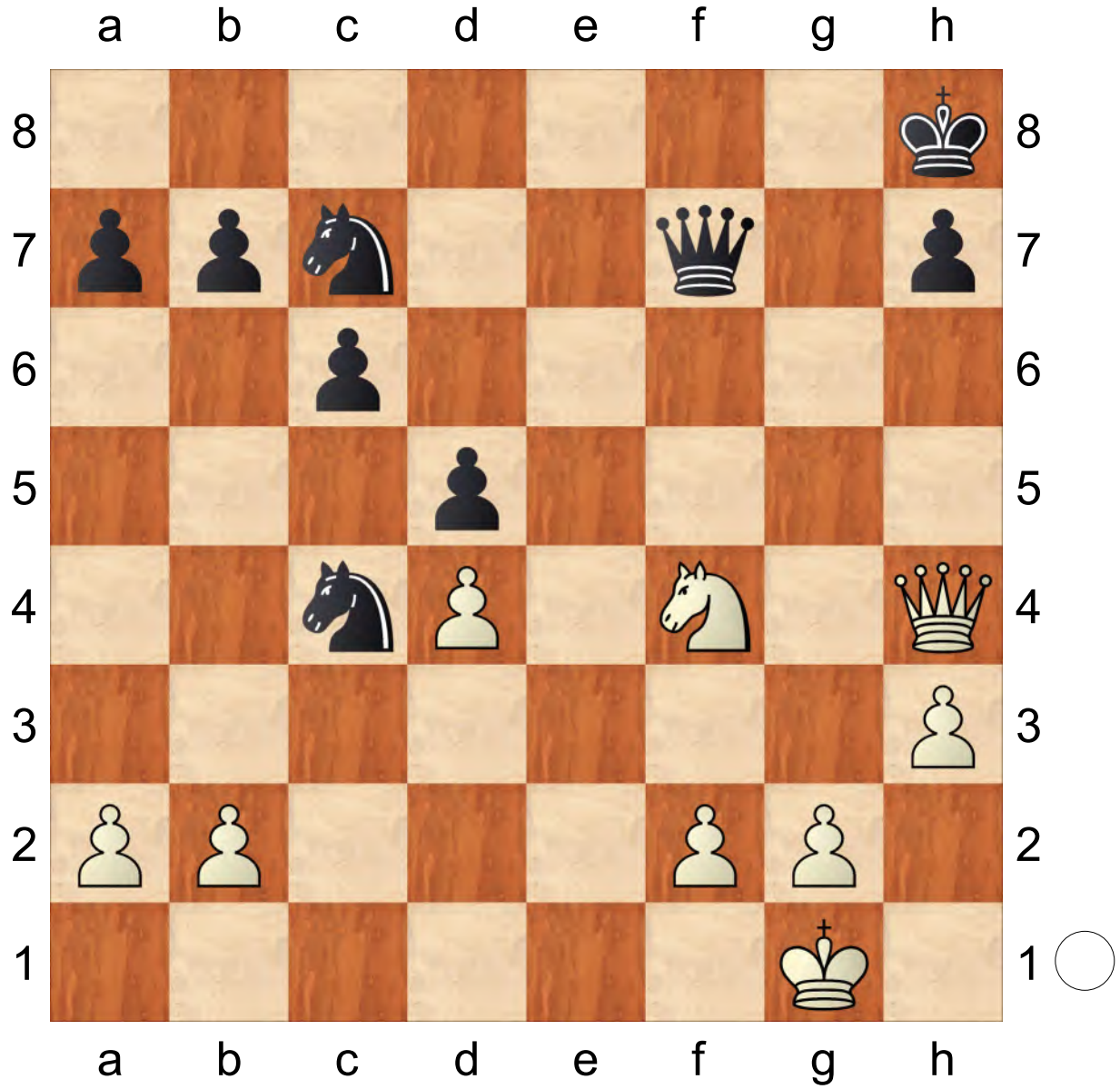
23...Bxe1 24.Bxf8?!
[24.Rxe1 Rf7 *(24...gxh5?? 25.Qg7+!+-)* 25.Ng7
A) ≤25...Rc8 26.Qh4 Ne8 27.Nf4 Nxf6 *(27...Kg8 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Nxe8 Qxe8 30.Qg5 Qe4 31.Nd3!∞)* 28.Nge6 Kg8 29.Ng5 Re7 30.Nge6⇄ Gareev;
B) 25...Ref8! Moulthun Ly: '∓' 26.b3 Nd6∓]
[24.Bg7+ Kg8 25.Rxe1 Rf7∓]
24...Rxf8 25.Rxe1 gxh5



26.Nf4 Rxf6 27.Nxh5 Rg6!-+ Forced, but sufficient to beat off the attack.
[27...Re6 28.Rxe6 Nxe6 29.b3 Qe8 30.bxc4 Qxh5 31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7+∓]
28.Qh4
[28.Qf4 Qd8□-+]
28...Re6! 29.Rxe6 Qxe6 30.Nf4

[30.Qd8+ Ne8]

30...Qf7



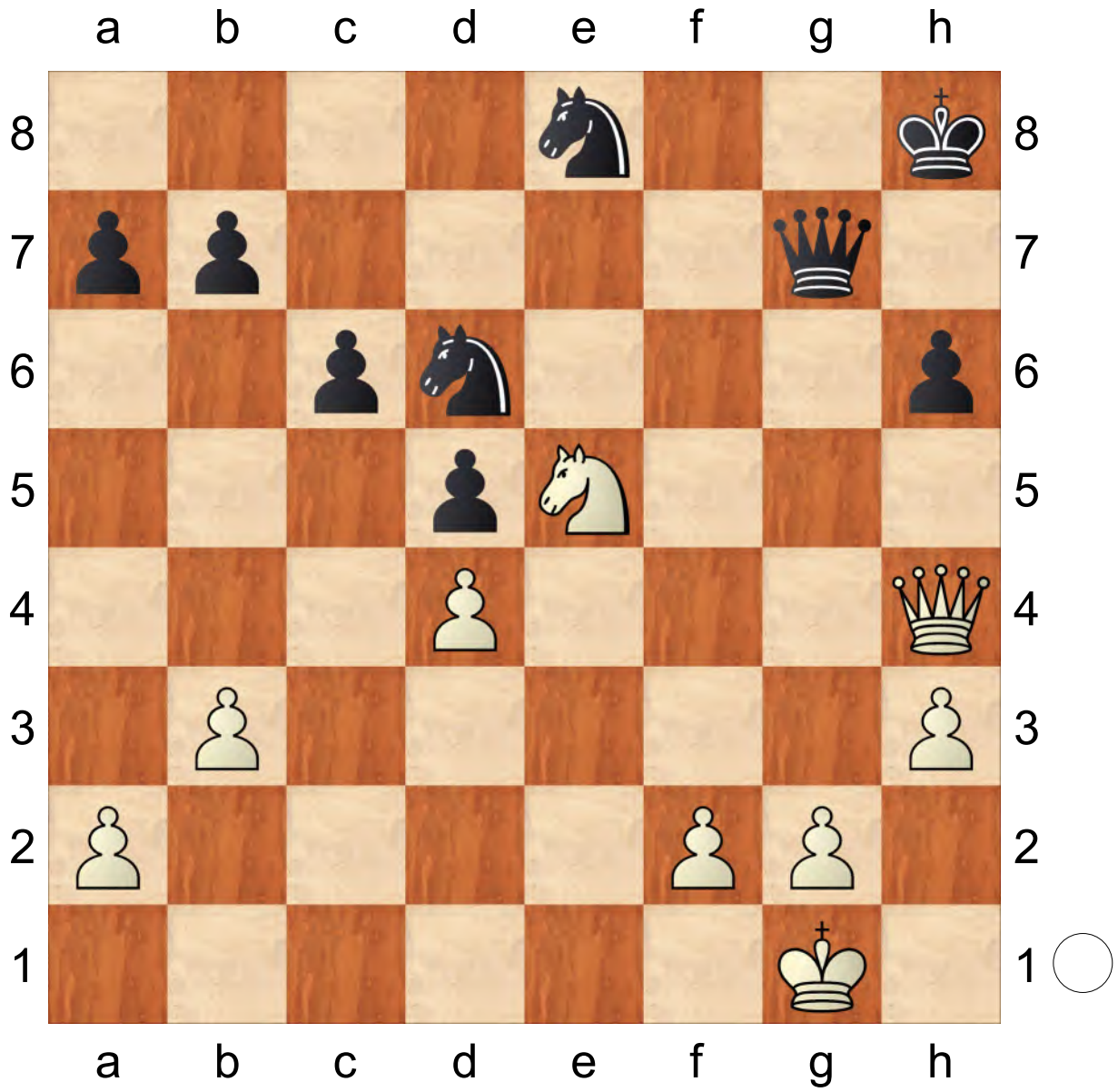
31.Qd8+ Ne8 32.Nd3 h6 33.b3 Ncd6 34.Ne5 Qc7 35.Qh4 Qg7

(Diagram)

36.Qd8 Kh7 37.f4 Qf6 38.Qd7+ Ng7

(Diagram)

Moulthun Ly: 'The idea of playing h3 in conjunction with cxd5 offers White decent chances to fight for an edge. Especially since the main alternative with c4-c5 is not so clear. Navara got some pressure with his piece play in the game. However, it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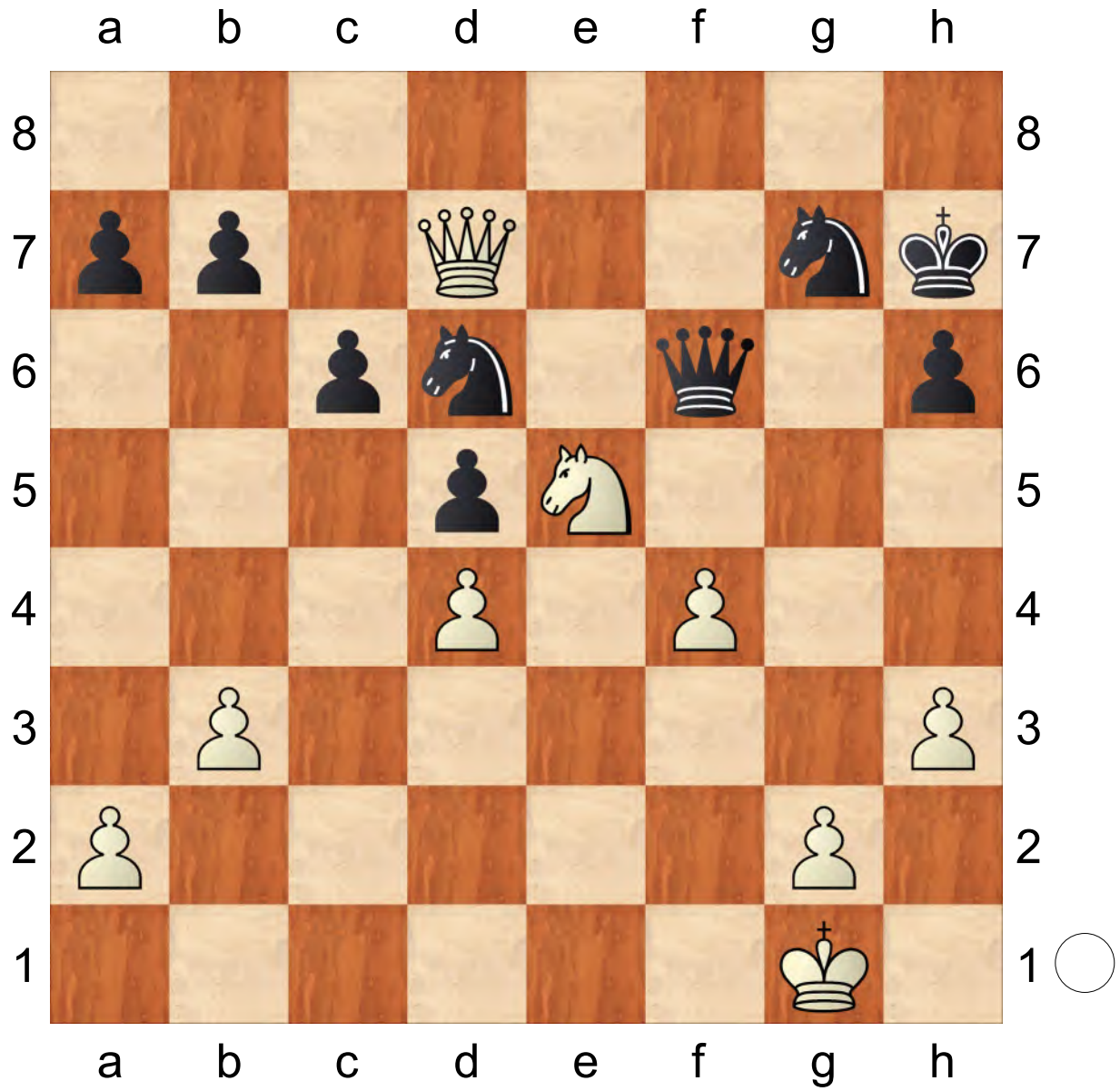

makes sense to me to try for the immediate kingside pawn advance with 14.f4. When the response 14...f5 can be met with a quick a4-a5 to clamp down space on the queenside.'

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□ **CBM 63**
■ **7.h3 9...b5 19...Qd5!?**
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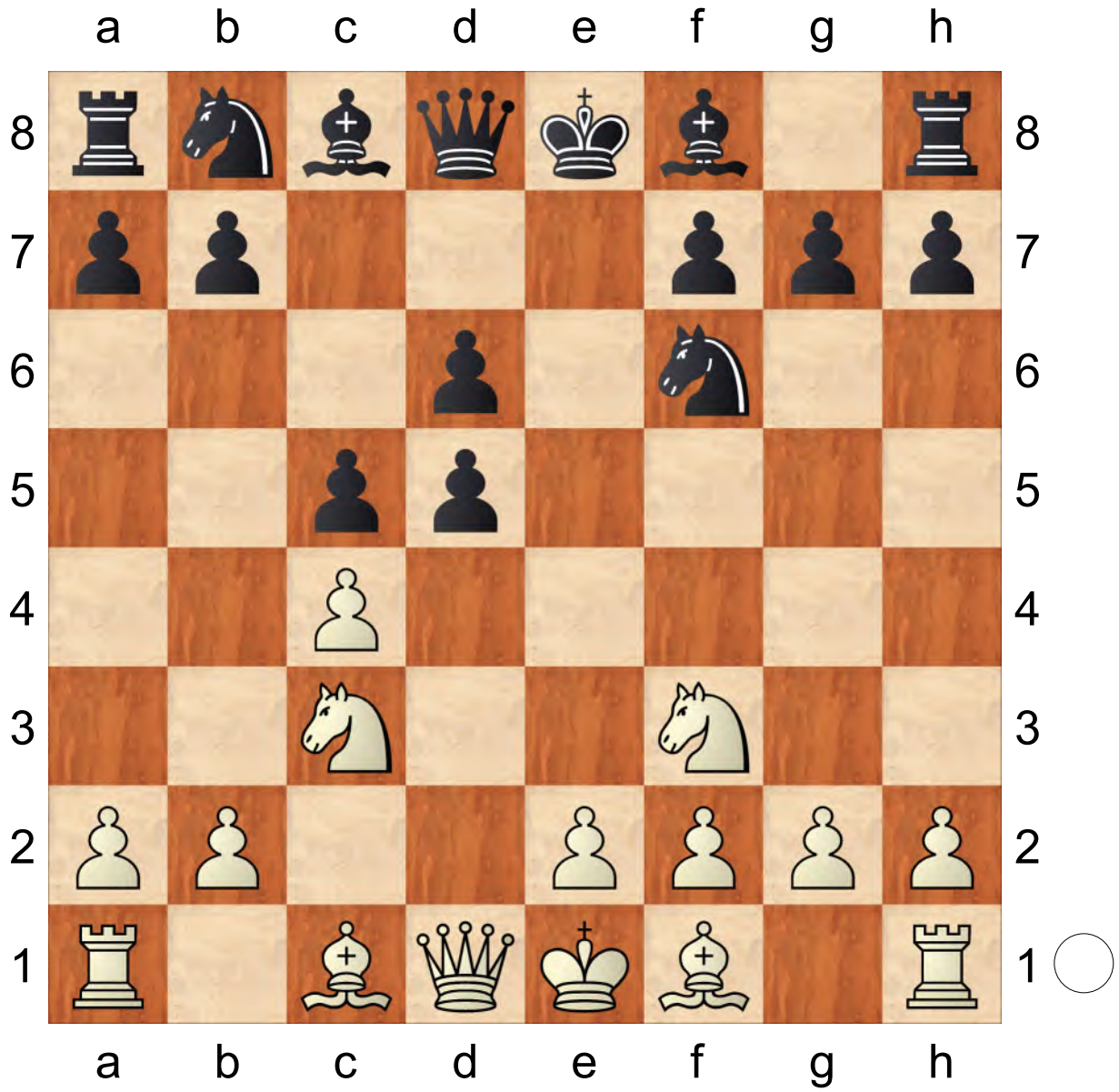
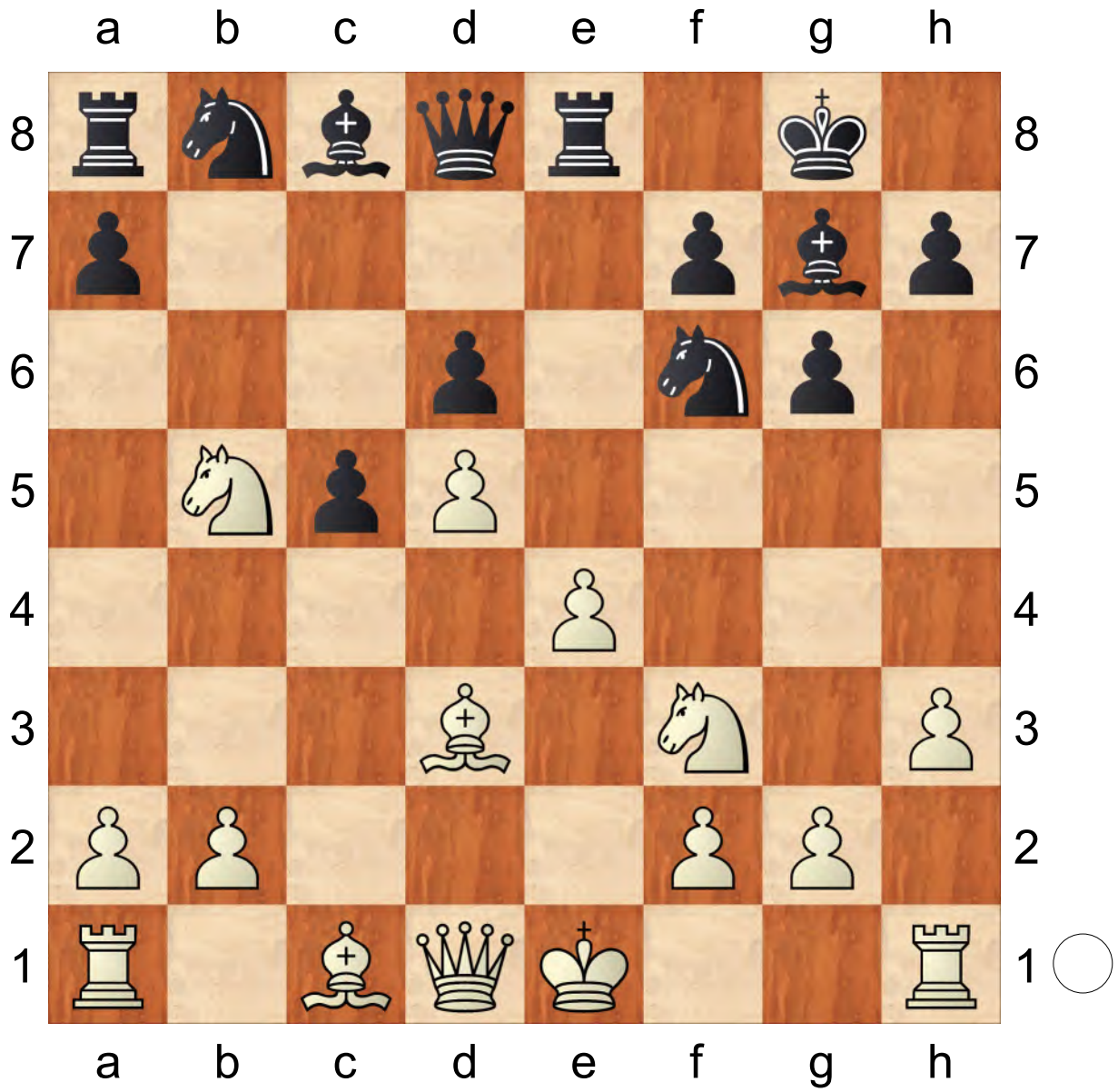
1.d4 Kapengut Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5**



6.cxd5 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Bd3 b5 10.Nxb5 Re8
[10...Nxe4?! 11.Bxe4 Re8
A) 12.Qc2?! Bf5!? *(12...f5! 13.0-0 fxe4 14.Ng5 Bf5 Δ15.g4? e3!* AK *)*
13.Nc3?! *(13.Nd2 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 f5 15.0-0 Rxe4 16.f3 Rb4∓* AK *)*
13...Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Bxe4 15.0-0 Nd7! 16.Rd1 Qf6 17.Ng5 Qxc3 18.bxc3

Nb6 19.Bf4 Rad8 20.f3 Bxd5 21.c4 f6 22.cxd5 fxg5 23.Bxg5 Rd7 24.Bf6 Rf8 25.Bc3 Rf5 26.Ba5 Rxd5 27.Bxb6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 axb6∓ Solana Alvarez,E-Garcia Gonzalez,G,Cadiz open 1990;
B) 12.0-0 →10...Re8;
C) 12.Ng5!]



11.Nd2 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Ba6!
[12...a6?!
A) 13.Nc3 f5 14.0-0 fxe4 15.Ndxe4 Bf5 16.Re1 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 *(17.Rxe4! Rxe4 18.Nxe4 Qe7 19.Qc2± AK)* 17...Nd7 18.Bg5 Qb6 19.Qa4 *(19.Rb1! AK)* 19...Qb5 20.Qc2 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Rab8 23.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Nb6 25.Ne4 Nxd5 26.Nxc5± Kuzmin,G-Taimanov,M,Rostov 1969;
B) 13.Nxd6! Qxd6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Qc2 Bb7 17.Bd2 Rab8

18.Rfe1 Ne5 19.Bc3 Qd8 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bf3 Bd6 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Re1 Qf8 24.Qa4± Arlandi,E-Olivier,JC, Geneva SUI open 1997]

[12...Qb6?! 13.a4 a6 14.Nc3 f5 15.0-0 fxe4 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Bf4 Bd4 18.Ne2 *(18.Bxd6 Qb7 19.Re1 ΔQb4?? 20.Qxd4! AK)* 18...Qg7 19.Nxd6 Rd8 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nxe4 Bb7 22.Bg5! Rf8 23.Qb3 Qf7 24.Rad1 Nc6 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qb6+- Sapis,W-Labuckas,A, Katowice open 1995]

[12...f5?! 13.0-0 fxe4

A) 14.Re1 Ba6 15.a4 e3!? 16.Rxe3 Rxe3 17.fxe3 Bxb5 *(17...Nd7 18.Ne4 Qh4 19.Nbxd6 Rf8 20.Bd2 ½-½ Barbero,G-Raina,G,Budapest 1988)* 18.axb5 Nd7 19.Qg4 Qe7 20.Nc4 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Qe6+ Qxe6 23.dxe6 Kf8 24.Ra6 Ke7 25.b6 Kxe6 26.b3 Kd5 27.bxa7 Ke4 28.Bd2 Kd3⇄ Novak,I-Rosiak,A,Bydgoszcz tt 1990;

B) 14.Nc4! Ba6!? 15.Nbxd6 *(15.a4 →12...Ba6)* 15...Bd4! AK *(15...Be5 16.Qa4 Bxd6 17.Nxd6 Rf8 18.Nc4 Qxd5 19.b3± Bae,T-Gassouma,M,World Juniors, Zagan 1997)*]

13.a4 Qa5

[13...f5?! 14.0-0 fxe4 15.Nc4 Kapengut: '→12...Ba6'

A) 15...Be5? 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.b4! Bb7 18.Bb2 Nd7 19.Nxd6 Rxd5 20.Qb3 Qc7 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.Rad1 c4 23.Qxc4 Nb6 24.Qc3 1-0 Shipov,S-Maslej, M,Katowice open 1992;

B) 15...Bd4?! 16.Ncxd6 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Qb6!? 18.Be3! Bxe3 *(18...Bxb2 19.Rb1 Be5 20.d6±)* 19.fxe3 Na6 *(19...a6 20.d6!+-)* 20.d6 Rad8 21.Qd5+± AK;

C) 15...Bf8 16.Bf4 Bxb5 *(16...Qf6 17.Qg4 Nd7 18.Bxd6 Nb6 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Qxe4 Rae8 21.Qd3 Bxb5 22.axb5 Qd4 23.Qxd4 cxd4 24.Nxb6 axb6 25.Ra4 Re4 26.d6 Rd8 27.f3 Rf4 28.g3 Rf6 29.Rxd4±* Barbero,G-Zelcic,R, Belgrade GMA-op 1988*)* 17.axb5 Qf6 18.Qg4 Nd7 *(18...Qd4?! 19.Nb6! axb6 20.Rxa8 Qxd5 21.Ra7 Qd3 22.Qh4 Bg7 23.Bg5 Be5 24.Bf6! Re6 25.Bh8! Qxb5 26.Qd8+ Re8 27.Qg5 Re6 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.Qd8+* 1-0 Aronov,Y-Ibraev,N,WchJ-18 Guarapuava 1995*)* 19.Bxd6 Qf7 20.Bxf8 Nf6 21.Qe2 Rxf8 22.d6 Qb7 23.Ne3 Rab8 24.Qc4+ Rf7 25.Ra5 Qb6 26.Rfa1± Lazarev,V-Kreutzkamp,R,Hamburg Wichern-op 1993]

14.Nxd6

[14.0-0?! Bxb5 15.Nb3 *(15.axb5? Qxa1 16.Nc4 Rxe4 17.Nxd6 Re7 18.Nc4 Nd7 19.Qc2 Nb6 20.d6 Rd7 21.Qe4 Rc8 22.Bh6 Qa4 23.Bxg7 Qxc4* 0-1 Miladinovic,I-Kovacevic,A,Arandjelovac 1993*)* 15...Qb6 16.axb5 Rxe4∓ Ilic,Z]

14...Nd7

[14...Rd8? 15.Nb5! *(15.Nb7 Bxb7 16.0-0 Qb4 17.Ra3 c4 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.a5 Qb5 20.Ra4 Nd7 21.Rxc4 f5 22.Bd3 Qxa5 23.d6 Ne5 24.Qb3 Bd5 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Qb5 Qxb5 27.Bxb5 Rb8 28.Be2 Rd8 29.Rd1 Rxd6 30.Nb1 Rc6 31.Be3 Bc4 32.Bxc4+ Nxc4 33.Bxa7 Bxb2=* Vezzosi-Vera,R, Aosta 1988*)* 15...Bxb5 16.axb5 Qxa1 17.d6 Re8 18.0-0± Marin,M]

[14...Re7?! 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Kd1 f5 17.Nxf5! gxf5 18.Qxf5 Rae8 19.Bd3 Nf6 20.d6 Re5 21.Qf3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Rd5 23.Qc4 Kh8 24.Kc2 Rb8 25.Nb3 Qd8 26.Bd2 Qxd6 27.Bc3± Lazarev,V-Handke,F,MTO Biel 1997]

15.Qc2

[15.f3? Be5! ΔBg3# 16.Kf2 Bxd6 17.Re1 c4 18.Nf1 Nc5 19.Be3 Nxe4+ 20.fxe4 Rxe4 21.Nd2 Re5 22.Nf3 Rxd5 23.Qc2 Rd3 24.Rad1 Qd5 25.Bd4 Rc8 26.Re3 Qb7∓ AK *(26...Bf4?? 27.Rdxd3!+-* Timoshchenko,G-Shabalov,A, Barnaul 46/(119) YB/14(136) 1988 *)*]

[15.Nxe8?! Rxe8 16.f3 *(16.Qc2 →)* 16...f5 17.Kf2 Bd4+ 18.Kg3 Nf6! 19.f4 *(19.Bb1? Nh5+ 20.Kh2 Qc7++-; 19.Kh2? Qc7+ 20.g3 Bf2 21.f4 fxe4* Δe3,Nh5-+ *)* 19...Qc7! 20.Bf3 Re3! 21.Kh2 Be2! 22.Qc2 *(22.Bxe2 Qxf4+ 23.Kg1 Rxe2#)* 22...Nh5 23.g3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Rxf3-+ Z.Ilic]

[15.g4

A) 15...Rxe4+ 16.N6xe4 Ne5 *(16...Re8?! 17.f3 Bd4 18.Qc2 c4 19.Kf1! Qxd5 20.Kg2 f5 21.Rd1 Re6 22.Ng3 Nc5 23.Ra3 Nd3 24.Rxd3 cxd3 25.Qb3 Bb7 26.Qxd3 fxg4 27.hxg4 Re3 28.Qb5 Qf7 29.Rf1 Be5 30.Nde4* 1-0 Pisulinski,J-Gdanski,J, Bielsko Biala 1990 *)*

A1) 17.Ra3 Nd3+ 18.Rxd3 *(18.Kf1?! Nxc1+ 19.Kg2 Bxb2 20.Rg3 Ne2∓* AK *)* 18...Bxd3

A1a) 19.Qb3? Bxe4 20.0-0 c4! 21.Qxc4 *(21.Nxc4 Qxd5-+)* 21...Bxd5-+ Barlov,D;

A1b) 19.f3 f5 20.gxf5 *(20.Nc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Re8+ 22.Kf2 Re2+ 23.Kg1 Qxc3 24.Rh2 Qd4+ 25.Kh1=* Barlov,D *)* 20...gxf5 21.Ng5 c4! 22.Ne6 Bf6 23.Kf2 Qxd5 24.Re1 Bh4+ 25.Kg2 Qd6! *(25...Bxe1 26.Qxe1 Re8 27.Qg3+ Kf7 28.Ng5+∞* Barlov,D *)* 26.Nf1 Bxe1 27.Qxe1 Re8 28.Ng3 Rxe6 29.Qf2 f4-+ Kozul,Z-Barlov,D,Kladovo 47/118 1989;

A2) 17.Qc2!? ΔNf3+ 18.Kd1 Be2+ 19.Kxe2 Nd4+ 20.Kd1 Nxc2 21.Kxc2⩲ AK;

B) 15...Ne5 16.Ra3 Nd3+!? *(16...Qb4? 17.Qc2 Bh6 18.Kd1! Qd4 19.Re1 Bf4 20.Nxe8 Rxe8 21.Bf3 Kg7 22.Qc3 Qxf2 23.Ne4 Qh2 24.Bxf4 Qxf4 25.Qd2* 1-0 Blees,A-Tolnai,T,Kecskemet 1989*)* 17.Rxd3 Bxd3 18.Qf3 *(18.f3? f5)* 18...Rxe4+ 19.N6xe4 c4 20.Nd6 *(20.Qe3 Qxd5 21.f3 Bd4 22.Qf4 Re8 23.g5 Qa5⩲)* 20...Rf8!? *(20...Qxa4 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.Qb7 Rf8 23.f3 Qc2 24.Kf2 Bd4+ 25.Kg2 Be2 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Ng5!+-)* 21.Rg1 Qxa4⩲ AK]

15...f5

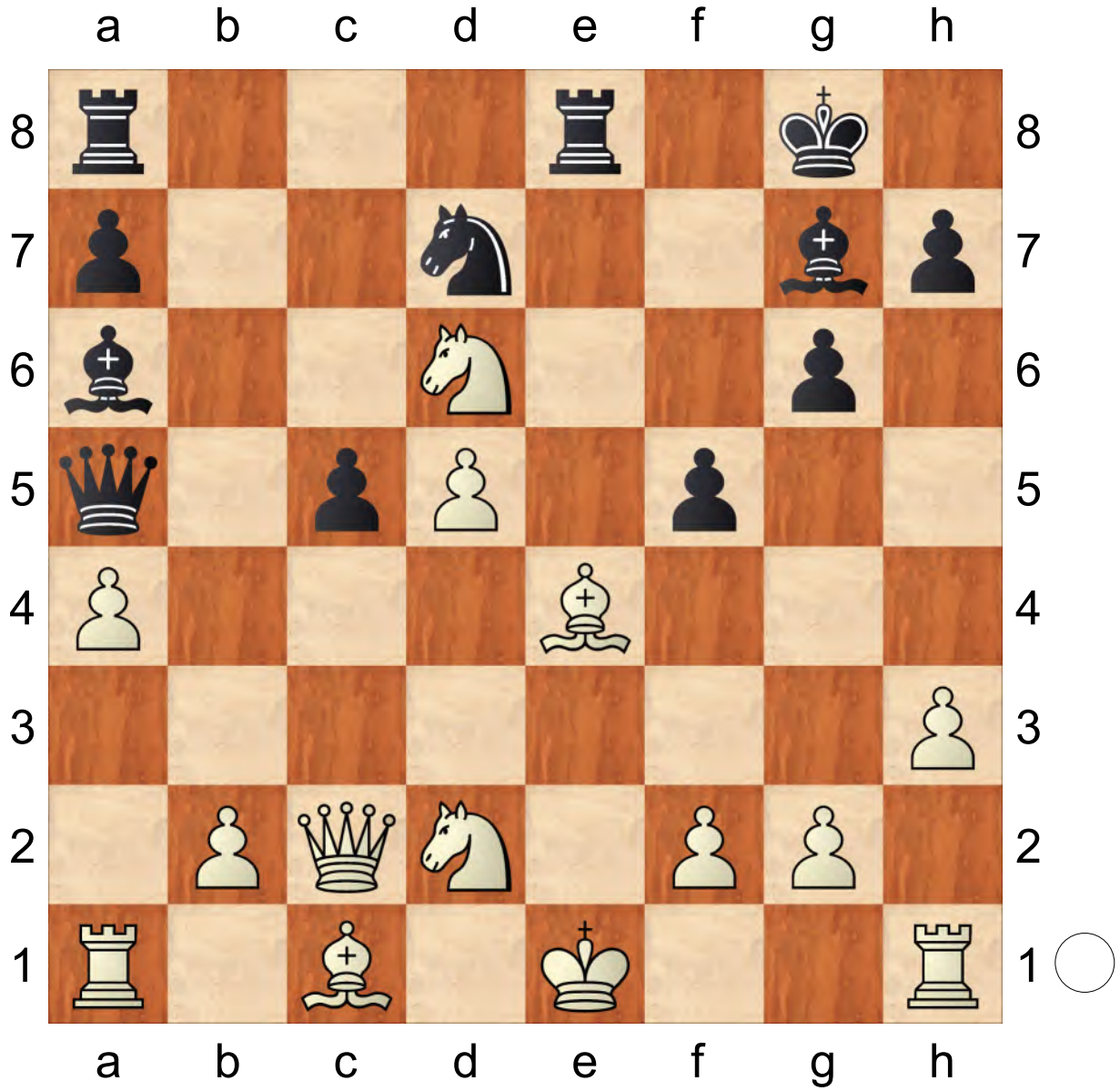
(Diagram)

16.Nxe8

[16.Kd1!?= fxe4 17.N2c4!? *(17.Nxe8 Bd3!?* Δ Re8∓ AK *)*

A) 17...Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Qa6 19.Re1!? Δ Re2, Ke1-f1-g1

A1) 19...Qb7 20.d6 Rad8 21.Bd2 *(Δ21.Bg5? Qd5+?!-+* Vilela,J *)* 21...Bd4 22.Ba5! Rb8 23.Re2 Qa6 24.Rb1 Re6 25.b3 Rbe8 26.Bd2! *(26.Ke1?!*



Ne5!? Vilela,J *)* 26...Qc6 27.Be3 Nb6 28.Ke1?! *(28.Nxb6 Qxb6 29.d7 Rd8 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.Rxe4± Vilela,J)* 28...Nd5

A1a) 29.Bd2? Rf8 30.Rc1 Qd7 31.Qa2 Qf7 32.Kd1 Kg7 *(32...Bxf2 33.Bh6)* 33.Rc2 *(33.Rb1? Bxf2 34.b4 e3 35.Qb2+ Kg8 36.Bc3 Re4-+* Vilela,J-Ristic,Neb,Bela Crkva 47/119 1989 *)* Δ33...Bxf2 34.Bh6+ Vilela,J;

A1b) 29.Rd1! Nb4 *(29...Rf8 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.Rxd4 Nf4 32.Rexe4+-; 29...Nc3 30.Bxd4 Nxe2 31.Qxe2 cxd4 32.Rxd4±; 29...Bxe3 30.fxe3±* Vilela,J *)* 30.Qb1 Nd3+ 31.Kf1 *(31.Rxd3 exd3 32.Qxd3 Qxg2∞* Vilela,J *)* 31...Be5 32.Nxe5 Rxe5 *(32...Nxe5 33.Red2* Vilela,J *)* 33.Rxd3 exd3 34.Qxd3 Rd5 35.Qc4 Qxd6 36.Rd2 Rd8 *(36...Ree5? 37.Bf4* Vilela,J *)* 37.Bxc5!∞ Vilela,J;

A2) 19...Nb6!? Marin,M 20.Nxb6 axb6 21.Bf4 Rad8 *(21...b5!? 22.Rxe4 bxa4* Garcia,G *)* 22.d6 Be5 23.Bxe5 *(Δ23.Rxe4?? Qf1+ 24.Re1 Bxf4!*

25.Rxf1 Rxd6+-+ Stohl,I *)* 23...Rxe5 24.Ra3 Rxd6+ 25.Kc1 Rd4 26.Kb1 Kg7 27.Qe2 *(27.Rd1!?* Stohl,I *)* 27...Qa5 28.f3 Rd2 29.Qe3 Rxg2 30.fxe4 Qd2! 31.Qxd2 Rxd2 32.Rb3 Re6∓ Sarno,S-Garcia Gonzales,G,Aosta 48/(115) 1989 ⊥,¡?;

B) 17...Qd8! 18.Nxe8 Qxe8 19.Bd2 Qf7! 20.Nd6!? Qxf2!? *(20...Qxd5!? 21.Qxe4 Qb3+ 22.Qc2 Qd5!=* Prudnikova,S *)* 21.Qxe4

B1) 21...Ne5

B1a) 22.Ra3?! Rd8 23.Nb5 Bb7! 24.Nc3 c4!∓ Prudnikova,S *(24...Qd4!? 25.Qxd4 cxd4 26.Nb5∓; 24...Ba6 25.Rb3 Bd3∞* Matveeva,S-Prudnikova,S,Lvov USSR-wch 53/(89) 1991 *)*;

B1b) 22.Nb5!? Rd8 23.d6 *(23.Re1 Bb7 24.Nc3 c4∞)* 23...Qf7 24.Ra3 Bb7∞ Prudnikova,S;

B2) 21...Rf8!? 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Re1 *(23.Qxd7? Qe2+ 24.Kc2 Qd3+ 25.Kc1 Bxb2+ 26.Kd1 Qb3+ 27.Ke1 Bxa1-+* Prudnikova,S*)* 23...Nb6 *(23...Bxb2? 24.Ra2 Qd4 25.Qxd7+-* Prudnikova,S*)* 24.Ra3 Nc4 25.Nxc4 Bxc4 26.Rf3 Rxf3 27.gxf3

B2a) 27...Bb3+ 28.Kc1 Bxb2+ 29.Kb1! Prudnikova,S *(Δ29.Kxb2 Qxd2+=)*;

B2b) 27...Qxf3+ 28.Kc1 Bxb2+! *(28...Bxd5 29.Qc8+ Bg8 30.Qxc5±* Prudnikova,S *)* 29.Kxb2 Qb3+ 30.Kc1 Qa3+= Prudnikova,S]

16...Rxe8 17.Kd1 fxe4 18.Ra3

[18.Nxe4

A) 18...Re5!? 19.Bd2 Rxd5 20.Kc1 Qd8!? ΔNe5 *(20...Qc7?! 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Nc3 Nd3+ 23.Kb1 Rd7 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 c4 26.Bc3 Bf8 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Qa4 Qd5 29.Rxa7+-* Koczka,Z-Kozlov,V,Budapest Festival 1991*)* 21.Nc3 Bd3 22.Qd1 Rf5 23.Be3 c4⩲ AK;

B) 18...Qb4 19.f3 *(19.Re1 Qd4+ 20.Nd2 Rxe1+ 21.Kxe1 Ne5 22.Ra3 Nd3+ 23.Rxd3 Bxd3-+; 19.Nc3 Ne5→* Marin,M *)*

B1) 19...Qd4+ 20.Qd2 Bd3 21.Ra3 c4 22.Re1 Qxd5 *(22...Re5; 22...Rb8 23.Re3* Δ Rd3 *Bh6 24.Rexd3 cxd3 25.Qxh6±* Marin,M *)* 23.Nf2 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Nc5 25.Qe8+ Bf8 26.Bh6 Bf5+ 27.Rd3! Qf7 28.Rd8 Ne6 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rd7++- Van Rijn,A-Enklaar,B,Nederland tt 1995;

B2) 19...Re5!?

B2a) 20.Qd2 Qb3+ 21.Ke1 Rxd5 22.Ra3 Rxd2 *(22...Qb7⩲* Marin,M *)* 23.Rxb3 Rxg2 Δ Bd4, Ne5⩲ Marin,M;

B2b) 20.Nc3 Qd4+ 21.Qd2 Bd3 ΔRe8,c4,Nc5-b3 ⩲ 22.Re1 Bh6□ 23.f4□ *(23.Qxh6? Rxe1+ 24.Kxe1 Qg1+ 25.Kd2 Qf2+ 26.Kxd3 Ne5+ 27.Ke4 Qd4# #* Marin,M *)* 23...Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Be2+ 25.Kc2 Bd3+ 26.Kd1 *(26.Kb3? c4+ 27.Ka2 Qb6* Δ Re1 ∓Marin,M *)* 26...Be2+ 27.Kc2 Bd3+ 28.Kd1 Be2+ ½-½ Lokotar,E-Marin,M,Vosu 48/115 1989;

B2c) 20.Bd2!? Marin,M

B2c1) 20...Qd4 21.Ra3 Rxd5 22.Qc3 Qxc3 *(22...Ne5 23.Qxd4 Rxd4 24.Kc2 Bd3+ 25.Rxd3! Nxd3 26.Bc3+-)* 23.Nxc3 Rd4 24.Kc2

Bd3+ 25.Kc1 Ne5 26.Rb3± Lokotar,E;
B2c2) 20...Rxd5 21.Kc1 Qb8 *(21...Qd4 22.Qc3 Ne5 23.Qxd4 Rxd4 24.Nf2!± Lokotar,E)* 22.Ra3 Ne5 *(22...c4 23.Rd1 Ne5 24.Bc3 Nd3+ 25.Kb1± Lokotar,E)* 23.Rb3! Qf8 24.Kb1± Lokotar,E-Maidla,Tallinn 51/(77) 1991]

18...c4

[18...Bd3 19.Rxd3□ exd3 20.Qxd3 Qxa4+ 21.b3 *(21.Qb3!?∞ Palkovi,J)*
A) 21...Qd4? Δ 22.Qxd4 Bxd4 23.Re1± Legky,N;
B) 21...Qa1? 22.d6 Kh8 23.Qb5 Bb2 *(23...Nf6? 24.Qxe8+! Nxe8 25.d7+-)* 24.Kc2 Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Qg7 26.Rd1+- Legky,N-Muller,H,Liechtenstein 1990;
C) 21...Ne5!
C1) 22.Qe4? Qxe4 23.Nxe4 Nd3 24.f3 Rxe4 25.fxe4 Nf2+ 26.Ke2 Nxh1 27.Bf4 Bd4! 28.e5 Kf7-+ Palkovi,J;
C2) 22.Qxg6!? Qb5 *(22...Qd7? 23.Qg3±; 22...hxg6!? 23.bxa4 Nd3 24.Rf1∞; 22...Nxg6!? 23.bxa4 Rd8∞)* 23.Qf5 *(23.Qg3 Nd3 24.h4 h5! 25.Rf1∞)* 23...Nd3 24.d6 Kh8 *(24...Rf8?! 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Ne4±)* 25.Rf1∞ Legky,N;
C3) 22.Qe3
C3a) 22...Qd7? 23.Re1 Rd8 24.f4 Nf7 25.Qxc5!? Rc8 *(25...Qxd5? 26.Re8++- Legky,N)* 26.Re7 Qf5 27.g4 *(27.Rc7!? Legky,N)* 27...Rxc5 *(27...Qxg4+?± Legky,N)* 28.gxf5 Rxd5 29.Rxa7 *(29.Re8+ Bf8 30.Ba3 Rd8±; 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Rxa7 Rh5 31.b4 Rxh3± Legky,N)* 29...gxf5 *(29...Rxf5? 30.Ra8+ Bf8 31.Ba3± Legky,N)* 30.Ke2! h6? *(30...Bf8!?; 30...Nd6!± Legky,N)* 31.Nc4! Δ Bf8 *(31...Rb5? 32.Rxf7+-)* 32.Rb7! Nd6 33.Nxd6 Rxd6 34.b4± Legky,N-Lupu,M,Val Torens 1990;
C3b) 22...Qd4 23.Qxd4 cxd4 24.Ba3 ½-½ Kloepfer,M-Meissner,B, Altensteig-B 1993 *(24.Re1 Rd8= Legky,N)* 24...Nd3 25.Rf1 Nf4 26.d6 Nd5! 27.Nc4 d3!? Δ Re2 28.Ne3 *(28.Kd2?? Re2+! 29.Kxd3 Nf4# # Palkovi,J; 28.Re1 Nc3+ 29.Kd2 Ne4+ 30.Kxd3 Nxf2+ 31.Kd2 Ne4+ 32.Kc1 Nxd6= Palkovi,J)* 28...Rxe3 29.fxe3 Nxe3+ 30.Kd2 Nxf1+ 31.Kxd3= Zueger,B-Palkovi,J,Leibnitz 50/90 1990;
C3c) 22...Qb5!? 23.Re1 Rd8 24.Kc2! ΔRxd5 25.f4 Nd3 26.Qe6+ Kf8□ 27.Qxd5 Nxe1+ 28.Kd1± Legky,N]

19.Re3

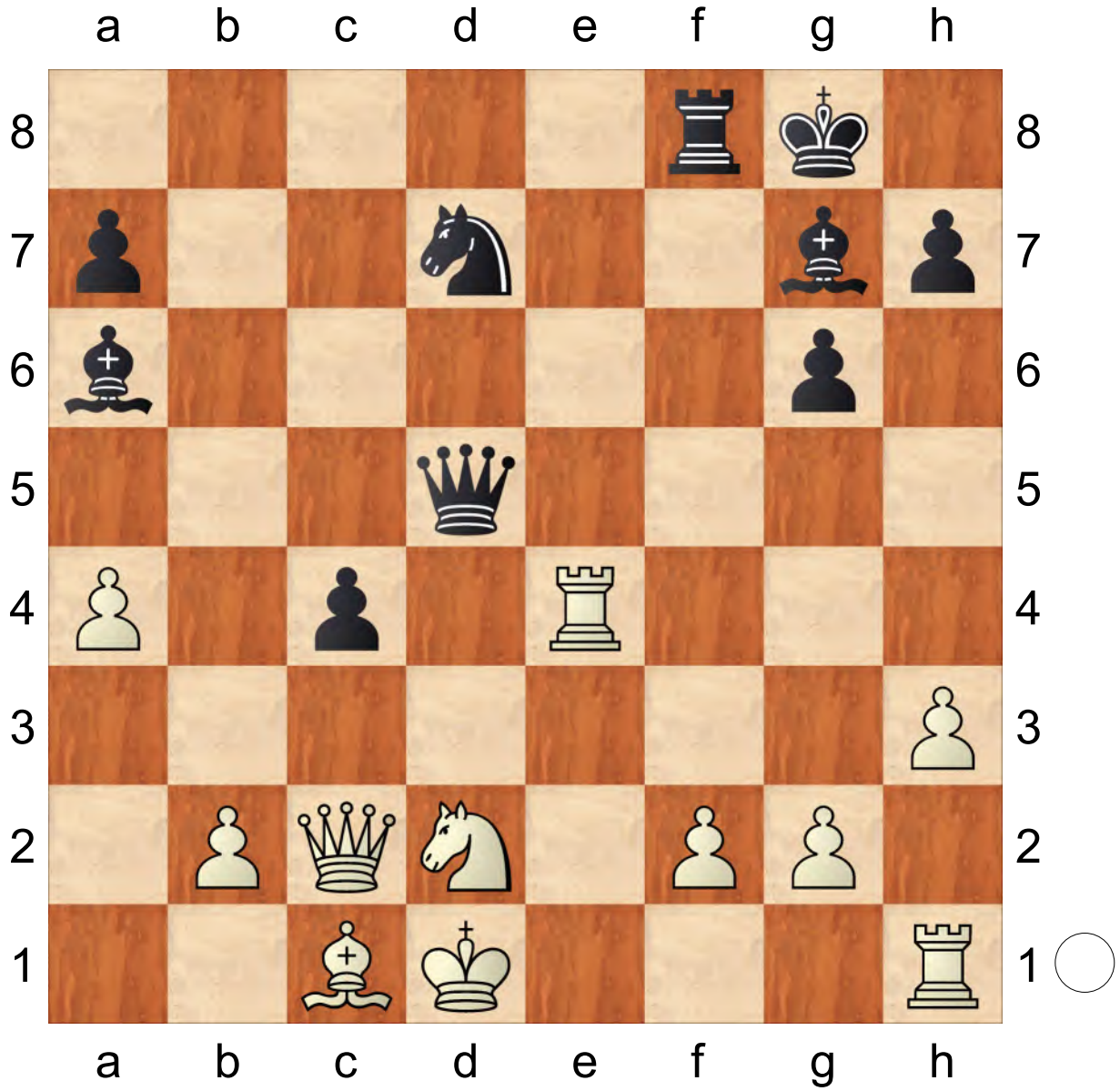
[19.Nxe4? Qxd5+ 20.Nd2 c3!-+]
[19.Nxc4?! Qxd5+ 20.Nd2 Nc5∓]
[19.Re1?! Nc5 20.Nxc4 Qb4 Δ ♘d3⩲]

19...Qxd5!?N

[19...Nc5 20.Nxc4 Qb4 21.b3!+- Palkovi,J]

20.Rxe4 Rf8!

(Diagram)



⌕21.Rhe1=

[21.f3?!

A) 21...Ne5 22.Rhe1 Nd3 23.R1e2 Nb4 24.Qb1 c3 25.bxc3 *(25.Rxb4?! Bd3 26.Qa1 Bxe2+ 27.Kxe2 cxd2 28.Bxd2 Re8+↑)*

A1) 25...Bxe2+?! 26.Rxe2 Na2 27.Bb2 Bxc3 *(27...Nxc3+ 28.Bxc3 Bxc3 29.Qb5±)* 28.Qe4 Qf7 29.Qc2 Bxb2 30.Qxb2 Rd8 31.Ke1±;

A2) 25...Na2!? 26.R2e3 Nxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Bxc3⩲;

B) 21...Nc5 22.Re7 Bf6!-+ Van Wely-Topalov/Wijk aan Zee/1988/0-1/ *(22...Nd3 23.Rf1 Bd4 24.Re4 Rb8⩲)*]

[21.Re7!? Ne5 *(Δ21...Bf6? 22.Qe4±; 21...Qxg2?! 22.Qe4 Bb7 23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Re1 Bc6 25.Qxc4 Rxf2 26.b3±)* 22.Qe4 *(22.f3 →21.f3)* 22...Qc5 *(22...Qa5? 23.Rxa7 ΔQxa4+? 24.b3+-)* 23.Re6

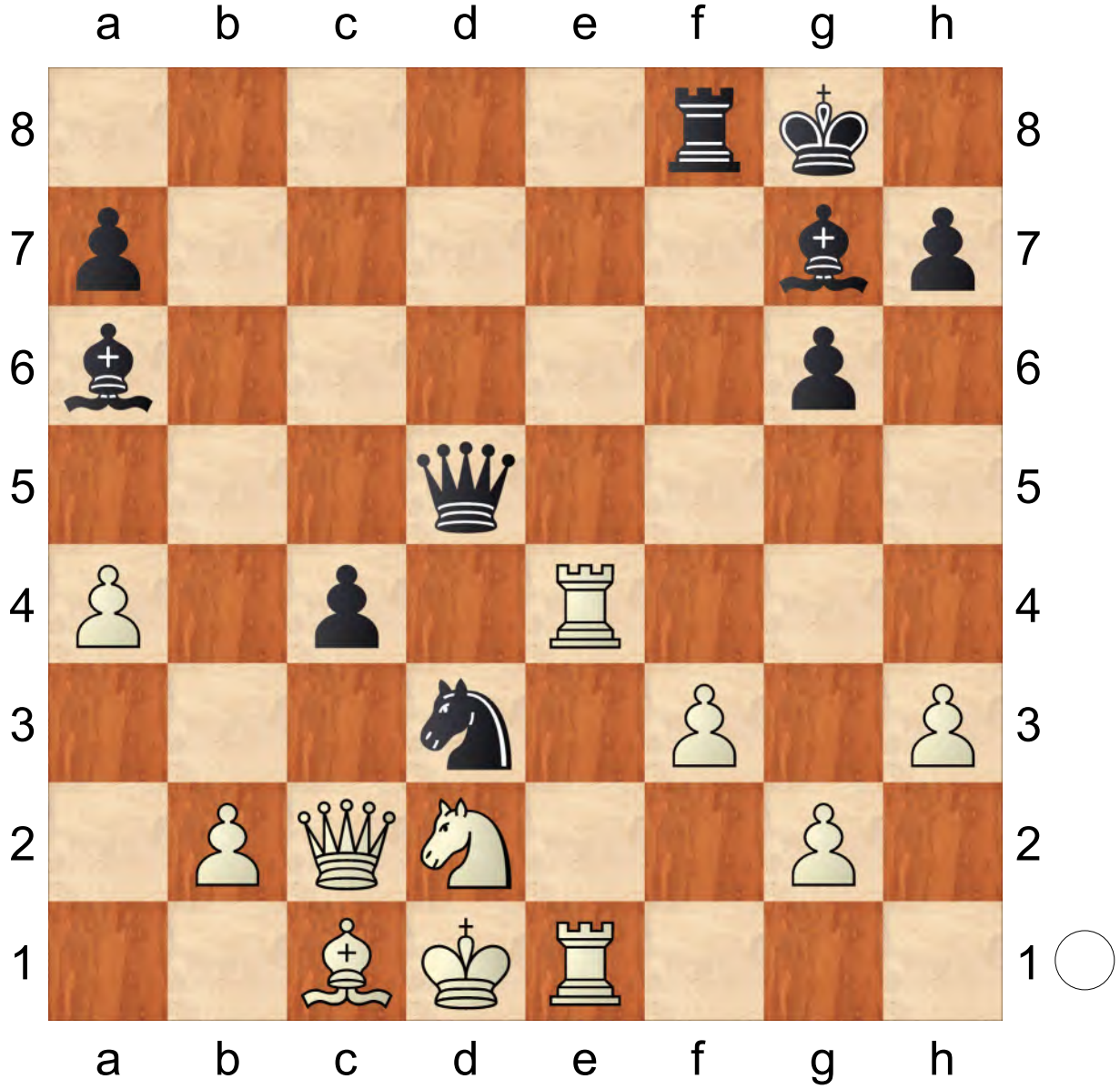
A) 23...Nd3 24.Rf1 c3 25.bxc3 Qxc3 26.Rxa6 *(26.Rc6 Qa1 27.Nb3 Qb1*

28.Qd5+ Kh8≌) 26...Qxc1+ 27.Ke2 Nf4+ 28.Qxf4 Re8+ 29.Qe3 Qc8±;
B) 23...Qa5 24.Rf1 c3 25.Rxa6 Qxa6 26.bxc3 Rd8 27.Re1 Nc4 *(27...Nd3 28.Qe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Bxc3 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Bxd2±)* 28.Qe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Bxc3 30.Re2 Rd4 31.Kc2 Bxd2 32.Bxd2 Nxd2 33.Rxd2 Rxa4=]

21...Ne5!?

[21...c3 22.bxc3 Bd3 23.Qb3 Qxb3+ 24.Nxb3 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxf2 26.Re7±]

22.f3 Nd3



→21...♘e5

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□ **So,Wesley** **2770**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2847**
Carlsen Inv KO rapid (3.21) 21.03.2021
[Stohl,Igor]

Carlsen finally managed to beat So in a match - unfortunately for both of them it was only the fight between beaten semi-finalists for 3rd place. A concentrated performance brought Magnus a 3:1 lead after day 1. Wesley tried to get back into the fight with a sharp line against the Nimzo, got a promising position... and this is what happened: **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3**

[The match situation requires something more enterprising, than Wesley's usual 4.Qc2]

4...Nc6!? John Emms: 'Carlsen hadn't tried this move against 4 f3 before. Previously he's preferred the main lines 4...c5 and 4...d5.' A rare side-line. We'll check the more usual reactions:

[4...c5 5.d5

A) 5...b5 6.e4 d6 7.Bd2 Bxc3!? 8.Bxc3 b4 is one plausible line: 9.Bd2 0-0

A1) 10.Be3 exd5 11.cxd5 Nfd7 12.Ne2 f5 13.exf5 *(*After *13.Nf4* a typical engine line is *Qh4+!? 14.g3 Qf6 15.Ne6 fxe4 16.fxe4 Rf7* **Δ** *17.Ng5 Rf8 18.Bh3 Qxb2 19.Be6+ Kh8 20.Nxh7 Qg2 21.Nxf8 Qxh1+ 22.Kd2 Qxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Nxf8 24.Bxc8 Nbd7 25.Bxd7 Nxd7 26.Bf4 Re8=)* 13...Rxf5 14.Ng3 Re5 15.Kf2 Qh4 Aronian,L (2758)-Carlsen,M (2876) Douglas 2019 16.Bd3!? Rxe3!? 17.Kxe3 Qd4+ 18.Ke2 Ne5 19.Nf5 Qxb2+ 20.Qc2 Nxd3 21.Qxb2 Nxb2 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Nxc8 Nc6 24.Nxd6 *(24.dxc6 Rxc8∞)* 24...Nd4+ 25.Kd2 Ke7⩲;

A2) 10.Ne2 Nh5 11.Be3 f5 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.exf5 Rxf5 14.Qd2 Nd7

A2a) 15.Ng3!? Qh4 16.0-0-0 *(16.Bf2 Re5+ 17.Ne4 Qe7 18.0-0-0 d5 19.cxd5 Rxd5 20.Qc2∞)* forces Black to play accurately: 16...Nxg3 17.hxg3 Qxh1 18.Bd3 Rh5! *(18...Qh2? 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.Qd5++-; 18...Qh5?! 19.g4 Qf7 20.gxf5 Bxc4 21.Be4 Re8 22.b3 d5 23.bxc4 dxe4 24.Qxd7 exf3 25.Qd3 fxg2 26.Rg1±)* 19.Be4 *(19.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 20.Kc2 Ne5)* 19...Re8 20.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 21.Kc2 Bf7 22.Qxd6 *(22.Bc6 Bg6+ 23.Kb3 Nb6! 24.Bxe8 Bxe8 25.Kc2 Bg6+=; 22.Bg5 Rg1!?⇄)* 22...Nf6 23.Qxc5 Nxe4⇄ would probably lead to a draw.;

A2b) 15.0-0-0 Qa5 16.Kb1 Bxc4 17.Nc1 Bf7!? 18.Qxd6 Nhf6 19.Qc6 Re8 20.Bf2 Nb8 21.Qb5 c4 22.Qxa5 Rxa5 23.Rd4 Rc8 Caruana,F (2828)-Aronian,L (2767) Stavanger 2020 24.Be1! Nc6 25.Rxc4 Bxc4 26.Bxc4+ Kh8 27.Nb3 Rg5 28.g4⩲;

B) 5...0-0 6.e4 b5 and here White has a choice:

B1) 7.Nh3 bxc4 8.Bxc4 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 exd5 10.Qxd5

B1a) 10...Nc6

B1a1) 11.Be3?! Ba6 12.Nf4 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qf6 14.Kf2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rab8 16.Rad1? *(16.Rab1∓)* 16...Ne5 17.Bxc5 Rb2+ 18.Rd2 Nd3+! 19.Qxd3 Bxd3 20.Rxb2 Qxc3 21.Nxd3 Qxd3-+ Radjabov,T (2765)-So,W (2770) chess24.com INT 2021;

B1a2) 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Rd1! *(12.Rf2 Re8!? 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Na4 Qa5 16.b3 c4 17.Nf4 Bb5 18.Nb2 cxb3 19.Qxb3 Rab8 20.Qd5 Qa3 21.Qb3 Qa5 22.Qd5 Qa3 ½,* Firouzja,A (2702)-Ding,L (2811) Khanty-Mansiysk 2019*)* 12...Nd4 13.Kh1

B1a21) 13...Qb6 14.Bf4 Qe6 Nguyen,T (2419)-Stupak,K (2459) Tallinn 2019 15.Bd6± *(15.Qh5!?±)*;

B1a22) 13...Qf6 Pantzar,M (2421)-Pavlov,S (2480) Chess.com blitz INT 2020 14.Bd2!± Δ Nxf3 15.Rf1 Bxf1 16.Rxf1;

B1b) ⌓10...Ba6! 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Kf2 c4!? *(12...Ba5 13.Rhd1 Nb4 14.Qd6 Re8 15.Kg1 c4 16.Bg3 Re6 17.Qxd7 Nd3 18.Qxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rab1 Ree8 20.Nf4 Nxb2 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Nfd5 Nd3 23.Bc7! Bxc7 24.Nxc7±* Anton Guijarro,D (2643)-Nguyen,T (2546) Prague 2019*)* 13.Rhd1 Be7 14.Kf1 *(14.Qd2 Nb4 15.Kg1 Nd3 16.Nd5 Rc8 17.Nf2 f5! 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.exf5 Rxf5⇄* Sherwood,R (2373)-Menendez Rodriguez,G (2357) email 2019*; 14.Qxd7 Qb6+ 15.Be3 Qxb2+ 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Rxd2 f5!∓)* 14...Nb4 15.Qxd7 Nd3 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Be3 Bd6 18.Rab1 Bxh2 19.Nf2 *(19.Bxa7 Be5⩱)* 19...Be5 20.Nxd3 cxd3 and already White had to hodl tha balance after 21.Kg1 Rfe8 22.Na4 Bd6 23.b4! f5 24.b5 Bb7 25.Nc3= Stein,K (2521)-Sasikiran,K (2548) email 2018;

B2) 7.e5

B2a) The irrational 7...exd5 also requires a closer look: 8.exf6 d4 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 dxc3 11.bxa5 Qxf6 12.Qd5 Re8+! 13.Kf2 c2 14.Ra2 Bb7 15.Qd2 *(15.Qg5!?* might be a better chance to fight for an edge - *Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Qd1 17.Nh3±)* 15...bxc4 16.Rxc2 d5 17.Bb2 Qh4+ 18.g3 Qe7 19.Ne2 Nc6 *(19...Nd7!?∞)* 20.a6 *(20.Nf4 Rad8⩱)* 20...Bxa6 21.Qxd5 Bb7 Teraz sa biely zmieril s večným šachom po Now White will have to come to tems with a perpetural check. 22.Qe4 *(22.Qd2 Rad8 23.Qc1 Nd4⩱)* 22...Nb4! 23.Qxe7 Nd3+ 24.Kg2 Ne1+ 25.Kf2 Nd3+ ½, Mamedyarov,S (2774)-Karjakin,S (2748) Zagreb 2019;

B2b) 7...Ne8 8.f4

B2b1) 8...d6 9.Nf3 dxe5?! 10.fxe5 Nd7 11.Bg5 Qa5 12.dxe6 *(12.Qc2?! exd5 13.cxd5 f6! 14.Bh4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Bd3 Nf6 17.0-0 c4 18.Rxf6 cxd3 19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Qxd3 Qb6+ 21.Bf2 Bc5=* Esipenko,A (2654)-Stefansson,H (2529) Prague 2020*)* 12...fxe6 13.Be2!↻ Nxe5 14.0-0± Δ Nxc4 15.Nd5!+-;

B2b2) 8...exd5 9.cxd5

B2b21) 9...Bb7!? 10.Nf3 c4 11.Be2 *(* The evaluation of Black's idea depends probably on *11.d6!?)* 11...Qb6 12.Bd2? *(⌓12.d6)* 12...Nc7

13.d6 Ne6 14.f5?! Nd4 15.f6 Re8 16.a3 Ba5 17.fxg7 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Rxe5+ 19.Kf1 Na6-+ →×♔ f1, Smirnov,A (2604)-Ganguly,S (2636) Wijk aan Zee 2020)

B2b22) 9...d6 10.Nf3 c4 11.a4

B2b221) 11...Bg4 12.axb5 *(12.Be2 dxe5 13.fxe5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Nb6⇄)* 12...Nd7 13.e6 fxe6 14.dxe6 Nb6 15.Be2 Nc7 16.Ng5 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Shirov,A (2749)-Kramnik,V (2780) Shanghai 2010/ and here Stockfish points out Qf6! Δ 18.0-0 h6 19.Nce4 Qd4+ 20.Kh1 Qd3!=;

B2b222) 11...Nd7

B2b2221) 12.axb5 dxe5 13.Bxc4 Nd6 14.Be2 Qb6 *(14...Qc7!?)* 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Re8 17.Nd3 Ne4 18.Qc2 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bg4 20.Nxb4 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 22.Kxe2 Qxb5+⩲ /=, Babic,D (2481)-Terreaux,G (2467) email 2017;

B2b2222) 12.Be2

B2b22221) 12...Nc7N 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Nxb5 *(14.axb5!? Nb6 15.Nd4)* 14...Nxb5 15.axb5 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Qxb5 17.e6?! *(17.Nd4!±)* 17...Nf6 18.exf7+ Rxf7∓ Hua,L (2305)-Kozak,A (2518) Chess.com blitz INT 2020)

B2b22222) More logical is preventing castling with ⏀12...Qb6

B2b222221) 13.Bd2 Nc7 14.Nxb5 Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Nxb5 16.axb5 Re8⩲ *(16...Bb7⩱)*;

B2b222222) 13.axb5

B2b2222221) 13...Nc7 14.Qd4 *(14.Nd2!? Nxb5 15.Nxc4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxc3+ 17.Bd2 Qd4⇄)* 14...Bb7 15.Bd2 Bxc3 16.bxc3?! *(16.Bxc3=)* 16...dxe5 17.fxe5 Bxd5 18.Be3 Qxb5 19.0-0 Ne6 20.Qh4 Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Karjakin,S (2766) Khanty-Mansiysk 2014 a5!∓ and White has yet to prove his compensation.;

B2b2222222) 13...dxe5 14.fxe5 Nc7!?

B2b22222221) 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxe5= *(≤16...Nxd5 17.Bd2)*;

B2b22222222) 15.Ra4 a5 16.bxa6 Bxa6 17.Rxb4 Qxb4 18.0-0 Qc5+ *(18...Bb7!?∓)* 19.Qd4 Qxd4+ 20.Nxd4 Bb7 21.d6 Ne6 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Bf4⩲ Mamedyarov,S (2791)-Harikrishna,P (2733) Antalya 2017;

B2b22222223) 15.Bd2 Re8 16.Na4 Qxb5 17.d6 Nxe5!? 18.dxc7 *(18.Nxe5? Rxe5 19.dxc7 Bg4)* 18...Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qg5 20.Bxb4 Qh4+ 21.Kd2 Qf4+ forces White to resign himself to a perpetual after 22.Ke1 Qh4+=]

[The most played move is 4...d5 5.a3 and now: Nowadays more popular is

A) Although 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 *(6...Nbd7?! 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c5 9.Bd3 Qa5 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Ne2 Re8 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Ng3 Nf8 14.e4±* Vidit,S (2726)-Karjakin,S (2752) Chess.com blitz INT 2020*)* 7.cxd5 Nxd5 is by far not refuted, it's falling out of fashion: 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.e4 Nf6 10.Be3 0-0 11.a4 Nfd7 12.Kf2 Nxc5 13.Qd6

A1) 13...b6?! 14.Bb5 Ba6 15.Ne2 Bxb5 16.Bxc5 bxc5 17.Qxc5 Nd7 18.axb5! *(18.Qxb5?! Qc7⇄* Caruana,F (2835)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 18...Qd8 19.Qd6± /+-, Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess24.com INT 2020/ Although Black managed to save the game, this is a line he won't repeat in the future.;

A2) ⌓13...Nxa4! 14.Nh3 Bd7 15.Be2 Bc6 16.Rhc1 Rd8 17.Qb4 Qxb4 18.cxb4 a6 19.Nf4 Bb5 20.Rc7 Nc6 21.Rxb7 Rab8 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Bd2 Rd8 24.Ra2 h6 25.h4 Rd4 26.Ke3 g5⇄ Zordick,M (2314)-Kuhne,D (2393) email 2018;

B) 5...Be7 6.e4 and now: A recent new idea is

B1) 6...dxe4 7.fxe4 c5 8.d5 exd5 9.exd5 0-0 10.Be2 Re8 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.d6 Bf8 14.h3 Bh5

B1a) 15.Nb5 1-0 Caruana,F (2842)-Alekseenko,K (2698) Candidates Tournament 2020 (2) was first featured in Rb8 16.Bf4 a6 17.Nc7 Re4 18.Bg3 *(18.Qd2 Bxf3 19.Rxf3* Kobo,O (2460)-Safin,R (2283) Chess.com blitz INT 2021 *Ne5! 20.Bxe5 Rxe5∓)* 18...Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rd4 20.Qe1 Bxd6 21.Nd5 Bxg3 22.Qxg3 Kh8 23.Rad1⩲ Vidit,S (2726)-Aronian,L (2773) chess.com INT 2020/ White has compensation here, but not an advantage.;

B1b) 15.Bf4!?N is a novelty by Nepomniachtchi: 15...Qb6 16.b3 Rad8 *(*Giri suggests *16...Re6* or*; 16...Ne4* as possible alternatives.*)* 17.Ra2 h6 18.a4 Bxf3? *(*Concrete play fails tactically. *18...Ne4?! 19.Nb5±* is not ideal either, so Black should consider*; 18...a6* or*; 18...Qc6!?)* 19.Bxf3 Ne5 20.Nb5! Bxd6 *(20...Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Qc6 22.Nc7 Re4 23.Nd5± Δ Bxd6 24.Bxd6 Rxd6 25.Qxe4! Nxe4 26.Ne7+)* 21.a5 Qa6 22.Rd2 Nxf3+ 23.Rxf3 Ne4 24.Nxd6 Nxd2 25.Qxd2± /+-, Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Karjakin,S (2752) Moscow 2020;

B2) 6...dxc4 7.Be3 *(*An attempt to prevent or at least slow down c5. *7.Bxc4 c5 8.d5 exd5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 0-0 11.Ne2 Na6=* should be sufficient for equality. *)*

B2a) 7...c5 8.dxc5 Nbd7 9.Bxc4 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.Qxd8+ *(⌓11.Nge2= /±*) 11...Kxd8 12.Kf2 Ke7 13.Nge2 Nfd7 14.b4 Ne5 15.bxc5 Nxc4 16.Rhb1 b6 17.cxb6 axb6 18.Rb4 Rxa3 19.Rxa3 Nxa3 20.Rxb6 Rd8= ½, Gyimesi,Z (2586)-Timman,J (2562) Antwerp 2008;

B2b) and now 7...b5!? 8.Nxb5 Ba6 Here 9.a4 *(* Esipenko's preparation concentrated on *9.Qa4 Nfd7! 10.Nc3 0-0⇄)* surprised Black and 9...c6 *(⌓9...0-0 Δ 10.Bxc4? c6 11.Na3 Bxa3 12.Bxa6 Bb4+-+)* 10.Na3 Bxa3?! was not a good reaction. *(*Black could have kept the ♗ with *10...0-0*

11.Nxc4 Nbd7⩲ with a lead in development.*)* However, White also erred after 11.Rxa3 Nbd7 12.Ne2? *(12.Qc2 Rb8 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Rxb2 15.Ne2± Rb1+ 16.Bc1)* 12...Rb8 13.Ra2 0-0 14.Nc3 Qa5 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.Qc2 *(16.Qc1!? Δ c5 17.0-0 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qh6⇄)* 16...c5 17.0-0 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc5 19.Nb5! Rxd4 20.Nxd4 Nb3 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.axb5 Qxa2 23.Bxc4 Na1 24.Qc3 Qa4 Wojtaszek,R (2705)-Esipenko,A (2677) Wijk aan Zee 2021 25.Rb1!= Δ Nc2 26.Rc1 Nb4 27.Qa3! and White wins the full piece back.]

[4...0-0 is nowadays considered risky: However, more dangerous is

A) 5.e4 is very natural, but Black gets good counterplay after d5! 6.e5 Nfd7 7.cxd5 exd5

A1) 8.f4 c5 9.a3 Ba5! 10.Be3 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12.Nf3 Bxc3+! 13.bxc3!? *(13.Bxc3 Nc5↻)* 13...Qa5⇄;

A2) 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 f6 10.exf6 *(*The point is *10.f4?* fails to *fxe5 11.dxe5 Nxe5! 12.fxe5 Qh4+-+)*

A2a) 10...Qxf6 11.Bd3 *(11.Nh3!? Nb6 12.Nf4 Nc6 13.Be2∞* is perhaps somewhat better, leaving d3 free for the ♘.*)* 11...Nb6 12.Ne2 Bf5=;

A2b) 10...Qe8+ 11.Qe2 Qf7!? *(*More ambitious, than *11...Nxf6=)* 12.fxg7 Re8 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Qd2 Na5 15.Rb1 Nb6 16.Rb4 Nac4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 *(*Black shouldn't postpone winning the exchange with *17...dxc4?! 18.Rb5! Bf5 19.Kf2 Nd5 20.Rxd5 Qxd5 21.Ne2 a5 22.h4 b5 23.h5±* Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Aronian,L (2830) Khanty-Mansiysk 2014 For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 160 by Krasenkow.*)* 18.Rxc4 dxc4 19.Ne2 Bf5 20.Bf4 Rad8 21.Kf2 c5 22.Re1 cxd4 23.cxd4 Qxg7⇄ Mueller Alves,M (2322)-Baroin,B (2038) email 2013

B) 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nh5 *(*This line increased the interest in 4...0-0. *6...Nc6 7.e4 e5 8.Ne2 d6 9.Ng3 Na5 10.Bd3 Be6 11.0-0 Bxc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.Rb1 Nd7 14.f4 Ndb6 15.Nf5 f6 16.Rf3⩲* Anton Guijarro,D (2667)-Ivanchuk, V (2677) Havana 2019*;* Even the Sämisch with *6...c5 7.e4* gives him chances to fight for an advantage: *Nc6 8.Be3 b6 9.Bd3 Ba6 10.Nh3 Na5 11.Bg5! h6 12.Bh4 Qc7 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qd2 Kg7 15.Nf4 Rh8 16.Nh5+ Kf8 17.Qf2 Bxc4 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.0-0→* Carlsen,M (2882)-Karjakin,S (2750) Saint Louis blitz 2019 *)* 7.Nh3 f5 Here the most dangerous is the energetic

B1) 8.e3 d6 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.g4?! *(⌓11.Nf2)* 11...fxg4 *(11...Qh4!∓)* 12.fxg4 Nf6 13.Nf2 h6 14.e4 e5 15.d5 Ne7 16.g5 hxg5 17.Bxg5 Qe8 18.Qd3 Qg6 19.Qg3 Bd7 20.Kh1 Rf7 21.Qh4 Raf8 22.Rae1 Qh7 23.Qxh7+ Nxh7∓ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2881) Shamkir 2014;

B2) 8.Nf2 Black should keep the position closed as long as possible, e.g.,

B2a) 8...b6 9.e4 fxe4? *(9...Nc6!?⇄)* 10.fxe4 Qf6 11.Ra2 Qf7 12.Nh3!± So,W (2788)-Naroditsky,D (2633) Saint Louis 2015 For details see the notes to this game in CBM 166.;

B2b) 8...d6 9.e4 Nc6 10.Bd3 Qe8 *(10...Na5!?)* 11.0-0 e5 12.Rb1 b6 13.c5 dxc5 14.dxc5 fxe4 15.Bxe4 Bf5! 16.Qd5+ Kh8 17.Qxc6 Qxc6 18.Bxc6 Bxb1 19.g4 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Rd1 Bg6 23.Rd7 Rc8 24.Re7 Kg8 25.Rxe5 Re8 26.Rxe8+ Bxe8⩱ /=, Shishkov,P (2353)-Maldonado Pacheco,J (2364) email 2017;

B3) ⌓8.e4!

B3a) ⌓8...d6 9.Bd3 Nc6 *(9...f4!?)*;

B3b) 8...fxe4?! 9.Bg5

B3b1) 9...Nf6 10.Nf2 h6 *(10...exf3 11.Qxf3 h6 12.Bh4 Qe8 13.Qe3↑* gives White excellent attacking chances.*)* 11.Bxf6 *(11.Bh4!?)* 11...Qxf6 12.Nxe4 Qf4 13.Be2 Qe3 14.Qc2 b6 15.Nf2! Nc6 16.0-0 Ba6 17.Rae1 Na5 18.Bd3 Qg5 19.Re5 Qe7 20.Qe2 Nc6 21.Rh5 Qf7 22.Rh3 Ne7 23.Ng4 Qe8 Gupta,A (2603)-Aleksandrov,A (2592) New Delhi 2020 24.Nxh6+! gxh6 25.Rg3+ Kf7 26.f4+-;

B3b2) 9...Qe8 10.fxe4 e5 *(10...Qg6 11.e5 Qe4+ 12.Kd2! g6 13.Rg1+-)* 11.Be2 Nf6 12.0-0 d6 *(12...Nxe4 13.Qc2↻ ±*) 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Bh5!? Qe7 15.Nf2 Nc6 16.Ng4 Bxg4 17.Qxg4+ Kh8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.Qh3 Nxc4 20.Bg6 Qg7 21.Bf5 Qe7 22.Rf3⩱ →, Antonov,V (2362)-Runting,T (2350) ICCF email 2017]

5.a3 John Emms: 'So chooses to transpose to the Saemisch, which of course Carlsen has been playing as White in recent times.'

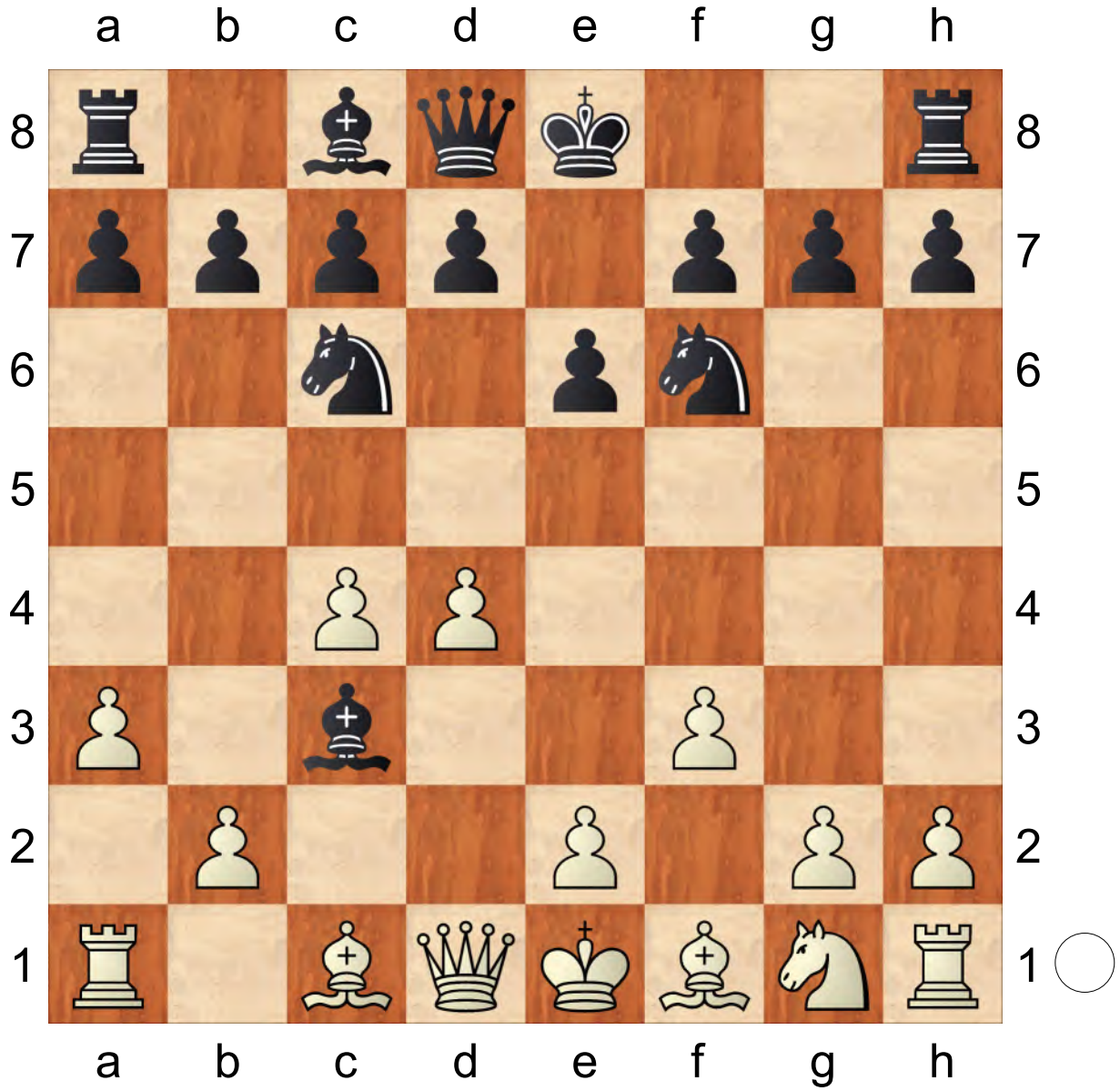
[John Emms: 'We'll have to wait to see what Carlsen has in store against' As after 4...0-0, here White also has a choice between the text-move and 5.e4 Central expansion is played more often here and also brings White better results statistically. That said, I'm not claiming it's all clear here, after d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e5 Ng8 8.Be3 *(8.f4 Nge7 9.a3 Ba5 10.Be3* is maybe a better version for White. *)* 8...Nge7 9.f4 0-0 10.Nf3 Na5!? 11.Bd3 *(11.Qc1 c5!? 12.dxc5 Bg4⩱)* 11...Nc4 12.Qe2 *(12.Bc1!?)* 12...Nxe3 13.Qxe3 c5 14.0-0 Bf5 15.a3 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Bc5 17.Na4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Nc6 19.Qe3 d4 20.Qe2 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qa5 22.b3 Rad8⇄ Timofeev,A (2640)-Kovalenko,I (2611) Vladivostok 2012/ Black got excellent counterplay.]

5...Bxc3+

(Diagram)

6.bxc3 b6 John Emms: 'is a more common move-order to reach the position in the game.' Here contrary to 4...0-0 5.a3 Black hasn't castled yet and he can not only attack the ✕♙c4 faster, but also strive for 0-0-0 and hope for an easier life for his king. **7.e4 Ba6** Carlsen got this position also with White, but via a Sämisch with 4. a3:

[7...Na5 8.Bd3 d6 9.Nh3 *(9.f4 Bb7⇄;* White has also *9.Bg5* , which can lead to positions from the following line or notes.*)* 9...Ba6 10.Qe2 e5 11.Be3 Qd7 12.a4 Qc6 13.d5 Qd7 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Nf2 Nd7 16.Rab1 0-0 17.g4 Rac8 18.Nh1 c6



19.Ng3 g6∓ Carlsen,M (2882)-Aronian,L (2765) Saint Louis blitz 2019/ Black has a solid position and can already fight for an advantage.]

[7...d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na5 10.Bd3 g5 *(10...Ba6 11.Qe2 Qd7* is slightly more flexible, we'll check it in the next note.*)* is quite committal, but after 11.Bf2 Ba6 12.h4 Rg8 13.hxg5 hxg5 14.Ne2 Qd7 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 0-0-0! 17.Nd4 Ne8 18.c5 Bxd3 *(18...Bb7!?)* 19.Qxd3 Qd5 20.Qa6+ Qb7 Black was fine and collapsed only after a series of errors 21.Qe2 Qd5? *(21...g4⇄; 21...bxc5!∓ /∓)* 22.0-0 g4 23.fxg4 Kb8 24.Rfd1 Qb7? 25.Nxe6+- Carlsen,M (2876)-Pichot,A (2590) chess24.com blitz INT 2019]

8.Bg5

[8.Bd3 Na5 9.Qe2 is similar, after *(9.e5 Ng8 10.Qa4 c5! 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Ne7 13.Ne2 Qc6!* (Labensky,I-Brodsky,M/Rivne 2005) is a typical example of what can happen if White plays too slowly. He often ends up losing his c4-pawn

anyway and, like here, gets no compensation whatsoever.*)* 9...d6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Qd7 *(11...g5 12.Bf2 Qd7 13.e5 Nh5 14.Nh3 dxe5 15.0-0!? 0-0-0 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Kb8 18.Rab1 exd4 19.Qa6 Nc6 20.cxd4 Qc8 21.Qa4 Ne7 22.d5 Nxd5 23.Rfc1 Qb7 24.Qc4 Ka8 25.a4 Qc6 26.Qa6 Qb7 27.Qc4 Qc6 28.Qf1 Qb7 29.a5→* Donchenko,A (2646)-Vitiugov,N (2722) Playchess.com INT 2020/ After some mutual inaccuracies White managed to build up a strong attack *)*

A) 12.f4 Qa4 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3 Bxc4 16.Nd2 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Polgar,Z (2400)-Browne,W (2510) New York 1986 Nxe5∓ *(*or *17...Nf8* Δ♘g6 and White must still prove his compensation. *)*;

B) 12.a4 Qc6 *(12...g5!?)* 13.d5 Qb7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rb1 Qc8 16.Nh3 Nb7 17.Nf4 h5 18.g4? *(18.g3∞)* 18...hxg4 19.fxg4 Nc5 20.Nh5 Ke7 21.0-0 Rh6 22.Qe3 Qh8 23.Rf2 Rg8→ /∓, El Gindy,E (2431)-Aronian,L (2758) Khanty-Mansiysk 2019/ it was Black, who got to attack the enemy king.]

[8.e5 Ng8 is covered in Moskalenko, V-Neverov,V/ Kharkov 1984.]

8...h6 9.Bh4 Qc8 John Emms: '!?' John Emms: 'This move is rare, but has so far scored incredibly well for Black - on my online database it's seven wins out of eight games!'

[John Emms: 'The obvious' Magnus sidesteps the pin, but Black more often plays 9...Na5 John Emms: 'remains the most popular choice, and one that Carlsen has faced with White.' 10.e5 *(* Black doesn't have to worry about the endgame after *10.Qa4 Qc8 11.Nh3 Qb7 12.Nf2 Qc6 13.Qxc6 dxc6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ng4 f5 16.exf5 exf5 17.Ne5 f6 18.Ng6 Rg8 19.Nh4 Rg5 20.Bd3 f4*⇄ Hoehne,E (2085)-Schludecker,E (1893) email 2010*)* 10...g5 11.Bf2 Nh5

A) 12.c5 John Emms: '!?' Bxf1 13.Kxf1 d6 *(13...Qc8; 13...f5!?)* 14.exd6 cxd6 15.h4 gxh4 John Emms: '?!' *(15...Ke7!?* is a creative way to connect the major pieces on the back rank*)* 16.Rxh4 Nf6 John Emms: '(Carlsen,M-Ding,L/Cupar 2019) and here' 17.c4 *(17.Qe2!* avoids a queen exchange and would leave White on top.*)* 17...dxc5 18.dxc5 Qxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Nd7 20.cxb6 axb6 21.Ne2 Rc8⇄ Carlsen,M (2861)-Ding,L (2805) Cupar rpd 2019/ Pressure against c4 balances the chances.;

B) 12.h4 John Emms: 'is covered in Yang,D-Ippolito, D/ Lubbock 2010' 12...f5 The critical position arises after 13.hxg5 Qxg5 14.Nh3 Qg6 15.g3 when Qf7?! was not ideal: *(*Possible improvements are *15...Bxc4* or*; 15...0-0-0!?)* 16.g4 Ng7 17.Bh4 Nxc4 18.Qe2 d6 19.0-0-0 Kd7 20.Bf6 Kc6 21.Bxg7 Qxg7 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Rg1 Qe7 24.d5+ Kb7 25.e6± Florian,J (2196)-Lehnhoff,H (2085) email 2016]

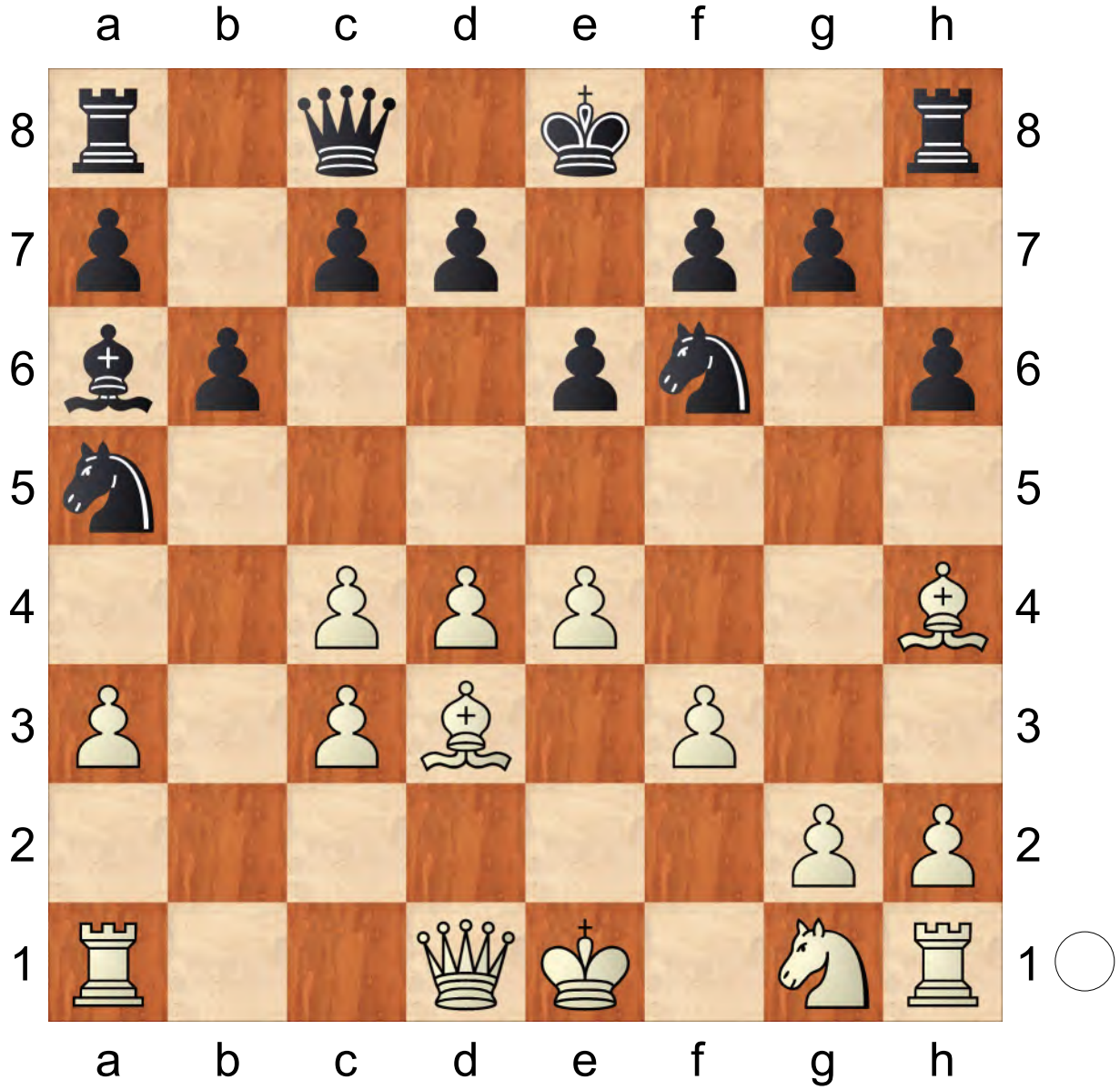
10.Bd3

[10.Bxf6?! gxf6 is a premature swap: 11.Bd3 Na5 12.c5? *(12.Qe2∞* /∓ was necessary *)* 12...bxc5 13.dxc5 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxc5 16.Qd4 d6 17.Qxf6 Rg8 18.g3 Qa6 19.Ne2 Qd3 20.Rd1 Qe3 21.Qd4 Qxf3 22.Rf1 Qxe4-+ Aguilera Lopez,A-Tolosana Esteban,E (1799) Madrid 2012]

[10.e5 is another critical option, and here Nh7!? is an interesting move, intending

...Nf8-g6 *(10...Ng8* intending ...Ne7 is similar, although Black has to be aware of Bxe7 ideas*; 10...Nh5 11.Nh3 Na5 12.f4 g6* (Rapport, R-Pataki,G/Szombathely 2008) *13.g4* looks favourable for White.*)* 11.Bd3 Na5 12.Qe2 *(12.Qc2 Nf8!; 12.Qa4 Nf8!)* 12...Qb7 with complex play and roughly level chances.]

10...Na5



11.Qe2 d6? John Emms: '?!' A novelty, but definitely not a good one.

[11...g5 12.Bf2 Qb7 13.Rb1 0-0-0 *(⩲13...d6!?± /∞)* 14.c5 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 d6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Ne2 d5 18.exd5 exd5 19.Qf5+ Nd7 20.0-0 Nc4 Mazzin Juliano,J (1825)-Mafra,K (2087) Balneario Camboriu 2002 21.Rfe1± White is better, as the opponent has weaknesses on both flanks.]

[Stronger was ⩲11...Qb7! John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'might be Black's best option here and it also contains a clever trick.'

A) Black not only prepares 0-0-0, but also has the sly tactical idea 12.f4? Bxc4!

Δ 13.Bxc4 *(13.Bxf6 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 gxf6∓* and Black is a clear pawn ahead, Berczes,D-Jaracz,P/Zalakaros 2006.*)* 13...Qc6∓ John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'is the neat idea';

B) 12.d5 g5 13.Bg3 0-0-0! intending 14.Be5 Nh5! 15.Bxh8 Nf4!;

C) 12.Rd1! is better, with level chances in a complex position after g5 13.Bf2 0-0-0;

D) 12.e5 Nh5 13.Nh3 g5∞ ⇄]

12.f4! John Emms: 'Supporting e4-e5 and enabling Nf3.' **12...Qd7** Taking into account move 9 this is a loss of time, but after

[12...e5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Nf3± Black can't retain the blockade.]

13.Nf3? John Emms: 'Giving Black an opportunity, which Carlsen seizes with both hands.' "First activate the pieces, then advance the pawns" is a sensible rule, but like any other piece of chess wisdom, it has its exceptions and this is one of them.

[The right way to go here was to play 13.e5! John Emms: 'followed by Nf3 looks good for White.' first. The ♘g1 will enter the fray on the very next move, White has a big space advantage and excellent attacking chances: Nh7 *(13...g5 14.fxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nh5 16.Nh3±)* 14.Nh3!? *(14.Nf3 d5 15.cxd5 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qxd5 17.0-0±)* 14...d5 *(14...Qc6 15.d5 exd5 16.0-0⩲)* 15.cxd5 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qxd5 17.0-0 0-0 18.f5± →]

[Preventing ...Qa4 with 13.a4! is also logical. Note that Bxc4 14.Bxc4 Qc6 no longer works, because of 15.Bb5]

13...Nh5 John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'Hey Magnus! Knights on the rim are... Erm, never mind.' **14.g3**

[14.Bg3 was objectively better, but it would mean a failure of White's plans and ambitions - 0-0-0∓ is excellent for Black.]

14...g5! The pawn sacrifice is a consistent follow-up of the previous move and aims to exploit the vulnerabililty of White's overextended central pawns. John Emms: 'A powerful pawn sacrifice by Carlsen.' **15.fxg5**

[15.Nd2 Nxf4 16.gxf4 gxh4∓ doesn't help, the problem is ♔e1 has no safe place.]

15...hxg5

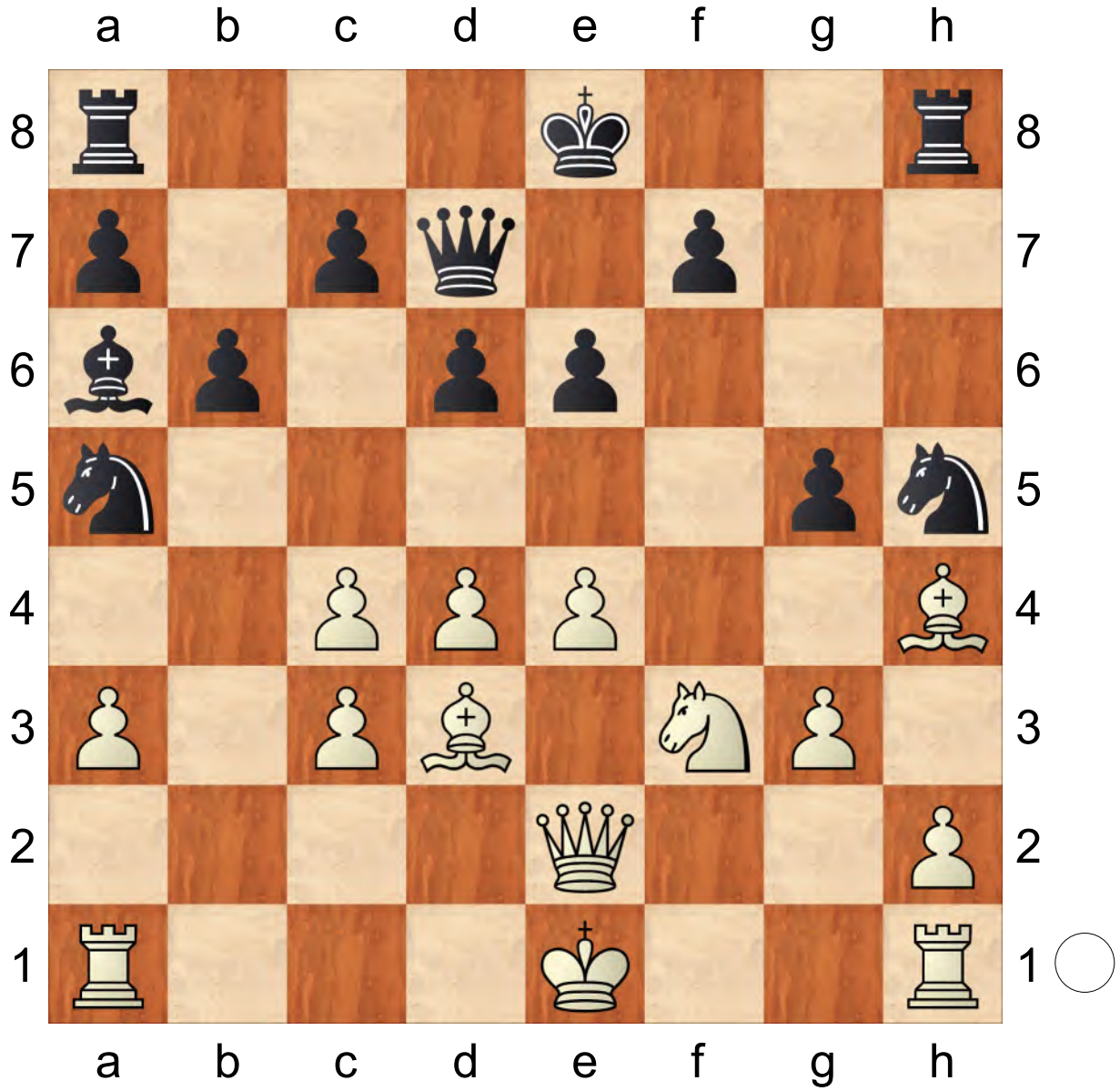
(Diagram)

16.Nxg5

[16.Bxg5? Nxg3-+ John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'wins material.']

16...Nf4! 17.gxf4 Rxh4↑ John Emms: 'The forcing sequence started by 14...g5 has resulted in a position where Black enjoys the advantage despite the pawn deficit. Black's rook on h4 is active, and White's pawn weaknesses are more pronounced than before.' The short tactical operation is over, White's position is bursting at the seams. **18.Qf2** Wins a tempo, but weakens the ♙c4.

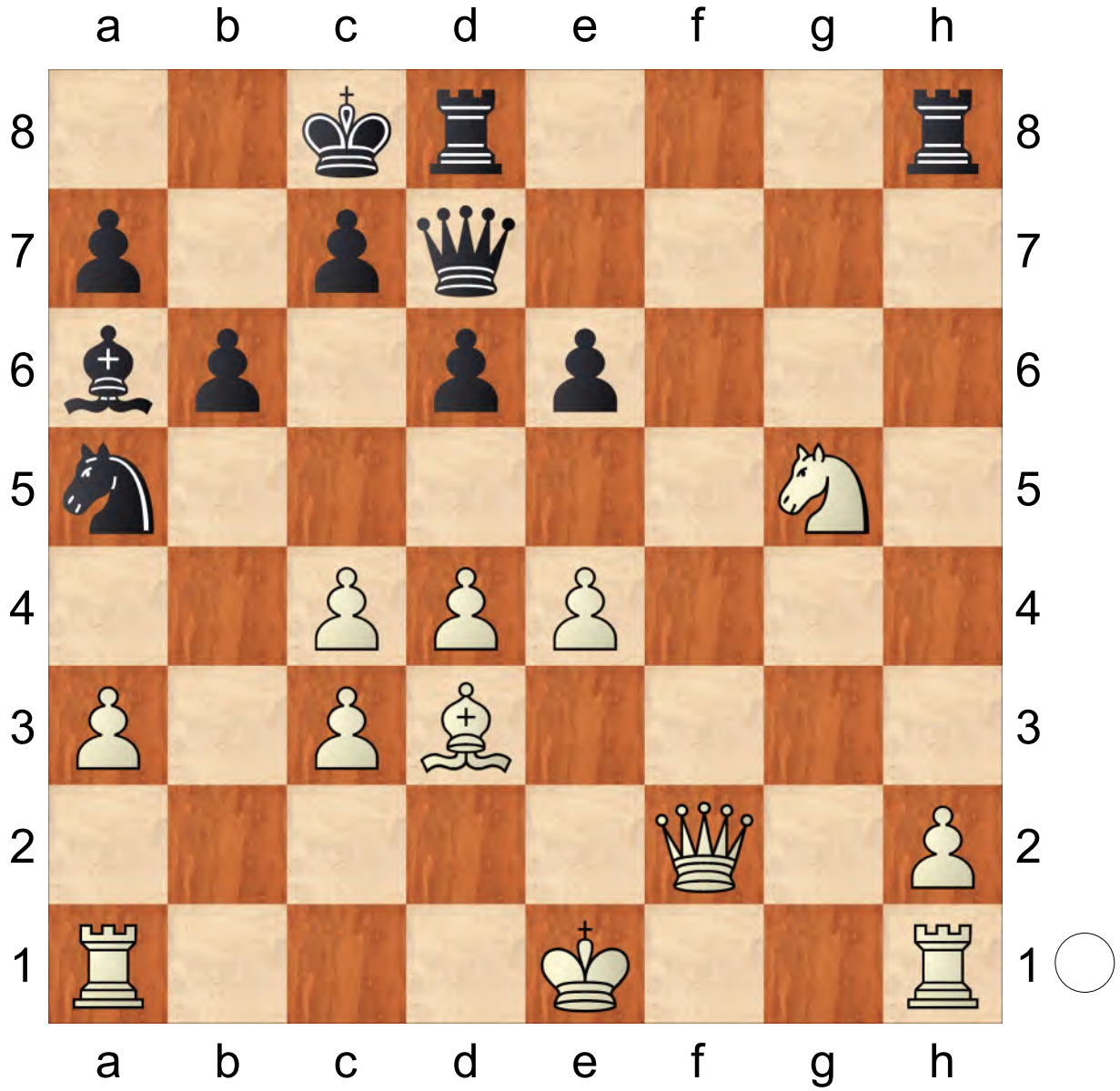
[⌓18.Rg1! is much more resilient, after 0-0-0 *(18...Rxf4? 19.Nh3)* 19.Nf3 Rxf4 20.Qe3 e5 21.dxe5 Rg4 22.Rd1∓ White can still fight on.]



18...Rh8
[18...Rh6!?∓]
19.f5?! John Emms: '?' John Emms: 'An understandable attempt to complicate only makes matters worse for White.'
[19.Qe2 0-0-0∓ is clearly better for Black, but opening the position helps Magnus even more. 20.h4 Rdg8! intends ...f6 followed by ... Rg4, and Black keeps an edge.]
19...0-0-0 20.fxe6 fxe6

(Diagram)

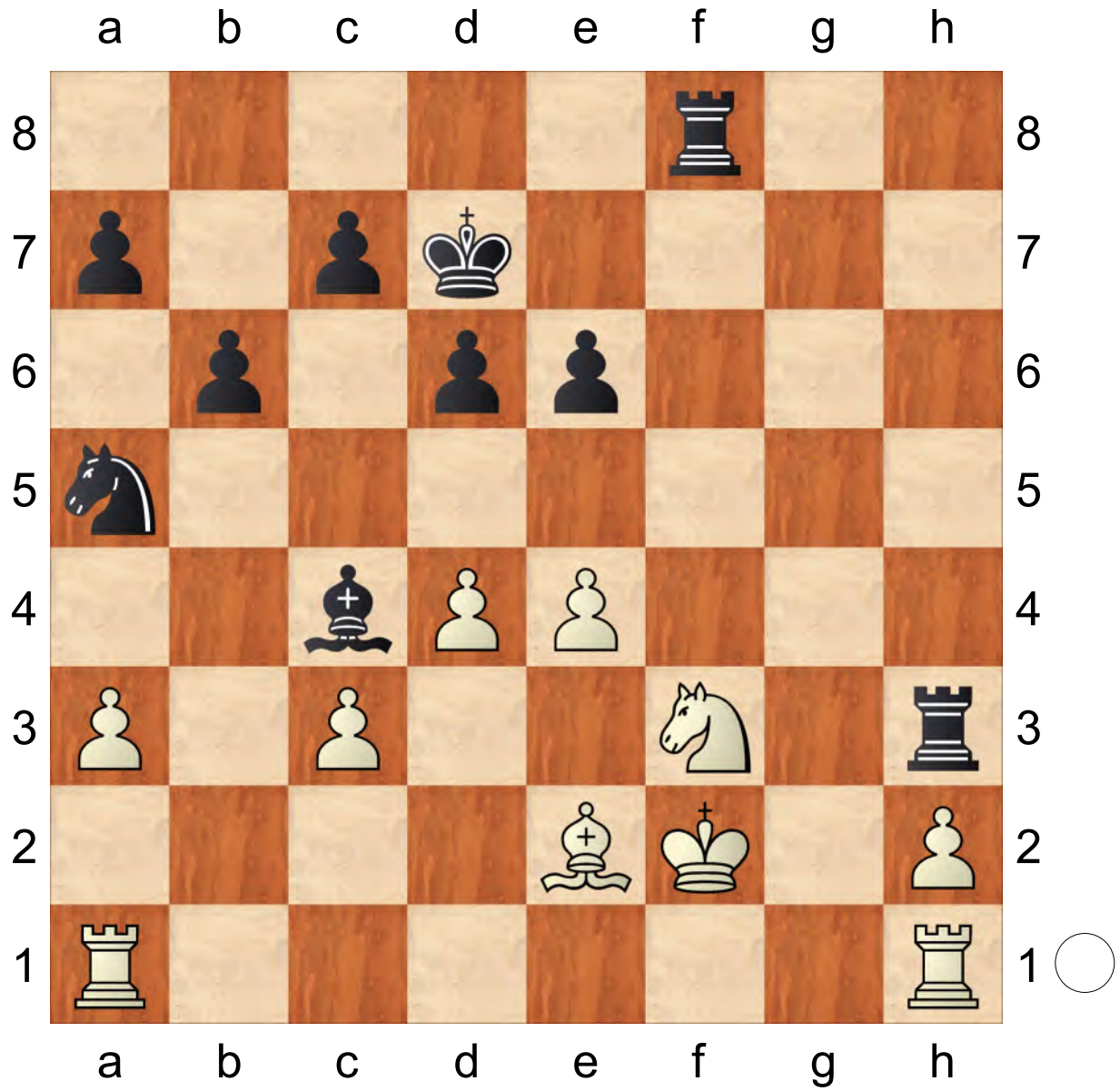
21.Qf7 Rdg8 John Emms: '-+!' John Emms: 'The queen exchange does nothing to hinder Black's progress, and Carlsen converts his advantage smoothly.' **22.Qxd7+**



Kxd7 23.Nf3□
[23.h4? Rxg5-+]
23...Rh3!?
[Increases the pressure, but the prosaic 23...Bxc4∓ /-+ was roughly equivalent.]
24.Kf2 Rf8 25.Be2 Bxc4

(Diagram)

26.Raf1 Rf4
[Doesn't want to give White even a whiff of a chance after 26...Rfxf3+ 27.Bxf3 Bxf1 28.Bg4!? Rh4 29.Kg3∓]
27.Ke3?! The king remains in the danger zone at his own peril.
[27.Kg2 offers more prolonged resistance, but the ⊥ after Bxe2 28.Kxh3 Rxf3+



29.Rxf3 Bxf3 30.Re1 Nc4 31.Kg3 Bh5-+ is technically lost.]

27...e5! 28.dxe5 dxe5 29.Rhg1 Bxe2 30.Kxe2 Rxe4+-+

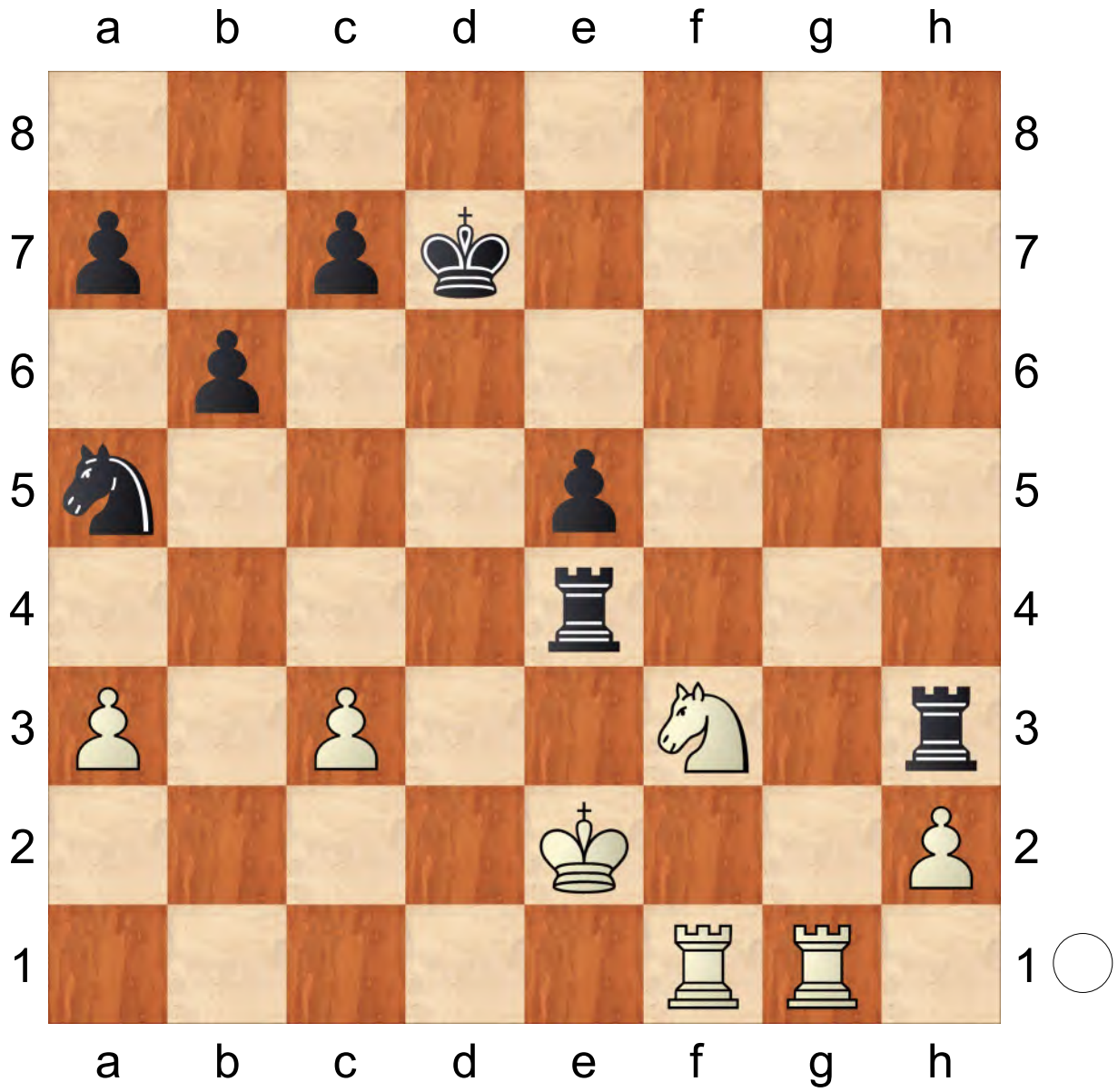
(Diagram)

Only now Black wins material, but the game is decided - White's reamining pawns are fatally weak and his forces lack coordination. The rest doesn't require much effort, or commentary. **31.Kf2 Nc4 32.Rg3 Rh6!→** Avoiding exchanges and continuing toplay for the attack. **33.a4 a5 34.Rfg1**

[34.Kg1 Nb2-+]

34...Rf4 35.Kg2 Ne3+

(Diagram)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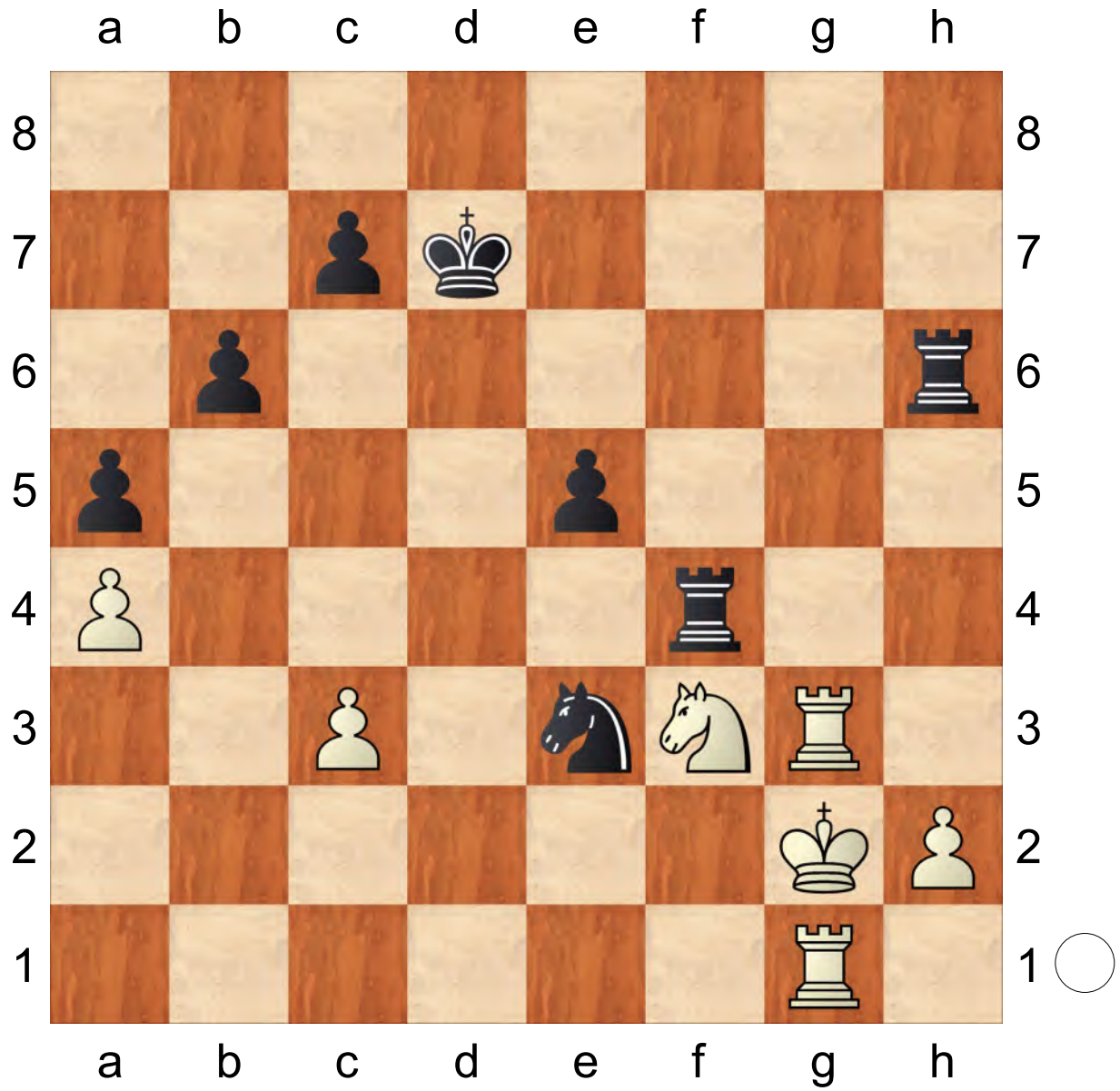

36.Kh1 Nf5! 37.Nxe5+ Ke6 38.Rg4 Rf2

(Diagram)

John Emms: 'Carlsen's 9...Qc8 looks like a good alternative to 9...Na5, but Black should choose 11...Qb7! instead of 11...d6.' The mating threat will cost White a piece.
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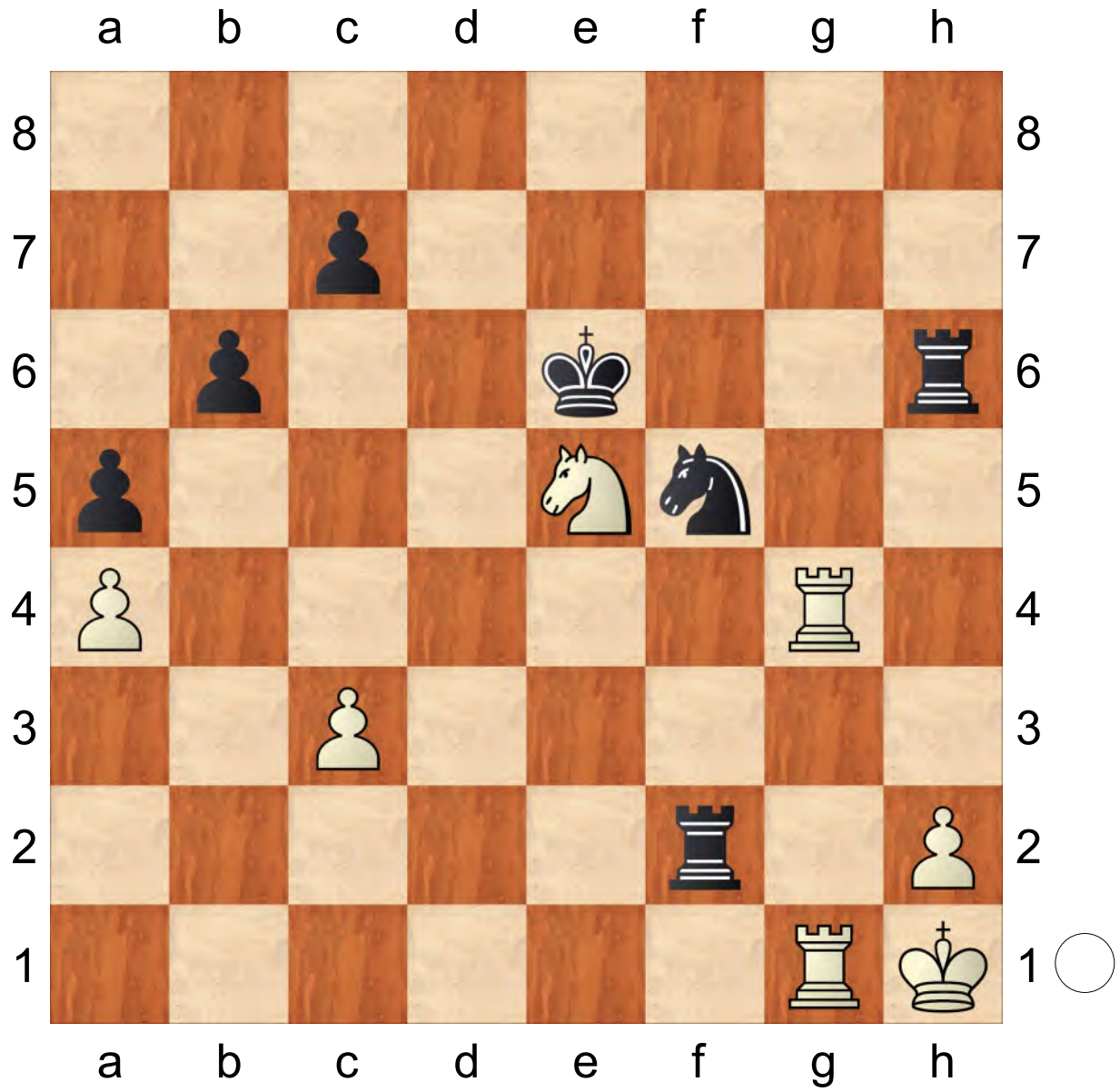
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□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2805**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2781**
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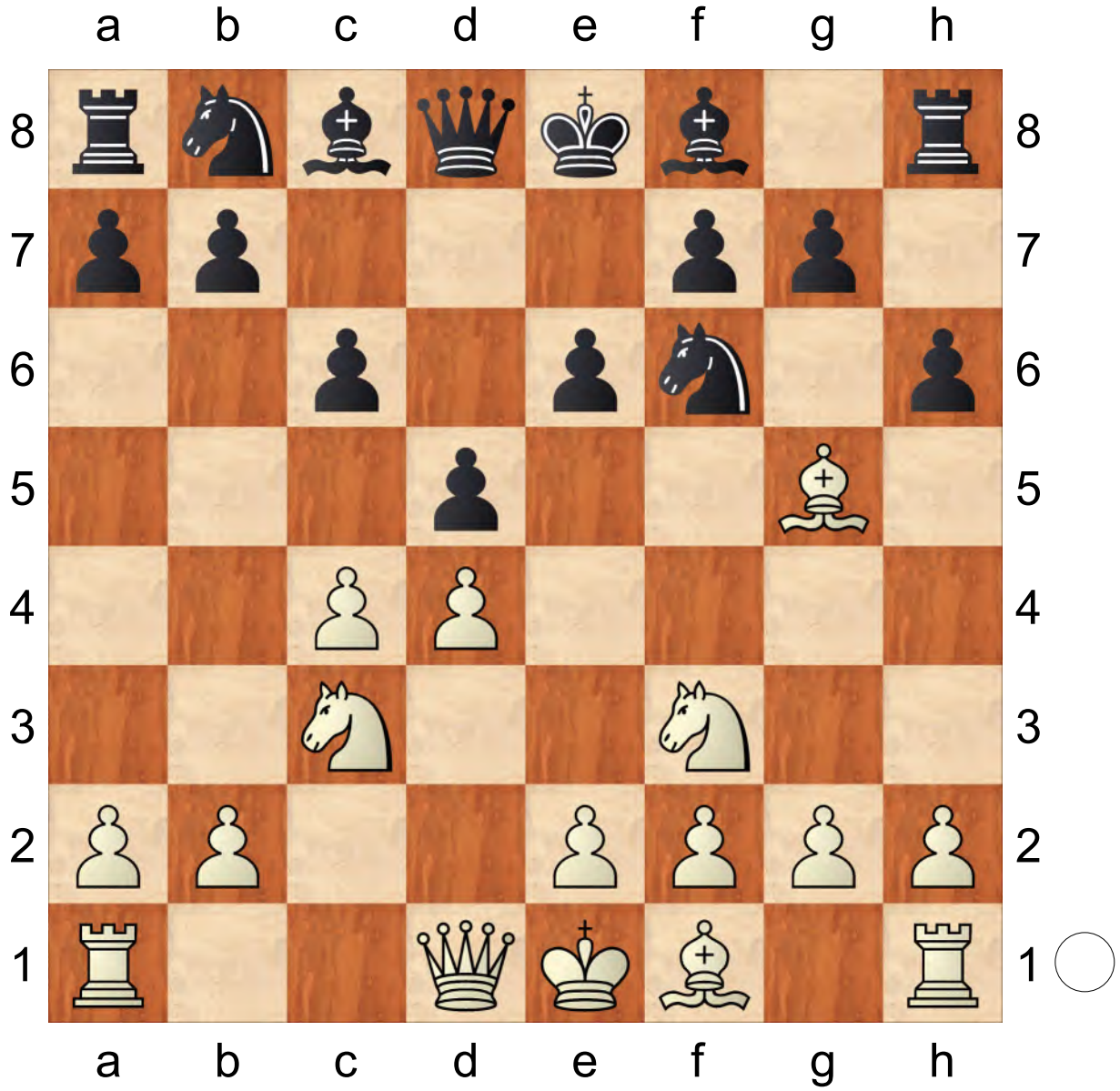
[Stohl,Igor]

1.Nf3 Stohl Stohl Stohl: 'Stohl,I' **1...Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 e6 5.Bg5 h6**

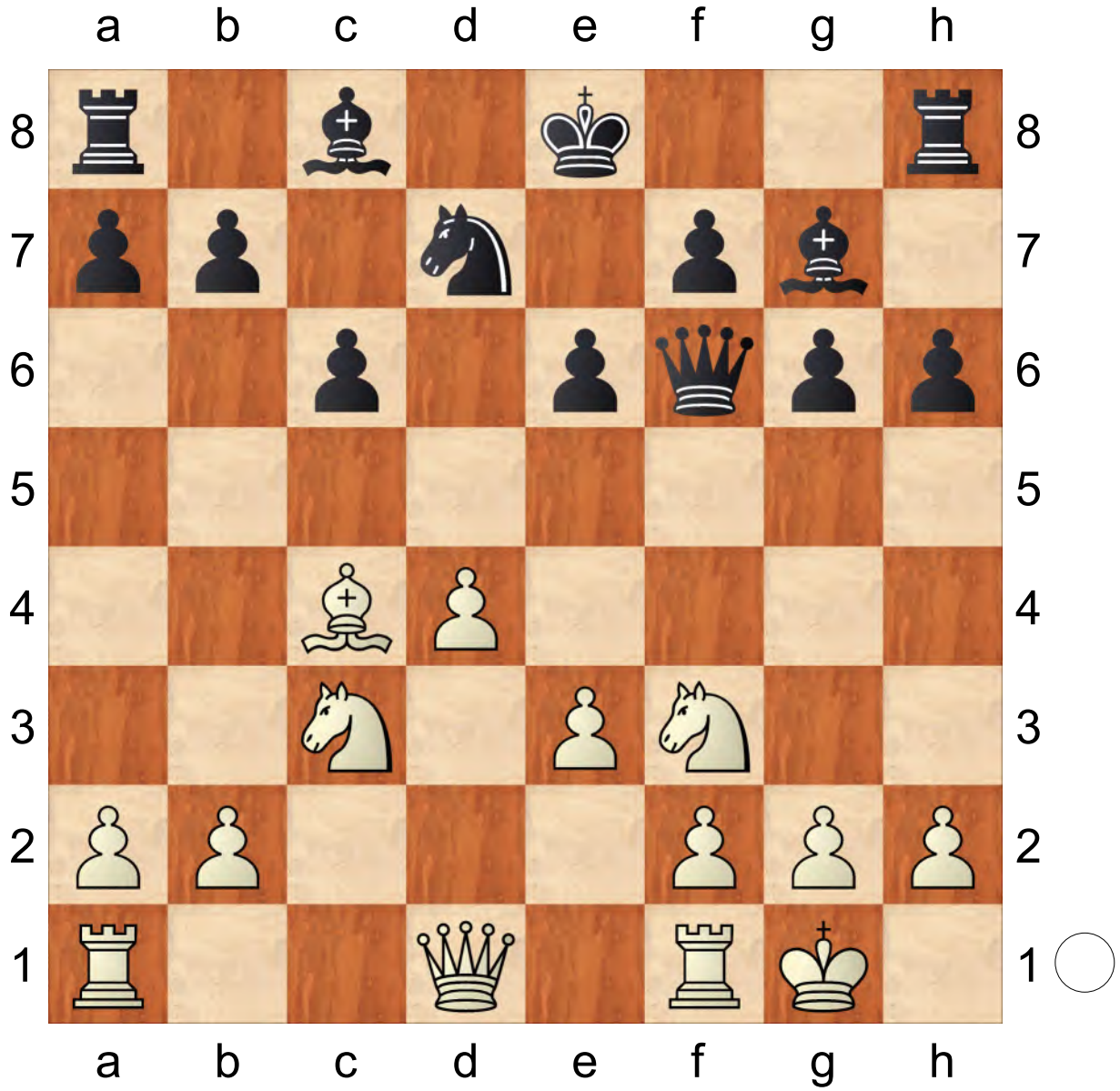


6.Bxf6 Lately Topalov has preferred either the restrained text-move, or the Meran with 5.e3. His famous sacrificial idea in the Anti-Moscow gambit

[6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Nxf7!? Kxf7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 Ke7 15.Nd6 Qb6 16.Bg4 Raf8 17.Qc2∞ Topalov,V (2780)-Kramnik,V (2795)/Wijk aan Zee/2008/ brought him success

against his arch-rival, but hasn't found much followers since.]

6...Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 g6 10.0-0 Bg7



11.e4 In this significant opening position White has tried numerous continuations, the attention starting shifting towards the text-move after it was last year successfully employed by Carlsen. Fighting for an advantage against Black's solid set-up is not easy, other plausible tries are:

[11.Rc1 0-0 12.Bb3 Qe7 13.Na4 is best met by the active e5!? *(13...Rd8 14.Qc2 Nf8 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Qc5 Qxc5 17.Nxc5 Rab8 18.f4 Be8 19.Rc2 Nh7 20.Rfc1 Nf6 21.a3 Bf8 22.g3 Kg7 23.Kg2 a5 24.Kf3 b6 25.Nxe6+! fxe6 26.Nxc6≅ ↑,* Topalov,V (2796)-Aronian,L (2750)/Nice blindfold rpd/2009/) 14.d5 *(14.h3!?=)* 14...e4 15.Nd4 cxd5 16.Nc3 Nf6 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bh3! 19.Bxe4 Qxe4 20.gxh3 Rad8 21.Qg4 *(21.Rc4 Rfe8 22.Qg4 Qd5 23.b3 b5 24.Rc7 Re4↑* Svidler,P (2726)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Nalchik/2009/) 21...Qd5 22.b3

Qa5 23.Rc2 Bxd4 24.exd4 Rd5 25.Kh1 Rfd8⩲ /∓,\ , Margvelashvili,G (2491)-Pashikian,A (2655)/Tbilisi/2009/]

[11.b4 0-0

A) 12.a4 e5!? 13.a5 exd4 14.exd4 Rd8 15.Re1 Nf8 16.Qb3 Be6 17.Rad1 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Ne6 19.Ne5 *(⌓19.Ne4 Qf5 20.Nc5 Nf4!⇄)* 19...Qf5 20.Nxf7? Kxf7 21.Re3 Bxd4 22.Rf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Bxc3 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.f4 Rd4 0-1,Stefansson,H (2574)-Carlsen,M (2714)/Heraklio/2007/;

B) 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Qb3 b6 14.b5 *(*Too soft, more ambitious is *14.a4 Bb7 15.Rfd1)* 14...Bb7 15.bxc6 Bxc6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Qb1 Bb7 18.Bd3 Rac8 19.Be4 Nf6 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Ne2 Ne4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Nd2 Nd6 24.Rc1 1/2,Ivanchuk,V (2731)-Karjakin,S (2661)/Foros/2006/ Rxc1+ 25.Nxc1 e5= /∓]

11...e5!? Black's reaction is equally important, with the text-move he intends to fight for more central space.

[11...0-0 12.e5 Qe7 is the main alternative, but here Black faces some problems after 13.Qe2

A) 13...b6 14.Rfe1! *(14.Ba6?! Bxa6 15.Qxa6 c5∓)* 14...Rd8

A1) 15.Rac1

A1a) 15...Bb7?! 16.Ba6 is one of White's main strategic ideas - now Black's ♘ will be vulnerable. Rab8 17.Bxb7 Rxb7 18.a3!? *(18.Qe4 Nb8 19.h4 Rbd7 20.Qf4 Na6 21.a3 Nc7 22.Ne4 Nd5 23.Qg3 Rc7 24.Rc2 c5 25.dxc5 bxc5* Harikrishna,P (2668)-Zhao Jun (2552)/Khanty Mansiysk/2007/ *26.Nfd2±)* 18...c5 19.Qe4 Rbb8 20.Nb5 cxd4 21.Nbxd4 Qe8 22.b4± Sadler,M (2650)-Van Wely,L (2605)/Monte Carlo rpd/1998/;

A1b) 15...Rb8 16.Ba6 c5!? 17.d5 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 exd5 19.Nxd5 Qe6 20.Nf4 Qf5 21.Nd5 Qe6 22.Nf4 Qf5 23.Nd5 Qe6 1/2, Mikhalevski,V (2531)-Dreev,A (2683)/Moscow op/2002/;

A2) 15.Rad1

A2a) 15...a5 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Be4 b5 18.h4 Nb6 19.Bb1 c5 20.Nxb5 Ba6 21.Bd3!? *(21.h5 g5 22.Nh2?! Rxd4 23.Rxd4∞* 1/2, Kramnik,V (2769)-Svidler,P (2735)/WCh Mexico City/2007/*)* 21...c4 22.Bxc4 Nxc4 23.Qxc4 Qb7 24.a4 Rd5 25.Rd2± Bocharov,D (2611)-Yagupov,I (2501)/Miass/2007/;

A2b) 15...Rb8!? 16.a3 Bb7 17.Ba2 Nf8 18.h4 c5 19.d5 exd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 b5 Korotylev,A (2565)-Potkin,V (2540)/RUS-chT Sochi/2004/ 22.b3!? a6 23.a4±;

B) 13...b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Be4 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Rab8 17.Rfd1 a6 18.h4 *(18.Nb1!? Rdc8 19.Nbd2 Ba8 20.Qe3! c5 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Ne4 cxd4 23.Qxd4 Rxc1 24.Rxc1↑ Nxe5?! 25.Nxe5 Rd8 26.Qc3 b4* Peek,M (2370)-Godena,M (2519)/EUnion-ch Liverpool/2008/ *27.Nc6 bxc3 28.Nxe7+ Kf8 29.Nxg6+ fxg6 30.bxc3±)* 18...Ba8 19.Rc2 *(⌓19.h5 g5 20.Nh2±* Carlsen, Δ♘g4*)* 19...Rdc8 20.Rdc1 Qf8 21.a4 c5 *(21...b4! 22.Nd1 c5=)* 22.axb5 cxd4 23.Nxd4 Bxe4? *(23...axb5±)* 24.Nxe4 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 axb5 26.Nc6± Carlsen,M (2770)-Topalov,V (2812)/Sofia/2009/;

C) 13...Rd8 14.Rfe1 will probably transpose into one of the above lines. *(14.Rac1 c5 15.d5 Nxe5!? 16.Nxe5 exd5 17.Nf3 Qxe2 18.Bxe2 d4 19.Ne4 d3 20.Bd1 b6 21.b3 Be6 22.Nfd2 Rac8 23.Bf3 Bb2 24.Rb1 Bd4 25.Rfc1 b5⩱* Bacrot,E (2721)-Cheparinov,I (2678)/Jermuk/2009/)]

12.d5 White must retain the ⊞ tension; resolving it gives Black with his ⧉ a promising position:

[12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Kh1 *(14.Qb3 0-0 15.a4 g5 16.Rfd1 Rb8 17.Rd3 b6 18.Rad1 Rb7 19.Rd8 Rc7 20.h3 Qe7 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Be2 Be6 23.Bc4 Bc8 24.Be2 Bg7 25.Bg4 Bxg4 26.hxg4 Rd7∓* Khachiyan,M (2529)-Stripunsky,A (2650)/Reno/2006/) 14...0-0 *(14...g5!? 15.Qd2 0-0 16.f4 gxf4 17.Rxf4 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rf3 Rad8 20.Qf2 b5 21.Rf1 b4 22.Na4 Qxe4 23.Nc5 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Qf5∓* Chiong,L (2390)-Villamayor,B (2380)/Quezon City/1999/) 15.f4 Qe7 16.f5 Shuganov,Y (2216)-Novikov,M (2427)/Tula/2001/EXT 2002 (71) b5 17.Bb3 b4⩲ /∓]

12...Nb6 13.Bb3

[13.dxc6 Nxc4!? 14.Nd5 Qd6 15.cxb7 Bxb7 16.Qa4+ Qc6 17.Qb4 Bf8 18.Qc3 Bd6 19.Rac1 Rc8 20.b3 Nb6 21.Qb2 Qb5 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Nxe5 Nxd5 24.Nc4 0-0 25.Nxd6 Qd7 26.Nxc8 Nf4∓]

13...0-0

[Another important crossroads, the main and more usual continuation is 13...Bg4 and now: The only way to fight for an initiative is

A) Too soft is 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qxf3 16.gxf3 Ke7 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Rfc1 Rhd8 19.Na4 *(19.Nd1 Rd6 20.Rc3 a5 21.Ne3 h5 22.Rac1 a4 23.Bd1 Kd7 24.Kf1 Bh6 25.Ke1 Kc7 26.Be2 Kb7 27.R1c2 Ra5=* Khalifman,A (2650)-Akopian,V (2620)/Yerevan/1996/) 19...Rac8 20.Rc3 Nxa4 21.Bxa4 Rd2= 22.b4 Bf6 23.Rc2 Rcd8 24.Rxc6 Bh4 25.Rc7+ Kf6 26.Rf1 Rxa2 27.Bb3 Rb2 28.Bd5 Kg5 29.b5 f5 1/2, Rychagov,A (2557)-Bareev,E (2653)/Krasnoyarsk/2007/;

B) 14.dxc6 bxc6⇄;

C) 14.Rc1!?

C1) 14...h5 15.Na4!? *(15.h3 Bh6! 16.Rc2 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rc8 19.Rd1 Ke7 20.dxc6 Rxc6 21.Nd5+ Nxd5 22.Rxc6 bxc6=* Anand,V (2783)-Leko,P (2751)/Miskolc rpd m/2009/) 15...0-0 *(15...Rc8 16.Rc3 Nxa4 17.Bxa4 b5? 18.Rxc6 Rxc6 19.Bxb5+-* Edouard,R (2597)-Fressinet,L (2667)/FRA-ch Nimes/2009/) 16.dxc6 Rad8 17.Qe2 bxc6 18.Rc3 Rd4 19.Nc5±;

C2) White retains a nagging plus also after 14...0-0 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Rfd8

C2a) 18.Rfd1 Bf6 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Nd1 Rd6 22.Rc5 Kf8 23.Kf1 h5 24.Ne3 Ke7? *(24...Bh4! 25.Ke2 f6 26.Nc2 Bg5=)* 25.Ke2 Bg7 26.Nc2! Bh6 27.Ra5 Rd7 28.Rxe5+ Kd6 29.Ra5± Carlsen,M (2776)-Karjakin,S (2706)/Nice rpd/2009/

C2b) 18.Na4;

C2c) 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Nd1 Rac8 20.Rc5 *(20.Ne3 Rd2 21.Rfd1±)* 20...Bf8 21.Rc2 h5 22.Ne3 Rd4 23.Rfc1 c5 24.Kf1 Rcd8 25.Ke2 Be7 26.Rg1 Kf8 27.Bc4 Rb8 28.Ra1 Rbd8 29.Ke1 Bg5 30.Be2 Be7 31.Rac1 Ra4 32.a3 Rad4 33.Rc3 Kg7 34.Rb3 Rf8 35.Rb5 Rd7 36.Ra5 Rb8 37.Rc2 Rdb7 38.Ba6 Rd7 39.Bb5 Rdb7 40.a4± Nd7?! 41.Nc4± Aronian,L (2768)-Gelfand,B (2755)/Jermuk/2009*)*

C3) However, it would be interesting to know what Topalov had in his mind against 14...Rd8!? 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 cxd5! *(17...c5 18.a4 c4 19.a5 cxb3 20.axb6 axb6* Czebe,A (2485)-Varga,Z (2481)/Budapest/2009/ *21.Na4!?↑)* 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Rd7 20.a4 Ke7 21.a5 Bf6 22.Rfd1 Rb8 23.Rd3 Kd8 24.Rdc3 Be7 25.Rc4 Bd6 26.Kf1 g5 27.Kg2 Rc7= Alekseev,E (2714)-Leko,P (2756)/Jermuk/2009/ Black elegantly solved his problems, but perhaps Aronian strove for a more complex struggle?]

14.Rc1

[14.Nd2 Rd8 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Be8 17.a4 a5 18.Qe3 Nd7 19.Nc4 Bf8 20.Nb6 Nxb6 21.Qxb6 Qe7 22.Qe3 Qg5 *(22...Kg7!? 23.Ba2 Rac8∞)* 23.Qb6 Haba,P (2475)-Novikov,I (2565)/Ostrava/1994/ Qe7=]

[Similar to the game continuation is 14.h3 Rd8 *(14...Bd7 15.Qe2 Kh7 16.Rfd1 Rae8?! 17.a4 Qe7 18.a5 Nc8 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Rd2 f5 21.Rad1 Be6 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe3 Rf7 24.Na4±* Benjamin,J (2570)-Blatny,P (2485)/Chicago/1995*)* 15.Qe2 Bd7 *(15...cxd5 16.exd5!? Bd7 17.Rad1 Re8 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.d6 Qd8 20.Rd2 Rc8 21.Rfd1±* Anastasian,A (2540)-Wolski,T (2315)/New York/1998*)* 16.Rfd1 Rac8 *(16...c5?! 17.Nd2 Nc8 18.Ba4 Rb8 19.Bxd7 Rxd7 20.a4 Qa6 21.Nb5 Nd6 22.Nc4 Nxb5 23.axb5 Qxb5 24.Rxa7±* Anastasian,A (2575)-Pelletier,Y (2470)/EU-chT Pula/1997*)*

A) 17.a4 cxd5 18.exd5!?∞ /± *(18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Qe6 20.Rd3 f5 21.Nc3 Bc6 22.a5? Rxd3 23.Qxd3 Qb3↑* Shulman,Y (2555)-Ippolito,D (2280)/Linares op/1997/ *)*;

B) 17.Rd2 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Bc6 20.Rad1 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rxd5 22.Rxd5 Qc6 23.Kh2= 1/2, Rychagov,A (2557)-Vitiugov,N (2608)/Krasnoyarsk/2007/]

14...Rd8

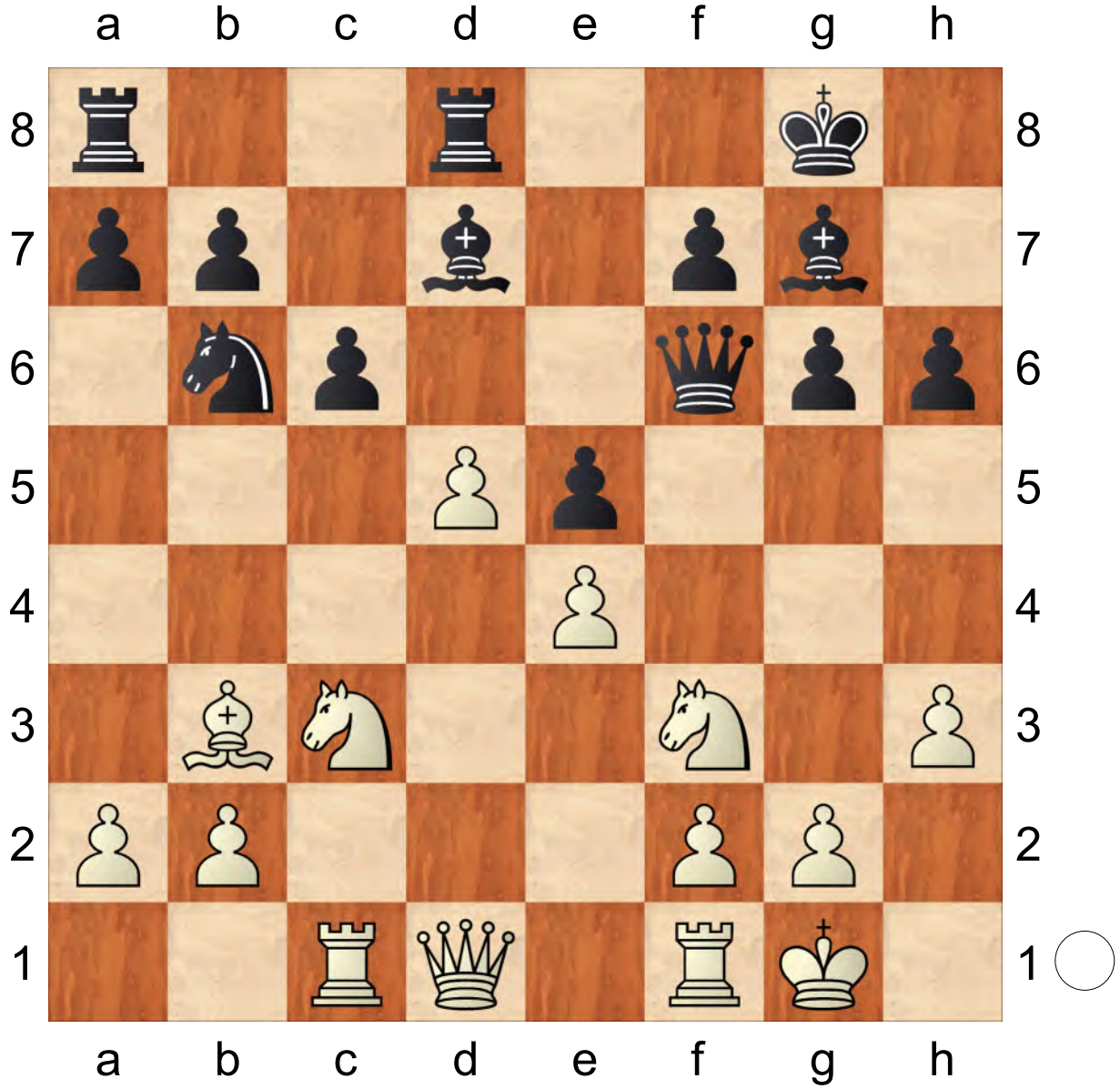
[14...Bg4 15.h3± transposes to the line "C2" from the note to Black's 13-th move]

15.h3!?N Although we will later transpose to a theoretical position, at this exact point Topalov's move is a novelty. By finally preventing the ♗g4 sortie White indicates his own ambitions.

[Aronian had a recent experience with the less testing 15.Qe2 Bg4 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Nd1 a5 18.Ne3 h5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxf3 21.gxf3 a4 22.Bd1 Rd2 23.Rxc6 Rxb2 24.Bc2 Nd7 25.Bd3 Bacrot,E (2721)-Aronian,L (2768)/Jermuk/2009/ Bh6!?∓]

15...Bd7

[Provocative is 15...Be6 16.Re1 *(16.dxe6!?⩱)* 16...Qf4 *(16...a5 17.Nd2! cxd5 18.exd5↑)* 17.Re3 a5 18.Ne1!?±]



16.Qe2 Be8

[16...cxd5 17.Bxd5!? is probably premature. *(17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Be6=; 17.exd5!?±)*]

[However, possibly more accurate was 16...Rac8!? 17.Rfd1 *(17.Rfe1!?)* 17...cxd5 *(17...Bf8 18.Qe3 Kg7 19.a4↑)* 18.Bxd5 *(18.exd5 Qf4⇄; 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Bc6=)* 18...Rc7 19.Bb3 Qe7=]

17.Rfd1 Bf8

[17...Rac8 again deserved serious attention.]

18.dxc6

[More enterprising than 18.a3 Kg7 19.Ba2 Rac8 20.Qe3 c5?! *(20...Qf4⇄)* 21.Qe2 c4 22.Nd2 Bc5 23.Rf1 Rc7 24.Nxc4 Nxc4 Gemäß Ehlvest hat Schwarz Kompensation für den Bauern. 25.Bxc4 Rdc8?! *(25...a6± Ehlvest,J)*

26.Bb5! Bxb5 27.Qxb5 Qf4 28.Qe2 Bd4 29.Rc2 Rc5 30.Rd1 a6 31.Rd3 h5 32.g3 Qf6 33.h4 Qd6 34.Qf3 R8c7 35.Kg2± Ehlvest,J-Kharlov,A/Novosibirsk/1995/]

18...Bxc6 Black was facing a dilemma - he played 16...♗e8 only 2 moves ago and the text-move makes this superfluous.

[However, splitting the « with 18...bxc6 is unnattractive: 19.Na4± *(19.Qa6!?)*]

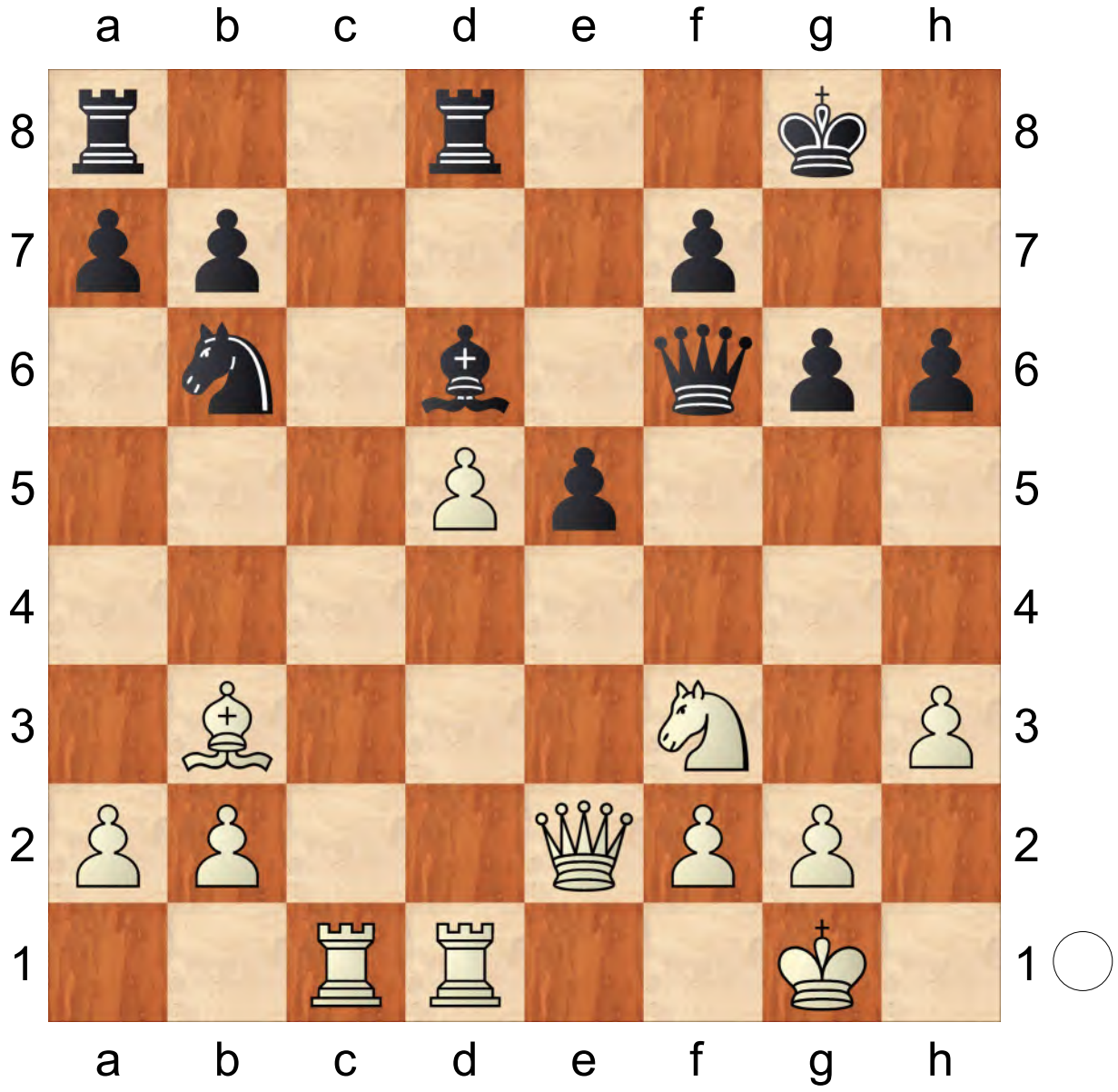
[18...Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Bxc6 20.Nd5±]

19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5!? The only way to imbalance the position and continue the struggle for the ↑ is to keep both minor pieces.

[20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bg7 22.Rc7 Rab8 Δ♕d6=]

20...Bd6

[20...Nd7 21.Qe3± Δ♖c7]



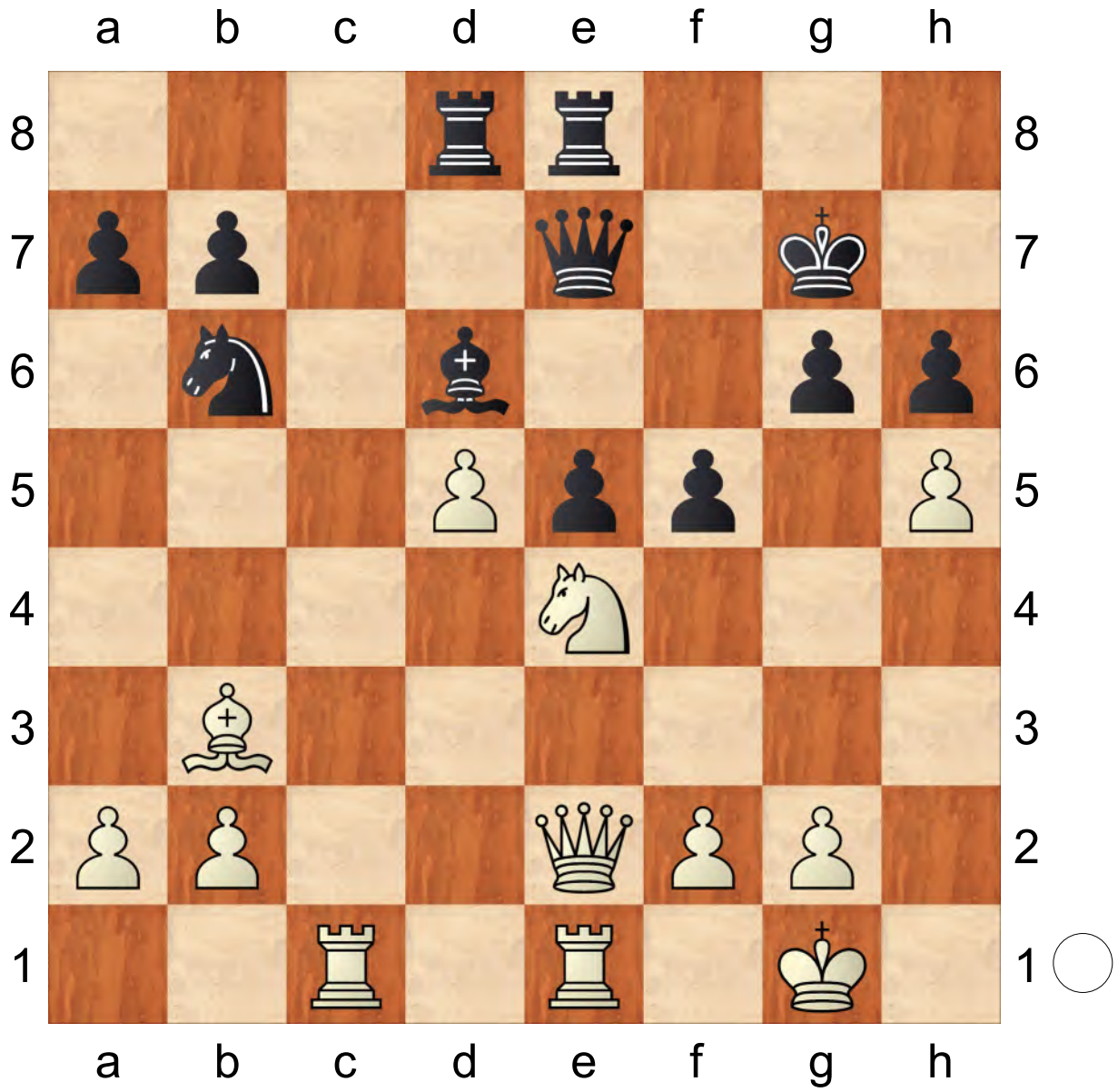
21.Nd2! Qe7 22.Ne4 Kg7! Stohl: '=' '=' Stohl: 'Stohl,I: '='
[22...f5? 23.Nc5! Δ♘e6→]
23.Re1
[After the immediate 23.h4 Black can seriously consider Qxh4 24.Nxd6 Rxd6 25.Qxe5+ Qf6=]
23...Re8
[23...Bb4!?
A) 24.Red1 Bd6= *(24...f5!? 25.a3 Bd6=)*;
B) 24.d6 Bxd6 25.Nxd6 Rxd6 26.Qxe5+ Qxe5 27.Rxe5 Rad8=]
24.h4 Rad8
[24...h5 means giving up f5 due to ♘g5-e6 25.g3± *(25.Qb5!?)*]
25.h5 f5□
[25...g5? 26.Ng3→]

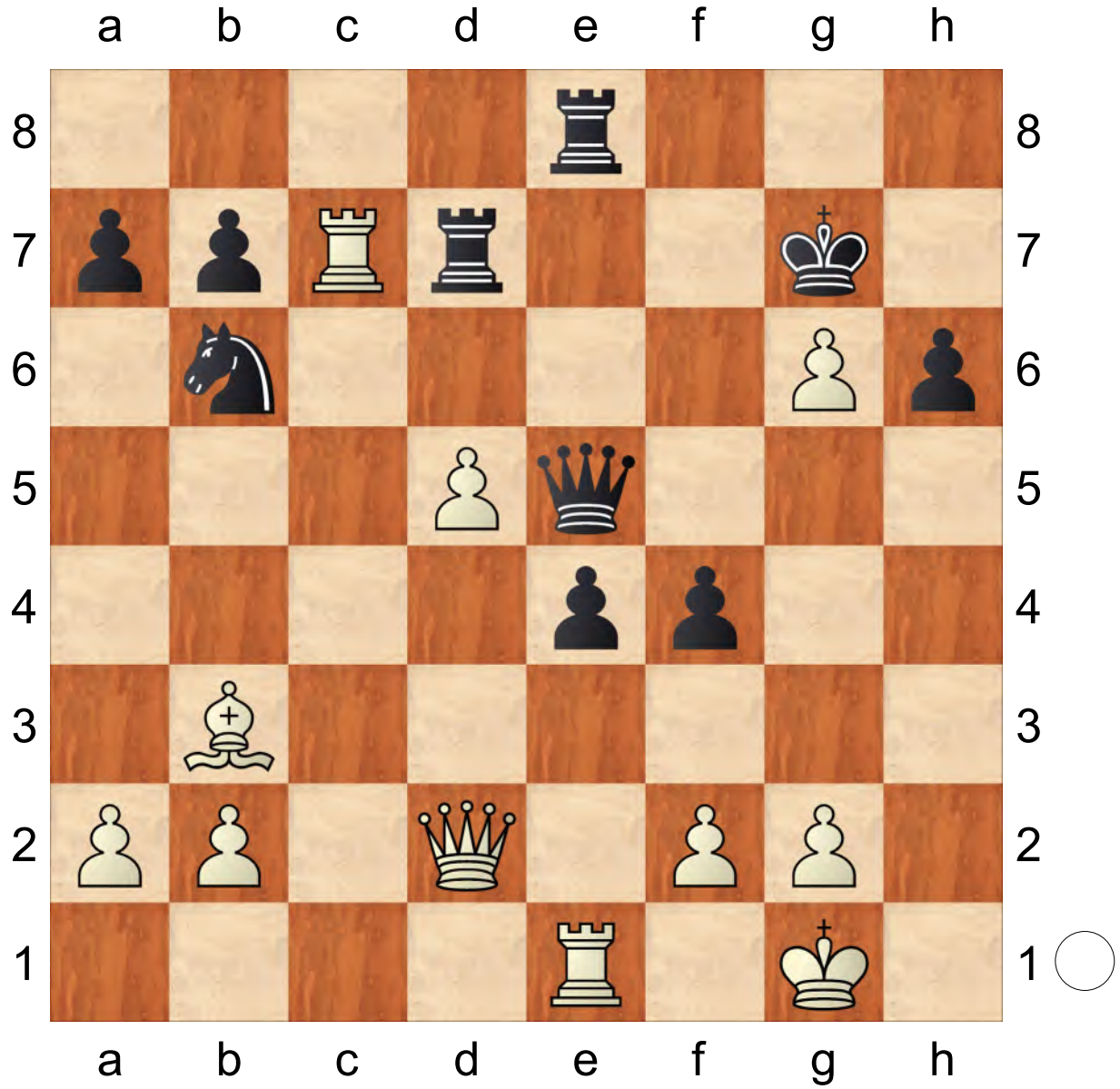
(Diagram)

26.Nxd6 Rxd6
[26...Qxd6 27.hxg6 Re7 *(27...Kxg6 28.Bd1!?↑)* 28.Rc3± ν g7]
27.Rc5 e4!?
[27...g5 28.Qc2 Rd7 29.a4↑]
28.hxg6 f4? This even more exposes Black's already vulnerable ♔ and should have lost practically by force.
[Necessary was ⌓28...Kxg6 29.Qd2 Qe5± /⇄]
[A pretty line is 28...Rxg6 29.d6! Qxd6 30.Qb5↑ Δ *(30.Rxf5? Rxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Qg6+∓)* 30...Rf8 31.Rd1 Qf4 32.Rd7+! Nxd7 33.Qxd7+ Kf6 *(33...Kh8? 34.Rc7)* 34.Qd4+ Kg5 35.g3 Qd6 36.Rd5 Qb6 37.Qd2+ e3 38.f4+ Kf6 39.Rd6+ Ke7 40.Rxb6 Rxg3+ 41.Kh2 exd2 42.Rxb7+ Kd6 43.Kxg3-+]
29.Qd2
[Equally strong was 29.Qc2
A) 29...e3 30.fxe3 fxe3 31.Qc3+ Qf6 *(31...Kxg6 32.Rc7 Qe5 33.Bc2+ Kh5 34.Rg7! Qxc3 35.bxc3+- →)* 32.Rc7+ Rd7 33.Rxd7+ Nxd7 34.Rxe3± /+-;
B) 29...Rd7 30.a4±]
29...Qe5
[29...e3 30.fxe3 fxe3 31.Qc3+ -29.♕c2]
30.Rc7+ Rd7
[30...Kxg6?! 31.Rxe4 Qxe4 32.Bc2+-]

(Diagram)

31.Rxd7+ Nxd7 32.Ba4 Rd8
[After 32...Re7 33.d6 Re6 34.Qb4! Qxd6 35.Qxb7 Re7 36.Rxe4 Ne5 37.Qc8





Nxg6 *(37...Qxg6 38.Rxf4+-)* 38.Qc3++- White has healthy extra ♙ and safer ♔ - his win is just a matter of time and technique.]

[32...e3 33.fxe3 fxe3 34.Qb4!? is not much better: *(34.Qc3 Qxc3 35.bxc3 Rd8 36.Rxe3±)* 34...a5 *(34...Rd8 35.Qxb7+-)*

A) 35.Qxb7? Re7= 36.Bxd7? Qd4!-+ completely turns the tables;

B) 35.Qa3 Qd4 *(35...Qf4 36.Qc3+ Nf6 37.Rf1 e2 38.Rxf4 e1Q+ 39.Kh2 Qxc3 40.bxc3+-)* 36.Qc3 -35.♕c3;

C) 35.Qc3!? Qxc3 36.bxc3 Rd8□ 37.Rxe3 Nc5 38.Be8 Rxd5 39.Re7+ Kf6 40.Rf7+ Ke6 41.Bb5+- *(41.Rxb7 Nxb7 42.Bf7++-)* However, the text-move shouldn't have helped either. *)*]

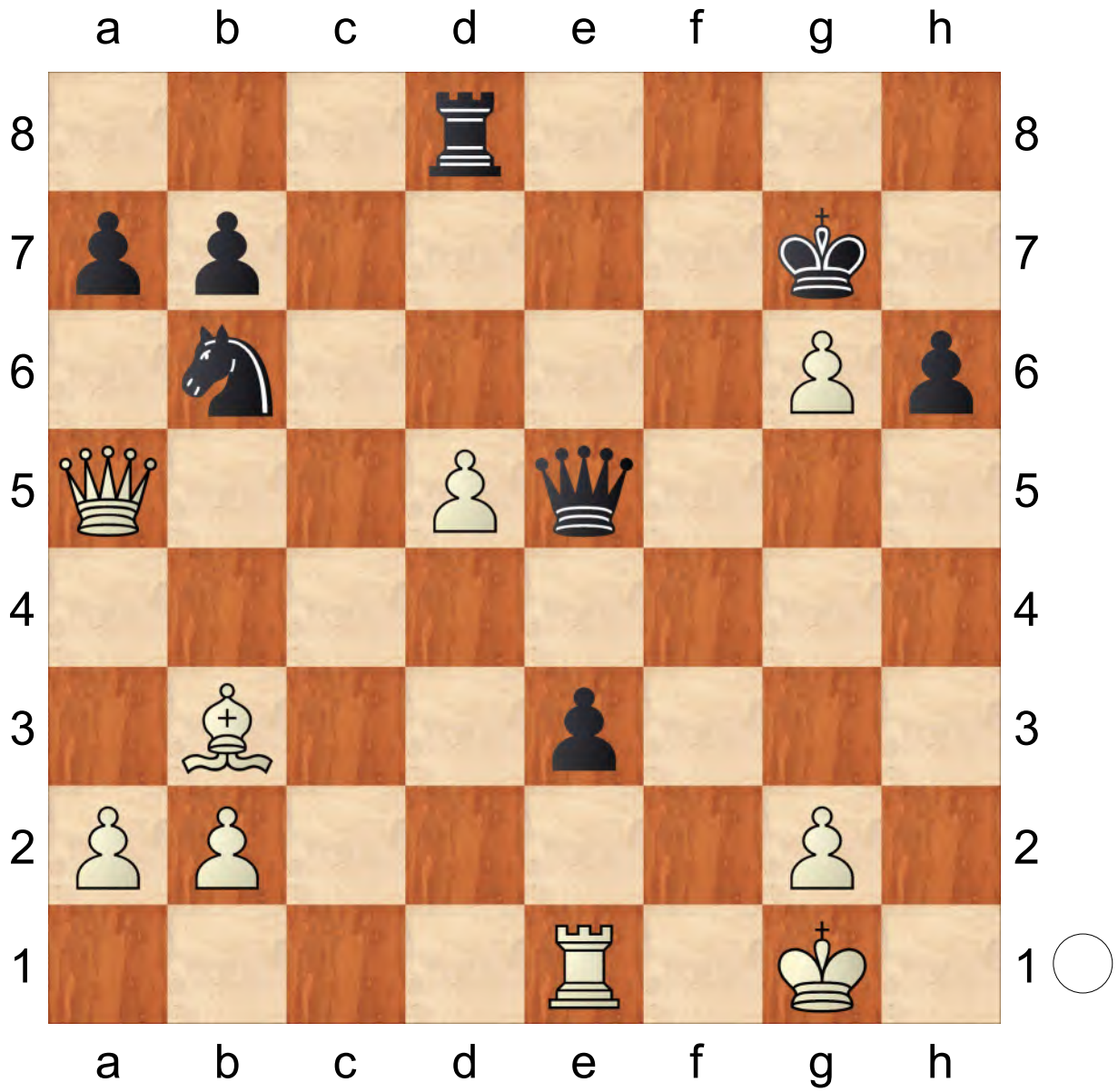
33.Qa5! Nb6 34.Bb3? Engines show it within seconds - and Topalov had ample time on his clock...

[The tactical blow 34.Rxe4! Qxe4 35.Qc3+ Kg8 *(35...Kxg6 36.Bc2 Qxc2*

37.Qxc2+ Kf6 38.Qc7 Rxd5 39.Qxf4++-) 36.Qc7 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 Qxg6 38.Qxd8+ Kg7 39.Bb3+- wins on the spot! *(39.Bd1+-)*]

[Moreover, even the less incisive 34.Qxa7 Nxa4 35.Qxb7+ Kxg6 36.Qa6+ Kg5 37.Qxa4± /+- should also be sufficient for a win.]

34...e3!⇄ And suddenly despite his time-trouble Black is very much alive. **35.fxe3 fxe3**



36.Qb4

[36.Qc3 Qxc3 37.bxc3 Nxd5=]

[36.Qc5 Re8=]

[36.Qxa7 Qxb2! and it's already White, who has to seek a draw with 37.Qa5!?⇄ *(37.Qxb7+? Rd7-+; 37.Rxe3?! Qc1+ 38.Kf2 Qd2+ 39.Re2 Rf8+⟶)*]

36...Rd6

[36...e2 37.Qc3 Qxc3 38.bxc3 Nxd5 39.Rxe2 Nxc3 40.Re7+ Kxg6 41.Rxb7

a5 42.Ra7 a4 is probably also a draw, but Black must still prove it.]

37.Re2

[37.Bc2 e2 *(37...Rxd5? 38.Rf1→)* 38.Qg4 Qxb2 39.Rxe2 Nxd5 40.Qe4∞ /± was the last chance to complicate matters. However, Topalov is understandably frustrated and decides to forego any risk by forcing a drawish ♖⊥.]

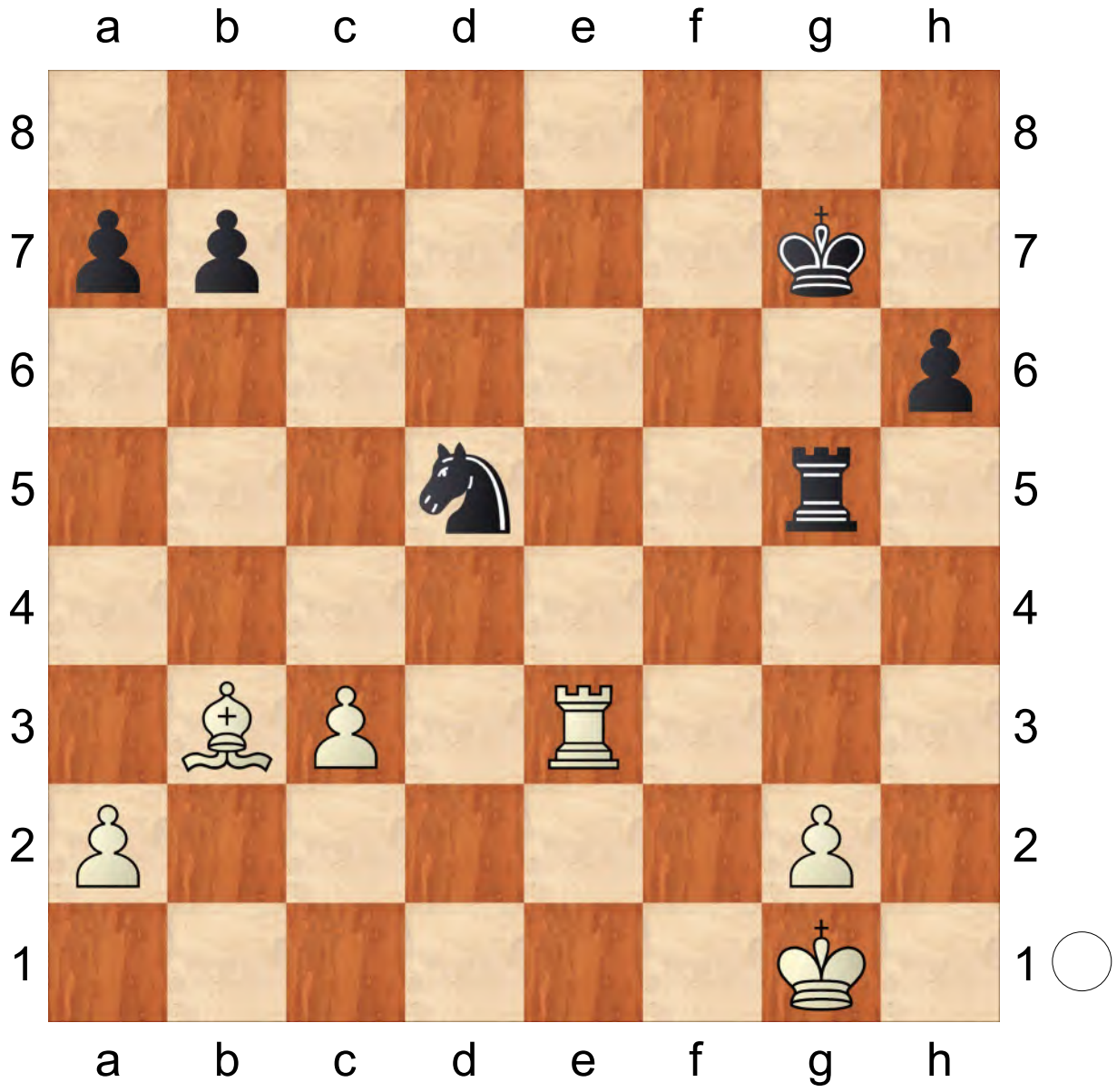
37...Rxg6 38.Qc3

[38.Qc5 Re6!⇄]

38...Qxc3 39.bxc3 Rg5 40.Rxe3

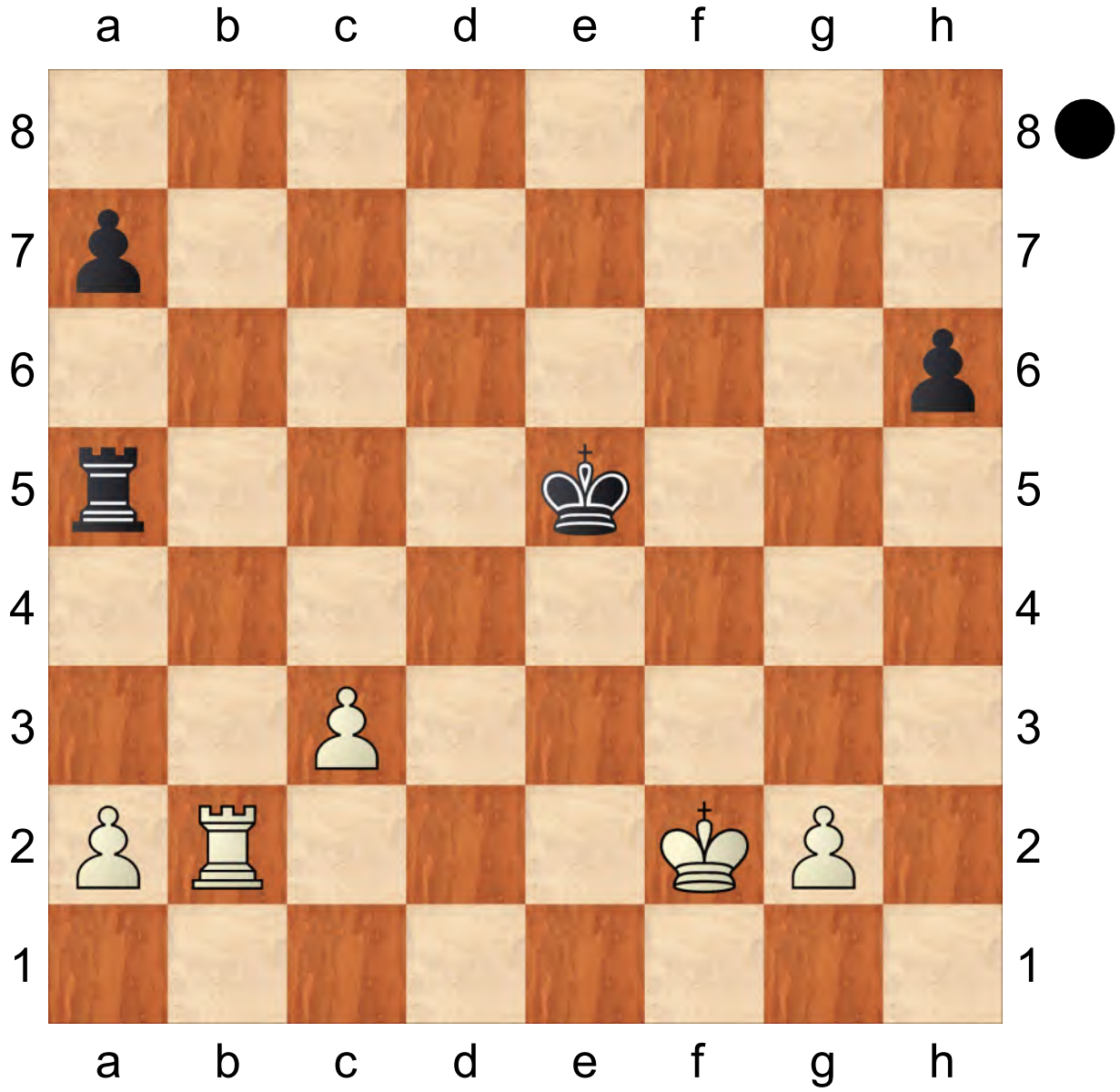
[40.c4 Re5 41.g3 a5 42.a3 Nc8 43.c5 *(43.Kg2 Nd6=)* 43...Kf6 44.c6 *(44.d6 Na7!∓)* 44...Nd6=]

40...Nxd5



41.Bxd5 Rxd5 42.Re7+ Kf6 43.Rxb7 Ra5 44.Rb2 Ke5≅ 45.Kf2

[45.Kf2 Kd5 *(45...Ra3=)* 46.Ke3 Kc4 47.Kd2 Ra3 48.Rb4+ Kc5=]



½-½

C01

□ **Smeets,Jan** **2615**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2708**
Tata Steel-B 75th (5) 17.01.2013
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Stohl,I **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3**
[More than 2 decades ago Kasparov started playing 1.e4 against other opponents than Karpov. It took him some time to prepare the most aggressive text move against the French, before that in a couple of games he essayed 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 *(*Kasparov's idea was probably *4...Bd6 5.c4!?* , but Black will be the first to use this unbalancing motif...*)* 5.Bd3 c5!? 6.0-0! c4 7.Re1+ Be7 8.Bf1 0-0 9.Bg5 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nc6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nd2 Rae8 14.b3 b5 15.bxc4 bxc4 16.Rab1± Bd8 17.h4 Rxe1 18.Rxe1 Re8 19.Rb1 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.g3 Ne7 22.Qd1 g5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Bg2 g4 25.Nf1 Bg5 26.Rb2 Kg7 27.Qb1 Rc8 28.Re2 Rc6 29.Re5 f6 30.Re2 Rb6 31.Qd1 Nf5 32.Re1 Nh6 33.Qe2 Kf7?! 34.f4 gxf3 35.Qxf3 Rd6 36.Re5 Kg7 37.Rxd5 Rxd5 38.Qxd5 Kasparov,G (2770)-Kortschnoj,V (2610)/Tilburg/1991/ Qxd5 39.Bxd5 Bc1!±]
3...Bb4 4.exd5 The current inspiration for White's seemingly insipid choice comes almost certainly from Magnus Carlsen.
[White wants to shift the fight for an edge to the middlegame, the most principled continuation is naturally 4.e5 Some recent practical examples:
A) 4...c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qa5 *(6...Qc7 7.Qg4 f5 8.Qg3 Nc6 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nge7 11.Bd3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc3+ 13.Ke2 Qxd4 14.Be3 Qg4+ 15.Qxg4 fxg4 16.h3 g3 17.f4 h5 18.h4 Bd7 19.Rh3 d4 20.Bxd4 0-0 21.Rf1 Nf5 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Ke3 Rc8 24.c3 Rc4 25.Rxg3 Ra4 26.Ra1 Bc6⩱ ½-½* Grandelius,N (2572)-Rapport,R (2621)/Wijk aan Zee 2013 (70)*)* 7.Bd2 Qa4 8.Qg4 Kf8 9.Qd1 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nge7 11.Qb1 cxd4N *(11...c4 12.g3 h6 13.Nh4 Ke8 14.Bh3 Rg8 15.Qd1 Ng6 16.Ng2 Nce7 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Ne3 Qa5 19.Qh5 Nf8 20.f4↑* Nisipeanu,L (2668)-Ivanchuk,V (2763)/Bucharest/2012/*)* 12.Bb5 Qa5 13.cxd4 Qb6 14.Bb4 *(14.Bc3!? a6 15.Bxc6 Qxb1+ 16.Rxb1 Nxc6 17.Rb6↻)* 14...Nxb4 15.Qxb4 a6 16.Bd3 Qxb4+ 17.axb4 Nc6 18.c3 Rb8 19.Nd2 Bd7 20.Nb3 Na7 21.Kd2 Bb5 22.f4 Bxd3 23.Kxd3 h5 24.g3 Ke7 25.h3 Nb5 26.Nc5 b6!= Edouard,R (2686)-Nikolic,P (2619)/Wijk aan Zee-B/2013*!*
B) 4...Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5
B1) 7.Qg4
B1a) 7...cxd4 8.cxd4?! *(* The only way to fight for an edge is to enter the complications with *8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 Qc7 10.Ne2∞* Leko,P (2730)-Caruana,F (2775)/Dortmund/2012/ See the notes to this game in CBM 150 by Kritz. *)* 8...Qc7 9.Bd2 Qxc2 10.Nf3 Qg6 11.Qh3 Qf5 12.g4 Qe4+

13.Be2 b6 14.Be3 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.0-0 h5 17.gxh5 Qf5 18.Qg2 Qxh5 19.Rfc1 Kd7 20.a4 Nb4∓ Schut,L (2295)-Swinkels,R (2508)/Wijk aan Zee-C/2013/;

B1b) 7...0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Be3 c4 12.Bxg6 fxg6 13.Qg4 Qf7 14.Ng5 Qe8 15.h4 Ne7 16.a4 a5!N 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.g4 Ra6 19.Bc1 Bxa4 20.Ba3 h6 21.Nh3 b5 22.Bc5 Rc6 23.Bd6 Rf7 24.h5 gxh5 25.g5 Nf5 26.gxh6 Nxh6 27.Kd2 Rf5 28.Rhg1 Rb6 29.f3 b4∓ Karjakin,S (2778)-Vallejo Pons,F (2697)/Sao Paulo/Bilbao/2012/;

B2) 7.Nf3 Nbc6 8.Bd3 Bd7 *(Black's passive play could have caused him serious trouble; more usual is the direct 8...Qa5!?)* 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Re1 Na5?! *(10...c4 11.Bf1±; ⌓10...h6!?)* 11.Ng5! Ng6 12.Re3 c4 13.Be2?! *(13.Bxg6! hxg6 14.Qg4→)* 13...Nc6 14.Bh5 Nce7 15.Qg4 Ba4 16.Ra2?! *(16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Rh3!↑)* 16...Nf5 17.Re1 0-0-0 18.Nf3 Kb8 19.h4 Rdf8 20.Qh3 Nge7 21.Qh2 h6 22.Bg4 g5 23.h5 Ng7 24.Nd2 f5 25.exf6 Qxh2+ 26.Kxh2 Rxf6 27.Bf3 Rhf8∓ Caruana,F (2773)-Carlsen,M (2843)/Sao Paulo/Bilbao/2012/;

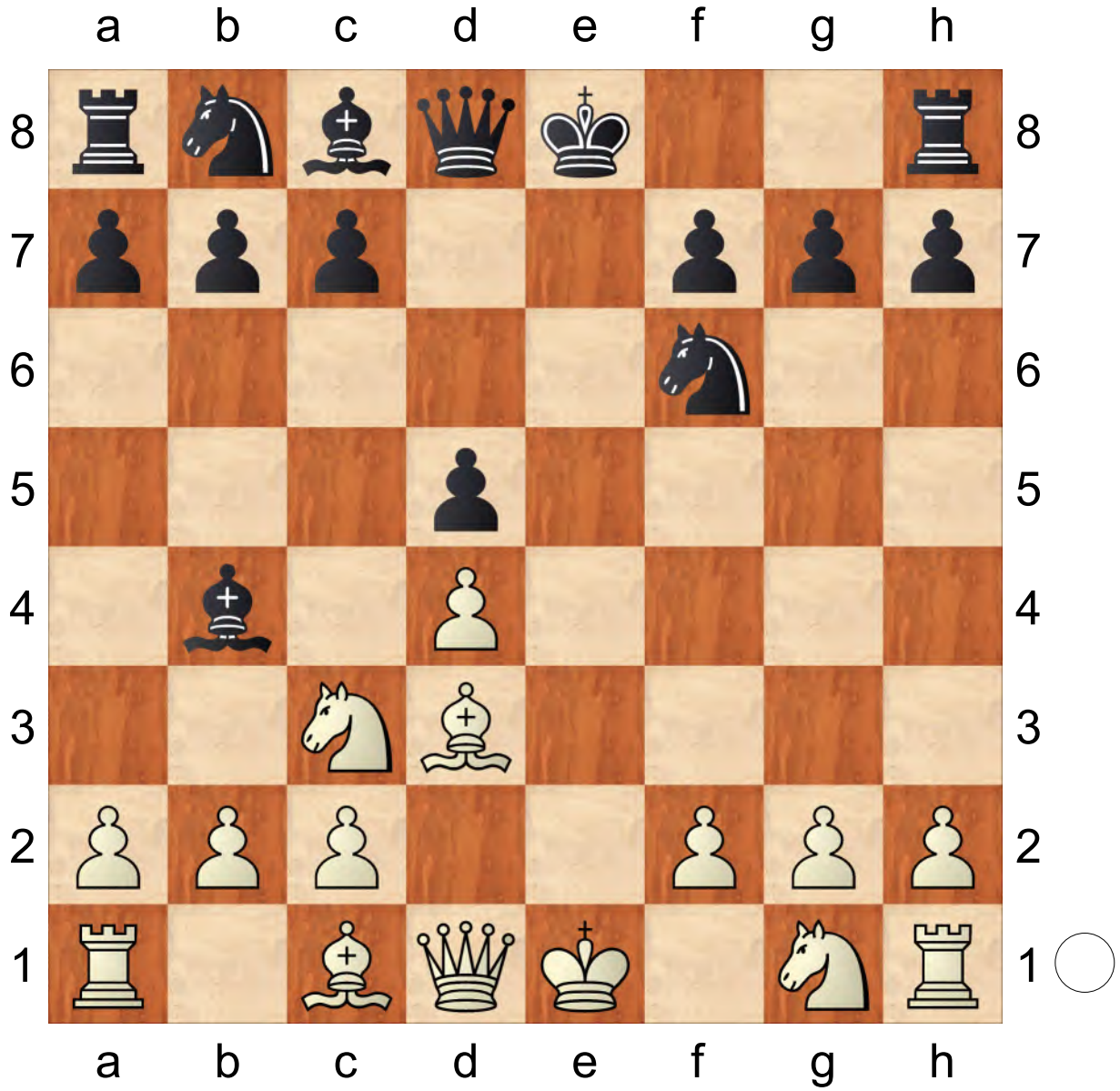
B3) 7.h4 Qc7 8.h5 h6 9.Nf3 Nd7 *(⌓9...b6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bd3 Ba4∞)* 10.Rh4 0-0 *(10...Nf5 11.Rh3 Ne7 12.Nh4 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qa4 14.Qb1 c4 15.Rg3 Rg8 16.Be2 Nb6 17.Rf3 Bd7 18.g4 Nc6 19.g5 Qa5 20.g6± Faulks,N-Lloyd,G (2229)/corr/2010/)* 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 f6 13.Rg4 Nf5 14.Bf4 fxe5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bd7 17.Qd2 a5 18.Rf4 b5 19.Bg4 Be8 20.g3 Ra6 21.Kf1± Van Kampen,R (2581)-Naiditsch,A (2708)/Wijk aan Zee-B/2013/]

4...exd5 5.Bd3 Nf6

[5...c6 6.Nge2 Ne7 7.Ng3 0-0 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Nce2 Bd6 10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 Nf8 12.Be3 Nfg6 13.Qd2 Be6 14.Nh5 Nf5 15.Bxf5 Bxf5 16.Neg3 Bd7 17.Re2 f6 18.Rae1 Re7 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bd2 Rae8 21.c4 Bxg3 *(21...Rxe2 22.Rxe2 Rxe2 23.Nxe2 dxc4 24.Qxc4+ Kh8= Δ 25.Qf7 Bf5 26.Qe8+ Nf8)* 22.Nxg3 Rxe2 23.Rxe2 Rxe2 24.Nxe2 Be6 25.c5 Qd7 26.f3 Bf5 27.Qa3= /± a6 *(* Black continues to play passively and he is gradually squeezed to death. *⌓27...b6!?)* 28.g4 Qe7 29.Kf2 Bc8 30.Bf4 f5 31.Qe3 Kf7 32.Qxe7+ Kxe7 33.g5 Kf7 34.Kg3 Nf8 35.h4 Ne6 36.h5 Bd7 37.Kh4 g6 38.h6 Ke7 39.Bd6+ Kd8 40.f4± Naiditsch,A (2708)-Rapport,R (2621)/Wijk aan Zee-B/2013/ White gradually prepared a sacrifice on a6 to break down Black's defences.]

(Diagram)

Black has more than one way to achieve a playable position, but the whole line is not so completely drawish and sterile, as it was considered to be about a hundred years ago. Later on Naiditsch adopted it himself in a crucial game with a direct competitor: **6.a3** Black can now keep his bishop and the text move won't be too useful.



[More natural is 6.Nge2 Bg4 *(6...0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.a3 Bd6 9.Bf4 Re8 10.Qd2 Bg4 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qf4 Qxf4 13.Nxf4 Nbd7 14.f3 Be6 15.h4 h5 16.Rfe1 Nf8 17.b4 Bd7 18.Rxe8 Rxe8 19.a4 Ne6 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.a5 a6 22.Re1 g6 23.Kf2 Kg7 24.Na4 Nd7 25.g4= /±,* Popov,I (2609)-Vitiugov,N (2703)/Tyumen/2012/ *)* 7.0-0 0-0 8.f3 Bh5 9.Nf4 Bg6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Ne2 *(11.Bg5 c6 12.f4 Qb6 13.Na4 Qxd4+ 14.Kh1 Ne4 15.c3 Nf2+ 16.Rxf2 Qxf2 17.cxb4 f6 18.Qg4 fxg5 19.Qe6+ Kh8 20.Nc5 Qxb2 21.Qh3+ Kg8 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Rf1 Qf6 24.Qh3+ Kg8* Ivanchuk,V (2739)-So,W (2640)/WCup Khanty-Mansiysk/2009/ *25.Ne4! dxe4 26.Bc4+ Rf7 27.Qc8+ Kh7 28.Qh3+=)* 11...Re8 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Ng3 Nbd7 14.f4 Nh7 15.Qf3 c6 16.h4 Ndf8 *(*Critical is *16...Qb6!?⇄ /∓)* 17.Rae1 Qc7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Re5! f6?! *(19...Rae8 20.c3 Nf6±)* 20.Rxe7 Qxe7 21.h5! gxh5 22.Qxh5 Qf7 23.Qg4 g6 24.Nf5 Kh8 25.Nh4 f5 26.Qh3 Qe6 27.Kf2 Re8 28.Nf3 Re7 29.Ne5→ Carlsen,M (2843)-Vallejo Pons,F (2697)/

Sao Paulo/Bilbao/2012/]

6...Be7 In the Winawer Black often has problems on the dark squares, Fischer for this reason even considered the whole line strategically dubious.

[While after 6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Ne2∞ these are not so obvious and pressing as in the main lines with 4.e5, Naiditsch still prefers to avoid them and invests a tempo to retain his bishop.]

7.h3 Slow play shouldn't promise White an edge. However, although straightforward development is more logical, Black should still hold his own:

[7.Nge2 0-0 8.Ng3 b6 *(8...c5!?⇄; 8...Re8 9.0-0 Bg4 10.f3 Be6 11.Nce2)* 9.Nce2 c5 10.c3 Ba6?! 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 c4 13.Qf3 g6 14.Bg5 Ne4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nf4 Nd2 17.Qxd5 Nxf1 18.Qxa8+- Debray,C (2380)-Touzane,O (2325)/Montpellier/2007/]

[7.Nf3 Bg4 *(7...0-0 8.h3* seems already more justified.*)* 8.h3 *(8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.Re1 c6 11.Be2 Nbd7* 0-1 Velchev,H (2212)-Erdos,V (2499)/Herceg Novi 2005/CBM 108 ext (34)*)* 8...Bh5 9.Bf4 0-0 10.g4 Bg6 11.Ne5 c6 12.Qf3 Nbd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 15.Bg3 b5∞ Hund,B (2216)-Andersson,C (2209)/Heraklio/2007/]

7...Nbd7 Once ♗g4 is prevented, Black flexibly changes his plan and returns to the c5 idea.

[Another way to implement this is 7...0-0 8.Nge2 b6!? *(8...c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5∞)* 9.b4 c5 10.bxc5 bxc5 11.dxc5 Nbd7 *(11...Bxc5 12.0-0 Nc6⇄)* 12.c6 Ne5 13.Bb5 a6 14.Ba4 Be6 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Nd4 Qa5 *(16...Bc5!? Δ 17.Bg5 Bxh3 18.Nb3 Qd6 19.gxh3 Neg4 20.hxg4 Qg3+=)* 17.Bd2 *(17.Qe1!↑)* 17...Nc4? *(17...Ne4! 18.Nb3 Qd8=)* 18.Bb3 Qc5 19.Bf4 Nxa3? 20.Qd3 a5 21.Rfe1+- Sulypa,A (2505)-Ivanov,S (2561)/Kallithea/2002/]

[7...Be6 8.Nf3 h6 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.Bb5 Bd6 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Ng8 14.Nf4 *(14.0-0↑)* 14...a6 15.Ba4 Nge7 16.Bc5 b5 17.Bb3 Nxe5 18.0-0 0-0 19.Re1 Nc4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Nxd5 Rabiega,R (2420)-Masternak,G (2300)/Katowice/1993/ Qc5 23.Nf4 Bf5⇄]

8.Nf3N

[8.Bf4 0-0 *(8...c5 Δ 9.Nb5 0-0∞; 8...Nf8 9.Nf3 Ne6 10.Be5 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Ne2 Ne4 13.c4 Bb7 14.Qc2↑* Hiermann,D (2205)-Kretschel,K (2060)/Bayern/1995/ *)* 9.Nf3 *(9.Nb5 a6 10.Nxc7 Ra7 11.g4 g6 12.Nf3 b5 13.g5 Nh5 14.Nxd5 Nxf4 15.Nxf4 Bd6⟳)* 9...c5 10.0-0 a6 tranposes to the game.]

8...c5!? This attempt to break the symmetry indicates Black's fighting mood.

[8...0-0 9.0-0 c6 10.Bf4 Re8 11.Qd2= /±]

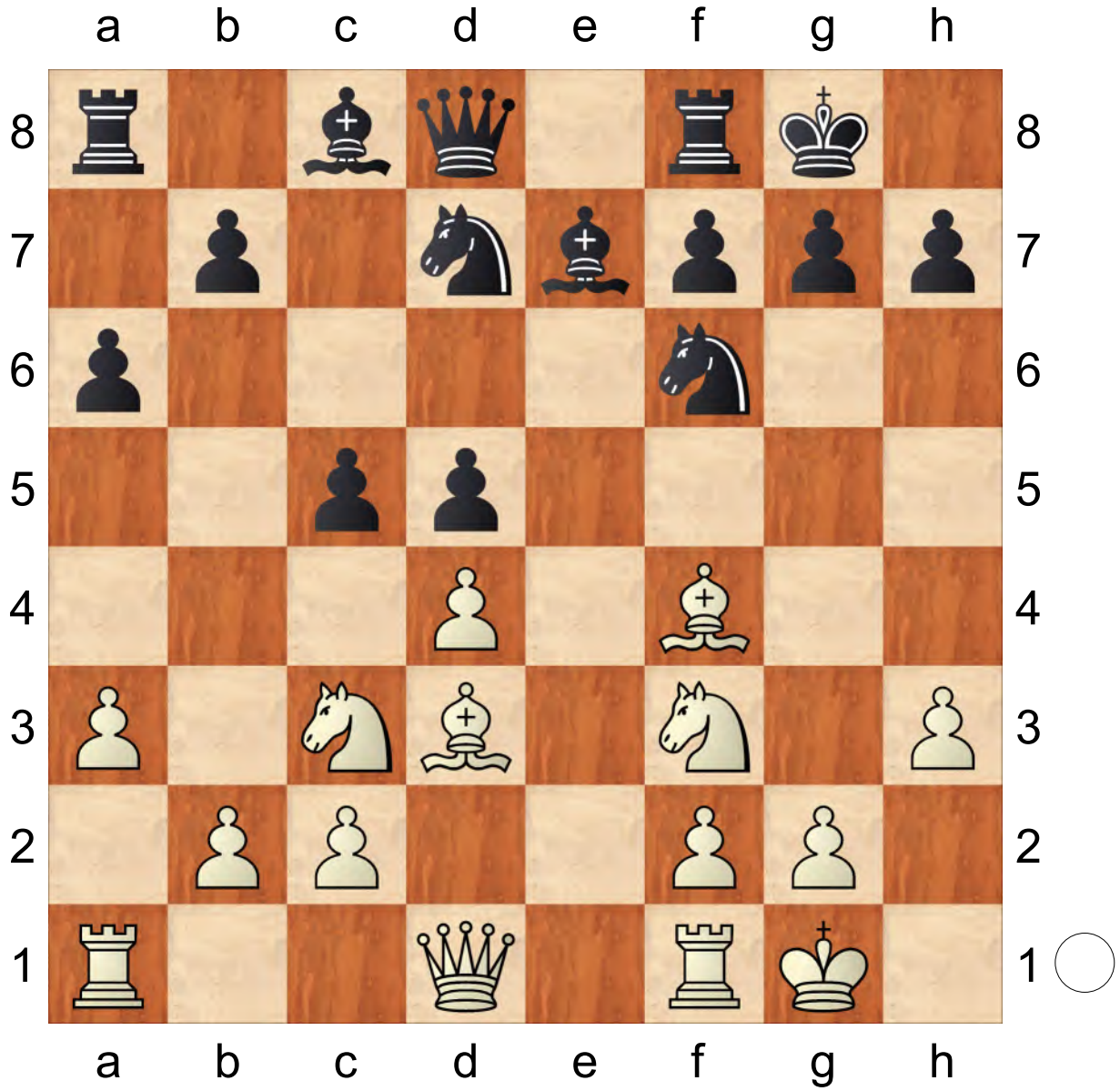
9.0-0

[Piece play compensates for the isolated pawn after 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.0-0 0-0⇄]

9...0-0 10.Bf4 a6

(Diagram)

Prevents ♘b5 and for the time being retains the tension. Stohl,I: 'tranposes to the



game.' **11.Re1 Re8 12.Qd2**

[White also holds on to his centre, but perhaps this was the right moment for 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nd4 *(*or *13.Be5!?= /±)*]

12...c4 Gradually running out of useful moves, Black decides to advance the pawn after all.

[12...b5

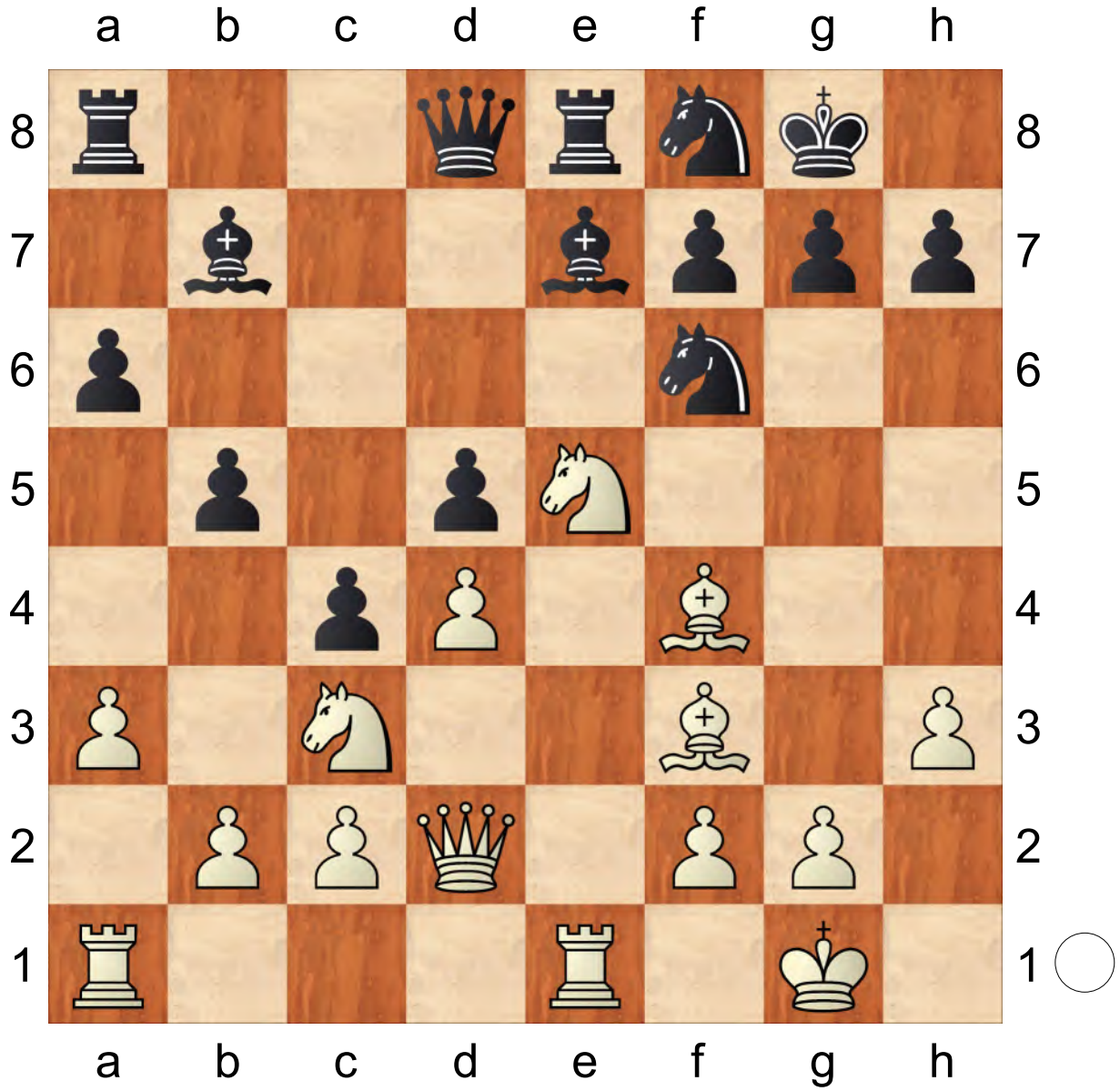
A) 13.Rad1 c4 14.Ne5!? Bd6 *(14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nh5 16.Be2 Nxf4 17.Qxf4 Bg5 18.Qg3±; 14...Bb7 15.Bf5±)* 15.Bxh7+!? *(15.Bf5±)* 15...Nxh7 16.Nc6 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Qb6 18.Ne7+ *(18.Re8+ Nhf8 19.Ne7+ Bxe7 20.Nxd5 Bb7! 21.Nxb6 Rxe8∓)* 18...Bxe7 19.Nxd5 Qd8 20.Nxe7+ Kh8 21.d5≌ →;

B) 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nd4±]

13.Be2!? Although this costs time, Smeets repositions the ♗ to hit d5.

[13.Bf5 Nf8 14.Bxc8 Rxc8 15.Be5 Qd7 16.Re2= /±]

13...b5 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.Bf3 Nf8



16.Ng4?! Only this is inaccurate.

[⌓16.Re2 Ne6 17.Rae1

A) 17...Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Bf8 *(18...Bd6? 19.Bxd5! Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Bxe5 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Rxe5±)* 19.g4;

B) 17...Bd6 18.Bg3= /± is comfortable for White *(18.Bg5 Nxg5 19.Qxg5 h6 20.Qf5 Bc8 21.Qf4 Be6=; 18.g4 Qb6⇄)* Δ 18...Qb6 19.Ng4±]

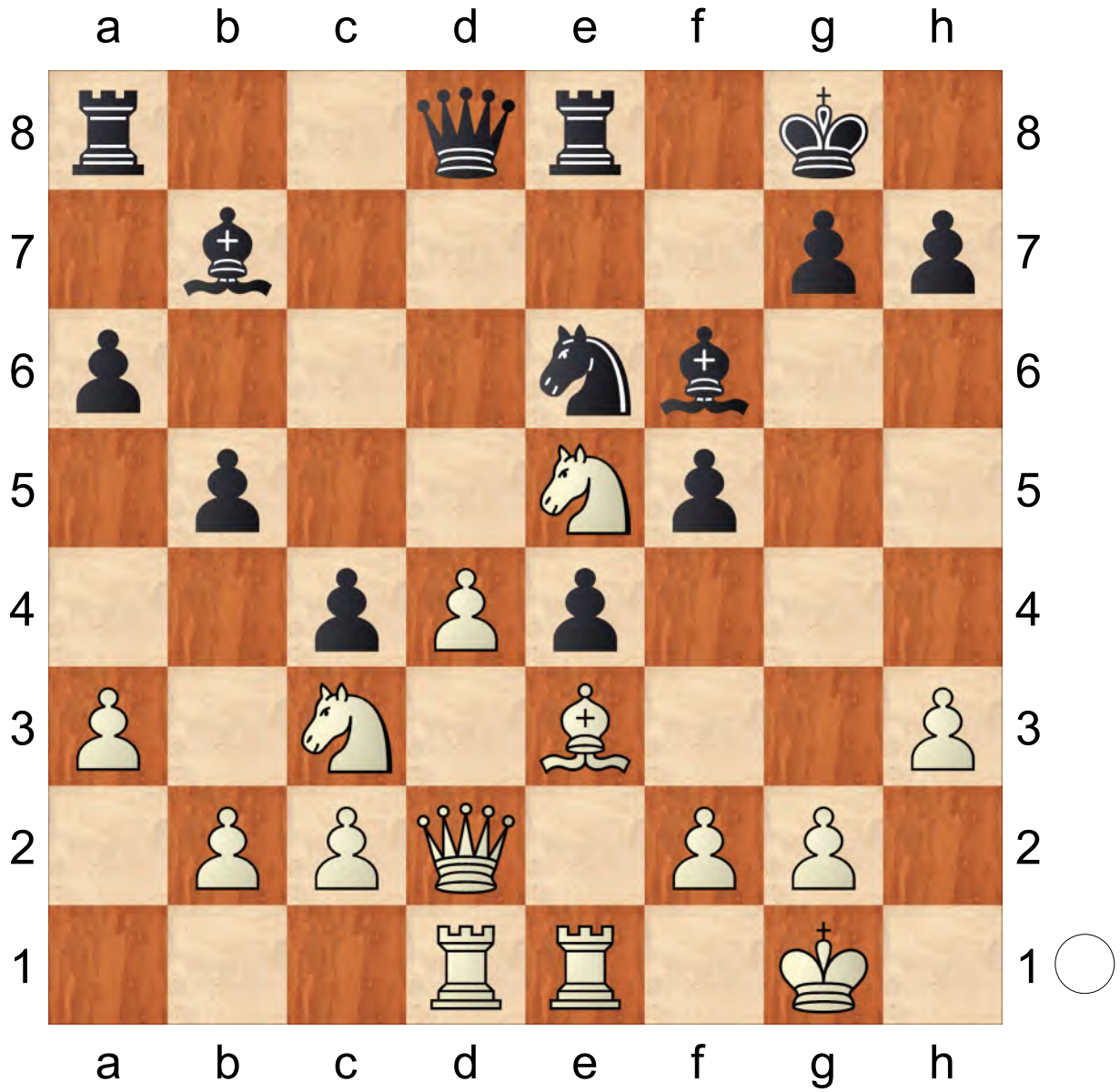
16...Ne4! Black pounces on his chance to change the character of the position and get active play.

[16...Nxg4 17.Bxg4 Ng6 18.Bg5= /± is boring and can be better only for White.]

17.Bxe4

[17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 *(18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 f5 20.Rxe7 Rxe7∓* /∓;

18.Be2 Ne6∓) 18...f5 19.Rxe7 Rxe7∓ /∓]
[17.Qc1 Ne6↑]
17...dxe4 18.Rad1
[18.Ne3 Qd7 19.d5 Ng6 20.Bh2 Rad8∓]
18...f5 19.Ne5 Here the knight is more active, but also more exposed.
[19.Ne3!?∞ /∓ is similar to the above note.]
19...Ne6 20.Be3 Bf6
[20...Bd6! Δ 21.a4?! Qh4 22.Ne2 Rad8↑]
[20...Qc7!?∓]



21.a4!? **Nc7** Black's knight leaves a good square to support the crumbling queenside, but maybe it was not worth the trouble.
[21...b4 22.Ne2]

[The direct 21...bxa4!? seems more promising: 22.Nxa4 *(22.Nxc4 Qc7)* 22...Qc7∓]

22.axb5

[22.Qe2!? postpones the swap only after the rook vacates the a-file. Nd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.c3∓ /⇄]

22...axb5 23.Qe2 Rc8

[23...Qc8!? 24.b3!? cxb3 25.Nxb5 bxc2 26.Qxc2 Nxb5 27.Qb3+ Qe6 28.Qxb5∓]

24.Ra1

[24.g4 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Qh4↑]

[24.Qh5! g6 25.Nxg6 hxg6 26.Qxg6+ Bg7 27.Qxf5≌]

24...Ne6!?

[24...b4

A) 25.Qxc4+ Nd5 26.Qb5 bxc3 27.Qxb7

A1) 27...f4

A1a) 28.Nf7 Re7!? *(28...Qe7 29.Nh6+ gxh6 30.Qxd5+ Qf7 31.Qxf7+ Kxf7 32.bxc3 fxe3 33.Rxe3 Bg5 34.f4∓)* 29.Nxd8 Rxb7 30.Nxb7 cxb2 31.Rab1 Rxc2 32.Bc1 Bxd4∓;

A1b) 28.Bc1 e3 *(28...Bxe5 29.dxe5 Rb8 30.Qc6 cxb2 31.Bxb2 Rxb2 32.Red1 Rxe5 33.Ra8 Rb8 34.Rxb8 Qxb8 35.Rxd5=)* 29.fxe3 Bxe5 30.dxe5 Rb8 31.Qc6 cxb2 32.Bxb2 Nxe3 33.Rab1⇄;

A2) 27...Bxe5!? 28.dxe5 Rb8↑;

B) 25.Ra7 bxc3 26.Rxb7 cxb2 27.Rxb2 Nd5∓]

25.Ra7

[25.Nxb5? Qd5 26.Na7 *(26.Nc3 Nxd4∓)* 26...Rc7]

25...Re7

[25...Nxd4 26.Bxd4 Qxd4 27.Rxb7 Bxe5 28.Rd1 Qc5 29.Rxb5=]

[25...Qb6 26.Rea1⇄]

[25...Rb8 26.Nxb5 f4 *(26...Qd5 27.Nc3 Nxd4 28.Bxd4 Qxd4 29.Qxc4+=)* 27.Bd2 Qd5 28.Nc3 Qxd4 29.Rxb7 Rxb7 30.Nxc4 Rb4↑]

(Diagram)

26.Qd2?!

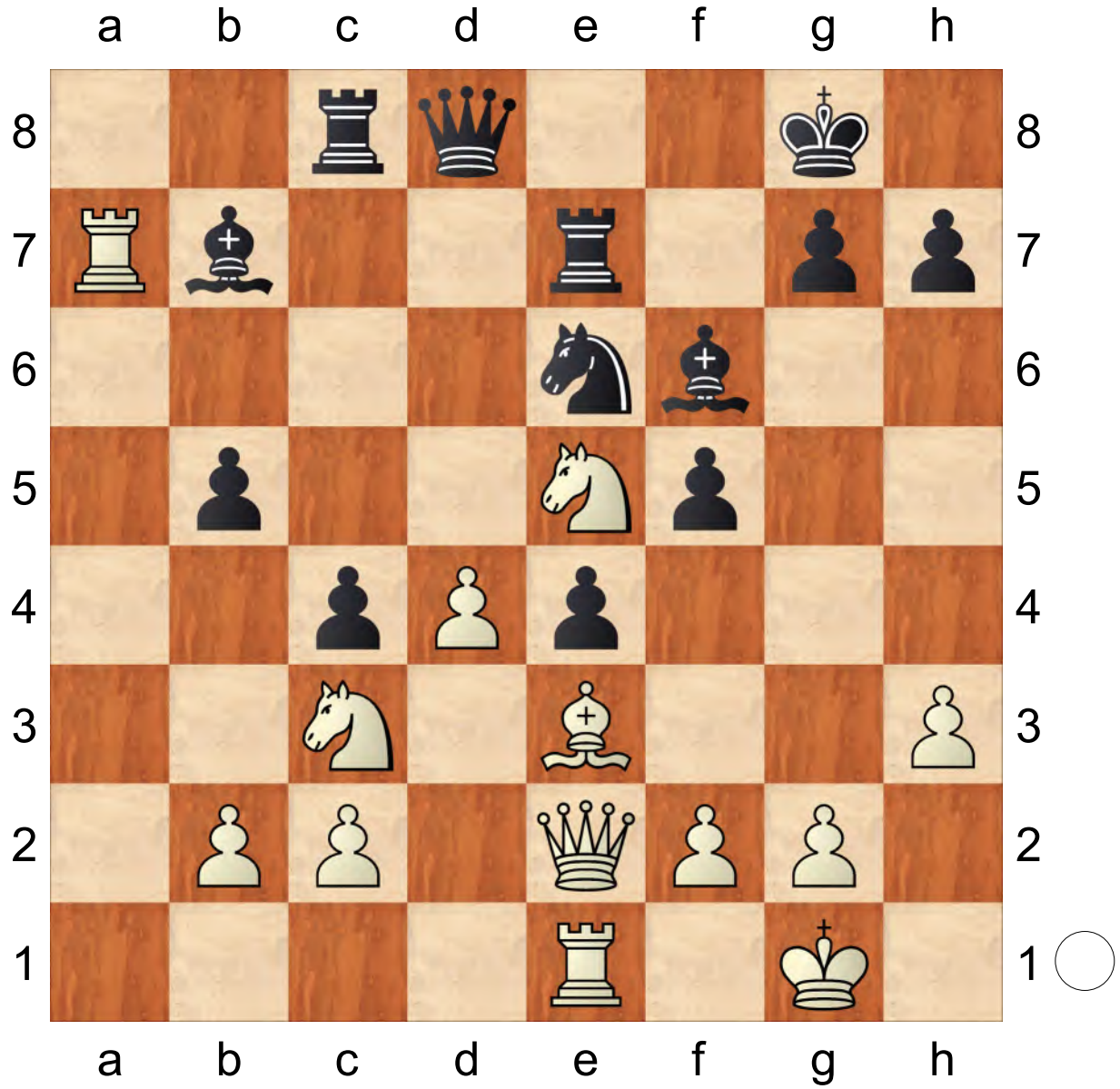
[26.Rd1 b4 *(26...Qb6 27.d5 Nc5 28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.Rxe7 Bxe7 30.dxc6 Qxc6 31.g4!⇄)*

A) 27.Na4 f4 *(27...Bd5 28.Rxe7 Bxe7 29.Nc5⇄)* 28.d5 fxe3 29.dxe6 exf2+ 30.Kxf2 Qc7→;

B) 27.d5 Bxe5 *(27...Nf8? 28.Nc6±)* 28.dxe6 Qe8 Stohl,I: '↑' 29.Na4 Bb8↑]

[26.d5 Bxe5 27.dxe6 Qe8 *(27...b4? 28.Bg5!)* transposes to the above line after 28.Rd1 b4↑]

26...b4



[Black is very ambitious and wants more than 26...f4! 27.Bxf4 Nxf4 28.Qxf4 Qxd4 29.Rxb7 Bxe5

A) 30.Qg4 Rf8! 31.Nxe4 Rxb7 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.c3 Qa7 34.Qxe5 Re7 35.Qg3∓ *(35.Qxb5 Rxf2-+)*;

B) 30.Qxe4 Qxe4 31.Rxe4 Rxb7 32.Rxe5 b4∓ /∓]

27.Ne2 c3 28.bxc3 bxc3 29.Qc1

[29.Nxc3? Bxe5 30.dxe5 Rd7-+]

[29.Qd1 g5∓]

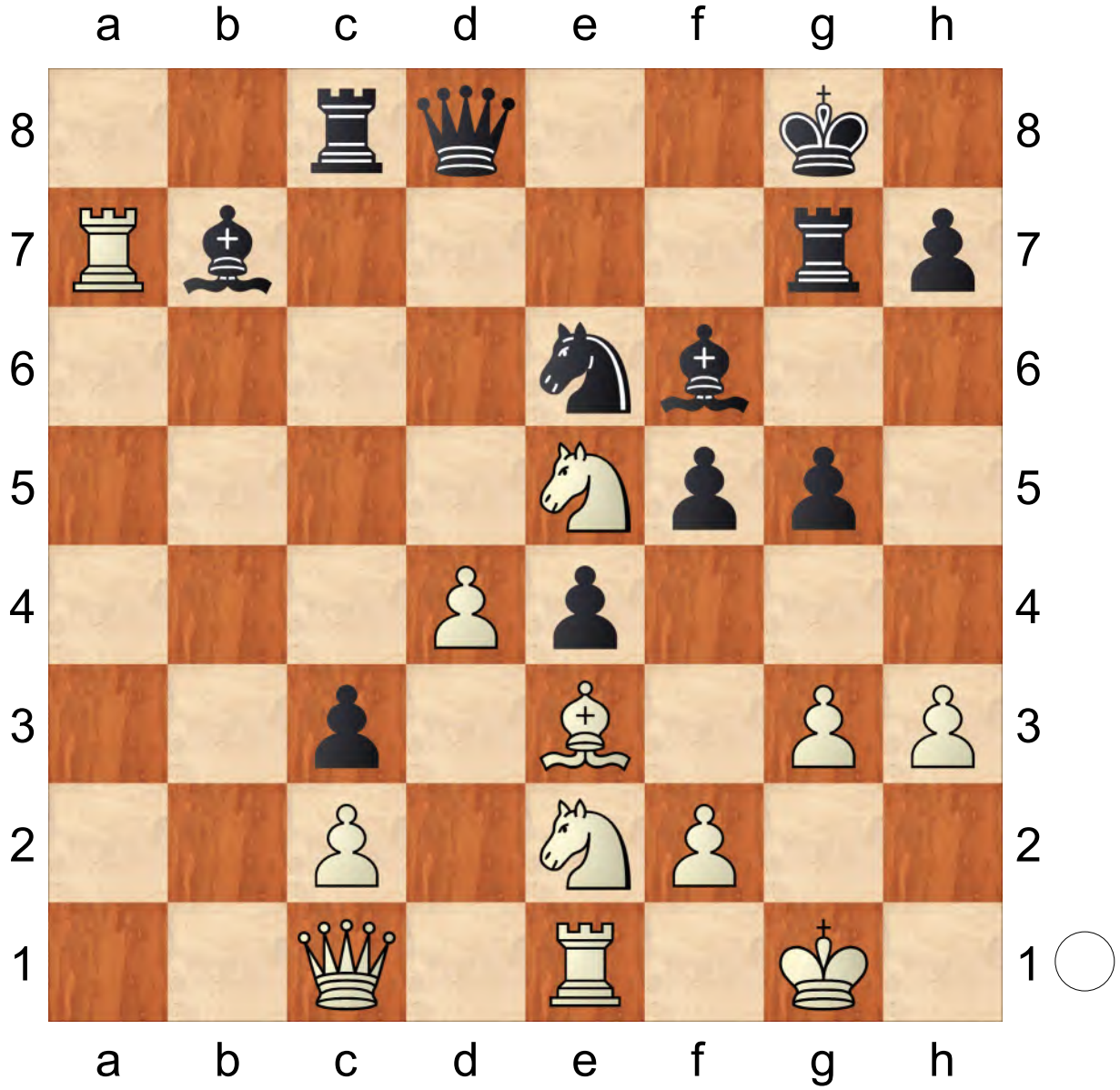
29...g5!?

[29...f4 30.Nxf4 Nxf4 31.Bxf4 Qxd4 32.Qa3□ e3 33.Rxe3 Qxf4 34.Qb3+ Kh8 *(34...Kf8? 35.Rxb7 Bxe5 36.Rxe7 Kxe7 37.Qd5+-)* 35.Nd3 *(35.Rxb7 Rxe5 36.Rb8 Qf5 37.Qb7 Rg8 38.Qb3 Bd8 39.Qxg8+ Kxg8 40.Rxd8+ Kf7 41.Rf3 Qxf3 42.gxf3 Re2∓ /=)* 35...Qg5 36.Rxb7 Rxe3 37.fxe3 Qxe3+ 38.Kh1 Bd4

39.Qb1⇄]

30.g3 Rg7

[30...f4 31.Ng4 Rg7!? *(31...fxe3 32.Nxf6+ Kf7 33.Rxb7 exf2+ 34.Kxf2 Rxb7 35.Nxe4∞)* 32.Qb1 fxe3 33.Rxb7 Nxd4 34.Kg2!⇄]



31.Kh2? A serious tactical error in a still tense position.

[He had to play 31.Qb1 Qd5 32.Kh2 and the fight goes on. Δ f4 33.Ng4∞]

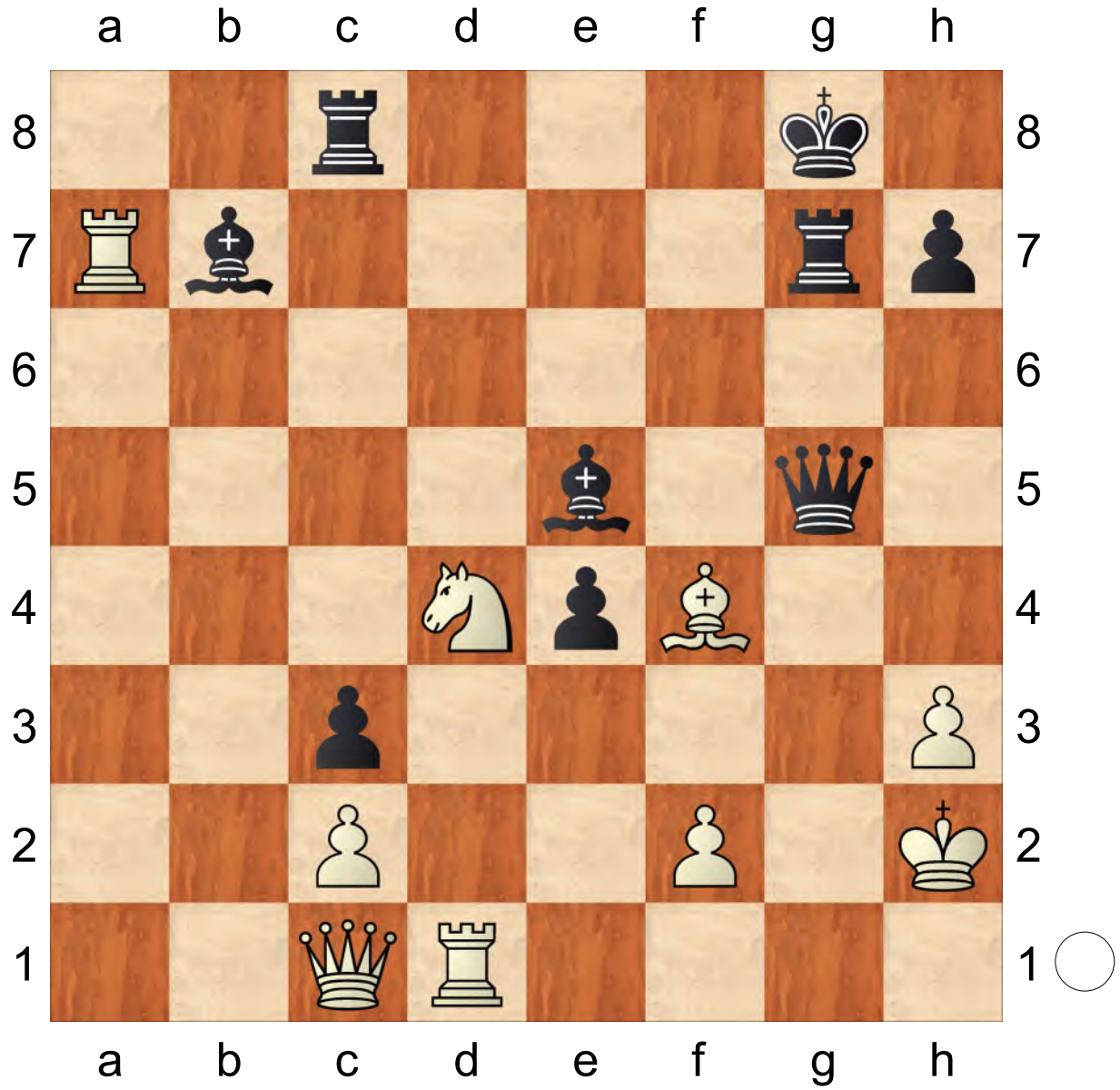
31...f4! 32.gxf4 gxf4 33.Bxf4

[33.Nxf4 Nxf4 34.Rxb7 *(34.Bxf4 Qxd4)* 34...Rxb7 35.Bxf4 Qxd4 36.Ng4 Bg7-+]

33...Nxd4 34.Rd1

[34.Rxb7 was more resilient, but Black should gradually convert his material advantage after Rxb7 35.Rg1+ Rg7-+]

34...Bxe5 35.Nxd4
[35.Rxb7 Rxb7 36.Bxe5 Nf3+ 37.Kg2 Qf8]
35...Qg5!
[35...Qh4!-+ is just as good.]



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■ **Tiviakov,Sergei** **2655**
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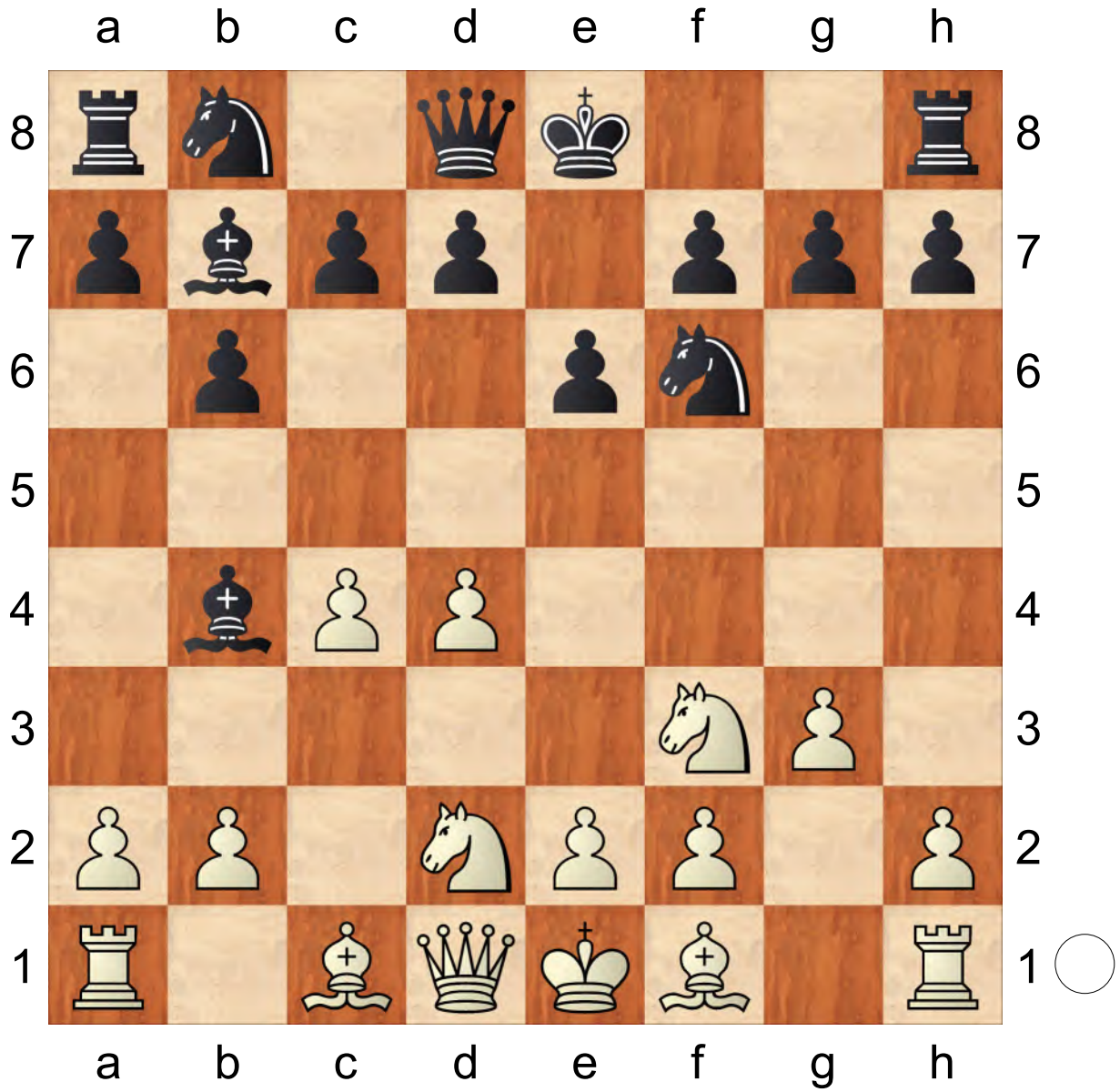
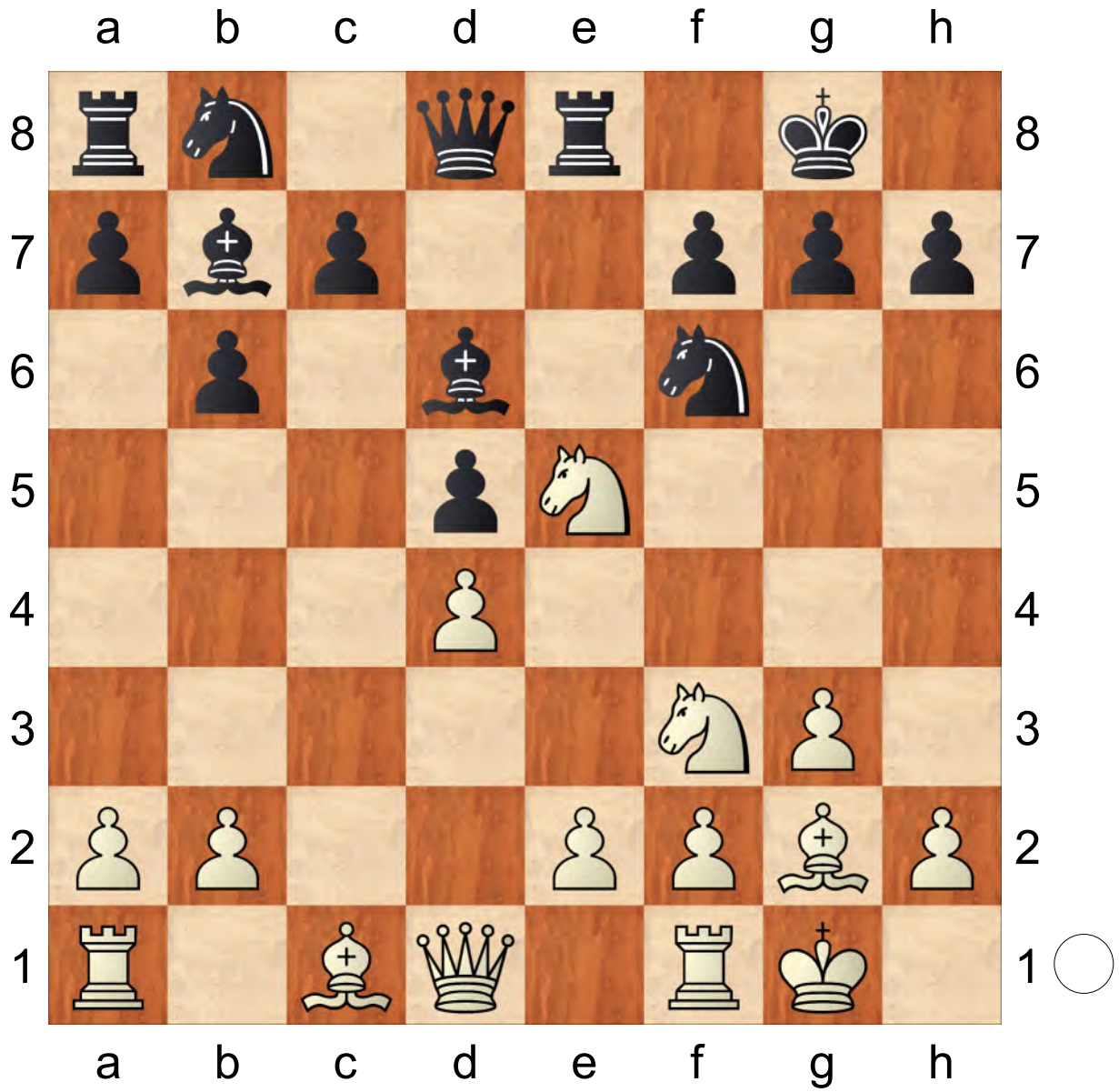
[Tiviakov,Sergei]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 Bb7
[5...Ba6]



6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Re8 10.Ndf3 Bd6
[10...h6 Ü 45/669]



11.Bg5

[11.Bf4

A) 11...c5 12.e3 *(12.Rc1 Ne4 13.h4 f6 14.Ng4 h5 15.Ngh2 Bxf4 16.gxf4 Qe7 17.e3 Na6 18.Re1 Rad8 19.Nf1* ½-½ Sakaev,K-Balashov,Y/Ekaterinburg 2002/CBM 090 (19)*)* 12...Ne4 13.h4 f6 14.Nd3 Bf8 15.Bxb8 Rxb8 16.Nf4 c4 17.Nd2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 b5 19.h5 b4 20.Qc2 Qd6 21.Rfc1 Rbd8 22.b3 c3 23.a3 bxa3 24.Qxc3 Rc8 25.Qa5 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Rd8 27.Ne6 Rd7 28.Nc5 Rc7 29.Qxa3 Bc6 30.Qa6 Kf7 31.Nd3 Ke8 32.Qa5 Be7 33.Bxd5 1-0 Grachev,B-Bartel,M/Lublin 2009/CBM 131 (33);

B) 11...Na6 12.Nd3 Bf8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.e3 c5 16.Nfe5 Bd6 17.Qa4 Nc7 18.Nf3 a5 19.Rfd1 b5 20.Qc2 c4 21.Nf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 Bc8 23.Kh1 Bf5 24.Qe2 Bg4 25.Qd2 Qe6 26.Rg1 b4 27.Rae1 Rad8 28.Ne5 Bf5 29.Bf3 Nb5 30.Rg3 Kh8 31.Reg1 Rg8 32.Qd1 Nd6 33.Bg4 Be4+ 34.f3

Bf5 35.Qd2 Rc8 36.Qg2 c3 37.b3 c2 38.Qd2 Rc3 39.Qc1 Ra8 40.R3g2 Rac8 41.Bxf5 Nxf5 42.e4 Ne3 43.Rxg7 Rf8 44.R7g3 Rfc8 45.f5 Qf6 46.Ng4 Nxg4 47.Rxg4 dxe4 48.fxe4 Rh3 49.Qd2 Kh7 50.R4g2 Qh4 51.Qxc2 Rhc3 52.Rg7+ Kh8 53.Qg2 1-0 L'Ami,E-Gerigk,E/Germany 2009/CBM 132 Extra (53);

C) 11...Nbd7 12.Rc1 Nf8 13.Nc6 Qd7 *(13...Bxc6 14.Rxc6 Qd7 15.Rc2 Bxf4 16.gxf4 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.e3 Rac8 19.Ne5 Qf5 20.Rd2 Ng6 21.Nxg6 Qxg6 22.Qf3 Rcd8 23.Rfd1 d4 24.Qg3 Qf5* ½-½ Pavlovic,M-Kosic,D/Belgrade 2008/CBM 123 Extra (24)*)* 14.Nfe5 Qe6 15.b4 a6 16.e3 Ng6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.a4 Rec8 20.b5 axb5 21.axb5 Qd7 22.Qb3 Bxc6 23.bxc6 Rxc6 24.Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Rac8 26.Rb1 Qe6 27.Qxe6 fxe6 28.d5 exd5 29.Rfd1 Kf7 30.Rxd5 Ke6 31.Rg5 Rc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 33.Kg2 Rc7 34.Rxg6+ Kd5 35.Kf3 b5 36.Rg4 Kc5 37.Ke2 Ra7 38.h4 Ra2+ 39.Kf3 Ra7 40.h5 Rf7+ 41.Rf4 Rc7 42.Ke2 b4 43.Kd3 Kb5 44.Rf8 b3 45.g4 Kb4 46.Rb8+ Ka3 47.f4 b2 48.g5 Rc8 49.Rb6 Rc6 50.Rb7 Rc7 51.Rb8 ½-½ Koziak,V-Belichev,N/Polanica Zdroj 1998/EXT 2003 (51)]

[11.b3 Nbd7 *(11...Ne4 12.Bb2 f6 13.Nd3 Qe7 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.b4 c6 16.Qb3 Qf7 17.Rc2 a5 18.a3 axb4 19.axb4 b5 20.Nc5 Nb6 21.Bc1 Nc4 22.Ne1 Bc8 23.Ned3 Bf5 24.f3 Nxc5 25.bxc5 Bc7 26.Ra2 Rxa2 27.Qxa2 Bxd3 28.exd3 Ne3 29.Bxe3 Rxe3 30.Qa8+ Qe8 31.Qxe8+ Rxe8 32.Ra1 f5 33.Ra6 Re6 34.Bh3 g6 35.g4 Bf4 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Bxf5 Be3+ 38.Kg2 Rf6 39.Bd7 Bxd4 40.Bxc6 Rf5 41.Rb6 Bxc5 42.Rxb5 Rg5+ 43.Kh3 Bd6 44.Bxd5+ Kf8 45.d4 h6 46.Ra5 Rh5+ 47.Kg4 Rg5+ 48.Kh4 Bxh2 49.Ra8+ Kg7 50.Be4 Bg3+ 51.Kh3 Bd6 52.Ra6 Rh5+ 53.Kg2 Bf4 54.d5 Rh2+ 55.Kf1 Rd2 56.Rg6+ Kf7 57.Rg4 Be3 58.Bh7 Rf2+ 59.Ke1 Rxf3 60.Ke2 Rf4 61.Rg8 Bc5 62.Rc8 Bd6 63.Bg8+ Ke7 64.Ra8 h5 65.Ra7+ Kf6 66.Rd7 Ke5 67.Rh7 h4 68.Rh6 Bf8 69.Rh5+ Kf6 70.Ke3 Rb4 71.Be6 Bc5+ 72.Kd3 Rd4+ 73.Kc3 Rf4 74.Rh7 Ke5 75.Rh6 Bf8 76.Rh7* ½-½ Koziak,V-Navrotescu,C/Guingamp 2012/EXT 2013 (76) *)* 12.Bb2 Bxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.e4 Nxe5 16.exd5 Qd6 17.Qd4 c5 18.Qc3 f6 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Rfe1 Ng6 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Qc4 a6 23.h4 b5 24.Qd3 Ne5 25.Qc2 Re7 26.Ba3 Rc7 27.Be4 f5 28.Bxf5 Bxd5 29.Qe2 Re7 30.f4 Nc4 31.Bxh7+ Kxh7 32.Qh5+ Qh6 33.Qxh6+ Kxh6 34.Bxc5 Rd7 35.bxc4 bxc4 36.a3 Kh5 37.Bb4 g6 38.Re1 Bb7 39.Kf2 Rd5 40.Re5+ Kg4 41.Rg5+ Rxg5 42.hxg5 c3 43.Bxc3 Bc8 44.Be1 Bf5 45.Ke3 Bb1 46.Kd4 Bf5 47.Ke5 Bc2 48.Kf6 Bd3 49.a4 Bc2 50.a5 Bd3 51.Bf2 Bc2 52.Ke5 Bd3 ½-½ Wang Rui-Li Ruofan/Kuala Lumpur 2007/CBM 120 ext (52)]

11...c5N

[11...h6

A) 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Re1 *(13.Bh3 Nc6 14.Bd7 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Rxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Qc2 Rd8 18.Bg4 Bxb2 19.Qxc7 Bc8 20.Bxc8 Bxa1 21.Ba6 Bd4 22.Qxa7 Qe5 23.e3 Bc5 24.Rd1 d4 25.Bc4 Qf6 26.Rd2 g6 27.Qc7 Kg7 28.Kg2 Rd6 29.e4 Rd8 30.Bxf7 Bd6 31.Qxb6 Kxf7 32.Rxd4 Qe7 33.Qb3+ Kg7 34.Qd3 Bc7 35.f4 Rxd4 36.Qxd4+ Kh7 37.a4 Ba5*

38.Qd5 Bb4 39.Kf3 Qc7 40.h4 Qc3+ 41.Kg2 Bf8 42.h5 gxh5 43.Qf5+ Kg7 44.Qd7+ Kh8 45.Qd8 Qg7 46.Kh2 Qb2+ 47.Kh3 Qb4 48.a5 Kg7 49.Qd7+ Kh8 50.Qe8 Kg7 51.Qe5+ Kh7 52.Qd5 Qe1 53.e5 Qf1+ 54.Qg2 Qc4 55.Qb7+ Kg8 56.Qa8 Qf1+ 57.Qg2 Qb5 58.Qa2+ Kh8 59.Kh2 Qf1 60.Qg2 Qa6 61.Qd2 Qc4 62.Qb2 Kg8 63.Qg2 h4 64.gxh4+ Kh8 65.Qd2 Be7 66.h5 Qf7 67.Kg2 Qxh5 68.Qd7 Bf8 69.Kg3 Qg6+ 70.Kf3 Qa6 71.Qf7 Bg7 72.e6 Qd3+ 73.Kg4 Qd5 74.Kg3 Qxa5 75.e7 Qe1+ 76.Kf3 Qf1+ 77.Ke3 Qh3+ 78.Ke4 Qg2+ 79.Kd3 ½-½ Tao 5.4-Aristarch 4.4/Brussels BEL 2002/Inforbase 2011 (79)*; 13.Rc1 Qe6 14.Qa4 f6 15.Bh3 Qe7 16.Nd3 c6 17.Bf5 Qxe2 18.Rfe1 Qxf3 19.Rxe8+ Kf7 20.Qc2 Qxf5 21.Ne5+ fxe5 22.Qxf5+ Kxe8 23.Qg6+ Kd7 24.Qxg7+ Be7 25.dxe5 Na6 26.f4 Re8 27.f5 Kc8 28.f6 Bb4 29.f7 Rf8 30.e6 Be7 31.Qxh6 Nc5 32.Rc2 Ne4 33.Qf4 c5 34.Re2 Bc6 35.Qf3 Ng5 36.Qf5 Ne4 37.Re1 Kb7 38.g4 a6 39.b3 Bh4 40.Re2 Be7 41.Kg2 Nc3 42.Re5 d4+ 43.Kg1 Rd8 44.Qh7 Rf8 45.g5 a5 46.h4 a4 47.g6 d3 48.Qh6 axb3 49.axb3 Rd8 50.g7 d2 51.Qxd2 Rxd2 52.f8Q Ne2+ 53.Kf1 Bxf8 54.gxf8Q Nc1 55.Re3 Bb5+ 56.Ke1 Rd4 57.Qf3+ Ka7 58.e7 Be8 59.Qf8 Bb5 60.e8Q* 1-0 Little Goliath 2000 v3.8-Pharaon 2.62/UEL93 Div-Elite 25m5s Paul de Man 2002/Computer & Internet 2011 (60)*)* 13...Na6 *(13...Nc6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6=; 13...c5∓)* 14.Rc1 c5 15.e3 Nc7 16.b3 Ne6 17.h4 Rac8 18.Qd3 Rc7 19.Rc2 Rec8 20.Rec1 a6 21.a4 Re8 22.Nh2 Qe7 23.f4 cxd4 24.exd4 Rec8 25.Rxc7 Rxc7 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Nhg4 ½-½ Costa,G-Bocharov,D/Biel 2005/CBM 107 ext (27);

B) 12.Bf4 Nh5 *(12...g5 13.Be3 c5 14.h3 Qe7 15.Rc1 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Nh2 Rad8 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Re1 Bd7 20.b3 Bb5 21.Bf3 c4 22.Bd4 Bb4 23.Rf1 a5 24.Qc2 Rd6 25.Rfd1 cxb3 26.Qxb3 Bc4 27.Qc2 Rc6 28.Ng4 Nxg4 29.Bxg4 a4 30.Rb1 Rb8 31.e3 a3 32.Bf5 Rb5 33.Rdc1 Bd6 34.f4 Qc7 35.Qa4 Ra5 36.Qd1 Bc5 37.Be5 Bd6 38.Bc3 Bc5 39.Bxa5 Bxe3+ 40.Kh2 Qxa5 41.Rc2 Qc7 42.fxg5 Qe5 43.Bd7 Rg6 44.Qf3 Bxg5 45.Qxa3 h5 46.Qc3 Bf4 47.Qxe5 Bxe5 48.a4 Bxg3+ 49.Kh1 Bd3 50.Rc8+ Kg7 51.Rb3 Be4+ 52.Kg1 d4 53.Bb5 Bh2+ 54.Kf1 Rg1+ 55.Ke2 Rg2+ 56.Ke1 Rg1+ 57.Kf2 Rg2+ 58.Ke1 Rg1+ 59.Kf2 Rg2+ 60.Ke1* ½-½ Thinker v4.7a-SmarThink v0.17a/Duisburg 2004/Computer & Internet 2011 (60)*)* 13.Be3 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Qd2 Nf6 16.b4 Ba6 17.a4 Ng4 18.b5 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Bb7 20.Nh4 Be7 21.Nf5 Bg5 22.Ra3 g6 23.h4 gxf5 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.Rc3 Re7 26.e4 f4 27.gxf4 dxe4 28.Rg3 Qd6 29.Rxg5+ Kf8 30.Rh5 Qg6 31.Rg5 Qh6 32.Qe1 a6 33.Qg3 Qh8 34.e3 axb5 35.axb5 f6 36.Rg4 Ra5 37.Rh4 Rh7 38.Rxh7 Qxh7 39.f5 Bd5 40.Rc1 Ra7 41.Qf4 Qg7 42.Kf1 Qg5 43.Qxg5 fxg5 44.Bh3 Ke7 45.Rc2 Bb3 46.Rc6 Ba4 47.Re6+ Kf7 48.Kf2 Bxb5 49.Rxe4 Bc4 50.Re5 Ra3 51.Bg4 Ra2+ 52.Kg3 Kf6 53.Re8 Ra3 54.Kf2 Ra2+ 55.Kf3 Bf7 56.Re5 Ra3 57.Rb5 Bc4 58.Re5 c5 59.Ke4 cxd4 60.exd4 Ra1 61.Kf3 Rd1 62.Re8 Bd5+ 63.Kg3 Rd3+ 64.Kf2 Rxd4 65.Kg3 b5 66.Rf8+ Ke7 67.Rb8 b4 68.Rb6 Kd7 69.Rg6 b3 70.Rg7+ Kd6 71.Rg6+ Kc5 72.f6 Rd3+ 73.Kh2 b2 74.f7 Bxf7 75.Rxg5+ Bd5 76.Bf3 b1Q

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12.Rc1
[12.Qa4 Nbd7=]
[12.Ng4 Nbd7=]
[12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.e3 Nc6∓]
[12.e3 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6∓]

12...h6 13.Bxf6
[13.Bf4 g5!? 14.Be3 *(14.Bd2 cxd4 15.Nd3 Nc6∓)* 14...Qe7∞ *(14...g4 15.Nh4 cxd4 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Bxd4 Nbd7 18.f3⩱)*]

13...Qxf6 14.Ng4
[14.e3 Na6!? *(14...Re7!?; 14...Nc6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.b4=; 14...Qe7!?)*]
[14.Qa4 Qe7 *(14...Qd8; 14...Re7)*]

14...Qe6 15.dxc5
[15.Ne3 Nc6! 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nxd5 *(17.Qxd5 Qxd5 18.Nxd5 Rxe2∓)* 17...Qxe2∓]

15...bxc5
[15...Bxc5 16.Nge5=]

(Diagram)

16.Ne3
[16.Qb3 Bc6 17.Ne3 Nd7∓]

16...Nd7
[16...Na6!?]

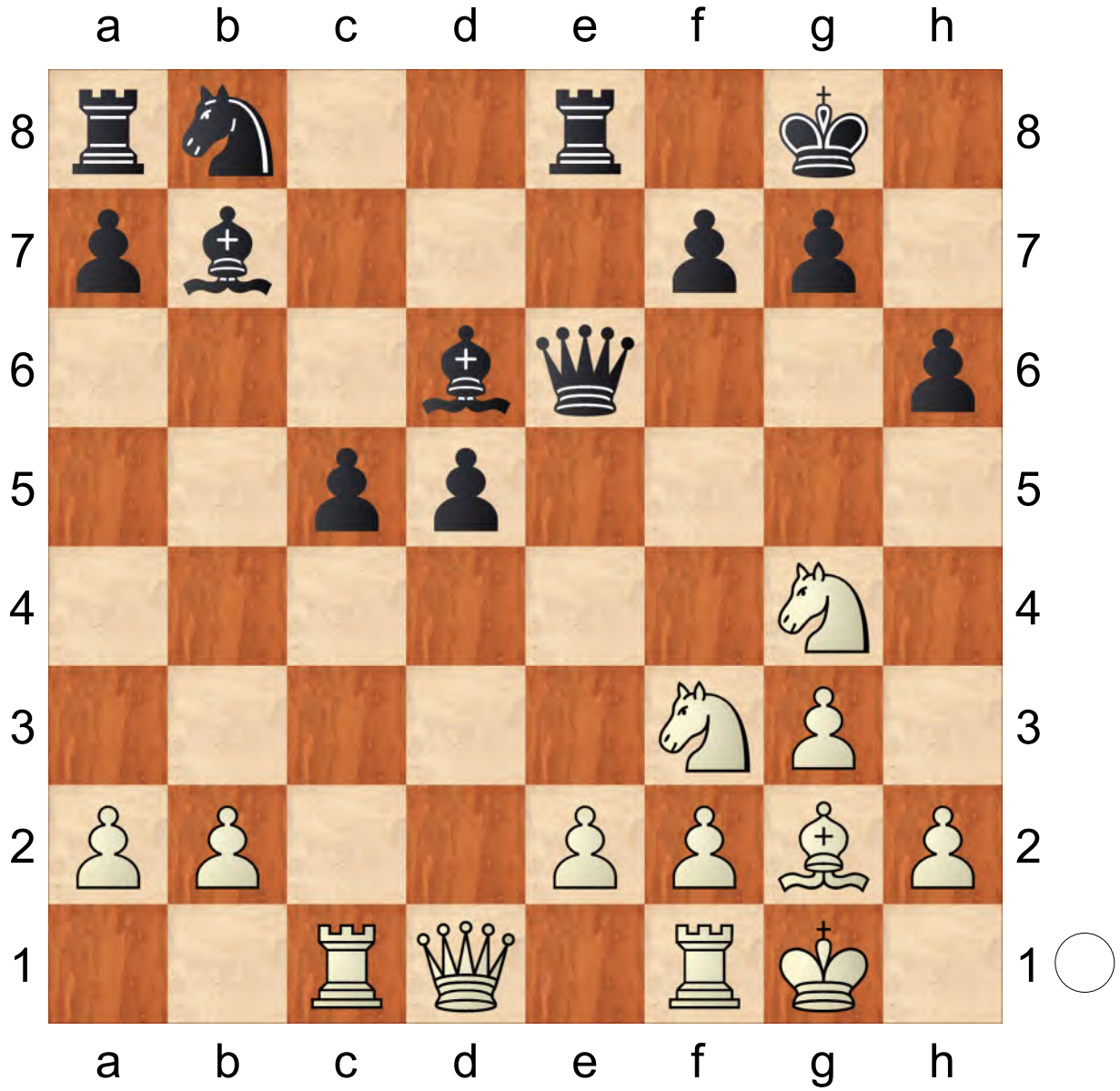
17.b4!
[17.Nd2 Nf6∓]

17...Rad8
[17...cxb4 18.Nd4 Qe5 19.Nc6 Bxc6 20.Rxc6=]
[⌓17...Rac8 18.Qa4 *(18.bxc5 Bxc5 19.Nd4 Qe5∓)* 18...d4∓]

18.Qa4
[18.bxc5 Bxc5 19.Nd4 Qf6∓]

18...d4
[18...Bf8
A) 19.Qxa7 d4 20.Qxb7 *(20.Nc4 Bd5∓)* 20...dxe3∓;
B) 19.bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nd4 Qf6=]

19.bxc5?!
[⌓19.Nc4 Nb6 *(19...Bxf3 20.Bxf3 cxb4 21.Qxa7 Bc5=)*
A) 20.Qxa7 Bxf3 21.Qxb6 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qd5+ 23.Kg1 cxb4∓;
B) 20.Nxb6 axb6 *(20...Bxf3 21.Bxf3 axb6=)* 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.Bxb7 Qxe2 23.Ba6=;
C) 20.Qb5 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 cxb4 22.Nxb6 Rb8=]



19...dxe3 20.cxd6 exf2+

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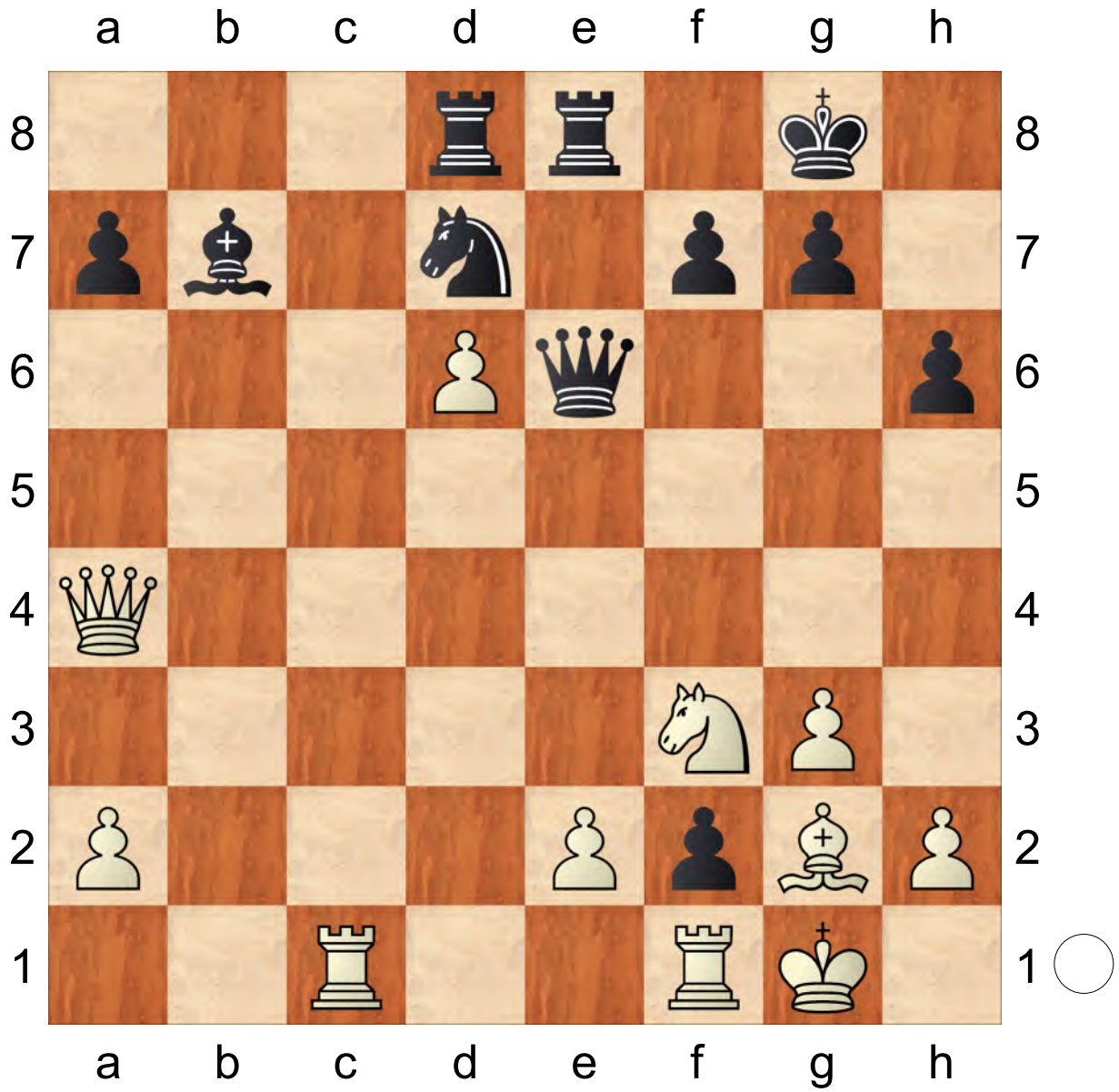
21.Rxf2 Nf6
[21...Qxd6 22.Qxa7 Be4⩲]
22.Qxa7
[22.Rc7 Bc8 *(22...Bd5?! 23.d7±; 22...Be4 23.d7 Rxd7 24.Nd4 Qd6 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Qxd7 Nxd7 27.Bxe4 Rxe4 28.Rf4=)* 23.Nd4 *(23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.axb3 Rxd6∓; 23.Rxa7 Qxd6∓; 23.Qxa7 Rxd6∓)* 23...Qxd6 24.Qc4 Bd7 25.Rxa7 Rc8↑]
22...Bd5! 23.Nh4?!
[⌓23.Rd1 Qxd6 *(23...Ng4?? 24.Ng5!+-; 23...Rxd6 24.Nd4=)* 24.Nh4 Qe5



(24...Qe6 25.Qa5 Ra8 26.Bxd5 Rxa5 27.Bxe6 Rxe6 28.e3=) 25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.Rxd5 Qxd5 27.Nf5 Qd1+ 28.Rf1 Qxe2 29.Qf2=]

23...Rxd6 24.Nf5

[24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Ng2 Rd7∓]

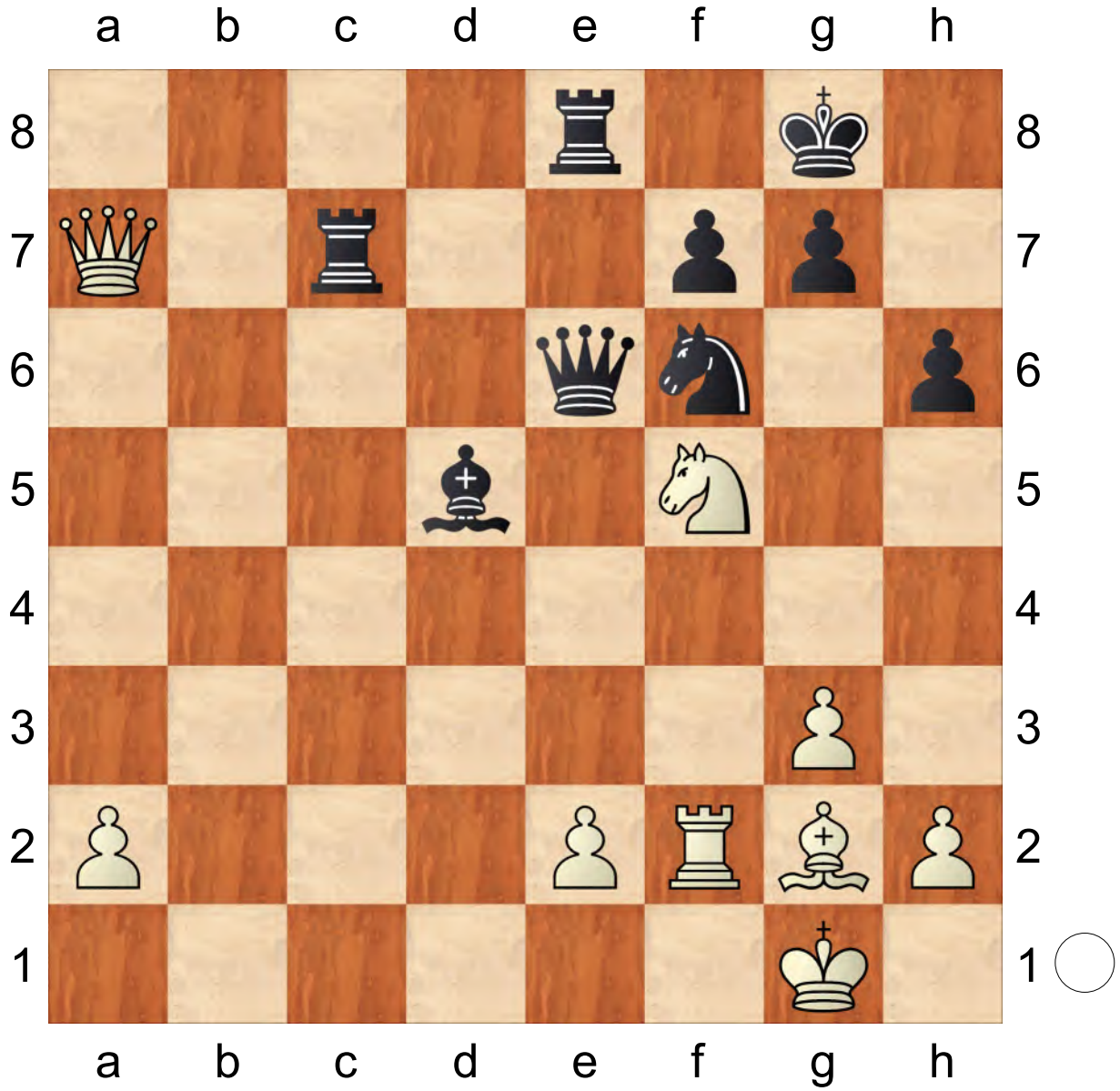
24...Rd7 25.Rc7

[25.Bxd5 Rxd5 *(25...Qxd5 26.Qa6 Ne4 27.Rff1 Ng5 28.h4 Ne4 29.Rc8=)* 26.Rcf1 Ne4 27.Nxg7 Rd7 28.Nxe6 *(28.Qxd7 Qxd7 29.Nxe8 Qxe8 30.Rxf7∓)* 28...Rxa7 29.Nf4 Nxf2 30.Kxf2 Rxa2∓]

25...Rxc7

(Diagram)

26.Qxc7 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Ne4



[27...Ng4 28.Qc3□ Qe4+ 29.Kg1□ Re5 30.Nd6 Qb1+ 31.Rf1□ Qb6+ 32.Kh1 Qa6 *(32...Qxd6 33.Qc8+ Qf8 34.Qxg4 Qa8+=)* 33.Qd3 Qxa2 34.Nxf7 Qxe2 35.Qxe2 Rxe2 36.h4 Rd2∓]

28.Rf4?!

[28.Nd4 Qxa2 *(28...Qd5 29.Rf5□ Qxa2 30.Qc6 Kf8=)* 29.Qc6 Kf8 30.Rf5=]

28...Ng5 29.Qb7⊕

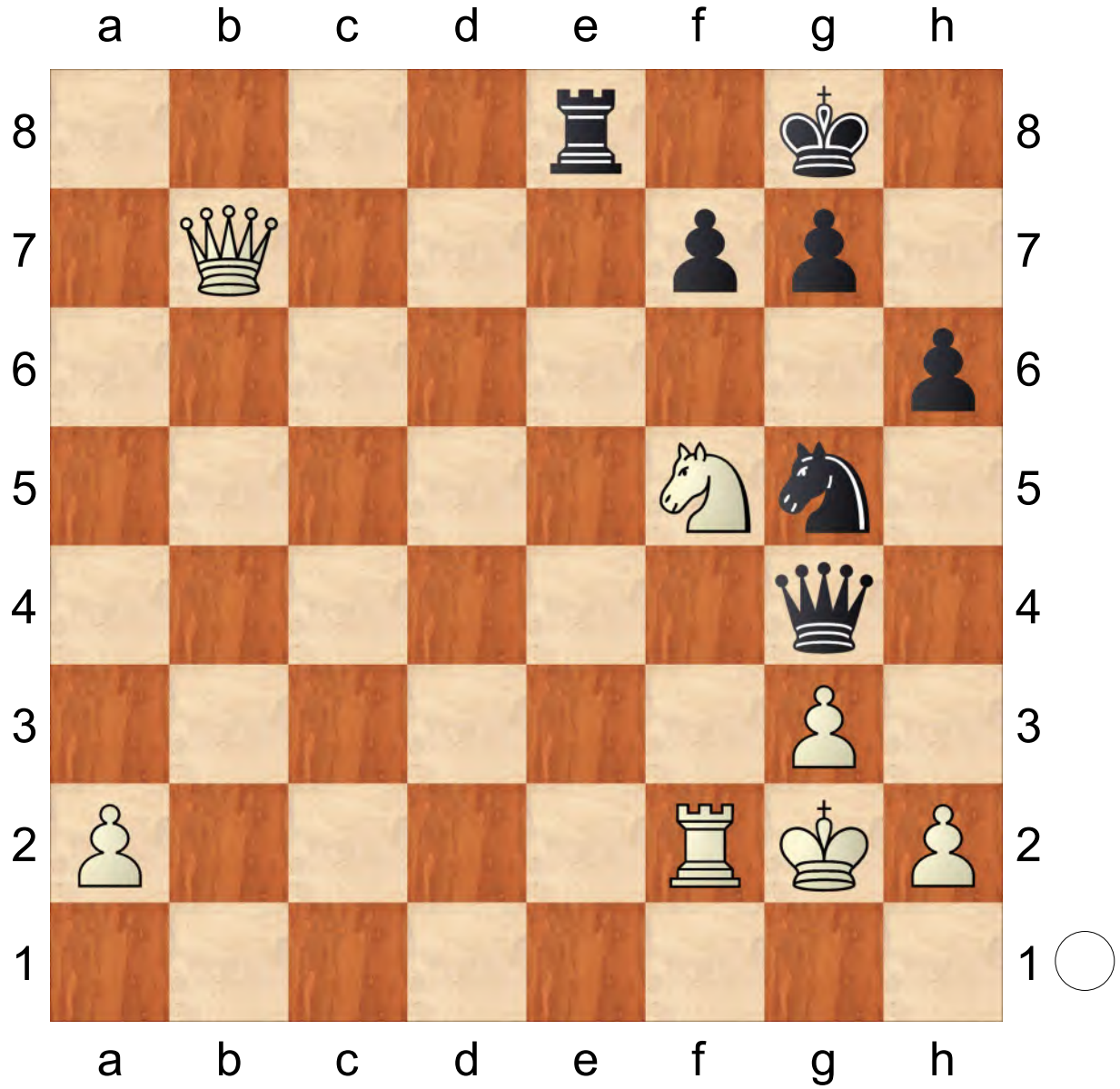
[29.Qc2 Qd5+ 30.e4 Nxe4∓ →]

29...Qxe2+ 30.Rf2 Qg4!

(Diagram)

31.Qb1□

[31.Ne7+ Kh7 32.Qb1+ Qe4+ 33.Qxe4+ Nxe4 34.Rxf7 Nd6-+]



31...Ne4

[31...Kh8! ⊙

A) 32.h4 Ne4 33.Qb5 *(33.Qe1 Ra8 34.Re2 Qxf5 35.Rxe4 Rxa2+ 36.Kg1 Qc5+ 37.Qe3 Qd6 38.Rf4 Qd1+ 39.Rf1 Qc2 40.Rf2 Qxf2+-+)* 33...Rc8-+;

B) 32.Nh4□ Qh3+ 33.Kg1 Qe6 34.Kh1 Qd5+ *(34...Ne4 35.Rb2 Qc6 36.Ng2 Nc3∓)* 35.Ng2 Ne4 36.Rb2 Nc3 37.Qf1 Re3-+]

[31...Qc4 32.Qb7 Re2 33.Ne7+ Kh7 34.Qd5 Qa6 35.h4 Ne4 36.Qf5+ Kh8 37.Rxe2 Qxe2+ 38.Kh3□ Nf2+ 39.Kg2 Nd1+ 40.Kh3 Qxe7 41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Qc2+ g6 43.Qxd1 Qe6+ 44.g4 Qxa2∓]

32.h3?!

[32.Qb5! Re6 33.h3 Qd1 34.Qb2 Rf6 35.Rf4 Ng5 36.Qd4 Qc2+ 37.Qf2 Qc6+ 38.Kh2 Kh7∓]

32...Qg5!

[32...Qg6 33.Qb5 Re6 34.Rf4=]

33.Qb5

[33.h4 Qg4 34.Qb5 Rd8∓]

33...Rd8! 34.h4 Qf6

[34...Qg4!? 35.Rf4□ Qd1 36.Rf1□ Qc2+ *(36...Rd2+ 37.Kg1 Qc2 38.Ne3 Qd3 39.Qb8+ Kh7 40.Qf4 Nc3 41.Qf5+ Qxf5 42.Rxf5 f6∓)* 37.Kg1 Qc3 38.Qb3 Qc5+ 39.Qe3 Qxe3+ 40.Nxe3 Nxg3∓]

35.Rf4

[35.Rc2 h5!∓]

35...Nc3?!

[35...Qe6∓ 36.Kf3 *(36.Qb3 Rd2+ 37.Kg1 Qe5 38.Nxh6+ Kh7 39.Ng4 Qa1+ 40.Rf1 Qd4+ 41.Qe3 Nxg3 42.Re1 Ne2+ 43.Rxe2 Qxg4+ 44.Kf2 Qxh4+-+)* 36...Nf6 37.Qc4 Qd7 38.Nxh6+ Kh7 39.Rxf6 gxf6 40.Ng4 Qd1+ 41.Kg2 Rd2+ 42.Nf2 Kg7∓]

(Diagram)

36.Qb7

[36.Qb2 Rd3 37.Kh3∓]

36...Qe6

[36...Rd2+ 37.Kh3□ Nd5 38.Nxh6+ Qxh6 39.Qxf7+ Kh7 40.Rf5 Nf6 41.Rg5 Rd4∓]

37.Qb2

[37.Nd4 Qxa2+ 38.Kh3 Qc4 *(38...Qd5 39.Qxd5 Nxd5∓)* 39.Nf5 Qe6 40.Qc7 Rd5 41.Qxc3 Rxf5 42.Rxf5 Qxf5+∓]

37...Qe1

[37...Rd3 38.Kh2 *(38.Qb8+ Kh7 39.Qf8 Qg6 40.Qc5 Ne2 41.Rf3 Rd2 42.Kh3 Qe6 43.Rf2 Qe4 44.Kh2 Rd1 45.Rg2 Nxg3 46.Kxg3 Rf1-+)* 38...Kh7 39.Qc2 Qxa2 40.Qxa2 Nxa2∓]

38.Nd4??

[38.Kh3 Kh7 39.Qg2 Rd3 *(39...Rd2 40.Rf1 Rxg2 41.Rxe1 Rxa2 42.Nd6 Ra7∓)* 40.Qf1 Qxf1+ 41.Rxf1 g6 42.Ne7 Kg7 43.Re1 h5 44.Nc6 Nxa2∓]

[38.Rd4 Rxd4 39.Nxd4 Qe4+ 40.Nf3 Nd1 41.Qd2 Ne3+ 42.Kf2 Ng4+ 43.Kg2 Ne5∓]

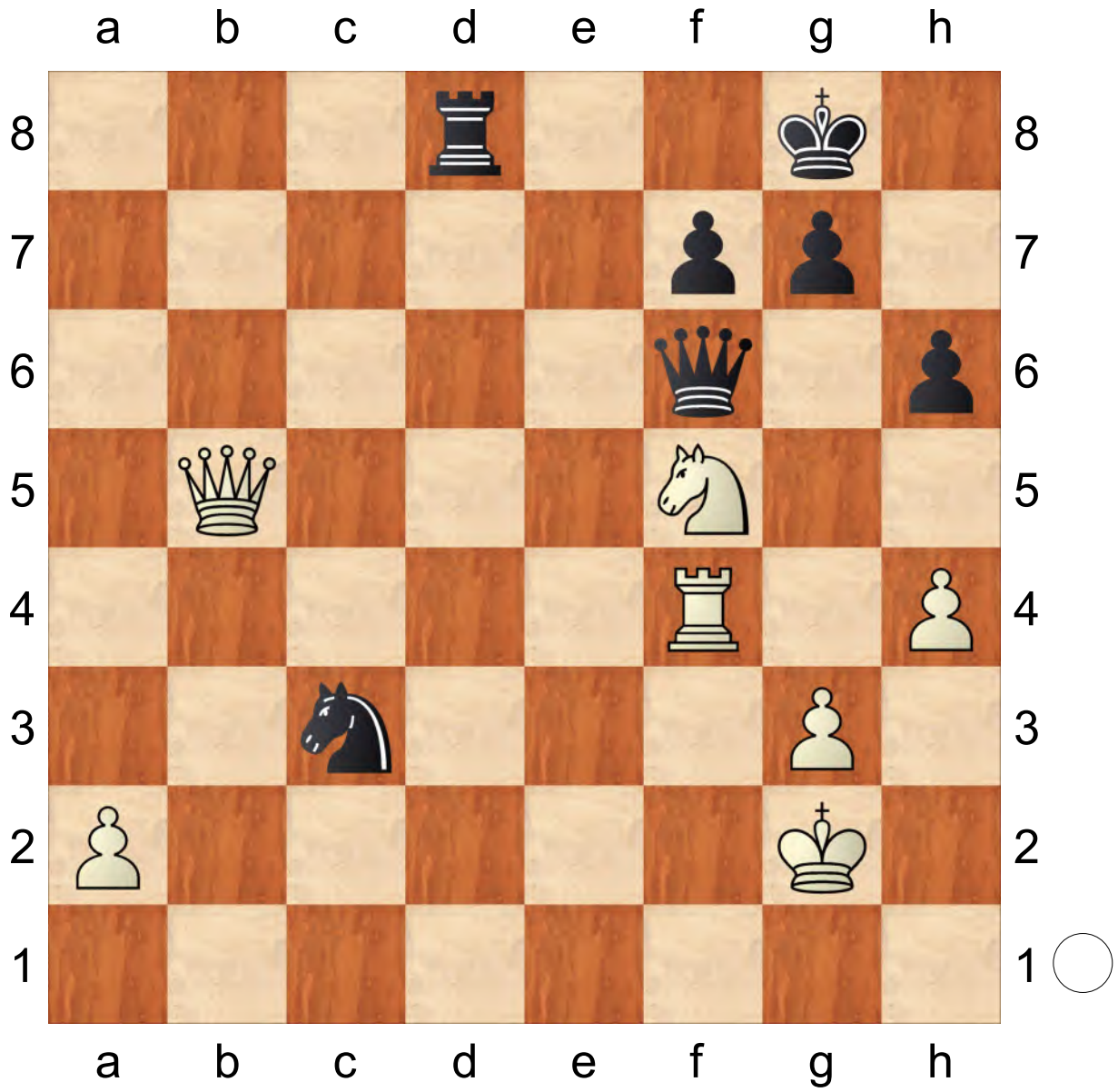
38...Nd5-+ 39.Rf2

[39.Rf3 Ne3+ 40.Kh2 *(40.Kh3 Rxd4)* 40...Rxd4]

39...Ne3+ 40.Kf3 Nd1

[40...Nc4-+]

(Diagram)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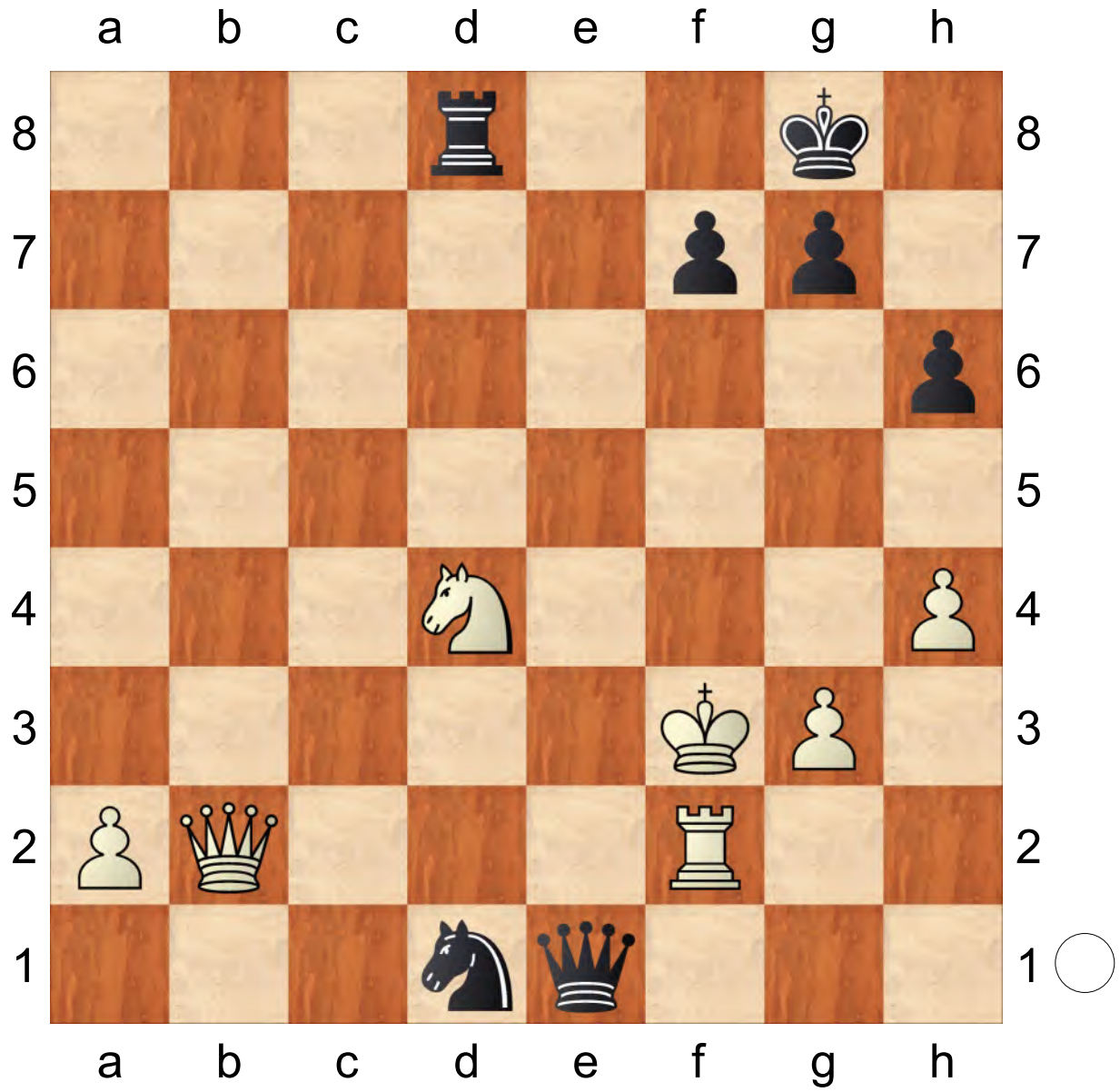

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□ **Lputian,Smbat G** **2610**
■ **Dlugy,Maxim** **2540**
New York op (4) 17.03.1998
[Stohl,Igor]

R.Scherbakov: 'This game is concerned with the Furman variation. Sometimes black tries to solve his problems in a rather original and risky way, playing an early Qc7 and then Ng4. White has some quiet possibilities and one sharp idea which completely ignores black's idea and lets his knight go to f2 threatening discovered check...' **1.d4** Stohl Ftacnik Huzman **1...d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3**

[Black can avoid the promising gambit 3.Nf3 Nf6 *(* by a more refined move order *3...a6!? 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5* and we have the line from the game again.*)* 4.Nc3!? a6 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4⩲]

3...e6

[The type of position after 3...e5 4.Bxc4 exd4 5.exd4 can arise also from other openings (Exchange French or Russian) and is generally considered to be promising for White, e.g. Nf6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Nb6 10.Bb3 c6 11.Ne5 Nbd5 12.Re1 Be6 13.Bg5 Re8 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Rxe7 16.Ne4 f6 17.Nd3 Nf8 18.Qf3 Qc7 19.Ng3 Rd8 20.Nc5↑ Sokolov,I-Huebner/Wijk/1996/]

4.Bxc4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c5

(Diagram)

6.Qe2!? An idea, introduced into current theory by Furman. **6...a6** **7.dxc5** The idea behind White's 6-th move is to utilize his extra tempo in a symmetrical position to build up an attacking position on the » by advancing his e-pawn. ♕e2 also serves the purpose of avoiding an exchange of ♕. **7...Bxc5 8.e4!?** The sharpest.

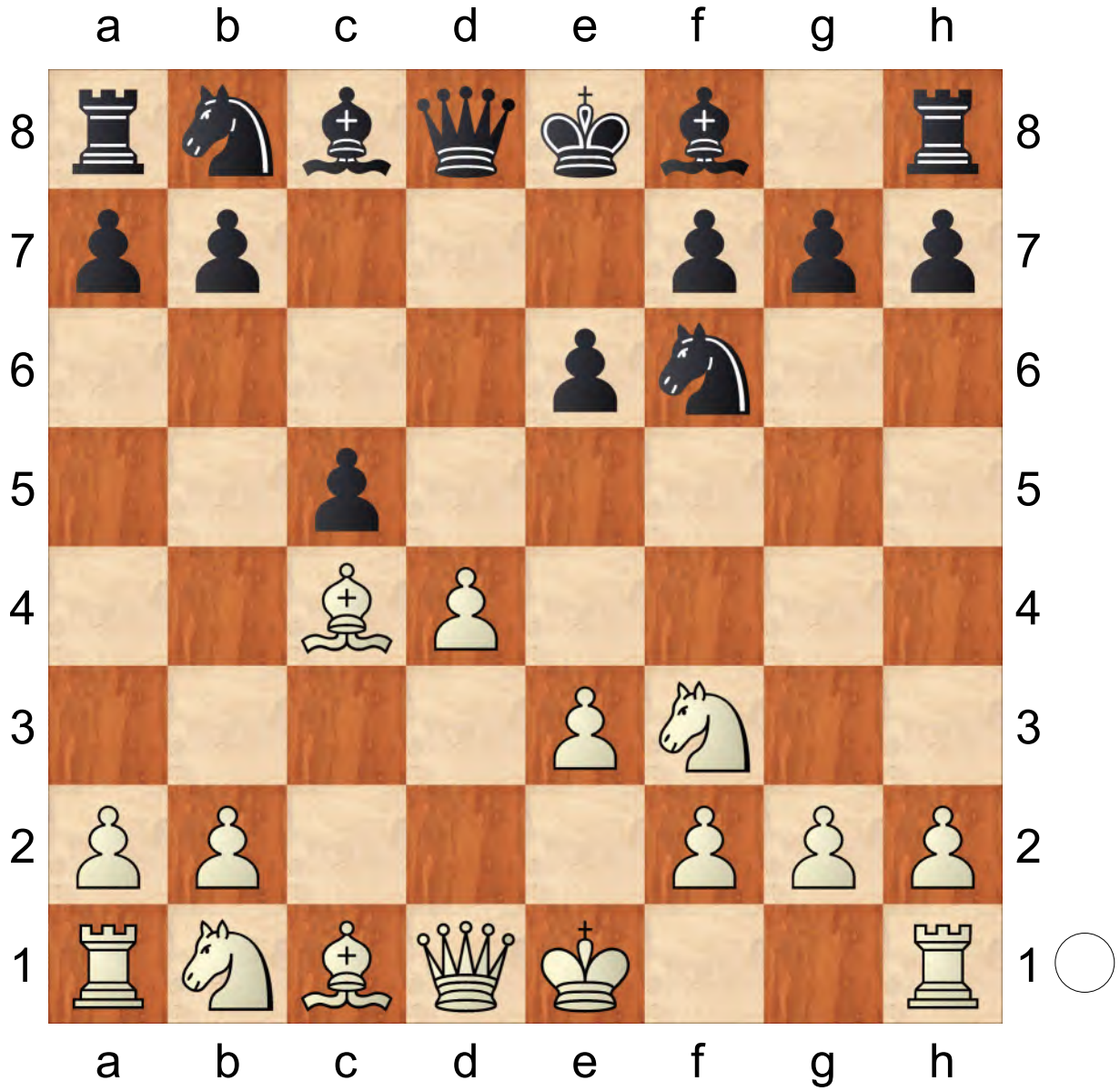
[8.0-0 b5!? *(*R.Scherbakov: 'Black has many possibilities here,' *8...Nc6* R.Scherbakov: 'is one of the main ones and will be considered in the next game.'*; 8...Qc7* mostly only transpose.*)* 9.Bd3 *(*After *9.Bb3 Bb7 10.a4 Nbd7!=* White doesn't have the key e4-e5 advance. *)* 9...Nc6 Δ♘b4 *(9...Bb7? 10.Bxb5+!)*

A) 10.a3 Bd6 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.b4 Qc7 13.Bb2 Ne5! 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 *(15.Bxb5+ Ke7∞)* 15...Qxe5 16.Nd2 0-0 17.Nb3 Bd5 18.Nc5 a5! 19.f4 Qc7 20.Bxb5 axb4 21.axb4 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Rb8= Malaniuk,V-Vladimirov,E/Tashkent/1987/;

B) Therefore more ambitious is 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.a4!?↑]

8...Qc7 One of the main moves.

[After 8...Nc6 9.e5 *(9.0-0* leads to the same positions, as an attempt to avoid them by *b5?! 10.Bb3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Be3! Qxe4 13.Nd2 Qf5 14.g4! Qe5 15.Nf3 Qe4 16.Ng5 Qc6 17.Rac1 Bb7 18.f3 Bxe3+ 19.Qxe3 Qd6*



20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bxe6 Kf8 22.Rfd1 Qe7 23.g5→ Timman,J-Lautier,J/Ubeda/1997/ was extremely risky. *)* 9...Ng4 10.0-0

A) A weaker alternative is ≤10...Nd4?! 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nd2! Nxe5 13.Nb3 Qxc4 14.Qxe5 Bf8 15.Be3 Qd5 16.Qg3 Bd6 17.f4! ⩲, Gelfand,B-Salov,V/Madrid/1996/ as 0-0 18.Rfd1 Qc6 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Nc5 Qe7 21.Ne4 Bb8 22.Qf2! *(22.Bc5 Ba7)* 22...b6 23.Bxb6 Ba7 24.Nd6±;

B) 10...Qc7 we get to a position we will look at later.]

[A more sedate and probably safer alternative is ⩲8...b5!? 9.Bd3 *(9.Bb3 Bb7 10.e5?! Ng4 11.0-0 Nd7↑ ×e5)* 9...Nc6 10.Nbd2 e5! 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nb3 Bb6= Here there is only a minimum of excitement and Black has already more or less equalized.]

9.e5

[Too soft is 9.0-0 Ng4

A) 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.g3 *(11.h3? Huzman Nd4!-+)* 11...Bd6 12.Bb3 b5 13.h3 Nge5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rfd1 Bb7 17.Rac1 Rad8∓ Murshed,N-Sadler,M/London Lloyds/1992/;
B) 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 *(11.Nb3 Bd6 12.h3 Nge5)* 11...Nd4 12.Qd3=;
C) 10.Bg5 Nc6 11.Nbd2 Bd6 12.h3 h6 13.Bh4 Nge5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Nf3 g5! 16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.fxg3 Qxg3 18.Rad1 g4 19.hxg4 Bd7 20.b4 b5 21.Bd5 Rg8∞ Farago,I-Polgar,Zsu/HUN-ch/1991/]

9...Ng4 10.0-0 R.Scherbakov: '!' **10...Nxf2?!**

[10...Nc6!? 11.Bf4 f6 12.Nbd2 Ngxe5 13.Nxe5 fxe5! *(≤13...Nxe5?! 14.Rac1!→)* 14.Bg3 *(14.Be3 Bd4!?∞)* 14...0-0 15.Nf3 *(15.Bd3* Huzman *g6 16.Rac1 Bd4 17.Nf3 Qg7 18.Be4 Bd7 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxe5 Bb5 21.Nc4 e5* ½-½ Milov,V-Huebner,R/SUI-chT 1996 *)* 15...Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Rac1 Qa5 18.Rce1 Qc5! 19.Bd3 Bd7 20.Bxe5 *(20.Qh5 Rf5!)* 20...Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Rxe5 Rac8 =/±,Stohl,I-Mikhalchishin,A/Dortmund op/1992/ and Black easily held the only slightly worse endgame.]

[10...Nd7 Huzman 11.Bf4 Nf8 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.Bg3 0-0 14.Rac1 Qe7 15.Ne4± ½-½ Kallai,G-Hauchard,A/FRA-chT 1996 (42)]

(Diagram)

R.Scherbakov: 'There is no way back.' This simple and seemingly very strong combination is in fact quite risky for Black! More circumspect is **11.b4!N** R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'A fresh and very interesting idea.' Surprising novelty in a well known position, white hopes to cut the bishop off the kingside defence.

[11.Be3? Ng4 12.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 13.Kh1 Nc6 14.Nc3 Ngxe5

A) 15.Nxe5 Huzman Nxe5! *(15...Qxe5 16.Qg4 0-0 17.Rae1 Qc7 18.Ne4⇄)* 16.Qh5

A1) 16...0-0! Ftacnik 17.Bb3 f6! 18.Rac1? Nd3 19.Rf5! *(19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Bc2 b5-+)* 19...g6 *(19...Nf2+ 20.Kg1 Qe3 21.Rf1 Ne4+ 22.Kh1 Nd2-+)* 20.Rxc5 gxh5 21.Rxc8 Nxc1 0-1 Christiansen,L-Hansen,C/Groningen 1992 (36);

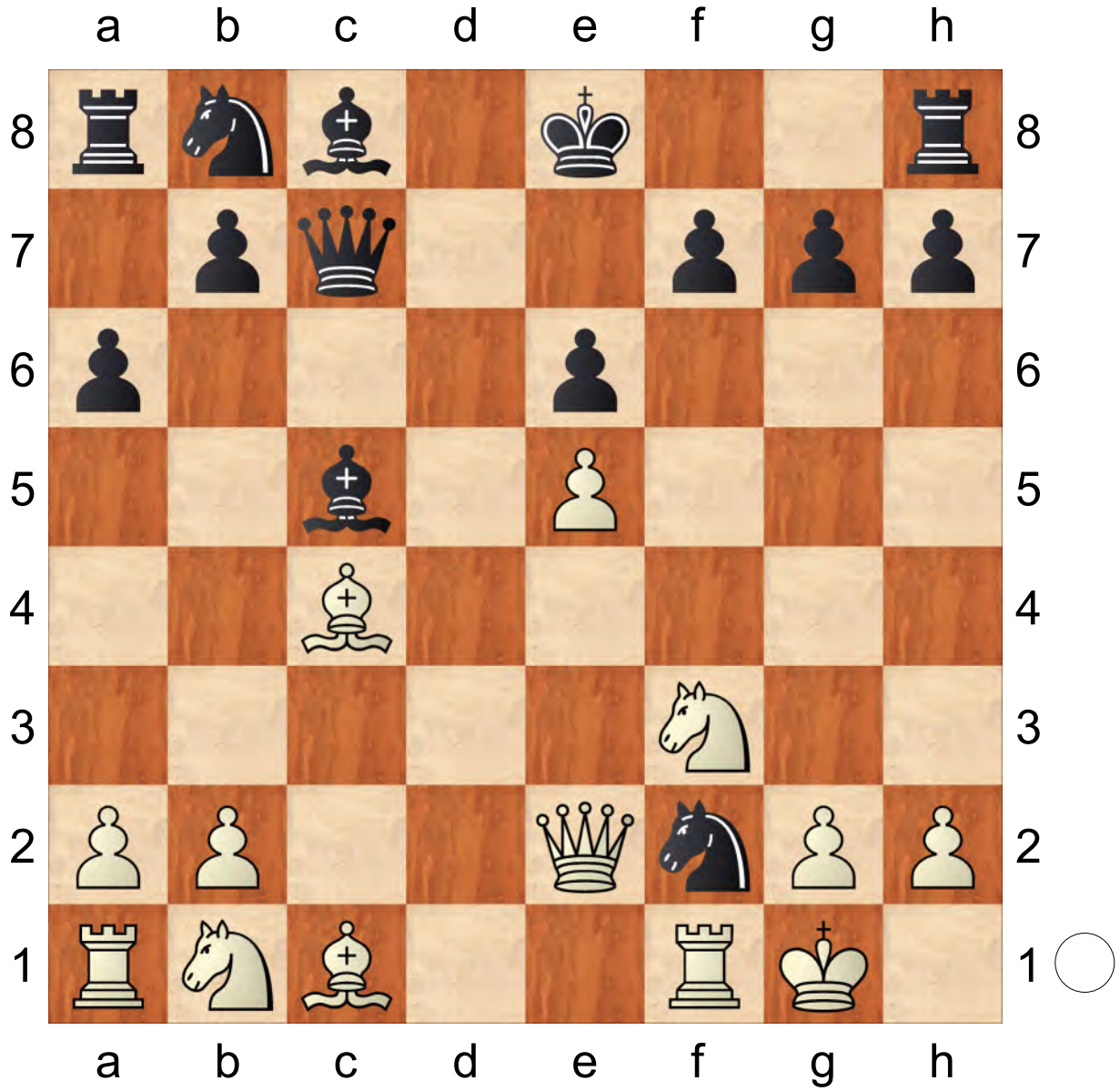
A2) 16...Qxc4 17.Qxe5 0-0 18.Rf4 Qd3 19.Rd1 Qc2 20.Rg4 f6 21.Qg3↑;

A3) 16...0-0!∓ 0-1 Christiansen,L-Hansen,C/Groningen 1992 (36);

B) 15.Ne4 Qe7∓]

[11.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 12.Kxf2 b5 13.b3!? bxc4 *(* Black has a good and safer alternative in *13...0-0!? 14.Ba3 bxc4 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 =/∓)* 14.Ba3⇄ It's rather hard to believe White has full compensation here.]

[R.Scherbakov: 'Most efforts were connected with' The main line was considered to be 11.Nc3!? R.Scherbakov: 'before. With his early invasion black has gained only one extra pawn but has spent a lot of time.' Ne4+ 12.Kh1



A) R.Scherbakov: 'Interesting but not good enough was' 12...Nf2+? 13.Rxf2 Bxf2 R.Scherbakov: 'because of' 14.Ne4 Bc5 15.Be3 R.Scherbakov: '!' *(15.Bg5!?→; 15.Bg5 Nd7 16.Rc1 Qb8 17.b4 Bxb4 18.Qb2 Bf8 19.Qb3 h6 20.Bxe6 hxg5 21.Nexg5 Be7 22.Bxf7+ Kf8 23.Bh5* 1-0 Parker,J-O'Cinneide, M/Hastings Challengers9596 1995*)* 15...Be7 16.Bg5 R.Scherbakov: '!' 0-0 17.Nf6+! gxf6 18.exf6 Bd6 19.Bd3→ with a considerably worse version of the game position, e.g. Qa5 *(19...Qc5 20.Rc1 Qd5 21.Rd1* R.Scherbakov: '+-' R. Scherbakov: 'and black's position is indefensible, according to Ivan Sokolov.'*)* 20.Qf2 Qb4 21.Bh6! Δ♘g5+-;

B) 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3

B1) R.Scherbakov: 'It is better then' ≤13...Be7 14.Ng5 R.Scherbakov: '!' Bxg5 *(14...0-0 15.Qe4 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Nd7 17.Bd3 g6 18.Be7↑)* 15.Bxg5 Nc6 16.Qh5 *(16.Rad1 h6 17.Qh5)*

B1a) 16...Nxe5 17.Bf4 Qxc4 18.Bxe5 0-0 19.Bxg7 *(19.Qg5 f6 20.Rxf6 Rxf6 21.Bxf6 Qc7 22.Rd1)* 19...Kxg7 20.Qg5+ Kh8 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Rf3±;

B1b) 16...h6 17.Rad1 Rf8 *(17...0-0 18.Bf6→)* 18.Bh4 Bd7 19.Rd6 R.Scherbakov: 'with ideas Be6, Rfd1 and black found himself in big trouble in the game I.Sokolov - Brennikmeijer, Netherlands (ch) Amsterdam 1995.' Nxe5 *(19...g5 20.Bxe6 0-0-0 21.Bxd7+ Rxd7 22.Bg3; 19...g6 20.Qe2 g5 21.Bf2)* 20.Qxe5 Qxc4 21.Rfd1 Qxh4 22.Rxd7 Rc8 23.Rxb7+- Sokolov,I-Brenninkmeijer,J/NLD-ch/1995/;

B2) ≤13...b5 14.Bb3 h6 15.Nd4 Qe7 16.Qg4 g6 17.Be3 h5 18.Qh3 Ra7 19.Rf6 0-0 20.Raf1 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rc7 22.Qe3 Kg7 23.Bc2→ Sokolov,I-Georgiev,Kir/Tilburg/1994/ Nd7 24.Qg5+- and white has launched a decisive attack.;

B3) 13...Nc6 14.Ng5 Qxe5 *(14...0-0 15.Qe4 g6 16.Qh4→)* 15.Qf3! *(15.Qh5 g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Bf4 Qg7∓)* 15...f5 Nach *(15...0-0 16.Bf4 Qf6 17.Ne4 Qe7 18.Bg5⩱)* 16.Bf4 Qf6

(Diagram)

B3a) 17.Nxe6! Bxe6 18.Bxe6 Be7 *(18...Qxe6 19.Rae1)* 19.Rae1 g5 20.Bc7 f4 21.Bd5! h5 22.Re6 Qf5 23.Rfe1 1-0 Miniboeck,G-Zoebisch,H/Carl Schlechter mem/1996;

B3b) 17.Nxe6!→ 1-0 Miniboeck,G-Zoebisch,H/Carl Schlechter mem 1996 (22);

B4) 13...h6 14.Qe4 Nc6 15.Qg4 Bf8 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Be3 Ne7 18.Bd4 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Qg3 Be6 0-1 Van Egmond,R-Kashtanov,R/DDCC-Chigorin CC 1997 (40);

B5) 13...Nd7! R.Scherbakov: '!?' 14.Ng5 Qxe5 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qf3 Qg7 17.Nxf7 *(*nothing could be achieved with *17.Bxe6 0-0 18.Bxf7+ Kh8 19.Qd5 Be7* with ideas of Nf6 or Nb6 (Raetsky)*)* 17...0-0 R.Scherbakov: 'and in the game Ryan - O'Cinneide, Dublin 1995 white should have forced a draw with' R.Scherbakov: 'was the same'

B5a) 18.Bxe6? Ne5!-+;

B5b) 18.Bh6 Huzman Qxf7 19.Qxf7+ Rxf7 20.Bxe6 Ne5∓ Ryan,J-O'Cinneide,M/Dublin 1995/½-½ (64) *(20...Ne5* Ftacnik *21.Bd5 Bf5 22.h3 Bf8* Ryan,J-O'Cinneide,M/Dublin 1995/½-½ (64) *)*;

B5c) 18.Nh6+= Kh8 19.Nf7+ according to Raetsky.]

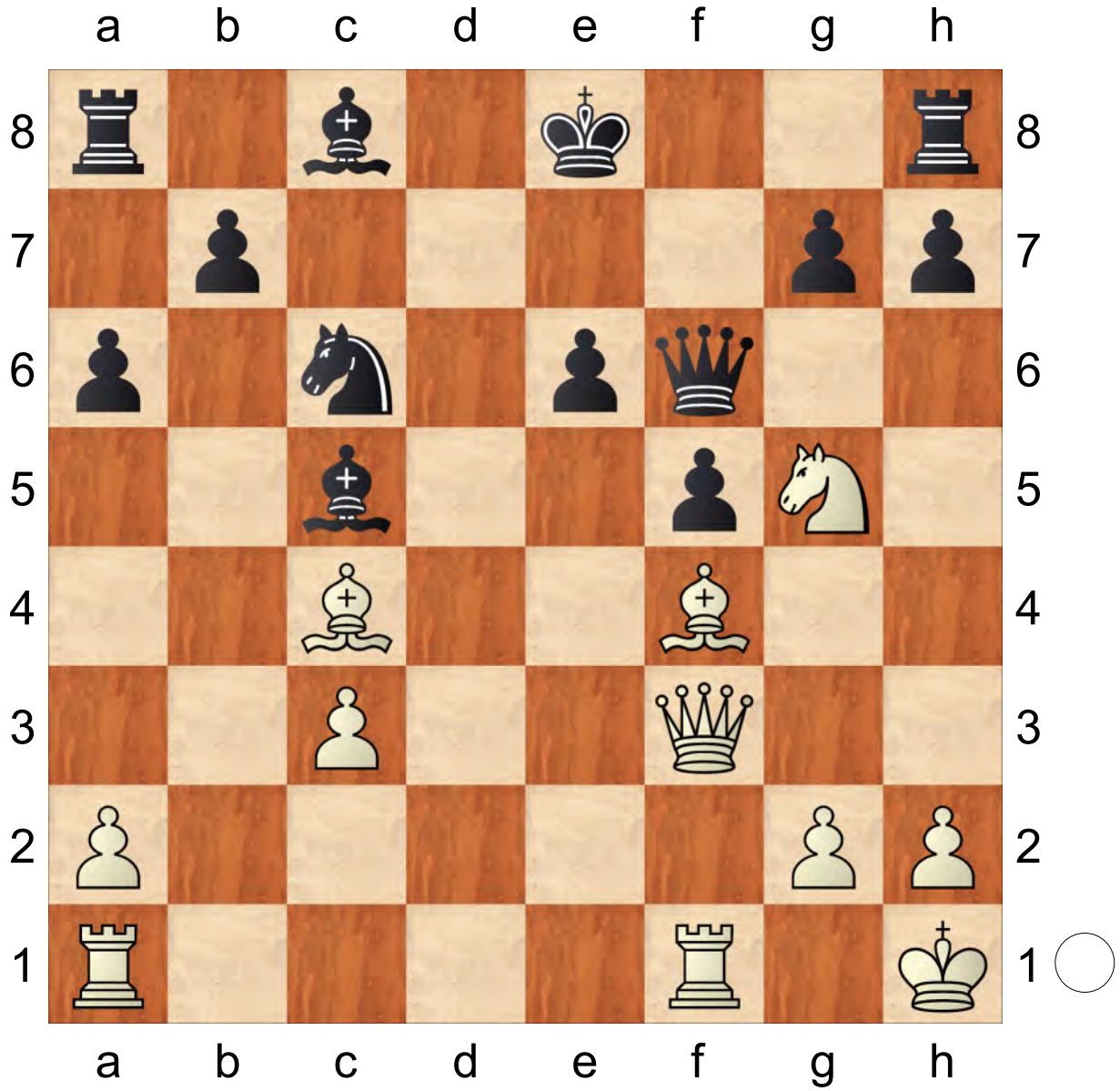
11...Nh3+?! Playing with fire.

[11...Ba7 R.Scherbakov: 'deserved attention'

A) 12.Nbd2! Huzman

A1) 12...Ng4+ 13.Kh1 Ne3 14.Bb2! *(14.Re1 Nc2 15.Ne4 Nxa1 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Bb2→)* 14...Nxf1 15.Rxf1→;

A2) 12...b5!



A2a) 13.Bb3 Qc3 14.Rb1 Qd3! 15.Qxd3 *(15.Qe1 Qxb1 16.Nxb1 Nd3+-+)* 15...Nxd3+-+;

A2b) 13.Rxf2! bxc4 14.Ne4! Bxf2+ *(14...0-0 15.Be3⩲)* 15.Qxf2→ for example: 0-0 16.Nf6+! gxf6 17.Bh6 Kh8 18.Bxf8 Nd7 19.Bh6 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Re1 Qc3 22.Bc1!+-;

B) 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 *(13.Qxf2 Qxc4 14.Nbd2 Qxb4∓)* 13...b5

B1) 14.Na3 bxc4 15.Nxc4 0-0 Its very difficult to prove compensation for sacrifising material. *(15...0-0 16.Ng5 f6∓)*;

B2) 14.Qe4 Bb7 15.Qg4 Qxc4 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Bh6 Nd7 18.Nbd2 Qxb4∓;

C) 12.Be3! Bxe3 *(12...Ng4 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.Nbd2⩲)* 13.Qxe3

C1) 13...Qxc4? 14.Rc1+-;

C2) 13...0-0 14.Qf4+-;

C3) 13...b5!? 14.Be2 *(14.Bb3 Ng4 15.Qe4 Qa7+ 16.Kh1 h5)* 14...Ng4 15.Qe4 Qa7+ 16.Kh1 f5∓;

C4) 13...Ng4

C4a) 14.Qf4 Qb6+ 15.Nd4 Nxe5! 16.Qxe5 Nc6∓;

C4b) 14.Qd4

C4b1) 14...h5 Ftacnik 15.b5 Nd7∓;

C4b2) 14...Ne3? 15.Qxe3 Qxc4 16.Rc1+-;

C4b3) 14...Nh6 15.Nbd2 *(15.a3 Nf5 16.Qe4 Bd7 17.Nbd2)* 15...Nc6∓;

C4b4) 14...h5∓ Δ♘c6,×e5;

C4c) 14.Qg5! Qxc4 *(14...Qb6+ 15.Kh1 Nf2+ 16.Rxf2 Qxf2 17.Qxg7 Rf8 18.Nbd2± →)* 15.Nbd2!! *(≤15.Rc1 Qe2! 16.Rxc8+ Kd7∓)* 15...Qxb4 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Nc4! Qc5+! 18.Kh1 Nf2+ *(18...Qxc4 19.Rfc1 Ne3 20.Rxc4 Nxc4 21.Ng5→)* 19.Rxf2 Qxf2 20.Nd6+ gives White at least a draw after Ke7 21.Qf6+ Kd7 22.Qg7 but perhaps he has even more, than that.]

[Black can exclude these lines by the more careful 11...Bb6!? Stohl: 'Ftacnik' 12.Nbd2!⩲ but White retains attacking chances, e.g. *(12.Be3?! Ng4 13.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 14.Kh1 Ne3∓)* 12...Ng4+ 13.Kh1 Ne3 14.Re1 Nc2 *(14...0-0 15.Bd3 Δ Nc2? 16.Qe4+-)* 15.Ne4! Nxa1 16.Nd6+⟶]

[R.Scherbakov: 'Losing is' 11...Nd3+? 12.bxc5 Qxc5+ 13.Be3 Qxc4 14.Rc1!+- R.Scherbakov: '+-' *(14.Rc1 Ftacnik Qxc1+ 15.Bxc1 Nxc1 16.Qc2 0-0 17.Qxc1+-)*]

[11...Bb6!? Ftacnik]

12.Kh1 Nf2+ 13.Rxf2 Bxf2 14.Nbd2 R.Scherbakov: 'Although white has spent an extra tempo compared to the similar position we saw after 11. Nc3 the black bishop cannot now return to the defence especially the very important squares around his king via c5-e7.' **14...Ba7**

[Weaker is the immediate ≤14...b5?! 15.Bd3 Bb6 16.Ne4 0-0 17.Nf6+! gxf6 18.exf6 Rd8 *(18...Bb7 19.Ne5+-; 18...Nd7 19.Bxh7+! Kh8 20.Bd3→)* 19.Ne5 Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8 21.Rc1! Qd6 22.Qh5 Ra7 23.Qg5 Nd7 24.Nxf7!+-]

[Black quite logically decides to retain the possibility b7-b5, also in none of the following lines would 14...Bb6 significantly change the evaluation.]

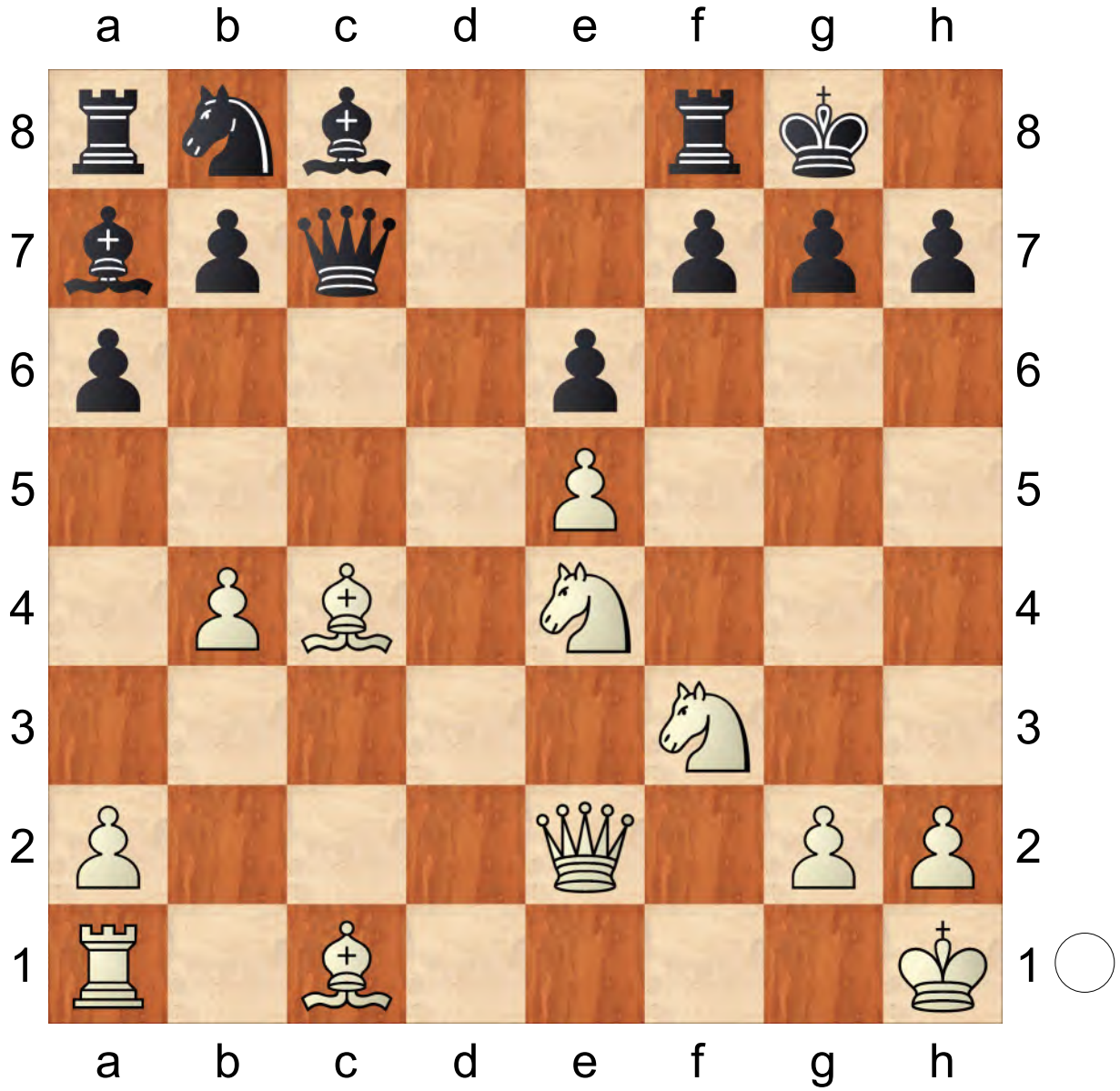
[14...Qb6? Ftacnik 15.Ne4⟶]

15.Ne4 The idea becomes clear, white can quickly mobilize his pieces and the black king will have to undergo some suffering. **15...0-0**

[15...Nd7 Ftacnik 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Bb2⟶]

(Diagram)

16.Nf6+! R.Scherbakov: 'It is not a big surprise that white, having such an advantage in development can win here with a direct attack.' White also can't hesitate.



[The slower 16.Bd3?! Nd7 17.Bb2 f5!?∓ hardly gives him sufficient compensation for the exchange.]
[16.Bb2!?→ Huzman]

16...gxf6 Forced.

[16...Kh8? R.Scherbakov: 'does not help because after' 17.Ng5!
A) 17...Rd8 18.Qh5 h6 19.Bf4! Rf8 20.Nge4+- Δ♗h6;
B) 17...h6 18.Qe4 g6 19.Qh4+-;
C) 17...Qb6 Huzman 18.Bb2→;
D) 17...Nd7 18.Qh5 Nxf6 *(18...h6 19.Qxf7+-)* 19.exf6 h6 20.Ne4 Bd4 21.Bxh6+-;
E) 17...gxf6 18.exf6 R.Scherbakov: 'the attack is unstoppable, for example:' Stohl: '+-' Stohl: '-16... ♔h8.' Nd7 *(18...Rg8 19.Qh5+-)* 19.Qe4 Nxf6 20.Bb2+- *(20.Bb2* Ftacnik *e5 21.Bxe5 Kg8 22.Bxf6+-)*]

17.exf6 White has sacrificed a whole ♖ and has undeniable attacking chances. No wonder Black loses his way and already his next move is the decisive mistake. This position is very fascinating, white have managed to sacrifice the whole rook. Black king is exposed, his queenside pieces happily sleeping home. Despite that black has a tremendous shot. **17...Nd7?**

[17...Kh8? 18.Ng5+- -16...♔h8.]

[17...Qd8 18.Bb2 Nd7 19.Qd2 Kh8 20.Qh6 Rg8 21.Bd3 Nf8 22.Ne5! Qe8 23.Qh5+-]

[The correct defence gives rise to fascinating tactical possibilities. ⌓17...Rd8! □,Δ♕c4 The best seems to be

A) 18.Bd3

A1) 18...Nd7?!

A1a) 19.Qd2 Kf8 *(19...Nxf6? 20.Qg5+ Kf8 21.Qxf6 Rxd3 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Bg5+ Kd7 24.Ne5++-)* 20.Bb2 Ke8;

A1b) 19.Bxh7+!

A1b1) 19...Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8 21.Qxe6+!+- *(21.Qxe6+! fxe6 22.Bg6#)*;

A1b2) 19...Kxh7

A1b21) 20.Qe4+ Kg8 21.Qg4+ Kf8 22.Bh6+ Ke8 23.Qg8+ Nf8 24.Qxf8+ Kd7 25.Qxf7+ *(25.Qe7+ Kc6 26.Rc1++-)* 25...Kc6 26.Rc1++-;

A1b22) 20.Qe4++-;

A1b3) 19...Kh8□ Stohl: '='

A1b31) 20.Bc2

A1b311) 20...Qc3 21.Rb1 Re8 *(21...Kg8 22.Rb3 Qa1)* 22.Qe4 Nxf6 23.Qh4+ Kg8 24.Qg3+ Kf8 25.Qd6+ Kg8 26.Qg3+∞;

A1b312) 20...Nxf6 21.Bb2→ *(21.Bb2 Kg7 22.Qe4 e5 23.Bxe5 Qc6 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Re1+-)*;

A1b32) 20.Bb2 Qf4 *(20...Kxh7 21.Ng5+ Kg6 22.Nxe6! fxe6 23.Qg4+ Kh6 24.Qg7+ Kh5 25.Bc1 Qxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Bd4 27.Rf1 Bxf6 28.g4+ Kh4 29.Qh6+ Kxg4 30.Rf4#)* 21.Bc2 Qh6 *(21...Nxf6 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Bxf6+ Kg8 24.Bxe4 Rd7 25.h4 Be3 26.a4∞)* 22.Rd1 Rg8 23.Qe4⇄;

A1b33) 20.Bd3

A1b331) 20...Kg8

A1b3311) 21.Qd2 Kf8 22.Qh6+ Ke8 23.Qh8+ Nf8 24.Bh6 Qd6 25.Qg8 Rd7 26.Ne5 Be3 27.Nc4 *(27.Bg7 b6 28.Ng6 Bb7 29.Ne7 Kd8-+)* 27...Bxh6 28.Nxd6+ Rxd6 29.Rd1∓;

A1b3312) 21.Bh7+ Kh8=;

A1b332) 20...Nxf6

A1b3321) 21.Bb2 Kg7 22.Qd2 Rd5 *(22...e5 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Bxe5+-)* 23.Rf1 e5 24.Qg5+ Kf8 25.Qxf6+-;

A1b3322) 21.Bb2 Δ♖f1→;

A2) 18...Qc3
A2a) 19.Ne5 Qd4 *(19...Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8 21.Rc1 Qxb4 22.Qh5+-)* 20.Bxh7+
A2a1) 20...Kxh7? 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Qg7# *(23.Ng6#)*;
A2a2) 20...Kf8
A2a21) 21.Bh6+ Ke8 22.Rf1 Qh4 23.Bg8 Qxh6 24.Bxf7+ Kf8 25.Qg4 Qh7 26.Bh5 *(26.Bg6 Rd4)* 26...Rd5 27.Ng6+ Kf7 28.Ne5+=;
A2a22) 21.Bb2 Qh4 22.Qc2 Bd4 23.Nxf7 Qxf6 24.Nxd8 Bxb2 25.Rd1∞;
A2b) 19.Ne5⟶;
A3) 18...Qd6 19.Ne5 Qd4 ⟶ 18...♕c3;
A4) 18...Rxd3! 19.Qxd3
A4a) 19...Qd7!?;
A4b) 19...Qd7 Huzman
A4b1) 20.Qc3 Qc6 21.Qe5 *(21.Qd2* Ftacnik *Qd5 22.Qe1 Qf5 23.Bb2 Nd7 24.Rc1∓)* 21...Qc2 *(21...Qc2 22.Qg3+ Qg6 23.Qd6 Nc6 24.Bb2 Bb8 25.Qd2∓)*;
A4b2) 20.Qe2 Qb5 21.Qe1 Qf5 22.Bb2 The white have some compensation for the sacrificing piece.;
A4c) 19...Nd7 20.Qd2 Kf8∓;
B) 18.Bh6 Nd7 *(18...b5? 19.Ne5 Rd4 20.Qh5 Qxe5 21.Qxe5 Rg4 22.Qc7 Nc6 23.Qxc6+-)*
B1) 19.Qe4 Nxf6 20.Qh4 Ne8-+;
B2) 19.Qd2 Nf8-+ *(19...Ne5 20.Qg5+ Ng6)*;
B3) 19.Bg7 Bb8 20.Bxe6 Nf8-+;
B4) 19.Qxe6
B4a) 19...Nf8!? 20.Qe7
B4a1) 20...Ne6 21.Bxe6 Qxe7 22.fxe7 Re8∓ *(22...Re8 23.Bxc8 Raxc8 24.Bf8 Rc2∓)*;
B4a2) 20...Qxc4! 21.Qxd8 Bh3
B4a21) 22.Qxa8 Bxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Qg4+-+ *(23...Qg4+ 24.Kf1 Qxf3+ 25.Ke1 Qh1+ 26.Kd2 Qxh2+ 27.Kd3 Qg3+ 28.Kd2 Qf2+ 29.Kd3 Qd4+ 30.Kc2 Qc4+ 31.Kd1∞)*;
B4a22) 22.Qd2;
B4b) 19...Nb6 20.Qe3 Bf5 21.Bf8 Qxc4 *(21...Kxf8 22.Re1 Be6 23.Qh6+ Ke8 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Rxe6+ Kd7 26.Re7+ Kc8 27.Rxc7+ Kxc7 28.Qxh7+±)* 22.Qg5+ Kxf8 23.Qg7+ Ke8 24.Ne5±;
B4c) 19...Nc5! 20.Qe7 Qxe7 21.fxe7 Re8 22.bxc5 Rxe7∓;
B4d) 19...fxe6 20.Bxe6+ Kh8 21.Bg7#;
B4e) 19...Nf8∓;
C) 18.Bb3 Nd7 19.Qd2 *(19.Bg5!?)* 19...Kf8! and compared to the game Black has an important extra tempo and good chances to beat off the assault, e.

g. *(19...Kh8? 20.Qh6 Rg8 21.Ng5 Nf8 22.Bf4!+-)* 20.Bxe6 *(20.Qh6+ Ke8 21.Bf4 Qc3)* 20...Ne5! 21.Qh6+ Ke8;

D) 18.Bb2 Qf4! *(18...Nd7 19.Ng5 Nf8 20.Qh5 Bb8 21.Be5 Qd7 22.Qh6 Qd1+ 23.Bf1!+-)*

D1) 19.Ne5 Rd2 20.Qh5

D1a) 20...Qxf6 21.Nd7 Qg6 *(21...Qxb2 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qd8+ Kg7 24.Qg5+ Kh8=)* 22.Nf6+ Kh8-+;

D1b) 20...Qxf6;

D2) 19.Rf1 Qe3! 20.Qc2 Qh6 21.Ne5 Nc6∓;

E) 18.Ne5? Qxe5 19.Qg4+ Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8 21.Qg8+ Kd7 22.Qxf7+ *(22.Rd1+ Bd4)*

E1) 22...Kd6? 23.Qe7+ Kc6 24.Rc1 Rd7 25.Bd3+ Kb6 26.Bf4 Rxe7 *(26...Qd5 27.Qd8+! Rxd8 28.Bc7#)* 27.Bxe5 Nc6 *(27...Rd7 28.f7! Rxd3 29.f8Q+-)* 28.fxe7 Bd7 29.Bd6∞;

E2) 22...Kc6 23.Rc1

E2a) 23...Be3 24.Bd5+ Kb6 *(24...Kxd5 25.Bxe3 Qxe3 26.Qh5+ Kd6 27.Qd1+ Ke5 28.Qh5+ Kxf6 29.Rf1+ Ke7-+)* 25.Qc7+ Qxc7 26.Bxe3+ Kb5 27.Rxc7 exd5-+;

E2b) 23...Be3-+;

F) 18.Ng1

F1) 18...Rd4 19.Qh5

F1a) 19...Rxc4 20.Bh6 Be3 21.Bxe3 Nd7 22.Rd1 h6 *(22...Nxf6 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Qxf6+-)* 23.Qxh6 Rg4 24.Bg5 Rxg5 25.Qxg5+ Kf8 26.Rxd7! Bxd7 27.Qg7+ Ke8 28.Qg8#;

F1b) 19...Qxc4 20.Qh6 Rg4 21.Bg5 Rxg5 22.Qxg5+ Kf8 23.Rd1 Bd4 *(23...Nd7 24.Qg7+ Ke8 25.Qg8+ Nf8 26.Qxf8+ Kxf8 27.Rd8#)* 24.Qg7+ Ke8 25.Qg8+ Kd7 26.Nf3 Kc7 27.Qxf7+ Nd7 28.Nxd4⟶;

F1c) 19...Nd7!?∓;

F2) 18...Bd4!

F2a) 19.Bb2 Qf4 *(19...Bxb2 20.Qg4+ Kf8 21.Qg7+ Ke8 22.Qg8+ Kd7 23.Rd1+ Kc6 24.Rxd8 Nd7-+)* 20.Rf1 Qh6-+;

F2b) 19.Qg4+ Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8

F2b1) 21.Qg7 Qxc4 *(21...Bxa1?! 22.Qf8+ Kd7 23.Qe7+ Kc6 24.Qc5+ Kd7 25.Qe7+=)* 22.Qf8+ *(22.Rc1 Qxc1 23.Bxc1 Bxg1 24.Qg8+ Kd7 25.Qxf7+ Kc6-+)* 22...Kd7 23.Qe7+ Kc6 24.Qxd8 *(24.Rc1 Qxc1 25.Bxc1 Bb6 26.Be3 Rd7 27.Qe8 Bxe3 28.Qxc8+ Kb6-+)* 24...Bxa1 25.Qxc8+ Kd5 26.Qxb7+ Qc6 27.Qxf7 Nd7-+;

F2b2) 21.Rc1 Bxf6! *(21...Nc6? 22.Qg8+ Kd7 23.Qxf7+ Kd6 24.Bf8+ Rxf8 25.Qxf8++-)* 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.Qg8+ Kd7 24.Rxc7+ Kxc7-+;

F3) 18...e5 19.Qh5 Kf8 *(19...Kh8 20.Bd3 Rxd3 21.Qh6+-; 19...Rd4 20.Qh6 Rg4 21.Bg5 Rxg5 22.Qxg5+ Kf8 23.Qg7+ Ke8 24.Qg8+ Kd7 25.Qxf7+ Kc6 26.Qd5+ Kb6 27.Rc1+-)* 20.Qxh7 Ke8 21.Qg8+ Kd7 22.Qxf7+ Kc6 *(22...Kd6 23.Qd5#)* 23.b5+ axb5 24.Bxb5+ Kb6 25.Be3+

Rd4 26.Qe8±;
F4) 18...Nd7 19.Qg4+ Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8 21.Qg8+ Nf8 22.Qxf8+ Kd7 23.Qxf7+ Kc6 24.b5+ axb5 25.Bxb5+ Kb6 26.Be3++-;
F5) 18...Kh8 19.Bh6
F5a) 19...Bd4 20.Bg7+ Kg8 21.Bd3 *(21.Qg4 e5 22.Qg5 Be3!)* 21...Qe5 22.Qc2 Qh5 23.g4 *(23.Rf1 Nc6 24.g4 Nxb4 25.Qb1 Qh4 26.Nf3 Qh3 27.Be4 Be3 28.Re1)*
F5a1) 23...Qd5+ 24.Be4 Bxa1 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Qc1 Nc6 27.Qh6!! *(27.Qg5 Ne5!; 27.Qxa1 Bxg4 28.Qc3 d4 29.Qg3 Bf5 30.Bh6+ Bg6 31.h4 Rd5∓)*
F5a11) 27...Rd6 28.Bh8 *(28.Nf3 Bxg4 29.Ng5 Bf5∞; 28.Bf8 Bxf6 29.Bxd6 Bg7 30.Qf4±)* 28...Bxf6 29.Bxf6 Rxf6 30.Qxf6 Be6 31.Nf3 Nxb4 32.Ng5±;
F5a12) 27...Nd4 28.Bh8 Ne6 29.Nf3 b5 30.Ng5 Ra7 31.Bg7+-;
F5a2) 23...Qh4 24.Nf3 Bxf6 25.Nxh4 Kxg7 26.Rf1 Bxh4 27.Qc3+±;
F5b) 19...Rg8!? also seems insufficient.;
G) 18.Ng5? Qxc4!-+;
H) 18.Ne1 Rd4 *(18...Bd4 19.Qg4+ Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8-+)* 19.Qh5 Qxc4 20.Qg5+ *(20.Qh6 Qf1#)* 20...Kf8 21.Qg7+ Ke8 22.Qg8+ Kd7 23.Qxf7+ Kc6-+;
I) 18.Bg5! Δ♘e5,♕e4-g4,h4
I1) 18...Qd6 19.Ne5 *(19.Qe4!?)*
I1a) 19...Bd4? 20.Bh6!+-;
I1b) 19...Nc6 20.Nxf7! Kxf7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Rf1 Kh8 *(22...Bf2 23.f7+ Kg7 24.Qh6+ Kxf7 25.Qxh7+ Ke8 26.Rxf2+-)* 23.f7 e5 24.Be6! Qxe6 25.f8Q+ Rxf8 26.Rxf8+ Kg7 27.Bh6+! Qxh6 28.Qf7#;
I1c) 19...Qf8 20.Qg4 Kh8 21.Bh6!+-;
I1d) 19...Qd4 20.Rf1→ Δ♘f7;
I2) Also not quite sufficient seems to be 18...Nc6?!
I2a) 19.Qe4 Nd4 20.Bh6 e5! *(20...Nf5 21.Qg4+=)* 21.Nxe5 Re8!∓;
I2b) 19.Bh6! e5 *(19...Nd4? 20.Nxd4 Rxd4 21.Qh5+-)* 20.Ng5 *(20.Qe4 Nd4 21.Nxe5 Re8!∓)* 20...Nd4 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Nxf7 Nxe2 23.Nxd8 Be6 24.Nxe6 Kf7 25.Rf1!↑;
I3) The former defensive idea 18...Nd7 19.Qe4 Nf8? fails after 20.Qh4! e5 21.Qh6 Ne6 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Nxe5 Rd7 24.Qh5 Rf7 25.Rd1+- Δ♖d8;
I4) ⌓18...b5!
I4a) 19.Ne5?! Nc6! *(19...bxc4? 20.Bh6 Rd4 21.Qh5 Qxe5 22.Qxe5 Rg4 23.Qc7+-)* 20.Nxc6 Qxc6 21.Qg4 h5 22.Qxh5 Bb7 23.Bf1 Qe4-+;
I4b) 19.Bb3!
I4b1) 19...Bb7?! 20.Ne5 Nc6 *(20...Kf8 21.Qh5!→)* 21.Bf4±;
I4b2) ⌓19...Nc6!
I4b21) 20.Bh6 Bb7! *(20...e5?! 21.Rc1!→)* 21.Qe1!? *(21.Qe4 Ne7! 22.Qxe6 Ng6∓)* 21...Nd4 22.Qh4 Nf5=;

I4b22) 20.Qe4 Nd4 21.Bh6 *(21.Nxd4? Rxd4 22.Qxa8 Bb8!→; 21.Qg4? e5-+)*

I4b221) 21...e5?! 22.Nxd4 *(22.Rc1? Qxc1+! 23.Bxc1 Nxb3-+)* 22...Bxd4 *(22...Rxd4 23.Qxa8 Qb7 24.Qxb7 Bxb7 25.Be3+-; 22...exd4? 23.Bc2-+)* 23.Rf1+- Δ♗c2,♕h4-g5;

I4b222) 21...Nf5 22.Qg4+ Kh8 23.Bg7+ Kg8= It maybe quite possible, that Lputjan found a forced win at home, which the annotator (and Fritz) are unable to see. But even if not, he probably had the correct practical instinct that White always has a draw in his hands, while Black must yet find a lot of only moves.;

I4b23) An interesting attempt is for example 20.Rc1!? but it's practically impossible to exhaust the position analytically.]

18.Qd2!+- Δ♕g5,♕h6 **18...Rd8**

[18...Nxf6 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Bh6+-]

[18...Ne5 19.Qh6+-]

[18...Kh8 19.Qh6 Rg8 20.Ng5 Nf8 21.Bd3 Qd7 *(21...Bb8 22.Bf4!+-)*

A) 22.Bf4!? Stohl: '+-' Stohl: 'Huzman';

B) 22.Bf4+- Huzman;

C) 22.Bf4 Ftacnik Bb8 23.Bxh7

C1) 23...Bxf4 24.Bxg8+ *(24.Be4+ Nh7 25.Qxh7#)* 24...Kxg8 25.Qg7#;

C2) 23...Rxg5 24.Bg6+ Kg8 25.Qg7#;

D) 22.Nxh7 Rg6 23.Qxf8+ Rg8 *(23...Kxh7 24.Qg7#)* 24.Qh6 Rg6 25.Qh5+-]

19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Bf4 Qc6

[20...Qxc4 21.Bd6+ Ke8 22.Qg8+ Nf8 23.Qxf8+ Kd7 24.Ne5#]

[20...Qb6 21.Qg7+ Ke8 22.Ng5+-]

(Diagram)

21.Rd1 R.Scherbakov: 'Black is a rook up but it looks like white has a big material advantage.' Not the only move, White already has more than one road to victory. The game is over, white pieces are in the ideal locations.

[21.Qg7+ Ke8 22.Ng5 Ne5 23.Bxe5+-]

21...Nxf6 R.Scherbakov: 'What else?'

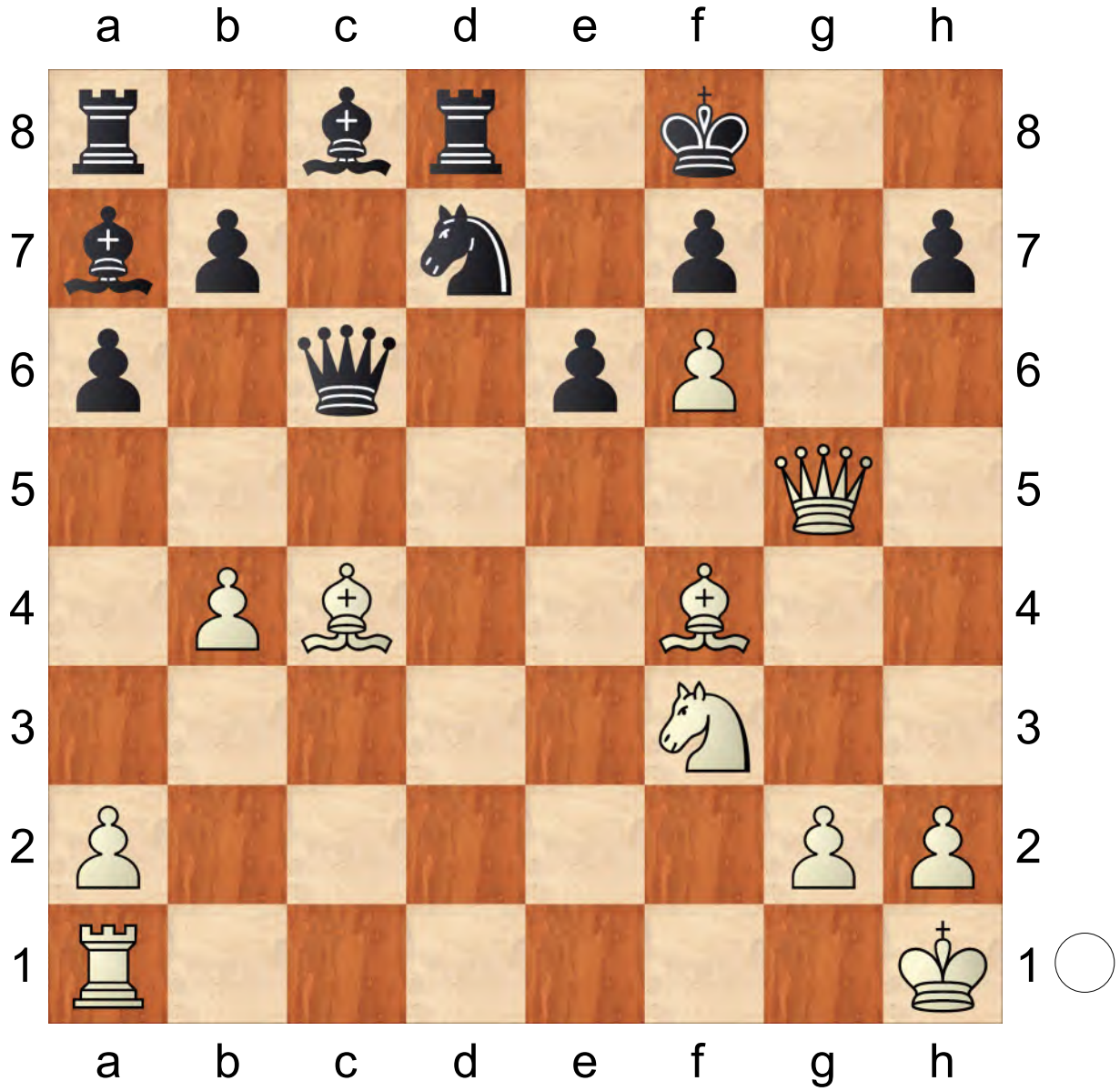
[21...b5 22.Qg7+ Ke8 23.Rxd7!+- *(23.Qg8+ Nf8 24.Qxf8+! Kxf8 25.Rxd8+ Qe8 26.Bd6++-)*]

[21...Bb8 Ftacnik 22.Qg7+ Ke8 23.Rxd7 *(23.Qg8+ Nf8 24.Qxf8+ Kxf8 25.Rxd8+ Qe8 26.Bh6+ Kg8 27.Rxe8#)* 23...Kxd7 *(23...Rxd7 24.Qg8#)* 24.Qxf7#]

[21...Bf2 Ftacnik 22.Rxd7! Bxd7 23.Qg7+ Ke8 24.Qg8#]

22.Rxd8+ Ne8

[22...Ke7 23.Be5 *(23.Bd6++-)* 23...Kxd8 24.Bxf6+

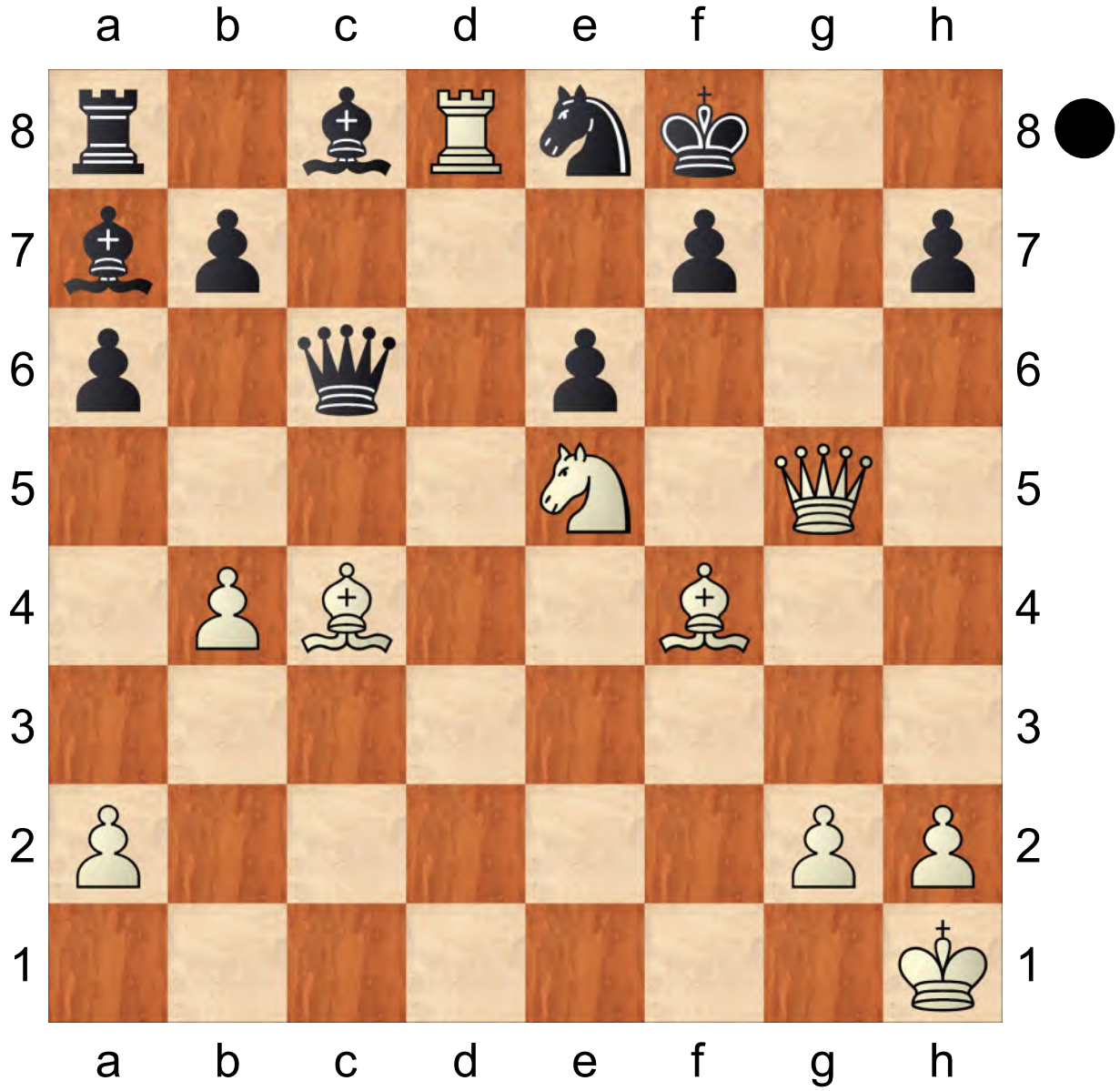


A) 24...Kd7 Ftacnik 25.Ne5+ Kd6 26.Be7+ Kc7 27.Bd8+ Kb8 *(27...Kd6 28.Nxf7+ Kd7 29.Qe7#)* 28.Nxc6+ bxc6 29.Qe5+ Kb7 30.Qc7#;
B) 24...Ke8 25.Qg8+ Kd7 26.Qd8#;
C) 24...Kc7
C1) 25.Bd8+ Kd7 *(25...Kb8 26.Qe5+)* 26.Qe7#;
C2) 25.Bd8+!+-]

23.Ne5

[More brutal and direct was 23.Qh6+ Ke7 *(23...Kg8 24.Bd6 Qxd6 25.Rxe8+)* 24.Bg5+ f6 25.Bxf6+ Nxf6 *(25...Kf7* Ftacnik *26.Ne5+ Kg8 27.Qg7#)* 26.Qf8#]
[23.Ne5
A) 23...Qe4 24.Nd7+ Bxd7 25.Bd6#;
B) 23...Qb6 Ftacnik
B1) 24.Rxe8+ Kxe8 25.Qg8+ Ke7 26.Qxf7+ Kd6

B1a) 27.Ng6+
B1a1) 27...e5 28.Qe7+ *(28.Bxe5+ Kc6 29.Qd5#)* 28...Kc6 29.Nxe5#;
B1a2) 27...Kc6 28.Qe8+ Bd7 29.Ne7#;
B1b) 27.Nd7+ e5 28.Bxe5+ Kc6 29.Qe6# *(29.Qd5#)*;
B2) 24.Qh6+ Ke7 25.Bg5+ f6 26.Bxf6+ Nxf6 27.Qf8#;
C) 23...Qa4 24.Qh5!+-]



R.Scherbakov: '1-0 Black resigned. A very good idea and a nice game by Smbat Lputian.'
1-0

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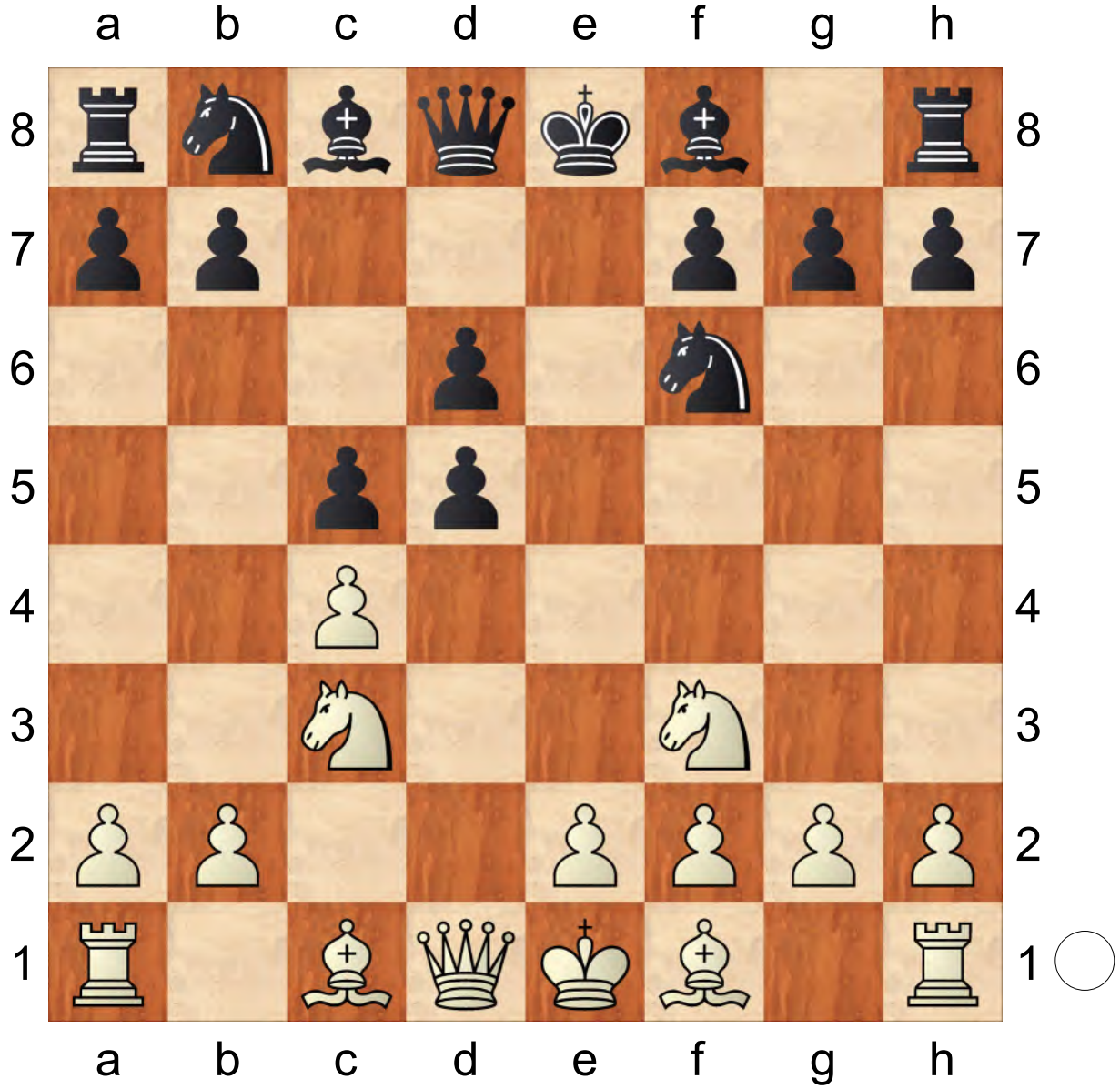
□ **Leko,Peter** **2741**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2770**
World-ch Kramnik-Leko +2-2=10 (13) 16.10.2004
[Kapengut,Albert Z]

JvR: 'Kramnik,V: 'Inf 91/43'' **1.d4** JvR Kapengut Hazai JvR: '!?' JvR: 'Kapengut Kapengut Kapengut: 'Hazai'' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5** Hazai: 'Kramnik doesn't want to leave the decision for the last game. The Benoni is a rare guest in top-level chess, but it may lead to a sharp tactical battle.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'Kramnik doesn't want to leave the decision for the last game. The Benoni is a rare guest in top-level chess, but it may lead to a sharp tactical battle.'' **4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5**



6.cxd5 g6 7.Nd2 Leko never played the Modern Benoni with White before. I bet the idea of his playing 7. ♘d2 belonged to his coach Arshak Petrosian who used this system long ago. I couldn't recollect this opening occurred at the World Championship Matches after Botvinnik-Tal. By the way, twenty years ago, the then World Champion Anatoly Karpov invited me to assist him in preparing the Modern Benoni against Garry Kasparov, but his young opponent didn't risk playing it. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Leko never played the Modern Benoni with White before. I bet the idea of his playing 7.♘d2 belonged to his coach Arshak Petrosian who used this system long ago. I couldn't recollect this opening occurred at the World Championship Matches after Botvinnik-Tal. By the way, twenty years ago, the then World Champion Anatoly Karpov invited me to assist him in preparing the Modern Benoni against Garry Kasparov, but his young opponent didn't risk playing it. '' **7...Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Be2 Na6** Very often Black played immediately 9...♘e8 with the idea f7-f5. After the last move, Kramnik didn't define his own plan keeping the illusion about choosing the main line of the seventies after 10.0-0 ♘c7 11.a4 ♖e8. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Very often Black played immediately 9... ♘e8 with the idea f7-f5. After the last move, Kramnik didn't define his own plan keeping the illusion about choosing the main line of the seventies after 10.0-0 ♘c7 11.a4 ♖e8.'' **10.0-0 Ne8**

(Diagram)

Hazai: '**Δ** f5 eliminating White's central ♙, after which it is not easy to find a clear-cut plan for White, there is no breakthrough by e4-e5.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: ' **Δ** f5 eliminating White's central ♙, after which it is not easy to find a clear-cut plan for White, there is no breakthrough by e4-e5.'" **11.Nc4 Nac7**

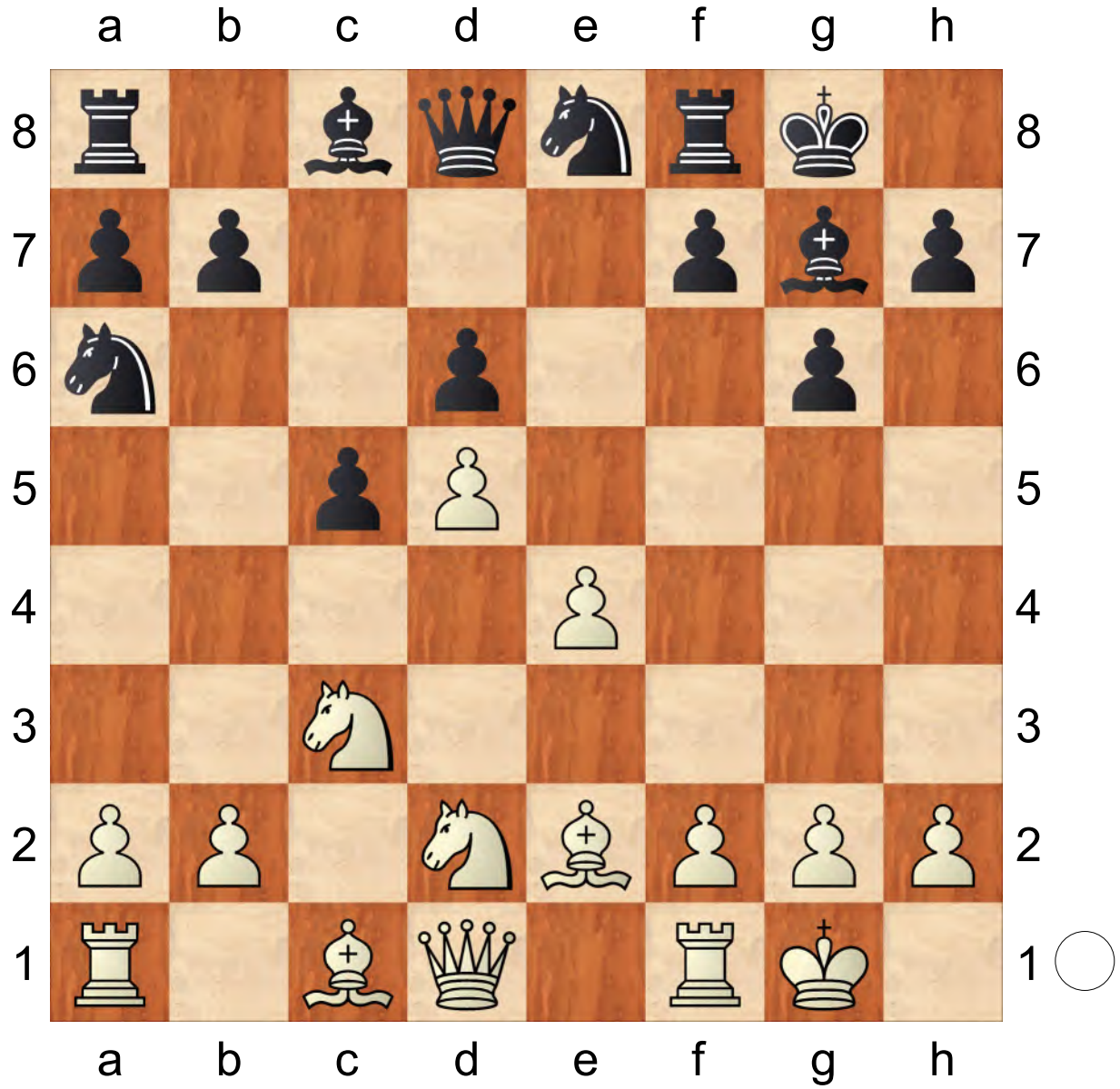
[The immediate 11...f5!? JvR: 'Kapengut' was possible.]

12.a4 f5 '!' Hazai. JvR: 'Kapengut: ''!' Hazai. '' This position was popular in the 80-90 years. However, in last time it was played rare enough. The author of this comments saw as his basic task to make the current condition of it clearly for readers of CBM. Hazai: 'The champion's choice of opening was very clever.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'This position was popular in the 80-90 years. However, in last time it was played rare enough. The author of this comments saw as his basic task to make the current condition of it clearly for readers of CBM. Hazai: 'The champion's choice of opening was very clever.'"

[Black would trade the dangerous knight after 12...b6 JvR: 'Kapengut' but Kramnik choose a more aggressive continuation.]

13.exf5!? JvR: 'Kapengut: '!?' '!?'' Hazai: 'Kramnik has never played Benoni with Black, but for Leko the entire opening structure is new since he adopted 1.d4 right for the Wch match.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'Kramnik has never played Benoni with Black, but for Leko the entire opening structure is new since he adopted 1.d4 right for the Wch match.'"

[13.f3 JvR: 'Kapengut' Qe7 14.Bf4 g5 15.Bg3 f4 16.Bf2 b6 17.Re1 Ba6 18.e5 Bxc4 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bxc4 Qd7 21.Ba2 Rae8 22.Qd3 Kh8 23.Rxe8



Rxe8 24.Rd1⇄ Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V/Belgrade 1995]

[Hazai: The positional ♙ sacrifice 13.Bf4 JvR: 'Kapengut' has been played before and this position has been reached by transposition Hazai: 'gave more chances for an advantage, but it also looks riskier.'

A) 13...fxe4 14.Qd2

A1) 14...Bf5 (Hazai) provoking the following "weakening move" 15.g4 Bc8 *(15...e3 16.fxe3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Be4 18.Bh6 Ng7 19.Bd3 Bxd5 20.e4±)* 16.Nxe4 Qe7 17.Ncxd6 Bd4 *(17...Rxf4 18.Qxf4 Nxd6 19.Nxd6 Nxd5 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Qg3 Rd8 22.Ne4 Bxb2 23.Rae1±; 17...Bxb2 18.Rab1±)* 18.Bg3 Nxd6 19.Nxd6 Nxd5 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Rae1± and the opening of the position clearly favours White.;

A2) 14...Qf6 15.Bg5 Qf7 *(15...Qf5* Hazai *16.f3! Bd4+ 17.Be3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qxd5 19.fxe4 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1±; 15...Qd4* Hazai *16.Qc2 Nxd5*

17.Be3±) 16.Rad1 '?!' Hazai. Hazai: 'as we will see this weakens × a4!' *(16.f3!* (Hazai) White wants to open up the position for his better developed pieces. *exf3 17.Rxf3 Bd4+ 18.Be3±)* 16...Bf5 17.g4 *(17.f3!?* Hazai *exf3 18.Rxf3 Qd7 19.Rdf1 Nf6)* 17...Bd7 18.Nxe4 Bxa4 19.Ncxd6 Nxd6 20.Nxd6 Qd7 21.Ra1 Qxd6 *(21...b6!?)* 22.Rxa4 Bd4∓ Gyimesi,Z-Chatalbashev,B/Bled SLO 2002 *(22...Be5∓* (Hazai) Gyimesi-Chatalbashev, Bled op 2002 *)*;

B) 13...g5!? 14.Bd2 Bd4 *(14...f4 15.Bg4±)*

B1) 15.Kh1 f4 16.Bg4 Nf6 17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.Qf3 Nd7 Hazai: '(F.Portisch-Szalanczy, Zalakaros op 1992)' 19.g3 *(19.Ne2* Hazai *Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bc3±* Finally Black has blockaded the vital e5 square, but his position is still worse.*)* 19...Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Qh5 Kh8 22.Rg1± Portisch,F-Szalanczy,E/Zalakaros op 1992;

B2) 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qc1 h6 *(16...g4 17.Bh6±)* 17.Ne3 Ng7 *(17...Bg6 18.Bg4±)* 18.Ra3!± Qf6 19.Nxf5 Nxf5 20.Kh1 Rae8 21.Bh5 Ne3 22.Bxe3 Rxe3 *(22...Bxe3? 23.Qc2! Re7 24.Ne4±)* 23.Rb3 b6 24.a5 b5 *(24...bxa5 25.Rb7 Re7 26.Rxa7±)* 25.Be2 Re5 26.Nxb5 *(26.Bxb5 g4 27.Bd7±)* 26...Rxe2 27.Nxc7 Rxf2 *(27...Bxf2 28.Ne6)* 28.Rf3 Rxf3 29.Rxf3 Qe7∓ Farago,I-Szalanczy,E/Wien 1990]

13...Rxf5 JvR: '!?' JvR: 'Both players have made an unexpected openings' choice. ' Hazai: 'Attacking × d5 with all of his pieces.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'Attacking × d5 with all of his pieces.'"

[13...gxf5?! JvR: 'Kapengut' 14.Bf4 Rb8 15.Ra3 a6 16.a5 Nb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Nb6 b4 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.b3 Nf6 21.Bd3 Ng4 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.Bxf5!+- Schneider,A-Higatsberger,M/Budapest Statisztika 1991]

[13...Bxf5 JvR: 'Kapengut'

A) 14.Bf3 Na6 15.Ne4 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Qh4 17.f4 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Ng7 19.g3 Qf6 20.Bd2 Rae8 21.Qc2?! *(21.Qf3)* 21...Nb4 22.Bxb4 cxb4 23.Rae1 Re7 24.Bg2 Rfe8= Bagirov,R-Kotsur,P/Abu Dhabi UAE 2001;

B) 14.Ra3 Na6 *(14...Qh4!?)* 15.g4 Bc8 16.Ne4 b6 17.Rf3 Nac7 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Bf4 *(19.g5!?±)* 19...Bb7 20.Bf3 Bxd5 21.Ncxd6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nxd6 24.Rd1 Nce8 25.Bxd6 Nxd6 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Qxa8+= Kopecky,B-Krisko,D/CSR-ch23 corr 1989;

C) 14.Ne3 Bd7 15.Bd2 *(15.Qc2?! Na6 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Nc4 Rb8 18.Bd2 Bf5 19.Ne4 Qh4 20.f3 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Nf6!? 22.Ncxd6 Be5 23.g3 Bxg3* Blasovszky,I-Szalanczy,E/Budapest 1993 *24.Bg5!? Qxg5 25.Nxg5 Bxc2 26.hxg3 Nxd5∓; 15.Bg4?! Nf6 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Qd3 Rae8 18.Bd2 Nh5 19.g3 Rf3 20.Kg2 Nf4+! 21.gxf4 Qh3+ 22.Kh1 Re5!-+* Kudrashov,A-Pavlenko,O /1972*)* 15...b6 16.Rb1 Qh4 17.g3 Qe7 18.Bf3 Bh3 19.Bg2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nf6 21.Qc2 Qd7 22.Qd3 Rae8∓ Tasic,B-Vaisman,V/FRA-chT 1995;

D) 14.Be3

D1) 14...Bd7 15.Qd2 b5 16.axb5 Nxb5 17.Nxb5 Bxb5 18.Na5 Qb6

19.Ra2 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Nc7 21.Nc4 Qb5 22.Qg4!? *(22.Ra5 Qd7=)* 22...Qb4!? *(22...h5?! 23.Qe4 Rae8 24.Qd3 Rf5 25.Ra5 Qb4 26.Bd2 Qb8 27.Nxd6 Rxd5 28.Qxg6 Re6 29.Qf7++-* Dlugy,M-Gurevich,D/USA-ch Estes Park 1987*; 22...Bd4?! 23.Rc1 Bxe3 24.fxe3 Rf6 25.e4 Raf8 26.Raa1±)* 23.Rfa1 *(23.h3 Kh8 24.Nxd6 Nxd5⇄)* 23...Rae8 24.Ra4 Qb3 25.Qd1!? *(Δ25.Nxd6 Rxe3!? 26.fxe3 Qxe3+ 27.Kh1 Bxb2⩱)* 25...Rb8⇄;

D2) 14...Qe7!? 15.Qd2 *(15.Qb3)* 15...Qf7 *(15...b6!? 16.Rae1 Rb8 17.Bf3 Qd7 18.Bg5* ½-½ Halasz,T-Palkovi,J/Hungary 1993 *; 15...Rd8 16.Rad1 Nf6 17.Bg5 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Qf8 19.Bd3± Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Ng4 21.Qf3 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Re8 23.Qxf8+ Kxf8 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8 25.Ne4 Bd4 26.b3 b6 27.h3 Ne5 28.Ncxd6±* Lukacs,P-Szalanczy,E/Budapest 1990*)* 16.Rad1 *(16.Rfd1 Rd8 17.Nb5±)* 16...Rd8 17.Rfe1 *(17.Bg5* JvR: 'Kapengut: '½-½ Ftacnik,L-Romanishin,O/Szirak 1986'' *Bf6 18.Bh6 Bg7 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bh6 Bg7 21.Bg5* ½-½ Ftacnik,L-Romanishin,O/Szirak 1986*; 17.g4!? ΔBxc3 18.bxc3 Be4 19.Bh6 Ng7 20.Ne3 Bf3 21.c4±)* 17...a6 18.Nb6!? *(18.a5 Nb5 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Na3 b4 21.Nc4 Nc7=)* 18...Nf6 19.Bg5! Na8 *(19...Rfe8 20.f3 Qf8 21.g4!±)* 20.Nc4 Nc7 21.Qf4± Qd7 *(21...h6!? Δ22.Bxh6?! Nfxd5∞* AK *)* 22.Ne3 *(22.Nb6 ⩲ Qf7 23.Rc1 Δ* b4± *)* 22...Rde8□ 23.Nxf5 *(23.g4? Rxe3!∞)* 23...gxf5 24.Bd3 Ng4! 25.Rxe8 Nxe8 26.h3 Ne5 27.Bc2 Nc7± Damljanovic,B-Magerramov,E/Palma de Mallorca 1989[Damljanovic,B];

D3) 14...Na6!? 15.Qd2 Nb4 16.g4!? Bc8□ *(16...Bd7? 17.Nxd6! Nxd6 18.Bxc5±)* 17.f3 *(17.a5! Rb8 18.Nb5 a6 19.Nbxd6! Nxd6 20.Bxc5±)* 17...b6! 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.a5?! *(19.Ne3±)* 19...b5! 20.Nxb5! *(20.Ne3 a6∓)* 20...Qxb5 21.Nb6! Qxe2 22.Qxe2 axb6 23.axb6 Rb8 24.Ra7!

D3a) 24...Nxd5? 25.Qc4 Be6 26.Re7!+-;

D3b) 24...Be5 25.f4 Bd4+ 26.Kg2∞;

D3c) 24...Bb7! 25.Qe6+ *(25.Be7! Rf7∓)* 25...Kh8 26.Rxb7!? Rxb7 27.Be7 Rg8∓ *(27...Rxe7? 28.Qxe7 Nxd5 29.Qxf8+!+-)*;

D3d) 24...Rxb6!? 25.Be7 Nxd5□ *(25...Rf7 26.Bd8!+-)* 26.Qc4! *(26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Qc4 Nec7!?∞)* 26...Be6 27.Bxf8 Ftacnik,L-Rogers,I/Thessaloniki (ol) 1984 Kxf8! 28.Re1 Rb4 29.Qa2 Rxb2 30.Qa4! *(30.Qc4 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 Nf4!∓)* 30...Rb4 31.Qc6 Rb6 32.Qa8 Bd4+ 33.Kh1 c4!?⩱ Rogers,J;

E) 14.Bf4!

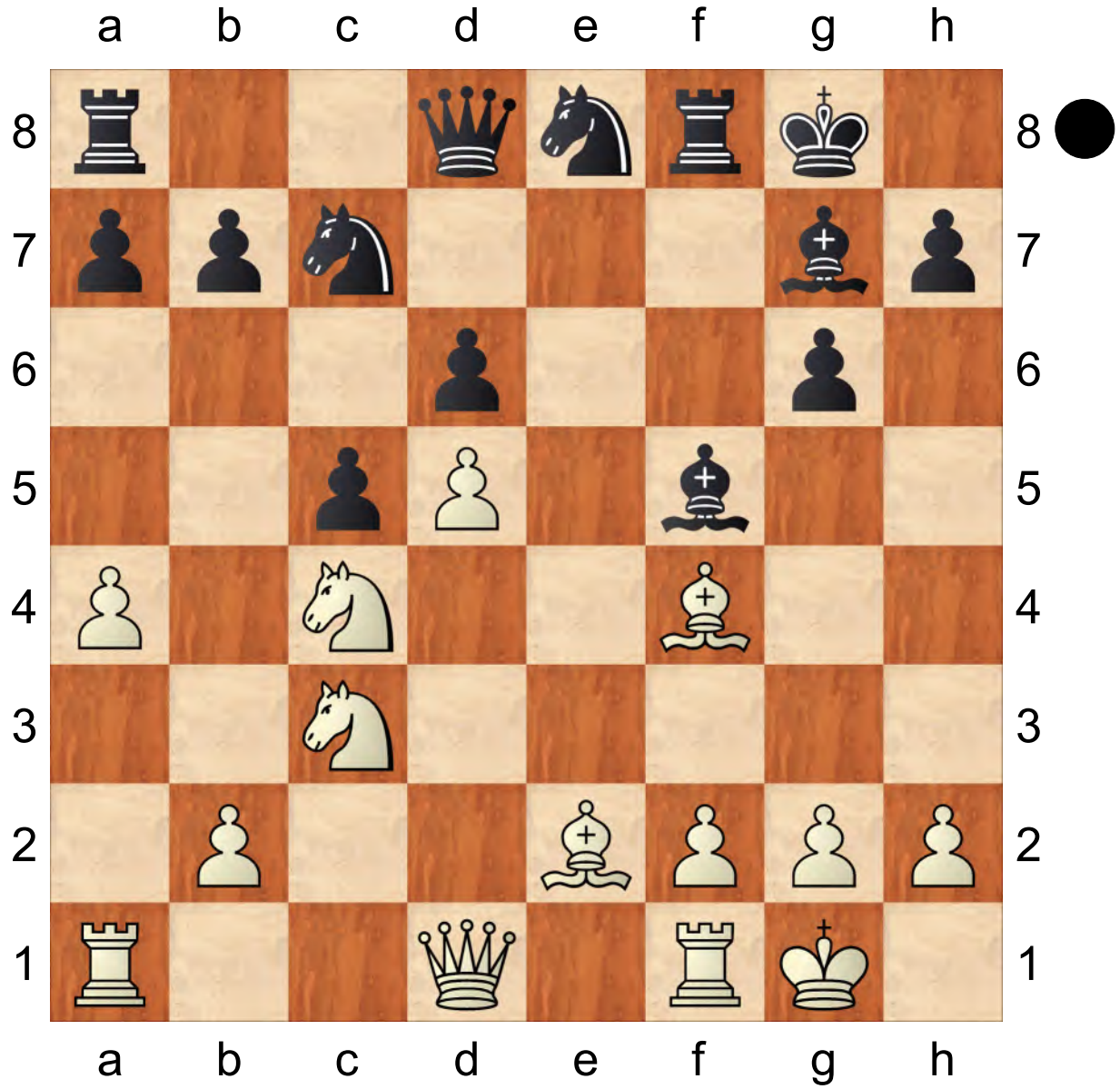
(Diagram)

E1) 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Be4 16.Bg3 Bxd5 17.Qd2 →\ ;

E2) 14...Be4 15.Qd2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bxd5 17.Bh6⩱;

E3) 14...Qd7!? Δ ♖d8,♕f7;

E4) 14...Bd7 15.Bg3 *(15.Bxd6 Nxd6 16.Nxd6 Bxa4=)* 15...b5 16.Nxd6 b4 17.Nce4 Bxb2 18.Nxc5 Bxa1 19.Qxa1→;



E5) 14...Bd4!? 15.Bg3 *(15.Ne3 Bc2 16.Nxc2 Rxf4 17.g3 Bxc3!? 18.gxf4 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Qf6⩲ /±)* 15...Qf6 16.Qd2 a6 *(⌓16...Rd8 17.Rae1 a6⇄)* 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Rae1 *(18.a5!? Be5□ 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 Δ♕d4 20.Rad1↑)* 18...Na8 *(18...Be5!? Δ19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Bxa6? Qd4-+)* 19.Nc4 Nac7 *(19...b5 20.Na5 b4 21.Nd1±)* 20.Bf3!± b5 21.Na5 b4 *(21...bxa4 22.Nxa4 Bxb2 23.Nc6→)*

E5a) 22.Ne4!? Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Bxb2 *(23...Nxd5? 24.Rxd4+-)* 24.Nc6 Ra8 25.Bh4 Qc3 26.Qg5→;

E5b) 22.Nd1 Δ♘c6 22...Bd7□ 23.Nc6 *(23.b3!?± Δ♖e2, ♘e3-c4)* 23...Bxc6 24.dxc6 Rd8 *(24...c4? 25.Re4+-; 24...d5 25.Ne3±)* 25.Ne3 *(25.Bg4?? h5-+* Plachetka,J-Horvath,C/Stary Smokovec 1991*)* 25...d5 *(25...Bxb2 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.Qxd5+→ Δ♖e6)* 26.Ng4 Qxc6 27.Re7 Rd7□ 28.Be5!! Δ♘h6# Rxf3□ 29.Rxd7 Qxd7 30.Nh6+! Kf8 31.Bxd4!

cxd4 32.gxf3± Stohl,I;

E6) 14...g5!? 15.Bg3 Bd4 16.Ne3! Bg6 *(16...Bxe3 17.fxe3 Qe7 18.Qd2 h6 19.Bd3±)* 17.Bd3

E6a) 17...Bxe3 18.Bxg6!? *(18.fxe3 Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1)* 18...Bxf2+ 19.Rxf2 hxg6 20.Qd3;

E6b) 17...Qf6 18.Nc2 *(18.Ne4 Qe7!; 18.Qd2!? Δ ♘c2)* 18...Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qxc3 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Ne3⩲;

E6c) 17...Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Ng7 *(18...Nf6 19.Nf5±)* 19.Ne4 Nce8 20.Nc2! Bf6 *(20...Bxb2 21.Rab1 Bf6 22.Rxb7±; 20...h5 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.f4!±)* 21.Rae1 Δb4

E6c1) 21...Nf5 22.Nxc5 dxc5 *(22...Nxg3 23.Ne6+-)* 23.Qxf5 Bxb2 24.Qe6+ Rf7 25.d6±;

E6c2) 21...Nh5 22.Nxf6+ Rxf6 *(22...Qxf6 23.b4 Δ ♖e6)* 23.Re4 Neg7 24.b4 b6 25.Rfe1 Qf8 *(25...Qd7? 26.Re7 Qxa4 27.Ra1+-)* 26.Qd2 h6 *(26...Nf4 27.h4 h6 28.Ne3 Ngh5 29.Ng4±)* 27.Ne3 Nf5 *(27...Re8 28.Ng4 Rg6±)* 28.Nxf5 *(28.Ng4 Rg6!?)* 28...Rxf5 29.Re7 Nxg3 *(29...Nf4 30.Bxf4 Rxf4 31.R1e6+-)* 30.hxg3 Rf7 31.R7e6 Rf6 32.Rxf6 Qxf6 33.Re6± Ftacnik,L-Kindermann,S/Altensteig 1987 [Ftacnik,L];

E7) 14...Bd3!? 15.Bg3! Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Nf6 Δ♘h5 *(16...Bd4?! 17.Ne2±)*

E7a) 17.Qb3 Nh5 18.Qxb7 Rb8 19.Qxa7 Nxg3 *(19...Rxb2 20.Nb5 Nxb5 21.Bxb5 Bd4 22.Kh1 Qf6⇄)* 20.hxg3 Rxb2 21.Rac1 Rf7 22.Qa5 Qf8 23.Ne2 Be5 24.Qe1 Qh6 25.Rb1± Sznapik-Vaisman,V/Sandomierz 1976;

E7b) 17.Qd3?! Nh5 18.Rae1 Kh8 19.b3?! *(19.Ne4!? Nxg3 20.Qxg3 Be5 21.Qb3 b6 22.g3 Δ f4, ♘g5 × e6)* 19...a6 20.Ne4 *(20.Re2!? Δ ♖fe1)* 20...Nxg3 21.Qxg3 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bd3 Nxd5 24.Qxd6 Nc3 25.Qg3 *(25.Qxd8 Rfxd8 26.Nxc3 Rxd3 27.Nxb5 Rxb3 28.Nd6∓)*

E7b1) 25...c4 26.bxc4 Ra3 27.Ng5! Δ 28.♘e6,Δ 28.♕h4 h6 29.♘f7 *(27.Qd6 Qxd6 28.Nxd6 b4 29.c5 Na4 30.Bc4 Nxc5 31.Nf7+=)*;

E7b2) 25...Nxe4 26.Rxe4 c4 27.bxc4 *(27.Bc2? c3∓* Novikov,I-Romanishin,O/Lvov 1987*)* 27...Ra3 28.Rd1 Bd4 29.Rf4! bxc4 30.Rxf8+ Qxf8 31.Qh4 Rxd3 32.Rxd3 Bxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kxf2 cxd3 35.Ke3= Novikov,I;

E7c) 17.Be2! ½-½ Bischoff,K-Kotsur,P/Hamburg 2001

E7c1) 17...Qd7?! 18.Rb1 Rad8 19.b4 Na6 20.Nb5! cxb4 21.Nxd6± Qc7 22.Rc1 Qe7 23.Re1 Rxd6 24.Bxa6 Qd8 *(24...Rxd5 25.Rxe7 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 bxa6 27.Rxa7+-)* 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Bc4+- Dlugy,M-Gurevich,M/Philadelphia 1988;

E7c2) 17...Kh8?! 18.Qb3 *(18.Rb1 Qd7 19.b4 Nh5?! 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.bxc5! Bxc3 22.Rxb7 Qc8 23.Qb3 Bg7 24.Bxd6+-* Novikov,I-Kozlov,V/Naberezhnie Chelni 1988*)* 18...Rb8 19.Rfe1 Re8 20.Bf3 Qd7 21.Rxe8+ Nfxe8 22.h3! b6 *(Δ22...b5? 23.Bg4±)* 23.Bg4±

Kaplun,L-Izhnin,A/Kherson 1990;

E7c3) 17...a6

E7c31) 18.Bf3 Re8 19.Qb3 *(19.Qd2 Qd7 20.Qf4 Re5! 21.Qc4 Ree8=* Baburin,A-Borovicky/USSR 1988*)* 19...Rb8 20.a5 Qe7 *(20...Qd7?! 21.Qb6±)* 21.Qb6 Bf8 22.Bh4 *(22.h3 Na8±)* 22...Na8 23.Qb3 Qg7 24.Rfe1 g5 25.Bg3 g4 26.Rxe8 Nxe8 27.Be4 b5 28.Bf5 Nac7 29.Re1± Schmidt,T-Sirota,A/EU-ch GT299 corr 1988;

E7c32) 18.Qd2 Rb8 19.Bf3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.b4 *(21.Rfe1)* 21...cxb4 22.Ne2 Nh5!⇄ 23.Bxh5 *(23.Nd4 Nxg3 24.hxg3 Qf6 25.Nc6 Ra8 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Nxb4 Qc3∓)* 23...Bxa1 24.Rxa1 gxh5 25.Qxb4 Qf6 26.Rd1 Ra8 27.h4 *(27.h3!∞; 27.Qxd6? Ra1! 28.Nc1 Qxd6 29.Bxd6 Rc8! 30.Be5 Rb1 31.d6 Ne6-+)* 27...Ra2 28.Nc3 *(28.Qxd6 Qxd6 29.Bxd6 Rxe2 30.Bxc7 Rfxf2 31.d6 Rxg2+ 32.Kh1 Rd2-+)* 28...Rxf2 29.Qxd6 *(29.Bxf2? Qxf2+ 30.Kh2 Rf4-+)* 29...Rf1+ 30.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kh2 Ne8 32.Qe6+ Qf7⩲ Vilela,J-Vera,R/Matanzas (m4) 1989/[Vera,R];

E7c4) 17...Re8 Δ♘ e4 ⇄ 18.Qd3 *(18.Qc2!?* Δ♖ ab1,b4 *)* 18...a6 19.Rab1 *(19.Rad1 b5! 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Nxb5 22.Qxb5 Ne4 23.Bf4 Bd4∓)* 19...b5! 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Nxb5 22.Qxb5 Ne4 23.Bf4?! *(23.Qd3 Nxg3⩲)* 23...Bd4!↑ 24.Bg4 Nxf2! 25.Be6+ Kh8 26.g3 *(26.Rxf2? Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rf8 28.Kg3 Rxf4!-+* Karpman,V-Moskalenko,V/USSR 1988*)* 26...Rf8 27.Qe2 Nh3+ 28.Kg2 Nxf4+ 29.Rxf4 Rxf4 30.gxf4 Qf6∓ Moskalenko,V]

14.Bg4 Hazai: 'It is not clear that chasing away the vulnerable ♖ is really important.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'It is not clear that chasing away the vulnerable ♖ is really important.'"

[14.a5 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxd5 *(15...Rxd5 16.Qb3)* 16.Bg4 Nxc3 17.Qc2 Nb5 18.Bxf5 Bxf5⩲ with a nice compensation for the sacrificed exchange.]

[14.Bf3 (Hazai) JvR: '(Kapengut) (Hazai) ' now an in the next move came into consideration. Qh4 15.Ne4 Rxd5 16.Qxd5+ Nxd5 17.Bg5∞]

14...Rf8N JvR: 'Kapengut: 'N' 'N' Kramnik,V: 'N'' Hazai: 'This is the first new move from theoretical point of view.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'This is the first new move from theoretical point of view.'"

[14...Rf7 JvR: 'Kapengut Kramnik,V: '— 85/45'' 15.Bf3 b6 Hazai: 'Δ ♗b7 × d5' 16.Ne4 h6 17.Re1 Bb7 18.Ng3 Nf6 Hazai: 'The last passive piece joints the attack against × d5.'

A) 19.Ne3 Hazai: 'Now both white knights look passive.' Qf8 20.Qd3 Nd7! 21.Qxg6 '?' Hazai. Hazai: 'founders on' Ne5 22.Qh5 Rxf3! '∓!' Hazai. Hazai: 'Socha-Yudasin, Gdynia 1987' 23.Nef5 Rxf5 *(23...Rxg3!? 24.hxg3 Kh7∓)* 24.Nxf5 Kh7 25.Ra3 Qe8 26.Qd1 *(26.Nxg7?? Nf3+!-+* Socha,C-Yudasin,L/Gdynia Dreszer-mem 1987*)* 26...Qg6 27.Nxg7 Qxg7 28.Rg3 Qf7 29.Bxh6!?∞;

B) 19.Qd3 Nfxd5 *(19...Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Nfxd5 21.Qxg6±)* 20.Qxg6 Ne7 21.Qxd6 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ned5 23.Ra3 Hazai: '(Stepanov-Maiorov, corr. 2002)' *(23.f4 Nb4 24.Qg6 Qd3 25.Re4 Qd1+ 26.Kg2 Nc2 27.Ne3 Nxe3+ 28.fxe3 Qc2+ 29.Kg1 Qd1+=)* 23...Nb4 *(23...b5! 24.Qxd8+ Rxd8 25.axb5 Nxb5∓)* 24.Qg6 Qf6 25.Qxf6?! Rxf6 26.Re7 Rd8 27.Bxh6?! *(27.Bd2 Rf7 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Bxb4 Rd1+ 30.Kg2 cxb4 31.Rb3 Nd5 32.Nf5±)* 27...Bxh6 28.Rxc7 Rd1+ 29.Kg2 Nd5⩲ Stepanov,K-Maiorov,O/corr 2002/[Stepanov,K]]

15.Bxc8 Hazai: 'This is not forced at all.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'This is not forced at all.'"

[15.Bf3!? (Hazai) JvR: '(Kapengut) (Hazai) ' is similar to the previous note. b6⩱ JvR]

[15.Ne4 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Bxg4 16.Qxg4 Nf6 and Black can get rid of his passive ♘.]

15...Rxc8

(Diagram)

16.Qb3

[16.Na5 (Hazai) JvR: '(Kapengut) (Hazai) ' leads nowhere after Rb8]

[16.Ne4 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Qh4 *(16...Rf5 JvR 17.Ne3⩱)* 17.f3 Rf5⩱]

16...b6

[16...Bxc3 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 17.bxc3 Nxd5 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.Rad1 and White opens up the position with a great effect.]

17.Nb5?! JvR: '!?' JvR: 'Kapengut: '?!' '?!'' Opening the a-file and relieving some pressure on d5 Leko created many pawn islands and Black got a chance to use it. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Opening the a-file and relieving some pressure on d5 Leko created many pawn islands and Black got a chance to use it.''

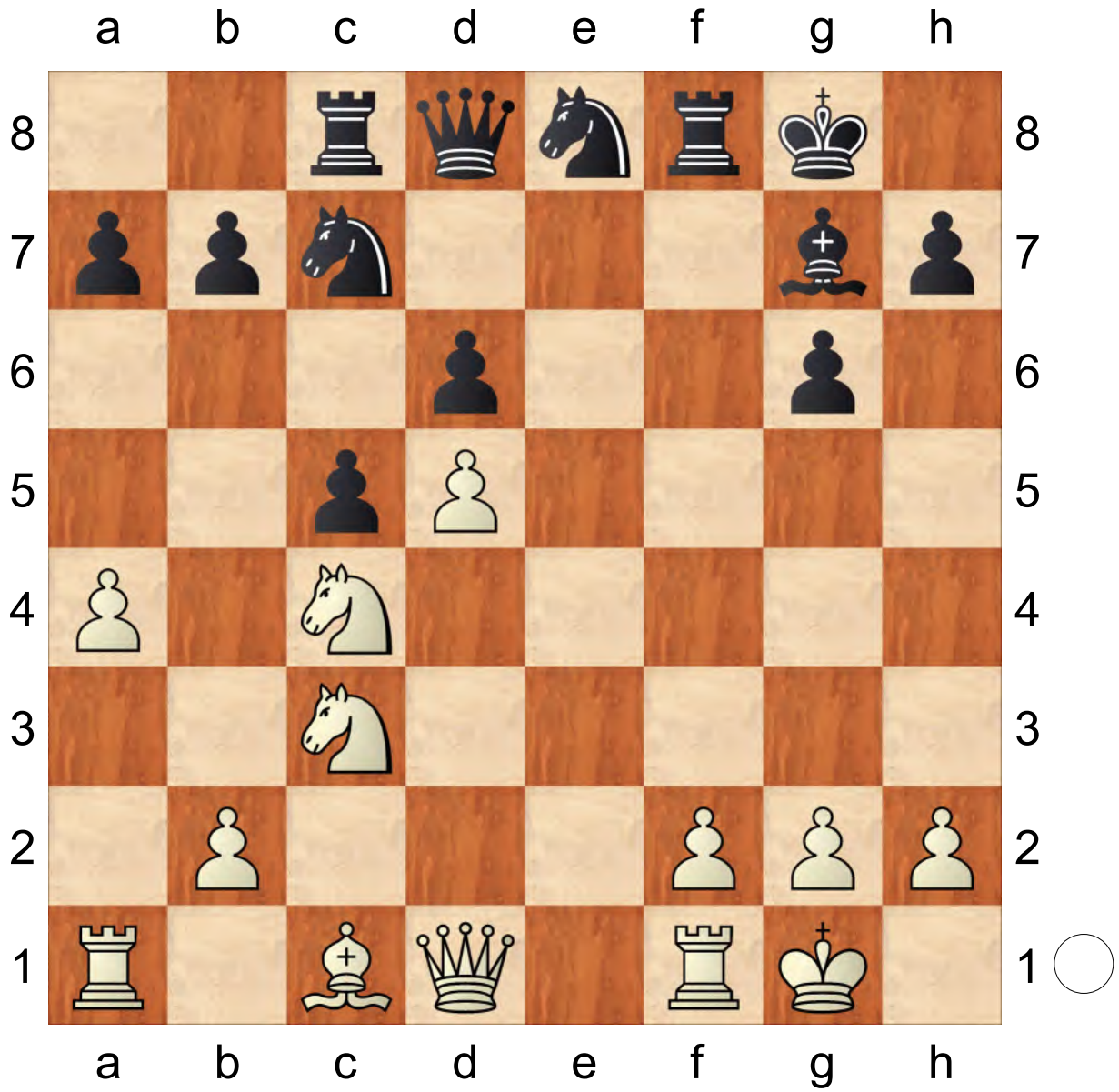
[17.Bd2 JvR: 'Kapengut' Qh4 18.Rae1 *(18.Rad1?! Rf5 19.h3 Rd8 20.Ne2 Rb8 21.Bc3 b5!?)* 18...Qh5 19.Re3 Bxc3!? 20.Rxc3 Rf7 21.Re1 Nxd5 *(21...Rd8 22.Rh3 Qxd5 23.Rd3 Qf5 24.Rf3 Qd7 25.Bg5 Rb8 26.Rxf7 Qxf7 27.Re7 Qd5⩲)* 22.Rh3 Qf5 23.Rf3 Qd7 24.Rxf7 Qxf7 25.Qd3 *(25.Rxe8+?! Rxe8 26.Nxd6 Re1+! 27.Bxe1 Qe6∓)* 25...Ndc7 26.Bg5 d5 27.Ne5 Qf5 28.Qxf5 gxf5 29.Nc6 Ra8⩲]

[⌓17.Ne4 JvR]

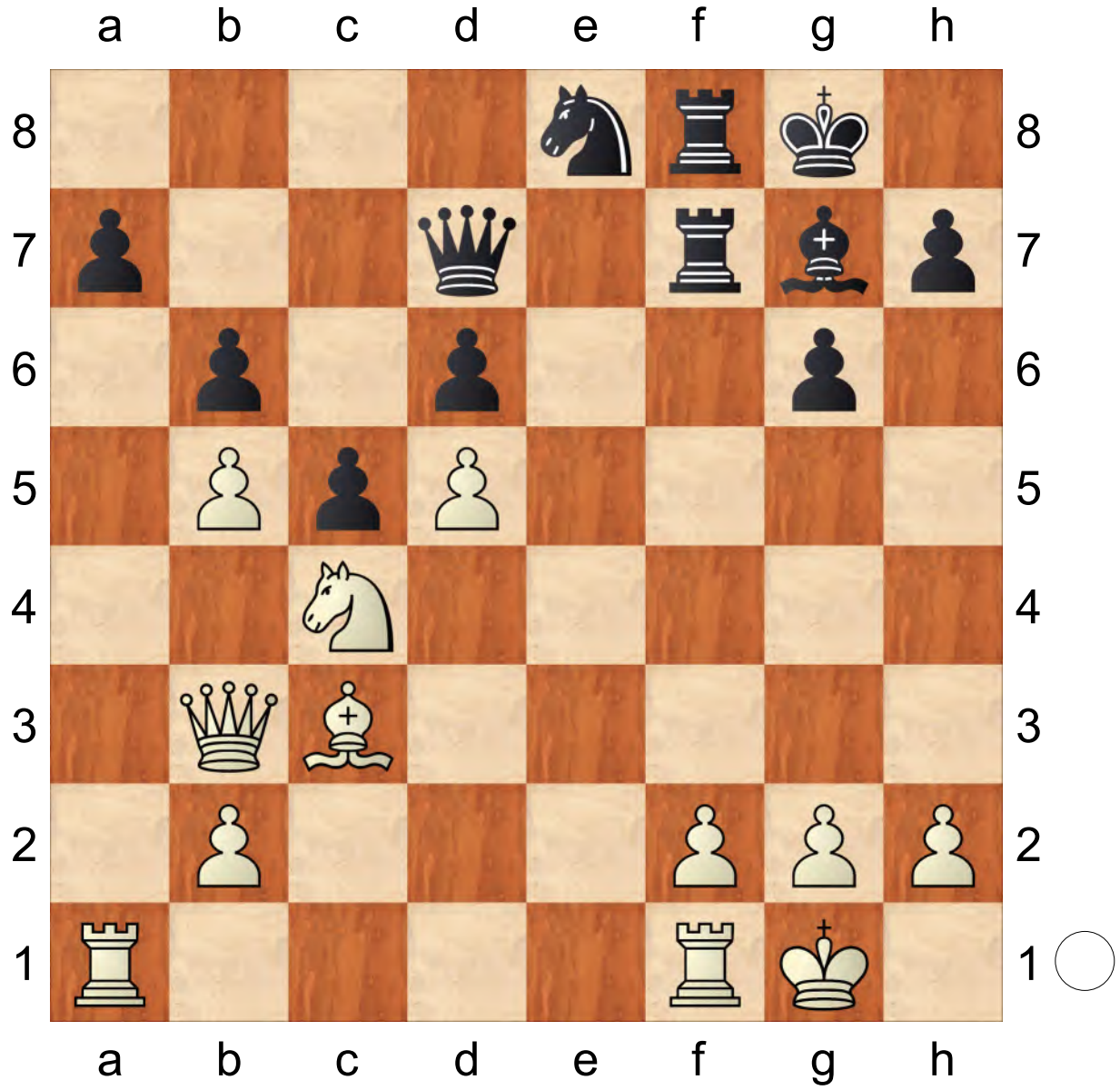
17...Nxb5

[17...Ra8 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 18.a5]

18.axb5 Leko had gotten two sets of minor pieces off the board and his ♘c4 was an admirable beast with a target on d6. Leko also got the a-file to work with, but the weak b5 pawn needed constant protection. Hazai: 'White can organize his counterplay on the semi-opened a ⇔.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Leko had gotten two sets of minor pieces off the board and his ♘c4 was an admirable beast with a target on d6. Leko also got the a-file to work with, but the weak b5 pawn needed constant



protection. Hazai: 'White can organize his counterplay on the semi-opened a ⇔.'"
18...Rc7 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '!"
[18...Qd7 JvR 19.Bd2]
19.Bd2 Hazai: 'Δ ♗c3 because White has to eliminate the strong fianchettoed ♗. However he has to reckon with the manoeuvre ♘g7-f5.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: ' Δ ♗c3 because White has to eliminate the strong fianchettoed ♗. However he has to reckon with the manoeuvre ♘g7-f5.'" **19...Rcf7 20.Bc3 Qd7**
[20...Bh6!? JvR: 'Kapengut' 21.Rae1 Ng7 22.Re4 *(Δ22.Bxg7?! Bxg7 23.Qg3 Bd4!?↑)* 22...Nf5 23.Qa4 Qa8 24.Rd1 Nd4 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Nxd6 Rd7 27.Nc4 Qxd5⇄]
[20...Qh4!? Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 21.f3 *(21.Bxg7 Nxg7* Δ ♘f5-d4*; 21.g3 Qe4)* 21...Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Qg5 23.Bxd4 cxd4]
[20...Nf6 JvR 21.Ne3 Ne4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.f3±]



21.f3 '!' Hazai. JvR: 'Kapengut: "!' Hazai. "

[21.Qa4 JvR: 'Kapengut' Rf4 22.Bd2 Rd4 23.Bc3 Rg4 *(Δ23...Rxd5?! 24.Qa2!)* 24.f3 Bd4+ 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Rfd1 Nc7 27.Rxd4 cxd4 28.Qd1 Qxb5 29.Qxd4 Qb4⇄]

21...g5!? JvR: 'Kramnik wants to win and is willing to take a risk. ' Black went to work pressing his advantage on the kingside. Kramnik played for a win here and came very close to achieving it. Hazai: 'Kramnik grabs the ↑ on the » threatening with g5-g4. ' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Black went to work pressing his advantage on the kingside. Kramnik played for a win here and came very close to achieving it. Hazai: 'Kramnik grabs the ↑ on the » threatening with g5-g4.'"

[21...Nf6 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 22.Bxf6 *(22.Rfe1 Nxd5 23.Rad1 Nxc3 24.bxc3 d5 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 c4 27.Qb4)*]

[21...Re7∞ JvR]

22.Ne3 Hazai: 'The ♘ is not well-placed here.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'The ♘ is not well-placed here.'"

[22.h3 JvR: 'Kapengut' Rf4 23.Ra4 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Nc7 25.Rxa7 Qxb5 26.Rb1 Qxc4 27.Qxc4 Rxc4 28.Rxc7 Rb8 29.Rb3 b5 30.Rd7 b4 31.cxb4 cxb4±]

22...Rf4 Covering d4 and g4. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Covering d4 and g4. "

[22...Re7?! JvR: 'Kapengut' 23.Rfe1 Nf6 24.g4 Rfe8 25.Nf5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Qe8 *(27...Nh5 28.Bc3±; 27...Ne8 28.Bc3±)* 28.Qd1 h5 29.h3±]

23.Rfe1

[23.Ra4?! Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' a5! and Black solves his problem of weak a ♙ at once.]

23...h5!? JvR: 'Kapengut: '!?' '!?"

[23...Bd4 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 24.Bxd4 Rxd4]

24.Qc2

[24.Qa2!? Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Qxb5 *(24...R4f7 25.Qb1!!±)* 25.Qxa7 g4]

24...Qf7 Covering g6 and increasing the kingside pressure. Hazai: 'Black cannot allow the penetration ♕g6.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Covering g6 and increasing the kingside pressure. Hazai: 'Black cannot allow the penetration ♕g6.'"

[Δ24...Qxb5? JvR: 'Kapengut' 25.Rxa7+-]

[24...g4?! (Hazai) JvR: '(Kapengut) (Hazai) Kramnik,V: '?" immediately is strongly met by 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.Qg6 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '±"]

25.h3

[25.Ra3 JvR: 'Kapengut' Bd4 26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.Nc4 g4 28.Nd2 Ng7 29.Rea1 *(29.Qd3 Nf5 30.Re4 Rxe4 31.Qxe4 Ne3=)* 29...Qxd5 30.Rxa7 d3 31.Qc6 R4f5 32.b3 Qc5+⇄]

25...Bd4

(Diagram)

26.Bxd4

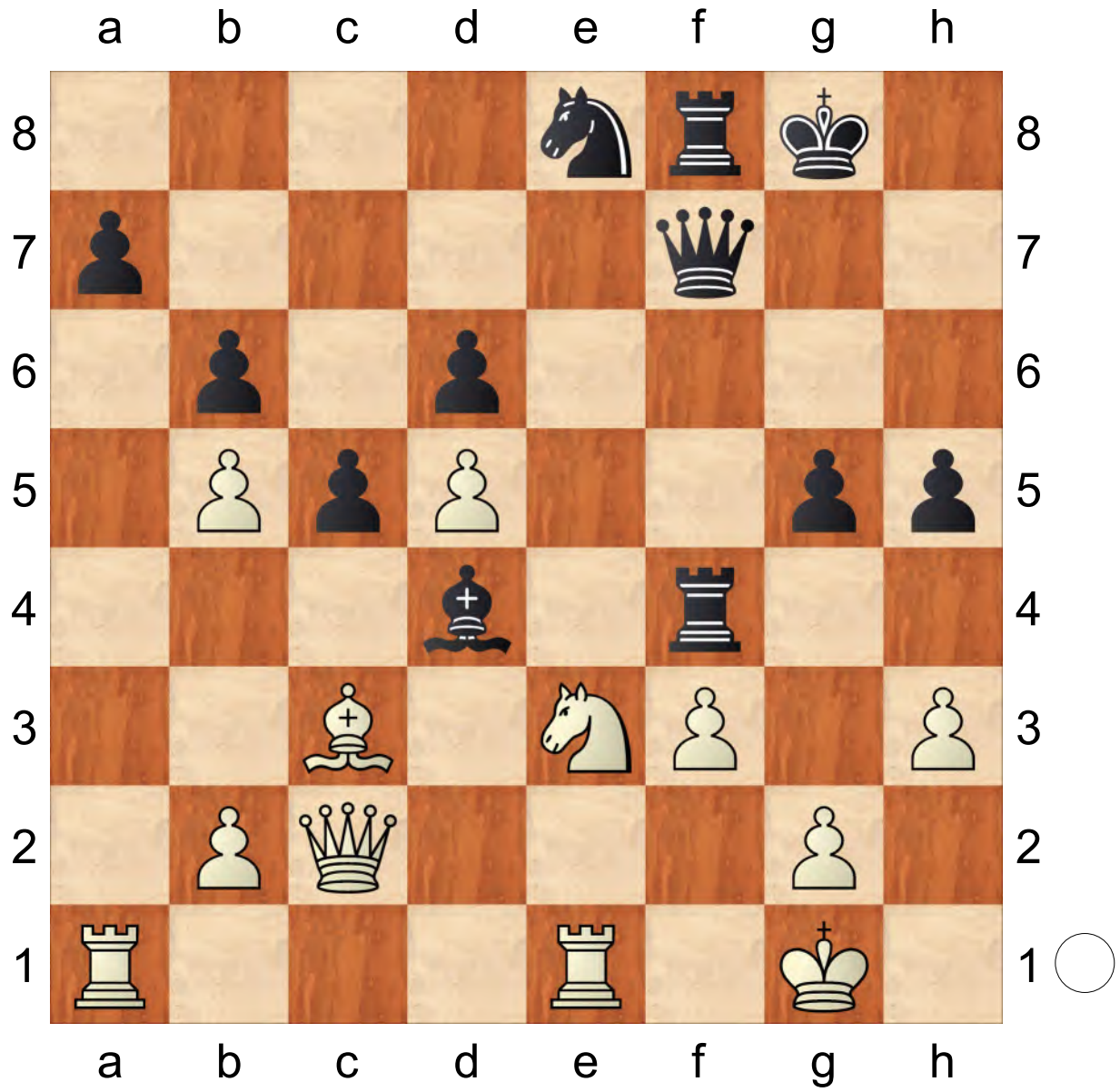
[26.Kh2 JvR Ng7∞]

(Diagram)

JvR: 'Kapengut: '♘" **26...Rxd4**

[26...cxd4!? JvR: 'Kapengut' It was an interested point, which had the advantage of keeping the pieces on the board, although it seemed as an interesting drawing line. 27.Nc4 g4 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '∞"

A) 28.fxg4 hxg4 29.Qd3 *(29.hxg4* Hazai *d3! 30.Qxd3 Rxc4 31.Qxc4 Qf2+ 32.Kh2 Qh4+=* and draw by perpetual checks.*)* 29...Ng7 30.hxg4 Qxd5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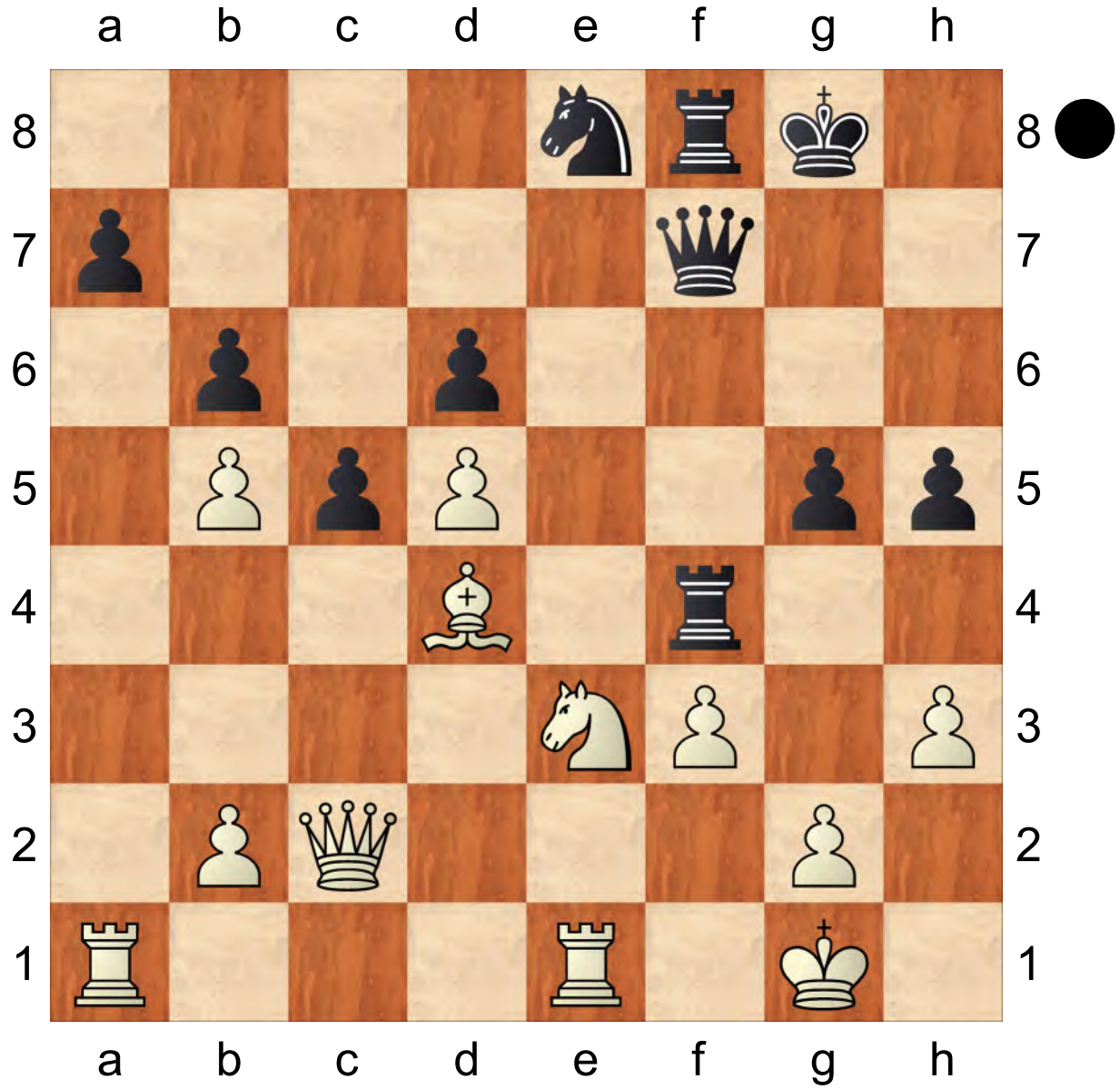


31.Re7 Rxg4 32.Ne3 Rf2! 33.Nxd5 Rgxg2+=;

B) 28.Re6!? gxf3 29.Rg6+ *(29.Nxd6 Nxd6 30.Rg6+ Kh8 31.Rh6+=)* 29...Ng7 30.Nxd6 f2+ 31.Kf1 Qe7 32.Rh6 R4f5!? 33.Qe4! Qxe4 34.Nxe4 d3 35.Rg6

B1) 35...Rxd5 36.Rxa7 *(36.Nf6+?! Kf7!)* 36...Rf7 37.Nf6+ Rxf6 38.Rgxg7+ Kf8 39.Rgd7 Rxd7 40.Rxd7 Rf5 41.Rxd3 Kg7 42.b3 Rxb5 43.Kxf2±;

B2) 35...Kh8!? 36.Rd1 *(36.Rxa7?! Re8∓)* 36...Rf4 37.Ng5 Nf5 38.Rxd3 Rd4 39.Rh6+ Kg8 40.Rg6+=]

27.Nf5!? JvR: 'Lékó wants to draw by exchanges. ' Getting the pieces off the board left White with an equal endgame. The threats against d4 and h6 forced the exchanges. Hazai: 'Leko wants to liquidate to a ♖⊥, which usually gives excellent drawing chances for the defender.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Getting the pieces off the board

left White with an equal endgame. The threats against d4 and h6 forced the exchanges. Hazai: 'Leko wants to liquidate to a ♖⊥, which usually gives excellent drawing chances for the defender.'"

[27.b3 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Ng7 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '∞" 28.Qc3 Δ ♘c2]

27...Qxf5 28.Qxf5 Rxf5 29.Rxe8+ JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '[♖ 9/s]" **29...Kf7** Black's rooks looked the more menacing, but with so many pawn targets in the black camp there should be many ways for White to draw. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Black's rooks looked the more menacing, but with so many pawn targets in the black camp there should be many ways for White to draw." **30.Rb8**

[30.Re2 JvR: 'Kapengut' Rfxd5 31.Rxa7+ Kf6 32.Ra6 Rd2 33.Kf2 Rxe2+ 34.Kxe2 Rd4 35.Rxb6 Ke5 36.Rb8 Rb4 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: ' ∓" 37.Kd3 Kf4 38.b6 Kg3 39.b7 Kxg2 40.f4! g4 41.hxg4 h4 42.Rh8=]

30...Rdxd5

[30...Rd2!? Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 31.Rxa7+ Kf6 32.Rxb6 Rfxd5 Δ ♖xb2, ♖dd2]

(Diagram)

This allowed an immedate drawing continuation thanks to the trapped position of the black king. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'This allowed an immedate drawing continuation thanks to the trapped position of the black king." **31.Rxa7+ Ke6 32.Re8+**

[32.Rxb6 JvR Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Rd2 34.Rg7∞]

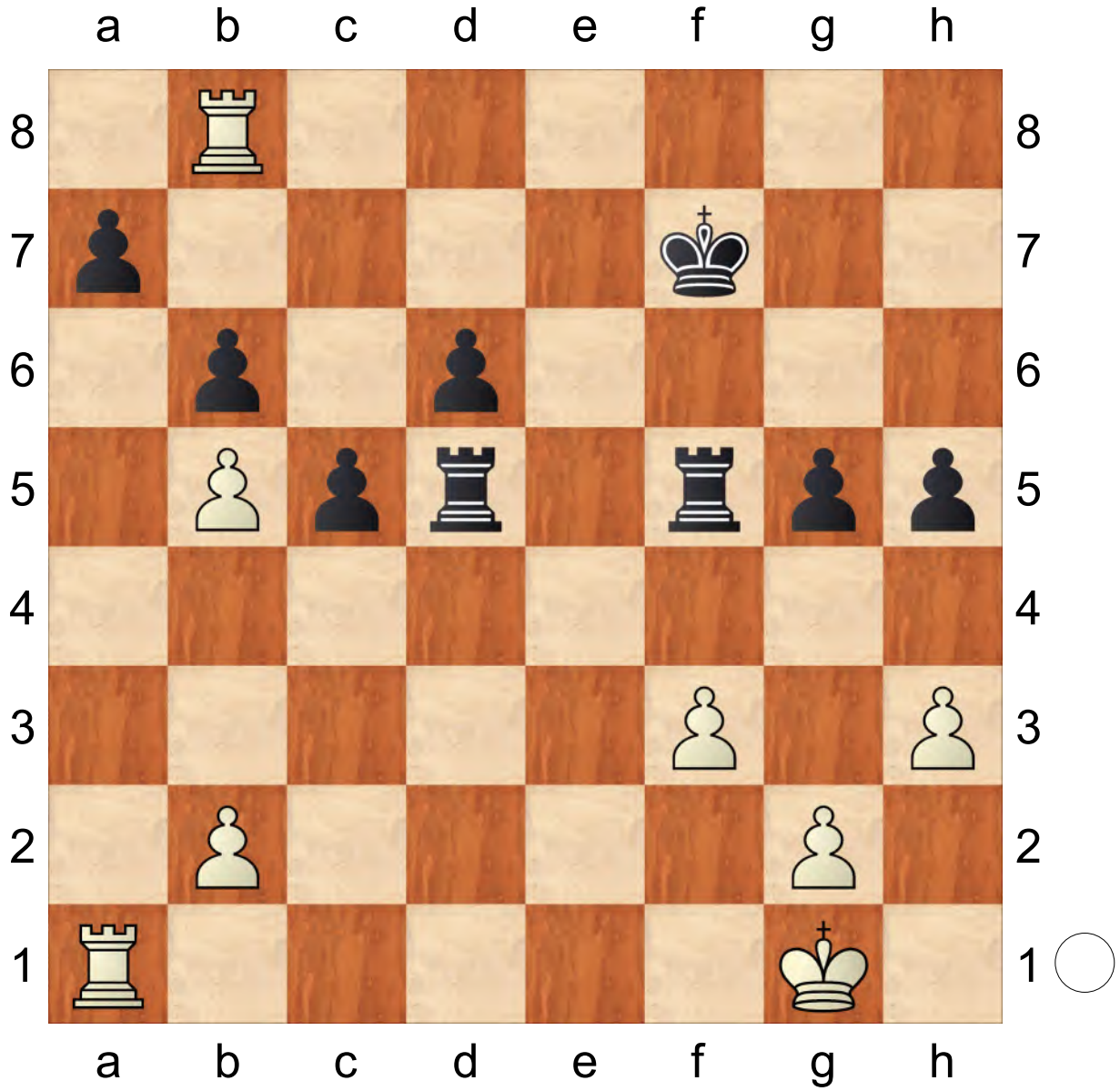
32...Kf6 Hazai: '- 30.♖b8' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: '- 30. ♖b8'" **33.g4?** It was a curious decision, which created a handful of weaknesses. Hazai: 'Many annotators plead guilty this move...' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'It was a curious decision, which created a handful of weaknesses. Hazai: 'Many annotators plead guilty this move...'"

[JvR: 'Better is' After JvR: 'Kapengut: 'After" 33.Rh7 JvR: '!' JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '⌓=" the black king would be locked up. Hazai: 'was no doubt easier:' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'the black king would be locked up. Hazai: 'was no doubt easier:'" h4 JvR: 'Kapengut' *(33...Kg6* JvR: 'Kapengut' *34.Rb7 Rd2 35.b3 Rfd5 36.Rxb6* '=' Hazai. Hazai: 'Shipov' *R2d3 37.Kf2 Rxb3 38.Re6+ Kf5 39.Rexd6 Rxd6 40.Rxd6 Rxb5 41.Rd5+=; 33...Rde5?* JvR: 'Kapengut' *34.Rh6+ Kg7 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Rxd6±; 33...g4* JvR: 'Kapengut' *34.Rf8+ Kg6 35.Rxf5 Rxf5 36.hxg4 hxg4 37.fxg4 Rd5 38.Rb7)*

A) 34.Rhh8 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 *(35.Kf2 Rfd5 36.Rhf8+ Kg7 37.Rg8+ Kh7=)* 35...Re5 *(35...Rfd5 36.Rhf8+ Kg7 37.Rg8+ Kh7=)* 36.Rhf8+ Kg6 37.Rg8+ Kh6=;

B) 34.g4!? Kg6 35.Rb7 Rf7 36.Re6+ Kg7 37.Rxb6 Rxf3 38.Rexd6 Rxd6 39.Rxd6 c4 40.Rd5 Kg6 41.b6 Rg3+ 42.Kf2 Rb3 43.Rd6+ Kf7 44.Rc6=;

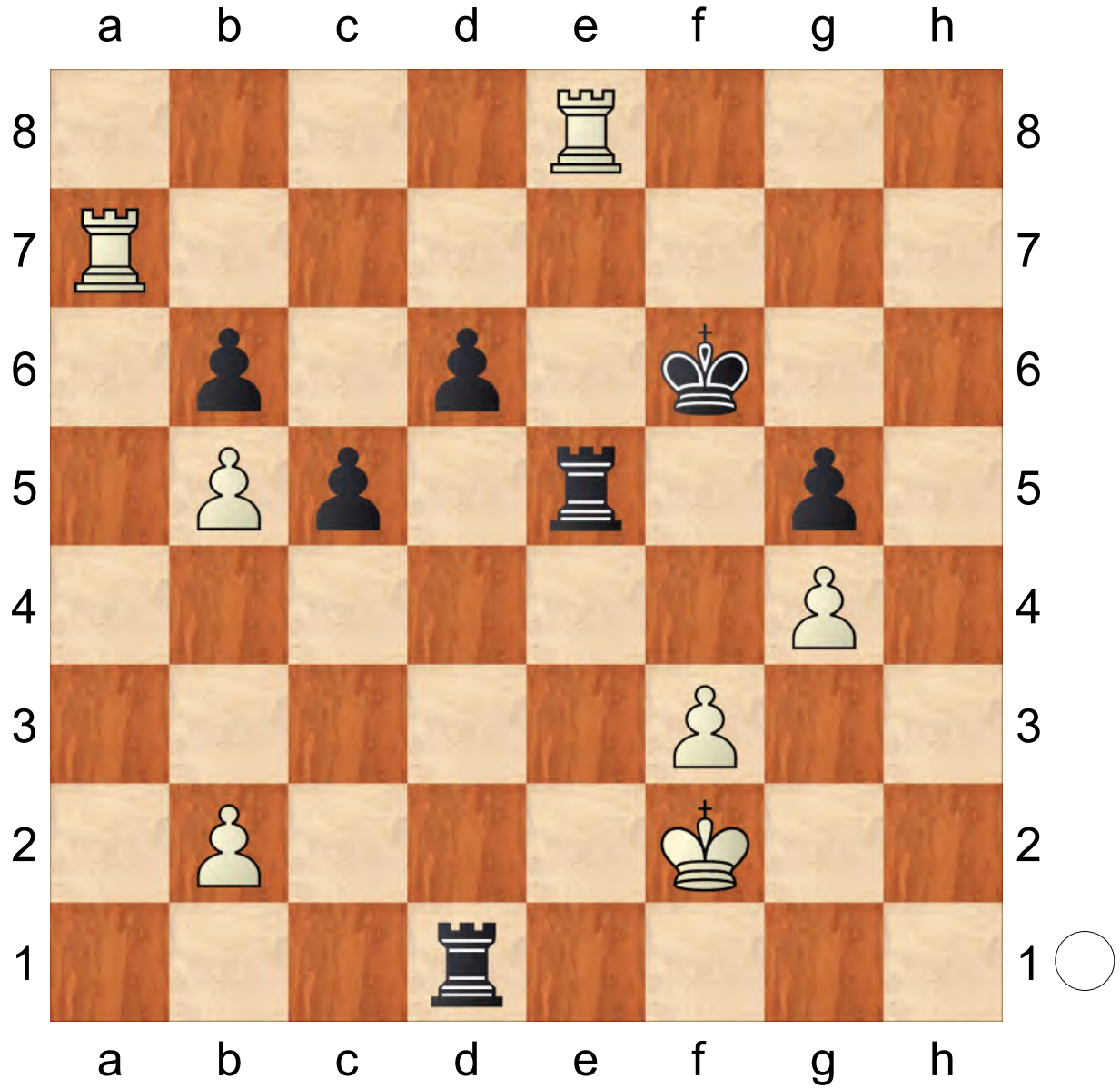
C) 34.Ree7 '=' Hazai. 34...Rd1+ *(34...c4 35.Rhf7+ Kg6 36.Rg7+=; 34...Rde5 35.Rhf7+ Kg6 36.Rg7+=)* 35.Kh2 Re5 36.Rhf7+ Kg6 37.Rg7+ Kh6 38.Rh7+=]



33...hxg4 34.hxg4 Rd1+ '!' Hazai. JvR: '!' JvR: 'Kapengut: "!' Hazai. "
[34...Rfe5 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 35.Rf8+=]
35.Kf2 Re5

(Diagram)

36.Rh8 JvR: 'White threatens to deliver mate. '
[36.Rxe5 JvR Kxe5 37.Rg7 Kf6∓]
36...Rd2+ Hazai: 'repeating moves in order to reach the 40-th move.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'repeating moves in order to reach the 40-th move.'" **37.Kg3**
[37.Kf1? (Hazai) JvR: '(Kapengut) (Hazai) ' is too passive. Ke6 38.Rb7 Rxb2 39.Rxb6 Kd5 40.Rd8 Re6 41.Rg8 Ke5 42.Rxg5+ Kf4 43.Rf5+ Kg3!-+]
37...Ree2 JvR: 'Mate in three looms. '



[37...Ke6!? JvR: 'Kapengut' Some annotators thought this move was stronger but White kept chances to draw.

A) 38.Rh6+?! Kd5

A1) 39.Rd7 JvR Re6 *(39...Rxb2 40.Rdxd6+ Kc4 41.Rxb6 Ree2 42.Rh1!)* 40.Rh5 Rxb2 41.Rxg5+ Kc4 42.Rg8⇄;

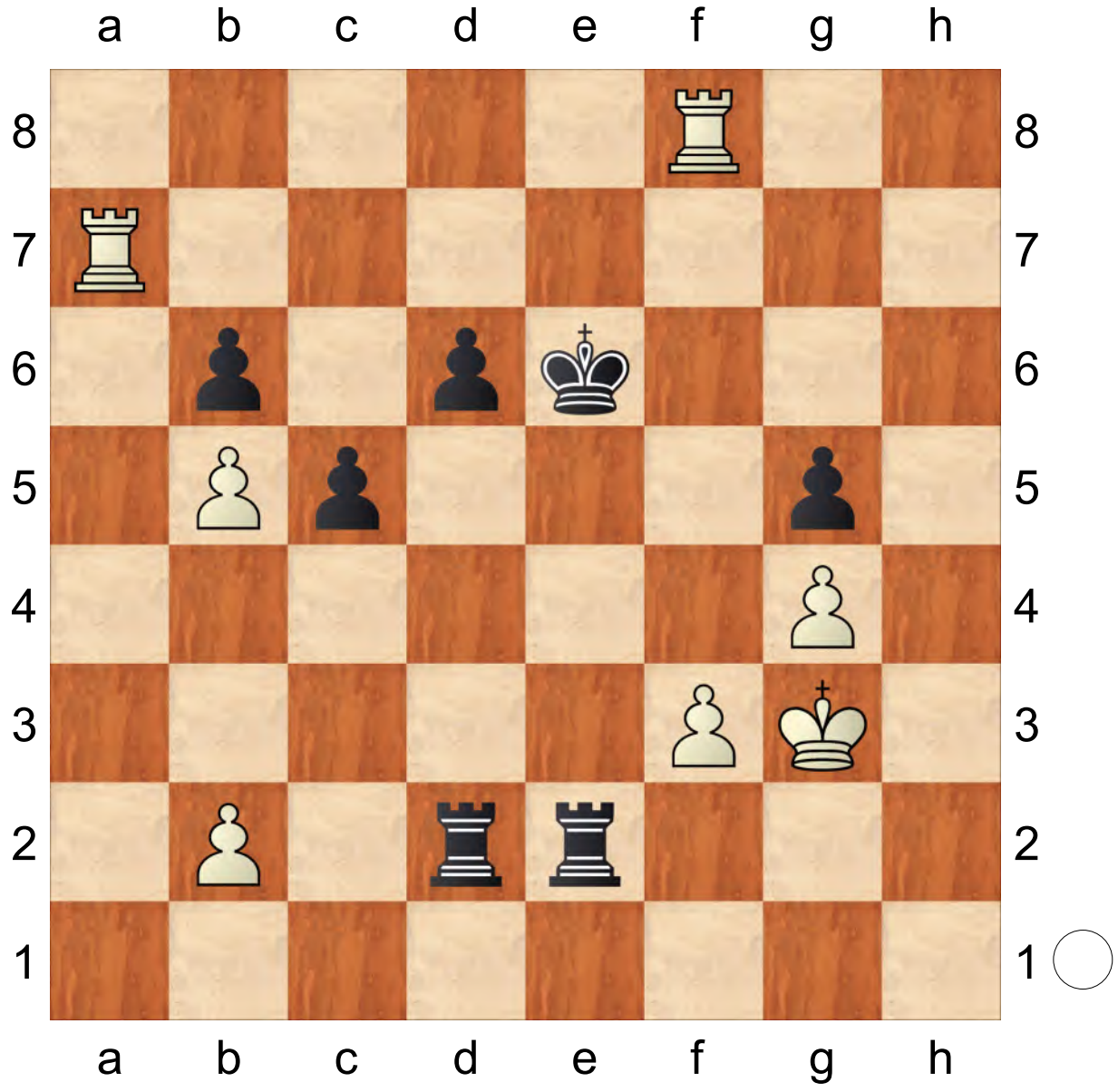
A2) 39.b3 Rd3 40.Rg7 Rxb3 41.Rgg6 Rxb5 42.Rxd6+ Kc4 43.Rxb6 Rxb6 44.Rxb6 Kd5∓;

B) 38.b3?! Kd5 39.Rb7 Ree2 40.Rh1 Rd3 41.Rh5 *(41.Rxb6 Ree3 42.Rf1 Rxb3 43.Rb8 c4∓)* 41...Re5 42.Rxb6 Rxb3 43.Rh7 c4 44.Rg7 *(44.Rf7 Rb4 45.Rd7 Kc5 46.Rbxd6 Rxb5∓)* 44...Rb4 45.Rg6 Kc5 46.Rgxd6 Rxb5 47.Rbc6+ Kb4 48.f4 Re3+∓;

C) 38.Rb7!? Ree2 39.Re8+ Kd5 40.Rxe2 Rxe2 41.b3 Re3 42.Rg7 Rxb3 43.Rxg5+

C1) 43...Ke6 44.Rg6+ Ke5 45.Rh6 *(45.Rg5+ Kf6 46.Rd5 Ke6 47.Rd2 Rxb5∓)* 45...Rxb5 46.f4+ Kd5 47.g5 c4 48.Kf2 Rb2+ 49.Ke3 Rb3+ 50.Kf2 Ke4 51.Rxd6 b5 52.g6 Rf3+ 53.Ke2 Rxf4 54.Kd2 b4 55.Rb6 Rf2+ 56.Ke1 Rg2 57.Rxb4 Kd3 58.Rb6 c3 59.Rd6+ Kc2 60.Kf1 Rg5 61.Kf2 Kc1 62.Kf3 c2 63.Kf4 Rc5 64.g7=;
C2) 43...Kd4!? 44.Rg6 d5!? 45.g5 *(45.Rxb6 c4 46.g5 c3 47.Rc6 Rxb5 48.g6 Kd3 49.f4=)* 45...Rxb5 46.Rf6 Rb1 47.g6 Ra1 *(47...Ke5 48.Rc6 c4 49.Kf2 Rb2+ 50.Kf1=)* 48.Rxb6 c4 49.Rc6 c3 50.f4 Ke4 51.f5 Kxf5 52.Kf2=]

38.Rf8+ JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '?"
[38.Rh6+! JvR Ke5 39.Re7+ Kd5 40.Rxe2 Rxe2 41.Rh5⇄]
38...Kg6 39.Rg8+ Kf6 40.Rf8+ Ke6



41.Re8+ Kd5 42.Rxe2 No more mate and a pair of rooks left the board. The

problem was that the black king was very active. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'No more mate and a pair of rooks left the board. The problem was that the black king was very active. '' **42...Rxe2** **43.Rg7** Hazai: 'is only a repetition of moves.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'is only a repetition of moves.'" **43...Re5** JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '!"

[43...Rxb2!? JvR: 'Kapengut' 44.Rxg5+ Ke6 *(44...Kd4* (Hazai) - 38. ♖f8*)* 45.Rg6+ Ke7 46.f4 Rxb5 47.Kf3 *(47.f5 c4∓)* 47...c4 48.Rg7+ Kf6 49.Rb7 Rb1 50.Ke4 b5 51.Kd4 Rd1+ 52.Kc3 Rd3+ 53.Kc2 Rf3 54.f5 d5 55.Rxb5 Ke5∓]

44.Rb7

[44.b3 JvR Kd4 45.Rg6 d5 46.Rxb6 Re3 47.Rg6 Rxb3 48.Rxg5 c4-+]

44...c4

[44...Kc4 JvR: 'Kapengut' 45.Rxb6 d5 *(45...Rd5 46.Rb8 Kb4 47.Kf2 Rd2+ 48.Ke3 Rxb2 49.f4=)* 46.f4 Re3+ 47.Kf2 gxf4 48.Rd6 Rg3 49.b6 Rxg4 50.b7 Rg8 51.Rb6 Rb8 52.Kf3 d4 53.Kxf4=]

45.Rxb6

[45.Kf2 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Kc5-+]

45...Re2

[45...Re3!? JvR: 'Kapengut' Preventing f4 46.Rb8 Rb3 47.Rg8 Rxb2 48.Rxg5+ Kd4 49.Rg6 d5 50.g5 Rxb5 51.Rc6 c3 52.g6 Rb4 53.g7 *(53.f4 Rc4 54.g7 c2 55.g8Q c1Q∞)* 53...Rb8 54.Rc7 Rg8 55.Kf4 Kd3 56.Ke5 c2 57.Kf6 Kd2 58.Kf7 c1Q 59.Rxc1 Rxg7+ 60.Kxg7 Kxc1 61.f4=]

(Diagram)

46.f4! JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '□" The key move. Hazai: 'Leko's defence is again on the top! This beautiful, thematic ♙ sacrifice creates another dangerous ♁ for White.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'The key move. Hazai: 'Leko's defence is again on the top! This beautiful, thematic ♙ sacrifice creates another dangerous ♁ for White.'" **46...Re3+** **47.Kf2** **gxf4** **48.Rb8** '!' Hazai. JvR: 'Kapengut: "!' Hazai. "

[48.g5 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' Rg3! *(48...Rb3* *49.Rb8* - 48. ♖b8*)* 49.Rb8 Rxg5 50.b6

A) 50...Rg7 51.Kf3 Rg3+ 52.Kxf4 Rh3!! losing the tempo deliberately! *(52...Rb3* *53.b7* JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '=" *Rxb2* *54.Ke3⊙=)* 53.b7 *(53.Rc8* *Rb3* *54.Rb8* *Kd4-+)* 53...Rb3⊙-+ JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '-+' Kramnik,V: '⊙" and a mutual zugzwang position has arisen!;

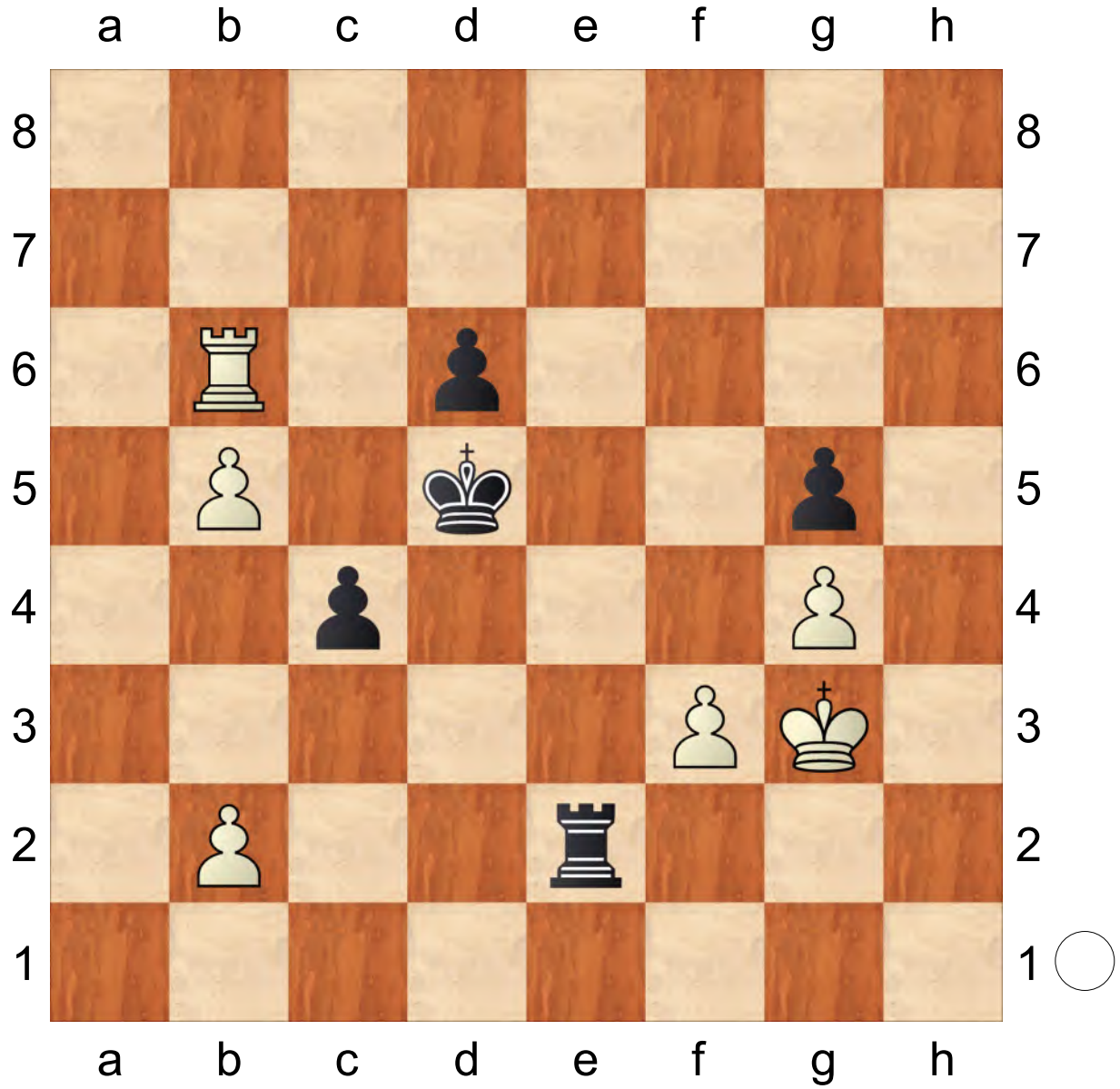
B) 50...Rg3! 51.Rf8 Rb3 52.Rxf4 Kc5-+ looks more to the point.]

48...Rb3 Hazai: '

[48...Rg3 Hazai 49.Rf8 *(49.b6* *Rxg4* *50.Rf8* - 49. ♖f8 *)* 49...Rxg4 50.b6 Kapengut: '- 49. ♖f8' Rg7 *(50...Kc6* *51.Rc8+* *Kxb6* *52.Rxc4=)* 51.Rxf4 Kapengut: '=' Kapengut: '- 48...♖g3' JvR: '='

A) 51...Rb7 JvR: 'Kapengut' 52.b3! cxb3 *(52...c3* JvR *53.Rc4)* 53.Rb4 Kc5 54.Rxb3 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '=" Rxb6 55.Ra3=;

B) 51...Kc5 JvR: 'Kapengut' 52.Rf3 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '!' Kramnik,V: '(Δ b3)" d5



(52...Kb4 53.Rf5 Rb7 54.Ke3 Rxb6 55.Kd4=) 53.b3= Kxb6 JvR 54.Ke2!=]

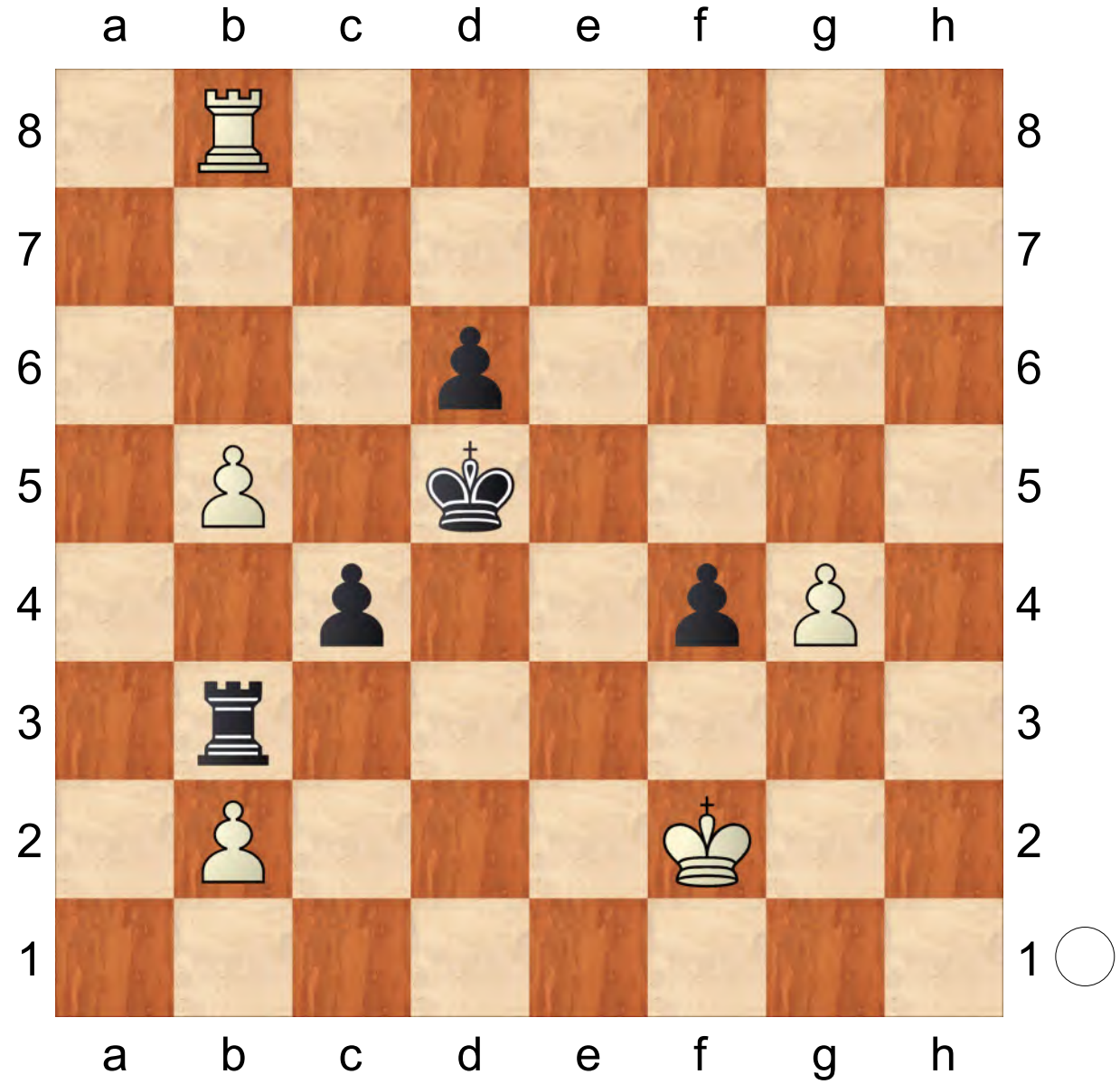
(Diagram)

This is the critical position of the entire ♖⊥.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: ' This is the critical position of the entire ♖⊥.'" **49.b6?**

[49.g5! Hazai: '- 48.♖b8' JvR: 'brings a correct alternative. Kapengut: '!' '!' Kapengut: 'Hazai: '- 48. ♖b8" Kramnik,V: '!" Hazai: 'would have led to a draw, although the variations are very difficult.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'would have led to a draw, although the variations are very difficult.'"

A) 49...Rxb2+ 50.Kf3 Ke5 Hazai: 'Now probably both ♙ moves draw.'

A1) 51.g6 Hazai Rb3+ 52.Kg4! *(52.Kf2* JvR *Kf6 53.Rd8* Kramnik,V: '='



Kxg6 54.Rxd6+ Kf5 55.Rc6 Rb4) 52...Rg3+ 53.Kh5 c3 *(53...Kd5 54.b6 Kc6 55.Rc8+ Kxb6 56.Rxc4=; 53...f3 54.b6)*

A1a) 54.b6 c2

A1a1) 55.Rc8 c1Q!! This is a phantastic motif, Black wants to improve the mating threat. 56.Rxc1 Kf5! This is the point, now the white ♔ is in trouble. 57.Kh4 Rxg6 58.Kh3 Rg3+ 59.Kh4 Rb3 60.Rc6 *(60.Rc8 Rxb6 61.Rf8+ Ke4 62.Kg4 d5 63.Rxf4+ Kd3-+)* 60...d5 61.Rd6 Ke4 62.Kg4 *(62.Re6+ Kf3 63.Rd6 Kg2 64.Rxd5 f3 65.Rg5+ Kf1 66.Rg6 f2 67.Rf6 Kg2 68.Rg6+ Kh2 69.Rf6 Rb4+ 70.Kh5 Kg3 71.Rg6+ Kh3 72.Rf6 Rb5+-+)* 62...Rg3+ 63.Kh4 *(63.Kh5 Rg7 64.Rg6 Rf7 65.Kg4 f3 66.b7 Rxb7 67.Re6+ Kd3-+)* 63...Rg7-+;

A1a2) 55.Re8+ Kf5 56.Rf8+ Ke6! 57.Re8+ Kd7 58.Re1 Kc6 59.Rc1 Rg2 60.Kh6 f3 61.g7 Kxb6 62.Kh7 f2 63.g8Q Rxg8 64.Kxg8 d5-+;

A1b) 54.Re8+! has to be played immediately in order to drive away the ♔ from f5. 54...Kd5 *(54...Kd4 55.b6 c2 56.Rc8; 54...Kf5 55.Rf8+ Ke4 56.Re8+ Kd3 57.b6 c2 58.Rc8)* 55.Rc8 f3 56.Rxc3 f2 57.Rxg3 f1Q 58.g7 Qf7+ 59.Kh6 Qg8 60.Rf3;

A2) 51.b6 c3 52.Re8+ Kf5 53.Rf8+ Kxg5 54.Rxf4 c2 JvR: 'Kapengut' 55.Rc4 Kf5 56.Ke3 Ke5 57.Kd3 Rxb6 58.Rxc2=;

B) 49...Rg3 Hazai 50.b6 Rxg5 51.Rf8 Rg7 52.Rxf4= - 48...♖g3;

C) 49...Ke4 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 50.g6 Rxb2+ 51.Ke1=;

D) 49...Ke5 JvR: 'Kapengut' 50.b6 Rxb2+ 51.Kf3

D1) 51...Rb3+ Hazai 52.Kg4 f3 *(52...c3 53.Re8+ Kd4 54.g6 c2 55.Rc8=)* 53.Kg3 c3 54.Rc8=;

D2) 51...c3 52.Re8+ Kf5 *(52...Kd4* Hazai *53.g6)* 53.Rf8+ Kxg5 54.Rxf4 Rxb6 55.Rc4 Rb3 56.Ke4 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '=" Kf6 57.Kd5 '=' Hazai. Ke7 58.Rc7+ Kd8 59.Rc6=]

(Diagram)

JvR: 'Kapengut: '?' '?' Kapengut: ' ♘" **49...Ke4?!** JvR: '!?' JvR: 'Black has an extra pawn in a sharp rook ending. Kapengut: '?!' '?!"

[49...Rxb2+! JvR: 'Kapengut' must have been considered strongly by Kramnik. 50.Kf3 c3

A) 51.Kxf4? Rxb6!-+;

B) 51.Rc8?! Kd4 52.Rc6 d5 53.g5 c2 54.g6 Rb3+ 55.Kg4 *(Δ55.Kxf4? Rc3-+)* 55...Rxb6! 56.Rxc2 Rxg6+ 57.Kxf4 Rf6+-+;

C) 51.b7 Kd4 52.Rd8

C1) 52...c2 JvR 53.Rxd6+ Kc3 *(53...Kc5 54.Rd8)* 54.Rc6+ Kd2 55.Kxf4 c1Q 56.Rxc1 Kxc1 57.g5=;

C2) 52...Rxb7 53.Rxd6+ Kc5 54.Rd1 Rf7! *(54...Kc4?! 55.Kxf4 c2 56.Rc1 Kd3 57.g5 Rb1 58.Rxc2=)* 55.g5 Kc4 56.g6 Rg7 57.Rd6 c2 58.Rc6+ Kb3-+]

50.Re8+

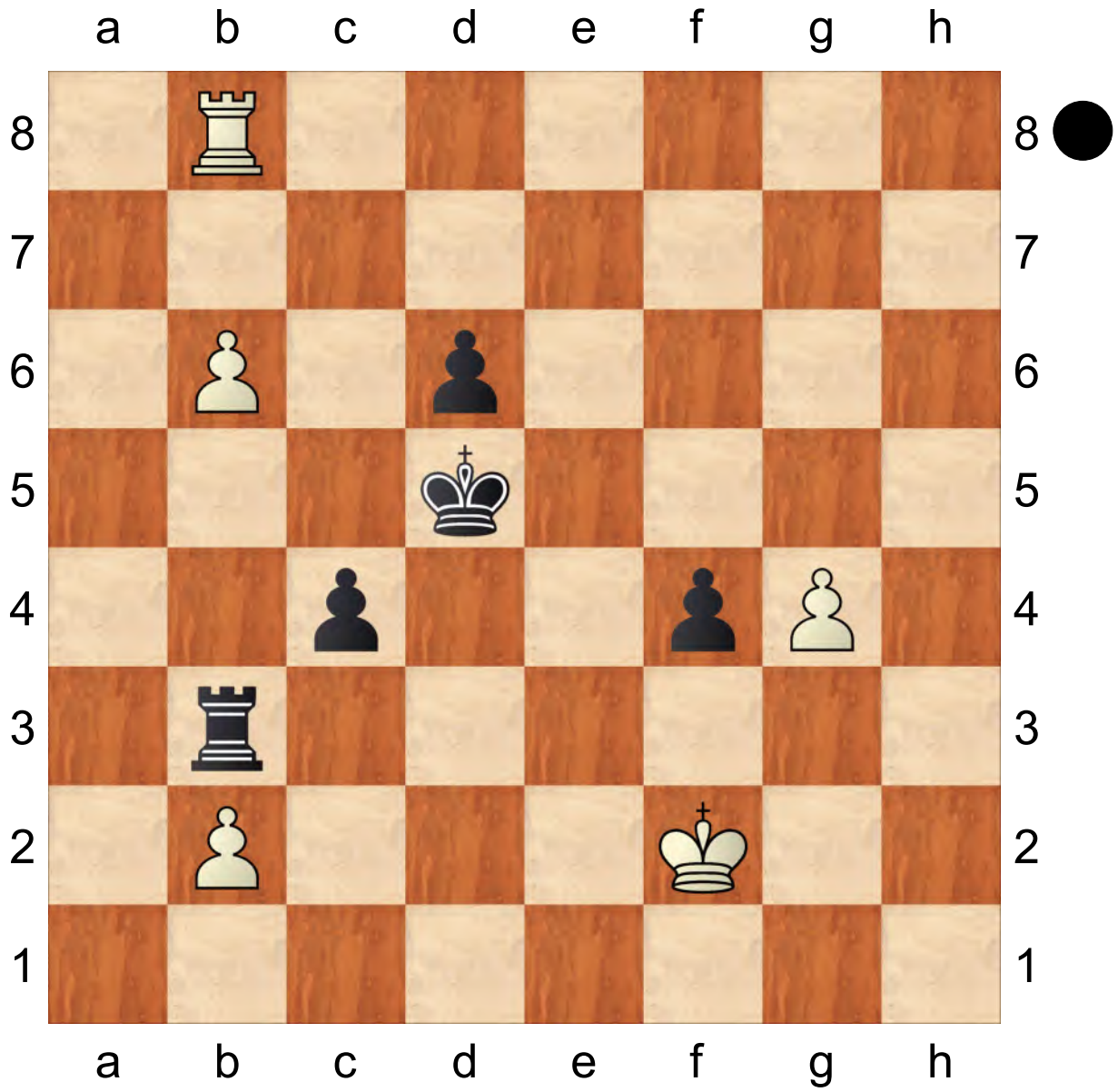
[50.g5? Rxb2+ 51.Ke1 c3-+ 52.g6 JvR Rb1+ 53.Kf2 c2 54.Rc8 Rxb6 *(54...c1Q 55.Rxc1 Rb2+ 56.Kf1 Rxb6 57.g7 Rb8 58.Kf2 Rg8 59.Re1+ Kf5 60.Rg1 d5 61.Kf3=)* 55.g7 Rb2 56.Kf1 drawn (Kramnik). Rb8 57.Rxc2=]

[50.b7? JvR Rxb2+ 51.Ke1 Kd3 52.Rd8 Rxb7 53.Rxd6+ Ke3-+]

(Diagram)

JvR: '?' JvR: 'Kapengut: ' ♘" Hazai: 'This is the next critical point of the ⊥.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'This is the next critical point of the ⊥.'" **50...Kd3?**

[JvR: 'Black misses the win by' missing probably the win after JvR: 'Kapengut: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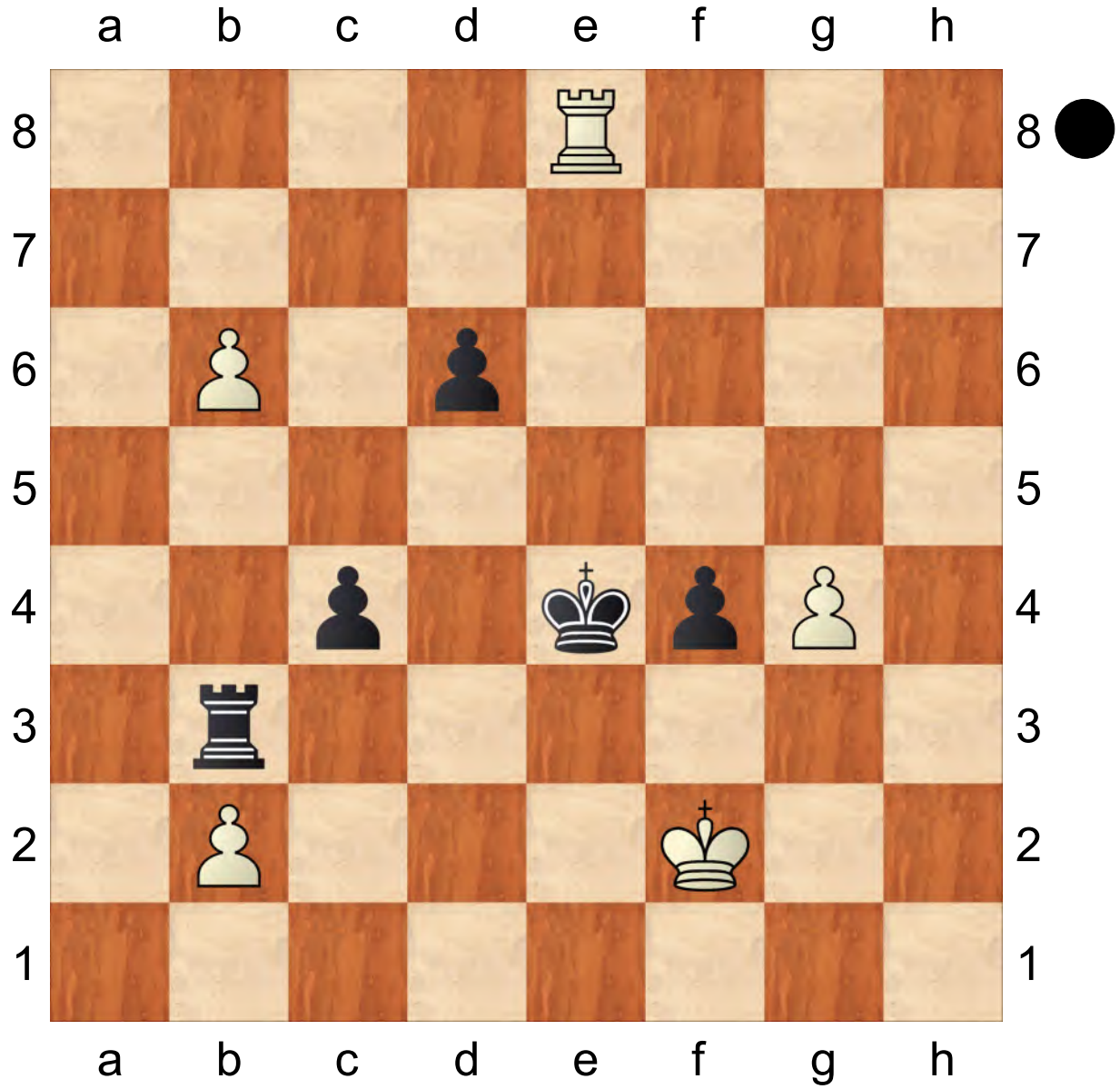
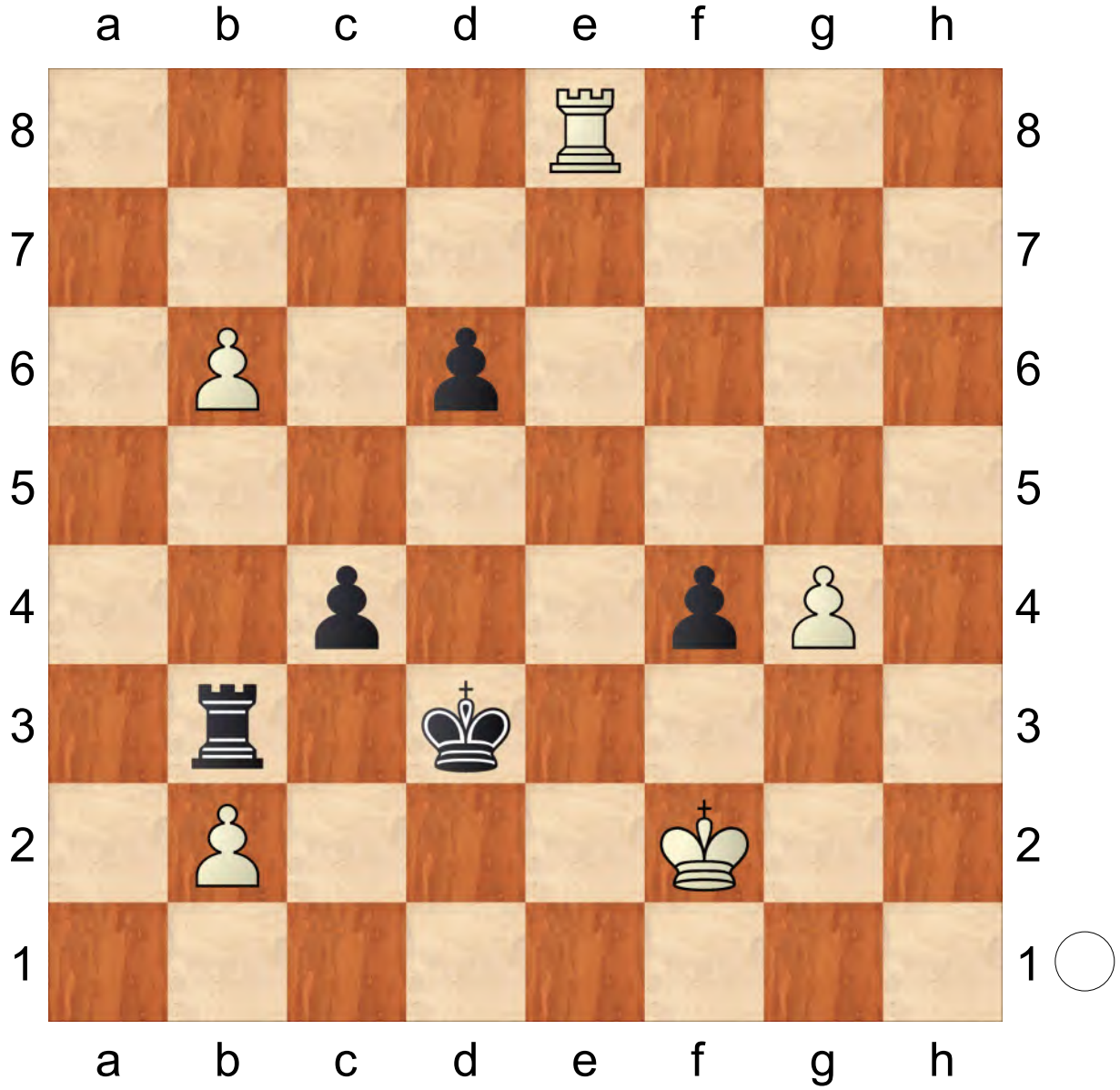


'missing probably the win after'' 50...Kd4! (Hazai) JvR: 'Kapengut: '(Hazai) " Now the third rank remains opened for the ♖ and the white ♔ is cut off. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Now the third rank remains opened for the ♖ and the white ♔ is cut off."

A) 51.g5 JvR: 'Kapengut' Rxb2+ 52.Kf3 Rxb6 53.g6 Rb7 54.Kxf4 *(54.Re1 c3 55.Rd1+ Ke5 56.Re1+ Kf5 57.Re4 Rc7 58.g7 Rxg7 59.Rxf4+ Ke6 60.Rc4 Rh7 61.Kg2 Rf7 62.Rxc3 Ke5-+)* 54...c3 55.Kf5 *(55.Rc8* JvR *d5 56.Kf5 Kd3 57.Kf6 d4 58.g7 Rxg7 59.Kxg7 Kc2-+)* 55...c2 56.Rc8 Rb5+ 57.Kf6 Rc5 58.Rxc5 dxc5 59.g7 c1Q 60.g8Q Qf4+ and Black will exchange the ♕. 61.Ke7 Qe5+-+;

B) 51.Re2 f3! JvR: 'Kapengut: '!' Kramnik,V: ' ∓!'' 52.Rd2+ *(52.Re1* JvR *Rxb2+ 53.Kxf3 d5 54.Rd1+ Kc5)* 52...Ke4! *(52...Ke5* JvR *53.b7 d5 54.b8Q+ Rxb8 55.Kxf3 Rb3+ 56.Kf2 d4 57.g5∓)* 53.Rxd6 Rxb2+ 54.Kg3 JvR: '(Kramnik), and now' c3! JvR: 'Kapengut' *(54...f2!* JvR *)* 55.Rc6 f2 56.Kg2 c2 57.b7

(57.g5 Rb1 58.Kxf2 c1Q 59.Rxc1 Rxc1 60.g6 Rc8-+) 57...Kd3 58.Rd6+ *(58.g5 Rxb7 59.Kxf2 Rb1 60.Kf3 c1Q 61.Rxc1 Rxc1 62.Kf4 Kd4 63.Kf5 Kd5 64.Kf6 Kd6 65.g6 Rf1+-+)* 58...Ke2 59.Re6+ Kd1 60.Rd6+ Kc1 61.Rc6 Kb1-+]



Hazai: 'Now the ♔ on the third rank allows the ♔f3 plan. White will give his ♖ for the ♙, while the g ♙ will make a draw promoted by his own ♔.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'Now the ♔ on the third rank allows the ♔f3 plan. White will give his ♖ for the ♙, while the g ♙ will make a draw promoted by his own ♔.'" **51.Re2!** Hazai: 'Now the ♖ manoeuvre saves the game!' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'Now the ♖ manoeuvre saves the game!'" **51...d5**

[51...Kd4 JvR: 'Kapengut' Trying to reestablish the f3 threat that moment, a tempo behind, didn't seem to work. 52.b7 Rxb7 53.Kf3 Rf7 54.g5 d5 55.g6 Rg7

56.Rg2 Ke5 57.Rg5+ Ke6 58.Kxf4=]
[51...Rxb6 Hazai JvR: '(Kapengut) Hazai' 52.Kf3 d5 - 51...d5]
[Not 51...f3?? JvR 52.Re3+]
52.Kf3 This position seems to be a draw. JvR: 'Kapengut: 'This position seems to be a draw.'' **52...d4 53.g5 c3**
[53...Rxb6 JvR: 'Kapengut' 54.Rh2 Rg6 55.Kxf4 Rg8 56.Kf5 Ke3 57.Rh3+ Ke2 58.Rh2+ Kf3 *(58...Kd1 59.g6 Kc1 60.Rh4 Kxb2 61.Rxd4 c3 62.Rb4+=)* 59.Rh3+ Kg2 60.Rh4 Rd8 61.g6 d3 62.Rg4+ Kf2 63.Rf4+ Ke3 64.Re4+=]
54.bxc3 dxc3 55.Rg2 Hazai: 'This is the point of the ♖ manoeuvre, White creates a so called Tarrasch ♖.' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'This is the point of the ♖ manoeuvre, White creates a so called Tarrasch ♖.'" **55...Rb2**
[55...c2 JvR: 'Kapengut' 56.Rxc2 Kxc2+ 57.Kxf4 JvR: 'Kramnik,V: '='' Rxb6 58.Kf5=]
[55...Rxb6 JvR 56.Kxf4 Rc6 57.g6 c2 58.Rxc2 Rxc2 59.Ke5=]

(Diagram)

56.b7
[56.g6 JvR Rxg2 57.Kxg2 c2 58.b7 c1Q 59.b8Q=]
56...Rxb7 57.Kxf4 Rb2 58.Rg1 c2 59.Rc1 Rb1 60.Rxc2 Kapengut: '=' JvR: '=' 'Kapengut: '=' '='' **60...Kxc2**

(Diagram)

61.g6 Kd3 62.Kf5 Rb5+ 63.Kf6 Rb6+ 64.Kf7 Rxg6 65.Kxg6

(Diagram)

JvR: 'Naked kings are left. ' Hazai: 'This was a real fighting game!' JvR: 'Kapengut: 'Hazai: 'This was a real fighting game!'"
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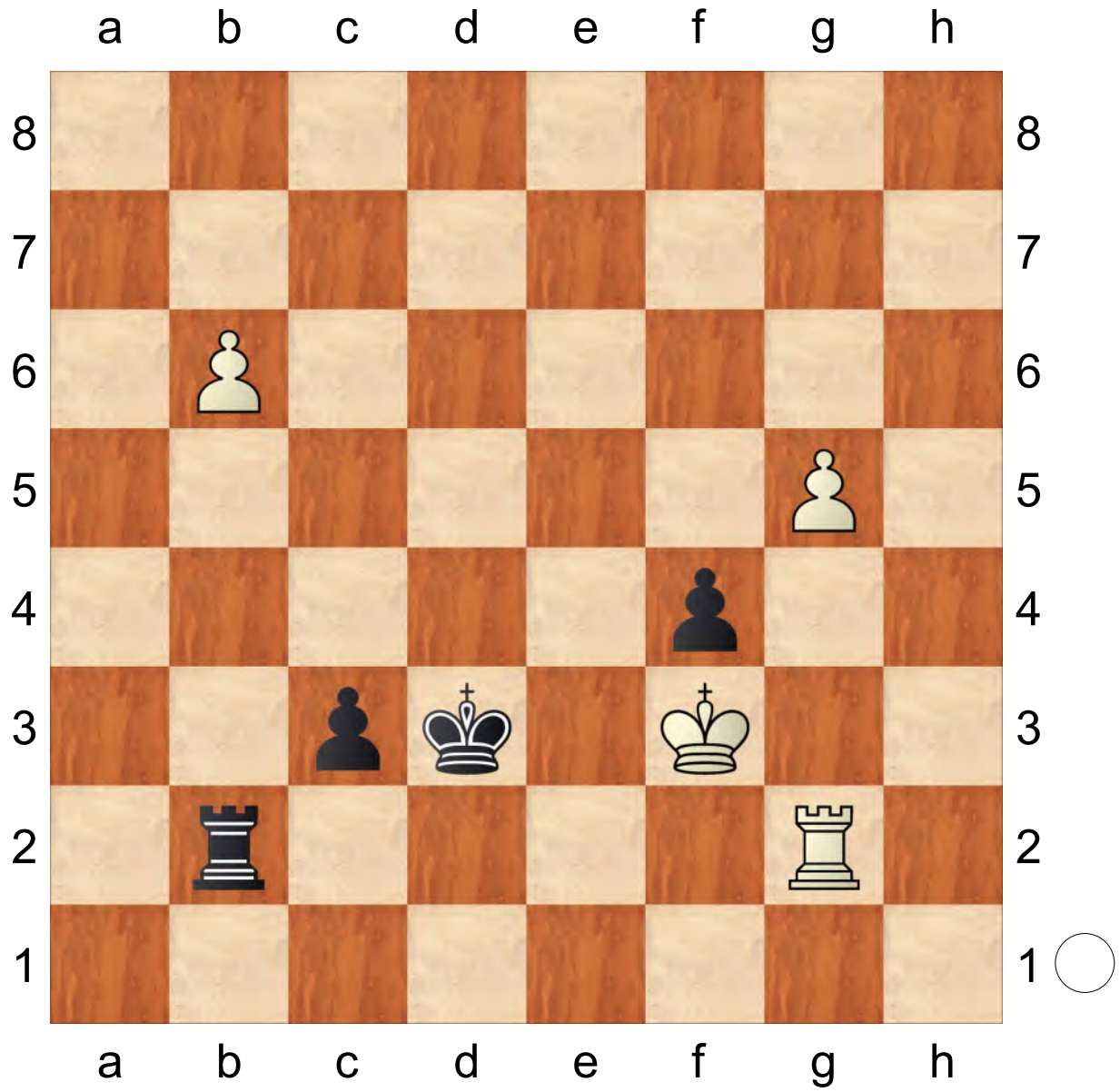
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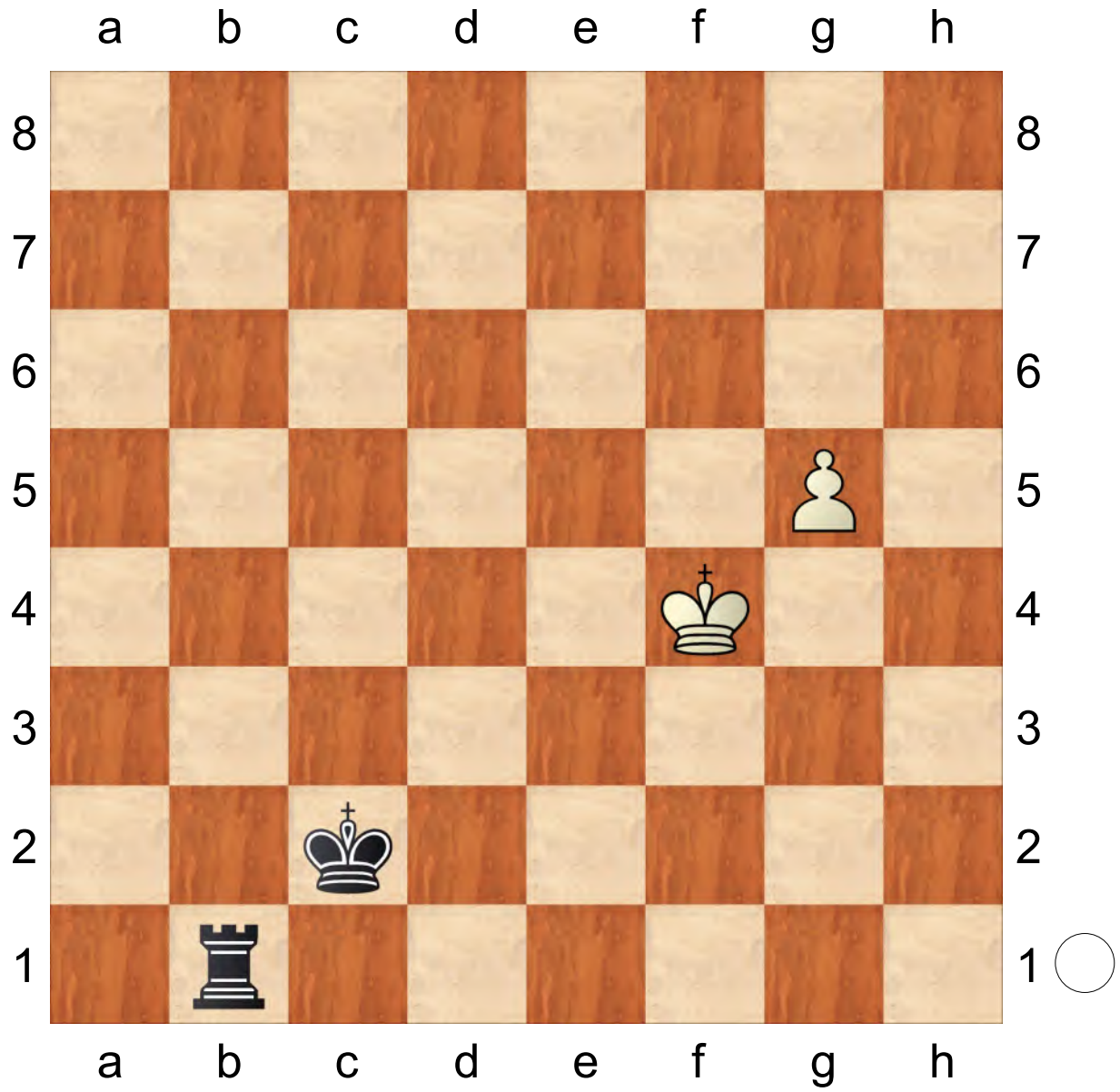
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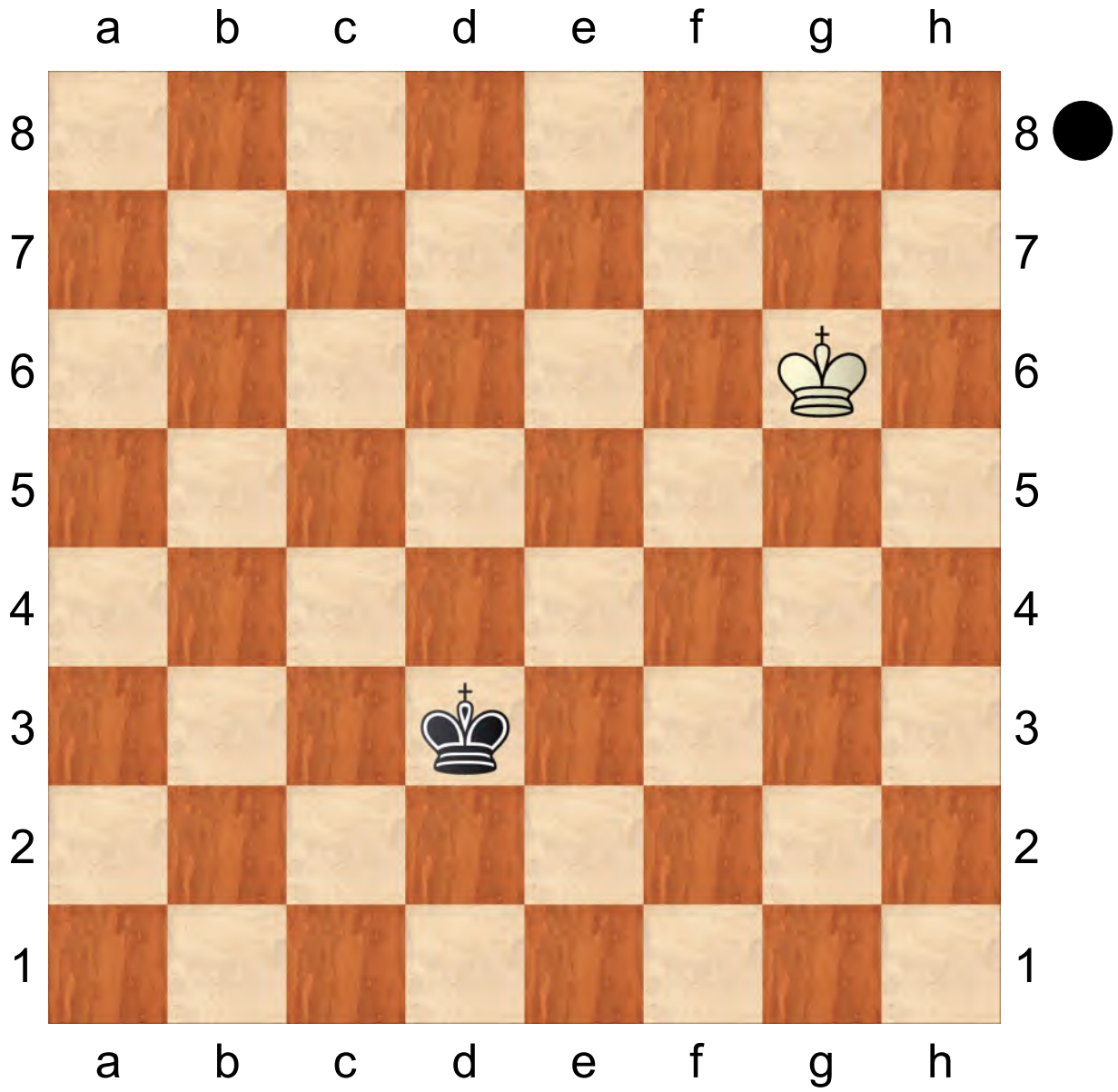
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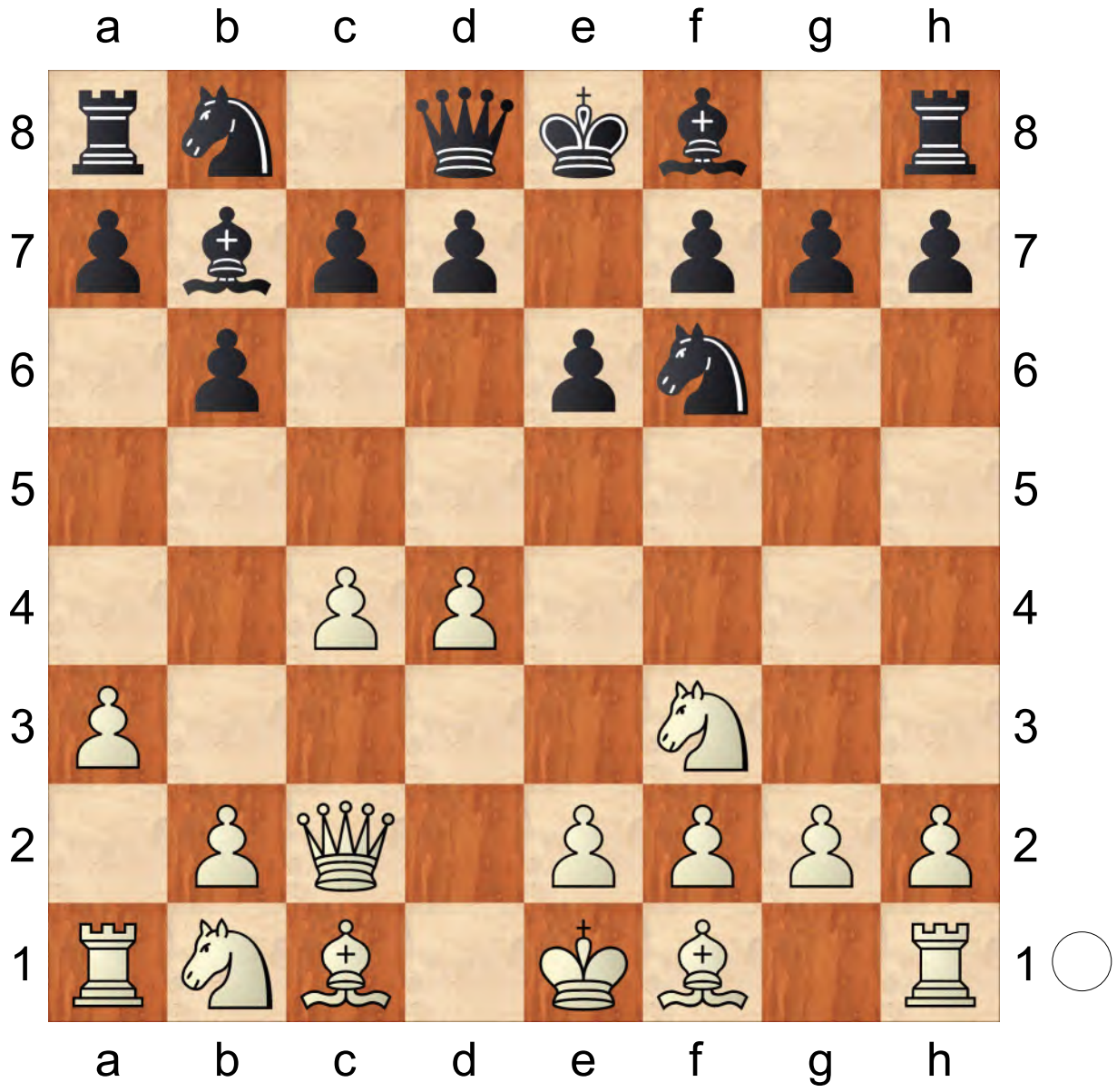
1.d4 Atalik Atalik **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6** I was slightly surprised by GM Beliavsky's choice for Queen's Indian Defence since in almost all our encounters he was heading for Tartacower's Defence. **4.a3** Petrosian System rerevisited. **4...Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7**



6.Bg5!? 10 o'clock in the morning this looked like a great improvisation.
[However with a sober look one can notice that there is no difference between the

text and 6.Nc3 c5 7.dxc5 *(7.e4 cxd4 8.Nxd4* is of course should be the normal and the most common continuation. *)* 7...bxc5 8.Bg5]

6...Be7

[after 6...h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nc3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Bg7 11.e3 and a3 is coherent with the set up as it may be seen in some early Uhlmann games.]

[6...c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Rd1 *(*or even *9.0-0-0!?* a la Azmai*)* 9...h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.e3 transposes to some Qc2 Nimzo considered to be better for white. *(11.e4 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7∞)*]

7.Nc3 c5 What else? **8.dxc5 bxc5 9.e3 0-0**

[9...Nh5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Be2 f5 12.0-0 0-0 13.b4**∞** could be the course for another game.]

10.Be2 h6

[again 10...Nh5!? is an option.]

(Diagram)

11.Bh4 d5!? I thouhgt it was too early for hanging pawns but maybe not...

[11...d6 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Rad1 Qb6 14.Rd2 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Nf8 16.h3 Ng6 17.Bg3 Rac8 18.Nh2 looks like logical for both sides.]

12.Rd1 Nbd7 13.0-0 Qc7!? This looks really weird I have spent some time trying to understand it.

[Actually after the natural 13...Qb6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Bb5! Bc6 *(15...Rad8? 16.Bxd7 Rxd7 17.Na4; 15...d4? 16.Bxd7 Bxf3 17.gxf3 dxc3 18.Qxc3* black is in trouble.*)* 16.Bxc6 Qxc6 17.Qf5 Nb6 *(17...g6? 18.Nxd5; 17...Rab8? 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Qxd7 Rb7 21.Qxc6 Nxc6 22.Rc1±)* 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 *(18...Bxf6? 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5)* 19.Nxd5 Nxd5

A) 20.Rxd5

A1) 20...Qxb2 21.Rd7 Qf6 22.Qe4! *(22.Qe5 Rfe8 23.Rc1±)* 22...Bd6 23.Nd2 Rfd8 *(23...Rfe8 24.Qd5)* 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Nc4**±**;

A2) 20...Qxf5! 21.Rxf5 Rab8⇄ things are not that clear to me.;

B) 20.Qxd5

B1) 20...Rab8

B1a) 21.b3 Rfd8 22.Qc4 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Qb2

B1a1) 24.b4? cxb4 *(24...Qxa3 25.Ne5)* 25.Qc7 bxa3! *(25...Re8 26.axb4 Qxb4 27.Qxa7±)* 26.Qxe7 Qc2 27.Re1 a2 28.Qxa7 Rb1-+;

B1a2) 24.g3 Qxb3 25.Qxb3 Rxb3 26.Rd7 Bf6 27.Rxa7**±**;

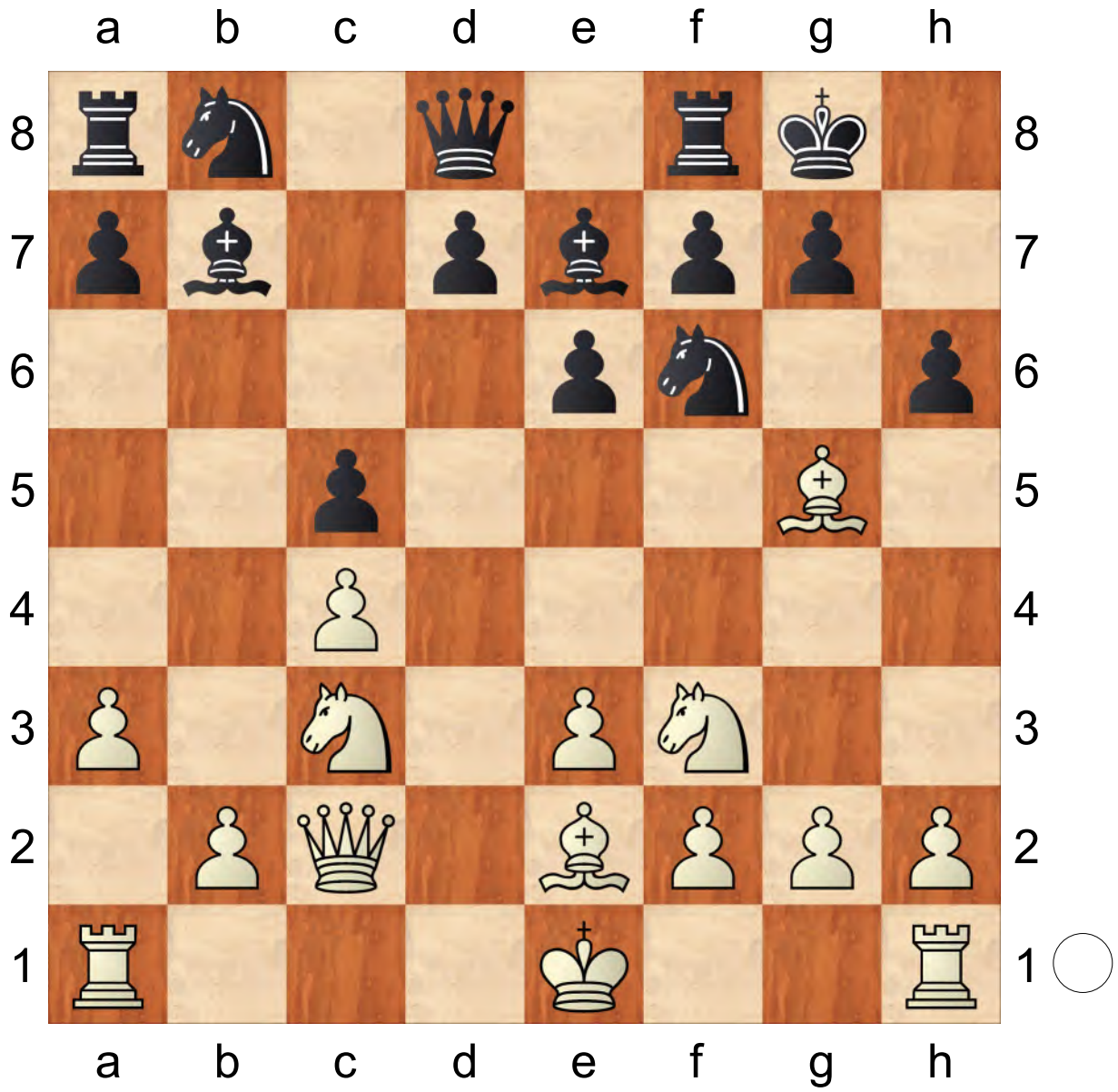
B1b) 21.Ne5 Rfd8 22.Nd7 Qh4 23.b3**±**;

B2) 20...Rfd8 21.Qe5;

B3) 20...Rad8 21.Qe5;

B4) 20...Qxb2 21.Qe5 *(21.Ne5 Rad8 22.Nd7 Rfe8)* 21...Qxe5 22.Nxe5 Rfd8 23.g4! Bf6 24.Nc4**±**]

14.cxd5 exd5 15.Bg3 Qb6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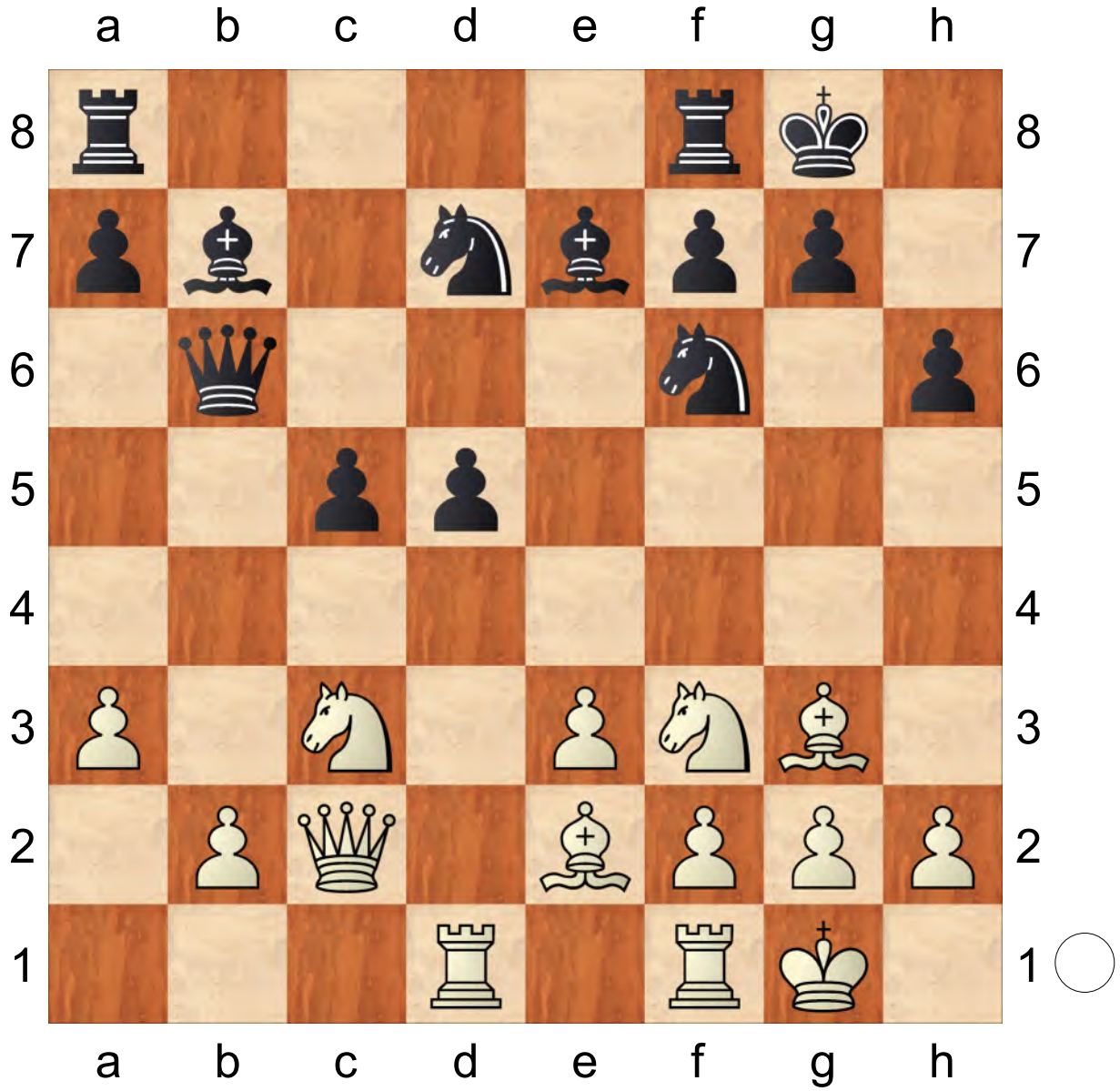


Here I assume I went wrong by playing the obvious but the innoculous ♘h4-f5.

16.Nh4

[I have noticed that the other path for my kings knight could be very dangerous for my opponent.However the temptation to play forward possesed my soul!And most likely I was right. 16.Ne1

A) 16...Rfe8 17.Bf3;

B) 16...Rfd8 17.Bf3;

C) 16...Rad8!? 17.Nd3 *(17.Bf3 Ba6 18.Nd3 Bc4)*;

D) 16...Rac8!

D1) 17.Nd3?! is not satisfactory for white. d4 18.Na4 Qa5 19.b3 dxe3 *(19...Ne4!?; 19...Nb6 20.Ndb2 Nxa4 21.Nxa4)* 20.fxe3 Ne4 21.Be1 Qc7;

D2) 17.Bf3 Ba6 18.Be2=]

[16.Ne5

A) 16...Rad8 17.Bf3 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Qe6 19.Bf4∞ *(19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Na4 c4 21.Nc5)*;
B) 16...Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qe6
B1) 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bf3 Rad8 20.Na4 c4 21.Nc5 Qb6 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Rd2 Rd7
B1a) 24.Qf5 Rfd8 25.Rfd1 Qb3! 26.h3 *(26.Bxd5? Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Qxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1#)* 26...d4→;
B1b) 24.Rfd1 Rfd8
B1b1) 25.g3 g6
B1b11) 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Qxc4 Rd4! *(or even 28...Rc5!)*;
B1b12) 26.Kg2 Qc6!=;
B1b2) 25.h3
B1b21) 25...g6!? 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Qxc4 Rd4□ *(28...Qxb2 29.Bxd5)* 29.Qxd4 Bxd4 30.Bxb7 Bxb2 31.a4 a5=;
B1b22) 25...Qc6 26.e4 dxe4 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.Bxe4 Qe6;
B2) 18.Bf4!? It is always difficult to deploy the bishop somewhere on the diagonal;f4 or g3 ,which one is the best? Rad8 19.Bf3 Ne4∞;
B3) 18.Bg3∞ Rad8 19.Bf3 Ne4 20.Nxe4 *(20.Qb3 Ba6 21.Rfe1 Bd3!!)* 20...dxe4 21.Rxd8! *(21.Be2 Bd5)* 21...Rxd8 22.Be2 Bd5 23.Rd1=]

16...Rfd8□ Only move but it is sufficient to keep black out of harm ,especially noticeable that ♖a8 stands better than ♖c8 since in some lines ♙a7 may be lost!

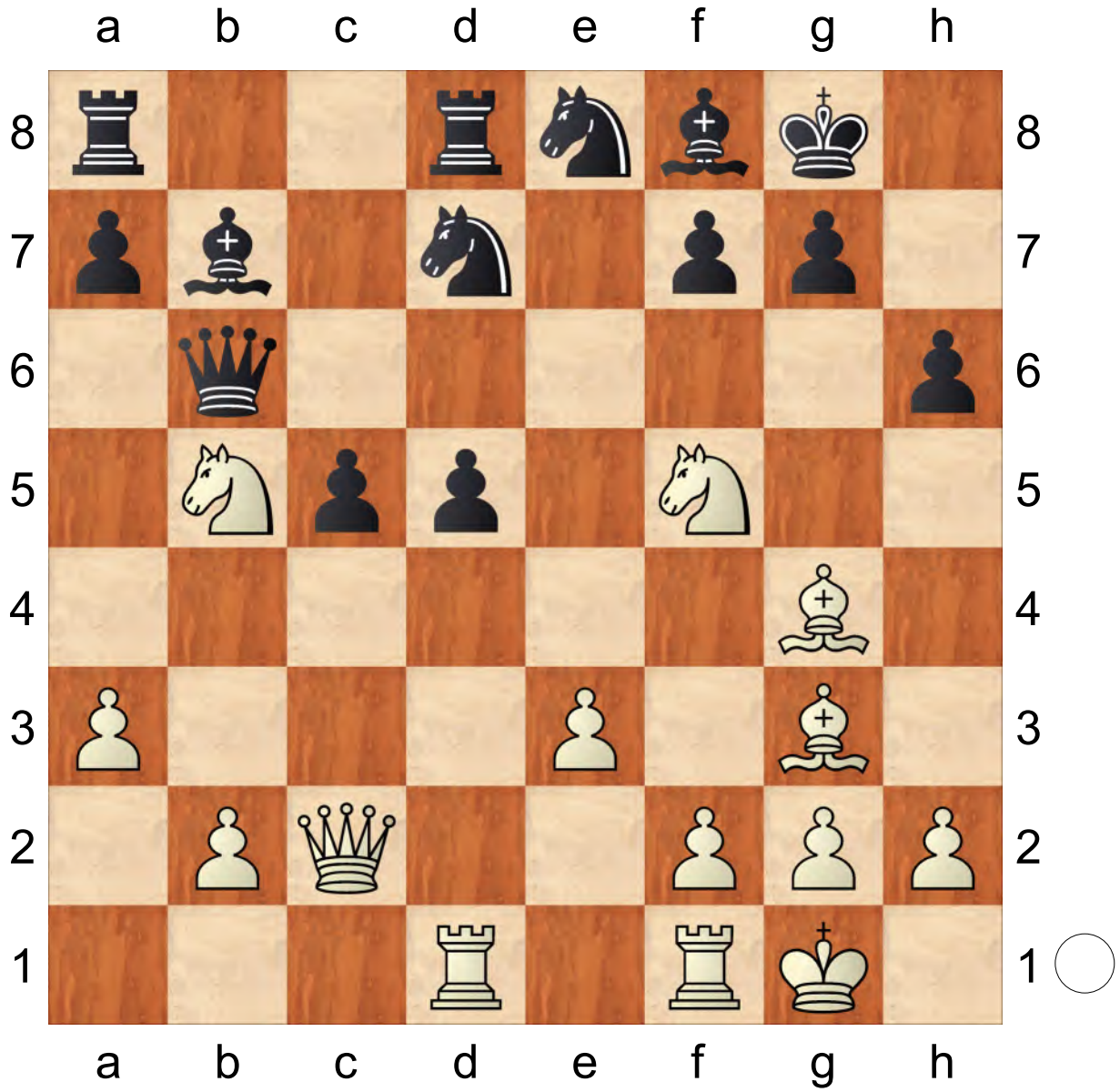
17.Bf3 The move order is very important since it allows black with new possibilities.
[17.Nf5 Bf8 18.Bf3 g6 19.Nh4 Qe6 20.Nxg6!? fxg6 21.Qxg6+ Bg7 *(21...Kh8 22.Nxd5 Qe8 23.Qf5→)* 22.Nxd5 Nf8 23.Nxf6+ Kh8! The point! 24.Qxg7+!! *(24.Qg4?! Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Qxf6∓)* 24...Kxg7 25.Nh5+ Kf7 26.Bxb7 Qb3 27.Bf3 Ne6 *(27...Rxd1 28.Rxd1 c4 29.Be5; 27...Qxb2 28.Rb1; 27...Ng6 28.Bd6)* 28.Nf4 Nxf4 29.Bxf4 Rac8 30.Be5∞]

17...Qe6 18.Nf5
[18.Qf5 Nf8]

18...Bf8 A natural retreat.
[18...Ne5? 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7
A) 20.Be2?! d4 21.exd4 cxd4 22.Nb5 Rac8 *(22...d3 23.Bxd3 Nxd3 24.Rxd3 Bxg2 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.Kxg2 Qb7+ 27.Kg1 Qxb5±)* 23.Qf5 Ng6 24.Rfe1 Rc5 25.Qb1 Be4 26.Bd3 Rxb5 27.Rxe4 Nxe4 28.Bxb5 Nxg3 29.hxg3 Ne5∞;
B) 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Na4 c4 22.Rd4±]

19.Nb5 Ne8 20.Bg4 Qb6
[20...Qg6!?
A) 21.h3 d4 22.exd4 Qc6;
B) 21.Be2!?;
C) 21.Qe2 Ndf6 22.Bh3 Ba6 23.a4 Nd6;

D) 21.f3? Qc6 *(21...Ba6 22.a4 Ndf6 23.Bh3)* 22.Nc3 g6 23.Nh4 Ndf6 24.Bh3 d4;
E) 21.Bf3!? It is sad but probably this is the best after 20...♕g6.]



After couple of pseudo agressive moves whites pieces will be pushed back,however black also did not gain much from that so actually for the last 5 moves both sides shuffled his pieces in a way. **21.Nc3 Ndf6 22.Bf3 Rac8** Here I should have been more careful.The game with hanging pawns requires full attention from both sides all the time! **23.Rd2?** Tactically not alert!

[23.Rfe1
A) 23...g6 24.Nh4 Bg7 *(24...d4 25.Na4 Qa6 26.Bxb7 Qxb7 27.Nf3 Ne4 28.Be5↑)* 25.Na4 Qc6 26.Be5 Qe6 27.Bc3 Qe7 28.g3±;
B) 23...d4! 24.Na4 Qa6 25.Bxb7 Qxb7 26.exd4

B1) 26...g6 27.Nxc5 Bxc5 28.Nxh6+ Kg7 29.dxc5 Rxd1 *(29...Kxh6 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.c6)* 30.Qxd1 Kxh6 31.b4±;
B2) 26...cxd4 27.Qd3 Qd7 28.b3 Bxa3 29.Be5 *(29.Nxd4 Bb4 30.Rf1)* 29...Bb4 30.Re2 Nd5 31.Nxd4 Nef6=]
[23.Na4?! Qe6 24.Nc3 Ne4↑]

23...d4! Typical for hanging pawns.Since the side with them would have already got some space advantage and control in the center if they start rolling things may go dangerous. **24.Na4□**
[24.Bxb7?! Looks terribly dangerous! dxc3 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bf3 g6 27.Nh4
A) 27...Qxb2 28.Qxb2 cxb2 29.Be5 c4 *(29...Rd2 30.Rb1; 29...g5 30.Nf5 g4 31.Bc6)* 30.Bxb2 Rb8 31.Be5 Rb5 32.Bd4 Bxa3 33.Be2 Rb4 34.Nf3⩲ *(34.Bc5?! Rb2 35.Bxa3 Rxe2∓)*;
B) 27...cxb2 28.Rb1 Qa5 29.Qxb2 c4∓]

24...Qa6 25.Bxb7 Qxb7

(Diagram)

26.exd4 g6? Allows some nasty exchanges!
[After the natural 26...Ne4 27.Rd3 g6 28.Nh4 cxd4 29.Qd1 Qa6!∓ the threat of 30...♖c1 is tremendous.]

27.Nh4? I should have gone for ♗+3 pawns against 2♘s position.
[27.Nxc5 Bxc5 28.Nxh6+ Kg7 29.dxc5 Kxh6 30.Rxd8 *(30.Rfd1 Qe7 31.b4±)* 30...Rxd8 31.c6 Qb5 32.b4 Kh7 33.Rc1 Rc8 34.Qc4 Qxc4 35.Rxc4 Nd5 36.b5→]

27...cxd4
[27...Ne4 28.Rd3 cxd4 29.Qd1 Qa6 30.Be5 *(30.Nf3? Rc1* Atalik: '!' '!' Atalik: 'again the same old trick.' *31.Qxc1 Qxd3 32.Rd1 Qb3 33.Nc3 dxc3 34.Rxd8 cxb2 35.Qb1 Nc3-+)* 30...Rc1 31.Qe2 and somehow white is still alive.]

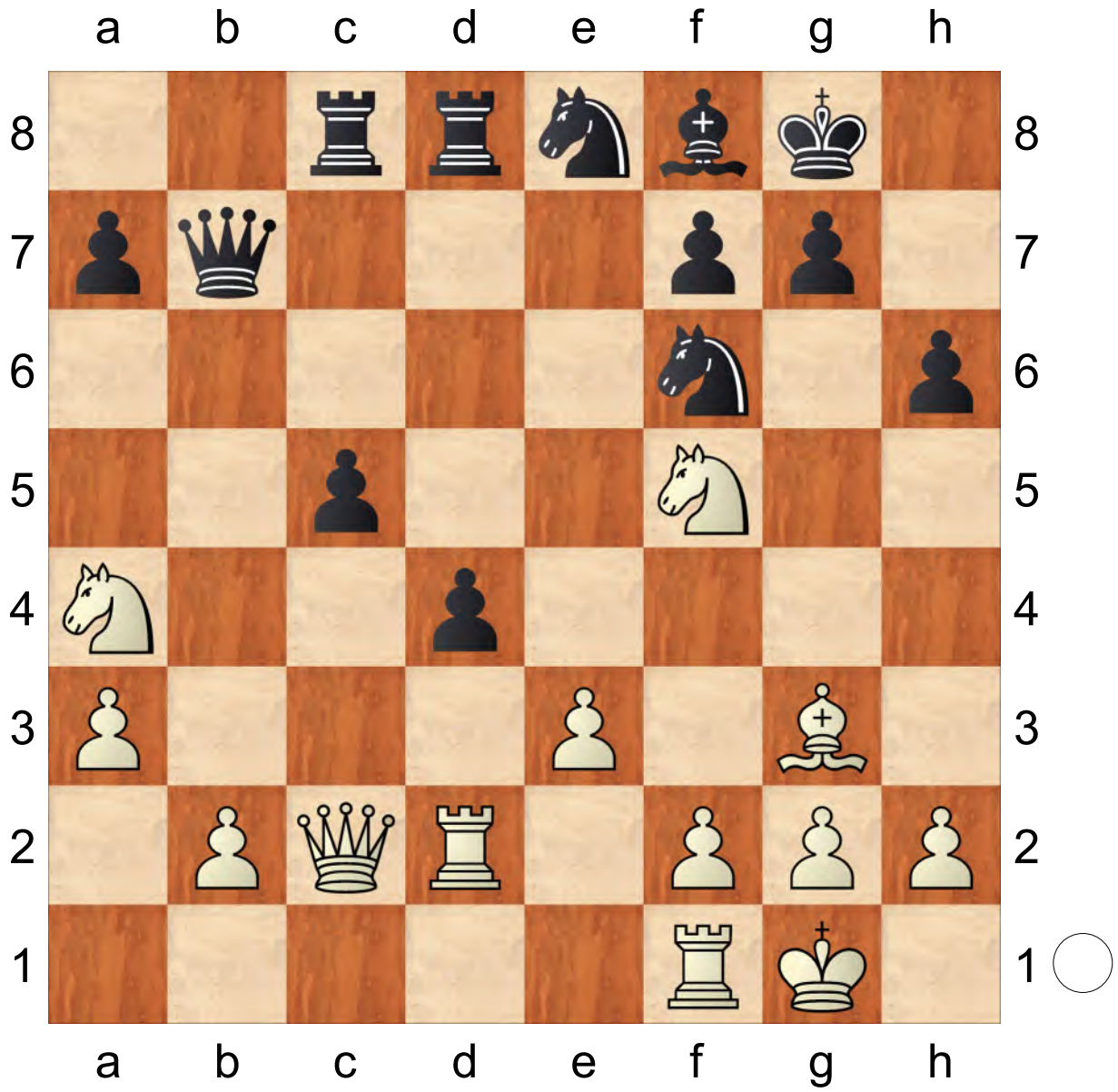
28.Qd1 Qa6 29.Be5 This looked like the most ambitious move to me in the game.I was simply not aware of being substantially worse in this position!
[29.Nf3 Ne4 *(29...d3 30.Nc3 Rxc3 31.bxc3 Ne4 32.Be5 Nxd2 33.Qxd2 Nd6 34.Bd4 Nf5∓)* 30.Rxd4 *(30.Rd3 Rc1!* again the same old trick.*)* 30...Rxd4 31.Nxd4 Rd8 32.Be5 Rd5∓]
[29.Nc3? dxc3 30.Rxd8 c2-+]

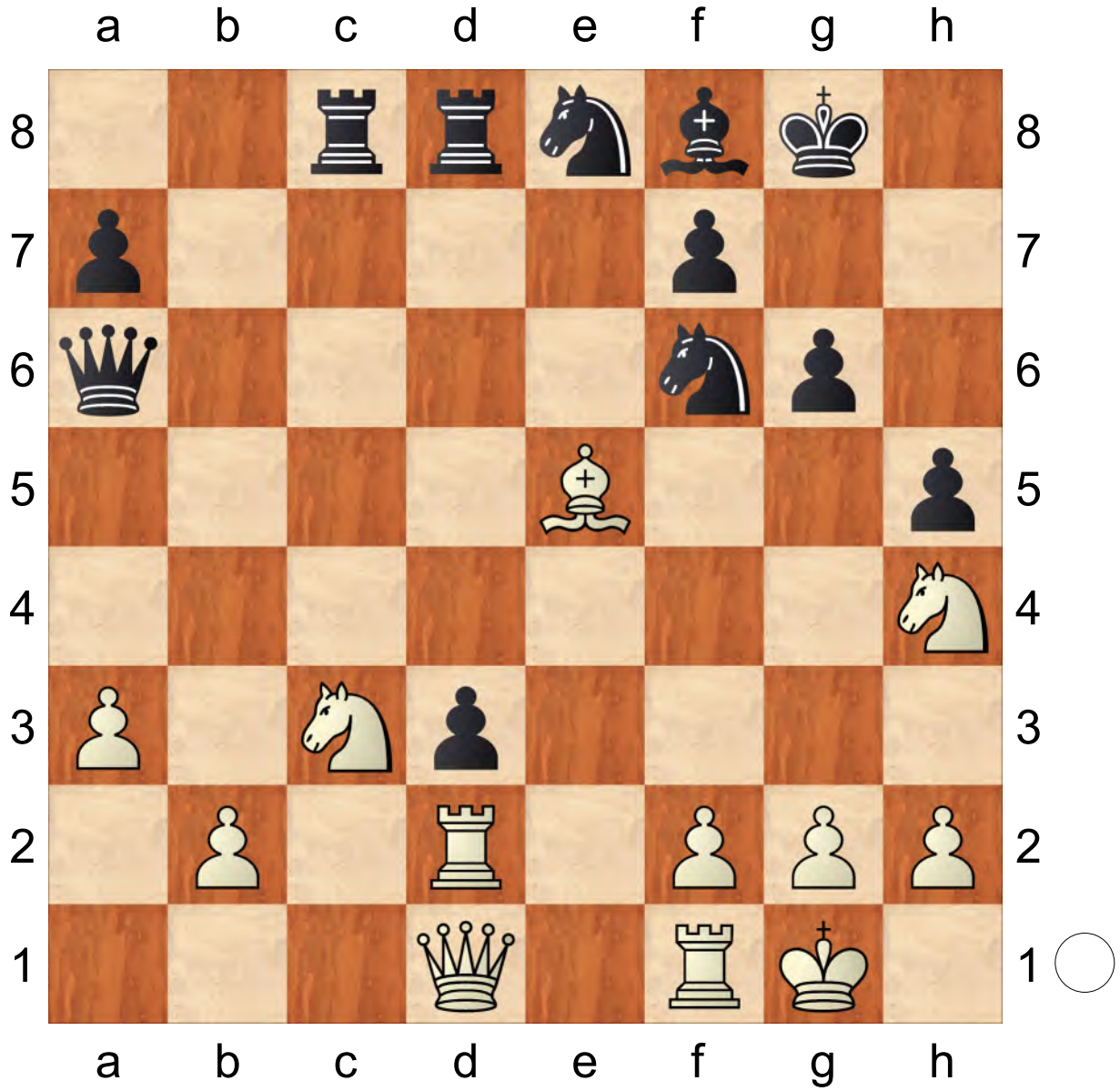
29...d3 The pawn went too deep however I was thinking that I was ok around here.
[29...Rc4 30.b4! *(30.b3 Ne4 31.bxc4 Nxd2 32.Qxd2 Qxa4 33.Bxd4 Qxc4 34.Nf3 Bg7 35.Rd1 Bxd4 36.Nxd4 Ng7-+* And white loses a piece.*)* 30...Ne4 31.Rd3 Rc1 32.Qe2 Nc3 33.Nxc3 Rxc3 34.Rfd1∓]

30.Nc3 h5!∓

(Diagram)

31.Qf3 Looking meek,I still had fantasies about making ♙d2 fall.





[Possible positions coming after 31.h3□ Bh6 32.f4 Rxc3 33.bxc3 Ne4 34.Ra2 did not appeal to me yet! *(34.Bd4 Nxd2 35.Qxd2 Nc7 36.Rd1 Ne6 37.Qxd3 Qxd3 38.Rxd3 Nxf4-+)*]

31...Bh6 32.Rdd1 Everything goes well according to the diary of the madman!Pawn has to walk till d2 and will fall there.

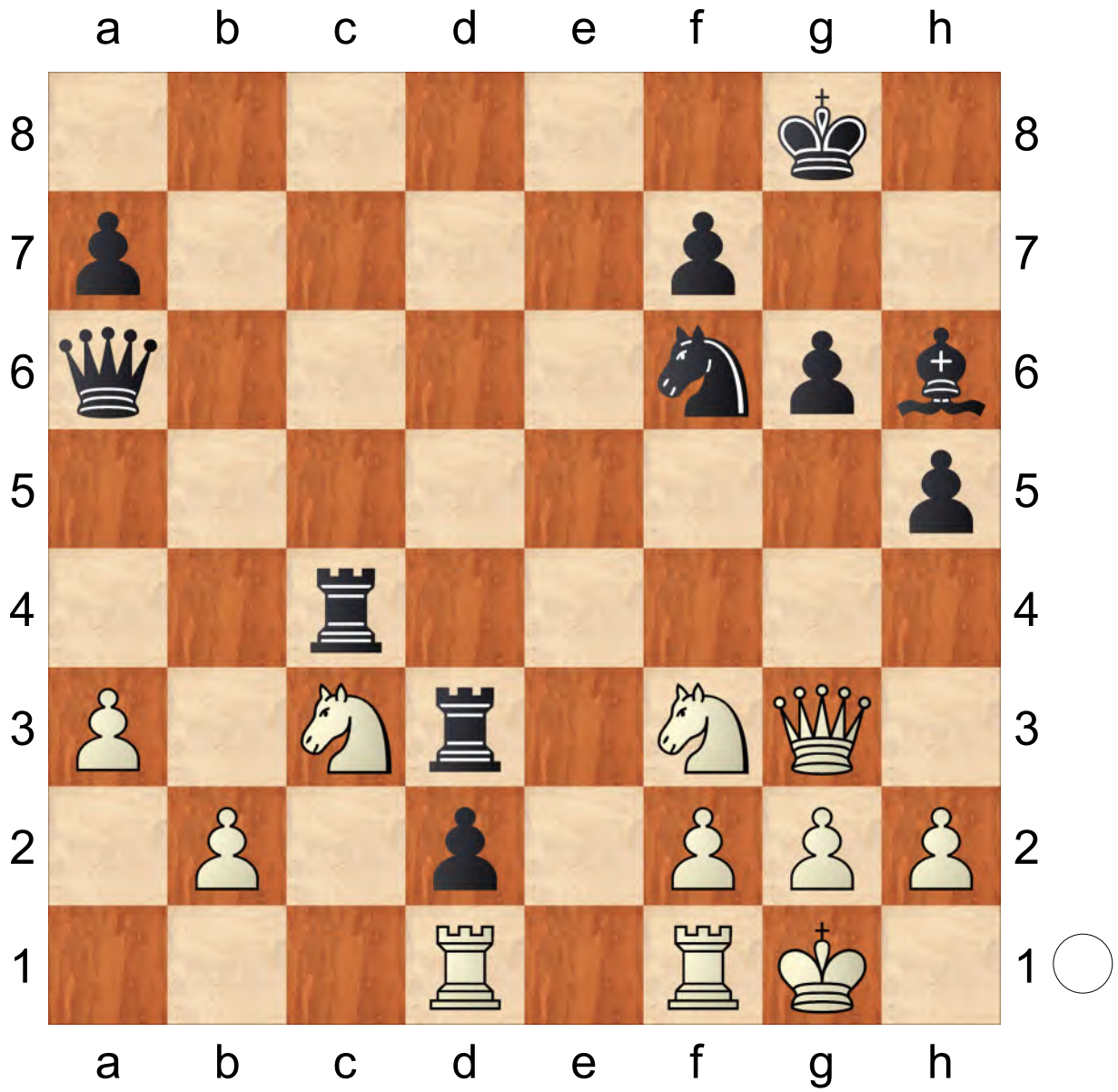
[32.Bf4 Bxf4 33.Qxf4 Rc4 34.Qg3 Rxc3 35.bxc3 Ne4 36.Qf4 Nxd2 37.Qxd2 Nd6-+]

32...d2 33.Qg3 Rd3 34.Nf3 Rc4! Of course I have missed this one!After oblique attack with ♗h6 black attacks latterally now with Rc4 and thus geometrically dominates the board. **35.Bxf6!?** I was worried about the scope of my queen so I did not hesitate to give my bishop,also this is my bishop not Gufeld's neither Babitt's bishop.

[35.h3 Qb7-+]

35...Nxf6?!

[35...Bf4 36.Qh3 Nxf6 37.Ne2 Bh6-+ And black's space advantage combined with ♙d2 is making white choked!]



36.Qe5 Now things are not that simple at least my queen is centralised. **36...Rc8** **37.Qe2!** Very annoying,I have also started to bring some geometrical aspects into my game. **37...Qd6!** In mutual time trouble an extremely annoying idea found by my experienced opponent.

[37...Re8 38.Ne5 Rd6 39.Qxa6 Rxa6 40.f4 Rd6 41.g3 looks really solid. g5! only this might be annoying. *(41...Rb8 42.Rf2)* 42.Nc4 Rd4 43.fxg5 Bxg5 44.h4! Bxh4 45.gxh4 Rg4+ *(45...Rxc4? 46.Rxf6 Re1+ 47.Rf1)* 46.Kh2 Rxh4+ 47.Kg3 Rg4+ 48.Kh3 Nh7! 49.b3 Ng5+ 50.Kh2 Re1 *(50...Rh4+ 51.Kg2 Rg4+ 52.Kf2 Nh3+ 53.Kf3 Ng5+=)* 51.Rf5 Rh4+ and black has better to take a draw

by repetition. *(51...h4 52.Rxd2 Rgg1 53.Rxg5+ Rxg5 54.Nd5±)*]

38.Ne5

[38.Nb5 Qd5 39.Nc3 Rcxc3 40.bxc3 Qe4! 41.Qxe4 Nxe4∓]

38...Rdxc3 39.bxc3 Rxc3?? Here I believe we both got hyponised by our clocks and did stop calculating well.

[39...Nd5!

A) 40.Nc4 Qa6! I have forgotten about that! *(40...Nxc3 41.Nxd6 Nxe2+ 42.Kh1 Rc1 43.Ne4 f5 44.Nxd2 Bxd2 45.Rxc1 Nxc1 46.Rd1 Nb3* is not that clear after *47.Rb1)*;

B) 40.f4 Strangely only move in a lost position. 40...Bxf4! *(40...Nxf4 41.Qe4* white is worse but the game is prolongued! *)* 41.Rxf4 Nxf4 42.Qe4 Qc5+-+]

40.Nf3 All of sudden white is back in business,difficult to figure out who is better and why! **40...Rc2!**

[40...Rxa3? 41.Nxd2 Ra2 42.Ne4]

[40...Ng4? 41.h3 Rxf3 42.hxg4]

(Diagram)

The trump in other words ♙d2 should be protected. **41.Qb5?** Typical blitz move but works only after bad play from your opponent!

[⌓41.a4 There was no need to jettison this pawn!]

41...Qd5??

[I did not even calculate what would happen after 41...Qxa3 42.Qe5 Kg7 *(42...Qb2 43.Qd6 Kg7)* 43.Qd4 Qa2∓ but now I can tell you that white just lost his a pawn and started to drift with his rooks confined.]

42.Qb8+ Kg7 43.Qxa7 All of a sudden I have even cashed a pawn! **43...Ne4 44.Qd4+ Qxd4 45.Nxd4 Ra2?**

[45...Rb2 46.Ne2 Ra2 47.f4 Kf6 *(47...Rxa3 48.Ng3 Nxg3 49.hxg3 Rxg3 50.Rxd2 Rg4* should also be sort of equal.*)* 48.Rf3 Bf8 49.Nc3 Nxc3 50.Rxc3 Bd6 51.g3 Bxa3 52.Rxa3 Rxa3 53.Rxd2=]

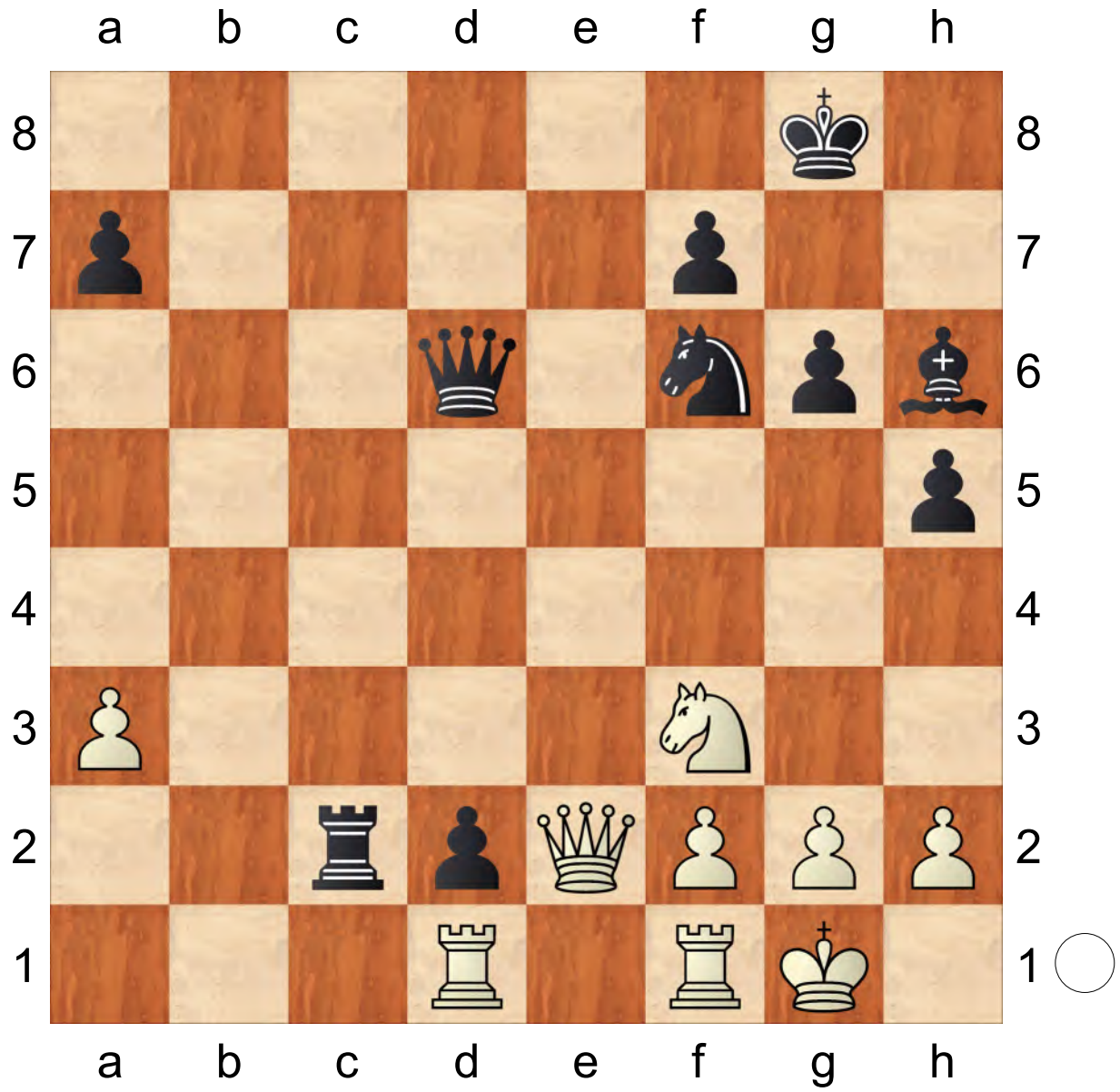
(Diagram)

Simply bad since it allows whites next! **46.Nb5!±** What a turn of events,huh? **46...Bg5! 47.Ra1 Rc2** Black is in serious trouble but white has to find the killing plan.

[47...Rb2 48.Rab1 Ra2 *(48...Rc2 49.Rfd1)* 49.Rfd1 Be7 50.Kf1+-]

48.a4? Very bad! Absolutely out of touch! The a-pawn is not that dangerous yet, White had to cover the weakness of f2 first of all then his a pawn could have become a serious threat in black's throat.

[48.Rfd1 Be7 49.Kf1 Bc5 50.Ke2 Rb2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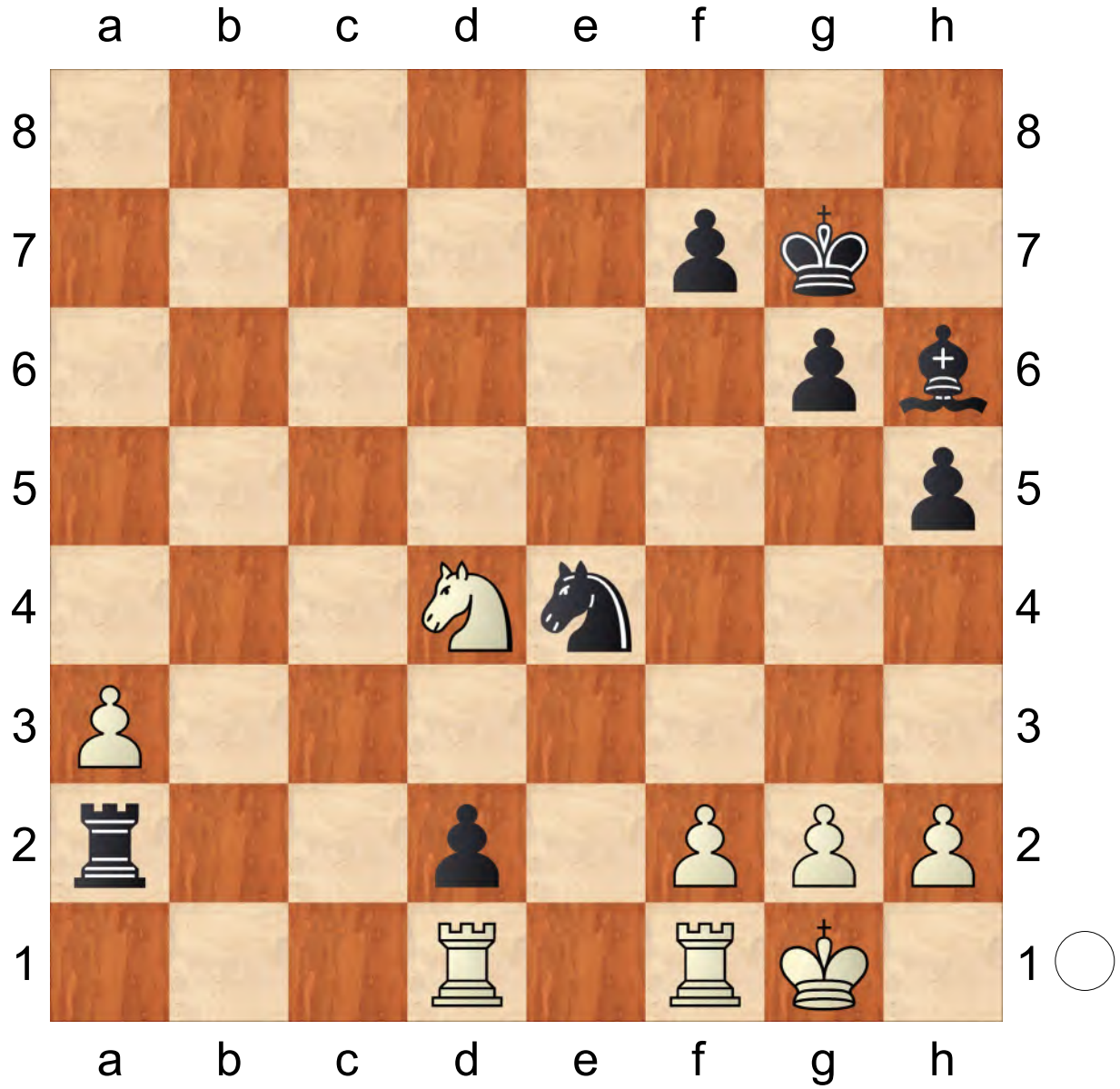


A) 51.f3?! Nf2 52.Rxd2 Rxb5 53.a4 Rb3□ *(53...Ra5? 54.Rd5)* 54.a5 Re3+ 55.Kf1 Nd3 56.a6 Ba7 *(56...Kf6 57.Re2 Rxe2 58.Kxe2 Nf4+ 59.Kf1 Ba7 60.Rb1+-)* 57.Re2 Rxe2 58.Kxe2 Nf4+ 59.Kf1 Ne6 60.Rd1 *(60.Rb1 Nc5)* 60...Nc5 61.Rd8 Kf6 62.Ra8 *(62.Ke2±)* 62...Bb6 63.Rc8 *(63.a7 Ne6 64.h4=)* 63...Nd7 64.a7 Bxa7 65.Rc7 Bb8 66.Rxd7 Bxh2=;

B) 51.a4! white is already threatening f3. 51...Bxf2 52.Nd6! Nxd6 53.Kxf2 Ne4+ 54.Ke3 f5 55.a5 Rb3+ 56.Ke2!! We do not care about the exchange important is to be as close as possible to d1 square with the king even if you may get forked there! *(56.Kd4 Rb4+ 57.Ke5 Rb5+ 58.Ke6 Rb7 59.a6 Ra7 60.h4)* 56...Nc3+ *(56...Rb7 57.a6 Ra7 58.Ra3 Kf6 59.Rb1 Ke5 60.Rb7 Ra8 61.a7+-)* 57.Kxd2 Nxd1 58.a6 Rb8 59.Kxd1 g5 *(59...Kf6 60.a7 Ra8 61.h4 Ke5 62.Ra4 Kd6 63.Ke2 Kc6 64.Ke3 Kb7 65.Kf4+-)* 60.a7 Ra8

B1) 61.Ke2 Kf6 62.Kd3 Ke5 63.Kc4 f4 *(63...h4 64.Kc5 h3 65.gxh3 Ke4*

66.Kb6 f4 67.Kb7 Rh8 68.a8Q Rxa8 69.Rxa8 f3 70.Kc6 f2 71.Rf8 Ke3 72.Kd5 Ke2 73.Ke4! f1Q 74.Rxf1 Kxf1 75.Kf3!!+-)

B1a) 64.Kb5?

B1a1) 64...Ke4 65.Kb6 f3 66.Ra4+ *(66.gxf3+ Kxf3 67.Kb7 Rxa7+ 68.Kxa7 g4 69.Ra2 h4 70.Ra4! h3=)* 66...Ke3 67.Ra3+ Kf2 68.gxf3 Kg2 69.Ra2+ Kxf3 70.Kb7 Rxa7+ 71.Kxa7 g4 72.Kb6 h4 73.Ra4! *(73.Kc5 g3)* 73...h3 74.Kc5 g3 75.Ra3+ Kg2=;

B1a2) 64...g4 65.Kb6 Ke4 *(65...f3 66.gxf3 gxf3 67.Kb7 Rxa7+ 68.Kxa7 Kf4 69.Kb6 Ke3 70.h4 f2 71.Kc5 Ke2 72.Kd4 f1Q 73.Rxf1 Kxf1 74.Ke3! Kg2 75.Kf4+-)* 66.Kb7 Rxa7+ 67.Kxa7 f3 68.gxf3+ Kxf3 *(68...gxf3 69.Kb6 f2 70.Kc5 h4 71.h3 Ke3 72.Kd5 Kf3 73.Kd4 Kg2 74.Ke3+-)* 69.Kb6 h4 70.Ra4 *(70.Kc5 g3=)* 70...h3=;

B1b) 64.Kd3 Kd5 65.Ra5+ Kc6 66.Ke4+-;

B2) 61.Ra6 Kf7 62.Ke2 Ke7 63.Ke3 Kd7 64.h4 gxh4 65.Kf4 Kc7 66.Kxf5 Kb7 67.Ra2 Rf8+ 68.Kg5 Ka8 69.Kxh4 Rf5 70.g3 Re5 71.Ra6 Rb5 72.Rh6 Kxa7 73.Rxh5 Rb1 74.Rc5 Kb6 75.Rc2+-]

48...Nxf2?? The start for comedy of errors!

[48...Be7 49.Nd4 Rb2 50.Nf3 *(50.a5 Bc5 51.a6 Bxd4 52.a7 Bxa7 53.Rxa7 Nxf2 54.Rd7 d1Q 55.Rfxd1 Nxd1 56.Rxd1)* 50...Bc5 51.Rad1 Ra2 52.h4 *(52.h3 f5)* 52...Kf6 *(52...Rxa4 53.Nxd2 Ng3 54.Nf3 Nxf1 55.Kxf1)* 53.g3 Rxa4 *(53...Bb4 54.Ra1; 53...Nxg3 54.Rxd2 Rxd2 55.Nxd2 Nxf1 56.Nxf1 Kf5 57.a5 Kg4 58.Nh2+ Kxh4 59.Nf3+ Kg4 60.Ne5+)* 54.Rxd2 Nxg3 55.Re1 Nf5 56.Rc1 Be7 57.Rd7 Rf4 58.Rc6+ Kg7 59.Kg2 Nxh4+ 60.Nxh4 Bxh4 61.f3]

49.Na3

[Ok the first capture on f2 it is obviously impossible. 49.Rxf2? Be3 50.Rd1 Rc1 51.Nc3 Rxc3 52.Kf1 Rc1 53.Rfxd2 Bxd2-+]

49...Rb2 50.Nc4?? Another gross blunder I have produced recently with the new time control.

[Now ♘f2 is touchable.And it is very simple. 50.Rxf2 Ra2 *(50...d1Q+ 51.Rxd1 Be3 52.Rdf1 Ra2 53.Nc4 Bc5 54.a5 h4 55.Ne5 Rxa5 56.Nf3 g5 57.Kh1 Bxf2 58.Rxf2 Ra1+ 59.Ng1+-; 50...Be3 51.Rd1! Ra2 52.Nc4 Bxf2+ 53.Kxf2 Rxa4 54.Nxd2+-)* 51.Rff1!+-]

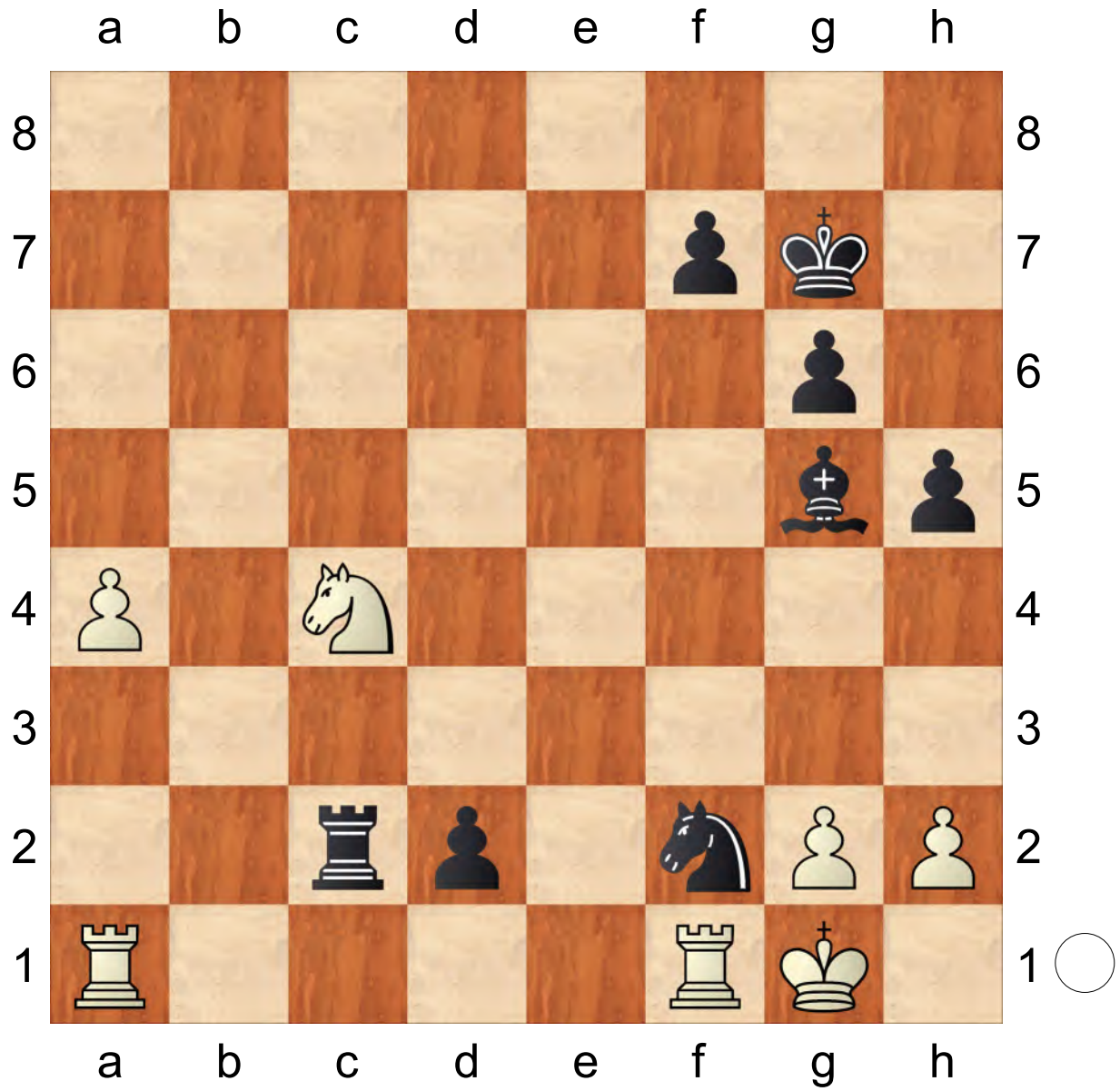
50...Rc2?

[50...d1Q 51.Rfxd1 Nxd1 52.Nxb2 Nxb2 53.a5 Be3+ 54.Kf1 Ba7 55.a6 Nc4 56.Ke2 Nb6 57.Rc1 Nd5 58.Rc8 Kf6 59.Ra8 Bb6 60.Rb8 Ke6 61.Rb7 Bd4 62.a7 Bxa7 63.Rxa7= Should be a draw!]

(Diagram)

Punch to punch! This loses once again! **51.Rxf2??** Who knows if I would see the capture after having repeated the moves once!

[51.Na3 Rb2 52.Rxf2]



51...Rxc4 52.Rff1 Be3+ 53.Kh1 Bd4!∓ I am losing my a-pawn and thus most likely the game, I have absolutely overlooked this idea. **54.Rad1 Bc3 55.Rf3 Ba5**

(Diagram)

56.Rdf1?? Frustrated and collapsed to easy!
[56.Kg1 Rxa4 57.Rd3! Ra2 58.h4= Ra4 59.g3 f5 60.R1xd2 Bxd2 61.Rxd2 Rg4 62.Kf2 f4 63.gxf4 Rxh4 64.Kg3 Rg4+ 65.Kf3=]
56...Rc1-+ 57.Rxf7+ Kh6 58.g3 Re1!

(Diagram)

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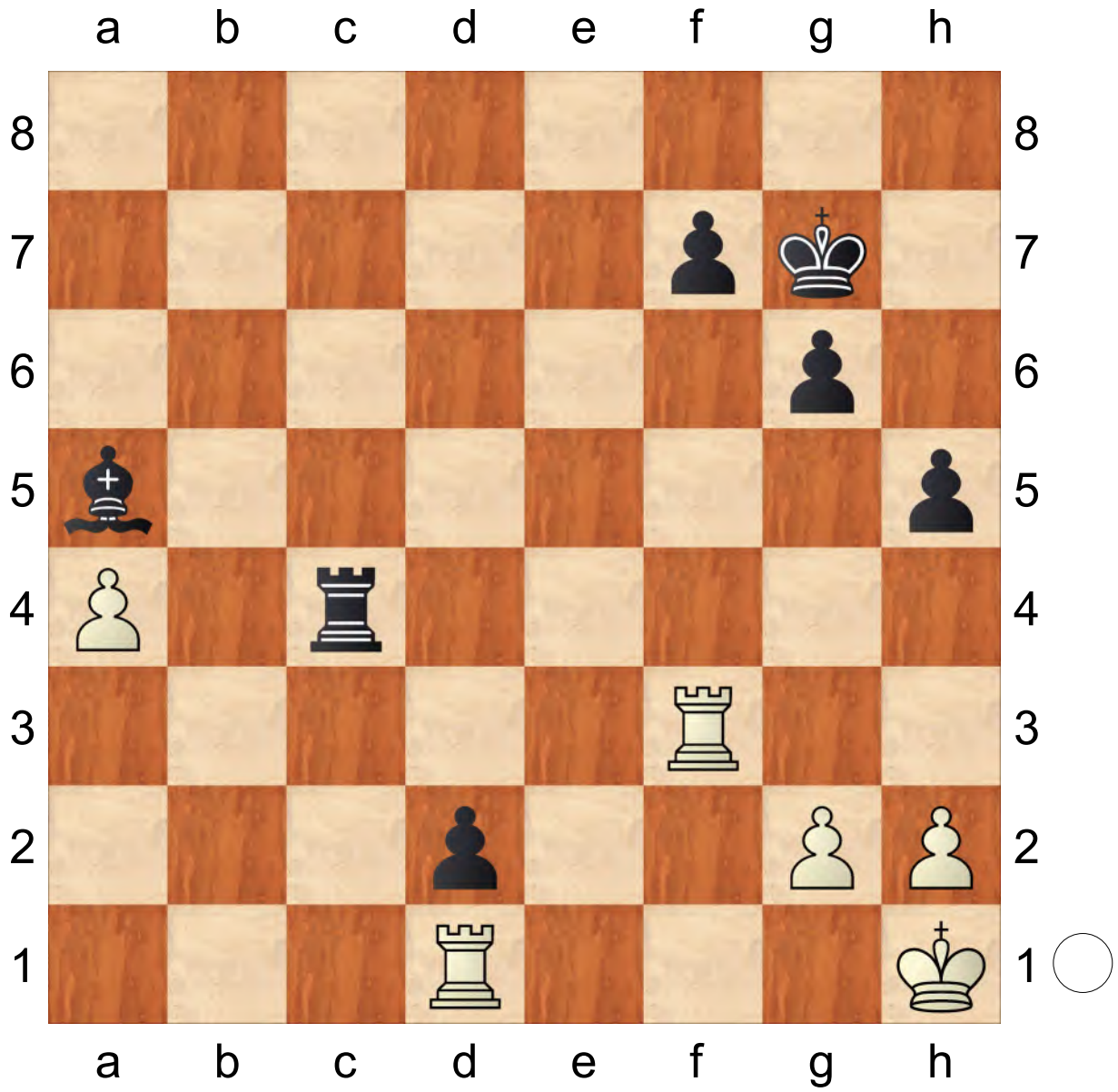
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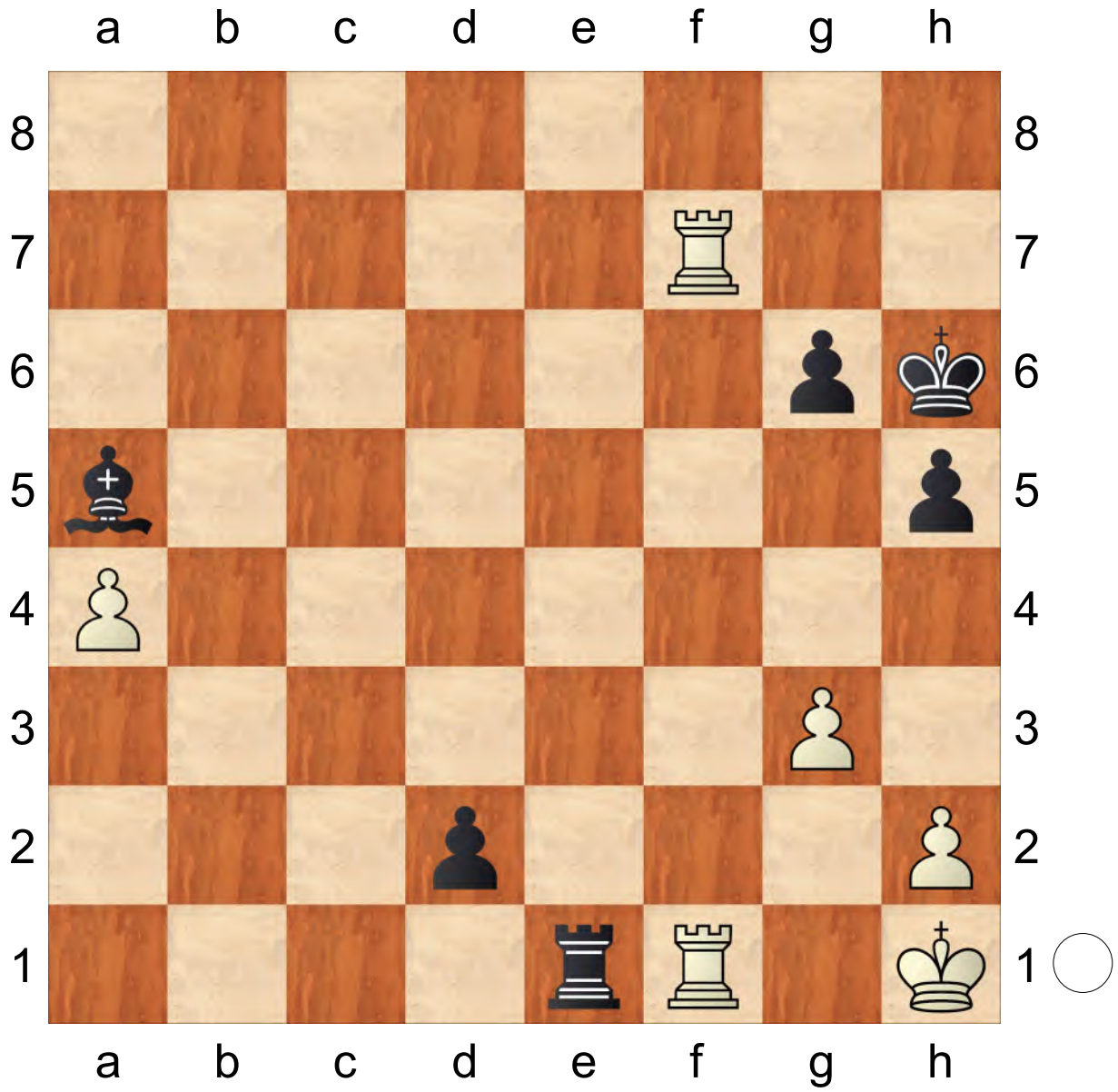
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□ **Damljanovic,Branko** **2555**
■ **Torre,Eugenio** **2545**
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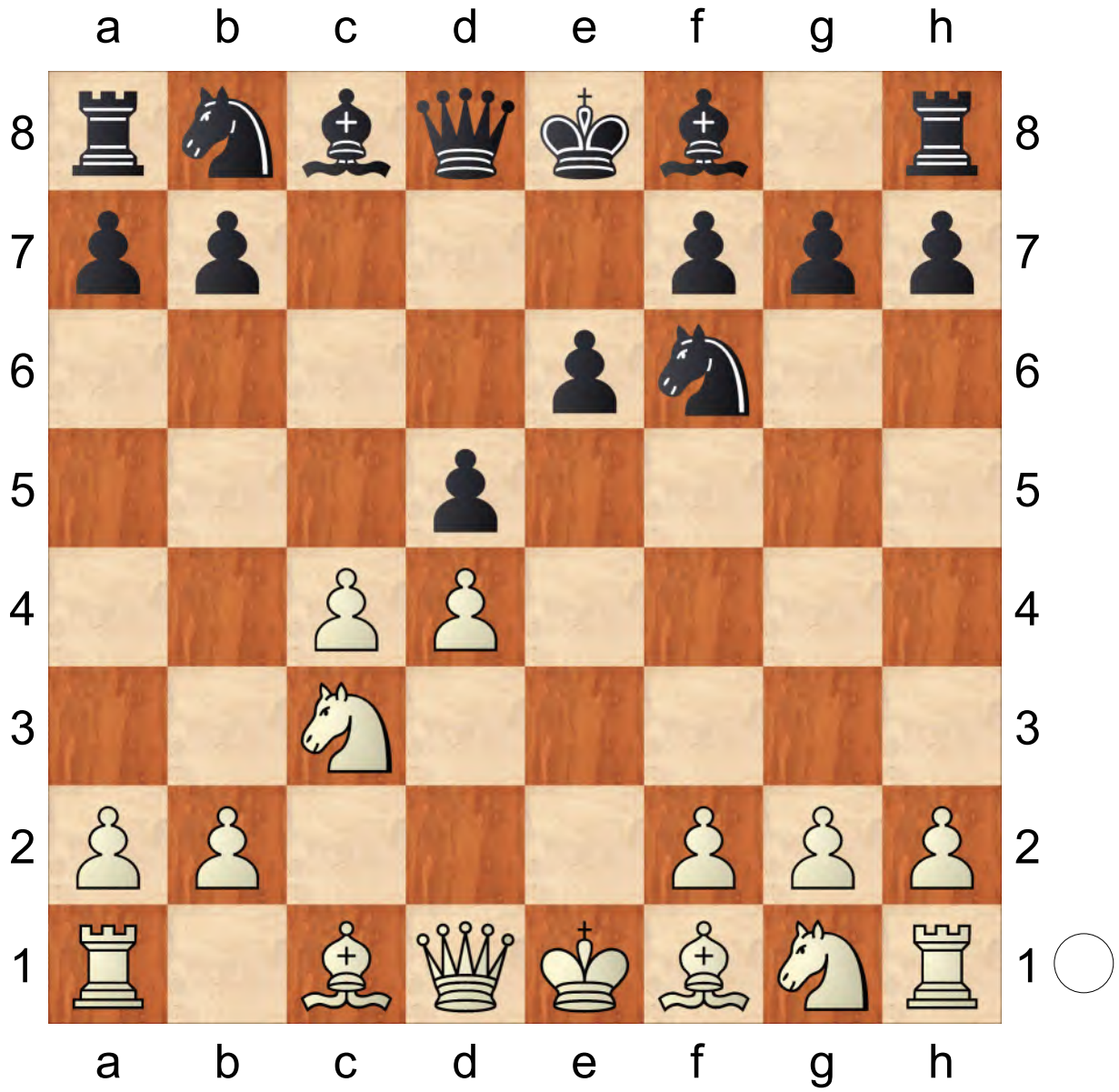
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

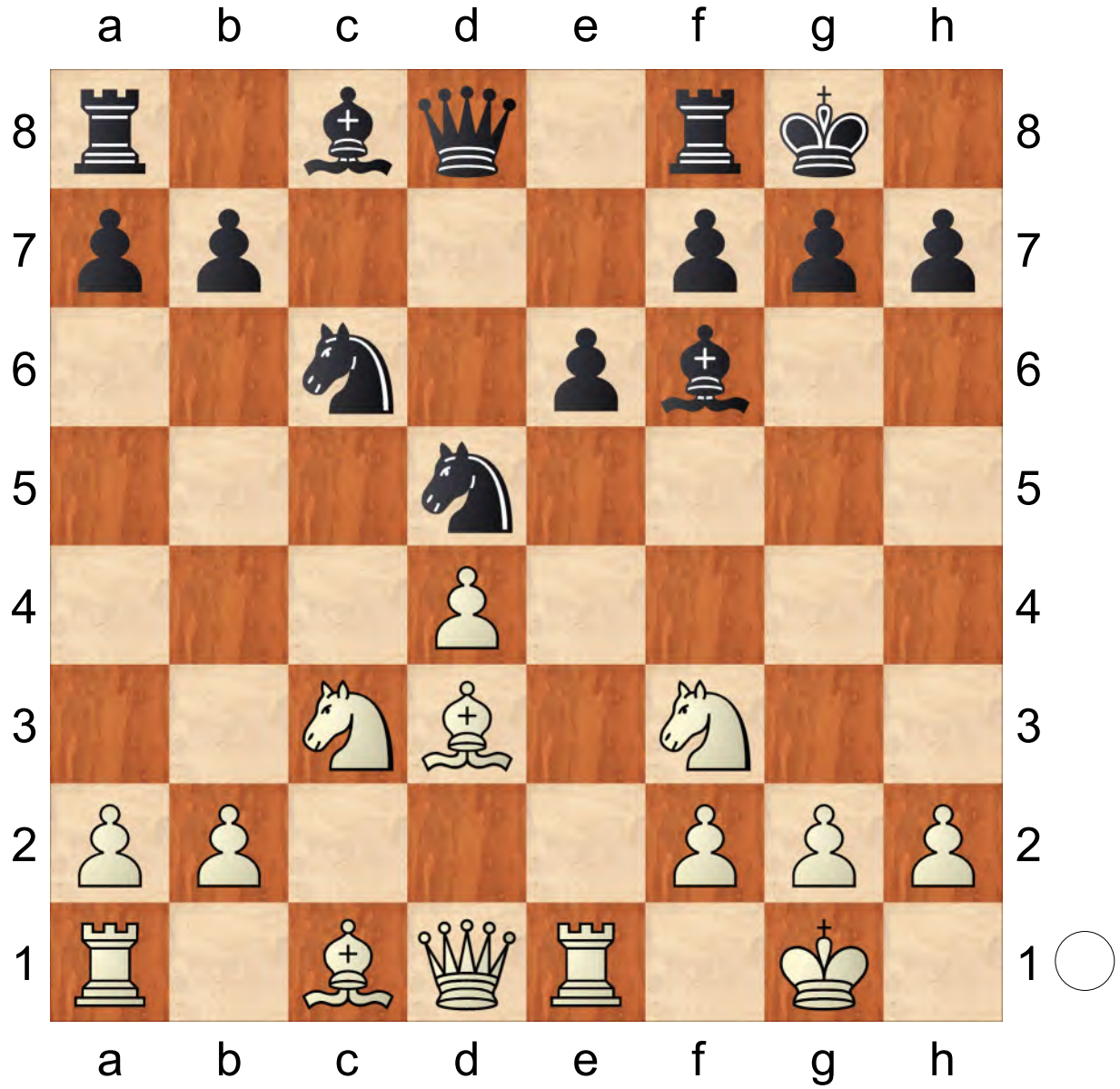
1.c4 Tsesarsky **1...c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6**



6.Nf3 Be7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Bf6

(Diagram)

11.Be4 Nce7 12.Qd3 g6



[12...h6
A) 13.h4?! Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' Bd7 14.a3 Bc6 15.Bd2 Rc8 16.Rad1 a6 17.g3 Qd6 18.Ne5 *(18.Nh2 Nxc3 19.Bxc3 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Nd5∓)* 18...Nxc3 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.bxc3 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qxa3∓;
B) 13.Ne5!? Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' *(14.bxc3 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd3 16.Bxd3 Bd7)* 14...Nf5 15.Be3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 *(16.Qxe3 Qb6 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.b3 Bd7 19.Ng4 Bg5 20.Qf3 Be8 21.Ne5 Rxd4 22.Nc4 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Qc7 24.Bxb7 Rd8∓)* 16...Rb8 17.Rad1 Bd7 18.Bb1±;
C) 13.Qe2 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 13...Bd7 14.Bb1 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bc6 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Qxe5 Qd5 18.Qg3 Qh5 19.Bc2 Nf5 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.c4 Rfe8 22.Be3 Qg4 23.d5±]
[12...Ng6 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 13.Bd2 b6 14.h4 Bb7 15.h5 Ngf4 16.Qb1

A) 16...Nxc3 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.bxc3 Bxf3 19.Bxf4 *(19.gxf3 Nxh5 20.Be4 Rc8⇄)* 19...Bxh5 20.Be4 Rc8 21.Re3±;
B) 16...Qc7 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Be4 Nxh5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Ne5 g6 *(20...Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nf6 22.Qf5 Rae8 23.Rae1 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Qc4 25.Bg5 Nh7 26.Be7 Rc8 27.Qxf7 Qxd4 28.Bd6+-)* 21.Nb5 Qd8 22.Bb4+-]

13.Bh6

[13.h4 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' Bd7 14.Ne5 Bc6 15.Bh6 Re8 16.h5 Nf5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Bf4 Re4 22.Be5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Qa5∓]

13...Bg7

[13...Re8 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 14.h4 Qd6 15.Ne5 Bxh4 16.g3 Bf6 17.Qf3]

14.Bxg7

[14.Qd2 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky'

A) 14...Bd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Bxd5

A1) 16...Nxd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Re5 *(18.Re3±)* 18...Bc6 19.Rae1 Re8 20.Rxe8 Bxe8 21.Ne5±;

A2) 16...exd5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Ü 50/440' 17.Qf4 f6 18.Re2 Bc6 19.Rae1 Rf7 20.Re6 Ng8 21.h4 Rc8 22.g4 Qc7 23.Qxc7 Rcxc7 24.Nh2 *(24.R6e3 Nh6 25.Nh2⇄* 1-0 Gipslis,A-Mikenas,V/cr Lithuania-100 ,CCS 1988/[Gipslis] (56) *)* 24...Nh6 25.f3

A2a) 25...Kf8 26.Kf2

A2a1) 26...Rce7?± 27.b4 a6 *(27...Ng8 28.b5 Bd7 29.Rd6 Rxe1 30.Kxe1±)* 28.a4 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 Re7 30.Rxf6+± 1-0 Pushkov,N-Shabanov,Y/Orel ,EXT 1992 (38);

A2a2) 26...Ng8!=;

A2b) 25...Ng8⇄;

B) 14...b6 15.h4 Bb7 16.h5 Nf5 17.Bxf5 *(17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Re5 Qd8 21.d5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Qf6 23.Rd1 Rae8=)* 17...exf5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rad1±;

C) 14...Qd6

C1) 15.Ne5 Nf5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rad1 Nf6

C1a) 18.g4 Ne7 19.Re3 Ned5 20.Rh3 Ng8 21.Bg2 *(21.Nc4 Qd8 22.Re1±)* 21...f6 22.Nc4± 1-0 Beim,V-Acs,P/Budapest FS08 GM ,EXT 1995 (41);

C1b) 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.d5±;

C2) 15.h4 Rd8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rad1 Bd7=;

C3) 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nxd5 *(17.Ne5 Rd8=)* 17...Qxd5 18.Re5 Qd6 19.Rae1 Rd8 20.h4

C3a) 20...h5 21.Qc3 Kg8 22.d5

C3a1) 22...f6

C3a11) 23.Rxe6 Bxe6 24.Rxe6 Qxd5 25.Qxf6 Qf5 26.Qxg6+ Qxg6 27.Rxg6+ Kh7 28.Rg5 *(28.Re6 Rd7 29.Ne5 Rc7⇄)*

28...Kh6⇄;
C3a12) 23.Rxh5!? gxh5 24.Qxf6 Rd7 *(24...exd5 25.Re8++-; 24...Qf8 25.Qg5+ Kh7 26.dxe6+-; 24...e5 25.Qg5+ Kf8 26.Rxe5+-)* 25.Rxe6 Qf8 26.Qe5 Rxd5 27.Qxd5 Bxe6 28.Qxe6+ Qf7 29.Qe3 Qf6 30.Ne5 Rc8 31.f4±;
C3a2) 22...Bd7 23.Rxh5 gxh5 24.Qf6
C3a21) 24...Be8 25.Re5 Rac8 *(25...exd5 26.Rxe8++-)* 26.g3± *(26.Rxh5 Rc1+)*;
C3a22) 24...Qxd5
C3a221) 25.Ne5? Be8 26.Re3 Qd1+ 27.Kh2 Rd4
C3a2211) 28.Rg3+? Rg4 29.Nxg4 hxg4 30.h5 Qd8 31.Rxg4+ Kf8 32.Qg7+ Ke7 33.Rf4 Qd6 *(33...Qd5? 34.Qf6+ Kf8 35.h6 Rd8 36.h7* 1-0 Gipslis,A-Borer/Berlin 1991/Inf 52/[Gipslis,A] (36) *)* 34.g3 Qc5∓;
C3a2212) 28.f4±;
C3a222) 25.Re5+-;
C3b) 20...Bd7⇄;
D) 14...Nf6
D1) 15.Bc2 b6 16.Rad1 Bb7 17.Ne5 Nc6 18.Bg5
D1a) 18...Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qxd2 20.Rxd2 Nd5 *(20...Ng4 21.f4 h6 22.Be7 Rfe8 23.Ba3 h5 24.h3 Nh6 25.Red1 Nf5 26.Ba4 Reb8 27.Rd3 h4±)* 21.Be4±;
D1b) 18...Ne7 19.Re3
D1b1) 19...Nfd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Rh3 f6 22.Bh6 fxe5 *(22...Bxg2?! 23.Kxg2 fxe5 24.Bxg7 Qd5+ 25.Kg1 Kxg7 26.Qh6++-)* 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qh6+ Kf6 25.Qh4+ Kg7 26.Qxh7+ Kf6 27.Qh4+ Kf7 28.dxe5+-;
D1b2) 19...h6
D1b21) 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Rh3 Bg7
D1b211) 22.Rxh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Rc8 24.Nxg6 *(24.Rd3 Nf5∓)* 24...fxg6 25.Bxg6 Rf6 26.Qh7+ *(26.Bh7+ Kf7 27.Qh5+ Ng6 28.Rd3 Qd6 29.Rg3 Be4-+)* 26...Kf8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qh7+=;
D1b212) 22.Ng4 h5 23.Nh6+ Kh8 *(23...Kh7 24.Rxh5+-)* 24.g4 Nd5 25.gxh5 *(25.Nxf7+ Rxf7 26.Bxg6 Rf4 27.Rxh5+ Kg8 28.Qe2 Qc8 29.h3 Nf6∓)* 25...g5 26.Ng4 Nf4 27.Rg3 Rc8 28.h6 Bf6 29.Be4 Rxc3 30.Bxb7 Rc4 31.d5 exd5 32.Re1 Rd4 33.Qc2 Rc4⇄;
D1b22) 20.Bh4 Ned5⇄;
D2) 15.Rad1 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qf4
D2a) 18...Bc6 19.Qe5+ f6 20.Qxe6± *(20.Qd6 b6* 0-1 Krays,A-Kataev,S/ Tel-Aviv Cup rapid 1996 (20) *)*;
D2b) 18...Nd5=]

14...Kxg7 15.Qd2

[15.Bxd5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' Nxd5 16.Nxd5
A) 16...Qxd5
A1) 17.Re5 Qd6 18.Rae1 Bd7 19.Ng5 Bc6 20.d5 Bxd5 *(20...exd5 21.Qd4± 1-0 Darga,K-O'Kelly,A/Madrid(1) 1957 (25))* 21.Qd4 Kg8
A1a) 22.Qh4 h5 23.Nh7 *(23.g4 f6 24.gxh5 fxe5 25.hxg6 Qe7-+)* 23...Kxh7 24.Rxh5+ gxh5 25.Qxh5+ Kg7 26.Qg5+ Kh7 27.Qh5+= *(27.Re3 Bf3-+)*;
A1b) 22.Ne4 Qd8 23.Rxd5 exd5 24.Nf6+ Kh8
A1b1) 25.Re7 Rc8 26.g3 *(26.h3 Rc1+ 27.Kh2 Qd6+ 28.f4 Rc4-+; 26.g4)*
A1b11) 26...Qb6 27.Qe5 Rc1+ 28.Kg2 Qa6 29.Ne8+ f6 30.Rxh7+ Kxh7 31.Qe7+ Kh6 32.Qxf8+ Kg5 33.h4+ Kf5 34.g4+ Ke6 *(34...Kxg4 35.Nxf6+ Kf5 36.Ng8+ Ke4 37.Qf3+ Ke5 38.Qe3++-)* 35.Qxf6+ Kd7 36.Qf7+ Kc8 37.Nf6 Qf1+ 38.Kf3 Qd1+ 39.Kf4 Qd2+ 40.Kf3 Qd1+ 41.Kf4=;
A1b12) 26...Rc1+ 27.Kg2 Rc4 28.Qe5 Rc6 29.Nxd5+ f6 30.Qe4 Qd6∓;
A1b2) 25.g4 Qb6 26.Qe5 Qe6-+;
A1b3) 25.Nd7+ f6 26.Nxf8 Qxf8 27.Qxd5=;
A2) 17.Rac1 Bd7 18.Rc5 Qd6 19.Qe3 f6 20.Nd2 Bc6 21.Nc4 Qd7 22.Rc1 Rac8 ½-½ Rantanen,Y-Sigurjonsson,G/Randers zt-B 1982 (22);
B) 16...exd5 17.Rac1 Be6 18.Qd2 Rc8 19.h4± 1-0 Sanchez Almeyra,J-Aparicio Navarro,P/Zaragoza 1992 (47)]

[15.Rac1 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky'
A) 15...Qd6 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Qc4 *(18.b3!?±)* 18...Qxc4 19.Rxc4 Bd7 20.Rc7 Rfd8 21.Rxb7 Bc6 22.Rc7 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Kf6 24.Re4±;
B) 15...Nf6 16.Ne5 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Nd5 18.Ng4 Bd7 19.Qe5+ f6 20.Qg3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Rc8 22.c4 Qa5 23.Qb3 b6 24.h3± *(24.h4? e5 25.Ne3 exd4 26.Nd5 Rfe8 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Qf3 Bf5 29.Qf4 Qc5-+ ½-½ Tseitlin Mark D-Zhuravliov,V/ch URS select Rostov on Don RUS 1976 (45))*;
C) 15...b6 16.a3 Bb7 17.Rc2 ½-½ Dely,P-Lengyel,L/HUN tt 1992 (17) *(17.h4?! Rc8=)* 17...Rc8⇄]

[15.Ne5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky'
A) 15...Nf6 16.Bf3 Bd7 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Ne4 *(18.Bf3 Rxb2 19.Rab1 Rxb1 20.Rxb1±)* 18...Rxb7 19.Nxf6 Bc8 *(19...Kxf6 20.Qf3++-)* 20.Ne4 Rxb2 21.d5
A1) 21...exd5 22.Qc3 Rb6 *(22...f6 23.Qxb2 dxe4 24.Nc4+-)* 23.Nc6+ d4 24.Nxd4 Kg8 25.Qc5 *(25.Rad1 Nd5 26.Qa5±)* 25...Nf5 *(25...f5 26.Ng5 Rb7 27.Rad1+-)* 26.Nc6 Qc7 27.Rac1 Kg7 28.g4 Nh4 29.Qc3+ f6 30.Nxf6 Rxf6 31.Re7+ Qxe7 32.Nxe7 Bxg4 33.Nd5+-;
A2) 21...f6 22.Nc4 Rb8 *(22...Rb5 23.d6±)* 23.d6 Nd5 *(23...Nf5 24.Nc5 Bd7 25.Rxe6±)* 24.Rad1 Bd7 25.Qa3± 1-0 Martin,A-Barbeau,S/Benidorm

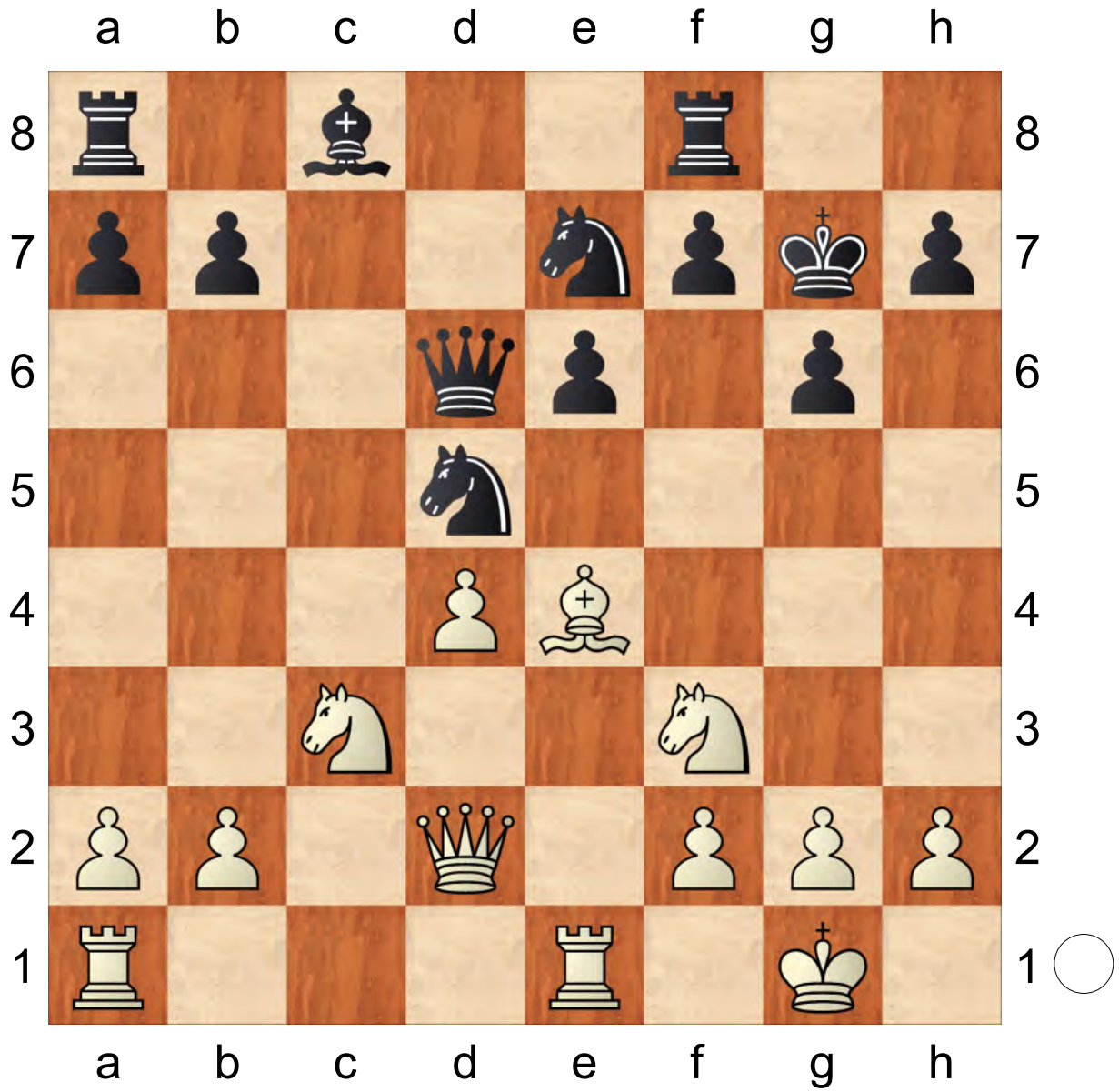
1984 (36);
B) 15...Bd7 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Qf3 Be6± 1-0 Lein,A-Burger,K/Beer Sheva 1982 (41);
C) 15...b6
C1) 16.h4 Bb7 17.h5 Nf5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Qd2 *(20.Qg3⇄)* 20...Qh4 21.Qb4
C1a) 21...Qxh5 22.Qd6⩲;
C1b) 21...Qg5 22.f3 Rfc8 *(22...Qxh5 23.Qd6 Rfd8 24.Nd7 Be6 25.Qe5+±)* 23.Re2 Qxh5 24.Qd6 Be6 25.Nc6 f4 26.Re5 Qh4 27.d5⩲;
C1c) 21...Rad8
C1c1) 22.Rac1 Qxh5 *(22...Qg5 23.f3∓)* 23.Qd2 Qh6 24.f4 Qh4∓ 0-1 Zaitsev,A-Unzicker,W/Moscow 1961 (76);
C1c2) 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Re3 Rh8 24.Rh3 Qe4 25.Rg3 Rc8 26.Re1 Qh4 27.Rh3 Qf6∓;
C2) 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Qg3 Bb7 18.Nc4 Qb8 19.Qe5+ Nf6 ½-½ Reshevsky,S-Unzicker,W/Maribor 1967 (19);
D) 15...a6 16.Qf3 Ra7 17.Rad1 f6 18.Nc4 b5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Ne3 Be6± 0-1 Zhukova,N-Tunik,G/St.Petersburg op2 1994 (61)]

15...Qd6
[15...b6 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Ne5±]

(Diagram)

Damljanovic,Branko: 'N!' **16.Ne5 Bd7 17.h4** Damljanovic,Branko: '!?'
[17.Nc4 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky'
A) 17...Qb4? 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.a3 Qb3 20.Nxd5+- Nxd5 *(20...exd5 21.Rc3 Qa4 22.Bc2 Qc6 23.Na5 Qf6 24.Nxb7+-)* 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rc3 Qa4 23.Nd6 Rxc3 24.Qxc3 b6 25.Qe3 Kg8 26.h4 h5 *(26...Be6 27.h5 Qd7 28.Qe5+-)* 27.f4 Qc6 28.Qe5 f6 29.Qe7 Bg4 30.Kh2 a6 31.Ne8 Rf7 32.Qd8 Rf8 33.Re7+-;
B) 17...Qc7!
B1) 18.Rac1 Bc6 19.Ne5 Rad8
B1a) 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bd3 *(21.Ng4 f5 22.Qh6+ Kh8-+)* 21...f6 22.Ng4 Ng8 23.b4 Qd6 24.b5 Bd7 25.Ne3±;
B1b) 20.Ng4 Qf4=;
B2) 18.Nxd5
B2a) 18...exd5 19.Bf3 dxc4 *(19...Rfe8 20.Ne5±)* 20.Rxe7 Rfe8 21.Rae1 Rxe7 22.Rxe7 Re8 23.Rxe8 Bxe8 24.d5 Qd6 25.Qc3+ Qf6=;
B2b) 18...Nxd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Ne5 f6 21.Rac1 Qd6 22.Nd3±]

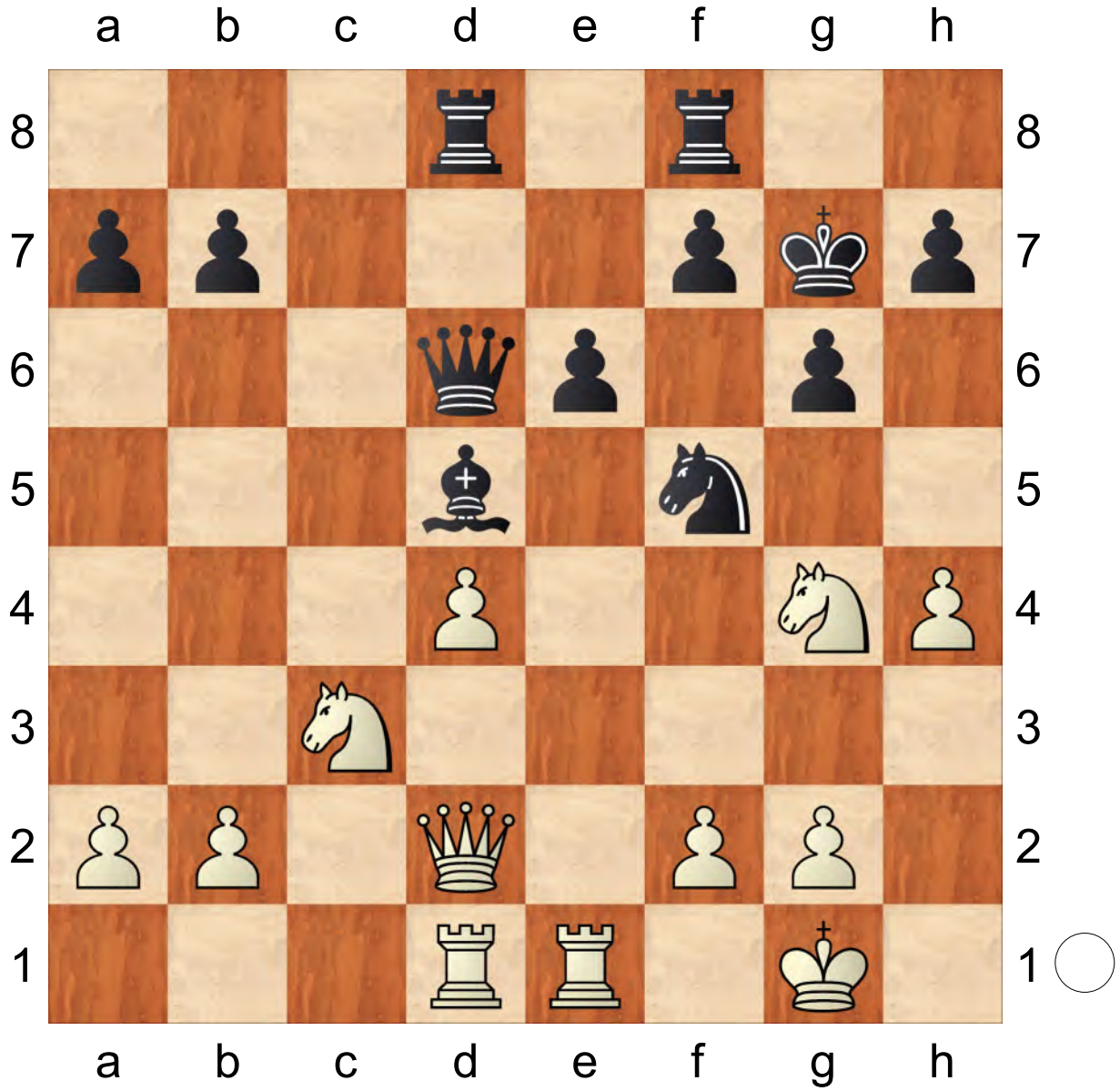
17...Bc6 18.Rad1
[18.h5?! gxh5! 19.Qg5+ Ng6 20.Qxh5 Nf6 21.Qd1 *(21.Qg5 Qxd4)* 21...Rad8⩱]



18...Rad8 19.Bxd5 Damljanovic,Branko: '!'
[19.Nc4 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' Qc7⇄]
[19.h5 gxh5]
19...Bxd5
[19...Nxd5? 20.h5 f6 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Nc5±]
20.Ng4 Nf5
[20...f6 21.h5 g5 *(21...Nf5)* 22.Ne3 Rfe8 23.Re2 ⇔e]

(Diagram)

21.h5 f6
[21...gxh5 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ *(23.Qxh5 Rg8 24.Nxd5 Qxd5 25.Re5*



Qxa2!? 26.Qxf7 Rdf8 27.Qh5 Qxb2 28.Rxe6 Nxd4 29.Re7 Rg7∞) 23...Kg8 *(23...Ng7 24.Ne5±)*

A) 24.Nxd5 hxg4∞ *(24...exd5 25.Qxf5 hxg4 26.Qxg4+ Qg6 27.Qf3±)*;

B) 24.Nh6+ Nxh6 25.Qxh6 f6 26.Rd3 Rf7 27.Rg3+ Kh8 28.Qxh5±]

22.h6+

[22.Ne3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' *(23.Rxe3 Rfe8 24.h6+ Kg8 25.Qe2±; 23.fxe3 f5 24.h6+ Kg8 25.e4 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Qf4∞)* 23...Rfe8=]

22...Kf7 Damljanovic,Branko: '!' **23.Ne3** Damljanovic,Branko: '!' **23...Bc6** Damljanovic,Branko: '∞!'

[23...Nxe3 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 24.fxe3 f5 25.e4 *(25.Rc1 Bc6 26.Qf2 Kg8 27.Red1=)* 25...fxe4 26.Nxe4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Kg8 28.Rde1 Rf6 29.Qg5 Rdf8=]

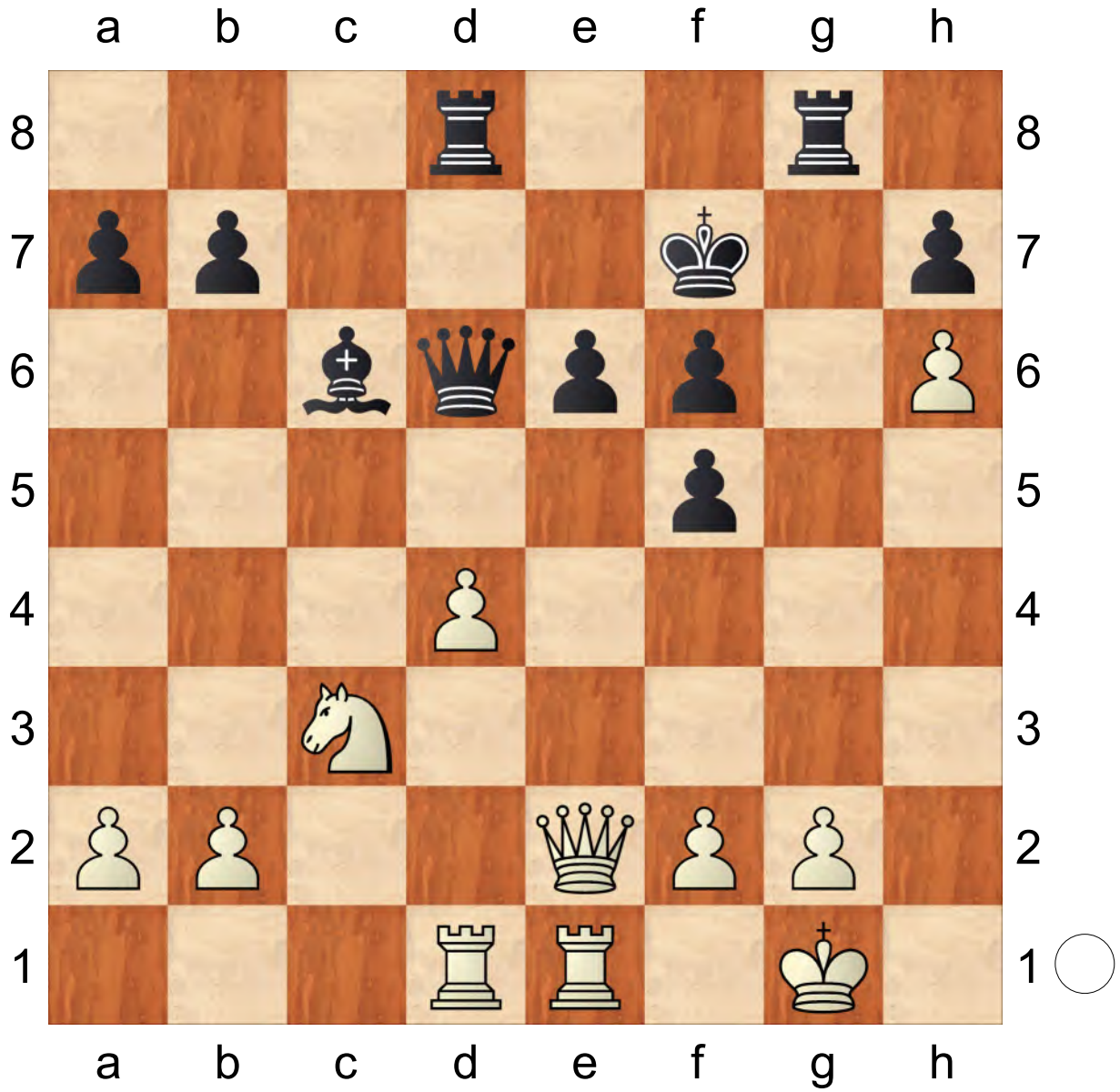
24.Nxf5

[24.d5 Damljanovic,Branko: '!?'
A) 24...Bxd5 25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.Qe2 Kg6∞;
B) 24...Nxe3 25.Qxe3 exd5 26.Ne4! Qd7 *(26...Qe5 27.Ng5++-)* 27.Nc5 Qd6 28.Qe6++-;
C) 24...exd5
C1) 25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.Ne2 Rfe8 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' *(26...d4 27.Nxd4 Rg8 28.f3 Rg6∞)* 27.Nd4 Bd7∓;
C2) 25.Nexd5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 25...Rfe8=]

24...gxf5 25.Qe2

[25.Qc2?! Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' Qf4 26.Qe2 Rfe8 27.Qh5+ Kf8⇄]

25...Rg8



26.Qh5+ Kf8

[26...Rg6 27.d5! exd5 28.Rd4 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' *(28.Ne2±)*

28...Kg8 29.b4 b6
A) 30.Qxf5 Rxh6 31.g3 Qd7 32.Re6 Kg7
A1) 33.b5! Re8 34.Rg4+ Kf7 35.Rxf6+ Rxf6 36.Qxh7+ Ke6 37.Rg7 Qd6 38.Qh3+ Ke5 39.bxc6 *(39.Qg4 Qc5-+)* 39...Qxc6 40.Rd7 Qxc3 41.Qh5+ Rf5 42.Qxe8+ Kd4 43.Rxa7**±**;
A2) 33.Ne2 Re8 34.Nf4 a6 35.a3 Rxe6 36.Qxe6 *(36.Nxe6+ Kf7 37.Ng5+ Ke7∓)* 36...Qxe6 37.Nxe6+ Kg8 38.Nc7 Kf7 39.Nxa6 Ke6 40.b5 Bb7 41.Nb4 Ke5 42.Nc2**±**;
B) 30.Red1? Qe5 31.b5 Be8 32.Qh3 Bf7**∓**]

27.d5 Rg5! Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky: '!"
[27...exd5? Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky: '?" 28.Qxf5
A) 28...d4 29.Re6 Rxg2+ 30.Kf1 Rxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Qh2+ 32.Ke1 Qh4+ *(32...Qg1+? 33.Qf1 Qg3+ 34.Qf2+-; 32...Qh1+ 33.Kd2! dxc3+ 34.Kxc3+-)* 33.Qf2 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' *(33.Ke2 Qh2+ 34.Kd3+-)* 33...Qh1+ 34.Kd2 dxc3+ 35.Kxc3 Qh3+ 36.Re3 Qxe3+ 37.Qxe3 Rxd1 38.Qc5+ Kg8 39.Qe7+-;
B) 28...Rg5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 29.Qxh7 Qd7
B1) 30.Qd3 Rh5 31.Ne4 Qc7 *(31...Rxh6 32.Nc5 Qd6 33.Ne6++-)*
B1a) 32.Qa3+ Kf7 33.Ng3 Rxh6 34.Qxa7 Tsesarsky: '**±**' Damljanovic, Branko: ' **±**' Rdh8 35.Qc5 b6 *(35...Rh1+ 36.Nxh1 Qh2+ 37.Kf1 Qxh1+ 38.Ke2 Qxg2 39.Kd2+-)* 36.Qb4 *(36.Re7+ Qxe7 37.Qxc6 Qe6∓)* 36...Rh4 37.Rd4 Rh2 38.Re3 Bb7 39.Qc3**±**;
B1b) 32.Ng3 Rxh6 33.Qe3 *(33.Qa3+ Kf7 34.Qxa7±)* 33...Rh8 34.Qxa7 Qh7 35.Qc5+ Kg8 36.Rd4**±**;
B2) 30.Qxd7 Rxd7 31.Rd4**±**]
[27...Bxd5 28.Nxd5 exd5 29.Qxf5**±**]

28.Qe2
[28.Qxg5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' fxg5 29.dxe6 Qe7 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8 31.e7+ Qxe7 32.Rxe7 Kxe7**∓**]
[28.dxc6 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' Rxh5 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.cxb7 Rb6 31.Rxe6 Rxb2 32.Rxf6+ Ke8 33.g3 Rxb7 34.Nd5**∓**]
[28.Qh4 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' exd5 29.Rd4 Kg8
A) 30.Nd1 Be8 31.Ne3 Rh5 32.Rxd5 Qxd5 *(32...Rxh4 33.Rxd6 Rxd6 34.Nxf5 Rd2 35.Nxh4 Kf8 36.Rb1 Bc6 37.a3 a5 38.b3 Ra2 39.a4 Bd5⩱)* 33.Qg3+ Rg5 34.Qxg5+ fxg5 35.Nxd5 Rxd5 36.Rxe8+ Kf7 37.Rb8 Rd7**∓**;
B) 30.b4 a6 31.a4 b6 32.b5 axb5 33.axb5 Bb7 34.Re3 Ra8 35.g3 Rg6**⇄**]

28...exd5
[28...Bxd5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 29.Nxd5 exd5 30.Rd4⩱]

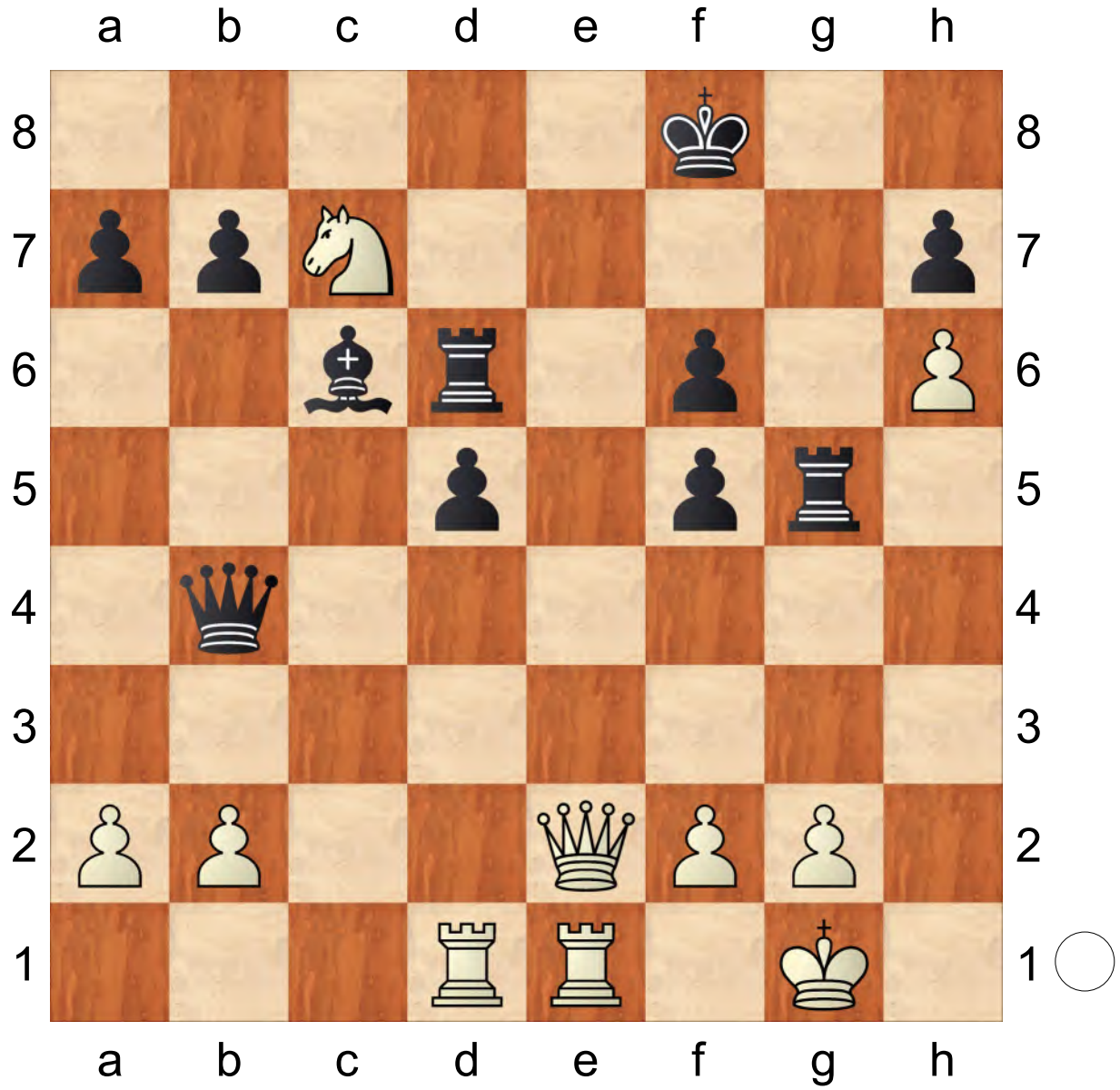
29.Nb5 Qb4?± Damljanovic,Branko: '⊕?' Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky: '±?"
[29...Bxb5 Damljanovic,Branko: ' □' 30.Qxb5 Damljanovic,Branko: ' ±' Rh5 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 31.g3 f4 32.Qxb7 Rxh6 33.Rd3 Qd7 *(33...a6 34.gxf4 Rd7 35.Qc8+ Rd8 36.Qb7=)* 34.Qb4+ Qd6 35.Qb7=]

30.Nc7 Damljanovic,Branko: '+-'

[30.Nd4 Re8 31.Nxc6+-]

30...Rd6?+-

[30...Kf7 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 31.Ne6 Rdg8 32.Nxg5+ Rxg5 33.f3 *(33.Rd3 Qe4 34.Rg3 Rxg3 35.fxg3 Qxe2 36.Rxe2±)* 33...Kg6 34.Qf2 Kxh6 35.Rd4±]

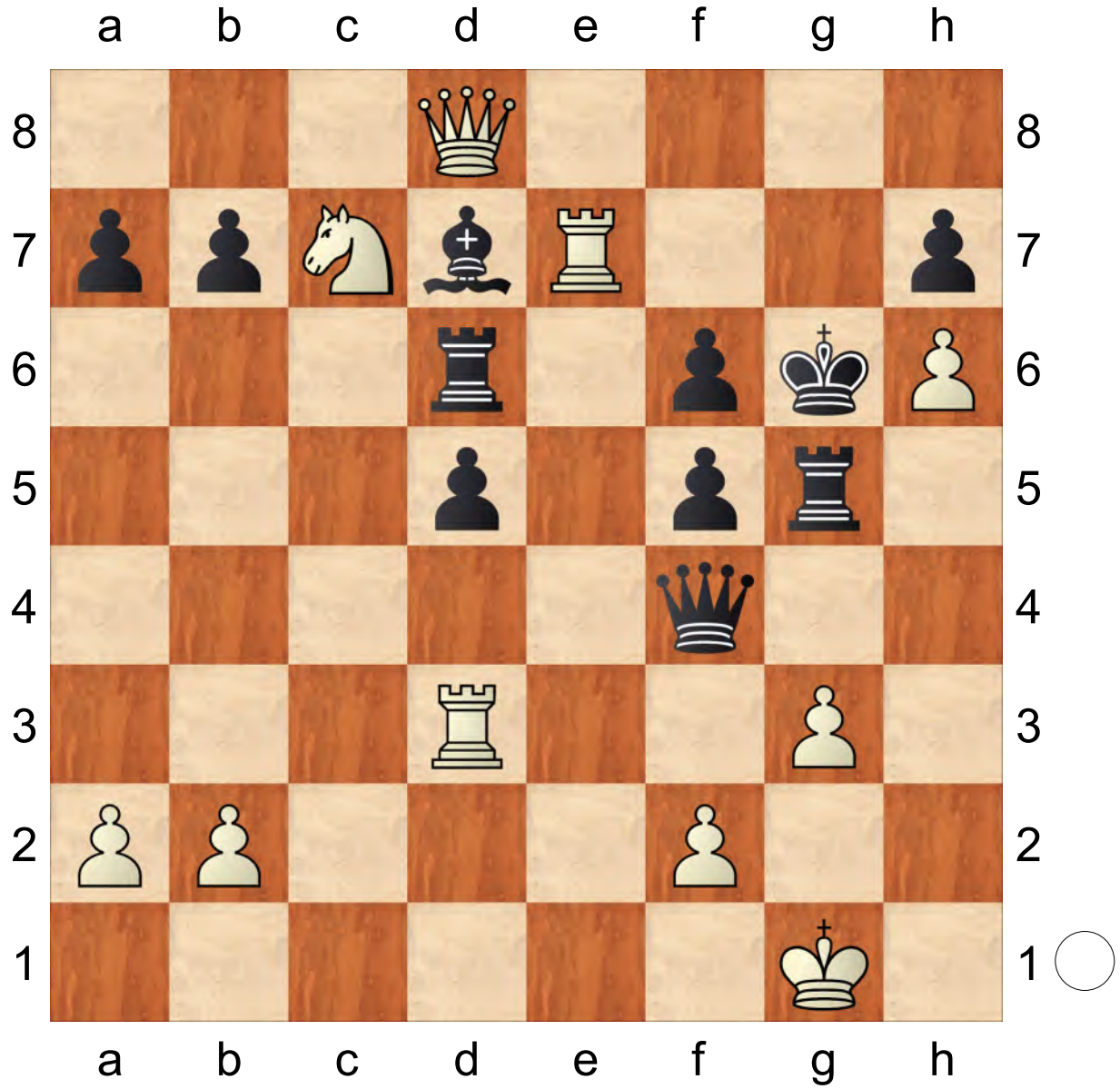


Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky: '+-?'' **31.Qe7+ Kg8 32.g3!** Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky: '!''

[32.Ne6? Rxg2+=]

32...Qf4 33.Rd3! Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky: '!'' **33...Bd7 34.Qd8+ Kf7 35.Re7+ Kg6**

(Diagram)



36.Qg8+ Kh5 37.Qf7+

[37.Qf7+ Rg6 Damljanovic,Branko: 'Tsesarsky' 38.Qxg6+ Kxg6 39.gxf4+-]

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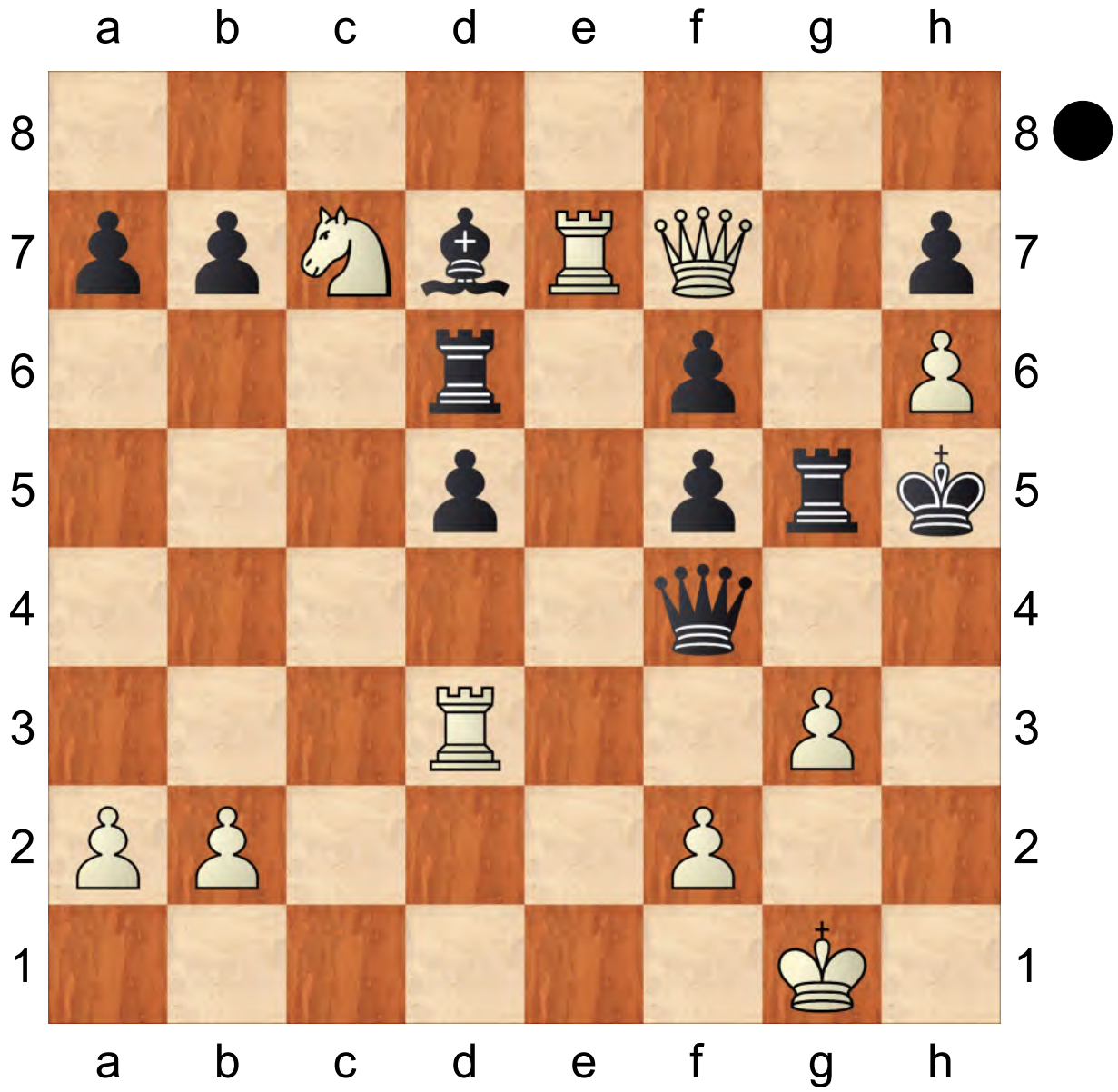
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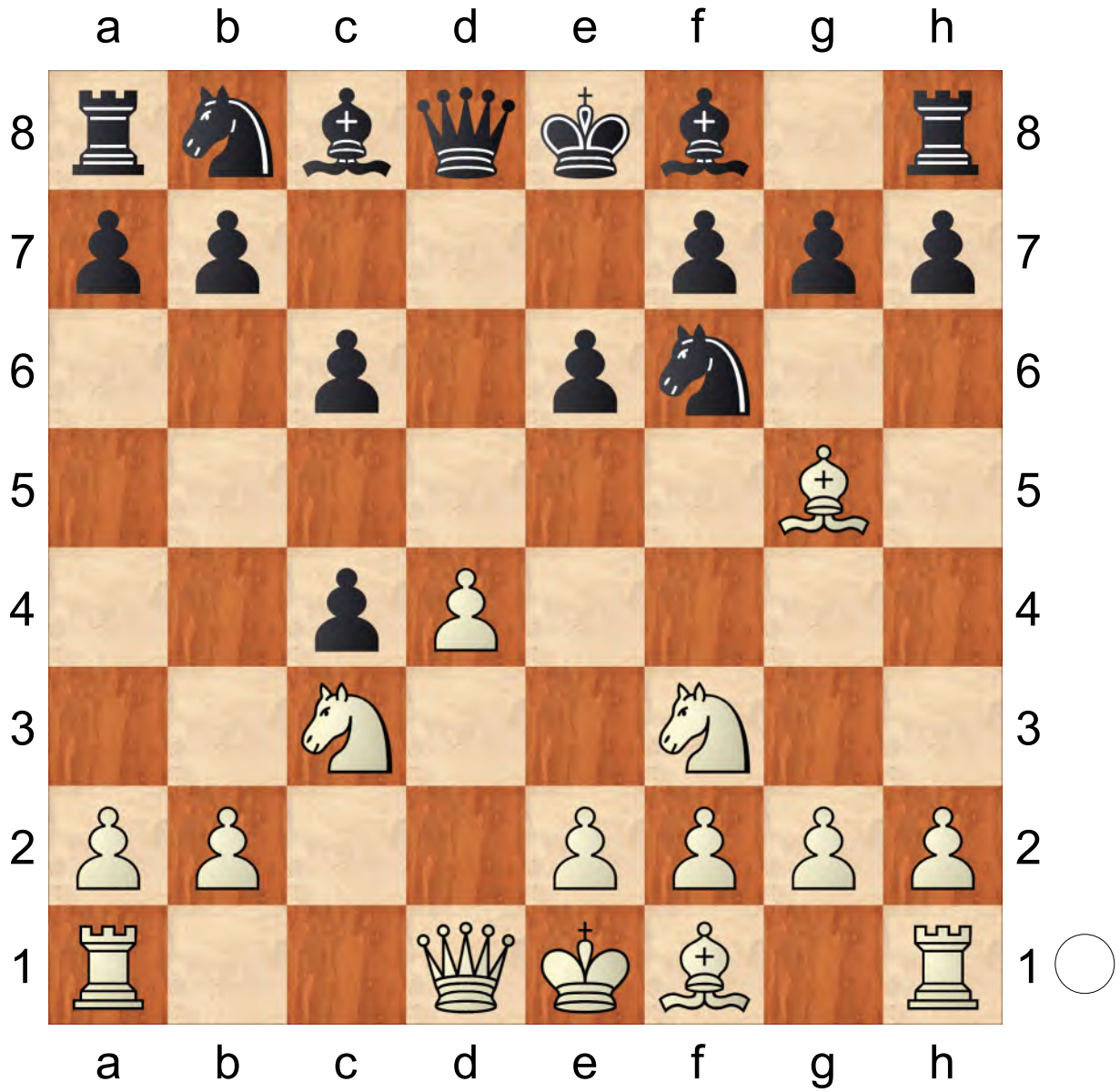
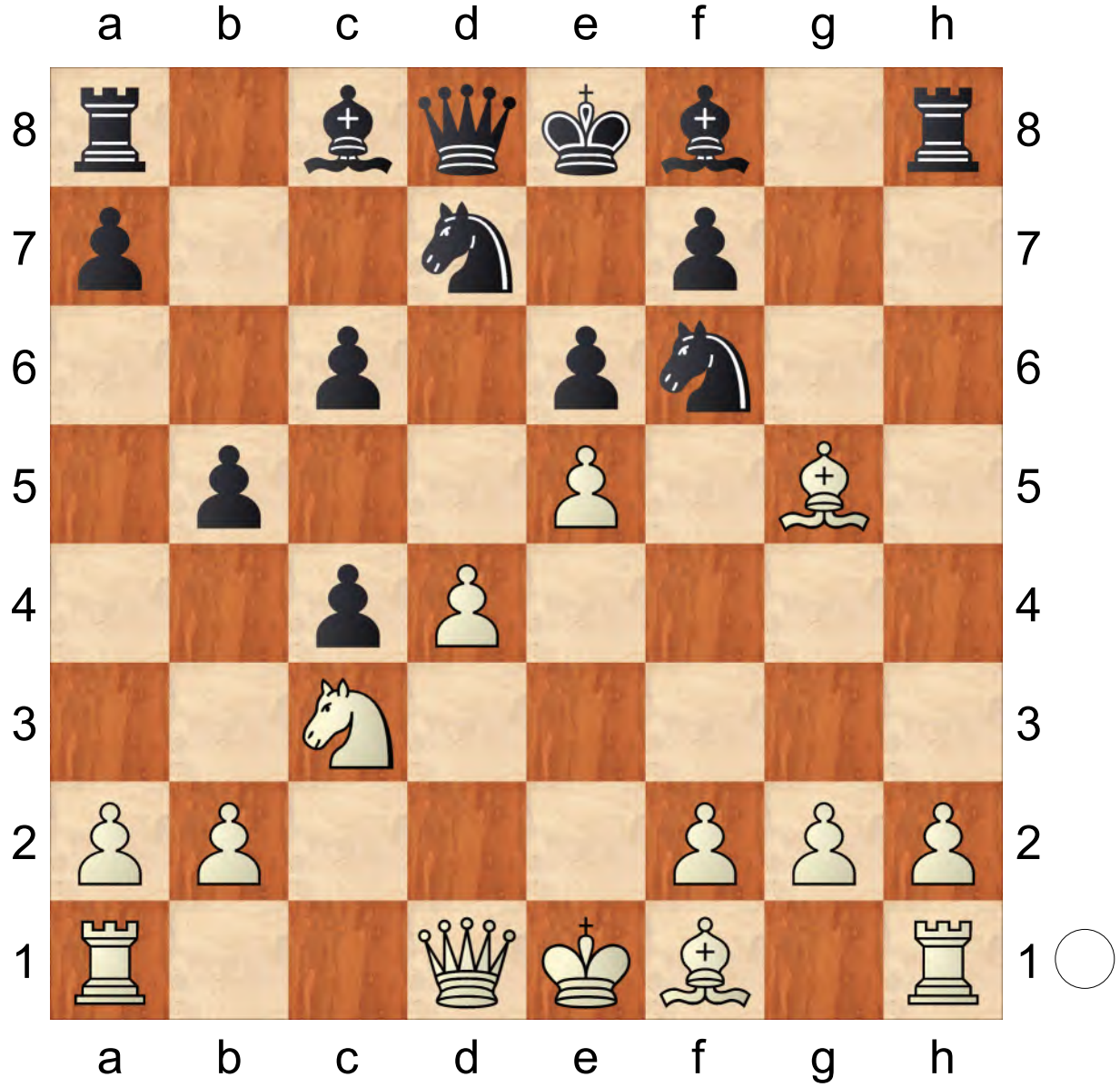
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 Since I had to win the last game at any cost I have decided to go for the sharpest possible: The main line. However, I had a small problem: I did not know what he played there. **5.Bg5 dxc4**



Junge-Botvinnik line. **6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7**
[10...Be7 Smyslov line has its points. 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.a4 Rh4 14.g4! Qg7 15.h3 e5 16.Bg2 exd4 17.Nxb5 cxb5 18.Bxa8 b4 19.Qf3±]



11.g3 Bb7 It looked like he was an afficianado of the main line.

[11...Rg8!? 12.h4 Rxg5 13.hxg5 Nd5 14.g6 fxg6 *(14...Qa5? 15.gxf7+ Kd8 16.Rh8 Nxc3 17.Qd2 b4 18.Qh6 Kc7 19.Rxf8 Ne4 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8 21.Bxc4±)* 15.Qg4 Qe7 16.Bg2

A) 16...Kd8 17.Bxd5! cxd5 18.Qxg6 Bg7 19.Nxb5 *(19.Qg4 Nf8 20.0-0 Bd7 21.a4→)* 19...Qb4+ 20.Kf1 Qxb5 21.Qxg7 c3+ 22.Kg2 cxb2 23.Rab1±;

B) 16...Qf7 17.Be4 Ne7 18.Nxb5 cxb5 19.Bxa8 Nb6 20.Be4 Nbd5 21.f3±]

[11...Qa5 12.exf6 b4 13.Ne4 Ba6

A) 14.b3!? 0-0-0 15.Qc2 *(15.Qf3 Nb6 16.Nc5 Bb5 17.Be3∞)* 15...Nb6 16.Be3 e5 17.Rd1 *(17.0-0-0 Bh6⇄)* 17...Bh6 18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.dxe5 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 Qxe5=;

B) 14.Qf3

B1) 14...Qd5 15.Rd1 0-0-0 *(15...Nb6 16.b3; 15...c5 16.dxc5 Ne5 17.Qe3 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 cxd3 19.0-0±)* 16.b3 Nb6 17.bxc4 Nxc4 18.Be2 Bb7 19.0-0 c5 20.dxc5 Ne5 21.Qe3 Qxe4 22.c6 Bxc6 23.Ba6++-;

B2) 14...0-0-0

B2a) 15.Be3 c5 16.Bg2 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Ne5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.0-0 Rd3 20.Qe2 Qh5 21.Qxh5 Rxh5 22.h4! Bh6 23.f4!**±**;

B2b) 15.Bg2? c3! 16.bxc3 *(16.Nxc3 Nb8∓)* 16...bxc3 17.Nxc3 Nb8**∓**;

B2c) 15.Be2! Bb7 *(15...c5 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Qc6+ Qc7 18.Qxc7+ Kxc7 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Rc1 Rd5 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3±)* 16.0-0 Qd5 17.Be3 c5 18.Nd2! cxd4 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Bxd4 Bc5 21.Nf3**±**]

12.Bg2 Qb6 13.exf6 c5

[is 13...0-0-0 a better move?

A) 14.0-0

A1) 14...Bh6 15.Be3! Nxf6 *(15...c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Bxb7+ Kxb7 19.Qf3+ Qc6 20.Ne4 Rd4 21.Rfe1 Rhd8 22.h4 R8d5 23.Re2±)* 16.Qf3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Rh6

A1a) 18.a4 a6 *(18...Rdh8 19.h4 Rg8 20.Ne2±)* 19.Qf4 Rdh8 20.Qg5 *(20.g4 c5)* 20...Rg6 21.Qe5 Rh5 22.Qd6**±**;

A1b) 18.Qf4 Rdh8 19.Qg5 Rg6 20.Qe5 Rh5 21.Qd6 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.b3 b4 24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Bxe4 f5 26.Bf3 Rh7 27.bxc4 c5 28.dxc5 Bxf3 29.Rxf3 Rc7 30.a3 bxa3 31.Rxa3 Rxc5 32.Rxa7 Rxc4 33.Rf2+- could turn out to be a technical win.;

A2) 14...c5 15.dxc5 *(⌓15.d5* is the main line which I wanted to avoid in such an encounter.*)* 15...Nxc5 16.Qe2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Now comes the twin lines.

A2a) 17...Qc6+ 18.f3 Bh6

A2a1) 19.h4? Bxg5 20.hxg5 Rhg8 *(20...b4?! 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rd2+ 23.Rf2 Rh2+ 24.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 25.Kh3 Qxe4 26.fxe4±; 20...Rh5 21.g6 fxg6 22.Rad1⩱)* 21.Rad1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 b4 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.fxe4 Rxg5**∓**;

A2a2) 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.a4 b4 21.Nb5 Kb7 22.Rad1**±**;

A2b) 17...Bh6

A2b1) 18.h4? Bxg5 19.hxg5 Qc6+ 20.f3 Rh5!?

A2b11) 21.a4 b4 22.Nb5 Kb7 *(22...Qd5⩱)* 23.Rad1 Nd3 24.Qe3 Qb6 25.Qe4+ Kb8 26.g4 Rh4 27.Kg3 Rh1!! 28.Rxd3 Rg1+-+;

A2b12) 21.g6 fxg6 22.Rad1⩱;

A2b2) 18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.Qf3! b4 20.Ne4 Qc6! *(20...Rd3 21.Qf4; 20...Qb7 21.Rac1 c3 22.Rfe1 Rd3 23.bxc3 bxc3 24.Red1!! Rxd1 25.Rxc3+-)* 21.Ng5 Qxf3+ 22.Nxf3 Nd3 23.Rfc1 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 a5 25.Rxc4+ Kb7 26.Rf4⩱;

B) 14.Qg4 I wanted to play a la Walter Shaun Browne. 14...c5 *(14...Bh6 15.Bxh6 Rxh6 16.Qg7 Rxf6 17.0-0∞)* 15.Bxb7+ Kxb7 16.0-0-0 Qc6 *(16...b4 17.Ne2)* 17.Qe4 b4 18.Qxc6+ Kxc6 19.Ne4**±**]

14.dxc5!? This was supposed to be big surprise for my youn opponent since he did not meet it everyday.

[14.d5 0-0-0 *(14...b4 15.0-0 bxc3 16.bxc3 e5 17.Rb1 Qa6 18.Rxb7 Qxb7 19.d6 Qc8 20.f4⩲)* 15.0-0 b4

A) 16.Rb1 Uhlmann's move which was redressed by Alex is believed to end up not only in some equality but just a draw these days. Qa6 17.dxe6 Bxg2 18.e7 Bxf1

A1) 19.Kxf1 Qc6 20.exd8Q+ Kxd8 21.Nd5 Rxh2 22.Kg1 Rh8 23.Bf4 Bd6 *(23...Kc8?! 24.Qf3 Kb7 25.Rd1 Nb6 26.Qg2 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Kb6 28.Rd8 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 c3 30.bxc3 bxc3 31.Rb8+ Kc6 32.Kf3±)* 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.Rc1 Qe6 26.Rxc4 Qh3 27.Rh4 Rxh4 28.gxh4 Qxh4=;

A2) 19.Qd5 Bxe7 20.fxe7 Bd3 21.Ne4 Bxb1 22.Nd6+ Kc7 23.Bf4 Kb6 24.Nxc4+ Kb5 25.Nd6+ Kb6 26.a4 bxa3 27.Qb3+ Kc6 28.Qf3+ Kb6 29.Qb3+ Kc6 30.Nxf7 Rb8 31.Bxb8 Rxb8 32.Qe6+ Kb5 33.Qxd7+ Kc4 34.Ne5+ Kb3 35.bxa3 Qe2 36.e8Q Rxe8 37.Qxe8 Be4 *(37...Bd3 38.Qb8+ Bb5 39.Kg2 Qf1+ 40.Kf3 Qe2+ 41.Kf4 Qxf2+ 42.Nf3 a6 43.Qb6 Kxa3 44.Qf6 Be2 45.Qc3+ Ka4 46.h4 Qxf3+ 47.Qxf3 Bxf3 48.Kxf3 c4 49.h5 c3 50.h6 c2 51.h7 c1Q 52.h8Q=)* 38.f3 Qe3+ 39.Kf1 Bd3+ 40.Kg2 Qd2+ 41.Kh3 Qh6+ 42.Kg4 Qg7+ 43.Kf4 Qh6+= Draw!;

B) 16.Na4

B1) 16...Qa6!? was fashionable for only a while. 17.a3 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Ne5 19.axb4 Rxd5 20.Qe2 cxb4 21.Nc3 Ra5 22.Rxa5 Qxa5 23.Ne4 Nd3 *(23...Qd5 24.Rd1 Qc6 25.h4±)* 24.Be3 Qh5 25.f3 a5 26.b3 a4 27.h4 Qe5 *(27...axb3? 28.Bg5 Qg6 29.Rc1!! b2 30.Rxc4+ Bc5+ 31.Rxc5+ Nxc5 32.Qc2 b1Q+ 33.Qxb1 Nxe4 34.fxe4 b3 35.Bf4!±)* 28.bxc4 Nc5 29.Kg2 Nxe4 30.Bf4 Qd4 31.c5→;

B2) 16...Qb5 17.a3

B2a) 17...Nb8 18.axb4 cxb4

B2a1) 19.Qg4 Bxd5 20.Rfc1 Nc6 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Rxc4 Rxg5 23.Qd4 Kb8 24.Rxc6 Rxg3+ 25.fxg3 Qxc6 26.Rd1 Qc7±;

B2a2) 19.Be3 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Qe2 Nc6 22.Rfc1 Ne5 *(22...Na5 23.b3 c3 24.Nxc3 bxc3 25.Rxc3+ Kd7 26.Qc2 Bd6 27.Rc1 Qb7 28.b4 Qxb4 29.Rb1 Qg4 30.Bxa7⩲)* 23.b3 *(23.Bxa7 Kb7 24.Nb6 c3 25.Qxb5 Rxb5 26.bxc3 b3)* 23...c3 24.Nxc3 bxc3 25.Rxc3+ Kb8 26.Qc2 Bd6 27.Bxa7+ Kb7 28.b4 Nc6 29.Be3 Be5 30.Rxc6 Bxa1 31.Rc7+ Kb8 32.Ba7+ Ka8 33.Bc5 Kb8 34.Rxf7∞;

B2a3) 19.Qd4! Nc6 *(19...Rxd5? 20.Qxa7)*

B2a31) 20.dxc6 Rxd4 21.cxb7+ Kb8 22.Be3 e5 23.b3 c3 24.Rfd1 Bh6 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Rxd4 c2 27.Rc4 Qxc4 28.bxc4 Rd8

B2a311) 29.Bf3? c1Q+ *(29...b3 30.Nc5)* 30.Rxc1 Bxc1 31.Nc5 Rd6 32.h4 b3 33.Nxb3 Rd3 34.Nxc1 Rxf3 35.Kg2 Rxf6 36.Nb3 Kxb7 37.h5 Rb6 38.Nc5+ Kc6-+;

B2a312) 29.Bd5! b3 30.h4 c1Q+ 31.Rxc1 Bxc1 32.Bxf7 b2

(32...Rf8? 33.Bd5 Rxf6 34.Nc5 Rd6 35.Nxb3+-) 33.Bg6 Kxb7 34.g4 Kc6 35.g5 Rh8 36.Bf5⩱ Kd6 37.g6 Ke5 38.f7 Kf6 39.Bc2 Kg7 40.Nc5∞ the whole line is messy.;

B2a32) 20.Nb6+!!;

B2b) 17...Ne5 boils down to the same thing. 18.axb4 *(18.Qe2 Nd3 19.dxe6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qxa4 21.e7 Qc6+ 22.Kg1 Re8 23.exf8Q Rhxf8 24.Qg4+ Re6⩱)* 18...cxb4 19.Qd4 *(19.Qe2 Rxd5 20.Be3 Rd3)* 19...Nc6 *(19...Rxd5? 20.Qxa7 Nc6 21.Nb6+ Qxb6 22.Qxb6 Bc5 23.Bxd5 Bxb6 24.Bxc6 Bxc6 25.Rfc1 Bd5 26.Rxc4+ Bxc4 27.Ra8++-)*

B2b1) 20.dxc6 Rxd4 21.cxb7+ Kb8 *(21...Kc7 22.Be3 e5 23.Nc3 bxc3 24.bxc3 Bc5 25.cxd4 Bxd4 26.Rfb1 Qc5 27.Ra6 c3 28.Rc6+ Qxc6 29.Bxc6 c2 30.Rc1 Kxc6 31.Rxc2+ Kxb7±)* 22.Be3 e5 23.b3 *(23.Nc3 bxc3 24.bxc3 Bc5 25.Rfb1 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bxe3 27.fxe3 Qb6 28.Rd7 Qxe3+ 29.Kh1∞)* 23...c3 24.Rfd1 Bh6 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Rxd4 c2 27.Rc4 Qxc4 28.bxc4 Rd8 29.Bd5 is explained above.;

B2b2) 20.Nb6+!? axb6 21.dxc6 Bxc6 22.Bxc6 Qxc6 23.Qg4 Kb7 24.b3! *(24.Rfc1 b5 25.b3 c3)* 24...c3 25.Qe2 Rd5 *(25...b5? 26.Ra5)*;

B2c) 17...exd5 18.axb4 cxb4

B2c1) 19.Re1

B2c11) 19...Nc5 20.Nxc5 *(20.Re7!?⩱)* 20...Bxc5 21.Bf4!± *(21.Re7 Rd7)*;

B2c12) 19...d4⇄;

B2c2) 19.Bf4! Bh6! *(19...d4 20.Bxb7+ Qxb7 21.Rc1 c3 22.bxc3 dxc3 23.Nxc3 bxc3 24.Rxc3+ Nc5 25.Qc2 Rh5 26.Rb1+-; 19...Nc5 20.Nxc5 Bxc5 21.Re1 Rde8 22.Qg4+ Qd7 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qh5+-)* 20.Qd2 Bxf4 21.Qxf4⟶]

14...Bxc5 The difference in between two lines was obvious.

[14...Nxc5?! 15.0-0 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qc6+ 17.f3 Nd3 18.Qe2 0-0-0 19.Rad1↑]

15.0-0

[15.Bxb7? Qxb7 16.0-0 Ne5-+]

15...0-0-0

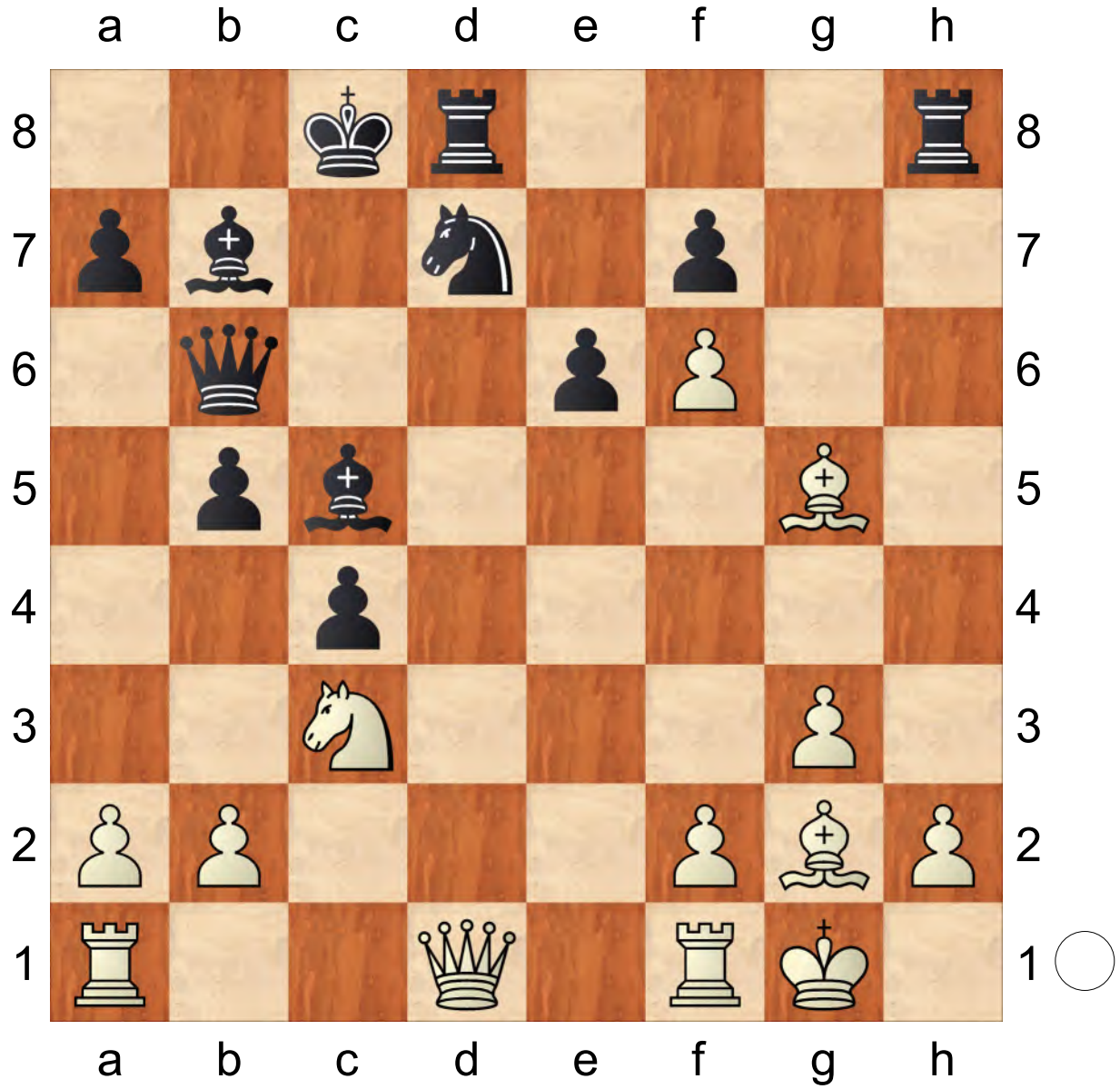
[15...Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qc6+ 17.f3 0-0-0 18.Qe2 Bd4 19.Ne4 Nc5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.h4 Rd5 22.a4⟶]

(Diagram)

16.Qe2

[Never exchange first rule applied here as well! 16.Bxb7+?! Qxb7 17.Qe2 b4 18.Ne4 Ne5 19.Bf4 Nd3 *(19...Rd4 20.Rfe1 Nd3 21.Nxc5 Nxf4 22.Nxb7 Nxe2+ 23.Rxe2 Kxb7⩱)* 20.Nxc5 Nxf4 21.Qe4 Qxe4 22.Nxe4 Nd3⇄]

16...Bd4



[16...Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qc6+ 18.f3 *(18.Qe4 Kb7⇄)*]
[16...Rdg8 17.Bxb7+ *(17.h4? Nxf6 18.Bxf6 Rxg3 19.Ne4 Rhg8 20.Bg5 Qc6-+)* 17...Qxb7 *(17...Kxb7)* 18.Ne4 Ne5 19.h4±]

17.Ne4!N A completely different approach!

[17.a4 a6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Bxb7+ *(19.Rfd1; 19.Ne4 Qc6)* 19...Qxb7 20.Ne4 Ne5 21.Ra2 Nd3 22.b3 cxb3 23.Ra3⟶]
[17.Rad1 Bxg2 *(17...Nc5 18.Bxb7+ Qxb7 19.Rxd4 Rxd4 20.Be3±)* 18.Kxg2 Nc5 19.Qf3 Nd3∞]
[17.Bxb7+ Qxb7 18.Ne4 Ne5 19.a4 a6 *(19...Bxb2 20.Ra2)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra2 Nd3 22.b3 cxb3 23.Ra3⟶]

17...Nc5

[17...Ne5 18.a4 a6 *(18...b4 19.Rfc1)* 19.axb5 axb5
A) 20.Ra2 Nd3 21.b3 cxb3 22.Ra3 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Qc5 *(23...Nxf2 24.Kg2*

b2 25.Rxf2 Bxf2 26.Qxb2⩱) 24.Rxb3 Nxf2 25.Kg2 Qxg5 26.Qc2+ Kb8 27.Rxf2 Bxf2 28.Qc6 Rxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Bxg3+ 30.Rxg3 Rd2+ 31.Bg2 Qh4+ 32.Rh3 Qf4+=;

B) 20.Rfd1! Nd3 *(20...Qc6 21.Bf4)* 21.Be3±]

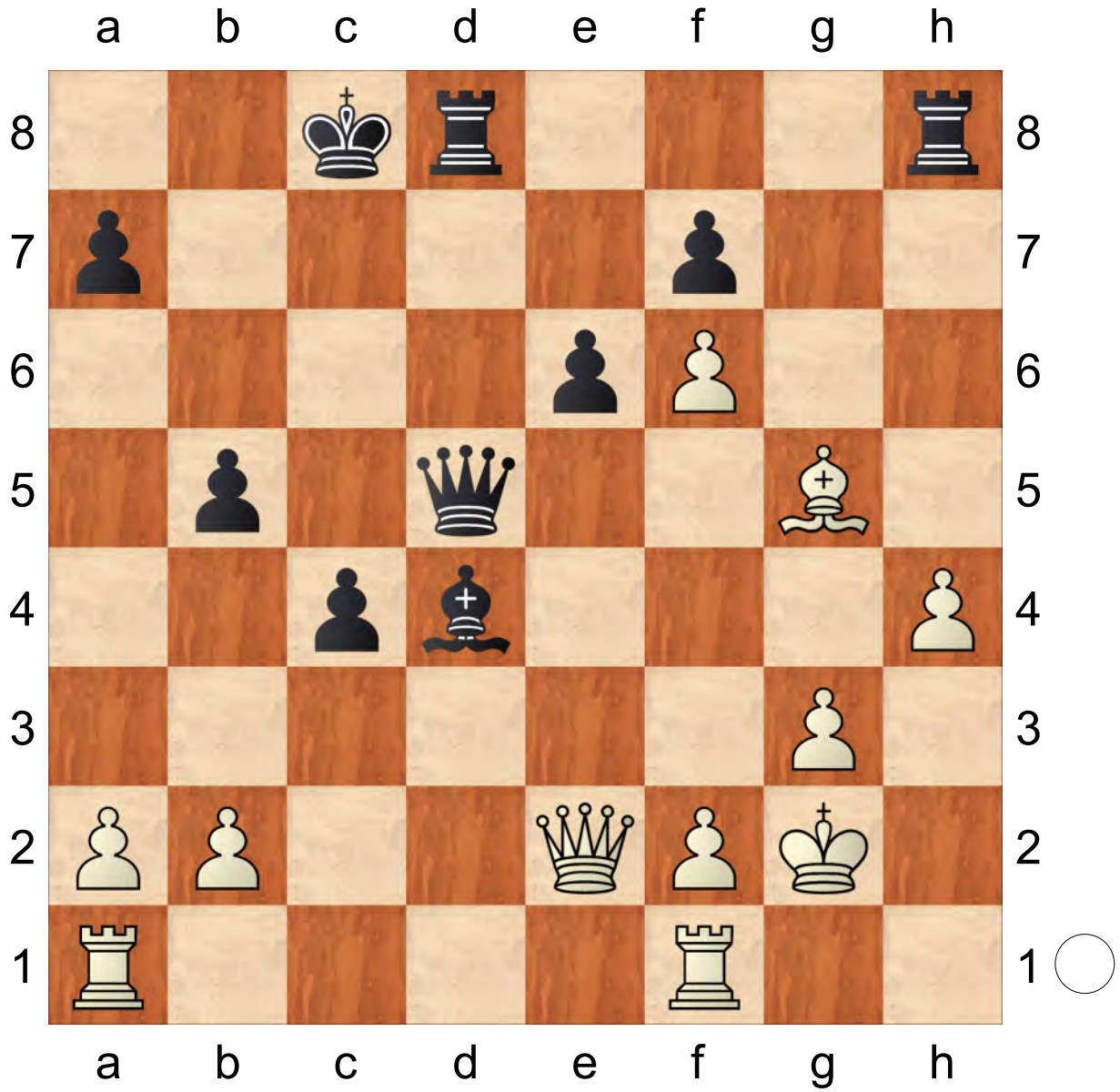
[17...Qc6 18.a4 a6 *(18...Nc5? 19.axb5 Qd5 20.Rxa7 Nxe4 21.Rxb7 Qxb7 22.Bxe4+-)* 19.axb5 axb5 20.b4 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 Ne5 22.Bf4 Qd5 23.h4⩲]

18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.h4 Bxg2

[19...Qe5 20.Qxe5 Bxe5 21.Rae1!? *(21.Rfe1 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Bc3 24.Rec1 b4 25.Rxb4 Bxb4 26.Rxc4+±)* 21...Bxb2 22.Rb1 c3 23.Bc1±]

[19...Rd5!? has got the looks.]

20.Kxg2 Qd5+



21.f3 Qf5 He had played this after avery long thought.

[21...Qe5 22.Qxe5 Bxe5 23.Rf2± *(23.a4!?±)*]

[21...Kb7 22.Rfd1 Qe5 23.Rd2± *(23.Qxe5 Bxe5 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rb1±)*]

22.a4 a6 23.g4!? This was a matter of preference to open the a line or not.

[23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra8+ Kb7 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rd1 Rd5 27.g4±]

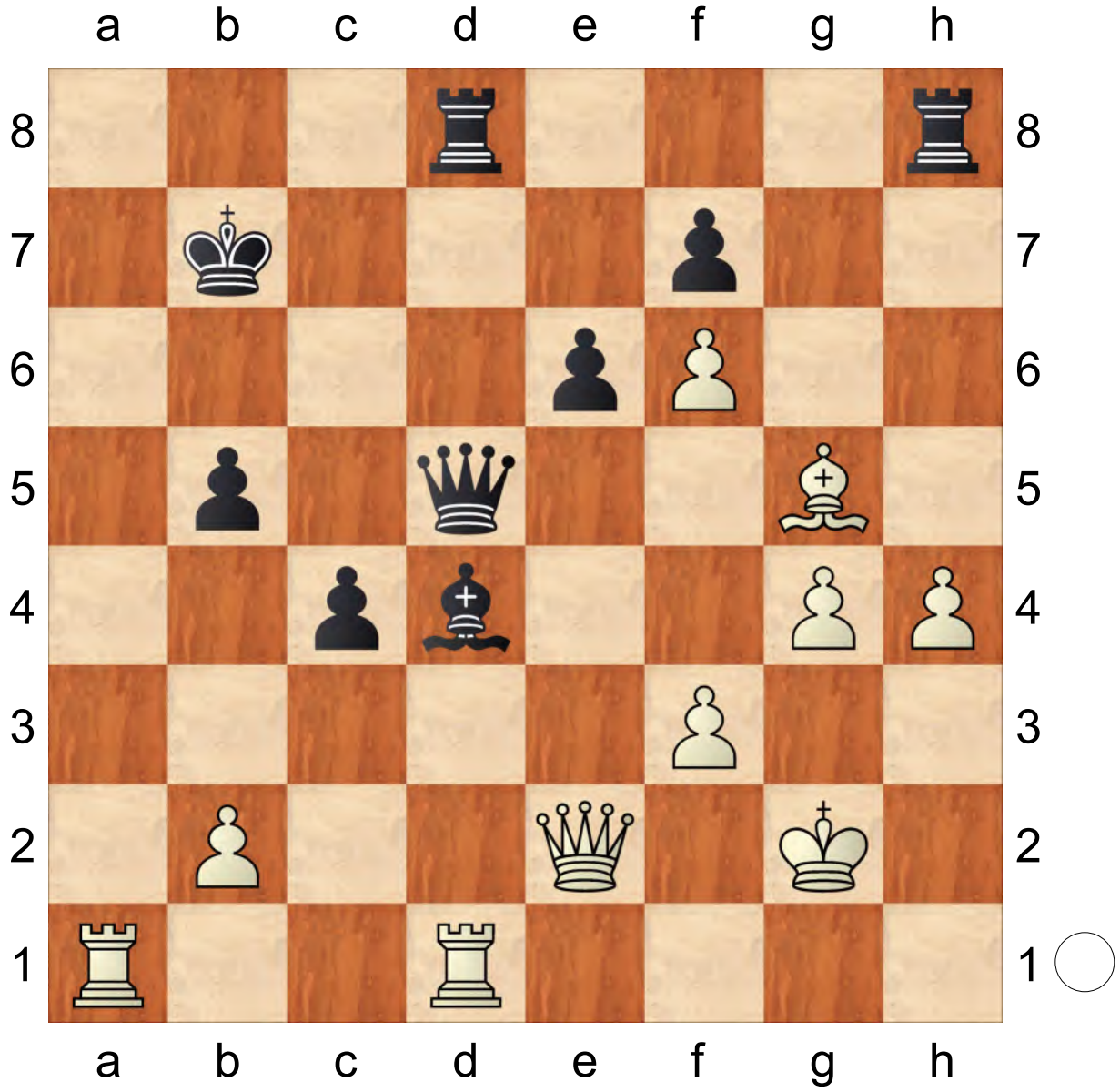
23...Qd5

[23...Qe5 24.Qxe5 Bxe5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Ra7→]

24.axb5 axb5 25.Rfd1

[25.Ra6 Kb7 26.Rfa1 e5 resembles the game. *(26...Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Rxa8 Kxa8 29.Qe4±)*]

25...Kb7



26.Rd2 I did not figure out what White could have on the a line and I have preferred to the double on the d-line.

[26.Ra5!? e5 27.Rda1]

26...Qc6

[26...Qe5 27.Qxe5 Bxe5
A) 28.Rad1?! Rxd2+ 29.Rxd2 b4 30.h5 *(30.f4 c3)* 30...Kc6 31.f4 c3 32.bxc3 Bxc3 33.Rd3 Kb5 34.Kf3 Kc4 35.Rd7 b3 36.Rc7+ Kd3 37.Rxf7 Rb8 38.Rd7+ Bd4 39.f7 b2 40.Rxd4+ Kxd4 41.Bf6+ Kd5 42.Bxb2 Rb3+ 43.Kg2 Rxb2+ 44.Kh3 Rb8 45.g5 Kd6 46.g6 Ke7 47.Kg4 Kf6 48.Kf3= is a positional draw.;
B) 28.Re2! Bd4 29.h5]

27.Rad1
[27.Be3 Bxe3 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Qxe3±]

27...e5 28.Kg3!? Kingdom comes!
[28.Kh3!?]
[28.Qe4!?]

28...Ra8 29.h5 Rhg8
[29...Rag8 30.Kh4 *(30.f4!?)* 30...Qd5 31.Qe4 Qxe4 32.fxe4 Kc6 33.Rc2 Ra8 34.Bd2 Ra2 35.Rb1+- and finally 36.g5.]

30.Kh4? There was no need for this king walk now.
[30.Be3 Qc7 31.Kh3+-]

30...Ra2?
[with 30...Rad8! 31.Rf1□± *(31.f4? exf4; 31.Qe4?? Qxe4 32.fxe4 Rxg5 33.Kxg5 Be3+ 34.Kf5 Bxd2 35.g5 b4 36.g6 c3 37.bxc3 bxc3 38.gxf7 Rf8 39.Kg6 c2 40.Rf1 c1Q 41.Rxc1 Bxc1 42.Kg7 Ba3 43.h6 Kc6 44.h7 Kd7 45.h8Q Rxh8 46.Kxh8 Ke6-+)*]
[30...Rxg5 31.Kxg5 Rg8+ 32.Kh4 Qxf6+ 33.Kh3+-]

(Diagram)

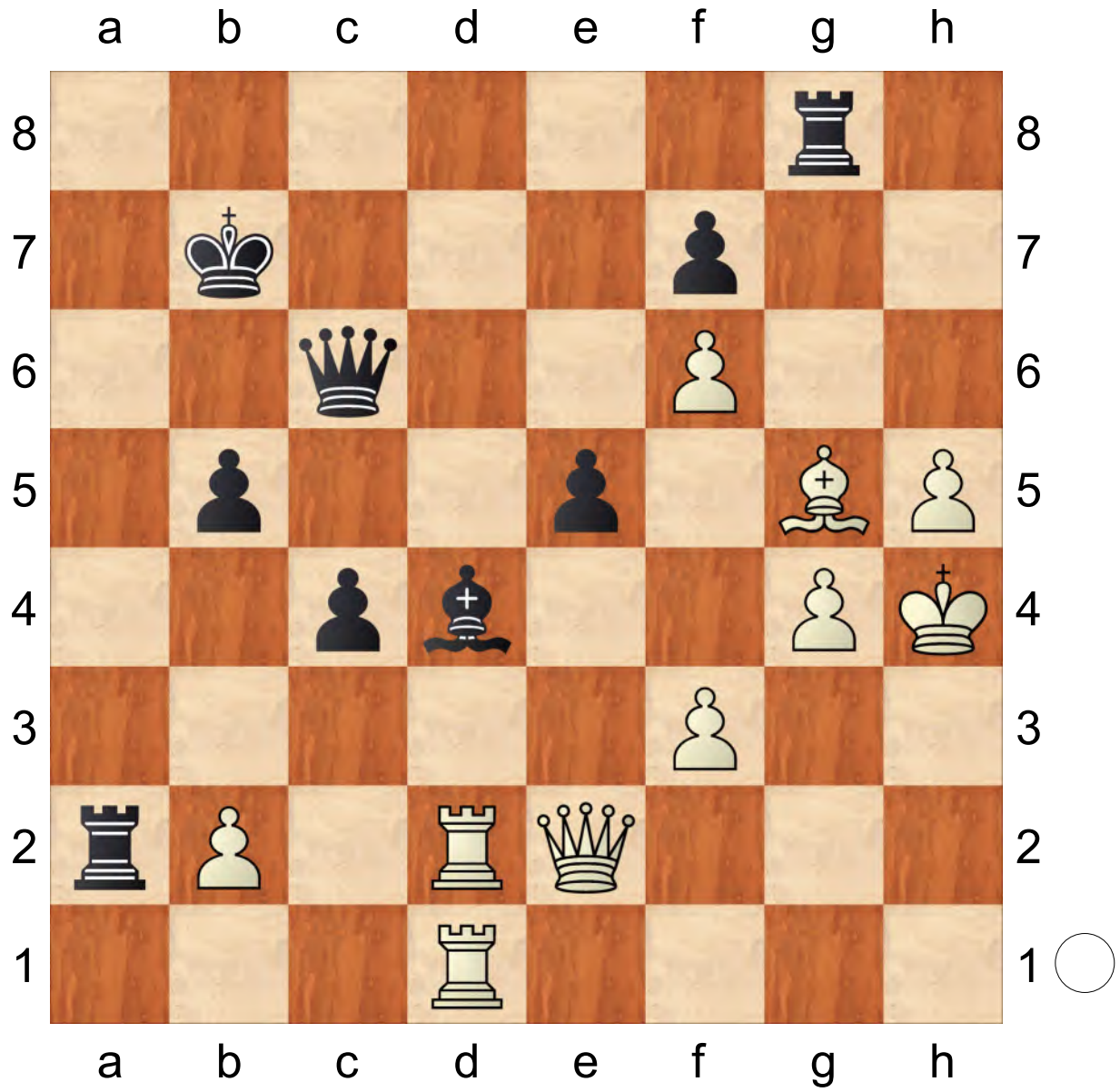
He could have set up a trap **31.h6**
[⌓31.f4+- would have won right away.]

31...Rh8 32.Kh5!? This was not only way to win but I have started to become nervous.
[32.Rxd4? exd4 33.Qe7+ Ka8 34.Rxd4 Qxf3=]
[32.f4 Rxh6+ 33.Bxh6 Qxf6+ 34.Bg5 Qh8+ 35.Kg3+-]

32...b4 33.Rc1
[33.Rxd4 exd4 34.Rxd4 Ka8 35.Rd6!! Qxd6 36.Qe4+ Ka7 37.Be3+ Ka6 38.Qxc4+ Kb7 39.Qxf7+ Kb8 40.Qxa2+- would have collected every single piece like in checkers.]

33...c3 34.bxc3 Rxd2 35.Bxd2 bxc3
[35...Qxf6 36.Qe4+ *(36.cxd4 Rxh6+ 37.Bxh6 Qg6+ 38.Kh4 Qxh6+ 39.Kg3 Qf4+ 40.Kf2 Qxc1 41.Qb5+ Kc8)*]

(Diagram)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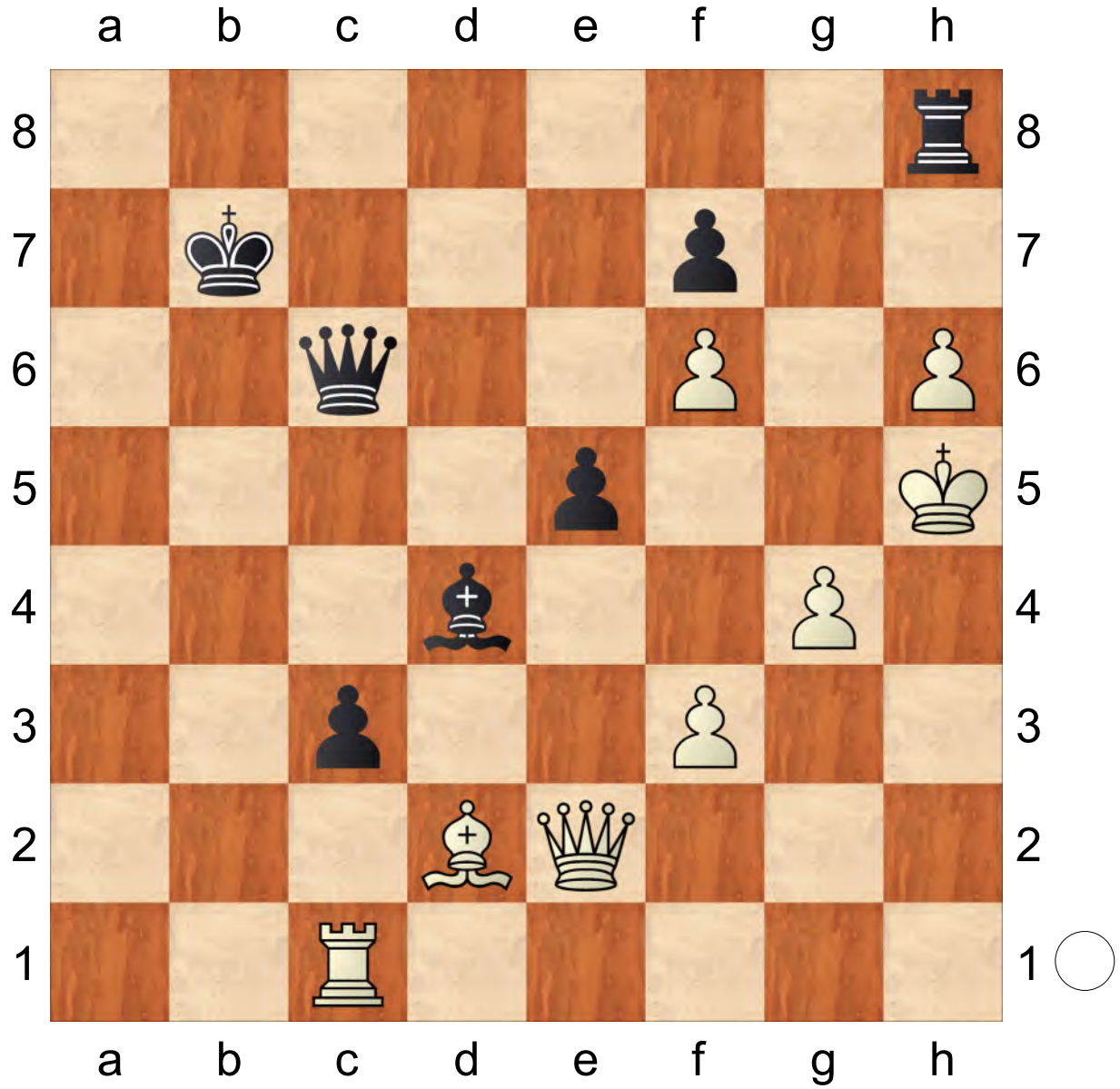
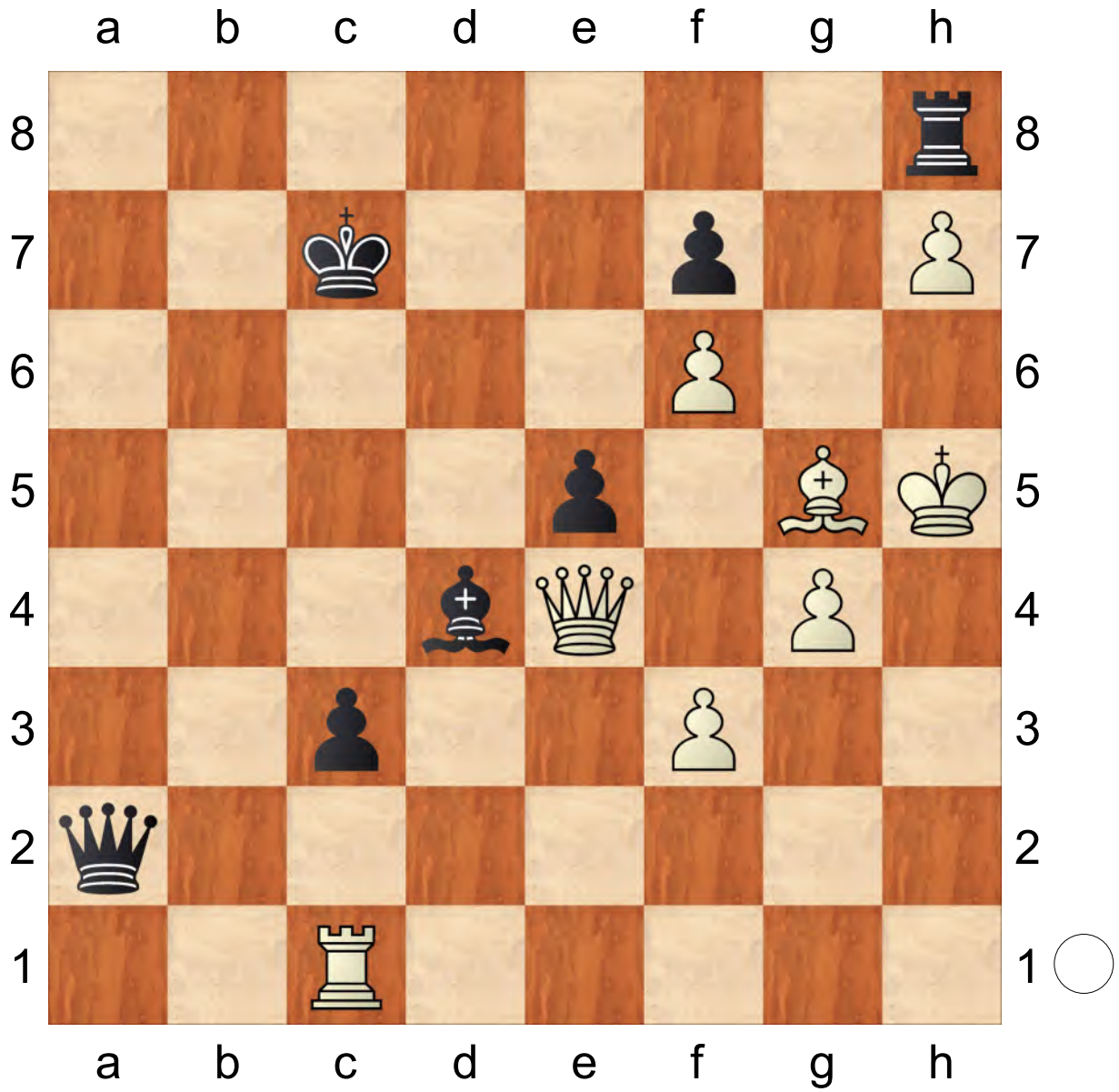


36.Bg5 Kc7 37.Qe4! Qa6
[37...Qxe4 38.fxe4 Kd6 39.Ra1 Kc5 40.Ra7 Rh7 41.Ra8+- would not last long.]
38.h7 Qa2 39.Kh6?! In the heat of time trouble I was not consequent.
[39.Rb1 Qa6 40.Kh6+-]
[39.Bf4 Rxh7+ 40.Kg5 *(40.Qxh7 exf4 41.Qe4+-)* 40...exf4 41.Qxd4 Qa5+ 42.Kxf4+-]
39...Qa3 40.Kh5
[40.Rxc3+!! Bxc3 *(40...Qxc3 41.Qd5)* 41.Qc4+ Kb6 42.Qxf7+- was too difficult to contemplate for a mortal.]
40...Qa2

(Diagram)



41.Rc2
[41.Kh6? Qa3 42.Rb1 Qf8+ 43.Kh5 Qg8 44.Qb7+ Kd6 45.Qa6+ Kd5 46.Rb5+ Bc5=]
41...Qe6 42.Rh2? I do not know what I was thinking when we have already passed the time control.
[42.Bd2! Qxf6 43.Bxc3+-]
[42.Bh4!?]
[42.Rc1 Qa2]
42...Qa6? He had a cunning defence.
[42...Qe8! Threatening 43...♕g8!
A) 43.Bh6 Qc6
A1) 44.g5 Rxh7
A1a) 45.Qxh7 Qxf3+= 46.Kh4 Qf4+ *(46...Bf2+ 47.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 48.Kh3*

Qf3+=);

A1b) 45.Qxc6+ Kxc6 46.g6 fxg6+ 47.Kxg6 Rd7 48.f7 Bc5;

A2) 44.Qf5 Qd7 45.Qxd7+ *(45.Qd3 Qd5)* 45...Kxd7 46.g5 Rxh7 47.g6 fxg6+ *(47...Rh8 48.gxf7 Bc5 49.Kg6 Ke6 50.Ra2+-)* 48.Kxg6 Rh8 49.f7 Bc5 50.Rc2 Bb4 51.Bg7 Rc8 52.Bxe5 Rc6+ 53.Kg7 Rc8 54.f4+-;

B) 43.Kh4? Qg8 44.Kg3 Qxg5;

C) 43.Bf4!! Rxh7+ *(43...exf4 44.Qxe8 Rxe8 45.g5 Kd7 46.Kh6 Ke6 47.Kg7 Kf5 48.Kxf7+-)* 44.Qxh7 exf4 45.g5+-]

43.Rh1 I have become extremely one track minded **43...Qe6?**

[with 43...Qc8 44.Bh6 *(44.Bf4? exf4 45.Qxf4+ Kb7 46.Rb1+ Bb6 47.Qe4+ Qc6 48.Qe7+ Qc7 49.Kh6 c2 50.Qxc7+ Kxc7 51.Rh1 Bd4 52.g5 Be3 53.Kg7 Rxh7+ 54.Kxh7 Bxg5 55.Kg7 c1Q 56.Rxc1+ Bxc1 57.Kxf7=)* 44...Qb7 45.Qf5 *(45.Qd3 Qd5; 45.g5 Rxh7 46.g6 fxg6+ 47.Kxg6 Rd7 48.Qxb7+ Kxb7 49.Bf8 c2 50.Ba3 Be3 51.f7 Rd8 52.Kg7 Kb6 53.f8Q Rxf8 54.Kxf8 Kb5 55.Bc1 Bc5+ 56.Kf7 Kc4 57.Rh2 Kd3 58.Ke6 Bd4 59.Kd5)* 45...Qc8 *(45...Qc6 46.Bg7 Rxh7+ 47.Qxh7 Qxf3 48.Rh4 Bf2 49.Bh8 Bxh4 50.Qxf7+ Kb6 51.Qe6+ Kb5 52.f7+-)* 46.Qd3! *(46.Qxc8+? Kxc8 47.g5 Rxh7 48.g6 fxg6+ 49.Kxg6 Rc7 50.f7 Bc5 51.Rc1 Ba3 52.f8Q+ Bxf8 53.Bxf8 c2 54.Bh6 Rc3 55.Rf1 Rd3=)*]

44.Rb1 Qa2 45.Kh6!

[45.Rb7+ Kd6 46.Bf4+-]

[45.Kh6! Qa6 46.Kg7 Qc8 47.Qb7+! Qxb7 48.Rxb7+ Kxb7 49.Kxh8 e4 50.Kg7 exf3 51.h8Q f2 52.Qh1++-]

(Diagram)

Curtains!

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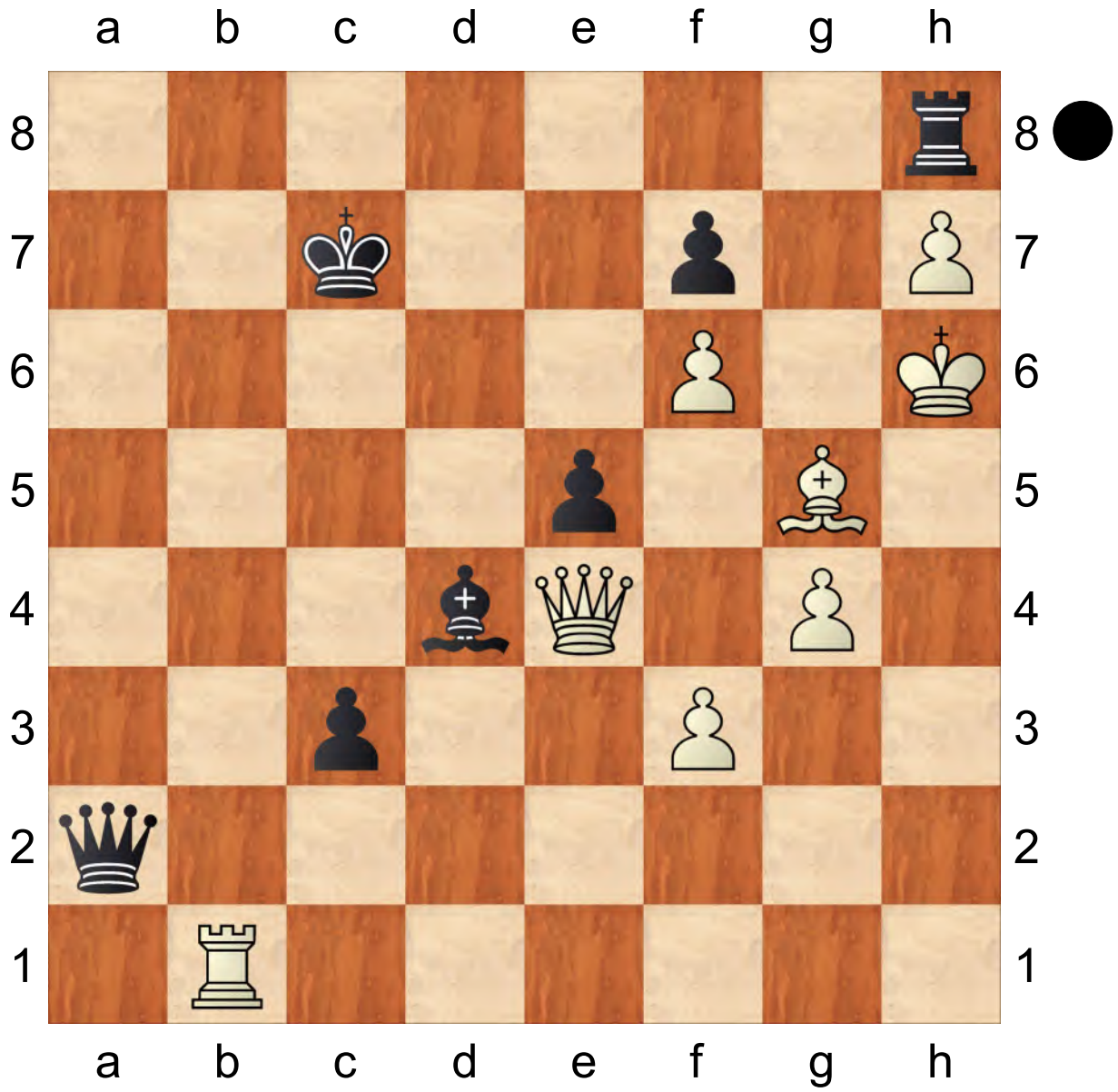
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■ **Cioara,Andrei Nestor** **2398**
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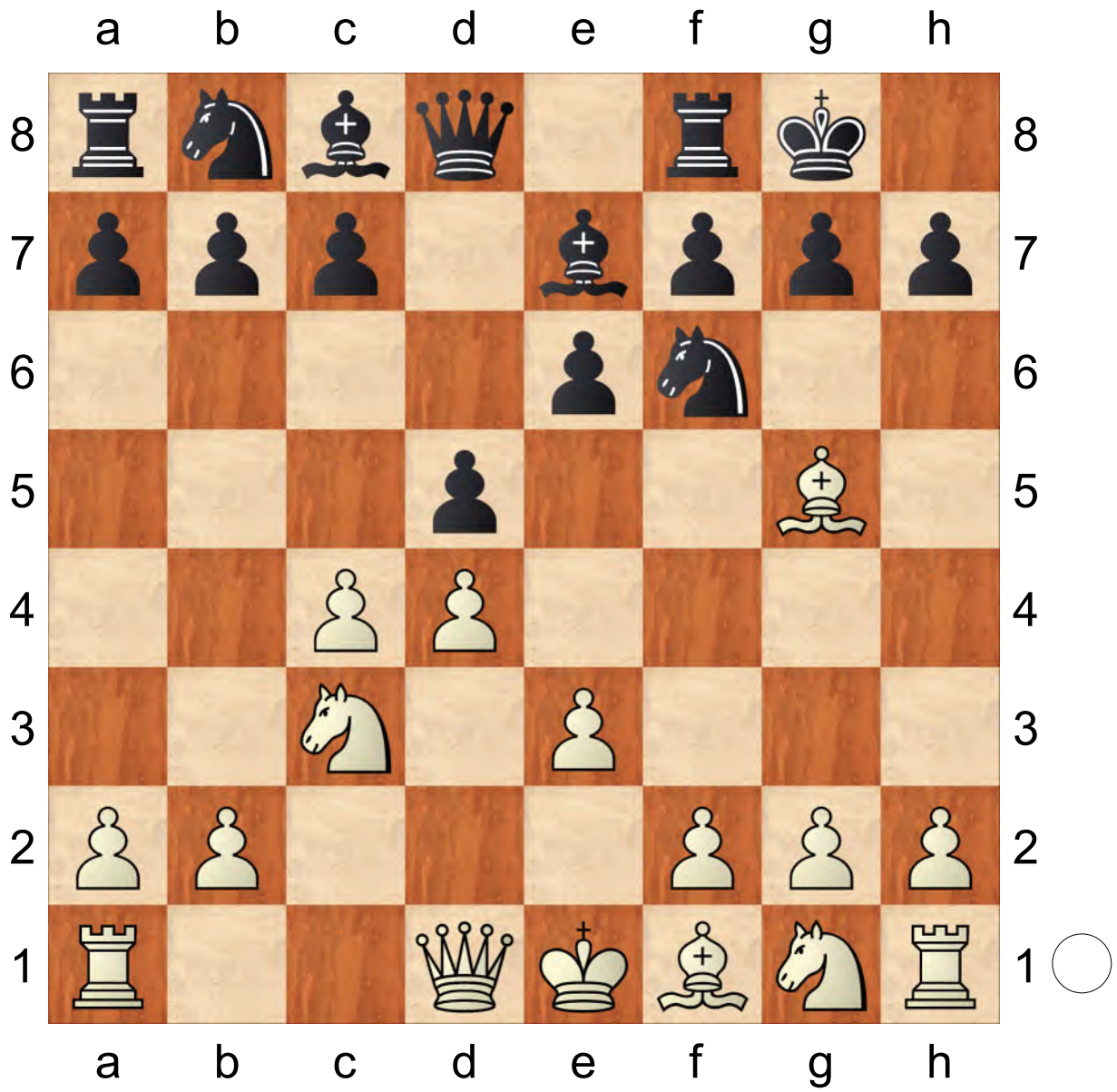
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.c4 Tsesarsky **1...e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0**



6.Rc1 Nbd7 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 Re8 9.Bg3

[9.a3

A) 9...c6 10.Bd3 a6 11.0-0 *(11.c5!?)* 11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Ba2 c5= ½-½ Georgiev,K-Eingorn,V/Calcutta 1992 (41);

B) 9...a6 10.cxd5 exd5

B1) 11.Bd3 c6 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.b4± *(14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 Nf6=* 0-1 Podolski,H-Gabrys,Z/Wroclaw POL ch 1960 (42) *)*;
B2) 11.Be2 c6 12.0-0 Nf8 13.Ne5 N6d7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Na4 Rad8 17.Bd3 Ne6 18.Qc2± *(18.Qf3 Bc8=* ½-½ Aseev,K-Eingorn,V/USSR ch Leningrad 1988 (24) *)*]

[9.Bd3

A) 9...a6 10.c5 c6 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Bg3 Bxc5 14.e4 d4 15.Ne2 Ba7 16.e6 Rxe6 17.Nexd4 Re8⇄ ½-½ Romanishin,O-Lau,R/Polanica Zdroj 1991 (37);

B) 9...c6 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 a5⇄ *(11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Bg3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Nd2 b5 16.Be2 e5 17.Bf3 Bb7 18.Qc2 Bf8 19.Ra1 Qb6 20.Rfb1±* 1-0 Bischoff,K-Proehl,H/GER-ch 1994 (48) *)*;

C) 9...dxc4 10.Bxc4

C1) 10...c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nb6 13.Bb3 Nbd5 *(13...Bd7 14.Qf3±)* 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 *(15...Rxe7 16.e4 Nf6 17.Nc6!!+-* 1-0 Lopez,C-Diaz,H/Guiines CUB 1998 (19) *)* 16.Qh5±;

C2) 10...c6 11.0-0 Qa5 12.Bg3 Bb4 13.Qc2 Qh5 14.a3 Bf8 15.Ne2 Nd5 16.e4± ½-½ Micheel,A-Bade,H/BLW 1993 (47);

C3) 10...Nb6 11.Bb3 Bd7 12.0-0 Bc6 13.Ne5 Bd5 14.Nxd5 Nbxd5 *(14...exd5±)* 15.Qf3 c6 16.Rfd1± 1-0 Guimaraes,J-Neves,J/POR-chT 1993 (41);

C4) 10...a6 11.a4 *(11.0-0 b5 12.Be2 Bb7 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.a3 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Rfd1 Qb6=* ½-½ Mohr,P-Mueller,M/RLPF-op Hauenstein 1991 (43) *)* 11...c5 *(11...Nb6 12.Bd3 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0 Be7 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Nbd5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.b3 Qb6=* ½-½ El Kreni,N-Allaham,M/Thessaloniki olm 1984 (25) *)* 12.0-0 cxd4

C4a) 13.exd4 Nb6

C4a1) 14.Bb3 Bd7

C4a11) 15.Ne5 Bc6 16.a5 *(16.Re1!?)* 16...Nbd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Rc5 Qd6 20.Re1 Bd5 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Qf3 Re7 23.Rec1= ½-½ Schmidt,W-Stempin,P/POL-ch Slupsk 1989 (25);

C4a12) 15.a5 Nbd5 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxd5± Bb5?! *(18...Bc6! 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Ne5 Rad8 21.Re1 Bd5 22.b4±)* 19.Nc7!± *(19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Re8 22.Qc3 Bc6 23.Ne5 Bd5±)* 19...Bxf1 20.Qxf1 *(20.Kxf1? Qd7 21.Nxa8 Rxa8∞)* 20...Bg5 21.Rc4 *(21.Nxg5 Qxg5 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Qe1±)* 21...Bf4 *(21...Qe7 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Nxg5 Qxg5 24.Qe1±)* 22.Nxa8 Qxa8 23.Qd3 *(23.g3 b5! 24.Rc3 Bd6∞)* 23...Qd8 24.g3 *(24.d5 Bd6 25.b4 Qf6 26.g3 Qb2 27.Qf5 Qe2 28.Rd4 Re7 29.Kg2±)* 24...Bb8 25.b4 Qd5 26.Rc5 Qa2 27.Qf5 Bd6 28.Rc8?= *(28.Qd7 Qe6 29.Qxe6 Rxe6 30.Rc4 Re2 31.Kg2 Rb2 32.Ne5 Rxb4 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Nc4 Be7 35.d5 Bf6 36.d6 Rb3 37.d7 Rd3*

38.Nb6±) 28...Rf8 29.Rxf8+ *(29.d5 Bxb4 30.Rc7 Bd6 31.Rxb7 Bc5 32.Ne1 Qe2 33.Rb1 Qa2=)* 29...Bxf8 30.Qe4 *(30.Qc8 Qb1+ 31.Kg2 Qxb4=)* 30...Bxb4 Tsesarsky: '=' 31.Qxb7 *(31.Qe8+ Kh7 32.Qe4+ Kg8=)*

C4a121) 31...Qxa5 32.Ne5 f6 33.Nc6 *(33.Qf7+ Kh7 34.Qg6+ Kg8=)* 33...Qa1+ 34.Kg2 Bd6 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Qf5+ Kh8 37.Qe6 Qa3 38.h4 Bf8=;

C4a122) 31...Bxa5?**±**

C4a1221) 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.Qxa6 Qd5 34.Ne5 Bc7 35.Qc6 Qxc6 36.Nxc6 Kg6 37.Ne7+ Kh5 38.Kg2**±**;

C4a1222) 32.Qxa6 Qd5 33.Ne5 Bd8 34.Qc8 Kh7 35.Qf5+ *(35.Qd7 Qxd7 36.Nxd7 Kg6 37.f3 Kf5 38.d5 Bc7 39.Kf2 h5±)* 35...Kg8 36.Qd7 *(36.h4 Bf6 37.Qc8+ Kh7 38.Nd7 Be7 39.Nf8+ Bxf8 40.Qxf8 Qxd4 41.Qxf7±)* 36...Qxd7 37.Nxd7 f6 38.Nc5 Bb6 39.Kg2 Kf7 40.Kf3 Ke7 41.Ke4 Kd6 42.g4**±**;

C4a1223) 32.d5?= Qa1+ 33.Kg2 Qf6 ½-½ Shchekachev,A-Eingorn,V/Metz 1998/CBM 65/[Tsesarsky] (33);

C4a2) 14.Ba2 Bd7 15.Ne5 *(15.a5 Nbd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Qd2 f6 20.h3 Bb5 21.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Qd6 ½-½ Lugovoi,A-Korneev,O/ch-RUS, St Petersburg RUS 1998 (22))* 15...Bc6 16.Re1 Nbd5 17.Qe2 Nf4 18.Qe3 N6d5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 21.Qxe6+ Kf8 22.Qf5+ Bf6 23.Rxe8+ Kxe8 24.Qe6+ Qe7 25.Rxc6 Bxh4 26.Bxd5 Rd8 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Qf5+ Bf6 29.Re6 Qd7 30.Bb3 Qxd4 31.g3 Qd3 32.Rxf6+ 1-0 Dautov,R-Stempin,P/Warsaw ,EXT 1989 (32);

C4b) 13.Nxd4 Ne5 14.Be2 Bd7 15.Qb3 Qa5 16.Bg3 Ra7 17.Rfd1 Nc6 18.Nf3 *(18.e4!? Rd8=)* 18...Qb4= ½-½ Kasimdzhanov,R-Atalik,S/Elista RUS 1998 (24)]

[9.Qc2⇄ ½-½ Lukacs,P-Varga,Z/Budapest FS06 GM 1993 (14)]

[9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bxe7 Rxe7 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Qd6= Cherepkov,A-Kholmov,R/USSR 1968/½-½ (46)]

9...c6 10.a3

[10.Bd3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.e4 Nh5 14.Rc2 Nxg3 15.fxg3 Nf6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bb3 Rc8= 1-0 Kluss,K-Krause/Wuerzburg op 1987/EXT 87op (27)]

10...Nh5

[10...a6!? **Δ**11.Bd3 *(11.c5 Nh5=)* 11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Ba2 c5 14.0-0 Bb7=]

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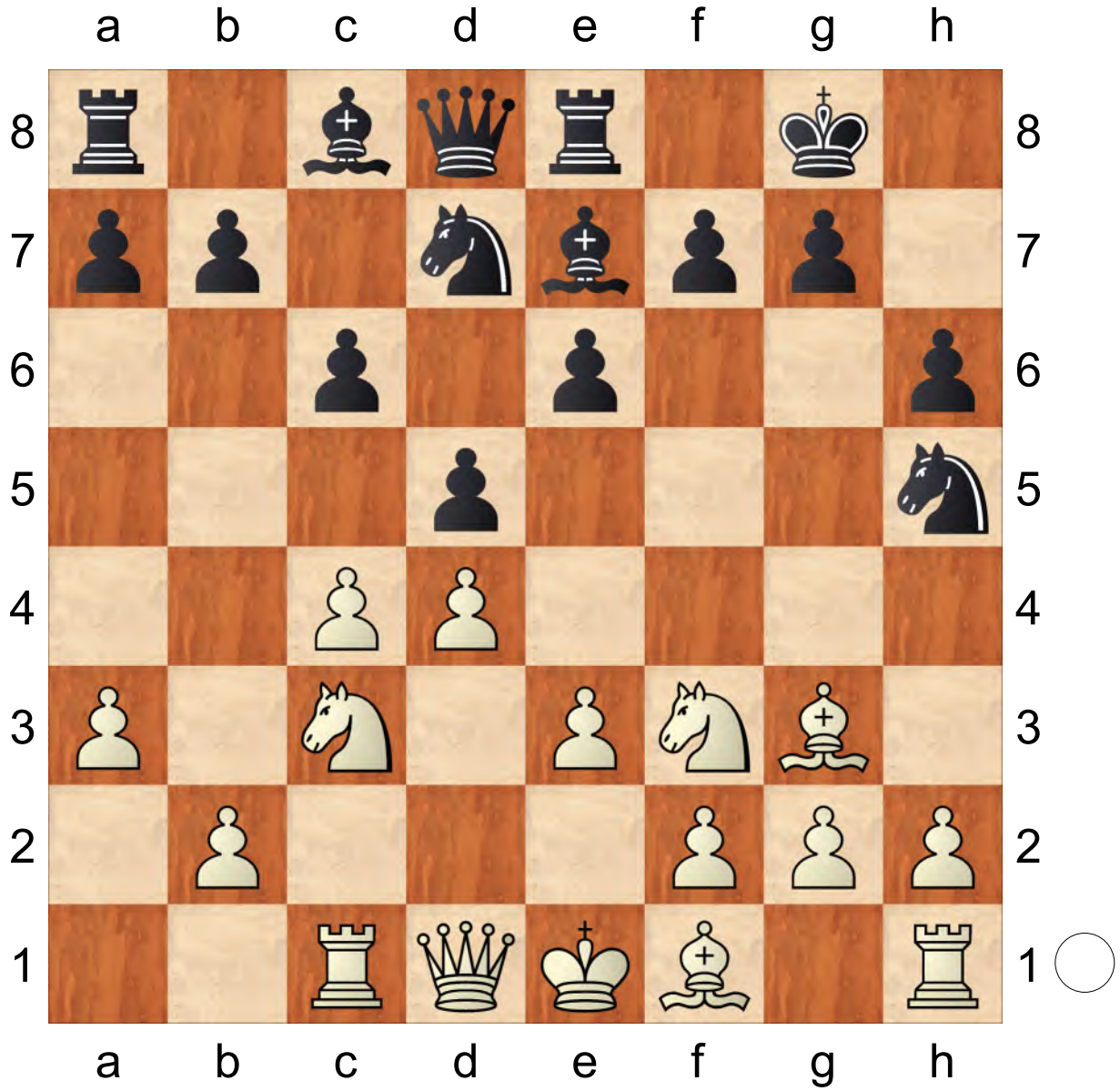
11.cxd5 Nxg3



[11...exd5? 12.Nxd5! Nxg3 *(12...cxd5 13.Bc7 Bb4+ 14.axb4 Qe7 15.Qb3±; 12...Qa5+ 13.Nc3±)* 13.Nxe7+±]

[11...cxd5? 12.Nxd5!±]

12.hxg3 exd5⇄

[12...cxd5 13.Nb5 Rb8 14.Bd3 a6 15.Nc3 *(15.Nc7 Rf8 16.Qc2 b5∓)* 15...b6±]

13.Bd3

[13.g4 Bf6 14.Bd3 Nb6∓]

13...Bd6?!

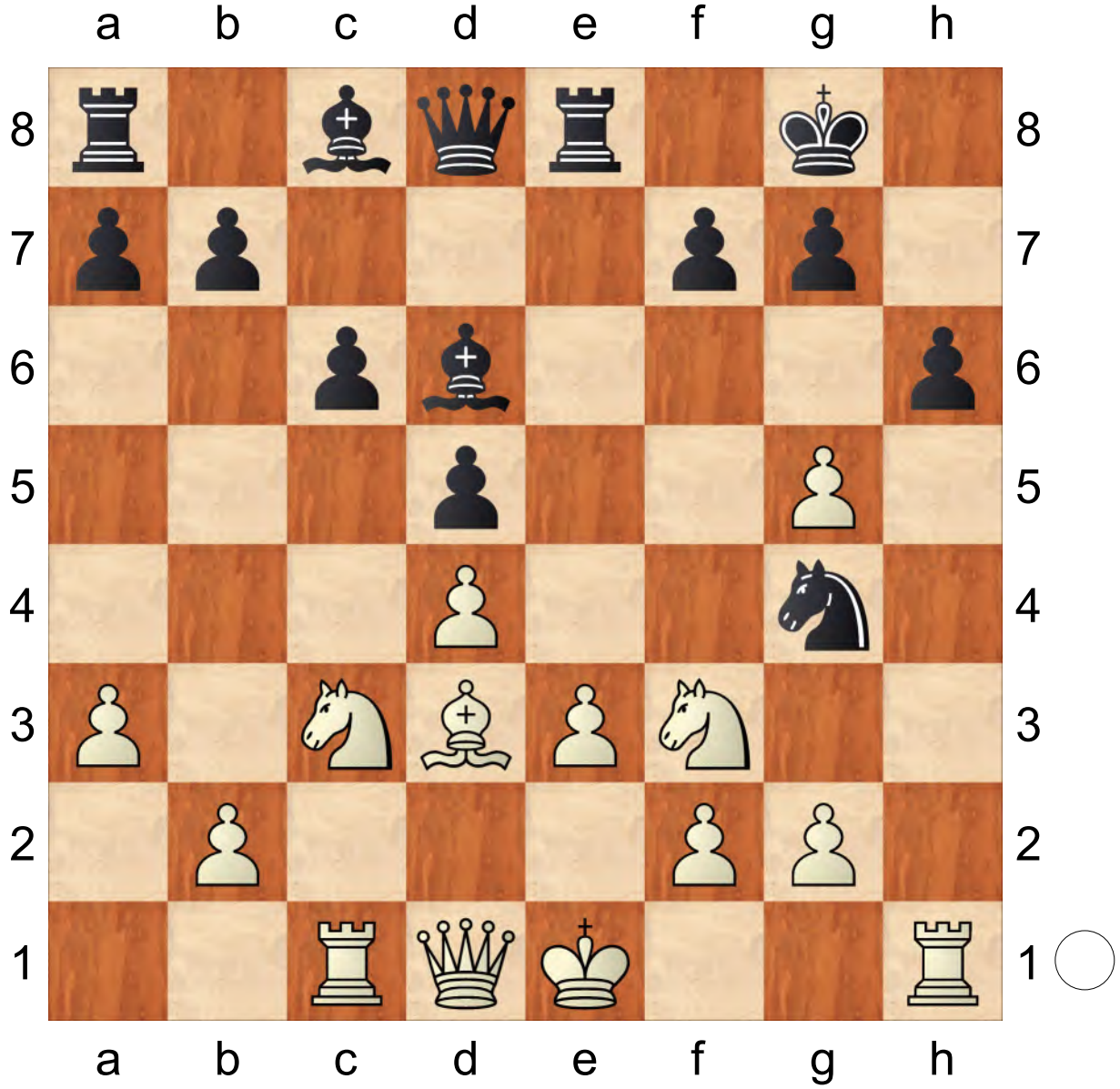
[13...Nf6 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.f4

A) 15...c5 16.Nb5 b6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Qf3 Bb7 19.g4 cxd4 20.exd4 Rac8 21.Rd1 Ne4 22.g5 f6 *(22...hxg5 23.Qh5+-)* 23.gxf6 *(23.gxh6 fxe5 24.dxe5 Qg6 25.Rh4 Re7 26.hxg7 Rxg7 27.g4±)* 23...Qxf6 *(23...Nxf6*

24.g4 Ne4 25.g5±) 24.g4±;
B) 15...a6 16.Na4 Qe7⇄]

14.g4 Nf6?!±
[14...Be7!?]

15.g5 Ng4
[15...hxg5 16.Nxg5→]



16.gxh6 g6?±
[16...Nxh6 17.Qc2±]

17.Qd2
[17.Qb3 Kh7 18.Ne4 f6 *(18...Be7 19.Nc5±)* 19.Nxd6 *(19.Nh4 f5 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Nf3 Qf6±)* 19...Qxd6 20.Qc2 Rg8
A) 21.Bxg6+ Rxg6 22.Nh4 f5 23.Nxg6 Qxg6 24.Rh4 Nxh6 25.Kd2 Kg7

26.Rch1 Nf7 27.Qc5 Qf6 *(27...Qxg2 28.Rh7+ Kg8 29.Qe7+-)* 28.Kc1**±**;
B) 21.Nh4 f5 22.Nf3 Qf6 23.Rh3 Nxh6 24.Ne5 Kg7 25.Ke2 Rh8 26.Rch1 Nf7 27.Rxh8 Nxh8 28.Qc5**±**]

17...f5 18.Kf1?!±

[18.Be2!
A) 18...Kh7 19.e4!! fxe4 *(19...dxe4 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Bc4++-)* 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Ncxe4! Be7 *(21...dxe4 22.Bc4++-)* 22.Rc3 Bf5 23.h7+ Kg7 24.Rch3 dxe4 25.h8Q+ Rxh8 26.Rh7+ Rxh7 27.Rxh7+ Kg8 28.Bc4+ Kf8 29.Rh8+ Kg7 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Nf7 e3 32.fxe3**±**;
B) 18...Kh8 19.Ng1!**±**]

18...Qf6 19.Ne2

[19.h7+ Kg7 20.g3 Rh8 21.Kg2 Rxh7 22.Rxh7+ Kxh7 23.Rh1+ Kg7 24.b4**±**]

19...Bd7

[19...Re7 20.Nf4 Rh7 21.b4**±**]

20.Nf4 Re7

(Diagram)

21.g3 Rae8!?

[21...Rh7 22.Kg2 Nxh6**±**]

22.Nh4!? g5

[22...Bxf4 23.gxf4 *(23.exf4?! Nxh6 24.Nf3 Nf7 25.Ne5 Be6 26.Kg2±)* 23...Nxh6 24.Nf3 Nf7 25.Rh3**±**]

23.Nh5 Qf7

[23...Qxh6 24.Nxf5 Bxf5 25.Bxf5+-]

24.Nf3

[24.Ng7? gxh4 25.Nxe8 Bxe8 26.Rxh4 Qg6 27.Qc2 Bd7⇄]

24...Qg6 25.Ng7

[25.Qa5 a6 26.Ng7 Rc8 27.Qb6 Nxh6 28.Nh5**±** *(28.Rxh6 Qxh6 29.Nxf5 Qh3+-+; 28.Qxb7 Kxg7∓)*]

25...Rd8

[25...Ra8 26.Kg2 Nxh6 27.Rxh6 Qxh6 28.Nxf5 Bxf5 29.Bxf5 Qf6 30.g4**⩲**]

(Diagram)

26.Kg2 Nxh6 27.Rxh6 Qxh6 28.Nxf5 Bxf5 29.Bxf5 Qf6 30.g4 Kg7

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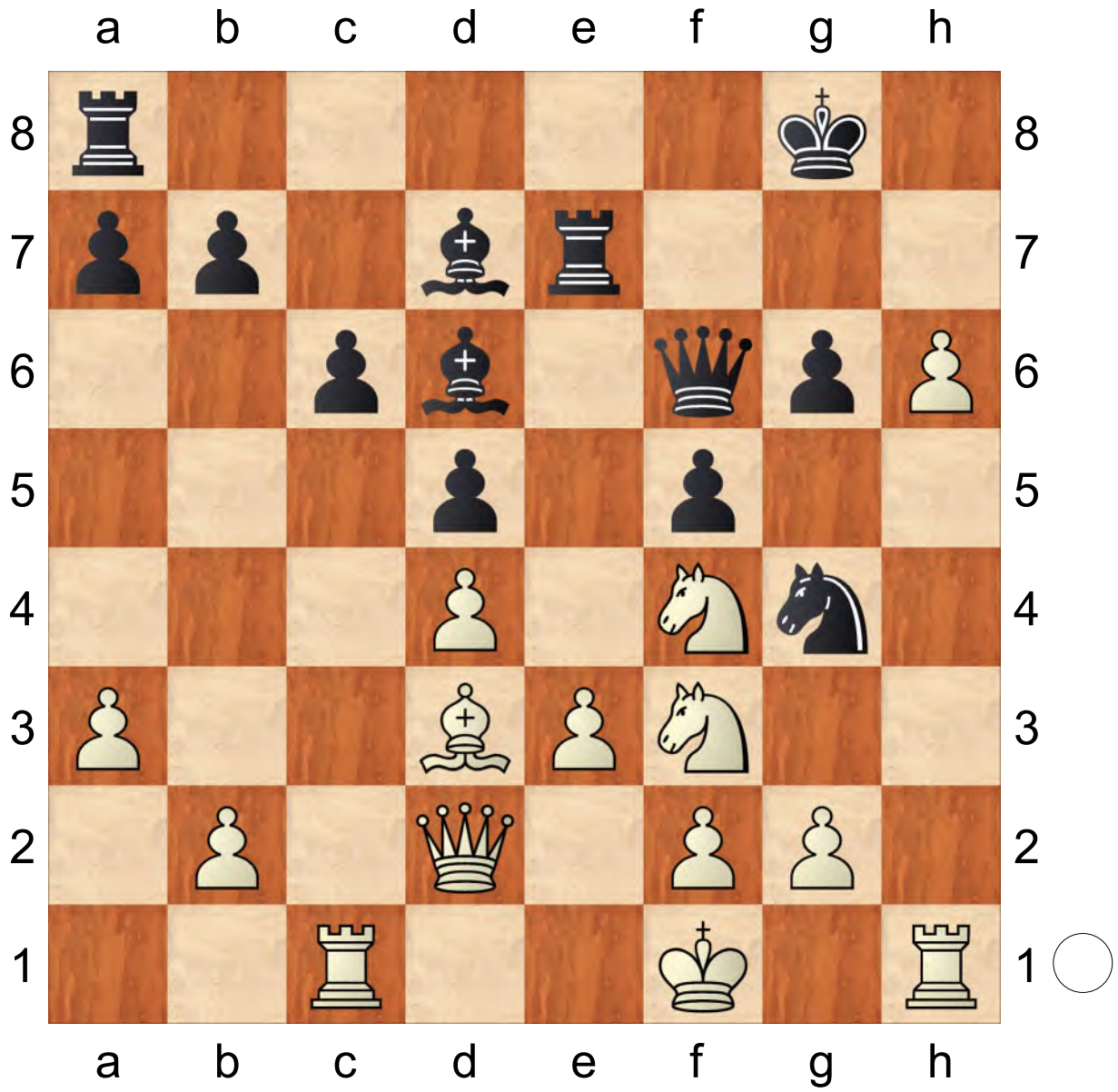
31.Rh1 Rh8 32.Rxh8 Kxh8 33.Qa5

[33.b4**⩲**]

33...b6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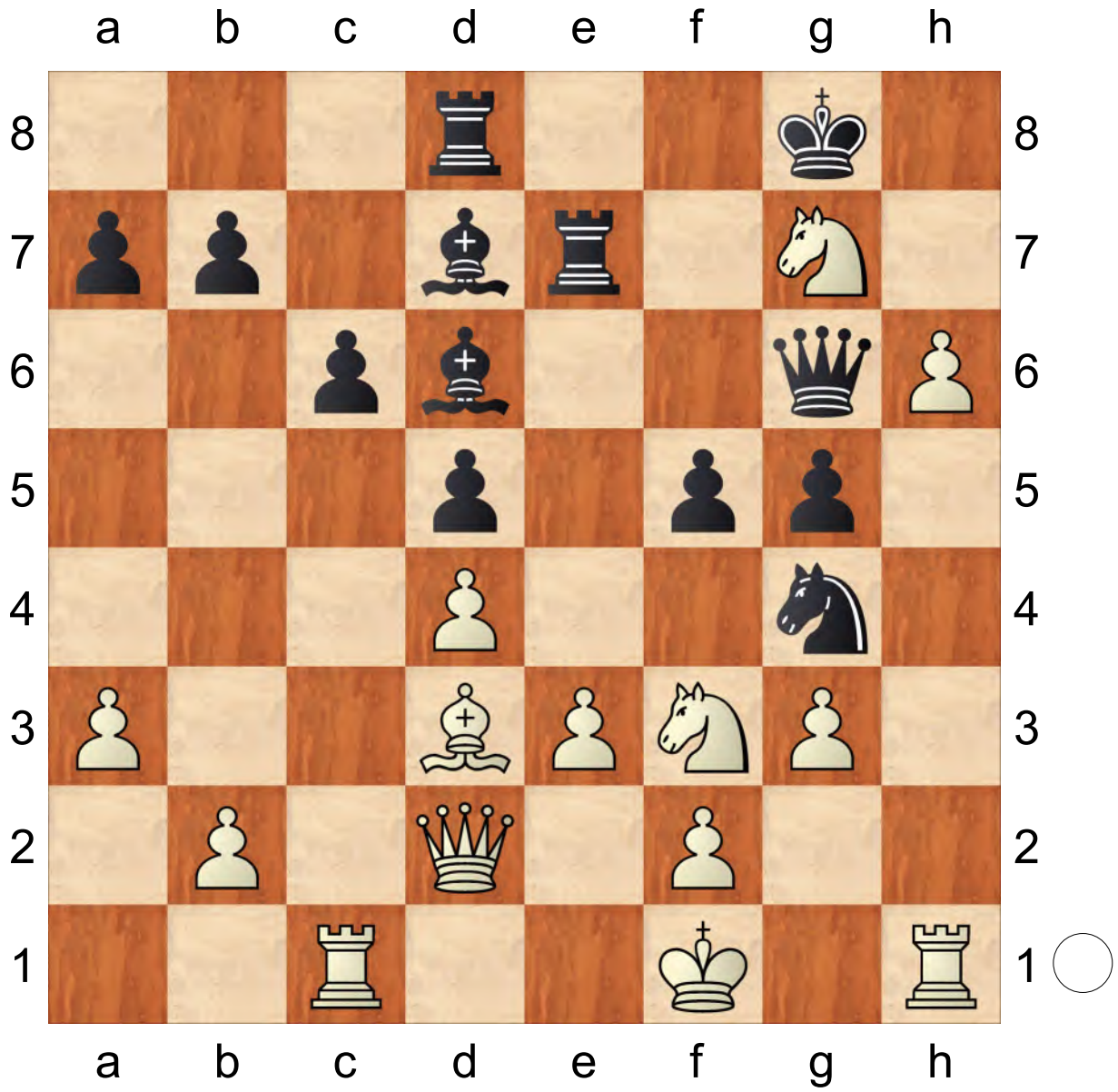
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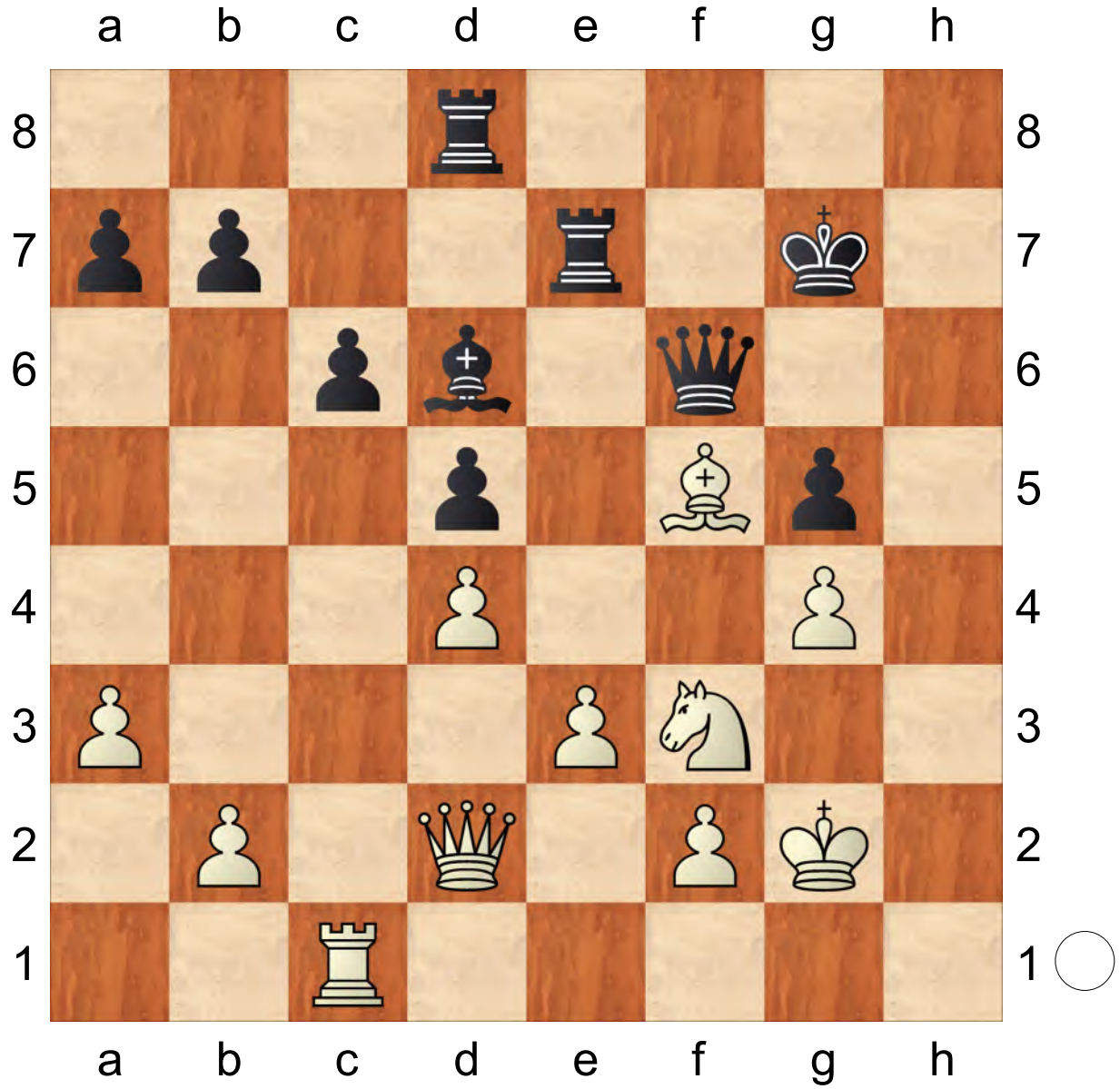


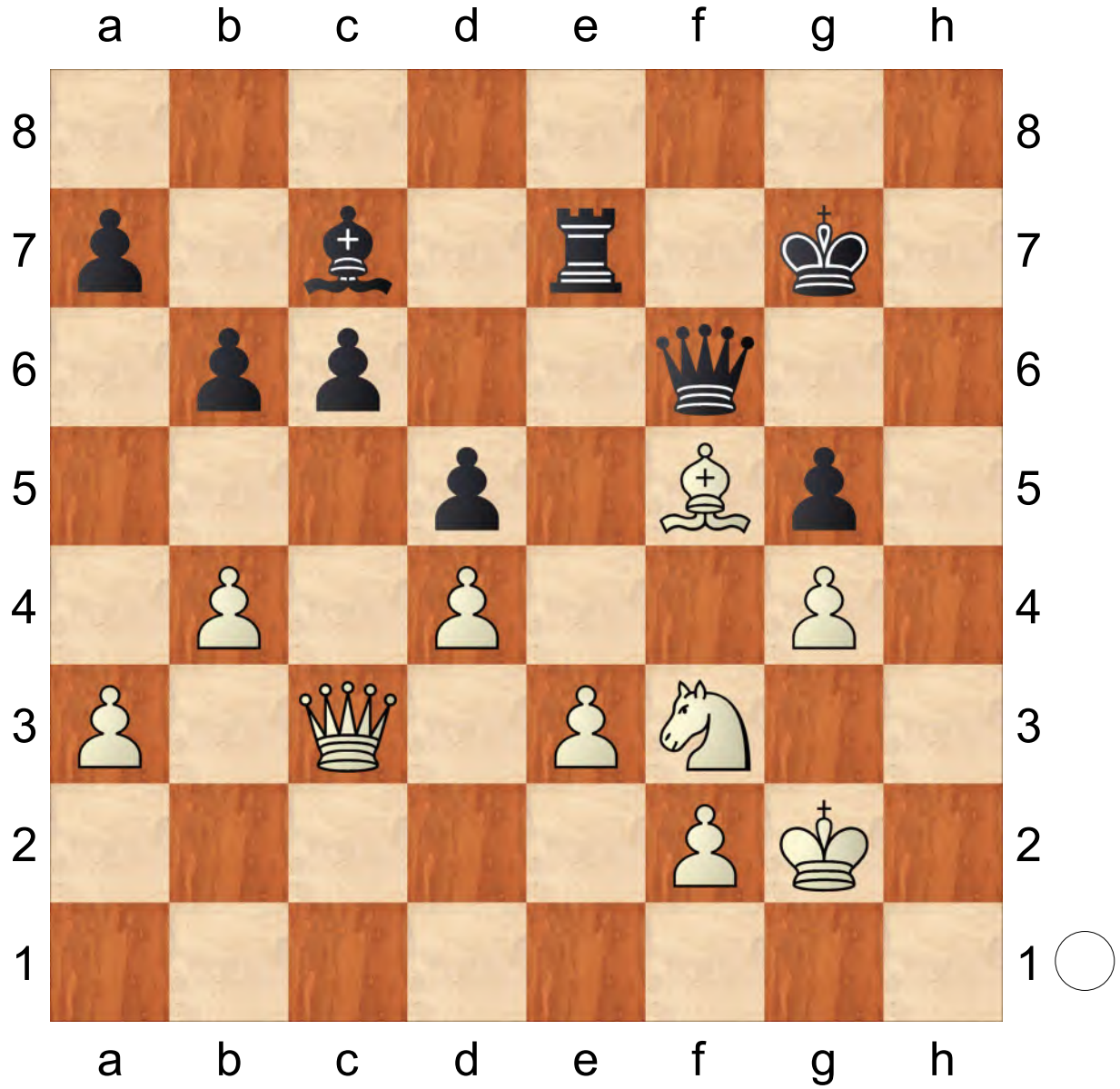
[33...a6 34.Qd8+ Kg7
A) 35.Nxg5 Bc7 36.Ne6+ Qxe6 37.Qxc7 Qxe3! 38.Qd6 Qg5 39.b4 *(39.f4 Qh4 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Qd6 Qe1 42.Qf6+=)* 39...Qf6 40.Qf4 Re4 41.Qc7+ Qe7 42.Qh2 Re1 43.Qh7+ Kf8 44.Qh8+ Kf7 45.Qh7+ Kf8=;
B) 35.b4 Rf7 36.Qe8 Qe7 37.Qxe7 Bxe7⩲]

34.Qc3 Bc7 35.b4 Kg7

(Diagram)

36.a4 Re8 Tsesarsky: '='
[36...a6 37.b5 axb5 38.axb5 c5 39.Qa3 cxd4 40.Nxd4 Be5 41.Nc6±]

37.Bd7?
[37.b5 c5 38.Qc2 c4∓]



[37.Qc2 Rh8 38.b5 c5 39.dxc5 Qa1 40.Qb1 Qxb1 41.Bxb1 bxc5 42.Nxg5 Rh2+ 43.Kf3 Kf6 44.Nh7+ Kg7 45.Ng5 Kf6=]

37...Rf8 38.Bf5 Rh8

[38...Re8=]

39.Ne5 Rh6??+-

[39...Qh6

A) 40.Qxc6 Qh1+ 41.Kg3 Bxe5+ *(41...Rh3#)*;

B) 40.Kf3 Bxe5 41.dxe5 Qh1+ 42.Ke2 Rh3 43.e6+ Kg8 44.Qxc6 Qf3+ 45.Kd3 Qd1+ 46.Kc3 Qc1+ 47.Bc2 Qa3+ 48.Bb3

B1) 48...d4+ 49.Kc4 Qc1+ 50.Kb5 Qxc6+ 51.Kxc6 Kf8 *(51...dxe3 52.e7++-)* 52.exd4 *(52.Kd6 dxe3 53.e7+ Ke8 54.Be6 Rh6 55.fxe3 a5 56.b5 Rxe6+ 57.Kxe6=)* 52...Ke7 *(52...Rxb3 53.Kd7+-)* 53.Bc4 Rc3 54.Kd5 Rc1

B1a) 55.Ba6 Re1 56.Bc8 a5 57.bxa5 bxa5 58.Bd7 Re2 59.f3 Re3 60.Kc5 Rc3+ 61.Kb5 Rxf3 62.d5 Kd6 63.Kxa5 Rf4 64.Kb6 Rxg4 65.a5 Rb4+ 66.Bb5 g4 67.e7 *(67.a6 g3-+)* 67...Re4 68.a6 Rxe7 69.a7 Rxa7 70.Kxa7 g3 71.Bf1 Kxd5=;

B1b) 55.Bd3! Re1 56.Be4

B1b1) 56...Re2 57.f3 *(57.Ke5 Rxf2 58.d5 Rd2)* 57...Ra2 58.Ke5 Rxa4 *(58...a5 59.b5 Rd2 60.d5+-)* 59.d5 Rxb4 60.d6++-;

B1b2) 56...Kf6 57.f3+-;

B2) 48...Qc1+=]

40.b5! c5

[40...Bd6 41.Qxc6 *(41.bxc6 Bxe5 42.dxe5 Qxc6 43.Qb4 Qc5 44.Qd2 Kh8 45.e6 a5 46.Qb2+ Kg8 47.Qe5 Qc1=)* 41...Bxe5

A) 42.Qb7+!

A1) 42...Qf7 43.Qxf7+ Kxf7 44.dxe5 Rh8 45.f4 Re8 46.Kf3 Re7 47.Bd3

A1a) 47...Rc7 48.fxg5 Rc3 49.g6+ Kg7 50.Ke2 *(50.Bf5 d4=)* 50...Rc7 51.e6 Kf6 52.Bf5 Rc4 53.e4! dxe4 54.Ke3 Rxa4 *(54...Rc3+ 55.Kxe4 Rc4+ 56.Kd5 Rc5+ 57.Kd6 Rc4 58.Kd7+-)* 55.g5++-;

A1b) 47...gxf4 48.exf4+-;

A1c) 47...Ke6 48.Ke2 Rc7 49.Bf5+ Kf7 50.fxg5+-;

A2) 42...Kf8 43.Qa8+ Kg7 44.Qxa7+ Kg8 45.Qa8+ Kg7 46.Qb7+ Kh8 47.Qc8+ Kg7 48.Qd7+ Kf8 49.dxe5 Qxe5 50.Qd8+ Kf7 51.Qxg5 Qh2+ 52.Kf3+-;

B) 42.Qd7+?! Kf8 43.dxe5 Qxe5 44.Qxa7 Qh2+ 45.Kf3 Qd6 46.a5 bxa5 47.Qxa5**±**]

(Diagram)

41.Nd7! Rh2+

[41...Qf7 42.dxc5+ Kg8 43.cxb6 Bxb6 44.a5+-]

42.Kf1 Qh6 43.dxc5+ Kf7 44.cxb6 Bxb6

[44...Bg3 45.Ne5+ Bxe5 46.Qxe5+-]

45.Ne5+ Ke7

(Diagram)

46.Qb4+

(Diagram)

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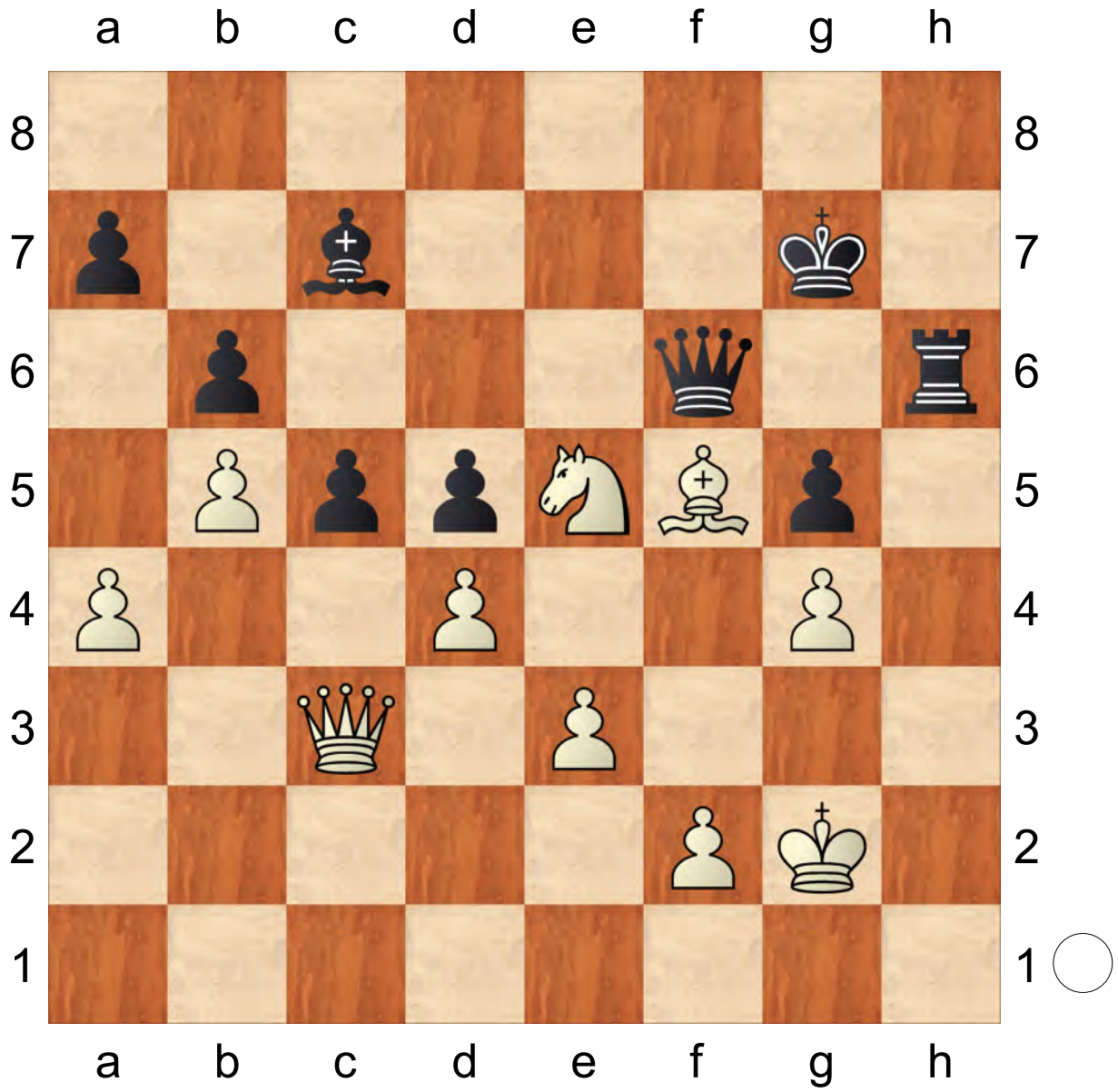
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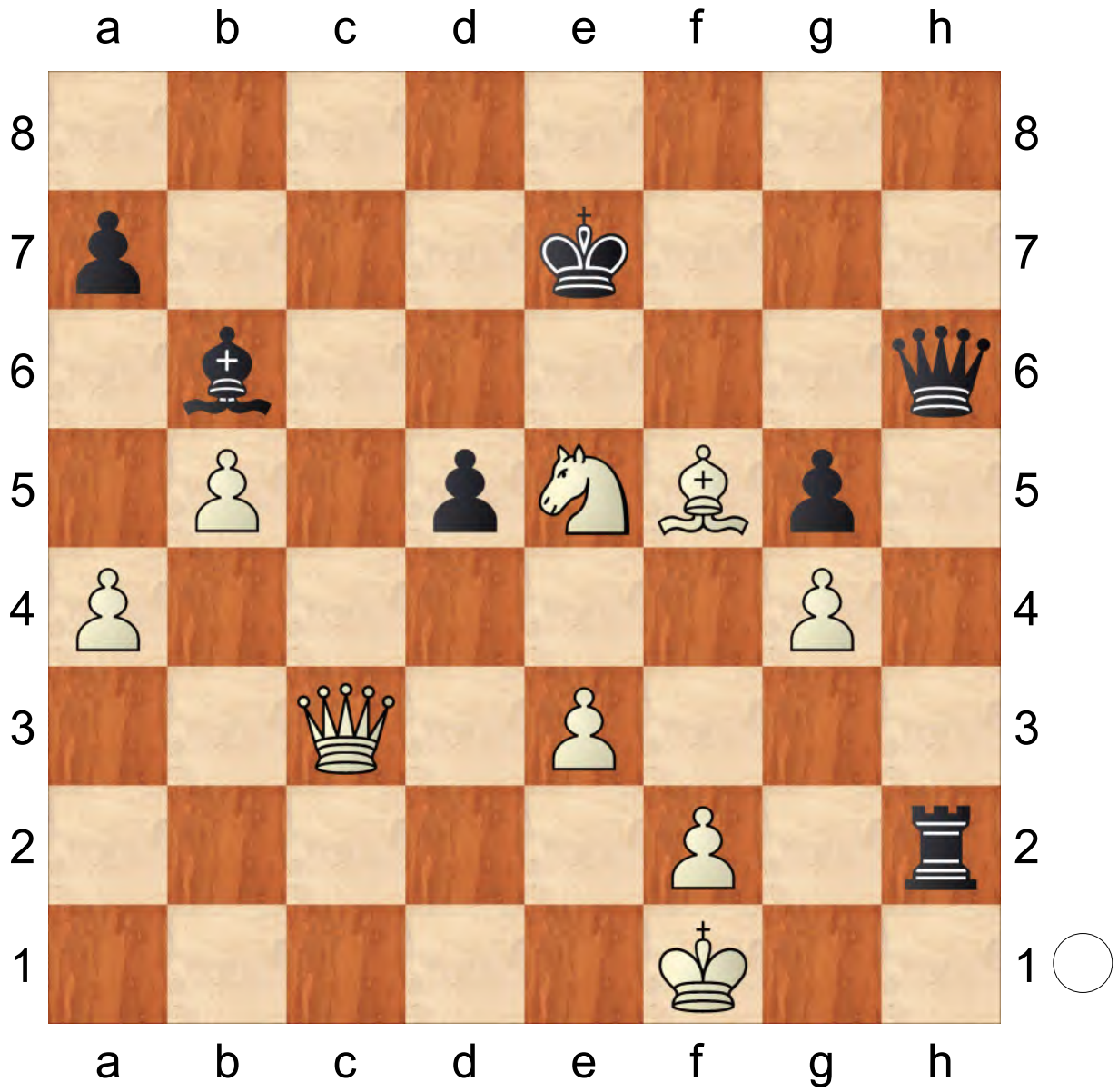
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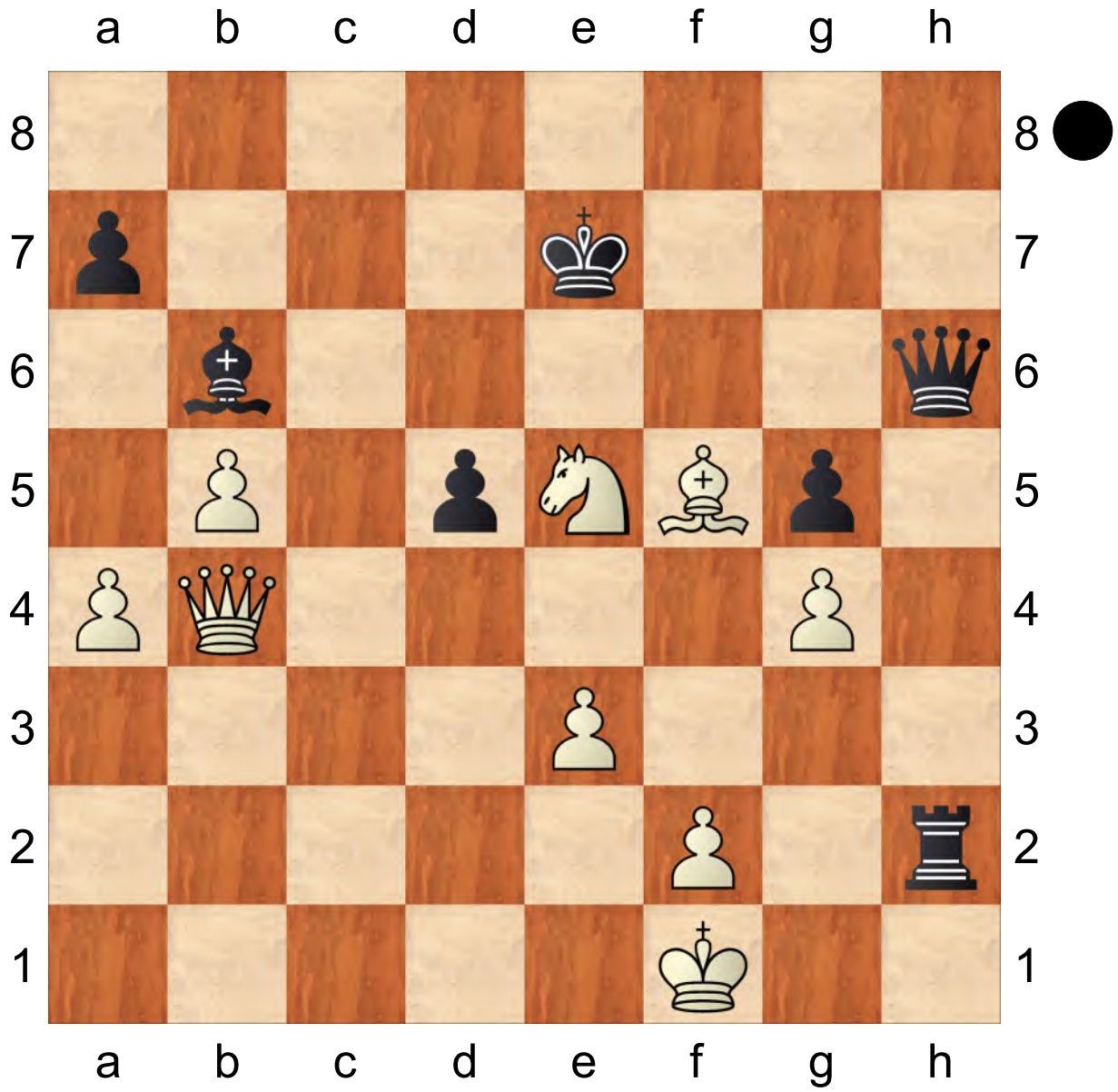
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■ **Zak,Uriel** **2341**
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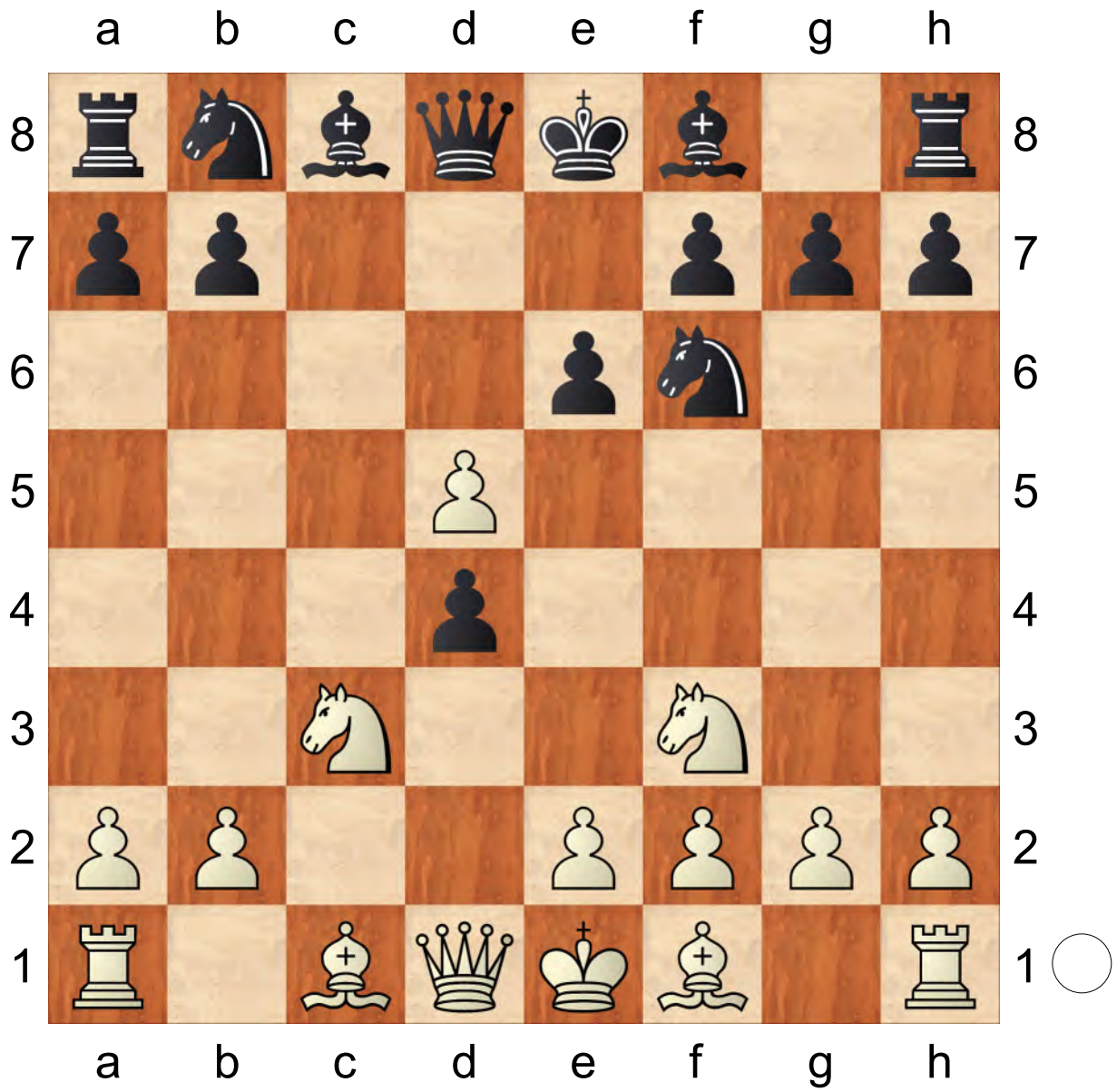
1.Nf3 Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4**



6.Qa4+ Bd7
[6...Nbd7!?
A) 7.dxe6 dxc3 8.exd7+ Bxd7=;
B) 7.Qxd4 Bc5 8.Qd1 exd5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Qa5+ 11.Kd1 Nf6 12.Qe5+ Be6 13.e3 Ng4 14.Qxg7 *(14.Bd2 0-0-0-+)* 14...0-0-0+-+

0-1 Gaiduk-Zaitsev,A/Vladivostok 1958 (17);

C) 7.Nxd4±]

[6...Qd7 7.Nb5! *(7.Qxd4 exd5 8.Ne5 Qd8 9.Bg5 Be7 10.e3±* 1-0 Ayinla,J-Mansouri,E/Thessaloniki olm ,BIG 1984 (24)*; 7.Qxd7+ Nbxd7 8.Nxd4 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Nb5 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Kd8 13.Rc1 Nf6 14.f3 Bd7 15.e3± ½-½* Panno,O-Debarnot,R/Villa Gesell tt 1970 (21) *)* 7...Nxd5 8.Ne5 Nb6 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Qxd7+ N8xd7 11.Nxf7+ Kxc7 12.Nxh8 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Ne5 15.Rc1+ Kd6 16.f4 Nec4+ 17.Kd3±]

7.Qxd4 exd5

[7...Nxd5 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Qxd5 Nc6 10.Bd2± *(10.a3? Qf6 11.Qg5 Be7 12.Qxf6 Bxf6 13.e4 0-0-0 14.Bc4 Rhe8 15.0-0 Rxe4 16.Bxf7 Bg4 17.h3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Re7 19.Ba2 Ne5 20.Kg2 Nd3∓ ½-½* Sinkovics,P-Meszaros,A/Budapest Spring 1993 (55) *)*]

8.Nxd5

[8.Bg5 This continuation means - White doesn't accept pawn sacrifice, but plays against isolated pawn.

A) 8...Be7 9.g3 *(9.e3 Nc6 10.Qd1 0-0 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Rad8 13.Nd4±* 1-0 Borges Mateos,J-Antunes,A/Capablanca mem ,EXT 1989 (60)*; 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qxd5 0-0 11.e3 Qb6 12.Qb3 Rc8 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Nd4 Nc6⩱ ½-½* Raedecker,B-Braeuning,R/BL2S 1990 (21) *)* 9...Nc6 10.Qd3 *(10.Qd2 Be6 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Bg2 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qe3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Rac8 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Nd4 Qf6 18.e3 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Rc2= ½-½* Jost,C-Legky,N/Val Thorens 1991 (58)*)* 10...Be6 11.Bg2 h6 12.Be3 0-0 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Nd4 Bh3⇄ 1-0 Shapiro,D-Caldwell,D/New York op 1987 (46);

B) 8...Nc6

B1) 9.Bxf6 Nxd4 10.Bxd8 Nxf3+ *(10...Nc2+ 11.Kd2 Nxa1 12.Bh4±)* 11.exf3 *(11.gxf3 Rxd8 12.Nxd5 Bc6 13.Nc3 Bc5⩱)* 11...Rxd8 12.Nxd5 Bc6 13.Nc3 Bb4 14.Rd1 0-0⩱ ½-½ Castillo Larenas,M-Trifunovic,P/Mar del Plata 1950 (30);

B2) 9.Qd3 Be7 10.g3 Qa5⇄ 1-0 Barnsley,A-Withey,R/British cr.Champ. Final 1992 (19);

B3) 9.Qd2 Be6 10.e3 Be7 *(10...h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Be2 Rd8 13.0-0 a6 14.Rac1 Bd6=* 0-1 Palmisano,J-Toloza,P/Op General Pico City ARG 1996 (35) *)*

B3a) 11.Nd4 0-0 *(11...Nxd4 12.Qxd4 0-0 13.Be2 Qa5 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Rac1± ½-½* Doettling,F-Smetankin,S/EU-chJM U16 Rimavska Sobota 1996/EXT 96ch2 (25)*)* 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Rfd1± 1-0 Najdorf,M-Gligoric,S/olm Helsinki Finland 1952 (41);

B3b) 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 *(12.Rd1 Qb6 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bh4 Rac8⇄* 1-0 Shamkovich,L-Bannik,A/Kiev URS ch 1954 (97)*)* 12...h6 *(12...Qb6 13.Na4 Qb4 14.Qxb4 Nxb4 15.Rfd1 Rfc8 16.Nc3 h6 17.Bf4 a6 18.a3 Nxd3 19.Rxd3 Kf8 20.Be5±* 1-0 Gomez,A-Antunes,A/Havana

Capablanca-A 1990 (51) *)* 13.Bh4 Rc8 14.Rac1 Bg4=;
B3c) 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qe1 f5 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.Nd4 Bc8 17.Bb5 Ne5 18.f3 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 Rd6 20.Rc1 a6 21.Ba4 Nc4 22.Rfe1 b5 23.Bb3 Rh6⇄ 0-1 Darsniek-Tal/Latvian ch 1954 (49);
B3d) 11.Bb5 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 *(12...Qb6 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.Nd4 Ne5 15.Bf4± ½-½* Chow,A-Kornfeld,A/Chess Mates Invitati 1984 (44) *)* 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.Nd4? Nxd4 16.Qxd4= *(16.exd4? Rxc3 17.Qxc3 Qxb5 18.Qc7 Re8 19.b3 h6 20.Bh4 Ba3* 0-1 Kottnauer,C-Trifunovic,P/ Amsterdam ,MCL 1950/[Ftacnik] (20) *)*]

[8.Qe5+ Be7 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Nc6 11.a3 *(11.e4±)* 11...Qc7 12.e3 Rd8 13.Qe4 0-0 14.Bd3 g6 15.Qc4 Bf6 16.0-0 Be6 17.Qc2± ½-½ Sanguinetti,R-Castillo Larenas,M/Mar del Plata 1950 (22)]

[8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e4 Rb8 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Be2 Qb6 13.Qe5+ Be7= ½-½ Nykopp,M-Turunen,E/SSL ch Espoo 1984 (62)]

[8.e3 Nc6 9.Qd3 Be6 10.Be2 Bc5 11.0-0 Qe7 12.a3 0-0 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb2± 1-0 Sergeev,V-Galkin,S/Komercni Banka, Pardubice CZE 1997 (52)]

8...Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Nc6

[9...Bc5

A) 10.Qe5+ Be6

A1) 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Qg5 h6 13.Qxg7 Rg8 14.Qxh6 Rg6 15.Qf4 *(15.Qh4 Rg4)* 15...Nd5 16.Qa4 Qxa4 17.Nxa4 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nxe3 19.Kf2±;

A2) 11.Nd4 Nbd7 12.Qg5 *(12.Qf4 Nd5 13.Qd2 Bb4)* 12...Ne4 13.Qxg7 0-0-0;

B) 10.Qf4!?±;

C) 10.Qh4!?

C1) 10...Nc6 11.Bd2 0-0 *(11...Qb6 12.Na4+-)* 12.e3 *(12.Nd5? Bxf2+ 13.Qxf2 Qxd5∓)* 12...Nb4 13.Rc1 Bf5 14.Nb5!±;

C2) 10...Na6 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.e3 0-0 *(12...Qxb2 13.Rb1±)* 13.Bc4 Qxb2 14.Rb1! *(14.0-0?! Bc6 15.e4!?±* Time. 1-0 Gurevich,M-Barsov,A/Vlissingen 1997/CBM 60/ (26)*)* 14...Qc2 15.Rxb7 Bc6 16.Rxf7!! Rxf7 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ne5+ Ke8 *(18...Kf8 19.Nxc6 Rc8 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4+-)* 19.Nxc6 Rc8 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4;

D) 10.Qd1 Ne4 11.e3

D1) 11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qf6 *(13...Qa3 14.Qb1 Nc6 15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qa6 0-0⩱)* 14.Rc1 Qe7=;

D2) 11...Bb4 12.Bd2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1 Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nc6= Vyzmanavin,A-Goldin,A/Novosibirsk 1993/Inf 58 (16)]

10.Qe3+ I played this move twice against Uri Zak

[≤10.Qd1

A) 10...0-0-0 11.Bd2 Bg4

A1) 12.h3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Bb4 14.h4 Rhe8 15.Bh3+ Kb8 16.Kf1 Nd5 17.Qc1 Nd4 18.Bf4+ *(18.Bg5 f6 19.Nxd5 fxg5 20.Nxb4 Qxb4 21.hxg5*

Nxe2-+) 18...Ka8 19.Nxd5 Qxd5 20.e4 Qb5+ 21.Kg2 Ne2 22.Qe3 Bc5 0-1 Manor,I-Zak,U/ch 2000 (22);

A2) 12.e3 Bb4

A2a) 13.Be2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rd6 16.Qc2 Rhd8

A2a1) 17.0-0-0 Ne5 *(17...Qa3+ 18.Kb1 Na5 19.Bc1 Rb6+ 20.Ka1 Nb3+ 21.Qxb3 Rxb3 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Bxa3 Rxa3 24.Kb2±)* 18.c4 Qa3+ 19.Kb1 Nd3⇄;

A2a2) 17.Rd1 Ne5 18.0-0 Nd3

A2a21) 19.e4 Qh5 20.Be3 Nxe4 21.Rxd3 *(21.Kh1 Rh6 22.Bxh6 Nexf2+ 23.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 24.Kg1 Nxd1 25.Bf4 Qc5+* 0-1 Gonzalez Garcia,J-Cifuentes Parada,R/El Vendrell 1996 (25)*)* 21...Rxd3 22.Bxd3 Qg6+ 23.Kh1 Rxd3 24.Qa4 *(24.Qxd3 Nxf2+-+; 24.fxe4 Qxe4+∓ 25.Kg1 Rxe3-+)* 24...Nd6⇄ ½-½ Goldin,A-Legky,N/URS Army-ch Tashkent 1987/EXT 87ch (49);

A2a22) 19.Be1 Qg5+ *(19...Qf5 20.Bxd3 Rxd3 21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.Qa4 Kb8 23.Kg2 Qg6+ 24.Kh1 Qf5=)* 20.Kh1 Qf5 21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.Rg1 *(22.Bxd3 Qxf3+ 23.Kg1 Rd5-+)* 22...g6 23.Bxd3 Rxd3 24.Rg3 h5⩱;

A2b) 13.Qb3

A2b1) 13...Kb8? 14.a3 Rxd2 15.Nxd2 Nd4 16.exd4 Re8+ 17.Be2 Bxc3 18.0-0 Rxe2 *(18...Bxe2 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Bxf1 21.Kxf1±)* 19.Nc4 Qh5 20.Qxc3± 1-0 Velikov,P-Pyhala,A/Thessaloniki olm ,BIG 1984 (31);

A2b2) 13...Rd6!⇄;

B) 10...Bb4 11.Bd2 Rd8 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qf5 14.g3 0-0 15.Bg2± 1-0 Knechtel,R-Wittelsberger,H/Regensburg op 1996/EXT 96op2 (22);

C) 10...Rd8 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.e3 Bb4 13.Qb3 0-0 14.Be2 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Rd7 16.a3 Be7 17.0-0-0 Rfd8± 1-0 Cebalo,M-Lazovic,G/Belisce CRO 1999 (33);

D) 10...Ne4 11.Qd5 *(11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 Bb4 13.Qc1 Rc8⩱* ½-½ Poecksteiner,J-Kapeller,W/Lienz op 1988/EXT 88op (21) *)* 11...Nc5 12.Ne5 0-0-0 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qc4 b5⇄ ½-½ Timofeev-Kapellko/URS zt 1960 (23)]

[10.Qf4 Nb4 11.Nd4 Rd8 12.Qg5 Bf5 13.Be3 Ne4 *(13...Rxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxd4∓* 0-1 Almeria 68020/50 MHz-Maarten Aronsson/Rilton Cup (40m/ 2hr) 1989 (43) *)* 14.Qf4 g5!-+]

10...Be6

[10...Be7 11.Qg5

A) 11...Qb6 12.e3 *(12.Qxg7? Rg8 13.Qh6 Ng4 14.Qxh7 Qxf2+ 15.Kd1 0-0-0∓)* 12...Nb4 *(12...0-0 13.Be2 h6 14.Qf4±)* 13.Nd4

A1) 13...0-0 14.Be2 Rfe8 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5±;

A2) 13...Ng4 14.Qf4 0-0

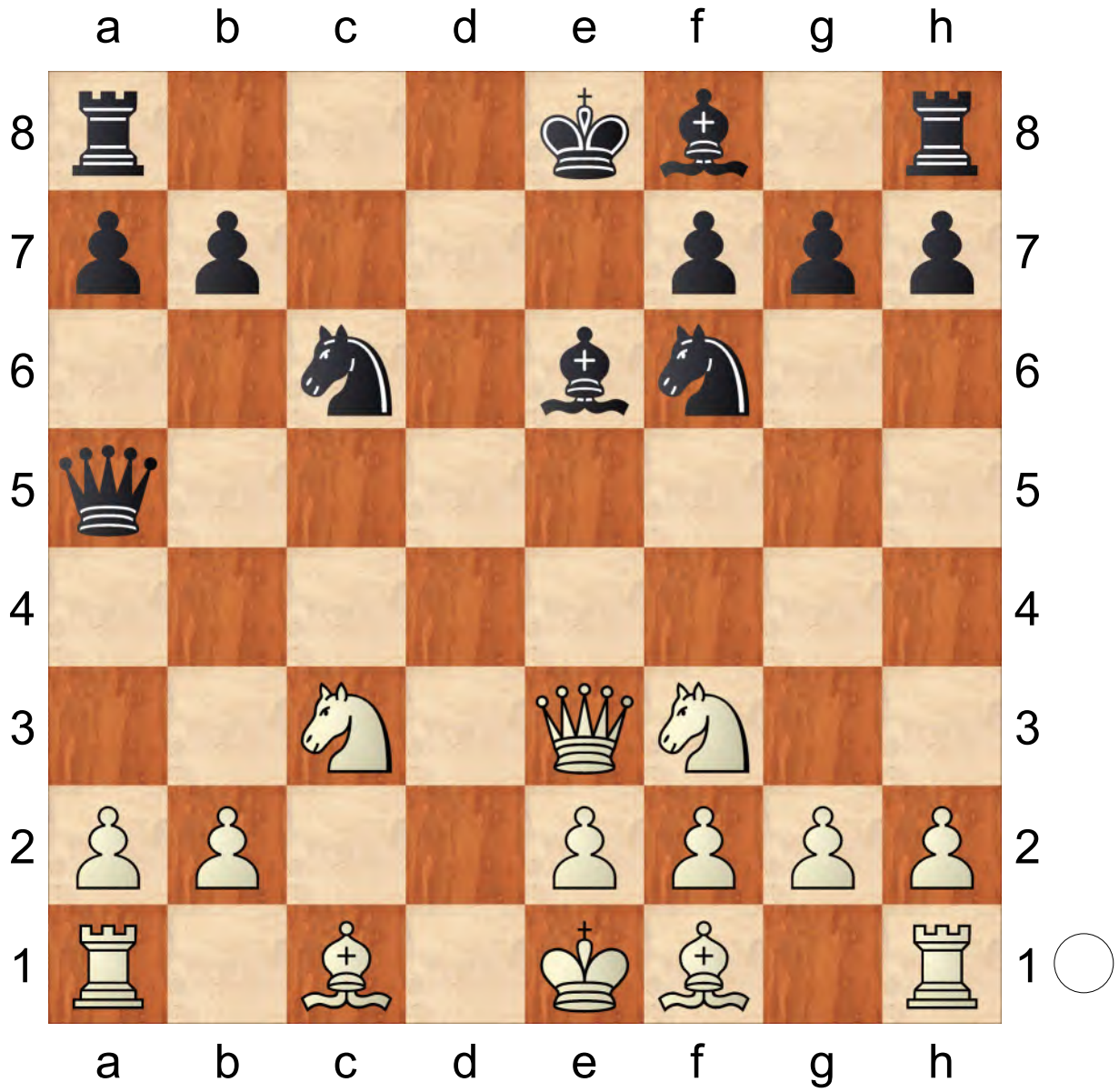
A2a) 15.Be2 Bf6 16.0-0 *(16.Bxg4 Nd3+)* 16...Be5 17.Qg5 Bf6=;

A2b) 15.a3 Bd6 16.Qg5 h6 17.Qh4 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Bd2 *(19.h3 Be5 20.Bd2 Nh2 21.Rd1 Nxf1 22.Kxf1±)* 19...Rfe8 20.Rc1 Be7

21.Qh5 Nf6 22.Qf3±;

A3) 13...Ne4 14.Qh5 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nc6± *(15...Nxa2?? 16.Rxa2 Qb1 17.Rc2 Ba4 18.Bb5++-* 1-0 Gupta,M-Heine/Dortmund op 1988 (34) *)*;

B) 11...Qxg5 12.Bxg5 Nb4 13.Rc1 h6 14.Bh4 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.a3 Nc6 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.e3±)* 14...Rc8 15.a3 *(15.e3 0-0 16.Nd4± g5 17.Bg3 Ne4 18.a3 Nd5 19.Na2±)* 15...Nbd5 16.Na2 0-0 17.Ne5 Be6 18.Nd3 Ne3 19.Nc3± 0-1 Domotor,J-Plecsko,Z/Zalaegerszeg 1959 (29)]



11.Qg5

[11.Bd2

A) 11...Bc5 12.Qg5 0-0 13.e3 Nb4 *(13...h6 14.Qh4 Nb4 15.Rc1 Rfd8 16.a3 Nd3+ 17.Bxd3 Rxd3 18.Ne4+-)* 14.Rc1 Be7?? 1-0 Tsesarsky,I-Zak,U/ Rishon 1999/ (14) blitz 15.Qxa5;

B) 11...0-0-0 12.Qf4 Bb4 13.Rc1 Bxa2 14.Nxa2 Bxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Qxa2 16.g3 Qe6 *(16...Qxb2 17.Bh3+ Nd7 18.Ne4 g5 19.Nxg5 Rhe8 20.0-0+-)* 17.Bg2 *(17.h4 Nd5 18.Qc4 Kb8=* 0-1 Kekki,P-Tella,J/Helsinki Finnish ch 1996 (37) *)* 17...Rhe8 18.0-0 Nd5 19.Qa4±]

11...Qxg5

[11...Bb4 12.Qxa5 Bxa5 13.Bd2 Nb4

A) 14.Rc1?! Bxa2 *(14...Nxa2 15.Nxa2 Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Bxa2 17.b3 0-0 18.Ra1 Rfc8 19.e4 Rc2 20.Kd1 Rac8 21.Bc4+-)* 15.Nxa2 Nxa2 16.Rc4 Bxd2+ 17.Nxd2 0-0 18.e3=;

B) 14.Nd4 Rd8 *(14...0-0 15.a3±)*

B1) 15.Nxe6 fxe6 *(15...Nc2+ 16.Kd1 Rxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nxa1 18.Nxg7+ Kf8 19.Nf5±)* 16.0-0-0 Ng4 17.a3 Nxf2 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.e4 a6 20.Bc4 Nxh1 21.Rxh1±;

B2) 15.a3 Rxd4 *(15...Nbd5 16.e3 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Ne4 19.Rb1 b6 20.Bb5+ Kf8 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.Nxe6+ fxe6 23.Rd7 Nxc3 24.Ba6±)* 16.axb4 Bxb4 17.Rxa7 0-0 18.e3 Rd7 19.Bb5 Rc7 20.Ke2 Bc5 21.Raa1 Rd8 22.Rhc1±]

12.Bxg5 Nb4

[12...Nd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.a3 h6 15.Bd2±]

13.Nd4

[13.Rd1 Nxa2=]

13...0-0-0

[13...Bc5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Rc1 0-0 16.e3±]

[13...Rd8 14.e3 Rxd4 15.exd4 Nc2+ 16.Kd2 Nxa1 17.Bb5+±]

14.Ncb5!N Strong novelty. White had advantage!

[14.e3 Rxd4 15.exd4 Nc2+ 16.Kd2 Nxa1

A) 17.Be2 Nb3+ 18.axb3 Bxb3 19.Rc1 *(19.Ra1 a6)* 19...Bb4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Kd3 Kb8 22.Ne4 *(22.Bd1 Be6=)* 22...Be7 23.Bf3 Bd5 24.Nxf6 Bxf6 25.Bxd5 Rd8 26.Rc5 b6 27.Rc6 Bg7 28.Bxf7 Bxd4 29.Ke4 Bxf2=;

B) 17.Bd3 Nb3+ *(17...Ng4 18.Rxa1 Nxf2 19.Bc2±)* 18.axb3 Bxb3

B1) 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Be4 *(20.Re1 Bh6+∓)*;

B2) 19.Re1 Bb4 20.Bf5+ Kc7 21.Kd3 Nd5! 22.Be4 Bxc3 23.bxc3 h6 24.Bd2 *(24.Rb1 hxg5 25.Rxb3 Nf4+ 26.Kc4 b6 27.h3⇄)* 24...b5! 25.Bf3 Rd8= 1-0 Tsesarsky,I-Zak,U/Haifa 2000/(38)]

14...Nxa2

[14...a6 15.Rc1+ Kd7 16.Nxe6 Kxe6 17.Nc3± Nbd5 18.e4 *(18.Bd2 Bb4 19.e3 Rc8 20.Be2 Ne4 21.Bf3 Ndxc3 22.Bxc3 Nxc3 23.bxc3 Rxc3=)* 18...Nxc3 19.Bc4+ Ke5 20.bxc3 Kxe4 21.Bxf7±]

[14...Nc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Nc3 Bb4 17.e3± Ne4 18.Bxd8 Nxc3 19.a3+-]

[14...Rd5 15.Rc1+ Rc5 16.Nxa7+ Kb8 17.Rxc5 Bxc5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Nb5 Nxa2 20.e3 Bb4+ 21.Ke2 Ne4 22.Bf4+ Kc8 23.Nd4±]

15.e4!

[15.Bd2 Ne4

A) 16.Nxe6

A1) 16...fxe6 17.Nxa7+ Kb8 18.Bf4+ Ka8 *(18...Kxa7 19.Rxa2+ Kb6 20.Ra4±)* 19.Nc6! bxc6 20.Rxa2+ Kb7 21.Ra4 Nc5 22.Rb4+ Ka7 *(22...Ka8 23.Rc4±)* 23.Rc4± *(23.Be3)*;

A2) 16...Rxd2 17.Nxf8 Rxb2∓;

B) 16.Nxa7+ Kb8 17.Nac6+ bxc6 18.Nxc6+ Kc7 19.Nxd8 Kxd8 20.Ba5+ Kd7

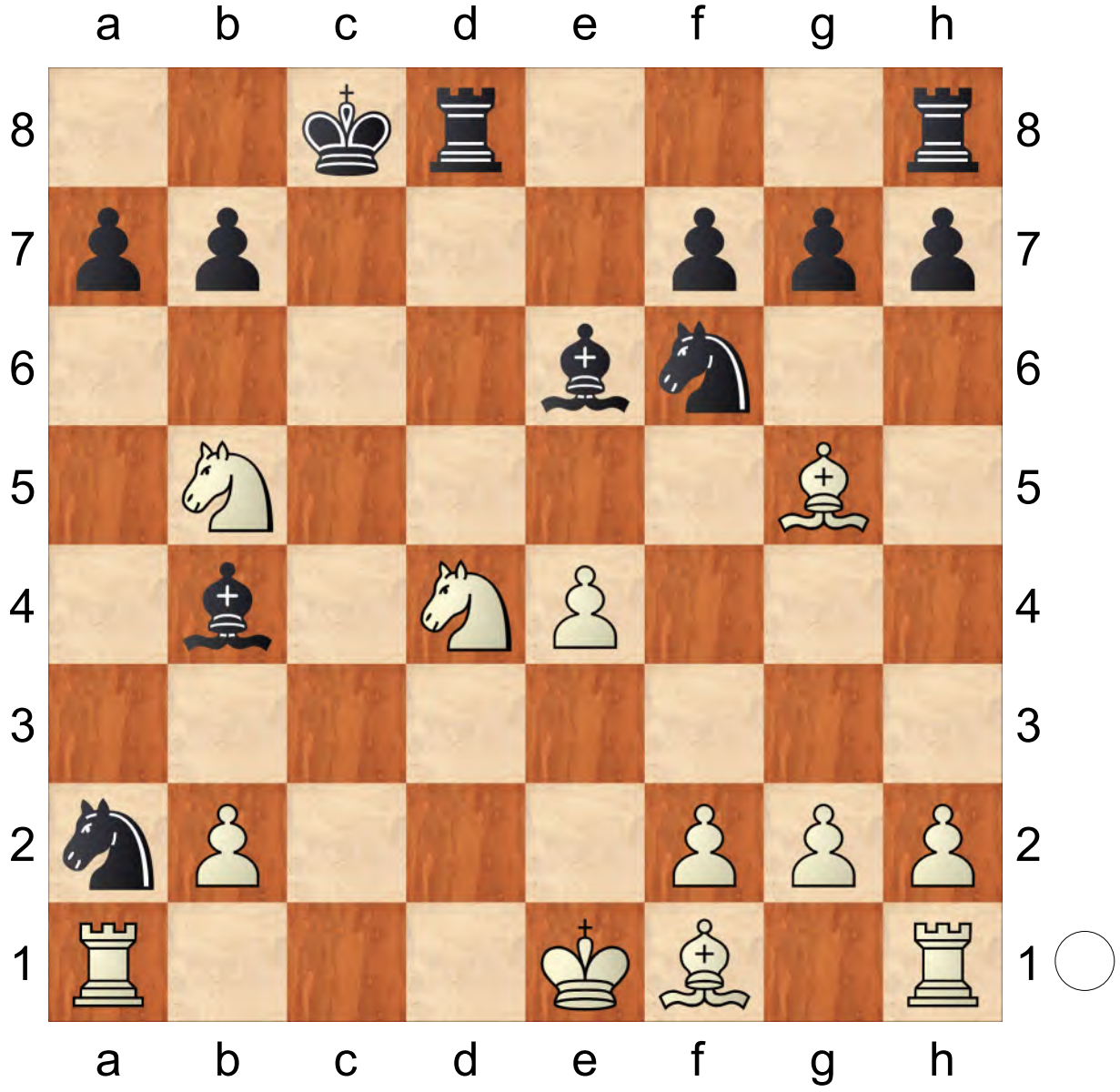
B1) 21.e3 Bd6 22.Bb5+ *(22.Bd3 Nc5⩱)* 22...Ke7;

B2) 21.f3 Nf6 22.e4 Bd6⩱;

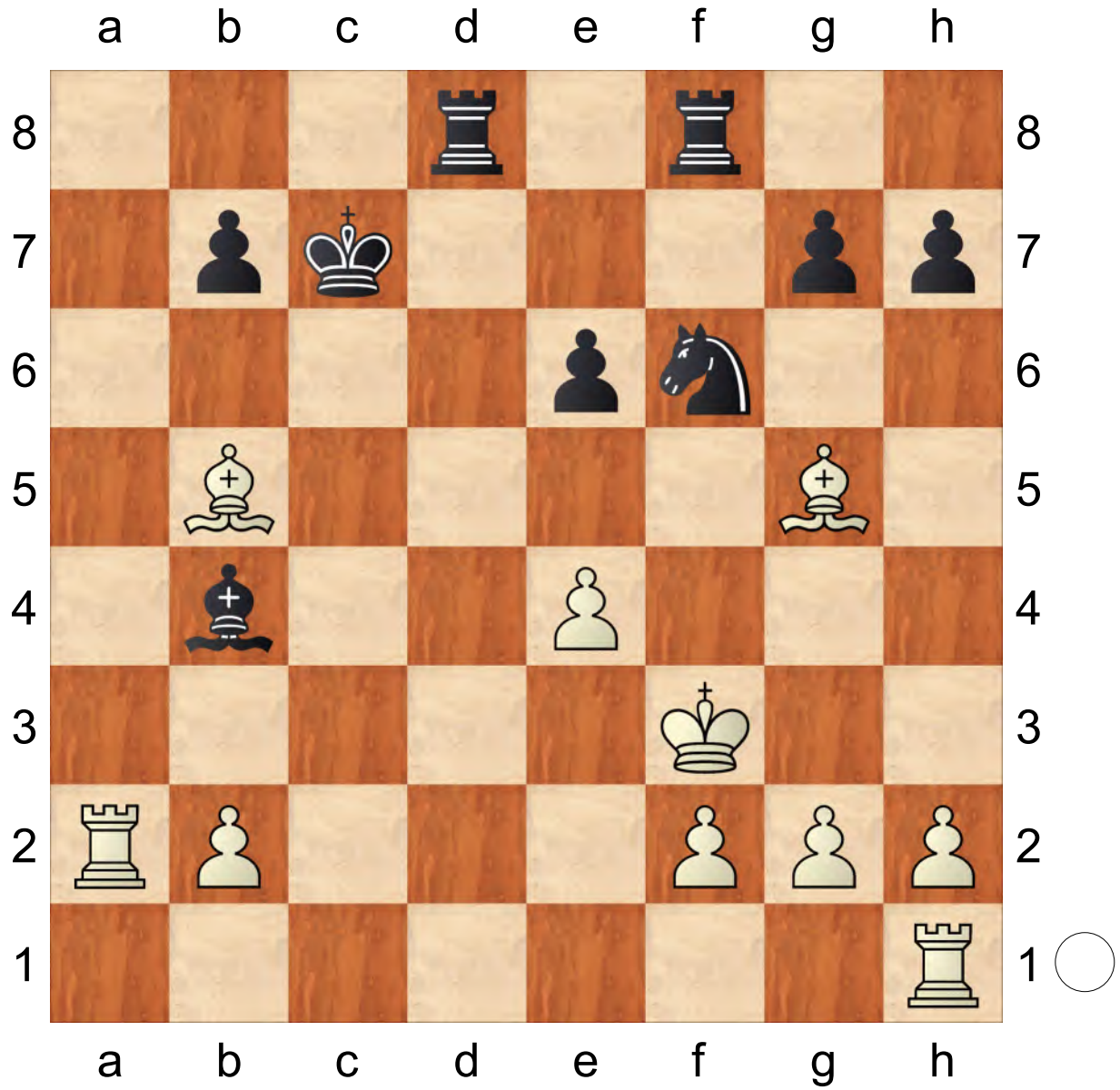
C) 16.Ba5 b6∓]

[15.Nxa7+ Kb8 16.Nac6+ bxc6 17.Nxc6+ Kc7 18.Nxd8 Bb4+ 19.Bd2 Bxd2+ 20.Kxd2 Rxd8+∓]

15...Bb4+



16.Ke2 a6 17.Nxe6
[17.Na7+ Kb8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rxa2 Kxa7 20.e5 Nd5 21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.g3 *(22.Ra1 Bc5 23.g3 Bd4 24.Rb1 Bxe5 25.Bg2±)* 22...Bc3 23.f4 Nb4 24.Ra4 Rd2+ 25.Kf3 Rxb2 26.Bh3 Nc6 27.Rd1 b5±]
17...fxe6 18.Rxa2 axb5 19.Kf3!+- This move I found at home...
[19.e5 h6 20.exf6 *(20.Bh4 g5 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.exf6±)* 20...hxg5 21.fxg7 Rhg8 22.Ra8+ Kc7 23.Rxd8 Kxd8 24.h4 Rxg7 25.h5±]
19...Kc7
[19...Rhf8 20.Bxb5+-]
20.Bxb5 Rhf8



21.Ke2 h6
[21...Kb6 22.Bd3 h6 23.Be3+ Bc5 24.Bxc5+ Kxc5 25.Ra5++-]
22.Be3 Ng4

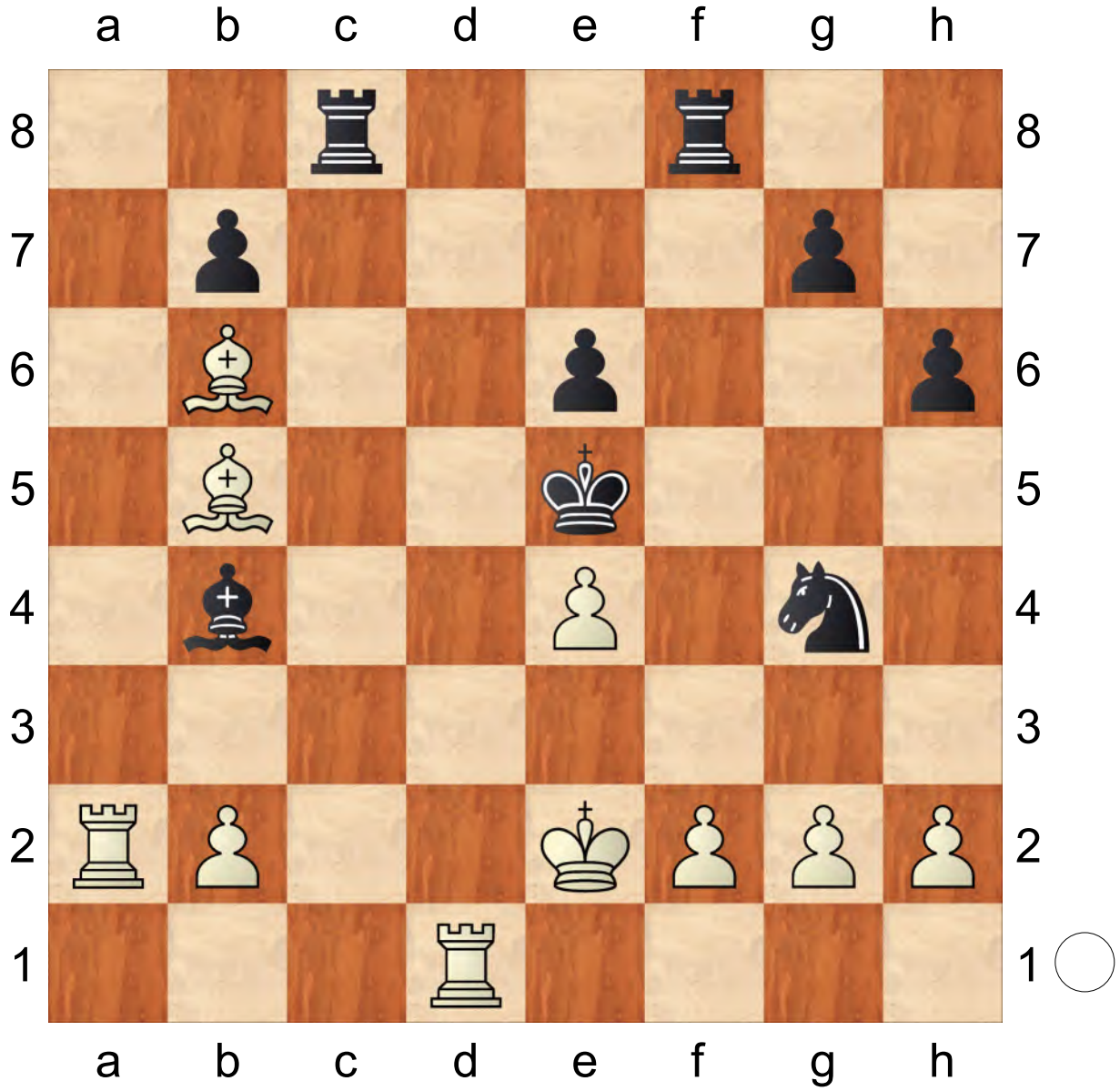
[22...Ra8 23.Rc1++-]

23.Rc1+ Kd6 24.Bb6?!

[24.Ra4! Nxe3 25.fxe3 Bc5 26.e5+ Kd5 27.e4++- I didn't see this move! ♙f2-e3-34!]

24...Rc8 25.Rd1+ Ke5

[25...Ke7 26.Rd7+ Kf6 27.f4+- *(27.Bd3 Rc1±)*]

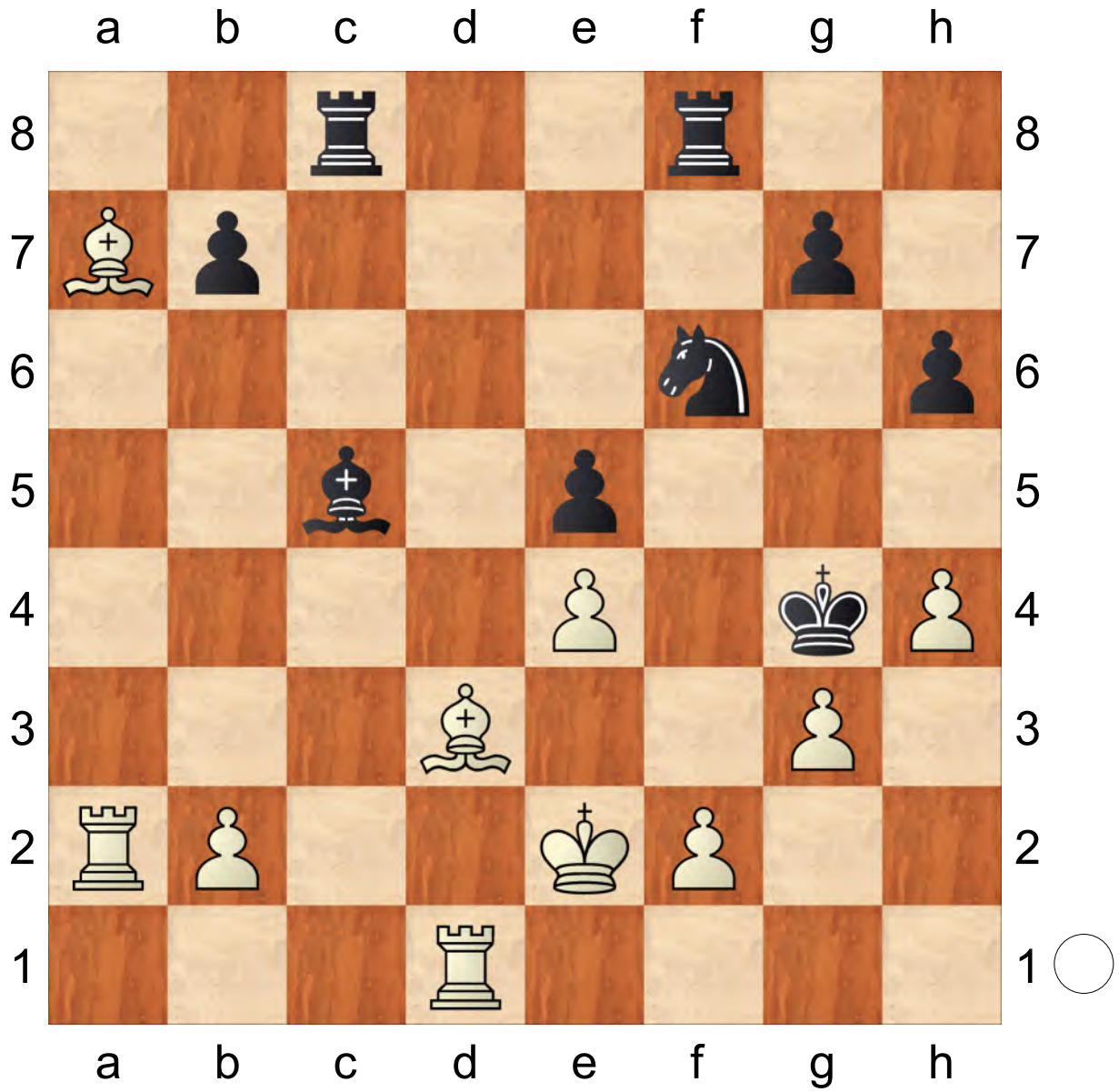


26.Bd4+ Kf4 27.Bd3

[27.Ra4! Rc2+ *(27...Be7 28.Bxg7+-)* 28.Kd3+-]

27...e5 28.Ba7 Bc5 29.h4 Nf6 30.g3+ Kg4

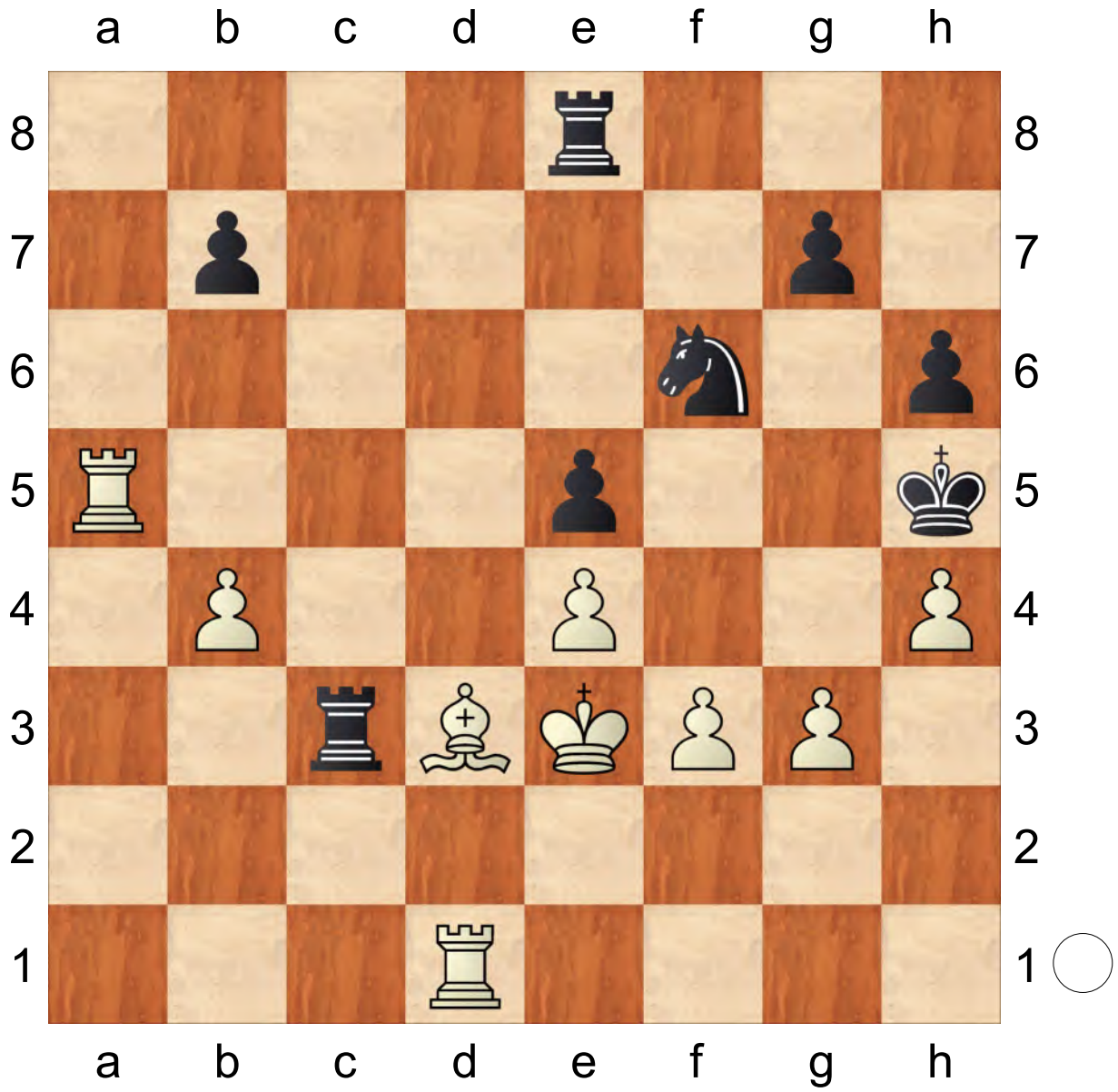
(Diagram)



31.Bxc5
[31.Bc4 Kh5 32.Be6 Rc7 33.Bxc5 Rxc5 34.f3±]
31...Rxc5 32.Ke3 Kh5
[32...Kh3 33.Bf1+ Kh2 34.Be2 Rc2 35.Raa1+-]
33.f3 Rfc8 34.b4 Rc3
[34...R5c7 35.Ra5 Re7 36.Rda1+-]
35.Ra5 Re8

(Diagram)

36.Kd2 Rb3?! Of course, mistake,
[but 36...Rc7 37.Rc1+- also is lost for Black]
37.Bc4 Rxf3 38.Be2 Kg4 39.Ra3 Nxe4+ 40.Ke1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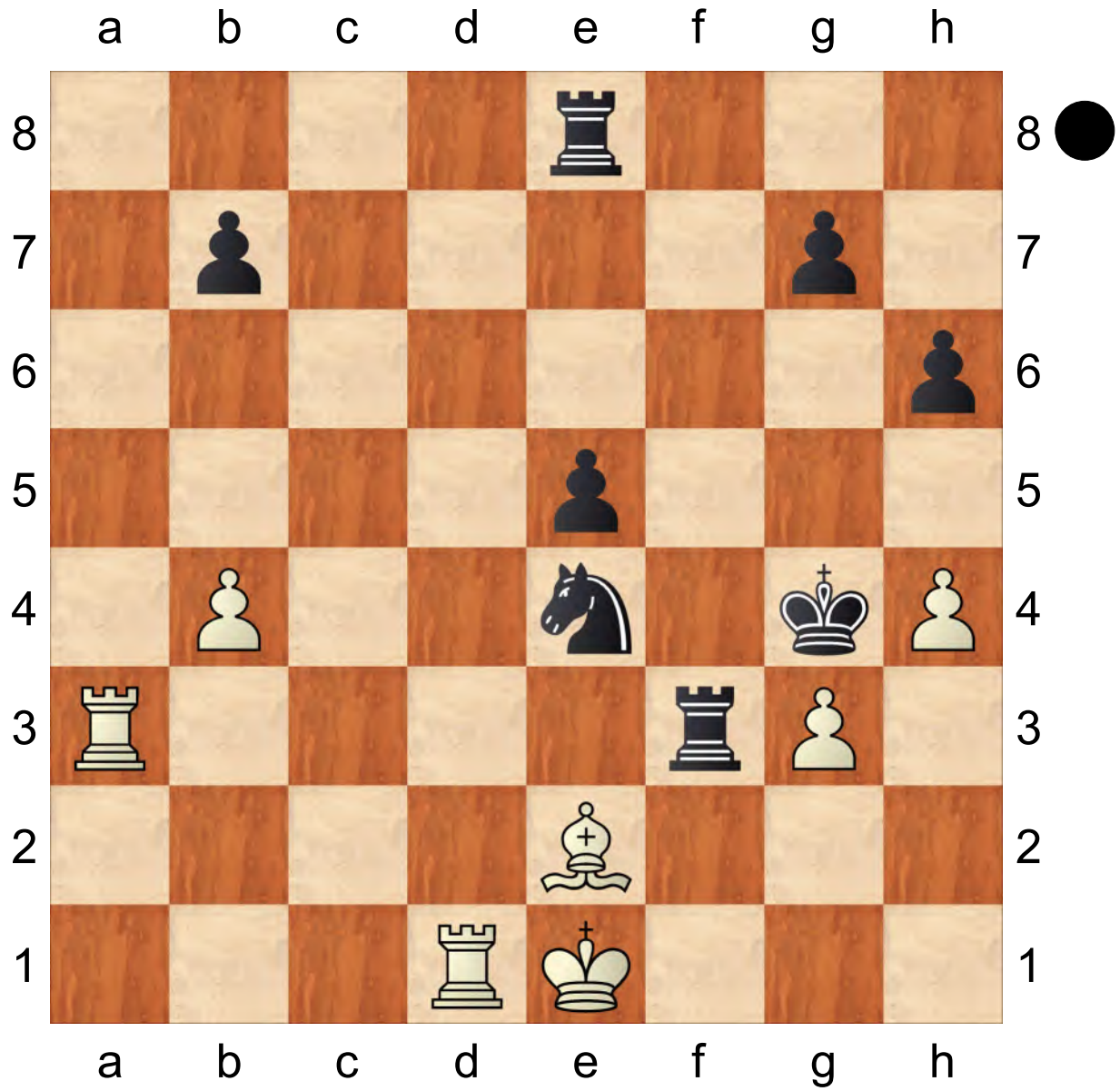

In next games Uri Zak stopped play this variation...

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□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
Chessable Masters Final rapid (3.21) 04.07.2020
[Stohl,Igor]

Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Magnus won the first "set", but one of the advantages of the system is that even when ahead, you cannot sit on your lead and cruise to victory:' **1.d4** Heine Nielsen,Peter **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5** Heine Nielsen, Peter: '!?' At a major branching point, Black opts for a reasonably popular line with a currently solid reputation: the Semi-Tarrasch. Giri himself faced it three times in the semi-finals against Nepo, this time he is willing to sit on the opposite side of the board. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'While its "only" rapid, clearly the players treat it like a serious event, with opening preparation trying to surprise the opponent. Giri here chooses the Semi-Tarrasch, an opening having a renaissance due to Kramnik making it an efficient "blocking" weapon, most recently in the 2018 Candidates where Anish was his second!' **5.cxd5** This is the most principled reaction.

[However, it's difficult to say that 5.e3 is the choice of those, who just want to avoid main lines and play chess - theory has grown exponentially in literally every direction, sidelines being no exception. We'll first check the alternatives, in which Black postpones the development of the ♘b8: The most played move is the symmetrical

A) 5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 a6

A1) 7.e4!?N cxd4 *(7...b5!?* now and in the following moves deserved serious attention.*)* 8.Nxd4 Bd6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Rc1 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Bxe6!? Nxe4? *(12...fxe6 13.Nxe6 Qe7∞)* 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Qg4 Bg6 15.Bf5 Qa5+ 16.Kf1→ and with the « pieces still asleep, Black's ♔ quickly became a serious target: Be5 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.h4 Qxa2 19.h5 Qd5 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Ne6 Re8 22.Ng5 Bf6 Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020 23.Rh8+! Kxh8 24.Qh4+ Kg8 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Bc5+ Be7 27.Bxe7++-;

A2) 7.a4 Nc6 with the follow-up 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.Rd1 e5= is rather harmless.;

A3) 7.0-0 b5 8.Be2 Bb7 9.dxc5 and now:

A3a) 9...Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bxc5 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nb3 Bb4!? 13.Bd2 0-0 14.a3 Nc5 15.Nc1 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Rfc8 17.Bd4 Bd5 18.f3 Bc4 19.Kf2 Bxe2 20.Kxe2 Nd5 21.Rd2 f6 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Nd3 Kramnik,V (2801)-Tomashevsky,E (2738) Moscow 2012 Rc4!?= For more details about this game, which was an excellent display of Kramnik's technique, see the notes in CBM 149.;

A3b) In practice Black has also repeatedly proven the viability of 9...Bxc5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Nd2 Ke7 12.Nb3 Bd6 13.Na5 Ra7! 14.Nxb7 Rxb7

The ♗e2 has no opponent, but also no concrete targets: 15.Bd2 *(15.a4 b4 16.Nb1 Nfd7 17.Nd2 Nc5 18.b3 Be5 19.Rb1 Bc3 20.Nc4 Rd8 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 Rd7∓* Yuffa,D (2522)-Rublevsky,S (2683) Moscow rpd 2017*)* 15...Rd8 16.Rfd1 Nc6 17.Be1 Rc7 18.Kf1 g5 19.h3 Ne5 20.a4 b4 21.Na2 a5 22.Nc1 Bc5 23.Rxd8 Kxd8 24.Nb3 Bb6 25.Rc1 Ne4 26.Rxc7 Kxc7= Fressinet,L (2625)-Edouard,R (2650) Chartres 2019;

A3c) 9...Nc6 was successfully used by Carlsen in his title match in 2016. However, it's not the only, or necessarily even the strongest move: 10.Qc2 *(10.Nd2 Bxc5 11.Nde4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7 13.b3 Nb4 14.Bf3* Karjakin,S (2769)-Carlsen,M (2857) New York 2016 *f5 15.Nd2 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Bf6 18.Nd4 Kf7∓* For details see the notes to this game in CBM 176 by Hillarp Persson.*)* 10...Nb4 11.Qb3! *(≤11.Qb1 Bxc5 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.a3 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bd2 Be7 16.Qd3 Rd8 17.Rac1 Qb8 18.Qb1 0-0 19.Ba5 Rc8 20.h3 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc8 ½,* Bischoff,K (2533)-Schlosser,P (2554) Austria 2006*)* 11...Bxc5 12.Rd1 Qb8 *(12...Qe7 13.a4 0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Bd2 h6 17.Be1!? Rb8 18.Nd4 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Nc6 20.Rd1 Ba8 21.f3 b4 22.Bg3↑* Wojtaszek,R (2745)-Ponomariov,R (2692) Linares 2017*;* Maybe a better version of the ♙-sacrifice is *12...Qb6!? 13.a4 0-0⇄)* 13.a4 bxa4 *(13...0-0* is an engine suggestion, but even here White doesn't have to hurry with taking the ♙b5 and can try to emulate Wojtaszek with *14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.Bd2!?±)* 14.Qxa4+ Bc6 15.Qa5 Be7 16.Ra3 *(16.Nd4* or*; 16.Ne5±* nets White the ♙ and a slight edge. *)* 16...0-0 *(≤16...Nc2? 17.Ne5 Bb4* is a tactical error, after *18.Rb3!* Wei,Y (2743)-Navara,D (2740) Yancheng 2018 Black loses material under very bad circumstances: *Bxa5 19.Rxb8+ Rxb8 20.Nxc6 Bxc3 21.Nxb8± /+-)* 17.Rb3 Ra7 18.Nd4 *(18.Ne5 Bb5! 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Qxb5 Rb7 21.Qa5 Ra7=)* 18...Bd7± /= and Black still has to fight for equality.;

B) 5...a6!? more or less forces White to play 6.cxd5 *(6.a3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Ba2 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7=* is soft, here Black profits from delaying the development of his ♘b8. *)* 6...exd5 and now:

B1) The standard 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 doesn't promise much:

B1a) 10.b3 is played more after, but Black has excellent practical results after 0-0 11.Bb2 Ba7 12.Rc1 Re8∞ *(*or *12...Qd6⇄)*;

B1b) 10.a3 0-0 11.b4 Ba7

B1b1) 12.b5 axb5 *(12...Na5!?∞)* 13.Nxb5 Bb8 14.Bb2 Ne4⇄;

B1b2) 12.Bb2 allows Black to play even the direct 12...d4!? *(12...Be6=* and*; 12...Re8* are more usual and fully satisfactory.*)* 13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Bf3 Rb8!? 16.Qd2 Bg4 and he should gradually equalize: 17.Rad1 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Qc8 20.Rfe1 Qxc3 21.Bxc3 Rbd8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.a4 Rfe8 24.Kg2 Rxe1 25.Rxd8+ Kg7

26.Rb8 Re7 27.Kg3 Rc7 28.b5 Rc4 29.a5 Ra4 30.Rxb7 Rxa5 31.bxa6 Rxa6 ½, Jobava,B (2712)-Berelowitsch,A (2563) Rogaska Slatina 2011;

B2) 7.b3 Nc6

B2a) 8.Be2?! cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bb4 10.Bd2 Nxd4 11.exd4 0-0 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Na4 Oparin,G (2652)-Abdusattorov,N (2627) Lichess.org INT 2020 Bd6 *(*or *13...Ba3!?* and it's rather White, who is fighting for equality here. *)*;

B2b) 8.Bb2 Bg4 *(8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bd6* or*; 8...Bd6!? 9.Be2 0-0* resembles the 7. ♗e2 line and is also fully viable for Black. *)* 9.Be2 Bxf3 *(9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2 11.Ncxe2 Bb4+ 12.Bc3 Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 Qa5 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.0-0 0-0 16.Nf5±* Arutinian,D (2552)-Sibashvili,G (2420) Tbilisi 2019*)* 10.Bxf3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb4 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qd3 ½, Arutinian,D (2555)-Movsesian,S (2627) Skopje 2019 The resulting position is roughly equal, in practice White hasn't been able to make much out of his ♔.;

B3) 7.g3!? Nc6 8.Bg2 is a more testing try: Possibly the best response is

B3a) 8...Bg4?! 9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 Be7 11.h3 Bh5?! *(11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxd4 13.Qd1 Nc6 14.Nxd5±* Izoria,Z (2602)-Safarli,E (2598) chess.com INT 2020*; 11...Bf5 12.Ne5±; ⌓11...Be6!?)* 12.Be3 0-0 13.g4! Bg6 14.Ne5 Re8 15.f4 Be4 16.g5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Qb3 Nxe5 20.fxe5 Bxg5 21.Rxf7 Kh8 22.Raf1 Rc8 Ponomariov,R (2631)-Korobov,A (2688) chess.com INT 2020 23.R1f5 Bxe3 24.Qxe3+- **Δ** Rc2+ 25.Kg3 Rxb2? 26.Qa3!;

B3b) 8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 *(*or *10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b3* is a better version of the 7. ♗e2 line, which gives White chances to fight for an advantage - the fianchettoed ♗g2 is more actively placed. *)*;

B3c) 8...c4!? 9.Ne5 Bb4 10.Bd2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.b3 a5 14.Qc2 cxb3 15.axb3 g6 16.Rfc1 Bf5 17.Qd1 Qd6 18.Ra2 h5! 19.Na4 h4 Here Magnus is getting a taste of his own medicine! (see the following notes) 20.Nc5 Kg7 *(20...h3!? 21.Bf3 Qe7* is more in the spirit of Alpha Zero, the attack against the ♔g1 could become really dangerous.*)* 21.Bxb4 axb4 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Ra1 Rh8 24.Qe1 hxg3 25.hxg3 Ne4⇄ Carlsen,M (2845)-Mamedyarov,S (2790) Shamkir 2019

C) 5...Nc6

C1) 6.cxd5 gives Black a choice, more often than not he opts for the isolated ♙d5 with exd5!? *(6...Nxd5 7.Bd3* will be dealt with in the following notes. *)*;

C2) 6.a3 a6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Bd6!? *(8...Ba7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Rd1 Rd8 12.Be2 dxc4 13.Rxd8+ Nxd8 14.Bxc4 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.0-0 Rc8 17.Rd1 Bb8 18.Qb1 h6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Nc6 22.g4 f6 23.h4↑* Lenic,L (2640)-Ruck,R (2566) Hungary 2017 *)* 9.Bb2 0-0 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be2 Be6 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Rc1 a5 14.Nb5 axb4 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.axb4 Qxb4 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rb1 Qe7 19.Rb5 Rfd8 20.Nd4 Kg7 21.Re1 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Bf5 23.Rxd5 Rxd5 24.Qxd5 Be4 25.Qd1 Qb4= /∓, So,W (2773)-Caruana,F (2795) Saint Louis

2016]

5...Nxd5

[5...exd5 was long considered inferior, but nowadays even Carlsen has played it a few times, albeit only in games with a shorter time-control:

A) 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 and now cxd4 *(7...Be7* is the standard Tarrasch*)* 8.Nxd4 Bc5!? is the Carlsen/Dubov line:

A1) 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.0-0 *(10.Nxd5!? Nxd5 11.Qxd5* seems to be more critical *)* 10...d4 11.Na4 0-0 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Re1 h6 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd4 Qd8! 18.Qc3 *(18.Qxd8 Rxd8⩲)* 18...c5 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Nc1 h5! 21.a3 h4 22.Nd3 Ra4 23.Nf4 Bb7 24.Rd3 Carlsen,M (2872)-Dubov,D (2690) Moscow blitz 2019 hxg3 25.hxg3 Re4⩲ Δ 26.f3 Rxf4 27.gxf4 Qh4↑;

A2) 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 0-0

A2a) 11.Bg5 h6 *(⌓11...Rb8!?∞)* 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nxd5! cxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxf2+ 15.Rxf2 Qxb2 16.Rxf7 Qb6+ 17.Kh1± Marshall,F-Duras,O Budapest 1912;

A2b) 11.Qc2 Bb6 12.Na4 Bd7 13.b3 *(13.Nxb6 axb6 14.b4 b5 15.Bb2 Re8 16.e3 h5! 17.Qc3 Qc8 18.Rfd1 Bh3 19.Bh1 Qf5 20.Rd4 Re6 21.Rf4 Qg6 22.a3 Ne4⇄ »*, Melkumyan,H (2668)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow rpd 2019*)* 13...Re8 14.Bb2 h5!? 15.h4 Ne4 16.e3 Rc8 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.Qd1 Bf5 19.Qxh5 Qd7 20.Qd1 c5 21.Re1 Rcd8 22.Rc1 Bh3 23.Qf3 f6 24.Bxh3 Qxh3⩲ Aronian,L (2775)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow rpd 2019

B) ⌓6.Bg5! was considered the official refutation and it does cause Black more problems. But the matters are not so clear after 6...Be6

B1) 7.e3 c4 8.Ne5 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Nfd7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7

B1a) 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 *(12...Qxd7 13.b3 b5 14.e4!?↑)* 13.b3±;

B1b) 12.Bf3?! Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rd8?! *(13...Nc6 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxe5=)* 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Nc6 16.e4?! *(16.Qf3! Nxe5 17.Qe4±)* 16...Nb4 17.Rc1 Wojtaszek,R (2725)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow blitz 2019 b5!⇄ Δ 18.Bxa8?! Rxd1 19.Rfxd1 h5∓;

B2) 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Nc6 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Rc1 Be7 13.Nd4 a6 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.Bf3 Rc4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxd5 is riskless, but Black held the ⊥ after Rxc1 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qxc1 Bxa2 20.Bxb7 Rb8 21.Qc7 Qd8 22.Rc1 Bc4 23.Qxc4 Rxb7± /=, Vidit,S (2722)-Carlsen,M (2870) Kolkata 2019

B3) Although 7.e4 scores well, after Be7!? 8.Bb5+ Nc6⇄ White can hardly claim an advantage;

B4) 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e4 dxe4 9.Bb5+ Nc6! is not as bad for Black, as has been thought previously: *(9...Bd7? 10.Nxe4 Qb6 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Rd8 14.Nf5 Ne5 15.Qe2 g6 16.Qb5+ Nd7 17.Rfe1 Bb4 18.Nf6+ Kf8 19.Nxd7+ Rxd7 20.Qe5* 1-0, Alekhine,A-Kussman,L New York (Newspaper Club) 1924 *)*

B4a) 10.Qa4 0-0-0! 11.Nxe4 Qf5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Nc3 *(13.Qxc6+ Kb8 14.Qb5+ Ka8 15.Ng3 Qd5⩱)* 13...cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rxd4! 15.Qxd4 Bc5 16.Qh4 g5 17.Qg3 Bc4 18.0-0-0 Bxf2 19.Qf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3 h5⩲;

B4b) 10.Nxe4 Qf4 11.Qe2 *(11.Neg5? Bd5 12.Qe2+ Be7 13.0-0* Lalic,B (2528)-Nieus,T Bratto 2001 *Kf8!∓)* 11...0-0-0!? *(11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nxc5 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxc5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.g3 Qd6 17.Rad1 Bd4 18.Bc4 Kh8 19.Bxe6 Qb6 20.Bg4 Rad8 21.Kg2 Qxb2 22.Rd2 Qb6±* Palladino,M (2248)-Kinas,T (2108) email 2017 is also close to equality. *)* 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 Bd5 14.Rfe1 cxd4 15.Qa6+ Kb8 16.Nxd4 Bb4 17.g3 Qc7 18.Nc3 Qb7 19.Qa4 Bh1!? 20.Kxh1 Rxd4 21.Qc2 h5**±** /⇄, Nozicka,V (2018)-Green,M (2047) email 2017]

[5...cxd4 is also an option. Wei Yi and So played it until recently and although Black has lately suffered some setbacks, it hasn't really been refuted:

A) 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qxd4 exd5 8.Nxd5 Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Qd1 Ne4 11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Rd8 *(12...0-0-0!?)* 13.e3 g6 14.Be2 Bg7 15.Qc2 0-0 16.0-0 Be6 17.a3 Qb6 18.Rac1 Bb3⩲ Nyzhnyk,I (2622)-Ju,W (2559) Chicago 2016;

B) 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.e4 *(7.Bg5 Be7 8.e3 Nc6 9.Qd3 0-0 10.Be2* is less forcing, but keeps more tension in the position. That said, it's by no means a refutation: *Be6 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Qb5 Qxb5 13.Nxb5 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Ne4 16.Nfd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Bf6 19.Rfd1 Rac8 20.Rab1 Rc7 21.Bd3 Bxd4 22.exd4 Kg7=* Van Wely,L (2688)-Edouard,R (2664) Eilat 2012*)* 7...Nc6 8.Bb5 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Ng5 Be6 11.Nxe6+ fxe6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Ke2 Bb4 14.Na4!? Kc7 *(14...Ke7?! 15.Rd1 Rhd8 16.Rxd8 Rxd8 17.Be3 Ra8 18.Rc1 Kd7 19.Rc4 Bd6 20.b3 Nd5 21.Rxe4 Nxe3 22.Kxe3 Rf8 23.h3± /±,* Grischuk,A (2772)-So,W (2754) Moscow 2019*)* 15.Be3 Nd5 16.Rac1 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Rad8 18.Rc2 Rd5 19.a3 Ra5 20.axb4 *(20.Rhc1 Rxa4 21.Rxc6+ Kd7 22.R6c4 Rb8 23.Rd1+ Ke7 24.Rxe4 Ra6 25.axb4 Ra2 26.Rd2 Ra4 27.Rc4 Rb7 28.Rdd4 Ra2 29.Rd2 Ra4 30.Rdd4 Ra2= ½,* Lei,T (2482)-Ding,Y (2423) Wuxi 2017*)* 20...Rxa4 21.b5 Sjugirov,S (2662)-Vocaturo,D (2620) Douglas 2019 Rb8!? 22.Rxc6+ Kd7 23.Rd1+ Ke7=]

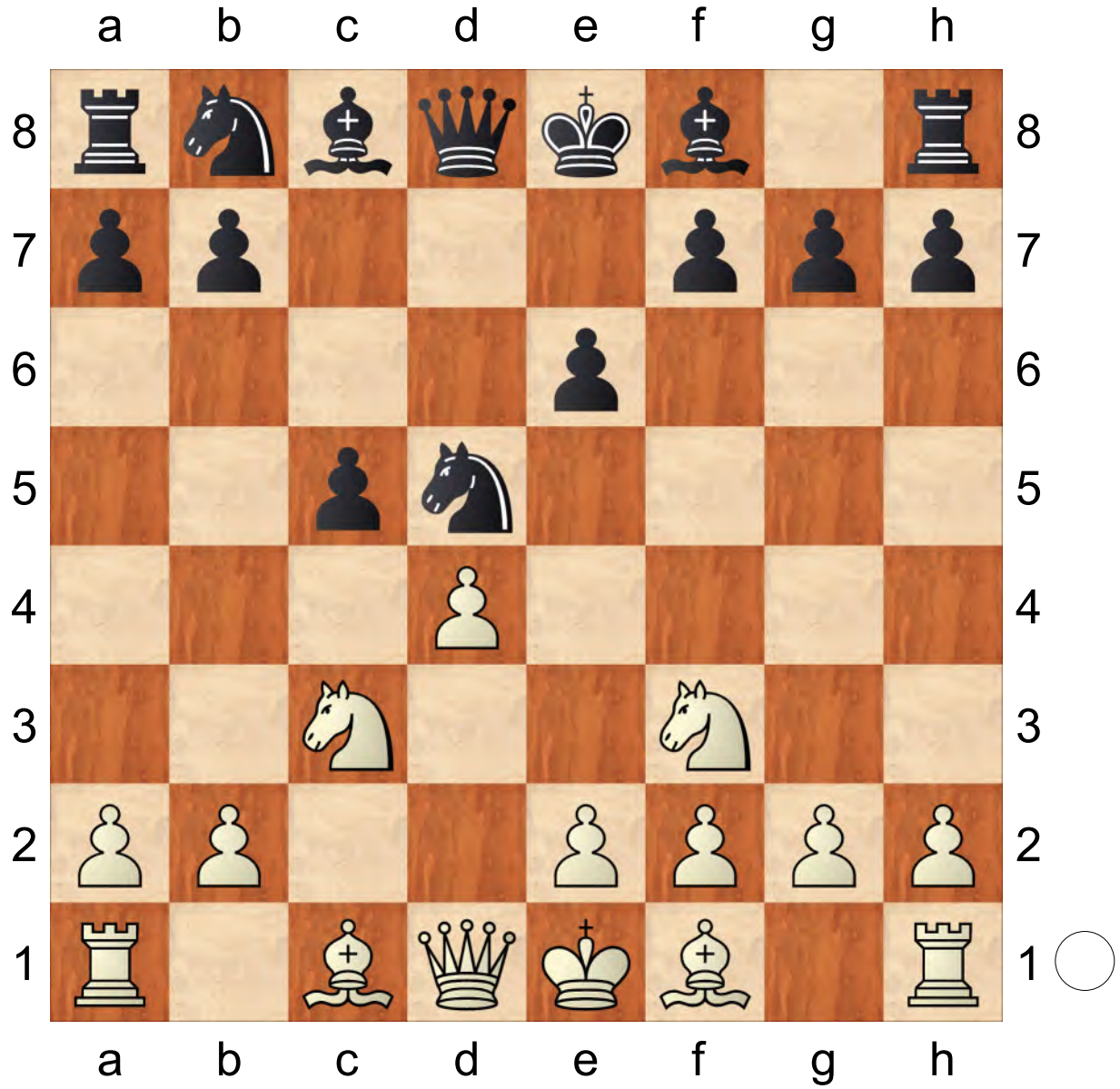
(Diagram)

Can we have a Tarrasch from the Semi-Tarrasch? **6.e4**

[We'll check also 6.e3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 and now: More common is

A) 8.a3

A1) 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Qc2 h6 *(10...g6 11.h4!↑)* 11.0-0 b6 12.Rd1 Bf6 *(* Why sacrifice a pawn? *12...Qc7!? Δ 13.e4 Na5⇄)* 13.dxc5 Qc7 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Bb2 Ne5 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Be4 Ra5 18.c4 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Ba6 21.Be2 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Qxc4 23.Qxb6 Raa8



24.Qb4± Aronian,L (2758)-Wang,H (2726) Douglas 2019 In the end Black lost a long ⊥, missing a draw only 3 moves before the end.;
A2) 8...0-0?! is inaccurate, White doesn't have to play 9.0-0 or 9.♕c2, but has 9.Nxd5! Qxd5 10.Qc2 h6 *(10...g6 11.Be4±)* 11.Bh7+! *(11.Be4 Qd6 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Qxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 15.Bb2 Bd7 16.Ke2 Rfd8 17.Rhd1 f5 18.Bc2 Bf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Bb3±* Radjabov,T (2765)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com rpd 2020 This is more pleasant for White, but why not win an extra tempo?*)* 11...Kh8 12.Be4 Qd6 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Qxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.Bb2 Bd7 17.Ke2 Rfd8 18.Rhd1 Bf6 *(18...Kg8 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.b5 Nb8 21.a4 b6 22.Bb7 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 f6 24.e4 Kf7 25.e5 Bc5 26.Nd2 fxe5 27.Ne4 Bd4 28.Ba3!→ Be8 29.Nd6+ Ke7 30.Rc7+ Rd7 31.Rc8 Rd8 32.Nf7+* 1-0, Cheparinov,I (2696)-Mastrovasilis,D (2596) Tbilisi 2017*)* 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rac1 Kg7 21.Bxc6!?

Bxc6 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.e4 e5 25.Nf5+ Kg6 26.Rd1 Bb5+ 27.Ke1 Rxd1+ 28.Kxd1 Bd7 29.Nd6 b6 30.Ke2± /±, Halkias,S (2544)-Ruck,R (2515) Germany 2018 White has a permanent pull due to his better ♙-structure and in the end he managed to convert his advantage;

A3) 8...b6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qc2 Nxc3 *(10...g6 11.dxc5! bxc5 12.Rd1 Nxc3 13.Qxc3±)* 11.bxc3 g6 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.h4 Rac8 16.h5 Rd5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.e4 Rh5 19.g3 Na5 20.Kg2 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nc4 22.Ba1 b5 Jakovenko,D (2735)-Salem,A (2660) St Petersburg rpd 2018 23.d5!? exd5 24.Rh1↑;

A4) ⌓8...cxd4! 9.exd4 0-0 Here the modern trend calls for 10.h4 *(10.Qc2 f5!⇄* Aronian,L (2809)-Kramnik,V (2810) London 2013 Black has excellent counterplay, for details see the notes to this game in CBM 154 by Postny.*;* We will check *10.0-0* below, via the 8.0-0 move-order.*)* , but this allows even the energetic 10...e5!? *(10...Nf6∞* and*; 10...f5* are also viable*)* 11.dxe5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Bf4 Rad8 15.Qc2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Grasis,J (2046)-Sienkiewicz,W (2053) email 2007 Nxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kh8≌;

B) 8.0-0 0-0 and now White has a wider choice:

B1) 9.Re1 b6 10.Nxd5 *(10.a3 Bb7 11.Nxd5 Qxd5!? 12.e4 Qd7 13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Bf4 Qxd5 17.Be4 Qd7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qxd4 Rfd8= 20.Qe3 Bf6 21.Be5 Re8 22.Qc3 Bxe5= ½,* Udvari,N (1984)-Fuzishawa,R (2093) email 2011*)* 10...exd5 *(10...Qxd5* is rare, but *11.e4 Qd8⇄* also seems playable.*)* 11.Bb5!? *(* Seemingly losing a tempo, but after the seemingly more natural *11.b3* Black's ♗ won't go to b7 - *Bg4⇄)* 11...Bb7 *(11...Qd6!?)* 12.b3 a6 13.Bd3 Bf6 14.Bb2 Re8 15.Qd2 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.exd4 Qd6 19.Re3 Artemiev,V (2746)-So,W (2767) chess.com blitz INT 2019 a5 20.Rae1 Bc6± /= and White's edge is more or less symbolic.;

B2) 9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 Bf6 11.Be4 Nce7 *(11...Qd6!? 12.Qd3 h6 13.Rd1 b6 14.Qe2 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bb7 16.Bc2 Ne7 17.Nd2 Ng6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Rac8 20.Qd3 Nf4= ½,* Gagarin,V (2422)-Pinter,J (2569) Sibenik 2009 *)* 12.Ne5 *(12.Qd3 g6 13.Bh6 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7=* holds strong, here Smyslov's idea *15.Rac1 b6 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5! 18.Rc7 Bb7=* is ineffective - White can't play ♘e5 to support his ♖c7 and Black will chase it away, or exchange it.*)* 12...Nf5!? *(12...g6 13.Bh6 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rc1 b6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5! Qxd5? 18.Rc7! Bb7 19.Qg4→* Smyslov,V (2595)-Ribli,Z (2595) London 1983*; 12...Nc6!?⇄; 12...b6∞; 12...Bd7∞)* 13.Re1 Nde7 14.Be3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 *(⌓15.Rxe3 g6=)* 15...Bxe5 16.dxe5 Artemiev,V (2704)-Svidler,P (2760) Sochi 2018 Bd7!⇄ /∓;

B3) 9.Qe2 was a recent choice by Magnus:

B3a) 9...cxd4 10.exd4

B3a1) 10...Nf6 11.Rd1 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.Bg5 Re8 14.h4 g6 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Bb1 Na5 17.Ne5 Nd7 Carlsen,M (2870)-Harikrishna,P (2731) Kolkata blitz 2019 18.Nxd7 *(18.Qg4!?↑)* 18...Qxd7 19.Ba2±;

B3a2) 10...Bd7 11.Rd1!? *(11.Qe4 g6 12.Bh6 Re8 13.Rac1 Bf6 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Qf4 Bh8 16.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Qf6 18.Qc7 Qd8 19.Qf4 Qf6 20.Qc7 Qd8 21.Qf4 Qf6* ½, Svidler,P (2727)-Wei,Y (2734) Baku 2015*)* 11...Rc8 12.a3 Re8 13.h4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 g6 15.Bg5? *(⌓15.h5∞* gives White reasonable attacking chances*)* 15...Na5 16.c4 Bc6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7∓ Shankland,S (2713)-Leko,P (2674) Biel blitz 2019;

B3b) A fighting reaction is 9...Ndb4!?

B3b1) 10.Be4 f5!? *(10...b6⇄)* 11.Bb1 cxd4 12.exd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Rd1 Qf6 15.a3 Nc6 16.Ba2 Kh8 17.Bf4≅ Szabo,L-Kortschnoj,V Santa Fe 1960 White has some compensation, but he can hardly claim an advantage here.;

B3b2) 10.Bb1 b6 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Rd1↻ Qh4∞* is also possible and unclear.*)* 11.Rd1 Ba6 12.Qe1 cxd4 13.exd4 Rc8 14.Qe4 g6 15.Bh6 Re8 16.a3 Nd5 17.Ba2 Bf6 *(* Black doesn't have to force the issue, *17...Nxc3!? 18.bxc3 Bf8=* looks OK for him.*)* 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Bxd5 Be2 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Rd2 Bxf3 23.gxf3 g5 24.h4 gxh4 25.d5 Rd6 26.Bf4 Be5 27.Re1 f6 Yu,Y (2738)-Ding,L (2801) Ningbo rpd 2019 In the end Black's ⇄ was enough to hold the ⊥.]

6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+

[8...Nc6 9.Bc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Qa5 12.d5! exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.0-0↑ /±]

9.Bd2 Bxd2+

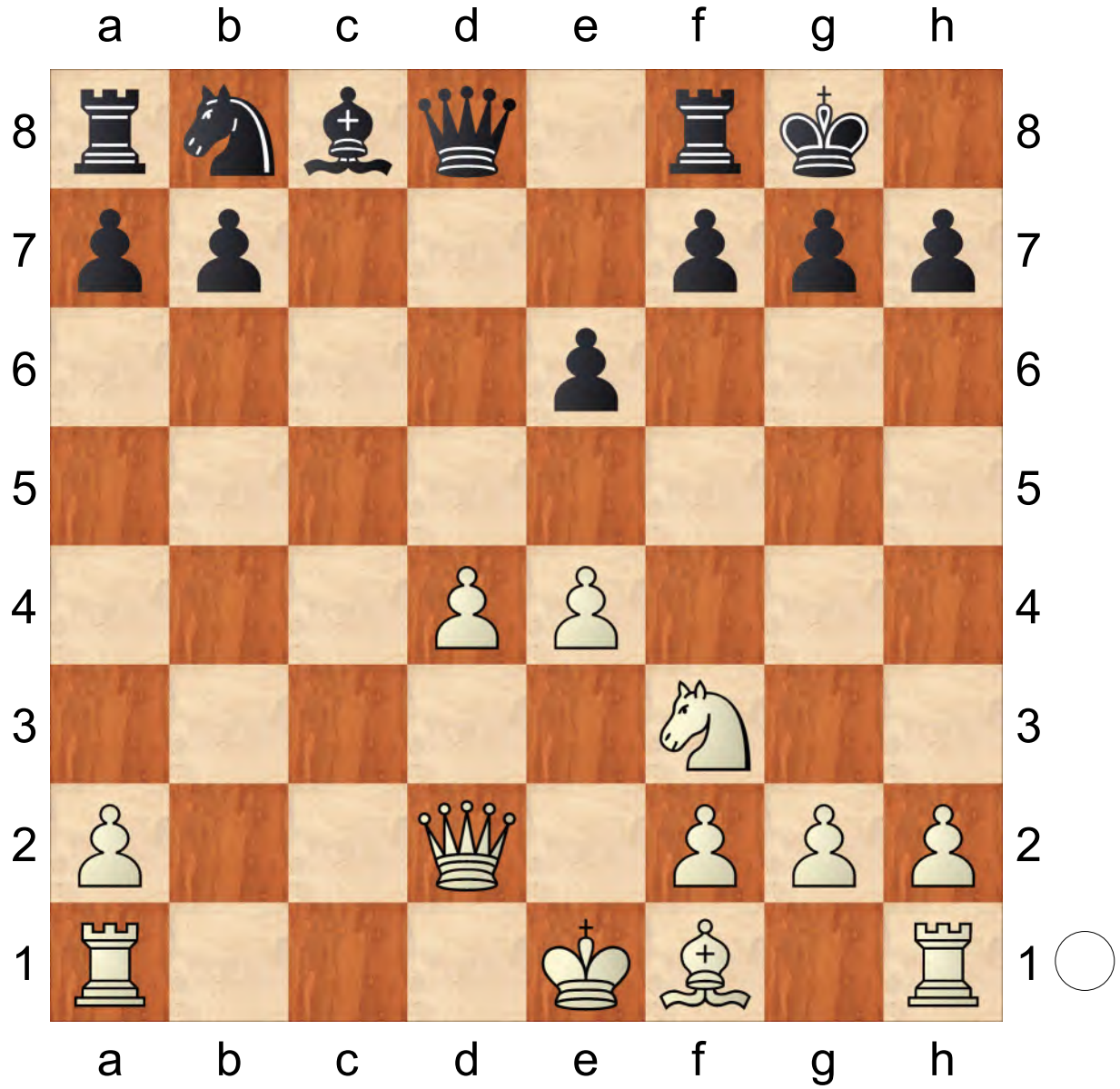
[9...Qa5?! 10.Rb1! Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 0-0 13.Bb5!± is an impressive and above all effective idea by Rubinstein - Black will have to weaken his ⟪ to proceed with his development.]

10.Qxd2 0-0

(Diagram)

The basic Semi-Tarrasch position, which has attracted the attention of the elite mainly due to Kramnik's efforts from 2013 onwards. As I have already annotated Aronian-Kramnik, Stavanger 2017, in detail for CBM 179, I will try not to repeat myself too much in the following lines. **11.Bc4** Definitely White's main move. Carlsen has played it already in the past, but he has tried also other options. I had a recent discussion with a friend and he was full of praise for the Semi-Tarrasch, saying how easy it was to play with Black with two pairs of minor pieces already off the board and a straighforward plan of development. Magnus will demonstrate a well-prepared novel idea, which makes life for the defence far from simple. The alternatives here are: Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Recently Magnus has tried 11 Bd3, but Giri certainly can be trusted to have solved that problem.'

[Giri went for 11.Rd1!? b6 12.Bd3 *(12.h4!? Bb7 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Bb1 Ba6*



15.e5 Qd5 16.Ng5 Rad8! 17.Bxh7+ Kh8⇄)

A) 12...Bb7 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Qe3 Rc8 15.e5!? is similar to Aronian-Kramnik, Alekhine memorial 2013, the diference being there White's ♖ was on c1 instead of d1. This enables him after h6 *(15...f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne5±; 15...Bxf3!? 16.Qxf3 Rc7± /=)* 16.Nd2 *(16.Rfe1 Bd5* loses a tempo and the ♘ won't get to d6 - *17.Nd2 Qg5 18.Ne4 Qxe3 19.Rxe3 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Rfd8 21.f4 Nc5 22.Bf3 Na4 23.Rd2 b5 24.d5 Nb6 25.Red3 Nxd5=* Jakovenko,D (2736)-Zvjaginsev,V (2642) Vladivostok 2014*)* 16...Qg5 to avoid the ♕ swap with the strong 17.Qh3! Qf4 *(17...Bd5 18.f4 Qe7 19.f5↑)* 18.Nc4 Rc7 19.Nd6 Bd5 20.Qe3 Qg5!? 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Rc1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Bxa2 24.Ra1? *(24.Bb5 Nb8 25.Be8!±* and Black will at the very least loses his ♙f7*)* 24...Bd5 25.Rxa7 Nb8 26.Bb5 Nc6 27.Bxc6 Bxc6 28.Rc7 Bd5 29.f3 f6 30.exf6 Rxf6 *(30...gxf6?! 31.Nc8)* 31.Nc8 Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.

com rpd 2020 Rf4⇄;

B) 12...Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.0-0 Ne5!? 15.Be2 *(15.dxe5?! Bxb5 16.Qb2 Qe8 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.h4 Ba4 19.Rd6 Qb5 20.Qa3 h6∓* Mamedyarov,S (2766)-Romanov,E (2606) Loo 2013*; 15.Nxe5 Bxb5 16.Rfe1 Qd6=)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Rc8 17.d5 Qf6⇄;

C) Nepo surely didn't like Black's position and came up with the new 12...Ba6!?N Black gradually equalized after 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Qe2 Nb8 16.d5 exd5 17.Rxd5 Qc7 18.Nd4 Qc4 19.Qg4 Rc5 20.Nf5 g6 21.Rxc5 Qxc5 22.Qg5 f6 23.Qg3 Nc6 24.Qb3+ Kh8 25.Ne3 Kg7 26.h3 Re8 27.Qb1 Qb4 28.Qxb4 Nxb4 29.Rd1 Kf7= Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi, I (2784) chess24.com rpd 2020]

[The main idea behind postponing the development of the ♗f1 is that White would like to put his bishop on c4 after ♘c6, while against ♘d7, the better square is for it is d3. Therefore after 11.Bd3 the best reaction is Nc6! 12.Bc2 *(12.e5 Qa5⇄* and the ♕ swap dampens White's attaking ambitions *)* 12...Qe7 *(12...Qa5 13.Qxa5 Nxa5* is also fully playable: *14.Bd3 Bd7 15.Ke2 Rac8 16.Rhc1 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Rc8 18.Rxc8+ Bxc8 19.Kd2 Kf8 20.Kc3 Bd7 21.Ne5 Be8 22.f4 Ke7 23.Ng4 Nc6 24.Ne3 f6 25.d5 Nd8 26.e5 fxe5 27.fxe5 exd5 28.Nxd5+ Kf8 29.Nc7 Bf7 30.a3 Ke7 31.Be4 Bg6 32.Bf3 Kd7 33.Nb5 Nc6 34.Bd5 a6 35.Nd4 Nxd4 36.Kxd4 b6=* Carlsen,M (2861)-Ding,L (2805) Abidjan rpd 2019*)* 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Qe3 *(14.Rad1* allows *e5!= Δ 15.d5 Bg4; 14.e5 b6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qe3 Bb7 17.Be4 Kg7 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Qf4 h6 20.h4 Ba8 21.a3 b5 22.Rfd1 b4 23.Bxc6 Bxc6 24.axb4 Bxf3⇄* So,W (2754)-Ding,L (2805) Abidjan blitz 2019*)* 14...b6 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.h4 Na5 18.Bd3 h6 19.g4?! *(19.Qf4=* is about equal, so White tries it with violence...*)* 19...Nc6 20.Bb1 Qd7 21.Kh2 Qd6+ 22.Kg1 Na5 23.Bd3? *(23.Rxc8=)* 23...Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Nc6∓ /∓, Carlsen,M (2872)-Xiong,J (2712) Wijk aan Zee 2020 White's ♙d4 drops, an unimpressive performance by Magnus. This time around he is much better prepared.]

[11.Rc1 is the second most often played move after the text: While this might be playable, in practice Black mostly prefers

A) 11...Nc6 12.Bc4 *(12.Bb5 Ne7!?* is solid: *13.0-0 b6 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.f3 Qd6 16.Nc4 Qd8 17.Ne5 Qd6 18.Nc4 Qd8 ½,* Dreev,A (2653)-Shankland,S (2671) Havana 2018*)*

A1) 12...Qa5 13.d5!? Qxd2+ *(13...exd5 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Bxd5 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ne5 Rfd8 18.Ke2 Rd4 19.Ke3 Ra4 20.Rhd1 Nc6 21.Nxc6 bxc6 22.Rd2 Rc8 23.Rc5 Kf8 24.h4±* Anand,V (2797)-Naiditsch, A (2706) Baden-Baden 2015*)* 14.Kxd2 Rd8 15.Ke2 exd5 16.Bxd5 Nb4±;

A2) 12...Na5 13.Bd3 b6 *(13...h6 14.0-0 b6 15.h4 Bb7 16.Bb1 Rc8 17.d5 exd5 18.e5 Ba6 19.Rxc8 Bxc8 20.h5 Nb7 21.Qd3 f5* Eilmes,D (2276)-Vecek,M (2210) email 2011 *22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Re1 Be6 25.Ne5+ Ke8 26.Ng4 Qe7 27.Qg6+ Kd7 28.Rxe6!? Qxe6 29.Qxg7+ Qe7 30.Qxh6≅)* 14.0-0 *(14.h4!? Bb7 15.Rh3* Nyzhnyk,I (2629)-Macieja,B (2583)

Dallas 2014 *Nc6!?⇄)* 14...Bb7 15.Qf4 Rc8 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Rc7 *(18.Qxb8 Rxb8 19.Kf1 Nc6 20.Ke2 Kf8 21.h4* ½, Kolanek,R (2279)-Nowak,I (2286) email 2019 *Rc8=)* 18...f6! 19.d5 Rf7 20.d6 e5 21.Qc1 Rxc7 22.dxc7 Qe8 23.Bc4+ Nxc4 24.Qxc4+ Kf8 25.Qd3 Ke7 26.Qa3+ ½, Kucherov,D (2122)-Popov,V (2216) email 2011 Ke6 27.Qxa7 Qc6=;

B) 11...b6 12.Bd3 More circumspect is

B1) 12...Ba6 13.Bxa6 *(*Decentralising the ♘ is more ambitious than *13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nd7 15.e5 Re8 16.Rc3 Nf8 17.Rfc1 Ng6 18.g3 Ne7 19.a3 h6 20.h4 Nd5 21.R3c2 Ne7 22.h5 Qd5 23.g4 Rac8 24.Rc7 Qa8 25.Kh2 Nd5 26.R7c2 Nf4 27.Qe3 Nd5=* Li,C (2725)-Wei,Y (2734) Ningbo rpd 2018 *)* 13...Nxa6 14.0-0 *(14.Qe2 Nb8 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Qa6 Nf6 17.Rfe1 Qd7 18.Rc4 Rfc8 19.Ne5 Qe8 20.f3 Rxc4 21.Nxc4 Qd7 22.Rd1 Rc8=* Hammer,J (2631)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) chess.com blitz 2018*)* 14...Rc8!? *(14...Qe7 15.Qe2 Qb7 16.Ne5 Rac8 17.Qb5 Nb8 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Qe7 20.Nc6 Nxc6 21.Rxc6 Rxc6 22.dxc6±* Girya,O (2481)-Wang,J (2367) China 2018*)* 15.Rxc8 Qxc8 16.Rc1 Qb7 17.Qc2 Nb4 18.Qc4 a5 19.a3 b5 20.Qc7 Qxc7 21.Rxc7 Nd3 22.g3 Rb8 23.Rc3 *(23.d5!?)* 23...Nb2 24.Ne5 f6 25.Nc6 Ra8 26.Rb3 Nc4 27.Rxb5 a4⇄ Navara,D (2741)-Carlsen,M (2842) Biel 2018 Although Black finally got enough ⇄, his position was suspect for a while.;

B2) 12...Bb7

B2a) 13.Qe3 Nc6!? *(13...Nd7 14.e5 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 b5! 16.0-0 a6 17.Rc6 Nb6 18.Rfc1 Ra7 19.Rd6 Qb8 20.h4 Nc8 21.Rdc6 Ne7 22.Rd6 Nc8 23.Rdc6 Ne7 24.Rd6 Nc8* ½, Harikrishna,P (2729)-Leko,P (2679) Germany 2019*)* 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Bb1 Qe7 16.Rfd1 Na5 17.h4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Qf4 h6 21.Bd3 Qd8 22.h5 Nc6 23.Qc1 Bb7 24.Qc3 Qd6 25.a3 Ne7 26.Ne5 Nc6 27.Nf3 Ne7= Nakamura,H (2746)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) Saint Louis 2019

B2b) 13.0-0 Nd7 *(13...Nc6 14.d5! exd5 15.exd5* and the ♁ can be very dangerous. *)*

B2b1) 14.Qe3 Nf6 *(*This has replaced the earlier tries *14...Rc8* (see CBM 154 for Aronian's notes to Aronian-Kramnik, Alekhine mem 2013)*;* as well as *14...h6)* 15.Ne5 Qe7 was featured in further Aronian-Kramnik games: 16.f3 *(16.Rc3 Rac8 17.Rfc1 Rxc3 18.Rxc3 Rd8 19.f3 Ne8 20.Bb5 Nd6 21.a4 f5 22.Bc6 fxe4 23.fxe4 Nf7 24.Qf4 Nxe5 25.Qxe5 Bxc6 26.Rxc6 Qf6=* Shankland,S (2724)-Leko,P (2679) Germany 2019 *)* 16...Rfd8 17.Bb5 Rac8

B2b11) 18.Bc6 Ne8 19.Ba4 Nd6 20.Qa3 f6 *(20...Nf5? 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Bd7±* Aronian,L (2792)-Kramnik,V (2812) Leuven blitz 2016 *)* 21.Nd3 Kf7=;

B2b12) 18.a4 h6

B2b121) 19.h3 Ne8 *(19...Qd6!?=)* 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.Bxc6 Nd6

22.d5 e5 23.Qa3 Qg5 ½-½ (47) Aronian,L (2793)-Kramnik,V (2808) Stavanger 2017;

B2b122) 19.Rfd1 Ne8 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.Bxc6 Khademalsharieh,S (2406)-Kumar,N (2271) Sitges 2017 Nc7⇄ ;

B2b2) 14.Qf4

B2b21) 14...Nf6 15.Rc3!? *(15.h4 h6 16.Rfe1 Rc8 17.e5?! Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Nh5! 19.Qg4 Bxf3 20.gxf3 g6 21.a4 Ng7∓* Bu,X (2729)-Dominguez Perez,L (2750) Hengshui blitz 2019*)* 15...Rc8 16.Ra3 a5 *(16...a6?! 17.e5 Nd5? 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Qg3 g6 20.Ng5 Rc3 21.Qh4* 1-0, Saric,A (2530)-Hovhannisyan,M (2462) Dublin 2019*)* 17.Rd1 *(17.e5 Nh5⇄)* 17...h6 18.Rb3 Qc7 Moroni,L (2562)-Lei,T (2447) Caleta 2019 19.Qe3± ;

B2b22) 14...h6!? is considered to be the safest, Black holds the ⊥ after 15.h4 Rc8 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Qxb8 Rxb8 19.Rc7 Nf6 20.Ne5 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Rxa7 *(22.Rxf7 a5 23.Rc7 b5 24.f3* Gelfand,B (2724)-Kramnik,V (2811) Zuerich 2017 *Nf6!?=)* 22...Rd8 23.f3 Nc3 24.h5 Bu,X (2729)-Leko,P (2674) Hengshui blitz 2019 Ne2+ 25.Kf2 Nxd4 26.Nxf7 Rd5=]

11...Nd7 Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'The modern way. In the old days 11...Nc6 looked more natural, but while at fist it appears more active, the knight tends to end up at a5 leaving the black king more exposed, illustrated by the beautiful classic Polugaevsky-Tal from the 1969 Soviet Championship.'

[Nowadays almost nobody plays 11...Nc6 , so almost everything important about the two high-level games Spassky-Petrosian and Polugaevsky-Tal from 1969 and the current state of affairs was written already in CBM 179: 12.0-0 b6 13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.d5 Na5 *(15...exd5 16.Bxd5* remains rather nasty for Black - White's score here is over 70%.*)* 16.Bd3 Here the move with the best reputation is still

A) 16...Qd6 17.dxe6!?↑ *(17.Qg5±)*;

B) 16...exd5?! 17.e5≅ ↑ Nc4 18.Qf4 Nb2 19.Bxh7+!± Polugaevsky,L-Tal,M URS-ch Moscow 1969;

C) 16...Qe7!? 17.Qf4 *(17.dxe6 fxe6! 18.Qg5 Qxg5 19.Nxg5 e5 20.Bb5 Bc6 21.Ba6 Rce8 22.f3* Tregubov,P (2601)-Legky,N (2391) Paris 2014 *b5!? 23.Bxb5 Bxb5 24.Rd5 a6 25.a4 Bxa4 26.Rxa5 Bb5=)* 17...Nc4 Here White hasn't been able to prove an advantage: 18.Rc1 b5 19.a4 a6 20.axb5 axb5 21.Bxc4 *(21.Rb1!?±)* 21...Rxc4 *(21...bxc4 22.d6 Qd7 23.Qg3 f6 24.Nd2 c3 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Qxc3 Qxd6=* Englund,J (1939)-Beckett,P (1916) email 2010 *)* 22.Rxc4 bxc4 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Qe5 Rc8 25.Rc1 Qf6 26.Rc3 Qxe5 27.Nxe5 Rc5 28.f4 Bxe4 29.Rxc4 Rxc4 30.Nxc4 h6= Gyimesi,Z (2652)-Pinter,J (2546) Austria 2012]

12.0-0 b6 13.Rad1 The most natural move, but White has tried other alternatives as well:

[The most topical attempt is 13.d5

A) 13...Nf6!? 14.Rad1 *(*Perhaps Giri's idea was *14.Qf4!? exd5 15.Rad1∞)* 14...exd5 15.e5 Be6 16.exf6 dxc4 17.fxg7 Kxg7 18.Nd4 Qf6 19.Nxe6+ fxe6 20.Qd7+ Kh8 21.Qb7 Rad8 *(21...c3!?)* 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Qxa7 c3⩱ Beliavsky,A (2662)-Golod,V (2599) Netanya rpd 2009;

B) 13...Nc5 14.Rfe1

B1) After 14...Bb7 15.Rad1 Rc8 16.h4 Qf6 17.Qe3 exd5 18.exd5 a6 19.h5 *(*White didn't find the courage for the more ambitious *19.d6!?)* 19...b5 20.Bf1 h6 21.Rd4 Giri,A (2764)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com rpd 2020 Black should have played Rcd8! **Δ** 22.Rf4 Qd6 23.Nh4 Bc8!=;

B2) 14...exd5 15.exd5 *(15.Bxd5 Bb7 16.Rad1 Re8=)* 15...Qd6 16.Qd4 Bb7 17.Rad1 Rae8 *(*A plausible alternative is *17...Rad8!?)* 18.Ne5 a6 19.a3 Re7 20.Re3 Rfe8? *(*The decisive tactical mistake, after *20...b5 21.Ba2* Black already has *Rfe8=* **Δ** *22.Nxf7? Rxe3 23.Nxd6 Re1+ 24.Rxe1 Rxe1#)* 21.Nxf7! Kxf7 22.Re6! Qd8 *(22...Qd7 23.Rde1!+-)* 23.Qf4+ Kg8 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.d6++- Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com rpd 2020 Giri undoubtedly knew his way here with Black, but he will have to face a different idea.]

[13.Rac1 Bb7 14.d5 *(*Consistent, *14.Bd3* or*; 14.Qf4 Nf6 15.Bd3* leads to positions from the 11. ♖c1 b6 12.♗d3 ♗b7 line, but with an extra tempo for Black. *)* 14...Nc5

A) 15.dxe6 fxe6=;

B) 15.Qf4 Qf6= *(15...Nxe4!? 16.dxe6 fxe6⇄)*;

C) 15.Rfe1 Qf6 *(15...exd5!?)* 16.Qe3 Aronian,L (2793)-Kramnik,V (2808) Stavanger 2017 is the game we have already mentioned above. The notes in CBM 179 show Black should have played exd5= *(*or *16...Rad8!?* here. *)*]

[Kramnik has faced 13.a4 Bb7 14.Bd3 far more often: *(14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Bd3 h6 16.a5 Qc7 17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra3 Rfd8 19.Qb2 Qd6 20.Rb3 Rc7 21.Ne5 Nf6 22.Nf3 Qf4 23.Qe2 Rc1 24.Qe3 Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Qxe3 26.fxe3 Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Nxe4 28.Rxb6 Ra8= /∓,* Deac,B (2572)-Kramnik,V (2809) Medias blitz 2016 and already White was fighting for a draw. *)*

A) 14...e5 15.Qe3!± Carlsen,M (2855)-Kramnik,V (2812) Paris 2016 is rather unpleasant - see the notes to this game in CBM 173 by Sadorra.;

B) 14...Rb8 15.Rfe1 h6 16.a5 b5 17.Rac1 *(17.a6 Bc6 18.Rab1 Rb6 19.d5 Nc5 20.Rbd1 exd5 21.Bb1 b4 22.Qc2 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 dxe4 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Nd2 b3⩱* David Bordier,C (2333)-Hameister,R (2421) email 2017*)* 17...a6 18.Qb4 Rc8 19.Nd2 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Ne5? *(20...Nb8⇄)* 21.Bxb5 axb5 22.dxe5± Carlsen,M (2851)-Kramnik,V (2801) Stavanger blitz 2016;

C) 14...Rc8 15.a5 Qc7 16.Rfe1 *(16.Rfb1 h6 17.h3 Rfd8 18.Ra3 Qd6 19.Rab3 Rc7 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Ra1 f5 22.Qe2 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qd5=* Ding,L (2707)-Kramnik,V (2801) Paris/St Petersburg 2013*)* 16...Rfd8 17.axb6 axb6 18.Qe3 h6 19.h3 Ra8 *(19...Qc3!?)* 20.Rac1 Qd6 21.Qe2 Ra3 22.Bb5 Nf8 23.Ne5 Rb3 24.Bc6↑ Alonso Rosell,A (2526)-Pichot,A (2556) Barcelona 2018;

D) Finally Vladimir settled for 14...Nf6!? 15.Rfe1 h6 16.a5

D1) Magnus also contributed for Black with 16...a6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Rbc1?! *(⩲19.Ne5)* 19...Qe7 20.Qa5 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Nd2?! *(22.Ne5=)* 22...Qd7 23.Qb6 Rc3 24.Bxa6 Bxa6 25.Qxa6 Qxd4= /∓, Topalov,V (2803)-Carlsen,M (2834) London 2015 For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 170 by Bronznik.;

D2) 16...bxa5 17.Rxa5 Qc7 18.Rc1 *(18.Ne5 Rfc8 19.f3 Qd8 20.Bf1 Nd7 21.Nc4 Nb6 22.Ne3 Rc7 23.Rea1 Rd7=* Salem,A (2633)-Hou,Y (2652) Moscow 2017*; 18.Rc5 Qe7 19.h3 Rfc8 20.Ra5 Qc7 21.Rc5 Qe7 22.Ra5 Qc7 23.Rc5 ½,* Schenk,A (2463)-Cyborowski,L (2524) Germany 2017 *)* 18...Qd8 19.Re1 Qc7 20.Qb4 Rfb8 21.Qa3 *(21.Rc5 Qf4 22.Qd2 Qxd2 23.Nxd2 Rd8 24.Nb3 a5 25.Rxa5 Rxa5 26.Nxa5 Rxd4 27.Nxb7 Rxd3 28.f3 Nh5=* Wojtaszek,R (2745)-Kramnik,V (2811) Shamkir 2017 Black tortured his opponent for 83 moves till he resigned himself to a draw.*)* 21...Rc8 22.h3 *(22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Qxa7 Ra8 24.Qc5 Qxc5 25.dxc5 Nd7 26.Rc1 Rc8=)* 22...a6 23.Ne5 Qd8 24.Nf3 Rc7 25.Ra4 a5 26.Ne5 Bc6 27.Rxa5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Rxa5 29.Qxa5 Nxe4= Svidler,P (2755)-Kramnik,V (2811) Sochi 2017]

13...Bb7 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Bb3

[Controlling d5 seems more natural to me, but we will also find numerous games with 15.Bd3

A) 15...Re8 16.h4 *(16.Qf4 Qf6=)* 16...Nf8 17.h5 h6 18.a4 Nh7 19.Qf4 Rc3 20.Bb5 Rf8 21.d5!⩱ Mamedyarov,S (2729)-Socko,B (2635) Istanbul olm 2012 For more details about this game see the notes in CBM 151 by Krasenkow.;

B) Black must be careful even after the usually played 15...Qe7 16.Qf4 Rfd8 17.h4 Δ Nf6?! *(17...Nf8!?* is more circumspect.*)* allows a promising version of the motif 18.d5!? exd5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Nd4↑;

C) 15...Qc7 and here I'll just show an example, how NOT! to play this line for a draw with White: 16.h4 *(⩲16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.e5 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Nf8 19.Ba6 Rb8 20.Qe2 Ng6 21.g3 Qc3⇄* Kozul,Z (2593)-Gyimesi,Z (2592) Murska Sobota 2008*)* 16...h6 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Qe3 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 21.Qc1 Bb7 22.a4 Qc6 23.Qd1? *(23.Qxc6 Bxc6 24.Bb5=)* 23...Qc3 24.Bb5 Nf6∓ /-+, Mihajlov,S (2387)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) chess24.com blitz 2020 White has exchanged too much and moreover, his centre is falling apart.]

15...Re8

[15...Nf6 However, far more dangerous is

A) 16.Qf4 Qc7

A1) 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Rd7 20.Ne5 Rd6 21.Nc6 a6 22.Re7 Nd7 23.Rde1N *(23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.Rxb7 Nd7 25.Rc7 Rd8=* Vitiugov,N (2692)-Mastrovasilis,A (2510) Bursa 2010*)* 23...b5 24.Nd4 g6 25.Ne6 fxe6 26.dxe6 Nc5 27.Rxb7 Nxb7 28.e7+ Kg7= Vrolijk,L (2425)-Sarana,A (2543) WChJ Tarvisio 2017;

A2) 17.Qh4 was introduced by Keres in 1937, but Black has 17...h6! and can be fully satisfied: 18.d5 *(*Too soft is *18.Rd3 Rfd8 19.Nd2 Qe7 20.h3 Nd5! 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Nf3* Fodor,T (2518)-Fitzsimons,D (2317) Daventry 2020 *b5∓)* 18...exd5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Drygalov,A (2477)-Perov,G (2196) St Petersburg 2018 Nc5!? and here already White has to fight for equality.;

B) 16.d5! exd5 17.exd5 Rc5 *(*After both *17...Qd7 18.d6↑* and*; 17...Re8 18.d6↑* the engine insists White is definitely on top.*)* 18.d6 *(18.Re5?! Qd6 19.h3 h6 20.Qf4 Nd7 21.Re4 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 Nf6 23.d6 Rd8⇄* Li,C (2755)-Harikrishna,P (2763) Stavanger blitz 2016*)* 18...Bd5 19.Qf4! *(19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Qf4 Qd7 21.h3 h6 22.Rxd5 Nxd5 23.Qe5 Nf6 24.Rc1 Rd8 25.Rc7 Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Rxd6= ½,* Brunello,S (2557)-Basso,P (2417) Rome 2016*)* 19...Re8 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 Swiercz,D (2651)-Chandra,A (2513) Columbia 2019 21.h3↑ *(21.g4!?)*]

[There are also quite a few games with 15...Qf6 , but the ♕ is probably not placed too well on the » and White has excellent results here: This especially goes for

A) 16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.h3

A1) 17...h6 18.d5 exd5 *(18...e5!?)* 19.e5⩲;

A2) 17...Nf8? 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Ng6 20.Ng5 h6 21.Nxf7 Qxf7 22.d6 Rc4 23.d7 Kh7 24.Qe8 1-0, Jakovenko,D (2753)-Naiditsch,A (2700) Odessa rpd 2009;

B) 16.d5!? Nc5 *(16...exd5 17.e5 Qg6 18.Nd4 Nc5 19.Bc2 Qh5 20.Nf5↑;* Possibly the safest is *16...e5!?±)* 17.Bc2 exd5 18.e5! Qe7 19.Nd4 Ne4 20.Qf4 g6 21.h4 Kh8 22.h5 g5 23.Qf5 Rc5 24.h6 Bc8 25.Qf3 Rc3 26.Re3 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 Nc5 28.Nf3± Melkumyan,H (2650)-Bu,X (2721) Douglas 2019]

[After 15...h6 White usually plays

A) Initially I liked the idea 16.Qf4 , but after

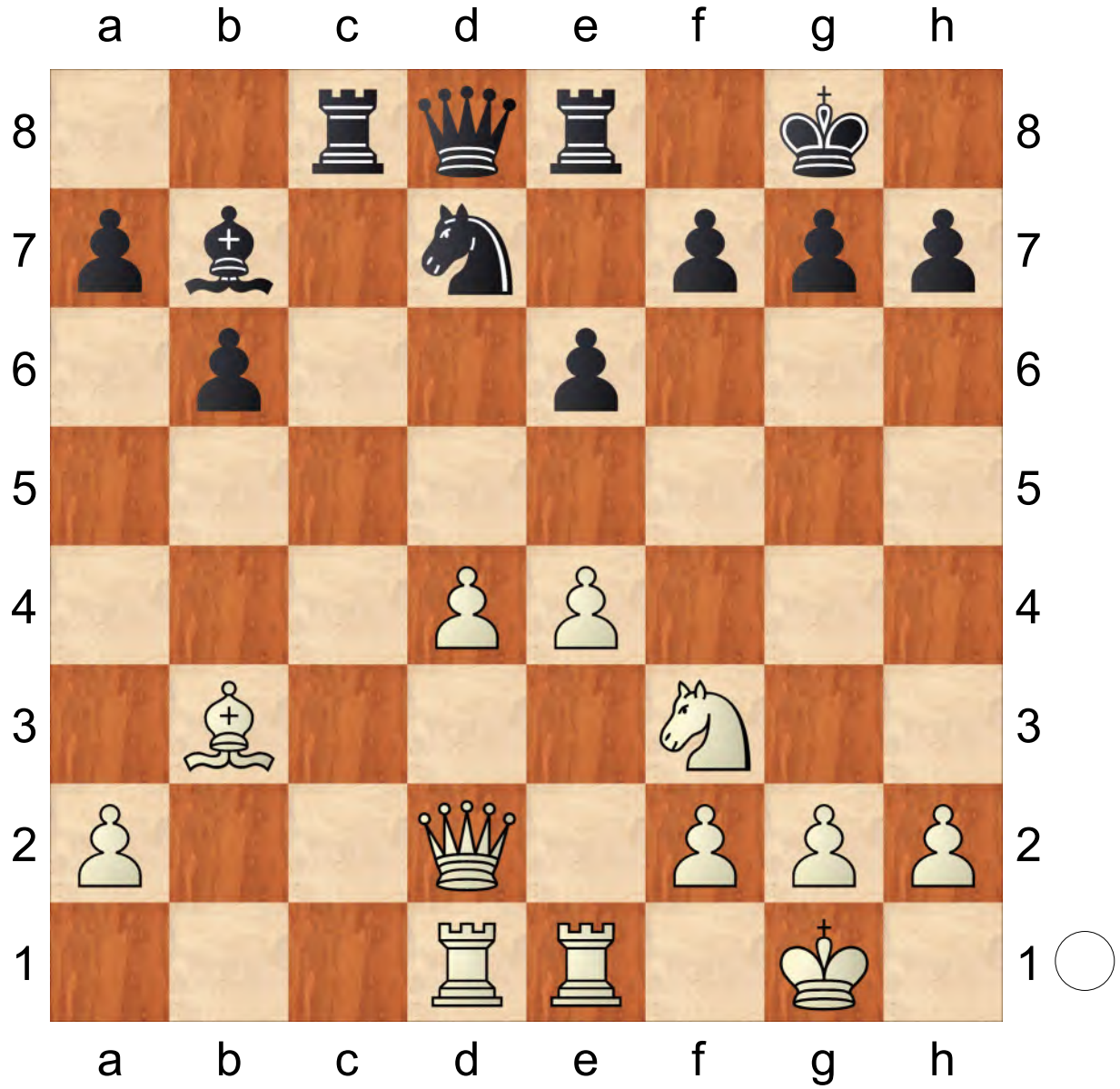
A1) 16...Qf6 17.Qg3 *(*or *17.Qg4!?* favours White; due to the pawn on h6 Black can't oppose the ♕ on g6. *)*;

A2) 16...Qc7 17.Qh4 *(17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.d5 Nc5 19.d6 Rcc8 20.e5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 g5!?⇄)* Black has 17...Nf6! and he reaches the aforementioned favourable position from the 15... ♘f6 16.♕f4 line *(17...Rfd8 18.h3 b5?! 19.d5! exd5* Kovalenko,I (2700)-Kramnik,V (2777) Berlin rpd 2015 *20.Nd4!↑)*;

B) 16.h3 , we'll check the position after 16...Re8 below. *(16...Nf6 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5* and Black faces similar problems as without the moves h3 and h6. The blockade *Qd6?!* is very fragile due to *19.Nd4! Qd7 20.Qd3* and the ♘ is heading for f5. *)*]

(Diagram)

Three years ago in my notes I didn't even consider the text move, which has meanwhile become Black's main continuation. After the central advance d5 Black is



willing to swap rooks, he also frees f8 for his ♘d7, should the necessity arise. Older alternatives are: Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'While Magnus earlier tried a more positional plan with a4-a5, all this is pretty standard with Kramnik having had this position as black several times. Black stays flexible, ready to make exchanges in the e-line after a possible d5 exd5 exd5. Making a useful more for White is not trivial, themost popular choice being 16.h3 passing the move back to Black.' **16.Re3!?** A rare move, but Magnus was following his preparation and still played it fast. We'll check the ambitious alternatives: Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'An odd looking move, as arranging an attack via g3 certainly not is possible, but it has a more subtle hidden point.'

[16.h4 h6 17.Qf4 Qc7 18.Qxc7 *(18.Qg4? Nf6)* 18...Rxc7 19.d5 *(19.Nd2* Harsha,B (2509)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) chess.com blitz 2020 *Nf6!?=* /⇆ and i don't see a contructive plan for White. *)*

A) 19...Nc5 20.d6 Rd7 21.Bc4! a6 *(21...Red8 22.e5 Bxf3 23.gxf3 a6*

24.f4± Vachier Lagrave,M (2779)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) chess.com blitz 2018 *)* 22.e5 b5 23.Be2 f6 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Rc2 Na4 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Nd4 fxe5 28.Nxb5! axb5 29.Bxb5 Ra7 30.Rc1 Nb6 31.Rxc8+ Nxc8 32.d7+- Vachier Lagrave,M (2789)-Giri,A (2782) Leuven blitz 2018;

B) 19...exd5 20.exd5 Rcc8! 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Ba4 Rd8 23.Nd4 Nc5 24.Bc6 Ushenina,A (2439)-Shuvalova,P (2434) Budva 2019 Bc8= *(24...Ba6!?=)*]

[Until now White's main try was 16.h3

A) 16...h6 17.Re3 Nf6 *(17...Qf6 18.Qe2 Qf4 19.g3 Qc7 20.d5!? exd5 21.exd5 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Qc5 23.Qf4 Qc3 24.Nd4 Re8 25.d6 Nf6 26.Kh2 Qb2 27.d7 Rd8 28.Nf5 Be4 29.Nd6 Bg6 30.Nc4 Qe2 31.Ne5+-* Mamedyarov,S (2820)-Adams,M (2712) Batumi olm 2018 For more details about this game see the notes in CBM 187 by Ganguly.*)* 18.Qe2 *(18.d5!? exd5 19.e5⩲* is similar to the game and deserves attention as well.*)* 18...Qc7∞ *(≤18...Rc7 19.d5 exd5 20.e5⩲ Ne4?? 21.Rxe4)*;

B) 16...Nf6 17.Qf4 : Another plausible continuation is

B1) 17...Nh5 18.Qh2 h6 and this position arose twice in the 2018 Candidates: *(18...Nf6 19.d5! exd5 20.e5 Nd7 21.Nd4↑)*

B1a) 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 *(20.e5 g6 21.Nd4 a6⩲* is not clear, as the ♘d4 won't get to d6. *)* 20...Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Qf6 22.Nd3 Ba6 23.Qe5 Bxd3 24.Qxh5 Bc2 25.Rc1 Bf5 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.d6 g5 28.Qd1 Bd7= So,W (2799)-Kramnik,V (2800) Berlin 2018 For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 184 by Fernandez.;

B1b) 19.Ne5 Nf6 20.Qf4 b5 21.Re3 Rc7 22.Nd3 Rc3 23.Nc5 Rxe3 24.Qxe3 Bc6 25.Rc1 Qb6 26.f3 Rd8 27.Kf2 a5 28.g4 a4 29.Bc2 Nd7∓ Mamedyarov,S (2809)-Ding,L (2769) Berlin 2018 was too soft, Black's advance on the 𝄆 already gave him the initiative. For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 184 by DIng Liren.;

B1c) White in the latest games concentrated on the somewhat comical 19.h4 b5 *(19...Nf6 20.d5! exd5 21.e5⩲* is still unpleasant*)* 20.Ne5 Here Black can also return with his knight -

B1c1) 20...a5 21.d5 exd5 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Babula,V (2549)-Pulpan,J (2418) Ostrava 2019 might be playable as well, only Black should go Qd6 24.Nc6 Rxe1+ *(24...Nf4⇄)* 25.Rxe1 Nf4 26.Qg3 *(26.Ne7+? Qxe7)* 26...Kh7 27.Qg4 Rc7=;

B1c2) 20...Nf6!? 21.Qf4 a5 22.g4 Rc7 23.a4 bxa4 24.Bxa4 Rf8 25.f3 Qd6 and White rather went for the roughly equal ⊥ after 26.Ng6 Qxf4 27.Nxf4= Adhiban,B (2683)-Ding,L (2812) Astana 2019;

B2) 17...Qc7 18.Ne5 Re7 19.Qh4 *(19.Rc1 Qd6 20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 21.Ng6 Qxf4 22.Nxf4 Bb7 23.f3 Rc7=* Vachier Lagrave,M (2779)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) chess.com blitz 2018*)* 19...Qd8 20.f3 h6 21.Qf2 Rec7 22.h4 Rc3 *(*Black begins to falter, the ♖ doesn't belong here. *⌓22...Qe7!?∞)* 23.d5 exd5 24.exd5 Qd6 25.Qd4 R3c5 26.Nc4 Qg3 *(26...Qxd5? 27.Qb2+-* **Δ**♘d6 *)*

27.Ne3 Re8 28.Re2 Qe5 29.Kf2 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Kf8 *(30...h5!?)* 31.g4 g6 *(31...b5!?)* 32.Red2 Nd7? *(* Black's position was already uncomfortable, but still defensible after *32...Rd8±)* 33.Nc4 Ba8 34.Nd6 Rd8 Aronian,L (2773)-Grischuk,A (2777) Lichess.org rpd 2020 35.Rf4 Ne5 *(35...f6 36.Ne4+-)* 36.Nxf7! Nxf7 37.d6+-]

[Black holds after the direct 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Nc5 18.d6 Bxf3! 19.Rxe8+ *(19.gxf3 Qd7 20.Qf4 h6 21.Bc4 b5 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Bd5 Ne6 24.Qg3 a5 25.Kh1 Rd8 26.Be4 b4 27.Qe5 a4⇄* Krejci,J (2563)-Papp,G (2591) Slovakia 2019 *)* 19...Qxe8 20.gxf3

A) 20...Qd7?! 21.Re1 Re8 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Qd5!↑ *(23.Qg5 Kf8 24.Kg2 Qd7 25.Qd5 Nxb3 26.axb3 f6 27.f4 g6 28.f3* Navara,D (2738)-So,W (2765) Saint Louis blitz 2019 *Qf7!? 29.Qc6 Qe8=)*;

B) 20...Qc6 21.Bd5 Qd7 22.Kg2 *(22.Qf4 Rd8 23.Be4 g6 24.h4 Qe6 25.h5 Nd7 26.Bd5 Qf6 27.Qe3 Nc5 28.Rd4 gxh5 29.Rf4 Qg6+ 30.Kh1 Ne6* Sevian,S (2642)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) Saint Louis 2019 *31.Bxe6 Qxe6 32.Rg4+! hxg4 33.Qg5+=)* 22...Qf5 23.Qe2 Qg5+ 24.Kh1 g6 25.Qe3 Qf5 26.Rd4 Rd8 27.Bc4 Ne6 28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Kg2 Rd7 30.Qb3 Kg7= Macayo,R (2489)-Arias Santana,M email 2018]

[16.Qf4 leads nowhere after

A) 16...Qc7 17.Qh4 Qd8= is similar *(17...h6!?∞* is an attempt to retain the tension and fight on. *)*;

B) 16...Qf6 17.Qg3 Qg6 18.Qf4=]

16...Nf6 Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'The point of the modern Semi-Tarrasch, instead of a5 the knight ends up at f6, not only attacking the white centre but also providing protection for the black kingside (no Bxh7+ sacrifice!)' **17.d5!?N** Only this is the real novelty. Carlsen is capable not only of strategic originality in the early phases of the opening, but also of a deeply prepared concept almost on the verge of the middlegame. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Technically speaking only this is the novelty.'

[17.Qe1 Qc7 18.h3 h6 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Ng4 Qf4 21.Ba4 Red8 22.Qe2 Nf6 23.g3 ½, Maiorov,N (2566)-Nikolov,M (2548) Padova 2015 Qg5 24.f4 Qa5 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Bb3 Rc3⇄ and both ♔s are vulnerable.]

[17.Qd3 b5?! *(*This active move is not ideal. Alternatives *17...Qc7; 17...h6* and it's not clear, if White gets anything tangible after*; 17...Ng4!? 18.Re2 Nf6)* 18.d5! exd5 19.e5 *(19.exd5 Rxe3 20.fxe3 Qb6⇄)* 19...Ne4 20.Qxb5 Qb6 21.Qxb6 *(21.Nd4!?)* 21...axb6 22.h4 *(⌓22.Nd4)* 22...h6 23.Bxd5?! *(* White chases material and misses his last chance to retain a positional advantage with *23.Nd4±)* 23...Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Rc1+ 25.Ne1 Nc3 26.Rd6 Nxa2 27.Rxb6 Nc3 28.Rd6 Rb8 29.Kh2 Nd1 30.Rf3 Nxf2= So,W (2788)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) Saint Louis blitz 2017]

[17.Qe2? Ng4 18.Red3 Ba6 drops an exchange.]

17...exd5 18.e5 It's going to be a sacrifice after all.

[The soft 18.exd5 gives Black a choice, after Rxe3 *(18...Qd6* or*; 18...Ne4* are also OK.*)* 19.fxe3 *(19.Qxe3 Bxd5* and there is no clear way to profit from the

pin) 19...Ne4∞ /∓ he gets an excellent position.]

18...Ne4 A natural active sortie.

[18...Nd7 might also be possible, here Carlsen probably wanted to play 19.Ba4!? (White is certainly not interested in the simplistic *19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Nc5= /∓*) 19...a6 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Nd4⩲ After the follow-up Rc4 22.f4 Qa4 23.f5 f6!? 24.e6 Qb4 25.Qd3 Rec8 the engine claims Black has sufficient counterplay and the position is roughly equal. While objectively this might be true, I don't know a human player, who would voluntarily go for this line with a passive ♗b7, facing the strong ♘e6.]

19.Qe1 Tal's ♘ was on a5, resp. c4, Polugaevsky's ♕ could go actively to f4 - although these differences speak in Black's favour, Magnus nevertheless recognised that even his version of the central break gives him pressure and reasonable compensation. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'This is the point of White's opening concept. At first sight it might look like a pawn down and a strong black knight at e4, but due to tactics in the e-file White indirectly protects the pawn on e5, thus having the unstoppable plan of Nd4 and f3, forcing the black knight to retreat.' **19...Qc7** Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Giri thought for a while. After the match he said he was aware of the white concept, but obviously had troubles recalling the right antidote. Black's move is logical, but has the downside that Nb5 wins a tempo aiming for the d6 square, but similar could be said of 19...Qe7 with a then possible Nf5.'

[The ♘ doesn't want to retreat voluntarily: 19...Nc5 20.Nd4 Qg5 *(20...Ne6?! 21.Nf5; 20...Qd7!?* deserves more attention, the idea is *21.f4 Ne6 22.Nf5 Nxf4∞)* 21.h4!? Δ Qxh4? 22.Nf5 Qg5 23.Nxg7!±]

[Also the alternative 19...Qe7 20.Nd4 *(20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Nc5=)* 20...g6 21.f3 *(21.Nb5 a6 22.Nd6 Nxd6 23.exd6 Qd7∓)* 21...Nc5 22.h4!? *(22.Qg3 Kh8* or*; 22.Nb5 Rcd8* and the ♘ won't get to d6. *)* 22...Kh8 *(22...Ne6?! 23.Nb5)* 23.h5⩲ is promising for White - Qg5 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Qf2! Δ f4-f5]

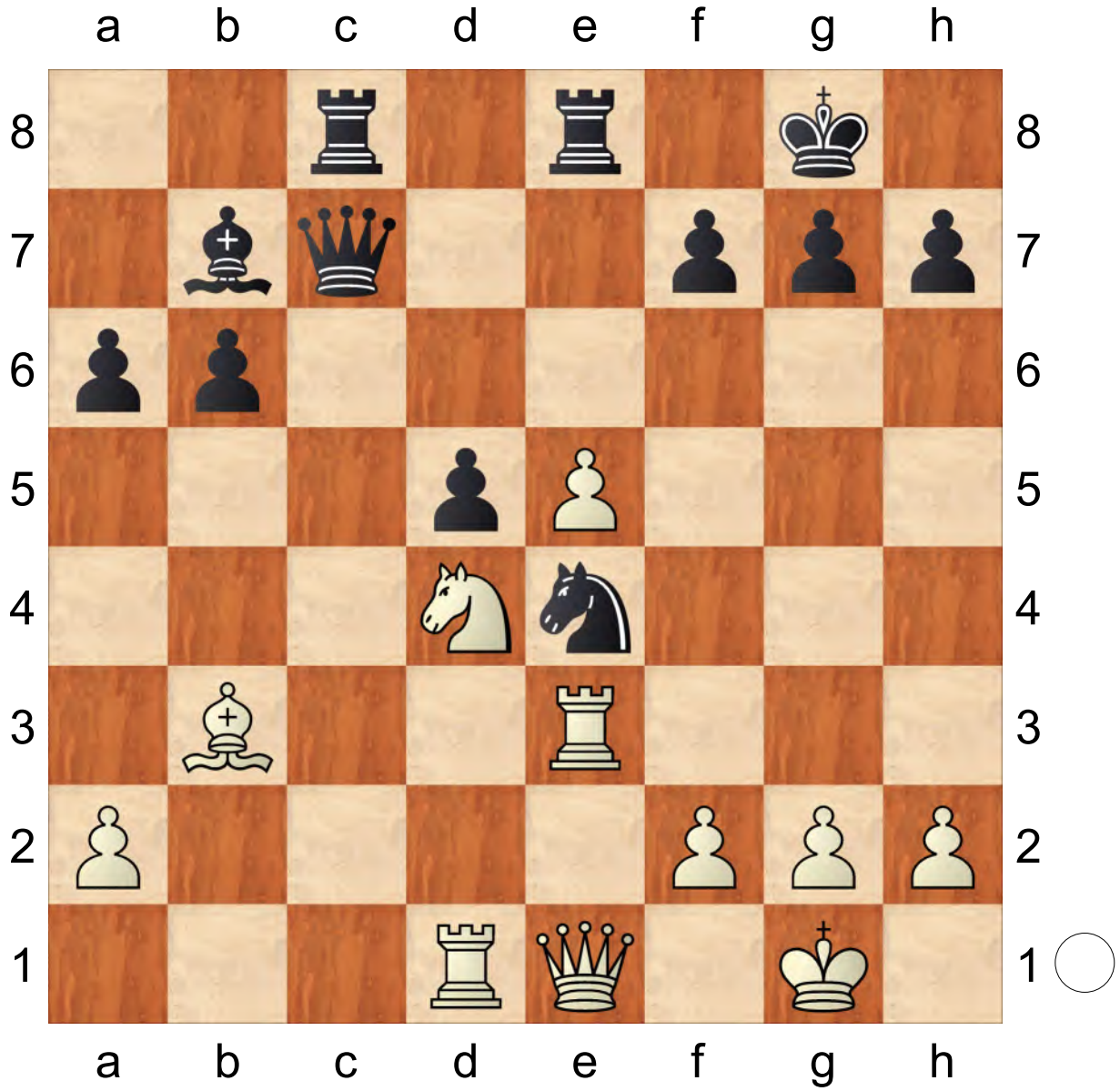
20.Nd4 a6

[20...Qxe5 Heine Nielsen,Peter 21.f3 f5 22.fxe4 fxe4 is 3 pawns for the piece, but while by the classic scale that is just enough for a knight, then A) modern computers does give numbers like 3.1 or 3.2 instead of the traditional 3, but more importantly B) the white knight on d4 makes it intolerable for Black.]

(Diagram)

Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Stopping Nb5.' **21.h4!** Heine Nielsen,Peter: '!?' Alpha Zero, Carlsen and Dubov send their regards! As we have seen earlier in the notes, sorties with the h-pawn have become quite a standard feature in various openings and middlegame situations. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Magnus later admitted that his preparation ended around here.'

[21.f3 Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'also was logical, but given the chance why not stay on brand and add some Alphazero flavor.' Nc3! 22.Rc1 *(22.Rdd3 Nb5⇄*



and swapping the ♘d4 gives Black counterplay.) 22...Qc5 23.Qxc3 (*23.Rd3? Ne2+!-+; 23.Qd2 Ne4=*) 23...Qa3 already forces White to return the piece with 24.Bc4=]

21...Rcd8?! Giri in a rapid game was already about 10 minutes down on the clock and he starts making mistakes.

[21...Nc3? 22.Rc1 Qc5 23.Rd3+- doesn't work here.]

[However, Black could have prepared the knight sortie with 21...b5!

A) After 22.h5 Black can consider Rxe5!? (*22...Qb6⇄*) 23.f3 Rxh5 24.fxe4 Qh2+∞ He will have 4♙ for the ♘, the engines evaluate the resulting position as equal.;

B) 22.f3 Nc3⇄ Δb4]

22.f3 Nc5 23.h5 Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Whites position is starting to make sense. E5 is now well protected and the h-pawn does a great job of discouraging ...g6 keeping

the white knight away from f5, as then apart from hxg6 and attack down the h-line, the Alphazero h6!? very much becomes an option. Black really has his hands full already, not to mention this is a 15 minute game and Anish having spent quite some of the precious minutes already.'

[23.Nf5

A) 23...d4? 24.Qg3 Δ g6 *(24...Ne6□±)* 25.e6! Nxe6 26.Rxe6+-;

B) 23...Nxb3 24.axb3 d4 25.Re2!?± possibly gives White an advantage, but Carlsen doesn't want to give his opponent any counterplay and is in no hurry. *(25.Qg3 f6 26.exf6 Qxg3 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Nxg3 gxf6 29.Rxd4 Kf7!? 30.Nf5 Ke6± /⇄)*]

23...Ne6?! A passive move.

[More resilient is 23...Qe7 24.f4 *(24.Nf5? Qg5* leads nowhere *)*

A) 24...Ne4 25.Nf5 Qf8 *(25...Qe6 26.Nxg7! Kxg7 27.Rxe4±)* 26.Bc2±;

B) 24...Kh8! 25.Bc2 Ne6 26.Nf5 Qc5 Although 27.Qf2! *(27.Nd6? Rxd6! 28.exd6 Nxf4* Δ *29.d7 Rxe3 30.d8Q+ Re8+-+)* 27...d4 *(27...Nxf4? 28.Qxf4 Qxc2 29.Qg5! Qxd1+ 30.Kh2 Rg8 31.h6+-)* 28.Rg3 h6 29.Bd3!?⩲ gives White a promising initiative, the final result still remains open.]

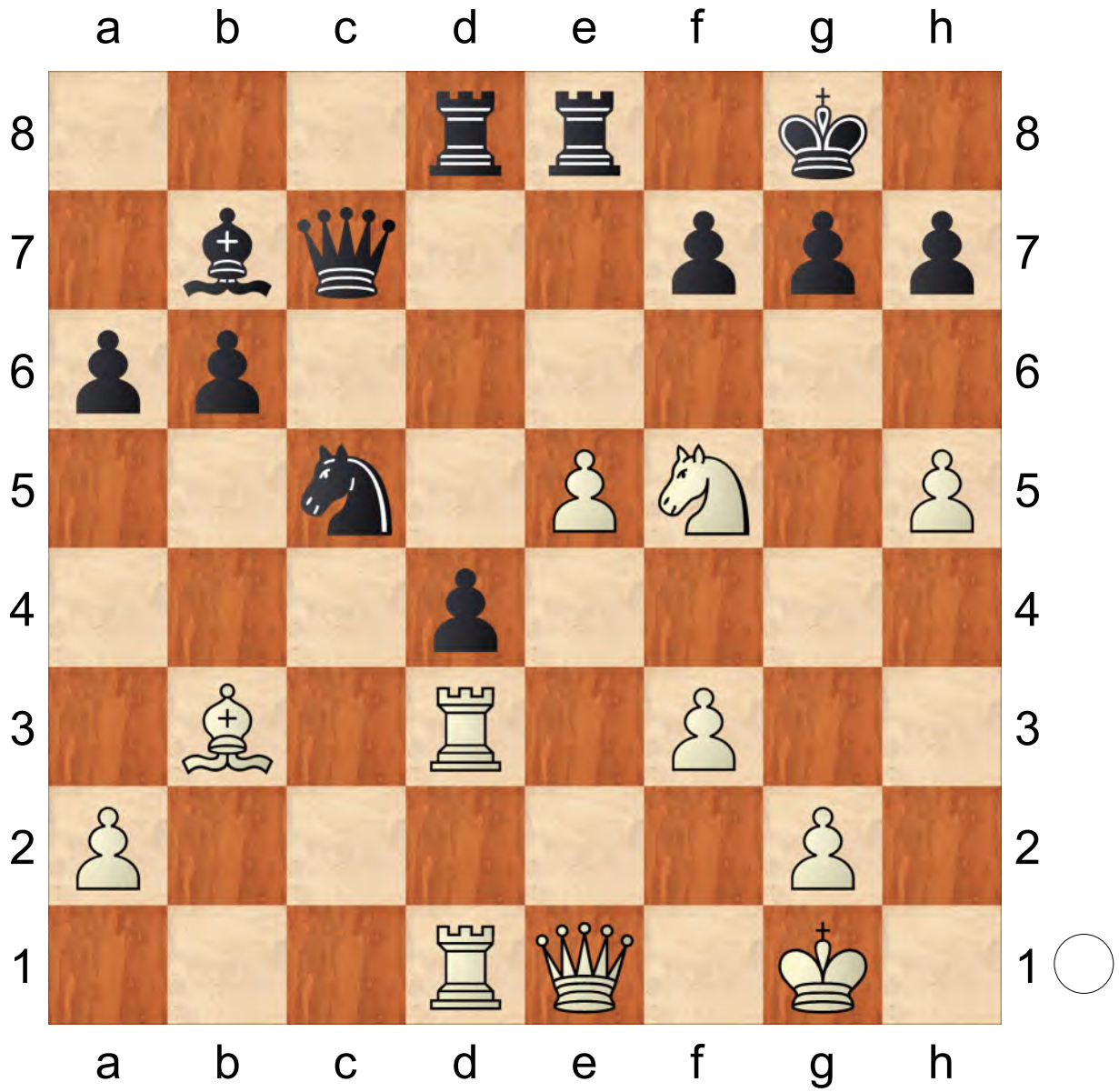
24.Nf5 d4 Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Giri said that this move gave him hope, as optically the bishop on b7 springs to life, and Black appears to have some activity.' **25.Red3** Heine Nielsen,Peter: '!' Although Giri has avctivated his ♗b7, the ♘f5, aiming for d6, is causing the defence great problems - White has excellent attacking chances. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'A "slow" looking move, but White now threatens the trivial Nd6 followed by Bxe6 and Rxd4 getting the pawn back, but keeping a dominant position.'

25...Nc5?!

[⌓25...Bd5! Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'should bring relieving exchanges, but' 26.Nd6 Bxb3 27.Nxe8 Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'works tactically, when despite Black having a pawn and solidity for the exchange, White's win is just a matter of technique.' *(27.axb3 Rf8* is unconvincing*)* 27...Rxe8 28.axb3 loses an exchange, but Rd8 enables Black to fight on: 29.h6 a5 *(29...Rd5 30.Rc1 Rxe5 31.Rxc7 Rxe1+ 32.Kf2 Nxc7 33.Kxe1 Ne6± /±)* Δ 30.hxg7? *(30.Qe4!?±)* 30...Rd5 31.Re3 dxe3 32.Rxd5 e2!⩲ and Black is suddenly OK.]

(Diagram)

After this the game is beyond salvation. Black should have liquidated the ♗b3 with another piece: Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Life is not really fair towards Giri here.' Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'And now it looks like White's e-pawn is en prise, but back rank tactics also makes that an illusion. ' **26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Nxb3 28.Qg3** This intermediate move was not necessary. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Material being equal (when White recaptures on b3) and all Black's pieces being on seemingly optinal squares, it is hard to believe that Black is just lost. However, another Alphazero theme comes to mind: Black's king is confined to g8, while White's has



space around it, making it easily escape the black back rank threats on the safe haven h2. The black king, however, is caught in a mating net.'

[28.axb3 is simple, strong and gives White an almost winning position (somewhere around +2 in computer language): Bc8 *(28...Rxe5? 29.Qxe5 Qxe5 30.Rd8++-; 28...Qc5 29.b4+-)* 29.Nd6 Qc5 30.Qd2 Rxe5 31.Nxc8+- *(or 31.b4+-* wins a piece. *)*]

28...g6

[If 28...f6 Heine Nielsen,Peter then 29.Rg4! immediately wins, with Qxe5 30.Rxg7+ Kh8 31.Rxh7+ the principal point mating on g7 next move.]

29.axb3 Rd8? Pressure on the board and on the clock leads to tactical blunders, after this the game ends immediately. Heine Nielsen,Peter: '?!' Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Allows a very beautiful finish, making the difference between a great game and a classic.'

[The best practical chance was 29...Bxf3!? Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'was better way to muddy the waters, when White has several ways to keep a winning edge, but by far most convincingly by' , here White would have to find

A) 30.gxf3? Qc1+;

B) 30.Qxf3? gxf5∓;

C) 30.Nd6 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 allows the desperado Bxg2! 32.Kxg2 *(32.Qxg2 Rxe5⇄)* 32...Qb2+ 33.Qf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Rxe5=;

D) 30.Rc4! Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'when' 30...Qa7!? *(30...Qd7 31.Nd6* not only nets an exchange, but allows a decisive prenetration via the dark squares, e.g., *Bd5 32.Nxe8 Qxe8 33.Rd4 Be6 34.Qg5 Bd7 35.Qd2+-; 30...Bc6 31.Nd4* wins a piece - Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'cynically ends the game.' *Qxe5 32.Qxe5 Rxe5 33.Rxc6 Rxh5 34.Rxb6± /+-)* 31.Rf4! *(31.gxf3? b5+ 32.Rd4 Kf8! 33.h6 Qc5!* squanders the advantage, White already doesn't have more, than *34.e6 Qc1+ 35.Kf2 Qc2+ 36.Kg1=; 31.Kh2 Bxh5 32.Rf4→* should also win, but is less forced.*)* 31...Bd5 *(31...Bxh5 32.Qg5 b5+ 33.Kh2 Qc7 34.Nh6+ Kg7 35.Rxf7+ Qxf7 36.Nxf7 Kxf7 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.e6+-)* 32.Nh6+ Kh8 *(32...Kg7 33.Qg5+-; 32...Kf8 33.hxg6 hxg6 34.Qxg6+- →)* 33.e6! *(33.Qg5? Qe7)* 33...b5+ *(33...Bxe6 34.Rxf7* is similar*)* 34.Kh2 Bxe6 35.Rxf7! Qxf7 *(35...Bxf7? 36.Qc3+)* 36.Nxf7+ Bxf7 37.h6 Kg8 38.b4!?+- Black has no fortress, the ⊥ is lost - White's ♕ will penetrate via the dark squares and net him more material.]

[The ♕ sortie 29...Qc1+ 30.Kh2 in connection with Bxf3 is convincingly refuted by 31.hxg6 fxg6 *(31...hxg6 32.e6!+- Δ Rxe6 33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.Qh4+ Bh5 35.Rh8+! Kxh8 36.Qd4+ f6 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qd7+)* 32.e6! with a winning attack: Qc5 33.Nh6+ Kg7 34.Rd7+ Kxh6 35.Qf4+ Qg5 36.Rxh7+ Kxh7 37.Qxg5 Be2 38.Qf4 Bb5 39.Qf7++- Magnus said more than once that he doesn't believe in fortresses - and this for sure isn't one.]

30.e6!+- Heine Nielsen,Peter: '!!' Deflecting the ♕c7 decides the game. Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Hitting where it hurts the most.' **30...Qc1+**

[Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Black's queen is overloaded as' 30...Qxg3 Heine Nielsen, Peter: 'is met by' 31.Rxd8#]

(Diagram)

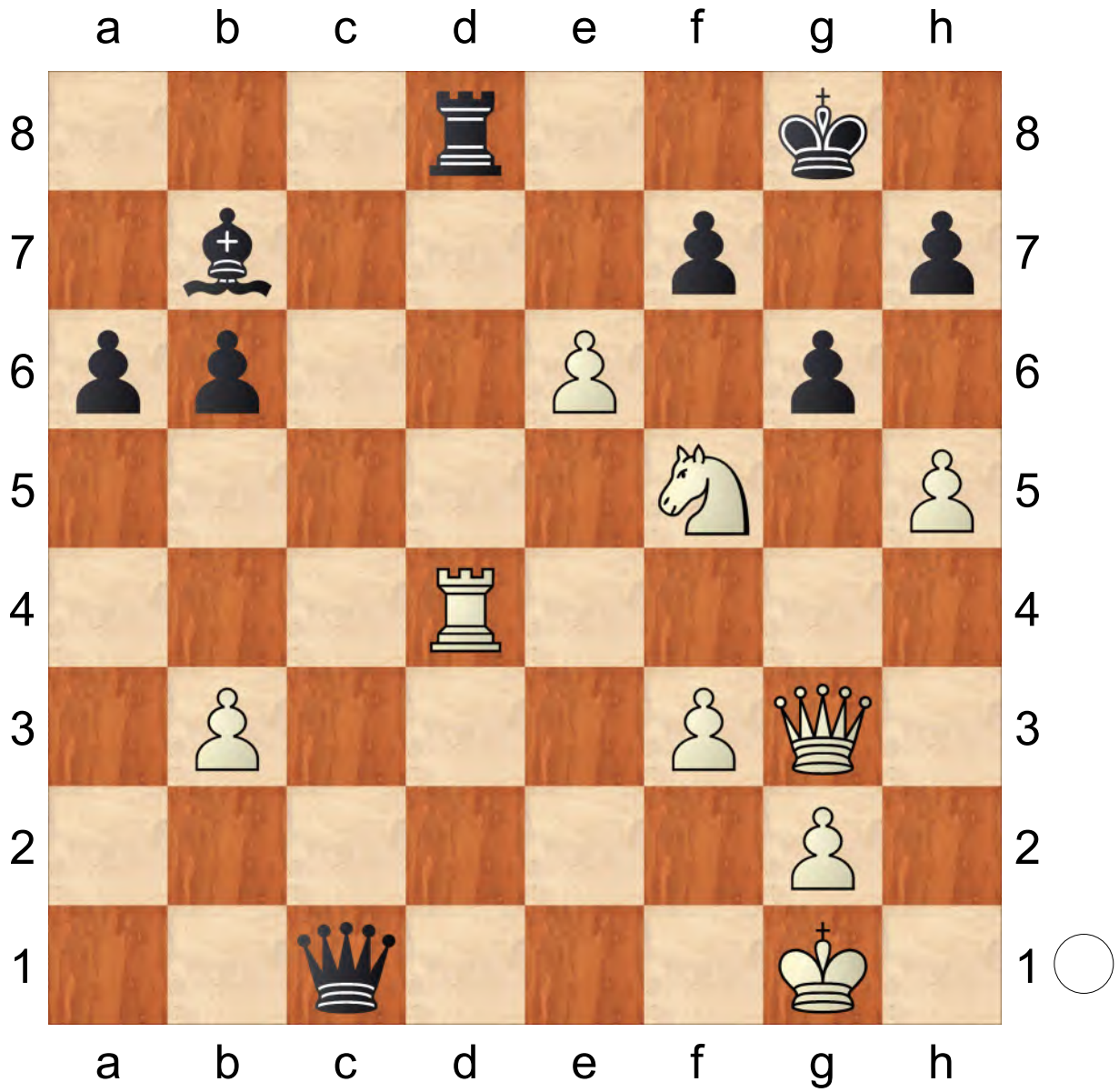
31.Kh2 Rxd4 32.e7 Heine Nielsen,Peter: '!!' Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'The true moment of beauty, it is the least valued piece that breaks Black's resistance.'

[32.Qb8+ Bc8 33.e7+- is similar]

32...Qc8

[32...Rh4+ 33.Qxh4 Bc6 34.Qf6 Qf4+ *(34...gxf5 35.h6 Qf4+ 36.Kh3+-* mates *)* 35.g3! Qxf5 36.Qxc6+-]

[The key idea is that 32...Bc6 Heine Nielsen,Peter stopping promotions fails to the back rank mate after 33.Qb8+]



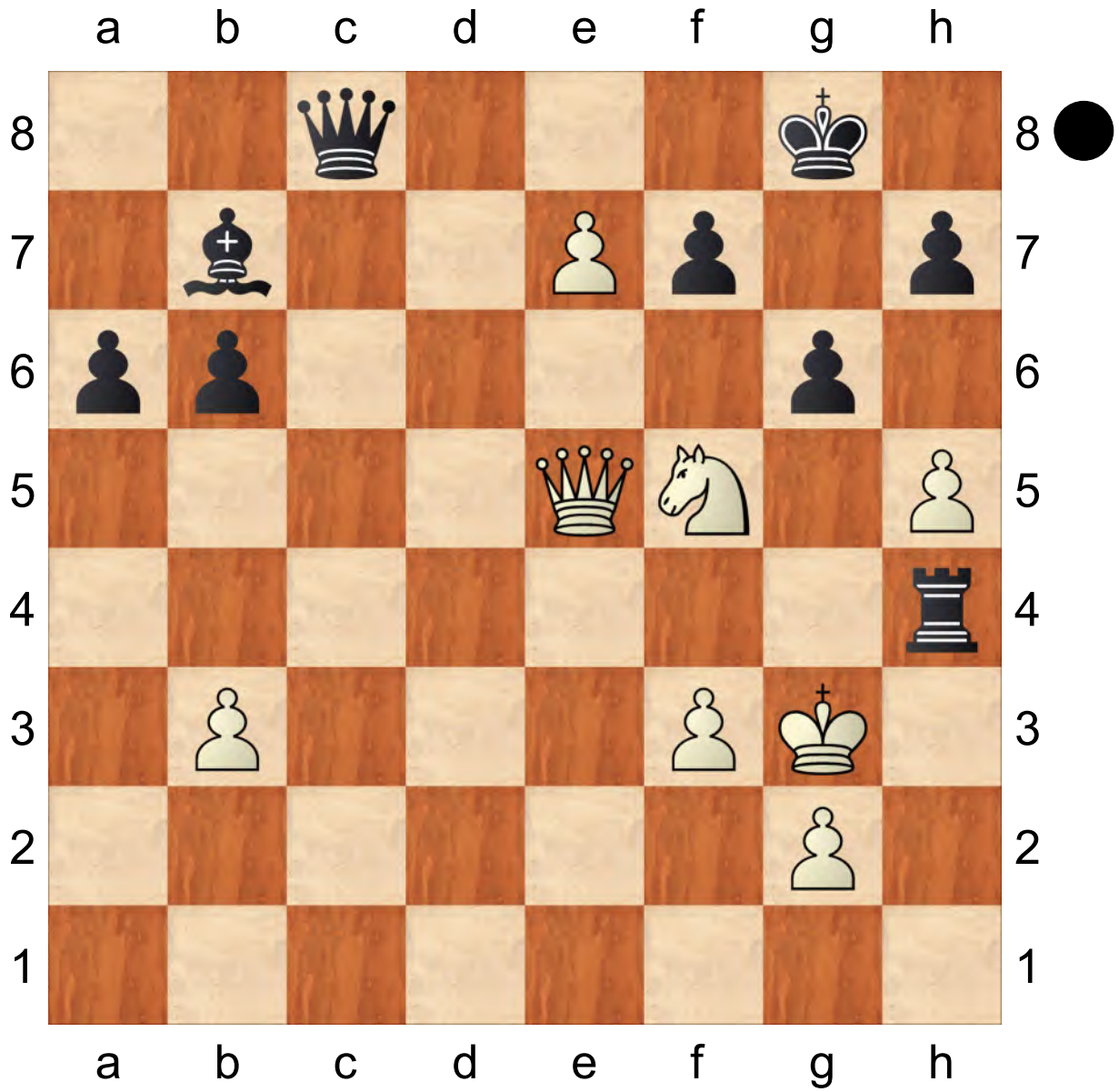
33.Qe5 Heine Nielsen,Peter: '!' Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'Threatening mate on g7 as well as queening the pawn. All that is left for Black is to give a check.' **33...Rh4+** The final spite check.

[33...gxf5 34.e8Q+ Qxe8 35.Qxe8+ Kg7 36.Qe5++-]

34.Kg3

(Diagram)

Heine Nielsen,Peter: '!' Heine Nielsen,Peter: 'A fitting end, illustrating the difference in king safety, the white monarch safely steps forward, even attacking the rook on h4, while Black's king is caught on its castling square. If 34...gxf5 promoting with check and the collecting the rook on h4 wins trivially. It might still feel like classical chess should produce more interesting opening concepts, higher quality in games but



these "youngsters" playing Clutch chess or Chessable Masters do a very impressive job of making that point of view sound old and grumpy. The World Champion plays close to prefection, and Giri forces him to illustrate both positional sacrifices and sharp tactics by putting up strong resistance. All in the space of half an hour.'

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C11

□ **Wang,Hao** **2762**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2777**
Candidates Tournament (10) 21.04.2021
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 e6 The Candidates is the most significant event in the career of all the participants, so it's no wonder they work hard and prepare very seriously for the tournament. This often includes new lines, systems or even whole openings they play only rarely. In this sense both Nepo's and Grischuk's choice of the French was one of the surprises of the first, resp. second half of the event. Despite getting interesting or even promising positions, resultwise both of them didn't do too well... **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6**

[Nepo opted for the even more committal 3...Bb4 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2767)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Candidates Tournament 2020 (7) and it cost him dearly - he lost the sole lead in]

4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 Steinitz's move is more or less a side-line nowadays, with most of the attention concentrating on the far more topical

[5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 After cxd4 *(7...a6* is the other main alternative - Ian played it in the Crypto Cup in May 2021 with some success.*)* 8.Nxd4 Qb6 9.Qd2 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Bb5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a6 13.Bxd7+ Bxd7 14.Rb3 Qe7 15.Rxb7 Maybe this is why Grischuk preferred

A) 15...Rc8 is currently the most often played move: 16.0-0

A1) 16...Qd8 17.Rf3!? Rc4 18.Ne2 Qc8 19.Rb2 Bc5 20.h3 0-0 21.Kh2 f6?! *(21...Qc7⇄)* 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Bxc5 Rxc5 24.Rg3+ Kh8 25.Nd4 Rg8 26.Rbb3 Rxg3 27.Rxg3 Qf8 28.Qe3→ Grischuk,A (2759)-Shirov,A (2664) Douglas 2019;

A2) 16...Qa3

A2a) 17.f5 Bc5 18.fxe6 *(18.Ne2 exf5 19.Qg5 g6 20.Kh1 Be7 21.Qd2!? Be6 22.Bg1⩲)* 18...Bxe6 19.Ne2 0-0 20.Rb3 Bxd4+ 21.Nxd4 Qxa2 22.Rg3 Qb2 23.Rb3 Qa2 24.h4 Rb8 25.Rg3 Rb1 26.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 27.Kh2 Chigaev,M (2542)-Bykov,O (2378) Voronezh 2016 Kh8 and White has hardly anything more than 28.Rxg7 Kxg7 29.Qg5+=;

A2b) 17.Rfb1!? Bc5 18.Ne2 Bxd4+ 19.Nxd4 Rc4 20.f5!? exf5 21.e6 fxe6 22.Rb8+ Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8 24.Nxe6 Qd6 25.Nxg7+ Kf7 26.Nh5 Re8 27.Nf4 *(27.Rf1* Ivic,V (2525)-Ragnarsson,D (2388) Batumi 2019 *d4 28.Nf4 Bb7⩲)* 27...Re4 28.Nd3⩲ Fenwick,C (2587)-Sengupta,D email 2016 Although Black has held all the mail games, which reached this position, White with his safer ♔ has certainly at least some edge - all in all not a very attractive position to defend over the board.;

B) 15...Qh4+

B1) 16.Bf2 is more popular and possibly more critical: Qd8 17.Bb6 Qc8

18.Rc7 Qd8 19.Qd4 Ba3 20.Nb1 Be7 21.c4 Rc8 22.Rb7 Bb4+ 23.Kf2 Qxb6 24.Rxb6 Bc5 25.Rd1 Bxd4+ 26.Rxd4 dxc4 27.Nc3 Rc7 28.Rxa6 Ke7 29.Rb6 Ra8 30.Ke3 h5!? *(30...Ra3 31.Kd2 Ra5 32.g3 f6 33.exf6+ gxf6 34.Kc1± 1-0 (53) Kamsky,G (2741)-Shimanov,A (2655) Tromsoe 2013)* 31.Rb4 Ra3 32.Kd2 f6 33.Rdxc4 *(33.exf6+ gxf6 34.Rdxc4 Rxc4 35.Rxc4 h4∞ Δ 36.Kc2 Ra8)* 33...Rxc4 34.Rxc4 fxe5 35.fxe5 Ra5 36.Re4 Bc6∞ Andscacs 0.93-Fire 020718 chessdom.com 2018;

B2) 16.Qf2

B2a) 16...Qxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Be7

B2a1) ⌓18.Rhb1! Bd8 *(18...Bc8 19.R7b3 0-0 20.Na4± 1-0 (28) Wang,J (2380)-Zhang,X (2374) China 2016)* 19.Rb8 Rxb8 20.Rxb8 0-0 21.Rb7 Bc6 22.Ra7 a5 *(22...Ba5 23.Rxa6 Bxc3 24.Bxc3 Rc8 25.Ke3±)* 23.Bc5 Re8 24.g3↑;

B2a2) 18.Nd1N Bd8 19.Ne3 Bc6 20.Rb2 0-0 21.Bc5 Re8 22.c4 f6 23.cxd5 exd5 24.Bd6 fxe5 25.fxe5 d4 26.Nf5 d3 27.Ke3 Bb5= /∓, Alekseenko,K (2698)-Grischuk,A (2777) Ekaterinburg 2021/ Black has a comfortable position here, later on he overpressed and lost.;

B2b) ⌓16...Be7! 17.g3 *(17.Qxh4 Bxh4+ 18.Kd2 Bd8 19.Rhb1 Bc6 20.Rb8 Rxb8 21.Rxb8 0-0 22.Rc8 Bb7 23.Rb8 Bc6 24.Rc8 Bb7 25.Rb8= ½,* Dominguez Perez,L (2730)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2718) Sochi 2012 *)* 17...Qh3 18.Kd2 Bd8 19.Rhb1 Bc6 20.Bc5 Bxb7 21.Rxb7 Rc8 22.Kc1 *(22.Ne4 dxe4 23.Qd4 Qg2+ 24.Kc1 Bc7* and White has only *25.Qa4+ Kd8 26.Qd4+=)* 22...f6 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Qe2 Rc7 25.Rxc7 Bxc7 Karjakin,S (2771)-Agdestein,S (2628) Stavanger 2014 26.exf6+ Kd7 27.f7 Bd6 28.Bxd6 Kxd6 29.Qe5+ Kd7 30.Qxg7 Qf1+ 31.Kd2 Qf2+= For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 161 by Marin.]

5...c5

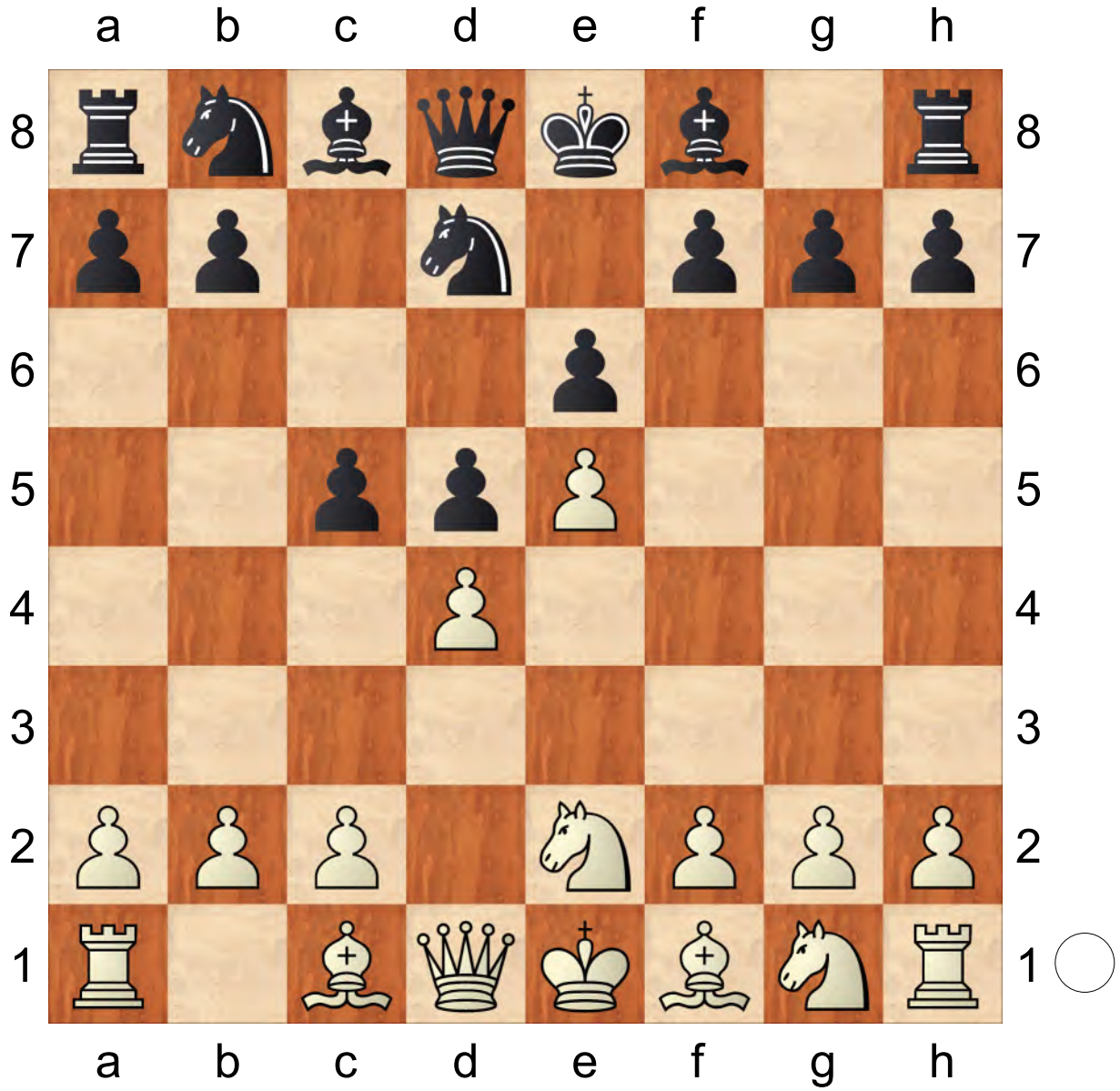
(Diagram)

6.c3 Nc6 7.f4 Contrary to the 5.f4 and 6.♘f3 system, where White occupies d4 with a piece, in the Steinitz/Tarrasch line he wants to build up a powerful ♙⊞ and exploit his space advantage to quash any counterplay. The drawback is that he falls behind in development and if Black manages to effectively break open the ⊞, even at some material cost, he can get an excellent position.

[7.Nf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 is not in the spirit of the line and 10.Ng3? *(⌓10.Nc3 Bd6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7∞)* was already punished by 10...Qb6 11.Bd3 *(11.a3 e5! 12.dxe5 Ng4∓)* 11...Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qc1 Qd6 19.f4 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Bd7 21.Qc3 Bb5 22.Bxb5 Qxb5∓ Pichot,A (2630)-Grischuk,A (2776) chess24.com rpd 2021]

7...Be7

[7...Qb6 is the more usual reaction. The position after 8.Nf3 can arise also from



the line 3. ♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7. ♘df3 ♕b6 8. ♘e2 - the only difference is that here the ♘b1 is sitting on f3 and the ♘g1 on e2! However, in this move order White prefers to play 8.g3 instead. Let's see now how Black can put the words from the previous note about energetic counterplay into action:

A) 8...Be7 9.g3 *(9.a3!?)* 9...0-0 10.Bh3 cxd4 11.cxd4 f6

A1) 12.Rf1 Kh8 13.Rf2 fxe5 14.fxe5 Ndxe5! 15.dxe5 Bb4+ 16.Nc3 Nxe5

A1a) 17.a3 Bc5 18.Rf1 Nxf3+ 19.Rxf3 Bd7 20.Bf4 *(20.b4? Bf2+ 21.Kf1 Bd4 22.Bb2* Harikrishna,P (2514)-Visser,Y (2442) Wijk aan Zee 2001 *Bxc3 23.Bxc3 Ba4!-+)* 20...Bc6 21.Be5 Lupulescu,C (2558)-Gurevich,M (2611) Plovdiv 2008 d4 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Qg4 Rf7↑;

A1b) 17.Qe2 Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3 Rxf3 19.Qxf3 e5⩲ 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.a3 Qg1+ 22.Qf1 Bxc3+ 23.bxc3 Qxh2= /∓;

A2) 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.exf6 *(13.Bxd5? fxe5 14.fxe5 Ndxe5! 15.dxe5*

Nxe5 16.Bf4 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Bb4+ 18.Nc3 Re8+ 19.Kf1 Bh3+ 20.Bg2 Qa6+ 21.Kf2 Bc5+ 22.Kf3 Guliyev,N (2555)-Schlawin,M (2302) Paris 2005 *Qc6+ 23.Qd5 Rad8! 24.Qxc6 Rd3+-+)* 13...Nxf6 14.Bxc8 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Raxc8⩲ 16.Kg2 Ne4 17.Qd3 Na5 18.Ne5 Qa6 19.b3 Qxd3 20.Nxd3 Bd6 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Rd1 Rfd8 24.Rb1 Nc6 25.Bd2 Kg8 26.Be1 g6 27.b4 Bf8 28.Rb3 Rd7 29.b5 Ne7 30.Kf3 Bg7= Abolins Abols, D (2165)-Dzenis,J (2205) email 2018;

B) 8...f6

B1) 9.g3 cxd4 *(9...Be7 -* 8...♗e7 *)* 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 0-0 12.a3 Be7 13.Bh3 fxe5 14.Bxe6+ Kh8 15.Nxd5 Qd8 16.Bxd7 Bxd7 *(16...Qxd7 17.Nxe7 Qxe7 18.dxe5 Bg4 19.0-0* Solleveld,M (2468)-Molander,R (2353) Cork 2005 *Qc5+ 20.Kg2 Qc4 21.b3 Qe6 22.Ng5 Qc8⩲)* 17.dxe5 Bg4 18.0-0 *(18.h3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Nxe5 20.Qe4 Nd7 21.0-0 Nf6⩲)* 18...Bc5+ 19.Be3 Bxe3+ 20.Nxe3 Qb6 21.Qd2 Bxf3 22.Rxf3 Nd4 23.Rff1 Nb3 24.Qf2 Nxa1 25.Rxa1 Rae8 26.Rc1 g5 27.Ng4 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 gxf4 29.Rc7⇄ Smagin,S (2550)-Dimitrov,V (2405) Prilep 1992;

B2) 9.a3 Be7 10.h4 0-0 11.Rh3 a5 12.b3 Qc7 13.Neg1 Anand,V (2762)-Shirov,A (2746) New Delhi/Teheran 2000/ Black had to win this game to stay in the match and sacrificed material. In CBM 081, Anand recommended b6!? instead: 14.h5 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.h6 g6 18.Qe2 Raa8 *(⌓18...b5! 19.Qxe6+ Kh8⩲)* 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Ne2 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nxd4? 22.Nfxd4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Rfe8 24.Bb2 Nf6 25.Re3 Rxe6 26.Nxe6 Qe7 27.Rc1± Hoogervorst,P (2129)-Vermeulen,B (1918) Chessfriend.com 2005]

8.Nf3 f6 9.Be3 Unusual, as this move belongs into the 5.f4 and 6.♘f3 line. Developing the ♗c1 is not the top priority here and Wang Hao admitted in the subsequent press conference he played the text mainly due to confusion.

[White usually wants to safeguard his ♔ first and starts with 9.g3 , now Qb6 - 8...♗e7 10.Bh3 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0∞ leads to a position from the previous note.]

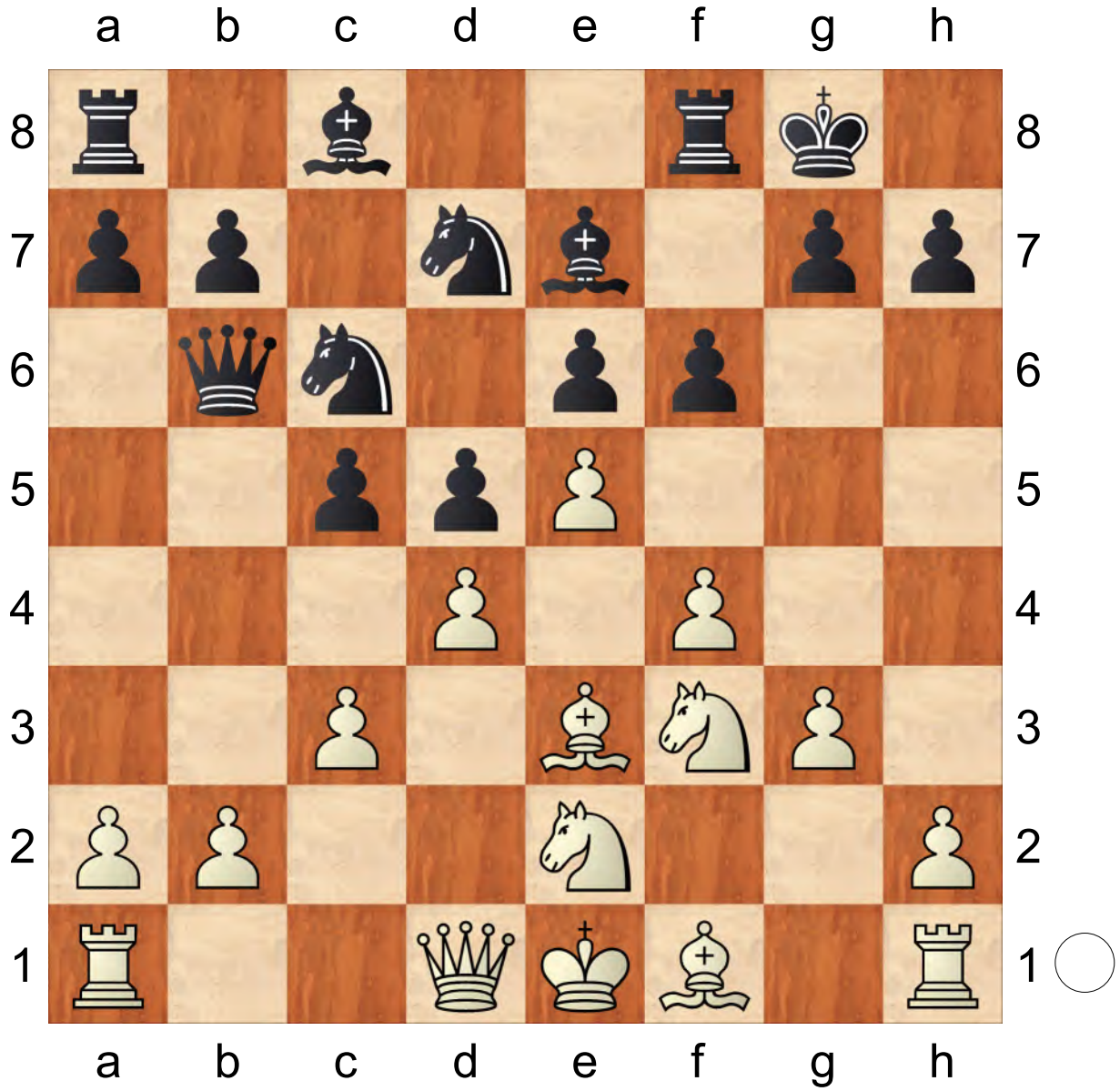
9...0-0 10.g3 Qb6

(Diagram)

11.Qd2

[11.Qb3!? might be objectively better - if the position opens up with the ♔ on e1, it's safer for White to swap the ♕: Na5 *(11...fxe5 12.dxe5 Qxb3 13.axb3 Ndb8 14.Nc1 b6 15.h4 a5 16.Kf2 Na6 17.Bb5 Bb7 18.Rd1 Nc7 19.Bd3 d4 20.cxd4 cxd4 21.Bd2 h6 22.h5 Rad8 23.Bg6 Na6 24.Nd3↑* Windhausen,G (2547)-Schmid,P (2529) email 2017*; 11...Qa6!? 12.Qc2 fxe5 13.dxe5 b5⇄; 11...cxd4 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Nexd4 Nc5 14.a3±)* 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Nd2 b5 14.exf6 gxf6 *(14...Rxf6!?)* 15.f5 e5 16.dxc5 Rd8 17.Bg2 Bxc5 18.Bh6 d4 19.Ne4 Nc4 20.b3 Nd6 21.Nxd6 Bxd6 22.cxd4 exd4 23.Nxd4 Nc5 24.Bd5+ Kh8⇄ Anikin,V (2313)-Emrich,E (2340) email 2018]

[11.Bh3 cxd4



A) 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Bxd7 *(13.cxd4 Ndxe5-+)* 13...Bxd7 14.Bxd4 Qxb2 15.exf6 gxf6!?∞ /∓;
B) 12.cxd4? fxe5 13.Bxe6+ Kh8 14.0-0 e4 15.Ng5 Nf6∓ Δ 16.Nf7+ Rxf7 17.Bxf7 Nd8;
C) 12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.Nexd4 fxe5 14.fxe5 Qxb2 *(14...Nc5!∓)* 15.Bxe6+ Kh8 16.0-0 Qxc3 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.axb3 Nc5 19.Ng5 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Bxe6 21.Ngxe6 Nxe6 22.Nxe6≅ /=, Smirnov,A (2602)-Cheng,B (2539) Canberra 2021]

11...cxd4!?N If it still wasn't clear that both players were ouf of their preparation, Grischuk's 72 (!) minute think on this move removed the last doubts. However, it's a good, albeit unintentional novelty.

[11...fxe5 12.dxe5 Rd8
A) 13.Bh3 d4 14.Bf2 d3 *(14...dxc3 15.Qxc3 Nf8 16.0-0 Qa6 17.Nc1 b6∞)*

15.Nc1 Nf8 16.b3 *(16.b4!±)* 16...Qa6 17.a4 b5 18.0-0 Bb7 19.Ra2 b4 20.c4 Na5! 21.Be3 Nxc4 22.bxc4 Qxc4⩲ Kamsky,G (2730)-Ding,L (2628) Moscow 2011;

B) 13.Bf2 d4 14.Bg2 dxc3 15.Qxc3 Qa6 16.Rd1 b5 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Nd2 Rac8 19.Ne4 b4 20.Qe3 Qxa2 21.b3 Qa6 22.Ra1 Qb6 23.Rfd1 Nf8 24.Rxd8 Nxd8 25.Nd2 Ba6 26.Qe4 Bb5 27.Nc4⩲ Macs,O (2054)-Zoll,D (2239) email 2015]

[11...Kh8 12.Bg2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb4 14.Nc3 Qa6 15.Kf2 fxe5 16.fxe5 Ndxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Rhf1 Nc4 19.Qe2 d4 20.Bxd4 e5 21.Nd5 exd4 22.Nxb4 Qb5 23.Qe7 Bh3 24.Bxh3 Nd2 25.Kg1 Nxf3+ Fedoseev,V (2667)-Morozevich,A (2676) Moscow 2016 26.Kh1 Rae8 27.Qd6 Qh5 28.Qd5! Re5 29.g4 Rxd5 30.gxh5 Rxh5 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Bg4+-]

12.Nfxd4?!

[12.cxd4 fxe5 13.dxe5 Bc5↻ ∓ Here the ♔e1 starts feeling the heat without Black having to sacrifice anything.]

[However, the more harmonious 12.Nexd4 turns out to be a better move. Grischuk calculated a lot here:

A) 12...Ncxe5? 13.fxe5 fxe5 14.Nf5 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 *(15...Nxc5 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Nxe5 Ne4 18.Qd4 Qxb2 19.Rd1 Qf2+ 20.Qxf2 Nxf2 21.Rd4+- Δ Nxh1 22.N5g6+ hxg6 23.Rh4#)* 16.b4 Qb6 17.Ne7+±;

B) 12...fxe5! 13.Nxe6 d4 Necessary is

B1) 14.Nxf8 dxe3

B1a) 15.Bc4+ Kh8! 16.Qd5 *(16.Ng6+ hxg6 17.Qg2 Nc5-+)* 16...Nf6-+;

B1b) 15.Qd5+

B1b1) 15...Kxf8? 16.Bc4 Ke8 17.Qg8+ Nf8 18.0-0-0 Nd8 *(18...Bd7 19.Rhe1 exf4 20.Ng5!+-)* 19.Nxe5 Be6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Qxe6 *(21.Qxg7 Nc6!±)* 21...Nfxe6 22.Rhe1±;

B1b2) 15...Kh8! 16.0-0-0 *(16.Bc4 Nf6 17.Qb5 Qxb5 18.Bxb5 e4-+; 16.Nxd7 Qxb2-+)* 16...Nxf8 17.Bc4 Be6-+;

B2) ∩14.Bf2 Re8 15.Be2 with sharp play:

B2a) 15...Bc5 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Ng5!? *(17.0-0 Ne4 18.Qc2 Nxf2 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Qxf2 e4 21.Ng5 h6 22.Nf7+ Kh7 23.Nd6 Be6 24.cxd4 Nxd4=)* 17...h6 18.Bc4+ Ne6 19.Ne4 Kh8 20.0-0-0 Nc5 21.Nd6 Na5 22.fxe5 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Qa6 24.Qxd4 b6 25.Nd6 Be6 26.Qb4 Nd3+ 27.Rxd3 Qxd3 28.Nxe8 Rxe8⩲ ⧉;

B2b) 15...Na5!? 16.f5 Nf6 17.Nxe5 Bxe6 18.Bxd4 Bc5 19.fxe6 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Rad8 21.b4 Rxd4 22.bxa5 Qd6 23.Nd3 Qxe6⩲]

[12.Bxd4 Bc5 *(12...Nxd4 13.Nexd4 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.fxe5=; 12...Nc5 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.exf6 Rxf6!? 15.Bxf6 Bxf6⩱)* 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.0-0-0 Ne4 15.Qe3 e5!? 16.Nxe5 *(16.Bxc5 Nxc5∓)* 16...Bxd4 17.Nxd4 *(17.cxd4 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Bf5→ -+)* 17...Nxe5 18.fxe5 Rf2 19.Bb5 Bh3! *(19...a6? 20.Rhf1 Rxh2 21.Qf3 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Ba4+-)* 20.e6 a6 21.Be2 Raf8⩲ /∓]

12...Nc5?! Black's reaction is not ideal either.

[The engine screams for ⌓12...Bc5! , the point being Black is prepared to sacrfice a piece on b4 for ovewhelming compensation:
A) 13.b4 Nxb4 14.cxb4 *(14.Rb1 fxe5 15.fxe5 Nxe5! 16.cxb4 Nf3+ 17.Nxf3 Bxe3-+)* 14...Bxb4 15.Nc3 fxe5 16.fxe5 Nxe5↑ /∓;
B) 13.exf6 Nxf6
B1) 14.b4 Nxb4 15.Rb1 Ne4 16.Qd1 e5 17.fxe5 Rf3! *(17...Bg4→)* 18.Nxf3 Bxe3 19.Qb3 Nc5 20.Qxb4 Nd3+-+;
B2) 14.Bg2 e5 15.fxe5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.b4 Nxb4! 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Nc3 Qa5 20.Rc1 Bh3↑]

13.exf6 Bxf6

[13...gxf6!?∞]

14.Nb3 Ne4 15.Qd3

[Afterwards the players shortly debated the line 15.Bxb6 Nxd2 16.Bc5 Nxf1 *(16...Nxb3?! 17.axb3±)* 17.Bxf8 Ne3 18.Kf2 Ng4+ 19.Kf3 , Black has a lot of play after e5!? *(*Grischuk intended *19...Nge5+ 20.fxe5 Nxe5+ 21.Kg2 Kxf8⩲* , which is also viable.*)* 20.h3 *(20.Bc5 b6 21.Bg1 Bf5↑)* 20...e4+ 21.Kg2 Ne3+ 22.Kf2 Nc4 23.Bc5 Nxb2 24.Bd4∞]

15...Qc7

(Diagram)

16.Bg2 Nd6?! Now White finishes his development and after consolidation can fight for an advantage due to his better pawn-structure.

[The more active 16...b6 17.0-0 a5 leds to roughly equal play after 18.Rfe1 *(18.Bxe4?! dxe4 19.Qxe4 Bb7↑)* 18...Ba6 19.Qd1 a4 *(19...Rae8 20.Ned4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4±)* 20.Nbd4 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 *(21.Bxd4 a3⇄)* 21...Nc5∞ 22.b4 Nd3 23.Nxe6 Qxc3 24.Bxd5 Kh8 25.Rb1 Rad8 *(25...Nxe1 26.Qxe1 Rae8 27.Qxc3 Bxc3 28.Nxf8 Rxe3 29.Ne6 Re1+ 30.Rxe1 Bxe1⩲)* 26.Nxd8 Rxd8 27.b5 Nxe1 28.Qxe1 Qxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Bxb5=]

17.Bf2 Nc4 18.Qc2 Ne7 19.0-0 Logical, White doesn't commit a piece to d4 yet and finally safeguards his ♔.

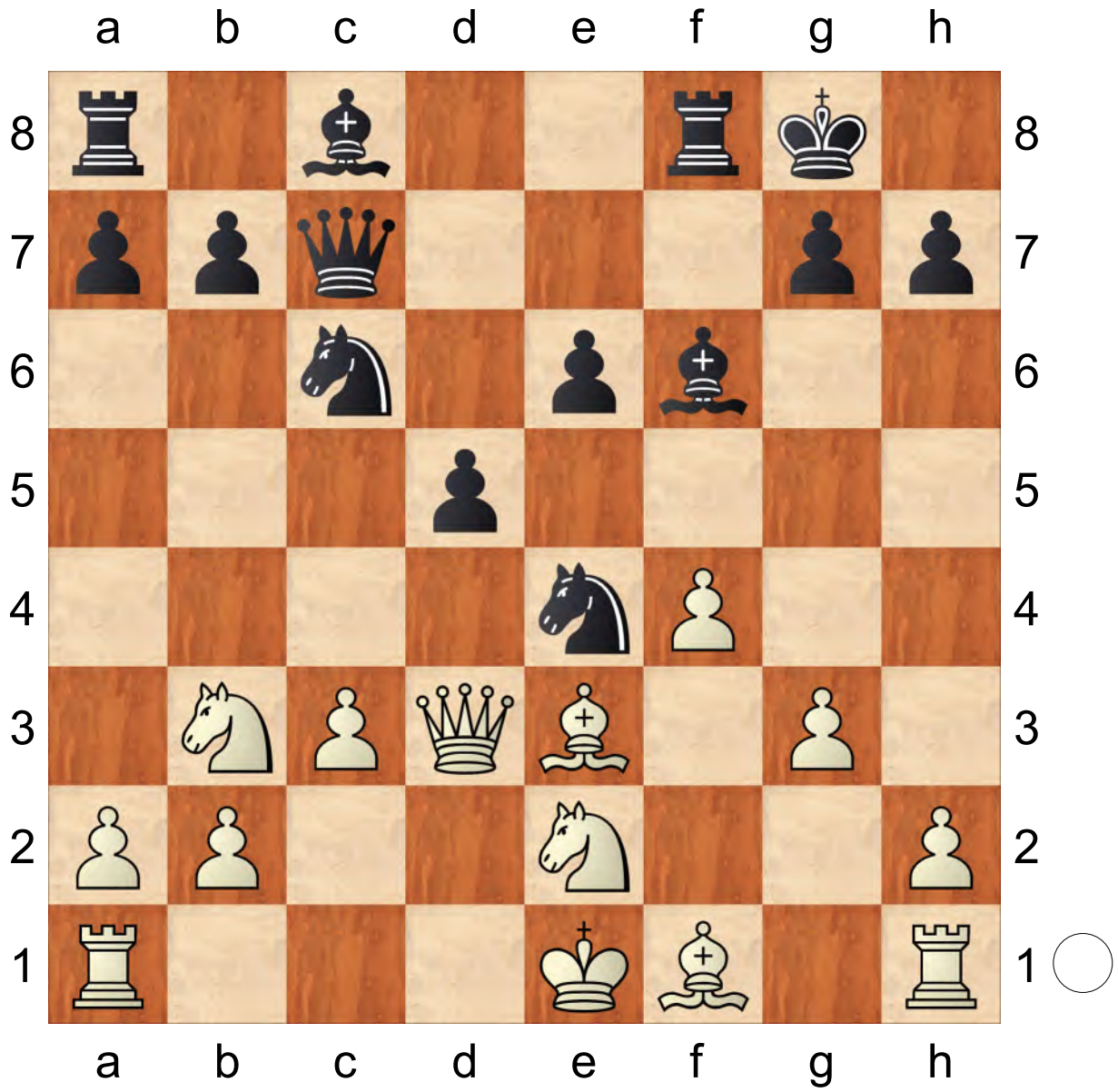
[≤19.Nbd4 e5 20.fxe5 allows Qxe5! 21.0-0 Nf5⇄]

19...e5 20.fxe5 Bf5

[20...Bxe5 21.Ned4± /±]
[20...Qxe5 21.Bd4! Qg5 22.Rae1 Ne3 23.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 24.Kh1↻ ±]

(Diagram)

As taking back on e5 gives White a comfortable position, Grischuk flicks in an intermediate developing move. He is willing to sacrifice a pawn... **21.exf6!?** Instead of accepting the offer, Wang Hao creatively offers a ♕ for only 2 minor pieces. Possibly a glance at his opponent's clock influenced his decision, but while the text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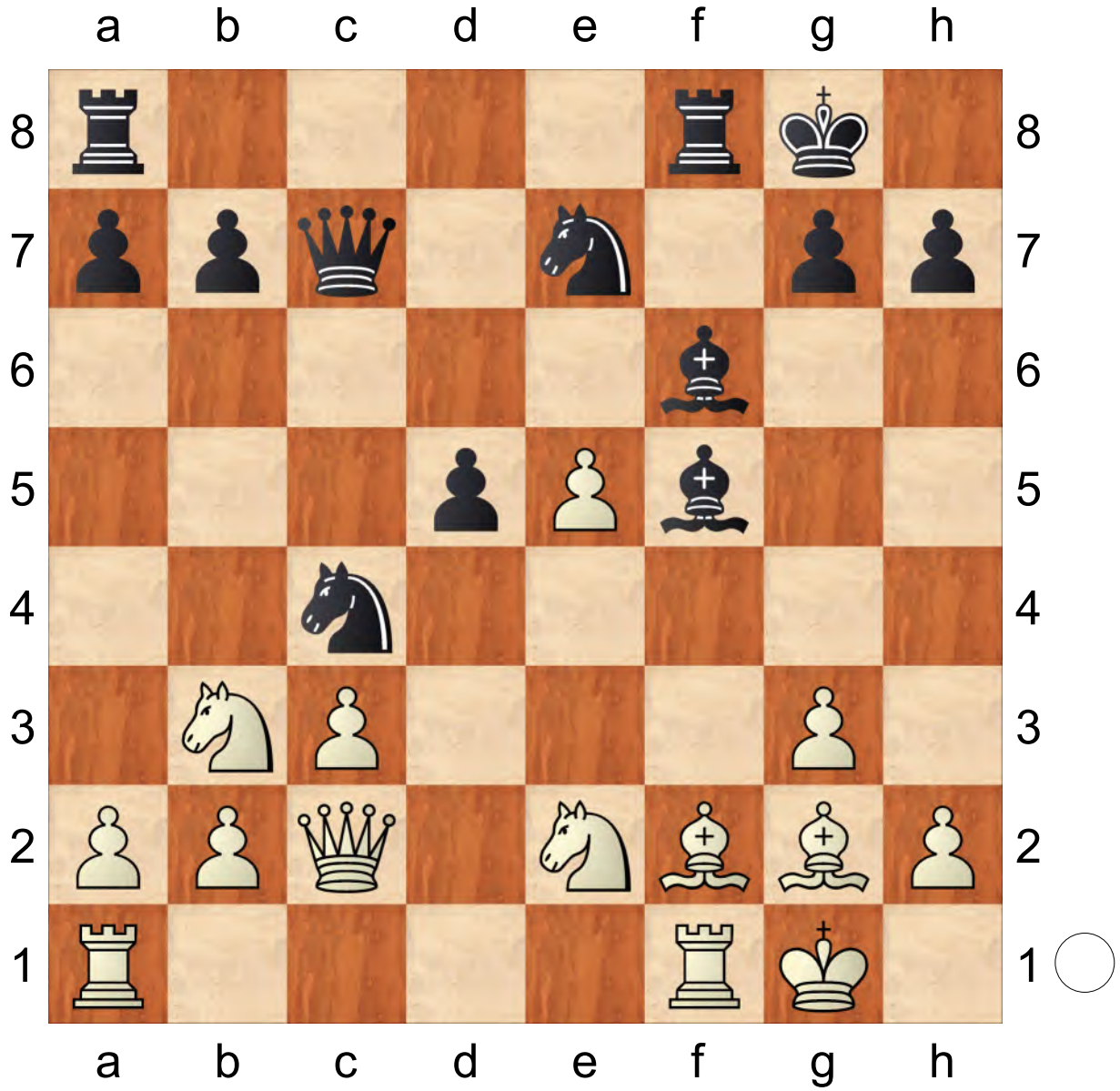


is interesting and leads to a wild tactical fight, objectively it's not the best choice.
[⌓21.Qd1! Bxe5 *(21...Nxb2? 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Bxd5+; 21...Qxe5 22.Bd4±)* 22.Ned4! Bd7 *(22...Nxb2 23.Qe2 Nc4 24.Nc5! Rf7 25.Nxf5 Rxf5 26.Rae1 Re8 27.Nd3± /+-)* 23.Qc2 Rae8 24.Rae1± *(*or *24.Nd2±* gives White a pleasant and almost riskless edge. *)*]
[Less convincing is 21.Qc1 Qxe5!? 22.Nf4 Be4 23.Bd4 Qd6⇄]
[Taking the pawn 21.Bxd5+ gives Black a lot of play after Nxd5 22.Qxf5 Bxe5 23.Qe6+ *(23.Qe4 Nf6 Δ 24.Qc2 Ng4⩱; 23.Qd3 Rad8 24.Ned4 Qc8!? 25.Rab1 Nf6⩱)* 23...Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Rxf7 25.Rab1 *(25.Bd4 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Bxd4+ 27.Nbxd4 Nxb2 28.Rb1 Na4 29.Rxb7 Naxc3=)* 25...Raf8⩱]

21...Bxc2 22.fxe7 Rfe8 23.Nf4

[23.Bxd5+ Kh8 24.Nc5 Ne5∓ /∓ and the ♙e7 falls]

23...Nb6

[23...Rxe7? 24.Nxd5 Qd8 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.Bd5++-]

24.Nxd5? Only this natural move is a mistake. White had 2 better moves to hold the balance.

[A typical forcing engine line, leading to a draw, is 24.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 25.Nd4 Be4 26.Nxd5 Bxd5 27.Bxd5+ Kh8 28.Rf7 Qc5 29.Bxb7 Rab8 30.Raf1 g6 31.b4! Qxc3 32.Nc6

A) 32...Rxb7 33.Rf8+ Kg7 34.Rxe8 Qe3+= *(34...Qxc6 35.Rg8+ Kxg8 36.Rf8+ Kg7 37.e8Q Qxe8 38.Rxe8 Rxb4 39.Re7+ Kf6 40.Rxa7 h5=)*;

B) 32...Qe3+ 33.R1f2 Qe1+ 34.Rf1 Qe3+=]

[Another interesting option isplaying for positional compensation with 24.Bd4 Qxe7 25.Nc5! , for example *(25.Nxd5 Qd6∓)* 25...Rac8 *(25...Qd6 26.Bh3!⩱; 25...Be4 26.Bh3⩱)* 26.b4 Be4 27.Bh3 Rc6 28.Rae1⩱ and Black extra ♕ is not really felt here - the position is about equal.]

24...Nxd5 25.Bxd5+ Kh8

(Diagram)

26.Nd4 Qd7 27.c4

[27.Bc4 Be4 28.Be6 Qd6!? and Black should gradually win after taking the ♙e7. *(≤28...Qxe7 29.Rae1)*]

27...Bg6

[Possibly more accurate was 27...Bd3!? 28.Rfd1 Bg6-+]

is only a transposition after **28.Ne6 Rxe7 29.Rae1 Bf7?** A more serious step in the wrong direction.

[Black retains excellent winning chances with ⌓29...Bf5! 30.Nc5 *(30.Ng5 h6)* 30...Qc7

A) 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Nxb7 Rc8-+ *(32...Re8? 33.Bc5)*;

B) 31.Nxb7 Rxe1 32.Rxe1 Bg6 33.Nd6 Rf8 34.Nb5 *(34.c5? Rxf2-+)* 34...Qa5∓ /-+]

[Also better than the text-move was 29...Rae8 30.Bd4 h5∓ Δ 31.Nf8 Qg4]

30.Nxg7! Bxd5?!

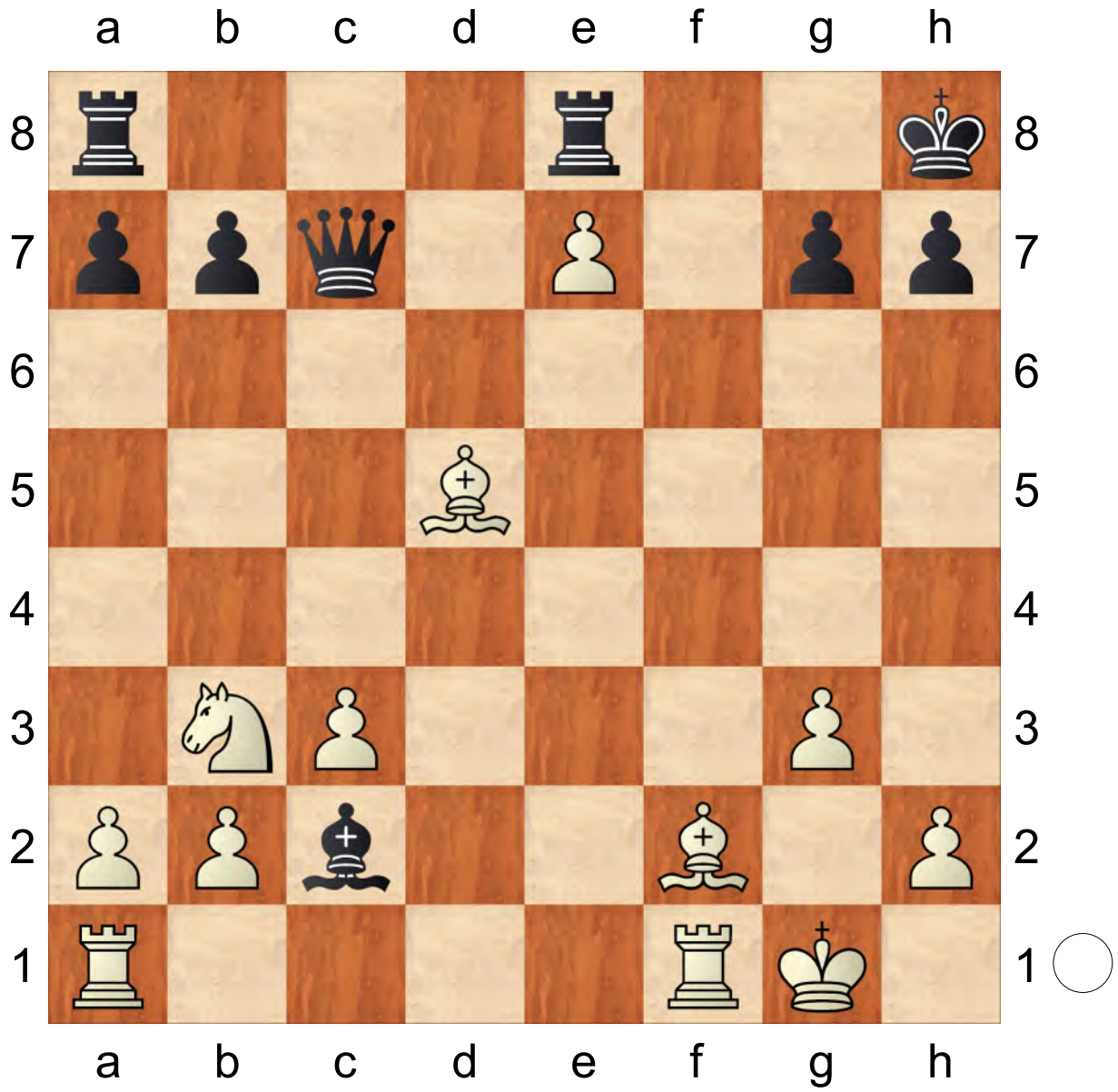
[He saw 30...Kxg7 31.Bd4+ Kg8 32.Rxe7 Qxe7 33.Rxf7 Qxf7 34.Bxf7+ Kxf7 35.Kf2∓ /= and evaluated it as drawish.]

[⌓30...Rxe1 31.Bxe1

A) 31...Bxd5 32.Nh5! Qc6 *(32...Qh3? 33.Bc3+ Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kf7 35.Nxd5++-)* 33.Bc3+ Kg8 34.Nf6+⩱ = already gives White full compensation.;

B) 31...Kxg7!? 32.Rxf7+ Qxf7 33.Bxf7 Kxf7∓ is a better version of the endgame with an extra exchange. The ♗e1 is passive and Black is still the active side here.]

(Diagram)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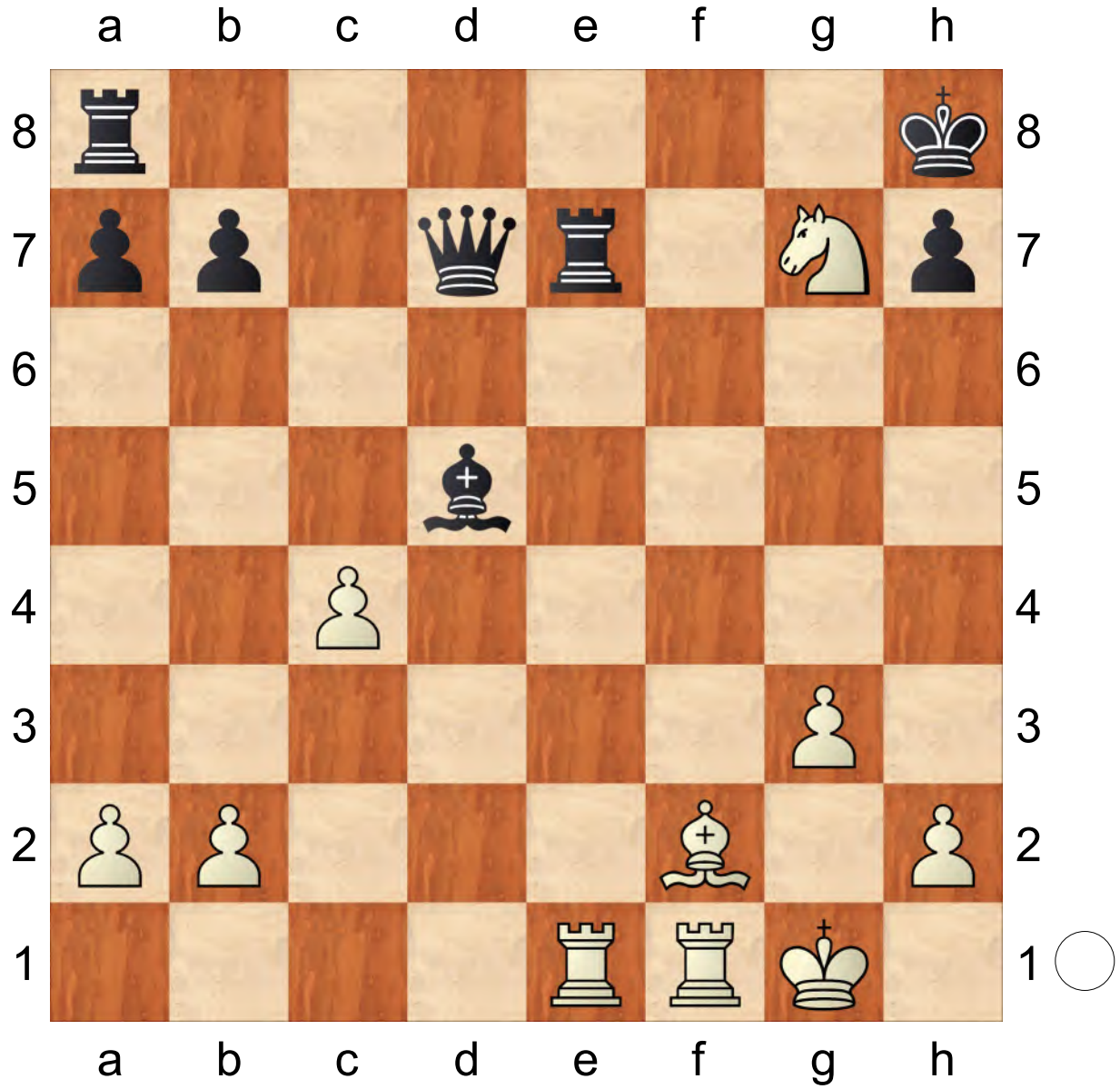

Time-trouble rears it's ugly head and Grischuk squanders any remaining advantage
31.Rxe7
[31.Bd4? Rxg7]
[31.Nf5 Qxf5 32.Bd4+ Kg8 33.Rxf5 *(33.Rxe7? Bf3-+)* 33...Rxe1+ 34.Kf2 Rh1 35.Rg5+ Kf8 36.cxd5 Rxh2+ 37.Kf3⩲ =]
31...Qxe7 32.Nf5 Qf8
[32...Qg5? 33.Bd4+ Kg8 34.h4! Qxf5□ 35.Rxf5±]
33.Bd4+ Kg8 34.cxd5⩲ White's well coordinated forces guarantee him at least a draw. **34...h5**
[34...h6 35.d6 *(35.Rf4 Rd8 36.Rg4+ Kf7 37.Rf4 Kg8=)* 35...Kh7 36.Ne7⩲]
35.d6 Kh7

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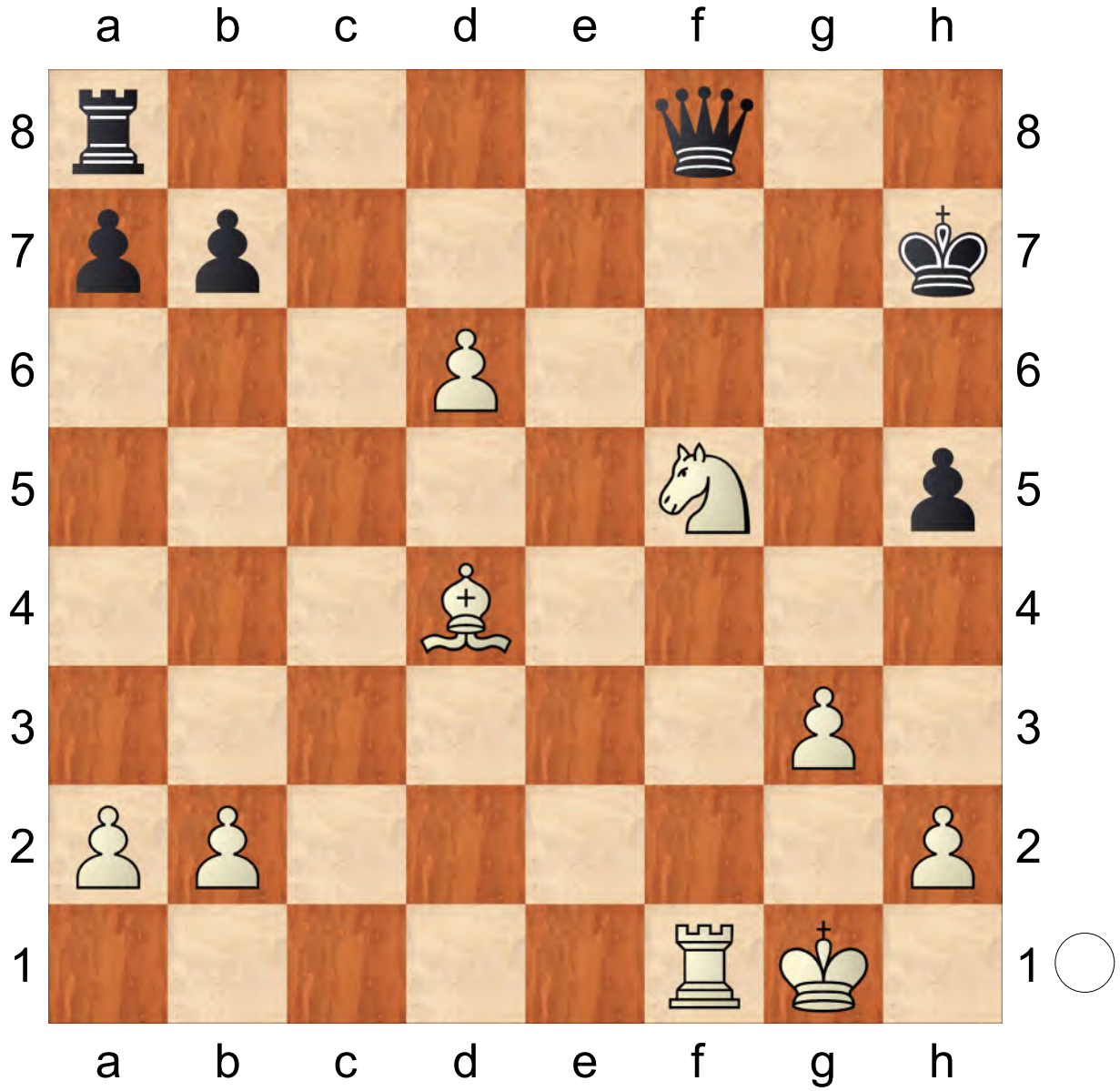


36.Ne7 Qe8 37.Rf6

[37.Rf5 Rd8=

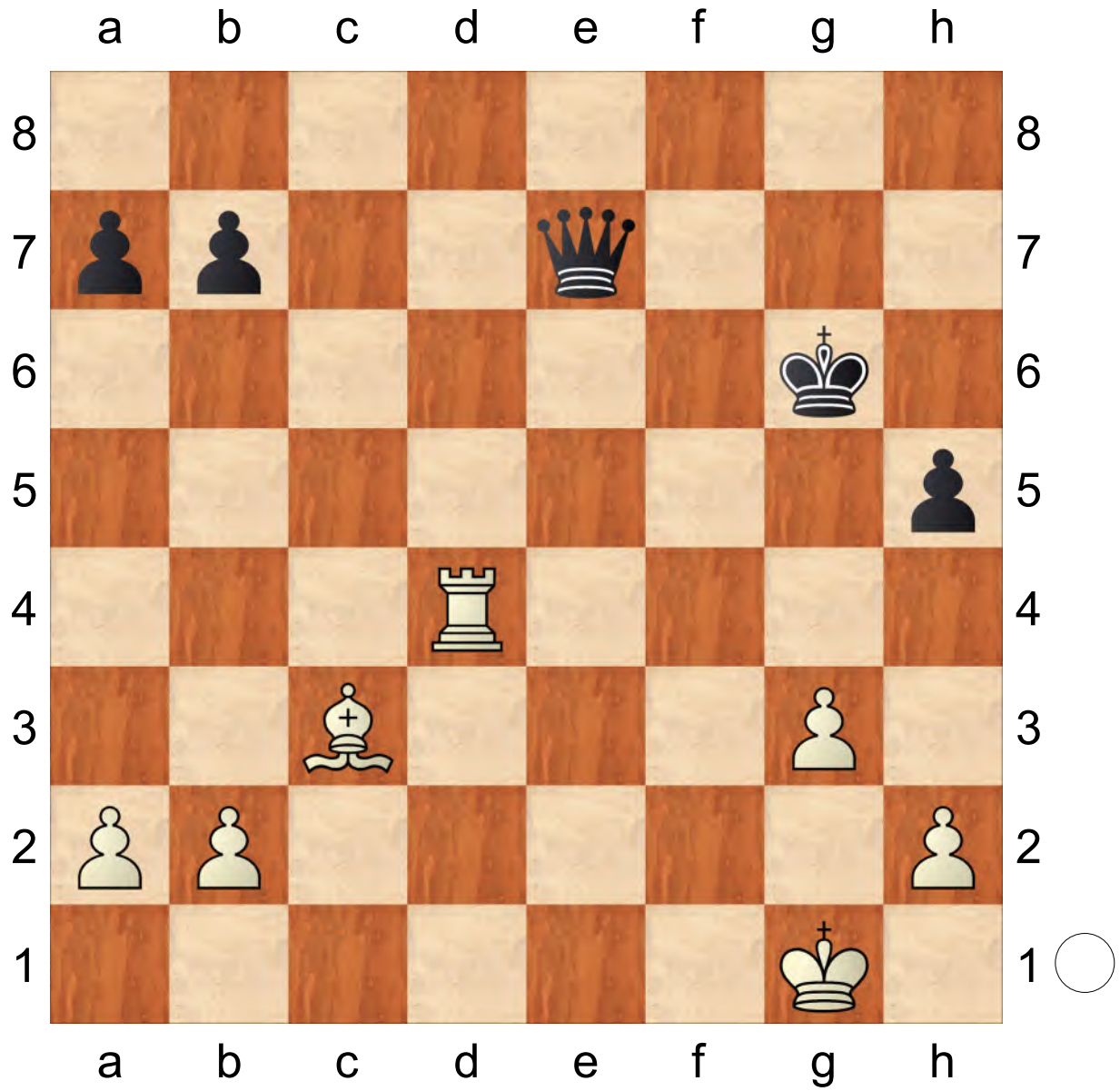
A) 38.Rg5 Qf7 39.Be5 *(39.Rf5 Qe8=)* 39...Qf3=;

B) 38.Be5 is rather more testing, but Black survives after 38...Kh6 *(38...Rd7 39.Rg5 Kh6 40.Rg7 Rxe7 41.dxe7 Qc6⇄ =)* 39.h4 Rd7! 40.Bf4+ *(40.Ng8+ Qxg8 41.Bf4+ Kg6 42.Rg5+ Kf7 43.Rxg8 Kxg8 44.Kg2 Kf7 45.Kf3 Ke6 46.g4 hxg4+ 47.Kxg4 Rg7+ 48.Bg5 Rf7!? 49.Bf4 Rg7+=)*]

37...Rd8 38.Bc3

[38.Be5 Rd7 39.Rf5 Rxe7 40.dxe7 Qxe7 41.Rxh5+ Kg6 42.g4 Qf7 43.a3 Qd5=]

38...Rxd6!?= Grischuk has had enough excitement. Black is not better at all and forcing a draw is the most reasonable and practical option. **39.Rxd6 Qxe7 40.Rd4 Kg6**



41.a3 Qe3+

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Forcing a perpetual, otherwise White has a fortress (or is it Black?:).
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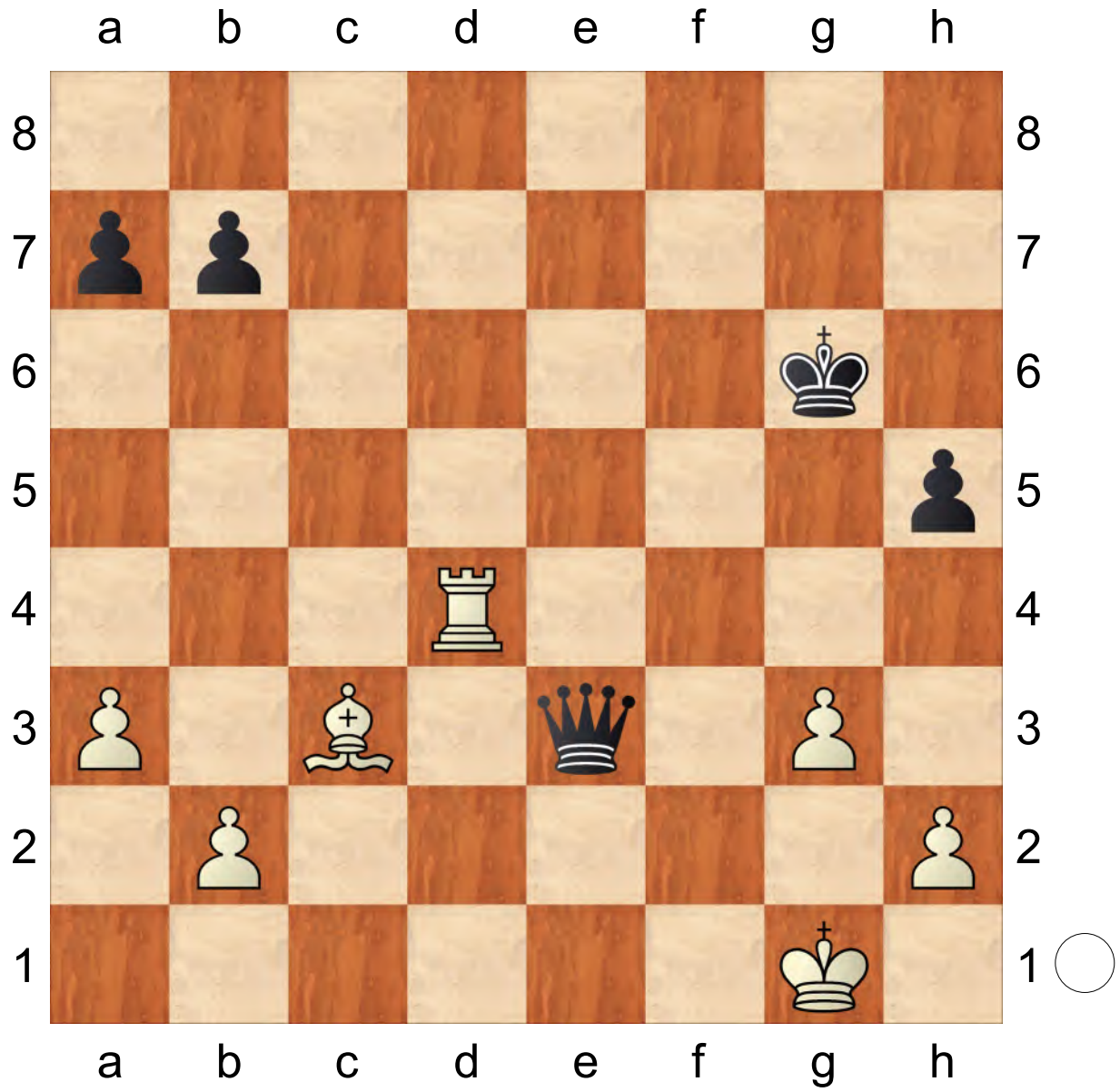
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1.d4 Stohl **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2!? c5**

[However, not everyone is willing to enter the complications with Black, so they look for ways out. The most usual one is 5...Bb4+ More harmonious and more popular is

A) 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.Bg2 d5 8.0-0 c5!? 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.cxd5 *(10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Qa4 Bb7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Bf4 Qb7 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Rfd1 Rfe8 18.Qb5 a6 19.Qd3 Nf6 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Rc2 h6=* L'Ami,E (2598)-Adams,M (2724)/London/2007/*)* 10...Nxd5 11.Nb3 Nd7 12.Ng5 g6 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Nd4 Qc8 15.Nc6 Bc5 16.b4 Qxc6 17.bxc5 bxc5!?= */∞ (17...f5 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nf3 Qxc5 20.Qa4 Bb5 21.Qh4 Bxe2 22.Qxh6↑* Pantsulaia,L (2580)-Petrik,T (2487)/Dresden olm/2008/*)* ;

B) 6.Bd2

B1) 6...Qe7 7.Bg2 *(⩲7.a3!?; 7.e4±)* 7...c6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.a3 Rc8 12.Qa4 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Re1 Qc6= /∓, Vavrak,P (2466)-Petrik,T (2485)/SVK-ch Zvolen/2008*)*

B2) 6...Be7

B2a) 7.e4 d5 8.cxd5 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 exd5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nc3

B2a1) Taking the ♗ with 11...Nxd2+ doesn't seem too logical, but even here after 12.Qxd2 *(12.Nxd2!? Δf4, ♘f3±)* 12...Qd7 13.Kg2 Nc6 14.Qc2 0-0 15.Qa4 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Na5 17.Qxd7 Rxd7 18.Rhd1 c6 19.Ne1 Rad8 20.Na4 f6 21.Nd3 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Rc7 23.b3 Bd6 24.f4 g6 25.Nb2 Rdc8 26.Nbd3 c5⇄ /±, Sargissian,G (2673)-Alekseev,E (2716)/EU-chT Heraklio/2007/ Black was only slightly worse;

B2a2) 11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 *(12.Bxc3 Qd7 13.h4 Nc6 14.Kg2 Nd8 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.hxg5 g6 17.Bd2 Ne6 18.Be3 c5 19.Qd2 Rc8 20.Rh4 Qd8 21.Rd1 cxd4 22.Bxd4 Qxg5 23.Qxg5 Nxg5 24.Be3 Ne6 25.Rxd5 Ke7=* Ni Hua (2710)-Zhigalko,S (2592)/Dresden olm/2008/ The ⊥ is about equal and Black lost only due to later mistakes. *)* 12...Qd7

B2a21) 13.h4

B2a211) 13...h6 14.e6! Qxe6 15.Re1 Qd6 16.Bf4 Qd8 17.Ne5!? *(17.Kg2 Nc6 18.Qa4 Qd7 19.Re2 Rd8 20.c4 0-0 21.cxd5 Nb4 22.Qxd7 Rxd7 23.Ne5 Rxd5 24.a3 Na6 25.Ng6 fxg6 26.Rxe7 Rf7 27.Re8+ Rf8 28.Re7 Rf7 29.Re8+ Rf8* 1/2, Tkachiev,V (2657)-Pelletier,Y (2607)/Evry/2008/*)* 17...0-0 18.Qf5 Bd6 19.Ng4! Bxf4 20.gxf4 Nc6 21.Rg1 Kh8 22.Qh5 Qd6 23.f5 Rae8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.f6 Qe6 26.fxg7+ Kxg7

27.Nxh6+ Kf8 28.Nf5 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 Qe4+ 30.f3 1-0, Safin,S (2510)-Carlsson,P (2515)/Dresden olm/2008/ A powerful attacking performance by White!;

B2a212) ⌓13...Nc6 14.h5 *(14.Ng5!? Pelletier is more consistent)* 14...0-0 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Kg2 Nd8 17.Bg5 Ne6 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Nh4 Qg5 20.Nf5 f6!⇄ Sakaev,K (2634)-Tomashevsky,E (2646)/Serpukhov/2007/;

B2a22) 13.Kg2 Nc6 14.c4 Nd8! 15.Qb3 *(Less effective is now 15.e6?! fxe6 16.Ne5 Qd6! 17.Qa4+ c6 18.c5 bxc5 19.Bf4 0-0! 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Nd7 Rxf4 22.Qxf4 Qd6 23.Qxd6 Bxd6 24.Rhc1 Kf7↑* ⊞, Kourousis,E (2191)-Tomashevsky,E (2658)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2008/; Ani po *15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.Qa4+ c6 17.Rhc1 Kd7!? 18.Bb4 b5 19.Qa3 Bxb4 20.Qxb4 a5∞* Huzman,A (2590)-Carlsen,M (2786)/ECC Kallithea/2008/*)* 15...c6 16.Rhc1 Ne6 17.Rab1 0-0 18.cxd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 cxd5 20.Rb5 Rfd8 21.a4 Rd7 22.Kf1 f6 23.Be3 Kf7= /±, Sakaev,K (2634)-Tomashevsky,E (2646)/Serpukhov/2007/;

B2b) White can also play the natural developing move 7.Bg2

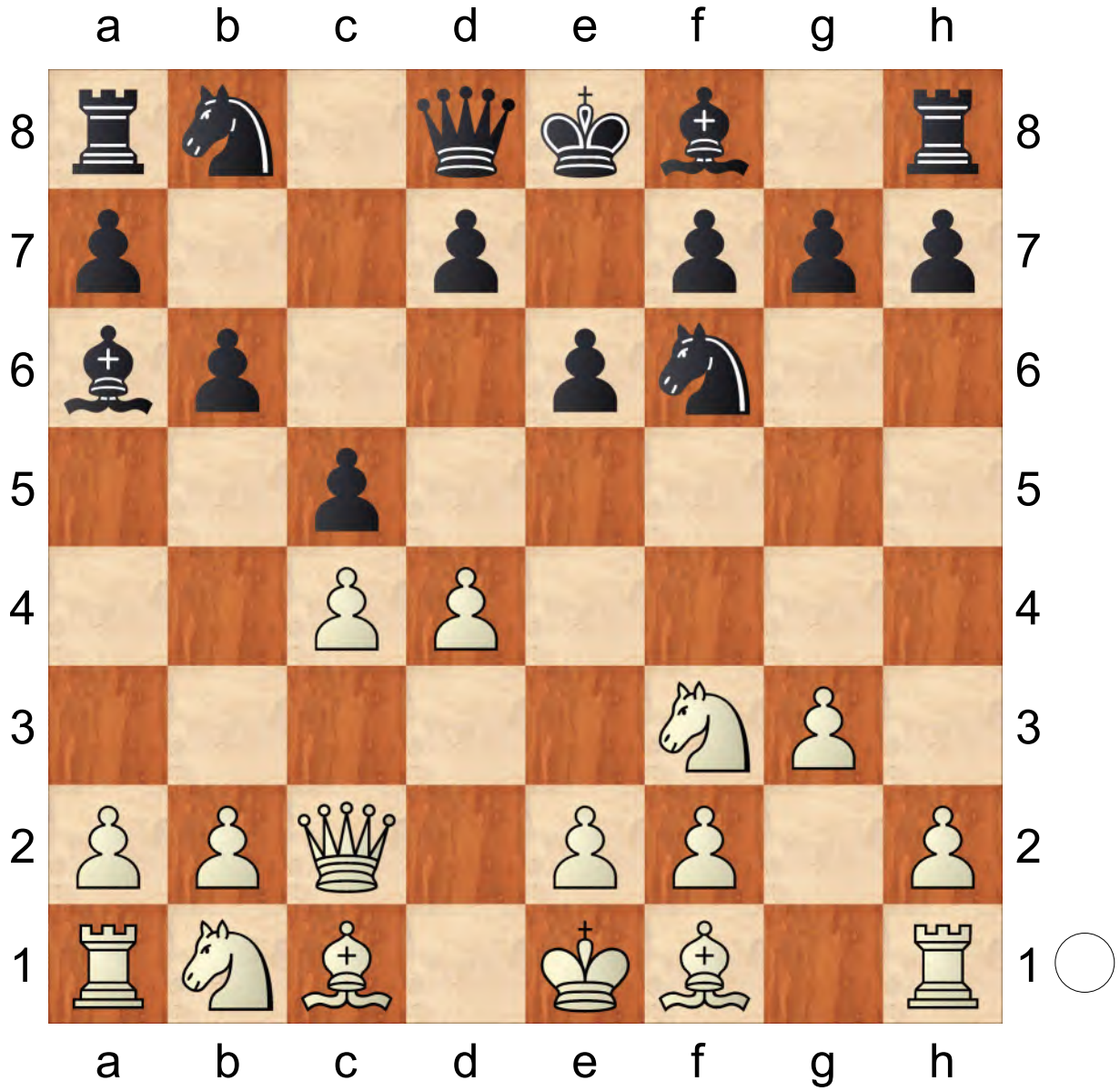
B2b1) 7...c6 can be met by the original and promising 8.c5!? 0-0 *(8...d5 9.cxd6 Bxd6 10.Nc3±)* 9.Na3 Bb7 *(9...Nd5!?)* 10.b4 a5? 11.Nc4 Nd5 12.Rb1! axb4 13.Nxb6 Nxb6 14.Rxb4 Ra6 15.Qb3 d5 16.Rxb6 Rxb6 17.cxb6 c5 18.0-0 c4 19.Qb2 Nc6 20.a4 Qd7 21.a5+- Topalov,V (2791)-Zhigalko,S (2592)/Dresden olm/2008/;

B2b2) ⌓7...0-0! limits White's options: 8.0-0 c6 9.Bf4 *(9.Rd1 d5 10.b3 Nbd7* leads to the Queen's Indian/Catalan line, which was the topic of M.Marin's surveys in CBM 121 and 122.*)* 9...d5 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Rfc1 c5 12.Qa4 Bb7 13.Ne5 cxd4 14.cxd5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bxd5 16.Qxd4 Bc5 17.Bxf6 Bxd4 18.Bxd8 Rfxd8 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Rc2 Rad8= Nakamura,H (2704)-Ivanchuk,V (2786)/Cap d'Agde rpd/2008/]

[However, even the more exotic 5...Nc6!? hasn't been refuted: 6.Nbd2 d5 7.Qa4 *(7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.e4 Nb4 9.Qa4+ Qd7 10.Qxd7+ Nxd7 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 Nf6 13.a3 c5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.b4 cxd4 17.Ndf3 Nb8 18.Nxd4 Nfd7 19.Nef3 0-0 20.Bf4 Nc6 21.Rac1 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 g5⇄* Aronian,L (2741)-Carlsen,M (2698)/Moscow/2006/*)* 7...Bb7 8.Bg2 Qd7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nb1 Ne4 12.Nfd2 Rather artificial manoeuvres Ne7!? 13.Qb3 Ng5 14.Nc3 Ne6 15.Nf3 c5 16.Rd1 Rc8 17.Bh3 f5 18.Nb5 c4 19.Nxd6+ Qxd6 20.Qa4+ Bc6 21.Qc2 0-0 22.Bd2 Bd7 23.Bc3 f4∓ Nielsen,P (2662)-Izoria,Z (2610)/ Dresden olm/2008/]

(Diagram)

White's 5-th move is an introduction to a quickly developing line (The article in CBM 116 is by now practically outdated!) with a positional ♙-sacrifice, which is very



popular amongst the world elite. **6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nxd5 9.0-0 Be7** All these moves are made almost automatically nowadays.

[The experiments with 9...Nc7 are now rare - it's enough to realize that in our game Grischuk later plays this move when White has already invested a tempo into 11.a3 and still gets compensation.]

[9...Nc6 10.Rd1 Be7 only transposes into the 10...♘c6 line from the following note.]

[9...Qc8 10.a3 Be7 11.e4 Nc7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Be3 d6 14.Rad1 Nba6 15.h4 h6 16.Rfe1 Rd8 17.Kh2 Bf8 18.h5 Qg4 19.Nh4 Qxh5 20.f4 g5 21.Bf3 g4 22.Bg2 f5 23.Qb3+ Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Kxf7 25.Nxf5⩲ ↑, Prakash,G (2397)-Laxman, R (2478)/New Delhi op/2009/]

10.Rd1 Apart from this solid move White experimented with 2 tactical tries:

[10.Qe4 Na6!? (This is more ambitious than *10...Bc6 11.Ne5 Nf6 12.Nxc6*

Nxc6 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Rd1 Nd4 15.Nc3 b5 16.Qa6 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Rb8 19.Bf4 Qb6 20.Qc4 d6 21.e3 Nb5 22.g4 Nc7 23.Be4 g6 24.Rd2 Rbd8 25.Qe2 d5 26.Bxc7= 1/2, Aronian,L (2739)-Anand,V (2799)/Morelia/Linares/2008/ *)* 11.Nh4 g6 12.Qe5 f6 13.Qe4 Qc8 14.Rd1 Nac7 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kd8 17.a3 b5 18.e4 Nb6 19.Nc3 Ne6!∞ *(19...d6?! 20.Bf4 Qe6 21.Bxd6! Bxd6 22.Qg7 Re8 23.e5 Qxe5 24.Bxb7↑* Radjabov,T (2735)-Leko,P (2753)/Morelia/Linares/2008/*)* leads to a complex position, in which White must still prove his compensation: 20.b4?! *(⌓20.Nxb5!?)* 20...cxb4 21.Nd5 Nf8 22.Qg7 Rh7 23.Qg8 Nxd5 24.exd5 d6 25.axb4 Qf5 26.Be3 a6 27.Rac1 Rc8 28.Bb6+ Ke8 29.h4 Qg6∓ Svidler,P (2738)-Karjakin,S (2727)/Sochi/2008/]

[After 10.Ne5 Qc7 *(10...Bc6? 11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.Bxd5+ Bxd5 13.Qf5+±)* 11.Qe4 the safest choice is Nc6! 12.Qxd5 Nd8 13.Qxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nxd7 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Kxd7 16.Rd1+ Kc6 17.Nc3 Re8= Nakamura,H (2704)-Baklan,V (2625)/AUT-chT/2008/]

10...Qc8

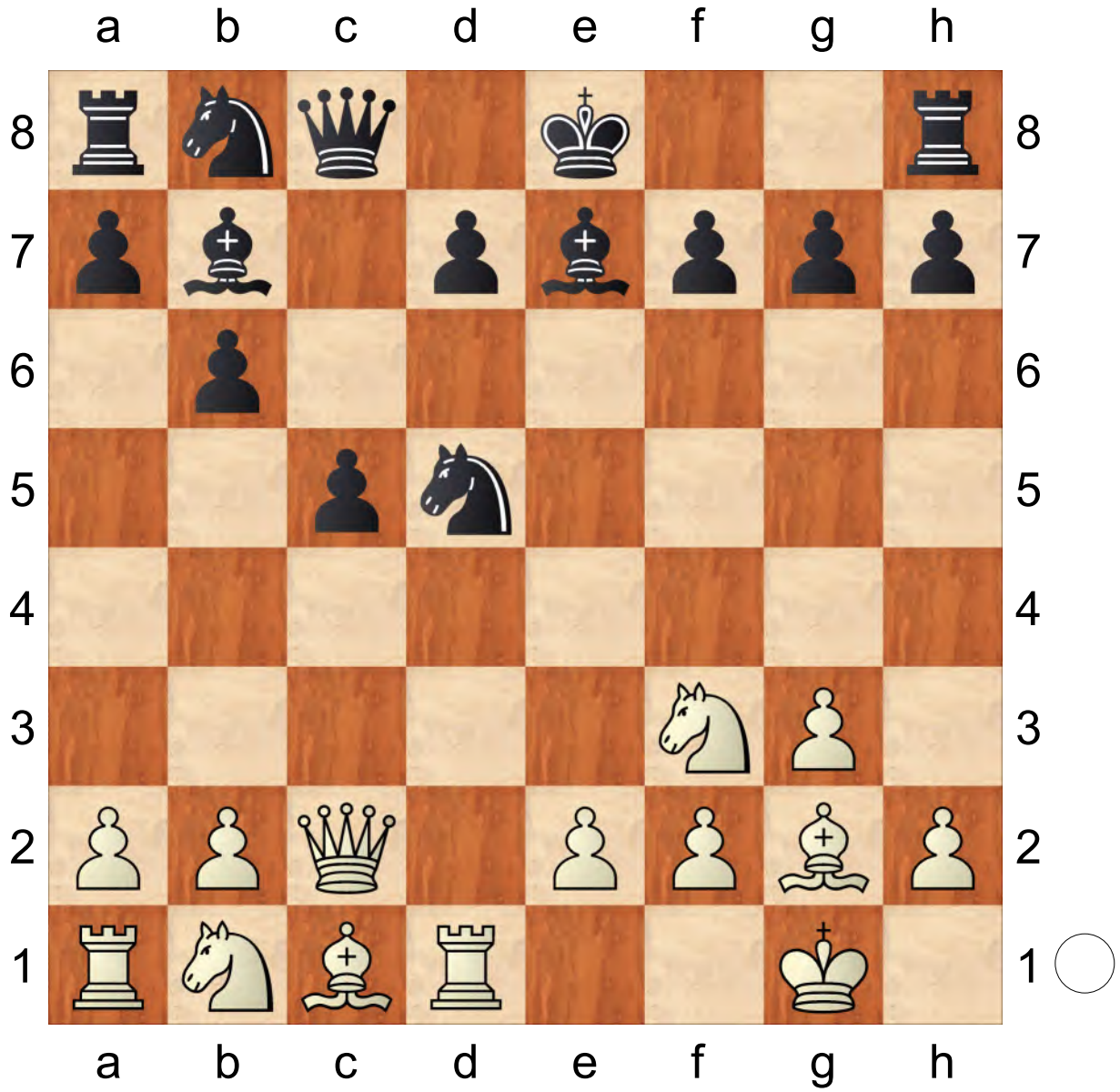
[After the abovementioned 10...Nc6 White has 2 main reactions:

A) 11.Qf5 Nf6 12.e4 g6 *(* If Black wants to play it safe, he can immediately return the ♙ with *12...d6!? 13.e5 Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Nxd7 15.exd6 Bf6 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.Nc3 Nb4 18.Bg5 Nc2 19.Re7 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Bxg5 21.Rxd7 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.Rd1 Nd4 24.Bg2 h5 25.a4 a6 26.Bb7 Rh6 27.d7 Rd6=* Carlsen,M (2775)-Pelletier,Y (2569)/Biel/2008/*)* 13.Qf4 0-0 14.e5 Nh5 15.Qg4!? *(15.Qc4 d5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Nc3 Na5 19.Qg4 Bc6 20.Ng5 Nf6 21.Qh4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qc7 23.Rd3 Qc6+ 24.Rf3 Be5 25.Rd1 b5 26.Nxf7 Kxf7 27.Ne4* Rodshtein,M (2609)-Volke,K (2454)/ECC Kallithea/2008/ *Re6!∓)* 15...d5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Nc3 Qb8 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Qa4⩲ a6?! *(19...Ne5!?∞)* 20.Nd5 b5 21.Qh4 Ne7 22.Ne3! Ra7 23.Rd2 Nc6 24.Nf5! Nd4 25.N3xd4 cxd4 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Rxd4↑ Wang Yue (2696)-Rowson,J (2599)/Liverpool/2007/;

B) 11.Qa4 Nf6 12.e4! *(12.Nc3 0-0 13.g4 Nb4 14.a3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.g5 Bc6 17.Qh4 Ne8 18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Rxd7 Bb7 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Be3 Rd5⩲* Shirov,A (2699)-Aronian,L (2759)/Elista m/2007/*)* 12...0-0 *(12...Nb4!? 13.e5 Ne4 14.a3 a5 15.e6 0-0 16.Ne5 d6 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc8 20.exf7+ Kh8 21.Nf3 Rxf7 22.cxb4 axb4⩲* Gundavaa,B (2458)-So,W (2610)/Al Ain/2008/*)* 13.e5 Ne8 14.Nc3 Nc7 15.Be3 Qe8 16.Rd2 Rd8 17.Rad1⩲ *(* There was no Queens's (neither King's, nor Nimzo!) Indian in Nanjing, but a new game was played in this line in Elista: *17.Re1 Ba8 18.Ne4 Ne6 19.a3 Kh8 20.Qc2 h6 21.g4 Ncd4 22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 d6!= 25.Nxd6 Bxd6 26.Bxa8 Bxe5 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Rxe5 Qxa8 29.Qe4* 1/2, Wang Yue (2736)-Leko,P (2747)/Elista/2008/*)* 17...f5?! 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxc5 *(19.Ne4 d5 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Bf4 Na5∞)* 19...bxc5 20.Qb3+ Ne6? *(⌓20...d5! 21.Qxb7 Rf7 22.Qb3= /±)* 21.Qxb7↑ Akopian,V (2679)-Palac,M (2583)/ECC Kallithea/2008/]

[Grischuk is certainly not willing to repeat 10...Nc7 11.Nc3 Ne6 12.Ne5 Bxg2

13.Kxg2 a6 14.Nd5 0-0 15.Nc4 Nc6 16.Ndxb6 Ncd4 17.Qe4 Rb8 18.Nd5 f5 19.Qd3 Nc7 20.Ncb6 Kh8 Sargissian,G (2642)-Grischuk,A (2719)/ECC Kallithea/ 2008/ 21.e3± Krasenkow]



11.a3 This is the latest fashion after Topalov's crushing win against Anand in Bilbao 2008. However, White has tried quite a few other moves:

[11.Nh4 Bxh4 12.Rxd5 Be7 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Qe4 *(*Too soft is *14.Qf5?! d6 15.Qh5 0-0 16.Be3 Nb4 17.Rd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qc6+ 19.Qf3 Qxf3+ 20.Kxf3 f5 21.Bf4 Nc6 22.Rad1 Rfd8 23.Kg2 Rd7 24.Bxd6 Bf6∓* Fressinet,L (2676)-Sargissian,G (2642)/Dresden olm/2008/ This game was played immediately on the next day! *)* 14...Nb4!? *(14...0-0 15.Rh5 g6 16.Rh3 d6!? 17.Nd5 Re8 18.b4 Qd7 19.Bb2 Nd4 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.Nxe7+ Rxe7 22.Qxb7 Qxb7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Rh4 Re8 25.Rxd4 Rxe2 26.Rxd6=* Beliavsky,A (2641)-Timman,J

(2565)/Bazna/2008/) 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bf4 Qc6 17.Rad1 g5 18.Bc1 Qe6 19.Qxe6 dxe6 20.Rd7 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Kf7∓]

[11.Bg5 f6!?N (11...h6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.e4 0-0= still has a good reputation) 12.Bd2 (12.Bc1!?⩱) 12...Nc6 13.Qa4 Nc7 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Bf4 Ne6 16.Bd6 Re8 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qxd7 Qxd7 19.Rxd7 Bc6 20.Rd6 Nd8 21.Nh4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nf7= Aronian,L (2739)-Leko,P (2753)/Wijk aan Zee/2008/]

[11.Qf5 Nf6 12.Nc3

A) 12...0-0 13.Bg5 d6= (13...h6!?);

B) 12...Nc6 13.Bg5 d5 14.Qf4 (14.Nh4 Nd4 15.Qd3!? 0-0 16.e3⩱) 14...d4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.e3 0-0 18.exd4 Ne7 19.Nxe7+ Bxe7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Rac1 a5 (Even after 21...Rb8 22.b3 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Rb6 24.Rd5 g6 25.Kg2 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Qa4 Qc7 28.Bd5 Kg7± /=, Sargissian,G (2676)-Hou,Y (2527)/Merida/2008/ White's edge was more or less symbolic.) 22.b3 Ra6 23.Re1 Bf6 24.Ne5 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 a4 26.bxa4 Qa8+= Cheparinov,I (2696)-Kamsky,G (2726)/Baku/2008/]

[11.e4

A) 11...Nc7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.e5 Ne6 (13...Nc6!?) 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Rxd5 Nc6 16.Qe4 Qb7 17.a3 Na5 18.Nh4 Nb3?! (18...g6!?) 19.Nf5! Rae8 20.Qa4 Nxa1 21.Rxd7 Qb8 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Qxe5 24.Bf1± ⧉, Carlsen,M (2775)-Anand,V (2798)/Mainz rpd/2008/

B) 11...Nb4! 12.Qc3 0-0 13.a3 N4c6 14.Bf4 d6 15.Bxd6 Bxd6 16.Rxd6 Qc7 17.Rd1 Nd7 18.Nbd2 Beliavsky,A (2648)-Khalifman,A (2624)/Bazna/2007/ Rad8=]

11...Nc7!?N A plausible novelty, Grischuk is not attracted by

[11...Nf6 12.Bg5 d5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nc3

A) 14...d4 15.Nb5 Qd7 16.Nfxd4 Bxg2 17.Nf5! (17.Ne6 Qc6 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.Nf4 Rd8 20.Nf5+ Kf8 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.Nxg2± Slugin,S (2425)-Grekh,A (2362)/Lipetsk/2008/) 17...Qc6 18.Nbd6+ Kf8 19.Qc4± →;

B) 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 (15...Na6 16.Nh4 g6 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 0-0 19.Rad1 Nc7 20.Rd7 Ne6 21.Qe4 Qe8 22.Nf3 c4 23.Qh4 Nc5 24.Re7 Rd8 25.Rf1 1-0, Topalov,V (2777)-Anand,V (2798)/Bilbao/2008/) 16.Nh4 0-0 17.Nf5 Rd8

B1) 18.e4 g6 19.Nh6+ Kg7 20.Qd2 d4 21.cxd4 Rxd4 22.Qg5 Nc6!? (22...f6 23.Nf5+ Kg8 24.Nh6+ Kg7=) 23.Nf5+ Kg8 24.Nxd4 Nxd4 25.Ra2 Re8⩲ Zhou Weiqi (2556)-Paragua,M (2523)/Manila/2008/

B2) 18.Ne3!± ↑Δ 18...Qe5 19.Nxd5! Bxd5? 20.Rxd5 Rxd5 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Rd1 Qg5 23.Qf5! h6 24.Qc8+ Kh7 25.Qb7+-]

12.Nc3 Nc6 Black has other moves, aiming to neutralize White's initiative by returning the extra ♙:

[12...d5 13.Bf4 d4 (13...Nba6 14.Qa4+ Kf8 15.e3 Qe8 16.Qc2 Rd8 17.Rd2 Ne6 18.Rad1 Nac7 19.Bxc7 Nxc7 20.Ne1 Bf6 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 g6 25.b3 Kg7= Arun Prasad,S (2530)-Melkumyan,H (2541)/New Delhi/2008/)

A) 14.Bxc7 dxc3 *(14...Qxc7 15.Nb5 Qc6 16.Ne1 Qc8 17.Nxd4↑)* 15.Bxb8 *(15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.Rxd6 cxb2 17.Rad1 Nc6∞)* 15...Rxb8 16.bxc3 0-0=;
B) 14.Ne4! Ne6 *(14...Nd5 15.Nxd4! Δ Nxf4? 16.Nf5!+-)* 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxd6⩲]

[12...0-0 13.Bf4 Ne6∞]

13.Bf4

[13.e4 doesn't make too much sense here, compared with Carlsen-Anand above White has lost a tempo for a3.]

13...0-0?! Now White will have full compensation for his minimal investment.

[This was the last chance to play 13...Ne6!?∞]

14.Bxc7 Qxc7 15.Nb5!

[More concrete, than 15.Nd5 Qd8∞]

15...Qd8

[15...Qc8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.Rxd6↑ Δ♘g5,♖ad1,♗h3]

(Diagram)

16.Ne5

[16.Nd6 Ba6!?⇄ is unconvincing]

16...Nxe5 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Be4 A double-attack. **18...a6!?**

[18...g6 19.Nxa7 b5 20.Nc6 Nxc6 21.Bxc6± ↑⧉ Black wants to avoid the positional squeeze and goes for complications.]

19.Bxh7+! This is in fact an enterprising piece-sacrifice, as the ♗ won't leave h7 alive.

[19.Nc3 g6=]

19...Kh8 20.Qf5! □

[20.Nc3 g6 21.Rd5 Bf6 22.f4 Ng4!? *(22...Kxh7=)* 23.Bxg6 Bd4+! 24.Kh1 fxg6 25.Qxg6 Nf6∓]

20...g6

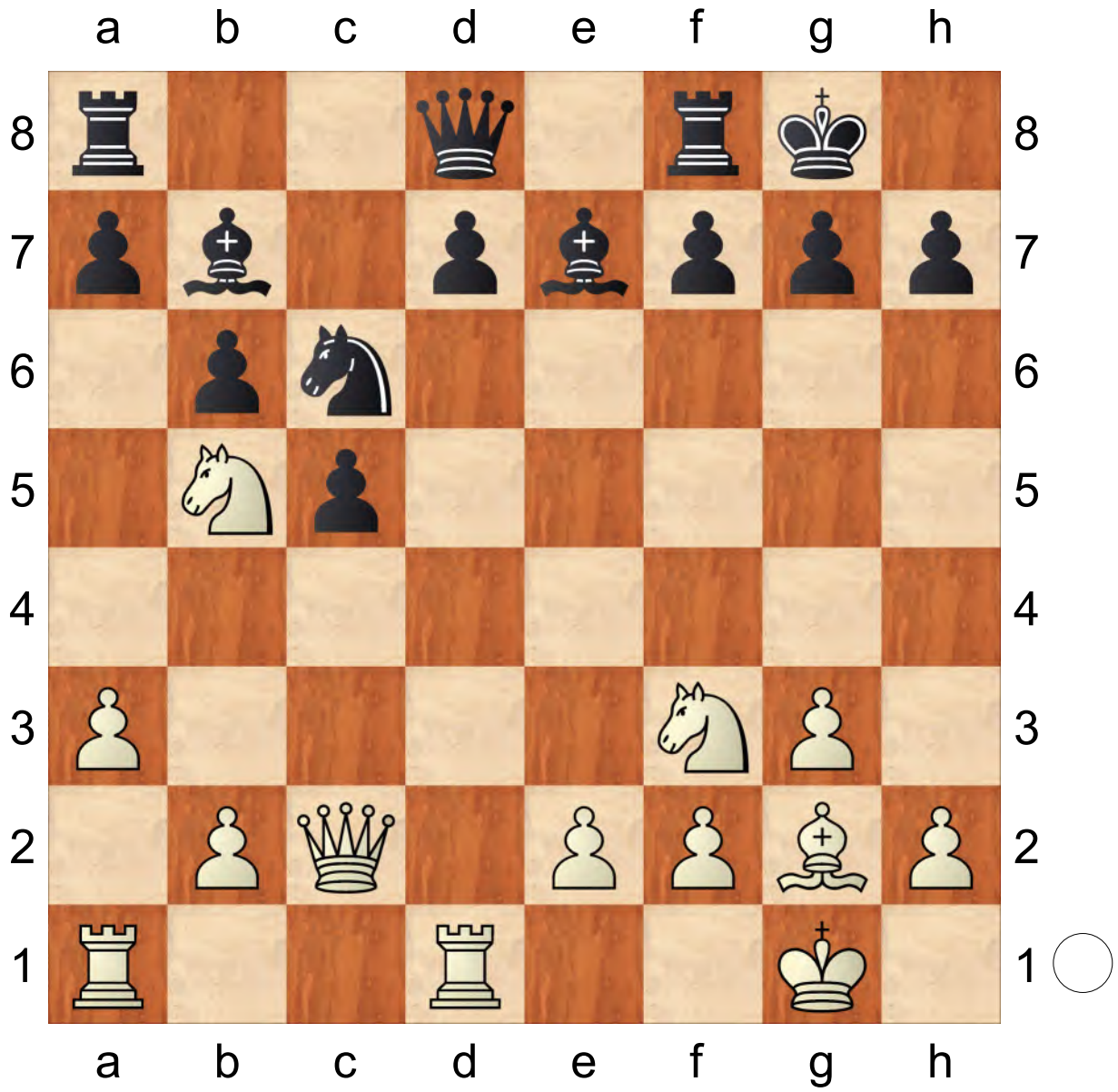
[20...axb5 21.Qh5 Ng4!? *(21...g6 22.Bxg6+ Kg7 23.Qh7+ Kf6 24.Be4 d6 25.f4 Ng6 26.Rd5± →)* 22.Qxg4 g6

A) 23.Bxg6 fxg6 24.Qxg6 Rf6 25.Qh5+ Kg7 26.e4⩲ *(26.Rd5!?; 26.Qg4+ Rg6 27.Qxd7 Qxd7 28.Rxd7 Re6∞ /∓)*;
B) 23.Qh3 Kg7 24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Rxd7 Qe8 26.Qe6 Rf7 27.Rad1↑ White doesn't risk much here, he has 2 ♙ for the pieces and Black's pieces are tied down.]

(Diagram)

21.Qxe5+ Bf6 22.Qf4 axb5 23.Qh6 Bg5 24.Qh3 Kg7 25.Bxg6!

[25.Rxd7?! Qf6∓ only helps Black to activate his forces, while the ♗h7 still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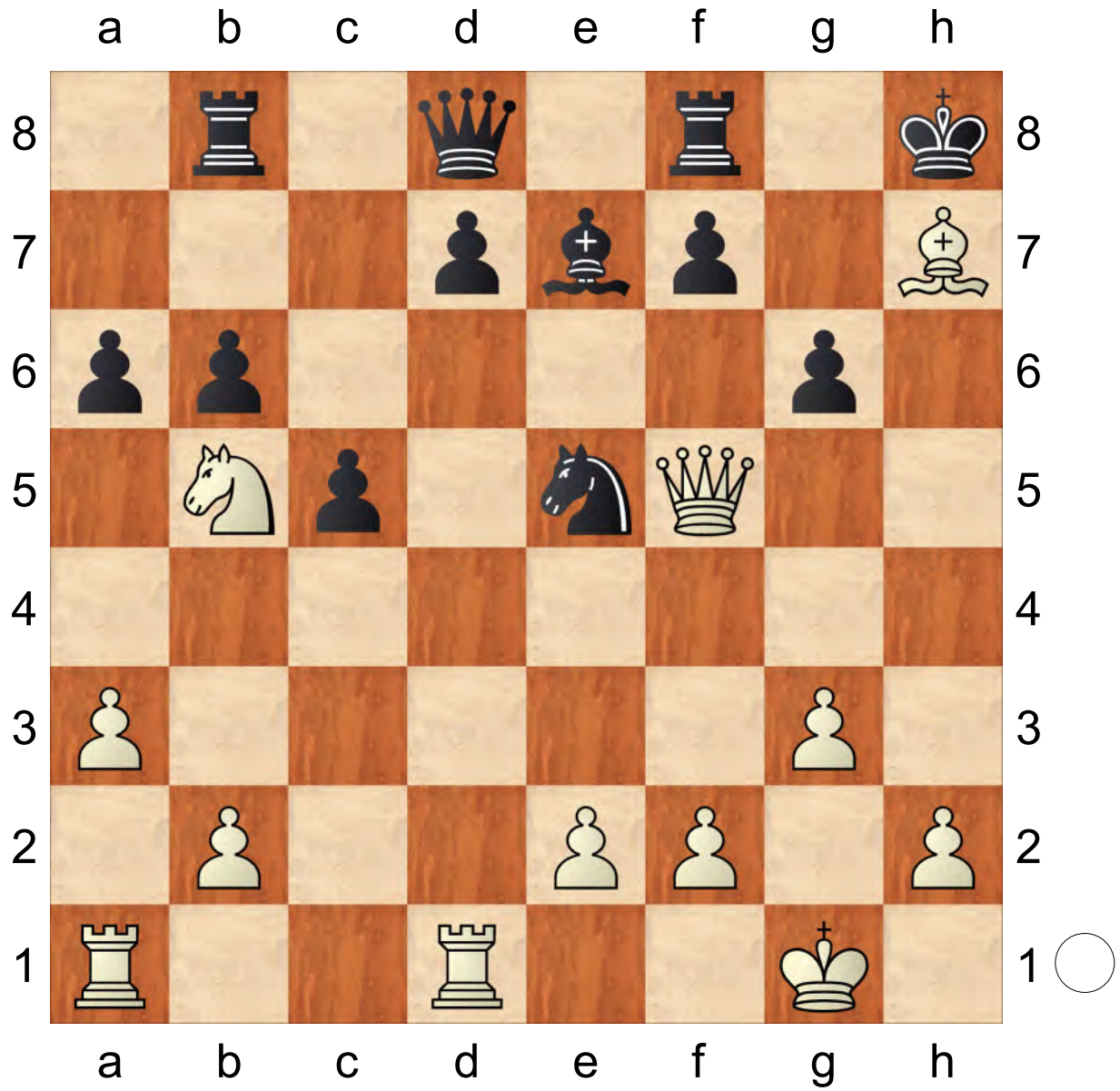

remains trapped.]

25...Kxg6

(Diagram)

26.Rd6+ Kg7 27.Rad1 Rg8?

[⌓27...Rh8!? 28.Qg4 Kf8 29.Rxd7 Qf6 30.R1d6≅ ↑ Although White has strong pressure, thre is still no direct win.]

28.f4 Bf6 29.e4! Rh8

[29...Bd4+?? 30.R1xd4 Δ cxd4 31.Qh6# , so Black has to admit he has lost tempo and go with his ♖ to h8 anyway.]

30.Qg4+ Kf8

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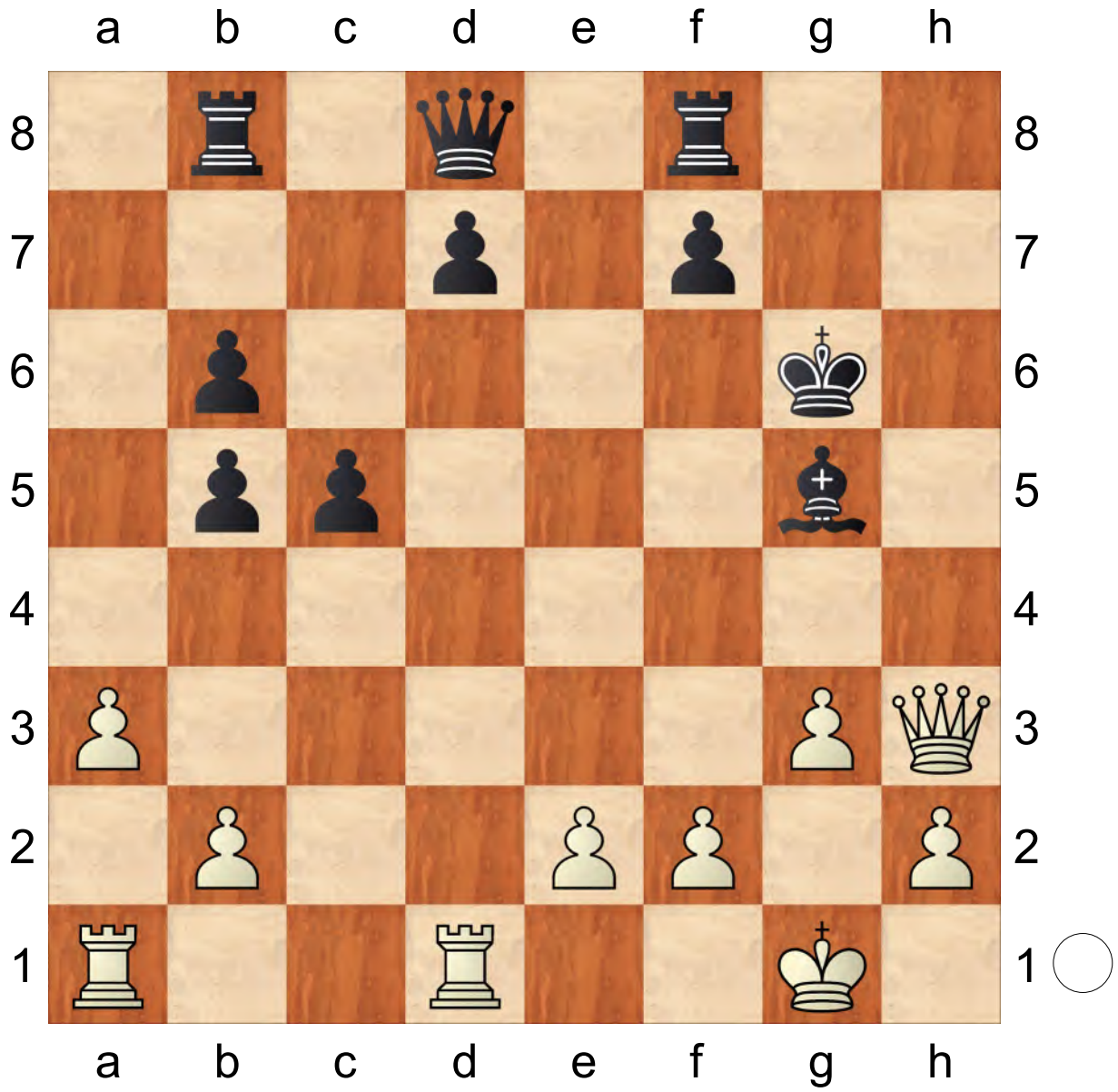
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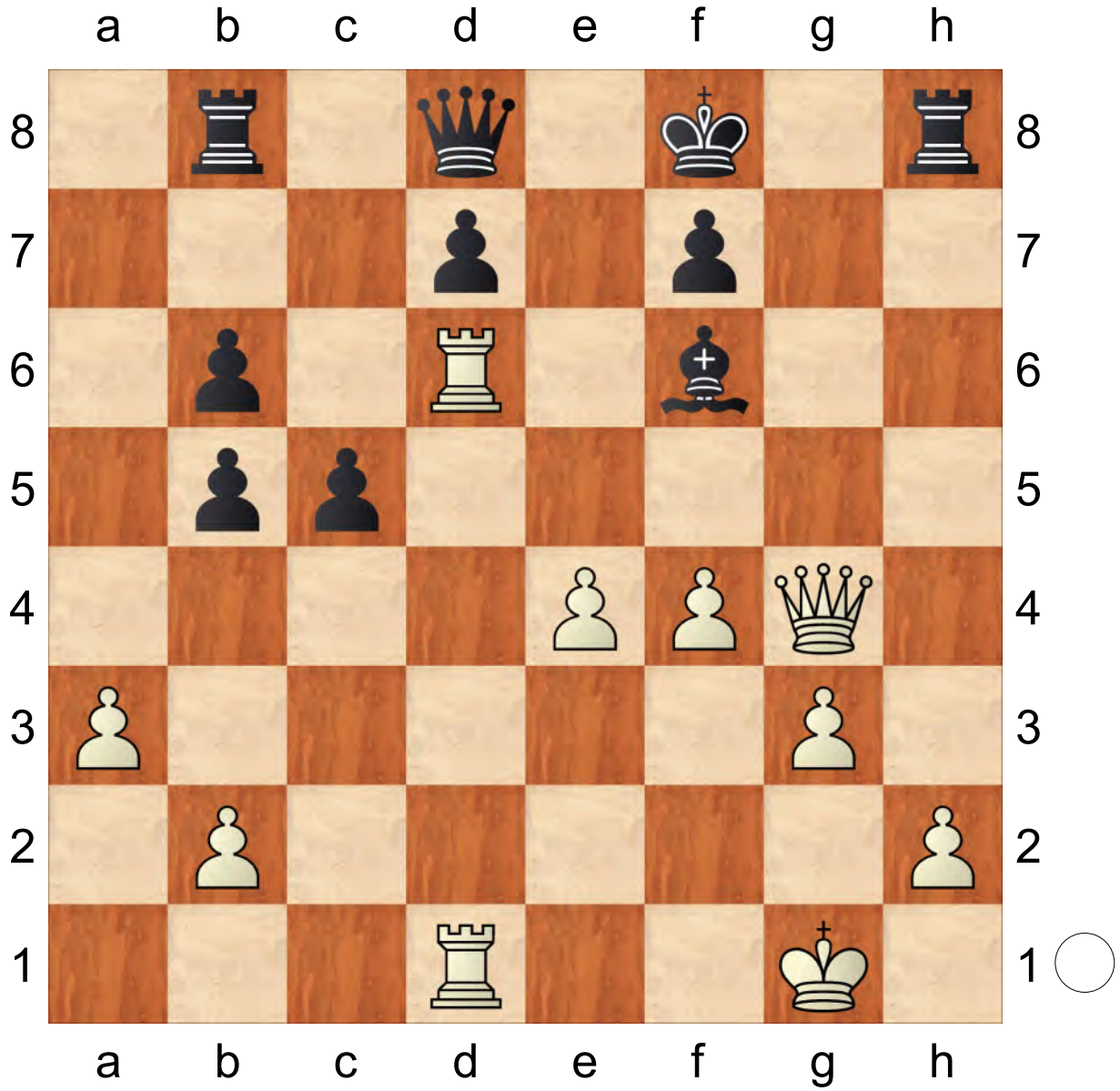

31.e5 Be7 32.Rxd7 Qe8 33.f5
[33.e6!→ Rh6 *(33...f6? 34.Rxe7! Qxe7 35.Rd7+-; 33...Rh7 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Rd7 Qf6 36.e7+ Ke8 37.Qd1!+-)* 34.f5 Rd8 35.Rxd8 Bxd8 36.Rd7±]
33...f6 34.Qf4 c4?!
[⩲34...Rd8! 35.e6↑]
35.e6? Closing the position enhances Black's defensive chances, now Grischuk puts up a blockade and can plod on.
[⩲35.exf6 Bxf6 36.Qd6+ Kg8 37.Qd5+ *(37.Qxf6? Qe3+=)* 37...Kf8 38.h4! White frees the h3-square for his ♔ and Black is practically defenceless: Rc8 *(38...Qe3+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Rxh4+ 41.gxh4 Qe3+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+ 43.Kh1+-)* 39.Kg2! Rh6 40.Re1 Qh5 41.Re4 Δg4+-]
35...Rc8

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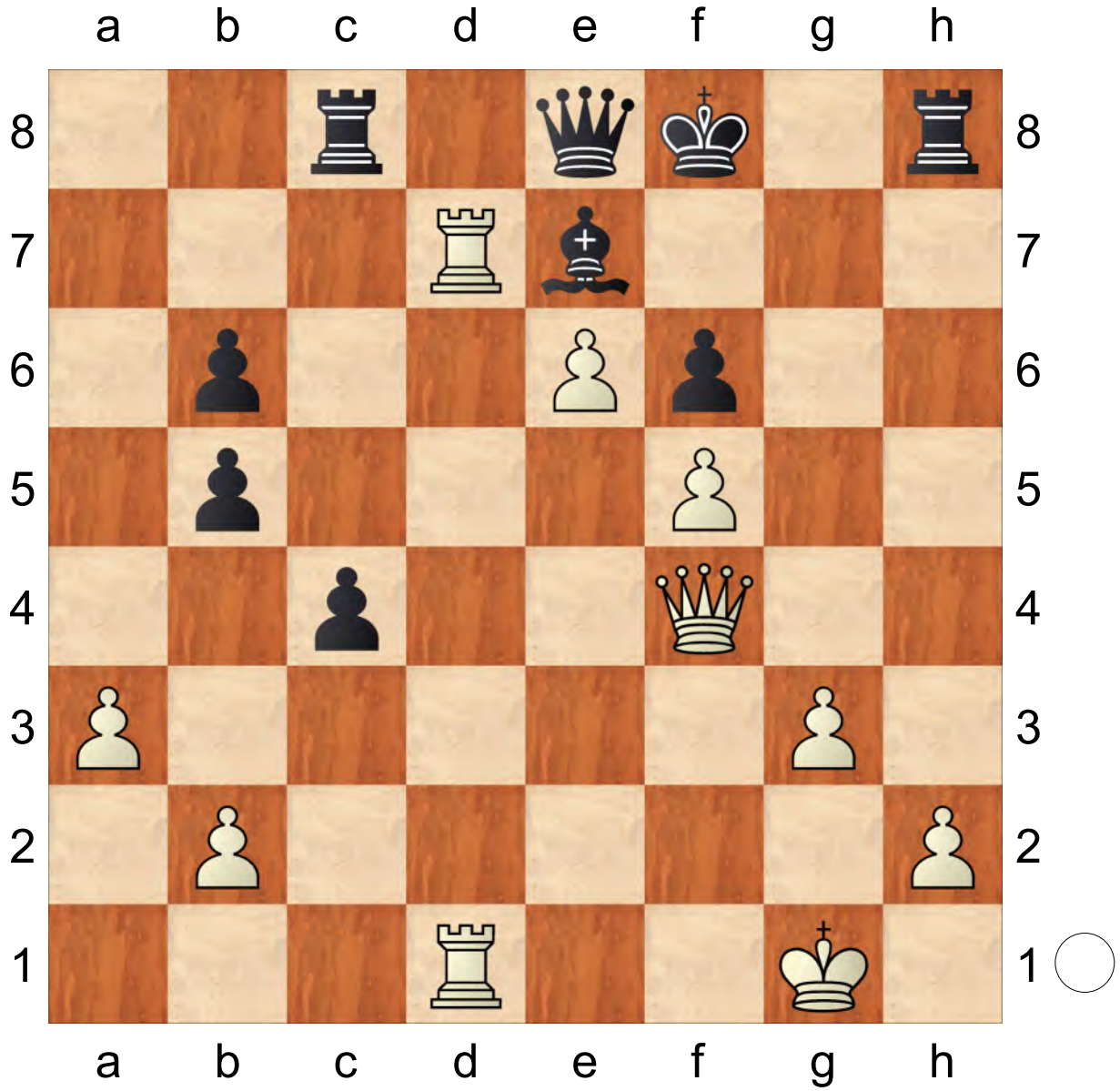

36.R1d4 Rh7

[Stohl: 'The liberating attempt' The liberating attempt 36...c3 37.bxc3 Rxc3 38.Rb7→ is not too effective, as Bc5? fails to 39.Rb8 Bxd4+ 40.Qxd4!+-]

37.h4 Kg8 Stohl: 'Although Black doesn't have active counterplay, it's still not easy for White to advance his ♙ and break down the » defences. Initially Grischuk holds on well.' Although Black doesn't have active counterplay, it's still not easy for White to advance his ♙ and break down the » defences. Initially Grischuk holds on well.

38.Kh2 Rg7 39.Qf3 Kh8 40.Ra7 Qf8

(Diagram)

41.Rdd7 Re8 42.Rab7 Rb8 43.Ra7 Re8 44.Kh3 Qg8 45.Ra6 Qh7

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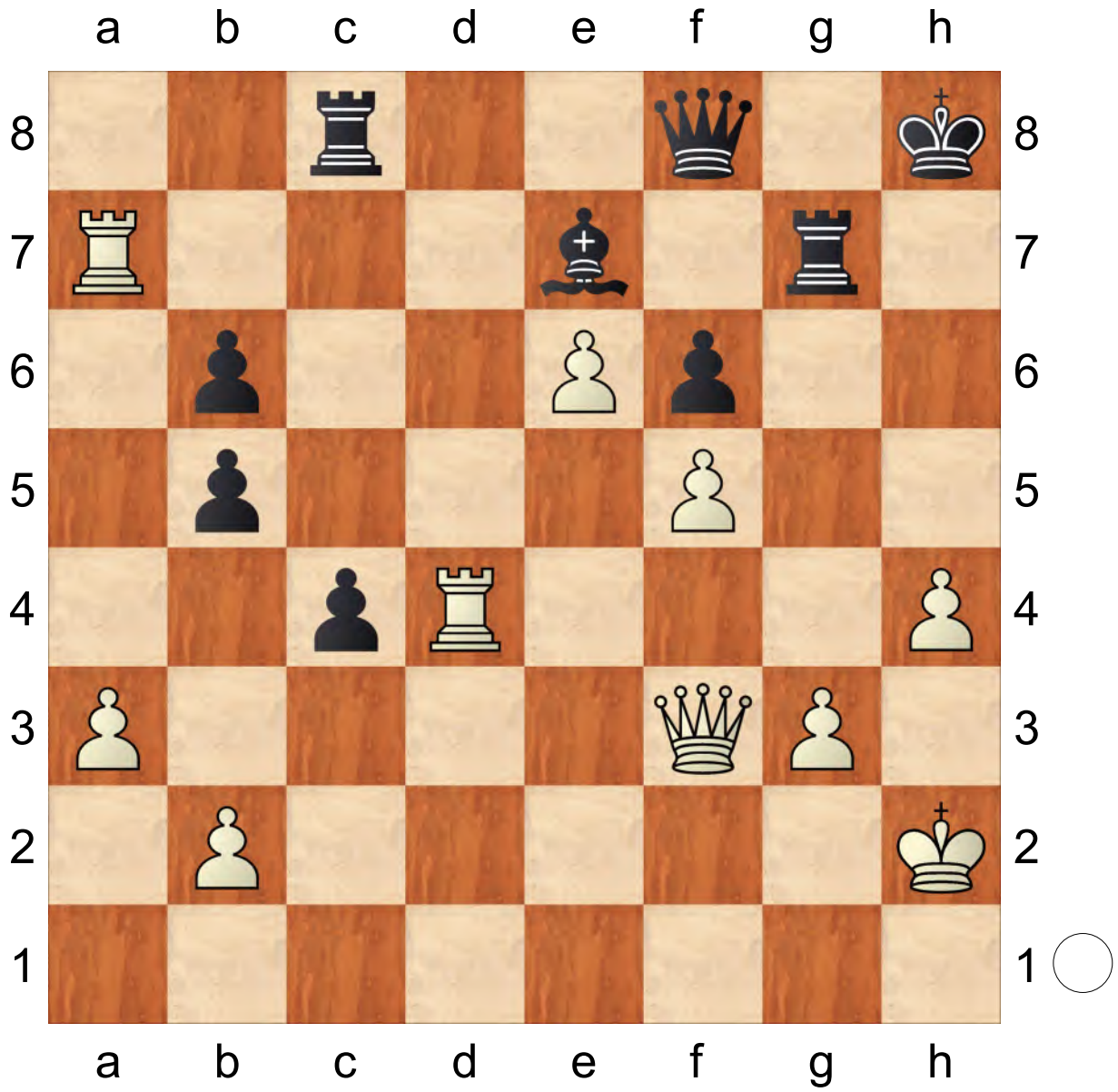
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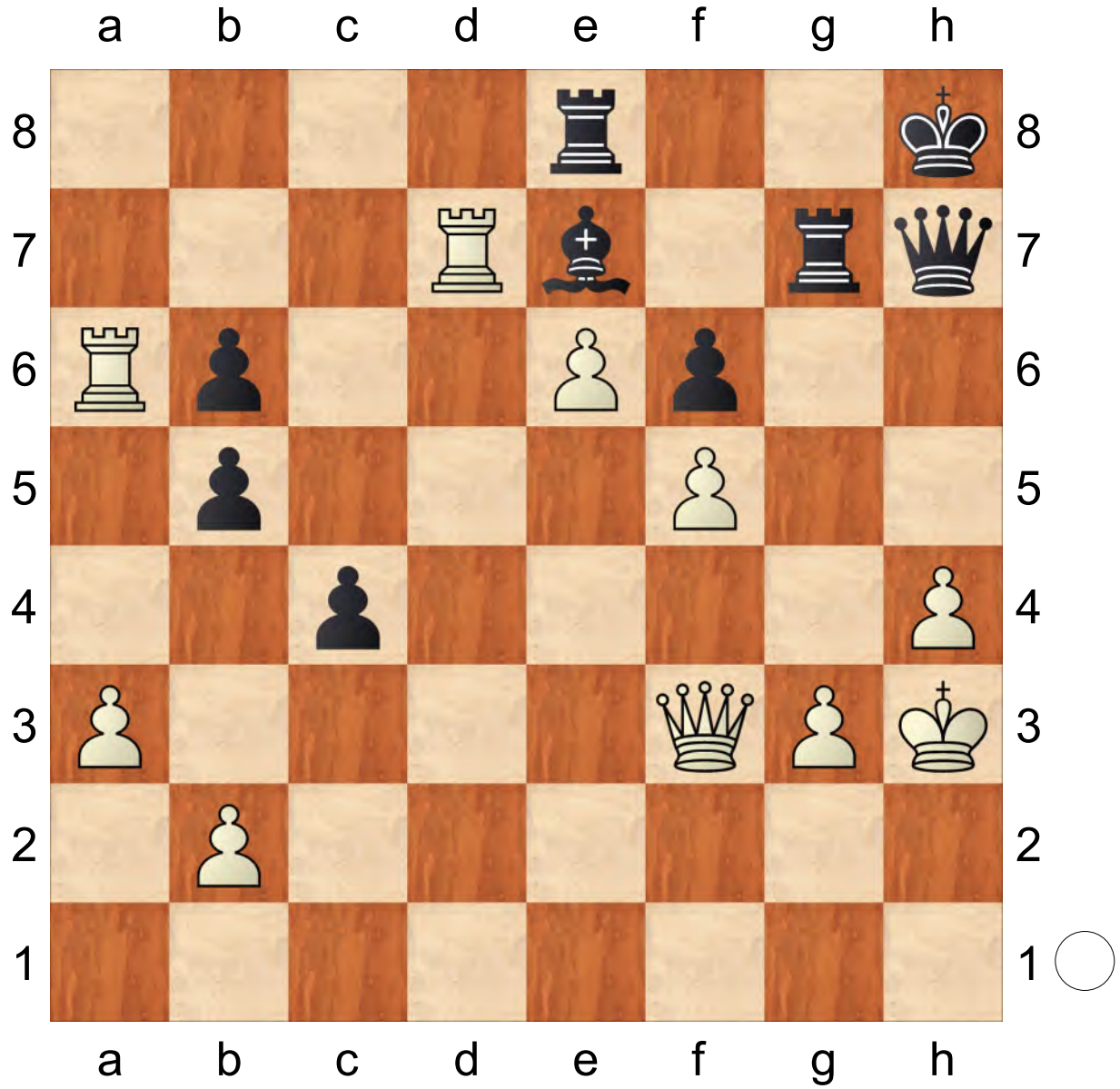
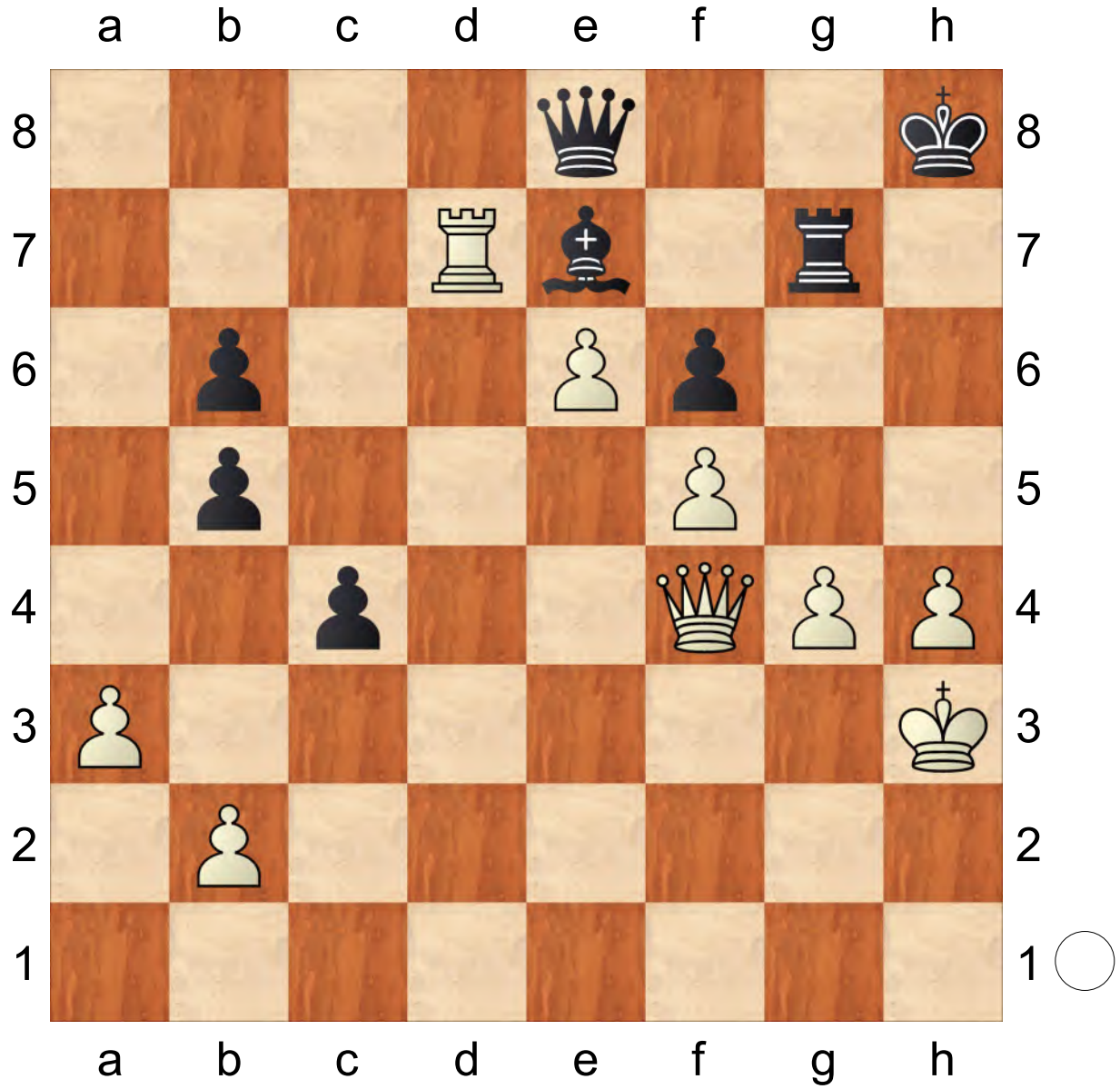


46.Ra8 Rxa8 47.Qxa8+ Rg8 48.Qf3 Rg7 49.Qf4 Qh5 50.g4 Qe8

(Diagram)

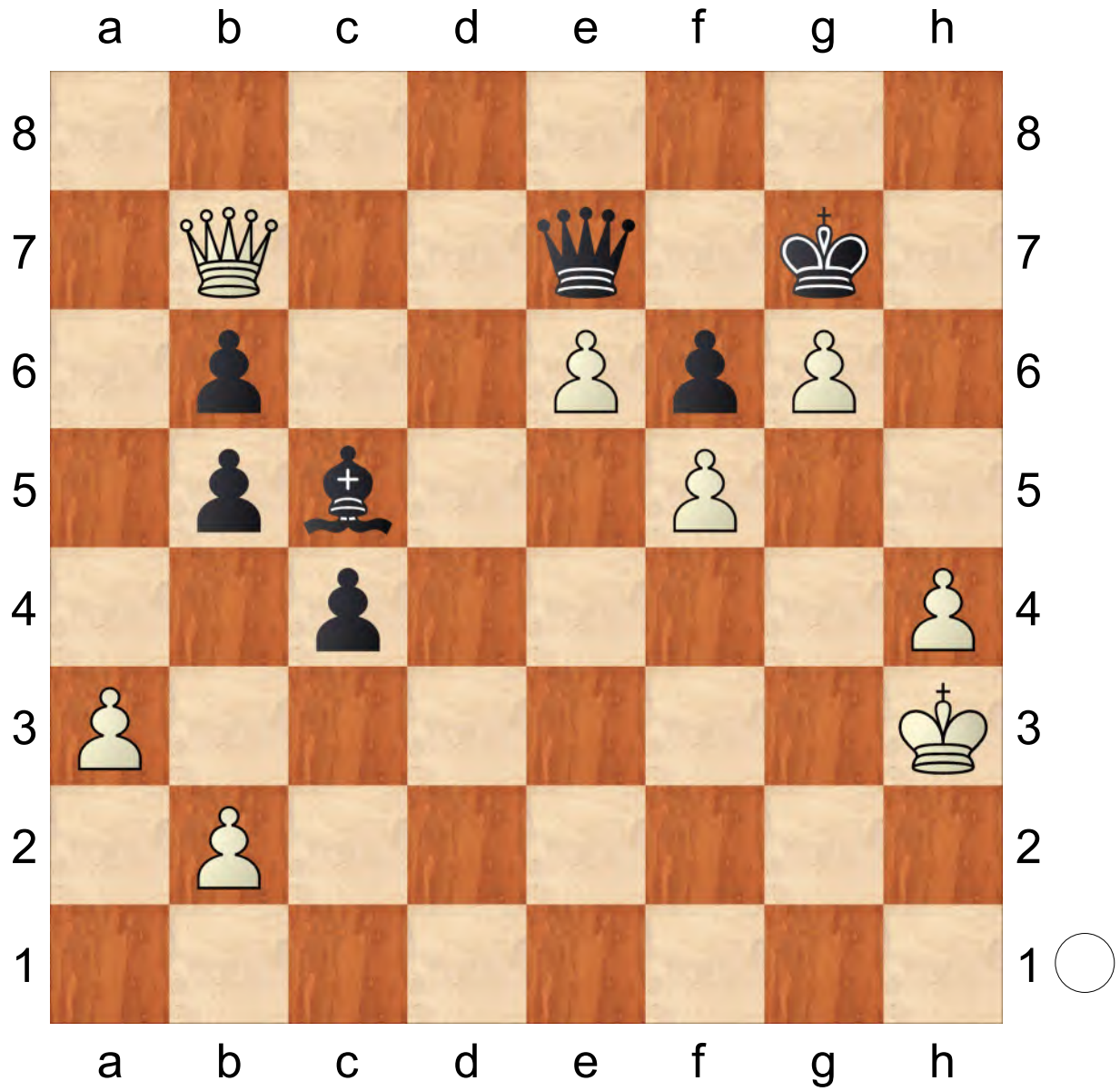
51.Rb7 Kh7 52.Qe4 Bc5
[52...b4!? 53.axb4 Qa4 54.Qf3 Bd8 55.g5 Rxb7 56.Qxb7+ Kh8± /∞ Both ♔ are exposed and Black has counterplay.]
53.g5 Rxb7?!
[⌓53...Qd8! was more resilient.]
54.Qxb7+ Qe7 55.g6+?
[White returns the favour by renewing the blockade. After 55.Qd7 Kg7 *(55...Kh8 56.g6!)* 56.Kg4± /+- he should gradually win. Qxd7? 57.exd7 Be7 58.g6 Δ♔f3-e4-d5-c6]



55...Kg7?
[55...Kh6! 56.Qd7 b4 57.axb4 Bxb4 58.Kg4 b5!⇄ Δ 59.Qxb5 Qa7! 60.Qxb4 Qd4+ 61.Kf3 Qd3+=]

(Diagram)

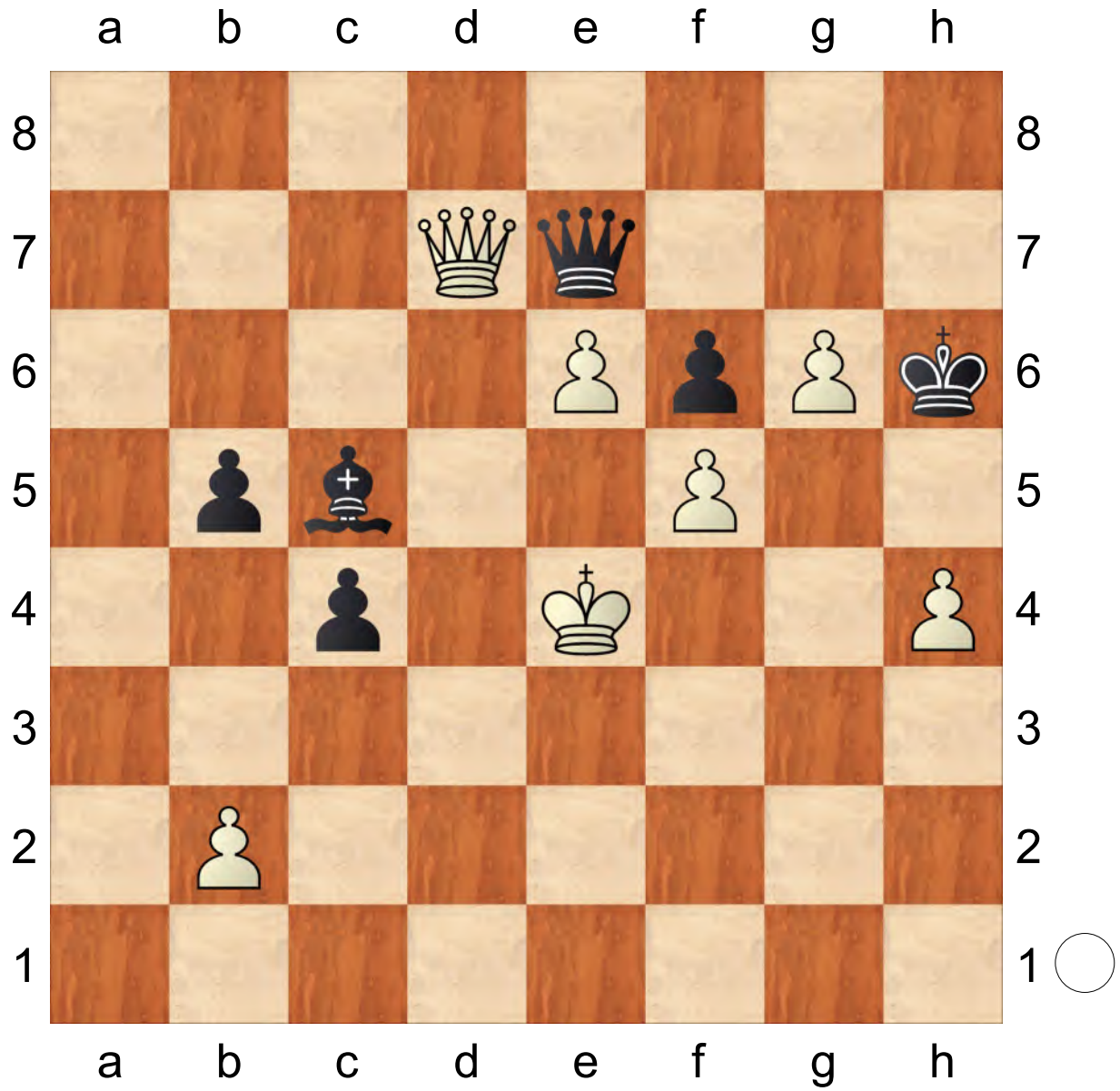
The defence is difficult and Black falters. **56.Qd7 b4 57.axb4 Bxb4 58.Kg4 Kh6**
Now it should have been too late, but there are more mistakes to come. **59.Kf3**
[59.Qc8! Kg7 60.h5 Bd2 61.Qd7 Bb4 62.Qc6+- Δ♕c4,♕b6,h6]
59...b5
[59...Qg7 60.h5 Qf8! *(60...Be7? 61.Qd2+ Kxh5 62.Qh2+ Kg5 63.Qf4+ Kh5 64.Qg4+ Kh6 65.Qh4#)* 61.Kg4 Be7 62.Qd2+ Kg7 63.h6+ Kg8±]



60.Ke4?
[60.Qxb5 Qd6 61.Qd7+-]
60...Bc5?
[The last one to err after a tough defence is Black. The engines quickly point out 60...Qg7! 61.Qxb5 *(61.Kd5 Bf8* and White has no obvious inroads.*)* 61...Qc7= freeing the ♕ and saving the game.]

(Diagram)

61.Kd5+- Bb4
[61...Kg7 62.h5 *(62.Qc6!?)* 62...Kh6 63.Kc6 b4 64.Qd2+ Kxh5 *(64...Kg7 65.h6+ Kg8 66.Kb5+-)* 65.g7! Qxg7 66.Qh2+ Kg5 67.Qg3++-]



62.Kc6 White's ♔ advances further and decides the issue. **62...Qc5+ 63.Kb7 Qe7 64.Ka6**

[64.Ka6 Kg7 65.Qxe7+ Bxe7 66.Kxb5+-]

(Diagram)

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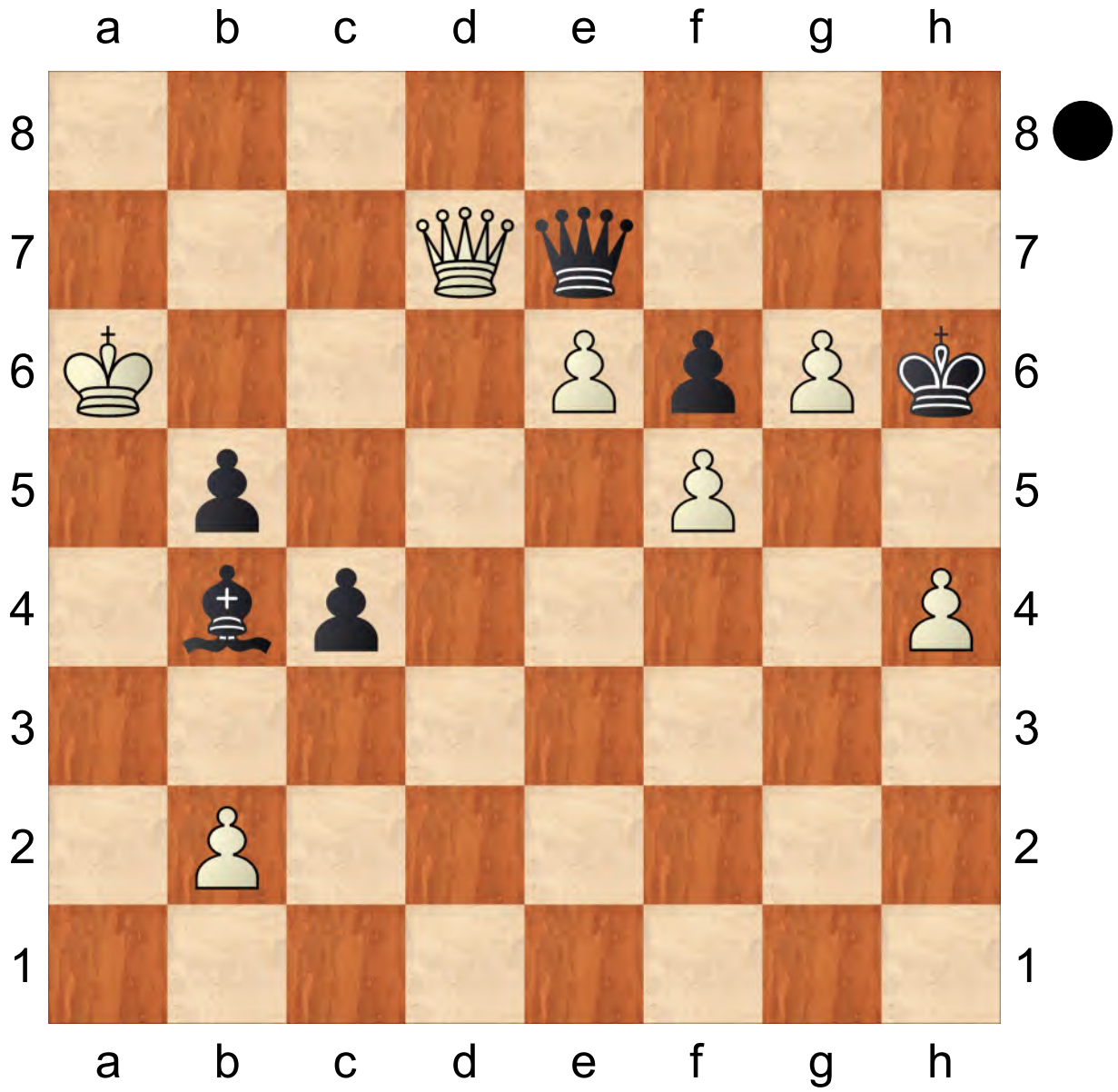
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■ **Lev,Ronen** **2460**
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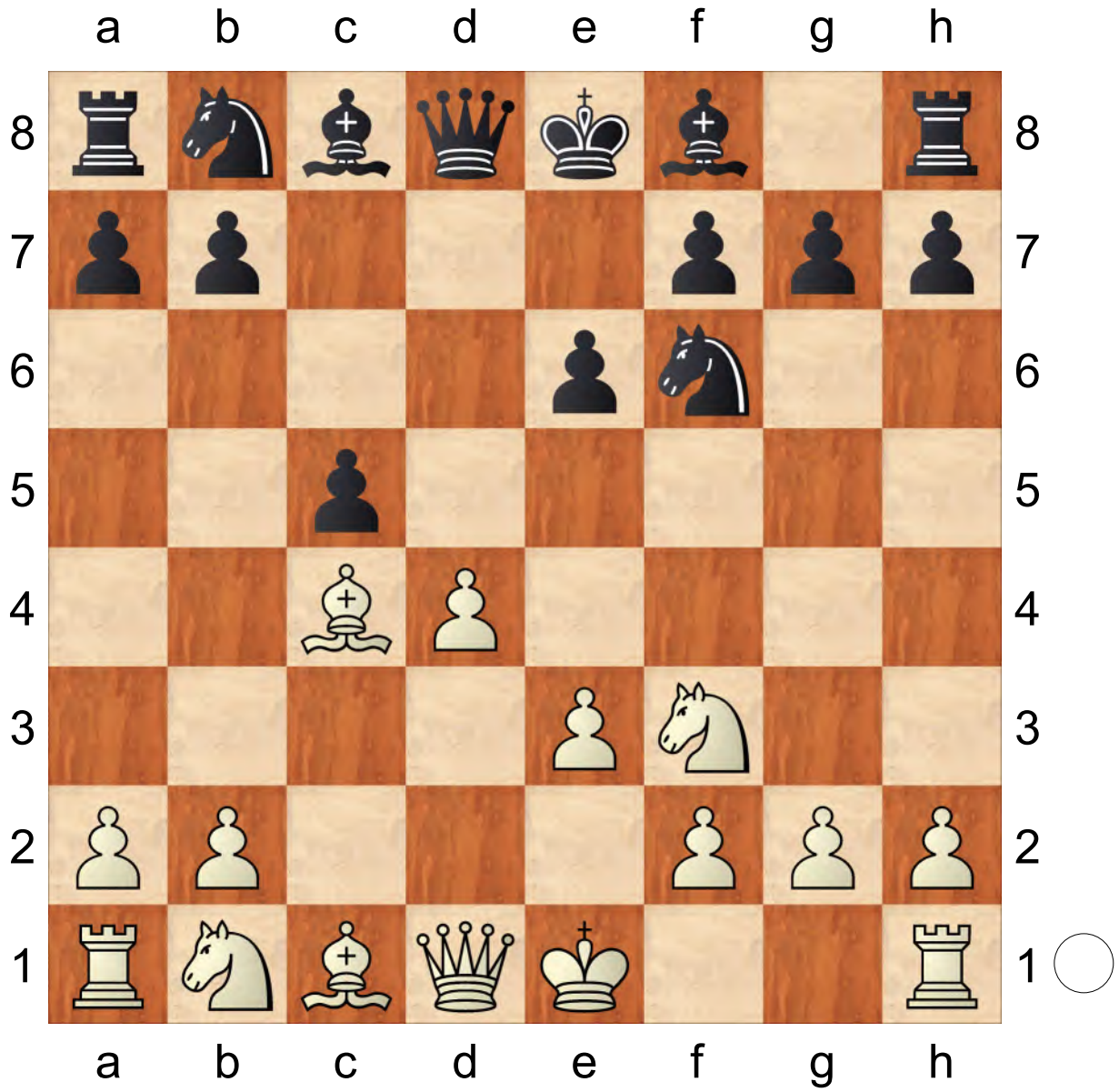
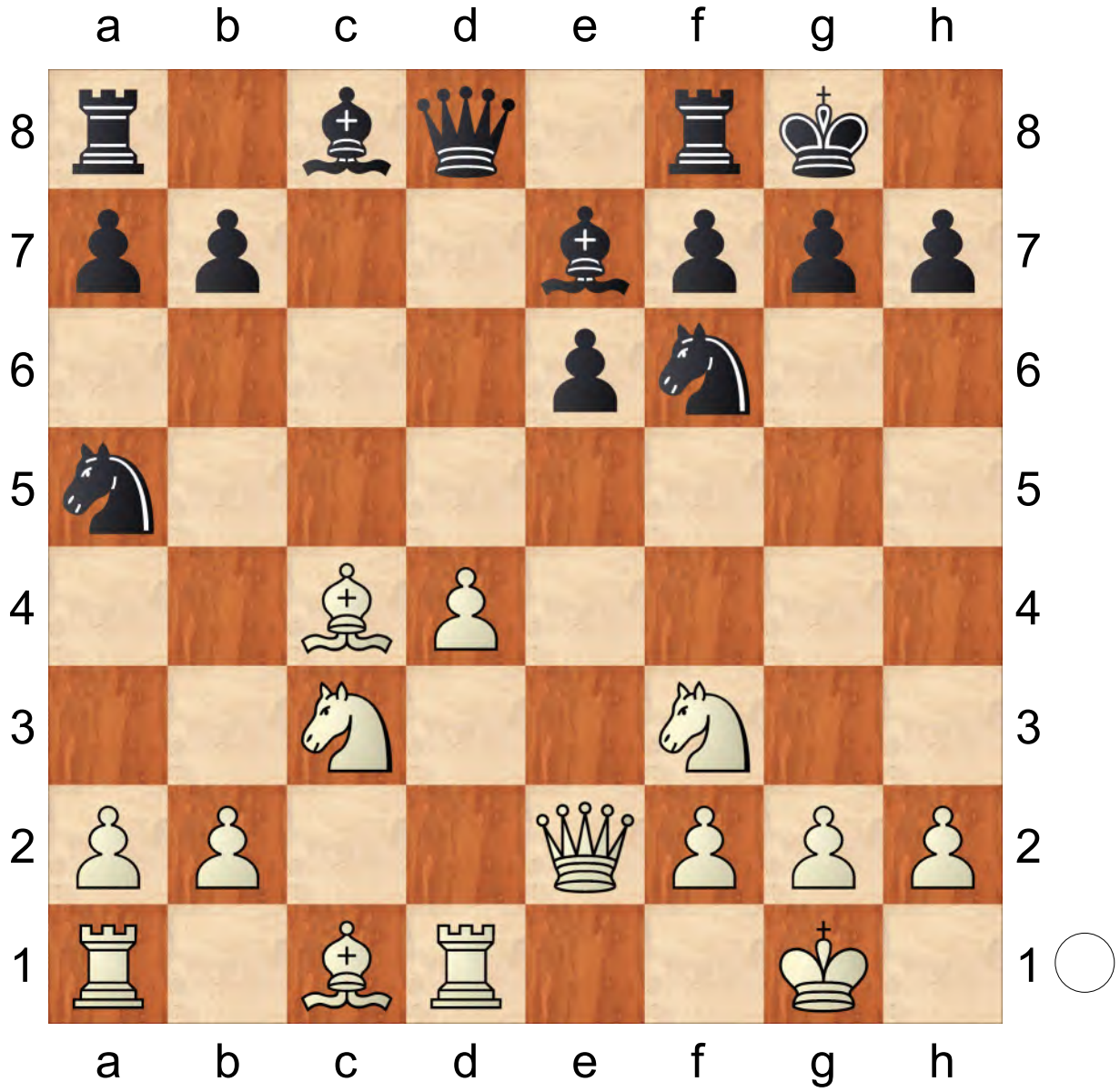
1.d4 Mikhalevski,V Mikhalevski,V **1...d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bxc4 e6**



6.Qe2 cxd4 7.exd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Be7
[8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.Nc3! Be7 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.Qb5! Qxb5 16.Nxb5±]
9.Rd1 0-0 10.Nc3 Na5
[10...Nd5]



11.Bd3 b6 12.Bg5

[12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Qe3 Nd5 14.Qh3 f5 15.Bb5 Qd6 16.Qg3 Rad8∞ Lengyel-Van Scheltinga,T/ Beverwijk 1965]

12...Bb7 13.Re1!?N The idea of this move is very simple.White want to put his rooks on the better places,than"c1"and "d1",but of course he has to take in consideration 13...♗:f3 and 14...♕:d4.

[13.Rac1 is the main line,but White has tried all the possible moves.See below.

A) 13...Rc8

A1) 14.Ne5 Nd5 *(14...Nc6 15.Bb1± ΔNxd4 16.Qe3 Bc5 17.Qh3 h6 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qxh6→)*

A1a) Huzman 15.Qh5 f5 *(15...g6!? 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.Rd3 Bxg5 20.Rh3+ Bh4 21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.Rxh4 Kf7*

23.Qh7+ Ke8 24.Qg6+ Kd7 25.Rh7+ Ne7 26.Re1 Rc6 27.d5 Rd6 28.Rxe6 Kc8!; 15...h6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxh6 Nf6 18.Ng4+-) 16.Bd2 Nxc3 *(16...Nf6 17.Qe2 Qxd4 18.Bg5⩲)* 17.bxc3 Qd5 18.Qh3 Bf6 *(18...Qxa2!? 19.Qg3!? Rfd8 20.h4⩲)* 19.c4 Qxd4 20.Bc3 Qh4 21.Qxh4 Bxh4 22.Bxa5 bxa5 23.c5⩱ Bg5? *(23...Bd5! 24.Rc2 Rc7∓)* 24.c6! Ba8 *(24...Bxc1 25.cxb7 Rc7 26.Bc4±)* 25.Rc5 Rfd8?? *(25...Bf6 26.Bc4 Rfe8 27.Rd6 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Rxc6 29.Rexe6 Rxe6 30.Bxe6+ Kf8 31.Rxc6 Bxc6 32.Bxf5 g6 33.Bc2 Ke7 34.f4 Kd6 35.Kf2 Kc5 36.g4 Kd4 37.h4±)* 26.c7 Rd5 *(26...Rd6 27.Rb1 Rb6 28.Rxb6 axb6 29.Ba6+-)* 27.Rxd5 Bxd5 28.Rb1!+- 1-0 Yakovich,Y-Kharlov,A/RUS-chm1-2 1997;

A1b) 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Be4 Qxe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bxe7 Rfe8 19.Bb4 Nc6 ½-½ Cramling,P-Peng Zhaoqin/FIDE Cand (Women), Groningen NED 1997;

A1c) 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Rc3 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Rc8 19.c4 Bb7 20.h3± Djuric,L-Mascarinas,Rico/Subotica (Yugoslavia) 1984;

A2) 14.Bb1 Nd5 15.Qe4 g6 16.Qh4 f6 17.Bh6 Nxc3 18.bxc3 *(18.Rxc3 Rxc3 19.bxc3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 f5 21.Qg3 Re8 22.Re1 Bf6 23.a4 Qd5 24.Qc7 Qxf3 25.Rxe6 Qd1+ ½-½ Tkachiev,V-Legky,N/Corsica Rapid, Bastia FRA 1997)* 18...Bxf3 19.gxf3 f5 20.Qg3 Rf7 21.Re1 Bh4 22.Qg2 Qd6 23.Re2 Re7 24.a4 Nc4 25.Rce1 Kf7 26.Bc1 Bf6 27.Ba2 a6 28.Bg5 b5 29.axb5 axb5 30.f4 Bxg5 31.fxg5 Rcc7 32.Qh3 Kg7 33.Qg3 Qxg3+ 34.hxg3 Kf7 35.f4 Rc6 36.Kg2 Nb6 37.Re5 Na4 38.d5 Rxc3 39.R1e2 Rc5 40.d6 Rxe5 41.Rxe5 Rb7 42.Bxe6+ Kf8 43.Bc8 1-0 Avrukh,B-Baron Rodriguez,J/WchJM U18 1996;

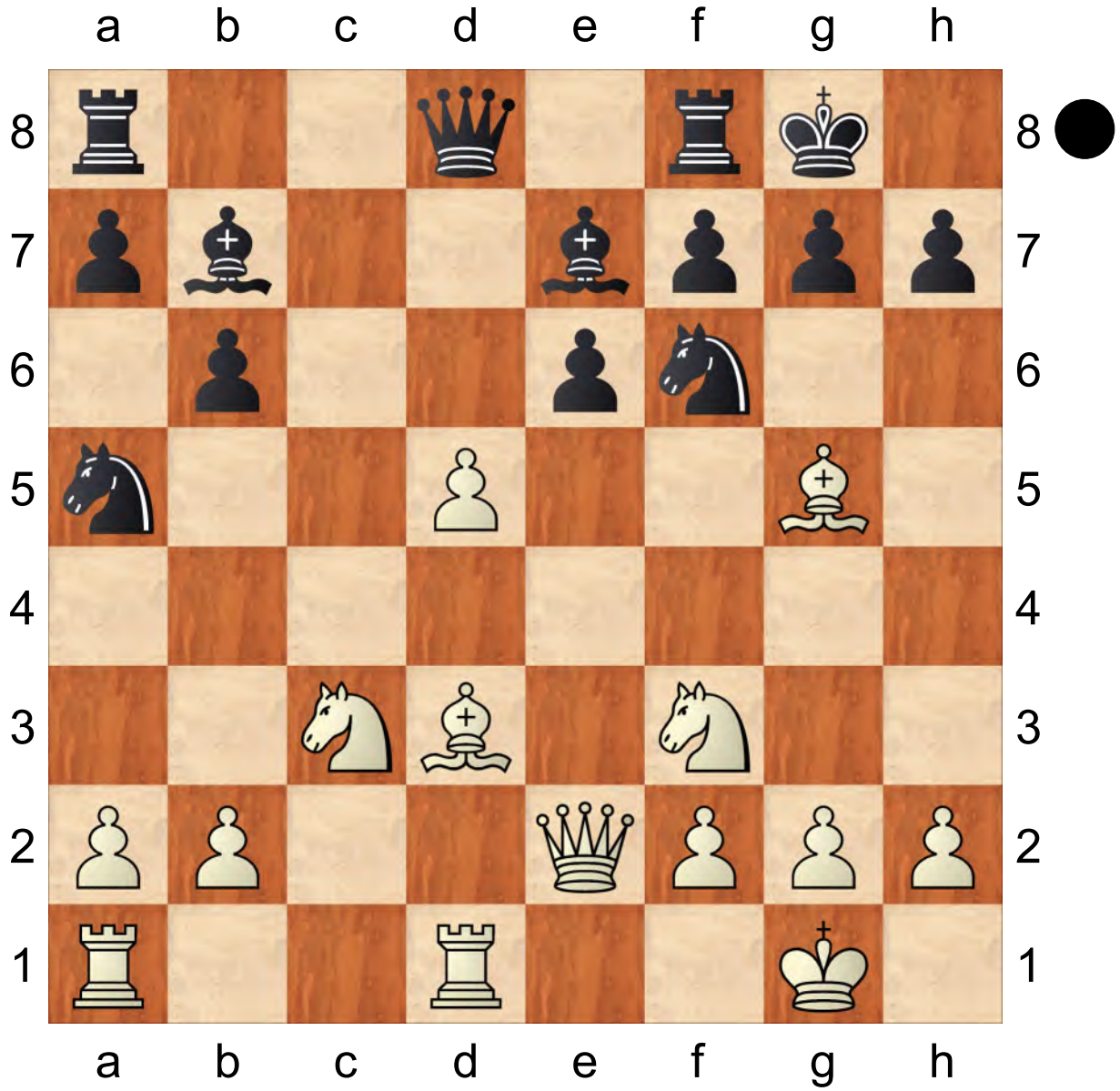
A3) 14.Ba6 h6 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Ne4 Rxc1 *(17...Nd6 18.Rxc8 Nxc8 19.d5 ½-½ Rogozenko,D-Ibragimov,I/Open, Cappelle la Grande FRA 1998)* 18.Rxc1 Nd6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Rc7 Qf5 21.h3 Qb1+ 22.Kh2 Qxa2 23.Ne5 Qa4 24.Qg4 Ne8 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Qxe6 Nd6 27.Nxf7 ½-½ Tregubov,P-Kharlov,A/RUS-Cup7 1997;

B) 13...Nd5 14.Qe4 g6 15.Qh4 f6 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.Qh3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ba3 19.Rc2 Qd7 20.Re1 Re8 21.Rce2 Bd5 22.Nd2 b5 23.Ne4 Nc4 24.Qh4 Be7 25.Qg3 f5 26.Nd2 Nxd2 27.Rxd2 Rc8 28.Rc2 a6 29.h4 Qd8 30.Bg5 Bxg5 31.hxg5 Qc7 32.Qe3 Qa5 33.Qd2 Rfc7 34.Rec1 Qa3 35.f3 Qd6 36.f4 Qf8 37.Qe3 Qa3 38.Qd2 Kf7 39.Kf2 Kg8 40.Kg1 Qd6 41.Qe3 ½-½ Donner,J-Van Scheltinga,T/IBM 1964]

[Cifuentes Parada 13.d5?!N

(Diagram)

exd5 *(13...Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Rxd5⩲)* 14.Nd4 Ne4! 15.Bxe4 *(15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.f3 Qb4! 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.fxe4 Rfe8∓)* 15...Bxg5 16.Nf5□ Re8! *(16...Qf6 17.Nxd5 Bxd5*



18.Rxd5 Rad8 19.Rad1 Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Rc8=) 17.Qg4 h5! *(17...g6 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5!? gxf5 20.Qxf5 h6 21.f4 Bh4 22.Rac1⩲; 17...Qf6? 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rad8 20.f4! Bh6 21.Nxh6+ Qxh6 22.Qf5! Qg6 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.b4+-)* 18.Qh3□ *(18.Qxh5? g6 19.Qg4 gxf5 20.Qxf5 Qf6 21.Qh7+ Kf8-+; 18.Qg3 Qf6∓)* 18...Re5! *(18...g6? 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Qf6 21.Nd6±)* 19.Bxd5 *(19.Qf3? dxe4! 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qh3 Bc8 22.Qxh5 Rxf5 23.Nxe4 Be7-+)* 19...Bxd5 20.f4 Bxf4 21.Rxd5 *(21.Nxd5 Qg5 22.Qf3 Rxf5 23.Nxf4 Re8∓)* 21...Qg5 22.Rf1 Rae8 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 *(23...Bxe5 24.Qd3 Nc6 25.Qd7 Re6 26.Nd5⇄)* 24.Nd6⊕ Qe7 *(24...Re6 25.Nxf7! Kxf7 26.g3 Rf6 27.Qd7+ Kg8 28.Qe8+ Rf8 29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.Nd5 Bd6 31.Qxd6 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qc1+ 33.Kg2 Qxb2+ 34.Kh3∓)* 25.Qc8+ Kh7 26.Nce4 Nb7! *(26...Be3+ 27.Kh1 Bc5? 28.Nxf7! Rxe4 29.Qf5+ Kg8 30.Ng5+-)* 27.Qc2 g6 *(27...Nxd6?? 28.Nf6+ Kh6 29.Ng8++-)* 28.Rxf4 Nxd6 29.Qf2?? *(29.Nxd6 Re1+ 30.Rf1 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1*

Qxd6∓) 29...Rxe4 0-1 Riemersma,L-Cifuentes Parada,R/Hoogovens-B 1997]
[13.Ne5 Nd5 14.Bd2 Bg5 15.Be4 Bxd2 16.Rxd2 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Rc8= Jelen-Barle,/Ljubljana 1981 *(18...Rc8 19.Rd3 Qd5 20.Qxd5 exd5 21.Ng4 Nc4 22.Ne3 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 Rfe8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Kf1 f6 26.Rb1 Kf7 27.Rb5 Ke6 28.Ke2 Kd6+ 29.Kd2 Kc6 30.Rb1 b5 31.Kd3 a6 32.Kd2 Kb6 33.a4 Re7 34.Kd3 Re8* ½-½ Jelen,I-Barle,J/Ljubljana 1981 *)*]
[13.Rd2 Nd5 14.Qe4 g6 15.Qh4 f6 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qg3 Bd6 19.Ne5 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Qc7 21.Bf1 Rc8 22.Rad1 Nc6 23.f4 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Bf8 25.Bxf8 Kxf8 26.c4 Ba6 27.Rd4 Qc5 28.Kh1 b5 29.h4 bxc4 30.Rd8+ Rxd8 31.Rxd8+ Kg7 32.h5 Qe7 33.h6+ Kxh6 34.Rg8 1-0 Brinck Claussen,B-Van Scheltinga,T/Hoogovens-B 1971]
[13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne5 g6 15.Be4 Qe7 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.Qf3 Bg7 19.d5 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Rfc8 21.Qf6 Rc7 22.Ne5 Qd8 23.Qf3 exd5 24.Ng4 d4 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Nd5 Rd7 27.Rxd4 Rc8 28.Rad1 Rc6 ½-½ Lukacs,P-Niklasson,C/Makarczyk mem+ 1978]
[13.Bc2 Nd5 14.Bd2 Rc8 15.Ne5 Nc6 16.Qe4 Nf6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Qh4 g6 19.Qh3 Qd7 20.Bf4 b5 21.a3 a5 22.Bb3 Qb7 23.Be5 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Na4 Nd7 26.Bf4 Bd5 27.Rac1 Rfe8 28.Qg3 Bf6 29.h3 h5 30.Nc5 Nxc5 31.Rxc5 Be4 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Be5 Be7 34.Qf4 g5 35.Qg3 Kh7 36.Re1 Bg6 37.Qe3 Qb5 38.Rd1 Rd8 39.Rc1 Rd7 40.Ra1 Qb7 41.Rc1 Bd8 42.Ba4 f6 43.Bxd7 Qxd7 44.Bh2 Bb6 45.Qd2 Qxd4 ½-½ Zaltsman,V-Bjarnason,S/Reykjavik op 1982]
[13.h4 Rc8 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.h5 Re8 17.b4 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Nc6 19.Nb5 Nxd4 20.Qe4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Kf8 22.Nxa7 Qd7 23.Nc6 Nxc6 24.Rxc6 Rd8 25.Bf1 Bd4 26.a4 Qd5 27.Qxd5 Rxd5 28.Be2 Ke7 29.Bf3 Rd6 30.Rc7+ Rd7 31.Rc4 Be5 32.a5 bxa5 33.bxa5 Rc7 34.Rxc7+ Bxc7 35.a6 Bb6 36.g4 f5 37.Kg2 Kd6 38.Kg3 Kc7 39.Be2 fxg4 40.Bxg4 Kb8 ½-½ Lputian,S-Komarov,D/It, Reggio Emilia ITA 1997]

13...Rc8?!

[13...Bxf3! 14.Qxf3 Qxd4 15.Rad1

A) 15...Qc5? 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Ne4

A1) 17...Qd4 18.b4! *(18.Nxf6+; 18.Nxf6+!? Qxf6 19.Qe4! Qg6□ 20.Qxa8!+-)*;

A2) 17...Qe7 18.b4! Qxb4 *(18...Nb7 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Qh4!)* 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Bxh7+! Kxh7 21.Re4+-;

B) 15...Qb4□

B1) 16.a3? Qxb2 *(16...Qb3!?)* 17.Rb1

B1a) 17...Qxa3 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd5!!

B1a1) 19...Bb2

B1a11) 20.Rxb2? Qxb2 21.Bxh7+! Kh8! *(21...Kxh7 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Ne7#)* 22.Qh5 Qd2! **Δ**♕h6;

B1a12) 20.Nf6+!! gxf6□ *(20...Bxf6?? 21.Bxh7+!; 20...Kh8?! 21.Nxh7! ΔRfd8 22.Ng5! Qxd3 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Qxf7+ Kh8*

25.Rxb2!±) 21.Bxh7+! Kxh7 22.Qh5+= *(22.Re3!?→)*;

B1a2) 19...Be7 20.Nf6+!! Kh8! *(20...Bxf6?* Mikhalevski,V: '??' '??' *21.Bxh7+* Mikhalevski,V: '!' '!'*; 20...gxf6 21.Bxh7+! Kh8 22.Qh5 Kg7 23.Qg4+ Kxh7 24.Qh5+=)* 21.Nxh7 *(21.Qh3 h6 22.Ng4 Rad8! 23.Rbd1 Bg5-+)* 21...Rfd8 22.Nf6!! g6! *(22...Bxf6? 23.Qh3+ ΔKg8? 24.Bh7+; 22...gxf6?? 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8#)* 23.Re3!!→;

B1b) 17...Qxc3! 18.Bxh7+ Nxh7! 19.Qxc3 Bxg5∓;

B2) 16.Ne4!?

B2a) 16...Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Qc5

B2a1) 18.Rh4?!

B2a11) 18...Bxg5 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.b4! Qe5 21.Rh5! *(21.Qh5 Nc6!! 22.Be4+ Bh6 23.Bxc6 Qxh5 24.Rxh5 Rfd8!∓)* 21...f5!! 22.Rxg5 Kxh7 23.bxa5⩲;

B2a12) 18...g6!∓;

B2a2) 18.Bxe7! Qxe7 19.Rd4! Rac8 *(19...Rad8? 20.Bxh7+! Kxh7 21.Qd3++-)*

B2a21) 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qh3+! *(21.Qh5+? Kg8 22.Rh4 f5!-+)* 21...Kg8 22.Rh4 f5 *(22...g6 23.Rh8+ Kg7 24.Qh6+ Kf6 25.Qf4+ Kg7 26.Qh6+=)* 23.Rh8+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ Kf6 25.Qh4+ Kf7 26.Qh5+=;

B2a22) 20.Rd7 Qb4 21.b3 Nc6 22.Be4=;

B2b) 16...Nd5! and White can't hope for more than equality.Certainly it was impossible to count all these variations,but 13... ♗:f3 without any doubt was the best move.]

14.Rad1± Now White get slightly more favourable edition of the theoretical line with 13.♖ac1. **14...Nd5?!**

[14...Nc6!? Δ♘b4.]

15.Qe4! g6

[15...Nf6 is dangerous in view of 16.Qh4 h6 17.Bxh6! gxh6 *(17...Bxf3? 18.gxf3!+- ⇔g)* 18.Qxh6 and White's attack is very dangerous.]

(Diagram)

16.Qh4!

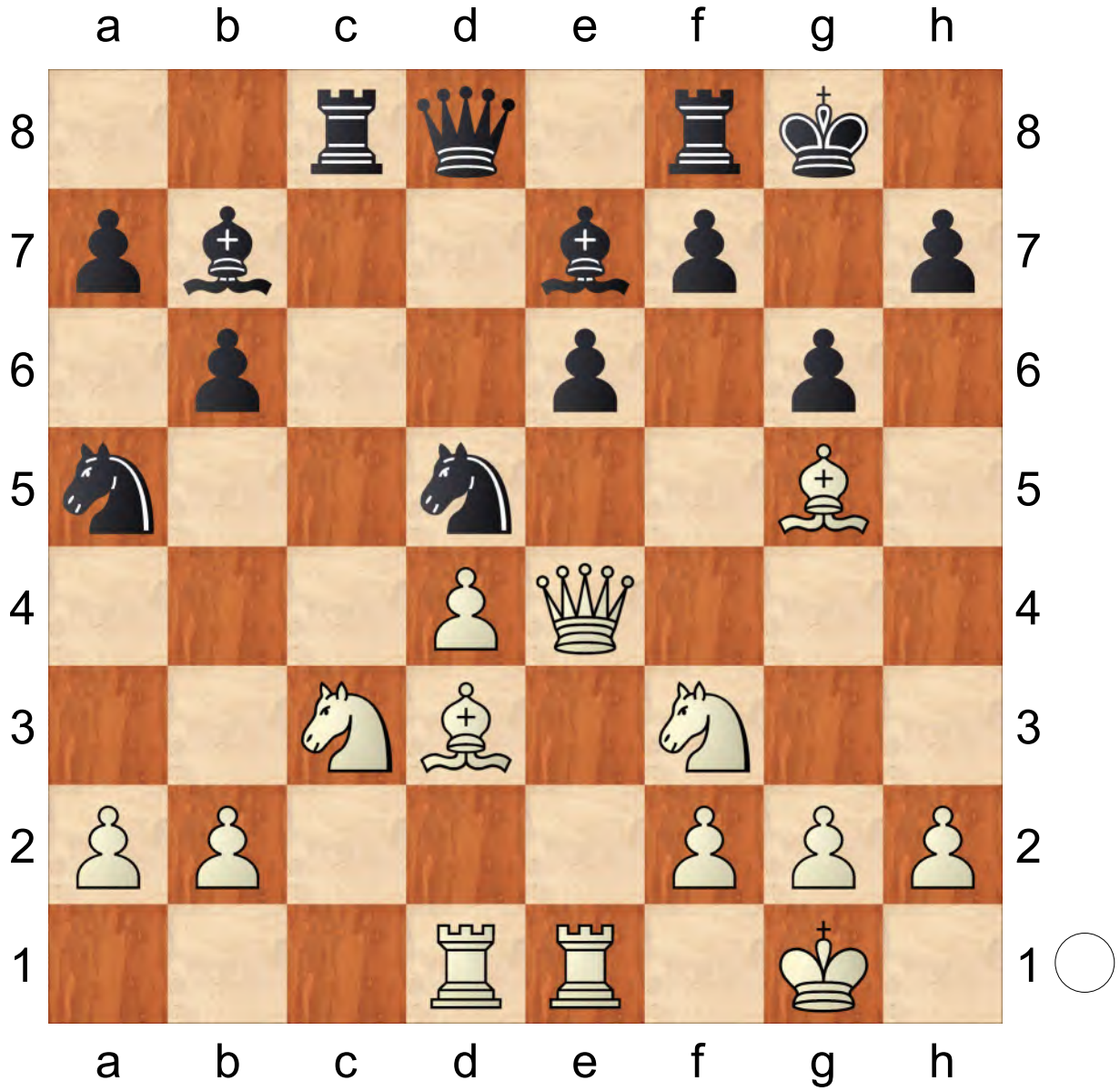
[≤16.Bxe7 Qxe7!? *(16...Nxe7 17.Qf4↑)* 17.Nxd5 Qd8□ *(17...Bxd5 18.Qxd5+-)*]

16...f6 17.Bh6 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Rf7

[18...Bxf3 19.gxf3→ *(19.Bxf8? Bxd1 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Rxd1 Rxc3)*]

19.Rxe6 Rxc3

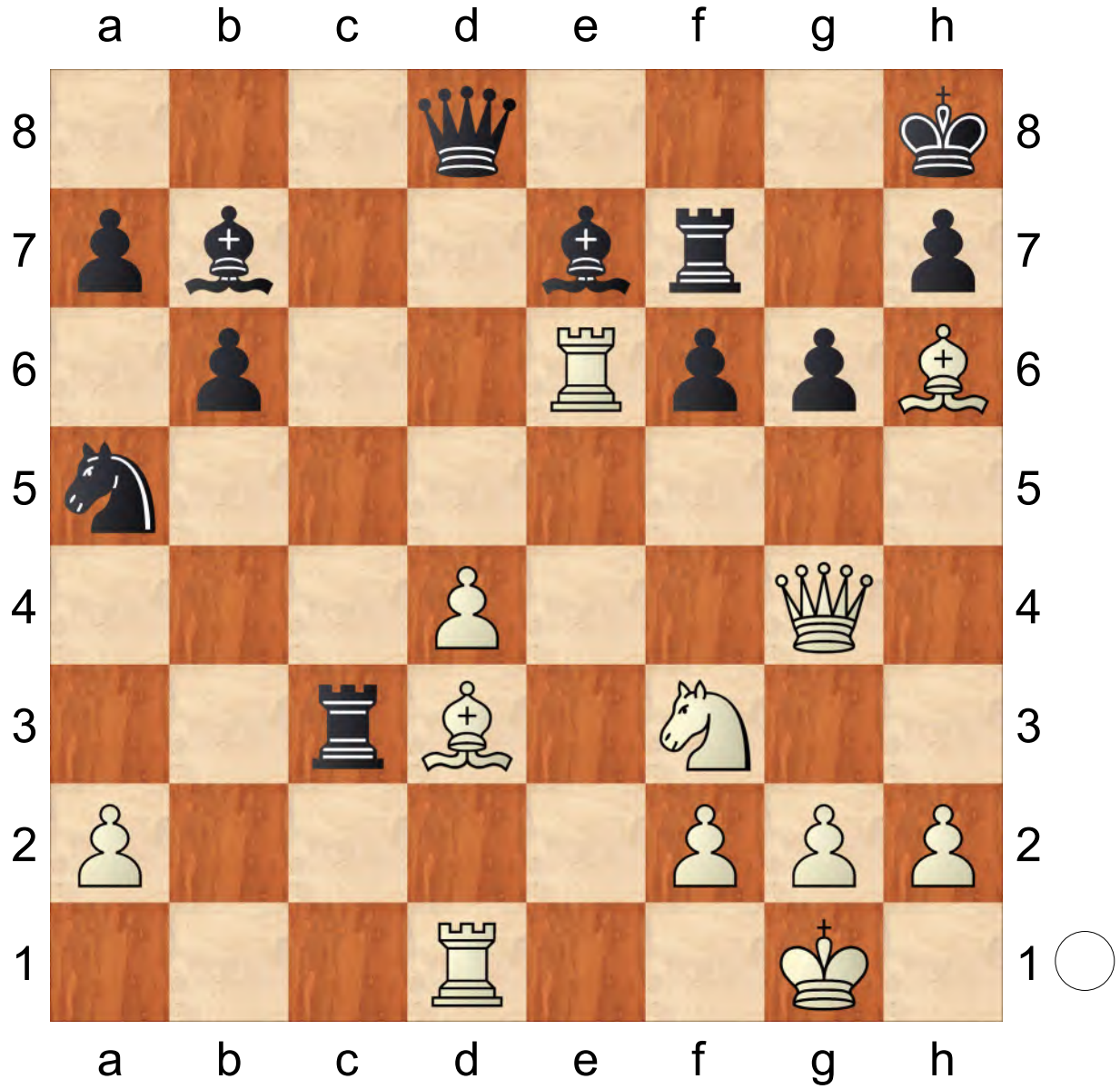
[19...Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rxc3 21.d5!! f5□ *(21...Qxd5 22.Rxe7! Rxe7 23.Qxf6+-)* 22.Qd4± ΔBf6? 23.Qe3 Rc8 24.Bb5+-]



20.Qg4! Δ♗:g6 **20...Kh8**
[20...f5? 21.Rxg6+ Kh8 *(21...hxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kh8 23.Qxf7+-)* 22.Ne5! hxg6 23.Qxg6! Rh7 24.Qe6!+- Δ♘g6#]
[20...Bf8!?]

(Diagram)

21.d5! Bc8?
[21...Qxd5? 22.Be2! Qc5 23.Rd8+! Bf8 *(23...Bxd8 24.Re8++-)* 24.Ree8 Rc1+ 25.Bxc1+- *(25.Bf1!?)*]
[21...Bxd5!
A) 22.Be4 Rc5□ *(22...f5? 23.Rxd5 Qxd5 24.Bxd5! fxg4 25.Ne5!+-)* 23.Ng5



(23.Be3 Qd7!; 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Rde1 Nb7) 23...fxg5 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Qxd5 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Qc8+ Qg8 28.Qc3+ Rg7 29.Bxg7+ Qxg7 30.Qc8+ Qg8 31.Qc3+=;

B) 22.Ng5!? fxg5□ *(22...Bxe6? 23.Qxe6 Rf8 24.Nf7+ Rxf7 25.Qxf7 Qg8 26.Qxe7+-)* 23.Qd4+

B1) 23...Kg8? 24.Be4! Rc1!? *(24...Bxe6?? 25.Qxd8+ Bxd8 26.Rxd8++-; 24...Bf6? 25.Qxd5+-)* 25.Bxd5 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1+-;

B2) 23...Bf6□ 24.Qxd5! Qxd5□ *(24...Rd7? 25.Qe4 Rc8 26.Re1+-)* 25.Re8+ Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Qg8 27.Rxf6!?≅]

22.Qd4! Bxe6

[22...Rc5 doesn't help 23.Rxe7!! □ *(23.Rde1 Bxe6 24.dxe6 Qxd4 25.Nxd4 Rg7)*

A) 23...Rxe7 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Bg5!+- *(25.Bxg6!?)*;

B) 23...Qxe7 24.Re1!
B1) 24...Qd7 25.Ne5! fxe5 26.Qxe5+ Rg7 *(26...Kg8 27.Qe8+ Qxe8 28.Rxe8+)* 27.Qf6!+-;
B2) 24...Qd8 25.Ng5! Rg7 *(25...Rb7?? 26.Qxf6+ Qxf6 27.Re8+)*
B2a) 26.Bxg6? Rc4! *(26...hxg6? 27.Qh4! Qg8□ 28.Ne4!+-)* 27.Qe3 hxg6!;
B2b) 26.Qe3!! Δ27.♕e8 ♕e8 28.♖e8 ♖g8 29.♘f7# 26...fxg5 *(26...Rcc7 27.d6! Rb7 28.Ba6!+-)* 27.Qd4! Rcc7□ 28.Bb5!! Δ♗:g7 and then ♖e8 Rce7 29.Bxg7+ Kg8 30.Be5±]

23.Qxc3!± Δde;♘g5
[23.dxe6 Qxd4 24.Nxd4 Rg7±]

23...Qxd5
[23...Bxd5? 24.Be4+-]
[⌓23...Qc8! 24.Rc1! *(24.Qb2!?)* 24...Qxc3 25.Rxc3 Bg4□ *(25...Bxd5 26.Rc8++-)* 26.Rc7 Kg8 27.Rxa7±]

24.Ng5!+- Kg8 25.Nxf7 Kxf7?⊕
[⌓25...Qh5]

(Diagram)

26.Bxg6+! hxg6 27.Rxd5 Bxd5 28.Qc7 The rest is clear and doesn't deserve any comments. **28...Bxa2 29.Qxa7 Be6 30.Bf8!? Kxf8**

(Diagram)

31.Qxb6 Kf7 32.Qxa5 f5 33.Qa7 Kf6 34.Qd4+ Kf7 35.Qh8 Bf6

(Diagram)

36.Qh7+ Bg7 37.h4 Kf6 38.h5 gxh5 39.Qxh5 Bf7 40.Qh4+ Kg6

(Diagram)

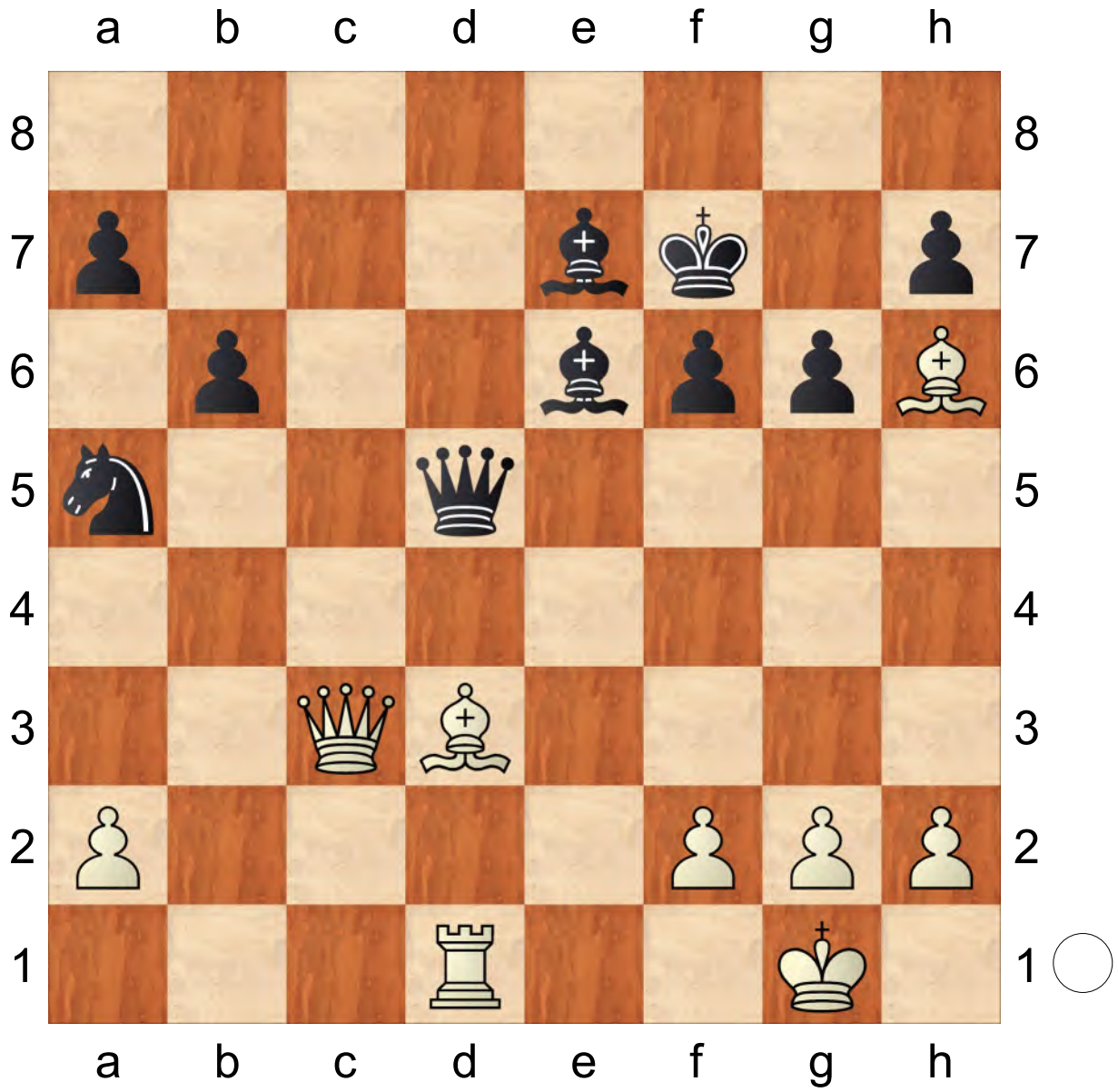
41.g4 fxg4 42.Qxg4+ Kf6 43.Qd4+ Kg6 44.Qe4+ Kf6 45.f4 Be6

(Diagram)

46.Kf2 Bf5 47.Qe5+ Kg6 48.Qe8+ Kf6 49.Ke3 Bg6 50.Qe5+ Kf7

(Diagram)

51.Qd5+ Kf8 52.f5 Be8 53.Qd6+ Kg8 54.Kf4 Bf7 55.Qd8+ Bf8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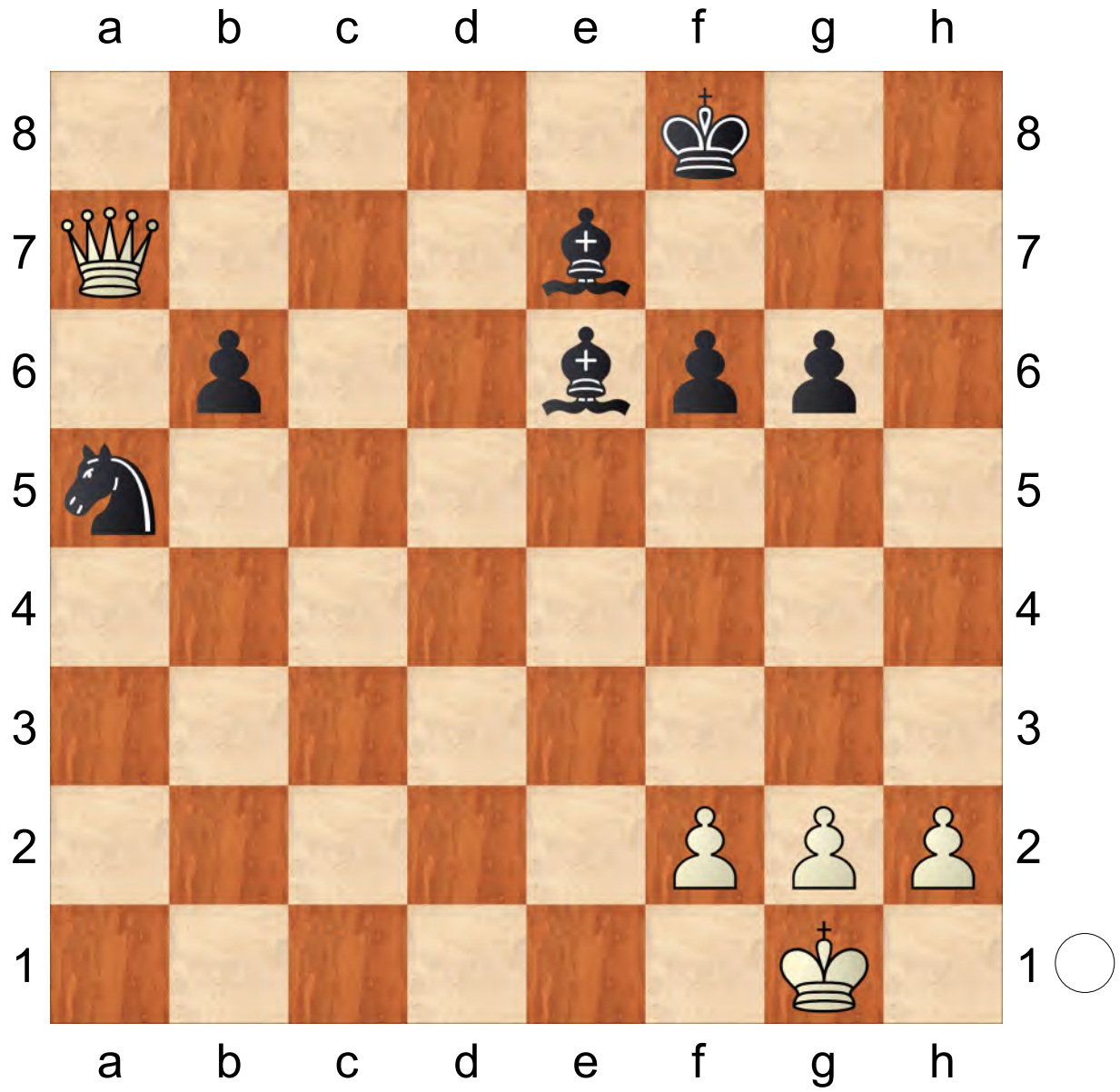
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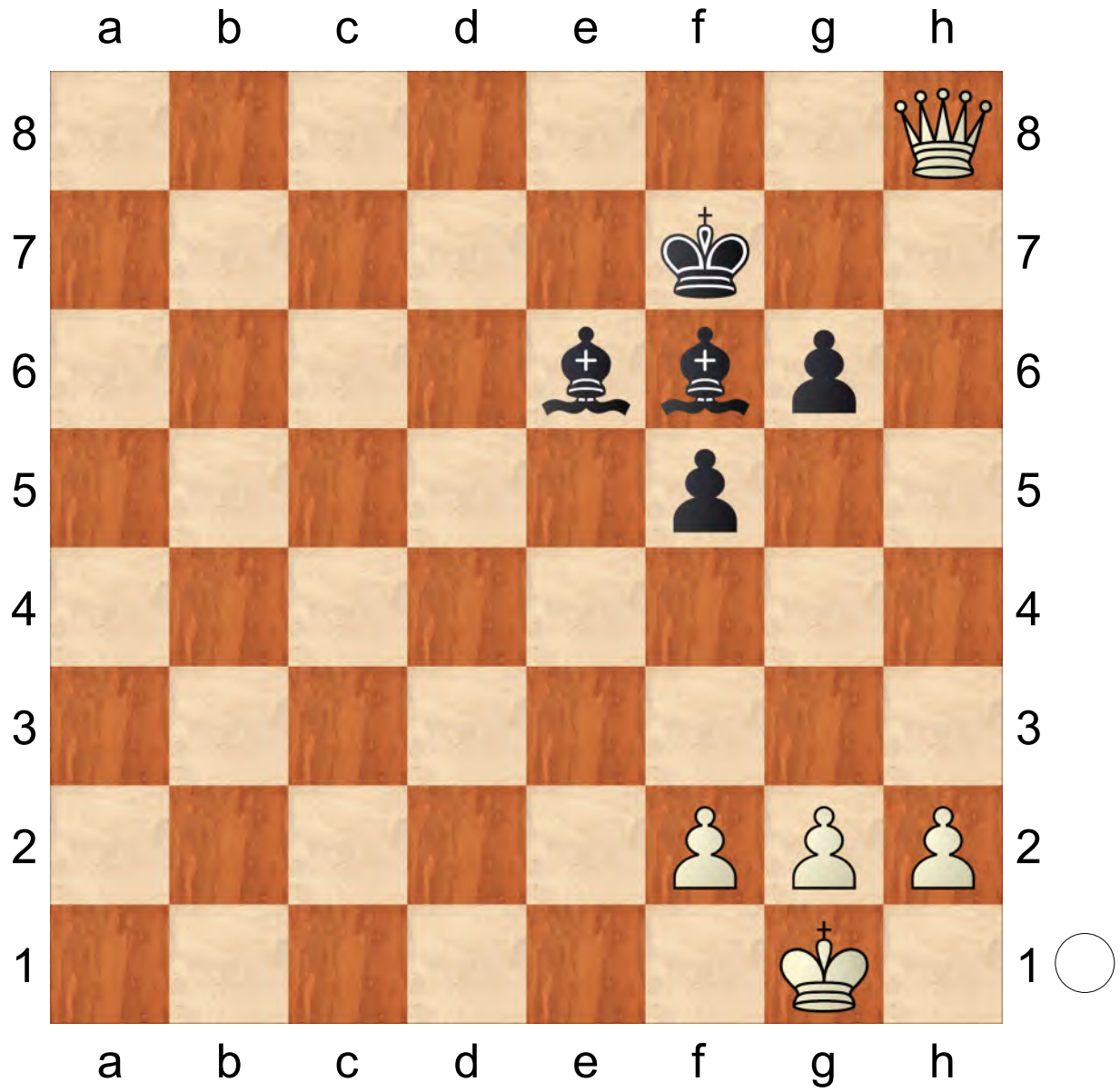
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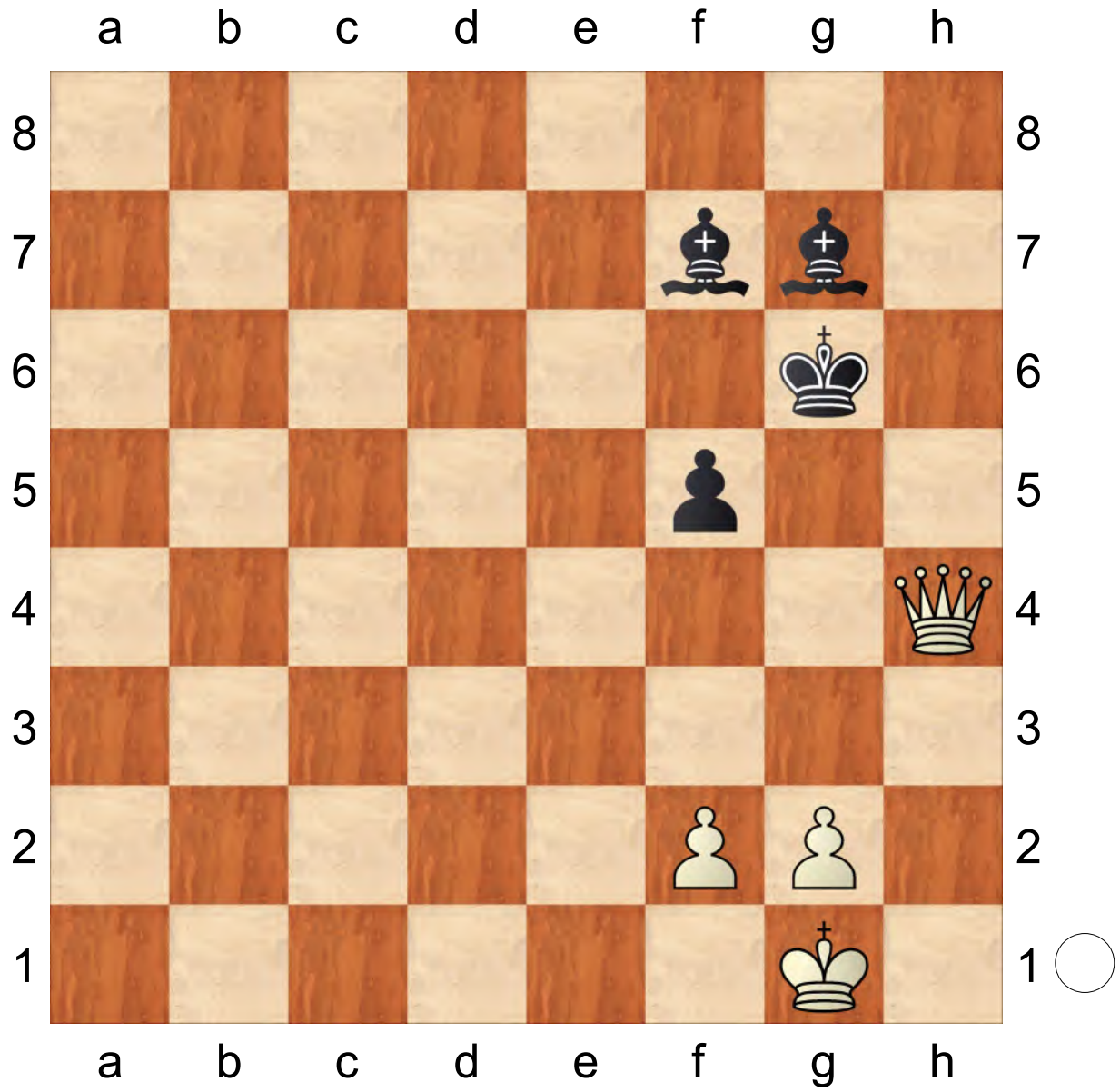
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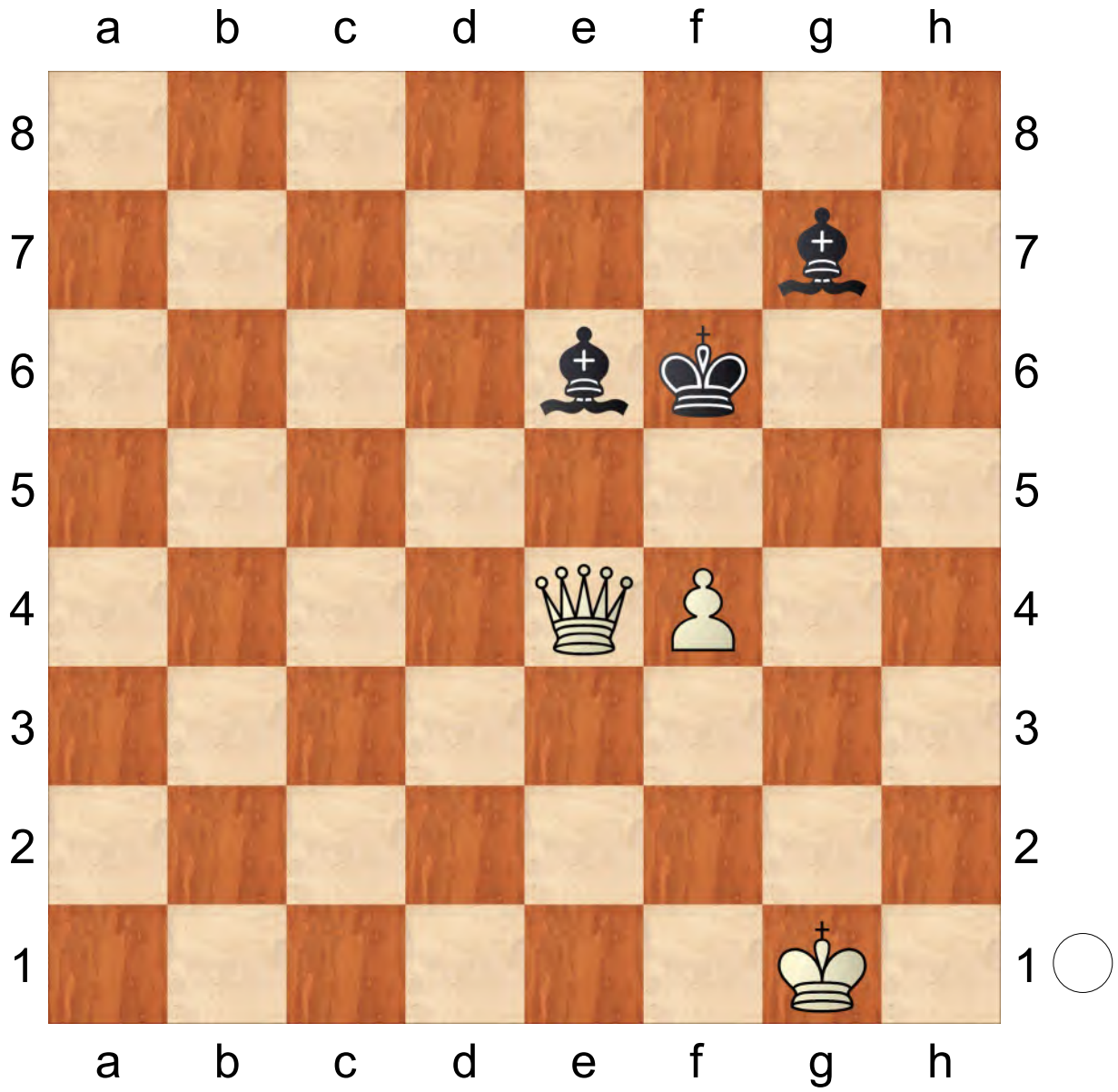
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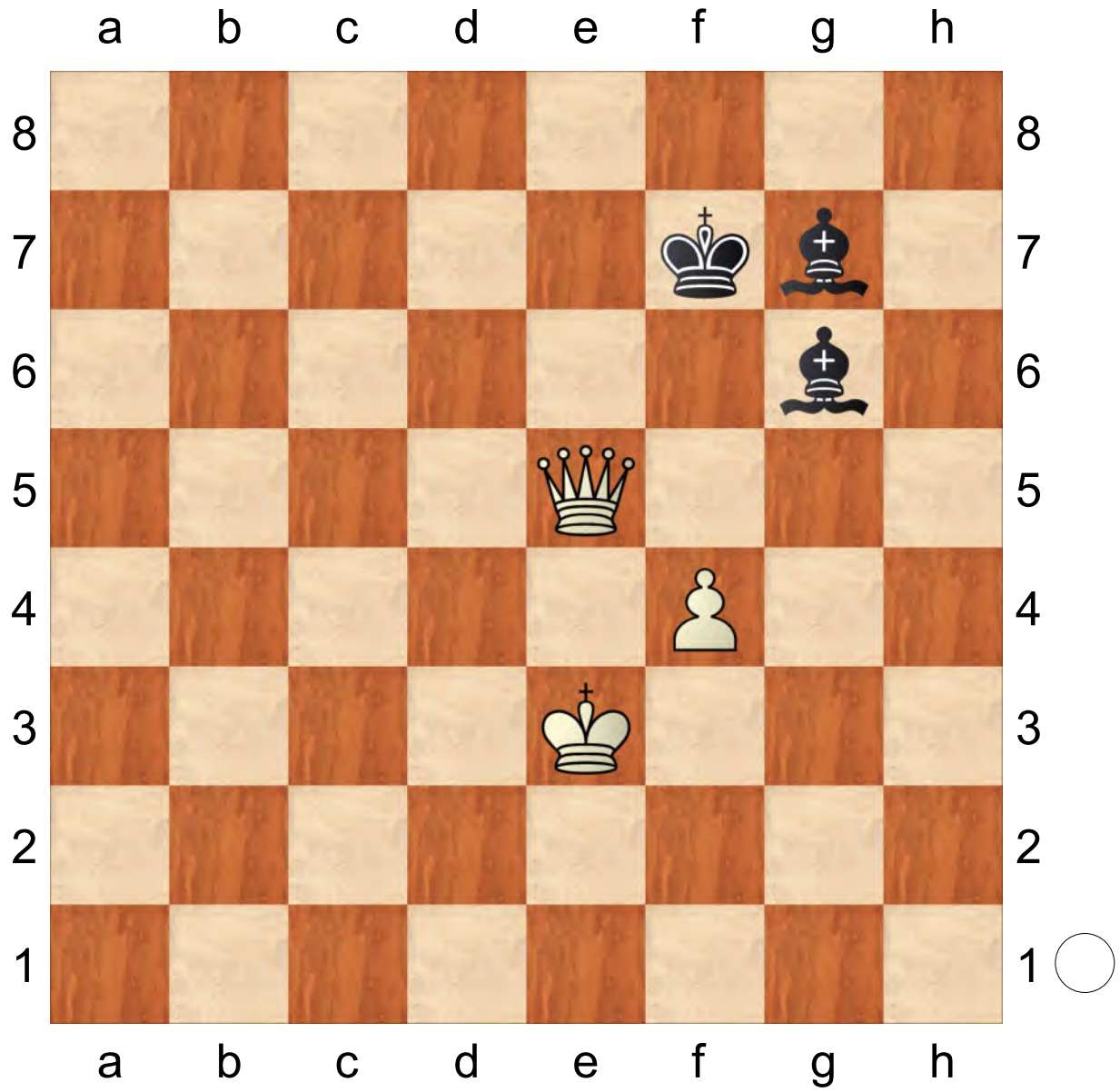
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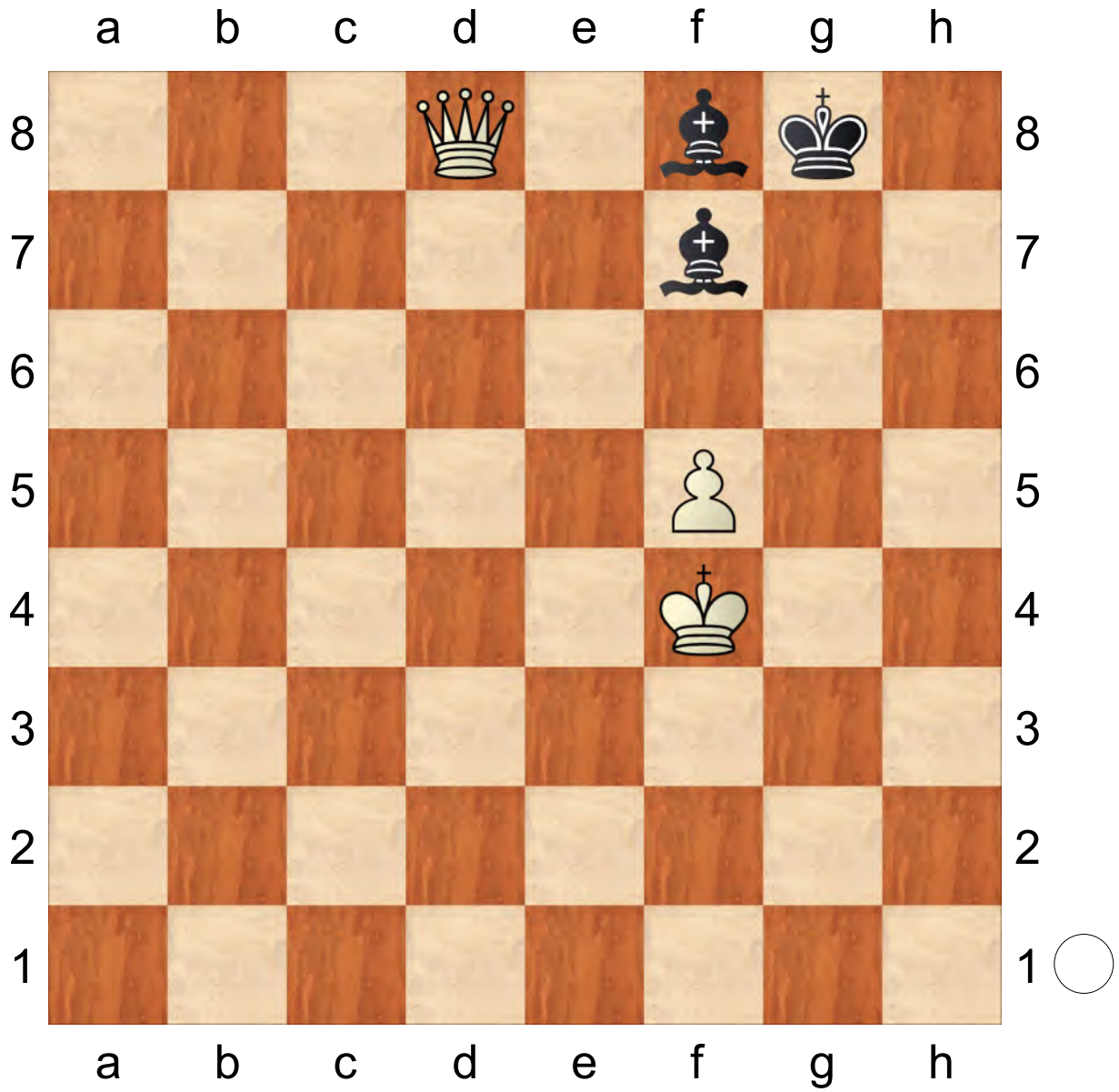

56.Ke5 Kg7 57.Qg5+ Kh7 58.Kf6

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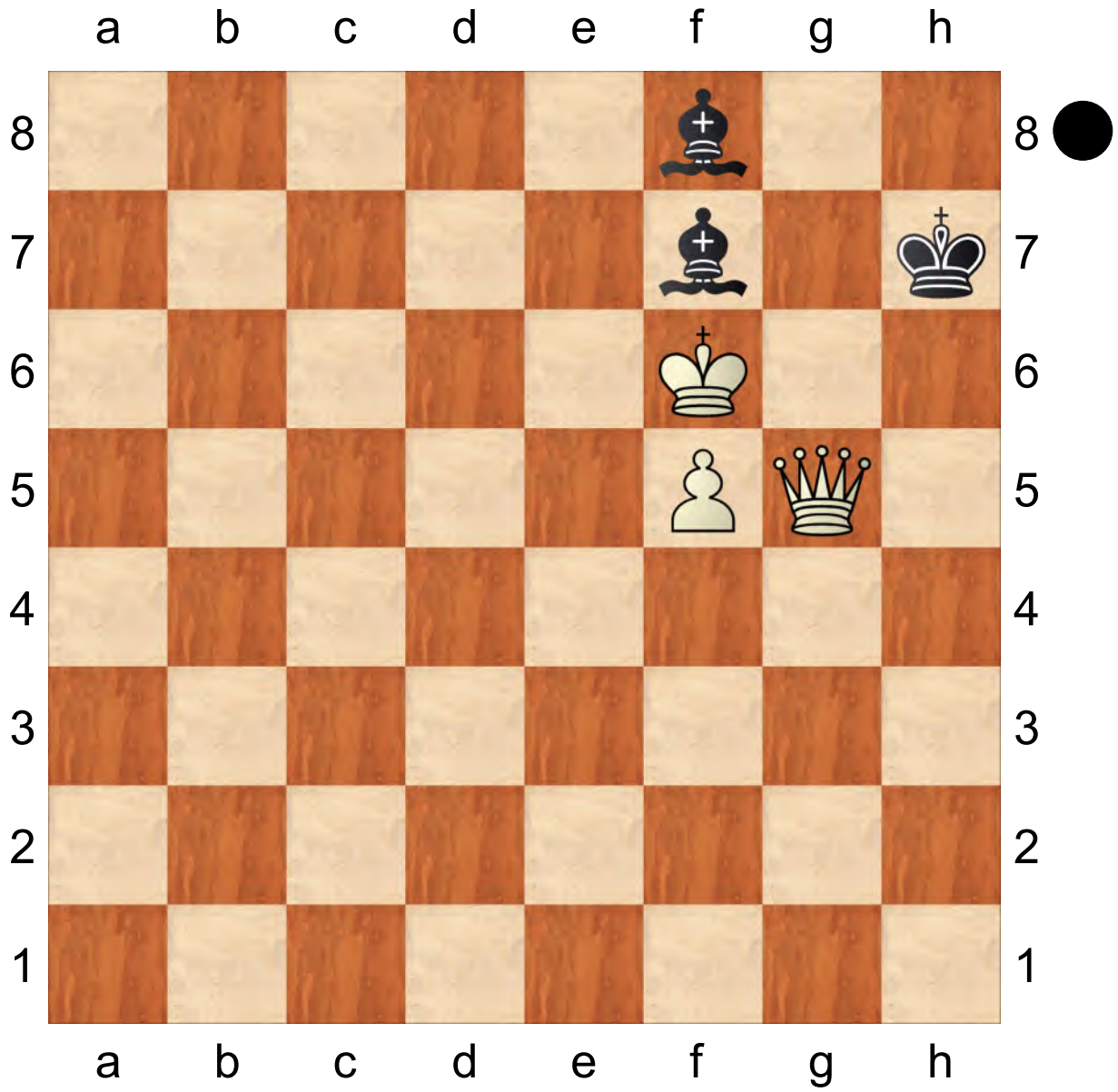
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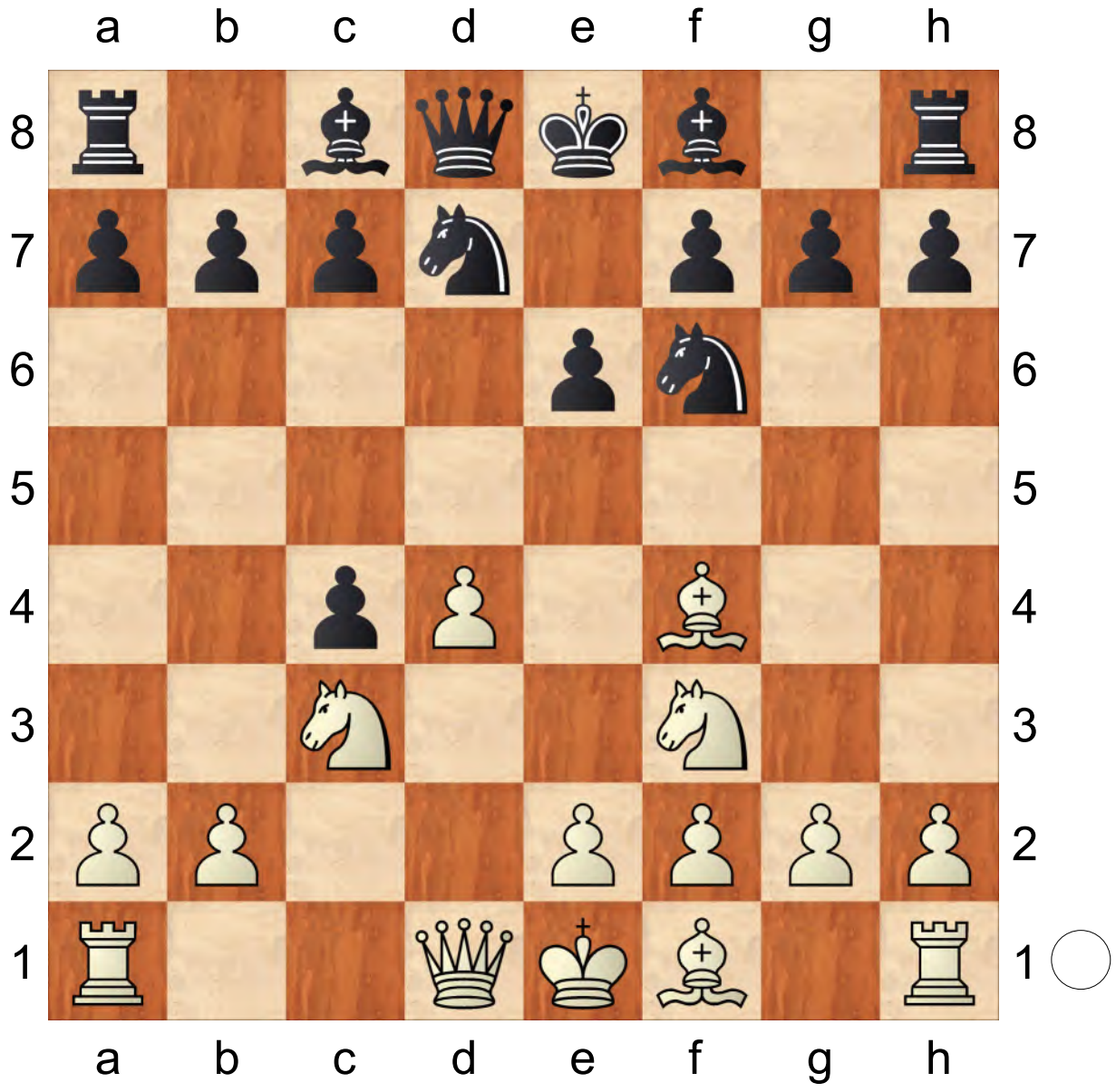
□ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2700**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2760**
Olympiad-41 Tromsoe (6.1) 08.08.2014
[Ftacnik,Lubomir]

1.d4 Marin,Mihail **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bf4** Korchnoi has once remarked, that 4... ♘bd7 move is played partly with an idea to take the sting from the ♗f4 move. Kasimdzhanov plays it anyway as it has become quite popular in recent years. **5...dxc4**



6.e3 White sensibly decides, that 6.e4 exposes him too much and that Black will find a way to prove it. The modest move from the game introduces a moment of critical

decision for Black, since the defender can choose between a plethora of ideas.

[6.e4 Bb4 7.Qc2 *(7.e5 Nd5 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 b5; 7.Bxc4 Nxe4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bd6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qe2 c5 13.Rfd1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nf6 15.Ne5 Nd5 16.Qh5 Bd7 17.Rdb1 Bc6=* 1/2 (50) Vescovi,G (2465)-Krasenkow,M (2575) Malmo 1995*)*

A) 7...Nb6!? 8.Be2 *(8.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nxc4 10.Qa4+ c6 11.Qxc4 Nxe4∓)*;

B) 7...b5 8.e5 *(8.a4?! Bb7 9.e5 Bxf3; 8.Nd2 c6 9.a3 Ba5 10.Bd6 Bc7 11.Bxc7 Qxc7 12.b3 e5 13.d5 cxd5 14.Nxb5 Qc6 15.a4 a6 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qxc4 Bb7 18.Qxc6 Bxc6 19.Nd6+ Ke7 20.Nf5+ Kf6 21.Rc1 Nb4=* 1-0 (46) Boruchovsky,A (2472)-Brkic,A (2580) Warsaw 2013*)* 8...Nd5 9.Bg5 f6 10.exf6

B1) 10...gxf6 11.Bh6 Bb7 12.Be2 *(12.Bg7 Rg8 13.Qxh7 Rxg7! 14.Qxg7 Nxc3∓)* 12...Qe7 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3∓;

B2) 10...N7xf6 11.a4 Bb7! 12.Be2 *(12.axb5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qxd4∓)* 12...a6 13.0-0 c6 14.Ne5 0-0 15.Bg4!? xe6 Qd6 16.Bh3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 c5! 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nf3 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Nf4 *(20...cxd4 21.Nxd4⇄)* 21.Bxf4 Qxf4∓ 0-1 (32) Van Wely,L (2560)-Sokolov,I (2625) Tilburg 1994]

6...Bd6 The theory of the whole line is still in flux and comparison between different ideas is complicated enough. Kramnik shows respect for his opponent in the form of a solid, well referenced choice of move.

[6...Nd5 7.Bxc4 Nxf4 *(7...Bb4 8.0-0 Nxf4 9.exf4 Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Qc2 Nf6 12.Ne5 b6 13.Rfe1 g6 14.Re3 Bb7 15.Rae1 Kg7 16.Rh3 c5 17.Qd2 Bd5 18.Ba6 Qc7 19.c4 Bb7 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Rb3±)* 0-1 (68) Aronian,L (2803)-Dominguez Perez,L (2754) Beijing 2013*)* 8.exf4

A) 8...Nb6 9.Bb3 Bd6 10.g3 Bd7

A1) 11.Qd3 Bc6 12.0-0-0!? Bxf3 *(12...0-0 13.Ng5 g6 14.d5)* 13.Qxf3 c6 14.Kb1 *(14.f5 Qg5+)* 14...g6 *(14...0-0 15.f5 exf5 16.Qxf5±)* 15.f5! exf5 16.Rhe1+ Kf8 17.g4→;

A2) 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd3 Bc6 13.Rad1 Qf6 14.Ng5 g6 15.Nge4

A2a) 15...Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Qe7

A2a1) 17.d5 e5 18.f5 *(18.Rfe1 exf4 19.Qc3 Nd7 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Re6 Qc5=)* 18...Nd7±;

A2a2) 17.Rfe1 c6 18.h4 a5 19.a3 a4 20.Ba2 Nd5 21.h5=;

A2b) 15...Qf5 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5± 1-0 (77) Gelfand,B (2739)-Adams,M (2727) Paris/St Petersburg 2013;

B) 8...Bd6 9.Qd2 *(9.g3 0-0 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Qe2 b6 12.Rfd1 Bb7 13.Rac1 Qe7 14.a3 Rfd8 15.Ne5 c5 16.Nb5 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qd6 19.Bb3 Qxe5 20.fxe5=* 1-0 (25) Botvinnik,M-Menchik,V/Hastings 1934/HCL*; 9.Ne5 0-0 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Bb3 Bd7 12.Qg4 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Bc6 14.f5 exf5 15.Qxf5 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Rad1 g6 18.Qf4 Kg7=* Ibragimov,I-Smagin,S/

Saint Petersburg 1998)]

[6...a6

A) 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 *(8.Bb3!)* 8...Bb7 9.0-0 c5 10.a4 b4 11.Nb1 Rc8 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.exd4 Nb6 14.a5 Nbd5 15.Bg3 Bd6= Saemisch,F-Sprecher,L/Berlin 1920;

B) 7.a4

B1) 7...Nb6?! 8.a5 Nbd5 9.Bxc4 Nxf4 10.exf4 Be7 *(10...Bd6 11.Ne5 0-0 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Qf3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Bb4 16.Re3 Bxc3 17.bxc3± Alekhine,A-Lancel,E/France 1923)* 11.0-0 0-0 12.Ne5

B1a) 12...c6 13.f5! exf5 14.Qb3 Qxd4 *(14...Qe8 15.Rfe1±)* 15.Nxf7 Qh4 16.g3 Qh5 17.Rae1**±**;

B1b) 12...Qd6 13.Re1 c6 *(13...g6! 14.Re3!? Rd8 15.Rd3 c6 16.Qf3±)* 14.f5! exf5 *(14...Nd5 15.Qb3 Qb4 16.Qc2 Re8 17.Ne4↑ Δ♘d3)* 15.Nxf7! *(15.Qb3 Be6 16.Qxb7 Ng4 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qxc6 Nxe5 19.Qxd6 Bxd6 20.dxe5 Bb4±)* 15...Rxf7 16.Qb3 Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bxd5 Qf6 19.Rac1 Bd7 20.Rc7!? *(20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxb7 Rd8 22.Qxa6±)* 20...Rd8 21.Rxb7 Kf8 22.Rb6 Qxd4 23.Bxf7 Bc5 24.Rd1 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1 Be8! *(25...Bxb6 26.axb6+-)* 26.Bd5! 1-0 (40) Gelfand,B (2703)-Graf,A (2646) Plovdiv 2003

B2) 7...c5 8.Bxc4 cxd4 9.exd4 Nb6 10.Bb3 Nbd5 11.Be5! Be7 *(11...Bb4 12.Qd3±)* 12.Nxd5 Nxd5? 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Be5 Rxg2 15.Bg3**±**;

B3) 7...Bd6

B3a) 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4

B3a1) 9...b6 10.Bxc4 *(10.e4 Be7 11.Bxc4 Bb7 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Re1 Bb7 17.Bd3 Rfd8 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 c5 20.Qe2 cxd4 21.Rxd4* 1/2 (21) Adhiban,B (2610)-Roiz,M (2572) Biel 2014*)* 10...Bb7 11.0-0 Qe7 12.d5 e5 13.Qe2 g5 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.Nd2 Ng6 16.f3 h5 17.Nde4 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Bc8 19.Be1 g4 20.Qd3 Qg5 1/2 (32) Ding,L (2695)-Ipatov,A (2577) Athens 2012;

B3a2) 9...c5 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4 Qc7 13.Bb3 b6 14.Rc1

B3a21) 14...Bf4 15.Rc2 Qd6!? *(15...Qb8 16.d5)* 16.Ne2 *(16.d5 Nc5 17.Bxf6 Nxb3 18.Bh4 Bb7 19.g3 exd5 20.gxf4 d4⇄)* 16...Bb7 17.Nxf4 Qxf4 18.Bg3 Qf5 19.Rc7 Be4=;

B3a22) 14...Qb8 15.d5! e5 16.Nd2!

B3a221) 16...Bb7 17.Nde4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4

B3a2211) 18...Nc5 19.Rxc5! bxc5 20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Qd3 e4 *(21...g6 22.Qe3 Kg7 23.Ng4+-)* 22.Qxe4 g6 23.Bg3**±**;

B3a2212) 18...Kh8 19.Rc6! Bxc6 20.dxc6 Nc5 21.Nxd6 Nxb3 22.Be7 Nd4 23.f4! Qc7 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.fxe5 Nxc6**±**;

B3a222) 16...e4? 17.Ncxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Qf4 20.Be7! Qxe4 21.Re1 Qf4 22.Rc4! Qxf2 23.Kxh2 Bb7 24.Bc2!

1-0 (97) Gelfand,B (2764)-Dominguez Perez,L (2757) Elancourt 2013;

B3b) 8.Bg3

B3b1) 8...Bxg3 9.hxg3 c5 10.Bxc4 Nb6 11.Bb3 cxd4 12.exd4 Bd7 *(12...Qd6 13.a5 Nbd5 14.Ne5 Bd7 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qf3 Qe7 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.0-0±)* 13.a5 Nbd5 14.Bxd5 *(14.Ne5 Bc6 15.g4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxg2 17.Rh2 Bc6)* 14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qe2+ Be6 1/2 (86) Grischuk,A (2785)-Ponomariov,R (2756) Elancourt 2013 *(16...Qe7 17.Rh5 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Be6 19.Kd2±)*;

B3b2) 8...b6 9.Bxc4 Bb7 10.Bh4 *(10.0-0 Bxg3 11.hxg3 c5 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 0-0 14.Nf4 Qe7 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Rfd1 Bc6 18.Qe2 g5 19.Nd3 Qe4 20.Ne1= 1/2 (84) Fressinet,L (2710)-L'Ami,E (2645) Germany 2013)* 10...0-0 11.0-0 Qb8 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Ne5 15.Rc1 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 c6 17.Qe4 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Be5 20.Rxc6 b5 21.axb5 Qxb5 1/2 (58) Carlsen,M (2786)-Ivanchuk,V (2786) Cap d'Agde 2008]

[6...Nb6 7.Bxc4 Nxc4 *(7...Nfd5 8.0-0 Nxf4 9.exf4 Bd6 10.Ne5 Bxe5 11.fxe5 Bd7 12.Bb3 Bc6 13.Qg4 g6 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.Rac1 h5 16.Qh3 Rd8 17.Qe3 Bd5 18.Nb5 Rd7 19.Qc3 0-0* 0-1 (50) Giri,A (2734)-Dominguez Perez,L (2754) Beijing 2013*)* 8.Qa4+ Bd7 *(8...c6 9.Qxc4 Nd5 10.Be5 f6 11.Bg3 Qb6 12.0-0 Qxb2 13.Ne4 Nb6 14.Qd3 Qb5 15.Qc2 Qa4 16.Qd3 Qb5 17.Qc2 Qa4 18.Qd3 Qb5* 1/2 (18) Potkin,V (2626)-Zvjaginsev,V (2656) Irkutsk 2010*)* 9.Qxc4 Bd6

A) 10.0-0 Bc6 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.Bxe5

A1) 12...0-0 13.Bxf6 *(13.Rac1 a6 14.Rfd1 Nd5!? 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qe2 f6 17.Bg3 Re8 18.Rc3 Re7 19.Rdc1 Qe8=* 1/2 Schandorff,L (2563)-Koneru,H (2496)/Esbjerg 2003/ (58)*)* 13...Qxf6 14.e4 Rac8**±**;

A2) 12...Nd7 13.Bg3 Nb6?! *(13...0-0 14.e4 Nb6 15.Qc5±)* 14.Qc5 Nd7? 15.Qa5! b6 16.Qa3**±** 1-0 (34) Bacrot,E (2653)-Jussupow,A (2633) Germany 2001;

B) 10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.d5 e5 12.Qb4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Ke2 Ke7 15.Nd2 Rhc8 16.Rhc1 Rc5 17.e4 g6 18.f3 Nh5 19.Ke3 f5 1/2 Nikolic,P (2635)-Andersson,U (2605)/Debrecen 1992/EU-chT;

C) 10.Bg3 Bc6 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.gxf3 0-0 13.Nb5 Qd7 14.Rfc1 Rfc8= 1/2 Gurevich,M (2625)-Andersson,U (2605)/Madrid 1988/EXT 1997 (80)

D) 10.Bg5]

[6...b5 7.Nxb5 Nd5 8.Bxc4 *(8.Bg3 Bb4+ 9.Nd2 N7b6 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Be2 Ba6 12.Nc3 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.a3 Rc8 15.Nde4 Be7 16.Be5 f5 17.Nd2 Bf6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Rc1 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Qxc3 21.Rxc3=* 1-0 (43) Lenic,L (2634)-Stern,R (2513) Germany 2014*)* 8...Bb4+ 9.Kf1 Nxf4 10.exf4 0-0 11.g3 a6 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Be2 Qe7 14.Kg2 c5 15.a3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Nf6 18.Re1 Rfc8 19.Kg1 Ne4= 1-0 (41) L'Ami,E (2645)-Rabiega,R (2507) Germany 2013]

7.Bxd6

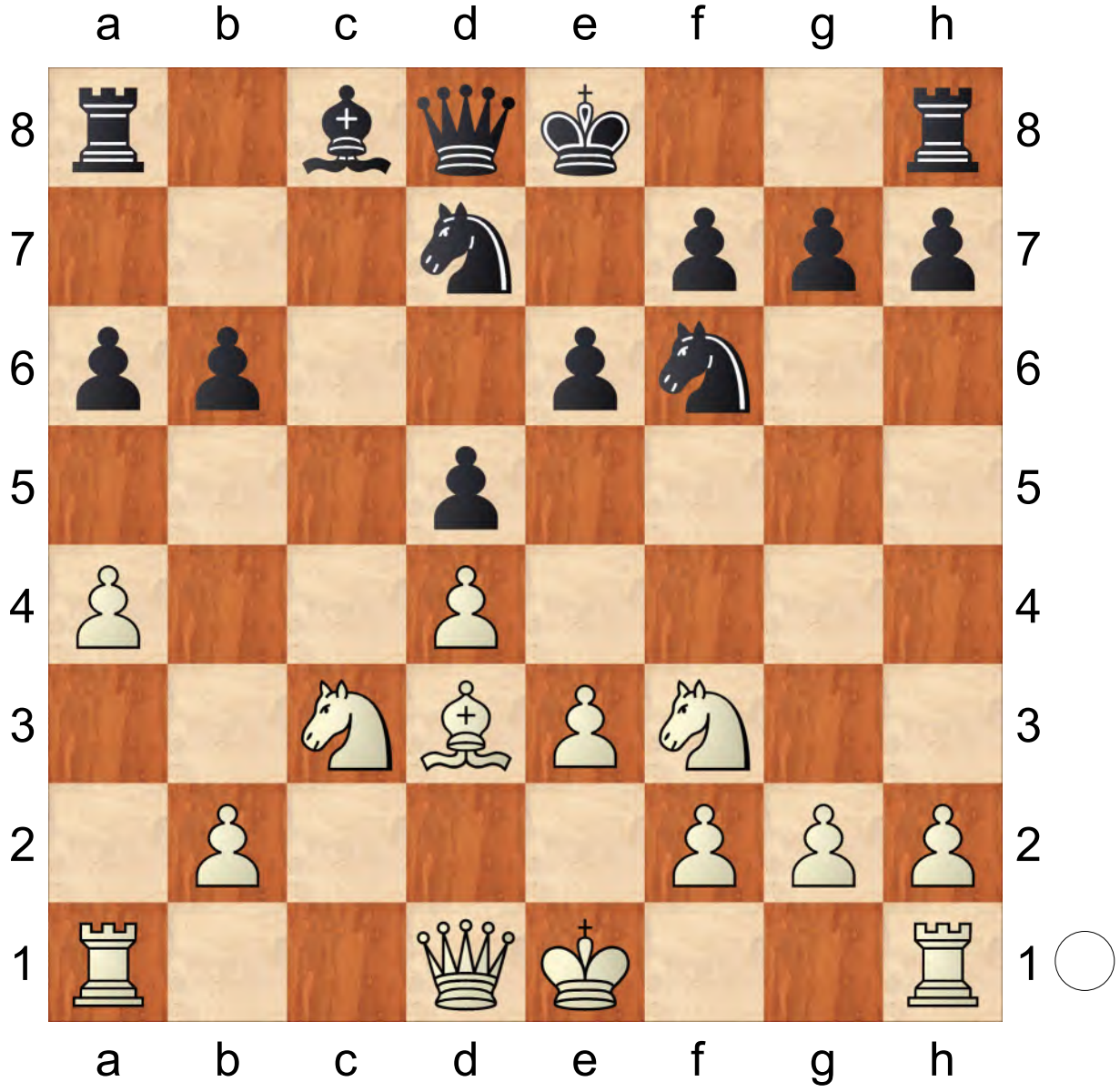
[7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Qc2 c5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Be4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Qe2 f5 17.Ng3 0-0 18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4 Nc5 20.Rc4 a5 21.Rfc1± 1/2 (49) Schandorff,L (2519)-Berkes,F (2619) Gothenburg 2005]

7...cxd6 8.Bxc4 a6 9.a4 d5 A move like this deserves some explanation. Black is concerned about White's ability to expand in the centre with his pawns. In order to prevent it the defender is ready to live with a second-rate bishop on b7.

[9...Qa5 Marin,Mihail: '- 96/(309)' 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd2 b6 12.Rab1 Qb4 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Ne1 Qa5= 1/2 (14) Ruck,R (2540)-Portisch,L (2533) Szekesfehervar 2006]

[9...b6 Marin,Mihail 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.e4 Qe7]

10.Bd3 b6

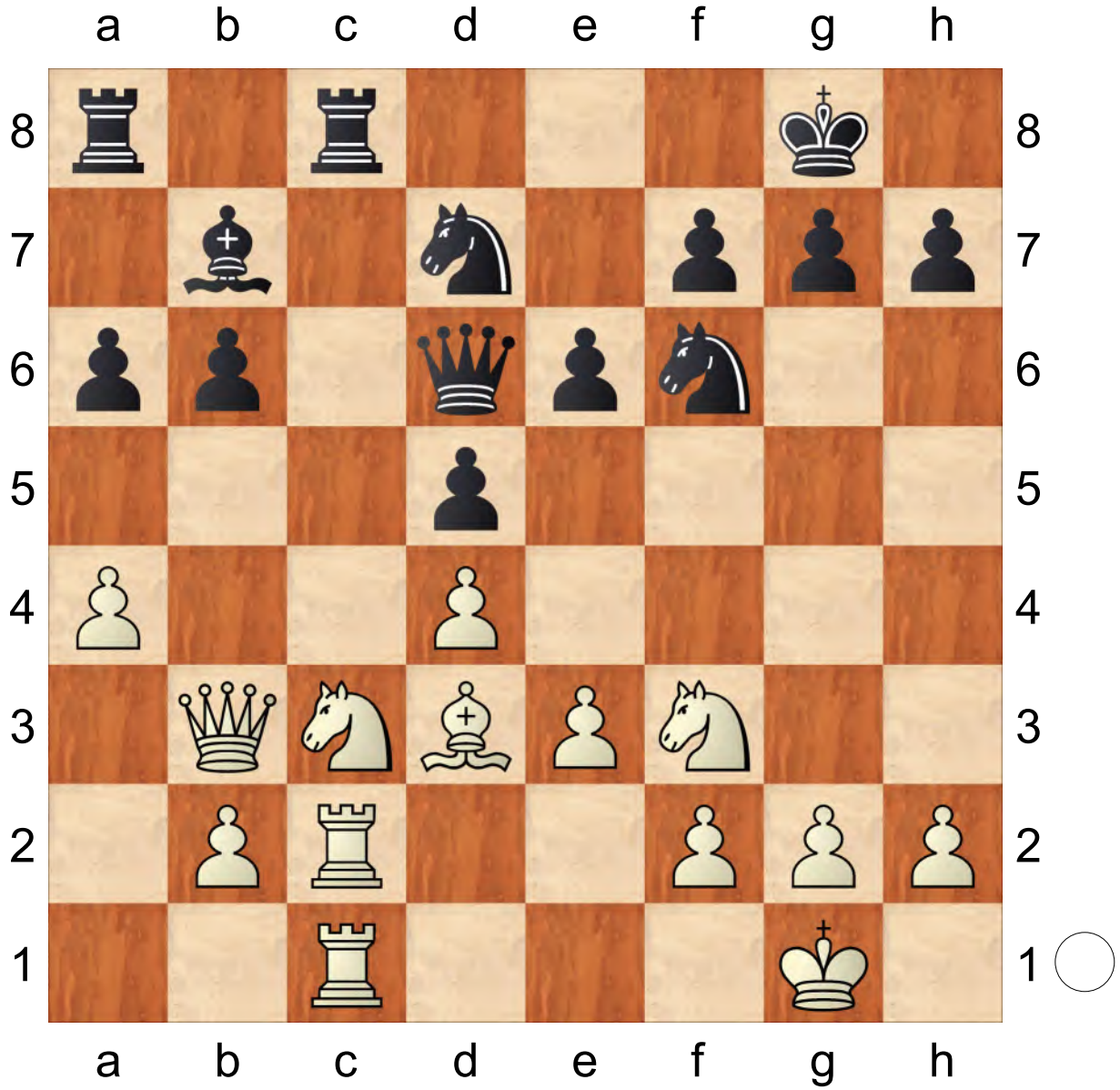


11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 Qe7 In this battle between two former world champions Kramnik would like to play close to perfection. With his timely control of the a3-f8 diagonal he is avoiding annoying moves like ♕b4.

[12...Bb7 13.Qb4 Rc8 14.Rfc1 h6 15.Rc2 Rc6 16.Rac1 Qb8 17.Na2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Qb3 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Qc8 21.Qxc8+ Bxc8 22.Nb4 Nb8 1/2 (27) Bluebaum,M (2519)-Mirzoev,A (2550) Lueneburg 2014]

13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Rc2 Rfc8 15.Rfc1 Qd6

[15...h6 Marin,Mihail 16.h3 *(16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nd7⇄)* 16...Rab8]



16.Ne5!?N Marin,Mihail: 'N' Kasimdzhanov surprises his adversary with a novelty which might hurt a bit. The current world champion had to face a challenge of more modest proportions in 16.♘a2 move.

[16.Na2 Rxc2 17.Rxc2 Rc8 Marin,Mihail: '=' 18.Rxc8+ Bxc8 19.Qc3 Bb7

20.b4 Ne4 21.Qc1 h6 22.h3 Kf8 23.b5 a5 24.Nc3 Qc7 25.Qa3+ Qd6 26.Qc1 Qc7 27.Qa3+ 1/2 (55) Gelfand,B (2755)-Carlsen,M (2864) Moscow 2013]

16...Nxe5 It might have been attractive to avoid complications, but the natural move 16...♖c7 is fraught with some dangers.

[16...Rc7 17.Nxd7 *(17.f4 Rac8=)* 17...Rxd7 *(17...Nxd7 18.Bxh7+! Kxh7 19.Nb5 axb5 20.Rxc7 Nc5 21.R7xc5 bxc5 22.dxc5 Qb8 23.axb5±)* 18.Na2±]

17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxb6 Rcb8 Marin,Mihail: '!?' The choice of continuation was suddenly quite difficult, as many lines would simply fail to pass muster. The Russian star tries to minimise the danger.

[18...Ng4? 19.Qxb7 Qxh2+ 20.Kf1 Qh1+ 21.Ke2 Qxg2 22.Nd1+-]

[18...Rab8

A) 19.f4

A1) 19...Nd7 20.Qd4 *(20.Qa7 Qd6 21.Qd4 f6=)* 20...Qf6 21.b4 e5 22.fxe5 Qe6 23.Qf4 g6 24.b5 Nxe5=;

A2) 19...Qh5 20.h3±;

B) 19.Ne2 Marin,Mihail ΔNd7?? 20.Rxc8+;

C) 19.Bxa6 Marin,Mihail Rc6 20.Qxb7 Rxb7 21.Bxb7 Rb6 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Rc8+ Ne8 24.Bc6 Rxc6 25.R1xc6 g6 26.a5 d4↑;

D) 19.Ne4!? Rxc2 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Rxc2 d4 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.exd4 Rd8 24.Rc7 Rxd4 25.Rxb7 Rxd3 26.g3±]

[18...Qb8? 19.Nxd5 Rxc2 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Rxc2±]

19.Ne2 Nd7

[19...Ng4? 20.Qxb7! Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 Qh1+ 22.Ng1 g6 23.Qc7 Nh2+ 24.Ke2 Qxg2 25.Qg3±]

[19...d4 20.Qxd4 Qg5 21.Ng3 Rd8 22.Qb4 Rab8 *(22...Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rxd3 24.Rc5 Qg4 25.Rc8+ Rd8 26.Qb7 Raxc8 27.Rxc8 Rf8 28.Qxa6±)* 23.Be2 Nd5 24.Qa5 f5 25.Rd2±]

[19...Ne8 20.b4 Bc8 21.Qd8 Bb7 22.Qe7 Qd6 23.Qxd6 Nxd6 24.Nd4±]

20.Qd4 In the era before computers it might have been quite difficult to find out, that the 20. ♕b4!? retreat was probably more exact. Black could not have claimed full equality in that case.

[20.Qb4!? Bc8 21.Qa3 Nf8 22.Nd4±]

20...Qd6

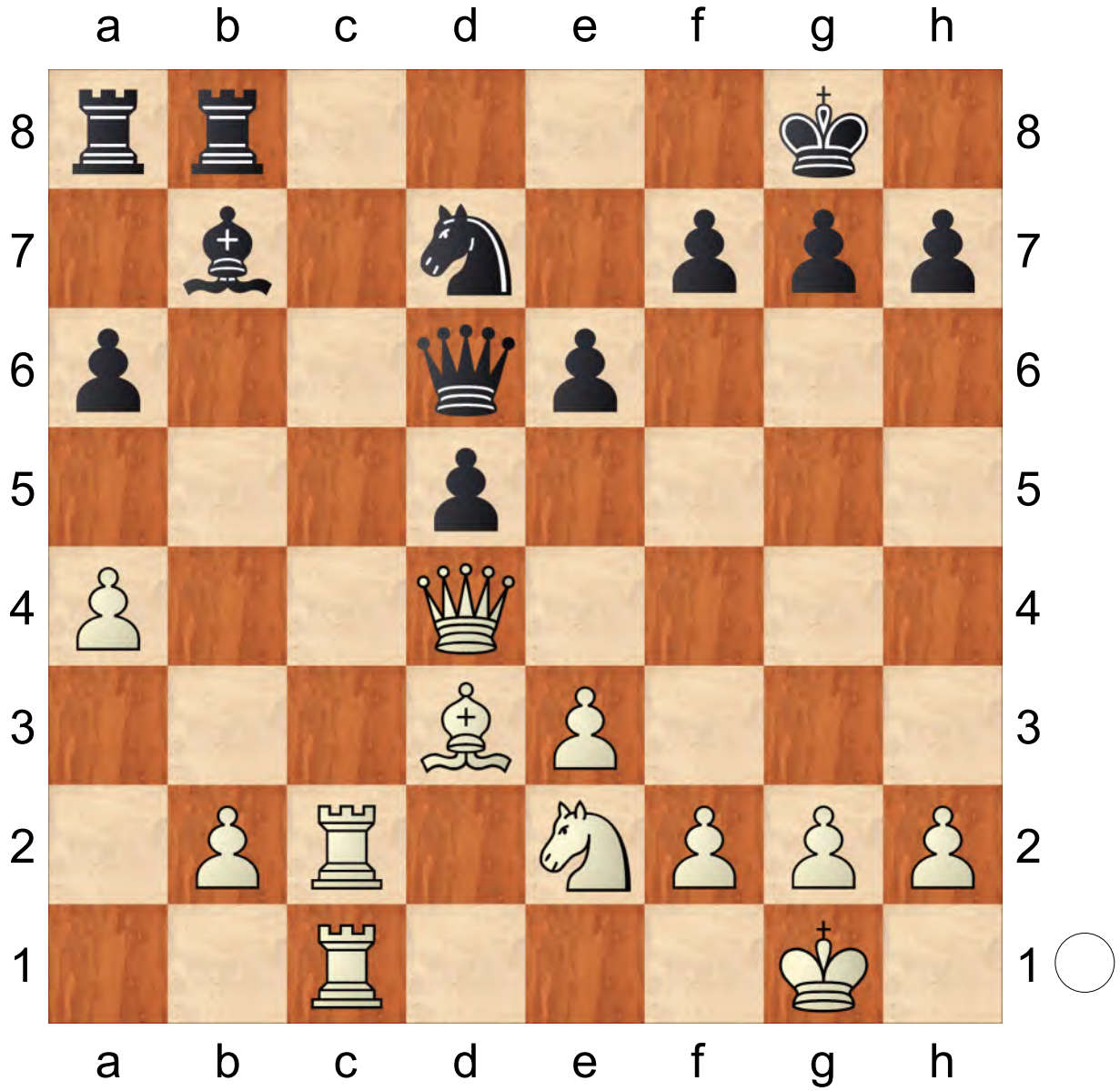
[20...Qxd4 21.Nxd4 Rc8 22.Rc7 Rab8 23.Nf3 Nb6 24.a5 Na8 25.R7c3 Rxc3 26.Rxc3 Rc8 27.Rb3 Rc7 28.Nd4 h6 29.f4±]

(Diagram)

21.f4

[21.Rc7 e5 22.Qh4 e4 23.Bb1 Nf6 24.Qg3 Qb4 25.Qe5 a5=]

21...e5 Marin,Mihail: '!' Those players who have not been world champions might have been scared to show activity for Black, when his pieces are so passive in the



corner of the queenside. Kramnik knows better and it seems as if the equilibrium was not yet truly broken.

[21...Rc8! 22.b4 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 g6=]

[21...f6 22.Rc7! g6 *(22...e5 23.fxe5 Nxe5 24.Ng3 Bc8 25.Be4 Be6 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.Bxd5+ Kh8 28.Bxa8+-)* 23.a5 e5 24.Qa4±]

22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.Qf4 Qe7? It is painful to admit, but tactics decide too many games even on the highest level. One weaker moment can send any decent position into a tailspin and turn it into a difficult one. Black should have found the 24...g6! defence in the critical line with the promise of full equality.

[23...Rc8! Marin,Mihail: '!!' 24.Qf5

A) 24...Nxd3 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Qxc8+ Qf8 28.Qxa6 Nxb2 29.Qb5 Nc4 30.Qxd5 Qc8 *(30...Nxe3 31.Qe4 Nd1 32.Qd4+-)* 31.Kf2±;

B) 24...g6! 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.Rxc8+ Kg7 Marin,Mihail: '!!'

B1) 27.Qh3 Marin,Mihail Rxc8 28.Qxc8 Qb4! *(28...Nxd3 29.Qc3+ Ne5 30.Qd4↑ Δ ♘f4)* 29.Nc3 Nxd3=;
B2) 27.Nd4 Marin,Mihail Rxc8 28.Qxc8 Nxd3 29.Qc3 Ne5 30.Nf3 f6=;
B3) 27.Ng3 Rxc8 28.Qxc8 Nxd3 29.Qc3+ Ne5 30.Qd4 f6 31.e4 Kf7 32.exd5 Nc6=]

[23...Re8!? Marin,Mihail 24.Rc7 Rab8]

24.Rc7! Qe8

[24...Nxd3 25.Rxe7 Nxf4 26.Nxf4+-]

[24...Qe6 25.Bf5 Qf6 26.Nd4 h6 *(26...g6 27.Be6+-)* 27.b3±]

25.Bf5 Nc4

[25...g6 26.Nd4 gxf5 27.Nxf5 Rc8 28.Qg5+ Ng6 29.Qf6 Qf8 30.Rxf7!! Rxc1+ 31.Kf2 Rc2+ 32.Kf1 Rc1+ 33.Ke2 Nf4+ 34.exf4 Re8+ 35.Kf2 Rc2+ 36.Kg3 Rxg2+ 37.Kxg2 d4+ 38.Kf2+-]

[25...Bc6 26.R1xc6 Nxc6 27.Bd7 Qe5 28.Bxc6 Qxf4 29.Nxf4 Rc8 30.Bxa8 Rxc7 31.b4+-]

[25...Ng6 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Rf1 f6 28.Nd4+-]

(Diagram)

The defender is unable to untangle his bundle of paasive pieces on the a- and b-files. It has to be admitted that White is playing with five pieces against Black's two.

26.Bd7! Qf8 The tragedy is complete since grabbing the e3-pawn leaves Black in a completely hopeless position.

[26...Qxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Nxe3 28.Nd4 h5 *(28...a5 29.b3 h5 30.h3 f5 31.Be6+ Kh7 32.Kf2 f4 33.g3+-)* 29.b3 g6 30.Re1 Ng4 31.Bxg4 hxg4 32.Ree7 Bc8 33.Rxf7+-]

27.b3 Nb6

[27...Nd6 28.Nd4+-]

28.Bf5 Marin,Mihail: '+-!' **28...d4**

[28...Bc8 29.Rxf7! *(29.a5 Bxf5 30.axb6 Bd3 31.Nc3 Rxb6 32.Qd4 Rxb3 33.Qxd3+-)* 29...Kxf7 30.Bxh7+ Ke7 31.Qb4+ Ke8 32.Bg6++-]

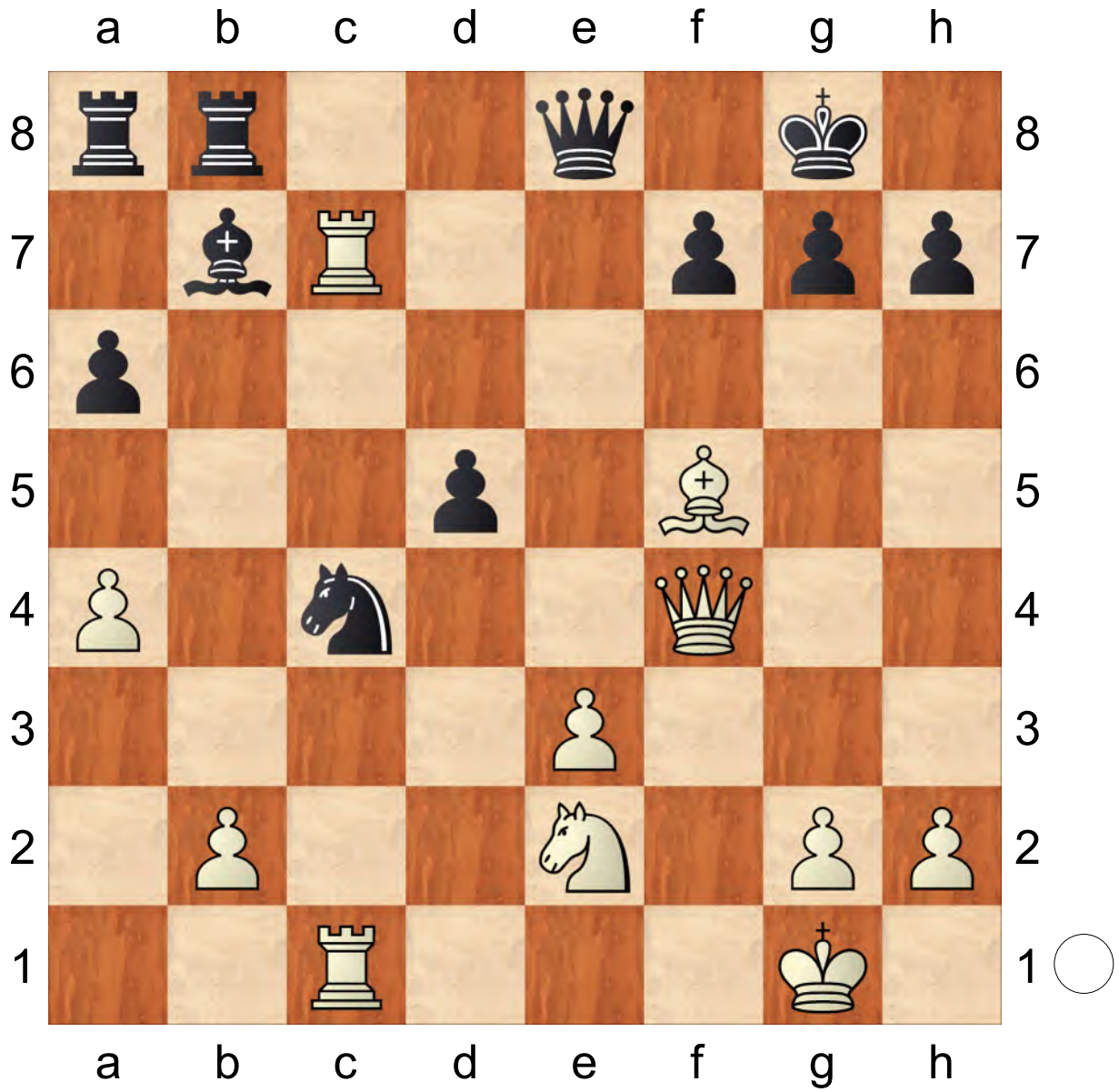
[28...g6 Marin,Mihail 29.Rf1 gxf5 30.Rf3]

29.Rxf7! The final combination is a fine example of using huge superiority in numbers for a very swift and efficient attack. Please note, that four black pieces are very close to the edge of the board far away from their own king. **29...Kxf7**

[29...Qxf7 30.Bxh7+
A) 30...Kf8 31.Qd6+ Ke8 *(31...Qe7* Marin,Mihail *32.Rf1+)* 32.Bg6+-;
B) 30...Kxh7 31.Qxf7 Bd5 32.Qf5+ Kg8 33.a5 Rf8 34.Qe5+-]

30.Bxh7+

[30.Bxh7+
A) 30...Ke6 31.Nxd4+ Kd5 32.Be4#;
B) 30...Ke7 31.Qe5+ Kd7 32.Bf5+ Kd8 *(32...Qxf5 33.Rc7+ Kd8 34.Qe7#)*



33.Qc7+ Ke8 34.Bg6++-;
C) 30...Ke8 31.Bg6+ Kd7 32.Qc7+ Ke6 33.Qxb6+ Qd6 34.Nf4+ Ke7 35.Rc7+ Qxc7 36.Qxc7++-]

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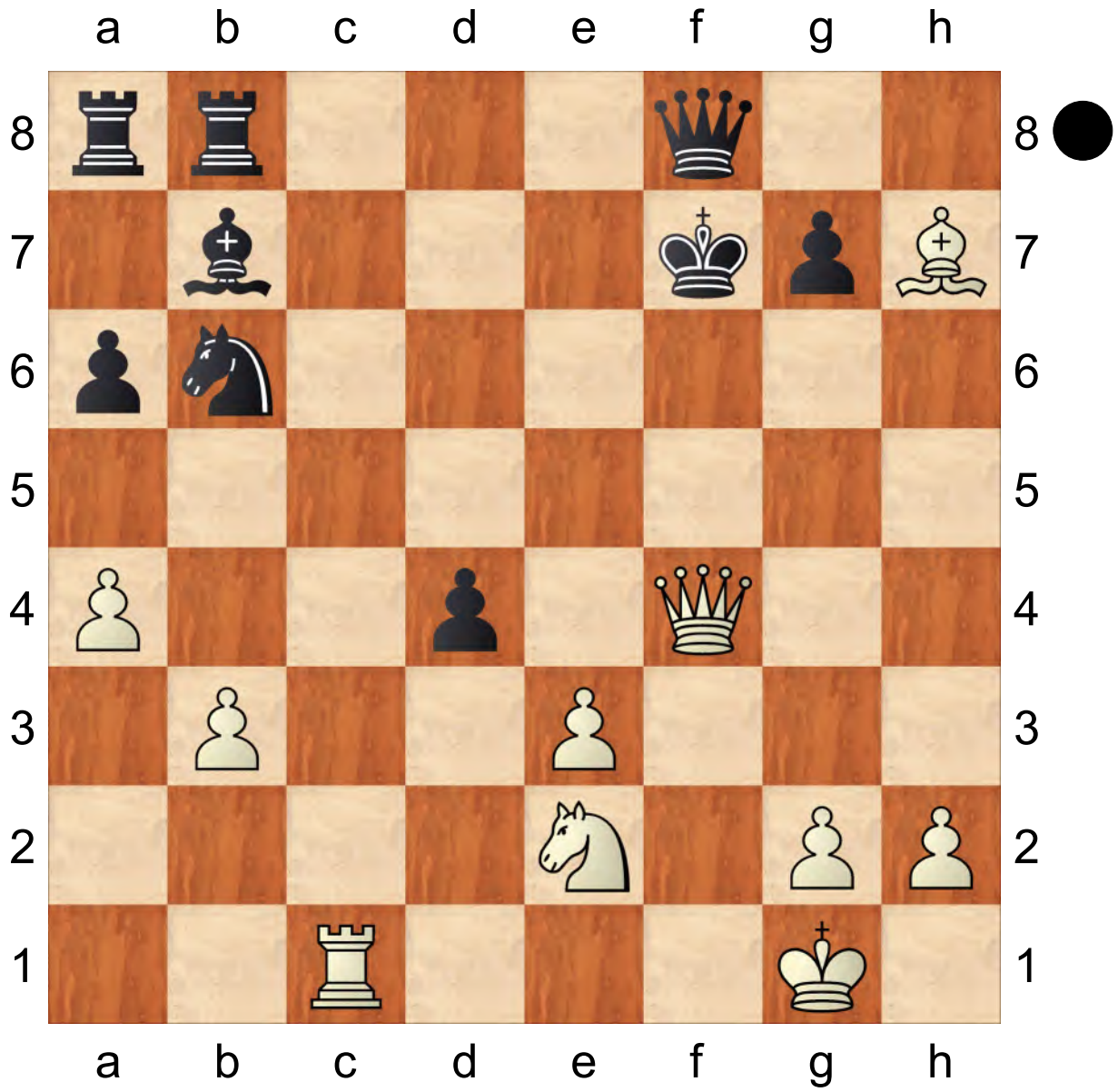
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□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2795**
■ **Filippov,Anton** **2615**
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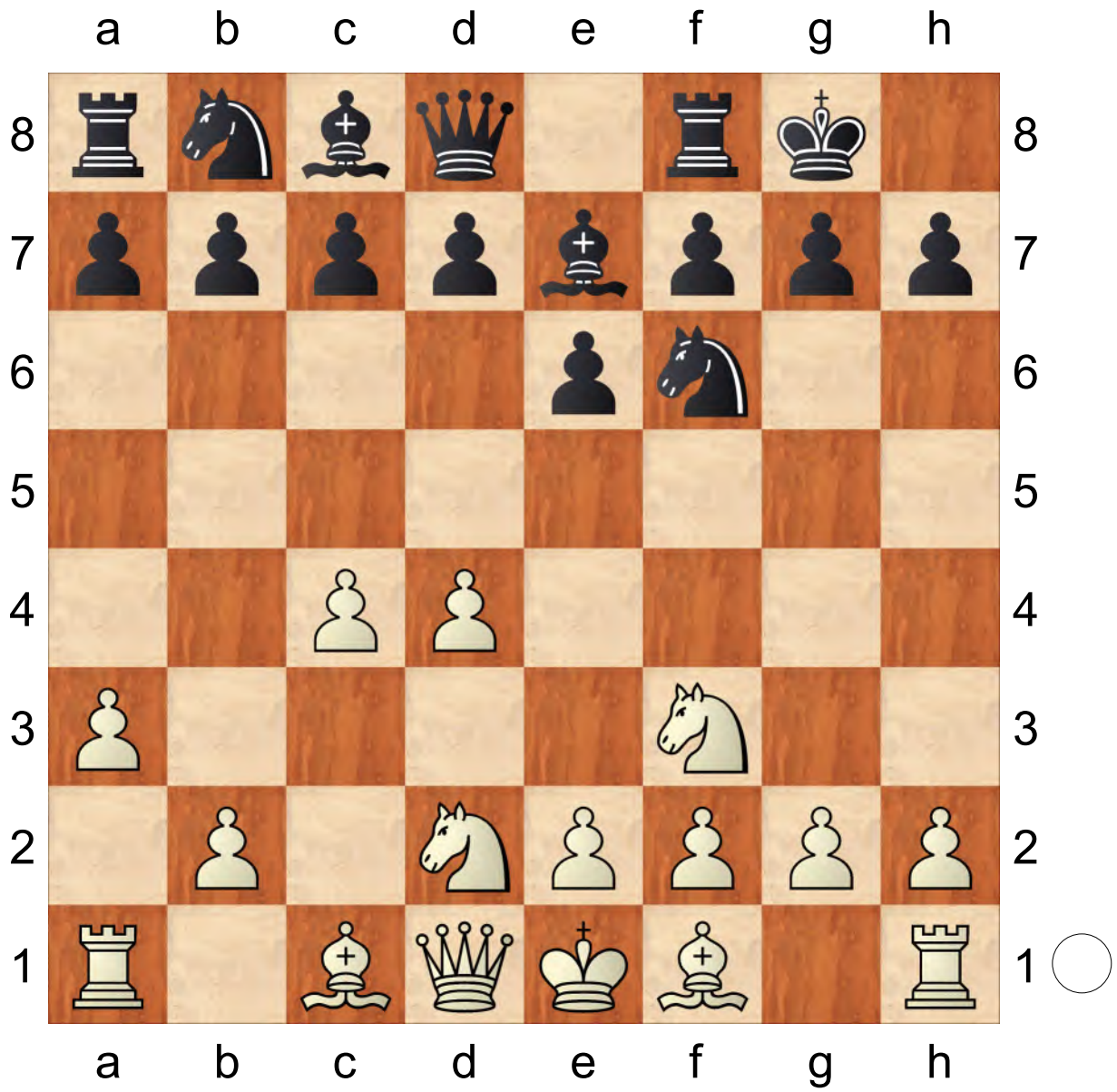
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3 Be7



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6.e4 d5 7.e5 Nfd7 8.Bd3 <xml✕:en>Grischuk knows his preferences and they do

not favour the main line with the b-pawn advance.</:en ✕/xml> Grischuk knows his preferences and they do not favour the main line with the b-pawn advance.

[8.b4 a5 9.b5 c5]

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[9.h4

A) 9...cxd4 10.Bxh7+ Kh8 11.Bb1 Qc7 12.Qc2 f5 13.cxd5 Qxc2 14.Bxc2 exd5 15.Nb3 f4 16.Nbxd4 Nc5 17.b4 Ne6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Ne2 f3 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Nf4± 1-0 (31) Navara,D (2700)-Dzagnidze,N (2546) Yerevan 2014;

B) 9...h6 10.Bb1

B1) 10...Re8 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.dxc5 a5 13.Nb3 *(13.0-0 Na6 14.Rd1 Nxc5 15.Nb3 b6 16.Be3 Bb7 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.Qxc5 Qb8 21.Qe3 Qxb2=* 1/2 (31) Ragger,M (2655)-Babula,V (2585) Austria 2013 '=') 13...Nbd7 14.Bf4 a4 15.Nbd4 Nxc5 16.Ba2 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Bd7 18.h5 b5 19.Be2 b4 20.0-0 Qb6 21.Nd2 Rec8 22.Nc4± 1/2 (22) Avrukh,B (2596)-Fedorchuk,S (2646) Sibenik 2012;

B2) 10...cxd4 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Qc2 f5 13.Nb3 Nc6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Ba2 Re8 16.0-0-0 Qa6 17.Kb1 Nb6 18.Nbxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Nc4 20.Rh3 Kh8 21.Rg3 Bxh4 22.Rh3± 0-1 (36) Wojtaszek,R (2734)-Korobov,A (2702) New Delhi 2012;

C) 9...f5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Ng5 *(11.e6 Nf6 12.Bxf5 Qb6 13.Qe2 cxd4 14.0-0 g6 15.Bb1 Nh5= '=')* 11...Qb6 12.Qf3 Qc6 13.Qh5 h6 14.Ndf3 b6 15.e6 Nf6 16.Qf7+ Rxf7 17.exf7+ Kh8 18.Ne5 g6 19.Nxg6+ *(19.Nxc6 Nxc6 20.Nf3 Kg7 21.Bb5±)* 19...Kg7 20.Nxe7 Qb7 21.Ng6 Nbd7 *(21...Nfd7 22.Bxf5 Nc6 23.Ne6+ Kxf7 24.Bxh6= '=')* 22.Ne6+ Kxg6 23.h5+ Kxf7 24.Nd8++- 1-0 (34) Cheparinov,I (2689)-Georgiev,K (2687) Sunny Beach 2012;

D) 9...g6 10.h5 *(10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Re1 Bxh4 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rc1 Be7 15.Qd2 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Nbxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bc5 19.cxd5 Bxd4 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Qxd4 exd5 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Re1 Nf6 24.Bg5 Kf7 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Qxd5+ Kf8=* 0-1 (82) Gajewski,G (2631)-Elsness,F (2483) Fagernes 2014 '=') 10...cxd4

D1) 11.cxd5 Nc5 *(11...exd5 12.e6 Nc5 13.exf7+ Rxf7 14.Bb1 Qd6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.b4 Ncd7 17.Nb3 Nf8 18.Bb2 Bf6 19.Qd2 Bg4 20.Nbxd4 Nc6 21.Kf1 Re8=* 1-0 (47) Khenkin,I (2570)-Huschenbeth,N (2533) Hamburg 2014 '=') 12.Bb1 exd5 13.b4 *(13.Nxd4 Nc6 14.N2f3 Ne4*

15.Bh6 Re8 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Qc1 Ba6 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Bg7 1/2 (42) Nyzhnyk,I (2625)-Miroshnichenko,E (2619) Mamaia 2013 *f6 21.Qh6 exf3= '=')* 13...Ne6 14.Nb3 Nc6 15.Qd2 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bg5 17.Qb2 Bxc1 18.Qxc1 Qf6 19.Nd3 Bd7 20.Qh6± 1-0 (26) Miroshnichenko,E (2626)-Andreev,E (2508) Al Ain 2013;

D2) 11.hxg6 fxg6 12.Qc2 Qe8 13.0-0

D2a) 13...Nc6 14.Re1 a5 *(14...Nc5 15.b4 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 dxc4 17.Nxc4 b5 18.Nd6 Qd7 19.Qxb5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Bxd6 21.Qxd4 Rxf3 22.Bb2 Rf5 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Rad1±)* 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bb5

D2a1) 16...Nc5 17.Nb3 Rxf3! 18.Nxc5 *(18.gxf3?! Ne6 19.Bd2 Qf7 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qxc6 Rb8↑)* 18...Rf5 19.Bd2≅;

D2a2) 16...d3 17.Qxd3 Nc5;

D2b) 13...Nc5?! 14.Nxd4 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Nc6 *(15...Qd7* <xml✕:en>makes no sense:</:en ✕/xml> makes no sense: *16.N2f3 b6 17.Bh6±)* 16.cxd5! exd5?! *(16...Nxe5 17.Qe2 Bf6 18.Ne4 Bg7 19.d6 Bd7±)* 17.N2f3 1-0 (32) Jankovic,A (2553)-Roiz,M (2652) Plovdiv 2012;

D3) 11.Qc2 Nc5 *(11...Qe8 12.Nb3 Nc6 13.Bf4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Nb6 15.Bd3 Nd5 16.Bh6 Bd7 17.Qe2±* 1-0 (38) Ding,L (2680)-Tomashevsky,E (2733) St Petersburg 2012*)*

D3a) 12.hxg6 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 fxg6 14.cxd5 *(14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Qh3 Rf7 17.Nf3 dxc4 18.0-0 Qd3 19.Be3 c5 20.Rac1 Qf5=* 1/2 (84) Shulman,Y (2571)-Kaidanov,G (2594) Saint Louis 2012 *'=')* 14...Qxd5 15.Qxd4 Nc6 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.b4 Bf5 18.Bb2 Bd3 19.Nb3 a5 20.bxa5 Be4 21.Ke2 Bxf3+ 22.gxf3 Nxa5 23.Nxa5 Rxa5= 1/2 (35) Nyzhnyk,I (2628)-Quesada Perez,Y (2655) Arlington 2014 '=';

D3b) 12.Bf1 d3 13.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 dxc4 15.Qe3 g5 16.Ne4 h6 17.Nfxg5 hxg5 18.Qg3 Kh8 19.Bxg5 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Nc6 21.Rd1 Qc7∓ 1-0 (29) Cheparinov,I (2710)-Mchedlishvili,M (2639) Leon 2012;

D3c) 12.Be2 Nc6 13.b4 d3 14.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 dxc4 16.Qxc4 Qd5 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qe2 Nd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Rb1 Bd7∓ 1/2 (40) Ding,L (2654)-So,W (2658) Khanty-Mansiysk 2011;

D3d) 12.cxd5 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qxd5 14.Ne4 Nc6 *(14...Nd7 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Bg5 b6 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Nf6+ Nxf6 19.exf6 Rd7 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Kd2 Qd6=* 1-0 (32) Can,E (2529)-Kazhgaleyev,M (2563) Kocaeli 2014 '=' *)* 15.Bh6 Qa5+ 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Rd8 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bg5 h5 20.g4 Bxg5+ 21.Nfxg5 Nxe5 22.gxh5 Nc4+= 1-0 (33) Giri,A (2734)-Naiditsch,A (2718) Wijk aan Zee 2014 '=']

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[10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf5 Nc6 12.e6 fxe6 13.Bxe6+ Kh8 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Nf3 Nc5 17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.Nxd4 Ne6 19.Qd3 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Bc5 21.Qd3 Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Qb6 23.Qf3 Rf8 1/2 (30) Lutz,C (2595)-Wahls,M (2520) Germany 1994 24.Bf4= '=']

[10.b4 cxb4 11.axb4 Nc6 12.b5 Nb4 13.Qb3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 a5 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Be2 Bd7 17.Ne4 N6d5 18.Nfd2 Rc8 19.Qg3 Bh4 20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.exf6 Nxf6∓ 0-1 (44) Thorfinnsson,B (2395)-Babula,V (2569) Novi Sad 2009]

10...Nc6

[10...a5 11.Nb3 b6 12.Be3 *(12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bb5 a4 14.Nbd2 cxd4 15.b4 axb3 16.Nxb3 d3 17.Bxd3 Nc5 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Nbd4 Be6 20.Bf5 Qd7 21.Rb1 Ra6=* 1/2 (30) Rodshtein,M (2632)-Eljanov,P (2761) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 '=' *)* 12...Bb7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bf5 Nc6 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bxe6+ Kh8 17.dxc5 Rxf3 18.gxf3 Nde5 19.Qd1 d4 20.f4 dxe3 0-1 (25) Khademalsharieh,S (2292)-Brkic,A (2568) Dubai 2014 21.fxe5 a4 22.fxe3 Qc7∓]

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[11.Re1 a5 12.cxd5 exd5

A) 13.Nf1 cxd4 *(13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.f4 Re8 16.f5 Bh4 17.g3 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Rxe5 19.gxh4 Qxh4 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Bxf5 22.Bf4 Re4 23.Bxe4 dxe4* 0-1 Teofilovic,V-Kostanjsek,Z/Makarska Tucepi 1995/ (36)*)* 14.Ng3 Nc5 15.Bf5 a4 *(15...Be6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qc1 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Ne6 19.Qxh6 Re8 20.Rad1 Bf8 21.Qh5 Bg7 22.Qg4 Kf8* 0-1 Suhl,D-Urday Caceres,H/Berlin 1997/ (40)*)* 16.Bf4 d3 17.Bxd3 Bg4 18.Rad1 Ne6 19.Qd2 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Ncd4 21.Qe3 g5 22.Bb1 gxf4 23.Qd3 Ng5 0-1 Browne,W-Makarichev,S/Saint John 1988/ (35);

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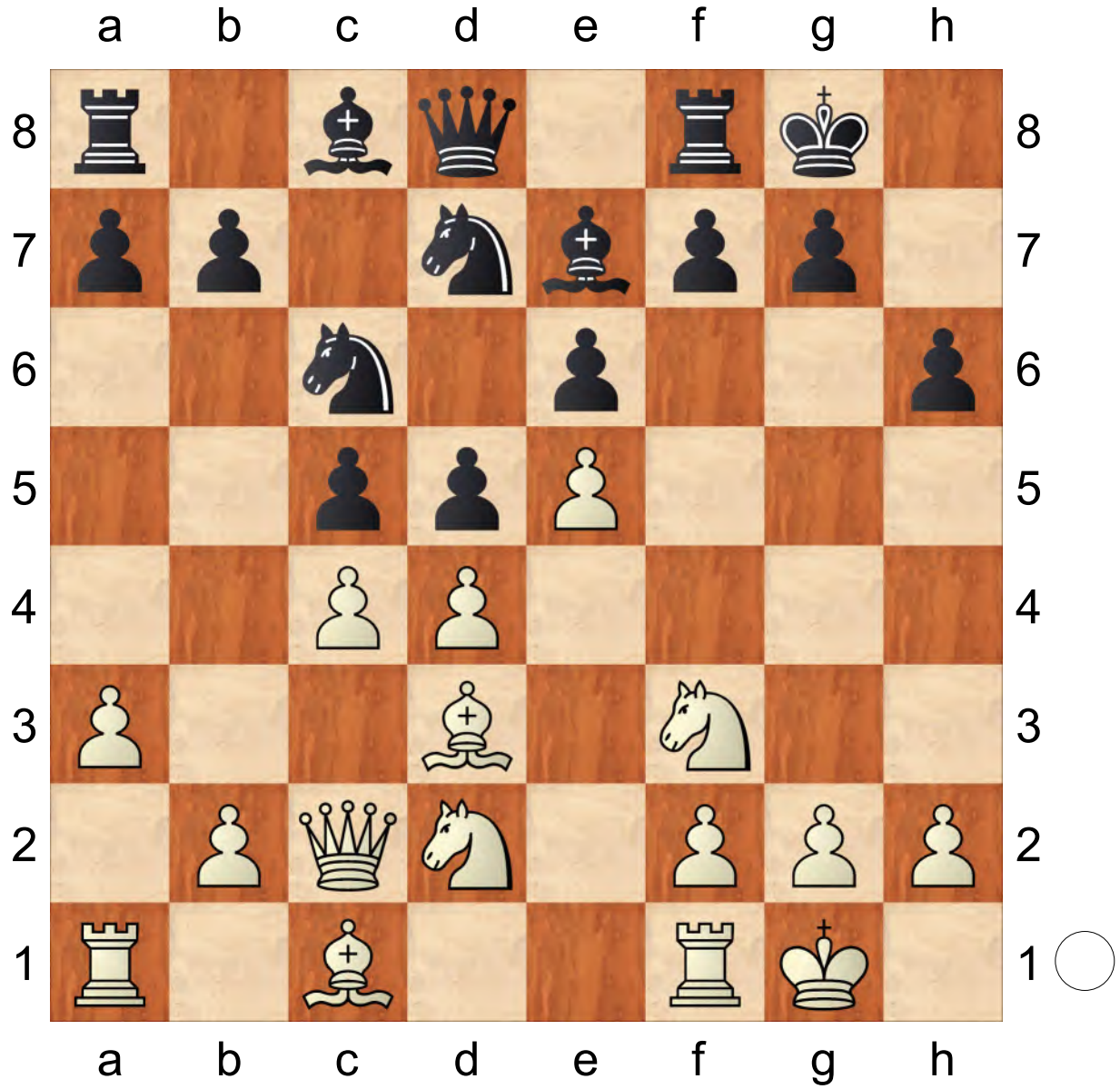

Ne6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Bxh6 Bg5 20.Bxg5 Qxg5 21.Re3 1-0 Burmakin,V-Mozaliov,S/St Petersburg 1996/ (35) *)* 15.e6

B1) 15...Nf6 16.exf7+ Rxf7 17.Bg6 *(17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.Nbxd4 Bc5 19.Ne6 Ne4 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Qxc5* ½-½ Piket,J-Brenninkmeijer,J/ Groningen 1988/ (21)*)* 17...Rf8 18.Nbxd4 *(18.Qd3 a4 19.Nbxd4 Ng4 20.Be3 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Bg4 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Ne5 Rf4* 0-1 Kubikova,H-Csoke,A/Budapest 1994/ (48)*)* 18...Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bc5 20.Nb3 Bd6 21.Be3 Qd8 22.h3 Bd7 23.Nd4 Rc8 24.Qd3 1-0 Browne,W-Silman,J/San Mateo 1989/ (33);

B2) 15...Nc5 16.exf7+ Rxf7 17.Nbxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qf6 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Be3 Bd7 21.Rac1 Rc8 22.Qg6 Rff8 23.Nf3 Nb3 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Qd3 1-0 Piket,J-Dimitrov,V/Adelaide 1988/ (62);

C) 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nb3

C1) 14...Nxd3 15.Qxd3
C1a) 15...Bg4 16.Nfd4 *(16.Bf4 Qb6= '=')* 16...a4 17.Qg3 *(17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Nd4 Qb6∓)* 17...Qc8 18.e6!? *(18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nd4 c5 20.Nb5 Kh8 21.Nd6 Qe6∓)* 18...Bxe6 *(18...axb3 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxg4 Ra4 21.Qg3 Qc2 22.Bxh6 Qxb2∓)* 19.Bxh6 Bf6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Nc5 Nd4! 22.Rac1 Nf5 23.Qg6? *(23.Qd3! Nxh6 24.Nxe6 Qd7 25.Rc7 Qe8 26.Qxd5 Rf7 27.Kf1 Kh8 28.Qxb7 Qg8 29.Rxf7 Nxf7∓)* 23...Qe8!∓ 0-1 (37) Seel,C (2492)-Wahls,M (2538) Germany 2006
C1b) 15...a4 16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bc5 18.Be3 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Be6 20.Re3 Rc8 21.Rf1 Qd7 22.Rg3= 1-0 (26) Malakhatko,V-Mazurok,A/Kiev 2000/ (33) '=';
C2) 14...Qb6 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.h3 Re8 17.Bf4 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Re2 Bd7 20.Rd1 Rac8 21.Qd2 1-0 (26) Ristic,N-Nikolic,B/Kladovo 1991/ (41);
D) 13.Qd1?! Re8
D1) 14.e6 fxe6 15.Rxe6 *(15.Bg6 Rf8 16.Rxe6 cxd4∓)* 15...cxd4 16.Nb3 Nc5 17.Rg6 Kf7∓;
D2) 14.Bb1 Nf8 15.dxc5 *(15.Qc2 cxd4 16.Qd3 Qb6 17.Nb3 Bg4 18.Nfxd4 Bh4!∓)* 15...Bxc5 16.Nb3 *(16.Qc2 Qb6 17.Nb3 Bxf2+ 18.Qxf2 Qxb3∓)* 16...Bb6
D2a) 17.h3 d4 *(17...a4 18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bc5 20.Be3 Qb6 21.b4 axb3 22.Nxb3= '=')* 18.Be4 Ne6∓;
D2b) 17.Bf4 Bg4 18.Bg3 *(18.h3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 a4 20.Nc1 Ne6∓)* 18...Bc7 19.h3 *(19.Nc5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Bxe5 22.Nd3 Bc7∓)* 19...Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 *(21.Bd3 Bxb2 22.Rxe8 Qxe8 23.Ra2 Qe1+ 24.Kh2 Qc3-+)* 21...Nxe5∓ 0-1 (31) Kempinski,R (2576)-Naiditsch,A (2532) Griesheim 2002]
[11.cxd5 exd5 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bf5 cxd4 14.e6 Nf8 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.Nb3 Bf6 17.Bf4 Kg8 18.Nc5 b6 19.Na6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Ne7 21.Bd3 Bg4= 1-0 (37) Browne,W (2535)-Bradford,J (2425) Los Angeles 1989 '=']
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A) 13.Bxc4 a5 14.Qe4 a4 15.Nbxd4 *(15.Bxh6 axb3 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qg4+ Kh6 18.Qh3+= '=')* 15...Ndxe5 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Bd2= '=';
B) 13.Qxc4 Qb6 14.Bc2 Rd8 15.Bf4 Nf8= '=']
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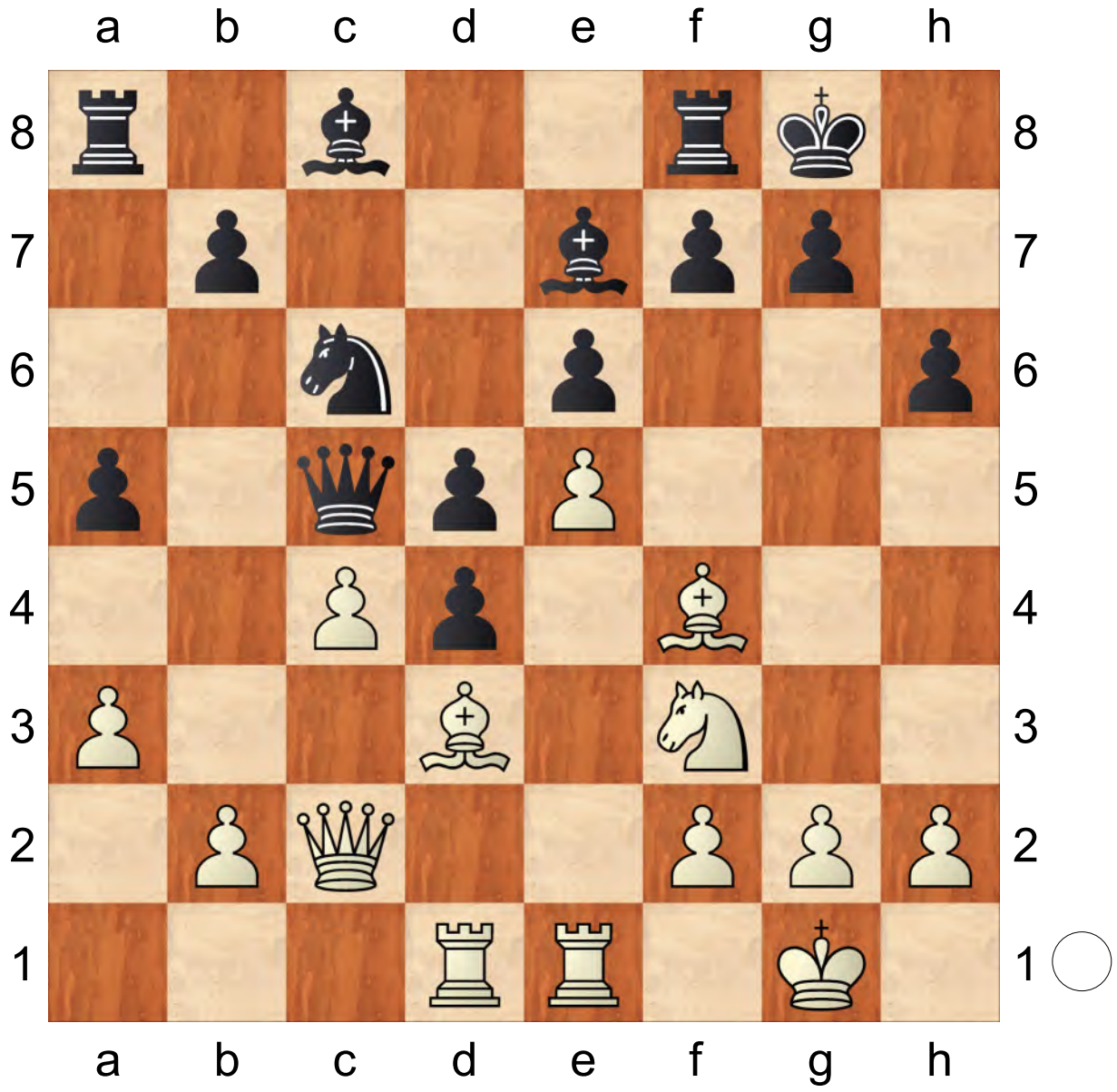
[14...a4 15.Nbxd4 Nc5 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bf5 Ne6= '=']

15.Nxc5

[15.Nbxd4 Nxd3 16.Rxd3 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bd7= '=']

15...Qxc5

[15...Bxc5 16.Rc1 dxc4 17.Bxc4 *(17.Qxc4 Be7 18.Qc2 Rd8 19.Nd2 Rd5 20.Nc4 Qd8=* '=' *)* 17...Rd8 18.Qe4 Ne7 19.Bd3 Ng6 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Qg4 Kh8= '=']



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[17...dxc4 18.Bxc4 Bd7 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Qe4 Bf8 21.Bd3 g6 22.h5 Ne7 23.Nxd4±]

[17...Bd7 18.cxd5 Qxd5 *(18...exd5 19.Qd2 Bf8 20.Bb1±)* 19.Bc4 Qc5 20.h5 Na7 21.Nxd4 Ba4 22.Nb3 Bxb3 23.Bxb3 Nc6= '=']

[17...Qb6 18.Rc1 a4 19.Bb1 *(19.cxd5 exd5 20.Bb1 Qb3 21.Qd2±)* 19...dxc4 20.Rxc4 Kf8 21.Qe4 Ke8∞]

18.Rc1 Qb6

[18...dxc4 19.Bxc4 Qb6 20.Qe4 Ke8 21.Rc2±]

19.cxd5 exd5

[19...Rxd5 20.Qe4 Ke8 21.Qh7 Bf8 22.Nd2±]

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21.Qh5 Ke8

[21...Bc5 22.Bxg5 Ne7 23.Qh8+ Ng8 24.Bh7+-]

[21...gxf4 22.Qh8#]

22.e6! Bxe6

[22...g6 23.exf7+ Kxf7 24.Bxg6++-]

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[23...Kd7 24.Rexc6 Qxc6 *(24...bxc6 25.Bf5+ Ke8 26.Qh8+ Bf8)* 25.Bf5+ Ke8 26.Qh8+ Bf8 27.Re1+]

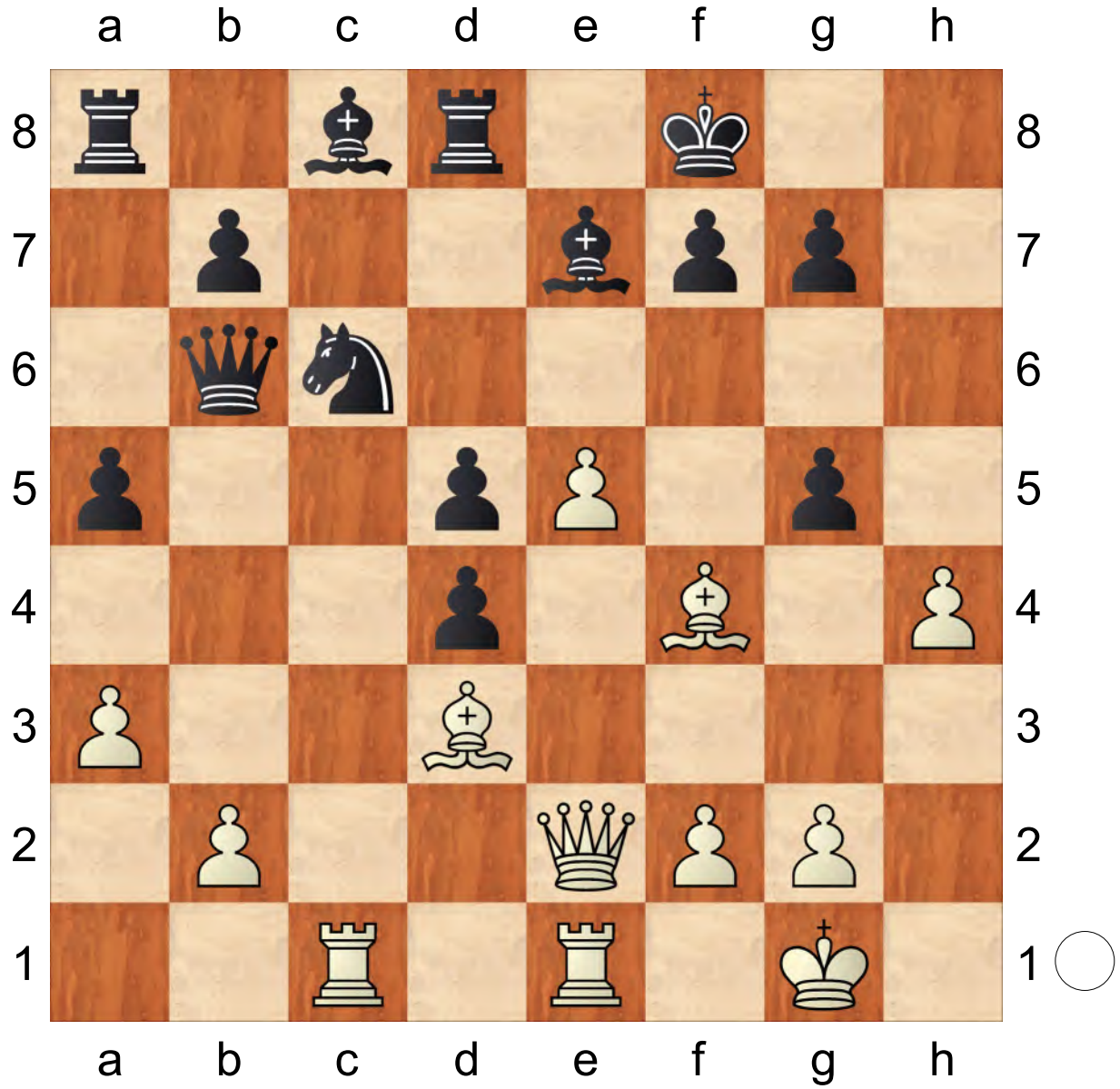
[23...g6 24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Rxg6 gxf4 26.Qf5 Bf8 27.Rg8 Ke7 28.Qh7++-]

24.Bf5! g6

[24...Rd6 25.Qh8+ Kd7 26.Re5+ Re6 27.Rxd5+ Kc7 28.Qxa8+-]

25.Rxg6 Qc7

[25...fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Be6+-]



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[26...Ne5 27.Qh8+ Bf8 28.Rxe5+ Qxe5 *(28...Qe7 29.Rxe7+ Kxe7 30.Qe5#)* 29.Qxe5+ Be7 30.Rg8#]

27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Be6#

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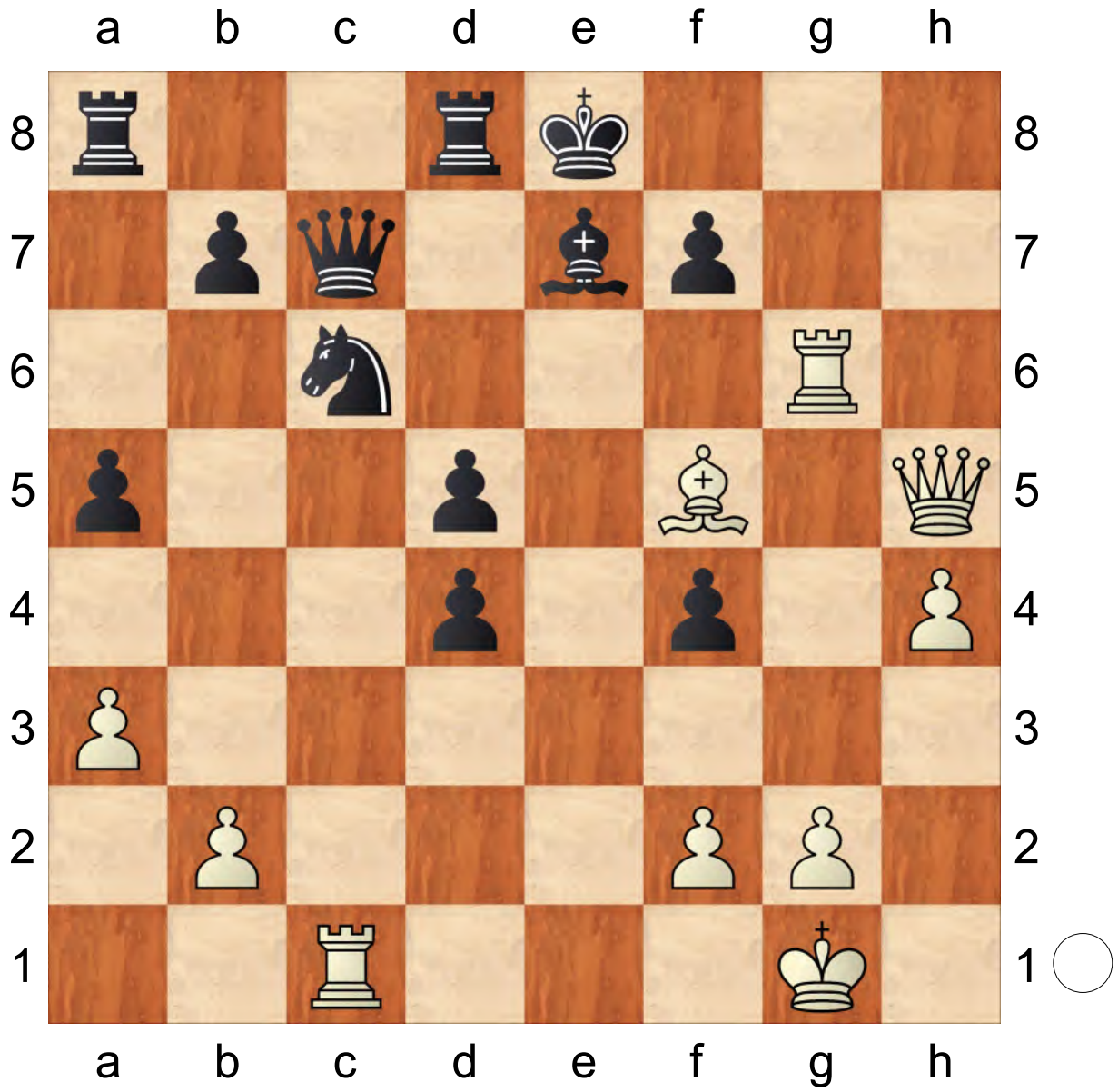
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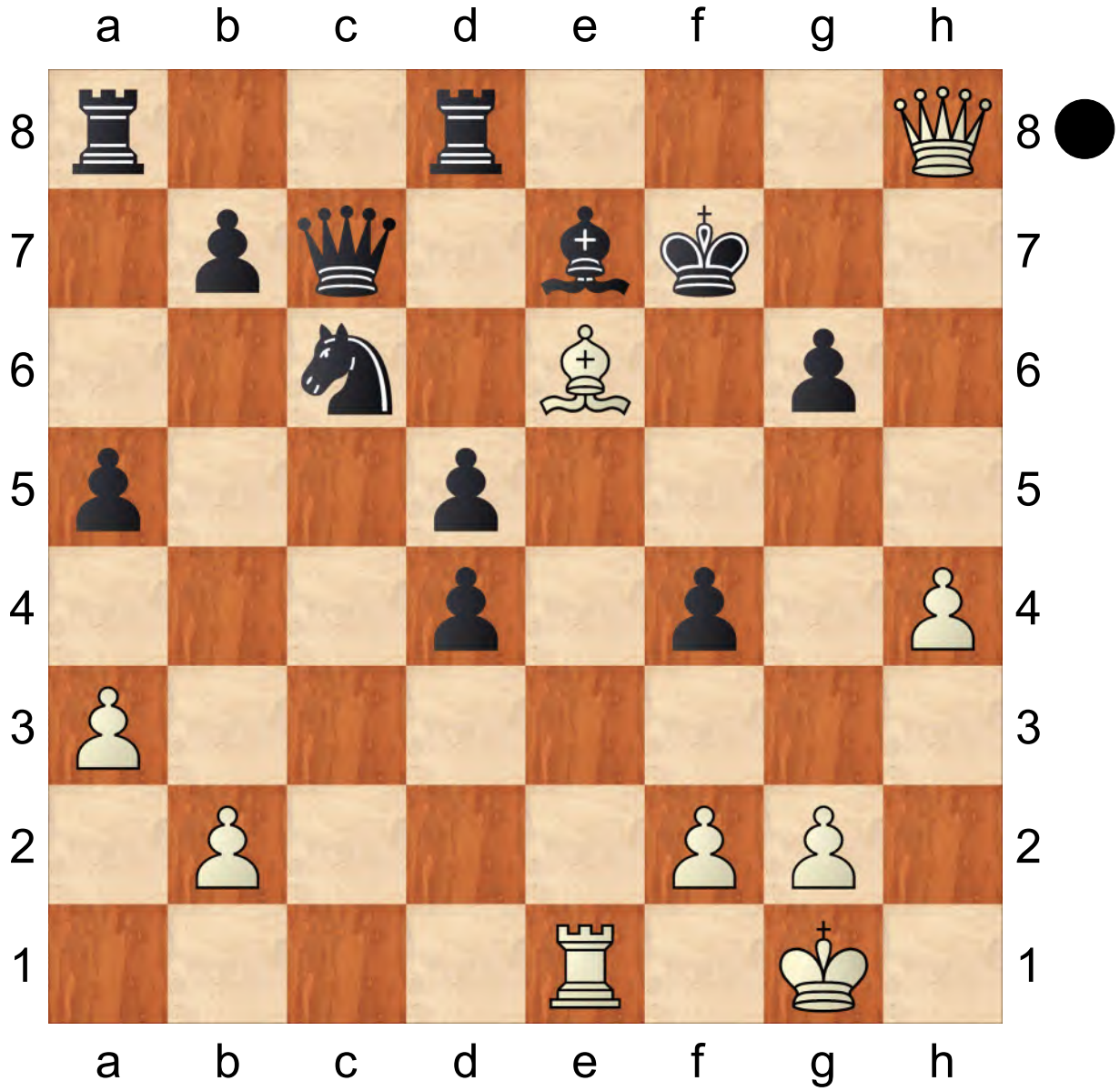

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E05

□ **So,Wesley** **2771**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2791**
Sinquefield Cup 4th (1) 05.08.2016
[Stohl,Igor]

Colovic,Aleksandar: 'SLOW AND STEADY IN SAINT LOUIS Wesley So achieved the biggest success of his career in a tournament where he finished last one year ago. “Slow and steady” were the words Garry Kasparov used to describe the winner’s way to victory and it describes perfectly Wesley’s manner of keeping things under control. In the first round he got a very important boost of self-confidence when he beat Hikaru Nakamura for the first time. Thanks to his superior opening preparation (we will see more of this later in the tournament) and Nakamura’s failure to remember his own, Wesley started the tournament on a high.' **1.d4** Colovic,Aleksandar **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0**

(Diagram)

6.0-0 dxc4 7.Ne5 This line has had its ebbs and flows of popularity. Right now even the top players are willing to use it in the ongoing fight for a workable edge in the Catalan.

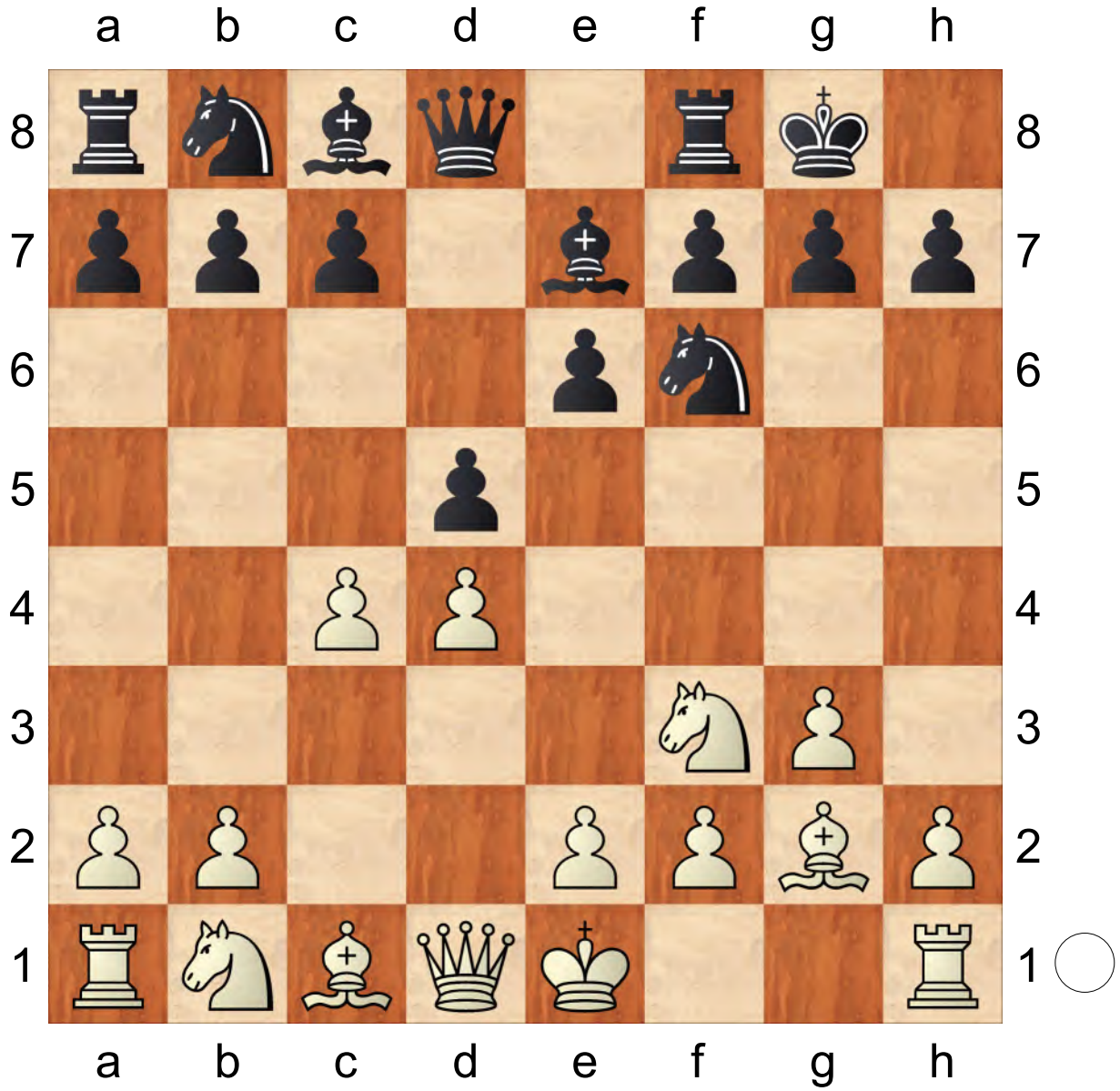
[The main line is still 7.Qc2 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' and now: However,

A) No one has yet comprehensively refuted Bukavshin's 7...b6

A1) 8.Ne5 Qxd4 9.Bxa8 Qxe5 10.Bf3 *(10.Bg2 Nd5 11.Qxc4 Ba6 12.Qe4 Bf6 13.Qxe5 Bxe5 14.Rd1 Nc6 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Rxd5 Bxe2 17.Nc3 Bc4 18.Rd1 Nb4 19.Bf4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nd5 21.Bd2 f6 22.Re1 Kf7 23.Re4 b5⩲* Michalik,P (2570)-Hansen,S (2568) Germany 2016*)* 10...Nd5 11.Qxc4 Ba6 12.Qa4 c5 13.Nd2 Rc8 14.Rd1 c4 15.Nf1 b5 16.Qc2 Nc6 17.Qe4 Qf6?! *(17...Qb8!?⩱ Δ 18.Ne3 Nf6)* 18.Ne3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Ne5? 20.Bg2?! *(20.Qxa7! Nxf3+ 21.exf3 Qxf3 22.Rd7+-)* 20...Bc5 21.Qf4 b4 22.Be3 Qxf4 23.gxf4 Bxe3 24.fxe3**⩲** Nyback,T (2608)-Pihlajasalo,A (2442) Finland 2015;

A2) 8.Bg5 Ba6 9.Nbd2 *(9.Rd1 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.Nc3 c6 13.Ne4 Nd7 14.Nxc4 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Ned6 Rc7 17.e4 Nb7 18.Qa4 Nxd6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.exd5 Bb7 21.dxe6 Qxe6 22.Re1 Qd7=* Vitiugov,N (2728)-Brkic,A (2585) Biel 2016*)* 9...Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nxc4 Nd7 12.Rac1 *(12.Nfe5!?)* 12...c5 13.Qa4 Bb7 14.Qa3 N5f6 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Nfe5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qb7+ 19.f3 Ne8 20.e4 Qc7 21.Qa4 h6 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rc2 Kf8= Aronian,L (2792)-Fressinet,L (2687) Paris blitz 2016;

B) 7...a6 is still definitely the main reaction. 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 was the topic of an opening survey in CBM 169. Some more recent examples



show Black is gradually neutralising White's pressure: 10.Bg5 *(10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nc3 Bxf4 12.gxf4 a5 13.e3 Na6 14.Rac1 Nb4 15.Rfd1 Ra6 16.Qe2 Nbd5 17.Nb5 Ne7 18.Nd2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Nfd5 20.Nc4 Ng6 21.Kh1 Qe7 22.b3 Rd8 23.Rd2 Raa8 24.Rdc2 Nb4 25.Rd2 Nd5=* Ivanchuk,V (2710)-Dominguez Perez,L (2723) Capablanca mem Varadero 2016*)*

B1) 10...Nbd7 11.Nc3 *(11.Nbd2 a5 12.Rfd1 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qd5+ 16.f3 c5 17.e4 Qxd4 18.Qxd4 cxd4 19.Nb3 Rfd8 20.Rxd4 Rxd4 21.Nxd4 Rd8 22.Nb3* Aronian,L (2792)-Kramnik,V (2812) Leuven blitz 2016 *Nd7=)* 11...h6 12.Bd2 *(A rare idea, previously White played mostly 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.b4 Bd5!?=)* 12...a5 13.Rfd1 Bb4 14.Qd3 Qe7 15.Be1 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Nb6 17.b3 Rac8 18.Rac1 Ba3 19.Ra1 Bb4 20.Rac1 Be8 21.Qb1 c5 22.dxc5 Rxc5 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Na2 Rxc1 25.Qxc1 Bxe1 26.Nxe1 Nbd5= Aronian,L (2792)-Kramnik,V (2812) Paris

blitz 2016;
B2) 10...Bd5
B2a) 11.Qd3 c5 12.Nc3 Bc6 13.Rfd1 cxd4
B2a1) 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxd4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2
B2a11) 16...Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nc6 18.Qc5 Qa5N *(18...Qc7 19.Ne4±)* 19.Ne4 Rfd8 20.Qxa5 Nxa5 21.Nc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 h6 23.Rd7 b5 24.b3 Rc8 25.Nxa6 bxa4 26.bxa4 Rc4 27.Ra7 Rxa4 28.Nc5 Ra1 29.Ra8+ Kh7 30.Nd7 g5 31.Ne5 Nb3 32.Rxa1 Nxa1 33.Nxf7± Aronian,L (2792)-Nakamura,H (2787) Paris blitz 2016;
B2a12) 16...Nc6!? 17.Nxc6 Qxd3 18.Rxd3 bxc6 19.Rb1 Rab8 20.b3 Rfd8 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.Ne4 Be7 23.Nd2 f5 24.Rc1 c5 25.f4 g5 26.Rc3 Rd8= Jenkins,R (1934)-Varlamov,F (2255) email 2012;
B2a2) 14.Nxd4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nbd7 16.Qf3 *(16.Rac1N Qa5 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Qf3 Qb4 19.Rc2 Rac8 20.Rcd2 h6 21.h3 Rc7 22.e3 Rfc8 23.Qe2 Qb6=* Vachier Lagrave,M (2789)-Nakamura,H (2787) Paris blitz 2016*)* 16...Qb6 17.a5 Qa7 18.Be3 Qb8 19.Nb3 Rc8 20.Ra4 Rc6 21.Bg5 Qe8 22.Rad4 h6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.e4 e5 25.R4d3 Rac8= Vachier Lagrave,M (2819)-Nakamura,H (2791) chess.com blitz 2016;
B2b) 11.Qc2 Be4
B2b1) 12.Qd1 h6 *(12...c5=* Nakamura,H (2814)-Anand,V (2816) Saint Louis 2015 This thrust should be sufficient for equality, see the notes to the game by Marin in CBM 168.*)* 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nc3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 c6 16.e3 a5 17.Qe2 Na6 18.Rfd1 Nb4 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Rac1 Rfd8 21.Rc5 g6 22.Bg2 Bg7 23.f4 Rd5 24.Rcc1 Rc8 25.b3 Rdd8 26.h4 ½, Matlakov,M (2684)-Andreikin,D (2733) Poikovsky 2016 h5= ;
B2b2) 12.Qc1 h6 *(12...c5 13.dxc5 Nbd7 14.Nbd2 Bc6 15.b4 a5 16.b5 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nxc5 18.Rd1 Nd5 19.Qxc5 Bxc5 20.Bxd8 Rfxd8 21.Nb3 Bb6 22.Rac1 Kf8 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.e3 g6 25.Kf1 Ke7 26.Nc5±* Ipatov,A (2648)-Stefansson,H (2581) Gjakova 2016*)* 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rd1 a5 15.Nbd2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 c6 17.Nb3 Na6 18.h4 Qb6 19.Qc4 Rfd8 20.Rd2 Qb4 21.Rc1 Be7 22.e3 Qxc4 23.Rxc4 Nb4 24.Rc1 Na2 25.Ra1 Nb4= Markus,R (2617)-Wojtaszek,R (2734) Skopje 2015]

7...Nc6 8.Nxc6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'In the popular variation of the Catalan, So goes his own way.' An important crossroads. So is not interested in material and wants to fight for the initiative with his bishop pair.

[Neil McDonald: 'In contrast to the ' The alternative is 8.Bxc6 Neil McDonald: 'variation above, here White doesn't emerge with an extra pawn from the opening. On the other hand, he keeps his Catalan bishop so isn't afflicted by the light-square malaise of the previous games in this chapter. ' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'is the massively theoretical main line, made popular by Vladimir Kramnik.' bxc6 9.Nxc6

Qe8 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7 and now:

A) A fashionable and interesting move is 11.Na3

A1) 11...c5 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3

A1a) 13...Qc6 14.Rc1 Ba6 *(14...Bb7 15.f3 Ba6 16.Nxc4 Bxc4 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.b3 Qa6 19.bxc4 Qxa2 20.Kf2± Kramnik,V (2783)-Adams,M (2745) Shamkir 2015 See the notes to this game by Havasi in CBM 166.)* 15.Nxc4 Bxc4 16.b3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qe4 18.Rc4 Qe5 19.Qf3 Rfd8 20.Bd4 Qd5 21.Qxd5 Nxd5 22.Rfc1 f6 23.Ra4 a5 Rozum,I (2559)-Moskalenko,A (2464) Kazan 2016;

A1b) 13...Qb4 14.Qd4!? *(14.Qc1 Ba6 15.Bd4 Rfd8 16.Rd1 Rac8 17.Qc3 Qa4 18.Qc2 Qxc2 19.Nxc2 c3 20.Bxc3 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Bxe2=* Aronian,L (2797)-Nakamura,H (2767) Saint Louis 2014*)* 14...Ba6 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.e4 Nf6 19.f3 Rfd8 *(19...c3!? 20.Bxc3 Be2 21.Re1 Bxf3⇄)* 20.Bc3 Rd3 21.Kf2 Rad8 22.Ke2 Nd7 23.Nc2± /=, Ju,W (2559)-Zhao,X (2508) Sharjah 2014;

A1c) 13...Qh5 14.f3 c3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Qc1 Ba6 17.c4 Rac8 18.Bxa7 *(⌓18.Rd1!? Nd5 19.Rd4* perhaps gives White a small plus*)* 18...Bxc4 19.Nxc4 Qxa7+ 20.Qe3 Qa6 21.Ne5 Rc2= Kramnik,V (2787)-Anand,V (2770) Khanty-Mansiysk ct 2014;

A2) 11...Rd8!? 12.Qc2 Ba6 13.Nxc4 *(13.Qa4 Rd6 14.Nxc4 Qd7 15.Qxd7 Rxd7 16.b3 Bxc4 17.bxc4 Rxd4 18.Bf4 Rxc4 19.Rfc1 Ra4 20.Bxc7 Nd5 21.a3 Nxc7 22.Rxc7 h5 23.Rd1 Rxa3 24.Rdd7 Rf8=* Yuffa,D (2502)-Popov,I (2648) Kolomna 2016*)* 13...c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.b3 Bxc4 16.Bb2 Rac8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rfc1 Qe5! 19.bxc4 Rd4 20.Rab1 Rdxc4 21.Qxc4 Rxc4 22.Rxc4 Qxe2 23.Ra4 a6 24.Kg2 Qe5 25.Rd1 h5= Wei,Y (2696)-So,W (2770) Bilbao 2016;

B) 11.Qc2 e5 *(*The main move, but even *11...c5 12.Qxc4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 e5 14.Qh4 Qb7!?N* deserves attention: *15.Nc3 Be6 16.Bg5 Ng4 17.h3 Qxb2 18.Rfc1 h6 19.hxg4 hxg5 20.Qxg5 f6 21.Qe3 Bxg4 22.Rab1 Qa3 23.Rb3 Qa5* So,W (2770)-Kramnik,V (2812) Leuven blitz 2016*)*

B1) 12.Rd1 was introduced by Kramnik. White ignores the ♙ and continues his development, but subsequent practice has shown, how Black should handle this idea:

B1a) 12...Re8 13.d5 *(13.Nc3!?)* 13...c6 14.d6 Qe6 15.Bg5 Nd5 16.Qxc4 Qxd6 17.Nc3 ½, Mastrovasilis,A (2510)-Rusev,K (2516) Skopje 2012 *(17.e4 Ne3 18.Rxd6 Nxc4=)* 17...Be6=;

B1b) 12...Rb8 13.Nc3 h6 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.Rd4 Be6 17.Rad1 Rb6 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.f3 Rfb8 20.Qe3 Rxb2 21.Rxc4 R2b7 22.Ra4 Re8! 23.Rxa7 Rxa7 24.Qxa7 Qb4 25.Be5 *(⌓25.Qd4!? c5 26.Qd3+±)* 25...Nd5 26.Nxd5 Bxd5 27.Qxc7 Qc4± /=, Kramnik,V (2810)-Carlsen,M (2872) London ct 2013;

B1c) ⌓12...Bb7! This was recommended already by Illingworth in CBM 157: 13.Nc3 *(13.Bg5 Rad8 14.Qxc4 exd4 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rac1 h6*

17.Bxf6 Qxf6 Li,C (2686)-Xiu,D (2556) Shenzhen 2013 *18.Nb3 Ba6 19.Qc6=)* 13...Qe6 14.dxe5 Qh3 15.e4 Ng4 16.f4 Rad8 17.Rxd8 *(17.Qg2 Qxg2+ 18.Kxg2 Bxe4+ 19.Kg1 Rxd1+ 20.Nxd1 h5 21.h3 Nh6 22.Be3 a6 23.Rc1 Rd8 24.Nf2 Bd5 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Rb8 27.Rc2 Bf3=* Percze,R (2334)-Kovacs,A (2471) email 2012*)* 17...Rxd8 18.Qg2 Qh6 19.h3 Qb6+ *(19...Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Qb6+ 21.Be3 Nxe3 22.Na4 Qd4⇄)* 20.Kf1 Bxe4 21.Nxe4 Rd1+ 22.Ke2 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Qe3+ 24.Kd1 Qd3+ 25.Ke1 Qe3+ 26.Qe2 Qxc1+ 27.Qd1 Qe3+ 28.Kf1 Nh2+ 29.Kg2 Qxe4+ 30.Kxh2 Qd3 31.Qc1 h5= Wang,Y (2705)-Wei,Y (2557) Shenzhen 2013;

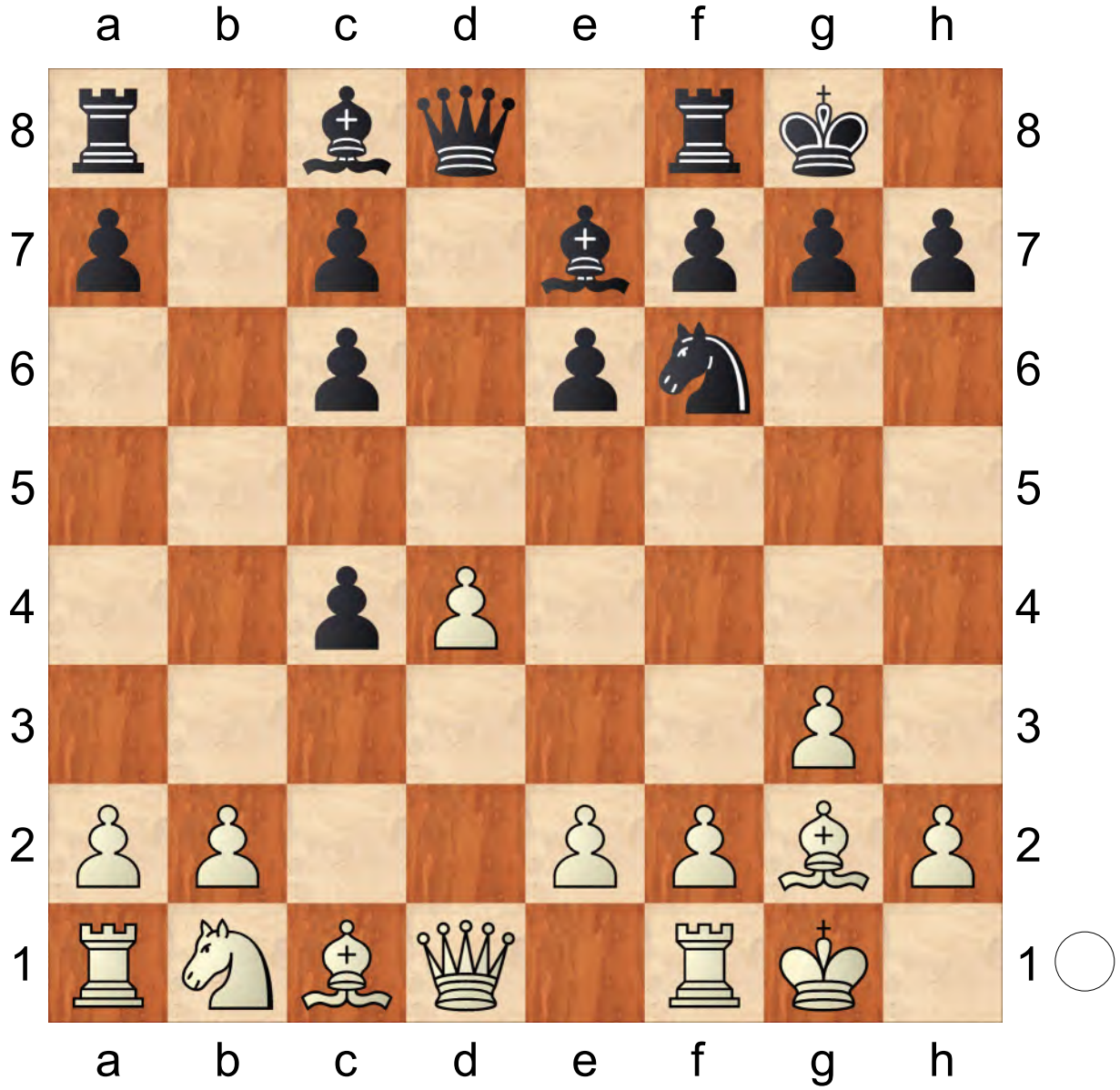
B2) 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Qh5 *(13...Qe6 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Rfd1 h6 16.f3 g5 17.Bxc7 Rac8 18.Ba5 Rfe8 19.Qd2 Rc5 20.Bd8 Nd5∞* Schmuecker,M (2213)-Hausrath,D (2488) Oberhausen 2013*; 13...Qc5 14.Nd2 Ba6 15.Rac1 Nd5 16.Nxc4 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Qh5 19.f3 Re6 20.Ne5 Rae8 21.Qb3 Qh4 22.e3 h5* Horvath,C (2512)-Prohaszka,P (2617) Bol 2015 *23.Qc2* **Δ** *f6 24.Ng6 Qh3 25.Qf2±)* 14.Nc3 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Rfd1 Qc6 17.Rd4 Bh3 18.f3 Be6 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Qc3 f6 21.Kg2 Rae8 22.R1d2 a5 23.g4 a4 24.Bg3 Qc5 25.Re4 Rf7 26.Qe3 Qxe3 27.Rxe3 Rfe7**±** /=, Tomashevsky,E (2749)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty-Mansiysk 2015 Although nominally this endgame is slightly better for White due to the resulting pawn structure, the opposite coloured bishops are a strong neutralising factor. Black held the game without any serious problems.;

C) 11.Qa4 e5 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.Qxc4 Be6 14.Qd3 *(14.Qc2 Bf5 15.Qd2 Rfe8 16.Re1 Bg4 17.Nc3 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Qc3 Bxe2 20.Be3 Qf3 21.Rac1 a6 22.Bd4 Qg4 23.Be5 f6 24.Bxc7 Kh8⩲* Kramnik,V (2790)-Leko,P (2734) Dortmund 2010*)* 14...Rad8 15.Qe3

C1) 15...Qa5 16.Qa3 Qb5!?N *(16...Qh5 17.f3 Rfe8 18.Nc3 Bc4 19.Rf2 h6 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 22.Re1 Bxa2 23.Qxa7 c6 24.e4 Qe6 25.Kg2±* Kramnik,V (2812)-Aronian,L (2792) Paris blitz 2016*)* 17.Nc3 Qb7 18.f3 Bh3 19.Re1 *(⌓19.Rf2!∞)* 19...Qb6+! 20.e3□ Rd3 21.Qa4 Rfd8 22.Qh4 Bc8 23.g4 Bb7 24.Rf1 h6! 25.Qf2 Nd7! 26.Qg3 Qc5 27.Kg2 Ne5⩱ ↑, Kantor,G (2416)-Rydl,J (2398) Celje 2016 Black has excellent piece play; for White it's very difficult to fully consolidate his setup once his pawn was forced to leave e2.;

C2) 15...Qh5 16.f3 Bc4! 17.Nc3 Rfe8 18.g4!?N *(18.Qg5 Qh3 19.Be3 Nd5 20.Bd4 f6 21.Qc1 Nxc3 22.Qxc3 Bxe2 23.Rf2 a6 24.b3 Qd7 25.Re1 Bb5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Kg2= ½,* Filippov,V (2639)-Grischuk,A (2719) Tripoli 2004*; 18.Qf2 Nd5 19.Re1 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Qb5 21.e4 Rd3 22.Bf4 Rxc3 23.a4 Qa6 24.Rec1 Rxc1+= ½,* Papaioannou,I (2628)-Beliavsky,A (2656) Novi Sad 2009*)* 18...Qg6 19.Qf2 Nd5 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Re1 h5 22.g5 f6 23.h4 Rde5 24.e4 f5 25.Bf4 R5e7 26.Rac1 Bxa2 27.Qxa7 Bf7 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Qxc7 fxe4 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.fxe4 Qxe4= Kramnik,V (2812)-Nakamura,H (2787) Paris blitz 2016]

8...bxc6 Neil McDonald: 'EXERCISE: Black's queenside pawn structure is now wrecked, with tripled pawns along the c-file. Assuming he hasn't gone mad, can you think of some reasons why Nakamura would let his opponent smash up his queenside? ' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Diagram



' **9.Na3** The only way to fight for an edge. Other moves promise Black rather easy equality: Neil McDonald: '!?' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Instead of capturing a pawn as in the line with 8.Bc6, here White sacrifices a pawn for the bishop pair and the initiative.'

[9.e3 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I'

A) 9...Ba6 10.Bxc6 Rb8 11.Nc3 *(If 11.Qa4 Rb6* holds everything together for Black *)* 11...Nd5! 12.Nxd5 (this straightens out Black's pawns, but otherwise the bishop on c6 is stranded) exd5 13.Qf3 Bb7 (defending d5) *(* notice that *13...c3* wins the exchange after *14.bxc3 Bxf1* , but after *15.Kxf1* the d5-pawn will drop leaving White with enough material and a strong centre*)* 14.Bxb7 Rxb7

15.b3 and now c3!? was the dynamic try *(*rather than *15...cxb3* in V.Ivanchuk-Y.Seirawan, Tilburg 1992*)* ; for example, 16.e4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 c6! (a cute way to get the rook to c7 to defend c3; if White refuses the pawn then 18...Qd5 centralizes the queen strongly) 18.Qxc6 Rc7 19.Qe4 Bd6 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Qf3 c2 and Black's dangerous passed pawn supplies strong counterplay for the material.;

B) and 9...Rb8!? are playable alternatives as well.;

C) 9...Nd5 10.Qa4 Nb6 11.Qc2 Rb8 12.Rd1 Qe8 13.Nd2 Ba6 14.b3 c5 15.Bb2 cxd4 16.Bxd4 f6 17.Bxb6 cxb6 18.Nxc4 Qc8 *(18...Rc8=)* 19.Rac1 Bxc4 *(19...Rd8!?)* 20.Qxc4 Ba3 21.Bh3 f5 22.Rc2 Qxc4 23.Rxc4 a5 24.Rc6 Rf6 25.Bf1 Bc5 26.Bc4 Re8 27.Rd7 Kf8 28.h4 Rf7 29.Rd1 Rfe7= ½-½ (60) Berkes,F (2596)-Magalashvili,D (2448) Istanbul 2005]

[9.Bxc6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' Rb8 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Bxb7 *(11.Qa4 Qxd4 12.Be3 Bxc6 13.Qxc6 Qd6 14.Qxc4 Rb4 15.Qd3 Qxd3 16.exd3 Rxb2 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.Be3 Bb4↑* Shipov,S (2625)-Lautier,J (2653) Moscow 2001*)* 11...Rxb7

A) 12.e4 c5 13.dxc5 *(*we see another use of the rook on b7 after *13.d5 Rd7!* winning the d5-pawn*)* 13...Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bxc5 15.Kg2 and now Black found a nice move: e5! , securing the d4-square for his bishop where it adds to the pressure on b2 and blocks under counterplay along the d-file. After 16.Rd2 Bd4 17.Rc2 Rfb8 , Black had a good game in M.Elgabry-M.Kravtsiv, Al Ain 2012.;

B) 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.Be3 Rfb8 14.Qc2 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Rfc1 Bd6 17.Qxc4 Rxb2 18.Rxb2 Rxb2 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Bf4 Kf8!= /∓, Sloth,J (2610)-Rittner,H (2601) corr 1999]

[Another try for White is 9.Qa4 , but Qxd4 (a centre pawn is worth a little trouble as Steinitz would say!) 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.Be3 Qa6 *(11...Qxb2!?* was also worth the trouble, with good chances for Black*)* 12.Qxc6 Qxc6 13.Bxc6 Rb8 14.Bxa7 Rxb2 and Black's activity gave him the better game in Vo Thanh Ninh-Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son, Ho Chi Minh City 2016.]

9...Bxa3 Neil McDonald: 'QUESTION: Why does Black give up his excellent dark-squared bishop? ANSWER: In some positions even a powerful bishop has to be exchanged for a galloping horse. If White is allowed to play 10 Nxc4 unopposed the knight could then go to e5 or a5 to conquer c6. White would have a crushing game.'

[For example, 9...Rb8 10.Nxc4 c5 11.Na5 Bd7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nb7 Qe7 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Be3 leaves White with the two bishops and split pawns to target on a7 and c7.]

[Also 9...Ba6 doesn't help much as, after 10.Qa4 Qc8 11.Nxc4 , Black is in deep trouble due to the weakness on c6. Instead, with the game move Black inflicts doubled pawns on White and turns the c4-pawn into a passed pawn.]

10.bxa3 Ba6

[Neil McDonald: 'Alternatively, ' 10...a5!? Neil McDonald: 'occupies the a5-square and so rules out the plan we'll see in the main game. ' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' might well become more popular in the near future: Neil McDonald: 'So in V.

Kramnik-L.Bruzon Batista, Baku 2015, White tried a somewhat riskier approach:'

A) Neil McDonald: 'Now after ' 11.Qa4 Ba6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.Qxa5 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Qc3 Qd5 16.f3 Rd8 Neil McDonald: ', Black had enough play in B.Gelfand-L.Aronian, Tsaghkadzor 2015.' *(16...--)* 17.e4 Qxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Rxd4 19.Be3 Rd6 20.Rab1 *(20.Rfc1 Rd3⇄)* 20...Rxb1 21.Rxb1 h6= Gelfand,B (2747)-Aronian,L (2770) Tsaghkadzor 2015;

B) 11.Bxc6 Rb8 12.Qc2 Ba6 13.Rd1 Nd5 *(13...Qe7!?∞)* 14.e4 Ne7 *(14...Nb6 15.a4 Bb7 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Rab1 Qd7 19.Rb5 Rbb8 20.Rxa5 Ra8 21.Bb4 Nxa4 22.Rc1 Rxa5 23.Bxa5 Ra8 24.Bb4 Qxd4 25.Qxc4 Qxc4 26.Rxc4 c5±* Hirneise,T (2471)-Kovacs,G (2460) Budapest 2016 *)* 15.Ba4 Neil McDonald: '. White's Catalan bishop has ended up on a weird square, but if left in peace his two bishops and better centre will give him a clear plus. Therefore Bruzon tried to exploit the absence of the bishop from g2 with' f5 Neil McDonald: '?' Neil McDonald: 'Kramnik cut across this plan with '

B1) when if 16.exf5? , Black can choose between Nxf5 *(*or *16...Qd5!* , with the chilling threat of 17...Bb7 and mate along the diagonal. *)*;

B2) 16.d5 Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: ', blocking the d5-square, when ' 16...exd5 17.exd5 Neil McDonald: 'left the pawn untouchable: ' Rf7 *(17...Nxd5? 18.Bc6* returns to the diagonal in style as White wins a piece. White therefore maintained his edge and won after a hard struggle.*)* 18.Be3 f4 19.Bxf4 Ng6 20.Be3 Ne5 21.Qe4 Qe7 22.Bf4 Qxa3 23.Bxe5 Qxa4± /⇄, Kramnik,V (2777)-Bruzon Batista,L (2659) Baku 2015]

[Neil McDonald: 'If instead ' 10...Rb8 Neil McDonald: ', White has the chance to get rid of Black's advanced passed pawn with ' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 11.Qa4! *(11.Qd2 Qd6 12.Qc3 c5 13.dxc5 Qa6 14.Bf4 Bb7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.Rfc1 Nd5 17.Qxc4 Qxa3 18.Bd2 c6 19.e4 Nf6 20.Kg2 h6 21.Rc2 Rd8 22.Re1 Qd3 23.Qxd3 Rxd3=* Fridman,D (2620)-Ladva,O (2453) Riga 2016*)*

A) 11...Rb6 12.Qxc4 Ba6 13.Qc2

A1) 13...Qxd4 14.Be3 Rb2 *(14...Qb2 15.Rfc1±* Vogel,R (2191)-Wiegner,D (2176) Bayern 2007*)* 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxh7+ Kxh7 16.Bxd4 Rxe2 17.Rfc1 Bb5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Rxc6 Rb8 21.Rxc7 Rbb2 22.Rf1 Kg7 23.Rxa7 Rxa2=* Roy Chowdhury,S (2494)-Kunal,M (2323) Kanpur 2014 *)* 15...Qe5 16.f4 Qb5 17.Bxc6 Qb8 18.Bd4 Rxe2 19.Bf3↑;

A2) 13...Qd6 14.Rd1 Rfb8 15.Bf3 Qd8 16.e4↑ Anthonius B,R (2569)-Tambora,R (2768) 3m + 0s, rated 2006;

B) 11...Qxd4 12.Be3 Qb2 *(12...Qe5 13.Qxc4* whereupon he has two powerful bishops pointing at the crumbling black queenside pawns.*)* 13.Qxc4 Nd5 14.Bxa7 Ra8 15.Bd4 *(15.Bc5 Ba6 16.Qe4 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Bb5 18.e3 Ra4 19.Qf3 Rc4 20.Rab1 Qc2 21.Bd4 Nc3 22.Bxc3 Rxc3 23.Qf4 Rxa3 24.Rbc1 Qb2 25.Rb1 Qc2 26.Rbc1 Qb2 27.Rb1 Qc2 ½,* Ju,W (2500)-Lhamsuren,U (2115) Olongapo City 2010*)* 15...Qb5 16.Qxb5 cxb5

B1) 17.Rfc1 Ra4 18.Bc5 Re8 19.e4 Nb6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'transposes to Ftacnik-Geller' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I: 'transposes to Ftacnik-Geller''

20.Rab1 *(20.Bb4±)* 20...Bd7 21.Bxb6 cxb6 22.e5 Rb8 23.Bf1 Rxa3 24.Bxb5 Bxb5 25.Rxb5= ½, Ftacnik,L (2475)-Geller,E (2565) Valetta olm 1980;

B2) 17.Bc5 Re8 18.Rfc1 c6 *(18...Ra4 19.e4 Nb6* transposes to Ftacnik-Geller *)* 19.e4 Nf6 20.f3 Bb7 21.Rd1 Red8 22.Kf2 Rd7 23.Ke3± Wang,Y (2697)-Nielsen,P (2693) Beijing blindfold rpd 2011]

[Neil McDonald: 'A foray with the knight is possible, ' 10...Nd5 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' is the most popular move, but probably not the best. After 11.Qa4 Neil McDonald: 'and now: ' Black has to fight for equality:

A) 11...Nc3 12.Qc2 *(*White had better avoid *12.Qxc4?* as *Qxd4!* exploits a potential fork on e2*)* 12...Nb5 *(*not *12...Qxd4? 13.Bb2* and White wins a piece *)* 13.e3 Nd6 14.a4 Neil McDonald: '!?' Neil McDonald: 'gives White good chances.' Qg5 15.Qc3 Qf5 16.Ba3 Rd8 *(16...Qd3 17.Qxd3 cxd3 18.Rfc1 Bd7 19.Bxc6 d2 20.Rc2 Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Rfc8 22.Rd1 g5 23.g4 Rab8 24.Rxd2±* Andersen,M (2479)-Bekker Jensen,S (2451) Svendborg 2016*)* 17.Rab1 Bd7 18.Rfe1 Ne4 19.Qc2 Nd6 20.e4 Qg6 21.Rbc1 Be8 22.Qc3 f6 23.e5 Nf5 24.Bc5 fxe5 25.dxe5 a5 26.Qxc4± Stupak,K (2514)-Pileckis,E (2447) Tromso olm 2014;

B) 11...Nb6

B1) 12.Qxc6 Rb8 13.Qc5

B1a) 13...Bb7 14.e4 Qd6

B1a1) 15.Rb1 Qxc5 16.dxc5 Na4 17.Rb4 Bc6 18.Bf4 a5?! *(18...Nc3!⇄)* 19.Rxc4 Bb5 20.Rcc1 Bxf1 21.Bxf1± Schlosser,P (2509)-Abergel,T (2457) Pardubice 2016;

B1a2) 15.Bf4! Qxc5 16.dxc5 Na4 17.Rfc1 Ba6 18.Bf1 Nxc5 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 Na6 21.Bxc7 Nxc7 22.Rxc7 g5 23.Rd1 Rb2 24.Kg2 Kg7 25.h3 Re2 26.Kf3 Rxa2 27.Rxa7± Ftacnik,L (2470)-Liberzon,V (2545) Hastings 1980;

B1b) 13...Qd6!? 14.Rb1!? *(14.Bf4 Qxc5 15.dxc5 Nd5 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Bxc7 Rb2 18.Rfd1 Rxe2 19.Rxd5 Be6 20.Re5 Rb2 21.Re3 Re8 22.Bf4* K64,R (2673)-Super_GM,R (2621) 3m + 0s, rated 2006 *Rc8=)*

B1b1) 14...Ba6 15.Qa5 Nd5 16.Rxb8 Rxb8 17.e4 Rb5? *(17...Qb6 18.Qe1 Nf6∞)* 18.Qa4 Nc3 19.Qxc4 Qxd4 20.Qc6 Ne2+ 21.Kh1 Qd6 22.Qa8+ Qf8 23.Qxa7 Ra5 24.Be3 Qxa3 25.Qb8+ Qf8 26.Qxc7 Rxa2 27.Rd1+- Mihajlovskij,S (2451)-Ivanov,A (2458) St Petersburg 2007;

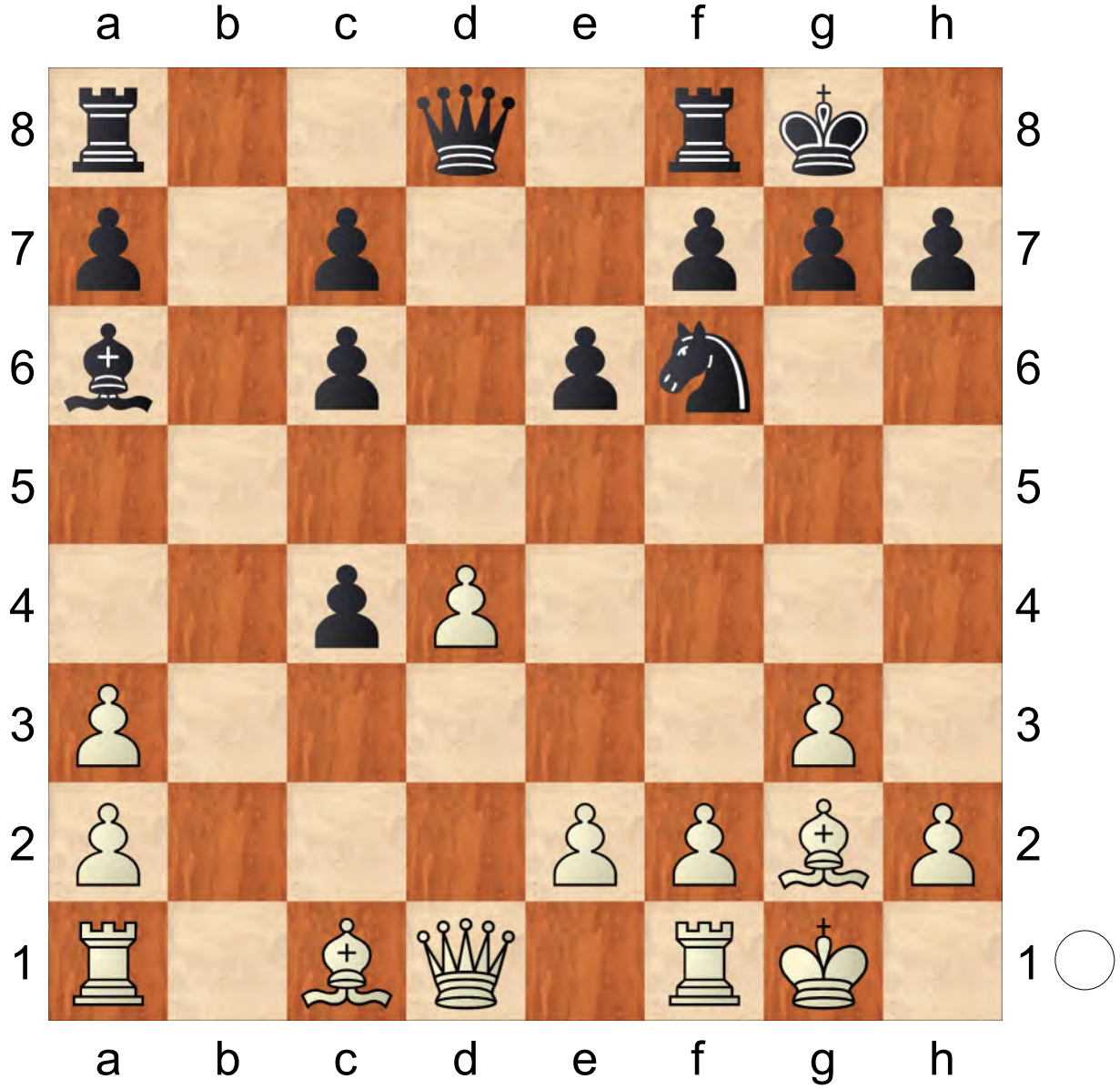
B1b2) ⌓14...Bb7!? 15.Bf4 *(15.e4* - see Schlosser-Abergel above*)* 15...Qxc5 16.dxc5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nd5⇄;

B2) However, White doesn't have to take the pawn immediately, 12.Qa5!?⩲ is a serious alternative: 12...Rb8 *(*bad for Black is *12...Qxd4 13.Be3 Qf6 14.Bc5 Rd8 15.Bxc6 Rb8 16.Qxa7)*

B2a) 13.Rd1 Nd5 14.a4 *(14.e4±* Ribli *)* 14...Qd6 15.e4 Qb4 16.Bd2 c3 17.Qxb4 Rxb4 18.Be1 Nb6 19.Bxc3 Rxa4 20.a3 Rd8 21.Bb4 Ba6

22.Rac1 Be2 23.Rd2 Bb5 24.Bf1 Rd7 25.Bc5 e5⇄ Iljushin,A (2460)-Kiriakov,P (2495) Maikop 1998

B2b) 13.e3 Neil McDonald: 'when White has a stable position and pressure on the queenside.' 13...Bd7?! 14.a4 Qe7 15.Bd2 Nd5 16.Rfc1 Rb7 17.e4 c3 18.Be1 Nf6 19.Bxc3± Lorparizangeneh,S (2478)-Yuan,Q (2366) Bhubaneswar 2016]



Neil McDonald: 'Black develops his bishop to an active square and defends the pawn that matters – the passed pawn. He doesn't have to worry about jettisoning the c6-pawn as after 11 Bxc6 Rb8 he will generate a lot of play with ...Nd5, etc, in the style of the Seirawan and Kravtsiv extracts above. ' This was Illingworth's preference in his aforementioned article in 2013 (CBM 157). Let's check the alternatives: Neil McDonald: 'EXERCISE: After 10...Ba6 what is White's best way to get his queen

into the attack? ANSWER:' **11.Qd2** Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'With this move White intends to put his queen in the thick of the queenside attack on a5, whilst temporarily keeping d4 defended.' White's more recent attempts to breathe life into this branch are connected with the text move. He wants to coordinate his forces first and just as in some lines from the above note, ignores the offered ♙c6.

[Neil McDonald: 'Delaying the queen's journey with ' 11.Bxc6 Colovic,Aleksandar: '-49/573 Vladimirov,Yevgeniy 2565 - Vaganian,Rafael A 2605, Moscow 1990 - 49/573' Rb8 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 12.Qa4 Neil McDonald: 'allows ' Rb6 Neil McDonald: ', when the rook on b6 is a stout guardian of the black queenside.' 13.Bd2 *(13.Bf3 Nd5 14.Qa5 c3 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Qxc3 Rc6 18.Qb3 Qxd4 19.Be3 Qe4 20.Rad1 Rc4 21.Bxa7 c6 22.Qe3=* ½, Beliavsky,A (2620)-Geller,E (2615) Moscow 1981*)* 13...Qd6 14.Bf3 Nd5 15.Rfb1 Rfb8 16.Rxb6 Qxb6 17.Rc1 Qxd4 18.Qxa6 Qxd2 19.Qxc4 g6 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Qxc7 Re8 22.Rc2 Qd1+ 23.Kg2 Rxe2 24.Rxe2 Qxe2 25.Qd8+ Kg7 26.Qxd5 a6 27.a4 h6 28.h4 h5⩲ /=, Antunes,A (2510)-Janjgava,L (2500) Moscow 1994]

[11.a4 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' Qd6 12.Qd2 Rfb8 13.Qa5 Rb6 14.Re1 Bb7 15.Qc3 Qb4 16.Qxb4 Rxb4 17.Bd2 Rb2 18.Bc3 Rc2 19.Rec1 Rxc1+ 20.Rxc1 Nd5 21.Be1 Ba6 22.e4 Nf6 23.f3 Rd8 24.Bc3 Nd7 25.Bf1 c5= Wang,Y (2734)-Zhou,J (2660) Xinghua Jiangsu 2011]

[It looks superior to 11.Qa4 , when after Bb5 12.Qa5 Qxd4 the pawn snatch looks risky, but Black doesn't lose a piece to a future a3-a4: 13.Be3 Qd6 , and if 14.a4 *(*Black is also okay after *14.Rfd1 Nd5;* or *14.Bf4 e5 15.Rfd1 Qe6* , etc *)* 14...Qa3! pins the pawn and is good for Black.]

[RR11.Bg5 (Colovic,Aleksandar) Antunes,Antonio 2510 - Karpov,Anatoly 2780, Tilburg 1994 - 61/525]

11...Rb8 Neil McDonald: 'The rook gets off the danger diagonal, seizes the b-file and intends to bolster the queenside third rank with ...Rb6. '

[11...Qc8 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I'

A) 12.Qa5!? transposes into the game after Rb8 *(12...Nd5 13.e4 Nb6 14.a4!? c3 15.Re1⩲)*;

B) 12.a4 Rd8 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Ba3 Nd5 *(14...Rxb1 15.Rxb1 e5!? 16.Be7 Rxd4 17.Qa5 Nd7 18.Bxc6 c3 19.Qxc3 Bxe2 20.Qxd4 exd4 21.Bxd7 Qa8 22.Bc6 Qc8=* is a typical computer suggestion*)* 15.Bc5 Rb7 16.Be4 *(16.Qc2!⩲)* 16...c3 17.Qc2 h6 18.Bf3 Bc4 19.h4 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 Qa6 21.Kh2 Nb6 Jumabayev,R (2607)-Gundavaa,B (2517) Abu Dhabi 2016 22.Rb4 Nd5 23.Rb1=]

[11...c3 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 12.Qxc3 Bxe2 13.Re1⩲ **Δ** Bb5 14.a4! and White wins an exchange after Bxa4 15.Qb4 Bb5 16.a4 Ba6 17.Ba3 Re8 *(17...Qc8 18.Qxf8+ Qxf8 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Rec1 Rc8 21.Rab1 Bd3 22.Rb7 a6 23.Rxc6+-* Lenderman,A (2614)-Tang,A (2416) Philadelphia 2016*)* 18.Bxc6±]

12.Qa5 Neil McDonald: 'As planned.' **12...Qc8** Neil McDonald: 'Nakamura defends the bishop and moves his queen on to a light square, where she can't be harassed by

White's dark-squared bishop in the future. '

[Neil McDonald: 'However, perhaps she should have headed straight into conflict with the bishop after the moves ' 12...Rb6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 13.a4 Neil McDonald: ', clearing the way for Ba3, and now:' Neil McDonald: 'Imprecise is '

A) 13...Qc8 14.Ba3 Neil McDonald: 'If Black doesn't take the chance to dissolve White's centre he ends up in a stranglehold after' Rd8 15.Bc5 *(15.e3* planning 16 Bc5, etc.*)* 15...Rb2 16.e3 *(16.e4 Nd7 17.Be7 Re8 18.Ba3 Rb8 19.Rfd1 c5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Bb7* Ortiz Suarez,I (2578)-Lenderman,A (2614) San Salvador 2016 *22.c6!? Bxc6 23.Rd4±)* 16...Nd7 17.Be7 Re8 18.Ba3 Rb6 19.Bc5 Rb2 20.Qc3 Qb7 21.Ba3 Rb6 22.Rad1 Nf6 23.e4 Qc8 24.Bc5 Rb7 25.Rfe1± Nd7 26.e5 Nb8 27.Be4 Rd8 28.g4 Nd7 29.Qh3 h6 30.Ba3 Nf8 31.g5→ Melkumyan,H (2632)-Fridman,D (2627) Reykjavik 2015 This game illustrates the dangers of a passive wait-and-see approach.;

B) 13...Qd6 Neil McDonald: '!?'

B1) 14.Qc3 Nd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 Neil McDonald: '(if Black takes back with a pawn 16 Ba3 costs him the exchange; notice that in variation 'b' with the queen on e7 Black didn't have this recapture available, so couldn't play 14... Nd5 without dropping material)' 16.Ba3 Re8 17.Bc5 Rbb8 Neil McDonald: 'and Black is ready to play 18...e5 to break up White's centre. while Li Chao-S. Ganguly, Ningbo 2011, continued' 18.f3 *(*ineffective for White is *18.Bxa7 Ra8 19.Bc5 e5)* 18...e5 19.e4 exd4 20.Bxd4 Qg5 Neil McDonald: 'with balanced chances. By the way, the game Li Chao-Ganguly lasted 159 moves, even longer than the 117 moves of Kramnik-Bruzon cited above. They both reached the famous rook and bishop versus rook endgame without pawns. White had the bishop. Kramnik managed to win, Li Chao only to draw. I wonder if there is something about this variation that increases the chance of this endgame?' 21.Rad1 Li,C (2669)-Ganguly,S (2627) Ningbo 2011 Rbd8 22.Bxa7 c5⇄;

B2) 14.e4 Qe7 15.Rd1 Rfb8 16.a3 c3? *(16...Nd7⇄)* 17.Qxc3 Rb3 18.Qxc6 Bb7 19.Qc2 Ba8 20.d5± Ozturk,K (2277)-Olsarova,K (2255) Baku olw 2016;

C) 13...Qxd4? 14.Be3 picks up the exchange on b6 immediately; *(*and a slower approach with *14.Ba3 Ra8 15.Rfd1 Qg4 16.Bc5* and 17 Bxb6 looks even more effective. *)*;

D) 13...Qe7 Neil McDonald: 'as after ' 14.Qc3 Rfb8 *(⌓14...Nd5!? 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Ba3 Rd6 17.Rab1 Rc8∞)* 15.Ba3 Qe8 Neil McDonald: ', as in Wen Yang-Xiu Deshun, Zaozhuang 2015, White can play' 16.Bc5 *(16.e4* , ruling out ...Nd5 ideas and keeping a bind.*)* 16...Rb2 17.Bxa7 *(⌓17.e4!?↑)* 17...R8b7 18.Bc5 Nd5 19.Qa5 Qa8 20.Rfc1 Rb8 21.Qe1 c3 22.e4 Re2 23.Qd1 Rd2 24.Qe1 Re2 25.Qd1 Rd2= 26.Qg4 Wen,Y (2618)-Xiu,D (2563) Zaozhuang 2015 Nb6∓ *(26...Nb4!? 27.Rxc3 Nd3↑)*]

[Black would lose a piece after 12...Qxd4 13.Be3 , guarding a1 with gain of time, followed by 14 Qxa6.]

13.a4 Neil McDonald: 'Not only preparing to develop the bishop to a fine post on a3, but also denying the black pieces the b5-square, so that the queen can never be evicted by ...Rb5. '

[13.e4 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' Rd8 14.Rd1 Rb5 15.Qc3 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Qf5 18.Bf4 Nxd5 *(18...Ne8? 19.Qxc4 Nd6 20.Qa4 Rb6 21.Re1 g5 22.Be3 Re8 23.Rac1 Rb2 24.g4 Qf6 25.Bxc5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1± Bc4? 27.Qxc4 Nxc4 28.Re8+ Kg7 29.Bf8+* 1-0, Li,C (2751)-Wang,H (2717) Huaian blitz 2016*)* 19.Bxc7 *(19.Qxc4 c6=)* 19...Rd7 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Bxe5 Bb7 22.Rac1 Rb6= **Δ** 23.Rxc4?? Ne3!-+]

[13.Bxc6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' Rb6 14.Bg2 Rd8 15.Bg5 Rb5 16.Qd2 c5 17.a4 Rb8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qh6 cxd4 20.Qxf6 c3∓ nightfarmer,h (2319)-vendlindja,h (2698) Engine Room 2011]

13...Rd8 **14.Ba3** White sacrifices a pawn to target Black's weaknesses as fast as possible.

[14.Rd1 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I'

A) 14...e5!? 15.Qxe5 Nd5⇄ Illingworth *(15...Re8=)*;

B) 14...c3 15.Qxc3 Bxe2= Kavalek;

C) 14...Nd5 15.Ba3 f5 16.Bc5

C1) 16...c3 17.e4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Bc4= *(18...Be2 19.Re1 Qa6=)*;

C2) 16...Rb6 17.e4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Rb2 19.Ba3 Rb6 20.Re1 c3 21.Qc5 Qd7 22.Bg2 Rdb8? *(22...Bd3!=)* 23.Bh3 Re8 Li,C (2751)-Harikrishna,P (2753) Huaian blitz 2016 24.Bxe6+!+-]

14...Rxd4 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Diagram

[14...c3!? Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 15.Qxc3 Bxe2 16.Rfe1 Qa6 17.Rac1 Nd5⇄]

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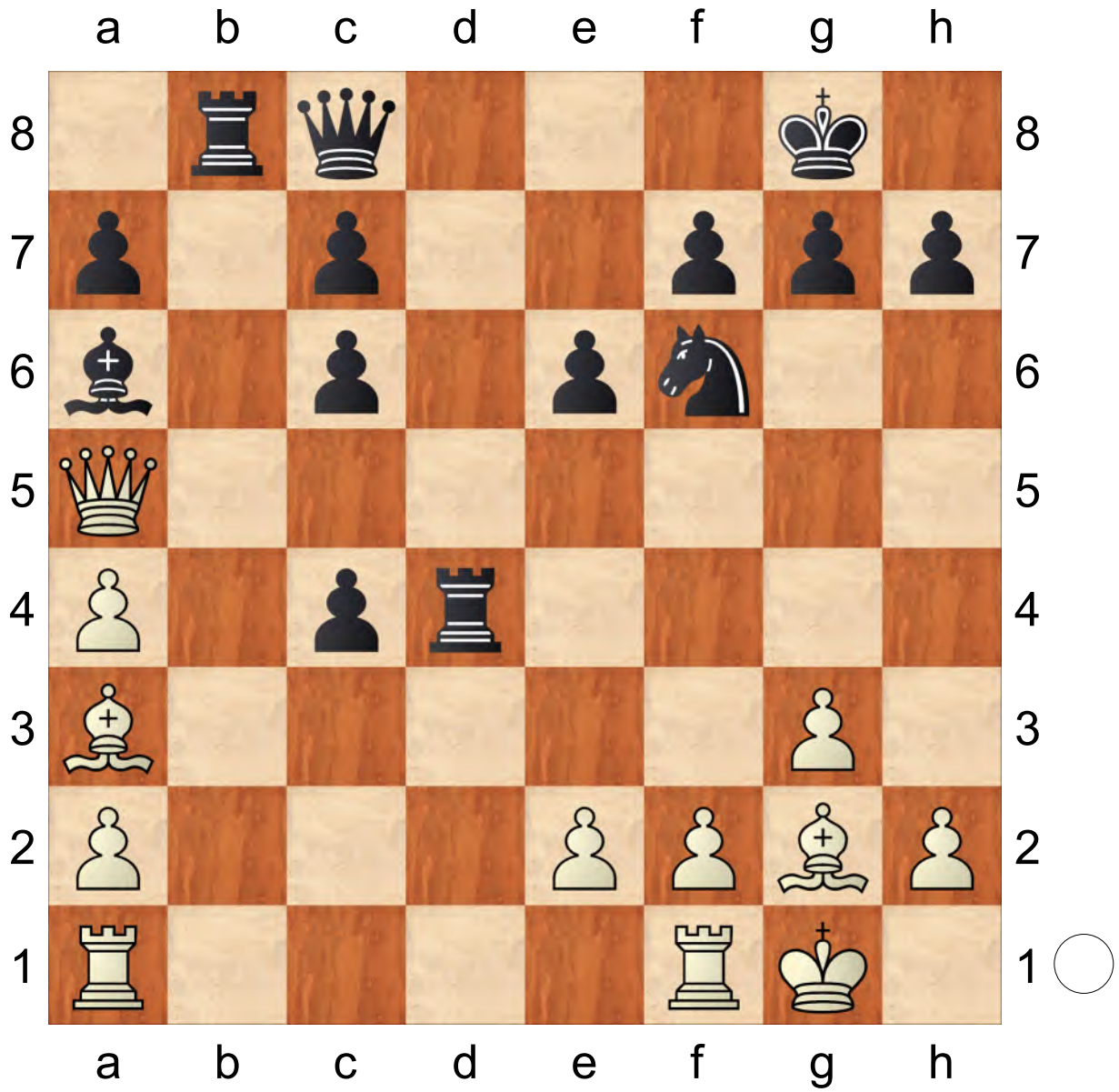
Diagram [#]' **15.Rfb1!?N** Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'This was Wesley So's improvement on theory at the time of this game. QUESTION: What is White's idea and why did he chose 15 Rfb1 over 15 Rab1, which looks more natural? ANSWER: All will be explained in the notes to Black's 17th, below.'

[Colovic,Aleksandar: 'The novelty.' 15.Rab1 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'was played before. Then' Rb6 16.Bc5 Rd5 Colovic,Aleksandar: '!?' '!?' *(16...Rd8 17.Bxb6 cxb6 18.Qc3 Nd5* Colovic,Aleksandar: 'was fine for Black in Kohlweyer,Bernd 2440 - Grochal,Joey 2170, Vlissingen 2013 1/ 2 : 1/2 (34)' *19.Qc2* Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' *c5 20.Rfd1 g6 21.a3 f5 22.e4 Ne7 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Rd1 Qc7 25.Qd2 Nc6 26.exf5 Nd4 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Qg5 Kg7 29.Be4 Qf7 30.Qe5+ Kh7* ½, Kohlweyer,B (2440)-Grochal,J (2170) Vlissingen 2013 *31.Re1 c3 32.Re3± Δ c2 33.Bxc2 Nxc2 34.Re4; 16...Rd7!?* **Δ** Colovic, Aleksandar: 'is probably best, by analogy with our main game, with the idea of' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'is probably best, by analogy with our main game, with the



idea of Stohl,I: '!?' Stohl,I: ' Δ" *17.Rfd1 Qd8!∓* Colovic,Aleksandar: '!' '!' Colovic, Aleksandar: ', when we can understand So's idea of not having a rook on b1 as' Colovic,Aleksandar: ', when we can understand So's idea of not having a rook on b1 as Stohl,I: ' ∓!" So puts his other rook on b1 to prevent this idea. Colovic, Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I: 'So puts his other rook on b1 to prevent this idea." *18.Rxd7?* Colovic,Aleksandar *Rxb1+!* is a check!*)* 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Bxb6 axb6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'and now Diagram

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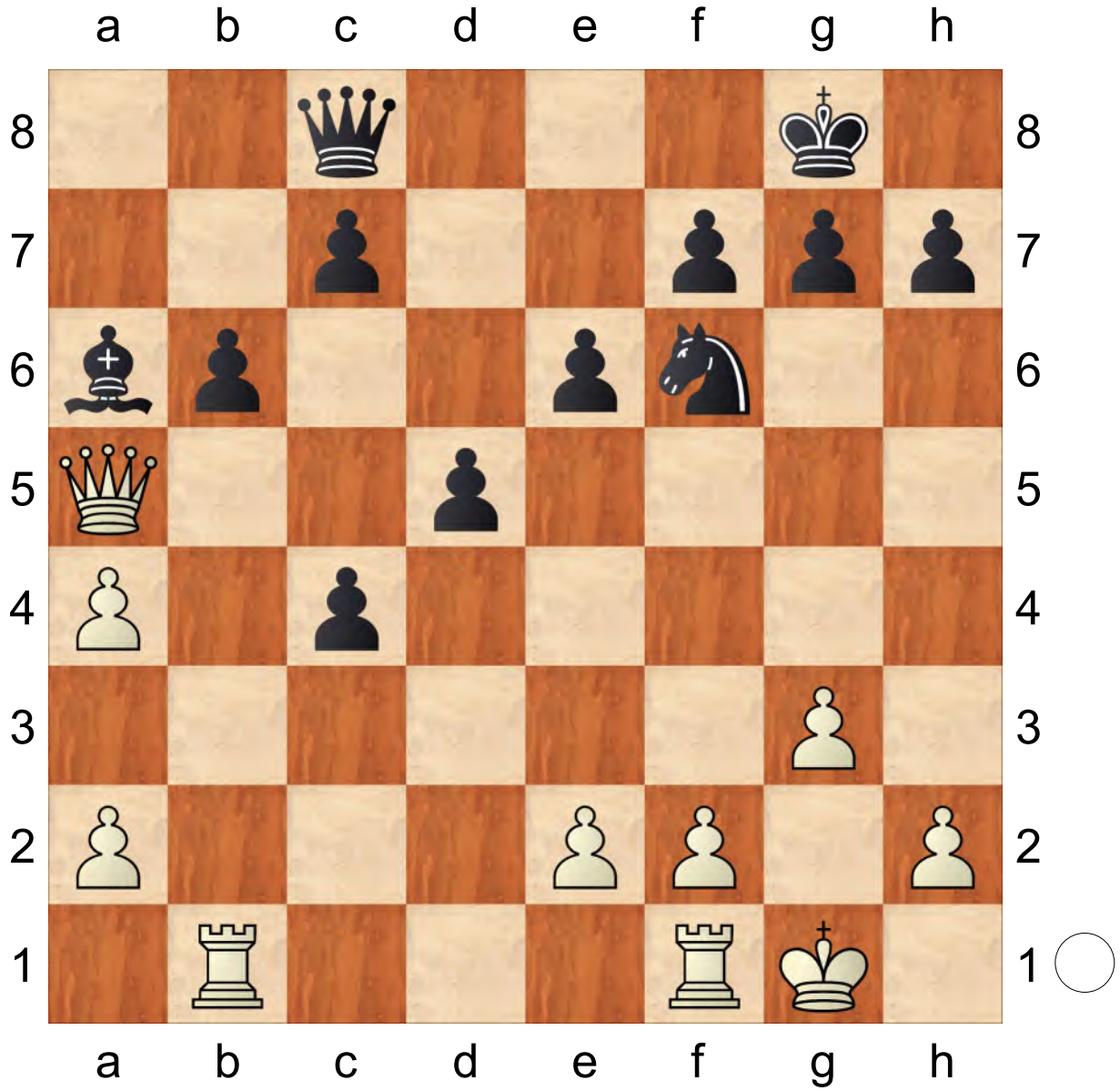
White should play instead' 19.Qb4 Colovic,Aleksandar: '?!' '?!' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' *(19.Qe1* Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' *d4⇄; 19.Qc3!* (Colovic,Aleksandar) with the idea of a5, and if *Ne4 20.Qe3)* 19...Nd7 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'is okay for



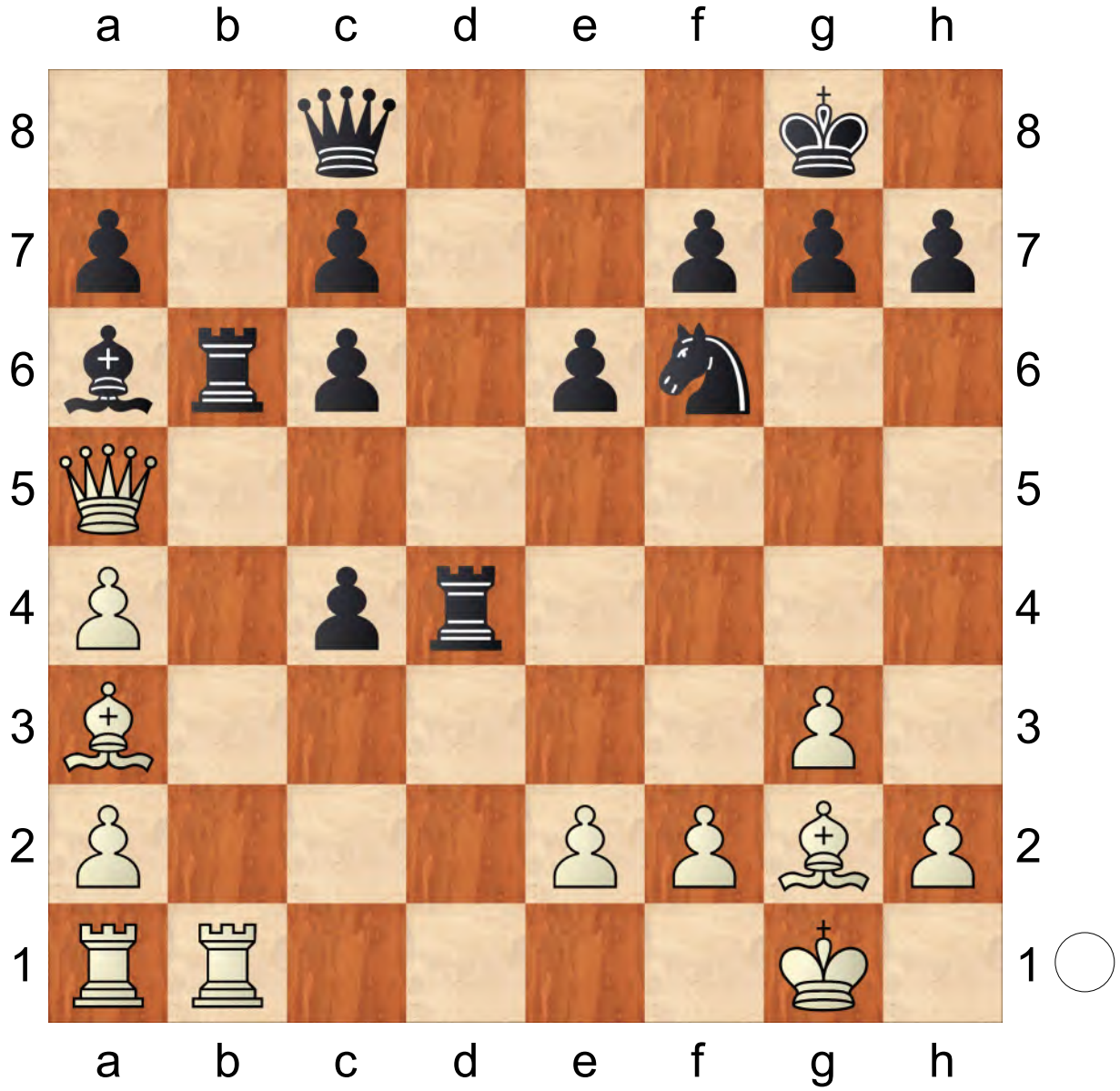
Black:' 20.a5 b5 21.Qe7 *(21.a4?* Colovic,Aleksandar *c5!* shows why b4 is an unfortunate square chosen for the white queen*)* 21...c5 22.f4 d4 23.f5 e5 24.f6 gxf6 25.g4 h6 26.Rf5 ½, Efimenko,Z (2689)-Sakaev,K (2607) Vrnjacka Banja 2010 Colovic,Aleksandar: '1/2 : 1/2 (26) Efimenko,Zahar 2689 - Sakaev, Konstantin 2607, Srbija 2010' Colovic,Aleksandar: '1/2 : 1/2 (26) Efimenko,Zahar 2689 - Sakaev, Konstantin 2607, Srbija 2010 ½, Efimenko,Z (2689)-Sakaev,K (2607) Vrnjacka Banja 2010' Qc6♕ ⇄]

[15.Bc5 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' Rd5! Δ 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Rab1 Ra8!∓]

15...Rb6

[Neil McDonald: 'Nakamura gives up the exchange rather than acquiesce in' Possibly he was inspired by Sakaev's game, but Kavalek suggests the more mundane 15...Rxb1+ Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 16.Rxb1 Neil McDonald: ', when White is in total control with ideas of Bxc6 or Bc5 and Ba7;' Nd7 17.Bc5

(17.Bxc6 h6 18.Qc3 e5⇄ and Black seems to be holding the balance here.*)*
17...Nxc5 18.Qxc5 Rd8 19.Qxa7 c3 20.Qc5 Bxe2 21.Qxc3 h6 22.Bxc6=
/± Material is equal again, White is very slightly better.]
[The threat was 15...-- 16.Rxb8 *(or 16.Qxa6!* , exploiting the back rank at once*)*
16...Qxb8 17.Qxa6 winning a piece.]
[and 15...Nd5 loses at once to 16.Qxa6! .]



Nakamura prepares a sacrifice of his own, this rook will shield the b-file even against the ♗c5. **16.Bc5 Rd7**
[Neil McDonald: 'It was possible to give up two exchanges with ' Here Sakaev's idea 16...Rd5?! Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' is dubious due to 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Bxb6 axb6 Neil McDonald: '. In a similar situation in Z.Efimenko-K.Sakaev, Vrnjacka Banja 2010, with 15 Rab1 rather than 15 Rfb1 played, White tried' Neil

McDonald: 'Instead,' 19.Qd2 Δ Neil McDonald: 'looks more sensible. It also seems preferable to have a rook on a1 here rather than on f1, as White can try to puncture holes in Black's queenside pawn mass with' *(19.Qb4* , but this seems to allow Black to gain time to advance his pawns with ...c7-c5 when appropriate.*)* 19...Nd7 *(19...-- 20.a5 b5 21.a4 c6 22.Qe3* , followed by Ra2, a4xb5 and Rab2, building up towards an exchange sacrifice with Rxb5. White's has good chances to win. *)* 20.a5 bxa5 *(20...b5 21.a4±)* 21.e4! *(21.Qxa5 c5±)* 21...c6 22.Qxa5**±**]

17.Rd1! Neil McDonald: 'One of the golden rules of chess is: do not rush. ' Colovic, Aleksandar: 'Diagram

[Neil McDonald: 'After ' ≤17.Bxb6?! Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' cxb6 18.Qc3 *(18.Qe5 h6 19.Rd1 Nd5* , Black has an array of pawns on the queenside and active pieces. If *20.e4?* then *Nb4* gives him a lot of counterplay. So's idea is that the rook on b6 most likely won't run away, which means first of all he can arrange an exchange of Black's other rook along the d-file, and force the black knight to a less active square.*)* 18...Nd5 and contrary to the game Black retains the major pieces and with them very good compensation and counterplay.]

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This is So's idea - Black cannot exchange his remaining rook on the b-file. Diagram [#]' So is in no hurry to take the exchange and improves his position first. With the rooks on a1 and d1 Black doesn't have the aforementioned ♕d8 motif. **17...h6?** Neil McDonald: 'Let's try and work out why So preferred 15 Rfb1, so that besides a rook on d1 he has a rook on a1 rather than f1 in the game position. ' Colovic, Aleksandar: 'Nakamura said he had forgotten his preparation. And indeed this vague move cannot be good.' Now White can advantageously cash in.

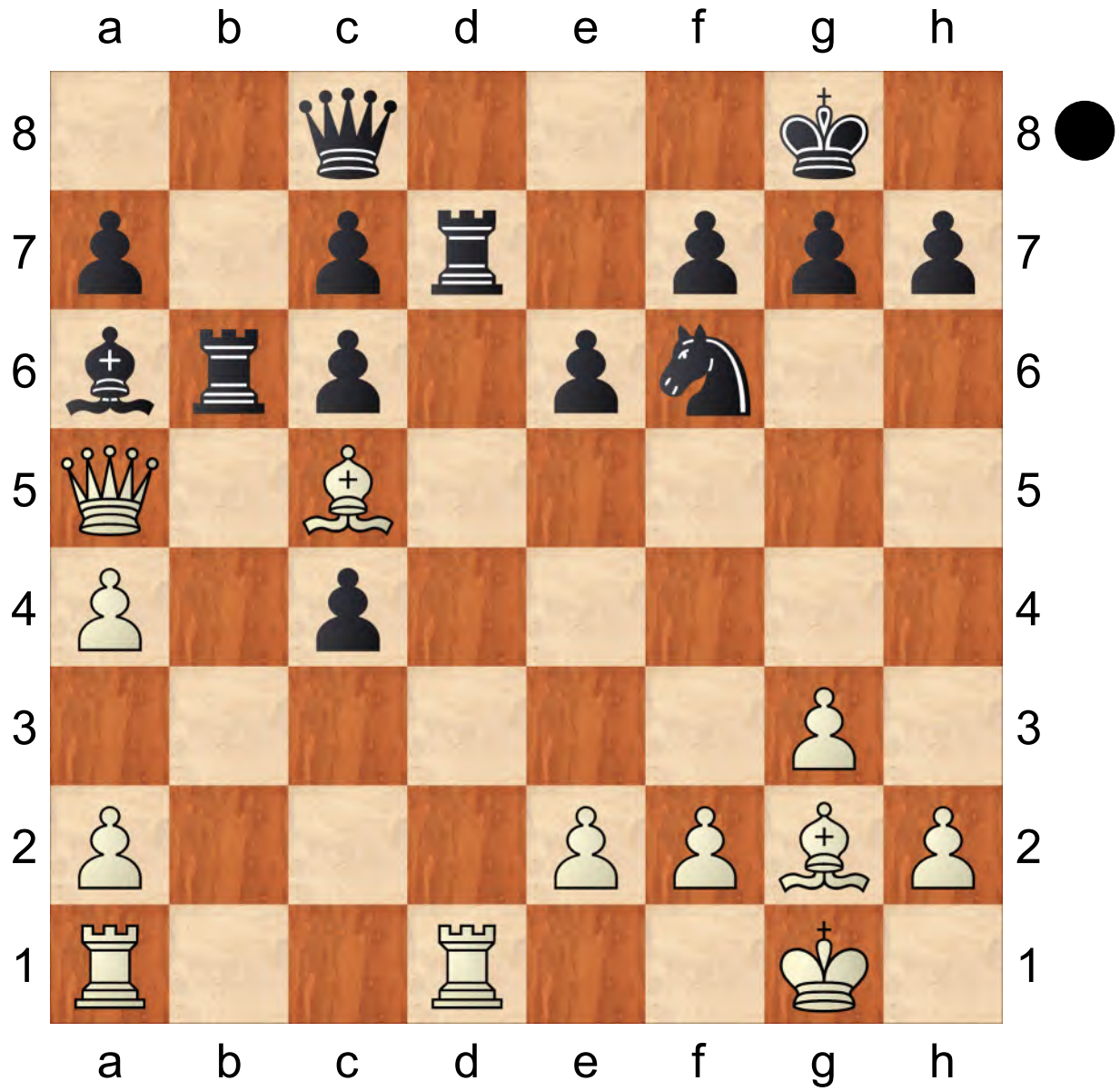
[Neil McDonald: 'I suspect the main reason is that if now ' 17...Rb2 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 18.Rxd7 Nxd7 Neil McDonald: ', he can chase the black rook with' 19.Bd4!

A) 19...Rxe2 20.Bf3 Rc2 21.Be4 Re2 Neil McDonald: '?' *(*here *21...c5! 22.Bxg7! Rxf2! 23.Kxf2 Kxg7* is given as equal by Stockfish, but Black looks ragged to my human eyes*)* Neil McDonald: ', and now ' 22.Bxh7+ Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'exploits the rook on e2 ' Neil McDonald: 'as after '

A1) Neil McDonald: 'or' 22...Kf8 23.Qg5 Neil McDonald: 'are decisive: for example,' g6 *(23...f6 24.Bc5+! Nxc5 25.Qxc5+ Kf7 26.Qh5+* wins the rook after all. None of this would be possible if the white rook were on f1 rather than a1, as Black's rook could escape the attentions of the white bishops with ...Rxa2.*)* 24.Rd1 *(24.Bxg6! fxg6 25.Qxg6* gives White a winning attack *)* 24...e5 25.Bc3 c5 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.Qxg6+- →;

A2) If Black declines the piece then 22...Kh8 23.Qh5;

A3) 22...Kxh7 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Qxe2**±** Neil McDonald: 'wins it, with a clear



plus to White.' *(24.--)*;

B) 19...Rb8 20.Bxa7 *(20.Bxc6 Bb7⇄)* 20...Ra8 21.Bd4±]

[A better alternative is the simple 17...Rxd1+ Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 18.Rxd1 Rb8 19.Bxa7 *(19.e4!? h6 20.Bd4⩲)* 19...Ra8 20.Bd4 Bb5 21.Qc3 Bxa4 22.Rd2 Nd5 23.Qxc4 Bb5=]

[Neil McDonald: 'Another useful aspect of having a rook on a1, rather than f1, is that after' Another interesting try is the refined Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I: 'Another interesting try is the refined'' 17...Nd5!? Neil McDonald: 'White can utilize the f2-square with' Colovic,Aleksandar: '!' '!' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'is what he had forgotten and it appears that Black is fine:' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'is what he had forgotten and it appears that Black is fine: Stohl,I: '!?'' 18.e4 *(an even better approach for White is to build up pressure along the d-file with 18.Bf3* answering *c3?* with *19.e4* , whereas with a rook still on f1 Black would have ...Bxf1*;*

On the other hand *18.Bxb6* Colovic,Aleksandar *cxb6* is no longer that good for White: *19.Qd2 h6* (now Black has time for this) *20.e4 Nf6∞* and Black has the d3-square at his disposal.*)* Colovic,Aleksandar: ', forcing the exchange of the rook on d7, but this weakens d3. There can follow' 18...Nf6 This locks in the ♗g2 for the time being, after Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I: 'This locks in the ♗g2 for the time being, after'' 19.Rxd7 *(19.Bf1* – not possible with a rook on f1. Nakamura therefore 'passes' with the game move 17...h6, allowing So to carry out a favourable exchange of pieces along the d-file. Perhaps he should have taken his chance in the line 17...Nd5 18 Bf3, though it's a grim defence.*)* 19...Nxd7 20.Bxb6 cxb6 21.Qd2 Nc5 Colovic,Aleksandar: '=' '=' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'and, with a monster knight about to be planted on d3, Black is at least equal.' 22.Qd6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' *(*Analogous with the game *22.Rd1?!* Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' runs into *Nd3!)* 22...c3 *(22...Nxa4? 23.Rd1)* 23.e5 c2 24.Rc1 Bd3 25.Qxc6 Qf8 26.a5 bxa5 27.Qc7 h6 28.Bf1 Be4⩱ 29.Qxa7 a4 Black should hold, the ♙c2 is annoying.]

18.Rxd7 Nxd7 19.Bxb6 Neil McDonald: 'Finally it is time to cash in the exchange. '

19...cxb6

[19...axb6 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 20.Qc3 c5 21.Rd1 Nf6 22.a5**±** **Δ** b5 23.Qe5]

20.Qd2 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Black is in trouble now, as without the d3-square for the knight he has problems with coordination.' **20...c5**

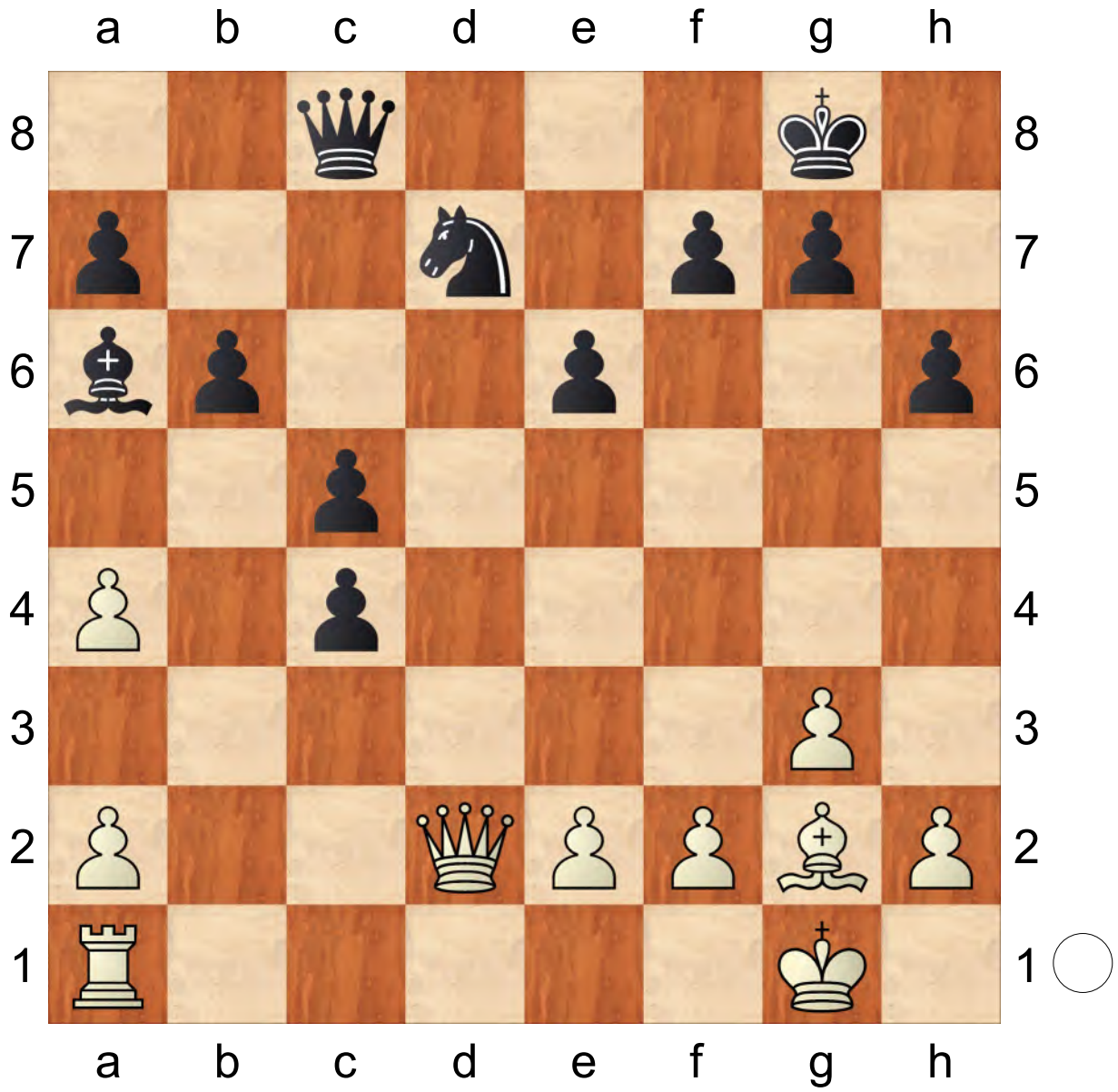
[20...Nc5!? Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 21.Rd1 Nxa4 22.Qd8+ Qxd8 23.Rxd8+ Kh7 24.Kf1!? *(24.Bxc6 Nc3 25.Rd2±)* 24...Bb5 25.Rd7 f5 *(25...c3 26.Ke1 Kg6 27.Rxa7±)* 26.Rxa7 *(26.Ke1 a6 27.Rd6±)* 26...c3 27.Ke1 Nb2 28.Ra3

A) 28...c2 29.Rc3 Ba4 30.Kd2 *(30.Bxc6? Nd1 31.Rc4 Nb2=)* 30...c5 31.Kc1 Nd1 32.Rc4 Be8 33.Rxc2 Nxf2 34.Rd2+-;

B) 28...Na4 29.Kd1 c5 30.Rb3 Bc4 31.Kc2! e5!? *(31...Bxb3+ 32.axb3 Nb2 33.f3 b5 34.Kxc3 Nd1+ 35.Kd2 Nf2 36.Ke1 c4 37.bxc4 b4 38.c5 b3 39.Kd2 b2 40.Kc2 Nd1 41.c6+-)* 32.Rb1 e4 33.f3 b5 34.a3 e3 35.f4 Bxe2 36.Bf1 Bxf1 37.Rxf1 b4 38.Re1 bxa3 39.Rxe3 a2 40.Re1**±**]

(Diagram)

21.Rd1 Neil McDonald: 'White has managed to coordinate his pieces along the d-file. Once he has forced the exchange of queens, his king will be able to rush over to the queenside and obstruct the onrush of Black's pawn mass. White is not only the exchange up, he is in effect a king up as well, as Black's king can only watch events from a distance. ' **21...Nf6 22.Kf1** Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'A vital move in White's plans. Black can only mark time with his king, whereas the white monarch edges over to c1. ' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Defending e2 in advance and drawing the king closer to the c-pawn as Black doesn't have many useful moves.' **22...Kh7** Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Diagram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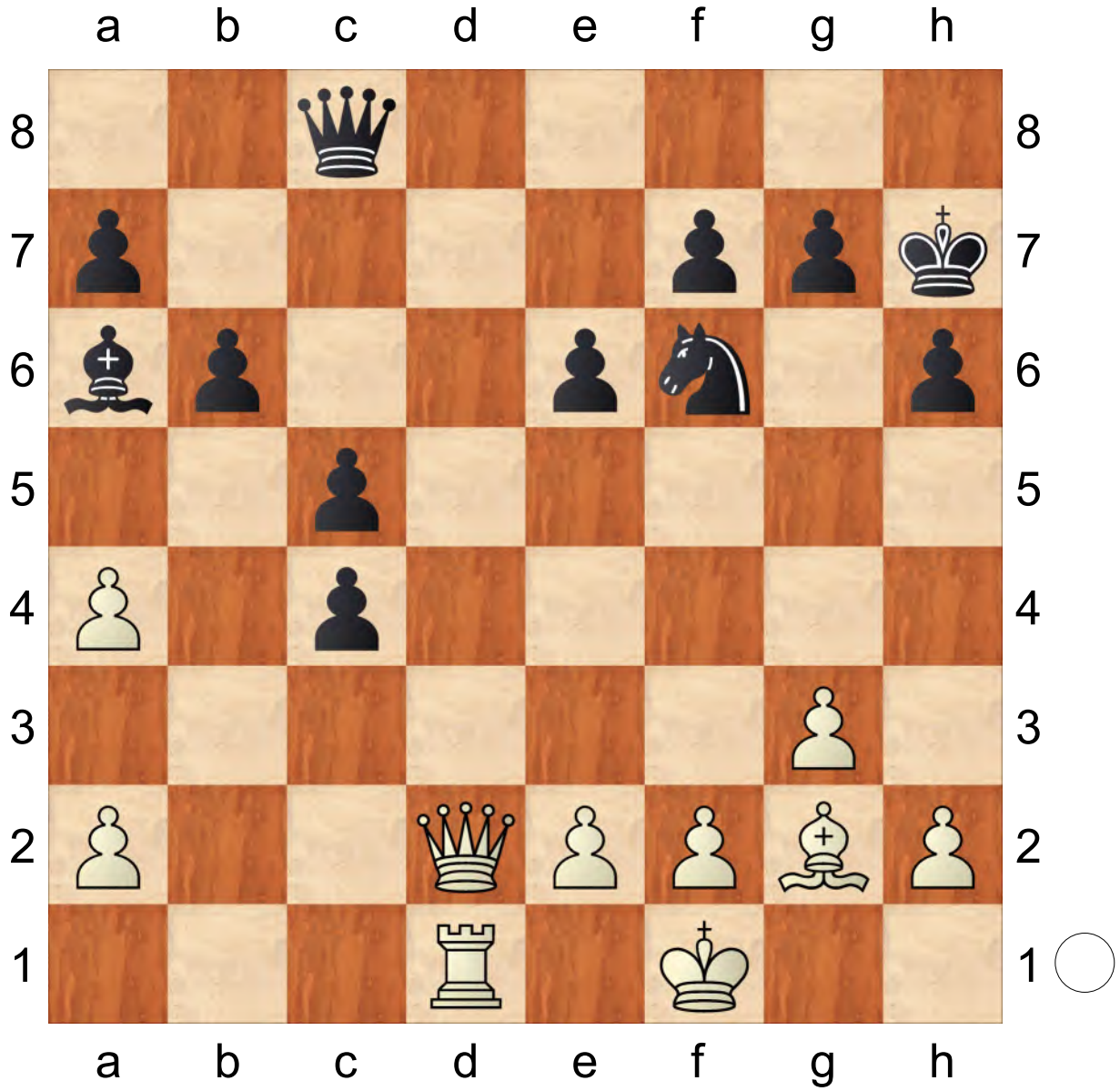

' **23.Qc2+?!** Colovic,Aleksandar: 'An imprecision, but Black doesn't take advantage of it.'
[⌓23.Qd8 -25.♕d8!]
23...Kg8 Colovic,Aleksandar: '?' '?'
[A more resilient try was Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I: 'A more resilient try was" ⌓23...g6! Colovic,Aleksandar: '!' '!' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I: ' ⌓!" 24.Qc3 Kg7 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'and White cannot really exploit the pin along the a1-h8 diagonal, e.g.' 25.Bf3 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' *(25.Qe5?!* Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' *Qe8;* or *25.h4* Colovic,Aleksandar *Qc7 26.g4 Qf4∞; 25.a5* Colovic,Aleksandar *b5)* 25...Qc7± /±]
24.Qd2 Kh7 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Diagram

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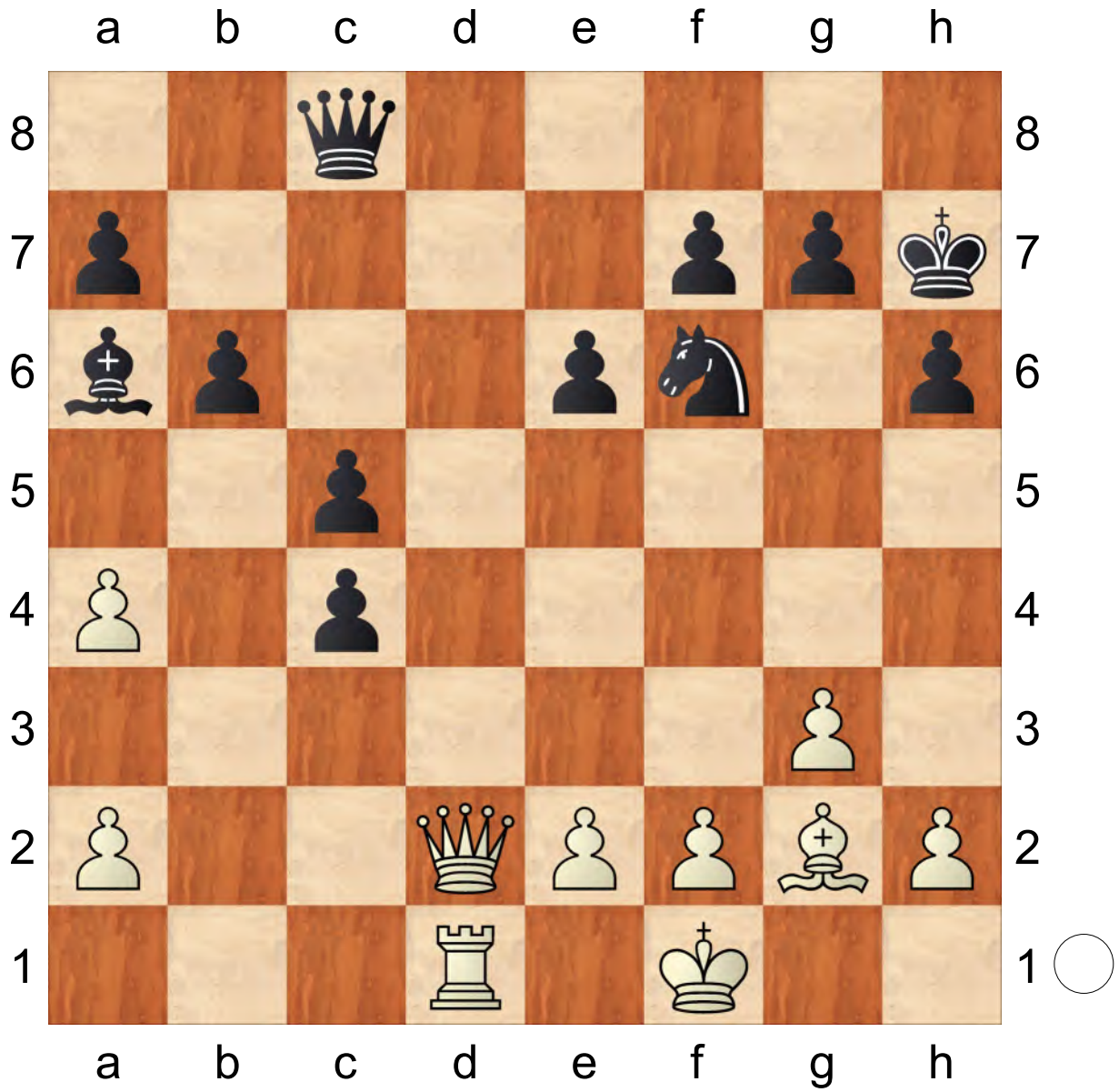
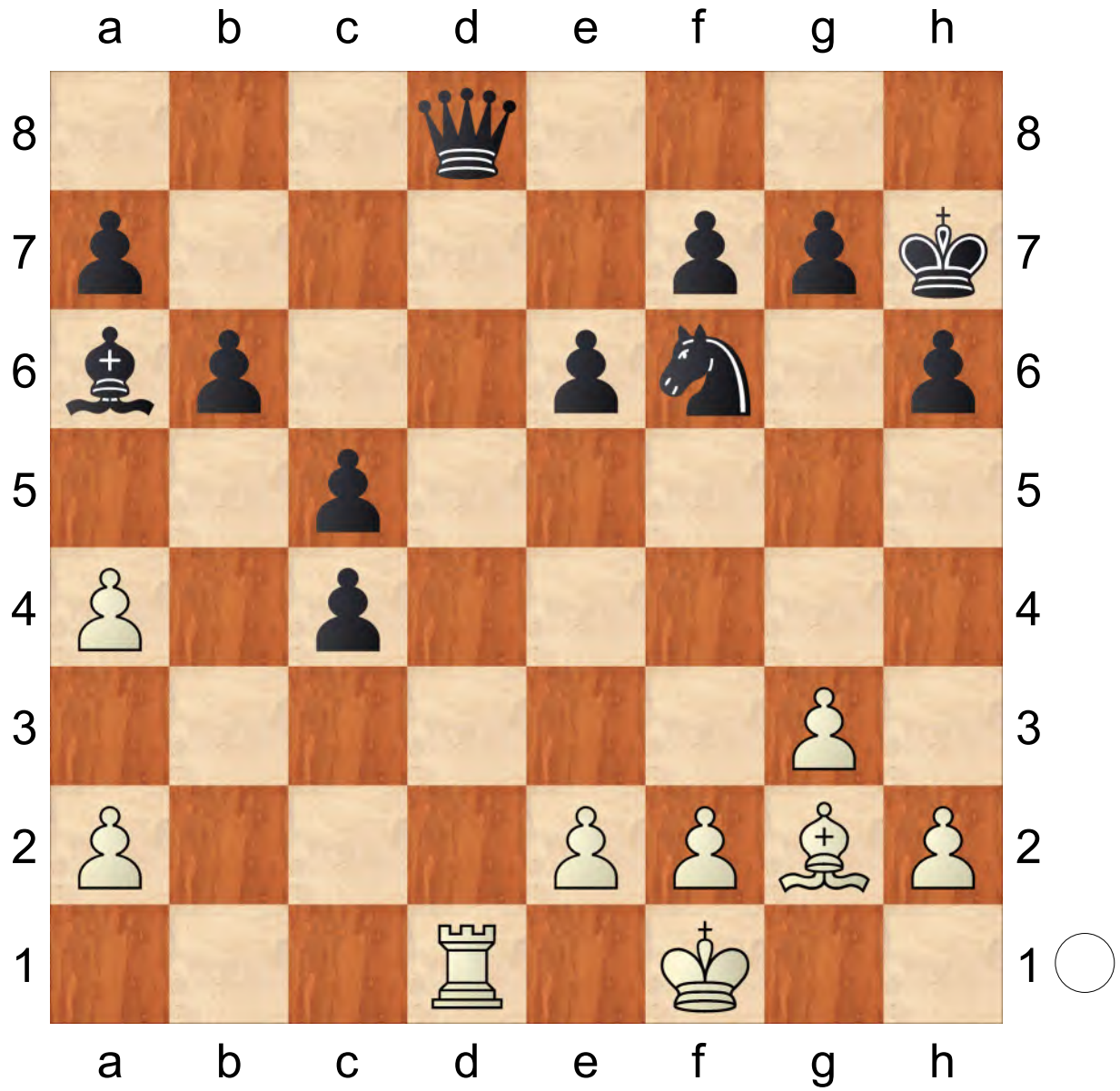


' **25.Qd8!** Colovic,Aleksandar: '±!' '±!' '±!' 'Now there is no second chance for Black. transposes to the game.' Forces a queen swap, which effectively decides the game. White's remaining active forces (♖+♔) will cope with Black's pawns, while the ♔h7 remains out of the game. **25...Qxd8**

[25...e5 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 26.Qxc8 Bxc8 27.Rd8 c3 28.Ke1 Be6 29.Ra8!? Bxa2 30.Rxa7+-]

(Diagram)

26.Rxd8+- c3 27.Ke1 Neil McDonald: 'Just in time to head off the c-pawn. There is a well-known rule that if you are the exchange up in an endgame, you should try to exchange off the opponent's remaining rook. Here we see that once the passed



pawns are neutralized the black minor pieces are no match for the wide ranging white rook. ' **27...Bc4 28.Kd1 Bxa2 29.Kc2 Bc4 30.e3** Neil McDonald: 'The c3 pawn is doomed – there's no need to give Black the e2-pawn. '

[30.e4!? Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' e5 31.Kxc3 Be6 32.f3+-]

30...b5

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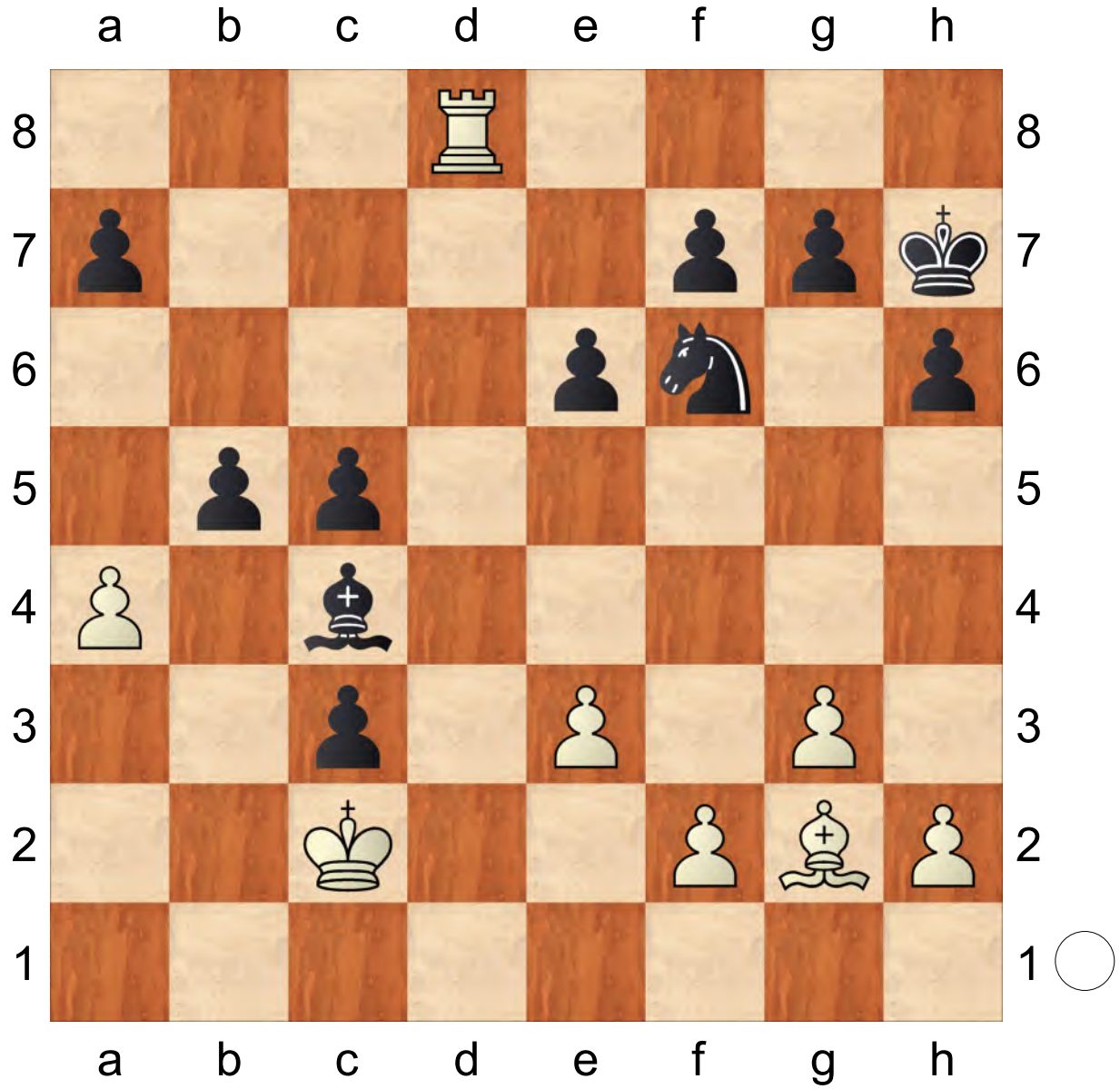
31.Kxc3 Colovic,Aleksandar: '+-' '+-' **31...a6**

[31...Bd5 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 32.Bxd5 Nxd5+ 33.Kd2 bxa4 34.Ra8+- and White will pick up all the queenside pawns and convert the extra exchange with ease.]

32.Ra8 Nd5+ 33.Bxd5 exd5



[33...Bxd5 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 34.Rxa6 bxa4 *(34...b4+ 35.Kb2* Δ *c4 36.Rb6+-)* 35.Rxa4 f5 36.Ra5 c4 37.Kd4 Kg6 *(37...h5 38.Ke5 Kg6 39.h4 Kh7 40.Ra7 Kg6 41.Rc7 Kh7 42.f3!? Bxf3 43.Kxe6+-)* 38.g4!? fxg4 39.e4 Bb7 40.Ke5 h5 41.Rc5+-]

34.a5! Neil McDonald: 'Fixing the a6-pawn as a target and maintaining a potential outside passed pawn. ' Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Black cannot defend all the pawns on the queenside.' After forcing Black's pawns forward, the lone potential passed pawn will secure White's victory. **34...b4+ 35.Kd2 Bf1**

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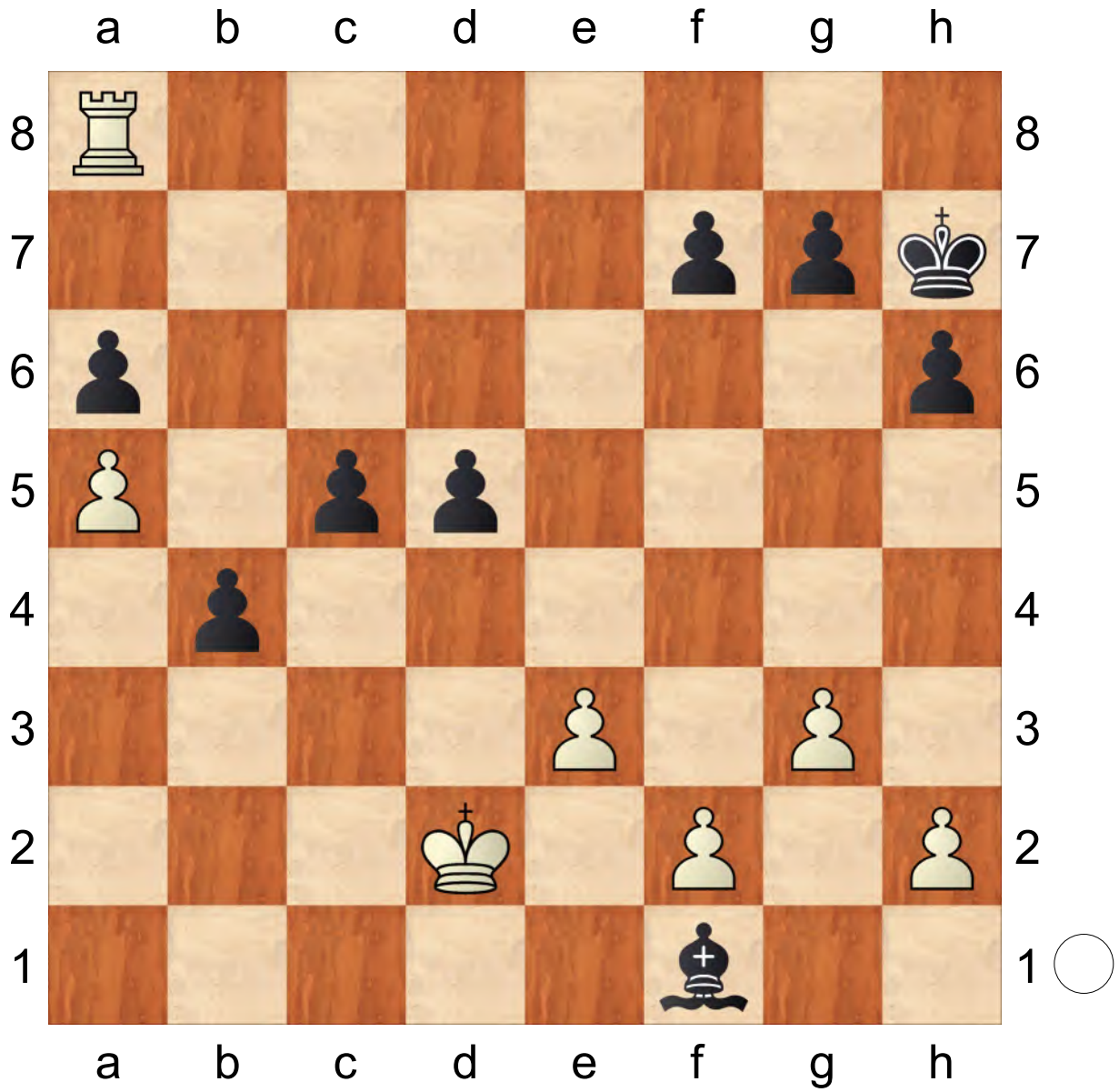
Neil McDonald: 'EXERCISE: What is the correct technique to decide the game? ANSWER:' **36.Rc8** Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'The passed pawns have to be



forced on to light squares where they can be totally blocked by the white king. '
36...c4 37.Rb8 b3
[37...c3+ Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' 38.Kc2 Bb5 39.Rxb5 axb5 40.a6+-]
38.Kc3 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Diagram
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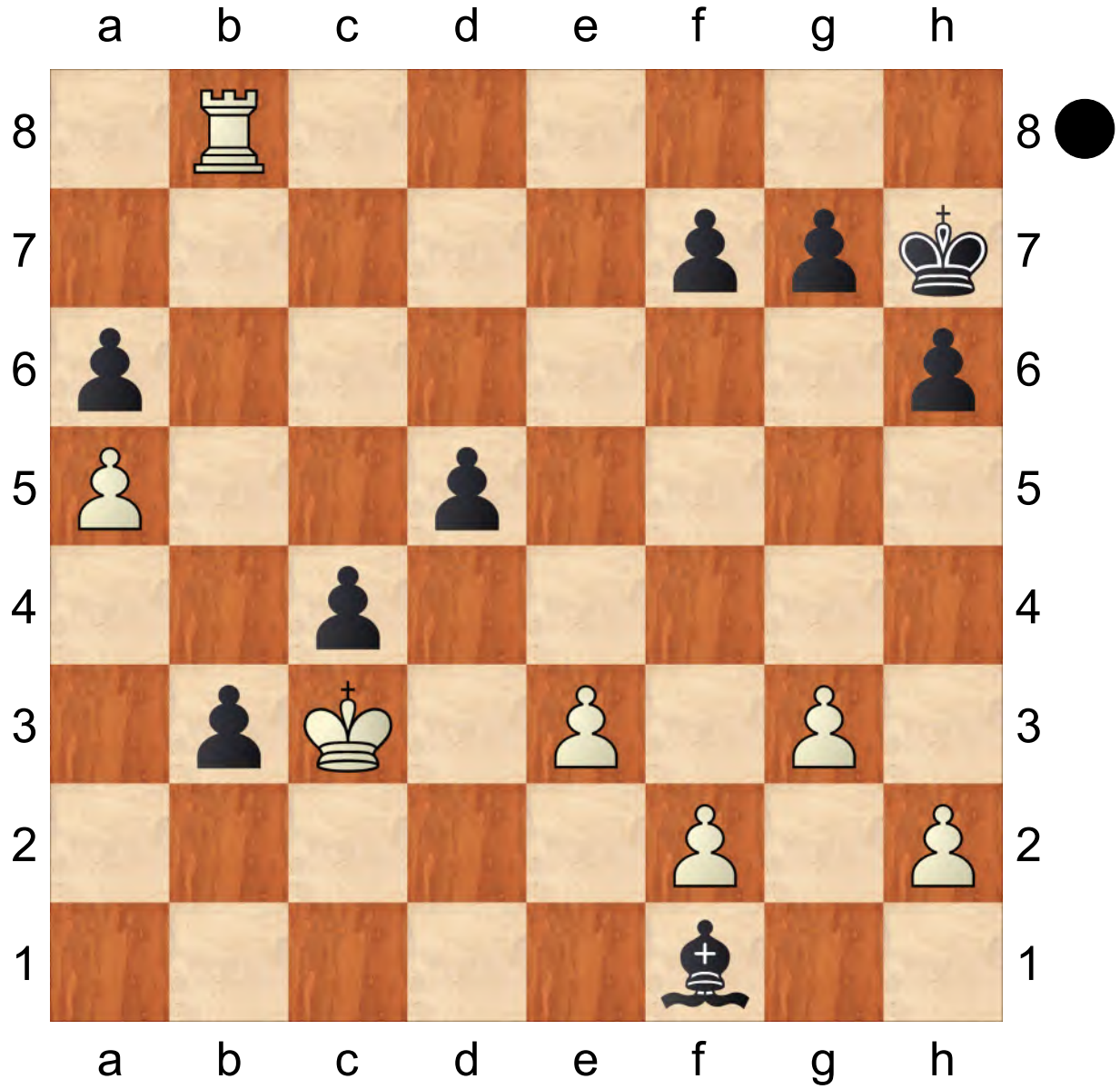
A picturesque position! Black will lose the d5-pawn after Rd8, because if he defends it with a bishop there follows Rd6 and the a6-pawn will fall.' Bd3 Colovic,Aleksandar: 'Stohl,I' Neil McDonald: 'White has to avoid being swindled with '

A) 39.Rd8 Be4 40.Rd6+- Bd3 41.Rxd5 , White wins easily; *(*or else *41.Rxa6*



wins *)*;
B) 39.Rb6 h5 *(39...g5 40.g4+-; 39...g6 40.Rxa6? b2! 41.Kxb2? c3+* , when he loses his rook and possibly the game*)* 40.h4! *(40.Rxa6? b2 41.Rb6 b1Q 42.Rxb1 Bxb1 43.a6 Be4 44.Kd4 c3 45.Kxc3 d4+=; 40.f3!? g5 41.Rxa6 b2 42.Rb6 b1Q 43.Rxb1 Bxb1 44.a6 g4 45.fxg4! Be4 46.Kd4 c3 47.Kxc3 d4+ 48.Kxd4 Ba8 49.gxh5+-)* 40...f6 41.f3 Kg6 42.Rxa6 b2 43.Rb6 b1Q 44.Rxb1 Bxb1 45.a6+- Colovic,Aleksandar: '1-0 (45) So,W (2771)-Nakamura,H (2791) Saint Louis 129/165 2016 129 Games Section [Colovic,Aleksandar]']

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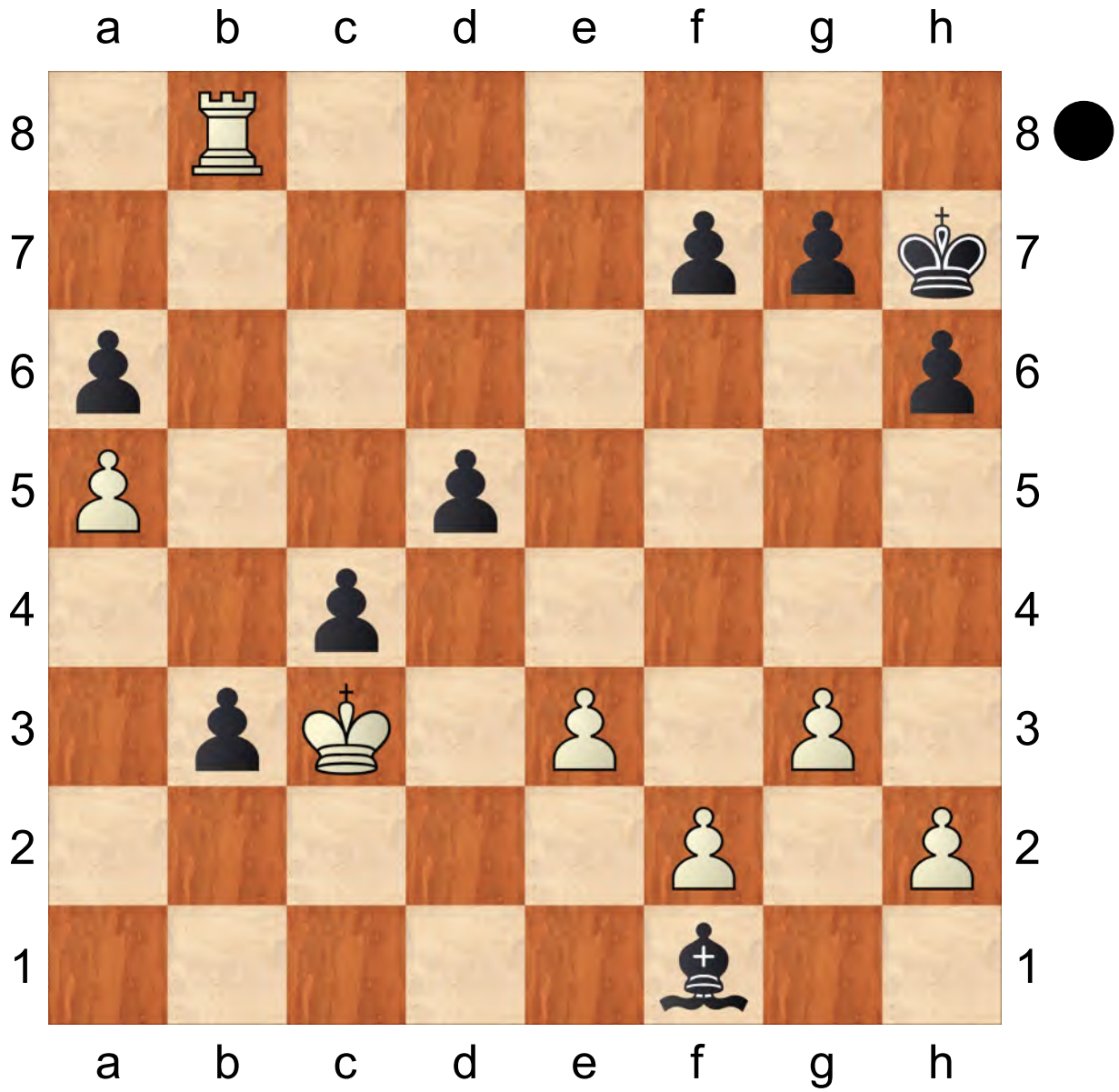

A picturesque position! Black will lose the d5-pawn after Rd8, because if he defends it with a bishop there follows Rd6 and the a6-pawn will fall.' Black's pawns lack effective support and will soon start dropping off, so Nakamura resigned.

1-0

E11

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2712**
■ **Tiviakov,Sergei** **2662**
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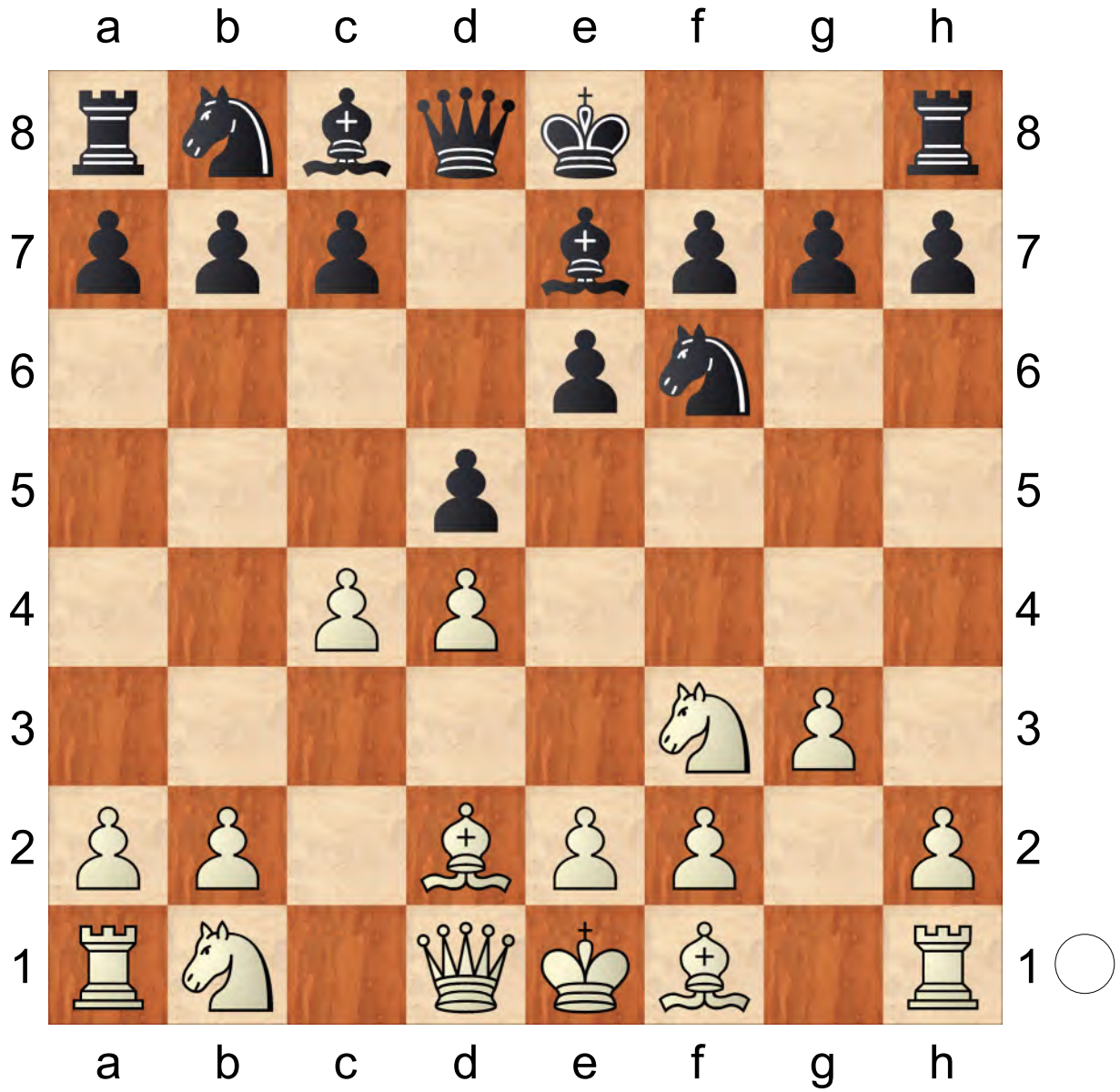
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Stohl Already this must have been a big surprise for Tiviakov - until now Dominguez has been exclusively a 1.e4 player. **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7**



On the other hand, Black sticks to his repertoire, this is his usual weapon against the Catalan. **6.Bg2 c6**

[6...0-0 is more usual, but it often just transposes into the same positions,

especially after 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 However, in our game it will soon acquire independent significance, as White is not intent on protecting the c4-pawn.]

7.Bf4 A rare alternative.

[The main line goes 7.Qc2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Rd1 Bb7 10.Bf4 , but here Tiviakov has lately successfully avoided the standard development Perhaps a better version of this idea is

A) 10...Nbd7 in favour of deploying his ♘ to a6:;

B) 10...Na6 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.Nc3 Nd7

B1) 13.Qb3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rac1 *(16.a3!? ○)* 16...Qb4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.a3 Na6 1/2, Wojtaszek,R (2625)-Tiviakov,S (2635)/Havana/2008/ 19.Rc2 Nc7 **Δ**♘e8-d6=;

B2) 13.Qa4!? Nxe5 14.Bxe5 f6 15.Bf4 g5 16.Be3 f5 17.f4 g4 18.h3 gxh3 19.Bf3 Rf6 20.Kf2 dxc4 21.Qxc4 Nb4 22.Rh1 a5 23.Rxh3± Komljenovic,D (2465)-Pogorelov,R (2415)/Cordoba/1994/

C) 10...Nh5!? 11.Bc1 Nf6 12.Nc3 Na6 13.b3 *(13.a3 dxc4! 14.Ne5 Qc8 15.Nxc4 c5 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Rac1 Qa6 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rac8=* Gupta,A (2570)-Tiviakov,S (2697)/Bhubaneswar/2009/) 13...c5 *(13...Rc8!? 14.Bb2 c5⇄ **Δ** 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.e4? Nxe4! 18.Qxe4 Nxc3 19.Qe5 Bd5∓)* 14.dxc5 bxc5 *(14...Nxc5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.e4↑)* 15.cxd5 *(15.a3!?±)* 15...exd5 16.Bb2 Qc8 17.Ng5?! *(17.e3=; 17.Na4!? **Δ** d4? 18.Nxd4 Bxg2 19.Nf5±)* 17...Nb4 18.Qb1 h6 19.a3 d4 20.Nce4 Nbd5 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.Ne4 Re8 23.b4 Rb8↑ Bereolos,P (2303)-Scekic,M (2391)/Schaumburg/2006/]

[Dominguez doesn't want to commit his ♕ yet, another plausible continuation with similar ideas is 7.0-0 , when accepting the offfered ♙ is not without risk: dxc4 8.Qc2 b5 9.b3!? cxb3 10.axb3 0-0 11.Ba5! White makes good use of his seemingly extra ♗d2 move. Qe8 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Nc3 Nd5 14.Ne4 *(14.Nxd5!? exd5 15.e4↑)* 14...Na6 15.Nd3 Ndb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Nxb4 Bxb4 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Qxc5 a6 20.Rfc1 Rc8 21.e3 Qd7 22.b4⩲ Saric,I (2473)-Arbanas,J (2289)/Bizovac/2005/]

7...Nbd7 This time Black's ♘ goes to its most usual square.

[However, the greedy 7...dxc4 also deserves some attention: 8.Ne5 More sedate is

A) 8...Bb4+

A1) 9.Nc3 Nd5 10.Bd2 *(10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxc3 12.Qc2 Nd5 13.Qxc4 Nxf4 14.gxf4 0-0∞ /∓)* 10...b5∞;

A2) 9.Bd2!? transposes to a dangerous line of the Catalan accepted with 5... c6, both sides have 2 extra moves: 9...Qxd4 10.Bxb4 Qxe5 11.Na3 b5 12.Bd6!? Qxb2 13.0-0 Nd5 14.e4 Nc3 15.Qh5 Nd7 *(Critical is probably 15...h6!?∞)* 16.e5 Bb7 17.Qg5 f6 18.exf6 0-0-0 19.fxg7 Rhg8 Tkachiev,V (2654)-Goloshchapov,A (2574)/Rethymnon/2003/ 20.Rae1 Rxg7 21.Qe3 c5 22.Bxb7+ Kxb7 23.Qf3+ Kb6 24.Rxe6 Rg6 25.Rfe1 Ne5 26.Bxc5+ Kxc5 27.R6xe5+ Nd5 28.Qf7!+- Avrukh;

B) 8...Nd5 9.Nxc4 Nxf4 10.gxf4 c5 11.dxc5 *(11.d5 exd5 12.Qxd5 Nc6⇄)* 11...Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Bxc5 13.Nc3 Ke7 14.Ne4 *(14.e3!? Δ♔e2±)* 14...Na6 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.b4 Na6 17.a3 Rd8+ 18.Kc2 Rd4 19.Na5 Rxf4 20.Rhf1 Rb8 21.Rac1 Bd7 22.Bxb7 Nc7 23.Kb2 Ne8= Glavina Rossi,P (2420)-Kurajica,B (2535)/Burela/1993/]

[More tested positions arise after 7...0-0 8.0-0

A) 8...b6 9.Nc3 Ba6 Although this more or less forces a swap on d5, later on the ♗ is either forced to retreat to b7, or Black must sacrifice material: *(9...Nbd7 10.Rc1 Bb7 -8...♘bd7 ; 9...Bb7 10.Rc1 Na6!?* is another playable idea by Tiviakov. *)* 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1

A1) 11...Bb7 12.Ne5 Nbd7 13.Nd3!? *(13.Nb5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.h4 Rc8 16.Qd2 Rc5 17.Nd4 Qb8 18.Qe3 Rfc8 19.Bh3 Nf8 20.h5 h6 21.Rfd1 Ba6=* Avrukh,B (2653)-Ponomariov,R (2704)/WchT Beersheba/2005/ *)* 13...Ne8 *(13...Rc8 14.Qb3 a6 15.Na4 Bc6 16.a3 Ne4 17.Nb4 Bb5 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 19.Rc1 Qa8 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nc3 Bxb4 22.Nxb5 axb5 23.Qxb4 Qd5 24.Qe7 Nf6 25.Be5 Ng4 26.Bd6 Ra8 27.h3 Nf6 28.Be5 Nd7 29.Bxg7! Kxg7 30.Rc7±* Svidler,P (2750)-Efimenko,Z (2612)/Bundesliga 0607/2007/*)* 14.Qb3 Nd6 15.Rfd1 a6 16.Bxd6! Bxd6 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Qb8 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.d5 exd5 21.Qxd5 Qxd5 22.Nxd5 Rfc8 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.N3b4 Bf8 25.Nxa6 Nf6 26.Nxf6+ gxf6 Khalifman,A (2624)-Arutinian,D (2544)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/ 27.b4!?± ;

A2) 11...Nc6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Ne5 Nxd4 14.Bxd5 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Bxe2 16.Bxa8 Rxa8 17.Rfe1 Bb5 18.Rc2 Nd5 19.Rec1 Bc5 20.Bd2 Ponomariov,R (2695)-Topalov,V (2778)/Sofia/2005/ a5!? 21.b3±;

B) 8...dxc4 is not ideal, after 9.Ne5± White wins the ♙ back with typical Catalan pressure.;

C) 8...Nbd7 9.Nc3 Another playable option is the principled

C1) 9...b6 10.Rc1 Bb7 Stohl: '-8... ♘bd7' 11.cxd5 cxd5 *(11...exd5 12.Qc2±; 11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Qa4 Bf6 14.Rxc6! Bxc6 15.Qxc6 Re8 16.Qxd5 Nf8 17.Qb5 Ne6 18.Be3 Rc8 19.Rd1±* Aronian,L (2781)-Vescovi,G (2660)/WChT Bursa/2010/*)* 12.Nb5 Ne8 13.Qd3!? The point of delaying the development of the ♕. *(13.Qb3 a6 14.Nc7 Rc8 15.Nxe8 Rxe8 16.a4 Rc6 17.Rxc6 Bxc6 18.Rc1 Qa8 19.e3 Rc8 20.Bf1 h6=* Radjabov,T (2670)-Izoria,Z (2573)/EU-ch Antalya/2004/*)* 13...a6 14.Nc7 Rc8! *(*Black can nevertheless play this active move. *≤14...Ra7?! 15.Nxe8 Rxe8 16.Rc2 ⇔c Qa8 17.Rfc1 Bd8 18.Bd6 a5 19.Ne5 Ba6 20.Qe3 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Rd7 22.Qd4 f5 23.e3 Qb7 24.Rc6±* Eingorn,V (2590)-Orlov,V (2425)/St Petersburg/1997/*)* 15.Nxa6 Ra8 16.Nc7 Rxa2 17.Qb3 Ra5

C1a) 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Qxb6 Nc4 20.Qxb7 Bd6! 21.b3 *(21.Nxe8 Bxf4 22.gxf4 Qxe8↑)* 21...Bxf4 22.gxf4 Nxc7 23.bxc4 dxc4 24.Rxc4 Nb5= Δ♘d4,♘d6;

C1b) 18.Bd2 Ra7 19.Nb5 Ra8 20.Bb4 *(20.Rc2 Nd6 21.Nxd6 Bxd6 22.Bb4 Qe7 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.Rfc1 Rfc8=* 1/2, Meier,G (2556)-Tiviakov,

S (2645)/EUnion-ch Liverpool/2008/) 20...Ba6 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bc5 23.Na3 Bxb4 24.Qxb4 Bxe2 25.Rfe1 Ba6 26.Rc6 Rb8 27.Nc2 Bc8 28.Nd4 Bd7 29.Ra1 Rb7 30.Rc3 g6 31.g4 Ng7 32.h3 f6∞ /⇄, Giri,A (2552)-Tiviakov,S (2670)/Hoogeveen/2009/ White's activity is not sufficient for more than equality.;

C2) 9...Nh5 10.Bc1 Nhf6 11.b3 b6 12.Nd2!? Ba6 *(12...Bb7 13.e4 Bb4 14.Bb2 c5 15.exd5 cxd4 16.Nb5 e5 17.f4! a6 18.fxe5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 axb5 20.Bxd4 Bc5 21.Ne4 Re8 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nd6* 1-0, Gelfand,B (2761)-Vescovi,G (2660)/WchT Bursa/2010/) 13.Bb2 *(13.e4 Rc8 14.Bb2 dxe4 15.Ncxe4 Qc7 16.Re1 c5 17.d5 exd5 18.Nc3 Rfe8 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5* 1/2, Roiz,M (2560)-Lputian,S (2634)/Calvia olm/2004/ *Bf6 21.Qh5 Rf8=)* 13...b5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.a3 Nb6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.e4 Rfc8 18.e5 Ne8 19.Ne2 b4 20.Nf4 bxa3 21.Bxa3 Bb5 22.Bf1 Bxf1 23.Nxf1 Bxa3 24.Rxa3± Leko,P (2751)-Alekseev,E (2716)/Nalchik/2009/;

C3) 9...dxc4!?

C3a) 10.a4 Nd5 transposes to the game. *(10...a5!?∞)*;

C3b) 10.e4

C3b1) 10...Re8 11.a4 a5 12.Qe2 b6 13.Rfd1 Ba6 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Nxc4 Nd5 16.Bd2 *(16.Bc1 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Ne5 18.dxe5 Bxc4 19.Rxd8 Bxe2 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Be3 Bc5 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Bf1 Bf3 24.Bg2 Be2 25.Bf1=* Ponomariov,R (2741)-Harikrishna,P (2673)/ESP-chT/2009/ *)* 16...Rc8 17.Be1 Qc7 18.b3 Bb4 19.Qb2 Bxc4 20.bxc4 Nxc3 21.Bxc3 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 e5 23.Bh3 exd4 24.Rxd4 Rcd8 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 27.c5 Qa7 28.Qc4 bxc5 29.Rc1 h6 30.Qxc5= 1/2,Gelfand,B (2761)-Grischuk,A (2736)/WChT Bursa/2010/;

C3b2) 10...b5!? 11.d5 Qb6

C3b21) 12.dxc6 Nc5 13.a4?! *(13.Ne5∞)* 13...b4 14.Nb5 Ba6 15.Qc2 Nd3 16.Nd2 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Rac8 18.Nxc4 Qxc6↑ Sakaev,K (2626)-Maletin,P (2581)/St Petersburg/2009/;

C3b22) 12.Nd4 cxd5 *(12...e5 13.Nxc6 Bd6 14.Be3 Nc5* Gleizerov,E (2562)-Isajevsky,A (2441)/Kazan/2006/ *15.a4!±)* 13.exd5 Bb7 14.Ndxb5 exd5 15.Nc7 Rac8 *(15...Qxb2!?)* 16.N7xd5 1/2, Porat,I (2363)-Lerner,K (2542)/ISR-chT/2009/ Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Nc5 19.Be3 *(19.Qxc4 Ne6=)* 19...Qb4⇄]

8.0-0 Ambitious, but not without risk.

[Dominguez insists on the ♙-sacrifice and again refrains from 8.Qc2 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7 This leads to a position biefly mentioned in the note to White's 7th move; here Black has lately been doing well with the Stonewall setup after Stohl: 'in favour of deploying his ♘ to a6:' 11.Nc3 Nh5 12.Bc1 f5!? 13.b3 Rc8 14.Bb2 Bd6 15.e3 Qe7 16.Ne2 Nhf6 17.Nf4 Black now faces the positional threat ♘g5:

A) 17...Ne4 18.Ne5 *(*Similar is *18.Qe2 Ndf6 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.Rac1 c5⇄* 1/2, Gelfand,B (2758)-Ponomariov,R (2739)/Khanty Mansiysk/2009/*)* 18...c5!? *(18...Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bb8 20.a4 g5 21.Nd3 g4 22.Nf4 Qf7 23.a5 Rcd8*

24.Qe2 Ng5 25.a6 Bc8 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.Rac1 Rfe8 28.Bd4 Bd7 29.h3↑ Marin,M (2520)-Pogorelov,R (2415)/Andorra/1994/) 19.f3 *(19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Ba3 Rc6 23.Bxd6 Rxd6 24.cxd5 e5⇄)* 19...Nef6 20.Qe2 Ba6!?∞ gives Black reasonable ⇄ *(* Avrukh mentions *20...Rfd8 21.Nfd3±* , which seems somewhat weaker. *)*;

B) 17...Rfd8 18.Rac1 *(18.Ng5 Nf8 19.c5 bxc5 20.dxc5 Bc7∞)* 18...Ne4 19.Nd3 *(⌓19.Ne5)* 19...Bb8 20.Nfe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 c5 22.Qe2?! cxd4 23.exd4 Bxe5 24.dxe5 dxc4 25.bxc4 Qb4∓ Harika,D (2471)-Adams,M (2694)/Caleta/2010/]

8...dxc4!? Tiviakov accepts the challenge and finally defines the character of the game. **9.a4**

[9.Nc3 b5 10.Ne5 *(10.e4 Bb7∓* allows Black to prevent the d5-break from the line in the note to his 7th move - here White's compensation is quite vague.*)* 10...Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Qb6∞]

9...Nd5

[9...0-0 10.Na3⩲ and retaining the ♙ would require parting with the strong ♗e7. *(10.Nbd2 b5!? 11.axb5 cxb5 12.Ne5 Nd5 13.Nc6 Qe8 14.Nxa7 N7b6∓)*]

10.Nc3

[Gleizerov gives the line 10.Nfd2 Nxf4 11.gxf4 Qc7 12.e3 h6! 13.Nxc4 g5∓ , which shows how Black can profit from postponing castling.]

[He further recommends 10.Qc2!? b5 11.b3 Nxf4 12.gxf4 cxb3 13.Qxc6 Rb8 14.axb5 Bb7 15.Qc3 Bd5 16.Rxa7 Rxb5 17.Nbd2 0-0= as roughly equal, mentioning also]

[10.Bd2!? b5 11.axb5 cxb5 12.Ba5 N7b6 13.b3⩲]

10...0-0

[White would be struggling to prove his compensation after the cleverer ⌓10...a5! Δ 11.Nd2 N7b6∓]

(Diagram)

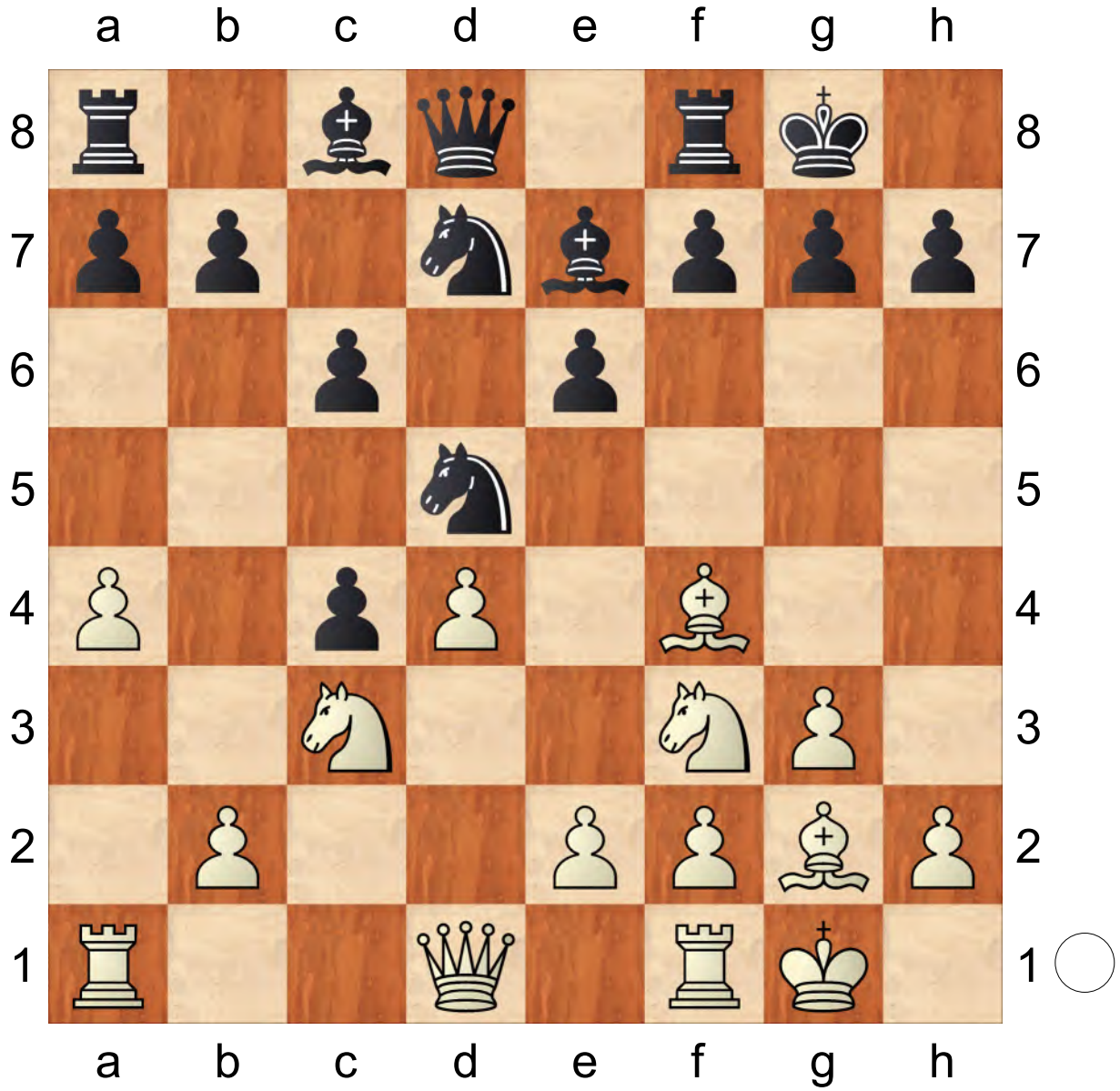
Stohl: 'transposes to the game.' **11.Nd2 Bb4** This gives Dominguez a good version of the intended sacrifice. Black had other alternatives:

[11...N7b6 12.a5 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nd5 14.e3 Bb4 15.Nxc4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxc3 17.Qd2 Nd5 18.Rab1⩲ *(18.e4 ×f4 Nc7 19.Ra3 b5 20.Ne3?* Montagard,G (2227)-Lallement,V (2095)/FRA-chT2/2009/ *c5∓)*]

[11...Nxf4!? 12.gxf4 c5 13.Nxc4 *(13.dxc5 Qc7 14.e3 Nxc5 15.Nxc4 Rd8 16.Qc2 Bd7=; 13.d5 Nb6∓)* 13...Nb6

A) 14.Ne5?! cxd4 15.Nb5 f6 16.Nf3 Nd5 *(16...d3! 17.e3 Kh8∓ Δ 18.Nbd4 g5!)* 17.Qxd4 Qb6 *(17...a6 18.Nc3 Nb4∞)* 18.f5! Bc5 19.Qe4 Nb4 20.Rac1 Na6 *(⌓20...a6 21.Nbd4 exf5 22.Nxf5 Kh8⇄)* 21.fxe6 Qxe6 22.Qxe6+ Bxe6 23.Nfd4↻ ↑±,Markos,J (2557)-Michalik,P (2405)/SVK-chT 0809/2009/

B) 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.dxc5 *(15.a5 Qb4!?⇄)* 15...Qxb2 16.Ne4 Rd8 17.Rb1



Qa2! 18.Nd6 Rb8!= Δb6, ♕a3 *(18...Qa3 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Rfxc1 Bxd6 21.cxd6 Rb8 22.Rc6!?±)*]

12.Nxc4!

[≤12.Rc1 N7b6∓]

12...Nxc3

[12...Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nb6∞ seems playable for Black, but it's inconsistent with his previous move.]

13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1

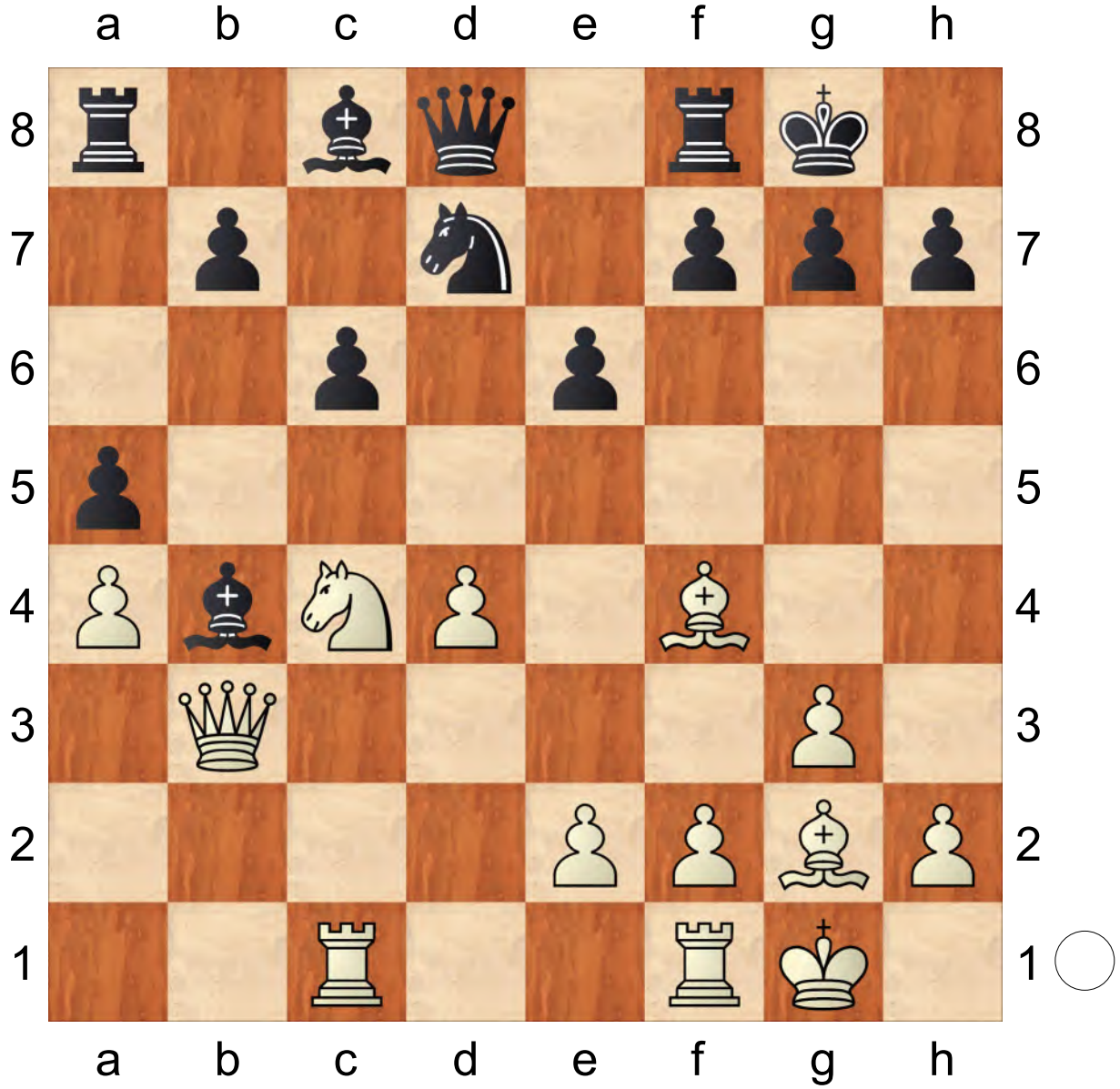
[14.Rb1 Nb6 15.Nd6 a5!?∓ Δ♗b4 *(15...g5 16.Ne4↑)*]

14...Bb4 15.Qb3

[15.e4!⩲ Δ b5?! 16.Bd6!±]

15...a5!?

[≤15...Qe7 16.a5 O⟪]



16.e4≅ White's compensation consists of his strong ⊞ and lead in development. He will strive to open the position advantageously, but in the game he manages this only after further passive play from his opponent. **16...Nb6**

[⌓16...b5! 17.axb5 *(17.Nd6? g5∓; 17.Nd2?! e5! 18.dxe5 g5 19.Be3 Nxe5↑; 17.Nb2 bxa4 Δ♙a6-e2∓)* 17...cxb5 18.Nd6 Ba6 19.e5

A) 19...Bxd6 20.exd6 b4 21.Rfe1 Rc8 22.Rc7∞;

B) 19...Rb8 20.Rc6 Rb6 *(20...Nb6? 21.d5! exd5 22.Be3±)* 21.Rfc1 Rxc6 22.Rxc6 *(22.Bxc6 Nb6!?⇄)* 22...Nb8 23.Rc2∞;

C) 19...Nb6!? 20.Bxa8 Qxa8≅ Here it's already Black, who has excellent compansation.]

17.Ne5 Nd7

[17...Qxd4?? 18.Rfd1+-]

[17...f5!? is an interesting recommendation by Gleizerov - Black weakens his », but gets the d5-square and ⇄ after 18.Rfd1 fxe4 19.Bxe4 Nd5]

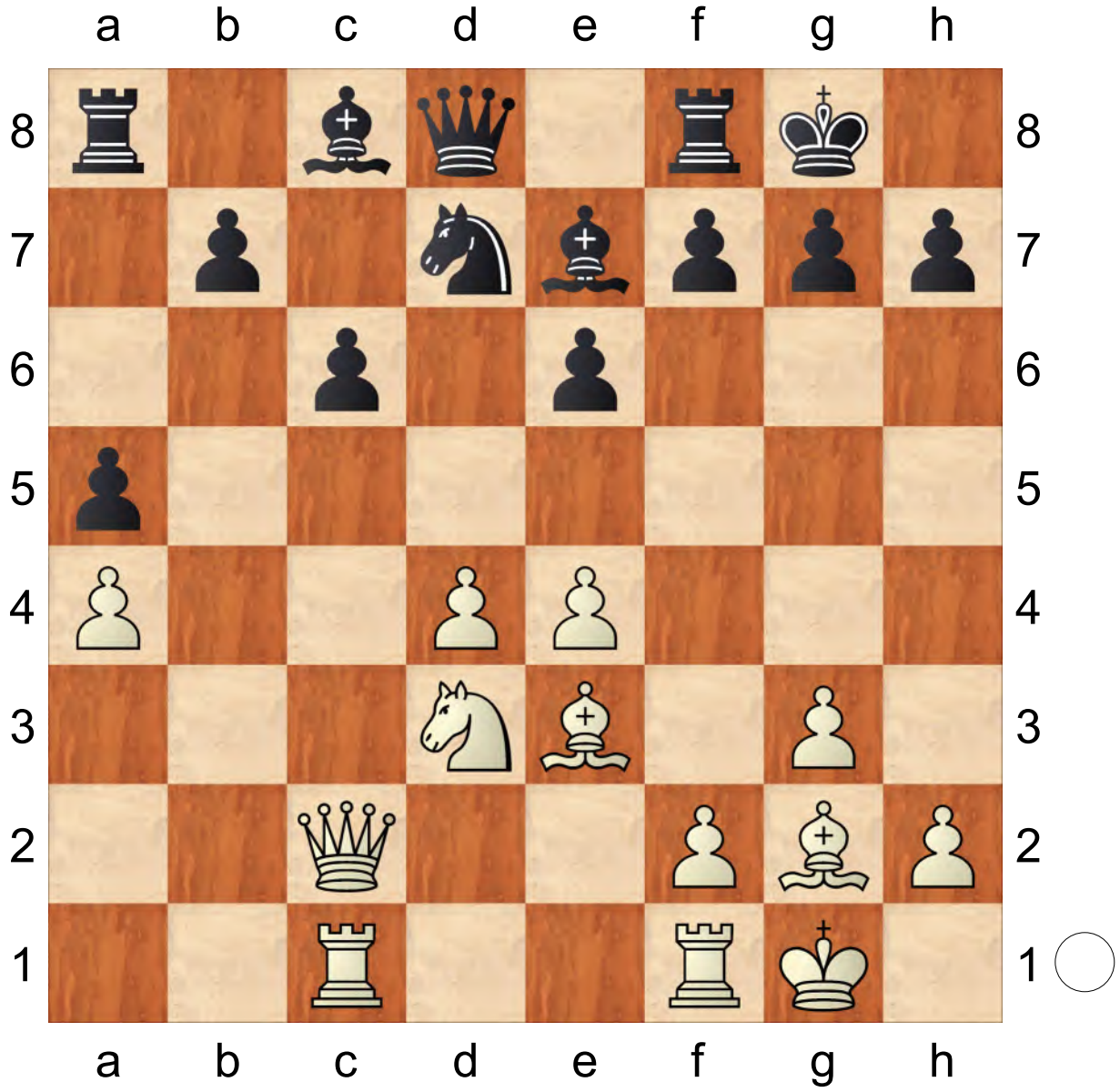
18.Nd3 Qb6

[18...Be7 19.Rfd1 *(19.d5!?)* 19...Qb6 20.Qc2⩲ is similar to the game.]

[18...Qe7 19.Rfd1 Bd6 20.Be3!? Δ *(20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qb2⩲)* 20...e5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 *(21...Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Bc5±)* 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.f4↑]

19.Be3 Δd5,♖b1 **19...Be7 20.Qc2 Qd8**

[20...Qa6 21.Rfd1↑ Δd5,♗f1,┓a6]



21.Rfd1 Nf6 22.h3↑ White can't break through immediately, so he prevents ♘g4, consolidating his set-up. Black's pieces lack space and he is forced to defend passively and with extra care. **22...Ne8?!** This attempt to reorganise the defence is misguided.

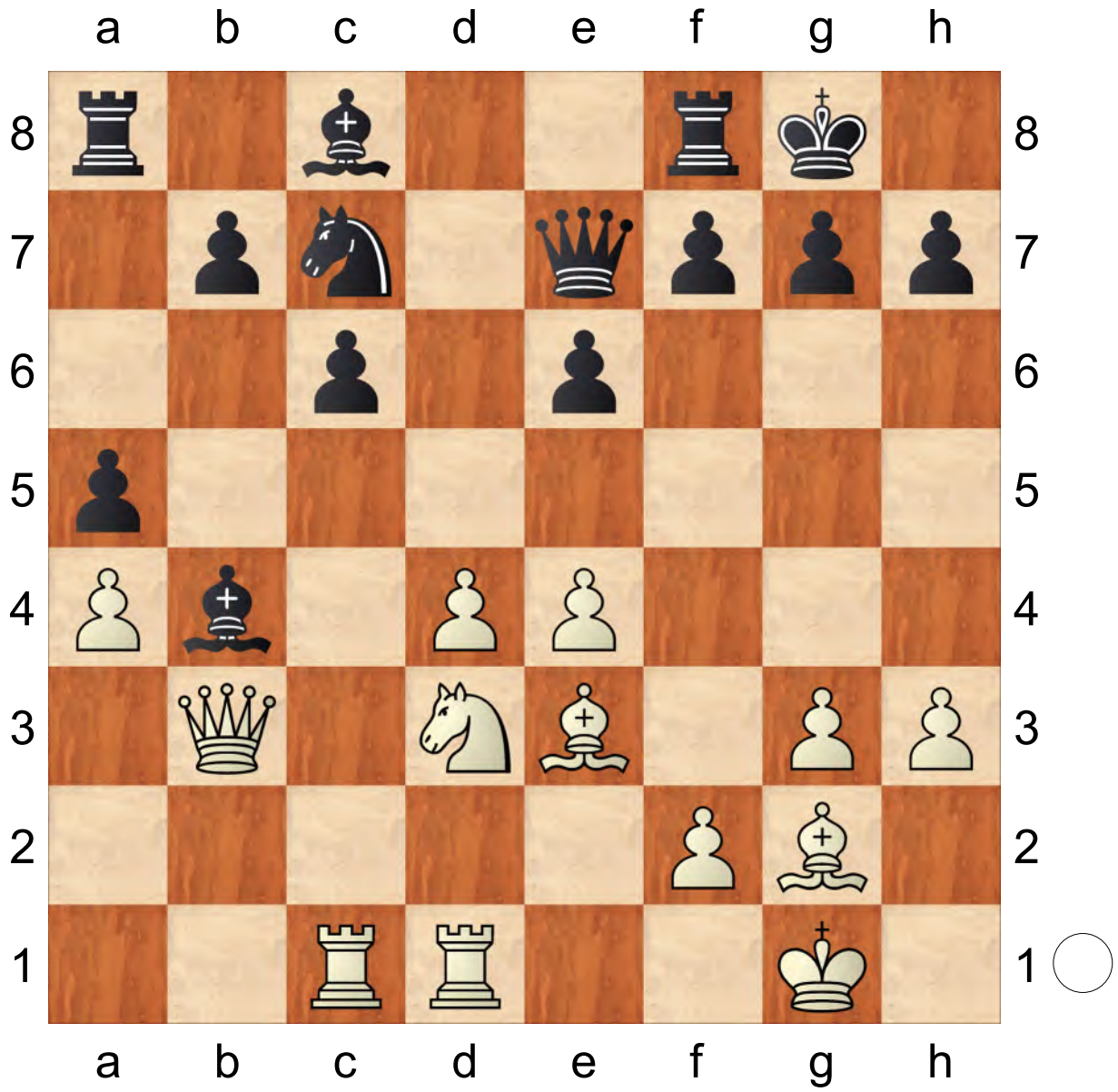
[22...Bd7 23.Nc5↑]
[22...h6!?±]
23.Qb3?!
[The time was already ripe for 23.d5!? exd5 24.exd5 cxd5 25.Nf4 Nf6 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Qe8 28.Re5! Δ♕c7 Be6 29.Bxb7 Rb8 30.Be4 h6 31.Rxa5 Bxh3 32.Bh7+ Kh8 33.Bf5 Bxf5 34.Qxf5± δa and Black has no meaningful ⇄.]
23...Nc7 Stohl: '⌓'
[23...Nf6!?]
24.Ne5
[24.Nc5 Na6!]
[and 24.Bf4 Bg5 initiates exchanges, which only help Black.]
[However, the patient 24.h4!?± Δ♗f4 Stohl: '-24.h4' stops the last idea and retains the pressure - the ♘ can go to e5 or c5, according to the circumstances.]
24...Bb4
[24...Na6? 25.d5±]
25.Nd3 As Black can't improve his position, Dominguez calmly retracts his last move.
25...Qe7?!
[⌓25...Be7 26.h4 -24.h4]

(Diagram)

This is one exchange Black should have almost certainly avoided - the ♗b4 is a valuable piece. **26.Nxb4 Qxb4□**
[26...axb4? 27.d5± Δ♗c5]
27.Qc2 Re8? Tiviakov doesn't address the main threat and after this oversight his position collapses.
[Necessary was 27...Na6□
A) 28.d5 cxd5 29.exd5 exd5 30.Rxd5 Be6 31.Rb5 *(31.Bd2 Qa3! 32.Rxa5 Nb4±)* 31...Rac8 32.Rxb4 Rxc2 33.Rb5 Rxc1+ 34.Bxc1 Bd7 35.Rxa5 Rc8 36.Be3 Bc6 37.Bf1± is slightly better for White, but Black retains reasonable drawing chances.;
B) 28.Rb1! Qa3 *(28...Qe7 29.Qc3± Δ Nb4 30.d5)* 29.Qc4↑ Δd5,♗d2]
28.d5!+- Δ♗c5 The decisive tactical break! **28...exd5**
[28...Na6 29.d6 *(29.dxc6 bxc6 30.Qxc6 Bb7 31.Qb5+-)* 29...Bd7 30.Rb1+-]
29.exd5 Na6□
[29...Nxd5 30.Bc5+-]
30.dxc6 bxc6

(Diagram)

31.Qxc6!
[31.Bxc6 Bb7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Rd7+- is probably good enough, but the text-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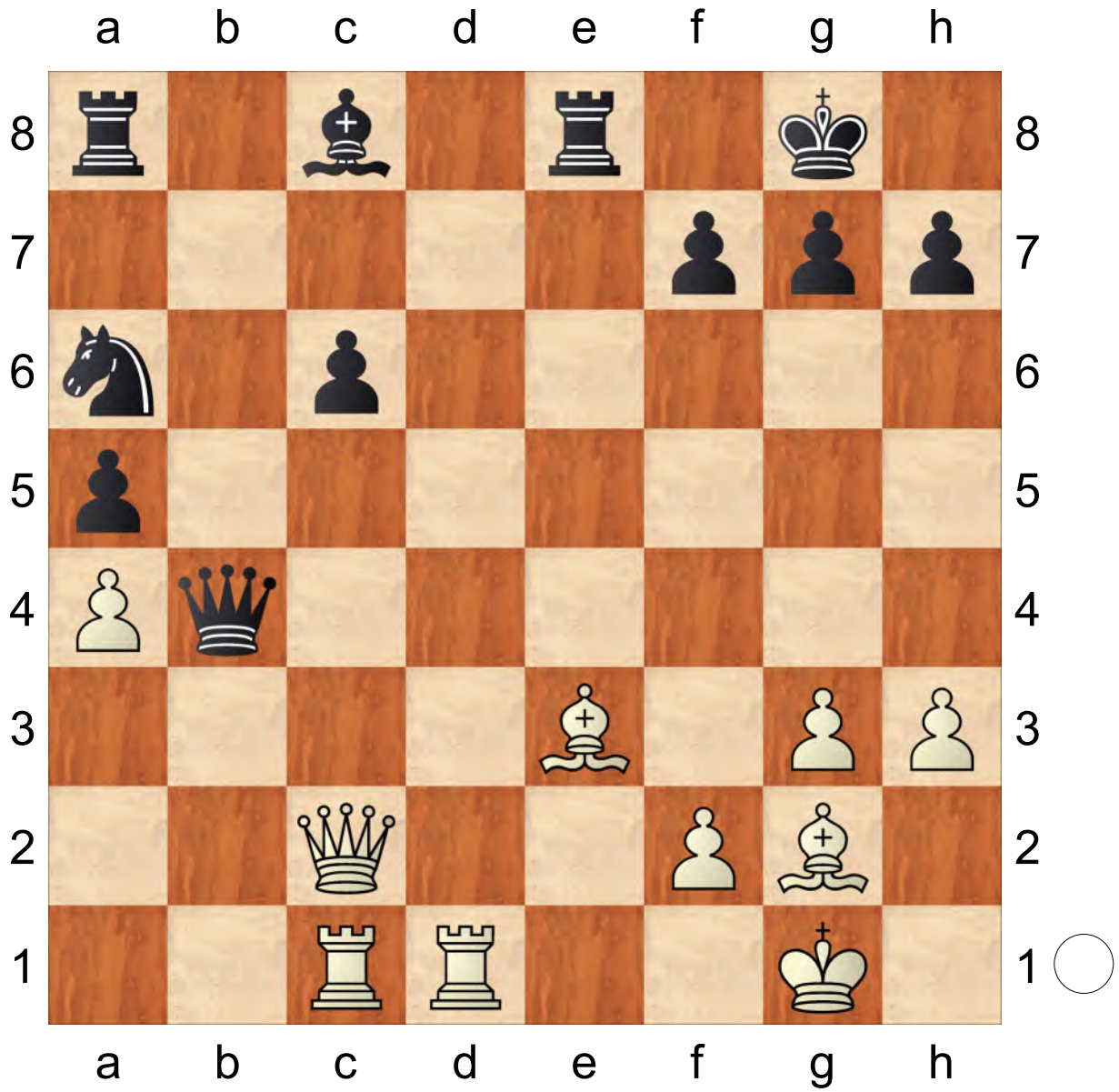


move is more technical, White avoids any accidents on the ⇔h1-a8]

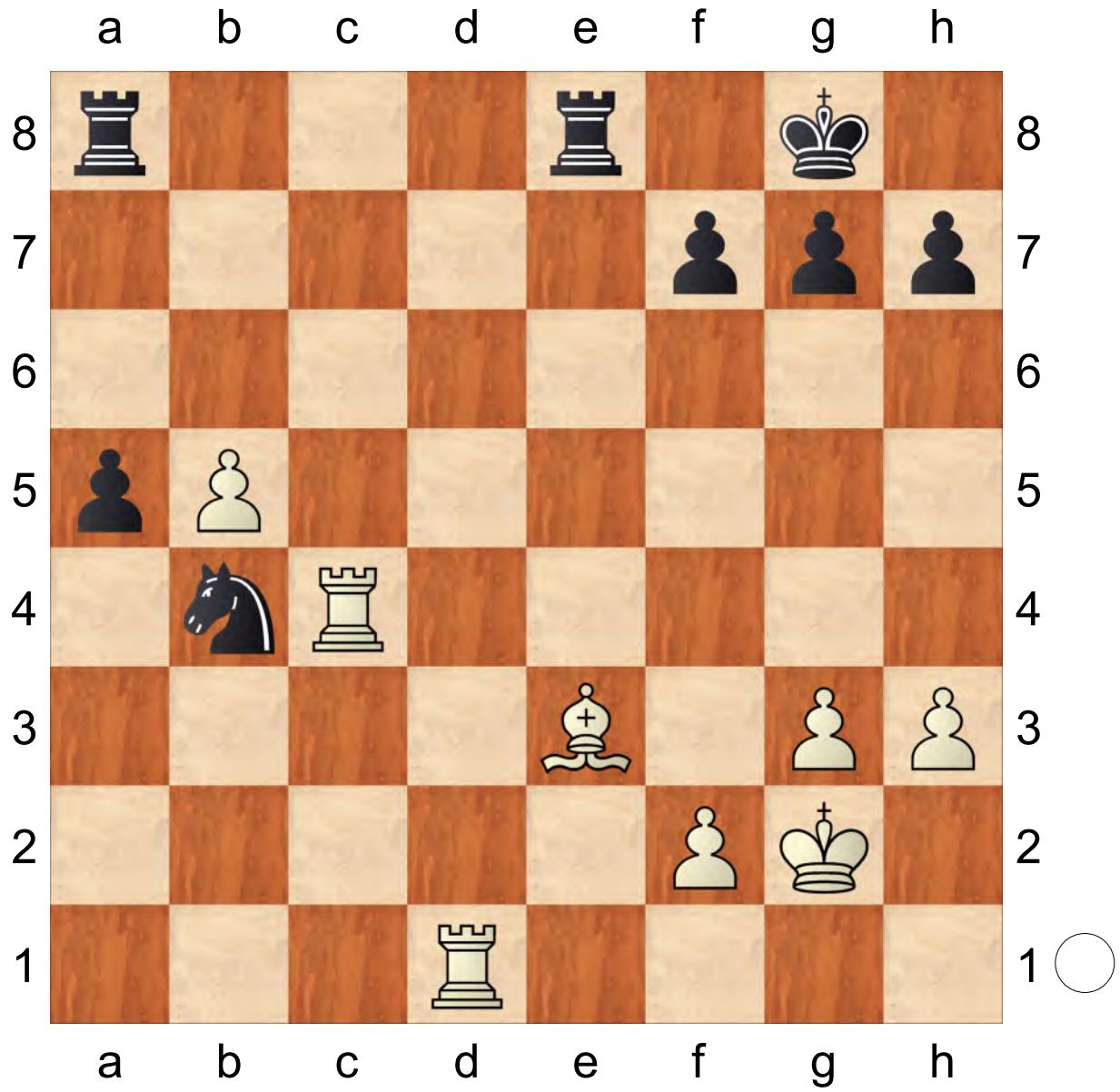
31...Bf5 32.Qb5! Be4 33.Rc4! Qxb5 34.axb5 Bxg2 35.Kxg2 Nb4

[35...Nb8 36.b6+-]

(Diagram)

36.b6 After a series of forced moves the ♙b6, supported by the strong ♗ quickly decides the issue. **36...Rab8 37.Rd7 h6 38.b7**

(Diagram)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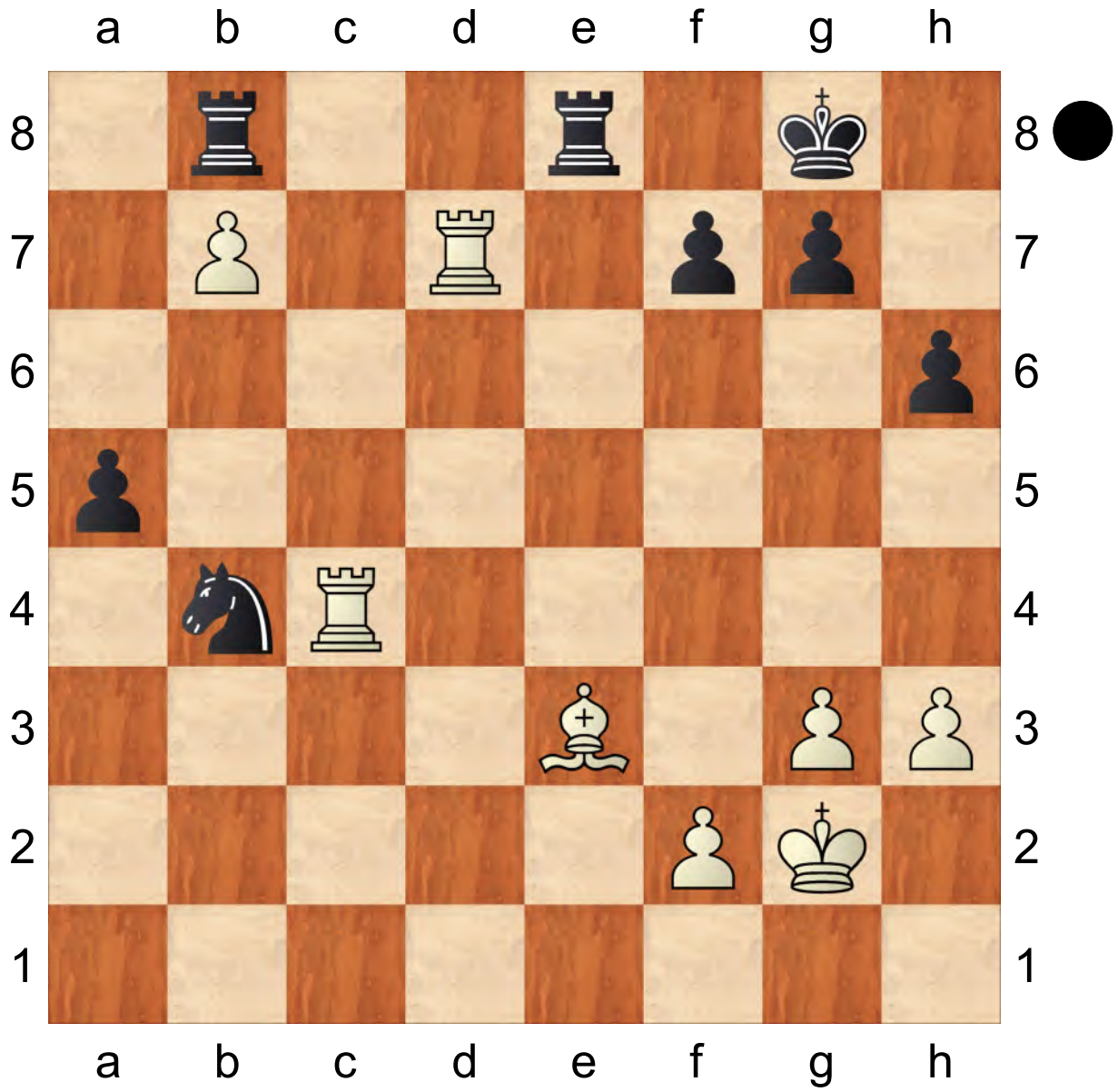

Δ♗a7, ♗f4
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■ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2615**
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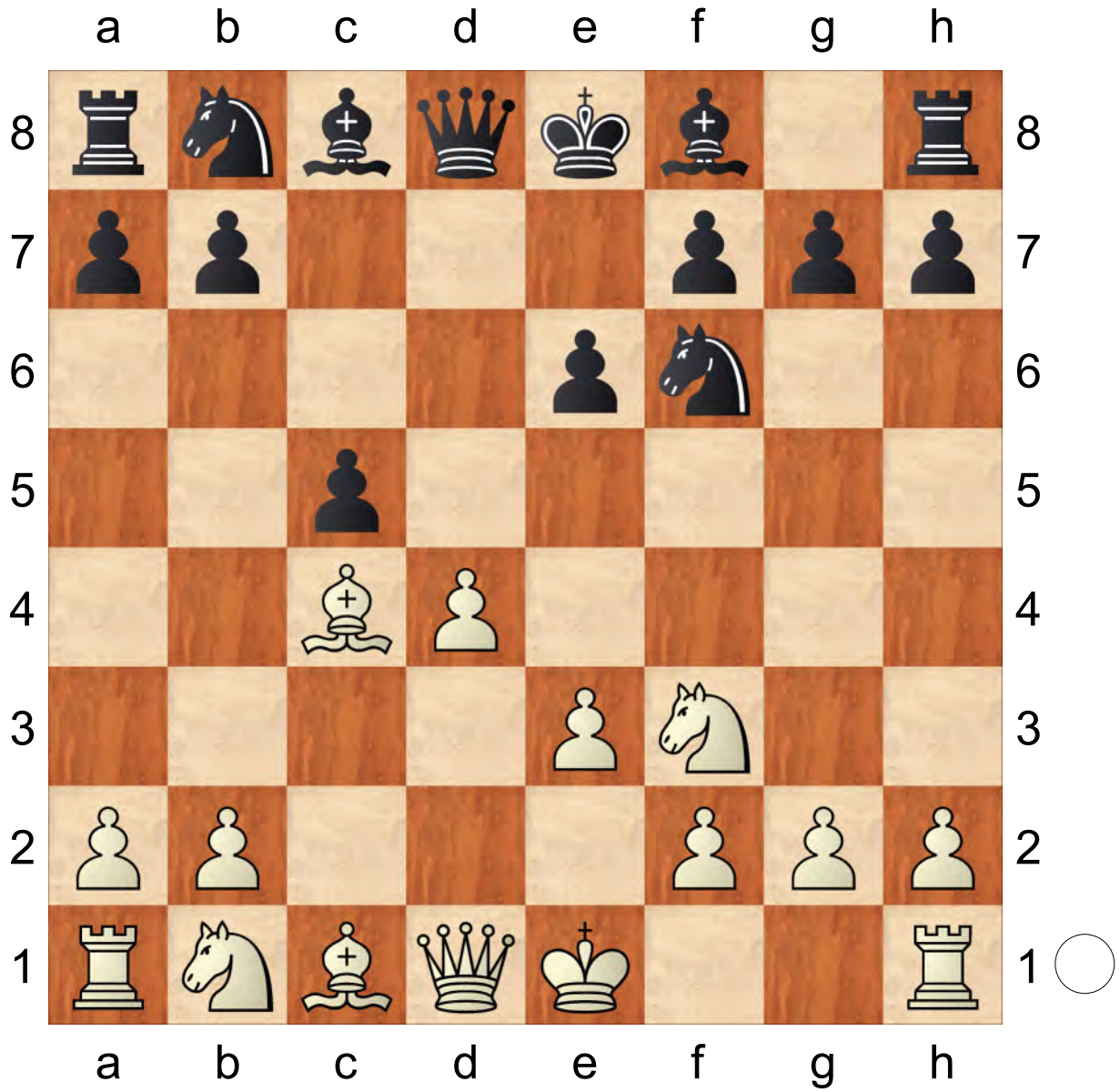
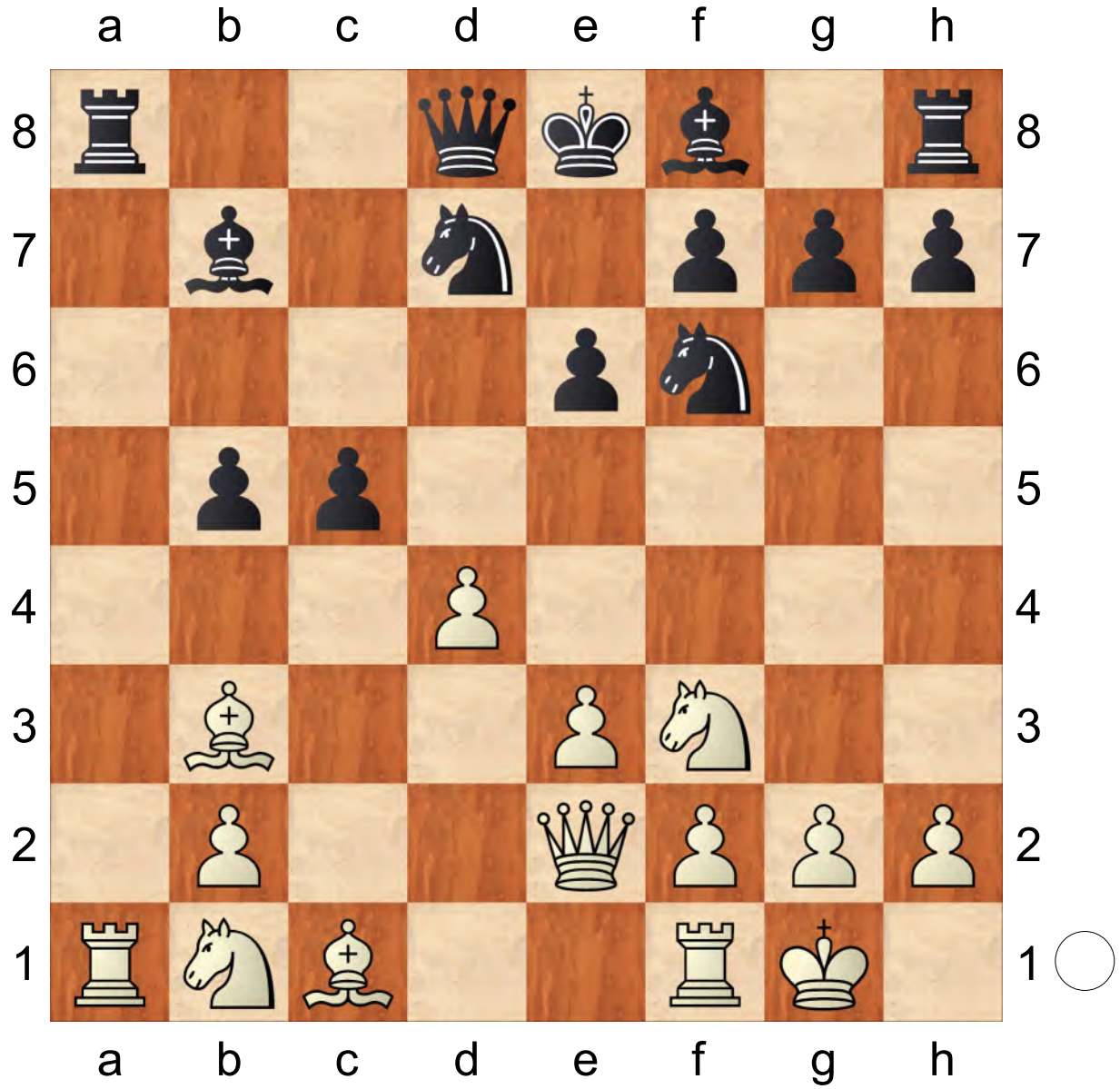
1.d4 **Nf6** 117. Die Zahl gibt die bis zur Zeitkontrolle verbleibende Zeit in Minuten an. Es mußten 40 Züge in 2h gespielt werden. **2.Nf3** 119 **2...d5** 114 **3.c4** 119 **3...dxc4** 113 **4.e3** 117 **4...e6** 113 **5.Bxc4** 117 **5...c5**



113 **6.0-0** 117 **6...a6** 113 **7.Qe2** 115 **7...b5** 112 **8.Bb3** 115 **8...Bb7** 112 **9.a4** 115 **9...Nbd7** 106 **10.axb5** 115 **10...axb5**

(Diagram)



106 **11.Rxa8** 115 **11...Qxa8** 105 **12.Nc3** 114 **12...b4** 105 **13.Nb5** 114 **13...Qb8** 83
[13...Qa5
A) 14.e4 Dies ist schärfer. Be7 15.e5 Ne4 16.Rd1
A1) 16...0-0 17.d5 exd5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Nb6 20.Rd1 c4 Antunes-Yakovic/Oviedo/1993
A1a) 21.Qxe4 Qxb5 22.Bg5 Bc5 23.e6 21 ECO D, 2.Auflage D29/3 Fußnote fxe6 *(23...f6∞)* 24.Qxe6+ Kh8∞;
A1b) 21.Nfd4 Nc5 22.Qg4 Weiß hat gute Angriffsaussichten.;
A2) 16...cxd4 17.Nfxd4 Nec5 18.Bg5
A2a) 18...Bxg5 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Qh5 *(20.Nxb7 Nxb7 21.Nxe6+ fxe6 22.Rxd7 Nc5 23.Qf3+ Bf6∞)* 20...Nxe5
A2a1) 21.Qxg5 Nxb3 Dies sieht nicht überzeugender aus. 22.Nxb3? *(22.Nxb7 Qd5)* 22...Nf3++-;

A2a2) 21.Nxb7 Nxb7 22.Qxg5 Schwarz wird kaum überleben können. Es droht 23.f4 und früher oder später Se6, da der Nachziehende keine Zeit zu Sc5 findet. Ng6 23.Qg3 Qe5 24.Nxe6+ fxe6 25.Qf3++-;

A2b) 18...Ba6 19.Bxe7 Bxb5 20.Bc4 Kxe7 21.Bxb5 Nb8 22.Qe3 Rc8 23.Nc6+ Rxc6 24.Bxc6 Nxc6 25.Rc1 Antunes-Garcia Palermo/Benasque op/1993. Weiß gewann.;

B) 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5

B1) 15...Nd7

B1a) 16.e4 Bc6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 0-0 19.f4 *(19.Rd1* Siehe Abspiel: 16.Td1*)* 19...Bb5 20.Bc4 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Nb6 22.Qe2 c4 23.Be3 c3 Die Partie wurde bald remis gegeben. Nadishkanov-Meister/Barnaul/1988;

B1b) 16.Rd1 Bc6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 0-0 Weiß hat einigen Vorteil.;

B2) 15...Bc6 16.exf6 Bxb5 17.fxg7 Bxe2 *(17...Bxg7 18.Bc4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 0-0 20.f4* **Δ**21.f5 Weiß steht besser. *)* 18.gxh8Q Bxf1 19.Qxh7 Qa1 20.Qc2 Bd3 21.Ba4+ Ke7 22.Qxc5+ Kf6 23.Qd4+ e5 24.Qxd3 Qxc1+ 25.Qd1 Qxb2 26.Bb3**±** Weiß bhält seinen Mehrbauern und hat gute Gewinnaussichten.]

[13...Bxf3 14.Qxf3 *(14.gxf3 Qb8 15.Rd1* Wegen anderer Züge vgl. CBM 22 S. 16-17. *Be7 16.e4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bd6 18.e5 Bxe5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Ke7 21.Qc4 Nd5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Bd2 N7b6 24.Bxb4+ Kf7 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.Rxd4 Nxb4 27.Rxb4 Nd5 28.Rb7+* ½-½/Jusupov-Anand/Las Palmas/1993 *)* 14...Qxf3 15.gxf3 Be7

A) 16.Nc7+ Kd8 17.Nb5 *(17.Na6 Kc8* Der Vorteil des Weißen ist äußerst mager. *)* 17...Kc8 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Bc2 Dochojan-Hübner/Bundesliga 1993/94 Schwarz hielt ohne Schwierigkeiten das Gleichgewicht.;

B) 16.Bd2 0-0 17.Rc1 Ra8 Jusupov-Hübner/München/1994 Schwarz hat keine Probleme.]

14.e4 113 **14...cxd4** 83

[14...Nxe4 15.Ng5 Bc6 16.d5 *(16.Bc4* CBM 22 S.17 verdient Beachtung. *)*

A) 16...exd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 *(18...Be7? 19.Ned6+ Kf8 20.Bf4* Weiß hat eine überwältigende Initiative. Ftacnik *)* 19.Qxe4+ Be7 20.Bg5 *(20.Re1 0-0 21.Qxe7 Qxb5)* 20...f6

A1) 21.Re1

A1a) 21...0-0? 22.Qd5+ Kh8 *(22...Rf7 23.Rxe7+-)* 23.Qxd7 fxg5 24.Qxe7+-;

A1b) 21...Ne5 Es ist keine überzeugende Angriffsfortsetzung für Weiß zu sehen.;

A2) 21.Ra1 Jusupov 21...Qxb5 *(21...0-0? 22.Qd5+)* 22.Ra8+ Nb8 *(22...Kf7 23.Qd5+ Kg6 24.Rxh8 fxg5 25.Qe6+ Bf6? 26.Qe4+ Kh5 27.Rxh7#)* 23.Bf4 Kf7 24.Qd5+ Kg6 25.Qe4+ Kf7 26.Qd5+=;

B) 16...Bxb5 17.Qxe4 Nf6 18.Qe3 Bxf1 19.Nxf7 Qxh2+ 20.Kxh2 Ng4+ 21.Kg1 Nxe3 22.Nxh8 Nxd5 *(22...Bc4 23.Ba4+)* 23.Ba4+ Ke7 24.Bg5+ Nf6

25.Kxf1+- Jusupov-Polgar,J/Moskau ol/1994]

15.Nbxd4 97

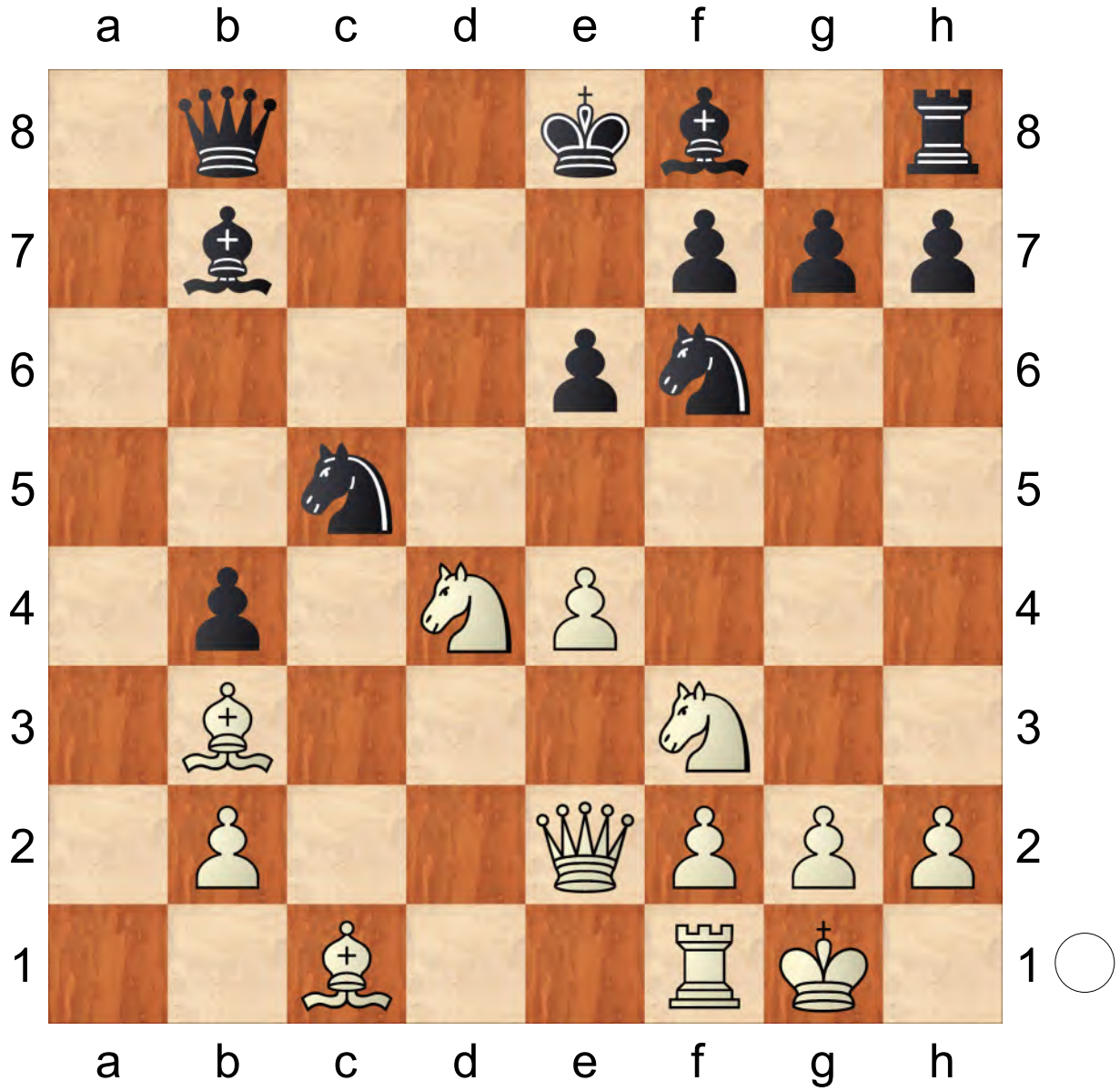
[15.Nfxd4 Nc5 16.e5 Nfd7 17.Bf4 Nxb3 *(17...Be7? 18.Bc2* Uhlmann-Gheorghiu/Hastings/1965 Weiß bekommt starken Angriff. *)* 18.Nxb3 Be7 19.Rd1 Ba6 20.Nc7+ Qxc7 21.Qxa6 0-0= Kopylov-Flohr/USR-19ch/1951]

15...Nc5?N

[15...Bd6!? In dieser Stellung der stärkste Zug er führt zu etwa gleichem Spiel (vgl. CBM 22 S.18-20). 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Nxe6 g6∞]

[15...Be7 22 vgl. CBM S.18-20 16.Bxe6 *(16.Bg5?! Nxe4∓* Ü 42/498 *)* 16...fxe6 17.Nxe6→]

[15...Bc5? 16.Bxe6]

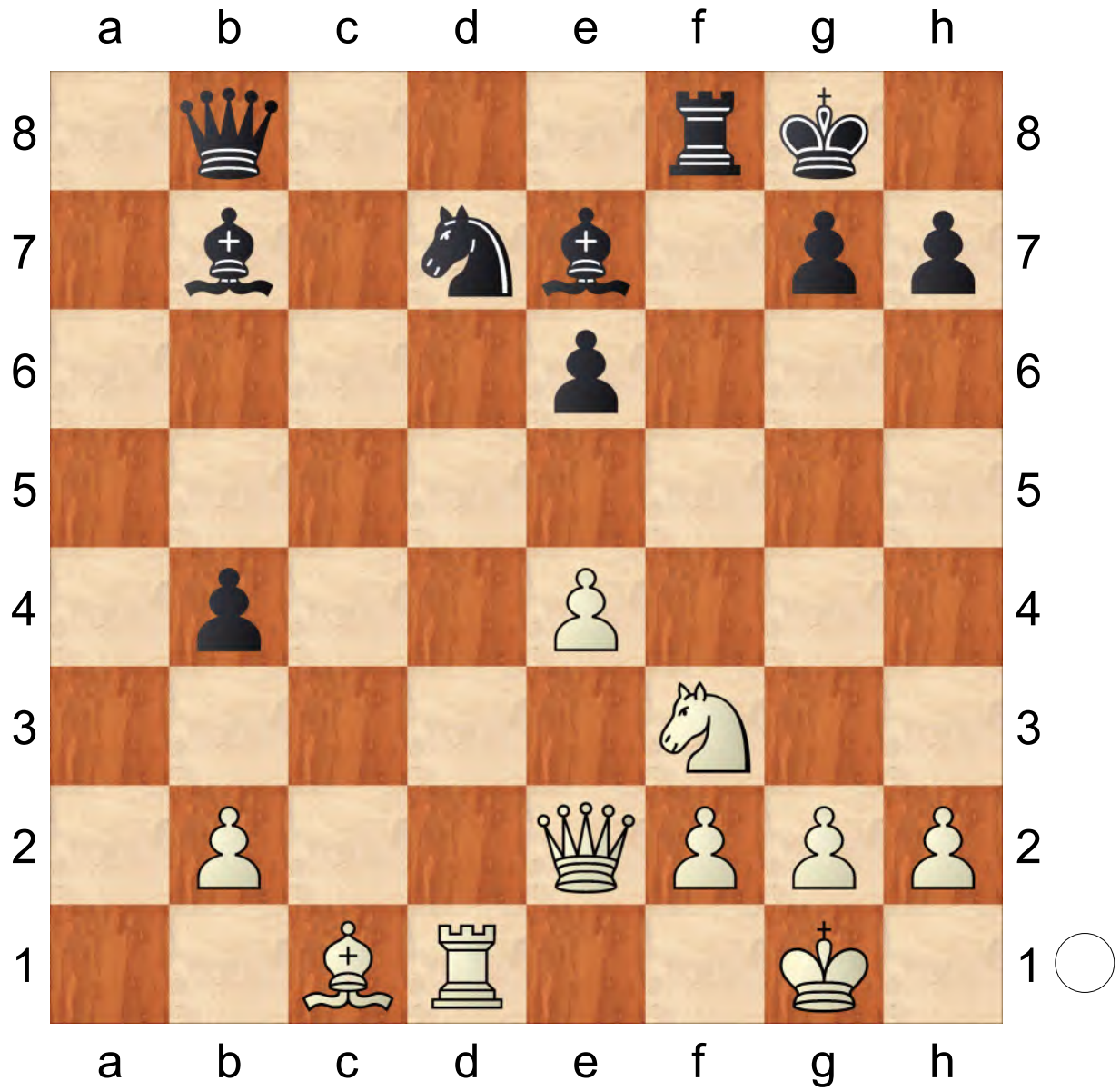


71 Dieser Zug führt zu einem Endspiel, in dem Schwarz hart an der Grenze des

Verlustes steht. **16.Bc4** 88
[16.Qb5+ Nfd7]
16...Be7 69 **17.Bb5+** 69
[17.Bg5?! Nfxe4 *(17...0-0? 18.e5 Nd5 19.Bxd5+- Bxg5 20.Bxb7+-)* 18.Bb5+ Kf8∓ Weiß hat Mühe, Kompensation für den Bauern nachzuweisen.]
17...Nfd7 69 **18.Rd1** 67 ±ECO Nejstadt Dieses Urteil ist richtig.
[18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.Bxc6 0-0=]
18...0-0 57
[18...Qc8? 19.Ne5+- Ba6 *(19...0-0 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Bxd7+-)* 20.Bxa6 Qxa6 21.Qxa6 Nxa6 22.Nxd7 Kxd7 23.Nf5+ Ke8 24.Nxg7+ Kf8 25.Bh6+-]
[18...Qc7? 19.Qc4 0-0 *(19...Bxe4? 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Rxd7+-)* 20.Nxe6 Nxe6 *(20...fxe6 21.Rxd7+-)* 21.Rxd7+- Qxc4 22.Bxc4 Rd8 23.Rxb7 Rd1+ 24.Bf1+-]
19.Bxd7 65 **19...Nxd7** 57 **20.Nxe6** 65 **20...fxe6** 55

(Diagram)

21.Rxd7 65 **21...Qc8** 52
[21...Rf7 22.Bg5]
[21...Re8 22.Bg5]
[21...Bf6 22.Bg5]
[21...Bd6 22.Qc4]
22.Rxe7
[22.Qd1? Bc5 Der Bauer auf e4 kann nicht auf befriedigende Weise gedeckt werden. ×e4]
[22.Rd1?! Ba6 23.Qe1 *(23.Qe3 Qc2)* 23...Qc4 Schwarz hat eine aktive Stellung und besitzt ausgezeichnete Remisaussichten. Δ ♗c5 ∞ *(23...Qc2 24.Nd4)*]
22...Qxc1+ 52 **23.Qe1** 56
[23.Ne1 Ba6 24.Qxa6 *(24.Qe3?? Qxe3 25.fxe3 Rf1#)* 24...Qxe1+ 25.Qf1 Qxe4=]
23...Qxe1+ 52
[23...Rc8 24.Rxb7 Qxb2 25.Rd7+-]
[23...Qxb2 24.Rxb7 Ra8 25.Rd7+-]
[23...Qc2 24.Rxb7 Rd8
A) 25.Ng5
A1) 25...h6 26.Rxg7++-;
A2) 25...Qb3 26.h4 h6 27.Qxb4+- Schwarz leidet an einem gewissen Bauernmangel.;
A3) 25...Qd1 26.Qf1 *(26.Kf1 Qd3+)* 26...Qb3 27.h4 h6 28.Qb5 hxg5 29.Qe5+-;
A4) 25...g6 26.Rg7++- Kxg7 27.Nxe6++-;
B) 25.Qxb4 Rd1+ 26.Ne1 Qe2 27.h3 Rxe1+ 28.Kh2 Qxe4± Weiß muß sich



zur Erringung des Sieges noch plagen.]

24.Nxe1 56 [♖ 9/i] **24...Bxe4** 52 **25.Rxe6** 56 **Bg6?!**

[25...Bd5?!

A) 26.Rb6? Re8 27.Nf3 *(27.Nc2? Re2; 27.Nd3? Bc4)* 27...Rc8 28.h3 Bxf3 29.gxf3 Rc4=;

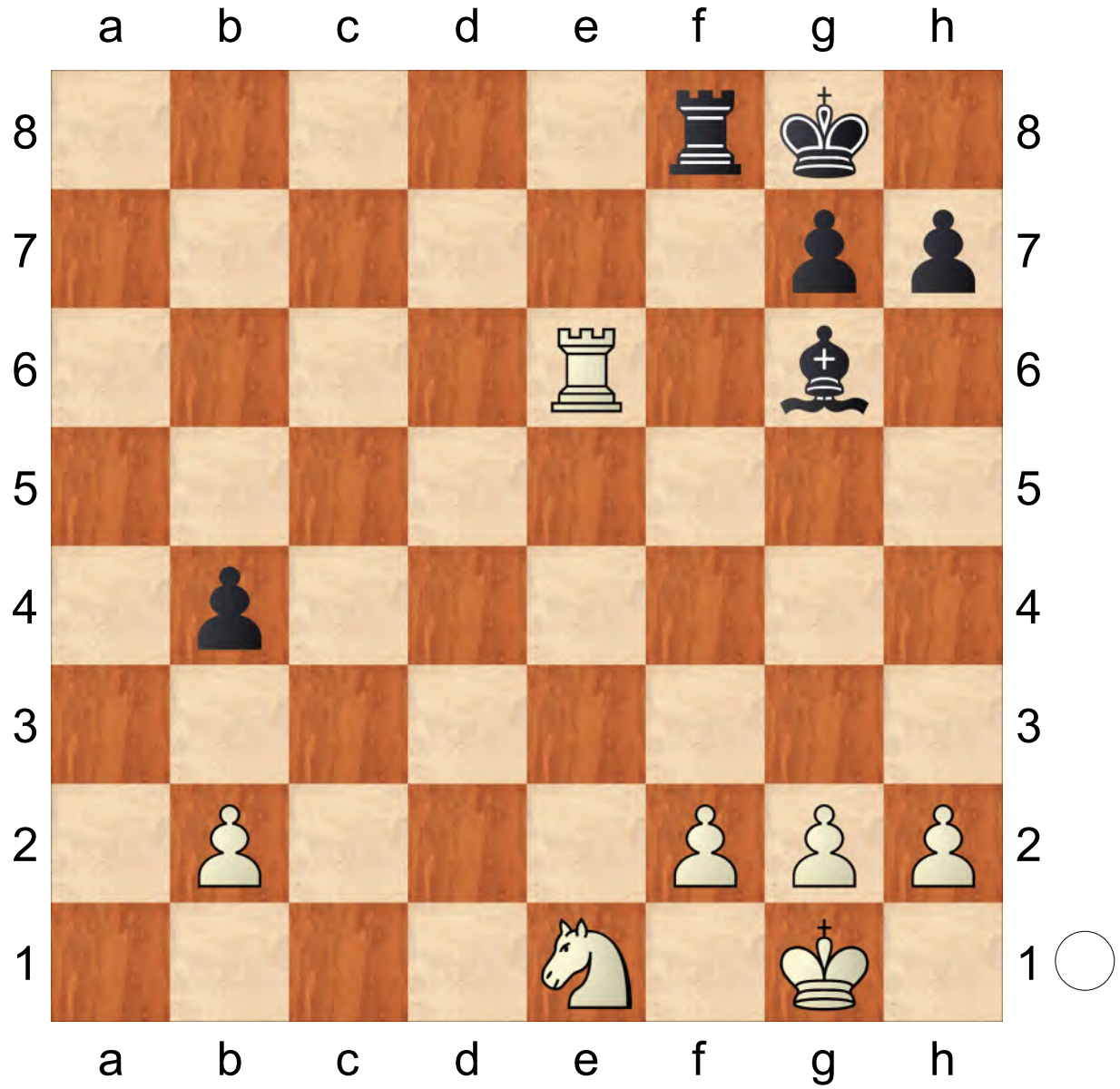
B) 26.Re2 Ra8 27.f3 Ra1 28.Kf2 Rb1 29.Rd2 Bc4 30.f4 ΔSf3,K→⊞, Weiß steht auf Gewinn. Δ ♘f3+-]

[25...Bb1!?

A) 26.Re2 Rd8 27.f3 *(27.f4 Rd4)* 27...Rd1 28.Kf2 Δ29.Sc2 b3 29.f4 h6 30.Nf3 Bc2 31.Re1 Rd5± Schwarz hat viel erreicht; ob er remis halten kann bleibt fraglich.;

B) 26.Kf1 Rc8 27.Ke2 Rc4± Es ist offen, ob Weiß entscheidende Fortschritte machen kann.;

C) 26.Rb6 Rf4 27.Nf3 h6 28.h3 Re4 29.Nd2 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Bd3 Δ31... Te2 Schwarz hat vorzügliche Aussichten, remis zu erreichen. Δ ♖e2]



46 Die weiße Stellung ist erfeulich (Mehrbauer, ×b4). Zur genauen Analyse dieser Stellung siehe CBM 45 Abfall 25. **26.Rb6+-** 51

[26.Kf1

A) 26...Bf7 27.Re4 *(27.Rb6? Bc4+)* 27...b3 28.Ke2±;

B) 26...Rf4]

26...Rf4□ 39

[26...Re8 27.Kf1+- Re4 28.Nd3 Rd4 29.Nxb4 Rd2 30.Rb8+ Kf7 31.Nc6 Bd3+ 32.Ke1 Re2+ 33.Kd1+-]

[26...Rd8 27.Kf1 Rd4 28.Nf3 Bd3+ 29.Ke1 Re4+ 30.Kd2 Bf1 31.Rb8+ Kf7 32.Ng5++-]

[26...Rc8 27.Kf1 Rc4 28.b3 Schwarz kann den ersatzlosen Verlust des b-Bauern nicht vermeiden. Rc1 *(28...Rf4 29.g3; 28...Re4 29.Nd3; 28...Rd4 29.Nf3)* 29.Ke2]

27.Nf3 43

[≤27.f3?! Rd4 28.Kf1 Kf7 *(28...Kf8 29.Ke2 Rh4 - 26. ♔f1 30.h3 Rd4 31.g3 Rc4 Δ32.b3 Rd4 33.Ke3 Rd1∞)* 29.Ke2 Rh4 30.h3 Rd4 31.Ke3 Rd1 32.Ke2 Rd4]

27...Kf8 34

[27...Re4 28.Rb8+ Be8 29.Kf1 Δ30.Sg5, 30.Sd2 Weiß gwinnt einen weiteren Bauern.

A) 29...Kf8 30.Ng5 Re5 31.f4 Rb5 32.Ne6+ *(32.Nxh7+)* 32...Kf7 33.Rxe8 Rb6 34.Nxg7;

B) 29...h6 30.Nd2 Re5 31.f4]

28.Ne5 34

[28.Kf1?! Bd3+ 29.Ke1 Re4+ 30.Kd2 Bf1]

[28.h3?! Re4]

28...Be8 24

[28...Re4 29.Nxg6+ hxg6

A) 30.f3 Rc4 31.Rxg6 Rc2 *(31...Rc1+ 32.Kf2 Rc2+ 33.Kg3 Rxb2 34.Rb6+-)* 32.b3 Rb2 33.Rb6 Rxb3 34.h4 Dies ist eine technische Gewinnstellung für Weiß.;

B) 30.g3 g5 31.h3 g4 32.hxg4 Rxg4 33.Kg2 Rd4 34.Kh3 *(34.Kf3 Rd3+* Δ35... Tb3 Δ ♖b3*; 34.Kf1 Re4)* 34...g5 *(34...Kf7 35.f4* Δ36.Kg4+- Δ ♔g4+-*; 34...Rd2 35.Rxb4 Rxf2 36.Rf4++-)* 35.Rg6 Rd2 36.f3+- Weiß siegt mühelos.]

[28...Rd4 29.Nxg6+ hxg6 30.Kf1 g5 31.Ke2+- Der schwarze Turm wird von der 4.Reihe vertrieben. g4 *(31...Re4+ 32.Kd3 Rf4 33.Ke3 Rc4 34.g3* Δ35.Kd3 *)* 32.b3 Δ33.Ke3]

[28...Bb1

A) 29.f3+- Rd4 *(29...Ke7 30.Kf2+-)* 30.Kf1 Rd5 31.Nc6 Rd6 32.Rb8+ Kf7 33.Nxb4 Rd2 34.Nc6+-;

B) 29.Rb8+?! Ke7 30.Rxb4? Rxb4 31.Nc6+ Kd6 32.Nxb4 Kc5 33.Na6+ Kb6 34.Nb8 Kc7 35.Na6+ Kb6= 36.Nb4 Kc5=]

29.f3 12

[29.g3 Δf4 Rd4 *(29...Re4? 30.Nd3+-)* 30.Kf1 Rd5 31.Ng4 *(31.f4 Rd2 32.Rxb4 Rxh2=* vgl. Partie nach dem 33.Zug von Schwarz.*; 31.Nc4 Bb5 32.b3 Rc5=)*

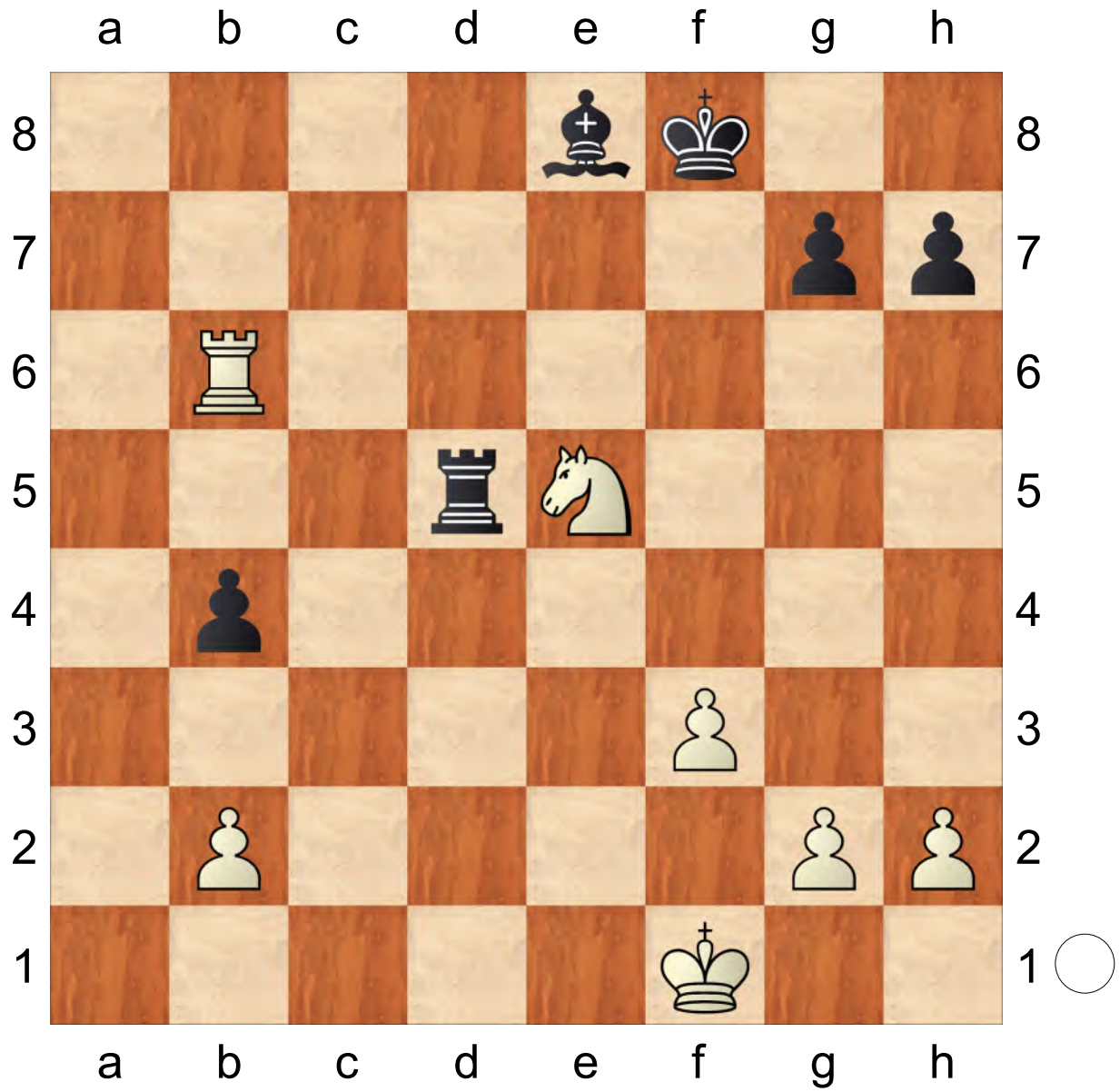
A) 31...Rb5 32.Rxb5 Bxb5+ 33.Ke1 Ke7 34.Ne3+- Schwarz kann die Felder c2 und d5 nicht gleichzeitig decken. ΔKd6 *(Δ34...Ke6 35.Nc2)* 35.Nf5+;

B) 31...Bb5+ 32.Ke1 Rg5 33.Ne3 Re5 *(33...Rc5 34.Kd2* Δ ♘c2+- *)* 34.Kd2 g5 35.Nc2 Rd5+ 36.Ke3 Re5+ 37.Kf3 b3

B1) 38.Nd4 Bc4⇄ 39.Nxb3 *(39.g4 Bd5+ 40.Kg3 Re1 41.f3 Rg1+* Δ42... Tb1 *)* 39...Bd5+ 40.Kg4 Re2;

B2) 38.Ne3 h5 39.h3 Weiß sollte schließlich siegen. Rc5 40.Ke4;
C) 31...Rd4 32.Ne3 Bg6∞ Es ist nicht leicht zu sehen, wie Weiß Fortschritte machen soll.]

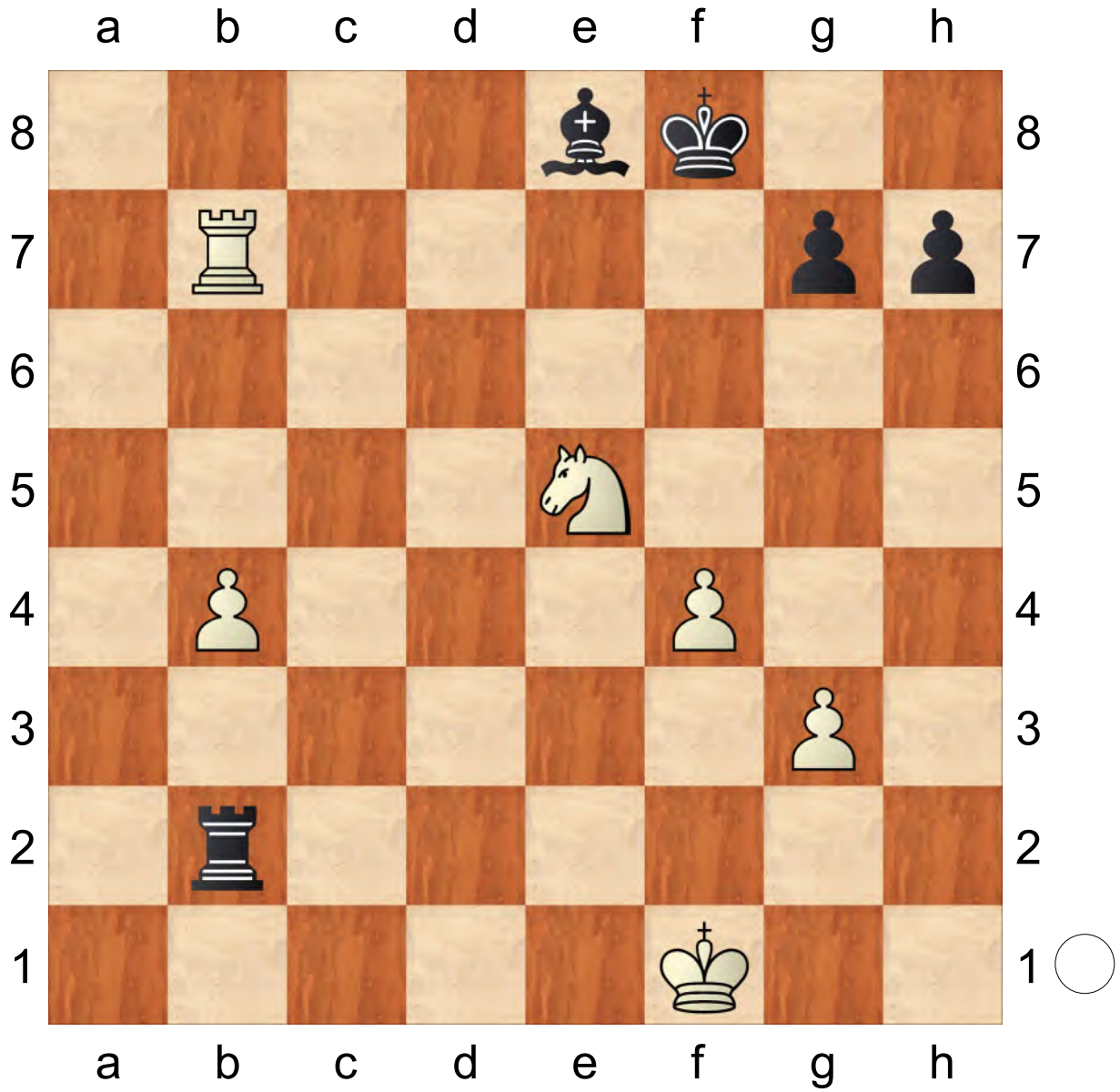
29...Rd4 24 **30.Kf1** 9 **Rd5** 13



31.f4?? 9

[31.Ng4+-
A) 31...Bb5+ 32.Ke1 g5 *(32...Ke7 33.Ne3)* 33.Ne3 Rc5 34.Kd2 Re5 35.Nc2 Rd5+ *(35...Re2+ 36.Kd1 Bd3 37.Ne1)* 36.Ke3 Re5+ 37.Kd4 Re2 38.Ne3 Be8 39.Rxb4+-;
B) 31...Rd4 32.Ke2 Weiß wird den schwarzen Turm ohne Mühe von der 4. Reihe vertreiben.;
C) 31...Rb5 32.Rxb5 Bxb5+ 33.Ke1 Ke7 34.Ne3 Ein zweiter schwarzer Bauer fällt]

31...Rd4= 12
[31...g5? 32.Rxb4+-]
32.g3 9 **Rd2=** 12 **33.Rxb4** 9 **Rxh2** 12 **34.Rb7** 9 **Rc2** 3
[≤34...h5?
A) 35.b4 h4= 36.gxh4 *(36.Nf3?! hxg3* Weiß gerät in Verlustgefahr. *37.Nxh2? gxh2 38.Kg2 Bc6+-+; 36.g4 Rb2* Der starke h-Bauer sichert das Remis.*)*
36...Rxh4 37.Nd3 Bg6;
B) 35.Nf3 Rc2 36.Ng5+- Schwarz gerät in vermutlich unüberwindliche Schwierigkeiten.]
35.b4 9 **Rb2** 3



36.Ke1⊕ 5 Bauernzüge führen zum remis.
[36.f5 Rd2 Δ37... Td5 Δ ♖d5=]
[36.g4 h5 37.g5 *(37.gxh5 Bxh5= Δ38.b5 Be2+)* 37...h4=]

[36.Nc4 Rb1+ 37.Kf2 Bc6 38.Rb8+ Ke7 Diese Stellung ist für Weiß nicht zu gewinnen.]

36...h5? 2

[36...Rg2= Dieser Zug erzwingt das Unentschieden, aber auch nach den Zügen 36... La4 oder 36... h6 sind die Gewinnchancen des Weißen begrenzt.

A) 37.g4 h5 38.gxh5 *(38.g5 h4=)* 38...Bxh5 39.b5 Re2+ 40.Kf1 Re4 41.Rb8+ Ke7 42.b6 Rxf4+ 43.Kg1 Kd6 Weiß kann nicht mehr gewinnen. 44.Rd8+ Kxe5 45.b7 Rb4;

B) 37.b5 Rxg3 38.b6 Rb3 Weiß kommt nicht weiter. Der schwarze Läufer zähmt den weißen Springer. Nähert sich der weiße König dem schwarzen Turm, so beginnt der h-Bauer zu laufen. 39.Nc4 Bc6]

[36...Ba4!?]

[36...h6!?]

37.Kf1 4 ○ **37...Rb1+?!** 1

[37...Kg8?! 38.Rb8 *(38.Nf3? Rb3= 39.Kf2 Rxf3+; 38.Nc4 Rb1+ 39.Kf2 Bc6 40.Rb8+ Kf7* Schwarz dürfte sich halten können. *)* 38...Kf8

A) 39.b5 Ke7 *(39...Rxb5?? 40.Nd7++-)* 40.b6± Bb5+ 41.Kg1 Ba6 Es ist nicht klar wie Weiß siegen kann. Die folgende Zugfolge sieht allerdings recht gefährlich für Schwarz aus. 42.Rg8 Rxb6 *(42...Kf6 43.Rh8)* 43.Rxg7+ Kf8 44.Rg5;

B) 39.Nc4 Rb1+ 40.Kf2 Ke7 41.Rb7+ Kf6 42.Nd6 Bc6 43.Rb6 Ba4 Weiß hat einige Aussichten, zu gewinnen, aber klar ist die Lage nicht.]

[37...Ba4

A) 38.Ng6+

A1) 38...Ke8 39.Rxg7 Rxb4 40.Re7+ Kd8 41.Rh7 *(41.Re5?! Be8 42.Nf8 h4 43.Ne6+ Kd7 44.gxh4 Kd6=)* 41...Be8 *(41...Bc2 42.Rh8+ Kc7 43.Ne5 Bd1 44.Rh7+ Kc8 45.Ke1 Rb1 46.Kd2* Weiß dürfte auf Gewinn stehen.*; 41...Bd1 42.Ne5 Rb1 43.Kf2± Ke8* Schwarz schwebt in großer Gefahr, aber ganz klar ist die Sache noch nicht. *44.Nd7 Rb2+ 45.Ke1 Bf3 46.Nf6+ Kf8 47.Nxh5 Rg2)* 42.Ne5 Rb2 Auch hier ist es nicht einfach, einen Gewinn für Weiß nachzuweisen.;

A2) 38...Kg8

A2a) 39.f5 droht matt Kh7 Weiß hat keine wirksame Fortsetzung.

A2a1) 40.f6 Kxg6 41.f7 Bb5+ 42.Kg1 *(42.Ke1 Re2+ 43.Kd1 Rf2)* 42...Rb1+ 43.Kg2 Rf1=;

A2a2) 40.Nf4 Kh6 41.Ne6 Bc2 42.Nxg7 Be4 Weiß muß seinen b-Bauern aufgeben, Schwarz rettet sich.;

A2a3) 40.Ne7 Bc2=;

A2a4) 40.Ne5 Kg8=;

A2a5) 40.Rb8 Kh6= Δ41... Kg5 Schwarz hält mühelos remis.;

A2b) 39.Ne7+! Kf8 40.Nf5 g6 41.Nd4+- Diese Zugfolge bringt Schwarz in eine prekäre Lage, die er wahrscheinlich nicht überleben kann.;

B) 38.Nc4 Rb3 39.Kf2 Bc6 Diese Zugfolge ist kraftlos.]

38.Kg2 4 **Rb2+?+-** 1
[⌓38...Ba4]
39.Kh3 4 **Rb1** 1 **40.f5?** 1
[40.Kh4+- Rh1+ 41.Kg5 Rg1 *(41...Rh3 42.g4)*
A) 42.b5? Rxg3+ 43.Kh4 *(43.Kf5 h4 44.Ke6 h3 45.Rb8 h2 46.Nd7+ Kg8 47.Rxe8+ Kh7 48.Nf8+ Kh6 49.Nd7 Re3+ 50.Ne5 Kh7-+)* 43...Rb3 44.b6 Rb4 45.Kg5 h4 46.Kg4 g5= 47.Kxg5 h3 Schwarz tauscht seinen h-Bauern für den weißen b-Bauern und hält remis.;
B) 42.g4? hxg4 43.Nxg4 Bc6=;
C) 42.Kf5 Rxg3 43.Ke6
C1) 43...h4 44.Rb8
C1a) 44...Re3 45.b5 h3 46.b6 h2 47.b7 Rb3 *(47...h1Q 48.Rxe8++- Kxe8 49.b8R#)* 48.Ng6+ Kg8 49.Rxe8+ Kh7 50.b8Q Rxb8 51.Rxb8 h1Q 52.Rh8+ Kxg6 53.f5++- *(53.Rxh1* Patt*; 53.Rxh1* Patt *)* 53...Kg5 54.Rxh1+-;
C1b) 44...h3 45.Nd7+ Kg8 46.Rxe8+ Kh7 47.Kf7 h2 48.Nf8+ Kh6 49.Ng6+-;
C2) 43...Ra3 44.b5 Ra8 45.b6 h4 46.Rc7 h3 47.b7 Rb8 *(47...Ra6+ 48.Nc6+-)*
C2a) 48.Rc8 Rxb7 *(48...h2 49.Rxb8 h1Q 50.Rxe8+ Kxe8 51.b8R#)* 49.Ng6+ Kg8 50.Rxe8+ Kh7 51.f5 Kh6=
C2a1) 52.Ne5 Kg5 *(52...h2? 53.Rh8+ Kg5 54.Nf7+* Hier behält Weiß seinen f-Bauern. *)* 53.Rh8 Rb6+ Auch hier bleibt Weiß bauernlos,;
C2a2) 52.Rh8+ Kg5 53.Rxh3 Rb6+ Weiß verliert den f-Bauern.;
C2b) 48.Nd7+ Bxd7+ 49.Kxd7 *(49.Rxd7? h2 50.Rc7 Re8+-+)*
C2b1) 49...Kf7 50.Kc6+ Kf6 51.Kb6 *(51.Rc8 h2 52.Rxb8 h1Q+)* 51...h2 52.Rc1 Kf5= 53.Rh1 Kxf4 54.Rxh2 g5=;
C2b2) 49...h2? 50.Rc8+ Kf7 51.Rxb8 h1Q 52.Rf8++- Kxf8 *(52...Kg6 53.b8Q+-)* 53.b8Q+ Kf7 54.Qe8+ Kf6 55.Qe6#;
C2c) 48.Nf3+- Dem Schwarzen gehen die Züge aus. 48...Rd8 49.Ke5 *(49.Rc8 Bd7+)* 49...Rb8□ *(49...Bd7 50.Rxd7)* 50.Nh2+- Zugzwang ○ *(50.f5+-* Zugzwang*; 50.Kd6* ΔKc5-b6-a7+- *; 50.f5+-* Zugzwang*; 50.Kd6* ΔKc5-b6-a7+- *)*]
40...Re1? 1
[40...Rf1? 41.Ng6+
A) 41...Kg8 42.b5 Rh1+ *(42...Kh7 43.Ne7)* 43.Kg2 Rb1 44.Ne7+ Kf7 *(44...Kf8 45.b6)* 45.Nd5+ *(45.b6 Kf6 46.Rc7 Bb5* Dies erscheint weniger deutlich. *)* 45...Kf8 46.Nc7 Bd7 47.Ne6+ Bxe6 48.fxe6 Re1 49.Rb8+ Ke7 50.b6 Rxe6 51.b7 Rb6 52.Rg8+-;
B) 41...Bxg6 42.fxg6 Rf6 43.Rf7++- Rxf7 44.gxf7 Schwarz findet keine Zeit zu 44... g5, denn dann läuft der weiße b-Bauer durch. Kxf7 45.Kh4 Der Gewinn ist leicht.]
[40...Rh1+ 41.Kg2 Re1 42.Ng6+ Bxg6 43.fxg6 Re6

A) 44.Rb5 h4 45.gxh4 Rxg6+ 46.Rg5 Rb6 *(46...Rd6? 47.h5 Rd3 48.b5 Rb3 49.Kf2 Kf7 50.Ke2 Kf6 51.Rc5 g6 52.hxg6 Kxg6 53.Kd2* Schwarz ist verloren. *)* 47.b5 g6 48.Kf3 Ke7=;

B) 44.Rf7+

B1) 44...Kg8 45.Rf5 h4 46.gxh4 *(46.g4 Re4* Diese Zugfolge kostet den b-Bauern.*; 46.Rg5 hxg3 47.Kxg3 Kf8* Aufgrund des weit vorgerückten, schwachen g-Bauern verfügt Weiß über keine Gewinnmöglichkeit. *)* 46...Rxg6+ 47.Kf3 Re6 48.h5 *(48.b5 g6=)* 48...Re1 49.b5 Re6 50.Kf4 **Δ** ♖e5+- Re1 51.Re5 Rb1 *(51...Rd1 52.Ke4 Kf7 53.Rd5* Dies ist nicht aussichtsreicher für Schwarz. *)* 52.Ke4 Kf7 *(52...Rb4+ 53.Kd3 Kf7 54.Kc3)* 53.Kd4 Kf6 54.Rc5 Schwarz ist ohne Rettung.;

B2) 44...Ke8 Dies führt zum Remis.

B2a) 45.Rxg7 Rb6 46.Rf7 *(46.Rh7 Kf8=)* 46...Rxg6 *(46...Rxb4 47.Rf4 Rb7 48.Kh3 Rg7 49.Rf6 Ke7 50.Ra6 Kf8=)* 47.Rf4 *(47.Rf5?! h4)* 47...Rg5= 48.Kh3 Ke7 49.Kh4 Rb5 Weiß kann nicht mehr gewinnen.;

B2b) 45.Rf5 h4 46.gxh4

B2b1) 46...Rxg6+

B2b11) 47.Rg5

B2b111) 47...Rd6 48.h5 **Δ**49.b5 nebst Aktivierung des Königs läßt Schwarz ohne Möglichkeiten zu einer erfolgreichen Gegenwehr. *(48.Rxg7 Rd4 49.b5 Rb4 50.h5 Rxb5 51.h6 Kf8* Diese Zugfolge reicht nicht zum Gewinn. *)*;

B2b112) 47...Rb6 48.b5 g6 49.Kf3 Kd7 Weiß kann keinen Gewinn erzwingen. 50.Rd5+ *(50.Ke4 Rb8)* 50...Ke6 51.Ke4 Rb8 52.Rg5 Kd7

B2b1121) 53.Kd4 Rh8 54.Rg4 *(54.Kc5 Kc7)* 54...Rh5 Dies ist nicht aussichtsreicher.;

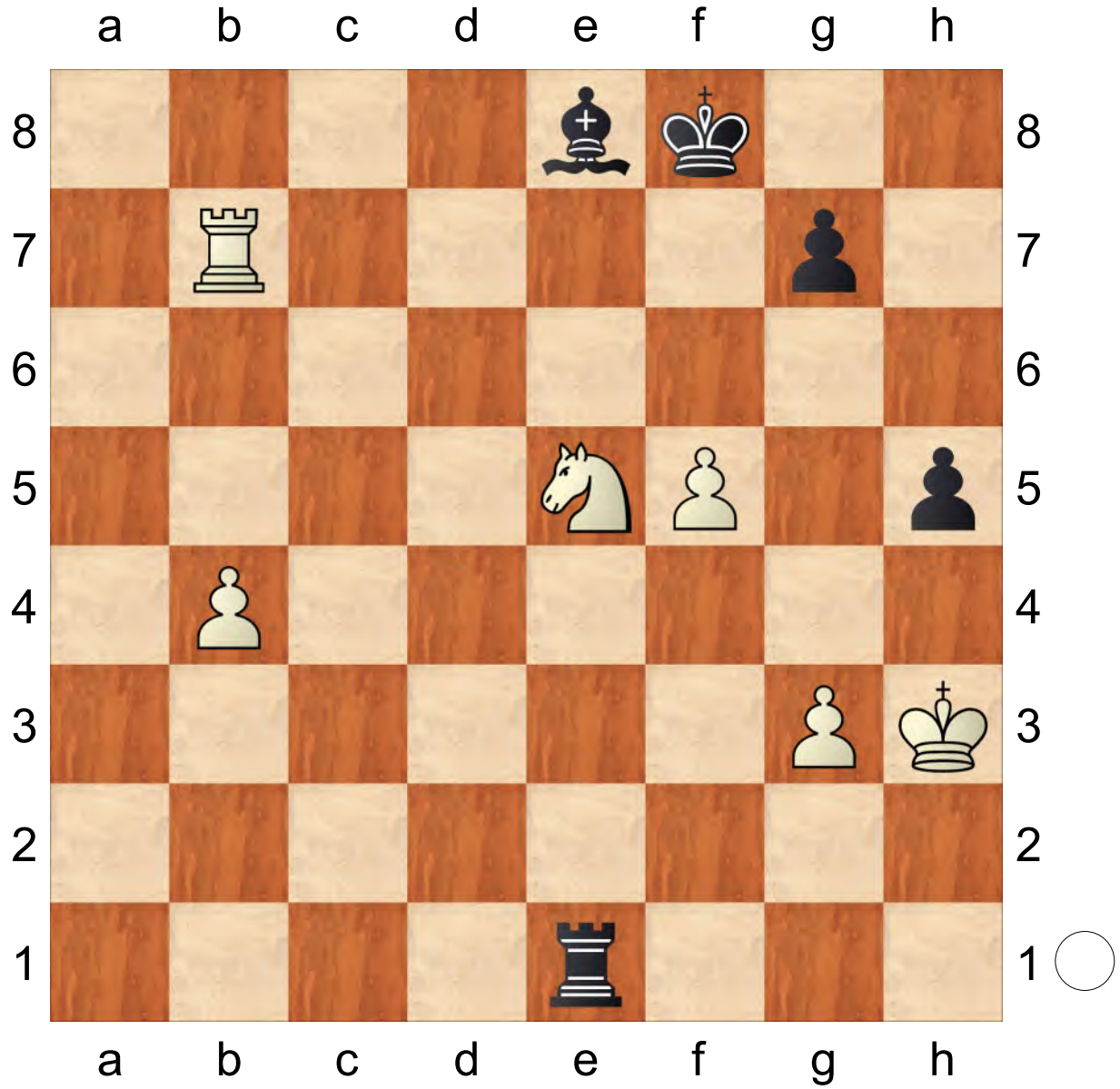
B2b1122) 53.Kf4 Ke7 54.Rc5 Kd6 55.Rc6+ Kd7 Weiß kommt nicht weiter.;

B2b12) 47.Kf3 Rg1 48.Rg5 *(48.h5 g6=)* 48...Rb1 49.b5 **Δ**50.h5 mit gewinnträchtiger Stellung. *(49.Rg4 Rb3+ 50.Ke2 g6= 51.Kd2 Kd7 52.Kc2 Rh3* Weiß kommt nicht weiter. *53.Rc4 Rg3* **Δ**54... g5 *54.b5 g5 55.h5 Rh3 56.b6 Rxh5 57.b7 Rh8=; 49.h5 g6=)* 49...g6= Ein Schlüsselzug! Jetzt sichert das Gegenspiel gegen den h-Bauern dem Schwarzen das Remis.;

B2b2) ⌓46...Re4

B2b21) 47.h5 Rxb4 48.Kg3 Rb3+ 49.Kg4 Rb4+ 50.Kg5 *(50.Rf4 Rxf4+ 51.Kxf4 Kf8 52.Kf5 Kg8 53.Ke6 Kh8 54.h6 Kg8=)* 50...Rb1 Weiß kommt nicht weiter.;

B2b22) 47.b5 Rxh4 48.Kf3 Rb4 49.Ke3 Ke7 50.Kd3 Ke6 51.Kc3 Rb1 52.Rc5 Kd6 53.Rg5 *(53.Rc6+ Kd5; 53.Rf5 Rg1)* 53...Rf1 **Δ**54... Tf6 Es ist keine Gewinnmöglichkeit für Weiß zu entdecken.]



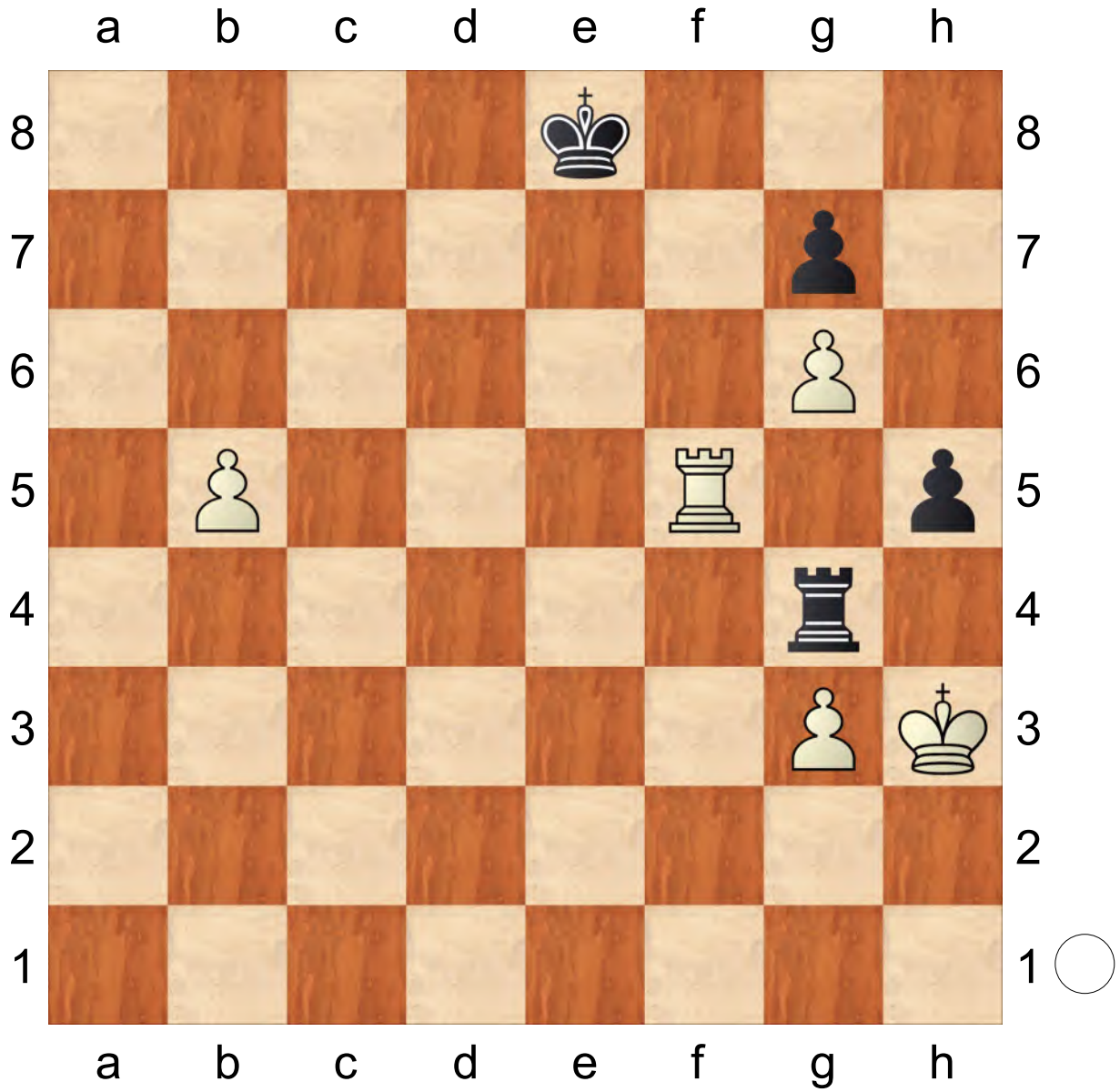
41.Ng6+ 51 **Bxg6** 60
[41...Kg8 42.b5 Rb1 43.Ne7+ Kf7 *(43...Kf8 44.b6)* 44.Nd5+ Kf8 45.Nc7 Bd7 46.Ne6+ Bxe6 47.fxe6 Re1 48.Rb8+ Ke7 49.b6 Rxe6 50.b7 Rb6 51.Rg8+-]
42.fxg6 51 **Re6** 60 **43.Rb5** 48
[43.Rf7+
A) 43...Ke8+- 44.Rxg7 Rb6 45.Rf7 Rxg6 *(45...Rxb4 46.Rf4 Rb7 47.Kh4+-)* 46.Rf5+- Weiß behält zwei Mehrbauern. Rb6 47.b5;
B) 43...Kg8 44.Rf5 Rxg6 45.Rxh5
B1) 45...Kf7 46.Re5 Kf6 Der schwarze Turm gerät in eine nicht beneidenswerte Lage.
B1a) 47.Rc5 Rh6+ 48.Kg4 Rh1 *(48...Rh8; 48...Rh8)* 49.Rc6+ Δ 50.Kg5+-;
B1b) 47.Re4 Kf5 48.Rf4+ Ke5 49.Kh4+-;

B2) 45...Rf6 46.Re5 Δ ♖e4+-;
B3) 45...Re6 46.Rf5+- Der schwarze König bleibt noch wirksamer vom Damenflügel abgeschnitten.]

43...Re4 33
[43...Rxg6 44.Rxh5+- Ke7 45.Re5+ Kd6 46.Ra5 Hiernach sollte dem Weißen der Sieg nicht allzu schwer fallen; er dringt mit seinem König am Königsflügel vor.]

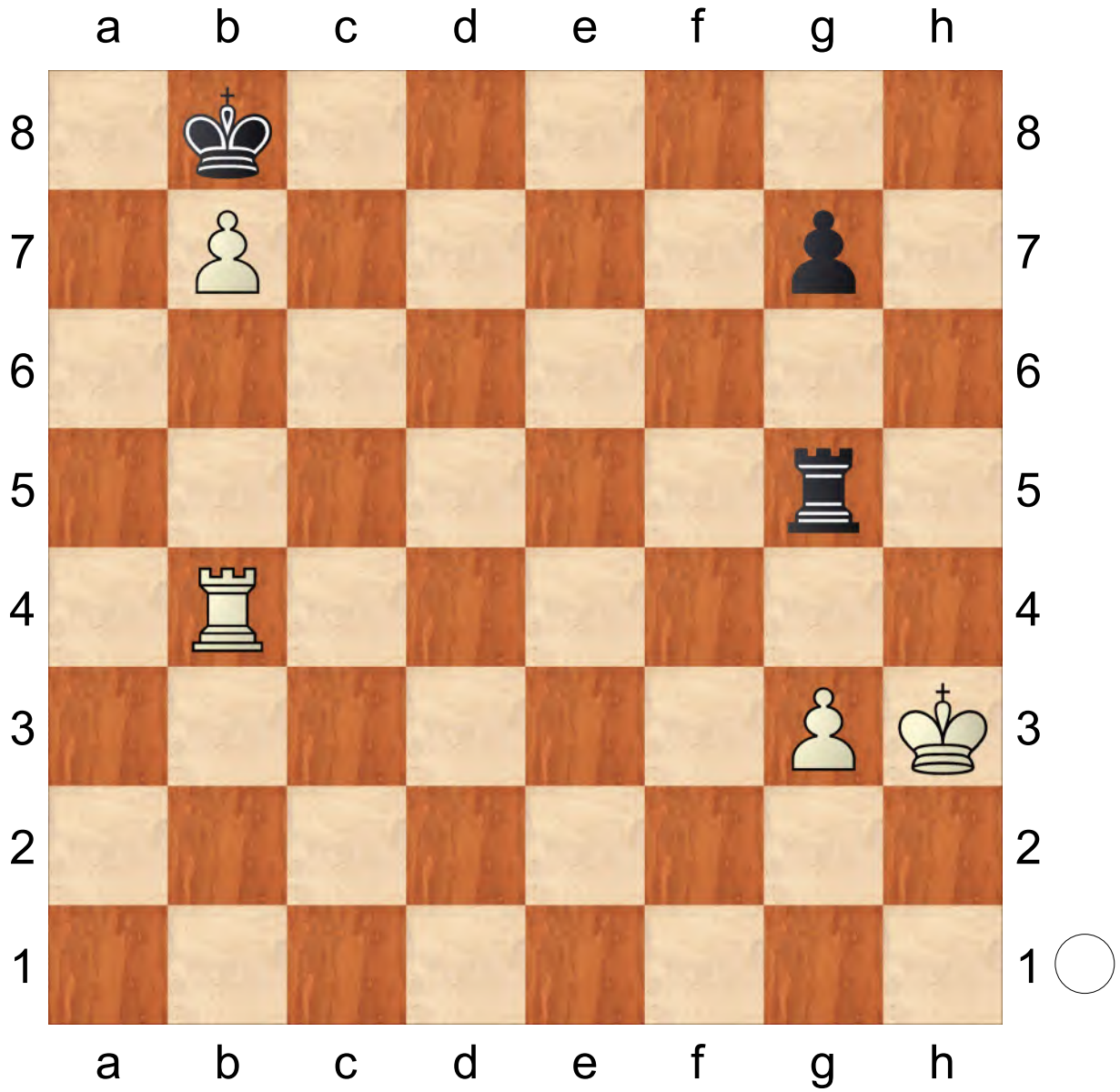
44.Rf5+ 48 **Ke8** 31
[44...Ke7 45.Rf4 Re6 46.Rf7++- Ke8 *(46...Kd6 47.Rxg7+-)* 47.Rxg7 Dies führt in die beim 43.Zug von Weiß angegebenen Abspiele.]

45.b5 47 **Rg4** 29



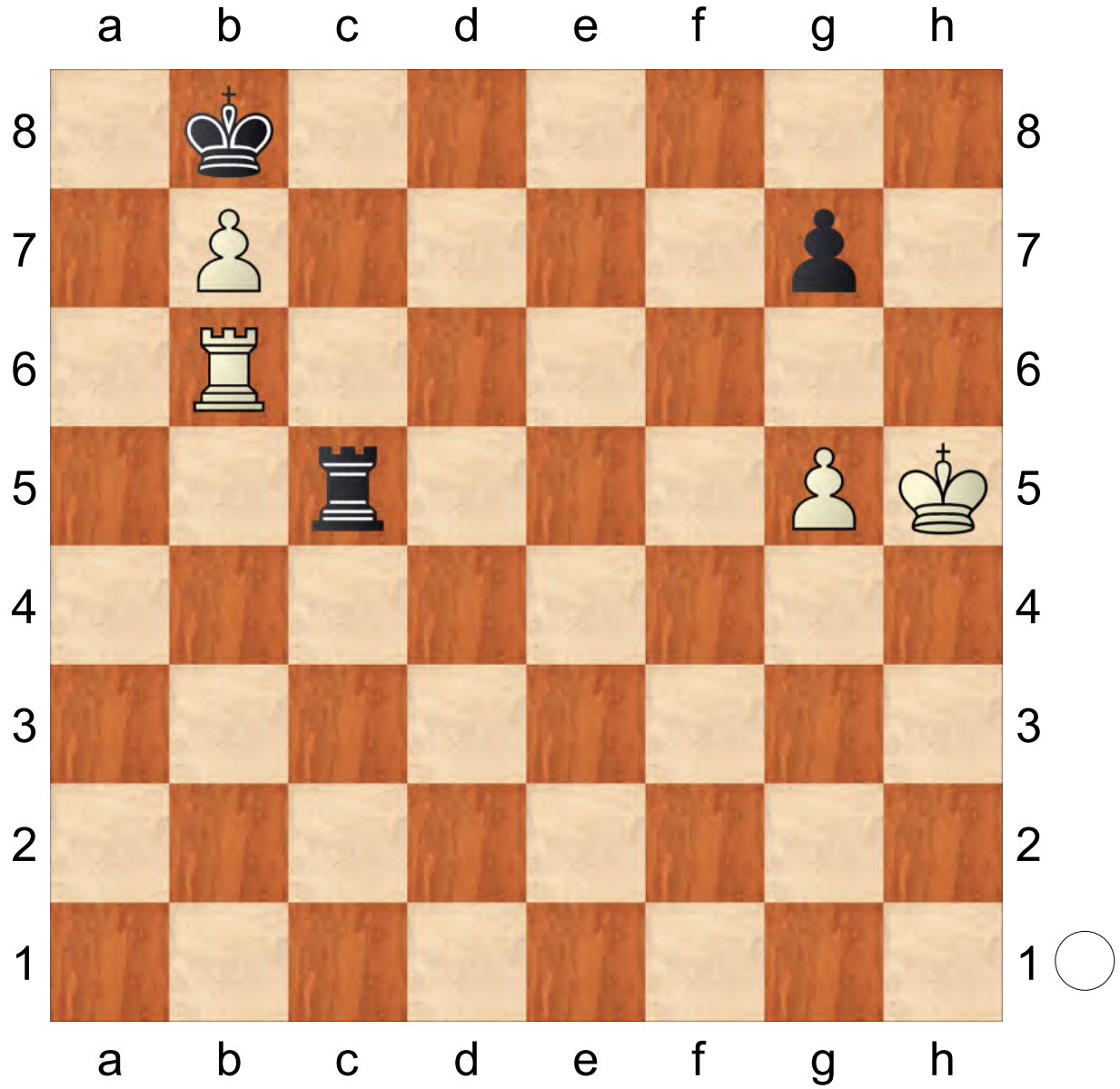
46.Rxh5 47 **Rxg6** 29 **47.Rh4** 39
[47.Kh4!?+- einfacher]
[47.Rd5!?+- einfacher]

47...Rg5 20
[47...Kd7 48.Rg4 Rh6+ 49.Kg2 g6 50.Rg5+-]
[47...Rb6 48.Rb4 Ke7 49.Kg4
A) 49...Kd6 50.Kg5 Kc5 51.Rb1 Kc4 52.g4 Kc3 *(52...Kd4 53.Kf5)* 53.Rd1 Rxb5+ 54.Kg6 Rb7 55.g5 Kc4 56.Kh7 Kc5 57.g6 Kc6 58.Rf1 Δ59.Tf7+- Δ ♖f7;
B) 49...Kf6 50.Kf4 Ke6 51.Ke4 Kd6 52.Kd4 Rb7 53.b6 Kc6 54.Ke5 Re7+ 55.Kf5 Kb7 56.Kg6+-]
[47...Kd8 48.Rd4+ Kc7 49.Rd5+- nebst Vordringen des weißen Königs. Der Sieg ist nicht schwer zu erringen.]
48.Rb4 38 **Kd7** 20 **49.b6** 38 **Kc8** 20 **50.b7+** 38 **Kb8** 20



51.Rb6 28 [×g6] **51...Re5** 18 **52.Kh4** 27 **Rd5** 15
[52...Re7 53.Kg5 Schwarz kommt im Bauernendspiel um ein Tempo zu spät.

Rxb7 54.Rxb7+ Kxb7 55.Kg6 Kc6 56.Kxg7 Kd5 57.g4+-]
53.g4 26 **Re5** 12 **54.g5** 25 **Rd5** 10 **55.Kh5** 25 **Rc5** 8



56.Kg6 25 **Rd5** 5 **57.Rb1** 25 **Rc5** 3 **58.Rg1** 23 **Rc7** 1 **59.Rf1** 23

(Diagram)

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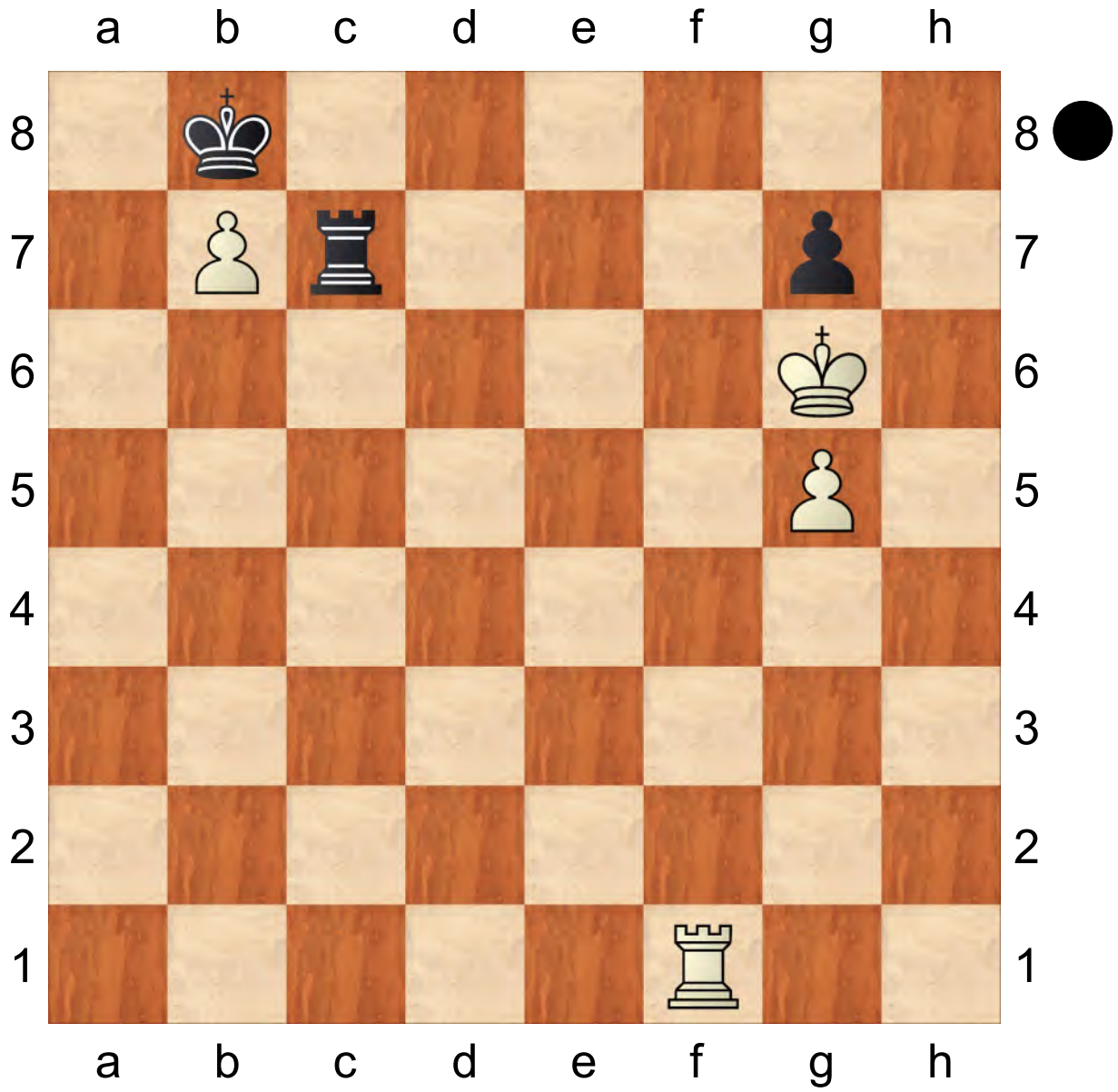
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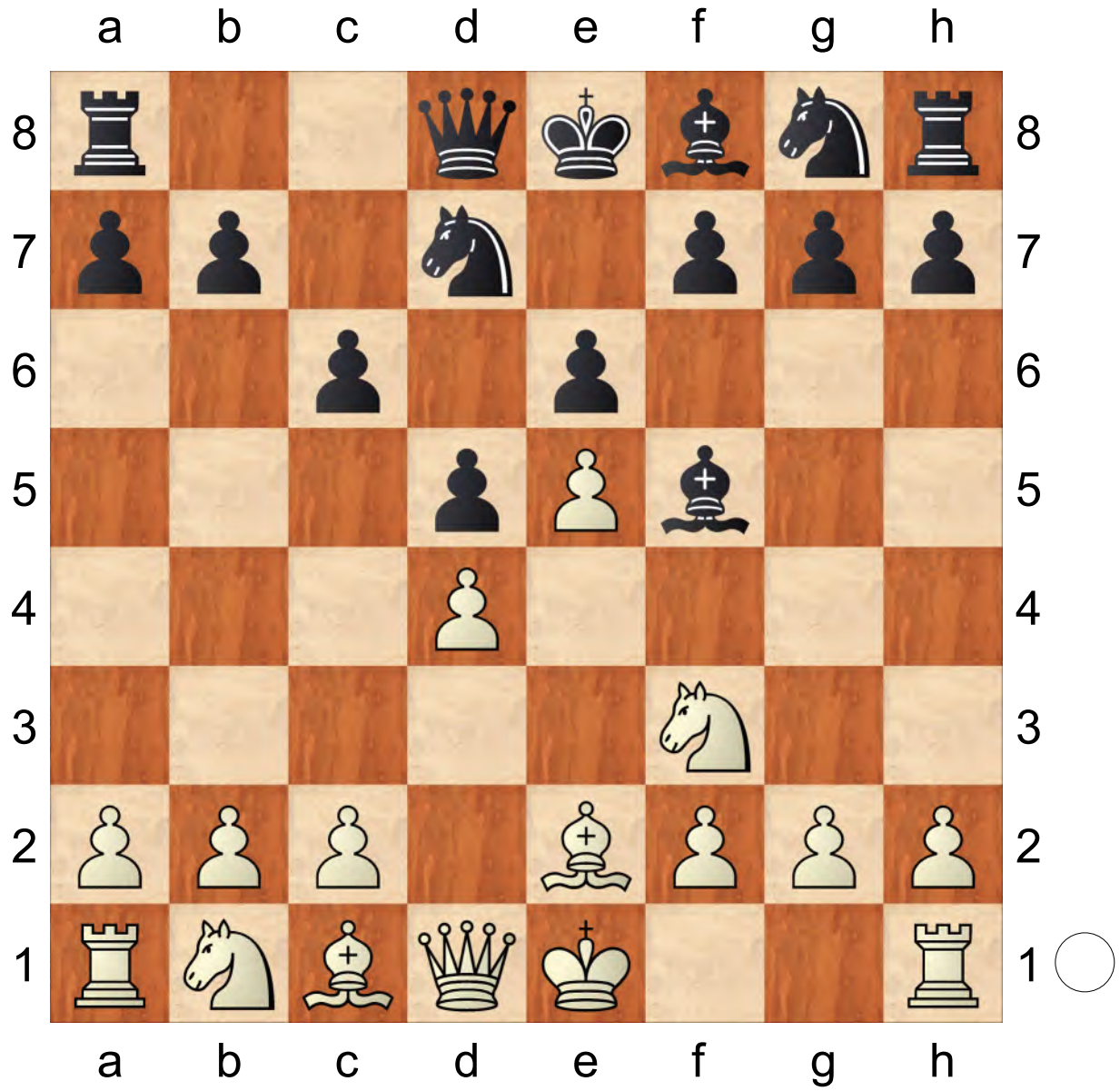
1.e4 Lukacs **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7**



6.0-0 Bg6 7.c3

[7.Nfd2?! is rather sophysticated. Nh6 8.c4 Be7 *(8...Nf5!?)* 9.c5

A) 9...0-0 10.b4 f6 11.Nb3 Nf7 *(11...fxe5 12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nd4 Rf6∞)*

A1) 12.Bf4 cannot hold × e5 for long. Be4 *(12...fxe5 13.dxe5 Nfxe5*

immediately is punished by *14.Nd4!)* 13.N1d2 g5!? *(13...fxe5 14.dxe5 Nfxe5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qc2⩱)* 14.exf6 Bxf6 So Black has eliminated the strong e5 ♙. 15.Bg3 *(15.Nxe4!? gxf4 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6)* 15...Bg6 16.Nf3 e5= Sutovsky-Slipak, Villa Martelli 1997;

A2) ⌓12.f4 keeping White's space advantage.;

B) 9...Nf5! 10.Nf3 0-0∞]

[7.Na3?! misplaces the ♘. Nh6 *(7...Ne7!?)* 8.c4 Nf5 9.c5 White cannot hold his vanguard on c5 because of the bad a3 ♘. h5 10.Nc2 a5 11.Bf4 b6 White's space advantage is vanishing soon. 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.b3 c5 blowing up White's ⊞ completely. 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bd3 Ne7 16.h3 h4 17.Rb1 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nf5= D.Herman-Slipak, Buenos Aires 1998]

[7.Nbd2

A) 7...Ne7 8.c3 *(8.c4* is again hazardous because × d5 remains in Black's hand. *dxc4 9.Nxc4 Nd5 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Rc1 h6 12.Bh4 N7b6 13.b3 Nf4 14.Bg3 Nbd5 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Nd5 17.Bf2 Ba3∓* J.Polgar-Arlandi, Jakarta 1996 *)* 8...Nf5∞;

B) 7...Nh6

B1) 8.c4

B1a) 8...Be7 9.cxd5 *(9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Nf5 11.h3 f6 12.g4 Nh6* Now × f4 is weakened. *13.Nh4 Be8 14.Kg2 fxe5 15.dxe5 Qb6 16.Nhf3 Bf7 17.Kh1∓* ½-½ Erenburg-Galkin, Istanbul 2003 *)* 9...cxd5 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Bd2 *(11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Qd2 Kg7 13.Rac1 Qb6 14.Ne1 a5 15.Nd3 Rfc8 16.Rc3 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 a4 18.Nbc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Rc8 20.Rc1* ½:½ Inarkiev-Galkin, RUS-chT 2005 *)* 11...f6 This blow secures Black enough counterplay. 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Ba5 Qe7 14.Qd2 Rfc8 15.Bc3 Nf7 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3∞ and although the backward e6 ♙ is a structural weakness, but the c3 ♗ is passive, Volokitin-Pogorelov, Istanbul 2003.;

B1b) 8...Nf5 9.b3 f6!? *(9...Be7 10.Bb2 0-0)* 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.exf6 Qxf6 12.Bb2 Bd6 13.Ne5!? Nxe5 *(13...0-0-0?! 14.Ndf3±* - Roiz-Burmakin, Istanbul 2003 CBM 96*)* 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bb5+ Kf7 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Nf3 Qf6 18.Re1⩲;

B2) 8.b3 Bb4 9.Bb2 0-0 10.a3 Ba5 11.c4 f6 12.b4 Bc7 13.Nb3 Bh5 14.Nfd2 Bg6 15.Nf3 Bh5∞ with repetition of moves, Lutz-Schlosser, Germany 1997.;

B3) 8.c3 - 7.c3;

B4) 8.Nb3 Nf5 9.c3 Be7 *(9...a6* - 7.c3 a6 8. ♘bd2 ♘h6*)* 10.g4!? Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.f4 f5 13.exf6 *(13.g5* cannot catch the trapped ♗ because of *Qe7 14.Nd2 h6! 15.Nf3 hxg5 16.fxg5 Bh5! 17.Nxh4 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Rxh4* Δ 0-0-0*; 13.h3 Qe7* Δ 0-0-0 *)* 13...Bxf6 *(13...Qxf6 14.Nd2 h5 15.g5 Qf5 16.Nf3 Qg4+ 17.Kh1 Be4 18.Bd3±)* 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 The × e6 is a target, but White's ♗ is passive, and his » is a bit weakened.

B4a) 15...g6 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Rae1 0-0 *(17...0-0-0!?⇄* looked more

exciting! *)* 18.Kh1 Rae8 19.f5!? - Delchev-Schlosser, France 2003 CBM 95 *(19.Re2=)*;

B4b) 15...0-0=]

[7.c4 immediately allows Black to build up a stronghold on d5. dxc4! 8.Bxc4 Nb6 9.Be2 Ne7 10.Nc3 Ned5 The ♘ is wonderful here blockading the backward ♙. 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Bxg6 fxg6!? *(12...hxg6)* 13.Ne4 0-0 14.Ne1 Nf4 15.Be3 Nbd5∞ Magomedov-Rogers, Yerevan 1996]

[7.a3!? Since White's main plan is to play c4, this move doesn't help much for that. Nh6! 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.c4 *(9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Nf5 11.Re1 c5=)* 9...0-0 10.b3 *(10.b4 a5! 11.b5 c5⇄)* 10...f6! This is Black's main counterplay. *(10...Nf5 11.Bb2)*

A) 11.exf6 gives more freedom for the black pieces. Bxf6 12.Bb2 Nf5= *(12...Nf7!? 13.Re1 e5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.dxe5 Ndxe5 16.Nd4 Qb6∞)*;

B) 11.Bb2

B1) 11...Nf7?! is strongly met by the forceful 12.Nh4! fxe5 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bg4!±;

B2) 11...Nf5 12.g4 *(12.exf6 Bxf6)* 12...Nh6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.h3 Nf7 Δ e5;

B3) 11...a5 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Re1 Qc7 14.Rc1 Nf5 15.Nf1 Rae8 16.Bd3 Qf4 17.g3 Qh6 18.Bc3 Qh3 19.Ne3 Bd8 20.Ng2 Nd6 21.Bf1 Qf5 22.Nf4 Ne4 23.Bh3 Qf7 24.Bb2 Bf5∞ Nijboer-Bartel, Istanbul 2003;

B4) 11...fxe5 12.dxe5 Nf5 - Nijboer-Dautov, Essen 2001 CBM 83]

[7.Be3 The ♗ is usually badly placed here. Nh6 8.Nbd2

A) 8...Be7!? 9.Bxh6 *(9.Re1 Nf5 10.Bf4* White's setup lacks harmony. *0-0 11.g4 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Nf3 Be7 14.Bd3 c5∓* Bernardo-Slipak, Mar del Plata 1997*)* 9...gxh6 Black is not afraid of his corrupted ♙ structure, because of the ⊡, ⇔ g and quick development. 10.c4 0-0 11.Kh1 *(11.cxd5 cxd5)* 11...f6! 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Qb3 *(13.Re1)* 13...Qb6= Klimpel-M.Tseitlin, Wiesbaden 1996;

B) 8...Nf5 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Nb3 c5 11.dxc5 *(11.c4!? dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5∓* Solak-Hellsten, Halle 1995 *)* 11...Nxc5=]

[⌓7.b3 This is the consistant plan preparing for c2-c4. Nh6 8.c4 *(8.Bb2* is not important at all. *f6! 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bc5 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Bc1 Nf5 15.c3 0-0∓* Schoenberger-Doettling, Schwaebisch Gmuend 2000*)* 8...Nf5 *(8...Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bb2 a6* Black is playing rather passively. *11.Qd2 Bh5 12.Rad1 Kh8 13.Ne1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nf5 15.Nc2 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne3±* Luther-Kachiani Gersinska Bad Wiessee 1998*)* 9.Nc3 *(9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7* helps only for Black to finish his development and blow up White's ⊞ by f7-f6. *11.c5 0-0 12.b4 Bh5 13.Nc3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 f6∓* Calzetta Ruiz-Piankov, Linares 2000*; 9.Bb2 Be7)*

A) 9...a6?! is again too slow: 10.g4! Nh4 11.Nxh4 Qxh4 12.f4 Bb4 13.Bd2 h5 14.g5 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Be4 16.Rc1 Nf8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bd3+- Smirin-Blocker, Philadelphia 1996;

B) 9...Be7 10.Bb2 0-0
B1) 11.Qd2 a6?! is again slow. 12.c5! b6 13.b4 a5 14.a3 White can keep his space advantage on the «. Qb8 15.h3 h5 16.Bd3 Nh4 17.Nxh4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxh4 19.Rab1 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.f4 g6 *(21...Be7? 22.f5±* Kallai-Metz, Budapest 1995*)* 22.g4! hxg4 23.hxg4± with a huge space advantage on both flanks.;
B2) 11.g4!?;
C) 9...Bb4 10.Bb2 *(10.Bd2 0-0 11.a3 Be7 12.g4 Nh6 13.h3 Kh8 14.Be3 Ng8 15.Qd2 f6∞* Lane-Rogers, Suncoast 1999 *)* 10...0-0 11.a3
C1) 11...Be7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.g4! *(13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Ne2 Nh4* Black is happy to exchange the light-squared ♗. *15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.f4 Qc7 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.Bxg6 fxg6* fighting against f4-f5 *19.Qd3 Be7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.g3 Nb8*= Flores-Gomez Baillo, Buenos Aires 1999*)* 13...Nh6 14.Ne1 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 *(15...Bxf6 16.f4±)* 16.h4 f5 17.g5 Bxg5 This piece sacrifice doesn't solve Black's problems. 18.hxg5 Qxg5+ 19.Ng2 f4 20.Qd2 Rf7 (Wahls-Rogers, GER-chT 1996) 21.Rae1 Kh8 22.Bf3± parrying all the threats.;
C2) 11...Ba5!? 12.Rc1 a6 13.b4 Bc7 14.cxd5 *(14.c5!? f6)* 14...cxd5 15.Bd3 Nb6 × c4 16.Ne2 Ne7 17.Nf4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nc4= Zarnicki-Slipak, Villa Gisel 1998]

7...a6
[7...Nh6
A) 8.Re1 Nf5 9.Nbd2 Be7
A1) 10.Nf1 0-0 Lukacs: '- 8. ♖e1' 11.Ne3 The exchanges on f5 help for Black. *(11.Be3 c5 12.a3 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.b4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nxe3 16.Nxe3 Nb8 17.Qd2 Be4 18.Rc3 Rxc3 19.Qxc3 Qc6 20.Qxc6 Nxc6=* Arzumanian-Kornev, Tula 2002*)* 11...c5 12.Bd3 Nxe3 13.Bxe3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qd3 The position has some similarities to the Slav. Nb8 improving the ♘'s position. 17.a3 Re8 18.Red1 Qb6 19.Rab1 Rc6 20.Bg5 Bf8 This is the "good" ♗ because of the ♙ structure, so Black wants to keep it. 21.Bd2 Rec8 22.h4 Qa6= Gallagher-P.Schlosser, GER 1997;
A2) 10.b3 0-0 Black has successfully finished the development, and gets counterplay after c6-c5. 11.Bb2 c5= - Lutz-Dautov, GER-chT 1997 CBM 63;
B) 8.Nbd2 Be7 *(8...a6 -* 7..a6 *)*
B1) 9.g3 Δ h4 0-0 10.h4 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Nb3 The fight for × e5 begins. Nf7 13.Nh2 Δ h5 capturing the ♗. Nd6 14.h5 Bf7 15.f4 × e6 is fixed. c5 Black sacrifices a ♙ in order to execute the frreing move e5. 16.dxc5 Ne4 17.Kg2 e5 *(17...Ndxc5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.Ng4 Ne4 20.Be3±; 17...a5!? 18.a4 Ndxc5 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Ng4±)* 18.Ng4± Am. Rodriguez-Slipak, Villa Ballester 1999;
B2) 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nf1 Nf5 - 8.♖e1;
B3) 9.Nb3 0-0 10.Bxh6 gxh6 Corrupting Black's ♙ structure. Now Black has

to prepare for c5 or f6 blowing up White's strong ⊞. 11.Qd2 Kg7 12.Rae1 a5 13.Nc1 c5 14.Bb5 Nb6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nd3 Be7 17.Nd4± Vallejo Pons-Pedersen, GER-chT 2004;

C) 8.Na3

C1) 8...Nf5 9.Nc2 c5 10.Nce1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 - 8.. ♗e7 *(11...Qb6!? 12.Qa4±)*;

C2) 8...Be7 9.Nc2 Nf5 10.Nce1 This ♘ manoeuvre looks slowish, although not without reason.

C2a) 10...Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.g3 Be7 13.Ng2 *(13.h4 h6 14.Ng2 0-0 15.Nf4 Be4 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 c5 18.Qe2 Rc8⇄* Sutovsky-Pantsulaia, World Team Ch 2005*)* 13...h6 14.Nf4 finally the ♘ has found his right place. Be4 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rc1 c5 17.Bg4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Bg5 19.Qd2 Nb8!? **Δ** ♘c6 20.h4 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 White's ♕ can be effective later. Nc6 22.Bc5± Perunovic-Anastasian, ETC Gothenberg 2005;

C2b) 10...0-0 11.g3 c5 - 10...c5;

C2c) 10...c5

C2c1) 11.g3 against ♘h4 and sometimes ♘g2 may come. cxd4 *(11...0-0 12.h3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Nd3 h6 15.Nf4* This was the final destinatination of the white knight's journey. *Bh7 16.Bd3 Qb6 17.a4 Nb8 18.a5 Qd8 19.Bd2 Nc6∞* Volokitin-Rasmussen, GER-chT 2004/05 *)* 12.cxd4 Nb8 13.Ng2 Bh5 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 Nc6 16.Ne1 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 This type of position is fully acceptable for Black, his lack of space is balanced by × d4 and the bad ♗ on e3. 0-0 18.Nd3 Qb6= Nataf-Roussel Roozmon, Montreal 2005;

C2c2) 11.h3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nh4 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.g3 Be7 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Be4 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Nxd3 0-0 19.Be3 Rc8 20.Qa4 ½:½ Motylev-Pantsulaia, EU-ch 2005;

D) 8.Bxh6 gxh6 9.Nbd2 f6 10.Nb3!? *(10.Qb3* Lukacs *Qb6 11.exf6±* fighting for × e5. *)* 10...Bg7

D1) 11.Re1

D1a) 11...fxe5?! 12.Nxe5 *(12.dxe5 0-0)* 12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Bg4±;

D1b) 11...0-0!∞;

D2) 11.exf6 White has to give up his stronghold on e5 anyway. 11...Qxf6 The game has now a French type of character. *(11...Bxf6 12.Bd3±)* 12.Ne1 **Δ** f4 fixing the target × e6 forever. *(12.Re1 0-0 13.Bd3 Rae8∞* White cannot fully control by a piece the vital blockading square e5.*)* 12...e5! Black has now time for this freeing move. *(12...0-0* allows *13.f4 Qe7 14.Nd3 b6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 c5 17.g3±* Inarkiev-Pantsulaia, Saint Vincent 2005 *)*

D2a) 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.f4 Nd7 15.f5 Bf7 16.Bh5 0-0-0 leads to big complications. *(16...0-0 17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Nd4±)* 17.Bxf7 Qxf7 18.Nd4 Bxd4+ 19.Qxd4 Kb8 20.Nd3 Rde8 21.Rae1∞;

D2b) 13.Bg4 Bf5 *(13...0-0-0 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Nc5± with an annoying pin on the h3-c8 ⇗.)*

D2b1) It was better to hold the ⊞ by ⌓14.Nd3 Lukacs

D2b11) 14...0-0-0 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd4! This is the point! Bxg4 *(17...Qxd4?? 18.Bxf5++-)* 18.Qxg4+ Kc7 19.Rae1±;

D2b12) 14...0-0 15.f4 e4 16.Ne5± keeping the position closed against the ⧉.;

D2b2) 14.dxe5 This activates the opponent's pieces. 14...Nxe5 15.Bxf5 *(15.Bh5+ Bg6∞)* 15...Qxf5 16.Nd4 Qf7 (Bologan-Izoria, Saint Vincent 2005 CBM 110) ⌓17.Nd3 was again more precise. 0-0 *(17...0-0-0 18.f4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Rhe8 20.f5 Δ ♘e6 and go to sleep... Bxd4+ 21.cxd4 Qf6 22.Rae1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rf8 24.Re5±)* 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 *(19.Nf3 Bf6=)* 19...Bxd4+ *(19...Bxf4 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Kh1!±)* 20.Qxd4 Qf6 *(20...Rae8 21.Rf3)* 21.Qf2± with a somewhat better ♙ structure for White.]

8.Nbd2

[8.Bf4 Ne7 9.Nbd2 Nc8 10.Be3 b5 11.a4 Ncb6 12.a5 Na4 ½-½ Najer-Dreev, St Petersburg 2004]

[8.Qb3 Rb8 *(8...Qb6)* 9.Na3 b5 10.Be3 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Bxc5 Bxc5 13.Nc2 Ne7= White can blockade × d4, but this is the maximum he can get, Dochev-Nikolaidis, Nikaia 2005.]

8...Nh6 Lukacs: '- 7..a6' **9.g3** This was not urgent.

[⌓9.Nb3 immediately looked more promising. Nf5 Lukacs: '- 7.c3 a6 8.♘bd2 ♘h6' *(9...Be7* allows White to corrupt the ». *10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.Qd2±)* 10.g4 *(10.Bg5!?; 10.g3 Be7* - 9.g3 *)* 10...Nh4 11.Nxh4 Qxh4 12.f4 f5 - Parligras-Svetushkin, Calvia ol (Men) 2004 CBM 104]

9...Be7

[9...Nf5

A) 10.Ne1 Δ ♘df3, ♘g2 c5 11.Ndf3 Qb6 12.h3 *(12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Ng2 0-0-0!?)* 12...cxd4 *(12...Ne7 13.a3 Nc6 14.b4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Be3 0-0∞* and the white ♘ is far from c5, V.Popov-Dreev, Moscow 2006. *)* 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Ng2 Ne7 *(14...Nb8!?)* 15.b3 Nc6 16.Bb2 *(16.Be3 Ba3)* 16...Be7∞;

B) 10.Nb3 Be7 - 9...♗e7]

10.Nb3 Nf5

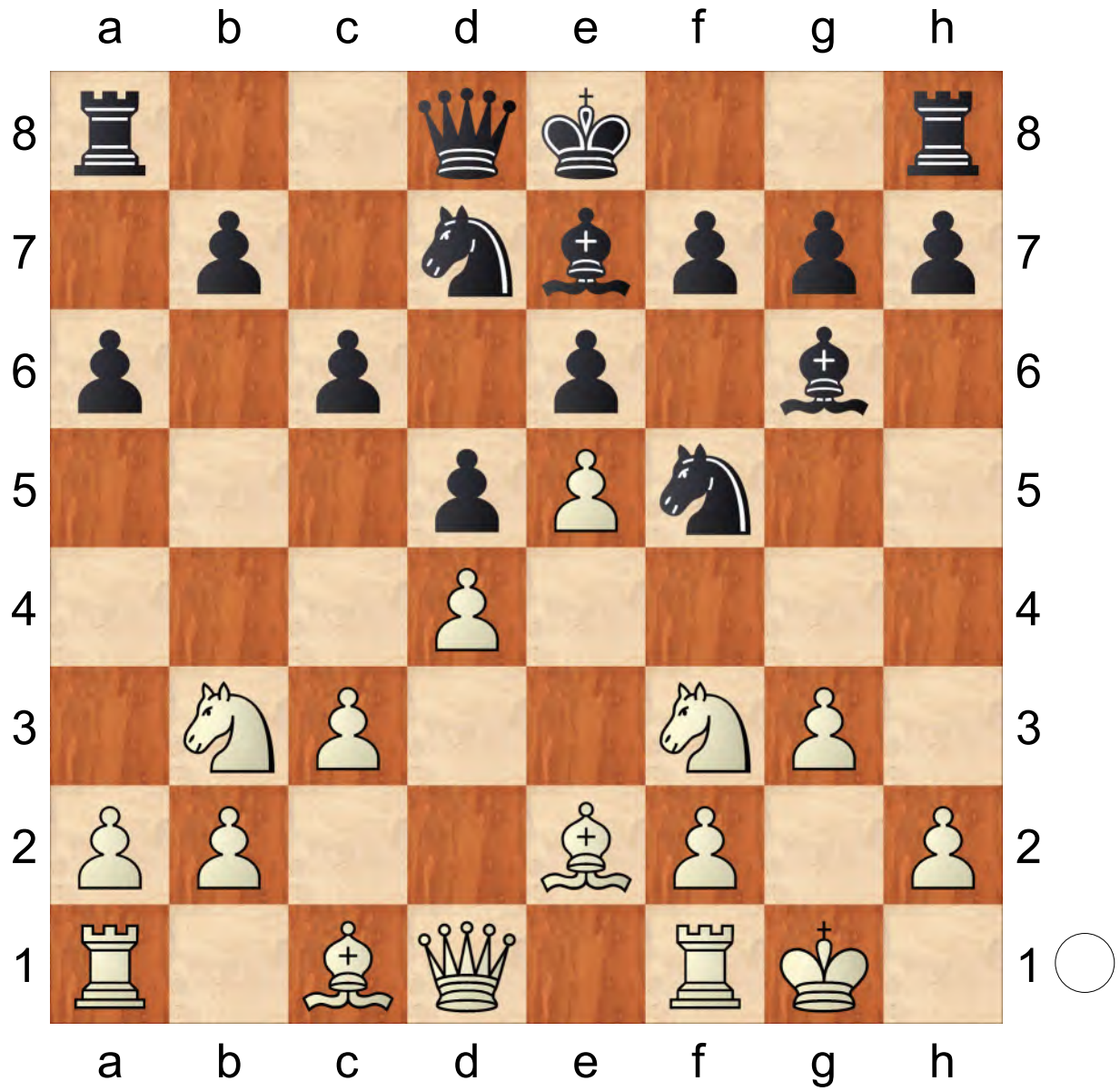
(Diagram)

Lukacs: '- 9...♗e7' Lukacs: '- 9.g3' **11.g4!? Nh4**

[11...Nh6 12.h3± The ♘ on h6 is out of play.]

12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.f4± White has some space advantage on the ». **13...f5 14.Bd3 Be7**

[14...fxg4 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxg4 Nf8 17.Nc5±]



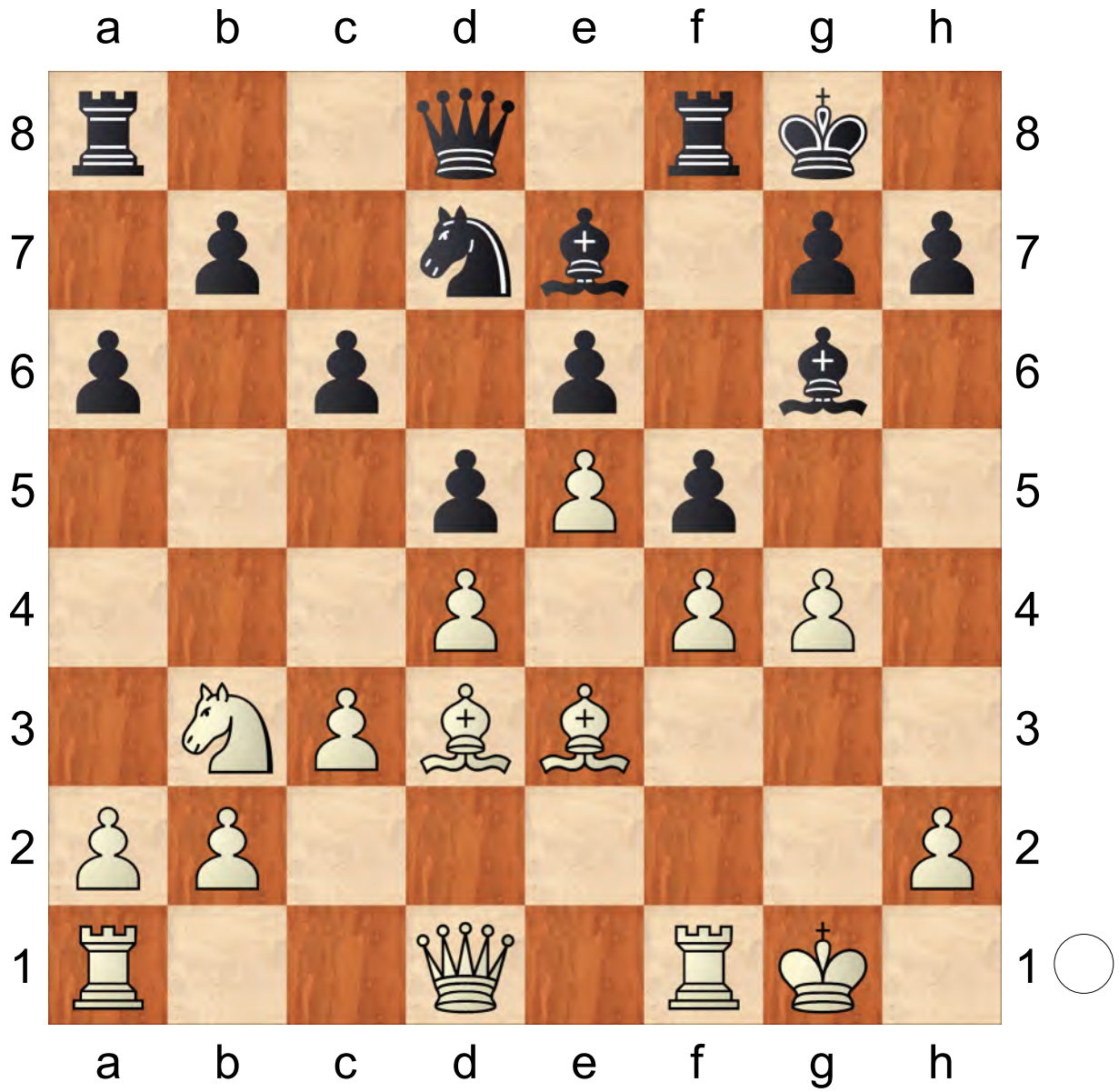
[14...Qe7 15.Na5! fighting against 0-0-0 Rb8 *(15...0-0-0?! founders on 16.Bxa6! bxa6 17.Nxc6±)* 16.gxf5 *(16.c4; 16.g5 h6⇄)* 16...Bxf5 *(16...exf5 17.Kh1±)* 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Qh6±]

15.Be3 0-0

[15...fxg4!? is the other try, the ♘ on f8 defends × g6 and e6 and later Black can castle long side. 16.Bxg6+ hxg6 17.Qxg4 Nf8 18.Rf3 Rh4 19.Qg2 Qd7 20.Rh3 Rxh3 *(20...Rh6 21.Rxh6 gxh6 22.Qh3 h5 23.Bf2 0-0-0 24.Bh4±)* 21.Qxh3 0-0-0±]

(Diagram)

16.h3 b5 Black wants to keep the position as closed as possible.



[16...b6 Δ c5 17.c4±]

17.Qe2 Qe8 18.Rad1 Why is this necessary?

[18.Kg2±]

[18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4 c5∞]

18...Rc8

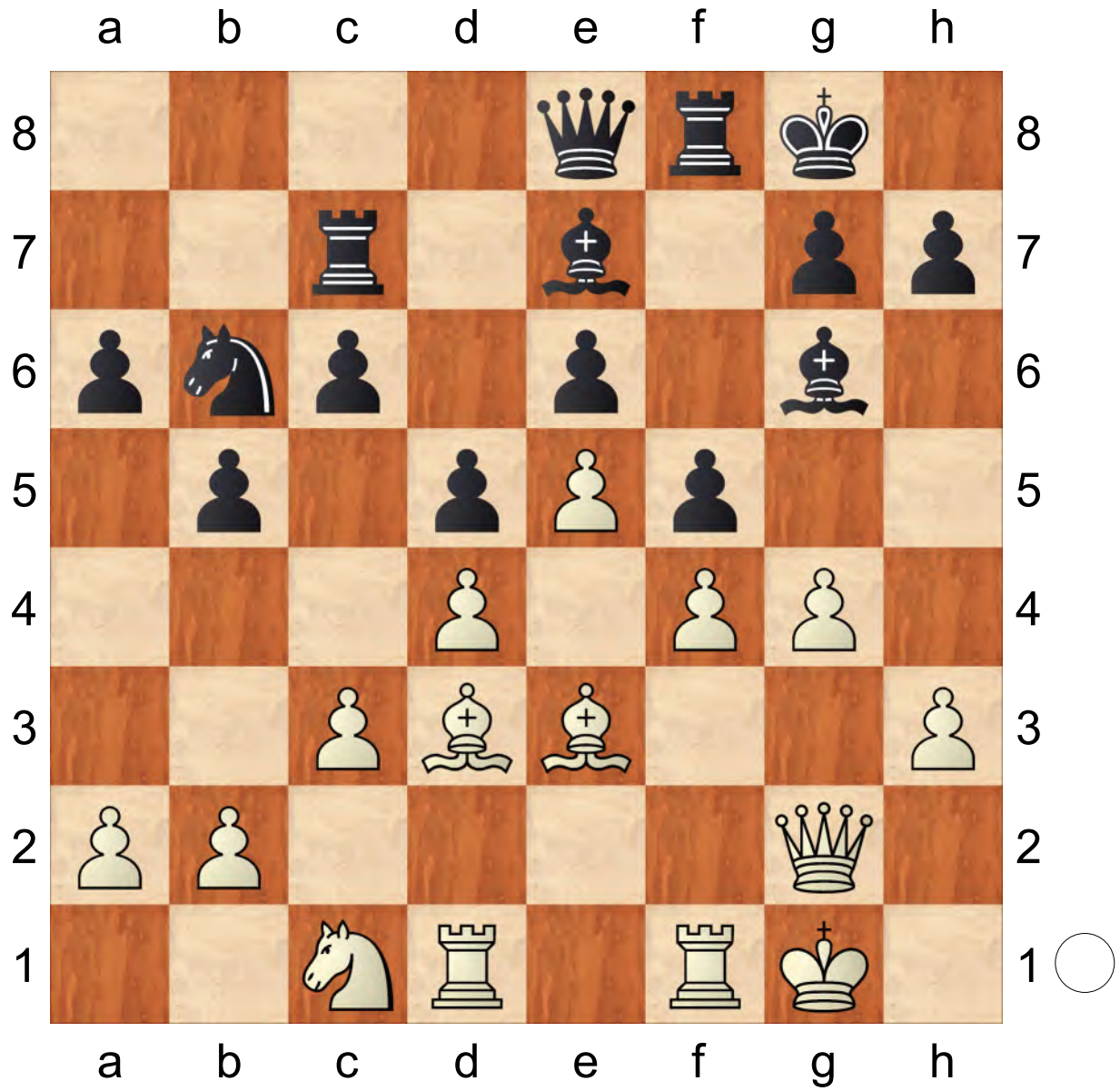
[18...a5!? Δ a4 gaining space on the «. 19.Nd2 a4 20.Kh2 Nb6∞]

19.Qg2 Rc7

[19...fxg4 20.Bxg6 Qxg6 21.hxg4 Nb6 22.Nc5 Nc4 23.Bc1 Bxc5 24.dxc5± is a favourable change of the ♙ structure.]

20.Nc1! Δ ♘e2-g3 emphasizing the pressure on the ». **20...Nb6**

[20...c5! 21.Ne2 c4 22.Bb1 Nb6 23.Ng3 b4⇄ with a counterplay on the other flank.]



Black continues his wait and see policy, but it was time to react in the ⊞. **21.Ne2 Bd8?** This is simply loss of time.

[21...fxg4 22.Bxg6 *(22.hxg4 Bxd3 23.Rxd3 Qg6 24.f5!? exf5 25.Nf4 Qxg4 26.Ne6 Qxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Rcc8 28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.Bc1±)* 22...Qxg6 23.hxg4 Nc4 24.Bc1 Rcc8 25.b3 Nb6 26.f5! exf5 27.gxf5 Rxf5 28.Rxf5 Qxf5 29.Rf1±]

[21...Nc4 22.Bc1±]

22.Bc1 Nc8

[22...Be7 23.Ng3]

23.b3! White has also some options on the «. **23...Be7**

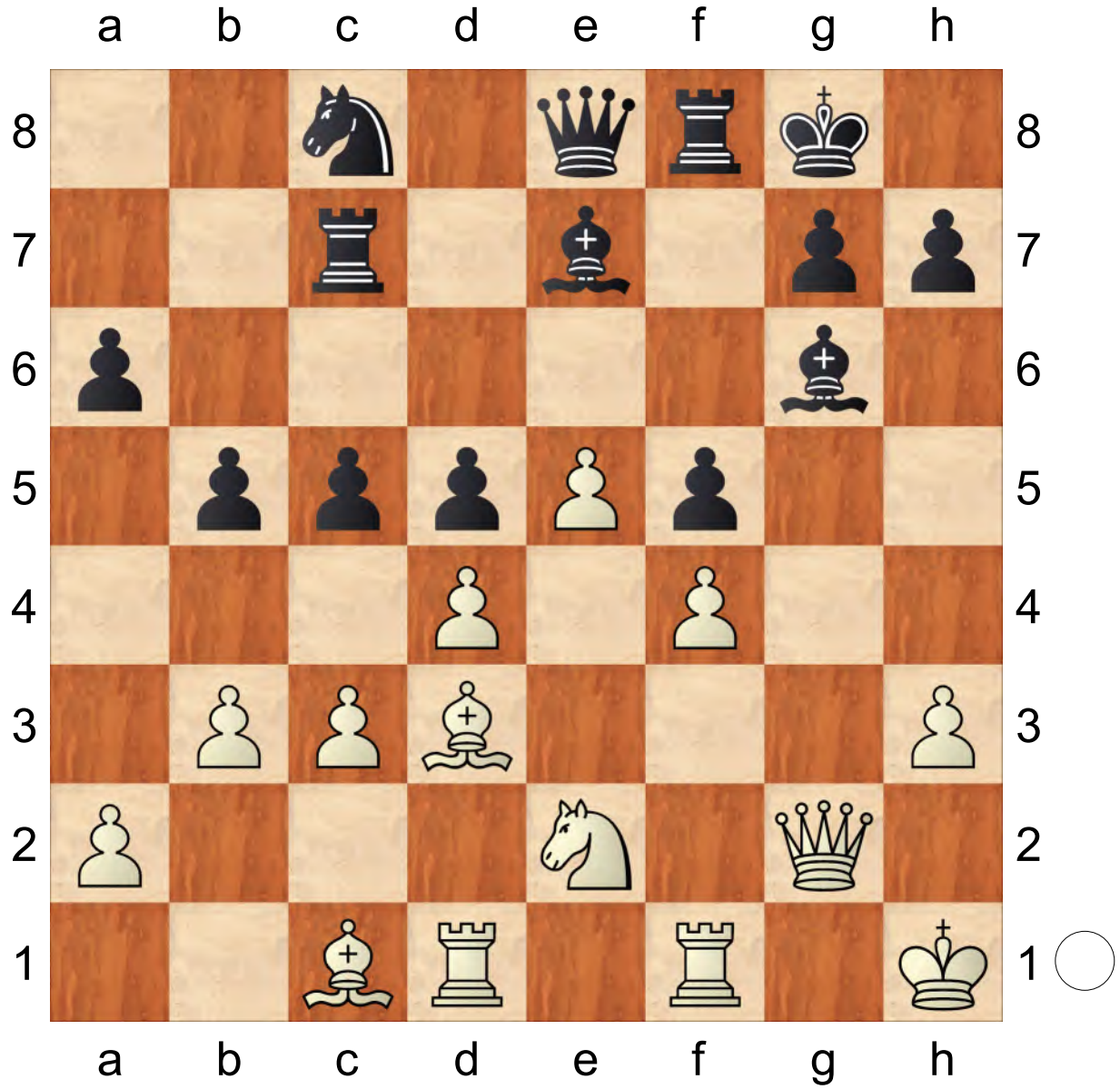
[23...Nb6 24.Ba3±]

24.Kh1 c5? Black opens up the position but not in the right time.

[24...Nb6 25.Ng3±]

25.gxf5! exf5?

[25...Bxf5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Ng3 Rf8 28.f5± was not rosy either.]



This loses quickly. **26.c4!+-** Black's ⊞ collapses, the active white pieces decide the battle in the opened position.

[26.Qxd5+ Bf7 27.Qg2± *(27.e6 Bh5)*]

26...dxc4 27.bxc4 cxd4

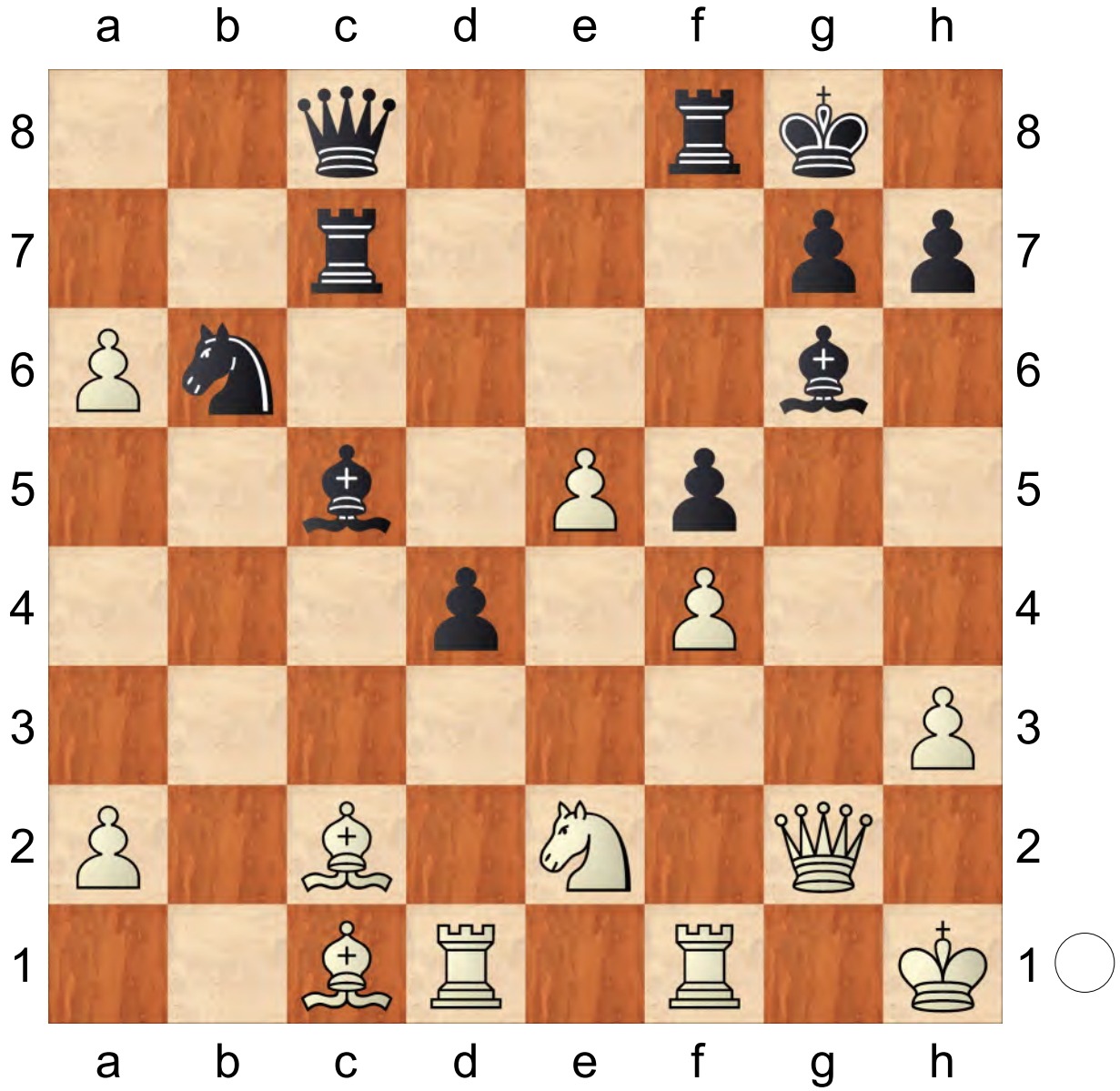
[27...bxc4 28.Bxc4+ Kh8 29.d5+- with the mighty connected passed pawns in the ⊞.]

28.cxb5 Bc5

[28...axb5 29.Nxd4+-]

29.bxa6 Nb6 30.Bc2 Qc8

(Diagram)



31.Bb3+ Kh8 32.Bb2 Be8 33.Kh2 Bc6 34.Qg3 Bb5 35.Rfe1 d3

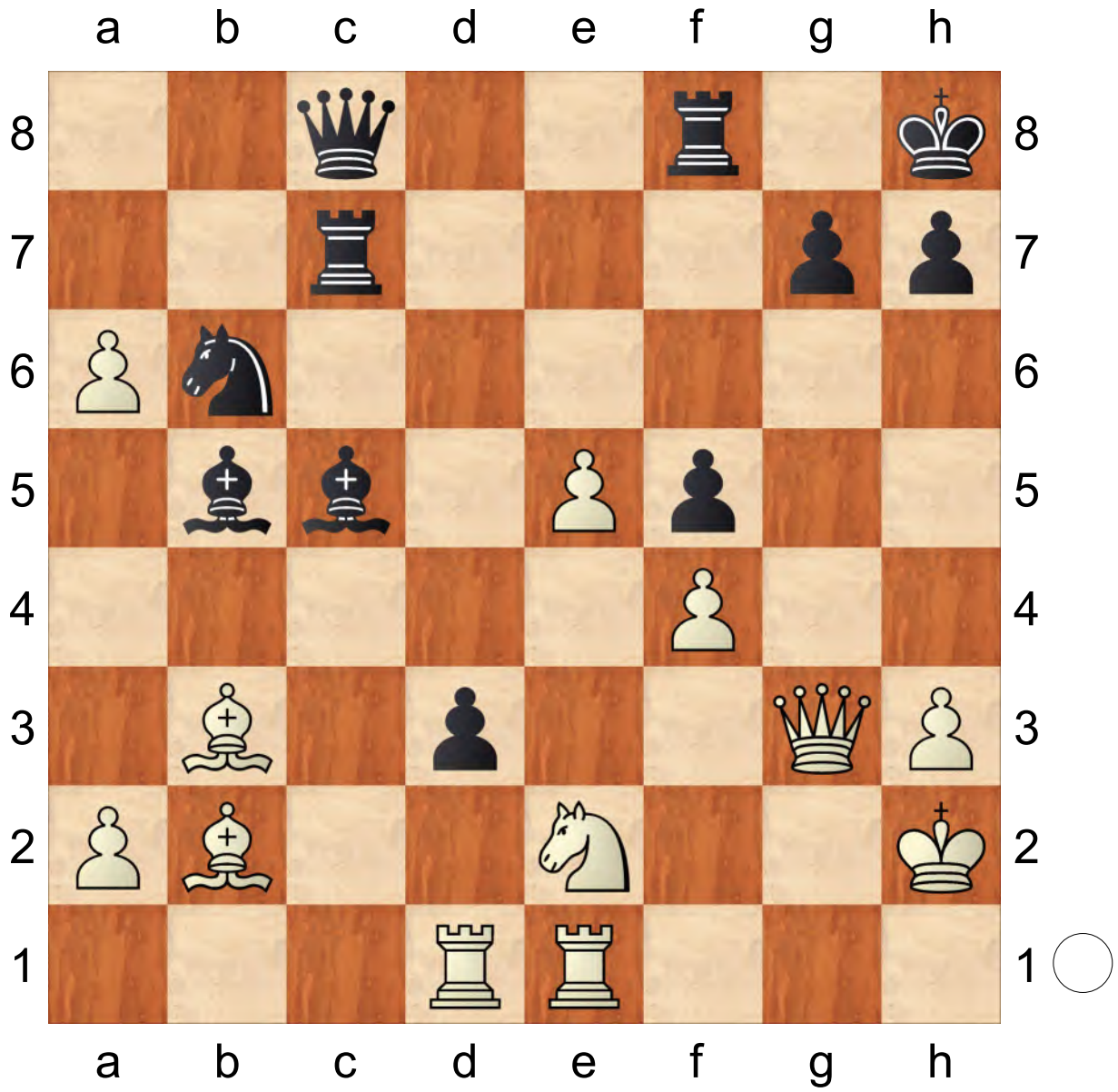
(Diagram)

36.Nd4 Bc4 37.e6
[or 37.Rxd3 Bxd3 38.Qxd3 Rd8 39.e6+-]
37...Re7 38.Rxd3! Bxd3 39.Qxd3 Qc7 40.Re5 Rd8

(Diagram)

41.Qxf5 Bb4 42.Nf3

(Diagram)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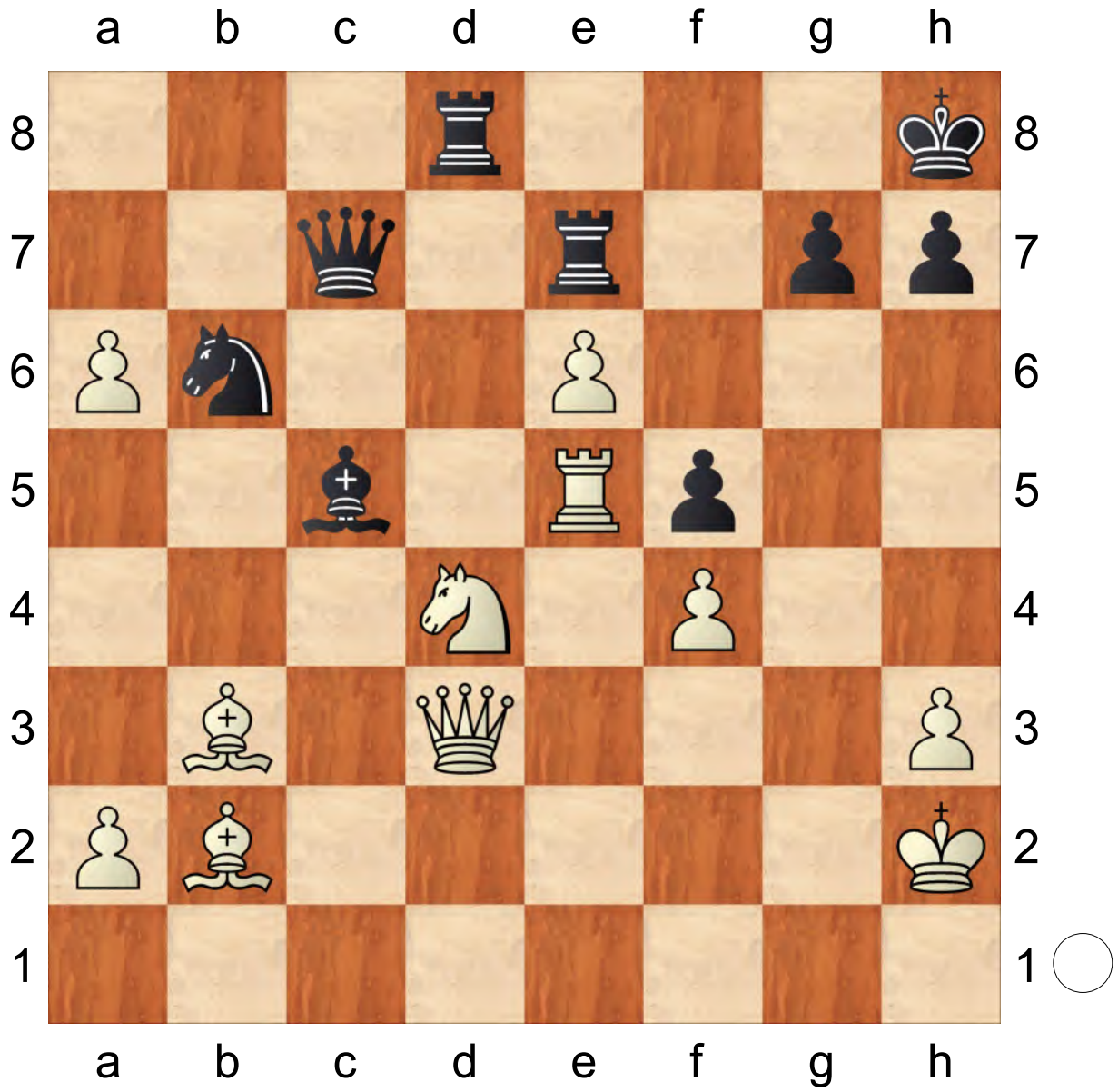
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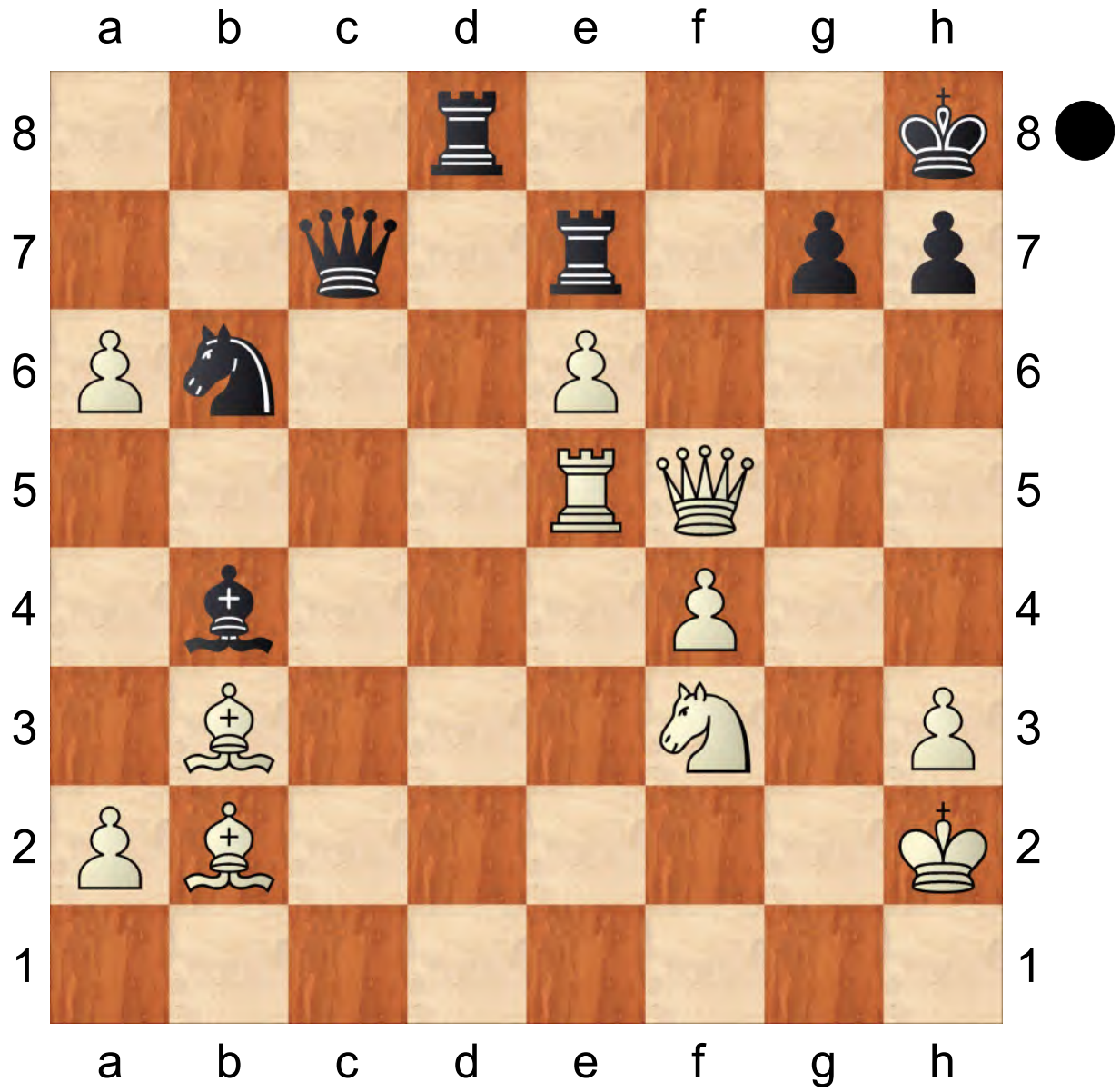

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[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky Illescas Cordoba **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Bg5 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7**

[5...Nc6?! 6.e3 *(6.Qxc4 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 Bd7 9.Be2 Na5 10.Qd3±* 1-0 Conchess 2mhz-Chess 2175/computer 1990 (63)*)* 6...Bd7 7.Qxc4 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.Bd3 b5 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bh4 Nd5 12.Bg3± 1-0 Hollstein,R-Braeutigam,M/ Bochum Post ,EXT 1991 (36)]

[5...Bd7 6.Qxc4 Na6 7.Nbd2 c5 8.a3 Rc8 9.e3 Qa5 10.Rd1 Ne4

A) 11.d5

A1) 11...Nxd2 12.Rxd2

A1a) 12...Nc7 13.e4 h6 14.Bf4 b5 15.Qe2±;

A1b) 12...b5 13.dxe6! fxe6 *(13...bxc4 14.exd7#; 13...Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 bxc4 15.exd7+ Kxd7 16.Bxc4+-)* 14.Qf4 Bc6 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Rd7!+-;

A1c) 12...exd5 13.Qxd5 Nb8 14.Ne5+- 1-0 Sokolsky,A-Gurvich/URS 1946 (20);

A2) 11...Nd6! 12.Qa2 Nb4 13.Qb1 Nxd5 14.e4 Ne7∓;

B) 11.Bf4 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 cxd4 13.Qxd4 Nb8=]

(Diagram)

6.Nbd2

[6.Nc3

A) 6...h6

A1) 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e4 *(8.Qxc4 c5⇄)*;

A2) 7.Bh4!?;

B) 6...Be7

B1) 7.Rd1 0-0 8.e4 a6

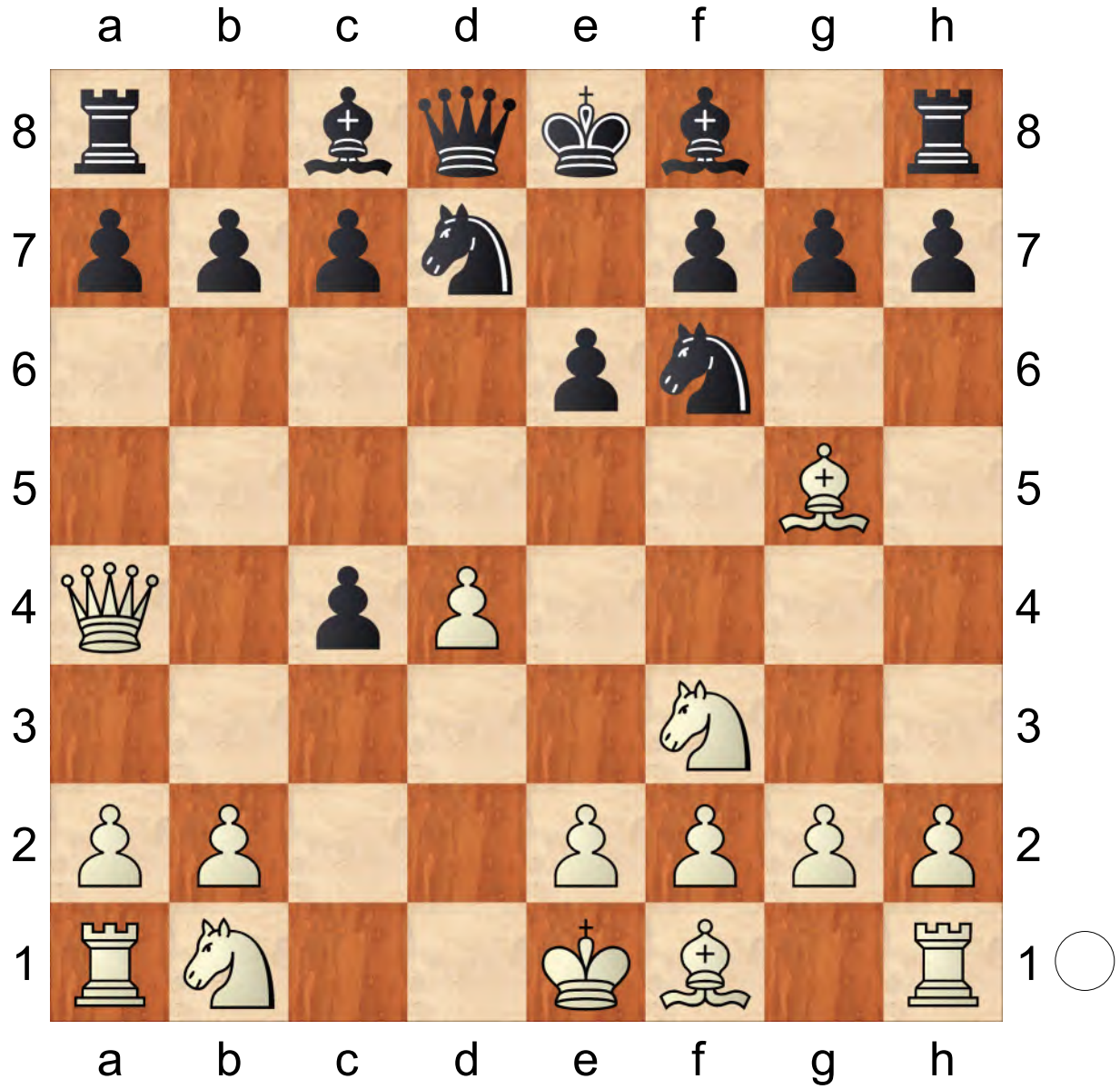
B1a) 9.Qxc4 b5 10.Qd3 *(10.Qc6 Rb8 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Qxc7 Qxc7 13.Bxc7 Rbc8 14.Ba5 Nxe4∓)* 10...Bb7=;

B1b) 9.e5

B1b1) 9...Nb6

B1b11) 10.exf6 gxf6! *(10...Nxa4 11.fxe7 Qe8 12.exf8Q+ Kxf8 13.Rd2±)* 11.Qc2 fxg5∓;

B1b12) 10.Qc2 Nfd5 11.h4 f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bh6 Rf7 14.Be2 Bd7 15.Nd2 Bb4 16.Rc1 *(16.Kf1 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Ba4-+)* 16...Bb5 17.Qe4⩲;



B1b2) 9...Nd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.Qxc4 b5 12.Qd3 Bb7 13.Be2 c5 14.0-0 ½-½ Petrosian,A-Lukacs,P/Baile Herculane 1984/Inf 37 (14);

B2) 7.e3 0-0 8.Qxc4 a6 9.b4

B2a) 9...b6 10.Be2 c5 11.bxc5 bxc5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Rfd1 Qa5 16.Rac1 *(16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Rac1 Rad8=)* 16...Rad8 17.Qg4+ Kh8 Tsesarsky: '=' 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Qh5 Nb3! 20.Qxa5 Nxa5=;

B2b) 9...b5 10.Qb3 a5 11.Bxb5 axb4 12.Na4 Ra5 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.dxc5 Ne4 16.Qxb4 *(16.0-0 Nxg5 17.Nxg5 Rxc5 18.Ne4 Rb5∓* 1-0 Dejkalo,S-Hawelko,M/Naleczow 1985 (32)*)* 16...Ra4 17.Qb2 Nxc5 18.0-0=;

C) 6...a6

C1) 7.Qxc4 c5

C1a) 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 *(9.e3 b5 10.Qh4 Bb7 11.Be2 b4 12.Na4 Be7 13.0-0 Qa5 14.b3 h6 15.Rac1 0-0 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Nd2 Rad8 18.Nc4 Qf5 19.Qg3 Bd5 20.Bf3 Ne4 21.Bxe4 Bxe4∓)* 9...b5 10.Qb3 Be7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.e3 Bb7 13.Be2 h6 14.Bh4 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7=;

C1b) 8.a4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 *(9.Nxd4 Ne5-+)* 9...Bc5=;

C1c) 8.e3 b5 9.Qd3 Qa5 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.f3 c4 *(12...Rc8∓)* 13.Qb1 Rc8 14.Bf4 Nb6∓ 0-1 Steinfeld,B-Kaidanov,G/Cincinnati 1992 (58);

C1d) 8.Bxf6 gxf6 *(8...Qxf6 9.Ne4 Qf4 10.Nxc5 Nxc5 11.e3 Qd6 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Qxc5 Bxc5=)*;

C2) 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.0-0-0 Rb8 9.Qxc4 b5 10.Qd3 Bh6+ 11.e3 Bb7

C2a) 12.Qc2 Qe7 *(12...f5 13.d5 b4 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Ne5 bxc3 16.Nxd7 Bg7 17.bxc3+-)* 13.Kb1 f5 *(13...c5 14.d5±)* 14.Bd3 c5 15.d5 b4 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Ne2 Rg8⇄;

C2b) 12.d5 Qe7 13.dxe6 *(13.Qc2⇄)* 13...fxe6 14.Qd4 Bg7

C2b1) 15.Qh4?! f5 16.Qxe7+ *(16.Qh5+ Kf8∓)* 16...Kxe7∓ 0-1 Goldin,A-Gelfand,B/URS-FL56 Klaipeda 1988 (32);

C2b2) 15.Qg4⇄;

C3) 7.e4

C3a) 7...Rb8 8.Bxf6 *(8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qb3 h6 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.e5 Nd7=; 8.e5 b5 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 c5∓)* 8...Qxf6 9.Qxc4 c5 10.e5 Qf4 11.d5 Qxc4 12.Bxc4 Nb6 13.Nd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 b5 15.Ne3 Be7 16.d6 Bd8⇄ ½-½ Damaso,R-Korneev,O/Open, Leon ESP 1998 (33);

C3b) 7...Be7 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Qc2±;

C3c) 7...b5 8.Nxb5 Rb8 *(8...axb5 9.Qxa8±)* 9.Nc3 *(9.Na7 Rb4 10.Qc2 Bb7∓; 9.Na3 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxa3 11.Qxa3 Nxe4∓)* 9...Rxb2

C3c1) 10.e5 Bb4 11.0-0-0 Bxc3 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bd2 Rb4 14.Qxb4 *(14.Qa3 Bb2+; 14.Qa5 Rb1+; 14.Qc6 Bb7)* 14...Bxb4 15.Bxb4 Nb6;

C3c2) 10.Ne5

C3c21) 10...Bb4 11.Qxb4 Rxb4 12.Nc6 h6 13.Nxd8 hxg5 14.Nc6 Rb6 15.Na5 e5 16.Nxc4 exd4 17.Nxb6±;

C3c22) 10...h6!

C3c221) 11.Nc6 Nb6 12.Nxd8+ Nxa4 13.Nxa4 Rb4 *(13...Bb4+ 14.Kd1 hxg5 15.Nxb2 Nxe4⇄)* 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nc3 Kxd8∓;

C3c222) 11.Bc1 Rb4 12.Qc2 Nxe5 *(12...c5 13.Nc6⇄)* 13.dxe5 Ng4∓;

C3c23) 10...Bb7⇄ 1-0 Speelman,J-Muir,A/England chT 1994/ (44)]

[6.Qxc4

A) 6...Be7 7.Nc3 *(7.g3 a6 8.Nbd2 b5 9.Qc6 Ra7 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.0-0 Qa8 13.Nb3 Be4=)* 7...a6 8.Rd1 b5 9.Qb3 0-0 10.e3 Bb7 11.Be2 c5 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.0-0 Nxc5 15.Qa3 Rac8∓ 0-1 Rivas Pastor,M-Pinter,J/Rome 1984 (45);

B) 6...c5 7.e3 a6 *(7...Bd6 8.Nc3 a6 9.Ne4±)* 8.a4 b5 9.Qc2 Qa5+ 10.Qd2 b4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.dxc5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Bxc5∓ 0-1 Sirnik,B-Sveshnikov,E/Nova Gorica SLO 1997 (33)]

[6.g3 a6 7.Qxc4 b5 8.Qc1 Bb7 9.Bg2 Rc8 10.Qd1 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nbd2 h6∓ 0-1 Gheorghiu,F-Ribli,Z/Luzern 1985/Inf 40 (49)]

[6.e4

A) 6...c6 7.Qxc4 h6 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nbd2 Qb6 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 *(12.e5⇄)* 12...Bd7

A1) 13.Rac1?? Rc8-+ 14.Qxc8+ Bxc8 15.Rxc8+ Kd7 16.Rfc1 Bd6 17.Rxh8 Qxd4 18.Nf3 Qxd3 19.e5 Ne4 *(19...Nd5? 20.exd6 Kxd6?? 21.Rd8+ Ke7 22.Rd7+* 1-0 Mohr,G-Sieiro Gonzalez,L/Belfort World Cup 1988 (22) *Kf6 23.Rxf7+!)* 20.exd6 Qe2-+;

A2) 13.Qc3⇄;

B) 6...a6!?;

C) ≤6...Be7

C1) 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qxc4 *(8.Bxc4 Nb6 9.Qb3 Nxc4 10.Qxc4 b6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.0-0 Bb7∓)* 8...a6 9.Rd1±;

C2) 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bxc4

C2a) 8...a6 9.Qc2 c5 10.e5 Nd5 11.Bxd5 exd5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 b6 14.Rfe1 Rd8 15.Rac1 Bb7 16.Nf1 Rac8 17.Qf5 Nf8⇄ 1-0 Mohr,S-Kotronias,V/Budapest Elekes 1988 (55);

C2b) 8...c5 9.e5 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 *(10...Nxe7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Qa3±)* 11.Bxd5 exd5 12.0-0=;

C2c) 8...Nb6 9.Qc2

C2c1) 9...h6 10.Bh4 g5 *(10...Nxc4 11.Nxc4 g5 12.Bg3 g4 13.Nfd2 Qxd4 14.Be5 Qc5 15.Qc3 Ne8 16.Qg3⩱)* 11.Bg3 g4 12.Ne5 Qxd4 13.Be2 Bb4 14.0-0-0 Bxd2+ 15.Rxd2 Qxe4∓;

C2c2) 9...Nxc4 10.Nxc4 h6 *(10...b6 11.Nce5 Bb7 12.Nc6 Bxc6 13.Qxc6±)* 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.0-0-0⇄ ½-½ Dautov,R-Ribli,Z/Altensteig 1994 (16)]

[6.e3

A) 6...c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.exd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bh4 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qd3 Nh5 14.Bg3 *(14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.d5 Nf4 16.Qe3 Qf6=)* 14...Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bb4 *(15...a6∓)* 16.Ne2 Nf6∓ ½-½ Andersson,U-Ribli,Z/Tilburg 1984/Inf 38 (31);

B) 6...c6 7.Qxc4 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Qa4 Qxa4 10.Nxa4 Bb4+ 11.Ke2 b5 12.Nc3 Nxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1 b4 15.Kd1 f6∓ 0-1 Vladimirov,E-Kaidanov,G/Gausdal INT(5) 1991 (38);

C) 6...a6 7.Bxc4 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Bh4 c5= 0-1 Noble,A-Polajzer,D/St Ingbert ,EXT 1990 (53);

D) 6...Be7 7.Bxc4 0-0

D1) 8.Be2 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.Nc3 *(10.0-0=)* 10...a6 11.0-0 b5 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bxf6 Nxf6= 0-1 Smejkal,J-Tukmakov,V/

Moskva (GMA) 1989/Inf 47/[Tukmakov,V] (35);
D2) 8.0-0 Nb6 9.Qc2 Nxc4 10.Qxc4=;
D3) 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.exd4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Ne5 Ba4 14.Rd1 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 Nfd5∓ ½-½ Andersson,U-Ribli,Z/Reggio Emilia 1985 (29)]

6...a6
[6...c5 7.Nxc4 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Qd1 b5 11.Ncd2 Bb7 12.e3= 0-1 Smyslov,V-Nogueiras/Montpellier ct 1985 (34)]

7.Qxc4 c5
[7...b5 8.Qc6 Rb8 9.Rc1 Bd6 10.Ne4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nexd2 Bb7 13.Qxc7 Qxc7 14.Rxc7 Ke7 *(14...0-0 15.e3 Rfc8 16.Rxc8+ Rxc8≝)* 15.Ne5 *(15.e3 Rhc8 16.Rc3 Bd5 17.a3 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Rc8∓; 15.Kd1 Ng4 16.Ke1 Rhc8∓)* 15...Rhc8 16.Rxc8 Rxc8≝ 0-1 Oms Pallise,J-Korneev,O/Linares 1997/CBM 58/[Tsesarsky] (42)]

8.e4
[8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 b5 10.Qb3
A) 10...Bd6 11.Ne4 *(11.e4 Bb7 12.a4 bxa4 13.Qxa4 0-0 14.Nc4 Nb6 15.Bxf6 gxf6∓)* 11...Be7 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Rd1 Qb6 14.e3 Bb7 15.Be2=;
B) 10...Be7 11.e4 Bb7 12.Bd3 h6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd4 Nde5 15.Bc2 Bf6 16.Rd1 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Qc7 19.0-0 0-0]

8...cxd4
[8...b5 9.Qc2 Qb6 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.d5 0-0-0 *(12...exd5 13.exd5 Bxd5 14.Bd3 Ne5 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Rd8 18.Rfe1+ Be7 19.Bxh7⇄)* 13.dxe6 Qxe6 14.Be2 Rg8 15.0-0 Bd6 16.g3 Kb8 17.a4⇄ 0-1 Martinovsky,E-De Boer,G/Groningen ,EXT 1994 (34)]

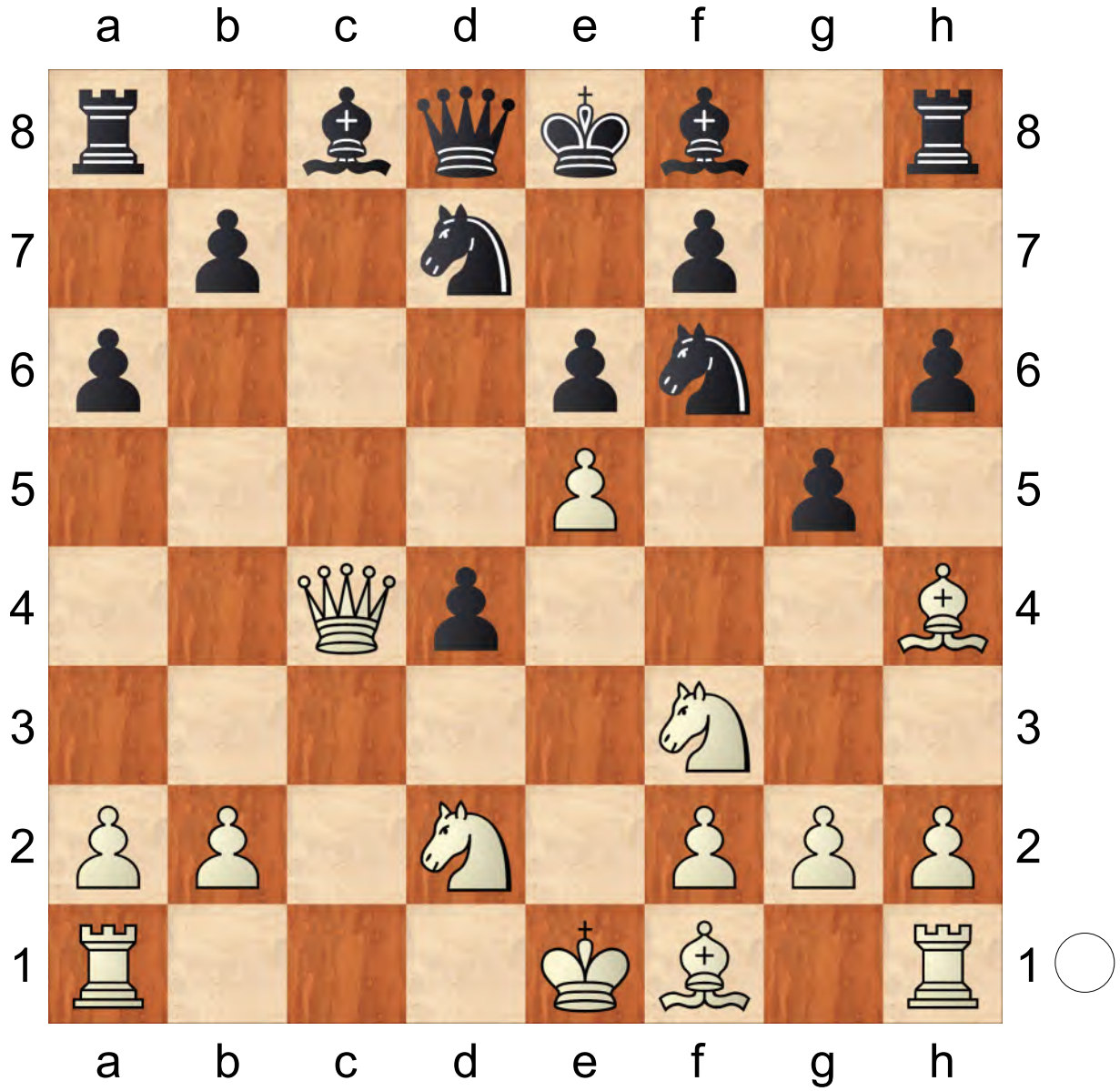
9.e5
[9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Qc3
A) 10...Qb6 11.Bh4 0-0 *(11...Bb4 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rd1 e5 14.a3±)* 12.Bd3±;
B) 10...h6 11.Bh4 b5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Qxc5 Nxc5 14.Bxd8 Kxd8=]

9...h6 10.Bh4?∓
[10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.exf6 e5 12.Qe2 Qxf6 13.Nxd4 Bc5 14.N4b3=]

10...g5

(Diagram)

11.Bg3 'N?!' Illescas Cordoba.
[11.exf6 gxh4 12.Qxd4 Qxf6 13.Qxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxh4 Bd7 15.Rc1 Bc6∓ ½-½ Arencibia,W-Vera,R/Capablanca mem Elite, Havana CUB 1998 (33)
(15...Bc6 Illescas Cordoba *16.Nhf3 Rd8 17.a3 h5 18.Ne5 Bh6 19.Rc2 Ba4 20.b3 Bxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Rxd2 22.Kxd2 Bxb3 23.Bxa6 bxa6 24.Rb1 Ne4+ 25.Ke3 Nc5 26.Kd4 Ke7 27.Kxc5 Bd5 28.Rb6 Rc8+ 29.Nc6+ Bxc6 30.Rxc6 Rd8 31.Rxa6 Rd2 32.Ra8 Rxf2 33.Rg8* ½-½ Arencibia,W-Vera,R/Capablanca



mem Elite, Havana CUB 1998 (33))]

11...Nh5 '!' Illescas Cordoba.

[11...Nb6 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Nh5 14.Be2 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bg7 16.f4 Bd7 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.Bf3⇄]

[11...Nd5 Illescas Cordoba]

12.Qxd4 Qb6?∓ '!' Illescas Cordoba.

[12...Qa5! 13.Bd3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Bg7 15.b4 Qd5∓]

13.Qxb6

[13.Nc4 Bb4+ 14.Kd1 Qxd4+ 15.Nxd4 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Bc5 17.Nf3 Bxf2 18.Nxg5 Ke7∓]

13...Nxb6 '∓' Illescas Cordoba. Illescas Cordoba: '×e5, ⧉' **14.Be2**

[14.Rc1 Bg7 15.Nc4 Nxc4 16.Rxc4 b5 17.Rc5 Bb7 18.Be2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Kd2 Bb7 21.Re1 Ke7∓]

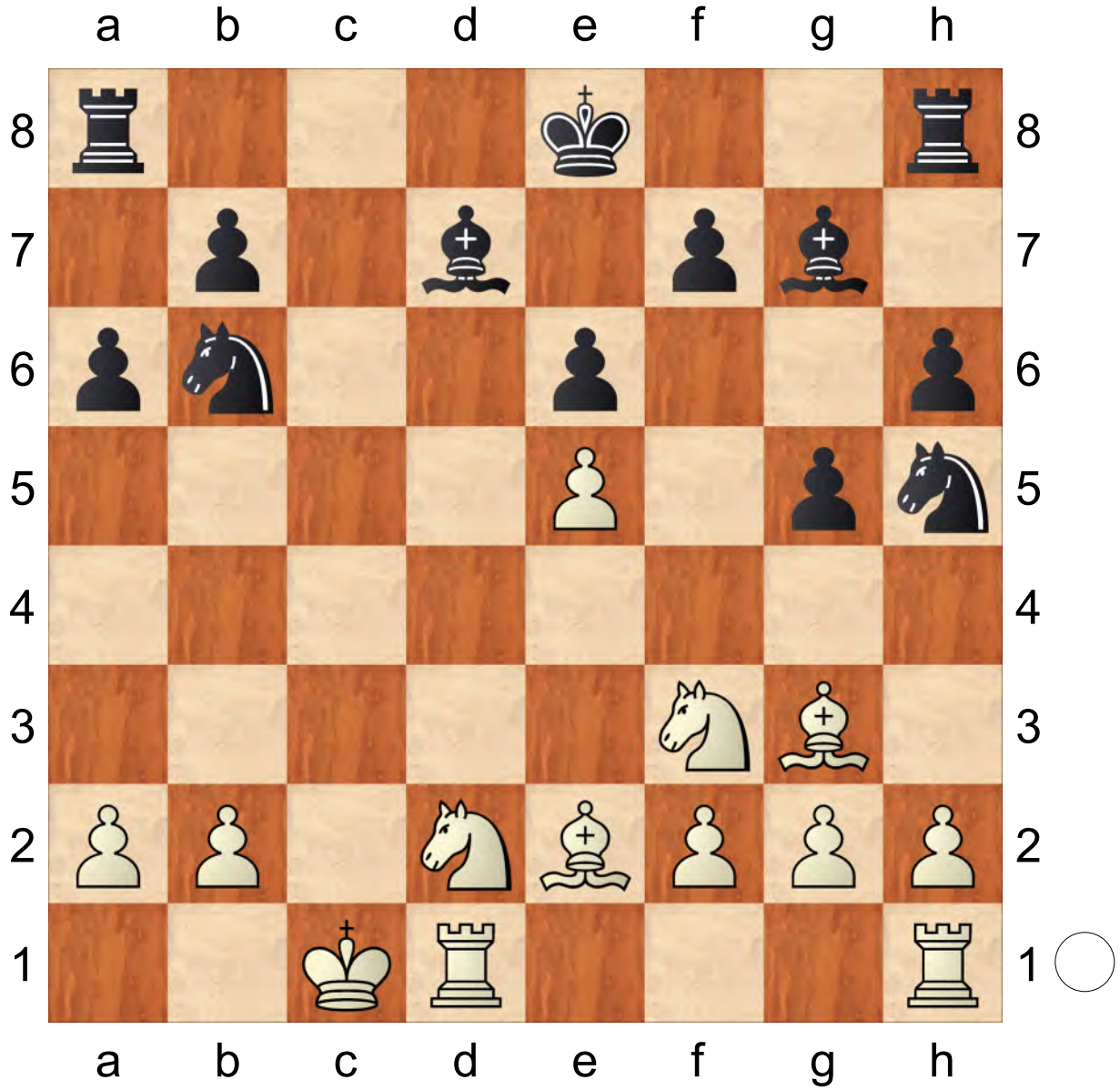
14...Bg7 15.0-0-0?∓

[15.Ne4! Nxg3 16.hxg3 g4 17.Nh2 Bxe5 18.Nxg4 Bg7 19.Ne3 *(19.Nd6+ Ke7 20.Nxc8+ Raxc8∓)* 19...Bxb2 20.Rb1 Na4 21.Bd1 Nc3 22.Nd6+ Kd7 23.Nxc8 Nxb1 24.Nb6+ Ke7 25.Nxa8 Rxa8 26.Rxh6 b5∓]

15...Bd7!?

[15...Nd7!? 16.Nc4 *(16.Ne4 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Nxe5∓)* 16...b5 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Rd2 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Nxe5∓]

[15...Nxg3 Illescas Cordoba 16.hxg3 g4 17.Nh2 h5 18.f4!⇄]



16.Rhe1

[16.Ne4 Tsesarsky: '!?' Tsesarsky: 'Illescas Cordoba' Nxg3 17.hxg3 Bc6 18.Nd6+ *(18.Nf6+ Ke7 19.Nh5 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Bxe5 21.Bxb7 Ra7 22.Be4 Rc7+∓)* 18...Ke7 19.Rd3 Nd7∓]

[16.Ne4!? Illescas Cordoba]

16...Ke7 17.Kb1 Rhd8

[17...Bc6 18.Rc1 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Nd7 20.Nc4 Rad8∓]

18.Nb3 Illescas Cordoba: 'Δ♘a5'

[18.Ne4 Bc6∓ *(18...Bc6* Illescas Cordoba *19.Nd6 Nxg3 20.hxg3 Nd7 21.Nc4∓)*]

18...Ba4

[18...Nd5? 19.Na5 Nxg3 20.hxg3 b6 21.Nb7 *(21.Nc4 Kf8∓)* 21...Rdb8 22.Nd6 g4 23.Nh4 Bxe5 24.Ndf5+ Kf8 25.Nxh6±]

[18...Bc6 Illescas Cordoba Δ19.Nfd4 Be4+]

[18...a5!? Illescas Cordoba]

19.Rd6 '?' Illescas Cordoba.

[19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Na5 *(20.Nc5* Illescas Cordoba *Bc6∓)* 20...Rd7 21.b3 Bb5 22.Bxb5 axb5 '∓' Illescas Cordoba. 23.h3 Nd5 24.a3 Ndf4 25.Rg1 Ne2 26.Re1 Nexg3 27.fxg3 Nxg3∓]

19...Bxb3 20.Rxb6

[20.axb3 Illescas Cordoba Nd7 21.Red1 Nxg3 22.hxg3 g4 23.Ne1 Bxe5-+]

20...Bd5

(Diagram)

21.Bd1?!

[⌓21.Rd6 Nxg3 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.hxg3 g4 24.Nh4 h5 25.Bd1 Bc6 26.Kc2 Rd5 27.f4 gxf3 28.Nxf3 Rb5∓]

21...Rac8

[21...Rd7 22.Bb3 Bc6 23.Rb4 Rad8∓]

22.Bb3 Bc6 23.a4

[⌓23.Rb4∓ Illescas Cordoba]

23...Nxg3 24.fxg3?!-+

[24.hxg3 g4 25.Nh4 *(25.Nh2* Illescas Cordoba *h5 26.f4 Rd2 27.Nf1 Rxg2-+)* 25...Rd2 26.f3 *(26.Rb4 h5 27.f3 gxf3 28.gxf3 Bh8 29.f4 Rd3 30.Rg1 Rg8 31.Bd1 Rdxg3 32.Rxg3 Rxg3-+)* 26...gxf3 27.gxf3 Rcd8∓]

24...g4 '-+' Illescas Cordoba. **25.Nh4**

[25.Ng1 Illescas Cordoba Rd2-+]

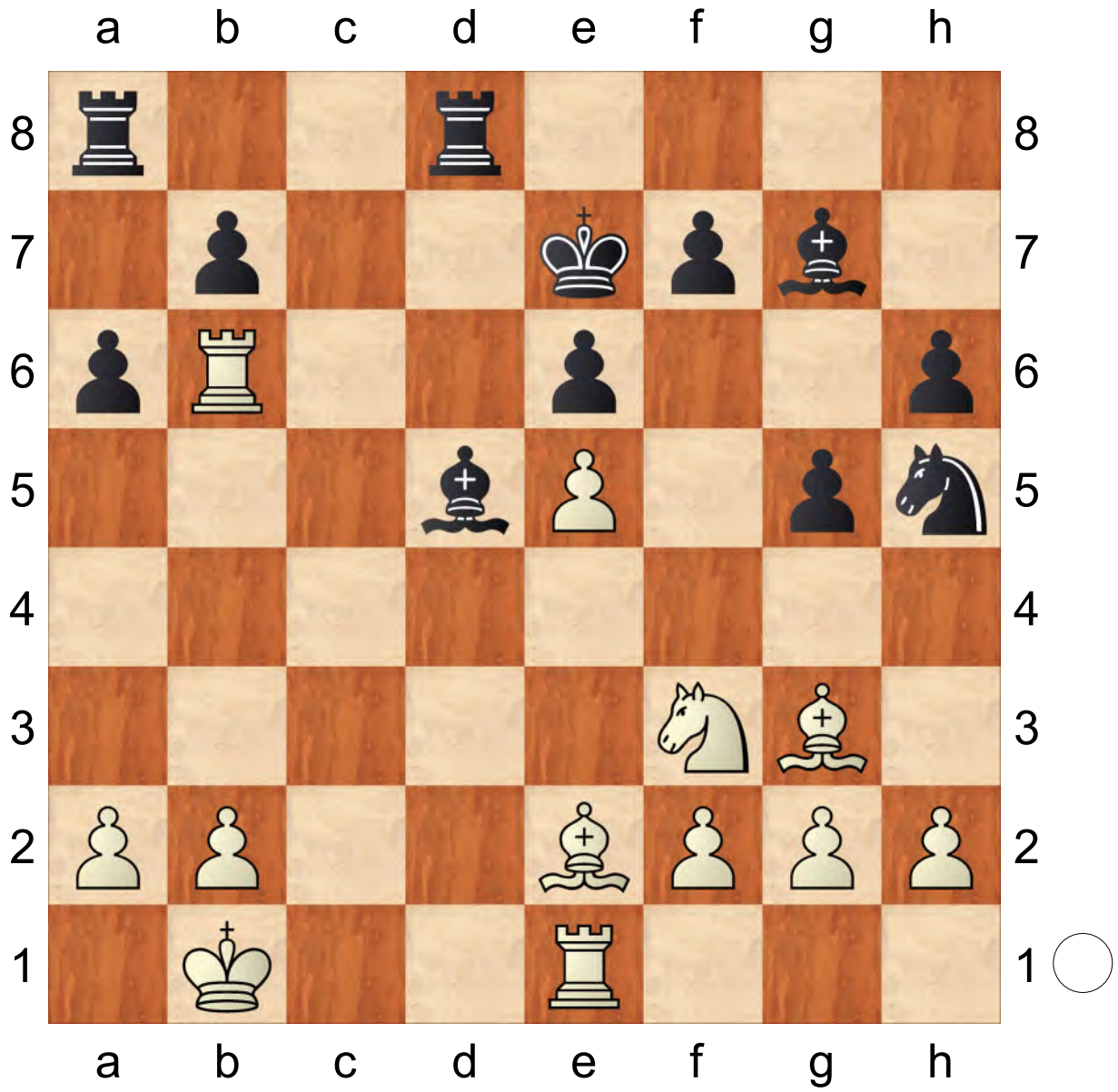
25...Rd4

[25...Rd2 26.Rb4 h5 27.h3 gxh3 28.gxh3 Rd3 29.Bd1 Rxg3-+]

(Diagram)

26.Bc2

[26.Ka2 Illescas Cordoba a5 27.Ka3 Rc7 28.Re2 Rcd7 29.h3 h5 30.hxg4 hxg4 31.Re1 Kd8-+ Δ ♔c7]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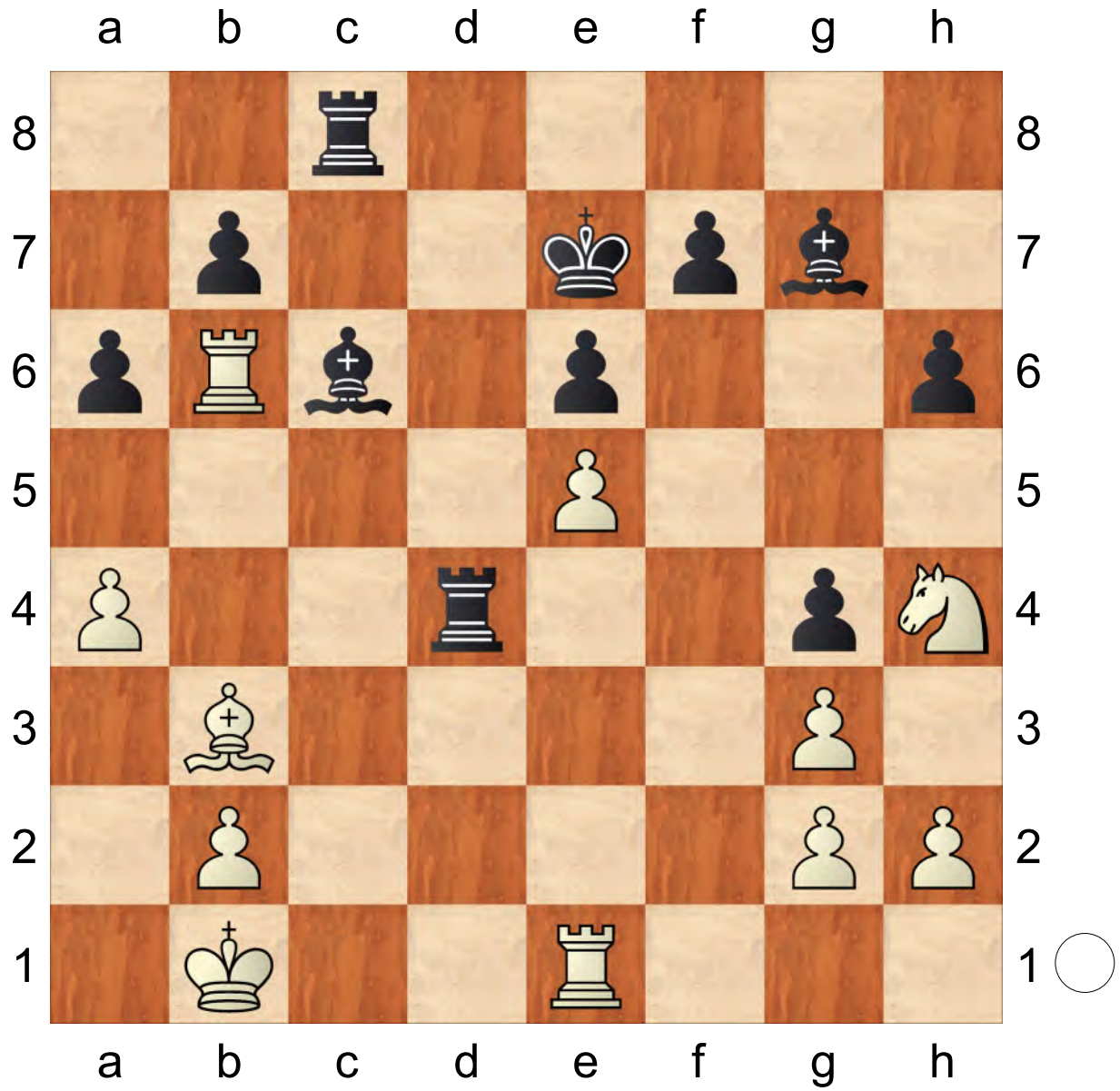
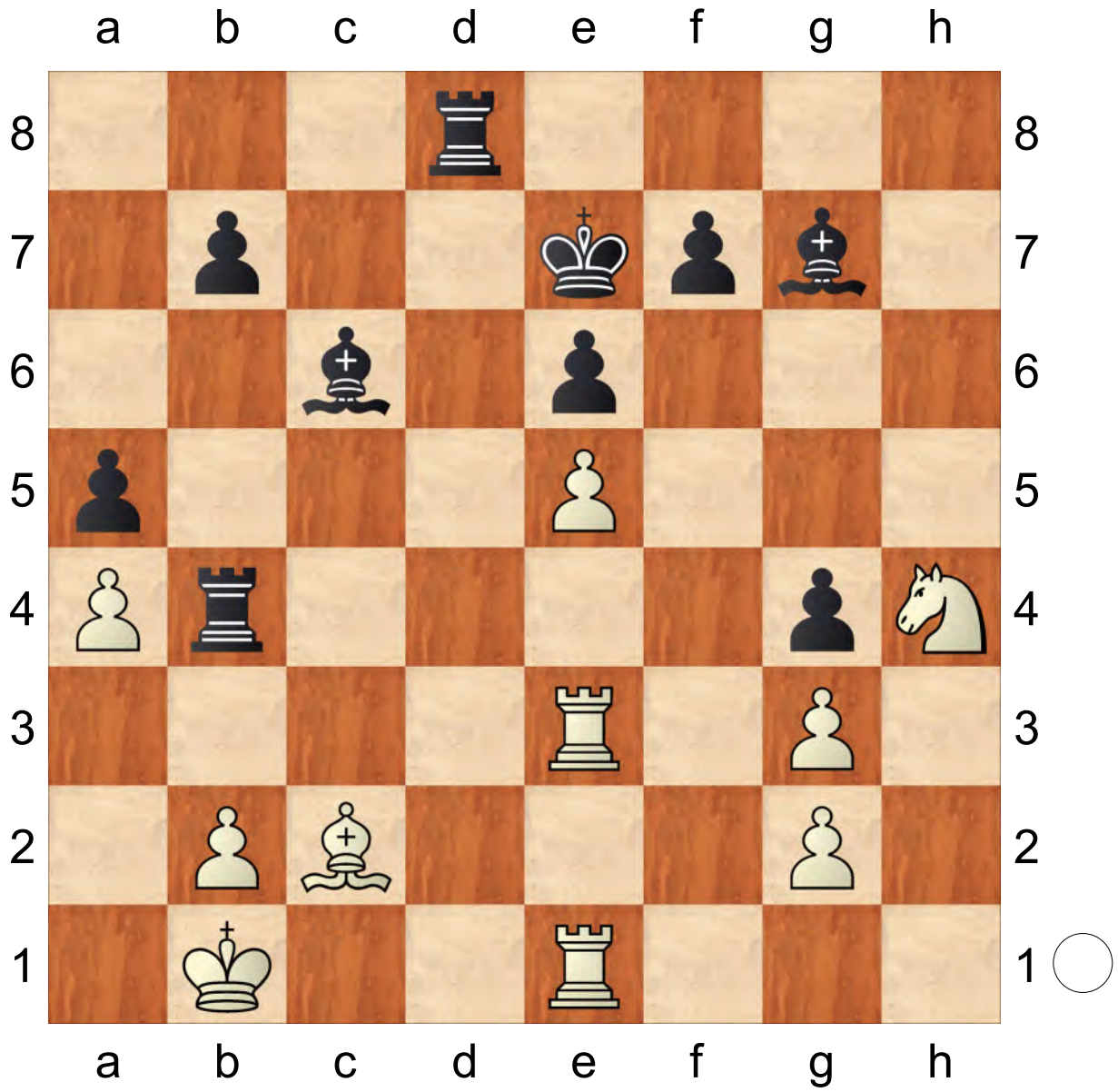


26...a5 27.Rb3
[27.h3 h5-+]
27...Rcd8 28.h3 h5 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.Rbe3 Rb4
[30...Bxa4 31.Bxa4 Rxa4-+]

(Diagram)

31.R3e2 Rd5 32.Re4
[32.Be4 Illescas Cordoba Rxe5 33.Bxc6 Rxb2+!]
32...Rxe4 33.Rxe4 Rd1+! 34.Bxd1 Bxe4+ 35.Ka2 Bxe5

(Diagram)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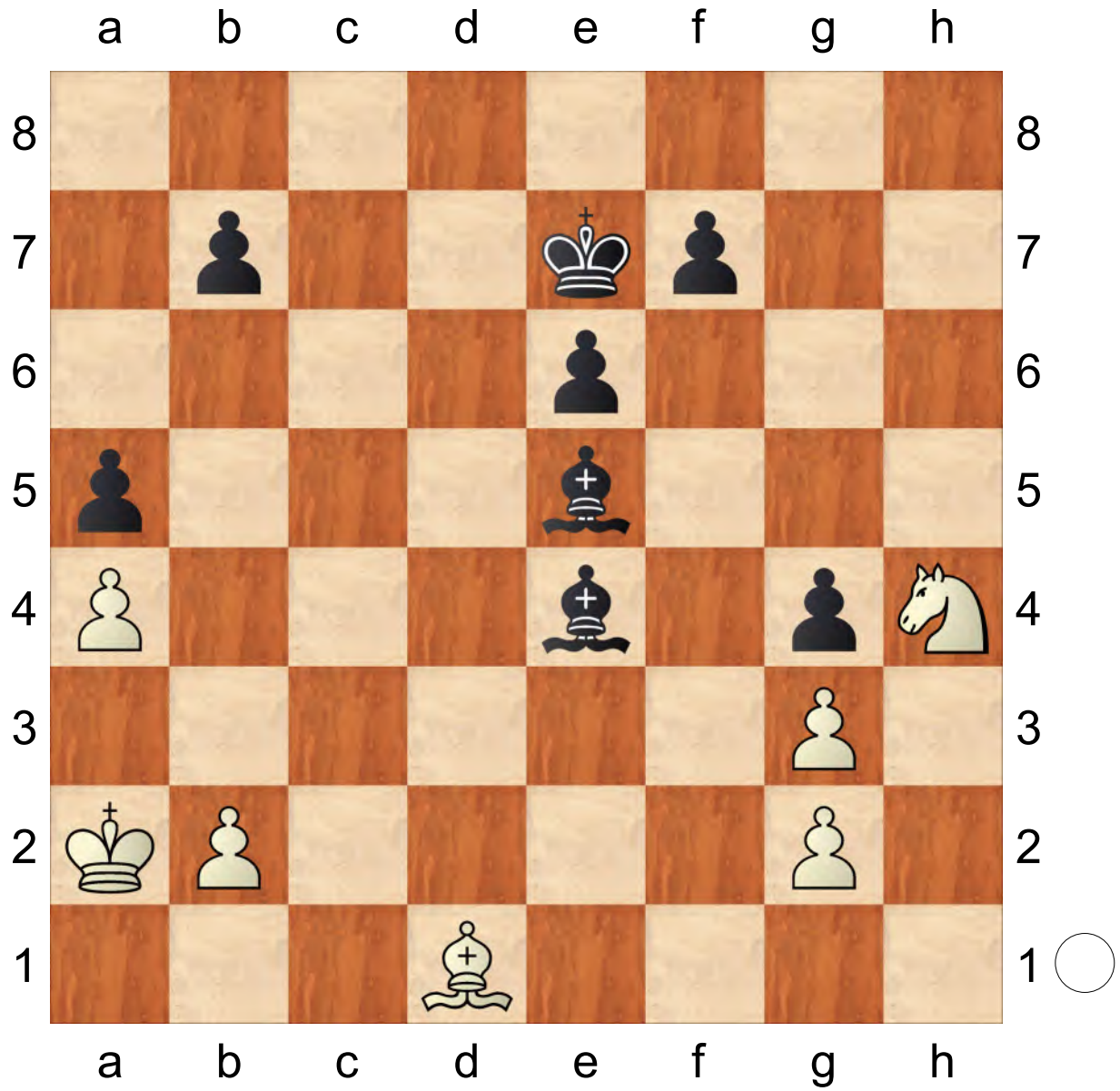

36.Bxg4 Bd5+ 37.b3 Bxg3 38.Nf3 f5 39.Bh3 Kf6 40.Nd2 e5

(Diagram)

41.Nf1

(Diagram)

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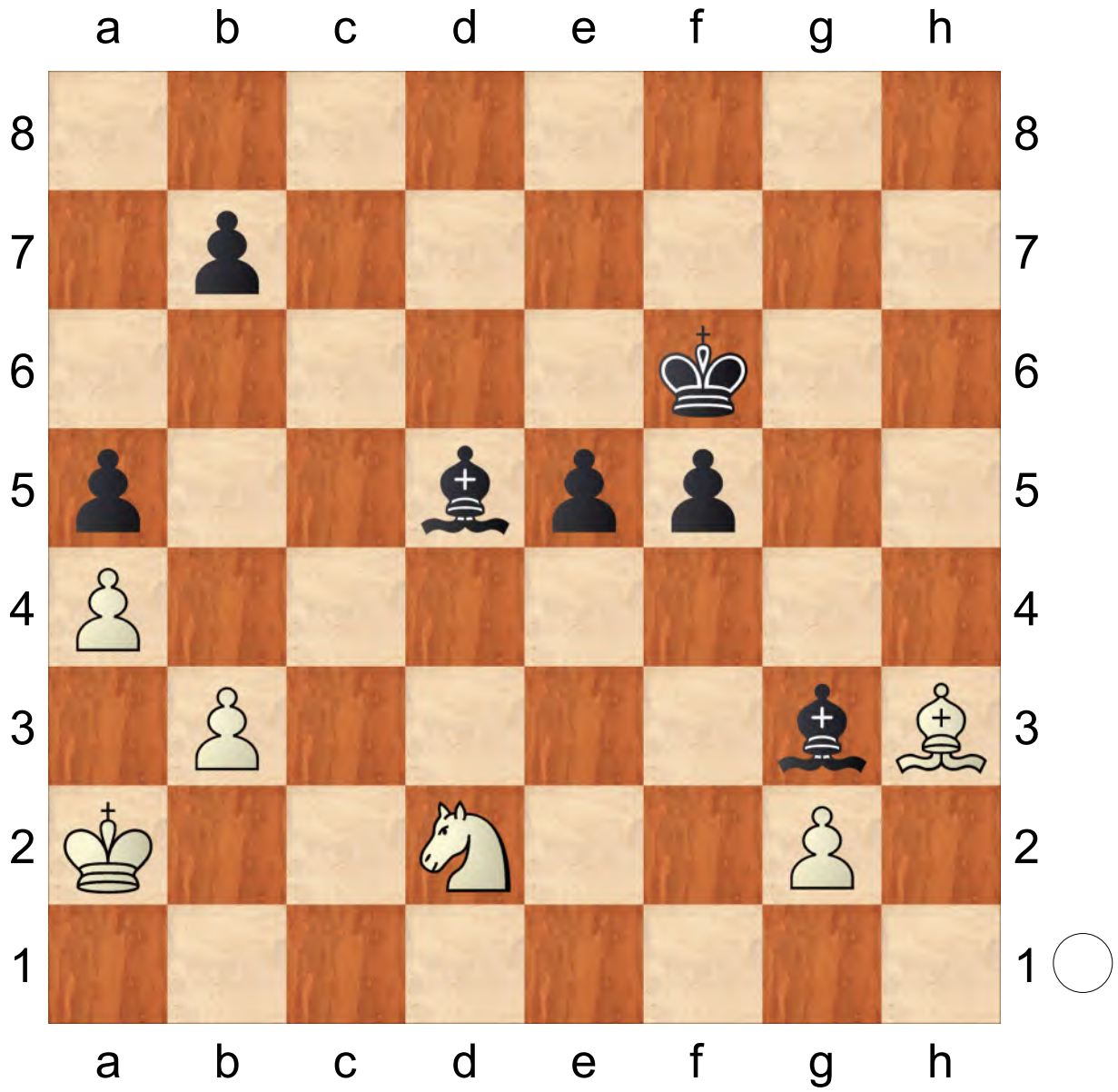
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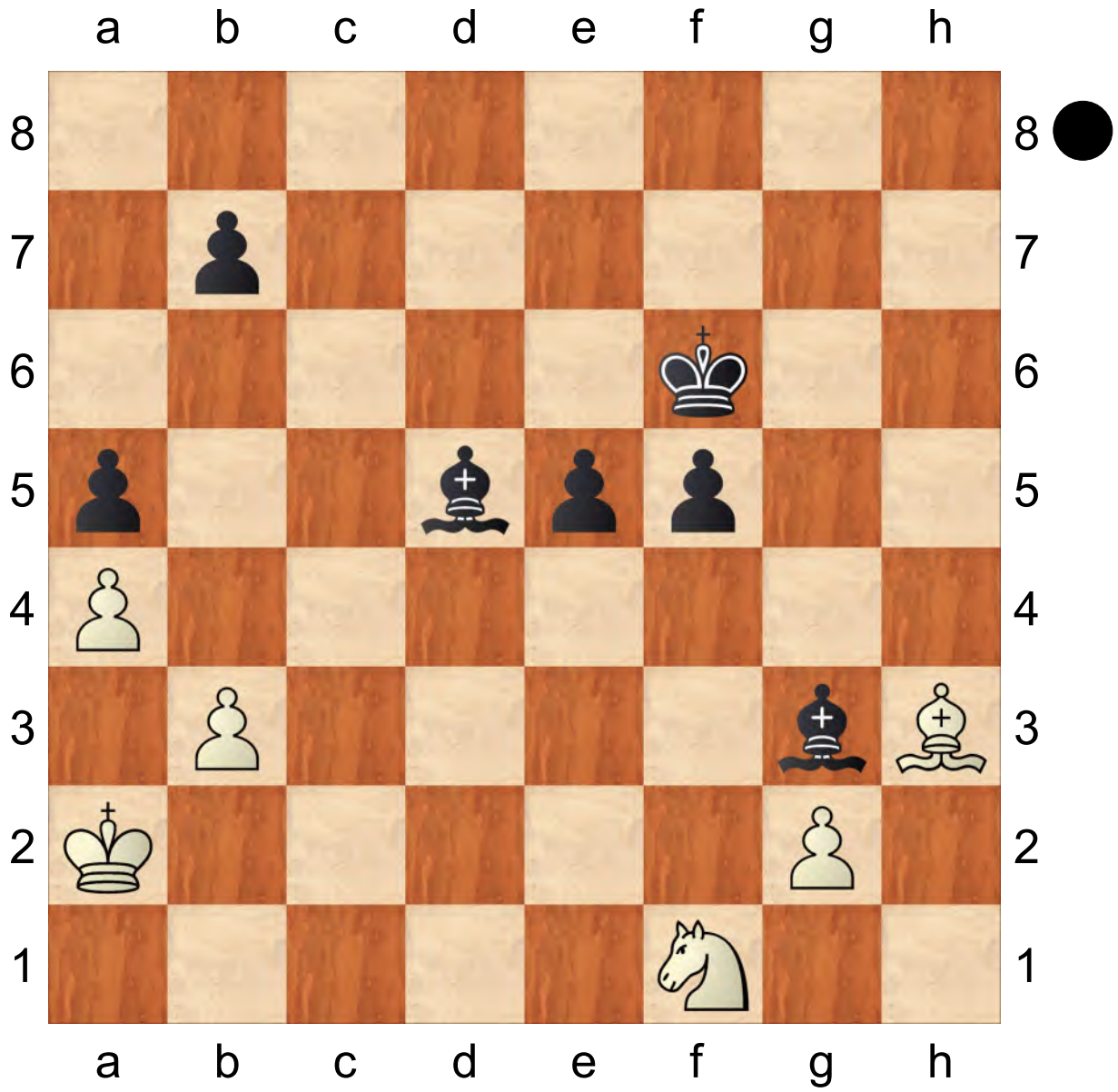
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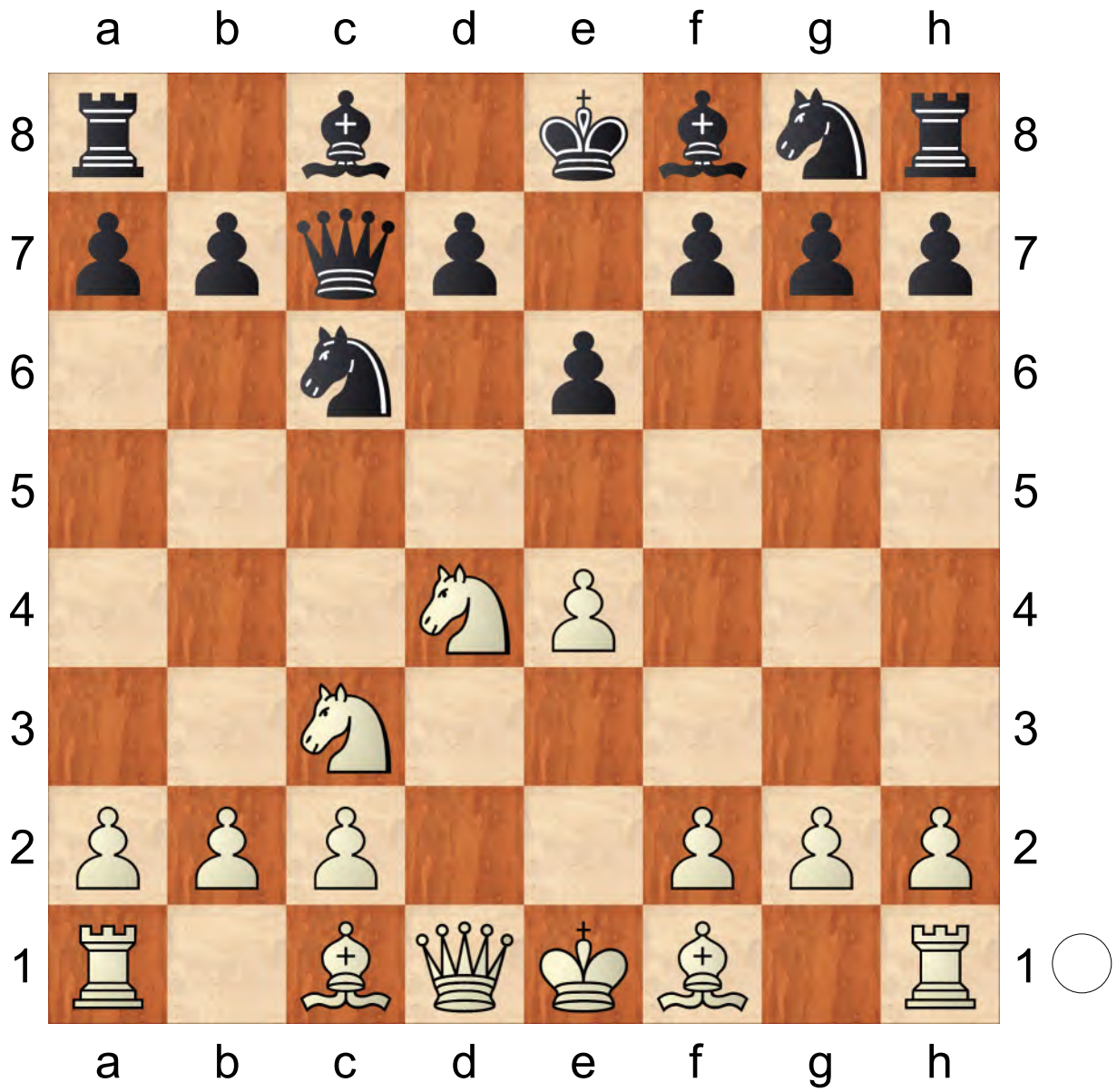
□ **CBM 51**
■ **5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 b5**
Survey Opening 1996
[Ribli,Zoltan]

1.e4 Ribli Ribli **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7**



6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 b5 8.0-0
[8.f4 Bb7 *(8...Nxd4?! 9.Bxd4 Qxf4 10.Rf1 Qc7 11.Qf3↑* Ivanchuk *)* 9.Qf3 *(9.0-0? Bc5 10.Nce2 Nf6 11.Kh1 d6∓* Durao,J-Suetin,A/Biel sen/1994/*; 9.Nb3 d6 10.f5 Nf6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Qe2 Be7 13.0-0-0 Ne5∞* Jones,C-Weinstein,N/Lone Pine/1976/ *)* 9...Nf6

A) 10.g4 h6 *(10...d5 11.e5 Nd7 12.0-0-0 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc5 14.Ne2 0-0-0 15.Qe3 f6 16.Rhe1 fxe5 17.fxe5± Byrne,R-Portisch,L/Sousse izt/1967/)* 11.0-0-0 Rc8 12.Rhe1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.h4 b4 16.Nb1 d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.f5 Qf2!∓ Tate,E-Razuvaev,Y/New York op/1994/EXP40/;

B) 10.0-0 Na5! 11.Kh1 Nc4 12.Bc1 Bc5 13.Nde2 Nd6 14.a3 a5 15.Be3 b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Ra1 0-0∓ Martin Gonzalez,A-Jansa,V/Biel izt/1985/INF40,210/;

C) 10.0-0-0 Be7 *(10...h5 11.Nb3 Rc8 12.Rhe1 Be7 13.Kb1 Nb4 14.h3 d5∞ Ghizdavu,D-Tarjan,E/Mentor/1977/)* 11.g4 b4 12.Nce2 d5 13.Ng3 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nd5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Rhe1 Nc3!↑ Grigoriev,A-Grabliauskas,V/ Vilnius/1995/EXP49/;

D) 10.a4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b4 12.Ne2 Bc5 13.Qe3 d6 14.h3 Rc8 15.0-0 0-0∞ Efimov-Cherepkov,A/Minsk/1985/;

E) 10.Nb3

E1) 10...Nb4?! 11.a3 Nxd3+ 12.cxd3 d6 13.Rc1 Qd8 14.f5!± Ivanchuk,V-Gdanski,J/Groningen/1986/INF45,(214)/;

E2) 10...d5 11.exd5 *(11.e5)* 11...Nb4∞ Jansa;

E3) 10...d6!? Ribli: '- B82' 11.0-0 Be7∞ - B82]

[8.Nb3 Nf6 9.f4 *(9.a3 Ne5 10.h3 Bb7 11.Qe2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bd4 g6∞* Messing,H-Krinc,Z/Jugoslavija/1976/INF21,328/ *)*

A) 9...Bb4?! 10.0-0

A1) 10...d6 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.Qg3 *(12.a4!±)* 12...g6 13.f5± van der Weide,P-Kurajica,B/Amsterdam/1971/INF12,398/ *(13.a4!?)*;

A2) 10...Bb7 11.a4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b4 13.c4 d6 14.a5 Rc8 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Bb6 Qb8 17.c5↑ Zhidkov,V-Vasiukov,E/URS ch/1972/;

B) 9...d6 10.Qf3 Bb7 - B82]

[8.a3 Bb7 9.Nb3?! Ne5 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bf4 d6 12.Re1 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rad1 Rac8∞ Ferrer,P-Ivanka,M/Dubai olw/1986/]

[8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.0-0 *(9.Qe2 b4! 10.Nd1 Bb7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.f3 d5 13.e5 Nd7 14.f4 Be7 15.Rf3 Nc5 16.Nf2 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Rc8 18.Rc1 Qc4 19.Bd4 0-0∓* Ree,H-Mecking,H/Wijk aan Zee/1971/INF11,315/*; 9.Bd4 Bb7 10.Qe2 Ne7 11.f4 b4 12.Nb1 Ng6∞* Lutikov,A-Taimanov,M/Moscow ch/1969/*; 9.Qf3 Bb7 10.Bd4 Qd6 11.Qe3 e5 12.Bb6 Nf6=* Petrosian,T-Rosal/USSR/1964/ Ribli: '=' *)* 9...Bb7

A) 10.a3

A1) 10...Nf6 Ribli: '- 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.0-0 ♗b7 10.a3'

A1a) 11.Re1 Be7 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Bd4 Rc8 *(13...h6 14.Qe3 0-0 15.e5 Ne8 16.Qg3 d6 17.Ne4 dxe5 18.Bxe5 Qb6∞* Golubev,M-Poluljahov,A/ Yalta op/1995/EXP47/*)* 14.Qe2 d6∞ Mujagic,R-Matulovic,M/Banja Vrucica/ 1991/;

A1b) 11.f4 Bc5!= Judovich Ribli: '=!' *(11...Be7?! 12.Qf3 0-0 13.Qh3±* Tseitlin,M-Tal,M/USSR ch/1971/INF12,404/ *)*;

A2) 10...Ne7!

A2a) 11.f4 Nf5! 12.Bf2 Bc5 13.Bxc5 *(13.Qf3 Nd6 14.Qg3 g6 15.Qg5*

f5 16.Rae1 Nf7 17.Qg3 0-0-0∓ Martinovic,S-Krnic,Z/Jugoslavija/1973/INF16,349/*)* 13...Qxc5+ 14.Rf2 Ne3 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Re1 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Qg4 0-0 19.f5 f6∓ Messing,H-Krnic,Z/Jugoslavija/1973/INF16,(349)/;

A2b) 11.Qg4 Ng6 12.f4 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 14.Kh1 0-0 *(14...h5 15.Qe2 f6 16.e5 f5 17.Qf2 Qxf2 18.Rxf2 Nh4 19.Kg1 g5∞* Cherepkov,A-Osnos,V/Alma-Ata/1968*/)* 15.Rae1 f6 16.Ne2 Rae8= Minic,D-Taimanov,M/Palma de Mallorca/1970/INF10,443/ Ribli: '=';

B) 10.Kh1 Nf6 11.f3 Bc5 12.Qe1 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 Ribli: '- 10.♔h1 ♘f6 11.f3 ♗c5 12.♕e1 ♗xe3 13.♕xe3' Qc7! *(13...d6 14.a4!±* Rogers*; 13...b4 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Rfc1! e5 16.c3! Qd6 17.Ng3 bxc3 18.Rxc3 g6 19.Bc4 Bc6 20.Rd3 Qe7 21.Rad1 a5 22.Qh6±* Short,N-Rogers,I/Manila olm/1992/INF55,214*/)* 14.a4 b4 15.Na2 a5 16.c3 bxc3 17.Nxc3 0-0 18.Nb5 Qb8 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qe4 f5∞ Almasi,Z-Leko,P/Groningen/1995/CBM51/;

C) 10.f3 Bc5 11.Qe1 Ne7!? 12.e5 Qb6 13.Bf2 Ng6 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Rc8 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Rd1 Bxf2+ 18.Qxf2 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Rxc5 20.c3 Rh5 21.f4 g5∓ Meijers,V-Razuvaev,Y/Bern op/1995/EXP46/;

D) 10.Re1 Nf6 11.Bg5 *(11.Bd4 Be7 12.Qf3 d6 13.a3 Rd8 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.Qe2 0-0=* Glauser,H-Ungureanu,E/Bath/1973/ Ribli: '=*')* 11...Be7 12.Qf3 b4∞ Ghizdavu,D-Bukic,E/Athens/1971/INF12,399/;

E) 10.Qe2 Nf6 Ribli: '!?' '!?' Ribli: '- 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.0-0 ♗b7 10.♕e2 ♘f6'

E1) 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Rae1 b4 13.Nb1 h6 14.Bc1 0-0 15.f4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Nd2 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Bh4∓ Frolov,D-Ionov,S/St.Petersburg op/1994/CBM41/;

E2) 11.f3 Bc5! *(11...b4?! 12.Nb1 d5 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Kh1 0-0 15.e5 Nd7 16.Bd4 Bc5 17.Nb3±* Troinaescu,O-Aloni/Nathanya/1968/INF06,473*/)* 12.e5 *(12.Kh1 Bxe3 13.Qxe3* - 10.♔h1 ♘f6 11.f3 ♗c5 12.♕e1 ♗xe3 13.♕xe3*)* 12...Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Bf2 Bxf2+ 15.Rxf2 Qc5 16.Rd1 0-0 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Ra7 19.Qd4 Rc8= Nei,I-Suetin,A/Leningrad/1963/ Ribli: '=';

E3) 11.a3

E3a) 11...Qc7? 12.f4 d6 13.Bd4 Be7 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Bc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 17.Rf2! *(17.Kh1 Nd7 18.Rae1 Qe7 19.Qg4 g6 20.Be4! Nxe5 21.Qf4 Nc4 22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.b3 Nb6 24.Ne4+-* Johansson,M-Kuijpers,F/Halle/1967/INF03,429*/)* 17...Nd7 18.Be4 Bxe4 *(18...Qc7 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qh4 Qc4 21.Rd1!±* Lutikov,A-Tal,M/Kiev/1965*/)* 19.Nxe4 Qxe5 20.Rd1 f6 21.Nd6+ Ke7 22.Qg4 Rhg8 23.Qb4 Qc5 24.Nf5+ Ke8 25.Qe4+- Kostro,J-Bednarski,J/Polska/1970/INF09,327/;

E3b) 11...Rc8 12.f4 h5 13.h3 h4 14.Rf2 b4 15.axb4 Bxb4 16.Ra4 Bxc3 17.Rc4 Bxb2 18.Rxc6 Bxc6 19.c4± Penrose,J-Mecking,H/Lugano ol/1968/INF06,479/;

E3c) 11...h5 12.Bd4 Be7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Rad1 Kf8 15.h3 h4 16.Qe3± Sindik,E-Damjanovic,M/Karlovac/1977/INF25,(400)/;

E3d) 11...b4 12.axb4 Bxb4 13.Ra4 a5 14.f3 0-0 15.Rfa1± Janosevic,D-

Kupper,J/Venezia/1967/INF04,451/;
E3e) 11...Be7! 12.f4 0-0 *(12...h5 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bd4 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Rf2 Rc8 19.Be4 Bc6 20.Re2 Nc4 21.b3 Nb6 22.Rf1 g6 23.Rf3 Ke7 24.Kg1 Rhd8 25.Bxc6 Rxc6 26.Ne4 Rdc8 27.c3 R8c7 28.Rd2 Nd5 29.Rdd3 f5 30.exf6+ Nxf6 31.Nxf6 Kxf6 32.Kf2 a5↑* Piesina,G-Damjanovic,M/Vilnius/1978/) 13.e5 *(13.Qf3 Bc5 14.Kh1 Rac8 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qg3 d5! 17.e5 Ne4 18.Qh4 f5 19.Nd1 d4∓* Khalifman,A-Salov,V/Wijk cm4/1994/CBM39/INF59,208/*; 13.Bd4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Qh5+=* Heuer,W-Taimanov,M/Leningrad/1962/ Ribli: '=' *)*
E3e1) 13...Ne8 14.f5
E3e11) 14...exf5 15.Bxf5 d5 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.Bd4 Nc7 18.Rf3 g6? *(18...Ne6!?)* 19.e6!**±** Scholl,E-Langeweg,K/Nederland/1970/INF09,330/;
E3e12) 14...f6! 15.Be4 Qc7 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.fxe6 dxe6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Bf2 Qc6 20.Rfe1 *(20.Rae1 Bxa3!)* 20...Kf7 21.Ne4 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf6 24.c3 Rfd8 25.Be3= Fedorov,V-Zernitsky,D/Leningrad/1981/ Ribli: '=';
E3e2) 13...Nd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.c4!? *(15.Rad1?! Qc6 16.b4? d6 17.exd6 Bxd6 18.Bd4 Rfd8 19.Rf3 Bc7 20.Bb2 Qb6+ 21.Rf2 f5 22.Kh1 Bd5 23.Rc1 Rac8 24.Rff1 Qc6∓* Scholl,E-Janosevic,D/Amsterdam/1970/INF10,449/*)* 15...bxc4 16.Bxc4 Qc6 *(16...Qa5 17.b4 Qa4 18.f5 exf5 19.Rxf5 Be4 20.Rxf7!±* Grankin-Shmit/USSR/1968/INF06,544/*)* 17.Rac1 Bc5! *(17...Rfc8 18.b4 g6 19.Rfd1±* Vogt,L-Mista,L/Havirov/1971/INF12,401/*)* 18.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Rfb8 21.Rd2 Bc6= Ermenkov,E-Semkov,S/Bulgaria/1989/INF49,(224)/ Ribli: '=']

8...Bb7 9.Kh1

[9.Qe2 Nf6 *(9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Ne7 11.f4 Nc6 12.Be3 Be7 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Rae1 Nb4 15.f5 Bf6∞* Kountz,J-Krockenberger,M/2.BLS/9293/ *)*
A) 10.Rad1 Be7 *(10...Ne5 11.Bf4 Bc5 12.Nb3 Bb4 13.Nb1 Bd6 14.Bg3 h5 15.h3 h4 16.Bf4 Nf3+ 17.Qxf3 Bxf4=* Geller,E-Tal,M/Curacao ct/1962/Ribli: '='*; 10...Bb4!?)* 11.f4
A1) 11...0-0? 12.e5 Ne8 13.Qh5 f5 14.Bxf5! exf5 15.Nd5!**±** Geller *(15.Nxf5? d6 16.Nd5 Qd7 17.g4 Bd8 18.exd6 Nxd6 19.Bc5 Rxf5! 20.gxf5 Qxf5-+* Geller,E-Gipslis,A/Moscow/1969/INF08,348/ *)*;
A2) 11...d6 12.a4 b4 13.Na2 0-0 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Nxb4 Qxa4= Hort,V-Olafsson,F/Athens zt/1969/ Ribli: '=';
B) 10.h3 Be7 *(10...Bb4!?)* 11.f4 d6 12.Nf3 0-0 13.a3 Nd7**∞** Balashov *(13...b4?! 14.Na4 Nd7 15.c3 bxa3 16.b4±* Romanishin,O-Balashov,Y/USSR ch/1979/INF28,357/ *)*;
C) 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 *(10...Qxc6!?* - 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.0-0 ♗b7 10.♕e2 ♘f6*)* 11.Bd4

(11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Qe5 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Bg6+ Kd8 17.Qf3 Bd6 18.g3 Ke7 19.Rfe1 Qc5 20.Rad1 Raf8 21.Rd3 Be5 22.Red1 Rd8 23.b4↑ Vasiukov,E-Brzozka,S/Polanica Zdroj/1965/) 11...Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.a4 bxa4 15.Qg4↑ Stoica,V-Ilijin,N/Romania/1986/INF41,191/;

D) 10.f4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 13.Kh1 b4 14.Nd1

D1) 14...0-0 15.c4 d6 16.Nf2 Nd7 *(16...Rfd8 17.Rac1 a5 18.Bb1 Qc7 19.Qe3 Rac8 20.e5 Nd7 21.exd6 Qxd6=* Lau,R-Hoffman,M/Lippstadt/1993/ Ribli: '=') 17.Ng4 Rfe8 18.Rae1 f5 19.exf5 exf5 20.Ne3 Nf6 21.Qd2 Ne4 22.Bxe4 Rxe4∓ Sinakov-Karpov,A/Leningrad/1971/;

D2) 14...d6 15.Nf2 e5 16.Ng4 *(16.fxe5 Qxe5=* Rytshagov,M-Piskov,Y/Capelle op/1994/ Ribli: '=') 16...Nxg4 17.Qxg4 0-0 18.a3 Bc6= Byrne,R-Karpov,A/Moscow/1971/ Ribli: '=']

[9.a3 Nf6

A) 10.Kh1

A1) 10...Ne5

A1a) 11.h3 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.f3 Be7 14.Qd2 0-0 15.Nde2 d5∞ Soos,A-Varga,Z/Szeged op/1993/;

A1b) 11.Bf4?! d6!? *(11...Rc8 12.Bg3 h5 13.h3 Be7 14.Qe2 h4 15.Bh2 Nh5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Nd1 g5∞* Radulov,I-Gipslis,A/Tbilisi/1966/) 12.Qe2 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 e5 14.Nf5 exf4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 0-0-0-+ Radulov,I-Taimanov,M/Kapfenberg/1970/;

A1c) 11.f4 Nc4 12.Bc1 Qb6 *(12...Nxa3 13.e5 Ng8 14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Rxa3! Bxa3 16.Ncxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Qb8 18.bxa3 Kf8 19.f5+-* Ivanovic,B-Krnic,Z/Jugoslavija/1970/INF09,328/) 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.e5 Nd5 15.f5↑ Novopashin,A-Suetin,A/Leningrad/1963/;

A2) 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.f4 d6 14.Qe2 *(14.Qe1 0-0 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.e5 Ng4 17.Qh4 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Rde1 Rde8 20.Qh3 Re7 21.Re2 Qh5∞* Oral,T-Fominyh,A/Mlada Boleslav/1992/) 14...e5 *(14...Nd7 15.Rad1 e5 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 0-0 18.Bf5 Rad8 19.Rf3 exf4 20.Bxd7 Rxd7 21.Rxf4 Qc8 22.Re4 Rc7 23.c3±* Novopashin,A-Kljavin/Leningrad/1962/) 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rf5 0-0 17.Raf1 Rae8∞ Hjartarson,J-Ye Jiangchuan/Moscow olm/1994/CBM45/;

A3) 10...Be7 11.f4 d6

A3a) 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rae1 *(13.Rf3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5 15.Be3 Ng4∞* Rahman,Z-Vaidya,A/Dhaka/1993/*; 13.Nf3 Nd7 14.Qf2 Bf6 15.Qg3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 e5 17.f5 f6∞* Akopian,G-Osnos,V/Moscow/1967/) 13...Rac8 14.Rf3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Be3∞ Tkachiev,V-Brodsky,M/Wijk op/1995/CBM46/INF62,191/;

A3b) 12.Qf3

A3b1) 12...0-0?! 13.Qh3 h6 *(13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5 15.Be3 Rfe8 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Qg3 Nd7 18.Rf5 f6 19.a4 b4 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 Bd6 22.Be4 Re7 23.Rf3 Rf8 24.Qg4 Rff7 25.Raf1 g6*

26.h4↑ Novopashin,A-Suetin,A/USSR ch/1962/) 14.Rae1 Nd7 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.f5 exf5 17.Bxh6!→ Har Zvi,R-Kasumov,R/Duisburg WCJ/1992/;

A3b2) 12...Nd7!? 13.Rae1 0-0 14.Qh3 Nc5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Nd5 Qd8= Riemersma,L-Brenninkmeijer,J/NLD-ch/CBM48/Ribli: '=';

A4) 10...Bd6 11.h3 h5 12.f3 Bf4 13.Bxf4 Qxf4 14.Nxc6 dxc6 15.Qc1= Svensson,B-Sjoberg,M/Rilton Cup/1980/ Ribli: '=';

A5) 10...h5!? 11.f4 Ng4 12.Bg1 g5!? *(12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Qe2 g5 16.e5 gxf4 17.Be4 0-0-0 18.Bxb7+ Kxb7 19.Rae1 Qe3∓* Ivanovic,B-Tosic,M/Banja Vrucica/1991/) 13.Be2 *(13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.Bd4 f6 15.e5 0-0-0 16.Bg1 c5 17.Qe1 f5∓* Antunac,G-Kurajica,B/Jugoslavija/04,448/*; 13.g3 gxf4 14.gxf4 f5 15.Qe2 Ne7 16.Rf3 Ng6 17.Raf1 Be7 18.Nb3 0-0-0∓* Akintola,F-Shadarevian,M/Novi Sad olm/1990/) 13...gxf4 14.Bxg4 hxg4 15.Qxg4 0-0-0 16.Nxc6 dxc6 17.Rad1 Bd6↑ Kudrin,S-Benjamin,J/Modesto/1995/CBM51/;

B) 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 *(10...Qxc6 - 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.0-0 ♗b7 10.a3)* 11.f4 d6 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Bd4∞ Dancs,Zs-Szirti,A/Hungary tt2/1994/ *(13.Bd2 0-0 14.Rf3 e5 15.Rg3 Kh8∞* Lilja,R-Tolhuizen,L/Kobenhavn/1993/ *)*;

C) 10.Qe2

C1) 10...Ne5 11.h3

C1a) 11...Nc4? 12.Ndxb5! axb5 13.Nxb5 Qe5 *(13...Qb8 14.Bxc4 Bxe4 15.Bd4 Qb7 16.f3 Bc6 17.a4+-* Mnatsakanian,E-Ostojic,P/Erevan/1976/) 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.f4 Qb8 16.f5+- Meyer-Kupper/Schweiz/1966/INF01,272/;

C1b) 11...Bc5 12.f4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rad1 0-0 17.c3 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Rf2 Raf8↑ Zontakh,A-Kuporosov,V/Berlin op/1995/EXP47/;

C1c) 11...Rc8 12.f4 *(12.Nf3?! Ng6 13.Rfd1 Be7 14.Bd4 0-0 15.e5 Bxf3! 16.gxf3 Nh5 17.Qe4 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bf1 Nhf4 20.Be3 d5∓* Grushevsky,A-Vasiukov,E/Moscow/1966/ *)* 12...Nc4

C1c1) 13.Ndxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Qc6 15.Na7 Qc7 *(15...Nxe3 16.Nxc6 Bc5! 17.Kh2 Nxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Bxc6 19.c4 d6 20.Qc2 Bd4 21.b4 e5 22.f5 Ke7 23.a4 g6∓* Kristinsson,J-Tal,M/Reykjavik/1964/) 16.Nb5= Shmuter,L-Preuschoff,M/Berlin op/1993/ Ribli: '=';

C1c2) 13.e5!? Nd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.c3 d6 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Rae1 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 0-0 19.f5! e5 20.f6! exd4 21.Qg5 Bh2+ 22.Kh1 Qg3 23.Qxd5 Qxd3 24.fxg7 Kxg7 25.Kxh2± Emms,J-Tozer,R/London Lloyds/1993/;

C2) 10...Bd6 11.h3 Be7 12.f4 d6 13.Rae1 0-0 14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Qg3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 e5 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Be3 Bc5 19.Kh2 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 Nc5∞ Mitkov,N-Stebbings,A/London Lloyds/1993/;

C3) 10...Be7!? 11.f4 d6 12.Nf3 *(12.Rad1 0-0 13.f5 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5*

15.Bf2 Rfe8 16.Bh4 Rad8= Przewoznik,J-Gdanski,J/Naleczow/1988/ Ribli: '=' *)* 12...0-0 13.Rae1 b4 14.Nd1? *(14.Na4∞)* 14...bxa3 15.bxa3 e5 16.Kh1 exf4 17.Bxf4 Ne5∓ Polgar,J-Ljubojevic,Lj/Buenos Aires/1994/ CBM44/INF62,190/]

[9.Nb3

A) 9...Ne5

A1) 10.Qe2 Nf6 11.f4 Nc4 12.Bd4 Bb4 *(12...Rc8 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 Ndb6 15.Nbc5±* Gheorghiu,F-Soos,B/Bucuresti/1967/INF03,427/*)* 13.e5 Bxc3 14.Bxc3! *(14.bxc3 Nd5 15.f5 g6 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.Nc5 f5!=* Pinter,J-Suetin,A/Budapest/1976/INF22,403/ Ribli: '=!'*)* 14...Nd5 15.Bd4± Pinter;

A2) 10.f4!? Nc4 11.Bd4! *(11.Bc1? Nf6 12.Qe2 Bb4 13.Nd1 0-0 14.Nf2 e5∓* Levy,D-Portisch,L/Hastings/1970/INF10,442/*)* 11...d6 12.Qe2 e5 13.Nd5!↑ Hector,J-Mortensen,E/Reykjavik zt/1995/CBM47/;

B) 9...Nf6!? 10.f4 h5 *(10...d6* - B82 *)* 11.h3 d6 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Rae1 Nb4 14.Nd4 h4∞ Lacasa,J-Fernandez,E/Sitges op/1992/]

[9.Re1 Nf6 10.h3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.a3 Rac8= Fusthy,Zs-Szabolcsi,J/Huntch/1991/ Ribli: '=']

9...Nf6

[9...Ne5 10.Qe2 Nf6 11.f4 Ng6± 12.f5 Ne5 13.Bf4 b4! 14.Na4 Bd6 15.Nf3 Nxf3 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxf3 e5 18.Rg3 Qc6 19.b3 0-0∞ Thorhallsson,T-Mortensen,E/Valby/1994/]

[9...b4?! 10.Na4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Nf6 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.e5 Ne4 14.Nc4 h5?! 15.Qe2 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Be4± Wiersma,E-Brenninkmeijer,J/NLD-ch/1995/ CBM48/]

10.Qe2

[10.f4? b4 11.Nce2 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nxe4 13.c3 Bc5 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Ng3 Bd5∓ Hendriks,W-Langeweg,K/Nederland tt/1994/]

[10.Qf3 Be7 11.Rae1∞ Sydor,A-Doda,Z/Polanica Zdroj/1966/]

10...Bb4!?

[10...Be7 11.f4 d6 12.a4! *(12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Bd4 e5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Bf2 b4 16.Nd1 0-0 17.Bh4 Ne8!?∞* Djoric,D-Rajkovic,D/Nis op/1993/*)* 12...b4 13.Na2 d5?! *(13...Rb8!?* Topalov *)* 14.e5 Ne4 15.c3 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Nb4 17.Rac1 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Qb8 19.f5 Qxe5 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Ncb5!± Topalov,V-Smirin,I/Polanica Zdroj/1995/CBM48/INF64,191/]

(Diagram)

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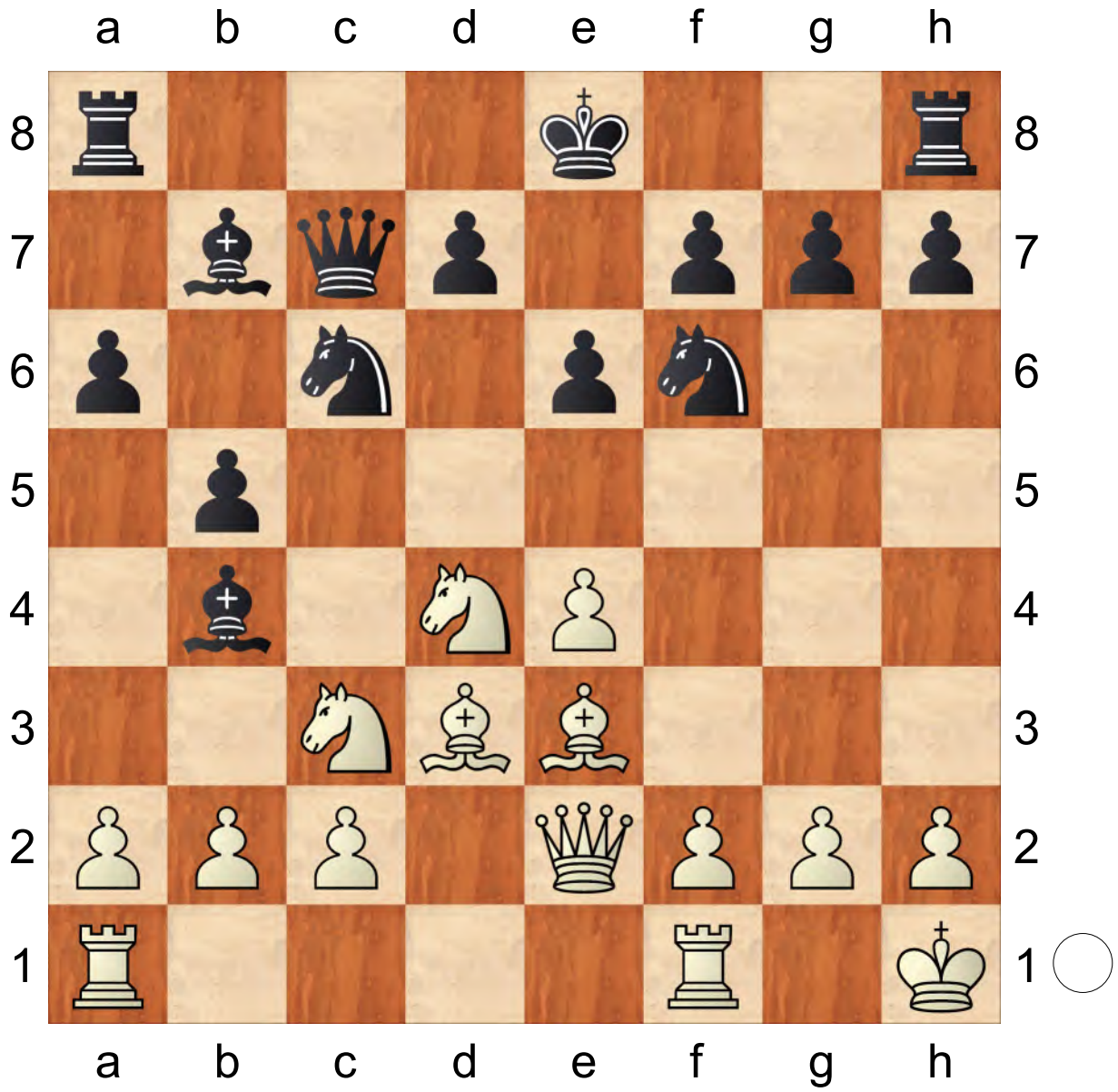
(Diagram)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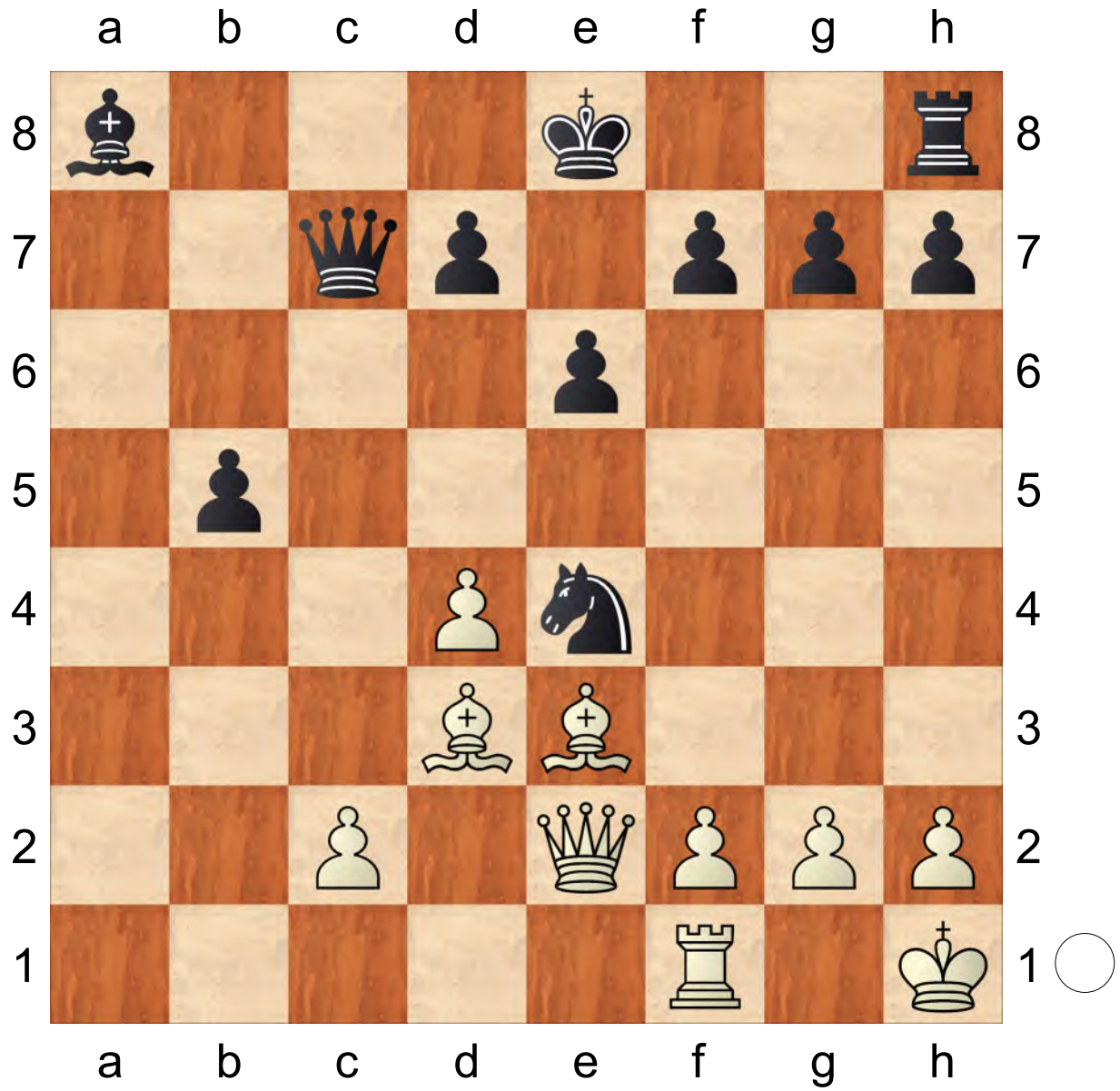

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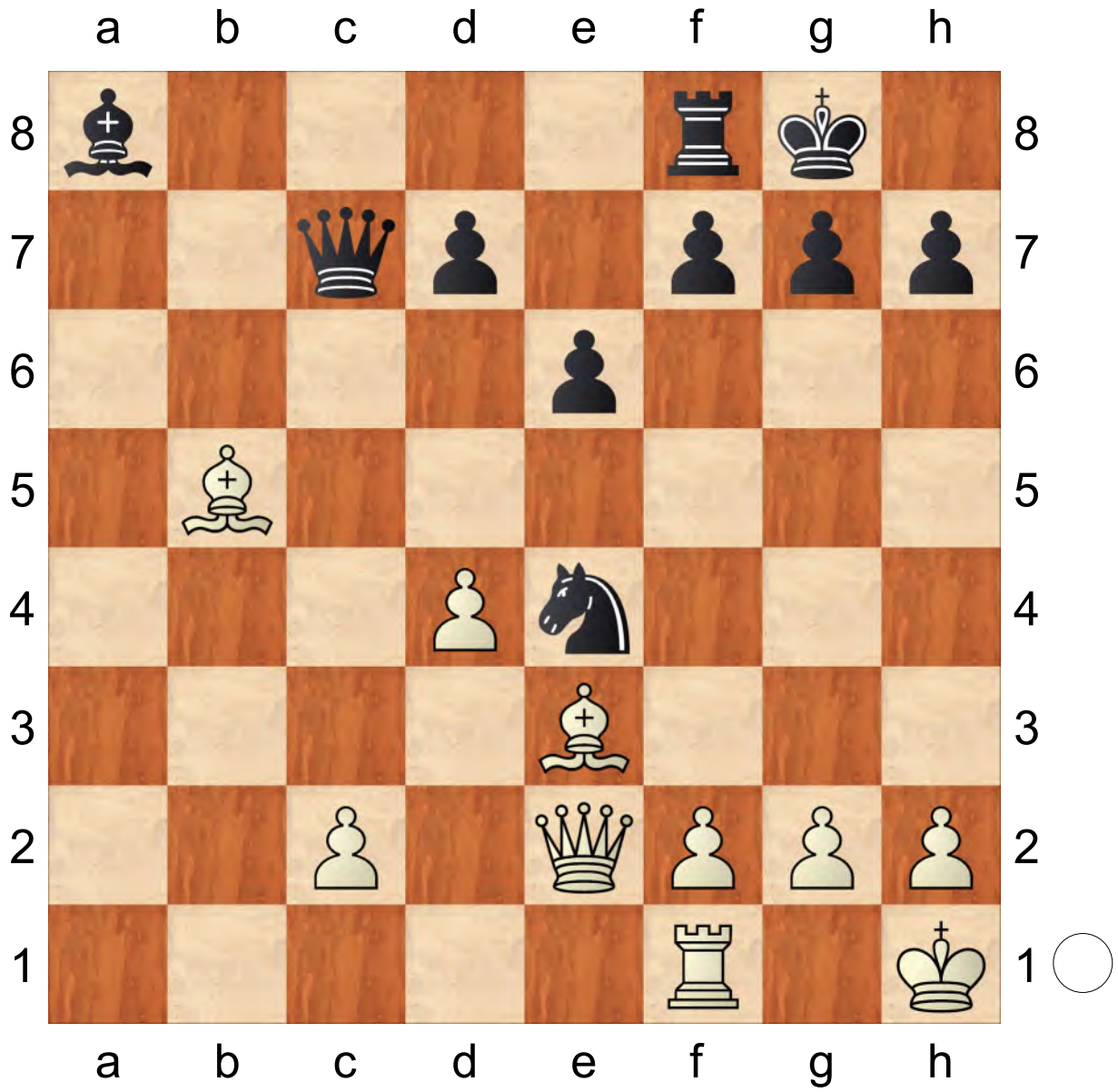
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□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2713**
■ **Alekseev,Evgeny V** **2700**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 1-0 Dominguez Perez,L (2712)-Tiviakov,S (2662) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2010 (6) Dominguez is obviously in the process of widening his repertoire. Apart from 1.e4 he started playing the Catalan as well, his first outing with this opening was annotated in CBM 135:

[3...c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.Bf4

A) 10...Qb4 11.Re1 Be7 12.e4 dxe4 *(12...d4 13.Nd5!⟳)* 13.Bc7! e3 14.Rxe3 0-0 15.h3 Na7 16.Rc1 Nb5 17.a3 Nxc3 18.Rcxc3 Qa4 19.Qc1 Qd7 20.Be5 Nd5 21.Red3 Nxc3 22.Qxc3 Qb5 23.Bxg7 Qxd3 24.Qxd3 Kxg7 25.Nc5↑ →ע,Kasparov,G (2838)-Kramnik,V (2802)/Moscow blitz m/2001/;

B) 10...Be7 11.a3 d4 12.Nd2 *(12.Bxc6+!? Qxc6 13.Nxd4±)* 12...Qc5 13.Nce4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Qb6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxd6 Kd7 *(16...Ne7 17.Be5 Nf5 18.Qc2!⩱)* 17.Bf4 Ke7 *(17...f6!?∞)* 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Be5 c5 20.b4 f6 21.bxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxd4 Qd5 *(⌓22...Qd6! 23.Rc1 Kf7±)*

B1) 23.e4!↑ Qd7 *(23...Qxe4? 24.Rc1!+- Δ♖c7)* 24.e5**±**;

B2) 23.Rc1 Rd8 24.Rc7+

B2a) 24...Ke8!? 25.Qc2 *(25.e3 Rd7 26.Qa4 Bb7 27.f3 Qb5=; 25.e4 Qxd4 26.Qh5+ g6 27.Qxh7 Bd7 28.Qxg6+⩱)* 25...Qxd4 26.Qxh7 Bd7 27.Qg8+ Ke7 28.Qxg7+⩱;

B2b) 24...Rd7?! 25.Bc5+?! *(25.e4!→)* 25...Kf7 26.Qxd5 exd5 27.Rxd7+= 1/2,Dominguez Perez,L (2713)-Short,N (2685)/Havana/2010/]

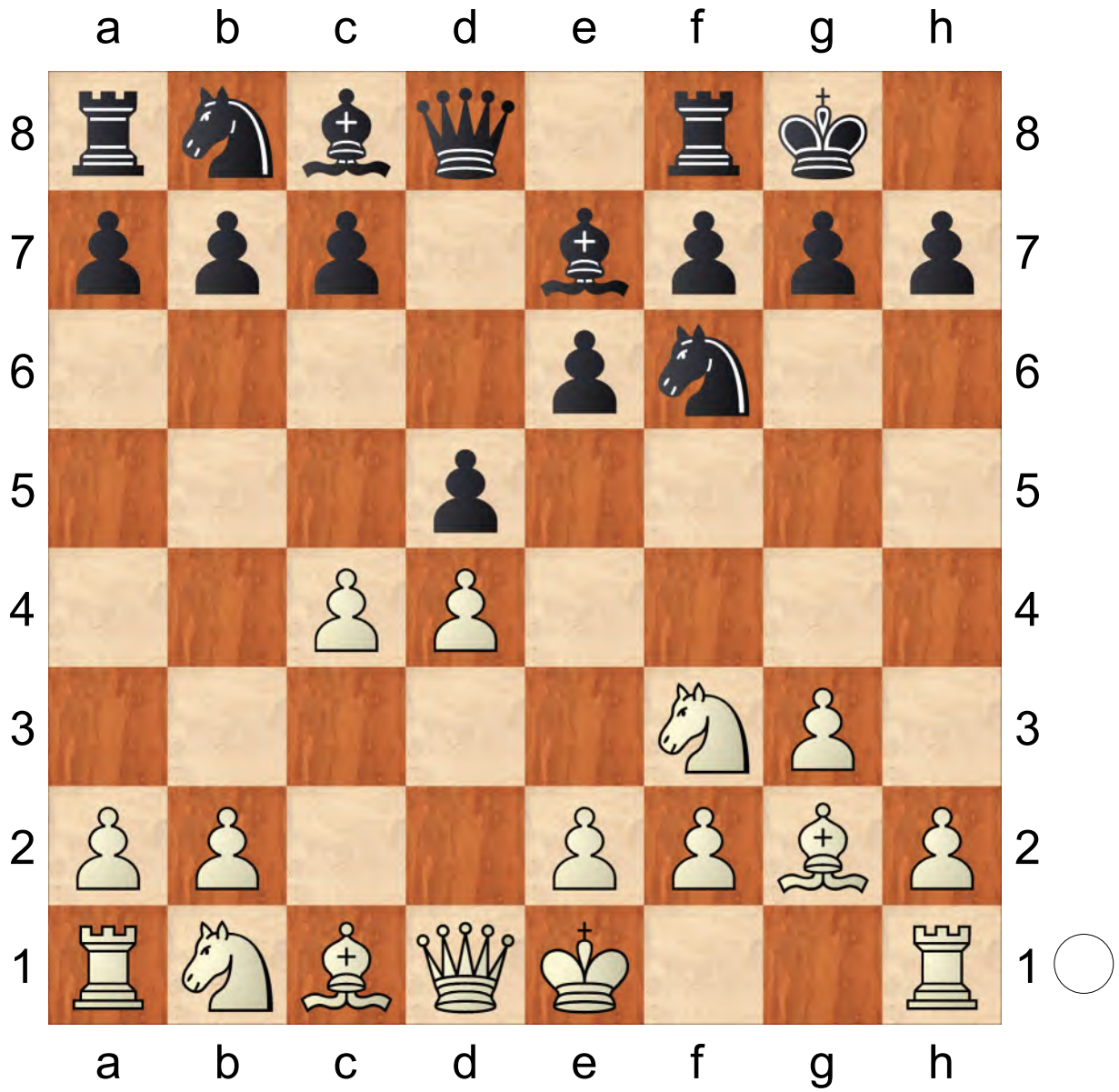
4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0

(Diagram)

6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4

[The other main move is 8.a4 , but the most recent examples confirm Black can hold his own here: Bd7 9.Qxc4 *(9.Rd1 Bc6 10.Nc3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bg5 Rb8 14.e3 a5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Rac1 c5 17.dxc5 Qe7 18.Nb5 c6 19.Nd4* Laznicka,V (2637)-Bologan,V (2692)/WCup Khanty Mansiysk/ 2009/ *Qxc5 20.Qxc4 Qxc4 21.Rxc4 Rfd8=)* 9...Bc6

A) 10.Bg5 h6!? *(10...Bd5 11.Qd3 c5 12.Nc3 Bc6 13.Rfd1 cxd4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxd4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nc6 18.Qc5 Qc7 19.Ne4 Rfd8 20.b4 h6 21.b5 Qe5 22.f3 Qxc5 23.Nxc5 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 axb5 25.axb5±* Wang Yue (2752)-Jakovenko,D (2725)/Astrakhan/2010/*)* 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 c6 14.Rad1 a5 15.e4 Nd7 16.e5 Be7 17.Be4 Qb6 *(17...Nb6*



18.Qb3 Bb4 19.Bb1 Nd5 20.Qc2 g6 21.h4 h5 22.Ne4 Kg7 23.Kg2 Be7 24.Qe2 Rh8 25.Qf3 Qb6 26.b3 Rad8 27.Rd2 Rd7= Ponomariov,R (2739)-Leko,P (2752)/Moscow WCh blitz/2009/) 18.f4 Rad8 19.Qe2 Nb8 20.Qf2 Na6 21.Kh1 f5 22.Bb1 h5 23.h3 g6 24.Ba2 Nc7 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Kf7!= Carlsen,M (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2733)/Medias/2010[

B) 10.Bf4 a5 11.Nc3 Na6 12.Ne5 *(12.Rad1 h6 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nd5 15.Bc1 Bb4 16.Qb3 Nb6 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 c6 19.e4 Rc8 20.Be3 Qe7 21.Ne2 Bd6 22.Nc1 Nb4=* 1/2, Khairullin,I (2617)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2590)/Havana-B/2010/*; 12.Rac1 Nb4 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nfd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Bb4 17.Bxb4 Nxb4 18.e4 c6 19.f4 Kh8 20.Rfd1 f6 21.Nf3 Qd7 22.b3 Rad8 23.Rd2 Rfe8 24.h4 Qf7 25.Re1 Qh5 26.Re3 h6 27.Kh3 Qf7⇄* Topalov,V (2813)-Jakovenko,D (2742)/Nanjing/2009/) 12...Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nd5 14.Rad1 Nxf4+ *(* Black doesn't have to hurry with this swap and can play

the more restrained *14...Nab4!? 15.Bc1 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nd5 17.Qb3 Nb6 18.Ba3 Bxa3 19.Qxa3 Qd6 20.Ra1 f6 21.Nd3 Qxa3 22.Rxa3 Nc4 23.Ra2 e5 24.Nc5 b6 25.Ne4 Rad8 26.Nd2 Nxd2 27.Rxd2 Rd6*= Gelfand,B (2761)-Topalov,V (2805)/Linares/2010/) 15.gxf4 Bd6 16.e3 Qh4 *(16...Nb4⇄)* 17.Qe2 Bxe5 *(17...f6 18.Nc4 g5 19.d5 e5 20.f5 Nc5 21.e4 Rf7 22.Kh1 Nb3 23.Nb5±* Ivanchuk,V (2749)-Karjakin,S (2720)/Wijk aan Zee/2010/) 18.fxe5 f6 19.exf6 Rxf6 20.f4 Nb4 21.Kh1 Rg6 22.Rg1 Rxg1+ 23.Rxg1 Qe7 24.Rg5 h6 25.Rb5 c6 26.Re5 Qf7 27.Ne4 Nd5 28.f5 exf5 29.Nd6 Qf6∞ Eljanov,P (2736)-Karjakin,S (2725)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2010/]

8...b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Played already in the Kasparov - Karpov duels, this was subsequently taken up by Kramnik and currently remains the only continuation, which can cause Black any problems.

[10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nbd2 Rc8 13.Nb3 c5 14.dxc5 Bd5 15.Ne1 Bxg2 16.Nxg2 Nd7 17.Rfd1 Qc7=]

[10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Rd1 Nb4 12.Qc1 Rc8 13.Nc3 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Be3 Ng4 16.Ne1 Bxg2 17.Nxg2 Qd5 18.f3 Nxe3 19.Nxe3 Qb7 20.Kg2 c5∓ Bruzon Bautista,L (2652)-Anand,V (2803)/Turin olm/2006/]

10...Bd6

[Even more rare is the alternative 10...h6 11.a3!? Re8!? 12.b4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Nb6 14.Rfd1 Nc4 15.Be1 Qb8 16.e4 Rd8 17.Bf1 *(⌓17.h3!?* was recommended by Short afterwards - it keeps the tension and perhaps a slight edge. *)* 17...a5! 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Rab1 axb4 20.axb4 Ra3 21.Ne5 Rb3 22.b5 Rxb1 23.Qxb1 Qa7 24.Rd2!∞ *(24.Nc6 Bxc6 25.bxc6 Rxd4 26.Qb7 Bc5∓* Nyback,T (2655)-Short,N (2674)/Malmo/2009/) 24...Qa5 *(24...Rxd4? 25.b6+-)* 25.Rd1 Qa7=]

[The most popular and arguably most reliable continuation is 10...Be4 11.Qc1 Bb7 *(11...Nbd7 12.Ba5 Rc8 13.Nbd2 Ba8 14.a3!? Qe8 15.b4 Bd6 16.Re1 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Qe3 Bd5 19.Rac1 f5 20.Ne5 Nf6 21.f3 Nd7 22.Rc2↑* Huzman,A (2591)-Wells,P (2499)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/) 12.Bf4

A) The main alternative is 12...Bd6 13.Nbd2 Nd5!? *(13...Nbd7 14.Nb3 Bd5 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nd5 18.Na5!? Nxf4+ 19.Qxf4 f6 20.Nec6 Qf7 21.Qf3 e5 22.a4 exd4 23.Rxd4 Ne5 24.Qc3±* Avrukh *)*

A1) 14.Be5 Nd7 15.Nb3 a5 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Ra6 18.Rd1 *(18.a4!?)* 18...Qe7 19.e4 N5f6 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.Nd2 e5= Nielsen,P (2680)-Hou,Y (2584)/Amsterdam/2009/;

A2) 14.Bxd6 cxd6 15.e4 Ne7 16.Qc3 Nd7 17.a4 Inarkiev,E (2674)-Aronian,L (2741)/WCup Khanty Mansiysk/2007/ Nf6! 18.Rfe1 d5⇄ Inarkiev;

A3) 14.Nb3 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Nd7 16.Rd1!? Avrukh *(16.e3 Rc8 17.Rd1 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Bxf3! 20.Bxf3 Rxc5 21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rc1=* 1/2, Ftacnik,L (2553)-Dydyshko,V (2564)/CZE-chT/2007/) 16...Qf6 17.e3 Rad8∞ Δ♗f3, g5⇄»;

B) 12...Nd5 13.Nc3 Nxf4 14.Qxf4

B1) 14...Qd6 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nd7!?N *(* Black ignores the more

usual *16...c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Rfd1±* and strives for a similar position as in line B. *)* 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Qf3 Rfd8 20.Rac1 h6 21.e3 b4 22.Ne4 Qa4 23.Ra1 Rd5 24.b3 Qa5 25.Nd2 Rcd8 26.Nc4 Qb5 27.Rac1 Bf6 Dominguez Perez,L (2713)-Carlsen,M (2813)/Nice blindfold rpd/2010/ 28.Nd2=;

B2) 14...Nd7 15.Rfd1 Bd6 16.Qe3 Qe7 *(16...Nb6 17.Ne1!? Bxg2 18.Kxg2 b4 19.Ne4 Nd5 20.Qb3 f5 21.Nd2 c5 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Nd3 Be7 24.Rac1 Rc8 25.Qa4±* Maletin,P (2584)-Kravtsiv,M (2546)/New Delhi/ 2010/ *)* 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Kxg2 f5 20.f4 *(20.Rac1 Rae8 21.f4 g5! 22.fxg5 b4 23.Nb1 f4 24.Qe4 Rf5⇄* Bocheva,M (2387)-Dambrauskaite,V (2286)/corr/2006/*)* 20...b4 21.Nb1 c5 *(21...Qc6+! Δ♕ d5,c5=)* 22.dxc5 Qc6+ 23.Qf3 Qxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Bxc5 25.Nd2= /±, Leko,P (2752)-Karpov,A (2619)/WCh blitz Moscow/2009/]

[Black still hasn't fully solved his opening problems after 10...Ra7 11.Rc1 Be4 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.e3 Qa8 14.Qd1 b4 15.Qf1

A) 15...Bd5 16.Be1 Rc8 17.Nbd2 Na5 18.Ne5 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Nd3

A1) 20...Be7 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Rxc8+ *(22.e4 Nf6 23.f3±)* 22...Qxc8 23.e4 Nf6 24.Qe2 Rc7 25.f3 Nc4 26.Rc1 Nxd2 27.Qxd2 a5= Laznicka,V (2610)-Petrik,T (2489)/CZE-chT/2008*!*

A2) 20...Bf8 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.e4 Nb6 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Nf3 Qb7 25.Nxb4!? Qxe4 26.Qd3 Qxd3 27.Nxd3 Nac4 28.b3 Nd6 29.Rc1± Kramnik,V (2785)-Leko,P (2755)/Moscow/2007/ - see notes by Marin in CBM 122.;

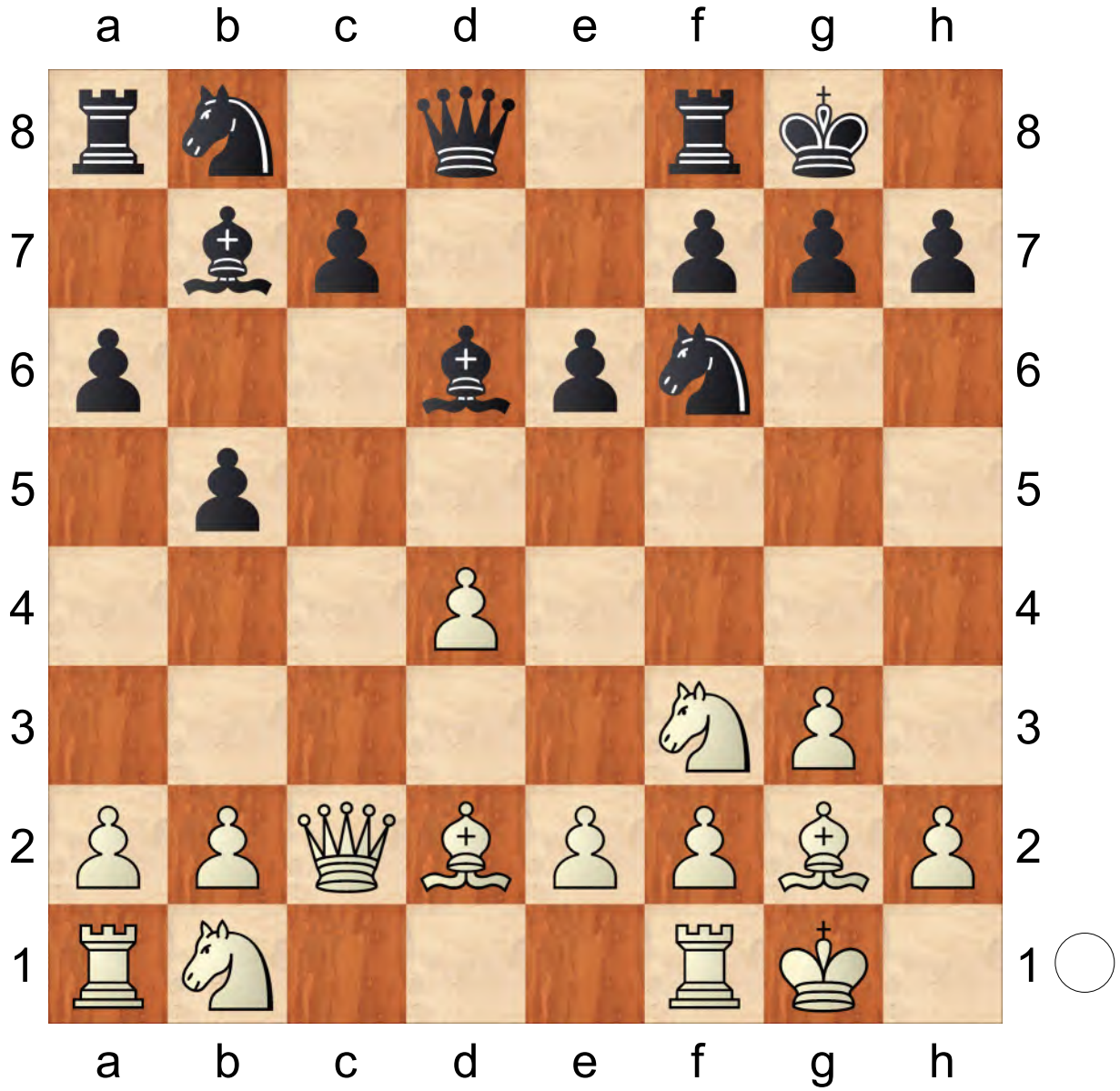
B) 15...Rd8 16.Be1 a5 17.a3 Bd6 18.Nfd2 Bxg2 19.Qxg2 Ra6 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.Nbd2 bxa3 22.bxa3 Be7 Aronian,L (2750)-Anand,V (2792)/Mainz rpd/ 2007/ 23.Qe4!? a4 24.Qc2 Rb8 25.Rab1 h6 26.f3± Δ♗f2± Avrukh]

(Diagram)

One of the less usual reactions, which has nevertheless mostly worked quite fine for Black. **11.Re1!?**

[Thematic, but insufficient for an advantage is 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.Ba5 Qb8 13.b4 e5 This is the main point of Black's 10th move - he gets in an important liberating advance, soon followed by another one on move 16 and achieves full equality 14.Nbd2 exd4 15.Nxd4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 c5 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.N2b3 *(18.N2f3 Qb7 19.Nf5 Rfe8 20.Rac1* Bauer,C (2634)-Hammer,J (2402)/Heraklio/2007/ *Ba3!?⇄)* 18...Ba3 19.e4 Ne5 20.Nf5 1/2, Gelfand,B (2733)-Anand,V (2792)/WCh Mexico City/2007/ - see notes by Marin in CBM 120. g6!?= /∓]

[11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Nbd2 Qe7 13.Nb3 Be4 14.Qc1 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxg2 17.Nc6 Bxc6 18.Qxc6 Ng4 19.Bd4 Qxe2 20.Rfe1 Qd3 21.h3 Nh6 22.Be5 Bxe5 23.Rxe5 Nf5 24.Rae1 g6 25.Rd5 Qc4 26.Rc5 Qd3 27.Rd5 Qc4 28.Rc5 Qd3 29.Rd5 1/2, Carlsen,M (2765)-Onischuk,A (2664)/Foros/2008/ was



only barely equal for White and again shows the positive side of Black's idea.]
[11.a3 Nbd7 12.b4 Ra7!? *(12...Be4 13.Qb2 Nb6 14.Qc1 Nfd5⇄* Horvath,C (2537)-Van Ketel,R (2295)/Leiden/2008/*)* 13.a4 *(⌓13.Nc3)* 13...bxa4 14.Rxa4 Qa8 15.Na3 Ne4 16.Rb1 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Rb8 18.Nc4 Nb6 19.Nxb6 cxb6= Gelfand,B (2756)-Granda Zuniga,J (2644)/ESP-chT Lugo/2009/]
[11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Nbd2 Rc8 13.Nb3 c5 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Nxc5 Be4 16.Qc3 e5! 17.e3 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Qd5 19.Rad1 Qa8 20.Nh4 Bxg2 21.Nxg2 Ne4 22.Qxe5 Rxc5 23.Qd4 Rc4 24.Qd3 Ng5⩲ Kramnik,V (2785)-Carlsen,M (2714)/ Moscow/2007/ - see notes by Marin in CBM 122.]
[Apart from the text-move, the only other ambitious try, recommended by Avrukh in his Catalan "bible", is 11.Ng5!? Bxg2 12.Kxg2
A) 12...h6 13.Nf3 Nbd7 14.e4 e5 15.Nc3 c5 16.d5 c4 17.Nh4 Nc5 18.f3 Re8 19.Nf5 Bf8 20.Nd1 Rc8 21.Nf2∞ /±, Hillarp Persson,T (2586)-Szabo,K

(2508)/EU-ch Budva/2009/;
B) 12...Nbd7 13.e4 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc4 16.b3 Nxd2 17.Nxd2 h6 18.Ngf3 Bb4 19.Rf2!? *(19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.e5 Nd5 21.Nf1 Rad8 22.a3 Bc5 23.b4 Bb6 24.Rd2 Qd7 25.f5 Rfe8 26.Rad1 c6= /⇄,* Eljanov,P (2687)-Carlsen,M (2765)/Foros/2008/ - see notes by Marin in CBM 125.*)* 19...Qe7 20.e5 *(*Avrukh recommends *20.Re2 Rad8 21.Rc1 Ba3 22.Rf1* , but the position remains rather unclear after *Rfe8∞)* 20...Nd5 21.Re2 Bc5 22.Rae1 Nb4 23.Qb1 Rad8 24.Ne4 Bb6 25.f5 Nd3 26.Rf1 Qd7 27.f6 g6∓ ×e5,Ponomariov,R (2737)-Karjakin,S (2725)/Nice rpd blindfold/2010/;
C) 12...Qc8!? 13.e4 Qb7 14.Re1 *(14.f3 Nc6 15.Be3 h6 16.Nh3 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nd2 c5 19.Nf2 Rfd8 /∓,* Ponomariov,R (2739)-Carlsen,M (2801)/WCh blitz Moscow/2009/*)* 14...Nbd7 15.Nf3 e5 16.Bg5 exd4 17.Nxd4 Rfe8 18.Nd2 c5 19.Nf5 Bf8 20.b3 Re6 21.f3 Rae8= Caruana,F (2646)-Short,N (2663)/Wijk aan Zee/2009/]

11...Be4 Stohl: 'is just a way to make a draw, or two extra moves towards possible tim trouble.'

[11...Nbd7?! 12.Ba5! Qe8 13.e4 e5 14.Nbd2 c5 *(14...Rc8 15.b4↑)* 15.dxe5 Nxe5 *(15...Bxe5!?±)* 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nf3 Rc8 *(17...Qe7 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Rad1↑)* 18.Rad1± b4 19.Bh3 Rc6 20.a3 Bc7 21.e5! Bxa5 22.exf6 b3 23.Qxb3+- Landa,K (2613)-Melkumyan,H (2541)/EU-Cup Kallithea/2008/]

12.Qc1 Bb7

[Black should again refrain from 12...Nbd7?! 13.Ba5! Qe7 *(13...Rc8 14.Nbd2 Ba8 15.e4 e5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Qc2 Qe7 18.Bh3 c5 19.Rad1 Bc7 20.Bxc7 Rxc7 21.e5 Ne8 22.e6 fxe6 23.Bxe6+ Kh8 24.Bg8+-* Sandipan,C (2611)-Khusnutdinov,R (2506)/Kolkata/2009/*)* 14.Nbd2 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Rac8 16.e4 e5 17.Nh4 g6 18.f4 exf4 19.e5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 Ng4 22.Qxf4 Nxh2+ 23.Ke2± Volokitin,A (2684)-Onischuk,A (2664)/Foros/2008/ - see notes by Marin in CBM 125.]

13.Bg5

[13.a3 is too soft: Nbd7 14.b4 *(14.Ba5 Qb8 15.b4 e5⇄)* 14...Qc8 15.Nc3 Ne4 16.Nxe4 *(⌓16.Qc2 f5∞)* 16...Bxe4 17.Ng5 Bxg2 18.Qc2 f5 19.Kxg2 Nb6 20.e4 h6 21.Nf3 Qb7 22.Re2 Nc4∓ Cheparinov,I (2696)-Jakovenko,D (2737)/Elista/2008/ - see notes by Marin in CBM 128.]

[13.Qc2 Be4 is just a way to make a draw, or two extra moves towards possible tim trouble.]

13...Nbd7 **14.Nbd2!** This patient developing move is the new trend, which has superseded the impetuous

[14.e4 Be7 15.Nbd2 c5 Stohl: 'just transposes to the 14.e4 line.'

A) 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 *(16...gxf6!?⇄)* 17.dxc5 Rc8 18.b4!? *(18.Nb3 Qc7 19.e5 Be7∓)* 18...Bxa1 19.Qxa1≝ Nxc5 20.bxc5 Rxc5 21.Nb3 Rc8 22.e5 Qb6 23.Ng5 Rc2? 24.Qd4! Qxd4 25.Nxd4 Rc7 26.Ndxe6± /+-, Harikrishna,P (2659)-Pashikian,A (2611)/EU-Cup Kallithea/2008/;
B) 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 cxd4 18.Qd2 Bxg5 19.Nexg5 h6 20.Ne4 Ne3

21.fxe3 Bxe4 22.exd4 *(22.Qxd4 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Rc8 24.a4 Qc7 25.axb5 Nxe5 26.Be4 Rfd8 27.Qa4 axb5 28.Qxb5 Rb8 29.Qe2 Qc4∓* Rahman,Z (2564)-Xiu,D (2410)/Kuala Lumpur/2008/*)* 22...Bd5 23.Nh4 Nb6 24.Be4 Rc8 25.Ng2 Bxe4 1/2,Gelfand,B (2737)-Anand,V (2799)/Wijk aan Zee/2008/]

14...c5N We are entering uncharted waters and this natural move is already a novelty. Black is willing to allow a break-up of his » to get in this liberating thrust as soon as possible.

[14...h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 *(15...Qxf6? 16.Ne5+-)* 16.Nb3 Rc8 17.Rd1! *(But 17.Nc5* is too soft: *Bxc5 18.Qxc5 Ne4 19.Qa3 c5 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Rac1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qb6 23.e3 b4 24.Qa4 Rd8 25.Qc2 Rc8 26.Qb1 Rxc1+ 27.Qxc1 Nc5 28.Qd2 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 a5=* Wang Yue (2738)-Carlsen,M (2770)/Leon rpd/2009/*)* 17...Bd5 *(17...Qe7 18.Nc5!? Bxc5 19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.dxc5* Δ♘e5± *)* 18.Ne1 Qe7 19.Nd3 Bxb3 20.axb3 c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Nxc5 Qxc5 *(22...Rxc5 23.Qb1!±)* 23.Bb7! Qxc1 24.Rdxc1 Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 Rb8 26.Bxa6 Rb6 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Ra8± /±,Giri,A (2642)-Hammer,J (2610)/Malmo/2010/]

15.Bxf6 The only consistent try.

[15.e4 Be7 just transposes to the 14.e4 line.]

15...gxf6□

[15...Qxf6?! 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxb7 *(17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxb7 Bxb2 19.Ne4 Qe5 20.f4 Bxc1 21.fxe5 Be3+⩱)* 17...cxd4 18.Ne4±]

(Diagram)

16.Nb3!?

[Marin mentions the plausible 16.Qc3 Rc8 *(16...f5!?)* 17.Qe3 , but Black should be doing fine after Qb6⇄]

16...Qb6 A difficult decision. Black retains the ⊞ tension, but also

[16...c4!? deserves attention: 17.Nbd2 Qc7∞ Δ♖fc8,c3 ⇄ *(17...f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Nxe4±; 17...Nb6 18.e4 Rc8⇄)*]

17.Qh6 For the time being White ignores a possible tactical solution.

[17.Ne5 Bxe5 *(17...fxe5 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.dxc5↑* Δ *Nxc5 20.Nxc5 Bxc5? 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qxe5+±)* 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.dxe5 Qe4 20.exf6 c4 *(20...Rfc8!?)* 21.Na5 Nxf6 22.a4 Nd5⇄]

17...Rfd8

[17...c4 18.Nbd2 is still not clear, but now it's less logical after White has activated his ♕.]

18.Rad1

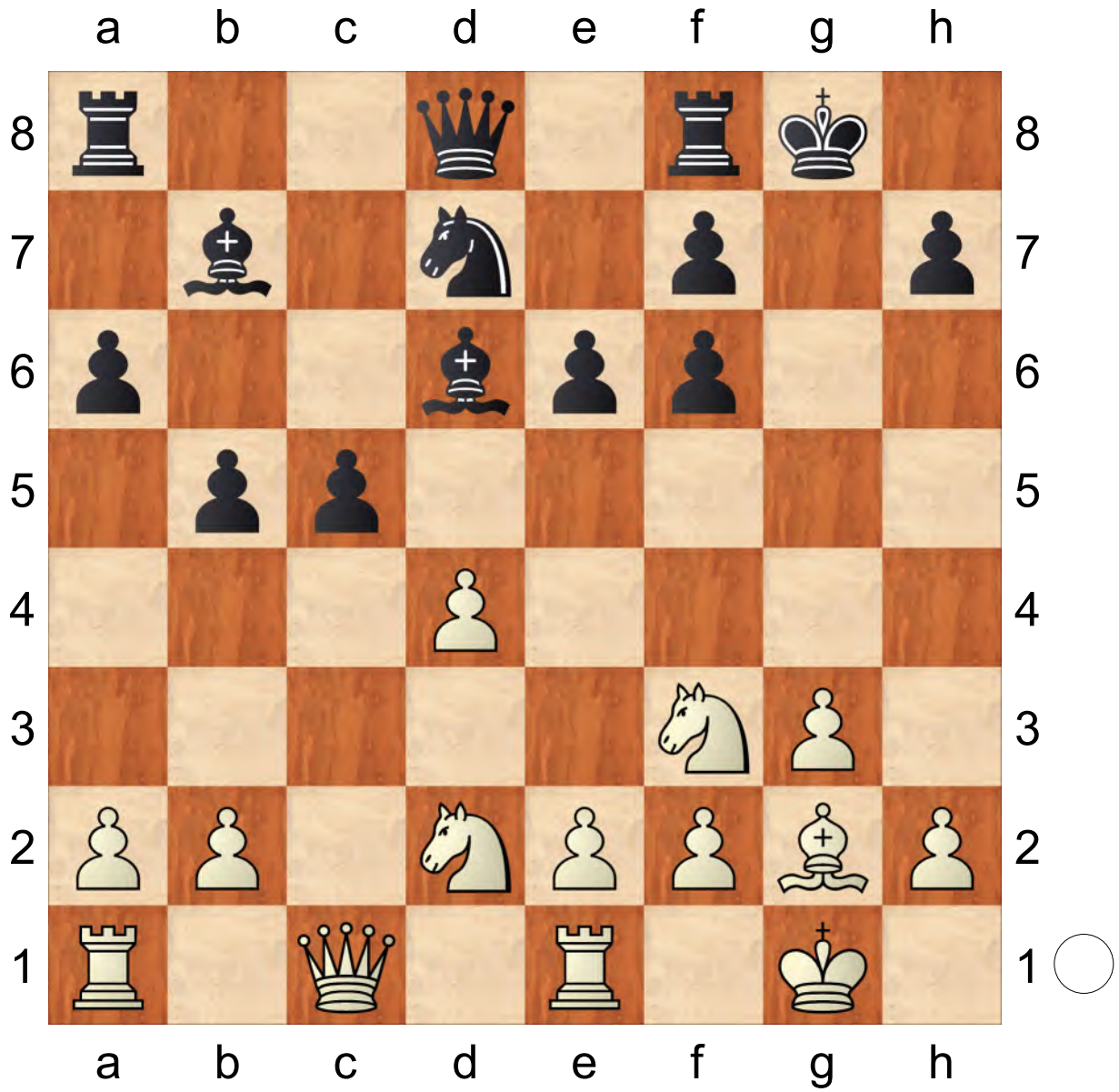
[18.dxc5 Nxc5= Δ 19.Qxf6? Ne4∓]

18...Bf8 19.Qh5

[19.Qh4 Rac8=]

19...a5

[Safer is ⌓19...Rac8!? Δ 20.Nh4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 c4⇄]



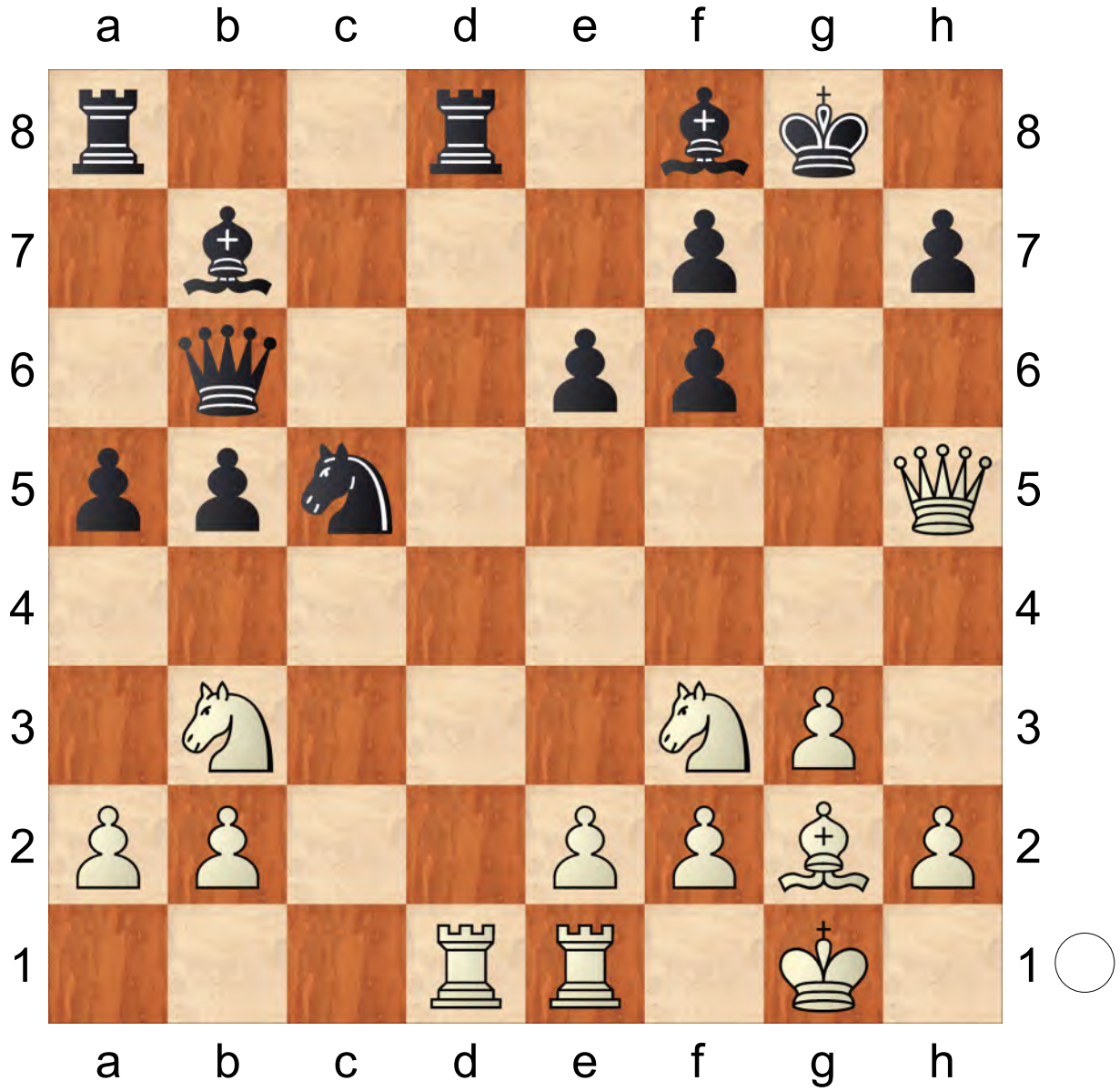
20.dxc5 Nxc5

(Diagram)

21.Ng5!? White wants to fight for an advantage and goes for tactical complications.
[21.Nxc5
A) 21...Qxc5 22.Qh4 *(22.Qxc5 Bxc5=; 22.Ne5 Qxe5 23.Qxe5 fxe5 24.Bxb7 Rab8=)* 22...Bg7!?= *(22...Qe7 23.Nd4±)*;
B) 21...Bxc5 22.e3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rd8=]

21...fxg5 22.Qxg5+ Kh8
[22...Bg7!? 23.Nxc5 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 h6! 25.Qh5 Bxb2∞]

23.Nxc5 Bxc5
[23...Bxg2 24.Nd7



A) 24...Qb7 25.Nxf8

A1) 25...Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rxf8 27.Qh6 *(27.f3 Bh3 28.Qh6 Qb6+ 29.Kh1 Rc8 30.Qxh3 Qe3⩲)* 27...Rc8 28.f3 Bxf3 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.exf3 Qc6 31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Kg2!?± White is slightly better, as his ♔ is less vulnerable (it has a relatively safe haven on h3).;

A2) 25...Rxf8 26.e4 Bxe4 *(26...Bh3? 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Qh6±)* 27.Qe5+ f6 28.Qxe4 Qxe4 29.Rxe4 e5 30.f4±;

B) 24...Rxd7!? 25.Rxd7 Bd5 26.Rxf7 Qd4 27.e4 Bxa2 28.e5 *(28.Qxb5!?±)* 28...Bd5 29.Rc7 Qd3 seems very dangerous for Black, but objectively is probably just equal/unclear.]

24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Bxb7 Bxf2+

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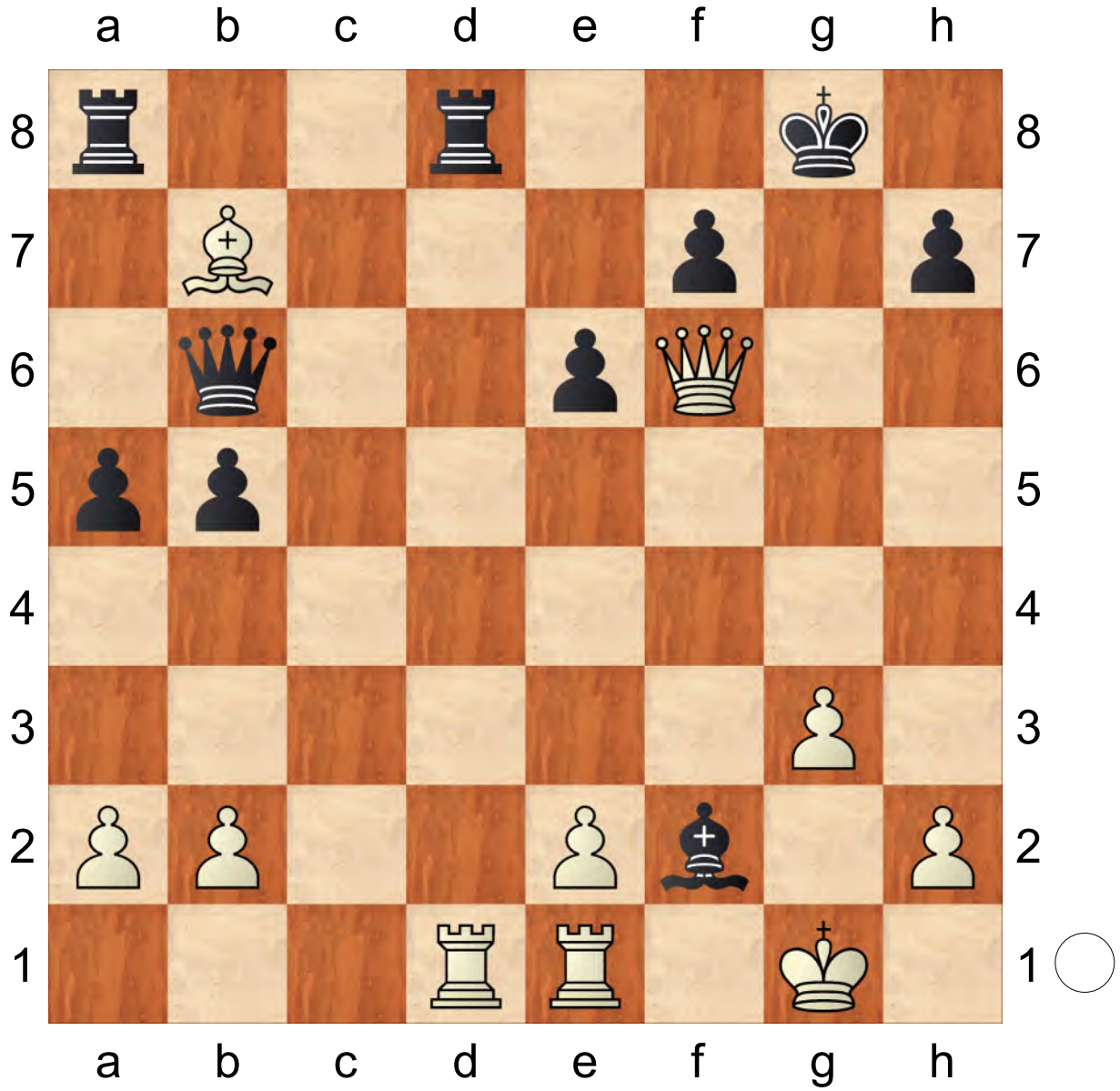


26.Qxf2 Qxb7 27.Qf4 The dust has settled down and just as in some of the above lines, White has some initiative due to his better ♔.

[27.Qf6 Rd5!? *(27...Qb6+ 28.Kg2 Qb7+ 29.Kh3 Rd5 30.e4±)* 28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.Rc1 Rd8! Δ♕d4= *(29...Qxa2 30.Rc5 Qb1+ 31.Kf2 Qe4 32.Rxb5→)*]

27...Qe7

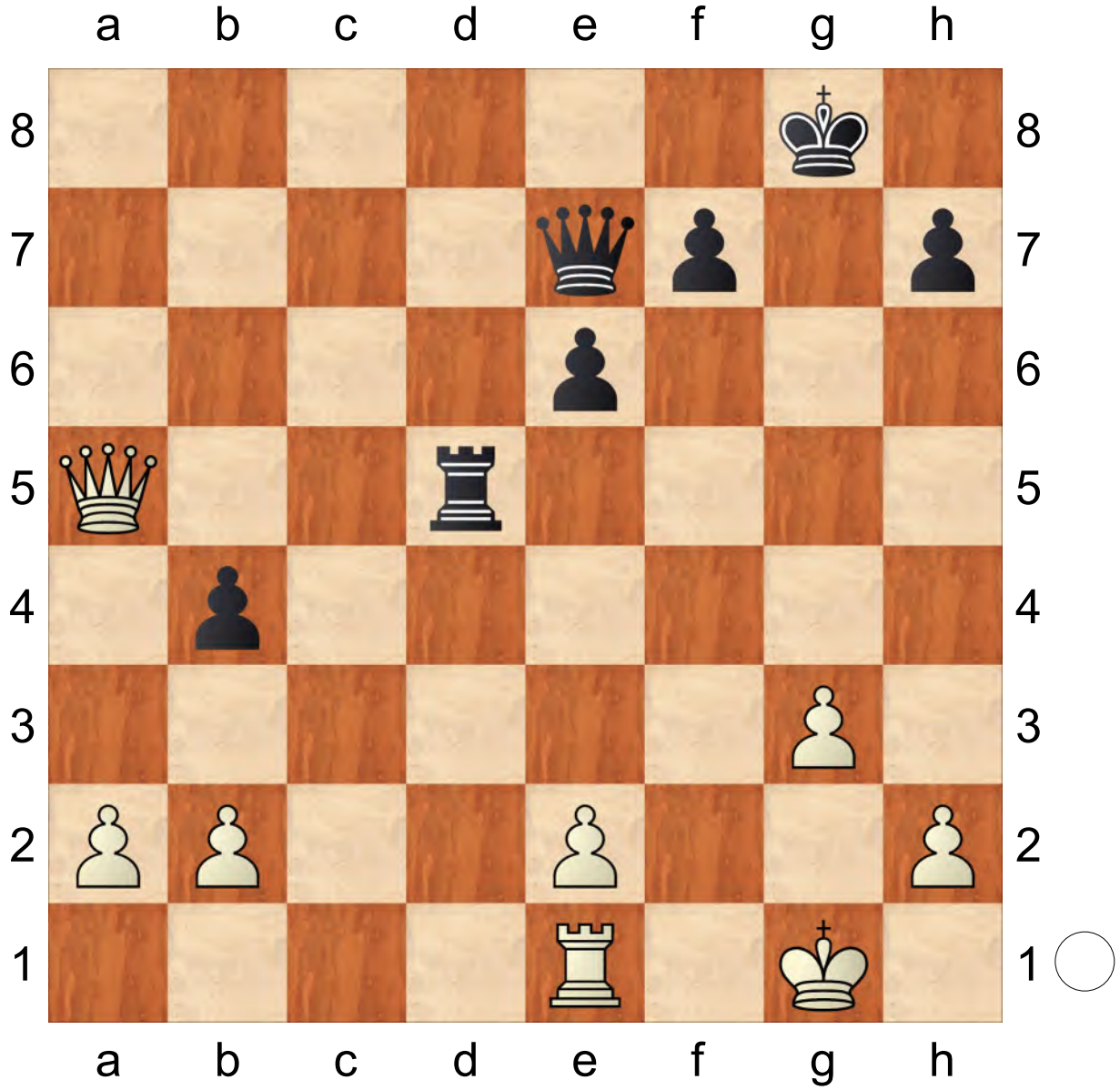
[27...Qb6+ 28.e3 *(28.Kg2 Qc6+ 29.Kh3 Qc5⇄)* 28...Qc5 29.Rc1 Qf5!? 30.Qxf5 exf5 31.Rc5 *(31.Re2 Rac8=)* 31...Rd2 32.Rxb5 Rc8⇄]

28.Qe5 b4 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8

[29...Qxd8!? 30.Rf1 Rc8 seems playable, after 31.Rf4 Rc1+ 32.Kf2 Qd5 33.Qf6 *(33.Qxd5 exd5 34.a3 b3=)* 33...Qh5 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qd4+ Kf8 36.Qh8+ Ke7 37.Qf6+ Ke8 38.Rh4 Qf5+ 39.Qxf5 exf5 40.Rxh7 Ke7 41.Rh5 Ke6 Black should save the nominally worse ♖⊥.]

30.Qxa5 Rd5

[⌓30...Rd2!? is more forcing: 31.Qe5 *(31.b3 Rc2 Δ♕b7)* 31...Qa7+ 32.Kh1 Qd4! 33.Qxd4 Rxd4 34.a4 b3 *(34...bxa3 35.bxa3 Rd2 36.Ra1 Rxe2 37.a4 Rb2±)* 35.a5 Ra4 36.Rd1 Rxa5 37.Rd3 Rc5!? 38.Rxb3 Rc2⩲]



31.Qb6 Rd2 32.Rc1 h6

[32...Qg5!⇄

A) 33.Rc4 h5!?⩲ *(33...Rxe2 34.Qd4 Re5 35.Qg4 b3±)*;

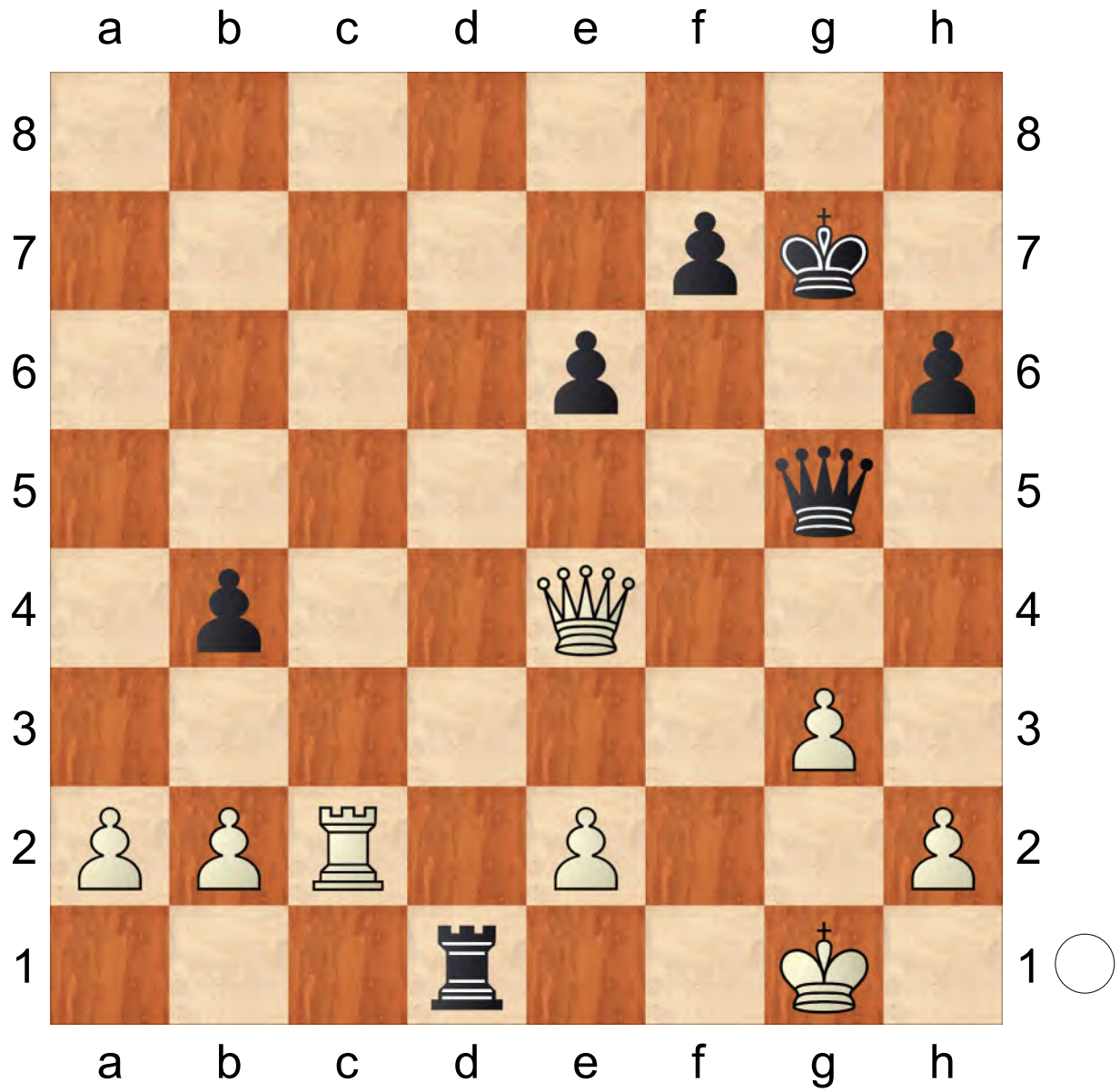
B) 33.Qxb4 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 Qxe2 35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Qf8+ Kg6 *(36...Kf6? 37.Qh6+ Ke5 38.Qf4++-)* 37.Qg8+ Kh6 *(37...Kf6 38.Qh8+ Kf5 39.Rc5+ e5 40.g4+ Ke6=)* 38.Qf8+ Kg6=]

33.Qe3 Qg5 34.Qe4 Kg7?

[Only, this is a mistake, after 34...Qf5!⩲ Black's activity is sufficient to hold the game.]

35.Rc2!± /± Chases away the powerful ♖, which enables White to consolidate his position and finally get winning chances. **35...Rd1+**

[35...Rxc2 36.Qxc2 h5 37.a4±]



Probably more resilient was the ♖ swap, but this is difficult to evaluate objectively - the extra ♙ gives White a riskless advantage. **36.Kg2 h5 37.Qf3**

[37.Qf4 Qxf4 38.gxf4 Re1± ⇄]

[⌓37.Rc4!?±]

37...Qe5 38.b3

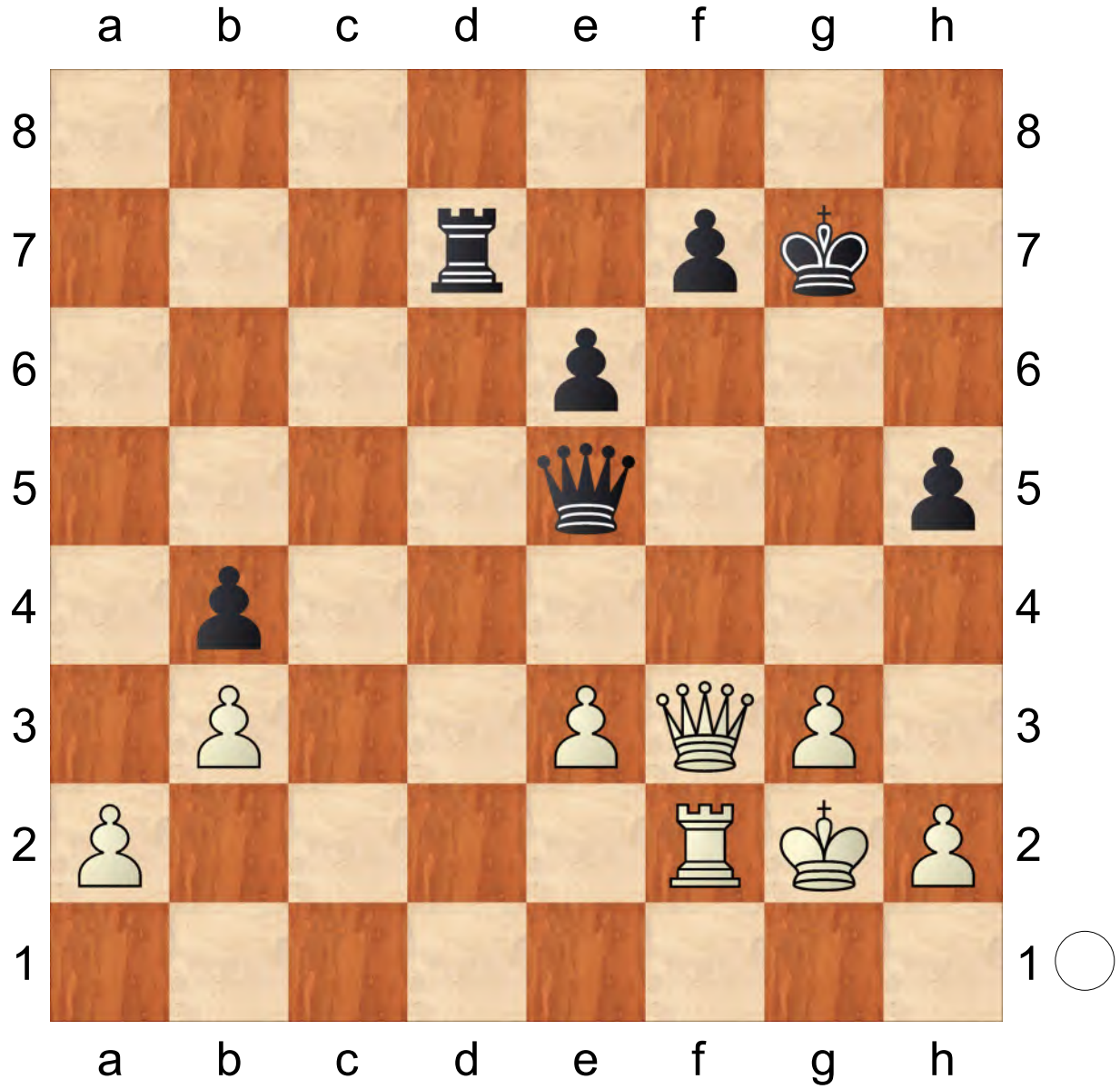
[38.Qf4 -37.♕f4]

38...Rd4 39.e3 Rd3

[39...Re4!? 40.Rc5 *(40.Rf2 f6 41.Re2 Kg6±)* 40...Qxc5 41.Qxe4 Qa5±]

40.Rf2 Rd7?!

[⌓40...f5±]



Alekseev is dejected and gradually eases White's task by allowing him to coordinate his forces. **41.Qf4± Qc5**

[41...Qxf4 42.gxf4± Δ♔f3, ♖c2 *(42.exf4 h4!? 43.g4 Rd3 44.Re2 Kg6 45.Re4 Rd2+ 46.Kh3 Rxa2 47.Rxb4 Rf2±)*]

42.e4

[42.Qf6+!? Kg8 *(42...Kh7 43.e4±)* 43.Kh3! Δ♖f4-c4→]

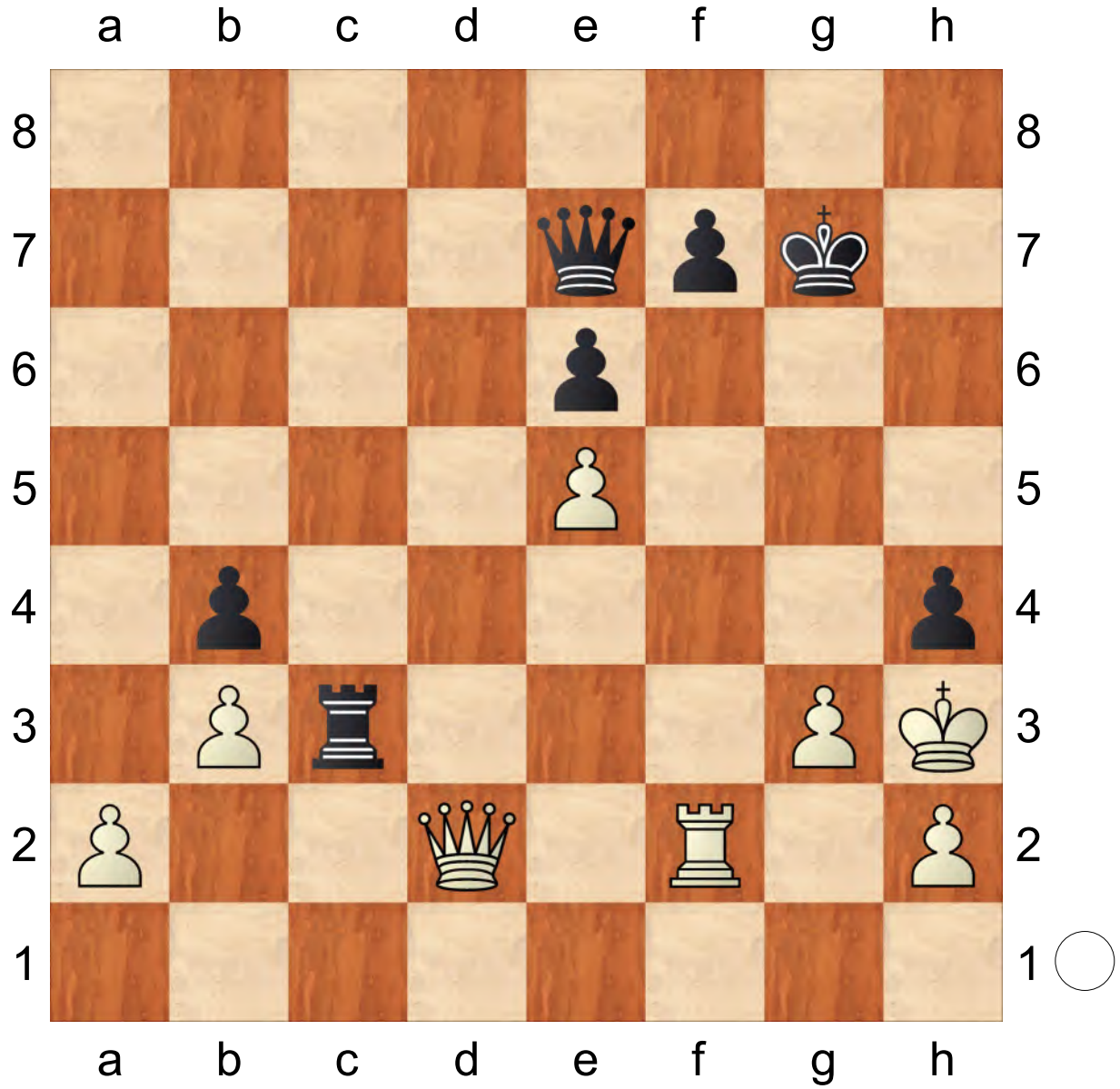
42...Qe7 43.e5 Rd3

[43...Rd5!?±]

44.Kh3 Rc3?!

[⌓44...Rd5]

45.Qd2!→ Δ♖f6 **45...h4**

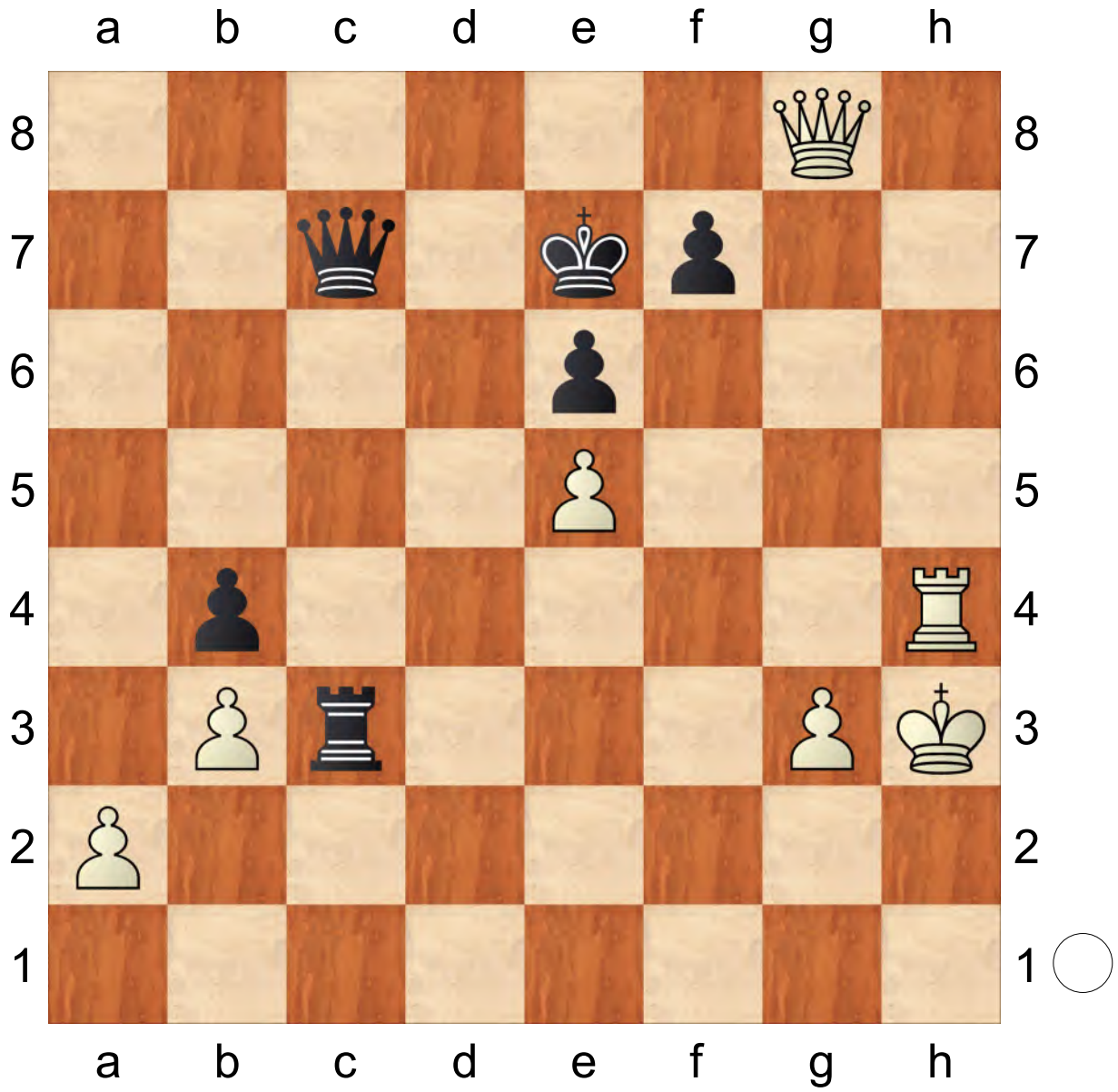


46.Rf4+- hxg3 47.hxg3 ∇ɣg7, b4 47...Kf8 48.Rh4 Qc7 49.Qg5 Ke8 50.Qg8+ Ke7

(Diagram)

51.Rf4
[51.Rh8!+-]
51...Qxe5 52.Rxf7+ Kd6 53.Qb8+ Kd5 54.Qb5+ Ke4
[54...Kd4 55.Rf4++-]
55.Rf4+!
[55.Rf4+ Qxf4 56.Qxb4++-]

(Diagram)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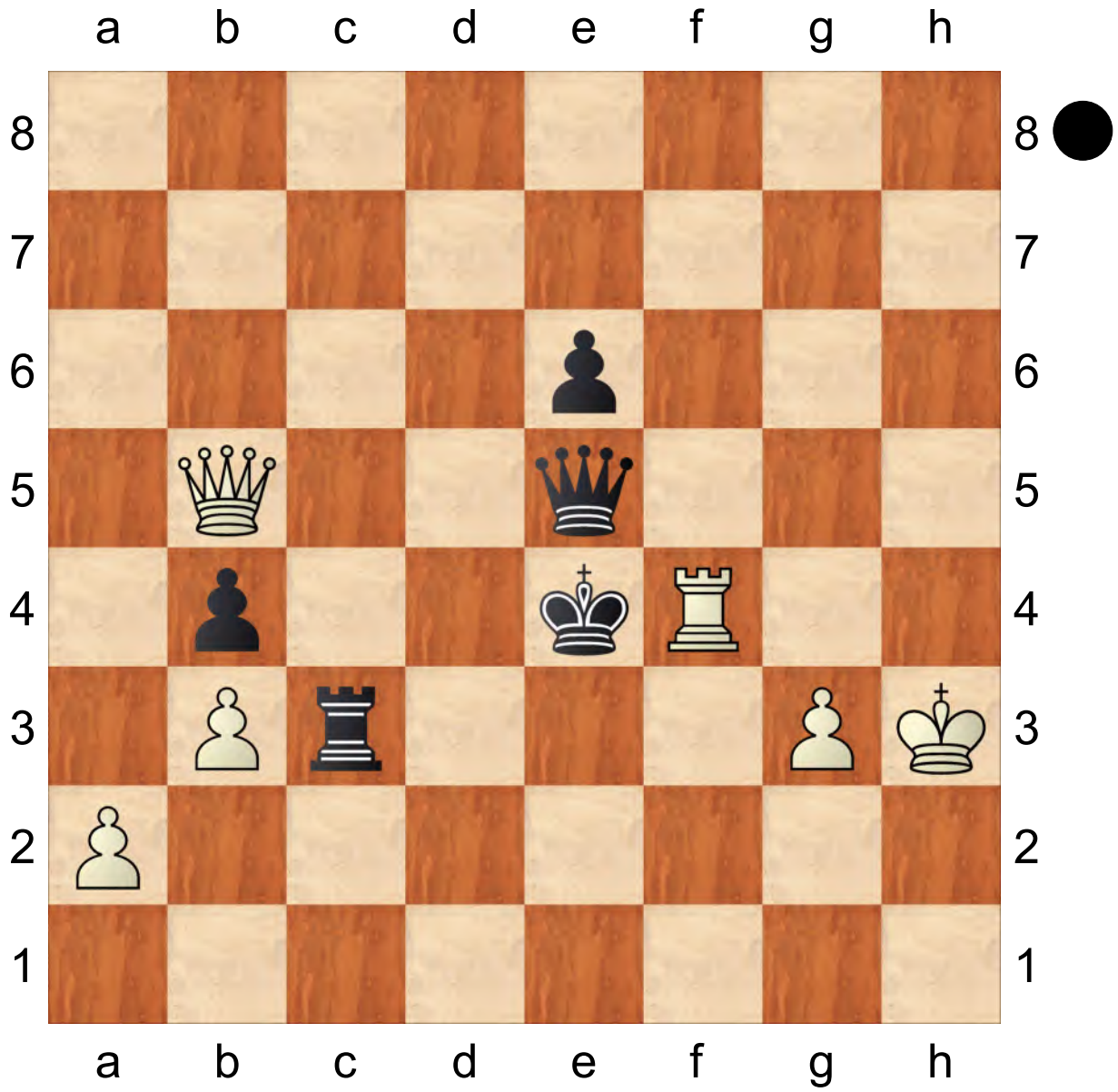

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□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2748**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2695**
Nalchik FIDE GP (3) 17.04.2009
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Stohl **1...d5 2.c4 dxc4** Already this must have been a surprise for White, as Kasimdzhanov doesn't regularly play the Queen's Gambit Accepted. **3.e4** Grischuk decides to sidestep his opponent's possible preparation by adopting a sharp line, which hasn't occurred in his previous practice.

[Earlier he played mainly 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.Bb3 and this variation together with 3.e4 are currently White's two most dangerous weapons against the QGA: b5 *(Less ambitous, but solid is 7...Nc6)* 8.a4 b4 9.e4! *(This is more aggressive than 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.e4 Be7 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Nc4* Now Black doesn't have to transpose to the main line with 12...cxd4, but he can play the stronger *0-0!? 13.Bc2 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Bd5⇄)* 9...cxd4 *(9...Bb7 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 cxd4 13.Ng5 Nd7 14.f4 Nc5 15.f5 Nxb3 16.Qxb3 Qd5 17.Qg3 h6 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.fxe6+ Kg8 20.Rf7 Re8 21.Raf1→* Wang Hao (2691)-Rublevsky,S (2699)/Poikovsky/2008/*)* 10.Nbd2 Bb7 *(After 10...Be7 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Nc4 Nc6 13.Nxd4 Ncxe5 14.Bf4 Nxc4 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Nxe7 Kxe7 17.Bxc4 Bb7* Grischuk's novelty *18.Qb3!* ×b4,Δa5,♕g3 gave him a powerful initiative after *Nc5 19.Qe3 Qc6 20.f3 Rhd8 21.Rfc1 Rac8 22.Qe1 Ke8 23.Bg5 Rd4? 24.Be3 Rd7 25.Qxb4+-* Grischuk,A (2710)-Rublevsky,S (2650) /Poikovsky/2005*)* 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Nc4 Be7 *(12...Nc6 13.Bg5↑; 12...Nc5 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Rc1⩲↑)* 13.Qxd4

A) 13...0-0 14.Qg4 Kh8 15.Bf4 Bd5 16.Rad1 Nc6 17.Rxd5! exd5 18.Ne3 g6 *(18...Nb6 19.Nf5 g6 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Bg5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.Be3!±)* 19.Bxd5 Rc8 20.Rd1 f5 21.Qg3 Qe8 22.Bh6± Grischuk,A (2711)-Karjakin,S (2732)/Odessa rpd/2008*/*

B) ⩀13...Nc5 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Bc2 Nbd7 16.b3 Bd5 17.Nfd2 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Rb1 Ne5 *(19...Ke7!?)* 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.a5 Nc6 22.Ndc4 Nd4 23.Be3!± Georgiev,K (2675)-Ibragimov,I (2590)/New York/1998/]

3...Nf6 Black has more than one sideline as e.g.

[3...c5]

[3...Nc6]

[and even 3...b5!? 4.a4 c6 5.Nc3 *(The ambitious pawn sacrifice 5.axb5 cxb5 6.Nc3 Bd7 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2 Nf6 9.0-0* is not fully clear after *Bb4∞)* 5...b4 6.Na2 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Bxc4 e6 This transposes into a rare line of the Slav, after 9.Nf3 a5 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Nc1 Ba6 12.Qe2 h6 13.Be3 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd7 15.Nb3 Be7 16.Rc1 0-0 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Qe2 c5 19.Nfd2 Qc6= Comp Deep Fritz 10-Kramnik,V (2750)/Bonn/2006/ Black successfully solved his opening problems only to later overlook a mate on h7!]

[Kasimdzhanov chooses one of the main alternatives, an even more popular reaction is 3...e5 4.Nf3

A) 4...Bb4+ 5.Nc3 exd4 6.Nxd4± *(6.Qxd4!?±)*;

B) 4...exd4

B1) Now weaker is 5.Qxd4?! Qxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bc5! 8.Ndb5 Na6 9.Bf4 Be6= /∓ *(9...c6 10.Nd6+ Bxd6 11.Bxd6 Be6∞ /∓)*;

B2) Critical is 5.Bxc4 , now Black has 2 moves:

B2a) 5...Nc6 6.0-0 Be6

B2a1) 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.Qxb7 Rb8 10.Qa6 Nf6 11.Nbd2 also isn't quite clear, Black's piece play compensates for his ק. Bd6 *(11...Bb4⇄)* 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Bf4 *(13...Ng4!?)* 14.g3 Bh6 *(14...Bxd2 15.Nxd2 d3∞* Krasenkow *)* 15.Ba3 Nxe4 16.Bxf8 Nxd2 17.Nxd2 Bxd2 18.Ba3 Qd5 19.Qc4 Qxc4 20.bxc4 Ne5 21.Rab1± Aronian,L (2759)-Shirov,A (2699)/Elista m/2007/;

B2a2) 7.Bb5 Bc5 8.b4 *(8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.Ng5 Qd7 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Nb3 Qd6 12.Bf4 Qxf4 13.Nxc5 0-0 14.Rc1 a6! 15.g3 Qh6 16.Be2 Rfd8= /∞)* 8...Bb6 9.a4

B2a21) 9...a5?! 10.bxa5 Rxa5 11.Nbd2⩲ *(11.Ng5↑)*;

B2a22) 9...a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Bb2 Nf6 12.a5 Ba7 13.Nbd2!? *(13.Bxd4 Nxe4 14.Bxa7 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Rxa7=; 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 Nxe4 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Be5 Bd5!=)* 13...0-0 14.Qc2 Ng4?! *(⌓14...Nh5!?∞ /±)* 15.h3 Nf6 16.Ne5 Bd7 Topalov,V (2769)-Nisipeanu,L (2668)/Vitoria Gasteiz/2007/ 17.Rfd1! Qe7 18.Ndf3±;

B2b) The great QGA fan Rublevsky nowadays prefers 5...Bb4+ 6.Bd2 *(6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nb3 Nb6 10.Bb5 Qd5 11.Nbxd4 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qc2 c5 14.Nf5 Qe6 15.Ng3 Qg6 16.Qxg6 hxg6 17.a3 Ba5 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Nxd2 c4 20.Rac1 Be6= 21.f4?! Rfd8 22.Rf2 Rd4 23.Nb1 Na4 24.Nc3 Nc5∓* Bologan,V (2666)-Rublevsky,S (2687) /Foros/2006/*)* 6...Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 Qf6!? *(Avoiding the rather unpleasant line 7...Nc6 8.0-0 Qf6 9.b4! Δ Nxb4? 10.e5 Qg6 11.e6!→)*

B2b1) 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bb5 Nge7 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nfxd4 Bd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nc5 Be8 14.Nf3 *(14.Nc2 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Ne6 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Nd6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.Re1 Re8 20.Nc5 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Bf5 22.Kd2 Nd8 23.Nf3 b6=* Onischuk,A (2650)-Rublevsky,S (2665)/Poikovsky/2006/*; 14.Ne2 Rxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Ne5 16.Bxe8 Rxe8 17.f4 N5c6 18.Kd2 Rd8+ 19.Ke1 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 b6 21.Nd3 Kd7 22.Kd2 f5 23.Ke3 Ke6=* Jankovic,A (2541)-Stevic,H (2531)/Split/ 2008/ *)* 14...b6 15.Ba6+ Kb8 16.Rxd8+ Nxd8 17.Rd1?! *(17.Nd3 c5=)* 17...Bc6 18.Nd7+ Ka8 19.Nde5 Bxe4 20.Rd7 Re8 21.Rxc7 Ne6 22.Rc4 Nc5 23.Bb5 Rc8 24.b4 Bxf3 25.Nxf3 a6 26.bxc5 axb5 27.Rc2 Rxc5∓ Kasimdzhanov,R (2690)-Rublevsky,S (2676)/ECC Kemer/ 2007/;

B2b2) 8.0-0 Ne7 9.e5 *(9.Nb3 Nbc6 10.Nfxd4 0-0 11.Nxc6 Nxc6*

12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Rfd1 Ne5 14.Be2 b6 15.f4 Ng6 16.g3 Bb7 17.Bf3 Rfe8 18.Nd2 Rad8 19.Qc3 Onischuk,A (2658)-Rublevsky,S (2657)/ Poikovsky/2001/ *c5 20.e5 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Qe6=)* 9...Qg6 10.Nxd4 Nbc6 11.N2f3 0-0 moze biely bojovat o vyhodu jedine pomocou 12.e6!? The only try to fight for an advantage, but it doesn't seem sufficient: Bxe6 *(*Possibly playable is also *12...fxe6 13.Nb5 Rd8 14.Qb1 Qxb1 15.Raxb1 Nd5 16.Rbd1 Rb8 17.Rfe1* Karpov,A (2740)-Spangenberg, H (2510) /Buenos Aires/1994/ *a6!? 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Nxc7 d4=)* 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Re1 Kh8 15.Rxe6 Qg4 16.Qe2 Ng6 17.h3 Qf5 18.Bd3 Nf4 19.Bxf5 Nxe2+ 20.Rxe2 Rxf5 21.Rd1 Kg8 22.Rd7 Rc8 23.Red2 Rf7 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Rd7+ Kf6 26.Kf1 Nb8 27.Rd4 Nc6 28.Rd7 Nb8 29.Rd4 1/2, Komarov,D (2582)-Rublevsky,S (2660)/YUG-chT Vrnjacka Banja/1999/]

4.e5 The only consistent continuation. White weakens his light squares, but gains more ⊞O.

[Too soft is 4.Nc3?! e5 5.d5 *(*We have already mentioned *5.Nf3 exd4* above. *)* 5...c6= /∓]

4...Nd5 5.Bxc4 Nb6

(Diagram)

6.Bb3 A more common retreat, which controls the light squares.

[However, White does plays also 6.Bd3 Nc6

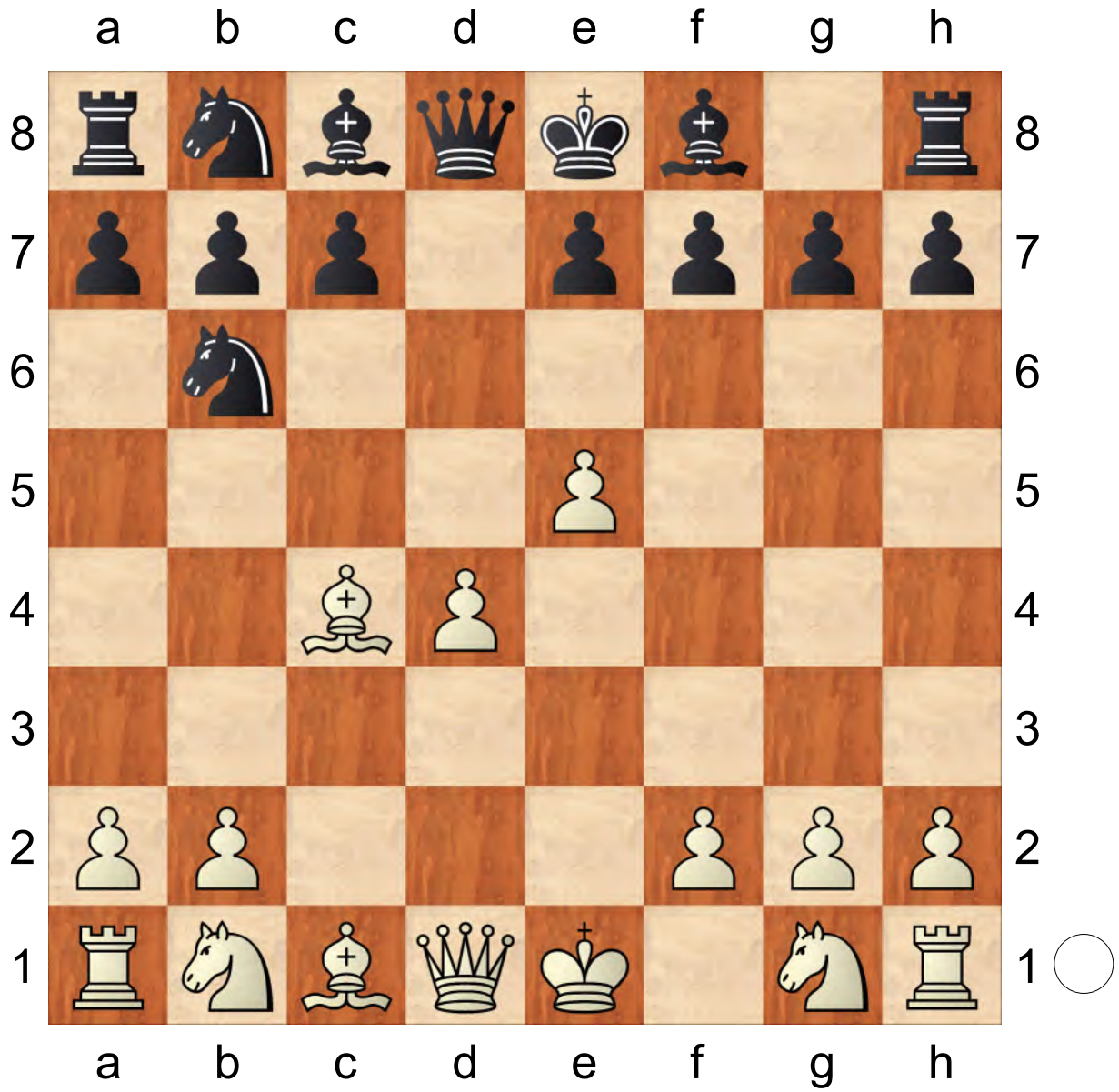
A) 7.Ne2 Bg4 8.f3 Be6 9.Nbc3 Qd7⇄ *(9...Bc4=)*;

B) 7.Be3 Nb4 8.Be4 Here Black can maybe try even N4d5!? *(* More usual is *8...f5 9.exf6 exf6 10.a3 f5!∞* This leads to complex play, but has a good reputation for Black.*)* 9.Nc3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 g6 11.Nge2 *(* More ambitious and interesting is *11.Qf3!? Bh6 12.Nge2 0-0 13.0-0-0∞)* 11...Bh6 12.Nf4 Bxf4 13.exf4 c6 14.d5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 *(16.Bxd5!?=)* 16...Qb6! 17.0-0-0 0-0 18.Qd4 Qa5 19.Kb1 Be6 20.a3 Rac8 21.Rc1 Rfd8 22.Qe3 Qb5∓ Sasikiran,K (2711)-Volokitin,A (2671)/Wijk aan Zee-B/2009/]

6...Nc6 7.Be3

[White has lost interest in 7.Nf3 Bg4! 8.Bxf7+ *(* Nowadays this line is mostly used for quick draws after *8.Ng5 Bxd1 9.Bxf7+ Kd7 10.Be6+=)* 8...Kxf7 9.Ng5+ Ke8 10.Qxg4 Qxd4 11.Qe2 Qxe5 12.Be3 Nd5 13.Nf3 Qf5 14.0-0 e6 15.Nc3 Rd8 16.Rfe1 Be7 17.Bd2 Kf7!? 18.Ne4 Rhe8 and his compensation is barely enough for equality after 19.Ng3 Qg6 20.Qb5 Nb6 21.Qxc6 bxc6 22.Ne5+ Kg8 23.Nxg6 Rxd2 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.b3=]

[7.Ne2 sice casto vedie k tej istej pozicii, ale je o nieco pruznejsie - biely najprv zahra povinne vyvinove tahy a strelec pride na e3 az ked bude treba. To ma svoj vyznam najma ak cierny chce rosovat nakratko, po does often lead to the same position, but it's slightly more flexible. White first makes the necessary developing moves, his ♗ comes to e3 only when it's necessary (for example when Black



attacks the ♙d4). This is significant especially if Black decides to castle short, after Bf5 8.Nbc3 e6 9.a3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 White can play 11.Ba2!? *(11.Be3 is not yet necessary)* 11...Qd7 12.h3 Rfd8 13.Be3 h6 14.g4!? *(* More restrained is *14.Qc1)* 14...Bh7 15.f4 Bh4 Goldin,A (2545)-Kharlov,A (2580)/St Petersburg/ 1993/ Now Goldin recommends 16.Rf3!? *(16.f5 exf5 17.e6 fxe6 18.gxf5 Nd5 19.fxe6 Qxe6 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Nc3 Qe6 23.Bf4 Ne7 24.Qg4 Qxg4+ 25.hxg4 c6 26.Rad1 Rd8 27.b4 a6 28.Rd2 Bg6 29.Kg2 Bf7 30.Kh3 Ng6 31.Be3 Be6 32.Ne4 h5 33.Bg5 Bxg4+ 34.Kg2 Re8 35.Nd6 Bxg5)* 16...Ne7 17.Qf1 Nbd5 18.Bf2 Bxf2+ 19.Qxf2∞ Δ♖af1,f5→ Although the position is far from clear, White undoubredly has attacking chances.]

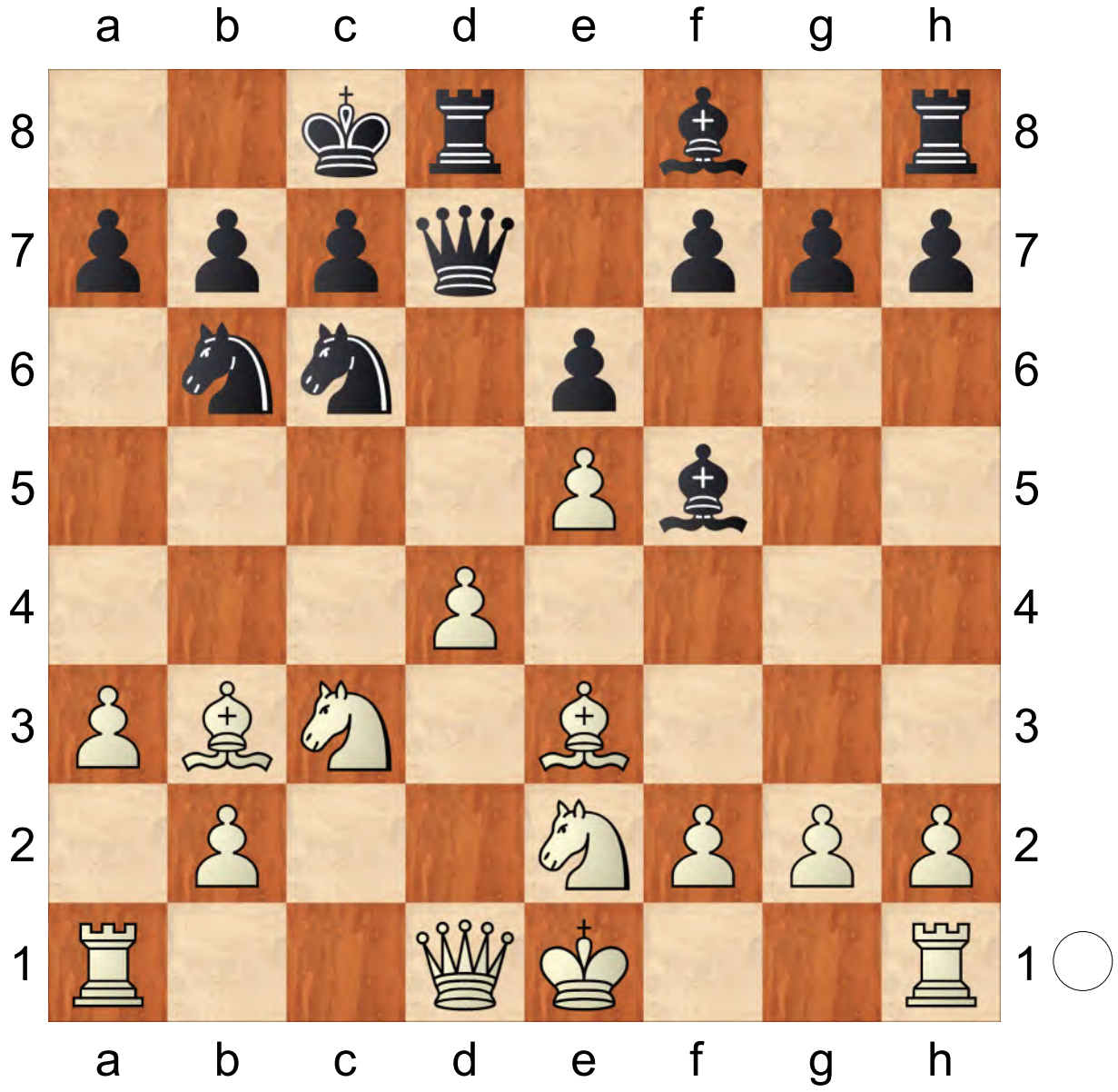
7...Bf5 8.Ne2 From here the ♙d4 is more securely protected, than from f3. Moreover White retains an option to advance the ♙f2. **8...e6 9.Nbc3 Qd7** An important moment, Black should choose, where he will hide his ♔.

[9...Be7 10.a3 0-0 11.0-0 Stohl: 'is not yet necessary' Na5 12.Bc2!? *(12.Ba2 Nac4 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Qe2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Qd7 16.Rad1 c6 17.f4 Kh8 18.Kh1 Nd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Bb1 Bxb1 21.Rxb1 g6 22.Ne2 Rac8 23.g4 f5= /∓,* Lebedev,S (2376)-Kuzubov,Y (2606)/Moscow/2008/*)* 12...Bxc2 13.Qxc2 Nac4 14.Bf4! Nd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 *(⌓15...exd5!?)* 16.Rac1 b5 17.Rfd1 Qd7 18.Rd3 Rfc8 19.Nc3 Nb6 20.Bd2! f5 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Ne4 Nd5 23.Rh3 g6 24.Nc5 Qd6 25.Qd3± Nikolic,P (2625)-Van Wely,L (2595)/Groningen/1993/ Although Black's performance wasn't too impressive and his play can almost certainly be improved more than once, the general tendency, confirmed by later practice was that only opposite-side castling can promise Black full-blooded ⇄.]

10.a3 Limits Black's forces,

[10.0-0 allows Nb4!?∞]

10...0-0-0



11.0-0 h5 The opening is almost over and Black must decide upon the most effective plan. Kasimdzhanov targets White's ♔, other options are:

[Manoeuvring with 11...Kb8 12.Qc1 Ne7 13.Rd1 Ned5 14.a4 a5 15.Nf4 *(15.Ng3!?)* 15...c6 16.Nd3 Nb4 17.Nc5! *(17.Nxb4 Bxb4 18.Na2 Qe7 19.d5!? Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 cxd5 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Bc5 Qc4 24.Qxc4 dxc4 25.Bb6 Rc8=* Illescas Cordoba,M (2633)-Karjakin,S (2635)/Dos Hermanas/2005*)* 17...Qc7 18.N3e4± doesn't quite solve Black's problems, as his position still lacks space.]

[The most energetic is 11...f6 12.exf6 gxf6 Black has freed his position and wants to launch effective ⇄. However, after 13.Ng3 Nxd4 *(13...Bg6 14.Nge4±)* 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Nb5 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 Bc5 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Rdc1 Bd6 19.Be6+ Kb8 20.Nxd6 Rxd6 21.Bxf5= /±, Piket,J (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2676)/EU-chT Batumi/1999/ White had a more pleasant ⊥ without any risk.]

[11...Be7 is also rather slow and gives White a large choice. Kasparov in his "Opening revolution" mentions 12.Na4 *(12.Rc1* and*; 12.Ba2* Δb4 In any case he prefers White's position. *)*]

12.Rc1 White also has more than one option:

[12.Ba2 h4 13.b4 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nf4?! ×d4 *(⌓15.f3* Δ♘e4 ∞*)* 15...Bh6 16.d5 Bxf4 17.Bxf4 exd5 18.Rc1 Ne5 19.Qd4 Bh3 20.f3 Rhg8 21.Rc2 Qf5 22.Re2 Nc6 23.Qd2 Nc4∓ Kasimdzhanov,R (2603)-Jonkman,H (2421)/Wijk aan Zee 1999/ Remembering this game probably motivated Kasimdzhanov's 3rd and 11th moves.]

[12.Bc2 h4 13.h3 f6! 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Nf4 Bd6 17.Qf3 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Ne7 19.Rac1 Ned5 20.Qf3 Rhg8 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Nxd5 23.Bd2 Rge8∓ Beliavsky,A (2650)-Sakaev,K (2648)/YUG-chT Vrnjacka Banja/ 1999/]

[More concrete and probably more dangerous than the text-move is 12.Qc1!? f6 *(*A plausible improvement is the less tested *12...h4 13.Rd1 Qe8!? 14.Bc2?! Bxc2 15.Qxc2 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.h3 Kb8 18.b4 Bd6 19.Kh1 Qf7 20.Rac1 Rhg8 21.Rg1 f5 22.f3 Qg7 23.Qb3 Rge8 24.Rcd1 Bg3 25.Rd3 Ne5 26.Rdd1 Nec4∓* Izoria,Z (2450)-Ganguly,S (2498)/WChJ Yerevan/2000*)* 13.Rd1 Qf7 *(13...Na5 14.Ba2 Nac4 15.d5!↑)*

A) 14.exf6 gxf6 15.d5 exd5 16.Nf4 Kb8 17.Ncxd5 Bd6 18.Ba2 Qg7 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.Ne6 Bxe6 21.Bxe6 f5!? *(21...Ne5=* Kortschnoj*; 21...Qe7 22.Bd5 Ne5 23.h3 c6 24.Be4 Bc5 25.Qc3±* Van Wely,L (2646)-Kortschnoj,V (2659) /Wijk aan Zee/2000*)* 22.f4? *(22.Bd5 Be5⇄)* 22...Rhe8 *(22...Rde8! 23.Bxf5 Rhg8-+)* 23.Bxf5 Rxe3 24.Rxd6 Rde8→ Ilincic,Z (2502)-Lagowski,P (2389)/Budapest/2005*/*

B) 14.Ng3!? fxe5?! *(*Safer is *14...Bg4 15.f3 h4 16.Nge4± /∞)* 15.dxe5 Rxd1+ 16.Qxd1 Nxe5 17.Nb5 Nc6 18.Rc1 Qd7 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Bf4 Bd6 21.Nxd6+ cxd6 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Bxd6± ⇄, Ilincic,Z (2554)-Izoria,Z (2372)/ Yerevan zt/2000/]

12...Kb8

[12...h4!? 13.h3 f6∞ deserves attention.]

13.Na4N This novelty is a logical consequence of White's previous move, but it leads at best only to an unclear position.

[However, hardly much better is 13.Bc2 Bxc2?! *(Why connect White's ♖? ⌓13...h4!? 14.h3 f6⇄ is analoguous to the above game Beliavsky - Sakaev and seems OK for Black.)* 14.Qxc2 f6 15.Rfd1 Ne7? *(⌓15...Qf7 16.Nf4 g5 17.Ng6±)* 16.Nf4 Ned5 17.Ncxd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.e6 Qc8 20.Bf4 Bd6 21.e7 Bxf4 22.exd8Q Rxd8 23.Rb1± Piket,J (2633)-Van den Doel,E (2522)/NED-ch Rotterdam/2000/]

13...Be7 14.Nxb6

[14.Nc5 Qe8!?∓ Δ♘e5 *(14...Bxc5 15.Rxc5=)*]

14...axb6

[Interesting is also 14...cxb6!? , neutralizing White's pressure on the ⇔ c. We can sometimes see this motif with opposite colours in the Dragon, White with cxb3 avoids a possible attack along the ⇔ a after axb3. However, in our game it's hard to imagine White's ♕ getting to a4 and ♘ to b5, so the text-move is also playable.]

15.Ba4 An unpleasant pin, but Black finds an effective way to cope with it. **15...h4**

(Diagram)

16.f3

[White doesn't want to play g3 after h3, but at this moment it's difficult to compare the text-move with the standard 16.h3∞]

16...f6

[16...h3!? 17.g4 Bg6⇄]

17.Bb5 Qc8! Just in time.

[17...fxe5 18.Qa4 Δ♖c6 Qd5 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rxc6 Bd3 21.Nc3 Qa5 22.Qxa5 bxa5 23.Rd1↑ ⊥קּ]

18.Qb3 Stohl: '=' Stohl: 'White can repeat moves, but he hardly has more.' **18...Na7**

[18...Na5 19.Qa4 Δb4,פa5]

19.Bc4

[19.Ba4 limits Black's ♕ and ♘, but after fxe5 20.dxe5 Rd3 21.Rc3 allows Rxe3! 22.Rxe3 Bc5 23.Rc1 Rd8⇄]

19...fxe5 Risky, was Black playing for a win?

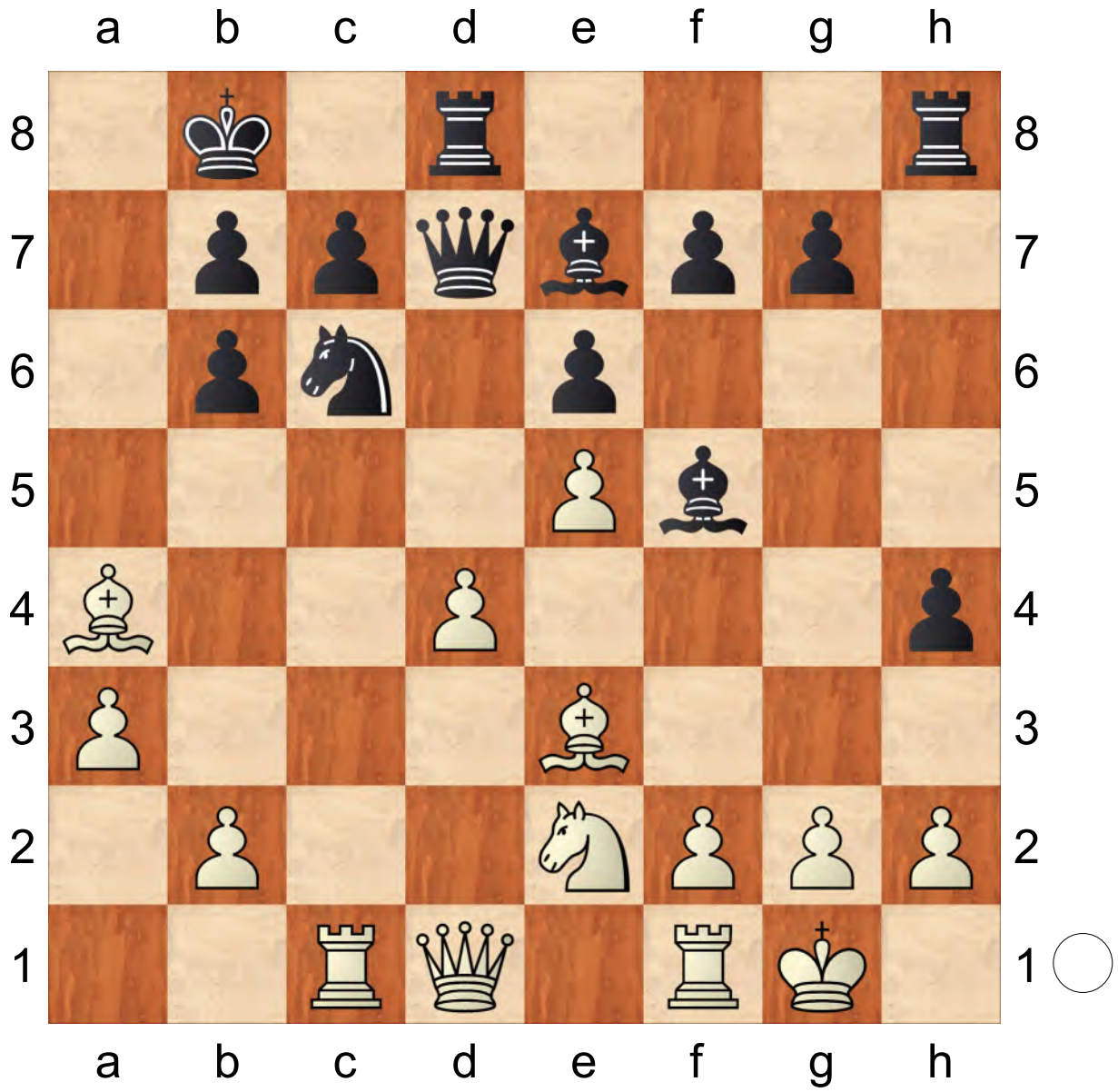
[After 19...Nc6!? 20.Bb5= White can repeat moves, but he hardly has more. *(20.Qc3* is disharmonious and after *g5* Black is fine. *)*]

20.dxe5 Bc5

(Diagram)

21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Qe3

[22.Nf4 Rd4!? 23.Nxe6 *(23.Bxe6 Bxe6 24.Nxe6 c4 25.Qc3 Nb5 26.Qb4 Qxe6 27.Qxb5 h3≅ ↑,ענ1)* 23...Rxc4 24.Qxc4 Bxe6 25.Qxc5 h3∞ is difficult to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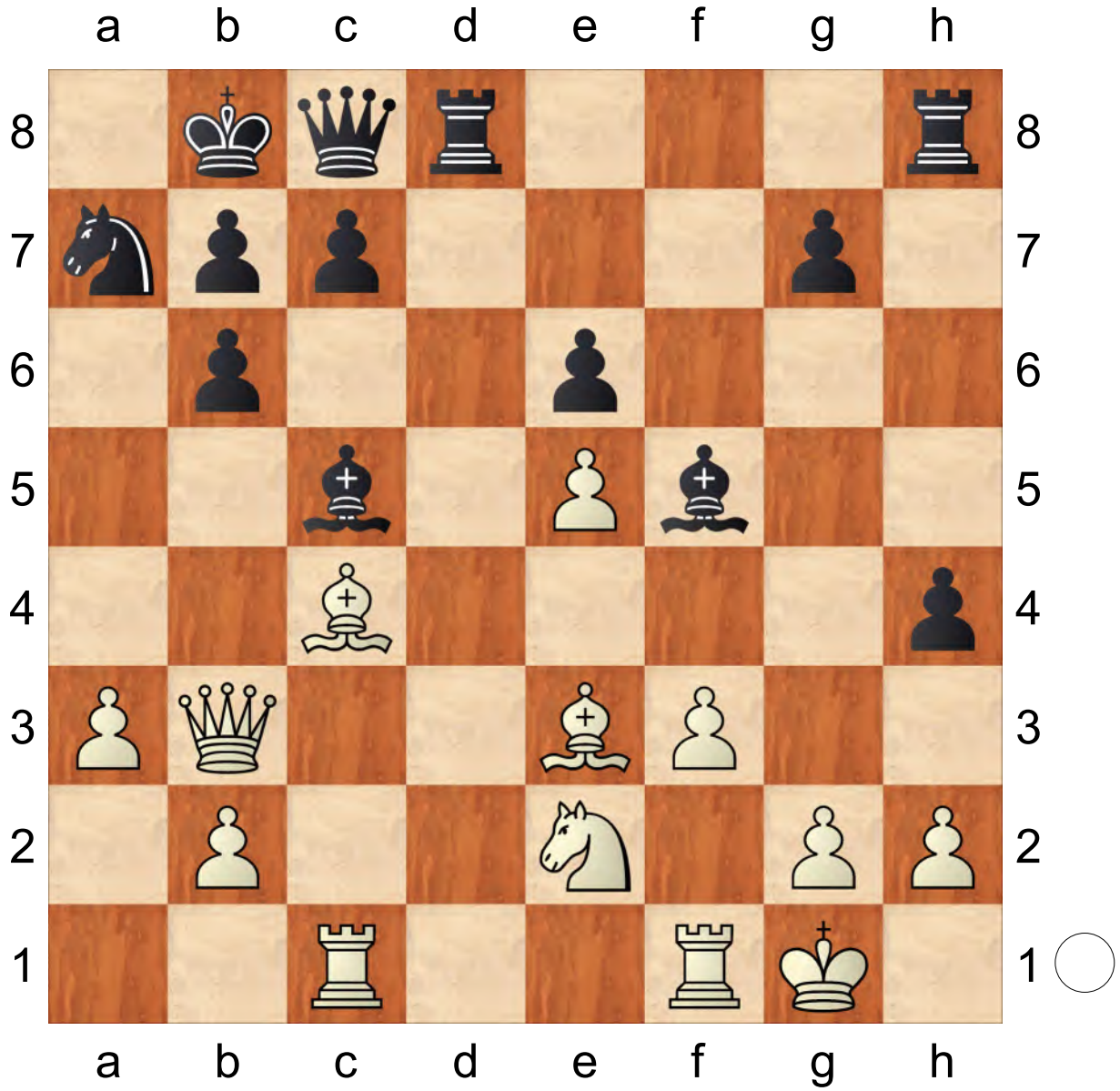


evaluate unequivocally, but it should be OK for Black.]

22...b6 23.b4 White is ambitious and greatly increases the tension, now the game enters the tactical phase.

[Grischuk is not interested in the mundane 23.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8= ho nezaujima.]

23...b5 24.Ba2 c4 25.Nd4

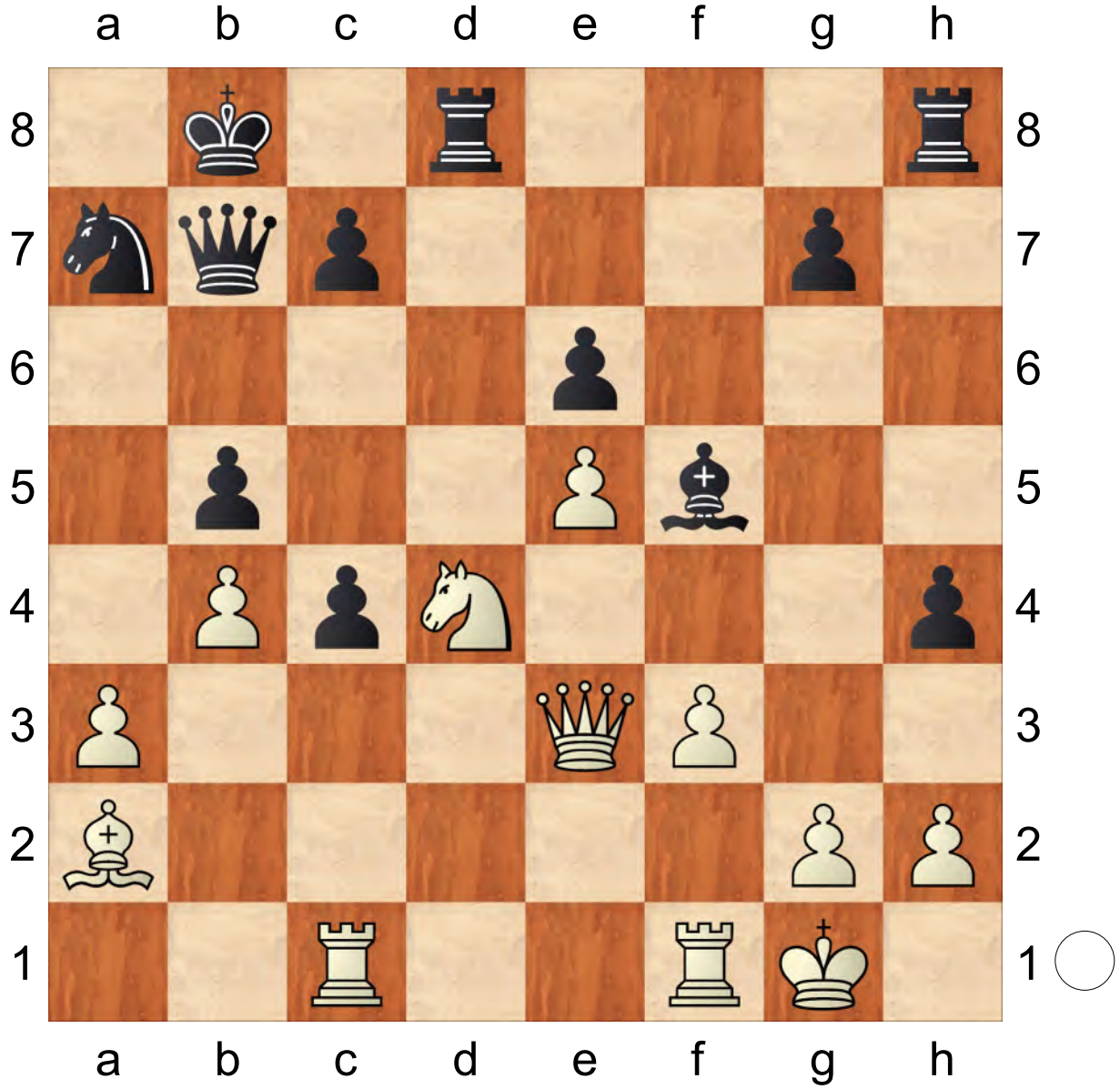
[25.a4!? Rd3 *(25...Qa6? 26.axb5+- Δ Qxa2 27.Ra1)* 26.Qf4 Qa6

A) 27.Nc3 h3!? Δ *(27...Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Qxa4 29.Bxc4 bxc4 30.Qxc4=)* 28.axb5 Qa3↑;

B) 27.Bb1 Qxa4 28.Bxd3 Bxd3⩲ All this is rather unclear, but now Black could have prevented the advance of the ♙a3.]

25...Qb7?

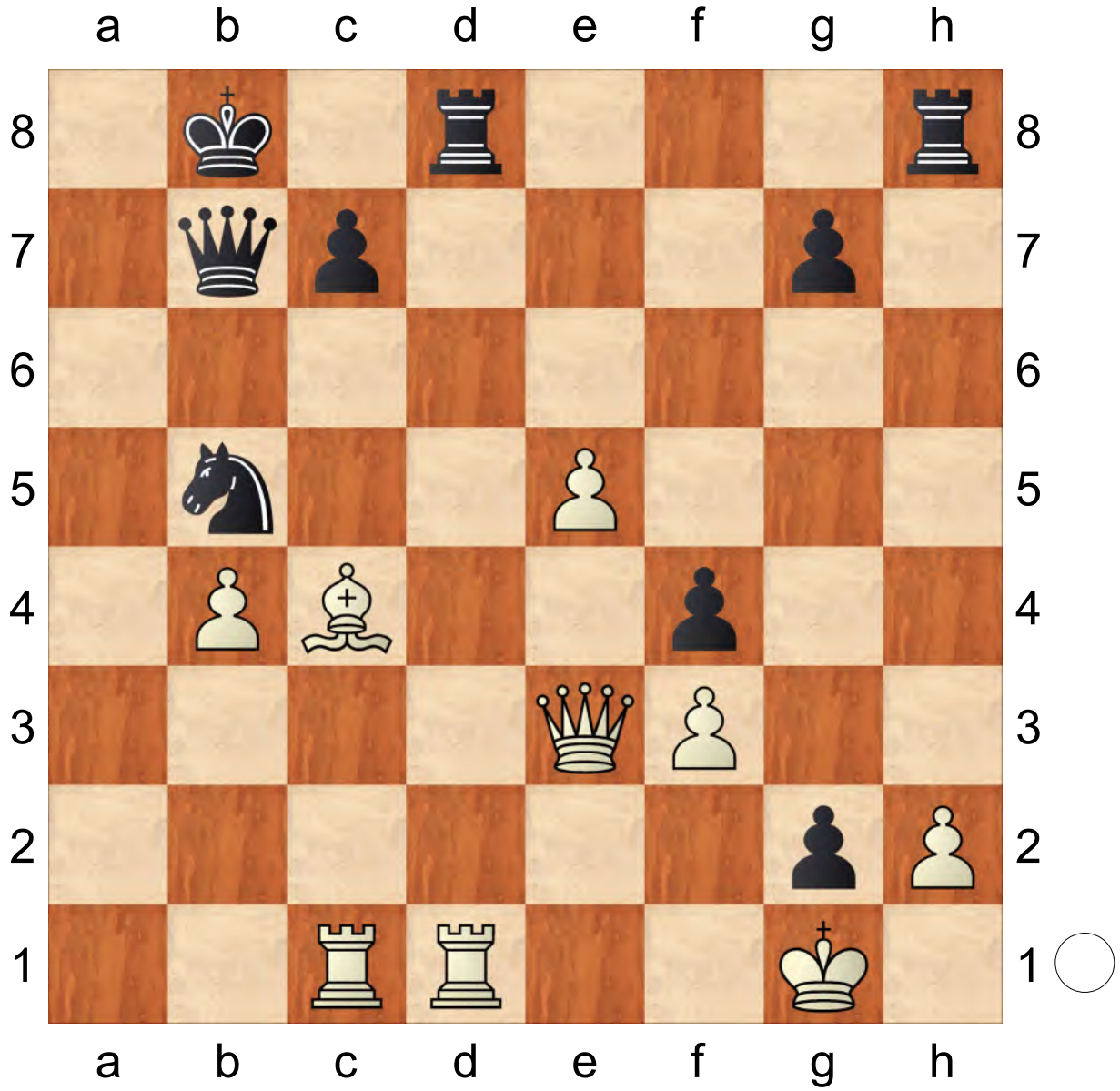
[⌓25...Qa6!∞ /∓]



26.a4 h3?! Kasimdzhanov loses track. After the stronger
[26...c6 27.Rfd1± White is on top, but the game is still not decided.]
27.axb5 hxg2 28.Rfd1+- White's pieces are more active and his ♔ is safer, than Black's. Grischuk is effectively winning, but mutual time-trouble will influence the final phase of the game. **28...Nxb5 29.Nxf5 exf5 30.Bxc4 f4**

(Diagram)

31.Qxf4
[Safer is 31.Qc5!? Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Nc3 33.Ra1+-]
31...Rdf8 32.Bf7 Qb6+ 33.Rc5
[33.Kxg2!? Δ g5 34.Qxg5 Rxh2+ *(34...Rxf7 35.Rd8+ Rxd8 36.Qxd8+ Kb7*



37.Qd5++-) 35.Kxh2 Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Rh8+ 37.Bh5 Qxf3+ 38.Kg1 Rxh5 39.Qd8+ Kb7 40.Qd5++- is a typical computer solution, a human in time-trouble is very unlikely to go for something like this.]

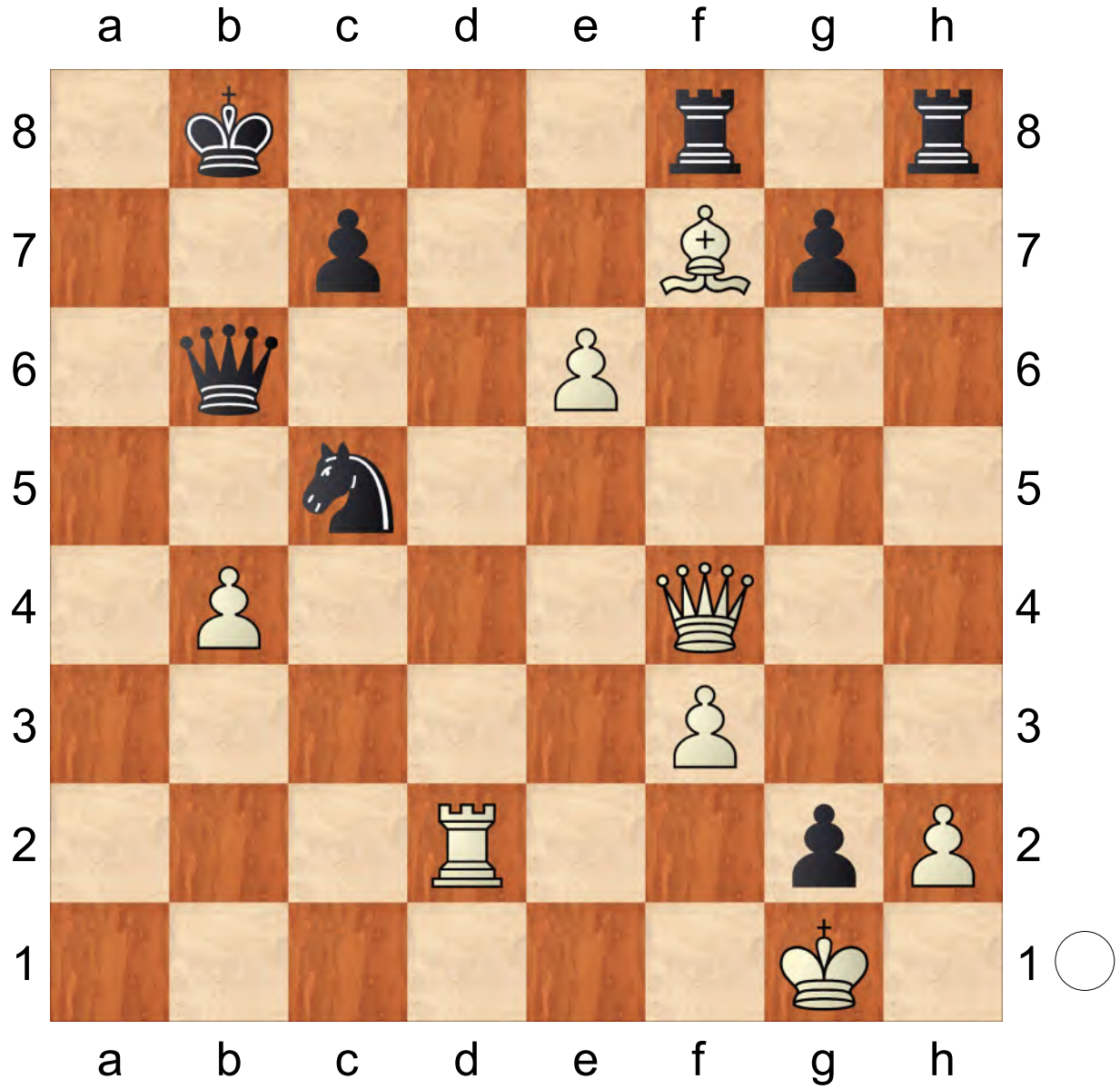
33...Nc3 34.Rd2 Na4 35.e6 Nxc5

(Diagram)

36.bxc5 Qxc5+ 37.Kxg2 Kc8 38.Qg4! Qe7 39.Ra2?⊕

[White misses a forces win 39.Qe4! Qg5+ 40.Kh1 Qb5 41.Qa8+ Qb8 42.Ra2 **Δ**♕e4,♖a8 Qxa8 43.Rxa8+ Kb7 44.Rxf8 Rxf8 45.e7+-]

[After 39.Ra2 Black lost on time, just at the moment when Rd8! 40.Qf5 *(40.Qe4?? Qg5+-+)* 40...c6 41.Rc2 Rd6± /± still could have put up long and stiff resistance.]



[39.Qa4? Rxh2+ 40.Kxh2 Rh8+ 41.Kg1 Qg5+ 42.Qg4 Qxd2 43.e7+ Kb8 44.e8Q+ Rxe8 45.Bxe8 Qe1+=]

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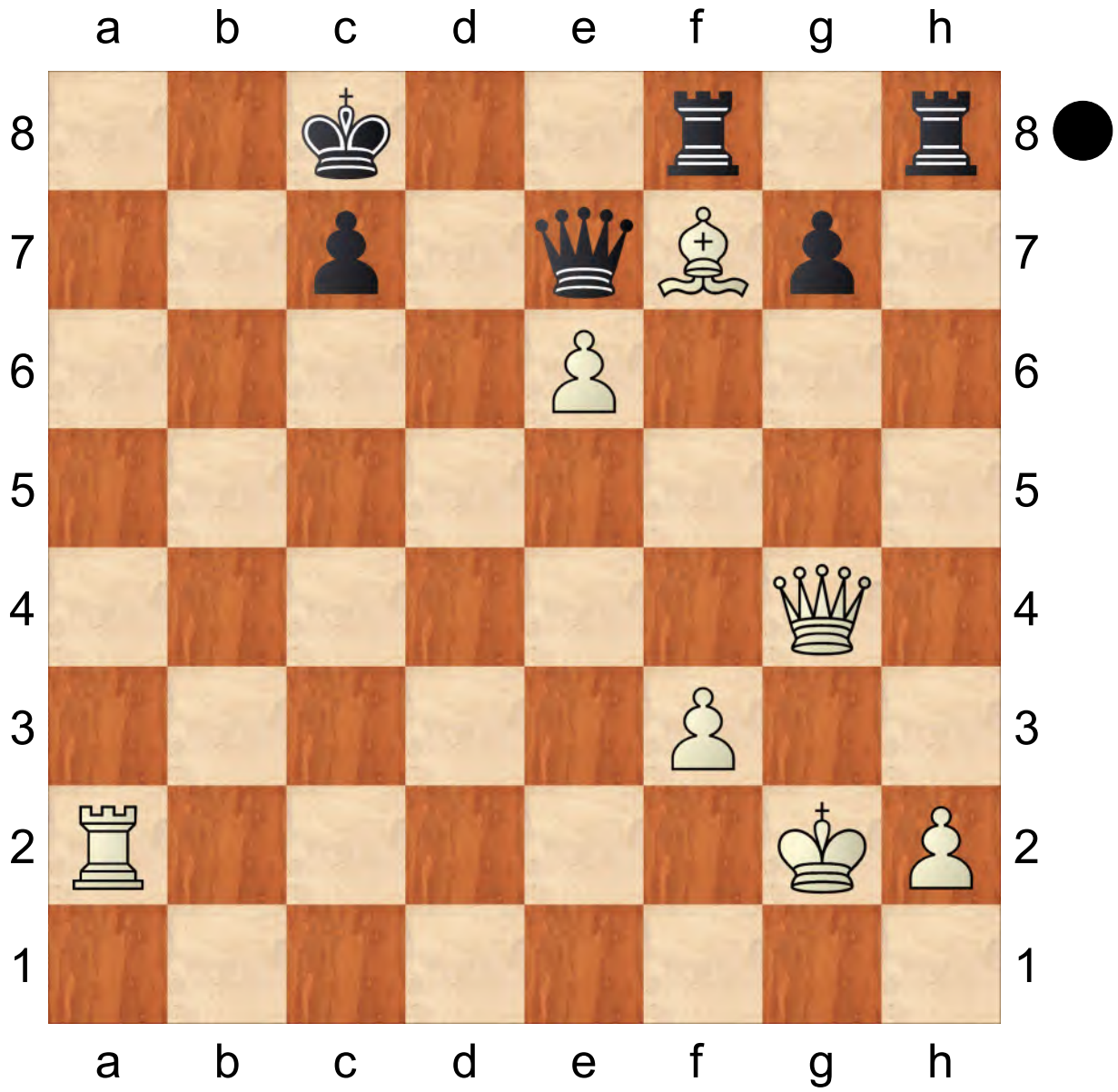
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■ **Aronian,Levon** **2759**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Stohl **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6** This move became popular in the late 70s-early 80s of the 20th century. Nowadays it's played more often, than the "classical"

[4...Bb7 , although from a theoretical viewpoint the simple fianchetto is doing fine. Currently White has tried to revive the aggressive 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d5!? without too much success: exd5 8.Nh4 c6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nf5 Nc7 11.Re1 *(11.e4 d5 12.Nc3 Bf6 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bf4 Nd7 16.Nd6 Ba6 17.Qxd5 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 Rb8 19.Rd1 Nc5 20.Nxf7 Rxf7 21.b4 Qxd5! 22.Bxd5 Rd8=* Shirov,A (2699)-Adams,M (2734)/Elista cm/2007/) 11...d5 12.e4 d4!? *(* Blunts White's initiative by returning the ♙, more ambitious is the somewhat provocative *12...Bf6∞)* 13.Nxd4 c5 14.Nf5 Nc6 15.Nc3 Nd4 16.Bf4 Bf6 17.e5 Bxg2 18.exf6 Bf3 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Bxc7 Qxc7 21.Nb5 Bxd1 22.Nxc7 Bc2 23.Nxa8 Nf3+ 24.Kg2 Nxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Rxa8 /∓, Aronian,L (2744)-Ivanchuk,V (2750)/Linares/2007/]

5.Qc2 This is currently the most fashionable continuation. Its theory is developing very fast and especially Aronian has contributed to it by playing the line with both colours.

[5.b3 is the most common reaction.]

[5.Qb3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Na5 7.Qc3 c5 8.dxc5 bxc5 9.e4 Bb7 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Bg2 Nc6 13.0-0 Rb8!? 14.Re1 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nd4 This practically introduces a positional pawn sacrifice. 16.Qe4 Be7 17.Rb1 a5 18.Be3 Qc7! 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Bc5 21.Qd3 0-0 22.b3 Rfd8 23.Rbd1 1/2, Svidler,P (2736)-Eljanov,P (2686)/Foros/2007/ d6≅ Black controls the dark squares and with the ♛ White is unable to convert his « ♙-majority.]

5...Bb7

[White's previous move was long considered harmless due to 5...c5 , but after 6.d5!? *(6.Bg2 Nc6!* and Black forces an exchange in the ⊞, which gives him good ⇄ on the ⇔c. Even here White can play *7.d5!?* but his compensation seems less tangible, than in the game. *)* 6...exd5 7.cxd5 Bb7

A) 8.e4 Qe7 9.Bd3 Nxd5 Δ♘b4 10.a3 A similar position can arise from the 4. a3 line, but with an extra tempo for White. This means he can play 10.0-0 with a powerful initiative for the ♙. Here he has at best some compensation after Nc6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Nc3 Ne6 13.Be3 Qd8 14.Rad1 Be7 15.Bc4 0-0 16.e5 Ncd4 *(16...Ned4 17.Nxd4 Nxe5!? 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 cxd4 20.Bxd4 Nf3+ 21.Kg2 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Bf6 23.Rc4 d6 24.Rc1≅* Jobava,B (2658)-Shanava,K (2532) /EU-ch Dresden/2007/) 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Qc8 19.Qe2 d6

20.exd6 Bxd6 Mamedyarov,S (2709)-Gelfand,B (2723)/Wijk aan Zee/2006/ 21.Bxg7 Ng5 22.Bd5 Kxg7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qg4 Be7 25.Rd7 Qf3 26.Qxf3 Nxf3+ 27.Kg2 Bxa3 28.bxa3 Ne5=;

B) 8.Bg2 we only transpose into the game position.]

[Apart from these two most common moves Black has recently tried other continuations. 5...b5 doesn't seem ideal: 6.cxb5 Bxb5 7.Bg2 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Bc6 10.Re1! Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Qc8 12.Bh3! d6 13.Nd2 Qb7 14.Nc4 Bd5 15.f3 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Nbd7 17.b4 a5 18.b5 a4 19.Bd2↑ ○,⧉, Inarkiev,E (2628)-Tomashevsky,E (2595)/RUS-ch Moscow/2006/]

[Deserving more attention is 5...Nc6 6.Nbd2 *(6.Bg2!?)* 6...d5 7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.e4 Nb4 9.Qa4+ Qd7 10.Qxd7+ Nxd7 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 Nf6 13.a3 c5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.b4 cxd4 17.Ndf3 Nb8 18.Nxd4 Nfd7 19.Nef3 0-0 20.Bf4 Nc6 21.Rac1 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 g5! 23.Nc6 Rxc6 24.Rxc6 gxf4 25.Rc7 Ne5 26.Rxe7 Nf3+ 27.Kf1 Nxe1 28.Kxe1 a5⩲ /=, Aronian,L (2741)-Carlsen,M (2698)/ Moscow/2006/]

[5...Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.e4 d5 8.Nc3!? *(*After the simple *8.cxd5 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 exd5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nc3* we get a position, resembling the 5.b3 lines. Here White has the *Nxc3 12.bxc3* extra option, which gives him more chances for an advantage.*)* 8...Bxc4 9.Bxc4 dxc4 10.0-0-0 *(* Although queenside castling is not rare in this line, here it seems very risky. After ⌓*10.Qa4+*⩱ Black must still fight for equality *)* 10...c6 11.Bf4 Na6 *(11...0-0!?)* 12.a3? \ *(12.Ne5⇄ ∞)* 12...b5 13.Ne5 Qc8 14.Bg5 0-0 15.h4 Rb8 16.Qe2 Qb7 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 c5 19.d5 b4 20.Na4 bxa3 21.Qxc4 exd5 22.exd5 Nb4 →ν c1, Nisipeanu,L (2693)-Eljanov, P (2686)/Foros/2007/]

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 c5 7.d5!? The key move is this pawn sacrifice, other alternatives are too soft and give Black a comfortable position.

[7.0-0 cxd4=]

[7.dxc5 Bxc5⇄]

7...exd5 8.cxd5 Stohl: 'we only transpose into the game position.'

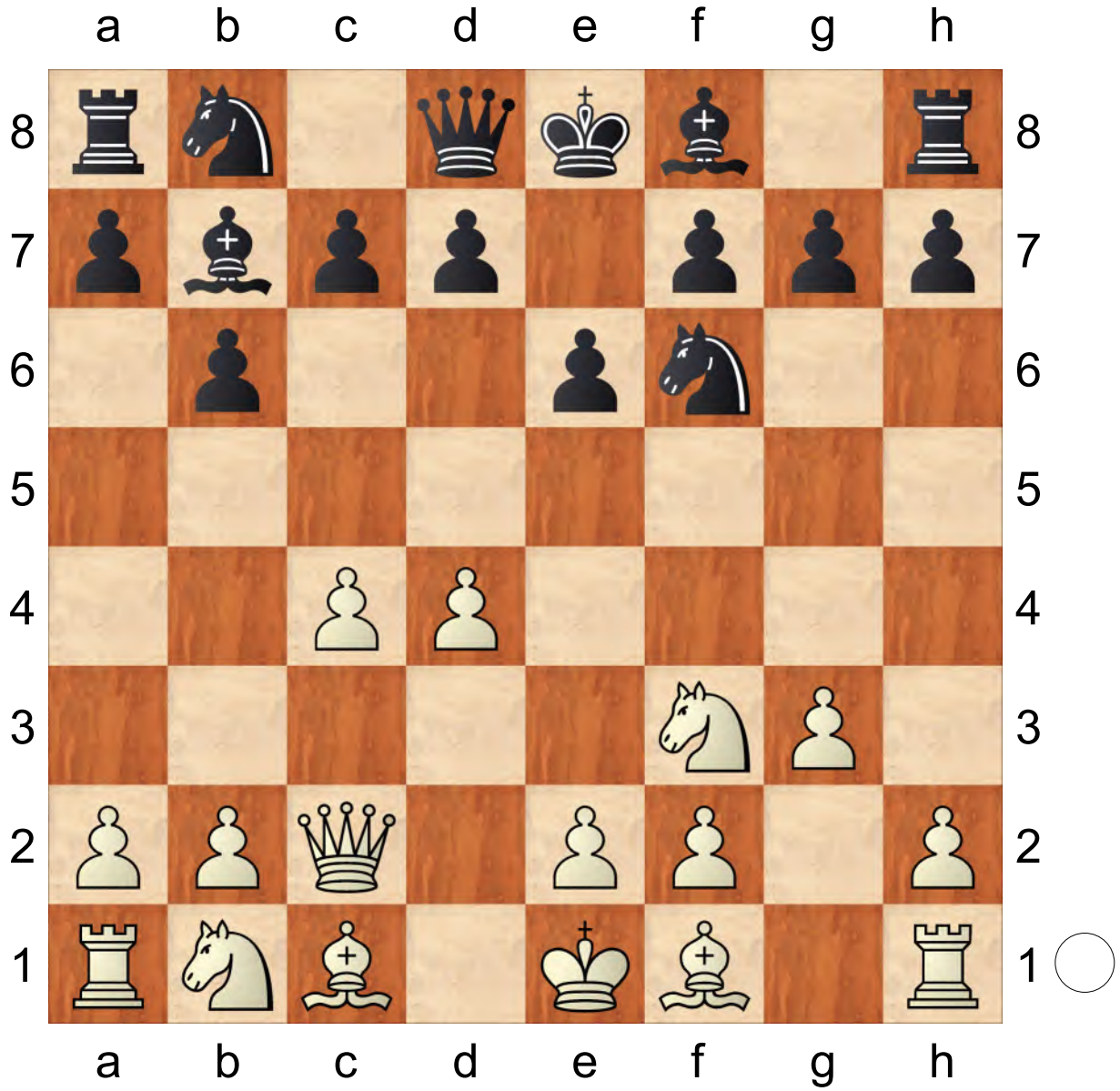
[≤8.Nh4 Nc6!∓ also costs White a ♙ under worse circumstances.]

8...Nxd5

[Black voluntarily enters a potential pin, but recent practice has shown this is the way to go. 8...Bxd5 gives White an important development tempo with 9.Nc3

A) 9...Bb7 10.e4!?↑ is similar, the radical;

B) 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nc6 11.Qa4 Rc8 12.Bf4 Be7 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Kb1 also doesn't solve Black's problems: Qe8 *(14...Nd4 15.Bb7±* loses material without sufficient compensation.*)* 15.g4! d5 16.g5 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Nd4 19.Bg4 Qc6 20.Qxc6 Rxc6 21.e3 Ne6 22.Bxe6 Rxe6 23.Rd7⩲ Tkachiev,V (2645)-Sokolov,A (2589)/FRA-ch Besancon/2006/



C) 9...Bc6 10.e4 Be7 *(*Fighting for ⊞ space with *10...d6 11.Bf4 Nh5* accentuates Black's lag in development after *12.0-0-0!⟳ Nxf4 13.gxf4 Be7 14.e5 0-0 15.h4→ Δ♘g5 f6 16.Nd5! fxe5 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 g6 19.Qb3! Kg7 20.Rxh7+! Kxh7 21.Qh3+ Kg8 22.Rh1 Qd7 23.Nf6+* 1-0, Roktim,B (2332)-Bakre,T (2447)/IND-ch Atul/2006/*)* 11.Bf4 0-0 12.0-0-0! Na6 13.Qe2 *(*Gelfand recommends *13.a3!? Δ Nc7 14.e5 Nfd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.h4!↑* and again the threat ♘g5 gives White a powerful initiative. *)* 13...Nb4 *(⌓13...Nc7! 14.Ne5 Qc8⩲* when White must still prove he has an advantage.*)* 14.a3 Qc8 15.Kb1 a5 16.Ne5 Re8 17.Rhe1 Bf8 18.g4 g6 19.Bg3 Re6 20.f4 d6 21.Nxc6 Nxc6 22.Nb5 Ne8 23.e5! dxe5 24.Bd5± /+-, Gelfand,B (2729)-Aronian,L (2761)/Dortmund/2006/ This impressive game sparked extra interest in the 5.♕c2 line.]

9.0-0 A logical developing move.

[Black has found ways to defuse the straightforward tactical 9.Qb3 Δ♘e5 Nc7 *(9...Nf6 10.Ne5 d5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.0-0 Qe8 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxd5 Ba4! 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Qc3 Bxd1 20.Bxa8 Bxe2 21.Qxf6 Qd8 22.Qf5!= Bxf1 23.Be4 Re8 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qe5+ Kf8 27.Qh8+* 1/2, Wojtaszek,R (2620)-Adams,M (2734)/FRA-chT Montpellier/2007/) 10.Ne5 d5 11.Nc3 Be7 *(11...Bd6?!* runs into the powerful *12.Nxf7! Kxf7 13.Nxd5 Kf8 14.Bg5!→; 11...Nd7 12.Bf4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxg7±* Harikrishna,P (2673)-Ivanov,A (2577)/Moscow Aeroflot/2007/) 12.Bf4 0-0 13.0-0-0 c4 14.Nxc4 dxc4 15.Rxd8 Bxd8! 16.Bxb7 *(16.Qxc4 Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bc6∓)* 16...cxb3 17.Bxc7 bxa2 18.Nxa2 Bxc7 19.Bxa8 Nd7 20.Bd5 Nf6= ⊥,Gordon,S (2490)-Miroshnichenko,E (2646)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/]

9...Be7 Black also continues his development, by keeping the ♘ on d5 he takes away the most natural square from White's ♘b1. After

[9...Nc7 10.Nc3 *(10.e4 Be7∞* Δ0-0 *)*

A) 10...d5 11.Rd1± *(11.Ne5!?↑)*;

B) 10...Be7 11.Rd1 Nc6 *(11...0-0? 12.Ng5+-)* 12.Ne5! Qc8 13.Qf5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Ne6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Bf6 17.Qe4 Rb8 18.Bf4 Bxb2 19.Rab1 Bf6 20.Bd6 Be7 21.Bxb8 Qxb8 22.Bc4± Pashikian,A (2538)-Van Wely,L (2674)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/ material is formally equal, but White has strong pressure on the light squares.]

[Nobody has yet tested 9...Nf6 10.Nc3⩲ *(10.e4!?⩲)*]

10.Rd1 Nc6

[10...0-0?! 11.Qe4± Δ f5 12.Qc4]

[The main alternative is 10...Qc8 here it's still not quite clear, what's White's best reaction:

A) 11.e4 Nb4 *(11...Nc7 12.Nc3⩲* Δe5,♘e4*)* 12.Qc3 0-0 13.a3 N4c6 14.Bf4 d6 (This is a simple solution, but Black can also consider *14...Nd8!?∞* Δ♘e6,♘bc6*)* 15.Bxd6 Bxd6 16.Rxd6 Qc7 17.Rd1 Nd7 18.Nbd2 Nde5?! *(18...Rae8⇄; ⌓18...Ba6!?=)* 19.b4!↑ Rad8 20.bxc5 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Na5 22.Ne5 bxc5 23.Ng4 c4 24.Ne3 f6 25.Rab1 Ba6 26.Nd5 Qc5 27.Qb4± Beliavsky,A (2648)-Khalifman,A (2624)/Bazna/2007*!*

B) An ambitious idea is 11.Nh4 Bxh4 12.Rxd5! Be7 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Qe4!? White wants to keep Black's ♔ in the ⊞ at any cost. *(14.Bf4 Nb4 15.Qf5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 0-0 18.Rd1 d6 19.Qe4 Re8 20.Qf3 Rf8 21.Qe4 Re8 22.Qf3 Rf8 23.Qe4* 1/2, Gelfand,B (2733)-Carlsen,M (2690)/Monte Carlo/ 2007/ *)*

B1) ⌓14...Nb4 15.Qe5 f6 *(15...Kf8!?∞)* 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qh6∞;

B2) 14...0-0?! 15.Rh5! g6 16.Rh3 f5 17.Qc4+! *(17.Qe3 Rf7 18.Bd5* 1/2, Nisipeanu,L (2689)-Baklan,V (2618)/Bundesliga/2007/ *Qf8∞)* 17...Kh8 18.Nd5± →;

C) 11.Bg5 looks good, but gets White nowhere, when Black returns the ♙ in time: h6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.e4 0-0 14.Nc3 Nbc6 15.Rd2 Ba6 16.Bh3 Ng6 *(16...Qb8 17.Bxd7 Qb7 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Bh3 Rxd2 20.Rxd2 Rd8*

21.Rxd8+ Nxd8 22.Qd1 Ndc6 23.Qd6 Qb8= Sargissian,G (2658)-Wojtaszek,R (2637) /Bundesliga/2007/) 17.Bxd7 Qb7 18.Bh3 Rad8 19.Rad1 Qb8 20.Bg2= 1/2,Aronian,L (2744)-Carlsen,M (2690)/Wijk aan Zee/2007/;

D) 11.Qf5 Nf6 12.Nc3

D1) 12...0-0 13.Bg5 d5 *(13...d6 14.Qxc8 Rxc8 15.Nb5 Nbd7 16.Nxd6 Bxd6 17.Rxd6 h6 18.Be3 Nf8 19.Nh4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Ne8 21.Rd3 Rd8= /±,* Gelfand,B (2733)-Ivanchuk,V (2729)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2007/) 14.Nh4 *(14.Qxc8 Rxc8 15.Nh4 Nbd7 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5* 1/2, Khalifman,A (2624)-Khairullin,I (2586)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2007/ *Nb8 20.Rad1±)* 14...Nc6 *(14...Nbd7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Nf6 18.Qf3* Δ♘ f5 ± *)* 15.Qxc8 Rfxc8 16.Nf5 Kf8 17.Nb5 *(17.Bxf6!? Bxf6 18.Nd6 Bxc3 19.bxc3± ⊥)* 17...Ne8 18.Bf4 g6 19.Nfd6 Nxd6 20.Nxd6 Bxd6 21.Bxd6+ Ne7 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Rd8 24.Rad1 Ke8 25.Re5 Rd7 26.Rd3 f6? \ *(26...a6* Δ♖aa7,♖d8,♖ad7 and Black should gradually neutralize White's pressure. Creating an extra weakness will make this very difficult.*)* 27.Re4! f5 *(27...Kf7? 28.Bxc5!±)* 28.Re5 a6 29.Rde3 Raa7 30.Re6 Rab7 31.Rf6± Ivanchuk,V (2729)-Eljanov,P (2686)/Foros/2007/ Black is running out of constructive moves.;

D2) 12...Nc6!? 13.Bg5 d5 For the time being Black doesn't need to castle. 14.Nh4 *(14.Qf4!?* Δ *d4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.e3!⩱)* 14...Nd4 15.Qxc8+ Rxc8 16.e3 Ne6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nf5 Rd8 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(19...Bxb2!? 20.Rab1 Be5)* 20.Bxd5 0-0 21.Rab1 g6 Gelfand,B (2733)-Leko,P (2749)/Odessa/2007/ 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.Ng4=]

(Diagram)

Here Black already can't afford to ignore White's play: **11.Qa4!?N** A new try.

[11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 d6= /∞ Although White can probably regain the ♙-pawn, simplification only helps the defence.]

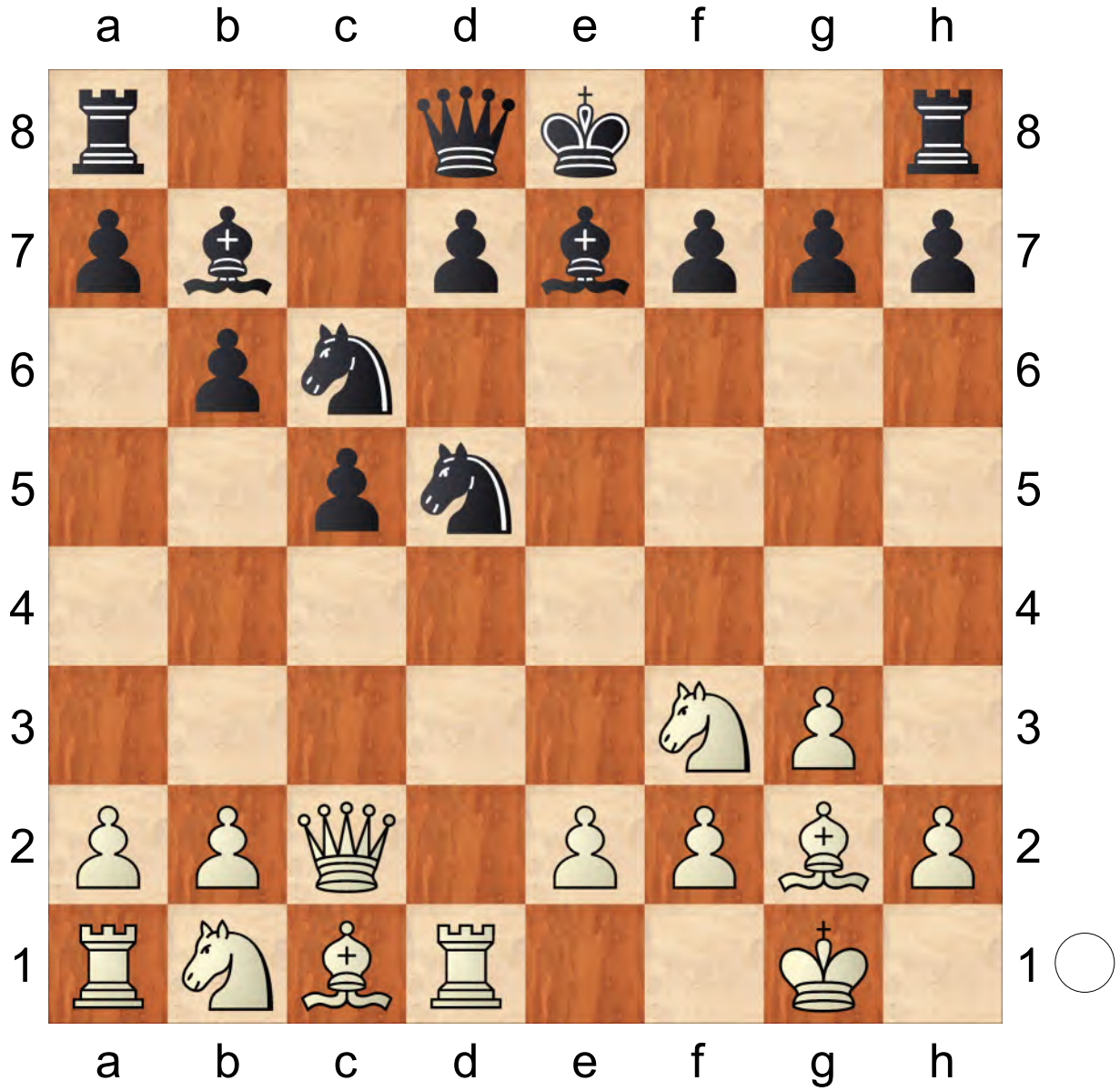
[Until now White's main continuation has been 11.Qf5 Nf6 12.e4 Δe5 , due to the positional threat e5 Black must act:

A) Interesting, but quite risky is 12...d6 13.e5 Qd7 14.Qxd7+ *(14.Nh4* can be well met by *Ng4! 15.exd6 Bxh4∞)* 14...Nxd7 15.exd6 Bf6 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.Nc3 Nb4 18.Bg5 *(18.Rd1±* seems more circumspect. *)*

A1) ⌓18...Nc2! 19.Re7!? *(19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Re7 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Re8!=)* 19...Bxe7 20.Bxe7+⩲;

A2) 18...Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rd8 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.Re7 Nc2 22.Rd1 Nd4 23.Kg2 g6 24.Rxa7 Rxd6 25.Be2 Kg7 26.Bc4 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Nxd7 28.Re1 Bareev,E (2643)-Polgar,J (2727)/Elista cm/2007/ Nf5 29.Bd3!?±;

B) ⌓12...g6 13.Qf4 0-0 *(13...h6 14.e5 Nh5* Loeffler,S (2448)-Sakaev,K (2633) /EU-ch Dresden/2007/ *15.Qc4!?⩲* ↑ Leaving the ♔ in the ⊞ is obviously very dangerous for Black. *)* 14.e5 Nh5



B1) 15.Qh6 Aronian,L (2741)-Leko,P (2741)/Moscow/2006/ Re8!? Leko,Δ 16.Ng5? Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Qc7 18.g4 Nxe5! 19.gxh5 Ng4 20.Bf4 Re5!! 21.Qg5 Rxg5 22.Bxc7 Bxg2 23.h4 Rd5-+;

B2) 15.Qg4 d5 16.exd6 Bxd6!? *(16...Bf6 17.Nc3 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Bxg2 19.Nf5 Bc6 20.d7 Qc7 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Rfd8 23.Be3 Bxb2 24.Nh6+ Kf8 25.Rad1 Bg7 26.Rxh5 gxh5 27.Qf5* 1-0, Carlsen,M (2690)-Ivanchuk,V (2750)/Monte Carlo/2007/) 17.Nc3 Qb8∞ gives White some compensation, but nothing concrete.;

B3) 15.Qc4 d5! *(15...Qc7 16.Bh6 Ng7 17.Nc3 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxg2 19.Bf4 d6 20.Ng4!↑* Atalik *)*

B3a) 16.Rxd5 Na5= *(16...Qc7 17.Nc3! Na5 18.Qg4⩲)*;

B3b) 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Nc3 Qb8∞ Again there seems to be no obvious way for White to profit from the temporary disharmony of Black's forces.]

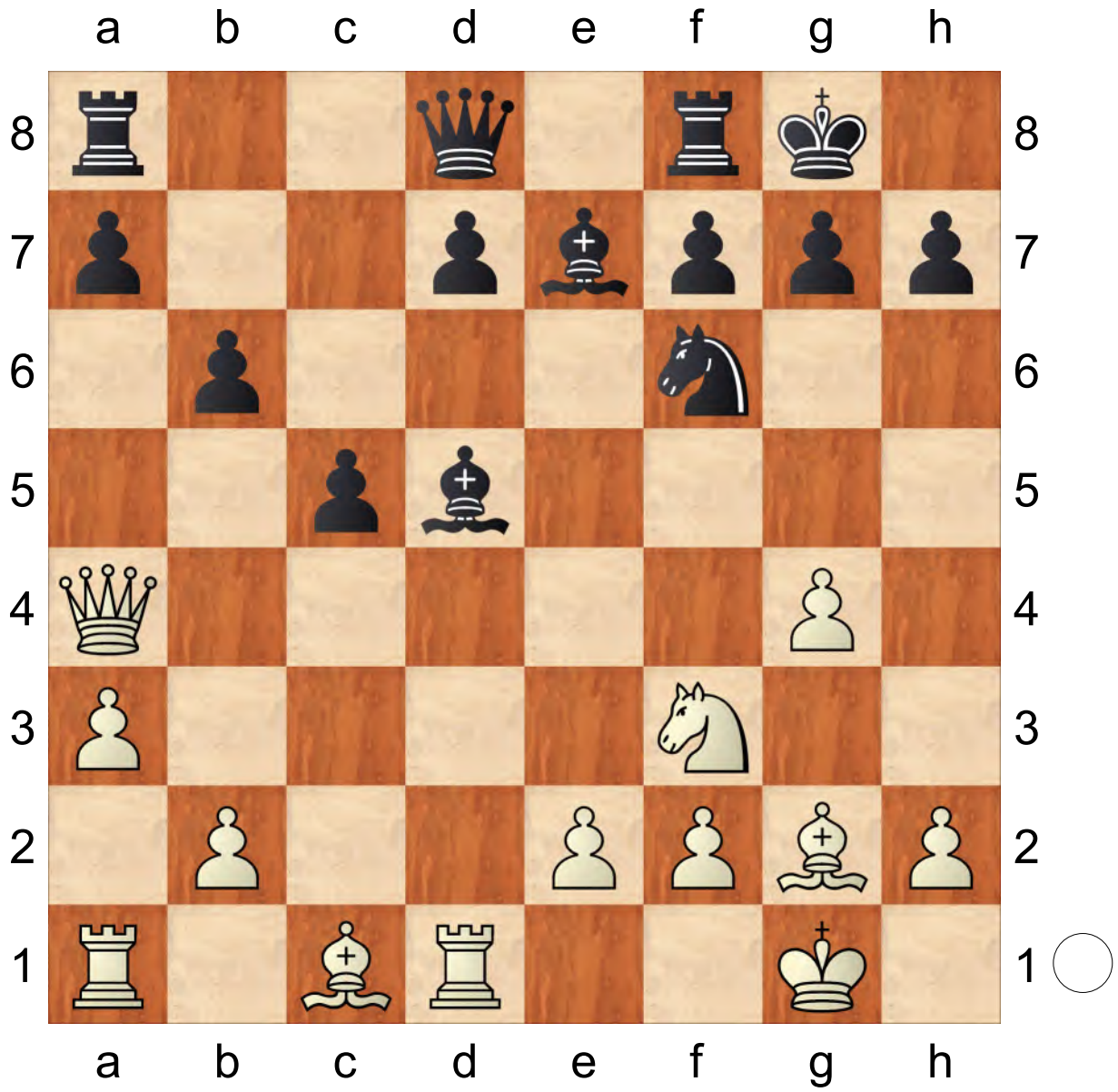
11...Nf6
[≤11...Nc7? 12.Ne5±]
12.Nc3 0-0 13.g4! Shirov doesn't shy away from risk, after losing game 1 he wants to equalize immediately. We have already seen this motif above, White fights for the ⊞ by advancing his ♙g3. **13...Nb4** Black doesn't want to allow the ♘ to d5.
[After 13...h6 14.h4 *(14.Nh4 c4!?∞ Δ 15.Qxc4 Ne5)* 14...Nb4 15.a3 Nbd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.g5 Bc6 we get a similar position as in the game, but White's ♕ doesn't have the h4-square. Nevertheless 18.Qb3∞ *(*or *18.Qf4!?⩲* remains tense and unclear, Black can possibly even regret weakening his ». *)*]
14.a3
[14.g5 Nfd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5□ 16.a3 b5! 17.Qxb5 Rb8 18.Qa4 Bc6⇄ gives back the ♙ for active « play.]
14...Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5□
[15...Nxd5? 16.Ne5+-]

(Diagram)

16.g5 Bc6 17.Qh4! The only consistent continuation.
[17.Qxc6? dxc6 18.Rxd8 Raxd8 19.gxf6 Rd1+ 20.Bf1 Bxf6∓ /-+ is unacceptable.]
17...Ne8
[17...Ne4?! 18.Ne5 Bxg5 19.Nxc6 Bxh4 20.Nxd8 Nxf2 21.Rd5! Raxd8 22.Rh5 Rde8 23.Kf1 Ne4 24.Rxh4±]
18.Ne5 White has the initiative, but Aronian fights back. **18...Bxg2 19.Rxd7 Bb7!?** Black sacrifices a ♕ for active ⇄. A brave decision, even more so as it was not forced. After
[19...Qc8 20.Rxe7 *(20.Kxg2 Bd6* already forces *21.g6! hxg6 22.Nxg6 fxg6 23.Qc4+ Kh7 24.Qh4+=)* 20...Bc6± /⇄ White retains his active ♖, but Black has reasonable chances to neutralize the pressure. *(≤20...Qh3?! 21.Qg3!↑; 20...Bh3!?∞)*]
20.Rxd8 Rxd8

(Diagram)

21.Be3 Shirov wants to keep a chance to transfer his ♕ back to the «.
[The immediate 21.Qa4 Rd4⩱ is not ideal and after]
[21.Bf4 White must reckon with h6!?⇄]
21...Rd5
[21...h6? 22.Qa4+-]
22.Nf3 Nd6 23.Qa4 b5! Black's forces are well coordinated and he can defend his « actively by tactical means. **24.Qc2**
[24.Qxa7? Ra8 25.Qb6 Bd8-+]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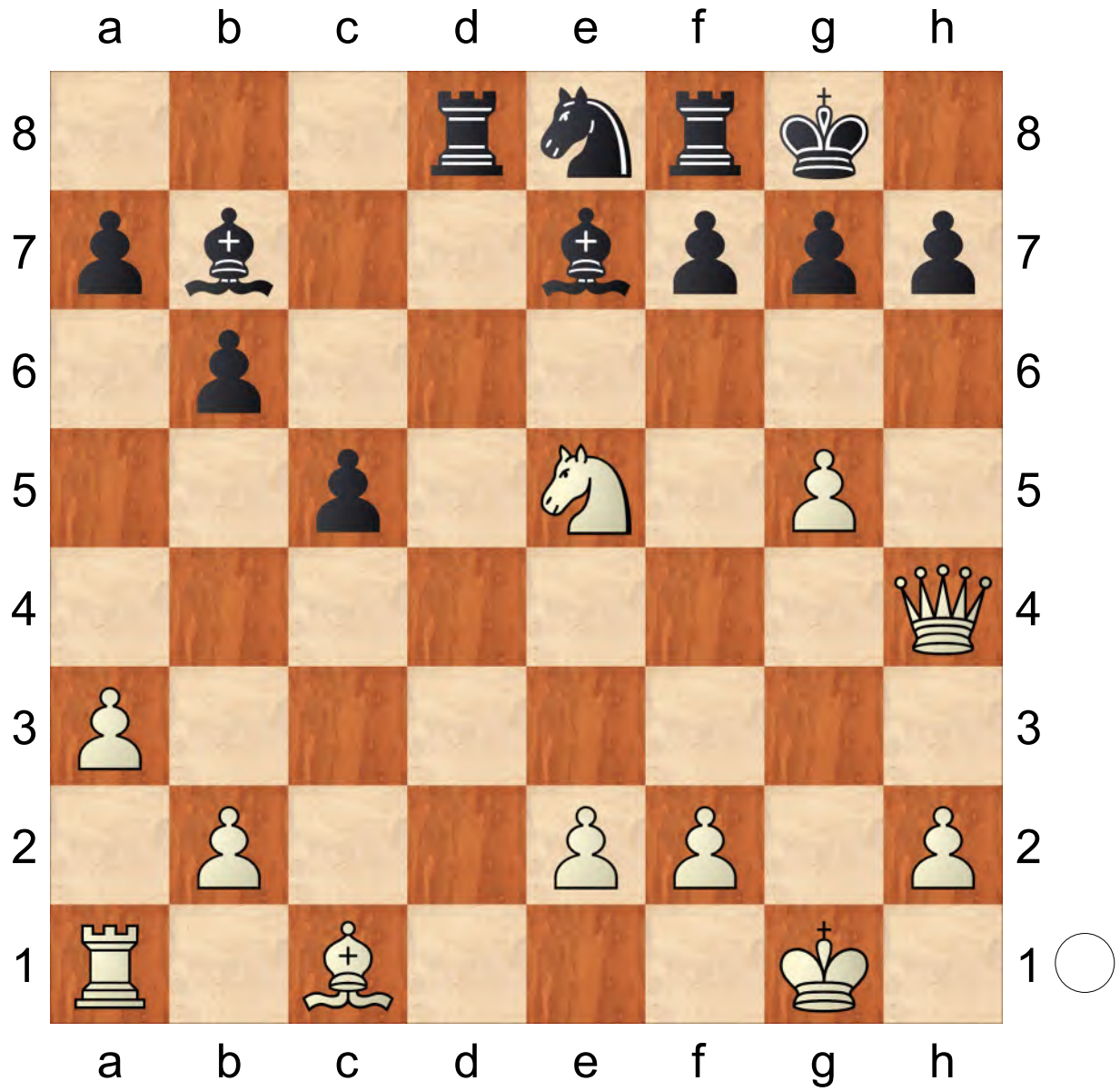

[24.Qb3!?± ΔRd1 deserves attention, it would help White to exchange a pair of R without having to split his P as in the game.]

24...Nf5 25.a4

[25.Bf4 seems more solid, but Rfd8 ⇔d makes it difficult for White to convert his advantage.]

25...b4

[More logical is the immediate 25...Nxe3]

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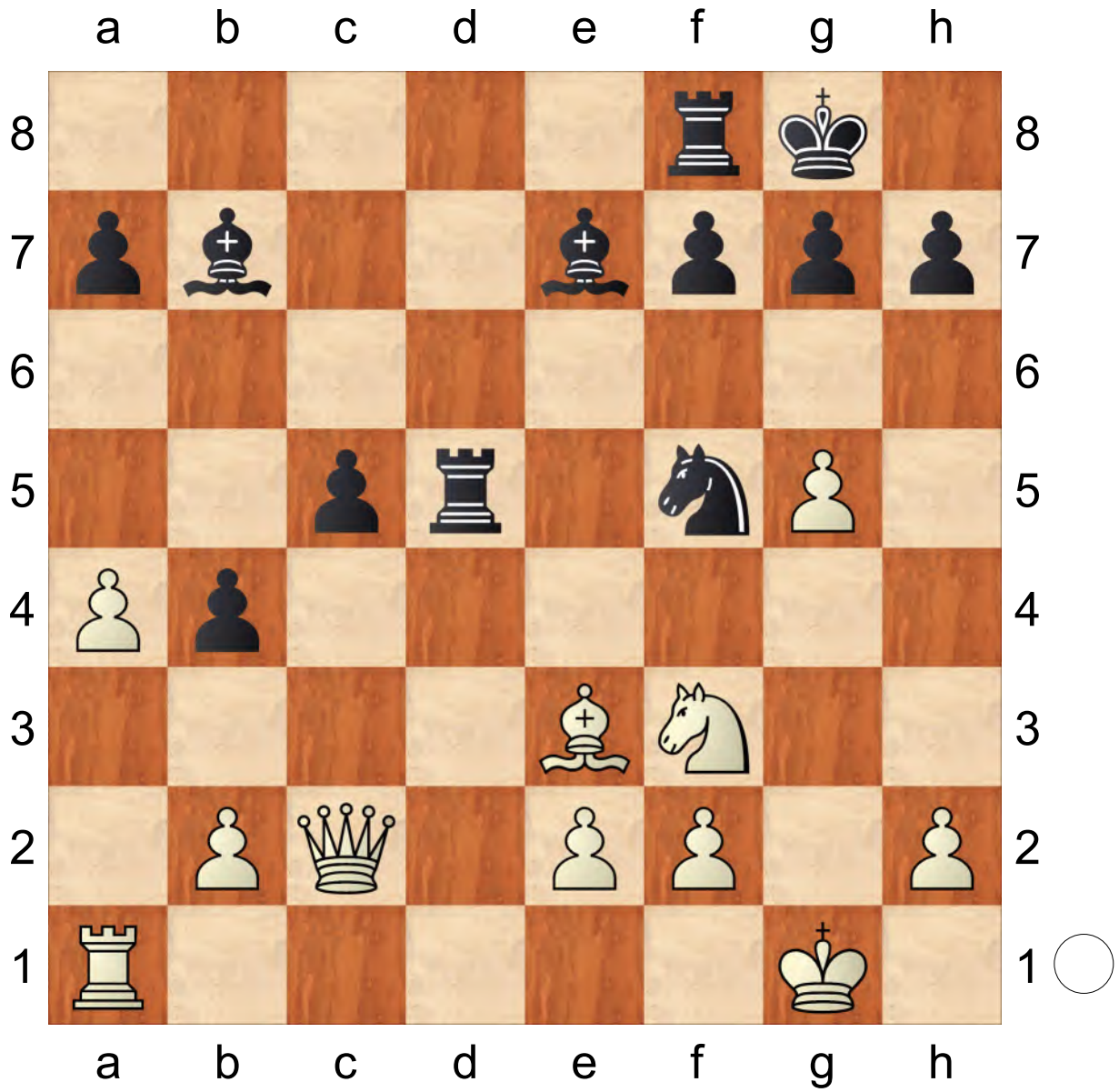
26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Nxe3 28.fxe3 Rd8 Black has more compact P, no real × and an active B - White's advantage despite the extra Q is already mostly formal.



29.Qc2 g6 30.h4 Bd6!

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Prevents the manoeuvre ♘e5-g4, followed by e4-e5. **31.Kf2**

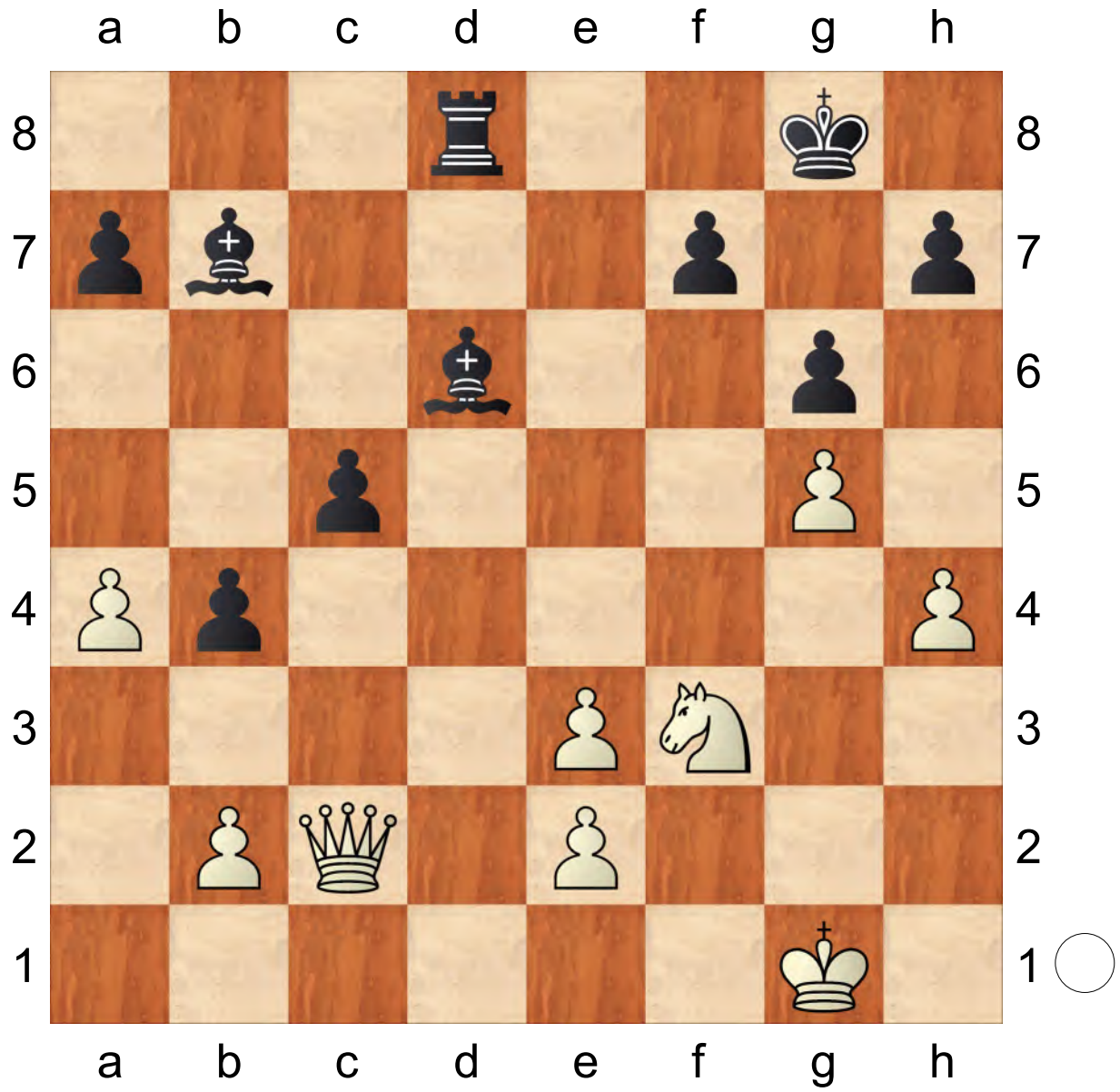
[31.e4 Re8 32.e5 Bf8 33.e4 Bc8⇄]

31...a6 32.Nd2 Bf8 33.Nc4

[33.Ne4 Bxe4 34.Qxe4 Rd6 Δ♖e6= shows another defensive motif - Black can build up a fortress.]

33...Bc8 34.Qe4 Be6 35.b3 Rd5!?

[35...Bxc4 36.Qxc4 Rd6= as indicated above was also possible, but Shirov was running out of time and Aronian decides Black doesn't risk much anyway.]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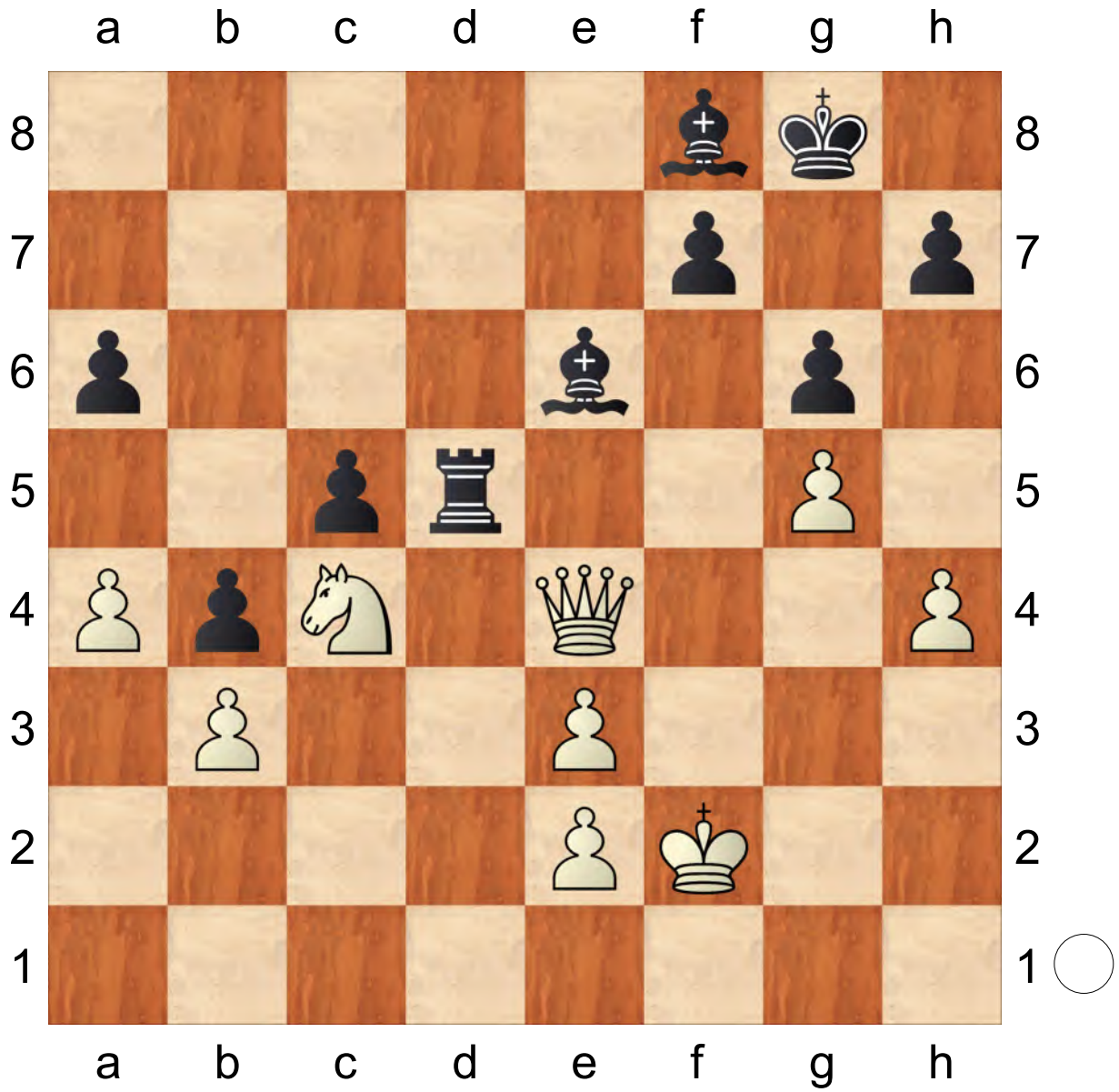
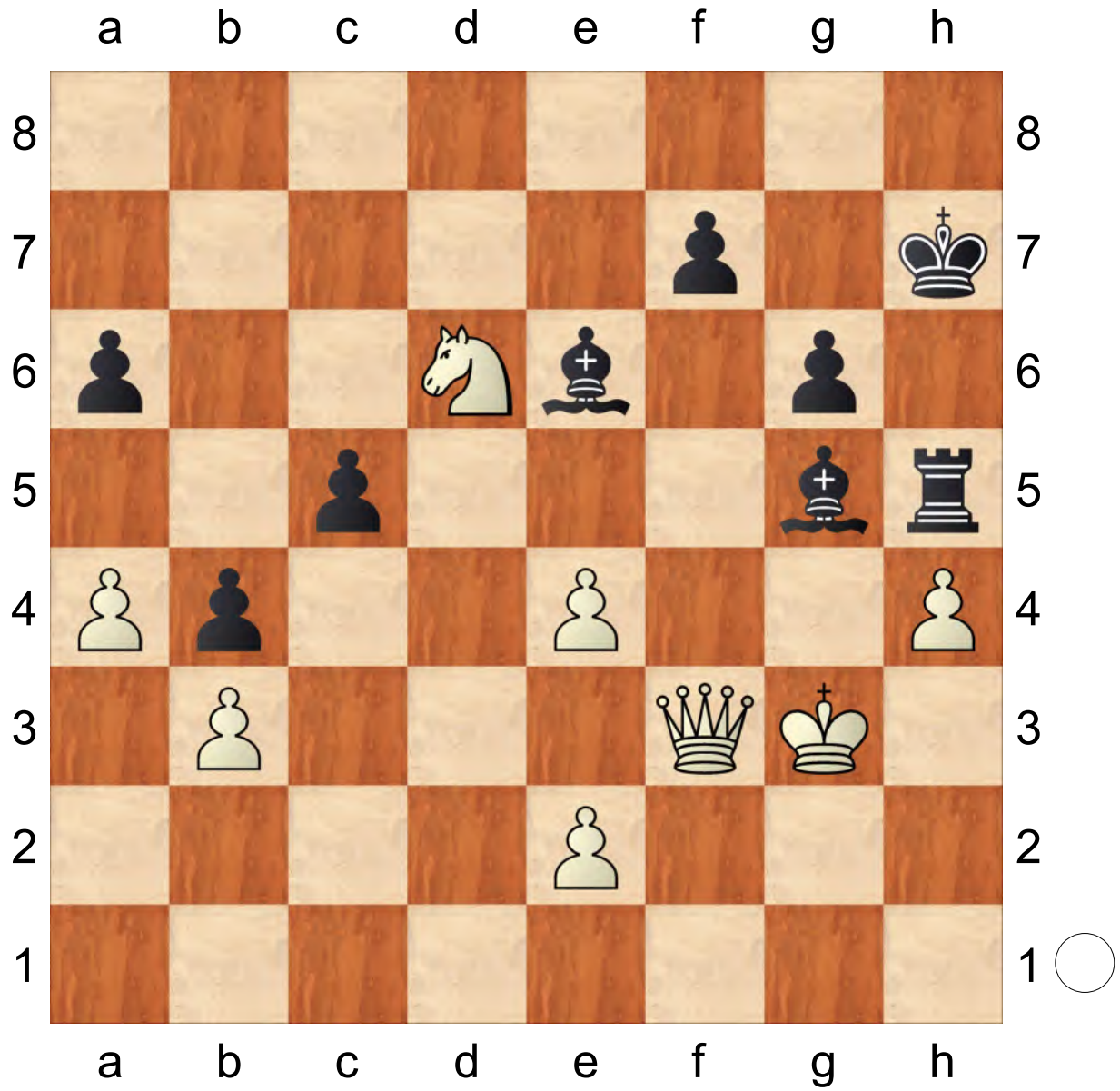


36.Kg3 h6 Black's counterattack secures him a draw. **37.gxh6 Bxh6 38.Qf3 Kh7**
[38...Bg5!? Δ♗h4 more or less forces 39.hxg5 Rxg5+ 40.Kh2 Rh5+ 41.Kg1 Rg5+=]
39.e4 Rh5 40.Nd6 Bg5

(Diagram)

41.Nxf7 Bxh4+ 42.Kg2 c4
[42...Kg7 43.Nd6 Rg5+ 44.Kh1 Rg3= draws, Aronian still tries to mix things up a bit.]
43.bxc4 Kg8
[43...Be7 44.Qf4 b3 45.Qc7 b2 46.Qxe7 b1Q 47.Nd8+= and this time it's White giving a perpetual.]



44.Nd6 Rg5+ 45.Kh1 Rg3

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46.Qf4 Rh3+

[46...Rh3+ 47.Kg2 Rg3+= 48.Kf1?? Bh3+-+]

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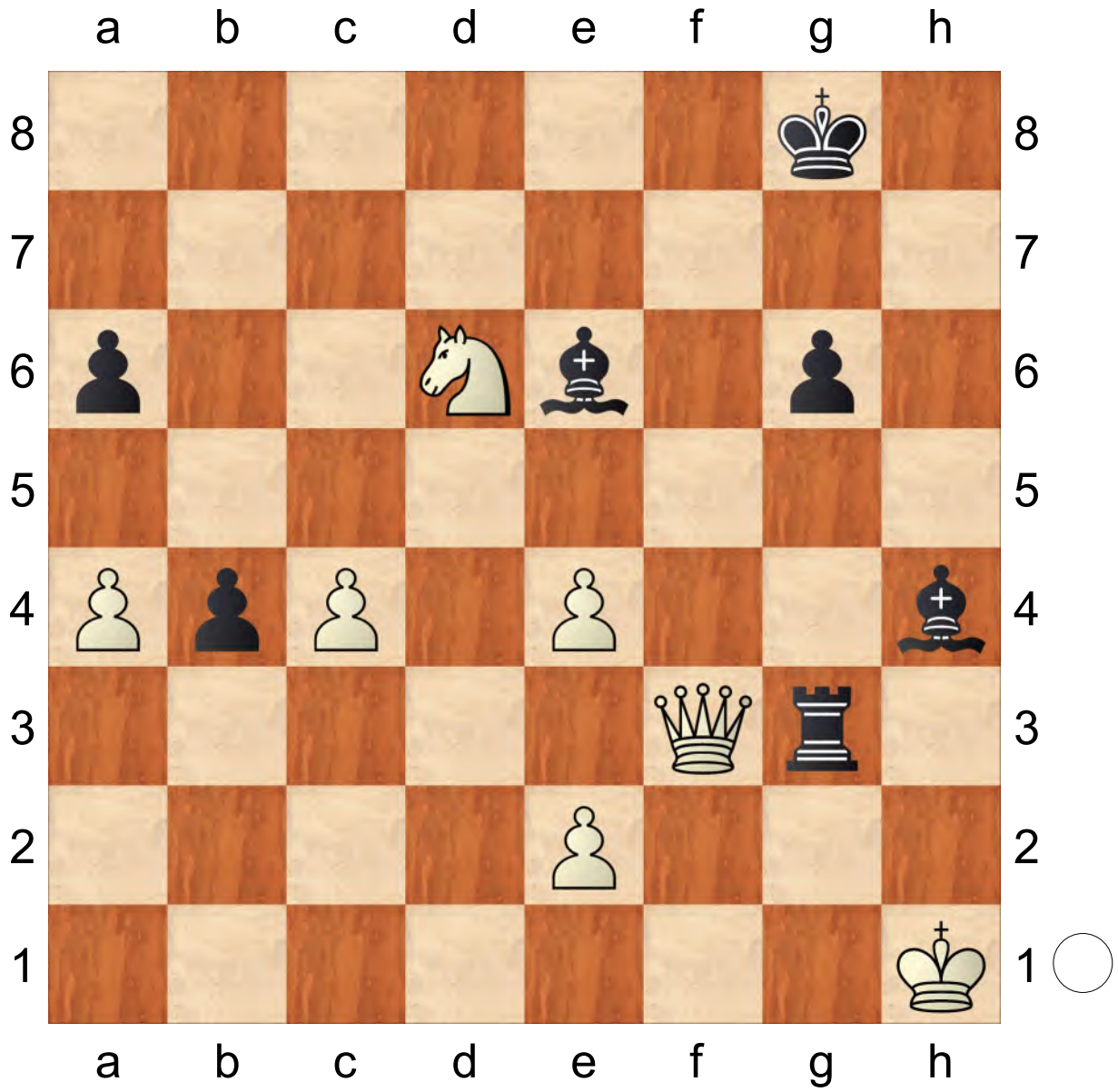
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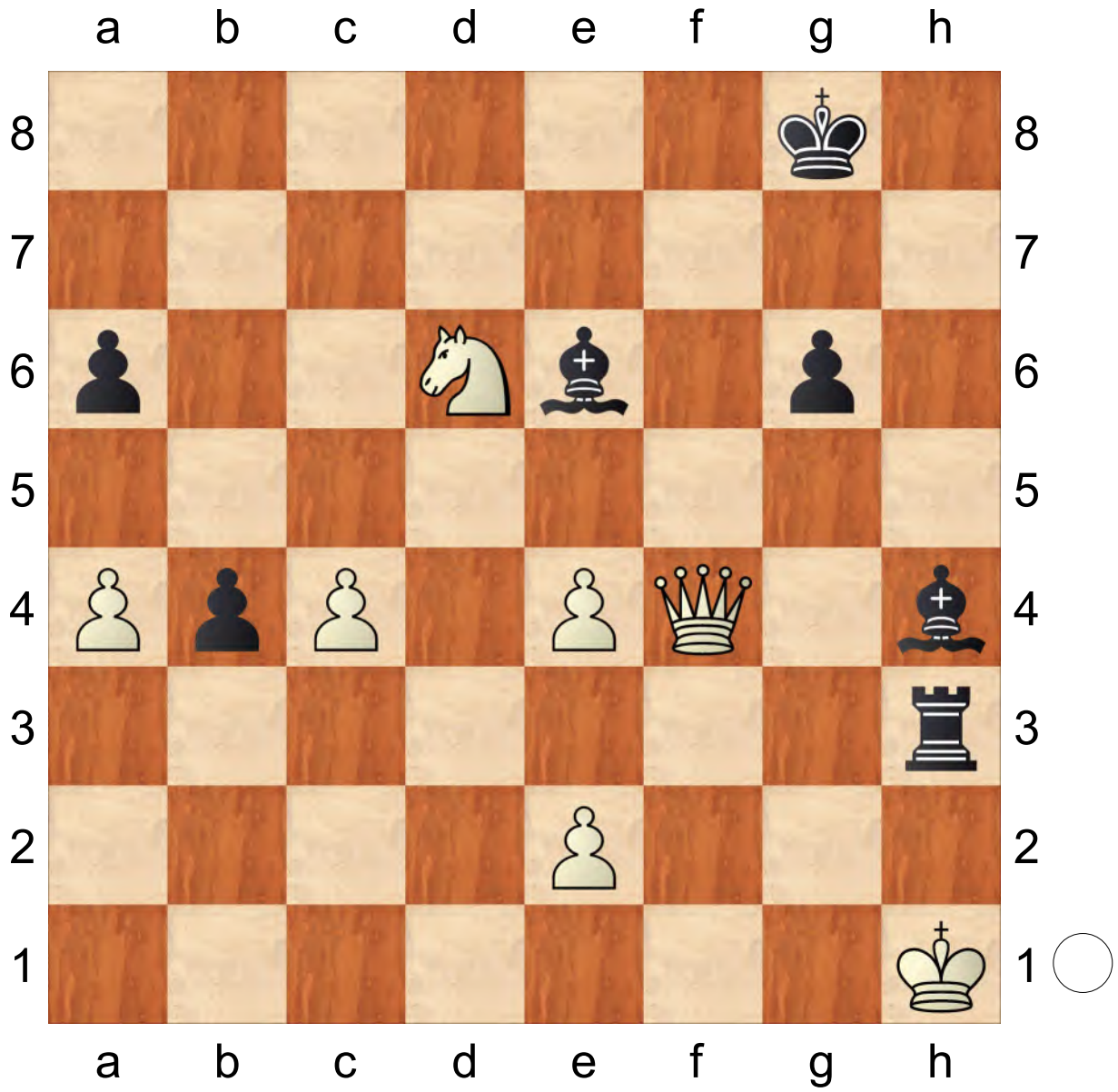
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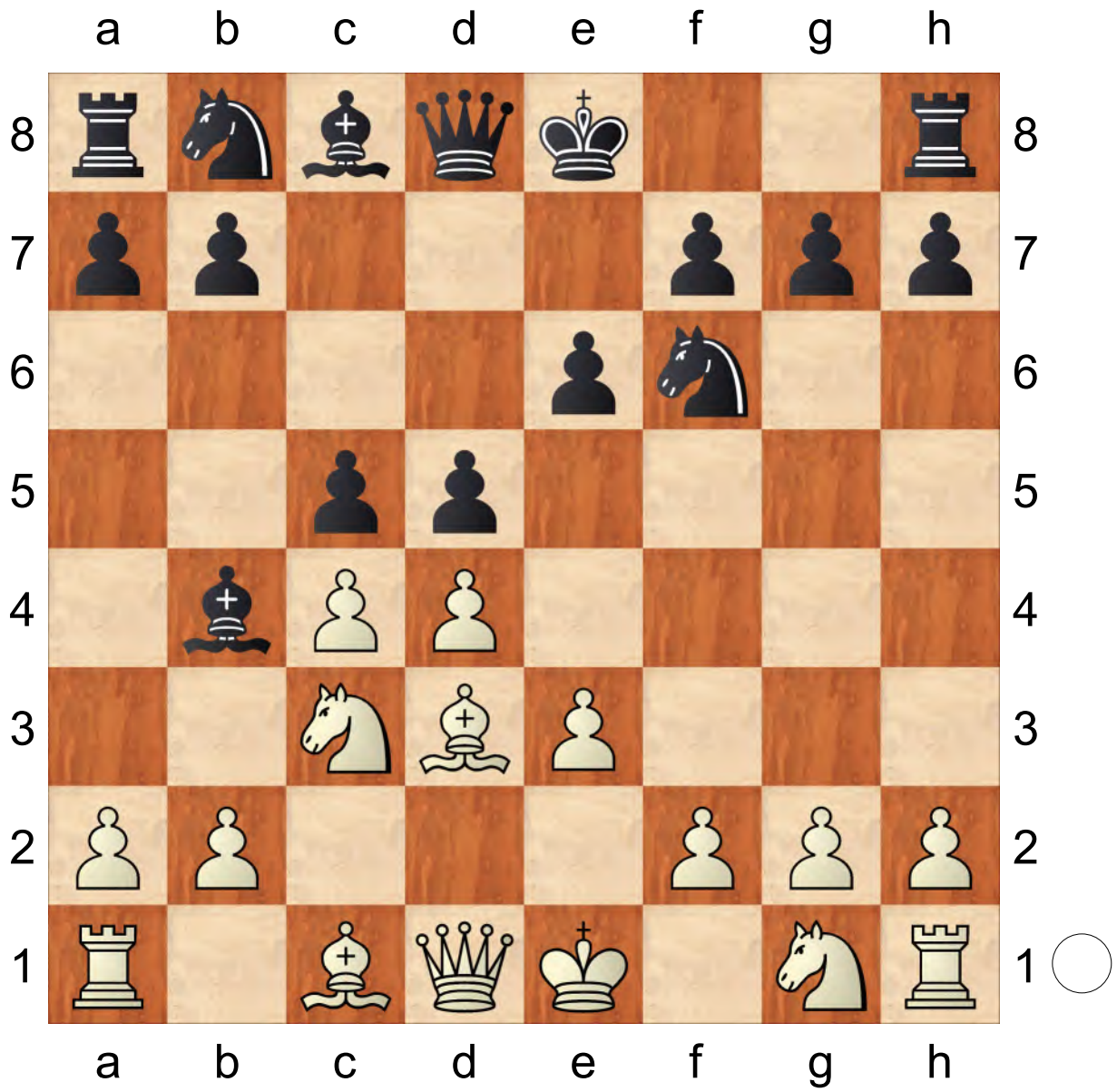
1.d4 Ripperger Ftacnik **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 d5**



6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nc6 9.a3 Ba5 10.Qd3 a6

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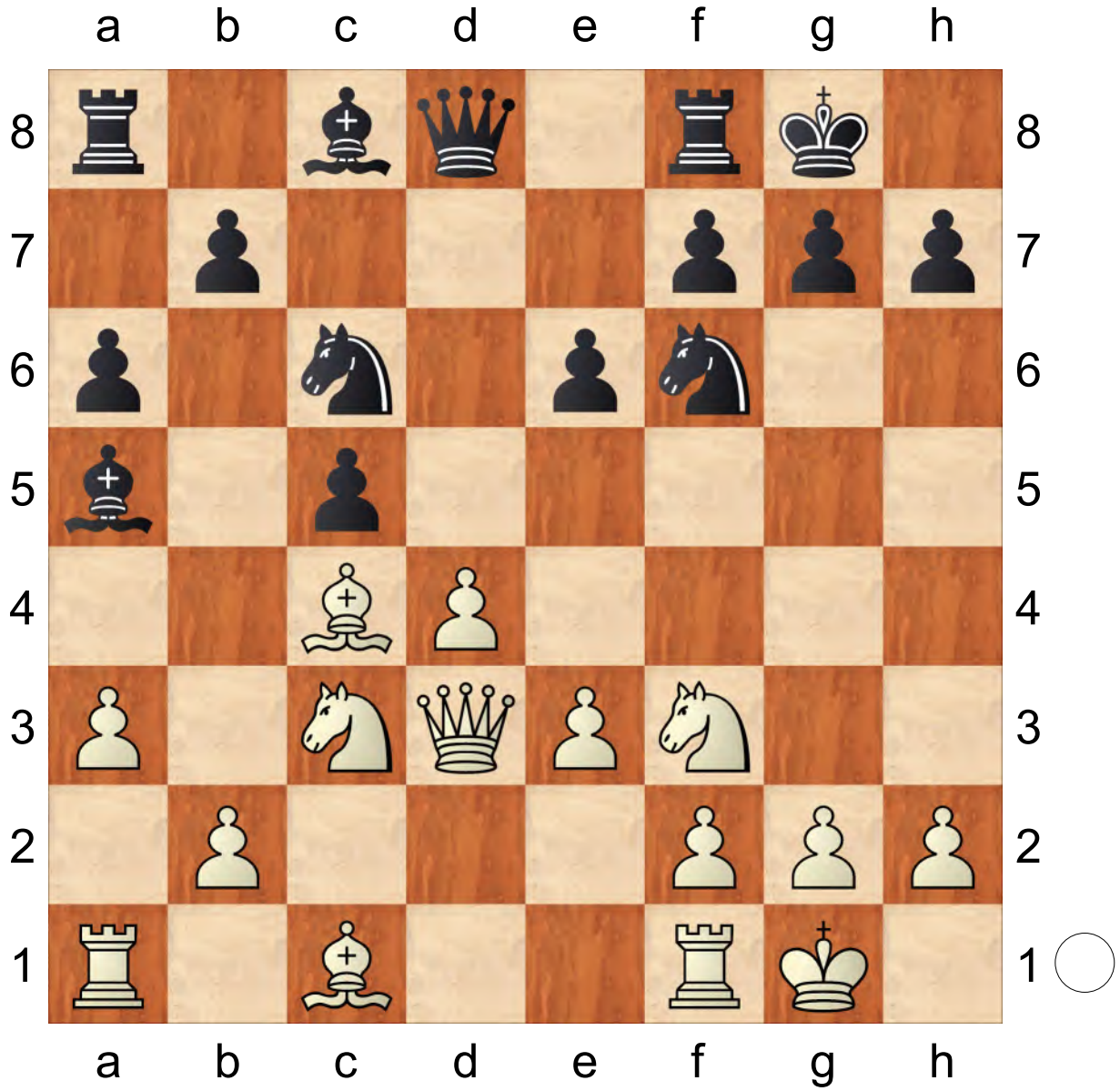
11.dxc5 Qxd3 12.Bxd3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Rd8?!



[13...Nd7?! 14.a4 Nxc5 15.Bc2 Rd8 16.Ba3 Nd7±]
[13...Na5! 14.Rb1 *(14.Bc2 Bd7; 14.a4 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxc5 16.Bc2 Bd7 17.Ba3 Rfc8)* 14...Rd8 15.Bc2 Bd7 16.a4 Be8=]

14.Bc2 Bd7?! Ripperger: '
[14...Rd5 15.a4 *(15.c4 Rxc5 16.Bd3 Ne5=* Ripperger: '=') 15...Rxc5 16.Ba3
A) 16...Rxc3! 17.Rfc1 Kh8 *(17...g6? 18.Bb2; 17...Nd5? 18.Bb2)* 18.Ng5 Nd8 19.Be7 h6 20.Bxf6 *(20.Rd1 Nc6 21.Bxf6 Rxc2 22.Nxf7+ Kg8∓)* 20...gxf6 21.Ne4 Rc6 22.Nxf6 Kg7 23.Nh5+ Kf8 24.Be4 Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 Bd7 26.a5 Bc6= Ripperger: '=';
B) 16...Rd5
B1) 17.Rfb1 Na5 18.Bb4 Nc6 19.c4? Nxb4 20.cxd5 Nxc2 21.Ra2 exd5 22.Rxc2 Bf5;
B2) 17.Nd4 Na5 18.Bb4 Nc4 19.Bb3 Nd2 20.Bxd5 Nxf1 21.Ba2 Nd2

(21...a5 22.Bd6 Ne4 23.Bc7 Nfd2 24.Rd1±) 22.c4 Nde4 23.f3 a5 24.Ba3 Nc3 25.Bb3± ♙b2;

B3) 17.Rab1 Na5 18.Bb4 Nc4 19.Bb3 b5= Ripperger: '=']

[14...Na5 15.a4 Nc4

A) 16.a5 Bd7 17.Bb3 Bb5 18.Nd4 Rdc8= Ripperger: '=';

B) 16.Bb3 Na5 17.Ba2 Bd7 *(17...Ne4 18.Ba3∞ Nxc3? 19.Bb4 Nxa2 20.Bxa5+-)* 18.Ne5 Be8 ⇔a4;

C) 16.Rb1 Rd5 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Nd5 19.Be2 Nxc3 20.Bxc4 Nxb1 21.Bb2 ♙ 22. d3 b5! 22.cxb6 *(22.Bd3 bxa4 23.Bxb1 Rb8-+)* 22...Bb7 23.Bd3 Rd8 24.Bd4

C1) 24...Bxf3?! 25.gxf3 e5 *(25...Nd2 26.Bxa6 Nxf3+ 27.Kg2 Nxd4 28.exd4)* 26.Bxe5 Rxd3 27.b7;

C2) 24...Na3]

(Diagram)

' **15.a4 Na5**

(Diagram)

16.Ne5 Be8 Ripperger: '[White has the bishop pair and an extra pawn, but the main reason for his positional advantage is the fact that the pawn c5 secures a space advantage on the queenside and is easy to defend.]' Ripperger: '[Weiß ist im Besitz des Läuferpaares und eines Mehrbauern. Entscheidend für seinen positionellen Vorteil ist jedoch die Tatsache, daß der Bauer c5 Raum am Damenflügel sichert und gut zu verteidigen ist.]' **17.Ba3 Rd5?**

[17...Rd2 18.Ra2 ♙ 19. h7 Rad8 19.Bb4 Nc6 20.Nc4]

[Ripperger: 'Besser ist' ⌓17...Nd7 18.Bb4 Nxe5 19.Bxa5

A) 19...Rd2 20.Be4 *(20.Ra2 Nc4)* 20...Bc6 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.Bb6 Kf8 23.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Ke7 25.Kf1 Rc8 26.Rb1↑ ⇔b7 Ripperger: 'und Weiß kann auf eine deutliche Initiative verweisen.';

B) 19...Rdc8 20.Bb4 *(20.Be4 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Rxc6)* 20...Bc6±]

18.f4 Rdd8

[18...Rd2? 19.Ra2 Rad8 20.Bb4 Nc6 21.Nc4]

[18...Nd7? 19.Be4 Rd2 20.Bc1 Re2 *(20...Nb3 21.Bxd2 Nxd2 22.Nxd7 Nxf1 23.Nb6+-)* 21.Bd3 Nb3 22.Bxe2 Nxa1 23.Nxd7 Bxd7 24.Bd1 ♙ 25. b2+-]

19.Bb4 Nc6 20.Nc4 Nd5

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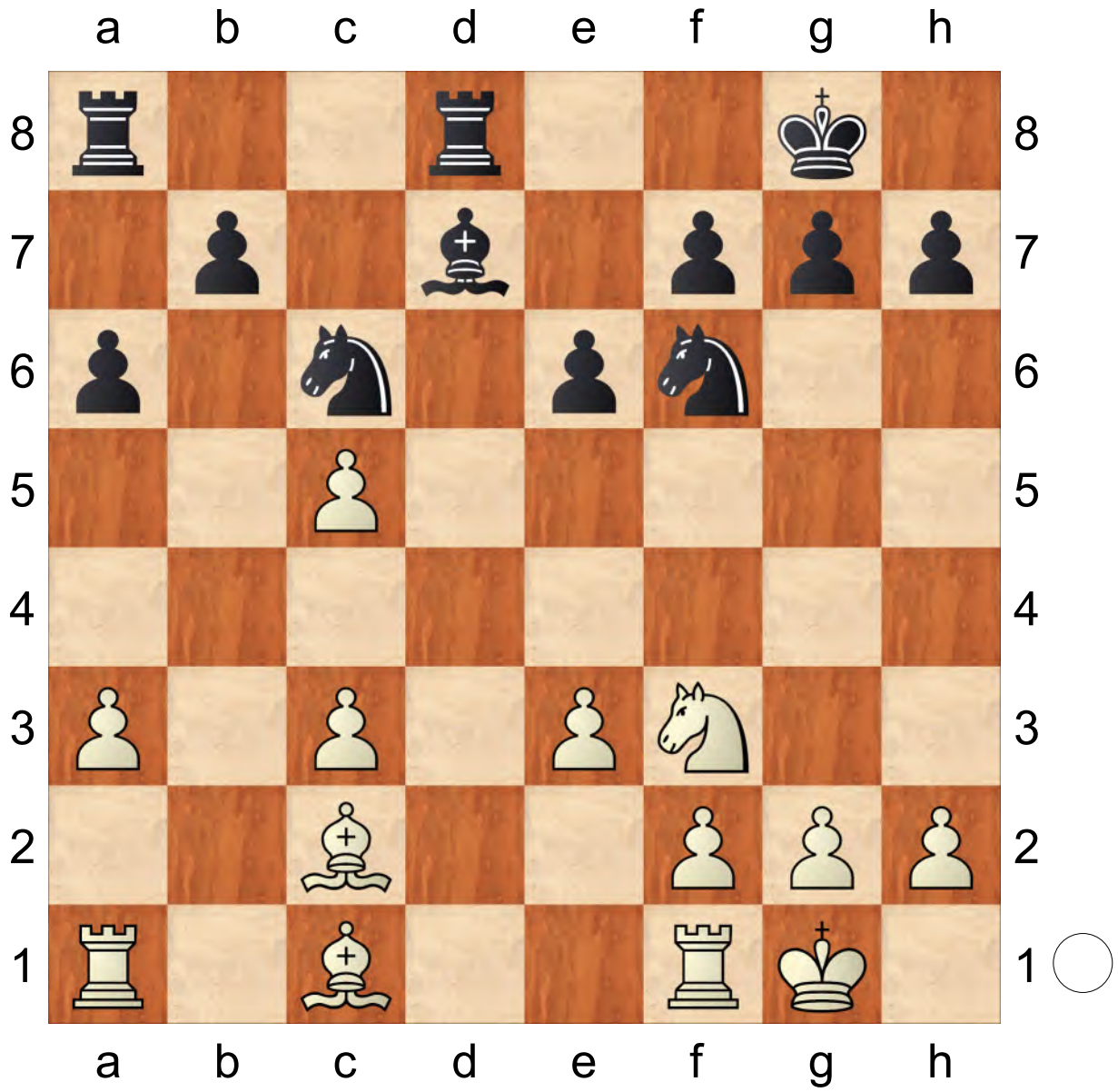
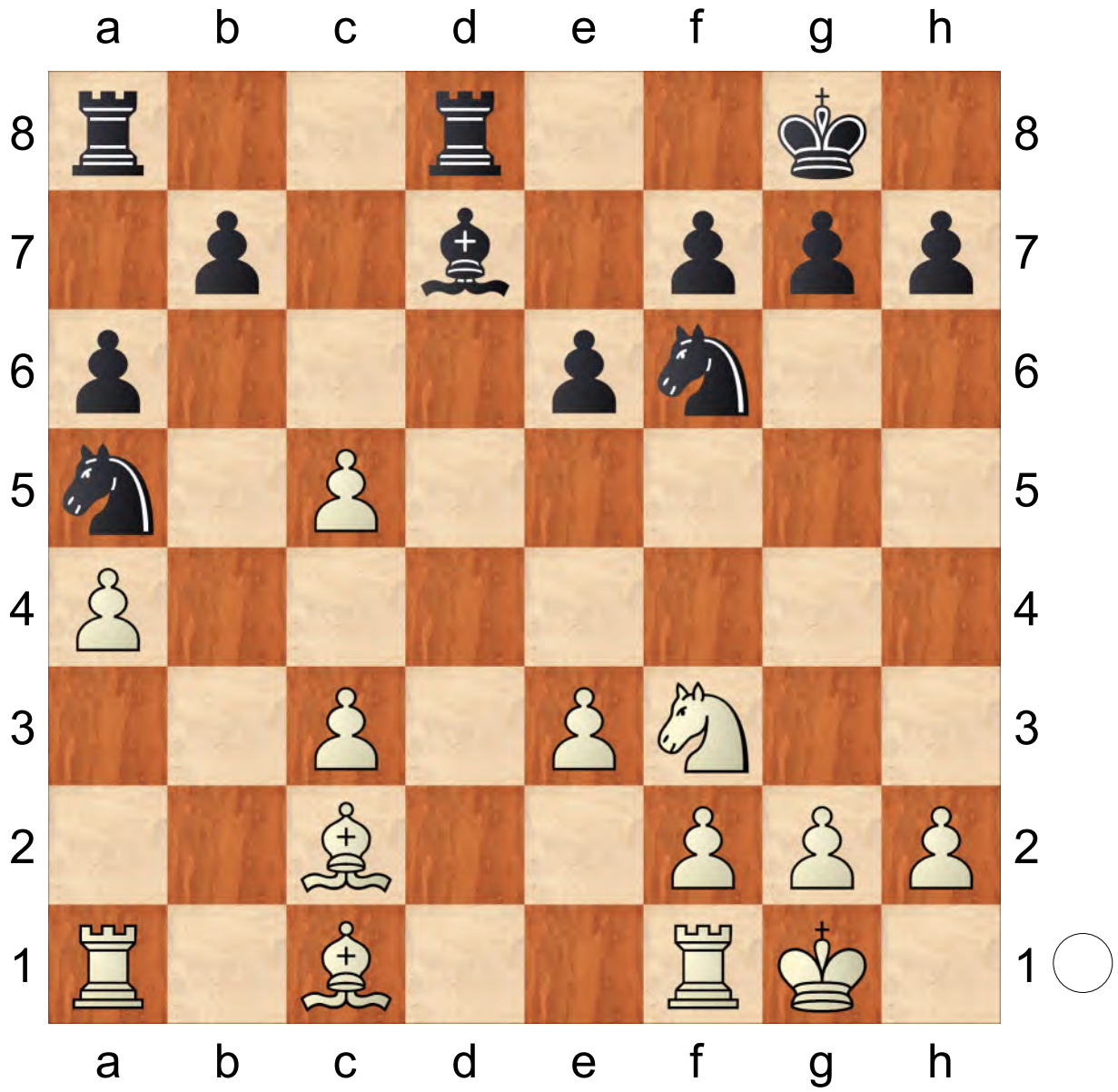
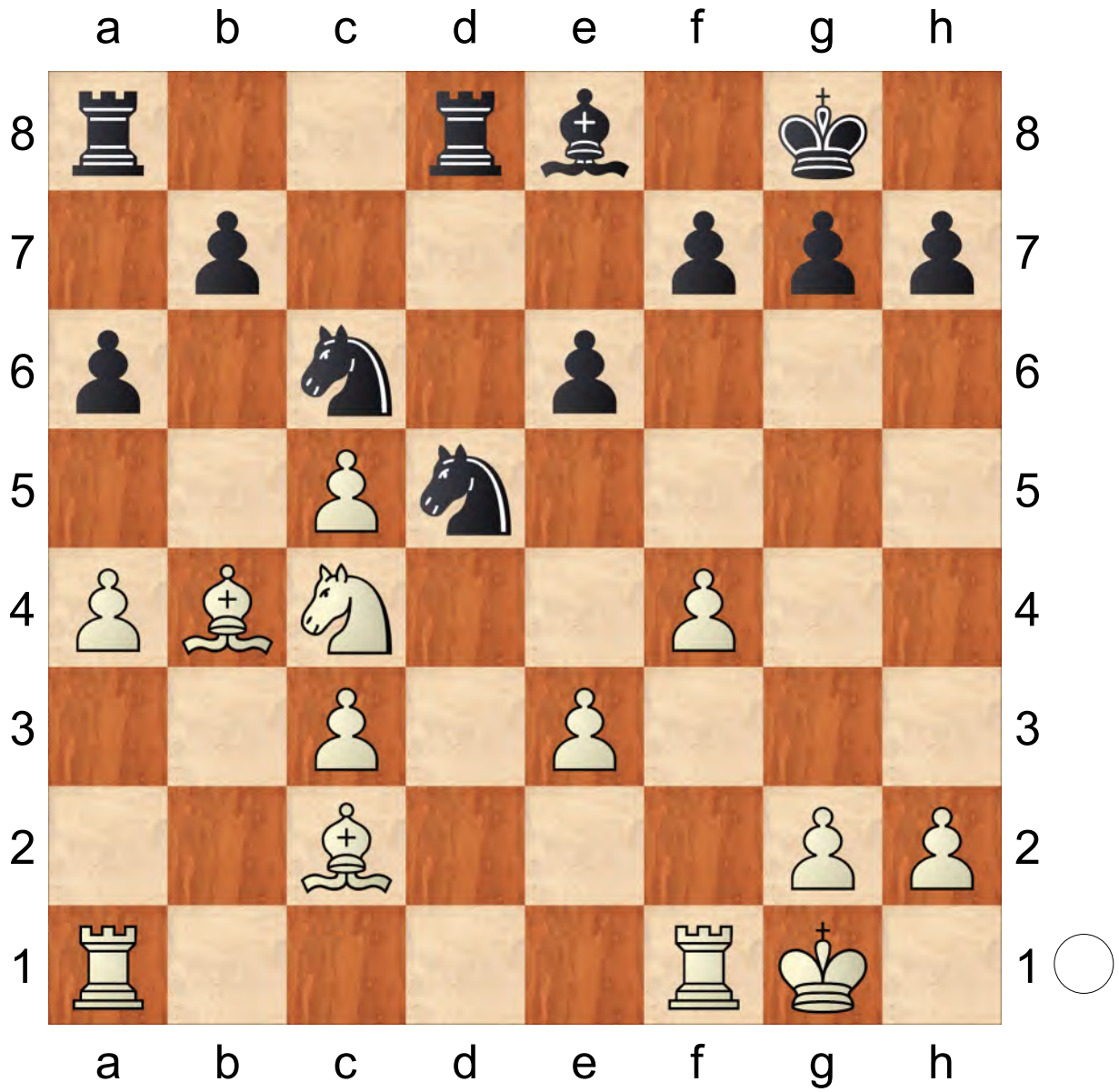
21.Rab1 Rab8

[21...a5 22.Ba3 Rab8 *(22...Nxc3 23.Rxb7+-)* 23.Rfc1 Nxc3 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7







25.Rxc3]

22.Rfc1

[22.e4? Ndxb4 23.cxb4 Rd4]

[22.Kf2?! Ncxb4 23.cxb4 b5

A) 24.Nd6 bxa4 25.Nxe8 Rxe8 26.Bxa4 Rec8= Ripperger: '=';

B) 24.cxb6 Nxb6 25.Nxb6 Rd2+ 26.Kg3 Rxc2 27.a5 Bc6 28.Rf2 *(28.Rfc1 Rxg2+ 29.Kh3 Be4 30.Rc4 Bxb1 31.Kxg2 Bd3=* Ripperger: '='*; 28.Rbc1 Rxg2+ 29.Kh3 Bb7 30.Nd7 Rd8 31.Rc7 Bd5* ♙ 32... d2, 32... b2 *32.Nb6 Re2 33.Nxd5 exd5=* Ripperger: '=' *)* 28...Rc3 29.Re1 Rd8±;

C) 24.axb5? Bxb5 25.Bd3 Nc3-+]

22...Kf8

[22...Ncxb4 23.cxb4 b5 *(23...Nc3 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7 25.Rxc3 Bxa4 26.Nd6)* 24.cxb6 Nxb6 25.Nxb6 Rxb6 26.Bd1 Rdb8 27.Rc4]

23.Kf2 Ripperger: '[The German grandmaster's pieces have been set up harmoniously.]' Ripperger: '[Die Figuren des deutschen Großmeisters sind harmonisch aufgestellt.]' **23...f6**

[23...Ncxb4 24.cxb4 b5 25.cxb6 Nxb6 26.Nxb6 Rxb6 27.Rd1 Rc8 28.Rb2 Rc4 *(28...Rxc2+ 29.Rxc2 Bxa4 30.Rc8++-)* 29.Rd4]

[23...Ncxb4 24.cxb4 Nc3 25.Ra1 Nd5 26.Rcb1 Nc3 27.Rb2]

[23...a5

A) 24.Bxa5 Nxa5 25.Nxa5 Nxc3 26.Rxb7 Rxb7 27.Nxb7 Rd2+ 28.Ke1 Re2+ 29.Kf1 Bc6 30.Bd3 *(30.Na5 Bxg2+ 31.Kg1 Na2 32.Bd3 Rxe3)* 30...Bxg2+ 31.Kg1 Bxb7 32.Rxc3 Rxe3;

B) 24.Nxa5 Ndxb4 25.cxb4 Nxa5 26.bxa5 Rd2+

B1) 27.Kf3 f5 28.a6 Bc6+ 29.e4 Rxc2 30.Rxc2 Bxe4+ 31.Ke3 Bxc2 32.Rxb7 Rc8 33.c6 *(33.a7 Be4 34.Rb8 Re8)* 33...Be4 34.c7 Ke7±;

B2) 27.Ke1 Rxg2 28.Be4 Rg1+ 29.Kd2 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Bc6 *(30...Bxa4 31.Rb1 Ra8 32.Bxb7 Rxa5 33.Ra1 Rb5 34.c6+-)* 31.Bxc6 bxc6 32.Kc3 Ra8 *(32...Ke7 33.Rd1 Ra8 34.Kb4 Rb8+ 35.Ka3 Ra8 36.Rd6)* 33.Rb1 Rxa5 34.Rb8+ Ke7 35.Kb4 Ra7 36.a5 Kd7 37.Rb6 Kc7 38.a6 ♙ 39. a5+-]

24.g3

[24.Nd6?! a5 25.Ba3 Nxc3 26.Rxb7 *(26.Rb6 Na2 27.Ra1 Nab4 28.Bb3 e5⇄; 26.Rb2 Ne7 27.Nxe8 Kxe8 28.Bb3 Ne4+ 29.Ke2 Nd5⇄)* 26...Rxb7 27.Nxb7 Rd2+⇄]

24...Bg6

[24...Ke7 25.Bxh7 g6 26.h4 Kf8 27.h5 gxh5 28.Bc2]

[24...h6 25.Kf3 Ke7

A) 26.Rb2?! a5 27.Nxa5 Ndxb4 28.cxb4 Nxa5 29.bxa5 Rd2 30.Rcb1 f5;

B) 26.Bd1?! Bg6 27.Rb2 Bd3 28.Be2 *(28.Nd6 Ndxb4 29.cxb4 b6∞)* 28...Bxe2+;

C) ⌓26.h4 ♙ 27.g4, 28.h5 (⇔g6), d1, b2, a3 26...g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.fxg5 fxg5 29.Rh1]

25.Bxg6 hxg6

(Diagram)

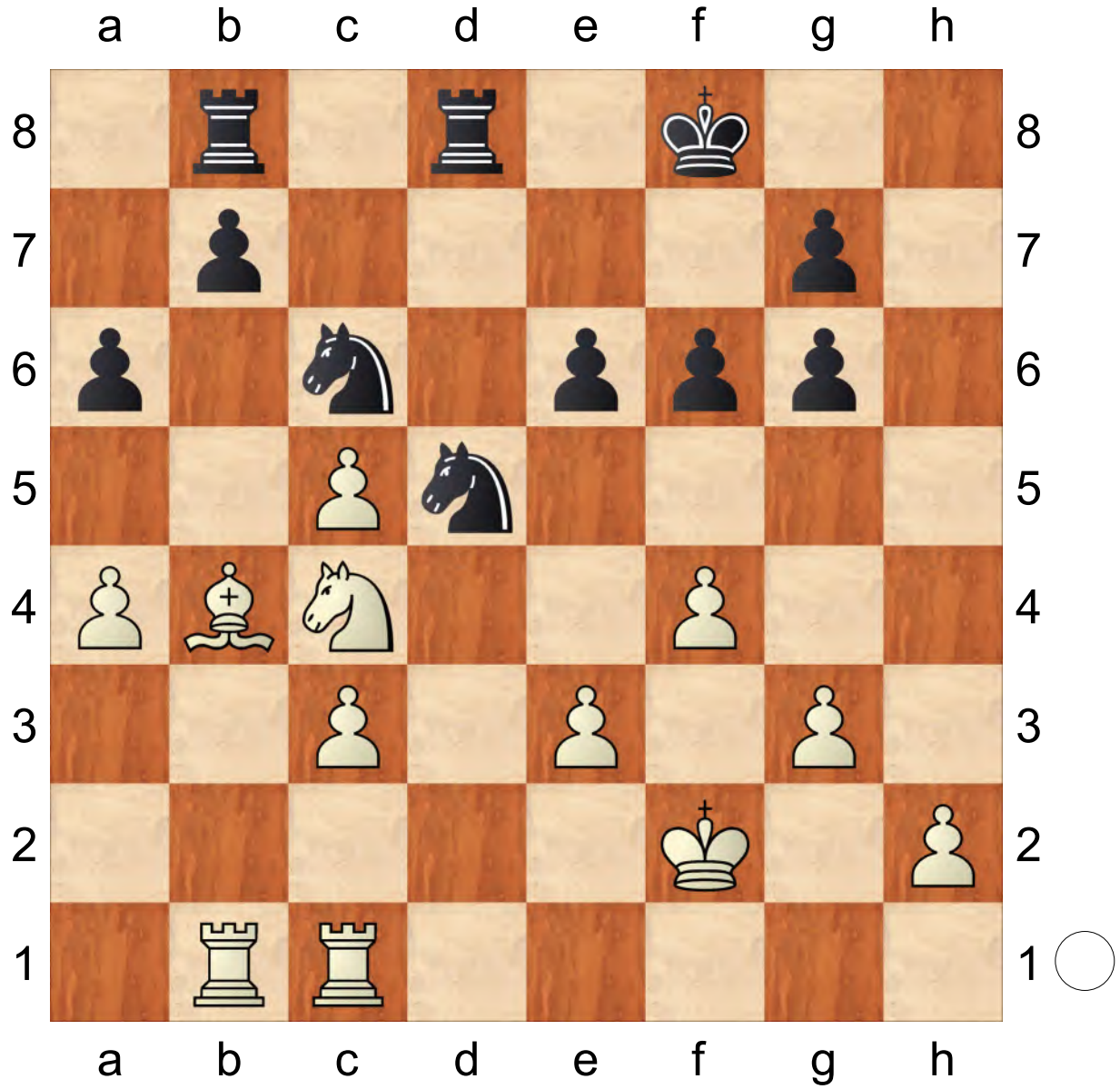
26.e4 Nde7 27.Ba3 Rd7

[27...Rd3 28.Ke2]

28.Rc2

[28.Nd6?! Na5 29.c4 Kg8 30.Bb4 Nac6 31.Bc3 Nc8 32.e5 Nxd6 33.cxd6 f5]

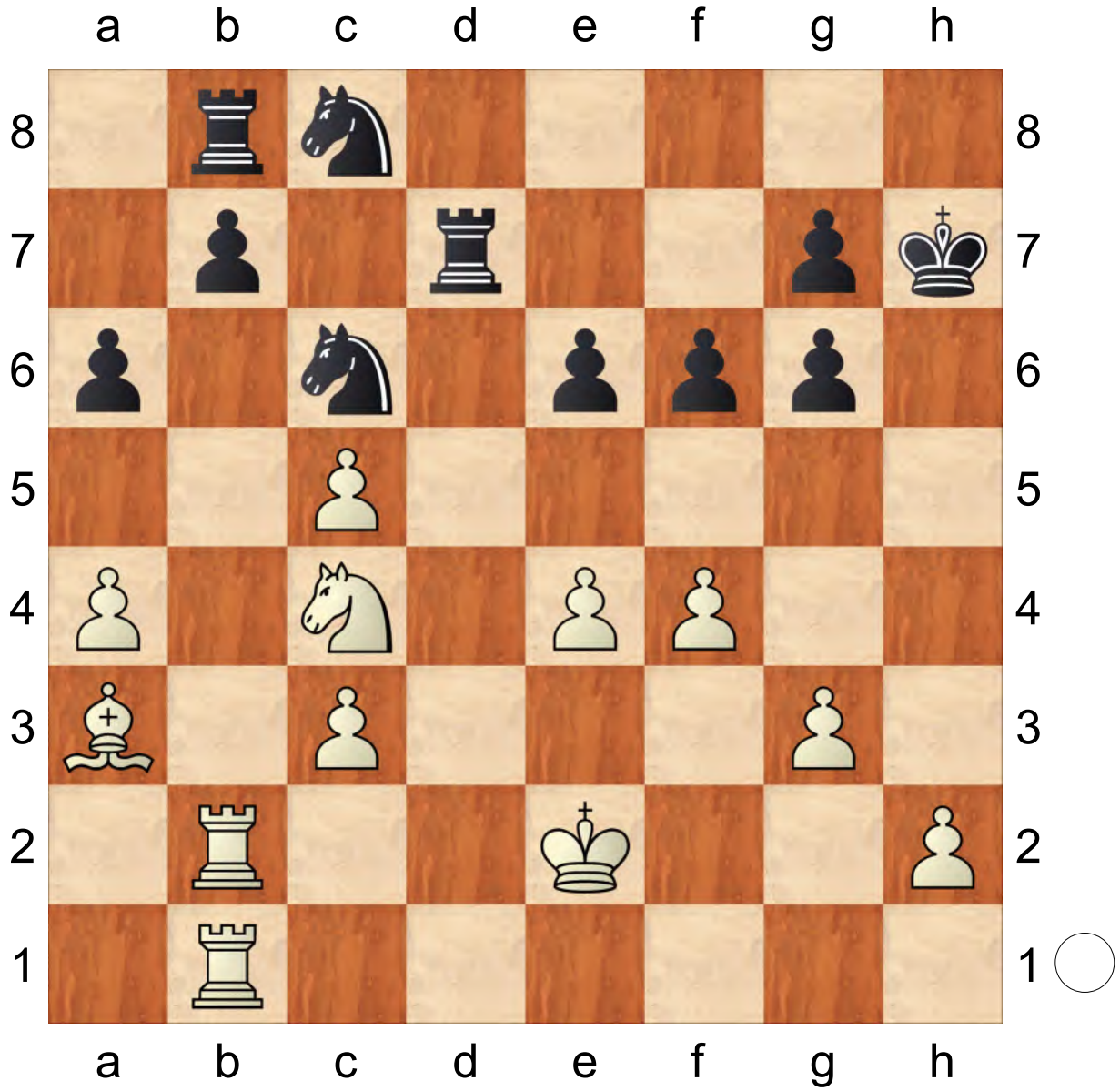
28...Kg8 29.Ke2 Nc8 30.Rcb2 If now the knight c6 moves White playes a5+- and if the black rook leaves the d-file, the white rook occupies this file. Ripperger: '[If the knight on c6 moved away, White could play a5. If the black rook leaves the d-file, the white rook would take over the control of this file.]' Ripperger: '[Würde nun der Springer c6 ziehen, könnte Weiß a5 ziehen. Wenn der schwarze Turm die d-Linie



verläßt, übernimmt der weiße Turm die Kontrolle über diese Linie.]' **30...Kh7**
[30...Kf8 31.Na5? Nxa5 32.c6+ Re7 33.Rxb7 *(33.cxb7 Na7 34.Bd6 N7c6)* 33...Ra8 34.c7 Ra7-+]
[30...N8e7? 31.Rb6+- ♙ 32. d6 a5 33. a6]

(Diagram)

31.h4
[31.Nd6 Nxd6 32.cxd6 Na5 33.Kd3 Rc8 ♙ 34... c4□]
31...Kg8 32.Ke3 Kh7 33.g4 Kg8 34.Rg2
[34.h5 gxh5 *(34...Kh7 35.Rh2→ +-)* 35.gxh5 Kh7 36.Rg2 N8e7 Ftacnik: 'compare 34... h7' *(36...Kh6? 37.Rg6+ Kh7 38.Rbg1 b5 39.cxb6 Nxb6*



40.Nxb6 Rxb6 41.Bf8 Rbb7 42.h6+-) 37.Rbg1

A) 37...Rg8 38.Nd6 Na5 39.Kf3 Nc8 *(39...Rc7 40.Rxg7+ Rxg7 41.Rxg7+ Kxg7 42.Ne8+ Kh6 43.Nxc7 e5 44.Kg4 exf4 45.Bc1+-)* 40.f5

A1) 40...exf5 41.Nxf5 Nc4 42.Bc1 Ne5+ 43.Ke2± ♙ c1-e3-d4/ c1-h6;

A2) 40...Nxd6 41.fxe6 Re7 42.cxd6 Rxe6 43.Kf4 Re5 *(43...Nc4? 44.d7 Nxa3 45.Rxg7++-; 43...Nc6 44.Rb1)* 44.Rg6 ♙45.h6 Rxh5 45.d7 Nc6 46.Be7 Rh6 *(46...Rh4+? 47.Ke3 Rh6 48.Rxh6+ Kxh6 49.Bxf6+-)* 47.Rxh6+ Kxh6 48.d8Q *(48.Bxf6? Rf8)* 48...Nxd8 49.Kf5 g6+ 50.Kxf6 Kh5 51.e5 Nc6 52.e6+-;

A3) 40...e5 41.h6 Nxd6 42.cxd6 Nc4 43.hxg7 Rgxg7 44.Rxg7+ Rxg7 45.Rxg7+ Kxg7 46.d7+-;

B) 37...Ng8 38.Nd6 b6 39.cxb6 Rxb6 40.f5 e5 *(40...Rb3 41.fxe6 Rxc3+ 42.Kf4* ♙ 43. b2, 44. f5+- *)* 41.Ne8 Rb3 42.Rxg7+ Rxg7 43.Rxg7+ Kh8 44.Bf8

Rb8 45.Rc7 Rxe8 46.Bg7+ Kh7 47.Bxf6+ Nce7 48.Bg5 ♙49.f6+-]

34...N8e7

[34...Kh7 35.h5

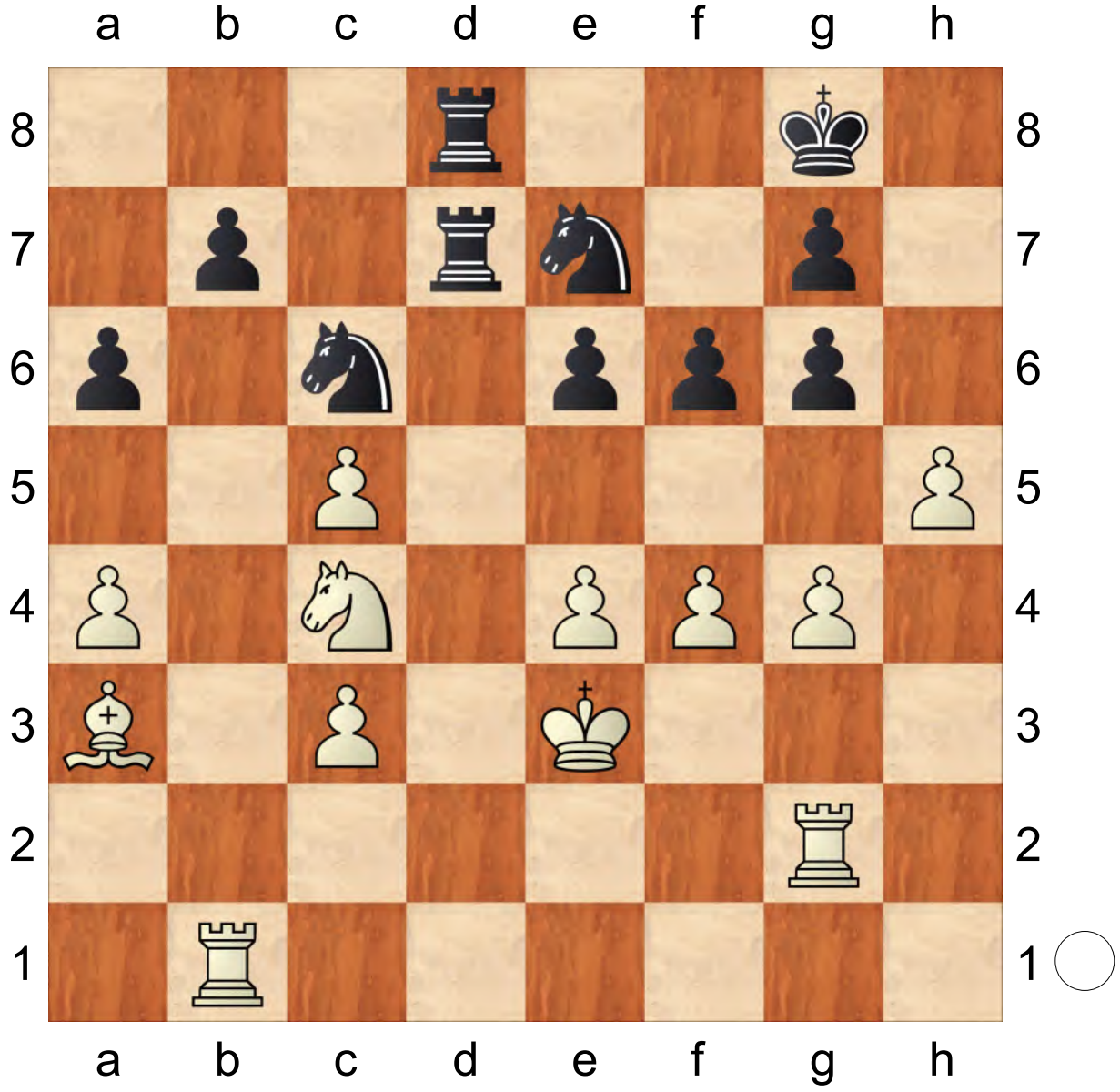
A) 35...gxh5 36.Rh2 *(36.Rh1?! b5⇄)* 36...g6 37.gxh5 g5 38.fxg5 fxg5 39.Rf2 ♙ 40. f6+- Kg7 40.Rg1+-;

B) 35...N8e7 36.hxg6+ Nxg6 *(36...Kxg6 37.Nd6 ♙38.f5)* 37.Nd6 Na5 38.Rh2+ Kg8 39.Rbh1 Rxd6 40.cxd6 Nc4+ 41.Kd4 Nxa3 42.f5 exf5 43.gxf5 Ne5 *(43...Nf8 44.Ra2+-)* 44.Rh8+ Kf7 45.Rxb8 Nc6+ 46.Kc5 Nxb8 47.Kb6+-;

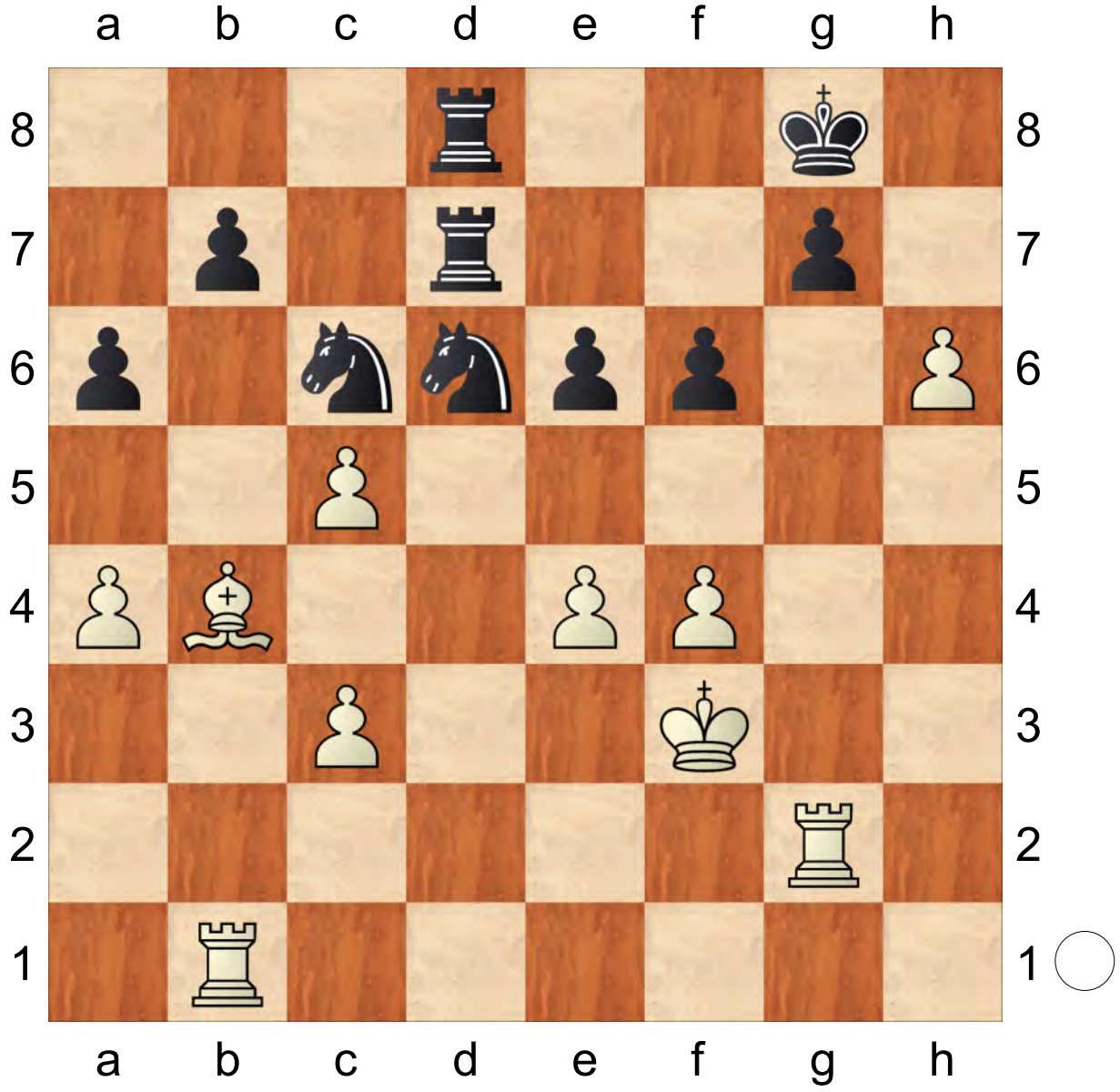
C) 35...g5 36.fxg5 fxg5 37.Ke2 ♙ 38. c1 g6 38.Rh2+-]

35.h5 Rbd8

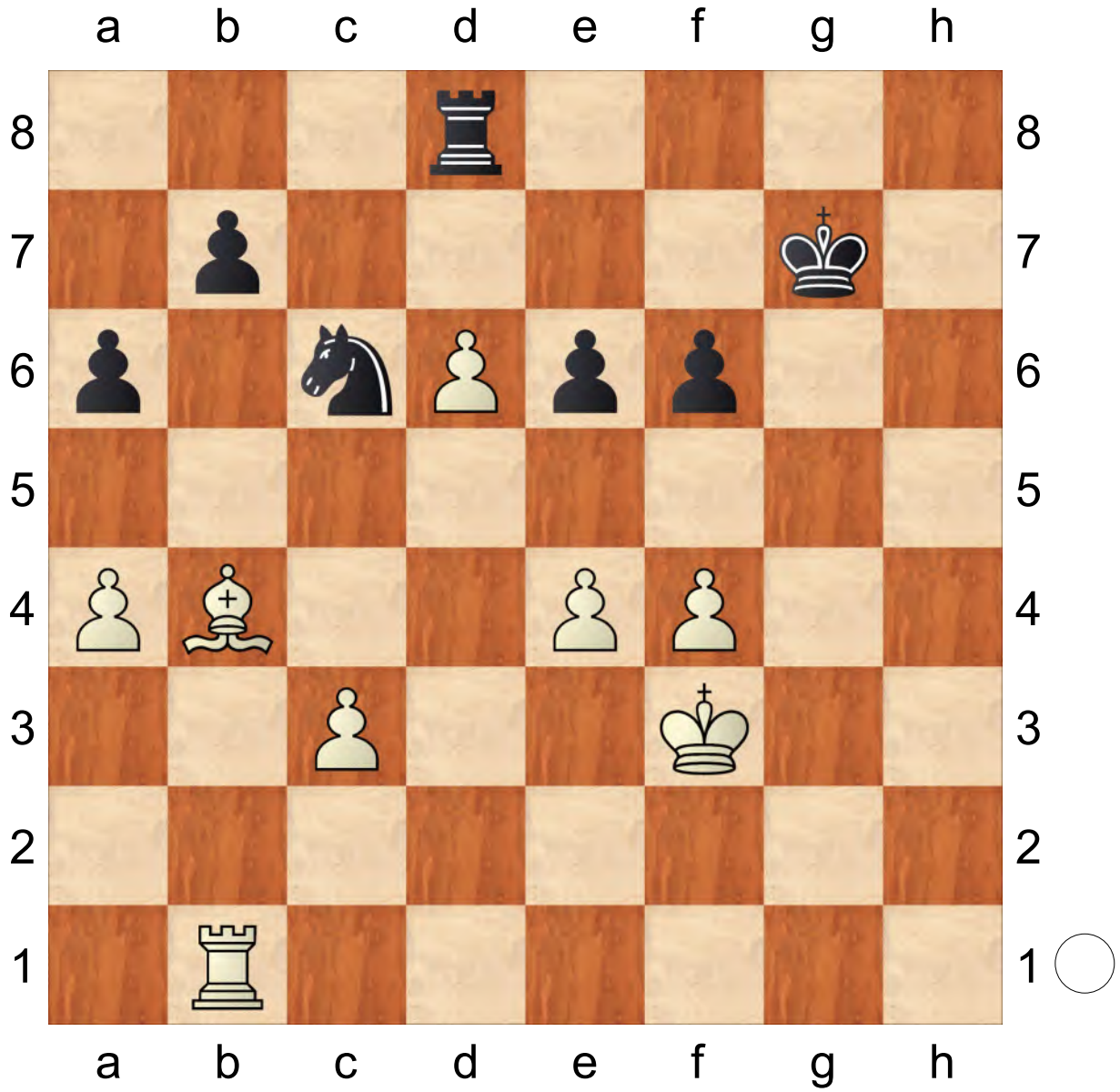
[35...gxh5 36.gxh5 Kh7 compare 34... h7]



36.Nd6 Na5 37.Kf3 gxh5
[37...Nc8 38.hxg6 Nxd6 39.cxd6 Nc4 40.Rh1 ♙ 41. dg2+- Nxd6 41.Rgh2 Kf8 42.e5+-]
38.gxh5 Nc8
[38...Kh7 39.Rbg1 Nc8 40.f5 e5 41.h6 gxh6 42.Rg6 Nxd6 43.cxd6+-]
39.Bb4 Ripperger: '!' Ripperger: '[Of course, the knight cannot be allowed to move to c4.]' Ripperger: '[Der Springer darf natürlich nicht nach c4 gelassen werden.]'
[39.f5? Nxd6 40.fxe6 Re7 41.cxd6 Rxe6 42.Rbg1 Rd7 43.h6 g5 44.Kg4 Nc4 45.Kf5 Kf7 ♙ 46... e3# Ripperger: 'with the threat of 46...♘e3#' Ripperger: 'mit der Drohung 46...♘e3#']
39...Nc6 40.h6 Nxd6
[40...Kh7 41.hxg7 Rxg7 42.Rxg7+ Kxg7 43.Nxb7+-]



41.cxd6 Kh7
[41...Nxb4 42.Rxb4 ♙43.e5 Rxd6 43.Rxg7+ ♙ 44. bb7+-]
42.hxg7 Rxg7 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 Ripperger: '



' **44.c4**
[44.Bc5 Rd7 45.Rd1 e5
A) 46.Kg4 Kf7 47.Kf5 *(47.fxe5 Nxe5+ 48.Kf5 Nc4 49.Rh1 Nxd6+ 50.Bxd6 Rxd6 51.Rh7+ Ke8 52.Rxb7 Rc6±)* 47...Ne7+±;
B) 46.f5 Na5 47.Bb6 Nc4 48.Bc7 Kf8±]
[44.Ba3 Na5 45.e5 Nc4 *(45...Kg6 46.Ke4+-)* 46.Rxb7+ Kg6
A) 47.Bc5 fxe5 48.fxe5 *(48.d7 Kf6 49.Ke4 exf4 50.Rc7 f3± /=)* 48...Kf5± /=;
B) 47.Ke4 Nxa3 48.Re7 Nb1 49.Rxe6 *(49.c4? Nd2+ 50.Kd3 Nb3 51.Rxe6?? Nc5+-+)* 49...Nxc3+ 50.Kd4 Nxa4 51.Rxf6+ Kg7∞]

44...e5

[44...Nxb4 45.Rxb4 Rxd6 46.Rxb7+ Kg6 47.Ke3 ♙48.c5 e5 48.f5+ *(48.fxe5?! fxe5 49.c5 Rd4 50.Rb6+ Kg5 51.Rxa6 Rc4 52.c6 Rc3+ 53.Kd2 Rc5)* 48...Kg5 49.Rg7+ Kh5 50.Rg6 a5 51.c5 Rc6 52.Kd3 Rxc5 53.Rxf6 Kg5 54.Rg6+ Kf4 55.f6 Rc8 56.f7 Rd8+ 57.Kc4 Rf8 58.Rf6+ Kxe4 59.Kc5 Kd3 60.Kd6 e4 61.Ke7 Rxf7+ 62.Kxf7 e3 63.Re6 e2 64.Ke7 Kd2 65.Kd6 e1Q 66.Rxe1 Kxe1 67.Kc5]

[44...b6 45.Ba3

A) 45...Na5 46.c5 bxc5 *(46...Nc4 47.c6 Nd2+ 48.Ke2 Nxb1 49.c7+-)* 47.Bxc5 ♙ 48. b6 Nc4 48.Rb7+ Kg6 49.d7 Kf7 50.Ke2+-;

B) 45...Nd4+ 46.Ke3 Nc2+ 47.Kd3 Nxa3 48.Rxb6

B1) 48...Rh8 49.c5 Rh3+ 50.Ke2 Nc4 51.d7 Re3+ 52.Kf2 Rd3 53.Rb7 Kg6 *(53...Kf8 54.c6 Ke7 55.Rb8* ♙ 56. e8+- *)* 54.c6 Na5 55.c7+-;

B2) 48...Kf7 49.c5 e5 *(49...Ke8 50.e5+-)* 50.Rb3 Rc8 51.d7 Rd8 52.c6;

B3) 48...Rc8 49.c5 Rxc5 50.d7+-]

[44...f5 45.Bc3+ Kf8 46.c5 Rd7 47.Rh1 b6 *(47...Ke8 48.Rh8+ Kf7 49.Rh6 fxe4+ 50.Kxe4 Nd8 51.Bf6+-)* 48.Rh8+ Kf7 49.Rc8 Na7 50.c6 Rxd6 51.Rc7+ Kg6 52.Be5+-]

45.c5 Rd7

[45...Nd4+ 46.Kf2 Rd7 47.f5 Kf8 48.Bc3 Nc6 49.Ke2 Ke8 50.Kd3 Kd8 51.Kc4 Kc8 52.Kd5 Rf7 53.Be1 ♙ 54. h4, b1-g1-g6+-]

(Diagram)

46.Bc3 Kf7

[46...exf4 47.Kxf4 ♙ f5-e6+-]

47.f5

[⌓47.Rh1 b6 *(47...exf4 48.Rh6 Ne5+ 49.Kxf4 Ke6 50.Bxe5+-)* 48.Rh7+ Ke8 49.Rh8+ Kf7 50.Rc8 Na7 51.c6 Rxd6 52.Rc7+ Kg6 53.Bb4 Rd4 *(53...Rd3+ 54.Kg4 Rd4 55.f5+ Kh6 56.Bf8#)* 54.Be7+-]

47...Ke8 48.Rh1 Rf7

[48...b6 49.Rh8+ Kf7 50.Rc8 Na7 51.c6 Rxd6 52.Rc7+ Ke8 53.Bb4 Rd4 54.Rxa7 Rxb4 55.Ra8+ ♙56.c7+-]

[48...Rg7 49.Rh8+ Kf7 *(49...Kd7 50.Rf8 Rh7 51.Kg4 Rg7+ 52.Kh5+-)* 50.Rc8 Rh7 51.Rc7+ Kg8 52.Rxh7 Kxh7 53.d7 Kg7 54.Ba5+-]

49.Rh6 Nb8

[49...Kd7 50.Kg4 b6 51.cxb6 Kxd6 52.Kh5+-]

50.Be1

[⌓50.Bd2 Nd7 51.Be3 Rf8 *(51...Nf8 52.Rh8 Kd7 53.Bh6 Rh7 54.Rxh7+ Nxh7 55.Kg4+-* ⇔ h7 *)* 52.Bf2 Rf7 White gained a tempo.]

50...Nd7

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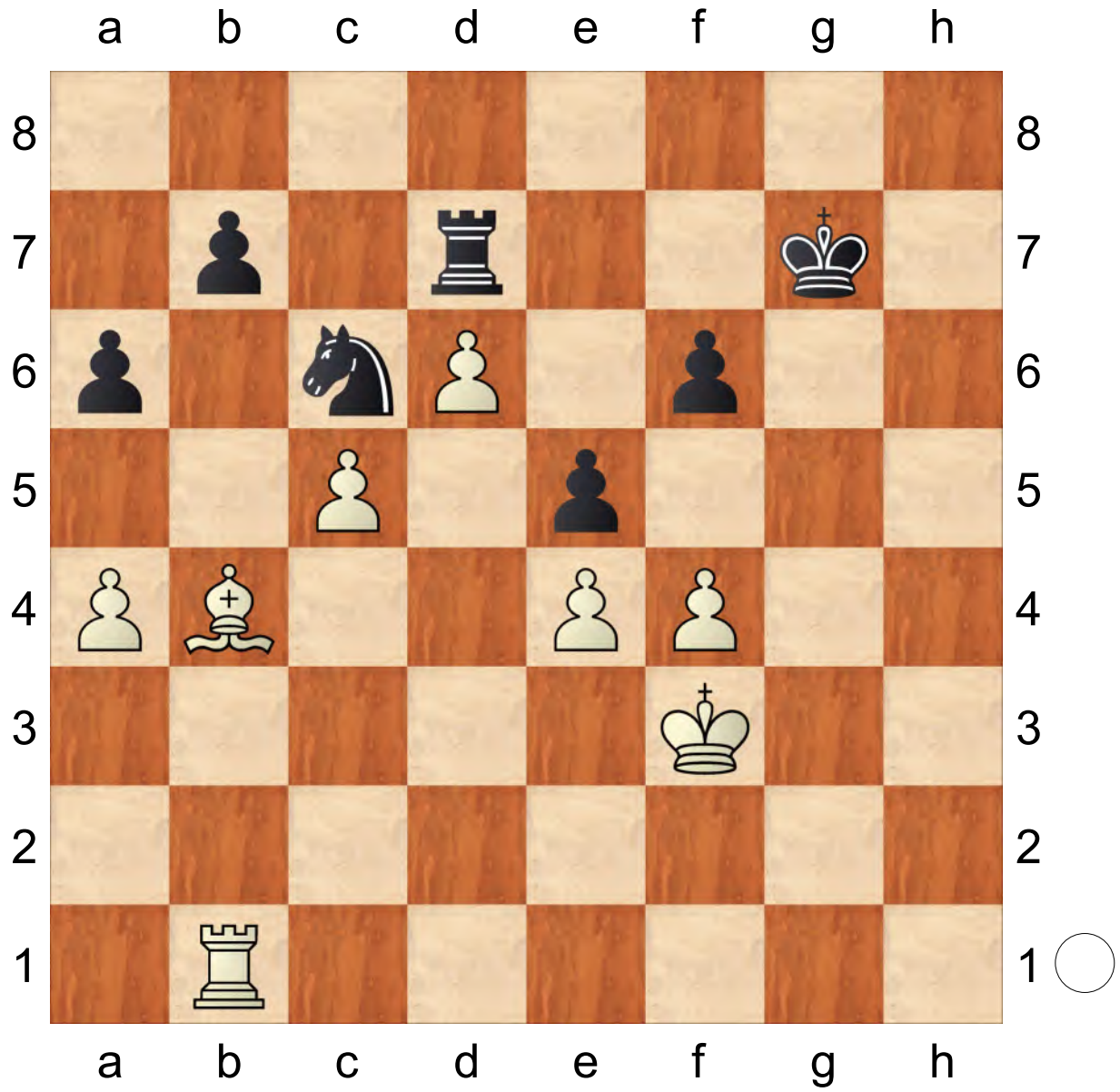
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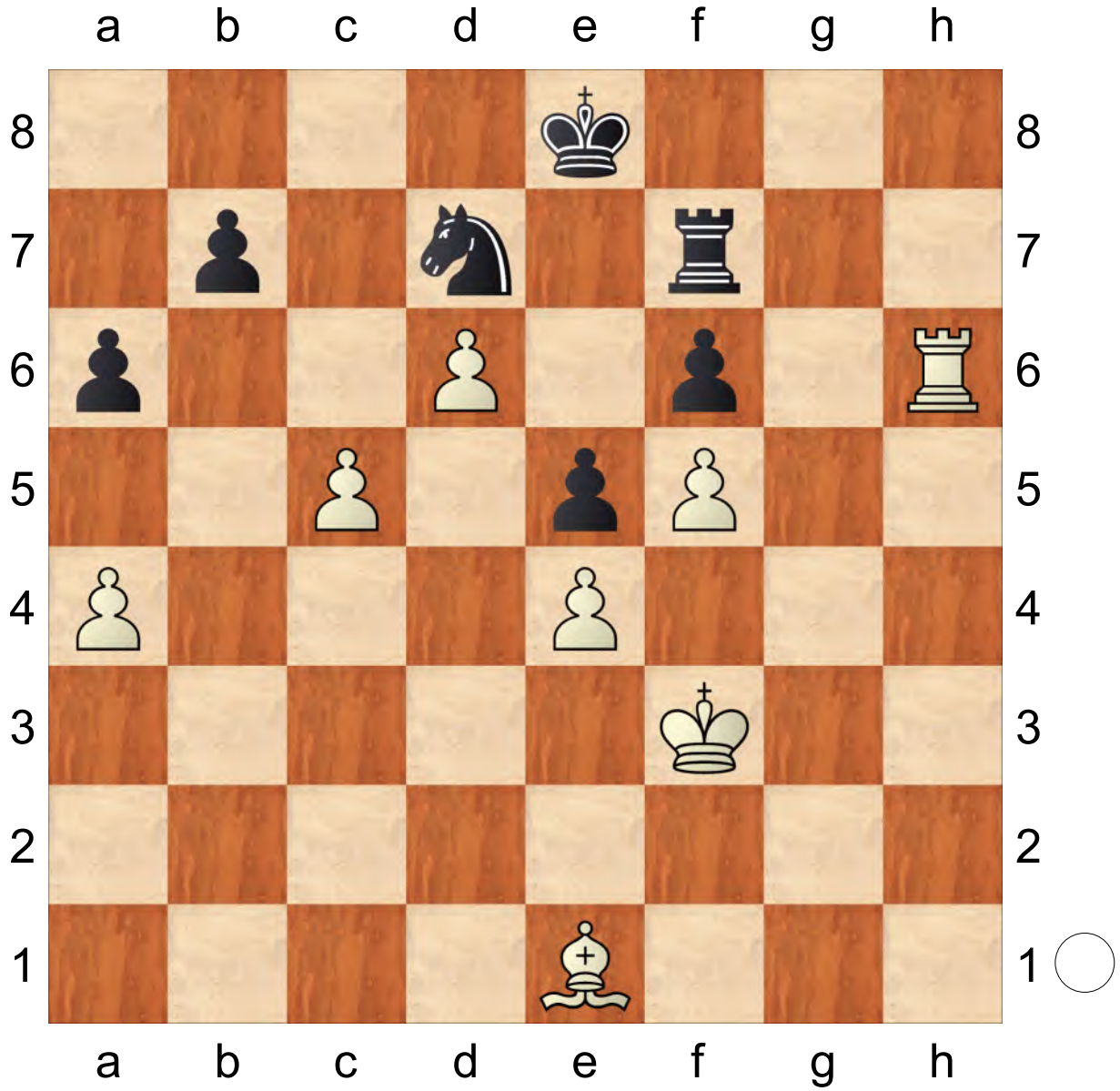
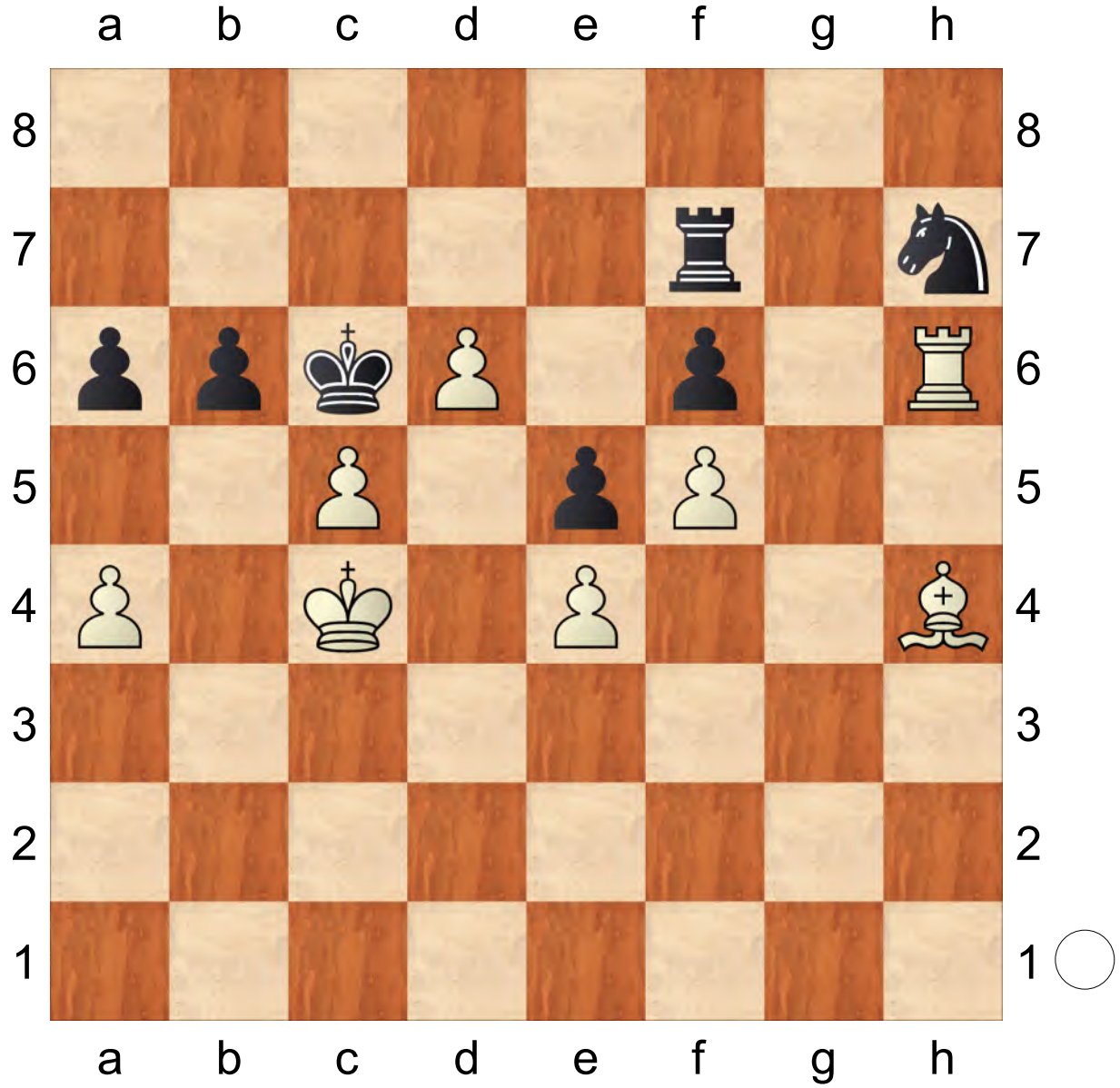
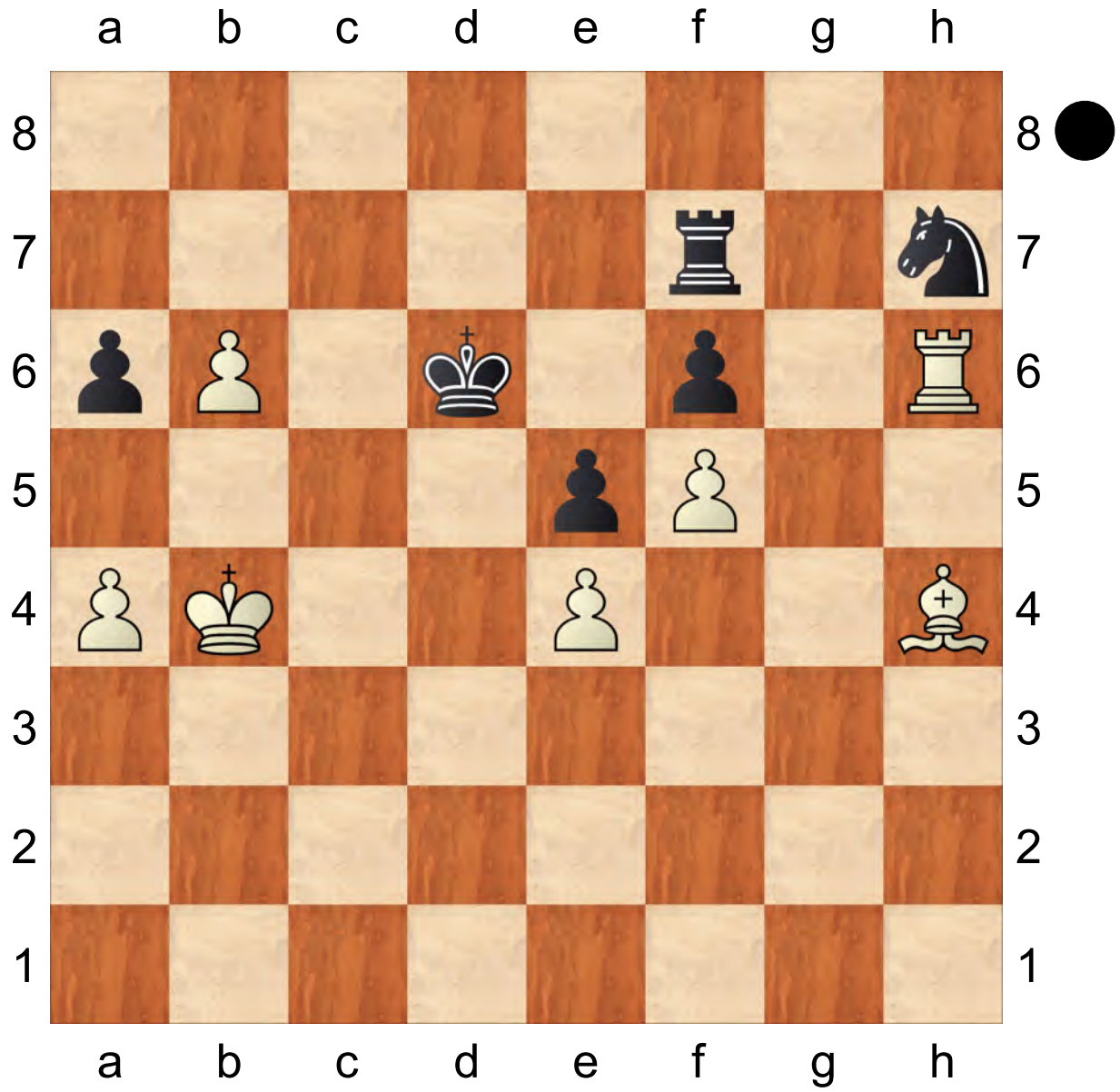


51.Bf2 Nf8
[51...Kd8 52.Ke2 Kc8 53.Kd3 ♙Kd5+-]
[51...Rg7 52.Rh8+ Nf8 53.Be3+-]
[51...Rf8 52.Ke2 Rg8 53.Kd3 Rg2 54.Rh8+ Kf7 55.Rd8+-]
52.Ke3
[52.Ke2 Kd7 53.Bh4 Rh7 54.Rxh7+ *(54.Rxf6? Rxh4 55.Rxf8 Rxe4+)* 54...Nxh7 55.Kd3 Kc6 56.Kc4 a5 57.Be1 *(57.Kc3?! Nf8 58.Bxf6 Nd7 59.Be7 Nxc5 60.f6 Nxe4+)* 57...Ng5 58.Kd3 Kxc5 59.d7 Nf7 60.Bxa5 b6 61.Be1 Kc6]
52...Kd7 53.Bh4 Nh7
[53...Rh7 54.Rxf6 Rxh4 55.Rxf8]
54.Kd3 Kc6 55.Kc4 b6
[55...Nf8 56.Rxf6 Rxf6 57.Bxf6 Nd7 58.Be7 Nxc5 59.f6+-]

[55...a5 56.Rg6
A) 56...b6 57.cxb6 Kxd6+- *(57...Kxb6 58.Kd5+-)*;
B) 56...Rf8 57.Rg7+-]



56.cxb6 Kxd6 57.Kb4
[57.Kb4 Kc6 58.Ka5 Kb7 59.Rg6
A) 59...Kc6 60.Kxa6 Rb7 61.a5 *(61.Bxf6 Rxb6+ 62.Ka5+-; 61.Bf2+-)* 61...Rb8 62.Rg7+-;
B) 59...Nf8 60.Rxf6 Rxf6 61.Bxf6 Nd7
B1) 62.Be7 Nb8 63.Kb4 Nc6+ *(63...Kxb6 64.f6)* 64.Kc5 Nxe7 65.f6 Ng6 66.a5 ♙ 67. d6+-;
B2) 62.Bg7 Nb8 63.Kb4 Kxb6 64.Kc4+-]



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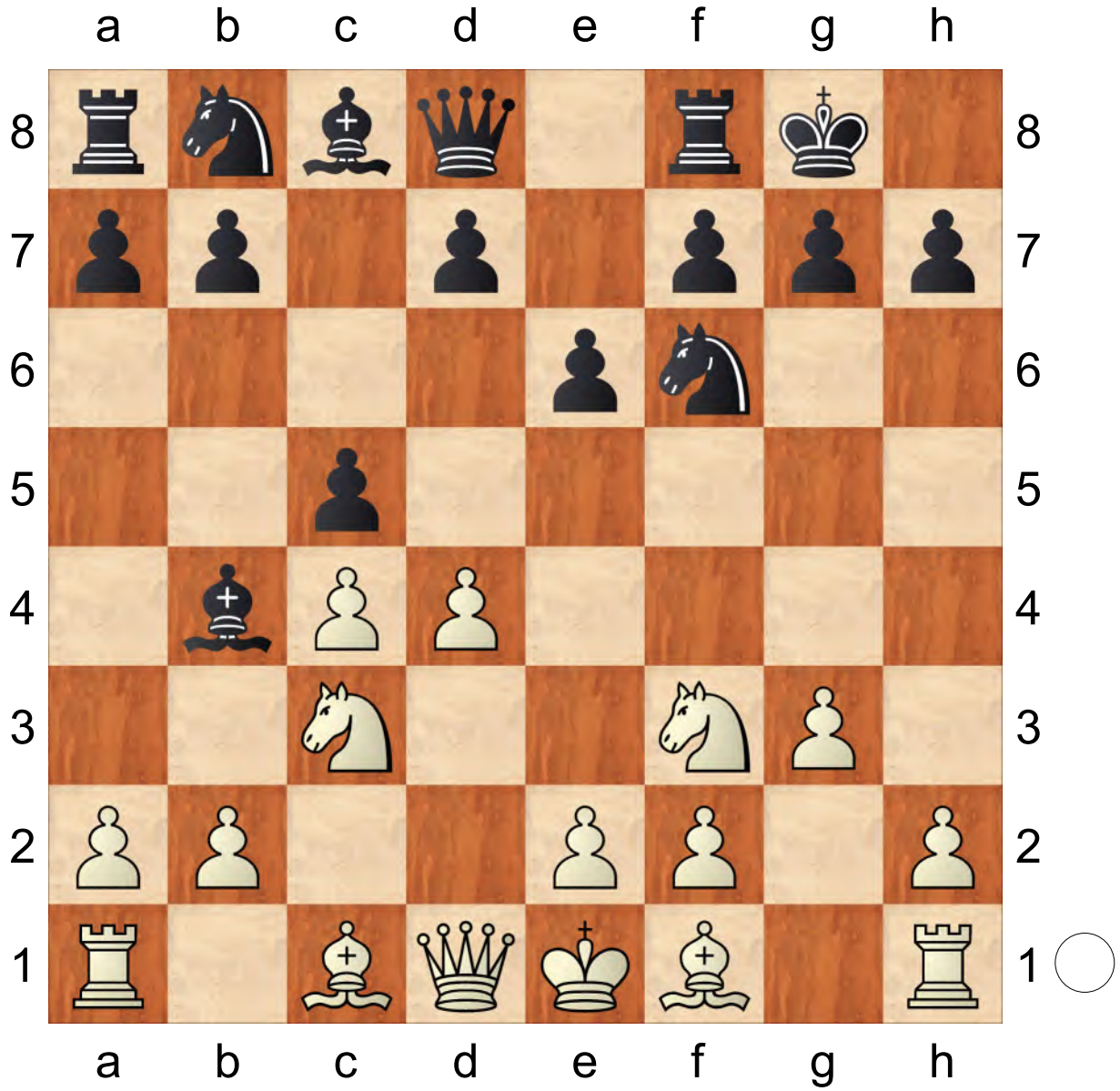
□ **Kasparov,Garry** **2812**
■ **Short,Nigel D** **2697**
Sarajevo Bosnia 29th (3) 19.05.1999
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Kasparov,Garry McShane Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'McShane'' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 c5 5.g3** After preferring Capablanca's 4.♕c2 for a long time Kasparov returns to his old love, which has brought him the World title in 1985. He has tried it recently in a few blitz games, so it was only a question of time when it would appear in a tournament encounter. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'After preferring Capablanca's 4. ♕c2 for a long time Kasparov returns to his old love, which has brought him the World title in 1985. He has tried it recently in a few blitz games, so it was only a question of time when it would appear in a tournament encounter.'' **5...0-0**
[5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qa5 8.Nb3 Nxc3 9.Bd2 Ne4 10.Qxe4 Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0-0 12.Bg2 Nc6 13.Qe3± *(13.Qd3!?)*]

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 d5 8.cxd5
[Already the K-K matches proved Black has no problems after 8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 *(9.Qxc3 e5 10.Nb3 d4 11.Qa5 Qe8 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Qa3 Qe6 14.Rc1 b6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.c5 Rfc8 18.Nd2 Nd8 19.Ne4 Qe6 20.b4 Rc7 21.Qa4 h6 22.Rc2 f5 23.Nd6 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 bxc5 25.bxc5 Nf7= ½*, Boensch,U-Ftacnik,L/Munich/1993/ *)* 9...Nc6! 10.cxd5 Na5 11.Qc2 Nxd5 12.Qd3 Qc7!⇄]
8...Nxd5 9.Bd2
[Garri understandably refrains from 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Bxd5 exd5 11.Be3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 Qg6! 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Rfc1 Bh3 15.Qc2 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qe6 17.f3 Rfe8⇄ 18.Kf2?! Qh6 19.Qd3 Re7 20.Rc2 Rae8 21.Re1 Qh5 22.Kg1 Bf5 0-1,Kasparov,G-Kramnik,V/Moscow m 5'/1998/]
9...Bxc3 A theoretically important moment. What is more-a tempo or the 🗗? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'A theoretically important moment. What is more-a tempo or the 🗗?''
[Also playable is 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.Rb1 a6!? *(11...e5? 12.Rxb7 exd4 13.Rb3 Be6 14.Bxa8 Na6 15.Bf3 Bxb3 16.Qxb3 d3 17.Qc4 Nc5 18.0-0 dxe2 19.Qxe2 Bf6 20.Be3 Qc7 21.c4 Re8 22.Qc2 Rb8 23.Rb1+-* Kasparov,G-Anand,V/Wijk aan Zee 5'/1999/*; 11...Qd7 12.Bf4 Bf6 13.Nb5 a6 14.Qxd7 Nxd7 15.Nd6 Bxc3+ 16.Kf1 Bf6 17.Nxb7± Stohl,I-Aronian,L/Portoroz/1999/)* 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Qb3 *(13.Qc2 Nd7 14.c4 Rb8 15.Bf4 e5 16.Nf5 Bc5 17.Be3 b6 18.Rfd1 Nf6 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Qa4 b5 22.cxb5 Rxb5=* ½,Panzer,P-Ribli,Z/BL9192/1992/ *)* 13...Nd7 14.Bf4 e5 15.Nf5 Bc5 16.Bg5 Nb6



17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Nxc8 Raxc8 19.a4 Rb8 20.Rfd1 Nc4 21.Bd5 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Kg2 h6 24.Bc1 Ba7⇄ Piket,J-Nielsen,P/Moscow olm/1994/]

10.bxc3 Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '=" Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'is a move Kasparov would never play." **10...Nb6!?**

[More usual is 10...e5 Kasparov,Garry: 'Ü 57/524' Kasparov,Garry: 'Ü 57/524' 11.Nb5 Currently the most topical move. Nc6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Bc1 a6 14.c4 Nb6 *(14...Nde7 15.Nd6 b6 16.Ba3 Ra7 17.c5 bxc5 18.Ne4! c4 19.Ng5 Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 Rc8 21.Nxe6 fxe6* Kasparov,G-Kramnik,V/Wijk aan Zee/1999/ *22.e3≅ ⧉↑)* 15.Nd6 Nxc4 16.Nxb7 Qb6 17.Qb3 Qd4 18.Ba3 Nxa3 19.Qxa3 Qb4 20.Qxb4 Nxb4 21.Nc5 Bd5 22.a3 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Nd5 24.Rfc1 Rfd8 25.Rab1 h6 26.a4 Nf6 27.Rd1= ½,Piket,J-Kortschnoj,V/Nijmegen m/1993/]

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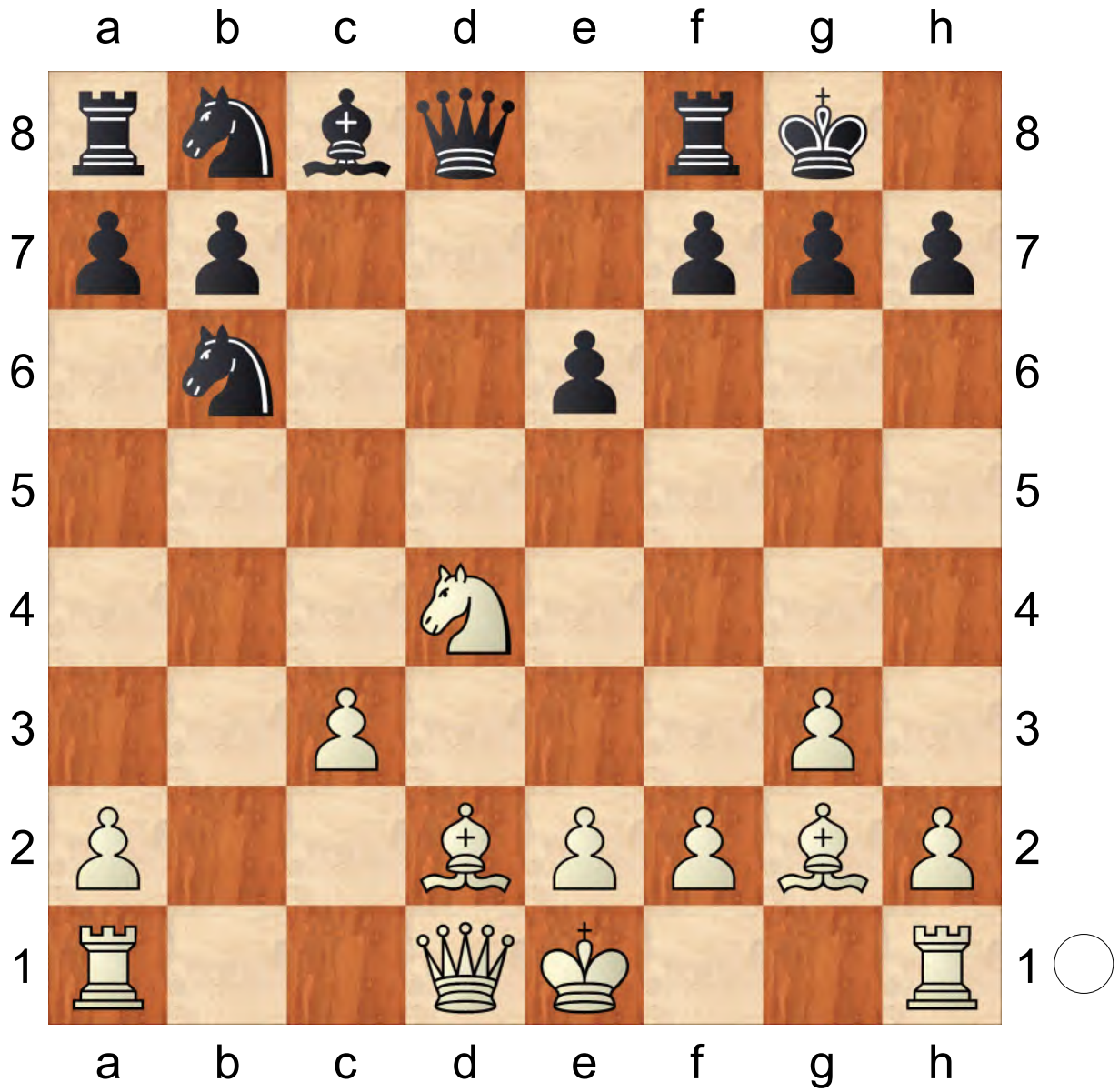

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[11.0-0 e5

A) Harmless is 12.Nc2 Nc6 13.Be3 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Na4! 15.Nb4 Nxc3 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bxc6 Nxd1 18.Rxd1 Be6 *(18...Rb8 19.Bxa7± Δ♗c5)* 19.Bxa8 Rxa8 20.a3 a6 ½,Izhnin,A-Gurevich,V/UKR-ch sf/1986/;

B) 12.Nb5 Nc4 *(12...Nc6?! 13.Be3↑ Δ♘a7)* 13.Bc1 Nc6 14.Bd5 ⌓Nb6= *(14...N6a5?! 15.Qd3 a6 16.Na3 Bf5* ½,Makarichev,S-Yudasin,L/Ivano Frankovsk/1982/ *17.e4 Nb6 18.c4↑; 14...Be6!?∞)*]

[≤11.Nb5?! Bd7 Δ♗c6∓]

[≤11.Qb3?! e5 Δ♗e6↑]

11...Nd5N

[11...Nc4 12.Qd3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Kasparov,Garry: ' ± ' ' ± ' Nd7 14.0-0 ⇔b,⇗h1-a8, ×b7 e5 15.Nb5 Qb6 16.Qxb6!? *(16.Rab1?! Qxe3 17.fxe3 Nc5 18.Nd6 Rb8 19.Bd5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rb4 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 b6 23.Ke1 Rd8 24.Ne4 Nxe4* ½,Mochalov,E-Dydyshko,V/Minsk/1982/ *)* 16...axb6 17.Nd6±]

[11...N8d7 12.Qb3!?± Δ Nd5? 13.Bxd5 Nc5 14.Qc4 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.Nb5±]

12.Qd2

[≤12.Qd3 Nd7 Δ♘c5,♘e5]

[12.Bd2= is a move Kasparov would never play.]

[12.Bc1!? Kasparov,Garry Nxc3 *(12...Qa5!?)* 13.Qd2 e5 14.Nf3 Qxd2+ 15.Bxd2 Ne4 16.Nxe5 Nxd2 17.Kxd2 Rd8+ 18.Nd3±]

12...Nd7 Δ♘7b6 Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Δ♘7b6"

[12...Nxe3± -11...♘c4]

13.Bg5! If White doesn't want to relinquish the initiative, hew must act fast. Kasparov, Garry: 'Stohl: 'If White doesn't want to relinquish the initiative, hew must act fast."

[13.c4 Nxe3 *(13...N5b6?! 14.Rc1 Ne5 15.c5 Nbc4 16.Qc3±)* 14.Qxe3 Compared to the position after 11... ♘c4 White has played c4 instead of 0-0, this eases Black's task. Qc7!? *(≤14...Nc5 15.Nb3!↑)* 15.Rc1 *(15.0-0!? Qxc4 16.Rfc1⩲)* 15...Nc5 16.0-0 *(16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Bd7=)* 16...Bd7 17.Nb5 Qb6⇄]

[13.0-0?! N7b6∓]

13...Qc7 14.Nb5

[14.Bxd5?! exd5 ɣ,c4 Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'ɣ,c4" 15.Nf5 Kh8!? *(15...f6* Kasparov,Garry *16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Nxd5 Qc6 18.Be3 Ne5 19.0-0 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rd8 21.Ne7 Rxd4 22.Nxc6 Re4∓)* 16.0-0 Qe5∓]

[14.e4 Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' N5b6∓ *(14...Qxc3? 15.exd5 Qxa1+ 16.Ke2+-)*]

14...Qc5

[14...Qa5? 15.c4±]

[14...Qc4 15.Nd6 *(15.Rb1!?)* 15...Qc5 16.c4 Qxd6 17.cxd5 e5 18.0-0±]

15.c4! A typical Kasparovian intuitive "stab". Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'A typical Kasparovian intuitive "stab"."

[Less energetic is 15.Rb1

A) ≤15...N7b6 16.e4 Nc4 17.Qd4± /±;

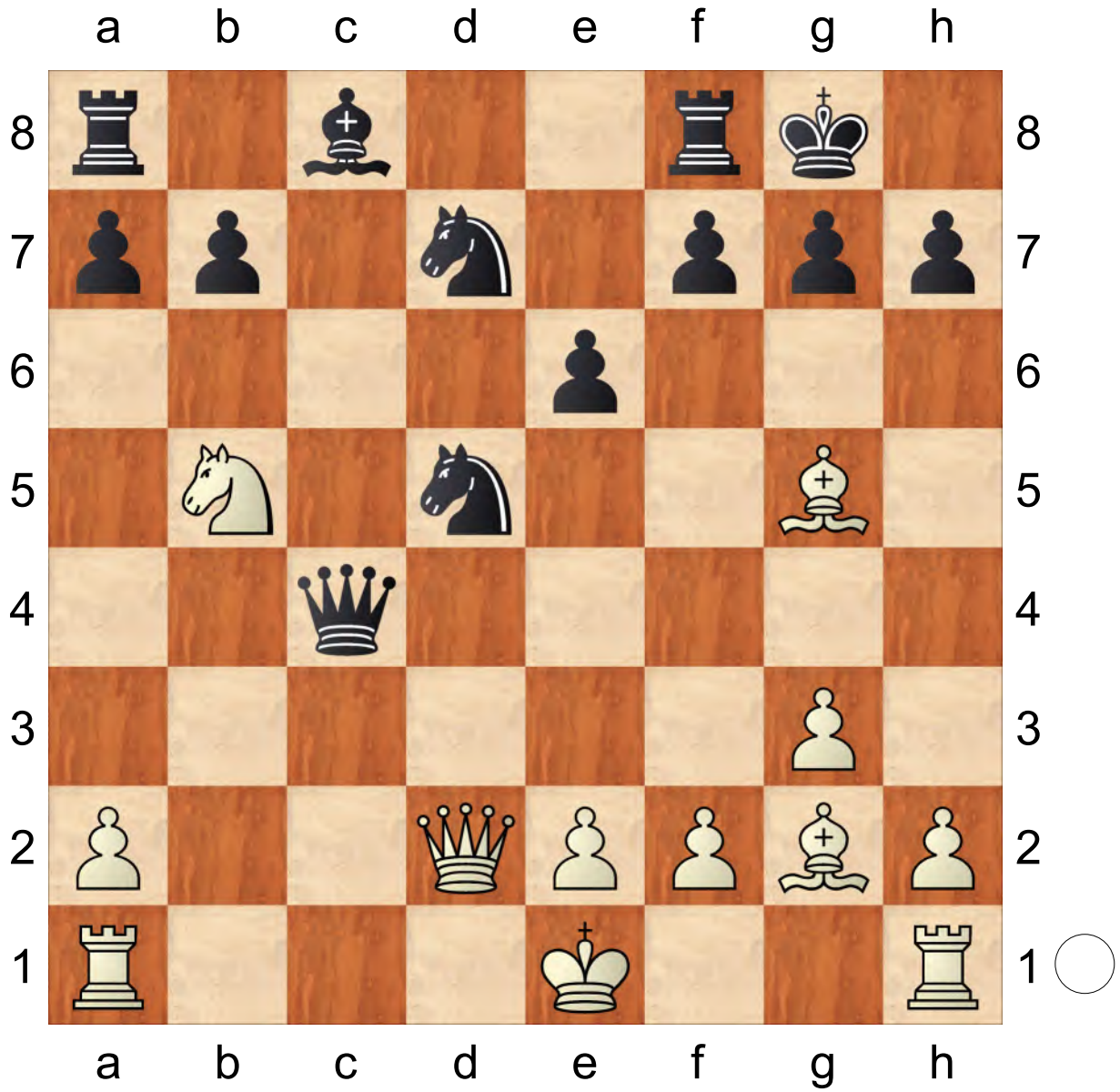
B) 15...f6 16.Bf4!? *(16.e4 Nxc3!)* 16...Nxf4 17.gxf4⟳ and Black has problems with unravelling his ♔.;

C) 15...h6

C1) 16.Bxd5 hxg5 *(16...exd5 17.Be3±)* 17.Bg2↑ Δ♘d6,♕d6,♕d4;

C2) 16.c4!?
C2a) 16...Qxc4?! Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' 17.Bxd5 exd5 *(17...Qxd5 Kasparov,Garry 18.Qxd5 exd5 19.Nc7±)* 18.Nd6 Δ♗e7±;
C2b) 16...N5b6 17.Be3 Nxc4 *(17...Qf5 18.Qd3!± Δ Nxc4? 19.Be4+-; 17...Qxc4? 18.Rb4±)* 18.Bxc5 Nxd2 19.Bxf8 *(19.Rc1 Nxc5 20.Rxc5 Rd8 21.Rc2 Bd7 22.Na3 Rac8!∓ saves the ♘.)* 19...Nxb1 20.Bb4↑ ɔb1;
D) ⌓15...a6! 16.Bxd5 *(16.e4 axb5 17.exd5 Qc4!∓; 16.c4? f6! 17.Nd4 fxg5 18.cxd5 e5 19.Nf3 g4∓)* 16...exd5 *(16...axb5 17.Bg2=)* 17.Be3 Qc4 18.Nd6 Qc6= ⇄]

15...Qxc4



16.Rb1 Δ♗d5,♗e7,♘d6 Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Δ♗d5,♗e7,♘d6" **16...N7b6**
[16...Nc5?! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?!" 17.Bxd5 exd5 *(17...Qxd5? Kasparov, Garry 18.Qxd5 exd5 19.Nc7±)* 18.Rb4! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!" *(18.Nd6 Qa4*

19.Be7 Ne4) 18...Ne4 19.Rxc4 Nxd2 20.Rxc8± Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' ±" Nf3+ Kasparov,Garry 21.exf3 Rfxc8 22.Kd2±]

[16...f6 17.Bf4!? Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!?" *(≤17.Nd6 Qc6∓; 17.e4? fxg5 18.exd5 Nc5→)*

A) 17...Nxf4 18.gxf4 Nb6 19.0-0 Bd7 *(19...e5!?* Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!?" *20.Nd6* Kasparov,Garry *Qxf4 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Nf7+ Rxf7 23.Qxf4 exf4 24.Bxf7±; 19...Qa4* Kasparov,Garry *20.Rfd1↑)* 20.Nd6 Qa4 21.Rfc1!?↑ *(21.Rb4 Qa3 22.Nxb7± Δ♖b6)*;

B) 17...N7b6!? 18.0-0 *(18.Bd6?! γd6 Rd8 19.0-0 Bd7 20.Rfc1 Bxb5!∓)* 18...Bd7 19.Rfc1 *(19.Nd6 Qa6 20.Rxb6?! Qxb6 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxf7 Be6∓)* 19...Qa4 20.Nc7 Rac8 21.Nxd5 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Qxd5+ Kh8 25.Qxb7 Be6= /±,⧉ Despite being a pawn down black should be able to hold this position.]

[16...a6? 17.Bxd5! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!" exd5 18.Nd6± Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' ±" wins an exchange. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'wins an exchange." Qc6 Kasparov,Garry 19.Be7+-]

[Interesting also is 16...N7f6!? 17.0-0 Ne4 18.Bxe4 Qxe4 19.f3≅ Δe4]

17.0-0 h6!? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!?" Brave, but probably the best. Kasparov, Garry: 'Stohl: 'Brave, but probably the best."

[17...f6?! 18.e4! fxg5 *(18...Ne7 19.Be3≅ ↑)* 19.Rfc1→ Δed5]

[17...Bd7 Kasparov,Garry: '!?' '!?' 18.Rfc1 Qa4 19.Nd6↑ Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '↑"

A) 19...f6 Kasparov,Garry: '?!' '?!' 20.e4! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!" Ne7 *(20...fxg5 21.exd5 Qa3 22.Nxb7 exd5 23.Nc5± Δ♖b3,♗d5)* 21.Be3± Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' ±" with very strong pressure,e.g. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'with very strong pressure,e.g." Bc6 22.Bh3 *(22.Bc5* Kasparov,Garry *Rfd8 23.Rb3 Be8 24.e5±)*;

B) 19...h6 20.Bxh6 *(20.e4* Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' *hxg5 21.exd5 exd5!?∞* Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' ∞!?" *22.Qxg5* Kasparov,Garry *Qxa2 23.h4≅; 20.Bf4* Kasparov,Garry *Nxf4 21.gxf4 Bc6)* 20...gxh6 Much more effective is the surprising

B1) 21.e4

B1a) 21...Nf6

B1a1) 22.Qxh6 Qd4 23.Rd1 Qxf2+! *(23...Ng4∓)*;

B1a2) 22.e5 Nfd5 *(22...Ng4? 23.Rb4)* 23.Bxd5! Δ♖c4,♖b4→;

B1b) 21...Ne7 22.Rc5!? *(22.Qxh6 Qd4; 22.e5 Qg4!)*

B1b1) 22...Rfd8 23.Qxh6 Be8 24.Rg5+ Ng6 25.Nxf7 Bxf7 26.Rxg6+ Bxg6 27.Qxg6+→;

B1b2) 22...Kh7 23.Ra5 Nc4 *(23...Qc6 24.Rc1+-)* 24.Nxc4 Qxc4 25.Rc1!+-;

B1b3) 22...Rfc8 23.Rh5 Ng6 *(23...Qc2? 24.Qxh6 Qxb1+ 25.Bf1+-)* 24.Qxh6 Be8 25.e5→;

B1c) ∩21...Qa3!? 22.e5 *(22.exd5 Qxd6 23.Qxh6 Qe5∓; 22.Qxh6 Qxd6*

23.Qg5+=) 22...Kg7 23.Rb3 Qa6 *(23...Qa4 24.Bxd5* Δ♖b4, ♖c4 *)* 24.Bxd5!? Nxd5 25.Rc4

B1c1) 25...f5 26.Rh4 Rh8 27.Rxb7 Nb6 *(27...Rad8 28.Nxf5+ exf5 29.Qxd5+-)* 28.Nxf5+ exf5 29.Rxb6!? Qxb6 30.Qxd7+ Kg6 31.Rc4→;

B1c2) 25...Ne7 26.Rxb7 Rad8 27.Rcc7 Bc6 28.Rxa7 Qb5!!∓ Δ♕b1,♕e5,♕d5 *(28...Qb6 29.Qc1→)*;

B2) 21.Bxd5! exd5 *(21...Nxd5? 22.Rc4)* 22.Rb4 Qa3 *(22...Qa6 23.Rh4)* 23.Rc7!

B2a) 23...Kh7 24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.Nf5 Kg6 *(25...Qa6 26.Rh4)* 26.Qxh6+ Kxf5 27.g4+ Ke5 28.f4#;

B2b) 23...Bh3 24.Nb5 Δ♕h6+-;

B2c) 23...Rad8 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Rg4+ Kh7 26.Nf5 Rd6 27.Rg7+ Kh8 28.Qd4 Qc1+ 29.Kg2 f6 30.Qg4+- Δ♖h7;

B2d) 23...Rfd8

B2d1) 24.Nb5?! Qa6! *(24...Bxb5 25.Rg4+)* 25.Qxh6 Nc4∞;

B2d2) 24.Qf4 Rf8 25.Rxb6 axb6 26.Rxd7±]

18.Bxh6! The only consistent continuation of the attack, which leads to amazing tactical complications. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'The only consistent continuation of the attack, which leads to amazing tactical complications."

[18.Rfc1 Qg4∓]

[18.e4 hxg5 19.Rfc1 Qa4∞]

18...gxh6 19.e4 The ♕ must be cut off from the ». Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'The ♕ must be cut off from the »."

[19.Qxh6? Qg4∓]

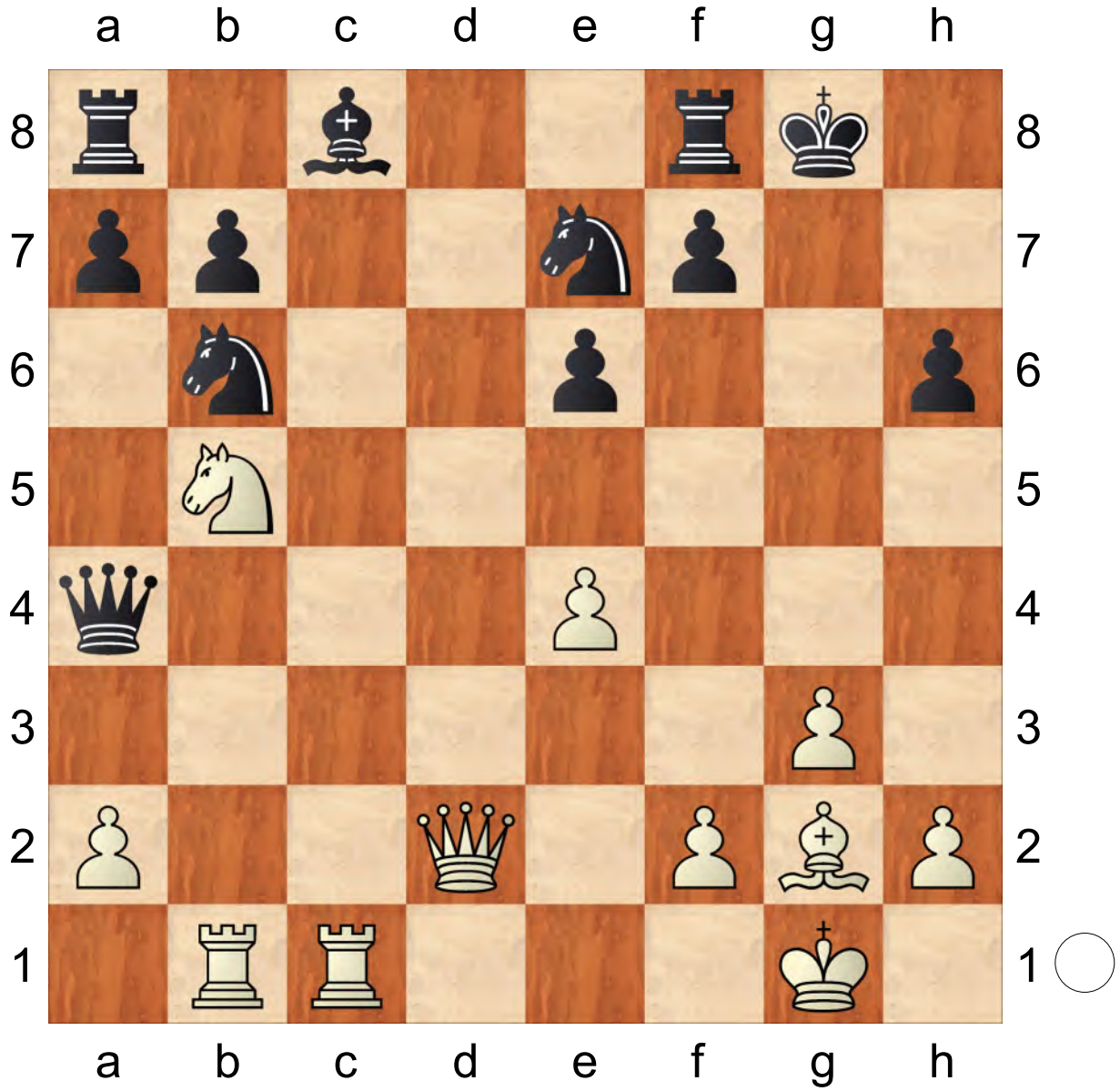
19...Ne7

[19...Bd7? 20.Rfc1 Qa4 21.exd5 Bxb5 22.Rb4+- Δ♖g4-h4→ Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '+-' Stohl: 'Δ♖g4-h4→" Qa3 Kasparov,Garry 23.Rg4+ Kh7 24.Rh4+-]

20.Rfc1 Qa4

(Diagram)

21.Qxh6⩱ Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '⩱" A very important critical position. White has sacrificed a piece to attack Black's ♔, moreover Short's pieces are uncoordinated and his « undeveloped. But White's forces are also still quite far from the main action, so it's a question of who manages to mobilize his reserves more effectively. Although it was very hard to foresee, Black's logical next move probably loses, so now is the time to look for alternatives. McShane: 'So white has a queen hovering around the vulnerable black king. But that's not enough for a winning attack, so Kasparov swings an extra rook around.' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'A very important critical position. White has sacrificed a piece to attack Black's ♔, moreover Short's pieces are uncoordinated and his « undeveloped. But White's forces are also still quite far from the main action, so it's a question of who manages to mobilize his reserves more



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[The weakening 21...f6?! gives White a whole array of attacking possibilities:

A) 22.Rc7 Bd7 *(22...Rf7 23.Nd6 Qxa2 24.Rbc1 e5 25.Nxf7 Qxf7 26.Rd1↑)* 23.Nc3 Qd4 24.Rd1 Qe5 25.Rdxd7 Nxd7 26.Rxd7 Rf7∞ /∓;

B) 22.g4!?→ Δ♖c3,b3-h3,g4-g5;

C) 22.a3!?→ Δ♖b4;

D) 22.e5!? Qg4 23.Rc7 *(23.exf6?! Nf5)* 23...Qg6 24.Qxg6+ Nxg6 25.exf6 Rxf6 26.Nd6≅;

E) 22.Rc5!? e5 *(22...Qxa2? 23.Rh5 Qxb1+ 24.Bf1+-)* 23.Rc7 *(23.Rxe5 fxe5 24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qxe7 Rxf2!?∞)*

E1) 23...Bd7 24.Nc3 Qd4 *(24...Qa3 25.Rxb6 axb6 26.Rxd7→ Δ♘d5,♗h3)* 25.Bh3!↑ Δ *(≤25.Rd1 Qb4 26.Rdxd7 Nxd7 27.Rxd7 Rad8=)* 25...Rac8?! 26.Rxd7 Nxd7 27.Be6+ Rf7 28.Nd5!+-;

E2) 23...Rf7 24.Nd6 Qxa2 25.Rbc1↑]

[⌓21...Ng6!? Kasparov,Garry: '?' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '⌓!?"

A) 22.Rc5?! Qxa2! *(22...Rd8 23.Bf3!?; 22...Nd7 23.Rg5; 22...e5 23.Nc7! Δ♖b6,♘d5→)* 23.Nc3 Qa3∓ enables Black's ♕ to join the defence effectively.;

B) ⌓22.h4! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '⌓!"

B1) 22...Bd7 23.h5 Ne7 *(23...Nh8 24.Qf6 Kh7 25.Nd6 Δe5,♗e4+-)* 24.Qf6 *(24.Rc5 f6)* 24...Kh7 25.h6±;

B2) 22...Nc4!? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!?" is better, White's attack is very dangerous, but probably not winning by force. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'is better, White's attack is very dangerous, but probably not winning by force."

B2a) ≤23.h5 Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' ≤" Nge5 24.Rxc4! Kasparov,Garry Nxc4 *(24...Qxc4 25.Qg5+ Kh7 26.Qxe5±)* 25.Qf6 Kh7 26.h6 Rg8 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kh7 29.e5!

B2a1) 29...Qc2 30.Nc3! Nd2 31.Rd1! Rg6 *(31...Qxc3 32.Rxd2+-)* 32.Qe7+ Kxh6 33.Qd8 Kh7 34.Rxd2 Qxc3 35.Qe7+ Kh6 36.Rd8+-;

B2a2) 29...Nd2 30.Nd6

B2a21) 30...Rg4 31.Rb2! Qd1+ 32.Kh2+-;

B2a22) 30...Rg6 31.Be4!! Nxe4 *(31...Qxe4 32.Qe7+ Kxh6 33.Nxe4 Nxb1 34.Qf8++-)* 32.Qe7+ Kxh6 33.Nf7+ Kh7 34.Ng5+ Kh6 35.Qh7+ Kxg5 36.Qh4++-;

B2a23) 30...Bd7! 31.Rxb7 Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Qh5+ 33.Bh3 Nf3+ 34.Kg2 Nh4+ 35.Qxh4!! *(35.Kg1 Nf3+)* 35...Qxh4 36.Rxd7+ Kxh6 37.Bf5!! *(37.Bxe6 Qa4 38.Nf5+ Kg6 39.Ne7+=)*

B2a231) 37...Qb4? 38.Rh7+ Kg5 39.Bc2!+-;

B2a232) 37...Qa4 38.Rh7+ Kg5 39.Bd3 Qc6+ *(39...Raf8? 40.Ne4++-)* 40.Be4 Qxe4+ 41.Nxe4+ Kf5 42.Kf3 Kxe5 *(42...Rh8? 43.Nd6+ Kg6 44.Re7+-)* 43.Ke3 Rh8 44.f4+ Kd5 *(44...Kf5 45.Rg7 e5 46.Rg5+±)* 45.Rc7! Rhc8 46.Rd7+ Kc6 47.Rd6+±;

B2a233) 37...Qxg3+!? 38.fxg3 exf5 39.Nxf5+ Kg5 40.Nd6 Kg6 41.Kf3±;

B2b) 23.Rxc4 Kasparov,Garry Qxc4 24.h5 Nh8 25.Nd6 Qd3 26.Rb5 f6 27.Rg5+! fxg5 28.Qxg5+ Kh7 29.Qe7+ Kg8 *(29...Nf7? 30.Nxf7 Rxf7 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.h6 Qc3 33.Kh2 Bd7 34.e5 Qxe5 35.Be4+-)* 30.h6 Qd1+ 31.Bf1 Nf7 32.Ne8 Rxe8 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Qxf7+ Kxh6=;

B2c) 23.a3!↑]

[21...Rd8 is not an ideal defence either.

A) 22.h4⩲;

B) 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qh6+= *(23.h4!?)*;

C) 22.Qf6! Nc6 23.e5→]

22.Rc5
[22.Nd6? Qd4∓]
22...Ng6 The best. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'The best."
[22...Bxb5? 23.Rh5+-]
[22...Rfd8?! 23.Rg5+ Ng6 Kasparov,Garry: '-22...♖fd8' The simplest is
A) 24.Rxg6+!? fxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 *(25...Kf8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Nd6 Be8 28.Qxe6+→)* 26.Nd6 Rf8 27.e5→;
B) 24.h4 Bxb5 25.Rbxb5 Qxa2 26.Rxg6+ fxg6 27.Rg5 Qa1+ 28.Kh2 Kf7! 29.Qxg6+ Ke7 30.Bh3 *(30.e5? Rf8!)* 30...Rd1! 31.Qxe6+ Kd8 32.Qf7 Rh1+ 33.Kg2 Qf1+ 34.Kf3 Qd1+=;
C) 24.Nd6 Be8 25.e5 *(25.Nxf7? Rd1+)* 25...Rxd6 26.exd6 Qd4 27.h4 Qh8 28.Qxh8+ Kxh8 29.h5±]
23.Rg5 Δh4-h5,e5,♘d6-e4,♗e4 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Δh4-h5, e5,♘d6-e4,♗e4" McShane: 'Now white always has a perpetual check up his sleeve with Rxg6+' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'McShane: 'Now white always has a perpetual check up his sleeve with Rxg6+'"
[23.Rh5 Rfd8 24.Qh7+ *(24.Nd6* Kasparov,Garry *Be8 25.e5 Rxd6! 26.exd6 Qd4∞)* 24...Kf8 25.Nd6 Be8 26.e5 Rxd6!? *(26...Nxe5? 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Nf5+! exf5 29.Qxe5+ Kd7 30.Rc1+- →)* 27.exd6 Qd4 28.Qh6+= was possible, but here White's attack is grounded and Kasparov didn't want that.]
[23.h4? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?"
A) 23...Bxb5 Kasparov,Garry 24.Rbxb5 Qxa2 *(24...Qd4 25.h5 Qg7 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.hxg6±)* 25.h5 Qa1+ 26.Rc1 Qh8 27.Qg5→;
B) 23...Qxa2 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' 24.Nc3 Qa3 25.Rg5 Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' *(25.h5!* Kasparov,Garry *Qxc5 26.hxg6=)*
B1) 25...Qxc3 Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' 26.e5 Qd3 *(26...Nd5* Kasparov,Garry *27.Be4 Nde7 28.h5 Be8 29.hxg6 fxg6 30.Rh5!+-)* 27.Rb4 Kasparov, Garry: '!' '!'
B1a) 27...Bc6 Kasparov,Garry 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.h5 Qd7 *(29...Qd1+ 30.Kh2 Qc2 31.Rf4+-)* 30.Rh4+-;
B1b) 27...Rfc8 Kasparov,Garry 28.h5 Be8 29.hxg6 fxg6 30.Rh4+-;
B1c) 27...Nd5 28.Be4 Qd1+ *(28...Nxb4* Kasparov,Garry *29.Rxg6++-)* 29.Kh2
B1c1) 29...Nde7 Kasparov,Garry 30.h5
B1c11) 30...Be8 31.Rxb7! Qd8 *(31...Qe1 32.Rxe7+-)* 32.hxg6 fxg6 33.Bxg6 Rxf2+ 34.Kh3+-;
B1c12) 30...Qe1 31.hxg6 Qxf2+ 32.Bg2 fxg6 33.Rxg6+ Kf7 34.Rf6++-;
B1c2) 29...Be8 30.h5 Nde7 31.Rxb7 Qe2 32.Rxe7 Qxe4 33.Rxg6++-;
B2) 25...Rfc8! Kasparov,Garry: '!!' '!!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!" 26.h5 *(26.Rxg6+* Kasparov,Garry *fxg6 27.Qxg6+ Kf8∓)* 26...Qf8-+ enables Black's ♕ to return to the defence. It's crucial for White to prevent

this.]

23...Qc2 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Black can't avoid a perpetual and has to do something against the abovementioned attacking ideas. Short's move is the best practical chance, although objectivly it should also lose. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Black can't avoid a perpetual and has to do something against the abovementioned attacking ideas. Short's move is the best practical chance, although objectivly it should also lose."

[23...Bxb5!? 24.Rbxb5 *(24.Rxg6+ fxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Rxb5? Rf7)*

A) 24...Rfd8? 25.Rxg6+ fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Qf6++-;

B) 24...Qd4 25.e5! *(25.Rxg6+ fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Qg7 27.Qxe6+ Rf7)* 25...Qd1+ 26.Bf1 Rfc8 27.Rb4! Kasparov,Garry: '-24... ♕d4 Stohl: '!" Rc4 28.Rxc4 Nxc4 29.Rxg6+ fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Qf6++- Δ♕e6-c4+-;

C) 24...Qd1+!? 25.Bf1 Qd4 *(25...Qa1!* Kasparov,Garry *26.e5 Rad8! 27.Rb4 Rd4 28.Rxd4 Qxd4 29.h4 Nd7 30.Rxg6+=)* 26.e5 Rfc8 27.Rb3! White needs h4 for his ♖. *(27.h4 Qd1! 28.Rb4 Rc1 29.Rxg6+ fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kh8=)* 27...Qe4 *(27...Qd1 28.Rb4* -24... ♕d4 *)* 28.h4 Nd7 29.h5 Ndxe5 30.Re3 Ng4 31.Rxe4 Nxh6 32.hxg6± ⊥]

[23...Qxa2? 24.Nc3 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Qc2 25.e5 Qxc3 *(25...Bc6 26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Rb4+-* Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '+-" *Nd5* Kasparov,Garry *28.Ne4+-)* 26.Be4 Be8 27.Rh5! #2 Kasparov,Garry: '+-' '+-' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!' Stohl: '#2"]

[23...Rfd8 -22...♖fd8]

24.Na3 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' **24...Qd3** Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Controls e4. Kasparov, Garry: 'Stohl: 'Controls e4."

[24...Qxa2? 25.e5 Qxa3 *(25...Rfc8 26.Be4 Be8 27.Rh5!* Δ♗g6+- *)* 26.Be4 Be8 27.Rh5+-]

[24...Qe2 25.h4 Qxa2 26.e5!+-]

25.h4?! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?!"

[Kasparov's intuition proved him right once again: just after the game he proposed the winning Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Kasparov's intuition proved him right once again: just after the game he proposed the winning" 25.Rb3!

A) 25...Qd4 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' 26.e5

A1) 26...Qd1+? Kasparov,Garry 27.Bf1 Nd5 28.Rd3 Qa1 *(28...Qa4 29.Rf3 Nde7 30.Rh5+-)* 29.Nc2 Qxa2 30.Rxg6+ fxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.g4+-;

A2) 26...Rac8 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!'

A2a) 27.h4 Kasparov,Garry Rc1+ 28.Kh2 Bc6! *(28...Qxf2? 29.Rf3 Qg1+ 30.Kh3+-)* 29.Bxc6 Qxf2+ 30.Bg2 Rg1 31.Rxg6+=;

A2b) 27.Bf1 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' 27...Bc6 Kasparov,Garry: '!!' '!!' *(27...Rc1* Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' *28.Rf3!+-* Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Kasparov, Garry: 'Stohl: '+-!" *Rfc8* Kasparov,Garry *29.Rxg6+ fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kh8 33.Rf7 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Qd3+ 35.Kg2 Bc6+*

36.Kh3+-) 28.Rd3

A2b1) 28...Qa4! Kasparov,Garry

A2b11) 29.Nc4!? Qxc4 30.Rxg6+ fxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.g4 Bg2 33.Rh3+ *(33.Bxg2 Qc1+ 34.Bf1 Rc3 35.Rxc3 Qxc3 36.Qh6+=)* 33...Bxh3 34.Bxc4 Nxc4 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Qg6+=;

A2b12) 29.h4 Be4 30.h5 Rc1 31.hxg6 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Bxd3+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+ 34.f3 Qe2+ 35.Kh3 Qf1+ 36.Kh2=;

A2b13) 29.Rxg6+ fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Bh3 Qe4! 33.Bxe6+ Rf7 34.Bxf7+ Kxf7 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qg5+=;

A2b2) 28...Qe4 Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' 29.f3

A2b21) 29...Qa4 Kasparov,Garry 30.Rxg6+ fxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Bh3 Rce8 *(33...Bd5 34.Rxd5 Nxd5 35.Bxe6+ Rf7 36.Qg6+ Kh8 37.Bxf7 Qd1+ 38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Kh3 Nf4+ 40.gxf4 Qxf3+ 41.Qg3 Rc3 42.Kh4+-)* 34.Bxe6+ Rxe6 35.Qxe6+ Kg7 *(35...Rf7 36.Qg6+ Kf8 37.e6+-)* 36.Qe7+ Rf7 *(36...Kg8 37.Rd6+-)* 37.Qg5+ Kf8 38.e6 Rxf3 39.Rd8+ Be8 40.Nb5!+-;

A2b22) 29...Qe1 30.Nc2 Qa5 31.Rd4 Qc5 32.Kg2! **Δ**♖h4+- *(32.Bd3* Kasparov,Garry *Be8 33.Rh5+-)*;

B) 25...Qd1+ 26.Bf1

B1) 26...Rac8 Kasparov,Garry 27.g4!! *(27.Rxg6+? fxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kh8= Δ29.g4? Rf3-+)* 27...Qd4 28.e5 Rc3 29.Nc2! Qc5 30.Bd3!+-;

B2) 26...Rfc8

B2a) 27.g4? Rc1 28.Rxg6+ fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kf8 30.Qf6+ Ke8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qh4+ Kd6-+;

B2b) 27.Rd3?!

B2b1) 27...Qe1? 28.Rxg6+ fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kf8 *(29...Kh8 30.g4 Rc3 31.Qf6++-)* 30.Rf3+ Ke7 31.Qf6+ Kd6 32.Rd3+ Kc7 *(32...Kc6 33.Qe5! Qb4 34.Rc3+ Qxc3 35.Bb5#)* 33.Nb5+ Bxb5 34.Qe5++-;

B2b2) ∩27...Qa1! 28.e5 Be8! *(28...Rc1? 29.Rxg6+=)* 29.Rh5 *(29.Rf3 Nd7-+)* 29...Bc6! **Δ** *(29...Rc1 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh6+=)* 30.Rg5 Be4-+;

B2c) 27.Rxg6+! fxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kf8 *(28...Kh8? 29.g4+-)*

B2c1) 29.Rd3 Qa1 30.Rf3+ Ke7 31.Qg5+ Kd6!? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!?'' *(31...Ke8 -29.* ♕f6+! *)* 32.Qd2+ Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Nd5 *(32...Kc7* Kasparov,Garry *33.Rc3+ Kd8 34.Qg5+ Ke8 35.Qg8+ Ke7 36.Qg7++-)* 33.exd5→ Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' →'' exd5 Kasparov, Garry 34.Qb4+ Rc5 35.Rf7 Qc1 36.Qxb7 Rd8 37.Qa6+ Rc6 38.Qxa7+-;

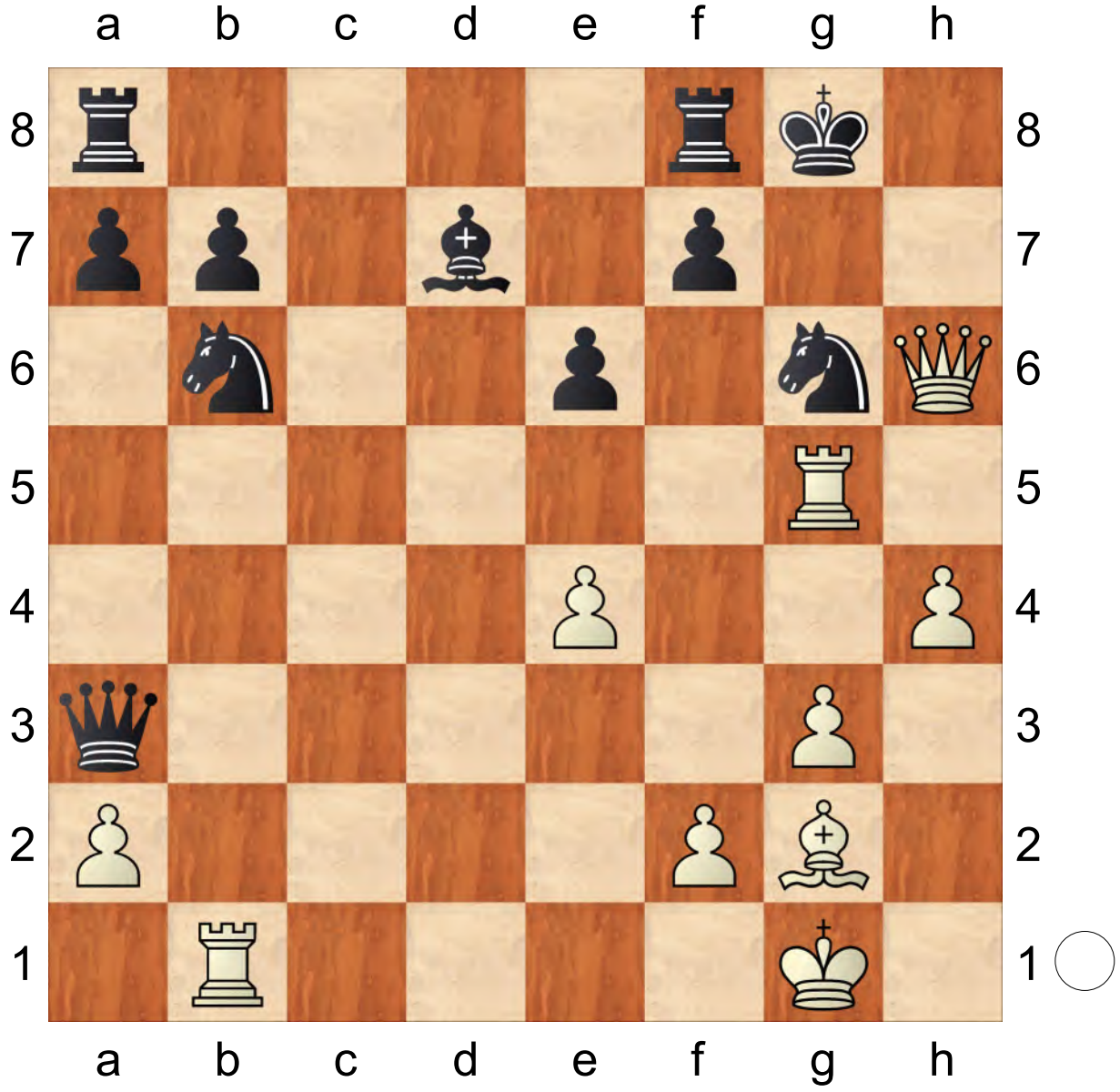
B2c2) ∩29.Qf6+!?

B2c21) 29...Ke8? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?'' 30.Rf3 Qd6 31.Nb5! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!'' Qc5 *(31...Bxb5 32.Bxb5+ Rc6 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qg7+ Ke8 35.Qg8++-)* 32.e5!+- Kasparov,Garry: '+-' '+-' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '+-!'';

B2c22) 29...Kg8! 30.Qg5+! Kf7 31.Rd3
B2c221) 31...Qc1 32.Rf3+ Ke8 33.Qg8+ Ke7 34.Qg7+ Kd6 *(34...Kd8 35.Qf6+)* 35.Qd4+ Ke7 36.Qf6+ Kd6 37.Rd3+ Kc7 38.Rc3++-;
B2c222) 31...Qe1 Kasparov,Garry 32.Rf3+ Ke8 33.e5 Ba4 34.Qg7 Qb4 35.Nb5+-;
B2c223) 31...Qa1 32.Rf3+ Ke8 Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '-29.♕f6+!" 33.e5!+- Kasparov,Garry: '+-' '+-' '+-' '+-' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '+-!'' Ba4 34.Qg8+ Kd7 35.Qf7+ Kd8 36.Qf8+ Be8 37.Rd3+ Nd5 38.Rxd5+ exd5 39.Qf6+ Kd7 40.Qd6# A beautiful finish, White's ♕ does the job single-handed.]

[25.e5? Rfc8! Δ♕a3-f8-+ *(25...Qxa3? 26.Be4+-)*]

25...Qxa3



26.h5?! Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?!'' McShane: 'This move gives up the last opportunity to play Rxg6+ with a draw, so its is an extremely crucial moment. Objectively its probably best to take the perpetual check, as Short has an improvement at move 30, but full marks for bravery.' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'McShane: 'This move gives up the last opportunity to play Rxg6+ with a draw, so its is an extremely crucial moment. Objectively its probably best to take the perpetual check, as Short has an improvement at move 30, but full marks for bravery.'''

[⌓26.Rxg6+=]

26...Qe7

[26...Be8? 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Rxg6+ Bxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kh8 30.Rb5!+-]

27.e5

[27.hxg6 McShane f6 28.g7 *(28.Rh5 Qg7)* 28...fxg5 is no good]

27...Be8! □ Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '□''

[27...Bc6?

A) 28.hxg6? f6∓;

B) 28.Rb4 Qxb4 *(28...Be8? 29.Rbg4! Nd7 30.hxg6 f6 31.g7 fxg5 32.Rxg5! Bg6 33.Rxg6 Rfe8 34.Bh3+-)* 29.hxg6 Qb1+± -28.♗c6 bc6 29.♖b4;

C) 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Kg2! Kasparov's move wins by force. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Kasparov's move wins by force.'' *(29.Rb4 Qxb4 30.hxg6 Qe1+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kh2 fxg6 33.Rxg6+ Qxg6 34.Qxg6+ Kh8 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Qxe6+* Δf4±/+- *)*

C1) 29...Qb7? 30.hxg6 f6 31.g7 fxg5 32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.gxf8Q+ Rxf8 34.Qh7++-;

C2) 29...c5 30.Rh1 Qb7+ 31.f3 *(31.Kg1? Rfd8)* 31...Nc4 32.hxg6 Ne3+

C2a) 33.Kh3? Kasparov,Garry f6 34.g7 fxg5 35.gxf8Q+ *(35.Qh8+ Kf7 36.gxf8Q+ Rxf8 37.Qh7+ Ke8 38.Qxb7 Rh8+-+)* 35...Rxf8 36.Qxg5+ Kf7 37.Qxe3 Rh8+-+;

C2b) 33.Kf2 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' 33...Qb2+ 34.Kxe3+- the ♔ escapes to h3.;

C3) 29...Qd7 30.Rh1 Qd5+ 31.f3 Qd2+ 32.Kh3 Qd7 33.g4! Δ♔g3,hg6+- Kasparov,Garry: '!!' '!!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!' Stohl: ' Δ♔g3,hg6+-'' Nc4 Kasparov,Garry 34.Kg3 Ncxe5 35.hxg6 fxg6 36.Qh8+ Kf7 37.Qxe5+-]

28.Be4 f5 29.exf6

[29.hxg6? Qg7-+]

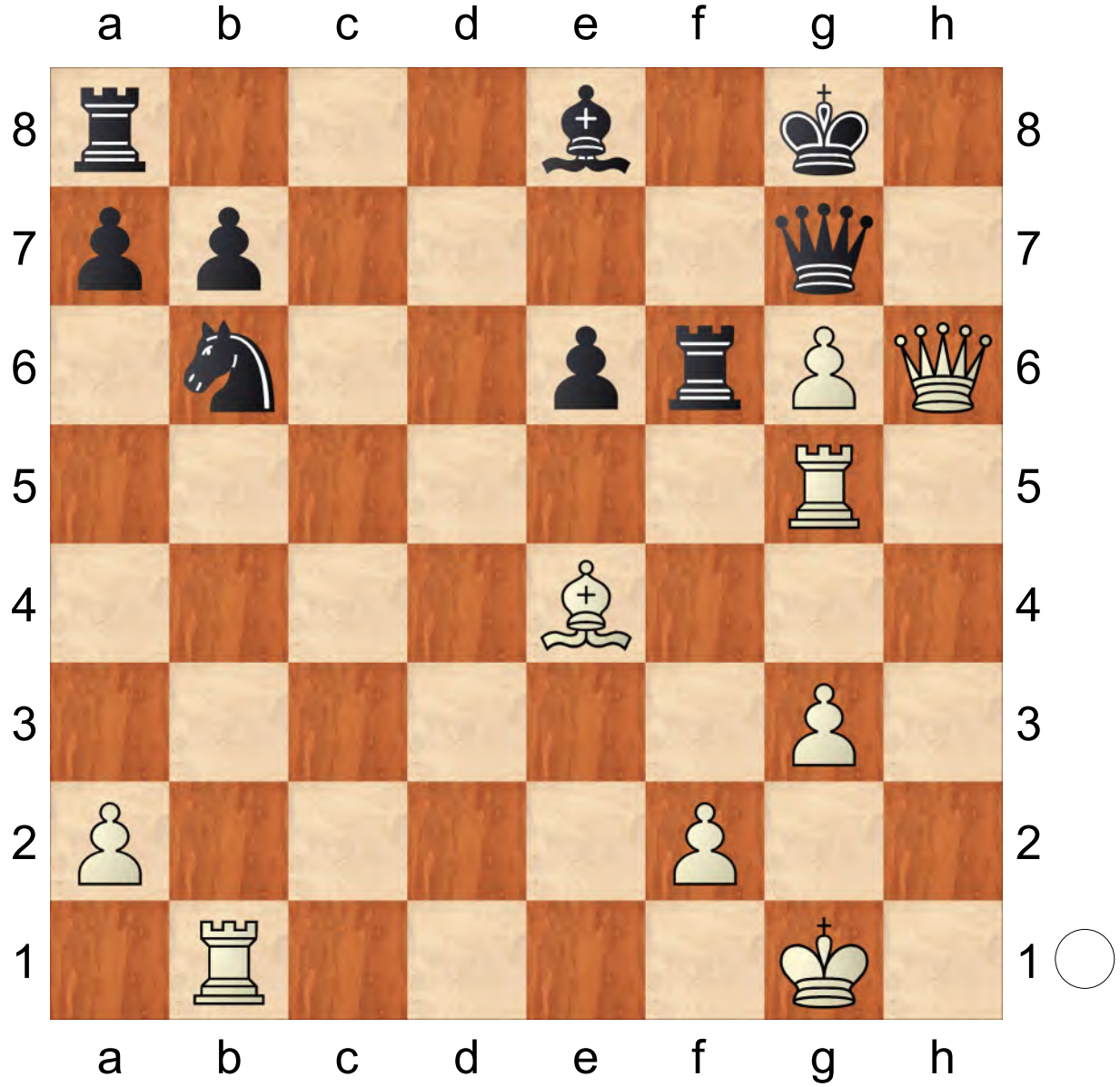
29...Rxf6 30.hxg6? Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?''

[⌓30.Bxg6 Bxg6 31.Rxg6+ Rxg6 32.Qxg6+ Kf8!? *(32...Kh8 33.Qh6+ Qh7 34.Qf6+ Qg7 35.Qxe6≅)* 33.Re1 *(33.Rb3 Qf7)* 33...Qf7∞ But with Short in time-trouble Kasparov wants to keep as many pieces and tension on the board as possible.]

30...Qg7?!⊕

[30...Bc6!-+ Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!' Stohl: 'McShane:'' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'gains time to regroup and make use of the extra piece.'']

[30...Bc6! McShane: gains time to regroup and make use of the extra piece.]



'?' McShane. Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: ' ⊕?!' Stohl: "?' McShane. " **31.Qh7+** Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '=" **31...Kf8** **32.Qh4!?** Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!?" A suprising retreat. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'A suprising retreat."

[Also interesting, but probably weaker was 32.Kg2 Bc6 *(32...Rd8 33.Rh1 Rd2? 34.Qxg7+ Kxg7 35.Rh7+ Kg8 36.g7!+-)* 33.Bxc6 bxc6 34.Rh1 Rf5! *(34...Nd5? 35.Qh8+ Qg8 36.Rxd5+-; 34...Rc8 35.a4!?⩲)* 35.Qh5 *(35.Rxf5+ exf5 36.Rh5? Qxh7 37.gxh7 Kg7)* 35...Rxg5 36.Qxg5∓]

32...Rc8? Kasparov,Garry: '⊕?' '⊕?' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?" The decisive mistake. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'The decisive mistake."

[Critical is Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Critical is" ⌓32...Bxg6 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '⌓"

A) 33.Rb4! McShane Kasparov,Garry: '?' '?' For instance, Rc8 *(33...Nd5! Kasparov,Garry 34.Bxg6 Rxg6 35.Rxg6 Qxg6 36.Rg4 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 Kf7! 38.Qh6 Ke7-+)* 34.Bxg6 Rxg6 35.Rf4+ Ke8 *(35...Kg8 36.Rxg6 Qxg6 37.Rg4)* 36.Qh5;

B) 33.Rb3 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!'

B1) 33...Kf7?

B1a) 34.Rf3? Rxf3 35.Rxg6 Qa1+ 36.Kg2 Rh8-+;

B1b) 34.Qg4 Rg8

B1b1) 35.Rf3? Rxf3 36.Bxg6+ *(36.Qxf3+* Kasparov,Garry *Qf6 37.Bxg6+ Rxg6 38.Qxb7+ Kf8 39.Qb8+ Ke7 40.Qxa7+ Nd7∓)* 36...Kf6;

B1b2) 35.Rc3!? Qh6! *(35...Kf8 36.Rf3 Rxf3 37.Qxf3+ Qf7 38.Qd3! Bh7! 39.Qd8+ Qe8 40.Qf6+=)* 36.Rc7+ Kf8 Δ♖h8∓;

B1c) 34.Bxg6+! Rxg6 35.Rf3+ *(35.Qh5 Rg8)* 35...Kg8 36.Rxg6 Qxg6 37.Rf4!+- *(37.Rf6 Qg7 38.Rxe6 Rf8!=)*;

B2) 33...Rc8? Kasparov,Garry 34.Bxg6 Rxg6 *(34...Rc4 35.Qh5)* 35.Rf3+ Kg8 36.Rxg6 Qxg6 37.Rf4 Rc4 38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Qe7+ Kh6 40.Rf6+-;

B3) 33...Nd5! Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '!" Hiarcs-this protects f4! Kasparov, Garry: 'Stohl: 'Hiarcs-this protects f4!"

B3a) 34.Rf3 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' Rxf3 35.Rxg6 Qa1+ 36.Kg2 Rf6! *(36...Rxf2+?* Kasparov,Garry *37.Kxf2 Qd4+ 38.Kg2 Qe5 39.Kh3 Re8 40.Rg5 Qf6 41.Bxd5 exd5 42.Rg8++-)* 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qxa8 *(38.Qg7+ Kd6 39.Bxd5 Rh8!-+)* 38...Ne3+ Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' 39.Kh3 Rxg6 40.Qxb7+ Kf6 41.Bxg6 Qf1+ 42.Kh4 Ng2+ 43.Kg4 Kxg6 44.Qe4+= Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '=" Kf7 Kasparov,Garry 45.Qb7+ Kf6 46.Qf3+ Ke5 47.Qc3+ Kd5 48.Qa5+ Kc6 49.Qc3+=;

B3b) 34.Qg4 Ne7 *(34...Kf7? 35.Rxb7++-)* 35.Rxb7 Qh6 36.Bxg6 *(36.Rxe7 Rc8! 37.Rd7 Rc1+ 38.Rd1 Bxe4-+)* 36...Rxg6 37.Rxg6 Qxg6 38.Qh4 Re8∓]

[32...Kg8!? also deserves close attention, White probably doesn't have more than a draw after 33.Qh7+=]

[≤32...Ke7 33.Bxb7 Δ♕b4→,ν⊞]

[32...Bc6? 33.Rh5 Kasparov,Garry: '!' '!' *(33.Bxc6* Kasparov,Garry *bxc6 34.Rh5 Kg8 35.Rxb6 axb6 36.Rh7 Qxg6 37.Rh8+ Kf7 38.Rxa8 Qb1+ 39.Kg2 Qf5 40.Ra7+ Kg8 41.f4 e5=)* 33...Bxe4 34.Rh8+ Ke7 35.Rh7 Qxh7 36.Qxh7+ Kd6 37.Rd1+ Nd5 38.Qh4!+-]

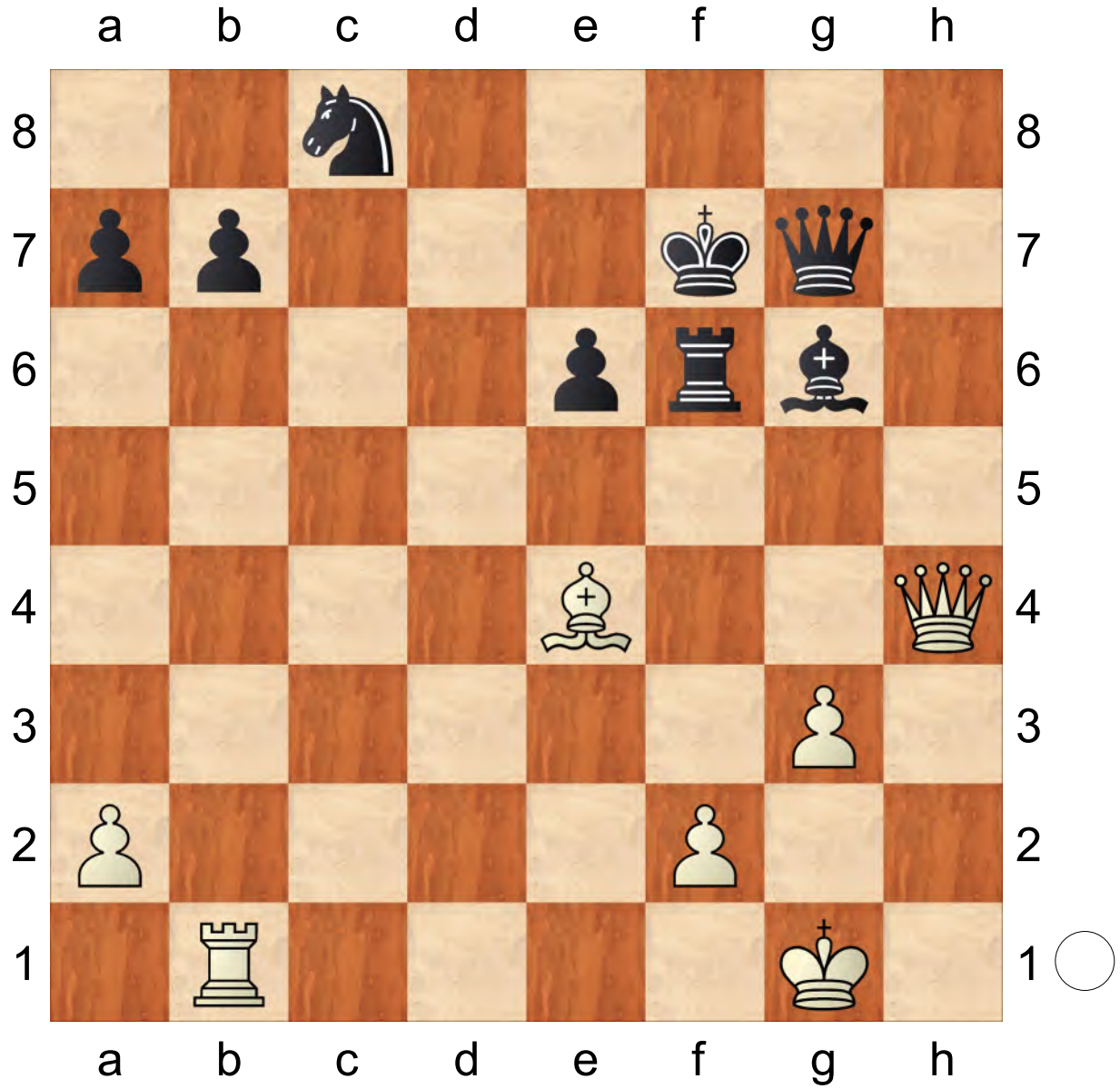
33.Rh5!+- →⇔h '!' McShane. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '+-!' Stohl: '→⇔h '!' McShane. " **33...Bxg6□** Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '□"

[33...Rxg6 34.Rh8++- Δ♖h7]

[33...Kg8 34.Rh7+-]

34.Rh8+ Kf7 35.Rxc8 Nxc8

(Diagram)



36.Rxb7+ Ne7 37.Bxg6+ Qxg6
[37...Kxg6 38.Qg4+ Kh7 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Rxe7++- ⊥ loses another pawn.]
38.Qb4 McShane: 'How embarassing. Almost any square is better than f6 for the rook!' Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'McShane: 'How embarassing. Almost any square is better than f6 for the rook!'" **38...Qf5?!** Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: '?!" Hastens the end, but Black was lost anyway. Kasparov,Garry: 'Stohl: 'Hastens the end, but Black was lost anyway."
[38...Kg8□ 39.Qxe7 Rf8 40.Rb5 Re8 *(40...Rf7 41.Rb8+ Kg7 42.Qh4+-)* 41.Qxa7+- →]
39.Qxe7+ Kg6 40.Qh7+
[40.Qh7+ Kg5 41.Rg7+ Qg6 *(41...Rg6 42.Qh4#)* 42.Qh4+ Kf5 43.Qf4#]

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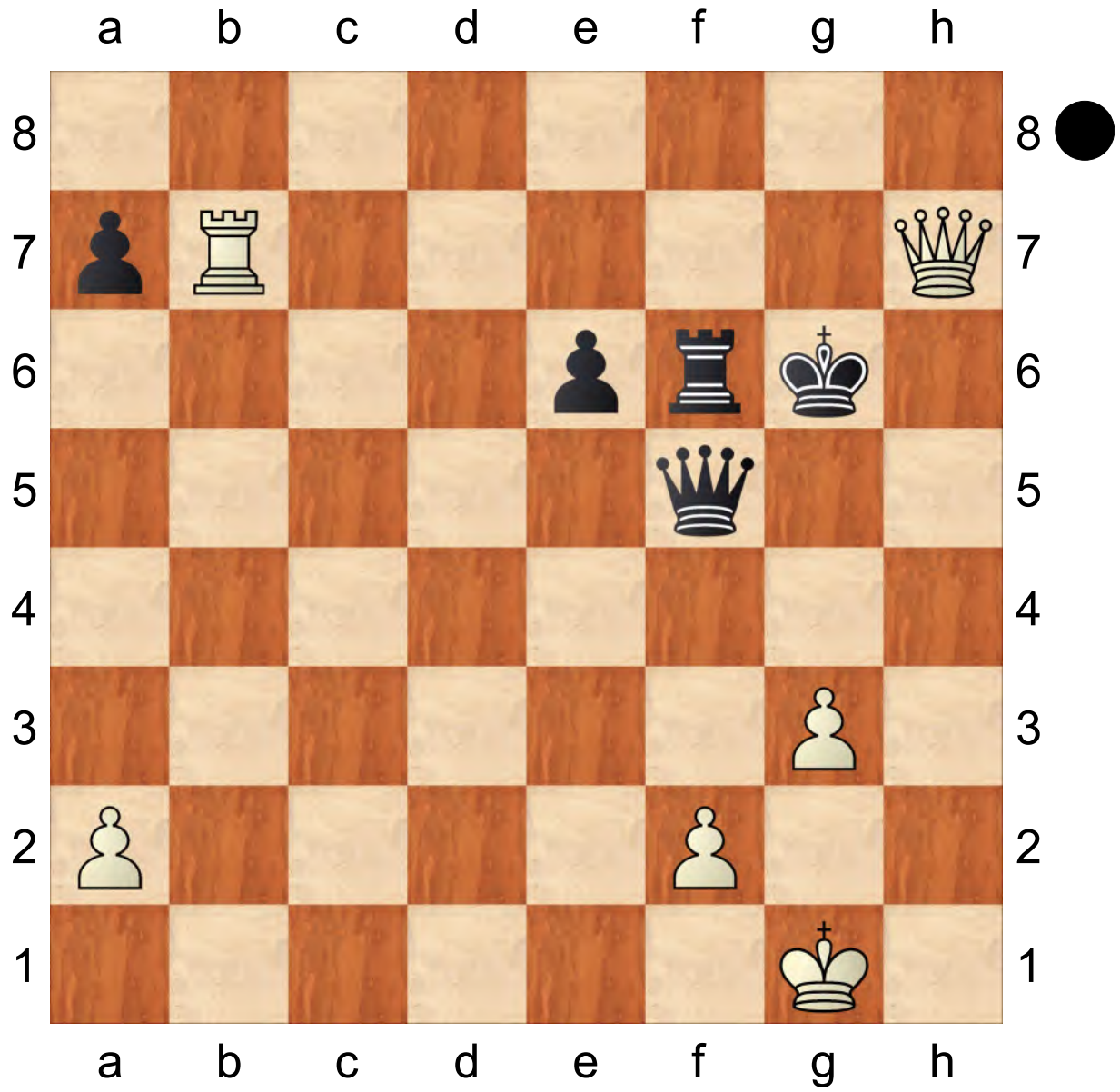

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□ **Lautier,Joel** **2682**
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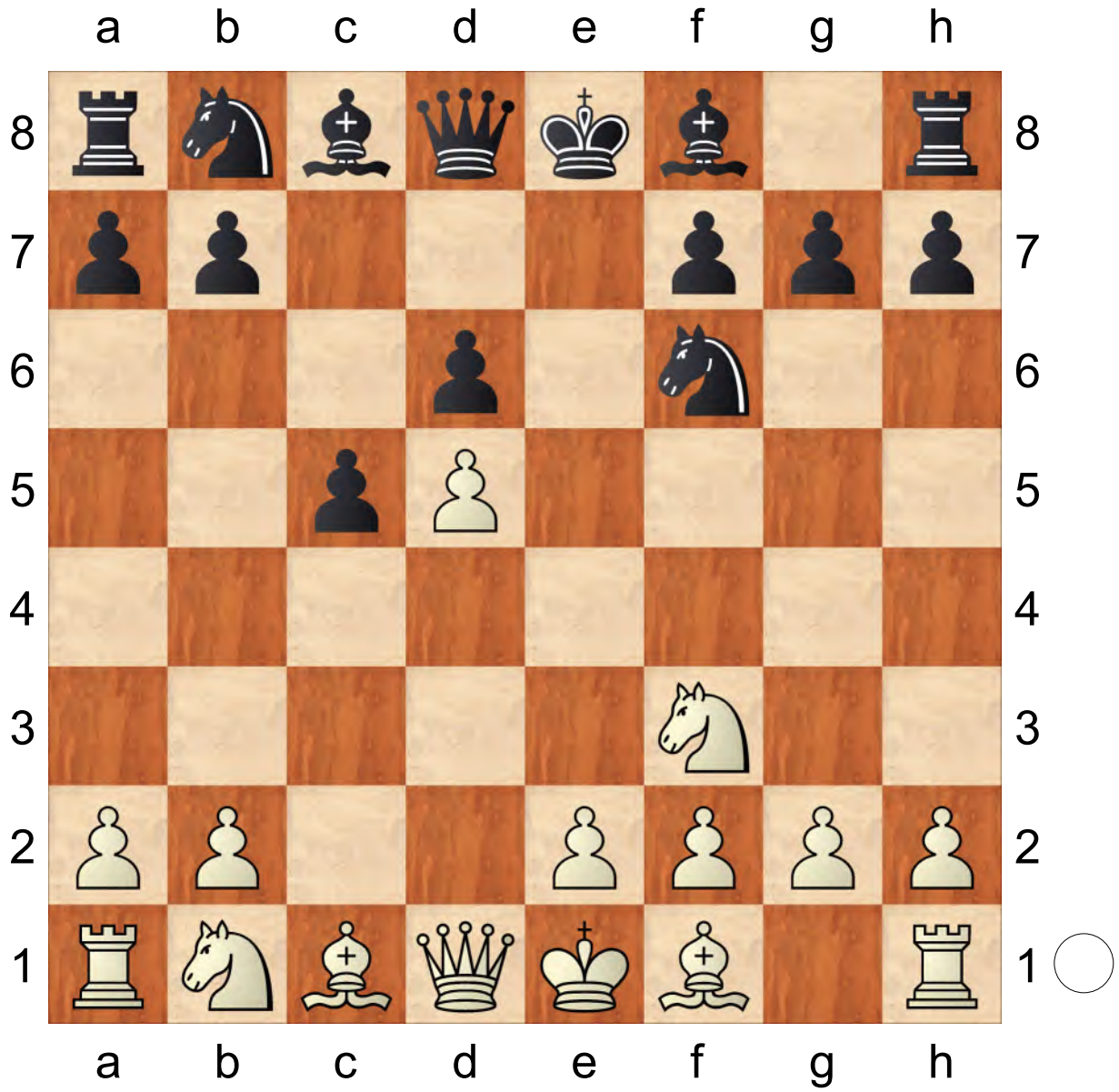
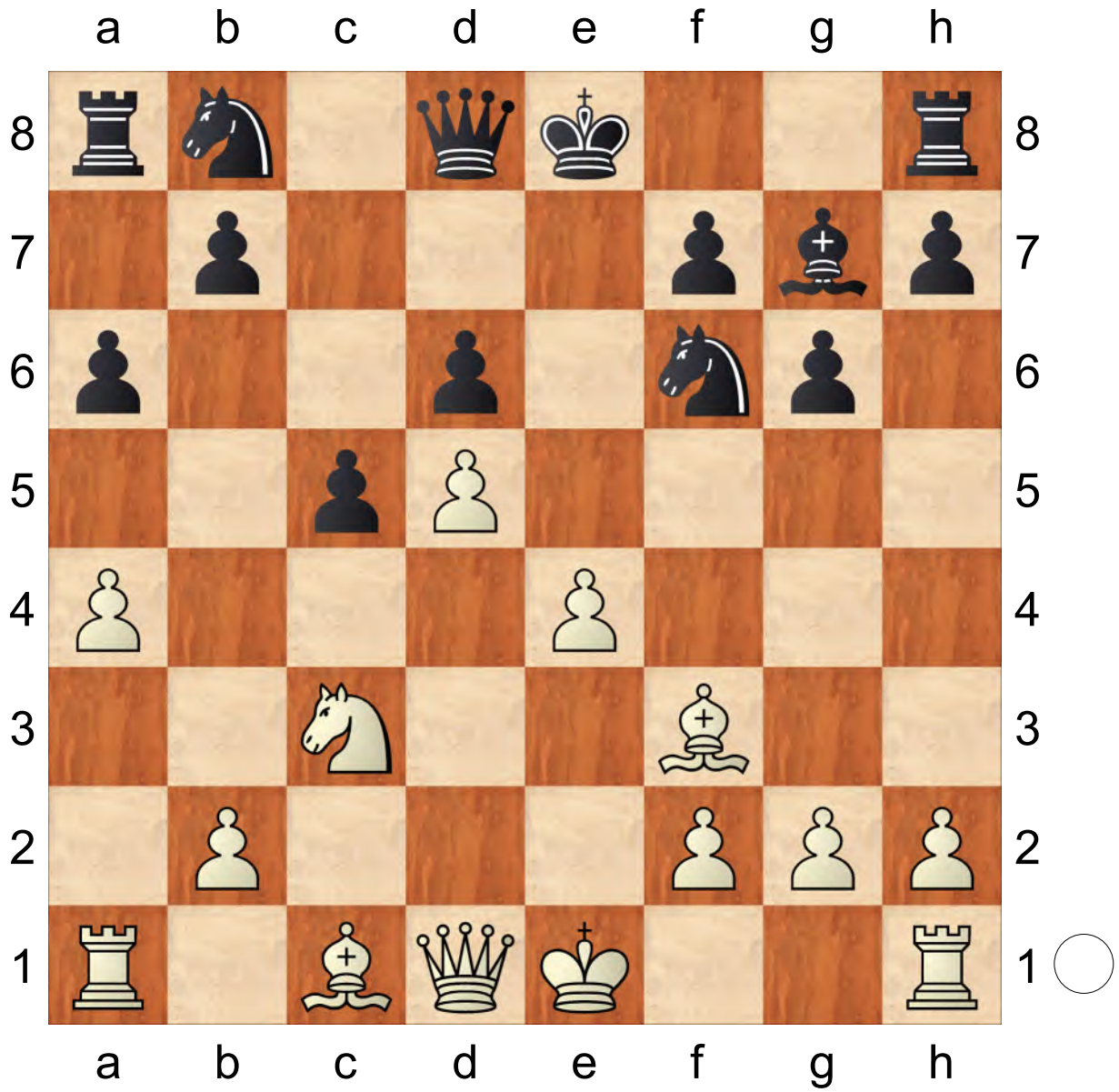
1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 a6 8.a4 Bg4 9.Be2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Bg7

(Diagram)

11.Bf4 Qe7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Nbd7 This is an important "tabyia" of the Benoni.



By exchanging on f3 and developing his knight to d7, black has secured control of several dark squares in the centre (the most important beeing e5 and d4) and has avoided for the moment the dangerous break e4-e5. On the other hand, white defended very well his central pawns and can decide later on which side he should start concrete actions. **14.Qd2**

[14.a5]
[14.Qc2]
[14.h3]
[14.Bg3]
[14.Re3]
[14.e5]
[14.Rb1]
[14.Bg5]

[14.Rc1]
[14.g3]

14...Rab8

[14...h5]
[14...Rfb8]
[14...Ne8]
[14...c4]
[14...Rac8]
[14...Ne5]
[14...Rfe8]

15.Be2

[15.Rab1!? c4!? *(15...Rfc8 16.Be2 c4* ½-½ Sahovic,D-Ilic,Z/Jugoslavija 1983 *)* 16.a5 Rfc8 17.Na4 Ne8!? 18.Be3!? *(18.Bg4∞* Moiseev,V *)* 18...Nc7 19.Rbc1 Nb5 20.Bg4! c3! 21.bxc3 Rc4 22.Bxd7 Rxa4 23.Bg4 Rc4! *(23...Rxe4? 24.f3! Re5 25.f4 Re4 26.Bf3+-)* 24.Be2 Bxc3 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Bxb5 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 axb5 28.Qb6 Rc8 29.Qxb5 Rc5 30.Qb4 Qc7 Kallai,G-Hardicsay,P/Magyarorszag 1985 31.Qb6 Rc1 32.Qe3 Rc5 33.Qf4 Rxa5 34.Qf6±]

[15.a5

A) 15...h5 16.h3 Ne8 17.g4 Ne5 18.Be2 hxg4 19.hxg4 b5 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.Kg2 Nc7 22.Bh6 *(22.Na4 Rb4 23.Nxc5!? dxc5 24.d6 Qd7 25.dxc7 Qxc7 26.Bxa6 Rfb8⩱)* 22...f5 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Rg1 Rf6 25.Kf1 Rg6 26.Rxg6 Nxg6 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.exf5 Qh4! 29.Bf3 Bus,M-Twardon,M/POL-chT Jachranka 1987 Qf4 30.Qxf4 Nxf4 31.Ra4 Nd3∓;

B) 15...Rfc8

B1) 16.Bg5 Qf8 17.Be2 Ne8 *(17...Re8 18.Qd3 Ne5 19.Qh3 h5!?±)* 18.Bg4! Kapengut: '!?' Rc7 19.f4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 b5 21.axb6 Rxb6 22.e5! dxe5 23.Bxd7! Rxd7 24.fxe5± Gaprindashvili,N-Fischdick,G/Wuppertal WGM 1990;

B2) 16.Na4 h5 *(16...Ne5 17.Nb6 Rd8 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Nc4 Qd4 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Rad1 Nd7 22.Be2 b5 23.axb6 Nxb6 24.Na5±* Tarnowiecki,H-Ekebjaerg,O/ICCF 2002 *)*

B2a) 17.h3 Ne8 18.Rac1 b5 19.axb6 Nxb6 20.b3 Nd7 21.Bd1 Rc7 *(21...Nc7 Δ22.Nxc5?! Nxc5 23.Rxc5 dxc5 24.d6 Qd7 25.dxc7 Qxd2 26.Bxd2 Ra8 27.Bf4 Bc3∓)* 22.Nb2 Ne5 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 *(24.bxc4 Rcb7 25.Ba4 Rb4⇄)* 24...Rcb7 25.Ra4 Rb6 26.Qe3 Nc7⇄ Tasic,B-Kovacevic,Sl/Cannes op 1990;

B2b) 17.Ra3 Ne8 18.Bh6 b5 19.axb6 Nxb6 20.Nxb6 Rxb6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Be2 Nc7 23.Bxh5!? Rh8!? *(23...Qe5 24.Bg4 Rh8 25.h3 Qxb2=)* 24.Qc3+?! *(24.Bd1 Qe5 25.f4 Qxb2 26.Qe3 f5⇄)* 24...Qf6 25.e5 dxe5 26.Qxc5 Nb5! *(26...Nxd5?! 27.Qxd5* ½-½ Burgess,G-Anderton,M/4NCL, Telford ENG 1997 *)* 27.Rf3 Qd6 28.Qxd6 Rxd6∓;

C) 15...b5 16.axb6 Rxb6 17.Ra2 *(17.Ra5 Ne5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Na4 Rb4 20.Rxa6 Nxe4=)* 17...Rfb8

C1) 18.Bd1 Ne5 *(18...Ne8 19.Ba4 Ne5 20.Bxe8?! Qxe8 21.Qe2 Qc8 22.h3 c4!? 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Rc1 Rb4 25.Rc2 Qb7∓* Roeder,M-Galje,H/Graz op 1997*)* 19.Be2 Rb4 20.f3 Nh5 21.Bg5 Qd7 22.Qc2 *(Δ22.Bxa6 c4!?⩱)* 22...Nc4 23.Bxc4 Bd4+ 24.Be3 Rxc4 25.Rxa6± Cardelli,G-Sender,C/ICCF Email 2000;

C2) 18.h3 Ne8 19.Bd1 Ne5 20.Be2 Nc7 21.Bg5 Qe8 22.Kh1 Nd7 *(22...Rb4!?)* 23.Bg4 h5 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Bf4 Re8 26.f3 Rb4⇄ Green,P-Xu Jun/Shenyang 1999;

D) 15...Ne8

D1) 16.Bg5 Bf6 *(16...Qe5 17.Bg4!? Nef6 18.Bh3±)* 17.h4 Nc7 *(17...Bxg5 18.hxg5 Ne5 19.Bd1 f6 20.f4 Nf7 21.gxf6 Qxf6 22.g3 g5!?∞)* 18.Bg4?! Ne5 19.Be2 Bxg5 20.hxg5 f6 21.f4 Nf7 22.gxf6 Qxf6 23.Bc4 Kh8 24.Rad1 g5!? 25.e5!? Qxf4 26.e6 Nestorovic,D-Kovacevic,S/San Benedetto 1989 Qxc4! 27.exf7 Rxf7 28.Ne4 Qd4+ 29.Qxd4+ cxd4∓;

D2) 16.Be2 Nc7 17.Bg5!? *(17.Bf1 b5 18.Bh6?! f6 19.Bxg7 Qxg7 20.f4 c4 21.Ne2 Nc5 22.Nd4 Rbe8∓* Oadeoiiia,A-Aiaeueyiia,I/Cork 1998 *)*

D2a) 17...f6 18.Be3 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Ra2 Rfb8 21.Qc2 Ne5 22.Rea1 Nf7 23.Bc1 Ra8 *(23...Qe5!? Δ24.Bxa6 Nxa6 25.Rxa6 Rxa6 26.Rxa6 f5⩱)* 24.Bf1 Ne5 25.Ra4 Qf8 26.Bd2 Bh6 27.f4 Nd7 28.Nd1± Gaprindashvili,N-Armas,J/Berlin Neukoelln 1988;

D2b) 17...Qe5 18.Ra4 *(18.Bg4!? Nf6 19.f4 Qd4+ 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Na4±)* 18...Bf6 19.Bh6 Bg7 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Be3 b5 22.axb6 Rxb6 23.f4 Qe7 24.Bg4 Bg7 25.e5 Re8 26.Ne4± Kozul,Z-Horvath,C/Groningen ch-EU jr 1984;

D2c) 17...Bf6? 18.Bxf6

D2c1) 18...Nxf6?! 19.Bc4 b5 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.f4 Nd7 *(21...Rfb8 22.b3 Nfe8±)* 22.e5 dxe5 23.Rad1 Ne8 *(23...Nb5 24.fxe5 Nd4 25.d6+-; 23...Rd6 24.Ne4 exf4 25.Qxf4 Ne8 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Qxd6 Nxd6 28.Bxa6+-)* 24.fxe5 Nxe5 25.Qf4 Rb4 26.d6! Nxd6 27.Nd5 Qa7 28.Qxe5 1-0 Christiansen,L-Kudrin,S/USA (ch) 1984;

D2c2) 18...Qxf6 19.f4 Qg7 *(19...Qh4 20.Bf3 Rfe8 21.g3 Qf6 22.Bg4±)* 20.Bd1 b5 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.e5 Rfd8 23.Bf3 f6 24.Qf2 *(24.e6 f5∞)* 24...fxe5 25.fxe5 Nc4 26.exd6 Nxd6 27.Qxc5 Rxb2 28.Rac1± Sakic,R-Ingersol,H/IECC 2004]

15...Rfe8

[15...Ne8?!

A) 16.Bf1 Nc7

A1) 17.Bg3 f6?! *(17...Bd4!?)* 18.a5 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Nd1 Rfb8 21.Ra2 Rb4 22.f3 Nb6 23.Ne3 Bh6 24.Nf5! gxf5 25.Qxh6 fxe4 26.fxe4 Nd7 27.Ra3 *(27.Re3 Ne5 28.Qh3 Nf7 29.Qf5 Ng5 30.Bd3→)* 27...Kh8 *(27...R8b6 28.Qf4 Rxb2 29.Bh4 Kh8 30.Qf5 Rb1 31.Rxb1 Rxb1 32.Rh3 Rb4±)* 28.Bxa6 Rxb2 29.Bf1 Ne5 30.Ra7 Nf7 31.Qf4± Naumkin,I-Wedberg,T/Rilton Cup 1990;

A2) 17.Kh1! Rfc8 *(17...b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Ra7)* 18.Bg3! f6 *(18...b5 19.e5!?±; 18...Bd4!?)* 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.Nd1! Rcb8 22.Ra2± Ne5 23.Ne3 Rb4 24.f4 Rd4 *(24...Nf7 25.Nc4±)* 25.Qc2 Nf7 26.Bd3 *(26.Nc4?! Nxd5!)* 26...Re8 27.Raa1 Rxe4?! 28.Bxe4 Qxe4 29.Qb3 Qb4 30.Qxb4 cxb4 31.Nc4+- Naumkin,I-Twardon,M/CSR 1988;

B) 16.Bg5! Bf6 *(16...Qe5 17.Bf1±)* 17.h4!? *(17.Bxf6±)* 17...Qe5!? *(17...Nc7; 17...Bxg5 18.hxg5 f6 19.Bg4±)* 18.Rad1! Nc7 19.Qc1 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Qg7 *(20...b5 21.f4)* 21.f4 b5 22.Bg4!

B1) 22...Rbd8 23.e5 dxe5 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.Ne4!±;

B2) 22...Nb6 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5!? *(24.d6 Ne6 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Rxe5±)* 24...b4? 25.Ne4 Nbxd5 *(25...Ncxd5? 26.a5+-)* 26.Qxc5 Δ♘f6+-;

B3) 22...f5 23.gxf6 Nxf6

B3a) 24.Be6+! Kh8 *(24...Nxe6 25.dxe6±)* 25.e5±;

B3b) 24.Bf3!? Nd7□ 25.Bg4! Rbe8 *(25...b4 26.Nb1±)* 26.e5! dxe5 27.d6 Ne6 28.Nd5!± Gavrikov,V-Cebalo,M/Vrsac 1985]

[15...Rfc8!? 16.a5

A) 16...c4?! 17.Ra4 Nc5 18.Rxc4 Nfd7 *(18...Nb3?! 19.Rxc8+ Rxc8 20.Qe3 Nxa5 21.Qb6 Nxe4 22.Bd3 Nc4 23.Qb3 Bxc3 24.Rxe4 Na5 25.Rxe7 Nxb3 26.bxc3* 1-0 Sahovic-Kovacevic/Pinerolo 1987*)* 19.Qc2 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rb5 a4 23.Be3 Nbd7 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.Bf1 Rb4 26.f3 Be5 27.Bf2 Qf6 28.Rd1 h5± Szymczak,Z-Palkovi,J/Naleczow 1988;

B) 16...Ne8

B1) 17.Bf1?! Qf8 18.Qc2 Nc7 19.Ra2 Qe7 20.Bd2 Re8 21.Kh1 Bd4 22.Nd1 Nf6 23.Ra4 Nb5 24.Bg5 h6! 25.Bh4 g5 26.Bg3 Nxe4⇄ Gaprindashvili,N-Cramling,P/Tbilisi w 1984;

B2) 17.h3 Nc7 *(17...h5!?)* 18.Bg4 Re8 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.e5! dxe5 22.d6 Qd8?! *(⌓22...Rbd8 23.Rad1 Qf8 24.d7 Re7 25.Qd6 Ne6 26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Qc7±)* 23.Rad1 Nb5 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.d7± Firt,S-Priehoda,V/CSR-ch Brno 1990;

B3) 17.Bg5 Qf8 18.g3 *(18.Bg4!?)* 18...Nc7 19.Be3 b5 20.f4 b4 21.Nd1 Re8 22.Nf2 Nb5∞ Sahovic,D-Cebalo,M/YUG-ch/1986;

B4) 17.Bg4 b5 18.axb6 ½-½ Gruenberg,H-Nun,J/Polanica Zdroj 1989 Rxb6 19.e5?! *(19.Na4 Rb4 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Nc3 Ra8=)* 19...dxe5 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Nd6 23.Qe2 c4 24.h4 Rcb8 25.h5 Rxb2 26.Qf3 R2b6∓ Naumkin,I-Nun,Ji/Namestovo 1987]

[15...h5

A) 16.h3 Nh7 17.Bf1 Rfe8

A1) 18.-- Bd4 19.Ne2 Bg7 20.Rab1 Rbc8 21.Kh1?! c4?! *(21...Qxe4!? 22.Bxd6 Qxa4∓)* 22.Nc3 Nhf6 *(22...g5!?)* 23.f3 Nc5?! *(23...Ne5 24.b3 Nfd7 25.bxc4 Nxc4 26.Bxc4 Rxc4⇄)* 24.Bxc4 Nxa4 25.Nxa4 Rxc4 26.Nb6± Ganaus,H-Pavlovic,M/Vienna AUT 2003;

A2) 18.Kh1 Bd4 19.Bh2 Nhf6 20.f3 Kg7 21.b4 Be5 22.f4 Bxc3 23.Qxc3

cxb4 24.Qd4 h4 25.e5 Nh5 26.Qxb4 dxe5 27.d6 Qf6 28.fxe5 Nxe5 29.d7 Nxd7 30.Bxb8 Rxb8⩲ Vanderstricht,G-Ionov,S/Hoogeveen NED 2002;

B) 16.a5!

B1) 16...b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Bf1 Rfb8 19.Ra2 Rb4 20.f3 Ne8 21.Kh1 Nc7 22.Bg5 Qf8 23.Rc1?! *(⌓23.f4±)* 23...Ne5 24.Re1 f5 25.exf5 Qxf5 26.Be7 Rd4 27.Qc1 Nxd5 28.Bxd6 *(28.Nxd5?! Rxd5 29.Rxa6 Nd3 30.Qc4 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Rb4∓)* 28...Nxc3 29.Rxa6 Nxf3! 30.gxf3 Rd8 31.Qxc3 *(Δ31.Bxc5?! Rd2 32.bxc3 Qxf3+ 33.Kg1 Qg4+ 34.Kh1 R8d5-+)* 31...R4xd6∓ Mochalov,E-Magerramov,E/URS-chT1 corr 1988;

B2) 16...Rfc8 17.Bg5 *(17.Bf1 Ne8 18.Bg5 Qf8 19.Ra4 Nc7 20.Rea1 Kh7 21.Kh1 b5 22.axb6 Rxb6 23.Bxa6 Rcb8 24.R1a2 Qh8 25.Bf1± Taboada,P-Anderton,M/IECG 1996)* 17...Qf8 18.h3 Ne8 19.f4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Nef6 21.Ra4 Re8 22.Bf3 Nh7 23.Bh4 Qg7 24.Qd3 Qh6 25.Bg3 Pavlovic,R-Kovacevic,Sl/JUG-ch 1991 g5!?⇄]

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16.Bf1

[16.h3

A) 16...Rbd8?! 17.a5 Qf8 18.Bf1 Nh5 19.Bg5 Rb8 20.Ra4 Nhf6 21.Bf4 Rbd8 Gual,A-Zair,A/St.Cugat op 1993 22.b4!?±;

B) 16...Nh5!? 17.Bxh5 gxh5 18.Qe2 *(18.Bg5 Bf6)* 18...Qf6 19.Bh2 Qg6 20.f4 Re7 21.e5?! dxe5 22.Rad1 Rbe8 23.d6 Re6 24.Nd5 Rxd6∓ Kummer,H -Titz,H /Hartberg (Austria) 2003;

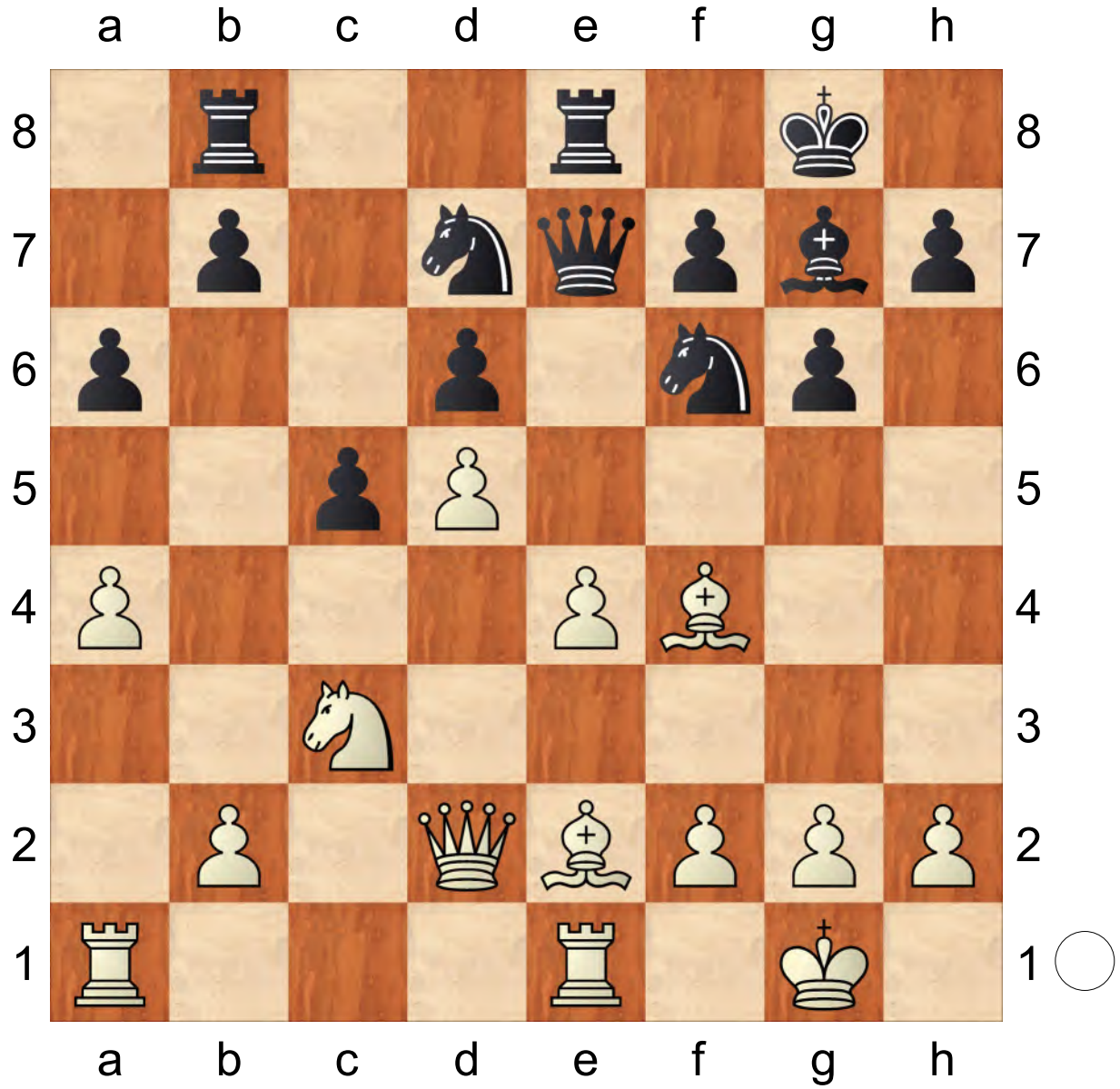
C) 16...Qf8 17.Qc2 h6 18.a5 Ne5 19.Bd2 Re7 *(19...g5?! 20.Nd1 Ng6 21.Bf1 Qe7 22.Ra4±)* 20.f4 Ned7 21.Bf3 Qd8 22.Re2 Ne8 23.Kh1 b5 24.axb6 Qxb6 25.Be1 Nf8?! *(25...Nc7⇄)* 26.Qd3 Nc7 27.e5!± Lerner,K-Moldobaev,E/Moscow 1983]

[16.Bg3 h6 17.h3 g5 18.Kh1 Ne5 19.f4 gxf4 20.Qxf4 Nfd7 21.Rf1 Qg5 22.Qf2 Kh7 *(22...c4!?)* 23.Bh4 Qg6 24.Qe3 Rg8 25.Qf2 Bf6 26.Bxf6 Nxf6 27.Qf5 Gerlach,M-Vaganian,I/BL 1993 c4!?∓]

[16.a5

A) 16...h6 17.h3 g5 18.Bh2 Nf8?! *(18...Ne5)* 19.e5!? dxe5 20.d6 Qe6 21.Bf3 N6d7 22.Bd5 Qg6 23.Be4 Qf6 24.Re3 Ne6 25.Nd5 Qd8 26.Ne7+ Kf8 *(26...Rxe7!? 27.dxe7 Qxe7⩲)* 27.Qd5 *(27.Nf5!?)* 27...Nd4! 28.Bg6 Rxe7! 29.dxe7+ Qxe7 30.Bd3 b5! 31.axb6 Nxb6⩲ Gromberg,D-Blaskowski,J/ corr 5.OSTSEE/MM (FS 13/91) 1986;

B) 16...h5 17.h3 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Bxa6 Reb8 20.Ra2 Rb4 21.Bg5?! *(21.Bf1±)* 21...Qe8 22.Bd3 c4 23.Bf1 Nc5 24.Bf4 *(24.Qc2 Nfd7 25.Be3 Qc8 26.f4 Nd3!?⩲* Chatalbashev,B-Izoria,Z/Antalya TUR 2004*)* 24...Qd7 25.e5!±;



C) 16...Qf8 17.Bd3 Ne5 18.Na4

C1) 18...Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Nd7 20.Qg3 Be5 *(20...Ne5 21.Nb6 f5 22.Rab1 Qf7 23.b4±)* 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.f4 Re7 23.e5±;

C2) 18...Nh5 19.Bxe5!? Bxe5 20.Nb6

C2a) 20...Nf4 21.g3 *(Δ21.Nd7?? Qe7! 22.Nxe5 Qg5!-+)* 21...Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Qg7 23.Rab1±;

C2b) 20...Qe7 21.Nc4 Bd4 22.g3 Nf6 23.Qf4 Rbd8 24.Kg2 Nh5 25.Qd2 Nf6 26.Re2

C2b1) 26...Nd7 27.f4 *(27.Rb1 Ne5 28.b4 cxb4 29.Rxb4 Rc8⇄)* 27...Rb8 28.Rae1 Qf6±;

C2b2) 26...Qc7 27.Ra3 *(27.Rb1 Nd7 28.b4 cxb4 29.Rxb4 Bg7±)* 27...Nd7 28.f4 Bg7 29.Bc2 b5 30.axb6 Nxb6 31.Bd3 Nxc4 32.Bxc4 Rb8 33.b3± Kozul,Z-Papaioannou,I/Plovdiv BUL 2003]

16...Qf8
[16...Nh5 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.Bh6 Bg7 19.Bg5 Bf6= Aseev,K-Pigusov,E/URS-FL Irkutsk 1986]
17.h3
[17.a5 Ne5 18.h3 Nh5 19.Bh2 Bh6 *(19...f5 20.exf5 Qxf5 21.Ne4 Rbd8±)* 20.f4 f5 21.Qf2 Nd7 22.e5! dxe5 23.fxe5 f4 24.e6± Uchitel,S-Kapustin,A/ Memorial T.Petrosian (juniors), I Mosco 1998]
17...Rbc8N
[17...h6 18.Bh2 Nh7 19.a5 Ng5 20.Qc2 Qe7 *(20...Bd4!? 21.h4 Nh7 22.h5±)* 21.h4 Nh7 22.Be2 h5 23.Bf1 Bf6 24.Rad1 Ne5 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.g3 Nf6 27.Na4 Bd4= Simanjuntak,S-Mascarinas,R/Vung Tau 2000]
18.a5 Nh5 19.Bg5± Re5
[19...Bd4?! 20.g4 Ng7 21.Bg2 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Ne2 fxg4 24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.hxg4 Ne5 26.Re4 Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 Qxf3 28.Rxd4±]
20.Be3 f5

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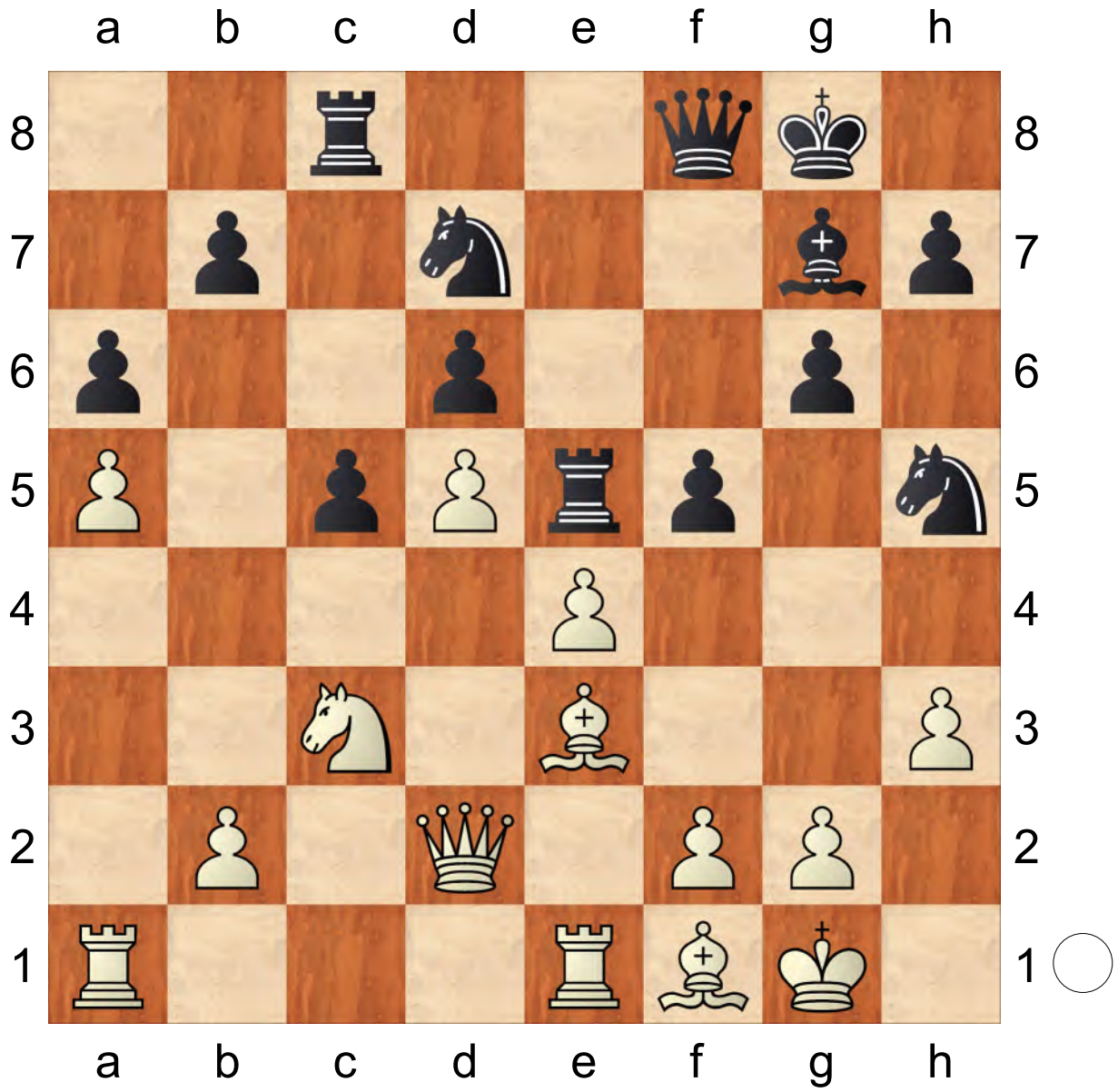
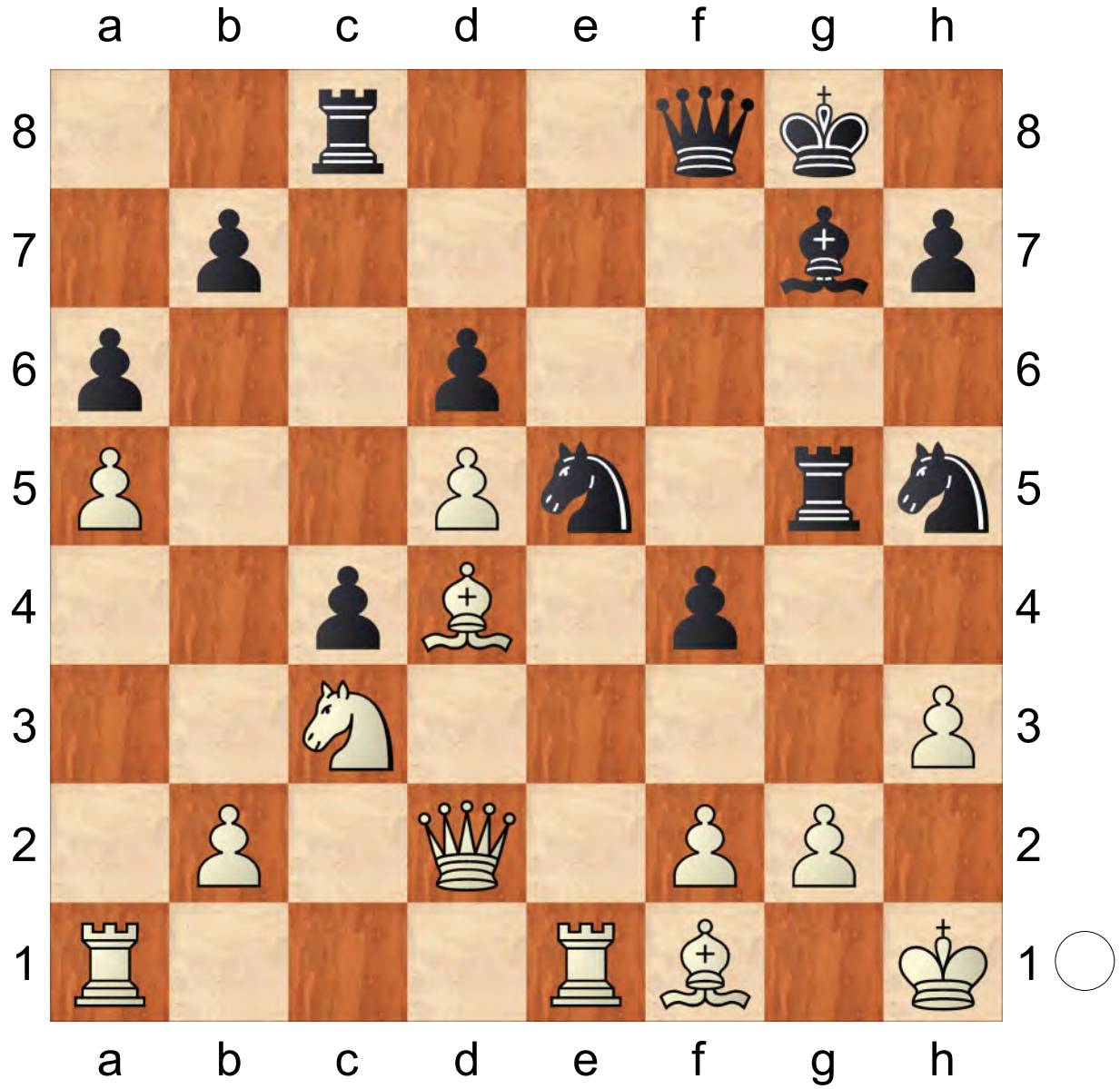
21.exf5 gxf5± 22.Ne2?!
[22.f4?! Rxe3!? 23.Rxe3 Bd4 24.Rae1 Kh8 25.Kh2 Bxe3 26.Qxe3 Qh6 27.Bd3 Ndf6 28.Bxf5 *(28.g3 Rg8∓)* 28...Re8∓]
[22.Qc2! Qf7 *(22...Rce8?! 23.Bd2 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Rxe1 25.Bxe1 Ne5 26.Be2 Nf4 27.Bd2 Nxe2+ 28.Nxe2 Qf7 29.Nf4 Bh6 30.Ne6 Bxd2 31.Qxd2 Δf4?! 32.Nxf4! Nc4 33.Qc1 b5 34.axb6 Nxb6 35.Ne6+-; 22...c4?! 23.Be2 Ng3 24.Bf3±)* 23.Bd2 Qg6 24.Kh1 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Ne5 26.Qb3±]
22...c4 23.Nc3
[23.Qb4?! f4 24.Bd4 f3! 25.Bxe5 Nxe5 26.Nc1 fxg2 27.Bxg2 Nf3+⩲]
[23.Rac1!? Qf7 24.Red1 Ndf6 25.Nc3 Ree8 26.Bh6 Rc5 27.Re1 Bxh6 28.Qxh6 f4 29.Qg5+ Kh8 *(29...Kf8 30.Qf5 Rxe1 31.Rxe1 Qg6 32.Qe6 Nxd5 33.Qd7 Ng7 34.Qxb7+-)* 30.Qf5 Rxa5 31.Bxc4 Qg6 32.Rxe8+ Nxe8 33.Qf8+ Qg8 34.Qh6±]
23...f4
[23...Qf7 24.Bd4!? *(24.Be2 Nhf6 25.Rac1 Ree8 26.Bf1 Qg6 27.Bf4 Ne5±)* 24...Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Be5 26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.Be2 Nf6 28.Qd4 Qg7 29.f4±]
24.Bd4 Rg5 25.Kh1
[25.Ne4 Rg6 26.Bxg7 Rxg7 27.Qd4 Ne5⩲]
25...Ne5

(Diagram)

26.Ne4 Rg6 27.Bxe5?!
[27.Ra3?! f3 28.g3 Qf7 29.Bc3 Qf5 30.Qe3 Rf8⇄]
[27.Rad1 Qd8 28.Bc3 *(28.Kh2 f3 29.g3 Nf6 30.Nxf6+ Bxf6 31.Bb6 Qd7∞)*



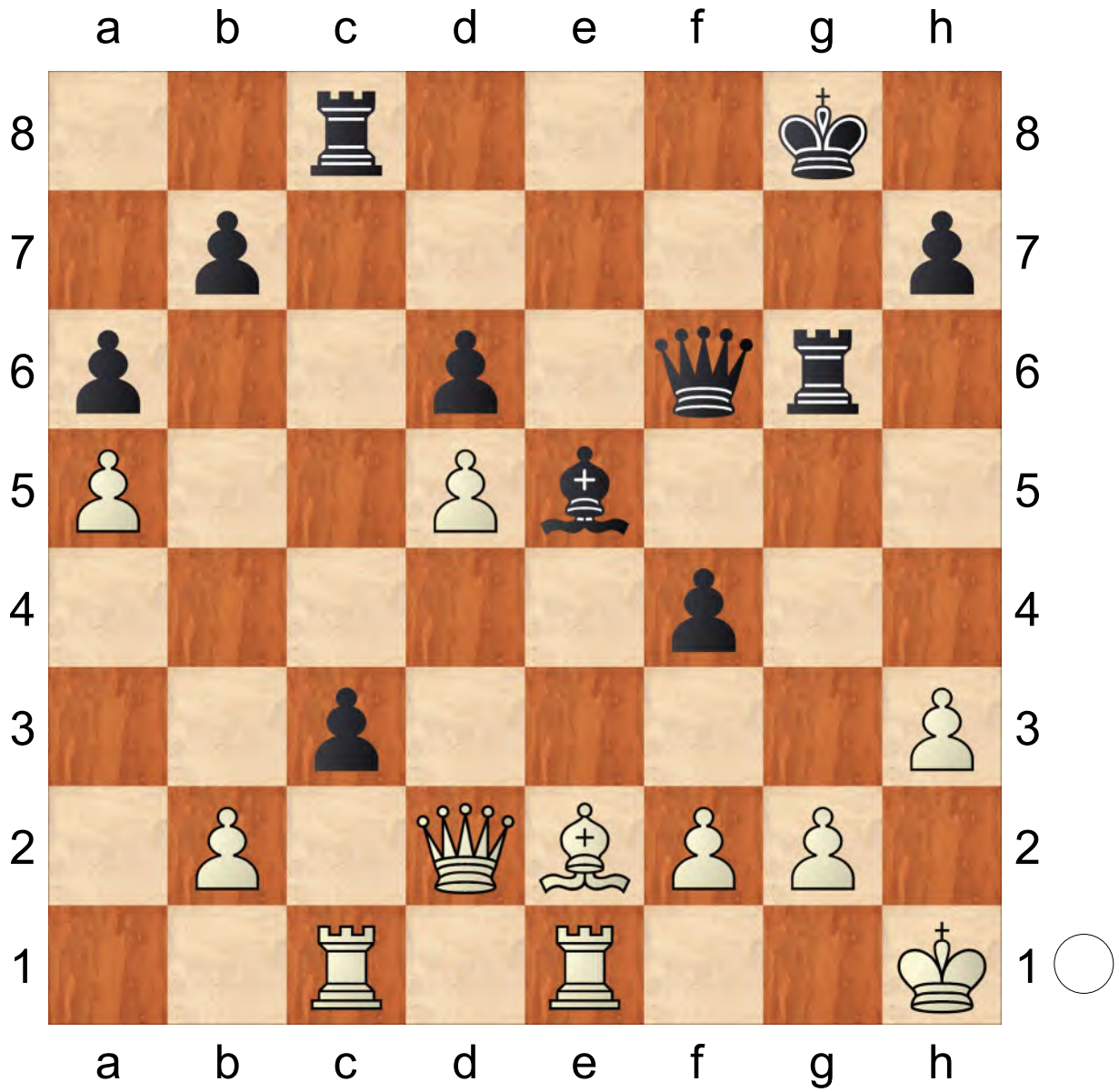


28...Qf8 29.Qc2 f3 30.g3±]
[27.Bc3!? f3 28.g3 Qf5 29.Rad1 Re8 *(Δ29...Nd3? 30.g4 Rxg4 31.Nxd6+-)* 30.Kh2 Re7 *(30...Rh6?! 31.Qg5!)* 31.Qc2 Rh6 32.Rc1 Nf6 33.Nxf6+ Qxf6 34.Qe4 Qg5 35.Kg1 Bf6 36.Bxe5!±]

27...Bxe5 28.Be2 Nf6 29.Nxf6+ Qxf6 30.Rac1 c3=
[30...f3!? 31.Bxf3 Bf4 32.Qb4 Bxc1 33.Rxc1 Qh4!? *(33...Rg7 34.Rxc4 Rxc4 35.Qxc4 Re7=)* 34.Rc2 *(Δ34.Qxb7? Rf8-+)* 34...Rc7∓]

(Diagram)

31.Qd3 Rc5 32.bxc3 Rxa5 33.Bf3 Rg7
[33...Ra3 34.Qc4 b5 35.Qc8+ Qf8 36.Qd7 Rg7 37.Qe6+ Kh8=]



34.c4 Rc5 35.Rb1 Rgc7

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36.Rb6 Qg6 37.Qb3
[37.Be4!? Qg5 38.Bf5±]
37...Qg7 38.Be2 a5 39.Rb1 Qe7 40.Qd1
[40.Rxb7 Rxb7 41.Qxb7 Qxb7 42.Rxb7 Bd4 43.Rd7 a4 44.Ra7 Bxf2 45.Rxa4=]

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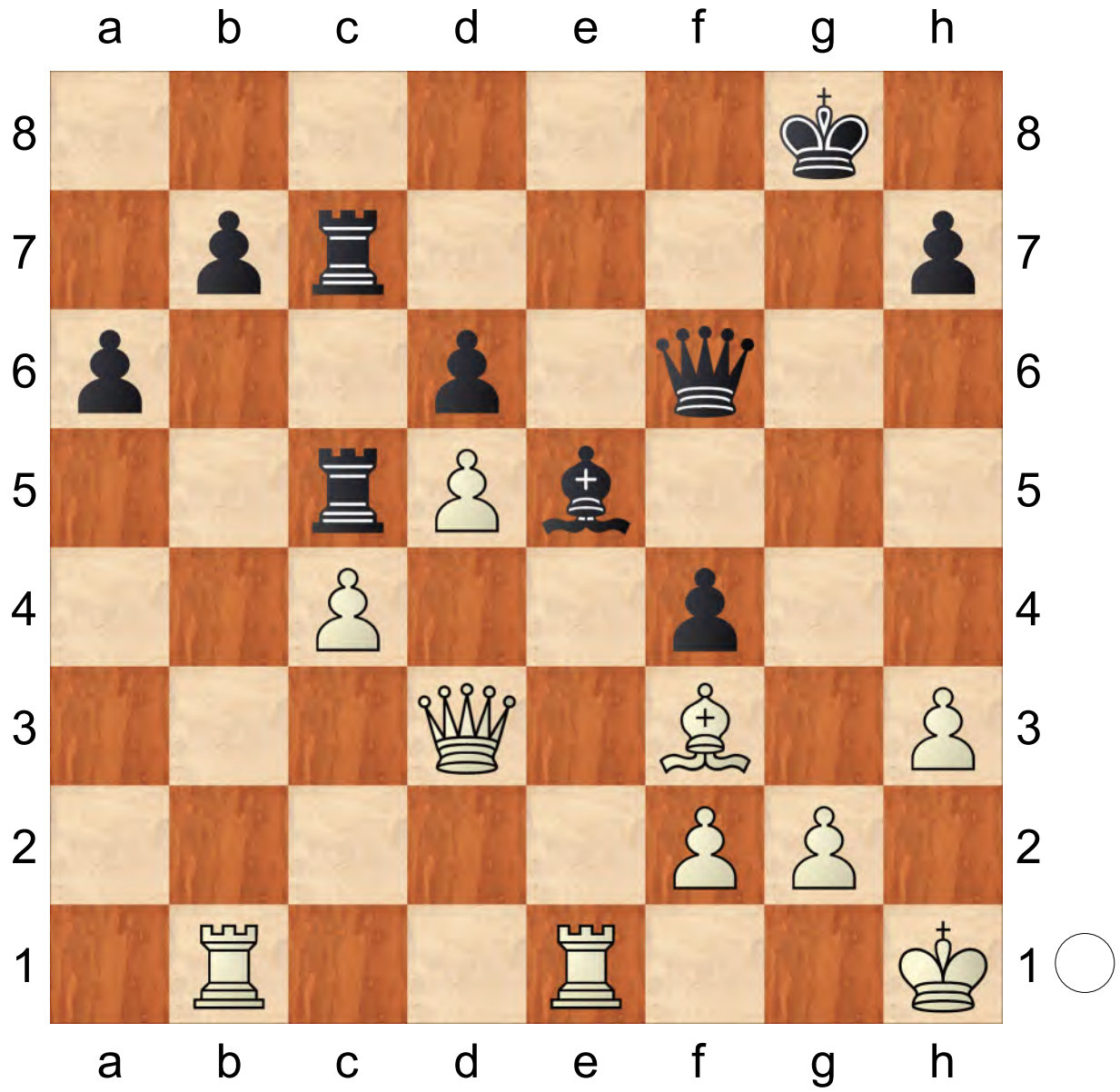
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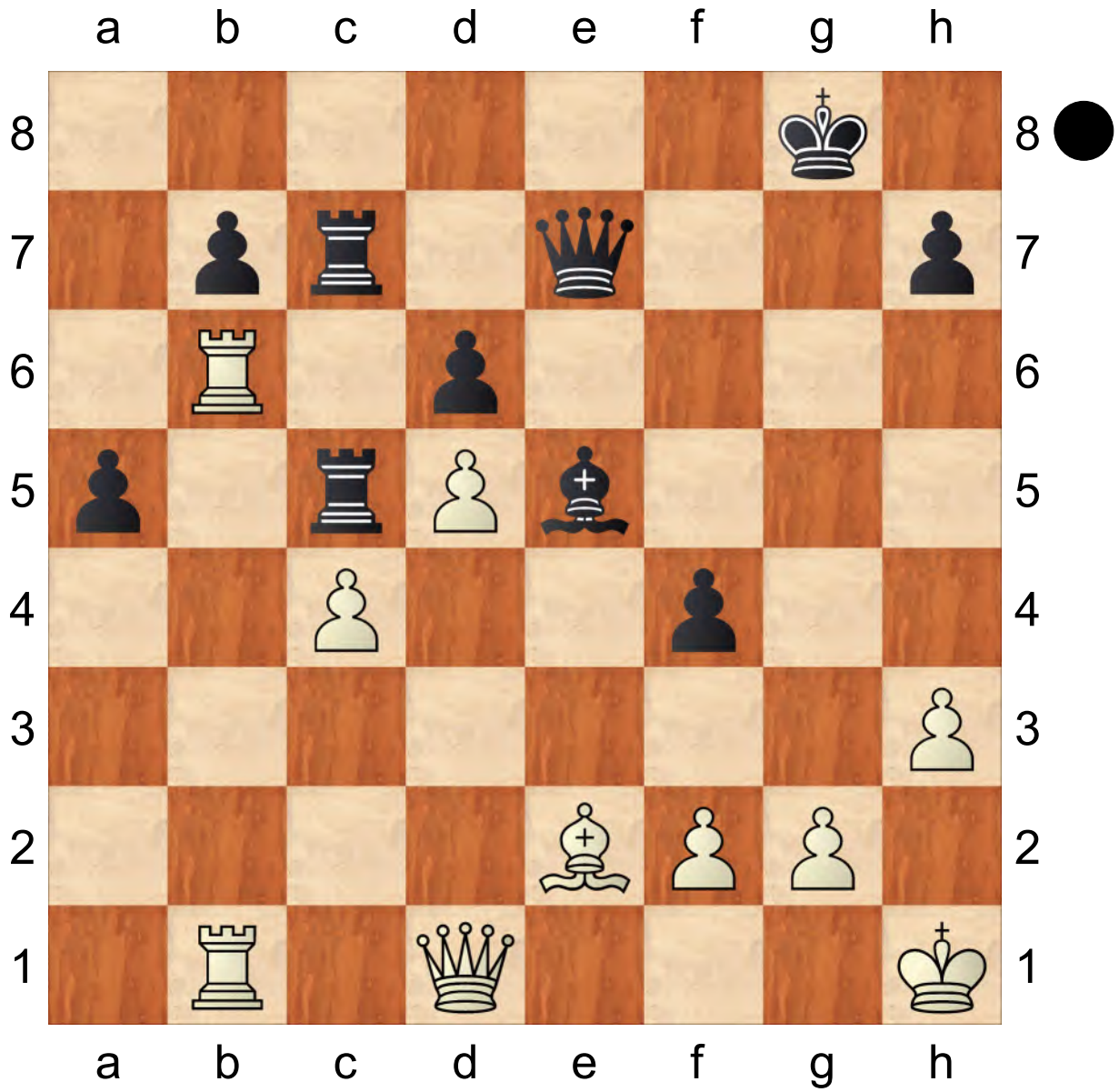

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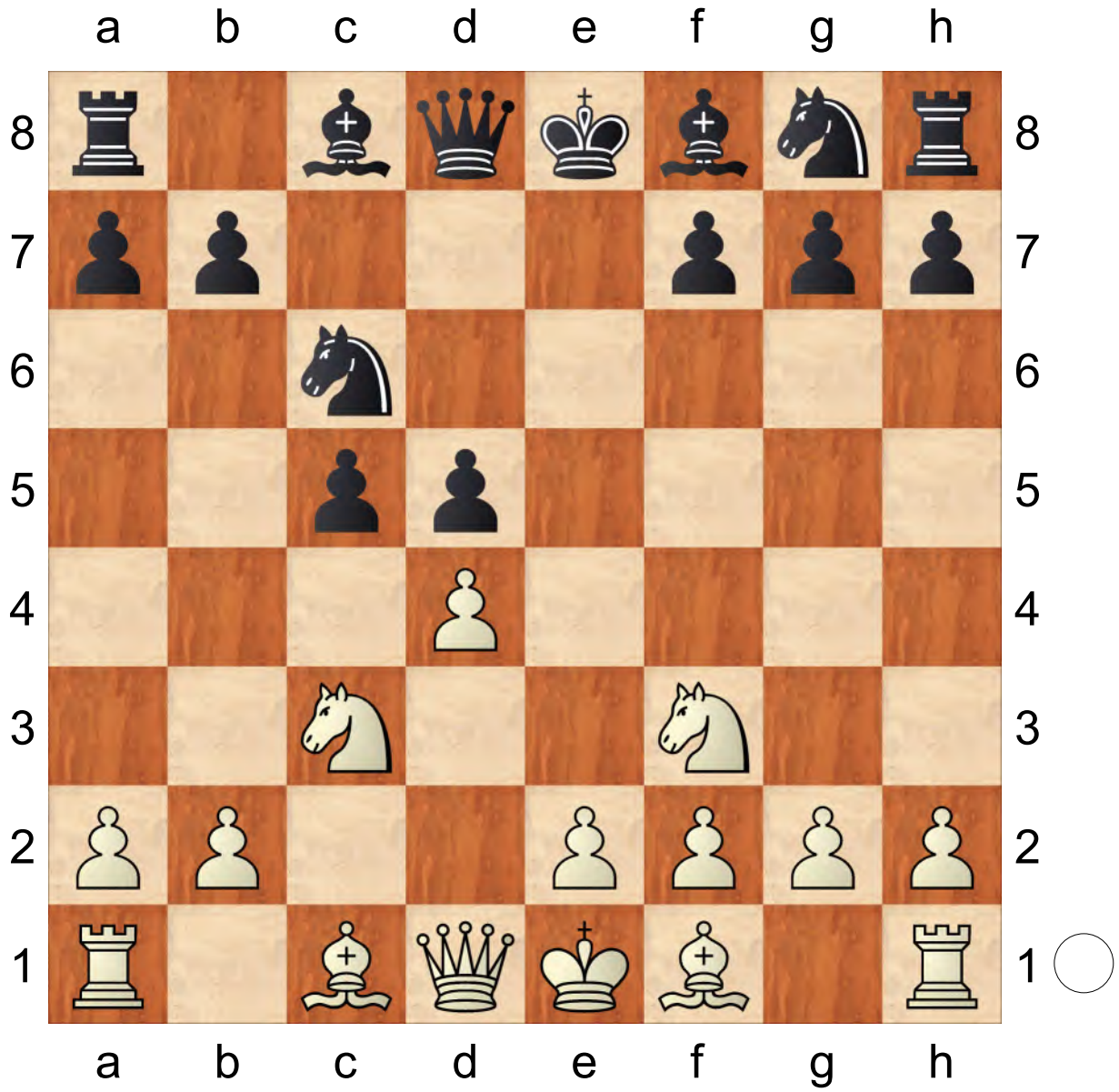
1.d4 Avrukh,B **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6**



6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6

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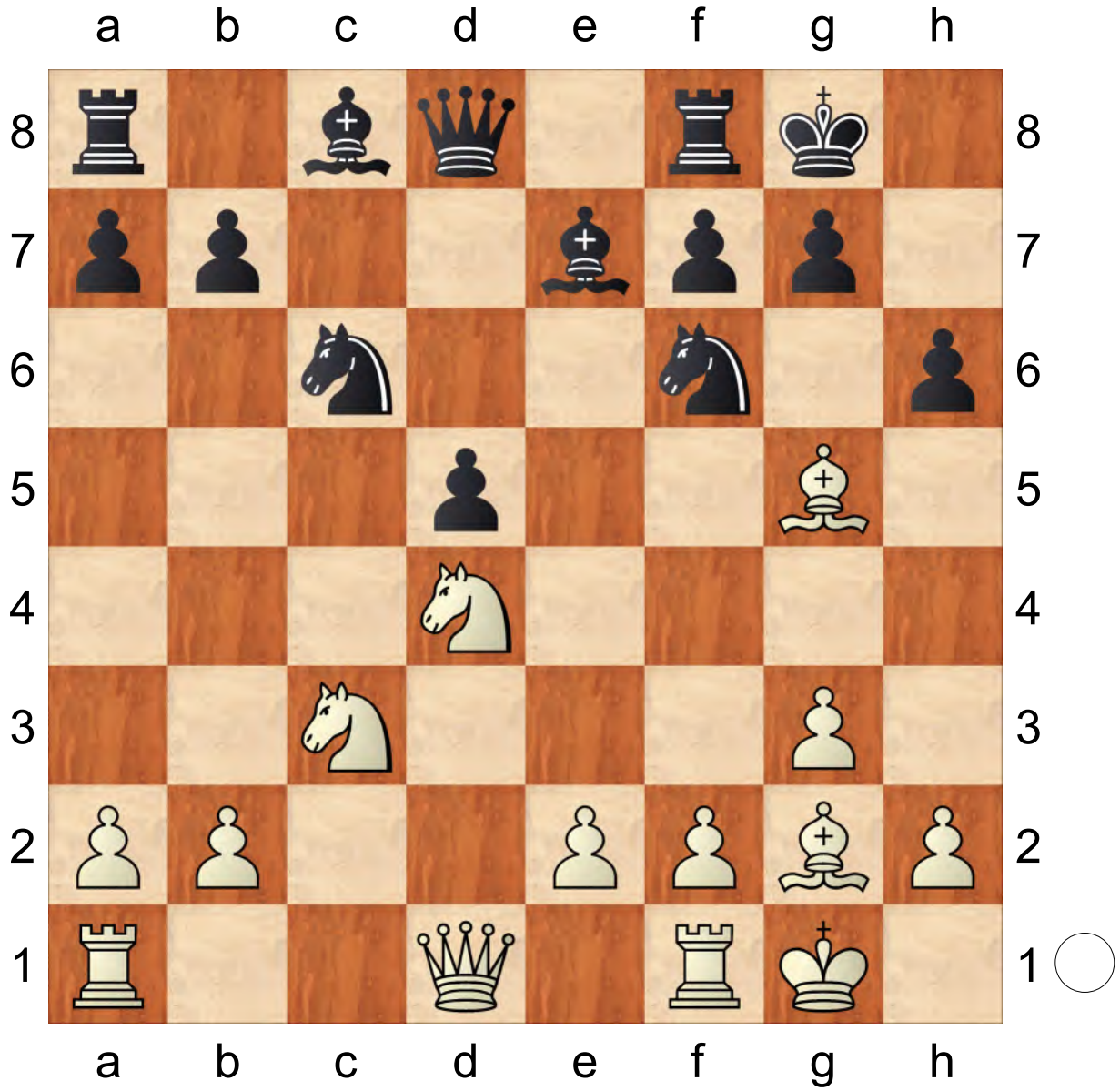
11.Be3 Re8 12.Rc1 Bg4?! I think black has more chances in 12...Bf8 line **13.h3**



Be6 14.Qa4 Ne5 N.

[14...Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Rfd1 Bd7 18.Qb3 Bg5 19.e3 b6 20.h4 Be6 21.Qc2 Bf6 22.Qxe4+- Stohl,I-Grant,J 1995.]

[14...Qd7 15.Kh2 a6 16.Nxc6 *(16.Nxe6 fxe6)* 16...bxc6 17.Rfd1 Rab8 18.b3 Bf5 19.Bf4 Rb6 20.e4 Rb4 21.Qxa6 Nxe4 A.Greenfeld-Smuter,L 1996 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.Qxc6+- [Avrukh,B]]

[14...Na5

A) 15.Rcd1

A1) 15...Nc4 16.Bc1 Bd7 17.Qb3 Na5 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Qd3 *(19.Qb1 Qb6)*;

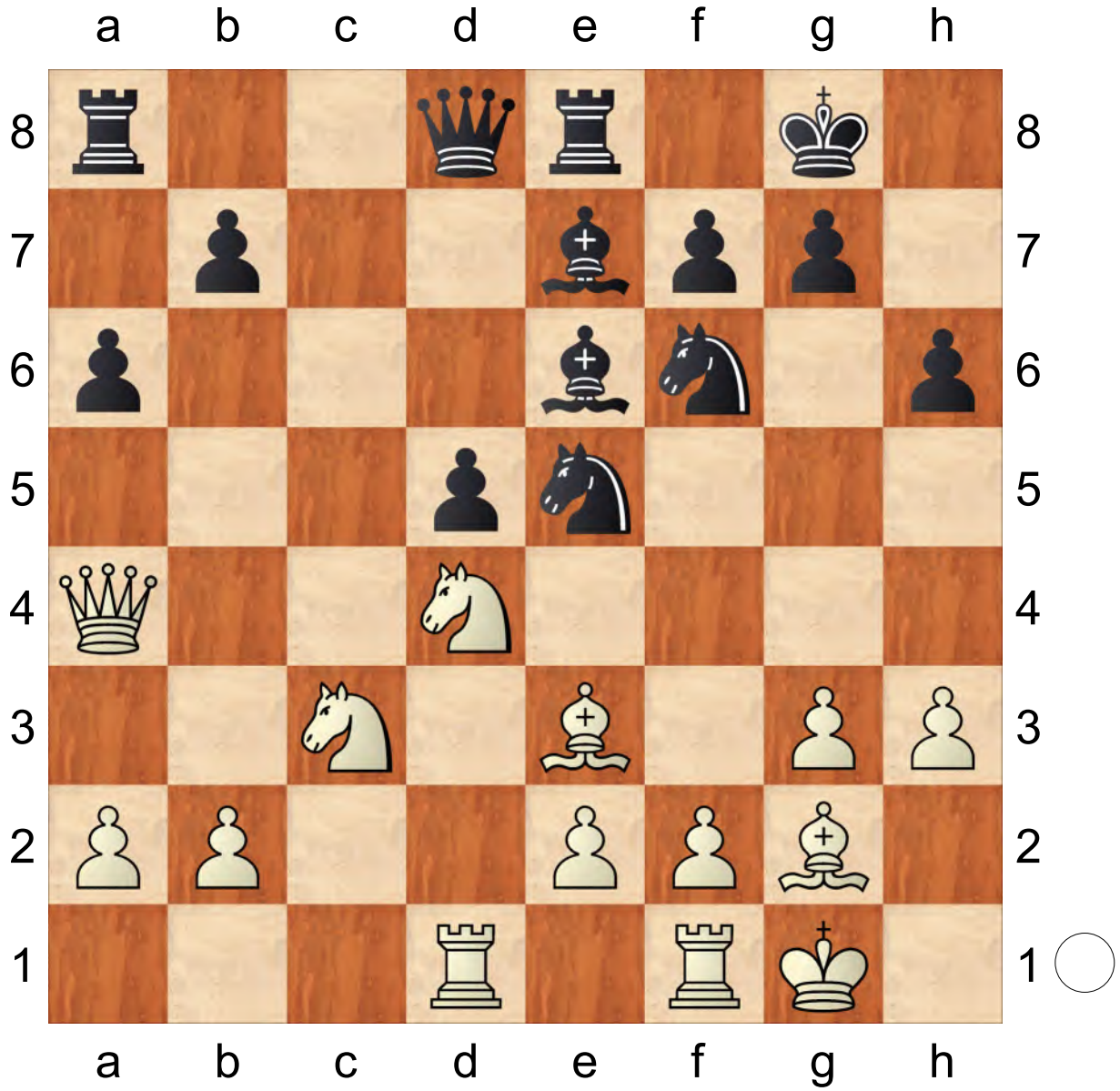
A2) 15...a6 16.Bc1 b5 *(16...Rc8 17.Qc2 b5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qg6)* 17.Qc2 b4 18.Nxe6 *(18.Na4 Bd7)* 18...fxe6 19.Na4 *(19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Qc8; 19.Na4)*;

B) 15.Nxe6 fxe6
B1) 16.Rfd1 a6 *(16...Nc4 17.Nxd5)*;
B2) 16.Rcd1;
B3) 16.Nb5 Nc6 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bd6 19.Qb3 b6 20.Rc6 Qd7 21.Rc2 Rac8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd1 Qf7 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.Bxd5+- Lutz-Demuth 1988]

15.Rcd1 a6
[15...Nc4? 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Nxd5!
A) 17...Nxb2 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Rxd8 Nxa4 20.Rxa8 *(20.Rd7)* 20...Rxa8 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Rb1!+-;
B) 17...exd5 18.Bxd5+ Qxd5 *(18...Nxd5 19.Qxc4)* 19.Rxd5 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Nxd5 21.Qb3 with next 22e4+-.]
[15...Bd7 16.Qb3 Bc6 17.Nf5±]
[15...Qc8 16.Kh2]

(Diagram)

16.Bf4!
[16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bd4 b5 18.Qb3 Nc4 19.f4± *(19.e4?! e5)*]
[16.Bc1 b5 17.Qb3 Qb6 *(17...b4? 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bxd5!! Nxd5 20.Nxd5+-)* 18.e4 *(18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.e4 d4 20.Ne2 Rad8∞)* 18...dxe4 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Qxe6 fxe6 21.Nxe4 Rad8⇄]
16...Nc4?!
[16...b5 17.Qb3 *(17.Qc2* Also possible,with big advantage for white.*)* 17...Nc4 18.e4±]
[16...Ng6 17.Bc1!± *(17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.e4 Nxf4 19.gxf4 Qb6! 20.exd5 Qxb2 21.Rd3 b5 22.Qd4 exd5=; 17.e4? Nxf4 18.gxf4 Bd7 19.Qb3 dxe4∓)*]
17.Qb3?!
[17.Nxe6! fxe6 18.Nxd5! exd5 *(18...Nxd5 19.Qxc4+-; 18...Nxb2 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rxd8 Nxa4 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Bxb7 Ra7 23.Bc8 Kf7 24.Be3 Rc7 25.Bxa6 Rc2 26.Rb1+-)* 19.Bxd5+ Qxd5 *(19...Nxd5 20.Qxc4+-)* 20.Rxd5 Nb6 21.Qb3 Nbxd5 22.e4!+-]
17...Qb6
[17...Qc8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.e4 e5 20.Nxd5!
A) 20...exf4 21.Nb6 Qe6 *(21...Qc5 22.Nxc4 Kh8 23.gxf4+-)* 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.e5!+-;
B) 20...Nxd5 21.exd5 exf4 22.d6 Bxd6 23.Rxd6+-]
18.Na4?!
[18.Nxe6! fxe6 19.Nxd5! *(19.e4? Qxb3 20.axb3 Nxb2 21.Rd2 Bb4)* 19...Nxd5 *(19...exd5 20.Bxd5+ Nxd5 21.Qxc4+-)* 20.Qxc4 Rac8 *(20...Nxf4 21.gxf4)* 21.Qe4
A) 21...Bf6



A1) 22.Bxh6!? gxh6 *(22...Qxb2 23.Rd2)* 23.Qg6+ Kf8 24.e4!+-;
A2) 22.Be5±;
B) 21...Nxf4 22.gxf4 Rc7 23.b3±]
[18.Qxb6 Nxb6 And black has real countrplay,by c file ♖ac8,♘c4.]
[18.e4 dxe4 19.Qxb6 Nxb6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Nxe4 Nfd5±]

18...Qa7

[18...Qxb3 19.axb3 Nd6 *(19...Na5 20.Nb6 Rad8 21.Bc7)* 20.Nb6 Rad8 21.Rc1 And white has advantage.]
[⌓18...Qa5
A) 19.Qxb7!? Qxa4 20.b3 Qxa2 21.bxc4 Qxc4 *(21...dxc4? 22.Ra1+-)* 22.Nc6 Bf8 *(22...Bc5? 23.Rc1+-)*
A1) 23.Bb8 Bd7 *(23...Raxb8 24.Nxb8 Bc8 25.Qb6 Qxe2 26.Nc6±)* 24.Bxd5 Qb5! 25.Qxa8 Nxd5 26.Na7! Rxb8 27.Qxd5 Qxd5 28.Rxd5 Rb7

29.Rfd1 Be6 30.Nc6=;
A2) 23.Nb8 Raxb8 24.Bxb8 Qxe2± ;
B) 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.e4 b5 21.exd5 *(21.Nc3 e5* And black is O.K.*)* 21...Rac8! *(21...Qxa4 22.d6 Qxb3 23.axb3 Nxb2 24.Rd2 Rad8 25.Bc6+-)* 22.Nc3 b4 23.Ne4 *(23.d6 bxc3 24.bxc3 Bxd6 25.Bxd6 Nxd6 26.Rxd6 Rxc3 27.Rxa6 Qxa6 28.Qxc3 Qxa2 29.Ra1 Qe2 30.Bf3 Qb5=)* 23...Nxd5 24.Bc1±]

19.e4?

[19.Nxe6! fxe6 20.e4 b5 21.exd5 Rac8 22.Nc3
A) 22...Na5 23.Qc2 b4 *(23...Nxd5? 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Qg6±)* 24.d6 bxc3 25.dxe7 cxb2 26.Qxb2 Qxe7 27.Qb6± ;
B) 22...b4 23.Ne2 exd5 24.Rxd5±]

19...Bd7!

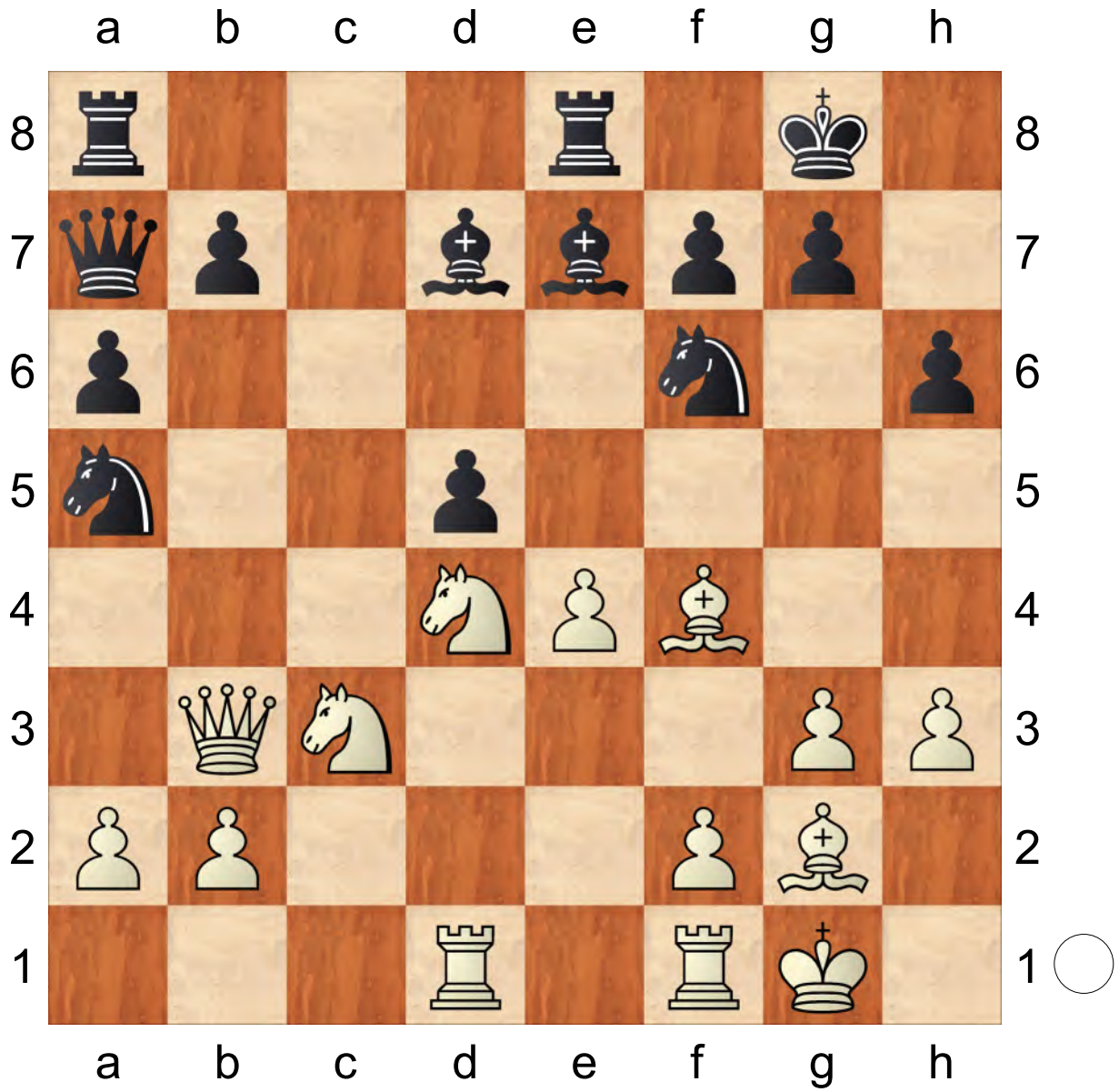
[19...b5? 20.Nc3 *(20.exd5 Bxd5)* 20...dxe4 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Bc1 And white is better.]

20.Nc3

[20.Nf5
A) 20...Bxa4 21.Qxa4 Nxb2 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Qb4 Nxd1 24.Qxe7
A1) 24...Re8 25.Qb4 Nxf2 *(25...Nxe4 26.Qa4)* 26.Rxf2 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Qc3± ;
A2) 24...Nc3 25.e5
A2a) 25...Re8 26.exf6! *(26.Qc7 Nfe4∓)* 26...Rxe7 27.fxe7 Qa8 28.Re1 Qe8 29.Bd2± ;
A2b) 25...Ne2+ 26.Kh2 Nxf4
A2b1) 27.exf6 Nxg2 *(27...Ng6 28.Qd6±)* 28.fxg7 Nf4 29.gxf4 Qd4 30.Qd6 Kxg7 31.Rg1+ Kh7∓ ;
A2b2) 27.gxf4! Ne4 *(27...Re8? 28.exf6! Rxe7 29.fxe7 Qb8 30.Re1 Qe8 31.Bxd5+-)* 28.e6 fxe6 *(28...Rf8? 29.exf7+ Rxf7 30.Qd8+ Kh7 31.Qxd5+-)* 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Qxd5
A2b21) 30...Nxf2? 31.Qf3;
A2b22) 30...Nc3 31.Qe5 *(31.Qxb7 Qxb7 32.Bxb7 Rf8)* 31...Na4 32.Rd1 Qxf2 33.Rd6;
A2b23) 30...Nc5 31.Rc1 Rc8 32.Qf5! Rc7 33.Qf8+ Kh7 34.Bd5+-;
A2b24) 30...Nf6 31.Qxb7 Qxb7 32.Bxb7 Ra7 33.Rb1± ;
B) 20...Bxf5 21.exf5
B1) 21...b5 22.Nc3 *(22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 Rac8 24.Nc3 Bf6⩲)* 22...d4 23.Bxa8 dxc3 24.Bg2 cxb2 25.Rfe1∞ ;
B2) 21...Rac8 22.Bxd5 *(22.Nc3 Na5 23.Qa4 Nc4 24.Nxd5! Nxb2 25.Nxe7+ Rxe7 26.Qb4* White is better.*)* 22...Nxd5 23.Rxd5 b5 24.Nc3 Bf6⩱]

[20.exd5?! Bxa4 21.Qxc4 Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Bc5!∓]

20...Na5



21.Qc2 dxe4

[21...Bc5 22.e5 Nh5 *(22...Bxd4? 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Nxd5±)* 23.Be3 *(23.Nde2 d4)* 23...Nc4 *(23...Rxe5 24.Nxd5 Bxh3 25.Bxh3 Rxd5 26.Nb5!±)* 24.Bxd5 Nxe5∞]

22.Nxe4 Nxe4

[⌓22...Rac8 23.Nc3 b5 *(23...Nc6=; 23...Bc5 24.Nb3 Nxb3 25.Qxb3 Bc6=)*

A) 24.Qb1;

B) 24.Nf5 Bc5 *(24...b4? 25.Nxe7+ Rxe7 26.Bd6; 24...Bxf5 25.Qxf5 Nc4 26.Nd5!→ ΔNxb2 27.Be3 Qb8 28.Nxe7+ Rxe7 29.Bf4±)* 25.Nd6 *(25.Qb1 Nc4)* 25...Bxd6 26.Bxd6 Nc4= 27.Bf4;

C) 24.a3 Bc5 *(24...Nc4!?)* 25.Nb3 Nxb3 26.Qxb3 Be6 27.Qc2 Nh5 And black is better.]

23.Qxe4 Bf6 24.Qd5

[24.Qd3=]

24...b5

[24...Rad8? 25.Bc7]

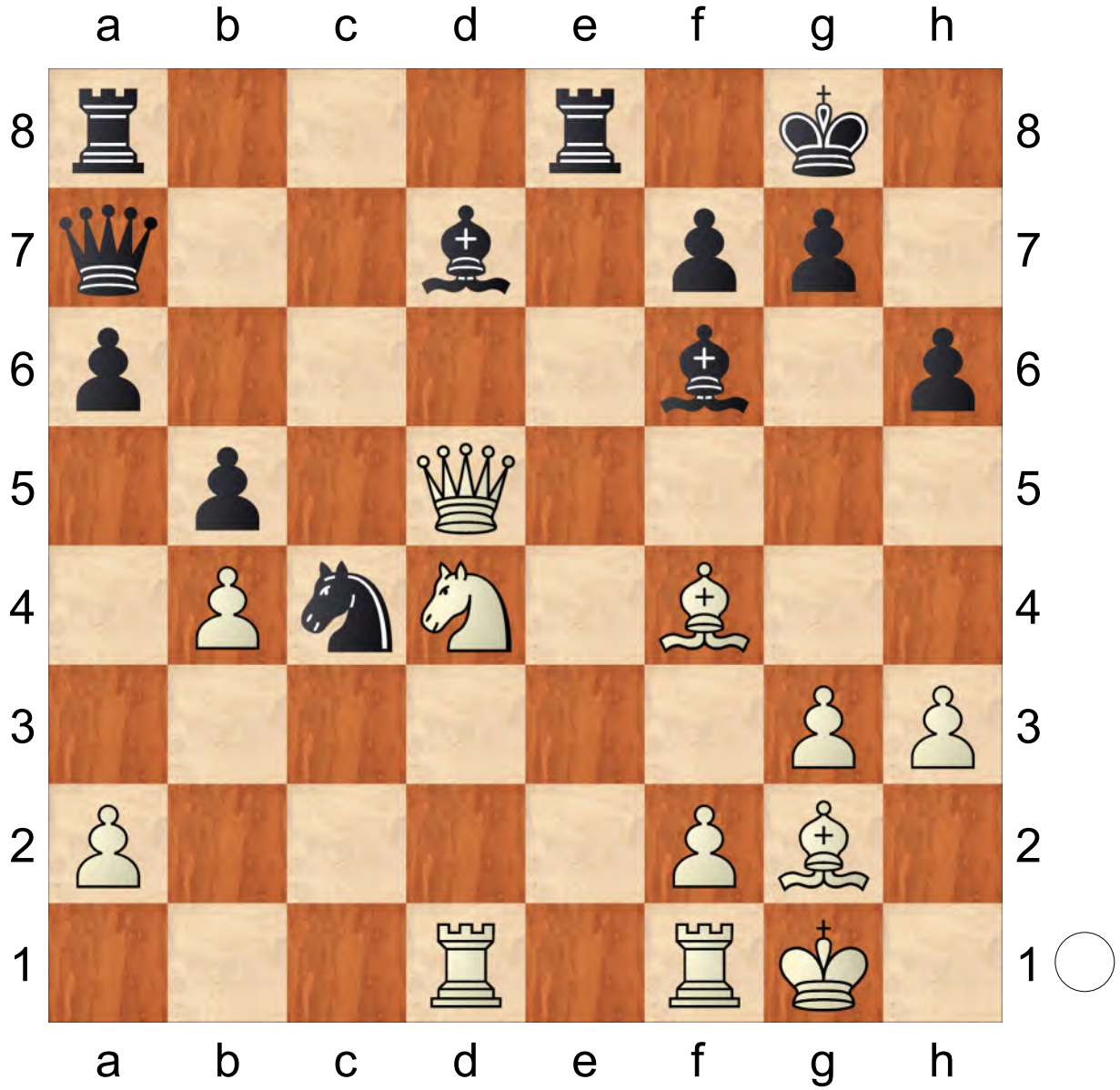
[24...Ba4 25.b3 Bxd4 *(25...Nc6 26.Nf5 Bb5 27.Nd6!±)* 26.Qxd4 Qxd4 27.Rxd4 Bb5 28.Rfd1±]

25.b4!

[25.Be3? Nc4 26.Nxb5 Nxe3 27.Nxa7 Nxd5 28.Rxd5 Rxa7-+]

[25.Bd6 Rac8 *(25...Rad8)* 26.b4 *(26.b3 Qb6=)* 26...Nc4 27.Bc5 Qc7=]

25...Nc4



26.Nb3

[26.Qc5 Be7!]

[26.Nc6 Bxc6 27.Qxc6 Bd4=]

26...Rad8?

[26...Be6! 27.Qc5 Be7! 28.Qxa7 Rxa7 29.Nc5 Bf6=]

27.Qc5 Qxc5 28.bxc5

[28.Nxc5 Bc8 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.a4 bxa4 *(30...Bc3 31.axb5 axb5 32.Ne4! Bxb4 33.Rb1=)* 31.Nxa4=]

28...Bf5

[28...g5? 29.Bc7+-]

[28...Bc8]

29.c6?⊕

[29.g4! ⇗ h2-b8. Bd3 *(29...Bc8 30.c6±; 29...Be4? 30.Rxd8 Bxd8 31.Re1 Bc6 32.Rxe8+ Bxe8 33.c6+-)* 30.Rfe1 Nb2! 31.Rc1 Bc4 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Be3 Nd3 34.Rb1 And white has better chances,with c pawn.]

29...g5! 30.Rxd8

[30.Bc1 Rxd1 *(30...Be5!?)* 31.Rxd1 Bc2 32.Rf1 Bd3= black has draw minimum.]

[30.Bc7? Rc8 31.Rd7 Re2∓]

30...Rxd8

[30...Bxd8!? 31.Be3 *(31.Bc1 Bb6* Δ32...a5-a4,black has more better chances. *; 31.Bb8 Bb6 32.c7 Re7 33.g4 Bc8∓* And pawn on c7 is fall dawn.*)* 31...Nxe3 32.fxe3 Bd3 33.Rc1 Bb6 34.Nd4 Bc4 with equal chances.]

(Diagram)

31.Be3

[31.Bc1]

31...Be5 32.Ba7 a5

[32...Ra8 33.Bd4]

33.g4

[33.Nxa5? Nxa5 34.Bb6 Ra8 35.c7 Ra6-+]

[33.f4!? gxf4 34.gxf4

A) 34...Bb8 35.Bxb8 Rxb8 36.Nd4±;

B) 34...Bc7 35.Nd4 Bd3 36.Rf3! *(36.Rd1 Bc2 37.Rc1 Ba4!∞; 36.Nxb5!? Bxf1 37.Bxf1 Bb6+ 38.Kh2≅)* 36...Nb2 37.Rg3+ Kh8 38.Rxd3 Nxd3 39.Nxb5±;

C) 34...Bc3!∞ Δ35.c7 Rc8 36.Bb8 a4 37.Bb7 axb3 38.Bxc8 Bxc8 39.axb3 Nd2 40.Rc1 b4∓]

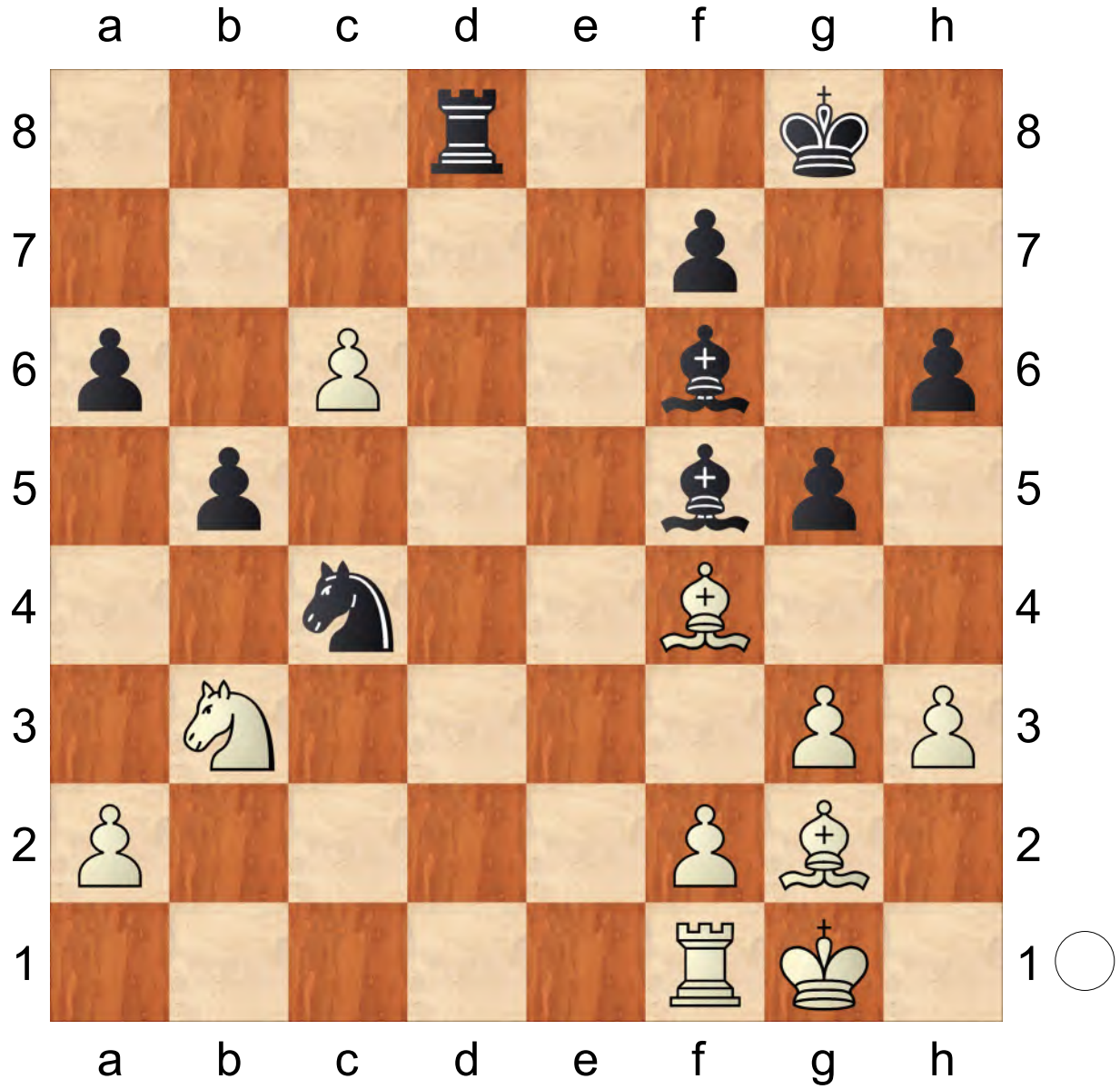
33...Bc8⊕ 34.Nc5

[34.Re1

A) 34...f6 35.Bd4 *(35.Nd4 b4)* 35...Kf7 36.Bxe5 fxe5 37.Rb1!±;

B) 34...a4? 35.Nd4! Ba6 *(35...b4 36.Bf1 Bxd4 37.c7 Rf8 38.Bxd4±)* 36.Nf5;

C) 34...Kg7 35.Nxa5 Bc3 36.Nb7 Bxb7 37.cxb7 Bxe1 38.b8Q Rxb8 39.Bxb8=]



34...Rd2

[34...f6? Δ♔f7-e7,but it too slowly. 35.Rb1! b4 *(35...Rd2 36.Ne4 Re2 37.Bf3 Rxa2 38.Rxb5±)* 36.Rc1 Bc3 37.Ne4]

[34...Bd4? 35.c7 Rd6 36.Re1±]

35.Re1?

[35.a4!

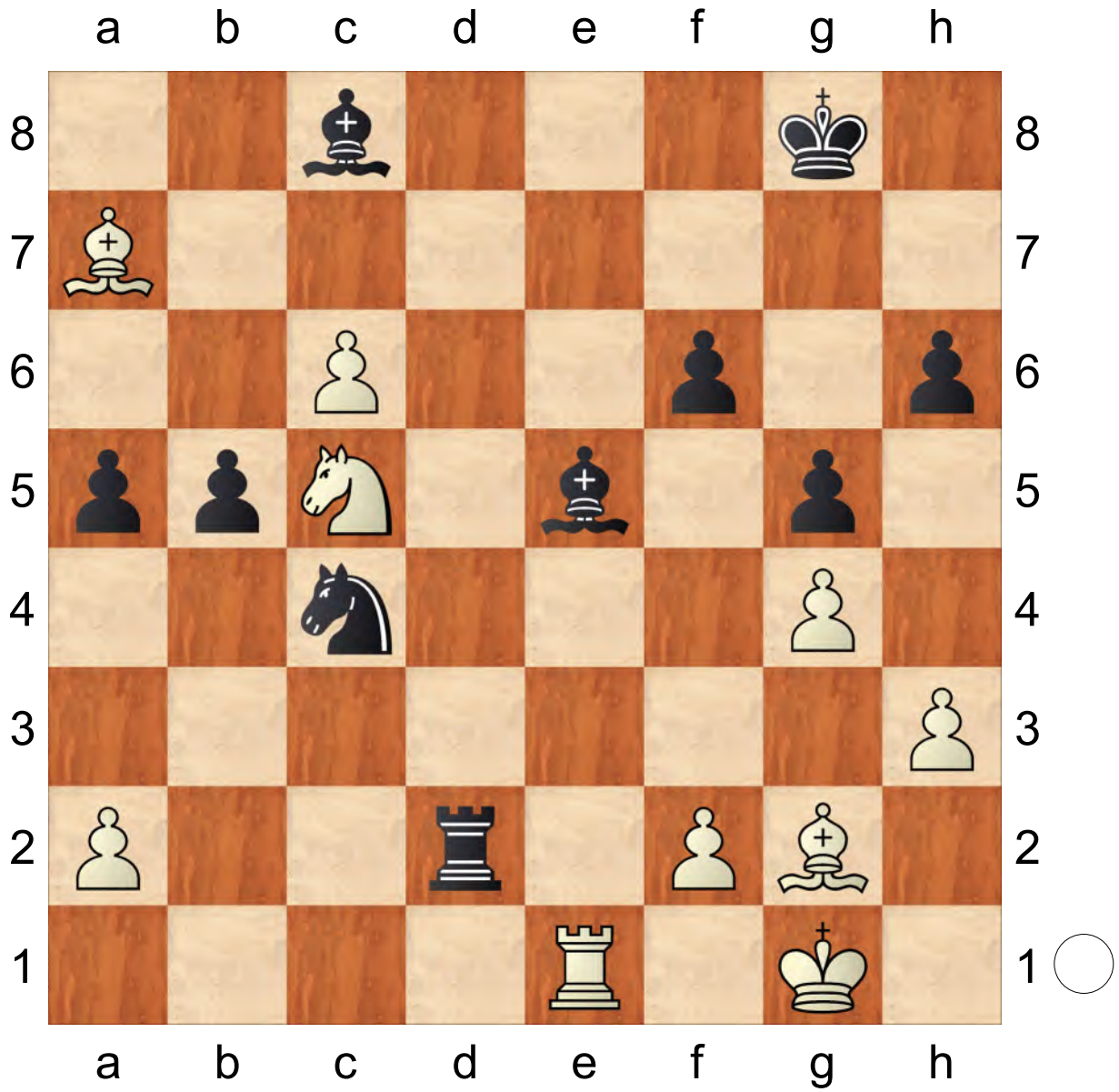
A) 35...b4 36.Rc1 Nb2 37.Bb6!± *(37.Bf1)*;

B) 35...bxa4 36.Nxa4±]

35...f6?⊕

[35...Rxa2 36.c7 *(36.Bd5 Ra1 37.Rxa1 Bxa1∓)* 36...Ra1 *(36...Kg7)* 37.Rxa1 Bxa1 38.Bb7 Nd6-+]

(Diagram)



36.c7

[36.a4 bxa4 *(36...b4 37.Ne4 Ra2 38.Nxf6+ Bxf6 39.Bd5+ Kg7 40.Bxc4 Rxa4 41.Re8* and white is winning.*)* 37.Nxa4 Kf7 38.Rc1 Nb2! 39.Be3 Rd1+ 40.Rxd1 Nxd1 41.Bb6 Nc3=]

36...Kf7

[36...Rxa2? 37.Bd5+! *(37.Bc6 Rb2 38.Nd3 Rc2)* 37...Kh8 38.Be6 Bxe6 39.Nxe6 Nd6 40.Bd4!+-]

37.Bb8?!

[37.a4!

A) 37...bxa4?! 38.Rc1 *(38.Nxa4 Bxc7 39.Rc1 Be5 40.Rxc4 Rd1+ 41.Bf1 Ba6 42.Nb6 Bxc4 43.Nxc4 a4)* 38...Nd6 39.Nxa4 white is better.;

B) 37...b4 38.Rc1 Nd6 *(38...Nb2? 39.Bb7+-)* 39.Nb3 Ra2 40.Nxa5 *(40.Bd5+ Kg7 41.Nxa5 Rxa4 42.Nc6 Nb5=)* 40...Rxa4 41.Nc6 Nb5

42.Nxe5+ fxe5 43.Bc5 Nc3 44.Kh2±;
C) 37...Bxc7 38.axb5 Bb6 39.Bxb6 Nxb6 40.Ra1 Rc2 41.Na4±]

37...Nd6
[37...Rxa2 38.Bb7 Bxb7 39.Nxb7 Nb6 40.Rc1 Nc8 41.Rd1 Rc2 42.Nxa5=]

38.Bc6
[38.Ne4
A) 38...Nxe4 39.Bxe4 Bd4 40.Rf1 Bb6 *(40...b4 41.Bf5 Bxf5 42.gxf5 Rc2 43.Rd1+-)* 41.Bf5 Bxf5 42.gxf5 Rc2 43.Rd1 Ke7 44.Rd5=;
B) 38...Rc2! 39.Nxd6+ Bxd6 40.Bd5+ Kf8 41.Be4 Rc3 42.Bg6 *(42.Re3 Rc1+ 43.Kg2 Bxc7∓)* 42...Be5∓]

38...Rc2
[38...Bd4 39.Ne4 Nxe4 40.Rxe4 Bxf2+ 41.Kf1 b4 42.Be8+ Kg7 43.Bb5 And white is winning.]

39.Bd5+ Kg7
[39...Kf8!?]

40.Nd3
[40.Ne6+ Kg6]

40...Rd2

(Diagram)

41.Nxe5 fxe5!
[41...Rxd5? 42.Nd7! *(42.Nc6 Rd2 43.Nxa5 Rxa2 44.Nc6±)* 42...Kf7 43.Nb6 Rd2 44.Rc1± Δ45♖c6-d6]

42.Ba8
[42.Rxe5! Kf6 43.f4! gxf4 44.Rh5 Kg6 45.Bc6]

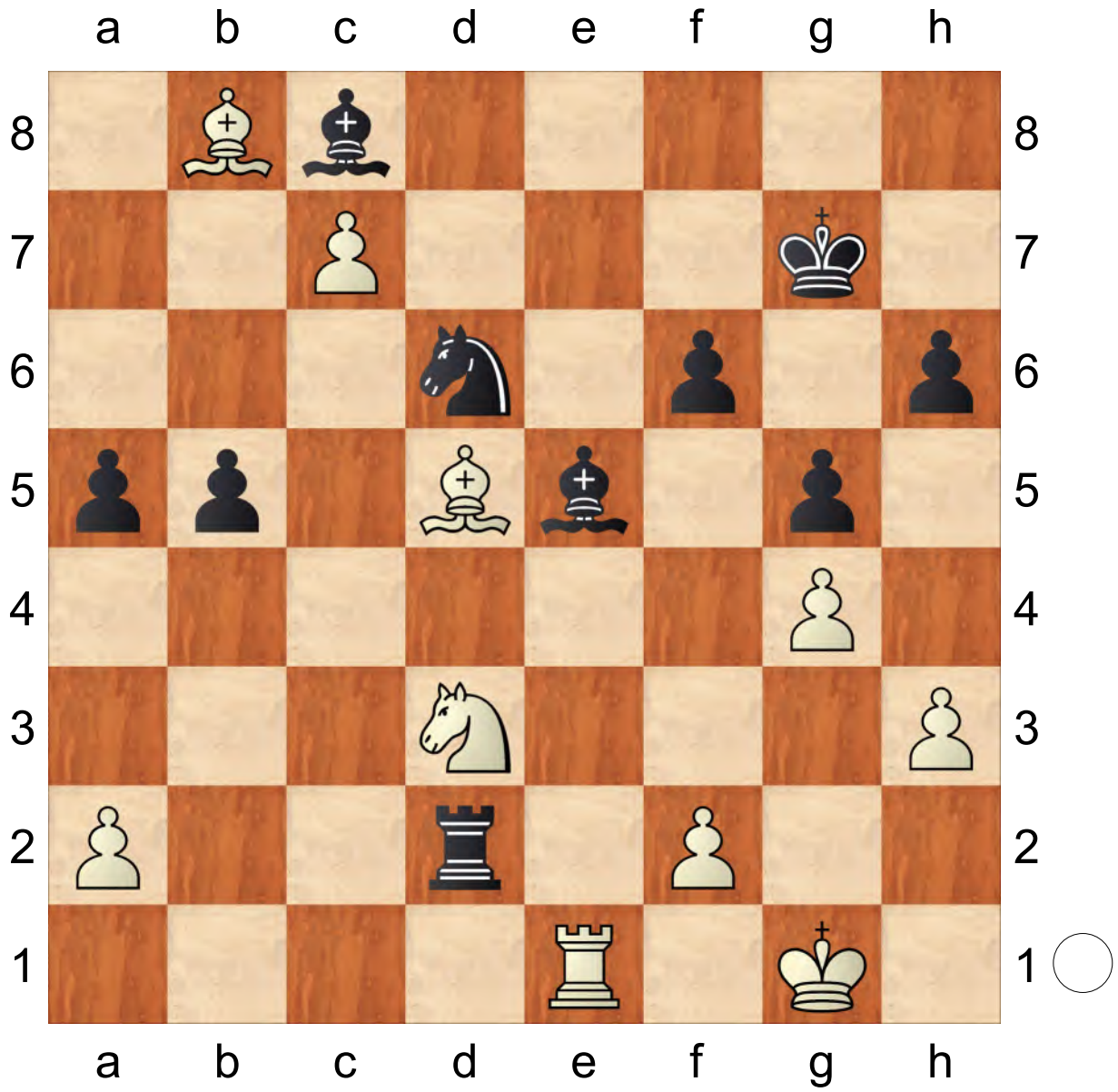
42...Kf6 43.Ba7 b4
[43...Rxa2? 44.Rd1+-]

44.Bb6
[44.Rc1 Rxa2 45.Rd1 *(45.Rc6 Ke6 46.Bc5 Rd2* and black must win.*)* 45...Nb5 46.Bb6 b3 47.Bd5 a4∓]

44...Nc4 45.Bc5 Rxa2

(Diagram)

46.Rc1
[46.Bd5 Rc2 47.Be4 Rc3 48.Rd1 *(48.Bf5 Nd2!-+)* 48...Nd2! 49.Rxd2 Rxc5 50.Rd6+ Ke7-+]
[46.Rd1
A) 46...b3? 47.Rd8 *(47.Be4 Rd2 48.Rc1 Nd6)* 47...b2 48.Be4 Ra1+
A1) 49.Kg2 b1Q 50.Bxb1 Bb7+ 51.Kh2 *(51.Kg3 Rxb1 52.Rb8 Nd2 53.f3 Rb2 54.Bf2)* 51...Rxb1 52.Rb8 Rh1+ 53.Kg3 Nd2 54.f3 *(54.Rxb7 Rg1+ 55.Kh2 Nf3#)* 54...Rc1;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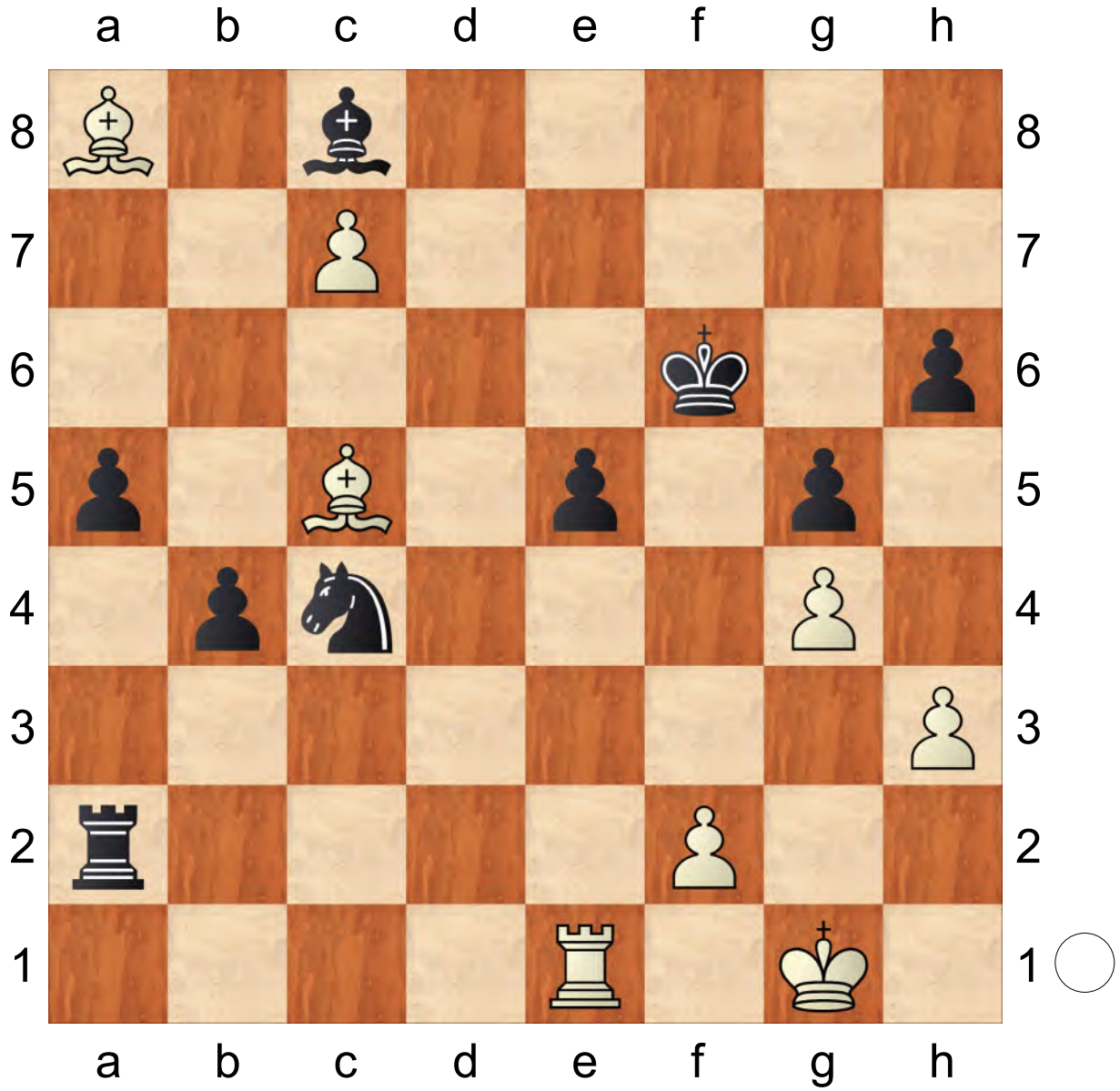


A2) 49.Kh2 Be6 50.Rf8+ Kg7 51.Re8+-;
B) 46...Rd2 47.Rc1 b3 Lead to the game.]
[46.Be4 Δ47Bf5. Nd2 *(46...b3 47.Bf5 b2 48.Bxc8 Ra1 49.Bf5 Rxe1+ 50.Kg2 Nd6 51.Bxd6 Rc1 52.f3 a4 53.Kf2±)* 47.Bd5 Rc2 48.Bd6⇄]

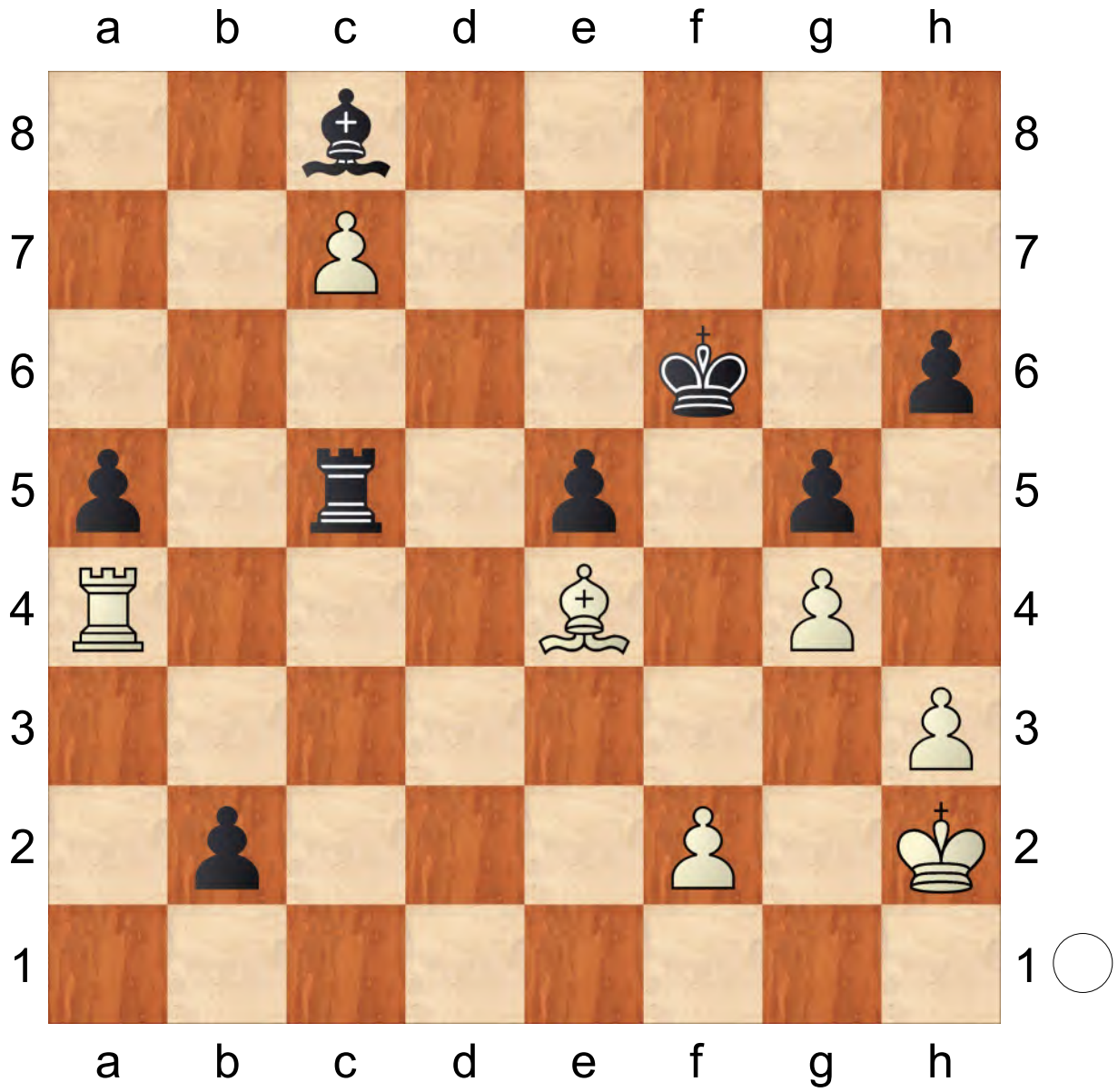
46...b3 47.Rxc4 b2 48.Be4 Ra1+ 49.Kh2 Rc1!-+
[49...b1Q? 50.Bxb1 Rxb1 51.Bf8!±]

50.Ra4 Rxc5

(Diagram)

51.Ra3 Be6 52.Rd3 Rxc7 53.Rd6 Ke7 54.Ra6 Rc4

(Diagram)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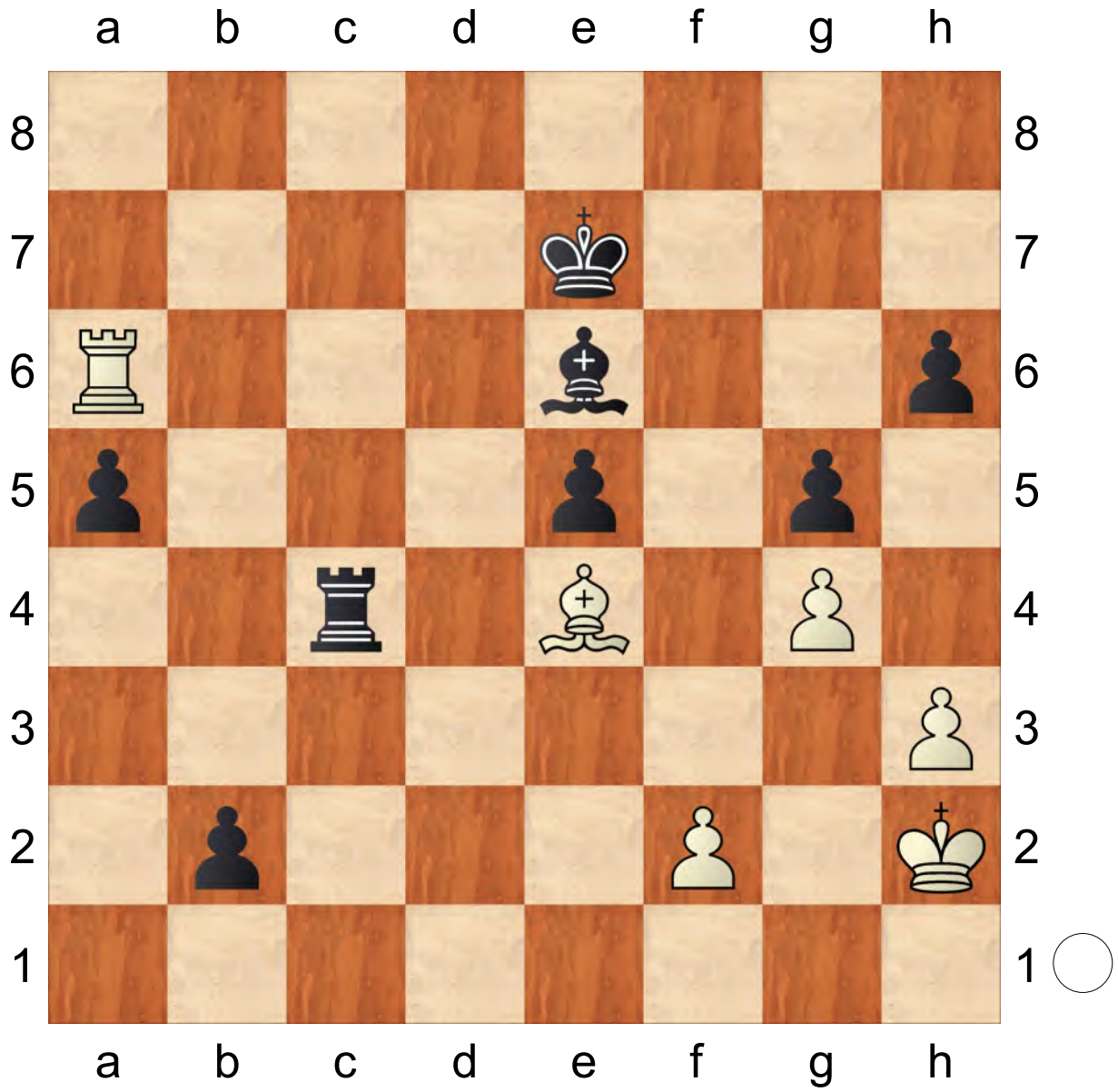

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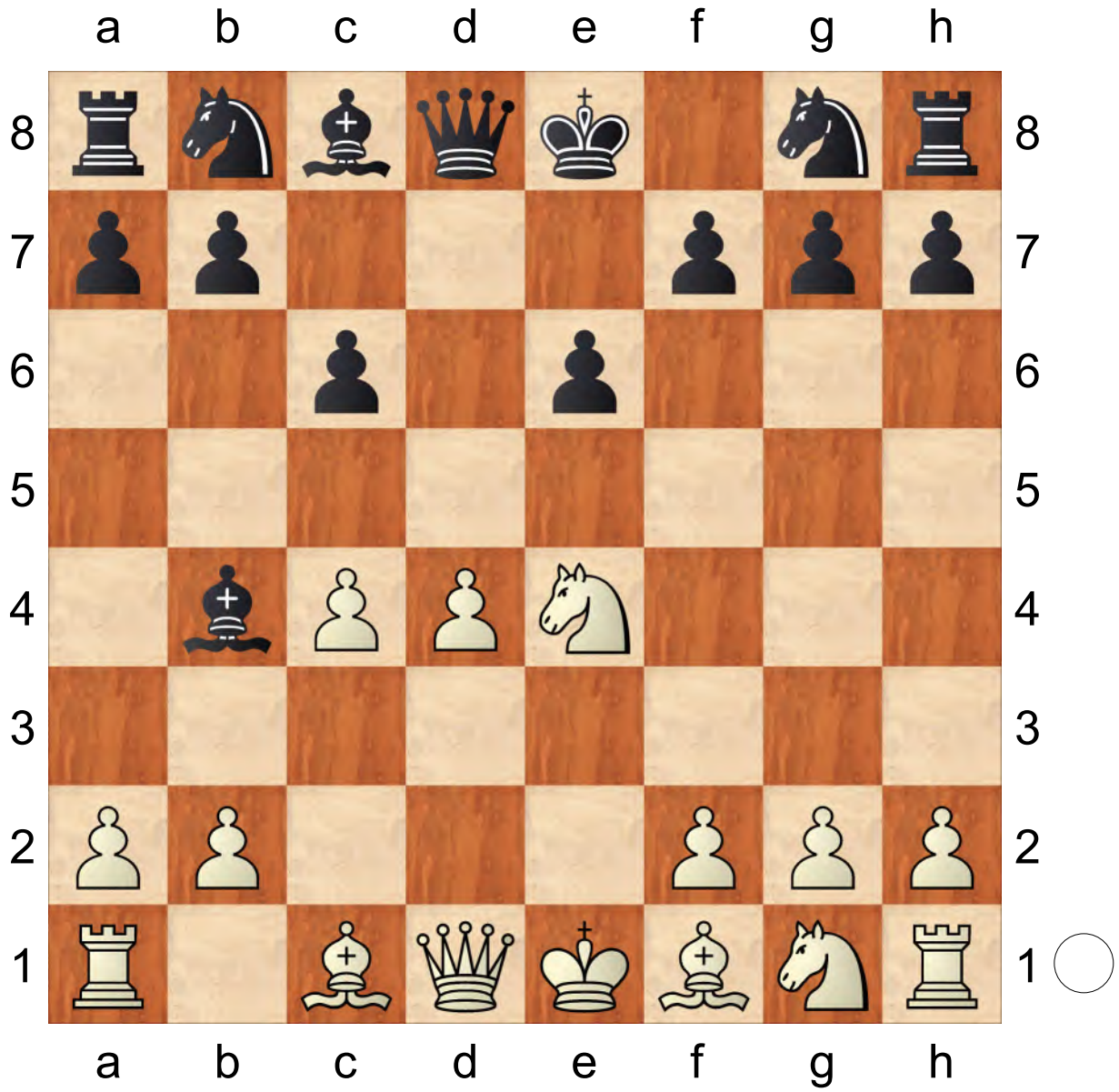
□ **CBM 66**
■ **3.e4 de 4.Ne4 Bb4 5.Nc3**
Survey Opening 09.1998
[Lukacs,Peter]

1.d4 Lukacs Lukacs **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+**



6.Nc3 In this survey I will deal with this cautios, positional line. The structure has similarities to the Nimzoindian types of positions.

[The wild complications and long theoretical lines after 6.Bd2 Qxd4 do not taste for everyone.]

6...c5 This is the main line, Black has to attack the ⊞ immediately.

[Another attacking alternative is 6...e5
A) 7.dxe5 Accepting the ♙ sacrifice White takes a risk: what happens, if he cannot finish his development and his ♔ remains in the ⊞? Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bf5 9.Nge2 Nd7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.f4 Nh6! × f5 *(11...h5!? 12.f5 Bh7 13.Nxh5 Nxe5∞* Todorovic *)* 12.Bd2 0-0-0 13.Be2 *(13.Kc1 Nc5* The black pieces begin to invade White's camp! *14.Nce4 Bxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Rd4∓; 13.Nce4 Bxd2 14.Nd6+ Kc7 15.Kxd2 f6!* blows up White's only hope, the centrel ♙ formation, after which the ♘ on d6 is hanging in the air. *)* 13...Nc5 14.Kc1 Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 Bxd3 16.Be3! Bxc4! 17.Bxa7 Kc7 18.Bg1 *(18.a3 Be7!)* 18...Rd3∓ The ↻ and the ♖ give Black excellent chances for the ♙, Brkljaca-Todorovic, Yugoslavia 1993.;
B) 7.Nf3 exd4= and White's ⊞ is finished.
B1) 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Now the position has a strong drawish character Nf6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Bf5 *(12.Be3 Ng4)* 12...Na6 *(12...Bxf5 13.Nxf5 Nbd7 14.a3 Bf8=)* 13.Be3 g6=;
B2) 8.Nxd4
B2a) 8...Bxc3+?! is too early 9.bxc3 c5 continuing the dubious plan, in the ⊥ the ♖ is more important than the doubled ♙s. 10.Nb5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Na6 12.Bd3 *(12.Nd6+ Ke7 13.Nxc8+* unnecessarily helps for Black to finish his development, the ♘ on b5 attacks a7 ♙. *Rxc8 14.Bd3 Nf6 15.Bg5 Nc7 16.Re1+ Ne6 17.Kc2 h6=* Konikowski*)* 12...Nf6 13.Re1+±;
B2b) 8...Nf6 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Na6=;
C) 7.a3!? Todorovic 7...Ba5 8.dxe5 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 In comparision to the 7.dxe5 line here b2-b4 is a threat forcing Black to give up the ♖. Bxc3 10.bxc3 Be6 11.f4 Nd7 12.Nf3 *(12.Rb1!? 0-0-0⩱)* 12...Nb6 13.Nd4 Bxc4 White gives back the weak ♙, but his ♖ and the strong e5 ♙ secures him the better chances. 14.Nf5 Bb3+ 15.Ke1 Kf8 *(15...Ne7?* is not correct: *16.Nxg7+ Kf8 17.Nh5 Rd8 18.Be3 Na4 19.Rb1 Be6 20.Rxb7 Nxc3 21.Bd2 Ne4 22.Ba5 Rc8 23.Ba6±* Manor-Dao Thien Hai, Budapest 1994 *)* 16.Be3±]
[6...Nf6 7.Nf3 c5 - 6...c5]
7.Nf3
[7.Be3 is not a dangerous alternative.
A) 7...Qa5!? 8.Nge2
A1) 8...Ne7 Δ ♘f5
A1a) 9.a3 is slow here: Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 Nf5;
A1b) 9.dxc5
A1b1) 9...Nf5 10.a3 Nxe3 *(10...Bxc5? 11.b4)* 11.fxe3 *(11.axb4? Qxa1)* 11...Bxc3+ 12.Nxc3 Qxc5 13.Qd4 Qxd4 14.exd4 Nc6 15.0-0-0± with a strong ♙ formation, and Black has problems with his c8 ♗.;
A1b2) 9...Bxc5 is met by 10.Nd4;
A1c) 9.d5!? Is this ♙ strong or weak, that is the question. 9...0-0 10.a3

Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 Rd8 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bd2 Qb6 (Rabczewsky-Testa, Rom 1990) 14.Be2!? Δ Qxb2? 15.Rb1 Qxa3 16.Nb5;

A2) 8...cxd4 solves the problem of the centre in a clear-cut way. 9.Bxd4 Nf6 10.a3 *(10.Ng3 Nc6)* 10...Be7 11.b4! *(11.Ng3 Nc6 12.b4 Qc7* This is the difference! *13.Be3 0-0 14.Be2 b6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Qc1 a6 18.Nc3 Qc7 19.Na4 Nd7∞* Aljechin-Junge, Salzburg 1942*)* 11...Qd8 Now the ♕ has to go back to her initial position. 12.Be3 0-0 13.Nd4 Δ ♗e2 and if White can finish his development, his chances are better because of the ♙ majority on the «.;

B) 7...cxd4!? is the other alternative. In the ♕a5 line the ♕ had to lose some tempi, but White's ♘ was on the less efficient square e2. Here the ♘ can go to f3. 8.Bxd4 Nf6 9.a3 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 Here White's activity on the « is not so dangerous, while Black gains an important tempo hitting the ♗ with ♘c6. 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bf4 Qa5 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Be2 Ng6 17.Be3 Bd7 18.0-0 Bc6

B1) After 19.b4? Qe5! suddenly the white ♔ is in danger! 20.Rfe1 *(20.b5 Bxg2! 21.Kxg2 Nh4+-+* Δ ♗d6*; 20.g3 Nh4! 21.Bf4 Qf6∓)* 20...Bxg2! 21.Kxg2 Nh4+ 22.Kf1 *(22.Kh1 Bd6)* 22...Qh2-+ Raicevic-Ciric, Tuzla 1979;

B2) 19.Bd3!? Rad8⇄;

C) 7...Nf6

C1) 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 and White wants to play an ⊥ with his « ♙ majority. Oh, sacra simplicitas!

C1a) 9...Na6 10.Nge2 Bd7 11.a3 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.b4± is the ideal position for White here.;

C1b) 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nbd7 and the tripled ♙s are not esthetical at all: 11.Be2 *(11.Nf3 Ng4)* 11...Ne4;

C1c) 9...Ne4 10.Nge2 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Bd7 13.Be2 Bc6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Rd2 0-0-0⇄ blockading the tripled ♙s on c6, Piskov-Dreev, Jurmala 1982.;

C1d) 9...Ng4!? deserves attention as well.;

C2) 8.Nge2 cxd4 9.Qxd4 *(9.Bxd4* runs into *Nc6* again. *)* 9...Qxd4 *(9...Qa5!? 10.Qd1 0-0 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 Qe5 13.Qc1 Nc6 14.Bf4 Qf5 15.Ng3 Qg6 16.Qb1 Qxb1+ 17.Rxb1 a5 18.c5 axb4 19.axb4 Rd8 20.Nge2 e5 21.Bg5 Bf5 22.Rb2 Ra1+ 23.Nc1 Ne4!∓* Bauman-Flear, 1991 *)* 10.Bxd4 Nc6=;

C3) 8.a3

C3a) 8...Ba5

C3a1) 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ *(9...Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Ne4 11.Nge2 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Be2 Bc6 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Rd2 0-0-0⩱* is similar to Piskov-Dreev, Jurmala 1982 with an extra a3.*)* 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Qb3 *(11.Qc2 Nbd7)* 11...0-0 *(11...Nbd7 12.Qb4)* 12.Be2 *(12.Nf3 Ng4 13.Bd4 e5!* White has to reckon with this push in

the ♖ all the time. *)* 12...Na6 13.Nf3 Ne4 and the weak ♙ falls.;
C3a2) 9.Rc1 cxd4 10.Qxd4 *(10.Bxd4* is met by *Nc6* as usual *)* 10...Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.b4 Bc7
C3a21) 14.g3 a5! White cannot keep his nice ♙ formation. 15.b5 *(15.Nb5 Bb8)* 15...Nd4!⇄;
C3a22) 14.Nf3 Ke7! 15.g3 *(15.Be2 Bd7=)* 15...Ne5 16.Nxe5 fxe5 Black's corrupted ♙ structure is fully compensated by his ♕. 17.Bg2 (Groszpeter-Lukacs, Hungary-ch 1991) *(17.c5 Bd7 18.Bg2 Bc6=)* 17...a5! 18.0-0 *(18.b5 Bd6 19.a4 Rb8=; 18.Nb5 Bb8 19.0-0 axb4 20.axb4 Ra4 21.Rb1 Rd8=)* 18...axb4 19.axb4 Bd7=;
C3a3) 9.d5 is too agressive, White has not enough strength to conquer the ♖ before finishing development.
C3a31) 9...exd5 is inferior to 10.Bxc5! *(10.cxd5 0-0∞)*;
C3a32) 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5∞;
C3a33) 9...Na6 10.dxe6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bxe6 12.Bd3 Qa5 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Nb8 15.0-0 Nbd7= Agrest-Smely, Minsk 1984;
C3a4) 9.Nge2
C3a41) 9...Ne4 10.dxc5!? *(10.Rc1 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 cxd4 12.Bxd4 0-0)* 10...Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7⩱ was seen before.;
C3a42) 9...cxd4
C3a421) 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6
C3a4211) 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.b4 *(13.0-0-0 Bb6 × f2)* 13...Bc7 14.g3 *(14.0-0-0 a5!)* 14...a5!∞ is similar to the previous notes.;
C3a4212) 12.Be3 Ng4 Now White has to play very carefully in order to avoid the activization of the black pieces.
C3a42121) 13.Bf4?! runs into e5! 14.Bg3 Nd4! 15.0-0-0 Nf5∓;
C3a42122) 13.Bd2?! leaves the important g1-a7 ⇗.
C3a421221) 13...Nge5 14.Ng3 Nd4 Black is very active here as well. 15.0-0-0 Nb3+ 16.Kc2 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 ½:½, Meister-Lukacs, Budapest 1990. However Black can continue the fight without any risk, for example: f5! cutting away both ♘ from the ♖. 18.b4 *(18.Re2 Nc6 Δ 19.Nxf5? 0-0!-+; 18.Be2 0-0 19.Rhd1 Bb6∓)* 18...Bd8 19.Nb5 0-0 20.Be2 *(20.Nd6? Bg5! 21.Rd1 Ng4)* 20...Bg5∓;
C3a421222) 13...Bb6! 14.Ne4 *(14.Nd1 Nge5)* 14...f5 15.c5 fxe4 16.cxb6 0-0 17.Be3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 axb6 19.Nc3 Ne5 20.Be2 *(20.Nxe4 Ng4!)* 20...Bd7! 21.Nxe4 Bc6∓;
C3a42123) 13.Bc5□ Nge5 14.Nd4 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 b6! *(15...Na5 16.Bb4 Nexc4 17.Nb5 Kd7 18.Rd1+ Kc6 19.a4*

a6 20.Na3 Nxa3 21.Bxa5 b6 22.Bd3!+- Guliev-Volzhin, Orel, 1992 *)* 16.Bd6 Ba6 × c4;

C3a422) 10.Bxd4 Nc6∞ *(10...Bxc3+?!* gives up the ♕ without forcing it. *11.Nxc3 0-0 12.Be2 Qe7 13.Qc2 Nc6 14.Be3 Rd8 15.Rd1±* Landau-Muhring, Rotterdam 1934 *)*;

C3b) 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Ne4 Ciric 11.Qc2 *(11.Qg4 Nxd2 12.Qxg7 Qxc3! 13.Qxh8+ Kd7⩱)* 11...Nxd2 12.Qxd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nc6= Euwe]

[7.a3

A) 7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Now the position resembles to the Nimzoindian structures. Qa5 *(8...Nf6 9.Nf3* - 7.♘f3 ♘f6*)* 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Bd3 Bd7 *(10...0-0 11.Nf3 Bd7* - 10... ♗d7 *)* 11.Nf3 0-0 Lukacs: '- 10... ♗d7' 12.0-0 Bc6 13.Ne5 Be4 14.Qc2 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Qc7 16.Bg5 Nbd7 17.f4 Rac8 18.Rac1 Qd6∞ Horber-Flear, Broco 1990;

B) ⌓7...Ba5 Black can wait with the exchange on c3.

B1) 8.dxc5 is slightly better according to Adorjan. However things are far from clear, as we will see it later. Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Nd7 11.Be3 Ngf6 Δ ♘g4 ⩲;

B2) 8.Nf3

B2a) 8...cxd4 9.Qxd4 *(9.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nf6∞)* 9...Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxc3+ *(10...Bd7!?)* 11.bxc3 a6= against ♘b5 *(11...Nf6?* allows *12.Nb5! Na6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Nd6+ Ke7 15.Nxb7 Ng4 16.Bf4 e5 17.Bg3 Rab8 18.c5 Nc7 19.Na5 f6 20.Be2±* Gulko-Khenkin, Moscow 1992 *)*;

B2b) 8...Nf6 9.Be3 - 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.a3 ♗a5 9.♗e3;

B3) 8.Be3 Nf6 *(8...Ne7 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Qc2 Nf5 13.Bf4 Qxc5 14.Bd3 h6 15.0-0 Nc6 16.Rfe1 g5 17.Bc1 Bd7 18.Rb1 b6 19.Rb5 Qd6∞* Szeles-T.Halasz, Zalakaros 1988 *)*

B3a) 9.Rc1 cxd4 10.Qxd4 *(10.Bxd4* Lukacs: 'is met by' *Nc6* Lukacs: 'as usual' *)* 10...Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12.Be3 *(12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.b4 Bc7 14.Nf3 b6* is the same structure as in Groszpeter-Lukacs. Black can calmly see in the future here. *15.c5 Bf4 16.Rc2 bxc5 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Ne4 Ke7 19.Rxc5 Rac8 20.Ba6 Rc7 21.g3 Nb8 22.Bd3 Rxc5 23.Nxc5 Bc1 24.Nxd7 Nxd7=* Groszpeter-Flear, Lenk op. 1992*)* 12...Bxc3+ *(12...0-0 13.Nf3 Ng4 14.Bd2 Bb6 15.Nd1 Rd8* and Black has taken over the ↑ quickly: *16.c5 Bc7 17.Ne3 e5 18.Bc4 e4 19.Ng5 Nce5 20.Nxe4 Rd4 21.Nxg4 Bxg4 22.f3 Nxc4 23.Bc3 Rd3-+* Arhipov-Gofman, 1985 *)* 13.Rxc3 e5= *(13...b6!?)*;

B3b) 9.Nge2 - 7.♗e3 ♘f6 8.a3 ♗a5 9.♘ge2]

[7.d5 Nf6 8.Bg5 0-0 and White cannot hold his d5 ♙ for a long time.]

7...Nf6 Lukacs: '- 6...c5' **8.a3**

[8.Be3

A) 8...cxd4 9.Nxd4

A1) 9...0-0 10.Be2

A1a) 10...e5?! 11.Ndb5 Nc6 12.0-0 Bf5 *(12...a6 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.N3d5±)* 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Qd6 This is the position White is aiming for in this variation. He has the ♙ majority on the « and the ▣. Rfe8 *(15...Rfd8?* loses the ♙ after *16.Qxe7 Nxe7 17.Nxa7 Ng4 18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.Nb5±* Seirawan-Strauss, USA 1990 *)* 16.Rfd1±;

A1b) 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qe7∞;

A2) 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Be2 Qe7 Lukacs: ' ∞' '∞' 12.0-0 Rd8 ½:½, Seirawan-Ribli, Barcelona 1989;

B) 8...Nc6 9.dxc5 *(9.Be2* - 8.♗e2 ♘c6 9.♗e3*; 9.a3 Ba5* - 8.a3 ♗a5 9.♗e3 ♘c6 *)* 9...Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Ne4=]

[8.Be2

A) 8...Ne4 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Qxd2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 *(11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.Bf3 Nc6=* and Black has everything in order.*)* 11...0-0 *(11...Nc6?! 12.Nxc6 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 bxc6 14.Bf3 Bd7 15.a3±)* 12.Bf3 Qa5 13.0-0 Nd7∞;

B) 8...Nc6

B1) 9.dxc5? is inferior here, too: Qxd1+ 10.Bxd1 Ne4 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc5∓;

B2) 9.Be3 Ng4

B2a) 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 *(11.Bxd4 e5∓)* 11...Nxe3∓;

B2b) 10.d5 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Ne7 12.e4

B2b1) 12...Ng6!? 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qd2 exd5

B2b11) 15.cxd5? White's central ♙s are ideal targets for Black now. Bg4 16.Rad1 Re8 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 c4 19.Kh1 Ne5∓ *(19...a6 20.Qd4 Bd6! 21.Qxc4 Qg5 22.Qd4 Ne5 23.Be2 g6⩱* M.Orso-Lukacs, Hungary-chT 1981 *)*;

B2b12) 15.exd5 Bg4=;

B2b2) 12...0-0 13.0-0 exd5 14.cxd5 *(14.Nxd5 Ng6* Δ ♗g4 *)* 14...Ng6 15.Qc2 Bg4 16.a3 Ba5 17.Na4 Rc8 18.Kh1 Bc7 19.Rad1 Bd6 20.Nc3 a6∓ Seirawan-Kir.Georgiev, Brusels, 1992;

B2b3) 12...exd5! Now White has to decide which ♙ takes back on d5. 13.cxd5 *(13.exd5 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 0-0* Δ ♘f5,♘d6 with a successful blockade, × c4. *)* 13...0-0 14.0-0 Ng6 - 12...♘g6;

B3) 9.a3 Ba5 Black has to keep the tension. Lukacs: '=' '=' *(9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 h6 11.0-0 0-0* Lukacs: '=' '=' *)*

B3a) 10.dxc5 Qxd1+ 11.Bxd1 Ne4 12.Bd2 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 15.Rb1 0-0-0 16.Ng5 Ne5 17.Be2!? *(17.Ne4 Bc6 18.Nd6+ Kc7 19.0-0 Rhf8 20.Bf3 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 a6 22.Rfd1 Bxf3∓* Crouch-Sorokin, Katowice 1992 *)* 17...Bc6 18.f4 h6;

B3b) 10.Be3 Ng4! *(10...Ne4 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.bxc3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 0-0 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.Re1 Rad8 18.Re5 Bc6 19.Qe2±* K.Grigorian-V.Karasev, SU 1972 *)*]

8...Ba5

[8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Lukacs: '- 7.♘f3 ♘f6'

A) 9...Qa5 10.Bd2 *(≤10.Qc2* allows the corruption of the ♙ structure: *cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Be2 e5 14.Nb5 Rd8 15.a4 a6 16.Na3 Bg4 17.f3 Bh5 18.0-0 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 e4∓* Cvitan-Svesnikov, Tilburg 1993*)* 10...Ne4 11.Bd3 *(11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 cxd4=)* 11...Nxd2 12.Qxd2 0-0

A1) 13.Ke2 Nd7 14.Rhd1 Rd8 15.Qg5 Nf6 16.Qxc5 Qxc5 17.dxc5 Bd7 18.Rab1 Rab8 19.Rb4 e5! 20.Bc2 Rdc8 21.Ng5 Bc6⩱ Hertneck-L. Portisch, Berlin op. 1997;

A2) 13.0-0 Nd7 *(13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd2 15.Nxd2 Rd8 16.Nf3 Nc6 17.Rfd1±)* 14.Qc2 h6 15.Rfb1 Rb8∞;

A3) 13.Bc2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 The hanging ♙s are weak in this case. 15.Be4 Bd7 16.Ne5 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8 19.Bxb7 Rxc4= Bohnsch-Knaak, Baden Baden 1992;

B) 9...Nc6 10.Be2 *(10.Bd3? cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4)*

B1) ≤10...Ne4 11.Qc2±;

B2) 10...Qa5 11.Bd2 Ne4 12.d5! *(12.0-0? cxd4-+)*;

B3) ⌓10...0-0 11.0-0 h6=;

C) 9...0-0 10.Bd3

C1) 10...b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Bg5 Now White's ⊞ is strong and his ♖ can attack the ». Nbd7 *(12...Nc6? 13.d5! exd5 14.cxd5 Qxd5? 15.Bxf6+-)* 13.Ne5! Qc7 14.Re1 cxd4 *(14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Be7 Rfe8 17.Bd6±)* 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.cxd4 Rfe8 17.Qg4! This is a typical Nimzoindian position!

C1a) 17...Rac8?! 18.Bh6 g6 19.h4 Qd6 20.Rad1! Qxa3 Adorjan-Lukacs, Hungary-ch 1984 21.Re3!

C1a1) 21...Qd6? 22.h5 e5 23.Bf5! Nf6 24.Qg5 Nxh5 *(24...exd4 25.hxg6! hxg6 26.Bxg6)* 25.Bxc8 Bxc8 26.Rxe5+-;

C1a2) 21...Qa4 22.Rde1±;

C1b) 17...Nf8 18.Re3±;

C2) 10...h6 11.Ne5 against b7-b6 *(11.0-0 b6 12.Re1 Bb7)* 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 b6 13.0-0 Bb7

C2a) 14.Ng4 is against the principles, White has to continue his development. Nc6 15.Be3 Rc8 16.Rc1 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 Ne5! 18.dxe5 Qxd3 19.Rfd1 *(19.Bxh6 Qg6=)* 19...Qe4 20.Qg3 Rfd8 21.Bxh6 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qxg2+= Groszpeter-Baschkov, Budapest 1992;

C2b) 14.Re1 ⌓Nc6 *(14...Nbd7 15.Bf4±)* 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Re3±;

C3) 10...Qa5 11.Bd2 *(11.Qc2!?* is an interesting positional ♙ sacrifice: *cxd4 12.Bd2 dxc3 13.Bxc3 Qh5 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Rae1 b5! 16.cxb5 Bb7 17.Ne5 Rfc8 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Re3 Rc5 20.Be4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rac8 22.Qd4 Nf6 23.a4±* Eising-Spassky, Solingen 1974*)* 11...Nc6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Qc2 b6 *(13...Qc7!? 14.Bg5)* 14.Rfb1 Bb7 *(14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Qh5 16.Rb5±* Romanishin-Sveshnikov, Frunze 1981 *)*]

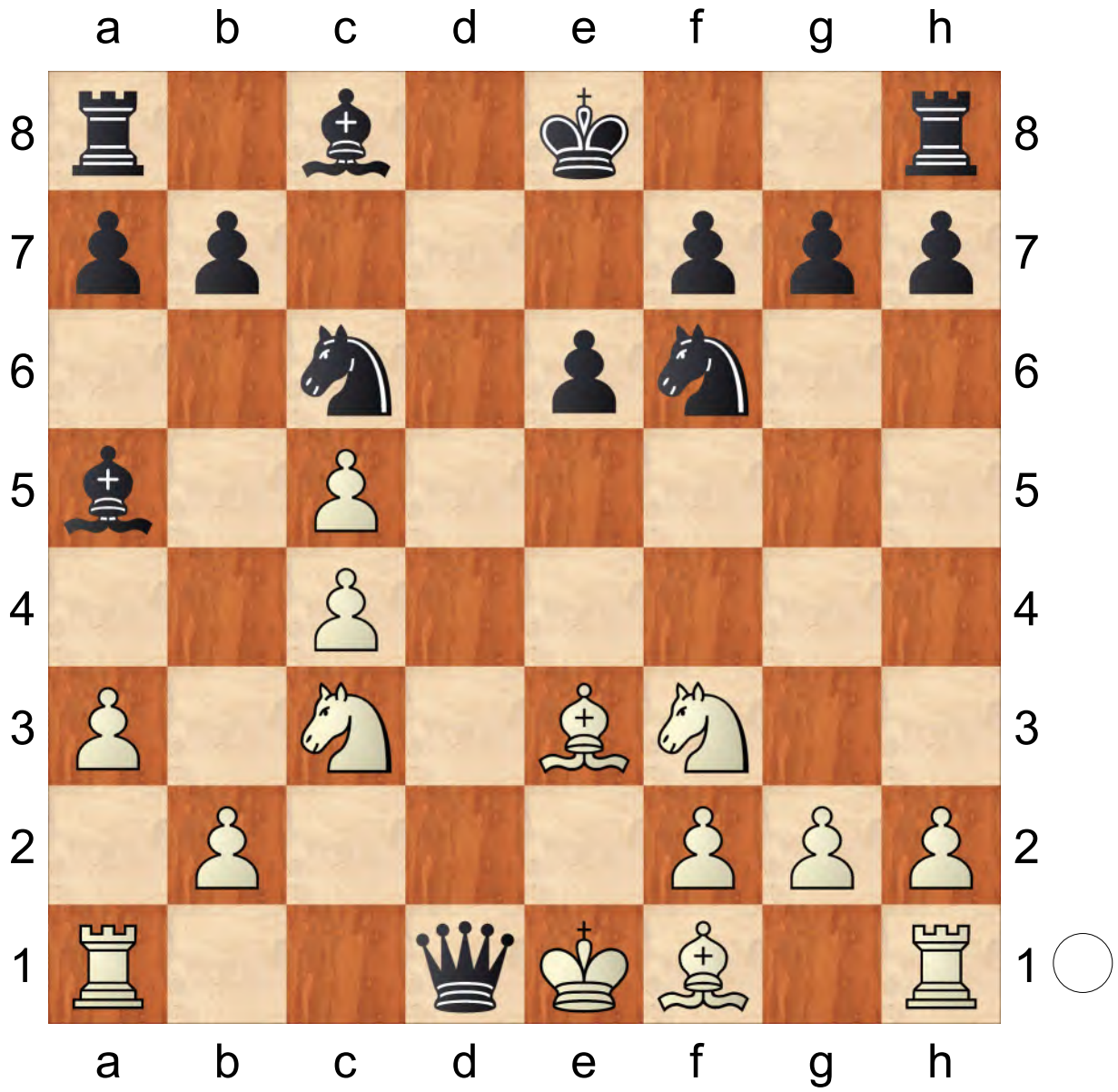
9.Be3 Lukacs: '- 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.a3 ♗a5 9.♗e3'
[9.Be2
A) 9...Ne4 10.Bd2 Bxc3 *(10...Nxd2?! 11.Qxd2 cxd4 12.Nxd4±)* Konikowski-Meyer, BL2-W 1995) 11.bxc3 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Nc6;
B) 9...Nc6=]
9...Nc6 Lukacs: '- 8.a3 ♗a5 9.♗e3 ♘c6'
[9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Ne4 11.b4 Nxc3 12.Qc2 Bc7 13.Qxc3 Be5 14.f4 Bf6 15.Rd1 0-0 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Nf3 b6 18.Bd3 g6 19.0-0 Bb7 20.Be4 Rc8 21.Ne5 Bg7∞ Gulko-Zs.Polgar, Aruba 1992]
[9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 cxd4 12.Bxd4 0-0 13.Bd3 f5 Suetin-Flear, London 1990]
10.dxc5 Qxd1+
[10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qa5
A) 12.Qc2 Ng4 13.Qc1 this was not an esthetical ♕ manoeuvre! 0-0 14.Be2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Ne7 16.0-0 Nf5 17.Qe4 Qxc5 *(17...Qxc3 18.c6 Nd6 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.Nxe5 bxc6 21.Nxc6 Ba6=)* 18.Rfd1 f6 19.Bd3 g6 20.h4 Ng7 21.Qd4 Qxd4 22.cxd4 Bd7 23.Be4 Rab8 24.Rab1 Rfc8= Zsu.Polgar-L. Portisch, Budapest zt. 1993;
B) 12.Be2
B1) 12...Qxc3+
B1a) 13.Bd2 Qb2 14.Bd3 *(14.0-0 Ne4)* 14...Ne5;
B1b) 13.Nd2;
B2) 12...Ne4 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.Qd2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2±]

(Diagram)

11.Rxd1
[11.Kxd1 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ng4]
11...Ne4 12.Rc1
[12.Bd2 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 15.Nd4 *(15.Rb1 0-0-0=)* 15...Rc8 16.Nb5 Ke7∞]
12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 e5 14.Nd2
[14.Bd3 f5]
14...Bf5
[14...f5 15.f4!]
15.f3! Δ ♘e4
[15.Nb3 0-0-0!∓]
15...0-0-0

(Diagram)

16.Ne4 Bc7!?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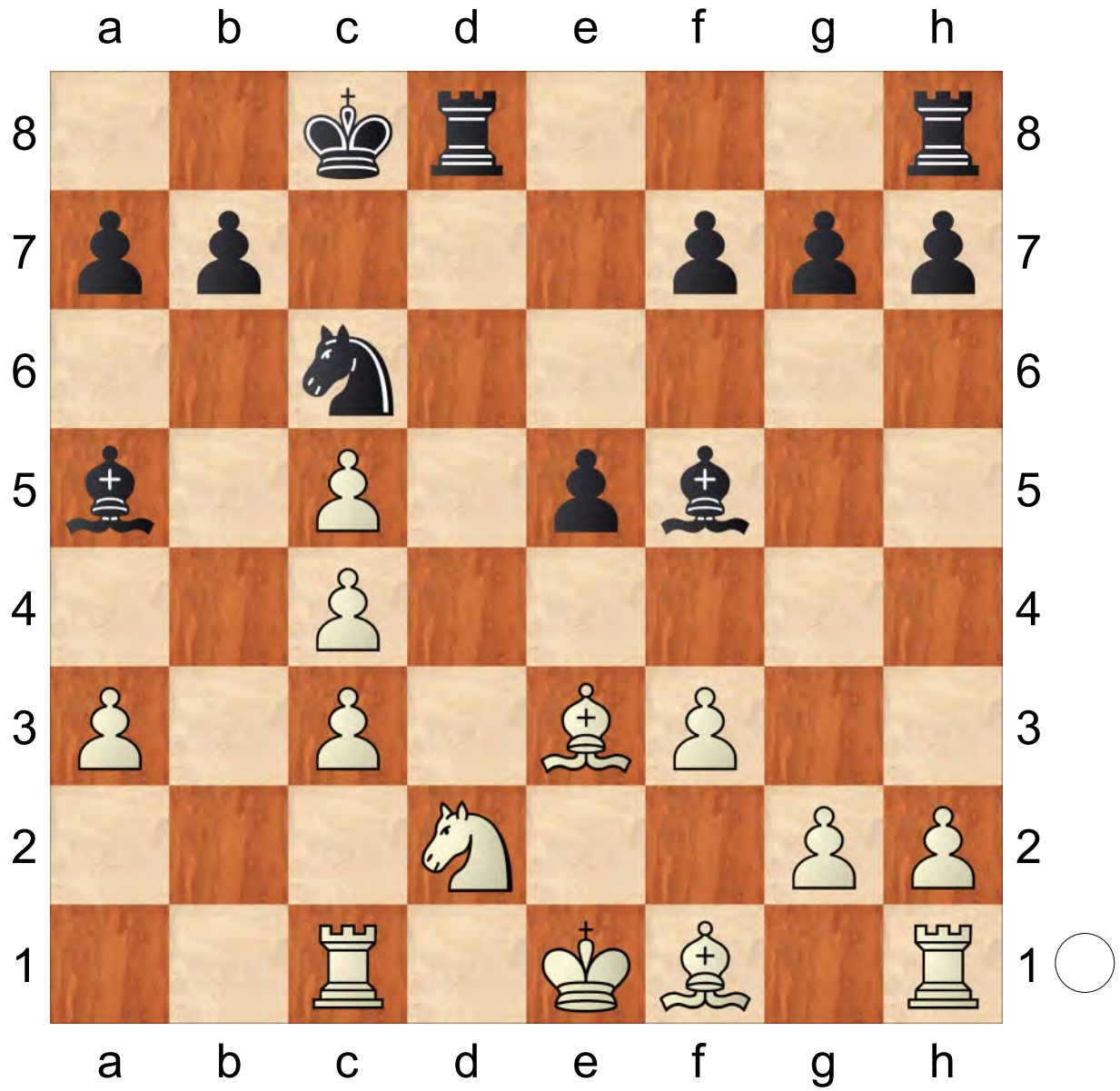


[16...Bxe4 17.fxe4 Nd4=]

17.Be2 Bg6 18.g4 f6 19.Kf2!

[19.0-0 h5⇄]

19...h5 20.h3

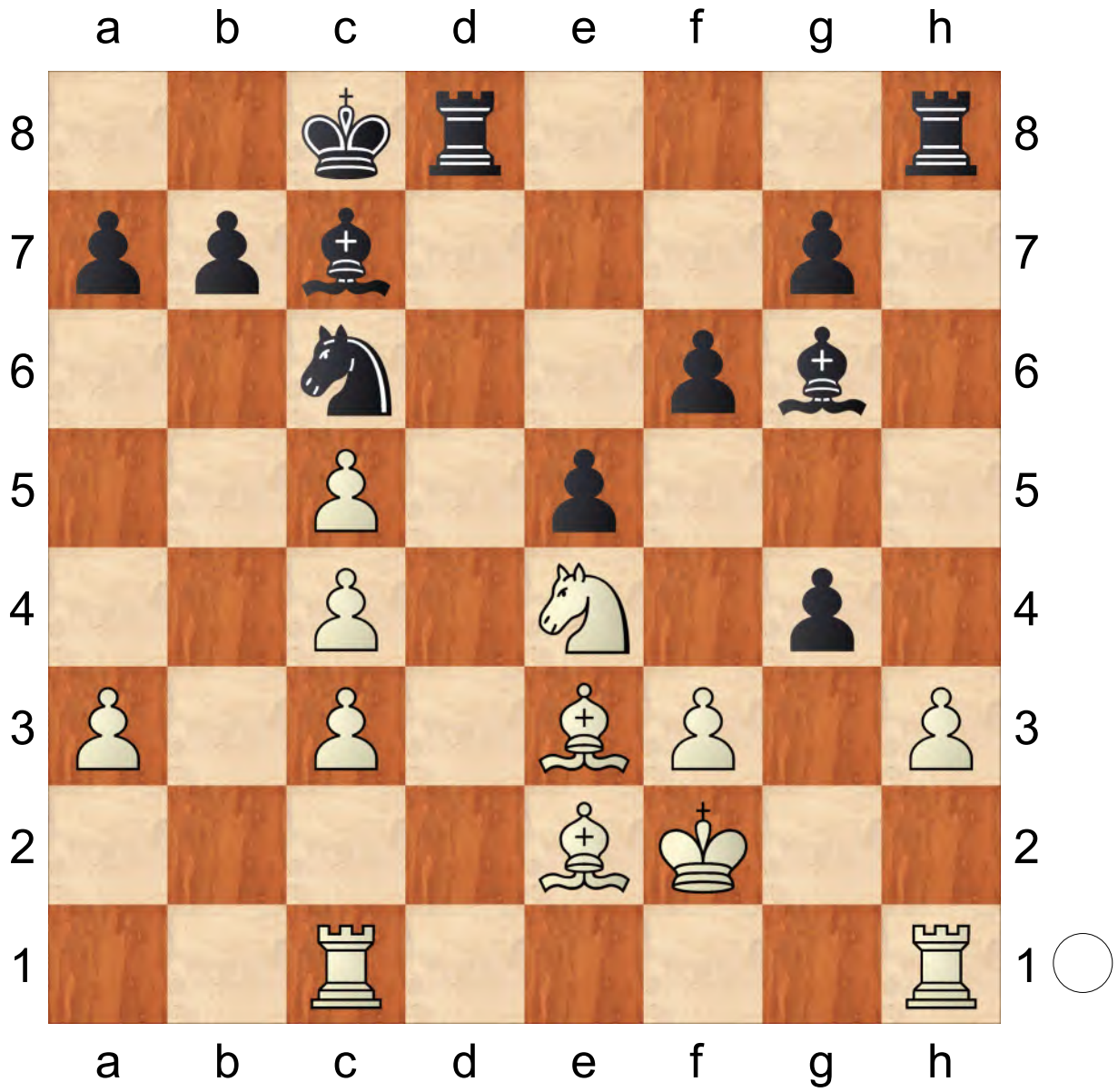
[20.Rcg1 Rh7! Δ ♖dh8 ∓]

20...hxg4

(Diagram)

21.hxg4 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Bxe4 23.fxe4 g5=

(Diagram)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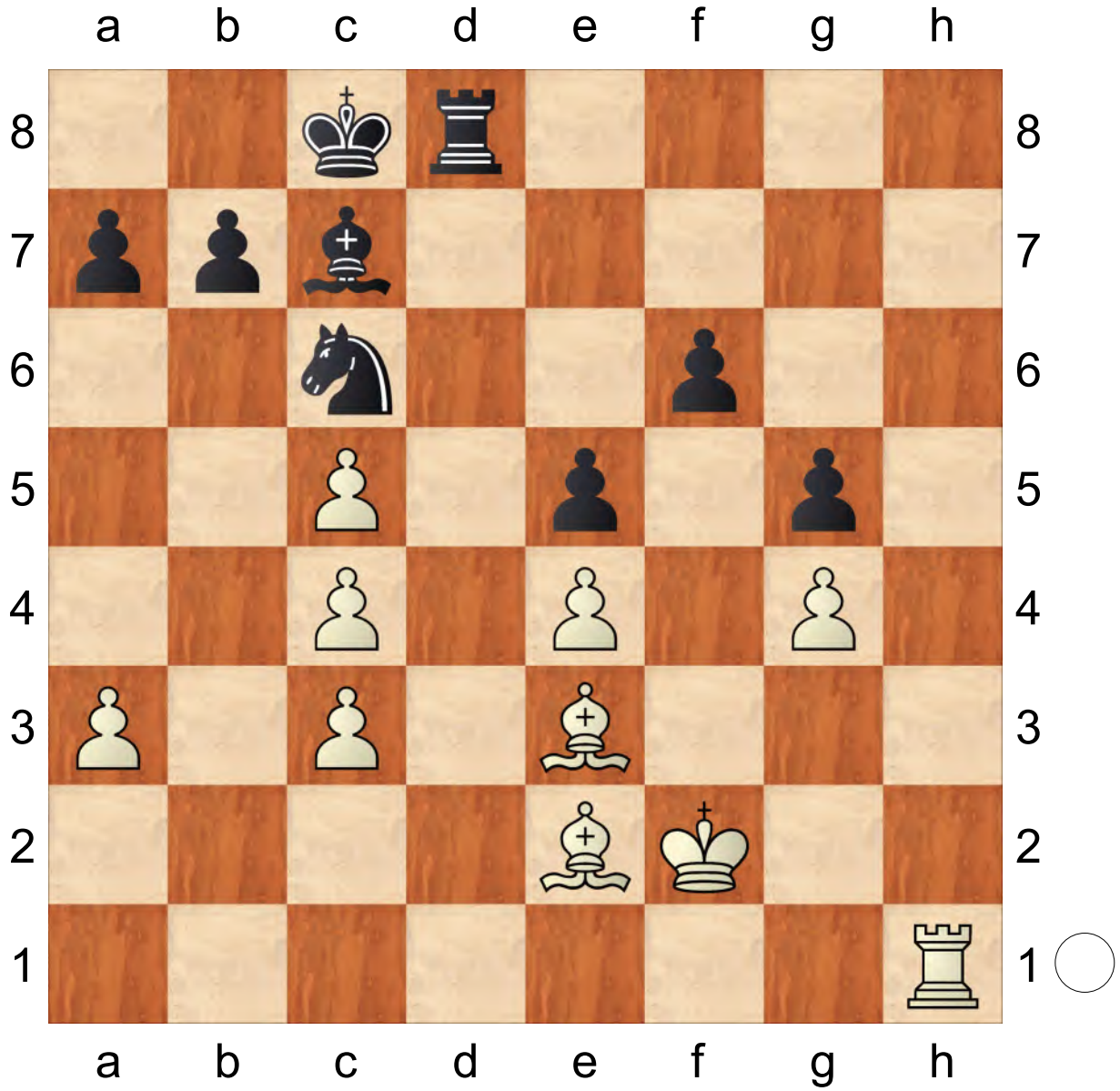

Lerner-Lukacs, Polanicza Zdroj 1986. All in all, in this positional line Black has excellent chences to equalize the game.

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□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2784**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2789**
EU-Cup 30th Bilbao (6.2) 19.09.2014
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Stohl,I **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6** Once the QID was the top solid opening against 1.d4, nowadays the elite goes more often for various lines of the Queen's Gambit. **4.g3 Bb7** The classical move.

[Slightly more popular is 4...Ba6 , especially due to Karjakin:

A) 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 *(8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 d6 10.Re1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc7 13.e4 Nc6 14.N2f3 a6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Nd4 Qb7 17.Qf3 Nd7 18.e5 Qxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Bxe5 Rfc8 22.Red1 Ra7=* Andreikin,D (2722)-Karjakin,S (2767)/Baku/2014/ *)* 8...d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Rd1 Na6 11.a3 Qc8 12.Nb1 c5 13.Nc3 Nc7 14.Nh4 g6 15.Bh6 Rd8 16.Nf3 Ne6 17.h3 Qc6 18.e3 Rac8 19.Qe2 Qe8 20.Ne5 Ne4 21.Rac1 cxd4 22.exd4 f5 23.Kh2 Bf6 24.f4 Rc7⇄ Grischuk,A (2797)-Karjakin,S (2767)/Baku/2014/ *(24...g5!?)*;

B) The pawn sacrifice 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 appears less often than a couple of years ago: exd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Rd1 Be7

B1) 11.Qa4 Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.g4 Ne8N *(13...Nb4 14.a3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.g5 Bc6 17.Qh4 Ne8 18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Rxd7 Bb7 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Be3 Rd5 22.Nf3 Nd6≅* Shirov,A (2699)-Aronian,L (2759)/Elista cm/2007/CBM 119/[Stohl,I]*)* 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Bg2 d6 17.g5 Nc7 18.Bf4 Ng6 19.Bg3 b5 20.Qg4 Qc8 21.Qxc8 Rfxc8 22.Ne4 Ne8 23.Nxd6 *(23.h4!?≅)* 23...Nxd6 24.Bxd6 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Nf4= Ding,L (2742)-Harikrishna,P (2725)/Kocaeli/2014/;

B2) 11.Qf5 Nf6 12.e4 g6 13.Qf4 0-0 14.e5 Nh5

B2a) 15.Qh6 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 cxd4 18.Rxd4 Qc7 19.Nc3 Qxe5 20.Rxd7 Qe6 21.Rd1 Rad8= Bacrot,E (2720)-Karjakin,S (2771)/Dubai rpd/2014/;

B2b) White retains more tension in the position with 15.Qg4 d5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Nc3 Qb8 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Nd5 Ne7 20.Ne3 Nc6 Although he has sufficient compensation, getting something more concrete is difficult. *(20...Ng7!?)*;

B2c) 15.Qc4 Qc7!? *(*This has recently replaced *15...d5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Nc3 Na5 18.Qd3 Bc7 19.Qc2 Qe7 20.Re1 Qd7 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bh6 Rfd8 23.Rad1 Qf7 24.b4 cxb4 25.Nb5 Rxd1 26.Rxd1≅* Gelfand,B (2755)-Leko,P (2756)/Jermuk/2009/CBM 132/[Gelfand,B]*; 15...Na5 16.Qd3 Qc7 17.Nc3 Rad8 18.Nb5 Qb8 19.Bh6 Ng7 20.Re1 Rfe8 21.Qc3 Ne6 22.Rad1≅* Pellen,M (2490)-Siigur,J (2452)/email/2011/*)* 16.Bh6 Na5 17.Qe2 Rfe8 18.Nc3 Rad8 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Nc6 21.Qc4 Ng7

22.Rad1 Nb4 23.Rd6?! *(23.R5d2 Ne6∞)* 23...Nf5 24.Bf4 b5!∓ Sethuraman,S (2590)-Mareco,S (2574)/Tromso olm/2014/;

C) 5.Qb3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Na5 7.Qc3 *(7.Qa4 Bb7 8.Bg2 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Re1 Qc7 12.e4 Bc6 13.Qa3 d6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 0-0 17.Qa4 Rfc8 18.Ndf3 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc6 Rxc6 21.Bf4 Rb6= /±,* Gelfand,B (2748)-Karjakin,S (2767)/Tashkent/2014/*)* 7...c5 8.dxc5 bxc5 9.e4 Bb7 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Bg2 Nc6 13.0-0 Rb8 14.b3 Be7 15.Bb2 0-0 16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nd4!? is a positional sacrifice, typical for this line. After 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Qc7 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.Qe4 Qa5 22.Qe2 d6 23.exd6 Bxd6 24.h4 Bc5 25.Kg2 Qc7 26.Qe4 a5⩱ Vachier- Lagrave,M (2757)-Karjakin,S (2767)/Tashkent /2014/ the blockade on the dark squares holds strong.;

D) 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 is a long-lasting theoretical feud between Aronian and Karjakin, where the former has until now been far more successful: c6 *(7...0-0 8.Bg2 c6 9.e4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bf4 Na5 14.Rc1 Ba3 15.Rb1 Bb4 16.Ne2 Nc6 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Nf4 Qd6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Re1↑* Aronian,L (2812)-Karjakin,S (2759)/Wijk aan Zee/2014/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 159.*; 7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Rc1 Nbd7 13.Bg5 c6 14.f4 c5 15.e3 cxd4 16.exd4 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Qd3 Ndf6 19.Bh3 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Qd6 21.Rfc1 Ne4 22.R3c2 f6 23.Nc6 Rf7 24.Qb5 g6 25.Qb4±* Navara,D (2718)-Almasi,Z (2695) /CRO-chT Bol/2014/*)* 8.e4 d5 9.Qc2 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 *(10...c5 11.Bc3 Bb7* Stohl,I: ' ⌓!?' *12.Bd3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Na6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Be4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 0-0 17.Rd1 Nc5 18.Qf3 Qc7 19.0-0 Qb7 20.Qxb7 Nxb7 21.Bb4 Rfc8 22.Rd2 a5 23.Ba3 a4 24.Nb5 axb3 25.axb3 Nc5=* Van Wely,L (2655)-Carlsen,M (2646)/Schagen/2006/*)* 11.Bc3 *(* For Topalov's aggressive *11.Neg5!?* see Topalov,V (2778)-Anand,V (2785)/Sofia/2005/CBM 107/[Tyomkin, D] *)* 11...Nbd7 *(⌓11...c5!?)* 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bd3 c5 14.Be4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Rad1 a6 18.Rfe1 Rfd8 19.Qe3 cxd4 20.Bxd4 h6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Ne5 b5 23.Rc1 bxc4 24.Rxc4 Qd6 25.Qf3 Qd5 26.Kg2 a5 27.Ra4± Aronian,L (2815)-Karjakin,S (2771)/Stavanger/2014/ For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 161.]

5.Bg2 Be7

[In the sideline 5...c5 6.d5 exd5 White has come up with a similar promising pawn sacrifice 7.cxd5!? *(*The main move used to be *7.Nh4* , which doesn't give White much.*)* The defence faces serious problems here: 7...Bxd5 8.Nc3 Bc6 9.e4! d6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nh4 g6?! *(⌓11...0-0 12.Nf5⩱ ↑)* 12.Bh6 Bf8 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Qd2 Ne8 15.Rad1 Kg7 16.f4 Qc8 17.Nd5 Rf8 18.e5! dxe5 19.f5 Qd8 20.f6+ Nxf6 21.Nf5+ Kh8 22.Qh6 Rg8 23.Nxf6 1-0, Gelfand,B (2748)-Andreikin,D (2722)/Baku/2014/]

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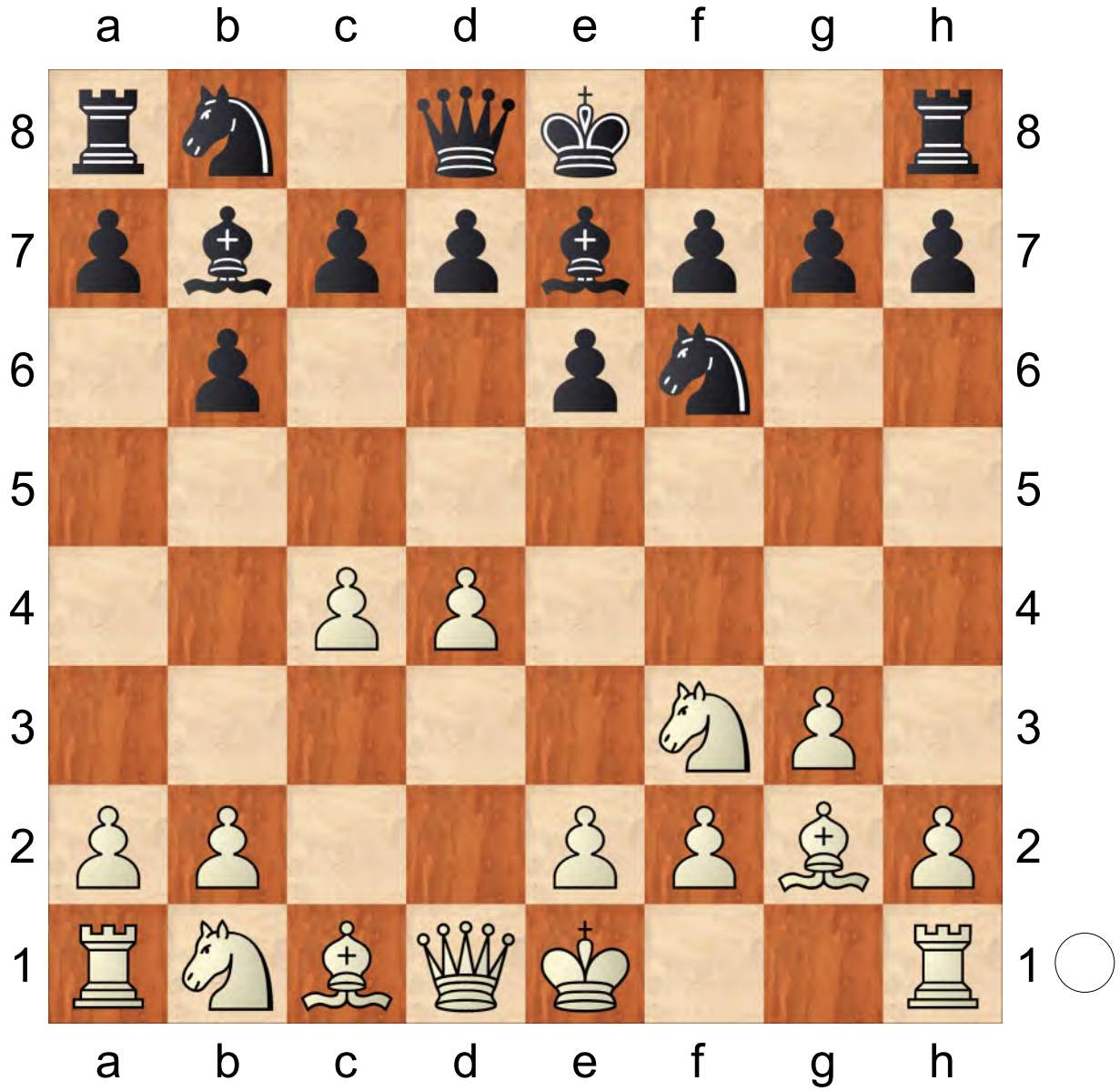


6.Nc3

[6.0-0 0-0 can transpose into the game, but not necessarily:

A) 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 isn't currently considered too dangerous: c6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nf5 Nc7 11.e4 d5 12.Nc3 Bf6 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Ne3 Nc6 16.Nxd5 Be5 17.Re1 Re8 18.Qg4 Nd4 19.Bg5 f5 20.Bxd8 fxg4 21.Ne7+ Kf7 22.Bxb7 Raxd8 23.Rxe5 Rxe7 24.Rxe7+ Kxe7= Lysyj,I (2670)-Khismatullin,D (2671)/Vladivostok/2014/

B) 7.Re1 Na6 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bf4!? *(9.Qc2 f5 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nd3* Vachier Lagrave,M (2742)-Adams,M (2753)/Bilbao/2013/ *Bf6 12.Be3 c5⇄)* 9...d6 10.Qc2 Nb4 11.Qb3 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.e4 Nc6 14.d5 Bf6 15.Qd2 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 exd5 20.Rae1 Qd6 21.Re7 Bc6 22.Bxd5 Rad8 23.Rxa7 Bxd5 24.Qxd5 Qxd5 25.cxd5 Rxd5 26.Rb7 Rd6 27.Re3 g6 28.Rb3 c4 29.R3xb6 Rxb6 30.Rxb6 Ra8 31.a3

c3± /=, Gelfand,B (2748)-Grischuk,A (2797)/Baku/2014/;
C) 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2 f5!? *(For 8...Bf6* see the note to move 8.*)* 9.d5 Bf6 10.Rc1 *(10.Qc2?* is possible without castling, here *Bxc3! 11.Bxc3 exd5*∓ wins a pawn.*)* 10...Na6 11.Be1 Nac5 12.Nd4 Qe7 This position was played already in the 20th century, Black has reasonable counterplay: 13.Ndb5 a6 14.Nxc7 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Rac8 16.b4 Rxc7 17.Bb2 d6 18.bxc5 Nxc5 19.Ba3 e5 20.Rb1 Nd7 21.Qb3 a5 22.Rfc1 Ba6 23.Bh3 g5 24.e3 Qf6 25.Bf1 Rb8 26.Qd1 Qg6 27.f3 h5∞ Forsloef,L (2475)-Fritz,J (2446)/email/2008/]

6...Ne4 The main move.

[After 6...0-0 Black must reckon with Korchnoi's 7.Qc2!? c5 8.d5 In practice White is doing well in this line.]

7.Bd2 Introduced by Opocensky at the Buenos Aires ol 1939, this move is nowadays White's main try to fight for an edge from the opening.

[The former main line 7.Qc2 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 0-0 9.0-0⇄ f5 *(*or *9...c5*= is currently considered too soft and is out of fashion. *)*]

7...Bf6 The main move, geared against d5.

[7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5
A) 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rc1 Nd7 11.Bf4 c5 12.Nd2 *(* According to Krasenkow, the popular *12.dxc5* , or*; 12.Be3* and*; 12.Qc2* are better tries to get an opening advantage.*)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Rc8 *(13...Nf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nb3 Ba3 16.Rc2 Rc8*= ½, Petrosian,T (2640)-Karpov,A (2540)/Moscow/1971/*)* 14.Re1 Re8 15.e4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rxc1 17.Qxc1 Nf8 18.e5 Qd7 19.Qb1 Rc8 20.Be3 g6 21.h4 Qc6 22.Bh3 Ne6⇄ Giri,A (2737)-Fressinet,L (2708)/Elancourt/2013/CBM 157/[Krasenkow,M];
B) 9.Qa4+!? Qd7 10.Qc2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Rac1 Rad8 14.e3 Bf6 15.Rfd1 Na5 16.b3 Rfe8 17.Ne2 Qd6 18.Nf4 c6 19.Ne5 c5 20.Ng4± Kasparov,G (2690)-Gligoric,S (2505)/Niksic/1983/]

8.Qc2

[The complications after 8.Rc1?! Bxd4! 9.Nxd4 Nxc3 10.Bxb7 Nxd1 11.Rxd1 c6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Bd6 Re8 14.Bxa8 Qc8 15.b4 Na6 16.b5 Qxa8 17.bxa6 c5 18.Nf3 Qe4 19.Rc1 f6 20.a3 give Black at least a draw with Qc6 *(*Engines recommend *20...g5!?* and prefer Black. *)* 21.Rd1 Qe4=]

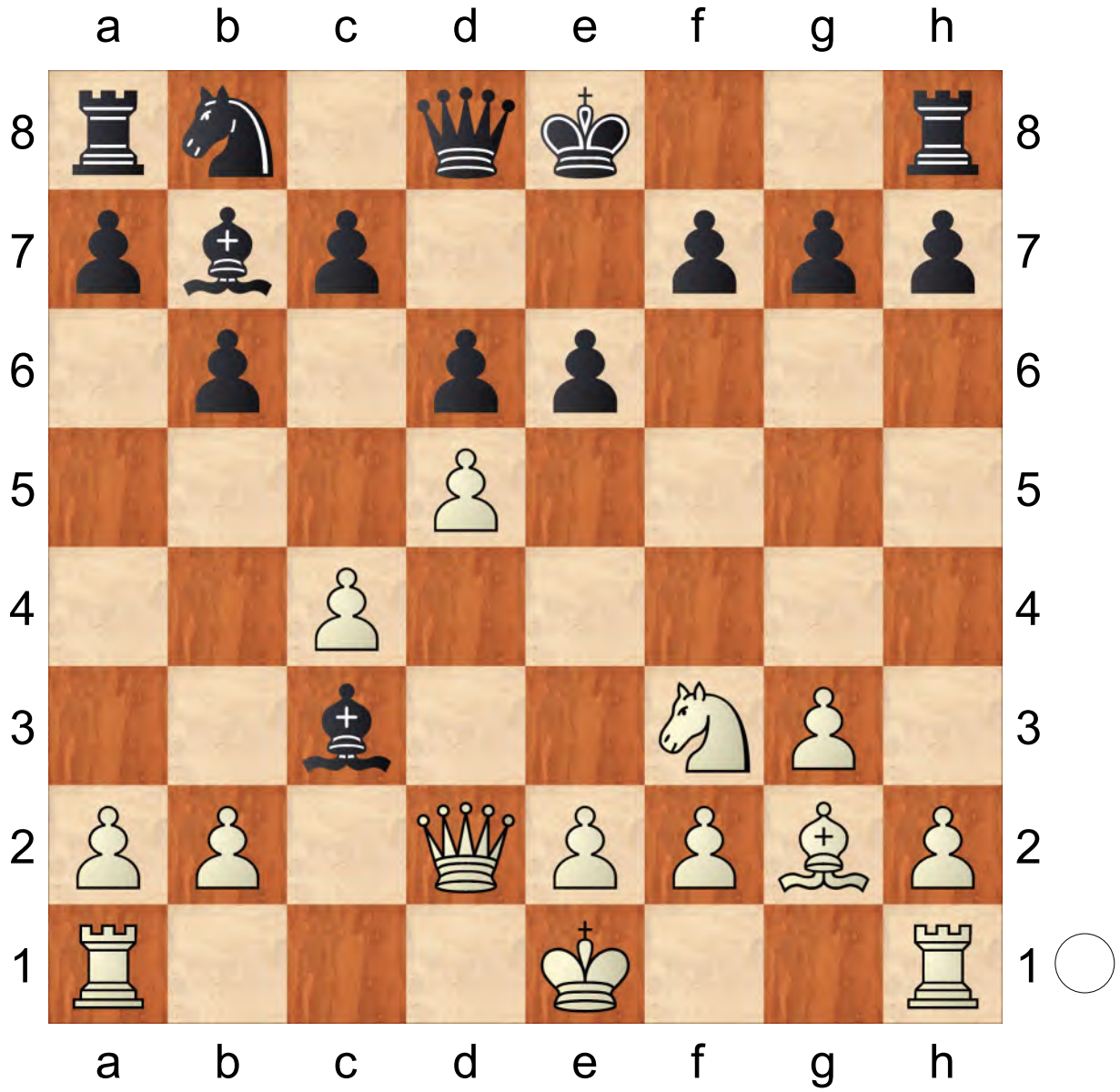
[The more usual continuation is 8.0-0 Stohl,I: 'For' 0-0 Stohl,I: 'see the note to move 8.' 9.Rc1 *(*After *9.Qc2 Nxd2 10.Qxd2 d6 11.d5* the simplest is *Bxc3 12.Qxc3 exd5 13.Nh4 d4! 14.Qxd4 Bxg2 15.Nxg2 Nc6 16.Qc3 a5 17.Nf4 Re8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Rad1 Re5 20.e4 Rae8 21.f3 f5 22.Nd3 R5e7 23.e5 dxe5 24.Nxe5 Qe6*= Smejkal,J (2570)-Makarichev,S (2505)/Sarajevo/1982/*)*
9...c5 *(*More restrained and maybe even more solid is *9...d6 10.d5 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Bxc3 12.Rxc3 e5 13.b4 a5 14.a3 Nd7 15.Rb1 Qe7 16.Ne1 Ra7 17.Nc2 Rfa8 18.h4 Bc8 19.e4 h5 20.Bf3 g6 21.Qh6 axb4 22.axb4 Ra2 23.Ne3 Qf6 24.Nf1 Qg7 25.Qg5 Qf6*= Markus,R (2602)-Hracek,Z (2634)/Tromso olm/2014/ *)*
A) 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Bc3 Nc6=;

B) The main move is 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 d6 13.Nde4
B1) The passive 13...Be7 14.f4 Nd7 15.g4 a6 16.a4 *(*or *16.g5!?±* gives White more realistic attacking chances *)*;
B2) 13...Be5!? The resulting complex position ressembles a Benoni, chances are roughly equal: 14.Qd2 *(*More enticing in my opinion is *14.f4 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Ba6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rfe1 g6 18.e3 Bg7 19.Ng5!?* , White strives to play in the centre.*)* 14...Ba6 15.Rfe1 g6 16.g4 Qe7 17.f4 Bg7 18.g5 Nd7 19.a4 Rae8 *(19...Rfe8!?)* 20.e3 Rd8 21.h4 Rfe8 22.b3 Nf8 23.Ng3 Bc8 24.Bf3 h6 25.Nce4 Nh7 26.Qd3 f5! 27.Nd2 hxg5 28.hxg5 Nxg5!? 29.fxg5 Qxg5⩲ Sjugirov,S (2635)-Alekseev,E (2673)/Moscow/2012*!*
C) 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Qb3!? Qb6 12.Bf4 This is still a rare idea, but White has had some recent success with it and also Houdini likes the pressure on the d-file. Further practical tests are required: Nxc3 13.bxc3
C1) 13...Nc6 14.Rfd1 *(14.Rb1!?)* 14...Na5 15.Qc2 Bc6 16.Nd2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qc6+ 18.Kg1 Rfd8 19.Rb1 d6 20.Qb2 Rd7?! 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Rxb5 Bxc3 23.Ne4 a6 24.Rxc5 dxc5 25.Rxd7 Bb4 26.Nd6 f6 27.Be3↑ Berkes,F (2685)-Kovacevic,A (2549)/HUN-chT/2012*!*
C2) 13...Be4 14.Rfd1 Rd8 *(14...d5? 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qxb3 18.axb3 Rd8 19.Ng4 Be7 20.Ne3 d4 21.cxd4 cxd4 22.Nf5 Bf6 23.Nxd4±* 1-0 Cheparinov,I (2664)-Nikolov,M (2550)/Panagyurishte 2012/CBM 148 Extra (59)*)* 15.Ng5 *(15.Bd6!?)* 15...Bxg2 16.Kxg2 e5 17.Be3 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 f6 19.Be3 d6 20.Rb1 Nd7 21.f3 Qc7 22.a4 Rab8 23.Qa2 Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Qa5 25.Rb7 Nb6 26.Qd2 Qxa4 27.Bxc5 Qxc4 28.Bxb6 axb6 29.Rxb6 d5= Medvegy,Z (2522)-Bokros,A (2461)/Zalakaros/2014/]

8...Nxd2 9.Qxd2 d6 10.d5 White fights for central space.
[10.0-0 0-0 11.e4 Nd7 12.Rad1 g6 13.Rfe1 *(13.h4 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Bg7 15.Qc2 c5 16.b3 cxd4 17.Nxd4 a6 18.Qd2 Rfd8 19.Qe3 Rab8 20.Rd2 Nf6 21.Bf3 Qc7 22.Red1 Nd7 23.Bg2 Rbc8 24.Bh3 Re8 25.Nde2 Bf8=* Anand,V (2780)-Carlsen,M (2843)/Sao Paulo/Bilbao/2012/ Black has a pleasant Hedgehog here with no problems whatsoever.*)* 13...Bg7 gives Black a flexible position, violent attempts to break it up would enhance the power of his bishop pair. 14.d5 e5 15.b4 a5 16.a3 Ba6 17.Nb5 Nf6 18.Bh3 Qe7 19.Ra1 axb4 20.Qxb4 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Bh6= Morozevich,A (2722)-Alekseev,E (2678)/RUS-chT Loo/2014/]

10...Bxc3N
[10...e5 11.h4! Nd7 12.e4 a5 13.Bh3 Nc5 14.0-0 Bc8 15.Bxc8 Qxc8 16.Kg2 0-0 17.Qe3 Qg4 18.Rh1 Be7 19.Nd2 f5 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.f3 Qg6 22.Nce4⩲ Browne,W (2510)-Saidy,A (2415)/Reno/1994/]
[⌓10...0-0 11.Nd4 , but even here it's more prudent to exchange the bishop with Bxd4!? *(11...e5? 12.Nc6 Qd7 13.Nxb8 Rfxb8 14.h4! a5 15.a4! Rf8 16.e4 h5 17.0-0-0 g6 18.Bh3 Qe7 19.Kc2 Kg7 20.f3 Rh8 21.Rh2 Ba6 22.Nb5 Raf8 23.Kb1 Qd8 24.Qd3 Be7 25.Re2 Bc8 26.Bxc8 Qxc8 27.Rg1 Bd8 28.Na7±*

Karpov,A (2760)-Jussupow,A (2630)/Tilburg 1993/CBM 039/[Dautov] Here White's knight again dominated the bishop in a model game.*)* 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qd2 a5 14.0-0 Nd7 15.e4 Nc5 16.f4 Re8 17.f5 f6 18.b3 Bc8 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.h4 Qe7 21.Rf2 Kh8 22.Kh2 Rg8 23.Qd2 Rab8 24.Bf1 Rbf8 25.Be2 g5= Indjic,A (2430)-Lysyj,I (2656)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2012/]



Until now Black has usually tried to stablise the central pawn-structure as soon as possible. Grischuk's strategy is slightly different, Black opts for a more open fight.

11.Qxc3 0-0 12.Nd2

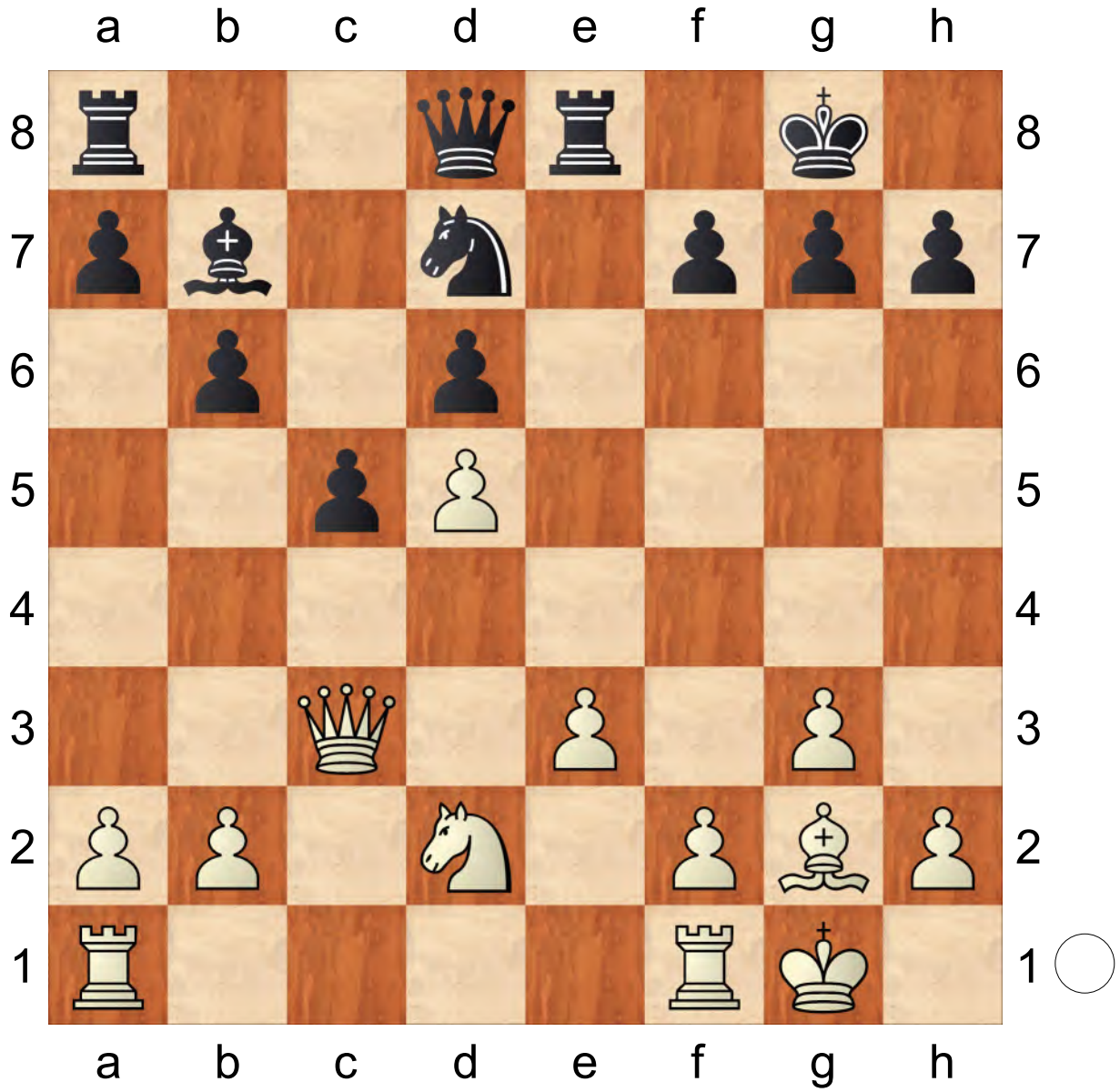
[We have already mentioned 12.0-0 exd5 13.Nh4 d4= above.]

12...Re8 13.e3 c5!?

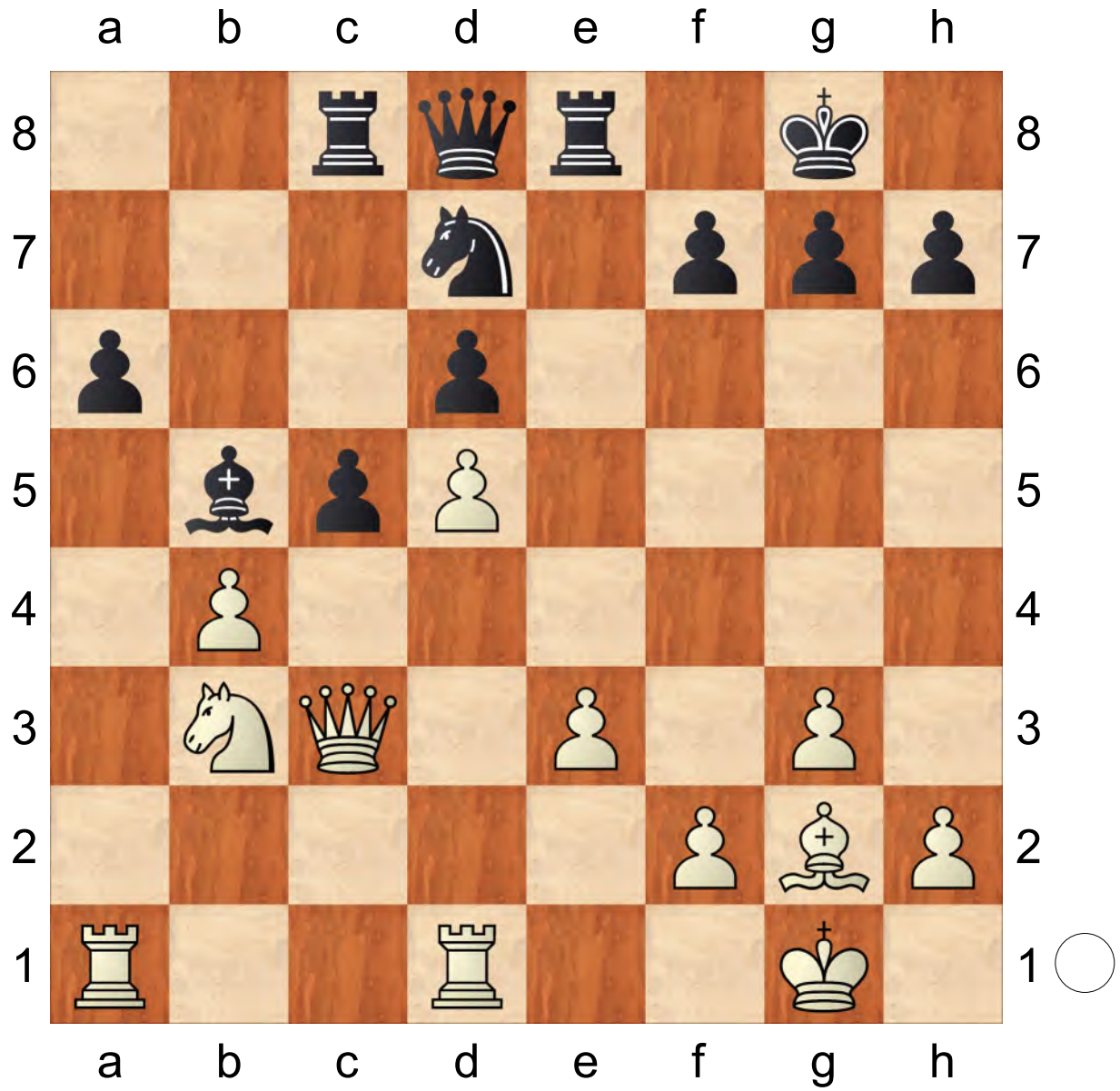
[Grischuk spurns 13...e5 and plays more actively, than Lysyj above.]

14.0-0 exd5 15.cxd5 To increase his chances for a central break White needs more

pieces.
[A less ambitious move is 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 *(15...Qe7!?)* 16.cxd5 Nd7=]
15...Nd7



16.a4
[16.e4 b5⇄ with typical Benoni counterplay.]
16...Ba6 17.Rfd1 b5?! This seems too violent.
[⌓17...Qe7=]
[17...Qf6!?=]
18.axb5
[The immediate 18.b4!? Δ bxa4 19.Ne4!↑ is interesting]
18...Bxb5 19.b4 a6 20.Nb3 Rc8
[20...c4 21.Nd4 Ne5 22.Bf1±]



21.bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nd4± White is better due to his more compact pawn-structure.

22...Qf6?!

[22...Qd7± is rather passive.]

23.Rac1?! Topalov wants more than an endgame and prepares to invade via c6, but he runs into a tactical blow.

[⌓23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Rdb1±]

23...Ne4! 24.Qxc8 Accepts the challenge, but this should have led to a draw by force.

[24.Qb2 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Nc5⇄]

24...Qxf2+ 25.Kh1 Qxe3

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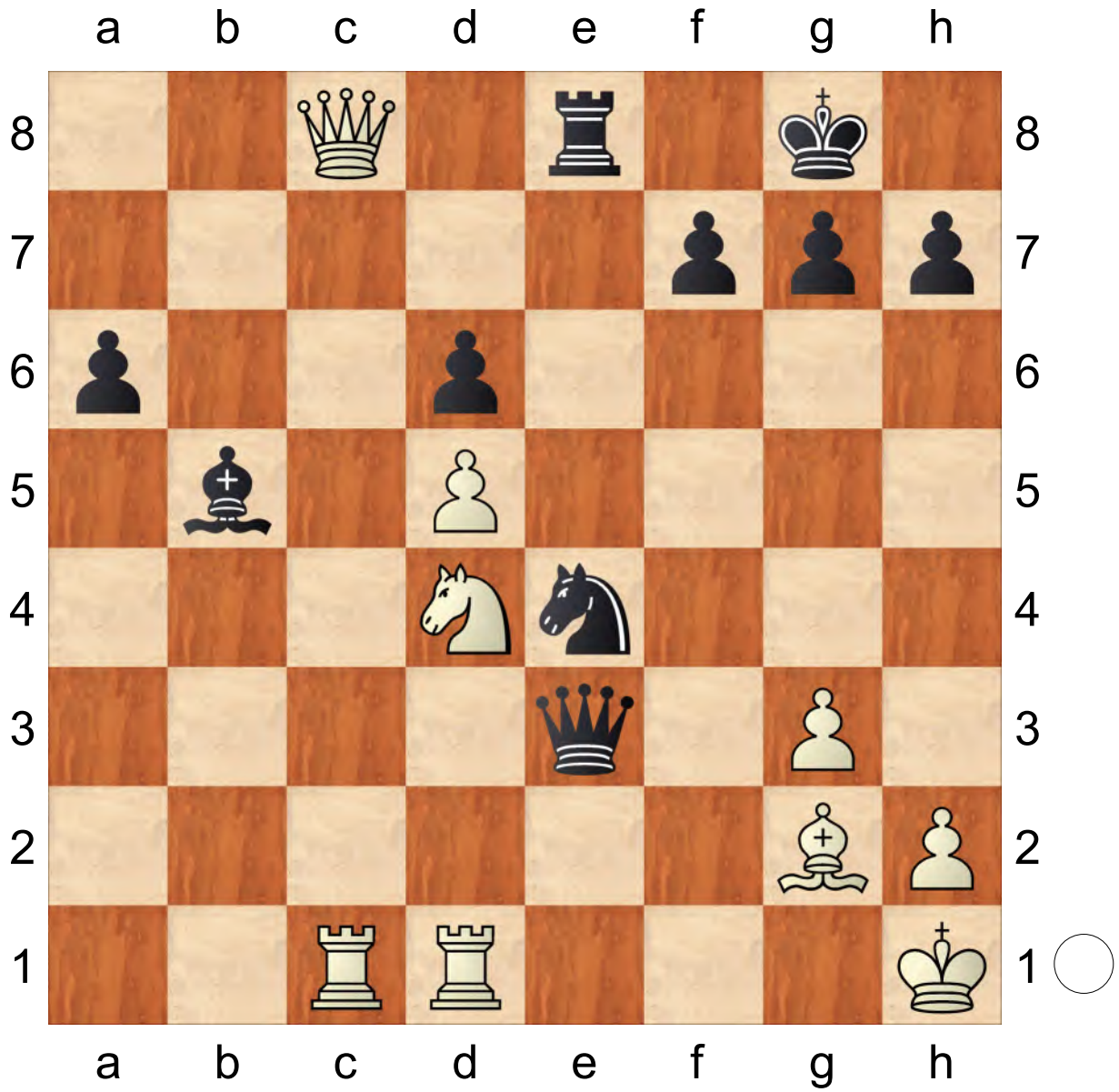
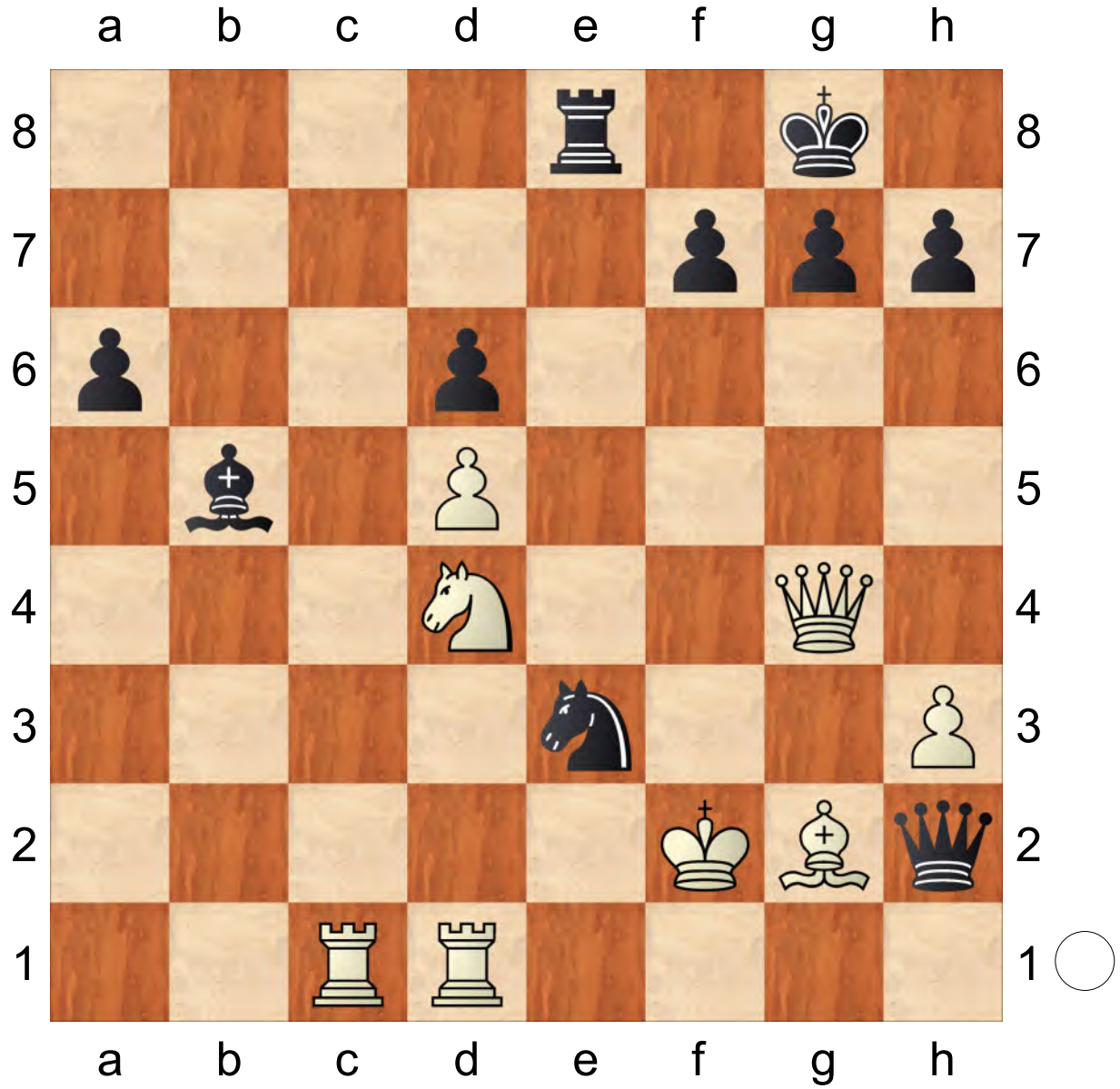


26.h3
[26.Bxe4?! Qxe4+ 27.Kg1 Qe3+! *(27...Rxc8? 28.Rxc8+ Be8 29.Nc2!±)* 28.Kg2 Rxc8 *(28...Qe4+=)* 29.Rxc8+ Be8 30.Rf1 h6 31.Ne6∓ /=]
26...Nxg3+ 27.Kh2 Qf4? This causes Black big problems for many moves to come.
[⌓27...Qe5! 28.Nf3 *(28.Nxb5 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Ng3+ 30.Kg1 Ne2+=)* 28...Nf1+ 29.Kg1 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 Ng3+ 31.Kh2 Ne2!= and White can't well avoid a perpetual.]
28.Qg4! Forces a queen swap. **28...Nf1+ 29.Kg1 Qh2+ 30.Kf2 Ne3**

(Diagram)

31.Qg3 Nxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Qxg3+ 33.Kxg3 g6 Formally the material is equal (Black has 3♙ for the ♘), but this endgame is advantageous for White, as Black's pawns are



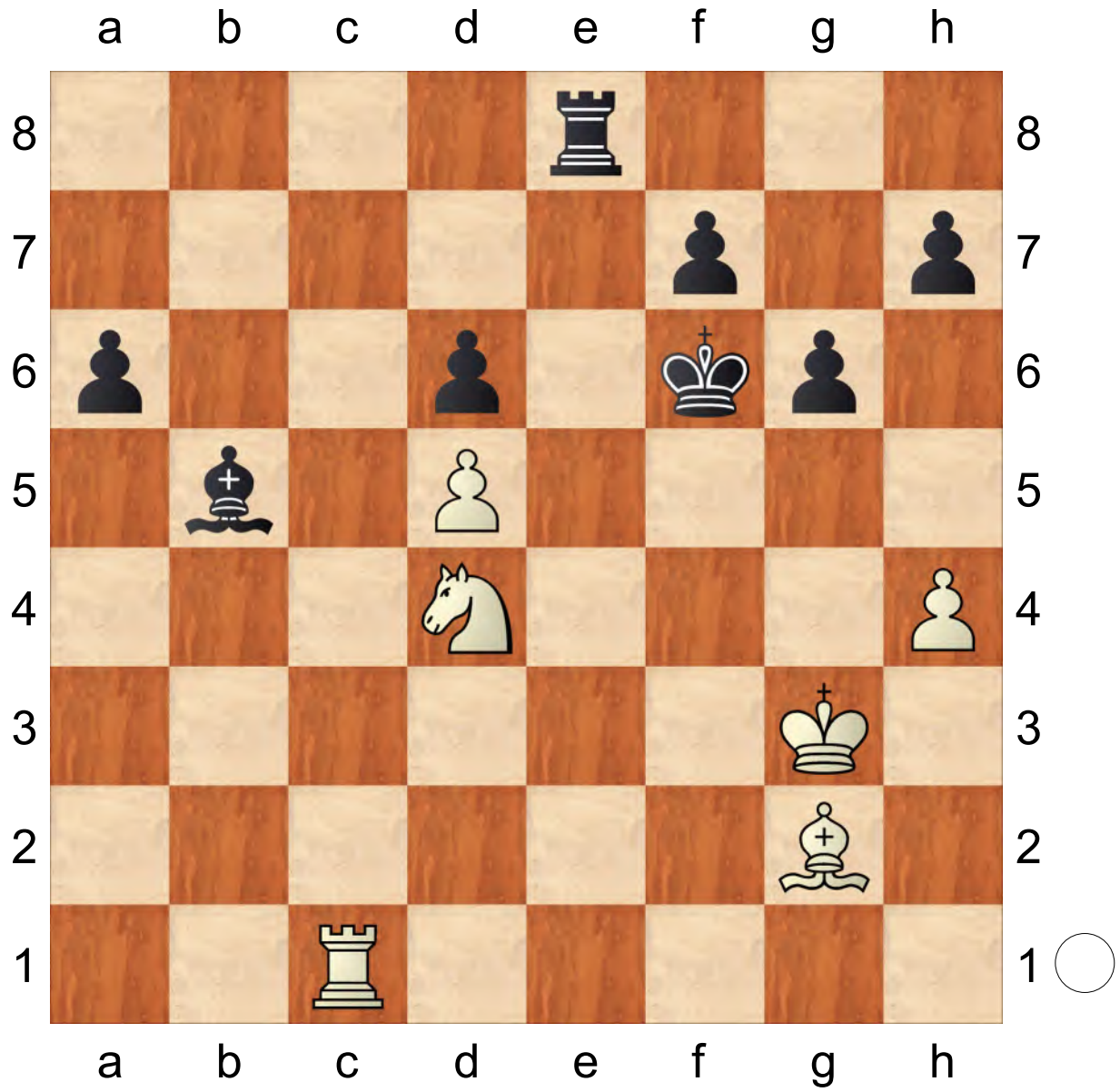
not dangerous and mostly just vulnerable. Grischuk's main hopes to save the game stem forom the fact the White has only 2♙ (and soon only a single one) left. **34.Rc1**
[⩲34.Rb1!?±]
34...Kg7 35.h4 Kf6

(Diagram)

36.Kf2 h6 37.Bf3 g5 38.hxg5+ hxg5 39.Rc7 Re7 40.Rc3 Re8

(Diagram)

41.Bg2 Re7
[A more resilient move was 41...g4!± ⇄]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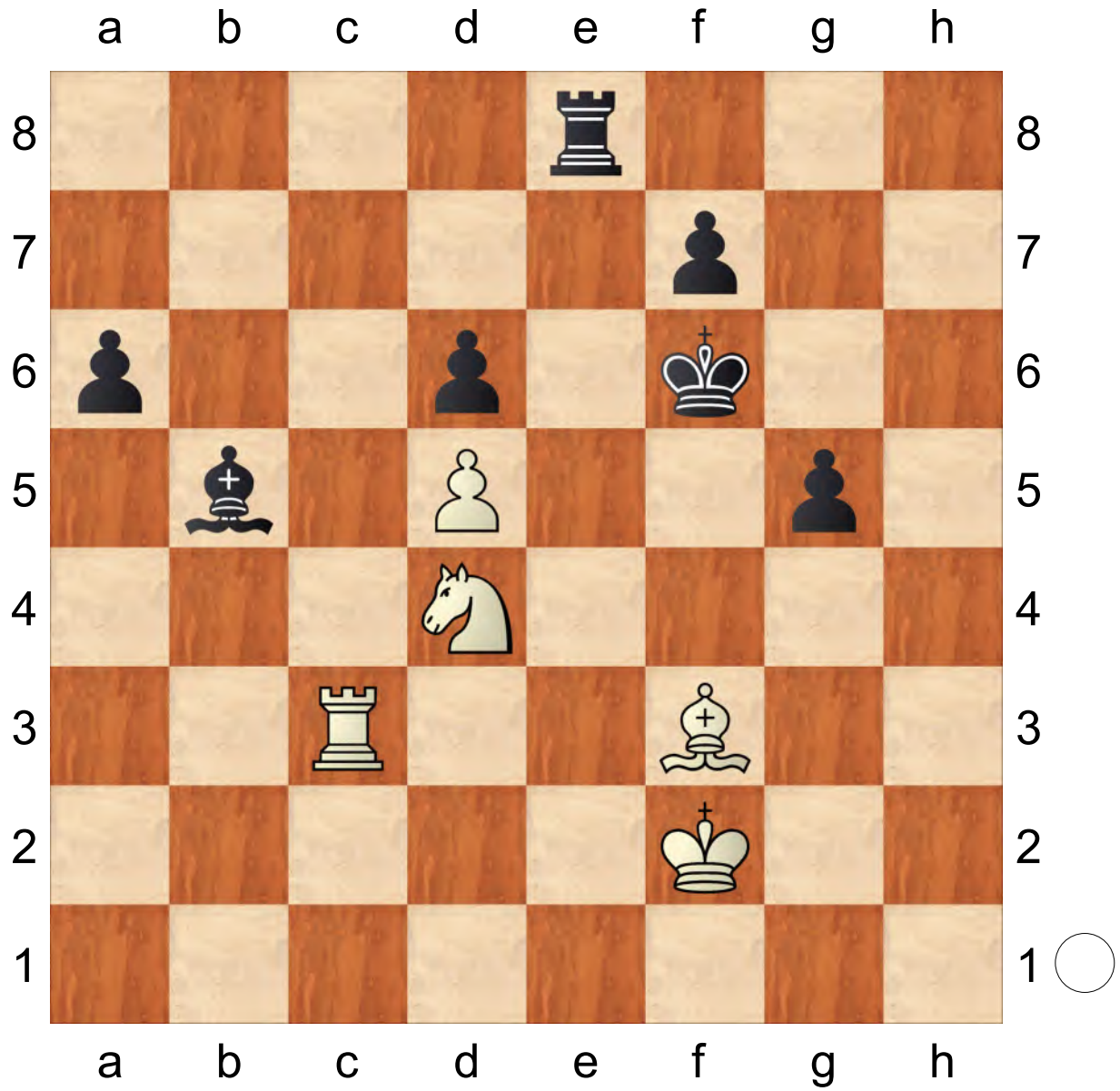
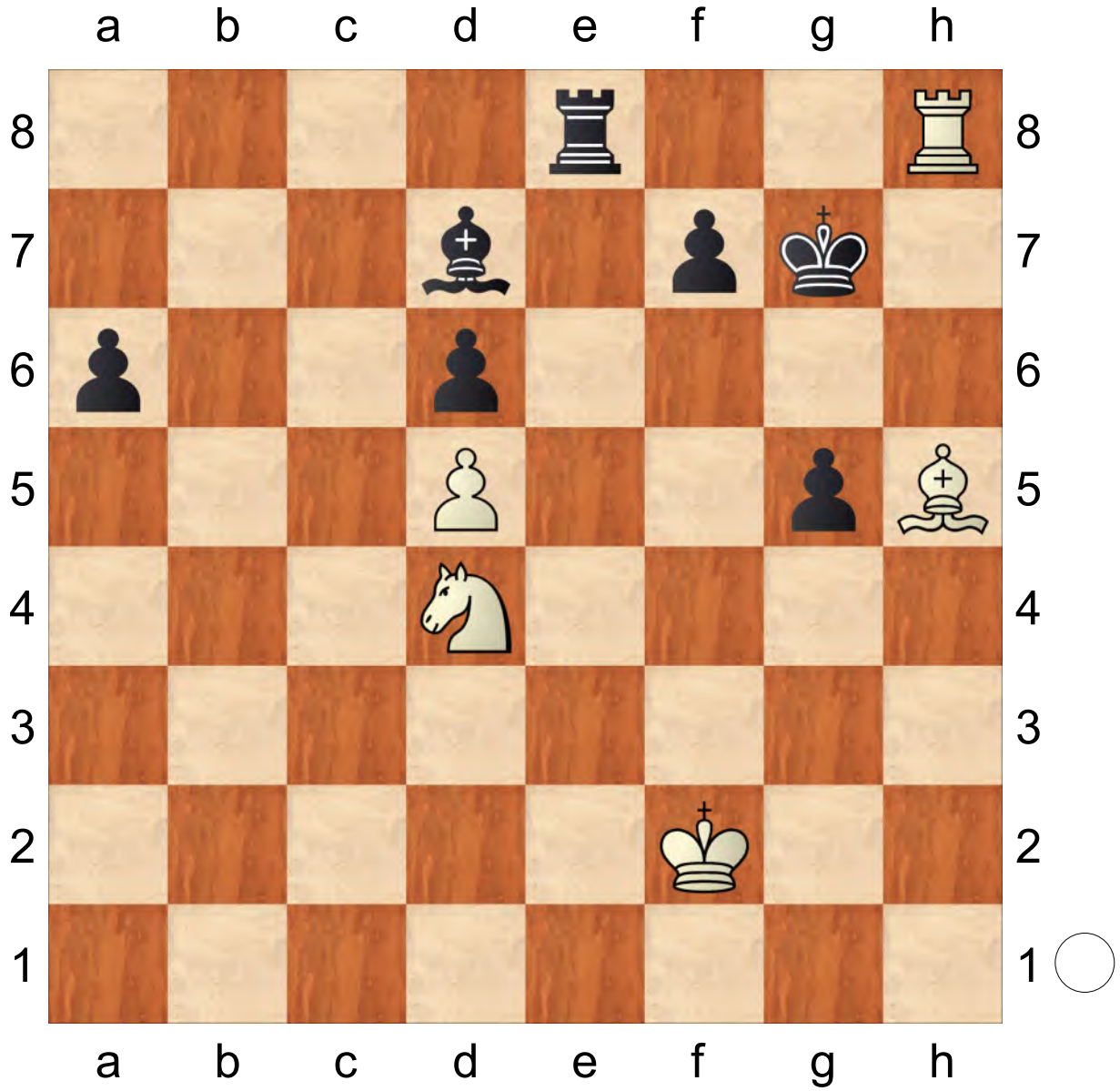


42.Rh3! Kg6
[42...g4!? 43.Rh6+ Ke5±]
43.Bf3 Bd7
[43...f5? 44.Rh6+! Kxh6 45.Nxf5+±]
44.Rh8 Re8
[44...f5 45.Nc6↑]
45.Bh5+ Kg7
[45...Kf6 46.Rh6+ Ke7 *(46...Ke5? 47.Nf3++-)* 47.Nc6+ Bxc6 48.dxc6±]

(Diagram)

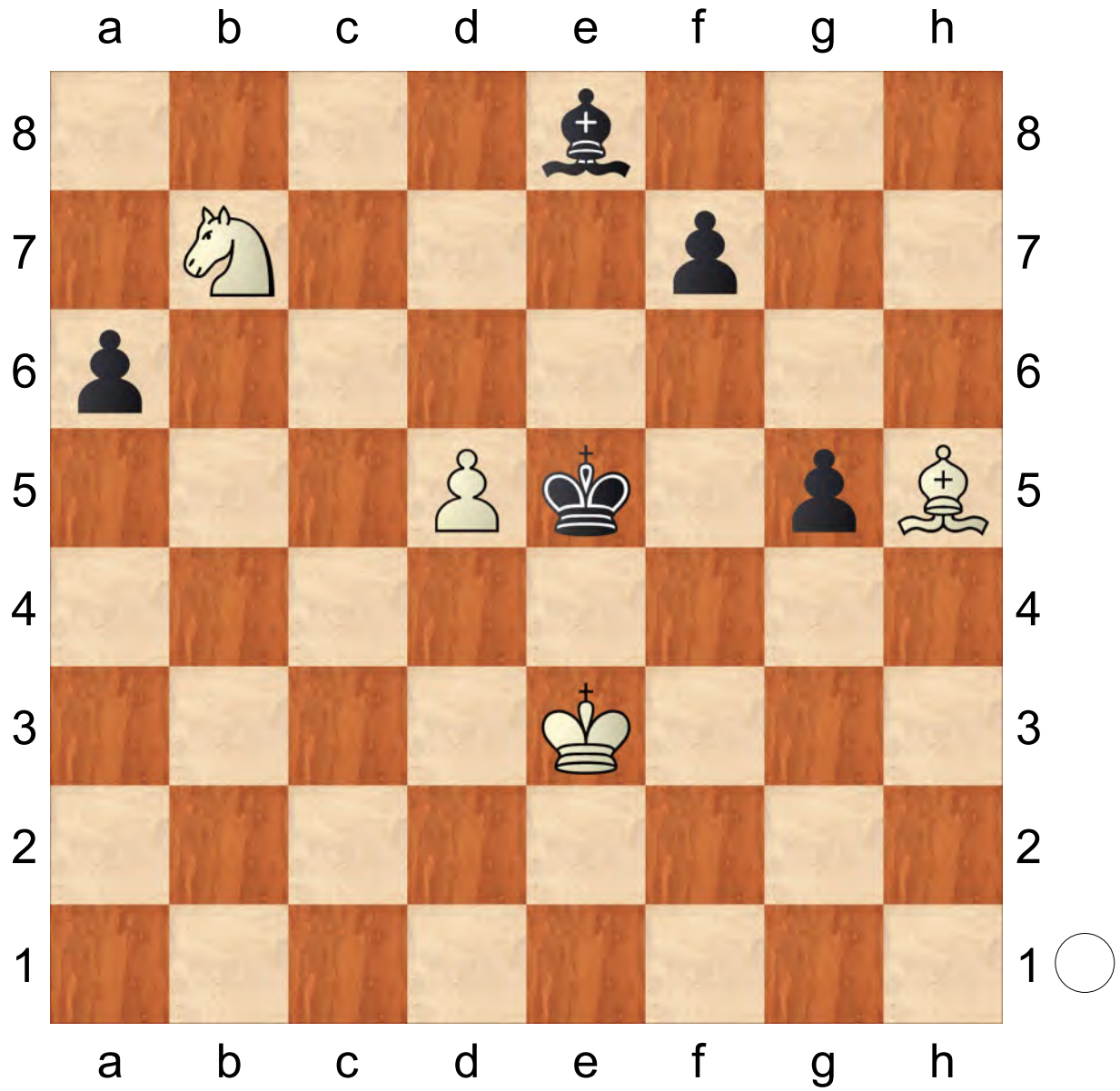
Black prefers to sacrifice a pawn to exchange White's active rook. **46.Rxe8 Bxe8**



47.Nf5+ Kf6 48.Nxd6 Bd7 49.Nb7?!
[⌓49.Nc4!? Δ Bb5 50.Na5 Be8 51.Nc6±]
49...Be8 50.Ke3 Ke5

(Diagram)

51.d6 Ke6? This allows White to activate his ♔ and coordinate his forces. The threat against f7 was more or less illusory:
[⌓51...a5! 52.Bxf7 Bd7 and White has no way to support his passed pawn. 53.Kd3 g4 54.Kc4 g3 55.Bd5 Be6 already forces 56.Bxe6 Kxe6 57.Nc5+ Kxd6 58.Ne4+=]
52.Kd4 a5 53.Bf3 a4 54.Bd5+ Kf6
[54...Kd7 55.Kc5 a3 56.Bc6+ Kc8 57.Kb6! Bd7 58.Nc5+- and White wins



Black's bishop.]

55.Nc5 Bb5

(Diagram)

56.Ne4+

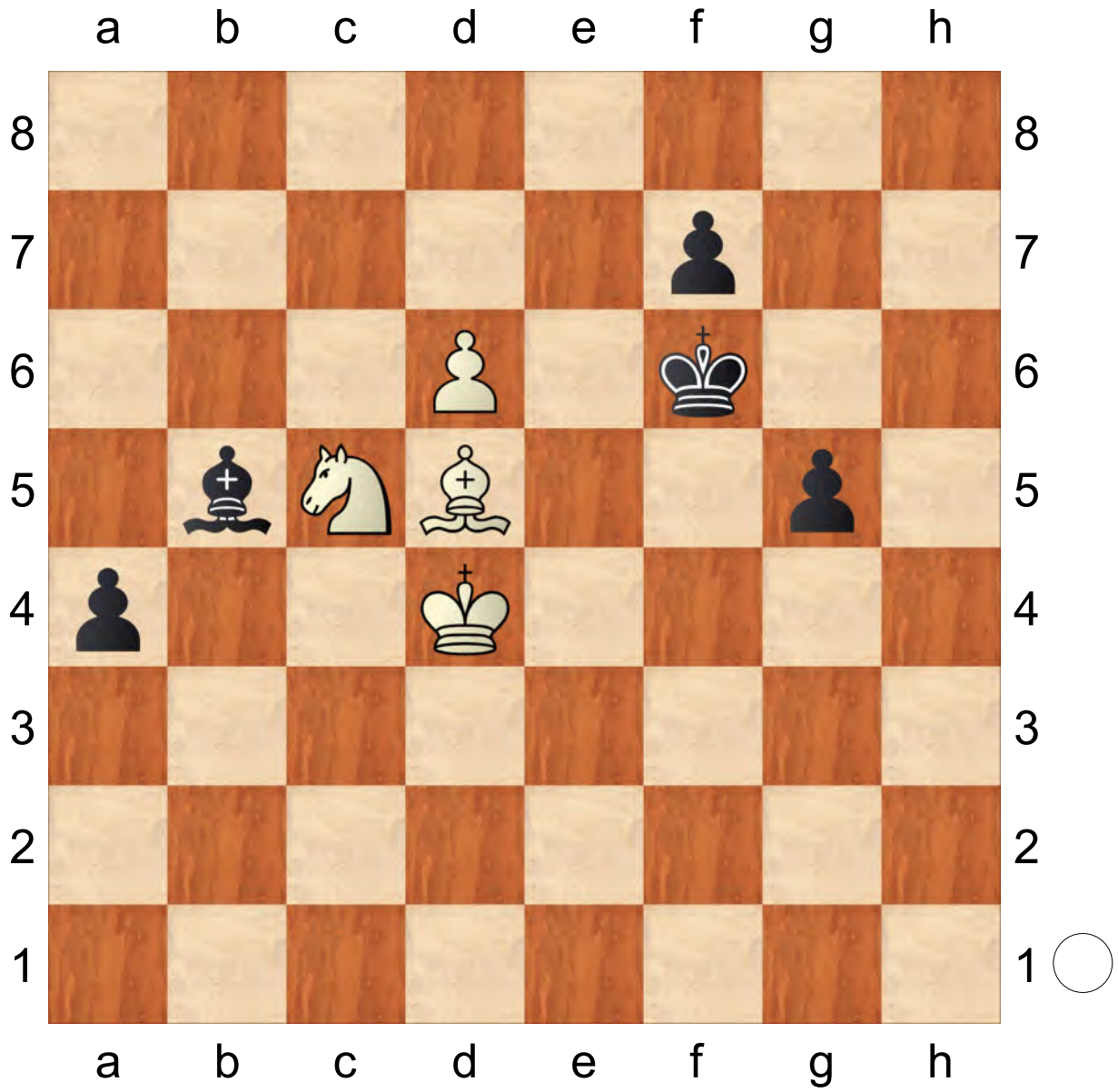
[56.Bc4! Bc6 57.Ke3 a3 58.Ba2 Bb5 59.Bb3 Bc6 60.Bc4⊙ g4 61.Kf4+-]

56...Kf5 57.Bxf7 g4 58.Bd5 a3 59.Ng3+ Kf4 60.Ne4

[60.Ne2+! Kf5 61.Kc5 Bd7 62.Nd4+ Kf4 63.Nc2+-]

60...g3

(Diagram)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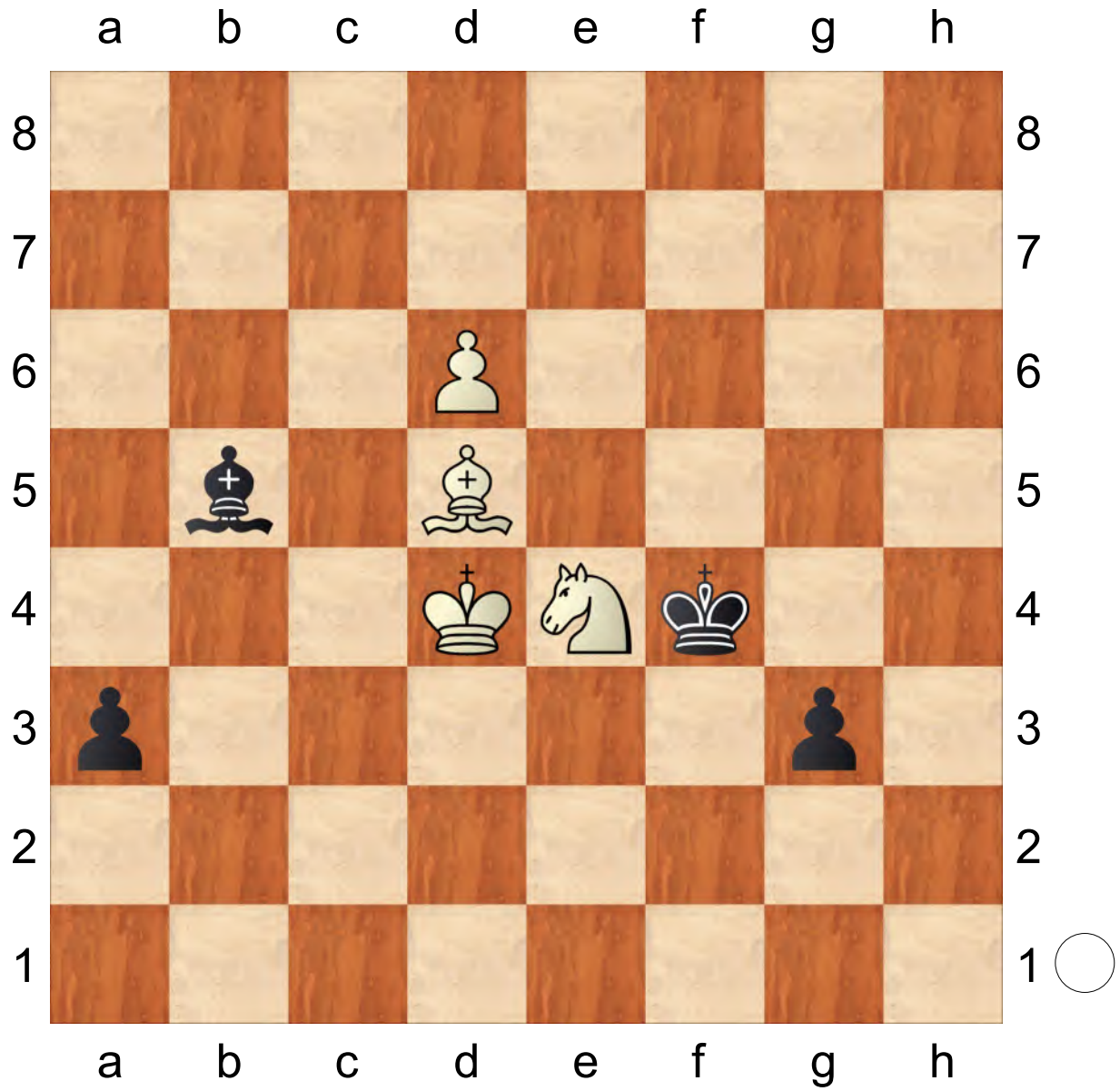


61.Nc3 Kf5 62.Be4+?! White shouldn't let the king nearer to his pawn, but even after

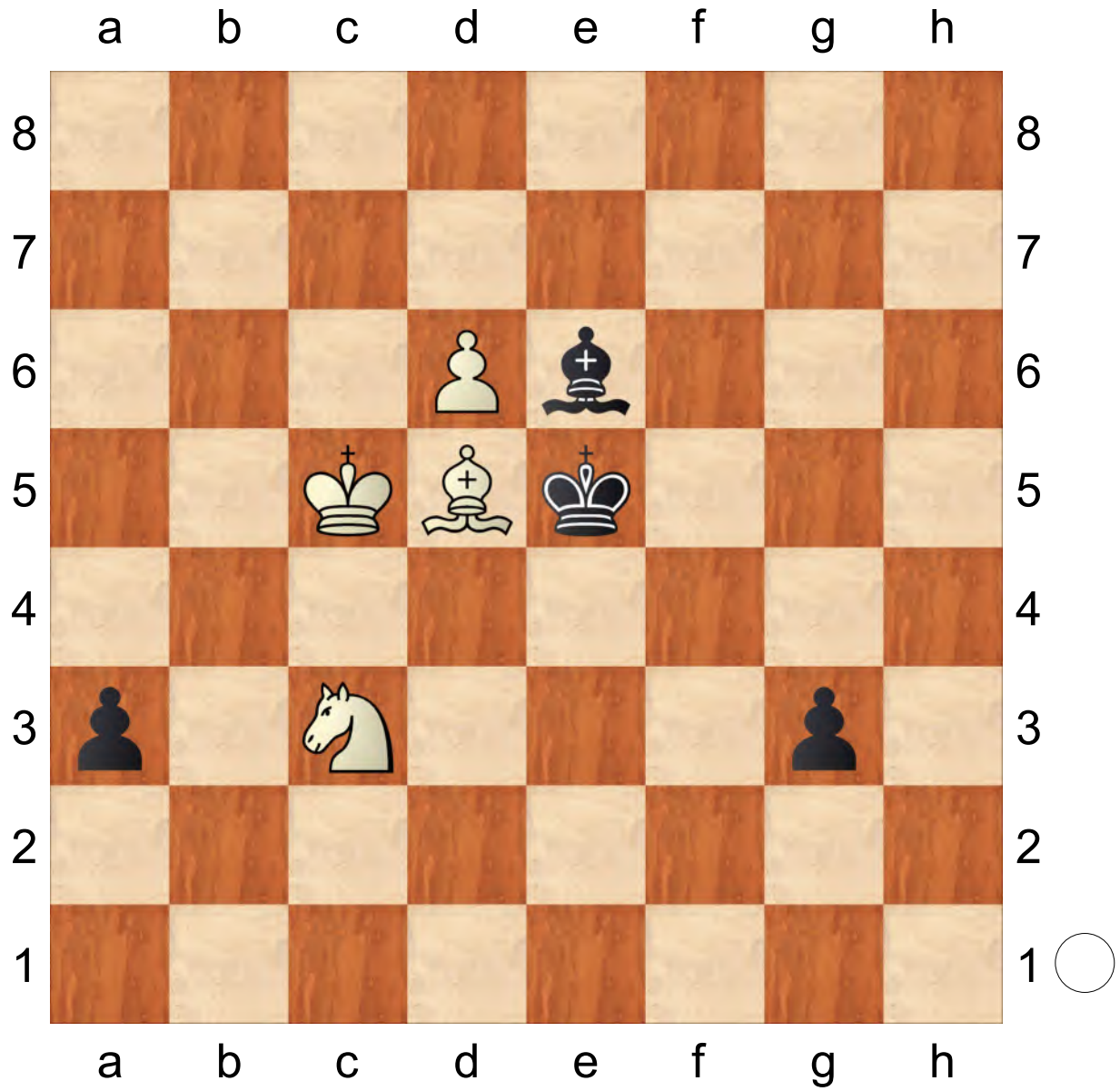
[62.Kc5 Ba4!? *(62...Bd7 63.Ne2! g2 64.Bxg2 a2 65.Nd4++-)* it's not easy to see, how White can win: 63.Ne2 g2 64.Kb4 Bd7 65.Kxa3 Ke5= is already insufficient.]

62...Ke6 63.Bg2 Bd7

[63...a2! 64.Nxa2 *(64.Bd5+ Kxd6= 65.Nxb5+?? Ke7 66.Bxa2 g2-+)* 64...Kxd6 was an immediate draw, but even now I don't see how White can improve his position - Black's passed pawns are too far forward and tie down the enemy forces.]

64.Kc5 Ke5 65.Bd5 Be6

(Diagram)



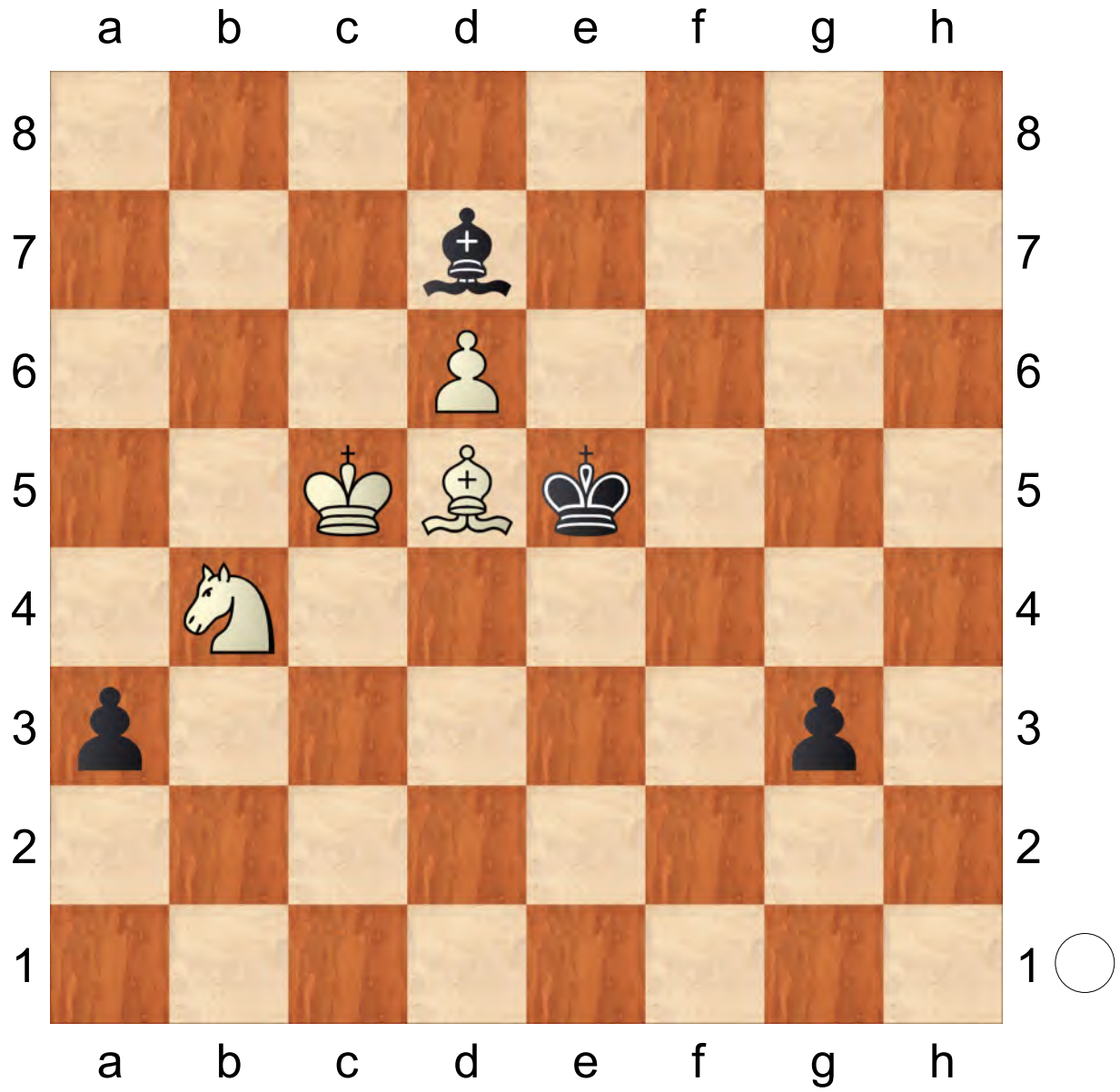
66.Bc6 Bd7! 67.Bh1
[67.Bxd7? g2 68.Ne2 a2-+]
67...Be8 68.Na2 Bd7 69.Nb4 Be8 70.Bd5 Bd7

(Diagram)

71.Nd3+ Kf6 72.Nb4 SOCAR had already won the match, so Topalov abandons further winning attempts. **72...Ke5 73.Nd3+ Kf6 74.Nb4 Ke5**

(Diagram)

½-½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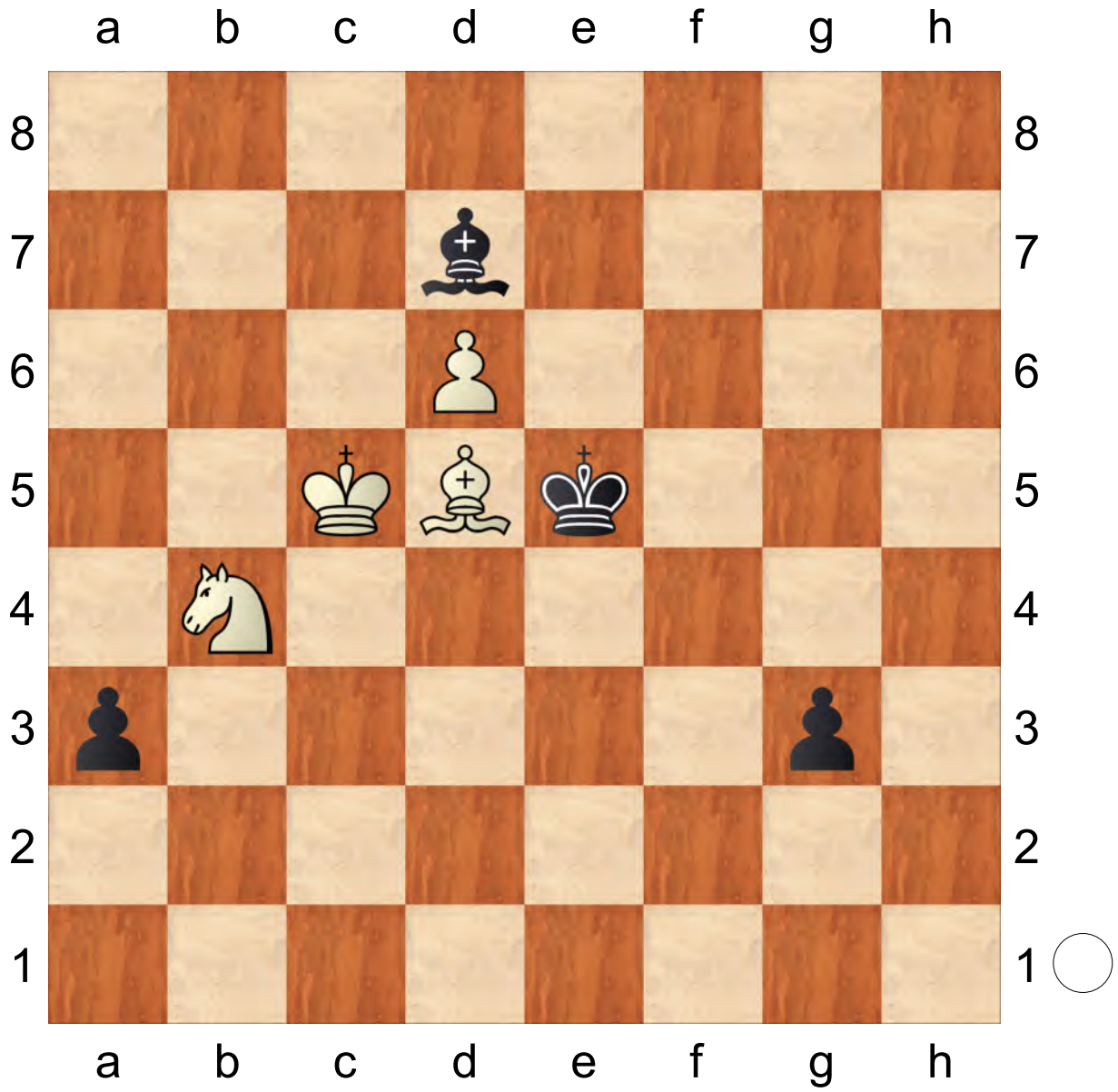
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E21

□ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2736**
■ **Wang,Yue** **2699**
Dortmund 45th (2) 16.07.2017
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 In Dortmund Radek willingly allowed the Nimzo-Indian, which in the end brought him 2 full points and a well-deserved tournament victory.

[However, in the final round he varied with 4.Qc2 Instead of the main lines, Nisipeanu went for the rare

A) In the currently topical line 4...0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 Kasparov after his long absence from elite chess came up with a very interesting new idea:

A1) 6...d6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Nf3 b6 9.e3 Bb7 10.Nd2 Rc8 11.Bd3 c5 12.0-0 h6 13.Bh4 cxd4 14.exd4

A1a) 14...b5!? 15.b3 Qb6 *(15...Ba6 16.Rac1 bxc4 17.bxc4 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 d5=)* 16.Qb2 bxc4?! *(16...Nh5!⇄)* 17.Nxc4 Qc6 18.f3 Ba6 19.Rac1 d5 20.Ne5 Qb6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.b4 Qb7 24.Rc5 Nd7 25.Nxd7 Qxd7 26.Rfc1± Gunina,V (2528)-Cramling,P (2495) Sochi 2015;

A1b) 14...d5 15.b3

A1b1) 15...dxc4 16.bxc4 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bf5 Rc5 19.Rad1 Qd6 20.Qh3? *(20.f3!±)* 20...Qc6 21.Nb3 Nh5!↑ Ivanisevic,I (2650)-Beliavsky,A (2602) Baku olm 2016;

A1b2) 15...Qc7 16.Rfe1 Nh5 17.f3 Rfe8 18.Rac1 dxc4 19.bxc4 e5 *(This is again premature, but White seems to be better even after 19...Qf4 20.Bf2 e5 21.dxe5 Rxe5 22.g3±)* 20.Bf5! exd4 21.Qxd4 Bc6 22.Ne4 *(22.Bg4 Qf4 23.Nb3±)* 22...Qf4 23.Bxd7 Bxd7 Kasparov,G (2812)-Navara,D (2737) Saint Louis blitz 2017 24.Qxd7 Qxh4 25.Qxa7± /±;

A2) 6...d5 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.h4!?N

A2a) 9...c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.h5 h6 12.g4! Qd5 *(12...Ba6 13.Qa4!?±)* 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.g5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 f6 16.Bd2

A2a1) 16...Nd7 17.e4 N5b6 18.0-0-0↑ *(18.h6!?)*;

A2a2) 16...Nc6? 17.Rc1 Nd4 18.Rxc5 Nxf3+ 19.exf3 Bd7 20.Rh4 Rfb8 21.b4 a6 22.Rd4 Bb5 23.Bg2 Re8 24.f4± /+-, Kasparov,G (2812)-Nakamura,H (2792) Saint Louis blitz 2017;

A2b) One can expect further practical tests with 9...Ba6

A2b1) 10.Qa4 Qd7= *(10...Qd5!?)*;

A2b2) 10.Qc2 Nbd7 *(10...c5!? 11.dxc5 bxc5∞)*;

A2c) 9...Bb7 10.Bg5

A2c1) 10...Qd5 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Qxd5 Bxd5 13.Ne5 c5?!

(13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7± /=) 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.f3! Rab8 17.e4 Ba2 18.Rc2 Bb1 19.Rd2 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Bb5 Nh5 22.g4 *(22.Nc6±)* 22...Nf4 23.Kf2? *(23.Rh2!±)* 23...f6 24.Nc6 Rd2+ 25.Ke3 Rxb2 26.Kxf4 Rxb5= Kasparov,G (2812)-Aronian,L (2799) Saint Louis blitz 2017;

A2c2) 10...h6!? **Δ** 11.Ne5 c5⇄;

A2c3) 10...Nbd7 11.Ne5 h6 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Rh3! f5 15.Rd1 Kh7 16.Qc1 Bd5?! *(16...Rac8 17.Rc3 Qd6∞)* 17.Rc3 c6 18.g3 a5 19.e3 *(⌓19.Qf4!±)* 19...Rac8 20.Be2 Qe7 21.Rd2 Rc7 22.Bc4 Rfc8 23.Rdc2 Be4 24.Bd3 Bf3 25.Be2 Be4 26.Bd3 Bf3 27.Be2= ½, Kasparov,G (2812)-Anand,V (2783) Saint Louis blitz 2017;

B) 4...d6 5.Bd2 Nc6 *(5...0-0 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qe7 8.Nf3 Nbd7* is played somewhat more often: *9.e3 b6 10.Bd3 e5!? 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nd2 Nc5 13.Be2 Bb7 14.0-0 Nfe4 15.b4 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Nd7 17.c5 bxc5 18.Rfc1 Bd5 19.bxc5* Lenic,L (2641)-Carlsen,M (2840) chess.com rpd 2017 *Rab8⇄)* 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 a5 10.Be2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5

B1) 12.0-0 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nxe5!? Nxe5 15.Bxh5 Nxh5 16.Qf5 Nxc4 17.Qxh5 f5 18.Rad1 *(18.Rac1±)* 18...c6 19.Rd4 Nb6 20.e4 fxe4 21.Qg4 Nd5 22.Rxe4 Qf7⇄ Nolte,R (2460)-Bersamina,P (2206) Tagaytay City 2013;

B2) 12.h3

B2a) 12...a4 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Bd3 *(14.Nd2 Nc5 15.Bf3 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Rfe8 17.Bb4 Nxb4 18.axb4 e4 19.bxc5 exf3 20.Nxf3 Bc6 21.Nd4* Anton Guijarro,D (2650)-Kayumov,S (2505) Doha blitz 2016 *Be4 22.Qe2 Qxc5=)* 14...g6 15.Be4 Nd8 16.Bb4 Nc5 17.Ne1 c6 18.Nd3 b6 19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.Bc3± Salomon,J (2488)-Fenil,S (2267) Sitges 2017;

B2b) 12...Rd8 13.0-0 *(13.b3 g6 14.Qb2 Re8 15.Nd2 b6 16.0-0 Bb7 17.b4 Nd7 18.Bf3 Nd8 19.bxa5 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 bxa5 21.Rfd1 f6 22.Qd2 Nc5 23.Rab1 Ndb7=* Lupulescu,C (2618)-Bogdanovich,S (2591) Baku 2016 *)* 13...e4 14.Nd4 Nxd4 *(14...Ne5 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 c5 17.bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rab1 Qxa3 19.Nb3 Re8 20.Ra1 Qe7 21.Rxa5 Rxa5 22.Nxa5 Bc6 23.Qd2±* Enricci,J (2410)-Cilloniz Razzeto,A (2301) email 2006*)* 15.Bxd4 c5

B2b1) 16.Bxf6 gxf6 *(16...Qxf6 17.Qxe4±)* 17.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 f5± is pleasant for White, but is it really enough to win?;

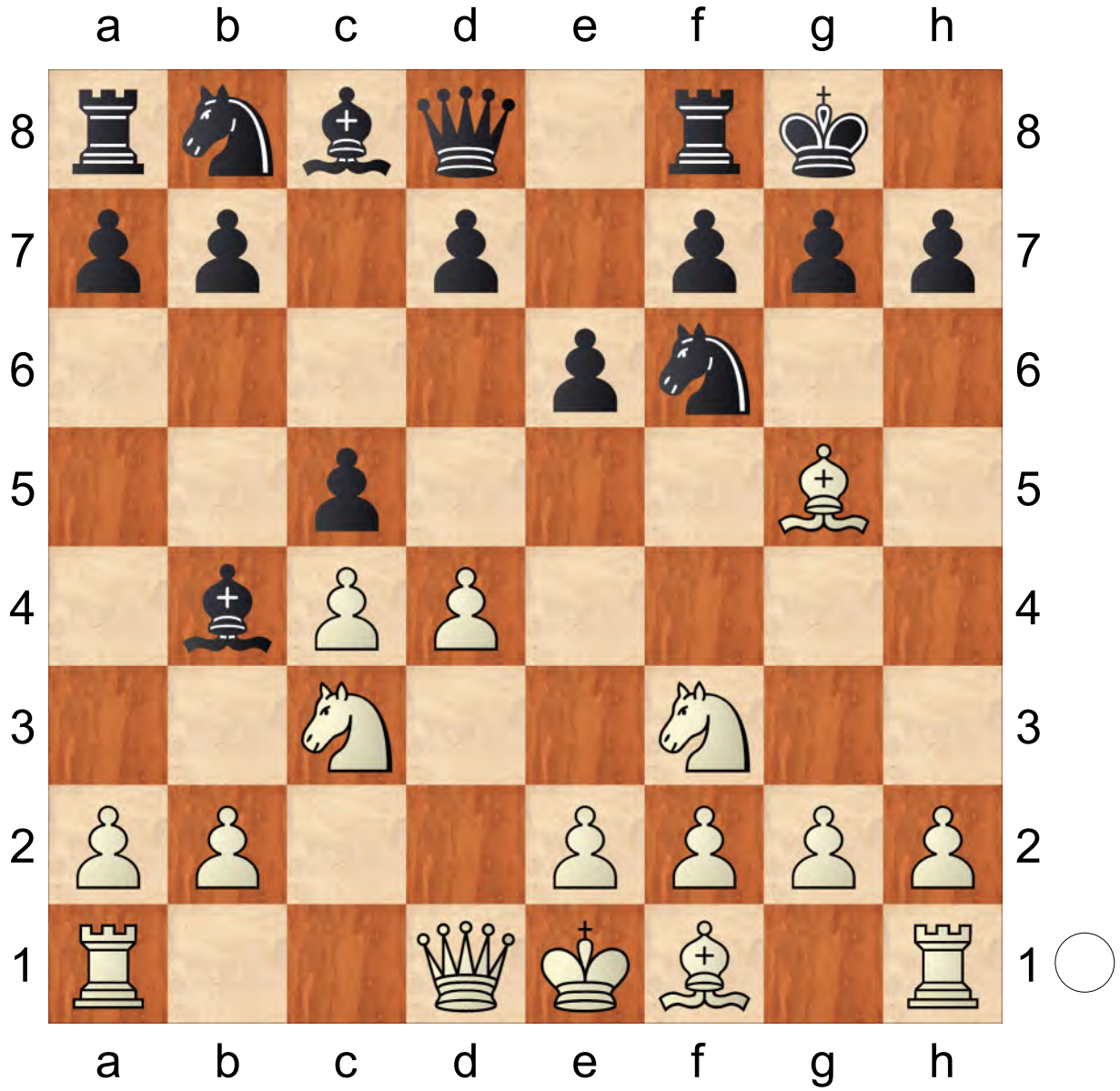
B2b2) 16.Bc3 a4 17.f4!?

B2b21) 17...exf3 18.Bxf3 *(18.Rxf3 Ne4 19.Bd3 Re8=)* 18...Qxe3+ 19.Kh1≅;

B2b22) 17...Bd7 18.f5 Bc6 19.Rf4 Rd6 20.Raf1 Rad8 21.Qc1 Nd7?! *(21...h6∞)* 22.f6! Nxf6?! *(⌓22...Rxf6!? 23.Bxf6 Nxf6±)* 23.Qe1 Ne8 *(23...Re6 24.Qg3 Qc7 25.Qg5 h6 26.Qxc5±)* 24.Rxf7 Qxf7 25.Rxf7 Kxf7 26.Qg3 Nf6 27.Qe5± /+-, Wojtaszek,R

(2736)-Nisipeanu,L (2683) Dortmund 2017]

4...0-0 5.Bg5 c5



6.e3

[6.Rc1 h6 7.Bh4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d5 9.e3 *(9.cxd5 g5! 10.Bg3 Qxd5⇄)* 9...e5 10.Nf3

A) 10...g5 11.Bg3 d4 12.exd4 exd4 13.Nxd4?! *(⌓13.Qxd4* transposes to 10...d4 *)* 13...Qb6 14.Ndb5 Bg4! 15.Be2 Bxe2 *(15...Rd8!?)* 16.Kxe2 Qe6+?! *(16...Nc6!↑)* 17.Kf1 Qxc4+ 18.Qe2 Qxe2+ 19.Kxe2 Re8+ 20.Kd3 Nc6 21.Rhe1 *(⌓21.Rhd1= /∓)* 21...Red8+ 22.Kc2 a6 23.Na3 b5 24.Kb1 Rac8 25.Red1 Bxc3 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxc3 Nb4 28.Rc1 Ne4 29.Bc7 Rc8 30.f3 Nd2+ 31.Ka1 Nd5 32.Rd1 Rxc7 33.Rxd2 Rc1+∓ Wojtaszek,R (2701)-Tkachiev,V (2632) Legnica 2013. Although later Radek managed to save the game, probably this experience subsequently led him to abandon 6. ♖c1 in

favour of 6.e3.;

B) 10...d4 11.exd4 exd4 12.Nxd4?! *(12.Qxd4 g5⩱)* 12...Qb6!⇗ 13.Nf3 Rd8 14.Qc2 g5 15.Bg3 Nc6 16.Bd3 g4 17.Nh4 Bf8 18.Qb1 Re8+ 19.Kf1 Be6 20.h3 Nh5 21.Ne4 Nxg3+ 22.Nxg3 Rad8 23.hxg4 Ne5⟶ Edouard,R (2613)-Nakamura,H (2785) Caleta 2017 For more details see the notes to this game by Navara in CBM 177 and an article about the 4.♘f3 0-0 line in CBM 179.]

6...h6 7.Bh4 cxd4

[≤7...Qa5?! 8.Bxf6 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Nd2⩲ gxf6 11.Rb1 d6 12.Rb3 Qa5 13.Bd3 e5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.d5 Nb4 16.Bb1 f5 17.a3 Na6 18.Nf3 Qd8 19.g3 Qf6 20.Nh4 Nc7 21.Bxf5! Bxf5 22.Qf3 b5 23.Qxf5 Qxf5 24.Nxf5± Melkumyan,H (2647)-Vydeslaver,A (2384) Warsaw 2014]

8.exd4 d5 Wang Yue opts for the simple alternative.

[The sharper continuation is 8...Qa5!? and now: Wojtaszek himself once played

A) 9.Qc2 Ne4 10.Rc1 *(10.Bd3!? Nxc3 11.0-0 Qa4 12.Qc1 Nxa2 13.Qb1 d6 14.Rxa2 Qe8⩲* and White's initiative is good enough only for equality - Kasparov*; 10.Be7 Bxe7 11.Qxe4 Bb4 12.Qe3 Nc6 13.Be2 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qc7 15.g4 Ne7 16.g5 Nf5 17.Qd3 hxg5 18.Nxg5 f6 19.Ne4 b6 20.c5 Bb7∓* Van Doorn,J (2269)-Oudheusden,W (2222) email 2011*)* 10...d5 11.Bd3 *(11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.Bd3 f5 14.0-0 g5 15.Bg3 f4 16.cxd5 exd5 17.c4 Qxa3 18.Qb1 Bf5 19.cxd5 Nd2 20.Nxd2 Bxd3∓* Jobava,B (2334)-Barsov,A (2526) Abu Dhabi 2003*)* 11...Qxa2 12.Bxe4 *(12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc2 14.Rxc2 Nc6 15.Ra1 b6 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.d5 Na5 19.Nd2 Bf5∓* Cruz,W (2241)-Mekhitarian,K (2559) Florianopolis 2017*)* 12...dxe4 13.Nd2 *(13.Ne5 f6 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qa4 16.Ng6 Rf7 17.Bg3 Kh7 18.Bxb8 Rxb8 19.h4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Bd7∓* Sideif Sade,F (2385)-Novikov,I (2455) Pavlodar 1987*)* 13...Qa5 14.Qxe4 *(14.Ndxe4 Nc6 15.Qd3* Cruz,W (2241)-Das Chagas,D (1952) Pirai do Sul 2017 *Qh5! 16.Qg3 Kh8-+)* 14...f5 *(*Black has more restrained moves such as *14...Nc6!? 15.0-0 Qh5=;* or *14...Qf5=)* 15.Qd3 e5 *(* Black still doesn't have to force the issue - the solid *15...Qc7! 16.f3 Nc6* is at least equal *)*

A1) 16.f4 exd4 17.Qxd4 Re8+ 18.Kd1 Be6 *(18...Nc6!? 19.Qd5+ Be6 20.Qxa5 Nxa5 21.b3 b5 22.Nxb5 Bxd2 23.Kxd2 Nxb3+ 24.Kc2 Nxc1 25.Nc7 Ne2 26.Nxa8 Bxc4 27.Nc7 Rc8* 0-1, Skaperdas,K (2217)-Sigalas,F (2277) Aghios Kirykos 2004*)* 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.fxe5 Nc6 21.Re1 g5 22.Bf2 Rad8-+ Florean,A (2459)-Rogozenco,D (2557) Bucharest 1999 See the notes to this game in CBM 70 by Tisdall.;

A2) ⩲16.0-0!⇗ is a dangerous piece sacrifice: 16...g5 *(16...exd4 17.Nd5 Bxd2 18.Ra1; 16...e4 17.Qe2 Nc6!? 18.Nb3 Qc7 19.f3!?⩱)* 17.Bg3 e4 18.Qe2 f4 19.Ndxe4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qc7 21.h4 *(21.c5⟶)* 21...fxg3 22.fxg3 Bf5 23.hxg5 Nd7 24.gxh6 Kh8 25.Ng5 Qd6 26.g4↑ Bekker Jensen,S (2438)-Lupulescu,C (2626) Germany 2016

B) 9.Bd3!? Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxc3+ 11.Kf1

B1) Also the older move 11...d6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 might be playable after

13.Rc1 *(13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Rxb7 Ba4 15.Qe2 Nc6 16.Qe3 Kg7* Ciparis,J (2363)-Stropus,V (2383) corr 1999 *17.Ke2 Nb4 18.Rb1=; 13.h4 e5∞* can only transpose to 13. ♖c1*)* 13...Qa5 14.Bb1!? *(14.h4 e5 15.g4 Nc6 16.g5 f5 17.gxh6 Kh8 18.Rg1 e4 19.d5 exf3 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Qxf3 Be6 22.c5 Rg8 23.Rxg8+ Rxg8 24.Qf4 Qa3 25.Qd4+ Kh7⇄* Rashkovsky,N (2420)-Novikov,I (2490) Tashkent 1986*)* 14...Kg7 15.g3 *(15.Nd2!?)* 15...e5 16.Kg2⩲;

B2) 11...Nh5 12.g3!

B2a) 12...f5 13.Rc1?! *(13.Be7! Re8 14.Bd6⩲ /↑)* 13...Qa3 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.Ng6 Rf7 16.Kg2 b6 17.Re1 Bb7+ 18.d5 Na6 19.Ne5 g5 20.Nxf7 Kxf7-+ Wojtaszek,R (2715)-Berkes,F (2665) Budapest 2014 This game is annotated in more detail in the theoretical article in CBM 179.;

B2b) ⌓12...Nc6 13.Rc1 Qa5!? *(≤13...Qa3 14.Kg2⩲)* 14.Kg2 b6∞ is far from clear, but the Chinese GM is not interested...]

9.Rc1

[9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.a3 b6 13.Qd3 Bb7 14.Rad1 Nh5 15.Bg3

A) 15...Nxg3 16.hxg3 Bf6 17.d5 exd5 *(17...Na5 18.dxe6 Nxc4 19.exf7+ Rxf7 20.Qxc4 Qc8 21.Qb3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Qf5 23.Ne5 Qxe5 24.Rd7±* Shankland,S (2602)-Bregadze,L (2417) Santa Clara 2014*)* 18.Bxd5± Na5 Timofeev,A (2539)-Aleksandrov,A (2606) St Petersburg 2015 19.b4! Bxc3 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qxc3↑;

B) ⌓15...Bf6!? 16.d5 *(16.Ne4 Na5 17.Ba2 Bd5=)* 16...Na5 17.dxe6 Nxc4 18.exf7+ Rxf7 19.Qxc4 Qc8 20.Qb3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Bxc3 22.Rc1 Qf5 23.Rxc3 Raf8 24.Qc4 Nf4 25.Re1 Kh8 26.Bxf4 Qxf4 27.Qxf4 Rxf4 28.Kg2 R8f7 ½, Learte Pastor,T (2258)-Sciarretta,R (2129) email 2012]

9...Be7N A plausible novelty.

[However, the developing ⌓9...Nc6! makes a better impression:

A) 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be2 Qd6 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Nb5 Qf4 14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Qb8 16.a3 Be7 17.Re1 Bf6 18.Qd3 a6 19.Nc3 Qd6 20.Bd1 Bg4 21.Bc2 g6 22.Bb3 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nxd4 24.Qxd5 Rad8= Taimanov,M (2585)-Parma,B (2500) Tbilisi 1973

B) 10.c5?! g5 *(10...e5!? 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 d4 13.a3 dxc3 14.axb4 cxb2 15.Rb1 Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Rd8+ 17.Ke1 Rd4 18.exf6 Rxb4! 19.Bd3 Rxh4 20.Rxb2 gxf6∓ /∓,* Chatalbashev,B (2550)-Lie,K (2525) Kragero 2017*)* 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.h4 Nxg3 13.fxg3 e5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 e4 16.Ng1 Qc7∓ Champion,W-Gladis,D email 2004;

C) 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b6 *(11...Be7 12.0-0 b6 13.a3 Bb7 14.Ba2 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Ncxe7 16.Bb1 Rc8 17.Qd2 Nxc3 18.Rxc3 Rxc3 19.Qxc3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxd4∓* Brynell,S (2501)-Willemze,T (2393) Wijk aan Zee 2007*)* 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Bd3 Be7 14.Bb1 Rc8 15.Re1 Re8 16.a3 Nd5 17.Bg3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bxa3 19.Qd3 g6 20.Rcd1 Rashkovsky,N (2445)-Mikhalchishin,A (2525) Kuibyshev 1986 Ne7!?∓ ;

D) 10.a3 Be7 11.c5 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Bb5 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 e5
D1) 15.0-0 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.dxe5 *(17.Qa4 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 e4 19.Rb3 Qd7 20.Qa6* Ivanov,I (2505)-Seirawan,Y (2595) Saint John blitz 1988 *f5⇄ /∓)* 17...Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qxe5 1/2-1/2 (58) Carlsen,M (2855)-Nakamura,H (2787) Leuven 2016 19.b4 d4 20.Re1 Qd5 21.Qb3 Rfd8 22.Qxd5 Rxd5 23.Rd1 a5= Carlsen,M (2855)-Nakamura,H (2787) Leuven blitz 2016;
D2) 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.0-0 d4 19.Rcc1 Bf5 20.Qf3 Bg6 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.b4 a6 23.Bd3 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 Rfe8 25.g3 Re5 26.Kg2 a5 27.h4 axb4 28.axb4 Gonzalez Garcia,J (2498)-Burg,T (2506) Barcelona 2017 Qc6=]

[Even though 9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 gives White an extra tempo in comparison with 9.♗d3, it's still difficult to prove any advantage: Nc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 b6 13.a3 Bb7 14.Bg3 Rc8 15.Ba2 Bd6! 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxg3 18.hxg3 exd5 19.Bxd5 Qf6 20.Qa4 Rfd8 21.Rcd1 Kasparov,G (2700)-Karpov,A (2720) WCh Moscow 1985 Rc7! 22.Be4 Rcd7= Kasparov]

10.c5 As White doesn't want to lose a tempo with his ♗f1, this is practically forced.

[10.cxd5 Nxd5 makes life rather easy for Black:
A) 11.Bg3 Nc6= *(11...b6!?)*;
B) 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Bc4 a6=]

10...b6

[10...Nc6 11.Bb5± favours White - compared to the similar line in the Panov attack of the Caro-Kann, he has an extra tempo due to the manoeuvre ♗b4-e7.]

[However, a good alternative is 10...Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bd3 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 *(13.bxc3 b6∓)* 13...e5! 14.dxe5 Nc6 15.0-0 Bg4!? *(15...Nxe5 16.Bb1±)* 16.Bc2 Rad8⇄]

(Diagram)

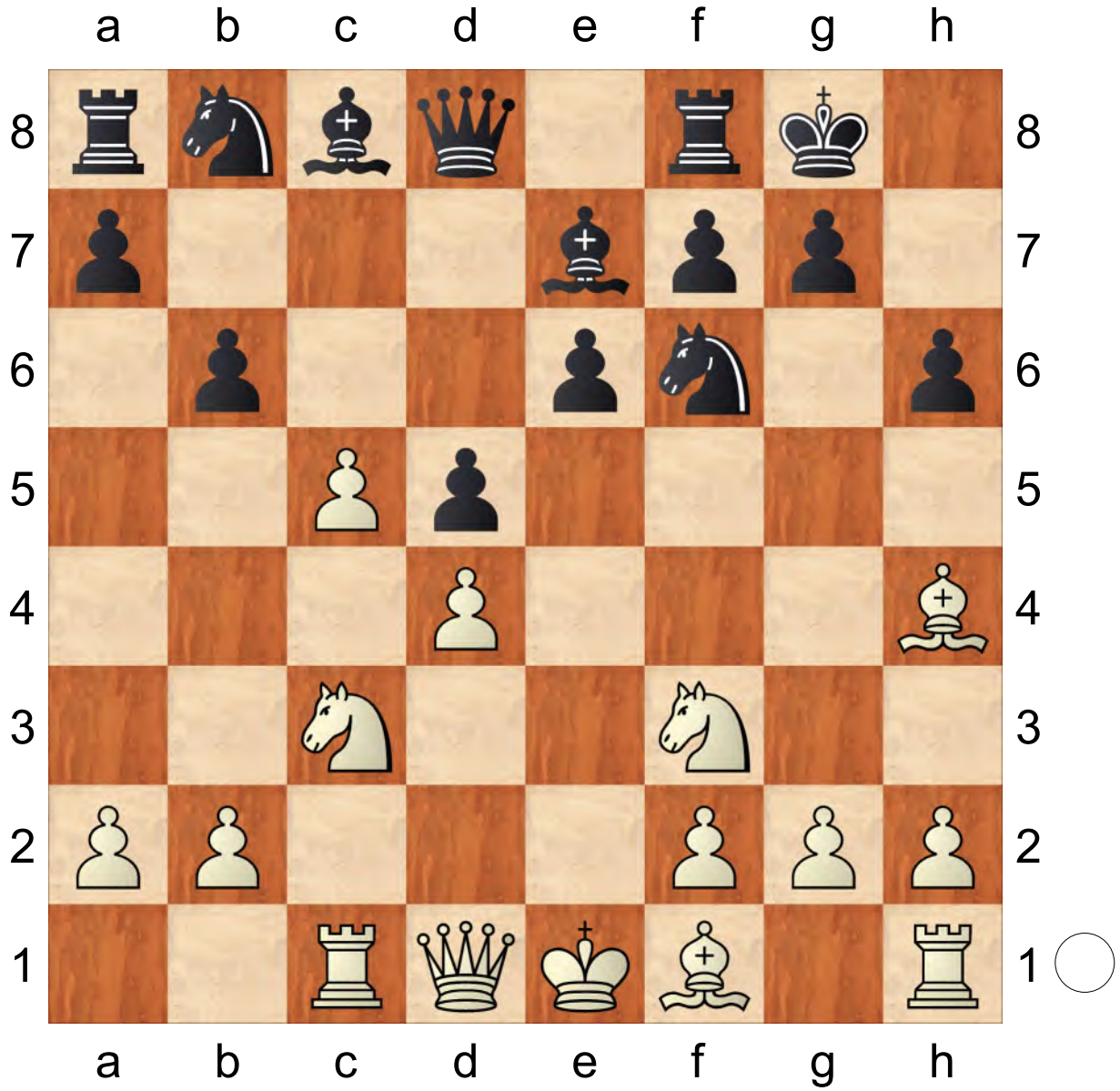
11.b4 a5

[11...Nc6?! 12.b5↑ makes even less sense, than a move earlier.]

[Black still had 11...Ne4!? 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 and now:
A) 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Ne5 Rd8∞;
B) 13.Ne5 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Nd7 15.Nxd7 *(15.Nc6 Qe8 16.b5 Bb7⇄)* 15...Bxd7 16.Ba6 bxc5 17.bxc5 *(17.dxc5 Qf6 18.Rf3 Qe5+ 19.Re3 Qf4=)* 17...Bc6 18.0-0 e5⇄;
C) 13.Bd3 Nxc3 *(13...Bb7 14.Qe2±)* 14.Rxc3 e5 15.dxe5 Nc6 16.0-0 Nxb4 17.cxb6 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 axb6 19.Qxd5 Be6 20.Qb5 Rxa2 21.Qxb6 Bd5= and despite White's extra ♙ the position is drawish.]

12.Na4?! Falling behind in development.

[White should have taken his chance to flick in ⌓12.Bxf6!? gxf6 *(12...Bxf6?! 13.b5±)*



A) 13.Na4 axb4 14.Nxb6 Rxa2 15.Qb3 Ra5 16.Qxb4 Nc6 17.Qd2 e5!∞ Δ 18.Qxh6 Bf5;

B) 13.Qd2 axb4 14.Qxh6

B1) 14...bxc3? 15.Bd3 *(15.Rxc3 Rxa2 16.Ne5+-)* 15...f5 16.Rg1+-;

B2) 14...Re8! 15.Bd3 f5 16.Nb5 bxc5 17.dxc5 Rxa2 18.0-0 Bf8∞;

C) 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 Nc6 15.b5 Nb4 16.c6 e5 17.Be2∞]

12...axb4 13.Nxb6

[Now it's already late for 13.Bxf6 Bxf6∓]

13...Rxa2

[13...Ra3!? 14.Bd3 *(14.Qd2 Ne4 15.Qxb4 Bxh4 16.Qxa3 Bxf2+ 17.Kd1 e5!→; 14.Bg3 Nbd7 15.Nxc8 Qxc8 16.Bd3 Ne4∓)* 14...Nc6 15.0-0 Ne4∓]

14.Qb3 Ra7

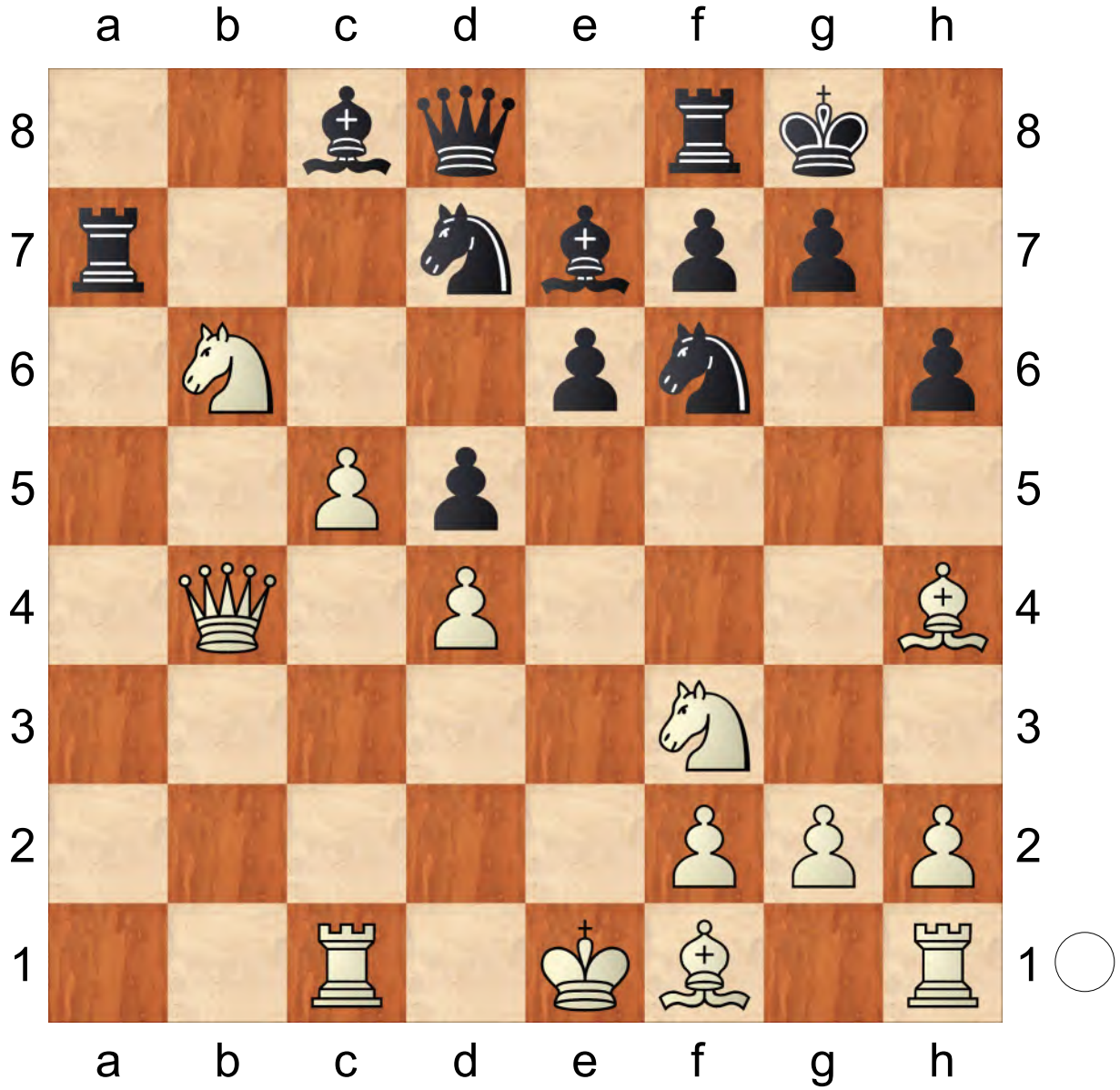
[⌓14...Ra5! 15.Qxb4 Nc6 16.Qb2 e5!↻ Δ 17.dxe5? *(⌓17.Be2 exd4 18.0-0∓)*

17...Bxc5 18.Rxc5 *(18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.exf6 Ba3-+)* 18...Rxc5 19.Be2 *(19.exf6? Re8+ 20.Kd2 Bf5→)* 19...g5 20.exf6 gxh4 21.0-0 Bf5 22.Nxh4 d4∓]

15.Qxb4 Nbd7?!

[15...Nc6 16.Qb2 Nd7!? *(16...Bb7 17.Bb5±)* 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Bd3 Rb7 19.Rb1 f6 20.0-0 e5=]

[15...e5 16.dxe5 *(16.Nxe5 Ng4! 17.Bg3 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Be6⩱)* 16...Nc6 17.Qb2 Ne4 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Be2 Rb7 20.0-0 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Qxb6± /=]



Black again had better moves: **16.Nxd7?!** White returns the favour, this exchange is in my opinion misguided.

[After 16.Nxc8 Qxc8 17.Bb5↑ the ♘ is potentially more dangerous.]

16...Bxd7 17.Bd3

[Black has no problems whatsoever after 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Bd3 Qa8 *(18...Ra2=; 18...Bc6=)* 19.0-0 Rb8= Therefore Wojtaszek allows the transition into an endgame.]

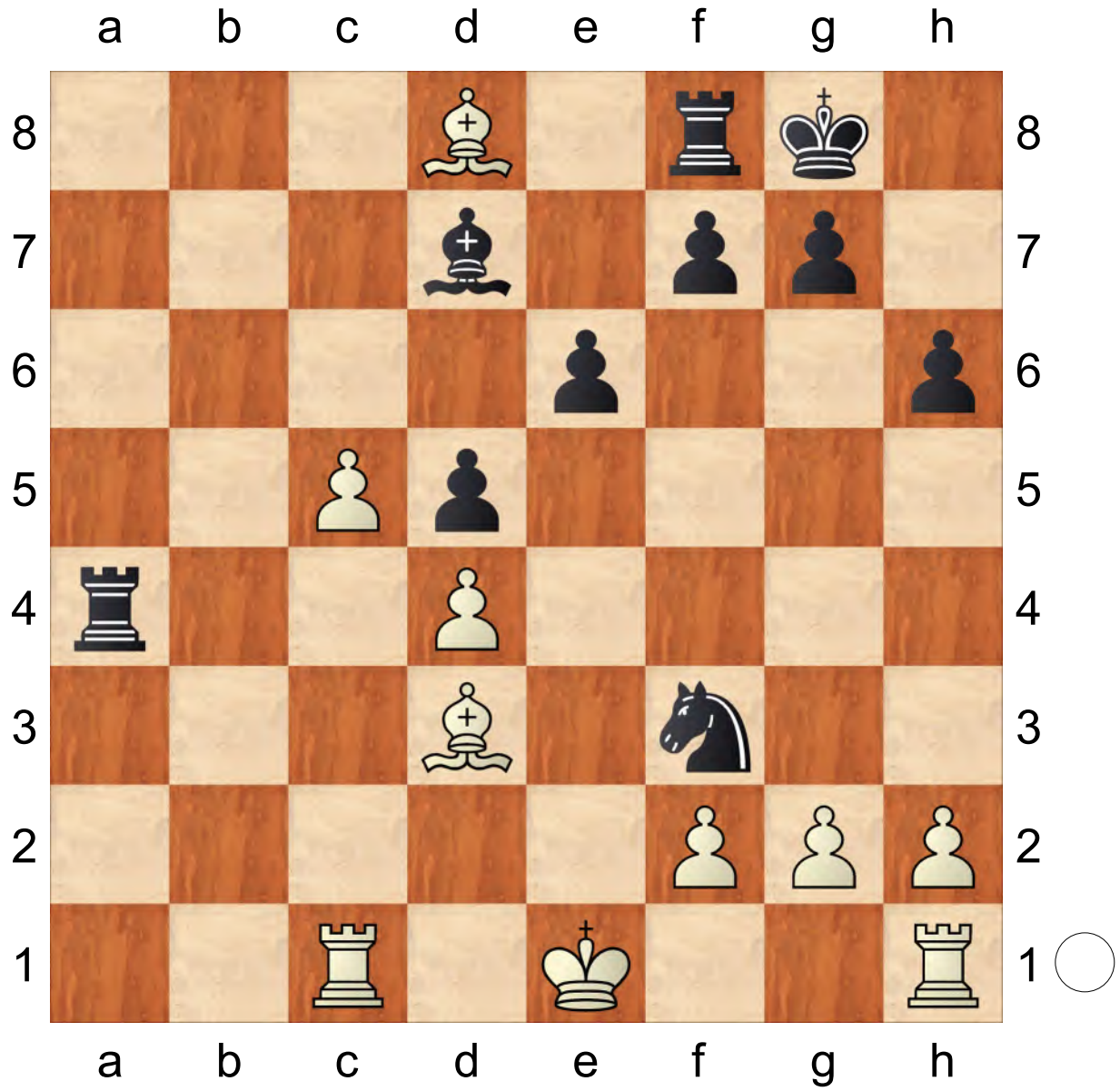
17...Ra4 18.Qd2□

[18.Qb2 g5 19.Bg3 Qa5+∓]

18...Ne4 19.Bxe7 Nxd2!

[≤19...Qxe7 20.Qb2±]

20.Bxd8 Nxf3+



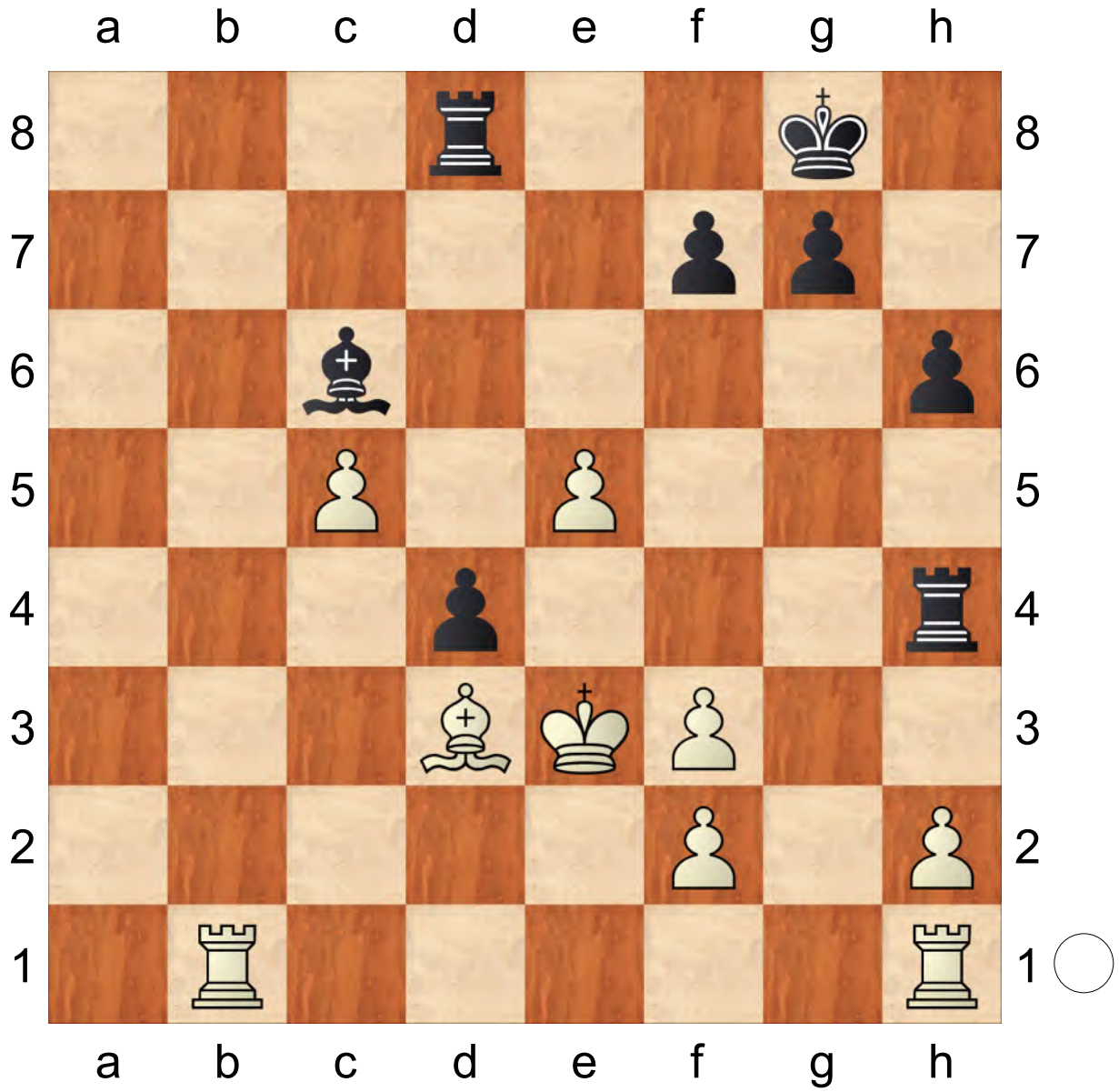
21.gxf3 Rxd8 22.Ke2!

[22.c6? Bxc6∓]

22...Bc6 Playing it safe.

[22...Rxd4 23.c6 Bc8 24.Ra1± *(*or *24.c7!?* probably doesn't lose by force, but it's definitely more dangerous. *)*]

23.Ke3 e5!? Suddenly Black lashes out - surprising and objectively probably OK.
[However, the simple 23...Kf8 24.Ra1 Rda8 25.Rxa4 Rxa4 26.Rb1 Ke7 27.Rb6 Kd7= should hold.]
24.dxe5 Rh4
[24...g5 25.Ra1 Rf4 26.Ra6 d4+ 27.Kd2 Rc8! 28.Rb1 h5!? *(28...Bxf3 29.Rxh6 Kg7! 30.Rh7+ Kg8 31.Rg1 Rxc5 32.Rxg5+ Kf8≅)* 29.Rbb6 Bxf3 30.e6 fxe6 31.Rxe6 Rxc5 32.Rg6+ Kf8 33.Rgf6+ Kg7=]
25.Rb1 d4+



26.Kd2
[≤26.Ke2 Rf4= *(26...Rh5!?)*]
26...Kf8
[26...Bxf3 27.Rhc1 Rxh2 *(27...Bc6? 28.Rb6 Rc8 29.Bf5 Rc7 30.Rb8++-)* 28.c6 Bxc6 29.Rxc6 Rxf2+ 30.Kd1± gives White some winning chances.]

[This line shows Black needs an airhole, roughly equivalent to the text was 26...g5!?]

27.Rb6 Rc8!?

[27...Bxf3 28.c6!

A) 28...Bxh1 29.c7

A1) 29...Rc8 30.Rb8 Ke7 *(30...Bb7? 31.Bf5+-)* 31.Rxc8 - 29...♔e7;

A2) 29...Ke7 30.Rb8 Rc8 31.Rxc8 Kd7 32.Bf5+ Kc6 33.Rf8 Kxc7 34.Rxf7+**±**;

B) 28...Rc8 29.Rhb1 Bxc6 30.Rxc6! *(30.Ba6 Re8!? 31.Rxc6 Rxh2±)* 30...Rxc6 31.Rb8+ Ke7 32.Bb5 Ke6! 33.Bxc6 Kxe5 34.Rb7**±**]

28.Rhb1 Ke7

[28...Bxf3? 29.Rb8 Re8 *(29...Rxb8 30.Rxb8+ Ke7 31.Bb5+-)* 30.R1b6!**±** unblocks the strong ♙c5.]

29.Ra1 Rc7! Again the best defence.

[29...Bxf3? 30.Ra7+ Kf8 31.Ba6! Rd8 32.Bc4+-]

30.Raa6 Bxf3

(Diagram)

31.Bb5 White has finally removed the ♗c6 and can now play for an attack against the ♔e7. **31...Bg4?** Wang Yue stumbles, this tactical error costs him the game.

[31...Rxh2 32.Rb8 f6 holds, White has no more than repetition after 33.exf6+ *(33.Re8+ Kf7 34.e6+?! Kg6∓)* 33...gxf6 34.Rh8 Rxc5 35.Rh7+ Kf8 36.Raa7 *(36.Rb6 Kg8 37.Rd7 Rxf2+ 38.Ke1 Rfc2 39.Rd8+ Kf7 40.Rd7+=)* 36...Rxf2+ 37.Kd3 Rg2 38.Rhf7+ Kg8 39.Rfe7 Kh8 40.Re8+ Rg8 41.Ree7=]

32.Ra8 Bc8

[32...f6 33.Rg8+-]

[32...Rc8 33.Rb7+ Kd8 34.Raa7 Rxc5 35.Rxf7+-]

33.Rc6!+-

[The text move is more straightforward than 33.c6 Rxh2 34.Rb7 Kd8**±** *(34...Bxb7? 35.cxb7 Rxb7 36.Re8#)*]

33...Kd8 34.Rxc7 Kxc7 35.Ra7+ Kb8

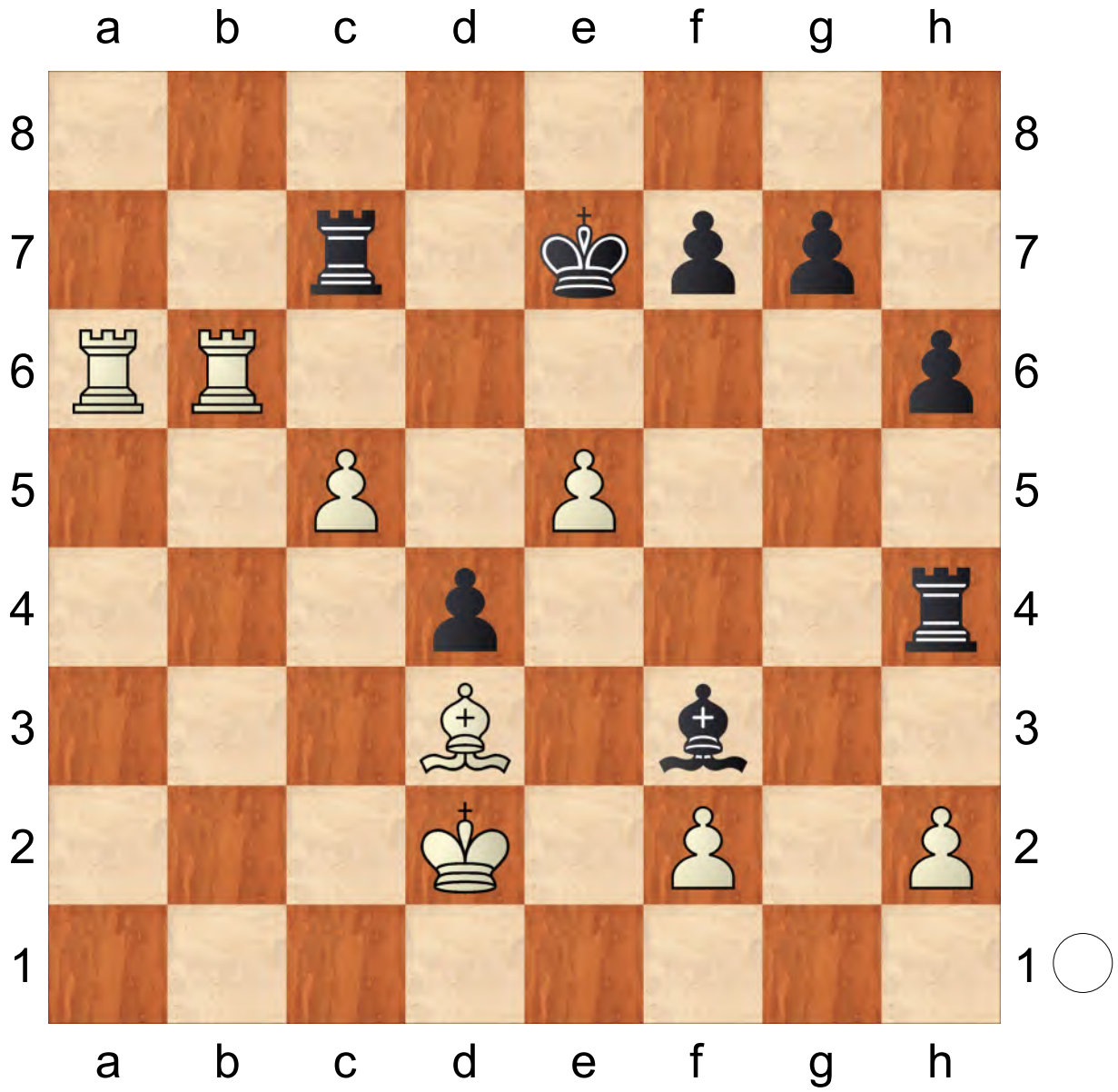
[35...Kd8 36.c6 Rxh2 37.c7+ Ke7 38.Ra8 Rxf2+ 39.Kd1!+- *(39.Ke1? Rf5=)*]

(Diagram)

36.Rxf7

[After 36.Rxf7 Rxh2 White has more than one way to win; possibly the cleanest is 37.Kd3!?+- and the ♁ will decide. *(37.Bc4+-; 37.Bd7+-; 37.c6+-)*]

(Diagram)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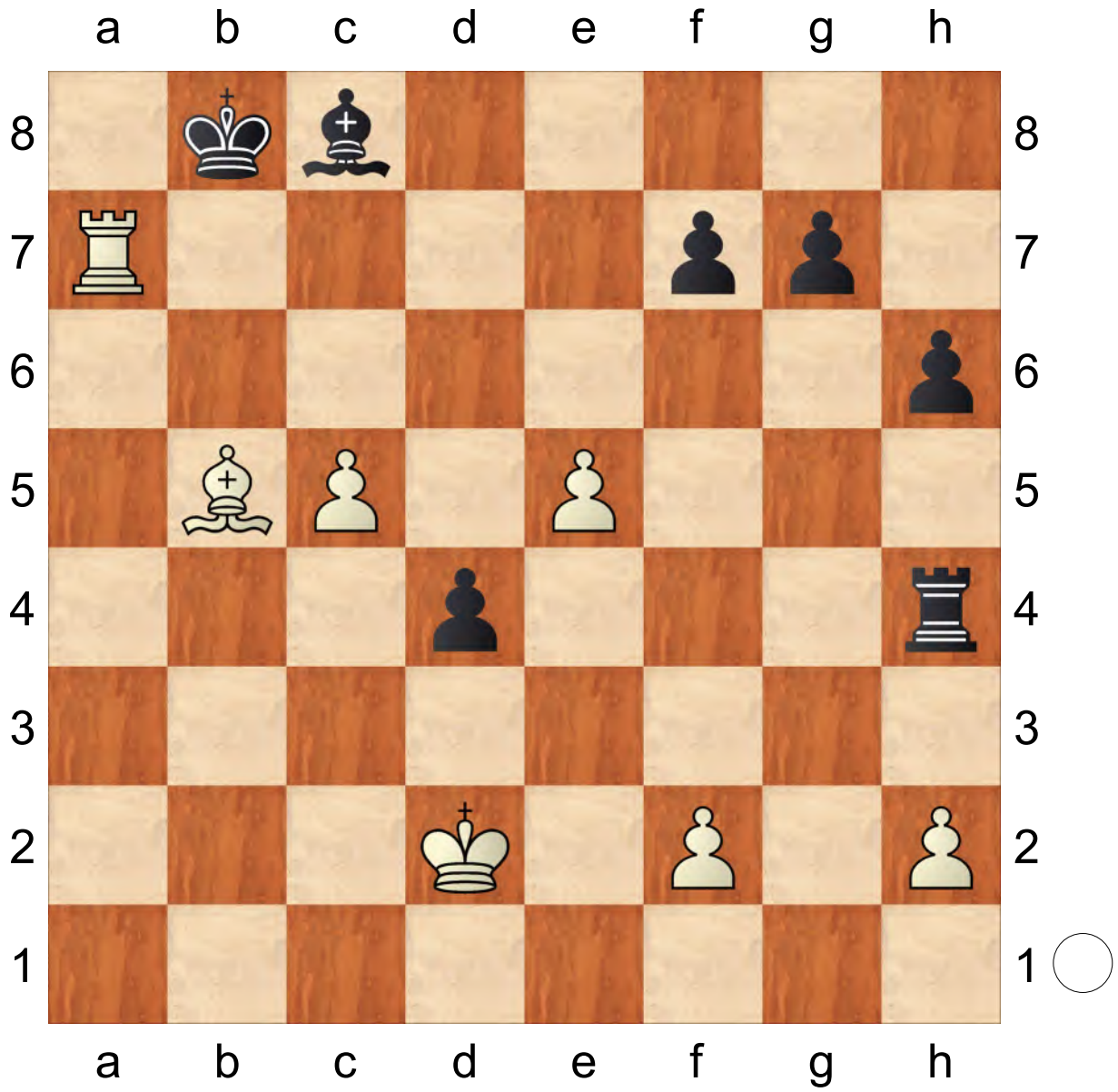
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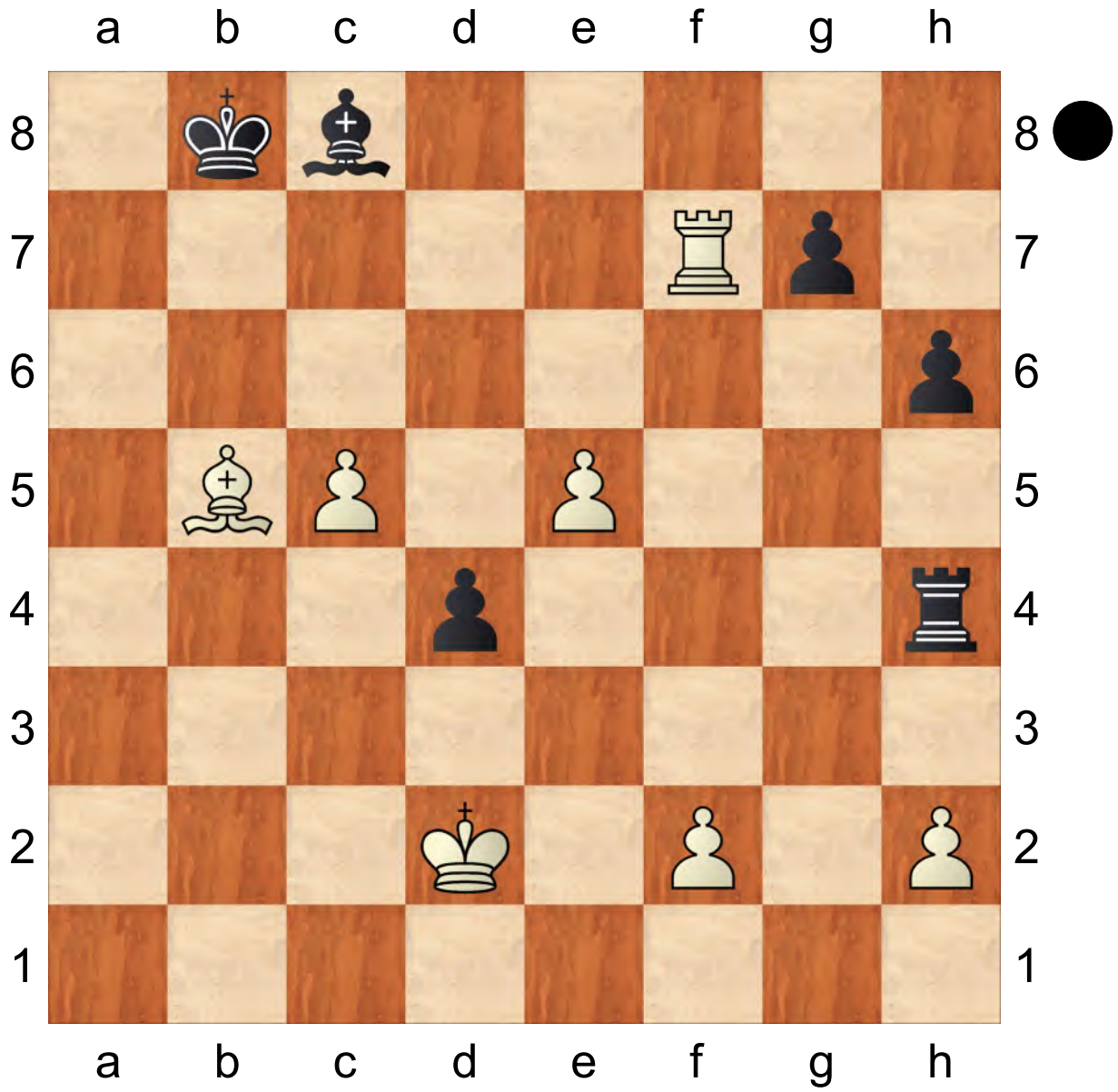

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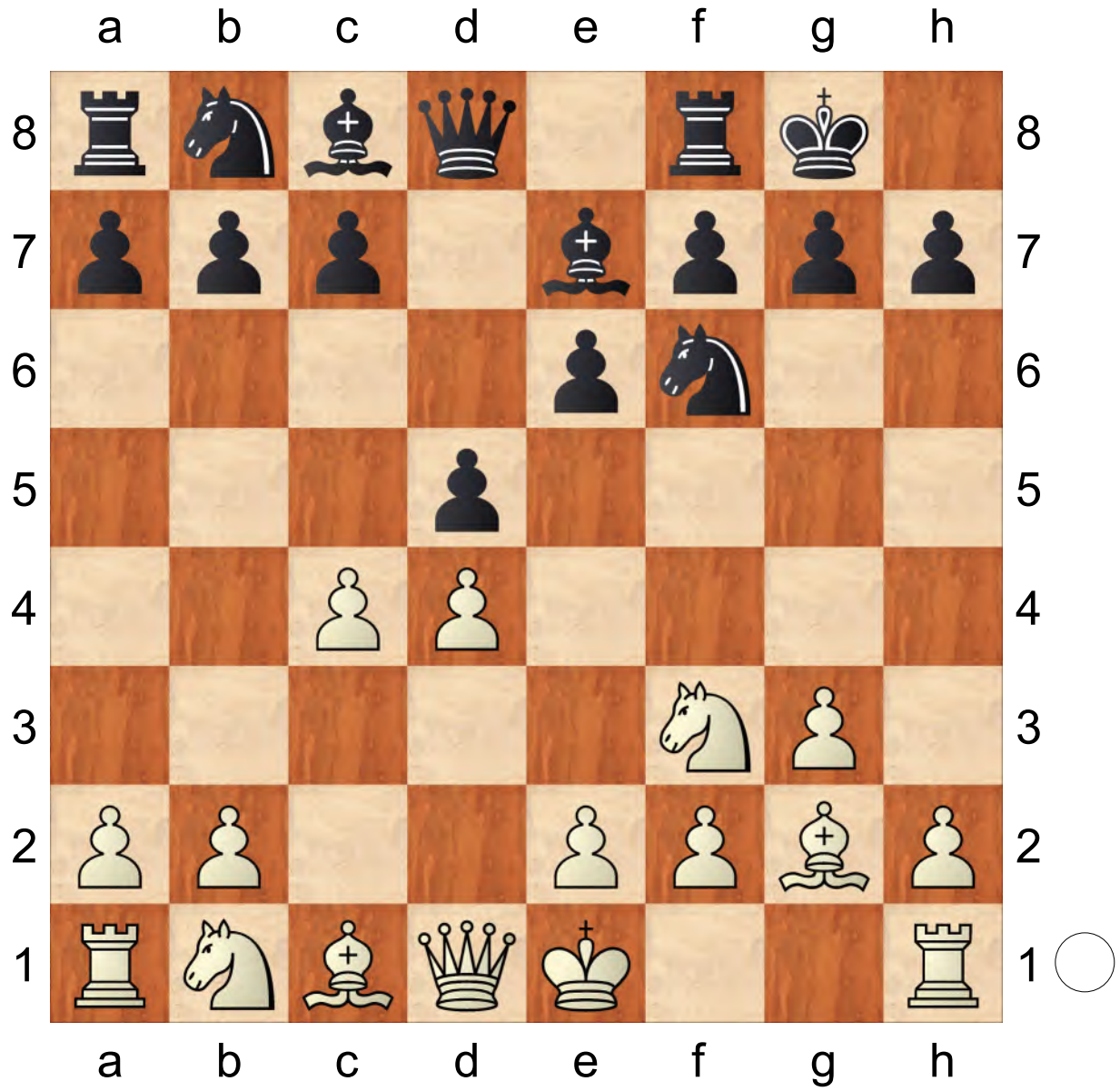
☐ **CBM 64**
■ **8.Qxc4/ 10.Bf4 Nd5/ 13...Qc8!**
Survey Opening 05.1998
[Ribli,Zoltan]

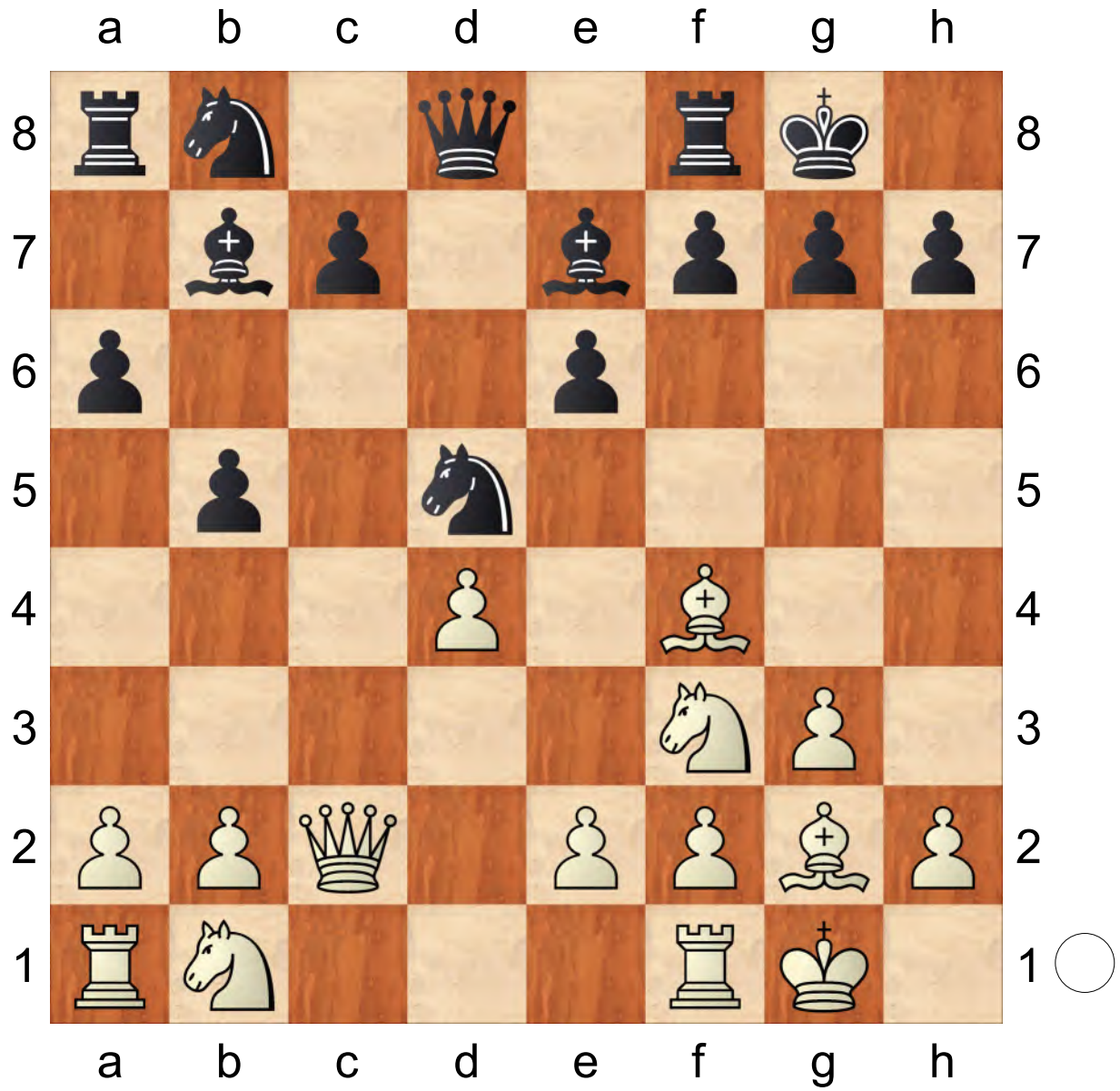
1.d4 Ribli Ribli **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0**



6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bf4 Nd5

(Diagram)

11.Nc3!?



[11.Nbd2

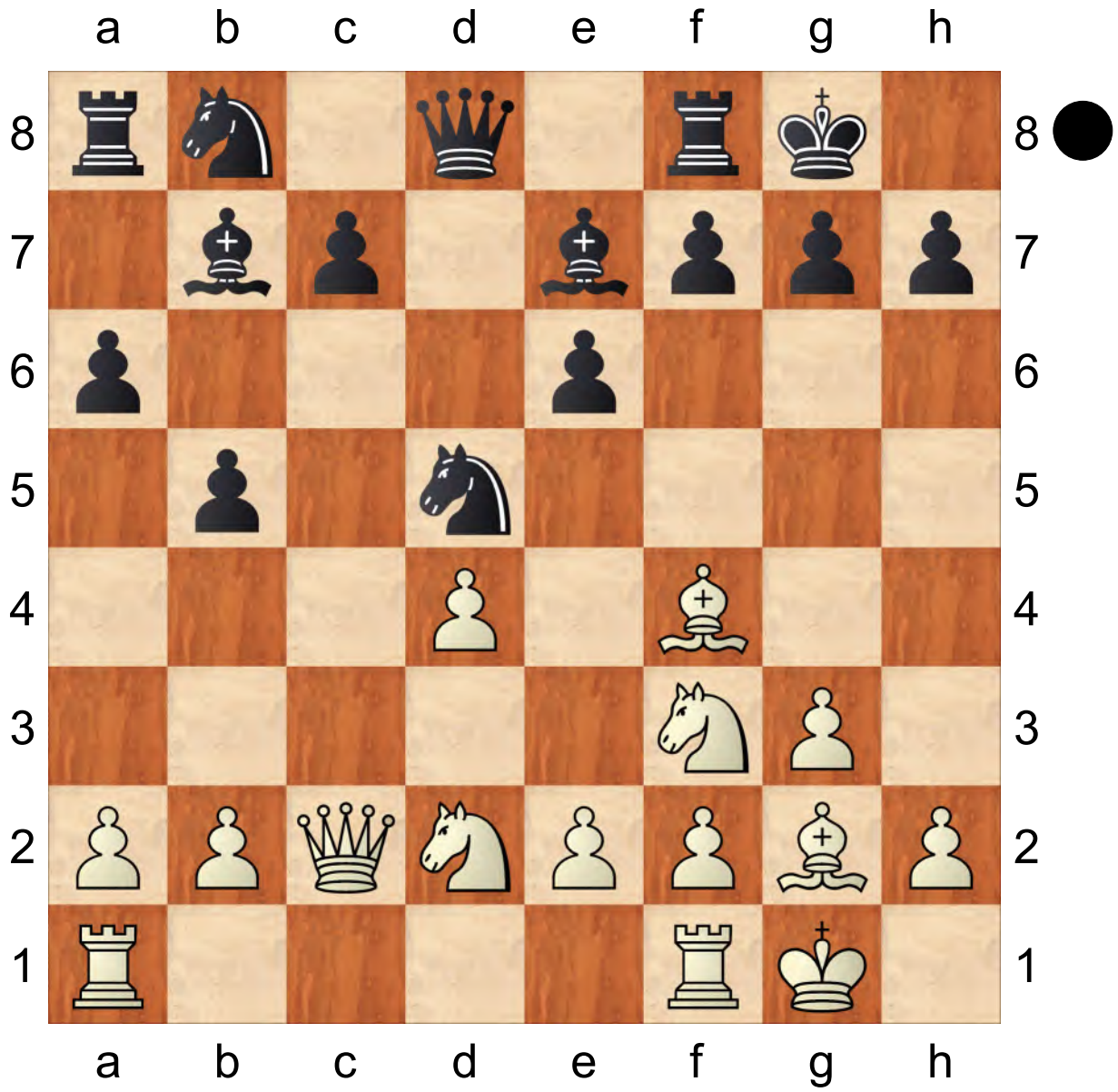
(Diagram)

A) 11...Nxf4?! 12.gxf4 Qd6? 13.e3 c5??

(Diagram)

14.Ng5! Bxg5 15.Bxb7 Ra7 16.Ne4 1-0 Kiss,P-Dermann,G/Dortmund op 1988;

B) 11...Nc6 12.Nb3 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nb4 14.Qc3 Bd6 15.e3 Be4 16.Nbd2 Nd5 17.Qc6 Bd3 18.Rfc1 *(18.Rfd1!?)* 18...Rb8 19.Rd1□ Rb6 20.Qc1 Bg6 21.Ne5 Bh5 22.Re1 f6 23.Nd3 Nb4 24.Nc5! Bxc5 25.Qxc5 Nd5 26.Rac1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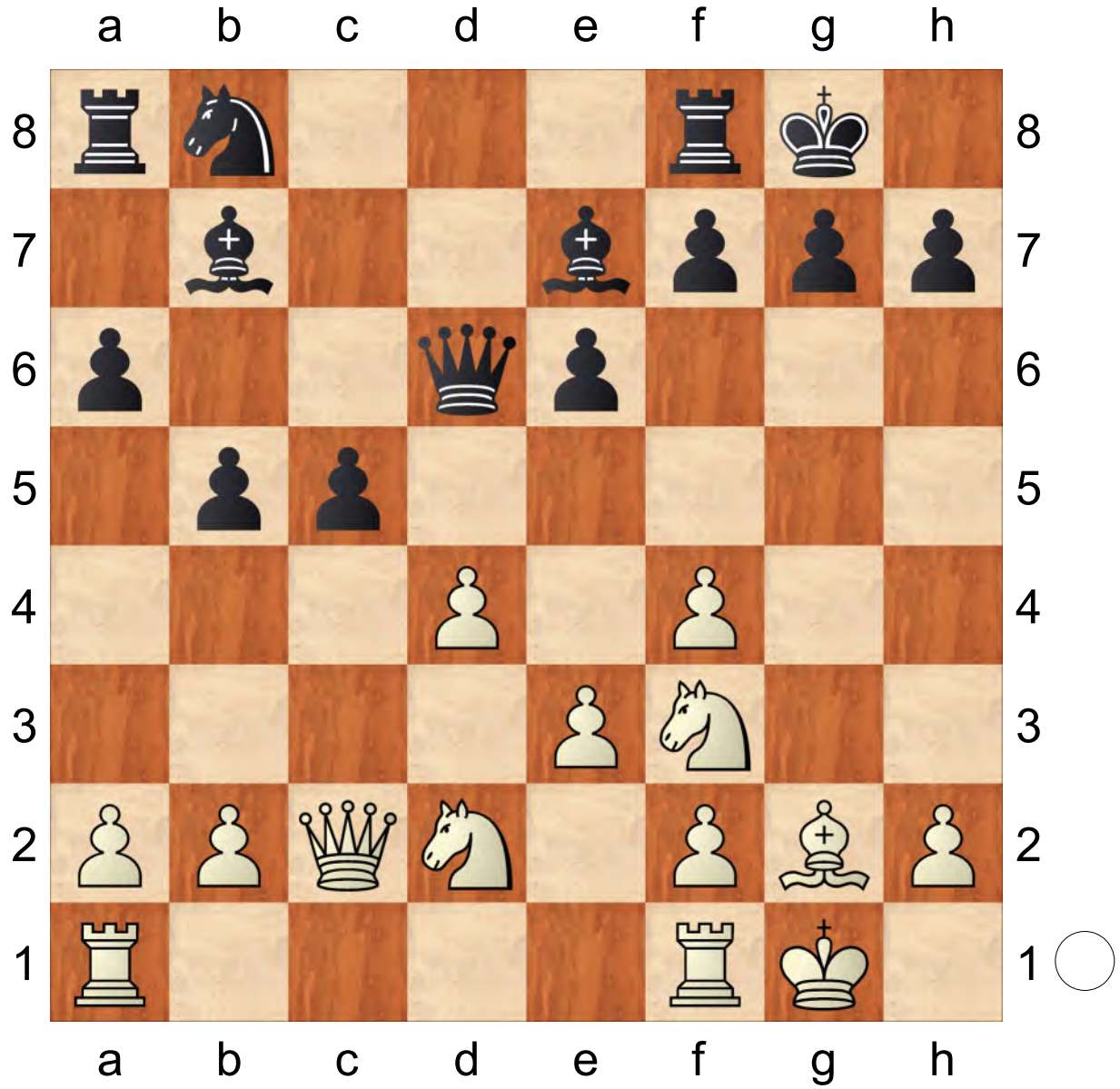


c6 27.Ne4 Qb8 28.a3 Rd8 29.Bh3 f5 30.Nd2 Qd6 31.Bg2 Qxc5 32.Rxc5 a5 33.Nb3 a4 34.Nd2 Kf8 35.Rec1 Be8 36.Nf3± Quinteros,M-Suetin,A/Novi Sad 1982/1-0 (72);

C) 11...Nd7 12.Nb3

C1) 12...Rc8 13.Rfd1 Nxf4 *(13...c5!?)* 14.gxf4 Bd5 15.Nc5

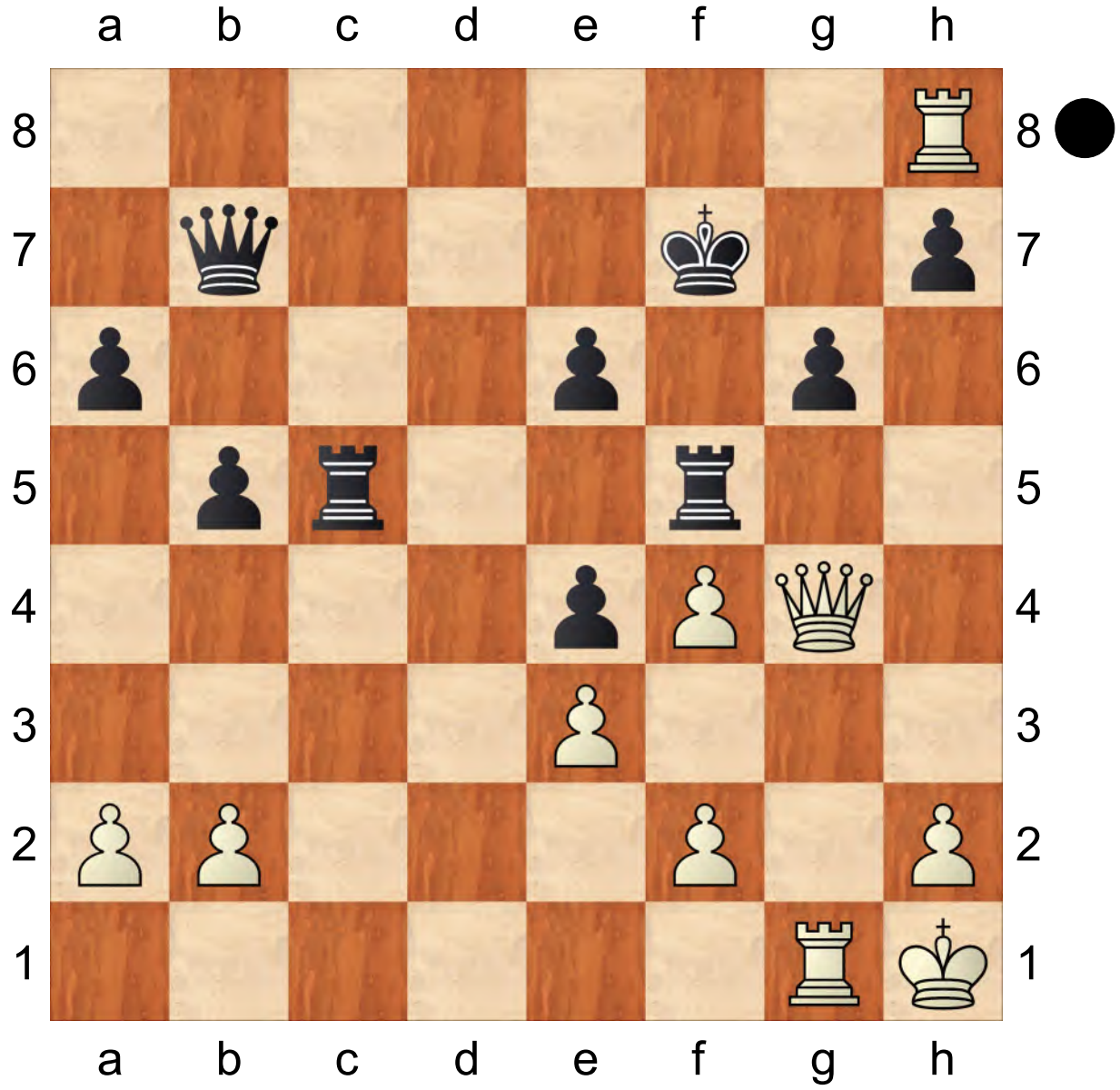
C1a) 15...Bxc5? 16.dxc5 Nf6 17.a4 Qe7 18.c6 b4 19.Rd4 a5 20.Rc1 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Rfd8 22.Qc5! Qxc5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Rxc5 Ra8 25.e4 Kf8 26.Kf1 Ke7 27.e5 Ng8 28.Be4 g6 29.Ke2 Ke8 30.Kd3 Ne7 31.Kc4 Nc8 32.Kb5 Ne7 33.Rc2 Nc8 34.Rd2 Ne7 35.Rd7 Ra7 36.Kc5 Nc8 37.b3 Ne7 38.Rd3 Kf8? *(38...Nc8)* 39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Rb8+- 1-0 Mednis,E-Dam,R/OHRA-B 1987 (42);

C1b) 15...Nxc5 16.dxc5 Qe8 17.Ne5 *(17.Rac1)* 17...f6 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Nf3 c6 20.f5 Bd8 21.Kh1 Bc7 22.Rg1 Rf7 23.Rg4 Be5 24.Rag1

Rcc7 25.b4 Rcd7 26.Qb3 Kh8 27.Rh4 Rfe7 28.Nd2 Qf8 29.Qh3 Bb2 30.e3 Bc3 31.Nf3 Re4 32.a3 Rxh4 33.Nxh4 Qe8 34.Rg4 Kg8 35.Nf3 Re7 36.Qg3 Bb2 37.Qd6∞ Inkiov,V-Westerinen,H/Rilton Cup 1987/½-½ (49);

C2) 12...Nxf4?! 13.gxf4 Nf6 14.e3 Be4 15.Qd1 Rc8 16.Ne5! Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qd5+ 18.Qf3! Ne4 19.Rfd1 f5 20.Nd2 Bd6 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.Qg4 Rf5 23.Kh1 c5 24.Nd7! Qb7 25.dxc5 Bxc5 26.Nxc5 Rcxc5 27.Rd8+ Kf7

C2a) 28.Rg1 g6□ 29.Rh8



Rh5 *(29...Kg7 30.Rxh7+ Kxh7 31.Qxg6++-)* 30.Rxh7+! Rxh7 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qg8++-;

C2b) 28.Rg1 1-0 Seirawan,Y-Frias,V/USA-ch 1988;

C3) 12...c5 13.dxc5! *(13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Rc8 15.Rad1 Rxc5 16.Qb1*

Qa8! 17.Bg5 Nc3 18.bxc3 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Rxg5 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.a4= Stanojevic,B-Masserey,Y/Geneve op 1991 *)* 13...Rc8

C3a) 14.Rfd1

C3a1) 14...Nxf4? 15.gxf4 Bd5 *(15...Qc7 16.Ng5 g6 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Ne4 Qc7 19.Qc3 f5 20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.Rxd6 Nxc5 22.Qe5 Qg7 23.Nd4±* Szilagyi,P - Feher,Gy,Hungary,1981*)* 16.Ne5! Nxc5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qd3 d4 20.a4 Qh4 21.Qe4 Rfe8 22.Rd3 Qe7 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 Qe6 25.Qb7 f6 26.Ra6! Bd6 27.Rxd6 Qxd6 28.Qf7+ 1-0 Froehlich,P-Goehring,K/BL2-S 1996;

C3a2) 14...Nxc5!

C3a21) 15.e4 Nd7 16.Qe2 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Qc7 *(17...Rc7!?=)* 18.Rac1 Qxf4 19.Rxd7 Rxc1+ 20.Nxc1 Qxc1+ 21.Qe1 *(21.Qf1 Qxb2 22.Rxb7 Ba3 23.Qd3 Qxa2 24.Bf1 Bc5 25.Nd2±* Moiseev *)* 21...Qxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Bb4= Ribli,Z-Vaganian,R,Mexico City,198o;

C3a22) 15.Nxc5 Rxc5 16.Qe4 Rc4 17.Qb1 Qa8 18.Ng5 ½-½ Inkiov,V-Dutreeuw,M/EU-chT 1989;

C3b) 14.Rad1

C3b1) 14...Qe8?! 15.Ng5! g6 16.Ne4 Nxf4

(Diagram)

17.Nd6! Bxd6 18.Bxb7 Rc7 *(18...Rxc5 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Bg2!±)* 19.Rxd6**±** Gurieli,N-Kragelj,I/Pula (open) 1997;

C3b2) 14...Nxf4? 15.gxf4 Qc7 16.Ng5**±**;

C3b3) 14...Nxc5! 15.e4

(Diagram)

Nd7! 16.Qd2 *(16.Qd3 N5f6 17.e5 Nd5 18.Rfe1 Nxf4 19.Qxd7 Nxg2 20.Qxb7 Nxe1 21.Rxd8 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Rfxd8∓)* 16...N5f6 17.Rfe1 Rc4 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Qxd2 20.Nxd2 Rc2=]

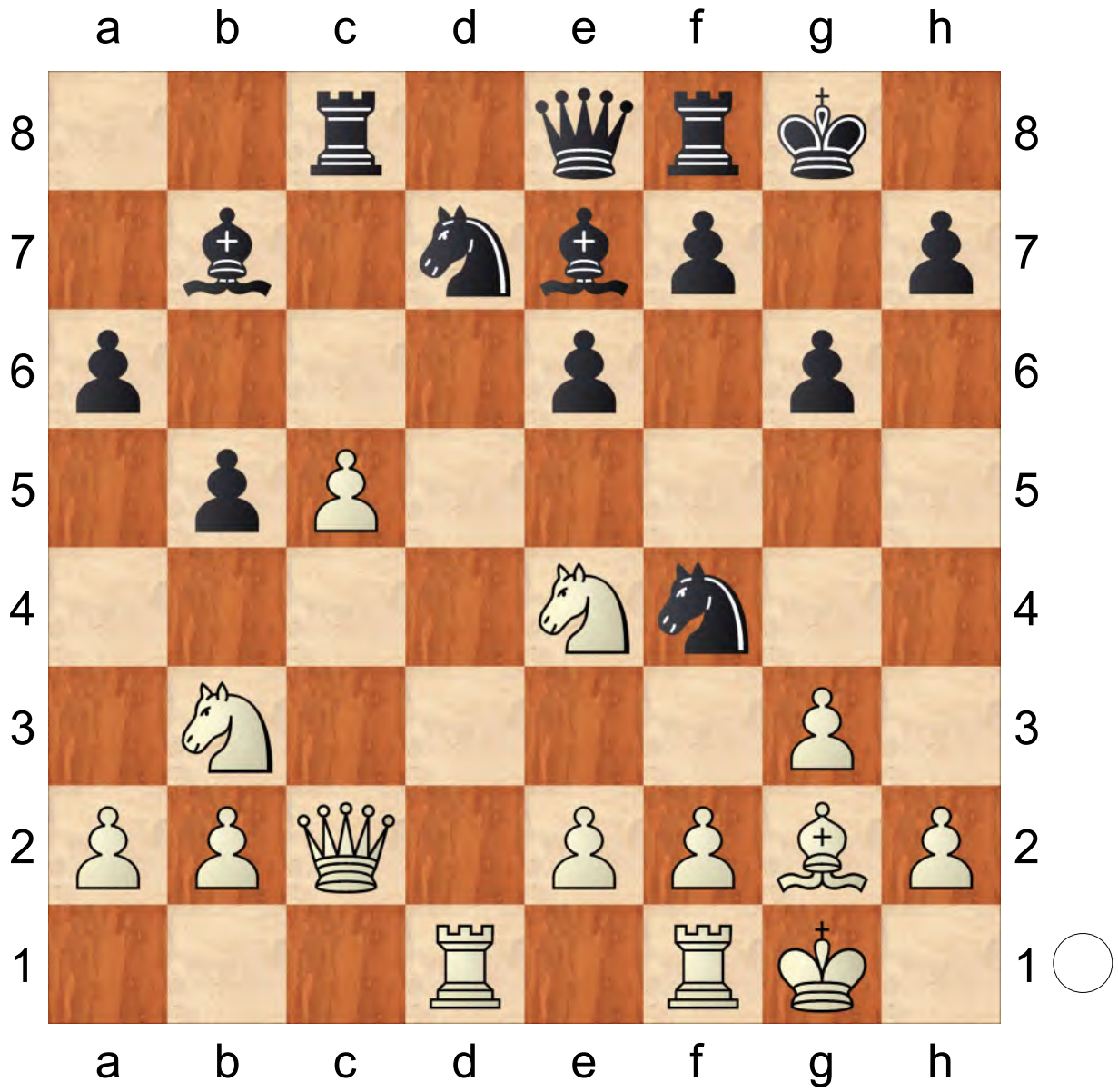
(Diagram)

11...Nxf4 12.gxf4 Nd7!?

[12...Qc8?!

(Diagram)

13.Ne4! Nd7 14.Rac1 Rb8 *(14...g6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Ra7 18.Bc6! Qb8 19.Qe4 a5 20.Rc3 Kg7 21.Rh3 Rh8 22.Qf4 h6 23.e3 Ra6 24.Rc1 Rb6 25.Rc2 Qf8 26.Qe4 Qc8 27.Rg3 Qf8 28.Kh1 Qc8 29.Rc1 Qa6*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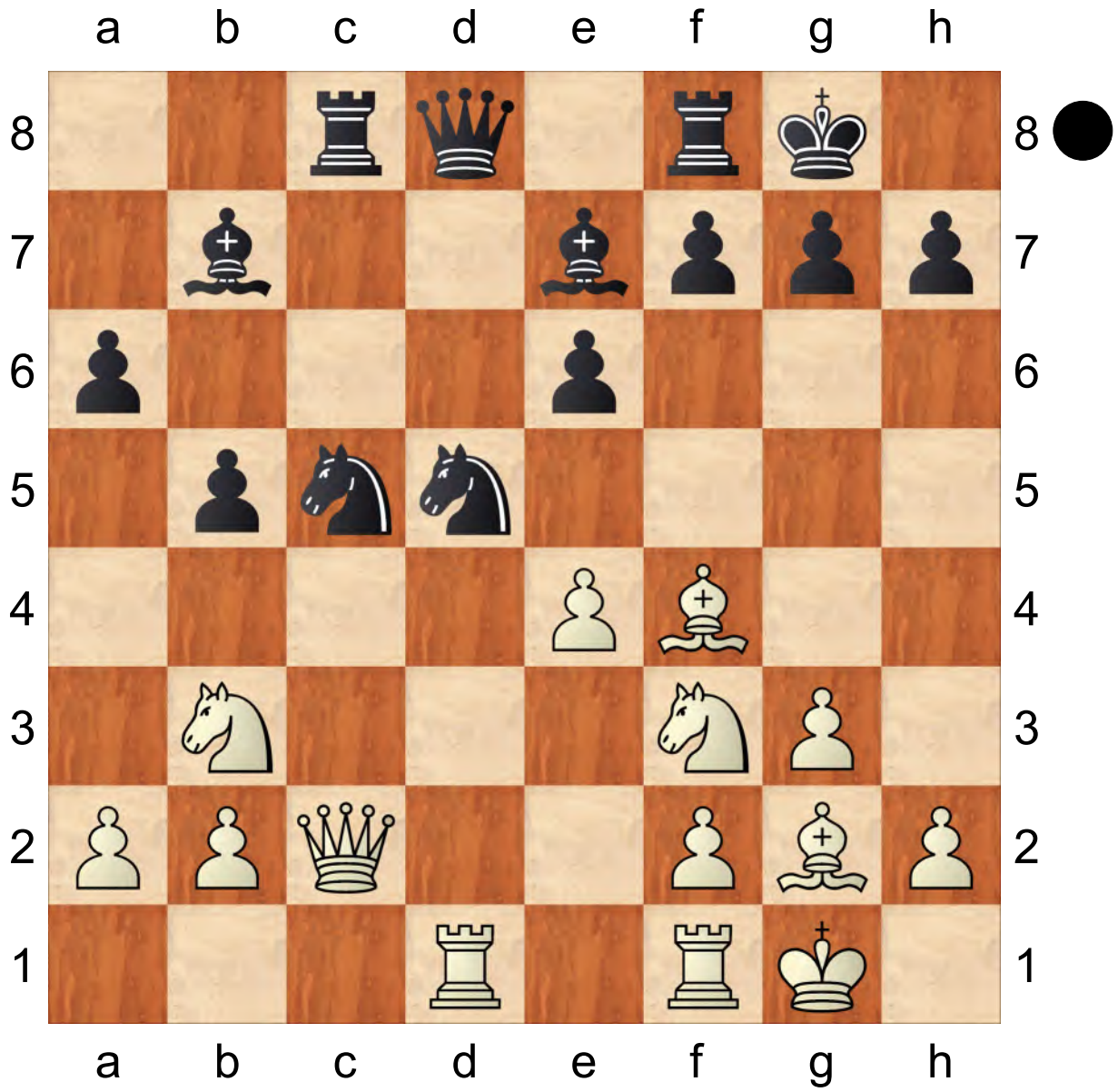
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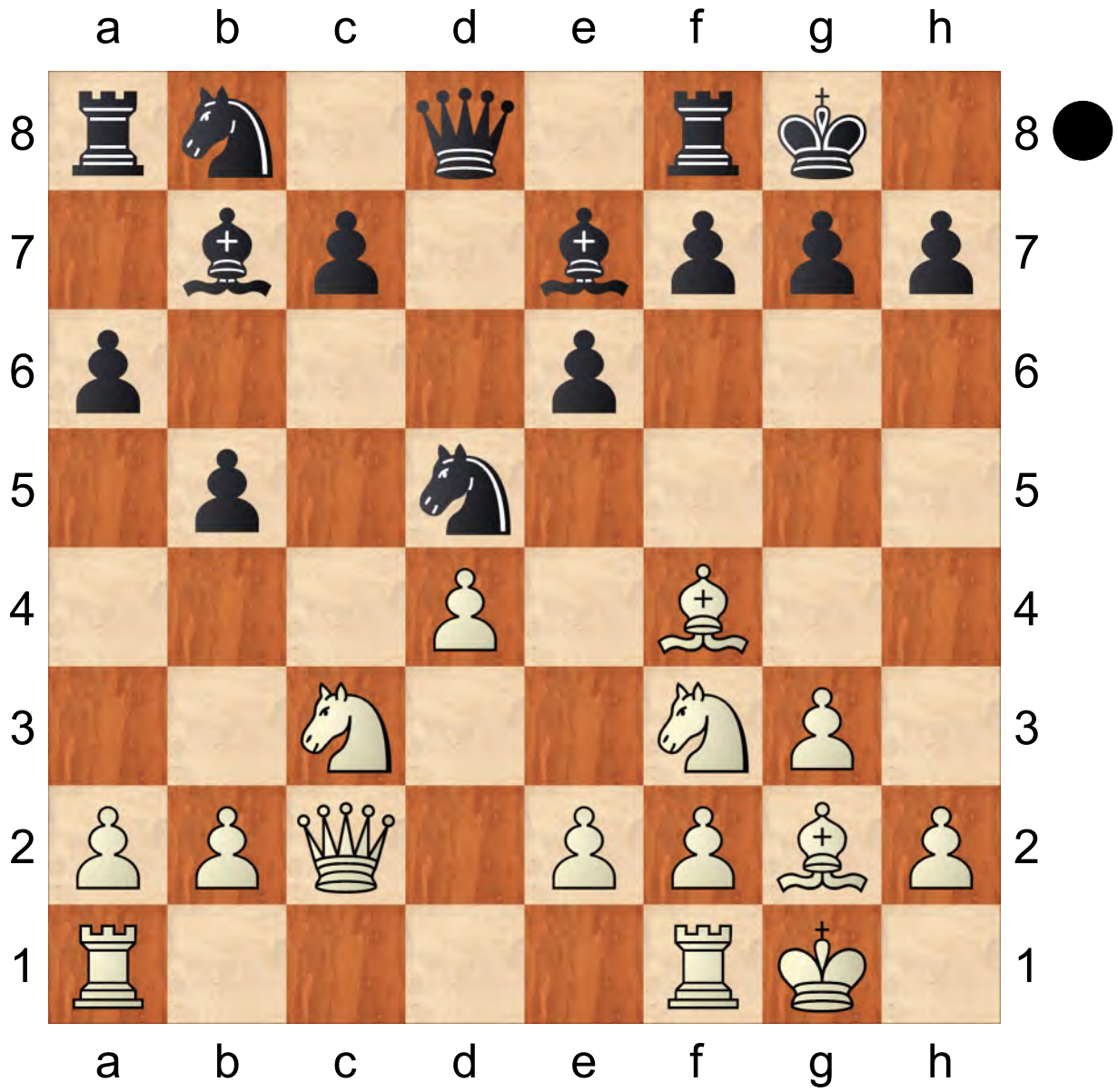
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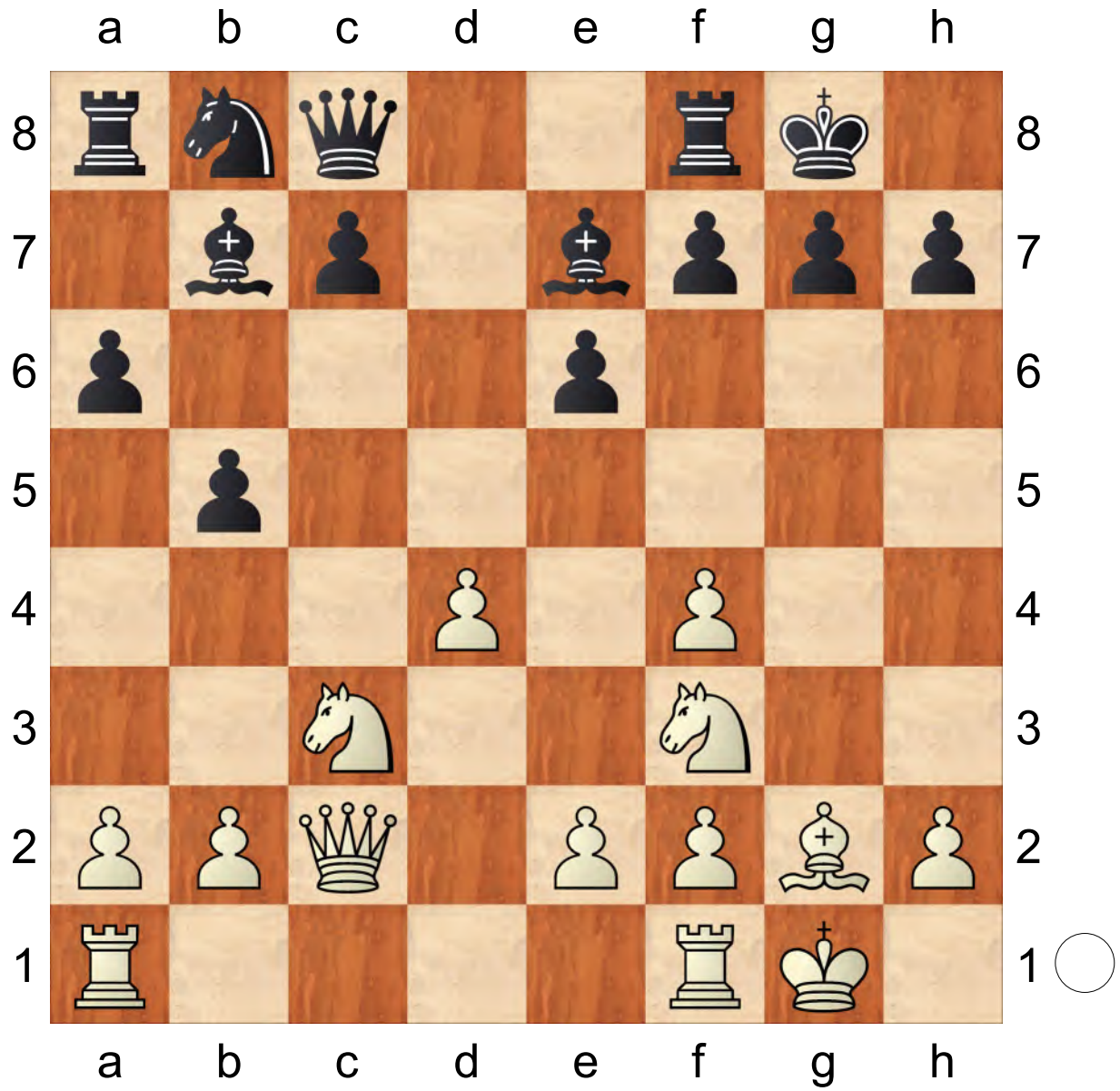

30.d5! exd5 31.Bxd5 c5 32.Rcg1! Re8 33.Qf5 Rf8 34.e6! Bg5 35.Qe5+ Bf6

(Diagram)

36.Rxg6+!! fxg6 37.Rxg6+ Kxg6 38.Be4+ Kg7 39.Qc7+ 1-0 Quinteros,M-Henley,R/Lone Pine 1976*)* 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Bd5 17.Qxc7 Qxc7 18.Rxc7 Bd8 19.Rc2 Bxa2 20.Nc5! Rc8 21.Ra1 Bc4 22.Rxa6 Be7 23.Ra7+- 1-0 Csom,I-Olafsson,H/New York op 1987 (45)]
[12...Qd6? 13.e3 Nd7 14.Ng5! Bxg5 15.Bxb7 Rab8 16.Ne4 Qb6 17.Nxg5 1-0 Georgiev,K-Vaganian,R/Wch-blitz 1988]
[12...g6?!

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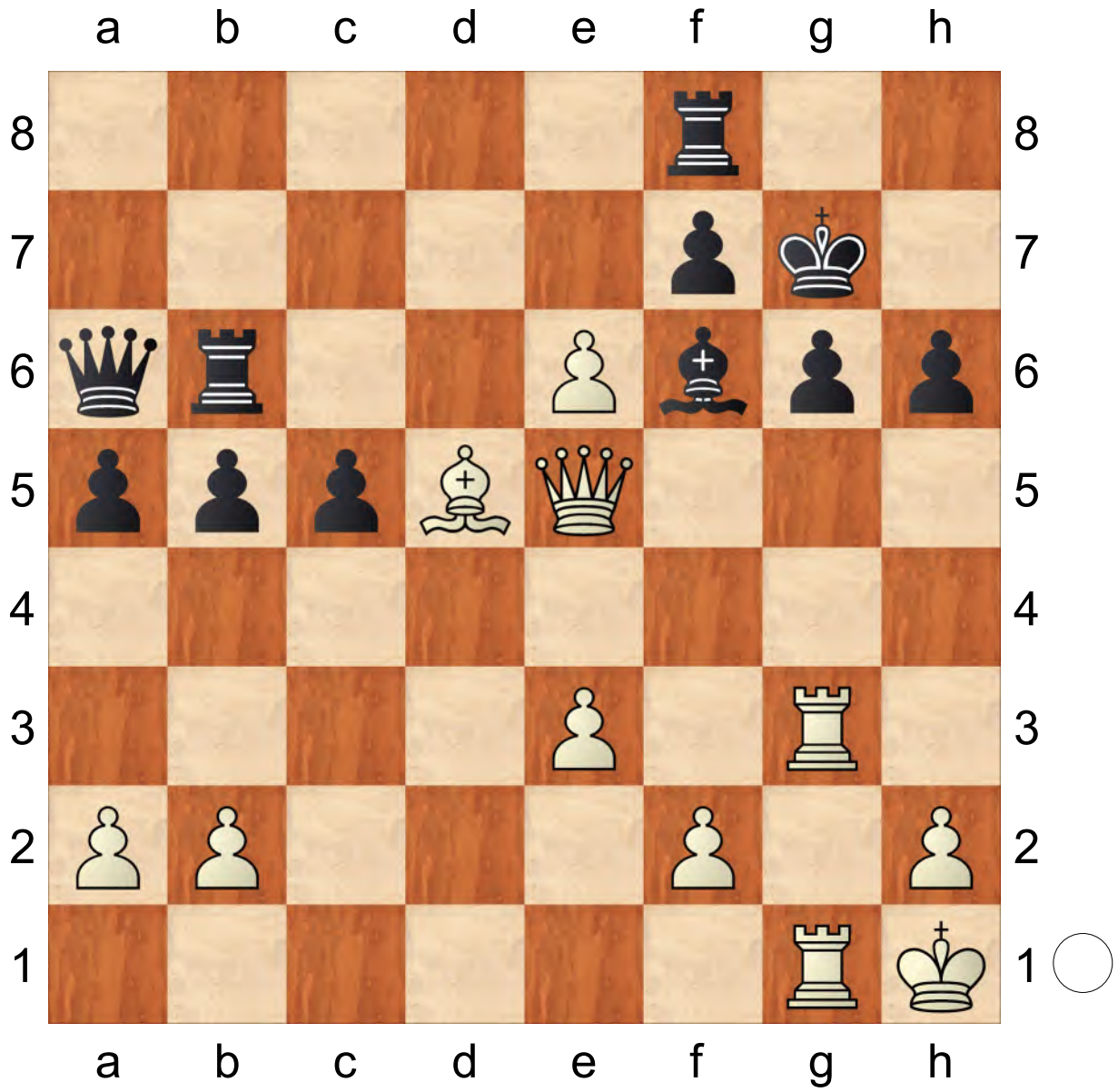
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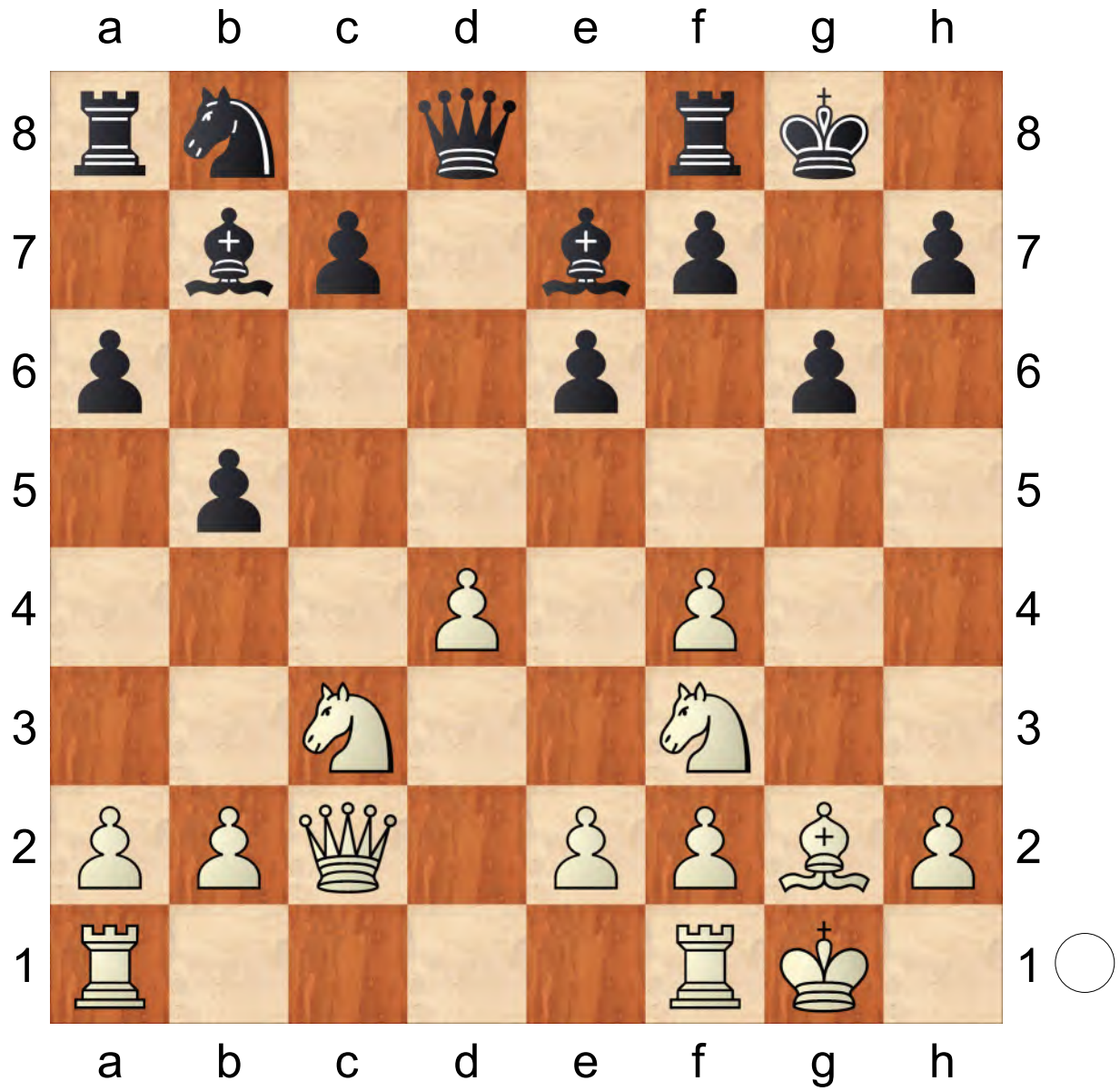

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B) 13...Qd6?! 14.e3 Nd7 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Rxd6 Nxe4 20.Rdc6! Rxc6 21.Rxc6 a5 22.Nd4 Nd6 23.Bf1 b4 24.Ra6 Rc8 25.Nc6 Bf6 26.Bg2 b3 27.axb3 Nb7 28.Ra7 Rc7 29.Bf3 Bxb2 30.Kg2 Bc3 31.Nb8 1-0 Olsen,H-Barrios,R/Erevan olm 1996]

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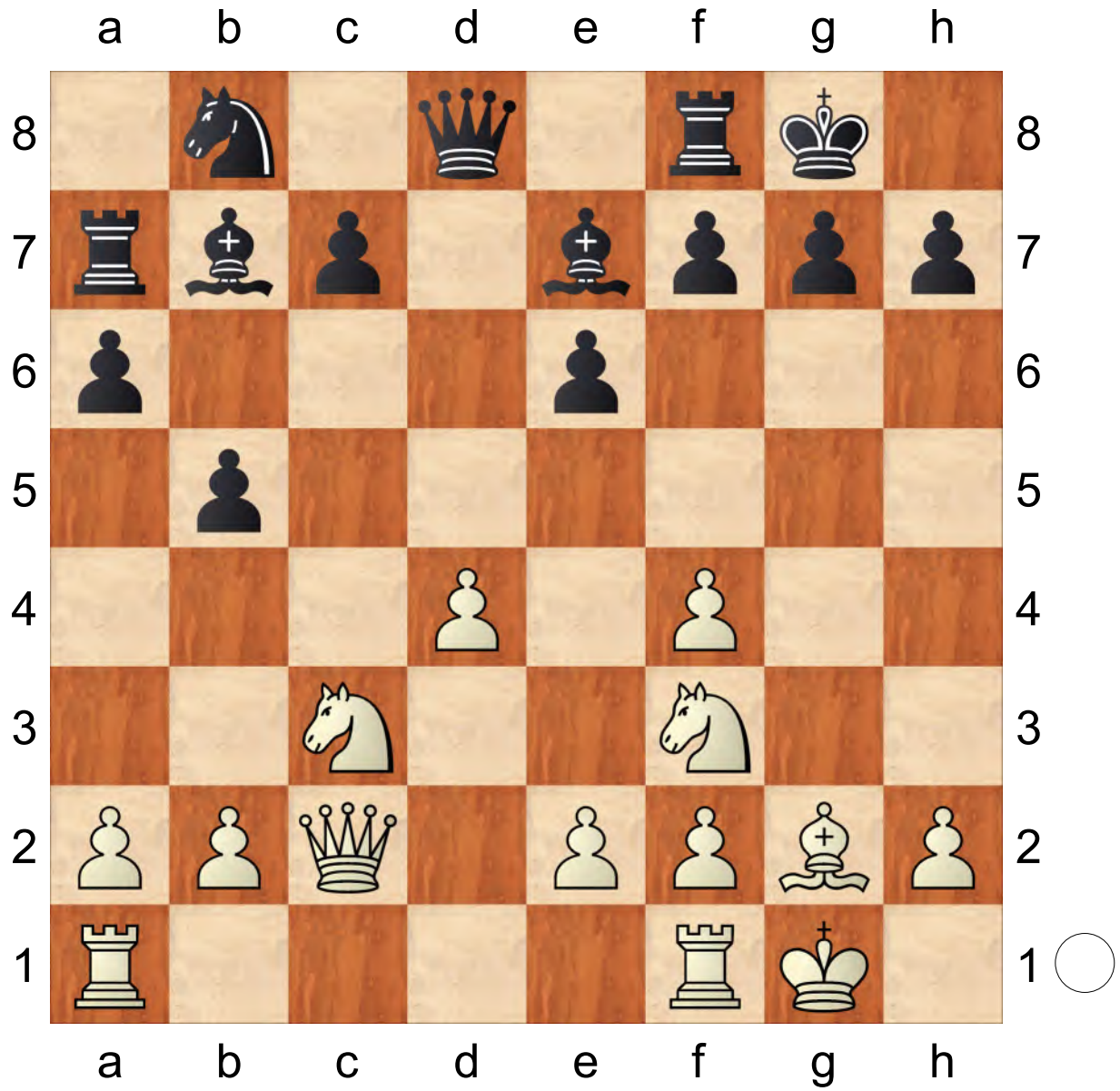


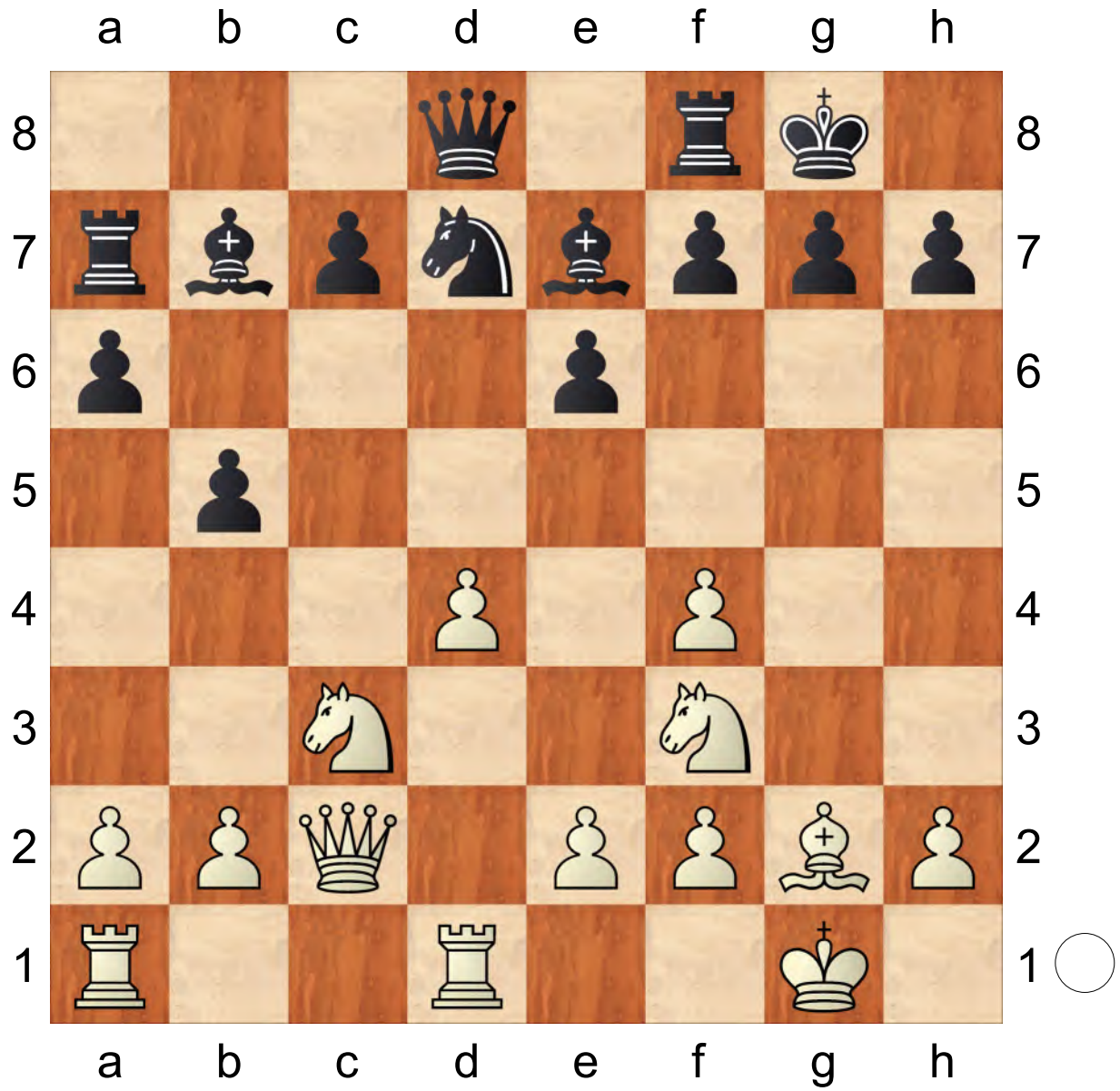
13.Rfd1

A) 13...Bxf3?! 14.Bxf3 Bd6 15.e3 Qh4 16.Ne4 Nd7 17.a4!? b4 18.a5 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Kh1 g6 21.Rdc1 Rb8 22.Bc6± 1-0 Odendahl,S-Sharif,M/ Lloyds Bank op 1979 (45);

B) 13...Nd7

(Diagram)

B1) 14.Ne4?! Qa8! 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Be4∞ 17.Qc3 *(17.Qc1 Bf6 18.Ne1 Bxg2 19.Nxg2 Qe4 20.e3 Raa8 21.Rd7 Qc6 22.Rd3 Rfd8 23.Ne1 Rd5 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Qc2 Rd8∓* ½-½ Hutters,T-Sorensen,B/ Copenhagen Obro op 1989 (34)*)* 17...Bf6 18.Qb3 Qc6 19.Rac1 Raa8 20.Ne1 Rfd8 21.Qb4 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 a5 24.Qd2 Qxc5-+

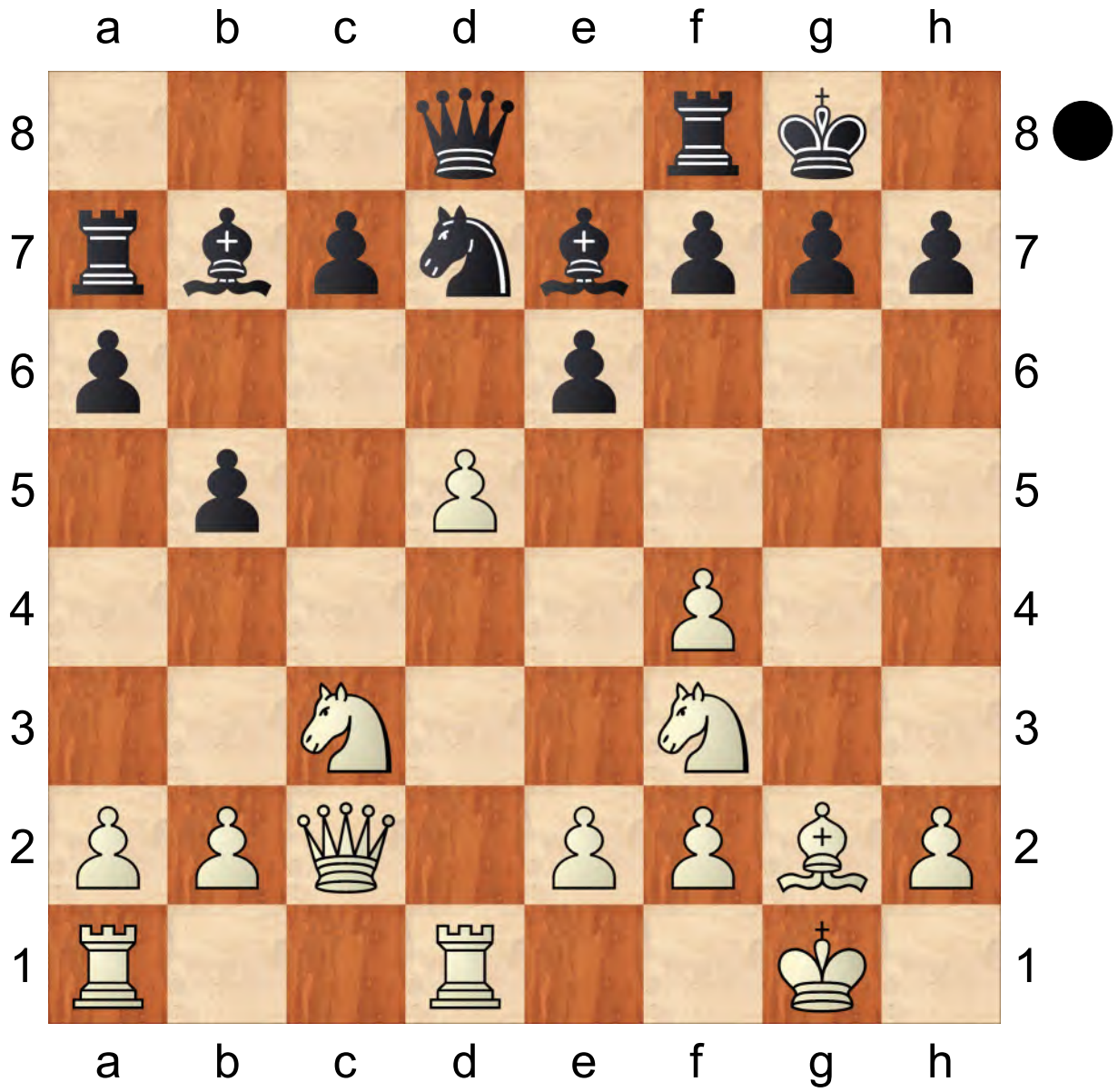


0-1 Vadasz,L-Sorensen,B/Copenhagen op 1986 (35);
B2) 14.d5!±

(Diagram)

;
C) 13...Bd6?! 14.Ng5! g6 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.Qe4 c6 17.Qf3 Be7 18.Nge4 b4 19.Nc5 Rb6?! *(19...Bxc5 20.dxc5 Rd7 21.Rxd7 Nxd7 22.Ne4±)* 20.N3a4 Rb5 21.Rac1 Qc7 22.b3 a5 23.e3 Rc8 24.Rc2 Qd8 25.Rdc1 Bf8 26.Nd3 Bd6 27.Nac5± Ftacnik,L 1-0 Inkiov,V-Boensch,U/Stara Zagora zt-B 1990 (45)]
[12...Nc6

(Diagram)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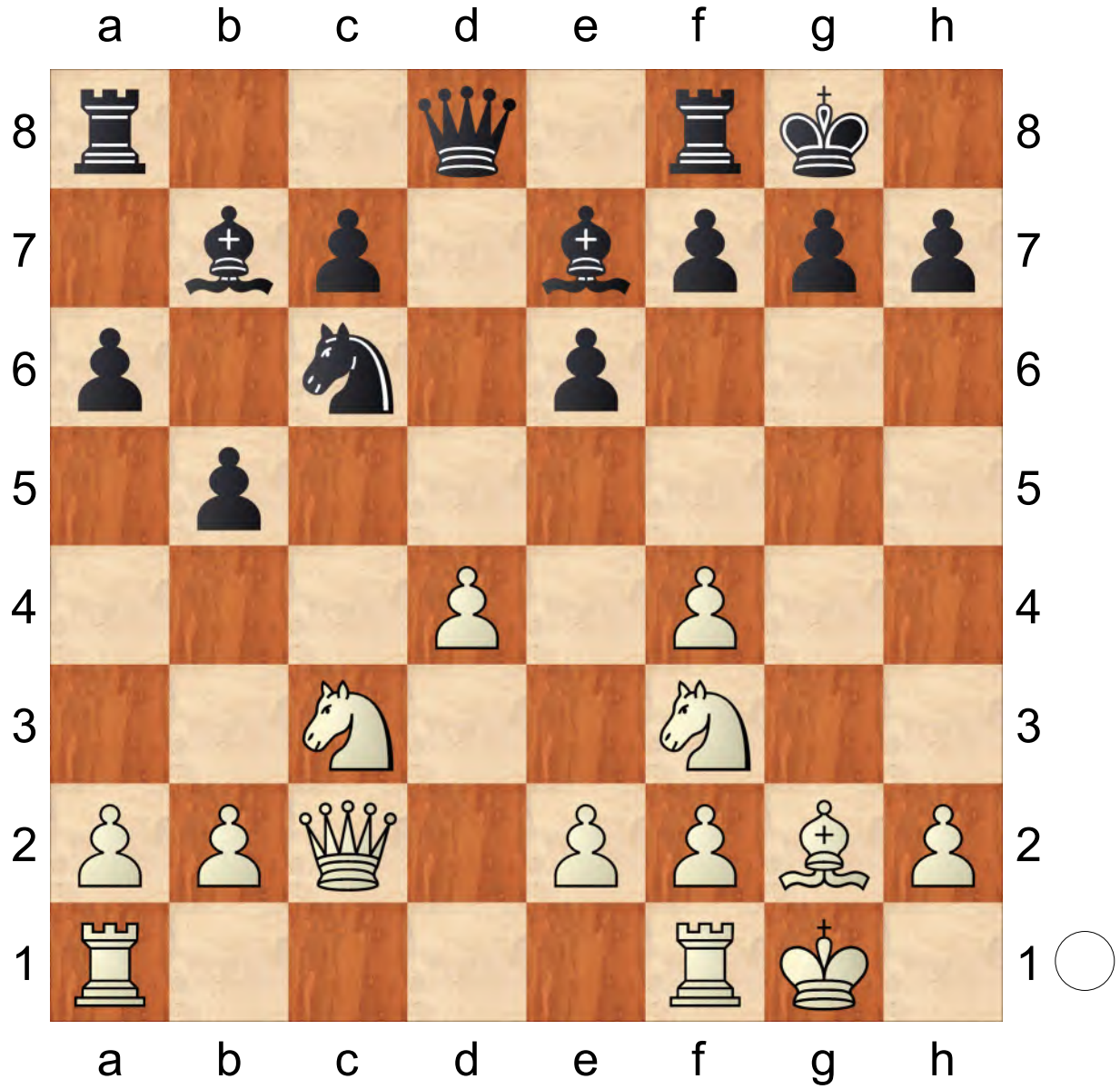


A) 13.Rad1

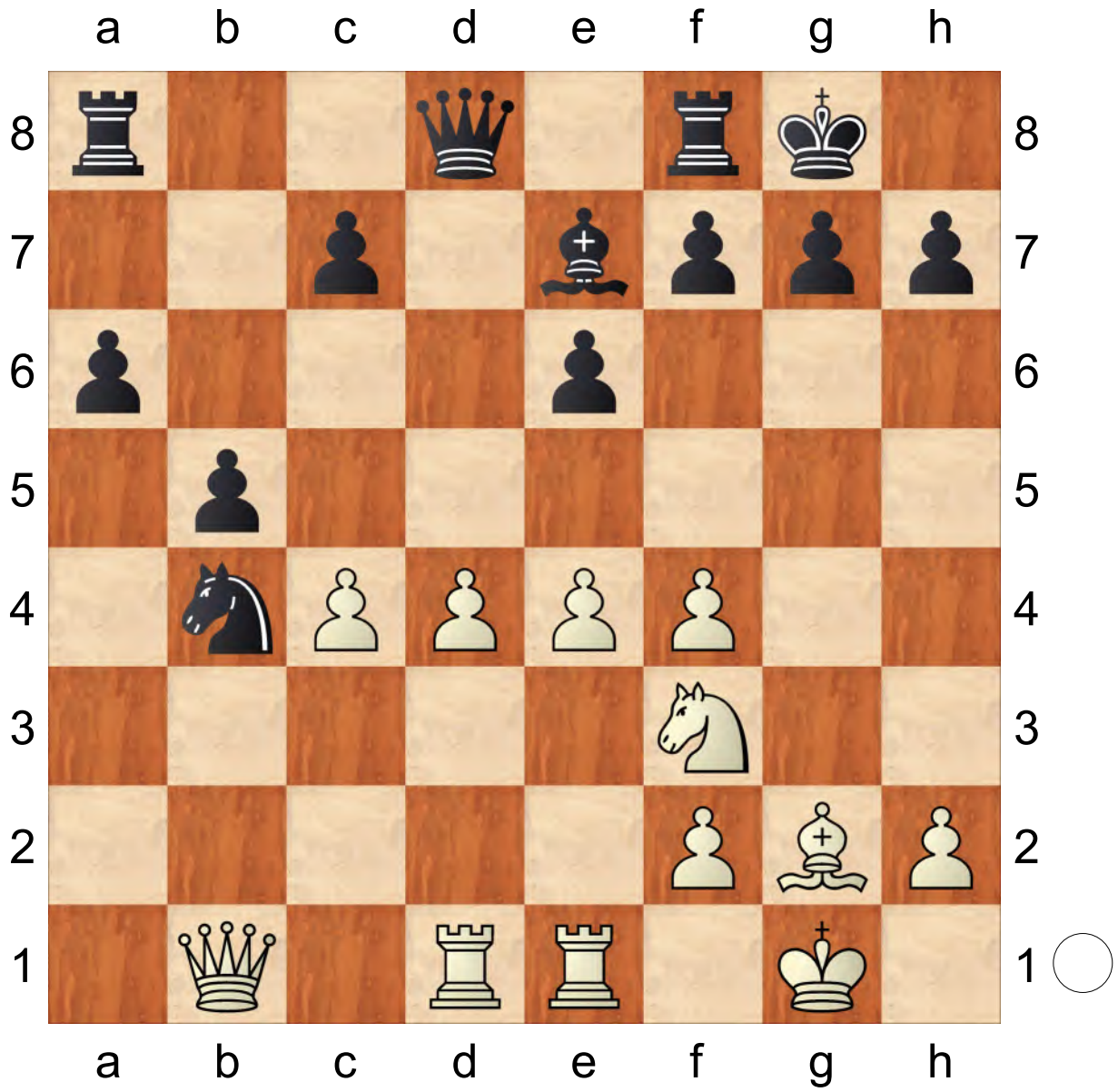
A1) 13...Nb4 14.Qc1 Nd5 15.Ne4 Nb4 16.Nc5 Nxa2 17.Qb1 Bd5 18.e4 Bc4 19.Rfe1 Nb4 20.b3 Bxc5 21.bxc4 *(21.dxc5!?)* 21...Be7

(Diagram)

22.d5 bxc4 23.dxe6 Qe8 24.Ng5 f6 25.Nf7 Nd3 26.Rxd3 cxd3 27.Rd1 Qb5 28.Qa2 Rab8 29.Bf1 Qb3-+ 0-1 Skalkotas,N-Upton,T/Luzern olm 1982 (37);

A2) 13...Qe8 14.a3 *(14.Rfe1!?±)* 14...Rd8 15.e3 Na5 16.Ne4 Qc6 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Qe4 19.Qc3 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Qg6 21.Ne1 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Nc6 23.h3 ½-½ Ribli,Z-Kuzmin,G/Leningrad 1977;

B) 13.e3 Nb4 14.Qb1 Ra7!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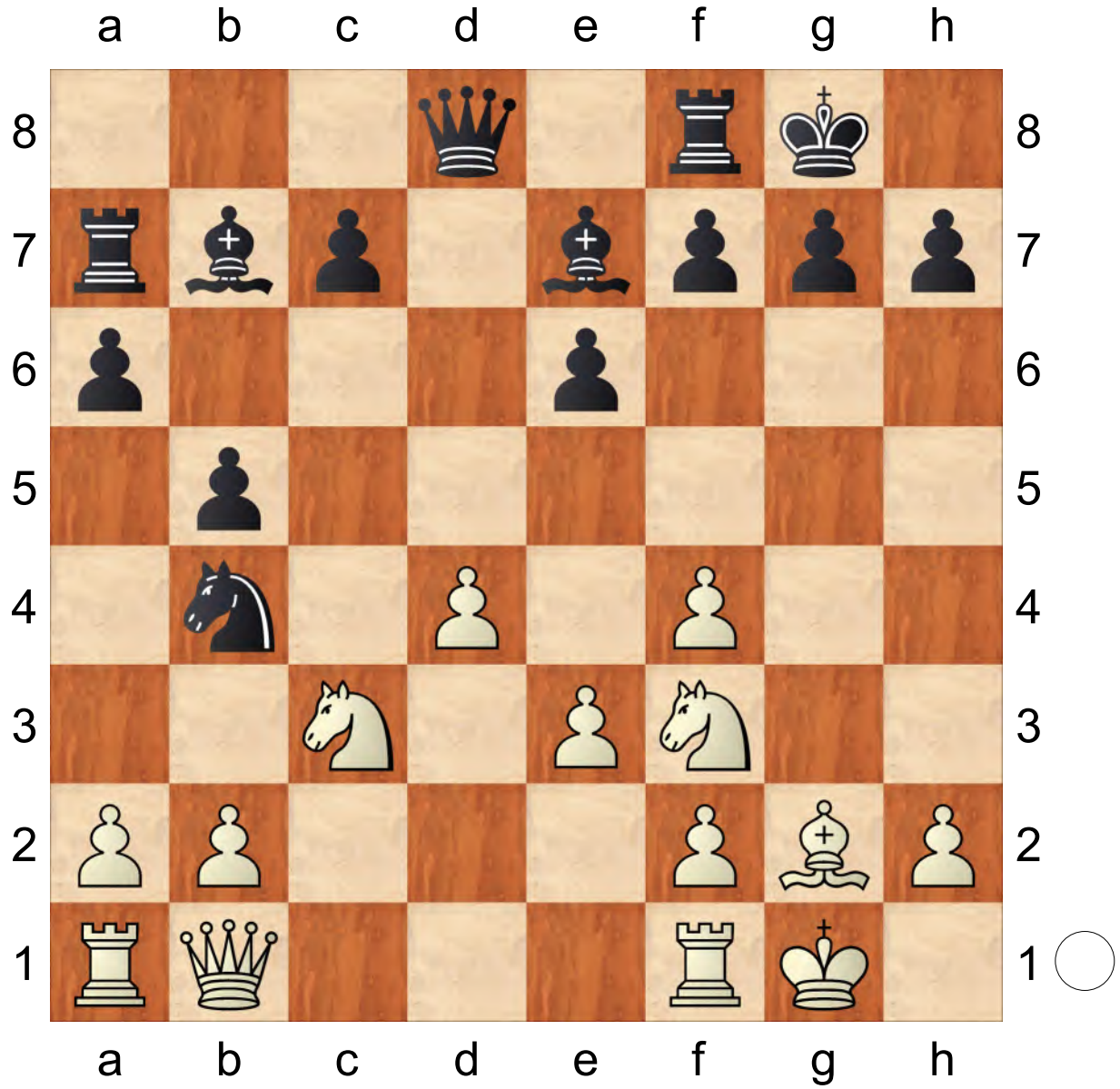


15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc1 Qa8 17.Ne1 Nxc3 18.Rxc3 Bxg2 19.Nxg2 b4 20.axb4 Bxb4 21.Rc4 Bd6 ½-½ Ribli,Z-Liberzon,V/Malta olm 1980;

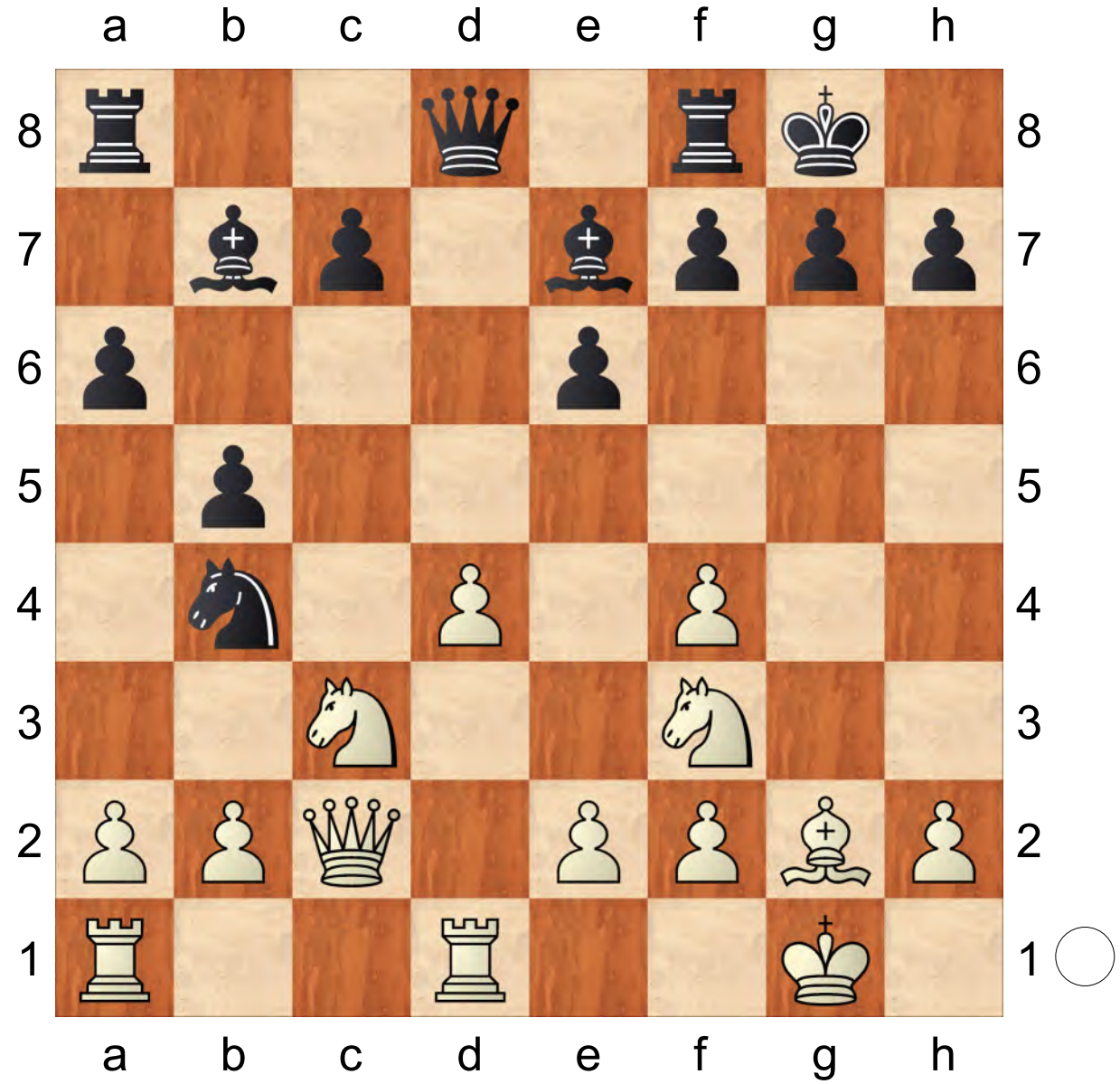
C) 13.Rfd1 Nb4

(Diagram)

C1) 14.Qb1

C1a) 14...Qb8 15.Ne4 Qa7 16.e3 Rac8 17.Ne1 *(17.a3!±)* 17...f5 18.Nc3 Bxg2 19.Nxg2 Qb7 20.a3 Nd5 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 22.Qa2 Qxa2 23.Rxa2 c5 24.dxc5 Rxc5 25.Ne1 Rfc8∓ 0-1 Odendahl,R-Matthias,H/GER-ch 1995 (43);

C1b) 14...Qc8 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.e3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 f6 18.Nf3 e5 19.f5 g6 ½-½ Lengyel,L-Fancsy,I/tt_HUN 1996;



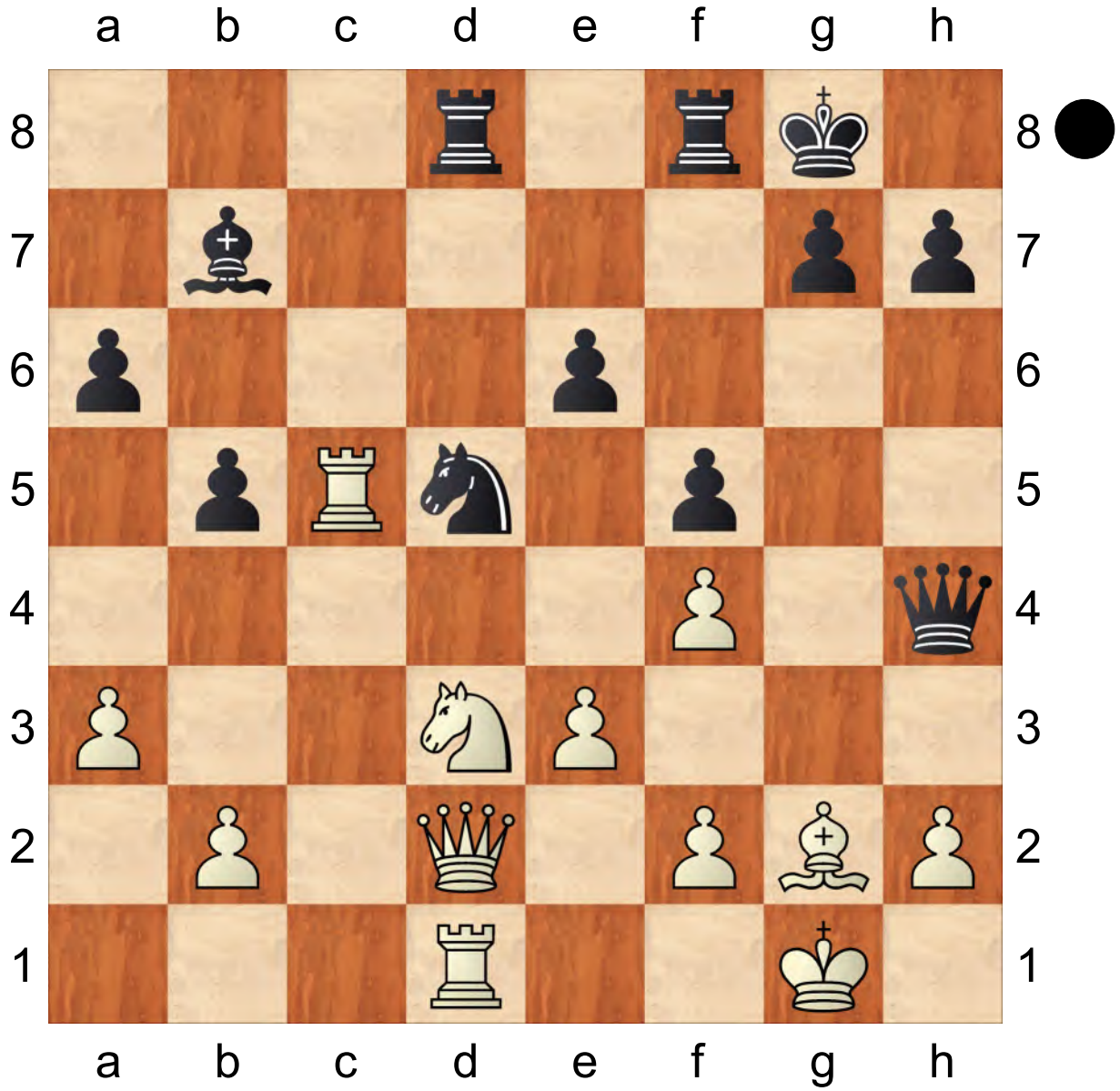
C2) 14.Qd2 c5 15.a3 Nd5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Rac1 Qe7 18.Ne4 Bb6 19.Ne5 Rad8 20.Nd3 Qh4 21.Nec5 Bxc5 22.Rxc5 f5 23.e3

(Diagram)

Nxf4! 24.exf4 Qg4 25.f3 Bxf3 26.h3 Qg3 27.Rc3 Bxd1 28.Qxd1 Qxf4 29.Qe2 Qd4+ 30.Kh1 Rfe8 31.Ne5 Qd1+ 32.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 33.Kh2 Rd2 34.Kg3 g5 35.Bb7 h5 36.Bxa6 Rxb2 37.Nd7 h4+ 38.Kf3 Rd8∓ Primel,D-Upton,T/Cappelle op 1995/0-1 (53);

C3) 14.Qc1!?

C3a) 14...Qd6?! 15.e3 Qb6 *(15...Rfd8 16.a3 Nd5 17.Ne4 Qb6 18.Qc2 a5 19.Nc5 Bc6 20.Rac1 Be8 21.f5 exf5 22.Qxf5 Qh6 23.Ne5 c6 24.Nb7 Rdb8 25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.Rc7 Qg5+ 27.Qxg5 Bxg5 28.Nd6±*



1-0 Ostenstad,B-Diesen,B/NOR-ch 1988 (38)*)* 16.a3 Nd5 17.Ne5 *(17.Ne4? Nxf4!)* 17...Rfd8 18.Ne4 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Qc6! Qxc6 22.Nxc6 Rd6 23.Rdc1 h6 24.a4!± 1-0 Permiakov,V-Berzinsh,R/LAT-ch 1994 (37);

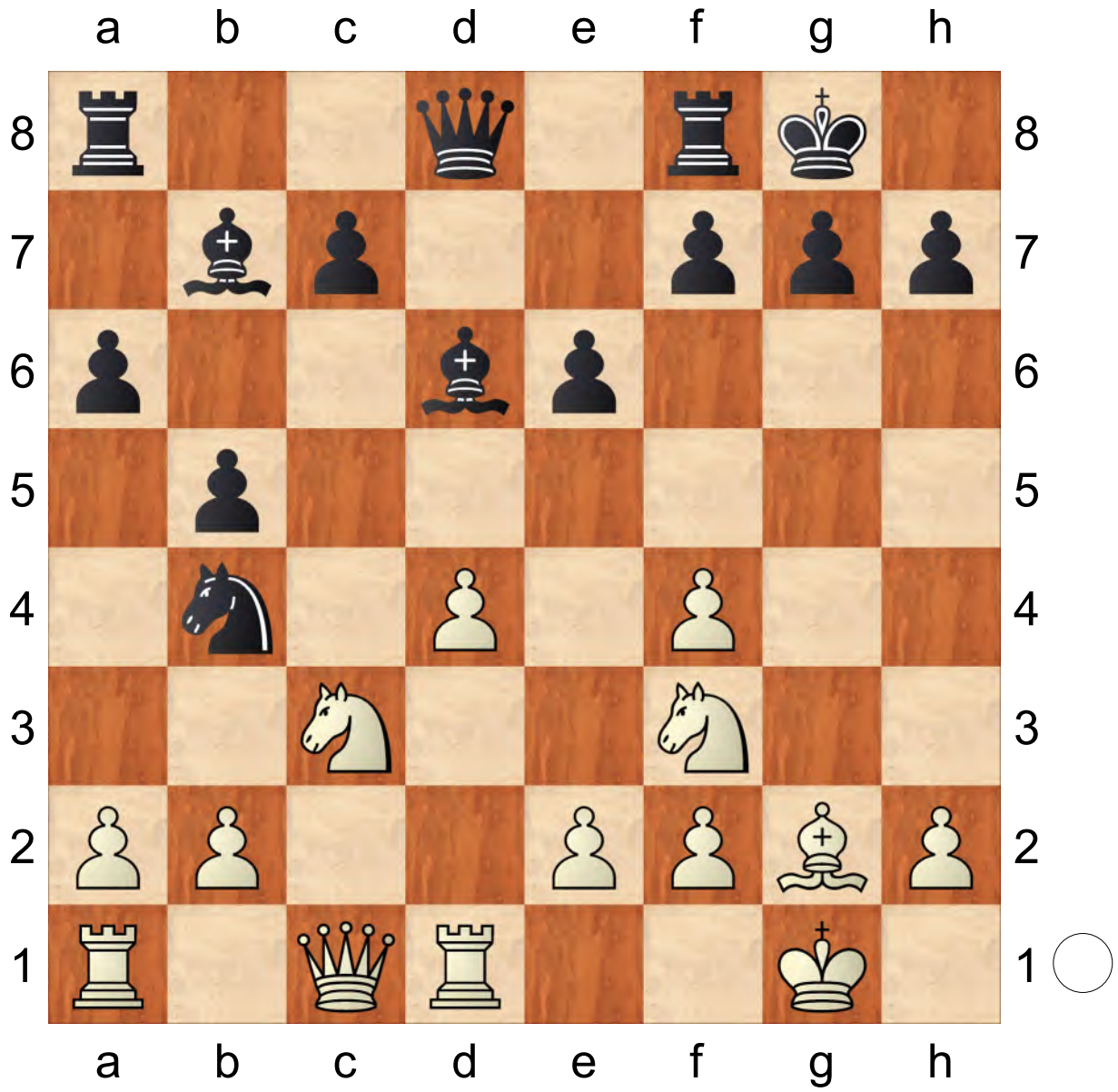
C3b) 14...Bd6!?

(Diagram)

15.a3 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Qe3 Qe7 18.Rac1 f6 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 e5 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Qxe5 Bxe5 24.Nd3 Bd6 25.e4 Rae8 26.Re1 Rd8 ½-½ Anstad,T-Nielsen,P/Copenhagen op 1991;

C3c) 14...Nd5 15.Ne4 Bd6

(Diagram)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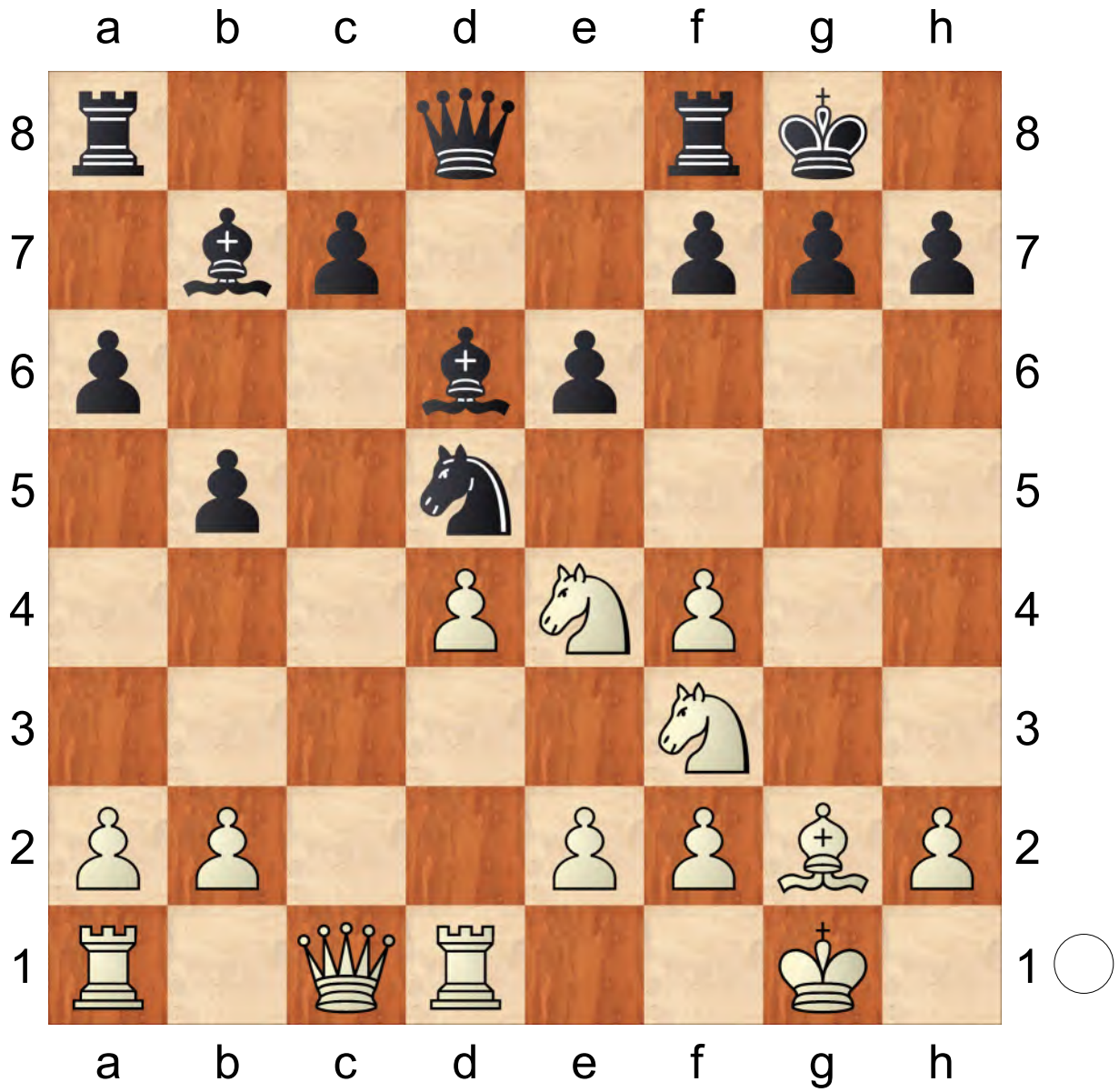
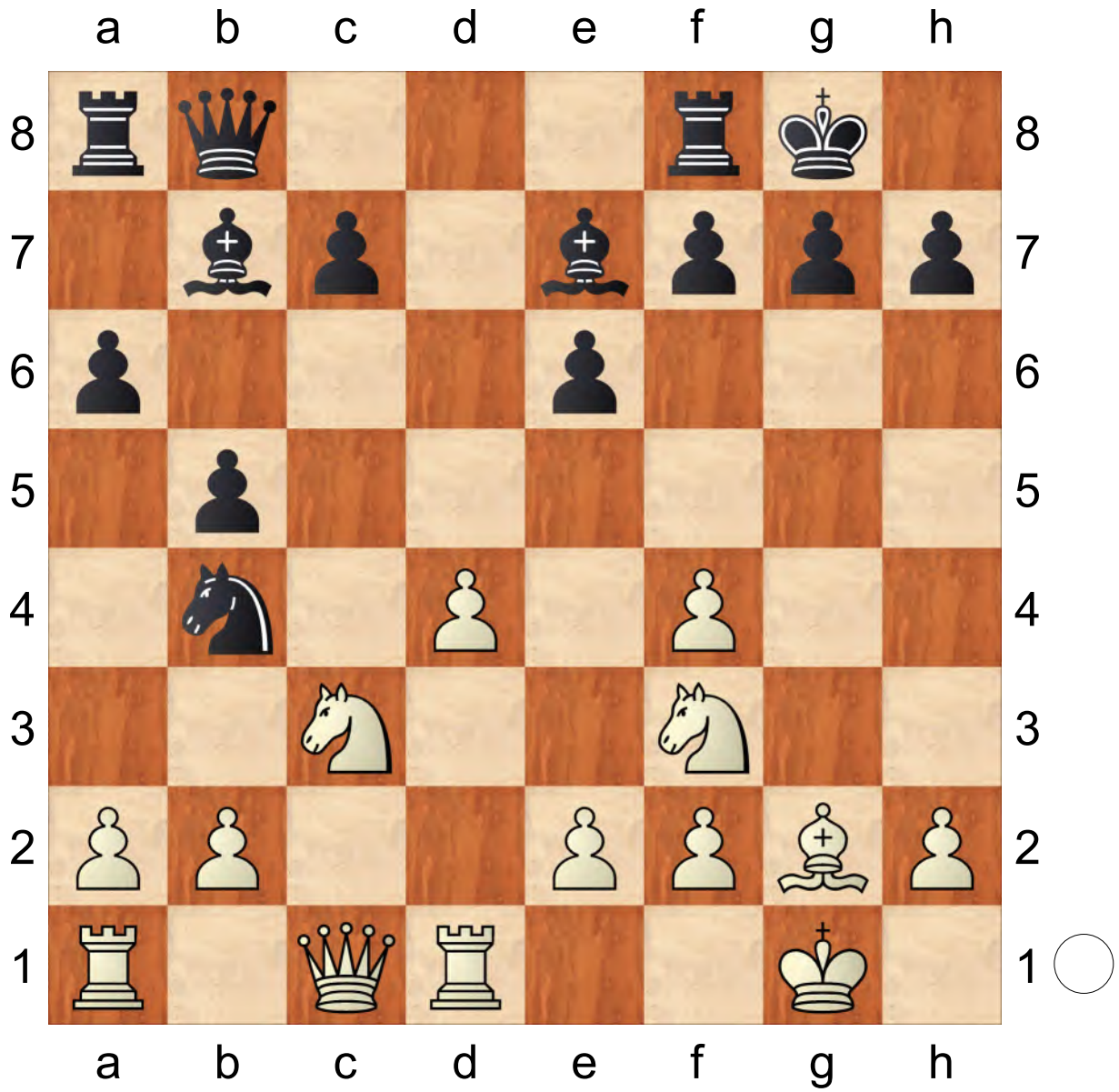


16.Nc5! Ra7 17.e3± Svednikov-Korneev,USSR,1979;

C3d) 14...Qb8

(Diagram)

15.a3! *(15.e4? c5! 16.d5 c4! 17.Ne5 Bd6! 18.a3 Bxe5 19.fxe5 Nd3 20.Rxd3 cxd3 21.d6 f6 22.Qe3 fxe5 23.Qxd3 Qa7 24.Qg3 Bc8 25.Rd1 Bd7 26.Rd2 Rf4-+* 0-1 Ribli,Z-Gruenfeld,Y/Skara 1980 (41)*)*
15...Nd5 16.Ne5 Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Bd6 19.Rac1 Qb7+ 20.Nc6! Kh8 *(20...Bxf4 21.Qf3!)* 21.Qf3± f6 22.Kh1 a5 23.Rc2 Ra6 24.Rdc1 Qc8 25.e3 a4 26.Qe4 Rb6 27.Kg2 Qe8 28.Rg1 Qa8 29.Qf3 Re8 30.Rgc1 Rf8 31.e4 e5 32.f5 exd4 33.Nxd4 Rf7 34.Ne6 Qb8 35.Qh5 Qe8 36.Kg1 Re7 37.Qg4 Rb7 38.f4 h6 39.Rc3 b4 40.Rg3



Qg8 41.e5! fxe5 42.f6!+- 1-0 Stangl,M-Ruf,M/Kecskemet 1990 (43)]

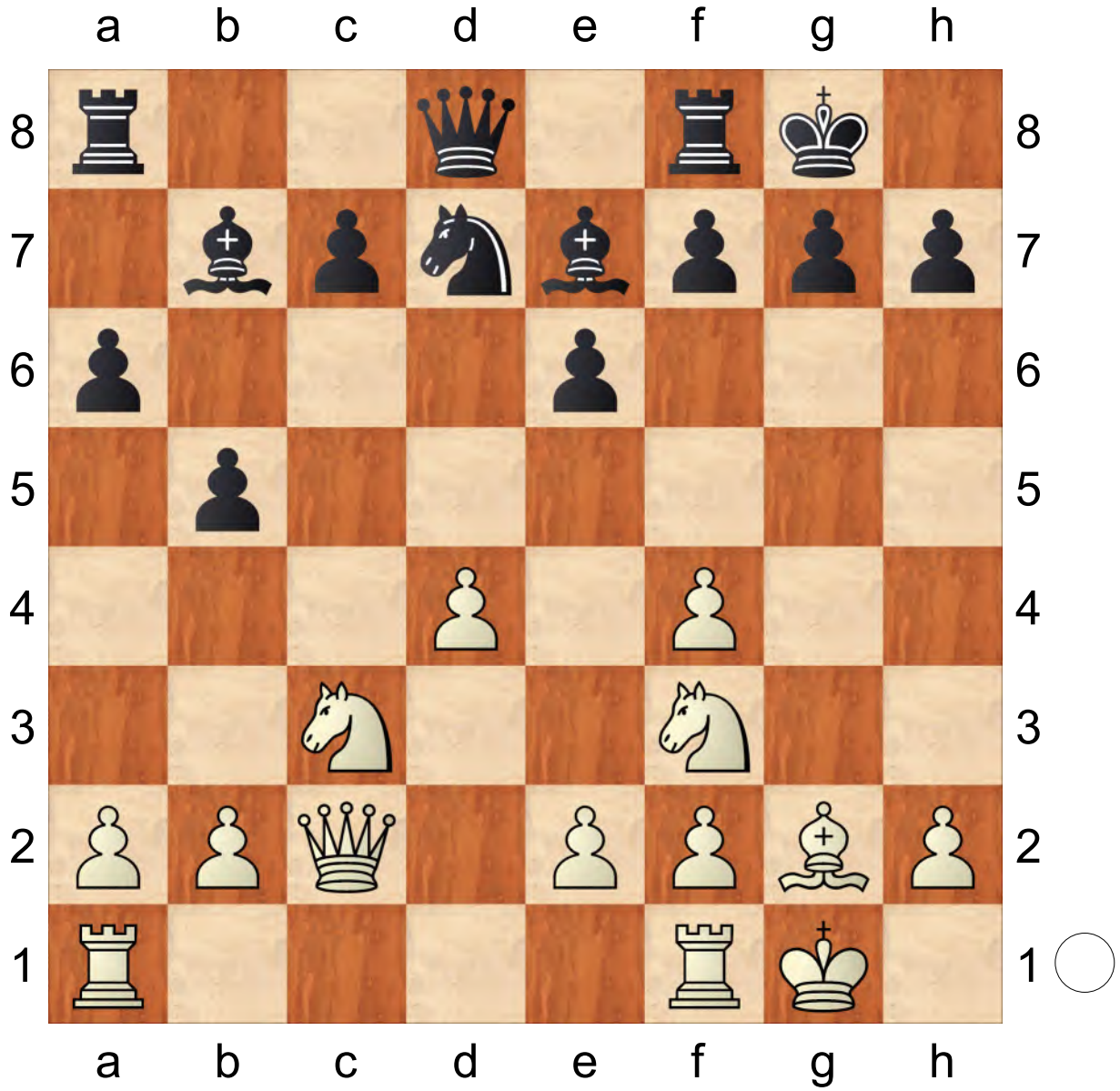
(Diagram)

13.Rfd1!

[13.Ne4

A) 13...Rc8 14.Ne5 *(14.Nc5?! Nxc5 15.dxc5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qd4! 17.e3 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Bxc5 19.Rfc1 Bd6 20.Rc6 Ra8 21.Rc2 Rab8 22.Rc6 Ra8 23.Rc2* ½-½ Stangl,M-Blauert,J/Dortmund op-A 1992 *)* 14...c5 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.dxc5 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Rxc5 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Qh3 Qxf4 21.Bd3+ ½-½ Kirov,N-Luczak,A/Leipzig 1980;

B) 13...g6 14.Rfd1 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Rb8 16.Rac1 Rb6 17.Qc2 Bd6 18.e3



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C) 13...f5 14.Ng3 Bd5 15.Rfd1 Rc8 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.dxe5 Qd7 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qd3 Rcd8 22.Ra6 d4 23.b3 g6 24.Rda1 Rb8 25.Nf1 Rfc8= ½-½ Smyslov,V-Mecking,H/Buenos Aires 1970 (57);

D) 13...c5 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.b4 Qxf4 18.Qd2 Qxd2 19.Nxd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rfd8 21.Nb3 Kf8 22.Rfd1 Bf6 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Rc2 Ke8 25.Kf3 Be5 26.h3 f5 27.e3 g5 28.c6 Rc8 29.Na5 Bd6 30.a3 Kd8 31.e4 Kc7 32.exf5 Rf8 33.Kg4 Rxf5 34.Re2 Re5 35.Rd2 Rd5 36.Rxd5 exd5 37.Kxg5 Be5 38.f4 Grinza,A-Wagman,S/Reggio Emilia-B8788

1987/½-½ (48);

E) 13...Nf6 14.Ne5 *(14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Qxc5 Qd6 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nd5 19.Qxd6 cxd6 20.Nd3* ½-½ Liebert,H-Chloupek,S/Prague DDM-C 1992*)* 14...Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Bd6 17.Nd3 Qh4 18.Kh1 b4 19.Rg1 a5 20.Rg3 g6 21.Rag1 Qe7 22.Rg5 a4 23.Rb5 Qd7 24.Rb7 Rab8 25.Rc1 Qc8 26.Rxb8 Qxb8 27.Ne5 Qb5 28.Nc4 Rb8 29.e3 Bf8 30.b3 axb3 31.axb3 c5 32.dxc5 Qxc5 33.Qe5 Qc6+ 34.Kg1 ½-½ Ruf,M-Sonntag,H/BL9192 1992]

[13.Rad1 Qc8 14.f5 exf5 15.Qxf5 Nf6 16.Qxc8 Raxc8 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 c6 19.f4 Rfd8 20.Kf3 Ne8 21.e3 f6 22.Nd3 g6 23.Ne4 f5 24.Nec5± Olafsson,F-Kuijpers,F/Hoogovens 1971/1-0 (49)]

[13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxb7 Bxf4 15.Bxa8 Qh4⩱ 16.Rfd1 Rxa8 17.Qe4 Qxh2+ 18.Kf1 Rb8 *(18...Re8 19.Qf3 Bd6 20.e3 f5 21.Ke2 Qh4 22.Rh1 Qe7 23.a3 c5 24.dxc5 Nxc5 25.Qc6 Be5 26.Rac1 Na4 27.Nxa4 bxa4 28.Qxa4 Bxb2 29.Rc7 Qf8 30.Rg1 Re7 31.Rc2 Bf6 32.Qxa6 Re8 33.Rgc1 h5 34.Rc8* 1-0 Gutman,L-Kochyev,A/URS-FL 1978 (40)*)* 19.e3 Bd6 20.Ke2 Nf6 21.Qc6 Qh5+⩱ Averbach]

13...Qc8

[13...Nf6 14.Ne5!?

(Diagram)

Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Bd6 16.e3!? *(16.Rac1 Qc8 17.Qd3 g6 18.Qf3 Nh5 19.Ne4 Qd8 20.e3 f6 21.Nc6 Qe8 22.Kh1 Ng7 23.Rg1 a5 24.Nc5 Kh8 25.Qe4±* Orseth,D-Kristiansen,E/NOR-ch 1982/1-0 (69)*)* 16...Qc8 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Rac1 f6 19.Nc6 Qe8 20.f5 Qh5 21.Ng3 Qg4 22.fxe6 Qxe6 23.Qf5± Bohm,H-Luczak,A/Rubinstein mem 1980/1-0 (56)]

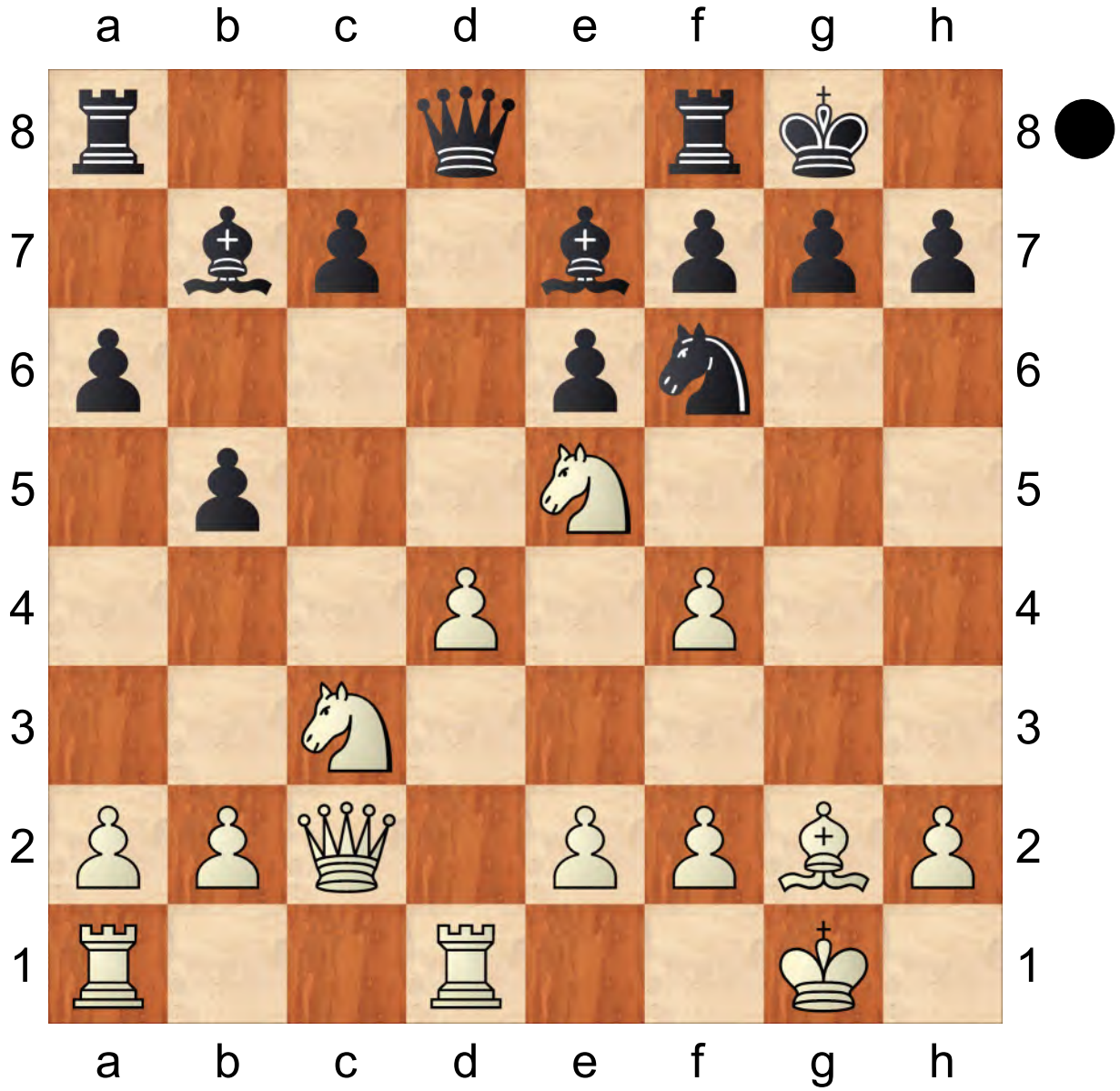
14.a4

[14.Ne4

A) 14...c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Qxc5 Bxc5 18.Rac1 *(18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rfc8 20.Rd7 f6 21.Nd3* Cifuentes,R *Bf8 22.a4 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ra7 Rc8 26.Rb7 Rc2 27.Kf1 b4 28.Ke1 Rc4 29.Kd2 g5 30.Rb6 gxf4 31.Rxe6 Kf7 32.Rb6 f3 33.exf3 Rh4=* ½-½ Kirov,N-Guseinov,A/Baku 1983 (42) *)* 18...Rfc8 19.Ne5!± Bxg2 20.Kxg2

A1) 20...Rc7 21.e3 *(21.b4 Bd6 22.Rxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxf7 Bxf4 24.Nd8±)* 21...Rac8 22.Rd7 a5 23.b3± f6 24.Rxc7 Rxc7 25.Nf3 Kf7 26.Nd4 b4 27.Nb5 Rc6 28.Kf3 Ke7 29.f5 exf5 30.Nd4 Rc7 31.Nxf5+ Kf7 32.Ke4 g6 33.Nd4 Re7+ 34.Kd3 Re5 35.f4 Rh5 36.Nf3 Ke7 ½-½ Gavrikov,V-Azmayparashvili,Z/USSR 1981 (41);

A2) 20...f6 21.Nf3 Bf8 *(21...Kf8 22.Rd7 Be7 23.Rcc7 Rxc7 24.Rxc7 Bd6 25.Rd7 Bxf4 26.e3 Be5 27.Nxe5 fxe5 28.Rb7* ½-½ Novak,I-Prandstetter,E/Bohemians 1981*)* 22.e3 *(22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd7 Bc5 24.e3±)* 22...g6 23.b3 Bb4 24.h3 Kf8 25.Nd4 Kf7 26.a4! bxa4 27.bxa4



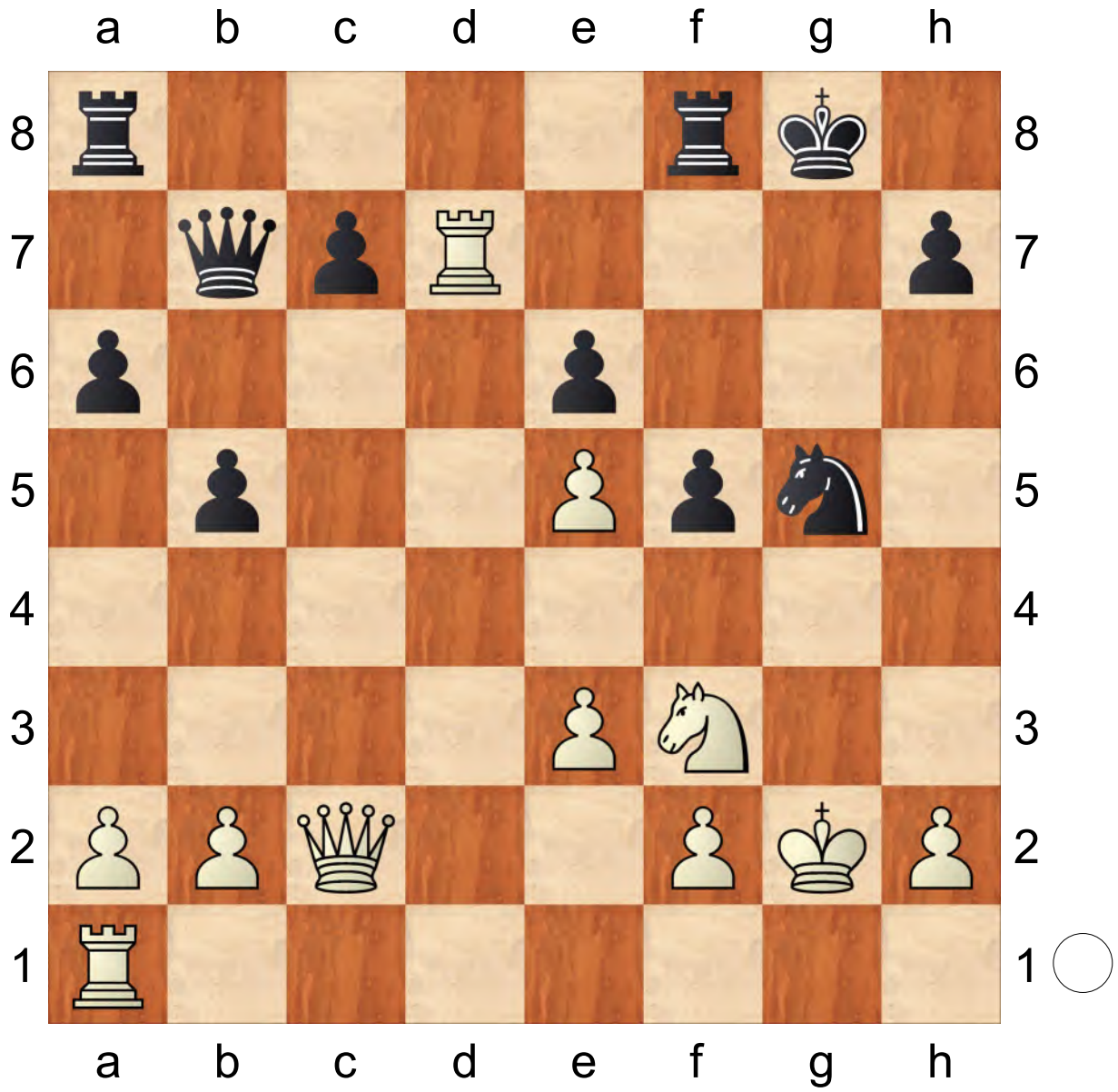
Bc5 28.Rc4 Ba3 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Rb1! Rc4 31.Rb7+ Be7 32.Ra7 e5 33.fxe5 fxe5 34.Nf3 Rxa4 35.Nxe5+ Kf6 36.Nc6 Bc5 37.Rxh7 Ra2 38.Kf3 a5 39.h4 Ribli,Z-Karpov,A/IBM 1980/1-0 (55);

B) 14...f5!? 15.Ned2!? *(15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Be4 17.Qb3 c6 18.Ne5 Bd5 19.Qe3 Bf6 20.Rd2 Qc7=* 0-1 Ricardi,P-Granda Zuniga,J/Buenos Aires Najdorf 1991 (35)*)* 15...Bd6 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qb7+ 18.Ndf3 Nf6 19.e3 g5 20.fxg5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Ne4 22.Rd7 Nxg5

(Diagram)

23.e4□ Nxf3 24.Kxf3 Rad8 25.Rg1+ ½-½ Nielsen,P-Hansen,S/Copenhagen op 1995]

[14.Rac1!?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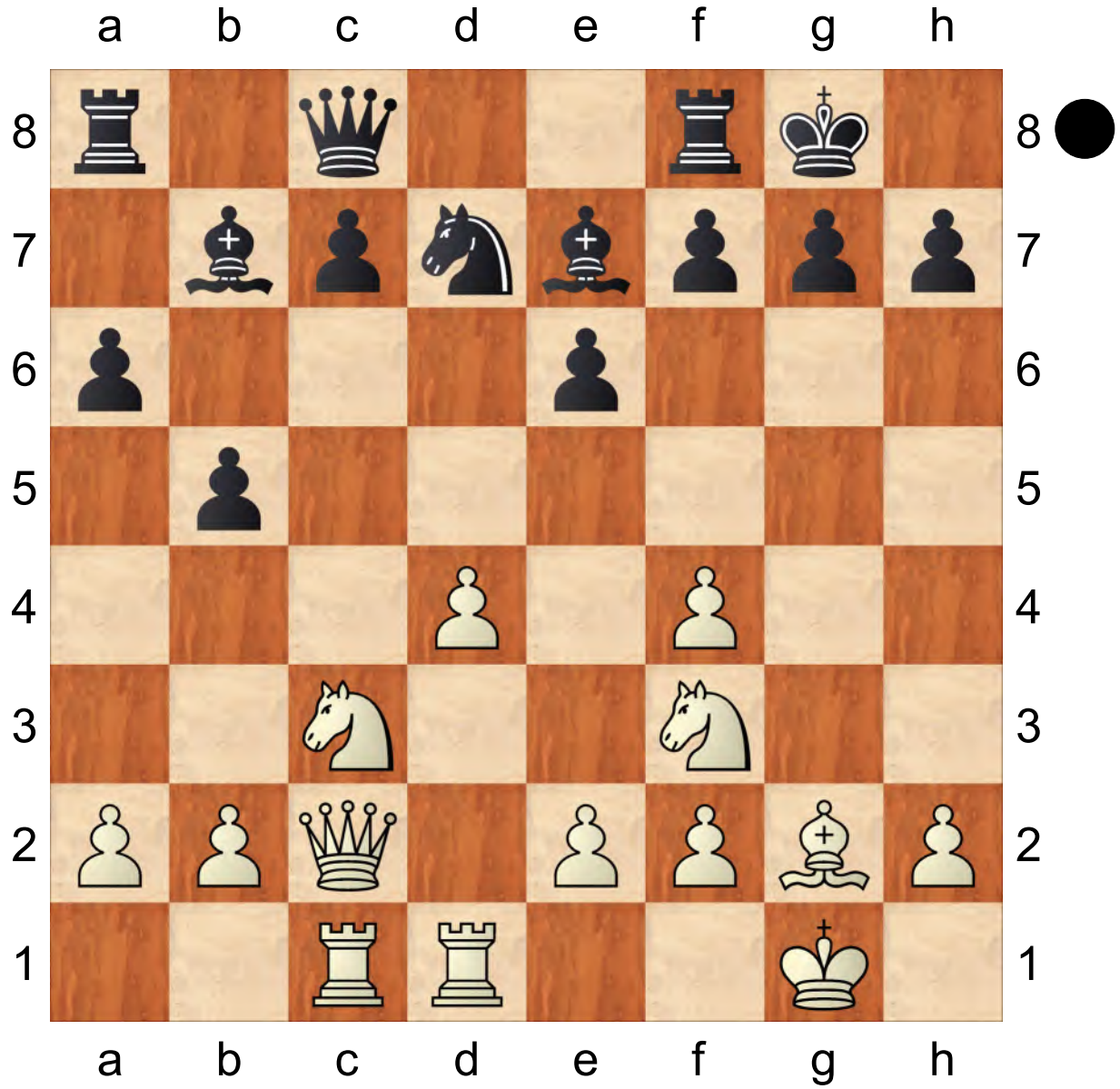
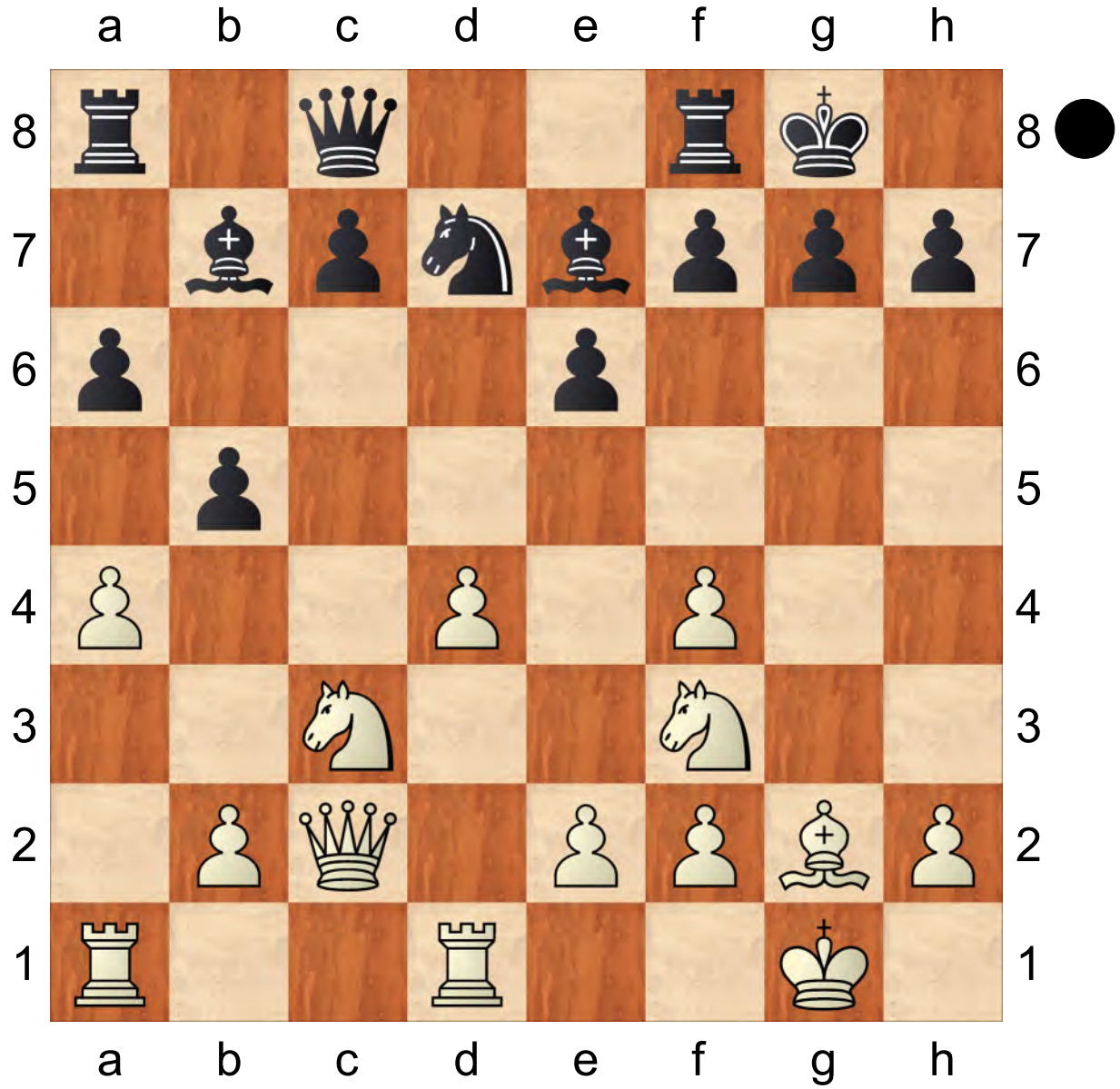


c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qb1 Rd8 17.b4 Na4 18.Rxd8+ Qxd8 19.Nxa4 bxa4 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qe4 Bd6 24.Nc4 Bf8 *(24...Bxb4 25.Nb6↑)* 25.a3 g6 26.e3 Qd7 27.Ne5 Qb5 28.Qa8 Qd5+ 29.Qxd5 exd5 30.Nd3 f5 31.Kf1 Kf7 32.Ke2 Ke8 33.Kd2 Kd7 34.Nb2! Bxb4+ 35.axb4 a3 36.Na4 a2 37.Nc5+ Kc6 38.Nb3 Kb5 39.Kc3 1-0 Kurajica,B-Gavric,M/Banja Luka 1985]

(Diagram)

14...bxa4!?

[14...b4 15.Ne4 Bd5 16.Rac1 Ra7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qa8 19.Qd3 f5 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Bf3! Rd8 22.Qe3 Kh8 23.Kh1 Rg8 24.Rg1 c6 25.Nd2!



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15.Nxa4 Rb8

(Diagram)

16.Rac1 Bd6 17.e3 Nf6 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Qxc5 Bd5 20.Qxc7

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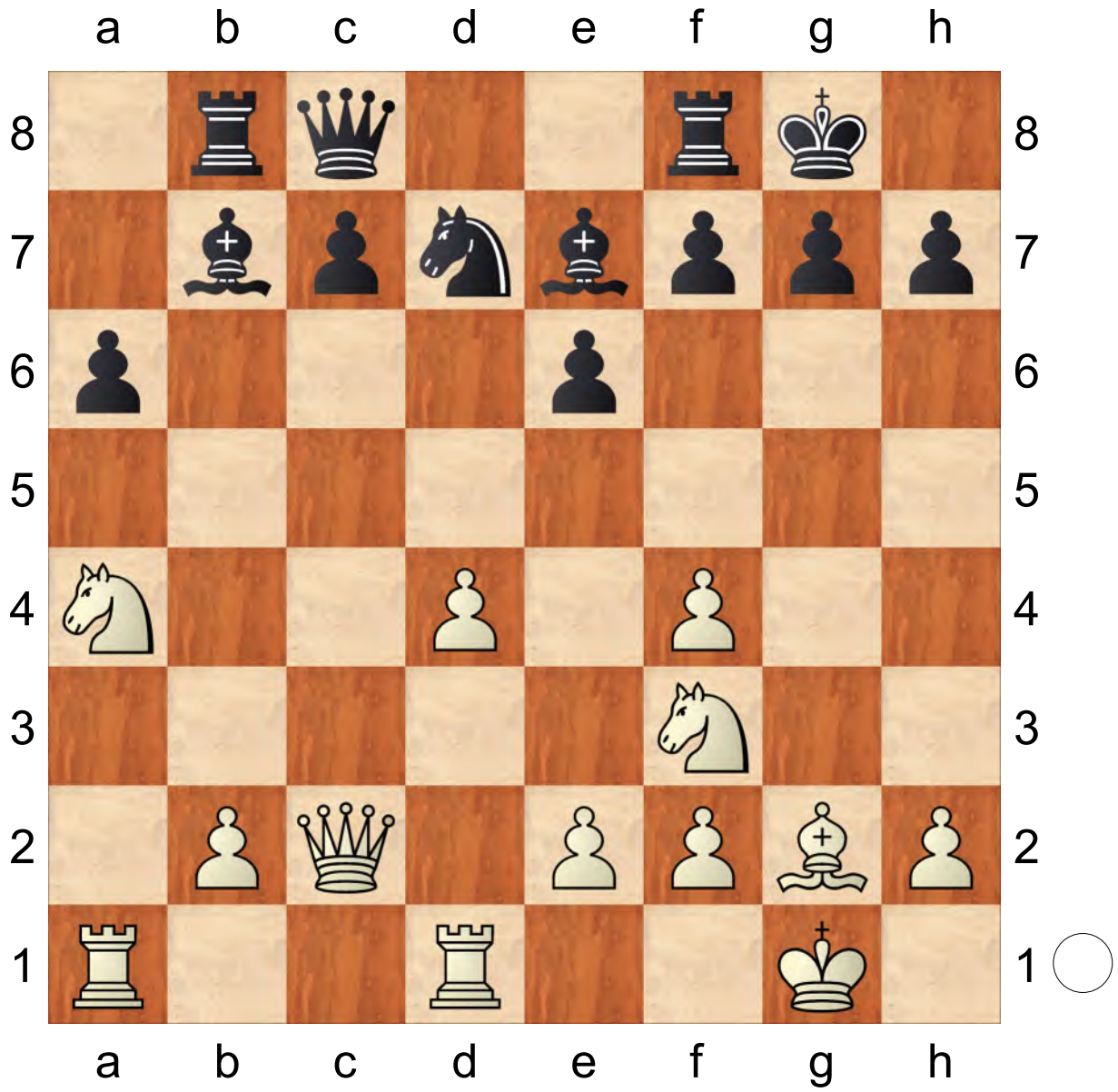
[20.Qc2? Ribli Bb3∓]
[20.Rd2? Ribli Ne4]



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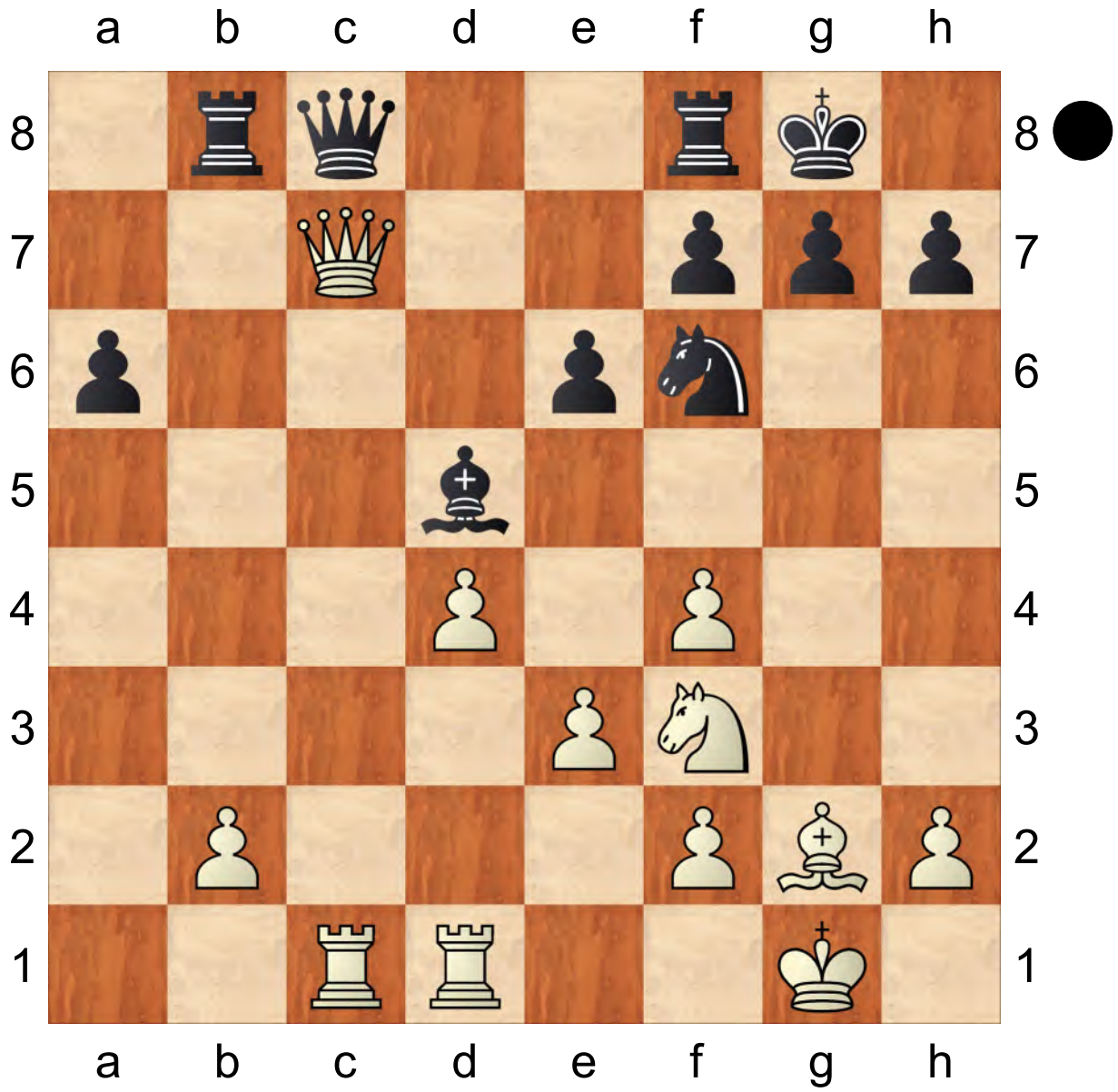
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2808**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 John Watson Throughout his career Kramnik has mostly preferred closed openings, but more than a decade ago he for about 2-3 years switched almost completely to 1.e4. The results were not too encouraging an around 2006 Vladimir went back 1.d4, 1.Nf3 and 1.c4. This year he decided to give the "aggressive serve" another go and so far it's working nicely for him - both in Baku and Moscow (Tal memorial) he scored 2 nice wins against strong opposition. **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5**

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Nc6 Meier plays this line regularly even against top players, so this was hardly a surprise.

[John Watson: 'Kramnik had an up-and-down game versus Buhmann with' He was certainly not tempted by the newer idea 6...Be7 7.Be3 b6 John Watson: '. He almost lost - see the Archives.' where Kramnik recently demonstrated an excellent idea 8.Qd2 0-0 9.h4! *(*Too soft is *9.Nd1 a5 10.c3 a4 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.f5 b5 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Nf2 a3 18.b3 b4 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.c4 Ne4↑* Giri,A (2790)-Harikrishna,P (2763) Stavanger 2016 *)* 9...Nc6 10.Bb5

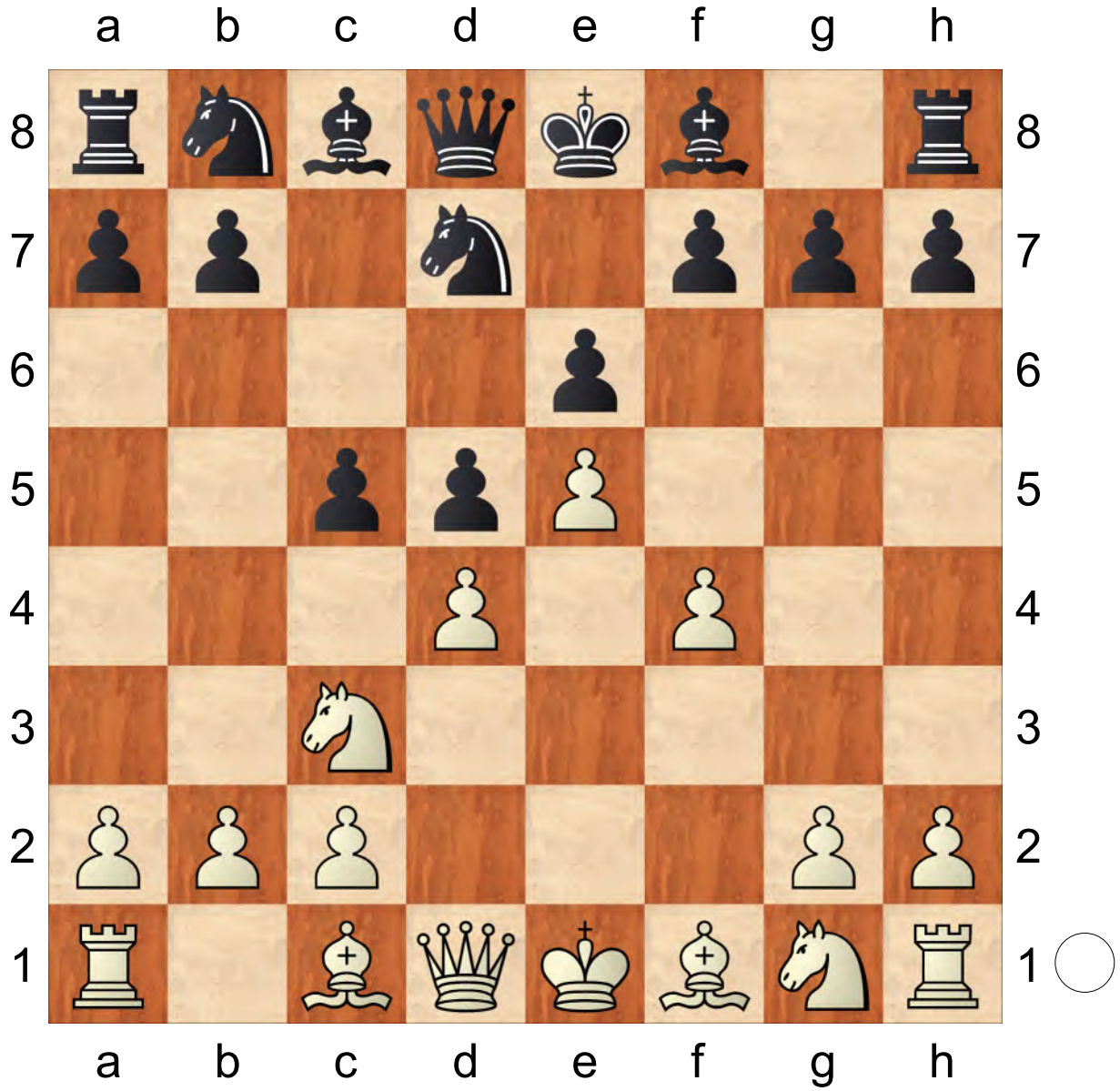
A) 10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Bxd4 f6 *(12...Bxh4+? 13.g3→)* 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.Qe3 Bd7 16.Be2 *(16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.h5±)* 16...Qc7 17.h5 Rae8 *(17...h6!?)* 18.h6 g6 19.Rhe1 Bc6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.g3 Qf7 22.Bg4 Qf8 23.Qe5 Rf7 24.Qg5 Qe7 Brkic,A (2584)-Smirnov,A (2482) Baku olm 2016 25.b4!? Ne4 26.Nxe4 dxe4 27.Qxe7 Rfxe7 28.c4↑;

B) 10...Qc7 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Bd3 f5 *(12...Rd8!? 13.Qf2± Δ c4 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.f5 Kg8 16.h5↑; 12...c4 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Ng5+ Kg8 15.Qe2 g6 16.Qg4→)* 13.g4 c4 14.gxf5 *(14.Bxf5!? exf5 15.Qg2 Ndb8 16.Nxd5 Qb7 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Rhg1 Bd8 19.Nd2 b5 20.Ne4→* Kramnik *)* 14...cxd3 15.fxe6 Ndb8 16.Nxd5 Qd8 17.Nxe7+ Nxe7 18.Ng5! h6 19.Qxd3 hxg5 20.hxg5 Bxe6 21.Qh7+ Kf7 22.d5 Bf5 Kramnik,V (2812)-Buhmann,R (2653) Dortmund 2016 23.Qh5+! Bg6 24.Qe2⩲ → For more details see the notes to this game by Prasanna in CBM 174.]

7.Be3 a6 Black has more than one way to treat this line:

[7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 There is still no clear refutation of

A) 8...Bc5 9.Qd2 0-0 *(* Agianst a technician as Kramnik, Meier is in no mood for the dry endgame after *9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 Qb6 12.Nb5*



Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Ke7 14.g3 Nc5 15.0-0-0 Bd7 16.Bg2 g6 17.g4 h5 18.h3 Rh6 19.f5 gxf5 20.gxf5 Rg8 21.f6+ Kd8 22.Bf3 Rg5 23.Rde1 h4 24.Rhg1 Rg3 25.Bg4 Ne4 26.Ne2 Re3 27.Nf4 Rg3 28.Rxg3 hxg3 29.Rg1 Bc6 30.Nh5± Navara,D (2706)-Meier,G (2637) Belfort 2012*)* 10.0-0-0 a6

A1) Kasparov's 11.h4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5⇄ is not considered too dangerous nowadays, so the main alternative is;

A2) Therefore the main alternative is 11.Nb3!? Bb4 *(11...Bxe3 12.Qxe3 b5 13.Bd3 b4 14.Na4 a5 15.Qh3 g6 16.Qh6 Nb6 17.Bb5 Ne7 18.Nd4 Nxa4 19.Bxa4 f6 20.Rhe1 Ra6 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Qg5 Qf8 23.Qe5 Nf5 24.Nf3 Ra7 25.g3±* Carapinha,F (2310)-Dutra Neto,A (2465) email 2013*)* 12.Bd3 b5

A2a) 13.Nd4 Bb7 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bd4 Nc5 16.Qf2 Nxd3+ 17.Rxd3 Be7 18.Nd1 b4 19.Rh3 Rc8 20.Ne3 f5 21.g4 *(⌓21.Rg1 Be8∓)*

21...fxg4 22.Nxg4 Be8! 23.Nf6+ Bxf6 24.exf6 Bg6 25.fxg7 Rf7→ Robson,R (2680)-Vovk,Y (2628) WCup Baku 2015;

A2b) 13.g4! Bb7 *(13...Na5!?)* 14.Rhg1 Rc8 15.Rg3 scores excellently for White, especially in email games.;

A3) 11.Qf2 This was actually introduced into top-level practice by Kramnik during his first 1.e4 "outing". 11...Bxd4 *(11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Qc7 13.Bd3 b5 14.Qh4 h6 15.Ne2 f6 16.Qg4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Qg6 Nxd3+ 19.Rxd3 Qc4 20.Rhd1 Ra7 21.Kb1 Qc7 22.f5!→* Kramnik,V (2807)-Radjabov,T (2624) Linares 2003 See the notes to this game in CBM 093 by Finkel. *)* 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Kb1 b4 15.Ne2 Qc7

A3a) 16.Ng3 a5 17.Nh5 a4 18.Bb5 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rd3 Rc8 21.Rc1 Ne7 *(21...a3!? 22.b3 Ncxe5 23.fxe5 Qxe5 24.Bd4 Qxh5 25.Rh3 Qf5 26.Rf3=)* 22.Qd2 Qb7 23.g4 Rac6 24.Bd4 Qb5 25.Rf3∞ Caruana,F (2796)-Meier,G (2610) Dortmund 2013;

A3b) 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 a5 18.Bb5 Ba6 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.g4 a4 21.b3

A3b1) 21...Rfc8 22.f5 Qb5 23.Rhe1 axb3 24.cxb3 Rc3 25.Bxc3! *(25.Re3 Rxe3 26.Bxe3 Rc8 27.f6 gxf6 28.Qxf6 Qe2 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.Bc5+ Rxc5 31.Qd8+ ½,* Karjakin,S (2762)-Goganov,A (2575) Nizhnij Novgorod 2013 *)* 25...bxc3 26.Qd4 Qa5 27.a4±;

A3b2) 21...Qc6 22.f5 Bb5 23.Rd2 axb3 24.cxb3 Ra3 *(24...Qa6 25.Qe3 Rfc8 26.f6 Rc7 27.h4±* is also better for White - he overprotects d3 and can continue his attack.*)* 25.Re1 Rfa8 26.Re3 Rc8 27.Qe1 Rc7 28.Qd1 Ra8 29.Re1 Rac8 30.Qf3 Qa6 31.Red1 Qa3 32.Bb2 Qa6 33.Qe3 Kh8 34.f6 gxf6 35.exf6 Rg8 36.g5± Caruana,F (2789)-Meier,G (2632) Dortmund 2014 The whole branch is dangerous for Black and Meier was not interested in continuing the theoretical fight here.;

B) 8...Qb6!? 9.Qd2 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Bb5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a6 13.Bxd7+ Bxd7 14.Rb3 Qe7 15.Rxb7

B1) 15...Qd8 16.0-0 Rb8 17.Rxb8 Qxb8 18.f5 *(18.Rb1!? Qc8 19.Qe3±* Negi *)* 18...Qc8 19.f6 gxf6 20.Qf4 Qc4 21.exf6 Rg8 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Re1+ Kd8 24.Qb8+ Bc8 25.Qa7 Be6 26.Bb6+ Kc8 27.Qa8+ Kd7 28.Qb7+ Kd6 29.Ba7 Rxg2+!= Caruana,F (2795)-Robson,R (2663) Saint Louis 2016;

B2) 15...Rc8 16.0-0 *(16.f5 Qh4+ 17.g3 Qg4 18.Rf1 Be7 19.Rf4 Qh5 20.Be3 Bc6 21.Rxe7+ Kxe7 22.Qd4 Rhd8 23.Qc5+ Kd7 ½,* Motylev,A (2665)-Iljiushenok,I (2450) Jerusalem 2015 *24.fxe6+ Kxe6 25.Ne2 Qxe2+! 26.Kxe2 Bb5+=)* 16...Qa3 17.f5 Bc5 18.fxe6 *(18.Ne2 exf5 19.Qg5 g6 20.Qf6 0-0 21.e6 Bxd4+ 22.Nxd4* Dourerassou,J (2436)-Alonso Garcia,R (2339) Barcelona 2015 *Qe3+! 23.Kh1 fxe6 24.Qh4 Rf7 25.Re1 Qc3∓)* 18...Bxe6 19.Ne2 0-0 20.Rb3 Bxd4+ 21.Nxd4 Qxa2 22.Rg3 Qb2 23.Rb3 Qa2 24.h4⩲ Chigaev,M (2542)-Bykov,O (2378) Voronezh 2016 Kh8 25.h5

h6 26.Rg3 Rg8 27.Rf6 Kh7=]

[7...Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 *(8...a6* transposes into the game *)*

A) 9.Be2 b6!? *(9...a6 10.0-0 b5* is more usual and also quite playable*)* 10.Nd1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nc5 *(⌓12...Nb8!? 13.0-0 Nc6⇄)* 13.Nf2 a5 14.0-0-0 Ba6 15.Bg4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Rc6 17.Rhe1 Qd7 18.Qe3 Qc7 19.Qh3 Bc8 20.Be2 Ba6 21.Bg4 Bc8 22.Be2 Ba6 23.Bxa6 Nxa6 24.Ng4 Rc8 25.c3 Nc5 26.f5 exf5 27.Ne3↑ Dominguez Perez,L (2720)-Bareev,E (2675) Baku olm 2016

B) 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Qf2 *(11.h4 Qc7 12.Bxc5 Bxc5 13.Bd3 f5 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.g3 h6 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.h5 Re8 18.Rhe1 Bb4 19.Ne5 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Qa5 22.Qd6 Bc6⇄* Harikrishna,P (2762)-Shirov,A (2679) Austria 2016*)* 11...b6 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.Kb1 Bb7 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bd4 Bb7 16.Bd3 b5 17.Ne2 b4 18.Ng3 Rac8 19.f5 f6! 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5 23.fxe6 Re8 24.Rde1 g6 25.Rhf1 So,W (2773)-Nakamura,H (2787) Saint Louis 2016 Bg7=]

8.Qd2 Be7

[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5 10.0-0-0 0-0 - see 7...cxd4]

[However, Black's most popular alternative is still 8...b5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3 *(10.Ne2 Qb6 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.Ned4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 b4 14.Qe3 Rb8 15.Bd3 a5 16.0-0 0-0 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.Qxb6 Rxb6 19.axb3 Ba6 20.Rxa5 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Rc6 22.Rb5 Rc2 23.Rxb4 Rxb2 24.f5 exf5 25.Rxf5 Rc8 26.Rf2 Rc1+ 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Kf8 29.Rb8+ Ke7 30.b4 Ke6 31.d4 Kf5 32.Rb7 f6⩱* Harikrishna,P (2752)-Anton Guijarro,D (2630) Monzon 2016*)* 10...Qb6 11.Bf2 Bxf2+ 12.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Ke7 14.a3 Nb6 15.Rhe1 Bd7 16.Ne2 Rag8 17.h4 h5 18.Ned4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Na4 20.b3 Nc5 21.Ke3 Rb8 22.Re2 f5 23.Kd2 Rhc8 24.Re3 Rc7 25.c3 g6= Hou,Y (2649)-Short,N (2670) Hoogeveen 2016/ Black's fortress held strong in the simplified position.]

9.a3!? John Watson: 'An unusual order, especially if Black doesn't respond with ...b5. ' A rare, but tricky continuation.

[We have shortly mentioned 9.Be2 b5 10.0-0 0-0 above, here Black is doing more or less OK. A notable example is 11.Kh1 *(⌓11.a3)* 11...Qc7 12.a3 Bb7 13.Rad1 Rac8 14.Qe1 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Qh4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 f6 19.Bd3 h6 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.f5 Rcf8 22.Rg1 Nc5 23.fxe6 Nxe6 24.Rg4 Nf4∓ Karjakin,S (2720)-Carlsen,M (2810) Wijk aan Zee 2010]

[9.0-0-0?! c4 is too dangerous, but Kramnik doesn't want to give up the idea of queenside castling yet.]

9...0-0

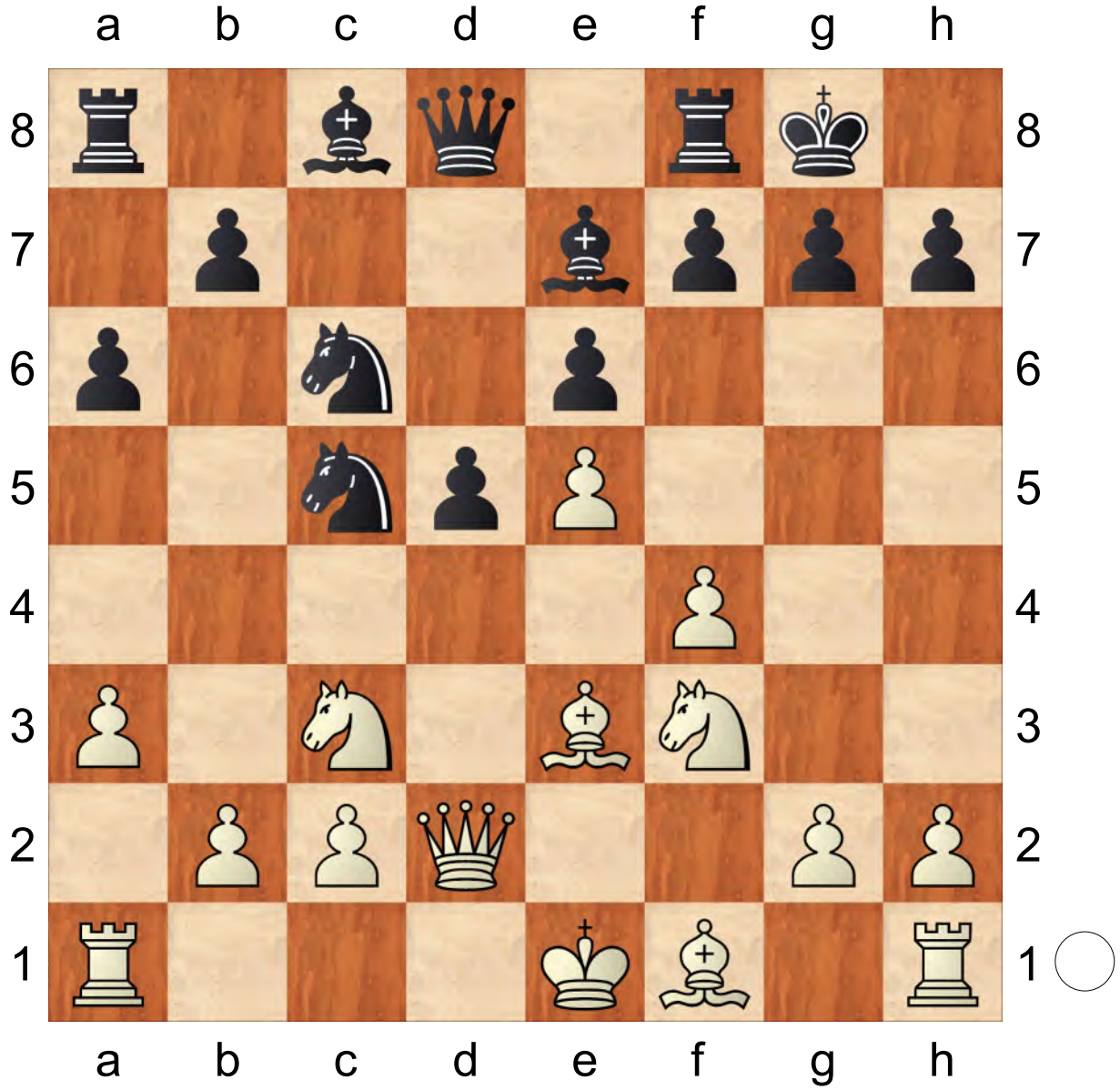
[John Watson: 'For example, Meier played' 9...b5 10.dxc5 gives White a useful extra move in comparison with 8...b5 9.dxc5 above - *(10.Bd3* John Watson *b4 11.axb4 Nxb4* in Bologan,V (2607)-Meier,G (2654) Berlin 2015, a game eventually won by White.*)* 10...Bxc5 *(10...Nxc5 11.b4↑)* 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.a4±]

10.dxc5

[White is still not interested in the transpositional 10.Be2 b5 11.0-0 Bb7]

10...Nxc5

[10...Bxc5 loses a tempo with the ♗, White is slightly better after 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.b4!? Nd7 13.Bd3±]



11.Qf2 John Watson: 'This is Kramnik's idea, trying to commit Black to defend c5 and then react accordingly.' **11...b6N** John Watson: 'This may simply be a bit too slow to equalize.' New, but rather passive.

[John Watson: 'A month later, Black tried' Until now Black has preferred the counterattacking 11...Qa5 John Watson: ', and White played the risky-looking' 12.0-0-0 *(12.Bd3* John Watson: 'is solid' *f6 13.exf6 Nxd3+ 14.cxd3 Bxf6 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qxc3 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.Rac1 Qa5 19.Qb2 Qb5 20.Qc3 Rad8 21.Rb1 d4 22.Bxd4 ½,* Lennartz,M (2430)-Galanov,S (2502) email 2013 *Nxd4*

23.Qxd4 Bc6⇄)

A) 12...Bd7 13.f5 John Watson: '!?' John Watson: '(threatening f6)' *(13.g4!? John Watson)* 13...d4 John Watson: '!' 14.Bxd4 *(14.Nxd4 John Watson Nxe5)* 14...exf5 15.Bc4 *(15.Kb1 John Watson Be6 16.Bd3 Rac8)* 15...Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 John Watson: '!' *(16...Nxe6 John Watson 17.Bb6 Bc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 about =)* 17.Qe2 *(17.Qe3 John Watson Rac8 18.Kb1)* 17...b5 18.Kb1 Rab8 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Na2 Qc7 *(20...b4! John Watson 21.Qc4! Rfe8 22.a4! Rbc8 23.b3 Qb6∓)* 21.Nc1 Be7= /∓, Sethuraman,S (2633)-Korobov,A (2687) Czech Republic 2016 John Watson: 'with about equal chances, Sethuraman,S (2633)-Korobov,A (2687) Czech Republic 2016';

B) John Watson: 'The computer move' 12...Nd7 John Watson: '!' John Watson: 'obviously isn't attractive on a common-sense level, but now Black threatens ... Bxa3 and is ready for ...b5 or . ...f6.' 13.Bd3 *(13.Bd2 Qc7 14.h4 b5 15.h5 b4 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Kb1 Nc5 18.h6 g6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rh3 Rfb8 21.g4 Ra7 22.Bc1 Qa5 23.Nb3 Nxb3 24.cxb3 Rc7↑* Jankowicz,R (2387)-Galanov,S (2376) email 2008*)* 13...b5 *(13...f6 14.Qh4 f5 15.Qe1 Nc5 16.Qg1 Rb8 17.Ne2 Ne4 18.Bb6 Bc5 19.Bxa5 Bxg1 20.Rhxg1 Nxa5 21.g4 fxg4 22.Bxe4 gxf3 23.Bxf3 Bd7 24.Bg4 Rbe8 25.h4 Re7 26.b3 Bb5 27.Nd4 Bd7 28.Rdf1 Nc6 29.Ne2 Nd8⇄* Kochemasov,A (2507)-Hamarat,T (2604) email 2012*)* 14.Nd4 Qc7 *(14...Nxd4 15.Bxd4 b4⇄)* 15.Nf5!? exf5 16.Nxd5⩲ Qa5 17.Bd2 *(17.Bxf5!)* 17...Bc5? *(17...Qd8∞ /∓)* 18.Nf6+! Nxf6 19.Qxc5 Qc7 20.exf6 Be6 21.g4+- Salem,A (2650)-Svane,R (2552) Douglas 2016]

12.b4!? John Watson: '!' **12...Nd7** John Watson: 'Forced, right? But in this month's game Ragger-Bluebaum, we see the amazing (and very likely prepared) move 12... f6!!?.' **13.Bd3 f6** John Watson: 'A logical counterblow in the center. Otherwise' Hits the centre before White fully consolidates.

[13...Qc7 14.Na4 b5 *(14...Rb8 15.0-0±)* 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.0-0±]

[13...Bb7 John Watson 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Ne2 establishes a positional advantage.]

14.Qg3

[John Watson: 'Or' 14.Qh4 f5 *(14...g6 15.Qh3↑* John Watson: ', when' *f5* John Watson *16.Ne2* prepares 0-0 and c4 *)* 15.Qf2±]

14...d4 John Watson: '?!' John Watson: 'Perhaps not fully sound, but it works.'

[14...fxe5? 15.Qh3 Nf6 *(15...e4 16.Nxe4! dxe4 17.Qxe6+ Rf7 18.Qxe4 Bh4+ 19.Kd2+-)* 16.fxe5 g6 17.Na4!?±]

[14...Qc7!?

A) 15.Nd4 Ndxe5!? *(15...Nxd4 16.Bxd4 f5 17.0-0±; 15...Nd8 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Nf5 Rf7 18.Nh6+ Kf8 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.0-0∞ /±)* 16.fxe5 fxe5⩲;

B) 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh3+ Kg8 17.Qxe6+ Rf7 18.Nxd5 Qb7∓ leads nowhere;

C) 15.Qh3 f5 16.Ne2 a5 17.b5 Nd8 18.g4 Nc5± /⇄]

[14...a5

A) 15.Qh3 f5 16.b5 Na7 17.g4!? *(17.Na4 Nc5 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.c4 Bb7∞)* 17...Nc5 18.gxf5 Nxd3+ 19.cxd3 Rxf5 20.Nd4±;

B) 15.Bxh7+!? seems crushing, but after 15...Kxh7 16.Qh3+ Kg6□ 17.f5+ exf5 18.Nh4+ Kh7 *(18...Kf7? 19.e6+ Kxe6 20.Qxf5++-)* 19.Qxf5+ *(19.Nxf5+ Kg8 20.Qg4 g5 21.Nh6+ Kh7 22.Qh5 Qe8∓)* 19...Kg8 20.Qe6+ Kh7 21.Qxc6 Ra6 22.b5 *(22.e6 axb4 23.exd7 Bxd7 24.Qxd5 Ra5! 25.Qd3+ f5= /∓)* 22...Nxe5 23.Qxd5 Ra7 24.0-0 Qxd5 25.Nxd5 Nc4 26.Bf2 Rd7± /= Black has reasonable chances to hold the resulting endgame.]

[14...f5 John Watson 15.Ne2 is slightly depressing]

15.0-0-0!? John Watson: 'A bold and entertaining move, but objectively White should play' Initiates hair-raising complications.

[However, White had a simpler road to an advantage with 15.Bxd4! Nxd4 *(15...Ndxe5 16.fxe5 Nxd4 17.0-0-0 fxe5 18.Qxe5 Nxf3 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Qh5 Bg5+ 21.Kb2+-)* 16.Nxd4 Nxe5 17.0-0-0! Nxd3+ 18.Rxd3 Qc7 *(18...Qe8 19.Re1 Qf7 20.Qf3 Bd7 21.Qb7±)* 19.Qf3⟳ White's lead in development is overwhelming, Black's ♖♖ hardly have a chance to show their potential and he will find it almost imposible to hold the material balance in the long run:

A) 19...Bb7 20.Nxe6 Qc8 21.Qe3±;

B) 19...Ra7 20.f5!? *(20.Re1 Qc4 21.Qc6 Qxc6 22.Nxc6 Rc7 23.Nxe7+ Rxe7 24.Rd6 b5 25.Ne4)* 20...Qc4 21.fxe6± Bxe6? 22.Re1 Bf7 23.Nc6;

C) 19...Rb8 20.Re1 John Watson: ' ±' Bd6 21.g3 Re8 22.Ndb5 axb5 23.Nxb5 Bxf4+ 24.gxf4 Qe7 25.Nd6 Rd8 26.Red1 Δ Bb7 27.Qe3 Kf8 28.Nxb7 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Qxb7 30.Qxh7±]

15...dxe3

[15...dxc3 John Watson: '!?' 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qh3+

A) 17...Kg6 18.f5+

A1) 18...exf5 19.Nh4+ Kh7 *(19...Kf7 20.e6+ Kxe6 21.Qxf5+ Kf7 22.Qg6+! Ke6 23.Nf3 Bxb4 24.Ng5+ Ke7 25.Qxg7+ Ke8 26.Qg6+ Ke7 27.axb4 Qe8 28.Qd3+-* and the ♔ can't aurvive in the centre for long. *)* 20.Nxf5+ Kg8 21.Qg4 g5 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.h4 g4

A1a) 24.e6 Qe8 25.Qf4 *(25.Qxc6 Ne5 26.Qxa8 Qa4⇄)* 25...Rf7 26.Nd6 Bxd6 27.Rxd6 Rg7 28.exd7 Bxd7 29.Rxf6∞;

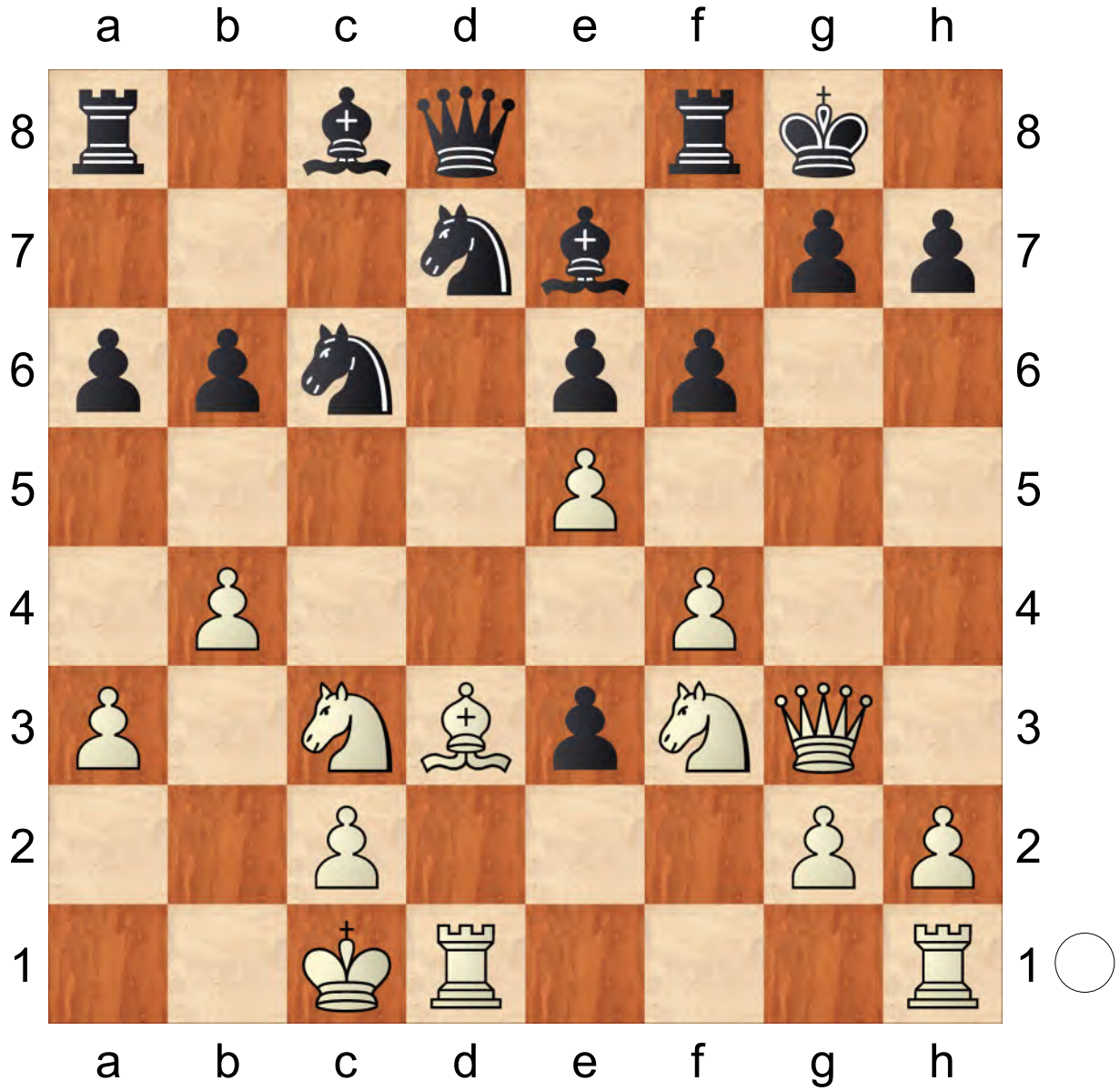
A1b) 24.Qxc6! Ra7 25.Qe4 fxe5 26.Qxg4 Rxf5 *(26...Rf7 27.Bg5+-)* 27.Qxf5±;

A2) 18...Kf7 19.fxe6+ Kg8 20.exd7 Bb7 21.Qe6+ Rf7 22.Rhf1±;

B) ⏢17...Kg8 18.Qxe6+ Kh7 19.Qxc6 Ra7 John Watson: 'is similar to the game, when' 20.e6 Nb8 21.Qe4+ f5 22.Rxd8 fxe4 23.Rxf8 Bxf8 24.Ng5+ Kg8 25.f5≅ *(25.Rd1* John Watson *Nc6 26.f5* gives White a nice bind for his piece. *)* 25...a5!? 26.b5 Bxa3+ 27.Kb1↑]

[Black can't avoid the danger and has to take one of the pieces: 15...fxe5? 16.Qh3 Rf5 17.fxe5 dxc3 18.g4 Bxb4 *(18...Rxf3 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Qh8+ Kf7 21.Bg6+! Kxg6 22.Qh5#)* 19.axb4 Qf8 20.gxf5 Nxb4 21.Rdg1 Nxd3+ 22.cxd3 Qa3+ 23.Kd1 Qb3+ 24.Ke2 Qc2+ 25.Nd2!? cxd2 26.Bxd2±]

(Diagram)



16.Bxh7+! The standard sacrifice with a new twist. **16...Kxh7**
[16...Kh8? 17.Bg6+-]
17.Qh3+ Kg8 The motifs are already known from the 15...dxc3 line, but there are differences as well:
[17...Kg6 18.f5+! *(18.Nh4+ Kf7 19.f5 Ndxe5!? 20.Rxd8 Rxd8-+)*
A) 18...exf5 19.Nh4+ Kh7 *(19...Kf7 20.e6++-)* 20.Nxf5+! Kg8 21.Qg4 g5 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.h4 g4 24.e6! *(24.Qxc6 Ra7 25.Qe4 fxe5 26.Qxg4 Rf7∞)* 24...Qe8 *(24...Nce5 25.Qf4 Rf7 26.exf7 Nxf7 27.Qxg4+-)* 25.Qxc6 Ra7 26.Nxe7 e2 *(26...Qxe7 27.Nd5±)* 27.Rd6!? Qxe7 28.Nd5±;
B) 18...Kf7 19.fxe6+ Kg8 20.exd7 Bb7 21.Qe6+ Rf7 *(21...Kh8 22.Nd5 e2 23.Rd3 fxe5 24.Re1!?↑)* 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Nd5 e2 *(23...Kf8 24.Qxe3 Rxd7 25.Nxb6 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bb2+ 27.Kxb2 Qxd1 28.Qf4+ Ke8 29.Nxa8 Bxa8 30.Qe4+ Kd8 31.Qh7±* White wins the ♙g7 and has very good winning

chances) 24.Qxe2 Kh8 25.Nxf6 Qxf6 26.Qe8+ (*26.Kb1!?*) 26...Rf8 27.Qh5+ Qh6+ 28.Qxh6+ gxh6 29.Rhe1↑]

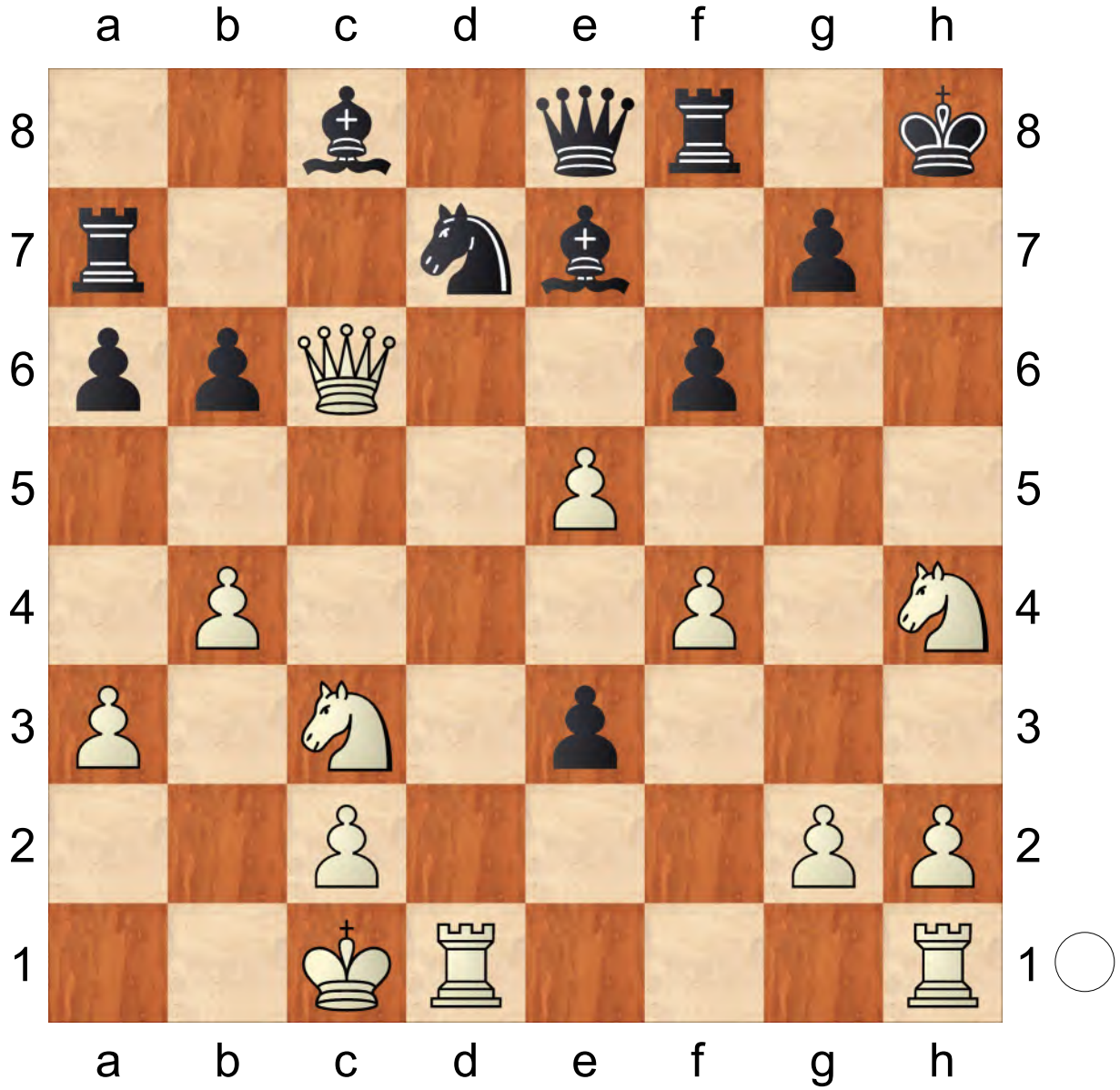
18.Qxe6+ Kh8

[18...Kh7?! 19.Qxc6 Ra7 20.Qe4+ f5 21.Qxe3± Formally material is equal, but White's forces dominate the board and he has a huge attack.]

19.Qxc6 Ra7 20.Nh4 John Watson: '!'

[This time 20.e6? John Watson Rc7 is good for Black: 21.Qd5 Rxc3 22.exd7? Bxd7 23.Qxd7 Qxd7 24.Rxd7 Rxa3∓]

20...Qe8



21.Nd5?! Tempting, but not ideal according to the engine.

[The silicon beast prefers ⌓21.e6! John Watson: '!?' John Watson: 'may be better. A possible sequence would be'

A) 21...Nc5 22.Qxe8 Rxe8 23.bxc5 Bxe6 (*23...Bxc5 24.f5±*) 24.Ng6+ Kh7

25.Nxe7 Raxe7 26.Rhe1 Bg4 27.Rd3 bxc5 28.Nd5±;

B) 21...Nb8 22.Qxe8! *(22.Qxb6 Rb7 23.Qxe3 f5 24.Qg3 Bxh4 25.Qxh4+ Kg8 26.Rhe1 Bxe6∞ Δ 27.Rd6 Qc8)* 22...Rxe8 23.f5 Nc6 *(23...g5 24.Ng6+ Kg7 25.Nxe7 Raxe7 26.Nd5 e2 27.Rd2±)* 24.Ng6+ Kg8 25.Rhe1 John Watson: 'and the pressure continues but maybe Black is okay after something like' Bd8 *(25...Ne5 26.Nxe7+ Raxe7 27.Nd5 Ra7 28.Rxe3 b5 29.Rg3 Kf8 30.Rd4± /± Sooner or later Black will be forced to take on e6 and grovel in an endgame a pawn down.)* 26.Ne4 *(26.Nd5* John Watson *Ne5 27.Nxe5 fxe5 28.Nxe3 a5 29.Kb2 axb4 30.axb4 Rf8=)* 26...Bc7 27.Nd6 Bxd6 28.Rxd6↑ Ne7 John Watson 29.Nxe7+ Raxe7 30.Rxb6 g6 31.g4 gxf5 32.gxf5 Rb7 33.Rc6 Rb5 34.Rg1+ Kf8 35.Rc7 Bxe6 36.fxe6 Rxe6±]

21...Kh7

[John Watson: 'The computer likes' 21...g5!? John Watson: '!' 22.fxg5 *(22.Nxe7 gxh4 23.Nxc8 Qxc8 24.Qf3 Qc3* and White doesn't have more than a perpetual with *25.Qh5+ Kg7 26.Qg4+= Kh8* John Watson *27.Qxh4+ Kg7 28.Qg4+=)* 22...Bb7 *(22...e2!?)* 23.Qe6 Bxd5 24.Qh3 Kg8 25.Nf5 Nxe5 26.Rxd5 Qa4 and again White doesn't seem to have more than 27.Nh6+ Kg7 28.Nf5+=]

[21...Bb7? 22.Qxd7 Qxd7 23.Ng6+ Kg8 *(23...Kh7 24.Nxf8+ Bxf8 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Rxd7+ Kg6 27.e6+-)* 24.Ndxe7+ Qxe7 25.Nxe7++-]

22.Nxe7 Qxe7 23.Nf5 Nxe5?! Black decides to avoid direct danger by returning the piece and simplifying the position. However, this comes at a cost, as in the endgame he will remain a pawn down. John Watson: '!?' John Watson: 'Giving the piece back.'

[⌓23...Qe8! John Watson: '!' John Watson: 'may well be better, since'

A) 24.e6 Nb8 25.Qxb6 Rb7 *(25...Bxe6!? 26.Nd6 Qe7 27.Rhe1 Rd7 28.Rxe3 f5∞)* 26.Qc5 Qxe6!? 27.Qxf8 Qxf5 28.Rd8 Rc7 and White must bail out with 29.Qh8+ Kg6 30.Qe8+=;

B) 24.Nd6 Qe6 John Watson: 'holds. The computer calls it even.' with an unforced, but plausible follow-up 25.Rhe1 Qa2 26.Rxe3 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qd4+ 28.Ke2 Qxf4 29.Rh3+ Kg6 30.Rg3+ Kh7 31.Nxc8 *(31.Rh3+=)* 31...Nxe5 32.Qe6 Qe4+ 33.Kf1 Qxc2= Here White either gives, or allows a perpetual after 34.Rd4 Qc1+ 35.Ke2 Qc2+=]

24.Nxe7 Nxc6 25.Nxc6 Rc7

(Diagram)

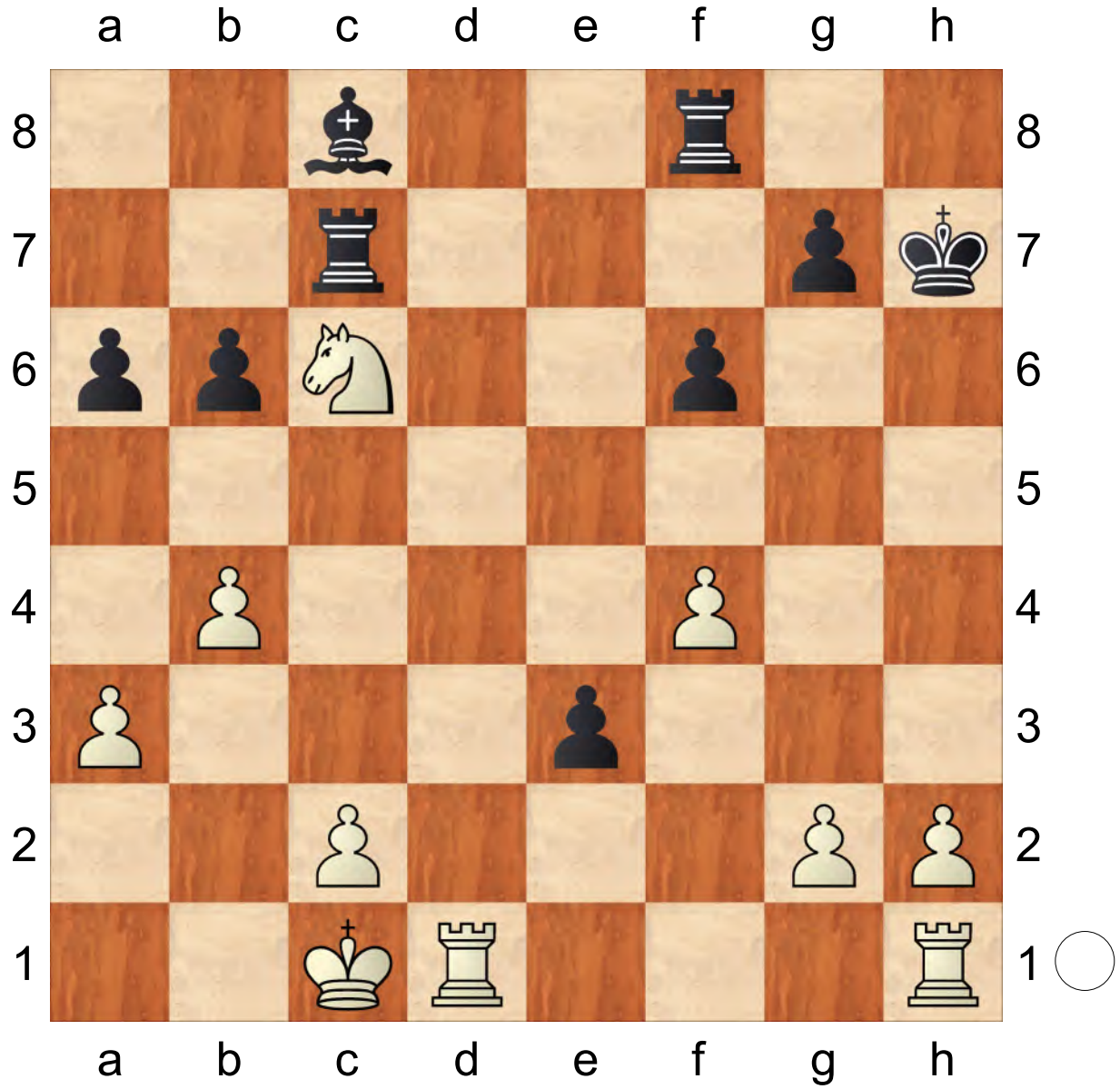
26.Nd4 Re8

[26...Rd8

A) 27.Rhe1 Bg4 28.Rd3 Rc4 29.c3 Bf5 30.Rdd1 Bg4= *(30...Rxc3+ 31.Kb2 Rdc8 32.Nxf5 Rc2+ 33.Ka1 e2 34.Rb1 R8c3 35.Rb2 Rc1+ 36.Rb1 R1c2=)*;

B) 27.Kb2 Re7 28.Rd3 Re4 29.Ne2 *(29.Nf5 Rxd3 30.cxd3 Rxf4 31.Nxe3 Rf2+ 32.Kc3 Re2⩲)* 29...Rxd3 30.cxd3 Re8 31.Re1±]

27.Rd3 Bb7?!



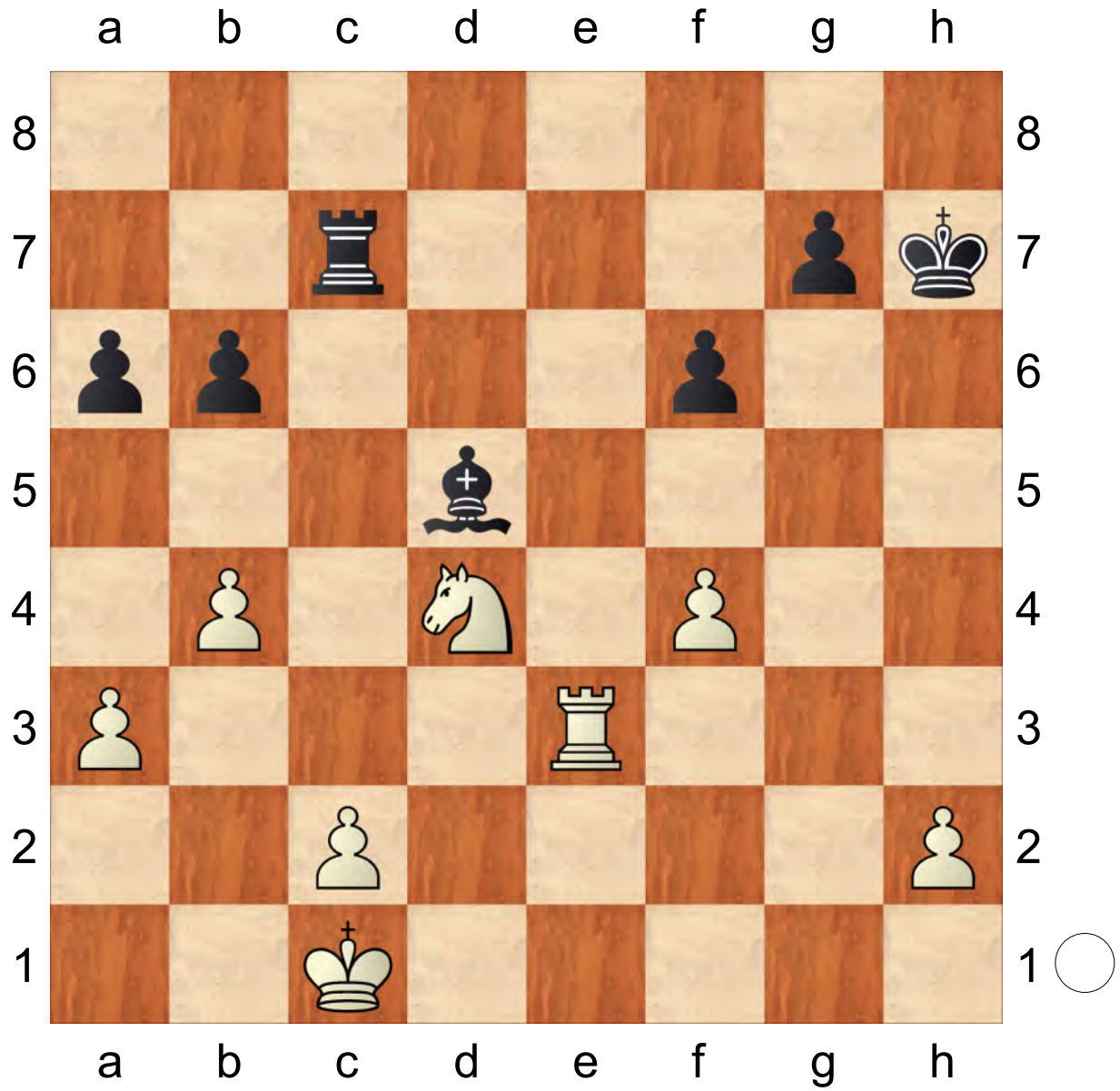
[27...Rce7!? seems more resilient. After 28.Re1 Kg6 29.h3± White has reasonable winning chances, but for the time being Black retains the ♙e3 and more tension.]

28.Re1 Bxg2 29.Rdxe3± /± White has a healthy extra pawn and although his kingside pawns are split, Black's queenside is vulnerable as well. All in all with good technique Kramnik should be able to convert has advantage. **29...Rxe3 30.Rxe3 Bd5**

[30...Rc4 31.c3 Kg8 32.Kd2 Kf7 was perhaps more stubborn]

(Diagram)

John Watson: 'White is a pawn up, but you'd think that Black would have some



chances with his better pawn structure.' **31.Nf5 g5** John Watson: '?' Pawn exchanges should help the defence, but here White gets rid of a potential weakness.

[31...g6 32.Re7+!? Rxe7 33.Nxe7 Be6 *(33...Bf7 34.Nc8 b5 35.Nd6±)* 34.Kd2 Kg7 35.f5 gxf5 36.Ke3±]

[31...b5 32.Kd2!?± *(32.Ne7 Bg2±; 32.Re7 Rxe7 33.Nxe7 Be4 34.Kd2 Kh6 35.c4 bxc4 36.Kc3 g5± /⇄)*]

32.fxg5 fxg5 33.Re5 Bf7 34.Kb2! White first improves his king.

[≤34.Nd6 Bb3 forces the retreat 35.Re2±]

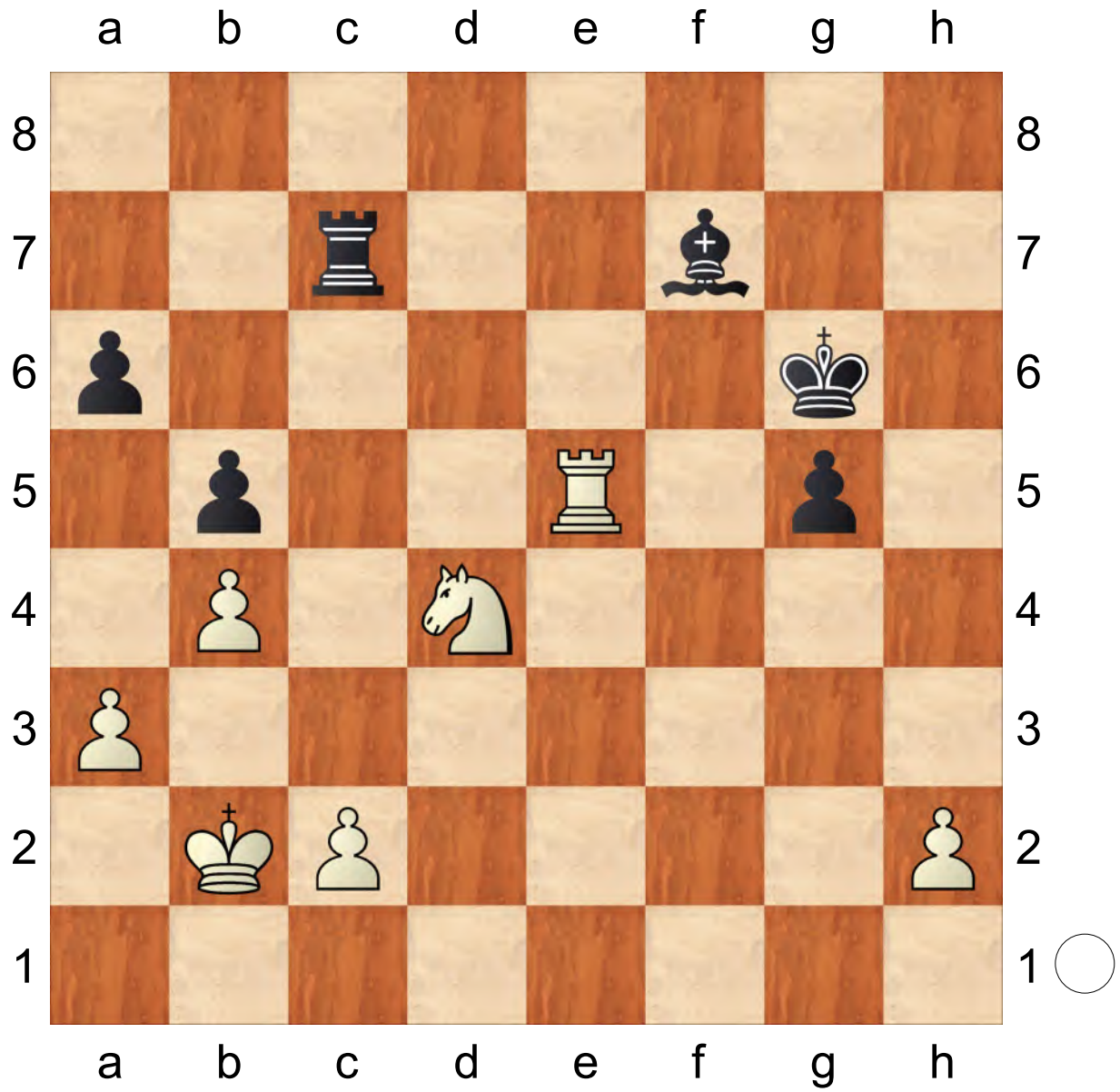
34...b5 John Watson: '?'

[34...Kg6 (John Watson) with the idea 35.Nd6 g4 36.Ne4 Rc4! 37.Rg5+? Kh6 38.Rxg4 Be6 39.Rf4 Bd5]

35.Nd4 Kg6?!

[35...Rd7 36.Ne6 Bxe6 37.Rxe6 Rd2 38.Rxa6 Rxh2 39.Rb6 g4 40.Rxb5 Kg6

41.Rd5 g3 42.Rd1+-]
[35...Kh6 36.a4!? bxa4 *(36...Rd7 37.Kc3* Δ *Rc7+ 38.Rc5 Rxc5+ 39.bxc5 bxa4 40.Kb4+-)* 37.Ra5 Rd7 *(37...Bc4 38.Rc5!+-)* 38.Rxa6+ Kh5 39.c3+-]



Drops another pawn and is tantamount to resignation. However, the endgame was almost certainly beyond saving anyway: **36.Nf3 g4 37.Rg5+ Kf6 38.Rxg4**

(Diagram)

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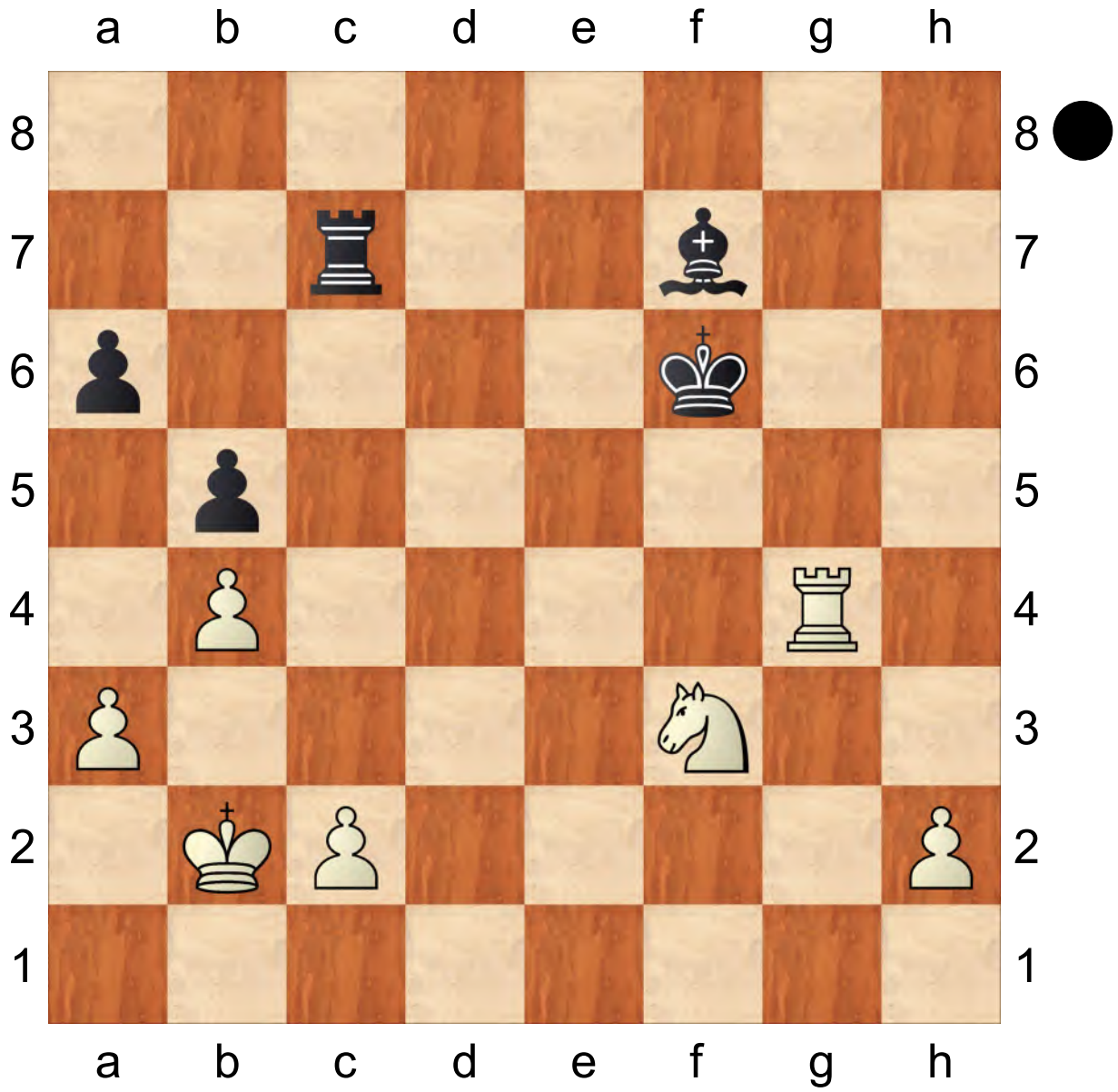
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2759**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2772**
Dortmund SuperGM 37th (8) 10.07.2009
[Stohl,Igor]

Van Delft/Ris: 'BEATING THE QGD WITH A DIRECT ATTACK In Dortmund, Carlsen made just one big mistake in ten games, but it had a decisive impact on the tournament standings. Kramnik put his young adversary under pressure with a clever pawn sac, showing that Black doesn't have an easy life in the QGD.' **1.d4** Stohl,I **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3** Again no Catalan from Kramnik, just as in the previous rounds. Again no Catalan from Kramnik, just as in the previous rounds. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Again no Catalan from Kramnik, just as in the previous rounds.'' **4...Be7** Van Delft/Ris: 'It's remarkable to see that young guys like Carlsen, Jakovenko and Volokitin recently included the classical QGD in their repertoire.' **5.Bf4** Kramnik plays this slightly more often than the other bishop move, Carlsen with White also alternates between the two main lines. Kramnik plays this slightly more often than the other bishop move, Carlsen with White also alternates between the two main lines. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik plays this slightly more often than the other bishop move, Carlsen with White also alternates between the two main lines.''

[Currently the theoretical reputation of the solid line 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 b6 remains intact. Although in a recent high-level game White was successful, this was not due to the opening itself: 8.Be2 Bb7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.b4 c5 12.bxc5 bxc5 13.Rb1 Bc6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Bb5 Qc7 16.Qd3 Rfc8 17.Rfd1 Rab8 18.a4 cxd4 19.exd4 Ba8?! *(⌓19...Bxb5=* Gelfand *Δ20.Nxb5 Qa5! 21.Qf5 Qxa4 22.Qxd7 a6 23.Ne5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Rd8 25.Qc6 Rxb5 26.e6!=)* 20.Qf5 Qxc3 *(20...Rd8!? 21.Rbc1±)* 21.Qxd7 Qc7 22.Qf5 Rb6 23.Ne5↑ Grischuk,A (2748)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Nalchik/2009/ Krasenkow's notes in CBM 130 show that White's minor pieces are stronger than Black's bishop pair, especially the γa8.]

5...0-0

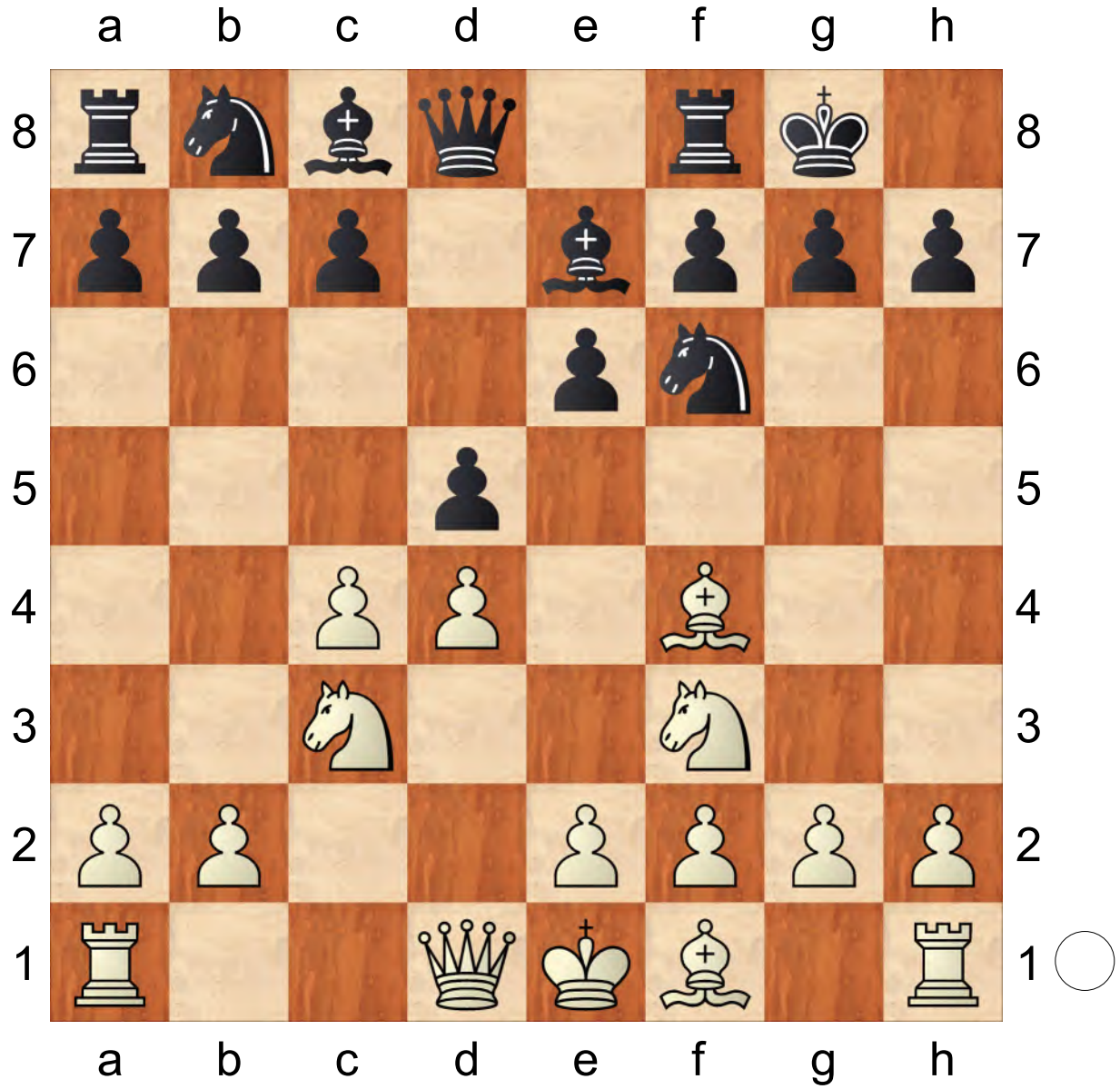
(Diagram)

6.e3 c5

[Van Delft/Ris: 'A more passive approach is' The last time Kramnik had to face this line with Black, he opted for 6...Nbd7

A) More ambitious is 7.c5 , but even here Black can hold his own:

A1) 7...c6 8.Bd3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.a3 Ba6 11.0-0 Qc8 Van Delft/Ris: 'bringing us to another classical tabiya, for example Nyback-Carlsen, Dresden 2008.' 12.h3 Qb7 13.Rb1 Bxd3 *(13...axb4 14.axb4 Rfc8 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.Qc2 Bd8 17.Rb2 Qb7 18.Ne1 Bc7 19.Nd3 Ne8 20.Rc1 b5 21.Nb1 f6*



22.Bxc7 Nxc7 23.Nd2 Ra6 24.e4 Nf8 25.e5 f5 26.Nb3 Ne8 27.Na5 Qf7 28.Qd2 h6 29.h4± O, Cheparinov,I (2679)-L'Ami,E (2603)/EU-ch Budva/2009/) 14.Qxd3 axb4 15.axb4 Ra3 16.Qc2 Rfa8 17.Rfc1 b5 18.Nd2 Bd8 19.Nb3 Ne4! 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Nf6 22.Qf3 Nd5⇄ /∓, Lysyj,I (2593)-Zvjaginsev,V (2677)/Moscow op/2008/

A2) 7...Nh5 8.Bd3 Nxf4 9.exf4 b6 *(9...c6 10.0-0 b6 11.b4 bxc5 12.bxc5 Qa5 13.Qc2 h6 14.Rfb1 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.Ne2 Rfb8 17.Ne1 Bf6 18.Nd3 Qa5 19.g3 Bd8 20.Kg2 Bc7 21.Ng1 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Rb8 23.Rxb8+ Nxb8 24.Nf3 Nd7 25.h4 Qb5 26.Nde5* Sargissian,G (2678)-Ehlvest,J (2595)/Moscow Aeroflot op/2009/ *Bxe5=*) 10.b4 a5 11.a3 c6 12.0-0 Qc7 13.g3 Ba6 14.Re1 Bf6 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.fxe5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Ra7 18.Reb1 b5 19.a4 axb4 20.Rxb4 f6 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Qe2 Re8 23.Re1 bxa4 24.Rxa4 Rxa4 25.Nxa4 Qa5 26.Nb6 e5!= Krasenkow,M

(2620)-Riazantsev,A (2634)/Metz op/2009/;

B) 7.a3 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Be5 Bf5!? *(11...Bf6* is played more often, but Kramnik's choice is no less natural.*)* 12.Be2 Bf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nd4 Ne6 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Bg4 Qe5 18.Qb3 Nc5 19.Qb5 b6 20.Rfd1 Rd6 21.Rd4 a6 22.Qb4 h5 23.Bh3 Rad8 24.g3 g5!? 25.Rad1 g4 26.Bg2 Ne6 27.R4d3 d4 28.exd4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4= 1/2,Anand,V (2783)-Kramnik,V (2772)/WCh Bonn/ 2008/]

7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Aims for a more complex struggle. Aims for a more complex struggle. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Aims for a more complex struggle."

[The other topical continuation is 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 Bb6 12.0-0 , here Black has to make an important choice: More enterprising is

A) 12...Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.b4 Re8 15.Rc1 a6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.b5 Rxa3 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rxc6 Ra7 20.Rd6 Rd7 21.Qxd5 Rxd6 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Bxd6= /± leads to an ⊥, in which White has at best only practical winning chances. Although he can push on without risk, ultimately he was successful only in the Leko-Kramnik game from WCh 2004. Rd8!? *(23...Bxf3 24.gxf3 Bd8 25.Rb1 Bf6 26.Kg2 g6 27.f4 Kg7 28.Rb7 Re6 29.Rd7 Re8 30.Ra7 Re6 31.Bc5 Rc6 32.Ra5±* Leko,P (2741)-Kramnik,V (2770)/WCh Brissago/2004/*)* 24.Bg3 Bc5 25.Rc1 Bf8 26.Nd4 Bg6 27.Rc7 h6 28.h4 Re8 29.Nb5 Rb8 30.Nc3 Re8 31.Kh2 Bf5 32.Nb5 Rc8 33.Ra7 Bc5 34.Ra1 Rd8 ⇄, Karpov,A (2687)-Anand,V (2755)/Moscow rpd/2002/;

B) 12...d4 13.e4 Bg4 14.h3 Qf6 *(14...Bh5!? 15.g4 Bg6 16.Nd2 f6∞* is also playable*)* 15.Bh2 *(15.Bg3 Bh5! 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Rc1 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Ne5 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Bxe5 fxe5 21.g3 Rac8 22.Kg2 Kg7 23.Kf3 Kf6 24.h4 Rg8 25.Ke2 Ke7=* Christiansen,L (2524)-Onischuk,A (2638)/Minneapolis/2005/*; 15.hxg4 Qxf4 16.g5 Nd8 17.g3 Qg4 18.Kg2 Ne6 19.Rh1 Nf4+ 20.Kf1 Nh3 21.Qd2 Bd8 22.e5 g6 23.Be2* Beliavsky,A (2641)-Meier,G (2560)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2008/ *Nxg5 24.Kg2 Qe4 25.Rae1 Rc8 26.Bd1 Qc6 27.Qxd4 Ne6 28.Qg4∞* Beliavsky *)* 15...Bxf3 Here the swap is more justified, as the ♗ on h2 is placed worse, than on g3. 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Na5 18.Rac1 Nb3 19.Rc2 Rac8 20.Rd1 Nc5 21.Bb5 Rfd8 22.Kg2 Ne6 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.f4 Rc2 25.f5 Nc5 26.Rxd4 g6 27.Be5 Rxb2 28.Bc4 Rc2 29.Bd5 Kf8 30.Bg3 Ke7 31.Bh4+ f6 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.e5 g5 34.exf6+ Kxf6 35.Bg3 Ne6 36.Rc4 Nf4+= 1/2,Portisch,L (2512)-Beliavsky,A (2648)/Bazna/2007/]

[Too sterile is Van Delft/Ris: 'Too sterile is' 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 due to is too sterile due to Nh5! 11.Qxd8 *(11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.e4 Nf4 16.Qe3 Ng6 17.e5 Nh4! 18.Nxh4 Qxh4=* Nikolic,P (2600)-Georgiev,K (2535)/Dubai olm/1986/*)* 11...Rxd8 12.Bc7 Rd7 13.Be5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Rd8 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Nxd7 Rxd7 18.Rxd7 Nxd7 19.Rd1 Nf6 20.Kf1= 1/2,Topalov,V (2750)-Gelfand,B (2665)/Vienna/1996/]

[After 9.b4 White must reckon with the sharp sacrifice Nxb4!? *(9...Be7⇄* is fully playable as well.*)* 10.axb4 Bxb4 11.Qb3 a5 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Ne5 *(13.Rd4? Qe7 14.Be5 Rfc8 15.Kb1 b5 16.Nxb5 a4 17.Qa2 Bxb5 18.Bxf6*

gxf6 19.cxb5 Rc3 20.Rd3 Rac8-+ →, Epishin,V (2606)-Short,N (2673)/Malmo/2002/*; 13.Kb1!?∞)* 13...Rc8 14.Nxd7 *(14.Kb1!?)* 14...Qxd7 15.Qc2 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Ne4 17.Qb2 b5 18.f3 Nd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Qxb5 Qa3+ 21.Qb2 Qxe3+⩲ ↑, Denayer,W (2255)-Shishkin,V (2135)/corr/2007/]

9...Qa5 10.Rd1 Van Delft/Ris: 'White has two other major alternatives:' The attention has again focused upon this older move. The attention has again focused upon this older move. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'The attention has again focused upon this older move."

[Black has found means to disarm the sharp attempt 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.h4 *(11.g4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 e5 13.g5 exf4 14.gxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Ne7!⇄* and the defence holds. *)* 11...Rd8 12.Nd2

A) 12...a6?! Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '?!'' 13.g4! Van Delft/Ris: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!'' *(13.Be2? b5! 14.cxd5 exd5 15.g4 Be6 16.Nb3 Qb6 17.g5 Ne4* and Black grabbed the initiative; Carlsen-Ivanchuk, Bilbao 2008*)* 13...dxc4 14.Nxc4 Rxd1+ 15.Qxd1 Qd8 16.Qxd8+ Bxd8 17.Bg2 e5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Nxg4 20.Bg3 Kf8 21.Rd1 Ke8 22.Na4± 1-0 Nielsen,P (2625)-Glud,J (2486)/Silkeborg 2008/CBM 123 Extra (40)

B) 12...dxc4 13.Nxc4 Rxd1+ 14.Qxd1 Qd8 15.Qxd8+ Nxd8 *(15...Bxd8 16.Be2 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Nd6 Bc7 19.Rd1 Bxd6 20.Bxd6±* Peng,Z (2400)-Maric,A (2460)/Groningen/1997/*)* 16.Be2 Bd7 17.e4 Bc6 18.f3 Van Delft/Ris: 'yielded White a small edge in Topalov-Kramnik, Wijk aan Zee 2007.' Nh5 19.Bc7 Rc8 20.Be5 Bf6 21.Nd6 Ra8 *(21...Rc7!?* Kramnik *)* 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Rd1 Kf8 24.Kd2 Ne8 25.Nc4 f6 26.Ke3 b6 27.f4 Nf7 28.g4 h6± /=, Topalov,V (2783)-Kramnik,V (2766)/Wijk aan Zee/2007/ In the resulting ⊥ White has slight edge due to his space advantage, but the position is symmetrical and in the course of the game Black neutralized any winning attempts with careful defence. In the resulting ⊥ White has a slight edge due to his space advantage, but the position is symmetrical and in the course of the game Black neutralised any winning attempts with careful defence. Van Delft/Ris: 'In the resulting ⊥ White has slight edge due to his space advantage, but the position is symmetrical and in the course of the game Black neutralized any winning attempts with careful defence.']

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A) 10...Be7 11.Bg3 Bd7 12.Be2 Rfc8 13.0-0 *(13.Rd1 Qd8 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qb1 d4 17.0-0!?↑* is Agrest's untested suggestion, which also deserves attention. *)* 13...Qd8 14.b4± O;

B) 10...Bb4 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 Nh5! Van Delft/Ris: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!'' *(12...d4 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.Nc4* is pretty risky*)* 13.Bg3 *(13.Nb3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qd8=; 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Bd3 Nxf4 15.exf4 Re8+↑)* 13...h6

(13...d4!? 14.Nb3 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Qxc3 dxc3 17.Rc1 Nxg3 18.hxg3 h6 19.Rxc3 Be6 20.Nc5 Ne5 Jankovic,A (2532)-Saravanan,V (2405)/Kalamaria/2008/ is also good enough, here White should have played the modest *21.Nxe6 Nxd3+ 22.Rxd3 fxe6 23.Ke2=)* 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Qxc3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Rd8 Van Delft/Ris: 'with level chances; Gelfand-Nielsen, Turin 2006' 18.Nc5 d4 19.exd4 Nxd4 20.Rfe1 Be6 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Rac1 Rd6 23.b4 Rad8 24.Be4 Ng5 25.Bb1 Rc6 26.Qb2 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 g6 28.Qc3 Qd4 29.Qxd4= 1/2, Gelfand,B (2727)-Nielsen,P (2646)/Turin olm/2006/]

10...Be7

[10...Re8?! 11.Nd2 e5 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.Qb1 Bf5 14.Bd3 e4 15.Bc2 *(15.Bf1!?* is risky, but objectively even stronger.*)* 15...Nxc2+ 16.Qxc2 Qa6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nb3 Bd6 19.Rxd5± Kortschnoj,V (2665)-Karpov,A (2725)/WCh Baguio City/1978/]

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The standard reaction, tested already in the Karpov-Korchnoi matches. The standard reaction, tested already in the Karpov-Korchnoi matches. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'The standard reaction, tested already in the Karpov-Korchnoi matches.'' **11.Be2** Currently White's main try. Currently White's main try. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Currently White's main try."

[The older continuation 11.Nd2 e5 12.Bg5 d4 13.Nb3 doesn't promise too much and Black even has a choice:

A) 13...Qb6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Bd3 g6 17.exd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Nxf6+ *(19.0-0 Bg7! 20.Rde1 Be6 21.Nf4 Bd7 22.Be4 Rb8 23.Nd3 Qc7 24.b3 Rfe8 25.Qd2 a5⇄* Gelfand,B (2691)-Kramnik,V (2751)/Dos Hermanas/1999/*)* 19...Qxf6 20.0-0 Bg4 21.f3 Be6 22.f4 Bd7 23.Be4 Bc6 24.Bd5 Rfe8 25.Qd3 Bxd5 26.cxd5 Rac8 27.g3 Kf8 28.Rf2 Re3 29.Qxd4 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Ke7⩲ Hansen,C (2505)-Jussupow,A (2590)/Reykjavik/1985*/*

B) 13...Qd8 14.Be2 a5 15.Na4 g6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6

B1) 17.c5 Be6 18.e4 Qe8 19.Nb6 a4 20.Nd2 Ra5 21.Bd3 Be7 22.Nxa4? *(⌓22.Ndc4)* 22...Nb8 23.b3 Bxb3 24.Nxb3 Rxa4 25.Ra1 Qc6 26.0-0 Nd7 27.Qe2 Nxc5 28.Rfc1 Ra7 29.Nxc5 Bxc5∓ Alterman,B (2615)-Kasparov,G (2825)/Tel Aviv sim/1998*/*

B2) 17.0-0 Qc7 *(17...Bg7!? 18.c5 Qh4 19.e4 Be6 20.Bd3 f5∞* Shneider,A (2495)-Kruppa,Y (2440)/Podolsk/1989/*)* 18.c5 Be6 19.e4 Ne7 20.Nd2 Bg5 21.Nf3 Bh6 22.Bc4 Bg4 23.Rd3 Kh8 24.h3 f5 25.Rb3 d3! 26.Qxd3 Rad8⩲ Ftacnik,L (2590)-Kotronias,V (2550)/Thessaloniki olm/1988/]

11...dxc4

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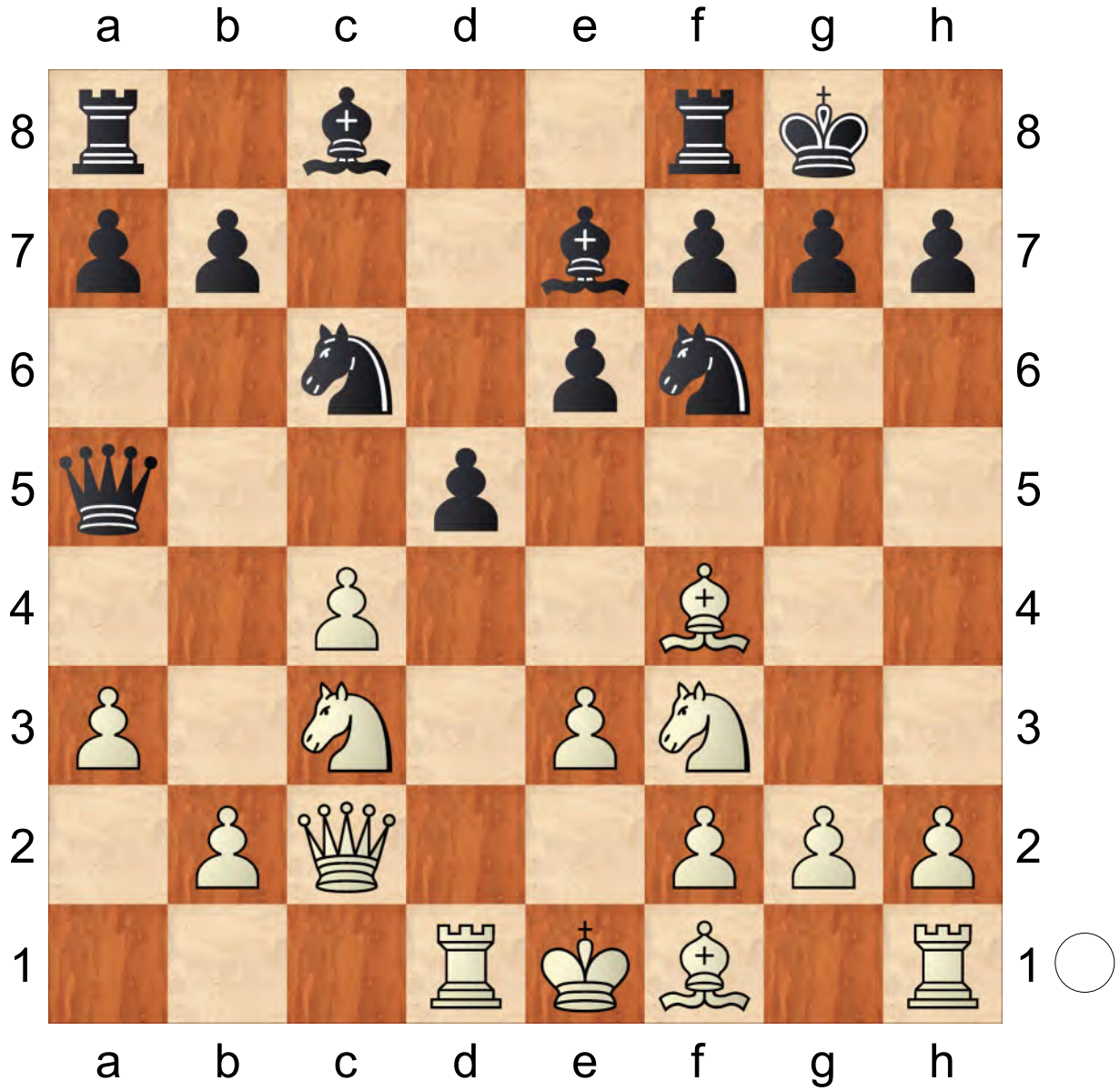


12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxc3!? Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' *(13.bxc3 exd5 14.0-0 Be6 15.a4 Rac8 16.Rb1 Bf6 17.Rxb7 d4 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Rb5 Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxc3 22.Rd1 Rc2 23.Rxd4 Rxe2=* Vorobiov,E (2572)-Mikhalevski,A (2441)/Pardubice/2007/*)* 13...Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 exd5 15.Rxd5 Bxa3 16.Nd4 Van Delft/Ris: 'leads to an inferior ending as was pointed out by Atalik and recently seen in practice in the game Sokolov-Meier, Budva 2009.' a5 *(16...Be7 17.Kd2 Rd8 18.Bf3± Nxd4? 19.cxd4 Bb4+ 20.Kd3 Rxd5 21.Bxd5 Kf8 22.Rc1 Ba5 23.e4 Ke7 24.Bc7+-* Nyback,T (2655)-Dobrev,N (2366)/FRA-chT Chalons en Champagne/2009/*)* 17.Rb5 a4 18.Kd2 Be7 19.Ra1 Ra7 20.Bg5 f6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Bc7 Re8 23.Bb6 Ra8 24.Bc4+ Kf8 25.Ne6+ Bxe6 26.Bxe6 Bd6 27.Bd5 Re7 28.Kc2 Rd7 29.Be6 Re7 30.Bd5 Rd7 31.f4↑ 🗗, Sokolov,I (2657)-Meier,G (2608)/EU-ch Budva/2009/]

[However, a possibly viable idea is 11...e5!? 12.Nxe5 *(12.Bxe5!? dxc4 13.Bxf6*

Bxf6 14.Bxc4 Bf5 15.Qb3±) 12...Nxe5 13.Bxe5 dxc4 14.Bd4 Bf5 15.Qc1 Rac8 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Rd2 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.f3 Bf5 20.Rfd1 b5 21.Bc3 Qc7 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Bd4 a6 25.Qc3 Bf8 26.e4 Be6 27.f4 f6= Mamedyarov,S (2646)-Nielsen,P (2668)/ESP-chT Sant Lluis/2005/]

12.Bxc4⟳ Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '⟳'' White had to invest a tempo with his ♗, but Black still has some problems with his ⟪ development. White had to invest a tempo with his ♗, but Black still has some problems with his ⟪ development. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White had to invest a tempo with his ♗, but Black still has some problems with his ⟪ development.'' **12...Nh5** A rare move. A rare move. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'A rare move.''

[However, even the more usual reaction isn't quite ideal: However, even the more usual reaction isn't quite ideal: Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'However, even the more usual reaction isn't quite ideal:'' 12...e5 13.Bg3 Bg4 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Nd5 *(15.Rc1!?* Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'is considered to be slightly better for White. Stohl,I: '!?'' *a6 16.Ng5 Bh5 17.Nd5 Bg6 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Qb3 b5 20.Be6 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Ne4 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.f3 Bb7 24.Bh3 Bd5 25.Qc3 Qxc3 26.Rxc3 f6 27.e4±* Rychagov,A (2575)-Aveskulov,V (2495)/Saratov/2006/)

A) 15...Nxd5 16.Rxd5 *(⌓16.Bxd5!±* Van Delft/Ris: '⌓±!' *)* 16...Qc7

A1) 17.Bd3! Bxf3 18.gxf3 g6 19.b4 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.Be4± Nxb4 22.Qb1 f5 23.axb4 *(23.Rd1!?↑)* 23...fxe4 24.Qxe4 Qd7 25.Bxe5 a6 26.Bd4± /±, Bellmann,H (2265)-Bach,W (2246)/corr/2004/

A2) 17.Qe4 Be6 18.Rd2 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Bf6 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.h3 Werner,D (2376)-Porat,D (2199)/Budapest/2005/ Qe7= ;

B) 15...b5

B1) ⌓16.Ng5!

B1a) 16...e4

B1a1) 17.b4 Qa6 *(17...Qxa3? 18.Ra1 Qxa1 19.Rxa1 bxc4 20.Nxe7+ Nxe7 21.h3+-; 17...Qa4 18.Qxa4 bxa4 19.Nxe7+ Nxe7 20.Rc1 h6 21.Bd6±)* 18.Bxb5! Qxb5 19.Qxc6!

B1a11) 19...Rxc6?? 20.Nxe7+ Kh8 21.Nxf7+ Rxf7 22.Rd8++-;

B1a12) 19...Qxc6 20.Nxe7+ Kh8 21.Nxc6 Bxd1 22.Bd6! Be2 23.Re1!?± *(23.Bxf8 Bxf1 24.Nxf7+ Kg8 25.Ne7+ Kxf7 26.Nxc8 Ba6 27.Nd6+ Kxf8 28.b5±)*;

B1a13) 19...Qxd5 20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Be2 22.Re1 Bc4 23.Rf5 g6 24.Re5 Bf6 25.Nxe4 Bxe5 26.Bxe5 Rfd8 27.Bd4± ⊥;

B1a2) 17.Nxf6+!?

B1a21) 17...Bxf6? 18.Bxf7+! *(18.Rd5±)* 18...Rxf7 19.Qxe4 Bxg5 20.Qxg4+-;

B1a22) 17...gxf6 18.Bxf7+

B1a221) 18...Kg7 19.Qxe4 fxg5 20.Qxg4 Kxf7 21.Qe4! Kg8 22.Qe6+ Kh8 *(22...Kg7 23.Rd7 Rf7 24.Bd6+-)* 23.Rc1 Qb6 24.Rfd1! b4 *(24...Bf6 25.Rd6)* 25.h3 bxa3 26.Rxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxe7 Kg8 28.Rd6 Qc7 29.Rd7 1-0, Krause,P-Vetter,U/corr/

2006/;

B1a222) 18...Rxf7 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.f3 *(20.Qxe4 Bxd1 21.Qxh7+ Ke6 22.Rxd1 Rd8± /∞)* 20...Be6 *(20...Bf5? 21.fxe4 Bg4 22.e5!→)* 21.Qxe4 f5 22.Qf4± →;

B1b) 16...g6

B1b1) 17.b4 Qxa3!? *(17...Qa6 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Qb3↑)* 18.Ra1 Nxd5 19.Rxa3 Ncxb4 20.Qb1 *(20.Qb2 bxc4↑)* 20...Rxc4 21.Nf3 Nc3⩱;

B1b2) 17.Be2 Nd4 18.Nxe7+ Kg7 19.Nxc8 *(19.Bxg4 Rxc2 20.Bxe5 Nc6 21.Bxf6+ Kxf6 22.Nxc6 Rxc6 23.Nxh7+ Kg7 24.Nxf8 Kxf8=)* 19...Nxc2 20.Bxg4 Nxg4 21.Nd6 Tkachiev,V (2650)-Sokolov,A (2570)/FRA-ch Nimes 2009/ b4 22.axb4 *(22.Rd2 b3⇄; 22.h3 bxa3!?∞)* 22...Nxb4 23.h3 Nf6 24.Nc4 Qb5=;

B1b3) 17.Nxe7+ Nxe7 18.Bxf7+

B1b31) 18...Kg7 19.Qd2 Qxd2 20.Rxd2 h6 *(20...Rxf7 21.f3!±)* 21.Be6 hxg5 22.Bxc8±;

B1b32) 18...Rxf7 19.Qb3 Rc4 20.f3 Bc8 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Bxe5↑ Be6 23.Qd3 Nd7 *(23...Qb6 24.Bd4 Qc7 25.b3 Rc2 26.Be5 Qxe5 27.Qxc2 Qxe3+ 28.Qf2 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Bxb3 30.Rd6 a5 31.Rc1±* Rasmussen,K (2447)-Rendboe,J (2199)/Silkeborg/2009/*)* 24.Bc3 Qb6 25.Qd2 Nc5 26.Rfe1 Nd5 27.Ba5 Qb8 28.e4 Nf4 29.Re3 Nb7 30.Bc3± Zidu,J (2522)-Mamonovas,V (2521)/corr/2008/;

B2) 16.Ba2 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Nd4 18.Qb1 b4 19.Qe4 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Ne2+ 21.Kg2 Nxg3? *(21...bxa3 22.Qxe5±)* 22.hxg3 bxa3 23.Rh1 g6 24.Rxh7! Kxh7 25.Qxe5 Kg8 26.Rh1 1-0, Mamedyarov,S (2646)-Moradiabadi,E (2485)/Abu Dhabi op/2005/]

13.0-0 Van Delft/Ris: 'White shouldn't care too much about keeping his bishop, but rather focus on his play on the d-file and restricting Black's activity.'

[13.Bd3 g6 14.Bh6 Rd8 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Be2 a6 17.Nd2 Nf6 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bg5 Be6 Van Delft/Ris: 'was fine for Black in Vallejo Pons-Short, Wijk aan Zee 2009' 20.h3 Rac8 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Bg4 Vallejo Pons,F (2702)-Short,N (2663)/Wijk aan Zee/2009/ Nd4!?⇄ Δ 23.exd4 Bxg4 24.hxg4 exd4 25.Nde4 Bg7 26.Qa4 Qe5 27.f4 Qe7 28.f5 dxc3 29.f6 Qc7! 30.fxg7 c2 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8 32.Nc3 Qd2∓]

[White can aspire for a minimal advantage with White can aspire to a minimal advantage with Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White can aspire for a minimal advantage with" 13.Bd6 Bxd6 14.Rxd6 Nf6 15.Qd2!? Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?" *(15.Rd2 Rd8 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Rd1 Qe7 19.h3 Rd8 20.Rd2 Be8 21.Rxd8 Qxd8 22.Qd2 Qxd2 23.Nxd2 Kf8 24.f4 Ke7=* Mecking,H (2567)-Short,N (2663)/Wijk aan Zee/2009/*)* 15...Rd8 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Qxd8+ Nxd8 18.Ke2 Kf8 19.e4 Van Delft/Ris: 'was a bit better for White in Eljanov-Chadaev, Dagomys 2009, but with correct play Black should have been able to hold.' Bd7 20.e5 Ne8 21.Rd1 Ke7 22.Ng5 Rc8 23.Ba2 h6 24.Nge4 b6 25.f4 Nb7 26.Nd2 Nc5

27.Nc4 Bc6 28.g3± O, Eljanov,P (2693)-Chadaev,N (2557)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2009/]

13...Nxf4 14.exf4 g6 Frees g7 for the ♗e7. Frees g7 for the ♗e7. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Frees g7 for the ♗e7."

[Another purpose for the text-move can be seen from the following example: Another purpose for the text move can be seen from the following example: Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Another purpose for the text-move can be seen from the following example:'' 14...Rd8?! Van Delft/Ris: '?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '?!" 15.Rxd8+ Qxd8 16.Rd1 Bd7 17.f5! Qc8 *(17...exf5 18.Qb3→* Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' →") 18.Qd3 Be8 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Nd5 Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Gupta-Kjartansson, Reykjavik 2009' Qd8 21.Qe2+- Gupta,A (2569)-Kjartansson,G (2365)/Reykjavik/2009/]

15.g3 White makes a useful move and waits to see, how Black intends to unravel his «forces. White makes a useful move and waits to see, how Black intends to unravel his «forces. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White makes a useful move and waits to see, how Black intends to unravel his «forces." **15...Rd8N**

[Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'Known is'' 15...Bf6 Van Delft/Ris: '?!' 16.Rd3 Qf5 *(⌓16...Bg7)* 17.Re1 *(17.Nb5!)* 17...Na5 18.Ba2 Bd7? *(18...b6 19.Ne4 Ba6±)* 19.Nh4! Bxh4 20.Re5 Qg4 21.Rxd7 Nc6 22.Rb5 Van Delft/Ris: '±' Van Delft/Ris: 'Epishin-Atalik, Bratto 2005' Bf6 23.Kg2!+- Epishin,V (2600)-Atalik,S (2561)/Bratto /2005/]

[Atalik suggests the interesting 15...a6!?

A) 16.Ne4 b5 17.Be2 Bb7 18.Rd7 Qb6 19.Qc3 Rac8 20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.Qxf6 Nb8 22.Rd2 Qc6 23.Rfd1 Qe4⇄ Atalik;

B) 16.Bd3 Rd8=;

C) 16.Ba2 Rd8⇄ and compared with the game, the extra a6 move is useful for Black. *(16...b5?! 17.f5! gxf5 18.Nd5 exd5 19.Bxd5↑)*;

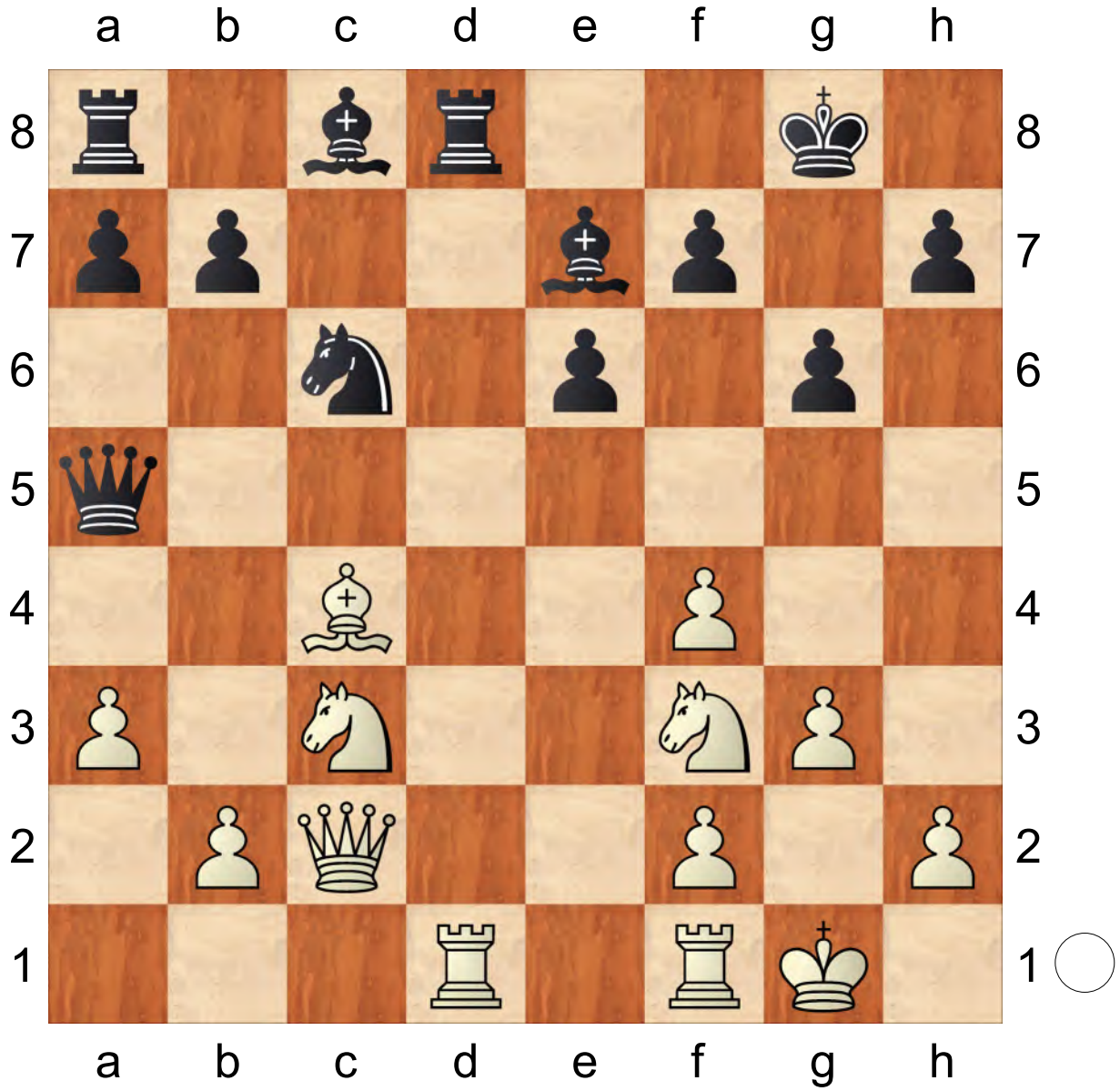
D) 16.Be2!? Rd8 *(16...b5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Qxc6 b4 19.axb4±; 16...Bf6 17.Ne4 Bg7 18.Nd6↑)* 17.Rxd8+ Qxd8 18.Rd1 Bd7 is similar to the game - White has a slight initiative, but Black retains chances to eventually achieve full equality. *(18...Qc7 19.Ne4 Bd7 20.Ne5↑)*]

(Diagram)

Van Delft/Ris: 'Carlsen deviates from an earlier game where Black went wrong with JvR: '!?' Stohl,I: 'N" A reasonable novelty. A reasonable novelty. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl, I: 'A reasonable novelty." **16.Rxd8+ Qxd8**

[16...Bxd8?! 17.Rd1 Bf6 18.Ne4 Bg7 19.Nd6± Atalik]

17.Rd1 Bd7 Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!" Seemingly risky, but White has no immediate forcing way to exploit the pin on the ⇔d. Seemingly risky, but White has no immediate forcing way to exploit the pin on the ⇔d. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Seemingly risky, but White has no immediate forcing way to exploit the pin on the



⇔d." **18.f5** Van Delft/Ris: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'A typical way to proceed, but as will become clear, not enough to break the equilibrium.' An interesting pawn sacrifice, but for the time being Carlsen finds the way to hold the balance. An interesting pawn sacrifice, but for the time being Carlsen finds the way to hold the balance. Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'Kramnik makes an interesting pawn sacrifice. ' Stohl,I: 'An interesting pawn sacrifice, but for the time being Carlsen finds the way to hold the balance."

[Possibly more promising was Shipov's suggestion 18.Ng5!?

A) 18...Rc8? 19.Nxf7! Kxf7 20.f5 gxf5 21.Qxf5+ Kg7 22.Qg4+ Kf7 23.Qe4! Kg7 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.Bxe6 Δ♕g4+-;

B) 18...Qe8 19.Nb5 Rd8 20.Nc7 *(20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.Rxd6 Qe7±)* 20...Qf8 21.Rxd7! Rxd7 22.Ncxe6 Qh6 23.Kg2!→;

C) ⩲18...Qc8 19.h4↑]

18...gxf5 Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!"

[Van Delft/Ris: 'Bad is' 18...exf5?! Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '?!'' 19.Qb3 Van Delft/Ris: 'and White regains the pawn, while having created new weaknesses in Black's camp.' Rb8 *(19...Qe8 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxb7 Rb8 22.Qxd7+-)* 20.Bxf7+ Kg7 21.Kg2!? *(21.Be6 Bxe6 22.Qxe6 Qg8±)* 21...Qc8 22.Ne2 Δ♘f4↑,×e6]

19.Qd2 Qb6!? Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!?' Stohl,I: '!?'' This tricky move is not forced. This tricky move is not forced. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'This tricky move is not forced.''

[19...Be8 20.Qh6 Qa5 *(20...Qb6 -19... ♕b6!?)* 21.Nd5!? *(21.Ng5 Qe5! 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Nf3 Qg7=)* 21...exd5 22.Rxd5 Qa4! *(22...Qc7 23.Rxf5→ Qd7 24.Rf4 Bd6 25.Qg5+ Kf8□ 26.Re4! Δ♕h6,h3+-)* and it seems that White doesn't have more than a perpetual with 23.Ng5 Bxg5 24.Qxg5+ Kf8□ *(24...Kh8? 25.Qxf5+- Qxc4 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Rg5+ Kf8 28.Qd6+ Ne7 29.Qh6#)* 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Qg5+=]

[Van Delft/Ris: 'The alternative is' 19...Bc8 Van Delft/Ris: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '='' 20.Qf4!? *(20.Qh6 Qf8; 20.Qe3 Qf8)* 20...Bd7 *(20...Qf8 21.Bb5⟳)* 21.Qd2 *(21.Qh6 a6!? Δ♖c8-c7, ♕f8)* 21...Bc8=]

20.Qh6 White avoids the traps. White avoids the traps. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White avoids the traps.''

[Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'Not'' 20.Qxd7? Van Delft/Ris: 'obviously loses to JvR: '??'' Rd8-+ Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '-+'']

[20.Na4?! Ne5! *(20...Nd4!* can lead to the same position*)* 21.Nxb6 *(21.Nxe5 Bxa4∓)* 21...Nxf3+ 22.Kf1 *(22.Kg2? Nxd2 23.Nxa8 Bc6+-+)* 22...Nxd2+ 23.Rxd2 axb6 24.Rxd7 Bf6∓ /=]

20...Be8

[20...Rd8 21.Ng5 *(21.Rxd7?! Rxd7 22.Bxe6 Nd4! 23.Bxf7+ Kh8∓)* 21...Bxg5□ 22.Qxg5+ Kf8 23.Qf6 Bc8 *(23...Qxb2?? 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Nd5++-)* 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxh7 Qd4⇄ is also possible, but the text-move is more solid. is also possible, but the text move is more solid. Van Delft/Ris: 'is also possible, but the text-move is more solid.']

(Diagram)

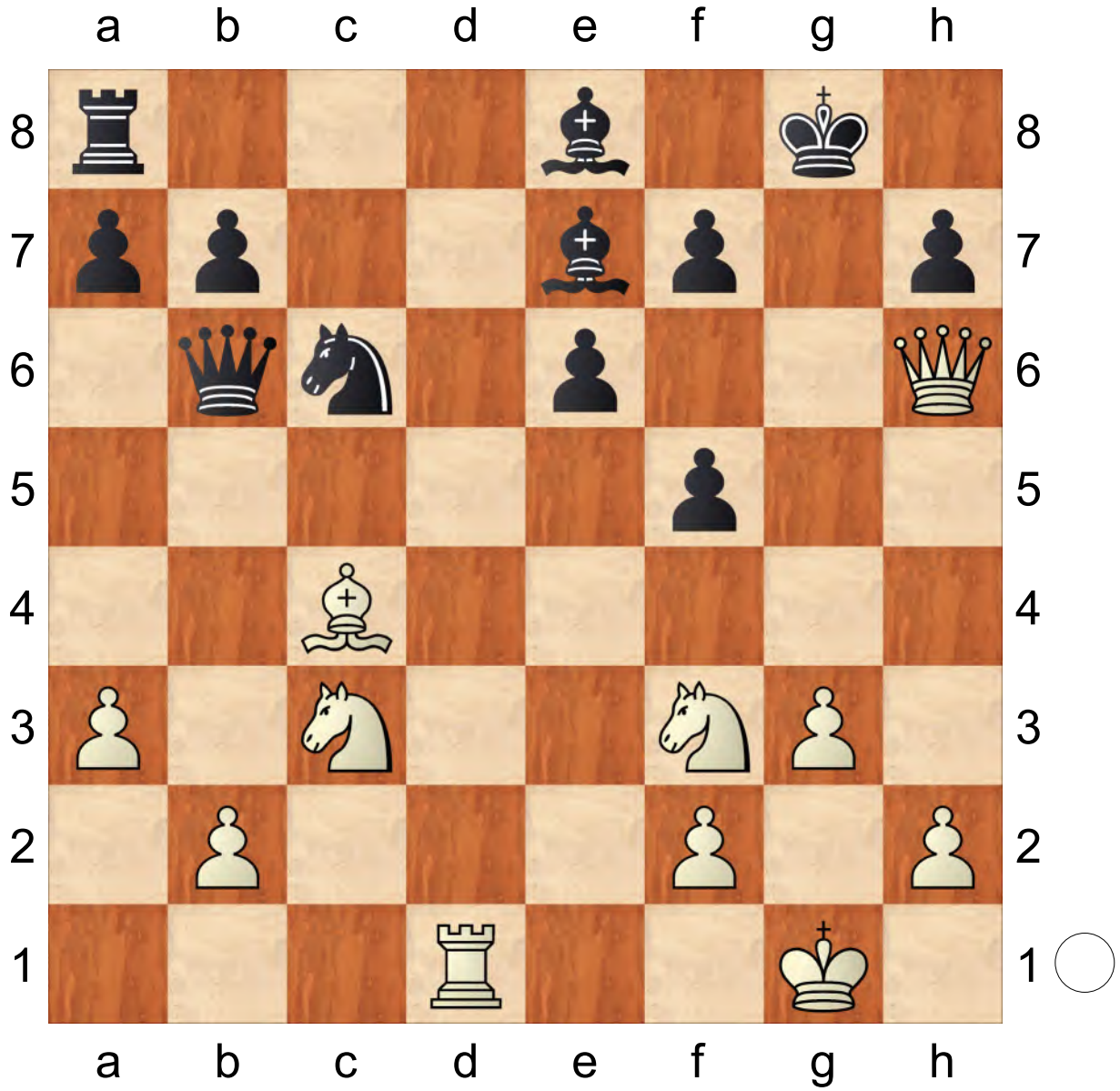
Stohl,I: '-19... ♕b6!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '-19... ♕b6!?'' **21.Ng5 Bxg5□** Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□'' **22.Qxg5+ Kf8**

[22...Kh8? 23.Rd6 →,Δ♕f6,♖e6 →,Δ♕f6, ♖e6 Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'leads to a dangerous attack. ' Qc7 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Rxe6 Qd8□ 26.Qxf5 *(26.Rd6±)* 26...fxe6 27.Qxe6+ Bf7 *(27...Kg7 28.Qg8+ Kh6 29.Qf8+ Kg6 30.Nd5+-)* 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.Qxb7 Na5 30.Qb5±]

23.Qh6+ White repeats moves to gain time before the control. White repeats moves to gain time before the control. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White repeats moves to gain time before the control.''

[23.Rd6 -25.♖d6]

[23.Qf6!? Kg8 24.g4 Rd8 *(24...fxg4? 25.Ne4 Rd8 26.Rd6)* 25.gxf5 Rxd1+



26.Nxd1 Qd8 keeps the balance.]

23...Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kf8 25.Rd6 Stohl,I: '-25.♖d6' Van Delft/Ris: '!?' Van Delft/Ris: 'Diagram # JvR: '!' Stohl,I: '-25.♖d6'' **25...Qc7?**

[25...Rd8 Van Delft/Ris: '?' Van Delft/Ris: 'also doesn't work in view of' 26.Rxe6!?

A) 26...fxe6? 27.Qh6+ Kg8 *(27...Ke7? 28.Qxe6+ Kf8 29.Qf6+)* 28.Qxe6+ Kg7 29.Qg8+ Kf6 30.Qf8+

A1) 30...Kg6 31.Ne2!+-;

A2) 30...Kg5 31.Ne4+ Van Delft/Ris: '!' fxe4 32.h4+ Kg6 *(32...Kg4 33.Qf4+ Kh3 34.Bf1#)* 33.Qg8+ Van Delft/Ris: 'and mate on g5.' Kf5 34.Qg5#;

A3) 30...Ke5 Van Delft/Ris: 'and now the fantastic' 31.Nb5! Δ♕g7+- Δ♕g7+- Van Delft/Ris: 'decides Black's fate. Black has no defence against 32.Qg7 Ke4 33.Nc3 Kf3 34.Be2#. Stohl,I: 'Δ♕g7+-';

B) ⌓26...Qd4! 27.Rf6 *(27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Rf6 Qxc4 29.Qg5+ -27.♖f6)* 27...Qxc4 28.Rxc6 Van Delft/Ris: 'White is still on top.' Qd4 29.Rc4 Qd2 30.Qxf5 Bc6 31.Rxc6!? *(31.Ne4 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Qd5 33.Qxd5 Bxd5 34.Rd4 f5 35.f3 fxe4 36.fxe4 Bxe4+ 37.Rxe4 Rd2+=)* 31...bxc6 32.Qxh7 Rd6± White is somewhat better (safer ♔), but the result of the game is far from decided.]

[Van Delft/Ris: 'Correct was' Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'Correct is'' 25...Qc5!? Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'but after JvR: '!?' Stohl,I: '!?'' is safer and holds the balance: is safer and holds the balance: Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'is safer and holds the balance:''

A) 26.Qh6+

A1) 26...Ke7? 27.Nd5+! exd5 *(27...Kxd6 28.Qf8++-)* 28.Rxd5+- Δ Qxc4 29.Qd6#;

A2) 26...Kg8 27.Rxe6 fxe6 *(27...Qxc4 28.Qg5+=)* 28.Bxe6+ Bf7 29.Nd5 Bxe6 30.Qxe6+ Van Delft/Ris: 'is only a perpetual.' Kg7=;

B) 26.Ne4!? Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!?' Stohl,I: '!?'' 26...Qxc4= Stohl,I: '=' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '='' 27.Nf6 Van Delft/Ris: 'Black also has to find the amazing save with' Ke7□ Van Delft/Ris: '!!' Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!' Stohl,I: ' □'' 28.Rd1 *(28.Ne4+ Kf8=)* 28...Nd4□ Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□'' 29.Nxe8+ Kxe8! Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!'' *(29...Kf8 30.Qg7+ Kxe8 31.Rxd4 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 Rc8 33.Rh4↑)* 30.Qg8+ Ke7 31.Qxa8 Ne2+!? Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' *(31...Qd5 32.Rxd4 Qxd4 33.Qxb7+ Kf6* Van Delft/Ris: 'and Black will survive in the queen ending (Stohl). ' *34.Kg2= /±)* 32.Kg2 Qe4+ 33.f3 Nf4+ 34.gxf4 Qe2+ Van Delft/Ris: 'resulting in a drawish ending.' 35.Kg3 Qxd1 36.Qxb7+ Qd7=]

[25...Qxb2? 26.Qf6 Qc1+ *(26...Kg8 27.Rxe6+-)* 27.Rd1 Qxa3 28.Bxe6 Kg8 29.Bxf5 Qf8 30.Ne4+- →]

(Diagram)

Van Delft/Ris: '??' Van Delft/Ris: 'The decisive mistake. JvR: '?' Stohl,I: '?'' A serious error, which White exploits with a decisive piece of tactics. A serious error, which White exploits with a decisive piece of tactics. Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'Carlsen makes the decisive mistake. ' Stohl,I: 'A serious error, which White exploits with a decisive piece of tactics.'' **26.Qh6+** Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!'' **26...Ke7□** Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□''

[Van Delft/Ris: 'Or' 26...Kg8 27.Rxe6! fxe6 28.Bxe6+ Bf7 29.Nd5+- Δ♘f6 Δ♘f6 Van Delft/Ris: '!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '+-' Stohl,I: 'Δ♘f6'']

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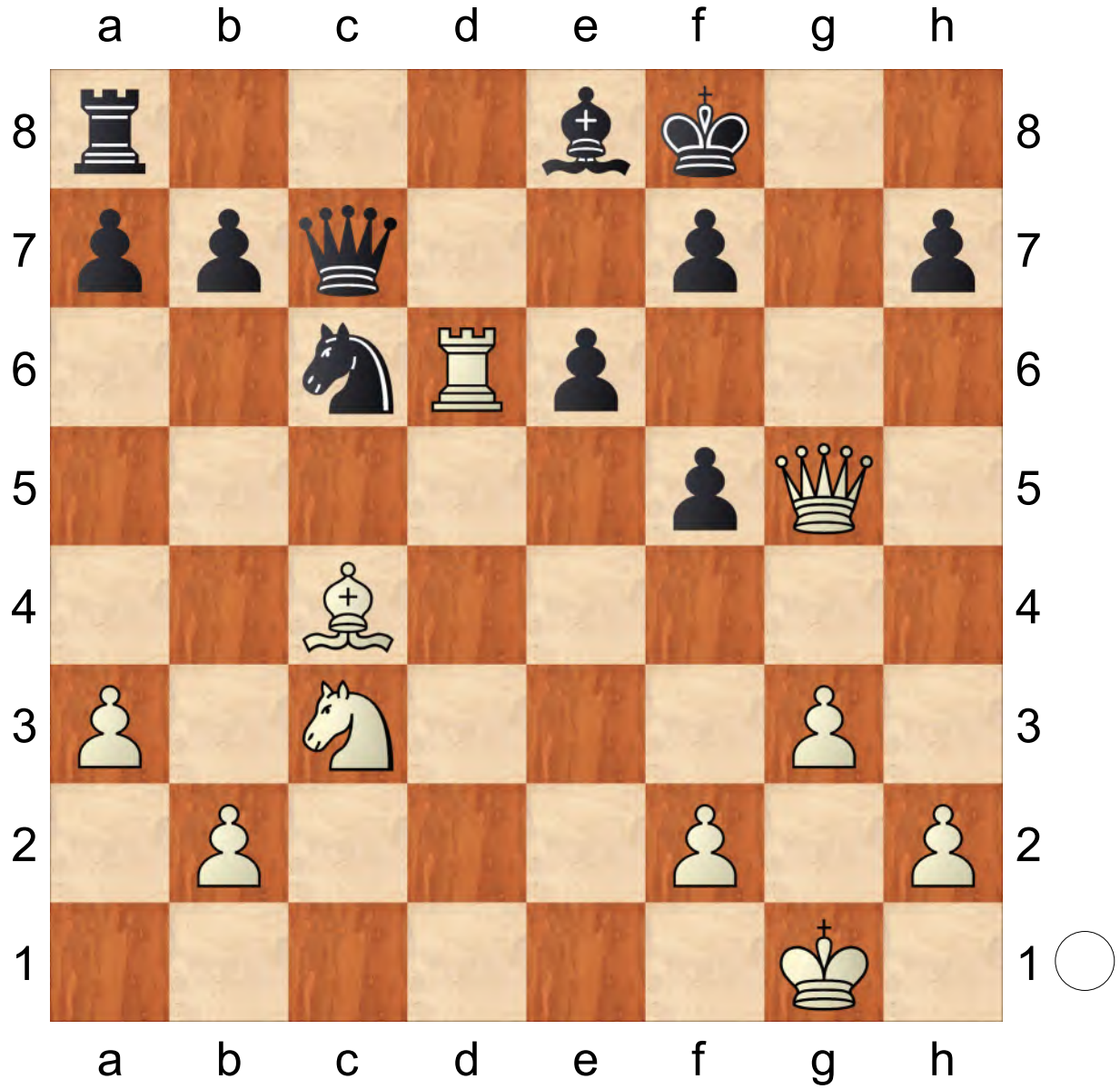


[27.Nb5! -29.♘b5!]

27...Kf8

[27...Kxd6 28.Nb5+ Kd7 29.Nxc7+- *(29.Bxe6+!? fxe6 30.Qxh7++-)*]

28.Qh6+ Ke7 29.Nb5! Stohl,I: '-29.♘b5!' Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: '-29. ♘b5!" **29...Qa5** Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!?"

[29...Qxd6 30.Nxd6 Kxd6 Van Delft/Ris: 'prolongs the game. ' 31.Qxh7 Ne5 was more resilient, but equally hopeless in the long run - the ♔h2 will decide after 32.Be2+-]

[Van Delft/Ris: 'Relatively the best was' 29...Qc8 Van Delft/Ris: 'but after' 30.Qxh7 Van Delft/Ris: 'Black's position looks really grim.' Nd8 *(30...Kf8 31.Qh6+ Ke7 32.Qg5+ Kf8 33.Nd4! Nxd4 34.Rxd4+-)* 31.Qh4+ f6 32.Rd1 Qc5 33.Nd4! Bf7 34.Re1 and White's → will eventually break thorugh. A nice sample line is Kd7 35.Bb5+ Ke7? 36.Nxf5+! Qxf5 37.Qb4+ Qc5 38.Qxc5#]

[29...Qb6 30.Rxe6+! fxe6 31.Qxe6+ Kd8 32.Qd6+ Bd7 33.Be6 wins.]

30.b4

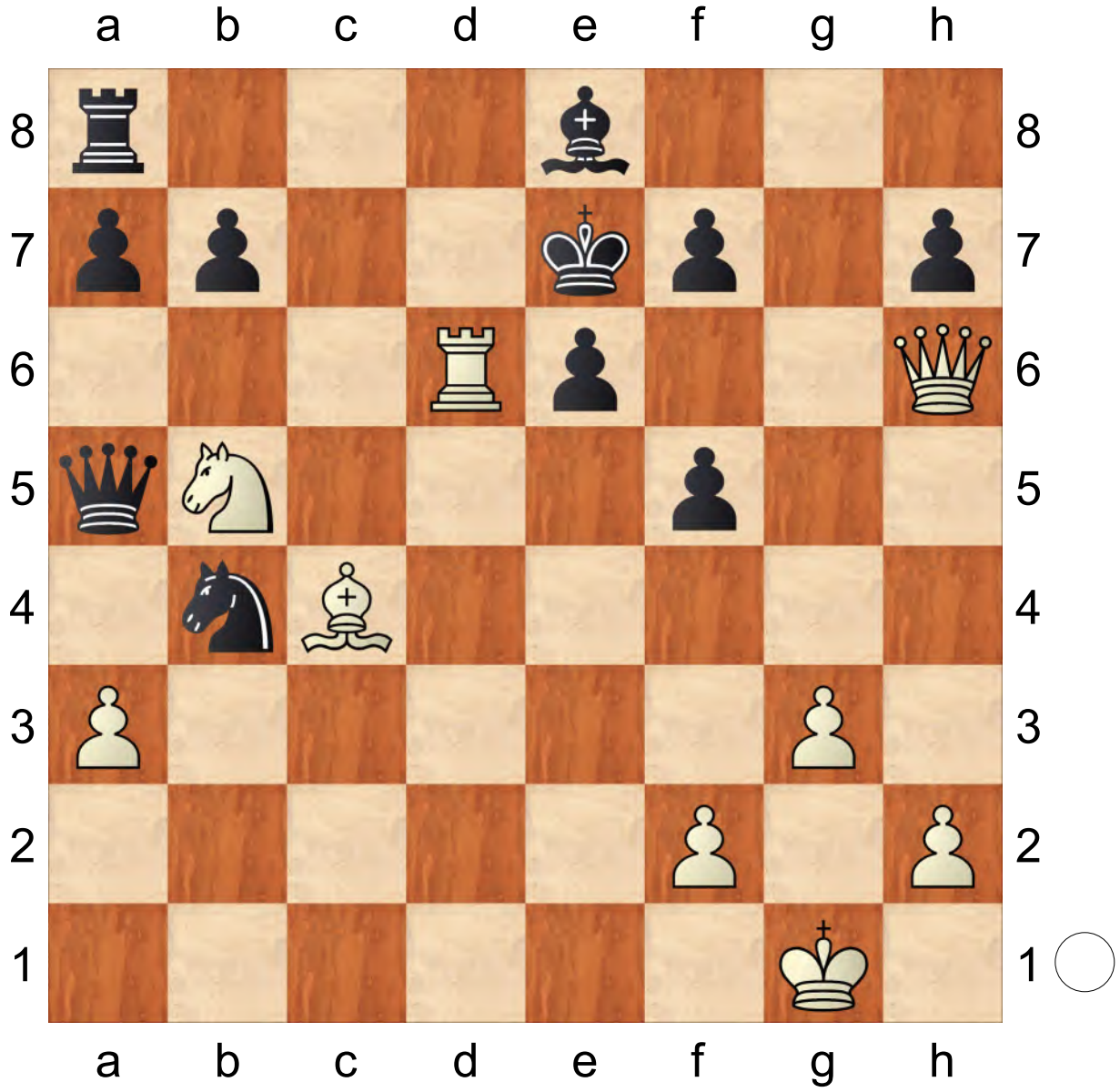
[Similar is 30.Rxe6+! fxe6 31.Qxe6+ Kd8 32.b4+-]

30...Nxb4

[30...Qb6 31.Rxe6+! fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kd8 *(32...Kf8 33.Qh6+ Ke7 34.Qd6#)* 33.Qd6+ Bd7 34.Be6 Nb8 35.Qf8+ Be8 36.Qf6#]

[30...Qa4 31.Rxe6+! with a similar win.]

[30...Qxb5 31.Rxe6+ fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kd8 33.Bxb5 also wins for White.]



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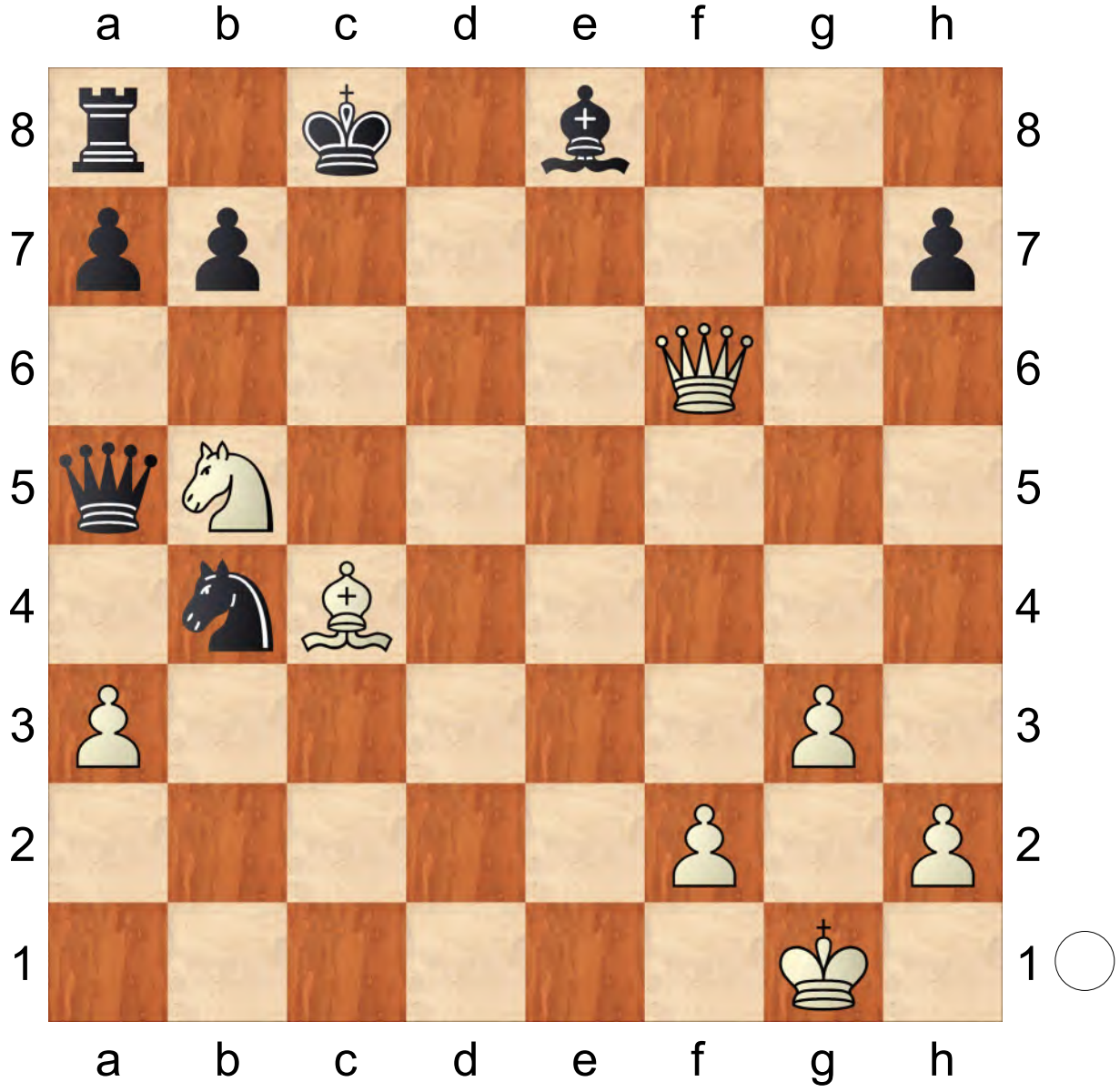
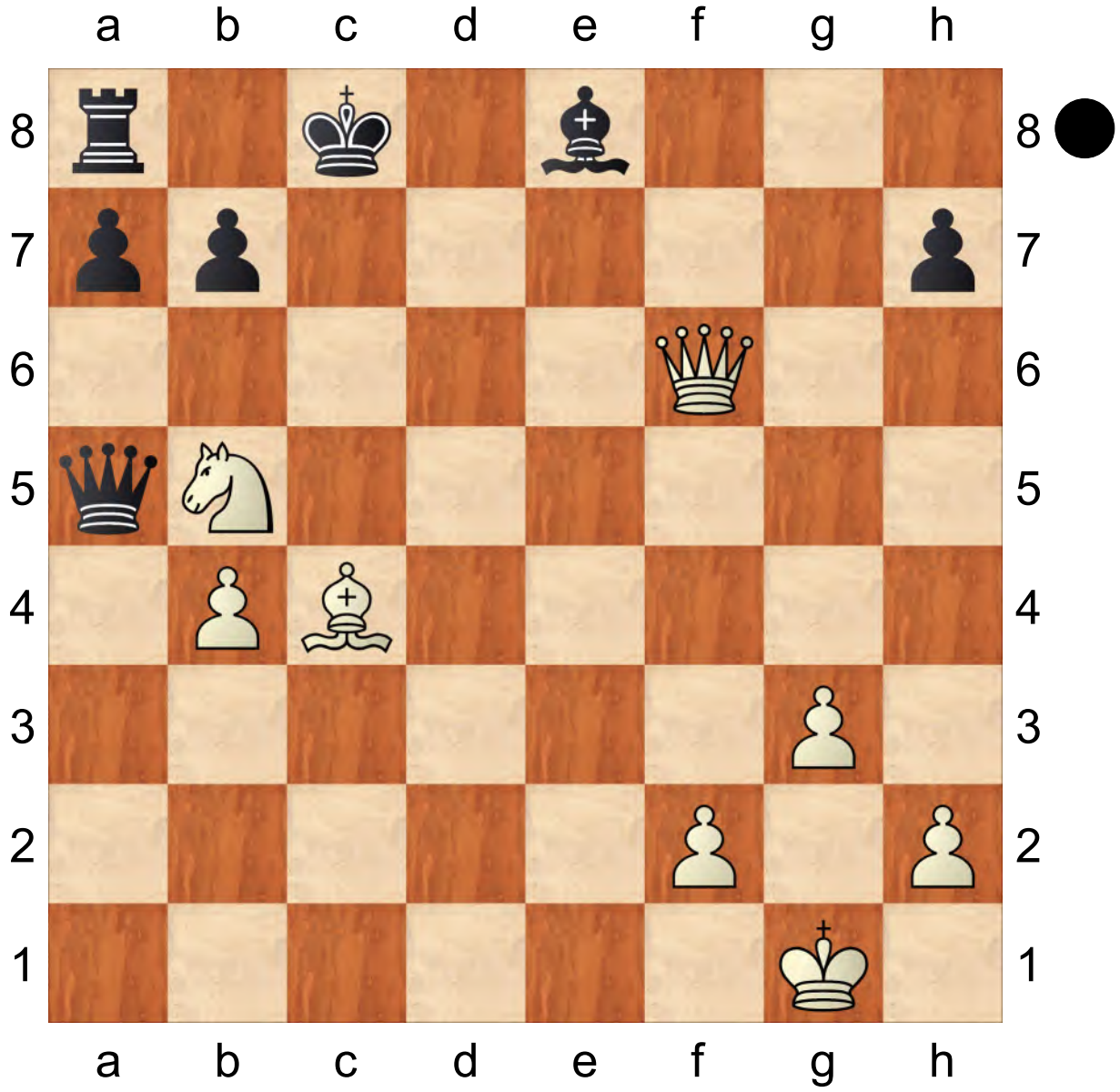
the final mating attack.'
[31.axb4? Qa1+ 32.Kg2 Bxb5 33.Rxe6+ fxe6 34.Qxe6+ Kd8 35.Bxb5 Qd4 36.Qe8+ Kc7 37.Qxa8 Qd5+∞]
31...fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kd8 33.Qf6+ An important move, protecting the a1-square. An important move, protecting the a1-square. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'An important move, protecting the a1-square.'' **33...Kc8 34.Qxf5+!?** Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!?' Stohl,I: '!?'' Before taking the ♘, White grabs a ♙. Before taking the ♘, White grabs a ♙. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Before taking the ♘, White grabs a ♙.''
[34.axb4+-]
34...Kd8
[34...Bd7 35.Nd6++- Van Delft/Ris: 'winning the queen. Stohl,I: '+-'']
[34...Kb8 35.Qe5++-]
35.Qf6+ Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!'' **35...Kc8**



36.axb4!

[Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'The pointe is'' 36.axb4 Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: '!' Stohl,I: '!'' Van Delft/Ris: 'JvR: 'Kramnik won a spectacular game. He took over the lead. ' Stohl,I: 'Now Black faces a quick mate, or immense material losses.'' Qd8 *(36...Qxb4 37.Be6+ Bd7 38.Qh8+* mates immediately. mates immediately. Van Delft/Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'mates immediately.'' *Qf8 39.Qxf8#)* 37.Be6+ Bd7 38.Qc3+ Kb8 39.Qe5+ *(39.Bxd7)* 39...Kc8 40.Qc5+ Kb8 41.Bxd7 b6 42.Qd6+ Kb7 43.Bc6++-]



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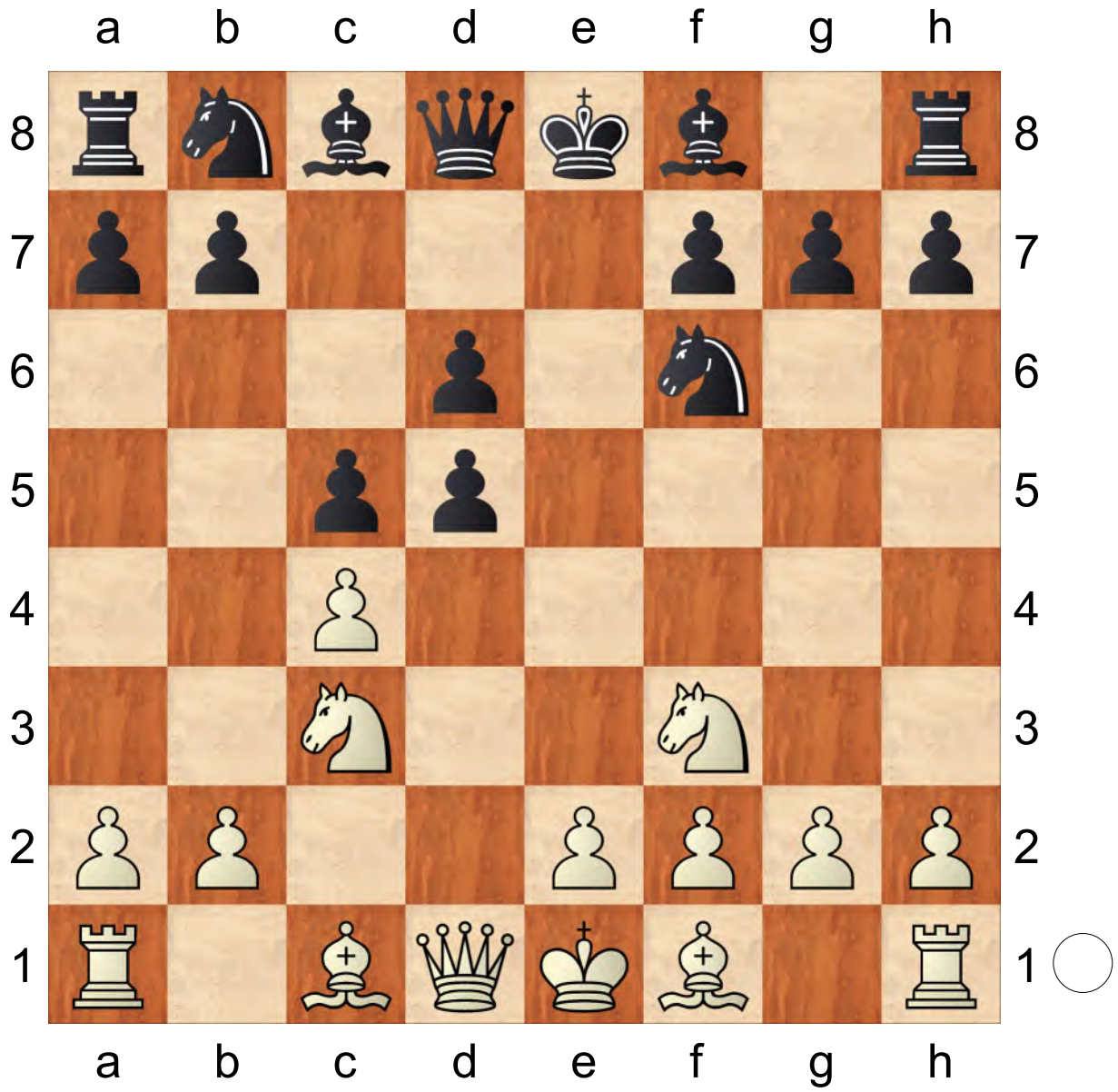
(Diagram)

6.cxd5 g6 7.h3 Bg7
[The interesting attempt to avoid this system by 7...a6 8.a4 Qe7!? was examined in Bellon Lopez-Suba. Topalov has no problem playing against the h3 line, however.]
8.e4 0-0 9.Bd3 b5 Stohl: Topalov is currently the greatest Benoni expert and he has enriched this topical line with quite a few ideas of his own. **10.Nxb5**
[Stohl: One of the Bulgarian's novelties is 10.Bxb5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Qa5+ 12.Nfd2 Qxb5 13.Nxd6 Qa6 14.N2c4 Nd7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.Rb1 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Qb7! which he used against Karpov in Las Palmas 1996. 20.d6 Bf8 21.Qd3!?N Bxd6 22.Bxd6 Rc6 23.Rfd1 Rcxd6 *(23...Qd7 24.Qa3!? Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Qxd6 26.Qxa7±)* 24.Qxd6 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 c4 26.Rd2 c3 27.Rc2 Qe4 28.Rcc1 cxb2 29.Rxb2 h5 30.g3 a5 31.Rb3 Qd5 32.Rcb1 Qd2 33.a3 Qc2 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Re1 Qc3 36.Re3 Qc1+ 37.Kg2 Qc6+ 38.Kg1 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qc6+ ½,Shipov,S-Velimirovic,D/m Belgrade-Moscow 1998]
10...Re8
[10...Nxe4?! 11.Bxe4 Re8
A) 12.Qc2?! Bf5!? *(12...f5! 13.0-0 fxe4 14.Ng5 Bf5 Δ15.g4? e3! AK)* 13.Nc3?! *(13.Nd2 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 f5 15.0-0 Rxe4 16.f3 Rb4∓ AK)* 13...Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Bxe4 15.0-0 Nd7! 16.Rd1 Qf6 17.Ng5 Qxc3 18.bxc3 Nb6 19.Bf4 Rad8 20.f3 Bxd5 21.c4 f6 22.cxd5 fxg5 23.Bxg5 Rd7 24.Bf6 Rf8 25.Bc3 Rf5 26.Ba5 Rxd5 27.Bxb6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 axb6∓ Solana Alvarez,E-Garcia Gonzalez,G,Cadiz open 1990;
B) 12.0-0 →10...Re8;
C) 12.Ng5!]

(Diagram)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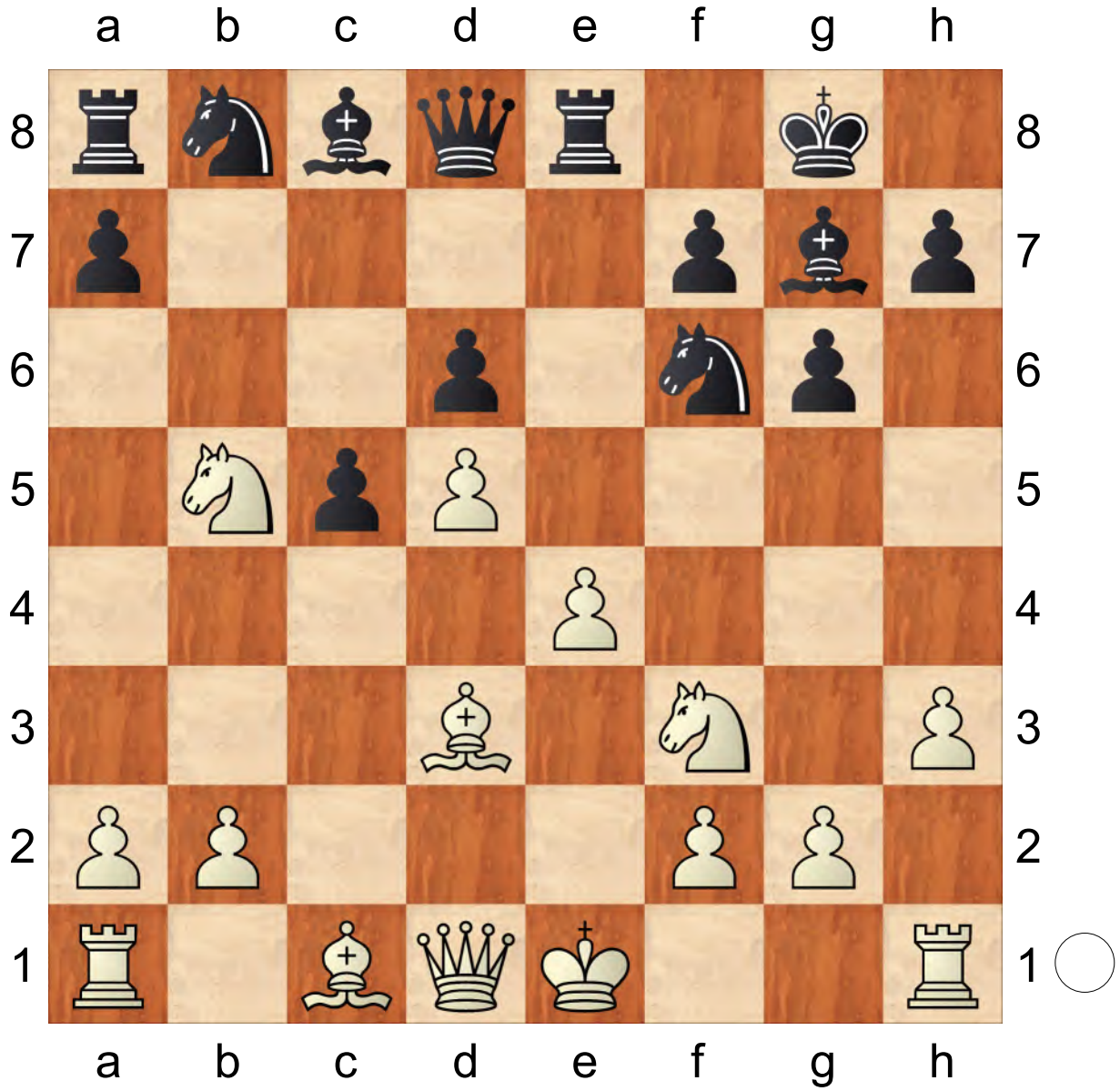


11.Nd2 Endre Vegh: 'This is the main attack on the black position. ' **11...Nxe4** Endre Vegh: '!?' '!?' Endre Vegh: 'This is the risky option - probably too risky.' Stohl: A duble-edged sacrificial line.

[Endre Vegh: 'This is the risky option – probably too risky. The main move is ' Stohl: Quite playable is the safer 11...Nxd5 Endre Vegh: 'which scores much better (50% as opposed to 36%) than the text. After ' 12.Nc4 *(12.0-0 Nf4 13.Nc4 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Ba6 15.a4 Nc6 16.Qxd6 Qxd6 17.Ncxd6 Re7 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.Rac1 Nd4 20.Rfe1 Ne6 21.Be3 Bxb2 22.Rc2 Be5 23.Nc4 Bg7 24.e5 Rd5 25.f4 Bf8 26.Ncd6 Bxb5 27.Nxb5 Rd3=* Ambarcumjan,A-Wang Zili/PRC-CIS Beijing 1991/0-1 (54) *)* 12...Nb4 Endre Vegh: 'we have:'

A) 13.--;

B) 13.Nbxd6 should not be completely dismissed: Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Ba6 15.Bf4 Nc6 16.Qd5 Qf6 *(16...Re6!? 17.0-0 Ne7 18.Qxc5 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Rxd6*

20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Rad1 Qf4 22.Rd7 might be a little better for White *)*

B1) instead, the greedy 17.Nxe8!? Rxe8 18.Bd2 is interesting, though Black should get sufficient compensation after the paradoxical Qe6! *(18...Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Qxb2 20.Rd1 Bd4 21.0-0* gives White the advantage*)* 19.Qxe6 Rxe6 20.Ne3 Ne5 21.Bc3 Nd3+ 22.Ke2 Nxb2+ 23.Kd2 Rxe4 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Rhc1 Nd3 26.Rc3 Rd4;

B2) 17.Bg5 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Nb4 19.Qxa8 Nd3+ 20.Kd1 Nxb2+ 21.Ke2 Qe6 22.Qb7 Nxc4 with even chances in Barsov-Berelovich, Dieren 1998. These lines are quite complex of course, and there is no reason why it should not be profitable to play material up either!;

C) 13.Be2 Ba6!? *(13...Rxe4* Endre Vegh: '!?' '!?' *14.Ncxd6 Rxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Ba6* Endre Vegh: 'is not stupid either, e.g.' *16.Bg5 Bxb5 17.Bxd8 Bxe2 18.Kxe2 N8c6 19.Bg5 Nd4+ 20.Kf1 Ndc2 21.Rd1 Nxa2* Endre Vegh: 'with some compensation in Lazarev-Cebalo, Cannes 1995; I would go for the main line, however' *22.Nc4 Bd4 23.Rd2 Nab4 24.g4 Kg7 25.Kg2±* Lazarev,V-Cebalo,M/Cannes op 1995/½ (30) *)* 14.Nbxd6 Re6 Endre Vegh: 'or' 15.Bf4 *(15.0-0 N8c6 16.a3 Nc2! 17.Qxc2 Nd4 18.Qd3 Rxd6 19.Bf4 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Rd4 21.Rac1 Qh4 22.Bg3 Qxe4 23.Qxe4 Rxe4* and White was under pressure in Cebalo-Rotstein, Portoroz 1997.*)* 15...Nd7 16.0-0 Ne5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.a3 Rxd6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.axb4 Qxd1 21.Bxd1 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 cxb4 23.Ra4 a5 24.b3 Rd8 25.Be2 Bc7= ½,Hillarp Persson,T-Gdanski,J/Goteborg Excelsior Cup (2) 1997 Endre Vegh: '½-½ Hillarp Persson-Gdanski, Gothenburg 1997']

12.Bxe4 Endre Vegh: 'It should be noted that Black may have to defend this position if he opts for 10...Nxe4!?. '

[12.Nxe4 Stohl f5 13.0-0 fxe4∞]

12...Ba6!

[12...a6?!

A) 13.Nc3 f5 14.0-0 fxe4 15.Ndxe4 Bf5 16.Re1 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 *(17.Rxe4! Rxe4 18.Nxe4 Qe7 19.Qc2±* AK *)* 17...Nd7 18.Bg5 Qb6 19.Qa4 *(19.Rb1!* AK *)* 19...Qb5 20.Qc2 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Rab8 23.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Nb6 25.Ne4 Nxd5 26.Nxc5± Kuzmin,G-Taimanov,M,Rostov 1969;

B) 13.Nxd6! Qxd6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Qc2 Bb7 17.Bd2 Rab8 18.Rfe1 Ne5 19.Bc3 Qd8 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bf3 Bd6 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Re1 Qf8 24.Qa4± Arlandi,E-Olivier,JC, Geneva SUI open 1997]

[12...Qb6?! 13.a4 a6 14.Nc3 f5 15.0-0 fxe4 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Bf4 Bd4 18.Ne2 *(18.Bxd6 Qb7 19.Re1 ΔQb4?? 20.Qxd4!* AK *)* 18...Qg7 19.Nxd6 Rd8 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nxe4 Bb7 22.Bg5! Rf8 23.Qb3 Qf7 24.Rad1 Nc6 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qb6+- Sapis,W-Labuckas,A, Katowice open 1995]

[12...f5?! 13.0-0 fxe4

A) 14.Re1 Ba6 15.a4 Endre Vegh: '!?' '!?' Endre Vegh: 'looks strong too' e3!? 16.Rxe3 Rxe3 17.fxe3 Bxb5 *(17...Nd7 18.Ne4 Qh4 19.Nbxd6 Rf8 20.Bd2* ½-½ Barbero,G-Raina,G,Budapest 1988 *)* 18.axb5 Nd7 19.Qg4 Qe7 20.Nc4

Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Qe6+ Qxe6 23.dxe6 Kf8 24.Ra6 Ke7 25.b6 Kxe6 26.b3 Kd5 27.bxa7 Ke4 28.Bd2 Kd3⇄ Novak,I-Rosiak,A,Bydgoszcz tt 1990;

B) 14.Nc4! Ba6!? 15.Nbxd6 *(15.a4 →12...Ba6)* 15...Bd4! AK *(15...Be5 16.Qa4 Bxd6 17.Nxd6 Rf8 18.Nc4 Qxd5 19.b3± Bae,T-Gassouma,M,World Juniors, Zagan 1997)*]

13.a4

[13.Qb3 c4! 14.Qxc4 Qa5 leads to something that looks like a forced draw: 15.a4 Bxb5 16.Qxb5 Rxe4+ 17.Kd1 Qxb5 18.axb5 Rb4 19.Re1 Nd7 20.Re7 Nb6 21.Raxa7 Rxa7 22.Rxa7 Bxb2 23.Rb7 Rxb5 24.Ne4 *(*or *24.Bxb2 Rxb2 25.Ne4 Rb4 26.Nxd6 Nxd5* with a draw, as *27.Rxf7 Rd4+ 28.Kc1 Nb6* forces the repetition: *29.Rf6 Nd7 30.Re6 Nf8 31.Rf6 Nd7* etc. *)* 24...Rxd5+ 25.Kc2 Bxc1 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Nxd5 Nxd5 28.Kxc1 Nf4 29.Kd2 Nxg2 30.Rb4 h5 31.h4 Kf6 32.Ke2 Ke5 33.Kf3 ½-½ Barsov-Velicka, Cairo 2001.]

13...Qa5 Endre Vegh: 'The main move, and very aggressive.'

[13...f5?! Endre Vegh: '?' 14.0-0 fxe4 Endre Vegh: 'is bad for Black after' 15.Nc4

A) Endre Vegh: 'or' 15...Be5? 16.Nxe5 *(16.Re1* with a clear advantage to White *)* 16...Rxe5 17.b4! Bb7 18.Bb2 Nd7 19.Nxd6 Rxd5 20.Qb3 Qc7 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.Rad1 c4 23.Qxc4 Nb6 24.Qc3 1-0 Shipov,S-Maslej,M, Katowice open 1992;

B) 15...Bd4?! 16.Ncxd6

B1) 16...Rf8 17.Bh6 Bxb2 *(*if *17...Rxf2 18.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Qh4+ 20.Kg1 Qxh6 21.Qg4!* wins *)* 18.Bxf8 Bxa1 19.Qxa1 Qxf8 20.Qe5 Bxb5 21.axb5 a5 22.Nxe4 1-0 Graf-Ghaem Maghami, Moscow 2004.;

B2) 16...Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Qb6!? 18.Be3! Bxe3 *(18...Bxb2 19.Rb1 Be5 20.d6±)* 19.fxe3 Na6 *(19...a6 20.d6!+-)* 20.d6 Rad8 21.Qd5+± AK;

C) 15...Bf8 16.Bf4 Bxb5 *(16...Qf6 17.Qg4 Nd7 18.Bxd6 Nb6 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Qxe4 Rae8 21.Qd3 Bxb5 22.axb5 Qd4 23.Qxd4 cxd4 24.Nxb6 axb6 25.Ra4 Re4 26.d6 Rd8 27.f3 Rf4 28.g3 Rf6 29.Rxd4±* Barbero,G-Zelcic,R, Belgrade GMA-op 1988*)* 17.axb5 Qf6 18.Qg4 Nd7 *(18...Qd4?! 19.Nb6! axb6 20.Rxa8 Qxd5 21.Ra7 Qd3 22.Qh4 Bg7 23.Bg5 Be5 24.Bf6! Re6 25.Bh8! Qxb5 26.Qd8+ Re8 27.Qg5 Re6 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.Qd8+* 1-0 Aronov,Y-Ibraev,N,WchJ-18 Guarapuava 1995*)* 19.Bxd6 Qf7 20.Bxf8 Nf6 21.Qe2 Rxf8 22.d6 Qb7 23.Ne3 Rab8 24.Qc4+ Rf7 25.Ra5 Qb6 26.Rfa1± Lazarev,V-Kreutzkamp,R,Hamburg Wichern-op 1993]

14.Nxd6

[14.0-0?! Bxb5 15.Nb3 *(15.axb5? Qxa1 16.Nc4 Rxe4 17.Nxd6 Re7 18.Nc4 Nd7 19.Qc2 Nb6 20.d6 Rd7 21.Qe4 Rc8 22.Bh6 Qa4 23.Bxg7 Qxc4* 0-1 Miladinovic,I-Kovacevic,A,Arandjelovac 1993*)* 15...Qb6 16.axb5 Rxe4∓ Ilic,Z]

14...Nd7 Endre Vegh: '!' '!'

[Endre Vegh: 'Not' 14...Rd8? 15.Nb5! *(15.Nb7 Bxb7 16.0-0 Qb4 17.Ra3 c4 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.a5 Qb5 20.Ra4 Nd7 21.Rxc4 f5 22.Bd3 Qxa5 23.d6 Ne5 24.Qb3 Bd5 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Qb5 Qxb5 27.Bxb5 Rb8 28.Be2 Rd8 29.Rd1*

Rxd6 30.Nb1 Rc6 31.Be3 Bc4 32.Bxc4+ Nxc4 33.Bxa7 Bxb2= Vezzosi-Vera, R, Aosta 1988*; 15.Nxf7! Kxf7 16.d6 Kg8 17.Qf3 Re8 18.Kd1* and White is winning. *)* 15...Bxb5 16.axb5 Qxa1 17.d6 Re8 18.0-0± Marin,M]

[14...Re7?! Endre Vegh: '?' '?' Endre Vegh: 'is also too slow. This is not the way to play when you have launched a sacrificial attack. ' 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Kd1 Endre Vegh: 'or' f5 *(16...Ne5 17.Qc3 Qd8 18.Nb5* and White was a piece up in Siebrecht-Danner, Germany 2000. TIP: When you are attacking you will not always have time to show tender care for your troops. 'Forward' is the word the sergeants shout before rushing into battle! Endre Vegh: 'and White was a piece up in Siebrecht-Danner, Germany 2000. --- TIP: When you are attacking you will not always have time to show tender care for your troops. 'Forward' is the word the sergeants shout before rushing into battle!*)* 17.Nxf5! gxf5 18.Qxf5 Endre Vegh: 'and White won in Lazarev-Handke, Biel 1997' Rae8 19.Bd3 Nf6 20.d6 Re5 21.Qf3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Rd5 23.Qc4 Kh8 24.Kc2 Rb8 25.Nb3 Qd8 26.Bd2 Qxd6 27.Bc3± Lazarev,V-Handke,F,MTO Biel 1997]

15.Qc2 The best move.

[15.f3? Be5! ΔBg3# 16.Kf2 Bxd6 17.Re1 c4 18.Nf1 Nc5 19.Be3 Nxe4+ 20.fxe4 Rxe4 21.Nd2 Re5 22.Nf3 Rxd5 23.Qc2 Rd3 24.Rad1 Qd5 25.Bd4 Rc8 26.Re3 Qb7∓ AK *(26...Bf4?? 27.Rdxd3!+-* Timoshchenko,G-Shabalov,A, Barnaul 46/(119) YB/14(136) 1988 *)*]

[15.Nxe8?! Rxe8 16.f3 *(16.Qc2* → Endre Vegh: 'transposes,' *)* 16...f5 17.Kf2 Bd4+ 18.Kg3 Nf6! 19.f4 *(19.Bb1? Nh5+ 20.Kh2 Qc7++-; 19.Kh2? Qc7+ 20.g3 Bf2 21.f4 fxe4* Δe3,Nh5-+ *)* 19...Qc7! 20.Bf3 Re3! 21.Kh2 Be2! 22.Qc2 *(22.Bxe2 Qxf4+ 23.Kg1 Rxe2#)* 22...Nh5 23.g3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Rxf3-+ Z.Ilic]

[Endre Vegh: 'while after' 15.g4

A) 15...Rxe4+ Endre Vegh: '!' '!' 16.N6xe4 Ne5 *(16...Re8?! 17.f3 Bd4 18.Qc2 c4 19.Kf1! Qxd5 20.Kg2 f5 21.Rd1 Re6 22.Ng3 Nc5 23.Ra3 Nd3 24.Rxd3 cxd3 25.Qb3 Bb7 26.Qxd3 fxg4 27.hxg4 Re3 28.Qb5 Qf7 29.Rf1 Be5 30.Nde4* 1-0 Pisulinski,J-Gdanski,J, Bielsko Biala 1990 *)*

A1) 17.Ra3 Nd3+ 18.Rxd3 *(18.Kf1?! Nxc1+ 19.Kg2 Bxb2 20.Rg3 Ne2∓* AK *)* 18...Bxd3

A1a) 19.Qb3? Bxe4 20.0-0 c4! 21.Qxc4 *(21.Nxc4 Qxd5-+)* 21...Bxd5-+ Barlov,D;

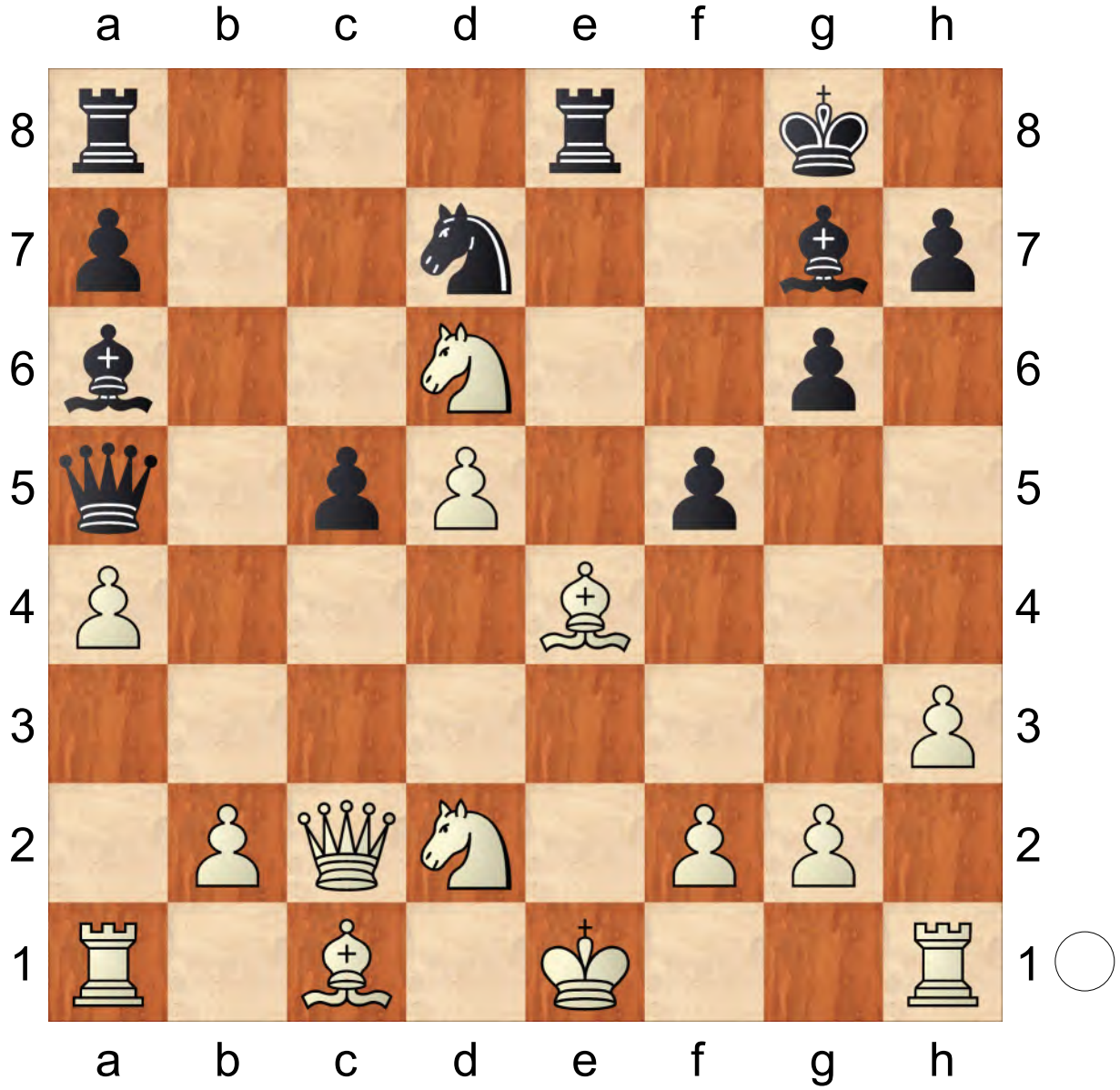
A1b) 19.f3 f5 20.gxf5 *(20.Nc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Re8+ 22.Kf2 Re2+ 23.Kg1 Qxc3 24.Rh2 Qd4+ 25.Kh1=* Barlov,D *)* 20...gxf5 21.Ng5 c4! Endre Vegh: 'Black had a very dangerous attack in Kozul-Barlov, Kladovo 1989.' 22.Ne6 Bf6 23.Kf2 Qxd5 24.Re1 Bh4+ 25.Kg2 Qd6! *(25...Bxe1 26.Qxe1 Re8 27.Qg3+ Kf7 28.Ng5+∞* Barlov,D *)* 26.Nf1 Bxe1 27.Qxe1 Re8 28.Ng3 Rxe6 29.Qf2 f4-+ Kozul,Z-Barlov,D,Kladovo 47/118 1989;

A2) 17.Qc2!? ΔNf3+ 18.Kd1 Be2+ 19.Kxe2 Nd4+ 20.Kd1 Nxc2 21.Kxc2⩲ AK;

B) 15...Ne5 16.Ra3 Nd3+!? *(16...Qb4? 17.Qc2 Bh6 18.Kd1! Qd4 19.Re1 Bf4 20.Nxe8 Rxe8 21.Bf3 Kg7 22.Qc3 Qxf2 23.Ne4 Qh2 24.Bxf4 Qxf4*

25.Qd2 1-0 Blees,A-Tolnai,T,Kecskemet 1989*)* 17.Rxd3 Bxd3 18.Qf3 *(18.f3? f5)* 18...Rxe4+ 19.N6xe4 c4 20.Nd6 *(20.Qe3 Qxd5 21.f3 Bd4 22.Qf4 Re8 23.g5 Qa5⩱)* 20...Rf8!? *(20...Qxa4 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.Qb7 Rf8 23.f3 Qc2 24.Kf2 Bd4+ 25.Kg2 Be2 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Ng5!+-)* 21.Rg1 Qxa4⩱ AK]

15...f5



16.Nxe8

[Endre Vegh: 'White does not achieve much by delaying the capture, e.g.' 16.Kd1!?= fxe4 17.N2c4!? *(17.Nxe8 Bd3!?* Δ Re8∓ AK *)*

A) 17...Bxc4 18.Nxc4 *(18.Qxc4 Nb6* is also possible*)* 18...Qa6 19.Re1!? Δ Re2, Ke1-f1-g1 Δ ♖e2, ♔e1-f1-g1

A1) 19...Qb7 20.d6 Rad8 21.Bd2 *(Δ21.Bg5? Qd5+?!-+* Vilela,J *)* 21...Bd4 22.Ba5! Rb8 23.Re2 Qa6 24.Rb1 Re6 25.b3 Rbe8 26.Bd2! *(26.Ke1?! Ne5!?* Vilela,J *)* 26...Qc6 27.Be3 Nb6 28.Ke1?! *(28.Nxb6 Qxb6 29.d7*

Rd8 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.Rxe4± Vilela,J *)* 28...Nd5

A1a) 29.Bd2? Rf8 30.Rc1 Qd7 31.Qa2 Qf7 32.Kd1 Kg7 *(32...Bxf2 33.Bh6)* 33.Rc2 *(33.Rb1? Bxf2 34.b4 e3 35.Qb2+ Kg8 36.Bc3 Re4-+* Vilela,J-Ristic,Neb,Bela Crkva 47/119 1989 *)* **Δ**33...Bxf2 34.Bh6+ Vilela,J;

A1b) 29.Rd1! Nb4 *(29...Rf8 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.Rxd4 Nf4 32.Rexe4+-; 29...Nc3 30.Bxd4 Nxe2 31.Qxe2 cxd4 32.Rxd4±; 29...Bxe3 30.fxe3±* Vilela,J *)* 30.Qb1 Nd3+ 31.Kf1 *(31.Rxd3 exd3 32.Qxd3 Qxg2∞* Vilela,J *)* 31...Be5 32.Nxe5 Rxe5 *(32...Nxe5 33.Red2* Vilela,J *)* 33.Rxd3 exd3 34.Qxd3 Rd5 35.Qc4 Qxd6 36.Rd2 Rd8 *(36...Ree5? 37.Bf4* Vilela,J *)* 37.Bxc5!∞ Vilela,J;

A2) 19...Nb6!? Marin,M 20.Nxb6 axb6 21.Bf4 Rad8 *(21...b5!? 22.Rxe4 bxa4* Garcia,G *)* 22.d6 Be5 23.Bxe5 *(Δ23.Rxe4?? Qf1+ 24.Re1 Bxf4! 25.Rxf1 Rxd6+-+* Stohl,I *)* 23...Rxe5 24.Ra3 Rxd6+ 25.Kc1 Rd4 26.Kb1 Kg7 27.Qe2 *(27.Rd1!?* Stohl,I *)* 27...Qa5 28.f3 Rd2 29.Qe3 Rxg2 30.fxe4 Qd2! 31.Qxd2 Rxd2 32.Rb3 Re6∓ Sarno,S-Garcia Gonzales,G,Aosta 48/(115) 1989 ⊥,⍰;

B) 17...Qd8! Endre Vegh: '!?' '!?' 18.Nxe8 Qxe8 19.Bd2 *(19.Ra3 Qf7 20.Nd2 Re8 21.Re3 Bd3 22.Rxd3 exd3 23.Qxd3 Ne5 24.Qb5 a6 25.Qe2* ½-½ Li Wenliang-Zhang Pengxiang, Gyula 2000. *)* 19...Qf7! 20.Nd6!? Qxf2!? *(20...Qxd5!? 21.Qxe4 Qb3+ 22.Qc2 Qd5!=* Prudnikova,S *)* 21.Qxe4

B1) 21...Ne5 22.Nb5!? *(22.Ra3?! Rd8 23.Nb5 Bb7! 24.Nc3* Matveeva,S-Prudnikova,S/USSR (ch) 1991 *c4!∓* Prudnikova,S*)* 22...Rd8 23.d6 *(23.Re1 Bb7 24.Nc3 c4∞)* 23...Qf7 24.Ra3 Bb7∞ Prudnikova,S;

B2) 21...Rf8!? 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Re1 *(23.Qxd7? Qe2+ 24.Kc2 Qd3+ 25.Kc1 Bxb2+ 26.Kd1 Qb3+ 27.Ke1 Bxa1-+* Prudnikova,S*)* 23...Nb6 *(23...Bxb2? 24.Ra2 Qd4 25.Qxd7+-* Prudnikova,S*)* 24.Ra3 Nc4 25.Nxc4 Bxc4 26.Rf3 Rxf3 27.gxf3

B2a) 27...Bb3+ 28.Kc1 Bxb2+ 29.Kb1! Prudnikova,S *(Δ29.Kxb2 Qxd2+=)*;

B2b) 27...Qxf3+ 28.Kc1 Bxb2+! *(28...Bxd5 29.Qc8+ Bg8 30.Qxc5±* Prudnikova,S *)* 29.Kxb2 Qb3+ 30.Kc1 Qa3+= Prudnikova,S]

16...Rxe8 17.Kd1 fxe4 18.Ra3 Ftacnik: With so many black pieces directed against the poor white king Van Wely has to trade very carefully. White hopes to survive the threats and keep part of sacrificed material.

[Endre Vegh: 'This has scored worse than ' 18.Nxe4 Endre Vegh: '!?' '!?'

A) 18...Re5!? 19.Bd2 Rxd5 20.Kc1

A1) 20...Qc7?! 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Nc3 Nd3+ 23.Kb1 Rd7 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 c4 26.Bc3 Bf8 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Qa4 Qd5 29.Rxa7+- Koczka,Z-Kozlov,V,Budapest Festival 1991 *(29.Rxa7* Stohl *Rxa7 30.Qxa7 Qxg2 31.Rd1 Qf3 32.Qa4 Qf7 33.b6 h5 34.Qc6 Nc5* 1-0,Koczka,Z-Kozlov,V/Budapest Spring op 1991 *)*;

A2) 20...Qd8!? **Δ**Ne5 21.Nc3 Bd3 22.Qd1 Rf5 23.Be3 c4⩲ AK;

B) 18...c4!? Stohl;

C) 18...Qb4 Endre Vegh: '(Marin thinks Black has compensation here, though it is very hard to determine if it is enough or not)' 19.f3 *(*Endre Vegh: 'not' *19.Re1* Endre Vegh: '?' '?' *Qd4+ 20.Nd2 Rxe1+ 21.Kxe1 Ne5 22.Ra3 Nd3+ 23.Rxd3 Bxd3-+* Endre Vegh: 'and White is suddenly in trouble'*; 19.Nc3 Ne5→* Marin,M *)*

C1) Endre Vegh: 'Marin's idea; after ' 19...Qd4+ 20.Qd2 Bd3 21.Ra3 c4 22.Re1 Endre Vegh: 'White looks to consolidate' Qxd5 *(22...Re5; 22...Rb8 23.Re3* Δ Rd3 Δ ♖d3 *Bh6 24.Rexd3 cxd3 25.Qxh6±* Marin,M*; 22...Re5* Ftacnik ½-½ Kloepfer,M-Meissner,B/Altensteig-B 1993*/)* 23.Nf2 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Nc5 25.Qe8+ Bf8 26.Bh6 Bf5+ 27.Rd3! Qf7 28.Rd8 Ne6 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rd7++- Van Rijn,A-Enklaar,B,Nederland tt 1995;

C2) 19...Re5!? Endre Vegh: 'Marin's idea;'

C2a) 20.Qd2 Qb3+ 21.Ke1 Rxd5 22.Ra3 Rxd2 *(22...Qb7⩱* Marin,M *)* 23.Rxb3 Rxg2 Δ Bd4, Ne5⩲ Marin,M;

C2b) 20.Nc3 Qd4+ 21.Qd2 Bd3 ΔRe8,c4,Nc5-b3⩲ Δ ♖e8, c4, ♘e5 22.Re1 Bh6□

C2b1) Endre Vegh: 'not' 23.Qxh6? Endre Vegh: '??' '??' Rxe1+ *(23...Bc4+* and Black mates by 24 Qd2 Bb3, 24 Kc2 Qd3, or *24.Bd2 Rxe1+ 25.Kxe1 Qg1#)* 24.Kxe1 Qg1+ 25.Kd2 Qf2+ 26.Kxd3 Ne5+ 27.Ke4 Qd4# # Marin,M;

C2b2) 23.f4□ Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Be2+ 25.Kc2 Bd3+ 26.Kd1 *(26.Kb3? c4+ 27.Ka2 Qb6* Δ Re1 ∓Marin,M *)* 26...Be2+ 27.Kc2 Bd3+ 28.Kd1 Be2+ ½-½ Lokotar,E-Marin,M,Vosu 48/115 1989 Endre Vegh: 'was a draw in Lokotar-Marin, Vosu 1989';

C2c) 20.Bd2!? Marin,M

C2c1) 20...Qd4 21.Ra3 Rxd5 22.Qc3 Qxc3 *(22...Ne5 23.Qxd4 Rxd4 24.Kc2 Bd3+ 25.Rxd3! Nxd3 26.Bc3+-)* 23.Nxc3 Rd4 24.Kc2 Bd3+ 25.Kc1 Ne5 26.Rb3± Lokotar,E;

C2c2) 20...Rxd5 21.Kc1 Qb8 *(21...Qd4 22.Qc3 Ne5 23.Qxd4 Rxd4 24.Nf2!±* Lokotar,E *)* 22.Ra3 Endre Vegh: 'and White was allegedly better in Lokotar-Maidla, Tallinn 1991. It is very hard to come to any conclusions in such positions. Probably at the end of the day Black should not be able to play like this, but for the one who desires to do so, there is no stopping him.' Ne5 *(22...c4 23.Rd1 Ne5 24.Bc3 Nd3+ 25.Kb1±* Lokotar,E *)* 23.Rb3! Qf8 24.Kb1± Lokotar,E-Maidla,Tallinn 51/(77) 1991]

18...c4 Endre Vegh: '!?' '!?' Stohl: Again Topalov comes up with a new move.

[18...Bd3 19.Rxd3□ exd3 20.Qxd3 Qxa4+ 21.b3 *(21.Qb3!?⩱* Palkovi,J*; 21.Qb3!?* Ftacnik*; 21.Qb3!?)*

A) 21...Qd4? Δ 22.Qxd4 Bxd4 23.Re1± Legky,N;

B) 21...Qa1? 22.d6 Kh8 23.Qb5 Bb2 *(23...Nf6? 24.Qxe8+! Nxe8 25.d7+-)* 24.Kc2 Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Qg7 26.Rd1+- Legky,N-Muller,H,Liechtenstein 1990;

C) 21...Ne5!

C1) 22.Qe4? Qxe4 23.Nxe4 Nd3 24.f3 Rxe4 25.fxe4 Nf2+ 26.Ke2 Nxh1 27.Bf4 Bd4! 28.e5 Kf7-+ Palkovi,J;
C2) 22.Qxg6!? Qb5 *(22...Qd7? 23.Qg3±; 22...hxg6!? 23.bxa4 Nd3 24.Rf1∞; 22...Nxg6!? 23.bxa4 Rd8∞)* 23.Qf5 *(23.Qg3 Nd3 24.h4 h5! 25.Rf1∞)* 23...Nd3 24.d6 Kh8 *(24...Rf8?! 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Ne4±)* 25.Rf1∞ Legky,N;
C3) 22.Qe3
C3a) 22...Qd7? 23.Re1 Rd8 24.f4 Nf7 25.Qxc5!? Rc8 *(25...Qxd5? 26.Re8++- Legky,N)* 26.Re7 Qf5 27.g4 *(27.Rc7!? Legky,N)* 27...Rxc5 *(27...Qxg4+?± Legky,N)* 28.gxf5 Rxd5 29.Rxa7 *(29.Re8+ Bf8 30.Ba3 Rd8±; 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Rxa7 Rh5 31.b4 Rxh3± Legky,N)* 29...gxf5 *(29...Rxf5? 30.Ra8+ Bf8 31.Ba3± Legky,N)* 30.Ke2! h6? *(30...Bf8!?; 30...Nd6!± Legky,N)* 31.Nc4! Δ Bf8 *(31...Rb5? 32.Rxf7+-)* 32.Rb7! Nd6 33.Nxd6 Rxd6 34.b4± Legky,N-Lupu,M,Val Torens 1990;
C3b) 22...Qd4 23.Qxd4 cxd4 24.Ba3 ½-½ Kloepfer,M-Meissner,B, Altensteig-B 1993 *(24.Re1 Rd8= Legky,N)* 24...Nd3 25.Rf1 Nf4 26.d6 Nd5! 27.Nc4 d3!? Δ Re2 28.Ne3 *(28.Kd2?? Re2+! 29.Kxd3 Nf4# # Palkovi,J; 28.Re1 Nc3+ 29.Kd2 Ne4+ 30.Kxd3 Nxf2+ 31.Kd2 Ne4+ 32.Kc1 Nxd6= Palkovi,J)* 28...Rxe3 29.fxe3 Nxe3+ 30.Kd2 Nxf1+ 31.Kxd3= Zueger,B-Palkovi,J,Leibnitz 50/90 1990;
C3c) 22...Qb5!? 23.Re1 Rd8 24.Kc2! *(24.Qe4!∞ Ftacnik)* Δ24...Rxd5 25.f4 Nd3 26.Qe6+ Kf8□ 27.Qxd5 Nxe1+ 28.Kd1± Legky,N]

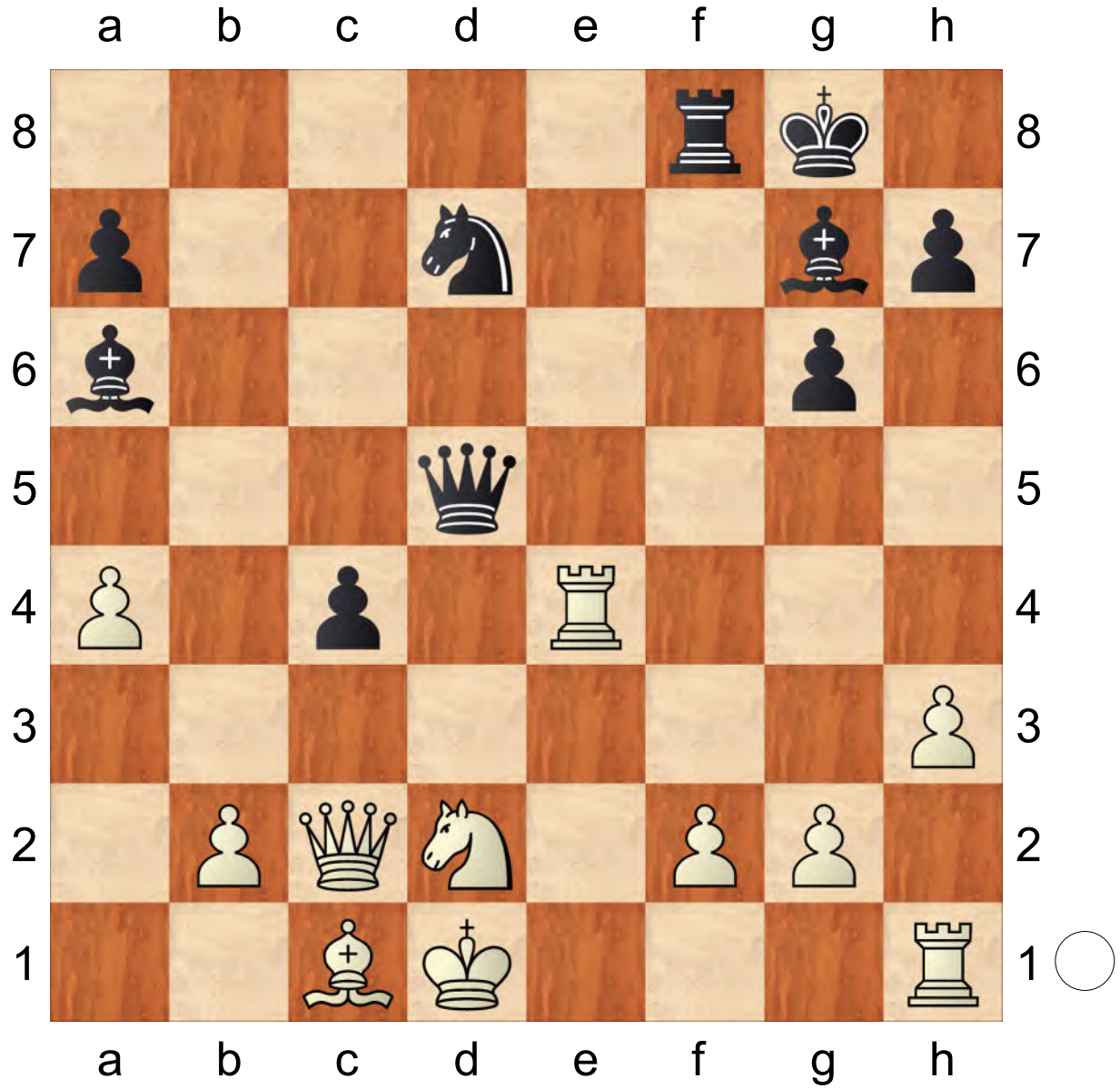
19.Re3 Endre Vegh: '?!' '?!' Endre Vegh: 'White organises his rooks incorrectly.'
[19.Nxe4? Qxd5+ 20.Nd2 *(20.Qd2* Stohl *Qxe4 21.Re3 Qa8∓ Δ 22.Qxd7? Rd8)* 20...c3!-+]
[19.Nxc4?! Qxd5+ 20.Nd2 Nc5∓]
[Endre Vegh: 'White organises his rooks incorrectly. But after ' 19.Re1?! Nc5 *(19...Qxd5 20.Rxe4 Rd8! 21.Rae3 Nc5* Black still has a strong attack according to Van Wely. *)* 20.Nxc4 Qb4 Δ ♘d3⩲]

19...Qxd5!?N Stohl: In fact only this move is new.
[19...Nc5 20.Nxc4 Qb4 21.b3!+- Palkovi,J]

20.Rxe4 Rf8!

(Diagram)

♔♭d1, ♖h1 Endre Vegh: 'Now White does not have Rf3. ' Stohl: Despite being an exchange and a pawn down Black has promising compensation in good piece play. White's forces are in a tangle and he is behind in development. **21.f3?!** Ftacnik: The problems are not over yet, black remains with many active possibilities.
[⌓21.Rhe1= Ne5!? *(21...c3 22.bxc3 Bd3 23.Qb3 Qxb3+ 24.Nxb3 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxf2 26.Re7±)* 22.f3 Nd3 →21...♘e5]
[21.Re7!?
A) Δ21...Bf6? 22.Qe4±;



B) 21...Qxg2?! 22.Qe4 Bb7 23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Re1 Bc6 25.Qxc4 Rxf2 26.b3±;

C) 21...Nc5 Ftacnik 22.Rxa7 *(22.f3* Stohl -21.f3 *)* 22...Qxg2⇄;

D) 21...Rxf2 22.Qe4 Nf6 23.Qxd5+ *(23.Re8+!+-)* 23...Nxd5 24.Rxa7±;

E) 21...Ne5 22.Qe4 *(22.f3* →21.f3 *)* 22...Qc5 *(22...Qa5? 23.Rxa7 ΔQxa4+? 24.b3+-)* 23.Re6

E1) 23...Nd3 24.Rf1 c3 25.bxc3 Qxc3 26.Rxa6 *(26.Rc6 Qa1 27.Nb3 Qb1 28.Qd5+ Kh8≅)* 26...Qxc1+ 27.Ke2 Nf4+ 28.Qxf4 Re8+ 29.Qe3 Qc8±;

E2) 23...Qa5 24.Rf1 c3 25.Rxa6 Qxa6 26.bxc3 Rd8 27.Re1 Nc4 *(27...Nd3 28.Qe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Bxc3 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Bxd2±)* 28.Qe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Bxc3 30.Re2 Rd4 31.Kc2 Bxd2 32.Bxd2 Nxd2 33.Rxd2 Rxa4=]

[21.Rxc4!? Stohl Bxc4 *(21...Rxf2!?; 21...Qxg2 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Bb7 24.Rhe1 Bxe4 25.Nxe4±)* 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.Nxc4 Rxf2 24.g4 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.b3 Bc3⩲]

21...Nc5

[21...Ne5 22.Rhe1 Nd3 23.R1e2 Nb4 24.Qb1 c3 25.bxc3 *(25.Rxb4?! Bd3 26.Qa1 Bxe2+ 27.Kxe2 cxd2 28.Bxd2 Re8+↑)*

A) 25...Bxe2+?! 26.Rxe2 Na2 27.Bb2 Bxc3 *(27...Nxc3+ 28.Bxc3 Bxc3 29.Qb5±)* 28.Qe4 Qf7 29.Qc2 Bxb2 30.Qxb2 Rd8 31.Ke1±;

B) 25...Na2!? 26.R2e3 Nxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Bxc3⩲]

22.Re7 Bf6!

[Endre Vegh: 'Not' 22...Nd3 23.Rf1 *(23.Rxg7+* Stohl Endre Vegh: '!' '!' *Kxg7 24.Qc3+* Endre Vegh: 'and White is OK.' *Kg8 25.Kc2±)* 23...Bd4 24.Re4 Rb8⩲]

[22...c3!? Stohl 23.Rxg7+ Kxg7 24.Qxc3+ Kg8⩲ Δ 25.b3 Nd3 26.Bb2 Nf2+! 27.Ke1 *(27.Kc1 Rc8 28.Nc4 Nd3+↑)* 27...Nd3+=]

23.Rxa7 c3 24.Rxa6 Ftacnik: Panicky reaction in the face of mounting pressure, white had to cross fingers and defend. Stohl: A tactical mistake, which loses the game.

[24.bxc3?! Bc4 Δ♗b3 *(24...Bd3 25.Qb2 Re8 26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 Qe5+ 28.Ne4 Bxe4 29.Kf1 Bc6±)* 25.Ra5

A) 25...Re8 Ftacnik 26.Re1 *(26.Rxc5??* Stohl *Be2+ 27.Ke1 Bh4+ 28.g3 Bxg3#)* 26...Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 Nd3+ 28.Kd1 *(28.Kf1* Stohl *Nxc1+ 29.Nxc4 Qxc4+ 30.Kg1 Ne2+=)* 28...Nf2+ *(28...Qxa5?* Stohl *29.Nxc4+-)* 29.Ke1 Nd3+ 30.Kf1 Nxc1+ 31.Nxc4 Qxc4+∞;

B) 25...Bb3? Stohl 26.Qxb3+-;

C) 25...Re8→]

24...cxd2 25.Rxf6

[25.Rb6 dxc1Q+ 26.Kxc1 Qa2∓]

[Endre Vegh: 'If' 25.Qxd2 Ftacnik Qxd2+ *(25...Qb3+* Stohl *26.Qc2□ Qxc2+ 27.Kxc2 Nxa6∓)* 26.Bxd2 Nxa6∓ 27.Kc2 Rc8+ 28.Bc3 Nb4+ 29.Kb3 Bxc3 30.bxc3 Nd5 31.c4 Rb8+ 32.Ka3 Ne3 33.Rc1 Nxg2 and Black has real winning chances in the endgame.]

25...dxc1Q+

(Diagram)

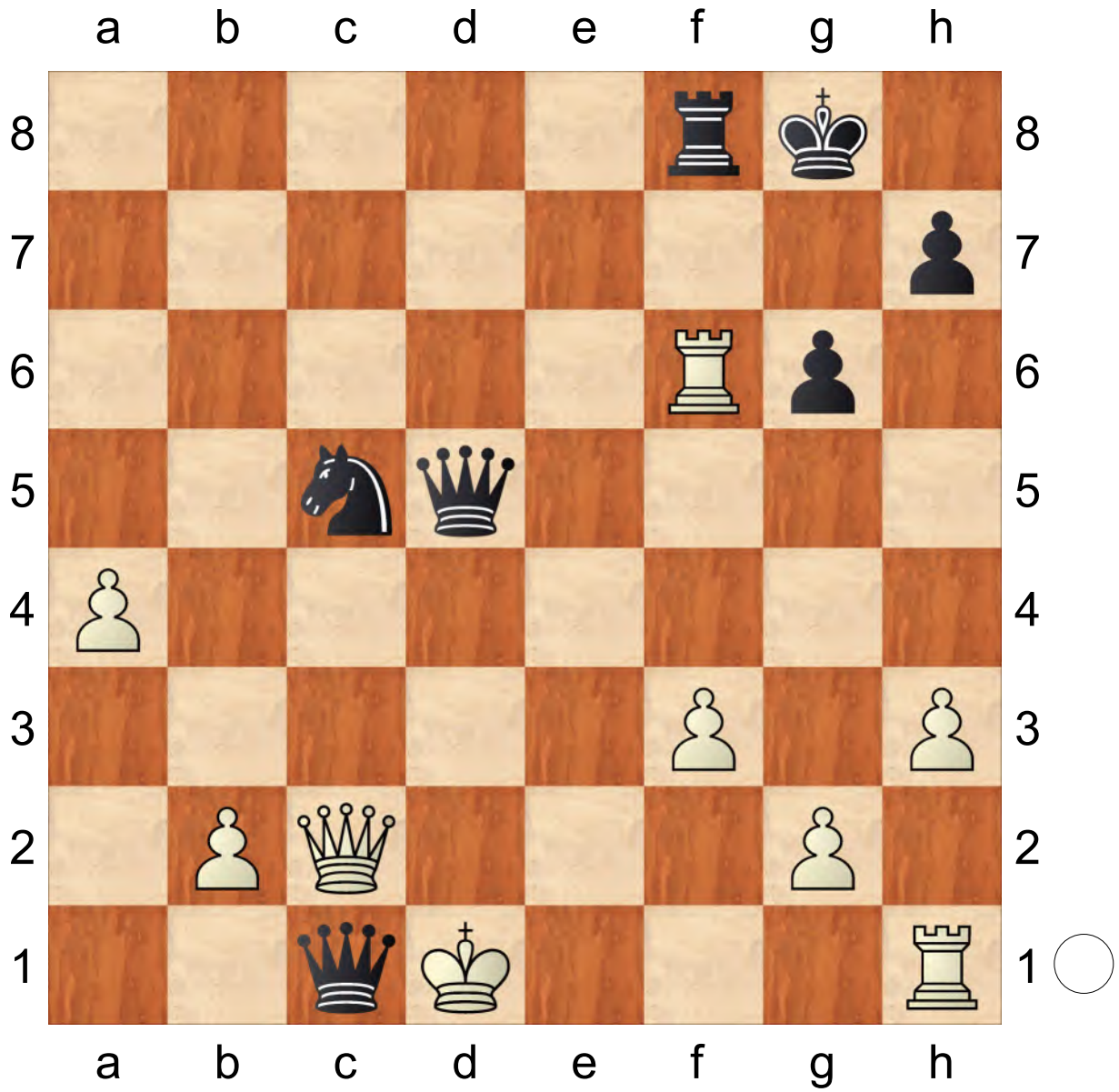
26.Kxc1 Rxf6 → Stohl: Despite having 3 pawns for the ♘ White's position is very difficult, as his ♔ is still in danger and he will have to give up at least a pawn to stave off the attack. **27.Rd1**

[Endre Vegh: 'Or' 27.Kb1!? Ftacnik Qf5 Endre Vegh: '!' '!' Endre Vegh: 'and Black wins one of the queenside pawns.' 28.Qxf5 Rxf5∓ *(28...Rxf5* Stohl *29.a5 Nb3∓)*]

27...Qc6 28.Kb1

[28.a5 Ftacnik Nb3+ 29.Kb1 Qxc2+ *(29...Nxa5-+* Stohl *)* 30.Kxc2 Nxa5∓]

28...Nxa4 29.Qxc6 Rxc6∓ Ftacnik: Winning this endgame will be anything but easy,



white has to push b pawn in order to generate counterplay.

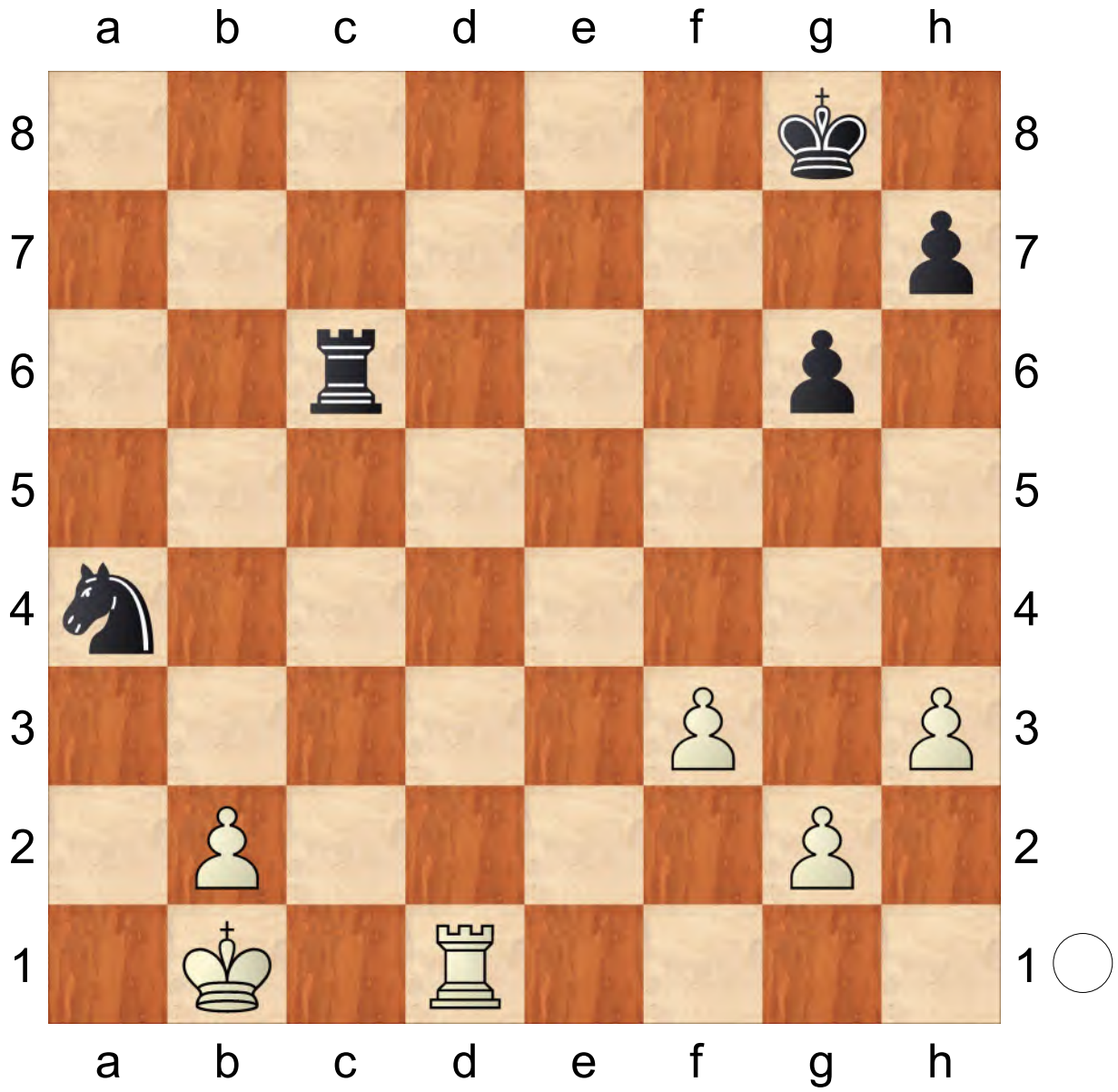
(Diagram)

Hecht: Klarer Vorteil für Schwarz bei einem Springer gegen 2 Bauern. Die weißen Hoffnungen beruhen auf dem geringen Bauernmaterial sowie dem Umstand, daß ein Springer bei Bauern auf beiden Flügeln weniger effektiv ist als ein Läufer. Bei Turmtausch hätte Weiß mit dem entfernten Freibauern etliche Überlebenschancen. Kommentare nach Van der Wiel. Eine Medaille für schwierige Strategie + Taktik

30.Rd8+ Endre Vegh: '?' '?'

[30.Rd4 Nb6 31.b4 gave White some drawing chances, though Black has more than the small advantage indicated by Van Wely.]

30...Kg7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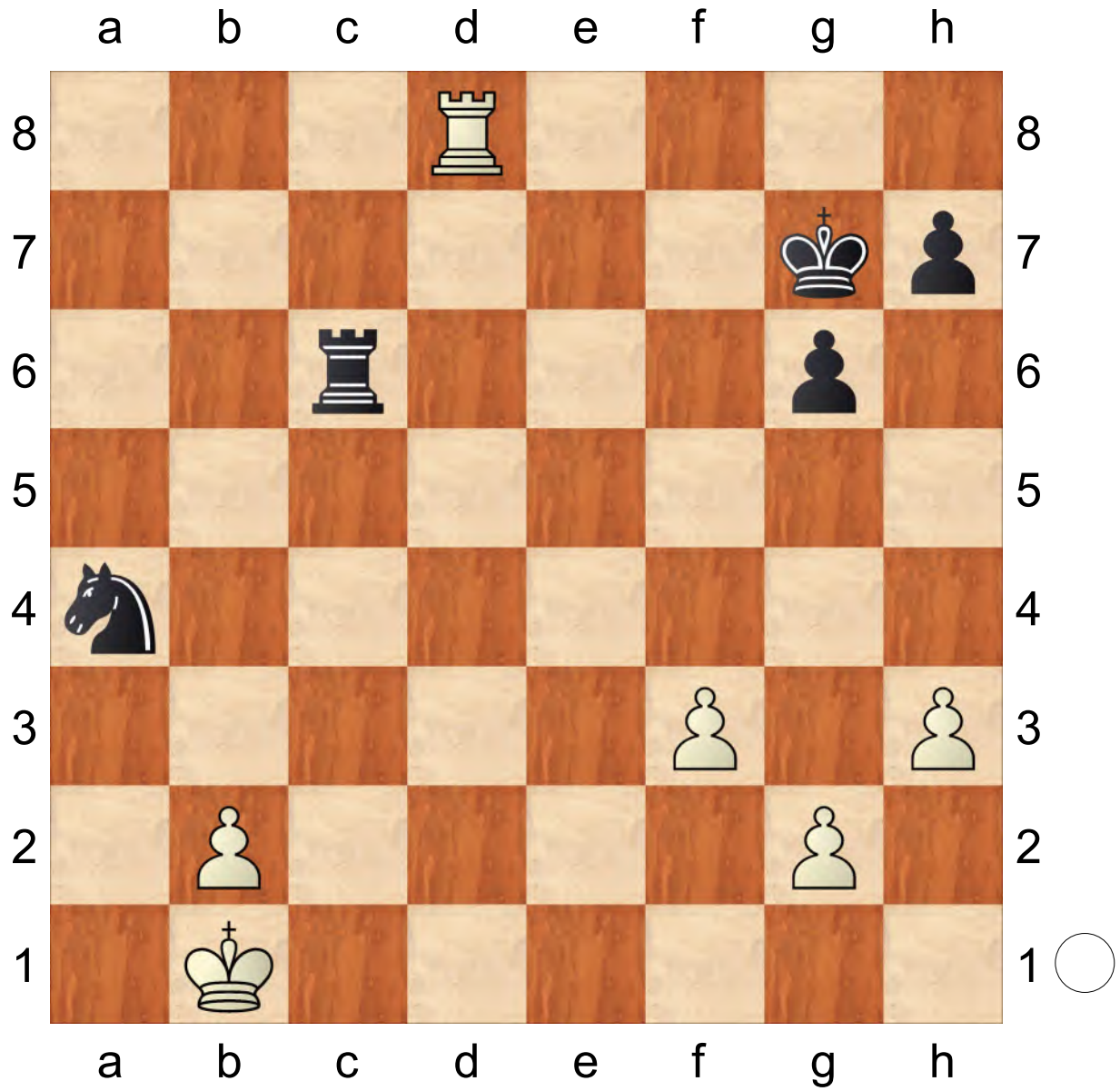


31.Rd7+ Kh6 32.h4?!
[32.Rd4 Nb6 33.b3 Kg5 34.Kb2∓]
[32.g4 Ftacnik Nb6 *(32...g5 33.Rd4 Nb6 34.f4∓)* 33.Ra7 g5 *(33...Rf6 34.h4!)* 34.Ra6 Rg6∓]
[32.b3 Stohl Nc5-+]
32...Nc5
[32...Rb6? Stohl 33.g4! Rxb2+ 34.Kc1 g5 35.hxg5+ Kg6 36.f4=]
33.Rf7 Ne6 34.Ka2
[Δ34.g4
A) 34...Rc7 Ftacnik 35.Rxc7 Nxc7 36.Kc2 mit einigen technischen Schwierigkeiten für Schwarz, da der Springer nur von einer zentralen Position aus (etwa d5) nach beiden Flügeln wirken kann. In Betracht kommt nun neben Kg7 auch g5. Hier einige Remis- und Gewinnaspekte. Wie man unschwer

erkennt, fällt der Gewinn mit dem lahmen Gaul schwer.

A1) 36...Kg7 Hecht 37.Kd3 Kf6 38.Kd4 Ke6 39.b4 Kd6 40.h5 gxh5 41.gxh5 Nd5 42.b5 Nf6 43.h6 Ng8 44.b6 Nxh6 45.b7 Kc7 46.Ke5 Nf7+ *(46...Ng8 47.f4 Kxb7 48.f5 h5 49.Kf4 Kc6 50.Kg5 Nf6 51.Kxf6 h4 52.Kg7 h3 53.f6 h2 54.f7=)* 47.Kf6 h5 *(47...Kxb7 48.Kxf7 h5 49.f4 h4 50.f5 h3 51.f6 h2 52.Kg7 h1Q 53.f7=)* 48.Kf5!! *(48.Kxf7 h4-+)* 48...-- 49.Kf4 -- 50.Kg3 -- 51.Kh4 Der Springer ist mit wie auch gegen Randbauern ein Ritter von der traurigen Gestalt.;

A2) 36...g5 37.h5 *(37.hxg5+ Kxg5 38.Kd3 Kf4 39.Ke2 Nb5-+)* 37...Kg7 38.Kd3 Kf6 39.Ke4 h6 40.f4 gxf4 41.Kxf4 Nd5+ *(41...Na6 42.g5+ hxg5+ 43.Kg4)* 42.Ke4 Nb4 43.Kf3 Kg5 44.Kg3 Nd5 45.Kf3 Nf6 46.b4 Nxg4 47.Ke4 *(47.b5 Kf5 48.b6 Ne5+ 49.Ke2 Kg4 50.b7 Nd7 51.Ke3 Kxh5 52.Kd4 Kg6 53.Kd5 Kf7 54.Kd6 Ke8 55.Ke6=)* 47...Kxh5 48.b5 Nf6+ 49.Kd4 Nd7 50.Kd5 Nb6+ 51.Kc5 *(51.Kc6 Na4-+)* 51...Nc8!-+;

A3) 36...Kg7⩲;

B) 34...g5? 35.Rf6+ Kg7 36.hxg5;

C) 34...Rc7!]

34...Ra6+ 35.Kb1

[35.Kb3 Ftacnik Nd4+ 36.Kc3 Nf5 37.g4! *(37.h5* Hecht *Rc6+ 38.Kb4 Rb6+ 39.Kc3 Nd6 40.Rd7 gxh5)* 37...Nxh4 38.f4 Ng2 39.b4 Ne3 40.b5 Rd6 41.g5+ Kh5-+]

35...Nd4

(Diagram)

36.Rf4

[36.g4! Ftacnik g5 37.hxg5+ Kg6 38.Rf4 *(38.Rf6+ Rxf6 39.gxf6 Nxf3 40.b4 Kxf6 41.Kc2 Ke5 42.Kd3 Nh2 43.b5 Nxg4 44.b6 Kd6 45.b7 Kc7 46.Ke4 Kxb7 47.Kf5 h5 48.Kg5 Nf6-+)* 38...Rd6 39.Rf8 *(39.b4* Hecht *Kxg5 40.Rf8 Rb6 41.Kb2 Rxb4+ 42.Kc3 Ra4-+)* 39...Kxg5⩲]

[36.f4 Stohl Nf5 37.g4 Nxh4 38.g5+ Kh5 39.Rxh7+ Kg4-+]

36...Nf5 37.Re4

[37.h5 Stohl Kxh5 38.g4+ Kg5-+]

37...Rd6 Δ♖d4 **38.Kc2**

[38.b4 Ftacnik Rd2 39.b5 Nd6 40.Rb4 Rxg2 41.b6 Rf2-+]

38...Ng3

[38...Rd4 Stohl 39.Rxd4 Nxd4+ 40.Kc3 Nf5 41.b4 Nxh4 42.b5 Nf5 43.b6 Nd6 44.Kd4⇄]

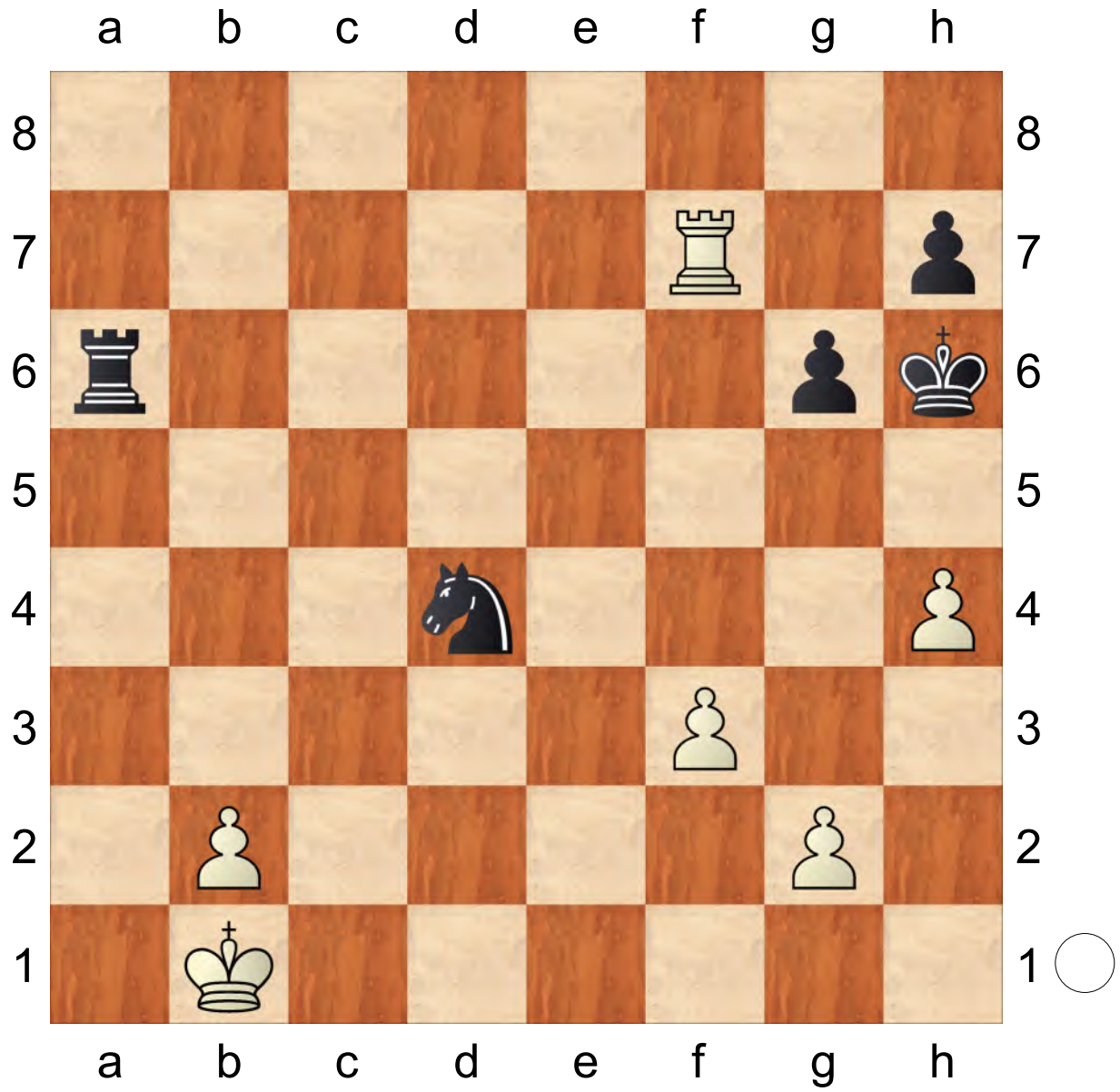
39.Rg4

[39.Re7 Ftacnik Rd4-+]

39...Nf1 40.Kc3

[40.Re4? Stohl Rd2+-+]

40...Ne3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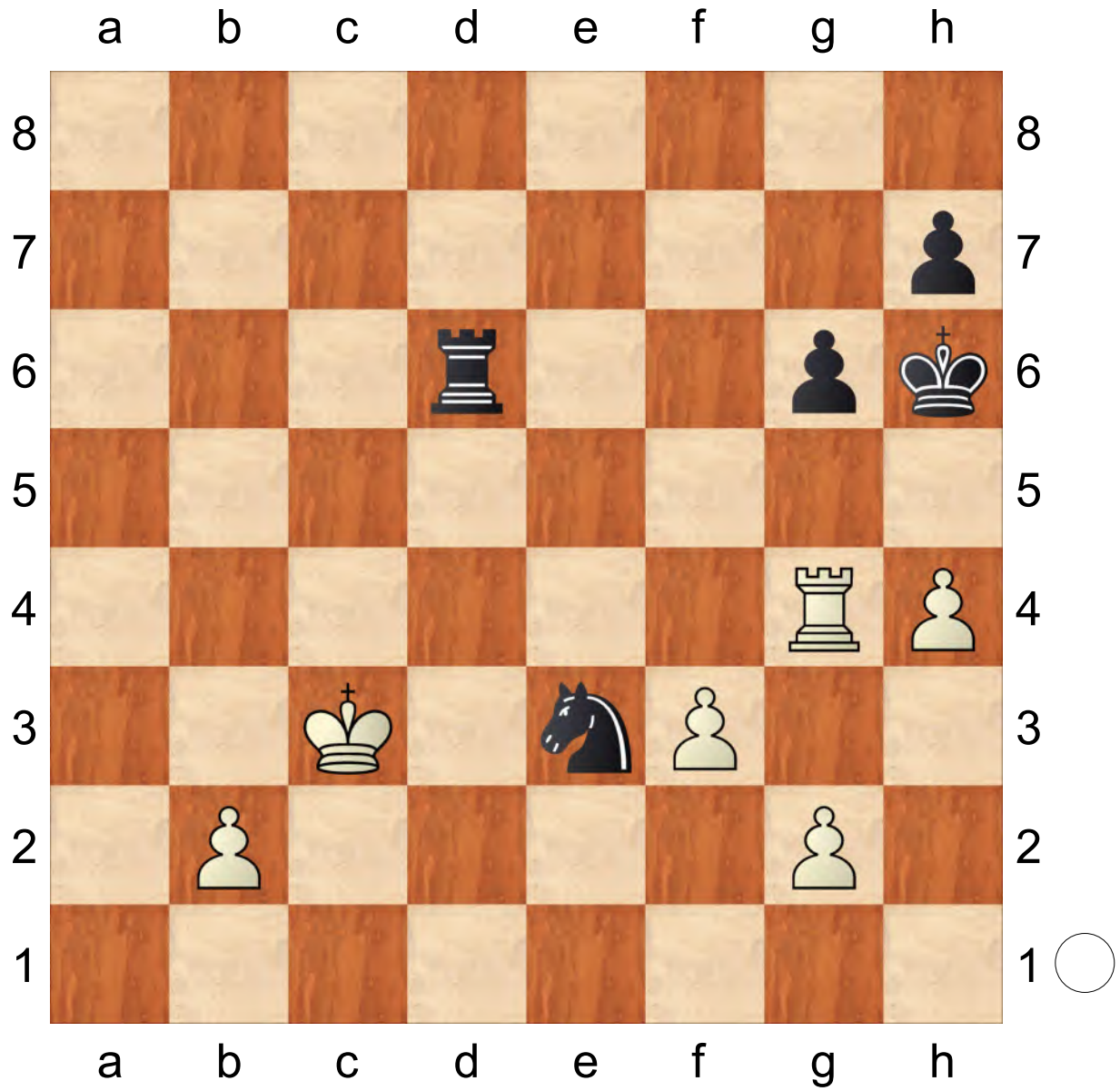
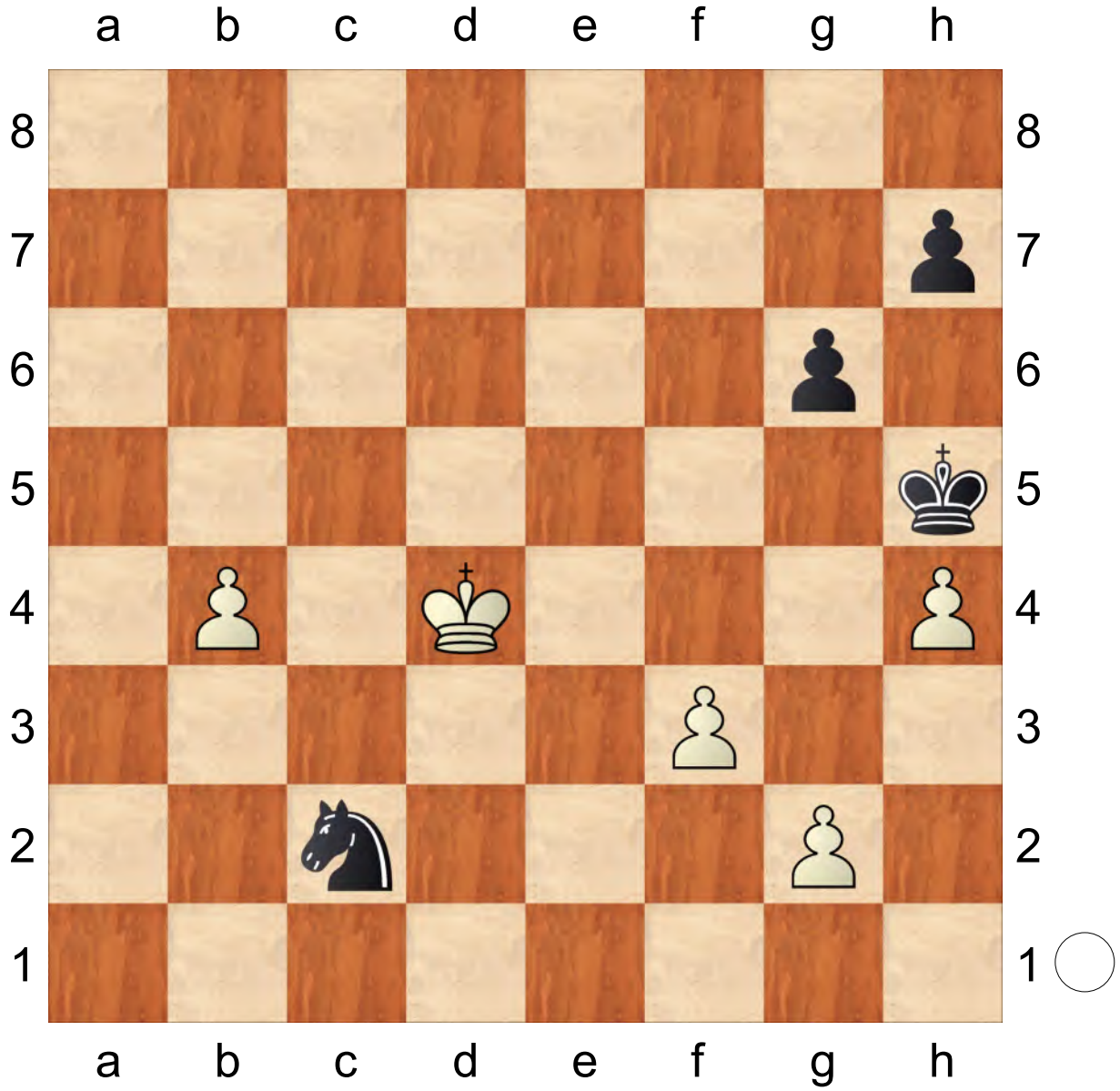
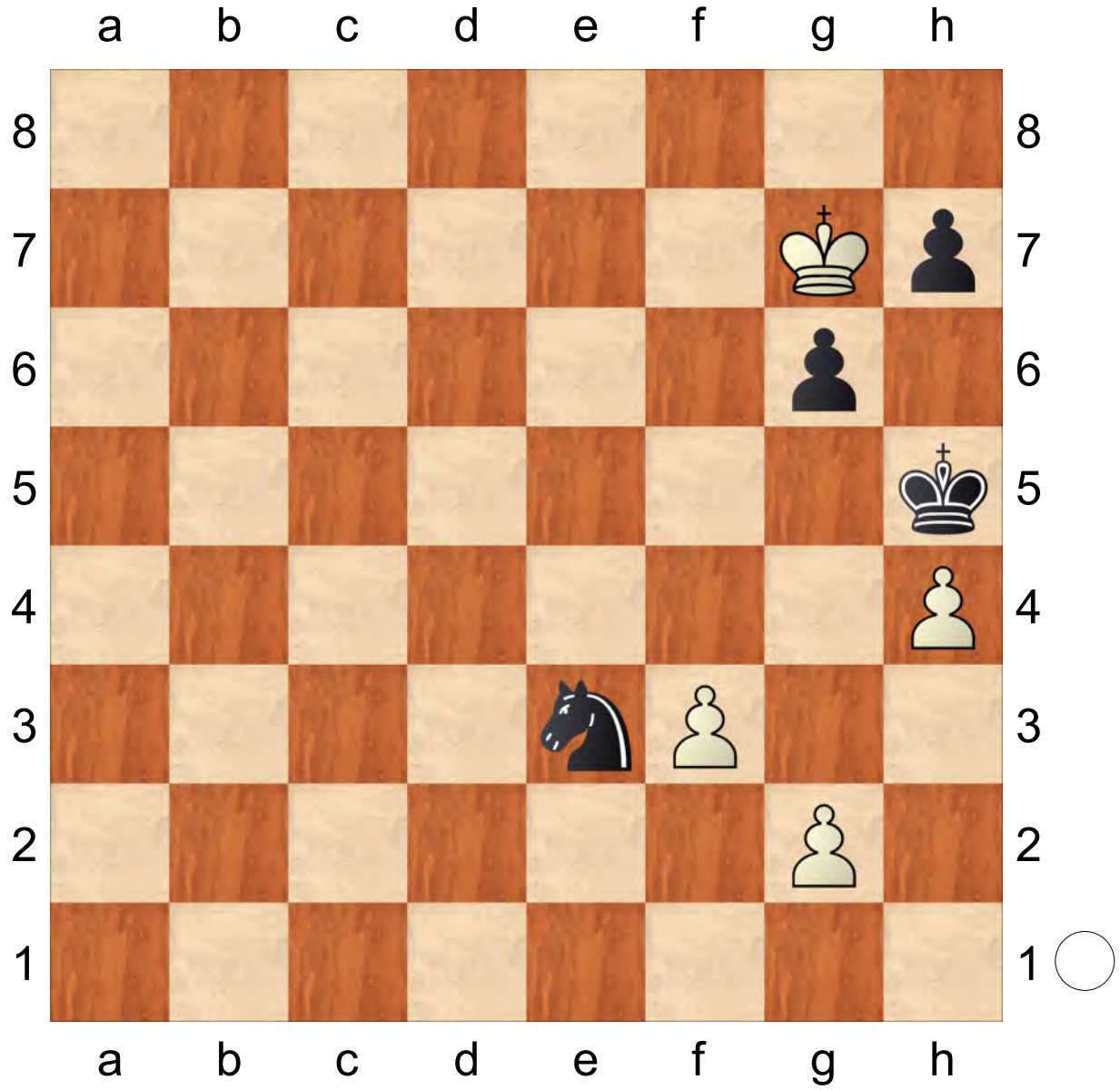


41.Rg5
[41.Rg3 Stohl Kh5-+]
41...Nf5 42.Rg4
[42.g3 Ftacnik Re6
A) 43.f4
A1) 43...Rc6+ Hecht 44.Kb4 Rb6+ 45.Ka3 Nd6 46.b4 Ne4 47.Re5 Nxg3 48.b5 Rf6 *(48...Nf5 49.Kb4 Nd6 50.Kc5!)* 49.Kb4 Rxf4+ 50.Kc5 Ne4+ 51.Kc6 Rf6+ 52.Kc7 Nd6 53.b6 Nc4 54.b7 Rf7+-+;
A2) 43...Re3+ 44.Kd2 Rxg3 45.Rxg3 Nxg3 46.b4 Nf5-+;
B) 43.Kd2 Nd4 44.Rd5 Nxf3+-+]
42...Kh5 43.b4
[43.g3 Hecht h6 44.b4 Rd5! verhindert b5, Kc4 und Kc2. Damit fällt f3 und/oder g3]

43...Ne3 Ftacnik: From this square the knight manages to attack on both sides.
[43...Nxh4 Ftacnik 44.b5 Rb6 45.Kc4⇄]
[43...Nxh4-+ Stohl]
44.Rd4
[44.Re4 Ftacnik Nxg2-+]
[44.Rg3!? Ftacnik Kxh4 *(44...h6!?-+ Stohl)* 45.Rh3+ Kg5 46.Rxh7 Nxg2-+]
44...Rxd4 45.Kxd4 Nc2+



46.Ke5
[46.Kc3 Ftacnik Nxb4 47.Kxb4 Kxh4-+]
[If 46.Kc5 Nxb4! still wins.]
46...Nxb4 47.Kf6 Nd5+ 48.Kg7 Ne3
[48...Ne3 Ftacnik 49.g4+ *(49.Kxh7 Nxg2-+; 49.g3 Nf5+)* 49...Nxg4 *(49...Kxh4* Stohl *50.Kxh7 g5 51.Kg6 Nxg4-+)* 50.fxg4+ Kxh4 51.Kxh7 g5-+]



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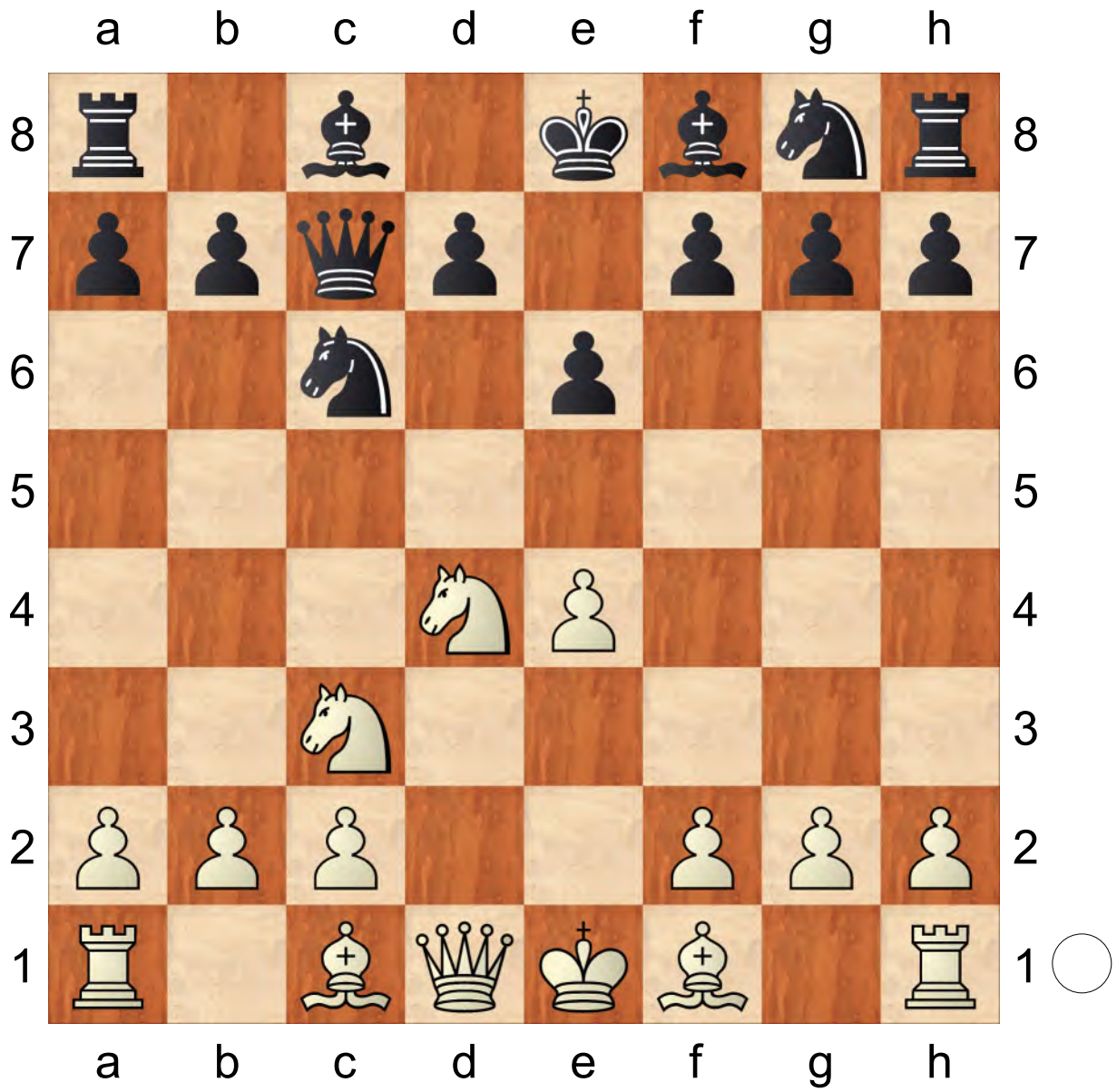
□ **Navara,David** **2702**
■ **Movsesian,Sergei** **2705**
Prague Cez Trophy m (4) 17.06.2011
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Stohl **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7**



6.Be3

[In the last match-game Navara went for 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 Bd7 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Qg4 h5 12.Qe2 h4 13.a4 Nf6 14.a5 Kf8 *(14...Rc8 15.Be3 e5 16.Rec1 hxg3 17.hxg3 Qd7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Ng4 20.Bb6 f5∞* 1/2, Ivanchuk,V (2731)-Movsesian,S (2618)/RUS-chT Sochi/2006/) 15.Be3 e5

16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bb5 18.c4 Qxc4 19.Qxc4 Bxc4 20.Rec1 Bd3 21.Ra3 e4 22.Rb3 Re8 23.Bf1 hxg3 24.hxg3 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 Rh1+ 26.Ke2 Rxc1 27.Bxc1 Rc8 28.Rxb7 Rxc1 29.Rb8+ Bd8 30.Rxd8+ Ke7 31.Ra8 Rc2+ 32.Ke3 Rxb2 33.Rxa6 f5⇄ Navara,D (2702)-Movsesian,S (2705)/Prague m/2011/]

6...a6

[Black can also try to postpone this move for some time with 6...Nf6

A) 7.Qd2 Bb4!? *(7...a6* is once again the most usual continuation*)* 8.f3 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 *(≤9.Bxd4 e5! 10.Bf2 d6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6 15.a4 0-0 16.a5 Nc4 17.Qd5 b6 18.axb6 Nxb6 19.Qa5 Rfc8 20.Rfd1 h6=* Romanov,E (2437)-Vitiugov,N (2482)/Nojabrsk/2005/*)* 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Qc5 Qb8 12.Bg5

A1) 12...d5!? 13.0-0-0 Bd7 *(13...dxe4∞; 13...Qe5!?)* 14.Qe3 Qd6? *(⌓14...Bc6)* 15.c4 Qe5 16.exd5 Qxe3+ 17.Bxe3 Rfc8 18.Kb2 Ba4 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Bd3± Savchenko,B (2655)-Timofeev,A (2677)/Havana/2009/;

A2) 12...d6 13.Qd4 e5 14.Qd2

A2a) 14...Be6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Bd3 Qc7 *(16...Kh8 17.f4 Qc7 18.f5 Bc4 19.Qh6 Bxd3 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Qg5+* 1/2, Solovjov,S (2456)-Klimov,S (2509) /St Petersburg/2005/*)* 17.0-0 Kg7 *(17...Bc4 18.Qh6 Bxd3 19.cxd3 Qxc3 20.Qxf6 Qd4+ 21.Kh1 Rae8 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Rab1 Re6 25.Qg5+ Rg6 26.Qd2 b6 27.Rfc1±* Korneev,O (2645)-Iljin,A (2548) /RUS-chT2 Sochi/2008/*)* 18.f4 Rg8 19.f5 Bd7 20.Rf3 Kf8 21.Rh3 Ke7 22.Rh6 *(⌓22.Rxh7∞ /±*) 22...Rg4 23.g3 Rag8 24.Rxh7 Qc5+ 25.Kg2 Bc6 26.Re1 d5↑ Kulaots,K (2530)-Grachev,B (2610)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2008/;

A2b) 14...Qc7 15.Bd3 *(15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Bd3 Qc5!?∞)* 15...Nd7 16.0-0 Nb6 17.Rfd1 f6 18.Be3 Be6 19.a4 Rfd8= /∓,1/2, Swinkels,R (2448)-Klimov,S (2484)/Maastricht/2008/;

B) 7.Be2 Be7 8.f4 d6 can lead to standard Scheveningen positions (B85), but with this move order Black must reckon also with the double-edged 9.Qd2!? a6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 *(10...h5 11.h3 h4 12.Rhf1 Bd7 13.Nf3 b5 14.e5 b4 15.Na4 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nd5 17.Nb6 Nxb6 18.Bxb6 Qxb6 19.Qxd7+ Kf8 20.Qd3 g6 21.Qe4 Kg7 22.Bd3 Raf8 23.Nd2 Nd4 24.Qg4 Qc5 25.Nc4 Nc6 26.Rde1 Rh6 27.Rf4 a5 28.Kb1 a4⇄* Andreikin,D (2686)-Grachev,B (2675)/RUS-chT Olginka/2011/*)* 11.g4 b5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.a3 Bb7 14.g5 Nc5 15.Rhf1 Qc7 16.Bd4 0-0 17.f5 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.f6 Rfc8 20.c3 Bd8 21.fxg7 e5 22.Be3 Be7 23.Bh5 Bg6 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Rf3 Kxg7 26.Qd5 Rf8 27.Rdf1 1/2, Caruana,F (2709)-Movsesian,S (2721)/Reggio Emilia/2011/ Qc4 28.Rxf7+ Kh8=;

C) 7.Bd3 Nxd4 *(7...a6 8.0-0* -6...a6 *)* 8.Bxd4 Bc5 is an attempt to emulate the game continuation, first employed by Tal almost 50 years ago: However, White can try to profit from the missing a6 with the direct

C1) 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Qe2 *(10.0-0 d6 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.a4 h5!? 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Rad1 Nb6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Nc4 19.Rd4 Nxb2 20.Rb1 Rxc3 21.Rxb2 0-0 22.g3=* 1/2, Cornette,M (2482)-Hamdouchi,H (2602)/La Roche sur Yon/2007/*)* 10...d6 11.Bb5+

C1a) 11...Bd7 12.Bxd7+ *(12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.f3 a6 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.Qd2 Ne5 16.Qd4 Kc7 17.Qxc5+ dxc5 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rd6 20.Rxd6 Kxd6 21.Nd1 Ng6=* Velicka,P (2437)-Delchev,A (2550)/EU-ch Batumi/2002/*)* 12...Nxd7 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Rfd1 a6 15.a4 Ne5 16.Rdc1 0-0 17.Nd1 d5 18.exd5 exd5 19.c3 Rfe8 20.Ne3 Nc4∓ Geller,E-Tal,M/ Curacao ct/1962/;

C1b) 11...Ke7!? 12.0-0 a6 13.Bd3 e5 *(13...b5 14.a3 Bb7 15.Kh1 h5⇄* 1/2, Gagunashvili,M (2577)-Horvath,J (2519)/EU-Cup Rethymnon/ 2003/ *)* 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Bb3 Rac8 16.Kh1 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Qe3 Rhd8 19.Rfd1 Qc5 20.Qe2 b5 21.a3 a5 22.Rac1 Qc4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.f3 b4↑ Kalegin,E (2453)-Grachev,B (2668)/St Petersburg/2010/;

C2) 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Qg4 Ke7 11.0-0 b6 12.e5 Bb7 13.Be4 fxe5 14.Nb5 Qb8 15.b4 Bxe4 16.Qg5+ Kf8 17.Qh6+ Ke8 18.Qg7 Rf8 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rab1 Bxc2 21.Nc3 Bxb1 22.Rxb1 Qd6-+ Zemtsov,I (2387)-Novikov,S (2523)/Belgorod/2008/;

C3) 9.Nb5!? Qb6 10.Bxc5 Qxc5 11.0-0 0-0 *(11...a6 12.b4 Qb6 13.e5 axb5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Qe2 Qd4 16.a3 Rg8 17.Bxb5 Rg5 18.c4 Re5 19.Qc2 Rh5 20.Rfd1 Qe5 21.h3±* Handke,F (2471)-Djingarova,E (2292)/ Andorra/2002/ *)* 12.Qe2 e5 *(12...a6 13.e5↑)* 13.Qe3!?±]

7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Stohl: '-6…a6' **8...Nxd4** At this important opening crossroads Black has a wide choice of alternatives.

[Earlier Movsesian used to play 8...h5 , but he didn't fully solve Black's opening problems after 9.h3 Bd6 10.Re1 *(10.Nxc6 dxc6 11.f4 e5 12.f5 b5⇄)* 10...Bh2+ 11.Kh1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Be5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Qd2 g5 15.Nd5! Nxd5 16.exd5 Qf6 *(16...Qxd5 17.Qc3±)* 17.Be4⟳ g4 18.Re3 gxh3 19.Rxh3 d6 20.dxe6 Bxe6 21.Qc3 Qxc3 22.Rxc3 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8 24.Re1 Kd8 25.Bd5 h4± 1/2, Dgebuadze,A (2521)-Movsesian,S (2711)/Bundesliga 0910/ 2009/]

[Navara with Black tried 8...Bd6 9.h3 b5 *(9...Bf4 10.Bxf4 Qxf4 11.Nxc6 dxc6 12.a4 Qc7 13.a5 e5 14.Qd2 Be6 15.Na4 Rd8 16.Qc3 0-0 17.Nc5 Bc8 18.Rad1 Nh5 19.Bc4 Nf4 20.b4 Qe7 21.Qf3 h5 22.c3 g5⇄* Topalov,V (2635)-Lautier,J (2645)/Madrid/1993/*)* 10.Nb3 *(10.Nxc6 Qxc6∞)* 10...Bf4 11.Qd2 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 0-0 13.f4 d6 14.Rae1 Qa7 15.Kh2 Qxe3 16.Rxe3 Bb7 17.Rd1 Rfd8 18.Be2 Rab8 19.Bf3 Kf8 20.Red3 Ke7 21.R3d2 b4 22.Na4 e5 23.g3 Bc8 24.c4 Be6= Vescovi,G (2633)-Navara,D (2660)/Wijk aan Zee-B/2006/]

[8...b5 9.Nxc6 *(9.Qe2 Bb7 10.a3 Be7 11.f4 d6 12.Nf3 0-0 13.Rae1 b4⇄ 14.Nd1?! bxa3 15.bxa3 e5 16.Nf2 exf4 17.Bxf4 Ne5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Bg5 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6∓* Polgar,J (2630)-Ljubojevic,L (2580)/Buenos Aires/1994/*)* 9...Qxc6 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qe2 *(11.Qf3 Bd6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Rfe1 Bxf4 14.Qxf4*

d6 15.Re3 Nd7 16.Qh4 Ne5 17.Nd5 Ng6 18.Ne7+ Nxe7 19.Qxe7 Rae8 20.Qg5 Qc5 21.Qxc5 dxc5 22.a4 Ra8= Leko,P (2763)-Kramnik,V (2744)/Dortmund/2005/*)* 11...Be7 12.f4 0-0 13.Bd4 *(13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 Qc6 17.Rac1 Bc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Rfb8 21.b4 Bc6 22.f5 a5 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.Bxe6+ dxe6 25.Rxc6 axb4 26.axb4 Ra1+ 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Rxb4 29.Rxe6 Rb5=* Landa,K (2615)-Tregubov,P (2658)/Novokuznetsk/2008/*)* 13...Bc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Kh1 Qh5 *(⌓15...d6)* 16.Rf3 *(16.Qxh5!? Nxh5 17.e5 f6 18.Be2 g6 19.Rad1±)* 16...Rfe8 *(16...d6!?=)* 17.Qe1 Ng4 18.Qg1 f5 19.Re1 d5 20.Rh3 Qg6 21.e5 d4 22.Ne2 Ne3 23.Rg3 Qh6 24.Nxd4 Nxg2 25.Rxg2 Qxf4 26.Qe3± /±, Golubev,M (2487)-Tregubov,P (2647)/Manama/2009/]

[The most common reaction is 8...Ne5 9.h3 Bc5 *(≤9...b5?! 10.f4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.Qd3 Bb7 13.a4 Qxd3 14.cxd3 b4 15.Nce2 Bc5 16.Rfc1 d6 17.Kf2↑ \ )*

A) 10.Kh1 d6 11.f4 Ng6 12.Qe1 0-0 13.f5 Ne5 14.Qh4 Bd7 15.Rf3 was considered very dangerous for Black, but it's far from clear to say so, at least after exf5!? 16.exf5 *(16.Raf1 Nxf3 17.gxf3 Qb6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 Rfd8 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Ne4 Qc6 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6-+* De Reu,P-Borisovs,L/corr/2007/*)* 16...Nxf3 17.gxf3 Bc6 18.Rg1 Bxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Bxe3 20.Qxf6 Bxg1 21.Qg5 Qc5 22.Qxg1 Rfe8∓ Straka,Z (2461)-Versili,M (2416)/corr/2005/;

B) 10.f4

B1) 10...Nc6 11.Nf5 Bxe3+ *(11...Qb6 12.Nxg7+ Kf8 13.Bxc5+ Qxc5+ 14.Kh1 Kxg7 15.e5⩱ →)* 12.Nxe3 d6 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qe1!? Qe7 *(14...b5 15.Qh4 Re8 16.g4 Bb7 17.g5 Nd7 18.f5 Nce5 19.f6 Ng6 20.Qh5 Nde5 21.Ng4 Nxg4 22.hxg4 d5 23.Rf3 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Red8 25.fxg7 Kxg7 26.Raf1→* Wagner,D (2112)-Stahnecker,L (1991)/Oberhof/2010/*)* 15.Qg3 b5 16.e5 Ne8 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 Bb7 19.Ne4 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Ng5 h6 22.Ne4 Kh8 23.Qg6 Qe8 24.Nxd6+- Mitkov,N (2529)-Esplana,C (2352)/Bled/2002/;

B2) 10...d6!? 11.Qe2 Ng6 12.Nb3 Bxe3+ 13.Qxe3 0-0 14.Rae1 b5⇄ is probably the critical position in this branch.]

9.Bxd4 Bc5 10.Be2!? A relatively rare move, White tries to create play on the ⇔d.

[The most natural continuation is 10.Bxc5 Qxc5 , but here it's not easy to prove an edge for White: 11.Kh1 *(11.Qe2 d6 12.Kh1 e5 13.f4 Bg4 14.Qe1 Be6* transposes to 11.♔h1*; 11.Na4 Qc7 12.c4 b6 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Rac1 d6 15.Qe3 Nd7 16.Rfd1 0-0 17.Bf1 Rfd8 18.Qd4 Qc6 19.Nc3 Nf6 20.f3 h6 21.b3 Rab8 22.Rc2 Qc7 23.Rcd2 Bc6 24.a4= /±,* Anand,V (2635)-Ljubojevic,L (2590)/Linares/1991/ with a typical Hedgehog position - White has more space and is perhaps somewhat better, but Black's setup is very solid. *)* 11...d6 12.f4 e5

A) The ♙-sacrifice 13.Nd5 is inconclusive: Nxd5 *(13...Be6?! 14.b4 Qc6 15.c4 exf4 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Rxf4 Qb6 18.Qe1 Qd4 19.Rd1 Qe5 20.Qf2 Ke7 21.Rf1±* Carlsen,M (2775)-Grachev,B (2640)/Moscow blitz/2008/*)* 14.exd5

Qxd5 15.Qh5 Be6!? *(15...g6 16.Qh4 Be6 17.Rae1 f5 18.b3 Kf7 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Qg3 Kf6 21.Qh4+ Kf7 22.Qg3 Kf6 23.Be4 Qc5 24.Bxb7 Ra7=* Teske,H (2493)-Wegerle,J (2415)/Neustadt an den Weinstrasse/2008/*)* 16.f5 *(⌓16.Rae1 0-0-0!?∞)* 16...Bd7 17.Rad1 Bc6 18.Qg4 h5 19.Qxg7 0-0-0 20.Be2 Rhg8 21.Qxg8 Rxg8 22.Rxd5 Bxd5 23.Rf2 h4 24.Kg1 Kd7∓ ⊥⊞↑, Zezulkin,J (2455)-Cyborowski,L (2531)/Wroclaw/2011*/*

B) 13.Qe1 Be6 Stohl: 'transposes to 11. ♔h1' *(13...0-0 14.Qh4 exf4 15.Nd5!? Nxd5 16.exd5 f5 17.Rae1 b5 18.Qxf4 Ra7 19.c4 bxc4 20.Bxc4 a5 21.b3 Raf7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Rfe1* Motylev,A (2532)-Straub,N (2343)/Koszalin/1999/ *a4⇄)* 14.Rd1 *(14.f5 Bd7 15.Rf3 Bc6 16.a3 b5 17.b4 Qb6 18.Rd1 h6 19.Qh4 Qb7 20.Rg3 Kf8 21.Re3 Qb6 22.Qg3 Rd8 23.Re2 Kg8 24.Nb1 Kh7 25.Nd2 Rhe8∓* Timman,J (2579)-Ljubojevic,L (2570)/Enschede/2003/ *)* 14...exf4 15.Nd5!?⟳ *(15.Rxf4 Qe5 16.Qd2 0-0 17.Rdf1 Nd7 18.Be2 Rac8=* 1/2, Fedorov,A (2617)-Potkin,V (2556)/Abu Dhabi/2006/*)* White tries to profit from his lead in development, but Black should hold after 15...Nxd5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.Rxf4 Qe5 18.Re4 Qf6

B1) 19.Qb4 0-0 20.Rf1 *(20.Rd4!?=)* 20...Qe7 21.Rfe1 Rae8 22.h3 Qc7 23.Rd4 Qc5 24.a3 a5 25.Qd2 g6 26.c3 Bd7 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Be4 b6 29.Bf3 Qe5 30.Re4 Qg3∓ Stellwagen,D (2462)-Nisipeanu,L (2666)/Vlissingen/2003/;

B2) ⌓19.Rb4 0-0 20.Rxb7 g6 21.Qg3 Rfd8 22.Rf1 Qe5 23.b3 a5 24.a4 Qxg3 25.hxg3 Kf8 26.Kg1 Rdb8 27.Rb5 Bd7 28.Rxb8+ *(28.Rd5!?)* 28...Rxb8 29.Bc4 f5= Fressinet,L (2656)-Timman,J (2561)/FRA-chT/2008/]

[Swapping the dark-squared ♗ for a ♘ is very committal, White can easily end up in a strategically inferior position: 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qg4 *(11.Qd2 h5 12.Rae1 b5 13.e5 f5 14.Kh1 Bb7 15.f3 h4 16.h3 Rd8 17.Qg5 Kf8 18.a4 b4 19.Ne2 Be7 20.Qf4 d6 21.Qxb4 dxe5↑* ⊞, Dgebuadze,A (2544)-Laznicka,V (2591)/Bundesliga 0809/2008/*)* 11...Kf8 12.Kh1 h5 13.Qh4 Be7 14.f4 b5 15.f5 Qe5 16.Rae1 Bb7 17.Ne2!? *(17.Nd1 Kg7 18.Rf3 Rag8 19.c3 Kf8 20.Ne3 Rg5 21.Re2 Rhg8 22.Bc2 Bc5↑* Fedorov,A (2646)-Miezis,N (2518)/Istanbul olm/2000*/)* 17...Kg7 18.Ng1 *(18.c3!? Δ*♘d4-f3 *)* 18...Rag8 19.Nf3 Qc5∞ Shanava,K (2477)-Laznicka,V (2517)/Olomouc/2005/]

10...e5

[However, the more restrained 10...d6 also deserves attention and is in fact more popular:

A) 11.Bxc5 Qxc5 12.Qd3 b5 13.Rad1 Ke7 14.a3 Bb7 15.Rd2 Rac8 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 e5 19.Rb4 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5+ Bxd5 22.c3 f5 23.Kf1 Bc6 24.g3 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 f4 26.Ke1 g5∓ Spassky,B-Kortschnoj,V/URS-ch Moscow/1961/;

B) 11.Qd2 b5 12.Rad1 Bb7 13.Bf3 Rd8 14.e5 *(14.Bxf6!? gxf6 15.Qh6 Ke7∞)* 14...Bxf3 15.exf6 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Bxd1 Golubev,M (2560)-Tregubov,P (2495)/Alushta/1994/ 17.Nd5 Qc5 18.Qxc5 dxc5 19.fxg7 Rg8 20.Nf6+ Ke7 21.Nxg8+ Rxg8 22.Rxd1 Rxg7= Golubev;

C) 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qd2 h5 13.Kh1 h4 14.h3 Bd7 15.f4 Ke7 *(15...0-0-0!?)* 16.Bf3 Rad8 17.Rae1 Bc8 18.Nd1 Bd7 19.Nf2 Bb5 20.Be2 Bxf2 21.Rxf2 Qb6 22.Bf3 Bc6 23.c4 Qc5 24.Rc1 a5= Skorchenko,D (2511)-Vorobiov,E (2550)/Novokuznetsk/2008/;

D) 11.Qd3

D1) 11...e5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qd6 15.f4 0-0 16.f5 f6 17.Qe4 Bd7= Marin,S (2339)-Morales Rivera,J (2350)/Bogota/2006/;

D2) 11...b5 12.Rfd1 *(12.Rad1 Bb7 13.a3 Rd8 14.Rd2 e5 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Qxd8+ Qxd8 17.Rxd8+ Kxd8 18.Rd1+ Kc7 19.f3=* 1/2,Ravinsky,G-Taimanov,M/Leningrad/1957/*)* 12...Bb7 13.Bxf6!? *(13.Qg3 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 e5 15.Qxg7 exd4 16.Qxf6 Rg8 17.Qxd4 Qc5 18.Qd3 0-0-0 19.a4 b4 20.Nd5 Kb8 21.g3 f5± /⇄,* Bobras,P (2525)-Bachmann Schiavo,A (2659)/Playchess blitz/2005/*)* 13...gxf6 14.b4 Bb6 15.a4 0-0 16.axb5± Hirneise,J (2251)-Strunsky,A (2294)/Obersulm/2008/;

D3) ⌓11...Bxd4 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qb4 Be6 14.Rad1 Qc5 15.a3 0-0-0 16.Rd2 Qxb4 17.axb4 d5= 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Rxd5 20.Rxd5 1/2,Mamedov,N (2463)-Delchev,A (2656)/Balaguer/2005/]

(Diagram)

Black chooses a forcing move. **11.Bxc5**

[11.Be3!? Bxe3 12.fxe3 d6 13.Rxf6 gxf6 14.Nd5 Qc6 15.Nxf6+ Kd8 16.Bc4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qg4 Kc7 19.Qxe6 Rad8 20.c3 Kb8 21.Rf1 Qc8 22.Qxc8+ Kxc8 23.g4 Rdf8 24.g5≅ Golubev,M (2520)-Aroshidze,L (2411)/EUCup Izmir/2004/]

11...Qxc5 12.Qd3

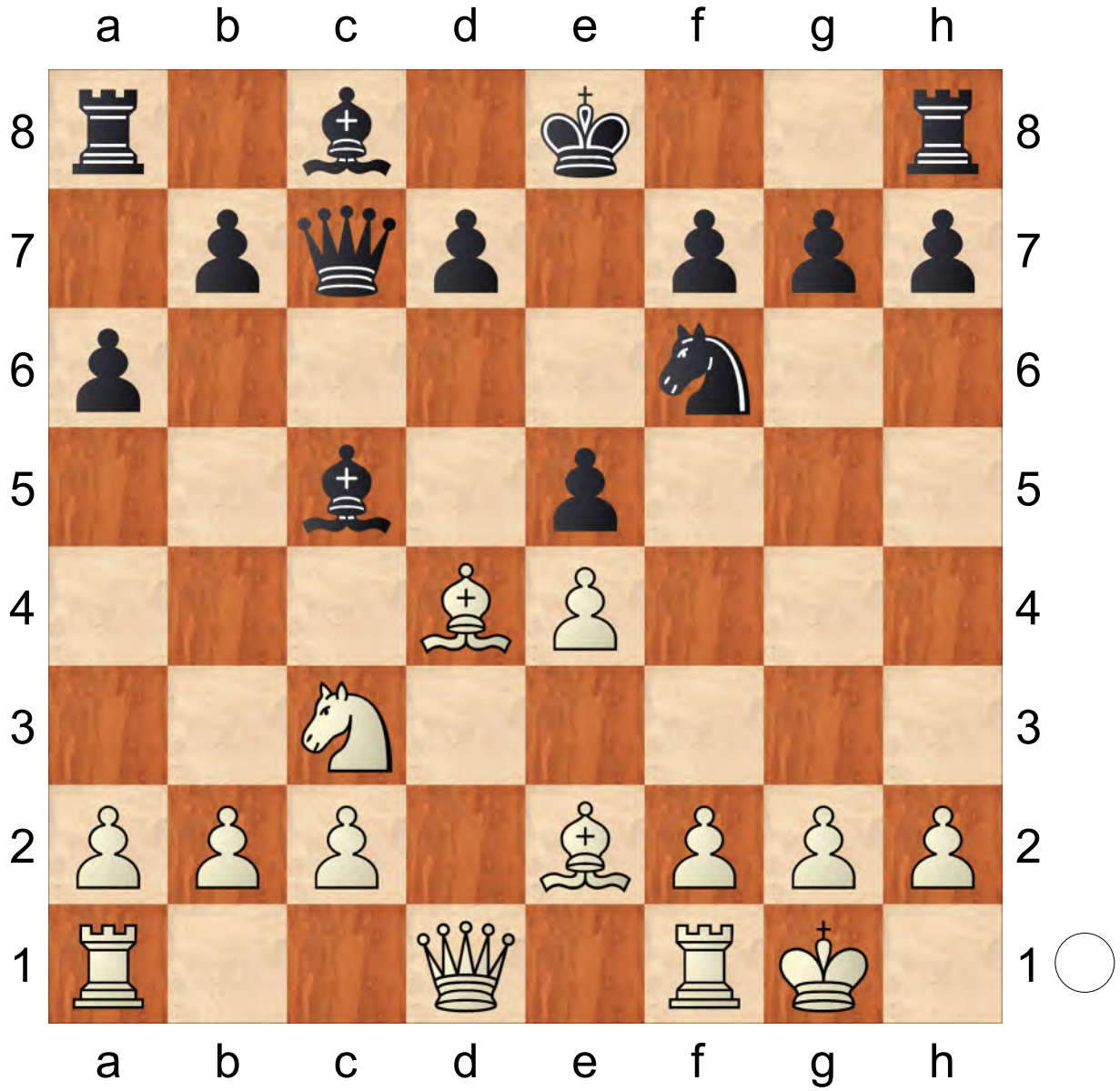
[12.a4 d6 13.Qd3 Be6 14.Rad1 Rd8 15.Kh1 0-0 16.f4 exf4 17.Qd2 d5 18.Rxf4 d4 19.Nb1 Qe5 20.Bf3 g5 21.Rf5 Bxf5 22.Qxg5+ Kh8 23.exf5 Rfe8∓ Hector,J (2500)-Sjoberg,M (2430)/Gothenburg/1997/]

[12.Kh1 b5 *(⌓12...d6 Δ 13.f4 exf4 14.Rxf4 Qe5=)* 13.f4 d6 *(13...exf4? 14.e5!+-)* 14.Qd3 Be6 15.Rad1 0-0 16.Qxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 b4 18.Nd5 Nxe4 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Rxa6 Rxa6 21.Bxa6 Nc5 22.Be2 Re8 23.Nc6 exf4 24.Nxb4 Bxa2 25.Bb5 Rb8 26.Nxa2 Rxb5 27.b4 Ne6 28.c4± Smirnov,P (2511)-Tregubov,P (2628)/EU-ch Ohrid/2001/]

[12.Qd2 b5 13.Rad1 Bb7 14.a3 0-0 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rfe1 a5 17.h3 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.Re3 Rc4 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Rfc8= Fedorov,A (2599)-Safarli,E (2607)/St Petersburg/2010/]

12...b5

[Black will have problems with his ♔ in the ⊞ after ≤12...d6 13.Rad1 Ke7 14.Qg3 *(14.Kh1 Be6 15.f4 Rhc8 16.Na4 Qb4 17.b3 Rd8 18.c4 exf4 19.Rxf4 Nd7 20.Qg3 Kf8 21.Bg4 Kg8 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Rg4→* Golubev,M (2545)-Landa,K (2510)/Biel/1994/*)* 14...Rg8 *(⌓14...Kf8±)* 15.Rd5! Qc6 16.Rfd1 Be6 17.Rxd6



Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Kxd6 19.f4 exf4 20.Qxf4+ Kc6 21.e5 Nd7 22.Qb4 Kc7 23.Bf3 Rab8 24.Nd5++- Bxd5 25.Qd6+ Kc8 26.Bxd5 Rf8 27.e6 1-0, Bobras,P (2435)-Cherepov,A (2271)/Augustow/2004/]

13.a4!?N If Black consolidates his position, he will be doing fine, so Navara decides to act. The text-move strives for an ⊥, in which White wants to profit from the \ ♙.

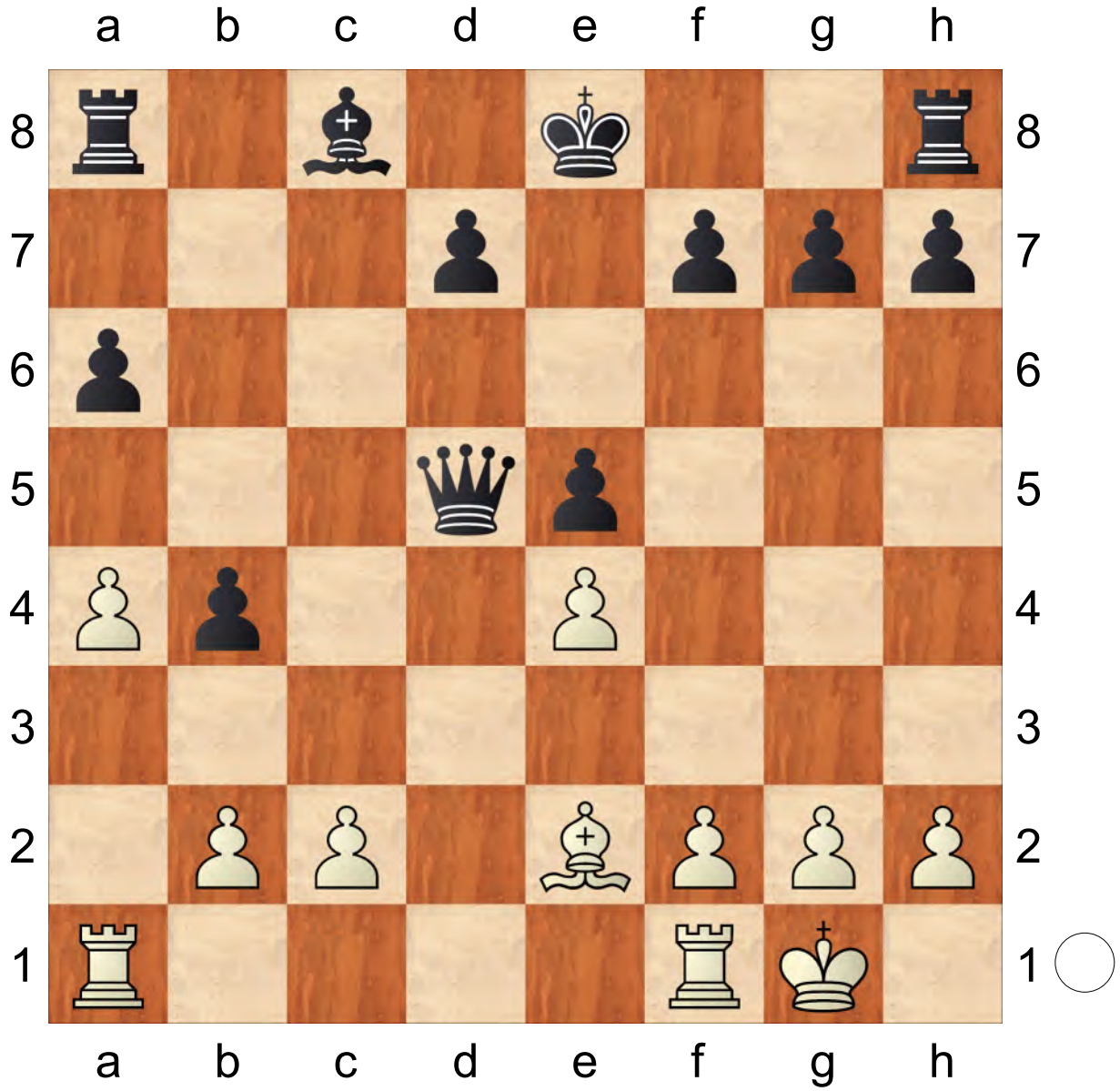
[13.b4 Qxb4 14.a4 Bb7 15.Rfb1 Qc5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.Rxb5 Qc7 19.Qc4 Qxc4 20.Bxc4 0-0 21.f3 Rc8 22.Bb3 d6 23.Nd1 Bc6 24.Ra5 Ra8 25.Rxa8+ Bxa8 26.Ne3 Kf8 27.Kf2 1/2, Landenbergue,C (2393)-Gheorghiu,F (2459)/SUI-chT/2002/]

[13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Bf3 Rc8 15.a3 0-0 16.Rd2 Rfe8 17.h3 Bc6 18.Qd6 Qc4 19.Qd3 Qc5 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 a5 22.b4 Ra8∓ Muller,A (2120)-Milliet,S (2364)/FRA-chT/2009/]

13...b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5

[15.exd5 Bb7 16.Rfd1 0-0 17.c3 Rac8= *(17...f5!?)*]

15...Qxd5



16.exd5 d6

[16...Ke7 17.f4 *(17.a5 Kd6!? 18.Ra4 Rb8 19.f4 Re8⇄)* 17...e4 18.a5! *(18.Rfd1 a5=)* 18...Kd6 19.Rfd1 Re8 20.Ra4↑]

17.f4! f6

[17...e4 18.a5± ○∇a6, b4, Δ♔f2-e3]

18.a5 Ke7

[18...Bd7 19.fxe5 *(19.c3 Ke7=)* 19...dxe5!? 20.c4 Rc8⇄]

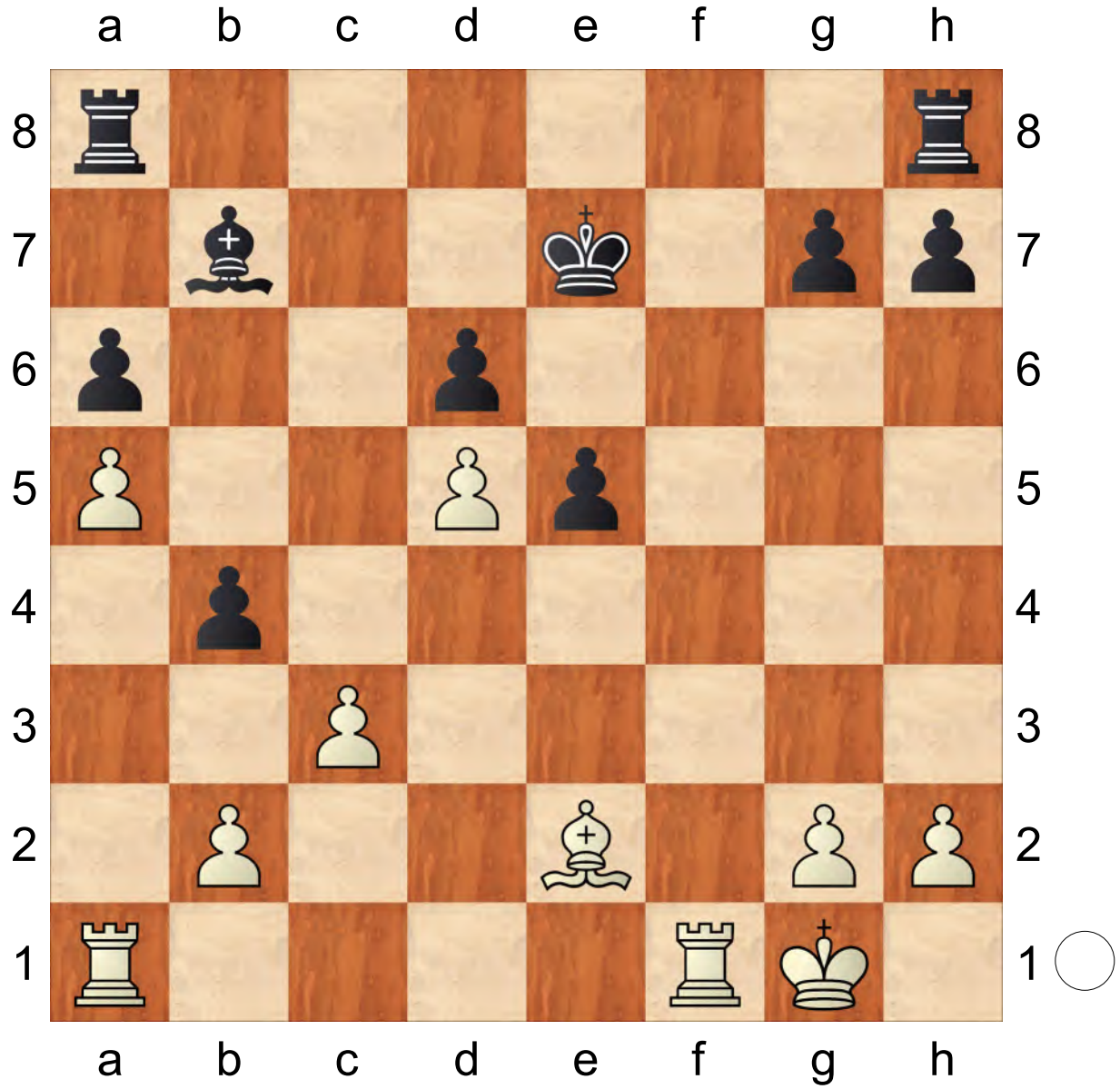
19.fxe5 fxe5

[19...dxe5!?∞]

20.c3!? Bb7?

[20...bxc3 21.bxc3 Bd7 22.Rfb1± ⇔b]

[⌓20...Bd7!?= ⇄]



This starts tipping the scales in White's favour. **21.c4** Black loses a tempo, as he must meet the ♖a4 threat. **21...Bc8**

[21...Rab8 22.Rf3! Ba8 23.Rb3 Rb7 24.Rf1 Rf8 25.Rxf8 Kxf8 26.Bg4±]

22.Rad1! Δc5 Doesn't give Black time for ♗d7 and ♖a(f)c8. **22...Rf8**

[22...Bd7!? 23.c5 Bb5 24.Bxb5 axb5 25.c6 Rxa5 26.Rd3↑]

23.Rxf8 Kxf8 24.c5 dxc5

[24...Ke7 25.c6±]

25.d6 Be6□

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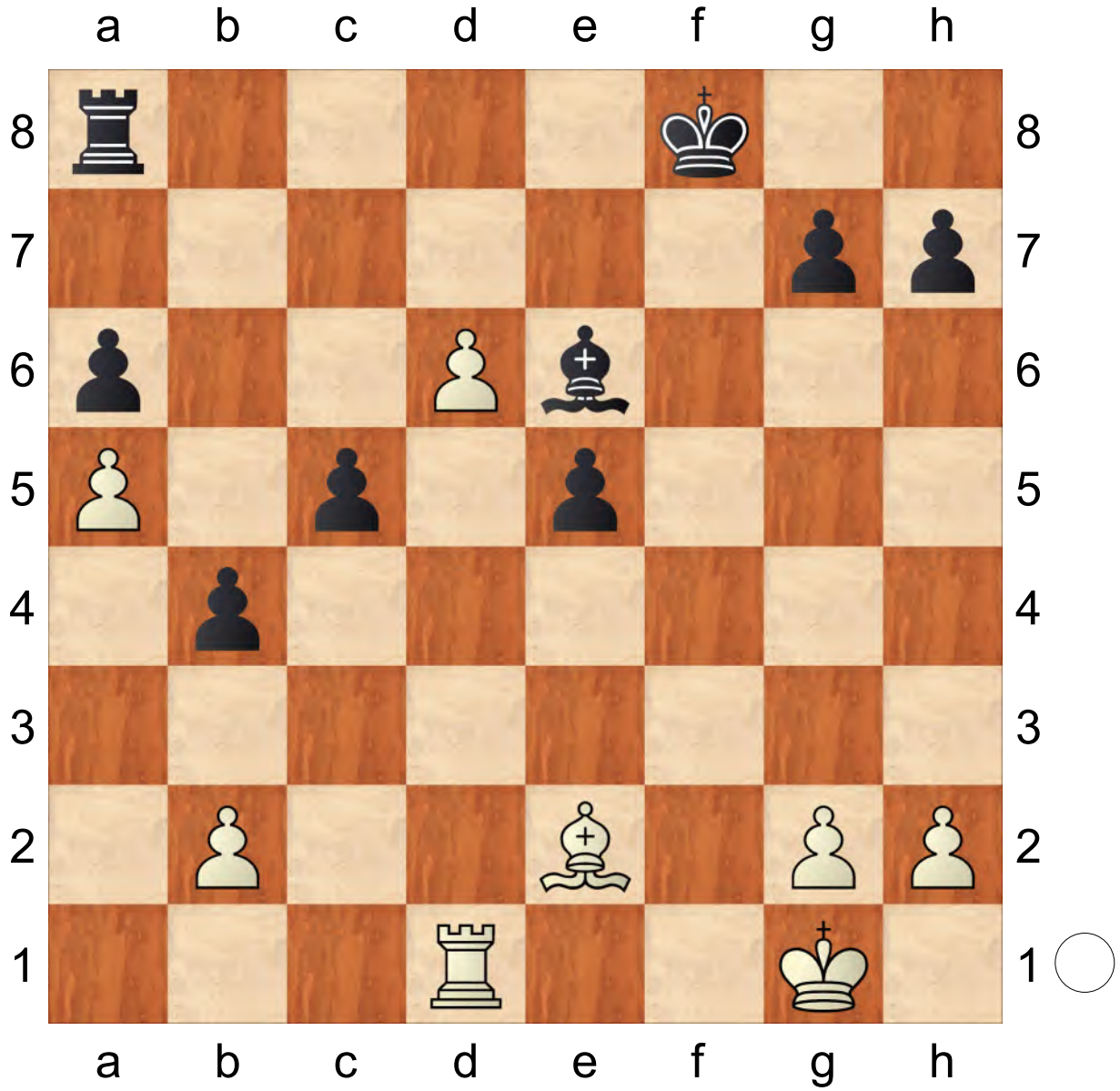

26.Rc1 Ke8□
[26...Rc8? 27.Bxa6 Ra8 28.Bb5 Rxa5 29.Rf1+ Kg8 30.Bc6 Ra7 31.d7! Rxd7□ *(31...Bxd7?? 32.Bd5+)* 32.Bxd7 Bxd7 33.Rc1+-]
[26...Kf7 27.Rxc5 Rc8 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.d7 Bxd7 30.Bxa6±]
27.Rxc5 Kd7 28.Bf3!
[28.Rc7+ Kxd6 29.Rb7 *(29.Rxg7 Rc8⇄)* 29...Kc5 30.Rxg7 Kd4≅ Δ♔e3, ♖c8⇄]
28...Rf8
[28...Ra7 29.Rc6!? *(29.Kf2 Kxd6 30.Rc6+ Ke7 31.Rb6↑)* 29...Bg4 30.Rb6 Bxf3 31.gxf3 Ke6 32.Kf2±]
29.Rc7+ Kxd6 30.Rc6+ Ke7

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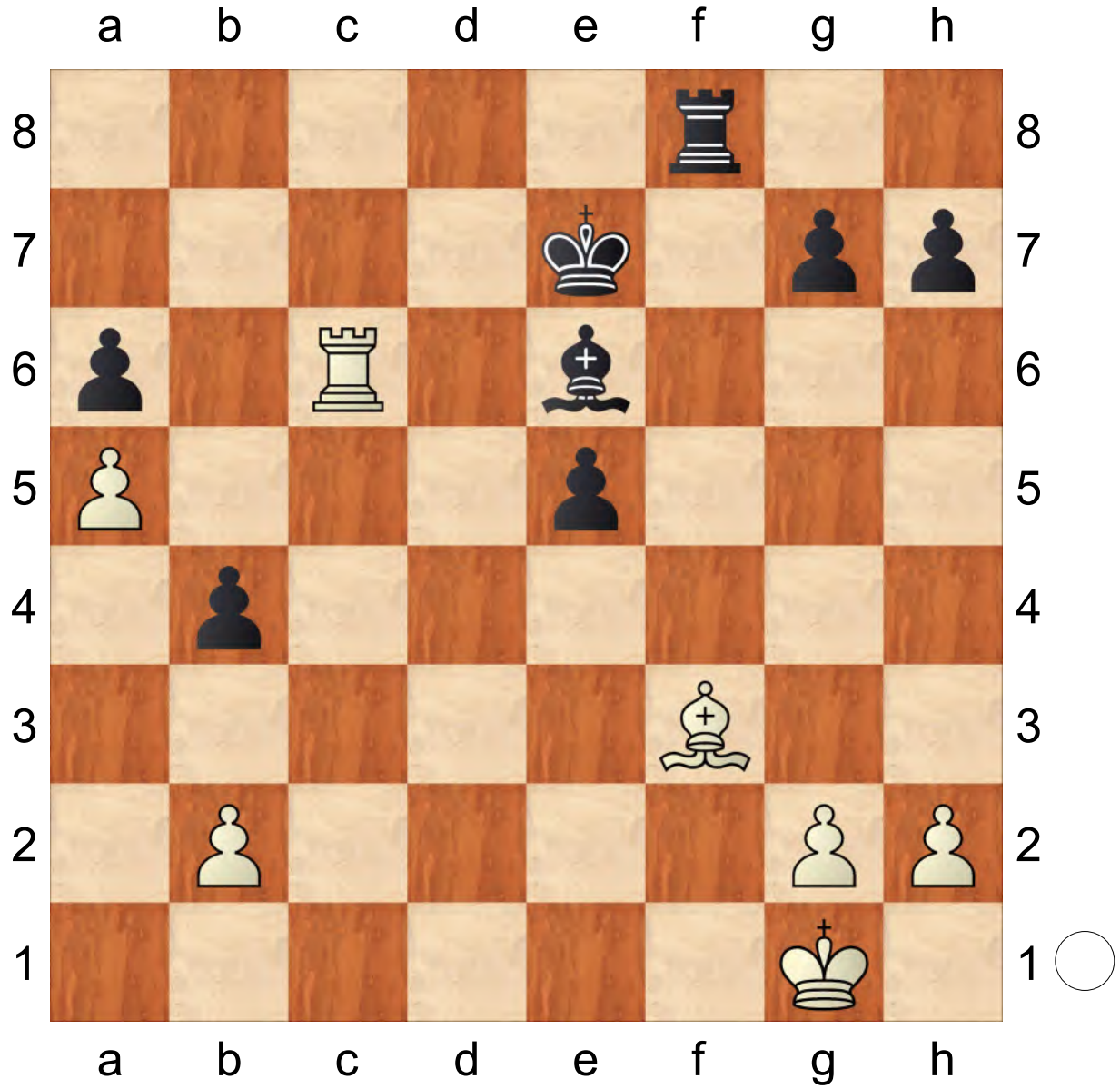
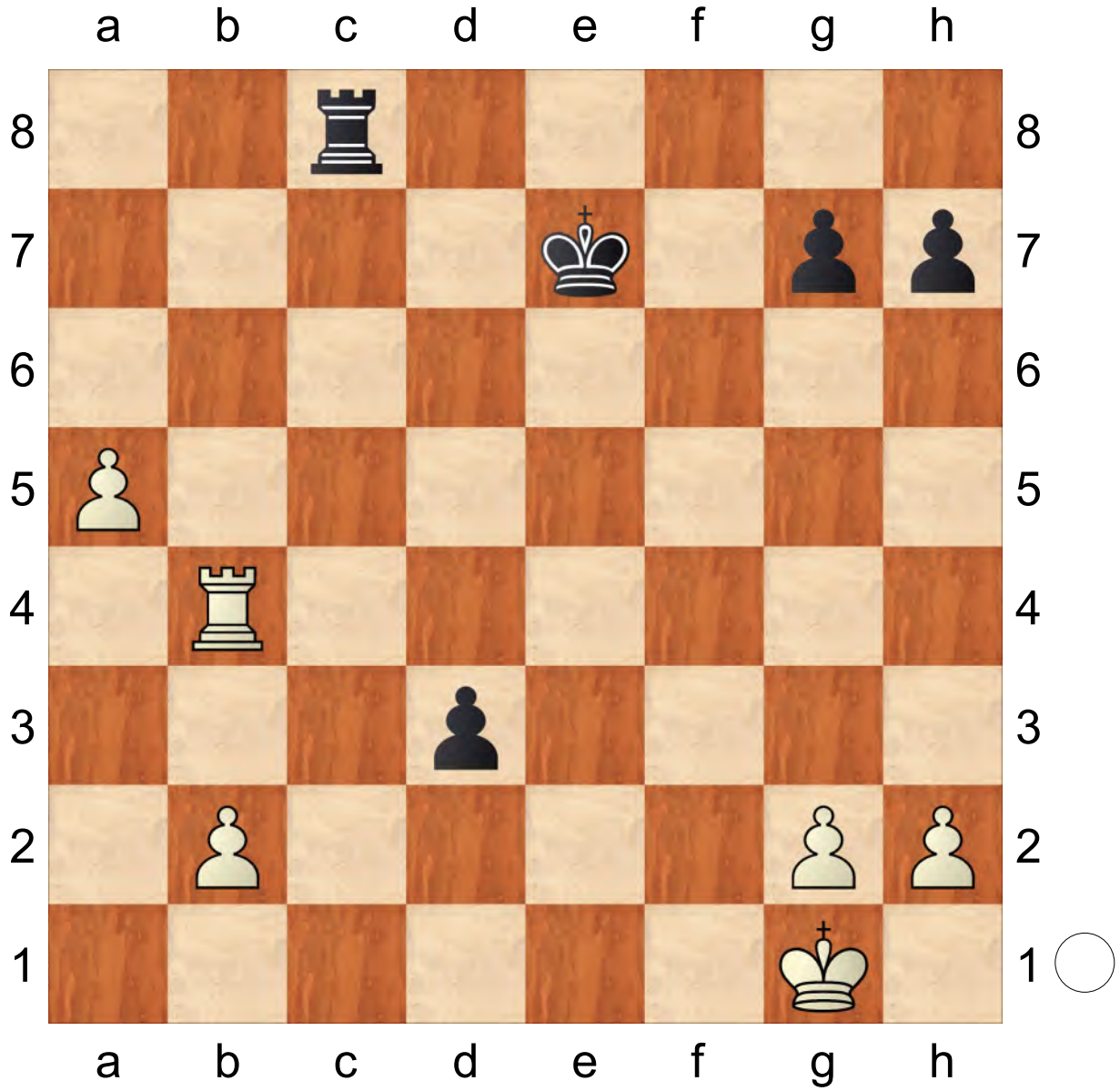


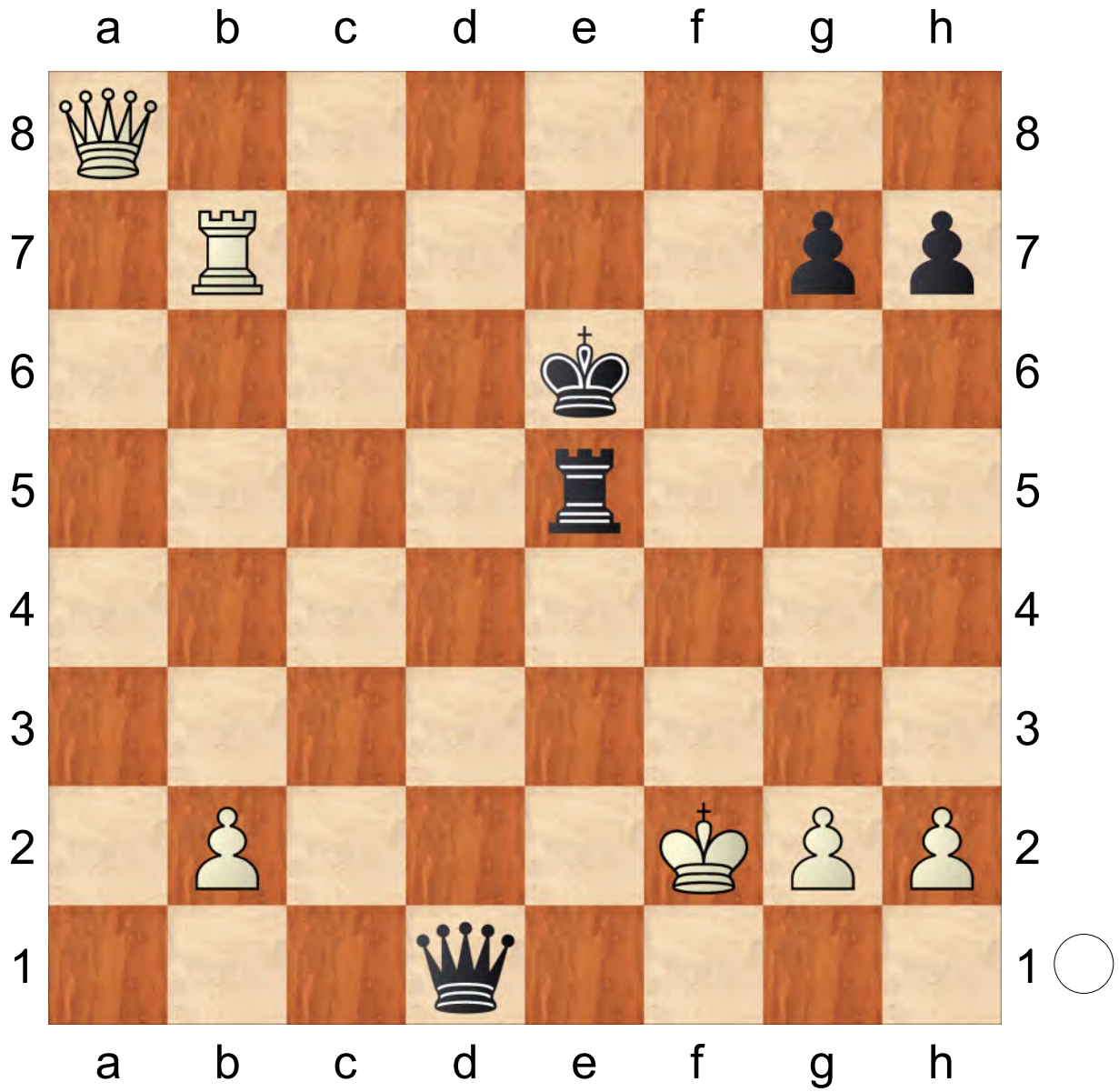
31.Rxa6± ♘a5 31...Bc4
[31...Rb8? 32.Rxe6+ Kxe6 33.a6+-]
[31...b3 32.Rb6 Bc4 Stohl: '-31...b3'
A) 33.a6 e4 34.Rb4 exf3 *(34...Bxa6 35.Rxe4+ Kd6 36.Rb4± /±)* 35.Rxc4 Ra8±;
B) 33.h3 Rf6 34.Kf2!? Rxb6 35.axb6 Kd6 36.Ke3±]
32.Rb6 e4
[32...b3 -31...b3]
33.Rxb4 Bd3 34.Be2! Rc8?! Now White wins by force.
[More resilient was ⌓34...Ra8 35.Bxd3 *(35.Ra4!?±)* 35...exd3 36.Re4+ Kf6 *(36...Kd6 37.Rd4+ Ke5 38.Rxd3 Rxa5±)* 37.Rd4 *(37.b4?! Rd8 38.Re1 Rd4 Δ 39.Kf2 Rxb4 40.Ra1 Re4! 41.a6 d2 42.a7 Re8=)* 37...Rxa5 38.Rxd3 Rb5± /± and White must still show technique to convert the extra ♙.]

35.Bxd3 exd3



36.Kf2 Δ♔e3 **36...Rc5**
[36...Rc2+ 37.Ke3 Rxg2 38.Kxd3 Rxh2 39.a6 Rh1 40.Ra4 Rd1+ 41.Kc4 Rd8 42.a7 Ra8 43.Kc5+-]
37.a6+- Re5
[37...Ra5 38.Rb7+ Kd6 39.a7+-]
38.a7 d2
[38...Ra5 39.Rb7+ Kd6 40.Ke3]
39.Rb7+ Ke6
[39...Kf6 40.a8Q *(40.Rd7+-)* 40...d1Q 41.Qf8+ Stohl: '+-' Stohl: '-39... ♔e6' Ke6 42.Qf7++-]
40.a8Q d1Q

(Diagram)



41.Qc8+

[41.Qc8+ Kf6 *(41...Kd5 42.Qd7+)* 42.Qf8++- -39...♔e6]

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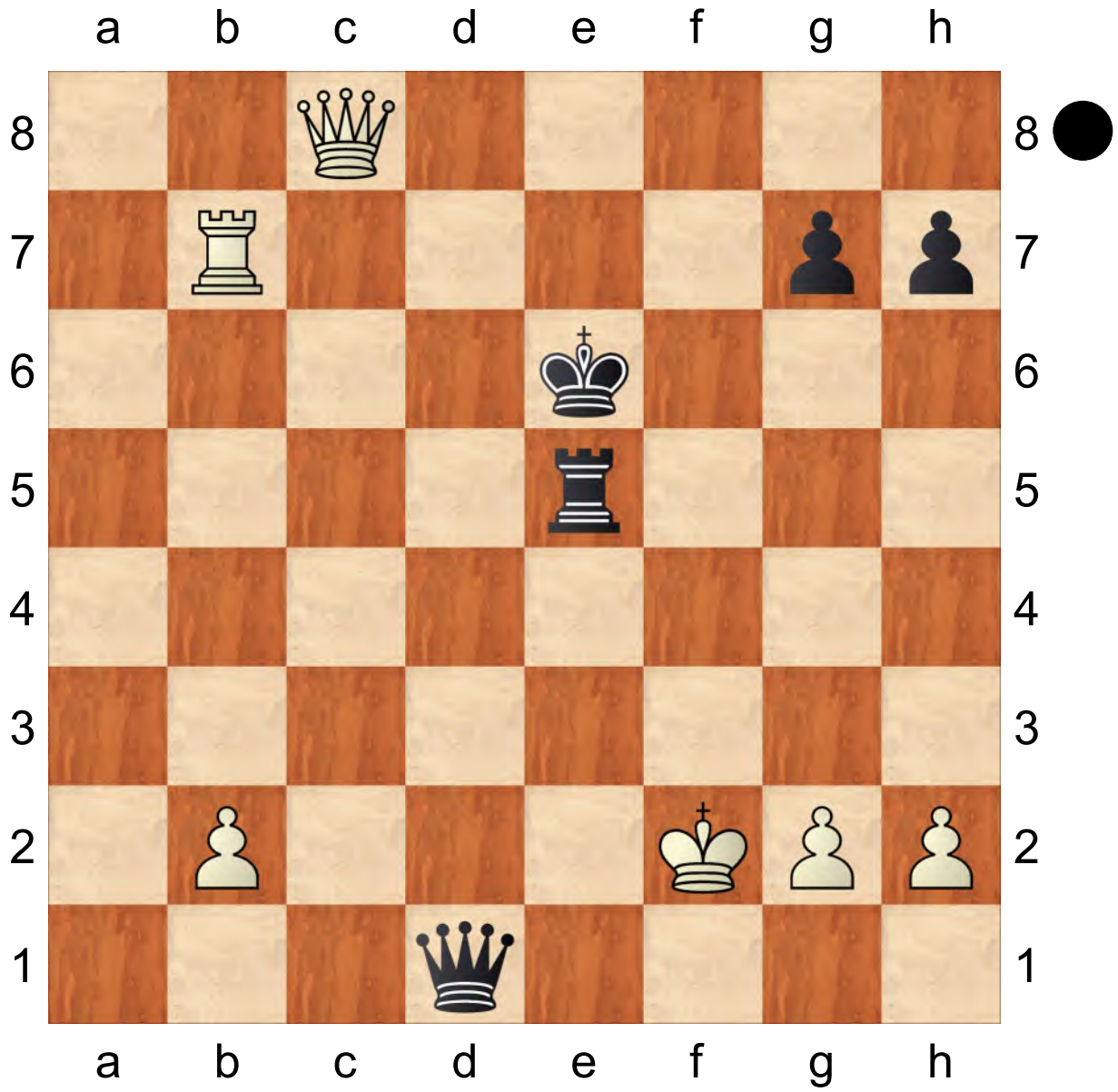
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E15

□ **Ding,Liren** **2766**
■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2769**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6

[Eljanov has recently employed Tiviakov's specialty 4...Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Bg2 c6 with mixed success:

A) 8.e4 d5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e5 Ne4 11.0-0 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 0-0 13.Rfe1 Ba6 14.h4 *(14.a3 Nc6 15.b4 Bc4 16.Qe3 b5 17.Nd2 Qb6 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.Rad1 Rae8 20.f4 g6 21.h4 f6 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Bxd5+ Kg7 24.Bxc4 fxe5 25.dxe5 Rd8⇄* Karpov,A (2780)-Tiviakov,S (2625) Linares 1995. See the notes to this game in CBM 046 by Dautov.*)* 14...Nc6 15.h5N *(15.Ng5* has been tried until now*)* 15...Rc8 16.Rac1 Na5 17.h6 g6 18.Qf4 Nc4 19.Bf1 b5 20.b3 Na3 21.Na4 bxa4 22.Bxa6 Rc2 23.bxa4 Qb6 24.Rxc2 Nxc2 25.Rc1 Nb4⇄ Navara,D (2728)-Eljanov,P (2717) Germany 2016

B) 8.0-0 d5 9.Qb3 0-0 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.Rac1 Rc8 12.Ne1N

B1) 12...c5!? 13.cxd5 cxd4 14.d6 Bxd6 *(14...Bxg2 15.dxe7 Qxe7 16.Kxg2 dxc3 17.Bxc3 Nc5⇄)* 15.Bxb7 Nc5 16.Qc4 Nxb7 17.Qxd4 h6=;

B2) 12...dxc4 13.Qxc4 b5 14.Qb3 Qb6 15.Bg5 h6 *(15...a6 16.Ne4 c5 17.Bxf6±)* 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.e3 c5? *(17...Ba6±)* 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qxb5 Qxb5 20.Nxb5 a6 21.Nc3 cxd4 22.exd4 Rfd8 23.Nf3 Rc4 24.Kf1 g5 25.h3 Rb4 26.Rc2 Kg7 27.b3 Nd5 28.Na4**±** Ding,L (2766)-Eljanov,P (2760) Wijk aan Zee 2016]

5.b3

[5.Qa4 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 bxc5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.Bf4 d6 *(11...Rd8* Kramnik,V (2780)-Carlsen,M (2826) Bilbao 2010/ See the detailed notes to this game in CBM 139*)* 12.Rab1 Nbd7 13.b4 Rfb8 *(* The main line, I mentioned *13...cxb4 14.Qxb4!±* already in 2010.*)* 14.a3 h6 *(14...a6 15.h3 Qc7 16.Qa5 Qxa5 17.bxa5 Ne8 18.e4 f6 19.e5 fxe5 20.Rxb7 Rxb7 21.Nxe5 Rab8 22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Rb1 Bd8 25.Rb8 Bxa5 26.Ne4 Rd8 27.Rxd8 Bxd8 28.Bxd6 Nxd6 29.Nxd6±* Nyzhnyk,I (2614)-Zelbel,P (2368) Germany 2012/ This game possibly inspired Navara...*)* 15.h3 a6 16.g4 Qc7 17.Qa5!? Qxa5 *(17...Qc6 18.Ne1 Qc8⇄)* 18.bxa5 Ne8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 *(19...Bxg2!? 20.Nxd7 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Bxh3 22.f3 f5∞)* 20.Bxb7 Nxc4 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Rb7 *(22.e4 Bd8⇄; 22.Na4!? Nxa5 23.e4±)* 22...Bd8 23.Ne4 Bc7 24.Rc1 Nxa5 25.Rxc7 Nxc7 26.Bxd6 Nb5 27.Bxc5 Nb3 28.Rb1 Nxc5 29.Nxc5 Nxa3 30.Ra1 Nb5 31.Rxa6 Rxa6 32.Nxa6 ½, Navara,D (2730)-Tomashevsky,E (2728) Wijk aan Zee 2016]

5...Bb4+

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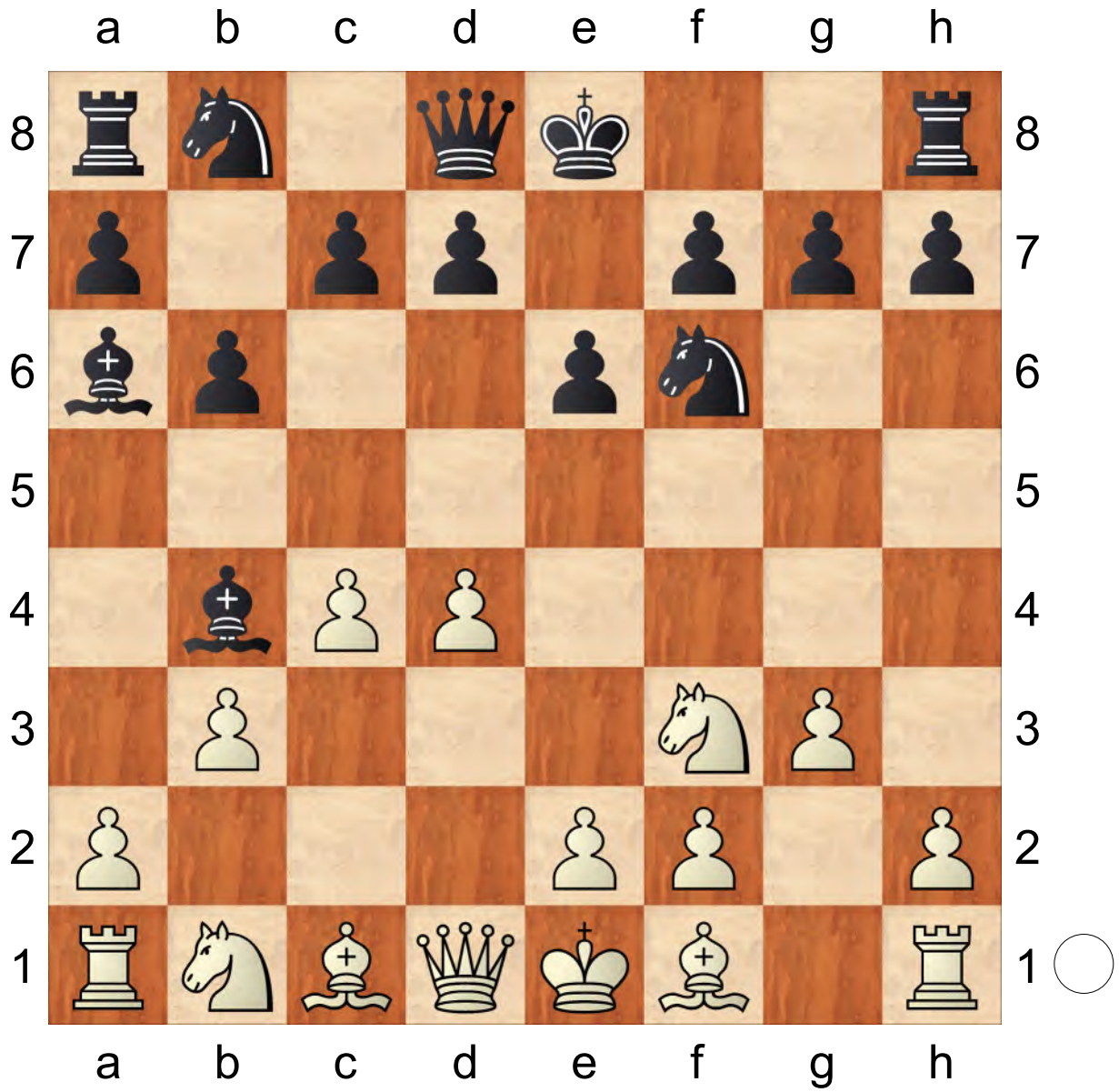


6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 Lately White has been fighting for an edge mainly with the text move.

[The main alternative is 7.Bg2 c6

A) 8.0-0 d5 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 0-0 transposes to a Catalan position, after 11.a4 c5 12.a5 Rc8

A1) 13.axb6 Qxb6 14.Qa2 *(*or *14.Ba5* are more testing continuations *)*;

A2) 13.Qa2N Nb8 *(13...Bb7!=)* 14.axb6 axb6 15.Nc3 dxc4 16.Bf4 cxb3 17.Qxb3 Caruana,F (2802)-Giri,A (2790) Shamkir 2015/ Black should have played Bc4!?⩲ See the notes to this game by Roiz in CBM 166.;

B) 8.Bc3 d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 and now:

B1) There is nothing new in the long drawish line 13.e4 c5 14.exd5 exd5 15.dxc5 dxc4 16.c6 cxb3 17.Re1 b2 18.Bxb2 Nc5 19.Ba3 *(19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.Qg4 Bg5 21.Qxc4 Nd3 22.Be5 Nxe1 23.Rxe1 Bf6 24.Bxf6 Qxf6*

25.c7 Qd6 26.Rc1 b5 27.Qc2 b4 28.Bb7 g6 29.h4 a5 30.Kf1 Kg7 31.Kg2 Rfe8 32.Kg1 Kg8 33.Kf1 Kg7 34.Bxc8 Rxc8 35.Qc5 Qxc5 36.Rxc5 a4 37.Ke2 b3 38.axb3 axb3 39.Kd3 Kf6 40.Kc3 Ke6 41.Kxb3 Kd6= Meier,G (2659)-Almasi,Z (2707) Lubbock 2010*)* 19...Bf6 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Rc1 Bb5 22.Rxc5 Qb6 23.Ne4 Rxc6 24.Rxc6 Qxc6 25.Nxf6+ Qxf6 26.Bd5 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.Qc2 Qd6 29.Qe4 Kf8 30.h4 h6 ½, Le,Q (2697)-So,W (2760) Las Vegas 2015;

B2) 13.Re1!? c5 *(13...f5!?* is fully playable, but not to everyone's taste.*)* 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Rc1 cxd4 *(15...Nf6 16.e3 Bb7 17.Rc2 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Qd7 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Qb1 h5 21.Rd1 Qe6 22.Rc1 g6 23.h3 Rxc1+ 24.Qxc1 Qc6 25.Qb1 Ne4 26.Nf3 Ba3 27.Be5 Qc1+ 28.Qxc1 Bxc1 29.a4 Ba3 30.Bb8 a6 31.Ne5 Be7 32.Bc7 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Ba5 Bd6 35.Nd3 Kf8=* Aronian,L (2752)-Leko,P (2740) Morelia/Linares 2006/ Black gradually neutralised White's slight pressure.*)* 16.Bxd4 Nc5 17.Bb2 d4?! *(⌓17...Qd7* is similar to Aronian-Leko*)* 18.Nf3 d3 19.exd3 Nxd3 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Rxe7 Nxb2 Eljanov,P (2717)-Karjakin,S (2762) WCup Baku 2015 22.Qd2±]

7...c6 An important crossroads. Karjakin changes his preference in comparison with Aronian-Karjakin, Wijk 2014. However, this was hardly a surprise, as he played the text against Aronian already in Stavanger 2014. The notes to these games in CBM 159 and 161 (by Krasenkow) give a detailed overview of the whole line.

[Contrary to what I wrote 2 years ago, Black is recently more willing to go for the strategically imbalanced 7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 *(10...Bb7 11.Qc2 Na6 12.Rfd1 h6 13.Bf4 c6 14.a3 Nc7 15.b4 Ne6 16.Be5 Qd7 17.Nh4 Ne8 18.Nf5 f6 19.Bf4 Nxf4 20.gxf4 Nd6 21.Bh3 Qe8 22.Rd3 Bc8 23.Rg3 Nxf5 24.Bxf5 Bd6 25.e3 b5 26.Kh1↑* Rodshtein,M (2673)-Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2633) WCup Baku 2015*)*

A) 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Bf4 Na6 13.Rfd1 h6 14.a3 Qc8 15.b4 c5 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Rac1 Ne6 19.Nb5 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 Nxf4 21.gxf4 Rec8 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Nxa7 Ra8 24.Nb5 Bxa3= Gelfand,B (2747)-Harikrishna,P (2731) WChT Tsaghkadzor 2015;

B) 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Bf4 Nf8 14.Qd3 *(14.Nb5 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Nc4 Ne6 17.Be5 Ng4 18.Ba1 Rb8 19.Ne5 Nf6 20.Nd3 Qa5 21.Nc3 Red8 22.Na4 Rbc8 23.Qe1 Qb5∓* Navara,D (2716)-Pavlidis,A (2479) Pardubice rpd 2014*)* 14...Ne6 15.Rfd1 c6 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Nf3 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nxg5 19.Nxg5 h6 20.Nf3 Bd6 21.e3 Qe7 22.Ne2 Rac8 23.Nf4 Red8 24.Rc2 Rc7 25.Rdc1 Ba3 26.Rd1 Bd6 27.Rdc1 Ba3 28.Rd1 Bd6 ½, Gelfand,B (2753)-Leko,P (2740) Tromso olm 2014;

C) 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Bc1 Nbd7 13.Bb2 Bf8 14.f4 c5 15.e3 cxd4 16.exd4 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qe2 Nf6 19.g4 a5?! *(19...Qd5!∞)* 20.g5! Ba6 21.Qe3 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Nd7 23.Bxe4 Nxe5 24.fxe5⩲ ↑, Anton Guijarro,D (2639)-Harikrishna,P (2755) Gibraltar 2016]

[Statistically the most popular reaction is 7...0-0 , which Karjakin used to play

earlier:

A) 8.Rc1 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.Qc2 Nf6 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bg5 *(*Earlier Gelfand played *14.e4* against Leko, but got nothing: *Nbd7 15.Bf4 Bb4!? 16.e5 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Nd5 18.Qd2 Nxf4 19.Qxf4 Rc8 20.Rcd1 Qe7 21.Qa4 Rc7 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Nd4 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nc5 25.Qa3 a5 26.Nb5 Rd7 27.Nd6 f6⇄* Gelfand,B (2736)-Leko,P (2755) Moscow blitz 2007 *)* 14...Nbd7 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.Nd4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 h6 18.Nc6 *(18.Bxf6=* is safer *)* 18...Qe8 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne5 Qb8 21.Nf3 Ng4= /∓, Gelfand,B (2743)-Wojtaszek,R (2744) Beijing rpd 2014;

B) 8.Bg2 c6 9.e4 d5

B1) 10.Qe2 b5 *(10...c5!?* is probably stronger*)* 11.e5 Ne8 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Qe3! was already mentioned in 2014 as promising: Nc6 14.Bf1 Rc8 15.Bd3 Nc7 16.Rc1 Ba3 17.Rd1 Be7 18.h4 b4 19.Ne2 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 f5 21.Rc1 Qd7 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bd2 a6 24.Rg1 Nb5 25.g4 f4 26.g5→ Topalov,V (2816)-Zhigalko,S (2656) WCup Baku 2015;

B2) 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bf4 Na5 14.Rc1 Rc8N *(14...Ba3 15.Rb1 Bb4* Aronian,L (2812)-Karjakin,S (2759) Wijk aan Zee 2014/ is the aforementioned game*)* 15.Qe2 *(15.Nb5 a6 16.Nc3 dxc4 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.bxc4 Na5 19.Ne2 ½,* Colpe,M (2349)-Heimann,A (2557) Lueneburg 2015 *Nd7= /∓)*

B2a) 15...dxc4 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.bxc4 Nd7 *(17...Qxd4 18.Rfd1 Qc5 19.Nd7↑)* 18.Nb5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bg5 *(19...Ra8 20.Rfd1 Nd6 21.Qg4 g6 22.d5 Nxb5 23.cxb5 exd5 24.Rc7 Bd6 25.Rd7 Bxe5 26.Rxd8 Raxd8 27.Qg5 Rfe8 28.Re1 Bd6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qxd5 Bc5±* Cheparinov,I (2682)-Soza de la Carrera,J (2252) Antofagasta 2016*)* 20.f4 Be7 21.Nxa7 f6 22.Nxc8 Qxc8 Cheparinov,I (2683)-Zhigalko,A (2574) Warsaw 2015 23.Bb8 Nd8 24.Ba7↑;

B2b) 15...Bb4!? 16.Rfd1 h6 17.Na4 dxc4 18.Bxb7 Nxb7 19.bxc4 Qe8 20.Nc3 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Nd5 22.Rf3 Nxf4 23.Rxf4 f6= Gelfand,B (2743)-Ivanchuk,V (2704) Beijing rpd 2014]

8.e4 d5 9.Bd3

[9.Qc2 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7

A) 11.Neg5 c5 12.d5 exd5 13.cxd5 0-0!? *(13...h6 14.Nxf7! Kxf7 15.0-0-0 Bd6 16.Nh4 Bc8 17.Re1 Na6 18.Re6!→* Topalov,V (2778)-Anand,V (2785) Sofia 2005/ See the notes to this game by Tyomkin in CBM 107.*)* 14.Bc3 g6 15.h4 Nxd5 16.0-0-0 Nc6 17.Bc4 Ncb4 18.Bxb4 cxb4 19.Ne5 b5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.Rxd8 Rfxd8 23.Re1 Bf8 24.Qxc6 Rac8 25.Qxc8 Rxc8+∓ sapfir,h (2479)-pezzi,h (2504) Engine Room 2012;

B) 11.Bc3 c5! *(11...Nbd7 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bd3 c5 14.Be4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Rad1 a6 18.Rfe1 Rfd8 19.Qe3 cxd4 20.Bxd4 h6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Ne5 b5 23.Rc1 bxc4 24.Rxc4±* Aronian,L (2815)-Karjakin,S (2771) Stavanger 2014*)* 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Na6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Be4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 0-0 17.0-0 *(17.Rd1 Nc5 18.Qf3 Qc7 19.0-0 Qb7 20.Qxb7*

Nxb7 21.Bb4 Rfc8 22.Rd2 a5 23.Ba3 a4 24.Nb5 axb3 25.axb3 Nc5= Van Wely,L (2655)-Carlsen,M (2646) Schagen 2006*)* 17...Nc5 18.Qe3 Qd7 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Qf3 Qb7 21.Qxb7 Nxb7 22.f4 Nc5 23.Nb5= Mikaelyan,A (2448)-Petrosyan,M (2466) Yerevan 2016]

[9.exd5 exd5 *(9...cxd5 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Bg2* transposes to the lines with 7... 0-0. *)* 10.Bg2!? is a sharp and interesting sacrifice, which requires more practical tests: dxc4 11.0-0 cxb3 12.Re1 bxa2 *(12...0-0 13.Qxb3⟳)* 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.d5 cxd5 15.Qa4+ Kf8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxd5! Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Nd7 20.Re3 Nc5 21.Qxa2 Qd6 22.Rd1⩲ Grischuk,A (2771)-Fedoseev,V (2659) WCup Baku 2015]

[9.Qe2!?

A) 9...c5 10.e5 *(10.exd5 exd5 11.Bg2 Nc6 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rad1 Re8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Qd2 d4 17.Na4 Ne4 18.Qc1 Bb7 19.Rfe1 f5 20.Nh4 g6 21.f3 Nf6 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.Qg5 Ng7∓* Brunello,S (2562)-Bellia,F (2452) Milan 2015*)* 10...Nfd7 11.Qe3 dxc4?! *(11...Nf8±)* 12.d5! exd5 13.Nxd5 Nc6 14.e6 *(14.Bxc4±)* 14...Nf6 15.exf7+ Kf8? *(15...Kxf7 16.Ng5+ Ke8 17.Bg2!? Nxd5 18.Qe6↑)* 16.Nf4 Nd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Ne6+ Kxf7 19.Nxd8+ Raxd8 20.Qf3 Rhe8 21.Bxc4+ 1-0, Ashwin,J (2478)-Sangma,R (2318) New Delhi 2007;

B) 9...0-0 10.e5 Ne8 11.Qe3 Nc7 12.Rd1 Nd7 *(⌓12...c5!?⇄)* 13.Bd3 b5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.0-0 b4 16.Na4 Nb5 17.Qe2 Qa5 18.Rc1 Rfc8 19.h4 h6 20.Kg2 Rab8 21.g4 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Nb6 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Nc8 25.g5⟶ Navara,D (2734)-Getz,N (2409) Skopje 2015;

C) 9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Neg5 0-0 12.Bh3 Nbd7!?N *(12...h6? 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bxe6+ Kh8 15.Ne5⟶* Van Wely,L (2674)-Jakovenko,D (2708) Foros 2007 See the notes to this game in CBM 119 by Van Wely.*)* 13.0-0-0 c5 14.Rhe1 *(14.d5 exd5 15.Rhe1 Bd6 16.Be6!? fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.Qxd6 dxc4 19.Ne6 Ne4 20.Qxf8+ Qxf8 21.Nxf8 Nxf8 22.Re3±)* 14...cxd4 15.Nxd4 Ba3+ 16.Kb1 h6 17.Nc2 Bc5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Bc3 ½-½ (32) Malakhatko,V (2560)-Spindelboeck,G (2257) Latschach 2014 Qe7! **Δ** 21.Bxd7 Qxe2 22.Rxe2 Bf3∓]

[9.e5 Ne4 10.Bd3 had already been played in the 1980s; Black solves his problems after Nxc3 11.Bxc3 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 *(At least equivalent is 12...bxc5!? 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Qe2 Qb7 16.0-0 0-0=)* 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Qe2 dxc4 15.Be4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Qd5 *(16...Nd7? 17.b4 Be7 18.Nd4 Rc8 19.f4 g6 20.f5 gxf5 21.Nxf5 Rg8 22.Qf3+-* Van Wely,L (2654)-Babula,V (2567) Germany 2004*)* 17.Qg4 Qd3 *(17...0-0!?)* 18.Rac1 0-0 19.Rfd1 Qf5 20.Qxf5 exf5 21.bxc4 Nc6 22.Rd7 Rfd8 23.Rcd1 Be7 24.R1d5 Kf8 25.Rc7 Rdc8 26.Rdd7 Ke8 27.e6 fxe6 28.Bxg7 Bd8 29.Rb7 Rab8= Kunte,A (2484)-Kumaran,B (2294) Dharamshala 2014]

[9.cxd5 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 cxd5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Qe2 Nxc3 13.Bxc3 Qc8 14.Bb2 Qa6 15.Qxa6 Nxa6 16.Ke2 Kd7 17.Rhc1 Rac8 18.Ne1 Nb4 19.a3 ½, Lukov,V (2445)-Gelfand,B (2510) Halle 1987]

9...dxe4

[9...dxc4 10.bxc4 e5 11.Ne2 Nfd7 *(11...Nbd7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7* Cheparinov,I (2678)-Leko,P (2756) Jermuk 2009 *14.Rad1 Rad8 15.Rfe1±* Ftacnik *)* 12.Bc3 0-0 13.Nxe5 *(13.Qc2!? exd4 14.Nexd4 g6 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Be2↑* Ftacnik *)* 13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Nd4 Nxd3 17.Nxc6 Nxf2 18.Rxf2 Qxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Bc5 20.Bd4 Rfc8 21.Bxc5 Rxc6∓ Van Wely,L (2681)-Topalov,V (2780) Nice blindfold rpd 2008]

[9...c5 10.exd5 *(10.e5!?)* 10...exd5 11.dxc5 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.bxc4 Bxc5 14.Qe2+ Qe7 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Nd7 17.Qxe7+ Kxe7 18.0-0 Rhe8 19.Rfd1 Kf8= Avrukh,B (2550)-Bunzmann,D (2370) WChJ Zagan 1997]

10.Nxe4 Bb7

[Taking into account Ding's novel idea, perhaps a more accurate move is 10...Nbd7!? 11.Qe2 *(11.Qc2 c5 12.0-0-0 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne2 Bb7 16.Rhf1 Bg2 17.Rg1 Bf3 18.Bc3 Qe7 19.g4 Bxf2 20.g5 Ng4 21.Be4 Ne3 22.Bxa8 Bxa8 23.Qd2 Nf5 24.Kb2 Bxg1 25.Rxg1 0-0∞ /∓,* Adhiban,B (2674)-Fedoseev,V (2659) Baku 2015*)*

A) 11...0-0 12.0-0-0 *(12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Qe4 g6 14.Qxc6? Nc5-+)* 12...c5 13.Bc3 *(13.dxc5 Bb7! Δ 14.cxb6 axb6⩱)* 13...Bb7 is the right move order, we'll mention this position below.;

B) 11...c5?! 12.Bc3 *(12.d5! exd5 13.Nd6+ Kf8 14.Nf5⟶)* 12...cxd4 *(⌓12...Bb7!? 13.0-0-0 0-0)* 13.Nxd4 Bb7 14.0-0-0 Nc5 *(14...0-0 15.Rhe1 a6 16.Kb1±)* 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Nf3 Qc7 17.Rhe1 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 0-0 19.Be5 Qa5 20.Kb2 Rad8 21.g4↑ Khakimov,T (2291)-Lanin,A (2446) St Petersburg 2009]

(Diagram)

11.Qe2 Nbd7

[11...Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nd7 13.Ne5 *(⌓13.0-0-0!? Nf6 14.Bc2* transposes to our game *)* 13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Bc3 c5 17.Rhe1 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Qb7 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Qxb7+ Kxb7 21.Re3 h5 22.Kd1 Bg5 23.f4 Rd8+= Drasko,M (2480)-Vilela de Acuna,J (2410) Stary Smokovec 1984]

12.0-0-0!?N Ding comes up with an enterprising novelty to spice things up. In a g3 Queen's Indian White hasn't finished the fianchetto and he even castles queenside - very rare indeed!

[12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.0-0 c5=]

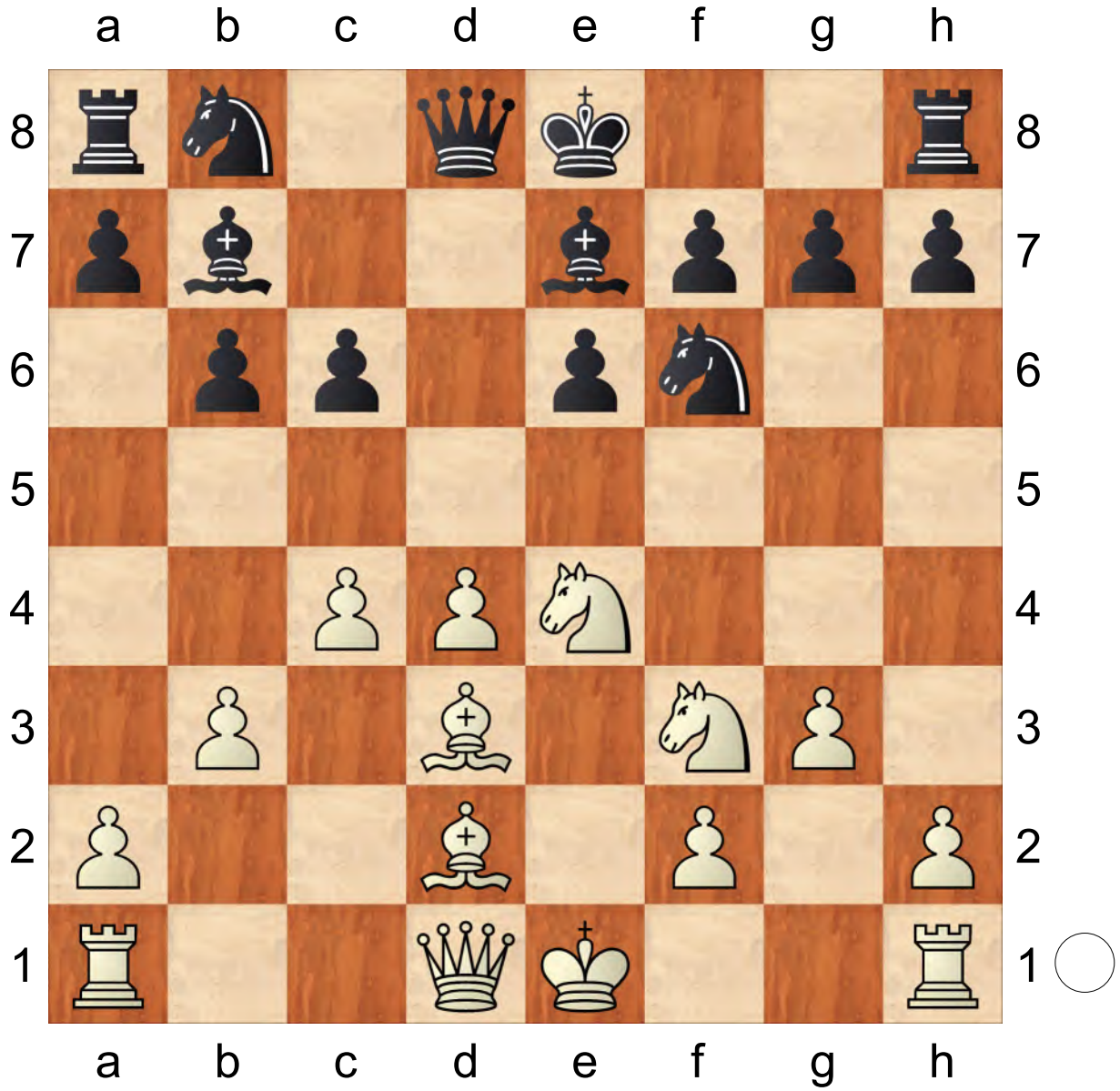
[and 12.Rd1 c5= didn't give Topalov anything against Leko in 2013 - both games were quoted in the notes to Aronian-Karjakin, Wijk 2014.]

12...Nxe4

[12...c5

A) 13.Bc3 0-0 14.dxc5 *(14.Kb1 Qc7⇄)* 14...bxc5;

B) 13.d5! Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf6 15.Bc2!? *(15.Bc3 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 0-0⇄)*



15...exd5 16.Rhe1⩲ Δ d4? *(16...Kf8 17.cxd5↻)* 17.Nxd4! cxd4 18.Bb4 Ng8 19.Qg4 Kf8 20.Rxe7 Nxe7 21.Re1±]

13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bc2 a5 This and the following moves are all evaluated quite highly by the engine, but Black still lands in big trouble. However, there is no easy way out any more:

[14...c5 15.d5! exd5 16.Rhe1↑ -12...c5]

[14...0-0 15.g4!±]

15.Rhe1 b5

[15...a4 16.b4 a3 17.Bc3 b5 18.d5!? cxd5 19.c5⩲]

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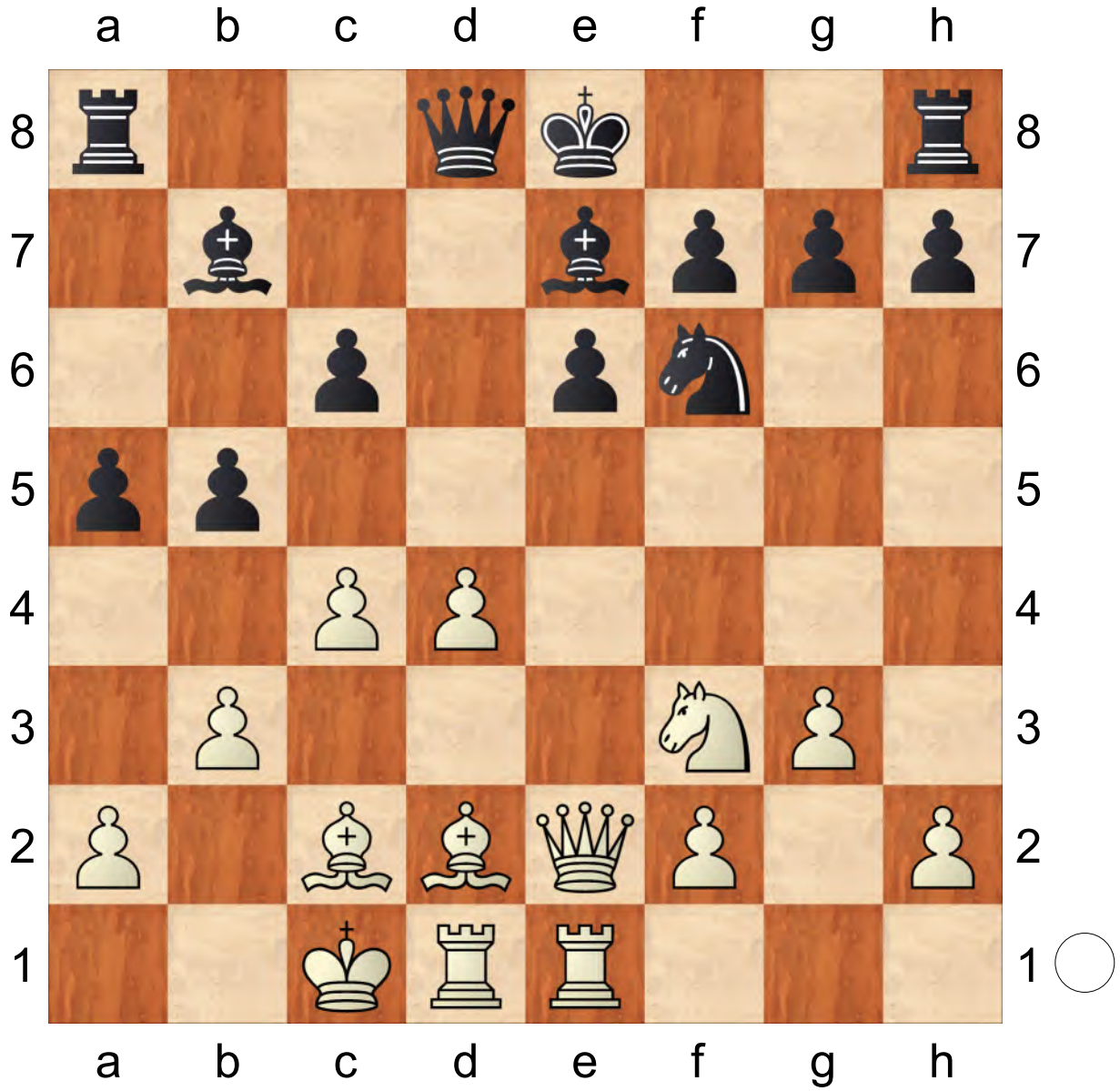


16.c5 b4 This structure is known from the Catalan as advantageous for White, so Karjakin first of all wants to improve his ♗b7.

[16...0-0 17.g4 Nxg4 18.Rg1 Nf6 19.Bh6 g6 20.Ne5!→]

17.g4! Preparing to "welcome" Black's king in the event of 0-0. **17...Ba6**

[17...Nxg4 18.Rg1 Nxh2 *(18...Ba6 19.Qe4 Nxf2 20.Qxc6+ Kf8 21.Ne5!+- Nxd1 22.Rxg7!! Kxg7 23.Qg2+ Kf8 24.Bh6+)* 19.Nxh2 Qxd4 20.Nf3 Qa1+ 21.Bb1 Bf6 22.Be3±]

[17...h6 18.Ne5! *(18.h4 Nxg4 19.Rg1 Ba6 20.Qe1 h5)*

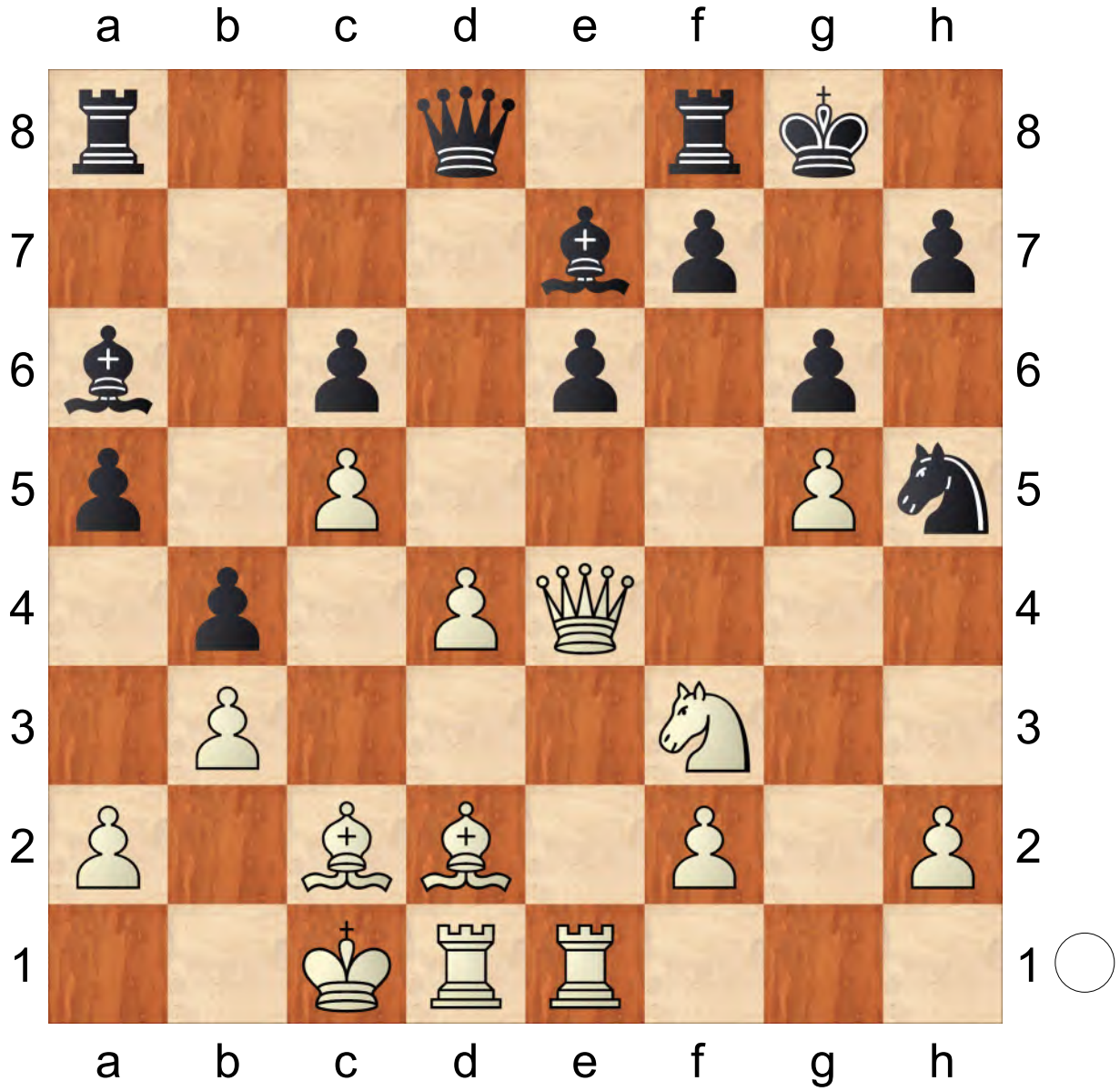
A) 18...0-0 19.g5± *(19.Qe3!?±)*;

B) 18...Qxd4 19.Nxf7 0-0 20.Nd6!? Bxd6 21.cxd6↑]

18.Qe5 0-0 19.g5 Nh5 Karjakin prefers to sacrifice a pawn to slow down the attack.

[19...Nd5 20.h4 a4 21.bxa4! Bc4 22.h5 Nc3 23.Bxc3 bxc3 24.h6 f6 25.Qe3±]

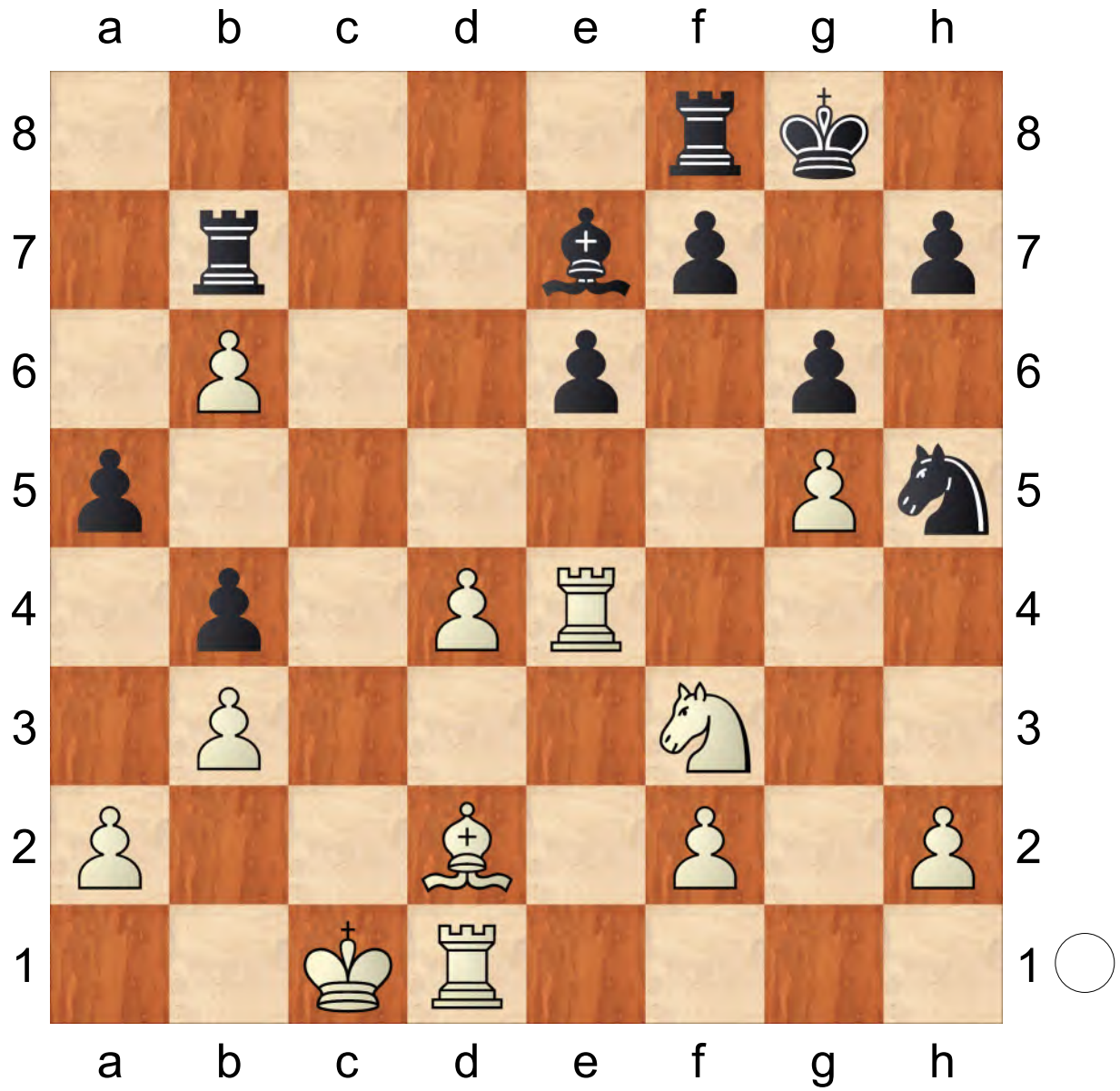
20.Qe4 g6



21.Qxc6 Ra7 22.Be4
[⌓22.Qb6!? Qxb6 23.cxb6 Rb7 24.Be3 Rxb6 *(24...Bd8 25.Be4 Rxb6 26.d5±)* 25.d5 Rd6 26.Bc5 Bb7 27.Bxd6 Bxd6 28.dxe6! *(28.Be4 f5!±)* 28...Bf4+ 29.Nd2 fxe6 *(29...Bf3 30.e7 Re8 31.Bd3!±)* 30.Be4±]
22...Bb7 23.Qb6 Qxb6 24.cxb6 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rb7

(Diagram)

Black has reached an endgame, but he is still worse - his queenside is vulnerable, also taking back the pawn requires time. **26.Be3?!**
[26.Re5!? Ra8 *(26...Rxb6 27.Rxa5±)* 27.d5 Rxb6 28.Be3±]
26...Rc8+?!



[⌓26...Bd8! 27.d5 exd5 28.Rxd5 Bxb6 29.Bxb6 Rxb6 30.Rxa5 f6⇄]

27.Kb1 Rxb6 28.d5 Rd6 29.Rd2! Kf8

[The knight must remain out of play. 29...Ng7 is weaker: 30.Bf4±]

30.dxe6 Rxe6

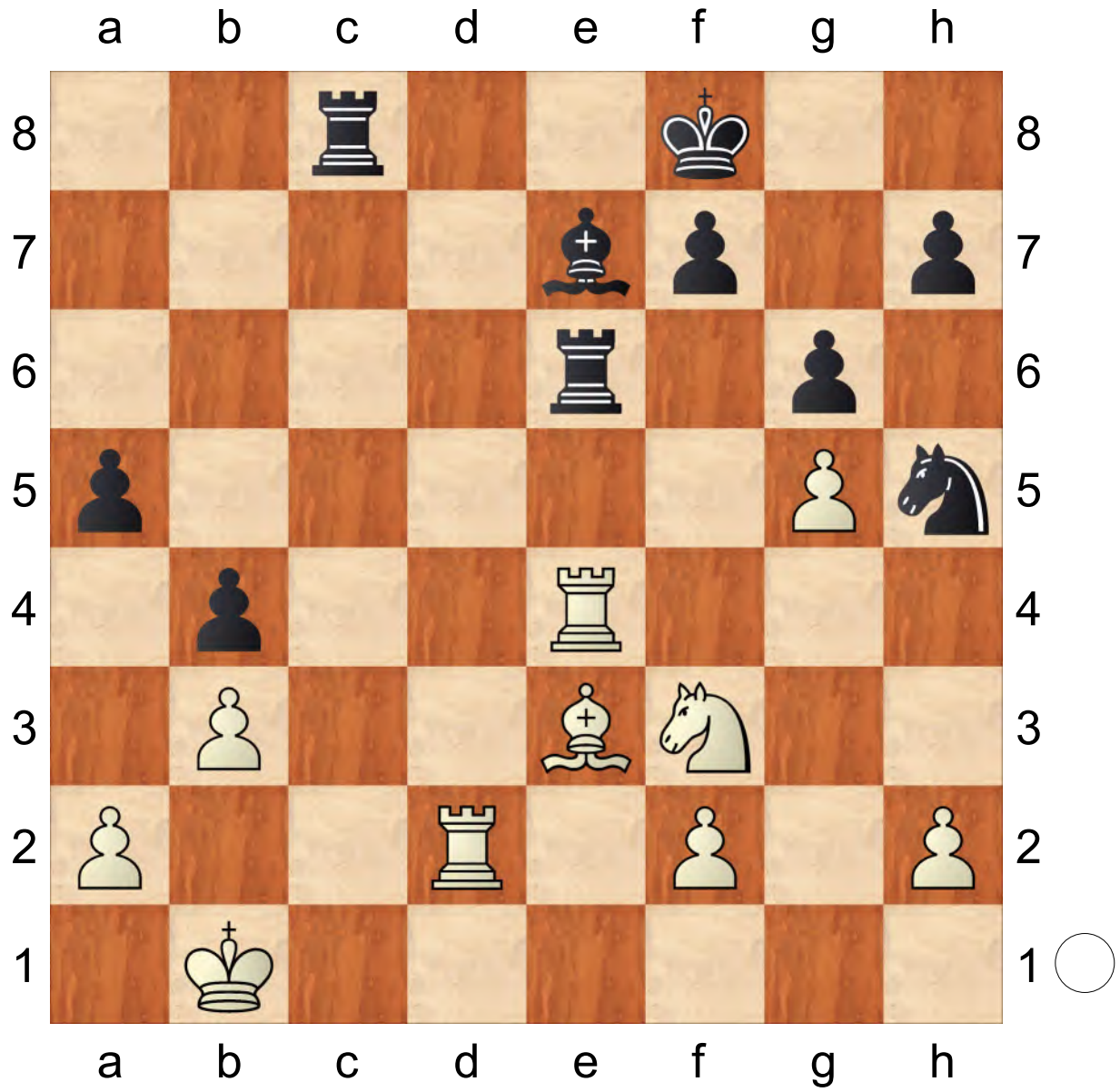
(Diagram)

31.Rxe6 fxe6 32.Rc2!↑ Material is equal, but White has a long-lasting pull. **32...Rd8**

[32...Rxc2 33.Kxc2±]

33.Nd4 Ng7 34.Nc6 Rd1+ 35.Rc1 Rd5

(Diagram)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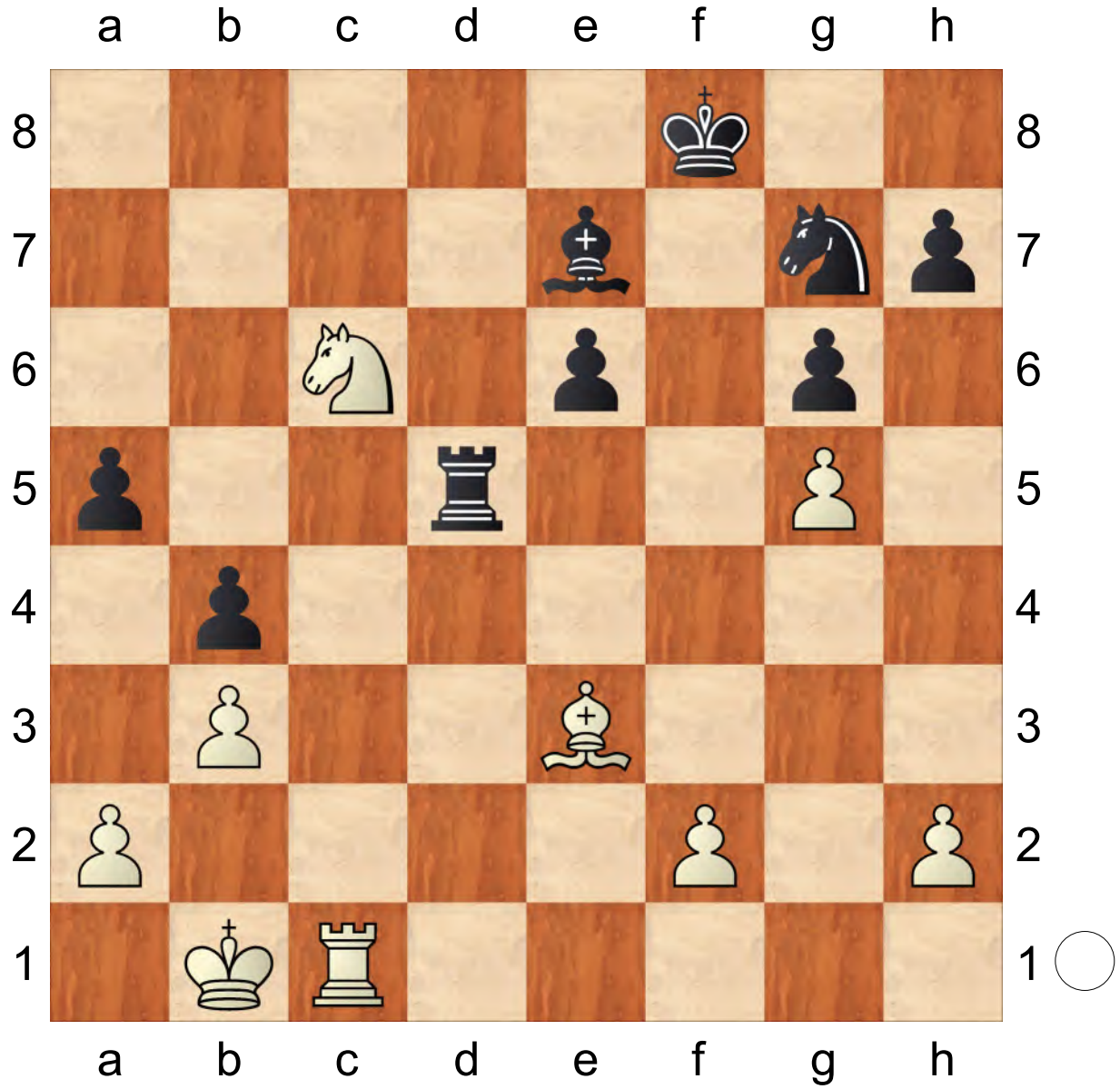
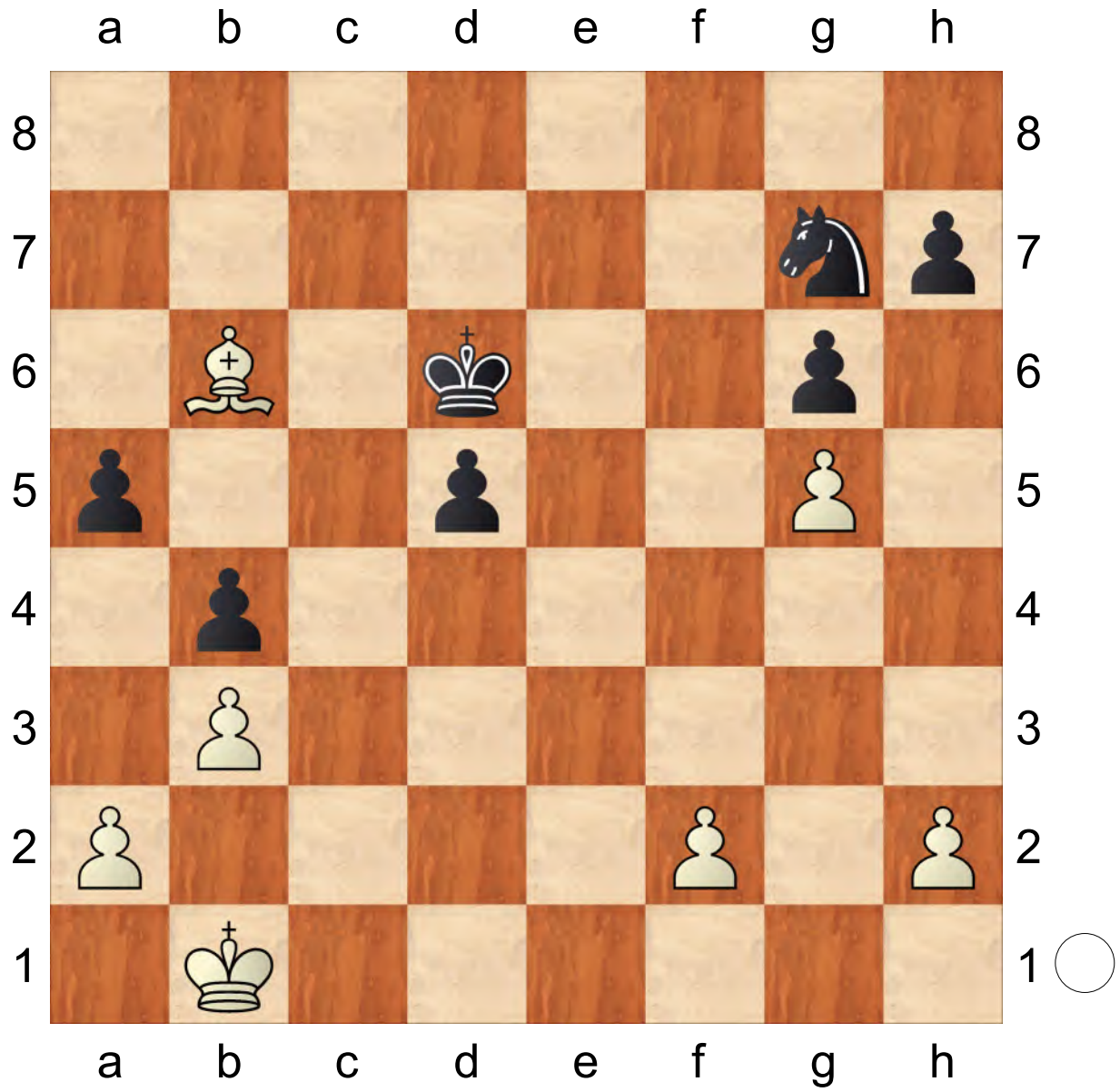


36.Nxe7! Eliminating the defender of the ♙a5. **36...Kxe7 37.Rc7+ Kf8 38.Rc5**
[38.Bc5+!? Ke8□ *(38...Kg8 39.Rc8+ Kf7 40.Rf8#)* 39.Bb6 Nf5 *(39...Rb5 40.Be3 Nf5 41.Rc5)* 40.Ra7± /± wins a pawn as well and is also promising.]
38...Ke7 39.Rxd5 exd5 40.Bb6 Kd6
[The engine considers 40...Ne6!? 41.Bxa5 Nxg5 42.Bxb4+ Kd7± more resilient - Black has serious counterplay on the kingside.]

(Diagram)

41.Bxa5 Kc5 42.Bd8 Nf5 43.Kc2 Nd4+ 44.Kd3 Nf5 45.Bc7 Kc6
[45...h6 46.gxh6 Nxh6 47.Bf4 Nf5 48.Bd2±]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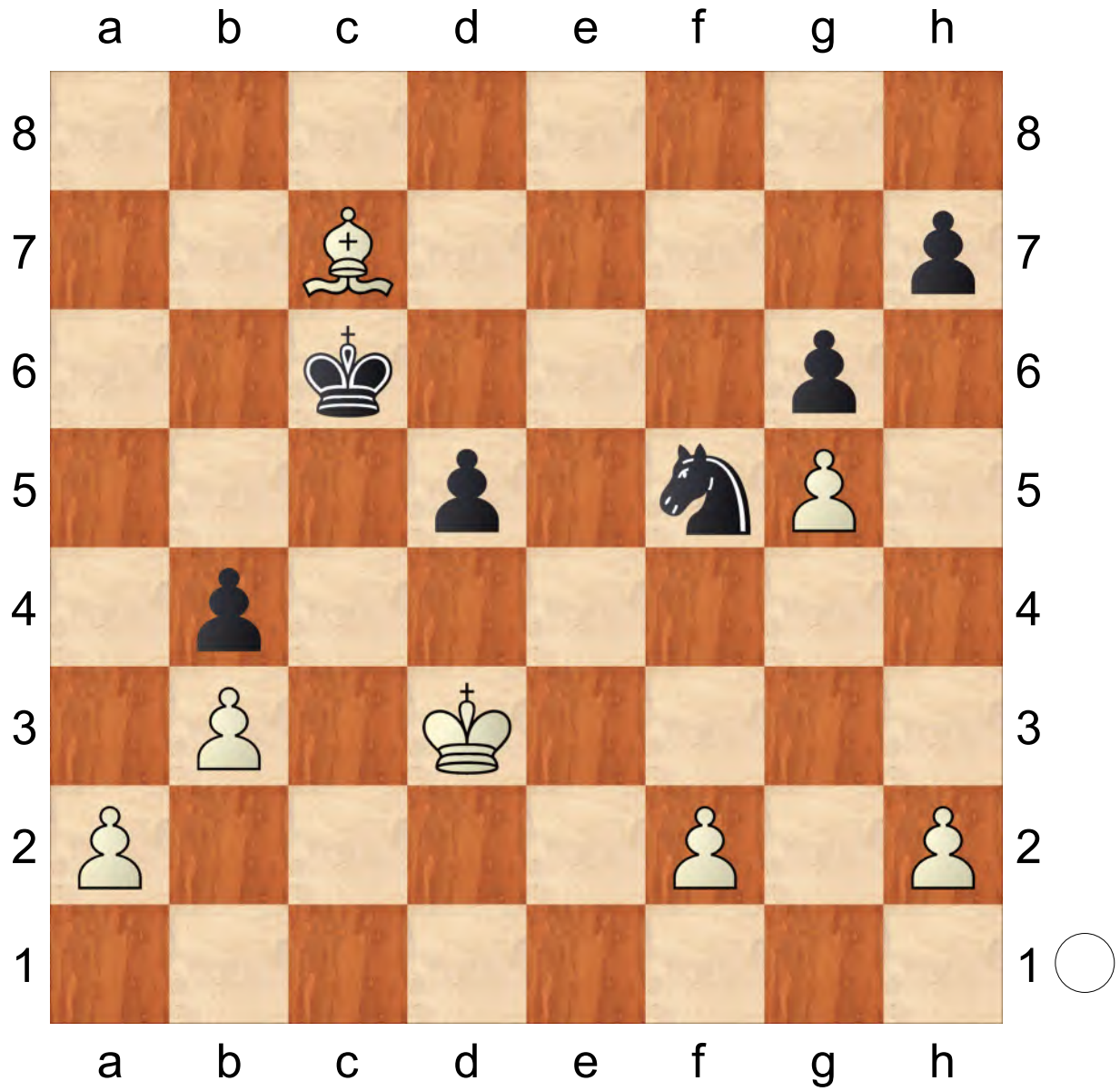

46.Bf4 Kc5 47.Be3+ Kb5
[47...d4 48.Bd2 Ne7 49.Bf4 Kd5 50.Bc7±]
48.Ke2 Nh4 49.Bd2 Black is trying to set up a fortress, but with play on both flanks the bishop is a more effective minor piece. **49...Nf5 50.Kf3 Nd4+**
[50...Kc5 51.Kf4 Nh4 52.Be3+ Kd6 53.Bc1 Kc6 54.f3!? *(54.Ke5 Nf3+ 55.Kf6 Kd7 56.Kg7 Ke6 57.Kxh7 Kf5 58.h4 Nxh4 59.Bd2 d4 60.Bxb4 Nf3 61.Kh6* might be sufficient, but it gives Black more counterplay.*)* 54...Nf5 55.Bd2 Kc5 56.Be1± /+-]

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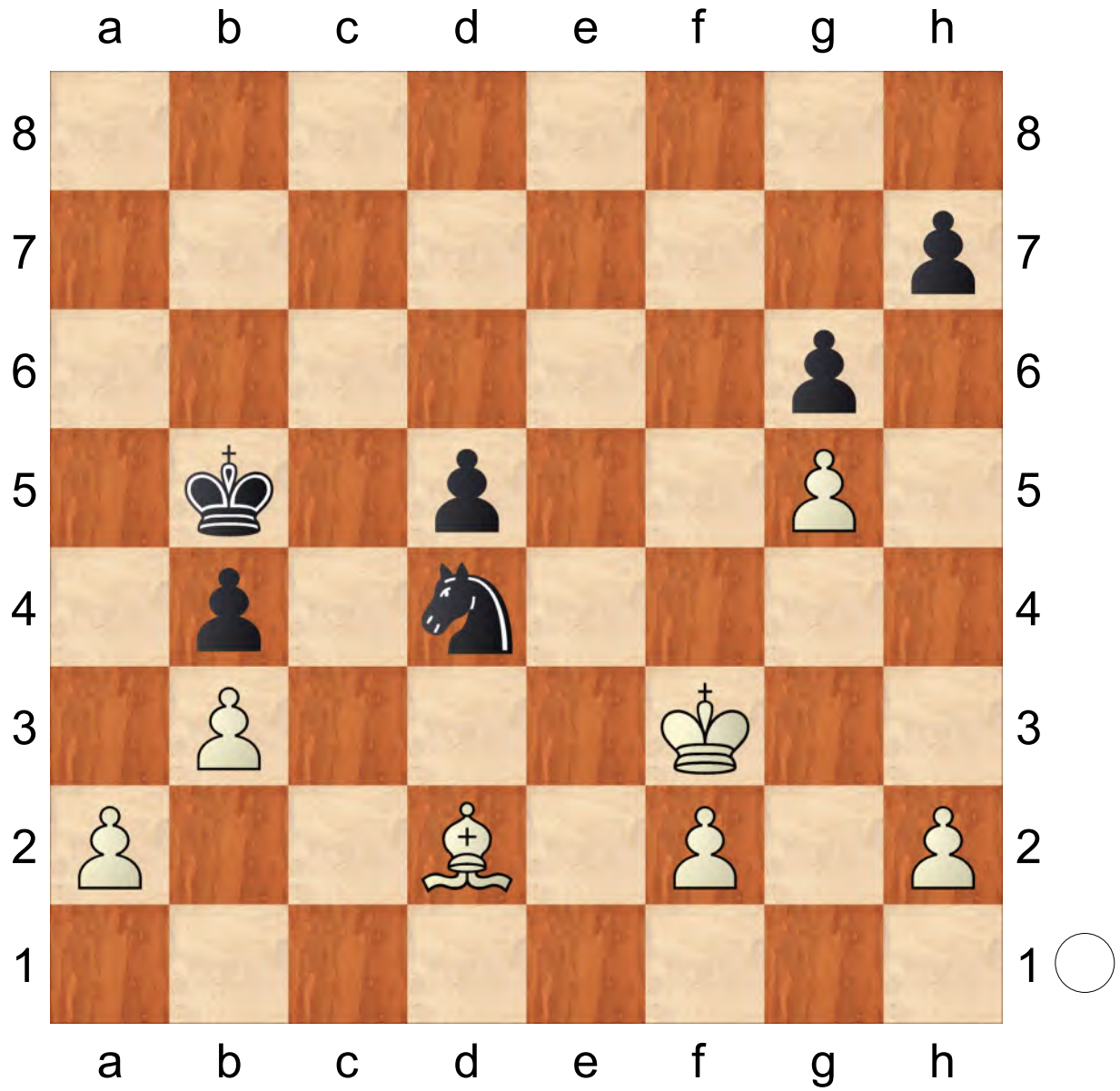
51.Kf4 Nc6



[51...Nf5 52.Ke5 Kc5 53.Bf4+-]

52.Be3 Ka6 53.Bc5 Kb5 54.Bd6 Ka5?!

[⌓54...Kb6 55.Ke3 Kb7 56.f4 Kc8 57.f5!? *(57.a3 bxa3 58.Bxa3 Kd7±)* 57...gxf5 58.h4 Kd7 59.Bc5 Ke6 60.h5 Kf7 61.Kf4 Ke6 62.h6⊙ Ne5 63.Bxb4 Nd3+ 64.Ke3 Nxb4 65.g6+-]

55.Ke3

[55.Ke3 Kb6 56.f4 Kb7 57.f5 gxf5 58.h4 Kc8 59.h5 Kd7 60.g6 hxg6 61.h6+-]

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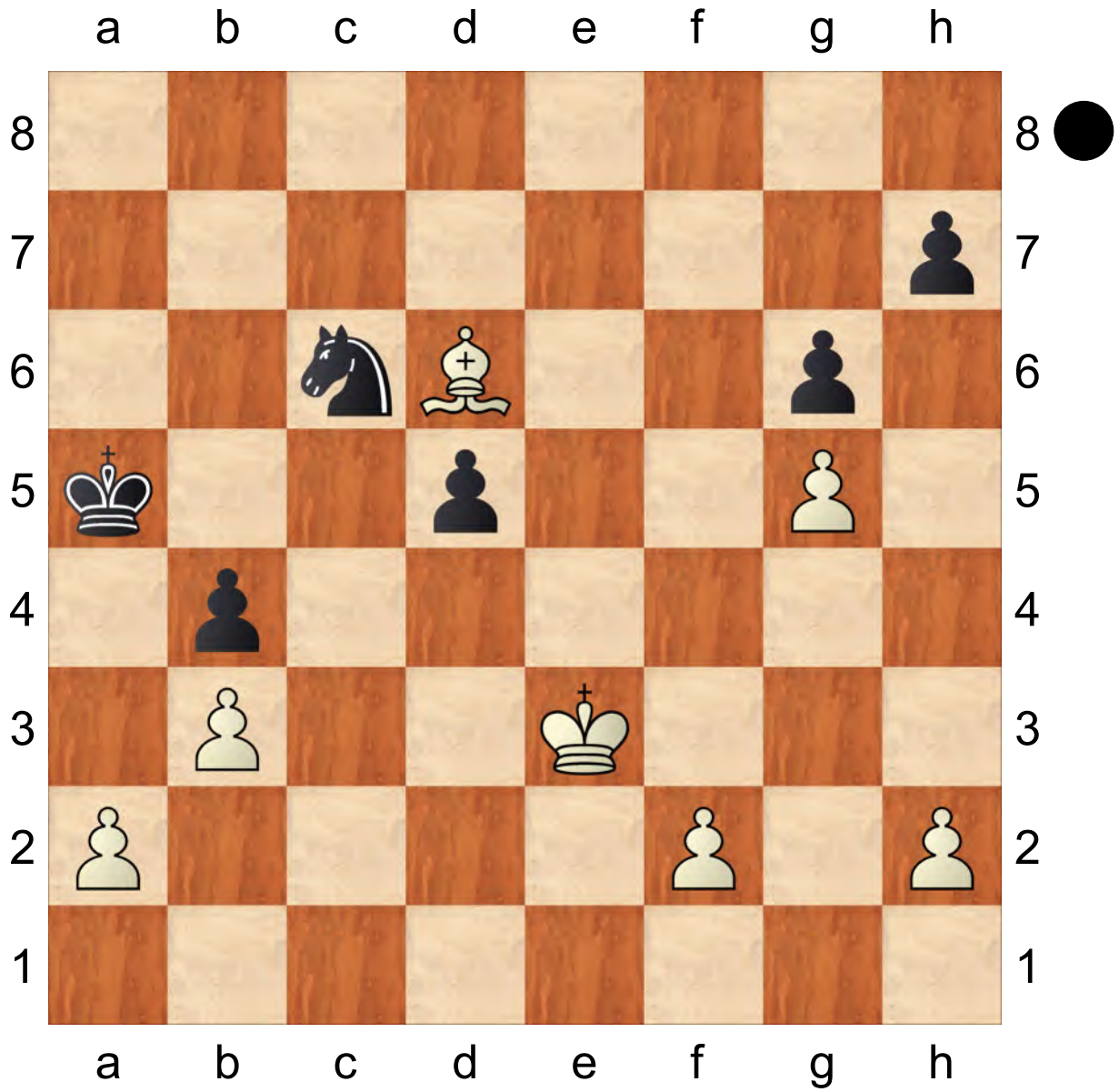

Now Black's ♔ is too far away and the breakthrough decides.

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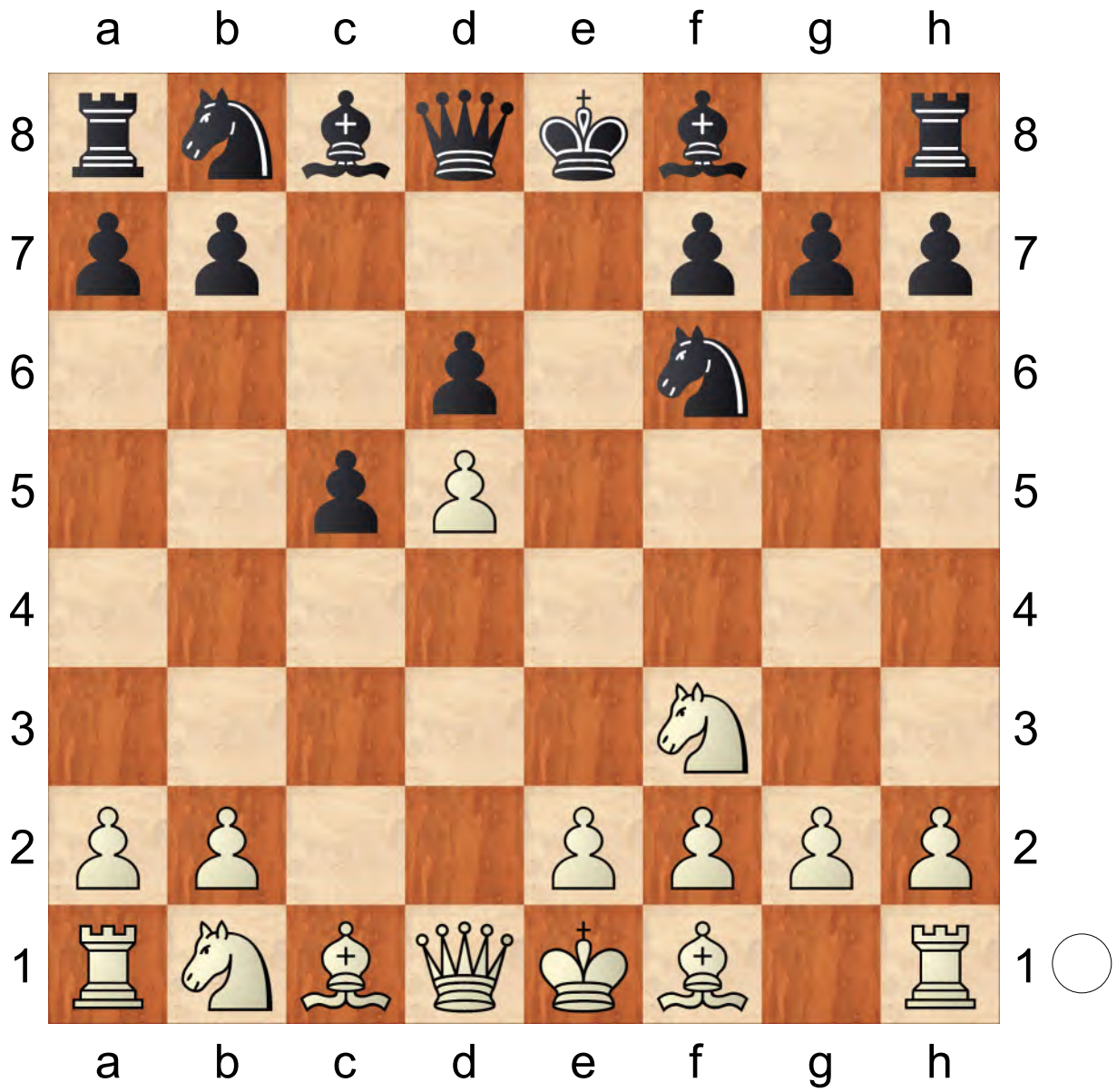
■ **Papaioannou,Ioannis** **2578**
EU-chT (Men) 15th (9.2) 07.08.2005
[Kapengut,Albert Z]

1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.Qa4+
[Usually White uses this maneuver to prohibit the normal way for the opponent after 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.Qa4+ creating the problem of pawn d6 protection.]
7...Nbd7 8.Bf4 a6
[8...Qb6 9.e4 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 Nxd5!? 12.Bxc3 *(12.exd5 Qf6*

13.Bb5⩱; 12.Bc4!? N5b6 13.Bxc3 Nxa4 14.Bxh8 Nab6 15.Bb5 a6 16.Bd3 d5⩱) 12...Nxc3 13.Qb3 Nxb1 14.Ng5! Ne5 15.Bb5+ Ke7 16.f4!±]

[8...Nh5 9.Bg5 f6 *(9...Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.e4 0-0 12.Qc2 a6 13.a4 Re8⇄)* 10.Bh4 *(10.Bd2± Azmaiparashvili)* 10...Kf7 11.e3 a6 12.Be2 b5 13.Qc2 *(Δ13.Nxb5? Nb6∓)* 13...Ng7 14.e4 Be7 15.a3 Rf8 16.0-0 Kg8 17.Rae1 Ne5 18.Nd2 c4 19.b3 *(19.f4!)* 19...cxb3 20.Qxb3 Nd7 21.a4 Nc5 22.Qb4 bxa4 23.Nxa4 a5 24.Qa3 Nxa4 25.Qxa4 Bd7 26.Qa3 f5 27.Bxe7 Qxe7 28.Bd3↑ Monterde,R-Ventos Navarro,L/Santa Coloma/1994]

[8...Be7 9.e4 0-0

A) 10.h3 a6 11.Be2 Rb8 12.0-0 b5 13.Qc2 Re8 14.a4 b4 15.Nd1 Bf8 16.Bd3 *(Δ16.Nd2? Nxd5!)* 16...b3! 17.Qd2 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.Nc3 Pilaj,H -Janz,F/Mitte AUT 2002 Reb4∓;

B) 10.Qc2 Ne8 *(10...Nh5 11.Be3 Bf6 12.Be2 Bg7 13.Nd2 Nhf6 14.0-0 Ne5 15.h3±)* 11.Bd3 Bf6 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.f4 Qe7 16.Qf2

B1) 16...exf4 17.Qxf4 f6 18.Nb5 Bd7 *(18...a6 19.d6 Qe6 20.Nc7 Nxc7 21.dxc7 c4 22.Be2 b5 23.Rad1 Bb7 24.Bg4 Qxe4 25.Qxe4 Bxe4 26.Be6+±)* 19.Bc4 Kg7 20.d6 Qd8 21.Rad1+-;

B2) 16...f6 17.fxe5 fxe5 18.d6!! Qxd6 *(18...Rxf2 19.dxe7 Rf4 20.g3 Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1 Bd7 22.Rf8+ Kg7 23.Bb5±; 18...Nxd6 19.Qxc5 b6 20.Qd5+ Be6 21.Qxe5±)* 19.Bc4+ Kg7 20.Qxf8+ Qxf8 21.Rxf8 Kxf8 22.Rf1+ Kg7 *(22...Ke7 23.Rf7+ Kd6 24.Rxh7 Bd7 25.Rh6 Nf6 26.Rxg6+-)* 23.Rf7+ Kh6 24.Re7

B2a) 24...Nd6 25.Bd5 *(25.Bg8 Bg4 26.Rxh7+ Kg5 27.Bd5±)* 25...Rb8 26.Rxe5 b5 27.Re7 b4 28.Na4 c4 29.e5 Nf5 30.Re8±;

B2b) 24...Nf6 25.Rxe5 Bd7 26.Rxc5 Bc6 *(26...Re8 27.Bd5 Nxd5 28.exd5±)* 27.Re5 Rc8 28.h3! Bxe4 29.g4!!+- Azmaiparashvili,Z -Zubarev,A /Pula 1999/[Azmaiparashvili,Z]]

9.e3!?N White makes a hybrid of the system ♕a4+ and the nowadays popular system e3.

[9.e4

A) 9...Qb6

A1) 10.Qc2 Bg7 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Nc4 Ne5 13.Bxe5 dxe5 14.a4 b6 15.a5 b5 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Bxb5+! axb5 18.Nxb5 Qe7 19.a6? *(19.d6! Qd8 20.Nc7+ Kf8±)* 19...0-0 20.a7 Rxb6 21.a8Q Rxb5 22.0-0∞ Mateuta,G-Berescu,A/Eforie Nord 2000;

A2) 10.0-0-0

A2a) 10...Bg7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 Qa7 13.Nxd6 b5 14.Qc2 c4!? *(14...Ng4?! 15.h3 Nge5 16.Be3 f6 17.f4 Nf7 18.Nxf7 Rxf7 19.h4+-* Wornath,K-Koehler,R/Griesheim GER 2002*)* 15.Kb1 Ng4 16.Bg3 Bd4!? 17.Rd2 b4⩱;

A2b) 10...Nh5

A2b1) 11.e5!? Qb4 12.exd6! *(12.Be3 Qxa4 13.Nxa4 dxe5 14.d6*

b6?! 15.Nxe5!? Nxe5 16.Nxb6 Rb8 17.Nxc8 Rxc8 18.Bxa6 Rb8 19.Rhe1 Kd7 20.Bxc5 Nc6 21.Bc4 Bg7± ½-½ Vidonyak,R-Legde,G / Germany 2001 *22.Re7+!? Nxe7 23.dxe7+ Kc6 24.b4⩲ →)* 12...Qxf4+ 13.Qxf4 Nxf4 14.Re1+ Kd8 15.Ng5!±;

A2b2) 11.Bd2 Bg7 12.g4 Nhf6 13.e5 dxe5 14.g5 Nh5 15.Bh3 Qd8 16.d6 0-0 17.Nd5 Kh8 18.Rhe1 *(18.Ba5 b6 19.Bc3 b5 20.Qe4 Bb7 21.Bxd7 Qxd7∓* Chin,F-Franco Ocampos,Z /Thessaloniki 1988*)* 18...f5 19.gxf6 Ndxf6 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Ne7 e4!? 22.Ng5! *(22.Nxc8 exf3 23.d7!? Nxd7 24.Bc3 Bxc3 25.bxc3 b5! 26.Qxa6 Qg5+ 27.Kb2 Qh4! 28.Rd2 b4! 29.Qb7 Qf6∞)* 22...Ra8 23.Be3 Qd7 *(23...b5?! 24.Qa3 Qd7 25.Qxc5±)* 24.Qxd7 Nxd7 25.Nxe4 b6 26.Nd5 Rae8 27.Bg5±;

B) 9...Nh5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bh6

B1) 11...Bf6 12.Qc2 Bg7 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.a4 0-0 15.Be2 f5 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Qd2 Bd7 19.Rfe1 Qc7 20.h3 Rae8 21.Bc4 Qa5 22.Ne4 Qxd2 23.Nxf6+ Rxf6 24.Rxe8+ Bxe8 25.Nxd2± g5 26.Ne4 Rg6 27.a5 Nd4 28.b4? *(28.Rb1!?±)* 28...Nc2∓ 29.Rd1 Nxb4 30.Nxc5!? dxc5 31.d6+ Kh8 32.d7 Bxd7 33.Rxd7 Nc6 34.Rxb7 Nxa5 35.Rb8+ Kg7 36.Bd3 Rd6∓ Cifuentes Parada,R-Marin,M/TCh-ESP, Barcelona ESP 2000;

B2) 11...Bf8 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Qc2 b5 15.Bd3 Nhf6 16.h3 Re8 17.0-0 Bf8 18.b3 Bg7 19.Rac1 Qe7 20.Rfe1 Bb7 21.Bf4 Nh5 22.Bh2 Ne5 23.Be2 Bh6 24.Rcd1 Nf4 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Bf1 Bc8 *(26...Qe7?! 27.a4 b4 28.Nb1 a5 29.Nd2 Ba6 30.Bxa6 Rxa6 31.Nc4±* Gustafsson,J-Grafl,F/Luebeck GER 2001*)* 27.a4 b4 28.Nb1 f5!? *(28...Qg5 29.Kh1 Qf6 30.Nd2 Ra7 31.Nc4 Rae7±)* 29.Nd2! *(29.Re3 Qf6 30.Nd2 Ra7 31.exf5 Rxe3 32.fxe3 Bxf5 33.Qc4 Nxh3+! 34.gxh3 Bxe3+ 35.Kh1 Re7→; 29.g3 Nh5 30.f4 Qg7 31.Nd2 g5!?⇄)* 29...Qc3 30.Qa2 Bd7 *(30...Ra7?! 31.Nc4 Rxe4 32.Rxe4 fxe4 33.Nxd6 Bf5 34.Qb1 e3 35.Nxf5 exf2+ 36.Kxf2 gxf5 37.Bc4 Rg7 38.Bxf4 Bxf4 39.d6+±)* 31.Re3 Qf6 32.Rde1±;

C) 9...Rb8

C1) 10.e5?! b5 11.Qc2 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Be2 *(15.Ne4 Qe5 16.f3 0-0 17.0-0-0 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Re8∓)* 15...0-0 16.Rd1 Re8 17.0-0 b4 18.Na4 Bf5 19.Bd3 *(19.Qc4? Bd7!-+* Kogan,A-Jenal,J/Zurich SUI 2001 *)* 19...Ng4 20.g3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Ne5∓;

C2) 10.Bd3

C2a) 10...Nh5 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Qc2 b5 14.Be2 *(14.a4 c4 15.Be2 Nc5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Be3 0-0 Δ18.Nd4?! Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Nb3 20.Rad1 Nxd4 21.Rxd4 Nf4⇄)* 14...0-0 15.a4 b4 16.Nb1 Re8 17.Nbd2 f5! 18.Nh4 *(18.Rae1 h6 19.Bh4 b3! 20.Nxb3 Rxe4∓)* 18...Nhf6 19.f3 b3!? *(19...Nf8 20.g3 h6 21.Be3 Kh7 22.Nc4 b3 23.Qb1 fxe4 24.Bf4! Rd8 25.fxe4 Bh3 26.Rf2 Ng4 27.Bxg4 Bxg4 28.Qd3 ½-½* Margvelashvili,G-Moranda,W /Belfort FRA 2005 *)* 20.Qd1 *(Δ20.Nxb3?! fxe4 21.Rfe1 Qb7 22.Na5 Qxb2 23.Qxb2 Rxb2 24.Nc4*

Nxd5 25.Nxb2 Bxb2 26.Bc4 N7b6 27.Bxd5+ Nxd5 28.Rad1 Bd4+-+) 20...fxe4 21.Ra3 exf3 22.Nhxf3 h6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.Rxb3 Nxd5 25.Bc4 Be6 26.Re1 Nf4∓;

C2b) 10...b5

C2b1) 11.Qd1 Nh5 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Bh6 Bf8 14.Qd2 Ne5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.0-0 Bg7 17.Bxg7 Nxg7 18.f4 Qd6 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.Qf2 0-0 21.Qxc5 Bd7 22.h3 b4 23.Nd1 Ne6 *(23...Bxh3?! 24.Nf2!±)* 24.Qf2 Nd4 25.Ne3± Zubarev,A-Kovchan,A/Alushta 2001;

C2b2) 11.Qc2

C2b21) 11...Nh5 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.b3 Bg7 14.Rc1 0-0 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Rfe1 f5 17.a3 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Bf5 19.Rcd1 *(19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Re7 Qc8 21.Ne4 Rxd5 22.Re1 Qf5 23.a4!?⩲)* 19...Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Rf5 21.h3 Rbf8 22.Nxd6?! *(22.b4!?=)* 22...Qxd6 23.Be7 Qd7 24.Qxc5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxf8 Bxf8 27.Qd4 Bxa3∓ Kauko,S-Kizimenko,N/ICCF Email 2000;

C2b22) 11...Ng4 12.0-0 Nge5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Ne5 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.b3 Bd7 17.a4 Bd6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Ra6 Qc7 20.Rfa1 0-0 21.Be2 Rfc8 22.Nd1 c4!? *(22...Rb6=)* 23.bxc4 Bc5 24.Rb1 *(24.Ne3=)* 24...Bd4 25.Rb4 *(25.Qa2?! bxc4 26.d6 Qc5 27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.Bxc4 Bg4∓)* 25...Ra8 26.Qa2 Rxa6 27.Qxa6 Qc5 28.Qa3 *(28.Rxb5 Bxb5 29.cxb5 Qc2∓)* 28...Qd6! 29.Qb3 Bc5 30.Rxb5 Bxb5 31.cxb5 Ra8∓ Kluge,T-Bernal Varela,N /IECG 2002;

C3) 10.Qc2 b5 11.Be2 Qe7 12.Nd2 Bg7

C3a) 13.a4 b4 14.Nd1 0-0 15.Ne3 b3 16.Qb1 Re8 17.0-0 Rb4 *(17...Nxe4!? 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Bxd6 Rb4 20.Rd1 Rxa4∓)* 18.Bf3 Ne5 19.Be2 Ned7 20.Bf3 Nb6 21.Bg3 a5 22.Rc1 Ba6 23.Ra3 Nxa4 24.Nxb3 Nxe4∓ Levin,F-Dambacher,M/Dieren NED 2003;

C3b) 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rae1 Ne5 15.Bg3

C3b1) 15...-- 16.h3 Nh5 17.Bxh5 gxh5 18.f4 Nc4?! *(⌓18...Ng6)* 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.e5! h4 21.Bh2 Re8 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Kh1 Qd8 24.Qe4± Perez,I -Mendez,E/Ñuba 1993;

C3b2) 15...c4 16.h3 Nh5 17.Bh2 *(17.Bxh5!? gxh5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.f4 Qd4+ 20.Kh1±)* 17...Qh4 18.f4 Nd3 19.Bxd3 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Ng3+ 21.Bxg3 Qxg3 22.Ne2 *(22.Bxc4! Bxh3 23.Nf3+-)* 22...cxd3 23.Qb3 Qe3 24.Nxd4 Qxd4 25.Rf3 f5 26.e5 *(26.Rxd3 Qf2 27.Rf1 Qe2 28.e5!±)* 26...Bb7! 27.exd6 Rbd8 28.Re7 Rf7 29.Qxd3 Qxd3 ½-½ Pert,N-Gozzoli,Y /Cannes FRA 2004;

C4) 10.h3 b5 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Re1 0-0 14.g4

C4a) 14...b4 15.Na4 b3 16.axb3 Ne8 17.Bc4 a5 18.e5 *(18.h4 Nef6 19.Rhg1 Nb6 20.Nxb6 Rxb6 21.g5 Nh5 22.Bd2⇄)* 18...dxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qe2 Nd6 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Qc7⇄;

C4b) 14...Nb6!? 15.Bg2 b4 16.Nd1 a5 *(16...Nfd7 17.Bg5 f6 18.Be3*

Ne5 19.Nxe5 fxe5∓) 17.Ne3 *(17.e5 Nfxd5 18.exd6 Qd7∓)* 17...Nfd7 *(17...Nxe4!? 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Rxe4 Ne5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Rhe1 b3!? 22.axb3 f6∓)* 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bf4 Ne5 20.Nd2 Ba6 21.Bf1 c4 22.Bxe5 fxe5 23.Bxc4 Rbc8∓ Azmaiparashvili,Z-Topalov,V /Cap D'Agde FRA 2003]

9...Be7

[9...Rb8!? 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Be2 Bg7 12.a4 0-0 13.0-0⇄]

10.Bh6 Bf8

[10...Qb6!?

A) 11.Qc2?! Ng4! 12.Bf4 *(Δ12.Bg7?! Rg8∓)* 12...Nge5 13.Nd2 g5 14.Bg3 h5±;

B) 11.Rb1 Bf8 *(11...Qb4 12.Qd1 Ng4 13.Bf4 0-0 14.Be2 Nge5 15.0-0±)* 12.Bxf8 Kxf8 13.Qf4 Kg7 14.Bd3 Re8 15.0-0±]

(Diagram)

11.Bxf8 Kxf8 12.Qf4 Qe7 13.Qh6+ Kg8 14.a4 Ng4?!

[14...Ne4 15.Bd3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Ne5 17.Be2 Bg4±]

[14...Nb6!? 15.Rd1 Bd7 16.a5 Na4 17.Qf4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne4⇄]

15.Qf4 Ngf6

(Diagram)

16.Be2 Kg7 17.0-0 Re8 18.Nd2 Rb8 19.e4!

[19.Nc4 Ne5 20.Nb6 Ned7=]

19...Ne5

[19...Qe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.f4 Ned7 *(21...Neg4?! 22.h3 Ne3 23.Rfc1±)* 22.Rae1 *(22.g4 h6)* 22...Re7 23.Nc4 Ne8 24.Bd3±]

20.Qg3 b5

[20...h5 21.f4 Neg4 22.h3 h4 23.Qf3! *(Δ23.Qxh4 Ne3 24.Rf2 Nc2 25.Rc1 Nd4±)* 23...Nh6 24.Qf2±]

(Diagram)

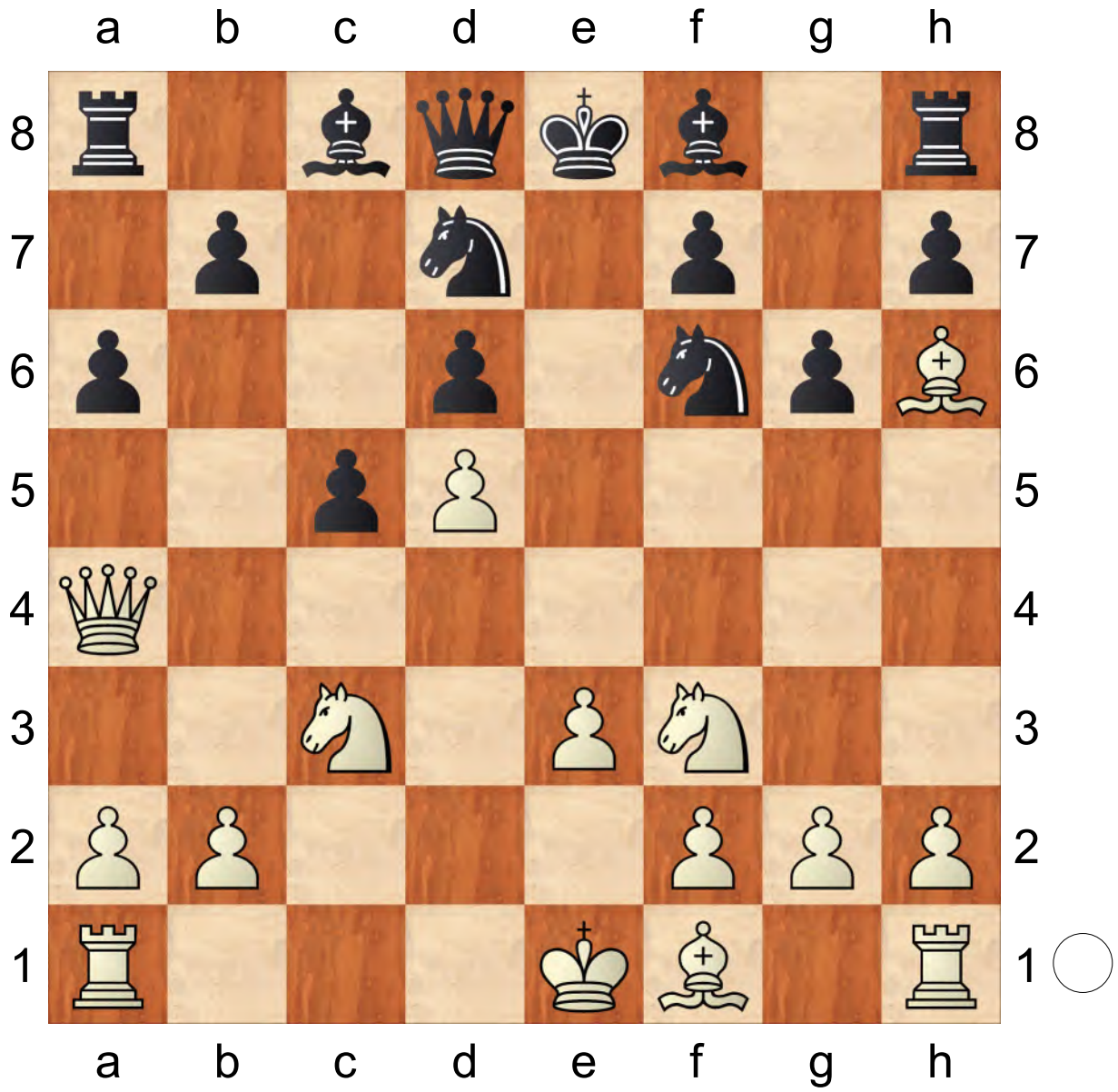
21.axb5 axb5 22.f4 Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Rae1 Nh5 25.Qf3 Rxb2

(Diagram)

26.Nxc4 Rb4 27.Na5 Qf6 28.Nc6 Rb3 29.Re3

[29.e5!?

A) Δ29...Qxf4? 30.Qd1 Rxc3 *(30...Qc4 31.Ne4!→)* 31.Rxf4 Nxf4 32.Qa1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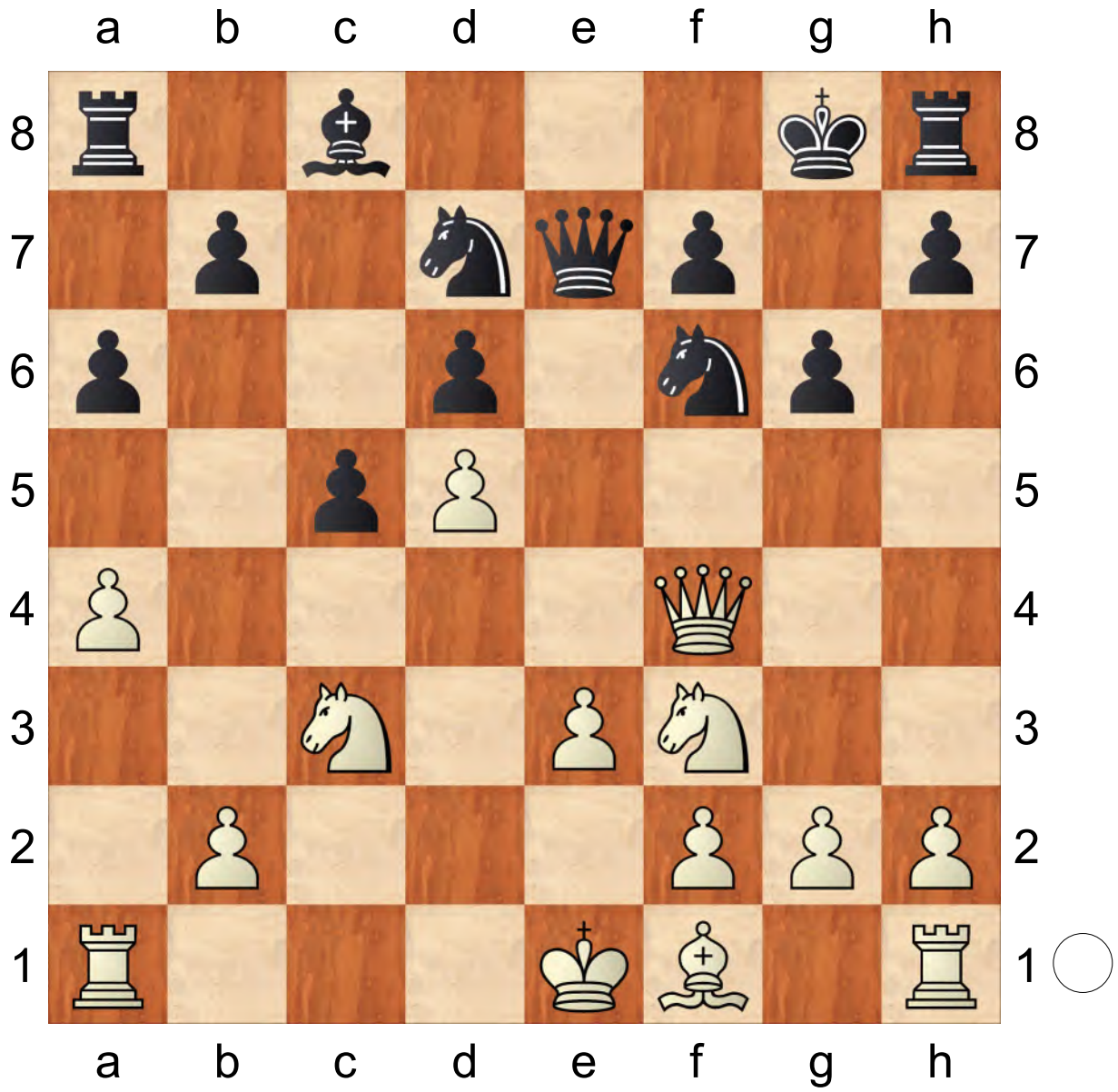
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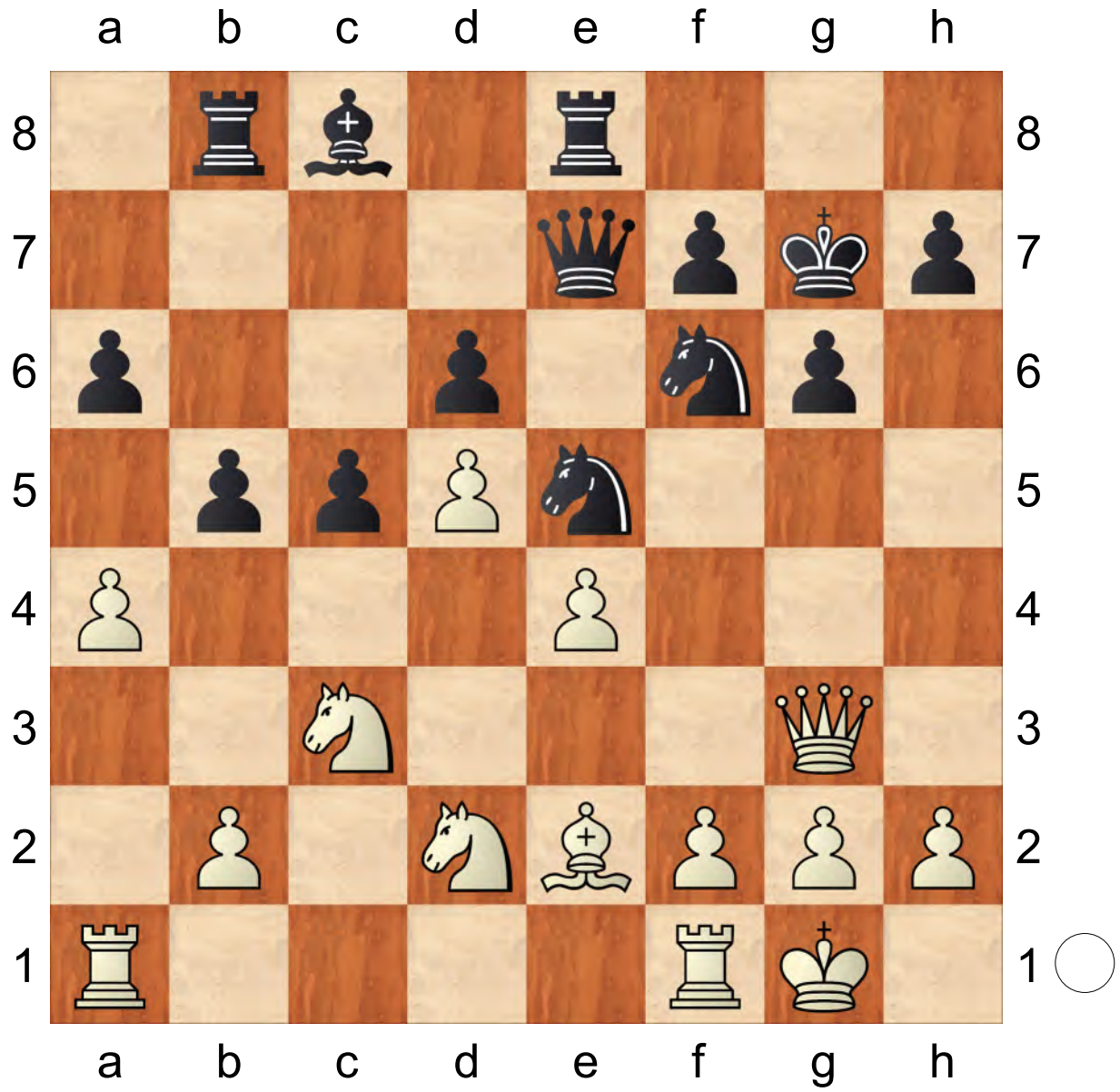
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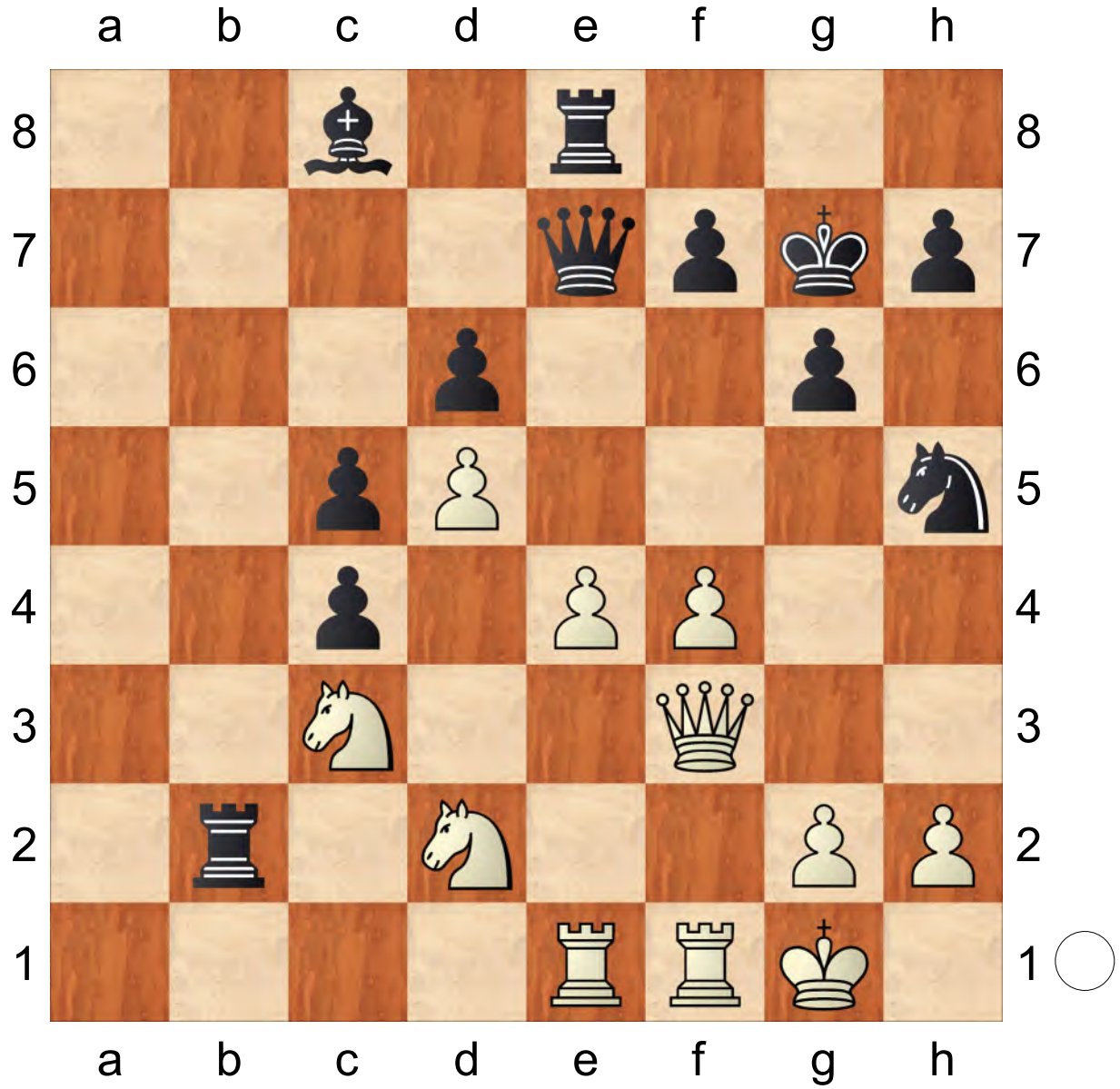


Nxd5 33.exd6!+-;

B) 29...dxe5 30.fxe5 Qxf3 31.Rxf3 Bg4 32.Na5 Rb4 33.Rff1±]

29...Bd7?!

[⩲29...Rxc3!? 30.Rxc3 Rxe4 31.Qxe4 Qxc3⩱]

30.e5! dxe5

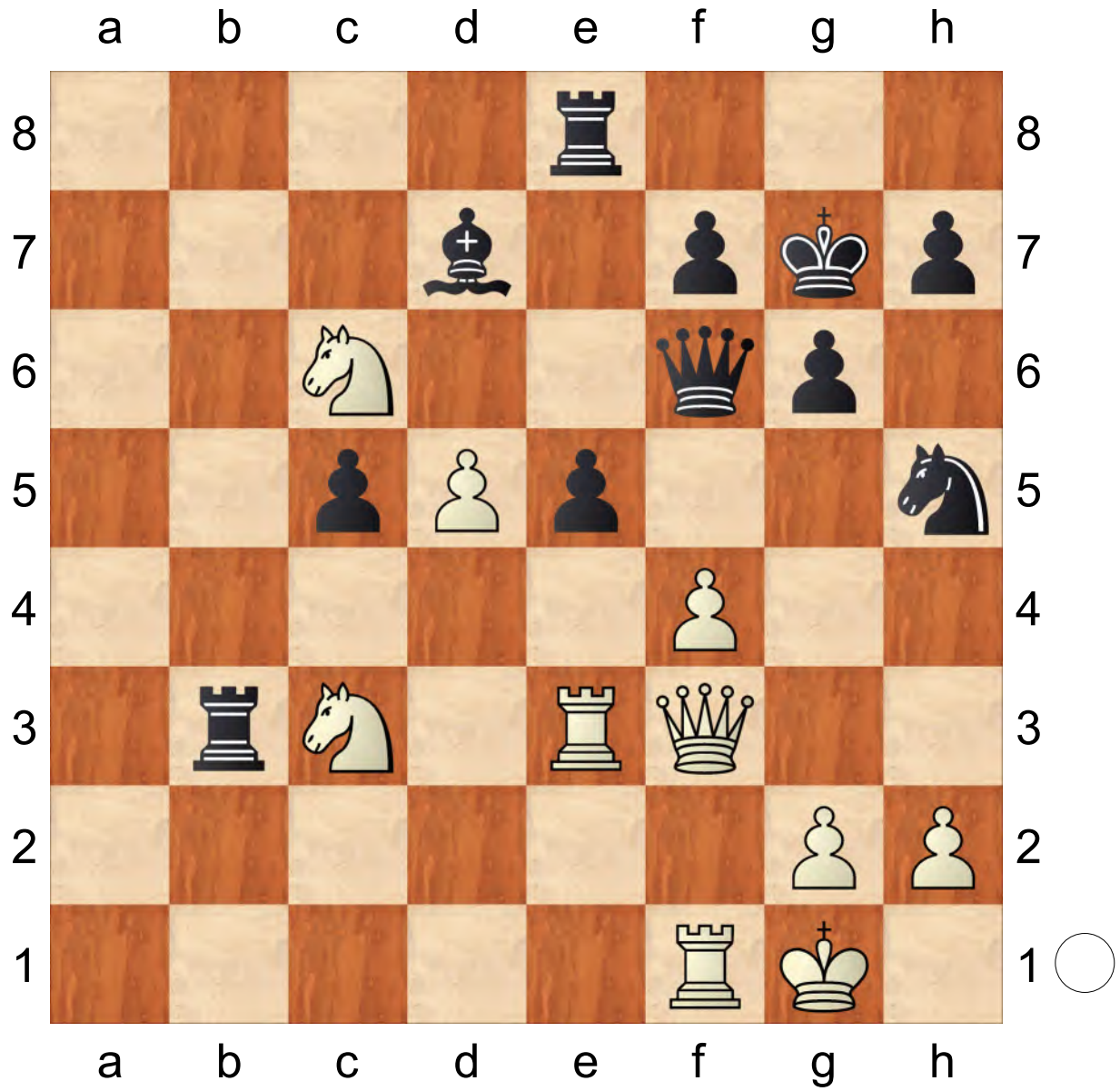
(Diagram)

31.fxe5

[31.Ne4! Rxe3 32.Qxe3 exf4 33.Nxf6 fxe3 34.Nxd7 Nf4 35.Nf6! Ne2+ 36.Kh1 Ra8 37.Ng4±]

31...Qxf3 32.Rexf3 f6 33.Na5 Rb4

[≤33...Ra3?! 34.Nc4 Rb3 35.exf6++-]



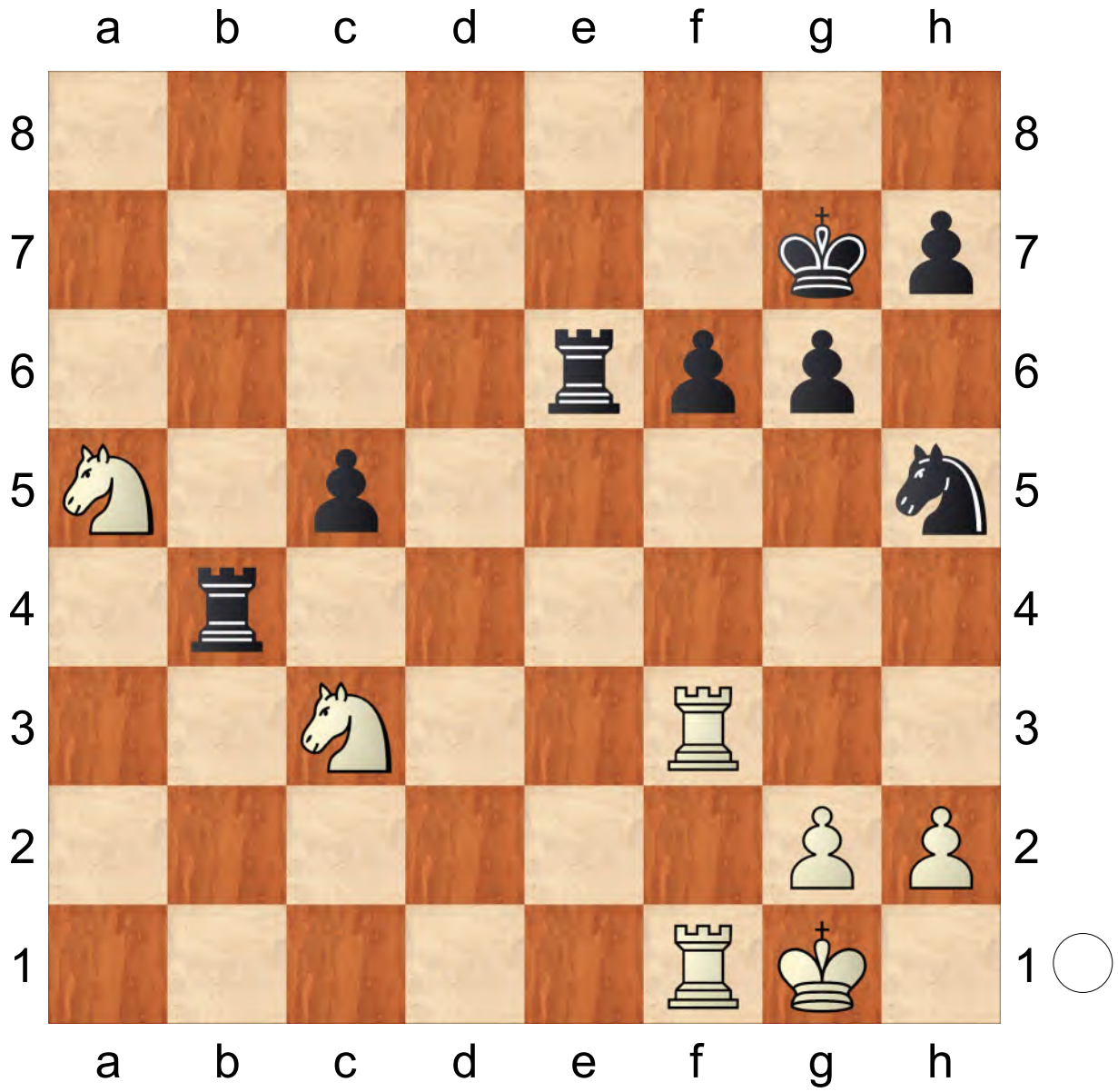
34.e6 Bxe6 35.dxe6 Rxe6±

(Diagram)

36.Nd5 Ra4
[36...Rd4 37.Nc7 Re2 38.R3f2 Re3 39.Ra1+-]
37.Nb7 Ra7 38.Nxc5 Re5 39.Rd1 Ra5 40.Rc3 f5

(Diagram)

41.Nc7?!
[41.Rd2!+-]
41...Nf4 42.Rc4 Raxc5 43.Rd7+ Kh6 44.Rxf4 Rc2± 45.Nd5 Ree2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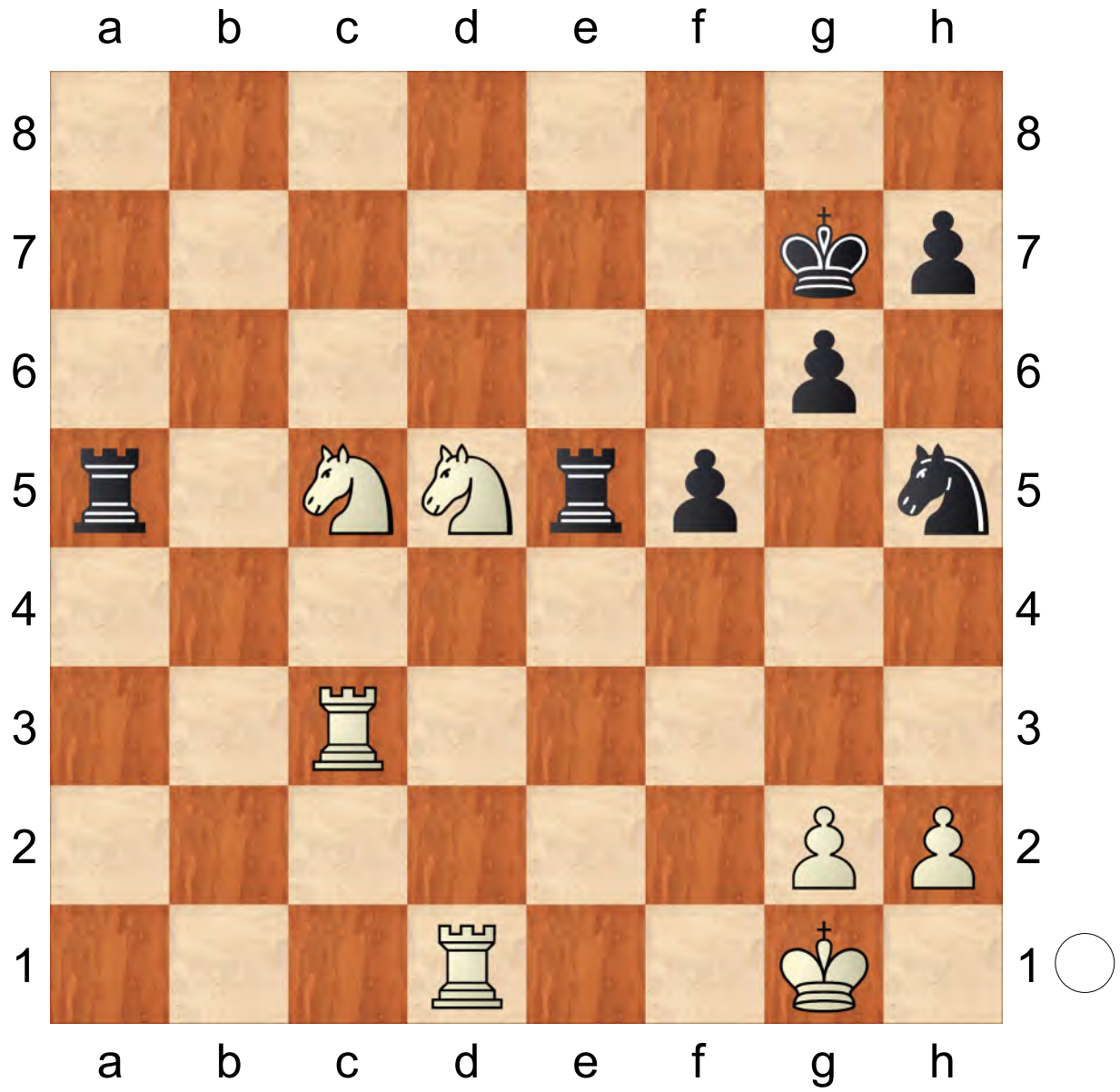
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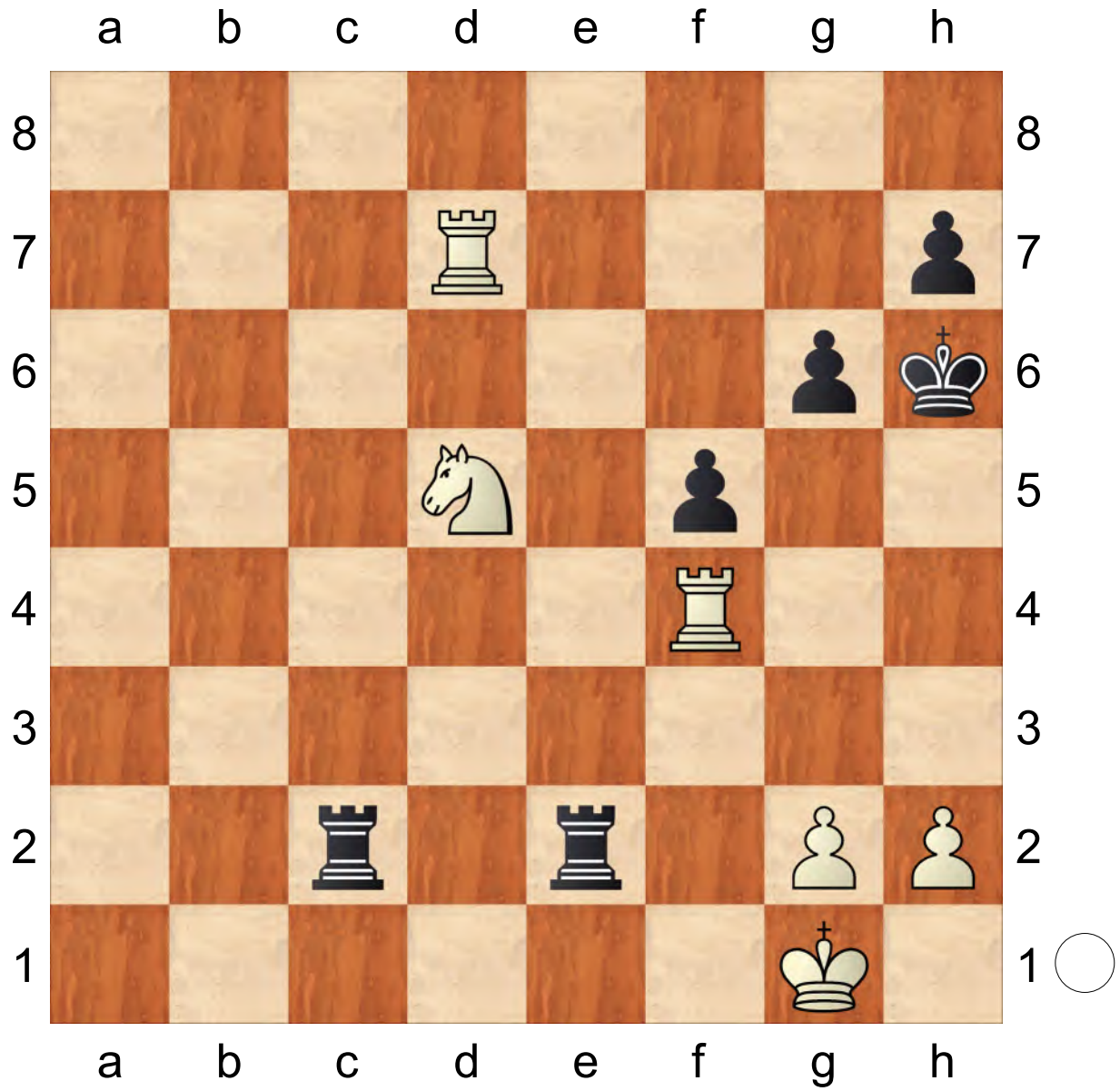

46.Kf1?
[46.Nb4 Rxg2+ 47.Kf1 Rce2 48.Nd3 Rxh2 49.Nf2 Kg5 50.Rf3 Ra2=]
46...Red2! 47.Re7 Rd1+ 48.Re1 Rxd5∓ 49.Re2 Rc7
[49...Rdd2!? 50.Rxd2 Rxd2 51.Rh4+ Kg7 52.Rb4±]
50.Kf2 Rcd7

(Diagram)

51.Ra4 Kg5 52.Ra3 h5 53.Rg3+ Kf6 54.Ra3 h4?!
[54...R7d6!?]
55.Ra6+! Kg5

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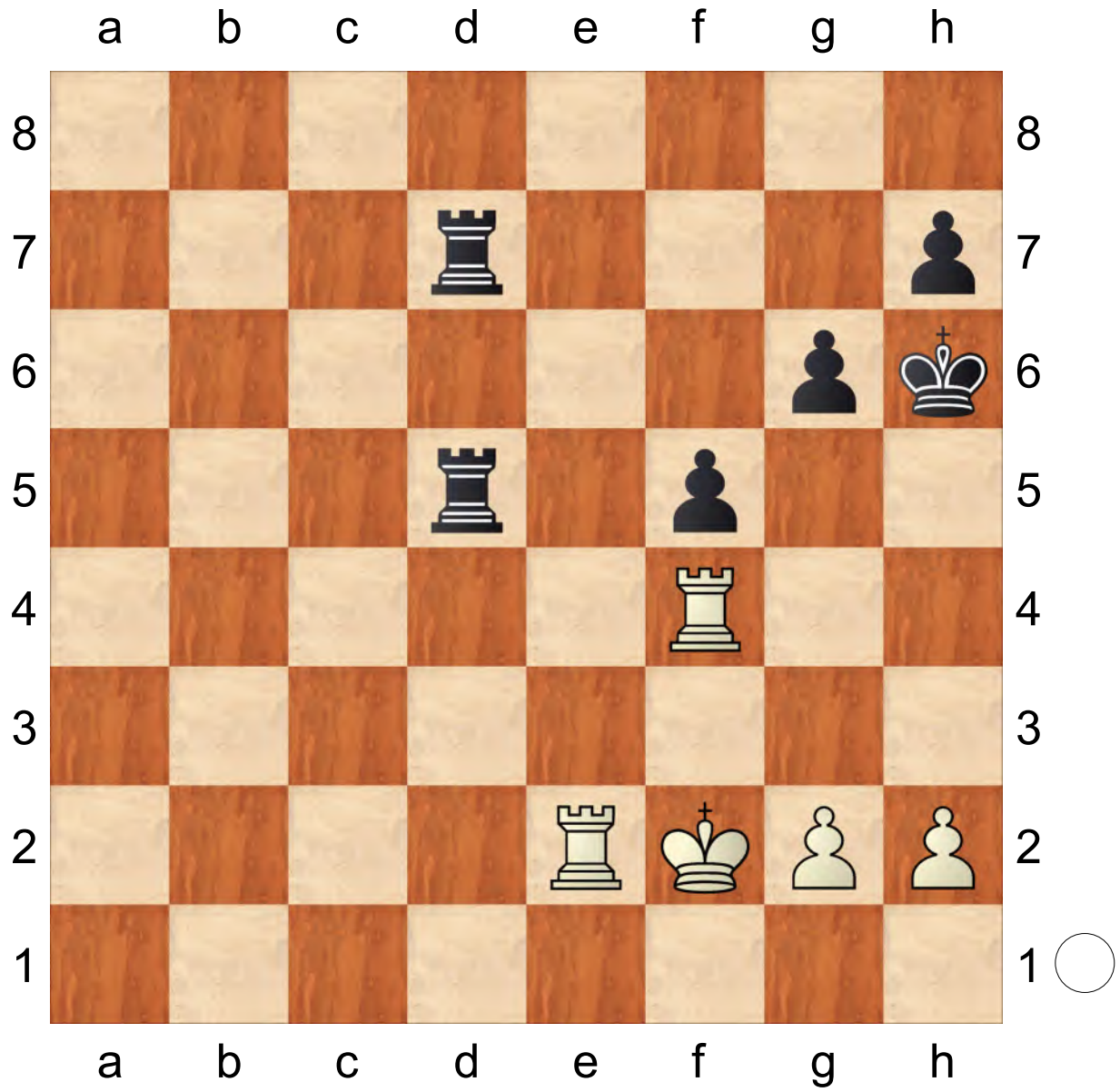
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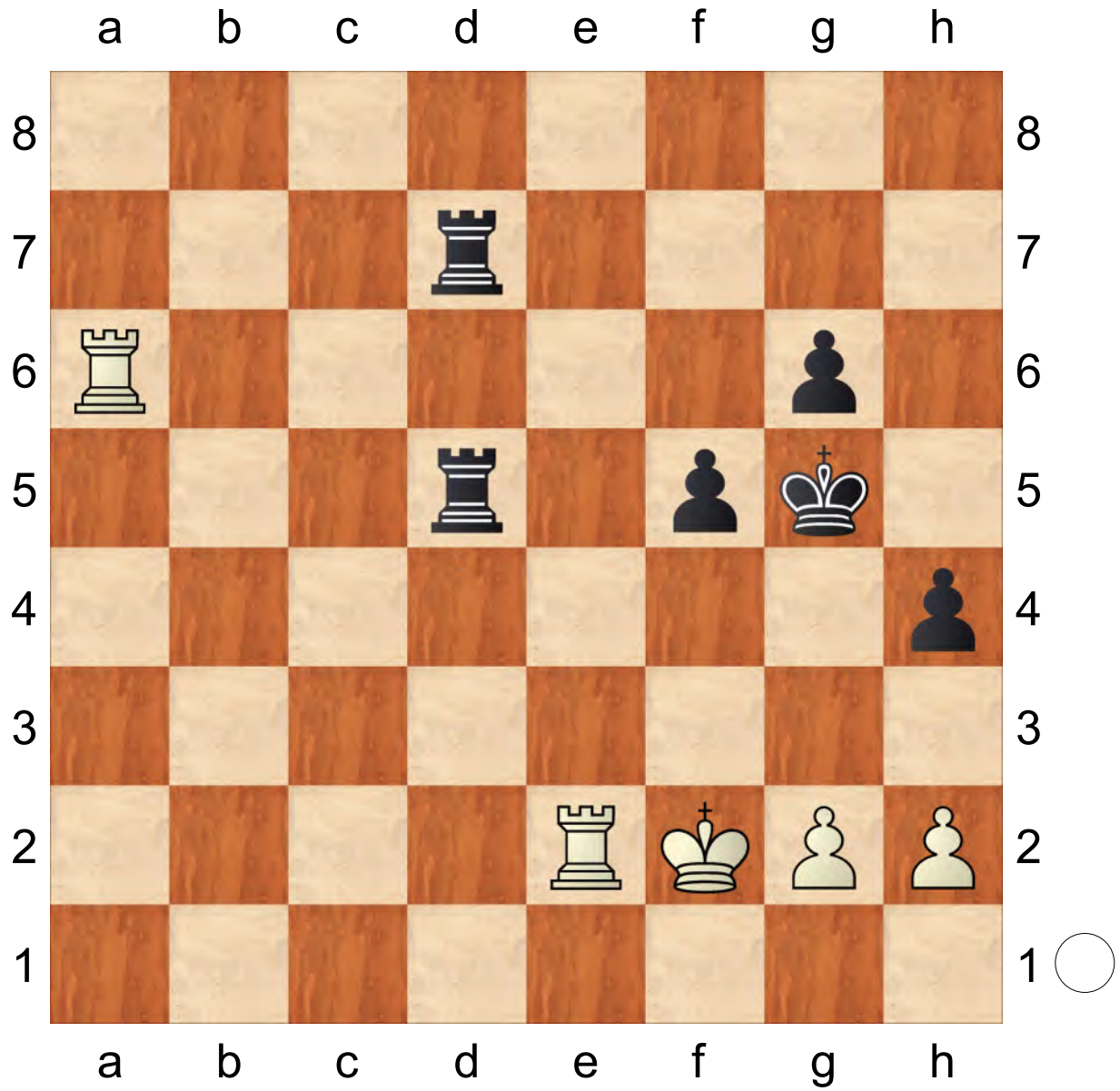

56.h3 Rb5 57.Ree6! Rb2+ 58.Re2 Rb1 59.Ree6 Rg7 60.Reb6 Rxb6

(Diagram)

61.Rxb6 Ra7 62.Rb4

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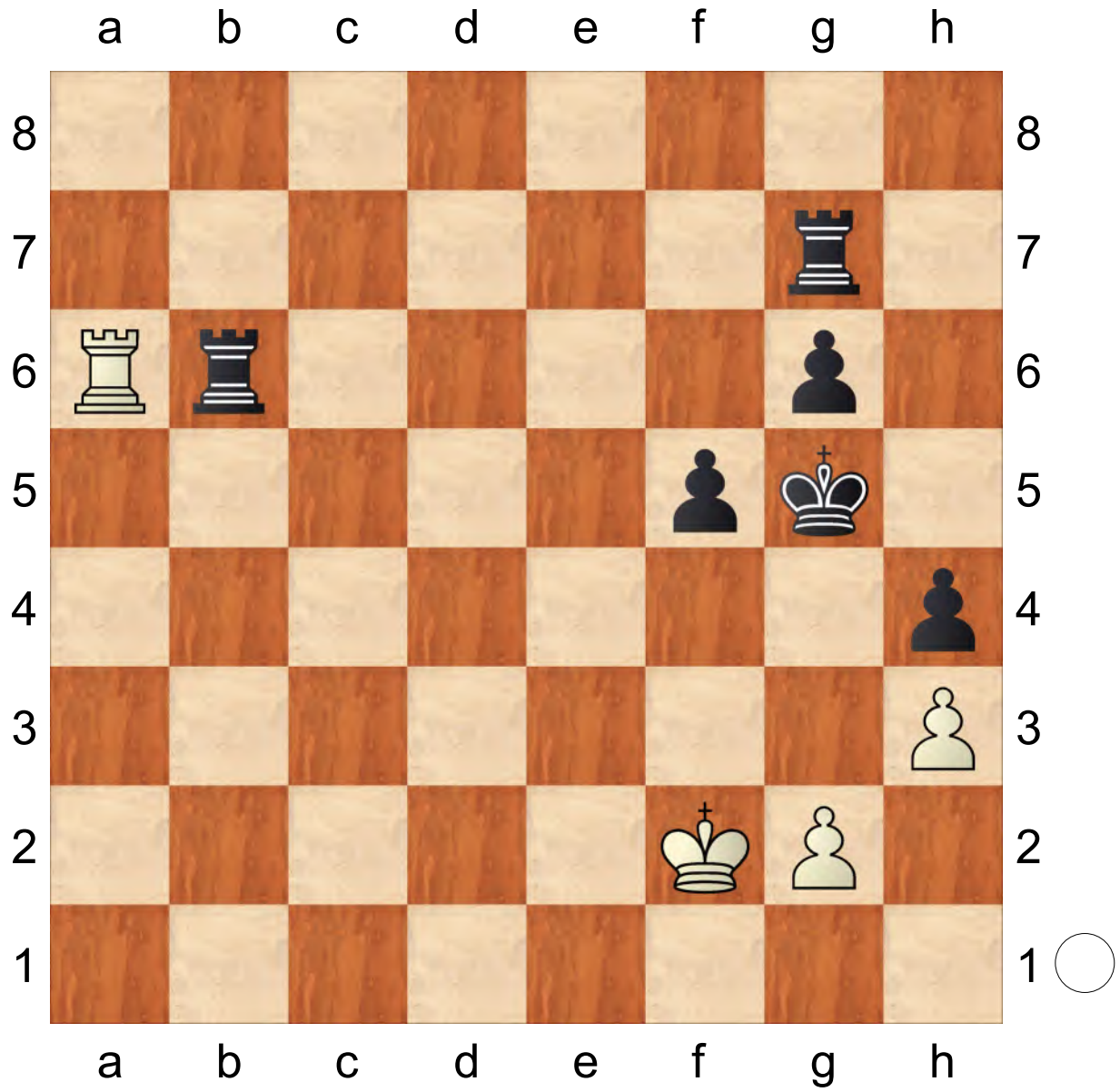
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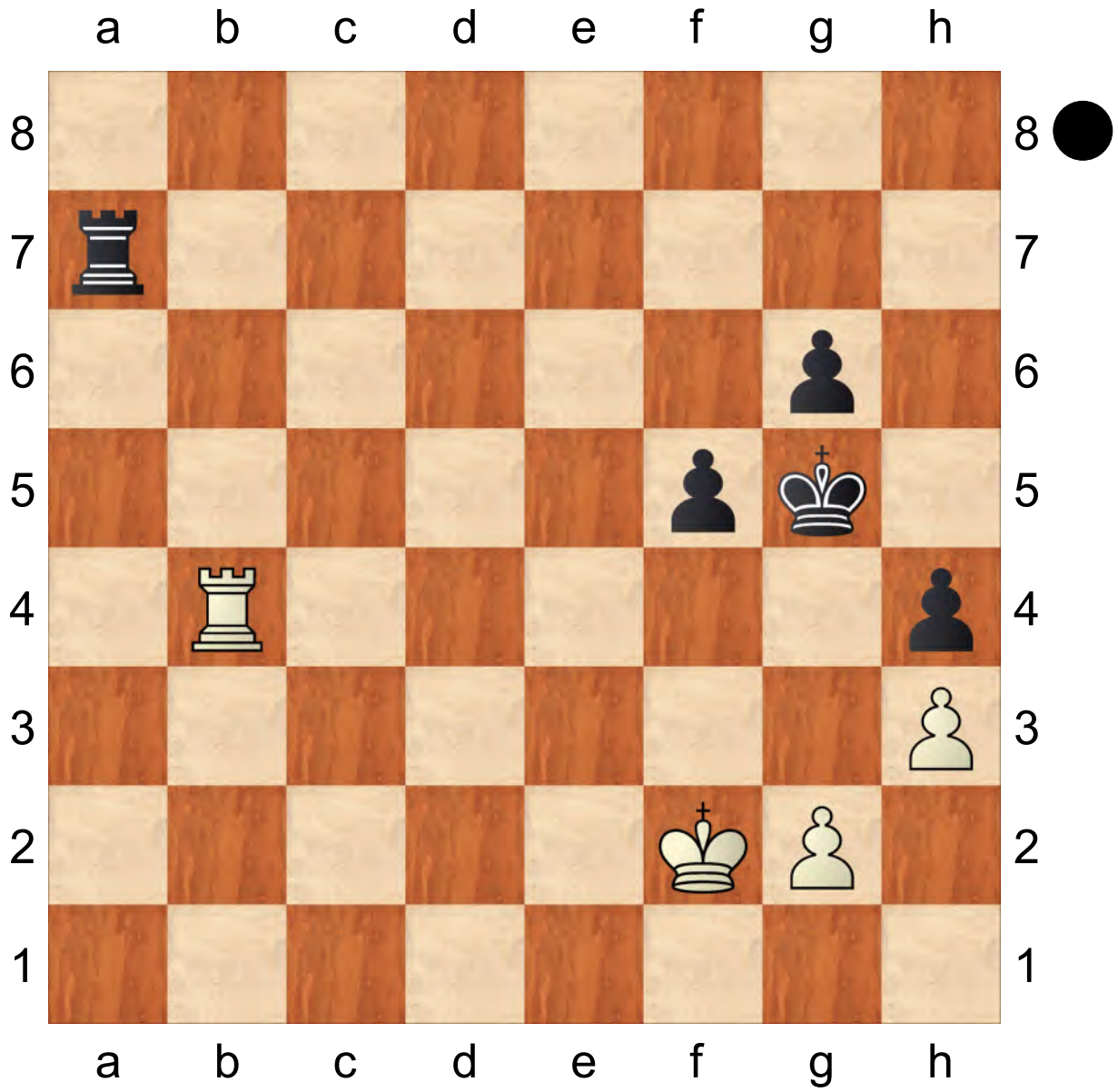
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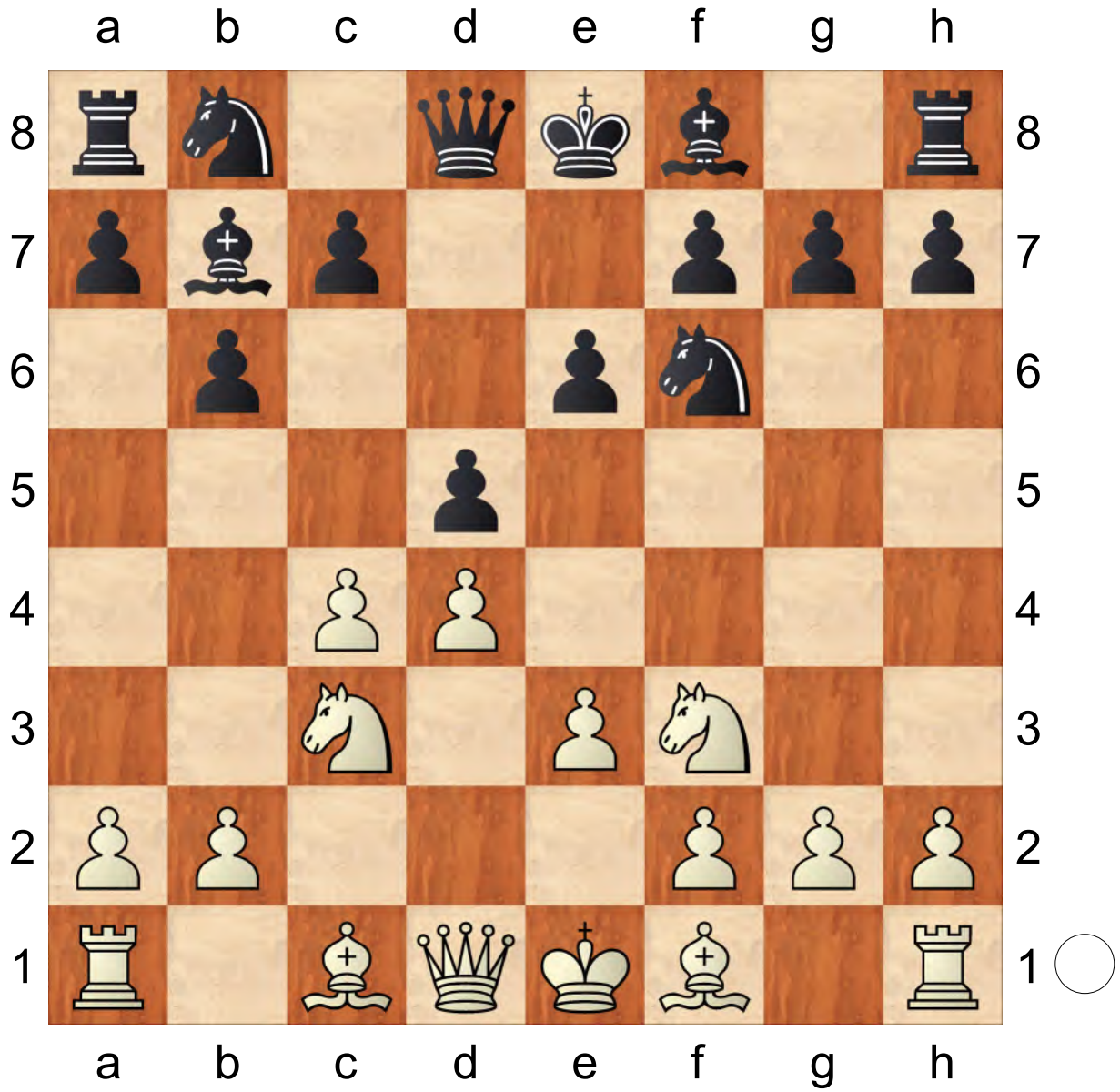
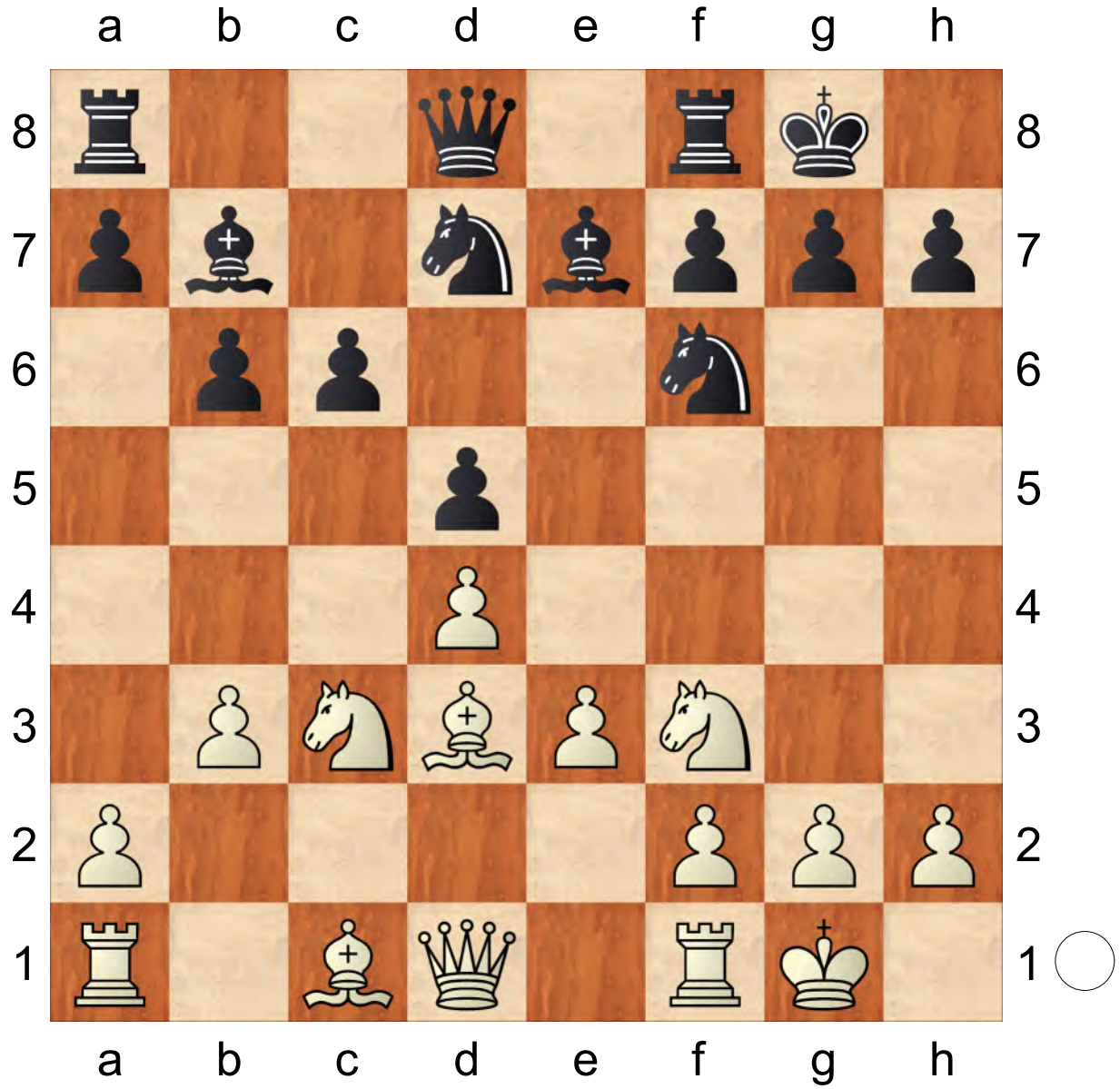


6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 Nbd7

(Diagram)



11.Bb2 Bd6 12.Rc1N

[12.Qc2 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' Rc8 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Ng3 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Bf5 Rc7 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Ng5 g6 19.Bxd7 Nxd7 20.h4 Ne5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.e4 d4 23.f4 Re8 24.e5∞ Vyzmanavin,A-Karpov,An (4)/Tilburg (3) 20'/1993/ 0-1 (41)]

[12.Ne2 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: 'Ü 58/(550) Gelfand: 'Ftacnik'' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Ü 58/(550) Gelfand: 'Ftacnik' Gelfand: 'Ftacnik Karpov,An: '— 58/(550)'" Re8 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 13.Ng3 g6 14.Re1 Ne4 15.Nd2 f5 16.Ngf1! Qh4 17.Re2 Qh6 18.f3 Nef6 19.Qc2 Re6 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.e4 Nh5! 22.g3 Qf8!? 23.e5 Bb4± Malaniuk,V-Vyzmanavin,A/Pardubice/1993/]

[12.Re1 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Re8 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.Rac1 *(14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Nf6 17.Bf5 Rc7 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Ne5 c5 20.Qd3 Re7 21.Re1 g6 22.Bh3 Nd5 23.Rf1 Nf4 24.Qd2∓* Polugaevsky,L-

Karpov,An/Roquebrune 30' (04)/1992/0-1 (59)) 14...c5 15.Qe2 Ne4 16.Ba6 Bxa6 17.Qxa6 Ndf6 18.dxc5 Rxc5 19.h3 Qd7 20.Qd3= Portisch,L-Huebner,R/ Manila izt/1990/]

12...Re8 13.Ne2 Qe7

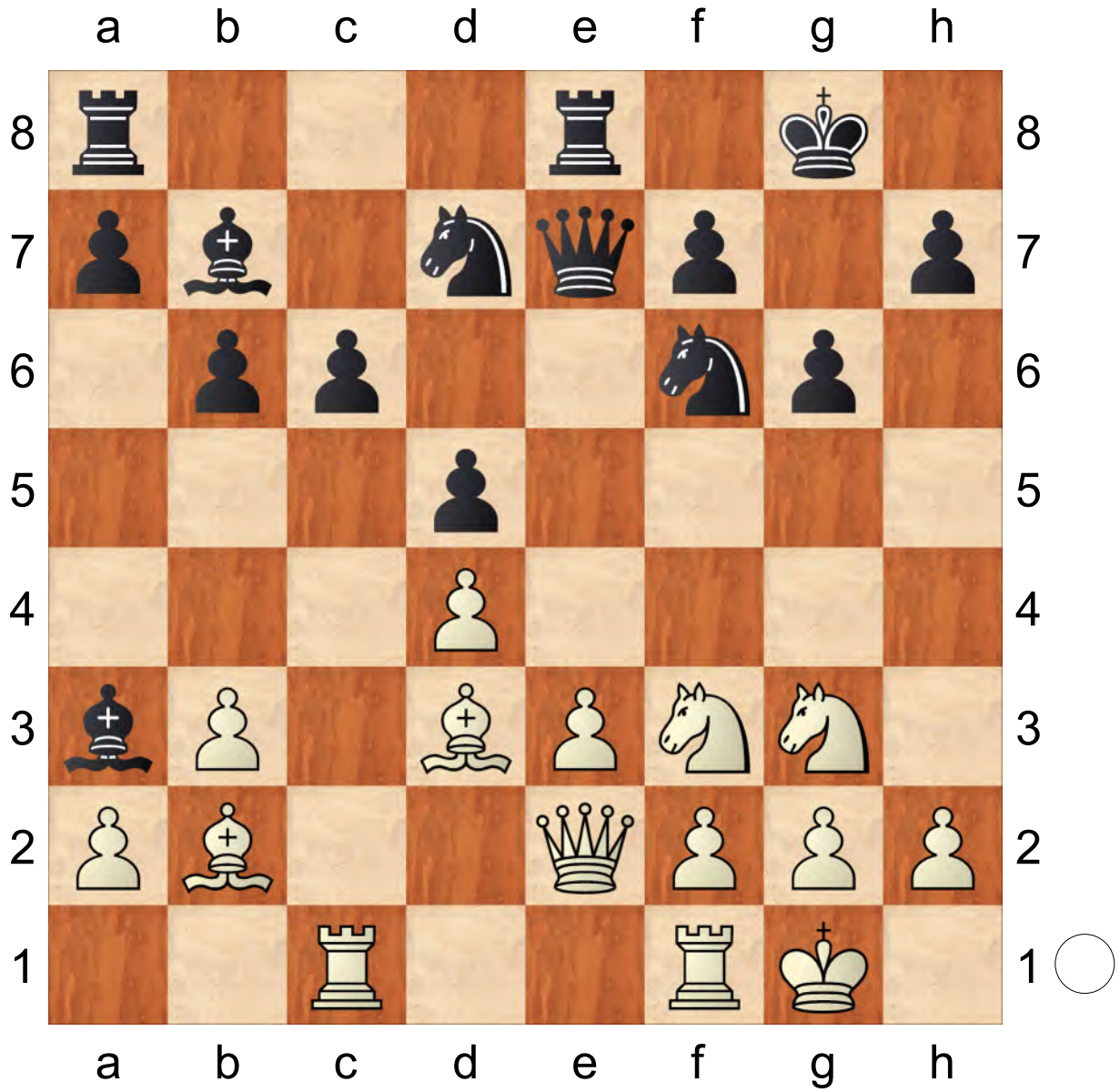
[13...Ne4!? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '!?" Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '!?' '!?" 14.Ng3 Bf8]

14.Ng3 g6 15.Qe2

[15.Qc2!? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand']

15...Ba3

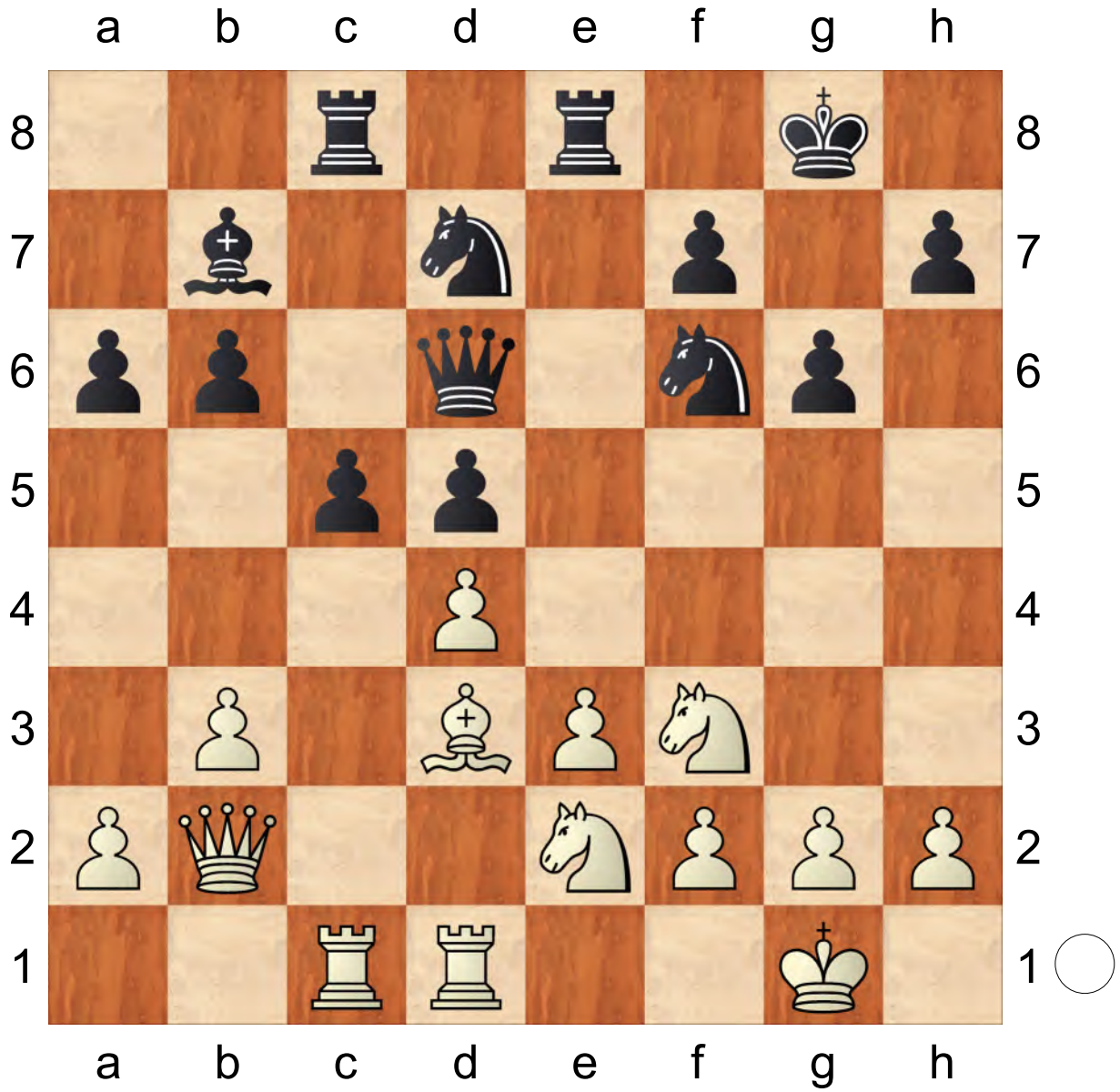
[15...a6 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 16.Qc2 c5±]



16.Rfe1

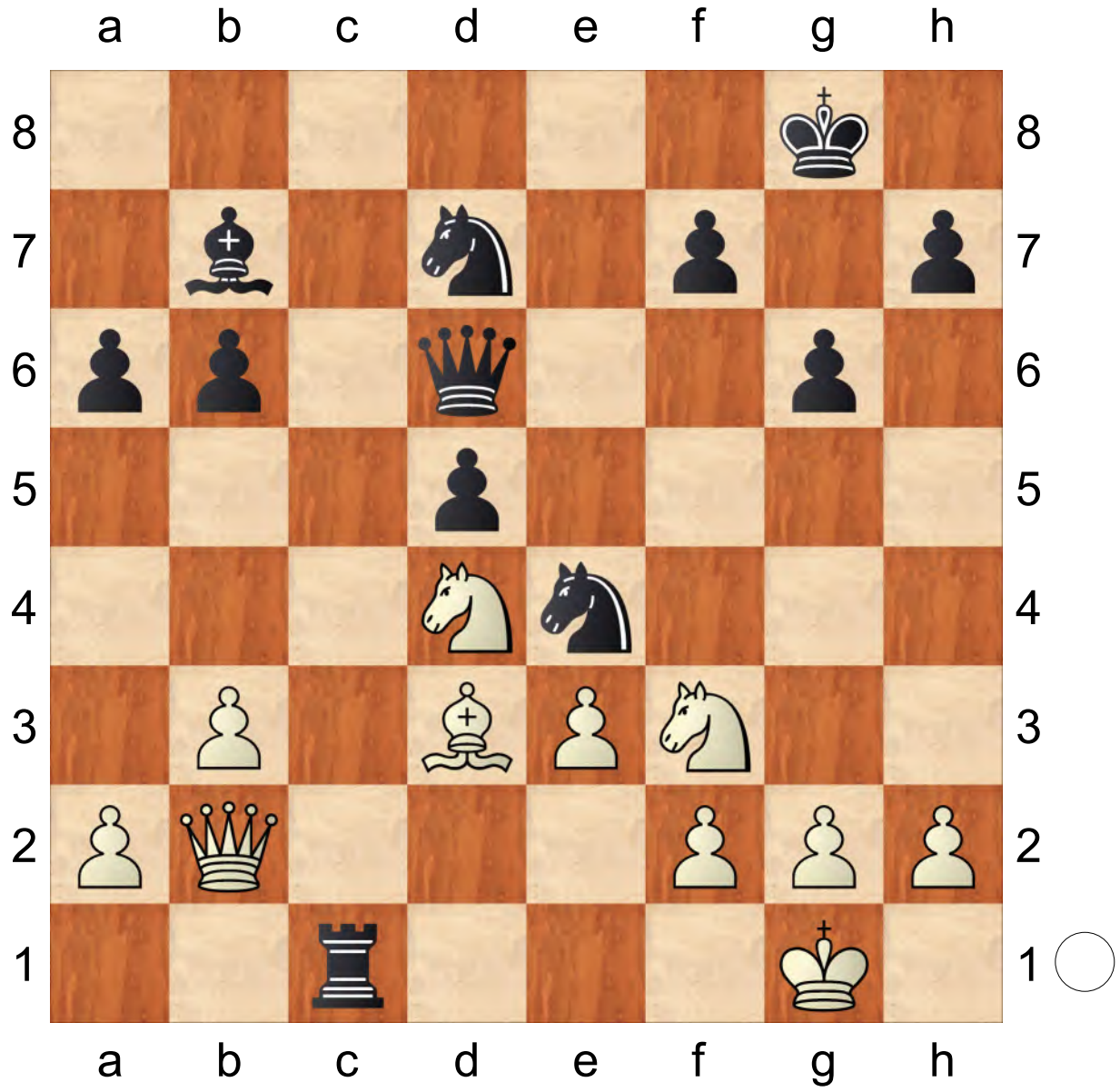
[16.Qc2!? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand']

16...Qd6 Karpov,Anatoly: '=' '=' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '='"
[16...a5!? Δa4 Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Δa4']
17.Qc2
[17.Bxa3 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Qxa3 18.Qc2 Rac8=]
17...Bxb2
[17...a5!?]
18.Qxb2 c5 19.Red1
[19.Qa3 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Ne4!?]
19...Rac8 20.Ne2
[20.Bb5 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' a6 21.dxc5 bxc5=]
20...a6



21.Rc2
[21.h3!?]

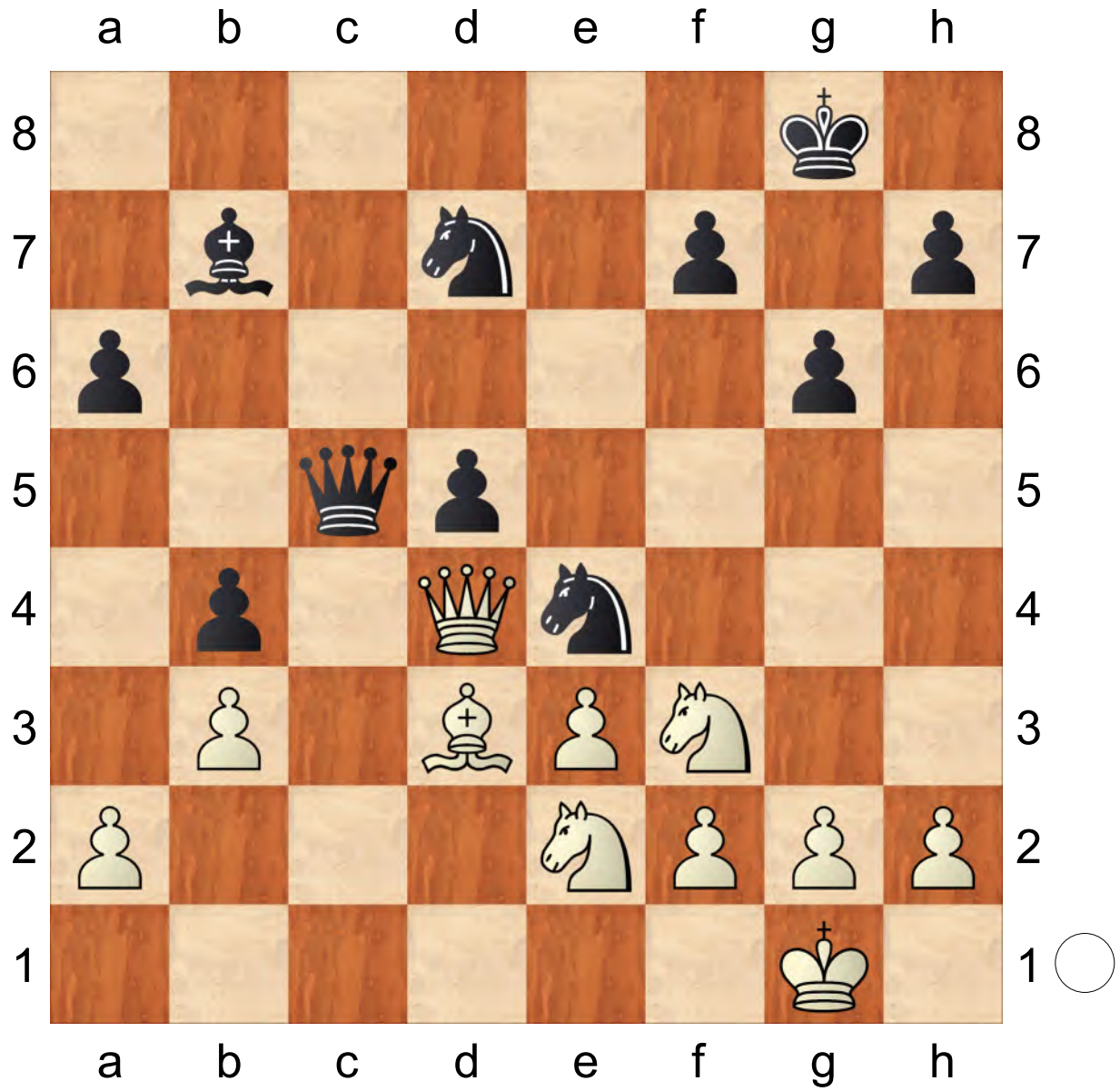
21...cxd4 22.Nexd4 Rxc2 23.Bxc2 Rc8 24.Rc1 Ne4
[24...Qc5 25.Ne2]
25.Bd3 Rxc1+



26.Qxc1 Qc5 27.Qd1 b5 28.Ne2 b4 29.Qa1
[29.Bxe4 Ftacnik dxe4 30.Qxd7 exf3 31.Qd8+ Kg7 32.Qd4+ Qxd4 33.Nxd4 fxg2 34.f3=]
29...Qd6 30.Qd4 Qc5

(Diagram)

31.Qa1
[31.Qxc5 Ftacnik Ndxc5 32.Bc2 Kf8=]
31...Qd6 32.h3 Ndc5 33.Bc2 Qf6 34.Qe5



[34.Qxf6 Ftacnik Nxf6 35.Nfd4 Kf8∞]

34...Qxe5 35.Nxe5 f6

(Diagram)

36.Nf3 Ne6

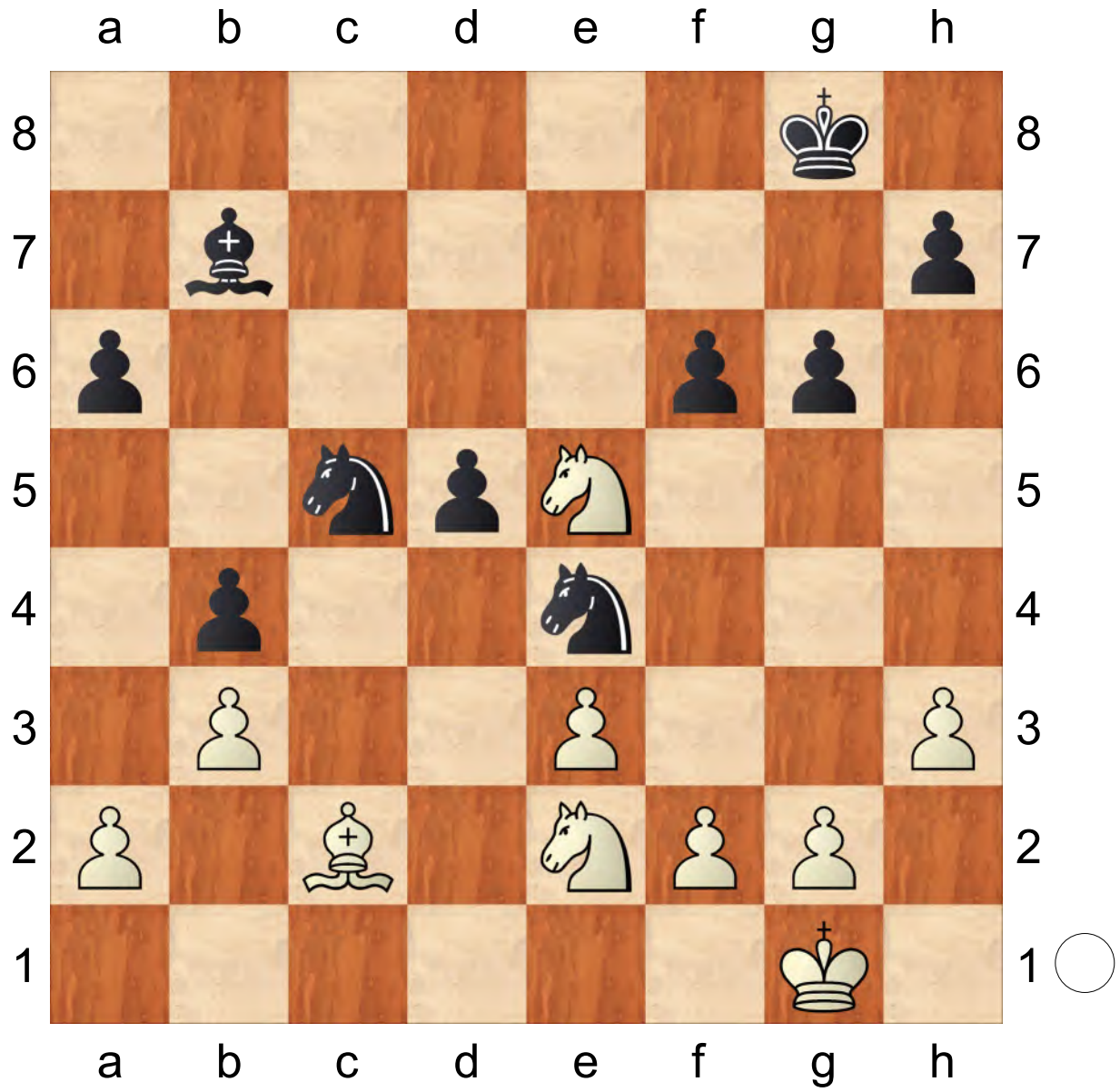
[36...Kf7 Ftacnik 37.Nfd4]

37.Ne1 Kf7 38.f3 N4c5

[38...Nc3 Ftacnik 39.Nxc3 bxc3 40.Kf2± ×c3]

39.g4 a5 40.Kf2 Ba6

(Diagram)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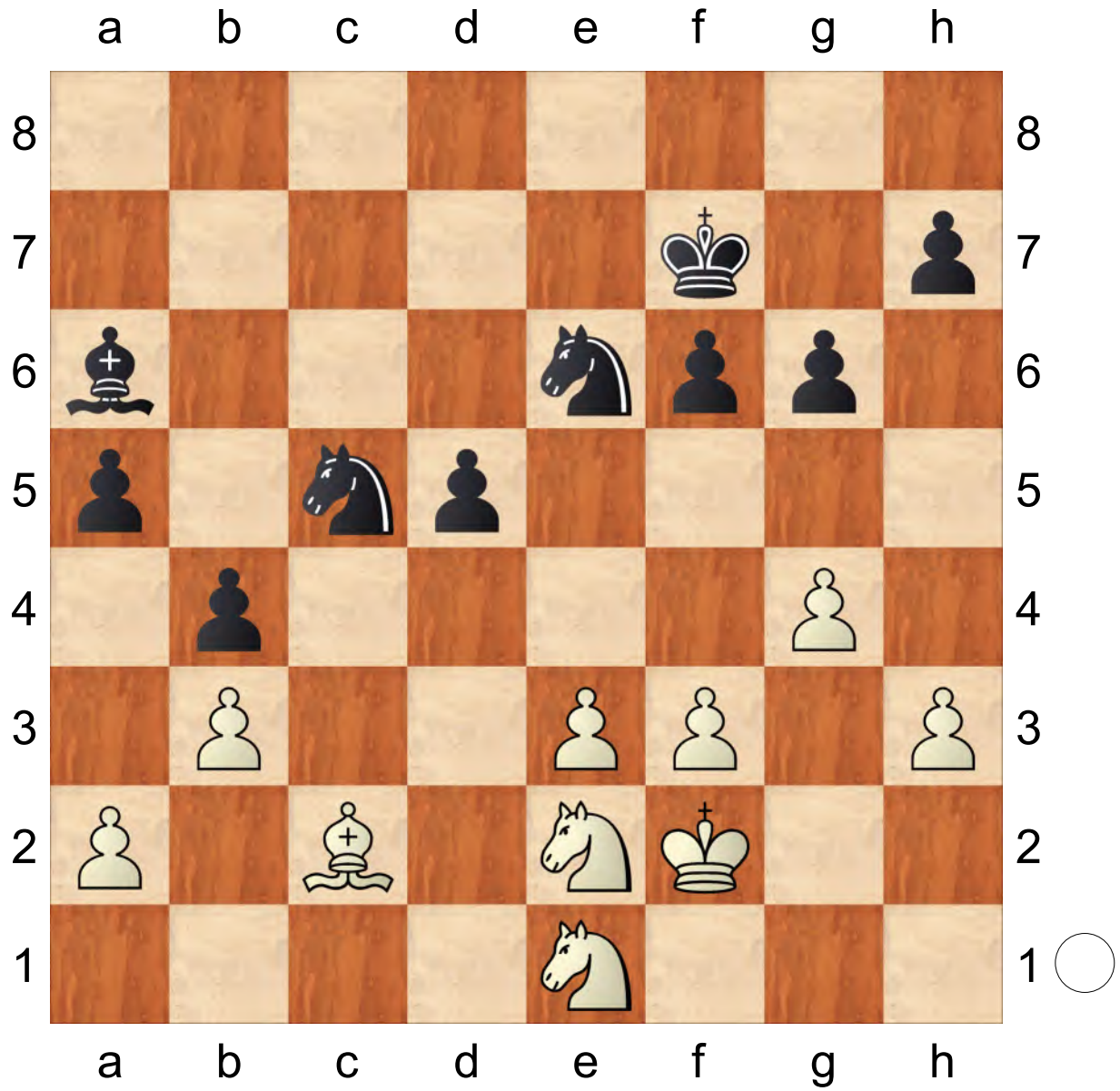
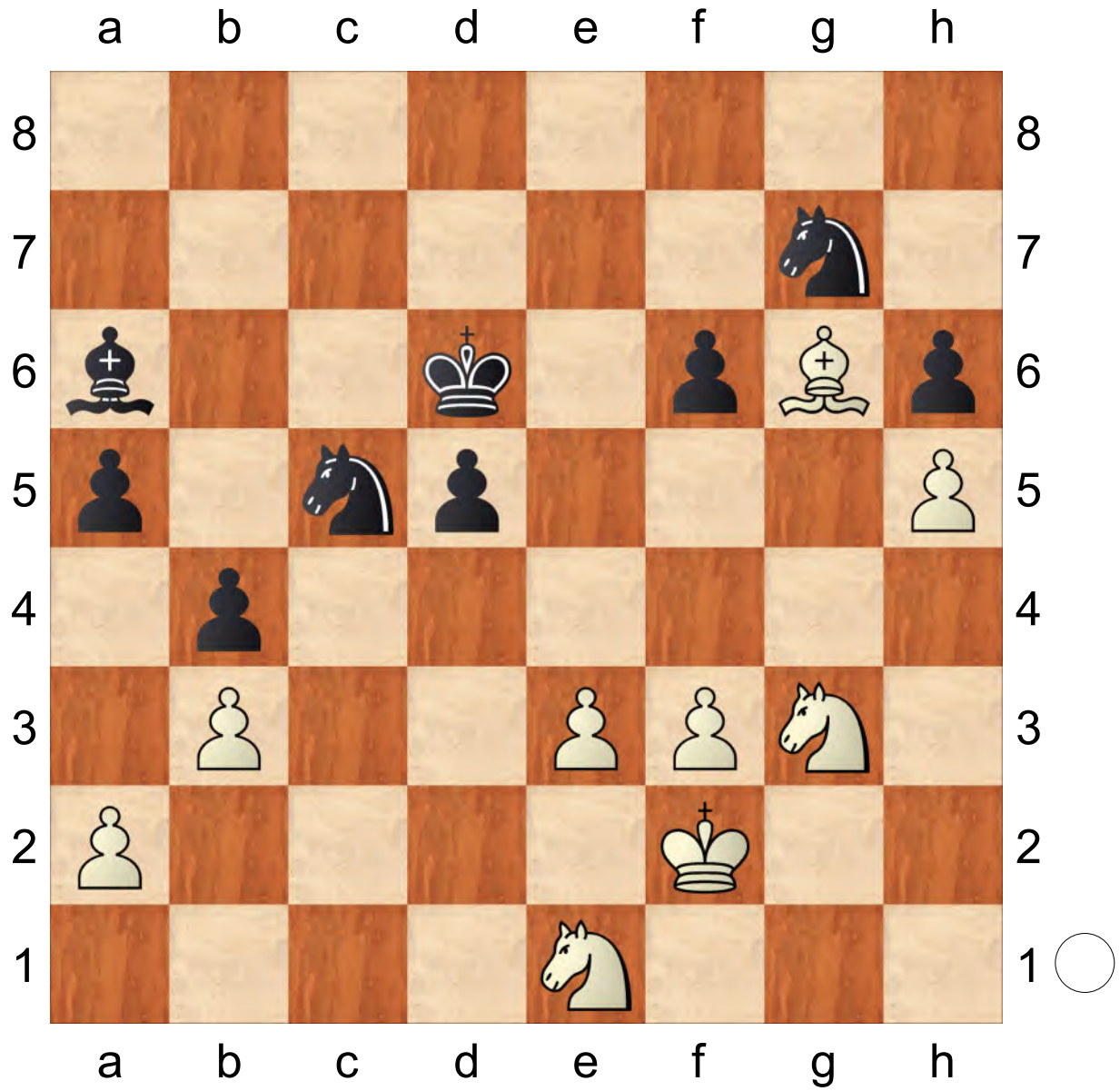


41.h4
[41.Nd4 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Nxd4 42.exd4 Ne6 43.Ke3=]
41...h6
[41...Bxe2 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 42.Kxe2 d4 43.Nd3±]
42.h5
[42.Ng3 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' d4]
42...gxh5
[42...g5 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' 43.Ng3 Ng7 44.f4=]
43.gxh5 Ke7 44.Ng3 Ng7 45.Bg6 Kd6

(Diagram)



46.Kg2
[46.f4!? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' Bb7 *(46...a4 47.bxa4 Nxa4 48.Nc2 Kc5 49.Nd4 Nc3 50.Ngf5 Nxf5 51.Nxf5 Nxa2 52.Nxh6; 46...Ne4+ 47.Bxe4 dxe4 48.Nxe4+)* 47.Nf3 Ne4+ 48.Bxe4 dxe4 49.Nd4±]
[46.Nc2 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Nce6]
46...Bb5 47.Nc2 Nce6 48.f4 Karpov,Anatoly: '±' '±' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: ' ±'" **48...Bd7=** Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '=" Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '=' '=" **49.Kf2**
[49.Nd4 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Nxd4 50.exd4 Bg4∓]
49...Nc7 50.Nd4 Nb5

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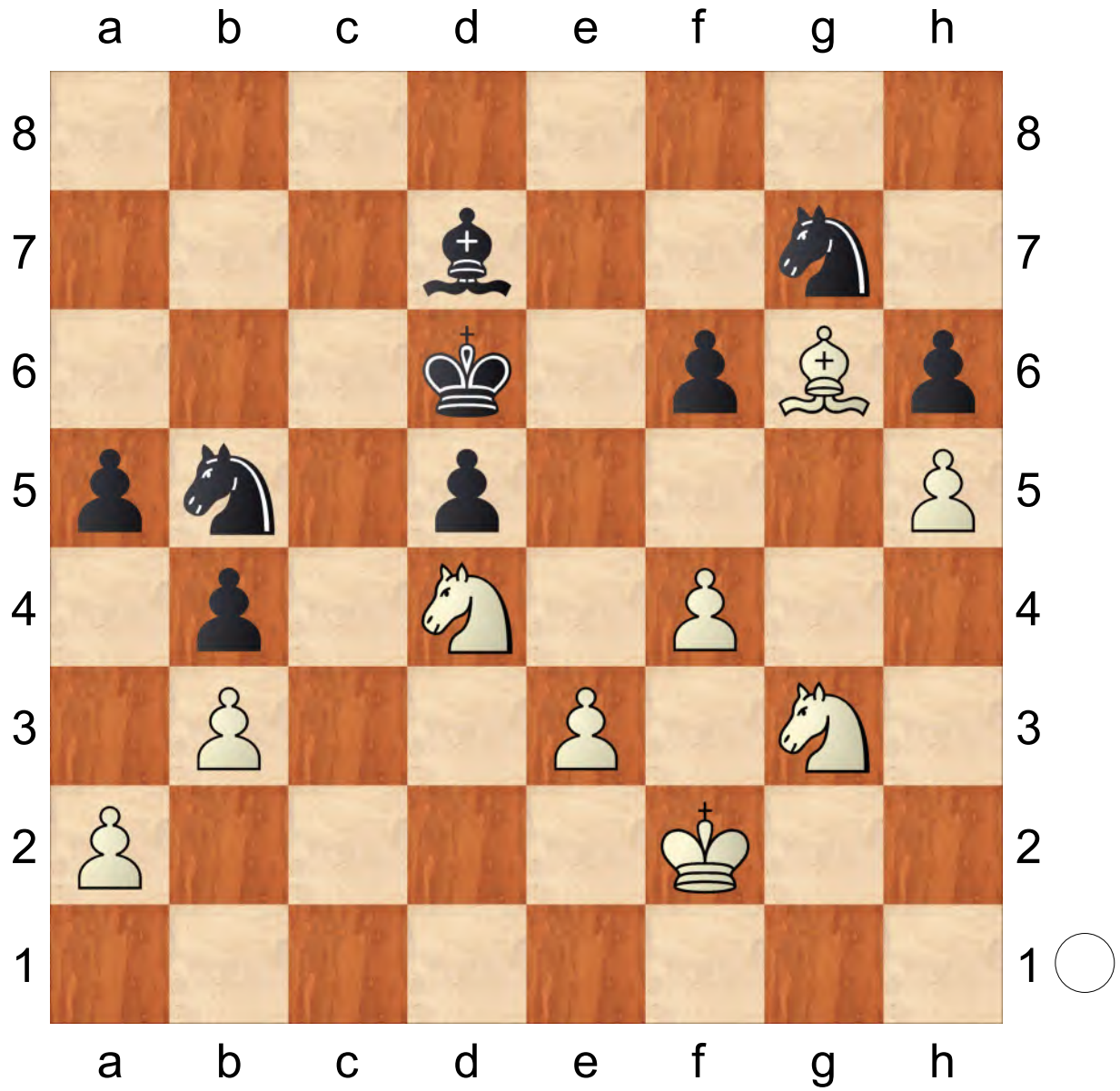
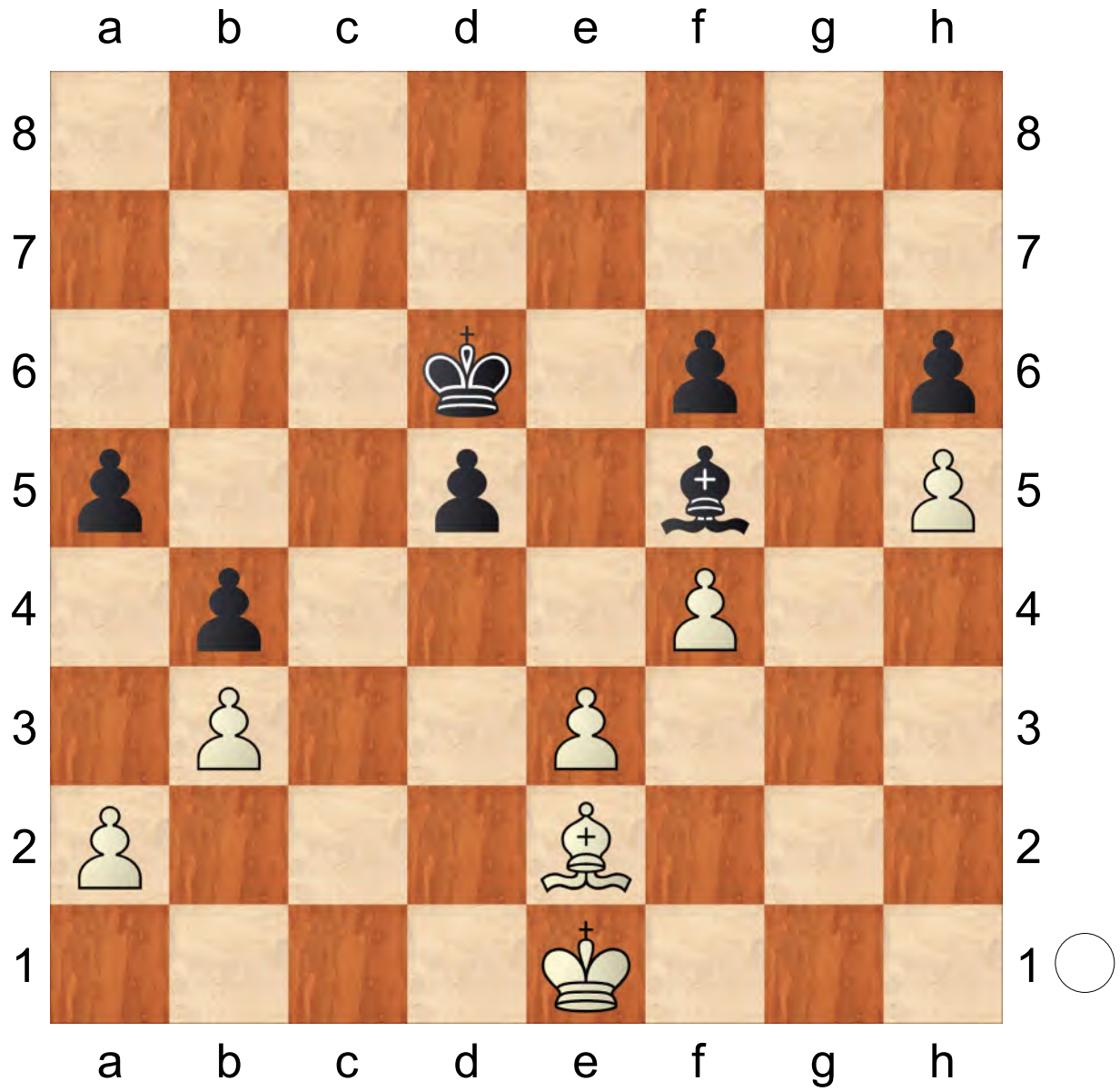


51.Nxb5+ Karpov,Anatoly: '?!' '?!' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '?!'"
51...Bxb5 52.Ke1 Bd7 53.Bd3 Bg4 54.Be2 Nf5 Karpov,Anatoly: '∓!' '∓!' Karpov, Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '∓!'"
[54...Bd7∓ Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik']
55.Nxf5+? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '?" Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '?' '?"
[55.Bxg4=]
[55.Bxg4 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '=' Gelfand: 'Ftacnik" Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '=' '=' Gelfand: 'Ftacnik" Nxg3 56.Kd2 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' *(56.Bf3 Nf5∓)* 56...Ne4+ 57.Kc2 d4 58.Bf3 Nc3∓]
55...Bxf5

(Diagram)



Karpov,Anatoly: '[♘♗ 7/k]' Karpov,Anatoly: '[♘♗ 7/k] Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '[♘♗ 7/k]'"
56.Kd2 Kc5 57.Bd3 Bd7 58.Bc2 Be8 59.Bg6 Bc6 60.Bc2 Bd7

(Diagram)

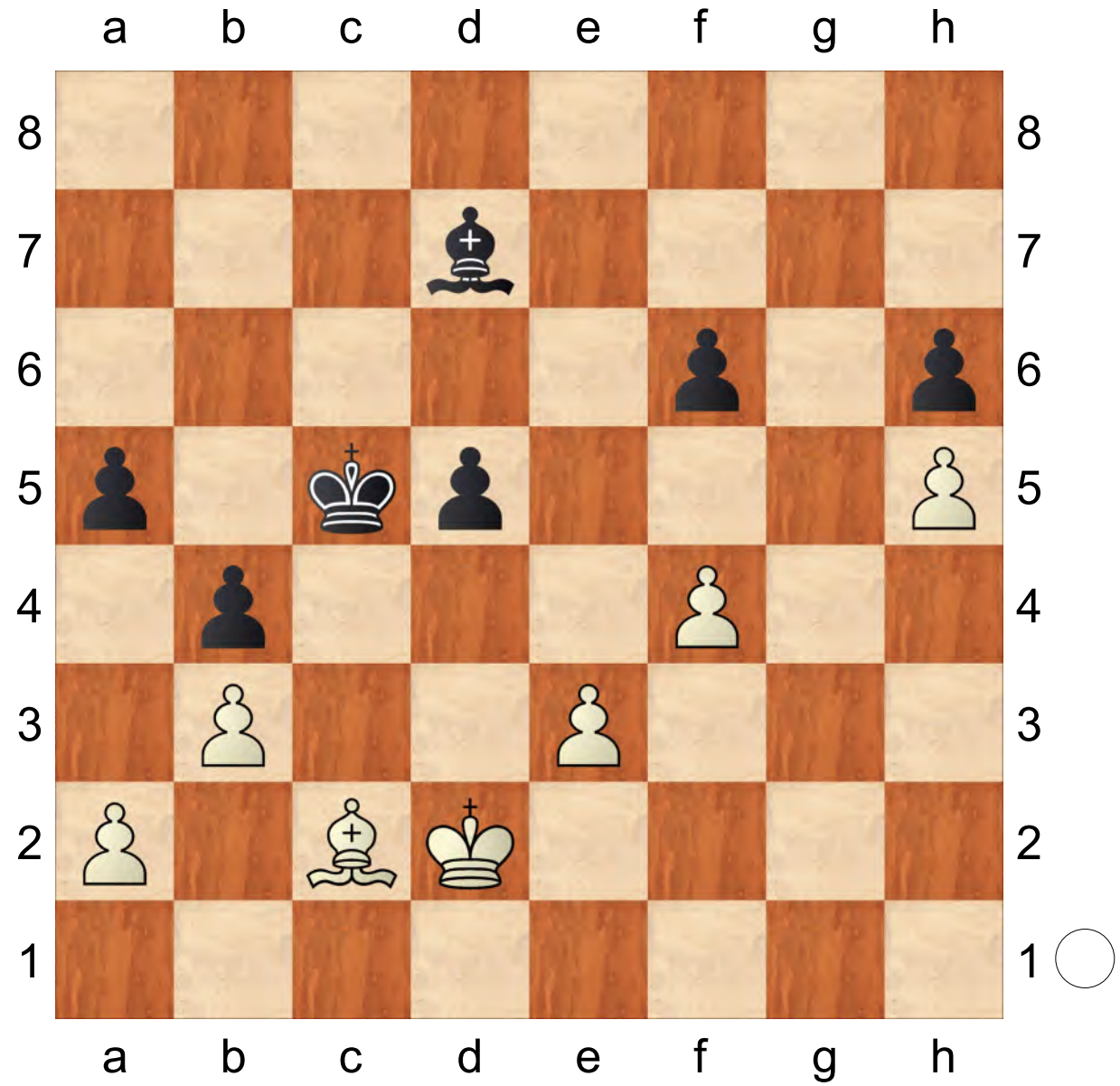
adj Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'adj'' **61.Bd1** -see analysis of adjorment Karpov, Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '-see analysis of adjorment'' **61...Bh3**

[61...d4 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 62.e4 Be8 63.Kd3 Bb5+ 64.Kd2 d3 65.Ke3 d2 66.Bc2 *(66.Kxd2?! Kd4 67.e5 fxe5 68.fxe5 Kxe5)* 66...Be8 67.Bd1 Bf7 68.Kd3 Be6 69.Ke3 a4 70.Kd3 a3 71.Ke3=]

[61...Bf5

A) 62.Bc2?! Bg4 63.Bg6 *(63.Bd1 f5)*

A1) 63...Bf3!? 64.Kd3 Bd1 65.Kd2 *(65.Be8 f5 66.Bg6 Bg4)* 65...Bg4



66.Kd3 *(66.Kc2 Bd7)* 66...f5;
A2) 63...f5 64.Kd3⊙ Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '⊙"
A2a) 64...Bf3 65.Bxf5 Bxh5 Karpov,Anatoly: '∓' '∓' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: ' ∓'" 66.e4 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' dxe4+ *(66...Bf3 67.e5 h5 68.Bh3)* 67.Kxe4 Kd6 *(67...Bf7 68.Ke5 h5 69.Be6)*
A2a1) 68.Bc8 Bf7 69.Kf5 a4 70.bxa4 Bxa2
A2a11) 71.Kg6?! Bb1+ 72.Kxh6 b3 73.f5 Ke5! *(73...b2 74.f6 Bg6 75.Bf5!=)* 74.Kg5 b2 75.Be6 *(75.f6 Bg6 76.Bf5 Bxf5 77.f7 b1Q 78.f8Q Qg1+-+)* 75...Be4 76.Ba2 Bxf5 77.a5 Bd3 78.Kg4 Ke4 79.Kg5 Ke3 80.Kf6 Kd4 81.Ke7 Kc5-+;
A2a12) 71.Kf6;
A2a2) 68.Bh3 Bf7 69.f5 h5 *(69...a4 70.bxa4 Bxa2 71.Kd4 Bf7 72.a5)* 70.f6

A2a21) 70...h4 71.Kf4 a4 72.bxa4 Bxa2 73.Kg5;
A2a22) 70...a4 71.bxa4 Bxa2 72.a5 Bd5+ 73.Kd4 b3 74.a6 *(74.Kc3 Ke5)* 74...Be4 *(74...b2 75.Bf5)* 75.f7 Ke7 76.Be6 b2 77.Ba2 Ba8 78.Ke5 h4 79.Kf4=;
A2a23) 70...Be6 71.Bf5 h4 *(71...Kd7 72.Ke5 Bxf5 73.Kxf5 h4 74.Kg6)* 72.Kf4 Bxf5 *(72...h3 73.f7)* 73.Kxf5 h3 74.Kg6 h2 75.f7=;

A2b) 64...Kc6! Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 65.Kd4 *(65.Kc2 Kd6 66.Kd2 Bf3)* 65...Kd6 66.Kd3 Kc5⊙ 67.Kd2 Bf3 68.Bxf5 Bxh5 69.Kd3 Kd6 70.e4 *(70.Kd4 Bf3)* 70...dxe4+ 71.Kxe4 Bd1! 72.Kd4 h5∓;

B) 62.Bf3 Bb1 63.Kc1 Bd3 64.Kd2 Bf5]

62.Bf3

[62.Be2 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' f5?!

A) 63.Ba6 Bg4 64.Bc8 Bxh5 65.Bxf5∓;

B) 63.Kd3 Bg4 64.Bxg4 fxg4 65.Ke2 Kd6 66.Kf2 Ke6 67.Kg3 Kf5 68.Kh4

B1) 68...Ke4 69.Kxg4 Kxe3 70.f5 d4 71.f6 d3 72.f7 d2 73.f8Q d1Q+ 74.Kg3 *(74.Kh4 Qh1+ 75.Kg4 Qg2+∓)* 74...Qxh5∓;

B2) 68...d4-+;

C) 63.Bf3 Bg4 64.Ke2 d4 65.exd4+ Kxd4 66.Bxg4 fxg4 67.Kf2 Ke4 68.Kg3 Kf5-+;

D) 63.Ke1! d4 *(63...Bg4* Karpov,Anatoly: '**Δ**' '**Δ**' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '**Δ**'' *64.Bxg4 fxg4 65.Kf2)* 64.Kf2=]

[62.Bc2!? Ftacnik Bd7 63.Bd1 Be8 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 64.Kd3∓]

62...Bf5

[62...f5?! Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand'

A) 63.Kd3 Bg4 64.Be2 Kc6 65.Kd2 Kd6 66.Kd3 Kc5⊙ 67.Kd2 d4 68.Bd3 *(68.Kd3 dxe3)* 68...Kd5⊙ 69.Bc4+ *(69.Bc2 dxe3+ 70.Kxe3 Ke6)* 69...Ke4 70.Bd3+ Kf3 71.Be2+ Kf2-+;

B) 63.Ke2 d4 64.Kf2 d3 65.Bb7 Bg4 66.Ke1 Bxh5 67.Kd2 Bf7 68.Bc8 a4 69.bxa4 Bxa2 70.Bxf5 Bc4 *(70...b3 71.Be6 Kb4 72.f5 Ka3 73.f6 b2 74.f7 Bxe6 75.f8Q+ Ka2 76.Qxh6=)* 71.Bxd3 Bxd3 72.Kxd3 h5 73.a5 h4 74.a6 Kb6 75.f5 h3 76.f6 h2 77.f7 h1Q 78.f8Q=]

63.Kc1

[63.Be2 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand'

A) 63...d4 64.Bd3 Bg4 65.Bg6;

B) 63...Bb1 64.Bd3 *(64.Kc1 Be4 65.Kd2* -63...♗e4 *)* 64...Bxa2 65.Kc2 d4 *(65...a4 66.bxa4 Bc4 67.Bxc4 dxc4 68.e4 Kd4 69.e5 fxe5 70.f5! b3+ 71.Kb2 c3+ 72.Kxb3 Kd3 73.f6 c2 74.f7 c1Q 75.f8Q∓)* 66.e4 *(66.exd4+ Kxd4 67.Bg6 Ke3 68.f5 a4 69.bxa4 Bc4)* 66...a4 67.bxa4 Bf7 68.Be2 Bc4;

C) 63...Be4

C1) 64.Bf1 d4 65.Bd3 Bf3 *(65...f5? 66.Ke2⊙)* 66.Bg6 f5 -64.♗d3;

C2) 64.Bd3 f5

C2a) 65.Bxe4 fxe4 66.Ke2 d4 67.exd4+ *(67.Kd2 d3 Δ♔ d5-...g4)* 67...Kxd4-+;
C2b) 65.Ke2 d4 66.Kd2 Bf3 67.Bxf5 Bxh5 *(67...dxe3+ 68.Kxe3 Bxh5 -61...♗f5)* 68.e4!? *(68.Kd3 -61...♗f5)* 68...Bf3
C2b1) 69.Kd3 h5 70.e5 *(70.Bh3 Bg4 71.Bg2 h4 72.f5 h3 73.Bh1 h2 74.f6 Bh5 75.e5 Bf7)*;
C2b2) 69.e5 h5 70.Kd3 *(70.Bc8 Bg4 71.f5 Kd5 72.f6 Be6!)* 70...Bg2 *(70...Bg4 71.Bxg4 hxg4 72.f5)* 71.Bc8
C2b21) 71...h4 72.f5 Bf1+ 73.Ke4! *(73.Kd2 Kd5 74.f6)* 73...h3 74.Kf4;
C2b22) 71...Bf1+ 72.Ke4 Bg2+= *(72...d3 73.Ke3 h4 74.Bb7 h3 75.f5 Bg2 76.f6)*]

[63.Bd1 Ftacnik d4∓]

63...Bd7

[63...d4 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Ftacnik'' 64.e4 Bd7 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 65.Kd2]

64.Kd2

[64.Bd1 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' d4 65.Kd2 *(65.e4 d3 66.Kd2 Kd4)* 65...dxe3+ *(65...Bf5* Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: 'Ftacnik Gelfand: '∓'' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Ftacnik Gelfand: ' ∓' '∓'' *66.Bf3 dxe3+ 67.Kxe3 Bb1 68.Kd2 Kd4∓)* 66.Kxe3 Bf5 67.Kd2 Kd4-+]

64...a4 65.bxa4

[65.Bd1 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' a3
A) 66.Bc2 Ftacnik Bg4 67.Bd1 f5! 68.Bc2 *(68.Be2 d4 69.Bd3 dxe3+ 70.Kxe3 Bxh5 71.Bxf5 Bd1 72.Bb1 h5-+)* 68...d4 69.Kd3 dxe3 70.Kxe3 Kd5 71.Bd3 Bd1 72.Bb1 Bxh5 73.Bxf5 Bd1 74.Bh7 Kc5 75.Bb1 h5 Gelfand: '-+' '-+' Karpov,Anatoly: '-+' '-+' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '-+' '-+'' 76.f5 h4 77.f6 Kd6 78.Kf4 Ke6-+;
B) 66.Be2 Bf5 *(66...d4 67.e4=)* 67.Bd3 Bh3
B1) 68.Be2 Bg2 69.Bd3 d4 70.Bg6 *(70.e4 Bf3)* 70...Bd5 71.Bc2 Bf3 72.Bg6 dxe3+ 73.Kxe3 Bd1 74.Bf7 Bc2 75.Kd2 Bb1 76.Bg6 f5 *(76...Bxa2 77.Bc2 Kd4 78.f5)* 77.Kc1 Be4 78.Kd2 Kd4 79.Bh7 Bb1 80.Kc1 Bxa2 81.Kc2 Ke4-+;
B2) 68.Bc2 Bg2 *(68...f5 69.Bd1 Bg4 70.Be2 d4 71.Kd3 dxe3 72.Bxg4 fxg4 73.Kxe3 Kd5 74.Kf2 Ke4 75.Kg3 Kf5 76.Kh4! Kxf4⊙)* 69.Ke2 *(69.Bg6 Bf3)* 69...d4! 70.e4 d3+!! 71.Bxd3 *(71.Kxd3 Bf3)* 71...Kd4 72.e5 fxe5 73.fxe5 Bd5-+]

[65.Kd3 a3∓]

65...Bxa4

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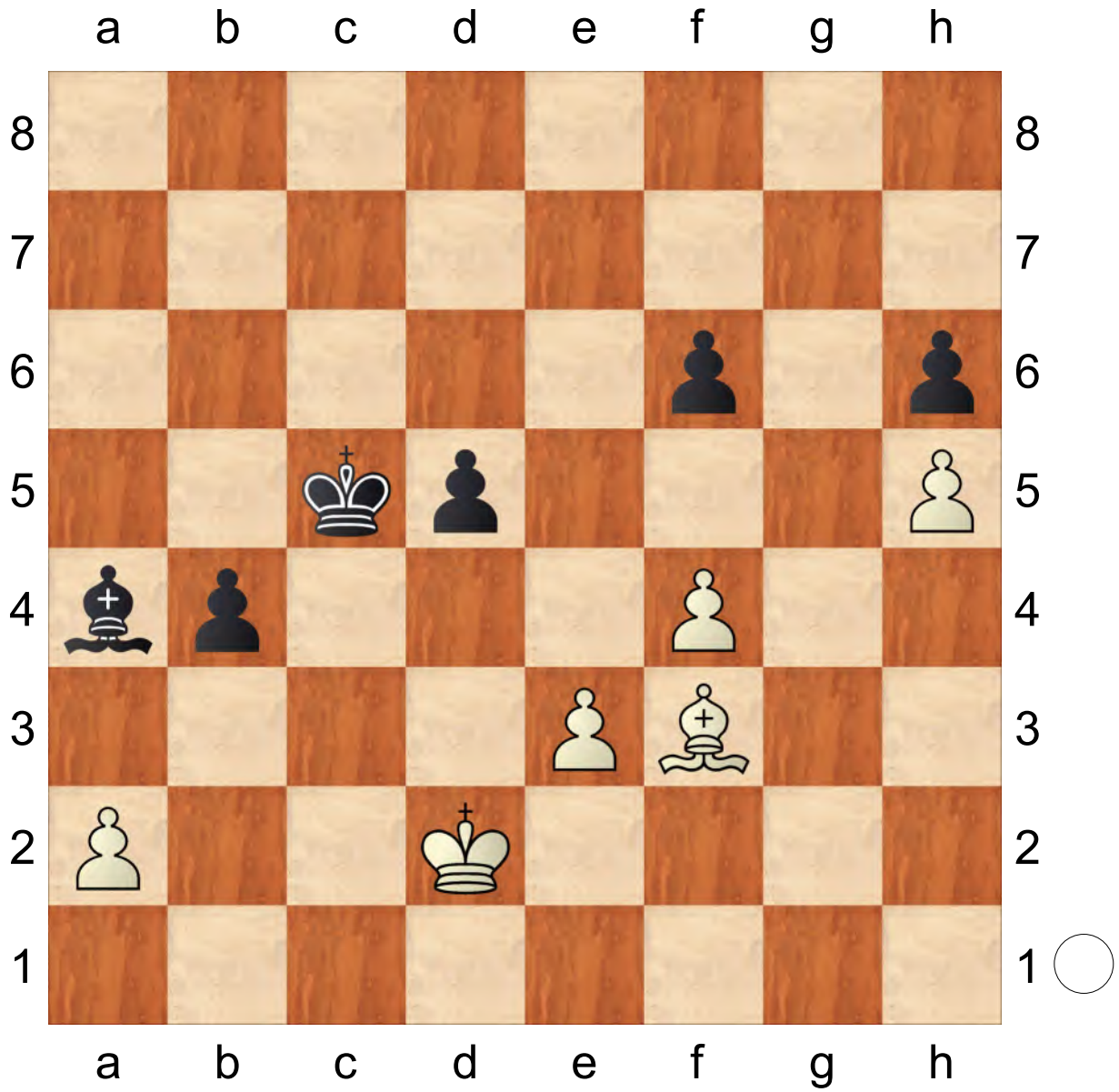
66.Be2



[66.Bd1? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' Bxd1! 67.Kxd1 Kb5! *(67...f5 68.Kd2 d4 69.exd4+ Kxd4 70.Kc2 Ke4 71.Kb3 Kxf4 72.Kxb4 Kg4 73.a4 f4 74.a5 f3 75.a6 f2 76.a7 f1Q 77.a8Q=)* 68.Kc2 Ka4 69.Kb2 f5-+]

[66.e4 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Bb5 67.Kc2 *(67.exd5 Bc4-+)* 67...Bc4 68.Kb2 dxe4 69.Bxe4 Kd4 70.Bg6 Ke3 71.f5 Kf4-+]

66...Bc6 67.Bf3

[67.Bd3 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Ftacnik'' Bd7 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' *(67...d4 68.e4 Be8 69.Be2 Bf7-+)* 68.Bg6 d4 69.e4 Be6-+]

67...Be8

[67...Bb5 68.Bd1 *(68.Be2? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' Bc4)* 68...Be8 69.Be2 *(69.Kd3 f5 70.Kd2 d4 71.Kd3 dxe3 72.Kxe3 Bf7 73.Bc2 Bxh5 74.Bxf5 Bf7∓)* 69...d4 70.Kd3 Bb5+ *(70...dxe3 71.Kxe3 Bf7* -see below *)* 71.Kd2

A) 71...dxe3+ 72.Kxe3 Bxe2 73.Kxe2 Kd4 74.Kd2=;

B) 71...Bc6 72.Bd1 *(72.Bd3? Bd5 73.Bb1 Bf7)* 72...dxe3+ *(72...Be8!; 72...Bd5 73.Bb3 Bf3 74.Bf7)* 73.Kxe3 Kc4 74.Bb3+ Kc3

B1) 75.Bf7

B1a) 75...f5?! 76.Be6 Be4 77.Bf7 Bc2

B1a1) 78.Be6 Bb1⊙

B1a11) 79.Bf7 Kb2 80.Kd4 *(80.Be6 Bxa2 81.Bxf5 Kc3)* 80...Bxa2;

B1a12) 79.Bd7 Bxa2 80.Bxf5 Bg8;

B1a2) 78.Bd5! Bb1 79.Be6 Kb2 80.Kd4 Bxa2 81.Bxf5 Kc1 82.Kc5 b3 83.Be6=;

B1b) 75...Bb5! 76.Bb3 *(76.Ke4 Bd3+; 76.Bg6 Bc4 77.Bb1 Be6)* 76...Bd3-+;

B2) 75.Be6! Ba4 76.Ke4 Bc2+ 77.Kd5 Bb1 78.Kd6 Kd4 79.Ke7 Ke4 80.Kxf6 Kxf4 81.Bf7 Kg4 82.Ke5=;

C) 71...Bd7! 72.Bd1 *(72.Kd3 Bf5+ 73.e4 Be6)* 72...Be8⊙ -67...♗e8]

68.Bd1 d4 Gelfand: '!' '⊙' '!' '⊙' Gelfand: '-67...♗e8' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '!' '⊙' '!' '⊙' Gelfand: '-67...♗e8"

[68...Bb5 69.Bb3 Bf1 *(69...Bc4 70.Kd1)* 70.Ke1 Bc4 71.Kd2 Karpov,Anatoly: '!?' '!?' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '!?'" Kd6 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 72.Bxc4! dxc4 73.e4 Kc6 74.Ke2 Kc5 75.Ke3 b3 *(75...Kb5 76.Kd2 Ka4 77.e5 fxe5 78.f5)* 76.axb3 cxb3 77.Kd2 Kd4 78.e5=]

[68...Bd7 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand'

A) 69.Be2 Bf5

A1) 70.Bd3 Be4

A1a) 71.Bxe4 dxe4;

A1b) 71.Ke2 Bg2 72.Bg6 *(72.Kd2 d4)* 72...Kc4 73.Kd2 Be4;

A1c) 71.Bc2 Bf3 72.Bg6 Be4;

A2) 70.Bd1 Bb1 71.Bb3 Be4 72.Bd1 Bf5 73.Bc2 *(73.Kc1 d4 74.Kd2 dxe3+ 75.Kxe3 Kc4)* 73...Bg4 74.Bg6 -69.♗C2;

B) 69.Bc2 Bg4 70.Bg6 Gelfand: '-69. ♗C2' Bf3 *(70...d4 71.Bf7; 70...f5 71.Bf7 Bf3 72.Be8 Kc4 73.Bg6 Be4 74.Bh7 Bb1 75.Bg6 Kc5 76.Bh7 Bxa2 77.Bxf5 Bc4 78.Bg6 d4 79.exd4+ Kxd4 80.f5=)* 71.Kd3 Bg2

B1) 72.Kc2 Kb5

B1a) 73.Bd3+ Ka4 74.Kb2 Bf3 75.Bg6 Kb5 76.Kc2 Kc4 77.Bd3+ *(77.Kd2 Be4; 77.Bf7 Be4+)* 77...Kc5 78.Bg6 d4! 79.e4 Be2 80.Bf7 d3+ 81.Kd2 Kd4 82.Bg6 Bf3 83.e5 fxe5 84.fxe5 Bd5-+;

B1b) 73.Kb3 Bf3 74.Be8+ *(74.a3 bxa3 75.Kxa3 d4)* 74...Kc5 75.Bg6 Bd1+ 76.Kb2 d4 77.e4 d3 78.Kc1 Bf3 79.e5 fxe5 80.fxe5 Kd4 81.e6 Kc3;

B2) 72.Kd2 Be4

B2a) 73.Bxe4 dxe4 74.Kc2 *(74.f5 Kd5 75.Kc2 Ke5 76.Kb3 Kxf5 77.Kxb4 Kg4 78.a4 f5 79.a5 f4 80.a6 fxe3 81.a7 e2 82.a8Q e1Q+-+)* 74...Kb5 75.Kb3 f5 76.Kc2 Kc4 77.Kd2 b3! 78.a3 b2 79.Kc2 b1Q+!

80.Kxb1 Kd3 81.a4 Kxe3 82.a5 Kf2 83.a6 e3 84.a7 e2 85.a8Q e1Q+-+;
B2b) 73.Kc1 Kc4 74.Kd2 Kb5 75.Kc1 Kc5 76.Kd1!! *(76.Kd2 Kc4⊙ 77.Bf7 Bb1 78.Kc1 Bxa2 79.Kb2 Bb3 80.e4 Bd1-+)* 76...Kc4 77.Kd2 f5 78.Bh7=]

69.Kd3
[69.exd4+ Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Kxd4-+]
[69.e4 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Bf7 70.Bb3 Bxh5-+]

69...Bb5+ 70.Ke4? Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '?'' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '?' '?''
[70.Kd2 Gelfand: '∓!' '∓!' Gelfand: 'Ftacnik' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: '∓!' '∓!' Gelfand: 'Ftacnik''

A) 70...Be8 71.Kd3 dxe3 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 72.Kxe3 Bf7 73.Ke4 Kd6 *(73...Bxa2 74.Kf5=)* 74.Kf5 Ke7 75.Be2 Bxa2 76.Kg6 b3 77.Bc4 *(77.Kxh6 b2 78.Bd3 Kf7)* 77...Bb1+ 78.Kxh6 b2

A1) 79.Bb3

A1a) 79...Kf8 80.f5 Ke7!-+ *(80...Bxf5? 81.Bc2! b1Q 82.Bxb1 Bxb1=)*;

A1b) 79...Bf5! 80.Ba2 Kf8-+;

A2) 79.Kg7!! Bg6 80.Ba2 *(80.hxg6 b1Q 81.Bf7 f5-+)* 80...Bxh5 *(80...b1Q 81.Bxb1 Bxb1 82.h6=)* 81.f5= Be8 82.Bb1 Bf7 83.Kh6 Kd6 84.Kg7=;

B) 70...dxe3+ 71.Kxe3 Be8 72.Ke4 Kd6 73.Kf5 *(73.Kd4 Bf7 74.Bb3 Bxh5 75.Kc4 Bf7+-+)* 73...Ke7 74.Be2 Bf7 75.Bd1 Bxa2 76.Kg6 b3 77.Kxh6 b2 78.Bc2 Kf7! *(78...b1Q 79.Bxb1 Bxb1 80.Kg7=)* 79.Bg6+ Kf8! 80.Bd3 b1Q 81.Bxb1 Bxb1 82.f5 Kf7-+;

C) 70...Bd7! Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' 71.Kd3 *(71.Bc2 Bg4 72.Bg6 Be6; 71.Bb3 Be8 72.Bd1 Bf7)* 71...Bf5+! 72.Kd2 *(72.e4 Bd7 Δ♙e8-f7)* 72...dxe3+ 73.Kxe3 Kc4 74.Bb3+ *(74.Kd2 Kd4)* 74...Kc3 75.Bf7 *(75.Bg8 Bb1 76.Bf7 Kb2 77.Kd4 Bxa2 78.Bg6 Be6-+)* 75...Bb1 76.Be6 Kb2 77.Kd4 Bxa2 78.f5 Ka3 79.Kc5 b3 80.Bxb3 Bxb3 81.Kd6 Bf7 82.Ke7 Bxh5 83.Kxf6 Be8 84.Ke7 Bb5 85.Kf6 h5-+]

[70.Kd2!∓ Ftacnik]

70...d3

(Diagram)

Karpov,Anatoly: '!' '!' Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Karpov,An: '!'' **71.Kf5**
[71.Bg4 d2 72.Bd1 Bc4]

71...Bc4 72.Ke4
[72.Kxf6 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: '(Gelfand) Ftacnik' Bxa2 73.e4 b3-+]

72...d2 73.f5 Bxa2 74.Kd3 Bb1+ 75.Kxd2 Bxf5

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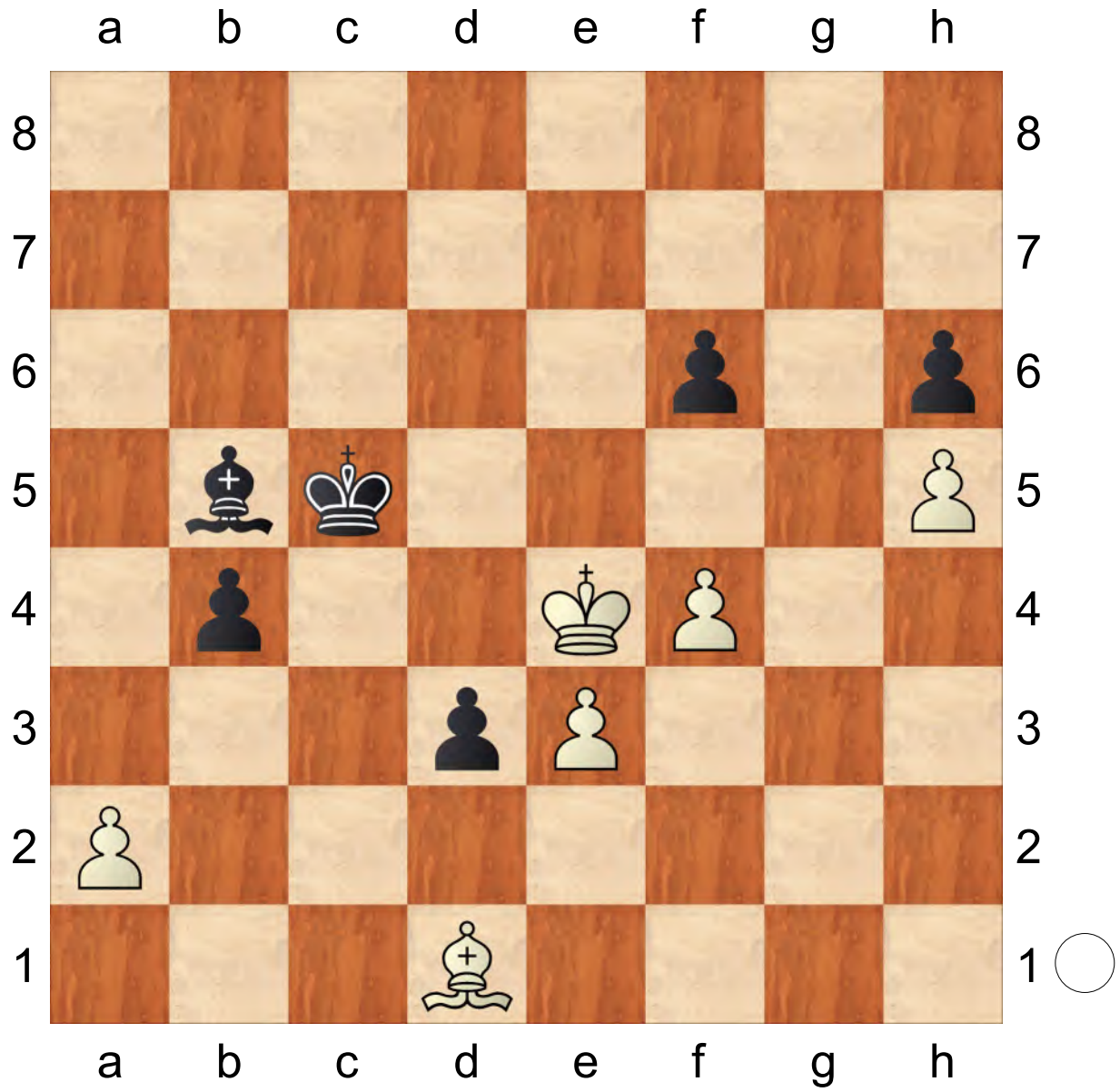
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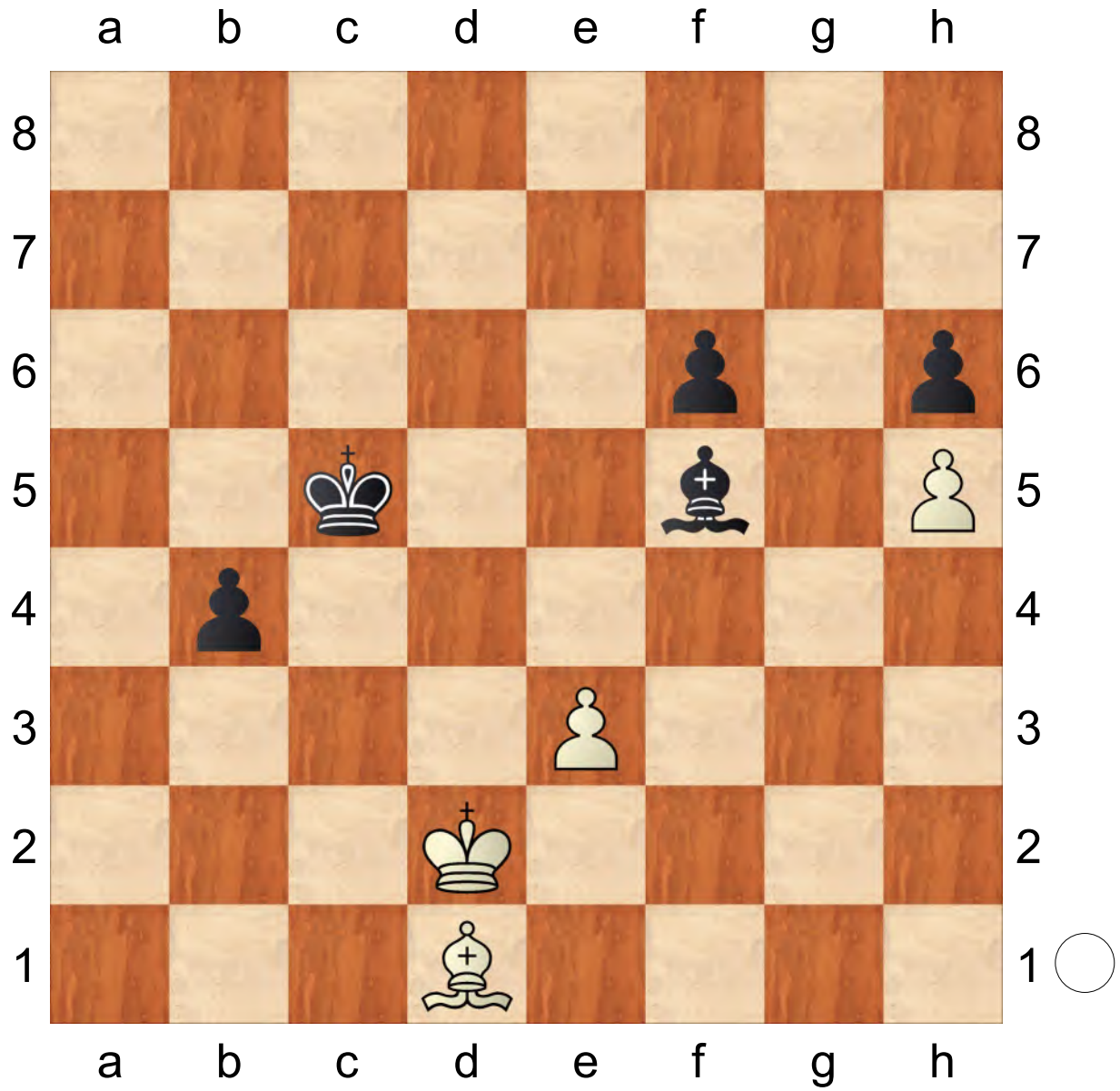

76.Be2 Be4 77.Kc1 Kd6 78.Kb2 Bd5 79.Bd3 Bf7 80.Be2 Ke5
[80...Ke5 Ftacnik Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand: 'Ftacnik'' 81.Bf3 Karpov,Anatoly: 'Gelfand' Kf5-+]

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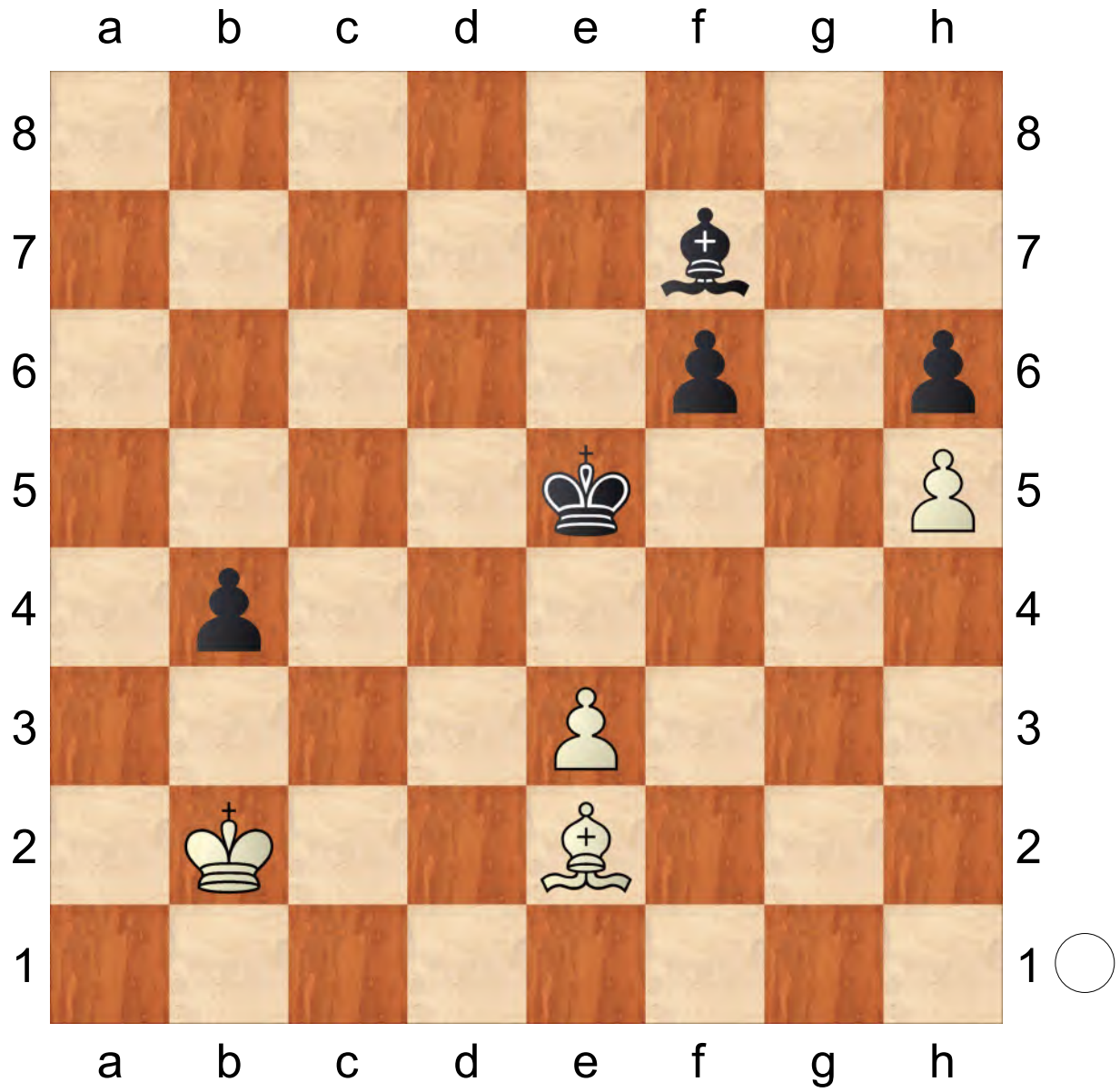
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Lukacs **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5** Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'Up till then I had played this against the Caro-Kann only in simultaneous displays," Until now Kasparov has used the Advance Caro-Cann only in simultaneous displays, here he chooses a very sharp and topical line.

[whereas in serious games I chose 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 , to which Karpov replied Nd7 (Game Nos.2, 4, 37, 39). "It became clear that the 13th champion had devised something truly murderous!" (Makarychev)]

3...Bf5 4.Nc3 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'The sharpest and most topical line, which I had prepared for my match with Kramnik (2000)." A less ambitious approach is

[Nigel Davies: 'or' 4.c3 e6 5.Be3 Qb6 6.Qb3 Nd7 7.Nd2 f6 8.f4 g5!? 9.Ngf3 gxf4 10.Bxf4 Bh6! 11.Bxh6 Nxh6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Be2 Rg8 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Ne1 Nf5 18.Bf3 Ne3 19.Rf2 Bf5 20.Be2 Ke7 21.Bd3 c5 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Nf3 h5= ½,Grischuk,A-Leko,P/Linares/2001/]

[In simuls I had tried 4.Nf3 e6 5.a3]

[against Shirov (Moscow rapid 2002) and Jobava (Rethymnon 2003) – 4.Be3]

[and against Vallejo (Linares 2003) – 4.Nd2 .]

4...e6 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'The usual reply,"

[Nigel Davies: 'but after this game for a time Karpov turned to' Only 2 rounds later in Linares we saw Karpov play 4...Qb6 Nigel Davies: '. To me the queen move seems second-rate (since it delays Black's development),' But the critical move certainly is

A) Nigel Davies: ', or after the quiet' 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be2 Ne7 7.0-0 Bg4 *(7...Nd7 8.b3* is no better*)* 8.Na4 *(8.b3;* , or *8.h3* is also suitable*)* 8...Qc7 9.b3 b5 10.Nb2 Nd7 11.c4 Nigel Davies: '(A.Grischuk-A.Karpov, Linares 2001, 7th round)' *(*or *11.c3!? Rb8 12.Nd3 Ng6 13.a4* , A.Shirov-A.Karpov, Monte Carlo (blindfold) 2001.*)* 11...bxc4 12.bxc4 dxc4 13.Ng5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nb6 15.Nxc4 Nf5 16.Rd1 Be7 17.Nf3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd7 19.g4 Nh4 20.Nxh4 Bxh4 21.g5 h6 22.d5 hxg5 23.Qxc6 Rc8⇄ Grischuk,A-Karpov,A/Linares/2001/;

B) 5.--;

C) , although I myself played it once, in order to parry 5.g4 with Bd7 (D.Velimirovic-G.Kasparov, Moscow Interzonal 1982). However, Black does not gain full equality either here;

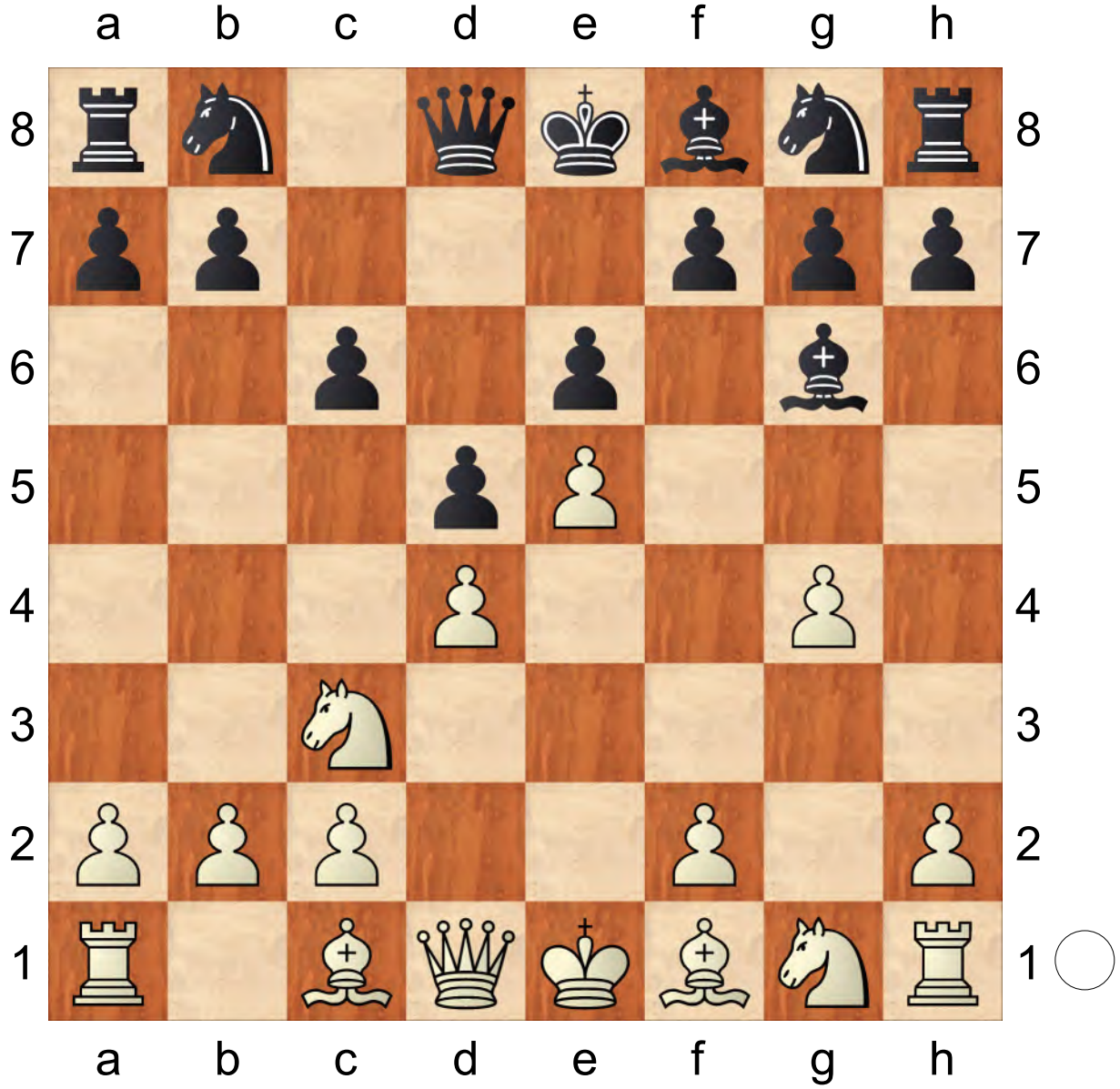
D) 5.Bd3!?

D1) 5...Qxd4?! 6.Nf3 Qg4 7.h3 Qh5 *(7...Qxg2 8.Rg1 Qxh3 9.Bf1 Bxc2*

10.Qe2 Qh5 11.Rg5 Qh1 12.Qxc2 Na6 13.Be3 g6 14.0-0-0 Qxf3 15.Bg2 Qxd1+ 16.Qxd1 Bh6 17.Rg3 Bxe3+ 18.Rxe3 e6 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Rf3 Nh6 21.Qa3± Thoren,P-Bergstrom,P/SWE-chT 9596/1996/) 8.0-0 Bxd3 9.cxd3↻ ↑;

D2) 5...Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nge2± ○ White's attacking chances on both flanks (f4-f5, a4-a5) rank higher than his formally "bad" ♗.]

5.g4 Bg6



6.Nge2 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'Threatening h2-h4 and Nf4.'' **6...Ne7** Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'At that time this was the main continuation – a prophylactic defence of the g6-bishop with the aim of retaining a flexible pawn chain in the event of the exchange Nf4xg6 after h2-h4 and ...h7-h5."

[The older move is 6...c5 in accordance with "meet a flank attack with a central thrust" also leads to great complications:

A) 7.--;
B) 7.Be3 Nc6 (Game No.88 in 'Revolution in the 70s') *(* or the more modern *7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bb4!* – examples: A.Motylev-L. Nisipeanu, Rumanian Team Championship 2001; A.Shirov-A.Grischuk, Dubai (rapid) 2002; E.Sutovsky-V. Bologan, Poikovsky 2007. *)*;
C) 7.h4 h5 *(7...h6 8.f4! Be7 9.Bg2 Bxh4+ 10.Kf1 Be7 11.f5 Bh7 12.Nf4 Qd7 13.Nh5 Bf8 14.dxc5 Nc6 15.Nb5 Bxc5 16.c4 Nxe5 17.Qe2 Nxc4 18.Bxd5 Qxb5 19.Bxc4↑* Shirov,A-Nisipeanu,L/WCh FIDE Las Vegas/1999*/)* 8.Nf4
C1) 8...Bh7! 9.Nxh5 Nc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bg2 *(*or *11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Qf3 0-0-0* – Game No.89 in 'Revolution in the 70s' *)* 11...Kf8 (A.Shirov-V.Topalov, Dresden Olympiad 2008), also with double-edged play. It was because of 6...c5 that the variation 4 Nc3 e6 5 g4 Bg6 6 Nge2 declined in popularity, but this happened later, and at that time, in 2001, I took an optimistic view of the complications resulting here.;
C2) 8...Nc6!? 9.Nxg6 fxg6 10.Ne2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Kd7 12.Be3!? *(12.Bh3?! Qb6 13.c3 Nxd4 14.cxd4 hxg4 15.Qxg4 Ne7 16.0-0 Nf5 17.Qxg6 Nxh4 18.Qf7+ Be7 19.Bg5 Rae8 20.Rac1 Rhf8 21.Bxe6+ Qxe6 22.Rc7+ Kxc7 23.Qxe6 Bxg5 24.Qd6+ Kc8 25.e6 Nf3+ 26.Kg2 Nxd4 27.f4* Grischuk,A-Ehlvest,J/FIDE WCh New Delhi/2000/ *Bd8! 28.Rc1+ Nc6∓)* 12...Nh6 13.gxh5 Qa5+ *(⌓13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Nf5 15.hxg6 Rxh4⇄)* 14.c3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nf5 16.hxg6 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.h5 Raf8 19.Qd2 Ne7 20.Bd3 Rf3 21.Be4 Rff8 22.Bd3 Rf3 23.Be4 Rff8 24.Bc2 Rf3 25.Qd4 Qa5 26.0-0-0**±** Shirov,A-Nielsen,PH/Bundesliga 0001/2001/]
[6...h6 7.Be3 Nd7 8.Qd2 etc is too slow.]
[6...f6 is also not very attractive (Game No.87 in 'Revolution in the 70s').]

7.Nf4
[Later it transpired that 7.f4! is even more dangerous for Black; for example: c5 8.Ng3! (V.Anand-A. Karpov, Wijk aan Zee 2003).]

7...c5 8.dxc5 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!?' Garry Kasparov: 'A seemingly anti-positional move (White himself helps the opponent to destroy the pawn centre), which a year earlier had been tried in the game A.Shirov-A.Karpov (Monte Carlo (blindfold) 2000). The dynamic nature of the resulting positions appealed to me: while Black is spending time on regaining the pawn, White can hide his king in a comparatively safe place and develop an initiative in the space vacated, with the hope of creating a direct attack on the enemy king.'' The newer continuation, introduced into serious practice by Svidler.
[Nigel Davies: 'The following line is quite acceptable for Black:' 8.h4 cxd4 9.Nb5 Nec6 10.h5 Be4 11.f3 a6! *(*but not *11...Bxf3?! 12.Qxf3 Nxe5 13.Qg3 Nbc6 14.Nd3 f6 15.Nf4* , V.Anand-A.Karpov, Monte Carlo (blindfold) 2001 *)*
A) 12.fxe4 axb5 13.exd5 exd5 14.h6!? Nd7! Nigel Davies: ', V.Malakhov-A. Galkin, Lausanne 2000' 15.e6 fxe6 16.Nxe6 Qe7 17.Qe2 Nde5 18.hxg7

Bxg7 19.Nxg7+ Qxg7 20.Bh6 Qe7∞ 21.Rh5? *(21.Kd1!)* 21...Rg8 22.a3 b4 23.Bh3 Rg6 24.a4 d3 25.cxd3 Rxh6! 0-1,Malakhov,V-Galkin,A/Lausanne YM/ 2000/;

B) 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.exd6 g5 Nigel Davies: '!' 14.Nh3 h6 15.fxe4 dxe4 16.Bg2 f5 Nigel Davies: '(V.Topalov-V. Anand, Linares 1999; I.Nataf-E. Solozhenkin, French Team Championship 1999).' 17.0-0 0-0 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bxe4! fxe4 20.Bxg5! Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 hxg5 22.Qf5 Qd7 23.Qg6+ Qg7 24.Qe8+ Qf8= This perpetual occured in quite a few games during 1999 and 2000.]

8...Nd7!? Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'Natural development." Unusual, but not so bad.

[Nigel Davies: 'This game may well persuade Black to return to the more popular' More often Black played 8...Nec6 Nigel Davies: 'unless Shipov's suggestion on move 10 saves the day for Black.' 9.h4 Qc7 *(9...Qa5 10.Bd2!* , A.Khalifman-A. Dreev, Dubai (rapid) 2002*)* 10.Bg2 *(10.h5! Qxe5+ 11.Nfe2!* the white pieces come into play very quickly: *Be4 12.Bf4 Qf6 13.g5* with a powerful initiative (A. Grischuk-A.Dreev, Moscow 2002; M.Rytshagov-R.Wessman, Gothenburg 2002).*)* 10...Qxe5+

A) 11.Kf1 d4 Even the more restrained

A1) 12.h5?! Shirov,A-Bareev,E/FIDE WCh New Delhi/2000/ dxc3! 13.hxg6 cxb2 14.Rb1 *(14.Bxb2?! Qxf4∓)* 14...bxc1Q 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Rxb7+ Be7∓ White's compensation for the piece is rather vague.;

A2) 12.Nb5 Na6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Qf3 Qd5= promises only equality at best.;

B) 11.Nce2

B1) 11...d4 12.h5 Be4 13.f3 Bd5 14.Nd3 *(14.h6!?)* 14...Qc7 15.h6↑;

B2) 11...Na6!? The piece sacrifice is the best solution of the problems with the ♙g6. 12.h5 Be4 13.f3 0-0-0 14.Bd2 Bxc5 *(14...Nxc5!?↑* Shirov *)* 15.Qc1 *(15.fxe4 dxe4 16.Qc1 Rxd2!? 17.Qxd2 Rd8 18.Qc1 Nab4 19.Rh3 Bb6 20.Rc3 e3 21.Kf1 Rd4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Nh3 e2+ 24.Ke1 Bxc3+ 25.bxc3 Qxc3+ 26.Kxe2 Nd4+ 27.Kf1 Qc4+ 28.Kf2 Ndxc2∓* Gofshtein,L-Donchenko,A/ISR-ch op/2001*)* 15...g5 16.Nh3 Nd4 *(16...h6!?∞)* 17.fxe4 Nxe2 18.Kxe2 dxe4 19.Bxg5 Qg3 20.Kf1 Qxg4 21.Bxd8 Rxd8⩲ Shirov,A-Bareev,E/Montecatini Terme/2000/ However it's quite possible Kasparov had prepared a strong improvement somewhere here.]

[Also playable is 8...Nbc6 9.h4 Nxe5 -8...♘d7!? *(9...d4? 10.Nb5! Nc8 11.h5 Be4 12.f3±)*]

9.h4 Consistent.

[After 9.Nb5?! Nc6 White's ⊞ falls to pieces.]

9...Nxe5 Stohl: '-8...♘d7!?' **10.Bg2!?** Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!' Garry Kasparov: '"This unpretentious move is the whole point." (Makarychev). While preventing ...Be4, White intensifies the threat of h4-h5 and prepares Qe2, which

creates a threat to the d5-pawn. His initiative is very dangerous, and determined measures are required of Black." A new idea.

[10.h5?! Be4 11.Nxe4 *(11.Rh3 N7c6 12.f3 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Qh4+∓ →)* 11...dxe4 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.Bg2 Nf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf3∓ Black's » ♙ are more mobile than White's « majority.]

[10.Bb5+ N7c6 11.Qe2 a6!? Δ *(*Less ambitious is *11...Be4* Stohl: '!?' Stohl: 'Lukacs' Stohl: 'Prasad-Prakash, Penta Media GM Kelamabakkam IND 2000 CBM 79' *12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bxc6+ Nxc6 14.Qxe4 Bxc5=; 11...Be4!?* Lukacs Prasad-Prakash, Penta Media GM Kelamabakkam IND 2000 CBM 79*)* 12.Ba4 *(12.Bxc6+* Lukacs - Sax-Polak, Budapest zt 2000 CBM 78*)* 12...Bxc5! 13.h5 *(≤13.Qxe5 b5 14.Qxg7 Bd4∓)* 13...Be4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bxc6+ Nxc6 16.Qxe4 Qd4!∓ Apicella,M-Fontaine,R/FRA-ch Vichy/2000/]

10...h5?!

[Nigel Davies: 'Sergei Shipov subsequently suggested the sharp' 10...d4! Nigel Davies: '!?'

A) 11.h5 '!?' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '?" Lukacs: 'is the most exciting continuation.' dxc3 12.Qxd8+ *(≤12.hxg6 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 0-0-0+∓; 12.Qe2* Lukacs keeps the queens off, but this is not a great achievement. *Qa5 13.b4 Qxb4 14.hxg6 N7xg6)* 12...Rxd8 13.hxg6 N7xg6 Nigel Davies: ', Almasi-Karpov, Monte Carlo (blindfold) 2001.'

A1) 14.b4!? Lukacs Nxf4 15.Bxf4

A1a) 15...Nxg4? Lukacs allows the white ♖ to show his strength. 16.Bxb7 *(16.Rb1* Lukacs *Rd4)* 16...Rd4 17.Bg3 Rxb4 18.c6± and the ♘ on c6 is hard to stop.;

A1b) 15...Ng6 Lukacs 16.Be3 Ne5 17.g5≅;

A1c) 15...Nc6! Black has to defend his «.

A1c1) 16.Rb1? Lukacs

A1c11) 16...Be7 Lukacs allows White to consolidate his position. 17.Be3 0-0 18.g5 f6 19.gxf6 gxf6 *(19...Bxf6!?* Lukacs *20.b5 Nd4 21.Be4 g6 22.c6 b6∞* trying to blockade the «. *)* 20.Bh6

A1c111) 20...Rfe8 Lukacs Now White's penetration on the g ⇔ is inevitable. 21.Rg1 (Z.Almasi-Karpov, Amber Blindfold 2001)

A1c1111) 21...Kf7 Lukacs 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Rg7+ Kf8 24.Rb3± *(24.b5±* Lukacs *)*;

A1c1112) 21...Kh8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Bg7+ Kg8 24.Bxf6+ Kf7 25.Bxc3±;

A1c112) ∩20...Rf7 defending the penetration on the g ⇔. 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Rb3 Bf8 23.Rxc3 Rfd7 24.Rg3+ Kf7 25.Ke2±;

A1c12) 16...Rd4!∓;

A1c2) 16.Bxc6+ is the best reaction getting back quickly × c3. 16...bxc6 17.Be5 Rd5 18.Bxc3 h5∞ 19.Ke2 h4 20.Rh3=;

A2) 14.Nxg6 fxg6!? *(14...Nxg6* Lukacs *15.Bxb7 Bxc5∓)* 15.b4 b6∓ ↑;

B) 11.Nce2

B1) 11...Qa5+!?
B1a) 12.Bd2 Lukacs Qxc5∓;
B1b) 12.Kf1 Qxc5 13.Nxd4 should be played – I reached this position in my preparations for the game and I decided that White is not taking any particular risks here, whereas Black still has to demonstrate equality (nevertheless, this was his best chance). *(13.--)*;
B1c) 12.Qd2 Qxc5 *(12...Qxd2+* Lukacs *13.Bxd2 0-0-0∞)* 13.Qxd4 N7c6∓;
B2) 11...N7c6 Nigel Davies: 'after which' 12.h5 *(12.Bxc6+ Nxc6 13.h5 Be4* is good for Black*)* 12...Bxc2! 13.Qxc2 *(13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Qxc2 d3 15.Qc3 dxe2↑* **Δ**♕d1# and the mating threat saves the ♘*.)* 13...d3 Nigel Davies: 'with good counterplay.' 14.Qa4 dxe2 15.Be3 Qd7!? ♙e2 16.Nxe2 *(16.Rg1 Rd8∓; 16.Kxe2 Nxg4∓)* 16...Bxc5 *(16...Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Nxb2 18.Qb3⇄)* 17.Bxc5 Nd3+ 18.Kf1 Nxc5 19.Qb5 Rd8! 20.f4 Nd3∓;
C) 11.--;
D) 11.Ne4 Bxe4 12.Bxe4 N7c6∞ Here White will also lose his ♙c5, but the strong unopposed ♗ee4 gives him play.]

(Diagram)

Nigel Davies: 'A fairly passive treatment by Karpov could he do better? Garry Kasparov: '?!' Garry Kasparov: 'Karpov incautiously repeats his "blind" game with Shirov." Now White gets an advantage, the principled reply was Lukacs: 'Now White has good attacking chances.' **11.Qe2** '!' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!' Garry Kasparov: 'Creating a numerical superiority in force in the central section of the board." **11...N7c6** Lukacs: 'This is the safe option.'

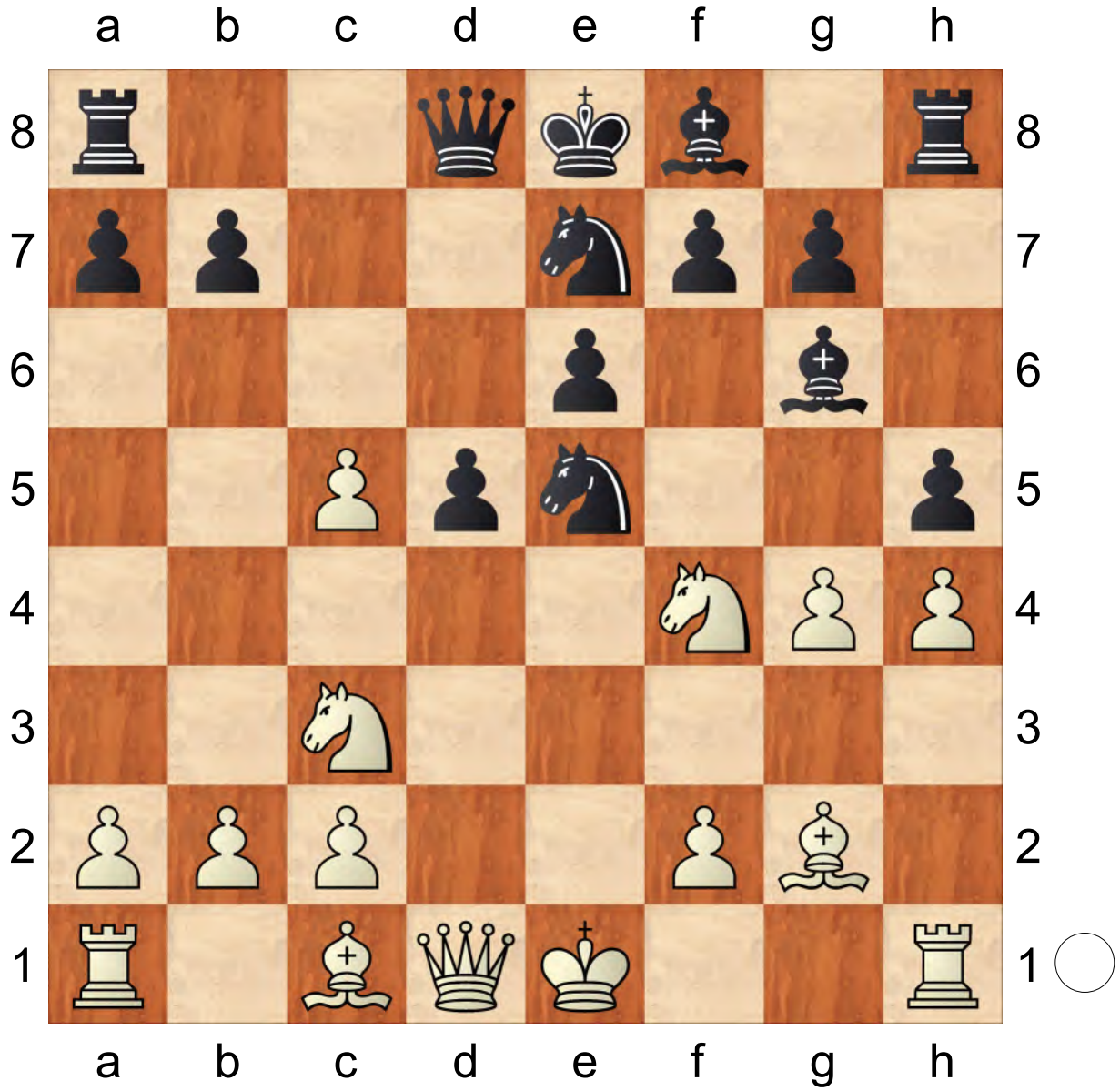
[Nigel Davies: 'After' 11...Nxg4? Nigel Davies: '?!' Nigel Davies: 'the commentators gave' Nigel Davies: 'but' 12.Nb5 **Δ**♘d6± Nigel Davies: '!' *(12.Nxg6* Lukacs *Nxg6 13.Nxd5* Nigel Davies: '.' *Qd7 14.Bg5 Bxc5 15.0-0-0⩲)* 12...Qd7 13.Nd6+ Kd8 14.Bd2 *(14.Qd2* Lukacs *Kc7; 14.c4* was better, with a very strong attack*)* 14...Nc6 15.Nxg6 fxg6 16.0-0-0 *(16.Bf4* Lukacs *Bxd6 17.cxd6 Qf7 18.Qd2)* 16...Bxd6 17.cxd6 Qxd6 18.Bg5+ *(18.Rhe1* Lukacs *Kd7 19.Bc3⩲)* 18...Kc7 19.Rhe1 Rhe8 20.Be4⩲]

12.Nxg6 The ♗-hunt is over, because

[12.gxh5? Bf5∓ is unappealing.]

12...Nxg6 13.Bg5!N '!' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: '!' Nigel Davies: 'Kasparov unleashes his home cooking, the text improving Shirov - Karpov, Monaco 2000. Garry Kasparov: 'Here is the novelty." By transposition we have arrived into a known position. But it's no surprise White can improve on a blindfold game, the logical developing move is very strong. Lukacs: 'This is an important improvement here!'

[Nigel Davies: 'In that game White had played Garry Kasparov: 'In the Shirov-Karpov game after'' 13.Nxd5 Nigel Davies: 'but had nothing special after' Bxc5



(13...hxg4!?∞) 14.Bg5 Nge7 15.Qb5 f6 16.Qxc5 Nxd5 17.0-0-0 Qe7 Nigel Davies: '!' Nigel Davies: 'Black successfully completed his development. Now, however, he faces serious problems: it is hard for him to find any more or less secure shelter for his king, whereas after castling on the queenside the white king will be completely safe.' 18.Qb5 0-0-0 19.Bd2 hxg4 20.Qc4 Nb6 21.Qxg4 Rd4 22.Qg3 Rhd8 23.Bc3 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 25.Kxd1 Na4 26.Bxc6= ½,Shirov,A-Karpov,A/Monte Carlo blind/2000/]

[13.gxh5?! Lukacs Nxh4 14.Nxd5 Nd4 15.Qe4 Rxh5∓]

13...Be7 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'Already here Karpov had only some 20-25 minutes left on his clock."

[≤13...Qa5 14.gxh5 Nge5 15.0-0-0↑ Δ Bxc5 *(15...d4?* Lukacs *16.Qb5 dxc3 17.Bxc6+ Nxc6 18.Qxb7+-)* 16.h6! gxh6 17.Bf6 Rg8 18.Bxd5⟶ ɣe8]

14.gxh5 Nf8? '?!' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '?' Garry Kasparov: 'This

reply surprised me – Dokhoian and I had not even looked at it, since we considered it completely bad." Too passive and in a higher sense probably the losing move.

[Nigel Davies: 'On the other hand Kasparov suggested that either' 14...Nxh4 15.Bxh4 Bxh4

A) 16.Nxd5 0-0⇄ *(16...Nd4?! 17.Qd3 exd5 18.Qxd4±)*;

B) ⌓16.Bxd5

B1) 16...0-0 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Ne4± →⇔g,ɣg8 Nigel Davies: '!' Nigel Davies: 'is less good' *(18.Rd1±* Lukacs Nigel Davies: 'or even' *)*;

B2) 16...Be7 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Qe4!? Nigel Davies: ', but not' Qc7 Nigel Davies: '?!' *(18...Rc8 19.Rd1 Qc7 20.b4* , retaining the extra pawn. In these variation Black would also have had an unpleasant position, but at least he would have avoided being forcefully crushed.*;* or *18...Kf8)* 19.0-0-0↑]

[Nigel Davies: 'Kasparov pointed out that Garry Kasparov: 'Also weak is" 14...Nge5 Nigel Davies: 'is met by Garry Kasparov: '?"

A) 15.Bxe7 Lukacs Qxe7 *(15...Kxe7?* Lukacs *16.f4±)*

A1) 16.0-0-0 Lukacs Kf8! *(16...Qxc5* Lukacs *17.f4±)*;

A2) 16.Nb5 Kf8 17.Nd6 Nd7 18.Nxb7 Rb8∓;

B) 15.f4 '!' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'after which' loses an important tempo:

B1) Nigel Davies: ', or' 15...Nd7 16.0-0-0± Δ '!' Lukacs. Lukacs: 'is White's main idea sacrificing the g5 ♗, but advancing without losing precious time.' Nxc5 *(16...f6* Lukacs *17.h6! g6 18.Qxe6±)* 17.Bxd5! exd5 18.Nxd5+-;

B2) 15...f6 16.h6!;

B3) 15...Nc4 16.0-0-0 Δ Qa5 Nigel Davies: 'is answered by' 17.Bxd5! Nigel Davies: 'etc.' *(17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bxd5* etc. *)* 17...exd5 18.Bxe7 Qb4!? *(18...Nxe7 19.Nxd5 Qxc5 20.Rhe1+-)* 19.Bf6+! *(19.Bd6+? Kd8 20.Bc7+ Kd7 21.Qg4+ Ke8=)* 19...N6e5 *(19...Kf8? 20.Nxd5+-)* 20.Na4 gxf6 21.fxe5 0-0-0 22.b3±]

[⌓14...Bxg5

A) 15.hxg6 Nigel Davies: ', or'

A1) Nigel Davies: 'it is bad to play' 15...Bxh4? 16.Bxd5→ Nigel Davies: '!';

A2) 15...Nd4! 16.Qg4!? *(16.Qd3 Bf6* , suggested by me in 'Informator', is unclear *)* 16...Nxc2+ 17.Kf1 Nxa1 18.gxf7+ Kxf7 19.hxg5 Rxh1+ 20.Bxh1 – White has a dangerous attack, but after Qh8 *(*if *20...Rc8 21.g6+ Ke7 22.Qf4! Rxc5 23.Qd4!* etc *)* 21.g6+ Kf6 *(21...Ke7? 22.Nxd5+! exd5 23.Qg5+)* 22.Bxd5!! exd5 23.Nxd5+ Ke5 24.Qg5+ Ke4 *(24...Kd4? 25.Nc7!)* 25.Ke2! Qg8! no win is apparent; *(*but not *25...Qh1? 26.Nc3+ Kd4 27.Qf4+ Kxc5 28.b4+! Kc6 29.Qc4+ Kd6 30.Ne4+ Kd7 31.Qf7+* etc. *)*;

A3) 15...Bf6!⇄ Nigel Davies: '?!' 16.Nxd5 Nigel Davies: '!' Bxb2 17.Rb1 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Nigel Davies: '!' Qxa2 19.Nc7+ Ke7 20.Qd6+ Kf6 21.Qf4+ Kxg6 22.h5+ Kh7 and it seems White has only a perpetual after 23.Rxb2 *(23.0-0 Raf8∓)* 23...Qxb2 24.Be4+ *(24.h6?! Qa1+ 25.Ke2 Nd4+ 26.Kd3 Qc3+! 27.Kxc3 Ne2+∓)* 24...f5 25.Bxf5+ exf5 26.Qxf5+=;

B) 15.--;

C) ⩲15.hxg5 '!' Lukacs.
C1) 15...Nd4 16.Qd2 *(16.Qd3* Lukacs *Nf4 17.Qxd4 Nxg2+ 18.Kf1 Qxg5 19.Ne2+-* Nigel Davies: 'might be better. But in both these lines Black loses material and seems to be struggling to create enough counterplay.' and the ♘ is trapped on g2.*)* 16...Nf4 17.Qxf4 Nxc2+ 18.Ke2 Nxa1 19.Rxa1 Δ Rxh5 20.Nb5+- →;
C2) 15...Qxg5 Lukacs 16.hxg6!;
C3) 15...Nf4 16.Qg4 Nxg2+ *(16...Qc7* Nigel Davies: '?!' *17.0-0-0 Ne5 18.Qg3! 0-0-0 19.Bf3!?* Δ♘b5± Nigel Davies: '!' *)* 17.Qxg2 Qa5
C3a) 18.0-0-0 Nigel Davies: ', or' d4 *(18...Qxc5 19.g6→* Nigel Davies: '!'*; 18...0-0-0 19.Qf3! Ne5 20.Qf4 Nc4 21.Rd3* , and White retains the initiative.*)* 19.Ne4 Qxa2 20.Nd6+ Ke7∞ 21.Rxd4 Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qxb2 23.Rf4! – my 'Informator' variations;
C3b) 18.g6!? f5 19.h6 Rxh6 20.Rxh6 gxh6 21.0-0-0 Qxc5±]

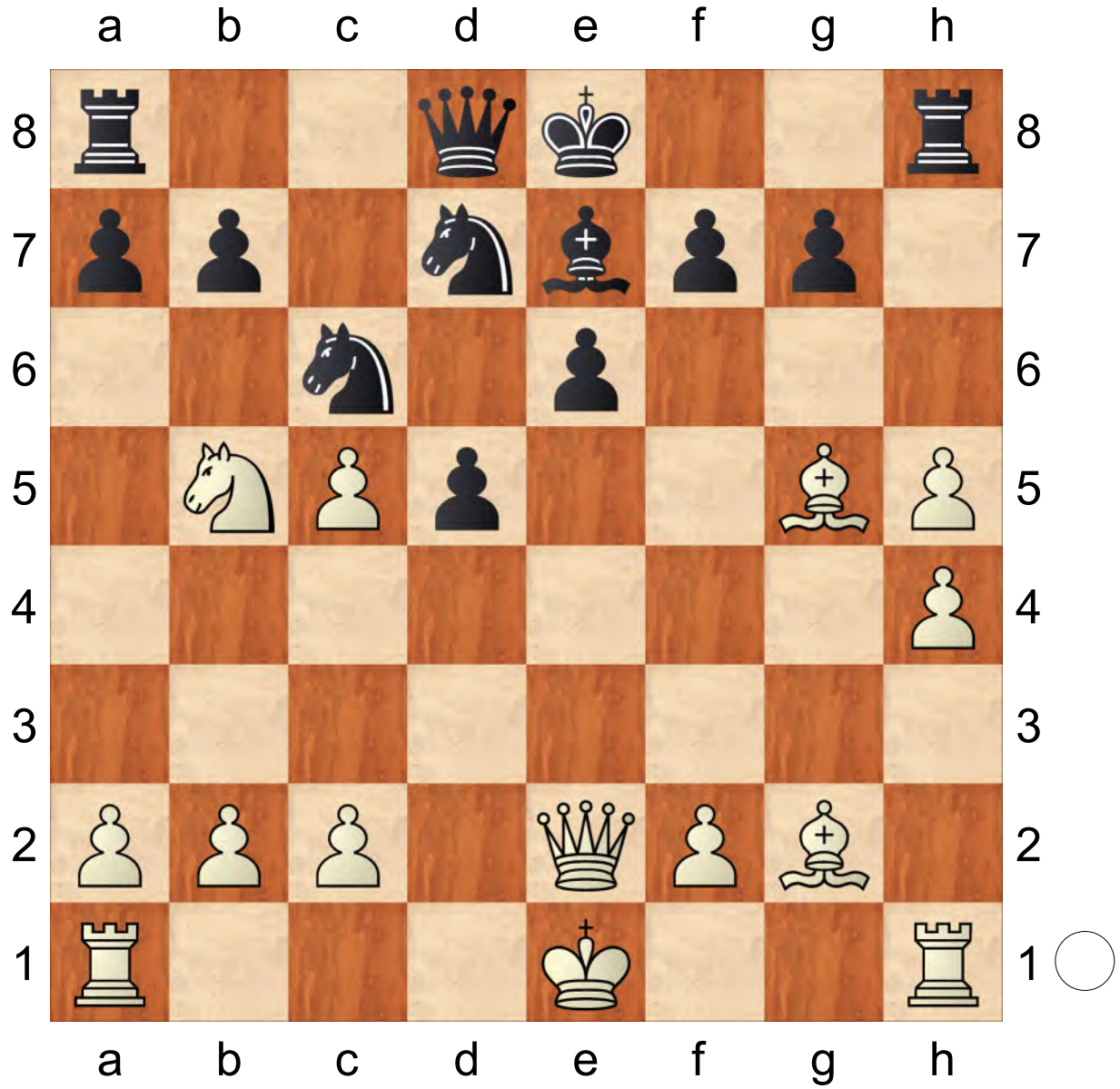
15.Nb5 Lukacs: 'Now White's → is very dangerous.'
[Nigel Davies: 'After the game the two players discussed' The players analysed 15.f4 f6 16.h6 Nigel Davies: ', which involves the sacrifice of a piece to take pot-shots at Black's king. Karpov felt thatafter' Kf7!?∞ Nigel Davies: 'it wasn't clear whether White had enough.' afterwards, the straightforward text is more clear-cut.]

15...Nd7!
[15...f6?! 16.Bf4 *(*or *16.h6 gxh6 17.Bf4* and 0-0-0 is hopeless.*)* 16...e5 *(16...Qa5+* Lukacs *17.Bd2 Qd8 18.Bxd5!)* 17.0-0-0! ⩱ d4 18.Bxc6+ *(18.h6!?→)* 18...bxc6 19.Rxd4! exd4? 20.Nc7++-]
[≤15...Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Bf4±]

(Diagram)

16.h6! Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: ""A wonderful resource!"
["After 16.Nd6+? Kf8 the position would have become unclear, whereas now Black does not have time to set up a defence." (Makarychev)]

16...Nxc5 Again relatively the best.
[Nigel Davies: 'White develops a winning attack after either' 16...gxh6? Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '?" 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qh5+- Nigel Davies: 'or Garry Kasparov: 'would have led to a swift catastrophe"]
[Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'as would" 16...g6 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '?" 17.Bxe7 *(*and not *17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.0-0-0 Nxc5* when suddenly White's errant knight is severely embarrassed *)*
A) 17...Nxe7 Lukacs 18.0-0-0 0-0 *(18...Nxc5* Lukacs *19.Qe5+-;* or *18...Rxh6 19.c4)* 19.h5 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'etc." g5 20.f4+- Nigel Davies: 'according to Kasparov.';
B) 17...Kxe7 18.0-0-0 Δc4→ Black can survive only with the ⊞ closed, this is more important than keeping the » intact. *(18.Bxd5!* Lukacs *Nxc5 19.0-0-0±)*



18...Kf8 19.c4]

17.Bf4 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!?"

[17.hxg7 Rg8

A) 18.Bxe7?!

A1) 18...Qxe7 Lukacs 19.Bxd5! *(19.h5* Lukacs *Rxg7 20.Bxd5! exd5 21.Nc7+ Kd7 22.Nxa8 Rg8 23.Rd1 Qd6 24.Qf3 Qe6+ 25.Kf1 d4)*

A1a) 19...exd5 Lukacs 20.Nc7+ Kd7

A1a1) 21.Qxe7+ Nxe7 22.Nxa8 Rxg7! which would have given Black drawing chances according to Kasparov. The knight on a8 will be lost anyway. *(22...Rxa8 23.h5)*;

A1a2) 21.Nxa8 Rxa8 22.Qxe7+ Kxe7 23.h5+-;

A1b) 19...0-0-0 20.Bf3 *(20.Rd1* Lukacs *Rxd5 21.Nxa7+ Kd7!)* 20...Rxg7 *(20...a6* Lukacs *21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Nc3+-)* 21.Rd1±;

A2) 18...Nxe7± 19.Qe5 Qa5+ 20.Nc3;

B) 18.Bf4!? Rc8 19.0-0-0± is similar. Nb4 *(19...Rxg7 20.Bxd5)* 20.a3! Nb3+ 21.Kb1 Rxc2 22.Qe3 *(*or *22.Qf3 .)*]

17...Kf8 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '?!' Garry Kasparov: 'This makes things easier for White," Now White's attack will quickly become decisive.

[Nigel Davies: 'Black might have tried to give up the exchange with Garry Kasparov: 'However,'' Kasparov recommends 17...Qa5+!? Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!' Garry Kasparov: 'was more tenacious, after which I was planning'' 18.c3 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '; for example:'' *(18.Bd2 Qb6 19.hxg7 Rg8 20.Bc3?! Na4∓)* Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'or'' 18...0-0-0 Nigel Davies: ', allowing' *(18...Qa4 19.Nc7+ Kd7 20.Bg3 Rac8 21.hxg7 Rhg8 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Rd1!* with a strong attack for the sacrificed piece.*)* 19.hxg7 Rhg8 20.Bc7 Nigel Davies: 'in order to eliminate the dangerous pawn on g7 after Garry Kasparov: 'winning the exchange'' but Black has at best only practical chances for the exchange: Qa4 21.Bxd8 Kxd8 22.h5 *(22.Rd1 Rxg7* . In the final position Black would certainly have counterplay on the dark squares though White should still be better with best play, due largely to the fact that he still has his passed h-pawn. *)* 22...Rxg7 23.Kf1±]

18.hxg7+ Kxg7 19.0-0-0 Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'The outcome is decided.''

19...Kf8 ♖a8 '?! Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'After this my opponent had just 9 (!) minutes left on his clock.''

[Nigel Davies: 'Black's last chance was probably Garry Kasparov: 'In a joint analysis after the game Karpov and I became fascinated by'' 19...Qa5!? Nigel Davies: '. However, during the game, after some thought, I could well have played'

A) 20.a3 Rag8

A1) 21.b4?! Qa4⇄;

A2) 21.Bc7 Qa4 22.b3 Qa6 23.b4?! Kf8! 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.bxc5 Bxc5 with unclear complications. I even exclaimed: "That's how chess should be played!" *(25...--)*;

A3) 21.Bd2± Qd8 22.Bc3+ Bf6 when he's still very much on the board.;

B) 20.--;

C) , but most probably I would have found the decisive stroke 20.Bxd5! exd5 21.Rhg1+ Kf8 22.Nc7 with irresistible threats (above all – Qg4).;

D) 20.Kb1!? Rag8 *(20...Nb4 21.a3 Nxc2 22.Bxd5!*+- → *)* 21.Bd2 Δ♗c3, c4→]

[Nigel Davies: 'If' 19...Rc8?! Lukacs Nigel Davies: 'White would have had the same choice between' 20.c4 *(*and the preparatory *20.Kb1 .)* 20...Na5 21.cxd5?! Nd3+ 22.Kb1 Nxf4 23.Qe5+ Bf6 24.Qxf4+-]

20.Kb1

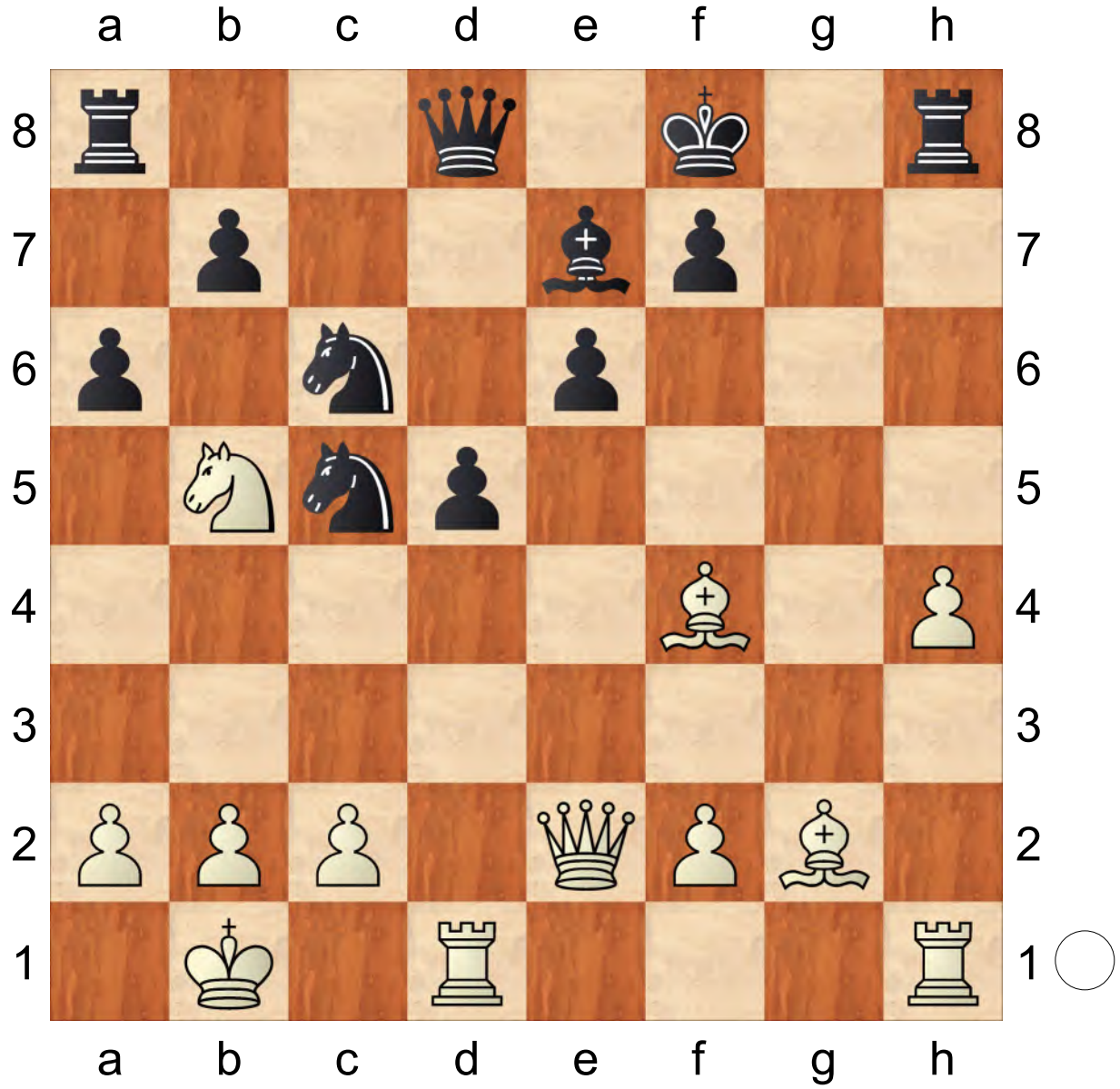
[Nigel Davies: 'Nowadays I would play' 20.c4!?± Nigel Davies: '!?' Nigel Davies: ', breaking up Black's defences without any sacrifices. "Surprisingly, White's position is so strong that he can even permit himself prophylaxis. In time-trouble, Karpov is

unable to see his way through all the tactical nuances, and he himself provokes the opponent into carrying out a winning combination." (Makarychev)' White's calm prophylaxis enhances the strength of the prepared ⊞ break.]

20...a6?!

[Nigel Davies: 'while after' ⌓20...Qa5 Nigel Davies: ', apart from' 21.c4!?± /+- *(21.Bd2!?;* both *21.Bc7;* , and *21.h5 Nb4 22.Na3! Na4 23.Rh3* are good. *)*]

[If 20...Rc8 , then 21.c4!]



Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'This loses, but what is to be done?'' Loses practically by force, now White's pieces coordinate ideally for the final attack. **21.Nc7** '!' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!'' **21...Rc8 22.Bxd5!** Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!''

[22.Nxd5 Nigel Davies: '!?' exd5 23.Bxd5 *(23.Rxd5* Lukacs *Qb6)* 23...Qb6!?

(23...Qd7 24.Qf3 Δ♗h6 Qe8 25.Rhg1 Δ♕g4,♕c3+-) 24.Qg4 Rd8 25.Qf5 *(25.Rhg1 Bf6∞)* 25...Rxd5± is less convincing.]

22...exd5

[22...Rxc7 23.Bxc6!]

23.Rxd5 Qxc7□ '?' Lukacs. Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: 'There is no choice:" Lukacs: 'It was already not easy to give a good advice, but this is clearly bad.'

[23...Nd7 24.Rh5! *(≤24.Qd2± Rxc7 25.Bxc7 Qxc7 26.Rxd7)* 24...Rxh5 25.Qxh5 Bf6 26.Bd6+ Ne7 27.Nd5+- Δ♗e7]

[Nigel Davies: 'or' 23...Rxc7 24.Rxd8+ Bxd8 25.Bd6+! Ne7 26.Qe5+- Nigel Davies: '!' Nigel Davies: 'with crushing threats.']

24.Bxc7 Rxc7 25.Rf5!? '!' Lukacs. Kasparov praised this move afterwards, but even the prosaic

[25.h5 Ne6 26.Qe3+- was sufficient.]

25...Rd7

[Nigel Davies: 'or' 25...Bd6 26.Qd1 *(26.Qd2 Be7 27.Qc3* is also fatal.*)* 26...Rh6 27.Rg1+- Δ♕g4,♖h5]

[25...Nd4 Lukacs 26.Qe5+-]

(Diagram)

26.c3 Δ♕c4

[26.Qc4 Rh7 27.Rxc5? *(27.c3+-* Lukacs *)* 27...Rxh4!∓]

26...f6

[More resilient was ⌓26...Rh6 Nigel Davies: 'was better, although the result would have been the same:' 27.Rg1 Ne6 *(*or *27...Rxh4 28.f4 Bd6 29.Qf2)*

A) 28.Qe3!? Rf6 29.Rh5 Nigel Davies: '!?' *(29.Rxf6 Bxf6 30.h5* etc. *)* 29...Ke8 30.Rh8+ Nf8 31.h5+-;

B) 28.Rh5 Rxh5 29.Qxh5+-]

27.Rg1 Δ♕g4 **27...Nd8**

[27...Rxh4 28.Rxc5! Bxc5 29.Qe6 Nigel Davies: '.' Rf7 30.Qc8+ Ke7 31.Qxb7++-]

28.Qg4 Ke8

[28...Nf7 29.Rxc5+-]

29.Rh5 Rf8

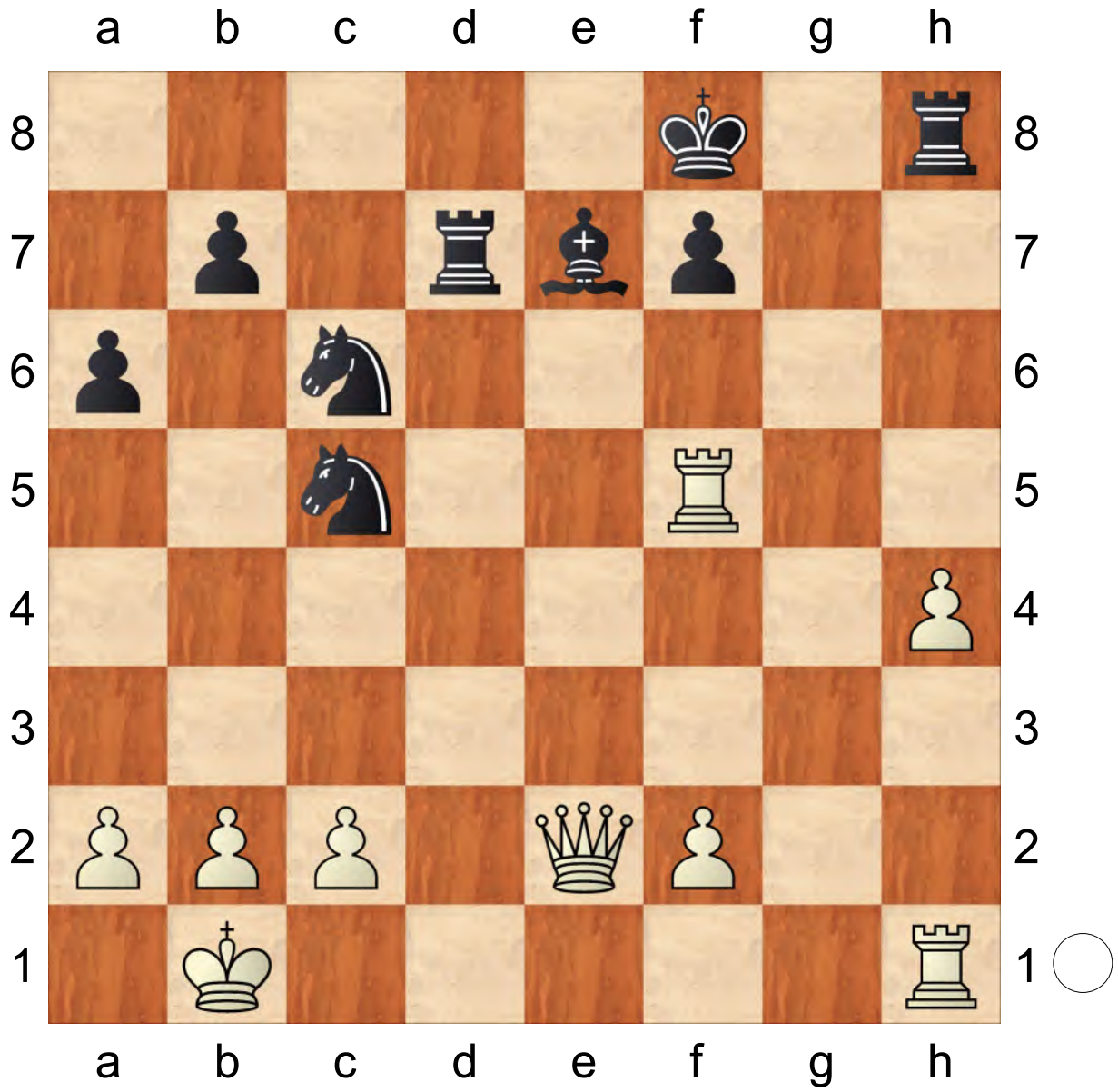
[29...Rxh5 30.Qxh5+ Nf7 31.Rg8++-]

30.Rxc5! Nigel Davies: 'Garry Kasparov: '!" **30...Bxc5**

(Diagram)

31.Qh5+

(Diagram)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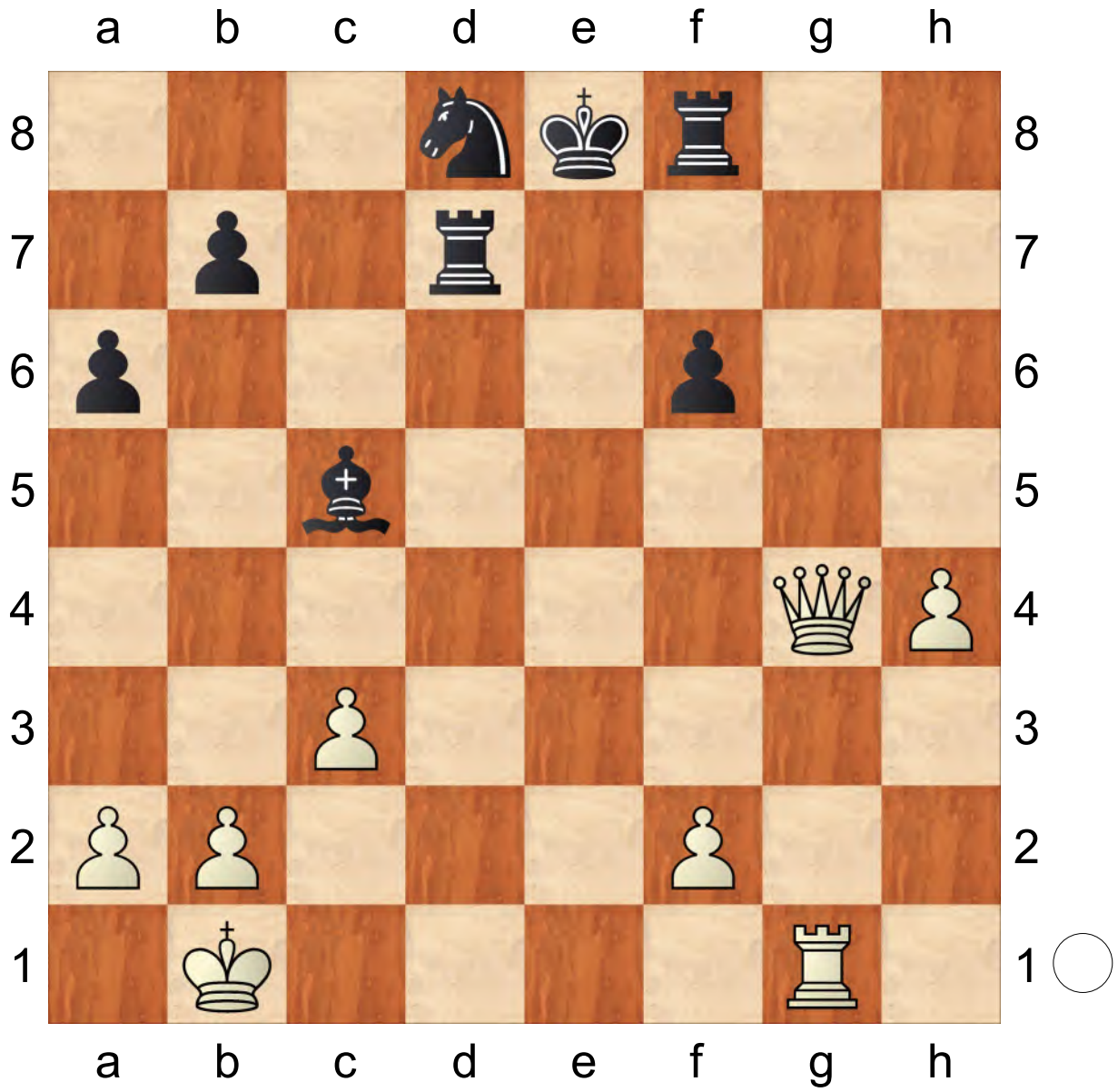
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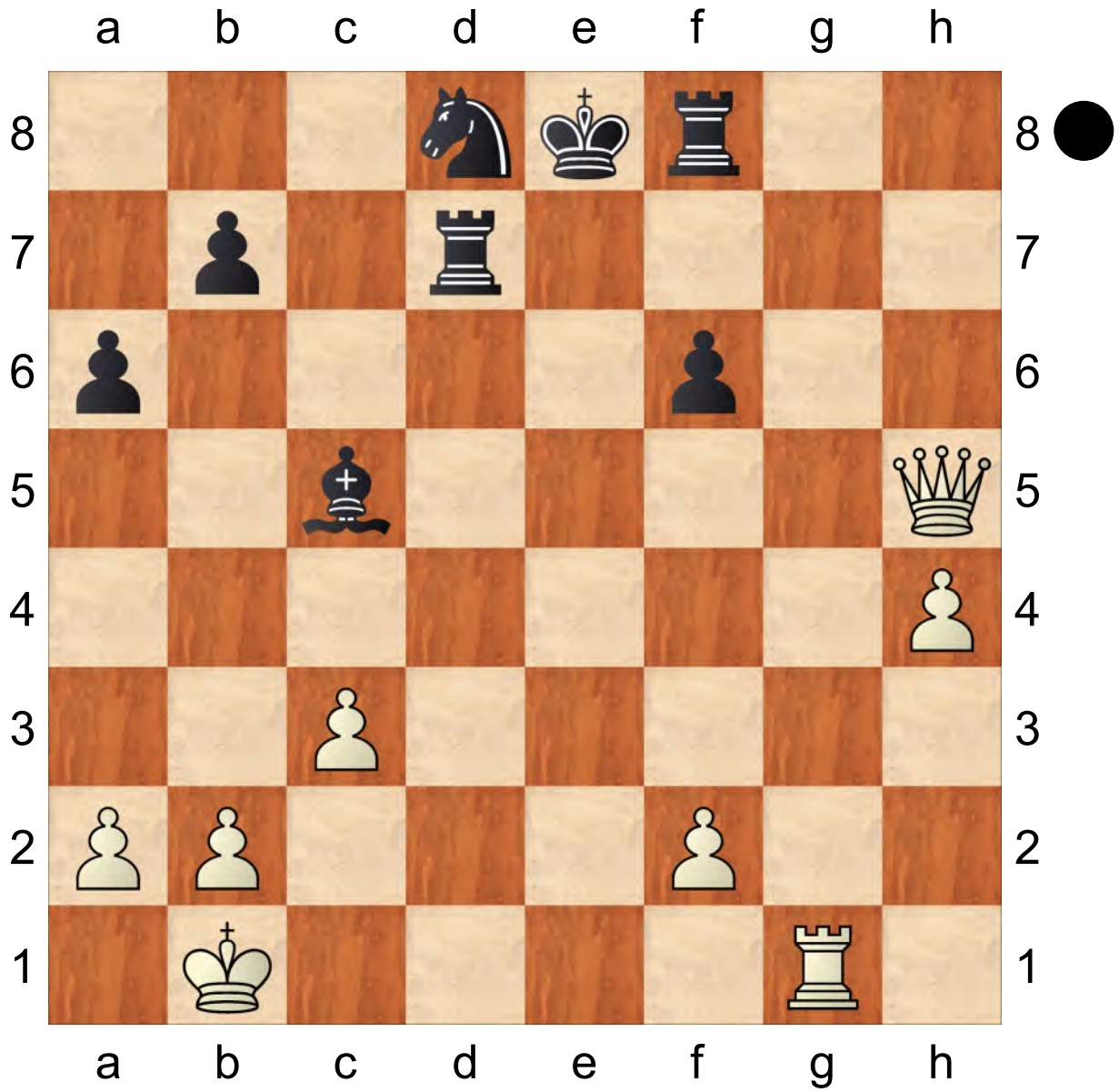

Δ♕c5 with a material advantage and a continuing →.

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A70

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■ **Petkevich,Jusefs** **2436**
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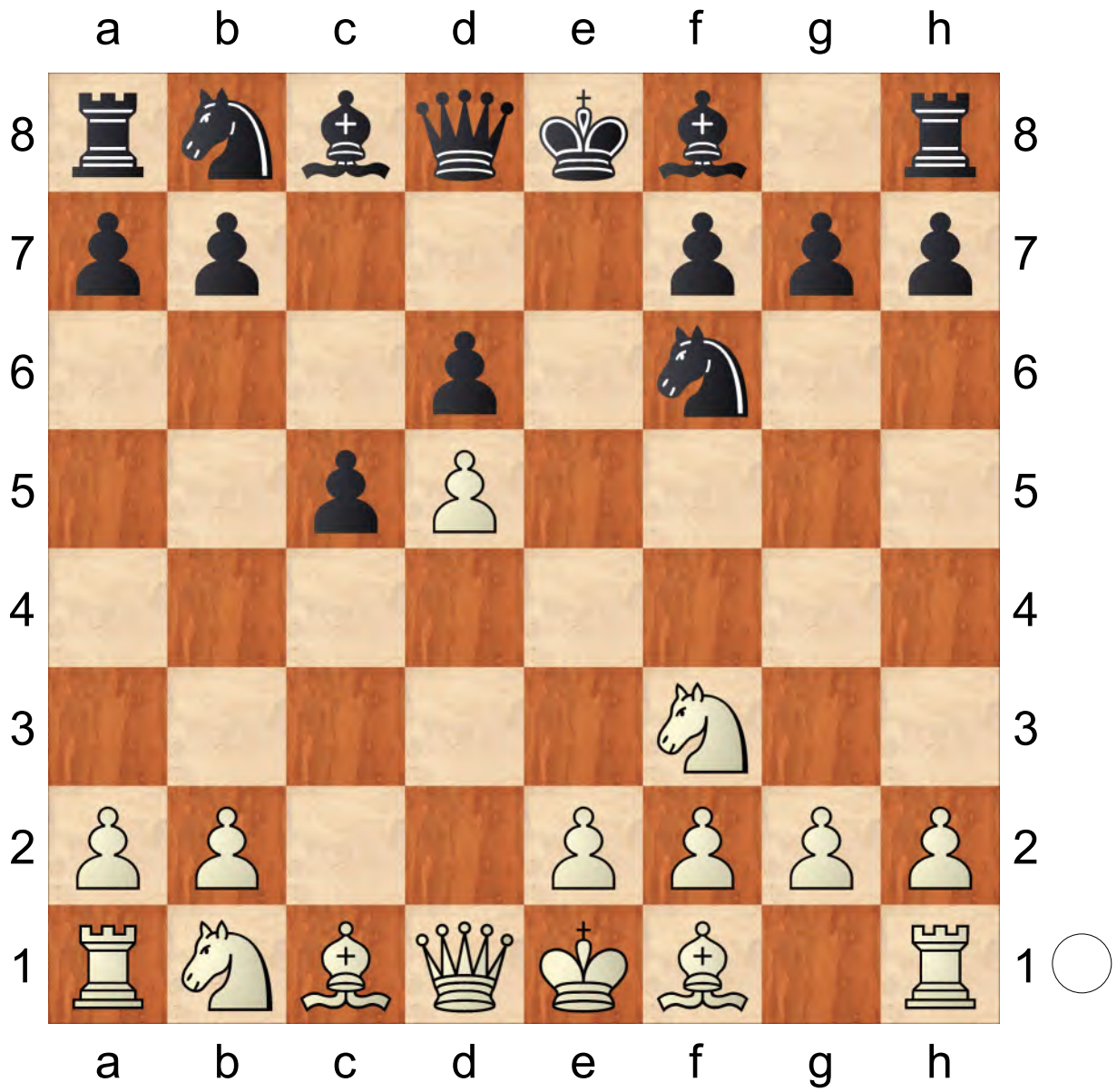
1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 a6

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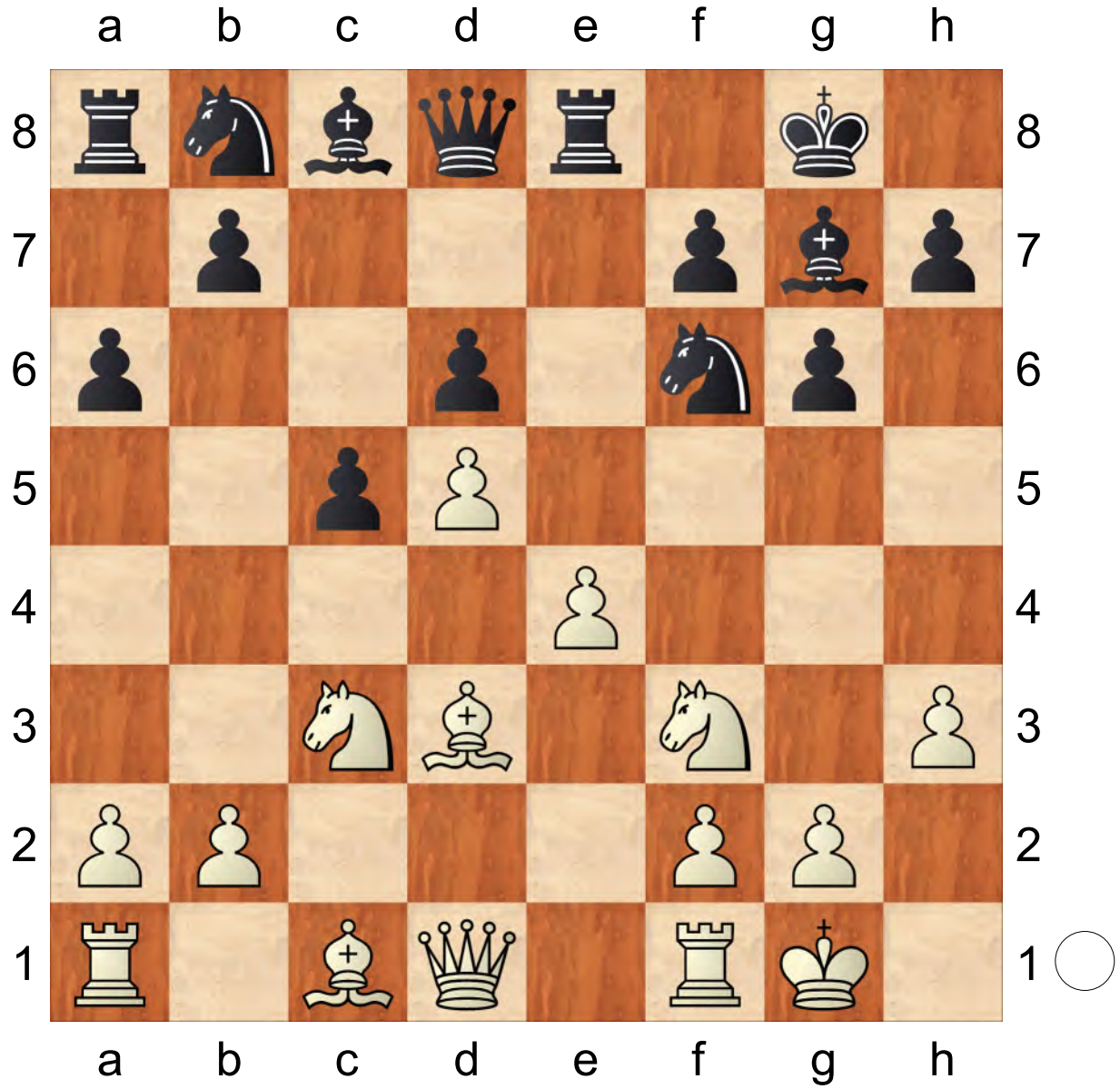
11.a4 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.Nd2?! After this manoeuvre, which was so popular



long ago, the game from A70 transfers into old variants and the reader can see it with a number of referenced games. **13...Nh5**

[13...Ne5

A) 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.Nc4 Re8 *(15...Re7 16.a5 Bd7 17.Qc2 Rae8 18.Rfe1 Bb5 19.Na3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 b5 21.axb6 Qxb6 22.Nc4 Qc7 23.Rxa6±)* 16.f4

A1) 16...Qd8 17.Qf3 Nh5 18.Rae1 Bd4+ 19.Kh2 Ng7?! *(19...b5!?)* 20.e5! dxe5 21.fxe5± Huss,R-Zrinscak,S/Dortmund 1998;

A2) 16...Nd7 17.Qf3 Rf8 *(17...Nb6 18.Nxb6?! Qxb6 19.Bc4 Qxb2 20.e5 Qb4 21.Ba2 Bf5 22.Rae1 dxe5 23.fxe5 Rxe5-+* Jukanovic,D-Ivkov,B/Sarajevo 1973*)* 18.Rae1 Bxc3 19.bxc3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ne3 c4 22.Bb1 Ra3 23.Nc2 Qc5+ 24.Kh2 Rb3 25.h4 *(25.Nb4!?±)* 25...Nf6 26.Nd4 Roumegous,E-Badii,M/Paris FRA ch Op-Fide 1994 Qxd4!? 27.cxd4 Rxf3⇄;

B) 14.Be2

B1) 14...--

B1a) 15.Bh2 g5!?

B1a1) 16.f4!? gxf4 17.Bxf4 Nfd7 *(17...h6 18.Bg3 Qe7 19.Kh1 Bd7 20.Rf2 Rab8 21.Qf1 Nh7 22.Bh5 Rf8 23.Nf3 Ng6 24.Re1 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.e5!± Edel,T-Traut,S/Wiesbaden op 1988)* 18.Qc2 b6 *(18...Qd8±)* 19.Nd1! Nf8 20.Bg5 *(20.Rb1 Qe7 21.b4 Bd7⇄)* 20...Rb8 21.Ne3 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Kh1 Qb6 24.Bh5 c4 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Qd4 27.Ne4 Qxd5 28.Ra6 Johansson,M-Ek,H/Sweden 1960 Qd3!? 29.Qxd3 cxd3 30.Nxd6 Ra8±;

B1a2) 16.Kh1 Nfd7 17.f4!? gxf4 18.Bxf4 Ng6 19.Bg3 Nde5 20.Nf3 *(20.h4!? Qb6 21.h5 Nh8 22.Qc1 Qd8 23.Nf3 Bg4 24.Nxe5 Bxe2 25.Nxe2 Bxe5 26.Ra3±)* 20...Qe7 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Nxe5 23.Qd2 Ng6 24.Qd3 Qh4 25.Qf3 Ne5 26.Qf6 Qg3 ½-½ Polyak,I-Parkanyi,A/Schneider mem op 1996;

B1b) 15.Qc2

B1b1) 15...Nfd7?! 16.Be3! f6 17.f4 Nf7 18.Bf2 f5? 19.exf5 Bxc3 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.bxc3 Rxe2 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Rae1 Rxe1 *(23...Rxd2 24.Bh4+-)* 24.Rxe1 Nb6 *(24...Qd8 25.Ne4→)* 25.Re8+!+- Averbakh,Y-Tolush,A/Garga 1953;

B1b2) 15...Re7?! 16.Bg3 Ne8 17.f4 Nd7 18.Nc4± f6?! *(⌓18...Bd4+ 19.Kh1 f6±)* 19.Rad1 Rb8 20.Ne3 f5 *(20...b5!?)* 21.e5! dxe5 22.d6!! Nxd6 23.Ned5 Qd8 24.Bh4!+- Malcher,W-Wiedemann,F/Hamburg 1969;

B1b3) 15...b6 16.Bh2 Rb8 *(16...g5 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxf4 Ng6 19.Bg3 Nd7 20.Nd1 Rb8 21.Kh1 Bh6 22.Nc4 Nde5 23.Nde3 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Bg7± Sideif Sade,F-Momeni,H/Fajr 1992)* 17.f4 Ned7 18.Nf3 Bb7 19.Rad1 c4 20.Kh1 Qc5 21.e5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5?! *(22.Ne4!? Qb4 23.Qxc4 Qxb2 24.Rd2 Ne3 25.Qxf7+! Kxf7 26.Nxd6+ Ke7 27.Rxb2 Nxf1 28.Bxf1±)* 22...Bxd5 23.Bg1 Qc6 24.Nxd5 Qxd5 25.Rd1 Qb7 26.Rxd6 Bf8 27.Rd1 b5∓ Pilar,M-Storkan,Z/CZE Tschechien-ch 1993;

B1b4) 15...h6

B1b41) 16.Bxe5 Rxe5 17.Nc4 Re8 18.f4 *(18.a5!?)* 18...Nd7 19.e5 dxe5 20.d6 *(20.f5?! g5 21.f6 Nxf6 22.Rxf6 Bxf6 23.Rf1 Bg7 24.d6 Qd8 25.Nd5 Be6 26.Nc7 b5∓ Bronstein,L-Martinez,C/ 1974)* 20...Qd8 21.Nd5 Rb8 22.f5 g5 *(22...e4 23.fxg6 fxg6 24.Nc7 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Na5±)* 23.Rad1 e4!?⇄;

B1b42) 16.Bg3 g5 17.f4!? gxf4 18.Bxf4 Qe7 19.Kh1 Nfd7 *(19...Ng6 20.Bh2 Nd7 21.Bg4!±)* 20.Nd1 Ng6 21.Bh2 Nde5 22.Ra3 Kh8 23.Ne3 Rb8 24.a5 Bd7 25.Ndc4! *(25.Qc1 Kh7 26.Qe1 b5⇄* Malich,B-Browne,W S/Amsterdam 1972*)* 25...Nxc4

(25...Rbd8 26.Nb6±) 26.Nxc4 Ne5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.Bxe5+**±**;

B1b5) 15...Rb8

B1b51) 16.Bg3 g5 17.Ra3 Bd7 18.a5 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Bxg4 Nfxg4 21.Nd1 b5 22.Bf4 ½-½ Link,A-Dieng,M/VLNBaden 1993;

B1b52) 16.a5 Nfd7?! *(16...h6±)* 17.Be3 f6?! *(17...Nf8 18.Rfb1 h6 19.Ra3 Ned7 20.b4±)* 18.f4?! *(18.Rfb1 Nf7 19.Ra3±)* 18...Nf7 19.Nc4 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Nxb6 Rxb6 22.Bf2 f5!?⇄ Cheng Xinkai-Wu Kaiyu/Suzhou, Jiangsu CHN 2001;

B1b53) 16.Be3

B1b531) 16...c4? 17.f4 Ned7 18.Nxc4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra7 Qd8 21.Na5 1-0 Dodgson,J-Stewart/ENG corr 1978/CR97-78;

B1b532) 16...h6 17.f4 Ned7 18.Rae1 *(18.Bf2 b6 19.Rfe1 g5!? 20.e5!? dxe5 21.fxg5 hxg5 22.Nde4 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Nf6 24.Nxg5 e4!? 25.d6!? Qxd6 26.Bc4 Rb7 27.Qb3 Rf8 28.Red1 Qc6 29.Bxa6±* Karpman,V-Homiakov,V/Ukraina-chT Simferopol 1991 *)* 18...Nb6 19.Rf3 *(19.Qb3!? Kh7 20.e5!? dxe5 21.fxe5 Qxe5 22.Bf4 Qd4+ 23.Kh1 Nbxd5 24.Bxb8 Qxd2 25.Rd1 Qg5 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Be6 28.Rxg5 Bxb3 29.Rg3 Bxa4 30.b3 Bc6 31.Bd3 Rxb8 32.Rxf7+-)* 19...Bd7 20.a5 Nc8 21.Nc4 Bb5 22.Ra1 Bxc4 23.Bxc4 Na7 24.Kh1 Re7 25.e5!**±** Gossmann,E-Storkebaum,K/Bad Wildbad 2001;

B1b533) 16...b6 17.f4 *(17.-- Qe7 18.Rae1 h6 19.f4 Ned7 20.Bd3 Nh5 21.g4 Nhf6 22.Qd1 Bb7 23.Qe2± Olarasu,G-Brokko Olde,M/Calvia ESP 2004; 17.b3 Qe7 18.Rae1 Bb7 19.f4 Ned7 20.Bf2± Qf8 21.Bg3 h6 22.Bf3* **Δ**e5 *b5 23.axb5 Nb6 24.Nc4 Nc8 25.e5 Nd7 26.e6! Bd4+ 27.Kh1 Nf6 28.f5!+-* Reshevsky,S-Garcia Martinez,S/Palma de Mallorca 1971*)* 17...Ned7 18.Rae1 *(18.Nc4?! b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Na5 Nxe4⇄* Varas,L-Gracia,M/Buenos Aires 1999*)* 18...Bb7 19.Bf2! Re7 20.b3 Ne8 21.Bh4 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Ndf6 23.Bc4**±** Gromova,I-Dushinok,A/St Petersburg 2004;

B1b534) 16...Ned7

B1b5341) 17.Rfe1 c4?! *(17...h6 18.a5 Ne5±)* 18.Bxc4 b5?! 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra7 Rb7 21.Rxb7 Bxb7 22.Nxb5+- Hahn,W-Leiber,B/Passau 1997;

B1b5342) 17.Rad1 c4 18.Nxc4?! *(18.Ba7 Ra8 19.Bd4±)* 18...b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Na3 b4 21.Ncb5 Qxc2 22.Nxc2 Ba6 23.Ncd4 Nxe4 *(23...Rxe4 24.Nxd6 Bxe2 25.Nxe2 Re5 26.Nf4±)* 24.Ra1 Ndc5**∓** Taylor,R-Hutchings,S/Barnstaple op 1971;

B1b5343) 17.Rae1 Nb6 18.Bf4 *(Δ18.f4? Nfxd5!)* 18...Bd7 19.Bh2 Rf8 20.f4 Ne8 21.Kh1 Nc8 22.Bf3 f6 Woodhams,M-Van Baarle,C/Amsterdam IBM-B 1976 23.f5!**±**;

B1b5344) 17.Rac1 b6 18.b3 Bb7 19.Nc4 Ne5 20.Nd2 Ned7 21.Qb1 Re7 22.b4 Rbe8 23.Qb3 Qd8 24.Rb1 Bc8 25.Rfc1 Kh8 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Nc4 Ne5 28.Nb6 c4 29.Qa3 *(⌓29.Bxc4 Nxc4 30.Qxc4 Bb7 31.f3 Nd7 32.Nxd7 Rxd7 33.Bd4±)* 29...Rc7 30.Nxc8 Rxc8 31.Rb6 Nd3 32.Bxd3 cxd3 33.Rxd6? *(33.Rxa6±)* 33...Qe7 34.Bd4 ½-½ Brond-Sabao/1974;

B1b5345) 17.b3 b6 18.Rad1 Bb7 19.Rfe1 h6 20.Bf1 g5 21.g3 Ne5 22.f4?! *(22.Bg2)* 22...gxf4 23.gxf4 Ng6 24.Nc4 Nh5 25.f5 Ne5 26.Bg2 Qd8⇄ Watson,A-Vukadinov,M/Chicago 1993;

B2) 14...Nfd7

B2a) 15.Qb3 c4?! 16.Qa2 *(16.Bxc4 Nc5 17.Qc2 f5 18.Be2 Bd7 19.Rac1±)* 16...Nc5 17.Bxe5 *(17.Nxc4 Bd7 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.f3±)* 17...Bxe5 18.Qxc4 Qe7 19.Rfe1?! Bxh3!∓ Lemos,D-Calcina Amezquita,G/Bogota 2004;

B2b) 15.Bh2 c4 16.Qc2 Rb8 17.f4 Nd3!? 18.Nxc4

B2b1) 18...Bd4+?! 19.Kh1 Nf2+ 20.Rxf2 Bxf2 21.e5! dxe5 *(21...Bc5 22.Ne4 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.exd6 Qb7 25.Nxc5 Nxc5 26.Ne5 Nd7 27.Nc6+-)* 22.fxe5 Nc5 23.e6! Qe7 24.Bxb8+- Mielke,C-Schneider,I/OBL-94/95 Brühler SK - GSK III 1995;

B2b2) 18...Nxb2!?

B2b21) 19.Qxb2 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ne5 b4 *(21...dxe5 22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.Kh1 Bd7 24.Nxb5 Qb7 25.Rab1 Ng4 26.Qc2 Nxh2 27.Kxh2 Rbc8 28.Na3 Qa7≅)* 22.Nb5 Rxb5 23.Bxb5 Qc5+ 24.Qf2 Qxb5 25.Nxd7 Bxa1 26.f5 Qxd7 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Rxa1 Rxe4=;

B2b22) 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.e5 Qb4 21.Kh1 Nxe5!? 22.fxe5 Bf5 23.Na2 Qd4 24.Rxf5 gxf5 25.Rb1 Nxa4 26.e6 fxe6 27.Bxb8 Rxb8 28.dxe6 Nc5 *(28...Qe5 29.Rxb7 Rxb7 30.Qc8+ Bf8 31.Qxb7 Qxe6 32.Qxa6=)* 29.e7 Bf6 30.Nb4 Re8 *(30...Qe5 31.Nxa6 Nxa6 32.Qb3+ Kg7 33.Bxa6 b6 34.Qb5=)* 31.Nd5 Ne4 32.Nxf6+ Qxf6 33.Rxb7 Rxe7 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Bxa6=;

B3) 14...h6

B3a) 15.Nf3 g5?! *(15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Rb8 17.Qd2 g5 18.Bg3 Nd7 19.Be2 Ne5 20.f4 gxf4 21.Bxf4 Kh7⇄)* 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Rc1 *(17.a5!?±)* 17...Rb8 18.Qc2 c4 19.Nb1 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.b3 g4 22.hxg4 Bxg4 23.Nbd2 Eguia,L-Fratini,C/corr CXEB 1993 Nh5±;

B3b) 15.Bg3 Rb8 *(15...g5 16.f4 gxf4 17.Rxf4 c4 18.Qf1 Qb6+ 19.Rf2 Qxb2 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Qc1 Qb4 22.Qa3 a5! 23.Nxc4 Rxe4! 24.Nxd6 Re3 25.Rf3 Nxd5∓* Dietze,F-Kabisch,T/Porz 1983 *)* 16.Qc2 g5

B3b1) 17.Bxe5?! Rxe5 18.Nc4 Re8 19.f4 *(⌓19.a5!?; 19.Rad1?! b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd2 Bd7 22.Rde1 c4 23.Nd1 Rbc8 24.f4 g4 25.hxg4 Nxg4 26.g3 Qc5+ 27.Kg2 Qd4∓* Uimonen,M-Kukkonen,M/

FIN t-ch 1995*)* 19...b5!? 20.axb5 axb5 21.fxg5 hxg5 22.Ne3 Nxe4!? 23.Nxe4 Qe7 24.Bh5 *(24.Bd3? Bd4 25.Rae1 f5∓)* 24...Qxe4 25.Bxf7+ Kh8∓;

B3b2) 17.Rfe1 g4 18.hxg4 Nfxg4 19.Nd1 c4?! *(19...b5)* 20.Nxc4 f5 21.Bxg4 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 Nxc4 23.Rc1 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.b3 Ne5 26.Bh5 Re7 27.Nc3 b4 28.Ne2 fxe4 29.Nd4± Hort-Boensch/Halle 1978;

B3b3) 17.f4!? gxf4

B3b31) 18.Rxf4 Ng6 19.Rf2 Nd7 20.Nc4 Nde5 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Raf1 Qe7 23.Qd2 Rf8 24.Nd1 Bd7 25.Ne3 Qg5 26.Bf4 Qg6 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Bg4!? Bxg4? *(⌓28...Bxa4!? 29.Nf5 Kh7 30.Ne7 Qg7∞)* 29.Nxg4 Bd4 30.Nxh6+ Kh7 31.Nf5 Bxf2+ 32.Rxf2 Rg8 33.Rf4 1-0 Fokin,S-Svatos,J/Pardubice Komercni Banka op 1996;

B3b32) 18.Bxf4

B3b321) 18...Nfd7 19.Nf3 Ng6 20.Bg3 Nde5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5!? *(21...Nxe5?! 22.Bh5 Rf8 23.Bh4±* Portisch,L-Pogats,J/Budapest 1956 *)* 22.Qd3 Qe7⇄;

B3b322) 18...Qe7 19.Bg3 Bd7?! 20.a5 Bc8 21.Kh1 Nfd7 22.Rf2 b6 23.axb6 Rxb6 24.Raf1 Qg5 25.Bf4 Qh4 26.Bh2 Rb4 27.Rf4 Qe7 28.Bg3 Rf8 29.Bh4± Jansson,B-Golz,W/Tel Aviv olm 1964;

B3b323) 18...Ng6 19.Be3 *(19.Bg3!? Nd7 20.Nc4 Nde5 21.Ne3 c4 22.Nf5±; 19.Bxh6!? Bxh6 20.Rxf6 Bg7 21.Rff1 Qe7 22.Nf3 Nf4 23.Bc4 Qf6 24.Kh2 Qh6⩱)* 19...Qe7 20.Rf2 Nd7 21.Raf1 Nde5 22.Bh5 Bd7 23.Nf3 Rf8 24.a5 *(24.Bxg6?! Nxf3+ 25.Rxf3 fxg6∓* Fober,J-Punter,A/Dieren op 1991*)* 24...Nxf3+ 25.Bxf3 b5 26.axb6 Rxb6⇄;

B3c) 15.Bh2 g5 16.f4!?

B3c1) 16...Ng6 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nc4 Nfd7 20.Rxf7!? Qd8 *(20...Kxf7!? 21.Bh5+ Kg8 22.Bxe8 Qd8 23.Nd6 Qe7 24.Nce4 Nf6 25.Bxe5 Nxe4 26.Bf7+ Kh7 27.Nxe4 Qxe5 28.Qf3 Qf5⇄)* 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Kxf7 23.Bh5+ Kg8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Bxe8 Qxe8 26.Qf3± Sommerbauer-Schuster/DDR 1988;

B3c2) 16...gxf4 17.Bxf4 Ng6 *(17...--* see 13... ♘e5*)* 18.Bg3 Nd7 19.Nc4 Nde5 20.Ne3 Qe7 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5!? *(22.Rxf5⇄)* 22...Nf8 23.Ne4 Nfd7 24.Re1 Nf6 25.Bh4 Ned7 26.Bb5?! Vragoteris,A-Alexakis,D/GR-Ch 1997 *(⌓26.Bxa6!?±)* 26...Qxe4! 27.Rxe4 Rxe4 28.Bxf6 Nxf6 29.Be2 Rd4⩱;

B4) 14...Rb8

B4a) 15.a5 Nfd7 16.Be3 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qc2 Nf6 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 b5 21.axb6 Qxb6 22.Rfb1 Ne4 23.Bd3 *(23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Ra3±)* 23...Qb3 24.Qxb3 Rxb3 25.Nxe4 fxe4 26.Bxa6 Rxb2 27.Rxb2 Bxb2= Matijevic,H-Musat,A /1991;

B4b) 15.Be3

B4b1) 15...-- 16.f4 *(16.Re1 b6?! 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.Rad1 Rbd8 19.Kh1 Qe7 20.Qb3 Qc7 21.f4 Ned7 22.Bf3 Rb8 23.Nc4 Bc8 24.Bf2 Nh5 25.Bxh5 gxh5 26.Bg3± Sulypa,A-Pontoppidan,E/Esbjerg DEN 2004)* 16...Ned7 17.g4 *(17.Bf2 Nf8 18.Bg3 c4 19.e5! Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Qxd5 22.Nxc4 Qxd1 23.Rfxd1 dxe5 24.fxe5 Be6 25.Nd6 Red8 26.Bf3± De Buck,V-Bossuyt,K/Gent 1989)* 17...h6 18.Qe1 Nb6 19.Qf2? *(19.Ra3 ΔNxe4!? 20.Ncxe4 f5 21.gxf5 Bxf5 22.a5 Nd7 23.Bg4! Bxe4 24.Be6+ Rxe6 25.dxe6 Nf6 26.Nxe4 Nxe4 27.f5±)*

B4b11) 19...Nbxd5? 20.exd5 *(Δ20.Nxd5? Nxd5 21.exd5 Rxe3-+; 20.e5? Nxe3 21.Qxe3 dxe5∓ Hetz,R-Braun,T/Bayern-chB 1985)* 20...Nxg4 21.hxg4 Rxe3 22.Kg2! Bd4 23.Nb3 Qe7 24.Rae1+-;

B4b12) 19...Nfxd5!-+;

B4b2) 15...Ned7 16.Ra3 *(16.Qc2 h6 17.f4 Nb6 18.Bf2 Nbd7 19.Rae1 c4 20.Ba7 Ra8 21.Bd4 Nxe4 22.Bxg7 Qc5+ 23.Kh2 Nxd2 24.Bxh6 Nxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Qd4 26.f5 Ne5 27.Rf4→ Neto,H-Mendes,F/POR-chT/1993/)* 16...h6 17.Rb3 g5 18.g4 *(18.f4!?)* 18...Ne5 19.f4 gxf4 20.Rxf4 Qe7 21.Qf1 Nfd7 22.Qg2 Ng6 23.Rf1 Kh7 24.Kh1 Bf6 25.Qf2 Rf8 26.Bd3 Bh4 27.Qe2 Nde5 28.Bc2 Bg5⇄ Harmon,C-Lund,E/Budapest HUN 2003]

[13...b6?! 14.Nc4 Bf8

A) 15.Bh2 Rb8

A1) 16.f4?! b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Nxd6?! Bxd6 19.e5 c4 20.Bb1 b4 21.Na4 Nxe5 *(21...Qa5 22.exd6 Qxd5⇄ Edvardsson,K-Gretarsson,A/Reykjavik 1996)* 22.fxe5 Bxe5∓;

A2) 16.b3 Δb5 *(16...Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Qe2±)* 17.axb5 axb5 18.Na5 b4 19.Nb5 Rxb5!? 20.Bxb5 Nxe4 21.Re1 ΔNc3 22.Rxe8! Nxd1 23.Nc4±;

B) 15.Re1 Rb8 *(15...Bb7?! 16.Qf3 Nh5 17.Bh2 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne5 19.Nxe5 dxe5± Plachkinova,T-Ritter Aguilar,J/Sants 2001)* 16.Bf1 Nh5 17.Bh2 f6 18.Be2 Ng7 19.f4 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Na5 c4 22.Nc6 Rb7 23.b4! cxb3 24.Qxb3 Nc5 25.Qb4 f5 Plachkinova,T-Rofes Barcelo,J/Hospitalet 2002 26.Nxb5 Qb6 27.Qa5 Rxe4 28.Qxb6 Rxb6 29.Nc3±]

14.Bh2 Bd4!? AK

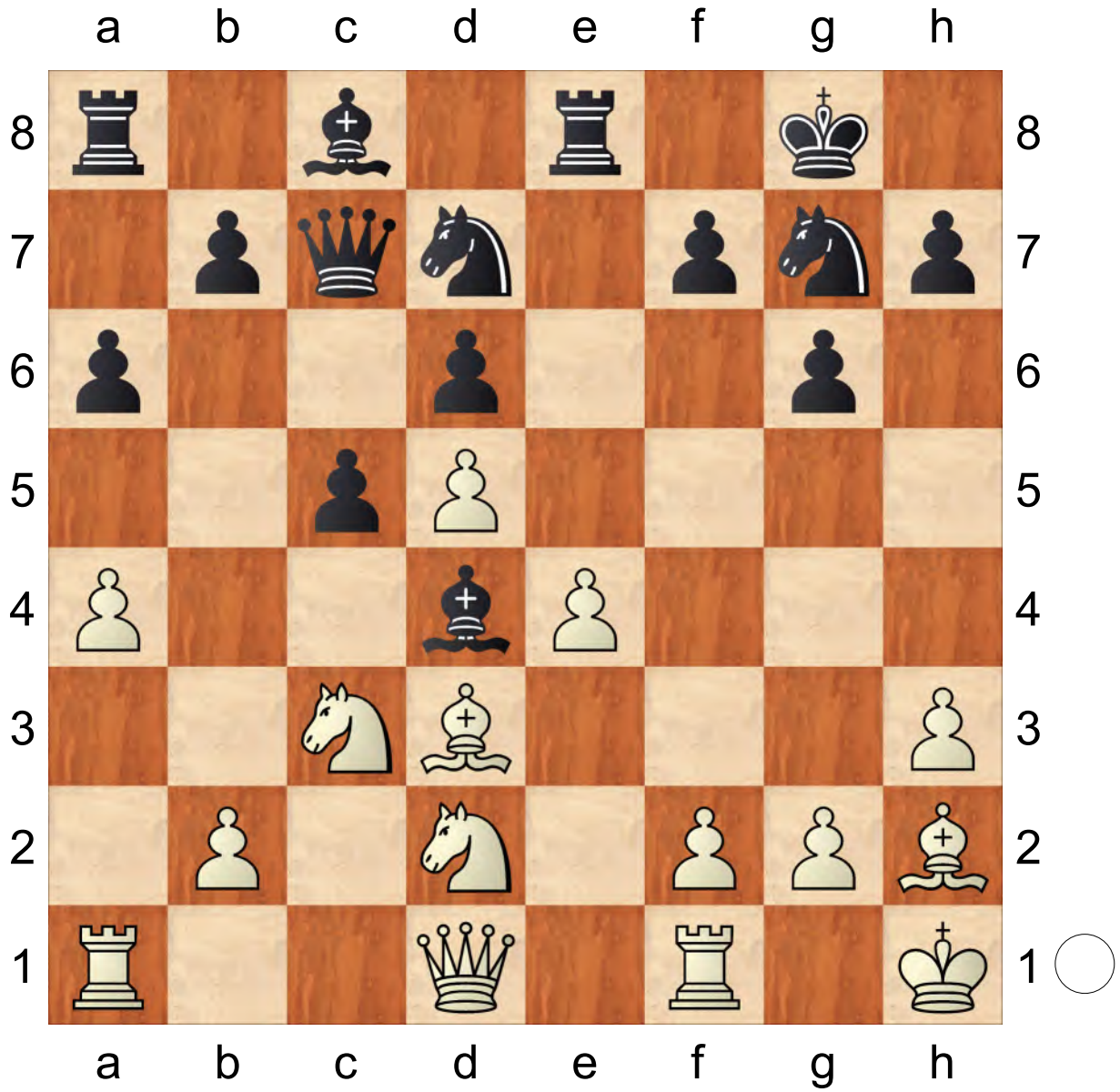
[14...Ne5?! 15.Be2 *(15.Bc2 c4 16.g4 Nf6 17.f4 Nexg4 18.hxg4 Nxg4 19.Qc1 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Nf2+ 21.Rxf2 Qxf2 22.Qe1 Qc5 23.Qe2 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Qxd5∞ Coelho,L-Ramacciotti,J/BRA 1997)* 15...Nf6 16.f4 Ned7 17.Qc2 Qd8 *(17...Rb8 18.Kh1 h6 19.a5 Nh7 20.Nc4 b5 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.Na5 Ra8 23.Bf3 Bd7 24.Qd2 Rad8 25.Rfe1 Nf8 26.e5!± Sergienko,S-Parkanyi,A/Gyongyos 1995)* 18.Nc4 Nb6 19.Na3 a5 20.Nab5 Rf8 21.Bf3 Rb8 22.Nxd6 Nfxd5 23.exd5 Qxd6 24.f5 Be5 25.Bxe5 Qxe5 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.Qe4 Qg3?! *(27...Qxe4)* 28.Qe7± Ohresser,O-Goletto,C/France 1998]

[14...Rb8 15.Be2 Nhf6 16.f4 *(16.-- g5 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxf4 Ne5 19.Qe1 Kh8*

20.Bg5 Ng8 21.Nf3 f6 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Bf4 Re8 24.Bh5 Rd8 25.Qh4 Qe7 26.Bg6 Bh6 27.Bxh6 hxg6 28.Rxf6 Nxf6 29.Bf8+ 1-0 Scholz,C-Vornweg,M/NWJL9091 SV Menden-SG Bochum 1991*)* 16...b6 17.Re1 Kh8 18.Qb3 Ng8 19.Bd3 g5!? 20.fxg5 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Ne5 22.Bf1± Schriewer,T-Terwey,M/Dortmund 2003]

15.Kh1 Ng7

[15...-- 16.f4 Ng7 17.Nf3 Bf6 18.Qd2 c4 19.Bc2 Rb8 20.e5 dxe5 21.d6 Qa5 22.fxe5 Bd8 23.Rae1 Ne6 24.Nd4 Nxd4 25.Qxd4 Qc5 26.Qf4 Rf8 27.Ne4 Qb4 28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.exf6 Qxb2 30.Qh6 1-0 Grau Serra,B-Vila Vicedo,R/Equipos Preferente Sur 2001]



16.Qc2

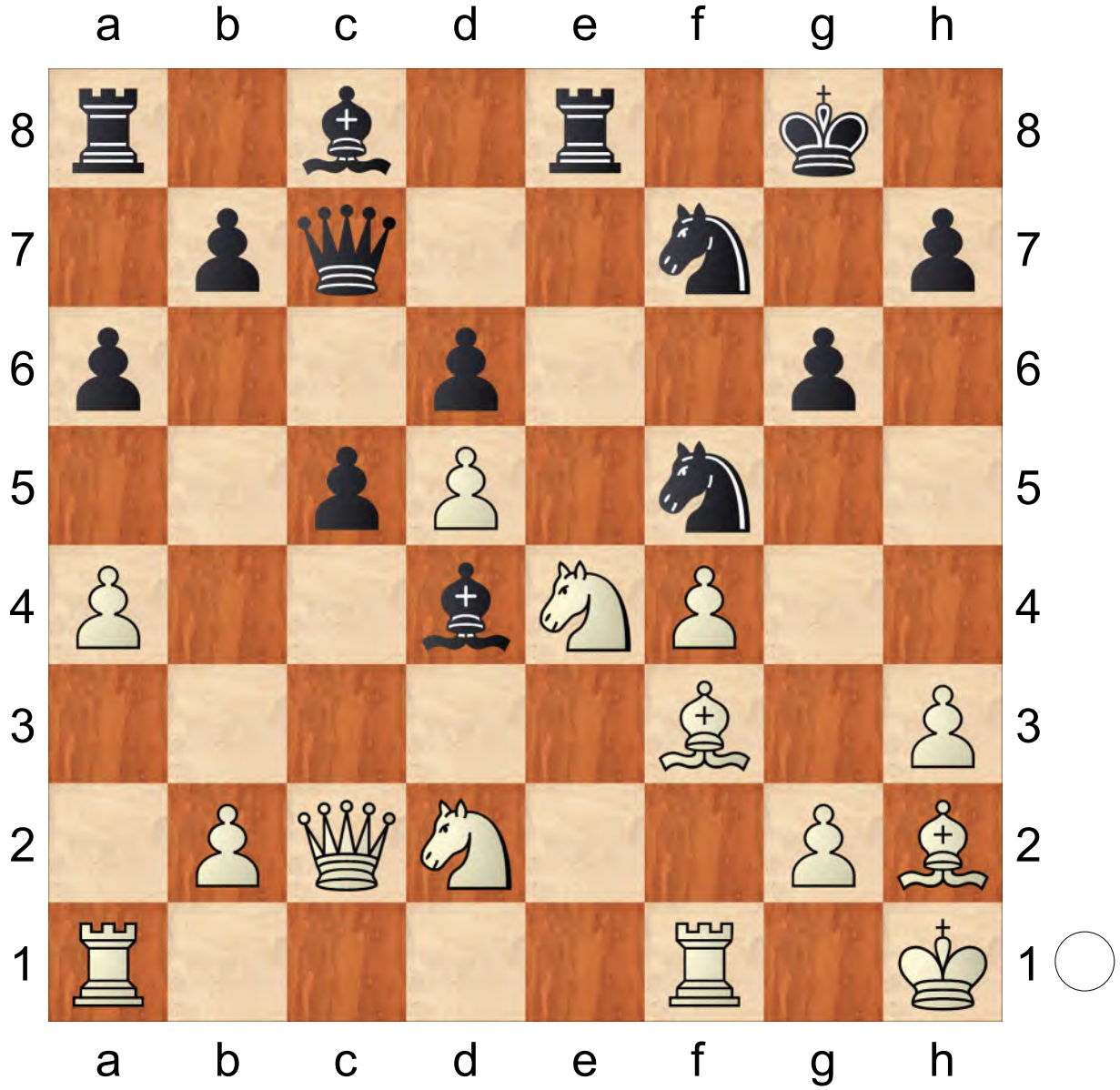
[16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Nxb6⇄]

[16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bd4 19.Qf3 f5⇄]

16...Ne5 17.Be2 f5!? 18.f4 Nf7 19.Bf3

[19.Bd3!? fxe4 20.Ncxe4 Nf5 21.Rae1 Qd8 22.Nf3 Bg7 23.g4 Nd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Bg3 Bd7 26.f5!?±]

19...fxe4 20.Ncxe4 Nf5



21.Rae1 Bd7 22.g4 Ne3 23.Rxe3 Bxe3 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Nxe8+ Rxe8

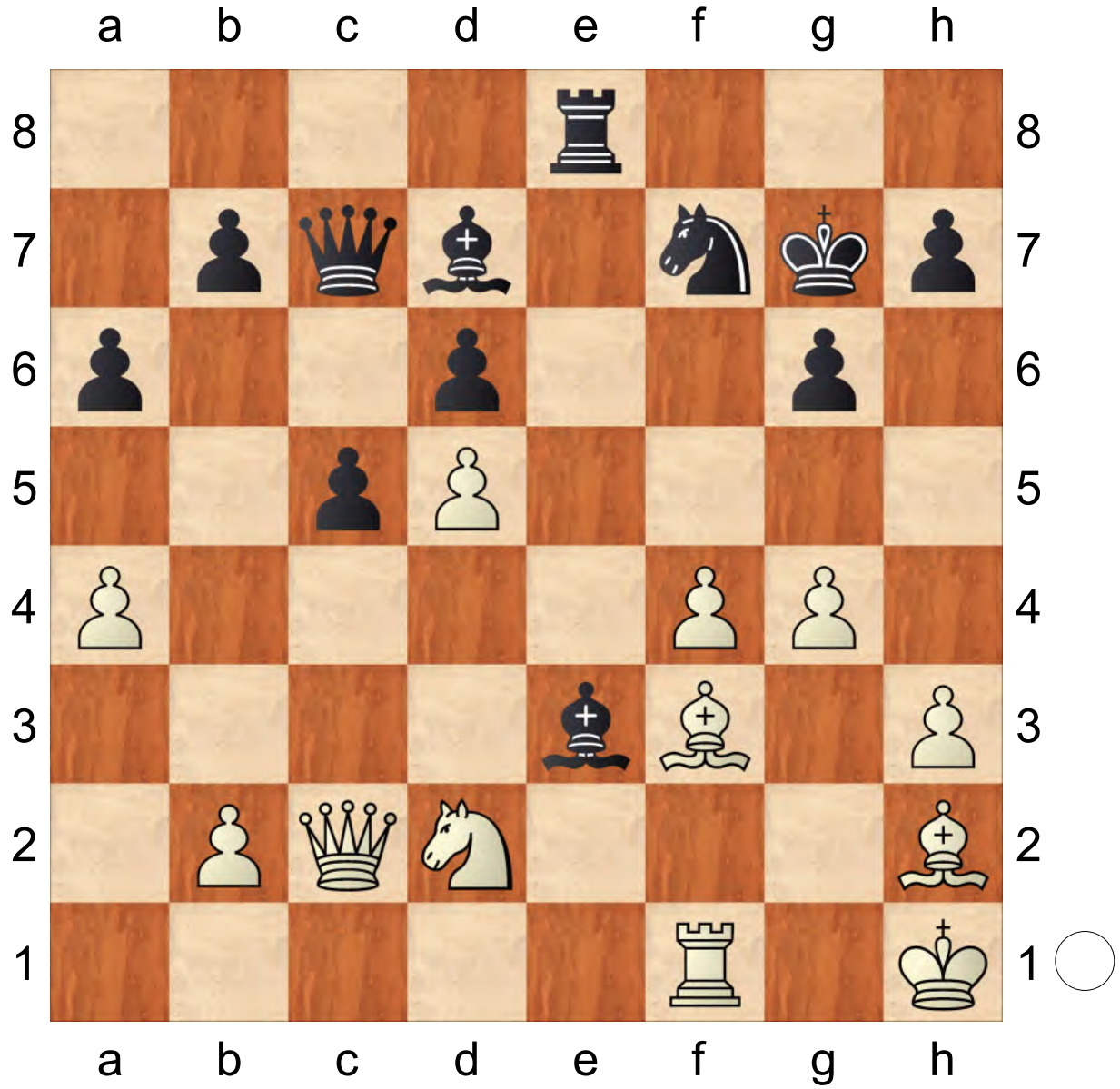
(Diagram)

26.Ne4 Bd4

[26...Qa5!? 27.b3 b5 28.f5 bxa4 29.bxa4 Qxa4 30.f6+ Kg8∓]

27.Bg1 Qa5 28.b3

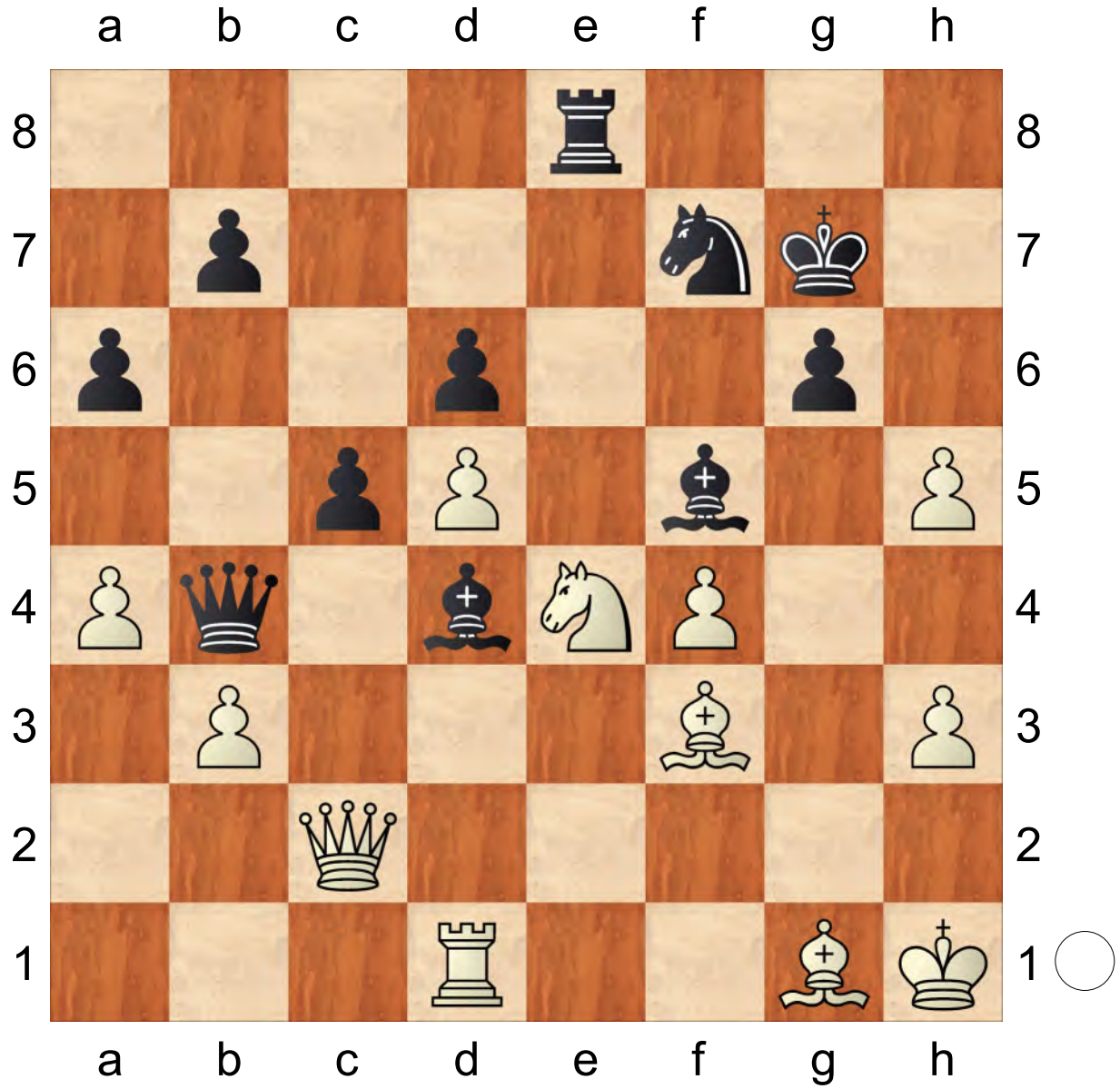
[28.Bxd4+ cxd4 29.b3 Qb4±]



28...Qb4 29.Rd1 h5?!
[29...Bxg1 30.Rxg1 Re7⇄]
30.gxh5
[30.Bxd4+ cxd4 31.gxh5 d3 32.Qxd3! *(32.Qb2+ Kf8 33.hxg6 Rxe4 34.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 35.Qg2 Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2 Nh6 37.Rxd3 Bf5∞)* 32...Bf5 33.Qd4+ Qxd4 34.Rxd4 gxh5 35.a5±]
30...Bf5

(Diagram)

31.Bxd4+ cxd4 32.Qg2?!
[32.hxg6!
A) 32...Qc3 33.Qxc3 dxc3 34.gxf7 Rxe4 35.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 36.Kh2 c2 37.Rc1



a5 38.f8Q+!+-;
B) 32...d3 33.Qb2+ Ne5 34.fxe5 Bxe4 *(34...dxe5 35.Ng3 Bxg6 36.Qg2+-)* 35.e6++-;
C) 32...Bxe4 33.Bxe4 Qc3 34.Kg2 Qxc2+ 35.Bxc2 Re2+ 36.Kf3 Rxc2 37.gxf7+-]

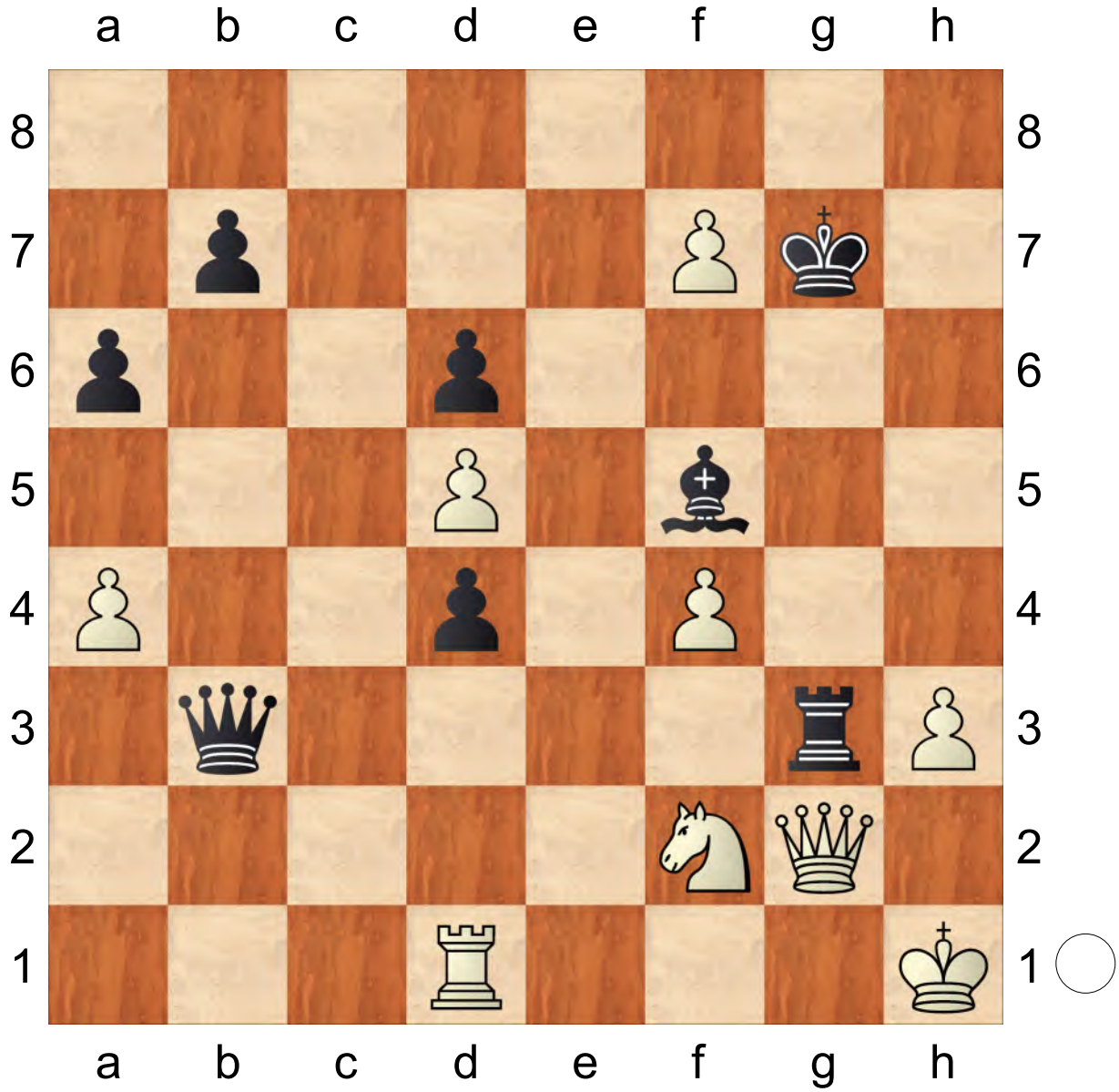
32...Qxb3 33.Nf2?

[33.Rf1 Rh8 34.Kh2 *(34.Ng3 Kf8 35.Nxf5 gxf5 36.Rc1 b5 37.axb5 axb5 38.Rc8+ Ke7 39.Rxh8 Nxh8 40.Qg5+ Kf8 41.Qxf5+±)* 34...Qxa4 35.Rc1 Qd7 36.Qd2 Rh6 37.Qxd4+ Kf8 38.Ng5±]

33...Re3-+ 34.hxg6 Rxf3

[34...Nh6! 35.Qg5 *(35.Rc1 Rxf3 36.Rc7+ Kf8 37.g7+ Kg8 38.Rxb7!? Bxh3! 39.Rb8+ Qxb8 40.Qxf3 Qb1+ 41.Kh2 Bf5-+)* 35...Rxf3 36.Qe7+ Kxg6 37.Rg1+ Rg3∓]

35.gxf7+ Rg3



36.Qf1

[36.Qxg3+!? Qxg3 37.Rg1 Qxg1+ 38.Kxg1 b5∓]

36...Qf3+-+ 37.Kh2 Qxf4 38.Kh1 Kxf7 39.Qe2 Re3 40.Qb2 Be4+

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41.Nxe4 Qf3+

(Diagram)

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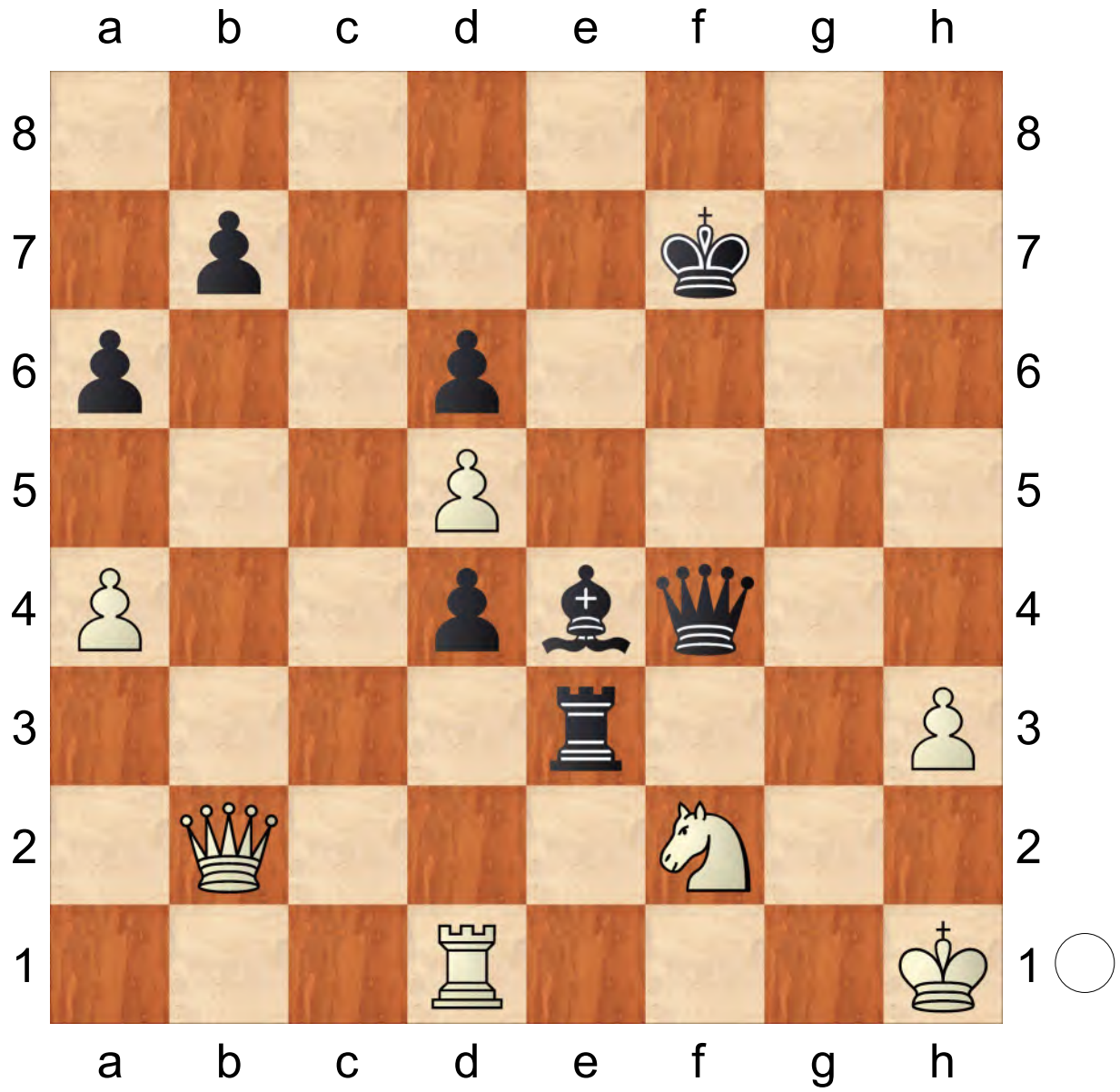
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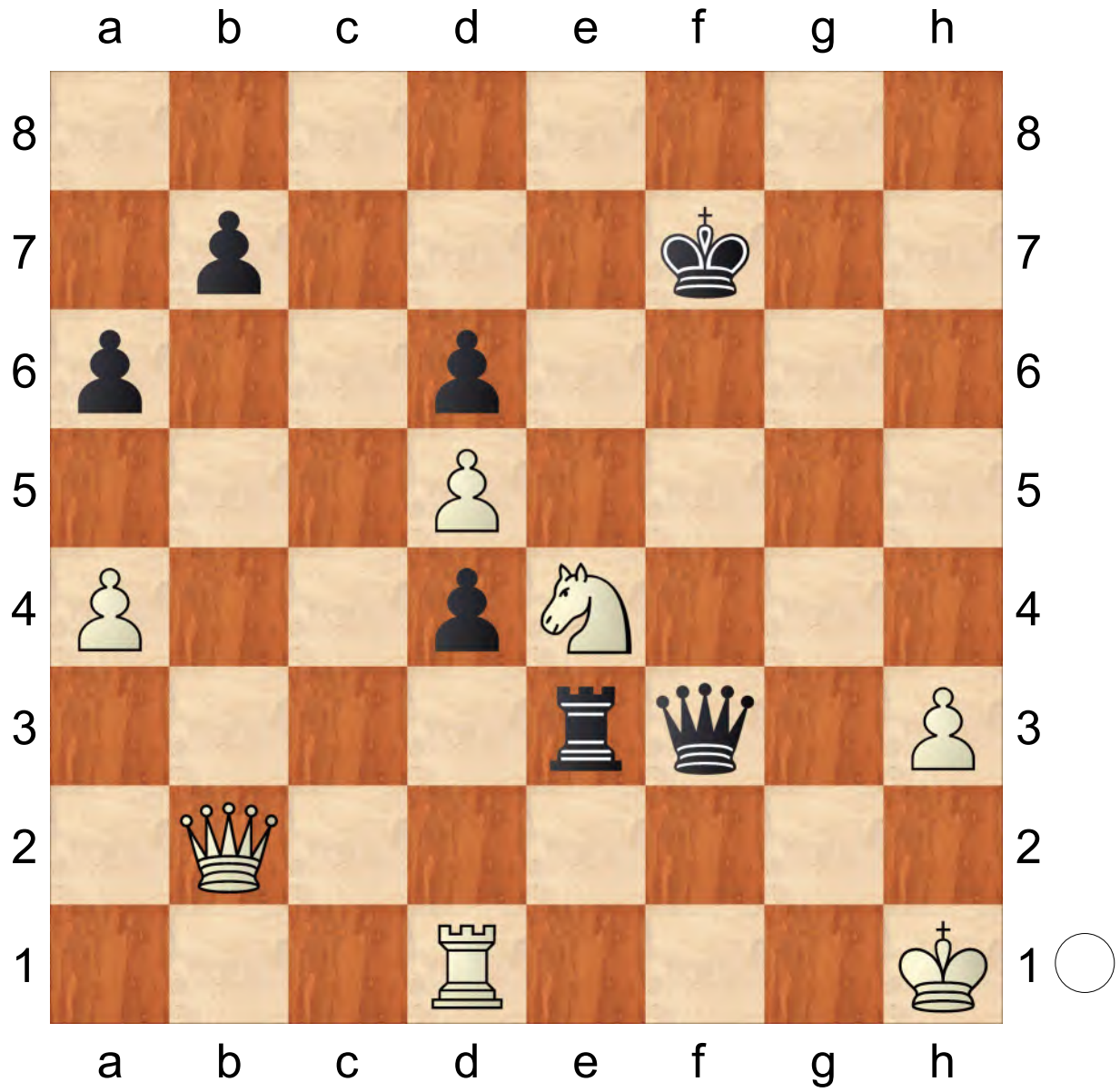
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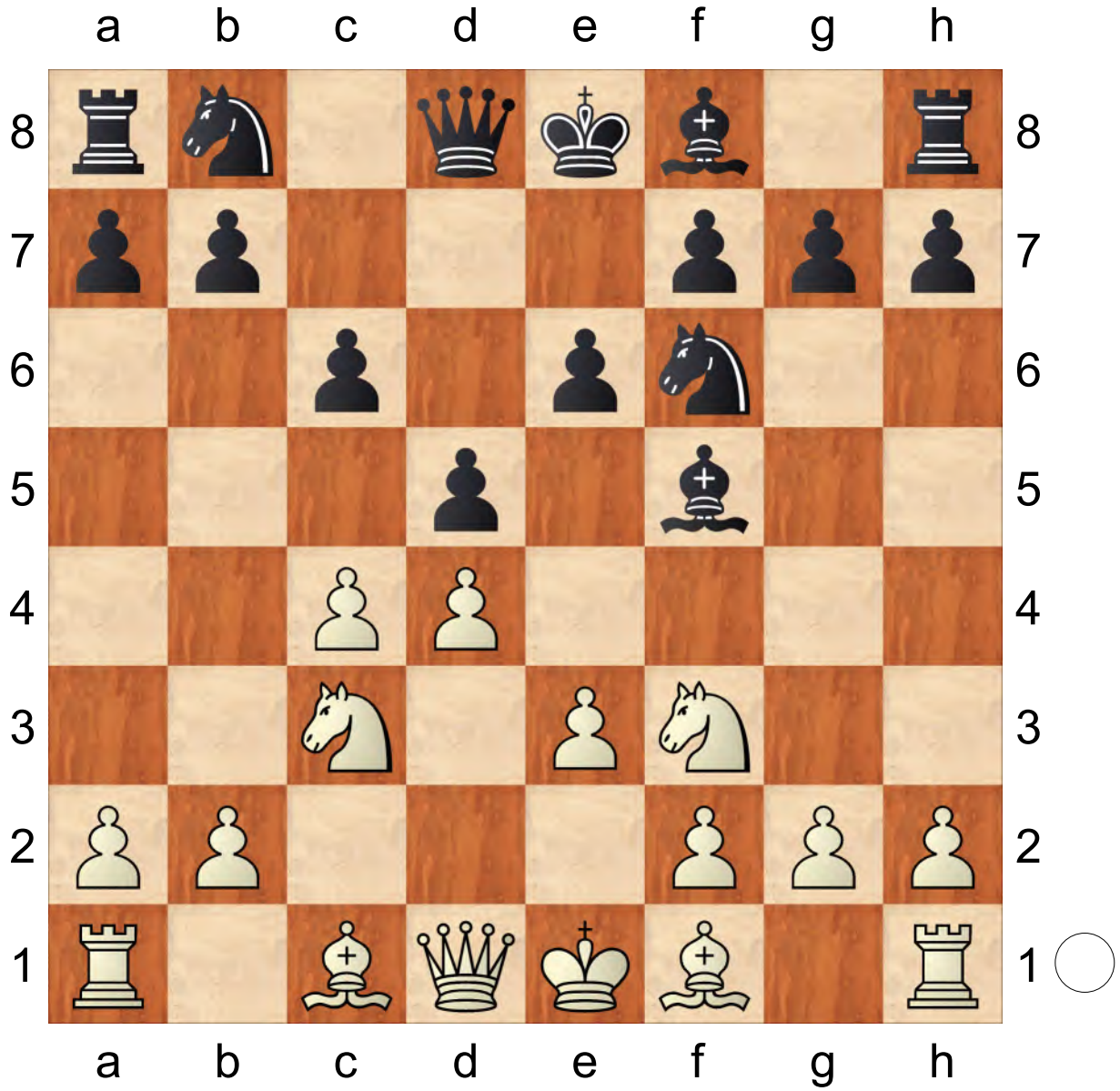
[Van Wely/Cifuentes]

1.d4 Rogozenko/Van Wely/Cifuentes Rogozenko/Van Wely/Cifuentes **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3?! Bf5! 5.Nc3**
[5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 *(10...c5=)* 11.Bf4 c5 12.Rad1 Qb6 13.b3 Rfd8= Tal,M-Sveshnikov,E/ Leningrad 1991]
[5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Qc7 7.Nc3 *(7.Bd2 e6 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Bb4 Bd6!? 10.Qa3 Ke7!=* Brenninkmeijer,J-Dreev,A Groningen 1991*/)* 7...e6 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd6 10.Rc1 Rb8!= Gurevich,M-Anand,V/ Reggio Emilia 1991]
5...e6

(Diagram)

6.Nh4
[6.Be2 h6 7.0-0 Nbd7=]
6...Bg4
[6...Be4!?]
7.Qb3 Qb6 8.h3
[8.Qxb6 axb6 9.f3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.g5 Nfd7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e4 *(14.h4 b5 15.f4 Nb6 16.Be2 N8d7 17.b3 Nc8 18.Bb2 Nd6 19.Kf2 f6 20.a3 Be7 21.Bf3 Nf5 22.h5 fxg5 23.hxg6 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 gxf4 25.Rh8+ Nf8 26.e4 dxe4 27.Bxe4 Nxd4 28.Nxb5 Nxb5 29.Bxg7 0-0-0 30.Be5 Bc5+ 31.Kf1 Ne6 32.Bf5 Rxh8 33.Bxe6+ Kd8 34.Bxh8 Bf8 35.Bf6+ Kc7 36.a4 Nd6 37.g7 Bxg7 38.Bxg7 Ne4 39.Be5+ Kb6 40.Bxf4 Kc5 41.Bc8* 1-0 Gomez,F-Dominguez Perez,L/Havana 1999/CBM 70 ext (41)*)* 14...dxe4 15.fxe4 b5 16.Bf4 b4 17.Ne2 Nb6 18.Bg2 N8d7 19.0-0 Be7 20.d5 cxd5 21.exd5 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 0-0 23.Rfd1 ½-½ Feige,M-Wegerle,J/Murek 1998/CBM 65 ext (23)]
8...Bh5 9.g4
[9.Qxb6 axb6 10.g4 Bg6 11.cxd5 *(11.g5 Nfd7 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.f4 Na6 14.Bd2 Bd6 15.Kf2 Ke7 16.Be2 dxc4 17.Bxc4 b5 18.Be2 Nb6 19.Ne4 Bb4 20.Bc1 Nd5 21.a3 Ba5 22.h4 Bb6 23.Bd2 f6 24.gxf6+ gxf6 25.Nc3 Nac7 26.Bf3 Rad8 27.Ke2 Ra8 28.Rag1 Rag8 29.Ne4 Ne8 30.h5 gxh5 31.Rxg8 Rxg8 32.Rxh5 Bc7 33.Nc5 b6 34.Nd3 f5 35.Ne5 Nef6 36.Rh1 c5 37.Be1 Ke8 38.Bh4 cxd4 39.Bxf6 Nxf6 40.exd4 Ke7 41.Rc1 Bd6 42.Rc3 Rg3 43.Rc6 Rh3 44.Rxb6 Rh2+* 1-0 Paunovic,D-Kosic,D/Kladovo 1990/TD (44)*)*
11...exd5 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Bg2 Bb4 14.Bd2 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Ne4 16.Bb4 Na6 17.Ba3 b5 18.b3 b4 19.Bb2 Nc7 20.f3 Nd6 21.a3 Kd7 22.Kd2 bxa3 23.Rxa3



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[9.Bd2

A) 9...Nbd7 10.g4 Bg6 11.g5?! Ng8 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.c5?! *(13.e4 dxe4 14.0-0-0 Ne7 15.Nxe4 Nf5 16.Bc3 Rh4 17.Bg2 Qxb3 18.axb3 Nb6 19.Kc2 Be7 20.Rd3 0-0-0 21.Rf1 Rd7 22.f4 Bd8 23.Nc5 Re7 24.Be1 Rh8 25.Be4 Nd6 26.Re3 Bc7 27.h4 Ree8 28.Nd3 Nd5 29.Re2 Ne7 30.Ne5 Nef5 31.Bxf5 Nxf5 32.Re4 Re7 33.Bf2 Rd8 34.Kc3 a5 35.Rfe1 Rh8 36.b4 axb4+* ½-½ Georgiev,V-Waitzkin,J/Mermaid Beach 1998/CBM 62 ext (36) *)*

13...Qc7 14.e4? Ne7 15.exd5 exd5 16.Bd3 Rh4 17.Ne2 b6 18.cxb6 axb6 19.0-0-0 b5 20.Kb1 Nb6 21.f4 Nc4 22.Be1 Rh8 23.Bb4 Nf5 24.Rhe1 Bxb4 25.Qxb4 Qd6 26.Qc3 Kf8 27.Bxf5 gxf5 28.Nc1 g6 29.b3 b4 30.Qf3 Na3+ 31.Kb2 c5 32.Re5 c4-+ 0-1 Smirin,I-Kasparov,G/Tel Aviv 1998;

B) 9...Be7 10.g4 *(10.Qxb6 axb6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.f3 Na6 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Be1 Bd6 17.Kb1 Rhe8 18.Bf2 b5 19.Ne2 Nc7 20.Nc1 b6 21.Bg2 Re7 22.Rhe1 Rde8 23.Nd3 c5 24.e4 dxe4 25.fxe4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Rxe4 28.dxc5 bxc5 29.Bxc5 Bxc5 30.Nxc5 Re3 31.Rd3 Rxd3 32.Nxd3 Kd7 33.Kc2 Kd6 34.Kd2 Nd5 35.Ke2 g5 36.Kf3 g6 37.Ke4 Ne7 38.b3 f5+ 39.Ke3 Nc6 40.a4 bxa4 41.bxa4 Kd5 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.h4 gxh4 44.Kf4 Kc4* ½-½ Crouch,C-Ansell,S/Oxford 1998/EXT 2000 (44) *)* 10...Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Bg2 Nbd7

B1) 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 *(13...Qxb3 14.axb3 Nb6 15.c5 Nbd7 16.b4 a6 17.f3 e5 18.Be1 0-0-0 19.Bg3 exd4 20.exd4 Rde8 21.Kc2 Bd8 22.Bf4 Nh7 23.Bc1 Ng5 24.Kd3 Ne6 25.f4 Bc7 26.Rdf1 Rh4 27.Ne2 f6 28.Bd2 g5 29.f5 Nef8 30.Ng1 Rh8 31.Nf3 Bg3 32.Ng1 Nh7 33.Ne2 Bh4 34.Bf3 Re7 35.Be3 Rhe8 36.Bg1 Nhf8 37.Ra1 Nb8 38.Kd2 g6 39.Ra3 Nfd7 40.Rh2 Rh8 41.Rg2 Nf8 42.Bh2 Re8 43.Rd3 Nbd7 44.Rg1 Rh7 45.Rf1 Nb8 46.Ra3 Nfd7 47.Bd6 gxf5 48.gxf5 Nf8 49.Nc3 Nfd7 50.b5 axb5 51.Ra8 Rhh8 52.Bxd5 cxd5 53.Nxd5 g4 54.hxg4 Bg5+ 55.Kd1 Re4 56.Nb6+ Kd8 57.Bxb8 Nxb6 58.Bc7+ Kxc7 59.cxb6+ Kxb6 60.Rxh8 Rxd4+ 61.Kc2 Rxg4 62.Re8 Rc4+ 63.Kb3 Ka5 64.Rf3 Rb4+ 65.Kc2 Rc4+ 66.Kb1 Kb6 67.Re7 Rc5 68.Ka2 Rc4 69.Kb3 Rc5 70.Re4 Rc6 71.Rd4 Kc5 72.Rfd3 Kb6 73.Rd5 Bh6 74.Rd7 Bg5 75.R3d5 Bf4 76.Re7 Be5 77.Re6 b4 78.Rd7 Bg3 79.Kxb4 Be5 80.b3 Bf4 81.Rxc6+ Kxc6 82.Rd8 Be5 83.Kc4 Bb2 84.Re8 Kd7 85.Re6 Kc7 86.Kd5 Kd7 87.Ke4* 1-0 Supatashvili,K-Mchedlishvili,M/Panormo 1998/CBM 67 ext (87)*)* 14.Qa4 Kb8 15.c5 Qc7 16.f4 b6 17.b4 b5 18.Qb3 Ka8 19.Kc2 Rb8 20.Ra1 Kb7 21.a4 a6 22.Ra3 Kc8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rha1 Rb7 25.Qb1 Nb8 26.Qf1 Qd7 27.Bf3 Ne8 28.Ne2 g5 29.Nc1 Bf6 30.Kc3 Qe7 31.Nd3 g6 32.Bg2 Rf8 33.Qf2 Nc7 34.Kc2 Bg7 35.fxg5 Qxg5 36.e4 Qd8 37.e5 f6 38.exf6 Bxf6 39.Qe3 Nd7 40.g5 Bg7 41.h4 Rf7 42.Bc3 Qh8 43.Rh1 Qh5 44.Raa1 Qg4 45.Bh3 Qe4 46.Rae1 Qxe3 47.Rxe3 Re7 48.Rf1 Ra7 49.Kb3 Kd8 50.Nf4 Nf8 51.Rff3 Kd7 52.Bf1 Ra8 53.Bd3 e5 54.dxe5 Nce6 55.Nxe6 Nxe6 56.Bxg6 d4 57.Rd3 Kc7 58.Bd2 Bxe5 59.Rf5 Bg7 60.h5 Nf8 1-0 Supatashvili,K-Karatekin,T/Panormo 1998/CBM 67 ext (60);

B2) 13.g5 Ng8 14.h4 Rd8 15.Qa4 a6 16.c5 Qc7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Rb8 19.0-0-0∞ Khlian,E-Zakharstov,V/Azov 1995]

9...Bg6 10.Nxg6

[10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.g5 Nh5 12.Bf3 Be7 13.Rg1 Qxb3 14.axb3 0-0 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bg4 f5 17.gxf6 Ndxf6 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Be2 Bb4 20.f3 c5 21.Rxg6 cxd4 22.exd4 Bd6 23.Rg5 Bf4 24.Rf5 Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Rfe8 26.Kf2 g6 27.Re5 Nf4 28.Bb5 Rf8 29.Ne2 Ne4+ 30.fxe4 Nd3+ 31.Ke3 Nxe5 32.dxe5 dxe4

33.Kxe4 Rac8 34.Bc4+ Kh7 35.e6 Rf5 36.Rd1 b5 37.Rd7+ Kh6 38.Bd3 Re8 39.Nd4 Rh5 40.Rxa7 1-0 Ree,H-Bosch,J/NLD-chT 1993/EXT 97 (40)]

[10.g5 Ng8 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 *(13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Nxe4 Na6 15.Bd2 Nb4 16.Bxb4 Bxb4+ 17.Ke2 Ne7 18.a3 Nf5 19.Bg2 Be7 20.Rhd1 0-0-0 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.Nc3 d4 24.Nd5 Bxg5 25.Nxb6+ Kb8 26.Rd3 Rhe8+ 27.Kf1 Re5 28.a4 Rc5 29.a5 Ka7 30.Rb3 Nd6 31.Nd5 Nc4 32.Rb4 Nd2+ 33.Ke2 Rcxd5 34.Bxd5 Rxd5 35.Kd3 f5 36.Rd1 Ne4 37.Kc4 Rxa5 38.Rxd4 Be7 39.Rb3 Ra4+ 40.Kd5 Rxd4+ 41.Kxd4 Bc5+ 42.Ke5 Bxf2 43.Kd5 Bh4 44.Rb4 Bf6 45.Rb3 Kb8 46.Rb4 g5 47.Ke6 Ng3 48.b3 f4* 0-1 Callergard,R-Ingbrandt,J/SWE-chT 9596 1996/EXT 98 (48)*; 13.Bg2 Ne7 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Rd1 Nf5 16.Nxe4 Rd8 17.d5 Nc5 18.Qxb6 axb6 19.Nc3 cxd5 20.cxd5 e5 21.f4 Bd6 22.Nb5 exf4 23.b4 Na4 24.Nxd6+ Nxd6 25.Bxf4 Kd7 26.Be5 Rc8 27.Bxg7 Rh4 28.a3 Nf5 29.Bf6 Ne3 30.Rd2 Nxg2 31.Kxg2 Re4 32.Rf1 b5 33.Bg7 Ke8 34.Rdf2 Rc7 35.Kf3 Rcc4 36.Kg3 Re3+ 37.Kg2 Rc7 38.Bd4 Rd3 39.Re2+ Re7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7 41.Bf6+ Kd6 42.Re1 Nb6 43.Re7 Nxd5 44.Rxb7 Rxa3 45.Rxb5 Rb3 46.Rb7 Nf4+ 47.Kf1 Nxh3 48.Rxf7 Rxb4 49.Rg7 Ke6 50.Kg2 Nxg5* ½-½ Ree,H-Okkes,M/NLD-chT9495 1994/EXT 98 (50) *)* ≤13...Nd7?! Rogozenko/Van Wely/Cifuentes: ' ≤' '≤' *(⌓13...Na6* see game *)* 14.Be3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Rh4 17.Bg2 Be7 18.f4 Nb6 19.Kf2 Kd7 20.Rhc1 Bf8 21.b4 Ne7 22.b5 Nf5 23.bxc6+ bxc6 24.Nc5+ Kc7 25.Nb3 Kd7 26.Ra6 Ne7 27.Be3 Nf5 28.Bd2 Ne7 29.Nc5+ Kc7 30.Nd3 Nf5 31.d5 Kb7 32.dxc6+ Kxa6 33.Ra1+ Na4 34.Rxa4+ Kb6 35.Ba5+ Ka6 36.Bc7# 1-0 Barsov,A-Ippolito,D/London 1999/CBM 70 ext (36)]

10...hxg6

(Diagram)

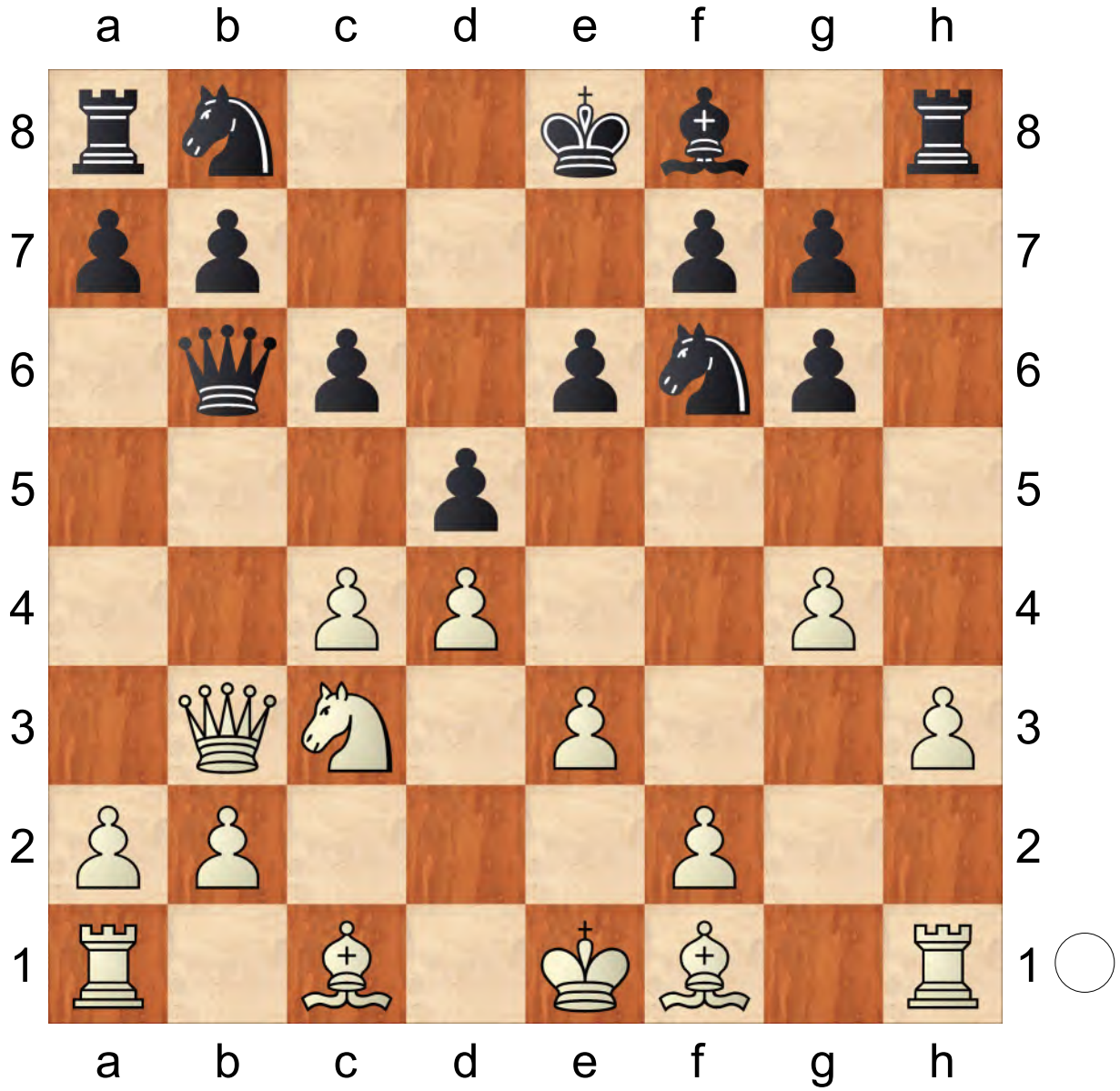
11.g5?!

[⌓11.Bg2 Nbd7 12.Bd2 dxc4 *(12...Qa6!)* 13.Qxc4 Be7 14.0-0-0 Qc7 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.g5 Nd5 17.h4 N7b6 18.Qe2 Nxc3+ 19.Bxc3 Nd5 20.Bd2 Qb6 21.Ka1 Bb4 22.e4 Ne7 23.Be3 Qc7 24.h5 Rxh5 25.Rxh5 gxh5 26.Qxh5 Ng6 27.Bh3 Ke7 28.f4 Rh8 29.Qf3 Ke8 30.d5 exd5 31.exd5 Bd6 32.dxc6 Qxc6 33.Qf1 a6 34.Rc1 Qe4 35.f5 Ne7 36.Re1 Be5 37.Bc5 Qd5 38.Bxe7 Kxe7 39.f6+ Kf8 40.Rd1 Qa5 41.fxg7+ Kxg7 42.Rd7 Bf4 43.Be6 Rf8 44.Bd5 Qd2 45.a3 Rc8 46.Rxf7+ Kg6 47.Qb1+ Kh5 48.Qh7+ Kg4 49.Be6+ 1-0 Nielsen,P-Hansen, S/Roenne 1999/CBM 74 no vc (49)]

11...Ng8 12.e4

[Rogozenko: Better is Rogozenko: Besser ist 12.c5 Rogozenko/Van Wely/ Cifuentes Qc7 *(12...Qxb3 13.axb3 Nd7 14.b4±)* 13.e4 which transposes to the game Dreev-Huebner,Essen 2000. Black wasn't able to solve opening problems in that game. mit Übergang zur Partie Dreev-Hübner, Essen 2000. In dieser Partie konnte Schwarz seine Eröffnungsprobleme nicht lösen.]

12...dxe4 13.Nxe4 ⌓Na6! see game Rogozenko/Van Wely/Cifuentes: '!'



[≤13...Nd7 14.Be3]

[13...Qxd4?! 14.Qxb7 Qxe4+ 15.Be3 Bb4+□ 16.Qxb4 Na6 17.Qb7 Rb8 18.Qxa6 Qxh1 19.Rd1 Rxh3 20.Qxa7 Rxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Ne7 22.Qe5±]

14.Be3

[Rogozenko: now after Rogozenko: nach 14.c5 Rogozenko/Van Wely/Cifuentes Black takes on b3, see my previous comment. nimmt Schwarz jetzt auf b3, siehe mein vorherigen Kommentar. Qxb3 15.axb3 Nb4=]

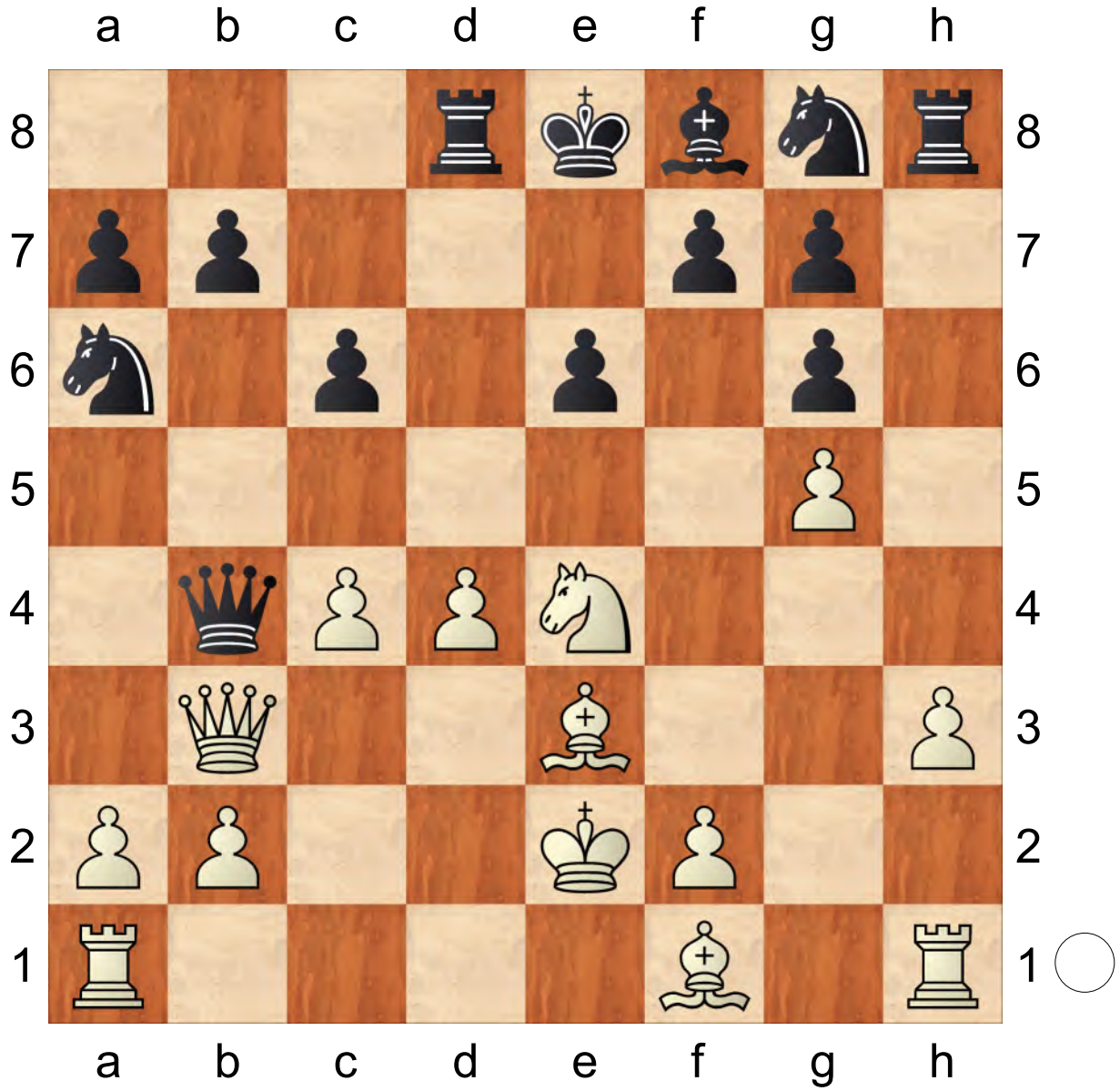
14...Qb4+ 15.Ke2?!

[⌓15.Qxb4 Nxb4 16.Kd2

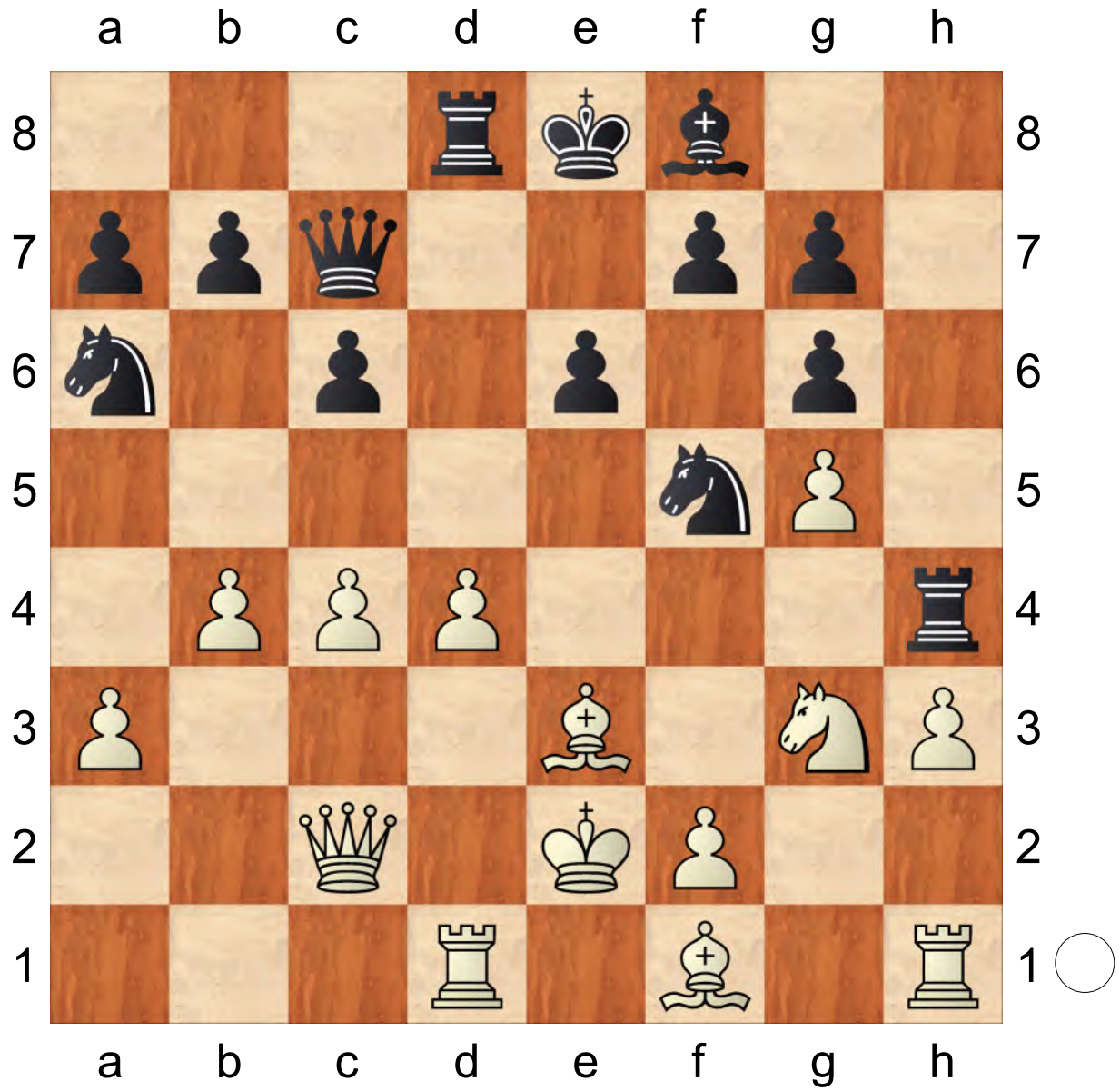
A) 16...0-0-0 17.a3 e5! *(17...Na6 18.Kc2 Ne7 19.Rd1 Nf5 20.Be2±)* 18.axb4 exd4 19.Bf4 Rh4 20.Bg3 Rxe4 21.Kd3 Ree8 22.h4 Bd6 23.Bxd6 Rxd6 24.Rxa7±;

B) 16...a5 17.a3 Na6∞]

15...Rd8!



Δ♘e7, xd6 **16.Qc2**
[16.Qxb4 Nxb4 17.Bg2 Nc2 18.Rad1 Rh4! *(18...Ne7 19.Nc5 b6 20.Nb3)* 19.Rd2 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Ne7 21.Nc5 Rb8=]
16...Ne7 17.a3
[17.Bd2? Nf5!]
17...Qa5 18.b4 Qc7
[18...Nxb4? 19.Qc3 Qf5 20.Bg2 Na6 21.Ng3+-]
19.Ng3!
[19.Bg2 Nf5∓]
19...Rh4
[19...Nf5!? 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.Rd1 Be7]
20.Rd1 Nf5



21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Bg2
[22.Bg2 g6!? 23.Qb3 Bg7 24.d5 f4 25.Bc1 exd5 26.cxd5∞]

(Diagram)

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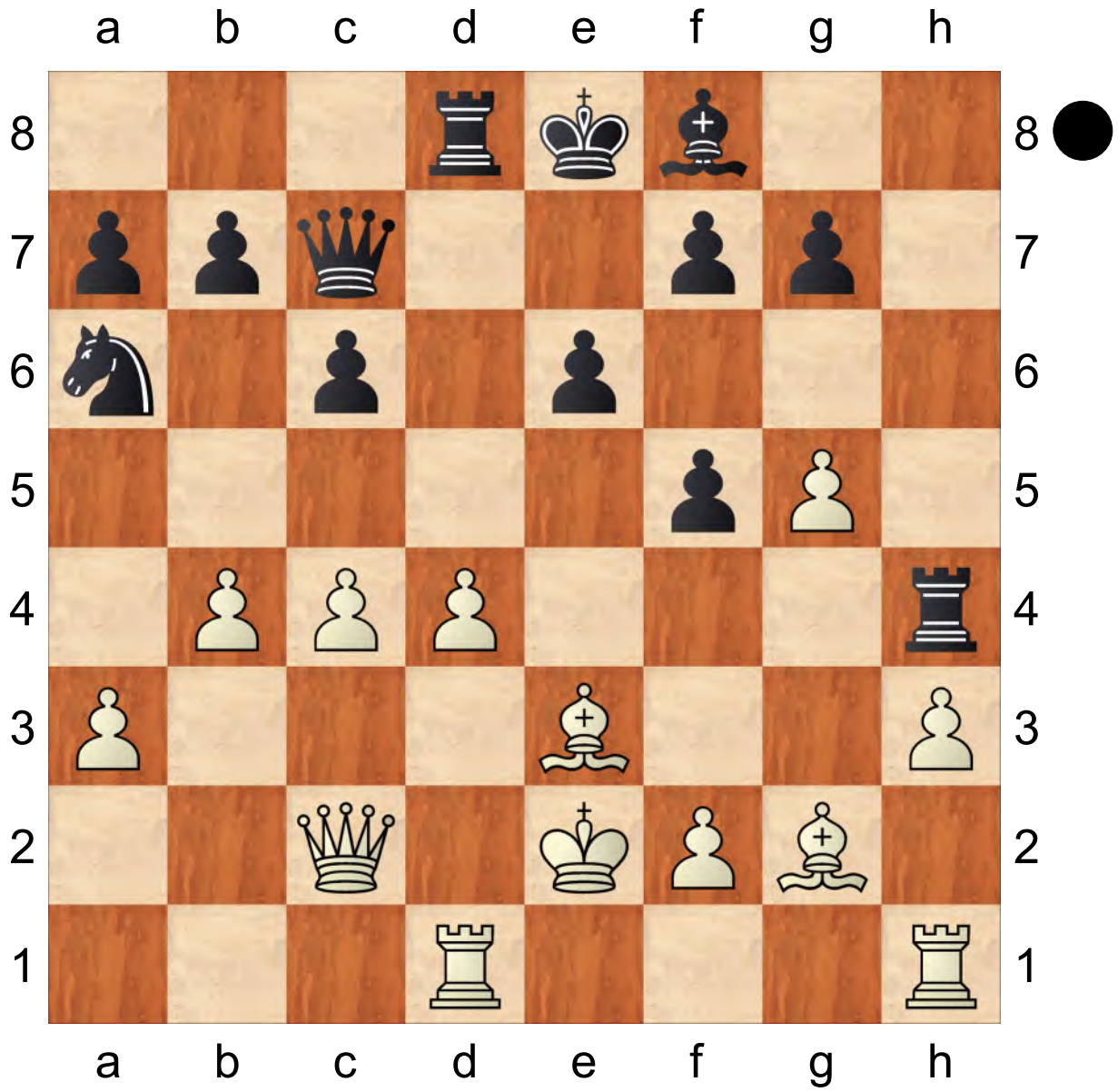
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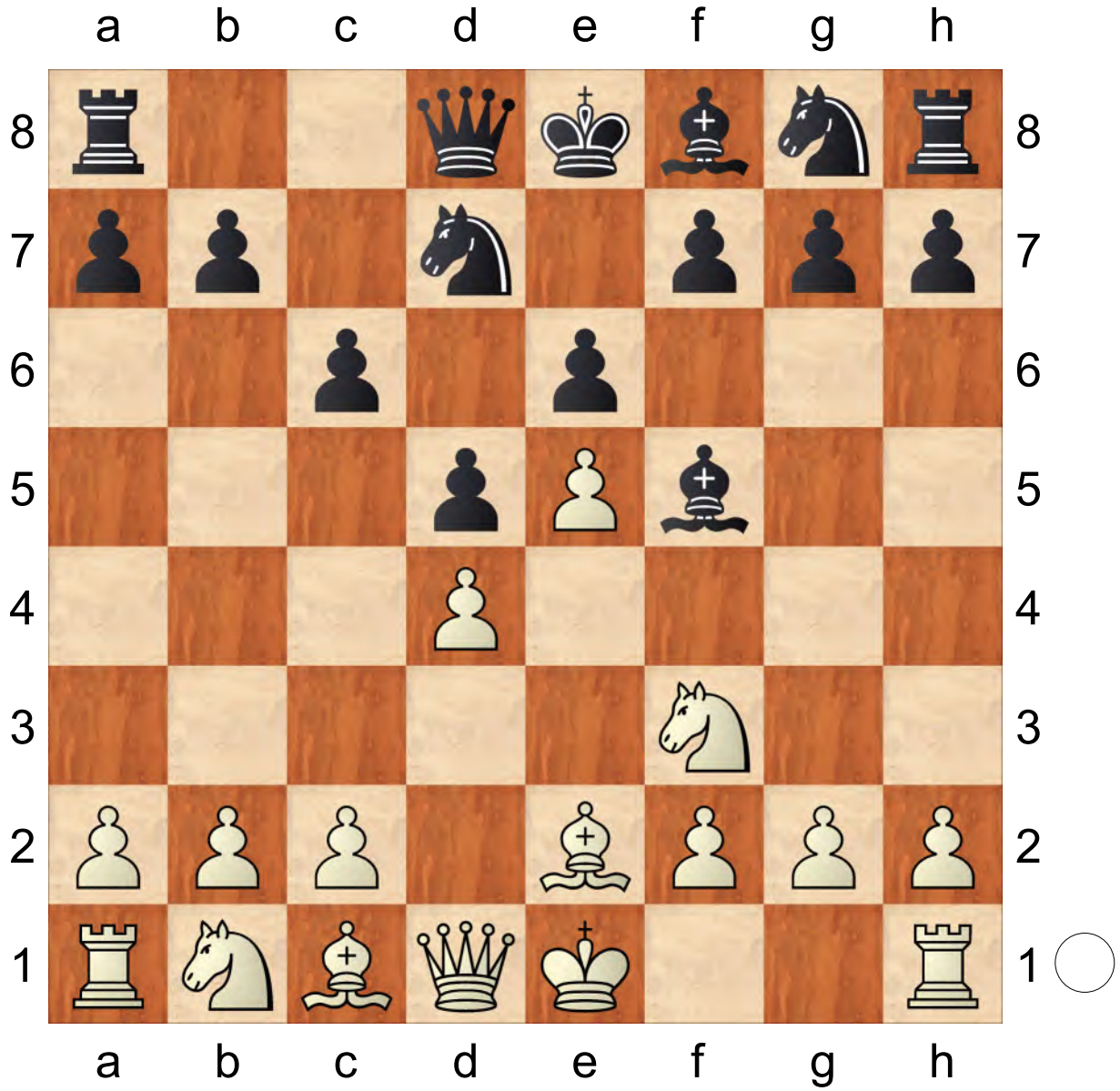
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 JR: 'I used to play this 'Short-system' about ten years ago, with good results, but I lost interest in it when everybody else started playing it! One of the main attractions of this line for White is the flexibility he has in developing his pieces- sometimes c4 happens, sometimes c3, sometimes Nd2-b3, sometimes Na3-c2, sometimes Nh4, sometimes Ne1, sometimes Be3, sometimes b3 and Bb2. Black also has a lot of flexibility, which means that the opening is hard to 'pin down' theoretically- lines can look similar but have important nuances. It will take me a while to fully get my bearings on all the lines, but this particular game, although a win for Black, reminded of why the line is so popular for White.' **5...Nd7**

(Diagram)

6.0-0 Bg6 7.c3
[7.Nfd2?! is rather sophysticated. Nh6 8.c4 Be7 *(8...Nf5!?)* 9.c5
A) 9...0-0 10.b4 f6 11.Nb3 Nf7 *(11...fxe5 12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nd4 Rf6∞)*
A1) 12.Bf4 cannot hold × e5 for long. Be4 *(12...fxe5 13.dxe5 Nfxe5* immediately is punished by *14.Nd4!)* 13.N1d2 g5!? *(13...fxe5 14.dxe5 Nfxe5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qc2⩱)* 14.exf6 Bxf6 So Black has eliminated the strong e5 ♙. 15.Bg3 *(15.Nxe4!? gxf4 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6)* 15...Bg6 16.Nf3 e5= Sutovsky-Slipak, Villa Martelli 1997;
A2) ⌓12.f4 keeping White's space advantage.;
B) 9...Nf5! 10.Nf3 0-0∞]
[7.Na3?! misplaces the ♘. Nh6 *(7...Ne7!?)* 8.c4 Nf5 9.c5 White cannot hold his vanguard on c5 because of the bad a3 ♘. h5 10.Nc2 a5 11.Bf4 b6 White's space advantage is vanishing soon. 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.b3 c5 blowing up White's ⊞ completely. 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bd3 Ne7 16.h3 h4 17.Rb1 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nf5= D.Herman-Slipak, Buenos Aires 1998]
[7.Nbd2
A) 7...Ne7 8.c3 *(8.c4* is again hazardous because × d5 remains in Black's hand. *dxc4 9.Nxc4 Nd5 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Rc1 h6 12.Bh4 N7b6 13.b3 Nf4 14.Bg3 Nbd5 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Nd5 17.Bf2 Ba3∓* J.Polgar-Arlandi, Jakarta 1996 *)* 8...Nf5∞;
B) 7...Nh6
B1) 8.c4



B1a) 8...Be7 9.cxd5 *(9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Nf5 11.h3 f6 12.g4 Nh6* Now × f4 is weakened. *13.Nh4 Be8 14.Kg2 fxe5 15.dxe5 Qb6 16.Nhf3 Bf7 17.Kh1∓* ½-½ Erenburg-Galkin, Istanbul 2003 *)* 9...cxd5 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Bd2 *(11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Qd2 Kg7 13.Rac1 Qb6 14.Ne1 a5 15.Nd3 Rfc8 16.Rc3 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 a4 18.Nbc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Rc8 20.Rc1* ½:½ Inarkiev-Galkin, RUS-chT 2005 *)* 11...f6 This blow secures Black enough counterplay. 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Ba5 Qe7 14.Qd2 Rfc8 15.Bc3 Nf7 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3∞ and although the backward e6 ♙ is a structural weakness, but the c3 ♗ is passive, Volokitin-Pogorelov, Istanbul 2003.;

B1b) 8...Nf5 9.b3 f6!? *(9...Be7 10.Bb2 0-0)* 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.exf6 Qxf6 12.Bb2 Bd6 13.Ne5!? Nxe5 *(13...0-0-0?! 14.Ndf3±* - Roiz-Burmakin, Istanbul 2003 CBM 96*)* 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bb5+ Kf7

16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Nf3 Qf6 18.Re1⩲;

B2) 8.b3 Bb4 9.Bb2 0-0 10.a3 Ba5 11.c4 f6 12.b4 Bc7 13.Nb3 Bh5 14.Nfd2 Bg6 15.Nf3 Bh5∞ with repetition of moves, Lutz-Schlosser, Germany 1997.;

B3) 8.Nb3 Nf5 9.c3

B3a) 9...Be7 10.g4!? Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.f4 f5 13.exf6 *(13.g5* cannot catch the trapped ♗ because of *Qe7 14.Nd2 h6! 15.Nf3 hxg5 16.fxg5 Bh5! 17.Nxh4 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Rxh4* Δ 0-0-0*; 13.h3 Qe7* Δ 0-0-0 *)* 13...Bxf6 *(13...Qxf6 14.Nd2 h5 15.g5 Qf5 16.Nf3 Qg4+ 17.Kh1 Be4 18.Bd3±)* 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 The × e6 is a target, but White's ♗ is passive, and his » is a bit weakened.

B3a1) 15...g6 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Rae1 0-0 *(17...0-0-0!?⇄* looked more exciting! *)* 18.Kh1 Rae8 19.f5!? - Delchev-Schlosser, France 2003 CBM 95 *(19.Re2=)*;

B3a2) 15...0-0=;

B3b) 9...a6 10.g4 *(10.Bg5!?; 10.g3 Be7* - 9.g3 *)* 10...Nh4 11.Nxh4 Qxh4 12.f4 f5 White's ♙ advance has to be stopped, Parligras-Svetushkin, Mallorca 2004 CBM 104.]

[7.c4 immediately allows Black to build up a stronghold on d5. dxc4! 8.Bxc4 Nb6 9.Be2 Ne7 10.Nc3 Ned5 The ♘ is wonderful here blockading the backward ♙. 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Bxg6 fxg6!? *(12...hxg6)* 13.Ne4 0-0 14.Ne1 Nf4 15.Be3 Nbd5∞ Magomedov-Rogers, Yerevan 1996]

[7.a3!? Since White's main plan is to play c4, this move doesn't help much for that. Nh6! 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.c4 *(9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Nf5 11.Re1 c5=)* 9...0-0 10.b3 *(10.b4 a5! 11.b5 c5⇄)* 10...f6! This is Black's main counterplay. *(10...Nf5 11.Bb2)*

A) 11.exf6 gives more freedom for the black pieces. Bxf6 12.Bb2 Nf5= *(12...Nf7!? 13.Re1 e5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.dxe5 Ndxe5 16.Nd4 Qb6∞)*;

B) 11.Bb2

B1) 11...Nf7?! is strongly met by the forceful 12.Nh4! fxe5 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bg4!±;

B2) 11...Nf5 12.g4 *(12.exf6 Bxf6)* 12...Nh6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.h3 Nf7 Δ e5;

B3) 11...a5 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Re1 Qc7 14.Rc1 Nf5 15.Nf1 Rae8 16.Bd3 Qf4 17.g3 Qh6 18.Bc3 Qh3 19.Ne3 Bd8 20.Ng2 Nd6 21.Bf1 Qf5 22.Nf4 Ne4 23.Bh3 Qf7 24.Bb2 Bf5∞ Nijboer-Bartel, Istanbul 2003;

B4) 11...fxe5 12.dxe5 Nf5 - Nijboer-Dautov, Essen 2001 CBM 83]

[7.Be3 The ♗ is usually badly placed here. Nh6 8.Nbd2

A) 8...Be7!? 9.Bxh6 *(9.Re1 Nf5 10.Bf4* White's setup lacks harmony. *0-0 11.g4 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Nf3 Be7 14.Bd3 c5∓* Bernardo-Slipak, Mar del Plata 1997*)* 9...gxh6 Black is not afraid of his corrupted ♙ structure, because of the ♖, ⇔ g and quick development. 10.c4 0-0 11.Kh1 *(11.cxd5 cxd5)* 11...f6! 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Qb3 *(13.Re1)* 13...Qb6= Klimpel-M.Tseitlin,

Wiesbaden 1996;

B) 8...Nf5 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Nb3 c5 11.dxc5 *(11.c4!? dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5∓* Solak-Hellsten, Halle 1995 *)* 11...Nxc5=]

[⌓7.b3 This is the consistant plan preparing for c2-c4. Nh6 8.c4 *(8.Bb2* is not important at all. *f6! 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bc5 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Bc1 Nf5 15.c3 0-0∓* Schoenberger-Doettling, Schwaebisch Gmuend 2000*)* 8...Nf5 *(8...Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bb2 a6* Black is playing rather passively. *11.Qd2 Bh5 12.Rad1 Kh8 13.Ne1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nf5 15.Nc2 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne3±* Luther-Kachiani Gersinska, Bad Wiessee 1998*)* 9.Nc3 *(9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7* helps only for Black to finish his development and blow up White's ⊞ by f7-f6. *11.c5 0-0 12.b4 Bh5 13.Nc3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 f6∓* Calzetta Ruiz-Piankov, Linares 2000*; 9.Bb2 Be7)*

A) 9...a6?! is again too slow: 10.g4! Nh4 11.Nxh4 Qxh4 12.f4 Bb4 13.Bd2 h5 14.g5 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Be4 16.Rc1 Nf8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bd3+- Smirin-Blocker, Philadelphia 1996;

B) 9...Be7 10.Bb2 0-0

B1) 11.Qd2 a6?! is again slow. 12.c5! b6 13.b4 a5 14.a3 White can keep his space advantage on the ⟪. Qb8 15.h3 h5 16.Bd3 Nh4 17.Nxh4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxh4 19.Rab1 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.f4 g6 *(21...Be7? 22.f5±* Kallai-Metz, Budapest 1995*)* 22.g4! hxg4 23.hxg4± with a huge space advantage on both flanks.;

B2) 11.g4!?;

C) 9...Bb4 10.Bb2 *(10.Bd2 0-0 11.a3 Be7 12.g4 Nh6 13.h3 Kh8 14.Be3 Ng8 15.Qd2 f6∞* Lane-Rogers, Suncoast 1999 *)* 10...0-0 11.a3

C1) 11...Be7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.g4! *(13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Ne2 Nh4* Black is happy to exchange the light-squared ♗. *15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.f4 Qc7 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.Bxg6 fxg6* fighting against f4-f5 *19.Qd3 Be7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.g3 Nb8=* Flores-Gomez Baillo, Buenos Aires 1999*)* 13...Nh6 14.Ne1 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 *(15...Bxf6 16.f4±)* 16.h4 f5 17.g5 Bxg5 This piece sacrifice doesn't solve Black's problems. 18.hxg5 Qxg5+ 19.Ng2 f4 20.Qd2 Rf7 (Wahls-Rogers, GER-chT 1996) 21.Rae1 Kh8 22.Bf3± parrying all the threats.;

C2) 11...Ba5!? 12.Rc1 a6 13.b4 Bc7 14.cxd5 *(14.c5!? f6)* 14...cxd5 15.Bd3 Nb6 × c4 16.Ne2 Ne7 17.Nf4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nc4= Zarnicki-Slipak, Villa Gisel 1998]

7...Nh6

[7...a6 - V.Popov-Dreev, Moscow 2006 CBM 112]

8.Bxh6 JR: '!?' '!?' JR: 'This simple approach doesn't work well here, but I am sure there is a way to make it look more promising for White. Moreover, Bologan has played this way before, so he must believe in this approach.'

[8.Re1 Nf5 9.Nbd2 Be7

A) 10.Nf1 0-0 JR: 'Lukacs: '- 8. ♖e1" 11.Ne3 The exchange on f5 help for Black. *(11.Be3 c5 12.a3 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.b4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nxe3*

16.Nxe3 Nb8 17.Qd2 Be4 18.Rc3 Rxc3 19.Qxc3 Qc6 20.Qxc6 Nxc6= Arzumanian-Kornev, Tula 2002*)* 11...c5 12.Bd3 Nxe3 13.Bxe3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qd3 The position has some similarities to the Slav. Nb8 improving the ♘'s position. 17.a3 Re8 18.Red1 Qb6 19.Rab1 Rc6 20.Bg5 Bf8 This is the "good" ♗ because of the ♙ structure, so Black wants to keep it. 21.Bd2 Rec8 22.h4 Qa6= Gallagher-P.Schlosser, GER 1997;

B) 10.b3 0-0 Black has successfully finished the development, and gets counterplay after c6-c5. 11.Bb2 c5= - Lutz-Dautov, GER-chT 1997 CBM 63]

[8.Nbd2 Be7 *(8...a6 - 7..a6)*

A) 9.g3 Δ h4 0-0 10.h4 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Nb3 The fight for × e5 begins. Nf7 13.Nh2 Δ h5 capturing the ♗. Nd6 14.h5 Bf7 15.f4 × e6 is fixed. c5 Black sacrifices a ♙ in order to execute the frreing move e5. 16.dxc5 Ne4 17.Kg2 e5 *(17...Ndxc5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.Ng4 Ne4 20.Be3±; 17...a5!? 18.a4 Ndxc5 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Ng4±)* 18.Ng4± Am. Rodriguez-Slipak, Villa Ballester 1999;

B) 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nf1 Nf5 - 8.♖e1;

C) 9.Nb3 0-0 10.Bxh6 gxh6 Corrupting Black's ♙ structure. Now Black has to prepare for c5 or f6 blowing up White's strong ⊞. 11.Qd2 Kg7 12.Rae1 a5 13.Nc1 c5 14.Bb5 Nb6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nd3 Be7 17.Nd4± Vallejo Pons-Pedersen, GER-chT 2004]

[8.Na3

A) 8...Nf5 9.Nc2 c5 10.Nce1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 - 8.. ♗e7 *(11...Qb6!? 12.Qa4±)*;

B) 8...Be7 9.Nc2 Nf5 10.Nce1 This ♘ manoeuvre looks slowish, although not without reason.

B1) 10...Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.g3 Be7 13.Ng2 *(13.h4 h6 14.Ng2 0-0 15.Nf4 Be4 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 c5 18.Qe2 Rc8⇄* Sutovsky-Pantsulaia, World Team Ch 2005*)* 13...h6 14.Nf4 finally the ♘ has found his right place. Be4 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rc1 c5 17.Bg4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Bg5 19.Qd2 Nb8!? Δ ♘c6 20.h4 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 White's ♕ can be effective later. Nc6 22.Bc5± Perunovic-Anastasian, ETC Gothenberg 2005;

B2) 10...0-0 11.g3 c5 - 10...c5;

B3) 10...c5

B3a) 11.g3 against ♘h4 and sometimes ♘g2 may come. cxd4 *(11...0-0 12.h3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Nd3 h6 15.Nf4* This was the final destinatination of the white knight's journey. *Bh7 16.Bd3 Qb6 17.a4 Nb8 18.a5 Qd8 19.Bd2 Nc6∞* Volokitin-Rasmussen, GER-chT 2004/05*)* 12.cxd4 Nb8 13.Ng2 Bh5 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 Nc6 16.Ne1 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 This type of position is fully acceptable for Black, his lack of space is balanced by × d4 and the bad ♗ on e3. 0-0 18.Nd3 Qb6= Nataf-Roussel Roozmon, Montreal 2005;

B3b) 11.h3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nh4 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.g3 Be7 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Be4 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Nxd3 0-0 19.Be3 Rc8 20.Qa4

½:½ Motylev-Pantsulaia, EU-ch 2005]

8...gxh6 9.Nbd2 Be7 It looks logical to finish the development and prepare f6. JR: 'Lukacs: 'It looks logical to finish the development and prepare f6."

[9...f6 JR: 'is more commonly seen, when White can choose between' 10.Nb3!? JR: 'and' *(10.Qb3* JR: '!?' '!?' JR: 'with the idea' *Qb6 11.exf6±* JR: 'Lukacs: '±" fighting for × e5. JR: 'Lukacs: 'fighting for × e5." *)* 10...Bg7

A) 11.Re1

A1) 11...fxe5?! gives up the tension too early. 12.Nxe5 *(12.dxe5 0-0)* 12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Bg4±;

A2) 11...0-0!∞;

B) 11.exf6 White has to give up his stronghold on e5 anyway. 11...Qxf6 The game has now a French type of character. *(11...Bxf6 12.Bd3±)* 12.Ne1 Δ f4 fixing the target × e6 forever. *(12.Re1 0-0 13.Bd3 Rae8∞* White cannot fully control by a piece the vital blockading square e5.*)* 12...e5! Black has now time for this freeing move. *(12...0-0* allows *13.f4 Qe7 14.Nd3 b6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 c5 17.g3±* Inarkiev-Pantsulaia, Saint Vincent 2005 *)*

B1) 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.f4 Nd7 15.f5 Bf7 16.Bh5 0-0-0 leads to big complications. *(16...0-0 17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Nd4±)* 17.Bxf7 Qxf7 18.Nd4 Bxd4+ 19.Qxd4 Kb8 20.Nd3 Rde8 21.Rae1∞;

B2) 13.Bg4 Bf5 *(13...0-0-0 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Nc5±* with an annoying pin on the h3-c8 ⇗. *)*

B2a) 14.dxe5 This activates the opponent's pieces. Nxe5 15.Bxf5 *(15.Bh5+ Bg6∞)* 15...Qxf5 16.Nd4 Qf7 (Bologan-Izoria, Saint Vincent 2005 CBM 110)] ⌓17.Nd3 was again more precise. 0-0 *(17...0-0-0 18.f4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Rhe8 20.f5* Δ ♘e6 and go to sleep... *Bxd4+ 21.cxd4 Qf6 22.Rae1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rf8 24.Re5±)* 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 *(19.Nf3 Bf6=)* 19...Bxd4+ *(19...Bxf4 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Kh1!±)* 20.Qxd4 Qf6 *(20...Rae8 21.Rf3)* 21.Qf2± with a somewhat better ♙ structure for White.;

B2b) It was better to hold the ⊞ by ⌓14.Nd3

B2b1) 14...0-0-0 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd4! This is the point! Bxg4 *(17...Qxd4?? 18.Bxf5++-)* 18.Qxg4+ Kc7 19.Rae1±;

B2b2) 14...0-0 15.f4 e4 16.Ne5± keeping the position closed against the ⊞.]

[9...c5 10.c4!? probably worried Dreev.]

10.Ne1

[10.b4!? holds up c5 and completely changes the character of the position. Left undisturbed, White can continue with Nb3 and Qd2 and will have a pleasant position.]

10...c5

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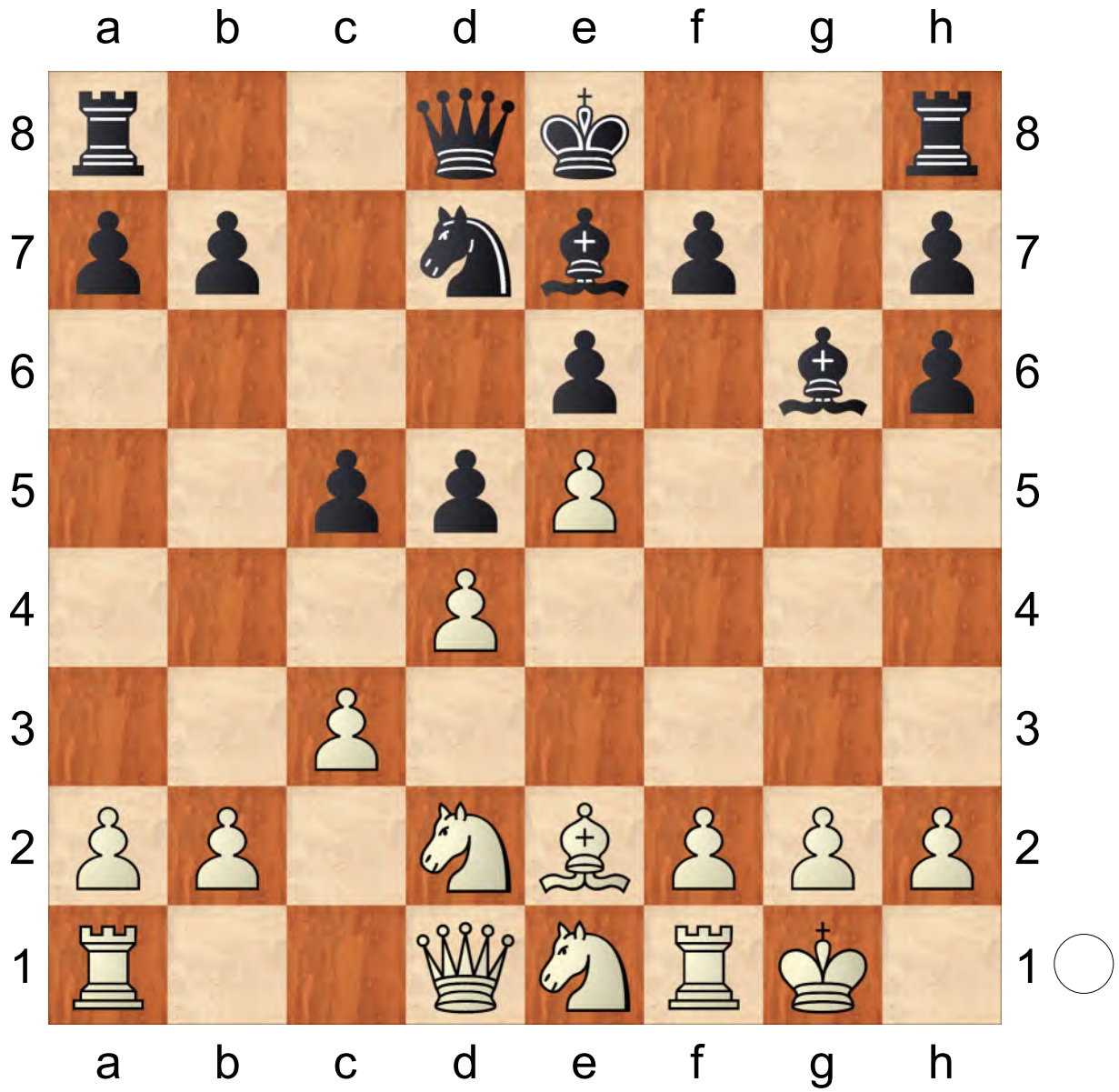


11.Nb3!? JR: 'Lukacs: '!?"

[11.Nd3 deserves attention.

A) 11...Qc7 12.Rc1 0-0 *(12...c4 13.Nf4)* 13.Nf3±;

B) 11...Bxd3 12.Bxd3 Qb6

B1) 13.Nf3 c4 *(13...Qxb2 14.c4⩱)* 14.Bc2 Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qxc3 16.Rxb7 Nb6;

B2) 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.axb3 cxd4 15.cxd4 f6 and White's advantage is only minimal.]

11...Qb6

[11...c4?! 12.Nd2 This was White's main idea, there is no more pressure against × d4. b5 13.Nc2 a5 14.f4 Qb6 15.Ne3± with good attacking chances on the ».]

12.dxc5 Bxc5

[12...Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.Qa4+ Kf8 15.Nd3 Bxd3 16.Bxd3 Qxb2 17.Qf4↑]

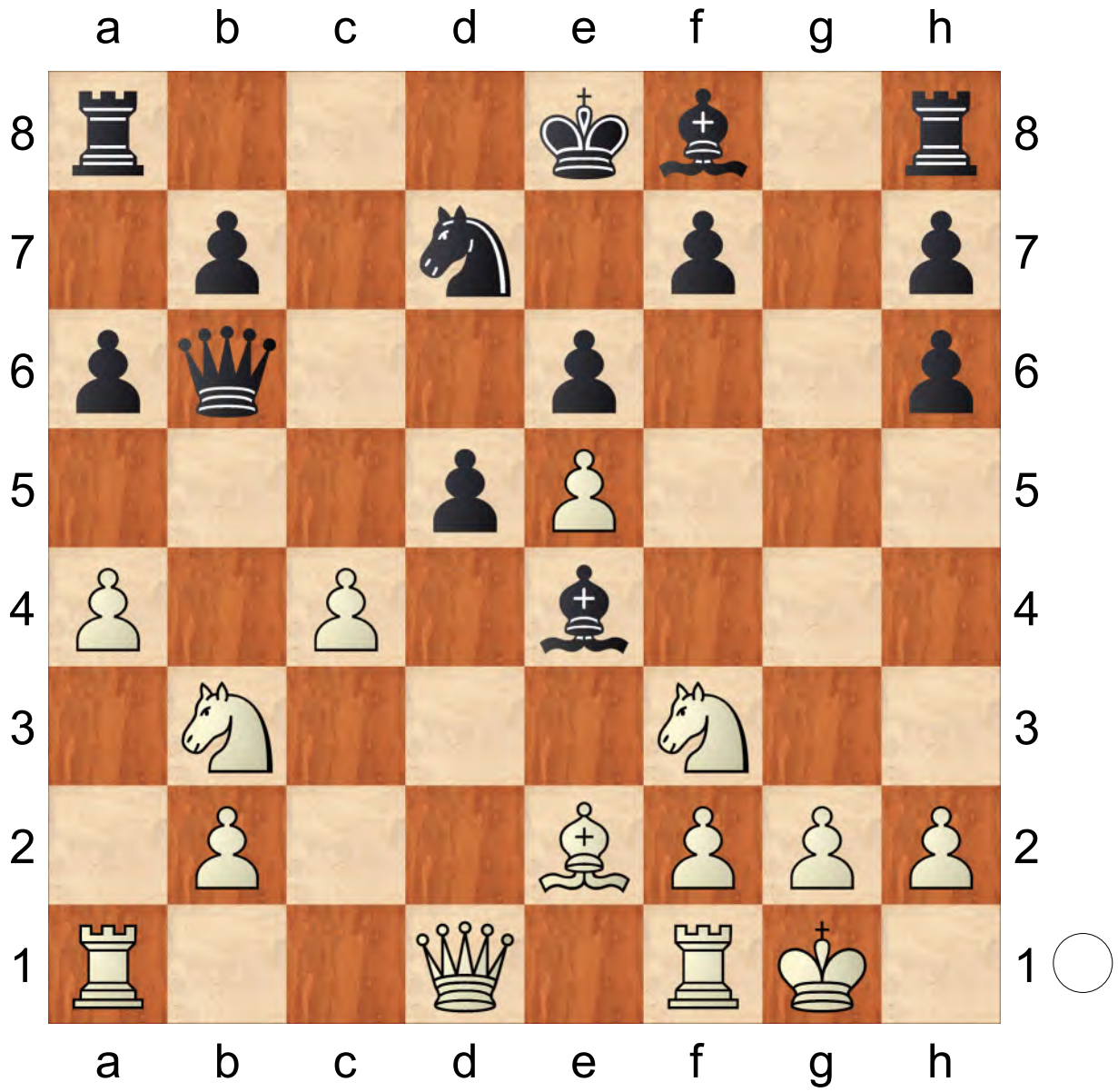
13.Nf3 JR: '?!' '?!' JR: 'White should probably take the opportunity to get rid of the bishop pair.'
[13.Nxc5
A) 13...Qxc5 14.Qd4 *(14.Nf3 Be4)* 14...Qxd4 15.cxd4 Rc8 16.Nf3 Rc2 17.Rfc1! is an important detail that allows White to play this way.;
B) 13...Nxc5 White has no time to get to d4 with his blockading ♘. 14.Qd2 Ne4 15.Qc1 0-0⇄ Δ f6]
13...Bf8 JR: '!' '!' JR: 'An excellent move that will probably find itself in books on opening play for years to come. The idea of rerouting a bishop from a3-c5 to h8-a1 like this is not new, but here it works particularly well.' **14.a4** JR: 'There is a reckless feel to Bologan's play in this game, and although this move is not bad, in conjunction with c4 it seems to merely weaken white's position.' White changes the positional course of the game. JR: 'Lukacs: 'White changes the positional course of the game."
[14.Re1 Bg7 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.cxd4 White still cannot blockade d4 by his ♘. Ke7]
[14.c4!? Be4 15.Nbd2 Rd8 16.Qa4 looks more promising.]
14...a6
[14...Bg7 15.Bb5!? *(15.a5 Qc7 16.Bb5 0-0 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Re1±)* 15...0-0-0 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bxd7+ Rxd7 18.Nbd4±]
15.c4!? JR: 'Lukacs: '!?" White opens up the position since the black ♔ still reigns in the ⊞. JR: 'Lukacs: 'White opens up the position since the black ♔ still reigns in the ⊞." **15...Be4**

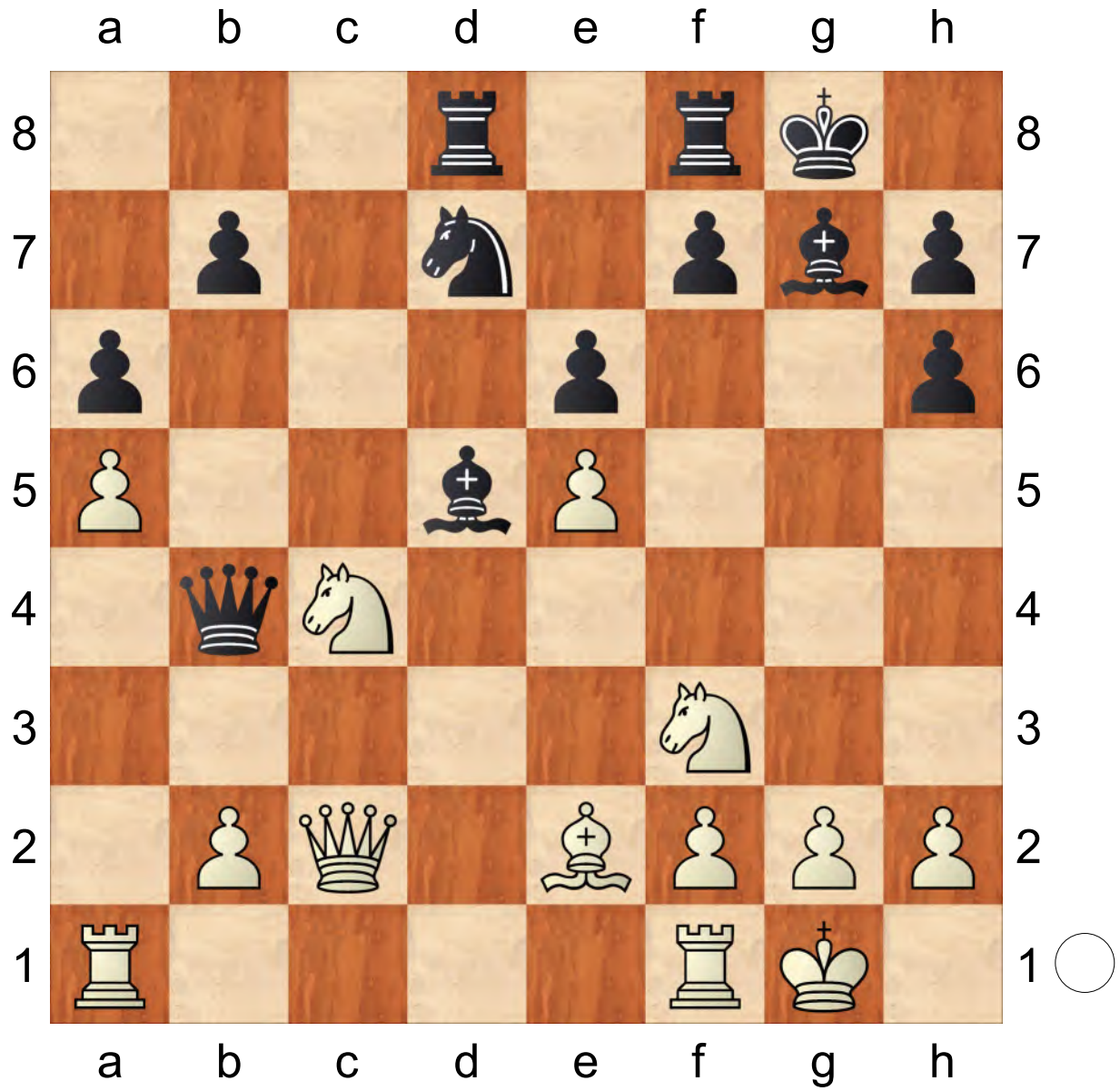
(Diagram)

JR: '!' '!' **16.a5 Qb4 17.Nbd2**
[17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.Nbd4 Rg8⇄]
17...Rd8! JR: 'Lukacs: '!"
[17...Bg7 18.cxd5 Bxd5 19.Ra4 Qxb2!? looks rather dangerous, but the position requires long calculation. *(19...Qe7 20.Nc4 0-0 21.Qd2)* 20.Nc4 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 Nxe5 22.Qa4+ Nc6 23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.Qxc6+ Ke7 25.Qc5+ Kf6 26.Qh5 Rhc8 27.Qh4+ Kg6 28.Qg4+=]
18.cxd5 Bxd5 19.Qc2 Bg7 20.Nc4 JR: 'Perhaps only here does White actually go wrong.'
[20.Ra4 Qe7 21.Qc3 0-0 22.Rg4 looks more organised for White.]
20...0-0

(Diagram)

White has ruined his own position, the e5 ♙ is still weak, Black's pieces are active enough. JR: 'Lukacs: 'White has ruined his own position, the e5 ♙ is still weak, Black's pieces are active enough." **21.Rfd1 Rc8?!** JR: 'Lukacs: '?!"
[21...Bxc4 22.Qxc4! *(22.Bxc4 Nxe5∓)* 22...Qxc4 23.Bxc4 Nxe5 24.Nxe5





Bxe5∓ and the ♙ is far from easy for Black.]

22.b3? JR: 'Lukacs: '?" This simply loses material. JR: 'Lukacs: 'This simply loses material."

[22.Ra4 JR: 'was necessary. It is hard to imagine what Bologan missed in the game.' Qe7 *(22...Qc5 23.Qc3)* 23.Qd2 Rfd8 24.Qf4∞]

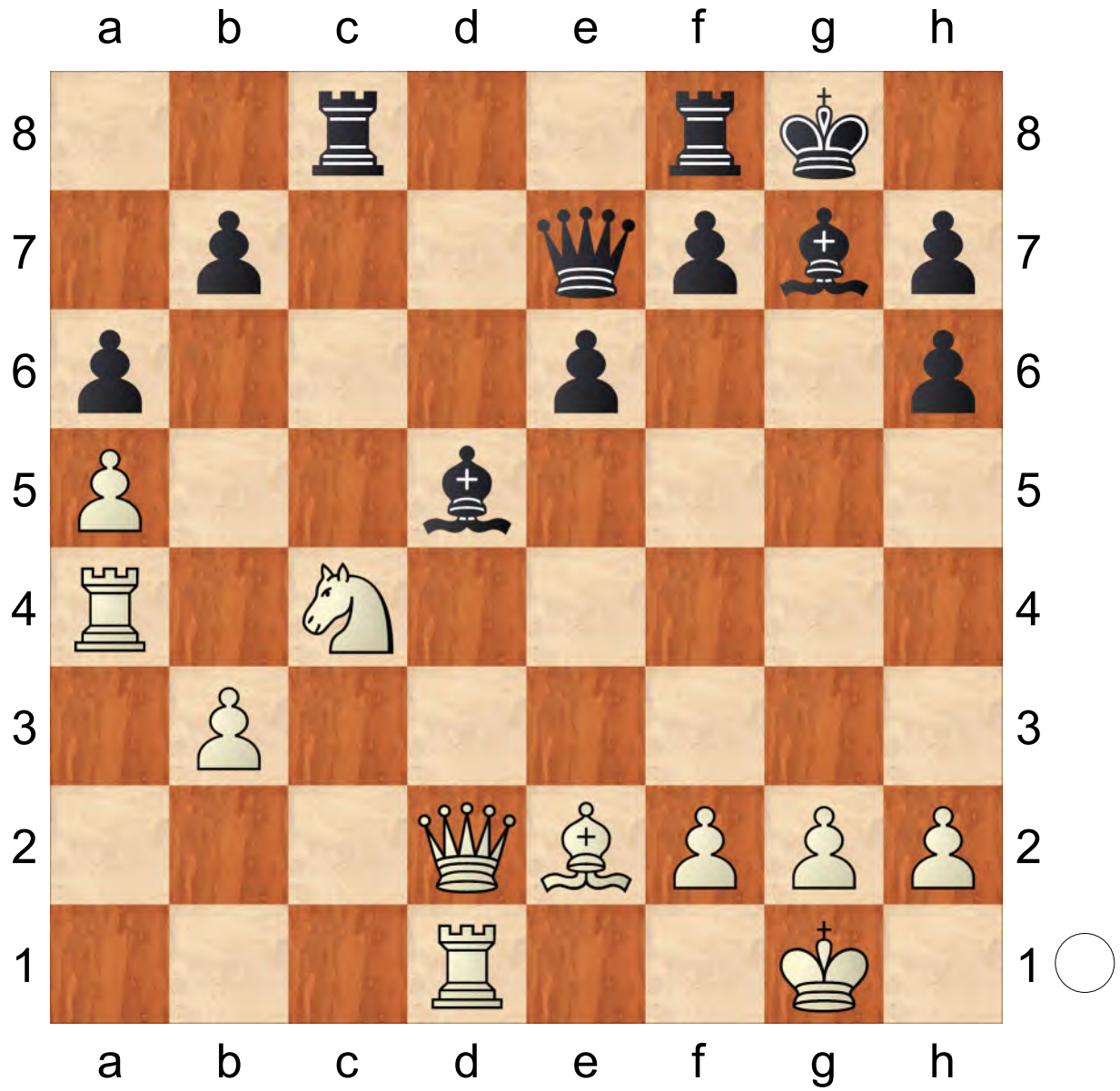
22...Nxe5! 23.Nfxe5 Bxe5 24.Ra4 Qe7 25.Qd2 Bg7

(Diagram)

26.Bf3? JR: 'Lukacs: '?" Now the game is over. JR: 'Lukacs: 'Now the game is over."

[26.Nb6 Bxb3 27.Nxc8 Rxc8 28.Rg4 Bxd1 29.Qxh6 f6 30.Bxd1 Rc5∓ JR: 'is not much better.' JR: 'is not much better. Lukacs: '∓"]

[26.Bd3 f5∓]



26...Bxf3-+ JR: 'Lukacs: '-+'' **27.gxf3 Rfd8 28.Qe2 Qg5+ 29.Kf1 Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Rd8**

(Diagram)

31.Qc2 Qh5 32.Kg2 Qg6+ 33.Qxg6 hxg6 34.Rb4 Rd7 35.Nb6 Rc7

(Diagram)

36.Na8 Bc3

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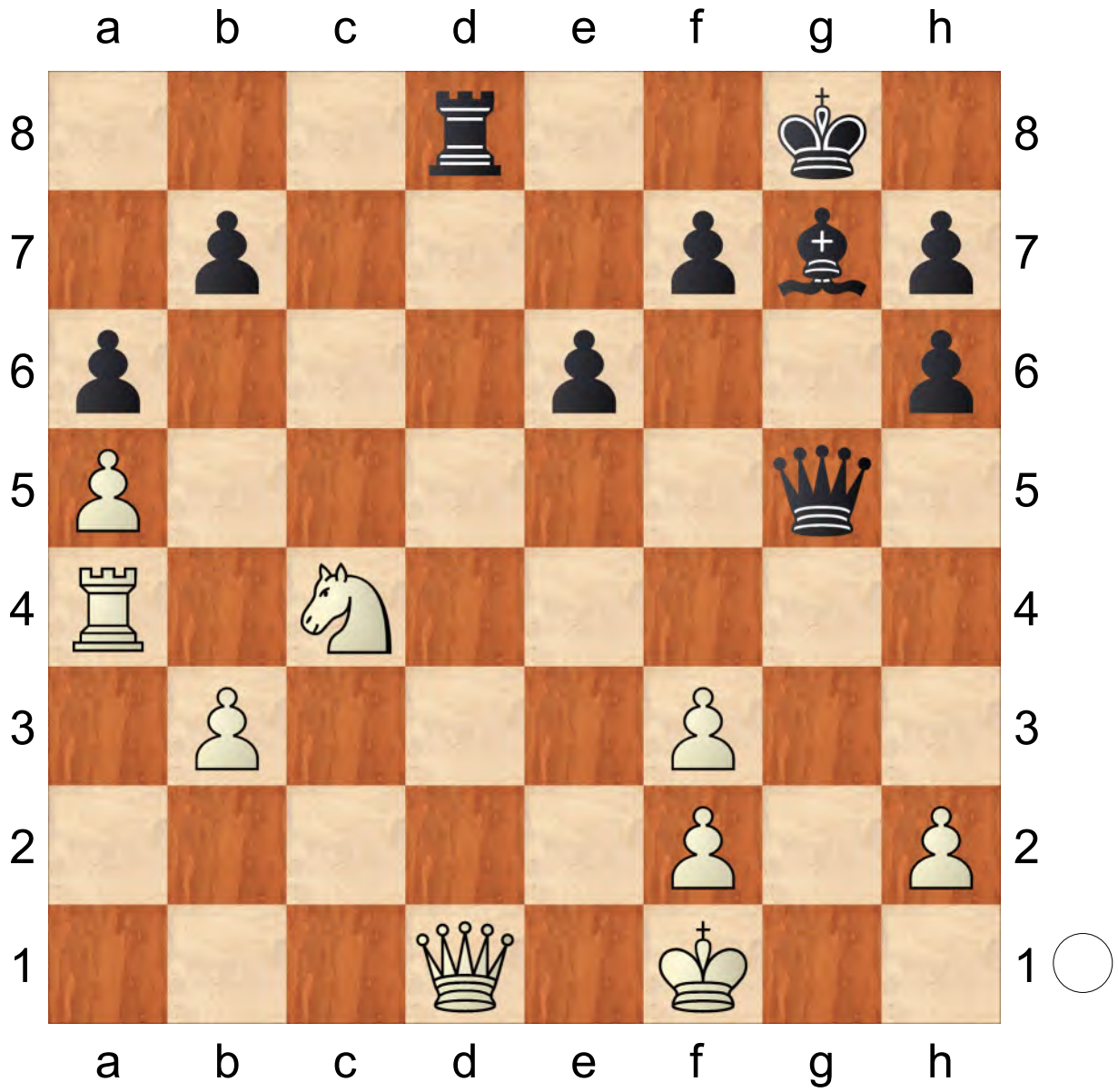
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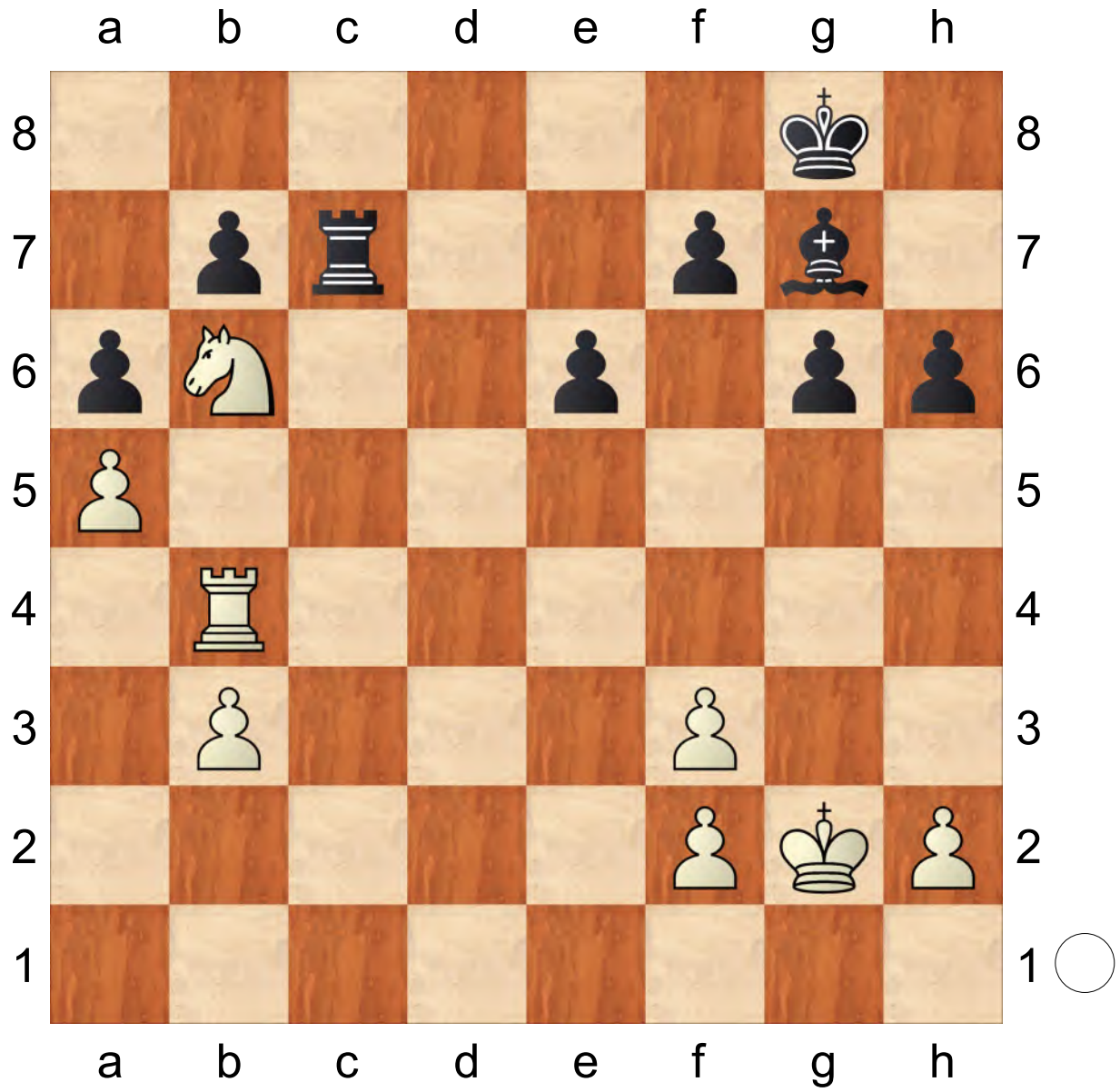
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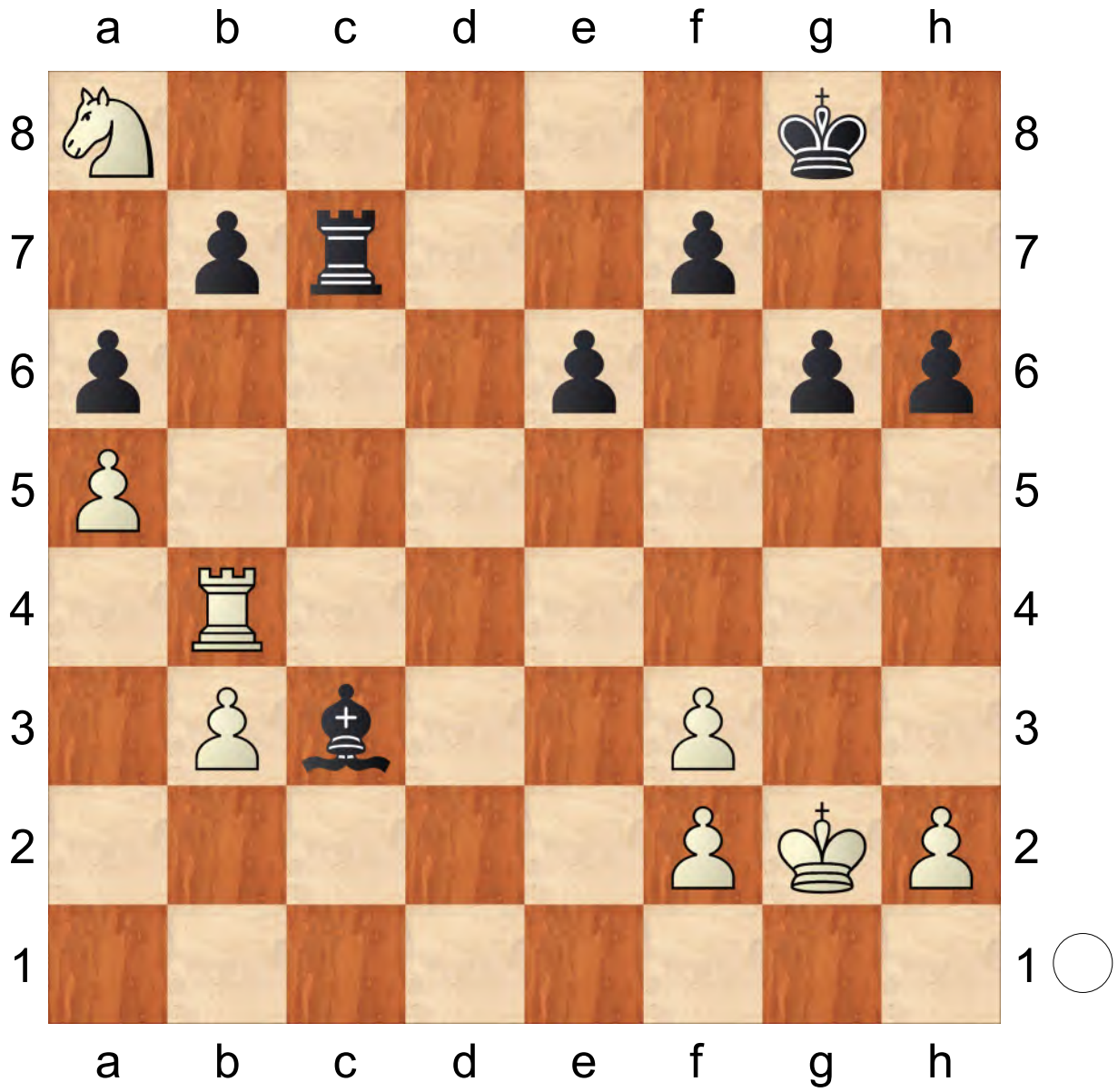

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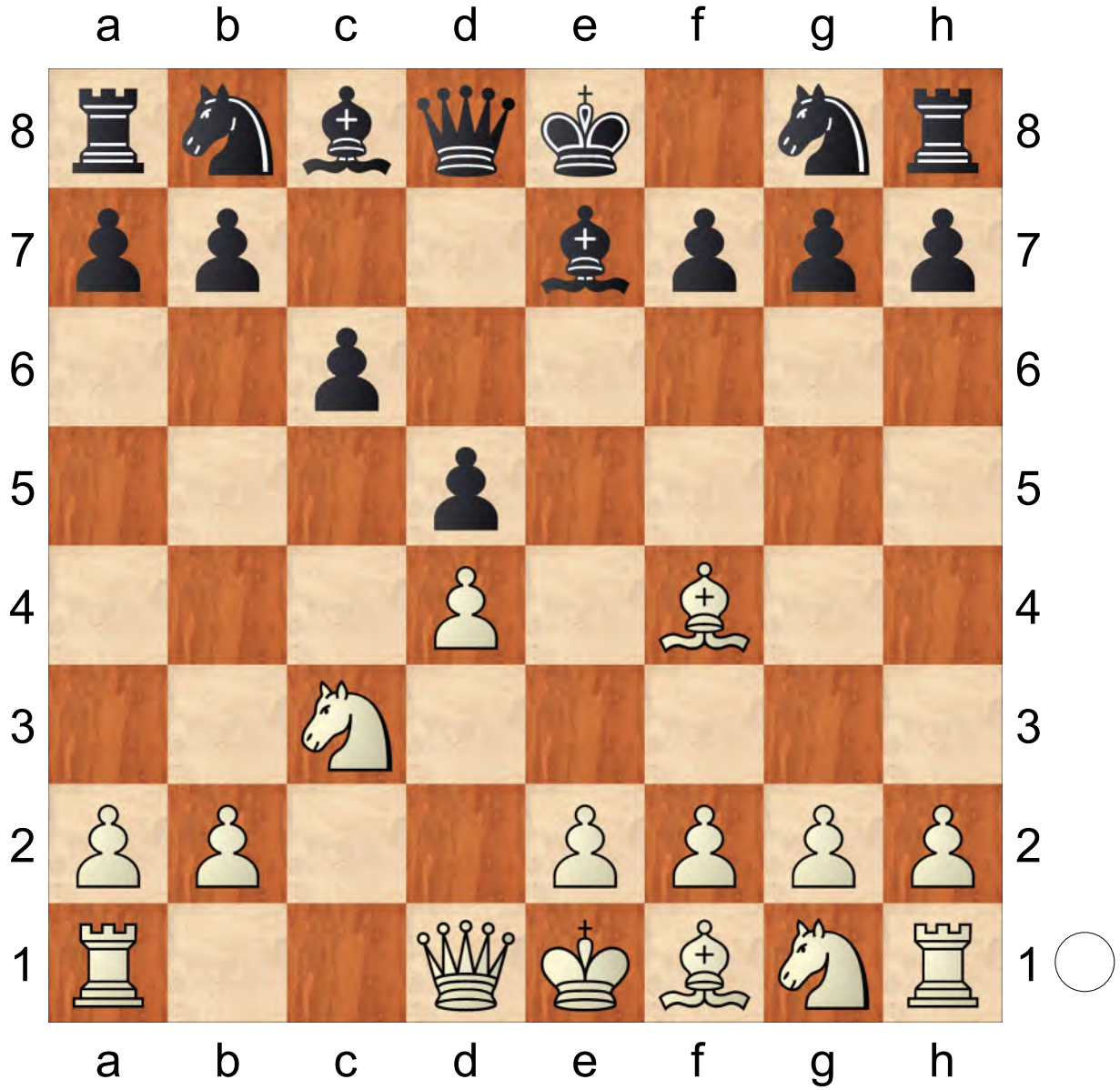
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2805**
Tata Steel-A 74th (3) 16.01.2012
[Stohl,Igor]

1.c4 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) **1...e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6**



6.Qc2

[6.e3 was featured in no less than 3 games last year between Nakamura and Aronian. The most recent clashes in this line went Bf5 7.g4 *(For 7.Nge2* see Nakamura,H (2758)-Aronian,L (2802)/London/2011/ - annotated in CBM 146.*;*

7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nge2 Nh5 10.Bxb8 Rxb8 11.f3 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.a3 a6 14.b4 Qd7 15.Rae1 Rbe8 16.Nc1 a5 17.bxa5 Bxa3 18.Nxd5 Bxc1 19.Nb6 Qe6 20.Rxc1 Qxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Rxe3 22.d5 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Re5 24.Rfd1 Nf6= Nakamura,H (2774)-Ponomariov,R (2754)/Saint Louis m/2011/ The difference between this game and ours is that Ponomariov didn't weaken his kingside and therefore he could effectively counter White's central expansion with a timely f5.*)* 7...Be6 8.h4 Nd7 9.g5 , avsak aktivna reakcia *(* Nakamura tried the moves *9.h5* and*; 9.Bg3* , but on neither occasion did he get anything out of the opening. *)* 9...h6!? 10.g6

A) 10...fxg6 11.Bd3 Nf8 *(11...Bf7 12.Qc2* **Δ** *Nf8 13.Nf3)* 12.Nf3 Bf5 13.Ne5 Nf6 14.Rg1⩲ Ne4?! *(⌓14...Rg8!?)* 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 *(15...dxe4 16.Qb3±)* 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qb3 Qa5+ 18.Kf1 *(18.Ke2!? Qa6+ 19.Kd1)* 18...Qb5+ 19.Qxb5 cxb5 20.Rc1 Bxh4 21.Bh2 Bd8 *(21...h5!? 22.Rc7↑)* 22.Rg4 Nd7 23.Rxg6 Bf6 24.Rc7 Nf8 25.Rg4 Ne6 26.Rxb7+- Caruana,F (2736)-Melkumyan,H (2620)/Moscow/2012*!*

B) ⌓10...Ngf6 11.gxf7+ Bxf7 12.Bd3 *(12.Nf3 Nh5∞)* 12...Nh5 13.Be5 0-0 14.Qg4 Nhf6 15.Qg3 Nh5 ½, Morozevich,A (2762)-Giri,A (2714)/Reggio Emilia/2012/ 16.Qg2 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bb4 18.Nf3 d4 19.Nxd4 Nf4 20.exf4 Qxd4 21.Rg1 Bxc3+ 22.bxc3 Qxc3+ 23.Ke2 Qb2+ 24.Ke3 Qb6+=]

6...Nf6 7.h3 This is a modern wrinkle.

[White tries to avoid the line 7.e3 Nh5!?

A) 8.Bg3 Nd7 9.Bd3 g6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Rb1 a5 12.a3 Re8? *(12...Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nf6⇄)* 13.Nxd5!**±** Sandipan,C (2628)-Vishnu,P (2392)/New Delhi/2012/ **Δ** cxd5 14.Bc7+-;

B) 8.Be5 Nd7 9.Be2 *(9.Nf3 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 g6 11.Bd3 Ng7 12.0-0-0 Bf5 13.g4 Bxd3 14.Nxd3 Qd7 15.h3 0-0-0 16.Kb1 Kb8 17.Rc1 Bd6 18.Na4 f5 19.Nac5 Qe7 20.gxf5 Nxf5 21.Qb3 Rhf8=* Kalinitschew,S (2431)-Bruedigam,M (2322)/Berlin/2011/*)* 9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 g6 11.Bxh5 gxh5 The critical move is

B1) 12.Nf3 f6 13.0-0 *(13.e4 d4 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.0-0-0∞* -12.0-0-0 *)* 13...Bg4 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nd4 0-0 16.f3 Bd7 17.Rad1 Rc8 *(17...Qe7!? 18.Rfe1 Qg7∞ /*⩲ *)* 18.Rfe1 Bg7 19.e4 c5 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 d4 22.Qe4 *(22.Qb3+∞)* 22...Qd7 23.g4 Rfe8 24.Qd5+ Qxd5 25.Nxd5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rd8 27.Nc7 hxg4 28.fxg4 d3↑ Arizmendi Martinez,J (2568)-Sargissian,G (2671)/EU-chT Porto Carras/2011*!*

B2) 12.Rd1 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Nge2

B2a) 14...Qe7 15.e4 d4 16.Nxd4 Qg7 17.Nde2 *(17.Nce2!? Qxg2 18.Rg1 Qxh2 19.Qb3⩲* **Δ** *Rf8? 20.Ne6→)* 17...Qxg2 18.Rg1 Qxh2 19.Qb3 Rf8 20.f4 Bg4 21.Rxg4 hxg4 22.Qe6+ Be7 23.Rd7 Qh4+ 24.Kf1 Rf7 25.Rxb7 Kf8 26.Qxc6 Rd8-+ Aleksandrov,A (2626)-Negi,P (2617)/ESP-chT Melilla/2011*!*

B2b) 14...0-0

B2b1) 15.e4 Qb6⇄ *(15...Bg4!?)*;

B2b2) 15.0-0 Qe8 16.e4 dxe4 *(16...Qg6∞)* 17.Nxe4 Bg7 18.N2c3 *(⌓18.N2g3!?)* 18...Bf5 19.Qb3+ Qe6 20.Qxe6+ Bxe6 21.Rd6 Rae8 22.Re1 b5 23.a3 a5 24.h4 b4 25.axb4 axb4 26.Na4 Bd5∓ Aleksandrov,A (2612)-Shimanov,A (2549)/Moscow/2012/

B3) 12.0-0-0!?∞ , featured in Grishchuk-Aronian and So-Laznicka. Both games were annotated in CBM 143.]

[7.Nf3 is considered innocuous mainly due to g6!? 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Re8 13.Rab1 a5 14.Rfc1 Nb6 *(14...Bf8=)* 15.Nd2 Nh5 16.Bh2 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.a3 Nf6 19.b4 Nfd7 20.bxa5 Rxa5 21.a4 Ra7 22.Rb2 Rea8 23.Qb1 Nxa4 24.Nxa4 Rxa4 25.Rxb7 Ra2 26.Nf3 c5= Moiseenko,A (2676)-Khairullin,I (2574)/Moscow/2009/]

7...g6N This novelty is otherwise a typical reaction, but possibly not ideal in our case.

[Currently the most promising alternative seems to be 7...Qa5!? 8.e3 *(8.Nf3 Ne4 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Nxd2 g6 11.e3 Bf5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qd8 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Rfc1 0-0 16.Rab1 a5 17.Na4 Nb6 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Nb3 a4=* ½, Lupulescu,C (2657)-Giri,A (2714)/EU-chT Porto Carras/2011/*)* 8...Ne4 9.a3 Bf5 10.Bd3 Na6 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Bxd3 14.Rxd3 0-0-0 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.Ke2 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Rxd6 18.Ne5 Rf8 19.Rc3 Nb5 20.Rc2 Re6 21.Kf3 Nd6= Turov,M (2645)-Grover,S (2532)/Wijk aan Zee-C/2012/]

[Another interesting idea is 7...Na6!? 8.e3 Nb4 9.Qb1 g6 10.g4 h5 11.a3 Na6 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.g5 Nh7 14.Be5 0-0 15.f4 Bf5 16.Qa2 f6 17.gxf6 Nxf6 18.Nge2 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rg1 Qd7⇄ Bosiocic,M (2580)-Brkic,A (2578)/ CRO-ch Opatija/2012/ Both games from 2012 were played later, than Carlsen-Aronian, so the theory of the line is constatntly developing.]

[7...0-0 8.e3 gives White chances of achieving a pleasant version of the Carlsbad structure: Nbd7 *(8...Bd6 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.Bd3 Be6 11.Nge2 Re8 12.g4 g6 13.Ng3 Na6? 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.g5 Nd7 16.Kf1 c5 17.Rd1 f5 18.Nge2 c4 19.Nf4 Bf7 20.h4 Nb6 21.Kg2 Rab8 22.Rh3 Qe7 23.Rdh1 Kg7 24.h5→* Kononenko,T (2305)-Sharevich,A (2266)/Vladimir/2004/*)* 9.Nf3 Re8 *(9...g6!? 10.Bd3 Nh5 11.Bh2 Ng7 12.0-0 Nb6⇄* Michna,M (2348)-Juszczak,A/Trzebinia/ 1999/ *)* 10.Bd3 Nf8 11.0-0 Ne6 12.Bh2 g6 13.Rab1 Ng7 14.b4 a6 15.Na4 Bf5 16.Nc5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Ra7 18.a4 Nf5 19.Rfc1 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxb4 22.Qd3 a5 23.Ne5 Ra8 24.Qb3± Matthiesen,A (2349)-Rendboe, J (2199)/Silkeborg/2009/]

[7...Be6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 h6 10.Bd3 Rc8 11.Bh2 a6 12.0-0 0-0 13.a3 a5 14.Rae1 c5 15.Qd2 c4 16.Bb1 Re8 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Nh7 19.Rd1 Rc5 20.f4 f5 21.g4± Kalinitschew,S (2430)-Loeffler,F/Porz/1991/]

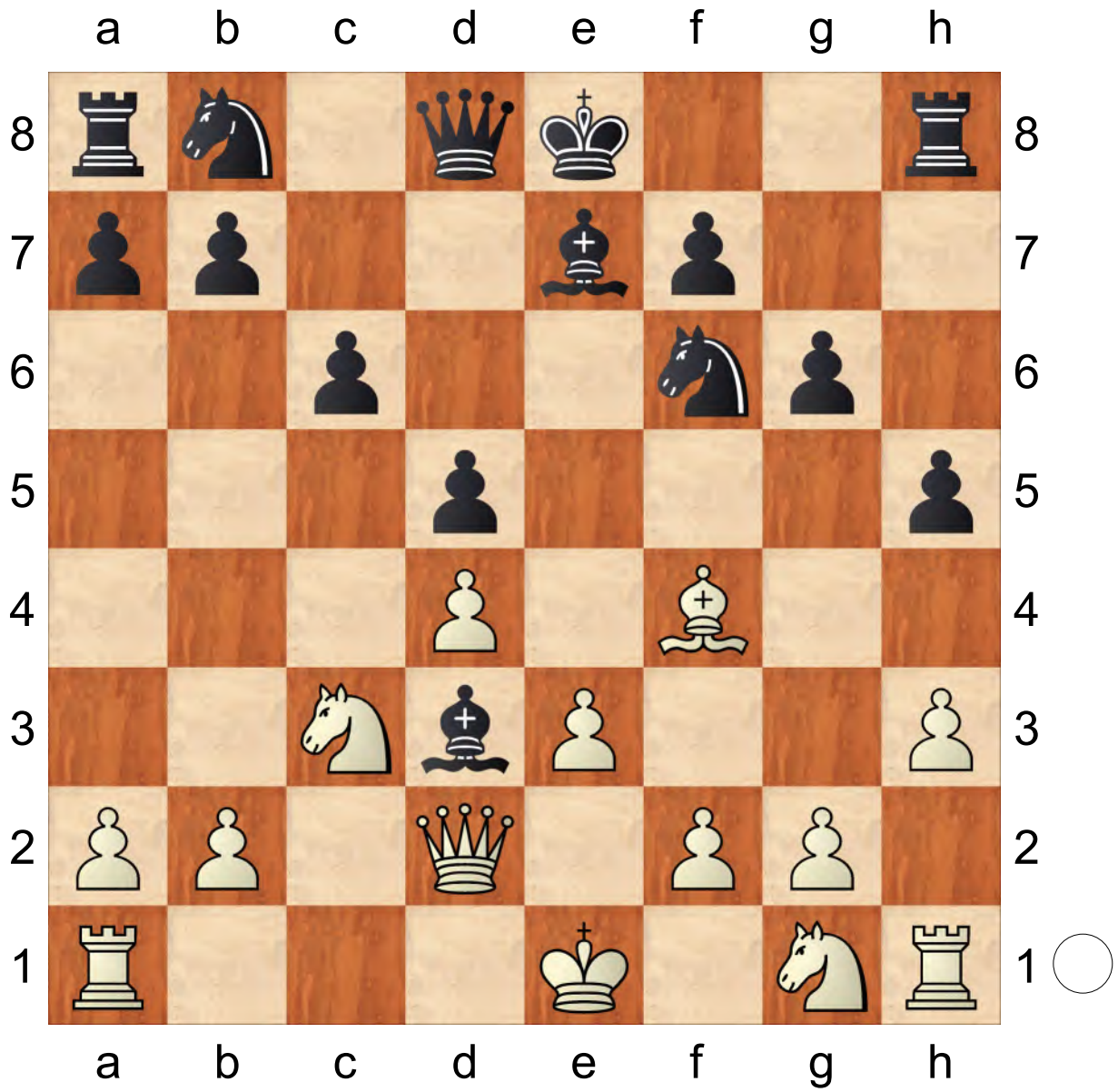
8.e3 Bf5 9.Qd2!? A clever idea. As White hasn't committed his king yet, he can seriously consider developing a kingside initiative with g4 (altogether a typical idea in this line - see the note to move 6).

[9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0= is less impressive.]

9...h5 Aronian prevents the aforementioned idea, but was it really worth weakening his kingside?

[⌓9...Ne4!? was less committal: 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.f3 *(11.Ne2 Bd6 12.f3 Bf5 13.0-0-0* is similar *)* 11...Bf5 12.0-0-0 a5⇄]
[9...0-0 10.g4 Be6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Nge2∞ /±]

10.Bd3! Bxd3



11.Qxd3 White has forced a similar position to that after 9.♗d3, but here the extra move h5 hurts Black's chances - it loosens his kingside and also takes away the h5-square for Black's knight (see ♘h5 in Nakamura-Ponomariov above). **11...Nbd7**

[11...Bd6 12.Nf3!? shows another drawback of h5: once White's knight lands on e5, it's much more difficult to chase it away with f6.]

12.Nge2 Compared with 7.♘f3, here White can develop his knight more flexibly, which enables him to play in the centre. **12...a5** A semi-waiting move, Black wants to clarify the intentions of White's king.

[12...0-0 is more natural, but here also also 13.0-0-0!? deserves some attention.

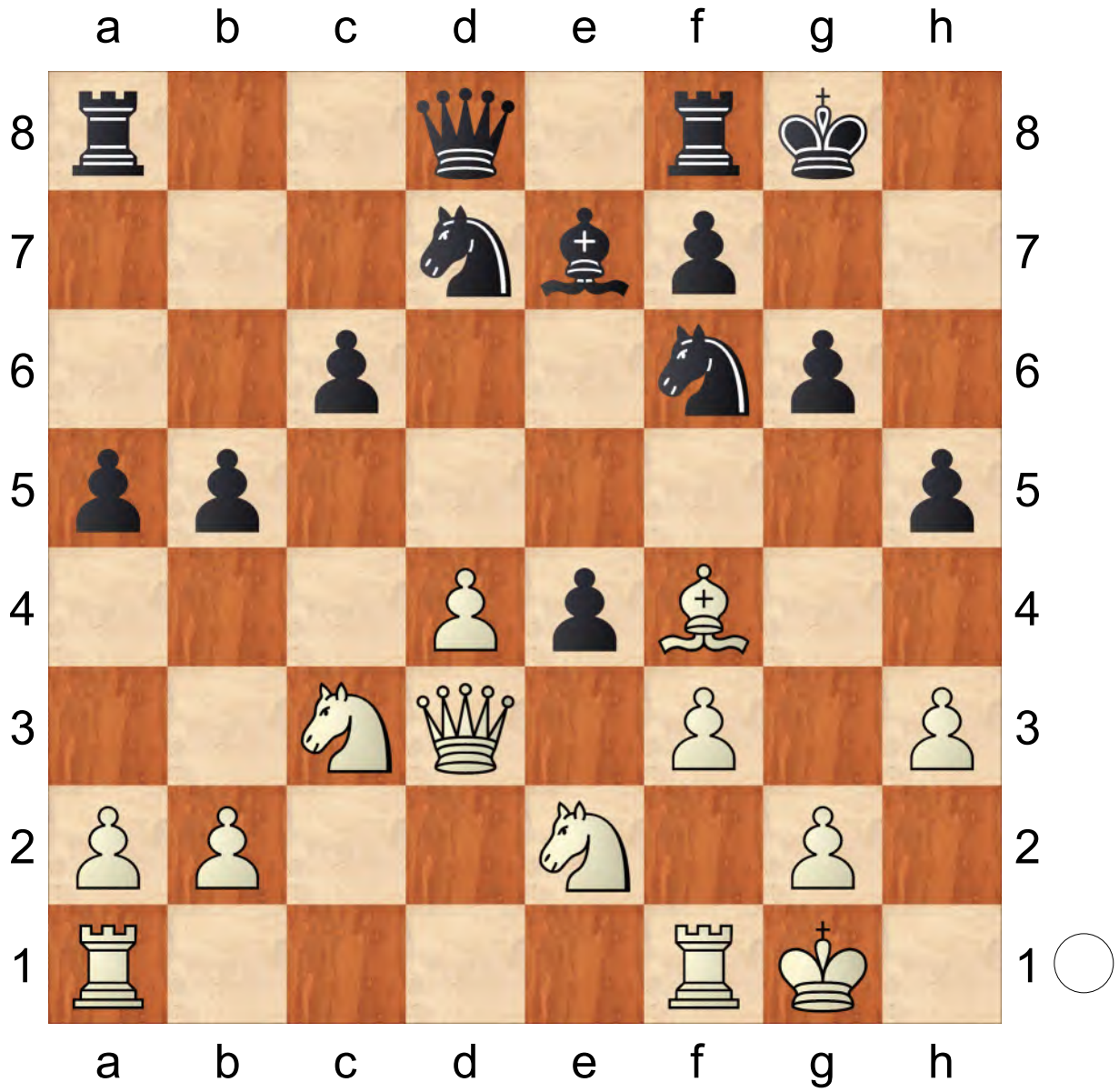
(However, instead of risking a double-edged fight, White can also choose the prudent *13.0-0 Re8 14.f3±)*]

13.0-0 0-0 14.f3± b5?! The opening is almost over and White has built up a promising position: he has a slight and riskless edge. This provokes a nervous reaction from Aronian. Black still had more solid alternatives:

[14...Re8 15.e4 Nf8±]

[14...h4 15.e4 Nb6±]

15.e4 dxe4



16.fxe4↑ Here White already has a very distinct pull, with both e5 and d5 hanging over Black's position. **16...Nc5 17.Qf3**

[17.Qe3 Ne6 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Rad1↑]

17...Ne6

[17...b4

A) 18.dxc5
A1) 18...Bxc5+ 19.Kh1 bxc3 20.Bg5+- *(20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Qxc3+-)*;
A2) 18...bxc3 19.Rad1! Qe8 20.Nxc3 Bxc5+ 21.Kh1±;
B) 18.e5!? Nh7 19.dxc5±]

18.Be3 White already has a choice:
[18.Rad1!? Nxf4 19.Nxf4↑ Sakaev]

18...b4
[18...Nh7!? is less committal 19.e5 *(19.Bf2!?)* 19...Rc8±]

19.Nb1!? Instead of putting his knight offside with
[19.Na4 , Carlsen patiently transfers it to an ideal square. By model play White increases his strategic superiority.]

19...Nh7 20.Nd2 Rc8
[20...Nhg5 21.Qg3 *(21.Qf2 f5!⇄)* 21...Nh7 22.Nc4 *(22.Qf2 Bh4 23.g3 Bg5 24.Rac1± /±)* 22...Bh4 23.Qf3 Nhg5 24.Bxg5 Bxg5 25.Rad1↑]
[20...f5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Qxc6±]
[The text move is not too useful, more to the point was the immediate 20...Bh4!?]

(Diagram)

21.Rad1 Bh4 22.g3 Bf6
[22...Bg5!? 23.Nc4 Bxe3+ *(23...h4!?)* 24.Qxe3 Qg5 gives Black more chances to create some counterplay.]

23.Nc4 Bg7 24.b3± Qe7 As White improves his pieces, Black is gradually running out of ideas. Therefeore he decides to lash out.
[24...h4 25.e5! hxg3 26.Nd6± *(26.Qxg3±)*]
[Sakaev prefers 24...Nf6± , but it's only an attempt to limit the damage - Black's position remains tough.]

25.Qg2 Carlsen is reluctant to commit himself and prefers a prophylactic move.
[The engine points out the straightforward 25.e5!? h4 *(25...f6 26.Nf4! Nxf4 27.gxf4)* 26.Nxa5 c5!? *(26...Nhg5 27.Qg4±)* 27.Nc6 Qd7 28.d5 Neg5 29.Bxg5 *(29.Qg2 Rfe8 30.gxh4 Nxh3+ 31.Kh2 Bxe5+ 32.Nxe5 Rxe5 33.Rd3 Rce8 34.Rf3 N3g5! 35.hxg5 Nxg5±)* 29...Nxg5 30.Qe3 Bh6 31.g4 Rxc6 32.dxc6 Qxc6 33.Rd6±]

25...Nc7
[25...Neg5 26.e5↑]
[⌓25...Nf6
A) 26.Nxa5 Qa7 27.Nxc6 *(27.e5 Qxa5 28.exf6 Bh8⇄)* 27...Rxc6 28.e5 Nd8 29.exf6 Bxf6± /⇄;
B) 26.d5!?↑;
C) 26.Qf3±]

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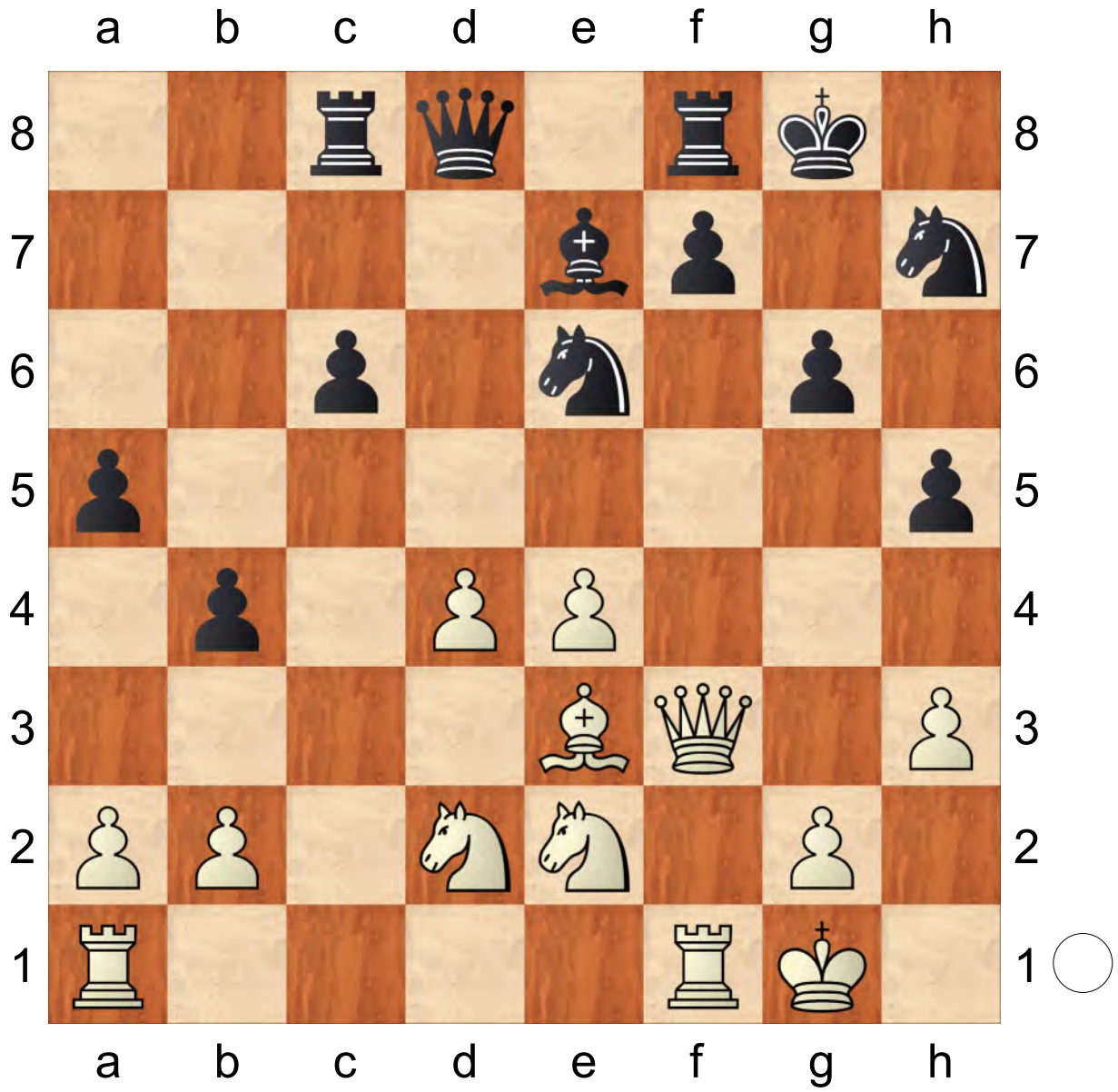
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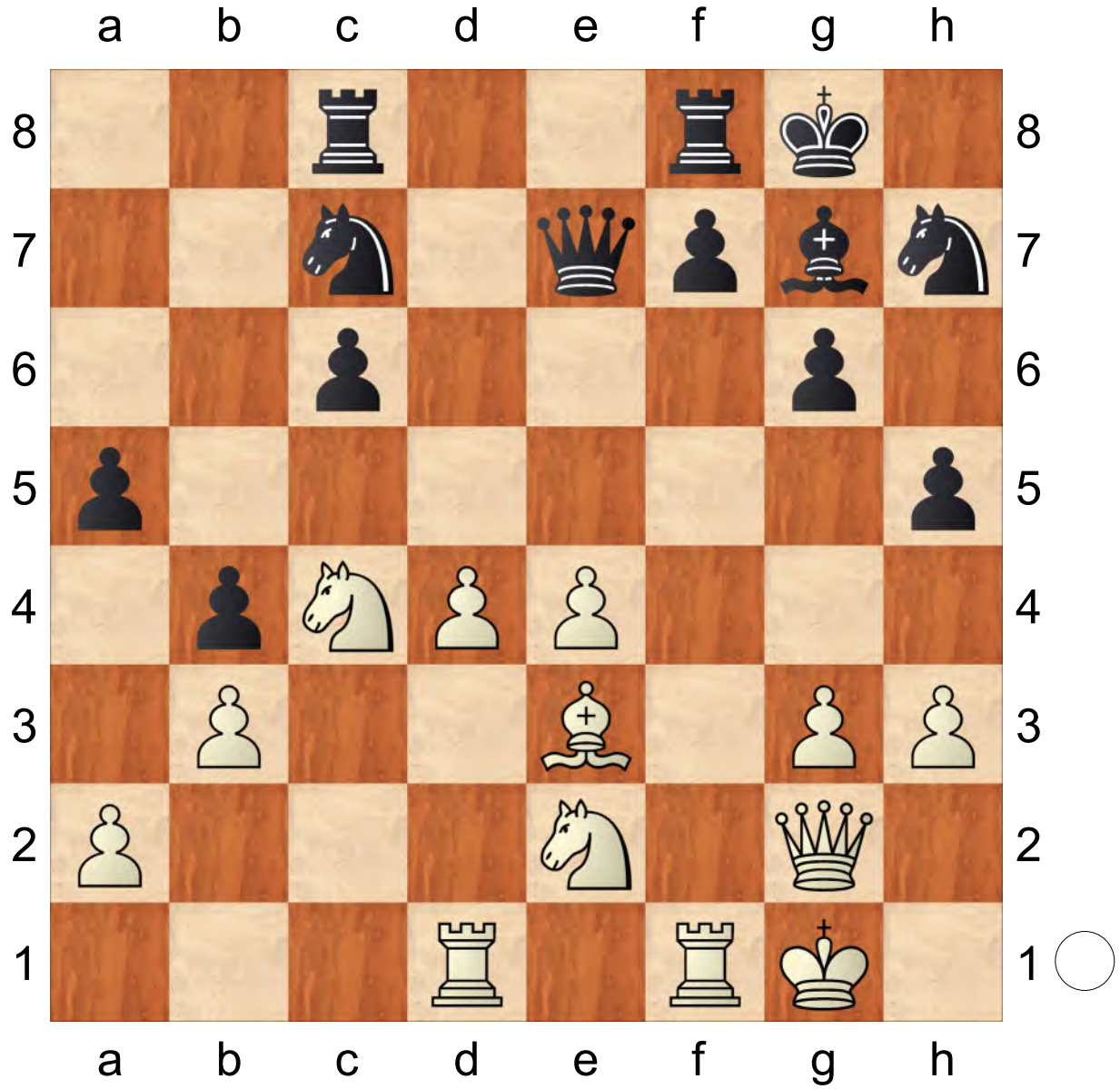

26.Nxa5
[26.Bf4!?±]
26...Rfe8
[26...Nd5 27.Bd2 *(27.Bc1 Nc3 28.Nxc3 bxc3 29.Nc4 c5 30.Ba3±)* 27...Nc3 28.Bxc3 bxc3 29.e5±]
27.e5 Nd5 28.Bd2
[28.Nxc6? Qd7-+]
28...Red8 29.Nf4 Qa7? This should have lost quickly.
[⌓29...Qc7! 30.Nc4 Ra8 Δ 31.Nxd5 *(⌓31.Be3!? Nxe3 32.Nxe3 Qa7 33.Nc2 Bxe5 34.Nxb4±)* 31...cxd5 32.Nd6 Rxd6 33.exd6 Qxd6 34.Bf4 Qd7±]
30.Nxc6 Rxc6

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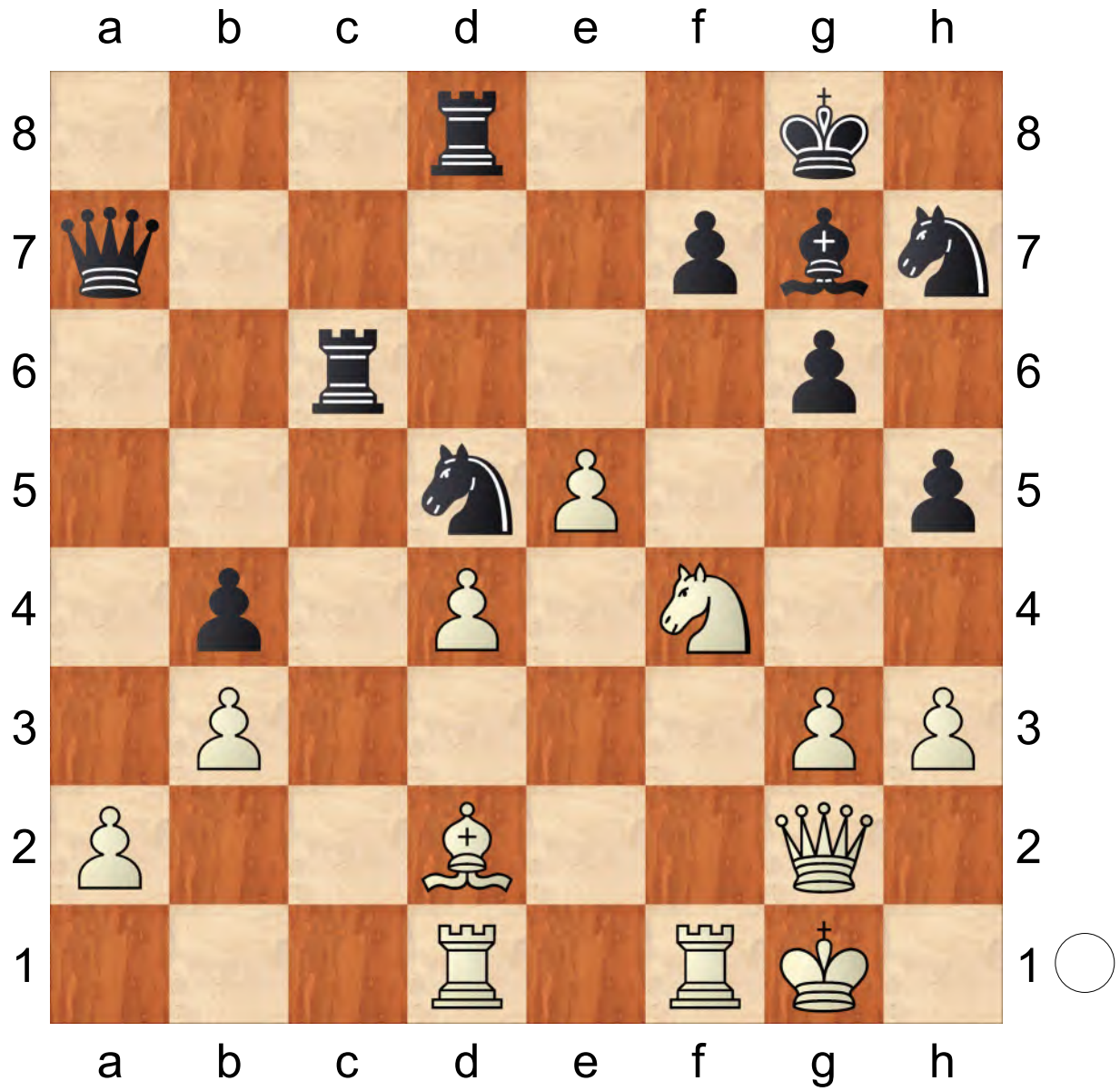
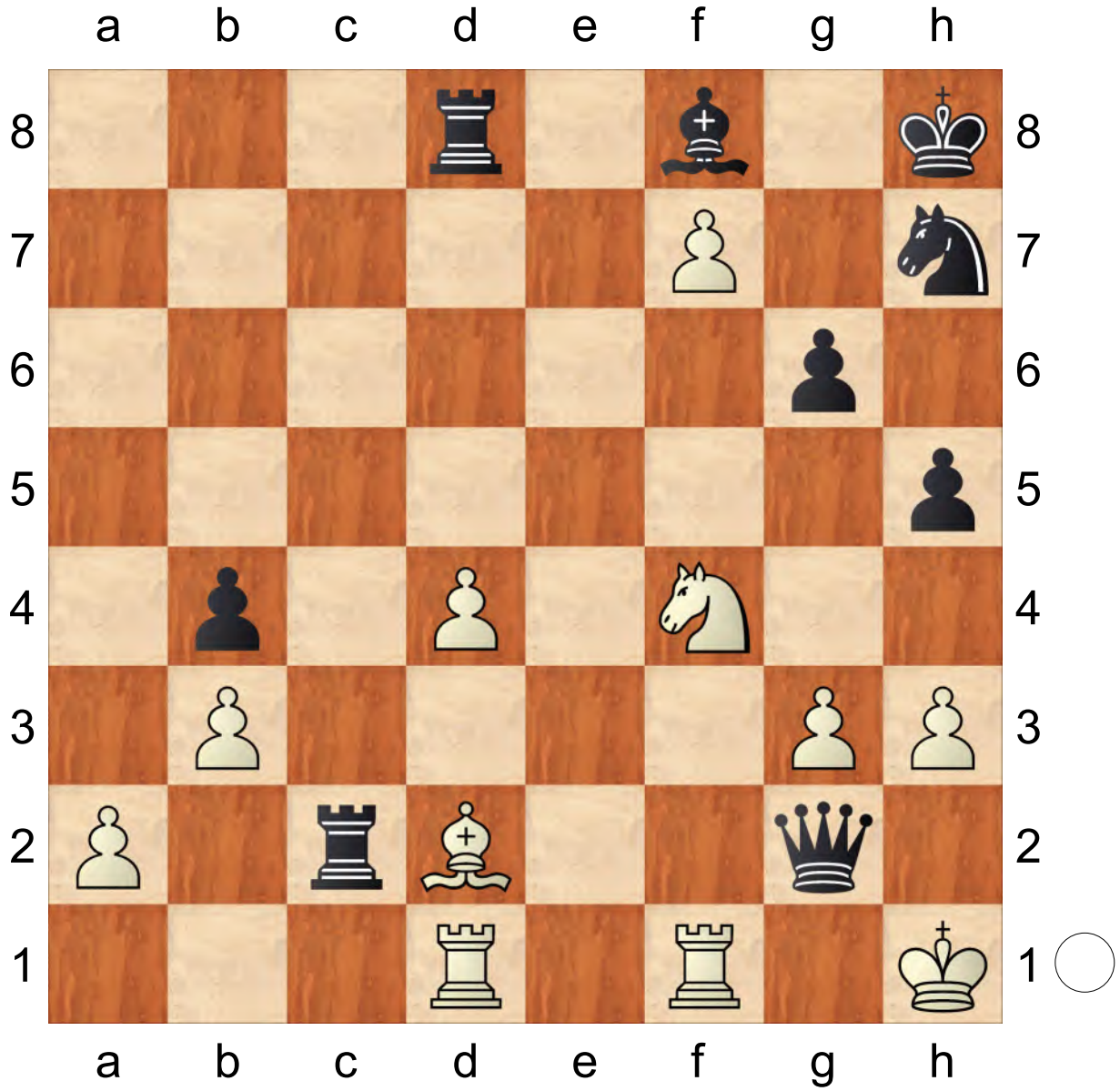


31.Nxd5 Rc2 32.Kh1
[32.Qe4!? Rxa2 *(32...Qxa2? 33.Nxb4)* 33.Bf4!+- Δ Qd7 34.Nxb4 Rb2 35.Nd3 Rxb3? 36.Nc5]
32...Bf8
[32...Rb2 33.Nxb4 Qxd4 34.Bc3 Qxd1 35.Bxb2 Qd7 36.Nc6+- is hopeless in the long run, but retains at least some practical chances.]
33.e6! Qa8
[33...fxe6 34.Qe4+-]
[33...f5 34.g4+- →]
34.exf7+
[34.e7! Rxd5 35.e8Q Qxe8 36.Qxd5 Rxa2 37.Rde1 Qa8 38.Qxa8 Rxa8 39.Ra1+-]
34...Kh8

[A more resilient try was ⩲34...Kg7! 35.Nf4 Qxg2+ 36.Nxg2 Ra8±]

35.Nf4 Qxg2+



36.Kxg2?! White needlessly prolongs theagony.

[The text doesn't give away the win, but a more direct way was ⩲36.Nxg2! Kg7 *(36...Rxd4 37.Bc3 bxc3 38.Rxd4+-)* 37.Bf4 Bd6 *(37...Be7 38.Be5+ Bf6 39.Nf4+-)* 38.Rde1 Nf8 39.d5+-]

36...Rxd4 37.Rf2 Rd6

[37...Rc6 38.Re1+-]

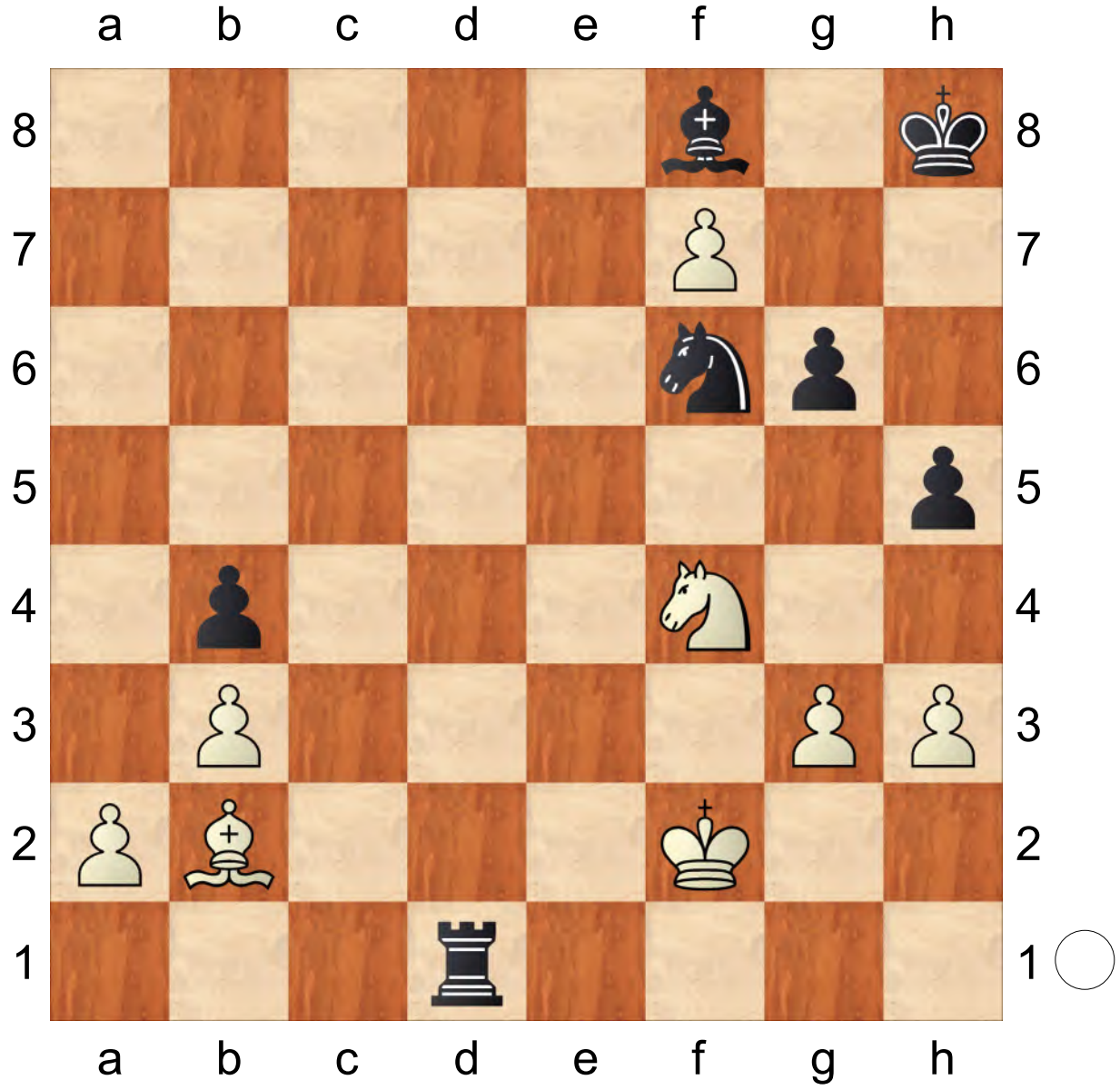
38.Bc1! Rxf2+

[38...Rxd1 39.Rxc2 Kg7 40.Ne6+ Kxf7 41.Nxf8 Nxf8 42.Bd2+-]

39.Kxf2 Rxd1 The only chance to fight on.

[After 39...Kg7 40.Rxd6 Bxd6 41.f8Q+! *(41.Bd2 Nf6±)* 41...Nxf8 42.Bd2+- White will be 2 pawns up in a simple endgame.]

40.Bb2+ Nf6□
[40...Bg7?? 41.Nxg6#]



41.Bxf6+ Kh7 42.Ne6 Bd6□
[42...Bh6 43.Ng5+! Bxg5 44.f8Q+-]
43.Be5 Be7 44.f8Q
[44.Ke2!? Rg1 *(44...Rd5 45.Bf6 Bd6 46.f8Q Bxf8 47.Nxf8+ Kh6 48.Ne6 Ra5 49.Kd3 Rxa2 50.Bg5+ Kh7 51.Bd2+-; 44...Rh1 45.Bf6 Bd6 46.h4 Rh2+ 47.Kd3 Rxa2 48.Be5 Be7 49.f8Q Bxf8 50.Nxf8+ Kh6 51.Ne6+-)* 45.Bd4 Δ Rxg3? 46.Bf6 Bd6 47.Be5+-]
44...Bxf8 45.Nxf8+ Kh6

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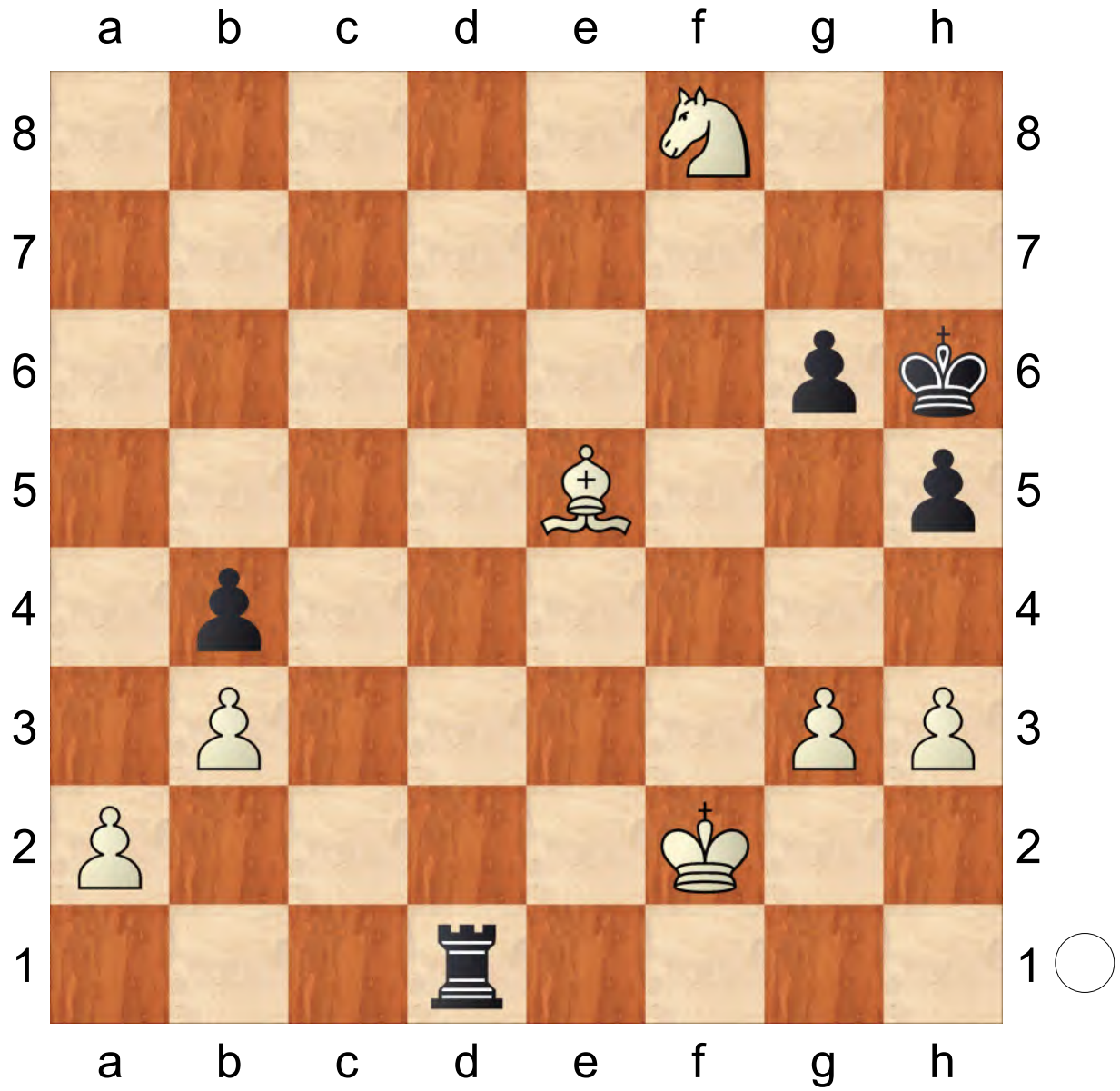


46.Ne6?!

[⌓46.Ke2! Rg1! *(46...Rd5 47.Bf4+ Kg7 48.Ne6+ Kf6 49.Nc7 Ra5 50.h4!+-)*

A) 47.h4 g5! 48.Bf6 g4 *(48...gxh4 49.Bxh4 Rg2+ 50.Kd3 Rxa2 51.Kc4+-)* 49.Bg5+ Kg7 50.Ne6+ Kf7 51.Kf2! Ra1 52.Nd4 Rxa2+ 53.Ke3 Ra8 54.Kd3 Rc8 55.Bd2+-;

B) 47.Ne6 g5 48.Bd6 Rg2+ *(48...Kg6 49.Kf3+-* leads to a similar position after *Ra1)* 49.Kf3 Rxa2 50.Bxb4 Rb2 51.Nd4+-]

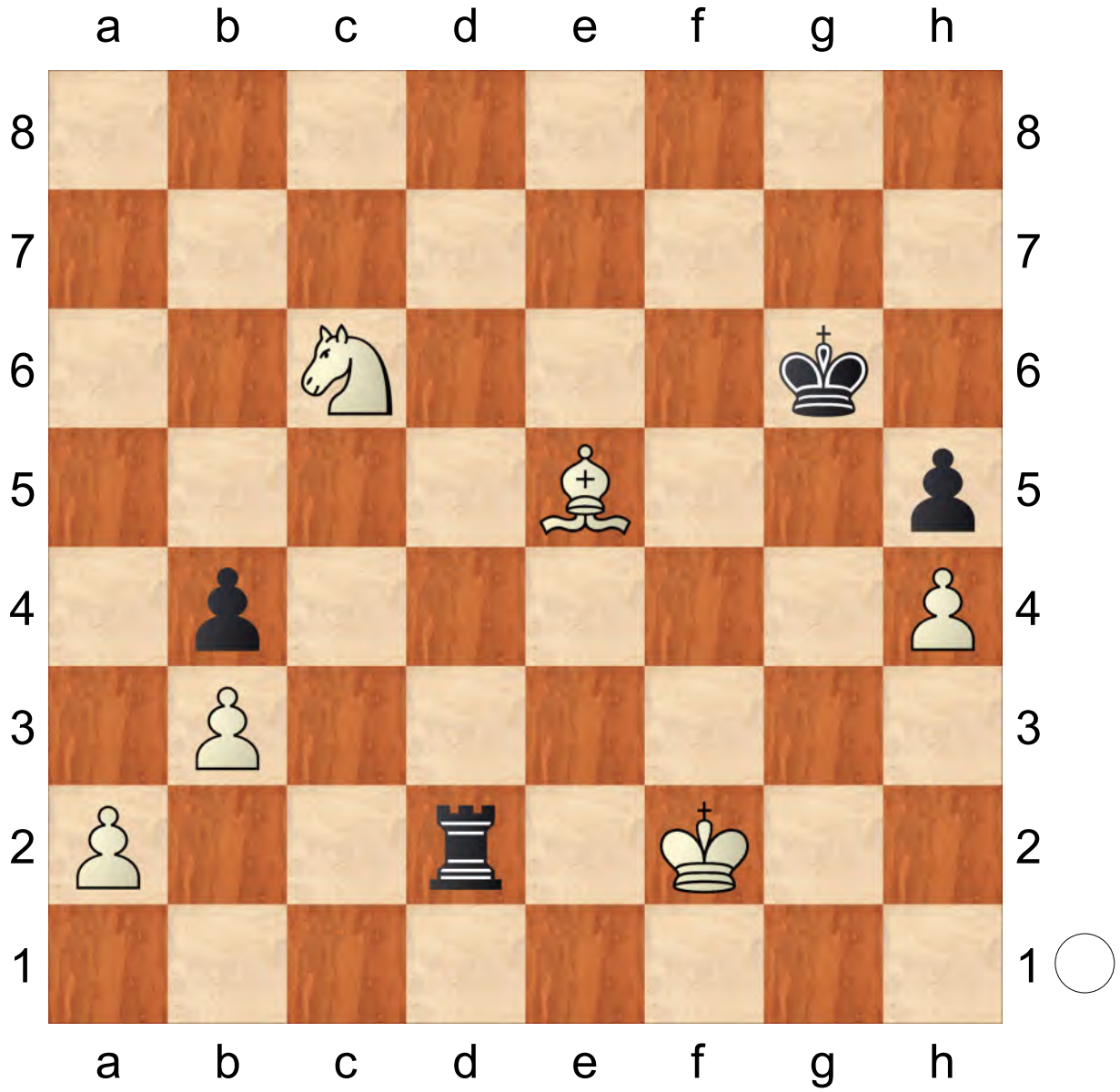
46...g5!? Aronian tries to get counterchances on the kingside.

[46...Rd2+ 47.Ke3 Rxa2 48.Bf4+ Kh7 49.Kd3 loses in a straighforward fashion, as the b-pawn falls shortly.]

47.h4 gxh4 48.gxh4 Kg6 49.Nd4 Rd3!?

[49...Rd2+ 50.Ke3 Rxa2 51.Kd3 should gradually win after White safeguards his h-pawn. Aronian tries to cut off White's king.]

50.Nc6
[50.Ke2 Rh3 51.Bd6 *(51.Nf3 Kf5±)* 51...Rxh4 52.Nf3 Rh1 *(52...Re4+ 53.Kd3+-)* 53.Bxb4 h4 54.Kf2 Kf5 55.Kg2 Rb1 *(55...Ra1!?)* 56.Nxh4+ Kg4 57.Nf3 Rb2+ 58.Nd2 Rxa2 59.Kf2+- is a Tablebase win, Carlsen seeks something more human...]
50...Rd2+



51.Ke3 Rxa2 52.Bd6
[52.Nxb4? Ra3=]
52...Ra1
[52...Ra6 53.Ne7+ Kf7 54.Bxb4+-]
[52...Rc2 53.Nd4 Rc3+ 54.Ke4 Rh3± Δ 55.Nf3 Rh1 56.Bxb4? Rb1 57.Nd2 *(57.Nd4 Rh1)* 57...Rh1⇄ 58.Be7?? Re1+]
53.Kd4 Rg1?! Now Black loses more or less listlessly.

[Shipov points out the far more resilient 53...Rh1! 54.Be7 Rh3 55.Ne5+ *(55.Kc4 Rc3+)* 55...Kf5 56.Nd3 Rg3 57.Kc4 Rg4+ 58.Kb5 Rg3 59.Nc5 Rg4 Now White has to play for zugzwang to pass the move to his opponent with 60.Bd8!! *(60.Bg5 Rxg5! 61.hxg5 h4=; 60.Ka4 Rg7 61.Bd8 Rg8 62.Nb7 Kg4 63.Kxb4 Rxd8 64.Nxd8 Kxh4 65.Nc6 Kg3 66.Nd4 Kg4! 67.Nc2 h4 68.Ne3+ Kf3 69.Nf1 h3 70.Kc5 Kg2 71.Ne3+ Kf2=)* 60...Rd4 61.Bg5 Rg4 62.Be7 Rd4! *(62...Rg7 63.Bd8 Rg8 64.Nb7 Kg4 65.Kc4!* **Δ** *Rxd8 66.Nxd8 Kxh4 67.Kd3 Kg3 68.Ke2 h4 69.Kf1 Kf3 70.Nc6+-)* 63.Ka4 Kg6 64.Bg5 Rg4 65.Nd3 Kf5 *(65...Rxg5? 66.Nf4+ Kf5 67.hxg5 Kxg5 68.Nxh5)* 66.Nf2! *(66.Kb5 Rg3 67.Kc4 Rg4+ 68.Kc5 Rg3)* 66...Rd4 *(66...Rg2 67.Nd1+-)* 67.Kb5 Ke5 68.Kc5⊙ Rd7 69.Kxb4 Kd4 70.Nd1 Rb7+ 71.Ka3 Kd3 72.Kb2± /+- White should gradually win, but he still has to overcome some technical problems after Rf7 , e.g., 73.Ne3 Rf2+ 74.Ka3 Rf8 75.Nd5 Kd4 76.Nf4 Kc3 77.Ka4 Ra8+ 78.Kb5 Kxb3 79.Nxh5 Rc8!= is only a Tablebase draw!]

54.Kc5 Kf5

[54...Rh1 55.Be7 Rc1+ 56.Kb5 Rc3 57.Nd4+-]

55.Nxb4 Rc1+

(Diagram)

56.Kd4 Re1

[56...Rb1 57.Kc3 Rc1+ 58.Nc2+-]

[56...Rd1+ 57.Nd3 Rh1 *(57...Ke6 58.Bf4)* 58.Be7+-]

57.Nc6+- White gives up ♙h4, as his passed b-pawn will be too fast.

[Equally strong was 57.Nd3!? Re4+ 58.Kd5 Rxh4 *(58...Re3 59.Nc5+-)* 59.Nf2!]

57...Re4+ 58.Kd5 Rxh4 59.b4 Rh1 60.b5 Rb1

(Diagram)

61.Nd4+ Kg4

[61...Kf6 62.Kc6 Rc1+ 63.Bc5!? h4 64.b6 h3 65.Nf3+-]

62.Kc6 Rc1+ 63.Kd7

[63.Bc5? h4=]

63...Rb1

[63...Rd1 64.b6 Rxd4 65.b7+-]

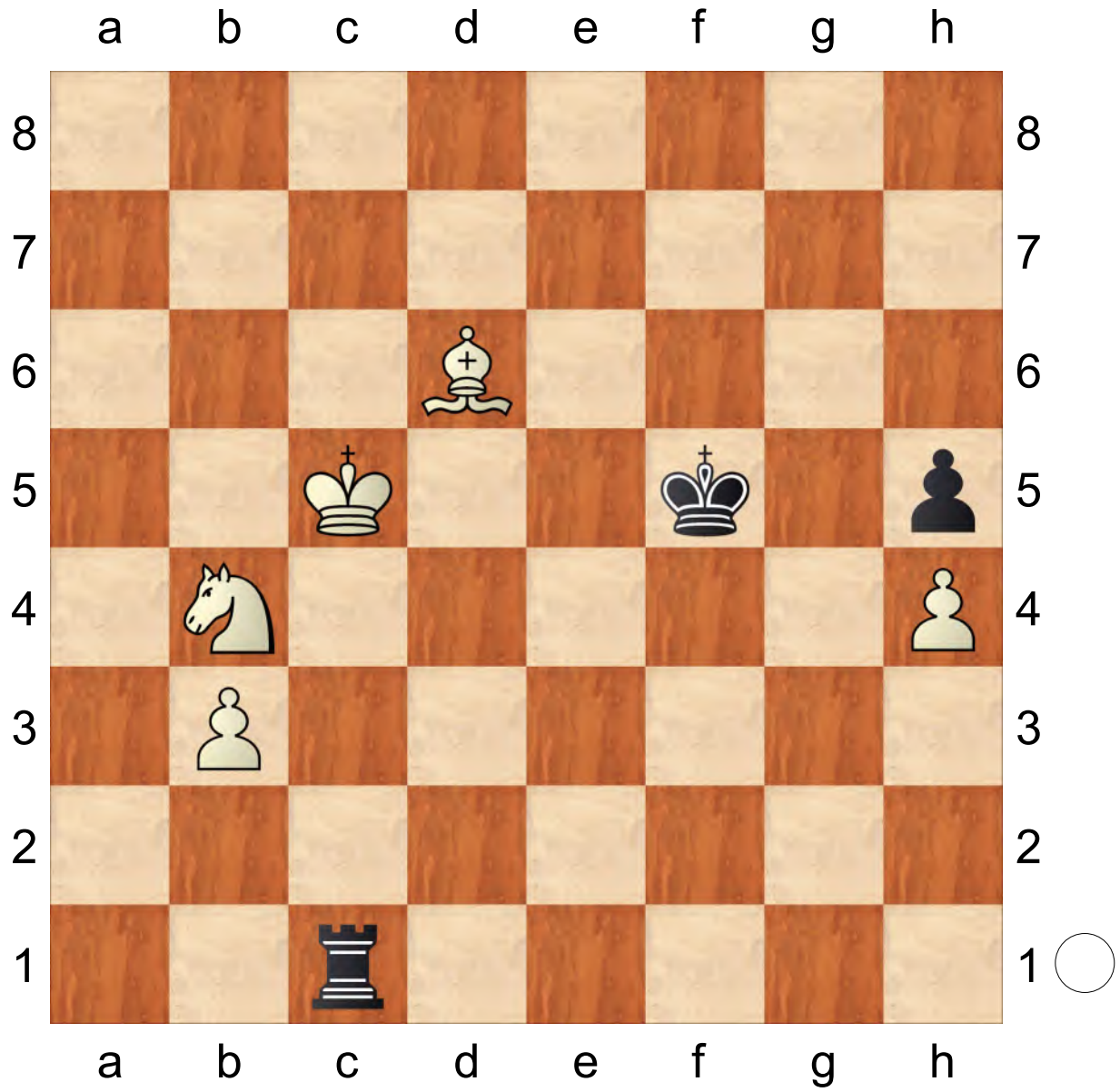
64.Kc7 h4

[64...Rc1+ 65.Nc6 Rb1 66.b6 h4 67.b7 h3 *(67...Kf3 68.Nb4+-)* 68.Nd4 and Black's king is cut off.]

65.b6 Kh3

[65...h3 66.b7+- -64...♖c1+]

(Diagram)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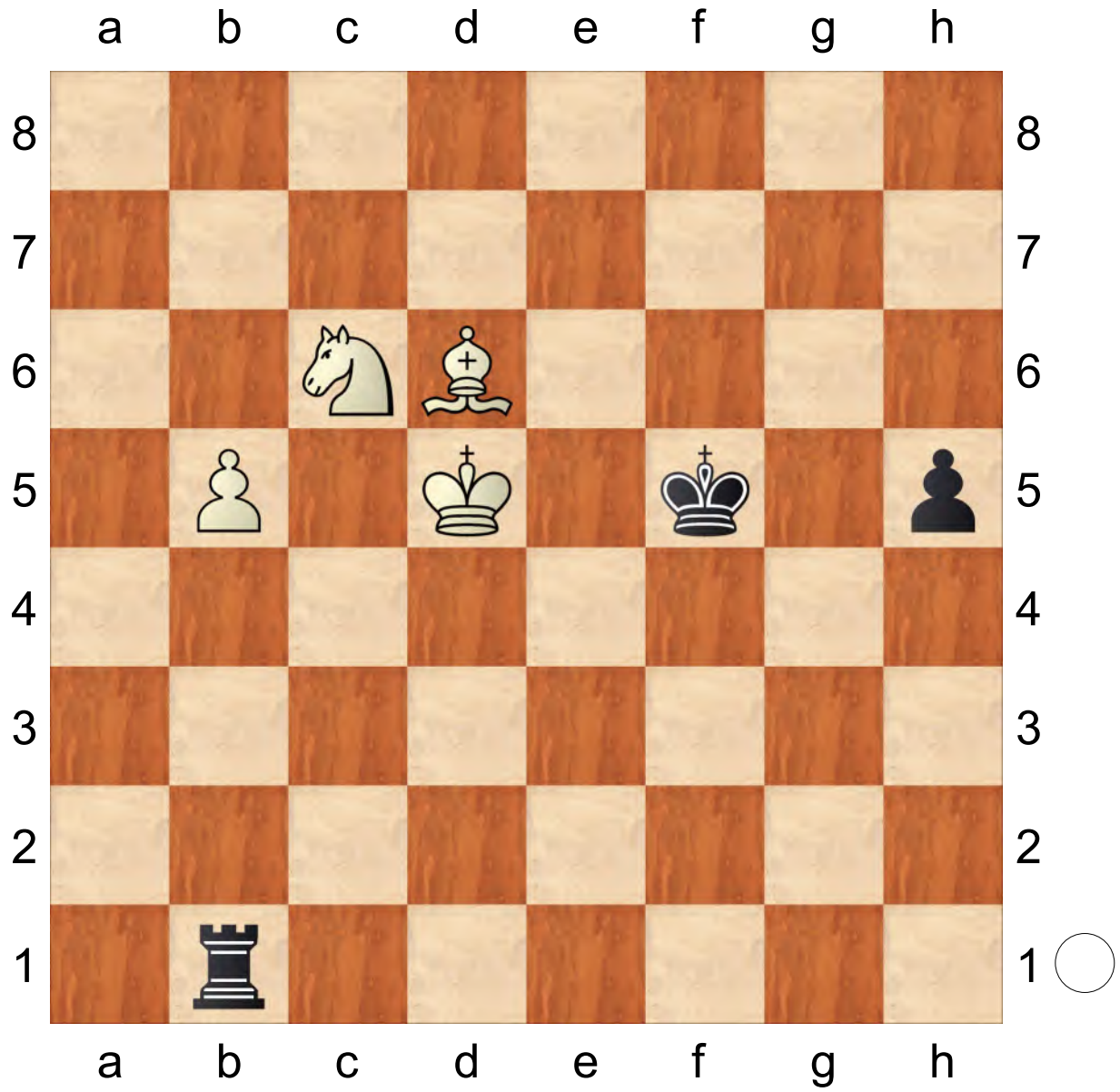
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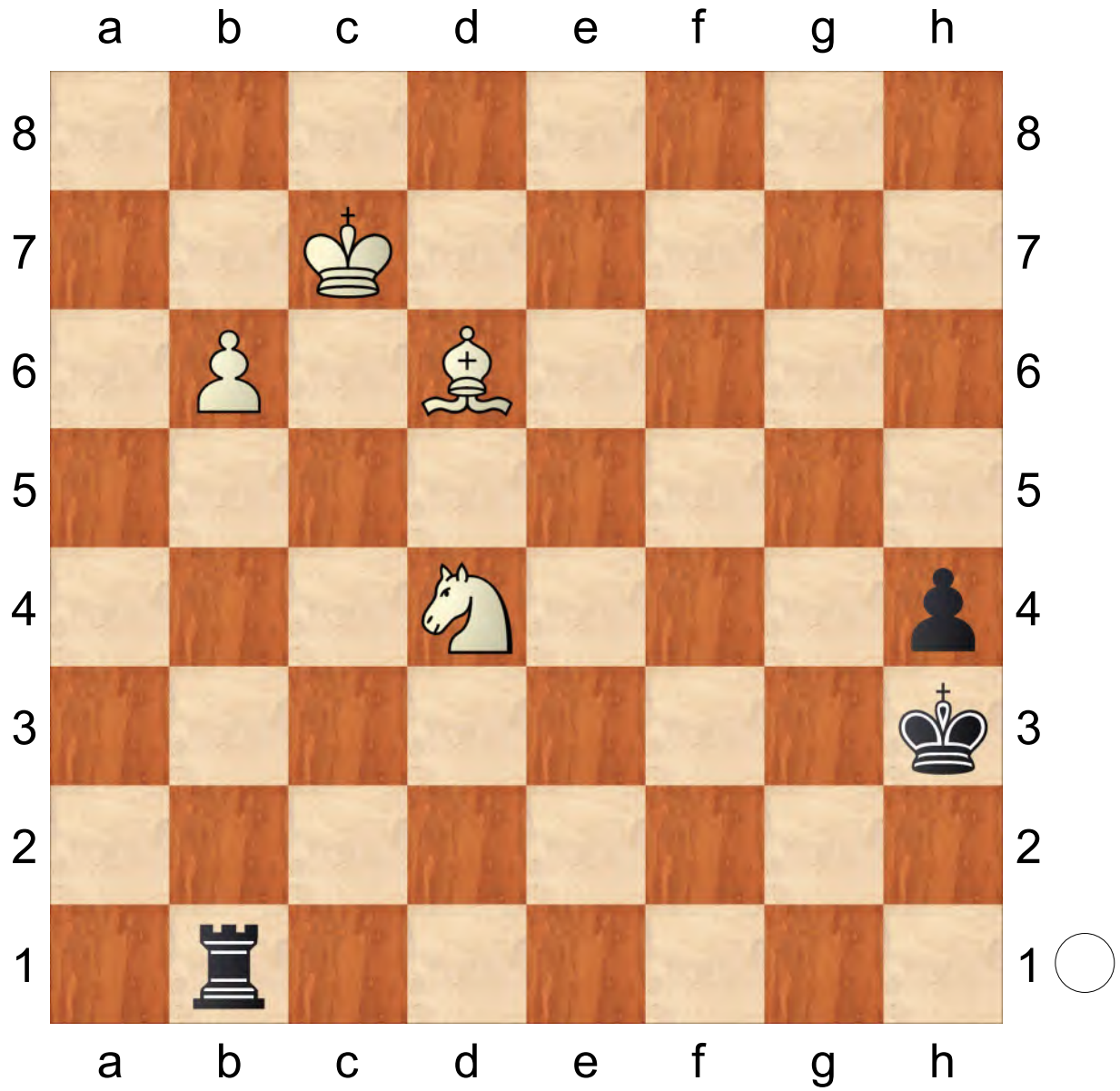

66.b7 Kg2 67.Nf5 h3 68.Nh4+
[68.Nh4+ Kg1 69.b8Q Rxb8 70.Kxb8 h2 71.Nf3+]

(Diagram)

Stops Black's passed pawn and forces resignation.
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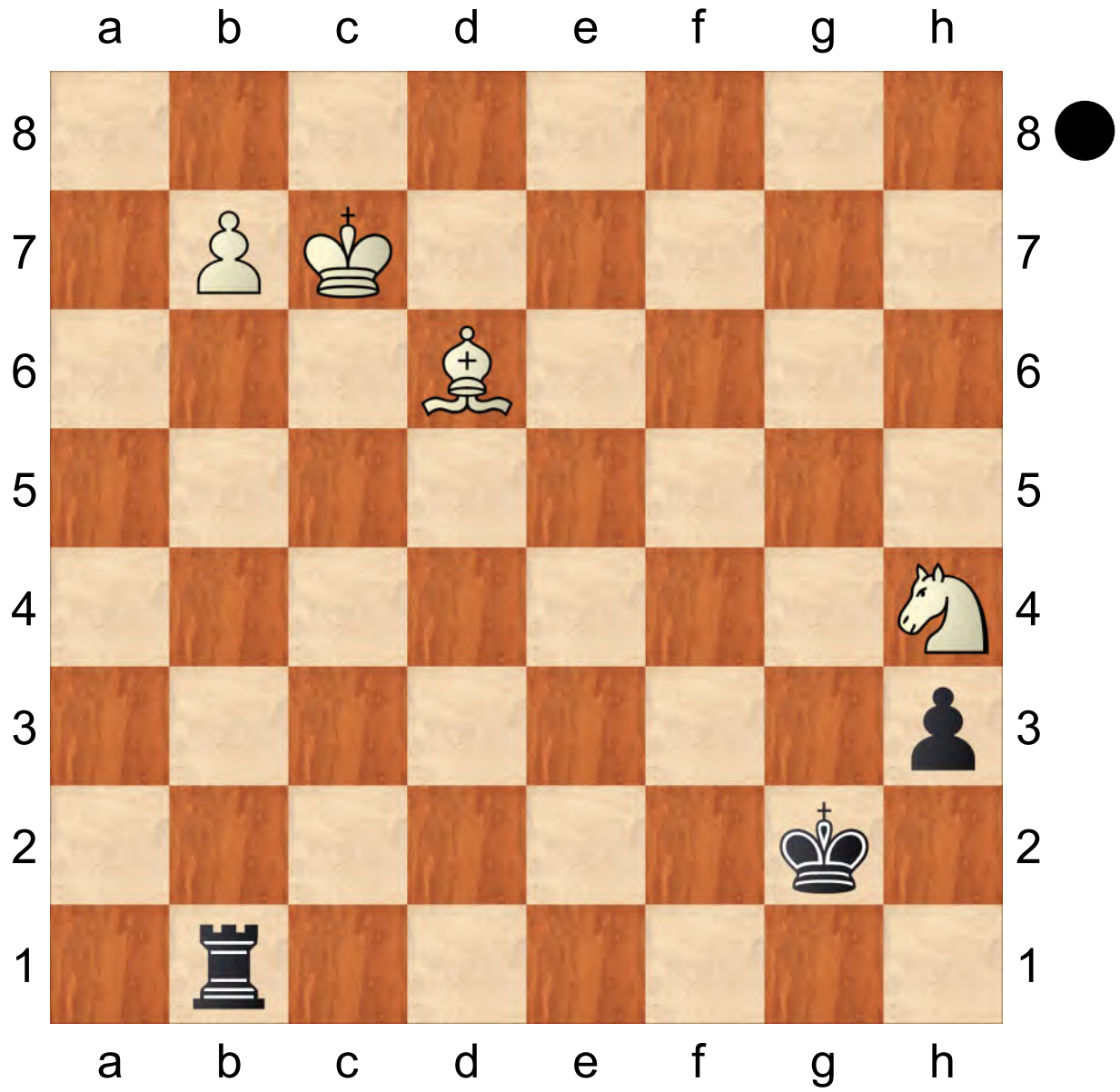
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□ **Navara,David** **2739**
■ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2638**
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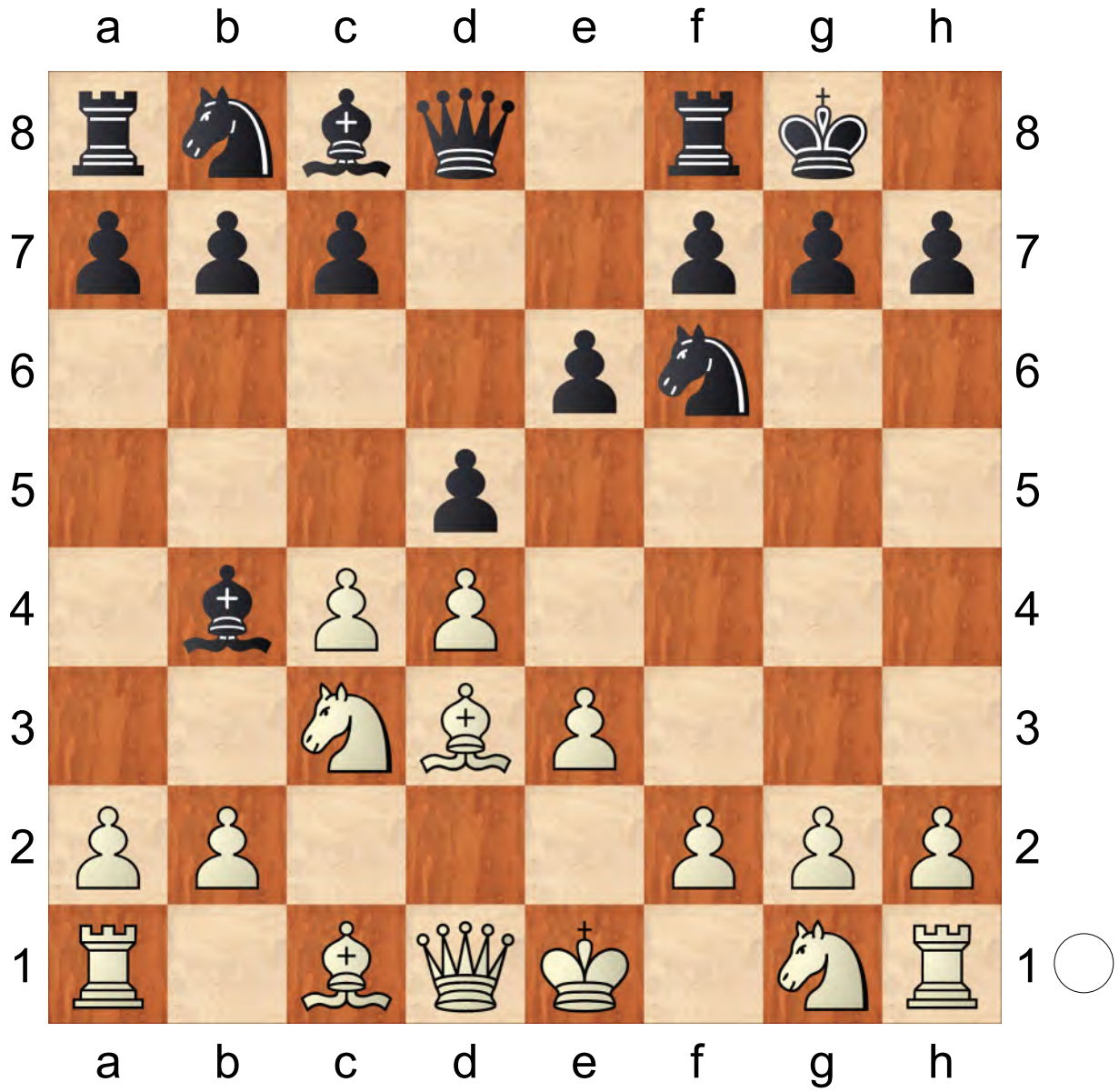
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5



6.Nf3 Definitely the standard and most natural & usual move. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Definitely the standard and most natural & usual move."

[However, only a few months ago Navara preferred to employ a different setup, namely transposing into a Carlsbad structure with 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nge2 Re8 (Earlier even Kasparov used this idea with success, a famous example is *7...c5*

8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 Bxc3?! 11.bxc3! Ne7 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.Bg5 Ng6 14.f4 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.f5 Ne7 17.Ng3 Nc8 18.Rf4 Nd6 19.Qf2 Rfe8 20.Nh5 Qd8 21.Nxg7!± →, Kasparov,G (2735)-Tal,M (2605) Brussels 1987*)*

A) 8.Bd2 Bf8 9.0-0 b6 10.Rc1 *(10.Nf4 Bb7 11.Qf3 a6 12.Rad1 Ra7!? 13.Bc2 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Qh3 g6 16.Nce2 Bc6 17.Bc3 Nbd7 18.Bb3 Qa8 19.g4? Ne5 20.g5 d4 21.f3 dxc3 22.gxf6 c4 23.Bc2 Nxf3+ 24.Kf2 cxb2-+* Navara,D (2735)-Inarkiev,E (2686) Gjakova 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 173 by Besenthal*)* 10...c5 11.Nf4 Bb7 *(11...Ba6!? 12.Qf3 Bxd3 13.Nxd3 Nc6 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Rfd1 c4 16.Nf4 Ne5 17.Qh3 Rb8 18.Rc2 Nd3 19.Qf3 d4 20.exd4 Rxb2∓* Nakamura,H (2774)-Gelfand,B (2733) Monte Carlo rpd 2011*)* 12.Qf3 Na6 13.Rfd1 cxd4 14.exd4 Nc7 15.Bc2 Bd6 16.Be3 Ne4 17.Ba4 Re7 18.Bb3 Qd7 19.h3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bc6 21.Nh5 Re6 22.Bc2 Ba4 23.c4 dxc4 24.d5 Rg6!∞ /∓, Carlsen,M (2832)-Karjakin,S (2781) Stavanger 2017;

B) 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Bd2

B1) 9...a6 10.Rc1 b6 11.Ng3 c5 12.Bb1

B1a) 12...Be6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 *(⌓13...bxc5∞)* 14.Nce2 Nbd7 15.Bc3 Bd6 16.Nd4 Rc8 17.Qe2 b5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.e4 Bf4 20.Rce1 Be5 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.f4 Qb6+ 23.Kh1 Ng6 24.e5 Nd7 25.Qh5 Ndf8 26.f5→ Navara,D (2742)-Stefansson,H (2574) Baku olm 2016;

B1b) 12...Bb7 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.e4 d4 15.Na4 Nbd7 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.f3 Bc6 18.Re1 Bb5 19.b3 Bxa4 20.bxa4 Re6 21.a3 Qb8 22.Ba2 Rb6 23.Rb1 Rxb1 24.Qxb1 g6? *(24...Ne5∞)* 25.Bxf7+! Kxf7 26.Qa2+ Ke8 27.Qe6+ Kd8 28.Ba5+ 1-0, Peralta,F (2574)-Delorme,A (2514) Barcelona 2017;

B2) 9...Nbd7 10.Rc1 a6 11.Ng3 Nf8N 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 c6 14.f3 Ne6 15.Be1 c5 16.Kh1 cxd4 17.exd4 Bf4 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Ne2 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 g6 21.Bb1 Rac8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8= 23.f4?! Ng7 24.f5 Re8 25.Ng3 Ngh5 26.Nxh5 Nxh5 27.Kg1 Nf6∓ Navara,D (2739)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2714) Chartres 2017 Probably this game discouraged David and in Minsk he treated the Nimzo in a more classical fashion.]

6...Nc6 John Emms: '!?' '!?' John Emms: 'A rare option these days, and new to this site. It looks odd to develop the knight on c6 in front of the c-pawn (except when White forces Black to do so with Qa4+), but Black does have a concrete plan in mind: ...dxc4, ...Bd6 and ...e5. In his book on the Nimzo, Gligoric called this the Taimanov Variation.' The Ragozin-like move has its fans and Ivanisevic has played it in the past. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'The Ragozin-like move has its fans and Ivanisevic has played it in the past."

[6...b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.a3 Bd6 10.b4 a6 is a line, which has occurred in Navara's practice with both colours:

A) 11.Ne5

A1) 11...c5 12.bxc5 bxc5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.f4 cxd4 *(14...Nc6 15.Ng4! Nxg4 16.Nxd5 Qd7 17.Nb6 Qe7 18.Qxg4+-* Navara,D (2732)-Nguyen,T

(2441) Ostrava 2017*)* 15.exd4 Qxc3 16.Rxb7 Qxd4+ 17.Kh1 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Ne4⇄ *(18...Qxe5 19.Bb2→)*;

A2) 11...Nc6!?N 12.f4 Ne7 13.Qf3 *(13.Qc2!?)* 13...c5 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.Rb1 Rb8 16.g4 cxd4 17.exd4 Ba8 18.g5 Ne4 19.Nxd5 Nxg5 20.fxg5 Bxd5 21.Rxb8 Bxb8 22.Be4 Qb6 23.Bxd5 Qxd4+ 24.Kg2 Qxd5 25.Qxd5 Nxd5 26.Nd7 Rd8 27.Nxb8 Rxb8 28.Rd1 Rd8 29.Kf3⇄ Navara,D (2739)-Neiksans,A (2599) Minsk 2017 White's compensation was enough to hold the endgame.;

B) 11.Qb3 Qe7 12.Rb1 Nbd7 13.a4 Rfe8

B1) 14.b5 axb5 15.axb5 Ne4 *(15...Qe6 16.Ng5!? Qe7 17.f4±; 15...h6!?)* 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Nc3 18.Qb3 Nxb1 19.Bxb1N *(19.Qxb1 Nf6 20.Bb2 h6∞)* 19...Nf6 20.e4 Nxe4 21.Re1 Demuth,A (2515)-Navara,D (2751) Montpellier 2015 Ra1 22.Qb2 Rxb1 23.Qxb1 h6=;

B2) 14.h3 c6 15.a5 b5 16.Nd2 Rad8

B2a) 17.e4 dxe4 18.Ndxe4 c5! 19.dxc5 Bxc5 *(19...Bb8!⩱)* 20.Bg5 Bd4 21.Rfe1 Kh8 22.Ne2 *(22.Be3=)* 22...Ba7 23.Nf4? Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Bxf2+! 25.Kf1 Ne5∓ Michalik,P (2508)-Navara,D (2710) Czechia 2013

B2b) 17.Re1 Nf8 18.e4 Ne6 19.Nf3 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qf6 22.Bb2 Ng5 23.Nxg5 Qxg5 24.Rbd1 Re7 25.Bc1 Qf6= ½, Noeth,D (2122)-Hoffmann,F (2046) email 2010]

[However, Black's most popular reaction by far is nowadays 6...c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b6 A recent example went 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Qe2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nbd7 13.Bd3 *(13.Rac1 Qc7 14.Nd2* leads to more complex play*)* 13...Qc7 14.c4 Ng4 15.Be4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Ngf6 17.Qd3 Rac8 18.Rfc1 Rfe8 19.Qb1 h6 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.a4 Red8 22.a5 bxa5 23.Qa2 Nd5 24.Qxa5 Qxa5 25.Rxa5 Ne7 26.Rxa7 Nc6= Korobov,A (2711)-Yu,Y (2749) WChT Khanty-Mansiysk 2017]

7.0-0 dxc4 Black can postpone the release of the tension: John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Black can postpone the release of the tension:''

[Ivanchuk successfully tested 7...h6 8.cxd5 *(⩲8.h3!)* 8...exd5 9.h3 Bd6 10.a3 a6 11.Qc2 Ne7 12.b4 c6 13.Bb2 Re8 14.Rac1 g6 15.Ne5 Bf5 16.Bxf5 Nxf5 17.g4 Ng7 18.f4 Qe7 19.Rce1 Rad8 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Bc7 23.Qf3 Qh4 24.Bc3 Ne6 25.Re4 Bb6∓ Khusnutdinov,R (2458)-Ivanchuk,V (2747) Doha blitz 2016]

[More usual and possibly more useful is 7...a6

A) 8.h3 h6 *(8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.e4 e5 11.Be3 b5 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bc5 Bd6 16.Bxd6 cxd6 17.Qd4 Qe7 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.a4↑* Gulko,B (2535)-Pogonina,N (2451) Marianske Lazne 2011*)* 9.Re1 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bd6 11.e4 e5 12.Be3 Bd7 13.a3 Qc8 14.Rc1 Re8 15.d5 Ne7 16.Bf1 Qd8 17.Nd2 Ng6 18.a4 Qe7 19.Nc4 Bb4 20.Qc2 b5 21.Nd2 Rab8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Na2 Bd6 24.Nb3 Ra8 25.Ra1 b4 26.Nc5 Reb8 27.b3 Be8 28.Na6 Rc8 29.Qc4 c6 30.N2xb4 cxd5 31.Nxd5 Nxd5 32.Qxd5 Bc6⇄ Lautier,J (2653)-Mitkov,N (2509) Batumi

1999;

B) 8.a3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bd6 John Emms: 'transposes with 2 extra moves to 7...a6 8.a3 from the previous note.' 10.h3 *(10.Qc2 e5 11.h3 Bd7 12.d5 Ne7 13.Rd1 Ng6 14.b4 Qe7 15.Nd2 Ne8 16.Nce4 a5 17.Rb1 axb4 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.Qb2 Bxd2 20.Bxd2 Bf5 21.Bd3 Nd6 22.Bb4 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Ra7 24.Rdc1⇄* Ibragimov,I (2586)-Gulko,B (2561) Saint Louis 2009 White has enough play for the pawn to hold the balance.*)* 10...b5 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Qc2 e5 13.Ne4 exd4 14.exd4 h6 15.Bd2 Rb8 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Ne7 18.Rfe1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nc6 20.Bc3 b4 21.axb4 Nxb4 22.Bxb4 Rxb4 23.Bc4 Nh7 24.Qc3 Rb8 25.Rxa6 Qg5+ 26.Kh1 Qf5 27.f4 Nf6⩲ Eljanov,P (2693)-Moiseenko,A (2711) Kiev 2012]

8.Bxc4 Bd6

[8...a6 is the alternative, preventing White's next move.]

9.Bb5 John Emms: 'Seemingly preventing ...e5.' tries to make the liberating advance more difficult for Black. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'tries to make the liberating advance more difficult for Black."

[9.Nb5 Be7 *(9...a6 10.Nxd6 cxd6 11.Bb3 h6 12.Bd2 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bc3 Qe7 15.Qc2 Rd8 16.h3 b5 17.Rfd1 Be6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxb3 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.axb3 g6 23.Re1 h5 24.e4 Qe5 25.h4 Qf4 26.g3 Qd2=* Pavlovic,M (2472)-Ivanisevic,I (2622) Kragujevac 2014*)* 10.a3 a6 11.Nc3 Bd6 transposes with 2 extra moves to 7...a6 8.a3 from the previous note.]

[John Emms: 'The other option is' 9.e4 e5 10.d5 *(10.Bg5 exd4 11.Nd5 Bg4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nxd4* 0-1 (61) Santacruz,F (2320)-Soppe,G (2350) Santiago de Chile 1987 *Bxe4∓ ; 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.f3 Qe7 13.Kh1 c6 14.Qe1 b5 15.Bd3 Rd8 16.Bc2 b4 17.Ne2 Qc5 18.Bb3 Ba6↑* Vokac,M (2475)-Blatny,P (2485) Lazne Bohdanec 1995*)* 10...Ne7 leads to a complex position, in which Black can hold his own: John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'leads to a complex position, in which Black can hold his own:'' 11.h3 *(11.Be3 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bg5 Nc8 14.Rc1 h6 15.Bh4 a6 16.a3 Nb6 17.Be2 Bg6 18.Re1 Re8 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Red1 Bh7 21.Qc2 Rc8 22.Nh2 Be7 23.Bg3 Bc5 24.Bf3 Nbd7 25.Ng4 Nxg4 26.Bxg4 Ra8 27.Qe2 Nf6 28.Bf5 Bd4⇄* Boehme,S (2512)-Dammer,A (2407) email 2013*)*

A) 11...a6 12.a4 *(⌓12.a3)* 12...Ng6 13.Nh2 h6 14.Be2 Bc5 15.Bg4 Nxg4 16.hxg4 Qh4 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.g3 Qe7 *(18...Qh3!∞ /∓)* 19.Rd1 f6 20.Nf1 Qe8 21.Be3 Bd6 22.Qe2 Nh8 23.Kg2 Qg6 24.f3 Nf7 25.Nd2 Kh7 26.Rh1 Rh8 27.Rh4 Kg8 28.Rah1 Re8 29.Nc4 Bb4 30.Na2 Be7 31.Qc2 Nd6 32.Nxd6 Bxd6 33.Qb3 Kf7 34.Nc3 Ra8 35.a5 Ke7 36.Qc4 Qf7 37.Bc5 Rhc8 38.f4↑ Biolek,R (2449)-Blatny,P (2390) Czech Republic 2016

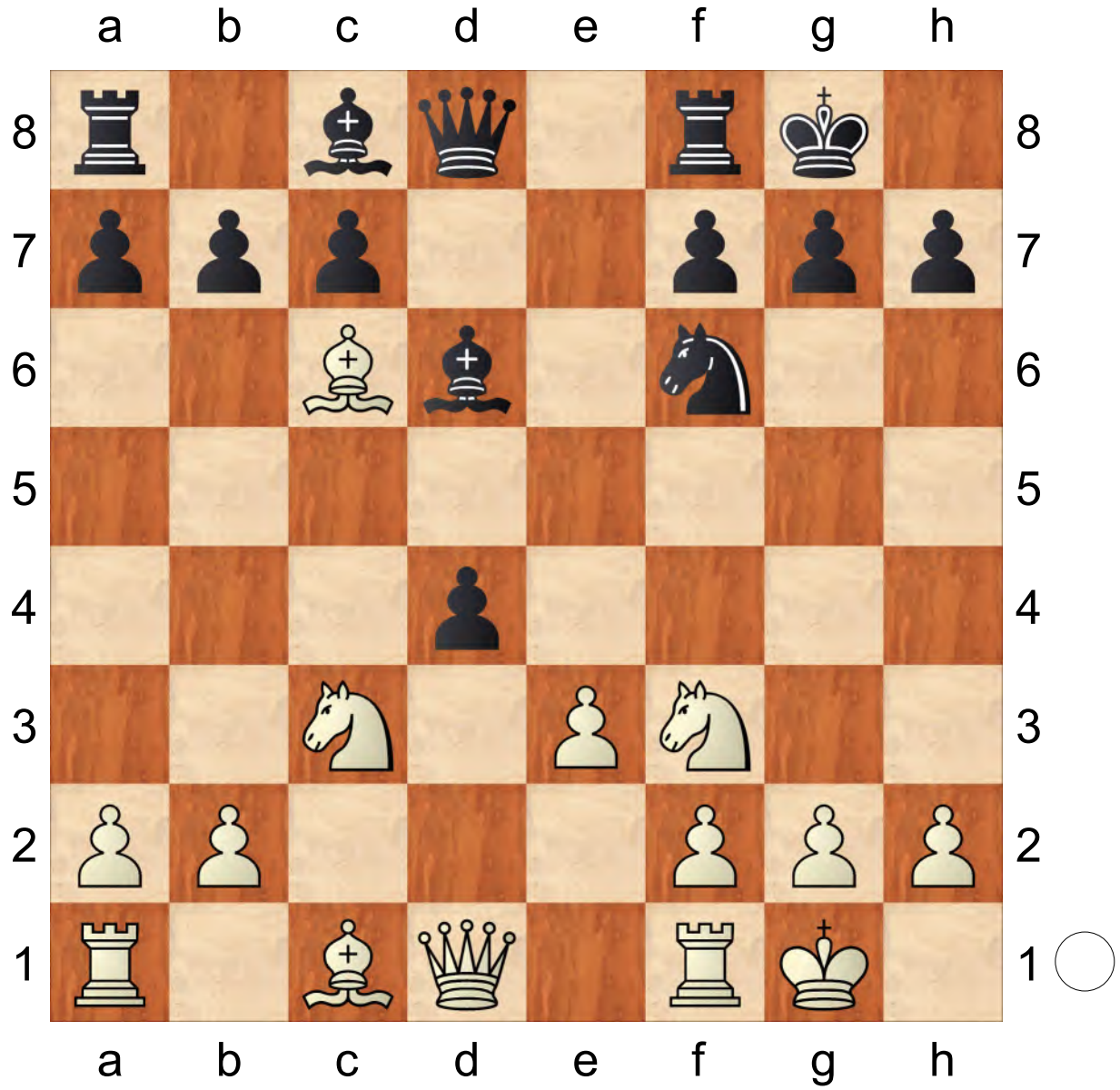
B) 11...Ng6 12.a3 a6 13.b4 Qe7 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.Re1 Rfb8 *(15...b5!? 16.Bd3 c5=)* 16.Bf1 h6 17.Nd2 Nf4 18.Nc4 g5 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Nxd6 cxd6 21.Na4 Rg8 22.Nb6 Rad8 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.g3 Rc7 25.Kh2± Spielmann,A (2275)-Boguszlavszkij,J (2278) Budapest 2000 /In both examples White took

over the initiative only after some passive play by the opponent.]

9...e5 John Emms: 'Black plays it anyway! Any other move would leave White with a comfortable edge.' Strategically more or less forced. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Strategically more or less forced."

[≤9...Bd7 10.e4↑]

10.Bxc6 exd4



John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'This zwischenzug is the point, making 9...e5 playable.'

11.exd4 John Emms: 'White can win a pawn in two ways, but Black gains some compensation in either case:' White activates his ♗c1 and plays for a better pawn structure. He spurns the material offered: John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'White activates his ♗c1 and plays for a better pawn structure. He spurns the material offered:"

[11.Bxb7 Bxb7 12.Nxd4 Qd7 13.Ndb5 Qc6 14.f3 Be5 John Emms: 'was the earliest game with 9...e5. Black certainly has good play for the pawn. It's worth

seeing the end of the game as the finish is very nice:' 15.Qc2 Rfd8↻ John Emms: 'Stohl,I: ' ↻" 16.a4 Qc4 17.Qf2 Rd3 18.Kh1 Rad8 19.e4 a6 20.Na3 Qb3 21.Nab1 Bd4 22.Qe2 Bc5 23.Re1 a5 24.Nd2 Qc2 25.Nf1 Qxe2 26.Rxe2 Rd1!-+ Furman,S-Lipnitsky,I Baku 1951 John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '-+!' Stohl,I: 'Furman, S-Lipnitsky,I Baku 1951'' 27.Nxd1 Rxd1 28.h3 Rxf1+ 29.Kh2 Bg1+ 30.Kg3 Nh5+ 31.Kg4 g6 32.b4 Bd4 33.Bb2 Bxb2 34.Rxf1 Bc8+ 35.Kg5 Bf6+ 36.Kh6 Bg7+ 37.Kg5 h6+ 38.Kh4 Bf6# 0-1 (38) Furman, S-Lipnitsky,I Baku 1951]

[11.Nxd4 bxc6 12.Nxc6 Qe8 also gives Black good compensation: 13.Nd4

A) 13...Bb7 14.Nf5 Be5 John Emms: 'Norwood,D-Blatny,P/Groningen 1984.' 15.f3 g6 *(15...Rd8!⩱)* 16.Ng3 *(16.Nh6+ Kg7 17.e4±)* 16...h5?! *(16...Rd8; 16...Qc6⩱)* 17.Qc2 Rd8 18.e4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Kg7 20.Nge2 c5 21.Bg5± Norwood,D (2290)-Blatny,P (2355) Groningen 1984

B) 13...Bd7 14.Qd3 Rd8 15.Rd1 Qe5 16.f4 Qh5 17.Nce2 Bg4 18.h3 Bb4!→ Vinken,S-Langefeld,G DESC email 2006]

11...bxc6 12.Bg5 John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'The pin is awkward for Black.'

12...h6 A useful luft. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'A useful luft.''

[12...Re8 is similar, but less flexible. It was played in the following infamous game: 13.Qd3 *(⌓13.Re1)* 13...c5 14.dxc5?? Bxh2+ 0-1, Ghitescu,T-Fischer,R Leipzig 1960]

13.Bh4 Re8 John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'This looks best.' Gradually we have reached relatively untrodden territory with only a few mostly older predecessors. The text move is arguably Black's best bet. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Gradually we have reached relatively untrodden territory with only a few mostly older predecessors. The text move is arguably Black's best bet.''

[13...Rb8 14.Qc2 Rb6 *(14...Re8 15.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1 g5 17.Bg3± Be6?! 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Qg6+ Kf8 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Nd7 22.Qxh6+ Ke7 23.Qxg5+ Ke8 24.Qg6+ Ke7 25.Qg7+ Ke8 26.Ne4+-* Fahlstroem,K (2260)-Abolins,I (2300) corr 2002*)* 15.Rfe1 Bf4 16.Ne2 Qd6 17.Nxf4 Qxf4 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Ne5 Ra6 20.a3 Qd6 21.Rac1± Bd7 22.Qc5?! Qxc5 23.Rxc5 Rd8 24.Rec1 Rb6 25.b4 Ra6 26.R1c3 Be8 27.Nxc6 Bxc6 28.Rxc6 Rxd4 29.g3 Rxc6 30.Rxc6 a5!± Babula,V (2573)-Blatny,P (2512) Opava 2000]

[13...Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 John Emms: '!' '!' Bg6 16.Ne5 John Emms: 'looks good for White:' c5 *(16...Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Nd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Rxd5* John Emms: 'and White went on to win in Portisch,L-Andersson,U/Prague 1970.' *Be4 21.Rd4 Bf3 22.Rc1 c6 23.Be7 Rfb8 24.b3±* Portisch,L-Andersson, U Prague 1970*)* 17.f4!± John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'Stohl,I: ' ±!'' *(17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3+±)* 17...cxd4 18.Qxd4 John Emms: '±' '±' John Emms: 'Babula,V-Blatny,P/Lazne Bohdanec 1996' Bxe5? 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.fxe5 Rd3 21.exf6 Rxh3 22.Kg2! Rxh4 23.Kg3+- Babula,V (2540)-Blatny,P (2515) Lazne Bohdanec 1996]

[13...Bf5 14.Re1 Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nh4 Bg6 18.Qd2 Kg7 19.Re1 Qd7 20.Qe3 Rb8 21.Re2 Rd8 22.Ne4 *(22.h3!? Bf8 23.Qg3±)* 22...Re8 23.Qf3 f5 24.Nxd6 cxd6 25.Re3 Rxe3 26.fxe3 c5 27.Qf4 Qe6 28.b3

c4 29.bxc4 Qxc4 30.h3 Qxa2 31.Qxd6 Qe6 32.Qa3 Qe4 33.Nf3 Moisieev,O-Kozma,J Oslo 1954 f4 34.exf4 Qxf4 35.Qxa7 Be4=]

14.Re1

[14.Qc2 g5 *(14...Bg4)* 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.fxg3!? *(16.hxg3 g4 17.Nd2 Qxd4 18.Rfe1⩲)* 16...g4 17.Nh4 Qxd4+ 18.Kh1 Be6 19.Rf4 Qe5 20.Raf1 Nh5 21.Re4 Qg7 22.Qf2 John Emms: 'with excellent compensation for White, Babula, V-Blatny,P/Ostrava 2014.' Kh8 23.Qc5 Nf6 24.Ref4 Nd5 Babula,V (2553)-Blatny,P (2418) Ostrava 2014 25.Nf5!↑]

[14.Qd3

A) 14...g5 15.Bg3 Nh5 16.Rfe1! Nxg3 17.hxg3 Be6 18.Ne5 Qf6 19.Ne4± Aronin,L-Chistiakov,A Sochi 1952;

B) 14...c5!? John Emms: '!' '!' John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' 15.d5 *(15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Ne4 Qf4 17.dxc5 Bf8!* is fine for Black, Michenka,J-Gipslis,A/Ostrava 1993.*; 15.dxc5?? Bxh2+!)* 15...Rb8⇄;

C) 14...Be6 15.Rad1 Rb8 16.b3 Bg4 17.Rde1 Rxe1 18.Rxe1 c5 19.Nd5 g5 20.Nxg5 Bxh2+ 21.Kxh2 Qxd5 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf5 24.Qg3+ Bg6 25.Re5 Qxd4 26.f4 Qd3 27.f5± Lilienthal,A-Estrin,Y Moscow 1953]

14...Rxe1+ 15.Qxe1 g5N

[15...Rb8 16.Bxf6 *(16.Qc1!? Bf5 17.Ne5±)* 16...Qxf6 17.Qe8+ Kh7 18.Re1 Qf5= 19.Nh4 Qd7 20.Qe4+ g6 21.Qb1?! Qd8 22.Nf3 Bf5 23.Qc1 c5∓ 24.d5 Qf6 25.Nd2 Bf4↑ 26.g3 Qg5 27.Rd1 Re8 28.Kh1 Bh3!-+ 29.Qc2 Bxd2 0-1, Fischer,J-Georgescu,V Romania 1961]

[15...Bf5 16.Ne5 Qe8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nc4±]

(Diagram)

John Emms: 'Otherwise Ne5 is up next for White.' John Emms: 'Otherwise Ne5 is up next for White. Stohl,I: 'N'' A novelty, but unpinning the ♘ doesn't fully solve Black's problems. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'A novelty, but unpinning the ♘ doesn't fully solve Black's problems.'' **16.Bg3 Bf5**

[16...Bxg3 17.hxg3 Bg4±]

17.Ne5 Qe8 18.Rc1

[A more energetic move is ⌓18.Qd2! c5 19.Re1± and White retains some pressure.]

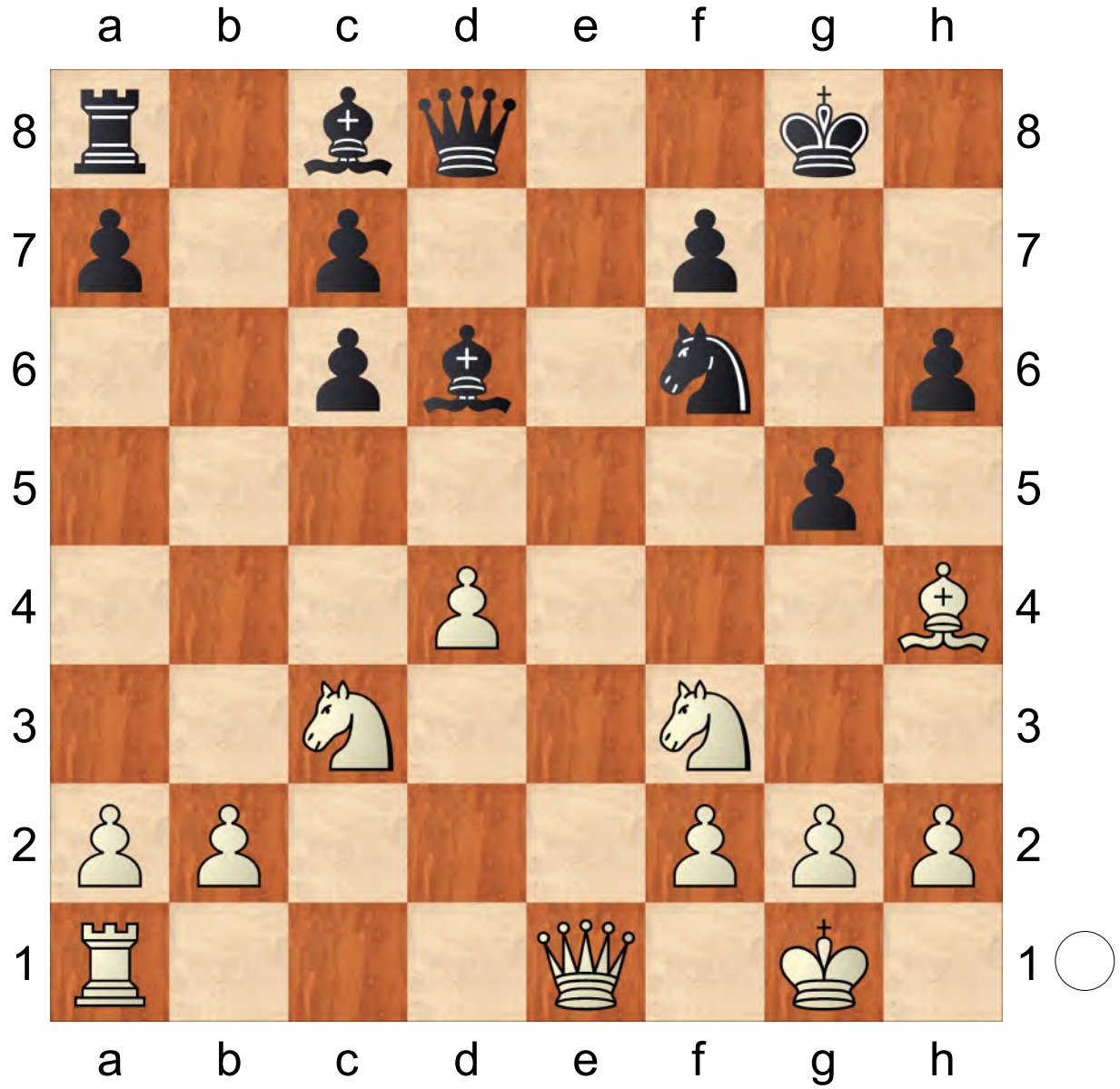
[18.Qe2± intending Qf3 might be stronger.]

18...Nh5 John Emms: '!' '!' **19.Na4** Now Black gets reasonable counterplay. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Now Black gets reasonable counterplay.''

[The interesting 19.Qe2!? forces the ♘h5 to decide: Nxg3 *(19...f6 20.Nxc6 Nxg3 21.Qxe8+ Rxe8 22.hxg3±)* 20.hxg3

A) 20...f6

A1) 21.g4 fxe5 22.gxf5 exd4 23.Ne4 *(23.Qc4+ Qf7 24.Qxd4 Qxf5 25.Ne4 Qe5 26.Qxe5 Bxe5 27.b3 a5 28.Rxc6 a4⇄)* 23...Qe5 24.g3 Rf8



25.f6≅;

A2) 21.Qf3 fxe5 22.Qxf5 exd4 23.Ne4≅;

B) 20...c5!? 21.Nd5 Kg7 22.Ne3 Bh7 23.Nf3 cxd4 24.Nxd4 Qe4⇄]

19...Qe6! John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '!"

[19...f6 20.Nxc6 Qxe1+ *(20...Be4 21.Na5 Nf4 22.Nc3±)* 21.Rxe1 Nxg3 22.hxg3 Bd7 23.d5 Kf7≅]

20.b3

[20.Nxc6 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qxa2=]

[20.Qc3 Qxa2 21.Qxc6 Rd8⇄]

20...Re8

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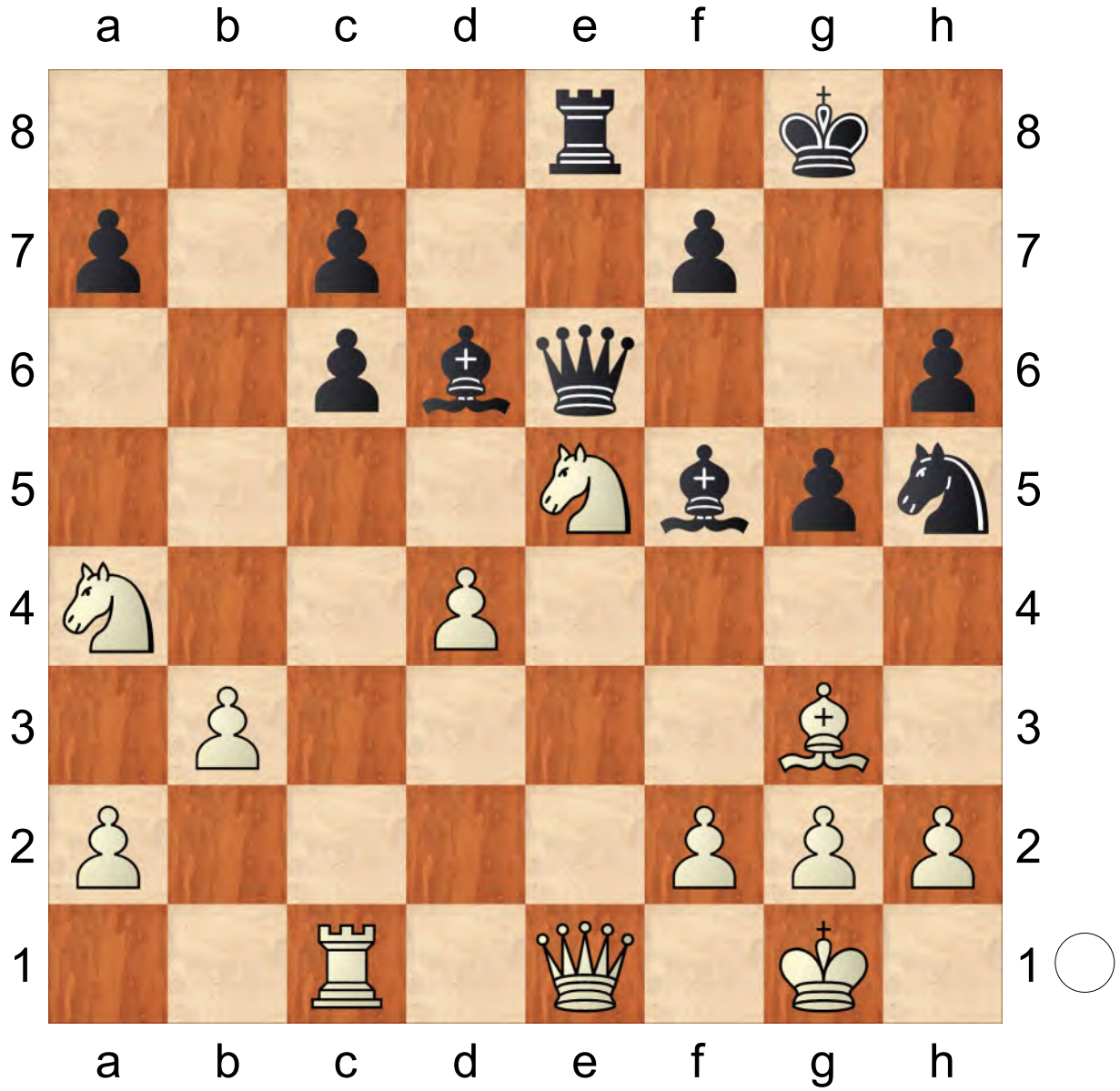

21.Qc3 Qd5

[The text is good enough, but there was the more forcing John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'The text is good enough, but there was the more forcing'' 21...f6 John Emms: 'would have given Black counterplay here.'

A) 22.Nd3 Bxd3 *(22...Bg6!?=; 22...Nxg3 23.hxg3 Bg6* Black's activity and bishop pair provides compensation for his weak pawns.*)* 23.Qxd3 Qe1+ 24.Qf1 *(24.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 25.Qf1 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kf7 27.Ke2 Ke6 28.Kd3 f5=)* 24...Qd2⇄;

B) 22.Nxc6 John Emms: '?' '?' Nf4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4≅ ↑;

C) 22.Nc4 Nf4 *(22...Bf4 23.Nc5 Qe2∞)* 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Qxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Rxe3 27.Rxc6 Be4 28.Re6 f5 29.Nc5 Re2⇄]

22.Qxc6 Qxc6 23.Nxc6 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.Ra1 Bd7

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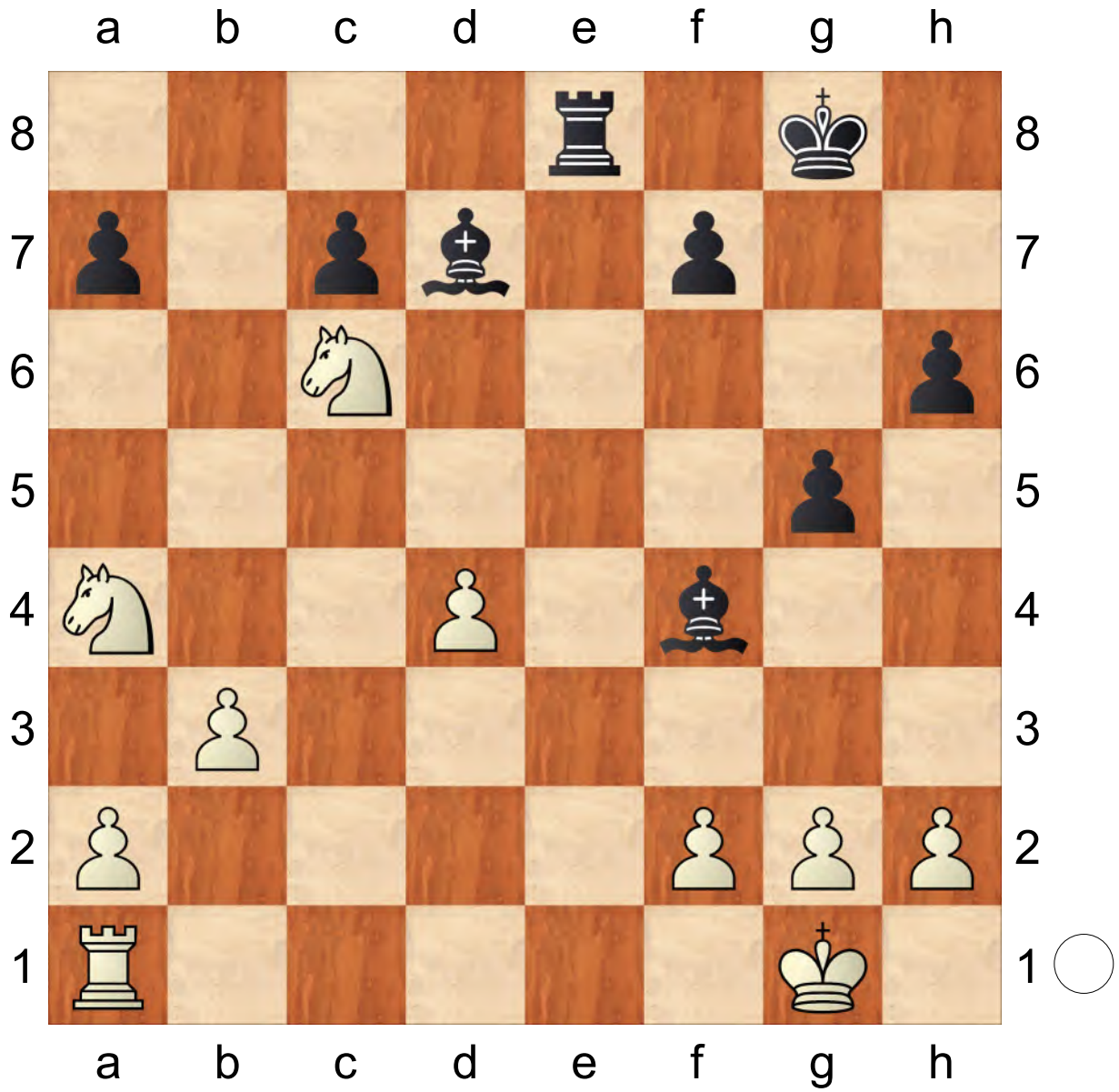


26.Nb4 Bxa4

[26...Re4 27.Nc5 *(27.Rd1 Bxa4 28.bxa4 Bd6⩱)* 27...Rxd4 28.Nxd7 Rxd7 29.g3 Bd6 30.Nc6 Ba3 31.Ne5 Rd5 32.Nc4= /± is slightly more pleasant for White, but a draw still seems the most likely result.]

27.bxa4 John Emms: 'White has won a pawn and swaps queens, but Black has decent drawing chances.' **27...Bd6?** John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '?" Gets into trouble. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Gets into trouble."

[27...Re2! John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '!" 28.Nc6 *(28.Kf1 Rd2⩱)* 28...a6 29.a5 Bd6 30.Kf1 Rc2 31.Nb8 Rd2 32.Nxa6 Rxd4 33.Nb8 Ra4 34.Nc6 Rc4=]

28.Nc6 f5

[28...Re2 29.Nxa7 Rc2 30.g3 Rc4 31.a5 Rxd4 32.a4±]

29.Kf1± /± John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '±' Stohl,I: '/±" White has prevented ♖e2 and although his extra ♙ is doubled, he has realistic winning chances. However, the

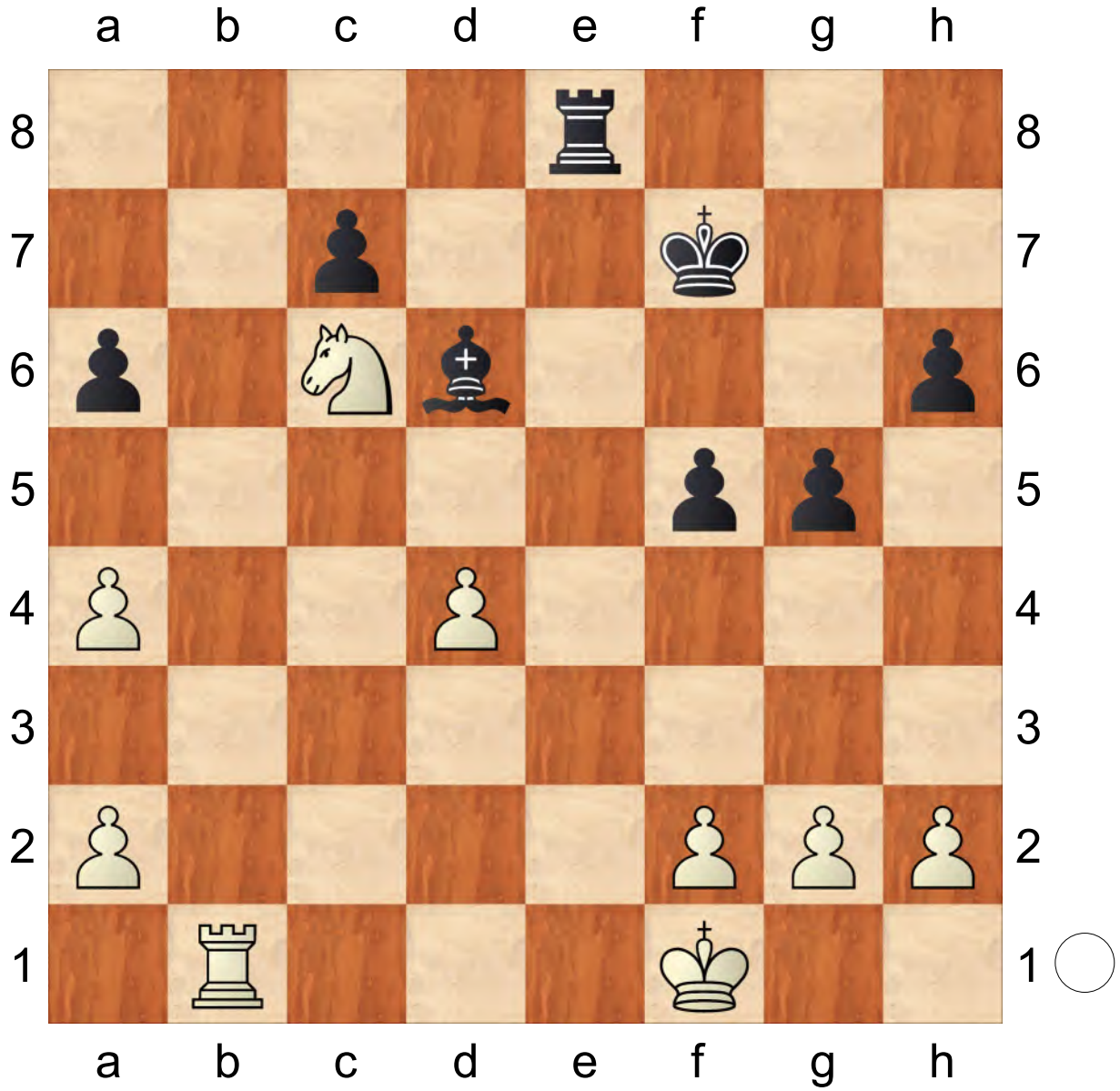
endgame will bring some adventurous turns yet. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'White has prevented ♖e2 and although his extra ♙ is doubled, he has realistic winning chances. However, the endgame will bring some adventurous turns yet.'' **29...Kf7 30.Rb1?!** John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '?!''

[⌓30.Re1! deserves serious attention: Rxe1+ 31.Kxe1 a6 32.Nb8 *(32.d5 Bxh2 33.g3 f4 34.g4 f3 35.Nb4 Ke7⇄; 32.a5 Ke6; 32.a5!? Ke6 33.Nb8 c5 34.Nxa6 cxd4 35.Kd2 Kd5 36.Kd3 Kc6 37.Kxd4 Kb5 38.Kd5 Bxh2 39.Nc5 Kxa5 40.Ke6 Kb5 41.Nd3±)*

A) 32...a5 33.Nc6 Ke6 34.Ke2 Kd5 35.Nxa5 Kxd4 36.Nb7 Bxh2 37.a5 Kd5 38.Nd8 Kc5 *(38...c5 39.g3+-)* 39.Nf7±;

B) 32...Ke6 33.Nxa6 Kd5 34.a5 Kxd4 35.Nb8 Kc5 36.a4±]

30...a6



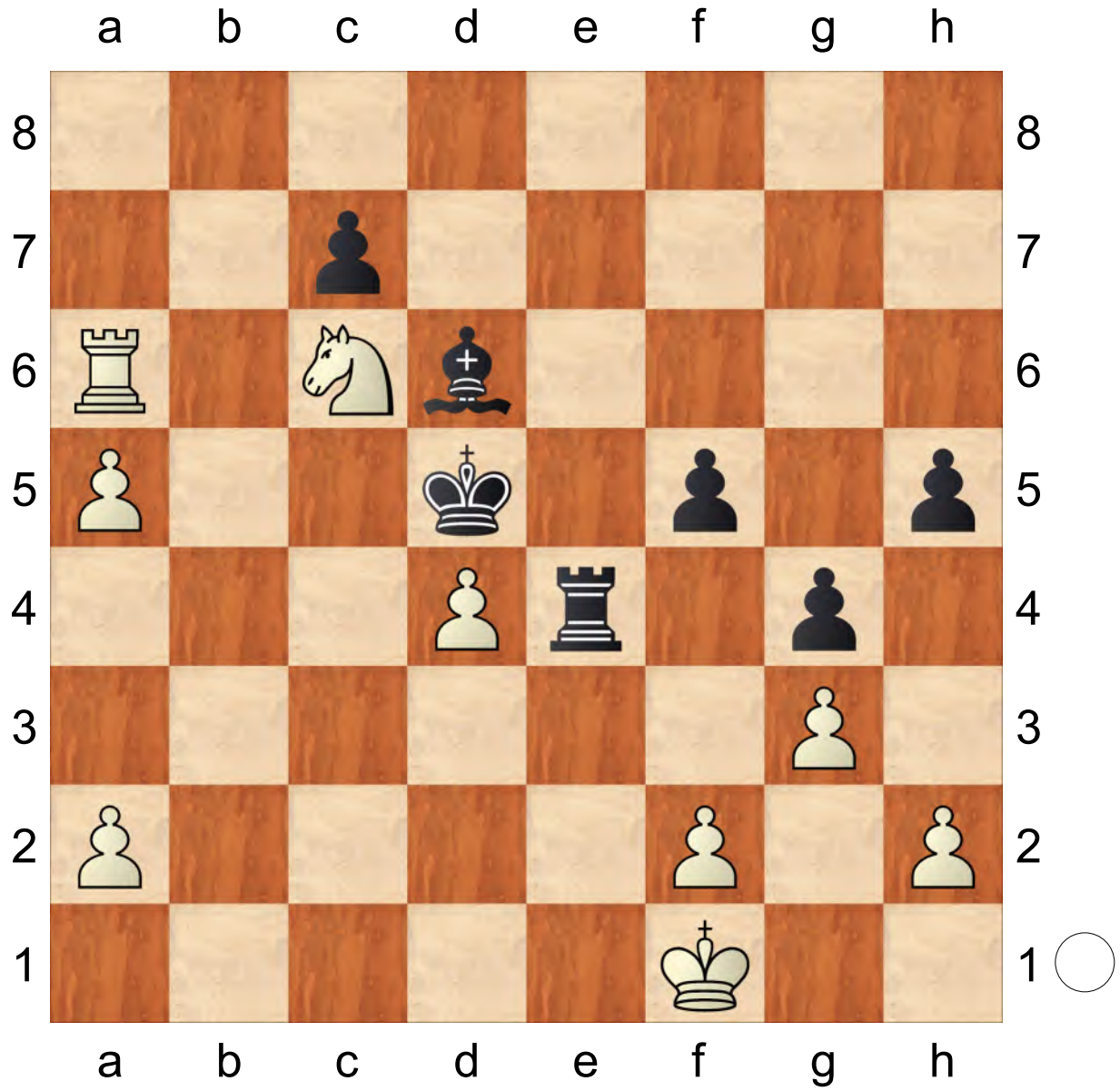
31.a5 Re4 32.Rb8

[32.Re1 Ke6⇄]

32...Ke6 33.Ra8 Kd5 34.Rxa6 John Emms: 'Now it's two pawns but it's still not an obvious win for White, whose pieces lack coordination.' **34...g4** White has won another pawn, but his pieces are in a tangle and converting the advantage is almost impossible. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'White has won another pawn, but his pieces are in a tangle and converting the advantage is almost impossible."

[34...f4 35.h3 h5⩲ is similar]

35.g3 h5



36.a3 f4

[36...Bxa3 37.Na7 Bb2! 38.Rc6 *(38.Nb5 c6 39.Nc7+ Kd6 40.Nb5+ Kd5=; 38.Rh6 Bxd4 39.Nb5 Be5 40.Rxh5 Rb4 41.Na7 Ke4⩲)* 38...Rxd4 39.Rc2 *(39.Rxc7 Ra4=)* 39...Rd1+ 40.Ke2 Rb1 41.Rxc7 *(41.a6 Bd4 42.Nc6 Bc5 43.Nd8!=)* 41...Bd4 42.Rd7+ Kc5 43.Rf7 Rb2+ 44.Kd3 Rb3+=]

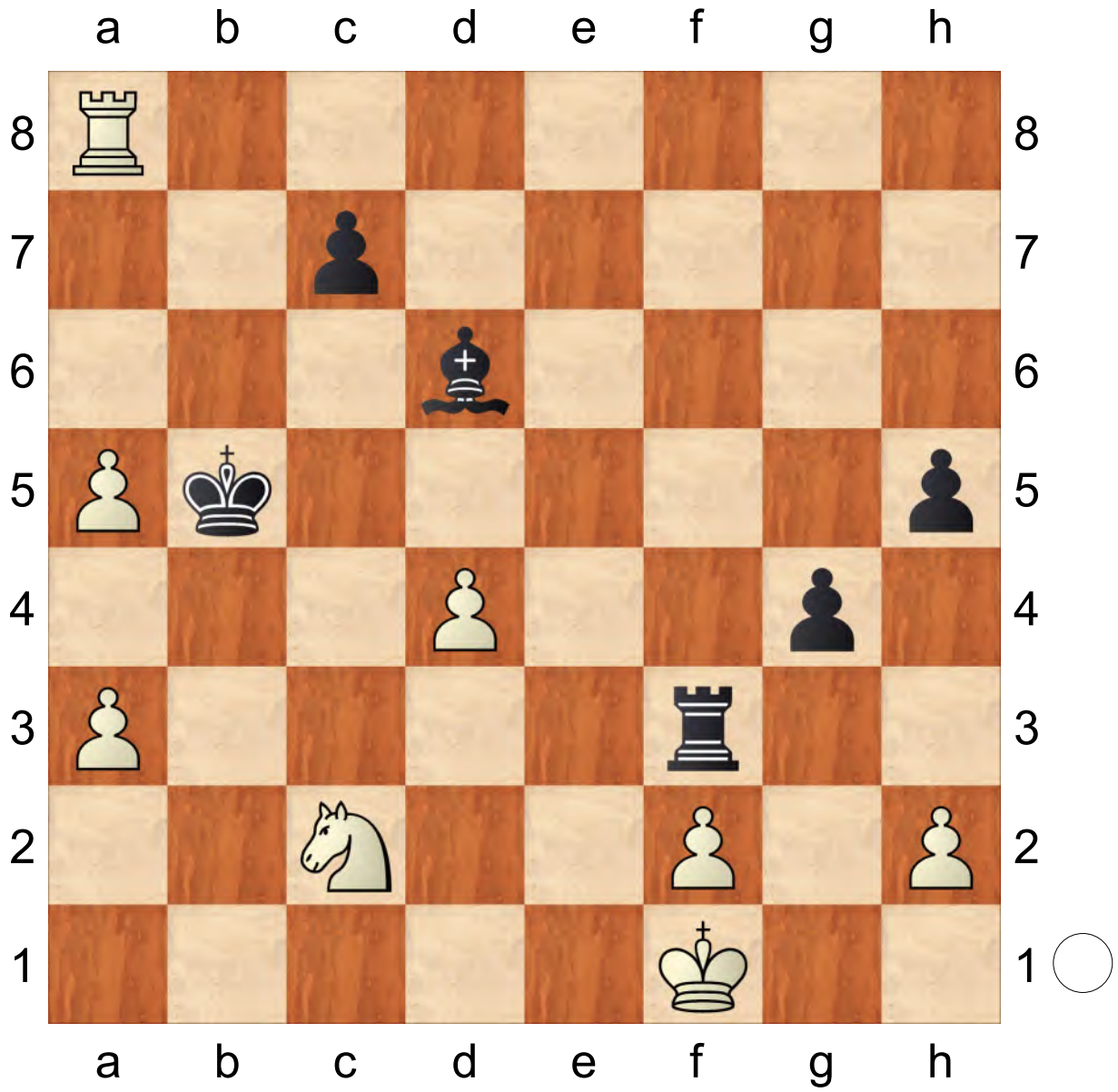
37.gxf4 Rxf4 38.Nb4+ Kc4
[A simpler way is ⌓38...Kxd4 , when 39.Rc6 h4 40.a6 Rf8 seems drawish.]
39.Ra8
[39.Rc6+
A) 39...Kb5 40.a6 Rf8 *(40...Bxb4 41.a7 Rf8 42.Rf6 Ra8 43.Rf5+ Kc4 44.axb4±)* 41.Rc2±;
B) 39...Kxd4 40.a6 Rf8 41.Kg2 h4⇄ Δ 42.h3 gxh3+ 43.Kxh3 Rxf2 44.Rxd6+ cxd6 45.a7 Rf8 46.Na6□ = *(46.Nc6+? Kd5 47.Nb8 Rf3+-+)*]
39...Rf3
[39...Bxb4 40.axb4 Kxb4 41.a6 Kb5 42.a7 Kb6 43.Rc8 Kxa7 44.Rxc7+ Kb6 45.Rh7 Rf5= *(45...Rxd4 46.Rxh5 Kc6* is also a theoretical draw *)*]
[39...Rxd4 40.a6 Rd1+ 41.Ke2 Ra1⇄ 42.Nc2 Ra2 43.a7 Rxc2+ 44.Kd1 Ra2 45.Re8 Ra1+ 46.Ke2 Ra2+ 47.Kf1 Ra1+= 48.Kg2?? h4!-+]
40.Nc2 Kb5
[40...Rc3! John Emms: 'is better. One interesting line is'
A) 41.a6 Rxc2 42.a7 *(42.Rb8 Ra2 43.a7 Ra1+* and White has to accept a draw by perpetual check as *44.Kg2* loses to *h4!)* 42...Rc1+ 43.Ke2 Rc2+ 44.Kd1 Ra2= is similar to the line from the previous note.;
B) 41.Ne3+ Kxd4 42.Rh8 Rc5 43.a6 Ra5 44.a7 Rxa7 45.Rxh5 Bxa3 *(or 45...Bf4* is tenable for Black. *)*]

(Diagram)

41.a6
[41.a4+ Kxa4 42.Rh8 Kxa5 43.Rxh5+ Ka4 44.Ne3±]
41...Rc3 42.a4+ Ka5 43.Ne3 Bxh2 44.Ke2 Bd6 45.Kd2 Rc6

(Diagram)

46.Kd3
[46.a7 Ka6 *(46...Ra6 47.Nc4+ Kxa4 48.Ne5 h4!? 49.Nxg4 Ka5 50.Ne5 Kb6 51.Nc4+ Kb7 52.Rh8 Be7±)* 47.Rh8 Kxa7 48.Rxh5 g3 49.fxg3 Bxg3±]
46...Kxa4 47.d5
[The engine prefers John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'The engine prefers'' 47.a7!? John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' , but after John Emms: 'Stohl,I: ', but after'' Ra6 48.Ke4 Bh2± there is still no decision in sight.]
47...Rb6
[47...Rc5!
A) 48.Rh8 Ra5 49.Rxh5 Rxa6 50.Nxg4 *(50.Rh1 Ra5!? 51.Ra1+ Kb4 52.Rxa5 Kxa5 53.Nxg4 c6 54.dxc6 Kb6=* TB *)* 50...Kb5;
B) 48.Rb8 Ra5 49.Nd1 Be5! □ 50.Ke4 Ba1 51.Rb7 *(51.Rb1 Bf6)* 51...Rxa6 52.Rxc7 Kb5 53.Ne3 Bf6=]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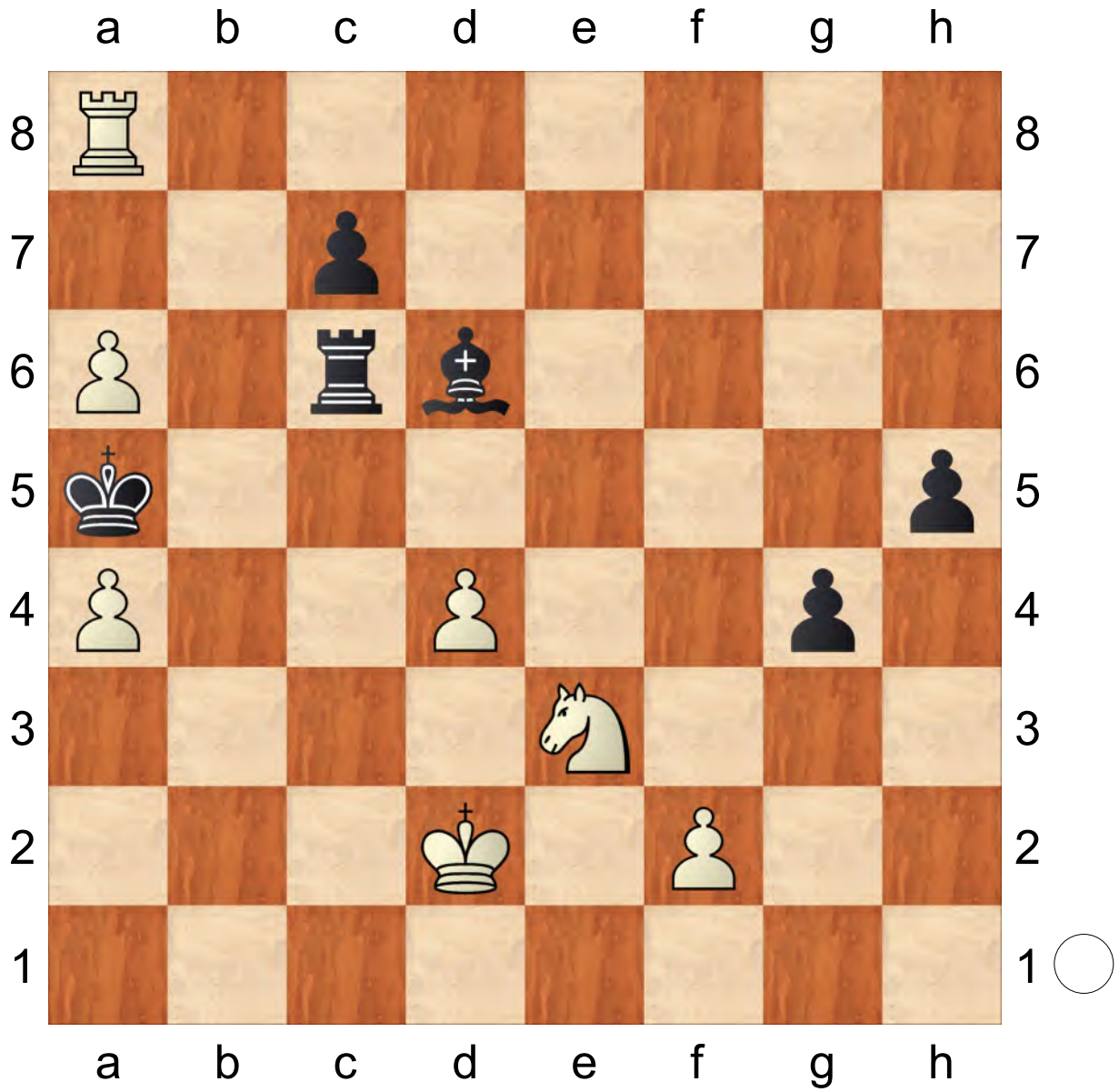


48.Nc4 Rb5? Only this move is an unequivocal error. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'Only this move is an unequivocal error."

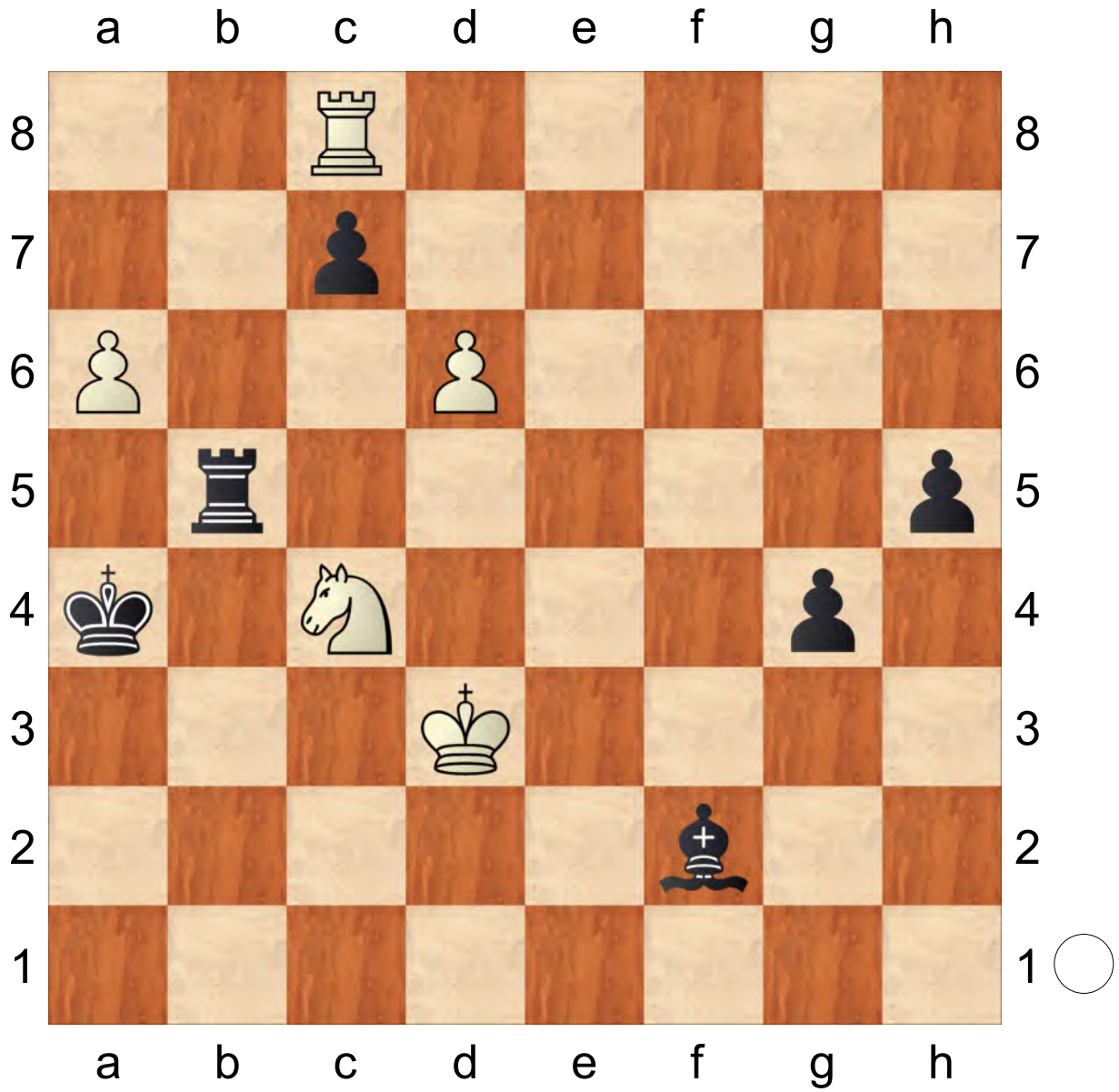
[John Emms: 'Black still has good chances to draw after' Despite some difficulties, 48...Rb3+ 49.Ke2 *(49.Kd4 Rb4 50.a7 Rb7!=)* 49...Bc5! still seems to hold: 50.Rc8 Rf3 51.Rxc7 Kb5 52.d6 *(52.Ne3 Rf6 53.a7 Ra6)* 52...Rxf2+ 53.Kd3

A) 53...Bxd6 54.a7 *(54.Nxd6+ Kxa6=)* 54...Rf3+ 55.Ke2 Bxc7 56.a8Q Kxc4 57.Qc6+ Kd4 58.Qxc7 Ke4 59.Qh7+ Kf4 60.Qxh5 Kg3= TB;

B) 53...Rf3+!? 54.Ke4 Rf8 55.d7 g3 56.Rc8 g2=]

49.Rc8+- John Emms: 'Stohl,I: '+-'' **49...Bc5** **50.d6!** John Emms: 'A decisive breakthrough.' **50...Bxf2**

[John Emms: 'The point is' 50...cxd6 51.Rxc5! dxc5 *(51...Rxc5 52.a7 Rc8 53.Nb6+!)* 52.a7+-]



51.dxc7 g3 52.Rg8 Rc5 53.a7

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John Emms: 'Navara's 11 exd4 is the safe way to aim for an edge against 6...Nc6.' White promotes at least one new ♕, while Black gets none. John Emms: 'Stohl,I: 'White promotes at least one new ♕, while Black gets none."

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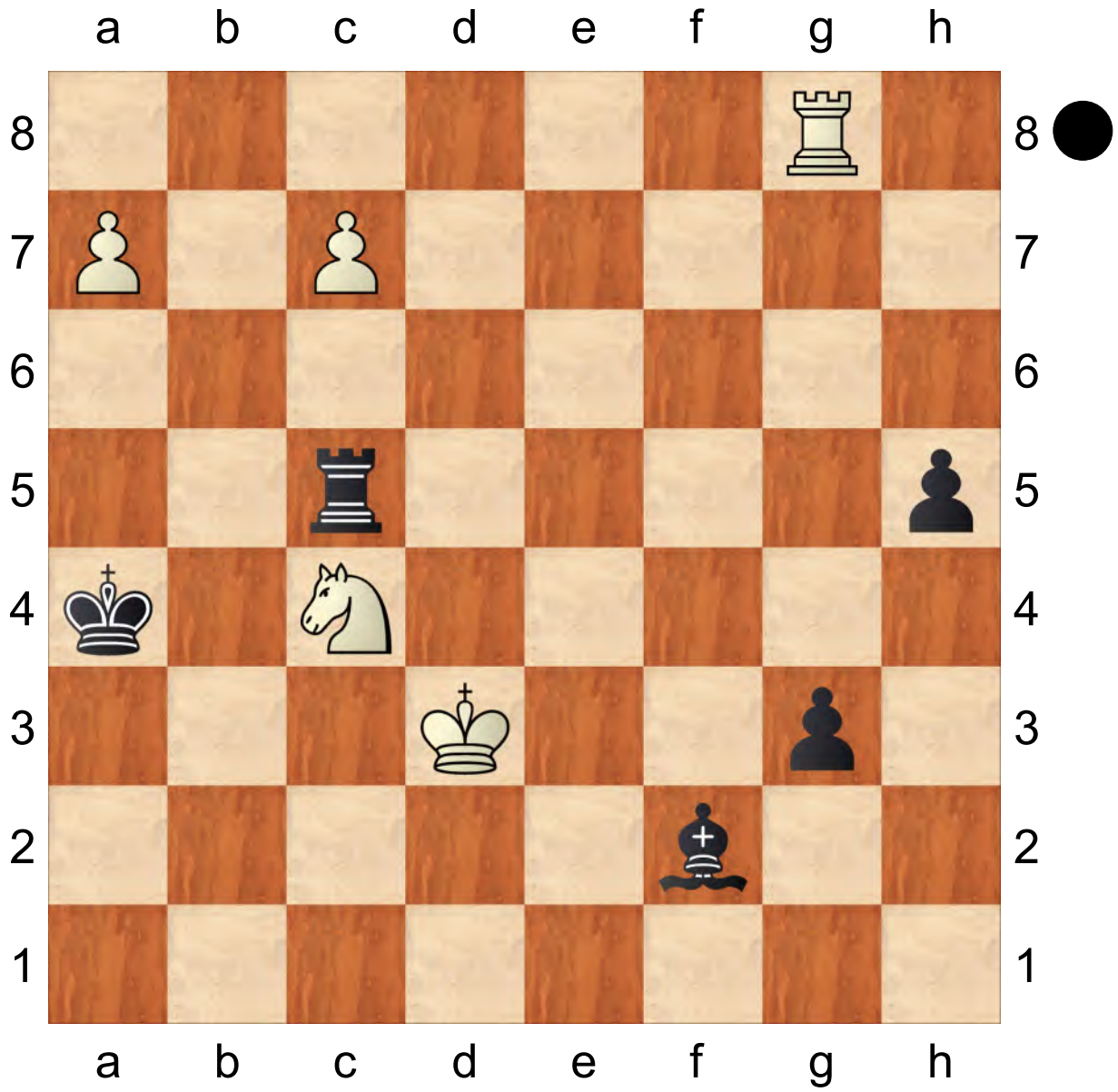
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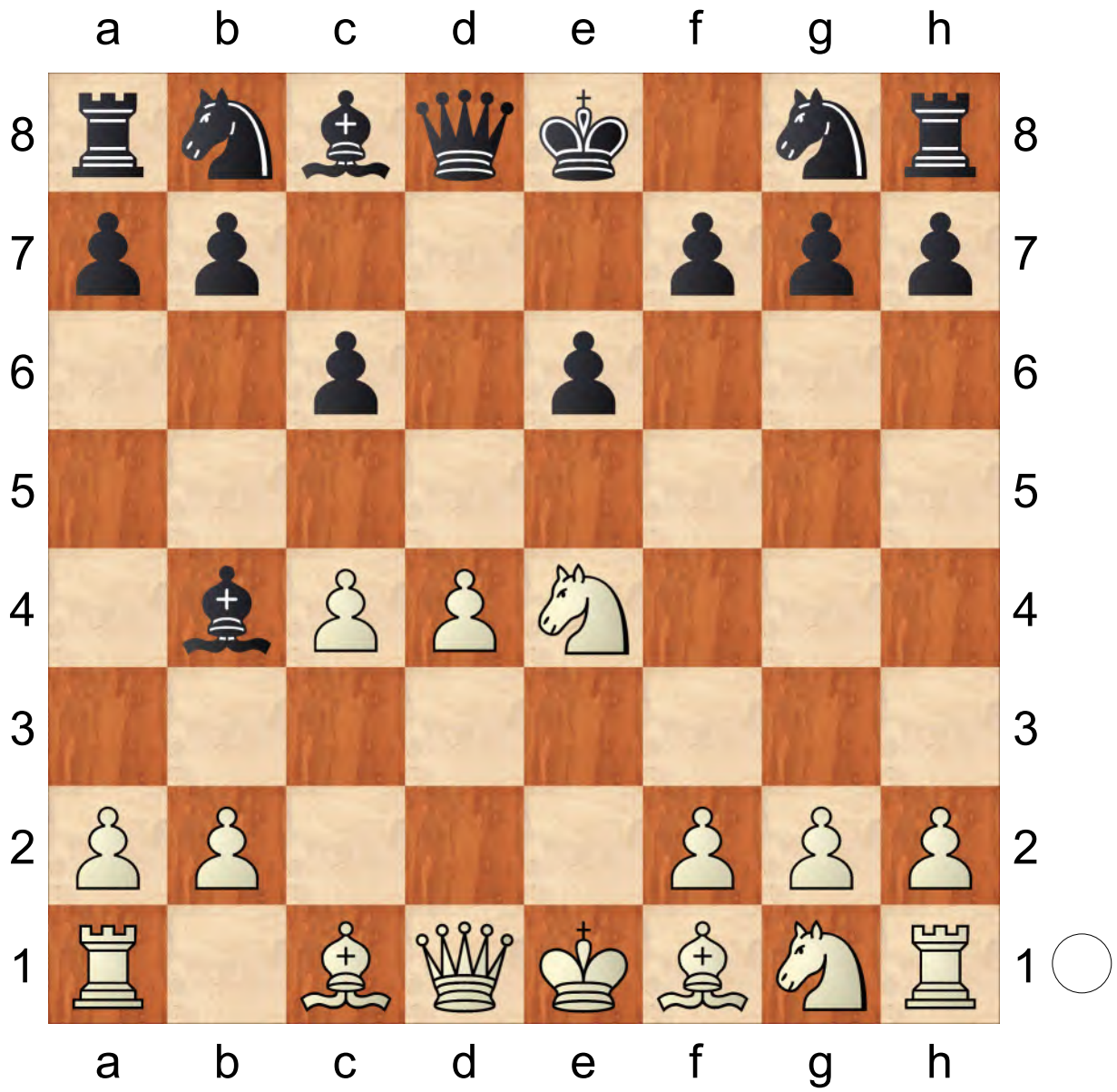
1.d4 Konikowski **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+**



6.Nc3 c5

[6...e5

A) 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Nxd4 *(8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Nf6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Bf5 Bxf5 13.Nxf5 Nbd7 14.a3 Bf8=)* 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 c5 10.Nb5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Na6 12.Nd6+ Ke7 13.Nxc8+ Rxc8 14.Bd3 Nf6 15.Bg5 Nc7

16.Re1+ Ne6 17.Kc2 h6=;

B) 7.a3 Ba5 8.dxe5 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Be6 11.f4 Nd7 12.Nf3 *(12.Rb1!?)* 12...Nb6 13.Nd4 Bxc4 14.Nf5 Bb3+ 15.Ke1 Ne7? *(15...Kf8!?∞)* 16.Nxg7+ Kf8 17.Nh5 Rd8 18.Be3 Na4 19.Rb1 Be6 20.Rxb7 Nxc3 21.Bd2 Ne4 22.Ba5 Rc8 23.Ba6± Manor-Dao Thien Hai/Budapest/1994/;

C) 7.dxe5 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bf5 9.Nge2 Nd7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.f4 h5 12.f5 Bh7 13.Nxh5 Nxe5∞ Todorovic]

[6...Nf6

A) 7.Be3 0-0 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.a3 Bd6 10.Ng3 e5= Rabar-Puc/Jugoslawien/1949/;

B) 7.a3

B1) 7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 *(8...e5 9.Nf3 e4 10.Ne5 Qa5 11.Bd2 c5 12.Be2 Nbd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.0-0 h6 15.a4 0-0 16.Qc2 Bf5 17.Be3 Rfd8 18.h3 Rac8 19.Rfb1 Qc7 20.Rb5 Nd7 21.Rab1± Meister-Kaiser/1. Bundesliga/1988/)* 9.Nf3 c5

B1a) 10.Bd3 b6 *(10...h6 11.Ne5 cxd4 12.cxd4 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Ng4 Nc6 15.Be3 Rc8 16.Rc1 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 Ne5 18.dxe5 Qxd3 19.Rfd1 Qe4 20.Qg3 Rfd8 21.Bxh6 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qxg2+ 23.Qxg2 Bxg2 24.Bg5 Rxc4=* Groszpeter-Baschkow/Budapest/1992/*)* 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Re1 cxd4 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.cxd4 Rfe8 17.Qg4 Rac8 18.Bh6 g6 19.h4 Qd6 20.Rad1 Qxa3 21.Qg3 e5 22.dxe5 Nc5 23.Qg5 Ne6 24.Qf6 Rcd8 25.Be2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qe7 27.Qxe7 Rxe7 28.Bg4 Bc6 29.Rd6 Be8 30.f4 Rd7 31.Rxe6 fxe6 32.Bxe6+ Kh8 33.Bxd7 ½-½ Adorjan,A-Lukacs,P/Ungarn/1984/;

B1b) 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Qc2 cxd4 12.Bxd4 e5 13.Be3 Bf5 14.Qb2 Nc6 15.Be2 Ne4 16.Rc1 b6 17.0-0 Rfd8 18.Qb5 Rac8 19.Qxa5 Nxa5 20.Nxe5 f6 21.Nf3 Nb3 22.Rc2 Ng3 0-1 Klarius-Dempster/Fernpartie/1989/;

B2) 7...Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qe2 Nbd7 12.Rd1 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 15.Bb2 Qc8 16.Ng5 Qc6 17.f3 h6 18.Nge4 a6 19.Rac1 Qc7 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bg5 23.Rc2 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Rad8 25.Re1 Qf4 26.Qxf4 Bxf4 27.g3 Bc7 28.f4 Rd3 29.Kg2 Rfd8 30.Ree2 ½-½ Baumann-Trabert/Novi Sad/1990/;

C) 7.Nf3

C1) 7...h6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Bd2 Qc7 *(9...c5!?)* 10.Qe2 a5 11.a3 Be7 12.0-0 g5 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 Bxb4 16.Nb5 cxb5 17.Bxb4± Galuszka-Dworzynski/Krakau/1950/;

C2) 7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 *(8.a3!?)* 8...c5 9.Qa4 0-0 10.0-0 Ba5 11.Ne2 *(⌓11.Be3)* 11...cxd4 12.b4 Bc7 13.Nfxd4 e5 14.Nb5 e4 15.Nxc7? *(15.Bc2!)* 15...Nb6 16.Qb3 exd3 17.Nxa8 dxe2 18.Re1 Nxa8 19.Rxe2 Nb6 20.Bb2 Be6 21.Rd1 Qc7 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qb2 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Rd2 Qe7∓ Cernea-Sileikyte/Duisburg/1992/;

D) 7.Bg5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Nf3 Ne4 *(9...Qxc3+ 10.Bd2 Qa3 11.Qb1*

c5 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Bc2 Qxc5 16.Bg5↑) 10.Bd2 Nd7 11.Bd3 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 0-0 13.0-0 b6 *(13...e5 14.Qc2 h6 15.Rfe1 exd4 16.cxd4±)* 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Qc2 g6 17.h4! c5 18.h5 Nf8 19.d5! exd5 20.Nxf7! Kxf7 21.hxg6+ hxg6 22.Bxg6+ Nxg6 23.Qf5+ Kg7 24.Re6 Nf8 25.Re7+ *(25.Re7+ Kh6 26.g4 Qxc3 27.Qh5#* 1-0 Lachmann-Simon/Biel/1973/ *)*]

7.a3

[7.d5 Nf6 8.Bg5 exd5 9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Bxf6 Qe6+ 11.Qe2 gxf6 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxe2 14.Bxe2 Nc6 15.Rd5 Be6 16.Rxc5 Bxa2 17.Bb5 0-0 18.Nf3 Rfc8 19.Rh5 Ne7 20.Kb2 Bc4= Vincent-Preissmann/Frankreich/1989/]

[7.Be3

A) 7...Qa5 8.Nge2

A1) 8...cxd4 9.Bxd4 Nf6 10.a3 Be7 11.Ng3 *(⌓11.b4 Qd8 12.Be3±)* 11...Nc6 12.b4 Qc7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Be2 b6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Qc1 a6 18.Nc3 Qc7 19.Na4 Nd7 20.Rd1 Nce5 21.f3 a5 22.Qb2 axb4 23.axb4 Bf6 24.Qb3 b5! 25.cxb5 Bd5 26.Rxd5 exd5 27.Rc1 Nc4 28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Rxc4 Qe5 30.Nc5 Nb6 31.Rc1 Nd5 32.Nge4 Nxe3 33.Qxe3 Ra1 34.Rf1 Rd8 35.Nxf6+ Qxf6 36.b6 Rxf1+ 37.Kxf1 Qxb6-+ Alechin-Junge/Salzburg/1942/;

A2) 8...Ne7 9.d5 0-0 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 Rd8 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Qc2 exd5 15.Nxd5 Qe6+ 16.Ne3 Nbc6 17.0-0-0 Nd4 18.Qc3 Bd7 19.Bd3 Ba4 20.Rde1 Nb3+ 21.Kb1 Qd7 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.cxd5 Qxd5 24.Re3 c4 0-1 Rabczewsky-Testa/Rom/1990/;

B) 7...cxd4 8.Bxd4 Nf6 9.a3 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bf4 Qa5 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Be2 Ng6 17.Be3 Bd7 18.0-0 Bc6 19.b4 *(19.Bd3!?)* 19...Qe5 20.Rfe1 Bxg2! 21.Kxg2 Nh4+ 22.Kf1 Qh2 23.Qe4 f5 24.Qxe6+ Kh8 25.Bd3 Bf6 26.Rac1 Rae8 27.Qd5 f4 28.Qh5 Qxh3+ 29.Ke2 Rxe3+! 30.fxe3 Qxe3+ 31.Kf1 Qxd3+ 32.Ne2 Qh3+ 0-1 Raicevic-Ciric/Tuzla/1979/;

C) 7...Nf6 8.a3

C1) 8...Ba5

C1a) 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ *(9...Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Ne4 11.Nge2 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Be2 Bc6 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Rd2 0-0-0∞* Piskow-Drejew/Jurmala/1982/*)* 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Qb3 *(11.Qc2 0-0 12.Bd3 Nbd7 13.Nf3 Nxc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.0-0 b6∞)* 11...0-0 12.Be2 Na6 13.Nf3 Nd7 14.0-0 Ndxc5 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.Ng5 f5 17.Bd4 Ba4⇄ Riedel-Simon/Berlin/1987/;

C1b) 9.Rc1 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.b4 Bc7 14.Nf3 Ke7 15.g3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 fxe5 17.Bg2 ½-½ Groszpeter-Lukacs,P/ Ungarn/1991/;

C1c) 9.d5 Na6 10.dxe6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bxe6 12.Bd3 Qa5 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Nb8 15.0-0 Nbd7∞ Agrest-Smely/Minsk/1984/;

C1d) 9.Nge2 cxd4 *(9...Ne4 10.Rc1 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 cxd4 12.Bxd4*

0-0∞)

C1d1) 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12.Be3 *(12.Bxf6!? gxf6 13.b4 Bc7 14.0-0-0* mit unklarem Spiel*)* 12...Ng4 13.Bc5 Nge5 14.Nd4 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Bb4 Nexc4 17.Nb5 Kd7 18.Rd1+ Kc6 19.a4 a6 20.Na3 Nxa3 21.Bxa5 b6 22.Bd3 bxa5 23.Be4+ Kc7 24.Bxa8 Bd7 25.Be4 Bxa4 26.Ra1 Nc2+ 27.Bxc2 Bxc2 28.Rxa5+- Guljew-Woltschin/Orel/1992/;

C1d2) 10.Bxd4 Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.Be2 Qe7 13.Qc2 Nc6 14.Be3 Rd8 15.Rd1↑ Landau-Mühring/Rotterdam/1934/;

C2) 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Ne4 11.Qc2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nc6= Euwe,M]

[7.Nf3

A) 7...Nf6

A1) 8.Be3

A1a) 8...cxd4 9.Nxd4

A1a1) 9...0-0 10.Be2 e5 *(10...Bxc3+!?)* 11.Ndb5 Nc6 12.0-0 Bf5 *(12...a6!?)* 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Qd6 Rfd8? *(⌓15...Rfe8)* 16.Qxe7 Nxe7 17.Nxa7 Ng4 18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.Nb5± Seirawan-Strauss/USA/1990/;

A1a2) 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Be2 Qe7 12.0-0 Rd8 ½-½ Seirawan-Ribli/Barcelona/1989/;

A1b) 8...Nc6 9.Be2 Ng4 10.d5 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Ne7 12.e4 0-0 13.0-0 exd5 14.cxd5 *(14.Nxd5!?)* 14...Ng6 15.Qc2 Bg4 16.a3 Ba5 17.Na4 Rc8 18.Kh1 Bc7 19.Rad1 Bd6 20.Nc3 a6 21.h3 Bxf3 22.Rxf3 Nh4 23.Rf2 Qg5 24.Bg4 Rce8 25.Ne2 h5 26.Bf3 f5→ Seirawan,Y-Georgiev, Kir/Brüssel/1992/;

A2) 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bd2 *(10.Qc2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Be2 e5 14.Nb5 Rd8 15.a4 a6 16.Na3 Bg4 17.f3 Bh5 18.0-0 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 e4∞* Cvitan-Sweschnikow/Tilburg/1993/*)* 10...Ne4 11.Bd3 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 0-0 *(12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6* ½-½ Banas-Machulsky/Stary Smokovec/1986/*)* 13.Bc2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.Be4 Bd7 16.Ne5 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Rac8 19.Bxb7 Rxc4= Bönsch-Knaak/Baden Baden/ 1992/;

A3) 8.Be2 Nc6 9.a3 Ba5 *(9...Bxc3+!?)* 10.dxc5 *(10.Be3 Ne4∞)* 10...Qxd1+ 11.Bxd1 Ne4 12.Bd2 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 15.Rb1 0-0-0 16.Ng5 Ne5 17.Ne4 *(17.Be2!?)* 17...Bc6 18.Nd6+ Kc7 19.0-0 Rhf8 20.Bf3 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 a6 22.Rfd1 Bxf3∓ Crouch-Sorokin/ Katowice/1992/;

B) 7...Ne7 8.Be2 Nbc6 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Qb3 e5 12.0-0 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nd2 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 f5 17.Nf1 f4 18.Nd2 Rad8 19.Rb1 Rd7 20.Qc2 Nf5 21.Ne4 Qa6 22.Rd2 Rxd2 23.Bxd2 Na5 24.Qd3 Qg6 25.f3 Ne7 26.Qe2 Qe6 27.Be1 a6 28.Bf2± Sawon-Newerow/Nikolajew/ 1993/]

7...Ba5

[7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Bd3

A) 10...0-0 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Qc2 b6 14.Rfb1 cxd4? *(⌓14...Bb7)* 15.cxd4 Qh5 16.Rb5+- Romanischin-Sweschnikow/Frunze/1981/;

B) 10...Bd7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Bc6 13.Ne5 Be4 14.Qc2 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Qc7 16.Bg5 Nbd7 17.f4 Rac8 18.Rac1 Qd6∞ Horber-Flear,G/Brocco/1990/]

8.Nf3

[8.Be3 Ne7 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Qc2 Nf5 13.Bf4 Qxc5 14.Bd3 h6 15.0-0 Nc6 16.Rfe1 g5 17.Bc1 Bd7 18.Rb1 b6 19.Rb5 Qd6∞ Szeles-Halasz/Zalakaros/1988/]

8...Nf6

[8...cxd4 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxc3+ *(10...Bd7!?)* 11.bxc3 Nf6? *(11...a6!?)* 12.Nb5! Na6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Nd6+ Ke7 15.Nxb7 Ng4 16.Bf4 e5 17.Bg3 Rab8 18.c5 Nc7 19.Na5 f6 20.Be2± Gulko-Chenkin/Moskau/1992/]

9.Be2

[9.Be3 Nc6 *(9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Ne4 11.b4 Nxc3 12.Qc2 Bc7 13.Qxc3 Be5 14.f4 Bf6 15.Rd1 0-0 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Nf3 b6 18.Bd3 g6 19.0-0 Bb7 20.Be4 Rc8 21.Ne5 Bg7 22.c5 bxc5 23.Bxc5 Qc7 24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.Nc4 Qc6 26.Ne5 Qb7 27.Nc4 Qc6 28.Ne5* ½-½ Gulko,B-Polgar,Zsu/Aruba/1992/*; 9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 cxd4 12.Bxd4 0-0 13.Bd3 f5∞* Suetin-Flear/London/1990/ *)* 10.dxc5

A) 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.Qc2 Ng4 13.Qc1 0-0 14.Be2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Ne7 16.0-0 Nf5 17.Qe4 Qxc5 *(17...Qxc3 18.c6 Nd6 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.Nxe5 bxc6 21.Nxc6 Ba6∞)* 18.Rfd1 f6 19.Bd3 g6 20.h4 Ng7∞ Polgar,Zsu-Portisch,L/Budapest/1993/;

B) 10...Qxd1+ 11.Rxd1 Ne4 12.Rc1 Nxc3 13.bxc3 e5 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.f3 0-0-0 16.Ne4 Bc7 17.Be2 Bg6 18.g4 f6 19.Kf2 h5 20.h3 hxg4 21.hxg4 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Bxe4 23.fxe4 g5 24.Rh6 Rf8 25.Rh7 Ba5 26.Bd1 Rd8 27.Ba4 Rd7 28.Rh6 Bd8 29.Ke2 Kc7 30.Rh8 Be7 31.Re8 Bd8 32.Rh8 ½-½ Lerner-Lukacs,P/Polanica Zdroj/1986/]

9...Ne4

[9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne4 12.Ndb5 a6 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.Nxc3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 e5 16.f4∞]

10.Bd2 Nxd2

(Diagram)

11.Qxd2 cxd4 12.Nxd4

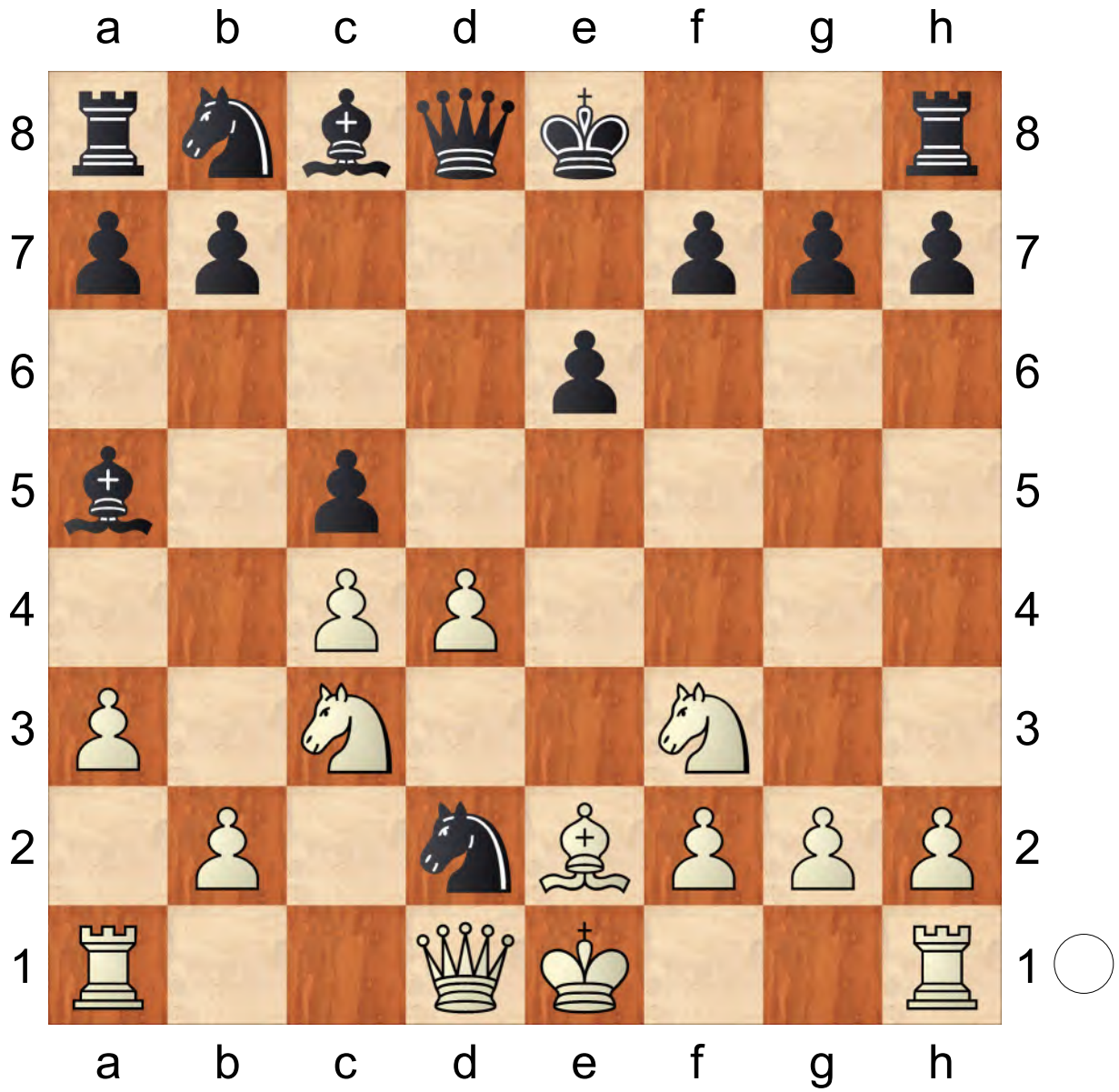
[12.Qxd4!?]

12...e5 13.Nb3

[13.Nf3!?]

13...Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Bd8 15.Bf3

[15.Nd5!?]



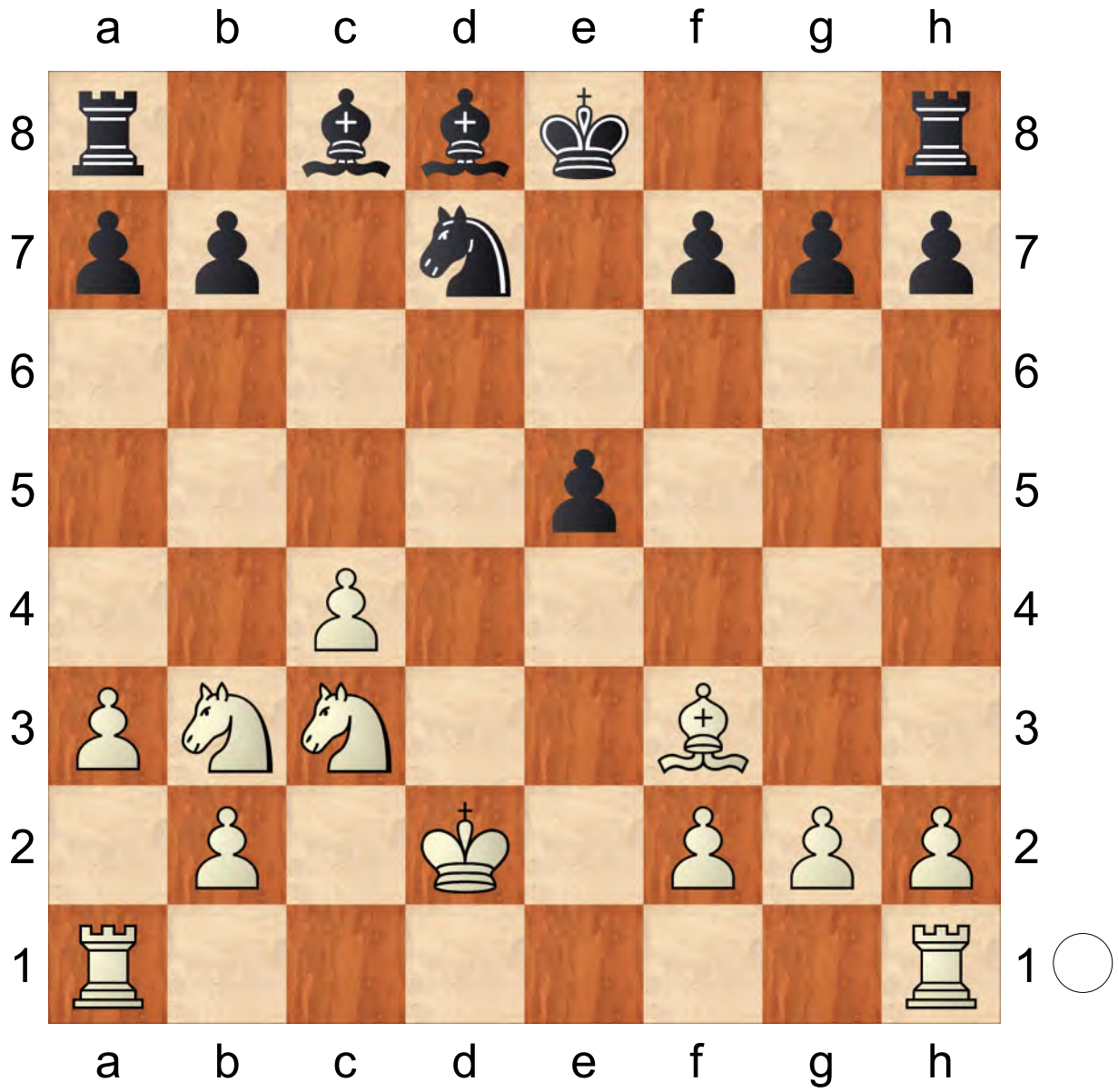
15...Nd7

(Diagram)

16.Kc2 0-0 17.Rhd1
[17.Rad1!?]
17...Nf6 18.Nb5 Bf5+ 19.Kc3 Ne4+ 20.Bxe4 Bxe4

(Diagram)

21.f3 Bc6 22.Nd6 Bc7
[⌓22...b6]
23.Nc5 Bb6 24.b4! Bxc5 25.bxc5 Rfd8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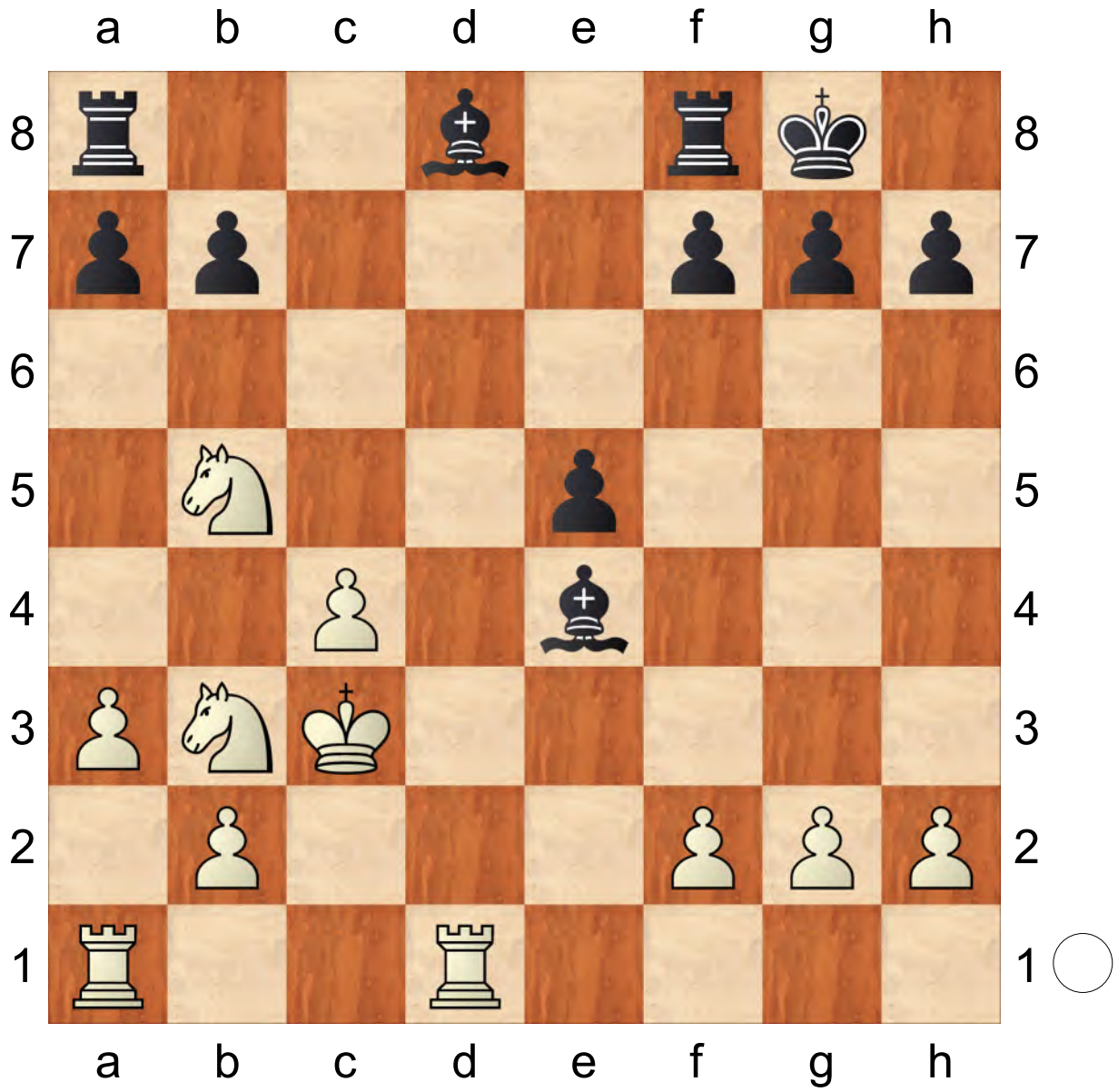
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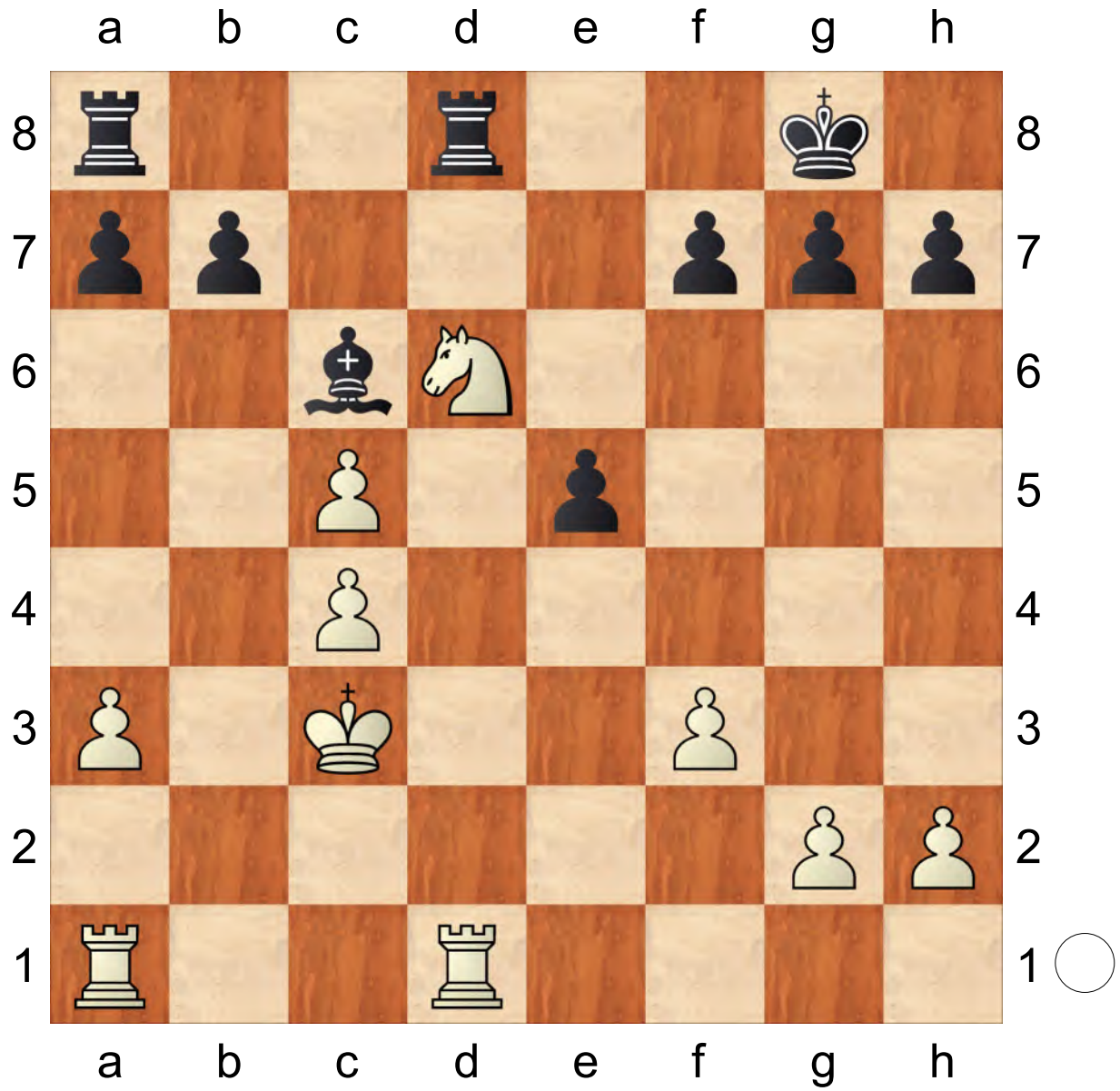


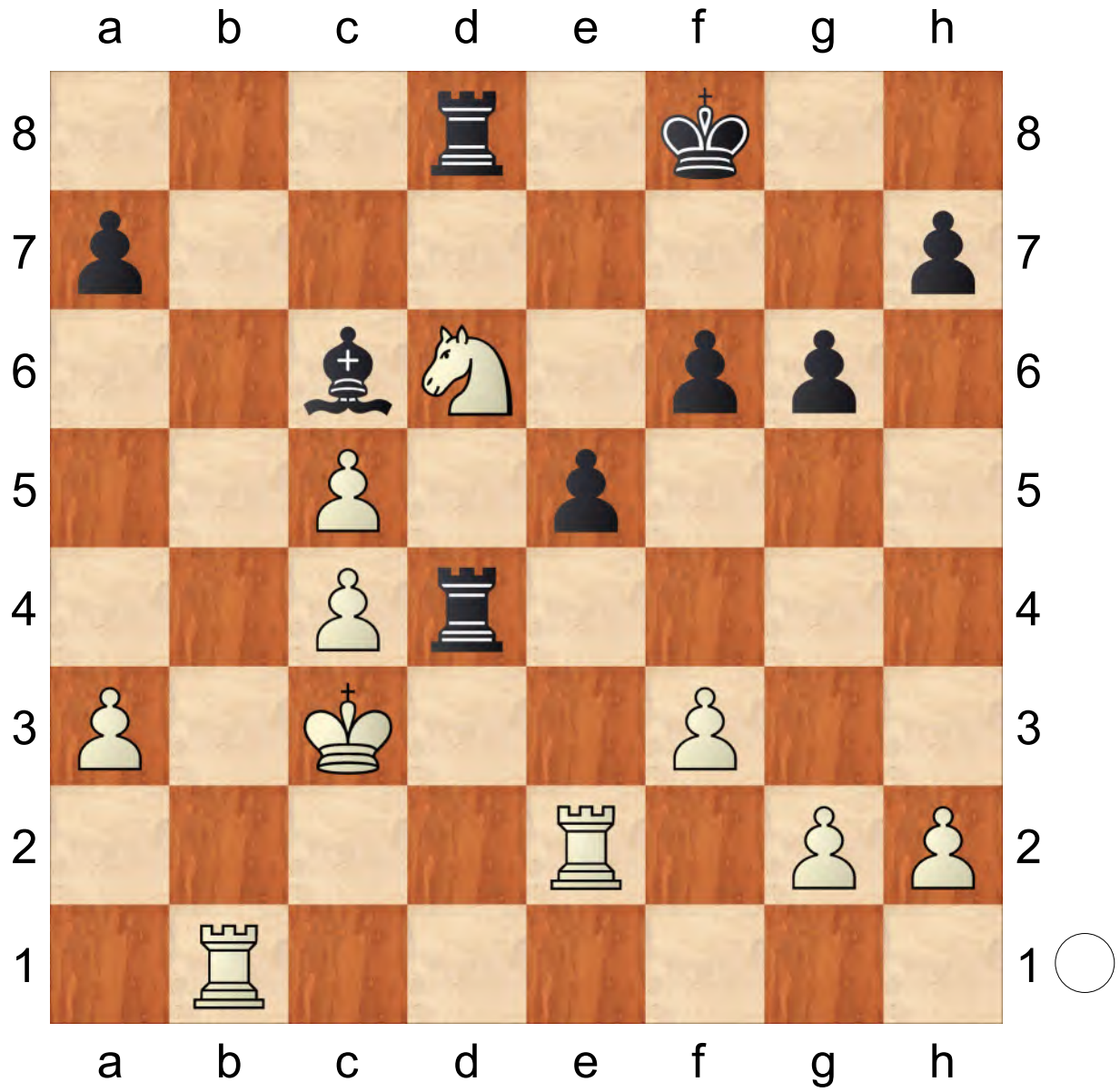
26.Rab1 Kf8?
[26...f6□]
27.Re1 f6 28.Nxb7 Rd4 29.Nd6 Rd8 30.Re2 g6

(Diagram)

31.Reb2 Ke7 32.Rb8 Rd1 33.Rxd8 Rxb1 34.Rh8 Rc1+ 35.Kb4 Rb1+

(Diagram)

36.Kc3 Rc1+ 37.Kb4 Rb1+ 38.Ka5 Ra1
[38...Rg1 39.Nc8+ Ke6 40.Nxa7+-]
39.Rxh7+ Ke6 40.Rxa7 Rxa3+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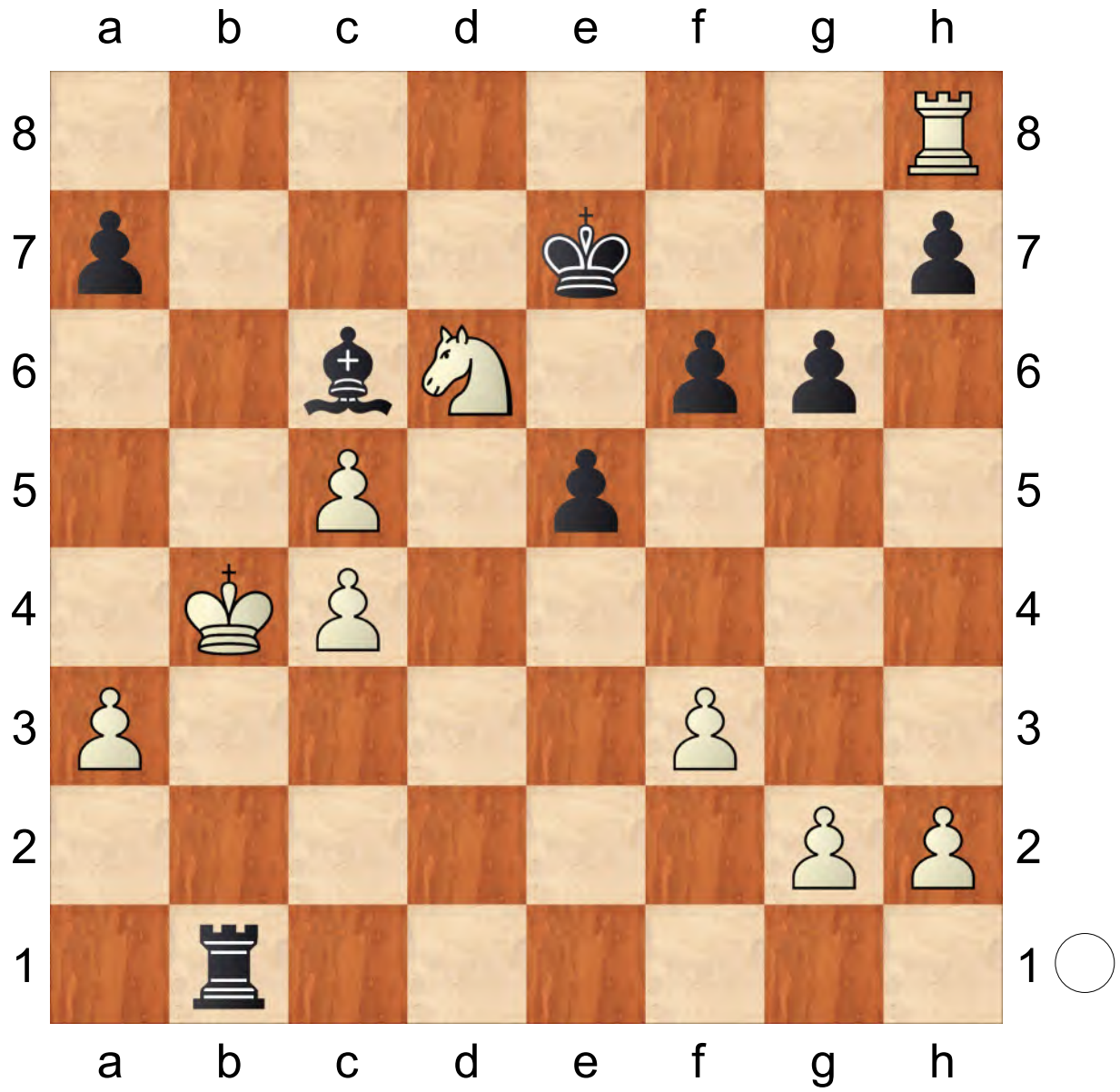
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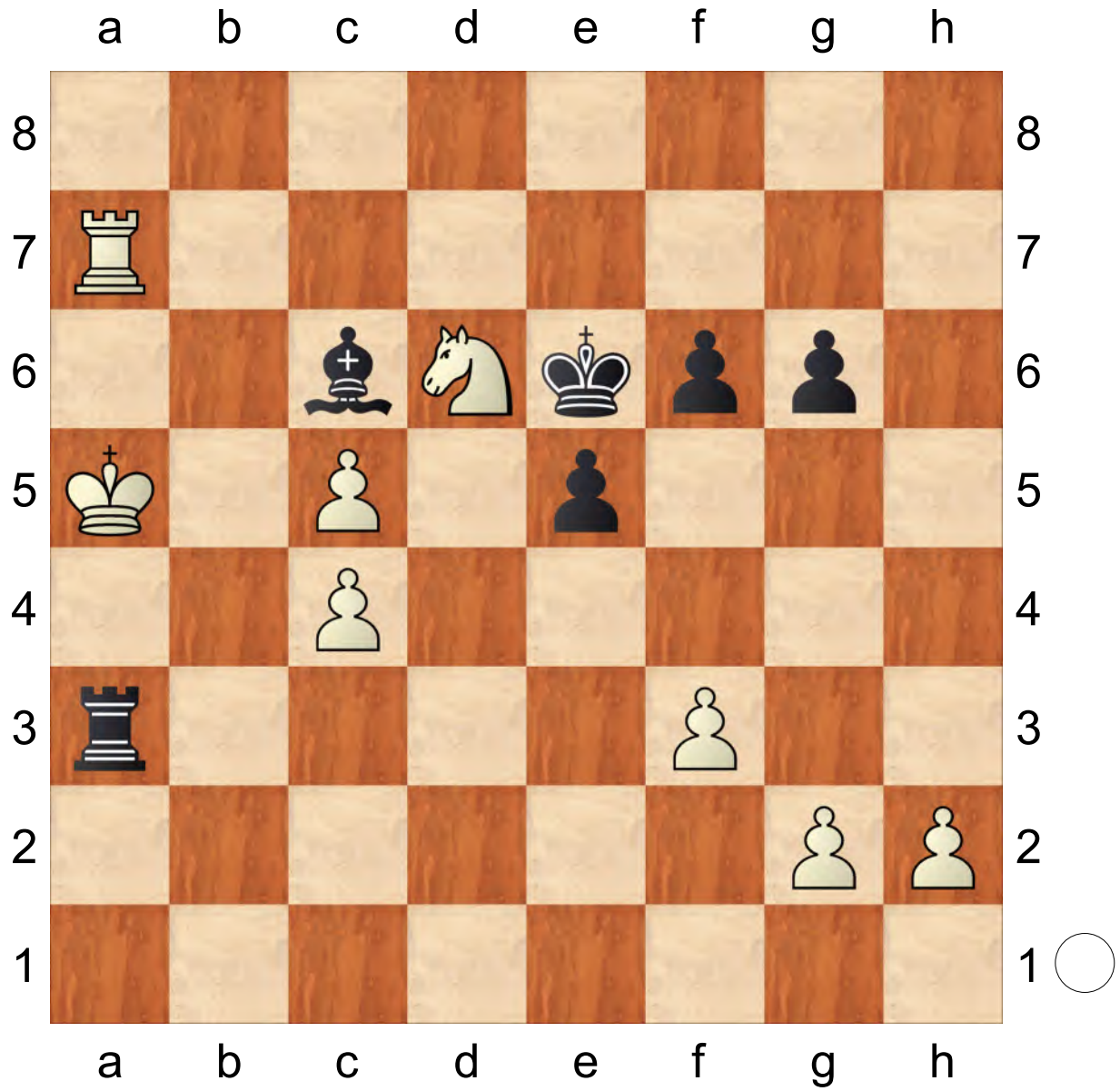

41.Kb6 Ba4

[41...Rxa7 42.Kxa7 f5 43.Kb6 Ba8 44.Ne8 e4 45.Nc7+ Ke5 46.Nxa8 e3 47.c6 e2 48.c7 e1Q 49.c8Q Qb4+ 50.Ka7 Qa3+ 51.Qa6 Qe7+ 52.Kb8 Qe8+ 53.Kb7+-]

42.Nb5 Ra2 43.c6 Bb3 44.Rxa2 Bxa2 45.c7

(Diagram)

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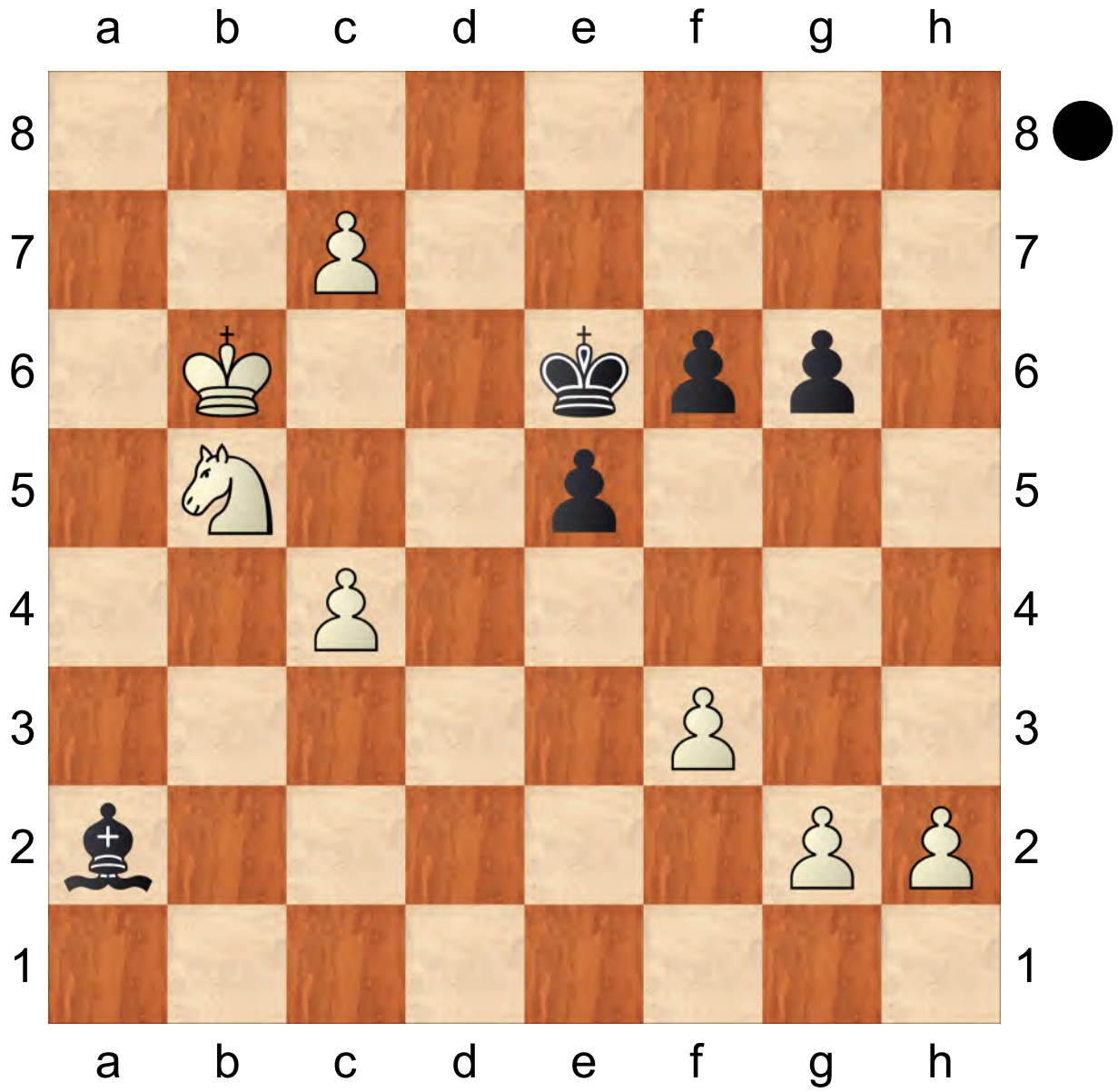
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■ **Oll,Lembit** **2650**
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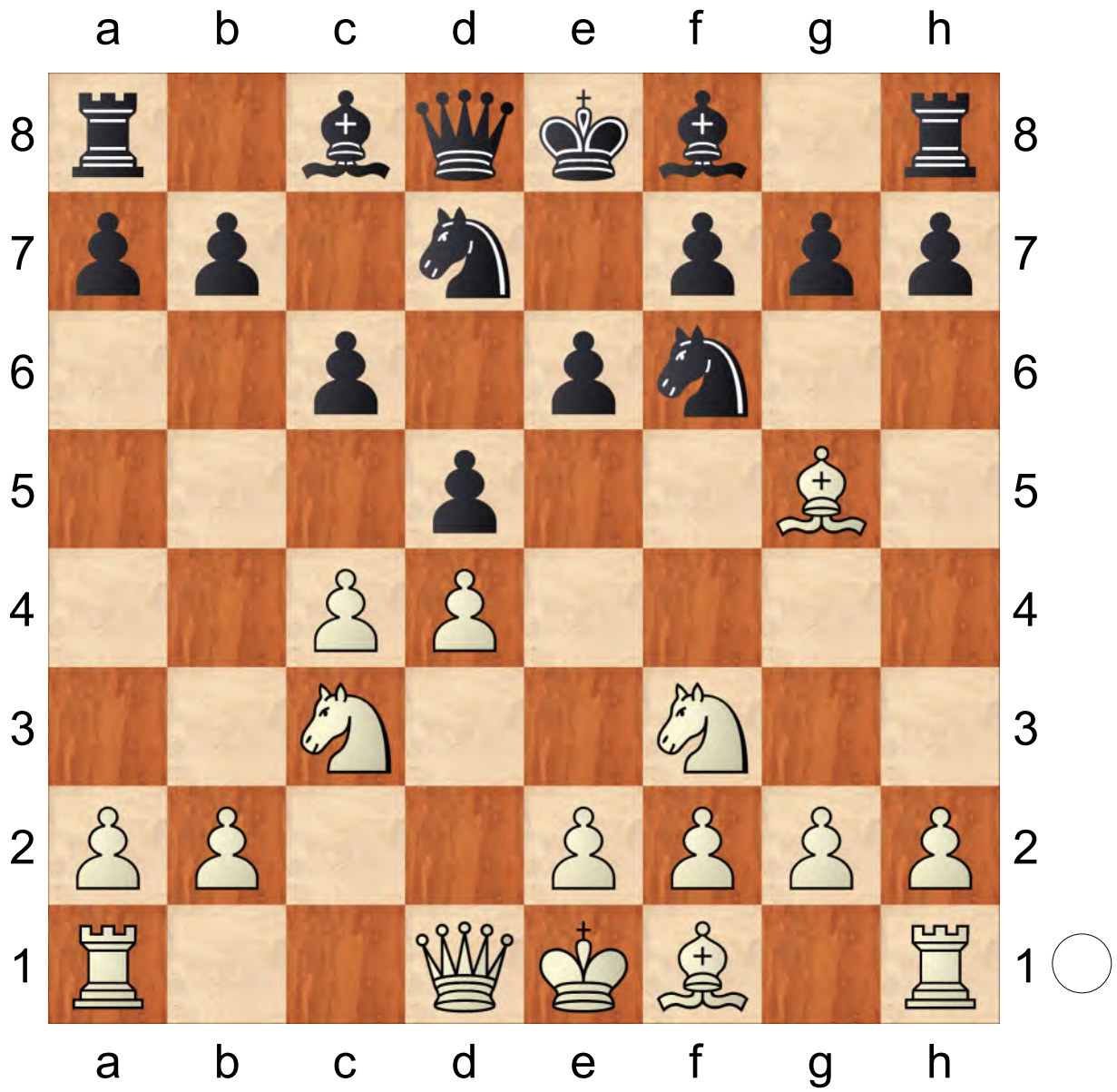
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.Nf3 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5
[10...0-0
A) 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 e5
A1) 14.Bd3! exd4 15.cxd4 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nb6 17.Rb3 Bd6 18.Bg3 Rd8 19.Bxd6 Rxd6

A1a) 20.Ke3 Be6 21.Ra3 f5 22.exf5 *(22.e5 Rdd8 23.h4 Kf7⇄)* 22...Bxf5∓;

A1b) 20.Rc1 Bg4 21.Ne5 Be6 22.Rb4 Rad8 23.Ke3 f6 24.Nf3 Bxa2 25.Ra1 Bf7 26.Rxa7 c5 27.Rb1 cxd4+ 28.Kd2±;

A2) 14.d5? Nc5 15.Qc2 *(15.c4 Qa4 16.Be2 Nxe4-+* 0-1 O'Connell,G-Gillen,A/Ireland Senior 1992 (39)*)* 15...cxd5 16.exd5 Bd7 17.Nd2 Ba4 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Rac8 20.bxa4 Rxc3 21.Qd2 Bc1!-+;

B) 11.Bd3

B1) 11...e5 12.0-0 *(12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Ba3 15.Rb1 Qxe5 16.0-0=)* 12...Re8 *(12...exd4 13.exd4 Re8 14.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 15.Qxe1 Nf8 16.Qe8 Nb6 17.a3 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 Bf5 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.dxe5 Bxd3 21.Rxd3=)* 13.Qc2 *(13.e4 Nf4 14.Bc4 Ng6∓)* 13...exd4

B1a) 14.exd4

B1a1) 14...Nf4? 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 g6 18.Qe4 Nh3+ 19.gxh3 Kxh7 20.Qf4

B1a11) 20...f5 21.Qe3 Kg7 *(21...Nf8 22.Qe8+-)* 22.Qe8 g5 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Nxg5 Nf8 25.Qf7+ Kh6 26.Qg8+-;

B1a12) 20...Kg7 21.Ne5+-;

B1a2) 14...N7b6 15.Ne5 Be6 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Bf5 Kg8

B1a21) 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.Qf5

B1a211) 19...Rf8 20.Nxf7 Ree8 21.Nxh6+ gxh6 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.a3! Nxc3 *(25...Bxc3 26.Qh5+ Kg7 27.Rxc3+-)* 26.Bf6+ Rxf6 27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Qg6+ Kf8 29.axb4 Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Qxb4 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Rc5+-;

B1a212) 19...Nf6

B1a2121) 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Rae8 23.cxb6 *(23.Nf3 Nbd5 24.a3 Ne4 25.Nd4 Re5 26.Qg4 g5 27.Bg3 Nxg3 28.Qxg3 Nf4-+)* 23...Rxe5 24.Qf3 Ne4 25.Rfd1 Qxb6-+;

B1a2122) 20.a3 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Nbd5 22.Rg3 Qd2 23.Bxf6 Nxf6∓;

B1a22) 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Bf5=;

B1b) 14.Nxd5 Qxd5

B1b1) 15.exd4 Nb6

B1b11) 16.Bg3? Qxa2 17.Ne5 Be6 18.f4 Qb3 *(18...Qd5 19.Kh1 f6 20.f5 Bf7∓; 18...f6∓)* 19.f5 Bd5 20.f6 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 g5∓ *(21...Bd6 22.fxg7 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Nd7 24.Bf4 Kxg7∓* 1-0 Shirov,A-Piket,J/Aruba (m/6) 1995/[Piket,Je] (41) *)*;

B1b12) 16.a3 Bd6=;

B1b2) 15.a3 Bc5 16.Rfd1 Bb6 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 Qb3 21.Qxb3 Nxb3 22.Rc4 g5 23.Bg3 Rad8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.h4 Kg7 26.Rc3 Kf6 27.Bh7 Nd2⇄;

B1b3) 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Rfd1 Bxd4 17.Bc4 Qh5 18.Rxd4 Ne5

19.Bf1±;

B2) 11...c5 12.a3

B2a) 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 b6 *(13...Qxa3 14.0-0⩱)* 14.e4 N5f6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Be4

B2a1) 16...cxd4 17.c4 *(17.cxd4 Qxa3∓)* 17...Nc5 18.Qxa5 bxa5 19.cxd5 Nxe4 20.Be7 Re8 21.d6 d3 22.Nd2 Bb7 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.f3 Bg6 25.d7 Reb8 26.Kd2+-;

B2a2) 16...Rb8 17.c4 Nf4

B2a21) 18.Qxa5 bxa5 19.Bg3 *(19.Kf1 Bb7 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Bg3 Nd3 22.Rd1 Nb2 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.d5 Nb6∓)* 19...Bb7 20.Bxf4 Bxe4∓;

B2a22) 18.Be7 Bb7 19.Qxa5 bxa5 20.Bxb7 Rfe8 21.Be4 Rxe7 22.g3 Ng6 23.Ke2 cxd4 24.Bxg6 fxg6⇄;

B2a3) 16...c4 17.Be7±;

B2b) 12...cxd4 13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 *(14...Qc7 15.c4±)*

B2b1) 15.0-0 a5

B2b11) 16.Ra1 Qc7 17.c4 *(17.e4 Nf4 18.Bg3 e5 19.Nxe5 Nh3+ 20.gxh3 Nxe5⩱)* 17...Nxb4 18.Be7 Nc5 19.Bh7+ Kxh7 20.Bxf8±;

B2b12) 16.e4 N5f6 17.Ra1 Qc7 *(17...a4)* 18.c4 b6 19.e5!

B2b121) 19...Nxe5??+- 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rb8 *(23...Ra7 24.Ra3 f5 25.Rh3+-)* 24.Ra3+- 1-0 Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A/Haifa 1996/CBM 54/[Greenfeld] (26);

B2b122) 19...Ng4 20.Be7 Ndxe5 *(20...Re8 21.Bd6+-)* 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Bd6!! Qh5 23.h3 Ne5 24.Bxf8 Bb7 25.Be2 Qg6 26.f3 Rxf8 27.bxa5 bxa5 28.Qb2+-;

B2b2) 15.e4 Nc7 16.Ra1±;

B3) 11...Re8 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 e5 15.Nxe5 *(15.dxe5 Qc5 16.Bg3⇄)* 15...Nxe5 16.dxe5

B3a) 16...Rxe5?! 17.e4 Nb6 18.f4↑ Re8 19.f5 Qd6 20.Rcd1 *(20.f6 Nc4-+)* 20...Na4 21.Qc2 *(21.f6 Bg4 22.fxg7 Bxd1 23.Rf6 Qc5+ 24.Bf2 Qg5-+)* 21...Nc5 22.Bc4 Qf8 23.e5

B3a1) 23...Rxe5

B3a11) 24.Bg3 Re4 25.Bd6 Qe8 26.Bxc5 Rxc4 27.Rfe1 Qxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rxc5

B3a111) 29.g4 a5 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Qe4 f6

B3a1111) 32.Rd8 Bxf5-+;

B3a1112) 32.Qe1 a4 33.Qh4 Re5 34.Rxe5 *(34.Rd8 Rea5 35.Qh5 Bxf5 36.Rxa8 Rxa8 37.Qxf5+ Kh8 38.Qd7+-)* 34...fxe5 35.Qe7 Kg8 36.Qe8+ Kh7 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.f6 gxf6 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Qxf6+ Kg8 42.g5+-;

B3a1113) 32.Qe7 Re5 33.Qf8 Rxe8 34.Qxe8 a4 35.Qg6+ Kg8 36.Qe8+=;

B3a112) 29.Re8+ Kh7 30.f6+ Bf5 31.Qf2 Rxe8 32.Qxc5 Be6

33.Qxa7 b5 34.fxg7 Kxg7=;

B3a12) 24.Rd8 Re8 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 26.Re1 Qf8 27.Re7±;

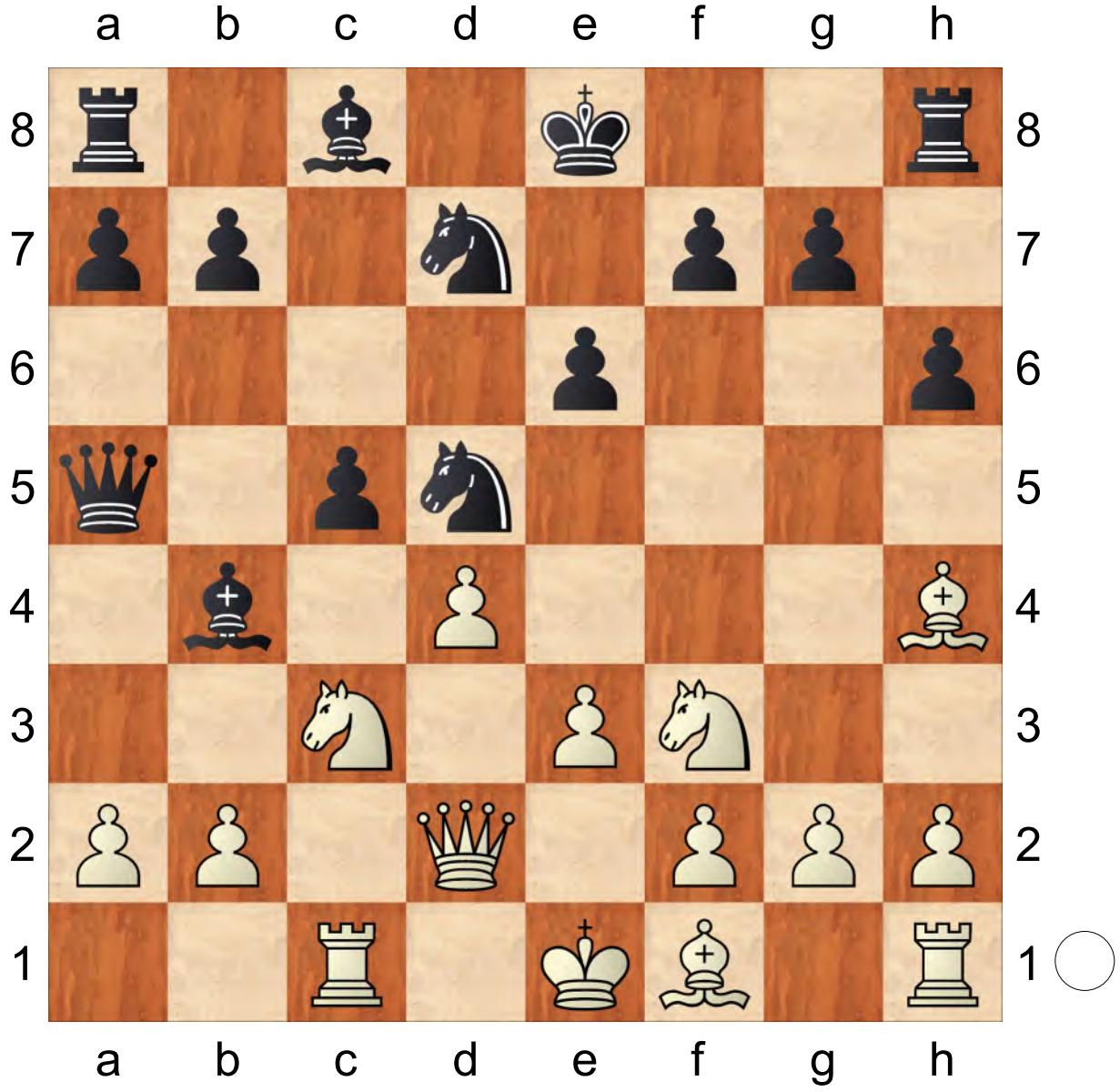
B3a2) 23...b5 24.Ba2 Rxe5 25.Bg3 Re7 26.f6±;

B3b) 16...Qc5 17.Kh1

B3b1) 17...Rxe5 18.e4 Rh5 *(18...Nb6 19.f4±)* 19.Bg3 Nf6 20.Rce1⩲;

B3b2) 17...Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Qc4 22.Re1⇄ 1-0 Shirov,A-Piket,J/Amsterdam Donner 1995 (36);

C) 11.Bc4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 e5 14.Bg3 exd4 15.cxd4 Qxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Nb6 17.Bb3 Bf5 18.e4 Rae8 19.f3 Bc8 20.Ke2 Kh8 *(20...Rd8 21.Bb8! Rxd4 22.Bxa7±)* 21.Bc7 Nd5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Kd3± 1-0 Alekhin A-Nimzowitsch A I/Zurich 1934 (51)]



11.Bd3

[11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3

A) 12...b6

A1) 13.Bd3 Bb7 *(13...Ba6 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 N5f6 16.Ke2 Ke7⇄)* 14.0-0 N5f6 *(14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Qxd2 16.Nxd2±; 14...Qxa3 15.e4 N5f6 16.Ra1 Qb3 17.Rfb1+-)* 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Nd2 *(16.e4 Rfc8 17.e5 Nd5 18.Qe4 Nf8 19.c4 Nb4 20.axb4 Bxe4 21.bxa5 Bxd3 22.Rfd1 Be2 23.Rd2 Bxf3 24.gxf3 cxd4 25.Rxd4 bxa5 26.Be7 Ng6 27.Bd6⇄)* 16...cxd4 17.cxd4

A1a) 17...Qxa3? 18.Rc7 Rab8 19.Nc4

A1a1) 19...Qe7? 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Qh4 Kg7 23.Ne5+- *(23.Rxb7+-)*;

A1a2) 19...Qc3

A1a21) 20.f3! Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Rb1 Rxc4□ 23.Bxc4 Nd5 24.Bb5± *(24.Bf2±)*;

A1a22) 20.Bg3?! Ba6 *(20...Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Nd6 Rb8 23.Nxb7 Rxb7 24.Ba6±)* 21.Rxa7 Ra8 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.f3 Rc8 24.Ne5 Bxd3 25.Nxd3 Qc2=;

A1b) 17...Rac8 18.Nc4 Qa4 19.f3 Ba6 20.Bg3 *(20.Qd1 Qxd1 21.Rfxd1 Nd5 22.e4 Nf4 23.Bf1±)* 20...Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Qxa3 22.Ra1 Qb4 23.Ba6± 1-0 Beliavsky,A-Rabiega,R/Graz op 1996/CBM 54/ [Beliavsky] (36);

A2) 13.e4 N5f6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.d5

A2a) 15...exd5 16.e5 Ne4 *(16...Ng4 17.Qf4 g5 18.Qxg4 gxh4 19.e6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kd8 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Qf6+ Kc7 23.Qxe5+ Kc6 24.Qf6+ Kc7 25.0-0 Rae8 26.Qf4+±)* 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd6 g5 19.e6! *(19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 f6 21.e6 Ne5 22.Bxf6 Nd3+ 23.Kf1 Rh7 24.Qg3 Kf8 25.Qd6+ Ke8 26.Qg3=)* 19...Nf8 20.Nxg5 hxg5 21.Bxg5 f6 22.Bxf6 Rh7 23.Rd1+-;

A2b) 15...c4 16.dxe6 *(16.Bb1 exd5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qd6 Qc5-+)* 16...cxd3 17.exd7+ Nxd7 18.Qxd3

A2b1) 18...Nc5 19.Qd6 f6 20.Bxf6 *(20.0-0)*;

A2b2) 18...g5 19.Bg3 Nc5

A2b21) 20.Qd6 Nxe4 21.Qc7 *(21.Qe5+ Qxe5 22.Bxe5 0-0∓)* 21...0-0 *(21...Nxg3 22.Qxb7 0-0 23.fxg3 Rfe8+ 24.Kf2+-)* 22.Qxb7 Nc5 23.Qd5 *(23.Qc6 Nd3+⩱)* 23...Rad8 24.Bd6 Rfe8+ 25.Kf1 Qxa3⩱;

A2b22) 20.Qd6 ½-½ Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V/Novgorod 1995/CBM 48 (20);

B) 12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5f6 14.Bd3 Qa5 15.d5

B1) 15...c4 16.Bxc4 *(16.Bb1 0-0 17.dxe6 fxe6∓)*

B1a) 16...exd5

B1a1) 17.Bxd5? Nxd5 18.exd5 0-0 19.0-0 f6 20.Rfe1 Nb6 21.c4

Qxd2 22.Nxd2 Bf5 23.f3 Rae8 24.Bf2 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc8 *(25...Rc8 26.Bxb6 axb6 27.Re7 b5 28.cxb5 Rc5 29.Rxb7±)* 26.g4

B1a11) 26...Bg6 27.h4± *(27.Nb3 Re8 28.Rc1 b6 29.Nd4±; 27.c5?! Rd8 28.d6 b6=)*;

B1a12) 26...Bd7? 27.c5! Rd8 28.Nb1 Be8 *(28...Bb5 29.Nc3 Bc4 30.d6 b6 31.d7!)* 29.Nc3± 1-0 Gurevich,M-Cardon,H/Belgique 1994/ Inf 60/ (41);

B1a2) 17.exd5! 0-0 18.0-0 Nb6 19.Bxf6 Nxc4 20.Qd4 gxf6 21.Qxc4±;

B1b) 16...Nxe4 17.Qd4 exd5 18.Qxg7 *(18.Bxd5 Nef6 19.Qe3+ Kf8 20.Bb3 g5 21.Bg3 Kg7 22.0-0 Re8∓)* 18...Rf8 19.Qd4 Nb6 20.Bd3 Qa4 21.0-0⇄;

B2) 15...exd5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd6 g5 19.Nxg5 *(19.e6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kf8 21.Qf5+ Kg7 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5+ Kh7 24.Qxe4+ Kg7 25.Bg3+-)* 19...Qb6 *(19...hxg5 20.Bxg5 f6 21.exf6+-)* 20.Nxe4 Qxd6 21.Nxd6+ Kf8 22.f4 Nb6 23.0-0 Rg8 24.f5 Nc4 25.Nxc4 Rg4 26.Bf6 1-0 Petursson,M-Halasz,T/Naestved op 1988 (26)]

[11.e4 cxd4

A) 12.Qxd4

A1) 12...N5f6 13.Bc4 e5 14.Qe3 0-0 *(14...Ng4 15.Qe2 Nb6 16.Bb3 0-0 17.h3 Nf6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nh4±)* 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 b5 17.Ra3 Qb4 18.Bb3 Bb7 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Nxe5 Qxe4=;

A2) 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Ba3 14.Qxg7+-;

B) 12.exd5 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ba3 14.dxe6 fxe6 *(14...Bxc1 15.exd7+ Bxd7 16.Qxc1 Rc8 17.Bd3 Rxc3 18.Qe3+ Be6 19.0-0 0-0 20.Qe4±)* 15.Rd1 0-0 16.Be2 Nc5⇄]

11...cxd4

[11...b6 12.0-0 0-0

A) 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3

A1) 14...Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.e4 N5f6 17.e5 Nh7 *(17...Nd5 18.c4 Nc7 19.Be7)*;

A2) 14...Bb7 15.Qb2 Rfc8 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Ba6;

B) 13.e4 cxd4 14.exd5 dxc3 15.bxc3 Ba3 16.dxe6 Bxc1 17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.Rxc1 Nf8]

12.exd4 0-0

[12...b6 13.0-0 0-0

A) 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Bb7 16.Be4 f5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.c4 *(18.Be7 Rfc8 19.Bb4 Qa4 20.Qf4 Qc6 21.Rfe1 Bxf3 22.gxf3 a5 23.Be7 b5∓)* 18...Bxf3 19.Qxa5 bxa5 20.gxf3 g5∓;

B) 14.Qc2 Bb7=]

13.0-0 b6 14.a3?!

[⌓14.Bb1 Ba6 15.Qc2

A) 15...f5? 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Rfd1 Bb7 *(17...Rac8 18.Qa4 Qb5 19.Qb3+-)*

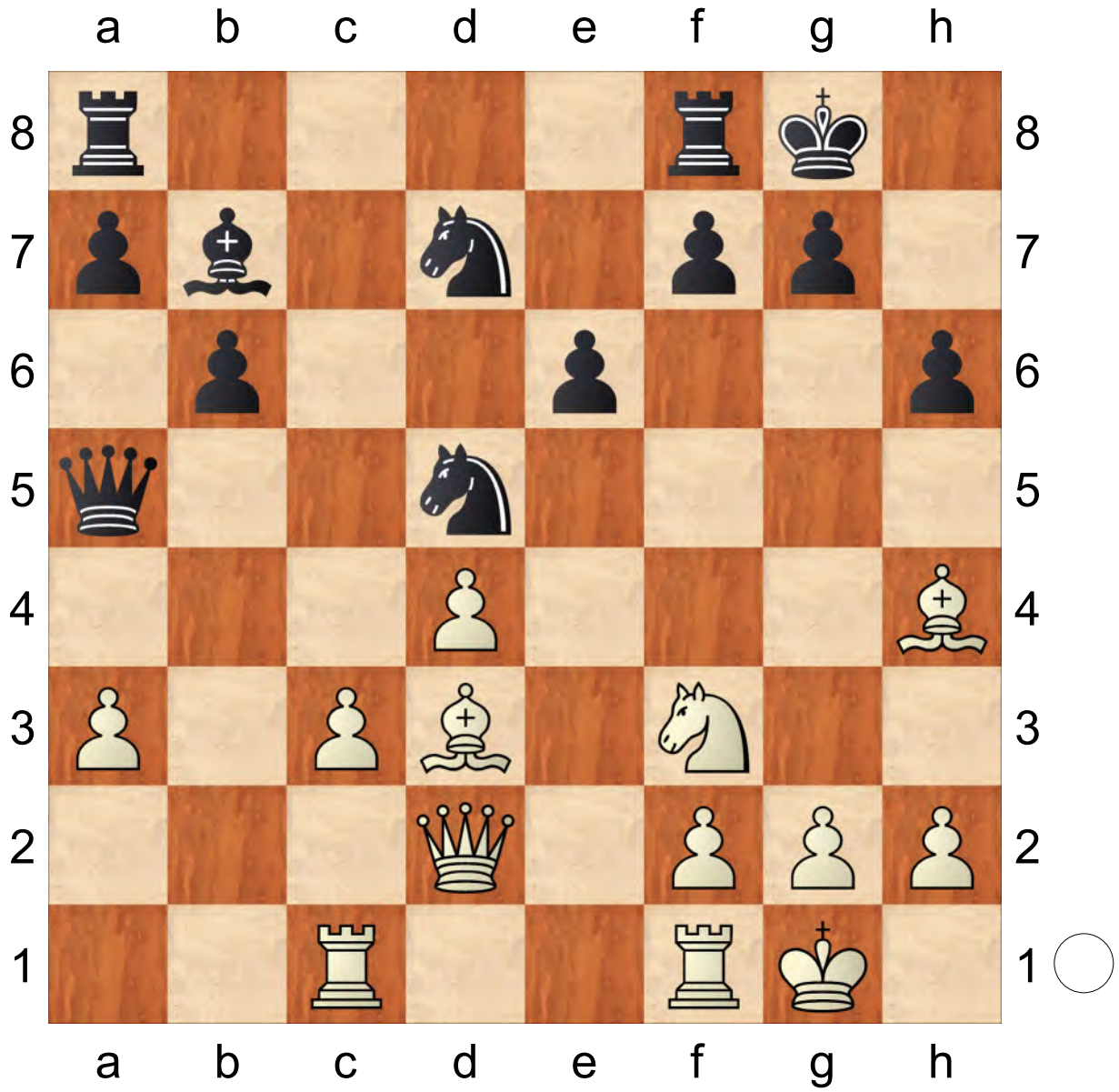
18.Bg3 a5 19.a3 Rac8 20.Qe2 Be7

A1) 21.Bd3!? Kh8 22.Bc4 Qe4 23.Qxe4 *(23.Qf1 Bd5 24.Bb5±)* 23...fxe4 24.Nh4 Rf6 25.Be5**±**;

A2) 21.b4!? axb4 22.axb4 Ra8 23.Bd3 Rf6 *(23...Ra2 24.Qf1+-; 23...Kh7 24.Rc7±)* 24.Rc7+- 1-0 Polugaevsky,L-Janosevic,D/Amsterdam 1970/Inf 10 (27);

B) 15...g6 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.Qa4 Qb5=]

14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Bb7



16.Be4?!

[16.Bb1!?

A) 16...Qxa3? 17.c4 N5f6 18.d5! After this very strong move White's cascade of cacrifices makes Attack quite dangerous exd5 19.Nd4! Rfe8 20.Nf5

A1) 20...Ba6 21.Rc3 Qf8 22.Rg3 Bxc4

A1a) 23.Rxg7+ Qxg7 24.Nxg7 Kxg7 25.Rc1 Rac8 *(25...Re2 26.Qd4±)* 26.Bf5±;
A1b) 23.Qxh6 g6 24.Bxf6 Qxh6 25.Nxh6+ Kf8∓;
A2) 20...Re6 21.Rc3 Qa5 22.Nxg7 *(22.Nxh6+ gxh6 23.Rg3+ Kf8 24.Qxh6+* This game *)* 22...Kxg7 23.Rg3+ Kf8 24.Qxh6+ Tsesarsky: 'This game' Ke7 25.Bf5 d4 26.Bxe6 Kxe6 27.Rg5 *(27.Rd3 Rg8 28.f3 Rg6 29.Qf4⇄)* 27...Qc3 28.f3 d3 29.Re1+ Kd6
A2a) 30.Rf5? Rg8 31.Qf4+ Kc6 32.Rd1 *(32.g4!?→)* 32...Rg6⇄ 0-1 Vegh,E-Pinter,J/Budapest 1986 (54);
A2b) 30.Bg3+! Kc6 31.Rd5 Qxc4 32.Rxd7+-;
B) 16...N5f6! I'm sure, this move provedes to Black good position.]

16...f5! 17.Bxd5?∓
[17.Bb1□ Qxa3 18.Rfe1 Qd6 *(18...Rfc8 19.c4 Nc7 20.d5 Nc5 21.Nd4±)*
A) 19.c4
A1) 19...Nc7 20.Ne5 *(20.c5 bxc5 21.dxc5 Qxd2 22.Nxd2 Bd5 23.Be7 Rfc8 24.Bd3 a5 25.Nc4 Na6 26.Nxa5 Naxc5 27.Bb5∓)* 20...Nxe5 21.Rxe5≅;
A2) 19...N5f6 20.Bg3 Qc6 21.d5 exd5 22.Nd4!±;
B) 19.Ba2]

17...Bxd5 18.Be7
[18.c4 Bxf3 19.Qxa5 bxa5 20.gxf3 g5-+ Tsesarsky: '∓']

18...Rf7 19.Bb4 Qa4 20.c4
[20.Qf4 a5 21.Bd6 Qc6 22.c4
A) 22...Bxf3? 23.Qxf3 Qxf3 *(23...Qxd6? 24.Qxa8++-)* 24.gxf3±;
B) 22...Bxc4 23.Rfe1 Qd5 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.dxe5 b5∓]

20...Bxf3

(Diagram)

21.gxf3 a5 22.Bd6 Qc6 23.c5
[23.Bf4 Qxf3 24.Rc3 Qh5 25.Re1 Rf6∓]

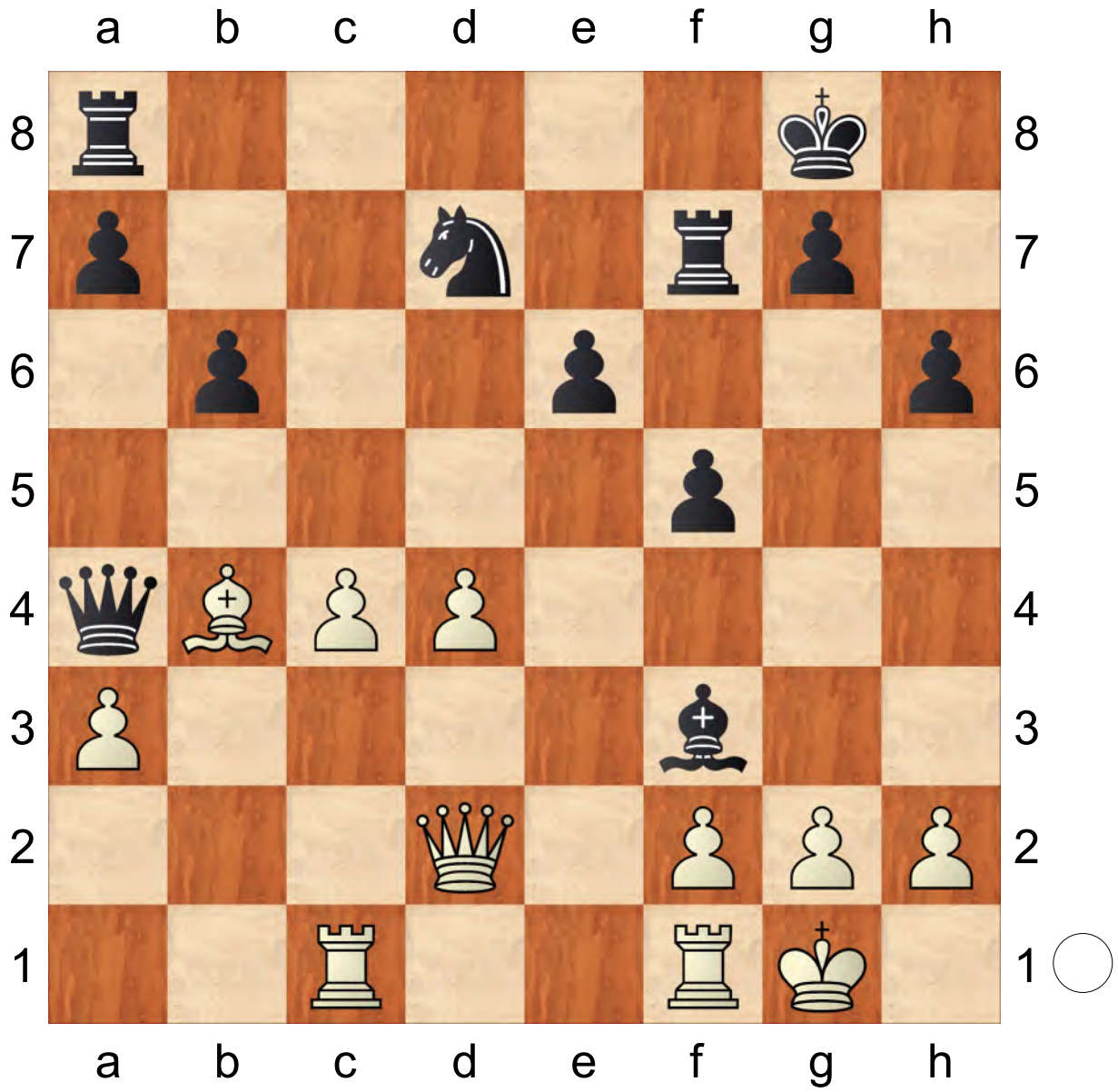
23...Qxf3 24.c6 Nf6 25.Qa2?-+
[25.Qf4 Qd5 26.f3 Rc8 27.Qe5 Qxe5 *(27...Ne8? 28.Qxd5 exd5 29.Be5 Re7 30.Rc2 Re6 31.c7 Kf7 32.Rb1 Ke7 33.Rb5±)* 28.Bxe5 Nd5 29.Rf2 b5 30.Rb2 b4 31.axb4 axb4 32.Kf2 Ra7∓]

25...Nd5

(Diagram)

26.Be5
[26.Rfe1 Rf6-+]

26...Rf6! 27.Rfe1
[27.Bxf6 Nf4-+]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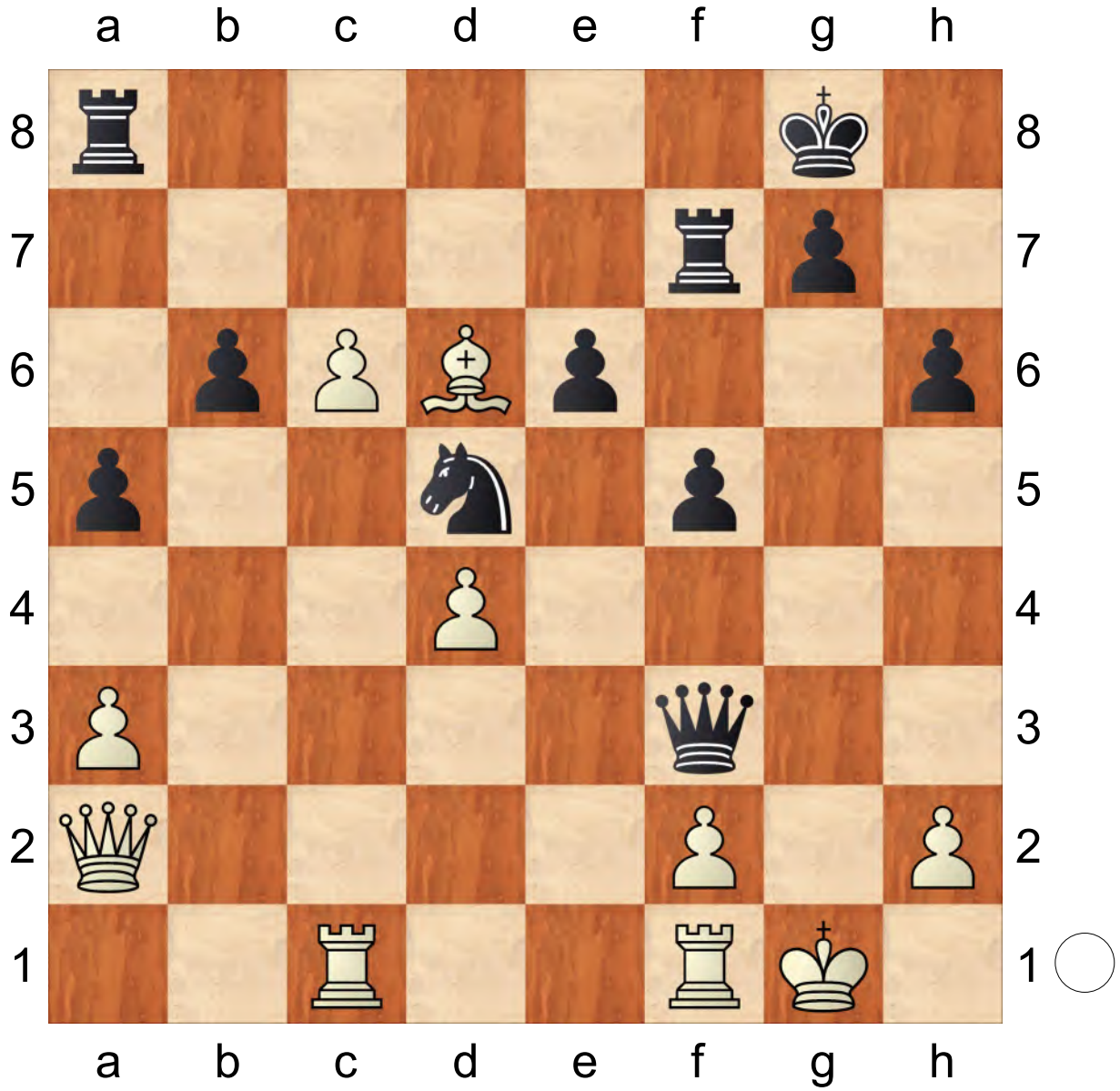

27...Rg6+ 28.Kf1 Qd3+ 29.Re2 Qh3+ 30.Ke1 Rg1+

(Diagram)

31.Kd2 Rxc1

(Diagram)

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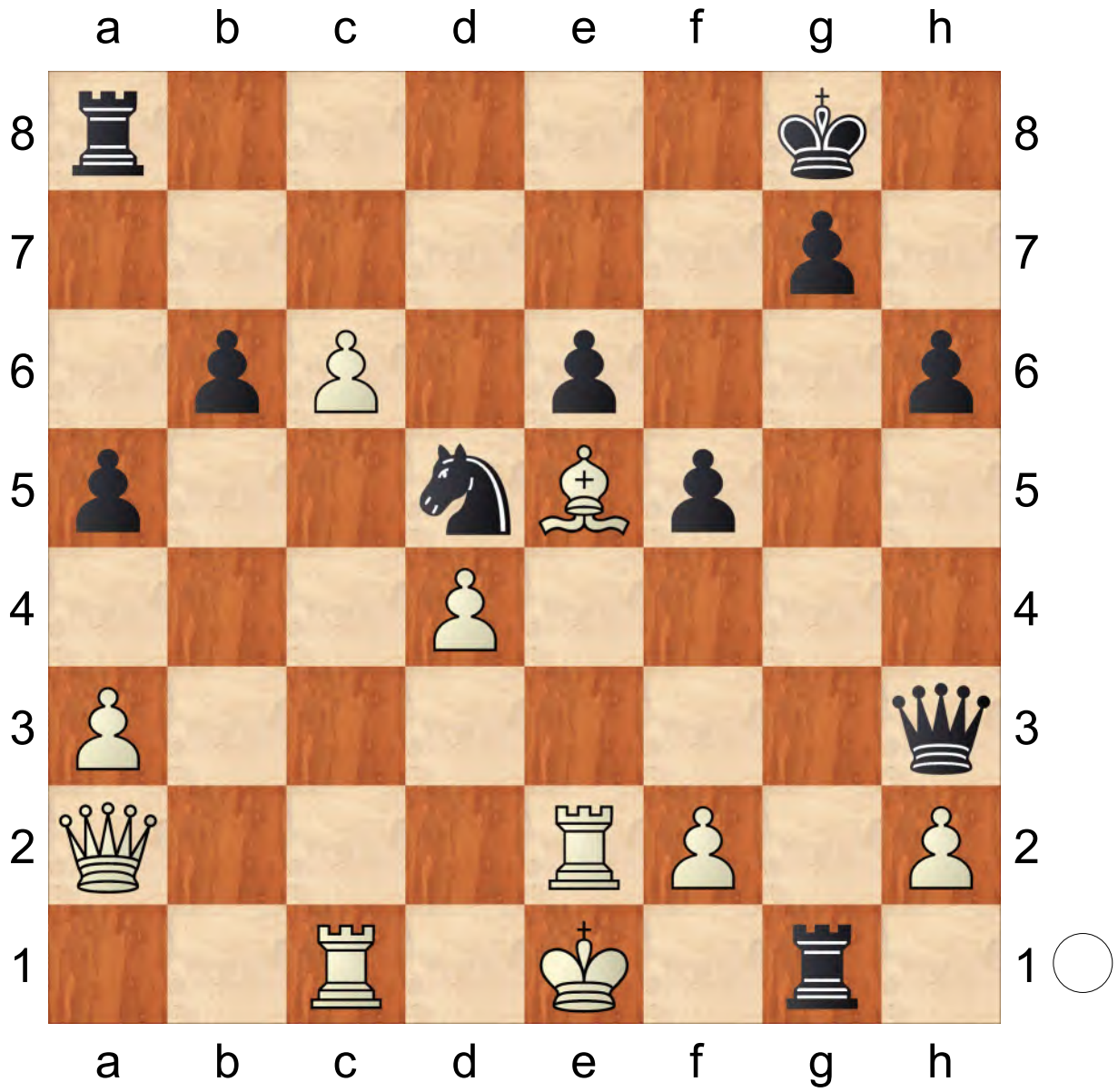
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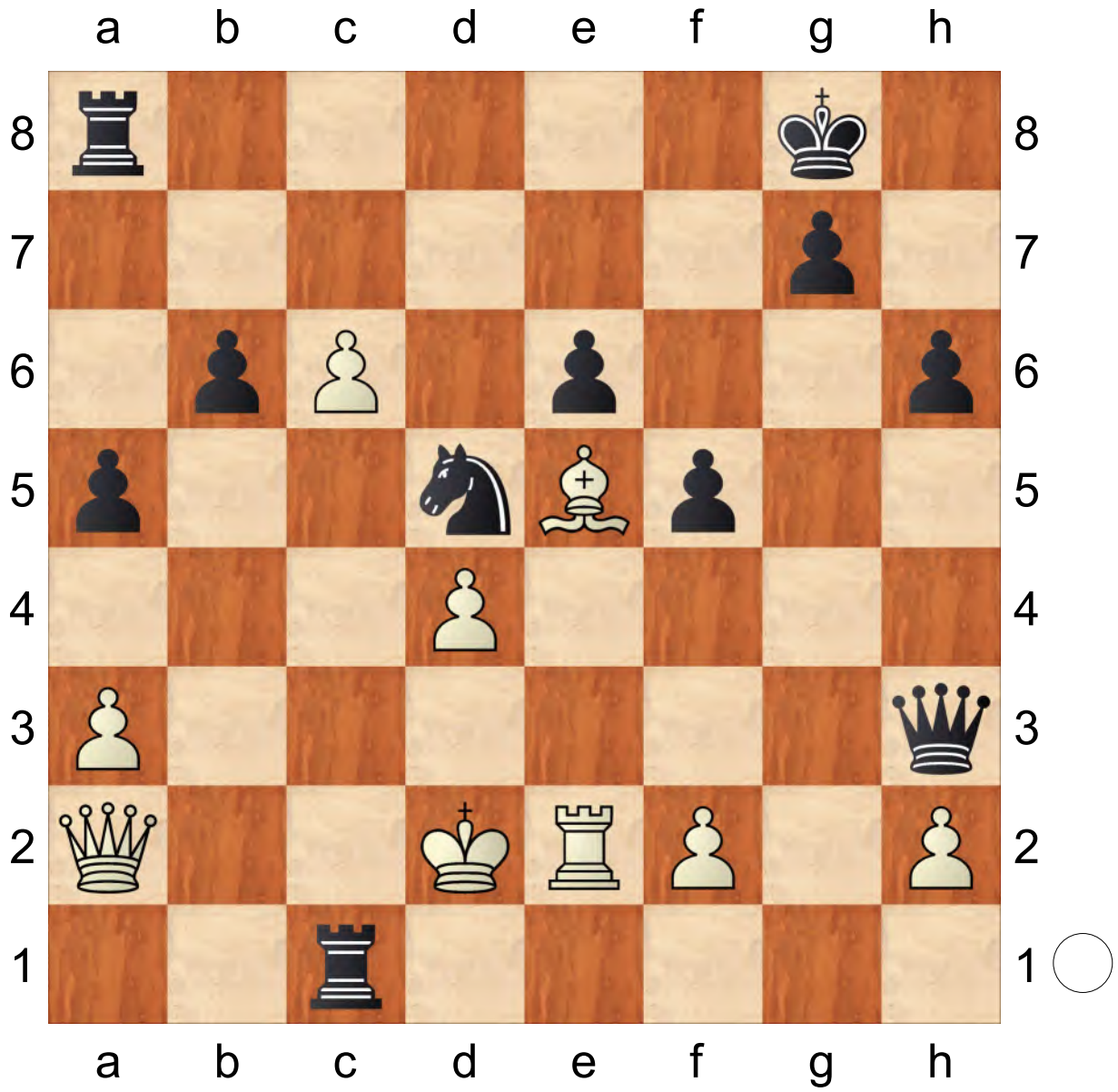
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C02

□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2771**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2709**
RUS-ch 63rd Moscow (2) 12.12.2010
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Stohl,I **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5** The Advance French has been a topical line already since the sharp polemic about its value between Nimzowitsch (a great propagator of 3.e5) and Tarrasch (an equally adamant opponent). Nowadays the system still has its fans even among the best. Grischuk plays it quite often, even more so Movsesian, for whom it's the main weapon against the French Defence. However, clearly the most committed contemporary GM is Sveshnikov - not only does he have the most games with the system in MegaBase, but he has (just as Nimzowitsch in his days) more than once written about 3.e5 as almost the refutation of 1...e6. Of course this is hardly the case, but advancing the central pawn leads to a heavy positional struggle in a typical French position with a closed centre. Stohl,I: 'The Advance French has been a topical line since the sharp polemic about its value between Nimzowitsch (a great proponent of 3.e5) and Tarrasch (an equally adamant opponent). Nowadays the system still has its fans even among the best. Grischuk plays it quite often, even more so Movsesian, for whom it's the main weapon against the French Defence. However, clearly the most committed contemporary GM is Sveshnikov - not only does he have the most games with the system in MegaBase, but he has (just as Nimzowitsch in his days) more than once written about 3.e5 as almost the refutation of 1...e6. Of course this is hardly the case, but advancing the central pawn leads to a heavy positional struggle in a typical French position with a closed centre.' **3...c5 4.c3 Qb6** In accordance with Nimzowitsch, Vitiugov puts pressure on the base of the ♙-chain. However, modern chess is more concrete and philosophical concepts are quite often simply a burden. Although it's played less often, Black can adopt a different, but viable strategy with

[4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 After 6.a3 he has *(*In this case *6.Be2* is the preferred move-order. Stohl,I: 'is the preferred move order.'*)* 6...f6!? , attacking the front ♙: 7.Bd3 *(7.b4 fxe5 8.b5 Nxd4 9.cxd4 exd4⩲* is perhaps not so clear, but in practice Black scores excellently with his threatening ♙⊞.*)* 7...Qc7 8.Bf4 0-0-0 9.0-0 c4 10.Bc2 Qb6 11.b3 cxb3 12.Bxb3 g5 13.Be3 g4 14.Ne1 Na5 15.Bc2 f5 16.Nd3 Kb8 17.a4 Rc8 18.Qe2 Qa6 19.Qe1 b6 20.Na3 Bxa3 21.Rxa3 Ne7 22.Nb4 Qb7 23.Bd3 Nc4 24.Bxc4 dxc4 25.a5 b5 26.a6 Qa8 27.Qe2 Nd5 28.Nxd5 Qxd5↑ Van Wely,L (2655)-Topalov,V (2788)/Dortmund.2005/ For more details see the notes by Psakhis in CBM 108.]

5.Nf3 Nc6

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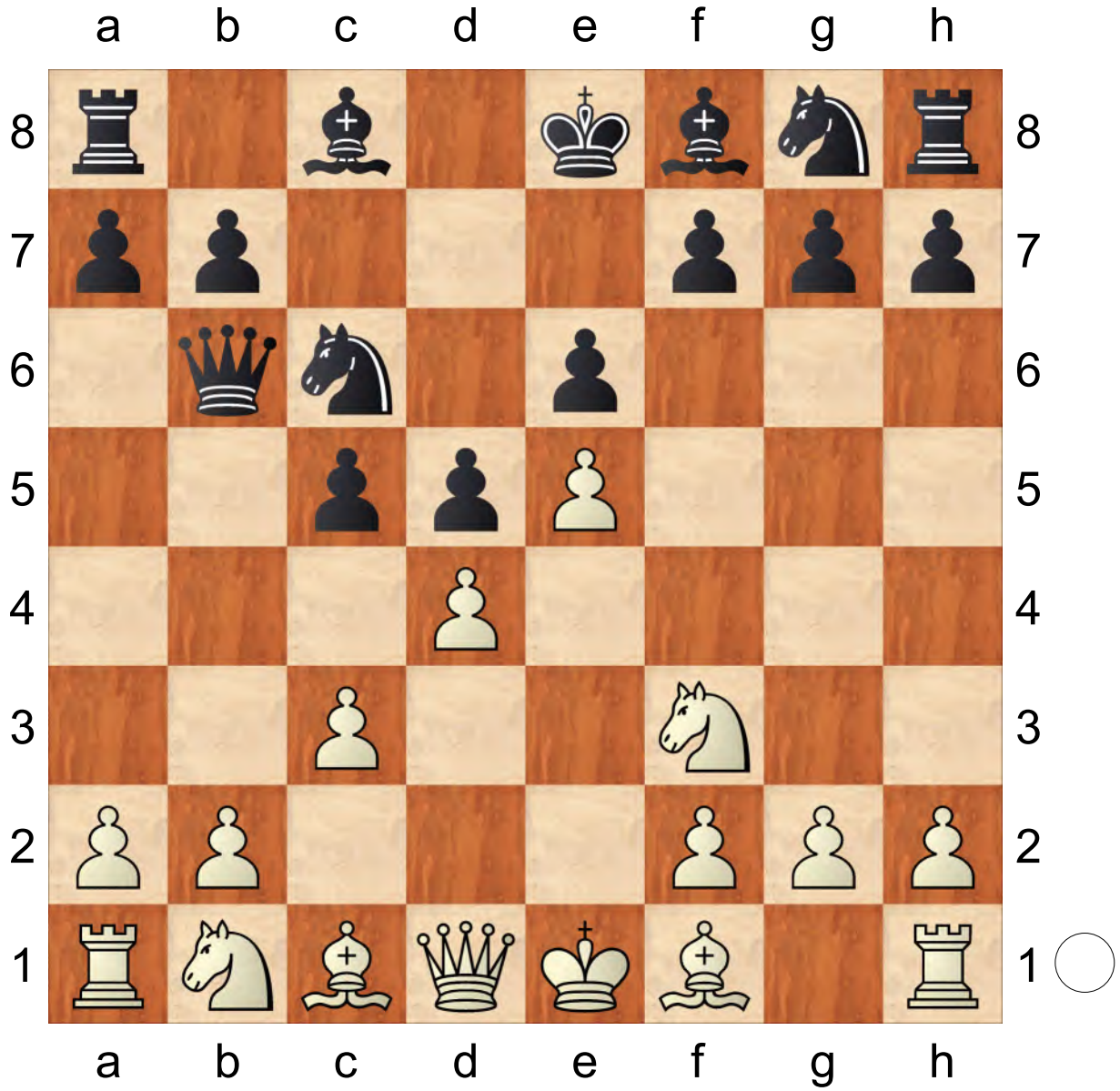


6.a3 A favourite of both Grischuk and Svesnikov, the text-move controls the b4-square in case Black takes on d4 and also aims for a « expansion (b4). Stohl,I: 'A favourite of both Grischuk and Svesnikov, the text move controls the b4-square in case Black takes on d4 and also aims for a « expansion (b4).'

[On the other hand, Movsesian mostly prefers the developing 6.Be2

A) 6...Nh6 7.Bxh6 gxh6 *(7...Qxb2? 8.Be3! Qxa1 9.Qc2 cxd4 10.Nxd4!* and rescuing the trapped ♕ costs material after *Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Ba3 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.0-0 Qb2 15.Qa4+ b5 16.Qa6!+-)* 8.Qd2 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Na3 Bd7 *(10...cxd4 11.cxd4 f6 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Nc2 a5 14.a4 Bd7 15.Bb5 Raf8 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Ne5 Rf4 18.Nd3 Rxd4 19.Qe3 Be8 20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.Qxh6 Bg7 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.fxe3 d4 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Kf2 Bc6 26.g4±* Movsesian,S (2723)-Werle,J (2574)/Bundesliga 1011/2010/; *10...f6 11.exf6 Rxf6 12.Nc2 Bd7 13.b4 cxd4 14.cxd4 a6 15.a4 Be8 16.b5 axb5*

17.axb5 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Ne7 19.Ne5 Ng6 20.Ng4± Movsesian,S (2721)-Ponomariov,R (2744)/WCh 5' Moscow/2010/) 11.Nc2 a5 12.Ne3 h5 13.Rad1 cxd4 14.cxd4 f6 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Ne5 Be8 17.f4 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Rf8 19.Kh1 Bh6 20.g3 Bg6 21.Bd3 Rac8 22.Qe2 Rc7 23.Ng2 Rfc8 24.f5!↑ Movsesian,S (2723)-Berg,E (2616)/Khanty Mansiysk olm/2010/

B) ⌓6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nh6 8.Nc3 *(8.Bxh6?! Qxb2!∓* doesn't work as above, here Black can free his ♕ in time.*)* 8...Nf5 9.Na4 Qa5+ 10.Kf1!? *(* This is more enterprising than *10.Bd2 Bb4 11.Bc3 b5 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 b4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Qd2 0-0 18.0-0 Rfb8 19.Rab1 Rb6 20.Rfc1 Rab8 21.Rc2 h6 22.g3 a5 23.Kg2 a4 24.Ra1 Be8 25.h3 Bd7 26.Rac1 Rc6 27.g4 Ne7=* Shirov,A (2713)-Ivanchuk,V (2711)/Monte Carlo blindfold/2005/*)* 10...b5 11.Nc3 b4 12.Nb1 Ba6 13.Be3 Be7 *(13...Bxe2+!? 14.Kxe2 Be7 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Qd3 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6∓* Simonovic,A (2422)-Stojanovic,M (2539)/Vrnjacka Banja/2006/*)* 14.Nbd2 0-0 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Bxa6 Qxa6+ 17.Qe2 Qb6 18.g4 Nxe3+ 19.Qxe3 a5 20.Kg2 Rfc8⇄ Movsesian,S (2718)-Vitiugov,N (2689)/CZE-chT 0910/2010/]

6...c4 Releasing the ⊞ tension is certainly committal, but Black's most usual reaction is strategically justified by White's previous move. By fixing ×b3 Black's ♔ would like to feel more comfortable on the ⩤. However, in our game king safety will prove to be only an illusion, so it's worth considering alternatives already now:

[6...a5 7.Bd3 Bd7 8.0-0 *(*Even the restrained *8.Bc2!?* enables White to fight for an opening advantage.*)* 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nc3 leads to a position, in which the inserted moves a3 and a5 increase White's → chances: Stohl,I: 'leads to a position, in which the intercalated moves a3 and a5 increase White's → chances:' Qb6 12.Qg4 g6 13.Be3 Bc5 Shirov,A (2746)-Anand,V (2762)/FIDE WCh Tehran/2000/ For more details see notes by Ftacnik in CBM 80. 14.Qf4!?⩲]

[More to the point seems to be 6...Nh6!? Stohl,I: 'seems to be more to the point:' 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Bb2 Bd7 10.g4 Nfe7 11.Nc3 Na5 12.Qc2 *(12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Ng6 14.Qe2 Be7 15.Qe3 0-0 16.h4 f6 17.h5 Nh8 18.Rc2 Nc6 19.Na4 Qd8 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Nc5 e5 22.Nxb7 exd4∓* Motylev,A (2632)-Ponomariov,R (2704)/WCup Khanty Mansiysk/2005/*)* 12...Nc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Nd2 Qc6 15.Nce4 Nc8 16.Nxc4 b5 17.Ne3 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 Bc6 19.f3 Nb6 20.Kf2 Be7 21.h4 Na4⩲ Umansky,M (2664)-Timmerman,G (2696)/corr/2008/]

7.Nbd2 Na5 8.g3

[White used to play 8.Be2 much more often (for example this goes for Sveshnikov's earlier games), but this is not the most active post for the ♗: Bd7 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Rb1 *(10.Re1 Nc8* is similar and can transpose.*)* 10...Qc7 11.Re1 Nc8 12.Nf1 Nb6 13.Bf4 Nb3 14.Ng3 *(14.N3d2 Na5 15.Ng3 Ba4* shows how the ♗e2 cramps White's ♕, after *16.Qc1 0-0-0 17.Nh5 Kb8 18.Nf3 Bb3!⇄* White was already satisfied with *19.Nd2 Ba4 20.Nf3 Bb3 21.Nd2* 1/2, Ni Hua (2533)-Bareev,E (2721)/Beijing/2003/*)* 14...Ba4 15.Bf1 0-0-0 16.Nh5 h6 17.Qe2 Na5 18.Qd2 Qc6 19.Re2 Qe8 20.g4 Be7 21.Rbe1 Qg8 22.Qc1 Qh7 23.Qb1

Qxb1 24.Rxb1 g6 25.Ng3 Bb3 26.Bh3 Na4 27.Rf1 b5 28.Be3 Nc6 29.Ne1 a5 30.f4 b4⇄ /∓,Zhigalko,S (2668)-Andreikin,D (2635)/Moscow/2010/]

8...Bd7 9.Bg2 Simple development. White mostly strives to put his ♗ on the more active h3-square, moreover he can use the g2-square to transfer his ♘ to the ideal e3-square. However, even here Black is not without ⇄:

[9.h4

A) 9...f5 10.exf6 Nxf6?! *(10...gxf6 11.Bh3 0-0-0 -9…0-0-0)* 11.Ne5 Bd6 12.Bh3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Ng8 14.Qg4 g6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.Nf3 Nb3 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Rad1 h6 Grischuk,A (2712)-Apicella,M (2501)/FRA-chT/2003/ 19.Nd4!? Nxd4 20.Bxd4 0-0-0 21.Rb1 Δb3↑;

B) 9...Ne7 10.Bh3 *(10.h5 h6 11.Nh4 0-0-0 12.Bh3 Kb8 13.0-0 Rg8 14.Kh2 g5!? 15.Ng2 Bg7 16.Ne3 f5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Ng4 Bg7 19.Qe2 Nec6 20.Nf3 Nb3 21.Rb1 Be8!∓* Berbatov,K (2481)-Radulski,J (2592)/Albena/2010/) 10...h6 11.0-0 Nec6 12.Re1 Be7 13.Nf1 Nb3 14.Rb1 Nxc1 15.Qxc1 0-0-0 16.Ne3 Na5 17.Qd1 Bc6 18.h5 Kb8 19.Nh2 Bd7 20.Kh1 Bc8 21.Rg1 Nc6 22.f4 f6 23.Nf3 fxe5 24.fxe5 Rdf8 25.Qe2 Qd8 26.Ng2 Bg5 27.Nfh4 Ne7 28.Rbf1 Rxf1 29.Rxf1 Rf8 30.Rf3 Qe8= Wohl,A (2452)-Eingorn,V (2595)/Bad Woerishofen/2006/

C) 9...0-0-0 10.Bh3 f5 11.exf6 gxf6 Stohl,I: '-9…0-0-0' 12.0-0 Nh6 13.Re1 Rg8 14.Rb1 *(14.Nf1∞)* 14...e5! 15.Bxd7+ Rxd7 16.Nf1 *(16.dxe5? Rxg3+∓; ⌓16.b3!?⇄)* 16...e4 17.N3h2 Vysochin,S (2599)-Ljukin,S (2365)/Zaporozhye/2004/ Nf5∓ \ ]

[Advancing the ♙h2 made White's » vulenerable in some of the above lines, so he can try the immediate 9.Bh3 However, here apart from the standard plan as e.g. in Wohl-Eingorn, Black can also play Be7!? *(9...Ne7 10.0-0 h6 11.Nh4 0-0-0 12.Ng2 g6 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qf3 Rh7 15.b4 Nac6 16.Ne3 h5 17.Bg2 h4 18.Nexc4!? dxc4 19.Nxc4 Nd5 20.Bg5⩲* Gaujens,A (2565)-Proshkin,A/corr/2001/) 10.0-0 h5

A) 11.Bg2 Nh6 12.Rb1 0-0-0 13.Re1 Nf5 14.Bh3 *(14.Nf1∞)* 14...g6?! *(14...g5!∓)* 15.Nf1 Rdg8 16.Bg5 Qd8 17.Qc1 Ba4 18.Re2 Kb8 19.Qf4 Ka8 20.Ne3 Rf8 21.Ng2± Sveshnikov,E (2536)-Rotoni,M (2133)/Cesenatico/2010/

B) 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.Ne1 g6 13.f4 Nh6 14.Ndf3 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 Rdg8 17.Ng5 Qd8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nc2 Kb8 20.Rb1 Qc7 21.Nb4 Ka8 22.Ra1 a5 23.Nc2 Rb8 24.Rfb1 Rb6 25.Bg2 Kb8 26.Bf3= 1/2, Movsesian,S (2624)-Radjabov,T (2610)/Sarajevo/2002/]

9...0-0-0 10.0-0 f5?!

[Possibly the right way to go is the restrained ⌓10...h6!? , introduced by Petrosian:

A) 11.h4!? Δh5∞;

B) 11.Re1 Ne7 12.Nf1 *(⌓12.Rb1* still allows White to fight for an edge*)* 12...Nf5 13.Ne3 *(13.g4 Ne7 14.Rb1 f5!?⇄)* 13...Nxe3 14.Rxe3 *(14.Bxe3 Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qa2! Δ 16.Re2 Qxa3 17.Ra1 Qb3∓)* 14...Be7 15.Re1 Qb3 16.Qe2 Ba4 17.Be3 Kb8 *(17...Qc2!∓)* 18.Rad1 Qc2 19.Rd2 Qf5 20.Rf1

g5!? 21.h3 h5 22.Nh2 Rdg8 23.g4 Qg6 24.Bf3 *(24.f4!?⇄)* 24...hxg4 25.Bxg4 Nc6 26.f3 *(26.Kh1∓ Δf4)* 26...Bd8 27.Bf2 Ne7 28.Re1 Rh6 29.Nf1 Rgh8 30.Bg3 Rxh3! 31.Bxh3 Rxh3 32.Qg2 Qh7 33.Ne3 Ng6 34.Ng4 Nf4-+ Clarke,P-Petrosian,T/Munich/1958/ A nice display of refined strategy, crowned by a positional exchange sacrifice - vintage Petrosian!;

C) 11.Rb1 Ne7 12.Ne1 Kb8 *(⌓12...Nf5!?∞)* 13.Qf3 Be8 14.Nc2 Nb3 *(14...Nf5 15.Ne3= /±)* 15.Nxb3 Qxb3 16.Na1! Qa4 17.b3 cxb3 18.Nxb3 Nc6 19.Rd1 Rc8 20.Bf1 Rc7 21.Bd3 Na5 22.Nxa5 Qxa5 23.c4 dxc4 24.Bxc4 Bc6 25.d5→ Sedina,E (2345)-Cugini,W (2255)/Toscolano/1996/ A model example, this time from White's point of view. Black didn't play ideally and allowed a complete break in the ⊞ (b3,c4,d5).]

[10...Be7 11.h4 Kb8 12.Rb1 Rc8 13.Qc2 Nh6 14.Bh3 Nf5 15.Re1 h6 16.h5 Rcg8 17.Nf1 g6 1/2, Kotrotsos,V (2323)-Rusev,K (2516)/Plovdiv/2008/ 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.N1h2∞]

[10...Nh6 11.Rb1 Kb8 12.Qc2 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.b3 cxb3 15.Nxb3 Ba4 16.Nfd2 Nf7 17.Qa2 Nxb3 18.Nxb3 Qc7 1/2,Scetinin,A (2315)-Naumkin,I (2500)/ Cappelle la Grande/1995/ 19.Qe2 e5 20.c4!↑]

[10...Kb8 11.Re1 Ne7 12.Nf1 Nb3 13.Rb1 Nc6?! 14.Bf4 Ka8 15.N1d2 Nca5 16.Nxb3 Nxb3 17.Nd2 Ba4 18.Nxb3 Bxb3 19.Qd2 h6 20.Re2 Be7 21.Rf1 Qc6 22.Be3 Rh7 23.f4 g6 24.g4 h5 25.f5 hxg4 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Bg5± Alexander,C-O'Kelly de Galway,A/Hastings/1953/ is an example of what Black should avoid - exchanging the ♘ gave White a free hand on the ».]

(Diagram)

Without the tactical chances along the ⇔g as in Vysochin-Lukin above, this move seems too ambitious and strategically dubious: Black will have too much trouble holding together his ⊞ and taking care of the b3 break at the same time. **11.exf6**

[Keeping the ⊞ closed limits White's options: 11.Rb1 Nh6 *(11...h6 12.b3 cxb3 13.Nxb3 Ba4 14.Nfd2 Ne7∞)* 12.b3 Qc7?! *(⌓12...cxb3)* 13.Re1 *(13.bxc4↑)* 13...Nf7 14.bxc4 Nxc4 15.Qb3 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 h6 17.Rec1 Kb8 18.c4± →,Bossio,D-Hughes,C/corr/1995/ Stohl,I: '→, Bossio,D-Hughes,C/corr/1995/']

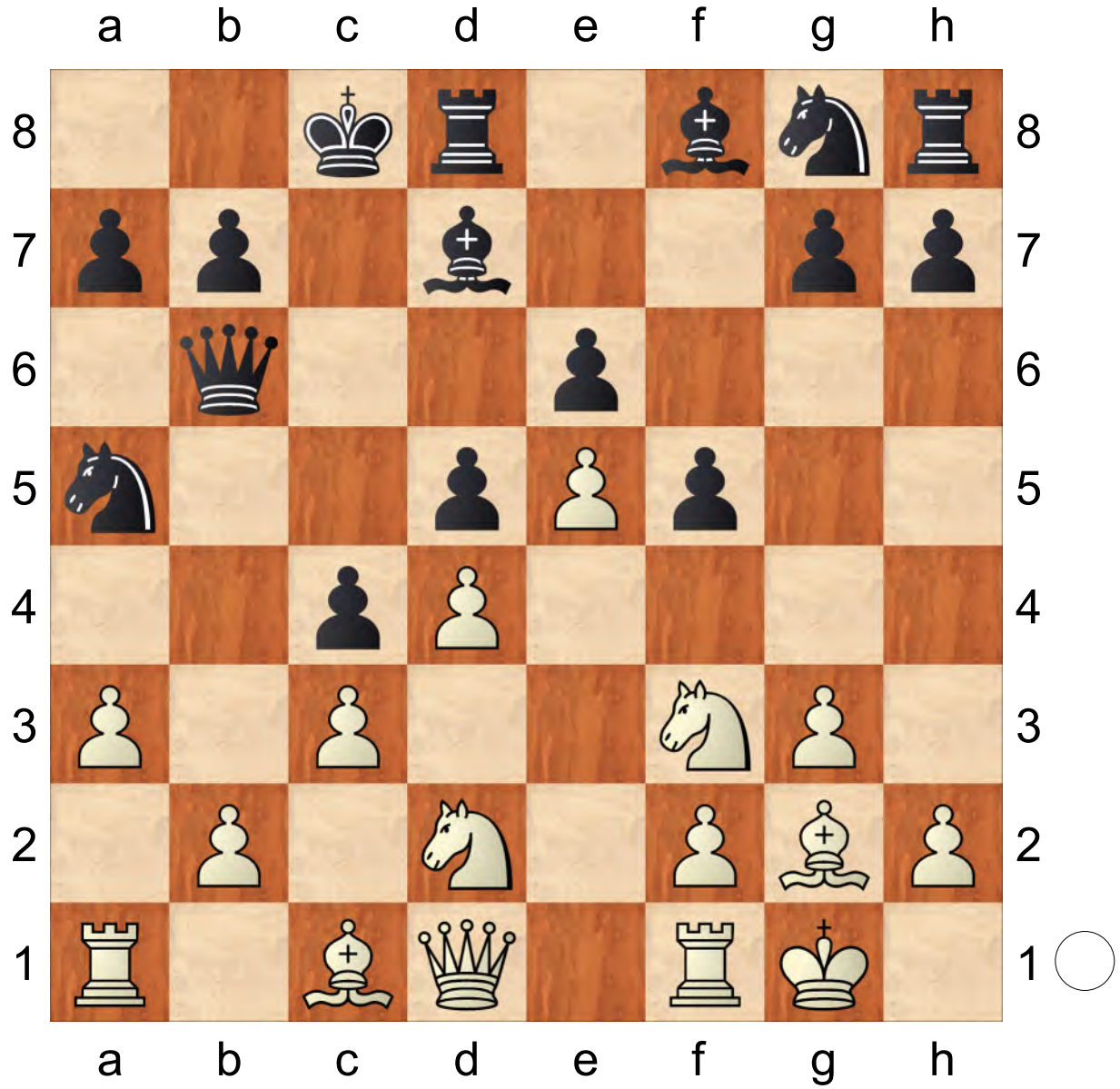
11...gxf6 12.Re1

[12.Rb1 Ne7 *(12...Nb3? 13.Nxb3 cxb3 14.Re1 Re8 15.Be3 Bh6 16.Nd2 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Ba4 18.Bxd5! exd5 19.Qg4+ f5 20.Qxf5+* 1-0, Veroci,Z (2290)-Laakmann,A (2160)/Buenos Aires olw/1978/ *Kc7 21.Rxe8 Bxe8 22.Qe5++-)*

13.Re1 Stohl,I: '±' Stohl,I: 'transposes to 12.♖b1'

A) 13...Nec6 14.Qc2 *(14.b4!?↑)* 14...Bd6 15.b4 cxb3 16.Nxb3 Nxb3 17.Rxb3 Qc7 18.Bh6 Na5 19.Rbb1 Nc4 20.Qa2 Rhg8 21.Nd2 b5 22.a4 Qa5 23.Ra1 Rg6 24.Be3 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 bxa4 26.Rb1 Kc7 27.c4→ Buckley,G (2417)-Wheeler,D (2239)/Telford/2005/

B) 13...Ng6 14.b3 cxb3 15.Nxb3 Ba4 16.Nfd2 Kb8 17.Qc2 e5 18.Qa2 Qc7



19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.c4 Bc6 21.Re3 exd4 22.Re6 Rd6 Vihinen,T (2145)-Raaste,E (2340)/Jyvaskyla/1997/ 23.Nb3 Qc3 24.cxd5 Rxe6 25.Bd2! Qd3 26.dxc6!→]

12...Bd6N A novelty, but it doesn't solve Black's opening problems.

[12...Ne7 13.Rb1± transposes to 12.♖b1]

[12...Bh6 13.Rb1 Nb3? 14.Nxb3 Qxb3 15.Qxb3 cxb3 16.Bxh6 Nxh6 17.Nd2± Septien Lopez,V (1876)-Gutierrez Garcia,J (1654)/Benidorm/2010/]

[12...Bg7 13.Rb1 Ne7 14.Qe2 *(14.b4±)* 14...Nec6 15.b4 cxb3 16.c4 Nxd4? *(16...Qa6!∞)* 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Nxb3 Nxb3 20.Rxb3 Rde8 21.Be3 Qe5 22.Rc1+ Kd8 23.Rxb7+- Pilz,D (2260)-Kranewitter,N (1925)/Wattens/1993/]

[12...Nh6 13.Nf1 *(13.Rb1!?±)* 13...Nf7 14.Bh3 Re8 15.Ne3 Be7 *(⌓15...Bd6∞)* 16.Ng2 Nb3 17.Rb1 Nxc1 18.Qxc1 Rhg8 19.Nf4 Bd8

Nagy,E (2305)-Rezsek,G (2085)/HUN-chT/1994/ 20.b3! cxb3 21.c4↑]

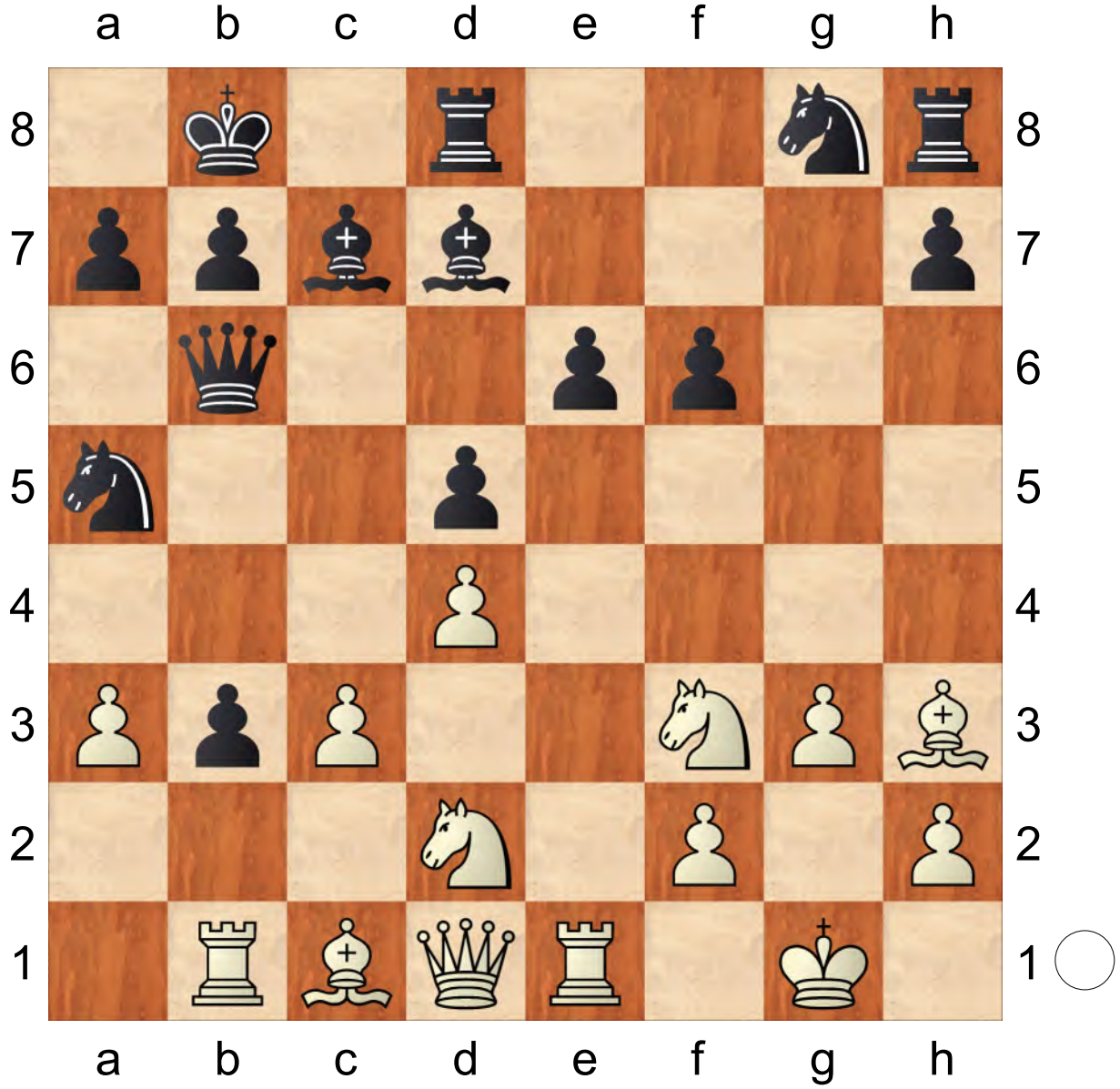
13.Bh3 Bc7

[13...Re8 14.Rb1± Black can't develop his ♘g8 and e5? is premature: 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Qa4+ Nc6 17.b3± /+-]

14.Rb1 Kb8

[⌓14...Ne7 15.b4 cxb3 16.Nxb3 Nxb3 17.Rxb3 Qc6 18.Bf1±]

15.b4 cxb3



16.Nxb3 Ne7

[16...Ba4 17.Nfd2 *(17.Nxa5 Bxd1 18.Rxb6 Bxb6 19.Bf4+ Ka8 20.Nxb7!? Bxf3 21.Nxd8 Bxd8 22.Bxe6 Ne7 23.Re3⩲* ↑ is interesting, but White can do without complications.*)* 17...e5 18.Qg4! Nxb3 19.Nxb3 Bxb3 20.Qg7 Ne7 21.Qxe7↑]

[16...Nxb3 17.Qxb3! *(17.Rxb3 Ba4 18.Rxb6 Bxd1 19.Rxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rxd1±*)

17...Qxb3 18.Rxb3 Re8 19.Rb2! Δ♖be2±, ×e6]

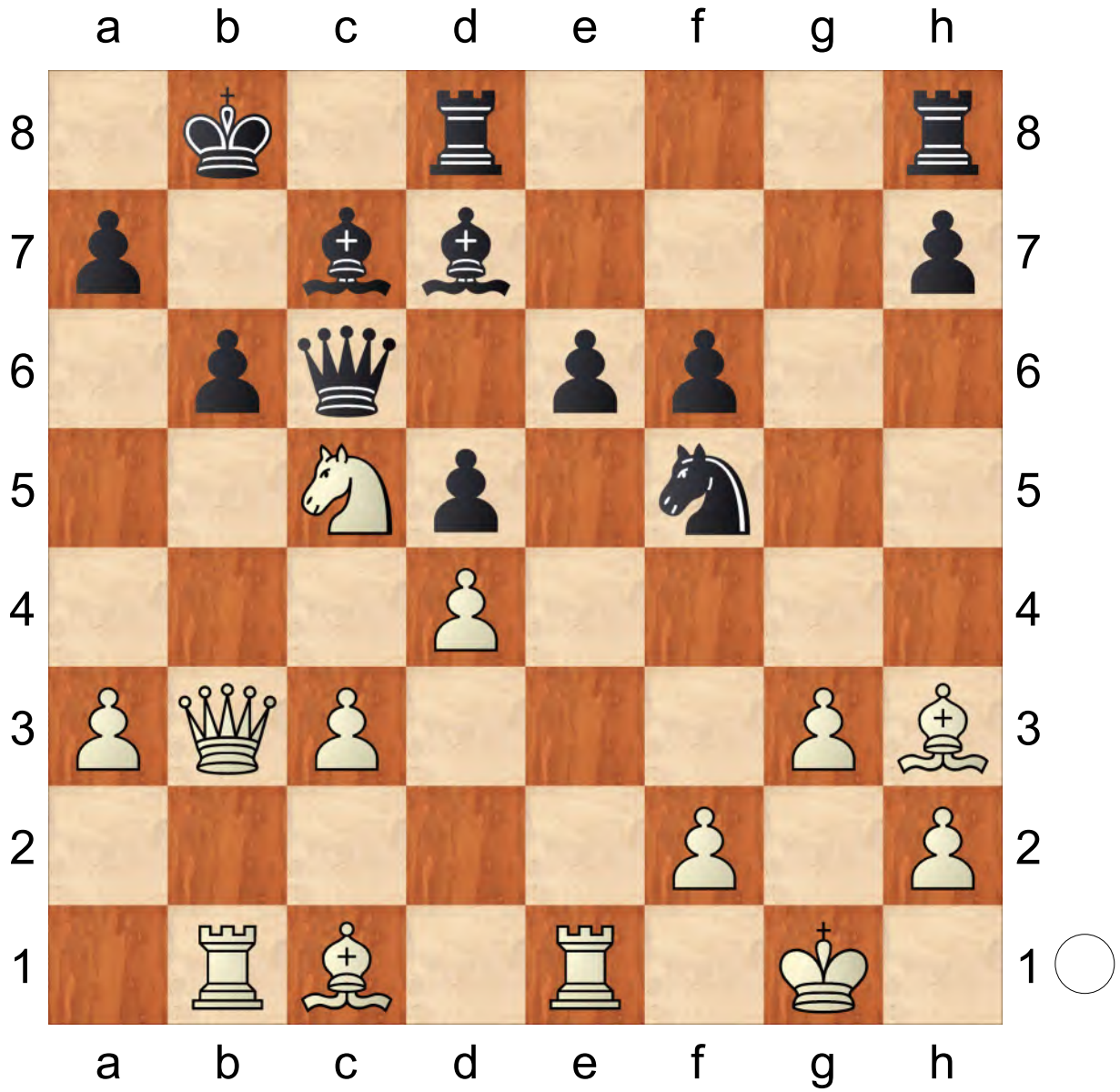
17.Nfd2 Qc6

[17...Nxb3 18.Nxb3 Bc8 19.Bd2 Qc6 20.Nc5 Nf5 *(20...f5 21.Bg5 Rhe8 22.Bf1+-)* 21.Rxe6!? *(21.Qf3 b6 22.Nxe6+-)* 21...Bxe6 22.Rxb7+ Kc8 *(22...Qxb7 23.Nxb7 Kxb7 24.Qb1+ Kc6 25.Bxf5+-)* 23.Rxa7 Nxd4 *(23...Bb6 24.Ra6 Ng7 25.Bf1!? Rd6 26.Bf4+-)* 24.cxd4 Bxh3 25.Ra6 Bb6 26.Ba5+- Rd6 27.Rxb6 Qxb6 28.Bxb6 Rxb6 29.Qc2 Kb8 30.f3+-]

18.Nc5± White strengthens his position with natural moves. **18...Nf5**

[18...f5 19.Bf1 Bc8 20.Bb5 Qd6 21.Nf3+-]

19.Ndb3 Nxb3 20.Qxb3 b6



21.a4!? Swapping the ♘ for any of the ♗ gives White an advantage, but Grischuk rightly senses he can postpone this exchange and strengthen his position even without it.

[21.Na6+ Kc8 22.Nxc7 Kxc7 23.a4→]
[21.Nxd7+ Rxd7 22.a4±]

21...Bc8 22.a5 e5 This is the only ⇄ Black has, otherwise he would be just overrun by the «→. Stohl,I: 'This is the only ⇄ Black has, otherwise he would be just overrun by the «→. ' **23.axb6 axb6**

[23...Bxb6 24.Bg2→ Δ exd4 25.Bf4+ Ka8 26.Qxb6!+-]

24.Ba3? Grischuk, possibly in his habitual time-pressure, loses control over the position and allows a tactical blow.

[24.Qa2
A) 24...Nxd4 25.cxd4 Bxh3 26.Bg5! fxg5 *(26...Bc8 27.Bxf6 Qxf6 28.Ra1+-)* 27.Na6+ Kb7 28.Rec1+-;
B) 24...Nh4 25.Bxc8 Nf3+ 26.Kh1 Rxc8 *(26...Nxe1 27.Bb7+-)* 27.Re3 Ng5 *(27...e4 28.Qa6+-* Δ♖f3, ♗f4*)* 28.Re2 Δ♖eb2, ♕a6, ♗g5 Ne4 29.Nxe4 dxe4 30.d5 Qb7 *(30...Qa8 31.Ra1! Qxa2 32.Rexa2 Bd6 33.Ra8+ Kc7 34.R8a7+ Kd8 35.Be3+-; 30...Qxc3 31.Be3 Kb7 32.Reb2 Ra8 33.Rxb6+ Bxb6 34.Rxb6+ Kc7 35.d6++-)* 31.Be3+- → *(31.Rxe4+-)*;
C) 24...Qa8 25.Qxa8+ *(25.Qe2!?)* 25...Kxa8 26.Ra1+ Kb8 27.Na6+ Bxa6 28.Rxa6 Kb7 29.Ra2 Ng7 *(29...Ne7 30.dxe5 fxe5 31.Bg5 Rhe8 32.Bg2 e4 33.c4+-; 29...Nd6 30.dxe5 fxe5 31.Rxe5 Ne4 32.Re7±)* 30.Bh6 Rhg8 31.Rea1±]

[24.Qa3 is almost the same as 24.♕a2.]

[Possibly even more incisive is the quiet Stohl,I: 'Possiblyan even more incisive move is the quiet' 24.Bf1!?→ Δ exd4 25.Qa3 Rde8 *(25...dxc3 26.Qxc3 Be5 27.Na6+ Kb7 28.Qa5 Bd4 29.Bf4* Δ♖ec1+- *)* 26.Ra1 Bb7 27.Qa7+ Kc8 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Nxb7 Re1 *(29...dxc3 30.Bf4! Bxf4 31.Ba6+-)* 30.Qa8+ Kd7 *(30...Bb8 31.Bf4 Qxb7 32.Qxb7+ Kxb7 33.Rxe1 Bxf4 34.gxf4 dxc3 35.Bd3+-)* 31.Bd2 Rxa1 32.Qxa1 dxc3 33.Bxc3 Δ Qxb7 34.Bh3+-]

24...Nh4! 25.Bg2! □ This calm move is the only sensible continuation.

[25.Bxc8? Nf3+ 26.Kh1 Kxc8∓]

25...Nxg2

(Diagram)

26.Kxg2 Rde8 27.Na4

[27.Kg1!? exd4 28.cxd4 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1±]

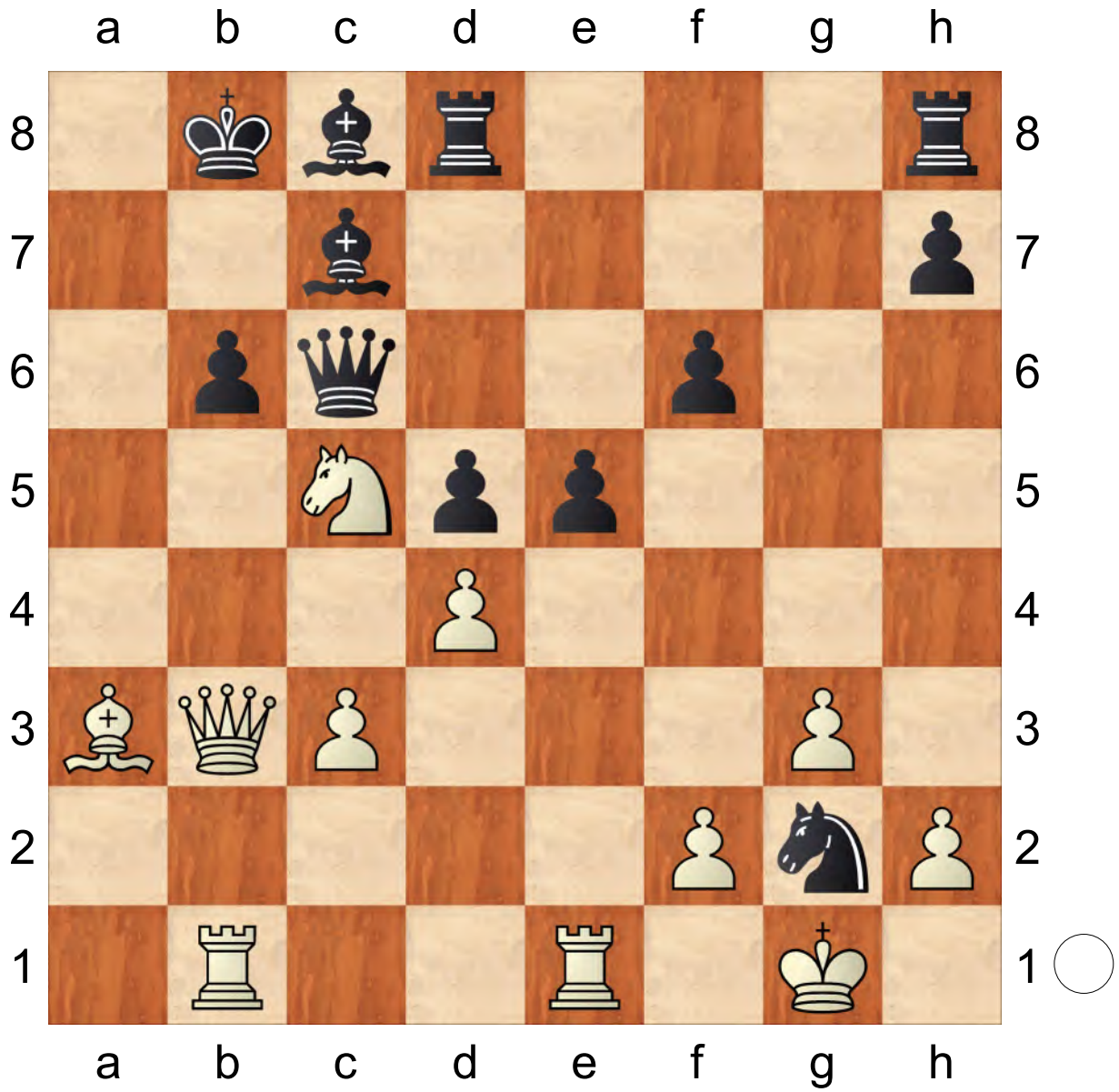
27...exd4 28.Rxe8?!

[28.Rec1!? d3 *(28...Bf5? 29.cxd4+-)* 29.Nxb6 Bf5!? *(29...Bxb6 30.Qxb6+ Qxb6 31.Rxb6+ Kc7 32.Rxf6↑)* 30.Nxd5+ *(30.Rd1 Bxb6 31.Qxb6+ Qxb6 32.Rxb6+ Kc7 33.Rxf6 Bg6± ⇄)* 30...Kc8 31.c4 d2 32.Rd1 Bxb1 33.Qxb1 Re1±]

[28.cxd4 Rxe1 29.Rxe1±]

28...Rxe8 29.cxd4 Re6? Vitiugov repays the favour.

[29...Bf5 was necessary: 30.Rc1 Qe6 31.Qc3 Bh3+ 32.Kg1 Bf4!? 33.Rb1



Bc7⇄ 34.Rc1= *(34.Nxb6?? Qe4 35.Nd7+ Kc8-+; 34.Nc5 Qe2 35.Qa5 Qf1+ 36.Rxf1 bxa5 37.Rb1+ Kc8 38.Rc1 Kd8 39.Nb7+ Kd7 40.Nc5+=)*]

30.Bc5+- Now Black has no ⇄ and as the ♙b6 falls, his position collapses. **30...b5**

[30...Kb7 31.Bxb6! Bxb6 32.Nxb6 Qxb6 33.Qxd5++-]

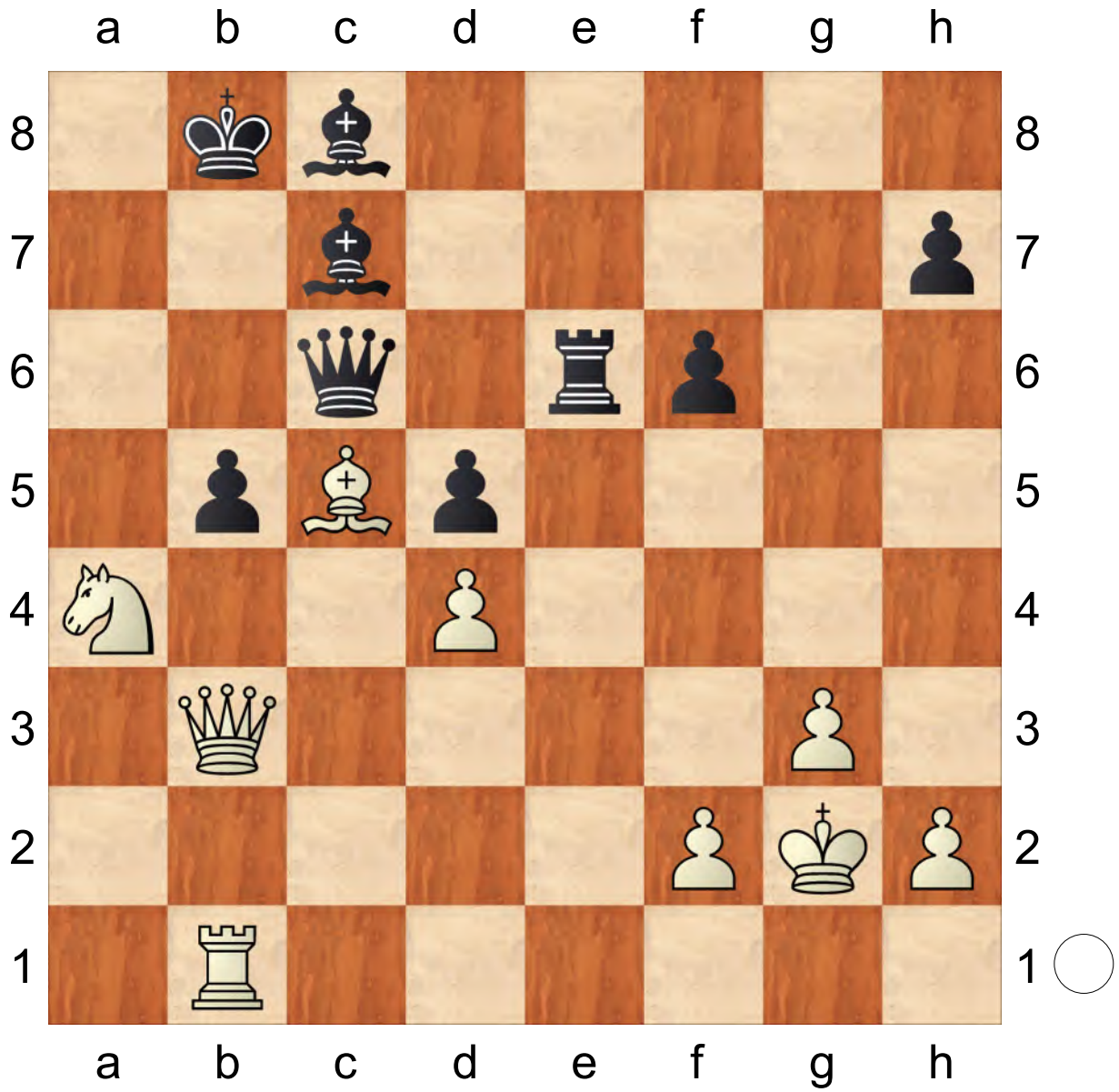
(Diagram)

31.Nc3 Ba6 32.Nxb5 Bxb5 33.Qxb5+ Qxb5 34.Rxb5+ Kc8 35.Bf8! The final blow, Black will lose another ♙.

[≤35.Ba3 Ra6!]

35...Bb6

[35...Bd6 36.Rb6+- *(36.Bh6+-)*]



[35...Re8 36.Ba3 *(36.Bg7+-)* 36...Rd8 37.Be7+-]

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36.Rxd5

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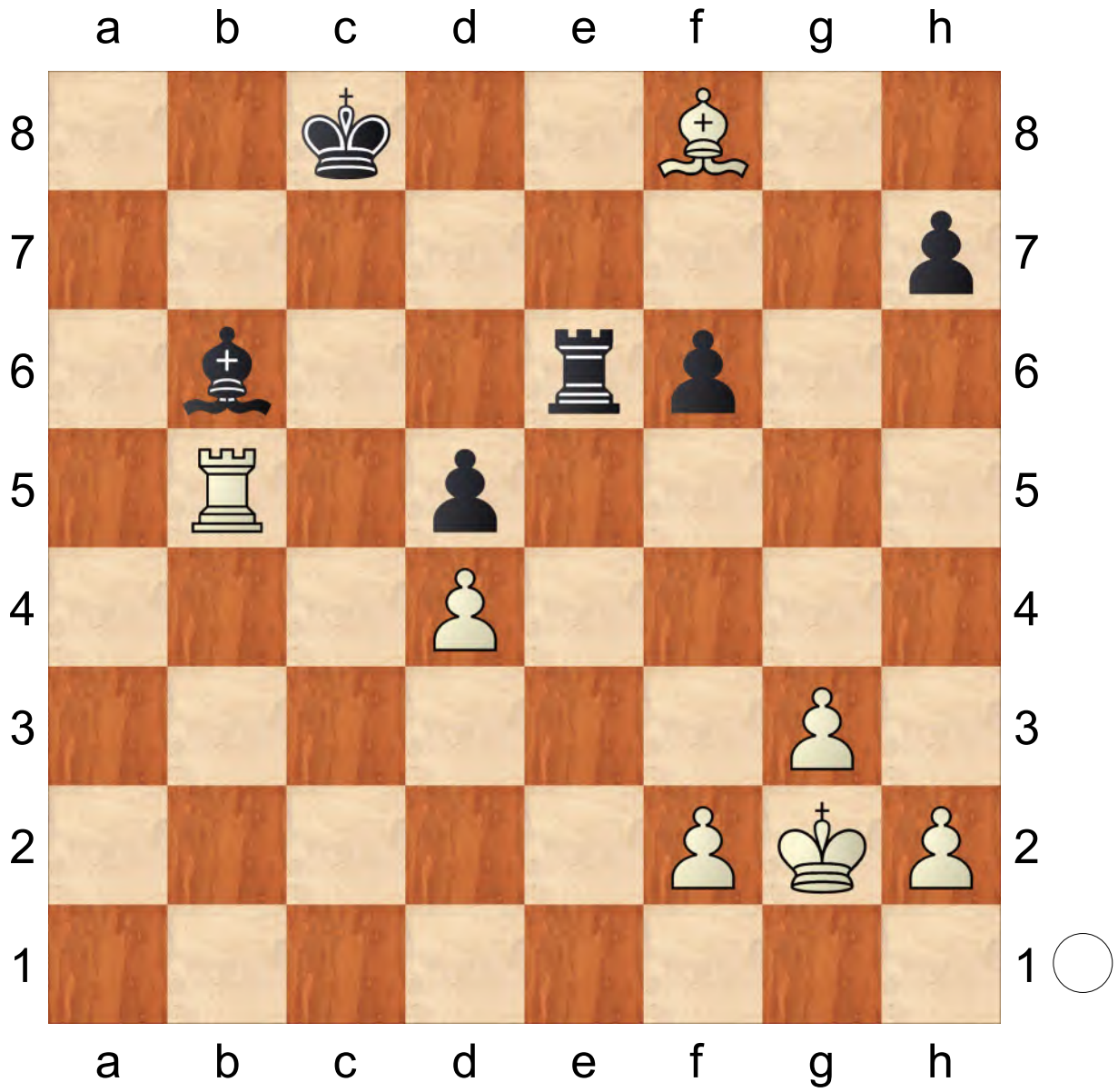
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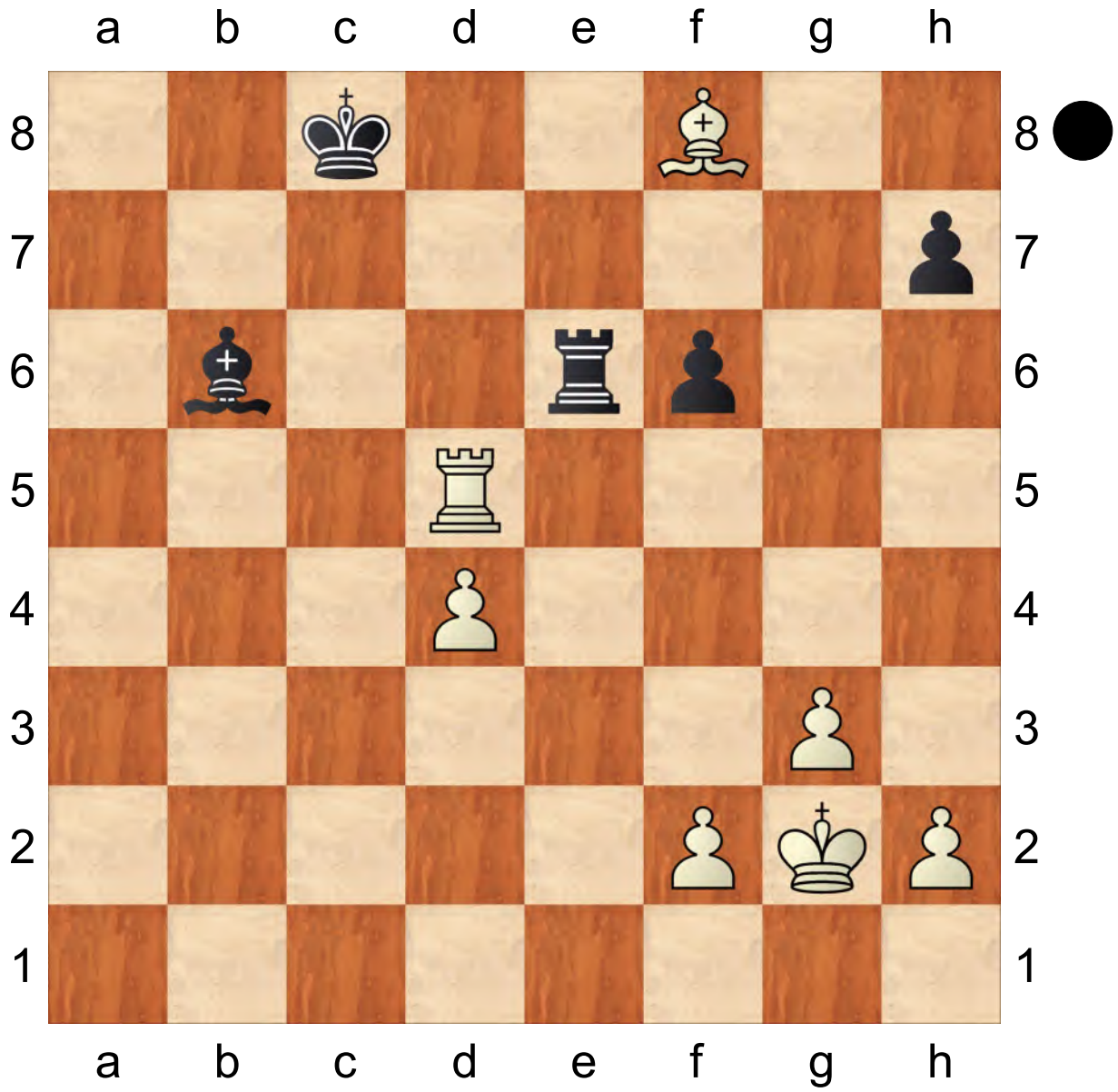
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1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxc4 5.e3**
[5.e4 Be7!? *(5...c5 6.d5 Be7 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Nf3 exd5 10.Bxd5 Qb6 11.Rb1 Nc6∓* 0-1 Dydyshko,V-Kharlov,A/Swidnica TV KO 1997 (27)*)* 6.Nf3 *(6.Bxc4 Nxe4! 7.Bxe7 Nxc3 8.Bxd8 Nxd1 9.Bxc7 Nxb2 10.Bb3 Bd7∓)* 6...c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 h6!? 9.Bf4 *(9.Qxd8+ Bxd8 10.Bh4 Ba5!?=)* 9...Qa5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qd3 0-0 1-0 Gurevich,M-Kupreichik,V/Groningen op 1997 (33)]
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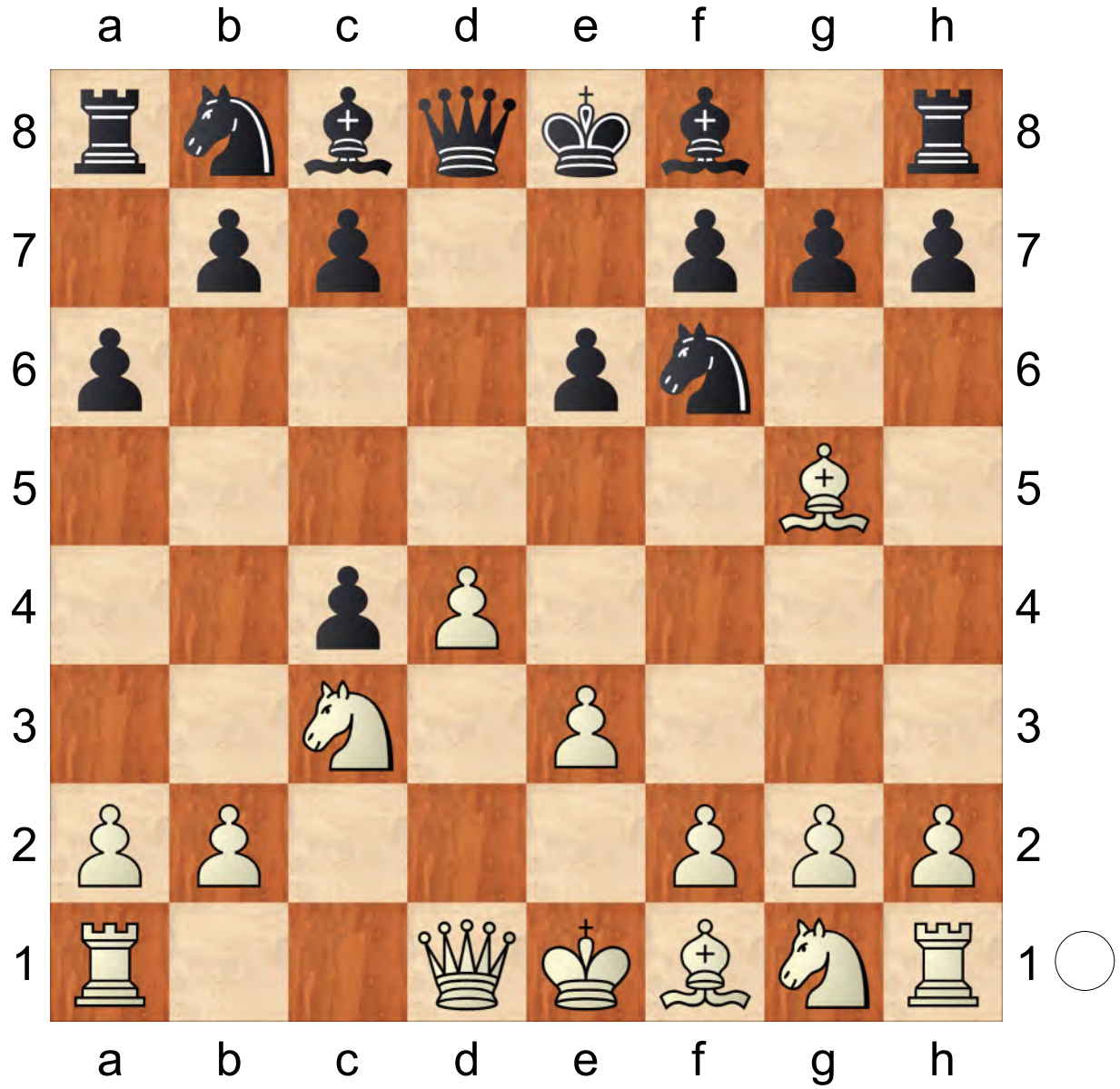
[5...Be7 6.Bxc4 0-0 7.Nf3 a6 8.Qc2 b5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Rc1 c6 13.0-0 Ra7 14.Ne5 Rc7 15.a4 f5 16.Nc5 Bd6 17.f4± 1-0 Sosa,N-Owosina,T/Moscow olm PAN-NGR 1994 (43)]
[5...Bb4 6.Bxc4 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Na5 10.Bd3± Leenhouts,V-Kamminga,S/U20 open, Hengelo NED 1997/1-0 (42)]

(Diagram)

6.Nf3
[6.a4 Be7 7.Bxc4
A) 7...0-0 8.Nf3 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 Qc7 *(10...cxd4 11.Rad1 e5 12.exd4 exd4⇄)* 11.Rad1 Bd7 *(11...cxd4!?⇄)* 12.Rd2 Rfd8 13.Rfd1 Be8 14.d5 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.d5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 exd5 17.Bxd5 Na5⇄)* 14...exd5 15.Bxd5 Nb4 16.Bf4± 0-1 Bruegge,B-Urban,J/Dresden op 1993 (38);
B) 7...e5 8.Nf3 exd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1
B1) 11...Bg4 12.d5 *(12.Rxe7 Nxe7 13.Bxf6 gxf6∓)* 12...Nb4 13.Rc1 h6⇄;
B2) 11...Bd7 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Rad1
B2a) 13...Nd5 14.Bxd5 Bxg5
B2a1) 15.Qc4 Rf8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 *(16...Bxc6 17.d5 Bd7 18.Nxg5 Qxg5 19.Qxc7+-)* 17.Nxg5 Qxg5 18.Re5±;
B2a2) 15.Be4? f5 16.Nxg5 Qxg5 ½-½ Tatai,S-Blatny,P/EU-chT Haifa 1989;



B2b) 13...Bg4=]

[6.Bxc4

A) 6...c5

A1) 7.d5?!

A1a) 7...b5 8.Bb3 *(8.dxe6 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 bxc4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nd5 Ra7-+)* 8...c4 9.Bc2 *(9.dxe6 cxb3 10.exf7+ Ke7 11.Qf3 Ra7 12.Bxf6+ gxf6∓)* 9...Be7 *(9...exd5 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nxd5 Qd6 12.Qf3 Bb7 13.0-0-0±)* 10.dxe6 Bxe6⇄;

A1b) 7...Be7?? 8.Nf3 b5 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Be2 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 exd5 13.Rd1 Be6 14.Ng5 Nd7 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bf3 Nb6 17.e4 Rd8 18.0-0 Kf7 19.exd5 exd5 20.Rfe1 Rhe8 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 22.Re1+ Kf7 23.Bg4 Re8 24.Rd1 Na4 25.Kf1 Nxc3 26.Rd2 b4 27.Bd7 Re7 28.Bc6 Ke6 29.Rc2 Kd6 30.Ba8 Ra7 31.Bxd5 Kxd5 32.a3 Kc4

33.axb4 cxb4 34.Ke1 Rd7 35.Rd2 Rxd2 36.Kxd2 b3 37.Kc1 a5 38.Kb2 Nd1+ 39.Kc1 b2+ 40.Kc2 a4 41.f3 a3 42.g4 Kb4 43.Kb1 Kb3 0-1 Ibisoglu,A-Martinkova,M/Eu Youth gu18, Mureck AUT 1998;

A2) 7.dxc5 Qa5 *(7...Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.Nf3 b5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Ne4 Be7= ½-½ Gurevich,M-Crouch,C/EuClub Cup qual Gp 1997 (32))* 8.Nf3 Bxc5 9.0-0

A2a) 9...b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxb2 14.Rb1

A2a1) 14...Bd4 15.Bd2 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxd2 17.Qxa8 Qf4 *(17...0-0 18.Qe4+-)* 18.fxg7 Bxg7 19.Bxa6+-;

A2a2) 14...gxf6 15.Bxf6 Rg8 16.Bxh7+- ½-½ Strating,S-Crouch,C/NLD-ch op 1992 (45);

A2b) 9...Nbd7 10.a3 Qc7 11.Qe2 b5 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Rac1⩲;

B) 6...b5 7.Be2 Bb7 8.Bf3 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.Ne5 c6 *(13...Nxe5 14.Bxf6 Nf3+! 15.gxf3 Bxf6 16.Ne4⩲)* 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.a4⩲ ½-½ Volke,K-Thesing,M/BL 1993 (30);

C) 6...Be7 7.Nf3 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 c5 11.Rad1⩲ 1-0 Gruenberg,H-Blatny,P/Stara Zagora zt-A 1990 (35)]

6...c5 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bb3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7

[9...Be7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rfd1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qb6 13.e4 Bc5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.Nce2 Rg8 *(16...e5 17.Nf5 Bxf2+ 18.Kh1 Rg8 19.Qf3+-)* 17.Qh4 Rg6 18.Rd3 Bxd4 *(18...f5 19.Nf4 Bxd4 20.Nxg6+ fxg6 21.exf5+-)* 19.Nxd4 Nc6 20.Rh3 Rg7 21.Nxc6 Qxc6 22.Qxf6 Qxe4 23.Rg3 Rag8 24.Rd1 Bd5 *(24...Qf5? 25.Qxg7+* 1-0 Gerusel,M-Werner,D/BL 1984 *)* 25.h3±]

10.d5

[10.Qe2 Qb6 11.a4 cxd4 12.exd4 b4 13.a5 Qd6 14.Bxf6 *(14.Nb1 Ne4⇄)* 14...gxf6 *(14...Nxf6 15.Ba4+ Ke7 16.Na2 Nd5 17.Rac1 f6 18.Rfe1 Kf7⇄)* 15.Ne4 Qf4 16.d5!↑ 1-0 Farago Ivan-Andersen Jens/Bayern Oberliga 1995 (29)]

10...c4

(Diagram)

11.Bc2?!

[11.dxe6 fxe6 *(11...cxb3 12.exd7+ Qxd7 13.Bxf6±)* 12.Bc2⩲]

11...Qc7?!

[11...Bxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Bf5⩲]

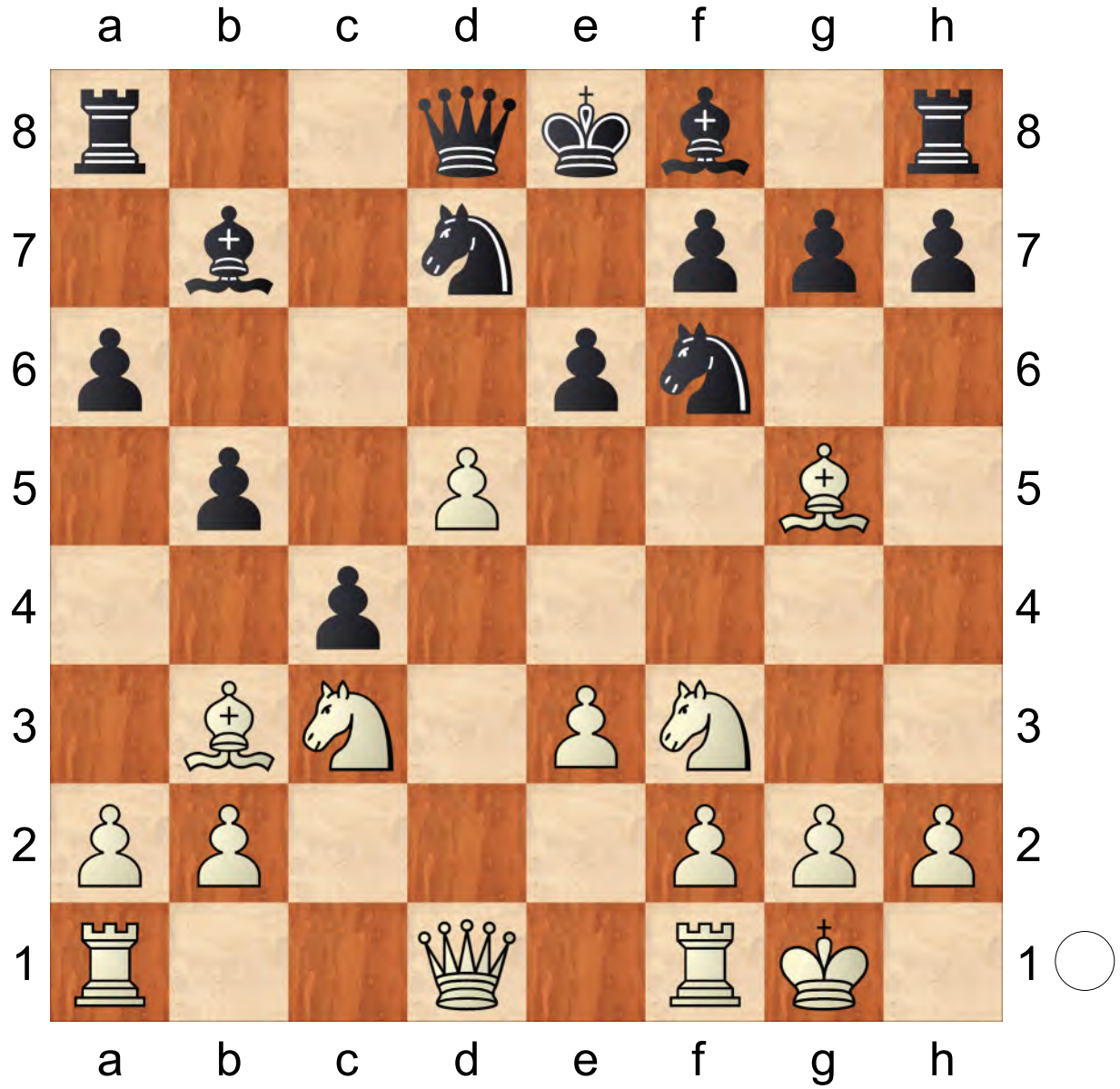
[11...exd5⩯]

12.dxe6⩲ fxe6 13.Qe2

[13.Nd4

A) 13...e5 14.Ne6 Qc6 15.Nd5!! Kf7 *(15...Nxd5 16.Qh5++-; 15...Qxd5 16.Nc7++-; 15...Rc8 16.Nxf8 Rxf8 17.e4⩲)* 16.Nxf8 Rhxf8 17.e4 Rad8 18.Qf3⩲;

B) 13...Nc5 14.b4 cxb3 15.axb3 Ncd7 16.Rc1± *(16.Nce2 e5 17.Rc1 Bc5 18.Nf5 g6 19.Nh4±)*]



13...Be7

[13...Bd6

A) 14.Nd4 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 *(15...Kf7 16.f4 Bg3 17.Rf3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 b4 19.Nce2 e5 20.Nf5 Bxf4 21.exf4±)*

A1) 16.f4 Bxd4 17.exd4 Nf8 18.f5 Qg3 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Be4 *(20.fxe6 Qh4+ 21.Kg1 Qxd4+ 22.Rf2 Qe5 23.Qg4 Qg5 24.Qxg5 fxg5 25.Re1±)* 20...Qh4+ 21.Kg1

A1a) 21...Bxe4 22.Nxe4 0-0-0 23.a4 Rxd4 24.Nc5

A1a1) 24...Rg8!? 25.Rf2 *(25.axb5? Rxg2+ 26.Qxg2 Rg4 27.Rxa6 Rxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Qg4+∓)* 25...Qh3 26.Ra3 Qh6 27.Qf3 Qc1+ 28.Rf1 Qxb2 29.fxe6 Kc7 30.axb5 Qxb5 31.Nxa6+ Kd6 32.Re3+-;

A1a2) 24...e5 25.axb5±;

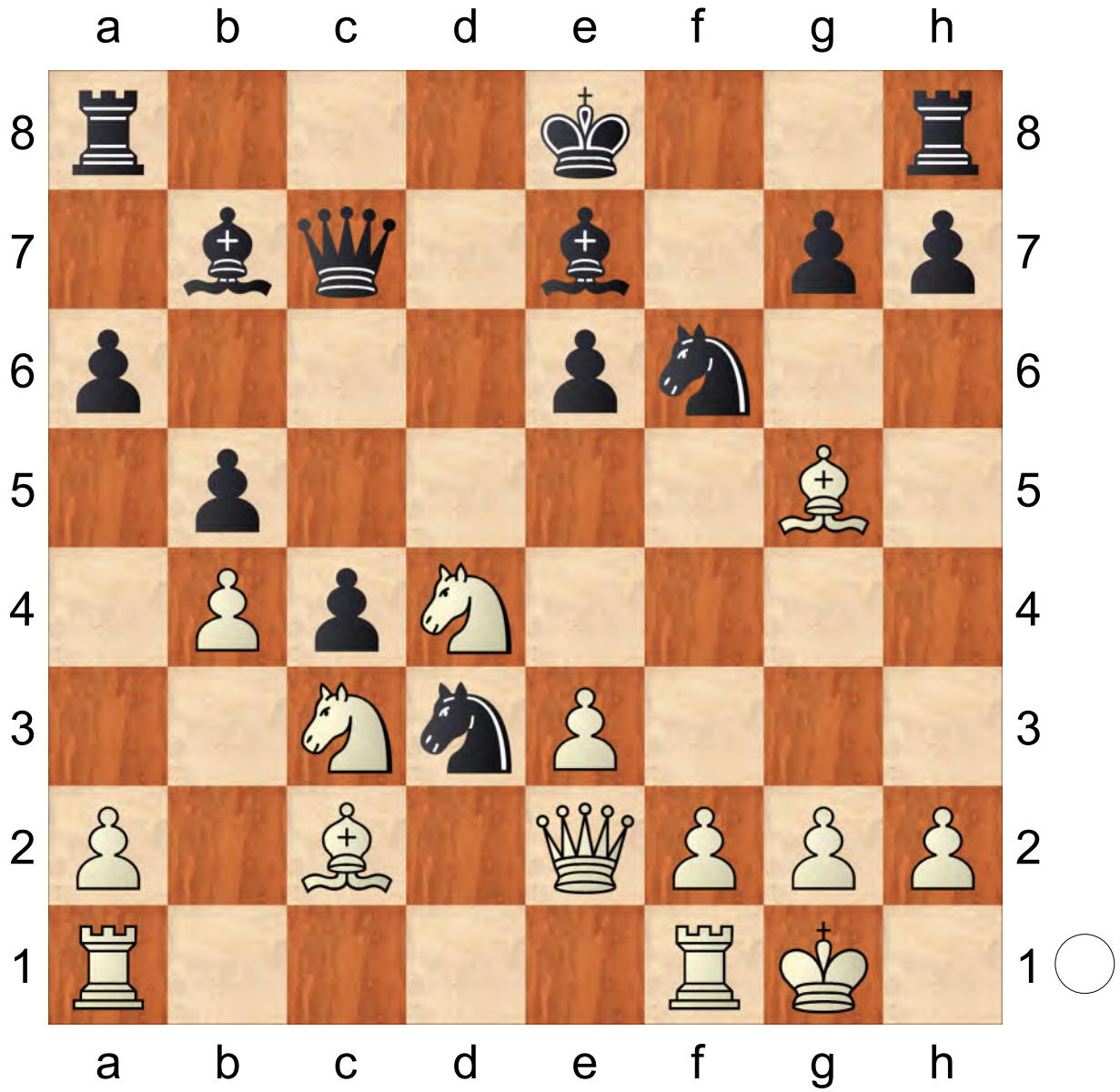
A1b) 21...Rb8 22.Rae1±;

A2) 16.Nxe6 Qc6 17.Nf4 0-0 18.f3 Rae8∓;
B) 14.e4 0-0⇄;
C) 14.Rad1 0-0 15.Qd2 Bc5 16.Nd4 e5 17.Nf5 Rad8 18.f3 Nb6 19.Qe2 b4⇄]

14.Nd4 Nc5
[14...Qb6 15.Rad1±]

15.b4!
[15.f4 0-0⇄]

15...Nd3?±
[15...cxb3 16.axb3 0-0 17.b4 Ncd7 18.Rfc1±]



16.Bxd3 cxd3 17.Qxd3 e5
[17...Ng4

A) 18.f4 Bxg5 19.Nxe6 Qc6
A1) 20.Nxg7+! Ke7 *(20...Kf7 21.fxg5+ Kxg7 22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.Qxg4+-)* 21.Nf5+ Kf8 *(21...Kf7 22.Nd6+ Kg7 23.Nxb7+-)* 22.e4 Bf6 23.Rac1 Bxc3 24.Rxc3 Qxe4 25.Qd6+ Kg8□ 26.Nh6+ Nxh6 27.Rg3+ Kf7 28.Qd7+ Kf6 29.Qg7+ Ke6 30.Qxh6+ Kd7 31.Qg7++-;
A2) 20.Nd5?! Bd8□ 21.Qe4! Nf6 *(21...Kf7 22.Nxd8+ Rhxd8 23.Qe7+ Kg8 24.Qxd8+! Rxd8 25.Ne7+ Kf7 26.Nxc6 Bxc6 27.Rac1 Bd5∓)* 22.Ndc7+ *(22.Nxd8+ Nxe4 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.Nc7+ Kd7 25.Nxa8 Rxa8∓)* 22...Ke7 23.Qxc6 Bxc6 24.Rac1 Bd5 25.Nxa8 Bxe6∓;
B) 18.Bf4 e5 *(18...Qd7 19.f3 e5 20.fxg4 exd4 21.Qxd4 Qxg4 22.Nd5±)* 19.f3 exf4 20.fxg4 Bxb4 21.Ncxb5!±]

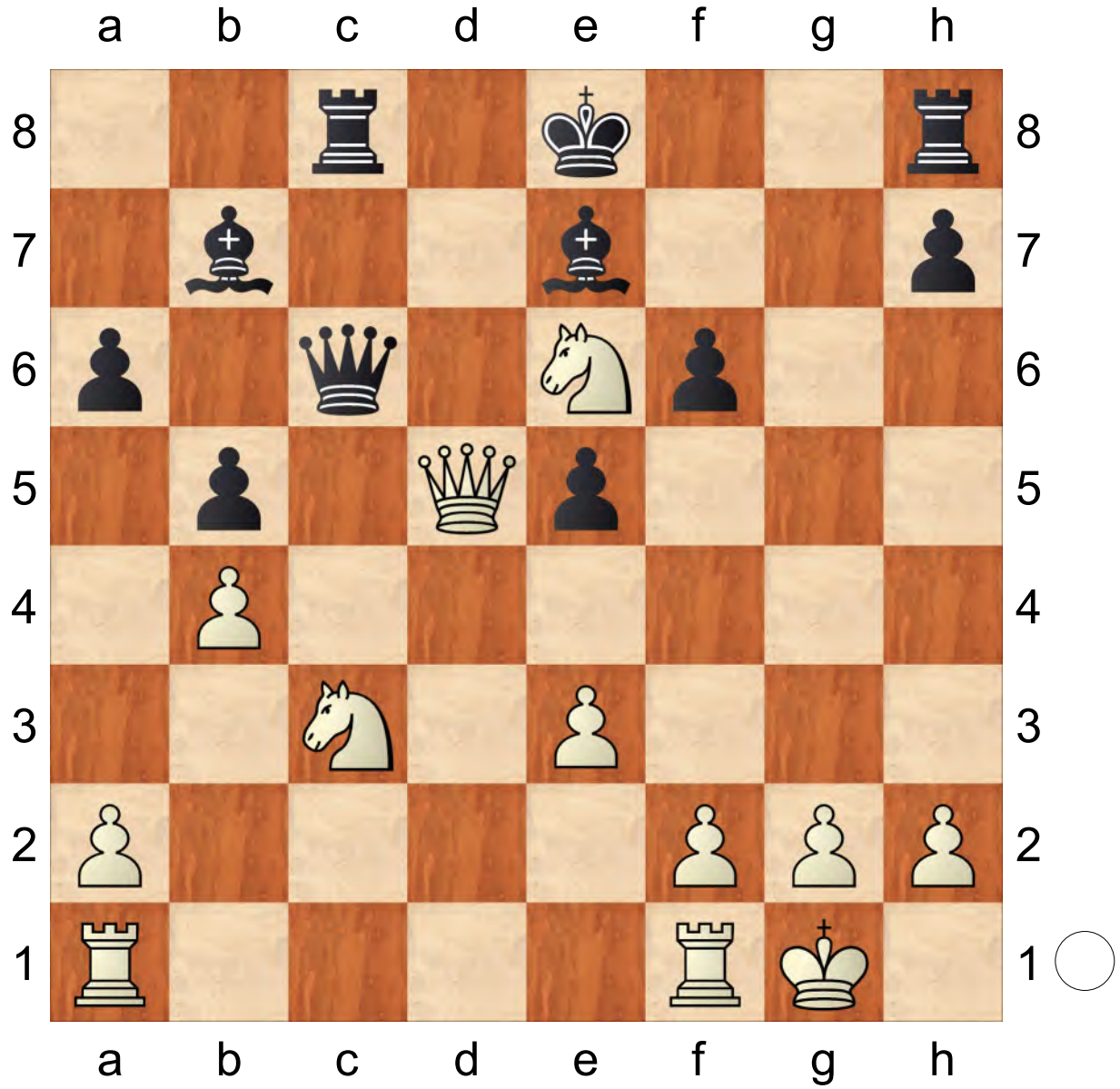
18.Bxf6 gxf6
[18...Bxf6 19.Ne6 Qc6 20.Qd5±]

19.Ne6 Qc6 20.Qd5
[20.Nd5 Bd8 21.Nxd8 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Bxd5 23.e4 Bc4∓]

20...Rc8

(Diagram)

21.Ng7+!
[21.Rac1? Bxb4 22.e4
A) 22...Qb6 23.Ng7+ Ke7 24.Nf5+
A1) 24...Kf8 25.Qd7 Qc7 26.Qxc7 Rxc7 27.Nd5 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Bxd5 29.exd5 Kf7 30.Rc7+ Kg6 31.g4 Kg5
A1a) 32.Rg7+ Kf4 33.d6 h5 34.d7 hxg4 35.Nh6 Ba5 36.Rxg4+ Kf3 37.Rg3+ Kf4 38.Rg6
A1a1) 38...f5 39.Rxa6 Bc7 40.Rc6 *(40.Ra7 Rxh6 41.Rxc7 Rd6 42.Kg2 e4±)* 40...Ba5
A1a11) 41.Rf6 Kg5 42.Ra6 Rxh6 43.Rxa5 Rd6 44.Rxb5 Kf4 45.Rb7 Kf3 46.h4 *(46.h3 Rd1+ 47.Kh2 Kxf2 48.a4 e4 49.a5 e3 50.a6 e2-+)* 46...Rd1+ 47.Kh2 Kxf2 48.h5 f4 49.Kh3 e4 50.h6 Kf3 51.Kh4 e3 52.h7 e2 53.Rb3+ Ke4 54.Rb4+ Kf5 *(54...Kf3 55.Rb3+)* 55.Rb5+ Kg6 56.Re5 Kxh7 57.Rxe2=;
A1a12) 41.Nf7 Rf8 42.Nd6 Rd8 43.Nb7 Rxd7 44.Nxa5+-;
A1a2) 38...Rh7 39.Rxf6+;
A1b) 32.h3 Rd8 33.Kg2 Kf4 34.Rxh7 Rxd5 35.Rf7+-;
A2) 24...Ke8 25.Nd6+ Qxd6 *(25...Bxd6 26.Qe6+ Kf8 27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Nd5 Qd8 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Qxd6+-)* 26.Qxb7 Rxc3 27.Rxc3 Bxc3 28.Qc8+ Qd8 29.Qxc3±;
B) 22...Ba3! 23.Rcd1 Qxd5 24.Nxd5 Kf7∓]
[21.Qxc6+?
A) 21...Rxc6? 22.Ng7+ Kf7 23.Nd5 Rc4 24.Nxe7 Kxe7 25.Rfc1 Rg8 26.Rxc4 *(26.Nf5+ Ke6 27.Ng3 Rxb4⇄)* 26...bxc4 27.Nf5+ Ke6 28.Ng3 h5



29.h4 Rg4 30.Rc1 Rxh4 31.f3±;

B) 21...Bxc6! 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.bxc5 Bb7 24.Rfc1 Rxc5

B1) 25.f3 Ke7 26.Ne2 Rhc8∓;

B2) 25.Ne4!? Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 0-0! *(26...Bxe4 27.Rc8++-)* 27.Nc5 Rc8∓;

B3) 25.Ne2 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Rg8 27.f3 Kd7 28.Kf2⇄]

21...Kf8 22.Ne6+ Kg8

[22...Ke8 23.Qxc6+ Bxc6 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.bxc5 Bb7 26.Rac1 Rxc5 27.Ne4 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 This position is not the same one as in one of previous variations! 0-0 is impossible! Kd7 29.Nc5+ Kc7 30.Nxa6+±]

23.Nc7+ Qxd5 24.N7xd5

[24.N3xd5 Bxb4 25.Nxa6!? Ba5 26.Nab4 Kf7⇄]

24...Kf7

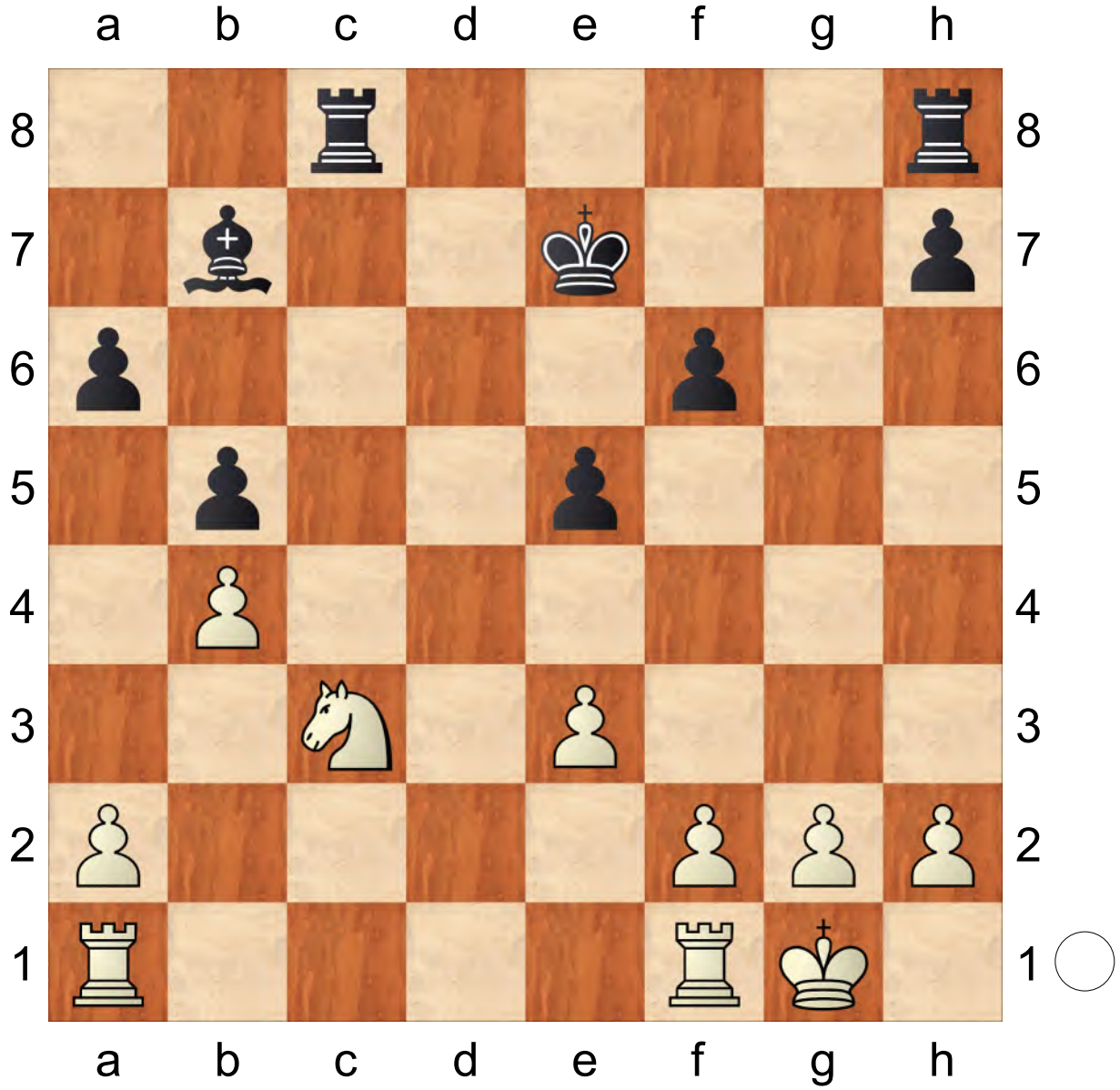
[24...Bxb4 25.Nxb4 Rxc3 26.Rfd1 Rc7 27.Rd6 Kf7 28.Rad1 *(28.Nxa6 Bxa6*

29.Rxa6 Rd8 30.Rb6 Rd2 31.Rxb5 Rcc2 32.Rf1 Rxa2 33.g3±) 28...Rhc8 29.Nxa6±]

25.Nxe7!?

[25.Rfd1 Ke6 *(25...Rhd8 26.e4±)* 26.a3 Rhd8 27.e4±]

25...Kxe7



26.Rfc1 Rhg8 27.g3

[27.e4 Rc4 28.Nd5+ Bxd5 29.exd5 Rxb4 30.Rc7+⇄]

27...Rgd8 28.a3?⇄

[28.a4! bxa4 29.Nxa4± *(29.Rxa4?? Rxc3-+)*]

28...Rc4 29.Kf1

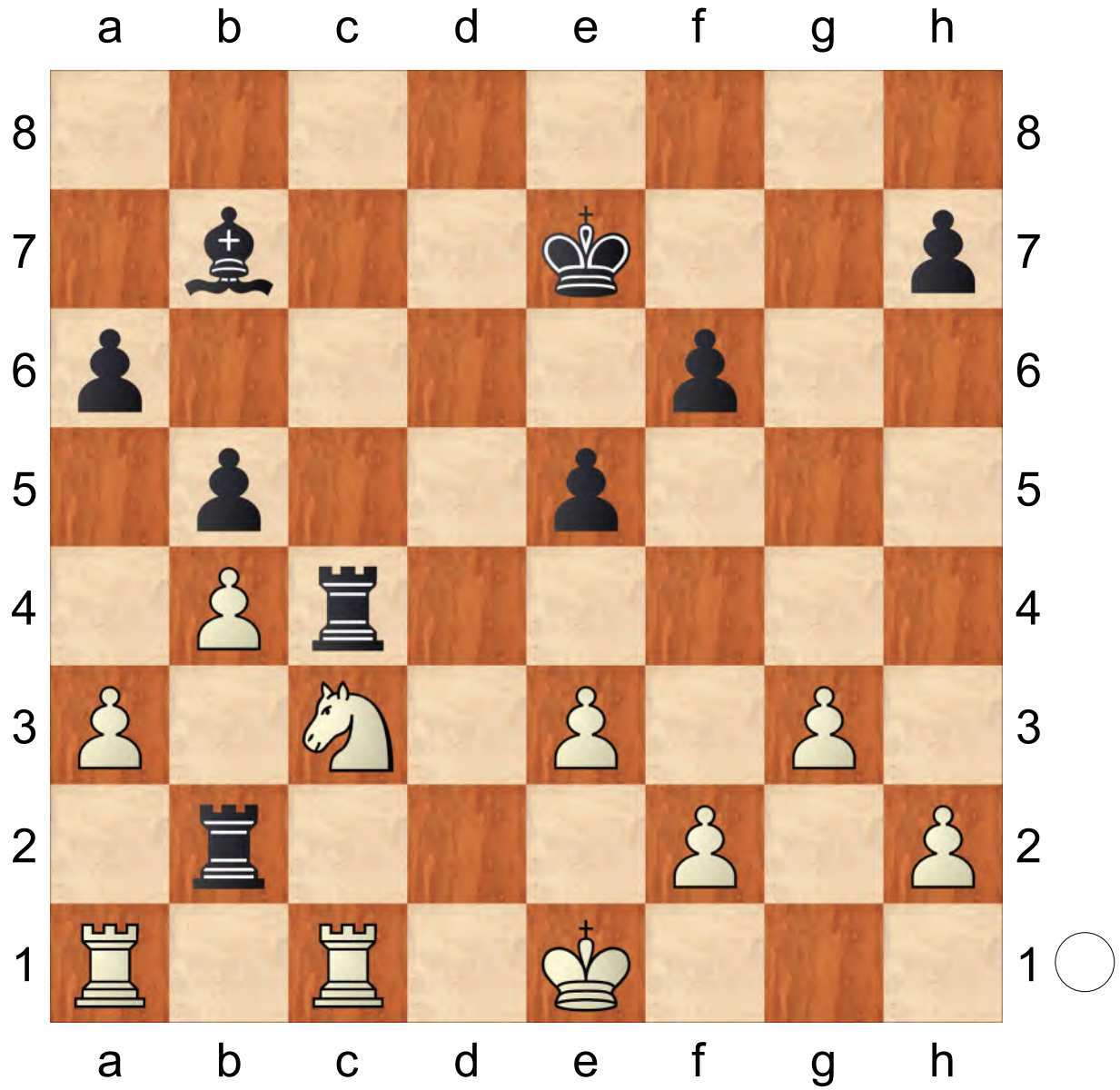
[29.a4 bxa4 30.Nxa4 Rxb4 31.Rc7+ Rd7 32.Rxd7+ Kxd7 33.Nc5+ Kc6 34.Nxa6 Rc4 35.h4 Kb6 36.Nb8 Kc7 37.Na6+ Kb6 38.Nb8=]

29...Rd2

[29...Bf3≅]
[29...Rd3 30.Ne2 Be4 *(30...Rb3 31.Rcb1±)* 31.Ke1 *(31.Rxc4 bxc4 32.Rc1 Rxa3 33.Rxc4 Bd3 34.Rc7+ Kd8 35.Rc1 Ra2 36.Re1 e4-+)* 31...Rb3 32.g4 Bf3 33.h3 h5≅]

30.Ke1
[30.Ra2 Rd3 *(30...Rxc3 31.Rxc3 Rxa2 32.Rc7+ Kd6 33.Rxb7 Rxa3 34.Rxh7±)* 31.Rac2 Bf3 32.Ke1 f5≅]

30...Rb2
[30...Rd3 31.Ne2 Rb3≅]



31.Ne2
[31.Ra2 Rb3 *(31...Rxc3 32.Rxc3 Rxa2 33.Rc7+ Kd6 34.Rxb7 Rxa3 35.Rxh7±)* 32.Kd2 Bf3≅]

31...Bd5 32.h3 Rxc1+ 33.Rxc1 Bc4 34.Nc3□ Rb3
[34...f5⩱]
35.Kd2
[35.Nb1 Bd3 36.Nc3 Rxa3
A) 37.Nd5+? Ke6 38.Nc7+ Kd6 39.Kd2 *(39.Ne8+ Ke7 40.Ng7 Bc4 41.Nf5+ Ke6 42.Ng7+ Kd5 43.Ne8 f5 44.Nf6+ Kc6 45.Nxh7 Ra2 46.Ng5 Re2+ 47.Kd1 Rxf2∓)* 39...Bc4 40.Ne8+ Ke7 41.Ng7 Rb3∓;
B) 37.e4!
B1) 37...Ke6 38.Kd2 Bc4 39.f4⇄;
B2) 37...a5!
B2a) 38.Kd2 axb4
B2a1) 39.Kxd3 Kd6 40.Kd2 Rxc3 41.Rxc3 *(41.Rb1 Kc5-+)* 41...bxc3+ 42.Kxc3 Kc5 43.f4 b4+ 44.Kd3 b3 45.Kc3 b2 46.Kxb2 Kd4-+;
B2a2) 39.Nd5+!
B2a21) 39...Kd6 40.Nxf6 b3 41.Kc3 Bc2 42.Re1 *(42.Nxh7 b4+-+)* 42...b4+ 43.Kxb4 Ra7 44.Kc3 Rc7+ 45.Kb2 Rf7 46.Ng4 h5 47.Ne3 Rxf2 48.Nxc2 bxc2=;
B2a22) 39...Kf7 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.Ne7+⩱;
B2b) 38.Nd5+ Kd6 39.bxa5 f5 40.Rd1 fxe4 41.Nb4 *(41.Nf6 Kc5 42.Nxh7 b4∓)* 41...Kc5 42.Nxd3+ exd3∓;
B3) 37...Bc4 38.Kd2⇄]
35...Rxa3

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36.Kc2?∓
[36.e4⇄]
36...a5 37.bxa5 Rxa5
[37...b4 38.Nb1 *(38.Nd1 Rxa5 39.Nb2 Be6 40.Nd3 Bf5 41.g4 Bg6-+)* 38...Rxa5 *(38...Ra2+ 39.Kd1 Be2+ 40.Ke1 Bd3 41.Nd2 Rxa5 42.Nb3 Ra2∓)* 39.Nd2 Ra2+ 40.Kb1 Be6 41.Rc2 Ra7 42.Rb2 Rb7 43.g4∓]
38.Nd1 Be6 39.h4 b4 40.Kb1
[40.Kb1 Kd6∓]

(Diagram)

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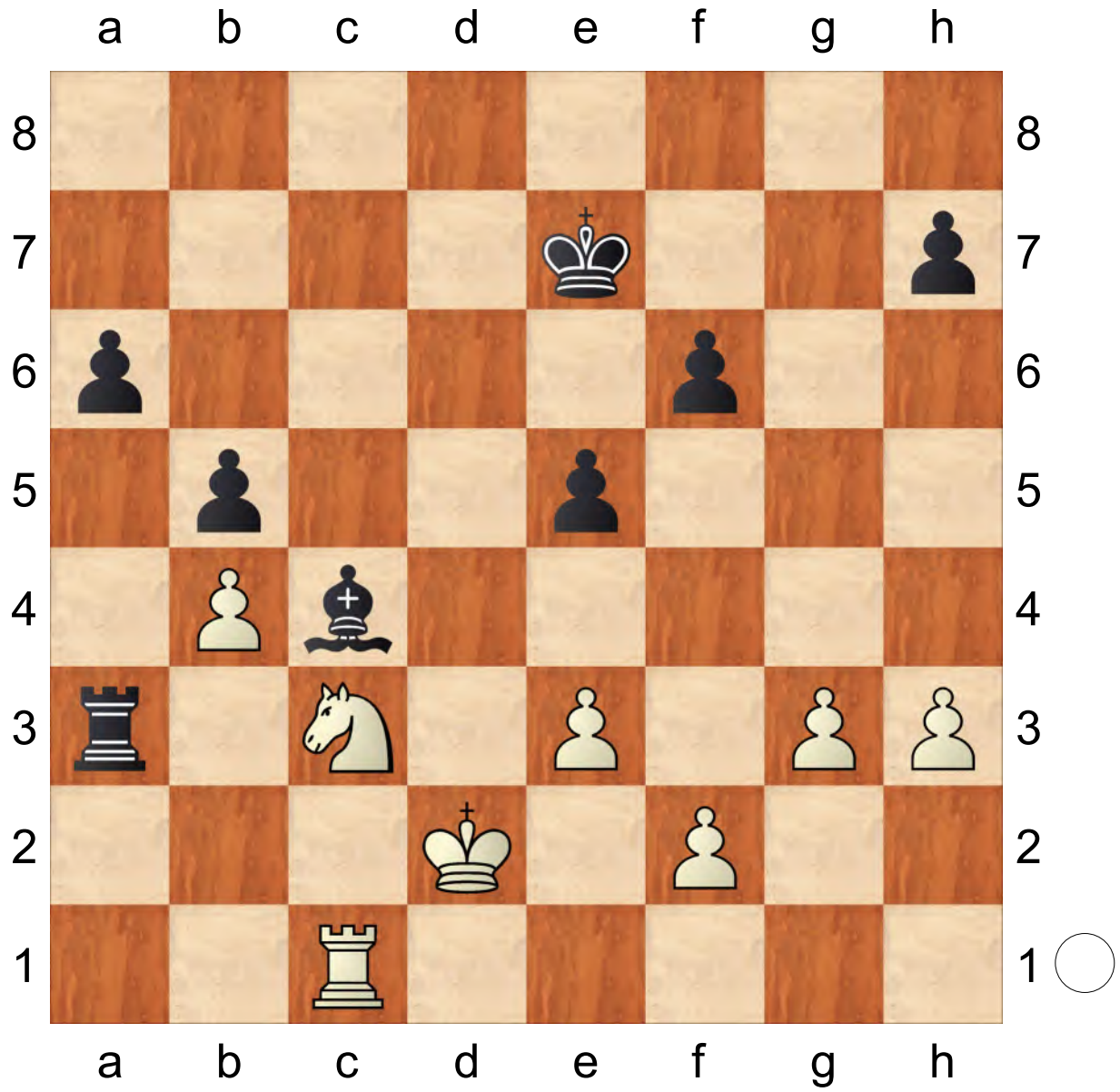
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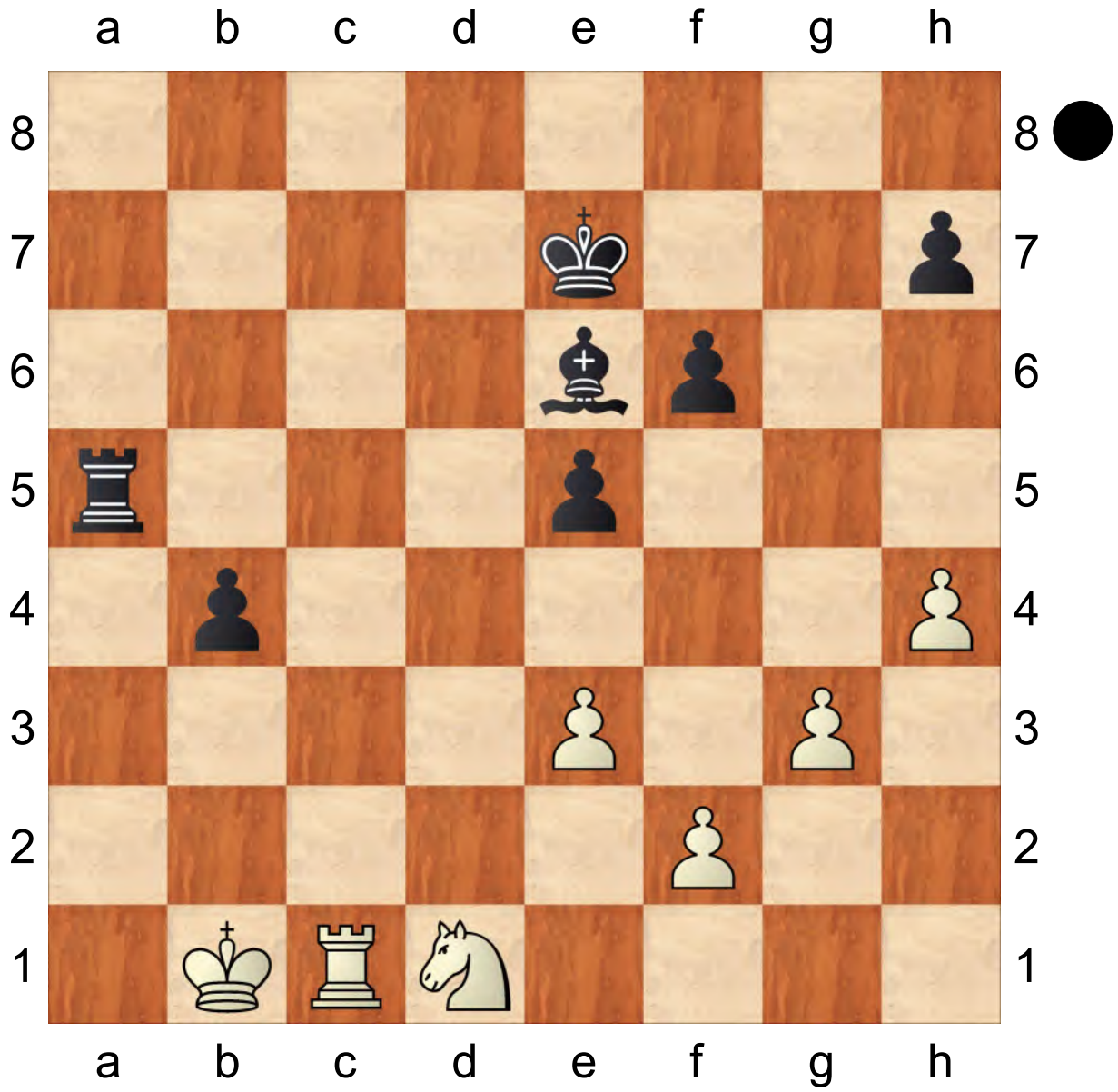
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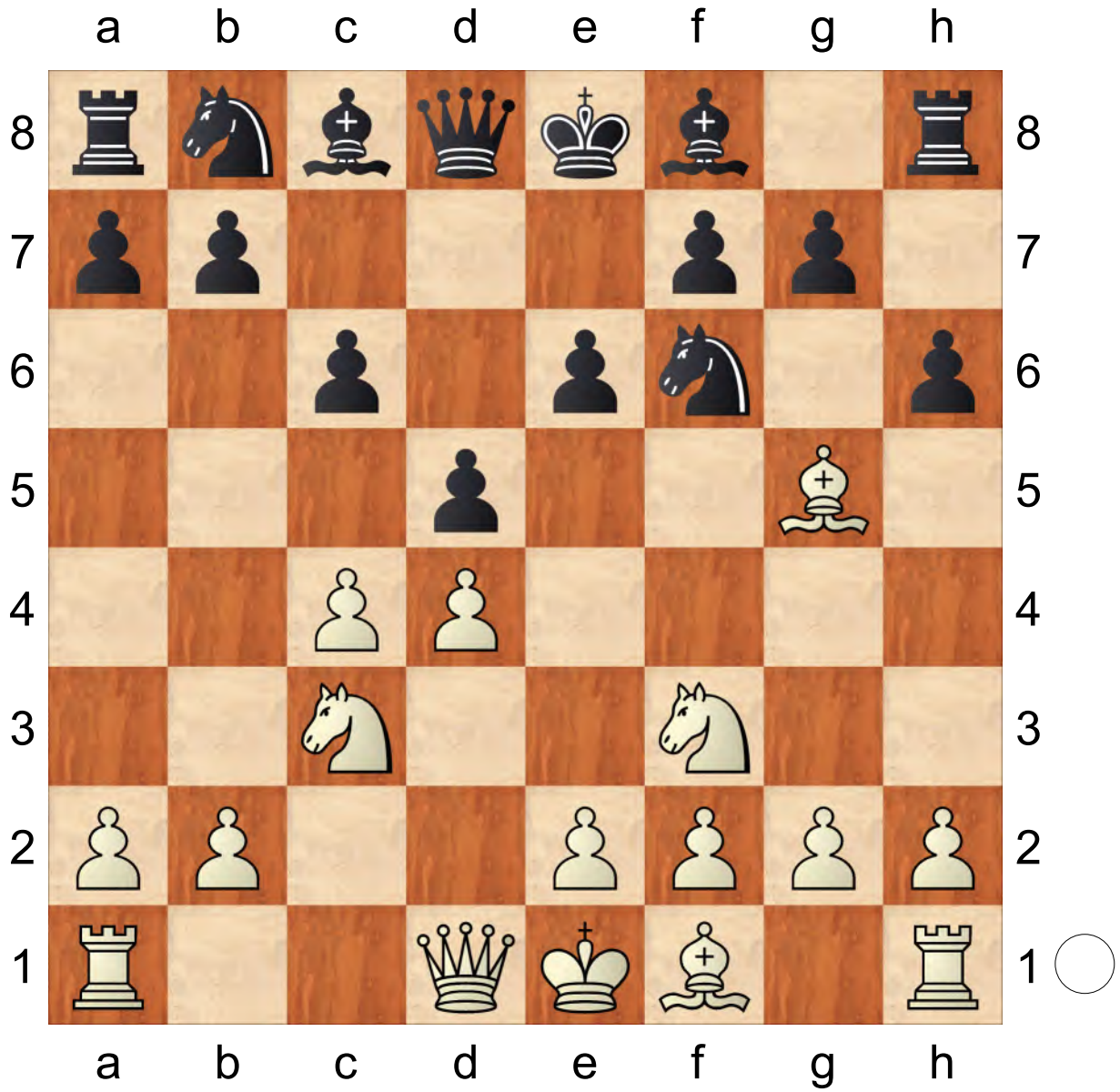
R.Scherbakov: 'Another old line which has been played only once before. Evgeny Sveshnikov won that game with Black but as we shall see, he slightly overestimated his position in his annotations...' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bh4 The text move although may well be the most ambitious one came as a surprise because Sasha has never gone for this line before. R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'The text move although may well be the most ambitious one came as a surprise

because Sasha has never gone for this line before." **6...dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Nbd7** R.Scherbakov: 'With this move order Black tries to avoid some dangerous lines which are possible after 9. ..Bb7 10. h4!? or 10. Ne5!?' **10.d5** R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' This also looks like the best. R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'This also looks like the best." **10...b4**

[R.Scherbakov: 'Other possibilities are:' 10...cxd5?! R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?!" 11.exd5

A) 11...Nxd5? 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Qxd5 Bb4+ *(13...Nb6?? 14.Qe5+ Qe7 15.Qxh8+-; 13...Ba6 14.Ne5+-)* 14.Kf1 Ba6 15.Ne5+-;

B) 11...b4 12.dxe6 bxc3 13.exd7+ Nxd7 14.bxc3 Bg7 15.0-0 R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: ' **±**" 0-0 16.Bxc4 Nb6 17.Bb3 Bxc3 18.Rc1 Bg7 19.Ne5 Ba6 20.Qh5!**±**;

C) 11...Nb6;

D) 11...Nc5;

E) 11...Bb4 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Nd4→]

[10...exd5 11.exd5

A) 11...Bb7 12.dxc6 *(12.0-0 Nxd5 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Bd6 Ne5! 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Nxe5 Kf8 19.Qf3 Rh7 20.Nxc4 dxc4 21.Qxb7 Rb8 22.Qxa7±)* 12...Bxc6 13.Nd4 *(13.0-0 b4 14.Nd4 bxc3 15.Nxc6 Qb6 16.bxc3 Qxc6 17.Bf3 Qc8 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Rb1!!+-* Tremendous threats.*)* 13...Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bb7 15.Ndxb5 Rc8 16.Nxa7 Rc5 17.Nab5;

B) 11...b4 12.dxc6 bxc3 13.cxd7+ Qxd7 *(13...Bxd7 14.bxc3±; 13...Nxd7 14.bxc3 Bg7 15.0-0±)* 14.bxc3 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Ne4 16.Bxc4 *(16.Be5 f6 17.Bd4 Be6 18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Bxf6 Rh7 20.Rxd2±)*]

[R.Scherbakov: 'or even' 10...Bb7!? This desrves serious attention.

A) 11.dxc6 Bxc6 12.Nd4

A1) 12...Bxe4

A1a) 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bf3 Qa5+ 15.Ke2 Nxg3+ 16.hxg3 Rc8 17.Bc6 Rc7 18.Bxb5 e5 *(18...Bg7-+)* 19.Re1 Bb4-+;

A1b) 13.Ndxb5 Rc8 14.f3**±**;

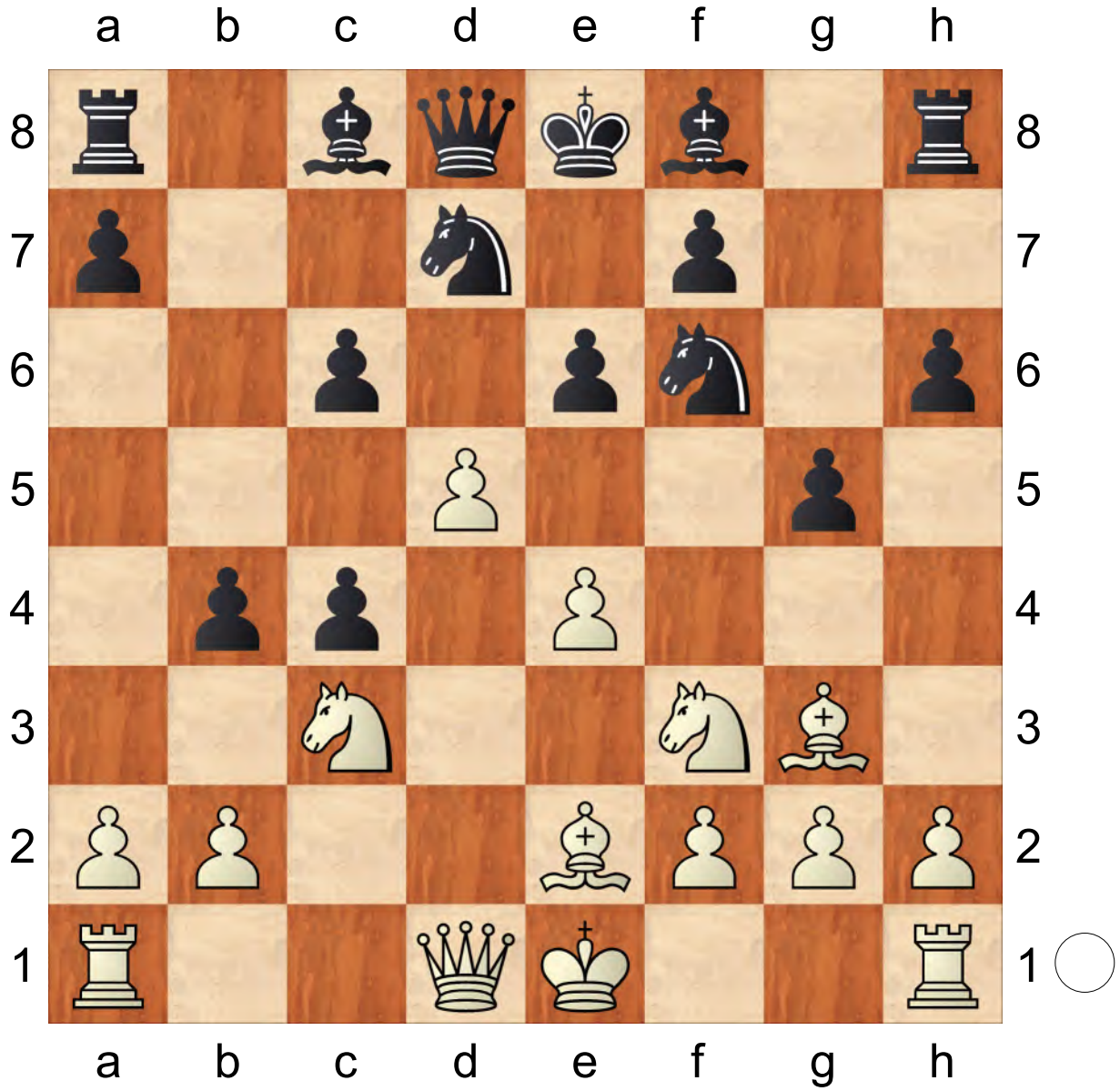
A2) 12...Qb6! 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.e5 *(14.Bf3? g4 15.Bxg4 b4)* 14...Nd5 15.Bf3 *(15.Nxd5 exd5 16.0-0 Nc5!?)* 15...Bb4 *(15...N7b6 16.0-0 Rd8 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Qe2 0-0 19.Bh5⩱)* 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.bxc3 N7b6 And knights are no worse than bishops.;

B) 11.dxe6 fxe6

B1) 12.Nd4 Nc5 *(12...Qe7)*;

B2) 12.0-0! Nc5 *(12...b4?! 13.Na4 Nb6 14.Be5 Nbd7 15.Bxc4±)* 13.Qc2!→]

(Diagram)



R.Scherbakov: 'A direct attempt.' I go for Savchenko-Sveshnikov Moskva 1991 type of positions. R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'I go for Savchenko-Sveshnikov Moskva 1991 type of positions.'' **11.dxe6 bxc3**

[11...fxe6

A) 12.Nd4 Nc5 *(12...bxc3? 13.Bh5++-; 12...Nb6 13.Bh5+ Nxh5 14.Qxh5+ Kd7 15.0-0-0!+-)* 13.Bh5+ Nxh5 14.Qxh5+ Kd7 15.0-0-0 Nd3+ 16.Rxd3 cxd3 17.Rd1 Ba6 18.Na4 Qe8 *(18...Qf6 19.Nb3)* 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Qf6⩲;

B) 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Bxe5 Be7 15.Na4 Rf8 16.Rd1+ Ke8 17.Bd4!?±;

C) 12.Na4 Nxe4 13.Nd4 Ndf6 14.Bh5++-]

12.exd7+ Bxd7! R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '!''

[12...Qxd7 R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'led to a disastrous finish for Black in the game Beliavsky - Bacrot, m Albert 1999:' 13.Qc2! R.Scherbakov:

'Atalik: '!"

A) 13...cxb2 14.Qxb2 *(14.Rd1 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Qe7 16.Ne5→)* 14...Qe6 15.Ne5

A1) 15...c3 16.Qc2! *(16.Qxc3?! Nxe4 17.Qxc6+ Qxc6 18.Nxc6 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Bd7=)*;

A2) 15...Ba6 16.Ng4 Bg7 17.Be5 Nxg4 18.Bxg7 Rg8 19.0-0±;

B) 13...g4 14.Rd1 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' *(14.Ne5? Qd2+!)* 14...Qb7□ R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: ' □" 15.Ne5 Qxb2 *(15...cxb2 16.Nxc4 Qb4+ 17.Kf1±)* 16.Qa4 Qb5 R.Scherbakov: 'and now Black resigned after the quite unexpected' *(16...Qb6 17.Bxc4±; 16...c2* R.Scherbakov: 'was also bad:' *17.Qxc6+ Nd7 18.Rxd7* R.Scherbakov: '+-!' '+-!' *Bb4+ 19.Rd2+ Kf8 20.0-0+-)* 17.Rd8+! R.Scherbakov: 'setting up the killer Nc6.' Beliavsky-Bacrot (m,2) France 1999. R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'Beliavsky-Bacrot (m,2) France 1999."]

13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.Qd4!N R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Although this logical move is in fact a novelty, it was well-known to adherents of this variation. The point is that the possible positions arising in a couple of moves were probably assessed slightly differently by the Black and White exponents.' R.Scherbakov: 'Although this logical move is in fact a novelty, it was well-known to adherents of this variation. The point is that the possible positions arising in a couple of moves were probably assessed slightly differently by the Black and White exponents. Atalik: 'N!"

[R.Scherbakov: 'The only practical example was the game Savchenko - Sveshnikov, Moscow 1991 which continued' 14.Be5 R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' f6 R.Scherbakov: ' □' '□' 15.Qc2 Bf5 16.Nd4 R.Scherbakov: ' □' '□' Bg6 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' *(16...Bh7? 17.Bh5++-; 16...Qd5? 17.Bh5++-)*

A) 17.Ne6? Qe7 18.Nxf8 *(18.Nc7+ Kf7 19.Bxc4+ Kg7-+)* 18...Kxf8!-+;

B) 17.Bf3 Qd5! *(17...fxe5 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Qd5 20.Qg6+±)* 18.Bxf6 Rg8

B1) 19.Rd1 Kf7 20.Ne2 *(20.g4 Re8)* 20...Qe6-+;

B2) 19.Ne2!? deserved attention to escape to d4 with the bishop.;

B3) 19.0-0 R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' 19...Kf7 R.Scherbakov: ' □' '□' 20.Rfe1 Re8 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' 21.Bd8 R.Scherbakov: ' □' '□' g4!-+ R.Scherbakov: '∓!' '∓!' R.Scherbakov: 'and Black has won a piece.' R.Scherbakov: 'and Black has won a piece. Atalik: '-+!" Savchenko-Sveshnikov Moskva 1991. R. Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'Savchenko-Sveshnikov Moskva 1991."]

14...Nxg3 15.hxg3

[15.fxg3 Rg8 16.Qxc4 *(16.Bxc4?! Qe7+; 16.0-0?! Be6)*

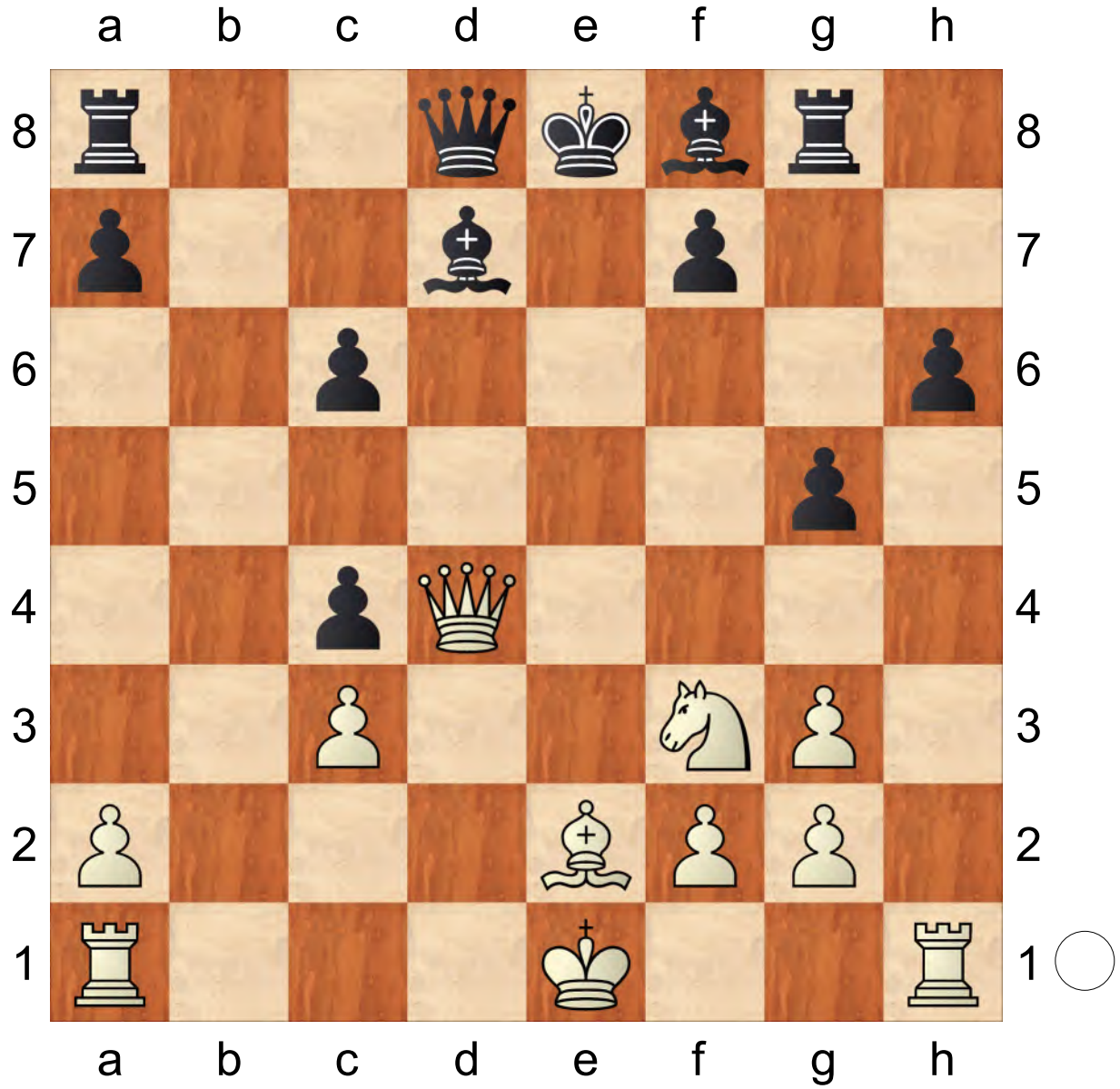
A) 16...Bg7 17.0-0 *(17.0-0-0 Qe7 18.Rhe1 Kf8; 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Be6 19.Bf3 Qxd4 20.cxd4 Kd7)* 17...Qb6+ 18.Nd4 *(18.Kh1?! Be6 19.Qd3 Rd8 20.Qh7 Ke7∓)* 18...Be6 19.Qa4 Bxd4+ 20.cxd4 Rd8 21.Rad1 Ke7 22.Bf3 Rd6 23.Qa3 a5!=;

B) 16...Rg6 17.Ne5 Re6

B1) 18.Rf1 Qc7 19.Nxf7 Rb8 20.Rd1 Rb2 21.Rd2 Rb1+ *(21...Rxd2? 22.Kxd2 Bg7 23.Bh5+-)* 22.Rd1 Rb2=;

B2) 18.0-0 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Qe3 20.Nxd7 Qxe2 21.Nf6+ Kd8 22.Qb3±]

15...Rg8



R.Scherbakov: 'This position was assessed as unclear by one of biggest experts of the system, Evgeny Sveshnikov. We are from the same city (Cheliabinsk) and I know he has many followers there. As far as this position is concerned I can say it was not hard to convince most of them that after' **16.Qxc4 Bg7**

[16...Rg6

A) 17.Ne5 Re6 *(17...Rf6? 18.Rd1+-)*

A1) 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Rd1 Qc7 *(19...Qe7 20.0-0)* 20.0-0 Bg7 21.Bg4 Re7 22.Rfe1 Rxe1+ *(22...Be5!? 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.Rd7 Qxd7 25.Bxd7+ Kxd7 26.Qxf7+ Re7 27.Qf6 Rb8 28.Qxh6 Rb2⇄)* 23.Rxe1+ Kf8 24.Qc5+ Kg8 25.Re7 Qb6 26.Qf5 Rf8 27.Bh5 Kh8 28.Be2 *(28.Bxf7 Bxc3 29.Qg6 Bg7⇄)* 28...c5 29.Bd3 Qg6 30.Qxg6 fxg6 31.Bxg6 Bxc3 32.Rxa7 Bd4⇄;

A2) 18.f4!? Bg7 19.Rd1 Bxe5 20.fxe5
A2a) 20...Qe7 21.0-0 Rxe5 22.Bh5 0-0-0 23.Qa6+ *(23.Rxf7 Qc5+ 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rfxd7 Rxd7 26.Bg4 Rcd5 27.Rxd5 cxd5 28.Kf2 h5 29.Bxd7+ Kxd7 30.Ke3 Kc6 31.Kd4 Kd6)* 23...Kb8 24.c4±;
A2b) 20...Qb6 21.Rf1 Rd8 22.Qe4 Qc5 23.Qh7 Qxc3+ 24.Rd2 Qc1+ 25.Rd1 Qc3+=;
B) 17.Rd1 Bd6 *(17...Rd6? 18.Rxd6 Bxd6 19.Rxh6)* 18.Qd4 c5 *(18...Qf6? 19.Qxf6 Rxf6 20.Nxg5 hxg5 21.Rxd6 Rxd6 22.Rh8+ Ke7 23.Rxa8+-)* 19.Qh8+ Ke7 20.Qh7 Qh8!∓;
C) 17.0-0 Bg7! *(17...Rd6 18.Nd4 Bg7 19.Bh5 Qf6 20.Nb5 cxb5 21.Qe4++-; 17...Bd6 18.Bd3)* 18.Rfe1!? *(18.Nd4 Kf8 19.Bh5 Rf6 20.Rad1 Qc8 21.Rfe1→)* 18...Kf8 19.Rad1↑]

17.0-0 R.Scherbakov: 'Black is suffering for little gain. The king cannot find a safe place, and white's plan is very clear- to put his rooks on the open lines and take the initiative.' **17...Bf6** R.Scherbakov: 'Preparing the king's escape to g7.'
[17...Be6 18.Qxc6+ Ke7 19.Rab1 Qc8 *(19...Qd5 20.Qc7+ Kf6 21.c4±)* 20.Rb7+ Kf6 21.Rc7]

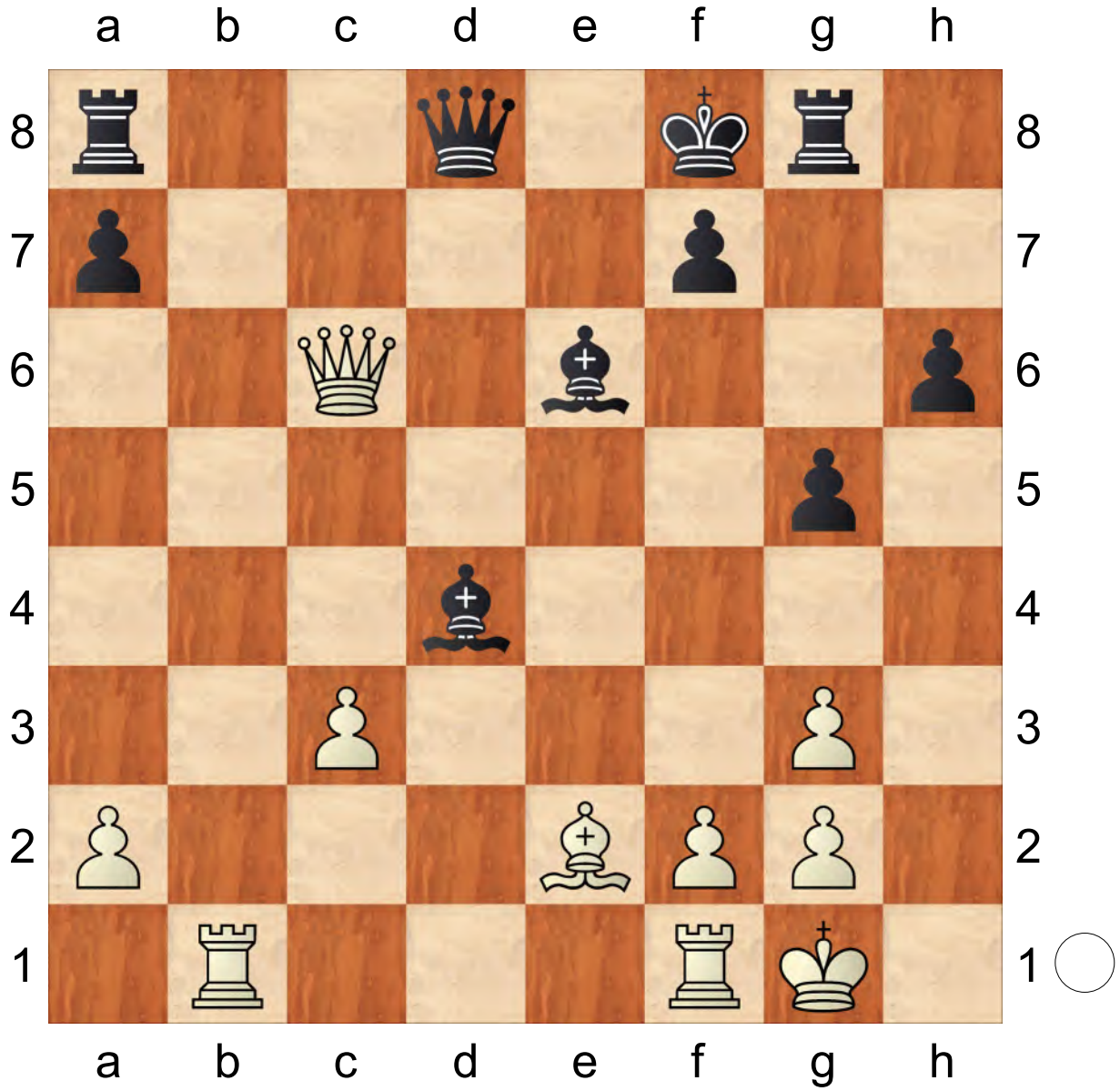
18.Rab1?! R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?!''
[18.Nd4! Bxd4 *(18...Kf8 19.Bh5 Rg7 20.Rad1; 18...c5 19.Rfe1!?)*
A) 19.cxd4?! Kf8 20.Bh5 Qf6 21.Rab1 *(21.f4 g4)* 21...Kg7;
B) 19.Qxd4 Be6 20.Qe5 Qd5 21.Qf6 Qf5! ∇22.Qxh6? Qe5 23.Bf3 Rh8 24.Rae1 Rxh6 25.Rxe5 0-0-0 26.Rd1 Rdh8 27.Kf1 g4 28.Be4 Rh1+ 29.Ke2 Bc4+ 30.Bd3 Rxd1 31.Bxc4 Rhh1 32.Ke3 Rhe1+ 33.Kf4 Rxe5 34.Kxe5 Rd2-+]

18...Be6 R.Scherbakov: 'Black decided to clarify things.'
[18...Qc8 19.Nd4]
[It is always easy to say that it's better not to rush in giving up a pawn, but the alternatives also wouldn't solve Black's problems: 18...Qc7 19.Nd4↑ with a strong initiative.]

19.Qxc6+ Kf8 20.Nd4 Bxd4?
[20...Bxa2 21.Rb7 R.Scherbakov: '**±**' '**±**' R.Scherbakov: 'was also not much fun for Black.' *(21.Rbd1 Bd5)* 21...Bxd4 22.cxd4 Kg7 23.Bh5 Threatening a nasty check on g6. Qf6 24.Qxf6+ Kxf6 25.Ra1 Bd5 26.Ra6+ *(26.Rbxa7 Rxa7 27.Rxa7 Rd8=)* 26...Kg7 27.Rg6+ Kh7 28.Rxg8 Bxb7 29.Rxa8 Bxa8 30.Bxf7 a5⇄]

(Diagram)

R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?'' **21.cxd4 Kg7 22.Qa4 Rc8 23.Rb7?** R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?''
[R.Scherbakov: 'According to Alexander Beliavsky' 23.Rfc1 R.Scherbakov: '**±**' '**±**' R. Scherbakov: 'was a more direct way of keeping a big advantage.' Qd5 24.a3



Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 Rd8 26.Qxa7 *(26.Rd1 Qa2! 27.Bf3 Bb3 28.Qa5 Bxd1 29.Qxd8 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Qxa3=)* 26...Qxd4 27.Qxd4+ Rxd4 28.Ra1±]

23...Qd5 24.Rxa7 Ra8 25.Bf3

[25.a3 Rxa7 26.Qxa7 Ra8 27.Qc5 Qxc5 28.dxc5 Rxa3 29.Rc1 Ra7]

25...Rxa7

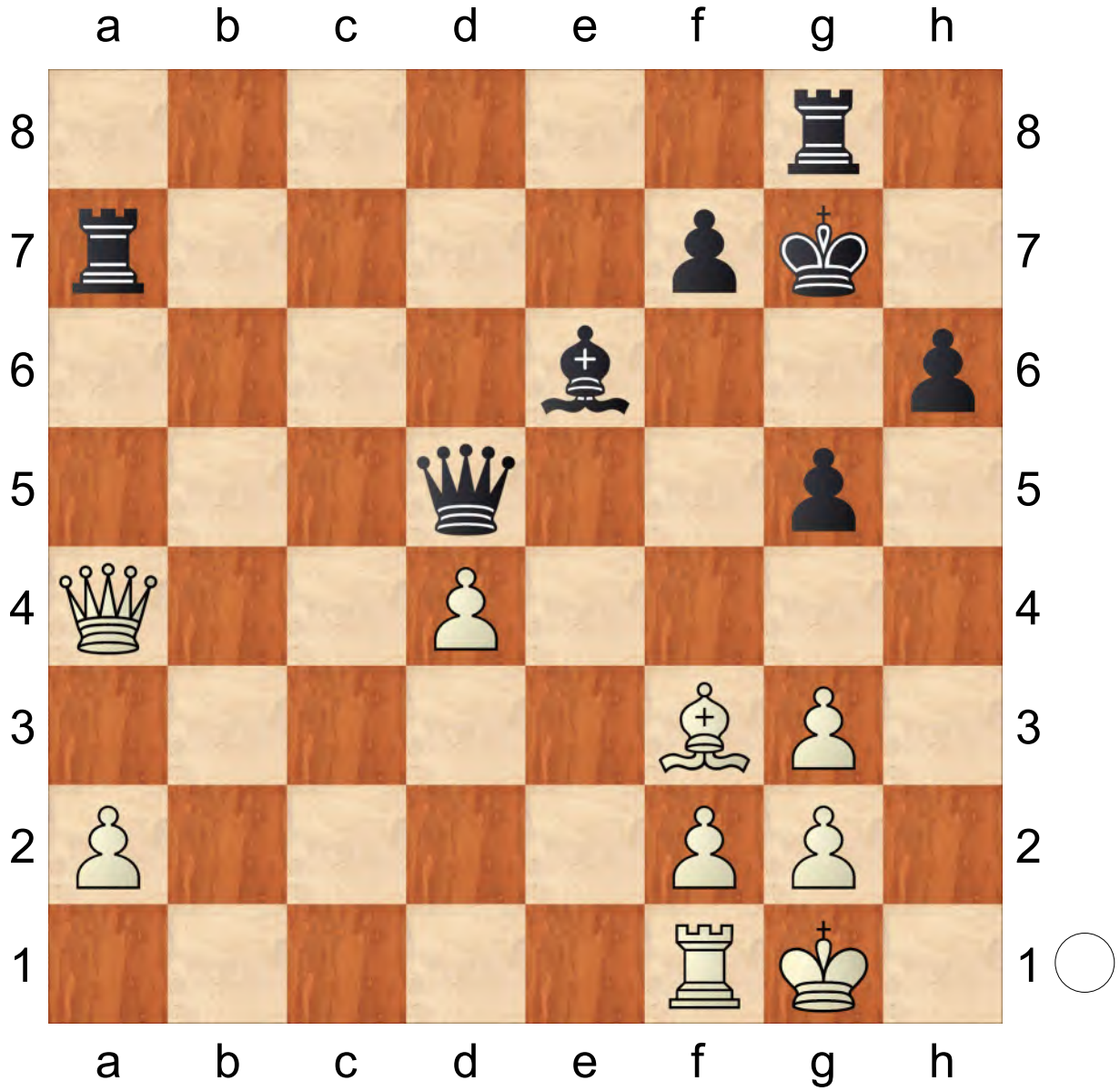
(Diagram)

26.Qxa7 Qxa2 27.Qc5

[27.Qe7 Qa4]

27...Rc8

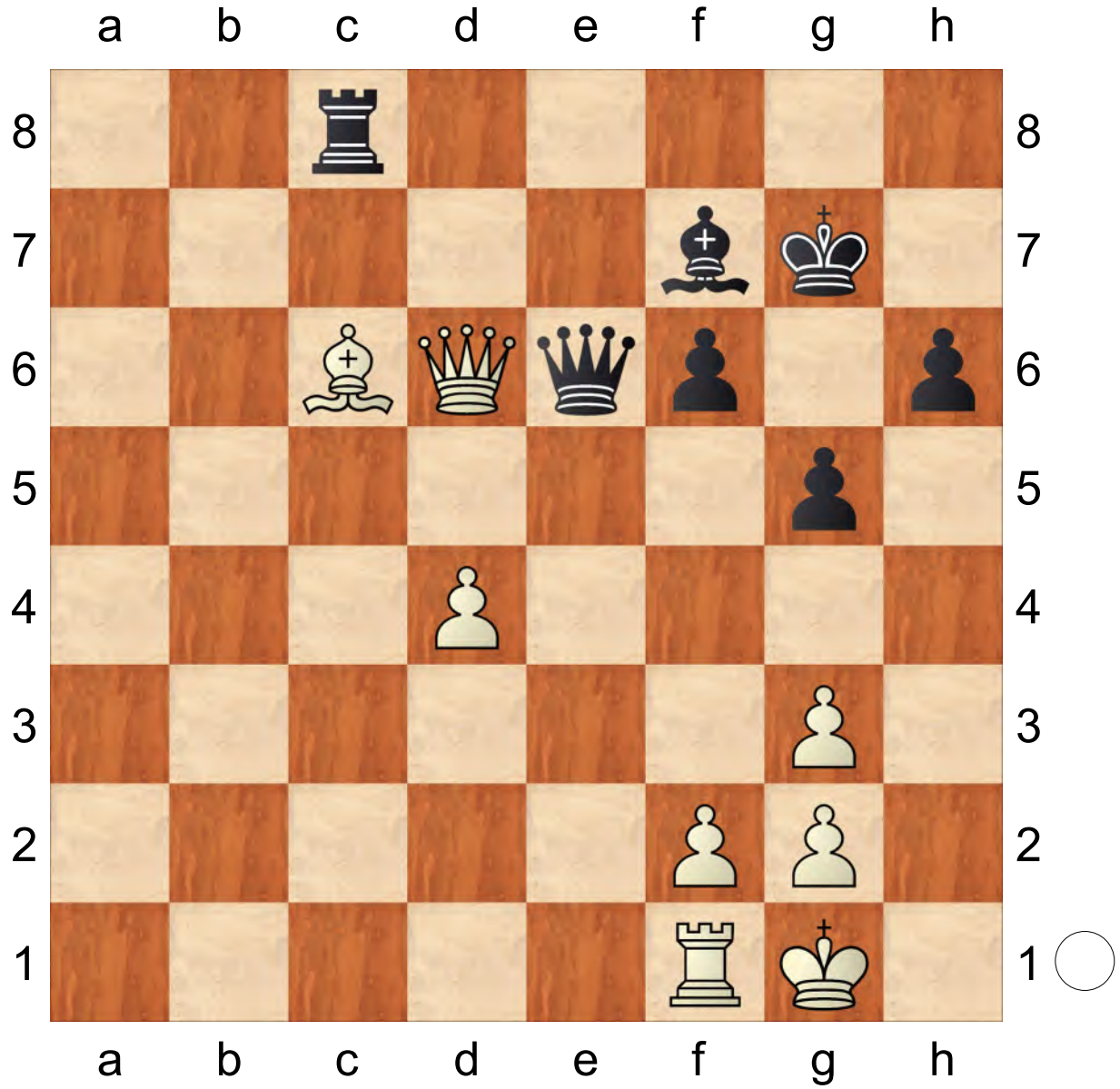
[After 27...Rd8 28.d5 Rxd5 29.Bxd5 Qxd5 30.Qc3+ Kg6 31.Rb1± White keeps good winning chances.]



28.Qe5+ f6 29.Qd6 Bf7 30.Bc6□ R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '□"
[30.Qd7? Qe6 31.Qxe6 Bxe6 32.Re1 Bf7=]
30...Qe6

(Diagram)

31.Qxe6 Bxe6 32.d5 Bf5?! R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?!"
[32...Bf7 33.Rd1 Be8=]
33.f3 h5? R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?"
[33...Rb8 34.d6 *(34.g4 Bd3)* 34...Kf8 35.g4 Bd3 36.Rf2 Rb1+ 37.Kh2 Rb6 38.d7 Ke7 39.Rd2! *(39.Ba4 Ra6 40.Rd2 Rxa4 41.Rxd3 Ra8=)* 39...Rxc6 40.Rxd3 Kd8 41.Kg3 Ra6 42.f4 Ra7 43.Rd6 Rxd7 44.Rxf6 Rd3+ 45.Kf2 Ke7 46.Rxh6 gxf4=]



34.Ra1 Rc7 35.Kf2 Kf7

(Diagram)

36.Ra6? R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?"

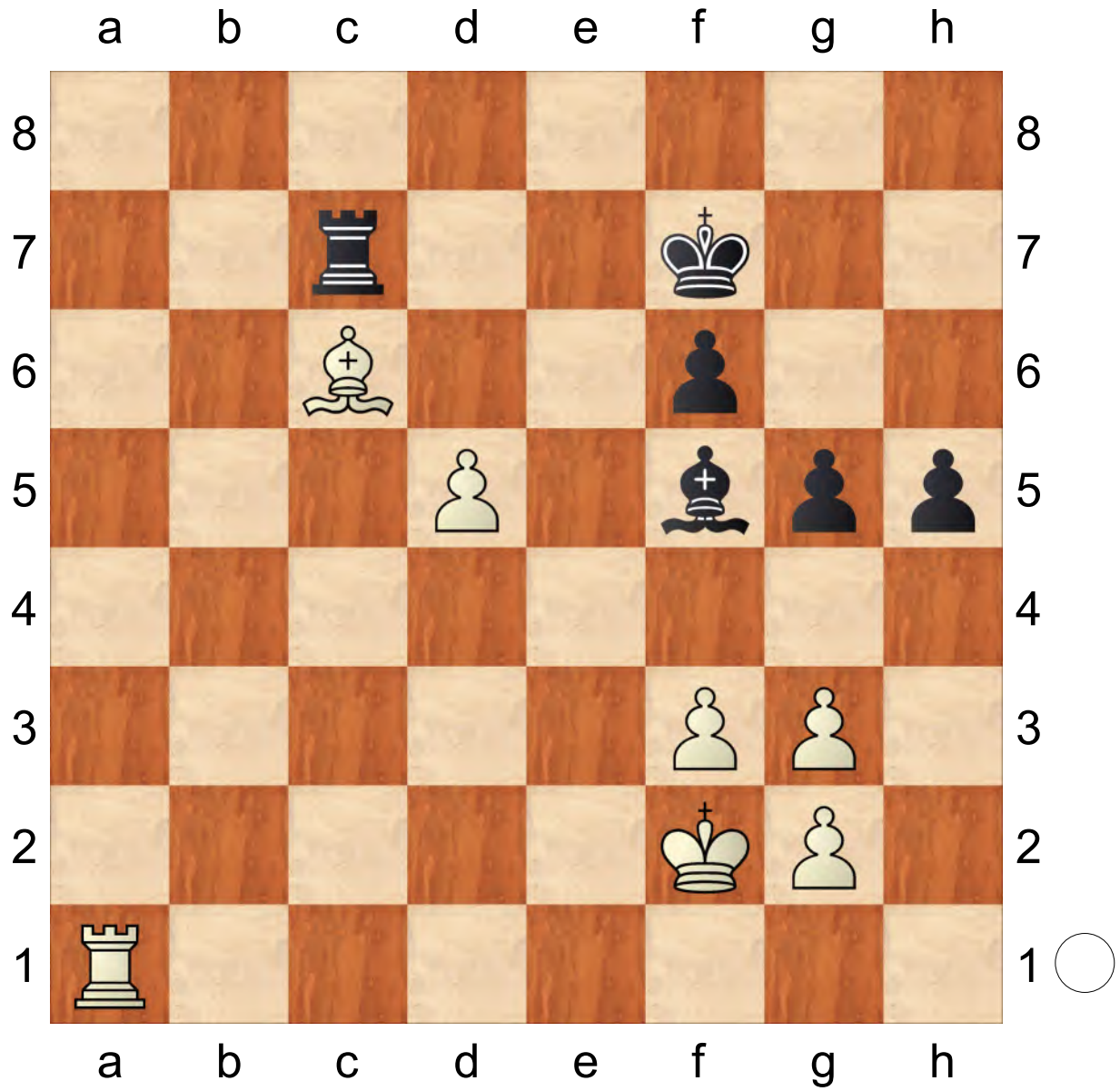
[36.Ke3 R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'was more precise:' Re7+ 37.Kd2+- R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '+-" Re5

A) 38.d6?! was premature: Rc5 39.Ra7+

A1) but not 39...Kf8? 40.Rc7 Rc2+ 41.Ke3 Rc3+ *(41...Rxg2 42.Be4 Be6 43.Bd5+-)* 42.Kd4 Rc2 43.Be4 Bxe4 44.fxe4 Rxg2 *(44...Rd2+ 45.Kc5 Rxg2 46.Rc8+ Kf7 47.d7+-)* 45.Kd5+- winning;

A2) 39...Ke6! 40.d7 Ke7 41.Ba4 Rd5+= winning the d-pawn.;

B) 38.Ra7+ Re7 39.Ra2 Re5 40.Kc3 Ke7 41.Kd4 Kd6 42.Ra6+-



soon ruining the blockade.]

36...Bd7! R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '!" Finally black hits the right idea of exchanging the dangerous bishops. R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'Finally black hits the right idea of exchanging the dangerous bishops."

[To keep the Bishops on the board: 36...Bc8!? was worth considering.]

37.Ke3 Bxc6 38.dxc6? R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?"

[38.Rxc6 Re7+ 39.Kd3 *(39.Kd4? Re2 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.d6 Rxg2 42.Kd3 Rg1 43.Kd2 Rg2+=)* 39...Re1 40.Rc7+

A) 40...Ke8? 41.Rh7 Rg1 42.Rxh5 Rxg2 43.g4 Ke7 44.Rh7+ *(44.Rh8 Ra2=)* 44...Kd6 45.Rf7 Ke5 46.d6 Rg1 47.d7 Rd1+ 48.Ke2 Rd6 49.Re7+ Kd5 50.f4 Kc6 51.Rf7 Rxd7 52.Rxf6+ Kc7 53.fxg5 Kd8 54.g6 Rg7 55.Kf3 Ke7 56.g5 Rg8 57.Kg4 Ra8 58.g7 Rg8 59.Kf5 Rxg7 60.g6 Ke8 61.Ra6+-;

B) 40...Kg6

B1) 41.g4? Misplaces the ♔. Rd1+ *(41...h4? 42.Rc2 Kf7 43.Re2+-)* 42.Ke4 h4 *(42...hxg4 43.fxg4 Re1+ 44.Kd4 Rd1+ 45.Kc5 Rd2 46.d6 f5 47.d7 Kf6 48.Kc6+-; 42...Re1+ 43.Kd4 hxg4 44.fxg4 Re2 45.g3)* 43.Rc2 Kf7 44.Ra2 Kg6=;

B2) 41.Rc2 Kf5 42.Kd4 *(42.Kc4)*

B2a) 42...Ra1 43.Re2 Rd1+ *(43...Ra4+ 44.Kc5 Ra5+ 45.Kc6 Ra6+ 46.Kb5+-; 43...g4 44.d6 Rd1+ 45.Kc5 Rd3 46.Re4!+-)* 44.Kc5 Rc1+ 45.Kd6+-;

B2b) 42...g4 43.Kc5! gxf3 44.gxf3

B2b1) 44...Rg1 45.d6 Rxg3 *(45...Ke6 46.Kc6 Rxg3 47.d7+-)* 46.d7 Rg8 47.Kd6 Kf4 48.Rc8 Rg1 49.d8Q Rd1+ 50.Ke6 Rxd8 51.Rxd8 Kxf3 52.Kf5+-;

B2b2) 44...Rf1 45.Rc3 Rg1 46.d6 Rxg3 *(46...Ke6 47.Kc6□)* 47.d7 Rg8 48.Kd6 Kf4 49.Rc8 Rg1 50.d8Q Rd1+ 51.Ke6 Rxd8 52.Rxd8 Kxf3 53.Kf5!+- R.Scherbakov: '+-' 'Atalik: '+-"]

38...Ke6 39.Ke4 f5+ 40.Kd4 Kd6

(Diagram)

41.Rb6 R.Scherbakov: 'Due to inaccuracies White has made his task much more difficult as the c6 pawn is in danger. Still, he is probably winning thanks to the possibility of attacking the kingside pawns with his rook.'

[The immediate 41.Ra5? leads to the draw after Rxc6 42.Rxf5 Rc2 43.Rxg5 Rxg2 44.Ke4 Ke6 45.Kf4 Rh2 46.Rf5 Rh3= clinging to the pawn on g3.]

41...Re7? R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '?" This loses on the spot. R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'This loses on the spot."

[41...Ra7! R.Scherbakov: 'would not save the game either:'

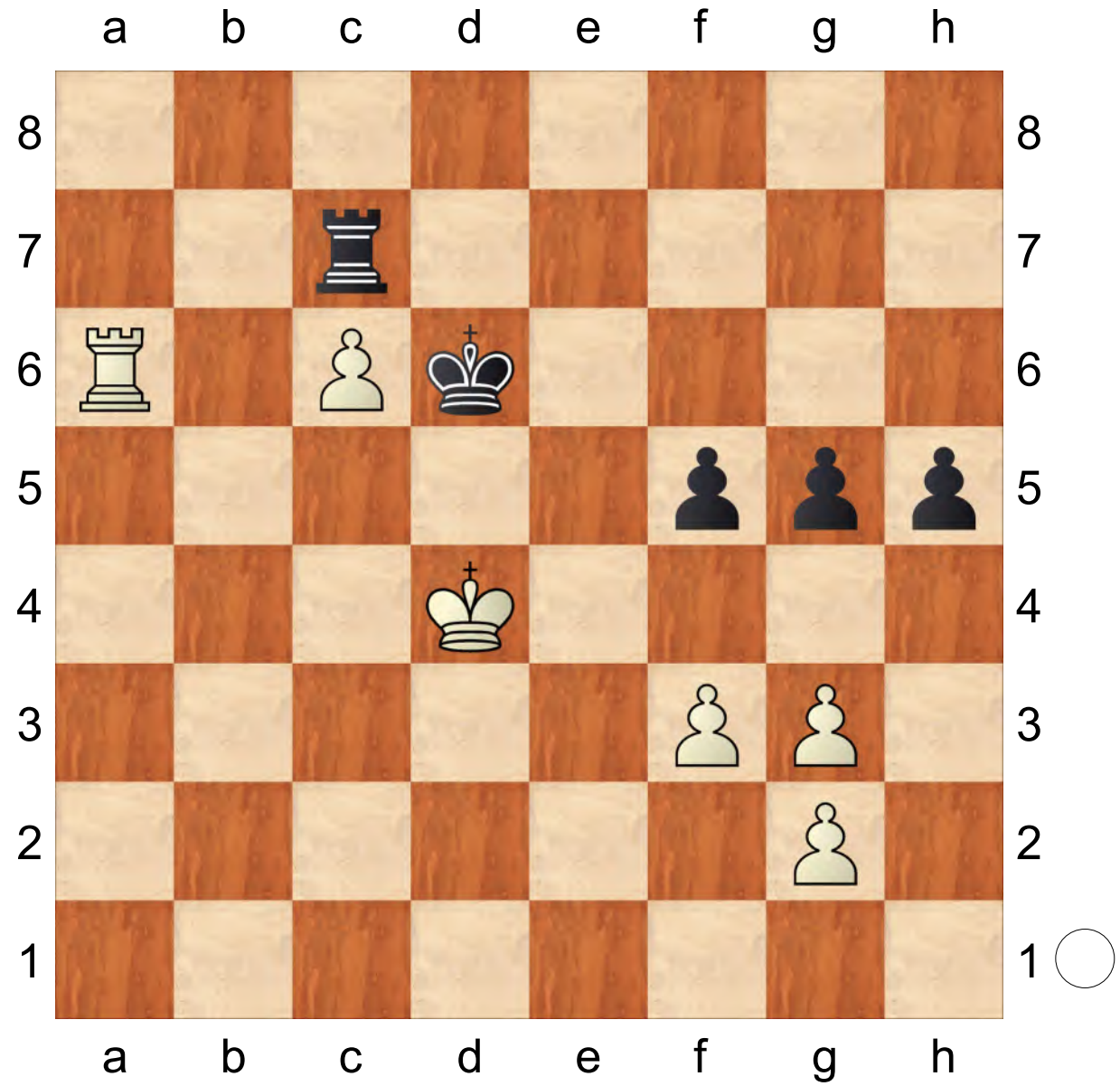
A) 42.c7+ R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Kxc7

A1) 43.Rh6 Ra2 44.Rxh5 *(44.Ke5? Rxg2 45.Rxh5 Rxg3 46.Kxf5=)* 44...g4! *(44...Rxg2 45.Rxg5 Kd6 46.Rg6++-; 44...Kd6 45.Rxg5 Rxg2 46.Rg6+* R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '+-" *Ke7 47.Ke5 Rf2 48.f4+-)* 45.Rxf5 *(45.Ke5 Rxg2 46.Kf4 Kd6 47.Rxf5 gxf3 48.Kxf3 Ke6 49.g4 Ra2 50.Kg3 Ra8 51.Rf1 Rg8 52.Rf5 Ra8 53.Kf4 Rb8=)* 45...Rxg2= 46.fxg4 Rxg3 47.g5 Kd6 48.Ke4 Ke7 49.Kf4 Rg1 50.Rf6 Rf1+=;

A2) 43.Rg6 Ra2 44.Ke5 *(44.Rxg5 Kd6!= 45.Rxf5 Rxg2 46.Rg5 Ke6 47.Ke4 Kf6 48.Kf4 Rh2 49.Ra5 Rh3 50.Ra6+ Kf7 51.g4 hxg4 52.fxg4 Rb3 53.Kg5 Rb8 54.Kh6 Kg8=)* 44...g4 45.Kxf5 Rxg2 46.fxg4 hxg4 47.Kxg4 *(47.Rxg4 Kd6 48.Kf6 Kd5 49.Rg8 Rf2+ 50.Kg6 Rg2 51.Rd8+ Ke4=)* 47...Kd7 48.Rf6 Ke7 49.Rf3 Ra2 50.Kg5 Ra8 51.g4 Rg8+ 52.Kh4 Rh8+ 53.Kg3 Rf8= 54.Rxf8 Kxf8 55.Kh4 Kg8=;

B) 42.Rb5! Ra4+ 43.Kd3 *(43.Ke3 f4+ 44.gxf4 gxf4+ 45.Kd3 Kxc6 46.Rxh5 Kd6=)*

B1) 43...g4!? 44.Rxf5 Ra2 45.Rxh5 Rxg2 46.Rc5 Kc7 47.f4 Rxg3+



48.Ke4 Rg1 *(48...Ra3 49.f5 g3 50.Rc2 Ra8 51.f6)* 49.Kf5 g3 50.Rc3 g2 51.Rc2 Rf1 52.Rxg2 Kxc6 53.Rd2+-;

B2) 43...Ra3+ 44.Ke2 Ra2+ 45.Kf1 Ra1+ 46.Kf2 Ra2+ 47.Kg1 g4!

B2a) 48.f4 h4 49.gxh4 *(49.Kh2? h3)* 49...g3 50.Rb1 Kxc6 51.h5 Kd5 52.Re1 Ra6 53.Kf1 Kd4 54.Re5 Kd3=;

B2b) 48.Rxf5 h4 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' 49.Kh2

B2b1) 49...h3? 50.fxg4 hxg2 51.Rf6++-;

B2b2) 49...gxf3 50.Rf6+ Kc7 51.gxh4

B2b21) 51...Rxg2+ 52.Kh3

B2b211) 52...Rd2 53.h5 f2 54.Kg2+- *(54.h6 Rd6)*;

B2b212) 52...Rg1 53.Rxf3 Kxc6 54.Rd3+-;

B2b22) 51...fxg2

B2b221) 52.h5 Ra5 53.h6 Rg5 54.Kg1 Kb6 *(54...Rg4 55.h7*

Rh4 56.Rf7+ Kxc6 57.Kxg2 Kd6 58.Kg3 Rh1 59.Kg4 Ke6 60.Ra7 Kf6=) 55.h7 Rh5 56.Rf7 Kxc6 57.Kxg2 Kd6 58.Kg3 Ke6 59.Ra7 Kf6=;

B2b222) 52.Rg6 Ra4 53.Kh3 Rd4! 54.Rxg2 *(54.h5 Rd5 55.h6 Rd6=)* 54...Kxc6 55.h5+-;

B2b3) 49...hxg3+ 50.Kxg3 gxf3

B2b31) 51.Rf6+ Ke5 52.Rxf3 Rc2 R.Scherbakov: '=' '=' R. Scherbakov: 'with a theoretical draw' 53.Rf8 Rxc6 54.Kh4 Ke6 55.g4 Ke7 56.Rf4! Rc8 57.Kh5 Rg8 58.Kh6+- *(58.g5 Rf8 59.Rxf8 Kxf8 60.Kg6 Kg8 61.Kf6 Kf8 62.g6* R.Scherbakov: '+-' *Kg8 63.g7+-)*;

B2b32) 51.Kxf3 Kxc6 52.g4 Kd6 53.Kf4

B2b321) 53...Ke6? 54.Kg5 Ra8

B2b3211) 55.Rf6+

B2b32111) 55...Ke5 56.Rg6+- Rf8 57.Rg7 Ke4 58.Kh6 Rh8+ 59.Kg6 Kf4 60.g5 Kg4 *(60...Rc8 61.Kh7 Kf5 62.g6+-)*;

B2b32112) 55...Ke7 56.Rf4!+-;

B2b3212) 55.Rf4! Ke5 56.Rb4+- Rg8+ 57.Kh6 Rh8+ 58.Kg7 Rh4 59.Rb5++-;

B2b322) 53...Ra8! 54.Rf6+ Ke7

B2b3221) 55.Kg5!? Rg8+ R.Scherbakov: '=' R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '=" 56.Rg6 *(56.Kf5 Rxg4=)*

B2b32211) 56...Ra8? 57.Kh6 *(57.Rg7+? Kf8=)* 57...Kf7 58.Rg7+ *(58.Kh7? Rh8+=)* 58...Kf8 59.g5 Ra1 60.Rb7+-;

B2b32212) 56...Rh8!

B2b322121) 57.Rf6 Rg8+=;

B2b322122) 57.Ra6 Rg8+= 58.Kh5 Kf7 59.g5 *(59.Ra7+ Kf6=)* 59...Rh8+ 60.Rh6 Ra8=;

B2b322123) 57.Rg7+! Kf8 58.Kg6 Rh4 59.g5 Ra4 60.Rb7 Ra6+ 61.Kh7+-;

B2b3222) 55.g5? Rf8!=;

B2b3223) 55.Kf5!

B2b32231) 55...Rb8 56.g5 Rg8 *(56...Rf8 57.Rxf8 Kxf8 58.Kf6 Kg8 59.Kg6 Kh8 60.Kf7+-; 56...Ra8 57.Kg6+-)*

B2b322311) 57.g6 Rg7 *(57...Rf8 58.Rxf8 Kxf8 59.Kf6+-)* 58.Kg5;

B2b322312) 57.Re6+

B2b3223121) 57...Kf8 58.Kf6!+- *(58.g6?? Rg7 59.Rf6+ Kg8 60.Ra6 Rb7 61.Kf6 Rb8=)*;

B2b3223122) 57...Kf7 58.g6+ Kg7 59.Re7+ Kf8 60.Rf7+ Ke8 61.Kf6+-;

B2b32232) 55...Rg8 56.g5 Rg7 57.g6 Rg8 58.Rf7+ Ke8

59.Kf6+-]
[41...Rc8 42.c7+ Kxc7 43.Rg6 g4 44.Ke5 Ra8 *(44...Kd7 45.Rg7+)* 45.Kxf5 Ra2 46.fxg4 hxg4 47.Rxg4 Rxg2 48.Rc4+ Kd6 49.g4+-]
[41...h4
A) 42.gxh4 gxh4 43.Rb5 Rg7 44.Rc5 Kc7 45.Rc2 f4 *(45...Rg3 46.f4)* 46.Ke5 Rf7 47.Rc4 Rh7 *(47...Rg7 48.Rxf4 Rxg2 49.Rxh4 Kxc6 50.Rd4 Rg8 51.f4 Re8+ 52.Kf6 Kc5 53.Ra4 Kd5 54.f5+-)* 48.Rxf4 *(48.Kxf4?? h3!)* 48...Kxc6 49.Kf6 Kd5 *(49...h3 50.gxh3 Rxh3 51.Ke6 Kc5 52.Rf8+-)* 50.Re4
A1) 50...h3 51.gxh3 Rxh3 52.Re5+ Kd6 *(52...Kd4 53.f4 Rh8 54.Re7 Rf8+ 55.Kg5 Rg8+ 56.Kf5 Rf8+ 57.Kg4 Rg8+ 58.Kf3 Rf8 59.Rd7+ Kc4 60.Rd1 Kc5 61.Kg4 Rg8+ 62.Kh5 Rf8 63.Kg5 Rg8+ 64.Kh6 Rf8 65.Rf1 Kd6 66.Kg7 Rf5 67.Kg6+-)* 53.f4 Rh6+ 54.Kg7 Rh4 55.Re4 Kd5 56.Ra4+-;
A2) 50...Rh8 51.Re2;
B) 42.Rb5!
B1) 42...Rxc6 43.Rxf5 Rc2 44.Rxg5+- Rxg2 45.g4 *(45.gxh4 Rh2)* 45...h3 46.Rh5 h2 47.Rh6+ Ke7 48.Ke5 Kf7 49.Kf5 Ra2 50.g5 Kg7 51.f4 Rg2 52.Ke4 Rf2 53.Ke3 Ra2 54.Kf3+-;
B2) 42...Rg7 43.Rxf5 *(43.Rb7 Rg8 44.c7 Rc8)*]

42.Rb5 Re2 43.Rxf5 Rd2+ 44.Ke3 Rxg2 45.Rxg5 Kxc6

(Diagram)

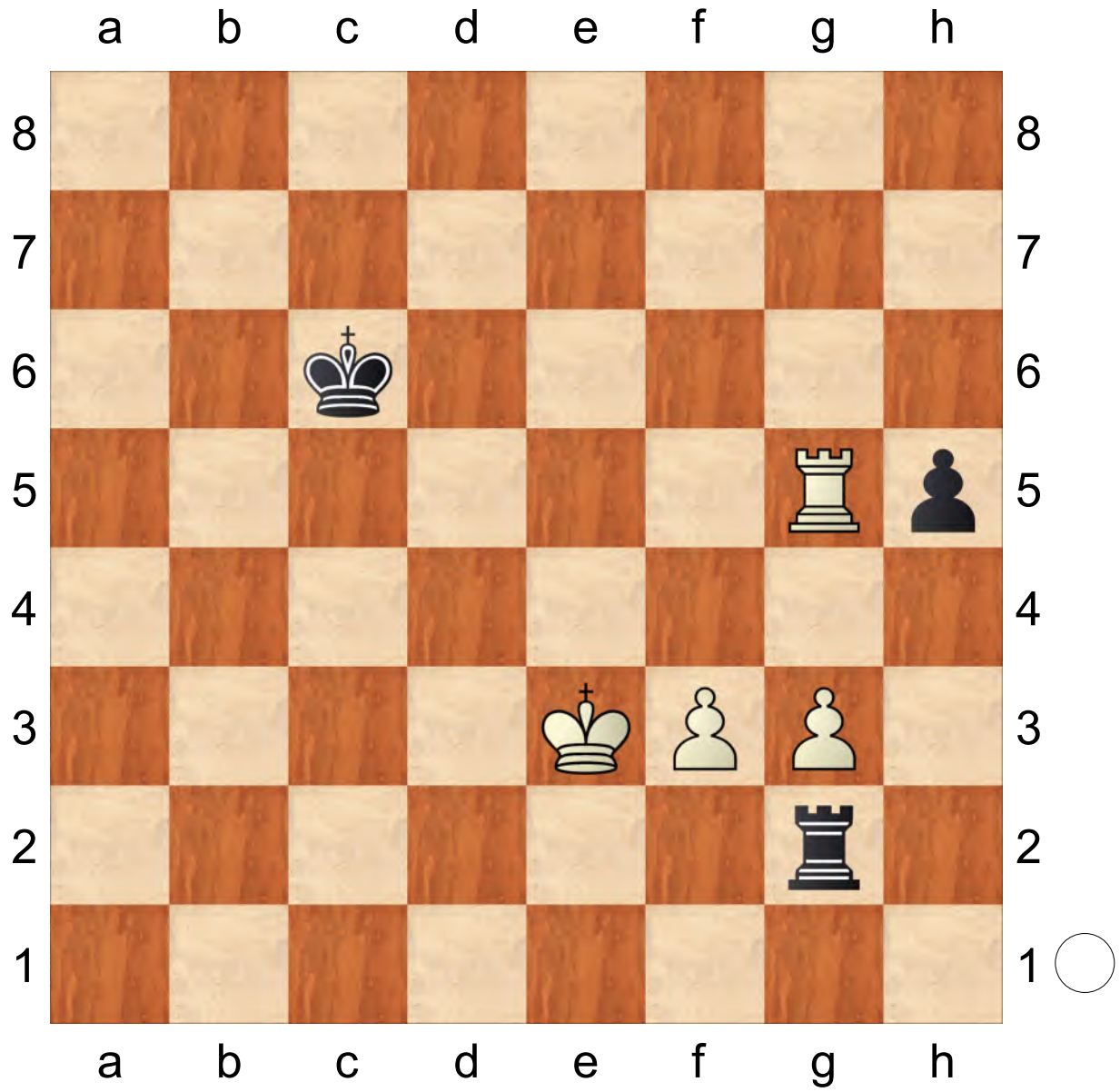
46.Kf4 Rh2 R.Scherbakov: 'Black has been able to keep his h-pawn but unfortunately after' **47.Re5!** R.Scherbakov: '+-!' '+-!' R.Scherbakov: 'his King is cut off. The rest is easy:' R.Scherbakov: 'his King is cut off. The rest is easy: Atalik: '!"
[47.Ke5 Kd7 48.Kf6 Rh3 49.f4+-]
47...Kd6 48.Re1+- R.Scherbakov: 'Atalik: '+-" **48...Kd7**
[48...Ra2 49.Kg5]
49.Kg5 Rh3 50.g4 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' **50...h4**
[50...hxg4 51.fxg4 and my ♖ can not return to the defence on time. R. Scherbakov: 'Atalik: 'and my ♖ can not return to the defence on time." Rh8 52.Kf6+-]

(Diagram)

51.f4 Rh2 52.f5 h3 53.Kh4

(Diagram)

R.Scherbakov: 'Black resigned. The direct 10. ..b4?! is probably dubious and leads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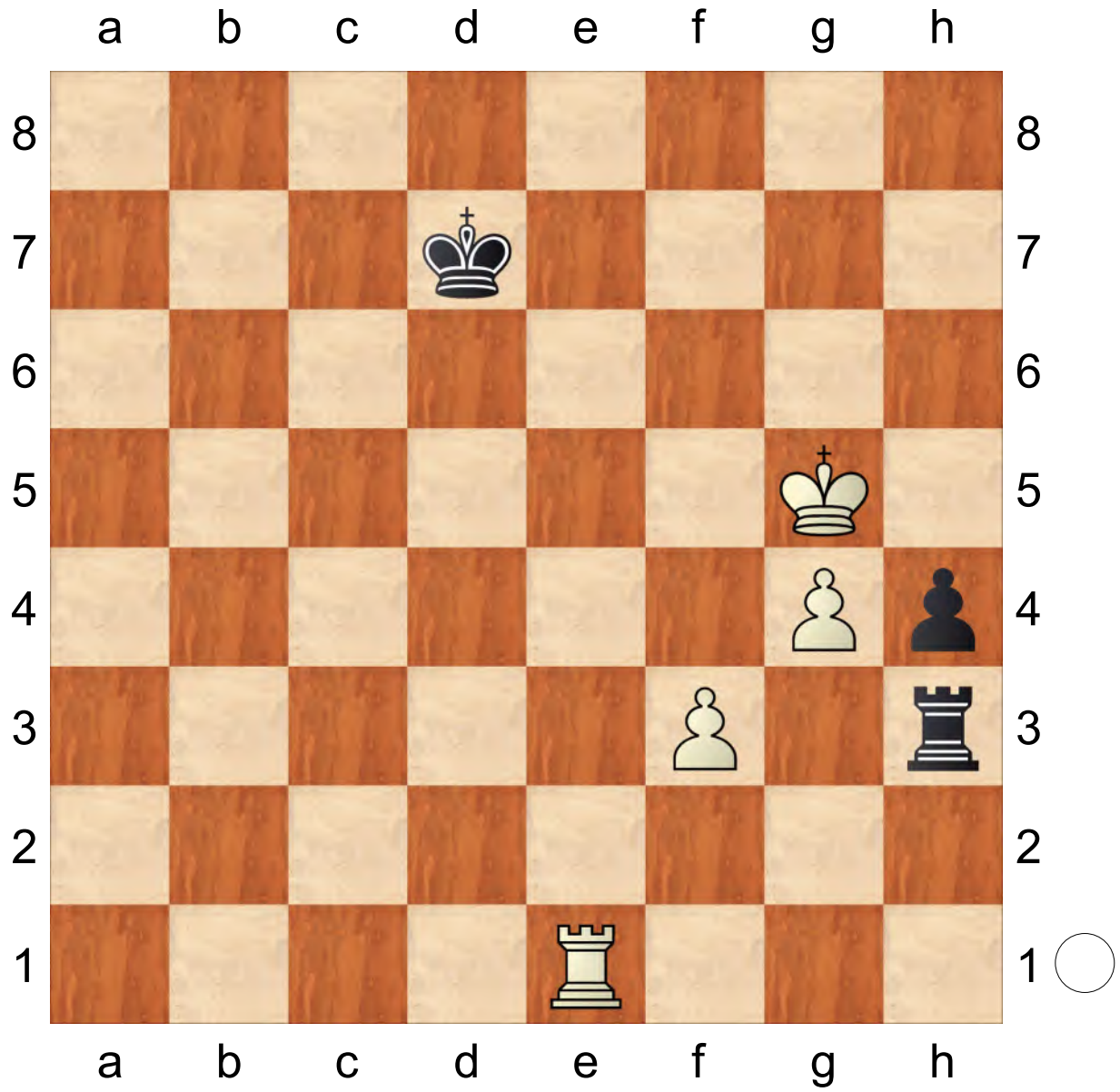
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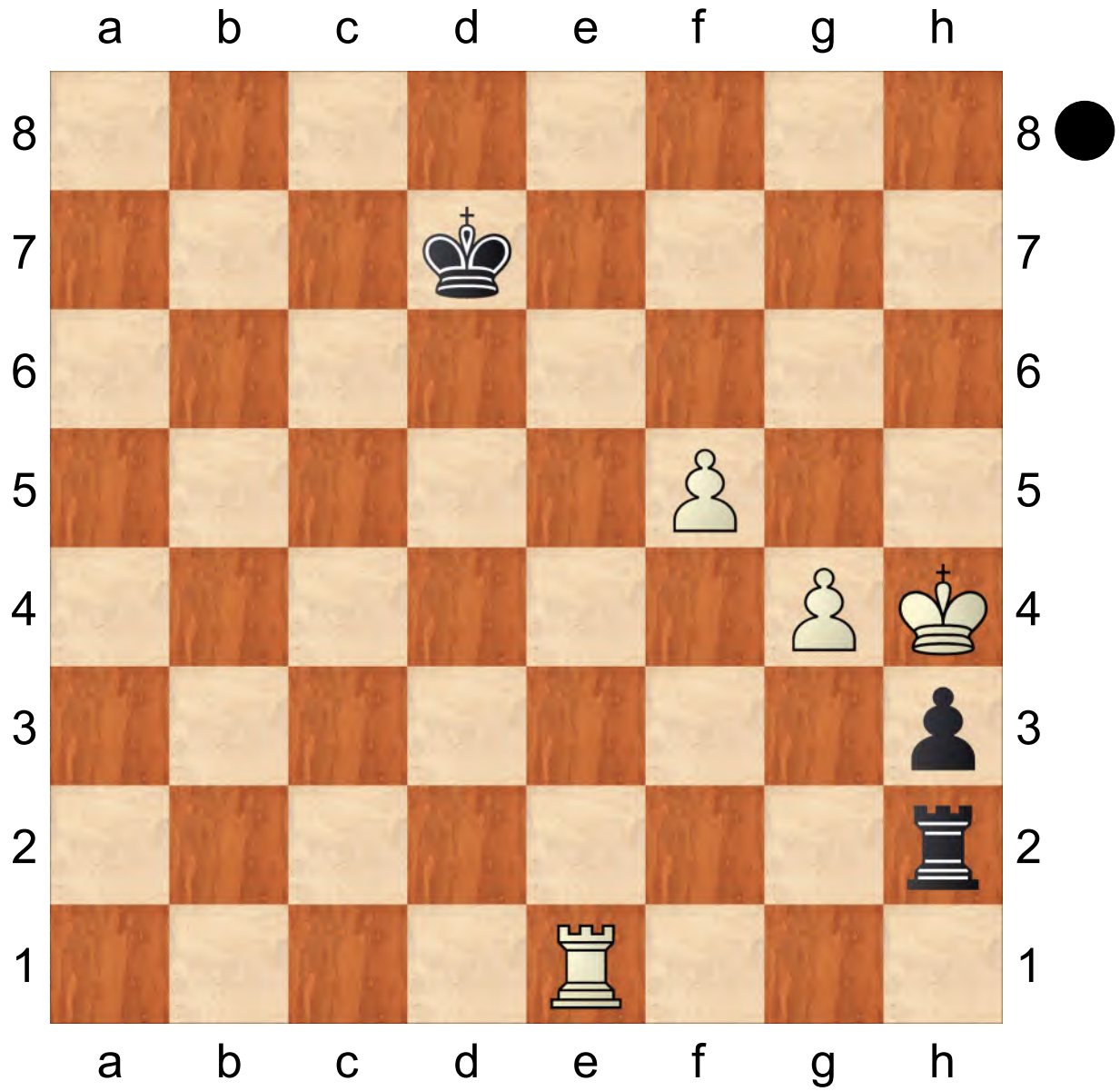

to difficulties for Black.'

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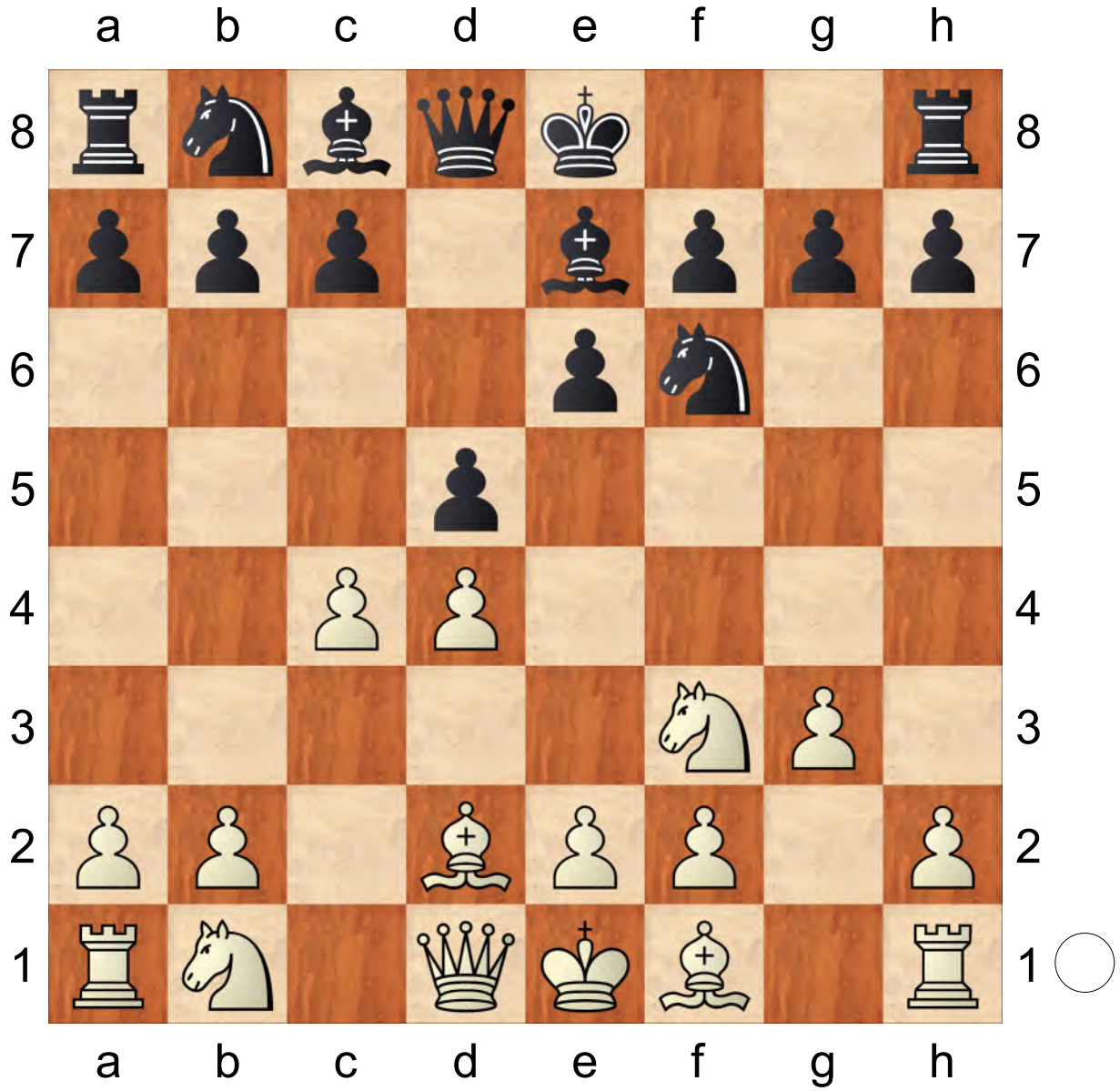
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2757**
■ **Gelfand,Boris** **2740**
Zuerich Chess Challenge (6) 01.03.2013
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Tadic,Branko Tadic,Branko Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5**
[Kramnik against Caruana ventured into a a Fianchetto Benoni with 3...c5 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Bf4 a6 *(10...Ne4!? 11.Nxe4 Rxe4 12.Nd2 Rxf4 13.gxf4 Bxb2⩱)* 11.a4 h6 *(11...Nh5!? 12.Bg5 Qc7⇄)* 12.Re1 Bf5 13.Qc1 g5 14.Bd2 Nbd7 15.h4 g4 16.Nh2 Kh7?! *(⩲16...h5 17.Bg5 Bg6 18.Nf1± /∞)* 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.Bf4 Bg6 19.Ne3 h5 20.a5 Qc7 ½-½ Caruana,F (2757)-Kramnik,V (2810)/Zürich 2013/The Week in Chess 955 (53) 21.Na4!? Nfd7 22.b4± ↑]
4.Nf3 Bb4+ The Catalan is still very popular at the top level, it brought some exciting chess also in Zürich: Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'The Catalan is still very popular at the top level, it brought some exciting chess also in Zürich:"
[4...dxc4 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qd3 c4 *(A risky attmept to create an unbalanced position. The more restrained option is 9...Rc8 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nc3 Nb4!? 12.Qd1 0-0 13.a3 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Ne5 Be8 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Bd2 f6 18.Nd3 Bb6 19.Bb4 Rf7 20.Rc1 Rfc7 21.Qd2 Bg6=* Kraemer,M (2516)-Nguyen Anh Dung (2500)/Khanty-Mansiysk olm/2010/) 10.Qd1 Rc8 11.Nc3 b4 12.Na4 Be7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.a3 0-0 16.e3 a5 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Rc1 Na7 19.axb4 axb4 ½-½ Gelfand,B (2740)-Anand,V (2780)/Zürich 2013/The Week in Chess 956 (40) 20.Nd2± /±]
[4...Be7 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 Qc8 12.b4 *(A rare move, Kramnik himself against Leko in the 2007 World Championship preferred the more usual 12.Bg5 See notes to this game by Marin in CBM 120.)* 12...Nbd7 13.Nc3 Bc6!?N *(13...Bb7 14.a3 Nb6 15.Qc2 Nc4 16.e4 Rd8 17.Rfd1 h6∞* Witte,R (2077)-Manz,A/Berlin/2008/) 14.a3 Qb7 15.Qc2 h6 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Rfe1 Nb6 18.e4 Nc4 19.d5 Bd7 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.e5 Ng4 22.Re4 Nxf2! 23.Kxf2 ½-½ Gelfand,B (2740)-Kramnik,V (2810)/Zürich 2013/The Week in Chess 956 (46) Bc6⩱]
5.Bd2 Be7

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7
[8...b6 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 9.Rd1 Ba6 10.Ne5!? *(10.b3 Nbd7* -E15 This line can and often does arise via the 4.g3 ♗a6 Queen's Indian.*)* 10...Nfd7 11.cxd5



cxd5 12.e4 Nxe5 13.exd5 Be2 14.dxe5 Bxd1 15.Qxd1 exd5 16.Nc3 Nc6 17.Nxd5 Nxe5 18.Bc3 Bd6 19.f4 Ng6 20.f5 Ne5 21.f6 Rc8 22.fxg7 is a line, that appears promising for White. However, in practical and postal games he was mostly unable to transform his initiative into something more tangible after Black returns the exchange:

A) 22...Kxg7 23.Qd2 Rxc3 *(23...Kh8 24.Rf1 f6 25.Kh1 Rxc3 26.Qxc3 Ng6 27.b3 Be5 28.Qc2 Qd7 29.Ne3 Ne7 30.Rd1 Qc8 31.Qd3 f5* Alekseev,E (2701)-Sjugirov,S (2626)/Moscow/2011/ *32.Nc4↑)* 24.Qxc3 Qc8 25.Qd2 Ng6 26.Rf1 Be5 27.Kh1 Qd7 28.b3 f5 29.Qg5 Bb8 30.Re1 Rf7± /=,Tomashevsky,E (2710)-Alekseev,E (2662)/Saratov/2011*!*

B) 22...Re8 23.Qe2 *(23.Qh5 Rxc3 24.bxc3 Bc5+ 25.Kh1 Nd3 26.h3 Re5 27.Qf3 Nf2+ 28.Kh2 Qg5 29.Rf1 h5 30.Rxf2 Bxf2 31.Qxf2 ½,* Stohl,I (2510)-Bokros,A (2501)/SVK-chT/2011/*)* 23...Rc5 24.Kh1 Re6 25.Rf1 Qg5 26.Qf2

Qxg7 27.Nf6+ Qxf6 ½, Standke,W (2511)-Jensen,E (2501)/corr/2011/ 28.Qxf6 Rxf6 29.Rxf6 Nc4⇄]

9.Bf4 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7

[10...Ba6 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' can lead to positions of a similar type:

A) 11.b3 Rc8 again leads to the Queen's Indian/Catalan position we have already mentioned. Marin wrote an article about this line in CBM 122. 12.Nc3 Nh5 13.Bc1 Nhf6 14.Bb2 Qc7 15.e4 dxc4 16.Nd2 e5 17.Nxc4 exd4 18.Rxd4 Rfd8 19.Ne2 Bc5⇄ Topalov,V (2752)-Leko,P (2737)/London/2012/

B) 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.Nc3 *(12.cxd5 -* 11.cxd5 *)* 12...Bxc4 13.Nxc4 dxc4 14.e4 b5 15.a4 a6 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra6 *(17.d5 cxd5 18.exd5 e5 19.Bg5 Qb6⇄)* 17...Nb6 18.Ra7 Ra8 19.Rc7?! *(⌓19.Rb7)* 19...Nh5 20.Rxc6 Nxf4 21.gxf4 b4 22.Ne2 Rc8 23.d5 exd5 24.exd5 Bf6 25.Ng3 *(⌓25.b3∓)* 25...b3 26.Qe2 Caruana,F (2716)-Palac,M (2586)/EU-ch Aix-les-Bains/2011/ Re8 27.Ne4 Bxb2!∓;

C) 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.Nc6 Here, contrary to our game, White will "win" Black's dark-squared bishop. Although his bishops give him a slight and riskless pull, the symmetrical nature of the resulting positions makes it difficult to get something more concrete and in GM practice draws mostly prevail:

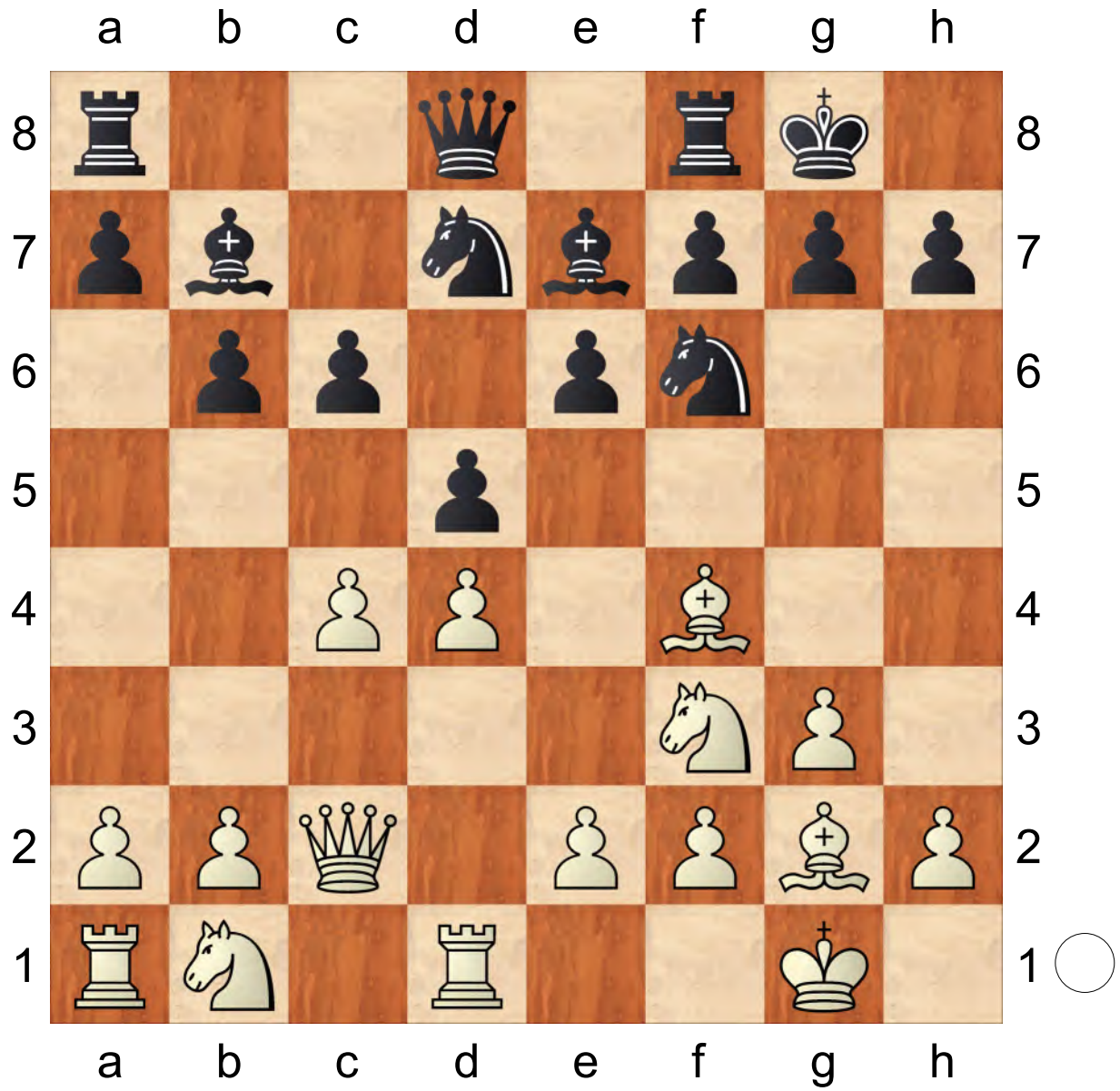
C1) 13...Nh5 14.Bc1!? *(14.Be3 Nb8 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Nc3 f5 17.Qd2 Nc6 18.Rac1 Qd7 19.f3 h6 20.Bf2 Nf6 21.b3 Rc7 22.Bf1 Ne7 23.Rc2 Rfc8 24.Rdc1 Kf7 25.Nb1 Rxc2 26.Rxc2 g5 27.Rxc8 Qxc8=* Tomashevsky,E (2710)-Ponomariov,R (2758)/Saratov/2011/*)* 14...Nb8 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qd2 Nc6 17.b3 b5 18.a3 Nf6 19.Nc3 Qc7 20.Na2 Qb6 21.Qb2 h6 22.Bf4 Rfd8 23.Nb4 Nxb4 24.axb4 Bb7 25.Rac1 Nd7 26.h4= /±,Leko,P (2728)-Ponomariov,R (2758)/Saratov/2011/

C2) 13...Bb5 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Nc3 a5 16.Rac1 Ba6 17.Qd2 h6 18.Bf3 *(18.Rc2 Qb4 19.f3 Rfe8 20.Rdc1 Rc4 21.Be3 Rec8 22.Bf2 a4 23.e3 R4c7 24.Be1 a3 25.b3 e5 26.Qd1 Qe7 27.Bf2 Qb4 28.Be1 Qe7=* Ponomariov,R (2737)-Grischuk,A (2756)/Nice blindfold rpd/2010/*)* 18...Qb4 19.h4 Bb7 20.Nb1 Qxd2 21.Nxd2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8 24.Kf1 Ne8 25.Ke1 Kf8 26.Nb1 Bb7 27.Nc3 Bc6 28.a4 Ke7 29.b3 Nd6 30.Bc1 b5 31.axb5 Nxb5 32.Nxb5 Bxb5 33.Ba3+ Ke8 34.Bd6 a4= Stupak,K (2520)-Almasi,Z (2707)/St Petersburg/2012/]

(Diagram)

11.Ne5 Nh5

[11...Rc8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 12.Nc3 Nh5 13.Bc1 Nhf6 14.e4 dxc4 15.Nxc4 leads to a more complex struggle, but White's chances are somewhat higher: b5 16.Ne3 Qb6 17.b3 Rfe8 18.Bb2 Bf8 19.Qe2 Ba6 20.Qd2 Rcd8 21.Rac1 c5 22.d5 Qa5 23.Qc2 c4 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Ne2 exd5 26.exd5 Bb5 27.Nc3 Ba6 Leko,P (2737)-Kramnik,V (2797)/Istanbul olm/2012/ 28.Ne4↑



(28.d6!?)]

12.Bd2 Nhf6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.Qxc6 Currently quite a topical position in top-flight practical games. Just as in the note to the 10-th move, Black's set-up is very solid, but White's bishops provide him with a reason to fight on. Tadic, Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'Currently quite a topical position in top-flight practical games. Just as in the note to the 10-th move, Black's set-up is very solid, but White's bishops provide him with a reason to fight on." **15...Qb8**

[15...Rc8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor'

A) 16.Qa4 Nb8 17.Be1 a6 18.Qb3 Nc6 19.Qd3 b5 20.a4 bxa4! 21.Nc3 *(21.Qxa6?! Nxd4! 22.Rxd4 Rc1 23.Kf1 Qb8↑)* 21...a5 22.e3 Bb4 23.Rxa4 Qe7 24.Raa1 h6 25.Qa6 Nb8 26.Qe2 Rc7 27.Na4 Nc6= Gelfand,B (2739)-Kramnik,V (2790)/Moscow/2010*!*

B) 16.Qb5!?

B1) 16...Nb8 17.Nc3 *(17.e3 Ne8 18.Be1 Nd6 19.Qe2 Nc6 20.Nc3 Bf6 21.Rac1 Qd7 22.Nb5 Nf5 23.Bf1 g6 24.Nc3 Bg7 25.Qc2 Qb7 26.Qa4 Nb8 27.Ne2 Rfd8 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Rc1 Rxc1 30.Nxc1 Nd6=* Mchedlishvili,M (2651)-Alekseev,E (2683)/Bundesliga/2012/*)* 17...Nc6 18.e3 Na5 19.Qe2 Nc4 20.Be1 Qd7 21.Rac1 b5 22.b3 Na3 23.Bf1 a6 24.Qb2 Rc6 25.Bd3 Rfc8 26.Ne2 b4 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.Rc1 a5 29.f3 Bd8 30.Rxc6 Qxc6 31.Qc1 Qxc1 32.Nxc1 /±, Sasikiran,K (2676)-Alekseev,E (2691)/New Delhi/2012/;

B2) 16...Ne8 17.Qd3 Nd6 18.b3 *(*Similar is *18.Nc3 g6 19.b3 Nb8 20.Bc1 Nc6 21.Bb2 Nf5 22.e3 Qd7 23.Rac1 Rfd8 24.Qd2 Nd6 25.Qe2 Bf6 26.Bf1 Bg7= 27.Qe1 Qb7= /±*, Tomashevsky,E (2707)-Matlakov,M (2632)/Taganrog/2011/*)* 18...f5!? *(*The standard *18...Nb8* is playable as well, Black opts for a more interesting Stonewall position.*)* 19.f3 Nb8 20.Nc3 Nc6 21.e3 Bf6 22.Ne2 Qd7 23.Rac1 Rc7 24.Be1 Rfc8= 25.g4 a5 26.a3 a4!? 27.bxa4 Nc4 *(27...fxg4 28.fxg4 Nc4∞)* 28.gxf5 exf5 29.Rb1 Ne7∞ Caruana,F (2757)-Adams,M (2725)/Baden-Baden 2013/CB07_2013 (54) Black has lasting pressure against White's central pawn mass, in the end his loss cost Caruana the tournament victory.]

[15...a6 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 16.e3 b5 17.Qc2 Qc8 18.Qd3 Qc4 19.Bf1 Ne4 20.Be1 Rfc8 21.b3 Qxd3 22.Bxd3 e5 23.a4 exd4 24.exd4 b4 25.a5 Ng5 26.Be2 Rc2 27.Kf1 Rb2 28.Rd2 Rxd2 29.Nxd2 g6 30.h4 Ne6 31.Nf3± Giri,A (2701)-Meier,G (2656)/Dortmund/2011/ Black's queenside pawns are more vulnerable, than their White counterparts, this went on to decide the game later on. Gelfand will also advance his queenside pawns, but at least they won't get split.]

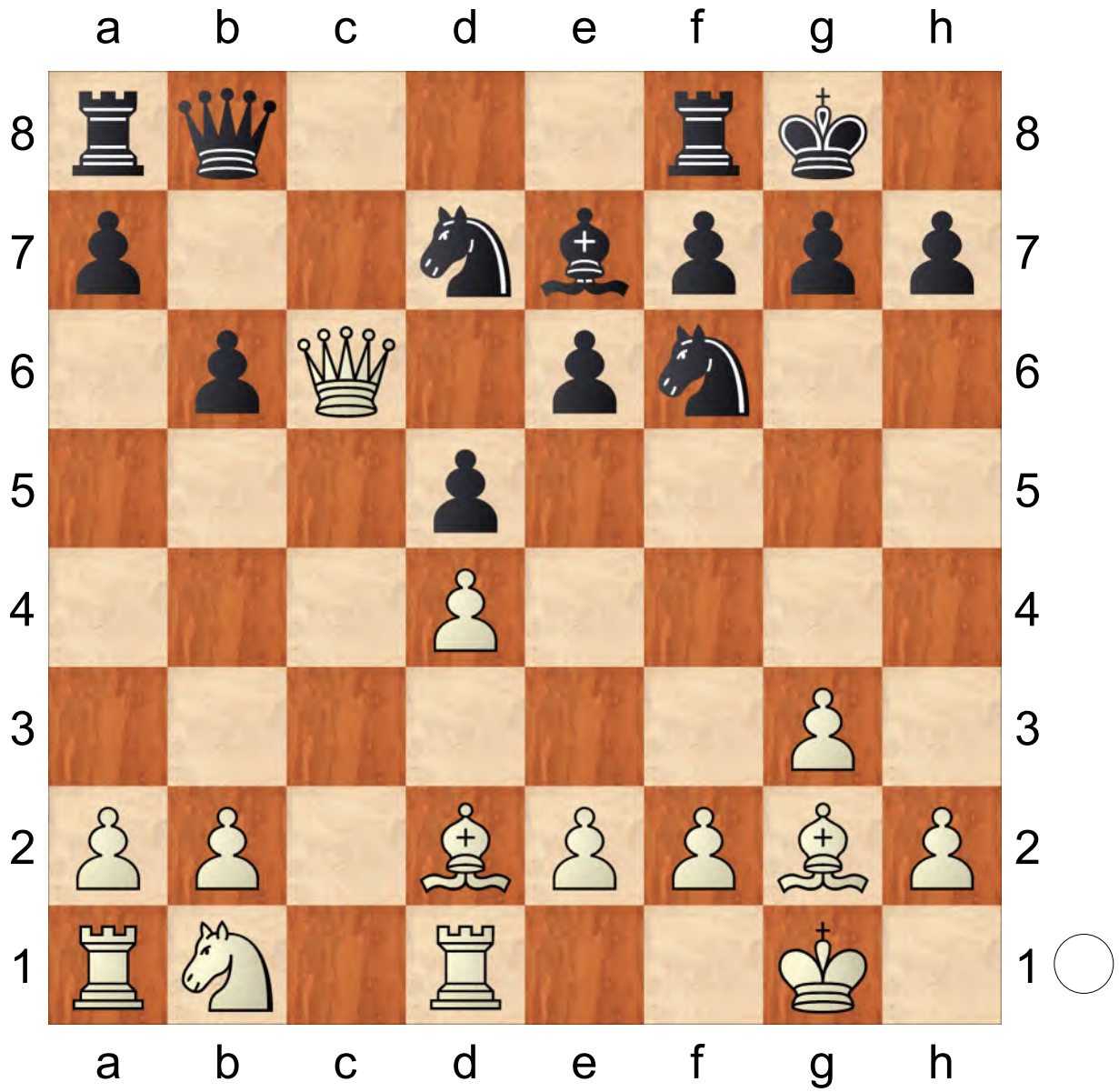
[After 15...Qc8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' White would presumably keep the queens on the board for the time being and fight for an edge with 16.Qa4!? *(16.Rc1 Qxc6 17.Rxc6 Rfc8 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 19.Nc3 Ne8 20.Rc1 Nd6 21.Nd1 Rxc1 22.Bxc1 Nb5 23.e3 f5 24.Bf1 Nd6 25.Nc3 Kf7 26.Nb5* ½,Cyborowski,L (2555)-Sadzikowski,D (2433)/Wroclaw/2012/*)*]

(Diagram)

16.Qc2N For now Caruana keeps the major pieces on the board and prepares for a long positional and manoeuvring fight. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'For now Caruana keeps the major pieces on the board and prepares for a long positional and manoeuvring fight."

[16.Rc1 Tadic,Branko: '- 117/(170)' Tadic,Branko: 'Ü 117/(170)' Rc8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 17.Qxc8+ Qxc8 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 leads to a position, which was already evaluated as equal in the above note. Apart form the quoted game here Gajewski and Yu Yangyi split the point a weak earlier in the Rejkjavik open.]

16...b5



[16...Rc8 17.Qd3 b5 Tadic,Branko: '!?' Tadic,Branko: '(Stohl,Igor) -16...♖c8' Tadic,Branko: 'tranposes to the previous note and might be more accurate.' *(17...Qb7 18.Nc3* gives White chances to toy with the idea of a well-timed central advance. *)*

A) 18.Nc3 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' b4 19.Na4 a6 20.b3 Qb5=;

B) 18.Be1 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Nb6! 19.Qxb5 *(19.b3 b4=)* 19...Nc4= 20.Qxb8 Raxb8 21.b3? Nb2-+;

C) 18.a3!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 18...a5 *(18...b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.Nc3 a5⇄)* 19.Nc3 b4 20.Nb5 Nb6=]

17.Qd3 b4

[17...Rc8!? -16...♖c8 tranposes to the previous note and might be more accurate.]

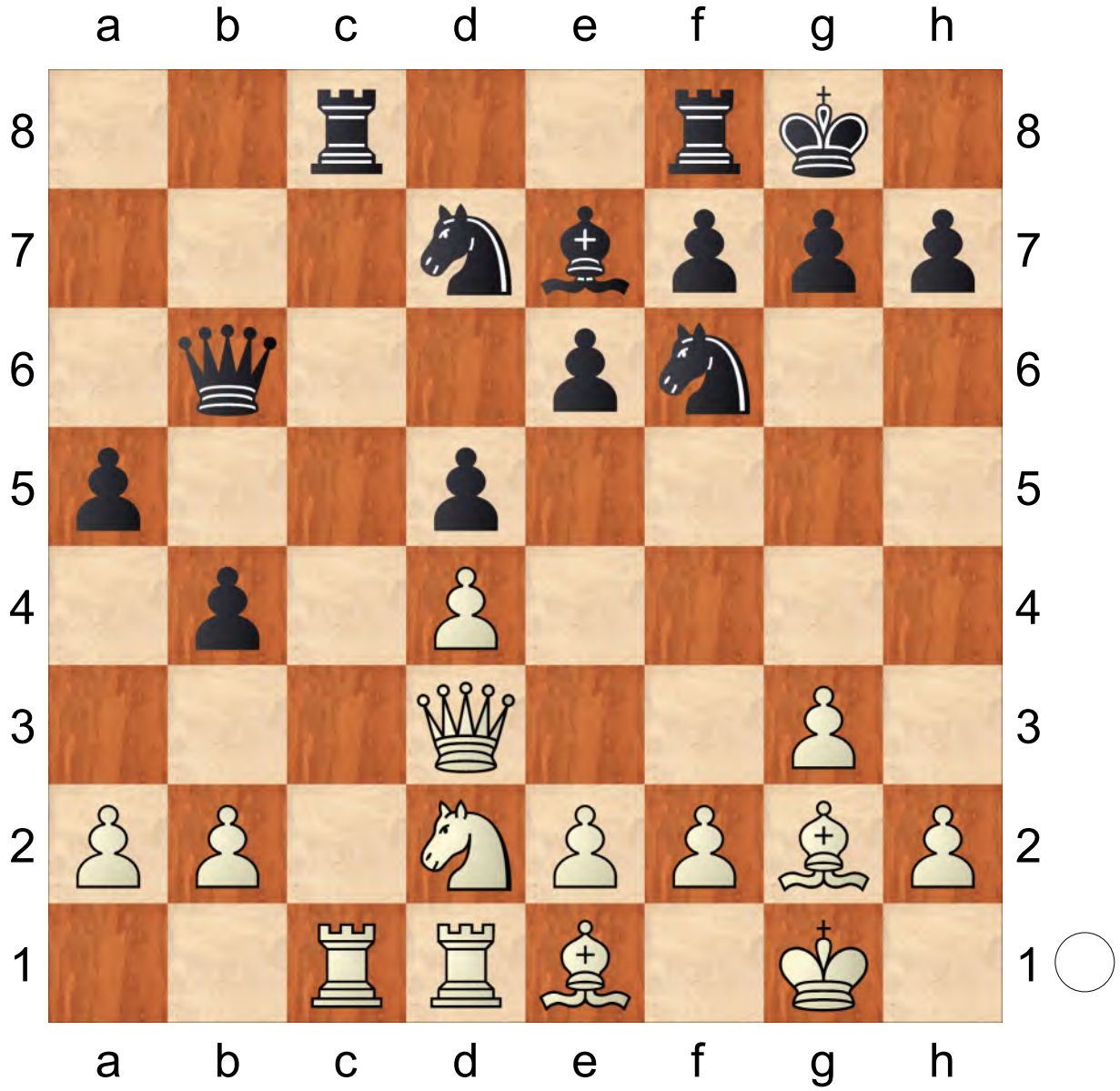
18.Be1 White slowly starts to get his pieces out. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'White slowly starts to get his pieces out." **18...Qb6**

[18...e5 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' is an idea Gelfand employs later on. It attention even now, when White's forces still lack coordination. 19.Nd2 *(19.dxe5 Qxe5C; 19.Bh3 a5⇄)* 19...e4 *(19...a5 20.e4!↑)* 20.Qa6!?∞ /±]

19.Nd2 a5

[19...Rac8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 20.Rac1 Qa5!? 21.Qb3 Rc7 22.Nf3 Rfc8 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Bd2= /±]

20.Rac1 Rac8



21.e3 e5

[Instead of maintaining the status quo with solid moves as 21...Rfd8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor']

[or 21...Rc6 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' , Black somewhat surprisingly lashes out.]

22.Bh3!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '!?"

[22.dxe5 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Nxe5 23.Qf5 *(23.Qe2 Rfd8 24.Nf3 Nxf3+*

25.Bxf3 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Ne4⇄) 23...Qb8!?⇄ *(23...Qe6 24.Bh3= /±)*]

22...Rc7 Gelfand wants to keep the position more dynamic and decides to sacrifice a pawn. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'Gelfand wants to keep the position more dynamic and decides to sacrifice a pawn."

[22...exd4 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 23.exd4± *(23.Qxd4 Bc5∞)*]

[22...e4!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '!?" 23.Qb3 *(23.Qe2* Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl, Igor' *Rc6=)* seems more comfortable for White due to the weaknesson d5, but he has yet to show, how he can make inroads after e.g., Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'seems more comfortable for White due to the weaknesson d5, but he has yet to show, how he can make inroads after e.g.," 23...Qa7 *(23...Qb5* Tadic,Branko *24.Bf1)* 24.Qa4 Nb6 25.Qb5 Rc7!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '!?" *(25...Rxc1* Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' *26.Rxc1 Rb8 27.Qc6±)* 26.Rxc7 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl, Igor' *(26.Rc6↑* Tadic,Branko *)* 26...Qxc7 27.Nb3 Nc4]

[22...g6 Tadic,Branko 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.exd4 Ned7 27.Nb3±]

23.Bxd7 White accepts the challenge, but a worthy alternative was Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'White accepts the challenge, but a worthy alternative was"

[23.Rxc7!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Qxc7 24.Nb3± /⇄ with a slight edge.]

23...Nxd7 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Qxd5 Rfc8

[25...Bf6!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 26.Rxc7 *(26.b3 Rd7 27.Nc4 Qd8 28.Nd6 g6⩱)* 26...Qxc7 27.Nb3 Rd8 *(27...a4? 28.Bxb4 Rd8 29.Qxd8+ Bxd8 30.Ba5+-)*

A) 28.Rc1 Qb6 *(28...Rxd5 29.Rxc7 Nf3+ 30.Kf1 g5⇄; 28...Qxc1 29.Qxd8+ Bxd8 30.Nxc1 Nf3+ 31.Kf1 Nxh2+ 32.Ke2 Ng4 33.a3= /±)* 29.Qxa5 Nf3+ 30.Kf1 Qb7=;

B) 28.Qb5 Rb8 29.Qe2 Qc4 30.Qxc4 Nxc4 31.Rc1 Nxb2 32.Nxa5 Nd3 33.Rd1 Nxe1 34.Rxe1 Ra8 35.Nc6 Bc3 36.Rb1 Rxa2 37.Nxb4 Bxb4 38.Rxb4 h5= In this line White has only limited and practical winning chances; theoretically it's a draw.]

(Diagram)

26.Nb3

[26.Rxc7 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Qxc7 27.Nf3 Nxf3+ *(27...Rd8?? 28.Qxe5 Qxe5 29.Rxd8+)* 28.Qxf3 h6⇄ /= and it's difficult to activate the ♗e1 and also prevent a liqudation of the queenside into some drawish endgame.]

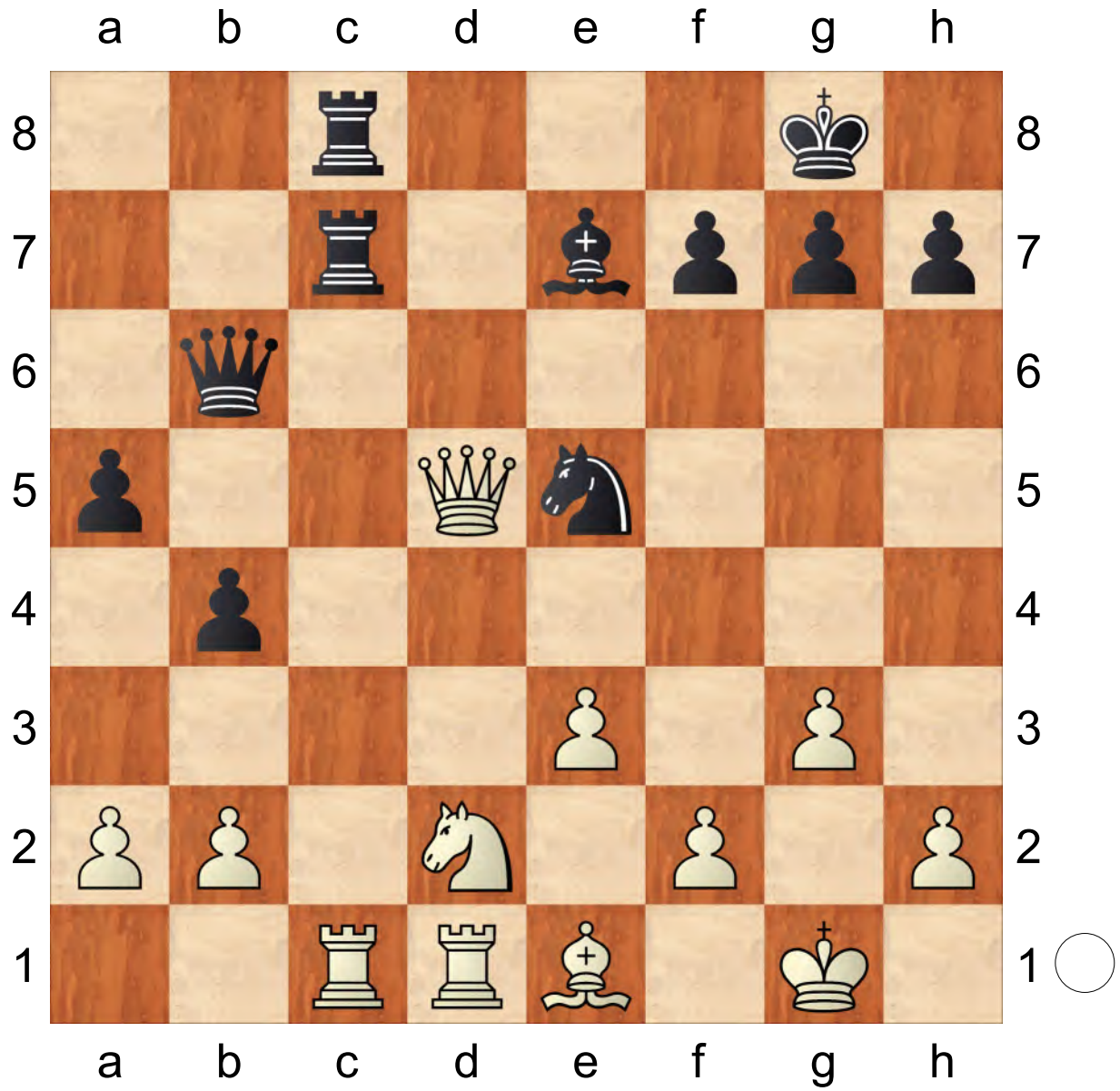
26...Nc4⩱ Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '⩱" **27.Rd4**

[27.Rc2 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor'

A) 27...g6 28.Qe4 Bf6 29.Nd4±;

B) 27...Bf6 28.Qd3 g6 *(28...Nxb2?? 29.Rxb2 Bxb2 30.Qd8+ Rxd8 31.Rxd8#)* 29.Qe2±;

C) 27...Qa6!? Tadic,Branko: '=' Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '=" 28.Re2 *(28.Qd3*



Qa8 29.Qd5 Qa6=) 28...Bf6≅]

27...Qa6 28.Rf4 Bf6

[28...Bd6 Tadic,Branko 29.Rd1! Bf8 30.Nc5!±]

29.Qd3 Qe6 30.Re4 Qd6?! Tadic,Branko: '?' '?' Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram

[30...Be5 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 31.f4 *(31.Rexc4 Rxc4 32.Nc5 Rxc1 33.Nxe6 fxe6 34.Kg2 Bxb2 35.Qb3 Bf6 36.Qxe6+ Kh8=)* 31...Nxb2

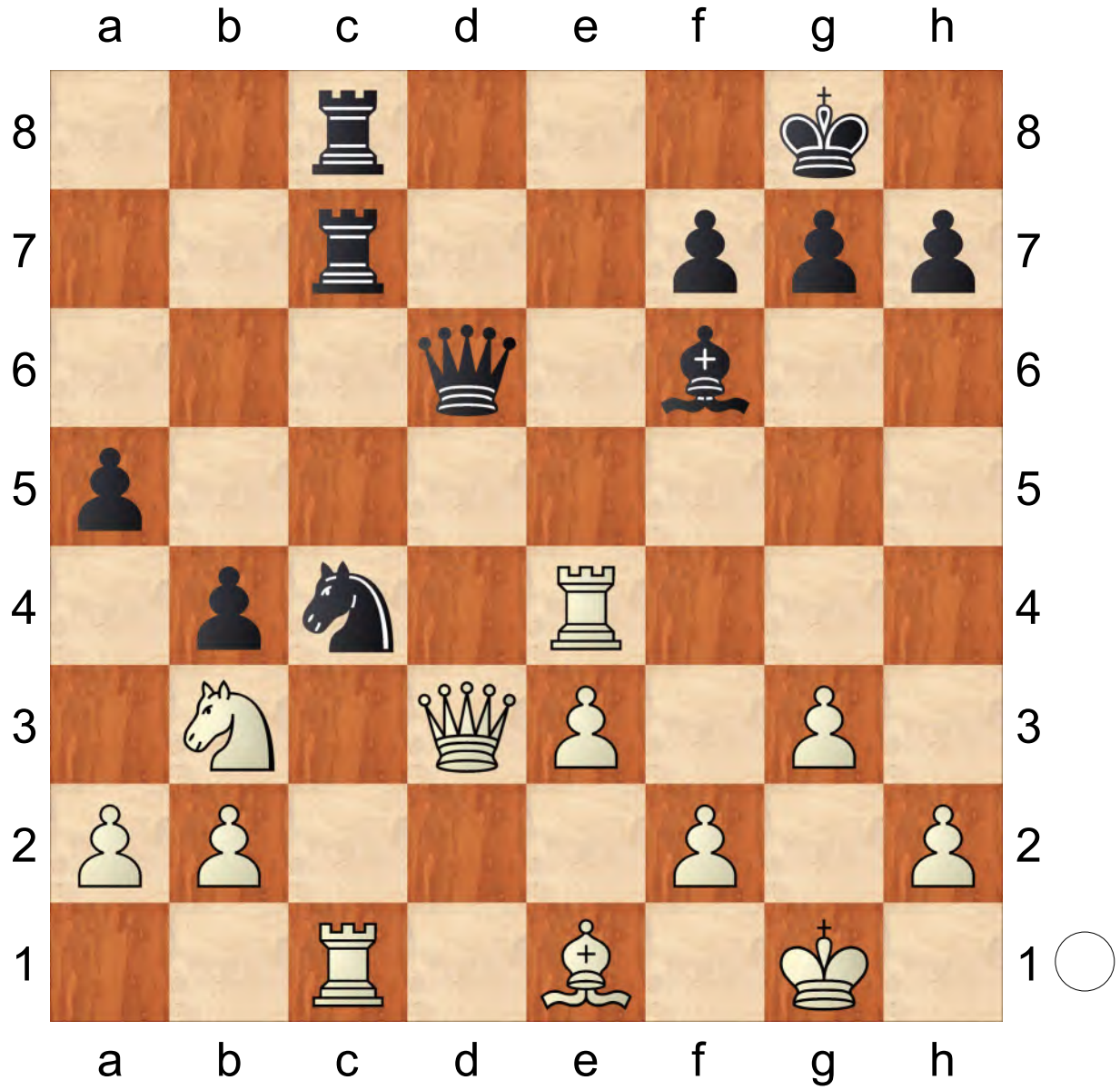
A) 32.Qb1 Rxc1 33.Nxc1 Qc6 34.Rxe5 Nc4 35.Nb3 *(35.Re7 Kf8 36.Qe4 Qxe4 37.Rxe4 Nd6∓)* 35...Nxe5 36.fxe5 Qd5≅;

B) 32.Qb5 Rxc1 33.Nxc1 Qc6

B1) 34.Qxe5 f6 35.Qe7 *(35.Qxb2? Qxe4→)* 35...Qxc1 36.Qe6+ Kf8 37.Qe7+=;

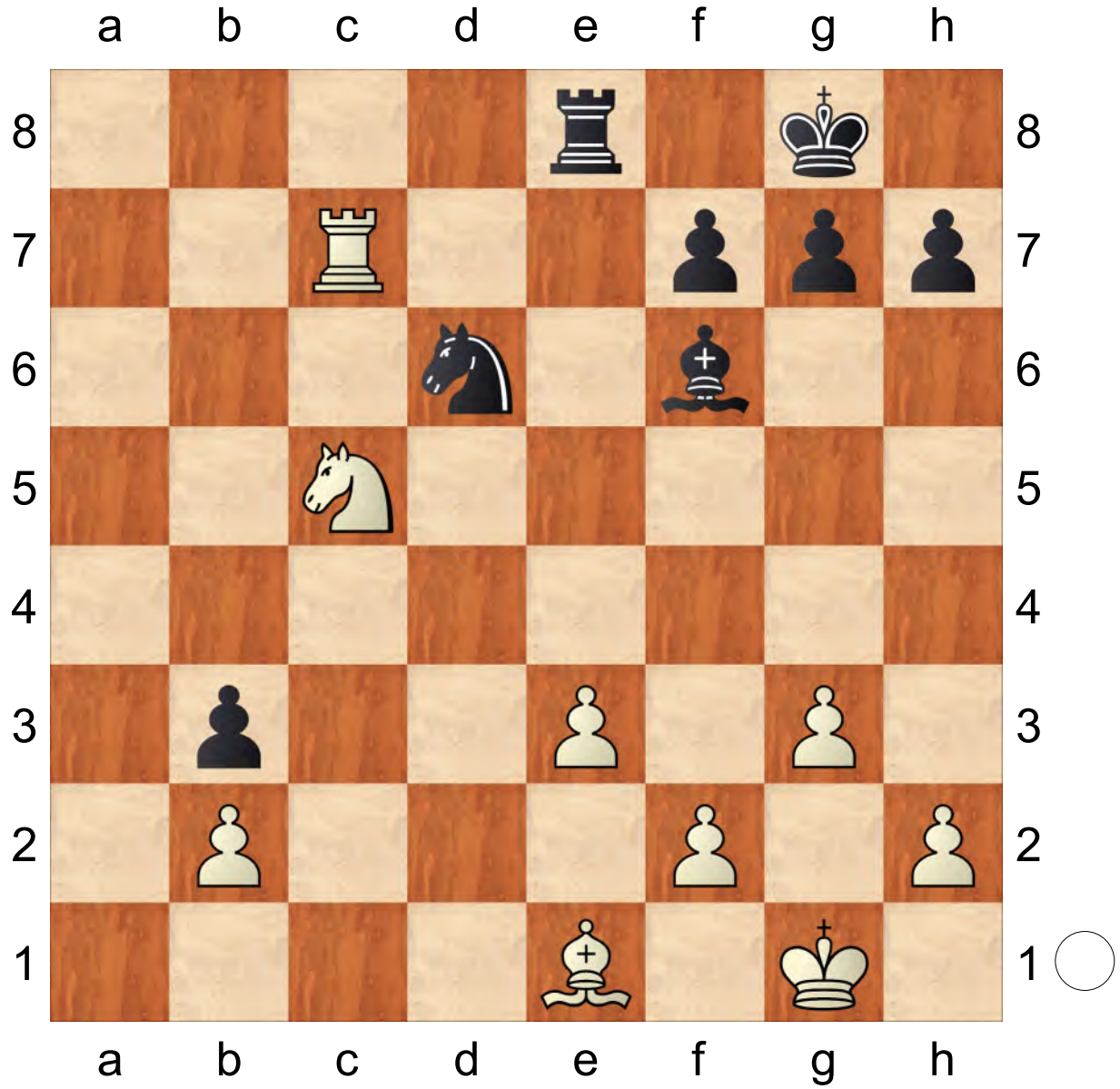
B2) 34.Qxc6 Rxc6 35.Nb3 *(35.Rxe5 f6∓)* 35...Nd3 36.fxe5 Nxe1 37.Nxa5 Rc2 38.Rxb4 Nf3+ 39.Kf1 g5 40.a4 Rd2=]

[30...Ne5 Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' 31.Rxc7 Rxc7
A) 32.Qb5 Rc8 *(32...Nf3+ Tadic,Branko 33.Kh1)* 33.Kg2 Qf5 34.Nd2 h5!⩱ Tadic,Branko: ' ⇄' '⇄' Tadic,Branko: ' Δ Rc1' Tadic,Branko: ' Δ ♖c1 Stohl,Igor: '⩱!";
B) 32.Qd1 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 32...Qf5⩱]



' Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '?!" Only this gives White serious winning chances. Black had two better moves: Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'Only this gives White serious winning chances. Black had two better moves:" **31.Re8+! Rxe8 32.Qxd6 Nxd6 33.Rxc7 a4**
[33...Bxb2 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 34.Nxa5+-]
34.Nc5 b3 35.axb3 axb3

(Diagram)



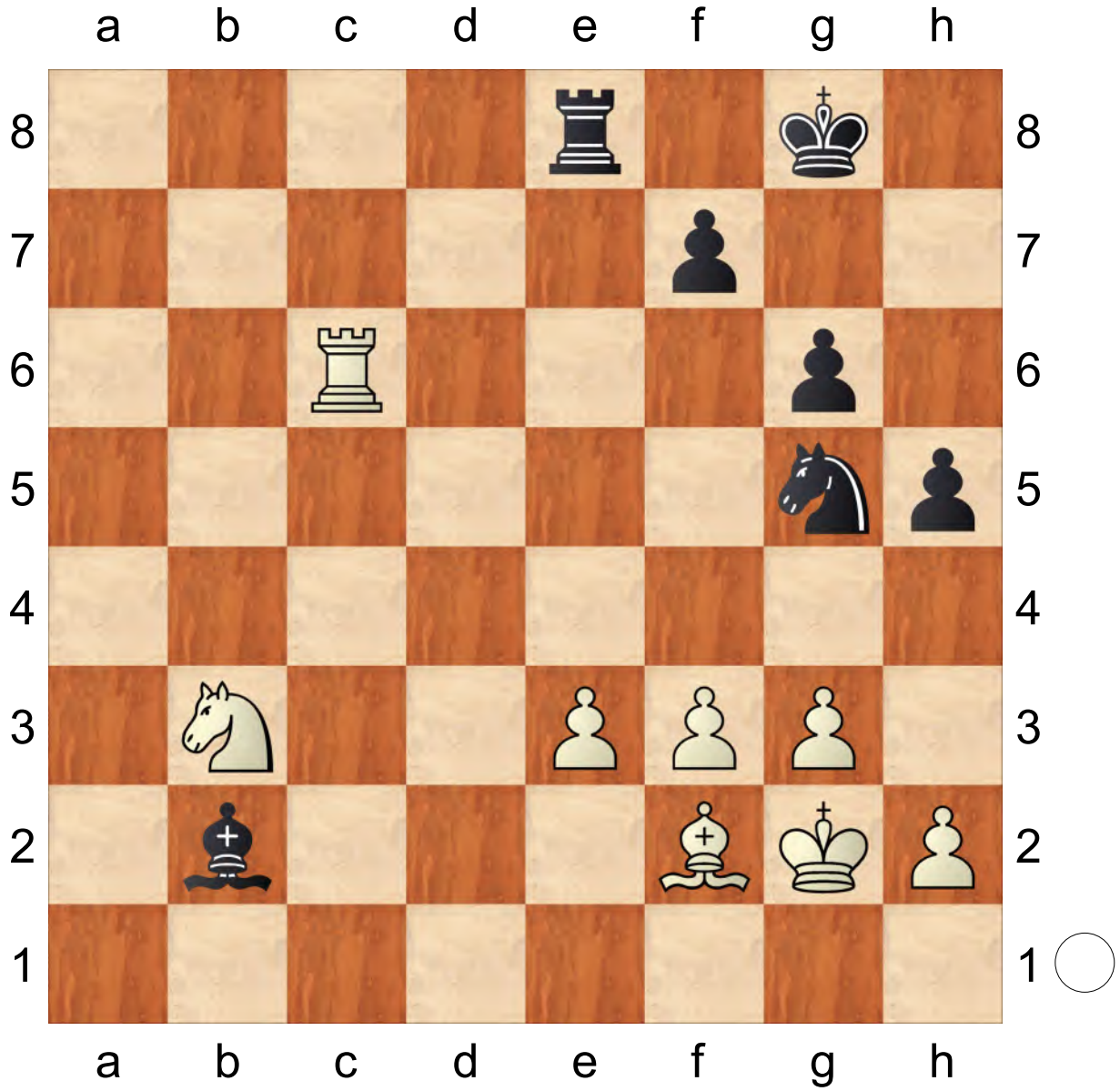
36.Rc6 Bxb2 37.Nxb3± /± Tadic,Branko: '±' '±' Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '±' Stohl, Igor: '/ ±" After a series of forced moves White has managed to liquidate the queenside pawns without exchanging any minor pieces. Rook endgames, or ♖+♗:♖+♗ endgames are drawn (or drawish), but in the current situation Caruana can torture his opponent almost for ever. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'After a series of forced moves White has managed to liquidate the queenside pawns without exchanging any minor pieces. Rook endgames, or ♖+♗:♖+♗ endgames are drawn (or drawish), but in the current situation Caruana can torture his opponent almost for ever."

[37.Rxd6?! Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '?!" Ba3 38.Rb6 Bxc5= /± Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '=' Stohl,Igor: '/±" 39.Rxb3± Tadic,Branko]

37...Ne4 38.Kg2 h5 39.f3 Ng5 40.Bf2

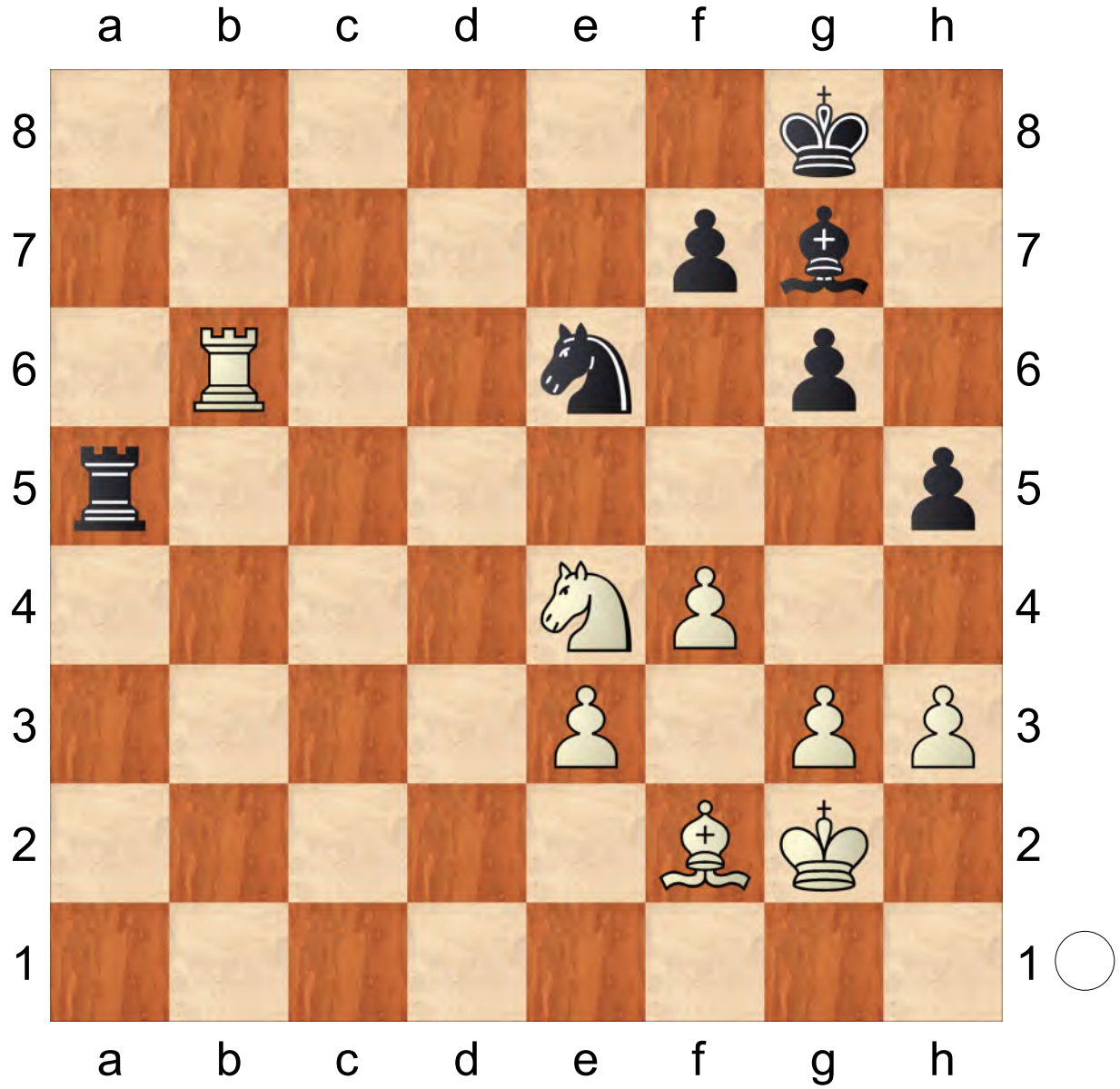
[40.e4!? Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor']

40...g6



41.Nc5
[⌓41.e4 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor']
41...Ne6! Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '!'' **42.Ne4**
[As we have already mentioned, 42.Nxe6?! Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Rxe6 helps the defence.]
42...Bg7 43.Rb6 Ra8
[Gelfand was reluctant to give White a passed central pawn after 43...f5 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 44.Nd6 Re7 45.e4 fxe4 46.fxe4± /±]
44.h3 Ra2 45.f4 Ra5
[45...Ra3 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 46.g4 *(46.Kf3?! Nd4+ 47.Kg2 Nf5)* 46...hxg4 47.hxg4↑ or]
[45...Rb2 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' 46.Rc6 doesn't change the character of the

position.]



46.Kf3 g5 A risky endeavour. Gelfand wants to prevent the gradual advance of White's pawns, but weakens his own pawn-structure. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'A risky endeavour. Gelfand wants to prevent the gradual advance of White's pawns, but weakens his own pawn-structure." **47.Rb8+ Kh7 48.Nd6**

[48.Re8! Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Rd5 *(48...Kg6 49.Nd6±)* 49.Rxe6 *(49.Be1!?±)* 49...g4+!? *(49...fxe6 50.Nxg5+ Kg6 51.Nxe6)* 50.hxg4 fxe6 51.Ng5+ Rxg5 52.fxg5 hxg4+ 53.Kxg4 Kg6 54.e4±]

48...f5 49.Rb6?! Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '?!"

[49.Rb7 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Nc5 *(49...Kg6 50.Rb6 g4+ 51.hxg4 hxg4+ 52.Kg2 Ra2 53.Ne8!+-)* 50.Rc7 g4+ 51.hxg4

A) 51...hxg4+ 52.Kg2 Nd3 53.e4! Ra2 *(53...fxe4 54.Bd4)* 54.Nxf5 Rxf2+

55.Kg1+-;
B) 51...fxg4+ 52.Kg2 Nd3 53.Ne4 Ra2 54.Rd7↑]

49...g4+ 50.hxg4 fxg4+?

[⌓50...hxg4+! Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: ' ⌓!" 51.Kg2 Nc5 Δ Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: ' Δ" 52.Nxf5 *(52.Bg1!?± Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor')* 52...Ra2 *(52...Ne4* Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' *53.Nd6+-)* 53.Nd6 Tadic,Branko: '(✕e4)' Tadic,Branko: '(×e4)' *(53.Rb1* Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' *Ne4 54.Rf1 Bf8 55.Kg1 Kg6 56.Nd4 Bc5⩱* and there is no obvious way for White to break the blockade. *)* 53...Bf8

A) 54.Ne8 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Be7 *(54...Ne4 55.Nf6+ Nxf6 56.Rxf6 Bb4 57.Kf1 Ra1+ 58.Ke2 Ra2+=)* 55.Rc6 Nd3 56.Rc7 Rxf2+ 57.Kg1 Re2 58.Rxe7+ Kh8= and Black has a perpetual.;

B) 54.Nf7 Ne4 *(54...Nd3?* Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' *55.Ng5+ Kh8 56.Ne4)* 55.Ng5+ Nxg5 56.fxg5 Bc5 57.Re6 Kg7= Tadic,Branko: '⩲' '⩲' Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '="]

(Diagram)

Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: '?" **51.Kg2 Nc5 52.Nb7 Nxb7 53.Rxb7±** /⩲ Tadic, Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: ' ±' Stohl,Igor: '/⩲" **53...Ra4 54.Rb6** Now White has good winning chances, but it will take time and patience to break down the light-square blockade. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'Now White has good winning chances, but it will take time and patience to break down the light-square blockade." **54...Re4**

[⌓54...Rc4 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor']

55.Kf1 h4?

[55...Rc4 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' was still more resilient.]

[55...Ra4± Tadic,Branko]

(Diagram)

Desperation, or possibly a gross oversight. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'Desperation, or possibly a gross oversight." **56.gxh4 g3 57.Bg1**

[57.Bxg3 Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor' Rxe3± /⩲ poses big technical problems, as a bishop swap leads only to a drawn rook endgame.]

57...Bh6 58.Kg2

(Diagram)

The last pawn falls and further resistance is meaningless. Tadic,Branko: 'Stohl,Igor: 'The last pawn falls and further resistance is meaningless."

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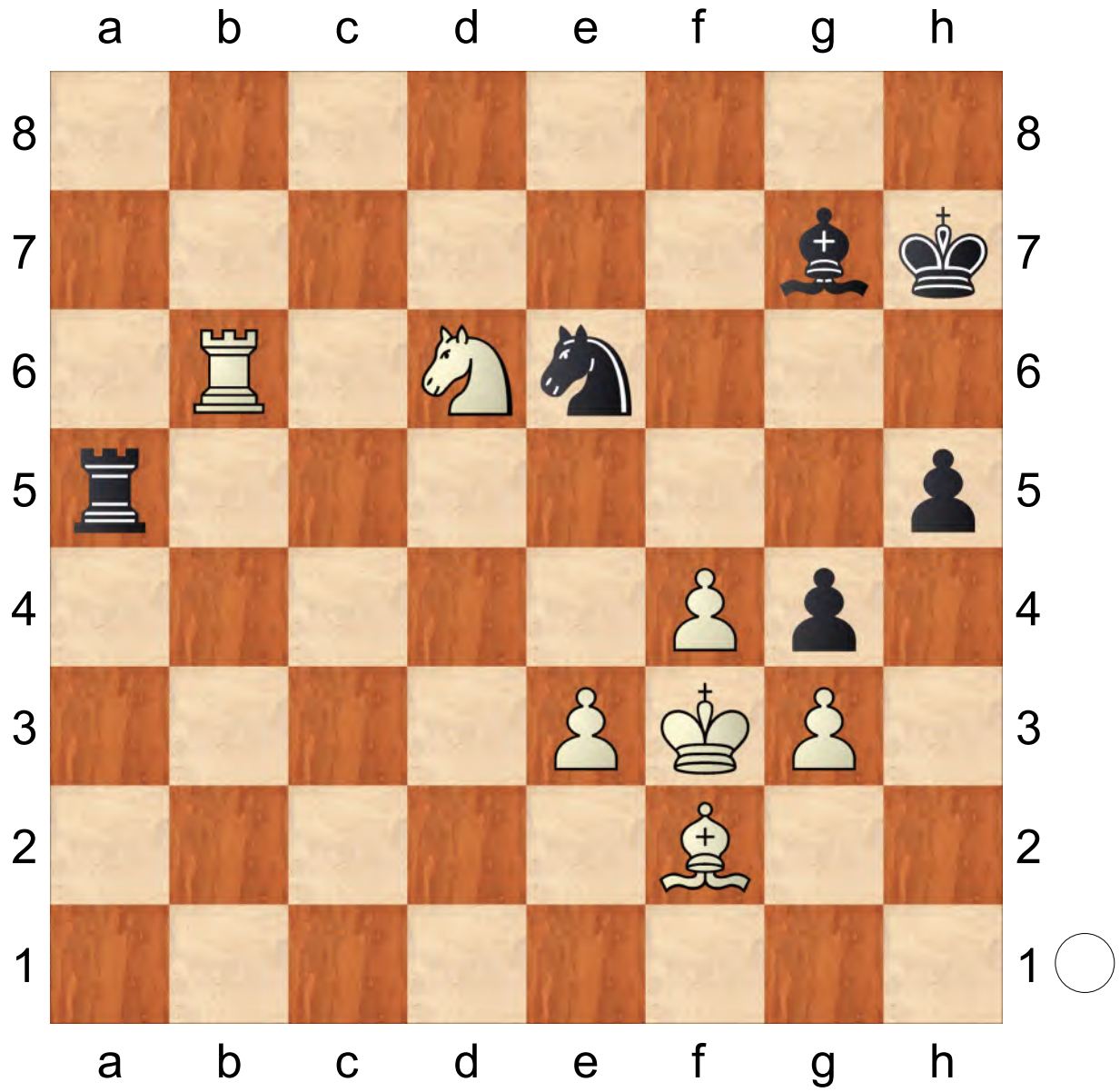
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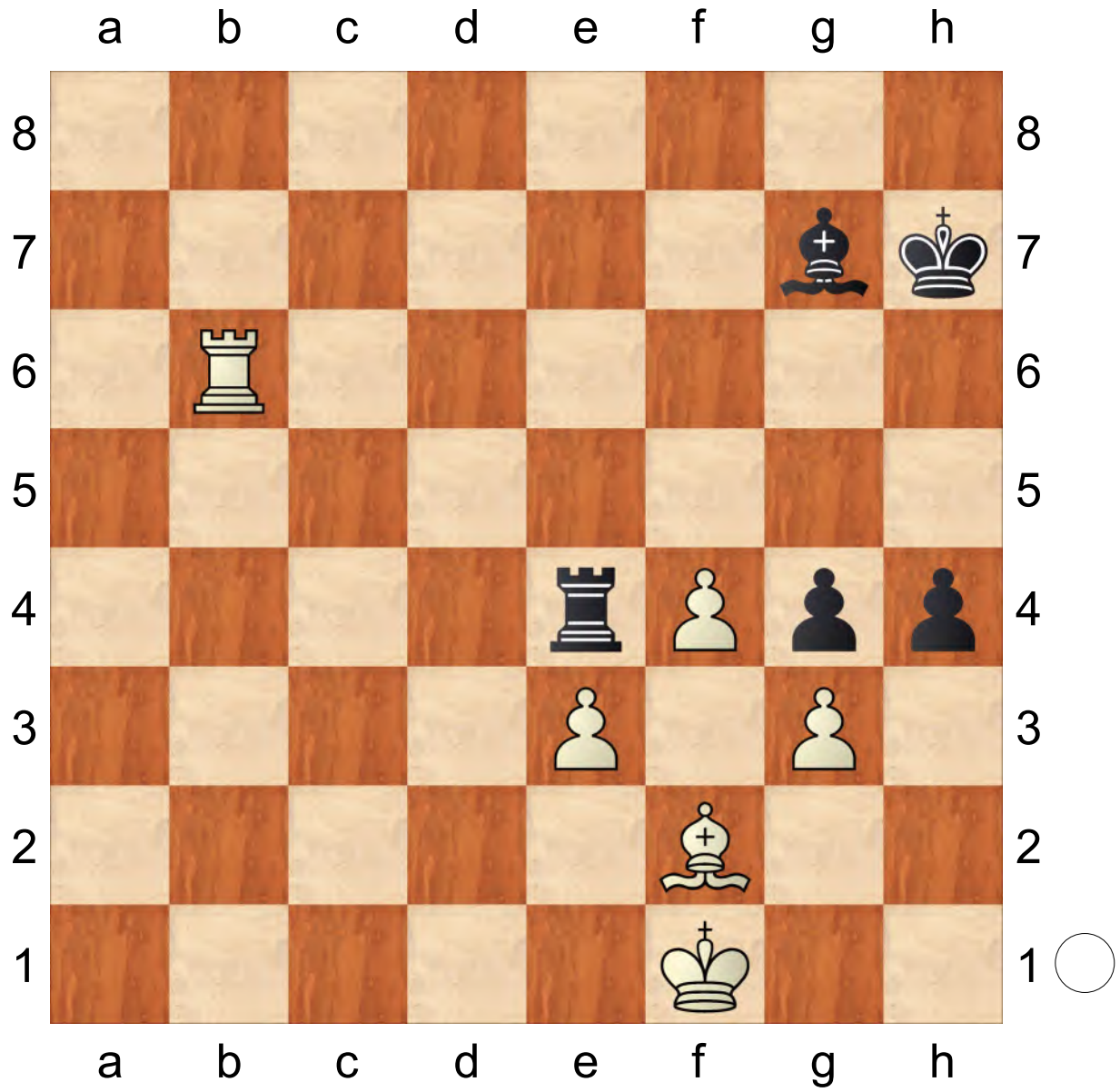
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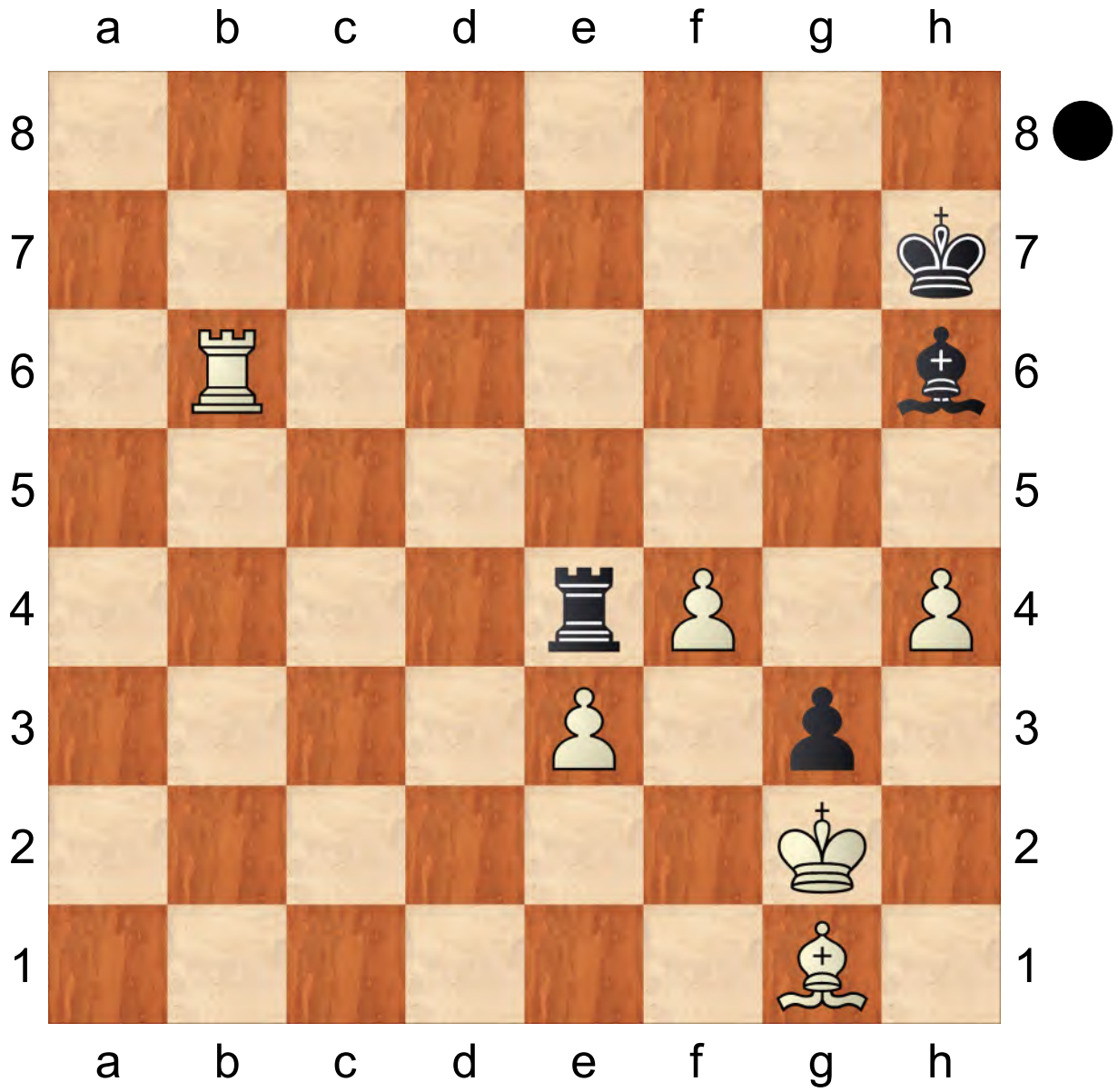
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C10

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2757**
■ **Meier,Georg** **2628**
Dortmund 46th (7) 22.07.2018
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Perunovic,Milos **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4** Although giving up the centre may be regarded as a minor concession, White usually does have a space advantage also in other French lines, as fighting for an opening plus is connected with the e5 advance. Caruana was especially merciless against the otherwise solid defence in the recent US-championship:

[3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3

A) The French is Meier's main opening and he varies his lines. Four years ago against Caruana he went 6...Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Qf2 Bxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Kb1 b4 15.Ne2 Qc7 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 a5 18.Bb5 Ba6 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.g4 a4 21.b3 Qc6 *(21...Rfc8 22.f5 Qc6 23.Rd2 axb3 24.cxb3 Bb5 25.Qe3 Ra3 26.f6 Kh8 27.h4 gxf6 28.Qf3 Kg8 29.exf6 Qa6 30.Qe3 Kh8* Vavulin,M (2393)-Karpenko,A (2107) Kolomna 2014 *31.Rc1! Ra8 32.Rcc2±)* 22.f5 Bb5 23.Rd2 axb3 24.cxb3 Ra3 *(24...Qa6 25.Qe3 Rfc8 26.f6 Rc7 27.h4↑)* 25.Re1 Rfa8 26.Re3 Rc8 27.Qe1 Rc7 *(⌓27...Ra6!? 28.f6 Qc7⇄)* 28.Qd1 Ra8 29.Re1 Rac8 30.Qf3 Qa6 31.Red1 Qa3 32.Bb2 Qa6 33.Qe3 Kh8 34.f6→ Caruana,F (2789)-Meier,G (2632) Dortmund 2014;

B) 6...Be7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 b6 *(* A new, but risky idea. The standard continuation is *8...0-0)* 9.Bb5 Qc7 *(⌓9...Bb7 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.f5 0-0* is possibly better, but even here the danger is obvious.*)* 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.f5 c4 13.f6! gxf6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Rhf1 b5 *(* This will be too slow, but White has a strong initiative also after *15...Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bh4* Δ♖de1 *)* 16.Qf2 b4 17.Ne2 *(17.Ne4!? dxe4 18.Ne5→* is even more energetic *)* 17...b3 18.Ne5! Bxe5 19.Qxf7+ Kd8 20.dxe5 bxa2 21.Kd2 Rf8 22.Qxh7+- Caruana,F (2804)-Akobian,V (2647) Saint Louis 2018]

[3...Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qa5 *(*The main move is *6...Ne7* , but the text has lately gained some popularity.*)* 7.Bd2 Qa4 8.Qg4 Kf8 9.h4!? *(*Black has recently done well after *9.Qd1 b6;* In CBM 175 Papp recommends *9.Nf3 Ne7 10.h3!?)* 9...Nc6 *(9...Qxc2* deserves attention: *10.Rh3 Qe4+∞)* 10.h5 h6 11.Qd1 cxd4? *(*Opening the position borders on suicide. *⌓11...b6* leads to complex play.*)* 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.Bxc3 g5 14.hxg6 Qe4+ 15.Be2 Qxg6 16.Qd2 Nge7 17.Bd3! Qxg2 *(⌓17...Qg7* is more tenacious*)* 18.Ke2 Qg4 19.Rh4 Qg7 20.Rg1 Ng6 21.Rf4! Nce7 22.Bb4+- a5 23.Rxg6! Caruana,F (2804)-Lenderman,A (2599) Saint Louis 2018]

4.Nxe4 Nd7

[Both players have had recent experience with the alternative 4...Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6

6.Bd3 Nd7 and now:

A) 7.Qe2 Be7 *(7...Ngf6 8.Neg5* is similar, as Black here usually takes on f3. The provocative *h6 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.Bg6+ Ke7 11.0-0*⩱ → is extremely dangerous.*)* 8.Neg5 Bd5 9.c4 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Ngf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.b3 c6 13.Bb2 a5 14.a3 Qc7 15.Rad1 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.g3 Bf8 18.Kg2 g6 19.h4 Bg7 20.Bc1 Ng4 21.Bg5 Rc8 22.h5 e5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.dxe5 Ndxe5 25.Bf4 Qb6 26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.Bc2↑ Dominguez Perez,L (2739)-Meier,G (2628) chess.com INT 2018

B) 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 g6 *(*A newer idea, which has replaced *8...Be7* and*; 8...Bxf3)* 9.b3!? Bg7 10.Ba3 Bf8 *(10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.c4 Qc7 13.Rfe1 0-0-0 14.Rad1 Kb8 15.Bc1 Ka8 16.b4 h5 17.c5 Bh6 18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.b5 g5 20.bxc6 Qxc6 21.Ne4 Rg6 22.Rb1 Rg7 23.Qd1 Nd5 24.Bb5 Qc7 25.Qb3 N7f6 26.Nd6→* Nepomniachtchi,I (2729)-Jobava,B (2690) Riadh rpd 2017 *)* 11.Bb2 Bg7 12.c4 0-0 13.b4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 c6 15.a4 Qc7 16.a5 a6 17.Rfe1 Rfe8 18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Rad1 Re7 20.Bb1 Nf8 21.Qf3 Ne8 22.Ne4 Red7 23.Nc5 Re7 24.Qe2 Nd7 25.Nb3 Ndf6 26.Bc1 Red7 27.g3 Bf8 28.Bf4 Qc8 29.Bd2 Bg7 30.Bc3± /±,O Nepomniachtchi,I (2733)-Duda,J (2706) Heraklio 2017 White gradually increased his advantage and broke through, see the notes to this game in CBM 182 by Fernandez.]

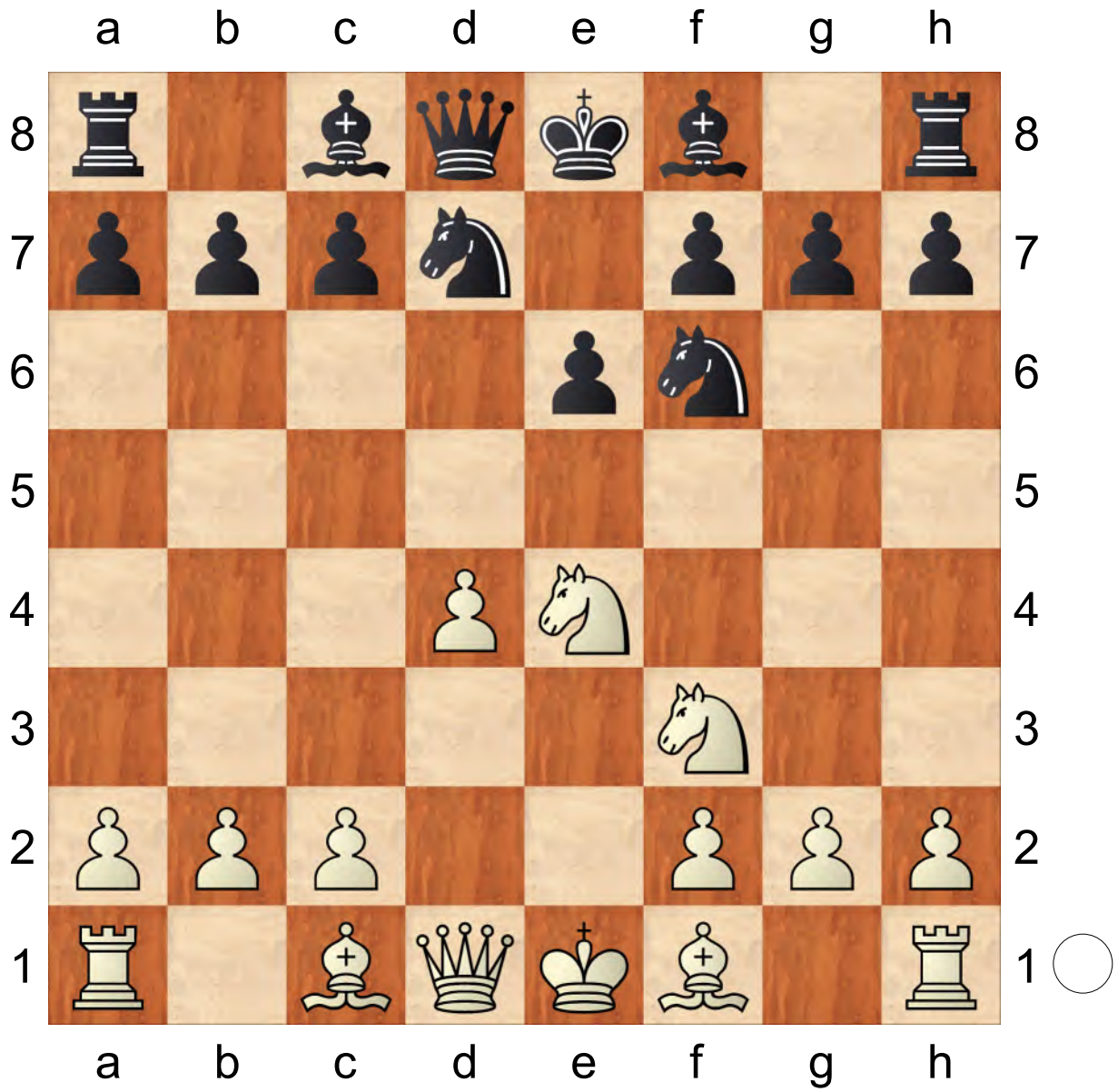
5.Nf3 In the Rubinstein White has a long-term score of over 60%, this indicates the system requires a patient defender, who doesn't mind gradually neutralising White's initial pressure. Even stronger players than Meier take on e4 from time to time:

[A rather soft way is 5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 *(6.Nf3 Ngf6 7.Qe2 Nxe4 8.Qxe4 Rb8 9.Bg2 b5!? 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.Qe2 Nf6 13.c3 a6 14.a4 Bd5 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qd5+ 17.Qf3 Qxf3+ 18.Kxf3 Bd6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bg5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nd5 22.Ra6 c5 23.Be3 Rfc8=* Anand,V (2776)-Meier,G (2648) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2018*)* 6...Ngf6 7.Nxf6+ *(7.Ne2 0-0 8.0-0 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 e5! 10.Qd3 h6 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bf4 Bf6 14.f3 c6 15.Rad1 Be6 16.b3 a5 17.a4 Nd7 18.Bc7 Re8 19.Nf4 Nc5 20.Nxe6 Nxe6 21.Bb6 Be7 22.Bf2 Bc5=* Aronian,L (2764)-So,W (2778) Leuven blitz 2018*)* 7...Bxf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 e5! 10.Be3 exd4 11.Bxd4 c5 12.Be3!?N *(12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Ne5 Rb8 15.Rad1 Bf5 16.c3 g6 17.Rfe1 Kg7 18.b4 cxb4 19.cxb4 Be6 20.a3 Bd5 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Rd3 Nb6 23.Rf3 Rf8 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rbd8=* Kovacevic,A (2488)-Meier,G (2634) Lemgo 2018*)* 12...Bxb2 13.Rb1 Bf6 14.Nd2 Bd4 15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.Nb3 Nb6 17.Nxd4 Rb8 18.c4 Qc7 19.Rc1 Nd7 20.Qa4 a6 21.Qa3 Qc5 22.Qc3 Nf6 23.Rb1 b5 24.Qb2 Bf5 25.Nxf5 Qxf5 26.Rfc1 Rfc8= Aronian,L (2764)-So,W (2778) Paris rpd 2018]

[5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.Qe2 prepares queenside castling, but Black has an effective antidote in c5 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 e5!⇄ and now: 11.Bc3 *(11.Qxe5 Bd4 12.Qa5 Qxa5 13.Bxa5 Bxf2 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Rhf1 Be3+ 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Rxd2 Bd5 18.Ne5 Rfe8 19.Re2 Re6 20.c4 Rae8 21.Rf5* ½, Petrovic,D (2591)-Neven,K (2361) email 2008 *Bc6 22.Nxc6 Rxe2 23.Bxe2 Rxe2 24.Nxa7 Rxg2*⇄ *)* 11...Qb6 12.Qxe5 Bxf2 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.Kb1 Rfe8

15.Qf4 Be3 16.Qa4 Bh5 17.Rhe1 Rac8 18.Ba5 Qc5 19.Bb4 Qc7 20.Bc3 Qb6 21.Ba5 Qc5 22.Bb4 Qc7 23.Bc3 Qb6 ½, Stany,G (2476)-Meier,G (2657) Biel 2016]

5...Ngf6



6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Ne5!? An important theoretical position, here we will check more alternatives in an attempt to explain White's choice:

[A deeply analysed branch is 7.c3 c5 and now:

A) 8.Be3 Qc7 is an independent line after 9.Bb5+ *(9.Ne5 a6* is another way to reach the main line.*)* 9...Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.d5 exd5 12.Qxd5 Nf6 13.Qc4 Bd6 14.Bg5 Qe7+ 15.Kf1 0-0 16.Re1 Qd8 17.g3 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Kg2 Rfd8 20.Re4 Qf5 21.Rd1 Qc8 22.Rd5 Qc7 23.g4 Bf8 24.Rde5 g6= Kramnik,V (2792)-Meier,G (2628) Dortmund 2018 Black held the balance with careful defence.;

B) 8.Ne5 a6 *(8...Nd7? 9.Bb5 Bd6 10.Qg4 Kf8 11.0-0 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Qh4 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 f6 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh6+ Kf7* Kasparov,G (2838)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Linares 2002 *19.Rd2 a6 20.Bd3±* For details see the notes to this game in CBM 088, which already give 8...a6 as Black's best move. *)*

B1) 9.Qa4+ Nd7 10.Be3 is again only a transposition after Qc7 *(≤10...cxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.0-0-0 Qc6 14.Qxc6 bxc6 15.Nd2 e5 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Nb3 Bxe3+ 18.fxe3 Kd8 19.Rd6 Kc7 20.Re6 a5 21.Re7 a4 22.Nd2±* Wang,H (2709)-Le,Q (2737) Riadh rpd 2017*)* ;

B2) 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qa4+ Nd7

B2a) 11.0-0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd7 *(12.Bxd4 Bd6=)* 12...Bxd7 13.Qxd4 Bc6 14.Be2 Rd8 15.Qg4 h5 16.Qg5 Rd5 17.Rxd5 Bxd5 18.Rd1 g6 19.Qf6 Rh7 20.Bf3 Be7 21.Qd4 Bxf3 22.gxf3 h4 23.Bf4 Qc6 and White didn't find anything better than repetition after 24.Qe5 Qc8 25.Qe4 Qc6 26.Qe5 Qc8 27.Qe4 Qc6 ½, Kasimdzhanov,R (2699)-Meier,G (2648) Sestao 2010;

B2b) 11.Bb5 cxd4 12.Bxd7+ Bxd7 13.Qxd4 and now: Black is close to full equality also after

B2b1) 13...f6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7

B2b11) 15.Qg4 e5 *(15...Kf7!? 16.0-0 Qc6⇄)* 16.Qe4 Rd8!? 17.0-0 Be7 18.Bb6 Rc8 19.Rad1 Qc6=;

B2b12) 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.0-0-0+

B2b121) 16...Kc6 17.Rd4 b5 18.Rhd1 Be7 19.Rd7 Rhe8 20.b3!? *(20.g4 e5 21.h4 g6 22.Kc2 h5 23.gxh5 gxh5 24.b4 a5 25.Kb3 axb4 26.cxb4 Red8=* Dominguez Perez,L (2647)-Nogueiras Santiago,J (2556) Santa Clara 2006*)* 20...h5 21.h3 e5 22.Kc2 a5?! 23.a4 bxa4 24.bxa4 Bf8 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Reb8 27.Rf7 Rb7 28.Rxb7 Kxb7 29.Rb1+ Kc6 30.Rb6+ Kd7 31.Kd3± /±, Dominguez Perez,L (2695)-Nogueiras Santiago,J (2559) Havana 2008 White has stablised his advantage and went on to convert it.;

B2b122) ⌓16...Kc7 17.a4 a5!? *(17...Bd6 18.a5±)* 18.Rd4 *(18.Kc2 Ra6 19.h4 h5 20.Rd3 Bd6 21.b3 Be7 22.Rhd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Bxd8=* Nekhaev,A (2514)-Belka,W (2494) email 2016*)* 18...Ra6 19.Rhd1 Rd6 *(*Also playable is *19...Bd6 20.Rg4 g6 21.Rh4 Rc6 22.Bd4 e5 23.Be3 h5 24.Rd5 f5!?⇄* Morovic Fernandez,I (2550)-Yandemirov,V (2356) Moscow 2017*)* 20.Rxd6 *(20.Rc4+ Rc6 21.Rxc6+ bxc6 22.Kc2 Be7 23.Rd2 Rb8 24.Kd3 Rd8+ 25.Kc4 Rd5 26.b4 axb4 27.cxb4 Kb7± /=,* Zhang,Z (2582)-Pelletier,Y (2592) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 Black managed to draw the slightly inferior endgame.*)* 20...Bxd6 21.Bb6+ Kc6 22.Bxa5 Ra8 23.b4 Be5 24.f4 Bxf4+ 25.Kb2 b6 26.b5+ Kc7 27.Bb4 Almasi,Z (2682)-Meier,G (2546) Mainz rpd 2007 Bxh2

28.Rh1 Be5 29.Rxh7 f5=;

B2b2) 13...Bb5!? 14.a4 Bd6 15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ke2 Qc6 18.Rhd1 *(18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Rd1 Be7 20.Qf4+ Bf6 21.g4 Ra4 22.Qf3 Ra2 23.Rd2 b4 24.Qxc6 bxc6 25.cxb4 Rxb2= ½,* Istratescu,A (2631)-Meier,G (2659) Antwerp 2010*)*

B2b21) 18...Rxa1 19.Rxa1 b4 20.Rd1 Rd8 21.Qh4 *(21.Qb6 Qc4+ 22.Ke1 Bc7 23.Qxb7 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 bxc3 25.b3 Qd5+ 26.Qxd5 exd5 27.Bd4 Bxh2 28.g3 Bg1 29.Ke2 c2 30.Be3 Ke6 31.Kf1 Bh2 32.Kg2 Ke5 33.Kxh2 Ke4 34.b4 d4 35.Bc1 Kd3 36.b5 Ke2 37.b6 d3 38.b7 d2 39.Bxd2 Kxd2 40.b8Q c1Q=* Guseinov,G (2602)-Meier,G (2638) Marrakesh 2010*)* 21...Be7 22.Qf4+ Kg8 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8 24.Qxb4 Qxg2 25.Qb5 Qc6 26.Qxc6 bxc6 27.b4 *(*A similar line is *27.Kd3 Kf7 28.Ke4 Bc7 29.h3 Bd6 30.b4 Ke8 31.Bd2 Kd7 32.c4 Be7 33.b5 cxb5 34.cxb5 Bd6 35.Bc3 g6 36.Be5 Bc5 37.Bg3 Bb6 38.Kd3 Bc5=* Alsina Leal,D (2523)-Meier,G (2653) Pamplona 2009*)* 27...Kf7 This endgame is better for White, but Black is still able to hold it - after losing with Dominguez, Meier was willing to play it later on. 28.Kf3 *(28.Kd3 Be7 29.Kc4 Ke8 30.Bc5 Bf6 31.Bd4 e5 32.Be3 e4 33.Bd4 Bh4 34.b5 Kd7 35.b6 g6 36.Kb4 Kc8 37.c4 Be7+ 38.c5 g5 39.h3 h5 40.Kc4 g4 41.hxg4 hxg4 42.Be5 Bh4 43.Bg3 Bf6=* Socko,B (2644)-Meier,G (2638) Lublin 2010*)* 28...Bf6 29.c4 g6 30.Ke4 Bg7 31.b5 cxb5 32.cxb5 Ke7 33.Bd4 Bh6 34.Be3 Bg7 35.Bd4 Bh6 36.Be5 Kd7 37.Kd4 Bf8 38.Bg3 Bb4 39.Kc4 Be7 40.Kd4 Bb4 41.h4 Ba3 42.b6 Kc6 43.Ke5 Bc5 44.Kf6 Bd4+ 45.Kf7 Bxb6 46.Kg7 e5 47.f3 Dominguez Perez,L (2721)-Meier,G (2641) Havana 2009 Be3 48.Kxh7 *(48.Bxe5 Kd5 49.Bg3 Ke6 50.Kxh7 Kf5=)* 48...g5 49.h5 Kd5 50.h6 e4=;

B2b22) 18...Be7!? 19.Qf4+ Bf6 has proven itself in email practice: 20.Qf3 Rhd8 *(20...Qxf3+ 21.Kxf3 Kg6 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Rd7 Ra2 24.Bc1 Ra1 25.Bd2 Ra2 26.b4 Rc2 27.Be1 Rc1 28.Bd2 Rc2 29.Be1 Rc1 30.Ke2 Bxc3 31.Bxc3 Rxc3 32.Rxb7 Rc2+ 33.Ke3 Kf6 34.Rxb5 Rb2± /=,* Mauro,L (2299)-Owens,J (2113) email 2016 *)* 21.Qxc6 bxc6 22.Rd7+ Rxd7 23.Rxa8 b4 24.cxb4 Bxb2 25.Rc8 Rb7 26.Bc5 Bc3 27.Rf8+ Kg6 28.Rf3 Be5 29.Kd3 Rd7+ 30.Ke4 Rd5 31.g3 Bd6= Dronov,A (2675)-Van Oosterom,J (2732) email 2009]

[7.Be3 is directed against c5, after Nd5 8.Bd2 c5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 White wins the tempo back by attacking the ♘d5 with 11.c4 Nb6 12.Rc1 f6 *(12...cxd4 13.c5 Nd5 14.Ne5↑)* 13.0-0!? *(13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0 Rc8* is soft, the initiative already passed to Black after *15.Qe2 0-0 16.Rfd1 e5 17.Bb4 Qe7 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Nd2 Rfd8 20.h4 Qc6 21.c5 Nd5 22.g3 Ne7 23.Ne4 Nf5∓* Muzychuk,A (2564)-Meier,G (2628) Jerusalem 2018*)* 13...cxd4 14.Re1 Rc8

15.Qb3

A) 15...Be7 16.c5 Rxc5 17.Rxc5 Bxc5 18.Rxe6+ Kd8 19.Re1 Qd5 20.Qd3 Nd7?! *(⌓20...Kc8! 21.Bf4 Bd6⇄)* 21.b4 Bb6 22.a4 a6? *(⌓22...Re8)* 23.a5 Ba7 24.Bf4± Caruana,F (2757)-Meier,G (2640) Baden-Baden 2013 Black is practically paralysed, for details see the notes to this game in CBM 153 by Caruana.;

B) 15...Kf7 16.Qd3 Kg8 17.b4 e5 18.c5 *(18.Nh4 Qe6 19.c5 Nd7 20.f4 Qd5 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Kf7 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.Nxe5+ Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Be7 26.Rd5 Rhd8=* Oomen,A (2118)-Schubert,W (2155) email 2014*)* 18...Nd5 19.Nxd4!? exd4 20.Rc4 Rd8 21.Rxd4 Kf7 22.Qc4 b5 23.cxb6 axb6 24.Rd1 b5 25.Qb3 Qc6 26.Be3 Qc3 27.Rxd5 Qxb3 28.axb3 Be7 29.f4 g6 30.g4 Rxd5 31.Rxd5 Rb8 32.Bc5 Rd8!= Frendzas,P (2397)-Bergmann,P (2043) email 2013]

[7.g3 b6 8.Bb5+ Bd7

A) 9.a4 a6 10.Be2 Bc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.c4 Nd7 14.Bf3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nxe5 16.dxe5 0-0 17.Rd1 Qe8 18.Be3 Bb4 19.h4 h6 20.Rd4 Bc5 21.Rg4 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Kh8 23.c5 Nepomniachtchi,I (2733)-Meier,G (2655) Heraklio 2017 b5!?= The previous encounter of our protagonists is annotated in CBM 182 by Marin.;

B) 9.Bxd7+

B1) 9...Qxd7 10.0-0 c5 *(10...Bd6* is safer *)* 11.Qe2 Rc8 12.Bg5 c4?! 13.Ne5!⇳ Qxd4 14.Rfe1 Qc5 15.Rad1 Be7 Vallejo Pons,F (2700)-Ivanchuk,V (2753) Havana 2014 16.Nxf7! Kxf7 17.Qxe6+ Kg6 18.h4!+-;

B2) 9...Nxd7!? 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bg5 Qc8 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rad1 Re8 14.Rfe1 h6 15.Bc1 Qb7 16.Rd3 Rad8 17.Red1 Qa6 18.a3 Qb5 19.b3 Qh5 20.Bb2 b5 21.c4 bxc4 22.bxc4 Rb8 23.Ba1 c6 24.Kg2 Qa5= Bruzon Batista,L (2664)-Meier,G (2646) Tromsoe olm 2014

C) 9.Be2 Bc6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Qd5 *(12...Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nd7 14.f4 0-0-0 15.Be3 Nb8± /=,* Vachier Lagrave,M (2718)-Meier,G (2653) Khanty-Mansiysk rpd 2009 This was played in two rapid games between MVL and Meier, Black held his fortress in both cases,*)* 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Rd1 0-0-0 15.Bg5!? *(15.Bd2 Ne7 16.c4 Be4 17.Bc3 ½,* Vachier Lagrave,M (2718)-Meier,G (2653) Khanty-Mansiysk 2009*)* 15...Rd7 16.c4 Nb4 17.Rxd7 Bxd7 18.c5 h6 19.Bd2 Nc2 20.Rd1 Nd4 21.Ba6+ Kb8 22.Bxh6!? Nf3+ 23.Kf1 gxh6 24.Rxd7 Nxe5 25.Rd4 bxc5 26.Rh4 c6∞ Svidler,P (2753)-Meier,G (2628) Jerusalem rpd 2018 Although the position has become more complex, Black is still holding his own.]

[Overall the most often played move is 7.Bd3 , but nowadays it has lost most of its appeal: c5 Meier has also faced

A) 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Qe2 a6 10.0-0 b6 11.c4 Be7 *(11...cxd4 12.Bxd4 Bb7 13.Ne5 Bc5 14.Bc3 Rd8 15.Rad1 Bd4 16.Bxd4 Rxd4 17.Bc2 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 0-0 19.Ng4 Nxg4 20.Qxg4 b5 21.Bb3 Qe5 22.cxb5 axb5=* Wei,Y (2739)-Ivanchuk,V (2729) Medias rpd 2017*)* 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bxc5

bxc5 14.Rad1 Bb7 15.Ne5 0-0 16.Bc2 Rfd8 17.h3 h6 18.Qe3 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rfe1 Kf8 21.h4 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Be4 23.Nd7+ Nxd7 24.Bxe4 Nf6= Karjakin,S (2783)-Meier,G (2630) chess.com INT 2017;

B) 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 *(9.Qe2 0-0 10.Bd2 e5 11.0-0-0 e4 12.Bxe4 Qe7 13.Rhe1 Qe6 14.Bc3 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bxf2 16.Re2 Bb6 17.b3 Qxe4 18.Rxe4 Be6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Re5 f6 21.Rd5 Bg4 22.Rd3 Rad8 23.Nb5 a6∓* Dvoirys,S (2552)-Meier,G (2644) Jerusalem 2017*)* 9...0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 b6 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Be4 Rfd8 16.g3 Rac8 17.Kg2 f5 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Rd1 Rxd1 21.Qxd1 Kg7 22.Qd3 Qe4⇄ Zherebukh,Y (2621)-Meier,G (2651) Saint Louis 2017]

7...Bd6

[We can find the most games with 7...Be7 , but this is not ideal, mainly because later on Black will have to lose a tempo to recapture with the ♗ on c5. Also after 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 Qc7 11.Re1 Qxc5 12.Qf3 White has unpleasant pressure: Nd7 13.Bf4 Nxe5 14.Rxe5 Qc6 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Rh5+ Kg8 17.Qh3 f6 18.Rh8+ Kf7 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qh7+ Ke8 21.Qxg6+ Kd8 22.Rd1+ Bd7 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Qxf6+ Ke8 25.Qg6+ Kd8 1-0, Gufeld,E (2480)-Srivastava,Y (2250) Kolkata 1993 26.Qf7+-]

[Black can target the ♘e5 also with 7...Nd7 8.Bf4 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 and now:

A) 9...f6 10.Bg3 *(10.Bf4 c5 11.dxc5 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Bxc5 13.Bc4 e5 14.Bd2 Ke7 15.Ke2 Be6 16.Bxe6 Kxe6 17.h4 h5 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Kxe3 Rhd8 20.f3 b5!= /∓,* Karjakin,S (2783)-Meier,G (2630) chess.com INT 2017 The endgame is already pleasant for Black.*)* 10...c5 11.Bc4! cxd4 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Re1 Bxg3 14.hxg3 0-0 15.Re4 Kh8 16.Rxd4 Qc7 17.Bb3 e5 18.Rd2 Bf5 19.Qf3 Bg6 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Kh2 Rxd2 22.Rxd2± Dominguez Perez,L (2739)-Meier,G (2628) chess.com INT 2018 Meier didn't like this position and deviated later in the match - see the following note.;

B) 9...Bd7!? deserves attention: 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.0-0 *(11.Qg4 h5 12.Qe2 Qd7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0= 14.Kb1 f6 15.Bf4 Bxg2 16.Rhg1 Bc6 17.h4 Bd6 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.f4 Kb8 20.Rg3⩱ /=,* Timofeev,A (2681)-Ding,L (2530) Sochi blitz 2009*)* 11...Qg5 12.f3 Bd6 13.Qe2 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qf4 15.Rab1 0-0-0 16.b4 b6 17.a4 h5 18.a5 h4⇄ Timofeev,A (2563)-Geivondian,A (2380) Moscow 2018]

[7...c5 8.Be3!? *(8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Nxd7 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxb5 11.Nxf8 0-0-0!∞)* 8...cxd4 9.Bxd4± *(*or even *9.Qxd4!?* is more pleasant for White. *)*]

8.Bg5 Ian was still following his preparation.

[8.Qf3 Black would probably continue

A) 8...c5?! 9.Bb5+ Ke7 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Bf4 g5 12.Bg3 h5 Dominguez Perez,L (2739)-Meier,G (2628) chess.com INT 2018 is too risky and gives White a wider choice of promising continuations: 13.h4!?± *(13.Nc4↑; 13.Rad1 h4 14.Nd7!±)* **Δ** 13...gxh4? 14.Bxh4 Bxe5 15.Rfe1 Qd6 16.Rxe5! Qxe5 17.Bxf6+ Qxf6 18.Qa3++- An unforced, but pretty line illustrates the dangers the ♔e7 has to face.;

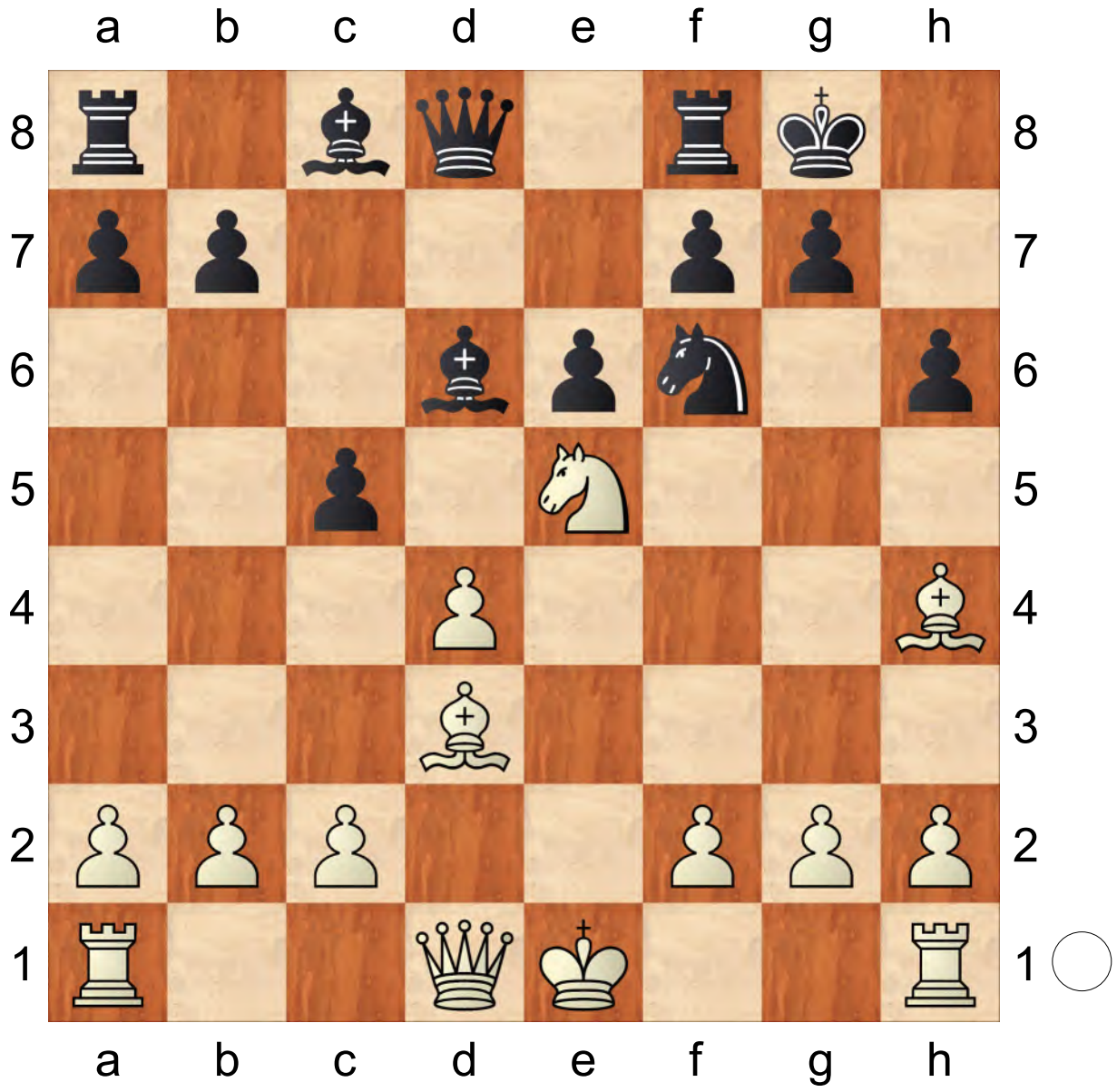
B) 8...0-0 , he got sufficient counterplay after 9.Bg5 Be7 10.0-0-0 Qd5 11.Qxd5 exd5 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Bd3 c5 17.f3 Bd7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Nb3 Be3+ 20.Kb1 Kg7 21.Rd1 Re5 22.c3 Rae8⇄ Lamson,D-Owens,J (1300) email 2011]

[After 8.Bd3 the simplest seems to be c5!? 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxd7 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxb5=]

8...h6 9.Bh4 0-0 Here we are already in almost uncharted waters.

[9...c5? is premature: 10.Bb5+ Ke7 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Qc7 13.Ng4 e5 14.Nxe5! Rd8 15.Rfe1 Be6 16.Bg3 a6 17.Bd3± Rogers,I (2575)-Gerber,R (2395) Biel 1996]

10.Bd3 c5



11.Qe2!?N Perunovic,Milos: 'N' An aggressive novelty, obviously intending 0-0-0.

[11.Ng4? Qa5+ 12.c3 Nxg4 13.Qxg4 f5 14.Qg6 cxd4∓ Mueller,C (1976)-

Sappok,J (1934) Bayern 2004]
[11.Nc4 Be7 *(11...g5?! 12.Nxd6 Qxd6* Fuss,J (1688)-Pieczka,R (1922) Germany 2012 *13.Bg3 Qxd4 14.Qe2↑)* 12.dxc5 Bxc5 *(12...Qd5=; 12...Nd5!?)* 13.0-0 *(13.Qf3 Qd5=; 13.Qe2 Qd4 14.Bg3 Bb4+⇄)* 13...b6 leads to a position, typical for the whole line - Black has good chances to gradually equalise.]

11...Qa5+
[Black avoids 11...cxd4 12.0-0-0⩲ Although he has problems with deploying his ♗c8 and White's attacking chances are undeniable, the position remains rather unclear after *(12.0-0* Perunovic,Milos *Be7 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qe4 Nf6 16.Qxd4 b6∞)*
A) 12...Qc7!? 13.Bxf6 Perunovic,Milos gxf6 14.Qg4+ Kh8 15.Nf3 Rd8 16.Kb1 *(16.Qe4 Bf4+ 17.Kb1 f5 18.Qe2∞)* 16...Bf8 17.Qe4 f5 18.Qh4∞;
B) 12...Be7∞ or]

12.c3 cxd4 13.Nc4 Perunovic,Milos: 'Diagram

(Diagram)

' **13...Qc5?!** Perunovic,Milos: '?' This will cost Black precious time.
[The engine prefers ⌓13...Qd5!? 14.Bxf6 *(14.0-0-0?! Be7)* 14...gxf6
A) 15.0-0-0 Rd8 16.Be4 *(16.Bc2* Perunovic,Milos *e5 17.f4∞)* 16...Qg5+ 17.Kb1 Bf8⇄;
B) 15.Qg4+ Perunovic,Milos Kh8 16.Qh4 Kg7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.0-0-0 dxc3 19.Bc2 Qc5 20.Kb1∞;
C) 15.Be4 Qc5 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Qh4 Kg7 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.0-0-0 Qe5 20.Rxd4 Qg5+ 21.Qxg5+ hxg5 Perunovic,Milos: ' ∞' 22.g3± /= White has a slight endgame plus, but after e5 *(*or *22...f5* it shouldn't be enough to win. *)*]

14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qg4+
[A tempting alternative is 15.b4 Qc6□ *(15...Qc7? 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Qe4 f5 18.Qxd4++-)* 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Qxd4 Be7 *(17...Be5 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.Qxe5+ f6 20.Qh5 Qxc3+ 21.Ke2±)* , but after the initally optimistic evaluation the computer promises only a small edge with 18.Qf4 Kg7 19.0-0±]

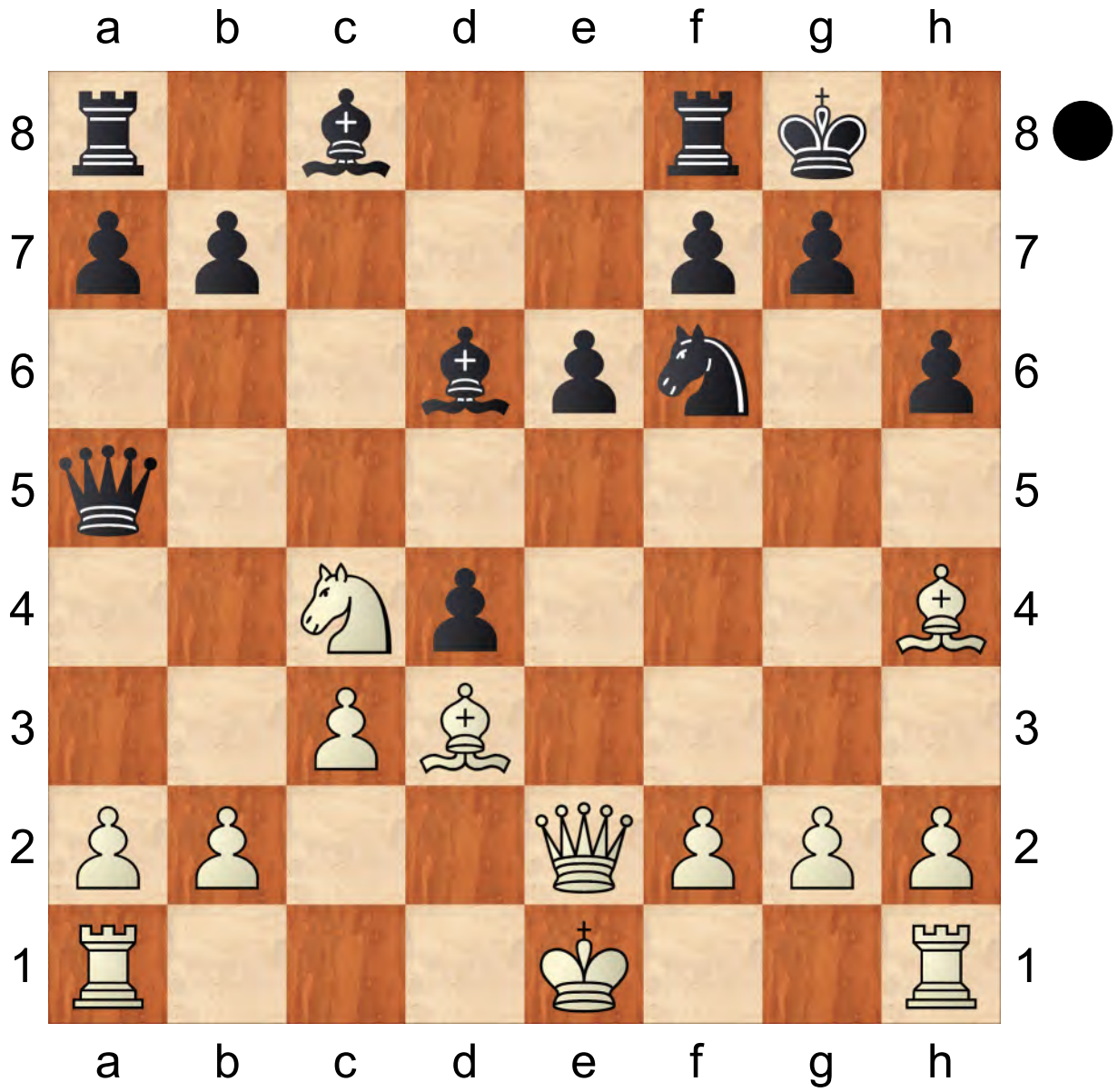
15...Kh8

(Diagram)

16.cxd4
[16.Qh4 Kg7 17.cxd4 Qb4+ *(17...Qd5 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.0-0± /±* is no fun either *)* 18.Ke2!↑ is also promising.]

16...Qb4+
[16...Qd5 Perunovic,Milos 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.0-0-0 Bd7 19.Qh4 Kg7 20.Kb1±]

17.Kf1?! Makes life easier for the defence.
[⌓17.Ke2! Perunovic,Milos: '!' in the spirit of the previous note. White's ♖ remain connected, especially ♖h1 can be activated faster and he is on top after Bc7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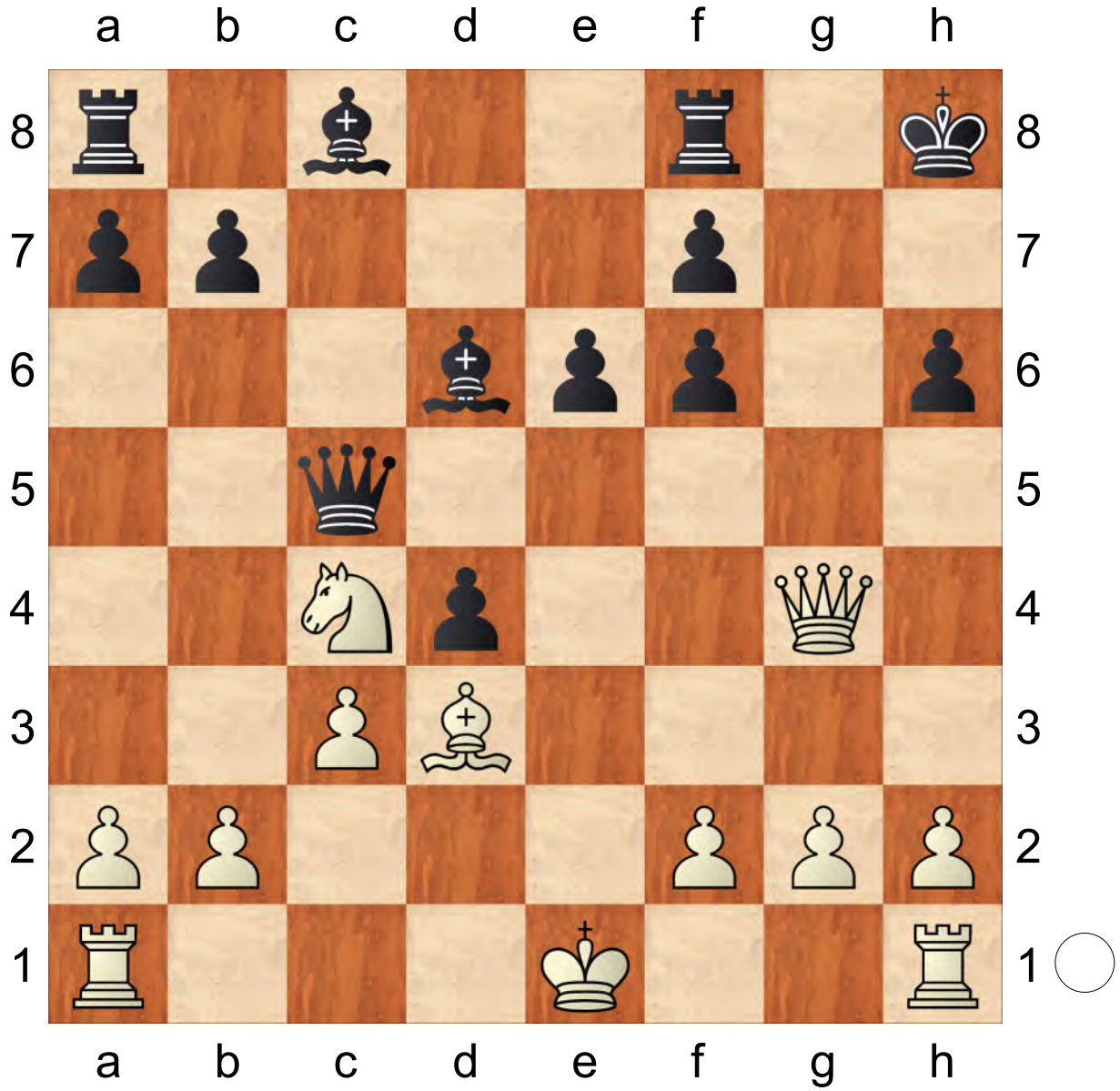


18.Qh4 *(18.Rac1* Perunovic,Milos *Rg8 19.Qh4 Kg7 20.Rc3±)* 18...Kg7 19.Rac1↑]

17...Bc7

[If Meier was worried about the oncoming complications, Black also has 17...Rg8 18.Qh5 Bf8 19.Qxf7 Qe7 20.Qxe7 Bxe7⩲ The bishops give him reasonable compensation and he should hold the endgame.]

18.Qe4

[18.Rc1 Bd7 *(*or even *18...Rd8!?* is at best unclear. The ♕ can return to f8 and White has nothing concrete in sight. *)*]

18...f5 19.Qh4 Kg7? Perunovic,Milos: 'Diagram

[He had to play 19...Kh7! □ 20.g4 b5!? *(≤20...Rg8 21.gxf5 exf5 22.Qf6 Be6 23.Bxf5+ Bxf5 24.Qxf5+ Rg6 25.Rc1!?±)*

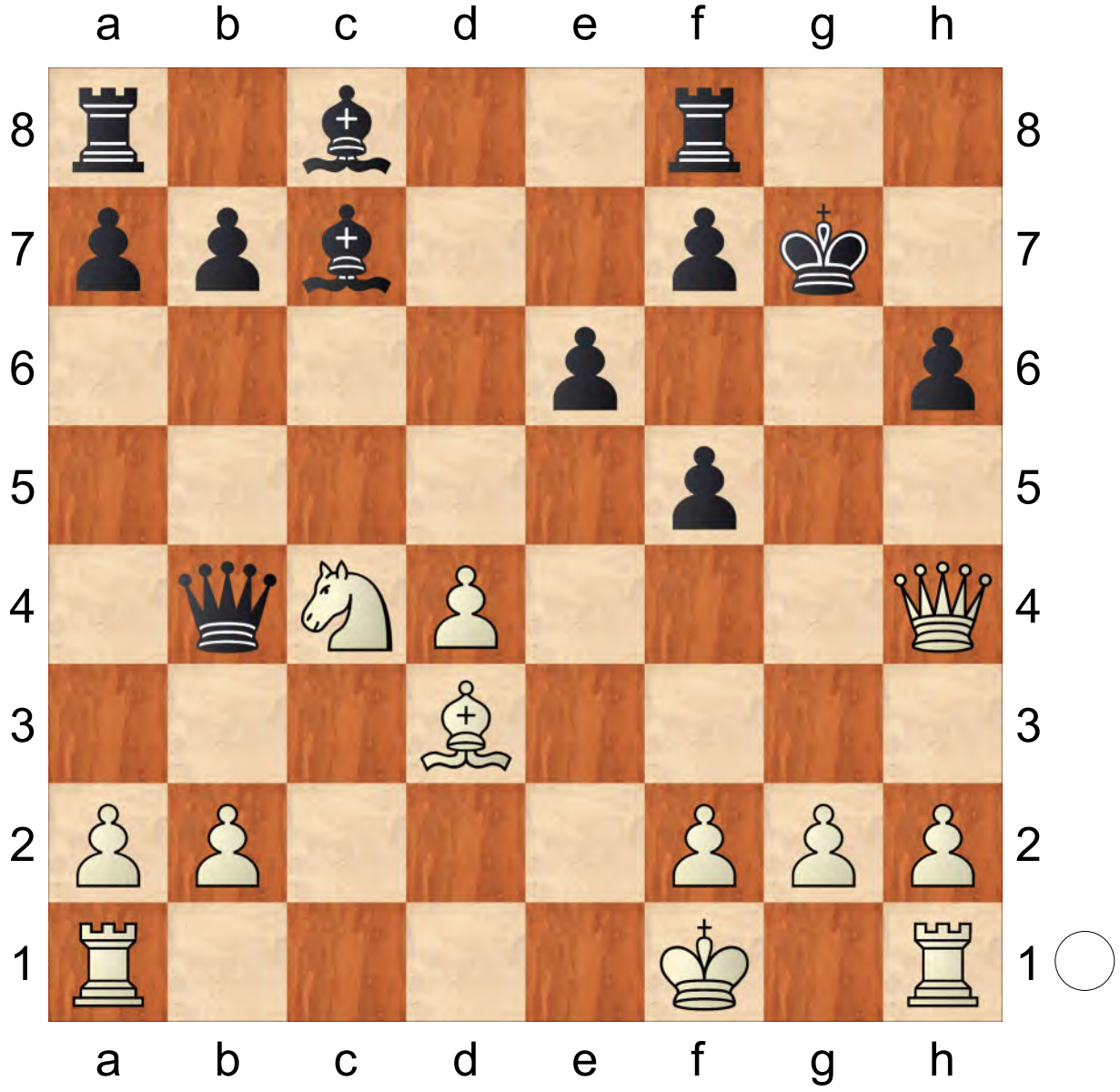
A) 21.gxf5 bxc4 22.f6+ *(22.Rg1* Perunovic,Milos *Rg8 23.f6+ cxd3 24.Rxg8*

Kxg8 25.Qxh6 Qf8 26.Qg5+ Kh7 27.Qh5+=) 22...cxd3 is only a draw after 23.Qe4+ Kh8 24.Qe3 Kh7=;

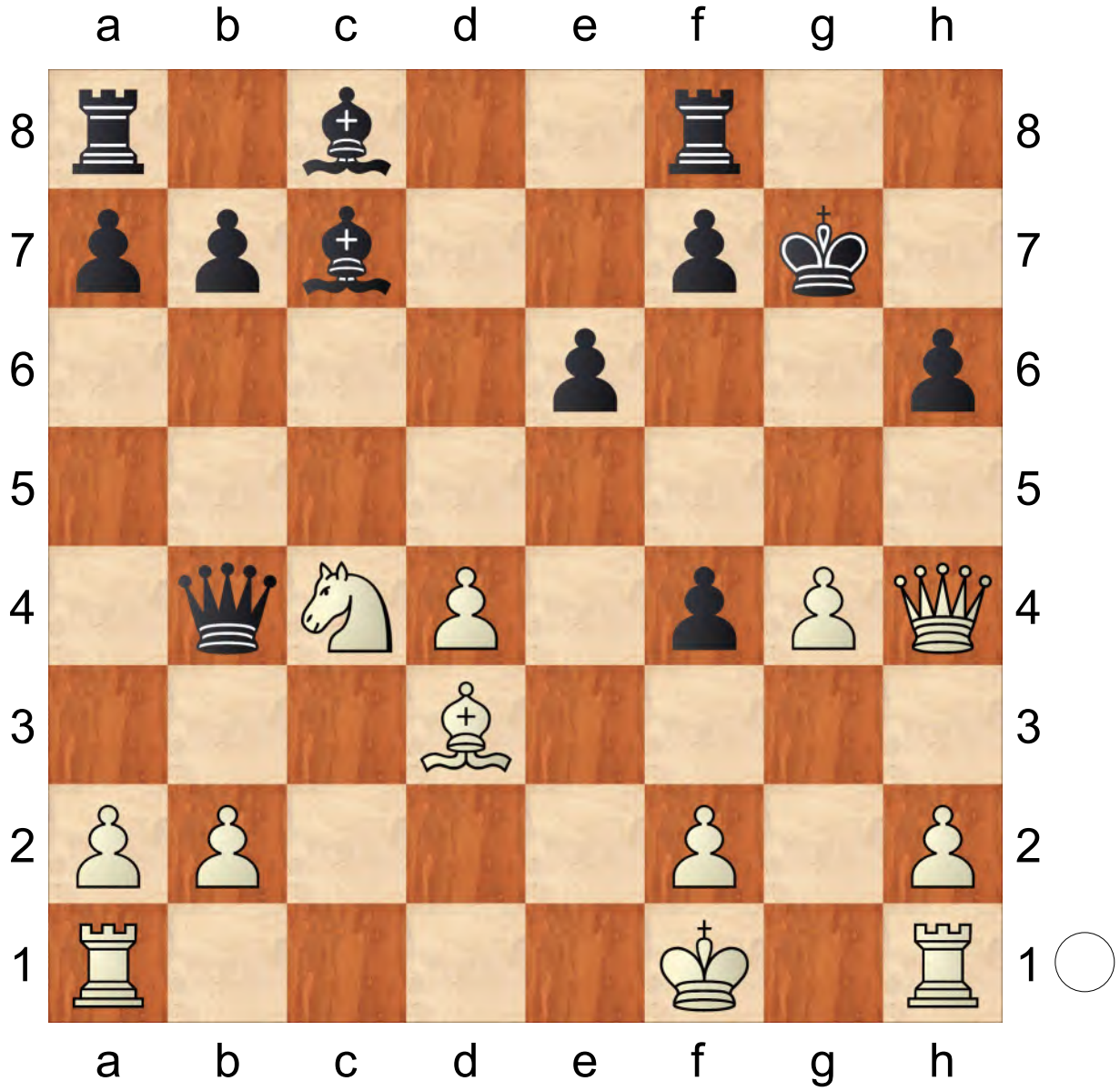
B) 21.g5 Bf4! *(21...Rh8 22.Rg1! h5 23.g6+! fxg6 24.Be2* **Δ**♗h5 *Bd8 25.Qg3 g5 26.Ne5→; 21...bxc4?* Perunovic,Milos *22.Qxh6+ Kg8 23.g6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Rg1+-)* 22.Qxf4 bxc4 23.Qh4 Qd2! 24.Qxh6+ Kg8

B1) 25.Bxc4 Bb7 and White should already force a perpetual with 26.Bxe6= *(26.Rg1? Rac8-+* **Δ** *27.b3 Rxc4 28.bxc4 Qd3+ 29.Ke1 Bf3)*;

B2) 25.Be2 Perunovic,Milos: ' ∞' 25...Rb8 26.Rg1 *(26.Rd1 Qf4 27.Rg1 Rxb2 28.Qh5 Kg7 29.g6 c3!⇄)* 26...c3! *(26...Rxb2? 27.Qh5!* and here the threat g6 will cost Black an exchange after *Kg7 28.g6 Qxe2+ 29.Qxe2 Rxe2 30.Kxe2±)* 27.Rd1 *(27.bxc3 Rb2 28.Qh5 Ba6!∓)* 27...Qf4 28.bxc3 Rb2≌ ⇄]



' A serious tactical mistake in a sharp position - now Black's ♔ will be too exposed and this is enough to lose the game. **20.g4** Perunovic,Milos: '+-!' **20...f4**
[Contrary to the above note, Black has no time for 20...b5 21.gxf5 bxc4 22.f6++-]
[20...Bd8 21.Qh5 Qe7 *(21...f4 22.Rg1 Rh8 23.Ne5 Qe7 24.h4→)* 22.h4!± prevents both ♕g5 and ♕h4 - White has a powerful attack. Qf6 Perunovic,Milos 23.gxf5 exf5 *(23...Rg8 24.Rg1+ Kf8 25.Rxg8+ Kxg8 26.Re1+-)* 24.Rg1+ Kh7 25.Ne5+-]



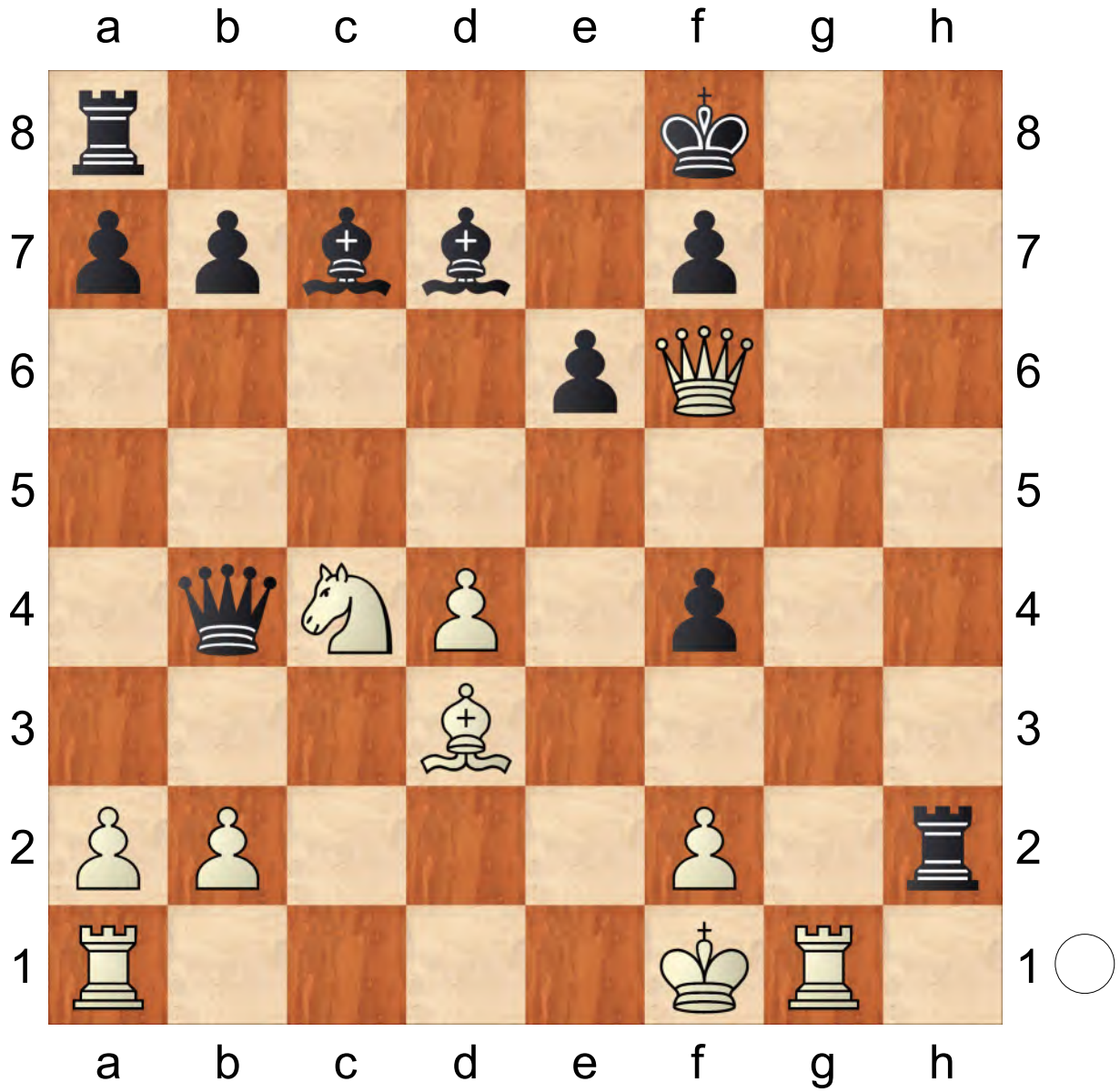
21.Rg1 Bd7
[21...b5 22.g5 h5 23.g6 f5 *(23...bxc4 24.gxf7+ Kxf7 25.Bg6+ Kg7 26.Be8+ or; 23...f6 24.Qxh5 Rh8 25.Qxh8+!* mates quickly. *)* 24.a3+-]
[21...Rh8 22.Qh5 Bd8 *(22...b5* Perunovic,Milos *23.g5 bxc4 24.gxh6+ Kf8 25.Rg7 Qe7 26.Bg6 fxg6 27.Qxg6+-)* 23.Ne5 Qe7 gives White the forcing

solution 24.g5! hxg5 25.Rxg5+! Qxg5 26.Qxf7+ Kh6 27.h3 Qh5 28.Ng4+ Kg5 29.Qg7+ Kh4 30.Ne5+-]
[21...Rg8 Perunovic,Milos 22.g5 h5 23.g6 f5 24.Ne5+-]

22.Qh5! The last accurate move, after which the opening of the ⇔g is unavoidable.
[22.g5? h5 is premature and White must alerady fight for equality, as the pawn is taboo - 23.Qxh5?! Rh8]

22...Rh8 23.g5 hxg5
[23...Kf8 gives White a choice, both 24.gxh6+- and *(24.g6+- are winning.)*]

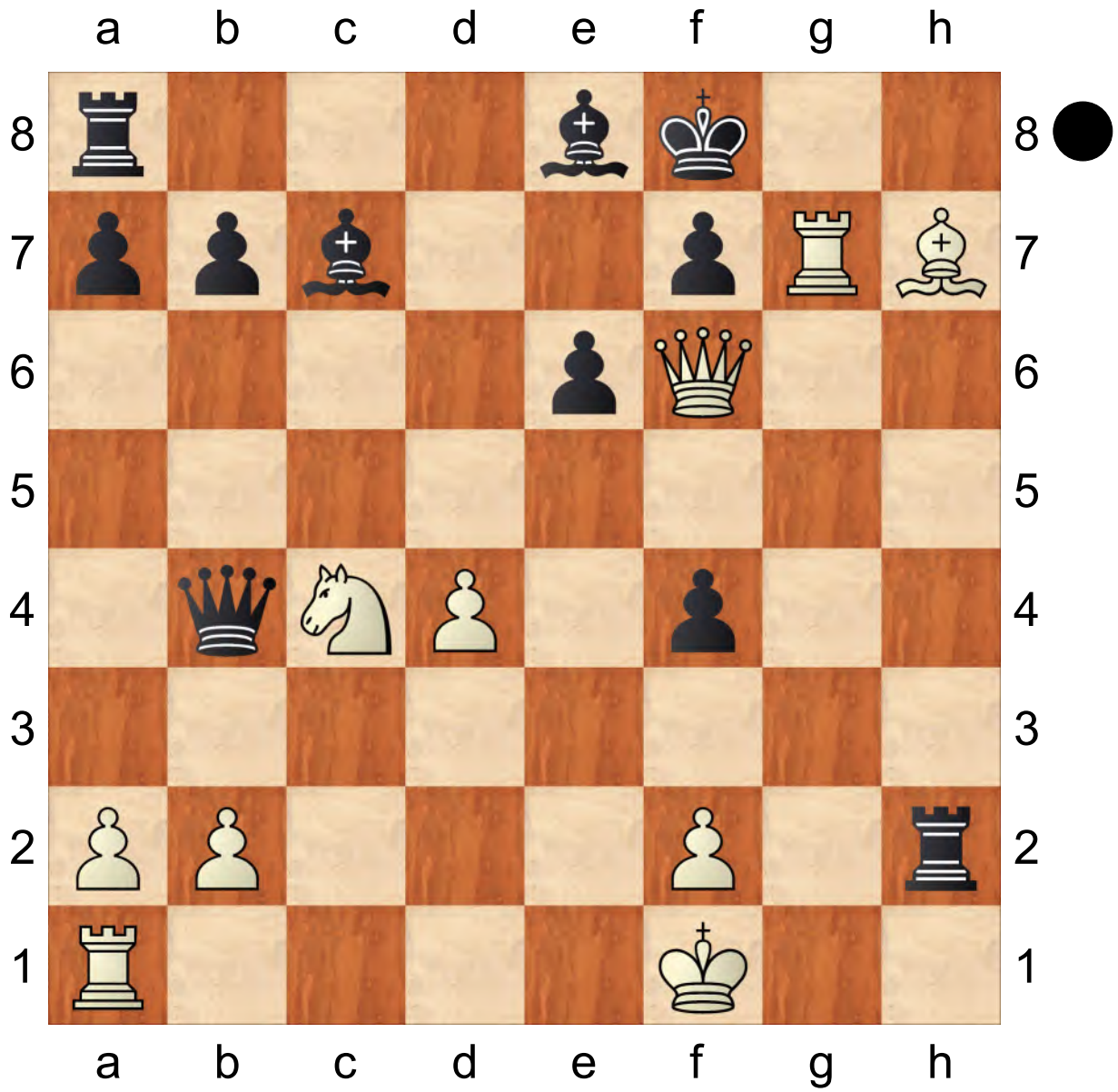
24.Qxg5+ Kf8 25.Qf6! Rxh2
[25...Rg8 26.Rxg8+ Kxg8 27.Qh6+- *(27.Ke2+-)*]



26.Rg7 Be8
[26...Qe7 27.Rg8++-]

27.Bh7!

[27.Bh7 Qxc4+ *(27...Rh1+ 28.Kg2 Bc6+ 29.f3)* 28.Kg1+- In both cases the effective checks are quickly over.]



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■ **Berg,Emanuel** **2529**
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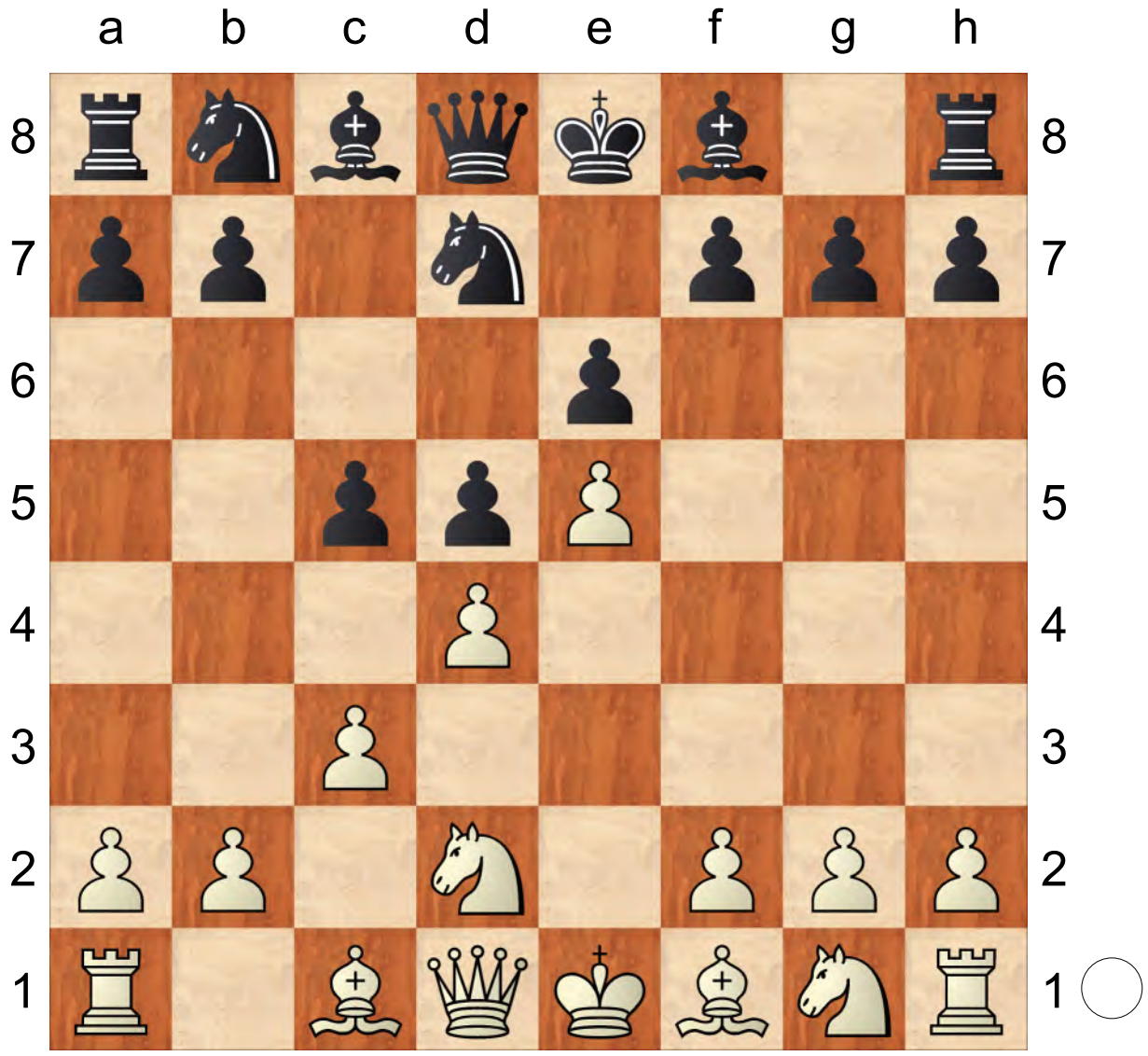
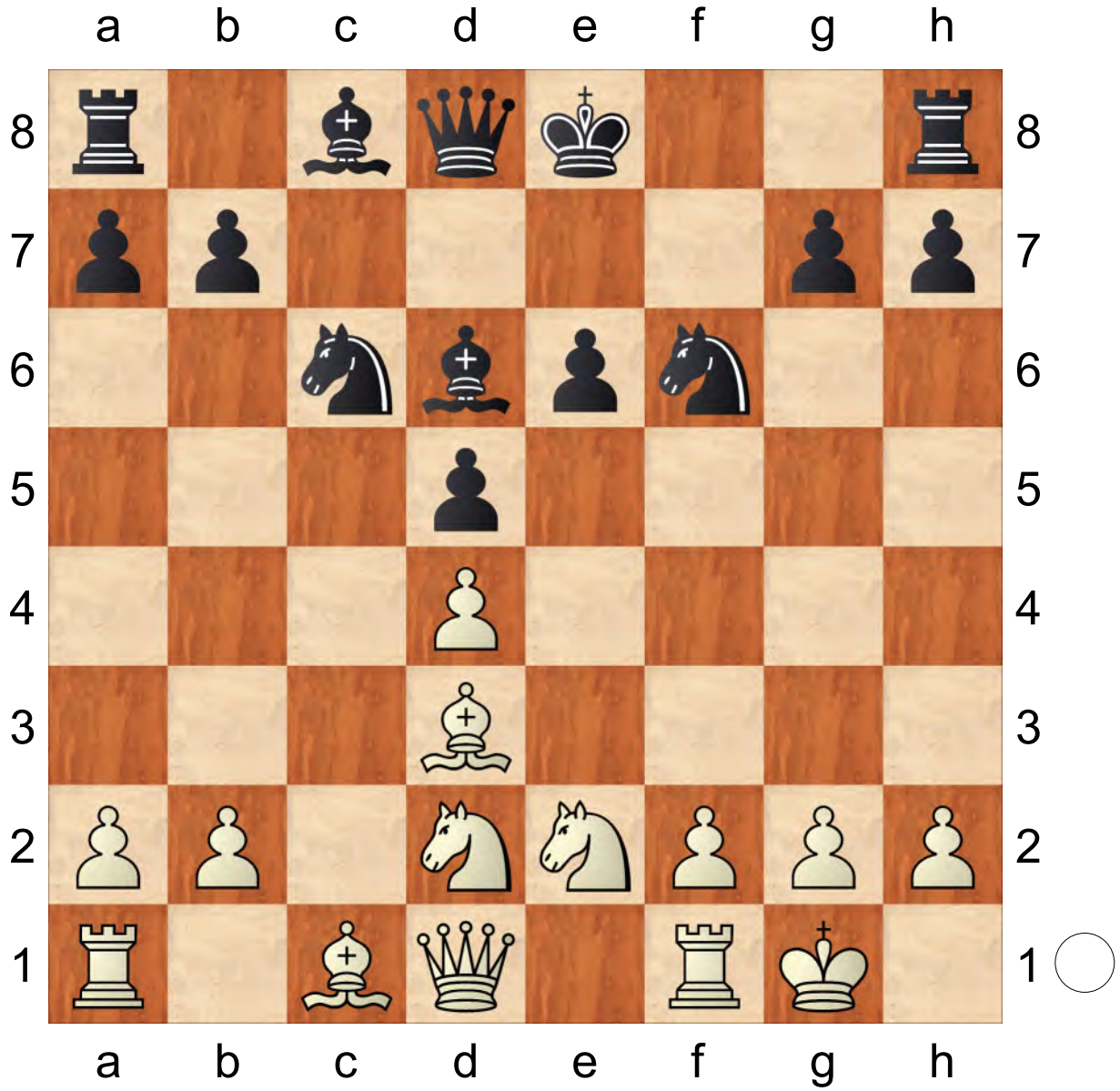
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5



6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6

(Diagram)

11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Rc1 h6!? 14.Bh4



[14.Bd2N Bd7 *(14...Nh5 15.Ng3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 g5 17.Bb1 Qg7 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Nh2 Rf7 20.Qh5 e5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Ng4 Bxg4 23.Qxg4 Bxb2 24.Rc5 Ne7 25.Rd1 Be5 26.a4 Rd8* ½-½ Yakovlev,V-Tsin,I/Volgograd 1986 (26) *)* 15.b4!? *(15.Bb1 Be8 16.Ng3 Qb6 17.Bc3 Bf4 18.Rc2 Bg6 19.Re2 Bxb1 20.Qxb1 Rae8 21.Qd3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Ne4 23.Nd2 Nxd2 24.Qxd2 e5 25.Rfe1* ½-½ Lakos,N-Rudolf,A/Szombathely HUN 2004/The Week in Chess 495 (25) *; 15.Re1 Rac8 16.Nc3 a6 17.Na4 Rce8 18.Ne5 Qb8 19.Bc3 b5 20.Nc5 Nxe5 21.Nxa6 Nf3+ 22.gxf3 Qd8 23.Bb4 Bxb4 24.Nxb4 Nh5 25.Kh1 Nf4 26.Rg1 Nh3 27.Rg2 Qh4 28.Rc7 Re7 29.Qe1 Rxf3 30.Rxd7 Nxf2+ 31.Rxf2* 1-0 Gildred,T-Wilgenhof,O/Chessfriend.com 2003/Telechess CBM 99 (31)*)* 15...a6 16.a4

A) 16...Qb6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Nb4 19.Bxb4 Bxb4 20.Ne5 Bxb5 21.Rb1 Ba4 *(21...Ba6 22.Nf4↑* 88/246 *)* 22.Qe1 Bxe1 23.Rxb6 Ba5 24.Rxb7±

88/246;
B) 16...Qb8 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Na5
B1) 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Nf4 Qd6 22.Ng6 Rfe8 23.Qe1 Nc4 *(23...Ng4 24.g3 e5 25.Bb4 Qf6 26.Rc7 e4 27.Rxd7 Qxg6 28.Be2 Nf6 29.Rc7 b6 30.Qc3⩱* 88/246 *)* 24.Bb4 Qb6 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Ng6+ Kg8= 88/246;
B2) 19.Re1 Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Nc3 Ng4! *(21...Nd5? 22.Ne5 Nxc3 23.Rxc3 Bxb5 24.Bxh6!→* 88/246 *)* 22.g3 Be8 23.Qe2
B2a) 23...Bh5 24.Qxe6+ Kh8 25.Ne4 Rxf3 26.Qd5! g5 *(26...Bf7 27.Qxd6 Qxd6 28.Nxd6 Bd5 29.Re2±* 88/246 *)* 27.Nxd6 Qf8⩲ 88/246;
B2b) 23...Kh8
B2b1) 24.Qxe6 Bh5 - 23...♗h5 24.♕e6 ♔h8 *(24...Nxh2?! 25.Nxh2 Bxg3 26.f4! Bxe1 27.Rxe1±* 88/246 *)*;
B2b2) 24.Ne5
B2b21) 24...Rxf2? 25.Qxg4 Rxd2 26.Nxc4 Rd3 27.Qe4 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Bb4 (Rublevsky,S-Ulibin,M/Moscow 2003/CBM 94/Inf 88/246) 29.Rf1!? Bg6 *(29...Bxb5 30.Rc2 Ra6 31.Rb1±* 88/246 *)* 30.Qxg6 Bxc3 31.Qd3 Bb4 32.Ne5± Δ Qa7 33.Nf7+ Kg8 34.Nxh6+ gxh6 35.Qg6+ Kh8 36.Qxh6+ Kg8 37.Qg5+ Kh8 38.Rf4+- 88/246;
B2b22) ⌓24...Nxe5 25.dxe5 Bc5 26.Be3 Qc8 *(26...Qxe5 27.Qxc4* Tiviakov *)* 27.Bxc5 Qxc5 28.Qe3 Rc8= 88/246]

14...Nh5
[14...Ne4 15.Nc3 *(15.Qc2 g5 16.Bg3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Qg7 18.Qd2 Bd7 19.Bb1 Ne7 20.Nc3 Nf5 21.Rfe1 Rae8 22.Ne5 Bb4 23.Qd3 Bc8 24.Qb5 Bxc3 25.bxc3 Qf6 26.Qd3 Qg7 27.Re2 h5 28.Rce1 Rf6 29.g4 hxg4 30.Nxg4 Rff8 31.Qh3 Nh4 32.Re5 Re7 33.Qe3* 1-0 Harding-Trueman/corr GB grand open 1988 (33)*; 15.Bg3 Nxg3 -* 14...♘h5 15.♗g3 ♘g3*)* 15...Bf4 16.Rc2 *(16.Rb1 Ng5 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.g3 g4 19.Nh4 Bh6 20.Qxg4 Qf7 21.Qg6 Qxg6 22.Nxg6 Rf3 23.Be2 Rf6 24.Ne5 Nxd4 25.f4 Rf8 26.h4 b5 27.Bg4 b4 28.Na4 Rd8 29.Rfd1 Nf5 30.Bxf5 exf5 31.Rd4 Be6 32.Nc5 Bf7 33.Rbd1 Rac8 34.Nxf7 Kxf7 35.Rxd5 Rxd5 36.Rxd5 g6 37.Nb3 Bg7 38.Rd7+ Kf8 39.Rd2 a5 40.Nxa5 Ra8 41.Nc6 Rxa2 42.Nxb4 Rxb2 43.Rxb2 Bxb2 44.Kf2* ½-½ Watanabe,R-Adla,D/Adelaide 1988/TD (44) *)* 16...Ng5 17.Bxg5 *(17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.Bg3 Qf7 19.Bb5 Bd7 20.Qe2 Qf6 21.Re1 Rae8 22.Na4 b6 23.Nc3 a6 24.Bxc6 Bxc6 25.Qd3 b5 26.b4 Bd7 27.Nb1 Re7 28.Nd2 Be8 29.Nb3 Bh5 30.f3 g4 31.fxg4 Bxg4 32.Rf2 Qh6 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Rxf4 Qxf4 35.Qe3 Qd6 36.Nc5 Bf5 37.Qe5 Qxe5 38.Rxe5 Ra7 39.Nxe6 Bxe6 40.Rxe6 a5 41.bxa5 Rxa5 42.Rb6 Kf7 43.h3 Ra4 44.Rxb5 Rxd4 45.Rb2 Ke6 46.Kf2 Rd3 47.Ke2 Rg3 48.Kf2 Ra3 49.Ke1 d4 50.Rb7 g5 51.Rb5 g4 52.hxg4 Rxa2 53.g5* ½-½ Puljek Salai,Z-Voiska,M/Jajce 1986/EXT 97 (53) *)* 17...hxg5 18.g3 *(18.h3!?±)* 18...g4 19.Nh4 Bh6 20.Qxg4 *(20.a3 Qf7 21.Nb5 a6 22.Nd6 Qf6 23.Ng6 Rd8 24.Nxc8 Raxc8 25.Qxg4 Nxd4 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Ne7+ Qxe7*

28.Qxd4 Rc6 29.Re1 Bg5 30.Qe5 Qd8 31.h4 Bf6 32.Qh5 e5 33.Bf5 Kf8 34.Rd1 Rd6 35.g4 e4 36.b4 Qb6 37.g5 Bd4 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Kg2 Rd8 40.Qh7 Rf8 41.Rd2 Qd6 42.Bxe4 Be5 43.Bxd5 1-0 Teodoro,E-Vujic,B/Toronto CAN 2000/The Week in Chess 304 (43)*)* 20...Qf7 [∆e5, Zapata,A-Vaganian,R/Thessaloniki 1984/EXT 97-B/Inf 38/392] ⌓21.Bg6! Qf6 22.Rd1 e5 23.Qh5 Nxd4 24.Nxd5 Qg5 25.Rc7 Bg4 26.Bf7+ Kh7 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Rd3 *(28.Qxg5 Bxg5 29.Ng6+ Kh7 30.Nxf8+ Rxf8 31.Ra1+-)* 28...Rxf7 29.Qxf7 Bh5 30.Qe7 Rd8 31.Qc5 b6 32.Qc4 Be2 33.Ne7 e4 34.Rxd4 Bxc4 35.Rxd8+ Kh7 36.Rxc4 Qxe7 37.Rh8+ 1-0 Popovic,P-Stamenkovic,Z/Ulcinj 1998/EXT 99 (37)]

[14...Qb6 15.Qd2 *(15.Nc3 Qxb2 16.Nb5 Bf4 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Ra1 Qb2 19.Rb1 Qa2 20.Ra1* ½-½ Lau,R-Bischoff,K/Germany 1985/GER-chT (20) *)* 15...e5 16.Rxc6 bxc6 17.dxe5 Ne4 18.Qc2 Bc7 19.Rc1 Bg4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qxb2 23.f4 Bd8 24.Bg3 Qxa2 25.Rxc6 Rb8 26.Nc3 Qa1+ 27.Kg2 Rb6 28.Rc8 Qa6 29.Qd5+ Kh7 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qxd8 Qb7+ 32.Qd5 g6 33.Kf3 Kg7 34.Bh4 Qxd5+ 35.Nxd5 Rb3+ 36.Ke4 Kf7 37.f5 gxf5+ 38.Kxf5 Rf3+ 39.Nf4 a5 40.e6+ Ke8 41.Ke5 Rc3 42.Nd5 1-0 Buljubasic,S-Krenek,M/Vienna 2003/CBM 95 ext (42)]

[14...Bd7 15.Bg3 *(15.Re1 Be8 16.Bg3 Qe7 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Ng3 Bf7 19.Bb1 Qb4 20.Rc3 Rac8 21.Rb3 Qe7 22.Ne5 Be8 23.Nf5 Qc7 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.Rxe6 Ba4 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Nxc8 Bxb3 28.axb3 Rxc8 29.Re1 Qb6 30.g3 Qb4 31.Re6 Rc6 32.Re5 Rb6 33.Qc2 Kg8 34.Qc8+ Qf8 35.Bh7+ Nxh7 36.Re8 Qxe8 37.Qxe8+ Nf8 38.Qd8 Rb5 39.f4 Kf7 40.g4 a6 41.f5 Nh7 42.h4* 1-0 Frolov,A-Brodsky,M/Jurmala 1989/CBM 13 (42)*)* 15...Bxg3 16.Nxg3 Qf4 17.a3 g5 18.Bb1 Rf7 19.Qd3 Rg7 20.Ne2 Qd6 21.Rfe1 Rf8 22.Ng3 Qf4 23.Ne2 Qg4 24.h3 Qh5 25.Ne5 Qe8 26.Ng3 Nxe5 27.dxe5 Nh5 28.Nxh5 Qxh5 29.Rc7 g4 30.Qe2 Rff7 31.Rxb7 Rg5 32.Rb8+ Kg7 33.Qd3 Rg6 34.Qxg6+ Qxg6 35.Bxg6 Kxg6 36.hxg4 1-0 Lunkmoss,G-Kuntzig,W/Germany 1989/EXT 97-B (36)]

15.Bg3

[15.Bb1!? g5 16.Bg3 Nxg3 17.Nxg3 Qg7 *(17...Qf7!?)* 18.h3 *(18.Qd3 Nb4 19.Qe2 Nc6 20.Qd3 Nb4 21.Qe2 Nc6* ½-½ Sarakauskas,G-Rogovskoy,A/Karvina CZE 2001/The Week in Chess 351 (21)*)* 18...Bd7 19.Qd3 Rxf3 20.Qxf3 Nxd4 21.Qd1 Rf8 22.Rc3 Bc6 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Nxf5 Rxf5 25.Re3 Rf6 26.a3 Qf7 27.b4 a6 28.Bd3 Bd7 29.Be2 e5 30.Bh5 Qe7 31.Qxd5+ Be6 1-0 Dezan,P-Brugerie,S/Chanac 1989/TD (31)]

[15.Bg6

A) 15...Nf4 16.Nxf4 Bxf4

A1) 17.Rc3 Qd6 *(17...Bd7 18.Re1 b5 19.Be7 Rfc8 20.Bc5 Qd8 21.g3 Bc7 22.a3 Qf6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Rf3 Nf5 25.Qb3 Nxd4 26.Bxd4 Qxd4 27.Bf7+* 1-0 Laubsch,B-Jostes,M/Germany 1997/EXT 2003 (27)*)* 18.Bb1 *(18.Bc2 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bg3 Bxg3 22.Rxg3 Rf6 23.Rf3 Rxf3 24.Qxf3 Be6 25.Qd3 Kf8 26.Re1 Bf7 27.h3 Re8 28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.Qf5+ Ke7 30.Qg4 g5 31.Qd4 b6 32.g3 Bf7 33.Bf5 Qf6*

34.Qb4+ Qd6 35.Qd4 a5 36.Qe3+ Kf6 37.Bd3 d4 38.Qe4 Kg7 39.Qh7+ Kf8 40.a3 Qf6 41.Qe4 Qd6 42.h4 Qc5 43.Qh7 Qd6 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Qf5 Qc5 46.Qf6 Ke8 47.Be4 b5 48.Qc6+ Qxc6 49.Bxc6+ Ke7 50.Bxb5 Ke6 51.b4 axb4 52.axb4 Bg6 53.f3 Kd5 54.Kf2 Bc2 55.Ke2 Bg6 56.Bd3 Bh5 57.Kf2 Ke5 58.b5 Kd5 59.f4 gxf4 60.gxf4 Bg4 61.f5 Kc5 62.f6 Kd6 63.Kg3 1-0 Gallagher,J-Barua,D/Torquay 2002/CBM 91 (63) *)* 18...e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bg3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Bf5 23.Bd3 Kh8 24.g4 Bxd3 25.Rxd3 Rad8 26.g5 hxg5 27.Rh3+ Kg8 28.Qh5 Qh6 29.Qg4 Rf4 30.Rxh6 Rxg4 31.Re6 Re4 32.Rxe4 dxe4 33.Re1 Rd2 34.Rxe4 Rxb2 35.Re7 a6 36.g3 b5 37.a4 bxa4 38.Re6 a3 39.Rxa6 a2 40.Kg2 g4 41.Ra7 Kf8 0-1 Karahaliou,E-Spirakopoulos,I/Ambelokipi 2002/CBM 86 ext (41);

A2) 17.Bg3 Qb6 *(17...Qd6 18.Bb1±)* 18.Rc3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Bd7 20.Bb1 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 e5 22.Rb3 Qxd4+ 23.Qxd4 exd4 24.Rxb7 Bg4 25.Bd3 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Rf8+ 27.Ke1 Rf7 28.Rb8+ Rf8 29.Rb4 Bf5 30.Rxd4 Bxd3 31.Rxd3 Rd8 32.Rf3 Rd7 33.Kd2 g6 34.Kd3 Kg7 35.Rf2 h5 36.Kd4 Rd8 37.b4 Rb8 38.Kc5 d4 39.a4 d3 40.Rd2 Rc8+ 41.Kd4 Kf6 42.Kxd3 Ke5 43.Rc2 Rf8 44.Kc4 Rc8+ 45.Kb3 Rf8 46.b5 Kd5 47.Kb4 1-0 Tzermiadianos,A-Schaefer,M/Sofia 1994/TD (47);

B) 15...Rxf3! 16.Bxh5 *(16.gxf3 Bxh2+ 17.Kg2 Nf4+ 18.Nxf4 Qxf4 19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.fxg3 Qf6⩱)* 16...Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Rf8 18.g3 g5 19.Bxg5 hxg5=]

[15.Kh1 g5 16.Bg6 Nf4 17.Nxf4 Bxf4 18.Bg3 Qg7 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.Qc2 Bd7 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Rc8 23.Qd3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Qxe5 25.Qd2 Qf6 26.Bc2 Rxf2 27.Qd3 Qf5 28.Qd1 Qf4 29.Kg1 Qd2 0-1 Sazonov,A-Rogovskoy,A/Volgograd 1987 (29)]

[15.Nc3 a6 16.Bb1 Nf4 17.Bg3 g5 18.Re1 Qf7 19.Na4 Bd7 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.dxc5 Rae8 22.Ne5 Qg7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qd2 e5 25.b4 Nd4 26.Rc3 Qg7 27.a4 Kh8 28.f3 h5 29.Rce3 h4 30.Bf2 h3 31.g3 Ng2 32.Qd3 Nxe1 33.Bxe1 e4 34.fxe4 dxe4 35.Qd1 Qf6 36.Qh5+ Kg7 37.Qxh3 Nf3+ 38.Rxf3 Qxf3 39.Qd7+ Kg6 40.Qd6+ Rf6 0-1 Van Delft,M-Koster,R/Amsterdam NED 2004/The Week in Chess 507 (40)]

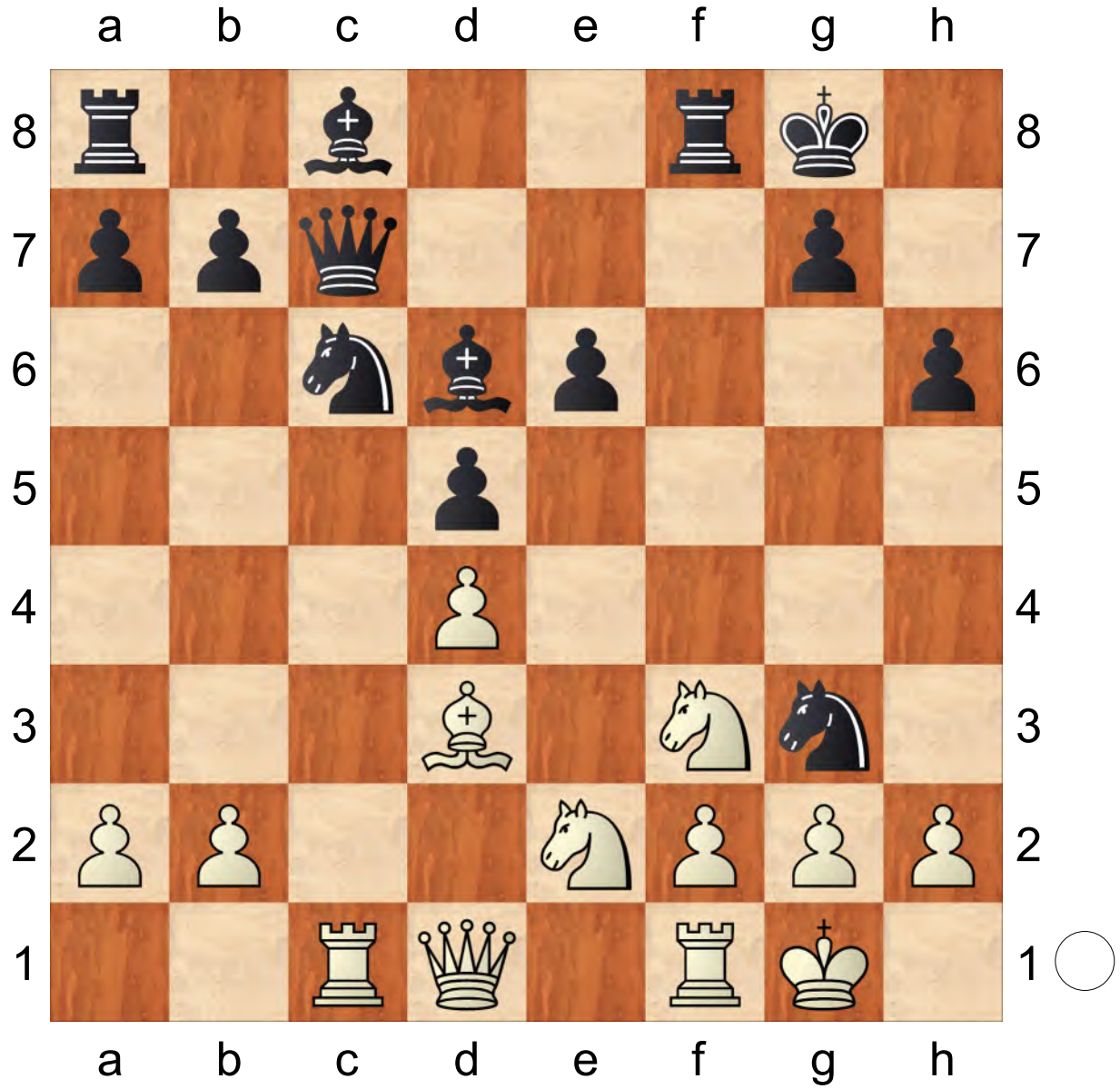
15...Nxg3

(Diagram)

16.Nxg3 Qf7!

[16...g5 17.Bb5!? *(17.a3 Qg7 18.Rc3 Bd7 19.Bb1 Bxg3 20.hxg3 g4 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bb5 23.Re1 Rf7 24.Qd4 Qg5 25.a4 Ba6 26.Ba2 Raf8 27.Rc2 b6 28.b4 Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Bxc8 30.Qc3 Bd7 31.Bb1 Be8 32.b5 Re7 33.Qb4 Kg7 34.Rc1* ½-½ Sharkanas,G-Tsin,I/Izhevsk 1987 (34) *; 17.Bb1 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qg7 19.Qd3 Bd7 20.Rfe1 Rac8 21.Rcd1 Rc7 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Rfc8 24.Qd2 a6* ½-½ Schoenberger,P-Feibert,F/Bad Wiessee 2001/EXT 2003 (24) *)*]

17.Bb1 g5 18.Qd3



[18.Re1 Bd7 19.Kh1 Rac8 20.a3 Rc7 21.Rc2 Ne7 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Ba4 24.Rxc7 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Qe8 26.f3 Nc6 27.Rh7 Nxe5 28.Rxh6 Rf7 29.Rc1 g4 30.f4 Qf8 31.Rxe6 Nc6 32.f5 Re7 33.Rg6+ Rg7 34.Re6 Re7 35.Rg6+ Kh8 36.Rxg4 Qh6 37.Rf1 Ne5 38.Rgf4 Nf7 39.f6 Re5 40.Rg4 Re6 41.Rg6 Qd2 42.Rg4 Re1 43.Rgf4 Qxf4 44.Rxe1 Qxf6 45.Re8+ Kg7 46.Nh5+ 1-0 Berczes,C-Rudolf,A/Budapest 2003/CBM 96 ext (46)]

18...Bd7 19.a3

[19.Rce1 a6!∞ *(19...Rae8 20.Ne5±)*]

19...Rae8 20.Rce1N

[20.Rcd1 Re7 21.Rd2 Be8 22.Re1 Qg7 23.Rde2 g4 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.dxe5 Bc5 26.Rc1 Bb6 27.Rc8 Qg5 28.Nf1 h5 29.h3 Rg7 30.Qg3 Rgf7 31.hxg4 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Rxf2 34.Kxf2 Kf7 35.gxh5 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Bb5 37.Bg6+ Kg7 38.Rc7+ Kh6 39.Rf7 Qxe5 40.Rf3 Be2 41.Rf2 d4 42.Nh2 Qe3

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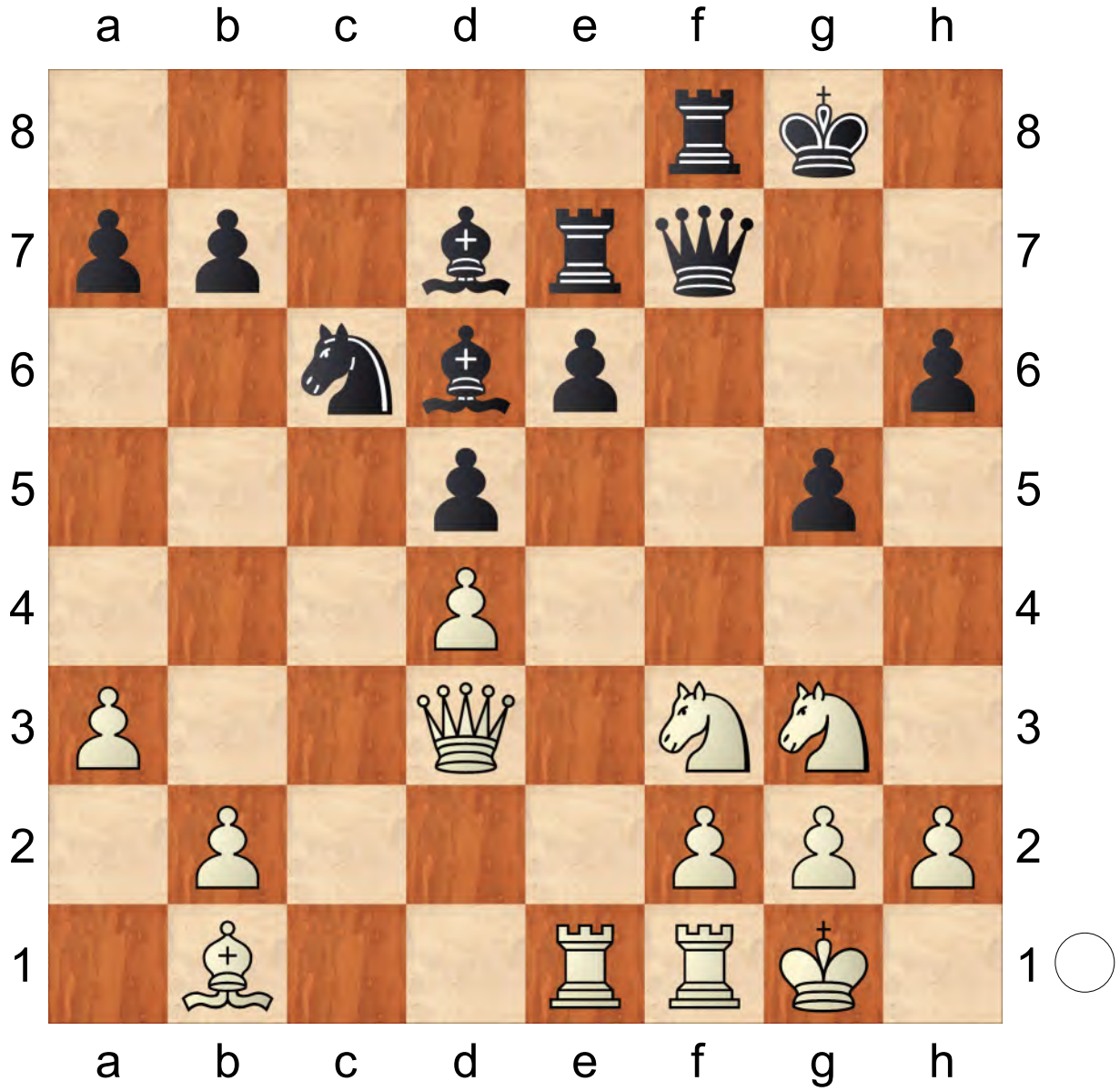
20...Re7



21.h3

[21.Ne5!? Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bc5 23.Re2∞ *(23.Qe2 Be8)*]

21...Be8 22.Re3 Qg7

[22...Bf4 23.Re2 Qg7 *(23...h5!?)* 24.Rfe1 Rf6 25.Ne5 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Rf8 27.Nf1 a6 28.Qd4 g4 29.hxg4 Qxg4 30.g3∞]

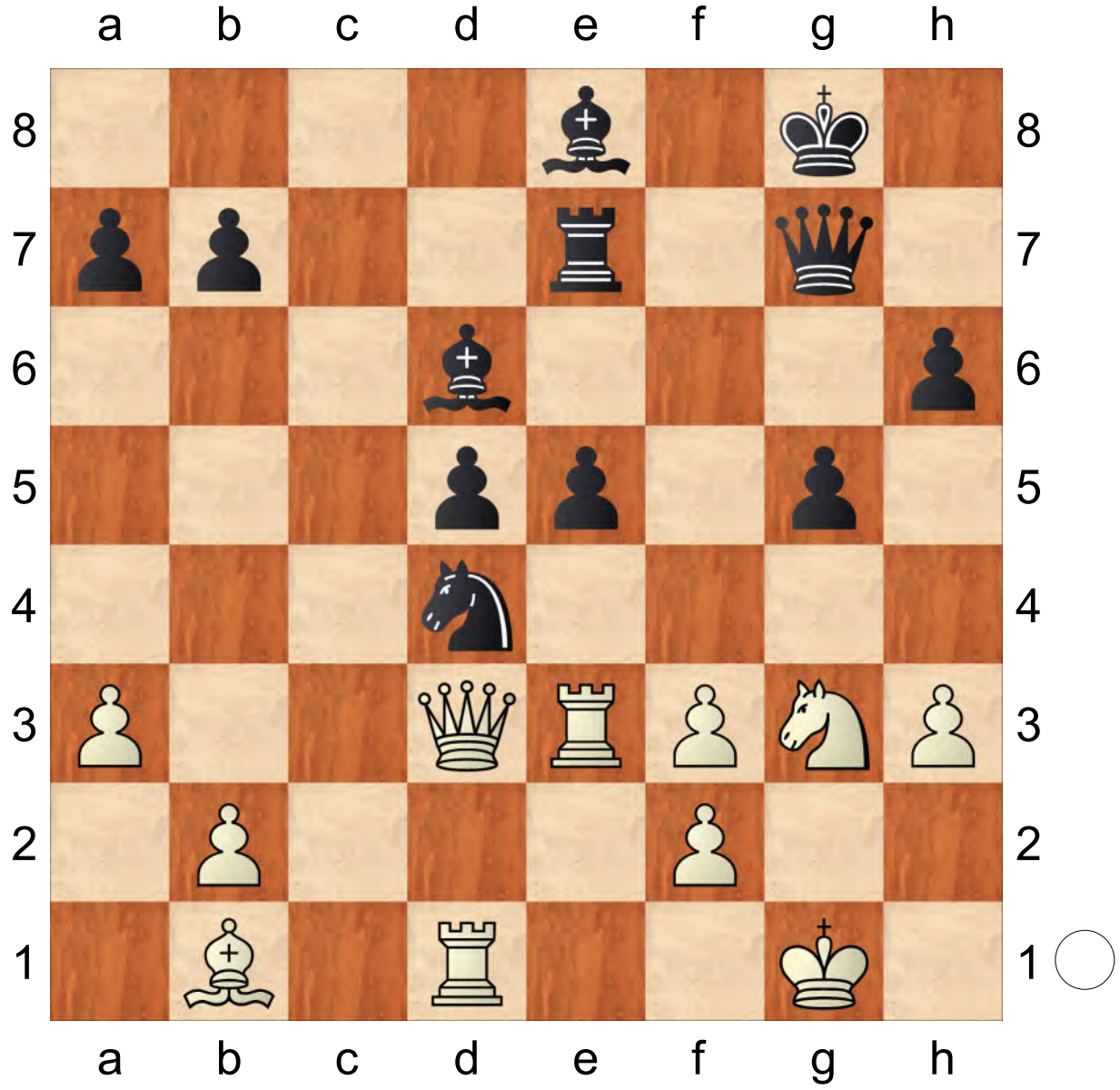
23.Rfe1 Rxf3

[⌓23...Rf6 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Rf4 *(25...Rf8 26.b4 a6 27.Qd1±)* 26.Ne2 Rh4=]

24.gxf3 Nxd4 25.Rd1 e5

[25...Bc5 26.Rc1 Rc7 *(26...Bb6 27.Rc8±)* 27.b4 Bb6 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Kg2±]

[25...Nc6? 26.Nf5+-]
[25...Be5? 26.Rxe5+-]



26.Ba2 Bf7□ 27.Ne2
[27.Nf5 Nxf5 28.Qxf5 d4 29.Bxf7+ Rxf7 30.Qc8+ Qf8 31.Qxf8+ Kxf8= ⊥]
27...Bc5
[27...Nxe2+ 28.Rxe2 d4 29.Bxf7+ Rxf7 30.Kg2±]
28.Nxd4
[28.Nc3 Rd7 29.b4 Bb6 30.Na4 Bd8 31.Nc5 Re7 32.Rde1∞]
28...Bxd4 29.Qxd4 exd4 30.Rxe7 Qf6

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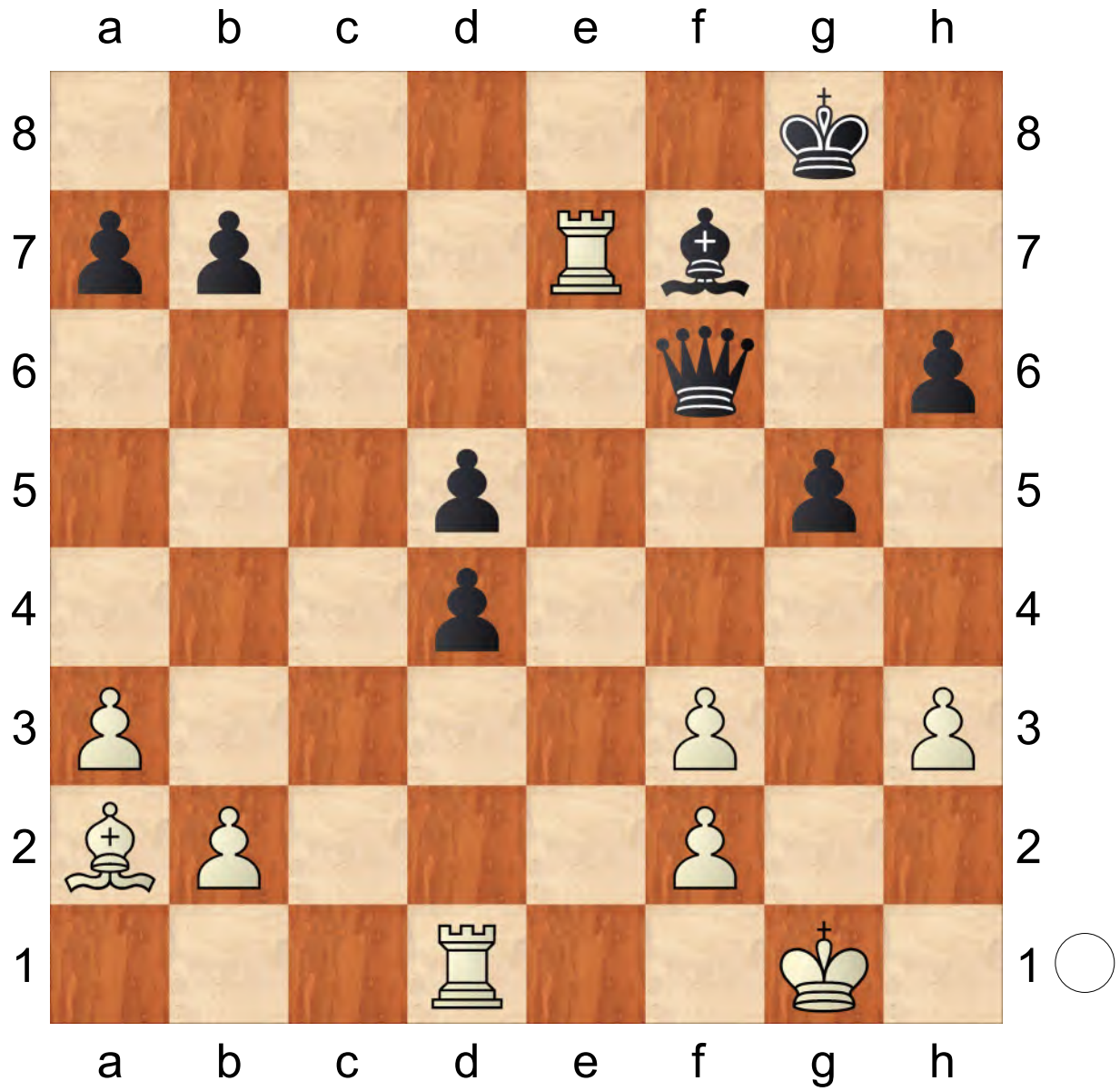

31.Rxb7 Qxf3 32.Rxd4 Qxh3 33.Rxa7 Qf5
[33...Qc8!?]
34.Rb7⊕
[34.Raa4!? Δh5 35.Rd2 Δ♖ad4, ×d5]
34...h5 35.Ra4?!
[35.Rb3 Qc2 *(35...h4 36.Rbd3±)* 36.Rbd3 Qxb2 37.Bxd5±]
35...h4

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36.Ra8+ Kg7 37.Raa7 Qg4+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+ 39.Kg1 Qg4+ 40.Kh2

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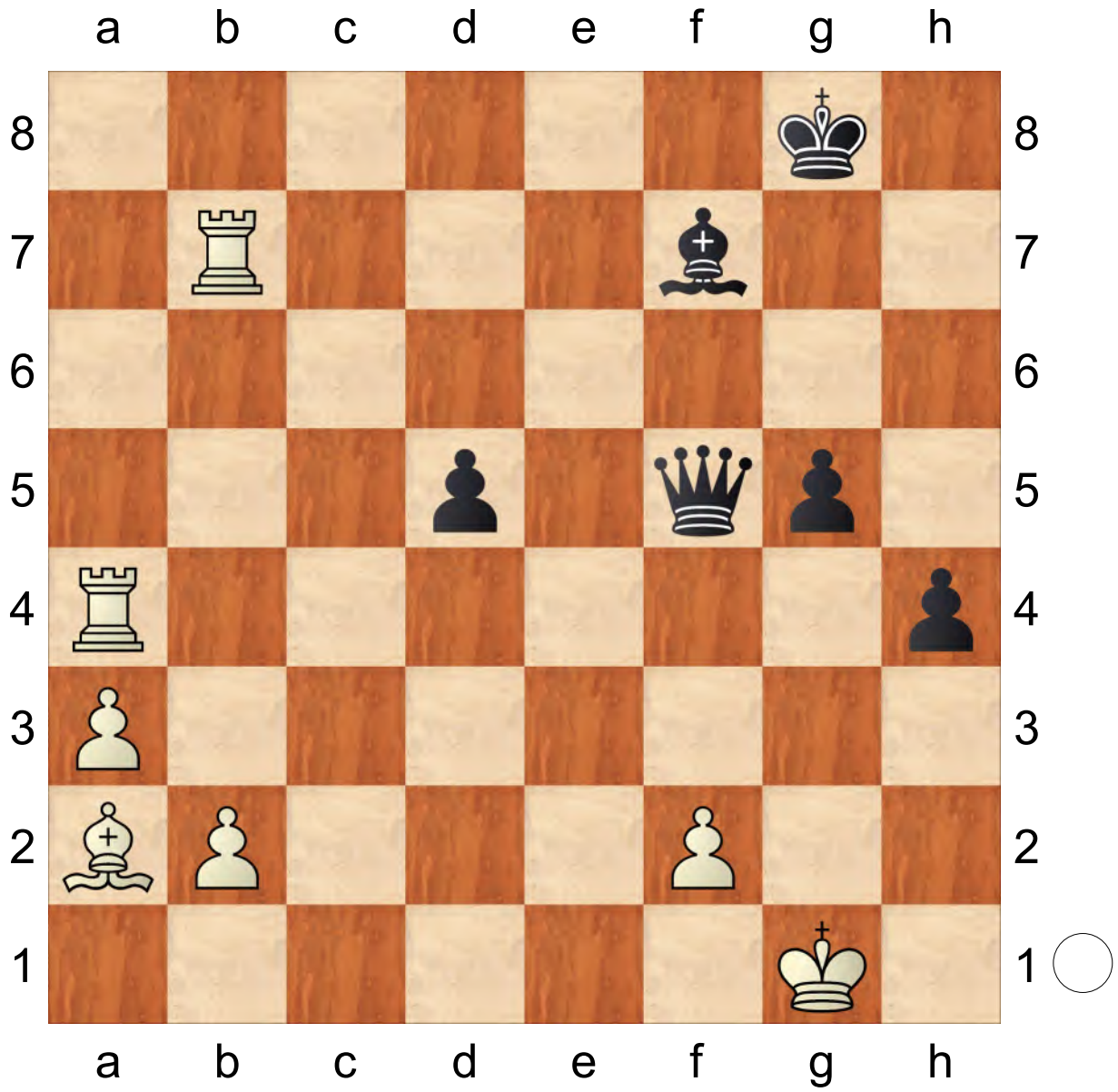
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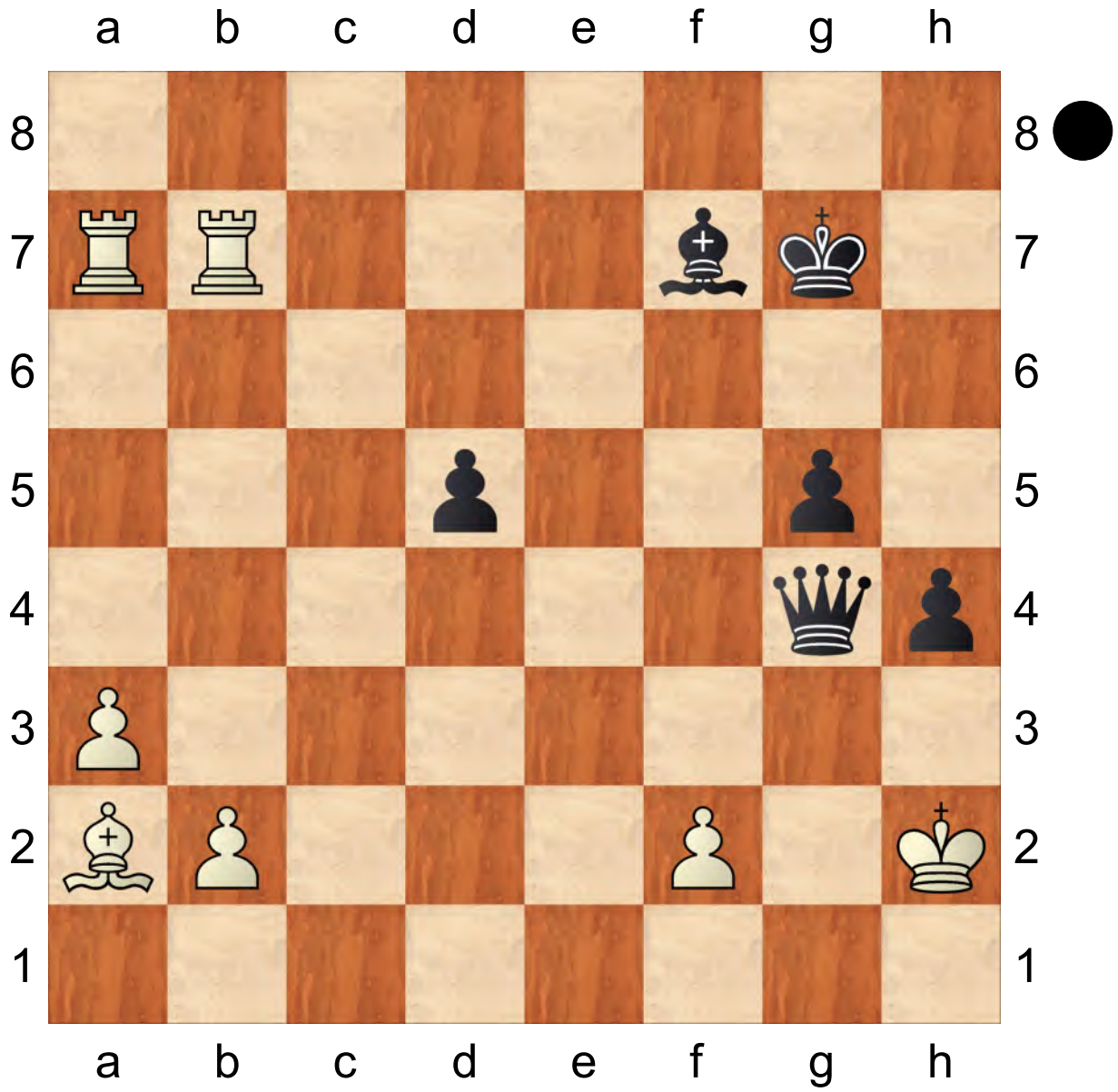

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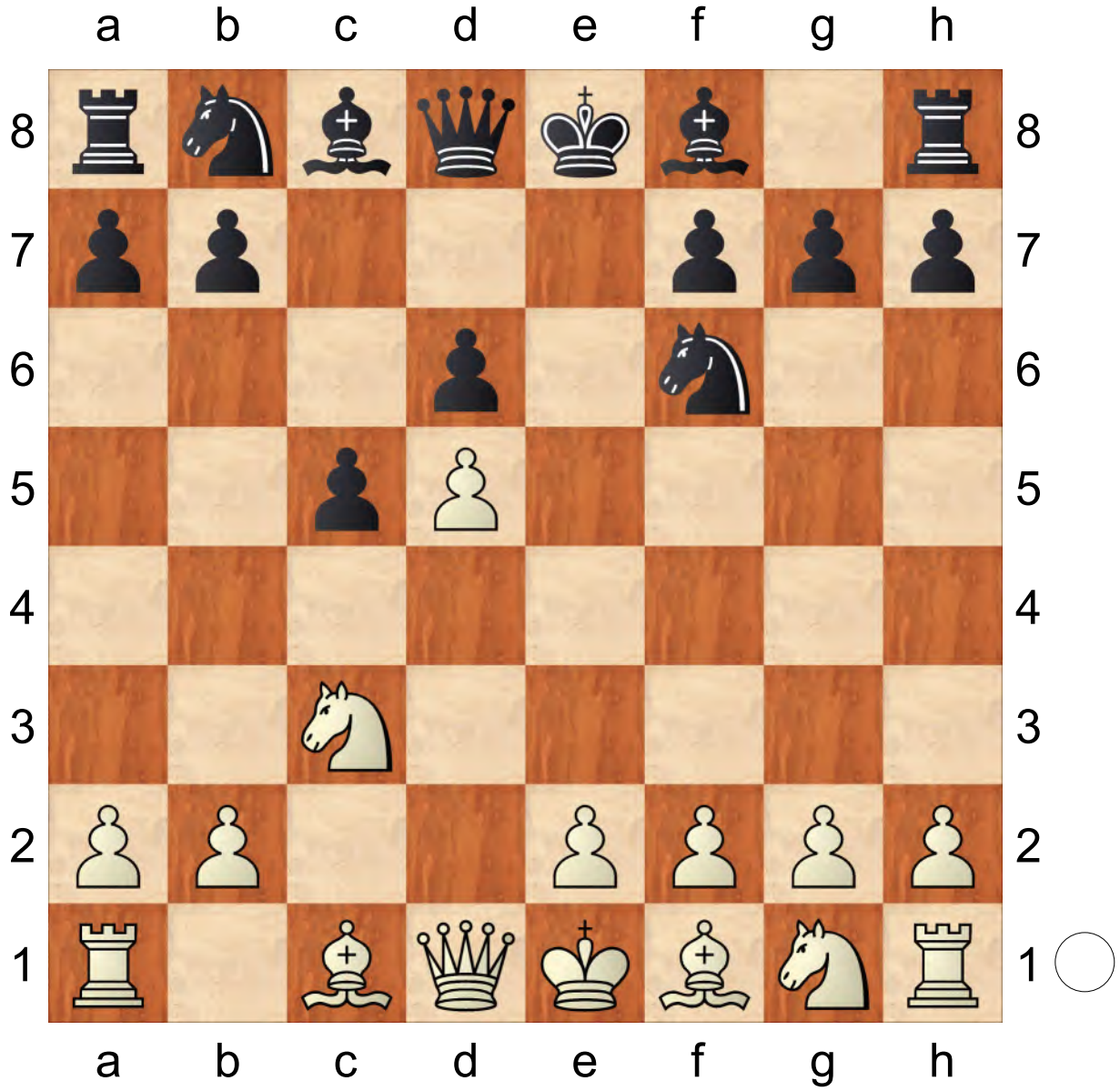
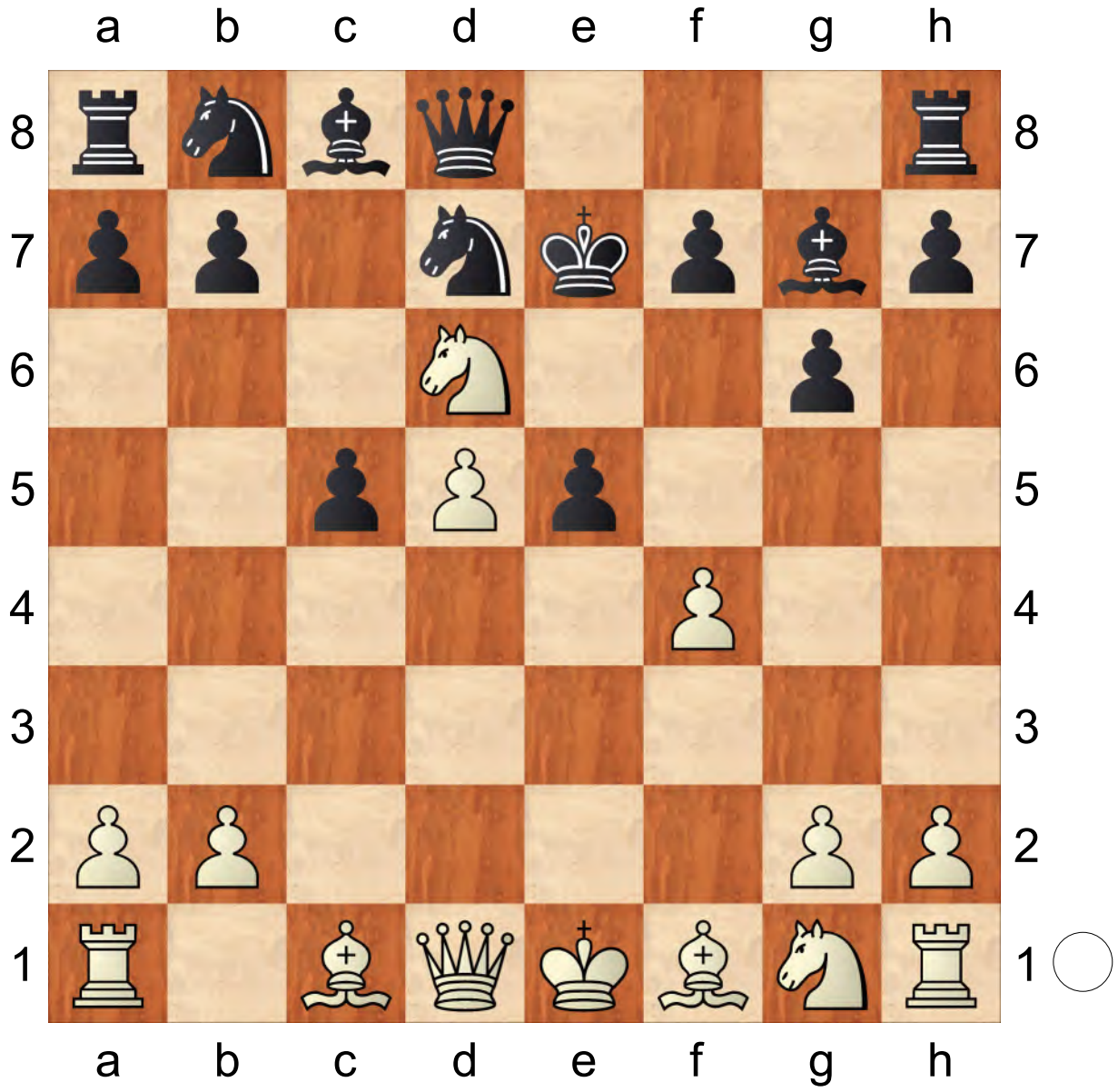
1.d4 Kapengut Kortschnoj **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 Mikenas's variation is one of the sharpest systems against the Modern Benoni.White plays the thematic e5 break at the first moment and manages to catch Black's king in the centre as a result. But this does involve a pawn sacrifice and, moreover, White is obliged to launch his attack with most of his pieses still on their original squares, so if something goes wrong the backlash is usually

disastrous. **8...Nfd7 9.Ne4** Kortschnoj: 'This maneouvre is not too dangerous for black. According to the theory, white gets much behind in development. But perhaps this old assessment after this game needs to be revised.' **9...dxe5 10.Nd6+ Ke7**



Kortschnoj: 'This move looks more energetic than the "fearful" Kf8. Still, in the middlegame energetic moves by the king are not recommended.' **11.Nxc8+ Qxc8 12.Nf3 Re8** Kortschnoj: 'Black plays essential moves, but soon it becomes obvious that he fails to equalize the game. It is time to look for improvements. I dare to suggest 12... ♕c7!?' **13.fxe5 Kf8?!** Theory considers the main variation to be a draw, so Black chooses an offshoot for playing to win, but this line looks too dangerous.

[A doubtful idea is: 13...Bxe5?! 14.Bc4! *(14.Bb5 - see below)* 14...Kf8 15.0-0 Bg7 *(15...Kg7 16.Qd2 f6 17.Qh6+ Kh8 18.Bg5! Qd8 19.Bd3 Bxb2 20.Rab1 Bc3 21.Rxb7±)* 16.Ng5 *(16.d6?! Nb6=)* 16...Bd4+ *(Δ16...f5? 17.Kh1 Nb6 18.d6! Be5 19.Bf7+-)* 17.Kh1 Nf6 18.d6→]

[The basic position of the variation have been reached after: 13...Nxe5!? 14.Bb5
A) 14...Qg4?! 15.0-0! *(15.Nxe5 Qb4+; 15.Bxe8 Qxg2 16.Rf1 Kxe8* Hartston,W*)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.Rxf3 Nd7 18.Bg5+ f6 19.Re1+ Kf7 20.Rxe8 Kxe8 21.Bxf6± Nunn,J;
B) 14...Nbd7
B1) 15.0-0
B1a) 15...Nxf3+? 16.Qxf3 Ne5 17.Bg5+ Kf8 18.Qf2±;
B1b) 15...c4?! 16.Be3 Ng4 17.Ng5± ΔNxe3 18.Rxf7+ Kd8 19.Qa4 Nc5 20.Qa5+ b6 21.Qd2 c3 22.bxc3 Bh6 23.Ne6++-;
B1c) 15...a6?! 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.d6+! Kf8 *(17...Bxd6? 18.Re1++-)* 18.Qd5 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Nf6 20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Rxf6! Bxf6 22.d7 axb5 23.dxc8Q Raxc8 24.Qxb7 Bxb2 25.Rf1 1-0 Littlewood,J-Povah,N/ England 1975;
B1d) 15...Kf8! 16.d6 *(16.Nxe5 Rxe5* see below *)* 16...c4 17.Kh1 a6 18.Ba4 Nd3 19.Ng5 b5 20.Qf3 N7e5 21.Qd5 Ra7 22.Be3 Rd7 23.Bd1 Verdier,P-Daillet,E/Corr AJEC/1172 1987 Qc6-+;
B2) 15.Nxe5
B2a) 15...Bxe5?! 16.0-0
B2a1) 16...Qc7 17.Qg4!
B2a11) 17...Kd6?! 18.Rxf7 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Ne5 20.Rf6+ Kxd5 21.Qe2 c4 Shereshevsky,M-Kapengut,A/Minsk 1974 *(21...Rf8?? 22.Bc4++-; 21...Re7 22.Bf4+-)* 22.Bf4+-;
B2a12) 17...f6 18.Bf4 Qd6 19.Rae1 Kd8 20.Qh4 *(20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Qh4 Rf8 22.Qxh7 Rf7 23.Qh8+ Rf8 24.Qh7 Rf7* ½-½ Baumbach,F-Espig,T/DDR-ch Frankfurt/Oder 1977 *)* 20...h5 21.Rxe5!? Rxe5!? 22.Qf2 Qxd5 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxf6+ Kc7 25.Re1±;
B2a2) 16...Kf8 17.Qf3
B2a21) 17...f6 18.Qh3 Re7 19.d6!? Bxd6 20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Rad1 c4 *(21...Qc7!? Δ22.Bxd7?! Qxd7 23.Qxd7 Rxd7 24.Rxf6?? Bxh2+-+)* 22.Kh1 a6 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Qc3 Rd8 25.Rxf6 Rf7 26.Qxc4 Qc7 27.Rdxd6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 Qxd6 29.Qc8+ Rf8 30.Qxf8+ ½-½ Astolfi,F-Cesbron/Toulouse Open 1989;
B2a22) 17...f5 18.g4
B2a221) 18...Bd4+?! 19.Kh1 Ne5 20.Qg2 Rd8 21.gxf5 Kg7 22.Bg5± Rd6 23.Rae1 Rb6 24.Bf4! . Nf7 *(24...Rxb5 25.Rxe5! Bxe5 26.Bxe5+ Kg8 27.fxg6 h6 28.Rf7+-* Rajkovic,D*)* 25.fxg6 Rxg6 26.Qf3 Qg4 27.Qxg4 Rxg4 28.Re7 Bxb2 29.Be8+- Rajkovic,D-Planinc,A/Majdanpek 21/108 1976;
B2a222) 18...a6
B2a2221) 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.gxf5 Kg7=;
B2a2222) 19.Ba4 b5 20.Bc2 f4 21.Bxf4 Kg8 22.Bh6?! *(22.d6)* 22...Bd4+ 23.Kh1 Ne5∓ Topolski,P-Jakovljevic/JUG

corr ;CR97-88 1988;
B2a2223) 19.gxf5!? axb5 20.fxg6+ Ke7 21.Bf4±;
B2a2224) 19.Bc4! b5 20.gxf5! bxc4 21.fxg6+ Nf6 22.Bg5+- Nunn,J;

B2a3) 16...c4! 17.d6+ *(17.Bg5+ f6 18.d6+ Kf7 19.Qd5+ Kg7 20.Rae1 Rf8 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Bf4 Rae8 23.Rxe5! fxe5 24.Bxe5+ Rxe5 25.Qxe5+ Kg8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qh8++-* Sprott,G-Yianni,M/corr 1985 *)* 17...Kf8 18.Bh6+! *(18.Qd5 Qc5+ 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxe8 Kxe8 21.Re1 Nd3 22.Bf4 Nxe1 23.Rxe1 f6 24.Bxe5 fxe5 25.Rxe5+ Kd7 26.Re7+=* Petrosian,A-Kapengut,A/Jaroslavl VDFSO-ch 1975*)* 18...Kg8 19.Qd5 Qc5+ 20.Qxc5 Nxc5 21.Bxe8 Rxe8 22.Rae1±;

B2b) This was the rare case, when it was possible for me to use two novelties in the same game! 15...Kf8! This precise order of moves is very important, because allows Black to avoid difficulties of the previous line. 16.0-0 Rxe5 Kapengut: 'see below' 17.Bf4 *(17.d6 c4 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Qd4 Qe6 20.Bf4 Re4 21.Qd2 Re2 22.Qa5 Qe4 23.Rf3 b6 24.Qg5 h6 25.Qg3 g5-+* Reis,L-Kovacevic,S/6th Young Masters, Loures POR 1998 *)*

B2b1) 17...Rf5?! 18.Bd6+ Kg8 19.Rxf5 gxf5 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Bxc5 Bxb2 22.Rb1 Be5 23.Qd2 f6 24.d6 Qc6 25.Rc1 Rd8= Kurtin-Lobron, E/Yugoslavia 1980;

B2b2) 17...Re4?! 18.Qf3 f5 The right direction had occurred in one of the early games in this line between my two students:

B2b21) 19.Bh6?! Nf6 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Rae1 c4!? *(21...Qc7 22.Qc3 Qd6 23.Rxe4 fxe4 24.Bd7 Rf8 25.Be6 h6 26.Rc1 b6∓* Curtin-Anderson/Malta ol 1980*)* 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qe3 Qd8 24.Qd4+ Qf6∓ Grahn,L-El Kher,H/Copenhagen DEN 2002;

B2b22) 19.g4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.gxf5 Qxf5 22.Bg5 Qxf3+ 23.Rxf3 Kg7 24.Raf1 Rf8 25.d6 a6 26.Bd3 Re6 27.Bf4 b5 28.b3 Nd7 29.Bg3 Rxf3 30.Rxf3 Be5∓ Astolfi,F-Fernandez,An/Royan op 1989;

B2b23) 19.Rae1! ⩲ Inf 21/(110) 19...Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Bg5 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Ng4 23.h3 Ne5 24.Qg3 a6 25.Rxe5± Kagan,N-Artishevsky,S/Minsk 1975;

B2b3) 17...Rh5!? 18.g4 *(18.Qf3 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Nf6∓)* 18...Bd4+ 19.Kg2 Rxd5 20.Bc4 Nb6 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Bh6+ Kg8 23.Qf3 Qd7⩲ Konikowski;

B2b4) 17...a6!?

B2b41) 18.Be2 Re8 19.d6 b5 20.a4 c4 21.Bf3 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Rad8 23.axb5 axb5 24.b4 Qd4 25.Qxd4 Bxd4 26.Bh6+ Kg8 27.Rad1 Be3 28.Bxe3 Rxe3 29.Bc6 Re6?! *(29...Rb3!?∓)* 30.Bxb5 ½-½ Brondum-Nunn,J /Ostende 1975;

B2b42) 18.Bxe5 Nxe5?! *(18...Bxe5 Δ19.Qf3? Bd4+! 20.Kh1 Ne5∓*

Marjanovic,S) 19.Be2 c4 20.Kh1 Qc5 21.Qd2! Rd8 (21...Qd6!?) 22.Rfd1 b5 23.a4! b4 24.Rac1 Qd6!? 25.Qf4 (25.Bxc4? Ng4 26.g3 Bh6) 25...Nd3 (25...Rc8 26.Bxc4 Nxc4 27.Rxc4 Qxf4 28.Rxf4 a5 29.b3!+-) 26.Qxd6+ Rxd6 27.Bxd3 cxd3 28.Rc8+ Ke7 29.Rc7+ Kd8 (29...Rd7? 30.Rxd7+ Kxd7 31.b3+-; 29...Ke8) 30.Rxf7+- 20 Sosonko,G-Jakobsen,O/Barcelona (zt) 1975/Inf;

B2b43) 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Bxe5 Bxe5

B2b431) 20.Qb3?!⩱ Kg7 (20...Rd8 21.Rad1 b5 22.Kh1 Bd4 23.Qa3 Qxd5 24.Qxa6 Ra8 25.Qxb5 Rxa2 26.h3± Curtin,E-Quinteros,M/Providence, RI USA 1984) 21.Rae1 f6 22.Kh1 b5 23.Qf3 Qd6 24.Re2 Rd8 25.Rd1 h5 26.Re4 c4 27.Qe2 Rc8 28.h3 Rc5 17 ½-½ Shereshevski,M-Savon,V/Minsk 1974/Inf;

B2b432) 20.Qf3! Bxb2 (20...Kg7 21.d6!±) 21.Rae1±;

B2b5) Soon after Boleslavsky and I were analyzing the game Shereshevski,M-Savon,V for Informant and I had found

(Diagram)

17...c4! , but according to my teacher's advise didn't go public, and very soon I cought my opponents in two games. Now it is impossible because of the Internet!

B2b51) Δ18.Bxe5?! Nxe5 19.Kh1 Qc5 20.Ba4 Rd8⩱;

B2b52) 18.Bxd7?! Qc5+! 19.Kh1 Rxd5

B2b521) 20.Be3 Qd6!;

B2b522) 20.Bd2 Qd6 (Δ20...Rxd7?? 21.Bb4!);

B2b523) 20.Be6?! Rxd1 21.Raxd1 Kg8 22.Bd6 Qh5 23.Rxf7 Kh8 24.Rdf1 Qe2 25.Bh3 Rd8 26.Bb4 Rd1-+ Maenner,M-Arnold,L/Schonach 1979;

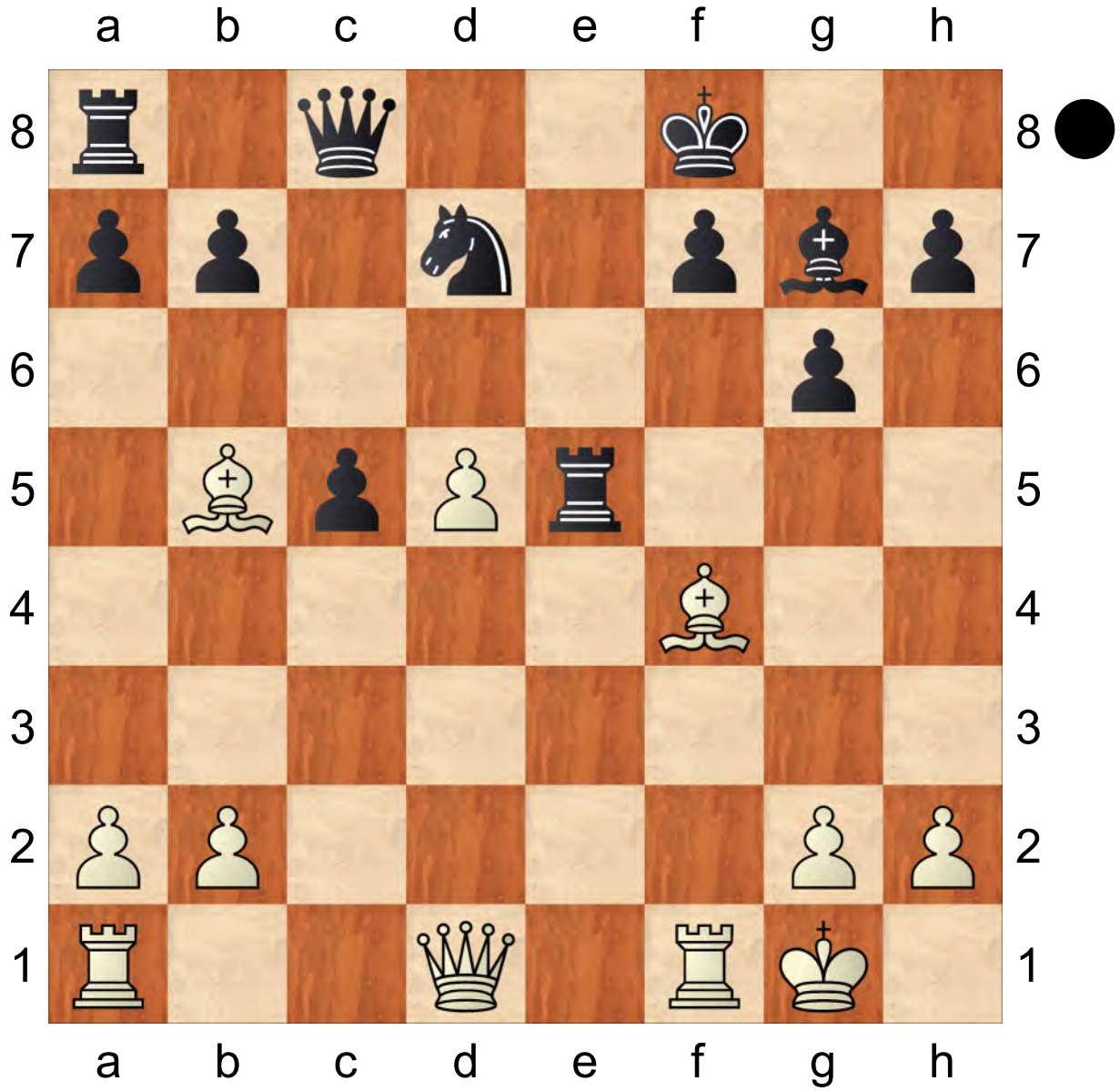
B2b524) 20.Qg4 f5

B2b5241) 21.Be6 fxg4 22.Bd6+ Ke8 23.Bxc5 Rxc5 24.Rae1 Re5 25.Rxe5 Bxe5 26.Re1 Rd8!∓ (26...Bxb2! Nunn,J);

B2b5242) 21.Qh3 Rxd7 22.Qxh7 Kf7 23.Bh6 (23.Rad1 Rad8 24.Rxd7+ Rxd7 25.h4 Qe7 26.Bg5 Qe2 27.Rf3 Qe5 28.Rf1 Qe2 29.Rf3 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Qe5+!∓ Yuferov,S-Kapengut,A/Minsk Sokol 1975/ [Shakhmaty v SSSR 76/7-14]) 23...Rg8 (23...Qf8?! 24.g4!∓ Davies,N-Nunn,J/London 1976) 24.Rae1 Re7 25.Rd1 Qe5 26.Bf4 Shofman,M-Kapengut,A/Jaroslavl VDFSO-ch 1975 Qf6! 27.Qh3 (27.Rd6 Rh8!) 27...Rge8∓;

B2b53) 18.Qd4□ This wonderful move of Kasparov's coach has restored the balance, but leads merely to a draw.

B2b531) 18...Re2? 19.Bd6+ (19.Qxc4 Qxc4 20.Bxc4 Rxb2 21.Rad1±) 19...Kg8 20.Qg4 Rxb2 (20...Qe8 21.Bxd7 Qe3+ 22.Kh1 Bxb2 23.Bf4 Qe4 24.Rad1+- Tikkanen,H-Olsson,L/Skara



2002) 21.Bxd7 Qd8 22.Bc5 h5 23.Qh3 Qc7 24.Be3 Rf8 25.Rad1+- Szabo,B-Orosz,P/cr 1981;

B2b532) 18...Rh5 19.Qxc4 *(19.Bd6+ Kg8 20.Qf4 Rf5 21.Qxc4 Nb6 22.Qxc8+ Nxc8 23.Bb4 Rxd5 24.Bc4 Rf5=)* 19...Qxc4 *(19...Nb6?! 20.Qb4+ Kg8 21.Rac1 Qf8 22.Qb3 Rxd5 23.Be3 Qd6 24.Kh1* Astolfi-Kovacevic,Si/Cannes op 1989 *Rd8=)* 20.Bxc4 Nb6 21.g4 Rh4 22.Bd6+ Kg8 23.Be2 Nxd5 24.Bg3 Rh3 25.Kg2 *(25.Bf3 Ne3 26.Rf2 Bd4∓)* 25...Rh6⇄;

B2b533) 18...Rf5! 19.Qxc4 *(19.Bh6? Bxh6 20.Bxd7 Bg7! 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Bxc8 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Rxc8∓* Legky,N-Shvedtchikov,A/USSR 1978 *)*

B2b5331) 19...Nb6?! 20.Qxc8+ *(20.Qb4+?! Kg8 21.Rac1 Qd8 22.Bc7 Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Qg5 24.Rd1 Nxd5 25.Qxb7 Nxc7*

26.Qxc7 Be5⇄ Molzahn,N-Goldberg,A/DDR-Cup8 sf01 corr 1983 *)* 20...Rxc8 21.Bd6+ Kg8 22.Rxf5 gxf5 23.Rd1 Rd8 24.Bc5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxa7 Bxb2 27.a4! *(27.Bc4 Nb4 28.Bc5 Ba3 29.Kf1 Kg7 30.Ke2±* Schebler,G-Telljohann,S/Dortmund op-A 1992*)* 27...Kg7 28.Bd7 Kg6 29.Bc8 b6 30.Bb7 Bd4+ 31.Kf1 Ne3+ 32.Ke2 Ng4 33.a5!**±** Ushanev,MM-Riemer,Wolfgang/W-ch H579 corr 1985;

B2b5332) 19...Qxc4 20.Bxc4

B2b53321) 20...Nb6?! 21.g4! *(21.Bb3 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Bxb2 23.Rad1 Kg7 24.Be3 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Be5 26.d6 f5 27.Bxb6 axb6 28.d7=* Delrieu-Teboul,R/FRA corr 1993*)* 21...Bd4+ 22.Kg2 Rf6 23.Rad1 Bxb2 24.Bb3 Rd8 25.Rf2**±**;

B2b53322) 20...Kg8 21.g4 Bd4+ 22.Kg2 Rf6 23.Rae1 Nb6 24.Bb3 Rd8 25.Be5 Rxf1 26.Kxf1 Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Kf8= Krysiak,J-Kyciak,B/Warsaw-ch corr 1993;

B2b53323) 20...Bxb2!?

B2b533231) 21.Rad1 Be5 *(21...Kg7 22.g4 Rf6 23.g5 Rf5 24.d6 Be5 25.Be3 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 f5 27.gxf6+ Bxf6 28.Bd5 Re8 29.Bxa7 b6 30.Rd1 Re5 31.a4±* Beecham,C-Hislop,A/corr 1982*; 21...Ne5 22.Bh6+ Ke7 23.Rxf5 gxf5 24.d6+* ½-½ Shakarov,A-Shmulenson,G/corr 1976. *)* 22.Bh6+ Bg7 23.Rxf5 gxf5 ½-½ Pripis,F-Kapengut,A/Daugavpils VDFSO-ch 1983;

B2b533232) 21.Rab1!? Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Kg7 *(22...Rc8 23.g4! Rxf4 24.Rxf4 Rxc4 25.Rd1 Rc2 26.Rfxd4 Rxa2±)* 23.g4 Rf6 24.Rxb7 Ne5 *(24...Nb6 25.g5 Rf5 26.Bd3 Rxd5 27.Be4 Rdd8 28.Bg3±)* 25.Bh6+! Kxh6 26.Rxf6 Nxc4 27.Rfxf7 Nd6 *(27...Kg5? 28.h4+! Kxh4 29.Rf4+-* Barreras Garcia,A-Corzo,A/Sagua la Grande 1990 *)* 28.Rxh7+ Kg5 29.Rb4 Bc5 30.h4+ Kf6=]

14.e6!

[14.Bb5?!

A) 14...c4!?;

B) 14...Bxe5 15.0-0

B1) 15...a6?! 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.Qf3 f5 18.Bh6+ Kg8 19.Bd3 c4 20.Bxf5! Qc5+ 21.Kh1 gxf5 *(21...Rxf5? 22.Qc3 Re5 23.Rf8+!+-)* 22.Qg3+ Kf7 23.Qg7+ Ke8 24.Qh8+ Kf7 25.Qxh7+ Ke8 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Bf8+ Nxf8 28.Qxe5+ Kd8 29.Rae1 Nfd7 30.Qe6 Kc7 31.Rxf5 Qd6 32.Qe4 Nb6 33.Qd4+- Schoepper,O-Sondermann,J/Muenster op 1988;

B2) 15...c4!? 16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.Ng5 *(17.Nxe5 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Rxe5∓)* 17...Nf6 18.Rxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxh7+ Kg7 20.Nxf6 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Kxf6 22.b4 Qf2-+ PerryY-mercure/chess.net INT 1999;

C) 14...a6

C1) 15.Ba4?! b5 16.Bc2 Nxe5 17.0-0 Nxf3+ *(17...Nbd7!? 18.d6 c4∓)* 18.Qxf3 Ra7 19.Bf4 Kg8 20.Rad1 Bxb2 21.Bh6 Be5∓ Schoepper,O-Crisan,A/Dortmund op 1989;

C2) 15.Qa4?! Nb6 16.Qa5 N8d7 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.Be3 Bxe5 19.0-0 Bxb2 20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Rad1 Re2∓ Lynch,J-Long,J/IECG 1997;

C3) 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.e6!? fxe6 17.0-0 Kg8∓ Nunn,J 18.Kh1 exd5 19.Qxd5+ Kh8 20.Ng5 Ne5 21.Be3 *(21.Bf4 Qd7 22.Qxc5 Nd3∓)* 21...Qc6 22.Qxc6 Nxc6 23.Bxc5 Kg8 24.h4 *(24.Rae1 Bxb2 25.Ne4 Re6∓)* 24...h6 25.Nh3 Re2∓ Garcia,N-Danailov,S/Alcobendas op 1994]

14...fxe6 15.dxe6! A very simple solution, but in my view, the most logical. The attacking potential of White creates serious difficulties for Black.

[15.d6?! Kg8 16.Bc4 Nc6 17.0-0 Nb6 18.Bb3 Nd4 19.Ng5 Qc6 20.Qg4 Nxb3 21.axb3 Qxd6 22.Bf4 Qd7!∓ 23.Be3 Bd4 24.Rae1 Re7 25.Kh1 e5-+ Vukovic,S-Petrosian,T/Bar 1980]

[15.Be2 exd5 *(15...Nf6!? 16.d6!⩱)* 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Ng5!

A) 17...Kg8? 18.Rxf6! Bxf6 19.Qxd5+ Kh8 *(19...Kg7 20.Qf7+ Kh8 21.Qxh7#)* 20.Nf7+ Kg7 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Nd6+ Qe6 23.Qxe6+ Rxe6 24.Bc4+- Hardicsay,P;

B) 17...Qc6!

B1) 18.Bb5!? Qxb5 19.Nxh7+ Kg8 *(19...Ke7 20.Bg5 Nbd7 21.Qxd5+-)* 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Qxd5+ *(21.Rxf6 Kg7 22.Rxg6+! Kxg6 23.Qg4+ Kf7 24.Qf5+ Ke7 25.Qxd5 Kf6 26.Bh6+-)* 21...Kg7 22.Bg5 *(22.Rxf6? Re1+!)* 22...Nd7 23.Rxf6 Nxf6 24.Bxf6+ Kxf6 25.Rf1+ Kg7 *(25...Qxf1+±)* 26.Qf7+= Hardicsay,P;

B2) 18.a4!? c4□ 19.Nxh7+ Kg8

B2a) 20.Rxf6 Bxf6 21.Nxf6+ *(21.Qxd5+? Kxh7!-+)* 21...Qxf6 22.Qxd5+ Qf7 23.Qxf7+ *(23.Bxc4?? Re1+)* 23...Kxf7 24.Bxc4+ Kg7 25.Bg5⩲;

B2b) 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6! Qxf6 22.Qxd5+ Qf7 23.Qxf7+ *(23.Bxc4?? Re1+)* 23...Kxf7 24.Bxc4+ Kg7 25.b4 Nc6 26.Bb2+ Kh6! 27.Ra3 Rad8 *(27...Nxb4? 28.Bf6 Kh5 29.Rh3+ Kg4 30.Bf7±)* 28.Bf6 Rd1+ 29.Kf2 Rd2+ 30.Kf1 28 ½-½ Sobek,J-Hardicsay,P/Ostrava 1979/Inf]

15...Rxe6+

[Here I would recommend instead 15...Nb6 Kortschnoj 16.Be2 Qxe6 17.Ng5 looks much stronger. *(17.0-0 Kortschnoj Kg8* with chances to survive.*)* More stubborn is 17...Qf5!? *(17...Qe7? Kortschnoj 18.0-0+* - check! black is losing. *)* 18.Rf1 Nc6 19.Rxf5+ gxf5 white's task to neutralize the activity of the black pieces is not easy!]

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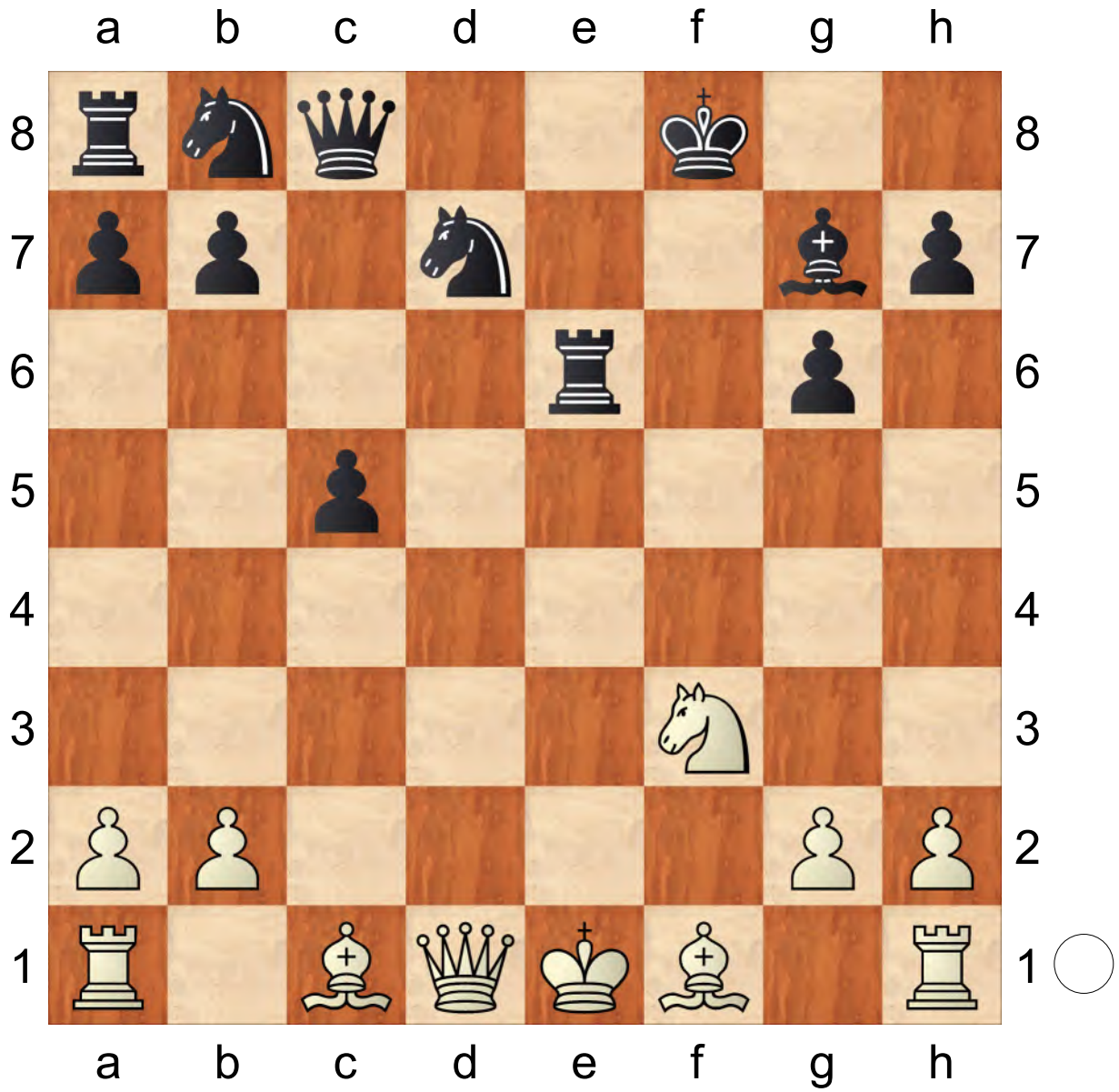


16.Be2 Qe8?!N I think, this is an unlucky novelty.

[16...Bf6?! 17.0-0 Kg7 18.Bc4 Re7 19.Qd2 Nc6 20.Qh6+ Kh8 21.Bg5 Qf8 22.Qh3→]

[In my opinion, Black needs to hide rapidly the king into a safe place. 16...Kg8 17.0-0

A) 17...c4 18.Ng5 Qc5+ *(18...Re5 19.Kh1 Nf6 20.b3!±)* 19.Kh1 Re7 20.Rf4±;

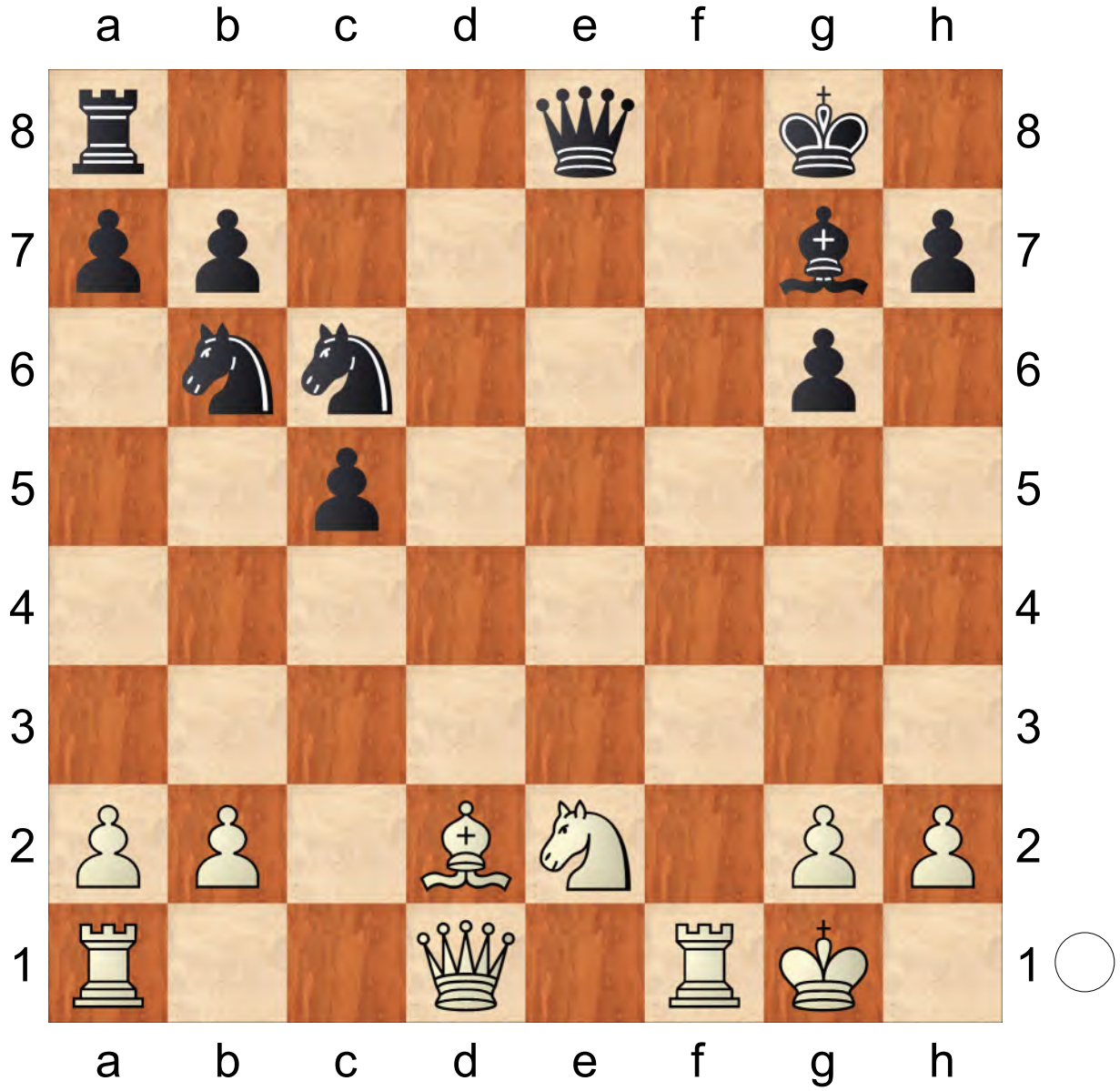
B) 17...Nb6 18.a4 The maximum that Black can obtain, this is a shade worse ending after:

B1) 18...c4 19.a5 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 N6d7 *(20...Nd5 21.Ra4 b5 22.axb6 Nxb6 23.Ng5* -20...♘6d7) 21.Ra4 b5 22.axb6 Nxb6 23.Ng5 Kapengut: '-20...♘6d7' Rd6 24.Qc2 Nc6 *(24...Rc6 25.b3 c3 26.Rh4→)* 25.Rxc4! Qd5 *(Δ25...Nxc4? 26.Bxc4+ Rd5 27.Qe4+-)* 26.Rc5 Nd4 27.Rxd5 Rxd5

28.Qe4 Rc8 29.Bc4 1-0 Bozinovic-Fend/1991;
B2) 18...Qe8 19.Qb3 Kh8 20.Bb5 c4 21.Bxe8 cxb3 22.Bf7 Rc6 23.Bxb3±]

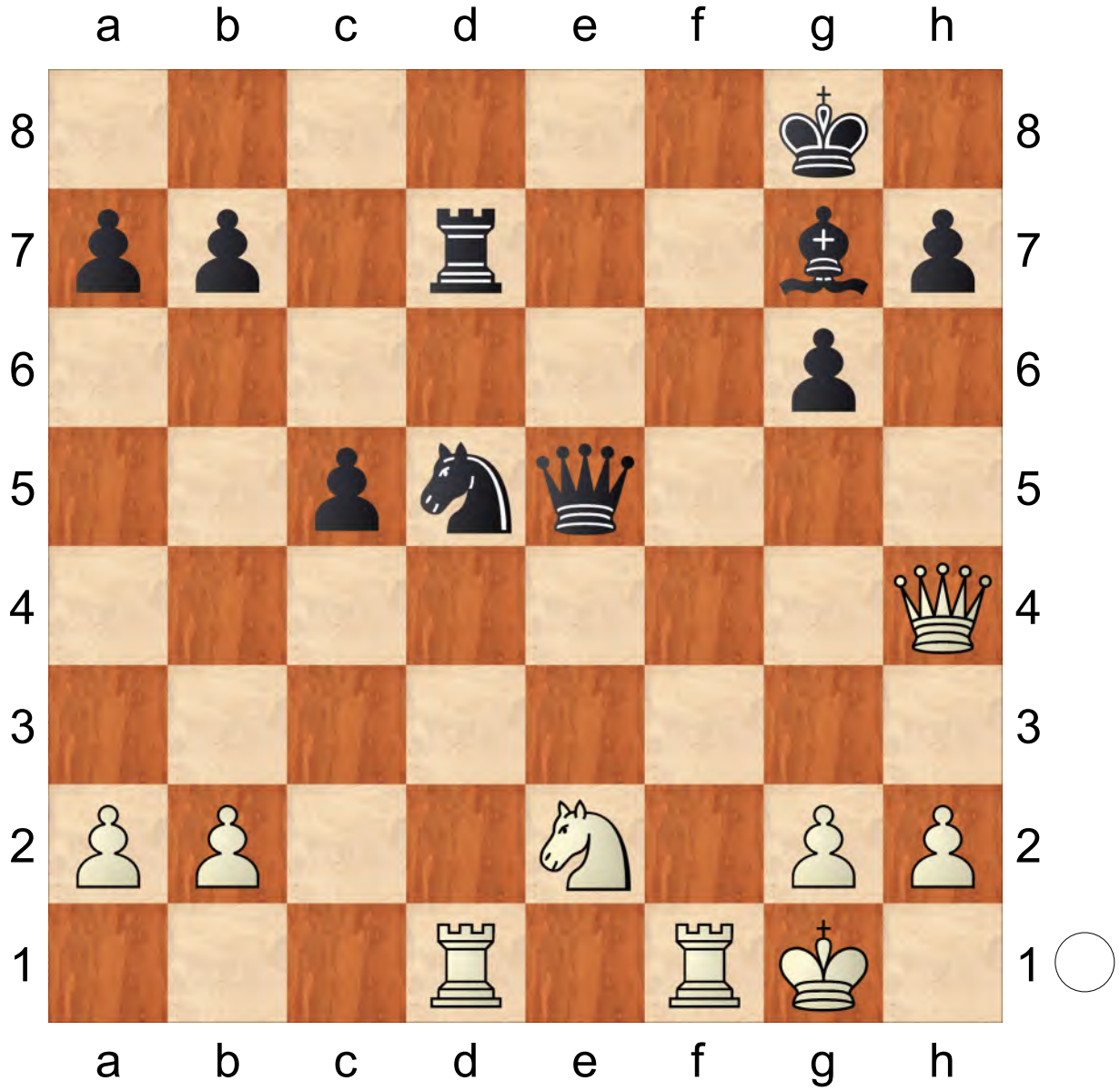
17.0-0 Rxe2 Kortschnoj: 'It looks already as the best practical chance.'
[After 17...Nf6 Kortschnoj 18.Bc4 Re4 19.Bd5 black is losing an exchange anyway.]

18.Nd4+ Kg8 19.Nxe2± Nc6 20.Bd2 Nb6



21.Bc3 Rd8 22.Qe1 Ne5?!
[Black misses the last possibility to attempt to rescue after: 22...Nd4 23.Bxd4 *(23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Ba5 Qxe1 25.Raxe1 Bh6±)* 23...cxd4 24.Nf4 Qe3+ 25.Kh1 Rf8!? *(25...Qxe1?! 26.Raxe1 Bh6 27.Ne6±)* 26.Rf3 Qxe1+ 27.Rxe1 g5 28.Ne6 Rxf3 29.gxf3 Bf6 but also in this case Black gets the poor ending. 30.Nxg5! Bxg5 31.Rg1±]

23.Qh4 Nd5
[23...Na4?! 24.Rad1! Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Nf7 *(25...Nxc3? 26.Rd8 Nxe2+ 27.Kf1+-)* 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Rf1+-]
24.Rad1± White has not only the material advantage, but also a strong initiative.
24...Rd7 25.Bxe5 Qxe5
[25...Bxe5? 26.Qc4+-]



26.Nc3 Nf6
[26...Qe3+ 27.Kh1 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Qxc3 29.Qa4 Rd8 30.Rxd5!+-]
27.Rxd7 Nxd7 28.Qd8+ Nf8 29.Nd5+- Qd4+ 30.Kh1 h5

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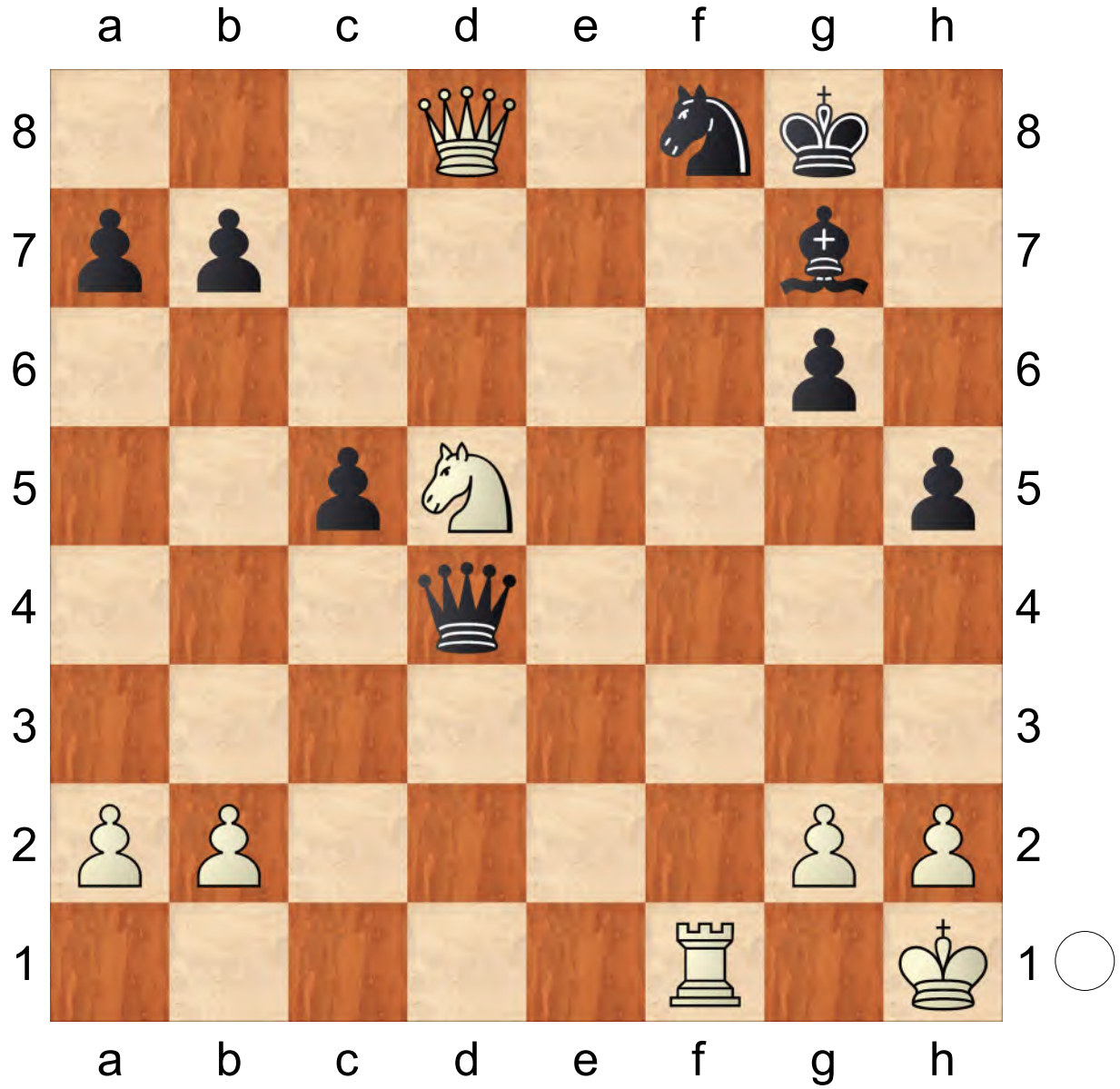

31.Nf6+ Kh8 32.Nd7! Qc4 33.Rxf8+ Kh7 34.h4 Bxf8 35.Nxf8+ Kg8

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36.Nd7+ Kh7 37.Qe7+

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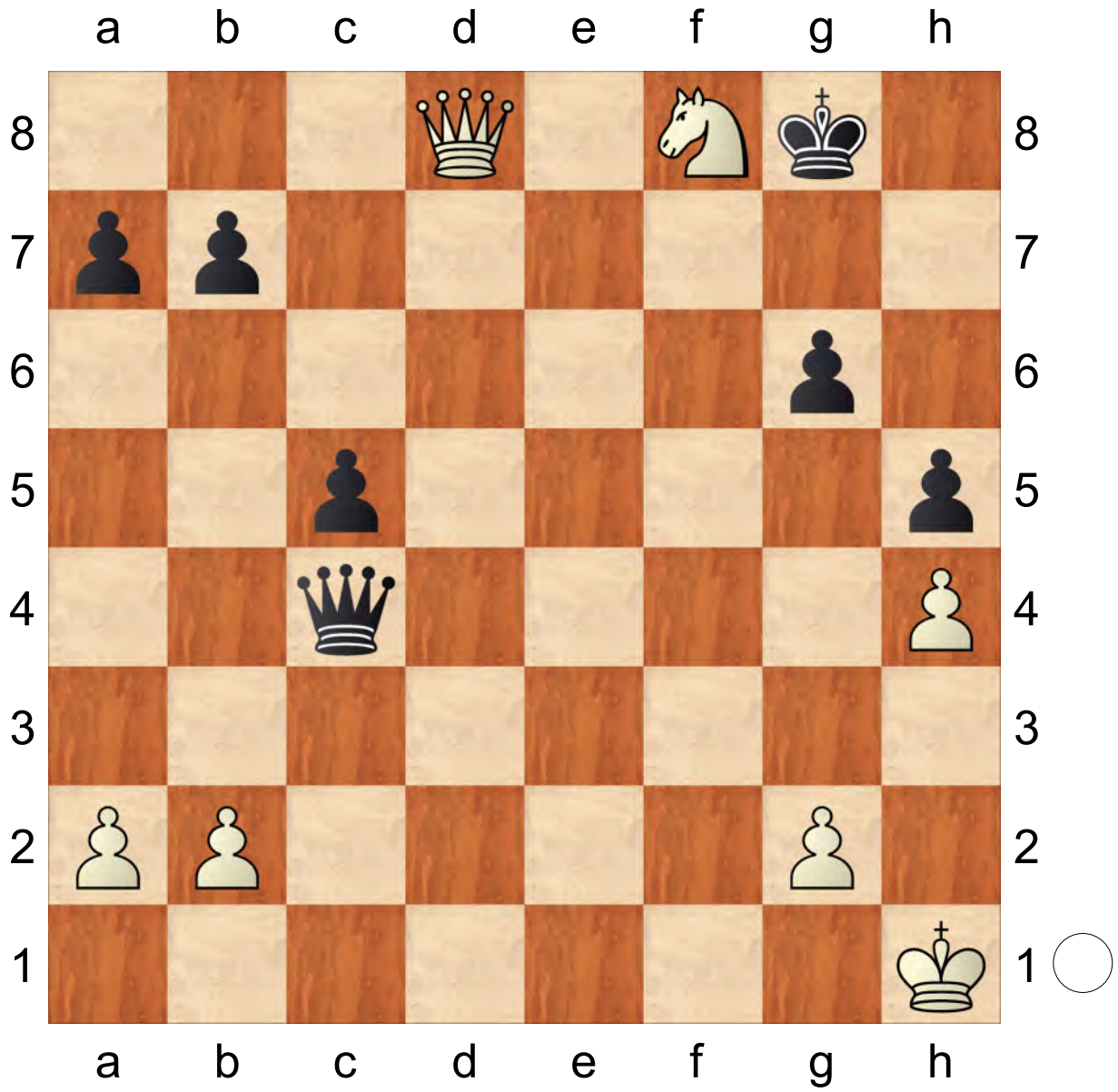
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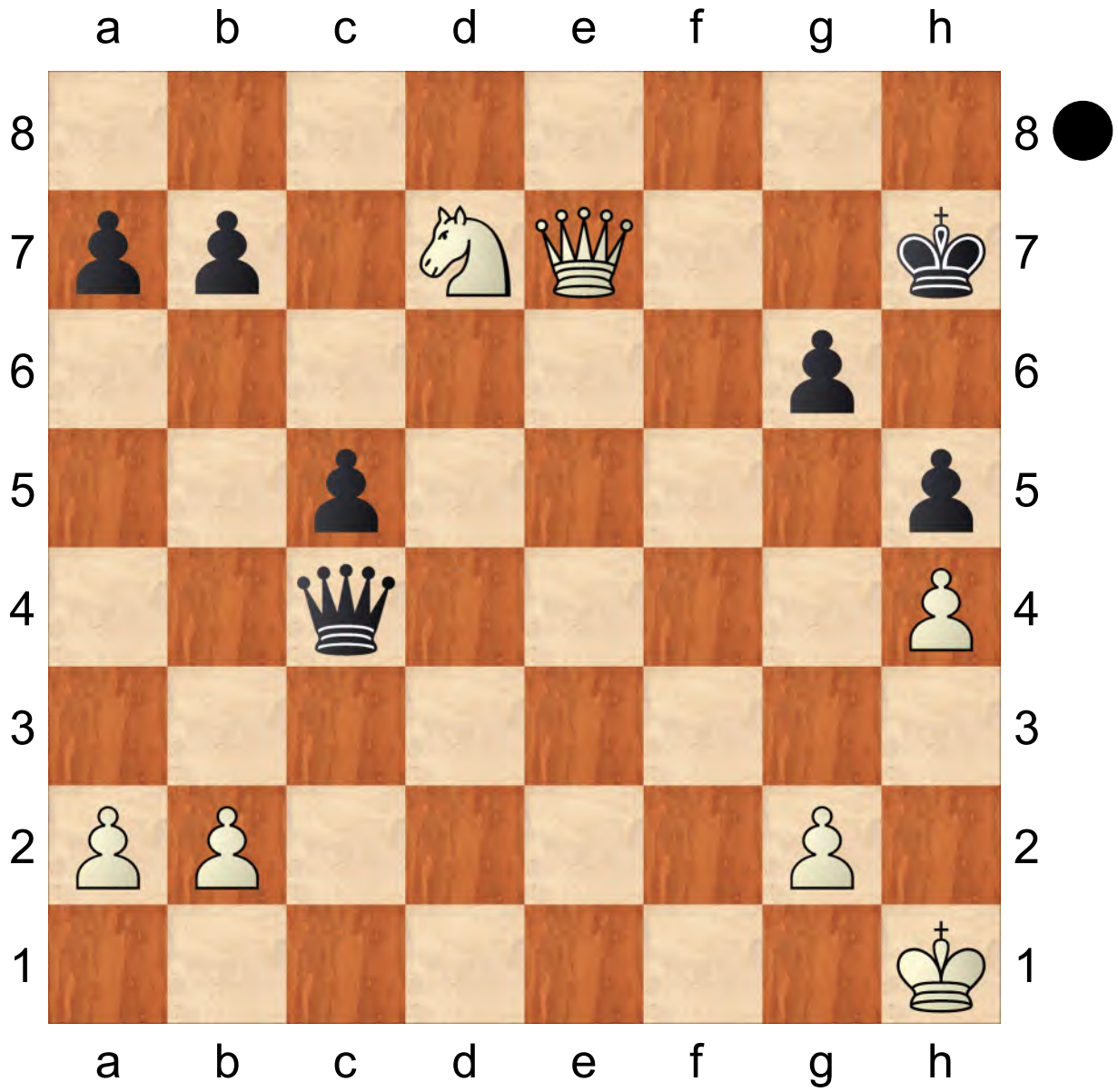
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□ **Studer,Noel** **2493**
■ **Leko,Peter** **2678**
Biel GM 50th (1) 24.07.2017
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Vigorito,D **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6**
[Our move order would be 2...g6 Vigorito,D 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.d5 *(5.dxc5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Qxc5 7.Qa4* can now be met with *Ng4!* as we have seen before, most recently in Martinovic,S (2539)-Jones,G (2688) Batumi 2019*)* 5...d6 *(or 5...0-0 6.Nc3; 5...b5!?)* 6.Nc3 preventing ...b5 0-0 7.Nf3 e6]
3.g3 c5 Leko is in a fighting mood.
[Throughout his career he has played many Catalans with Black against the strongest opposition, mostly the solid lines such as 3...d5 4.Nf3 Be7 *(, or 4...Bb4+)*]
4.d5 Nowadays many young players are influenced by Avrukh's excellent repertoire books; Studer is also willing to follow the Isreali GM's recommendations.
[4.Nf3 was featured in Leko's practice more than a decade ago: cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bc5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.Nc3 b6 10.Bf4 0-0 11.0-0 Bb7 12.e4 *(12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Ba6 14.Nb5 d5 15.Rac1 dxc4 16.Bxc6 Bxb5 17.Qxd8 Rfxd8 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Bxb5 cxb3 20.axb3 Nd5 21.Bd2 h6 22.Kg2 Bb4 23.Bxb4 Nxb4=* Aronian,L (2744)-Leko,P (2749) Monte Carlo blindfold rpd 2007*)* 12...d6 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Nb5 Qb8 15.Rad1 Aronian,L (2744)-Leko,P (2749) Morelia/Linares 2007 Ne5⇄ For more details about this line see the notes in CBM 117 by Marin.]
4...exd5 5.cxd5 d6
[Three years ago in CBM 163 I wrote an article about the aggressive sortie 5...b5 , concluding that it is very dangerous for Black. Meanwhile practice in this branch has been meagre, but the resulting complex positions mostly confirm my verdict: Avrukh prefers the even more direct
A) 6.Nf3 A more principled move is
A1) 6...d6 7.e4 a6 8.a4
A1a) 8...Nxe4 9.Qe2! Qe7 *(9...Ra7 10.Ng5 Re7 11.Nxe4 f5 12.Bg2 fxe4 13.axb5 Qb6 14.Bg5 Rf7 15.Ra4 Qxb5 16.Rxe4+ Kd7 17.Rc4 Kc7 18.Nc3 Qb3 19.0-0⇗ →,* Sos Andreu,E (2369)-Farran Martos,F (2429) Amposta 2016*; 9...f5 10.Ng5↑)* 10.Ra3!;
A1b) 8...b4 9.Nfd2 *(*A novelty, but the older moves *9.Bd3* and*; 9.Nbd2* are promising as well.*)* 9...h5 10.h4 Nbd7 11.Nc4 a5 12.Bf4 Nb6 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Be7 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Re1 f6 18.Nc4 Qc7 19.Qf3 Kg8 20.e5 fxe5 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bh3 23.Qe4 Bf8 24.Bf4± Sevian,S (2633)-Martirosyan,H (2544) Saint Louis 2017;

A2) 6...Bb7

A2a) 7.Bg2 Bxd5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 Bc6 10.e4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Qe2 d5 13.Ne5 Bxg2 *(13...a6 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.Qxe4 Ra7 17.a4 b4 18.Be3 0-0* Zubritskiy,A (2396)-Alekseenko,K (2512) St Petersburg 2015 *19.Rac1⩲)* 14.Qxb5+ Nd7 15.Kxg2 Rb8 16.Qa4 Rb4∓;

A2b) 7.e4! Nxe4 8.Bg2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 f5!? *(* Black can avoid *10...Nd6 11.Bf4* , which we analyse below *)* 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3⩱

A2b1) 12...Bf6 13.Rb1 a6 14.Bf4 Bxc3 15.Re3 Bf6 16.Bd6 Re8 17.Rbb3 *(17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bxc5* or*; 17.Ne5!?* are also promising.*)* 17...Rxe3 18.Rxe3 a5 19.Qe2 *(* Black can hardly move after *19.Ne5!?→* **Δ** *Ra6 20.Nf7! Kxf7 21.Qh5+ g6 22.Qxh7+ Bg7 23.Re7++-)* 19...Na6 20.Qxb5 Bxd5 21.Ne5 Be6 Loetscher,R (2435)-Vykouk,J (2434) Prague 2016 22.Qb7+- *(22.Qxd7!?+-)*;

A2b2) ⍝12...d6 has so far been played only in email games. Although the results were not so bad, White should still retain pressure after 13.Bf4 Na6 14.Qe2 Bf6 *(14...Rf7 15.Qxb5 Rb8 16.Qd3 h6 17.Rab1 Bc8 18.Rb3 Rb6* Winkler,T (2514)-Haraldsson,H (2386) email 2013 *19.h4↑)* 15.Qxb5 Rb8 16.Qd3 Bc8 17.Rab1 *(17.h4!?⩲)* 17...Rxb1 18.Rxb1 g5 19.Be3 Qe7 20.Bd2 h6 21.h4 Qg7 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Re1 Nc7 24.c4 Na8 25.a4 Nc7 26.Qe3 Rf7 27.Nxg5 Re7 28.Ne6 Nxe6 29.dxe6 Bxe6 30.Qd3 Be5 31.Bd5 Bxd5 32.Qxd5+ Qf7 33.Qd3⩲ ½, Wittal,W (2330)-Schulz,J (2393) email 2014 Even the final position favours White.;

B) 6.e4 Nxe4 7.Bg2!

B1) 7...Qa5+ 8.Nd2 Nd6 9.Ngf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 *(11.Nb3 Qb6 12.Re1 Bf6 13.Ne5 Na6 14.Bf4 c4 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.Ng4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nf5∓* Simek,P (2380)-Oral,T (2503) Czech Republic 2017*)* 11...Bf6 12.a4 Na6 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.Rxe5 Bb7 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.axb5 Nxb5 17.Na5 Rae8 18.Nc4 Qd8 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Ra5 Nd4 21.Be3⩲ Avrukh;

B2) 7...Nd6 8.Nf3

B2a) 8...Qe7+ 9.Be3 Nc4 10.0-0 Nxe3 11.fxe3 d6 12.e4

B2a1) 12...Nd7 13.e5!? *(*Also Tomashevsky's *13.Nc3 Rb8 14.a4 bxa4 15.e5!* is dangerous, after *dxe5* White apart from 16.♗h3 has the straightforward *16.Ne4! f5 17.d6→ Qe6 18.Bh3 Nb6 19.Nh4±* **Δ** *g6 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Qh5+ Kd8 22.Qg5++-)* 13...dxe5 14.Nc3! *(14.d6 Qxd6 15.Qxd6 Bxd6 16.Ng5 f6 17.Bxa8 fxg5 18.Nc3 Ke7 19.Bg2* Fordham Hall,C (2354)-Van Damme,L (2226) email 2013 *c4!?∞)* 14...Rb8 15.Ne4→ Avrukh;

B2a2) 12...f6 13.e5! fxe5 14.Nc3 a6 15.a4 g6 16.axb5 Bh6 17.Nd2 Bf5 18.Nc4 0-0 19.b6+- Avrukh-Soffer, Givatayim rpd 2013.;

B2a3) 12...g6!? 13.e5 Bg7 14.exd6 Qe3+ 15.Kh1 0-0 16.Nc3 a6 *(16...Bg4!? 17.Nxb5 Nd7⩲ /∞)* 17.Re1 Qh6 18.a4 *(18.Ne5!↑)* 18...b4

19.Ne4 Nd7 20.Rc1?! *(⌓20.Qc2)* 20...Bxb2 21.Rc4 Qg7 *(21...Re8!?)* 22.Neg5 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.Rxc5? *(24.Ne6! fxe6 25.dxe6 Bxe6 26.Rxc5 Bxd6 27.Qxd6 Rae8 28.Rce5 Bf7=)* 24...Bxd6∓ Korchmar,V (2405)-Eliseev,U (2548) Khanty-Mansiysk 2015;

B2b) 8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bf4 Na6 *(10...Nc4 11.Nc3 d6 12.Nxb5 a6 13.Nc3 Bf5 14.Re1 Bf6 15.Qe2 Na3* Koneru,H (2600)-Dzagnidze,N (2516) Mardin 2011 *16.Ne4! Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Δ Bxb2? 18.Ng5 g6 19.Ne6! fxe6 20.dxe6 Ra7 21.Rad1* Avrukh *Rxf4 22.Qxf4 Bd4 23.Rd3 Nb5 24.a4!+-)* 11.Nc3 Nc7 12.Re1 The most recent game went

B2b1) 12...Bb7 13.Ne5!⩱ Rc8 14.a4 a6 *(14...b4 15.Nb5 Ncxb5 16.axb5)* 15.axb5 Ncxb5 16.Nxb5 axb5 17.Ra7 Bg5 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Rxb7!? *(19.Nxd7 Rfd8 20.h4 Qf5 21.Re7 Rxd7 22.g4 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Rxe7 24.Bf3±* Podvoysky,E (2199)-Fritz,M (2336) email 2012*)* 19...Nxb7 20.d6 Diez Gonzalez,P (2348)-Polak,V (2411) email 2012 Na5 21.Nxd7 Rfe8 22.Nb6 Rcd8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.d7↑;

B2b2) 12...Ba6N 13.Qc2 *(13.a3⩱; 13.Rc1!?)* 13...Nce8 *(13...Rc8!?)* 14.Qe2 Bf6 15.a4 Qb6 *(15...b4 16.Qxa6 bxc3 17.bxc3!±*) 16.axb5 Bxb5 17.Qc2 a6 18.Ng5 *(18.Ne5⩱ /±*) 18...g6 19.h4 Rc8 20.Bh3 Bg7 21.h5 Nf6 22.hxg6 *(22.h6!? Bxh6 23.Nge4∞)* 22...hxg6 23.Nf3 Rce8 24.Ne5 Nc4 25.Nxb5 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 axb5 27.d6 c4 28.Rad1 Qc5∓ Oliva Castaneda,K (2509)-Bruzon Batista,L (2649) Villa Clara 2017 Although Black went on to win, even here White's compensation seems obvious, so the whole line is definitely for adventurous types.]

(Diagram)

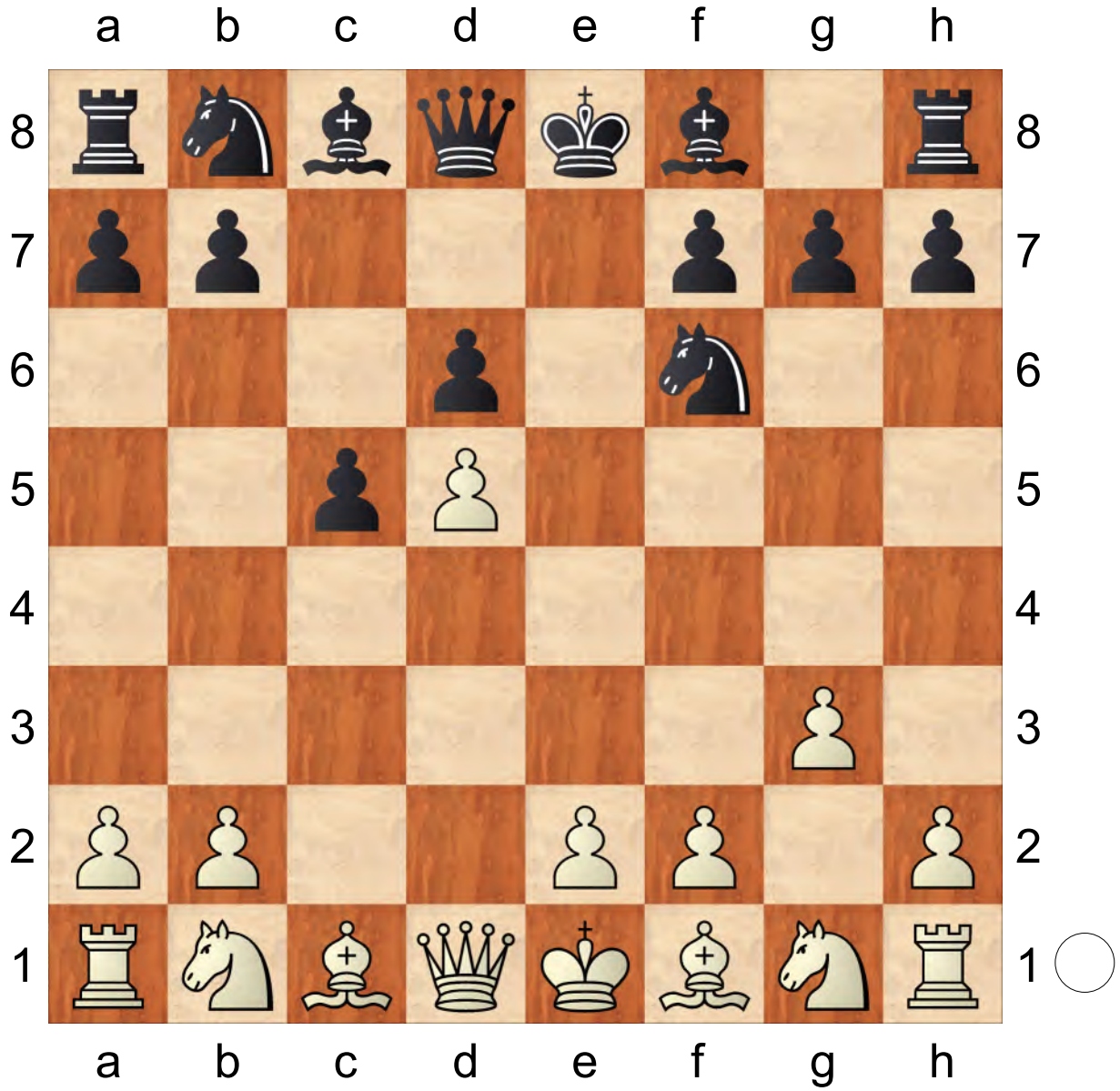
Playing sharp lines doesn't mean one has to go for excessive risks. **6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8**

[9...a6 Vigorito,D 10.a4 Nbd7 is another branch.]

10.Bf4 Nowadays this is the most topical continuation, also recommended by Avrukh in the second edition of his book.

[Vigorito,D: 'In Avrukh's first classic book, he gave' 10.Nd2 Vigorito,D: 'but interest has died down here because of the line' Nbd7 11.a4 a6 12.h3 Rb8 13.Nc4 is the older main line, which has gone out of fashion: Ne5 14.Na3 Nh5 15.e4 Bd7 Vigorito,D: '!' *(15...Rf8* (Vigorito,D) is an old classic: Korchnoi,V (2635)-Kasparov,G (2675) Luzern 1982*)* 16.a5 *(16.g4* Vigorito,D *b5!; 16.f4* Vigorito,D *Nxg3! 17.fxe5 Bxe5)*

A) Even Vigorito,D: 'the older' 16...Qxa5 Vigorito,D: 'is ok too I think, but very complicated' 17.g4 Nf6 18.f4 Nexg4 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.f5 h5 *(20...Ne5!? 21.f6 Bh8* has also been tested*)* 21.Bg5 Qb4 22.f6 Bh8 23.Qd2 Qd4+ 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Ne2 Re5 26.Bf4 Bxf6 27.Nc4 *(27.Nxd4 Ree8 28.Rad1 Rbc8 29.b3 Ne5 30.Bxe5 Bxe5 31.Nc4 Bg4 32.Bf3 Bh3 33.Bg2 Bg4*



½, Schild,R (2077)-Galje,H (2058) email 2014*)* 27...Bb5 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.b3 Bg5 30.Nc1 Ne3∞ Kozlov,A (2228)-Dushkin,D email 2012 might be playable, but this complex branch is better suited for postal games.;

B) A simpler way is 16...b5!? Vigorito,D: '!' Vigorito,D: 'simplest' , Black has very good compensation after 17.axb6 Bb5! 18.Naxb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Qxb6 Vigorito,D: '⩱' Vigorito,D: 'and Black is scoring well here.' 20.Na3 Qb3 21.g4 *(21.Qxb3 Rxb3 22.Nc2 Nd3 23.Ra6 Be5 24.Na1 Nxc1 25.Nxb3 Nxb3 26.f4 Bd4+ 27.Kh2 Rd8 28.Rf3 c4 29.Ra4 Bxb2 30.Rxc4 Nd2-+* Wukits,R (2321)-Brunello,S (2545) Vienna 2015*)* 21...Nf6⩱ Ponomariov,R (2756)-Bacrot,E (2723) Elancourt 2013 For more details see the notes to this game by Marin in CBM 157.]

10...Ne4

[10...Na6 11.Re1

A) 11...Ne4 12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.Nd2 Rb4 *(13...Rxf4 14.gxf4 Bxb2 15.Rb1* is a sub-variation of 10... ♘e4, which is inferior for Black. *)* 14.e4!? *(14.a3 Rxf4 15.gxf4 Bxb2∞)* 14...Rxb2 15.Nc4 Rb4 16.Nxd6 g5 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Bxg5 Qf8 20.Rad1⩲ Rd4 21.Rxd4 Bxd4 1-0 (51) Arngrimsson,D (2385)-Medvegy,Z (2560) Budapest 2013 22.Be3!? Qg7 23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.Qd1↑ Avrukh;

B) 11...Bg4 White should probably prefer

B1) 12.Qb3

B1a) 12...Nh5 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Nd2 h6 15.Be3 Bf5? *(⌓15...Nc7±;* or *15...Rab8!?)* 16.Nc4 Nb4 17.Rac1 Rab8 18.a4 b6 19.Nb5 Bf8 20.Bd2 a6 21.Nbxd6! Grischuk,A (2736)-Gashimov,V (2759) Linares 2010 **Δ** Bxd6 22.e4 Bg4 23.h3**±** For details see the notes to this game in CBM 135 by Marin.;

B1b) ⌓12...b5! 13.Nxb5 *(13.Qxb5 Nb4=)* 13...Rb8 14.Qa4 Qd7 15.Qxa6 Rxb5

B1b1) 16.Qxd6 Qxd6 17.Bxd6 Ne4 18.Bc7 *(18.Be5!?=)* 18...Rxb2 19.d6 Bd7 20.Rab1 Grischuk,A (2756)-Gashimov,V (2740) Nice rpd 2010 Rxa2↑;

B1b2) 16.Nd2!? Rb6!? *(≤16...Rxb2 17.Rab1 Rxb1 18.Nxb1±* Airapetian,G (2460)-Manukyan,S (2272) Olginka 2011*)* 17.Qd3 Rxb2 *(17...Nh5 18.Nc4 Nxf4 19.gxf4±)* 18.e4 *(18.f3 Bf5 19.e4 Bh3⇄)* 18...Nh5 19.Be3 f5 20.e5!? f4!? *(20...dxe5 21.Rab1⩲)* 21.gxf4 dxe5 22.d6**±** /**∞**;

B2) 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd7 14.Ne4! Ne5 15.Bg2 h6 *(15...Nc7 16.g4±)* 16.g4 b5 *(16...Nc7 17.g5 h5 18.Bg3 Nc4 19.b3 Rxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxg5 21.h4 Qe7 22.bxc4 Qxe4 23.Rc1 Rd8 24.Qd3±* Seliverstov,V (2449)-Ponkratov,P (2591) Moscow 2016*)* 17.Qc1 Kh7 18.g5 hxg5 19.Bxg5 f6 20.Bh4 Nc7 21.a4 b4 22.Qc2 Nf7 Andriulaitis,V (2538)-Enescu,C (2297) email 2008 23.Rad1 Qe7 24.Rd3!↑ Avrukh;

C) 11...Bf5

C1) 12.Nh4 Bd7 13.e4 c4!N 14.Qd2 Nc5 15.Bxd6 Nd3 16.Nf3? *(⌓16.Bf1!? Nxe1 17.Rxe1⩲ g5!? 18.Qxg5 Nxe4 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.Nxe4 f5 21.Bc7 Rc8 22.d6 Rxe4 23.Rxe4 fxe4 24.Bxc4+∞)* 16...Ng4 17.Re2 Qb6 18.Bf4 Qxb2 19.Qxb2 Nxb2 20.Rc1 Nd3 21.Rcc2 Nb4 22.Rc1 Bxc3 23.Rxc3 Nxd5 24.Rc1 Nxf4 25.gxf4 b5**∓** Navara,D (2737)-Morozevich,A (2675) Biel 2017;

C2) ⌓12.Nd2! Nh5 13.e4 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Bc8 *(14...Bd7 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.e5 Qxf4 17.Re4 Qh6 18.e6 fxe6 19.Nxd6 Re7 20.dxe6 Bc6* Gupta,A (2619)-Zhigalko,S (2675) Tashkent 2014 *21.Nd5±)* 15.Nc4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 b5 17.Nd2 *(17.Ne3 Qf6 18.c4 Qxf4 19.cxb5 Nc7 20.a4 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5⇄* Georgiadis,N (2473)-Bromberger,S (2535) Germany 2017*)* 17...Rb8 18.Qf3 Nc7 19.Qg3 Rf8 20.e5 Ne8 21.c4↑ Polyakov,D (2193)-Janisch,M (2190) email 2014]

[10...Bf5!? might be a line with a brighter future: An interesting idea is
A) 11.Nh4 Bg4 *(11...Bc8 12.Qd2 a6 13.a4 Qe7 14.h3 Nbd7 15.e4 Rb8 16.Nf3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rfe1 b4 19.Na4 Bb7 20.e5 Nxd5 21.exd6 Qf8 22.Ne5 Rxe5 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Nxc5 Bc6 25.Ra6 Qxd6 26.Rxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxd5=* Inarkiev,E (2727)-Harikrishna,P (2750) Moscow 2017*)* 12.h3 Nh5! 13.Bc1 *(13.hxg4 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Qxh4 15.e3 Nd7 16.Ne4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Rb1 h6 19.Qd3 Rab8 20.a4 Qh4 21.Bf3 Qh3 22.Qe2 g5 23.Bg2 Qh4 24.fxg5 Be5 25.Rfc1 hxg5↑* ⧉, Feller,S (2573)-Donchenko,A (2581) Germany 2017*; 13.Bxd6 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Qxd6 15.Nc3 Nd7 16.Nf5 gxf5 17.Qxh5 Qg6 18.Qxg6 hxg6 19.d6 Rab8⇄* Van Zyl Rudd,J (2041)-Freitag,M (2393) Graz 2017*; 13.Nxg6 Bc8 14.g4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ng7* wins a piece, although it's not so clear after *16.Nh4 Qxh4 17.Bxd6 h5∓)* 13...Bd7 14.a4 Na6 15.Nf3 Qc8 *(15...c4!?)* 16.Ng5 *(16.Kh2 f5⇄)* 16...Nb4 *(16...Nf6!?)* 17.g4?! *(⌓17.Nge4∞)* 17...Nf6 18.Bf4 h6 19.Nf3 h5! 20.Bxd6 *(20.g5 Ne4↑)* 20...hxg4 21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.Qd2 Qf5?! *(⌓22...Bh3!∓)* 23.Bxc5 Nbxd5 24.Nxd5 Ne4 25.Qd3 Nxc5 26.Qxf5 Bxf5 27.Nc7 Bxb2 28.Ra2 Bf6 29.Nxa8 Rxa8 30.Nd2 Rd8⩲ /=, Studer,N (2493)-Navara,D (2737) Biel 2017;
B) 11.Nd2 is not so strong without the extra moves ♖e1 and ♘a6: Nh5 12.e4 *(12.Be3 Nd7 13.a4 Rxe3 14.fxe3 Qg5 15.Rf4 Qe7 16.Rxf5 gxf5 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.Bf3 Nf6 19.Qc2 Qd7 20.a5 Re8 21.Qa4 a6 22.Qxd7 Nfxd7∓* Erdos,V (2610)-Moiseenko,A (2710) Biel 2015*)* 12...Nxf4 13.gxf4 Bd7
B1) 14.Nc4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Bb5 16.Qb3 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Nd7 18.Qd3 Nf6 19.Bf3 Re7 *(19...Nd7!* restrains White's ⊞ and is at least equal. *)* 20.Rae1 Qf8 21.e5 Rae8 22.Re3 dxe5 23.d6 Re6 24.fxe5 Nd7 25.Bd5 Rxe5 26.Rf3 Rg5+ 27.Rg3 Ne5 Sabuk,P (2407)-Donchenko,A (2582) Legnica 2015 28.Qe4 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 b5 30.Bc6 Re6 31.Bd5=;
B2) 14.a4 Na6 *(14...Bh6 15.Qf3 Qh4 16.Qg3 Qxf4 17.Nc4 Qxg3 18.hxg3 Bf8 19.f4 Na6 20.e5 Bf5 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Rad8 23.Rfe1 Nb8 24.Bf3 Nd7 25.Re2 Nb6 26.Nxb6 axb6=* Franco Alonso,A (2434)-Edouard,R (2624) Linares 2017*)* 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Qf3 Nb4 17.Qg3 Nc2 18.Rad1 Rad8 *(18...Nd4∞)* 19.Kh1 h5?! 20.e5 *(20.f5!↑)* 20...dxe5 21.fxe5 Rxe5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5⩲ Kozul,Z (2591)-Zhigalko,S (2647) Gjakova 2016;
C) 11.Bg5!? h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 *(12...Bxf6 13.Nd2 Bc8!? 14.a4 b6∞)* 13.Nd2 Qe7 14.e4 Bd7 15.a4 Na6 16.Nc4 Nc7 17.f4 b5 18.axb5 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Nxb5 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Nxc3 22.bxc3 Bxc3 23.d6 Qe6 24.Bd5 Bxa1 25.Bxe6 Bxe6 26.Qxa1 Bxc4 27.Rc1⩱ /±, Tomashevsky,E (2696)-Giri,A (2785) Moscow 2017]
[10...a6 11.a4 Vigorito,D: 'and note that' was surveyed by Dejan Antic in CBM 162: Antic prefers
A) ≤11...Ne4 Vigorito,D: 'is not as good here because of' with the extra a4 and a6 moves is not ideal anymore: 12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.Nd2 Rb4
A1) 14.b3 Rxf4 15.gxf4 Bxa1 16.Qxa1 Nd7 17.Ne4 Qe7 18.Rc1 b6

19.Rc3 Nf6 20.Re3 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qd8 22.Rg3 Qh4?! *(⌓22...f5 23.Bd3 Ra7=)* 23.e3 Qe7 24.Bd3 Bb7 25.e4 Re8 26.f5 Qh4 27.h3 Bc8 28.Qc3 Qf4 29.Qf6 Qe5 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.f4 Re8 32.f6!↑ Aronian,L (2759)-Carlsen,M (2693) Elista 2007 For details see the notes to this game in CBM 119 by Marin.;

A2) 14.a5 Vigorito,D: '!' Vigorito,D: 'intending Ra4! and Nc4' is Avrukh's recommendation - Bxb2?! 15.Ra4 Rxa4 16.Qxa4 Bg7 17.Nc4 Bf8 Oliva Castaneda,K (2497)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2513) Linares 2017 18.Qb3± ;

A3) 14.Ra2!? also seems convincing, Black was strategically busted after 14...Qe7 *(14...g5 15.Be3 f5 16.Nf3 h6 17.h4! gxh4 18.Nxh4 f4 19.Bd2 fxg3 20.fxg3 Rxh4 21.gxh4 Qxh4 22.Bc3 Nd7 23.Qd3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Ne5 25.Qe4 Qxe4 26.Bxe4± Wojtaszek,R (2622)-Hakki,I (2447) Kalamaria 2006)* 15.b3 g5 16.Be3 Bd4 17.Bxd4 Rxd4 18.e3 Rb4 19.Nc4 Nd7 20.f4 Rb8 21.Qd3 g4 22.Rd1 Nf8 23.Qc3 Bd7 24.e4 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Ne3+- Nikolic,P (2641)-Hracek,Z (2629) Batumi 1999 A model game from White's point of view, see the notes in CBM 074.;

B) 11...h6

B1) 12.Re1 Bf5 13.Qc1 g5 14.Bd2 Nbd7 *(14...Ne4!? 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.h4 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 gxh4 18.Bxh6 hxg3 19.Kg2 Qf6! 20.Rh1 Nd7 21.Rh3 Kf8 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rxg3+ Kf8∞)* 15.h4 g4 16.Nh2 Kh7 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.Bf4 Bg6 19.Ne3 h5 20.a5 Qc7 21.Ra4 Kg8 22.Qd2 Nfd7 23.Ra2 b5 24.axb6 Qxb6 Caruana,F (2757)-Kramnik,V (2810) Zuerich 2013 25.Rea1± For details see the notes to this game in CBM 153 by Caruana.;

B2) 12.Qc1!? Kh7 *(12...g5 13.Bd2 Bf5 14.h4 g4 15.Ne1±)* 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Nh4 Bc8 15.Qc2 Nh5 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.Nf5! Bf8 18.Ne3 Rb8 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Rxa4 Ng7 23.Be4 Be7 24.Ba5 Qd7 25.Bc3 Qd8 26.Nc4 Bd7 27.Ra3 Bb5 28.Na5 Qd7 29.Nc6± Caruana,F (2781)-Nakamura,H (2776) Zuerich 2014

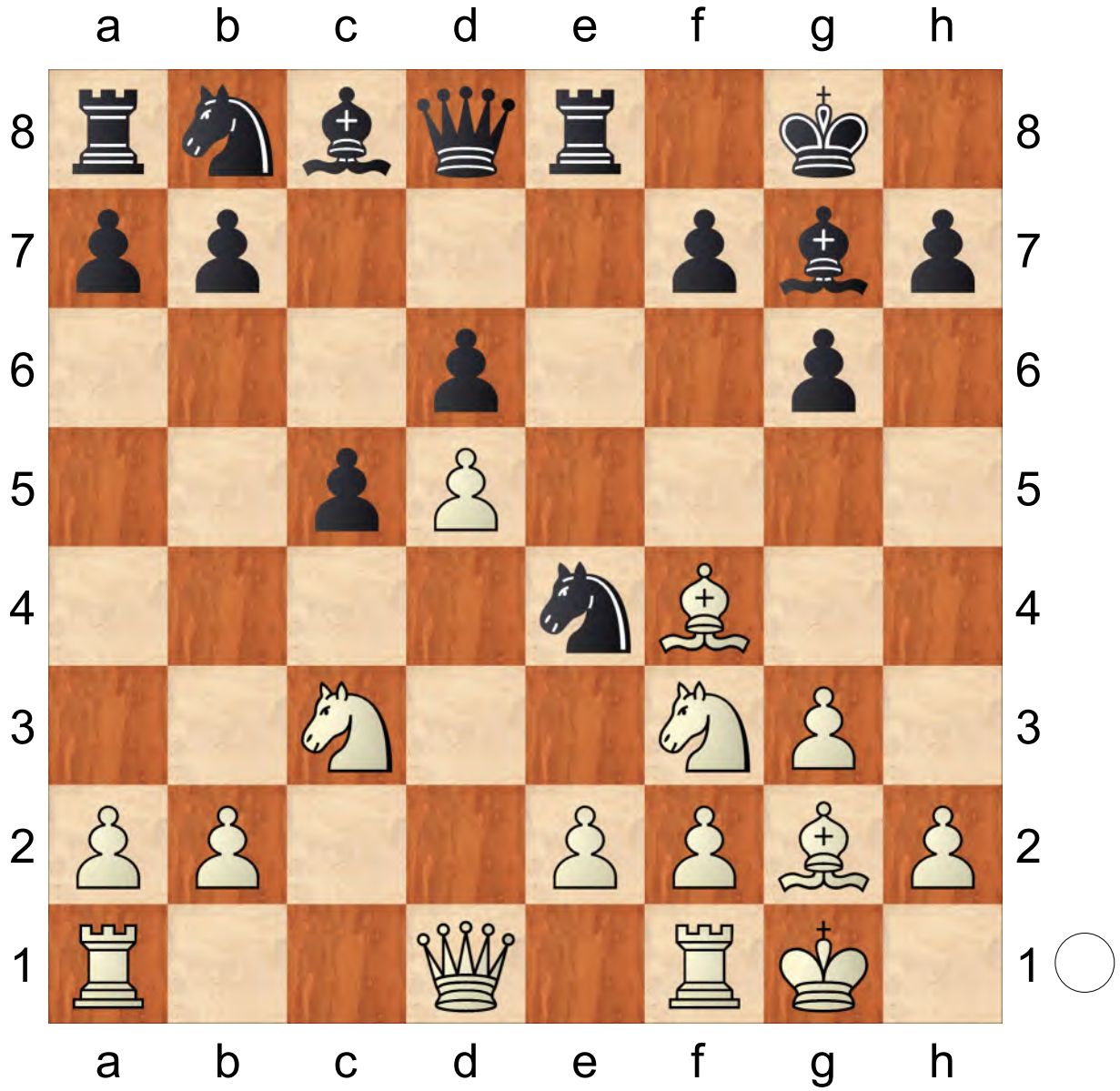
C) 11...Nh5 12.Bg5 Qc7 , but doesn't show any promising antidote against 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Rfc1! b6 15.Rab1 Ndf6 16.h3 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.b4 a5 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.g4 Nf6 21.Nd4! Rxd4 22.Qxd4 Nxg4 23.Qc4 *(23.Qd1!? Ne5 24.Bd2 Bf5 25.Rb3 Bd7 26.Rg3± Avrukh)* 23...h6 24.Bd2 Ne5 25.Qb5 Ba6 26.Qxa5 Qc8 27.Qb6 Nc4? *(27...Bxe2∞)* 28.Rxc4 Bxc4 29.Qxd6± Wang,Y (2697)-Vallejo Pons,F (2705) Beijing blindfold rpd 2011]

[10...Nh5 Vigorito,D]

[10...h6?! Vigorito,D]

(Diagram)

Vigorito,D: 'Black has a great many moves here. I like this the best. It is interesting (and risky!) for both colours.' The main reaction, a move which Leko has already played earlier. However, Black has a wide choice here, so we'll check the alternatives.



In Biel he did well against the Fianchetto Benoni with 2 other moves: **11.Nxe4 Rxe4 12.Nd2 Rxf4** The exchange sacrifice leads to a very complex position, in which both strategic and tactical considerations play important roles.

[The drawback of 12...Rb4 is that here White can already avoid the positional offer:

A) 13.a3 Rxf4 14.gxf4 Bxb2 looks OK for Black, after the sacrificial 15.Rb1 *(15.Ra2 Bg7⩲* and the ♖ is less active on a2 *)* 15...Bxa3 16.Ne4 Bb4 17.Rxb4 cxb4 18.Qd4 a5!? White doesn't have more than a perpetual with 19.Nf6+ Kf8 20.Nxh7+ Kg8 21.Nf6+=;

B) 13.b3 Bxa1 14.Qxa1 Rxf4 15.gxf4 Nd7⇄ is unconvincing.;

C) ⌓13.Rb1! g5 14.Be3 Bf5 15.a3 Rxb2 16.Rxb2 Bxb2 17.Qb3 Bf6 18.Nc4! Bg4? *(18...b6 19.f4↑)* 19.Nxd6 Qb6 20.Rb1 Qxb3 21.Rxb3 b6 22.Ne8!+- Stein-Buechling, email 2007.]

13.gxf4 Bxb2 14.Rb1 Bg7 Vigorito,D: 'This is all well known.' **15.e4** Vigorito,D: 'The most popular. Here is a quick summary of other moves, of which 15.Re1 and 15. Nc4 are the most popular.' The most energetic move, recommended also by Avrukh. If Black manages to finish his development and keep his centre intact, the queenside pawns promise him excellent compensation.

[This is the case after 15.Re1

A) 15...Bh6 Vigorito,D: '!?' Vigorito,D: 'is logical' 16.e3 Vigorito,D: '(now why is the rook on e1 if White cannot play e4-e5?!)' Na6 *(16...b6 Vigorito,D)* 17.Nc4 Rb8 18.Qd2 b6 19.Rb3 Qf6 20.Qb2 Qxb2 21.Rxb2 Nb4 22.Reb1 Bf5 23.Rd1 Rd8 24.a3 Na6 25.Bf3 Nc7 26.a4 Bg7⩲ Gretarsson,H (2509)-Yu,Y (2688) Reykjavik 2013;

B) 15...Nd7 16.Qb3 *(16.Nc4 Vigorito,D Nb6! 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.Qb3 b5!⇄* Kuraszkiewicz,M (2316)-Wisnet,D (2290) Germany 2018*)* 16...Nf6 17.Nf1 Rb8 18.a4 Bd7 19.Ng3 Qa5 20.e4 Bxa4 21.Qa2 Nd7 22.Bh3 Nb6 23.e5 c4⇄ Tin,J (2439)-Banikas,H (2571) Baku olm 2016;

C) 15...Na6 16.e3 Nc7 17.a4 b6 18.Qb3 Qf6 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Nd2 Qf6 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.Nd2 Bh6!? 23.Nc4 Bd7 24.Ra1 Na6 25.Qd1 Nb4∞ /∓, Tomashevsky,E (2733)-Yu,Y (2656) St Petersburg rpd 2012]

[The main alternative to the text move is 15.Nc4 Na6 *(15...b5!? 16.Rxb5 Ba6* is possibly also playable: *17.Qa4 Bxb5 18.Qxb5 Bf8 19.Bh3 f5 20.e4 Nd7 21.exf5 ½,* Gleizerov,E (2565)-Indjic,A (2451) Paracin 2012 *Rb8 22.Qc6 Rb4 23.Ne3 Rxf4 24.fxg6 Ne5⩲)*

A) 16.e4 Rb8 17.Qa4 Bh6!? *(17...Bd7 18.Qa3 Nb4 19.Nxd6 Qf6 20.e5!N Qxf4 21.Nxf7 Bf5 22.e6±* Donchenko,A (2582)-Stupak,K (2545) Legnica 2015 *)* 18.f5 Bf4∞ 19.Rb3 Vigorito,D Nc7⩲;

B) 16.Qb3 Rb8 17.a4 Vigorito,D: 'White,K (2042)-Merry,A (2380) Crawley 2016' Nb4 18.e4 b6

B1) 19.Rfe1 Vigorito,D Bh6 20.e5!? *(20.Qg3 Nc2)* 20...Bf5 21.Be4 *(21.Nxd6 Bxb1 22.Qxb1 Bxf4)*

B1a) 21...Bxe4 22.Rxe4 dxe5 23.Nxe5 Bxf4 *(23...Qxd5?? 24.Rxb4+-)* 24.Nxf7 Qf6 *(24...Qh4!∞)* 25.d6! Qxf7 26.Qxf7+ Kxf7 27.Rxf4+ Ke6 28.d7!± Khismatullin,D (2609)-Chekhov,S (2465) Sochi 2016;

B1b) 21...Bxf4! 22.Bxf5 Qg5+ 23.Kf1 Qxf5 24.Nxd6 Qh5∞ with a mess;

B2) 19.e5 dxe5 20.fxe5 Bf5 21.Rbe1

B2a) 21...Nd3!? 22.e6∞ *(22.Nd6!?)*;

B2b) 21...Bd3 22.f4 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qd7 24.d6 Qf5 25.Ne3 Qe6 26.Nd5⩲ Postny,E (2641)-Leko,P (2734) Bilbao 2014 For more details see the notes to the game in CBM 163 by Postny.]

[15.f5 Vigorito,D Nd7 16.fxg6 hxg6⩲ 17.Nc4?! Nikolic,P (2606)-Ootes,L (2400) Netherlands 2016 *(17.f4)* 17...Nb6!∓]

[15.Qc2 Vigorito,D Na6! 16.a3 *(16.Nc4 Nb4! 17.Qd2 b5 18.a3 bxc4 19.axb4 c3 20.Qc2 cxb4 21.Rxb4 a5∓)* 16...Rb8 17.Rfe1 Bh6 18.e3 b5 19.Kh1 Bd7

20.Be4 Qf6 21.Rg1 Bg7 22.f5 c4∓ Gonzalez Acosta,B (2481)-Vidit,S (2669) Baku 2016]

[15.Qc1 Vigorito,D Na6 16.Nc4 Nc7 17.Na5 *(17.a4 b6)* 17...b6 *(17...b5)* 18.Nc6 Qh4⩱ Ashwin,J (2471) -Ippolito,D (2370) Charlotte 2016]

[15.Qb3!? (Vigorito,D) is rather tricky as I found out myself. Na6 the most common, but perhaps not best *(15...Nd7; 15...Bh6)*

A) 16.Nc4 Nc7 *(16...Rb8 17.a4* White,K (2042)-Merry,A (2380) Crawley 2016 *Nb4)* 17.a4 b6 18.e4 Ba6∞ Khademalsharieh,S (2403)-Harika,D (2511) Tehran 2016;

B) 16.e4!? Bh6 *(16...b5!? 17.Qxb5 Nb4; 16...Nc7 17.a4 Rb8 18.Nc4 b6?! 19.e5±* was a blitz game I lost to Jeffrey Xiong*)* 17.Qg3! Nb4 18.Rfd1 *(18.Rbd1!)* 18...Qf6 19.e5 Qxf4 20.Ne4 Bf5 21.Nxd6 Bxb1 22.Rxb1 Rd8? *(22...Rb8)* 23.Nxb7+- Torma,R (2473)-Mihalik,A (2168) Budapest 2018]

15...Nd7

[15...b6 16.e5 Bf5 17.Rb3 *(17.Nc4!?⩱)* 17...Nd7 18.e6 Nf6 19.Nc4 Nh5?! *(19...fxe6 20.dxe6 d5∞)* 20.Qf3 Rc8 21.Re1 *(21.exf7+! Kxf7 22.Bh3→)* 21...Bh6? *(21...Rc7!)* 22.e7 Qd7 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.e8Q+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Kg7 26.Qc3+ f6 27.Qe1 Bxf4 28.Qe7++- Rozum,I (2559)-Navara,D (2730) Minsk blitz 2015]

[15...Bh6 Vigorito,D: '!?' Vigorito,D: 'is a good alternative however.'

A) 16.e5 Bxf4 17.e6 fxe6!? 18.dxe6 Nc6 19.Re1 Ne5 20.Qb3 *(20.Re4!∞)* 20...Qe7 21.Nc4 Bxe6 22.Qxb7 Qxb7 23.Bxb7 Smith,A (2449)-Timman,J (2566) Helsingor 2015 Rd8∓ ;

B) 16.Qf3 Qf6 *(⌓16...Nd7! -15...♘d7)* 17.e5 Qxf4 18.Qxf4 *(18.Ne4!? Nd7 19.e6↑)* 18...Bxf4 19.Nc4 dxe5 20.Nd6 Nd7 21.Nxc8 Rxc8 22.Rxb7 Nf6 23.d6 e4 24.d7 Rd8 25.Rxa7 c4 26.Ra4± Vitiugov,N (2721)-Hracek,Z (2598) Gjakova 2016]

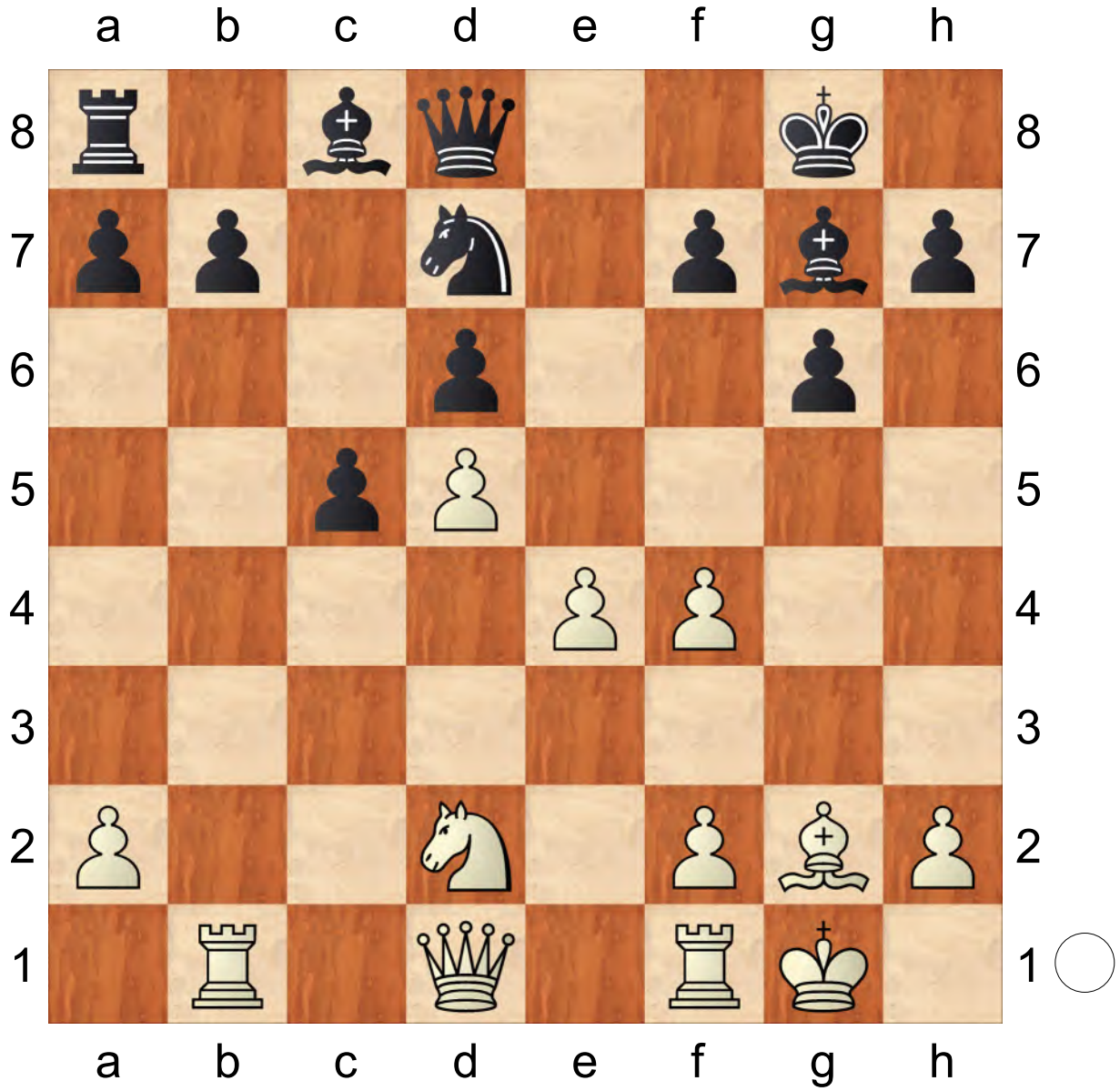
[15...Na6 Vigorito,D: '?!' 16.Re1!? Vigorito,D: '↑' '↑!' Vigorito,D: 'as mentioned before' Nb4 17.Rb3 Nxa2 18.e5 Nb4 19.e6→ is a line given by Avrukh: Qe7 20.Ne4 fxe6 21.dxe6 d5 22.Ng3 a5 23.Bxd5 a4 24.Ra3 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Ra6 26.f5+- Korchmar,V (2406)-Papadopoulos,G (2267) Paleochora 2015]

[15...Qh4 Vigorito,D: '?!' 16.e5 *(16.Qf3!* Vigorito,D *Bh6 17.Qg3 Qxf4 18.Nc4±)* 16...Qxf4 17.e6 Vigorito,D: 'is also good' Na6 18.Re1 Nc7 Kobo,O (2274)-Sanal,V (2419) Budva 2013 19.Rb3! f5 20.e7 Ne8 21.Qe2↑ Avrukh]

(Diagram)

16.Qf3 Vigorito,D: 'Avrukh's suggestion, so this is going to be popular.'

[16.Re1 Vigorito,D: '!?' Vigorito,D: '- 15.e4' Bh6 17.e5 Vigorito,D: '!' Bxf4 18.e6 Ne5 19.Re4 Qf6! 20.e7 Vigorito,D: '!?' Bg4 Vigorito,D: '!' 21.Qa4 Vigorito,D: '!' Bxd2 22.e8Q+ Rxe8 23.Qxe8+ Kg7 24.Rxb7 c4⩱ Vigorito,D: '!' Vigorito,D: 'occurred in a top level game'



A) 25.Rc7? Vigorito,D Ba5! /...Bb6;
B) 25.h3!? Vigorito,D Bf5 26.Rxe5 *(26.Rb8 Kh6! 27.Rxe5 Qxe5∓)* 26...dxe5=;
C) 25.f4 Vigorito,D: '?!' 25...Bxf4 26.Rb8 Kh6 27.Qd8 Qf5 Vigorito,D: 'Ding Liren (2742)-Bacrot,E (2720) Tromsoe 2014' *(27...Qg5!∓ Vigorito,D)* 28.h3 Bh5 29.Qc8 Qf6 30.Qd8 Qf5 31.Qc8 Qf6 32.Qd8 Qf5 ½, Ding,L (2742)-Bacrot,E (2720) Tromsoe 2014 Black survives the hair-raising complications, as shown in CBM 162 by Krasenkow.]

[≤16.Nc4?! Nb6 Vigorito,D: '!' 17.Nxb6 *(17.Ne3* Vigorito,D *Bd7)* 17...axb6 18.Qb3 Bh6 19.e5 *(19.f5 Bf4 20.Qxb6 Qh4 21.h3 gxf5* Vigorito,D: '∓' Vigorito, D: 'was better for Black in Michalik, P-Repka, C/Prievidza 2014.' *22.e5 Bxe5 23.f4* Michalik,P (2557)-Repka,C (2379) Prievidza 2014 *Bxf4 24.Rxf4 Qxf4 25.Qd8+ Kg7∓)* 19...Bf5 20.Qxb6 Qh4 21.Qxb7 Rf8 22.exd6 Bxf4 Vigorito,D: '∓' Vigorito,

D: 'Yuffa,D (2502)-Navara, D (2745) Pardubice 2016' 23.h3 Yuffa,D (2502)-Navara,D (2745) Pardubice rpd 2016 Bxd6!↑]

16...Bh6!? Vigorito,D: '!'

[Leko doesn't give White a chance to show the intended improvement after 16...b5 17.Rfe1 Rb8 *(17...a6 18.Qg3 c4 19.e5 Nc5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rb8 22.Rbd1 Qe7 23.e6 f5 24.Bc2 Kf8 25.h4 Qf6 26.h5±* Loetscher,R (2435)-Demuth,A (2550) Bad Ragaz 2016*)* 18.Qg3 Qc7 *(18...Qa5!?⇄)* 19.Nf3? *(⌓19.Rbd1 Δ c4 20.e5! dxe5?! 21.d6±)* 19...Nf6 20.e5 Nh5 21.Qh4 Bf5 22.Rbc1 Qd8 23.Bf1 a6 24.Rc3 dxe5∓ Studer,N (2467)-Nguyen,T (2425) Prague 2016]

17.Nc4

[17.Rfe1 Vigorito,D Qh4 18.Qg3 Qf6! *(18...Qxf4 19.Nc4)* 19.e5 Qxf4 20.e6 Qxg3 *(20...Nb6?? 21.e7 Bd7 22.Ne4+-* Li,X (2176) -Pap,M (2502) Neustadt an der Weinstrasse 2018*)* 21.hxg3 Bxd2 22.Re2 wins back the piece, but Black looks ok Nf6!? 23.Rxd2 Rb8 24.a4 Kf8∞]

17...Nb6 Vigorito,D: '!' Vigorito,D: 'Black is scoring very well here.' **18.Ne3**

[White has also tried 18.Nxb6!? Vigorito,D axb6 19.a3

A) 19...Qh4?! 20.Qg3 Qg4 *(20...Qxf4 21.Rxb6±)* 21.f5! Qxg3 22.hxg3 Ra6 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Rfe1± Rozum,I (2581)-Das,S (2437) Bhubaneswar 2018;

B) 19...Bd7N 20.e5 Bf5 21.Rb2 Ra4!⇄]

18...Qh4 Vigorito,D: '!?' Forces an immediate concession.

[After 18...Bd7 Vigorito,D: 'is the only move given by Avrukh (GM1a p407)' 19.Qg3∞ /± Vigorito,D: '/f4-f5 Avrukh' White's pawns remain more flexible. *(19.e5 Qh4∞)*]

[18...Qf6 19.f5 Vigorito,D: 'is Michalik,P (2511)-Huschenbeth,N (2510) Merlimont 2011' Bxe3 *(19...Bg7* and*; 19...Qh4* are more solid, but inconsistent, as these moves cost Black time.*)* 20.Qxe3 gxf5 21.Qf4 Nc4 22.Rb3 Ne5 23.exf5 Kh8 Michalik,P (2511)-Huschenbeth,N (2510) Merlimont 2011 24.Be4± ↑]

19.f5□ Nd7 Immediately heading for the dark squares.

[The text move seems positionally more justified than 19...Bd7 20.Qg3 Vigorito,D: '!' Qxg3 21.hxg3 Vigorito,D: '±' Vigorito,D: 'Degtiarev, E (2426)-Heimann,A (2508) Switzerland 2016' Re8 22.g4 *(⌓22.Rfe1∞)* 22...Bxe3 23.fxe3 Kg7 24.Rf2 Bc8 25.Rbf1?! *(25.fxg6 fxg6 26.g5 Nc4 27.Bh3⇄)* 25...g5! 26.Bf3 Nd7∓ Degtiarev,E (2426)-Heimann,A (2508) Switzerland 2016]

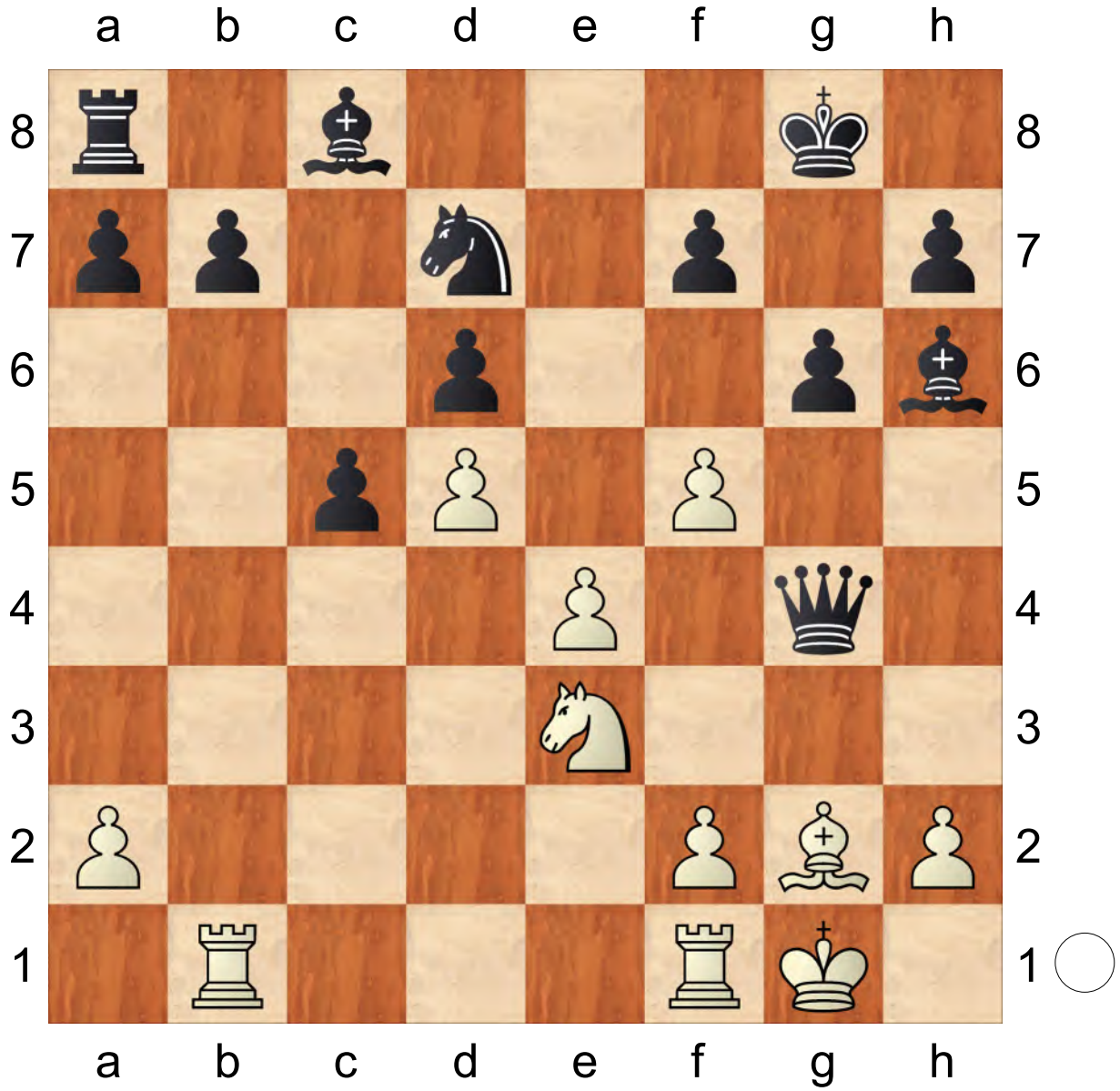
[19...Bf4!? Vigorito,D 20.Bh3!? Be5 21.Kh1 Bd7 22.Qg4 Qxg4 23.Bxg4 Ba4∞]

20.Qg4N White immediately heads for the endgame, but even here Black will retain excellent compensation.

[20.Ng4 Bg7 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Qg3 Qxg3 23.hxg3 Rb8 24.f4 Vigorito,D: '?!' *(⌓24.Ne3! b5 25.Bh3∞)* 24...Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Kg7 26.Nh2 Nf6 27.Bf3 *(27.Nf3* Vigorito,D *Nxe4)* 27...Bh3 28.Rfd1 Perez Garcia,A (2398)-Vocaturo,D (2606) Caleta 2017 b6!↑ Vigorito,D: '∓']

[20.Rb3 b5⩱ *(20...Ne5 21.Qg3 Qf4⩲)* can in fact transpose into the game after 21.Qg4]

20...Qxg4



21.Nxg4 Bf4 22.fxg6 hxg6 Vigorito,D: '⩲' Vigorito,D: 'I think Black can be happy here. He is down the exchange for a pawn, but has the bishop pair and a big queenside pawn majority. The g2-bishop is rather ineffective.' **23.Rb3**

[23.Rfe1!? prevents the following move, but Kg7 *(or 23...b6* give Black a pleasant position, in which he can fight for an advantage. *)*]

23...b5 Vigorito,D: '!?' Played after long thought.

[However, even here Black could have played the patient 23...Kg7⩱]

[Another interesting option was 23...c4!? 24.Rb4 *(24.Rf3 Bd2∓)* 24...b5 25.Ne3 *(25.Rxb5 c3↑)* 25...Ba6 *(25...a6 26.a4 Nc5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 c3⩱)* 26.a4 bxa4 27.Rxa4 Bb5∓]

24.Rxb5 Vigorito,D: '?!' Vigorito,D: 'giving back material, but Black's advantage will be relatively stable.' Studer wants to bail out.

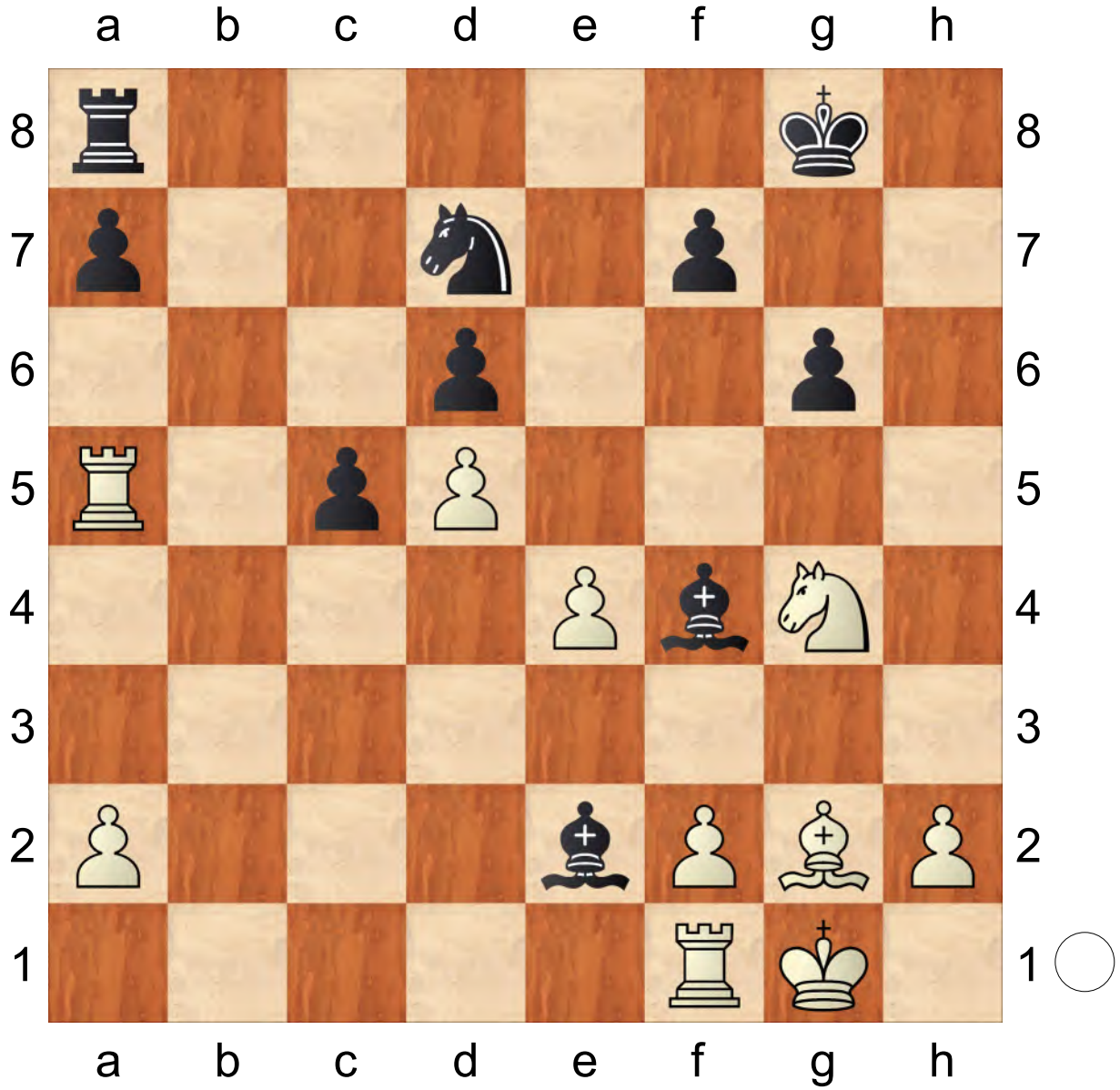
[After 24.Rf3 g5 *(24...Bg5?! 25.h4 Bxh4 26.Nh6+ Kg7 27.Nxf7 Be7 28.e5! dxe5 29.Re1±)* 25.h4 Ne5 *(25...f6!?)* 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.hxg5 c4↑ Vigorito,D: '⩲' Vigorito,D: 'looks scary but it's a full exchange now.' the pawns start rolling and White is fighting for equality.]

24...Ba6 Vigorito,D: '∓' **25.Ra5** Vigorito,D: '?!'

[25.Rb3 Bxf1 26.Bxf1 Kg7∓]

25...Be2!?

[25...Bxf1 Vigorito,D]



26.Bh3 Bd2 Vigorito,D: '!?' Vigorito,D: 'The rest of the game is interesting, but not relevant for our opening discussion.'

[Leko wants more than 26...Bxf1 27.Bxf1∓]

[However, a move which deserved attention was 26...Kg7!? Δ 27.Rb1 Rh8

28.Kg2 f5! 29.exf5 gxf5 30.Ne3 Ne5! 31.Nxf5+ Kf6→ and suddenly Black is attacking with all his pieces!]

27.Ra3 c4 Still spurning the exchange, the ♘ rushes forward. However, White can extricate himself.

[27...Bxf1 28.Bxf1 Nb6∓]

28.Nh6+

[This simplifies the position, but maybe White can also afford 28.Rb1!?

A) 28...c3 29.Ne3 Ne5 *(29...Bd3 30.Rbb3 Nc5 31.Rxc3=)* 30.Bf1⇄;

B) 28...Nc5 29.Rb2 Bc1 30.Rxe2 Bxa3 31.e5 *(31.Rc2 Nxe4 32.Rxc4 f5 33.Bg2⇄)* 31...Nd3 32.Rc2=]

28...Kg7 29.Bxd7 c3 30.Ba4!

[30.Rxc3 Bxc3 31.Rc1 Bd4 *(31...Ba5!? 32.Ng4 Rd8 33.Bc8 Rxc8 34.Rxc8 Bxg4∓)* 32.Rc2 Bf3 33.Bg4 Bxe4 34.Rc4 Rb8 35.Rxd4 Rb1+ 36.Bd1 Bf3 37.Ng4 Rxd1+ 38.Rxd1 Bxd1 39.Ne3 Bf3 40.a3 Kf6 41.Nc4 Bxd5 42.Nxd6 Ke5∓ /-+]

30...Rh8

[30...Kxh6 31.Bc2 Bxf1 32.Kxf1= should be a draw.]

(Diagram)

31.Ng4!

[31.Nxf7 Kxf7 32.Rb1 Rh4↑]

31...Bxg4 32.f3 Bh3 33.Rd1 Rb8 Eases White's task.

[Black risks nothing with ⌓33...f5!? , for example 34.Rxd2 cxd2 35.Rd3 fxe4 36.fxe4 Rh4 37.Rxd2 Rxe4∓]

34.Rxd2

[34.Kf2 Rb2 35.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 36.Kg3 Bf1 37.Rxc3 Rxa2 38.Bd7=]

34...cxd2 35.Kf2 Rb2

[Simpler is ⌓35...Rb1 36.Ke2 Rh1 37.Kxd2 Rxh2+ 38.Ke3 Bf1=]

(Diagram)

36.Bd1 g5 37.Ke3 f5 38.Rxa7+ Kf6 39.Kd3

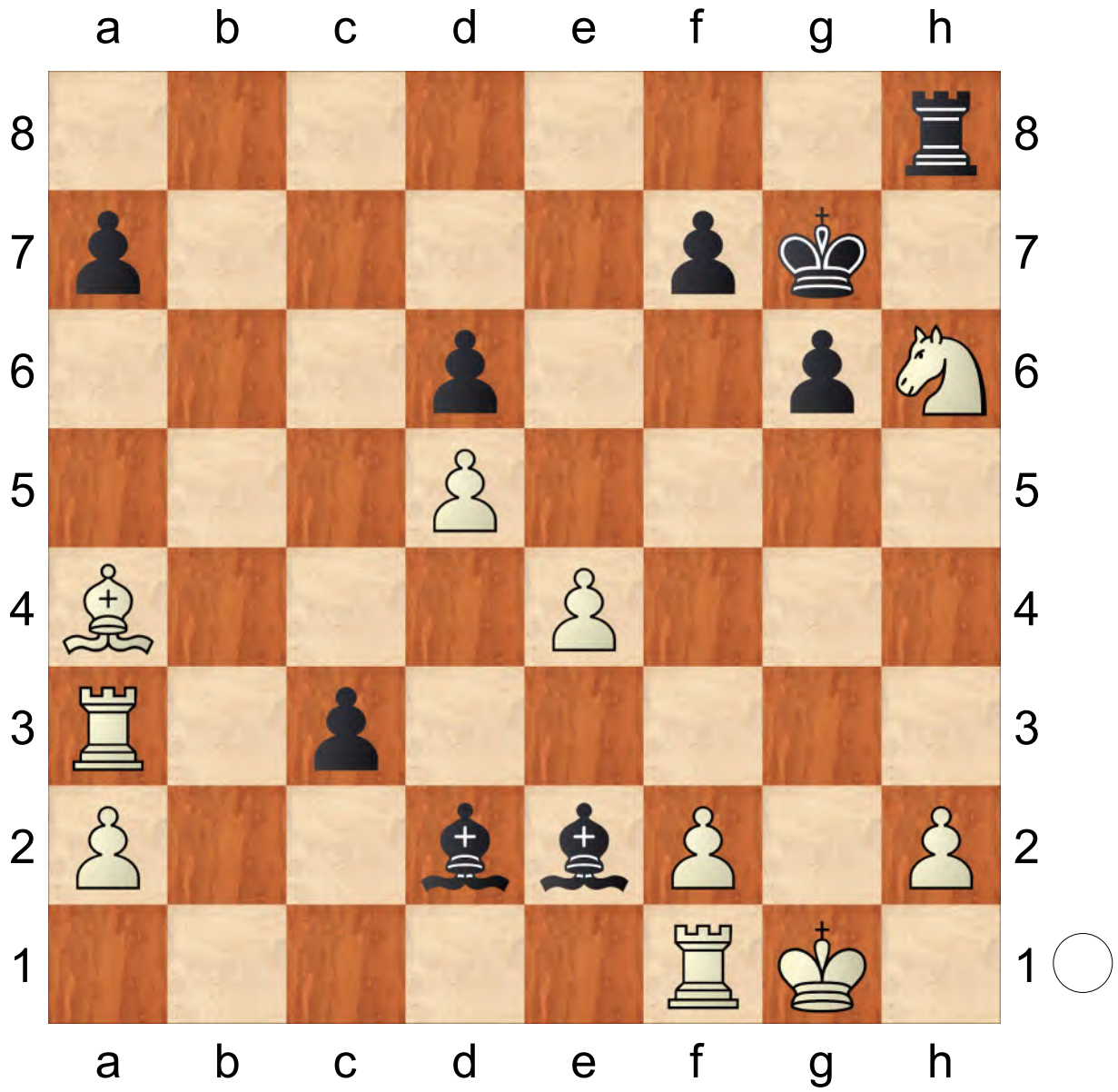
[A more testing way was 39.Ra6!?

A) 39...f4+ 40.Kd3 Bf1+ 41.Kc3 Bxa6 42.Kxb2 g4 43.fxg4 Ke5

A1) 44.g5 Kxe4 45.g6 Bc4 46.Kc3□ Bxd5 *(46...Ke3 47.Kxc4 f3 48.g7 f2 49.g8Q f1Q+ 50.Kc3 Qd3+! 51.Kb2 Qd4+ 52.Kb3 Qd3+=)* 47.Kxd2 Bxa2=;

A2) 44.Kc3 Kxe4 45.Kxd2 f3 46.h4 f2 47.Be2 f1Q 48.Bxf1 Bxf1 49.h5 Ke5 50.g5 Kf5 51.g6 Kf6 52.a4 Bc4=;

B) ≤39...Ke5 40.Ra8;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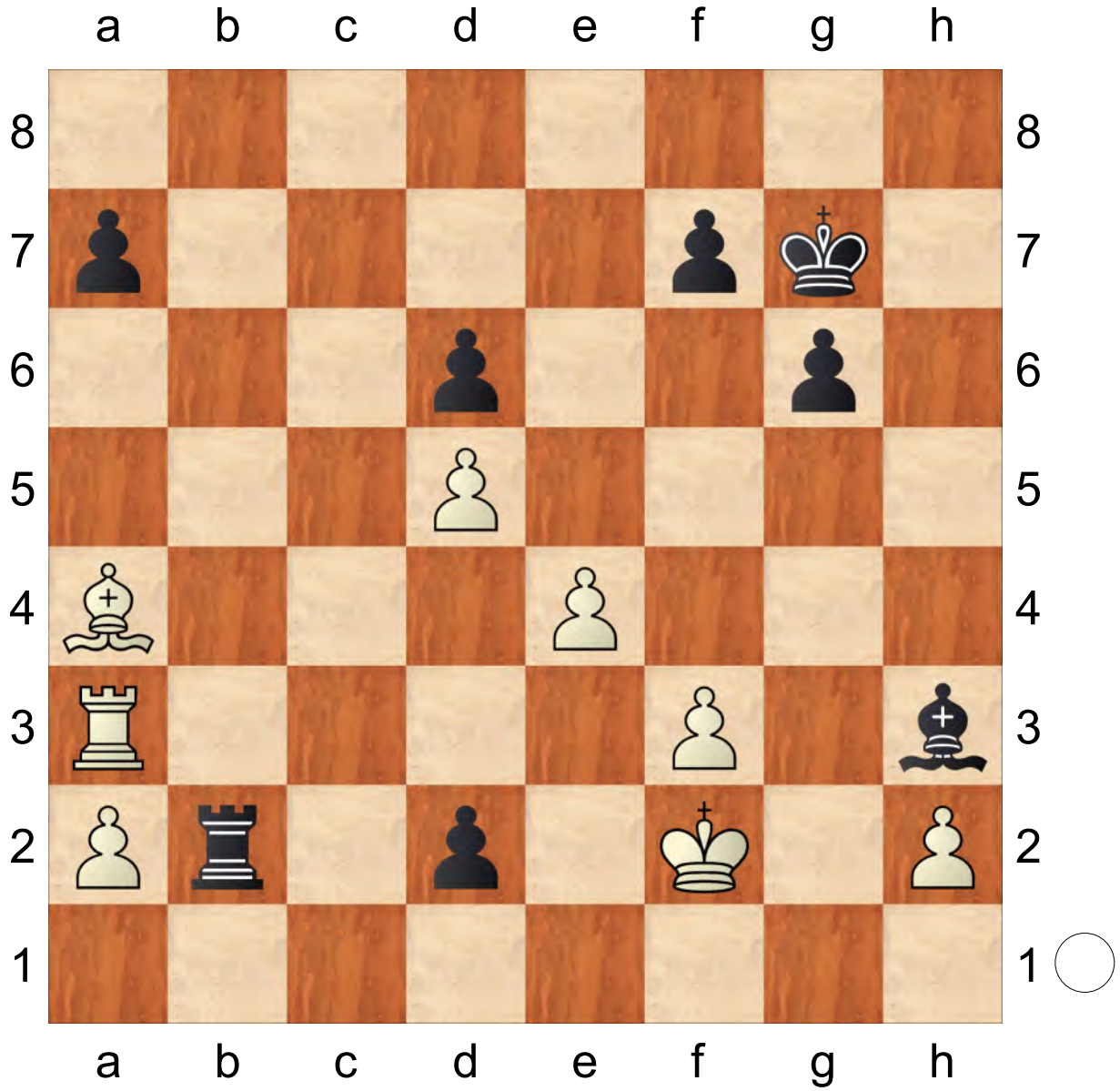


C) 39...Ke7 40.exf5 Bxf5 41.a4 Bc2!? 42.Ke2 Bxd1+ 43.Kxd1 Ra2 44.a5 Kf6! 45.Rxd6+ Ke5 46.Rg6 Kf4= 47.d6?? Ke3 48.Re6+ Kd3-+]

39...g4 40.Rh7?⊕ Vigorito,D: '?' The fatueful 40th move!

[40.Kc3? gxf3 41.Bxf3 *(41.Kxb2 f2-+)* 41...Bg4!-+]

[40.fxg4 Bxg4 41.Bxg4 fxg4 42.Ke2 d1Q+ 43.Kxd1 Rxh2 44.Ke1=]

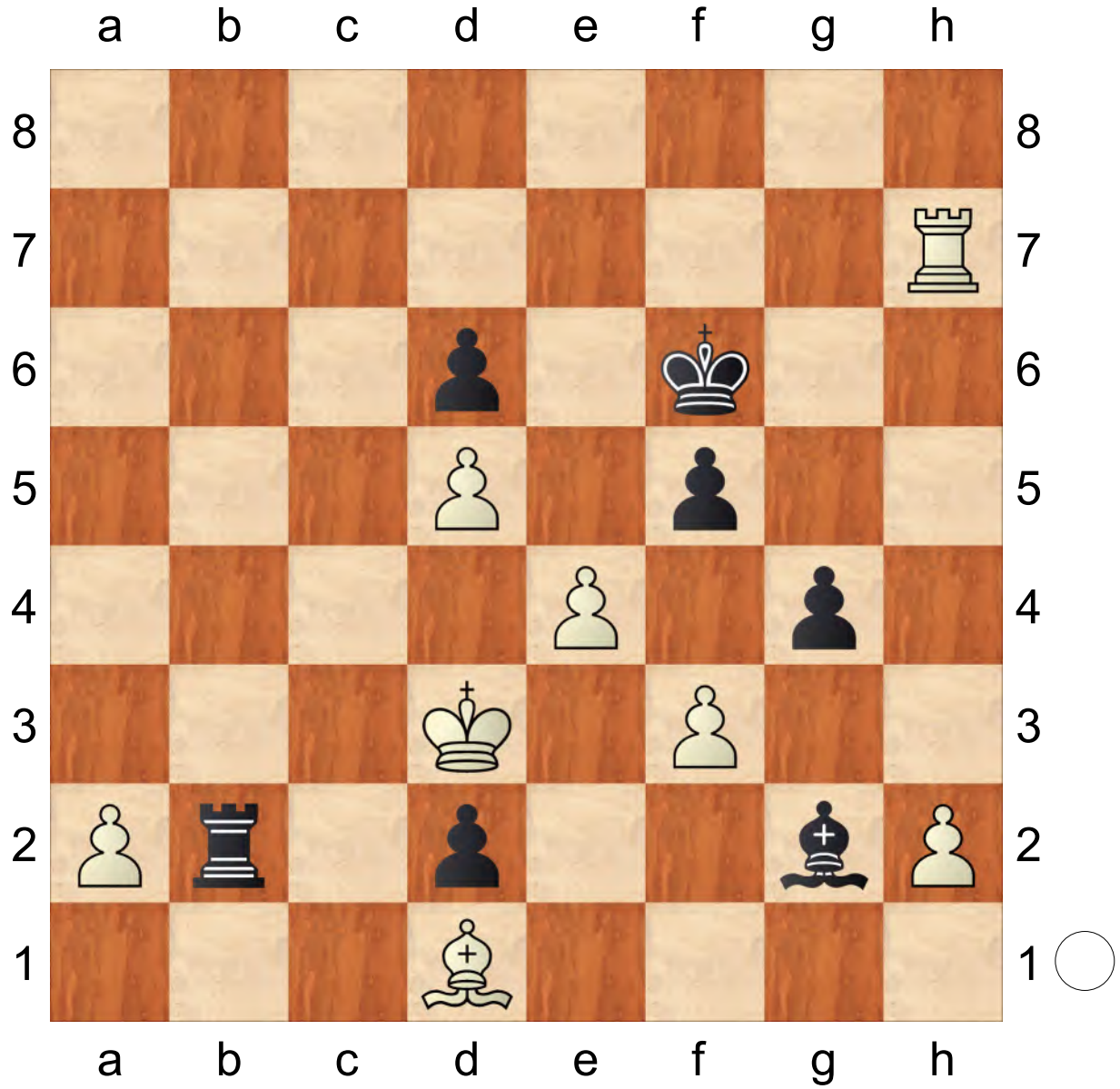
[40.exf5 gxf3 41.Bxf3 Bxf5+ 42.Ke3= *(42.Ke2=)*]

40...Bg2!-+

(Diagram)

Vigorito,D: '-+' **41.Rh5□** Forced, but this only prolongs the struggle - the damage is already done.

[41.fxg4 fxe4+ 42.Ke3 Bf3-+]



[41.exf5 Bxf3-+]
[41.e5+ Kg6!-+]

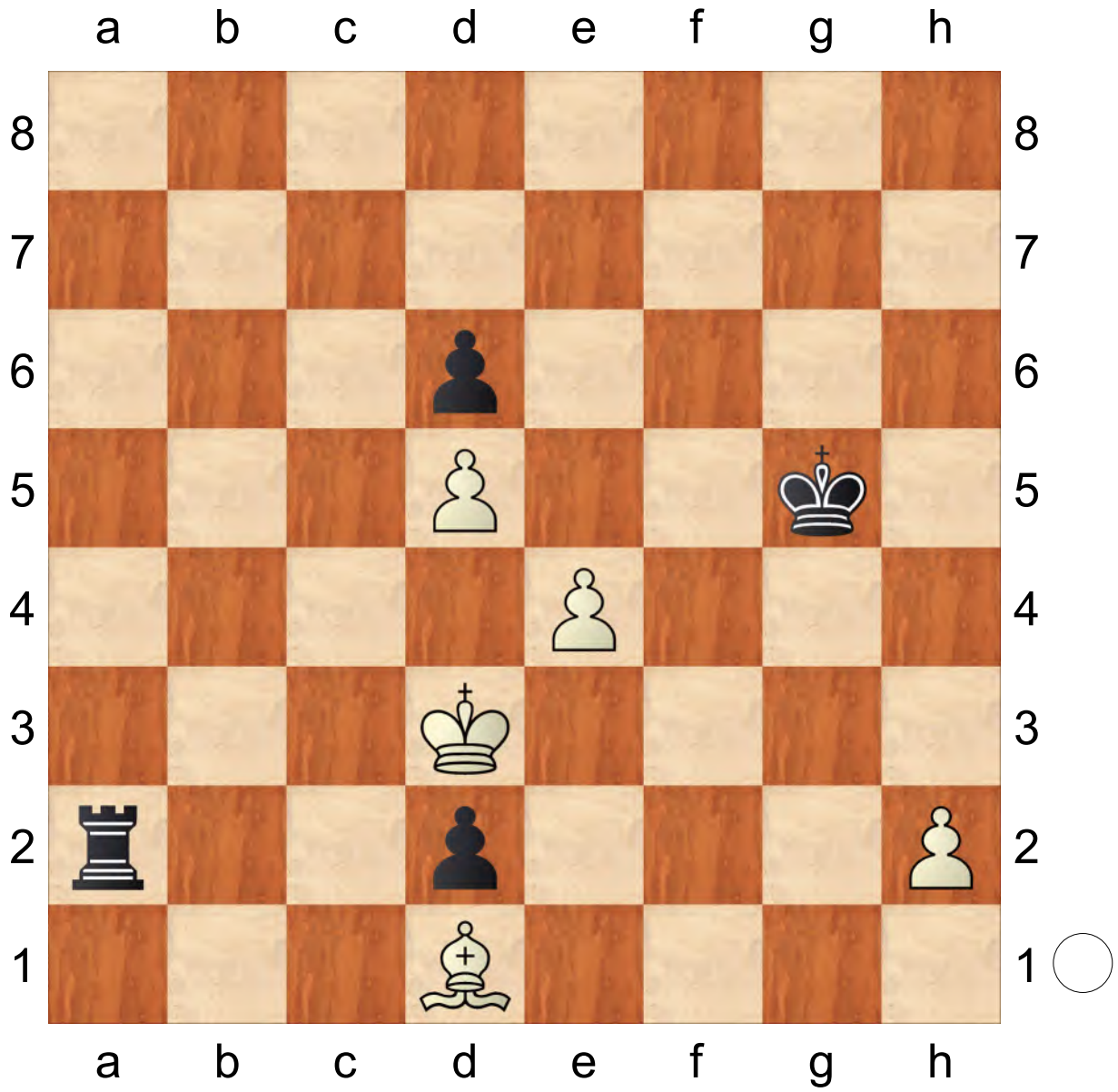
41...Bxf3 42.Rxf5+ Kg6 43.Rxf3 gxf3 44.Bxf3 Rxa2 45.Bd1 Kg5

[45...Kf6 46.Bc2 *(46.h4 Ke5 47.h5 Ra3+ 48.Kxd2 Kxe4-+)* 46...Ra3+ 47.Kxd2 Ke5-+]

(Diagram)

46.Bc2 Kf4 47.Kxd2 Ra8 48.Kd3 Ke5 49.Bb1 Rh8 50.Kc4 Rxh2

(Diagram)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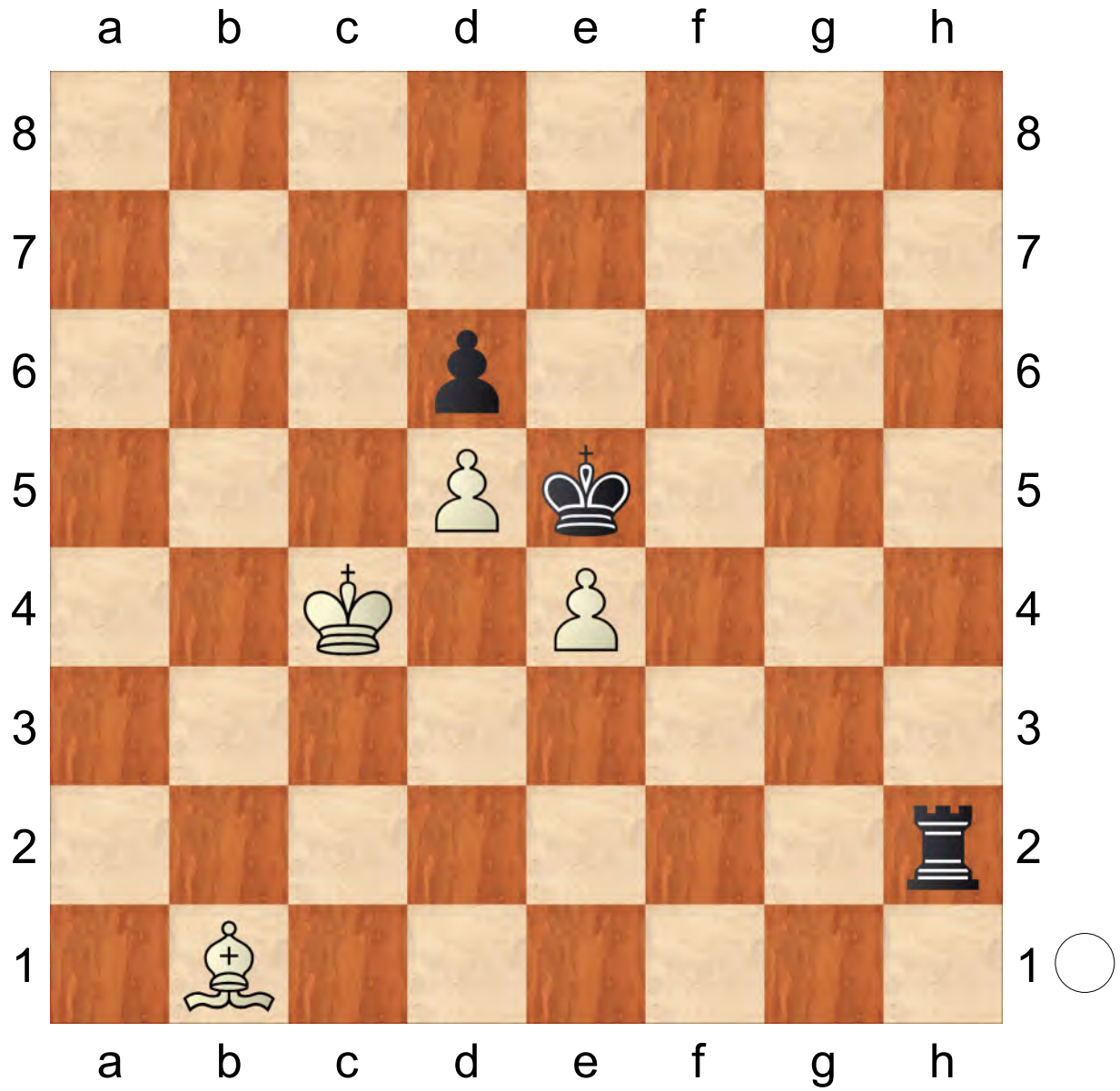


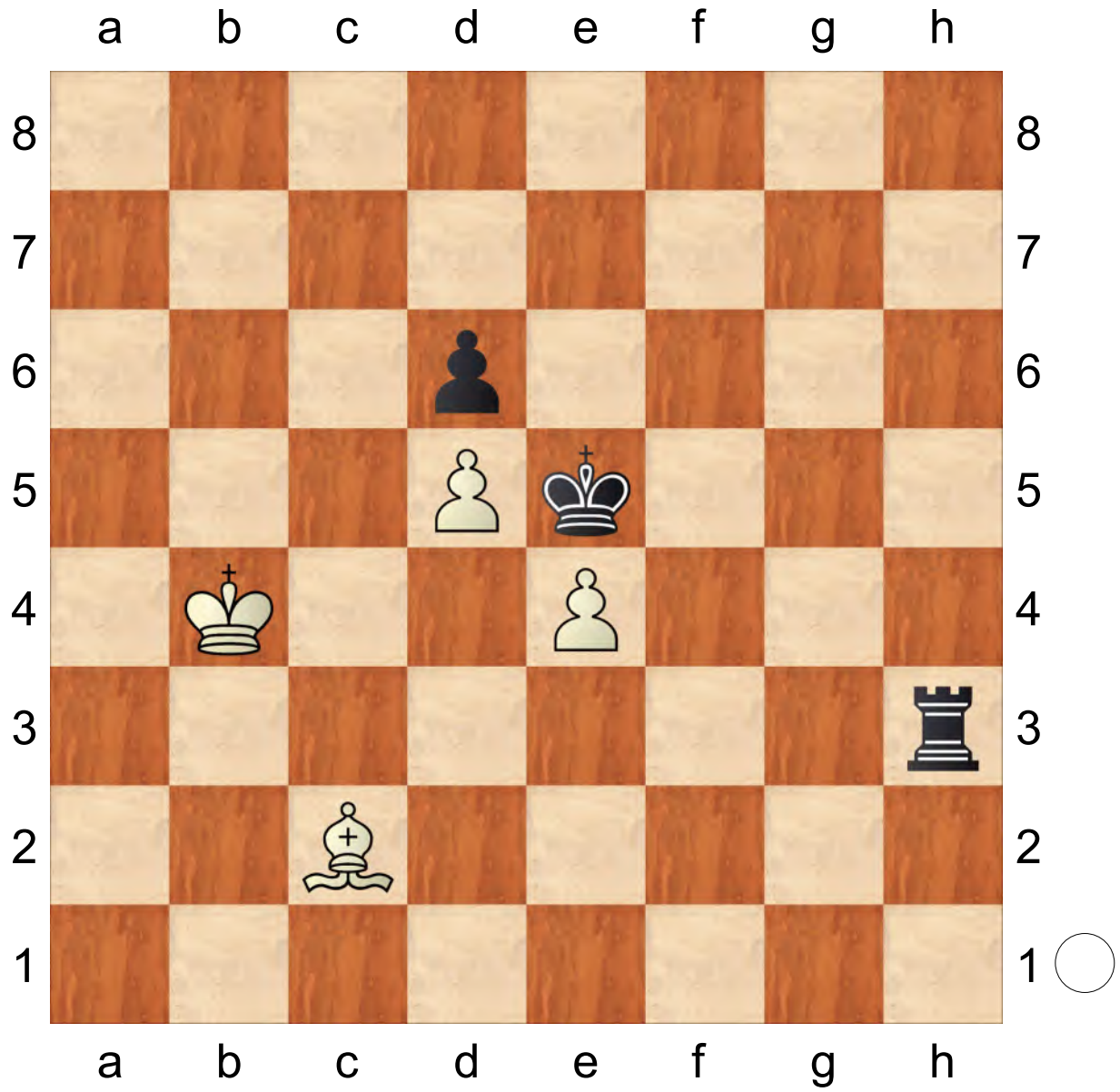
Vigorito,D: 'This is winning. White's bishop is too poor of a piece.' **51.Bd3 Rh8 52.Bc2 Rb8 53.Kd3 Ra8 54.Kc4 Ra3 55.Kb4 Rh3**

(Diagram)

56.Kc4 Rh2 57.Bd3 Kf4 58.Bb1 Rb2 59.Bd3 Rd2 60.Kc3 Ke3

(Diagram)

The king penetrates decisively. **61.Bb1**
[61.Bc2 Rh2 62.Bb1 Rh8-+]
61...Rd1 62.Bc2 Rd4 63.Bb1 Ra4 64.Bc2 Ra8 65.Bb1 Rc8+
(Diagram)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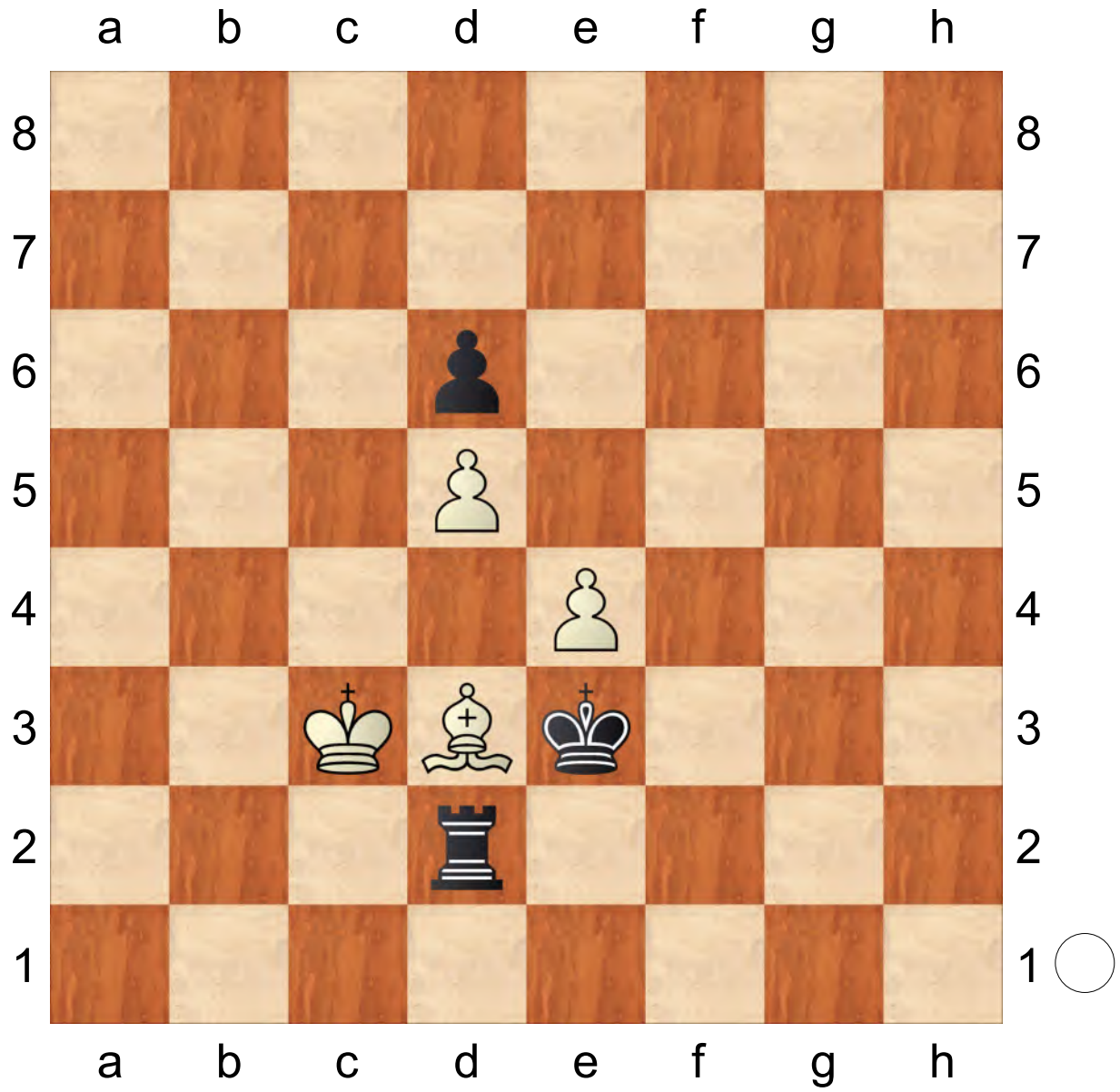
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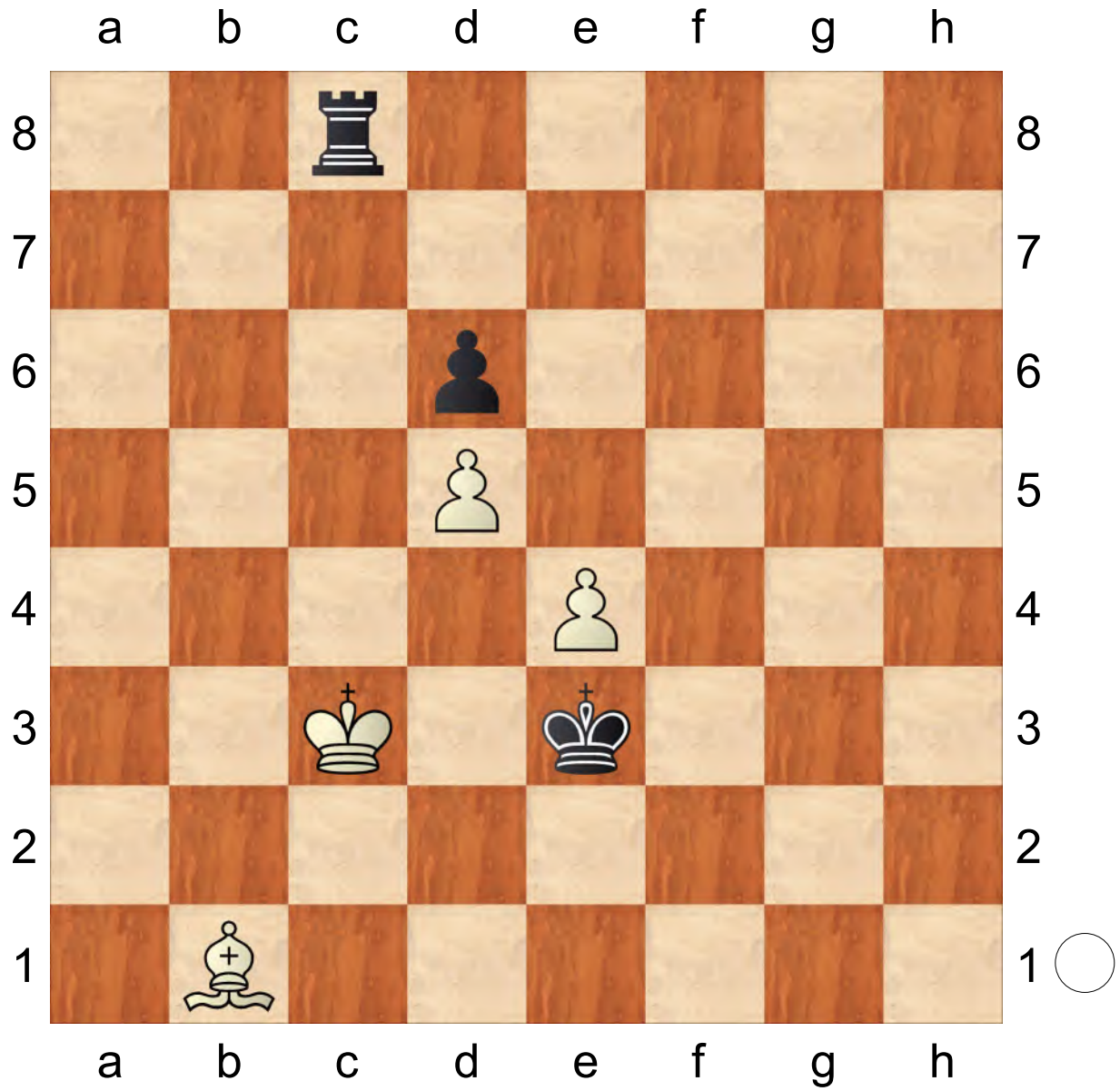

66.Kb3
[66.Kb2 Kd2-+]
66...Rb8+
[66...Rb8+ 67.Ka2 Rb4 68.Bc2 Rxe4-+]

(Diagram)

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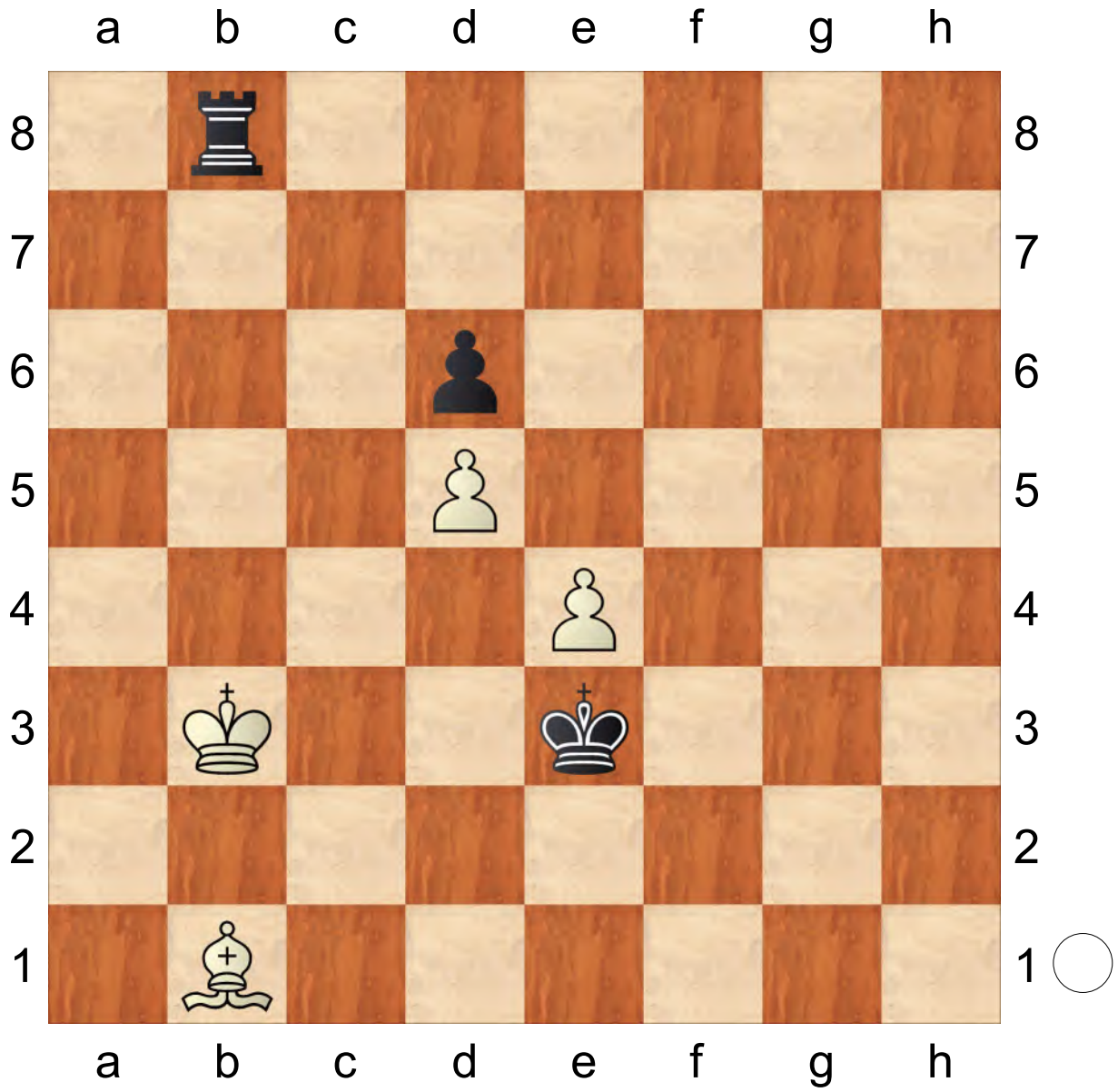
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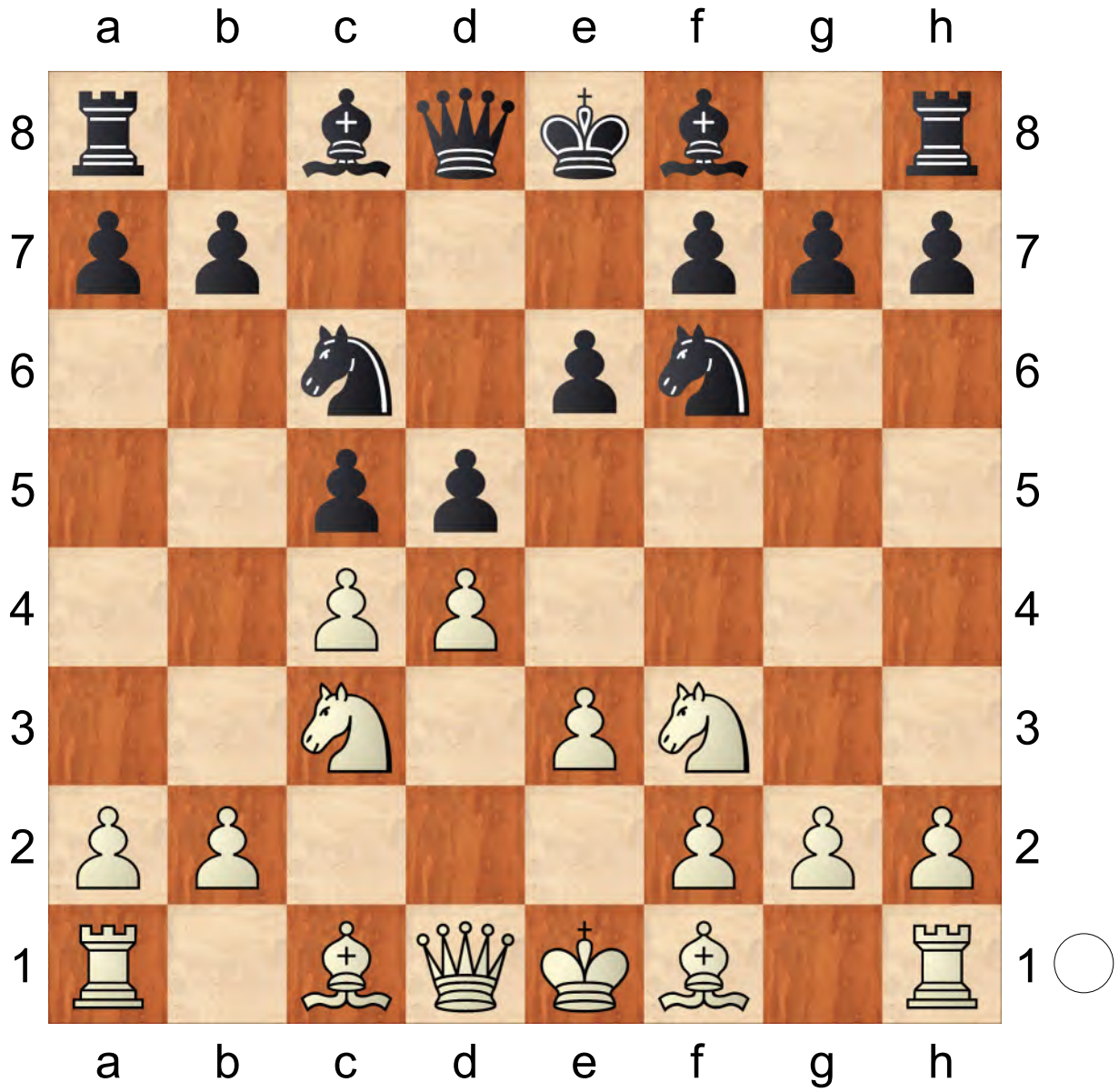
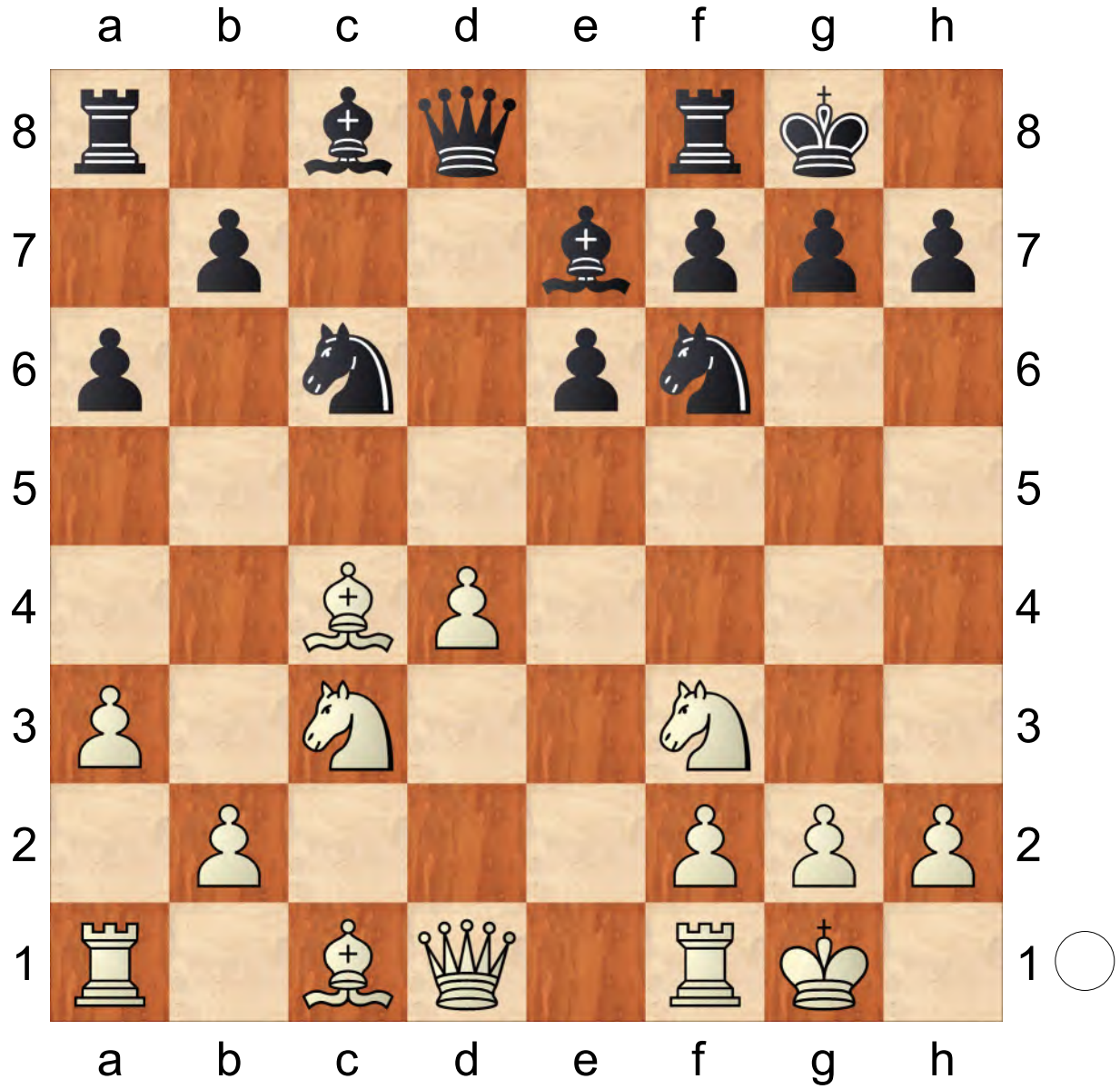
1.Nf3 Cifuentes Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Nc6 5.d4 d5**



6.a3 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.0-0 a6

(Diagram)

11.Be3



[11.Ba2 Tsesarsky Qd6

A) 12.h3 Rd8 13.Be3 b5 14.Qe2 Bb7 15.Rad1 b4 16.Na4 bxa3 17.Nc5 Qc7 18.bxa3 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxc5 20.Rc1 Ne4 21.Bb1

A1) 21...Ng3?

A1a) 22.fxg3 Bxf3 23.Bxh7+ *(23.Qxf3 Bxd4+∓)* 23...Kxh7 24.Qc2+ Kg8 25.Bxc5 Bc6 26.Qf2=;

A1b) 22.Qc2? Be4! 23.Qxc5□ Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Qxc5 25.Bxc5 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Nxc1 27.Rxc1 Rac8-+;

A2) 21...Qe7 22.Bxe4 Bxd4 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Nxd4 Rxd4∓ 0-1 Anikaev,Y-Sveshnikov,E/URS-ch47 Minsk 1979 (43);

B) 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Qg6!? *(14...Qxd5 15.Bxd5 Rd8=)*

B1) 15.Re1 Rd8 16.Ne5 *(16.Qxd8+ Nxd8 17.Rxe7 Kf8∓)* 16...Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Bh3 18.Qg3 *(18.Bxf7+ Qxf7 19.gxh3 Bf6⩱)* 18...Bf5 19.Bf4=;

B2) 15.Bb1!? Be6 *(15...Qd6?! 16.Qh5±)* 16.Qxc6! bxc6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Ne5 Bf6 *(18...Bd5 19.Re1 Rfe8=)* 19.Re1 Rfd8!= ½-½ Sveshnikov Evgeny-Tal Mikhail/Riga tt 1973 (40)]

[11.Bd3 Tsesarsky b5

A) 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.Qd3 Qd6 14.Bg5 g6 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.h3 *(17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Ne4 Qf4 19.Qd2 Qxd2 20.Nxf6+ Kg7 21.Nh5+ gxh5 22.Rxd2 Na5∓)* 17...Na5∓ 0-1 Stepovoj,V-Arakelian,E/Kstovo op 1994 (37);

B) 12.b4 Ra7 13.Bb2 Rd7 14.Ne4 e5 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qc2+ g6 18.dxe5! *(18.Qxc6 Bb7 19.Qc3 exd4 20.Qd3 Bd5∓)* 18...Bg7 19.Qxc6 Bb7 20.Qc5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qg5+ 22.Kh1⩲ ½-½ Vaganian,R-Sveshnikov,E/URS-ch44 Moscow 1976 (30)]

11...b5

[11...Qc7 Tsesarsky 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Rfd1 b5 14.Ba2 b4 15.axb4 Nxb4 16.Rac1 Qa5 17.Bc4 Bb7 18.Ne5 Rac8∓ McInnes,N-De Cat,B/NATO-chT 1996/EXP 55/0-1 (54)]

12.Bd3

[12.Ba2 Tsesarsky Bb7 *(12...b4 13.axb4 Nxb4 14.Bb1 Bb7 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.h3 Rfd8 19.Re1 Qa8 20.f3 Rb8∓ ½-½ Novak D.-Sitnik I./Open Portoroz 1997 (52))* 13.d5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bf6 16.Rc1 Na5 17.Bxb7 Nxb7= 0-1 Boensch,U-Yudasin,L/Leipzig 1986/EXT 86 (51)]

[12.d5 Tsesarsky Na5 13.Ba2 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.h3 Rfe8= ½-½ Jimenez Zerquera,E-Ivkov,B/Palma de Mallorca izt 1970 (41)]

[12.Bb3 Tsesarsky Bb7 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Ba2 Rc8 15.Rac1 Nc4 16.Ne5 Nb6 17.Rc2 *(17.f4!?)* 17...Nbd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Rfc1= ½-½ Schlechter,C-Maroczy,G/Ostende 1905 (23)]

12...Bb7

[12...h6 Tsesarsky 13.Qd2 Nh7?

A) 14.d5

A1) 14...Na5 15.b4 *(15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Rad1 Nc4 17.Qc2+ Kh8 18.Bf4 Qb6⇄)* 15...Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rfd1±;

A2) 14...exd5 15.Nxd5 Nf6 16.Nxe7+±;

B) 14.Nxb5!?

B1) 14...axb5 15.Qc2 Ng5 16.Nxg5 *(16.Qxc6 Bd7 17.Qc1 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Rc8 19.Qd2 Bc6⩲)* 16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4

B1a) 18.Be4 Ra7 19.Rfd1= *(19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Bg8 g6 21.Nxf7+ Kg7 22.Rae1 Bf6∓)*;

B1b) 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Bg8 g6 20.Nxf7+ Kg7 21.Rad1 Qf4 22.g3 Qf6-+;

B2) 14...Ng5? 15.Nxg5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.Qxg5 hxg5 18.Be4 *(18.Rfc1±)* 18...Bd7 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nc3± ½-½ Rousseau-Stanley/New Orleans 1845 (44)]

13.a4

[13.Qe2 Tsesarsky

A) 13...Rc8 14.Rad1

A1) 14...Qc7 15.Bg5 g6 16.Ne4 Nd5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd2 e5 19.Bb1 *(19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Nf4∓)* 19...Nxd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Rfe1 *(21.Qxd4 Rc4∓)* 21...Rc6 22.Qxd4 Re6 23.Ba2 Re8 24.f3 *(24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Qxe4 27.Qxe4 Rxe4 28.b4=)* 24...Re5= 0-1 Rashkovsky,N-Sveshnikov,E/USSR 1975 (34);

A2) 14...Nd5 15.Bc1 Nxc3 16.bxc3∓ - Dovzik,J-Hocevar,N/Balatonbereny op 1994/EXT 94op;

B) 13...b4 14.Ne4 Qd5 15.Neg5 Rfc8 16.Rfd1 bxa3 17.Bc4 Qf5 18.Nxf7 Na5 19.Nh4 Qe4 20.Ng5 Qxh4 21.Bxe6+ Kf8

B1) 22.g3 Qh5 23.Qxh5 Nxh5 24.Nxh7+ Ke8 25.Bg4 *(25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.bxa3 Nc4 27.Bg5 Bd6±)* 25...g6 26.Bxc8 Rxc8 27.bxa3 Nc4 28.Bg5±;

B2) 22.d5 Bd6 23.Nf3 Qc4∓ 0-1 Fauth,D-Strobel,M/OLWuert 1993/GER 03 (41)]

[13.b4 Tsesarsky

A) 13...a5

A1) 14.bxa5 b4 15.axb4 Nxb4 16.a6

A1a) 16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qc8 18.Ne4 Nfd5 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.dxc5 Rfd8⇄ *(21...Nxe3 22.Bxh7++-)*;

A1b) 16...Nxa6∓;

A2) 14.Nxb5 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxb4 17.Be2 Qd7∓;

B) 13...Rc8 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.Rad1 Nb8 16.Ne5 Nbd7 *(16...Rfd8∓)* 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.f3 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5∓ - Ek,H-Ljungqvist,L/SVE-ch 1973/EXT 97]

13...bxa4

[13...b4 Tsesarsky 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Na5 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.Ne5⇄]

14.Nxa4

[14.Qxa4 Tsesarsky Nb4 15.Be2 Rc8∓]

14...Nb4 15.Be2 Nfd5

[15...Rc8!? Tsesarsky 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Nfd5 18.Qb3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 a5 20.Rfc1⇄]

[15...Qb8 Tsesarsky 16.Nc5 Rd8 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.Ne5⇄]

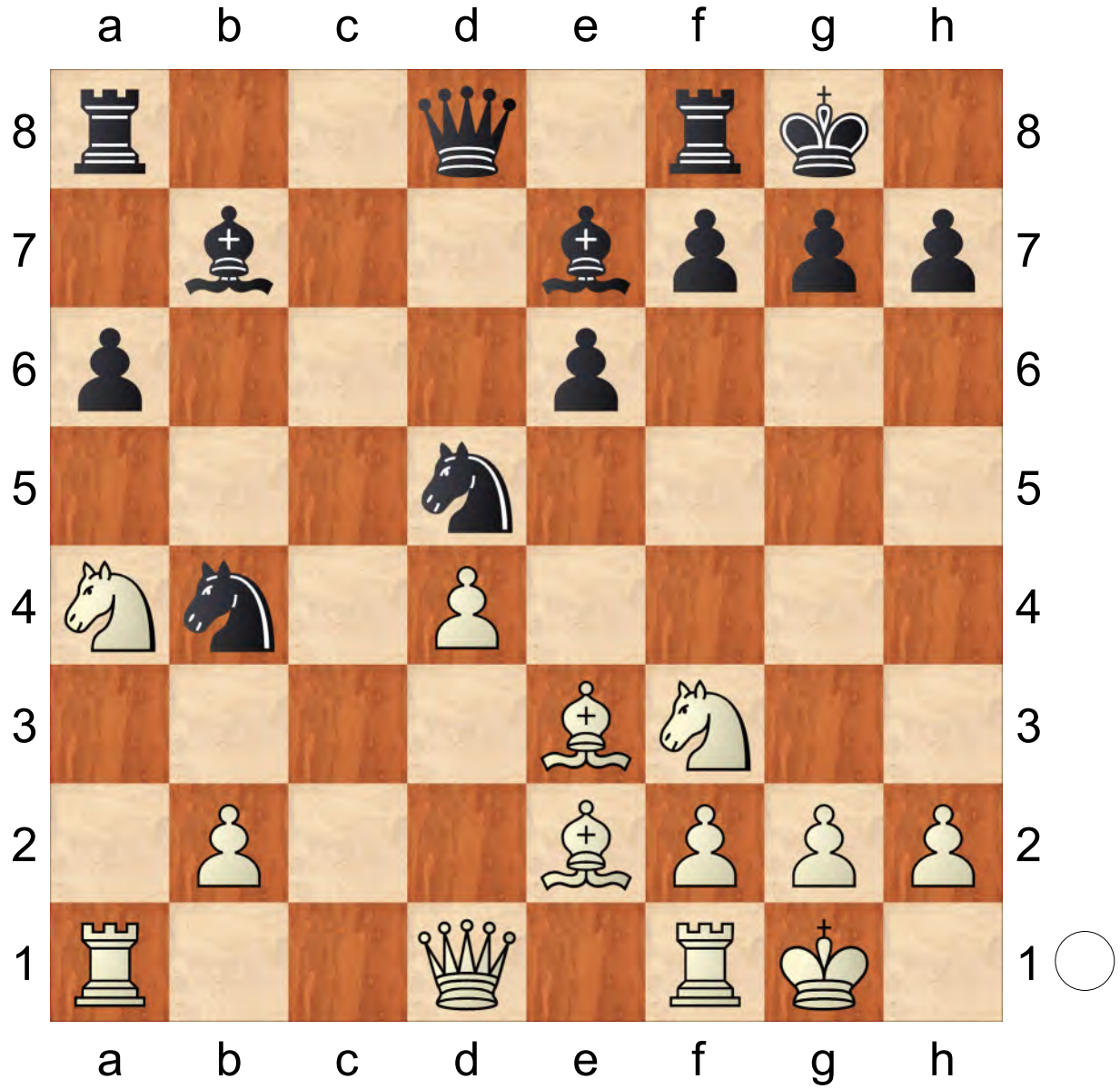
(Diagram)

16.Bd2

[16.Qb3 Tsesarsky Rb8 *(16...Qd6 17.Nc5 Rfb8 18.Ne5=; 16...Bc6 17.Nc5 Rb8 18.Rfc1 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Bd5 20.Qa4 Bc6=)* 17.Nc5 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Bxc5 19.dxc5 Qe7∓]

16...a5

[16...Qd6!? Tsesarsky 17.Nc5⇄ Rab8 18.Ne5



A) 18...Rfc8 19.Bh5!!

A1) 19...Rxc5 20.Nxf7 Qc6 21.dxc5 Ne3 22.Qf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Nxf1 24.Bxb4 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 Rxb4 26.Ne5 Nd2 27.Bg4 Bf6 28.Bxe6+ Kf8 29.Nd3 Nf3+ 30.Kg2 Nh4+ 31.Kf1 Rd4 32.c6! Bd8 33.Nc5+-;

A2) 19...f6 20.Bf7+ Kf8 *(20...Kh8 21.Ng6+! hxg6 22.Qg4 Nf4 23.Bxf4 Qd5 24.Nxb7+-)* 21.Nxe6++-;

A3) 19...g6 20.Bxb4 Nxb4 *(20...gxh5 21.Qxh5 Nxb4 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Nxe6+-)* 21.Nxb7 Qc7 *(21...Rxb7 22.Qf3 gxh5 23.Qxb7+-)* 22.Bf3 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qb3±;

B) 18...Bc8 19.Qa4⇄]

17.Qb3 Nb6

[17...Ba6 Tsesarsky 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.dxc5 Qc7 21.Rfc1 Rc6 22.Qa4 Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxa5=]

[17...Rc8 Tsesarsky 18.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1=]
18.Nc5
[18.Rfc1 Tsesarsky Bd5 19.Qd1⇄]
18...Bd5 19.Qc3
[19.Qd1 Tsesarsky
A) 19...Rc8!?
A1) 20.Rxa5 Nc4 21.Ra7 *(21.Bxc4 Qxa5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Qb3 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Rb8∓)* 21...Bxc5 22.dxc5 Nc6 23.Bxc4 *(23.Ra1 Bxf3-+)* 23...Bxc4∓;
A2) 20.Bc3 Nc4 21.b3 Nd6 22.Ne5 Nf5
A2a) 23.Bxb4 axb4 24.Ncd7 Re8 25.Bb5 *(25.Bh5 g6∓)* 25...Nd6 26.Ba4 f6∓;
A2b) 23.Ned7 Re8 24.Re1 Nh4 25.Bf1 Bxc5 26.Nxc5 Bxg2!∓;
B) 19...Bd6!?∓]
19...Nd7 20.Be3
[20.Nxd7 Tsesarsky Qxd7 21.Ne5 Qb7 22.Qh3 f6 23.Nc4⇄]
20...Rc8

(Diagram)

21.Rfd1
[21.Rfe1 Tsesarsky Bd6∓]
21...Nxc5
[21...Bd6∓ Tsesarsky]
[21...Qc7∓ Tsesarsky]
22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Ne1
[23.Ne5 Tsesarsky Rfd8 24.Bh5 Na2 25.Bxf7+ Kf8 26.Rxa2 Bxa2 27.Bh5 Bf6 28.Bf4 Rxd1+ 29.Bxd1 Kg8∓]
23...Bf6?!
[23...Bxc5! 24.Rdc1 *(24.Bxc5* Tsesarsky *Qxc5 25.Qa3 Ra8 26.Qg3∓)* 24...Bd6 25.Qxc7 Bxc7 26.Rc5 *(26.Bc5 Na2! 27.Rc2 Rfd8 28.Ba6 Ra8 29.Bc4 Nb4 30.Bxb4 axb4 31.Rxa8 Bxa8 32.Bxe6 Rd1 33.Bxf7+ Kf8 34.Kf1 Be4-+)* 26...Bb7 27.Rac1 Nd5 28.Bf3 Bd6 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Rxa5∓]
24.Qa3 Ra8
[24...Nc6 Tsesarsky 25.Nd3⇄]
25.Rac1 Rfb8

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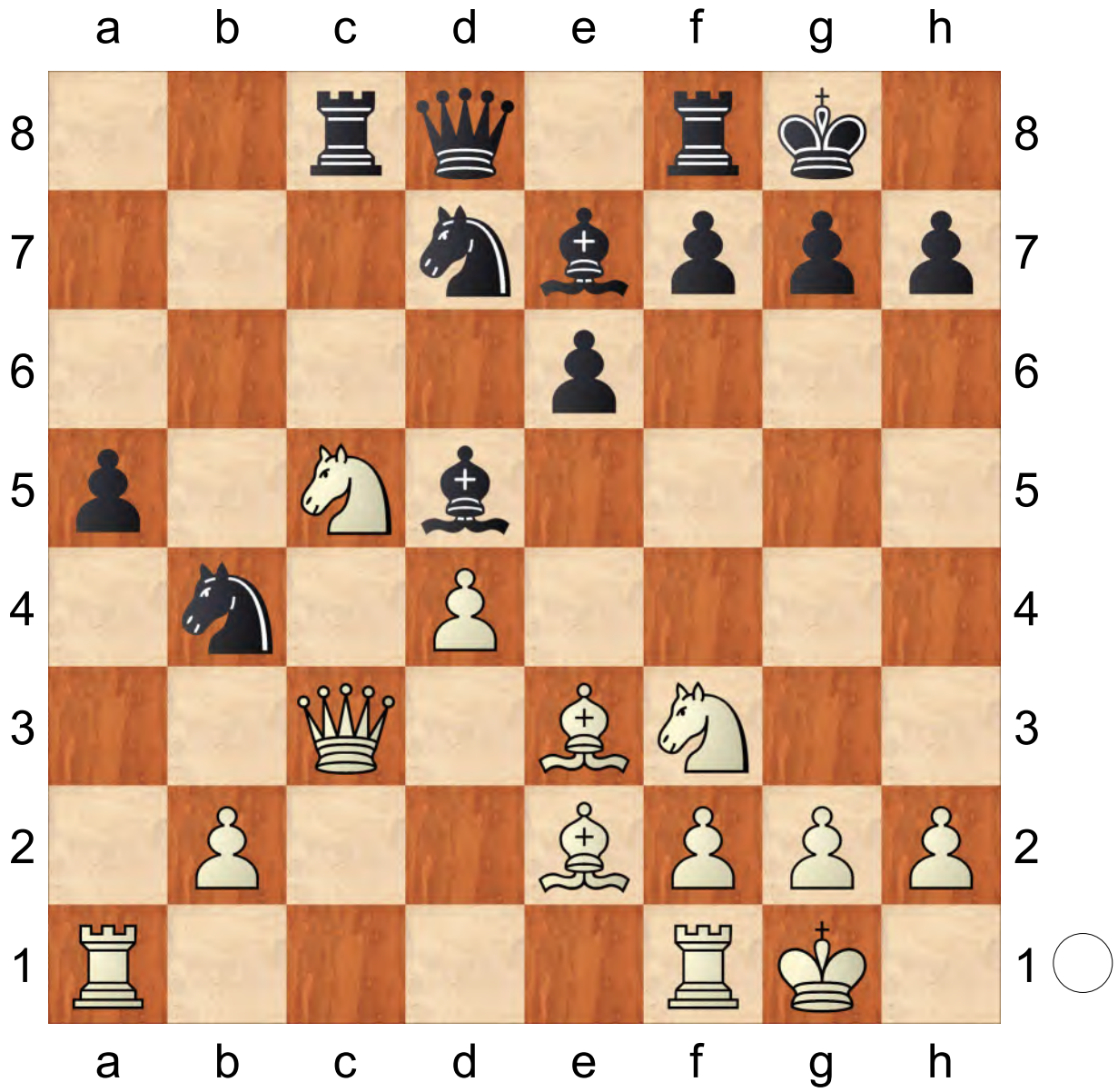
26.Bf3 Qb7
[26...Nc6 Tsesarsky 27.Rc2⇄]
27.Bd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxf3
[28...Qc7 Tsesarsky 29.Bxd5 Nxd5 30.Nd3±]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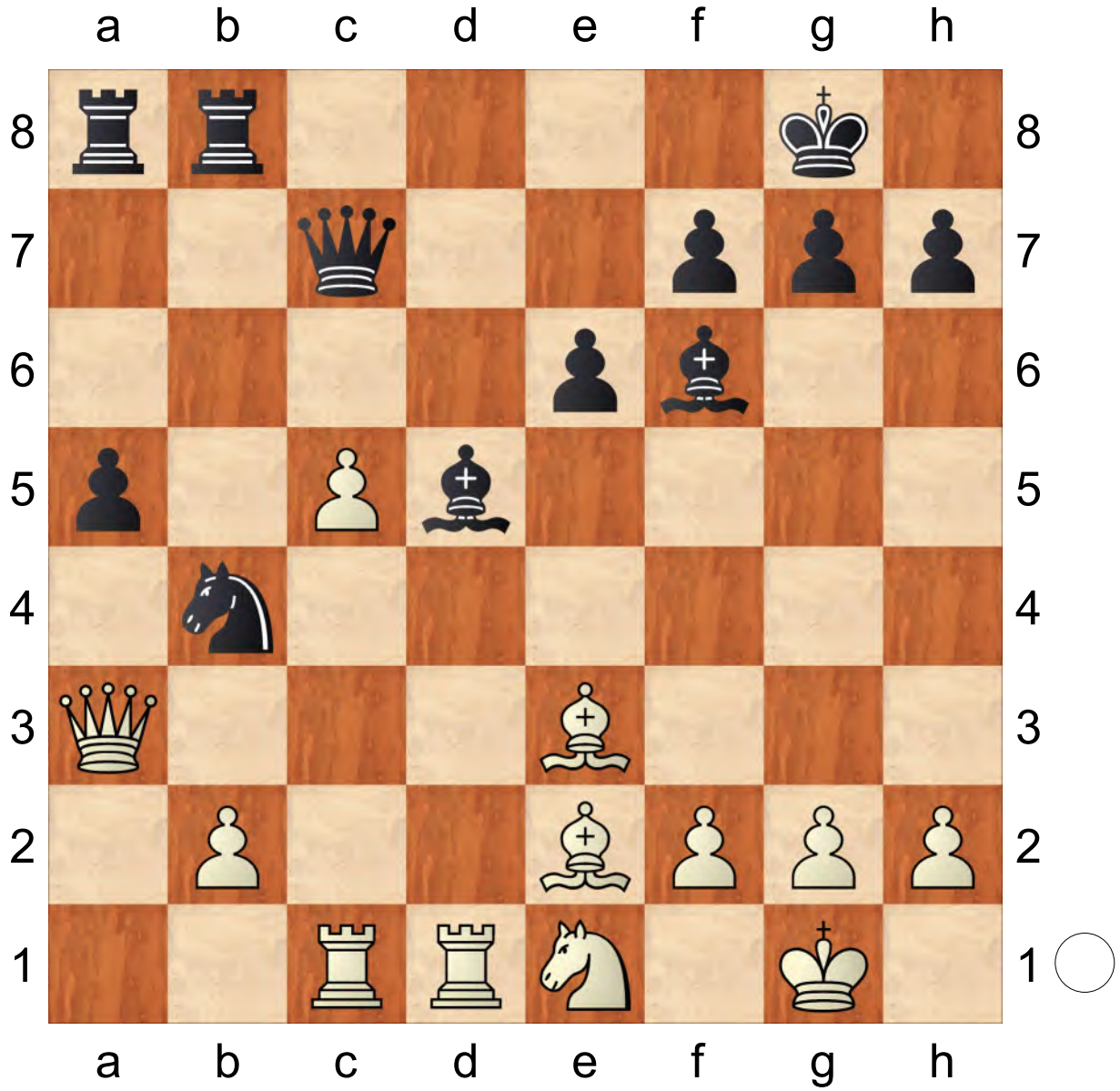

29.Nxf3 Nd5

[29...Nc6! Tsesarsky 30.Rd6 Rc8 31.Rcd1 Rab8 32.Nd4 Ne5 33.b3 Qb4 34.Qxb4 axb4 35.f4 Ng6 36.Nc6 Ra8 37.R1d4 Kf8 38.Rxb4 Ra6 39.Rd8+ Rxd8 40.Nxd8 Ra1+ 41.Kf2 Rc1 42.c6 Ke7 43.Rd4

A) 43...e5 44.Rd5 Rc2+ 45.Ke3 Re2+! 46.Kf3 *(46.Kxe2 Nxf4+ 47.Kf3 Nxd5 48.Nb7 f5∓)* 46...e4+ 47.Kxe2 Nxf4+ 48.Kf2 Nxd5 49.Nb7 f5∓;

B) 43...Nxf4? 44.Rxf4 Kxd8 45.Rxf7±]

30.Rd2 Qc7

[30...Rc8⇄ Tsesarsky]

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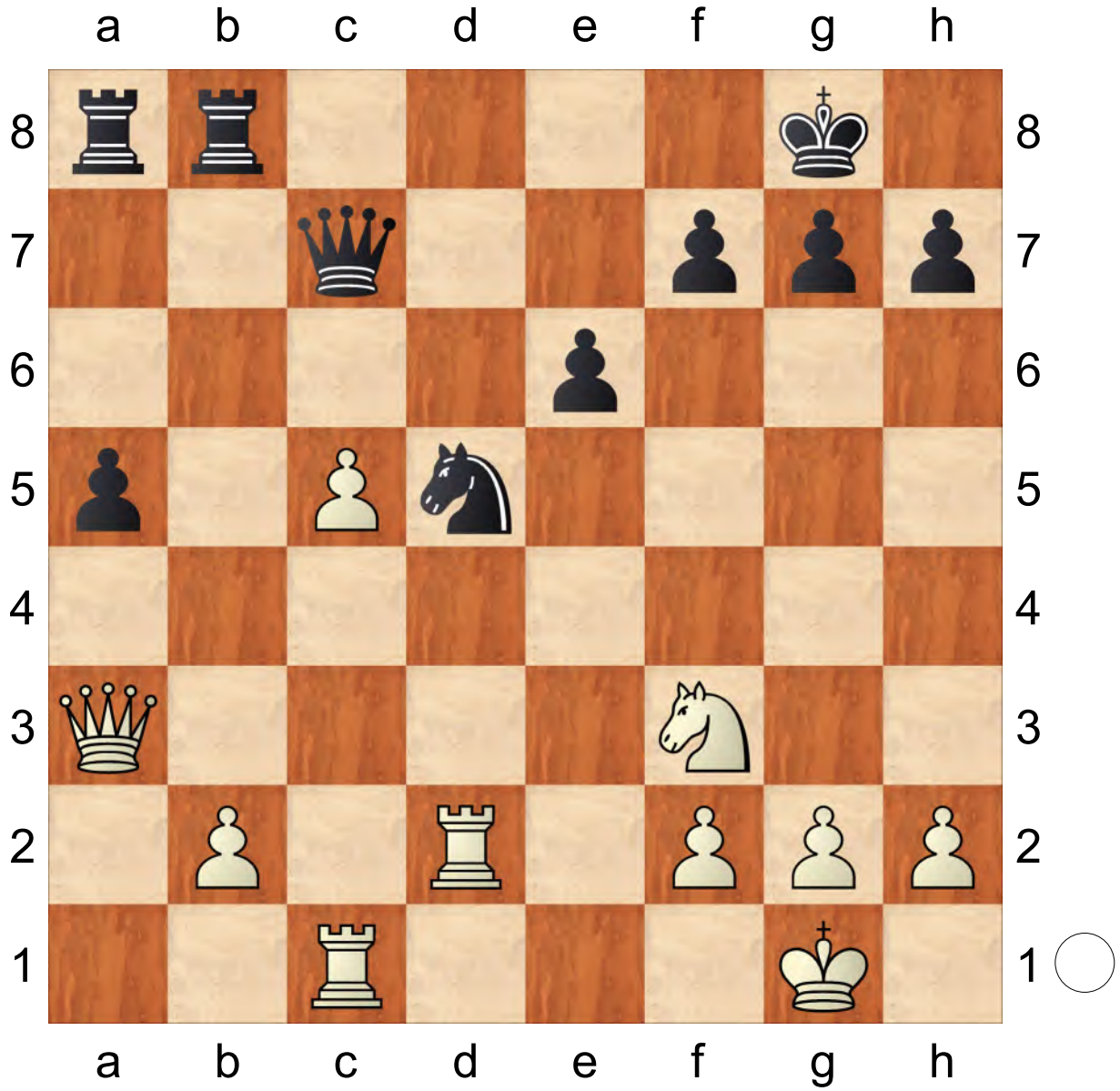

31.h3 Rb4 32.Qd3 Rab8 33.Ng5 g6
[33...Nf6 Tsesarsky 34.Qd6±]
34.Qe2?⊕
[34.Rcc2∞]
[34.Qa6 Tsesarsky Qf4 35.Nf3 R4b5 36.Qa7⇄]
34...Nf4 35.Qf3
[35.Qd1 Tsesarsky h6 36.c6 *(36.Nf3 Rxb2 37.c6 Nd5∓)* 36...Nd5 *(36...hxg5 37.Rd7 Qe5 38.c7 Ne2+ 39.Kh1 Nxc1 40.Rd8+ Kg7 41.Qxc1! Rxb2 42.Rxb8 Rxb8 43.cxb8Q Qxb8 44.Qc3+ e5 45.Qxa5∓)* 37.Nf3 Rxb2∓]
35...Rxb2

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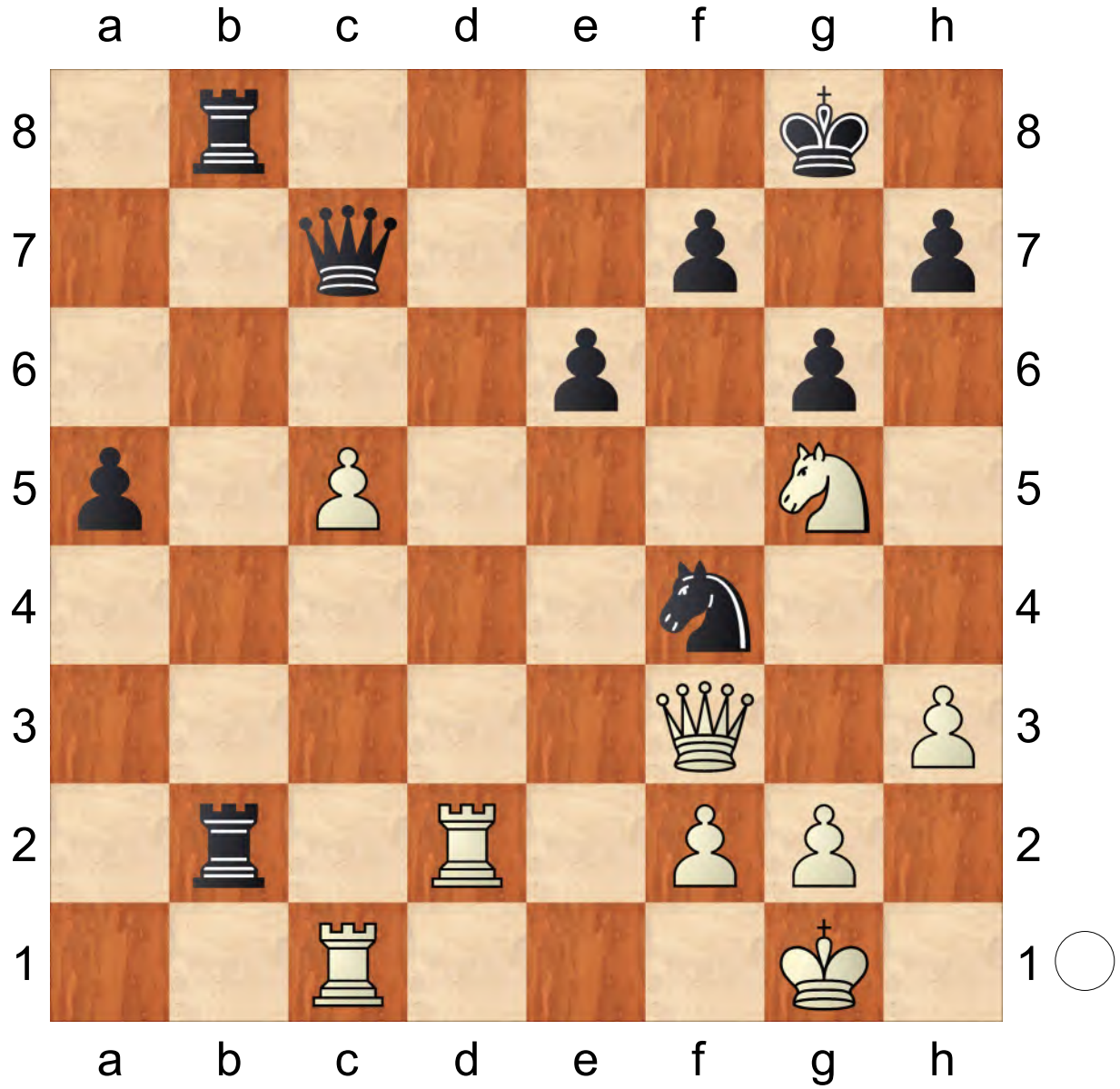

36.Rxb2 Rxb2 37.Kh1 Nd5
[37...Ne2 Tsesarsky 38.Ra1 Qf4 39.Qxf4 *(39.c6 Rc2∓)* 39...Nxf4 40.Rxa5 Rxf2 41.Ra8+ Kg7 42.Ra7 h6 43.Nxf7 Rc2 44.c6 Nd5⇄]
38.Ne4 a4?
[38...Rb4∓]
[38...Rb4 Tsesarsky 39.Nf6+ Nxf6 40.Qxf6 Rb5 41.c6 Rd5 42.Qb2 h6∓]
[38...h6∓ Tsesarsky]
39.Qa3! Rb8
[39...Re2! Tsesarsky 40.Qxa4 *(40.Nd6 Qa7 41.Kg1 h6∓)* 40...Qf4 41.Qa8+ Kg7 42.Qa1+ e5 43.f3 Ne3 44.Rg1 Ng4!! 45.fxg4 *(45.Ng3 Nf2+ 46.Kh2 Nxh3!-+)* 45...Qxe4∓]
40.Qxa4 Qf4

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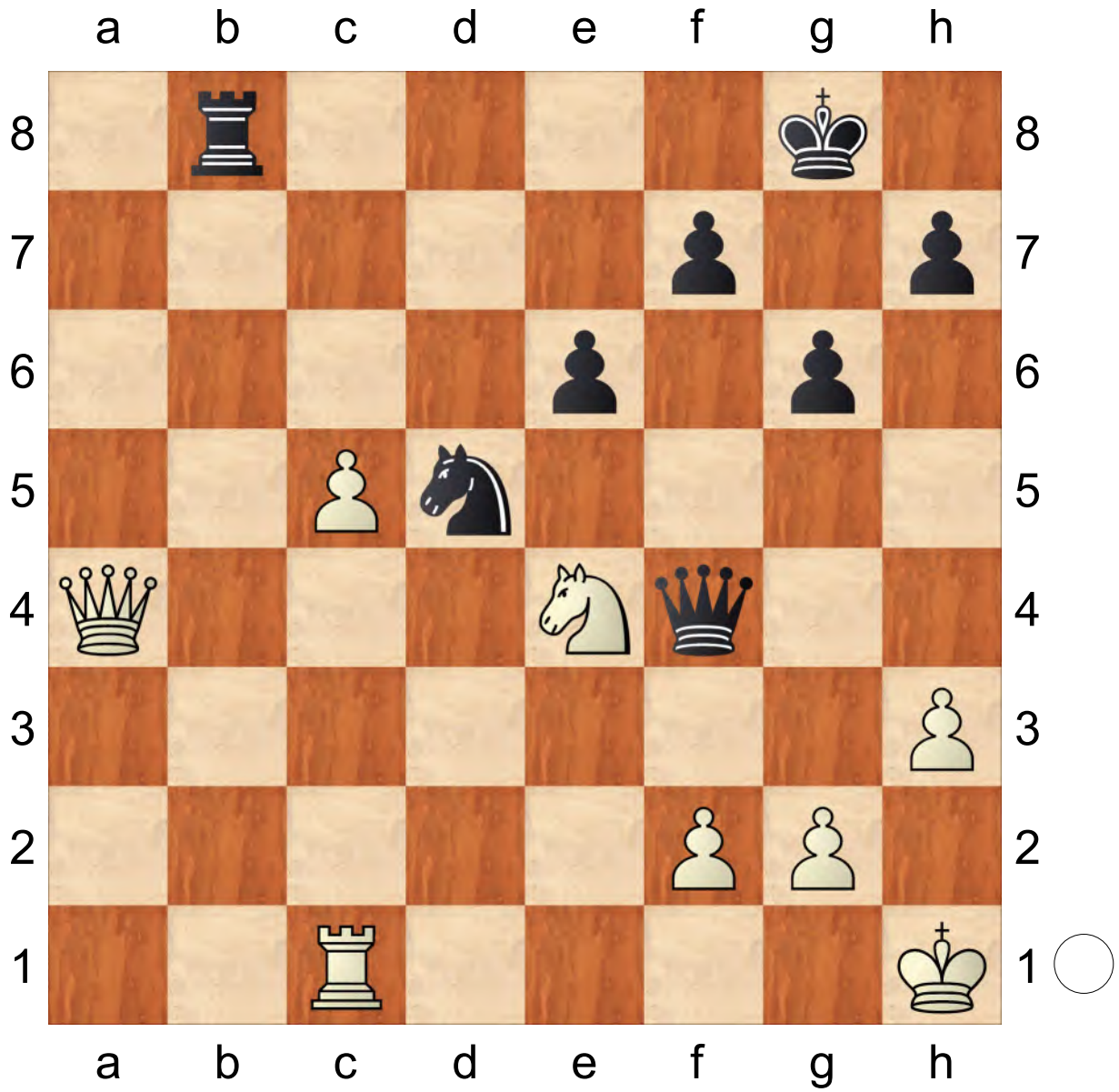


41.Re1!±
[41.Rd1± Tsesarsky]
41...Rb4 42.Qa8+
[42.Qc2 Tsesarsky Qb8 43.Ra1 Rb2 44.Qd3 Rb3 45.Qc2=]
42...Kg7 43.Qa1+ Kh6?
[43...Kg8±]
44.Nd6!
[44.f3 Tsesarsky Rb3 45.c6 Rb6 46.Qc1 Qxc1 47.Rxc1 Nc7=]
44...f6□
[Contra Contra 44...Qxf2 las blancas logran mantener la ventaja con 45.Rf1
A) 45...Ra4 46.Qc1+ Qe3 47.Nxf7+ Kg7 48.Qb2+
A1) 48...Qd4 Tsesarsky 49.Qb8 Nf4□ 50.Qc7 Ra1 51.Ne5+
A1a) 51...Kf6

A1a1) 52.Ng4+
A1a11) 52...Kg5
A1a111) 53.Qe7+ Kf5 54.Qf8+ Kg5 55.Qh6+ Kf5 56.Ne3+ Kf6 57.Qf8+ Kg5 58.Qe7+ Kh6 59.Ng4+ Kh5 60.Qxh7+ Kg5 61.Qh6+ Kf5 62.Ne3+ Qxe3 *(62...Ke4 63.Qxf4++-)* 63.Rxa1+-;
A1a112) 53.Qe7++-;
A1a12) 52...Kf5 53.Qf7++-;
A1a2) 52.Qf7+ Kxe5 53.Qg7+ Kd5 54.Qxd4+ Kxd4 55.Rxa1 Kxc5 56.g3**±**;
A1b) 51...Kh8 52.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 53.Kh2 Nd5 54.Qc8+ Kg7 55.Qxe6+-;
A2) 48...Qc3 49.Qb8 Nf6 50.Ng5+-;
B) 45...Qb2 46.Nxf7+ *(46.Qe1 Nf4! 47.Nxf7+ Kg7 48.Qe5+ Qxe5 49.Nxe5 Re4=)* 46...Kg7 47.Ng5
B1) 47...Kh6 48.Nxe6 Ne3 49.Rg1 Qxa1 50.Rxa1 Rb2 51.c6 Rc2 52.c7 Nd5 53.Ra4! g5 *(53...Nxc7 54.Rh4#)* 54.Ra6! Rc1+ *(54...Kh5 55.Ng7+ Kh4 56.Nf5+ Kh5 57.Rh6#)* 55.Kh2 Ne7 56.Nc5+ Kg7 57.Rc6+-;
B2) 47...Qxa1 48.Nxe6+ Kg8 49.Rxa1**±**]

45.Kg1
[45.Nf7+ Tsesarsky Kg7 *(45...Kh5 46.Qd1++-)* 46.Nd8 Nc7 47.Rxe6 Rc4 48.Qa5 Rc1+ *(48...Kh8 49.Re2 Rc1+ 50.Re1 Qc4 51.Nb7 Qc2=)* 49.Re1 Kf8 50.Kg1 Qc4 51.c6 Rxe1+ 52.Qxe1 Qd5=]

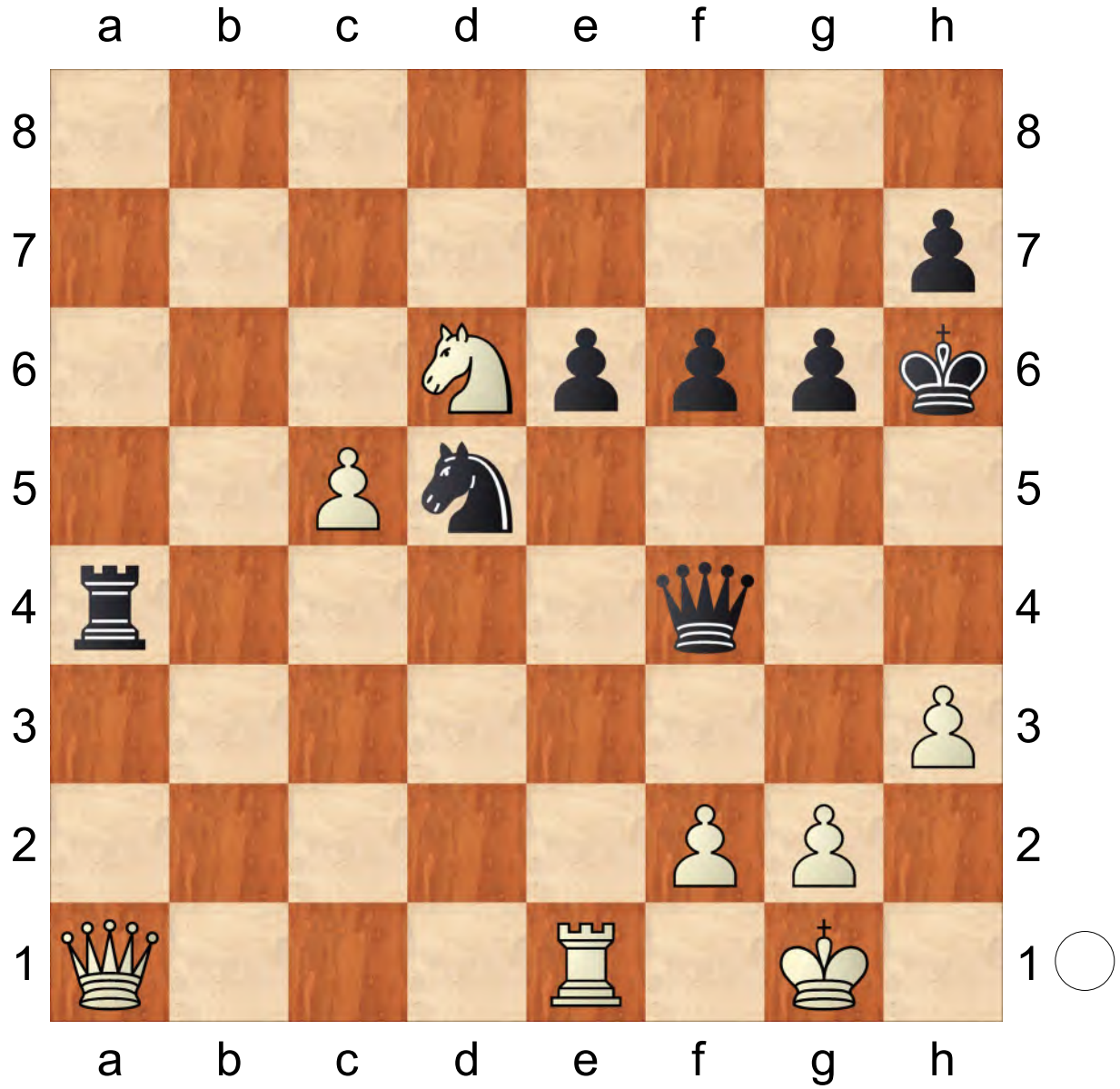
45...Ra4
[45...Nc7 Tsesarsky 46.Qa7 Rb2 47.Rf1 Nb5 48.Qb7 Rb3 49.Nxb5 Qb4 50.Qf7 Qxb5 51.Qf8+ Kg5 52.f4+
A) 52...Kh5 53.Qg7! *(53.Qxf6 Qxc5+ 54.Kh2 Kh6 55.Qxe6±)* 53...h6 54.Qxf6 Qxc5+ 55.Kh2+-;
B) 52...Kf5 53.Qd6+-]

(Diagram)

46.Qb2
[46.Qb1 Tsesarsky
A) 46...e5? 47.Qb8 Qb4 48.Qf8+
A1) 48...Kg5 49.Nf7+ Kf4 50.g3+ Kf5 *(50...Kf3 51.Nxe5#)* 51.Qc8#;
A2) 48...Kh5 49.g4+ Kg5 50.Re4 Qb1+ 51.Kg2 Rxe4 52.Nf7+ Kf4 53.Qh6+ g5 54.Nxg5!! Ne3+ *(54...fxg5 55.Qf8+ Nf6 56.Qxf6#)* 55.fxe3+ Kxe3 56.Nxe4+ Kd4 57.Qxh7+-;
B) 46...Rb4! 47.Qa2 Ra4 48.Qe2 This Game]

46...Rb4 47.Qe2 Nc7
[47...e5 Tsesarsky 48.Qa2 Qd4 49.Qa8**±**]

48.Nf7+ Kg7 49.Nd8! Qd4? El error definitivo.
[49...e5? 50.Qa2!+-]



[49...Qe5 50.Qd2 *(50.Qxe5 fxe5 51.Ra1 Kf6 52.Ra7 Rd4! 53.Rxc7 Rxd8 54.Kf1 Rd1+ 55.Ke2 Rc1 56.c6 h5±)*

A) 50...Qxc5 51.Qd7+ Kh6 *(51...Kh8 52.Qc8!+-)* 52.Nf7+

A1) 52...Kg7 53.Ne5+ *(53.Nd6+ Kh6 54.Qe7!+-)* 53...Kh6 54.Ng4+ Rxg4 55.hxg4+-;

A2) 52...Kh5 53.Qd1+ Kh4 54.Qf3+-;

B) 50...Rd4 51.Qa5!+-;

C) 50...Qd4□ 51.Qxd4 Rxd4 52.Nxe6+ Nxe6 53.Rxe6

C1) 53...Rc4 Tsesarsky 54.Rc6 Kf7 55.Kf1 *(55.Kh2 Rc3±)* 55...Rc2 56.g3 *(56.Rc7+ Ke6 57.Rxh7 Rxc5=)* 56...h5 57.h4 Ke7 58.Ke1

C1a) 58...g5 59.hxg5 fxg5 60.Rh6 h4 *(60...Rxc5 61.Rxh5 Kf6=)* 61.gxh4 gxh4 62.Rh5 h3 63.Kf1 Rc1+ 64.Ke2 h2 65.Rxh2 Rxc5=;

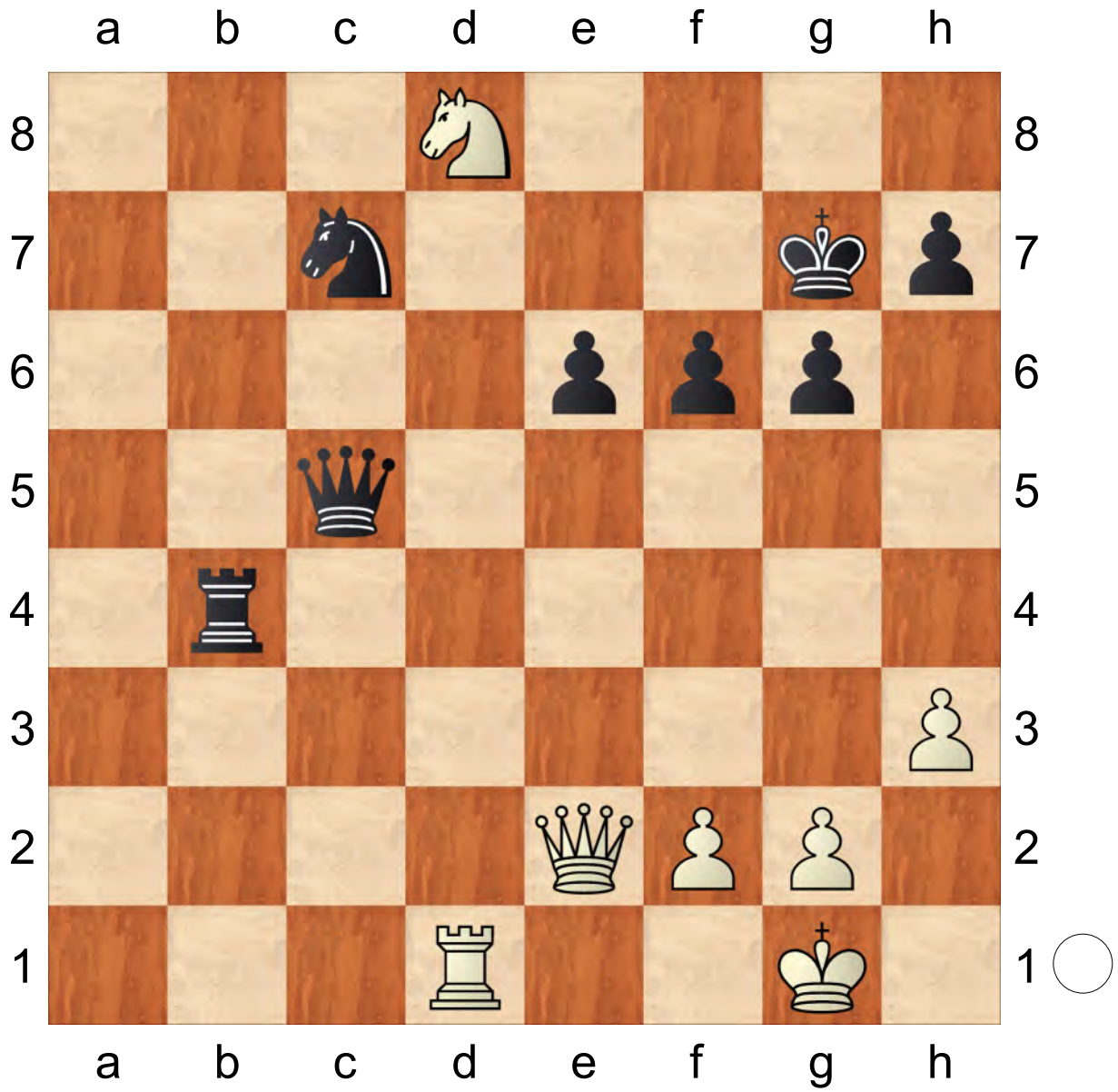
C1b) 58...Kf7±;

C2) 53...Rd1+ 54.Kh2 Rc1 55.Rc6 Kf7 56.Kg3 Ke7 57.Kf3±]

50.Rd1!

[50.Nc6 Qxc5 51.Nxb4 Qxb4 52.Rd1 Qe7±]

50...Qxc5



51.Qxe6!+-

[51.Nxe6+ Nxe6 52.Qxe6 Rd4 53.Rb1 Qc7=]

51...Rf4

[51...Nxe6 52.Nxe6+ Kf7 53.Nxc5+-]

52.Rd7+ Kh6 53.Nf7+ Kg7 54.Ne5+ Kh6 55.Rxh7+!

(Diagram)

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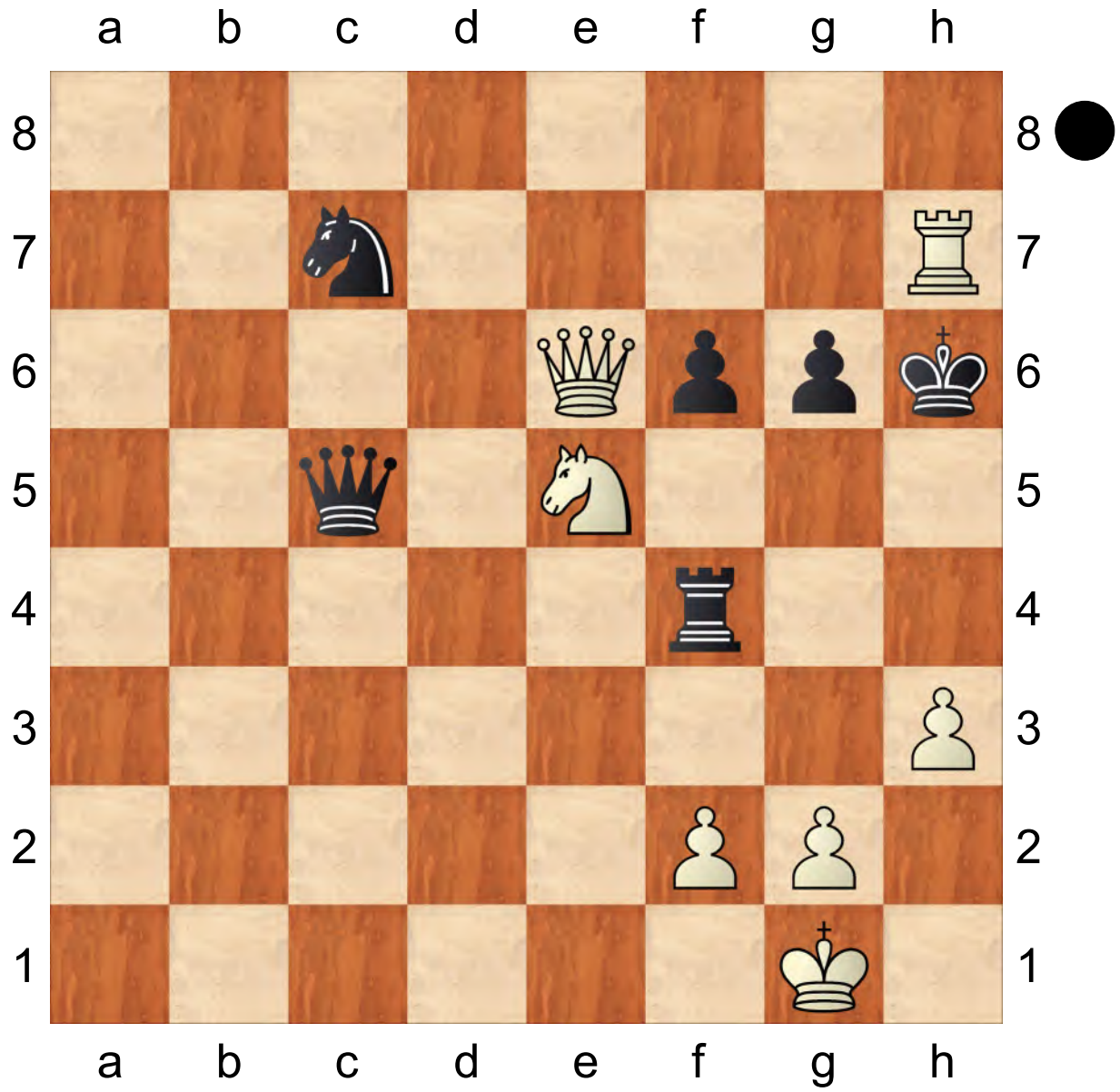
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□ **Giri,Anish** **2714**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2729**
Reggio Emilia 54th (8) 04.01.2012
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Richard Palliser Vitiugov was in miserable form in Reggio and his opponents tried to exploit this in a sharp struggle - he had to face 1.e4 3x in the second half of the tournament. **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6**

[Earlier Vitiugov used to prefer 4...Nc6 , but this didn't necessarily always lead to a Paulsen in his practice: 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.f4 d6 leads to a Scheveningen without a6. 10.Ndb5 *(10.Kh1 a6 11.a4* is the main line. *)* 10...Qb8 11.a4 Rd8 12.Bf3 Bd7 13.Kh1 1/2, Wang Hao (2715)-Vitiugov,N (2710) /RUS-chT Dagomys/2010/ *(13.Qd2 Be8 14.Rad1 a6 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.Nb3 Rab8 17.a5 Nxa5!? 18.Nxa5 Qxa5 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Qxa5 Nxe3 21.Qa3 Nxf1 22.Kxf1 Bb5+ 23.Be2 Bxe2+ 24.Kxe2 Rbc8⩱* Larsen,B (2610)-Kortschnoj,V (2650)/Lone Pine/1981/*; 13.g4!? Be8 14.g5 Nd7 15.Bg2 a6 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Qc7 18.Be3 b6 19.Kh1 Rac8 20.f5 Ne5 21.f6 Bf8 22.Qh5 g6 23.Qh3* Barskij,A (1993)-Sokalsky,A (2199)/Ruhrgebiet/2007/ *Nc4∞)*]

5.Be2 Richard Palliser: '!?' Richard Palliser: 'A surprisingly fiendish little move, although White should only play it if he is prepared to transpose to the Classical Scheveningen.' A rare move order.

[The most usual and about equally popular continuations are 5.Nc3]
[and 5.Bd3]
[5.c4 is a distant third.]

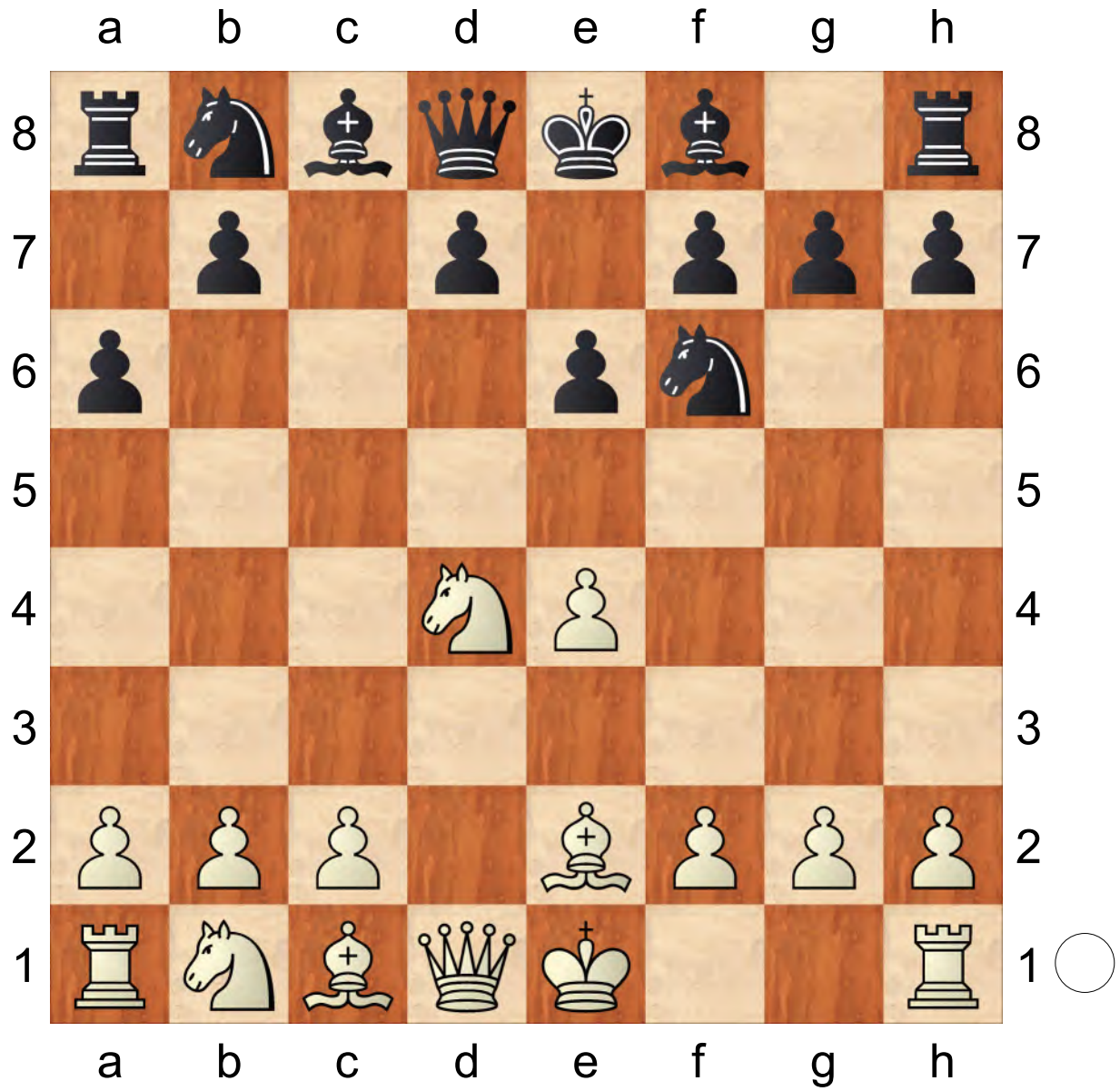
5...Nf6

[Black's main move, but not his only approach and 5...b6!? Richard Palliser 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Nc3 Qc7 8.f4 Bb4!? didn't seem too bad for the second player in Shabalov-Kamsky, Foxwoods Open 2007, as we've seen before.]

(Diagram)

6.Nc3 Bb4 An enterprising, but risky line. Richard Palliser: '?!'

[Richard Palliser: 'In view of White's powerful riposte, this ambitious move may ask too much of Black's position. The very next day (!) Vitiugov had this position again and preferred' One round later Vitiugov opted for the safer, but still sufficiently complex 6...Qc7 Richard Palliser: 'against Fabio Caruana. After' 7.0-0 Bb4 *(* Black obviously relies on the quick bishop sortie and spurns one of the Paulsen main lines *7...Nc6 8.Be3 Bb4 9.Na4;* this is now better-timed instead *7...b5?!* Richard Palliser *8.Bf3!* is inadvisable, as shown by John Shaw in his notes to Panarin-Sergienko, Voronezh 2010,*;* but *7...d6* (Richard Palliser) is, of course, very



much an option *)*

A) 8.Qd3 Nc6 Richard Palliser: 'play had transposed to a line of the Taimanov which I'd always thought was OK for Black, and after' 9.Kh1 *(A more usual move is 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.f4 d5 11.e5 Nd7 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Na4 f6 15.Bg4 f5 16.Be2 c5 17.c3 c4 18.Qc2 Be7 19.b4 g5⇄ Filippov,A (2502)-Fedorov,A (2607)/Tashkent/2008/)* 9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Bc5 Richard Palliser: '(forcing White to lose more time with his queen)' 11.Qd2 h6!? 12.f4 d6 13.Qe1 *(13.Qd3 Nd7 14.a3 b5 15.b4 Ba7 16.a4 bxa4 17.Bb2 Bb7 18.Rxa4 0-0 19.Qg3 e5 20.Bxa6 Bxa6 21.Rxa6 Bd4⩲ Vukovic,Z (2475)-Ionescu,C (2446)/Bucharest/2000/)* 13...Bd7 14.Qg3 Bd4 Richard Palliser: '!' 15.Bf3 *(15.Qxg7* Richard Palliser *Rg8 16.Qxh6 0-0-0* looks rather risky for White *)* 15...Qc4 16.Bd2 Bc6 17.Rae1 0-0-0 Richard Palliser: 'Black was comfortably placed and soon broke with ...g5.' 18.Be2 Qc5 *(18...Qb4!?)*

19.Bd3 g5! 20.Qf3 Rhg8 21.Na4!? g4 *(21...Bxa4 22.c3 g4 23.Qe2 Bf2 24.Qxf2 Qxf2 25.Rxf2±)* 22.Qe2 Qh5 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.Nxc3 Caruana,F (2727)-Vitiugov,N (2729)/Reggio Emilia/2012/ Kb8 *(24...g3 25.Qxh5 Nxh5∞)* **Δ** 25.b4 Rc8⇄;

B) 8.Bg5!? Bxc3 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.bxc3 Qxc3 11.Rb1⩲ Nc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qd4 e5 *(⌓13...Rg8!?)* 14.Qe3 d6 15.Rb6 Qc5 16.Qxc5 dxc5 17.Bc4↑ Balogh,C (2463)-Teitelbaums,A (2171)/Budva/2003/]

[6...d6 -B8 once again leads to a Scheveningen.]

7.e5

[7.Qd3 Qc7 transposes into the above note.]

[The ♙-sacrifice 7.0-0 is not too clear either: Bxc3 *(7...Qc7* once again transposes to 6... ♕c7.*;* Possibly the simplest choice is *7...d6!? 8.Qd3 Nbd7 9.Qg3 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nxe4 11.Qxg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Ndxf6 13.c4 e5 14.Nb3 Be6 15.Bb2 Rc8 16.f3 Nc5 17.f4 Na4 18.Ba3 e4 19.Bxd6 Nc3 20.Rfe1 Nxe2+ 21.Rxe2 Bxc4 22.Ree1 Rg8=* Arizmendi Martinez,J (2510)-Vallejo Pons, F (2635)/Ayamonte/2002/ - see notes to this game in CBM 92*)* 8.bxc3

A) 8...Qc7 9.Qd3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Bf3 *(11.Ba3!?⩲)* 11...Qxc3 12.Qxc3 Nxc3 13.Bb2 Nb5 14.Nxb5 axb5 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Bf6 Rg6 17.Bb2 Ra4 18.Rfe1± f5?? 19.Bh5+- Moreno Carnero,J (2514)-Cacho Reigadas,S (2463)/ Cala Mendia/2001/;

B) 8...Nxe4

B1) 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Re1 *(10.Ba3 d6∞)* 10...0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Nc6 *(12...d6 Δ♘ bd7 ∓)* 13.Qf3 d5 14.Nb3 e5 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qxd5 Bf5 17.Qf3 Bxd3 18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.cxd3 Rfd8 20.Red1 Rd5 21.Kf1 Rad8 22.Ke2 f5 23.a4= Ricardi,P (2483)-Smirin,I (2666)/ICC /2000*!*

B2) 9.Ba3 Nxc3 10.Qd3!? *(10.Qe1? Qa5 11.Bd6 Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2* Kocur,A (2260)-Boehm,S (1980)/Leverkusen/1997/ *Qd5∓)* 10...Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 ⧉ d6 12.Nf5 0-0 13.Nxd6 Qc7 14.Rad1⩲;

B3) 9.Qd3

B3a) 9...d5 10.Ba3 Qc7 *(10...Qa5 11.Bb4 Qa4 12.f3 Nf6 13.Qe3 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.f4 a5 16.Ba3 Bd7 17.Rab1 Rc8 18.c4 dxc4 19.Bf3 Nd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Rfd1 Qc6 22.f5→ +-,ɣe8,* Del Rio Angelis, S (2495)-Djuric,S (2489)/Cutro/2002/*)* 11.c4 Nc5 12.Qe3 0-0 Kayumov,S (2479)-Kotsur,P (2586)/Doha/2003/ 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nb5! axb5 15.Bxc5↑;

B3b) ⌓9...Nc5 10.Qg3 0-0 11.Ba3 d6 12.Rfd1 Qe7 13.Nb3 e5 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Rd5 Nd7 16.Rad1 b6 17.Bc1 Re8 18.Rd6 Kh8 19.Bc4 *(19.Rc6!?⩲)* 19...b5 20.Bf1 Nf8 21.Be3 c4 22.h4 Bf5∓ Gonzalez de la Torre,S (2352)-Mirzoev,A (2520)/Elgoibar/2005*!*

B4) 9.Bf3!?

B4a) 9...Nc5 10.Ba3 d6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Qd2 Nbd7 13.Rad1 Ne5 14.Be2!⩲ *(14.Nxc5 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 dxc5 16.Bxc5 f6 17.Qe3 Kf7 18.Rd6 Rd8∓* Balogh,C (2432)-Anka,E (2462)/Budapest/2002/*)* ;

B4b) 9...d5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Ba3 e5 12.Qh5 *(12.Qe2 exd4 13.Qxe4+ Be6 14.Qxb7 Nd7 15.Rfe1 Rb8 16.Qxa6 Qb6 17.Qa4 Kd8 18.cxd4 Qb5 19.Qa7 Qb6 20.Qa4 Qb5 21.Qa7 Qb6 22.Qa4* 1/2, Gutierrez Castillo,J (2304)-Urday Caceres,H (2486)/Cali/2000/*)* 12...exd4 *(12...Qf6 13.Nb3 Bf5 14.Rad1 Qg6* Zelcic,R (2500)-Martorelli,A (2255)/Formia/1995/ *15.Qh4 f6 16.Nc5↑)* 13.Rfe1 Be6 14.Rxe4 Qf6 15.Rae1 Kd8 16.Rxd4+ Nd7 17.Qc5⩲]

7...Nd5 Richard Palliser: 'This variation received a bit of coverage from Johan Hellsten in his generally excellent 'Play the Sicilian Kan'. Here the Swedish Grandmaster noted that the position 'is indeed harmless for Black', but had failed to take White's gambit response into account.'

[7...Qa5? 8.exf6 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Qd2! Qxa1 11.0-0 Nc6 12.c3 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Qxa2 14.fxg7 Rg8 15.Bg5 d5 16.Qf6 Kd7 17.Qxf7+ Kc6 18.Qxg8 Loef,D (2175)-Stoeckl,N (2106)/Schwarzach/2002/]

[7...Ne4

A) 8.Qd3 Qa5 9.0-0 *(9.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 Qxa1+ 12.Bd1 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.0-0 Rb8! 15.Qg4 0-0 16.Bh6 Qxe5 17.Bf4 Qb2 18.Qg3 Rb5-+* Jolly,J (2369)-Genov,P (2437)/Guingamp/2011/*)* 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Rb1

A1) 11...Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Nc6 13.Qd3 0-0 *(13...Qxe5 14.Bb2⩱)* 14.f4⩲ O;

A2) 11...Nc6 12.Nxc6 dxc6 *(12...bxc6 13.f4 Bb4 14.f5 g6 15.fxe6 dxe6 16.Bh6 Bf8 17.Qf3 Qc7 18.Be3 Bb7 19.Kh1 Rb8 20.Bxa6* 1-0,Ward,R-Higgs/corr/1984/*)* 13.f4 0-0 14.Rd1!⩲ *(14.Rf3 Bb4 15.Rxb4 Qxb4 16.Ba3 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Rd8∓* Heuer,V (2200)-Poutiainen,P (2430)/Tallinn/1977/*)* ;

B) 8.0-0!? Nxc3 leads to the game position.]

8.0-0! Even now White sacrifices, and it won't be just a ♙. Otherwise he risks running into a strategically inferior position:

[Richard Palliser: 'Giving up material for the initiative. Instead' 8.Bd2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be7 Richard Palliser: 'followed by ...d6 does, indeed, seem fine for Black, as indicated by Hellsten.'

A) 10.0-0 d6 11.Bf4 *(11.exd6 Qxd6 12.f4 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bf3 Qc7 15.Rb1 0-0 16.Qe1 Rb8∓* Hendriks,T-Doggers,P (2189)/Vlissingen/2003/*)* 11...dxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qh5 Rf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Rad1 Qf8 18.Bd4 Qf7 19.Qe2 Nf8 20.Rfe1 Be6∓ Asrian,K (2566)-Yegiazarian,A (2527)/Yerevan/2000/

B) 10.Bd3 d6 11.f4 Qc7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 Bf8 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Qh4 Bg7 16.0-0 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.Rf3 Qc5+ *(18...0-0∓)* 19.Kh1 Bd7 20.f5!? exf5 21.Re1+ Be6 22.Bc4 0-0 23.Rxe6 1/2, Kotronias,V (2510)-Gheorghiu,F (2500)/Kavala/1990/ fxe6 24.Bxe6+ Rf7! 25.Rd3 Re8∓]

8...Nxc3

[The alternative was 8...Bxc3?! Richard Palliser 9.bxc3 Nxc3 10.Qd3 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 , but White must be doing very well here, with such a dark-squared bishop, a clamp on the position and a lead in development, not to mention the

possibility of beginning a kingside attack after Qg4.]

9.bxc3 Bxc3

[9...Be7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qd3 Bg5 12.Bxg5 Qxg5 13.f4 Qe7 14.f5 *(14.c4± Δ d6? 15.Qa3 Rd8 16.Nb5)* 14...f6 15.Qh3 *(15.Qe4!?)* 15...Nc6 16.fxe6?! *(16.exf6∞)* 16...Nxe5 17.Bd3 Nxd3 18.exd7 Bxd7 19.Qxd3 Rfe8 20.Rf3 Rac8 21.Rg3 Rc5 22.Rd1 Re5 23.h3 Re3 24.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 25.Kh1 h6 26.Qc4+ Kh7↑ 27.Rf1? Bxh3 28.gxh3 Qxh3+ 29.Kg1 Qg3+ 30.Kh1 Qh3+ 31.Kg1 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qh4+ 33.Kg1 Re3 34.Rf2 Re1+ 35.Rf1 Re3 36.Rf2 Re1+ 37.Rf1 Qg3+ 38.Kh1 Negi,P (2621)-Muzychuk,A (2523)/Wijk aan Zee/2010/ b5!-+]

10.Ba3!? Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'A strong follow-up. Otherwise White would only have had some play for his pawn, but the text makes this a very dangerous gambit from what I can see. Black's king is trapped in the centre and his dark squares extremely weak.' Throws in the exchange and Increases the tension by trapping the ♔ in the ⊞.

[10.Rb1 Qc7 *(* Critical is *⌓10...Nc6! 11.Nxc6 dxc6∞)* 11.Rb3 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 0-0? *(12...Nc6 13.Qg4 Qxe5 14.Bb2↑)* 13.Rh3→ Qd8 14.Bd3 g6 15.Bh6 Nc6 16.Qe3 b5 Zelic,M-Jerkovic,B/Bela Crkva/1983/ 17.Bg7!+-]

10...Qa5

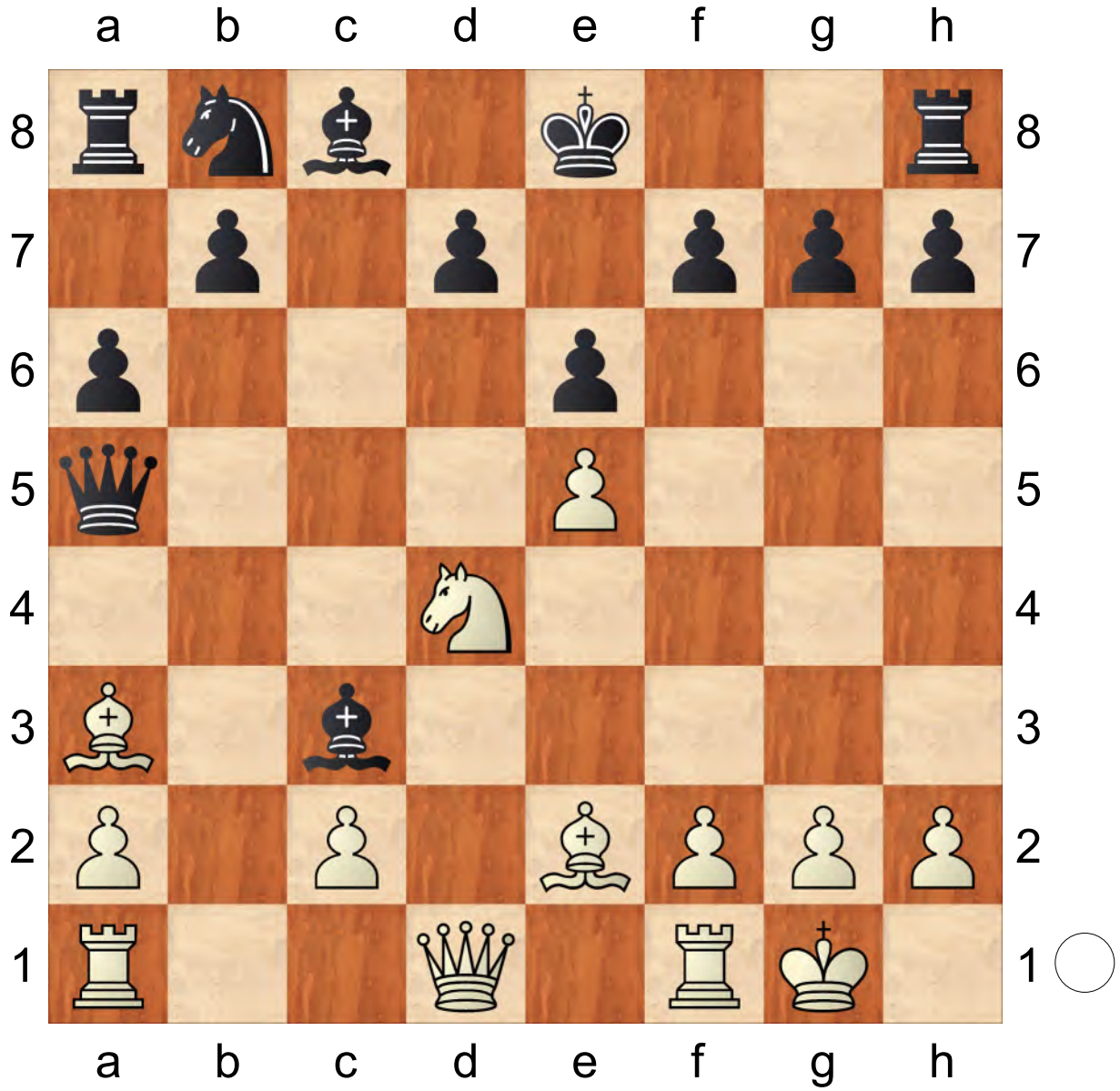
[10...Bxa1 11.Qxa1≅ → is less flexible Nc6 Richard Palliser 12.Nxc6 bxc6 *(* or *12...dxc6 13.Rd1 Bd7 14.Qd4 b6 15.Bf3 Rc8 16.Bd6* with excellent enduring compensation*)* 13.Rd1 how is he ever going to free his position, since the queen can hardly leave d8 with Qd4-d6 very much a possibility.]

(Diagram)

11.Bd6 Nc6

[Richard Palliser: 'I wouldn't be surprised if Giri had found the whole concept of 7 e5 and 10 Ba3 at the board, although it's not impossible that he knew about the idea and I've found two previous games which reached this position. The stem game, Anagnostopoulos-Tringov, Greece 1997, saw Black force the dark-squared bishops off with' 11...Bb4 Richard Palliser: ', although even after this and then' 12.Nf3 *(*Richard Palliser: 'as indicated by the machine,' *12.Nb3* Richard Palliser: '!?' *Qb6 13.Nd2!→* Richard Palliser: 'comes very much into consideration too, with an enduring bind and pressure after' *Qd4* Richard Palliser *14.Nc4 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Nc6 16.a4)* 12...Nc6 13.Rb1 Bxd6 14.Qxd6 Qd8 15.c4 Qe7 16.c5 f6 Richard Palliser: 'White retained full compensation for his pawn.' 17.Rb6 fxe5 18.Bd3 Qxd6 19.cxd6 0-0 20.Be4 a5 21.a4± Anagnostopoulos,D (2495)-Tringov,G (2405)/Athens/1997/ Although Black managed to save the game, it's highly unlikely anybody would voluntarily repeat this line with the incarcerated ♗c8.]

12.Nxc6 Makes it easier for the ♗c8. Interesting, but what is hardly fully clear is



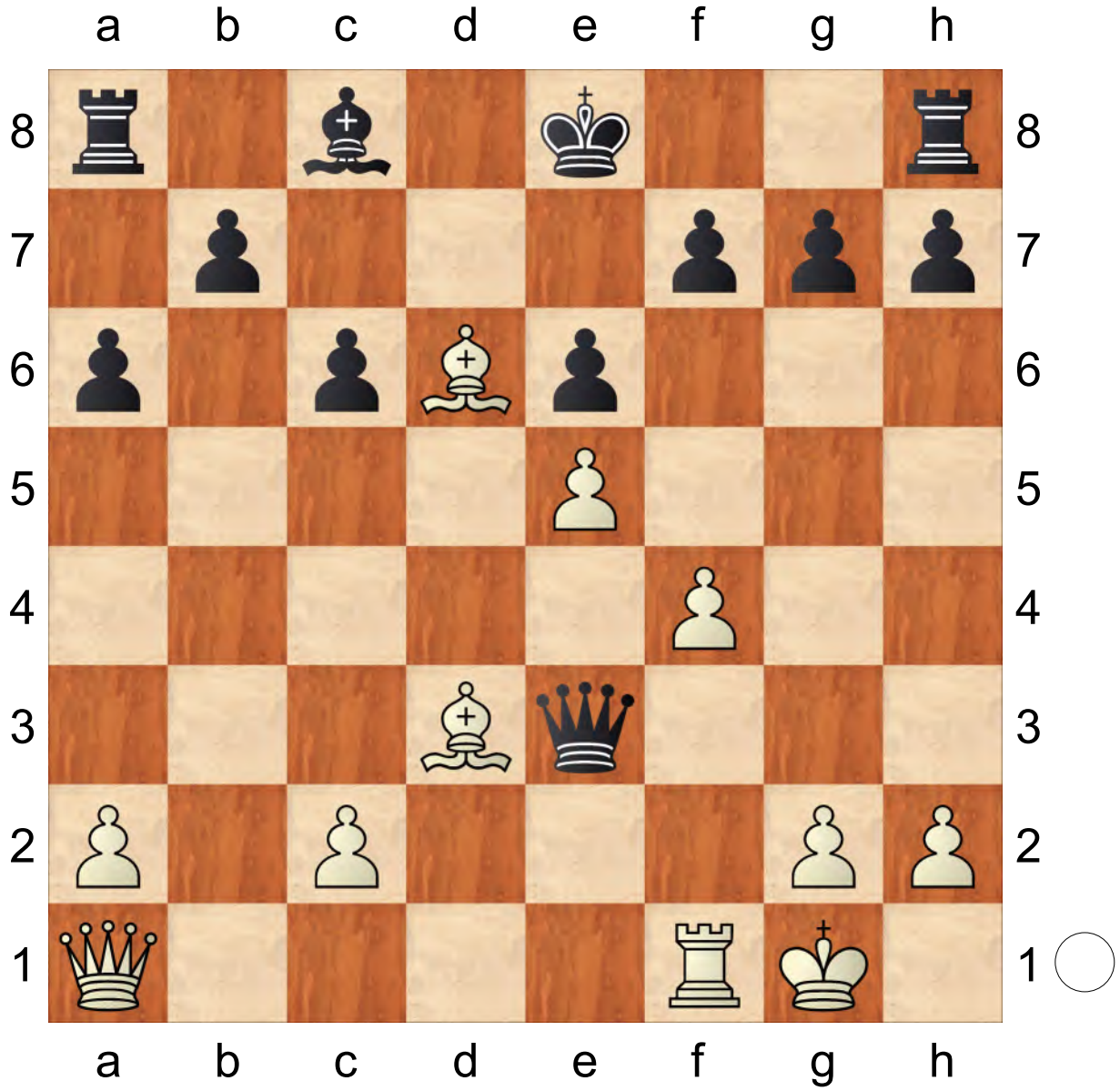
[12.Nb3 Qd8 13.f4 Bxa1 14.Qxa1 b6!?∞ *(14...Ne7 15.Nd4 0-0 16.Bf3 Re8 17.c4≅)*]

12...dxc6 **13.f4** Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'It's much more important to keep the clamping e-pawn than worry about the exchange. Moreover, surely that bishop on d6 is always going to be worth at least as much as a rook.' **13...Bxa1!N** Accepting the offered exchange is admittedly risky, but otherwise the price for which Black suffers is too small.

[Richard Palliser: 'Black might as well take the rook at this point. I can't see anything better than grabbing as much material as possible in return for his suffering.' 13...Bb4 Richard Palliser: '?!' Richard Palliser: 'was, however, preferred in Civric-Mikavica, Budva 2009, not that this was exactly a success for Black after' 14.Qd4 Richard Palliser: '!' Bxd6 15.exd6 f6 16.c4 c5 17.Qd3 Bd7 18.Bh5+ Kf8 *(⌓18...Kd8±)* 19.f5! exf5 *(* White obtains an overwhelming attack after this,

but in the event of *19...e5* Richard Palliser *20.Qd5 Be8 21.Qxb7* the floodgates would have opened too*)* 20.Rae1 g6 21.Re7 Bc6 22.Qe3 h6 23.Qe6 1-0, Civric,Z (2206)-Mikavica,D (2034)/EU-ch Budva/2009/ Richard Palliser: 'and 1-0.']

14.Qxa1 Qd2 Richard Palliser: 'The Russian Grandmaster elects to activate his queen, which makes it harder for its white counterpart to enter the game. Moreover, Giri had been all set to open lines after Qd4 with f4-f5.' **15.Bd3 Qe3+**



16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Qb2 Richard Palliser: 'The engines still aren't fully convinced by White's compensation at this point, but just what are the black rooks up to? Vitiugov's other problem is how to keep the white queen out.'

[17.Rf3 Qb6∞ Δc5, ♗c6 *(17...Qd2?! 18.Qb1↑)*]

17...b5

[The ♔ has to stay in the ⊞: 17...0-0-0? 18.Bxa6! Qa7 19.Qxb7+! Qxb7 20.Rb1

Be8 *(20...Qxa6 21.Rb8#)* 21.Bxb7+ Kd7 22.Rb6+-]

[The alternative was 17...b6 (Richard Palliser) when I doubt that White would have repeated with 18.Rf3 Qe1+ 19.Rf1 Qe3 20.Rf3 , *(but would rather have continued to probe after 20.Qb4;* or even just *20.h3!? .)*]

18.a4 Richard Palliser: '!'

[After 18.Qb4 Richard Palliser a5 Black would have kept lines relatively closed, hence the important preliminary advance of the a-pawn.]

18...Rc8 Richard Palliser: 'This runs into a powerful breakthrough, but I'm loathe to call it a mistake. Finding a better move is far from easy and the resulting return of the exchange is by no means so fatal for Black. Moreover, Black could hardly push his f-pawn and was faced with the threat of Qc3, threatening to trap his queen with Bc5.'

19.f5 Richard Palliser: '!' **19...exf5?!** Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'Good defence. Rather than continue to suffer passively, Vitiugov decides to take his chances in the resulting complications.' Until now Black defended well, but here he prematurely tries to resolve the tension. The text move is extremely risky and possibly connected with a miscalculation.

[19...Qh6 20.fxe6 Bxe6 21.Qd4⩲]

[19...h6 20.Rd1 Δc4∞]

[19...h5!? Δ♖h6, ef5 20.axb5

A) ≤20...cxb5 21.Qa3 Qb6 22.Qc1 Rc6 *(22...Qd8 23.f6→* ɤh8 *)* 23.Qg5 Rxd6 24.exd6 Qxd6 25.fxe6 Bxe6 26.Qxg7↑;

B) 20...axb5

B1) 21.Qa1 exf5 22.e6 Bxe6 23.Bf4 *(23.Qxg7 Qh6∓)* 23...Qc5 24.Qxg7 Rf8∓ /∞;

B2) 21.Qc3 h4 *(21...exf5? 22.e6 Bxe6 23.Bf4! Qb6 24.Qxg7→)* 22.h3 Rh6∞]

20.e6 Qxe6?!

[20...fxe6?? 21.Qxg7+-]

[Richard Palliser: 'Your machine may well criticise this and prefer' Vitiugov probably intended to play the text move all along, but it leads to a difficult position. It seems that Black has more counterchances after 20...Bxe6!? Richard Palliser: ', but just show it the line' 21.Qxg7 Kd7 22.Bf4 Rcg8□ *(22...Rhg8 23.Qxg8+-; 22...Qc5 23.Rd1+- →)*

A) 23.Qxg8? Qxd3-+;

B) 23.Qa1 Qb6 24.Be5 Rxg2= is similar to 23.♕c3;

C) 23.Qb2 Qb6 24.Be5 Qe3 25.Bxh8 Rxg2 26.Qe5□ Qxe5 27.Bxe5 Bd5 28.c4! bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rf2+ *(29...Be4 30.Bd3 Rf2+ 31.Kg1=)* 30.Kg1 *(30.Bxd5 Rxf1+ 31.Kg2 Re1 32.Bg3 Ra1∓)* 30...Rg2+=;

D) 23.Qc3 Qb6 *(23...Qh3 24.Qd4++-)*

D1) 24.Be5 b4 25.Qa1 Rxg2 *(25...f6 26.Bd4 c5 27.Bxf6 Rxg2 28.Kxg2 Rg8+ 29.Kf2 c4+ 30.Bd4 Qd8 31.Bf6 Qb6+=)* 26.Kxg2 *(26.Bxh8? Rf2-+)* 26...Bd5+ 27.Kh3 Qe3+ 28.Bg3 Qh6+ 29.Bh4 Qe3+= *(29...Rg8? 30.Bxf5+ Kc7 31.Qe5+ Kb7 32.Rf2+-)*;

D2) 24.a5!? Qb7! *(24...Qd8?! 25.Bxf5→)* 25.Be5 Richard Palliser: '. I predict that by now at the very latest its evaluation will have changed somewhat!' *(25.Qc5 Kc8 26.Be5 Rd8 27.Bxh8 Rxh8 28.Bxf5 Qc7∞ /⇄)* 25...c5

D2a) 26.Rf2 f6! *(26...Rxg2 27.Rxg2 Rg8 28.Bg3 f4 29.Qd2!±)* 27.Bxf6 Rxg2 28.Rxg2 Rg8

D2a1) 29.Qd2 Bd5 30.Bxf5+ Kc6 31.Bh3 Qf7 32.Kg1 Qxf6 33.Bd7+ *(33.Rxg8 Qa1+ 34.Kf2 Qf6+=)* 33...Kc7 34.Qxd5 Rxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Qg7+ 36.Kf2 Qxd7 37.Qxc5+ Qc6=;

D2a2) 29.Bf1 Bd5 30.Qd2 Ke6 31.Bb2 Qd7∞ *(31...Qc6 32.Kg1 Bxg2 33.Bxg2 Qd6⇄)*;

D2b) 26.Rf3

D2b1) 26...f6?! 27.Bxf6 c4 28.Be2 Qe4 29.Rf2 b4 30.Qd2+ Kc7 *(30...Qd5 31.Bxc4+-; 30...Kc8 31.Qd6→; 30...Bd5? 31.Bf3+-)* 31.Qxb4!? Bd5 32.Bf1→;

D2b2) ∩26...c4

D2b21) 27.Qd4+ Qd5 28.Qa7+ Ke8 29.Bf6 Qd7 30.Qxa6 Rg6 31.Bxc4 *(31.Bxh8 Bd5! 32.Bxf5 Rxa6 33.Bxd7+ Kxd7 34.Rf5 Kc6 35.Bc3=)* 31...bxc4 32.Qa8+ Qc8 33.Qxc8+ Bxc8 34.Bxh8 Bb7 35.Rg3=;

D2b22) 27.Be2 Qe4

D2b221) 28.Rf2 b4! 29.Qa1 *(29.Qd2+ Bd5 Δ 30.Bxh8? Rxg2-+)* 29...c3∓;

D2b222) 28.Rd3+;

D2b23) 27.Bf1!? Bd5 28.Rf2 Qa8 *(28...b4?! 29.Qd2 c3 30.Qd3→)* 29.Rd2! *(29.Bxh8 Rxh8 30.Rxf5 Rd8⇄)* 29...Ke6 30.Qe3 f6 31.Bc3+ Be4 *(31...Kf7 32.Qd4 Qc6 33.Qxd5+ Qxd5 34.Rxd5± leads to the same position)* 32.Qd4 Qd8 33.Qc5 Bd5 34.Qe3+ Kf7 35.Qa7+ Qe7 36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.Rxd5 Ke6 38.Rd2∞ /±]

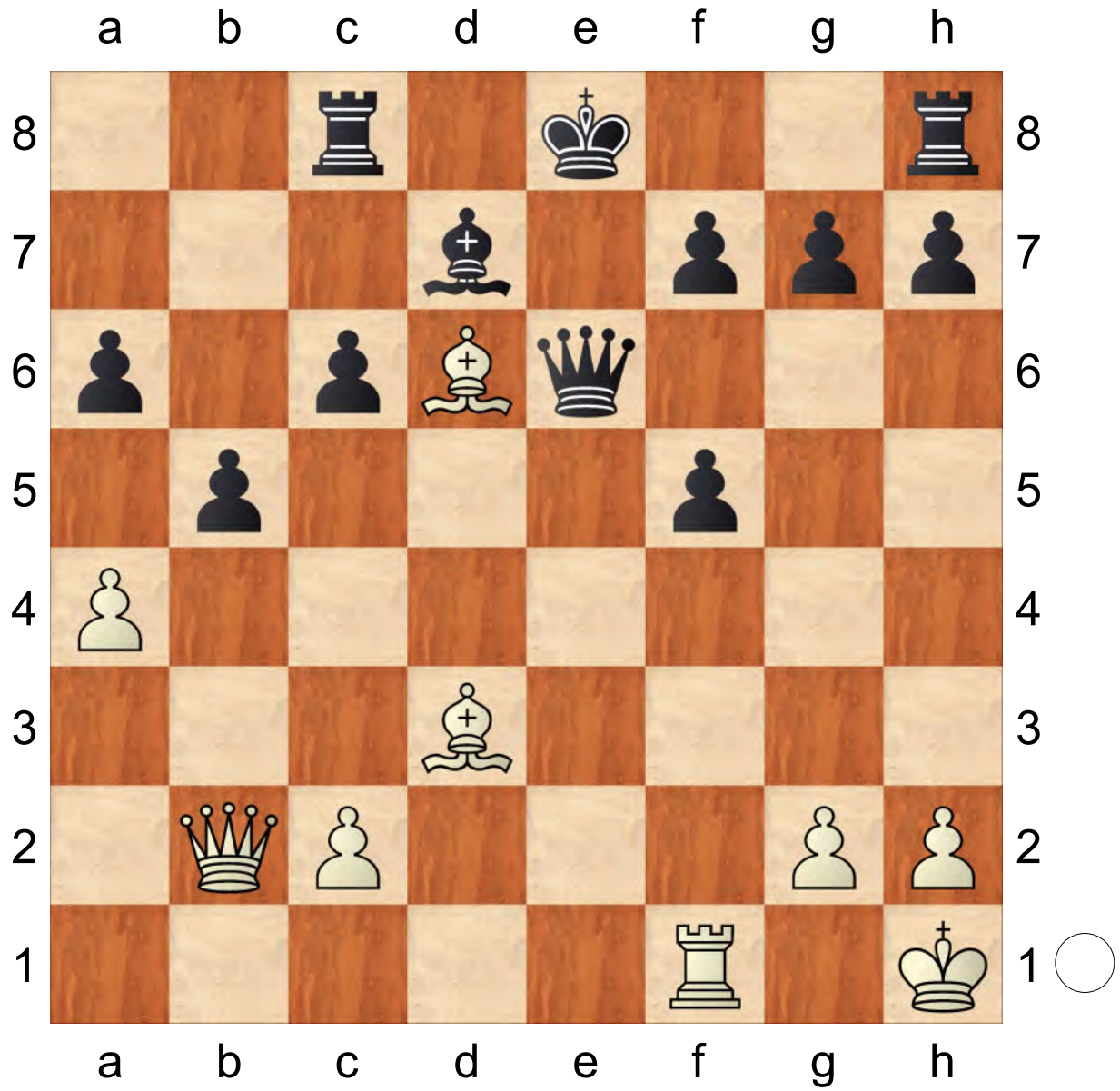
(Diagram)

21.Qxg7 Richard Palliser: 'The point of White's double pawn sacrifice, but now Black can at least get rid of that mighty dark-squared bishop.' **21...Qxd6 22.Qxh8+ Qf8**

[22...Ke7?? 23.Re1+ Be6 24.Qxc8-+]

23.Qxh7↑ Richard Palliser: 'Taking stock we can see that White is only one pawn down and that is about to be regained on f5. Black's king position is a problem to boot, but the limited remaining material does give the defender some hope that he might be able to hold on.' Material is equal again and White retains a lasting attack against Black's exposed ♔. **23...Kd8**

[23...bxa4 24.Bxf5 Rc7 25.Re1+ Kd8 26.Qh4+ Kc8 27.Bxd7+ Rxd7



28.Qxa4±]

[Richard Palliser: 'Perhaps here the computer is right that' 23...Rd8!? 24.Re1+ *(*Richard Palliser: 'or' *24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Qxf5 Qe7⇄)* 24...Be6 25.Bxf5 Rd6± Richard Palliser: 'was a better choice than Vitiugov's humanoid response, fleeing with the king to the queenside. However, in any case the defence would not have been so easy over the board and presumably with time pressure about to play a role.']

24.Bxf5 Bxf5

[24...Rc7!? 25.Qh4+ *(25.Rd1 Kc8±)* 25...Kc8 26.Bd3↑]

25.Qxf5 Kc7

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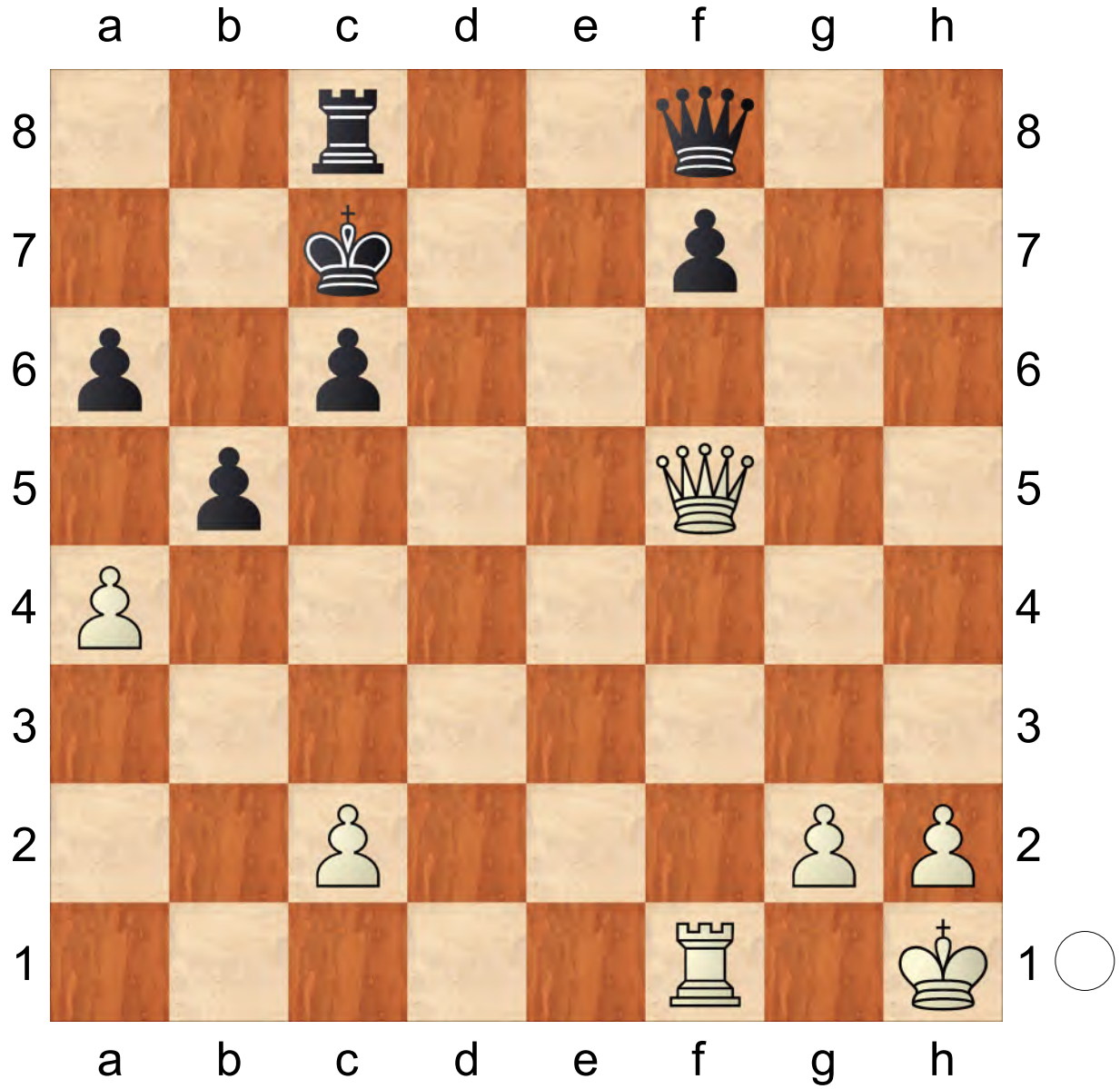


26.c4! In a major piece ⊥ ♔ safety plays a crucial role - Giri makes the most of the ♃c7.

[Richard Palliser: 'Continuing to hound the black monarch. After' 26.Qxf7+?! Richard Palliser: '?' Qxf7 27.Rxf7+ Kb6≅ ⇄ Richard Palliser: 'White might be a pawn up, but if anything that black queenside majority is the most important feature of the position, with ...bxa4 followed by ...Kb5 the main threat.']

[26.axb5 axb5 *(26...cxb5 27.Qe5+ Kb6 28.Rf6+ Rc6 29.h4!±)* 27.c4!↑]

26...Kb6

[26...bxc4? 27.Qe5+ Kb6 28.Rb1+ Ka7 29.Qd4+ Ka8 30.Qb6+-]

27.Rb1

[27.Qf2+ Kb7 *(27...Qc5?? 28.a5+)* 28.axb5 cxb5 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Ra1 Qc5 31.Qxf7+ Rc7±]

27...b4

[This attempt to return a pawn to safeguard the king fails to really work out. I suspect that 27...Qe8 (Richard Palliser) was a better try, albeit still with a most unpleasant defence ahead for Black after, say, 28.h3 .]

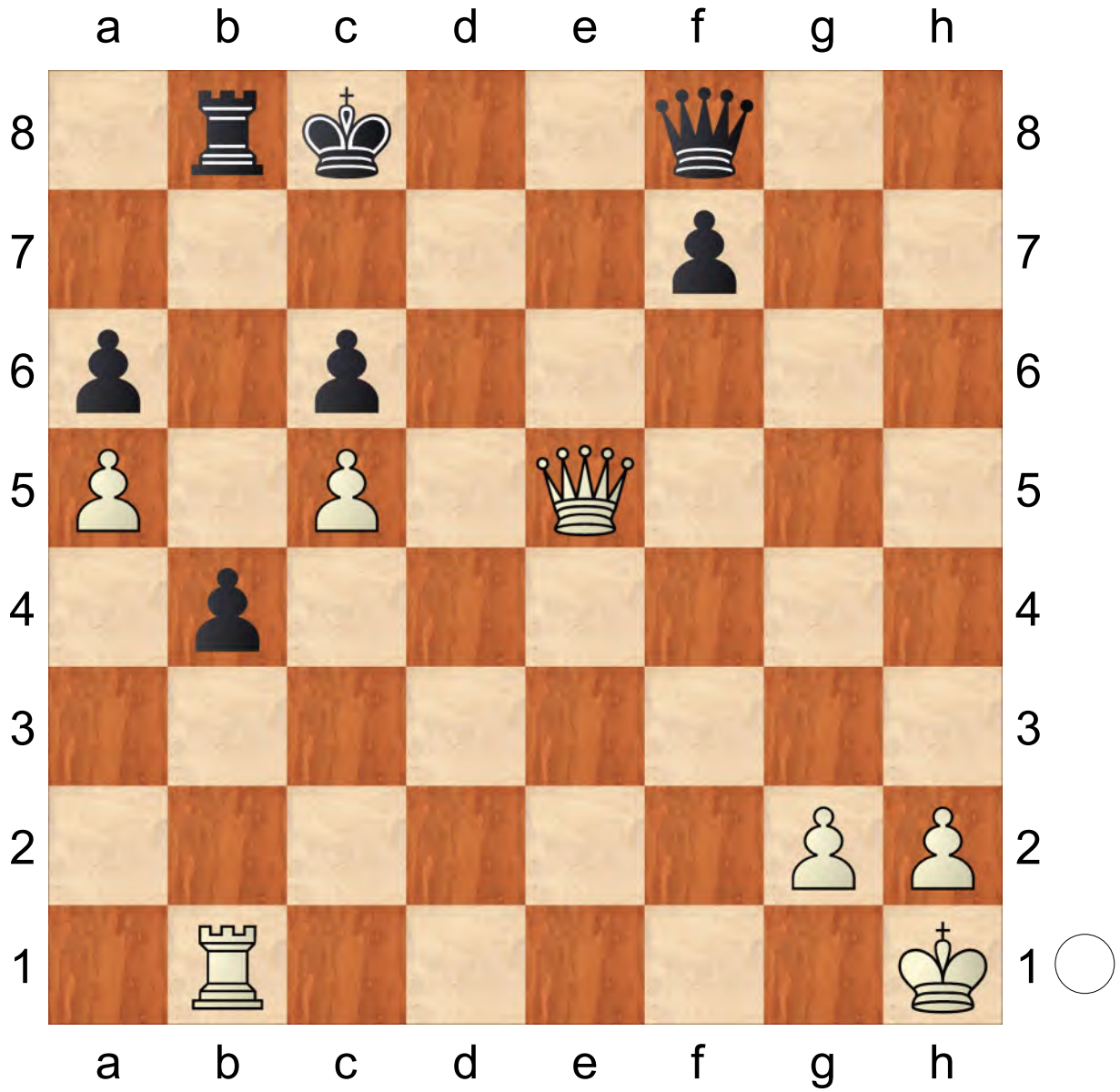
28.a5+ Kc7

[⌓28...Ka7!? 29.Qf2+ Ka8 *(29...c5 30.Rxb4)* 30.Qb6 c5 31.Qxa6+ Kb8± /± was more resilient, the ♢b4 promises Black at least some ⇄.]

29.c5!± Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'Restricting the black a- and c-pawns, while threatening a particularly powerful check.' **29...Rb8**

[29...Qe7 30.Qf4+ Kb7 31.Qxb4+ Ka8 32.h3+-]

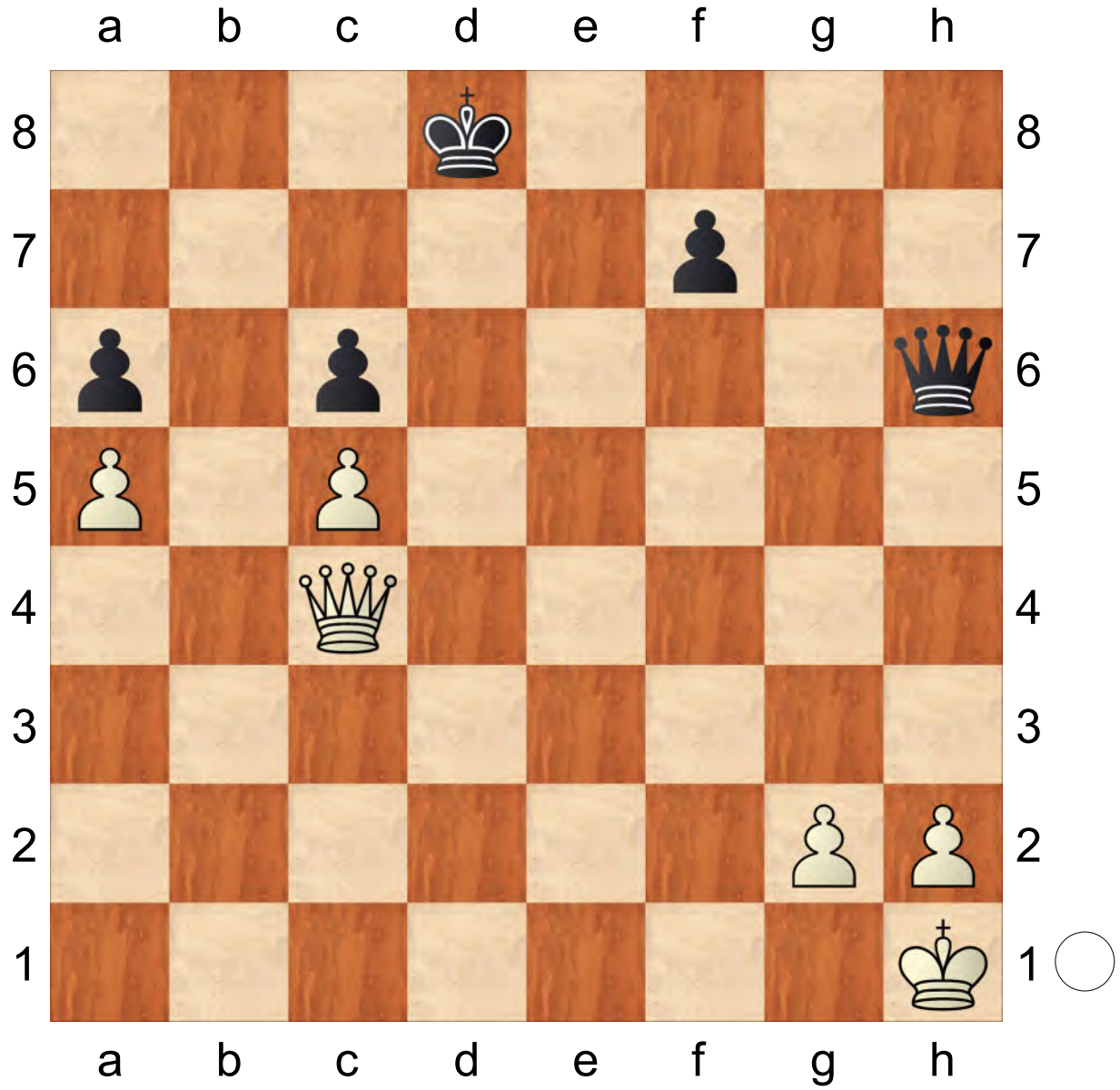
30.Qe5+ Kc8



31.Qf5+ Richard Palliser: 'Before collecting the b-pawn, Giri first repeats to get closer to move 40.' **31...Kc7 32.Qf4+ Kc8 33.Rxb4 Rxb4**

[33...Rb5!?±]

34.Qxb4 Richard Palliser: 'This queen ending is not an easy win, but White definitely has excellent chances. Keeping his king safe from checks requires some care, but not only is the h-pawn passed, but Black's vulnerable queen is likely to cost him at some point or other.' The ♕⊥ is very tough for Black - both his ♙ and ♔ are vulnerable. White should gradually win even against the best defence. **34...Qh6 35.Qc4 Kd8**



36.h4 Richard Palliser: '!' **36...f5**
[36...Qe3!? 37.Kh2±]
[This smacks of desperation, but presumably Black couldn't see a good way to halt the h-pawn after 36...Qd2 Richard Palliser 37.Kh2 Qxa5 38.h5 .]
37.Qd4+ Kc8 38.Qc4 Kd8 39.Kh2 Ke7 40.Qd4 Qh5

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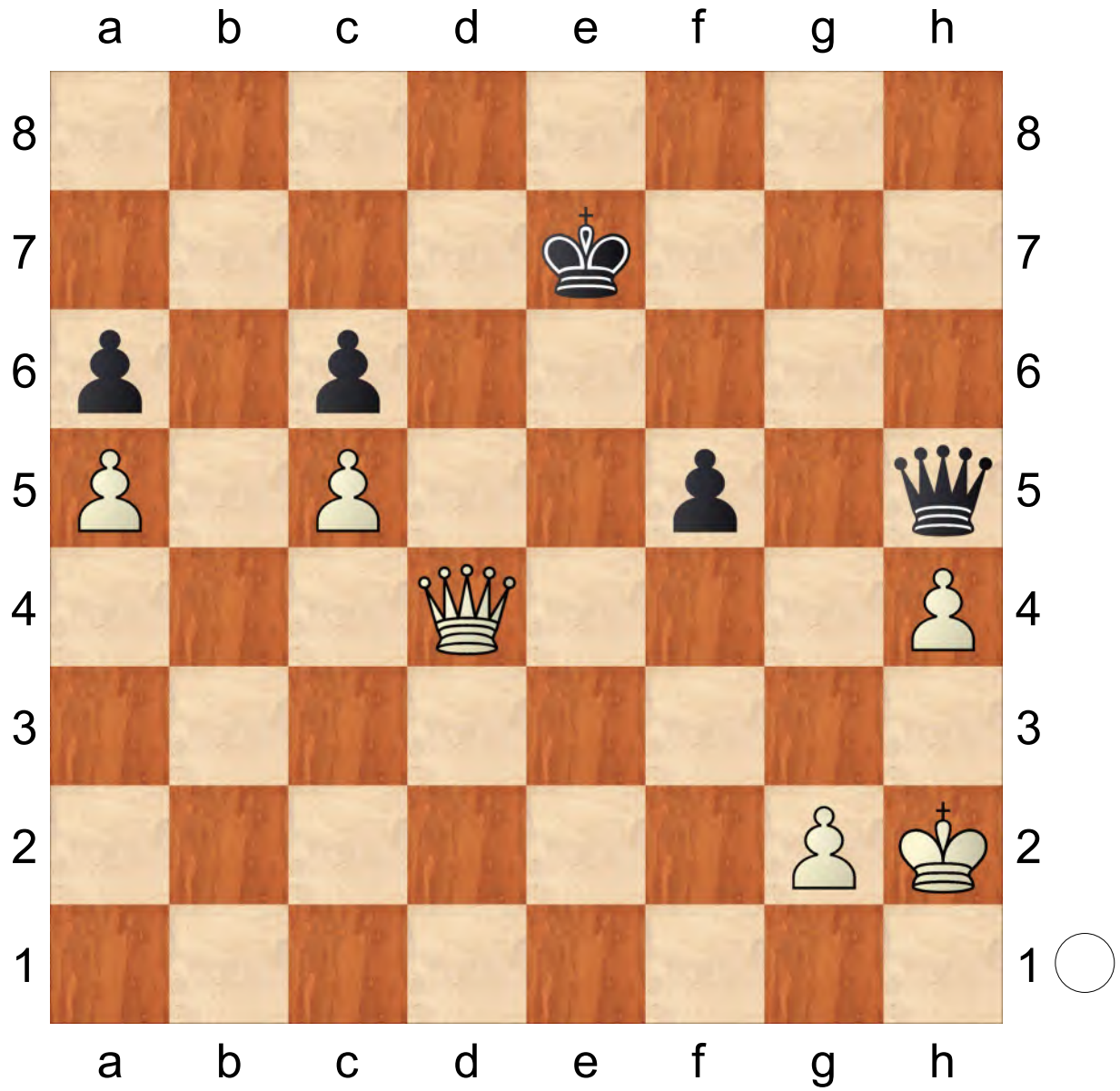


Richard Palliser: 'The time control has been reached and with his queen on such a dominant square - a centralised queen is rarely misplaced - Giri now had little difficulty converting.' **41.Kh3 Qg6 42.Qe3+**

[42.Qd6+? Qxd6 43.cxd6+ Kxd6 44.Kg3 Ke5 45.Kf3 c5 46.g3 c4 47.Ke3 Kf6 48.Kd4 Kg6 49.Kxc4 Kh5= /± gives White only practical chances in a better, but theoretically drawn ♕⊥ after 50.Kc5 Kg4 51.Kb6 Kxg3 52.h5 f4 53.h6 f3 54.h7 f2 55.h8Q f1Q]

42...Kd7 43.Qd2+ Ke8

[43...Kc7 44.Qg5+-]

44.Qf4 Qf6

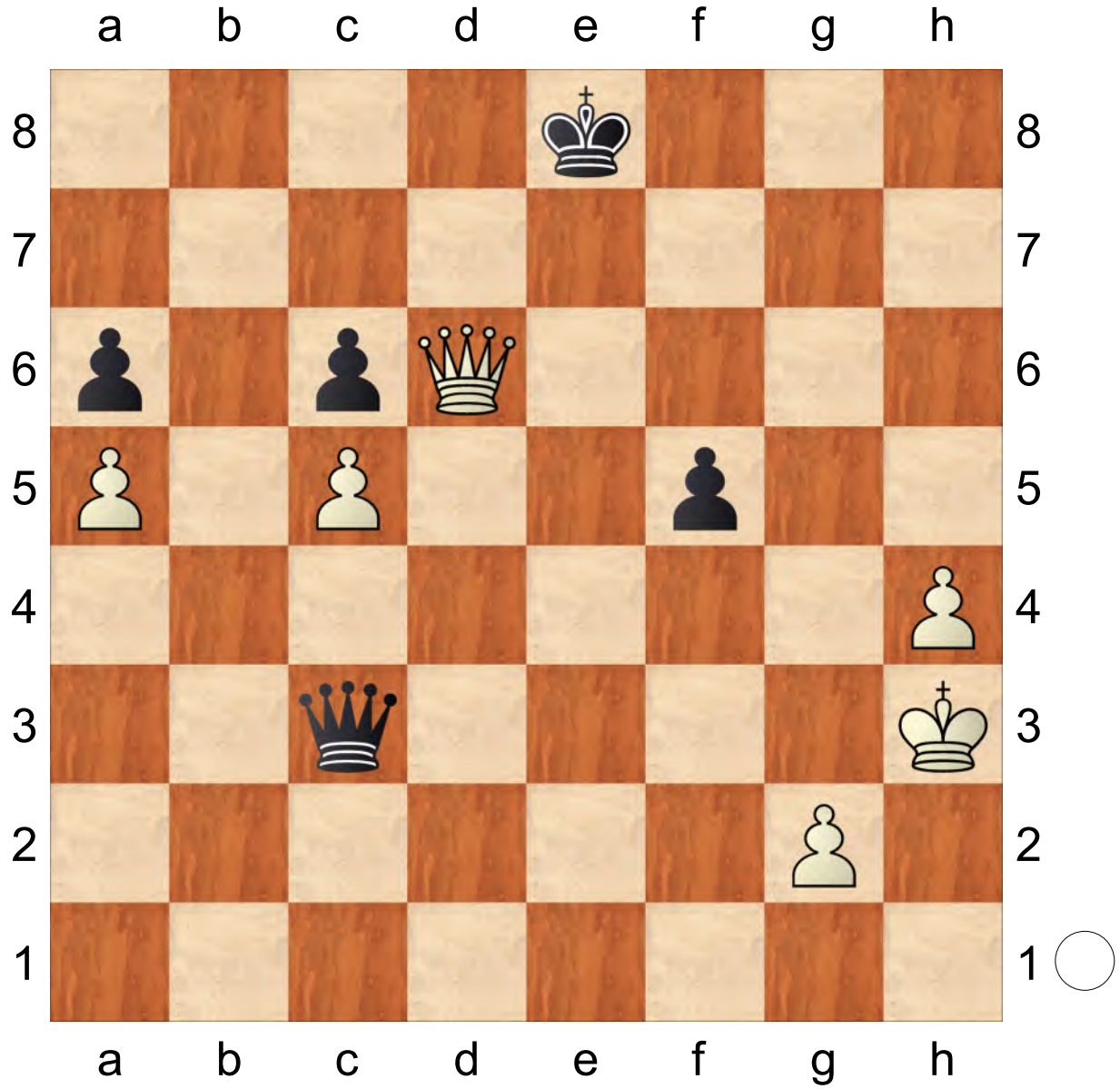
[44...Kd7 45.g4!+-]

[44...Ke7 45.Qg5++-]

45.Qd6!+- Richard Palliser: 'And so Black's queenside weaknesses do, indeed, turn

out to cost him the game.' Black must avoid a ♙⊥ and this costs him the ×c6.

45...Qc3+



46.Kh2 Qxa5 Richard Palliser: 'There was nothing better than this, but now the c-pawn followed by the f-pawn will fall.'

[46...Qc4 is equally hopeless.

A) 47.Qxc6+ Ke7 48.g3 Qe2+ *(48...Qc2+ 49.Kh3+-)* 49.Qg2 *(49.Kh3 Qg4+)*;

B) 47.Qe5+ Kd8 48.g3!? Qc2+ *(48...Qf1 49.Qd6+)* 49.Kh3 Qc1 50.Qd6++-]

47.Qxc6+ Kf7

[47...Ke7 48.Qb7+ Ke8 *(48...Ke6 49.Qb6+)* 49.Qc8+ Ke7 50.Qxf5+- *(50.h5!?)*]

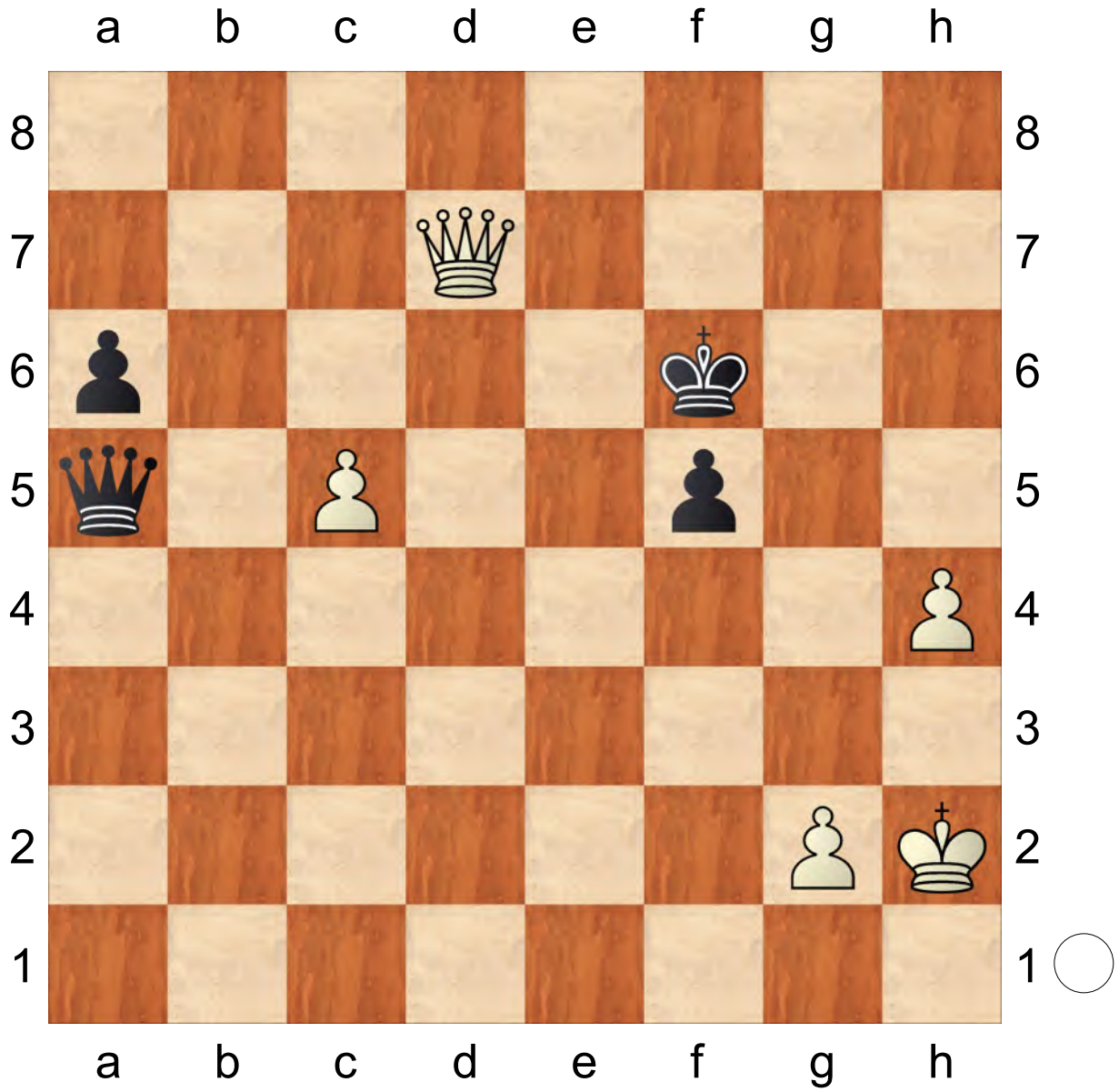
48.Qd5+

[48.h5!? Qe1 49.Qg6+ Ke7 50.Qg5++-]
[48.Qb7++- transposes to the game.]

48...Kf6 49.Qd6+ Kf7 50.Qd7+

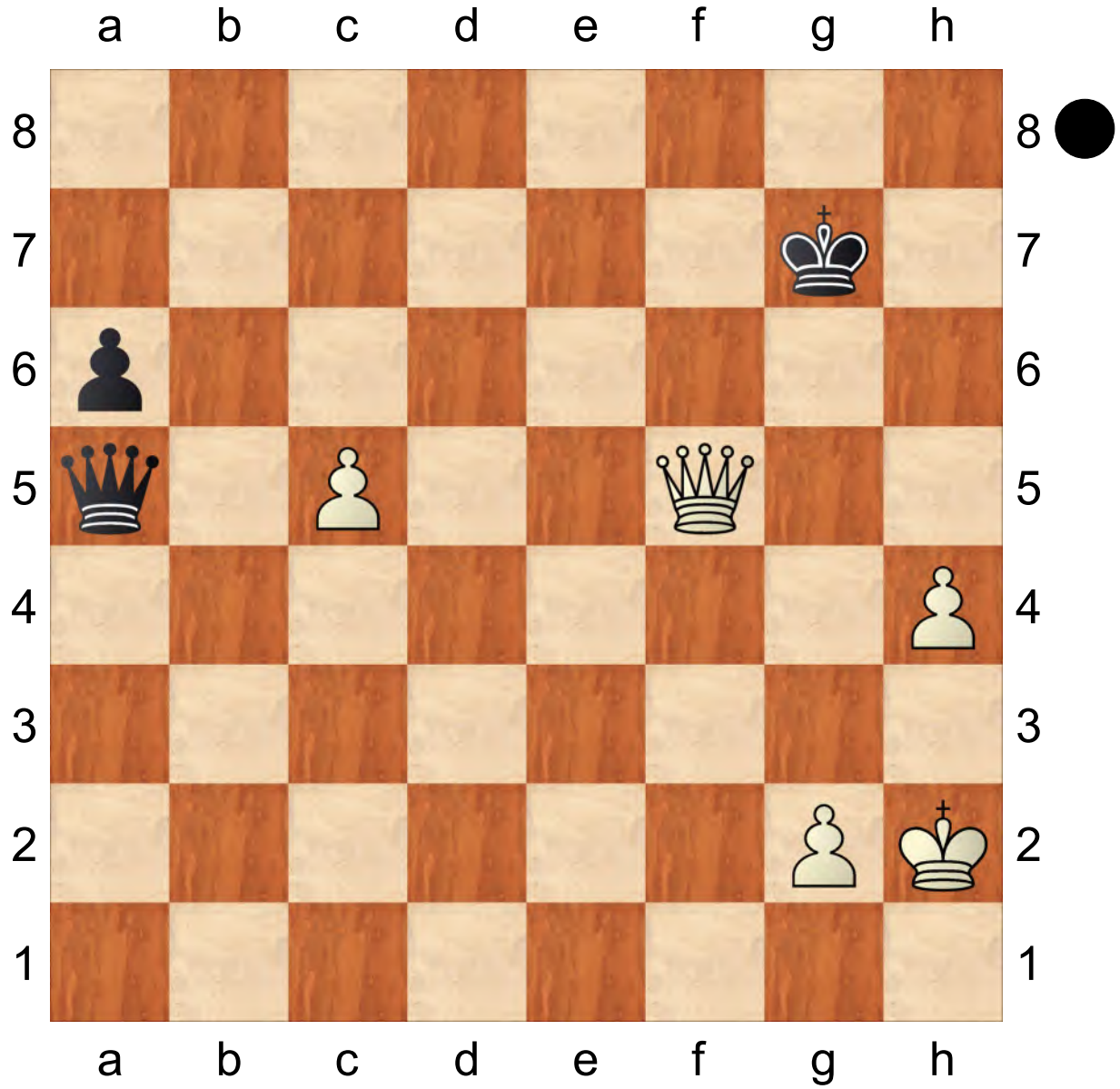
[50.h5!? Qb4 *(50...Qe1 51.Qg6+ -48.h5!?)* 51.Qg6+ Ke7 *(51...Kf8 52.Qxf5++-)* 52.Qg5+ Ke6 53.h6 Qxc5 54.Qg8+ Kd7 55.Qg7+ Kc6 56.h7 Qd6+ 57.g3 Qd2+ 58.Kh3 Qe1 59.Kh4+- was even quicker, the ♔ comfortably hides from the checks.]

50...Kf6



51.Qc6+ Kf7 52.Qb7+ Richard Palliser: '!' **52...Kg8** Richard Palliser: 'Giving up f5 and the game, but going forwards would, of course, have blundered into an exchange of queens.' **53.Qc8+ Kg7 54.Qxf5**

[54.Qxf5 Qc7+ 55.g3 a5 56.Qg4+ Kf6 57.Qf3+ Kg7 *(57...Ke7 58.Qe4+ Kf6 59.c6+-)* 58.c6+- Δ a4 59.Qg4+]



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1.d4 Stohl,I **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5**

[5.e3 gives Black a wider choice:

A) Plausible alternatives are 5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.Be2 Bb7 9.dxc5 Qxd1 *(9...Bxc5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.a4 b4 14.a5 Ba7 15.Na2 Bd5 16.Nd4 e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Bd2 Ne4 19.Rfd1 Bxa2 20.Rxa2 g6 21.Ng3 Nxd2 22.Rxd2 Ke7 23.Ra1 Rhc8 24.Rad1 Nf6 25.b3 h5 26.Bf3 Rab8 27.Ne4 Rb5*= Wojtaszek,R (2749)-Bu,X (2705) Doha rpd 2016 *)* 10.Rxd1 Bxc5 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Nb3 Nc6 13.e4 0-0 14.Be3 Rfd8 15.Bb6 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Kf8 17.Nc5 Bc8 18.a3 Ke8 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Bxb5 Bxc5 21.Bxc6+ Bd7 22.Bxa8 Bxb6 23.h3 e5 24.b3 Ke7∞ ½-½ (55) Li,C (2720)-Xiong,J (2658) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017;

B) and also 5...a6!? 6.cxd5 exd5

B1) 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.b3 *(*or *10.a3* is the more usual follow-up *)*;

B2) 7.g3 Nc6 8.Bg2 Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 Ba7 13.Bg5 Be6 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 b5 19.Qc6 Bxd4 20.Qxf6 Bxf6 21.b3 Rd8 22.Rd1 Kf8= Aronian,L (2792)-Caruana,F (2807) Saint Louis 2016;

C) 5...Nc6 6.cxd5 *(6.a3 a6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Ba7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Qc2 Bd7 11.Be2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Rc8 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nd4 15.Ne5 Bb5 16.Bxb5 Nxb5 17.0-0 Qe7 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.Nc4 Bd4! 20.Bxd4 Rxc4 21.Bc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rxe4 23.Bxe7 h5*= Bu,X (2712)-Wei,Y (2728) Beijing 2017 *)* 6...Nxd5 7.Bd3 and now:

C1) 7...cxd4 8.exd4 Bb4?! 9.0-0! is extremely risky for Black: 0-0 10.Bc2 Bd7 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qd3 f5 13.bxc3 b5 14.a4 a6 15.Re1 Qc7 16.Ng5 *(16.Bb3!?)* 16...Qd6 Grischuk,A (2742)-Mamedyarov,S (2766) Sharjah 2017 17.Bb3!± Grischuk For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 177 by Hillarp Persson;

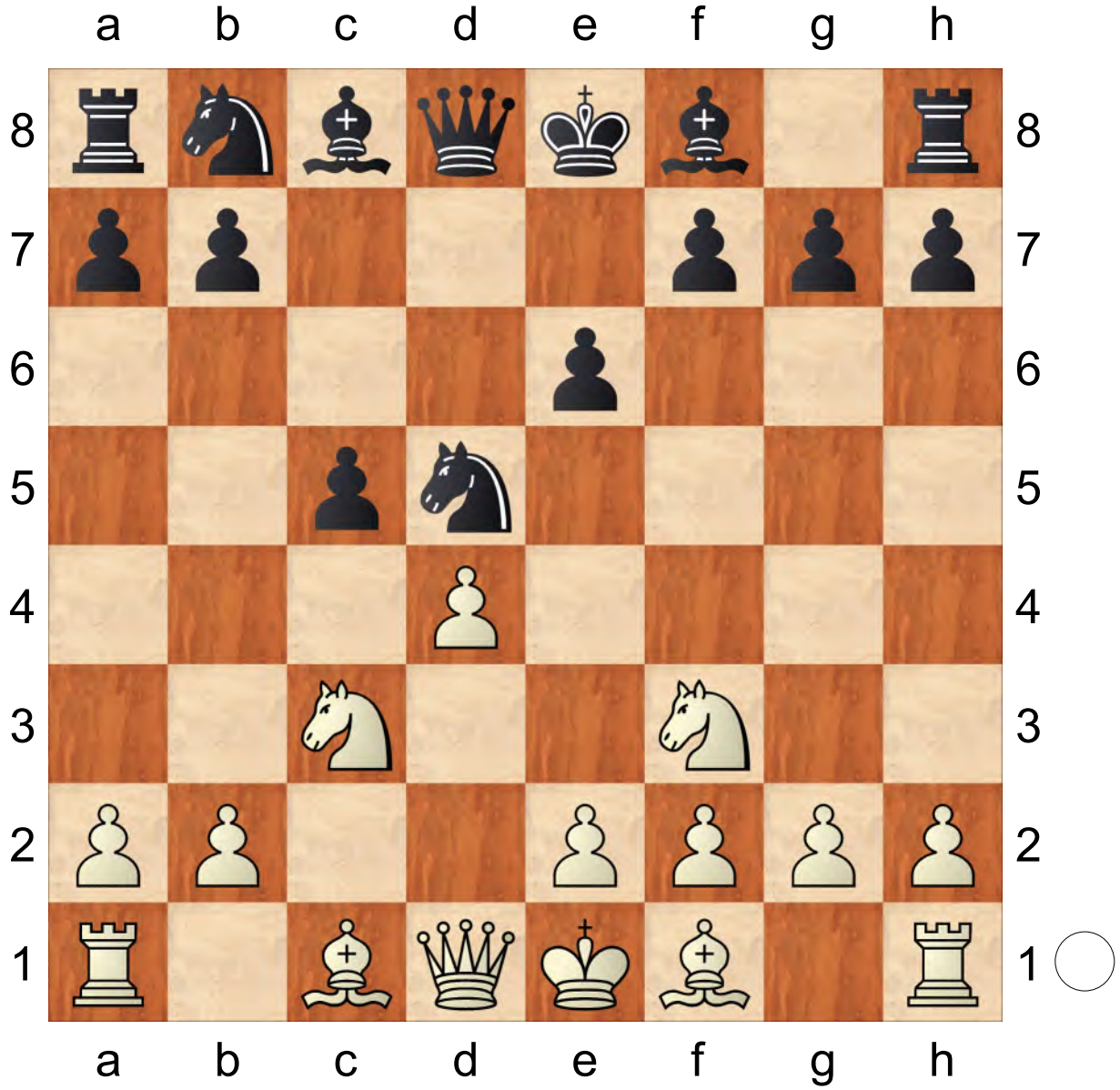
C2) 7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 is the more flexible continuation - after 9.Re1 Black can retain the tension with b6!?⇄]

5...Nxd5

[5...exd5? 6.Bg5± is out of the question.]

[However, especially Chinese players have successfully employed 5...cxd4 6.Qxd4 *(6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qxd4 exd5 8.Nxd5 Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Qd1 Ne4⩱)* 6...exd5 7.e4 *(*White has recently tried the less forcing *7.Bg5!? Be7 8.e3)* 7...Nc6 8.Bb5 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Ng5 Be6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nxe6+ fxe6

13.Ke2 Bb4 14.Na4 Kc7 15.Bf4+ Bd6 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Rac1 Rhf8 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Rxc5 Nf4+ 20.Bxf4+ Rxf4 21.Ke3 Raf8 22.Rc2 Rg4 23.g3 Rf3+ 24.Ke2 Rg6 25.Rhc1 Rgf6 26.Rxc6+ Kd7 27.Rc7+ Kd6 28.R1c6+ Kd5 29.Rc5+ ½, So,W (2808)-Wei,Y (2706) Wijk aan Zee 2017]

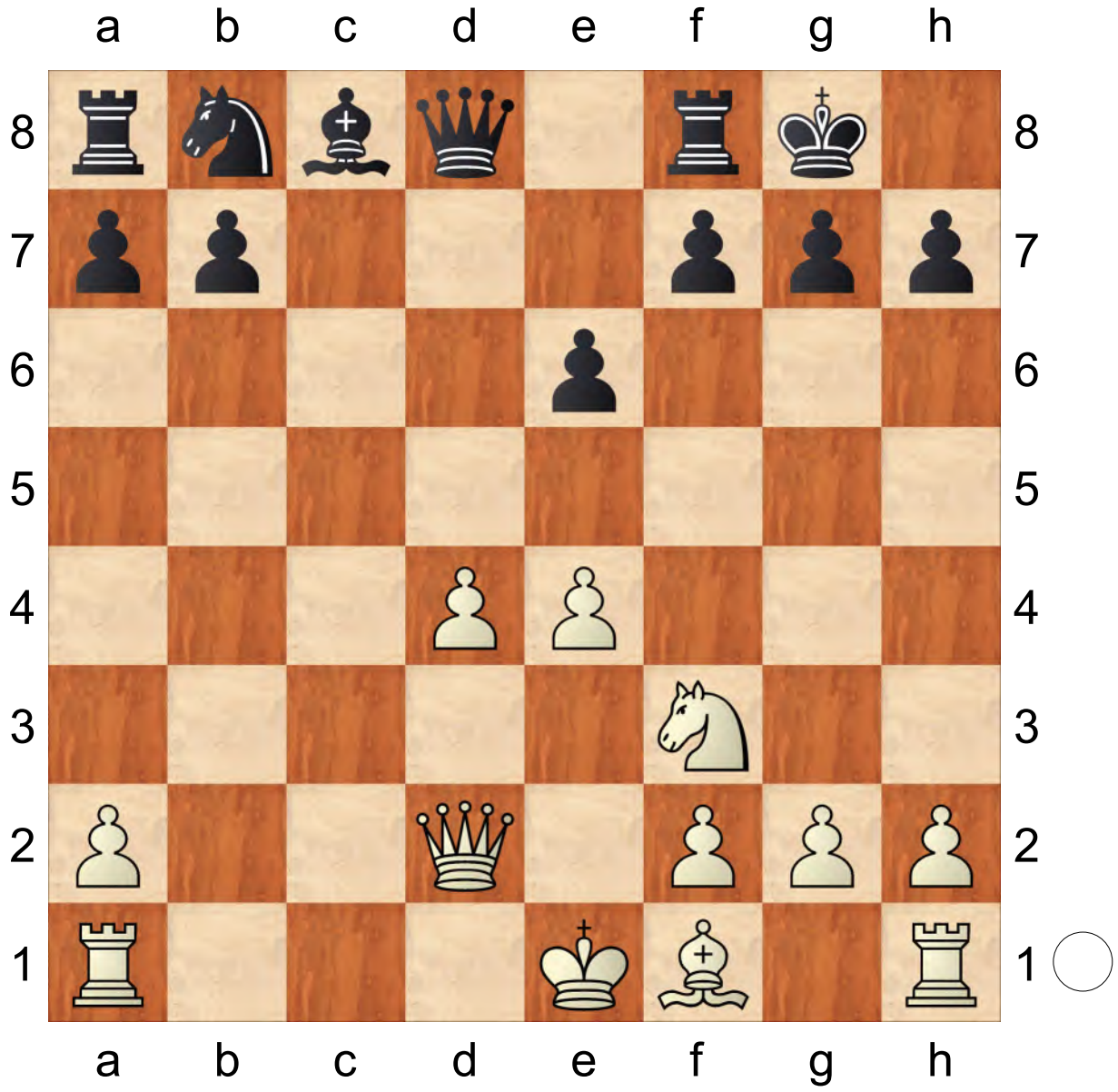


6.e4 The principled main line.

[The more modest 6.e3 has at least in comparison with 5.e3 the advantage of limiting Black's options (for example White has already avoided positions, in which he would face the isolated ♙d5). This line already arose in a very important game between the same opponents: Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.Qc2 *(After the standard 9.0-0 Black can again consider b6!? 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 g6 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Bb2 Bb7 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.c4 f5 16.Rab1 Rad8 17.Be2 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Ba8 19.Qd2 Rd8 20.Qc3 e5 21.Ne1 Qa5 22.f3 Kf7=* Wang,H (2733)-

Ponomariov,R (2751) Bucharest 2013 See the notes to this game in CBM 157 by Wang Hao.) 9...cxd4 10.exd4 f5!? 11.0-0 Bf6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Be3 b5! 14.Qe2 Bb7 15.Rac1 a6 16.Rfd1 f4 17.Rc5 Qd6 Aronian,L (2809)-Kramnik,V (2810) London Candidates 2013 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Rh5 h6 21.Nh4!⇄ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 154 by Postny.]

6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0



The starting position of a line, which has been around since the 1930s (e.g. in the Alekhine-Euwe match). It has quite a solid reputation for Black and even 2 high-calibre wins by White in 1969 didn't discourage Black, who subsequently found ways to sidestep the danger and hold the balance. Although White has a mobile pawn centre, his chances for a successful attack are lessened by the swap of two pairs of minor pieces. Further simplification may give Black a pleasant endgame with the prospect of building a distant passed pawn on the queenside. **11.Bc4** Kramnik has

played the Semi-Tarrasch quite a few times since 2013 and his games are good examples of the modern development of the line. He played also it against Aronian, in their earlier encounters (including the blitz event in Norway 2017) when Levon preferred the other main move:

[11.Rc1 and now: Currently the more usual reaction is

A) 11...Nc6 12.Bc4 makes it more difficult for Black to fianchetto his ♗, but matters are still not too clear: *(12.Bb5!? Bd7 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Be2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Rc8 16.d5 Qf6 17.Qa5 exd5 18.exd5 a6 19.Qa3 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.h3 g6 23.Qc5 Qa1+ 24.Kh2 Qe5+ 25.g3 Bf5 26.a4 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qxb5 Qd4 29.Kg2 Kg7 30.Qe8 h5 31.Qe7 Qf6 32.Qe3 Qd6± Peralta,F (2574)-Negi,P (2645) Tromsoe olm 2014 In the end Black managed to hold his fortress.)*

A1) 12...Qa5 13.d5! *(13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.Bd3 Rd8 15.Ke2 Nc6 16.Ke3 Bd7 17.Rc3 Kf8 18.Rb1 Rab8 19.Bb5 f6 20.Ra3 Ke8 21.Bxc6 Bxc6 22.Ne1 Ra8 23.Nd3 b6 24.Rc1 Rdc8=* Tikkanen,H (2360)-Aagaard,J (2445) Sweden 2002*)* 13...exd5 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Bxd5 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ne5 Rfd8 18.Ke2 Rd4 19.Ke3 Ra4 20.Rhd1 Nc6 21.Nxc6 bxc6 22.Rd2 Rc8 23.Rc5↑ ½-½ (53) Anand,V (2797)-Naiditsch,A (2706) Baden-Baden 2015;

A2) 12...Qd6 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.Qe3 h6 16.h3 Na5 17.Bd3 Rac8 18.e5 Qd5 19.Rc5 Qxa2 20.Qe4 Rxc5 21.dxc5 Kf8 *(⌓21...Ba4! 22.Qh7+ Kf8 Δ 23.Re1! Bc6 24.Be2 Qa4 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxg7 Qf4∞* Houdini *)* 22.Bb5 Ke7 23.Qh4+ Ke8 24.Qd4 Qd5 25.Qa4 Qxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Bxb5 27.Qb1± Moiseenko,A (2698)-Romanov,E (2640) Legnica 2013 See the notes to this game in CBM 155 by Ftacnik.;

A3) 12...Na5 13.Bd3

A3a) 13...h6 14.0-0 b6 15.h4 Bb7 16.Bb1 Rc8 17.d5 exd5 18.e5 Ba6 19.Rxc8 Bxc8 20.h5 Nb7 21.Qd3 f5 22.Rd1 *(22.exf6* seems extremely dangerous, but the engine survives the onslaught after *Qxf6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Re1 Be6 25.Ne5+ Ke8 26.Ng4 Qe7∞)* 22...Qe7 23.Qxd5+ Be6 24.Qc6 Rd8 25.Nd4 Bf7 26.Bxf5 Nc5 27.f4 Qh4 28.Qf3 Bxh5 29.g4 Be8 30.Kg2 g6 31.Bc2 Bf7⇄ Eilmes,D (2276)-Vecek,M (2210) email 2011;

A3b) 13...b6!? 14.h4!? *(14.0-0 Bb7 15.Qf4 Rc8 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Rc7 f6 19.d5 Rf7 20.d6 e5 21.Qc1 Rxc7 22.dxc7 Qe8 23.Bc4+ Nxc4 24.Qxc4+ Kf8 25.Qd3 Ke7 26.Qa3+* ½, Kucherov,D (2122)-Popov,V (2216) email 2011*)* 14...Bb7 15.Rh3 f5 16.exf5 exf5 17.Qf4 Rc8 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 19.Kf1 Qe6 20.Kg1 Qxa2 21.Ne5 Qe6 22.Rg3 Be4⇄ Nyzhnyk,I (2629)-Macieja,B (2583) Dallas 2014

B) ⌓11...b6 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.0-0

B1) 13...h6 14.Qe3 Nc6

B1a) 15.Rfd1 Rc8 16.h4 Ne7 17.h5 Qd6 18.d5 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Re1 Rc3 21.Qd2 Rc5 22.Bb1 Kf8 23.Qd3 Rc8 24.a3 e5

(24...Rd8!?=) 25.Qb3 Rc5 26.Qb2 f6 27.Ba2 Bc8 28.Nd2 Bg4 29.Nc4 Qd7 30.d6 Nc6 31.Nxb6 Mamedyarov,S (2756)-Kramnik,V (2783) Shamkir 2015 Qxd6! 32.Qb3 Be6=;

B1b) 15.h4! Rc8 16.h5 Qe7 17.Bb1 Rfd8 18.d5 exd5 19.e5 Ba6 20.Rfe1 Qd7 21.Qf4 Ne7 22.Nd4 Rxc1 23.Qxc1↑ Giri,A (2790)-Harikrishna,P (2763) Shamkir 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 173 by Iotov.;

B2) 13...Nd7

B2a) 14.Qf4

B2a1) 14...Nf6 15.h3

B2a11) 15...h6 16.Rc3 Rc8 17.Ra3 a6 18.Rb3 Nd7 19.Rfb1 Qc7 20.Ne5 f6 21.Ng6 Qxf4 22.Nxf4 Kf7 23.d5 *(23.Be2!? Bxe4 24.Re1↑)* 23...exd5 24.exd5 g5 25.Bg6+ Kg7 26.Bf5 gxf4 27.Bxd7 Bxd5 28.Rxb6 Bxa2 29.Bxc8 Bxb1 30.Bxa6 Bf5= Stefanova,A (2527)-Socko,B (2637) Antwerp 2009;

B2a12) 15...Rc8 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Qh4 h6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qe4 g6 21.Qg4 Rc8 22.Re1 Ne7 23.Nh4 Qc7 24.Bxg6 Nxg6 25.Nxg6 fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Qg7 27.Qxe6+ Kh8∞ /∓, Dragun,K (2614)-Rausis,I (2617) Teplice 2017;

B2a2) 14...h6

B2a21) 15.e5 Rc8 16.Nd2

B2a211) 16...Qg5 17.Qxg5 hxg5 18.Ne4 *(⌓18.Nc4! Ba6 19.Nxb6±)* 18...Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Rfd8 20.g3 b5 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Rb1 Rc4= Gharamian,T (2672)-Gyimesi,Z (2651) Belfort 2012;

B2a212) 16...Rxc1 17.Rxc1 f6 18.Qg4 Nxe5 19.Qxe6+ Rf7 20.Bf5 g6 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.Bxg6 Nd6 23.d5 Kf8 24.Bxf7 Nxf7 25.Rd1 Qd6∞ Nakamura,H (2787)-Kramnik,V (2812) Paris rpd 2016;

B2a22) 15.h4!? Rc8 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Rc1 Qb8 *(17...Qa8!?)* 18.Qxb8 Rxb8 19.Rc7 Nf6 20.Ne5 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Rxf7 *(22.f3 Ng3 23.Nxf7 Ne2+ 24.Kh2 Nxd4 25.Rxa7 Rc8=* Gupta,A (2643)-Golod,V (2561) New Delhi 2012*)* 22...a5 23.Rc7 Gelfand,B (2724)-Kramnik,V (2811) Zuerich rpd 2017 Rd8⇄ ;

B2b) 14.Qe3

B2b1) 14...Rc8 15.e5!? Bxf3 *(15...h6 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.Ne4 Bxa2 18.Ra1 Bc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Rxa7 Rc7 21.Ra3 f5* Collas,S (2287)-Cosma,E (2335) Porto Carras 2011 *22.Nc3↑)* 16.Qxf3 Qh4 17.Qe3 Rfd8 18.f4 Nf8 *(18...g6!?)* 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.f5 exf5 21.Bxf5 Rd8 22.Rd1 Ng6 23.Bxg6 hxg6 24.d5 Qc4 25.d6 Qe6 26.Qg3 b5 27.h3± Aronian,L (2809)-Kramnik,V (2801) Paris/St Petersburg 2013 See the notes to this game in CBM 154 by Aronian.;

B2b2) Later games featured 14...Nf6 15.Ne5 Qe7 16.f3 Rfd8 17.Bb5 *(17.Rc2 Rac8 18.Rfc1 h6 19.Be2 Qd6 20.a3 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 Nd7*

22.Nc4 Qc7 23.Bd3 b5 24.Nd2 ½, Hammer,J (2628)-Vallejo Pons,F (2709) Sharjah 2017 *Qb6=)* 17...Rac8 18.Bc6 *(18.a4 h6 19.h3 Ne8 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.Bxc6 Nd6 22.d5 e5 23.Qa3 Qg5 24.a5 b5 25.Qc5 Rc7 26.a6 f5 27.Rce1 fxe4 28.fxe4 Qd2 29.Qf2 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rb8 31.Ke3 Rb6 32.Ra1 b4↑* Aronian,L (2793)-Kramnik,V (2808) Stavanger blitz 2017*)* 18...Ne8 19.Ba4 Nd6 20.Qa3 Nf5?! *(20...Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Qg5 22.Rd1±; 20...f6!? 21.Nd3 Ba6⇄)* 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Bd7 Rb8 23.Rc7 Ng6 24.Nxf7?! *(24.Nxg6 hxg6 25.Rd1↑)* 24...Kxf7 25.Bc8+ Ne7 26.Bxb7 Rxd4 27.f4 Rbd8= Aronian,L (2792)-Kramnik,V (2812) Leuven blitz 2016]

11...Nd7 Currently the attention is focussed on the text move.

[11...Nc6 is the older line, here after 12.0-0 b6 the dominant continuation is 13.Rad1 *(13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Qf4 Rc8 15.d5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Qe7 17.Ng5 Ne5! 18.Bxb7 Ng6 19.Qf5 Qxb7 20.Rd7 Qa6⇄* Alekhine,A-Euwe,M WCh Netherlands 1937*;* Interesting is *13.Rfe1!? Bb7 14.d5 Na5 15.Bd3* **Δ** *exd5 16.e5!∞* Declining the offer can lead to positions mentioned below.*)* 13...Bb7 14.Rfe1 *(14.Qf4 Qf6 15.Qe3 Rac8 16.e5?! Qh6! 17.Qxh6 gxh6 18.Rfe1 Nb4 19.Bb3 Rfd8 20.Re3 Nd5 21.Re4 Nc3 22.Rg4+ Kh8 23.Re1 a5 24.Nd2 b5↑* Gschnitzer,O (2427)-Ribli,Z (2585) Germany 2005 This game highlights one of Black's strategic goals - an advantageous endgame. *)* 14...Rc8 15.d5

A) 15...exd5 16.Bxd5 Na5?! *(⌓16...Qe7±; 16...Qc7!?±)* 17.Qf4 Qc7 18.Qf5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Qc2 20.Qf4 Qxa2 21.d6 Rcd8 22.d7↑ Spassky,B-Petrosian,T WCh Moscow 1969;

B) 15...Na5 16.Bd3

B1) 16...Qd6 17.dxe6!? *(17.Qg5 h6 18.Qg4 Rcd8 19.h4 Kh8 20.h5 Bc8 21.Qh4 exd5 22.e5 Qe6 23.Nd4 Qg4 24.Qxg4 Bxg4 25.f3 Bd7 26.e6 Bxe6 27.Nxe6 fxe6 28.Rxe6 Nb7 29.Re7 Nc5⇄* Klim,K (2357)-Cyborowski,L (2546) Rewal 2012*)* 17...fxe6 18.Qg5 Qd8 19.e5 Qe8 20.Nd4 Nc4 21.f4 Nb2 22.Bb5 Qf7 23.Rb1 Nc4 24.Rbc1 Na3 25.f5**±** Havumaki,A-Galje,H (2287) email 2012;

B2) 16...exd5?! 17.e5 Nc4 18.Qf4↑

B2a) 18...Nb2?! 19.Bxh7+! Kxh7 20.Ng5+ Kg6 21.h4!! Rc4 *(21...Qe7 22.Re3! Rc4 23.h5+ Kh6 24.Ne4+ Kh7 25.Qf5+ Kh6 26.Rg3 Rxe4 27.Rg6+ Kh7 28.Re6+ Kg8 29.Rxe7 Bc8 30.Qg5 Nxd1 31.h6 Rg4* Mehlhorn,U (2183)-Drobusch,R (2045) email 2003 *32.Qh5 gxh6 33.e6+-)* 22.h5+ *(22.Rd4!?±)* 22...Kh6 23.Nxf7+ Kh7 24.Qf5+ Kg8 25.e6 Qf6 26.Qxf6 gxf6 27.Rd2**±** Polugaevsky,L-Tal,M Moscow 1969;

B2b) 18...h6 19.Qf5 g6 20.Qh3 *(20.Qg4! Kg7 21.Nd4→)* 20...Kg7 21.e6 Qf6 22.exf7 Qxf7 23.Qg3 Rce8 Bhat,V (2510)-Gerzhoy,L (2456) Palma de Mallorca 2009 24.Nh4↑;

B3) ⌓16...Qe7!? is possibly the best move, Black should hold after

B3a) 17.dxe6 fxe6 *(17...Qxe6 18.Nd4 Qe5 19.Nf5 g6 20.Nh6+ Kh8 21.Ng4 Qe6 22.Qf4 f6 23.Bb5 g5 24.Qg3 Rcd8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.e5*

a6 27.Bf1 Rd4 28.exf6! 1-0, Dokhoian,Y (2570)-Webb,S (2410) Tbilisi 1989 *)* 18.Bb5 Bc6 19.a4 Rcd8 20.Qe3 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ ½, Krzyzanowski,W (2128)-Van Hooff,R (1967) email 2011 Qxd8= ;

B3b) 17.Qf4

B3b1) 17...Rfd8 18.h4 *(18.dxe6 Qxe6 19.e5 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 g6 21.Be4 Rxd1 22.Qxd1 Rc5 23.f4 Nc6 24.Qd6 Qc4 25.g3 Qc3 26.Kf2 Nd4 27.Qd8+* ½, Nickel,A (2579)-Golod,V (2305) Chessfriend.com 2003 *)* 18...h6 19.h5 Rc5!? 20.Bb1 Nc4 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Qg4 Rf8 23.Nd4 Bc8 24.e5 Leitao,R (2598)-Eliet,N (2427) Charleroi 2006 Nxe5 25.Qe4 Qf6 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.f4 Ng4∞;

B3b2) 17...Nc4 18.Rc1 b5 19.a4 a6 20.axb5 *(20.Rb1 b4 21.Rec1 e5 22.Qh4 Qxh4 23.Nxh4 Nd2 24.Nf5 Nxb1 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Nxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxb1 a5∓* Bubnov,V (2182)-Van Hooff,R (1967) email 2010*)* 20...axb5 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Rxc4 bxc4 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Qe5 Rc8 25.Rc1 Qf6= Gyimesi,Z (2652)-Pinter,J (2546) Austria 2012]

12.0-0 b6 13.Rac1 The placement of the ♖ will indicate White's middlegame plans. We'll check the alternatives:

[13.a4 Bb7

A) 14.Bd3

A1) 14...Rb8 15.Rfe1 h6 16.a5 b5 17.Rac1 a6 18.Qb4 Rc8 19.Nd2 Rxc1 *(19...Nb8!⇄)* 20.Rxc1 Ne5? 21.Bxb5 axb5 22.dxe5 Qd3 23.h3± Carlsen,M (2851)-Kramnik,V (2801) Stavanger blitz 2016;

A2) 14...e5 15.Qe3! exd4 16.Nxd4 Nc5 17.Bc2 Re8 18.f3 Qf6 19.a5 Rad8 20.Rfd1 Ba6 21.axb6 axb6 22.Ba4 Nxa4 23.Rxa4 b5 24.Rb4 Rd7 25.Rc1 Red8 26.e5 Qb6 27.Rc6 Qa7 28.Nf5 Qxe3+ 29.Nxe3 Ra8 30.Kf2 g6 31.h4 h5 32.e6 fxe6 33.Rxe6± Carlsen,M (2855)-Kramnik,V (2812) Paris 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 173 by Sadorra;

A3) 14...Rc8 15.a5 Qc7 16.Rfb1 *(16.Rfc1 Qd6 17.a6 Ba8 18.h3 h6 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Rc1 Rxc1+ 21.Qxc1 Bc6 22.d5?! exd5 23.e5 Qc5 24.Qf4 Nf8 25.Nd4 Bd7∓* Melkumyan,H (2633)-Bu,X (2705) Doha blitz 2016 *)* 16...h6 17.h3 Rfd8 18.Ra3 Qd6 19.Rab3 Rc7 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Ra1 f5 22.Qe2 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qd5 25.Qxd5 Nxd5 26.Rba3 Nc3 27.Rxa7 Ne2+ 28.Kh2 Rxa7 29.Rxa7 Nxd4= Ding,L (2707)-Kramnik,V (2801) Paris/St Petersburg 2013;

A4) 14...Nf6!? 15.Rfe1 h6 16.a5

A4a) 16...bxa5 17.Rxa5 Qc7 18.Rc1 *(18.Ne5 Rfc8 19.f3 Qd8 20.Bf1 Nd7 21.Nc4 Nb6 22.Ne3 Rc7 23.Rea1 Rd7 24.Nc2 Nc8 25.Bb5 Rd6 26.Qb4 Rb8 27.Bd3 Ne7 28.Rb5 a6 29.e5* Salem,A (2633)-Hou,Y (2652) Moscow 2017 *axb5 30.Qxd6 Qxd6 31.exd6 Nc8 32.d7 Nd6 33.Ra7 Kf8 34.Bxb5 Ke7 35.Ba4 Ra8=; 18.Rc5 Qe7 19.h3 Rfc8 20.Ra5 Qc7 21.Rc5 Qe7 22.Ra5* ½, Schenk,A (2463)-Cyborowski,L (2524) Germany 2017*)* 18...Qd8 19.Re1 Qc7 20.Qb4 Rfb8 21.Qa3 *(21.Rc5 Qf4 22.Qd2 Qxd2 23.Nxd2 Rd8 24.Nb3 a5 25.Rxa5 Rxa5*

26.Nxa5 Rxd4 27.Nxb7 Rxd3= Wojtaszek,R (2745)-Kramnik,V (2811) Shamkir 2017*)* 21...Rc8 22.h3 *(22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Qxa7 Ra8 24.Qc5 Qxc5 25.dxc5 Nd7 26.Rc1 Rc8=)* 22...a6 *(22...Qf4 23.d5 exd5 24.e5 Ne4 25.Qe7 Bc6 26.e6 Rf8 27.exf7+ Rxf7 28.Qb4 Re8 29.Qd4 Ng5 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Nxg5 hxg5 33.Rxd5 g4=* Radjabov,T (2710)-Karjakin,S (2783) Shamkir 2017*)* 23.Ne5 Qd8 24.Nf3 Rc7 25.Ra4 a5 26.Ne5 Bc6 27.Rxa5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Rxa5 29.Qxa5 Nxe4= Svidler,P (2755)-Kramnik,V (2811) Sochi 2017;

A4b) 16...a6!? 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Rbc1 Qe7 20.Qa5 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Nd2 Qd7 23.Qb6 Rc3 24.Bxa6 Bxa6 25.Qxa6 Qxd4 26.Nf3 Qc5= /∓, Topalov,V (2803)-Carlsen,M (2834) London 2015;

B) 14.Rfe1

B1) 14...Rb8 15.Bb5 Nf6 16.Bd3 h6 17.Rab1 Ba8 18.h3 Qe7 19.Rb3 Rfd8 20.Qb2 Rbc8 21.a5 bxa5 22.Ra3 Rb8 23.Qa2 Qb4 24.Rb1 *(24.Rxa5 Rxd4 25.Rb1 Qxb1+ 26.Bxb1 Rd1+ 27.Kh2 Rdxb1=)* 24...Qf8 25.Re1 Qb4 26.Rb1 Qf8 27.Re1 ½, Ponomariov,R (2706)-Kramnik,V (2812) Dortmund 2016;

B2) 14...Rc8 15.Bd3 h6 16.a5 Qc7 17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra3 Rfd8 19.Qb2 Qd6 20.Rb3 Rc7 21.Ne5 Nf6 22.Nf3 Qf4 23.Qe2 Rc1 24.Qe3 Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Qxe3 26.fxe3 Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Nxe4 28.Rxb6 Ra8= /∓, Deac,B (2572)-Kramnik,V (2809) Medias blitz 2016]

[The most usual follow-up has long been 13.Rfe1 Bb7 14.Rad1 Rc8 and now:

A) 15.Bd3 Nf6 *(15...Qc7 16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.e5 Bxf3!? 18.Qxf3 Nf8 19.Ba6 Rb8 20.Qe2 Ng6 21.g3 Qc3⇄* Kozul,Z (2593)-Gyimesi,Z (2592) Murska Sobota 2008*; 15...Re8 16.h4 Nf8 17.h5 h6 18.a4 Nh7 19.Qf4* Mamedyarov,S (2729)-Socko,B (2635) Istanbul olm 2012 *Ng5=)*

A1) 16.d5 exd5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Qf4 Nc5 19.Bf5 Ne6 *(⌓19...Rc7∞)* 20.Qg4 Rc6 21.Qh3 g6 22.Bxe6 Rxe6 23.Nd4⩲ Saldano Dayer,H (2345)-Magem Badals,J (2535) Linares 1998;

A2) 16.Bb1 Re8 17.Qf4 Qc7 18.Ne5 Red8 19.g4 Rf8 20.Rc1 Qd6 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Qe3 Rd8 23.Rc1 Bb7 24.g5 Ne8 25.Nf3 Qe7 26.h3 Qb4 27.Qc3 Qa4 28.Bc2 Qd7 29.Qd3 Nd6 30.Qe2 Rc8 31.Rd1 Qc6∓ Solomon,K (2378)-Nakamura,H (2787) Tromsoe olm 2014;

A3) 16.Qf4 Qc7 17.Qh4 h6 18.h3 *(18.e5 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nd5 20.Kh1 Qe7 21.Qe4 g6 22.Rg1 Kh8 23.Rg3 Rg8 24.Rdg1 Rg7 25.Qg4 Qg5 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.Rxg5 Rgg8 28.R5g4 Kg7⩲* Martinovic,S (2517)-Dragnev,V (2372) Austria 2016*; 18.d5 exd5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Qf4 f6 21.Qf5 fxe5 22.Qe6+ Qf7 23.Qxe5 Qf6∓* Sadkowsky,D (2340)-Van Herck,M (2214) Brasschaat 2008*)* 18...Rfd8 19.Bb1 b5 20.d5 exd5 21.e5 Ne4 22.Nd4 Qxe5 23.Nxb5 Qb2 24.Nxa7 g5∓ Rausis,I (2500)-Rotstein,A (2528) Cannes 2005;

B) 15.Bb3 supports the d5-advance:

B1) 15...h6 16.Qf4 Qc7 17.Qh4 Rfd8 18.h3 b5 19.d5 exd5 20.e5?!

(20.Nd4!⩱) 20...Re8 21.Qh5 a5 22.Rd4 a4 23.Bd1 Re6 24.Rf4 Nc5 25.Be2 Ne4∓ Kovalenko,I (2700)-Kramnik,V (2777) Berlin rpd 2015;

B2) 15...Nf6

B2a) 16.Qf4 Qc7

B2a1) 17.Qh4 h6 *(17...Rfd8?!* Keres,P-Fine,R Ostend 1937 *18.Ng5! h6 19.Nxe6↑)* 18.h3 Rfd8⇄ 19.Re3 b5 20.Nh2?! Kf8 21.e5 Qc6 22.Rf3 Qe4∓ Shchekachev,A (2515)-Moussard,J (2439) Le Port Marly 2014;

B2a2) 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Rd7 20.Ne5 Rd6 21.Nc6 a6 *(21...Re8 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Nxa7 Nc7 24.a4 Kf8 25.f3 Ke7 26.Rb1±* Mareco,S (2655)-Mastrovasilis,A (2524) Dubai 2017*; 21...Bxc6 22.dxc6 Rxc6 23.Re7* Gaspar,L-Nestler,D Luxembourg 1993 *g6 24.Rxa7 Ne4 25.f3 Nc5 26.Bd5± /=)* 22.Re7 Nd7 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.Rxb7 Nd7 25.Rc7 Rd8 26.Re1 Nf6 27.Ra7 b5 28.Ree7 Nd7 29.h4 Kf8= Vitiugov,N (2692)-Mastrovasilis,A (2510) WChT Bursa 2010;

B2b) 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Rc5!? *(17...Qd7 18.d6 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Rfe8 20.Qf4 h6 21.Rc1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qh3 23.Ba4 Nd7 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Rc7 Qe6 26.d7 Rd8=* Kratochvil,J (2114)-Andersen,J (2258) email 2011 holds, but by a thin thread.*)* 18.d6 *(18.Re5 Qd6 19.h3 h6 20.Qf4 Nd7 21.Re4 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 Nf6 23.d6 Rd8 24.Nh4 Be4 25.Re1 Bc2 26.Bxc2 Rxc2 27.Nf5 Rxa2 28.Nxh6+ gxh6 29.Rxf6 Kg7 30.Rf4 Rxd6∓* Li,C (2755)-Harikrishna,P (2763) Stavanger blitz 2016*)* 18...Bd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Qf4 Qd7 21.h3 h6 22.Rxd5 Nxd5 23.Qe5 Nf6 24.Rc1 Rd8 25.Rc7 Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Rxd6 ½, Brunello,S (2557)-Basso,P (2417) Rome 2016]

[The immediate break 13.d5 gives Black a choice between Nc5⇄ *(*and *13...Nf6!? 14.Rad1 exd5 15.e5 Be6 16.exf6 dxc4 17.fxg7 Kxg7 18.Nd4 Qf6 19.Nxe6+ fxe6 20.Qd7+ Kh8 21.Qb7 Rad8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Qxa7 c3⩱* Beliavsky,A (2662)-Golod,V (2599) Netanya 2009*)*]

13...Bb7 14.d5

[14.Bd3 loses a tempo in comparison with the 11.♖c1 line above (the ♗ went to d3 immediately).]

[14.Qf4 Qb8 *(14...Nf6 15.Bd3 Rc8⇄)* 15.e5!? h6 16.Nd2 Rd8 17.Be2 Nf8 18.Bh5 Ng6 19.Qg4 *(19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Nc4±)* 19...Ne7 20.Nc4 Nf5 21.Rfd1 Bd5 22.Qf4 g5 23.Qg4 Qb7 24.Ne3 Be4 25.Nxf5 Bxf5 26.Qg3 Rac8 27.h4 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qe7 29.Qe3 Kg7= Plat,V (2454)-Hnydiuk,A (2375) Teplice 2015]

14...Nc5 15.Rfe1 Qf6N

[15...exd5 16.exd5 Qf6 17.Rcd1 Rad8 18.Qe3 h6 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rd4 Qg5 21.f4 Qf5 22.g4 Qc8 23.h3 Re8 24.Qd2 Red8 25.a3 b5 26.Ba2 Qc7 27.Rd1 Qb6 28.Kh2 a5 29.Qc2 a4= Kaszowski,D (2299)-Hnydiuk,A (2366) Opole 2006]

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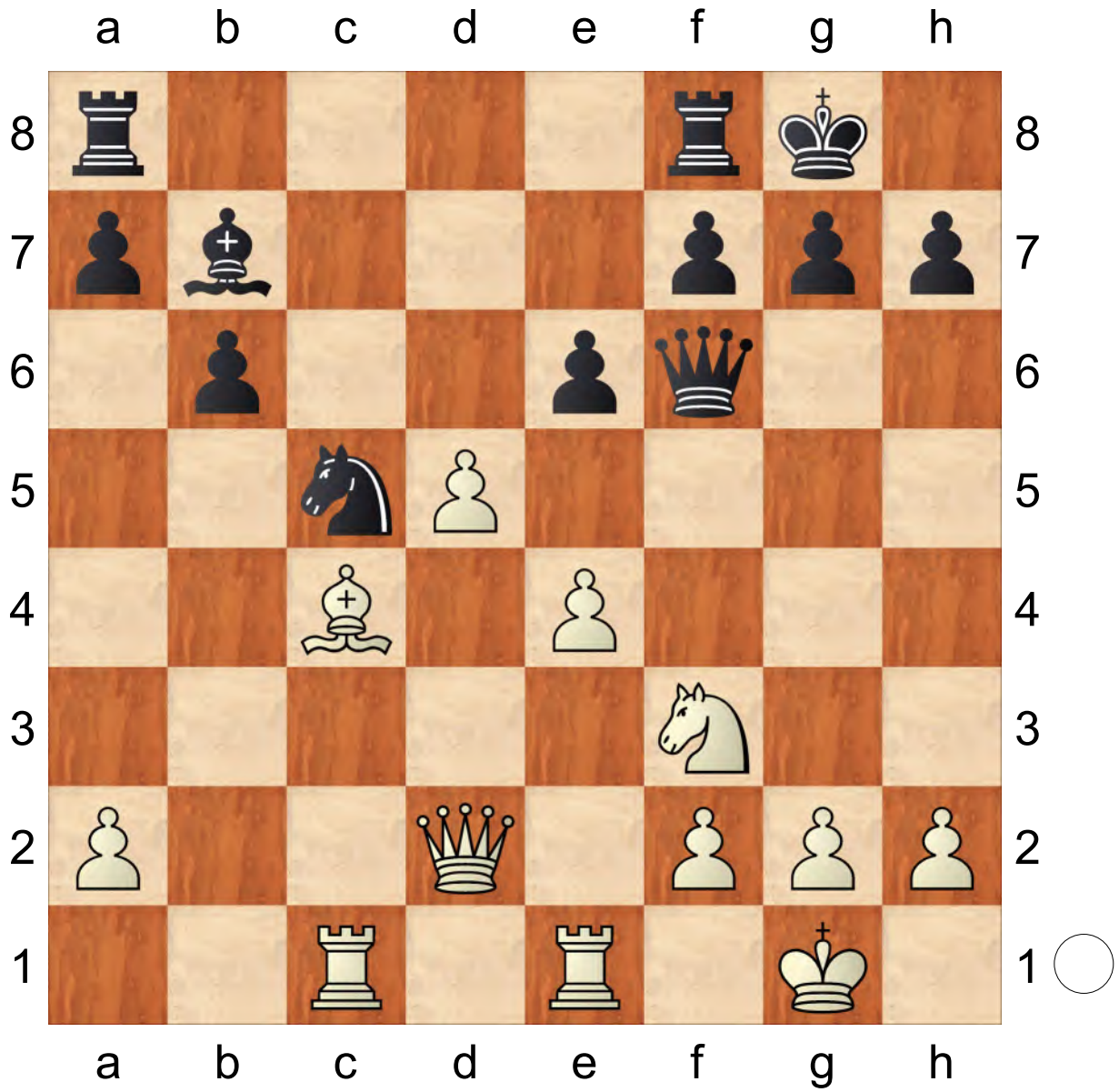


Retaining the central tension is a novelty. **16.Qe3** **Rac8** Kramnik opts for an ambitious, but rather risky plan by allowing the advance of White's central pawns.

[16...exd5

A) 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 *(17...Qe7!?)* 18.exd5 Qd6=;

B) 17.exd5 Rad8= can transpose to Kaszowski-Hnydiuk above.]

[16...Rad8!? 17.e5 Qg6 18.d6 f6⇄ is possibly a better version of the idea from the game.]

17.e5 Levon accepts the challenge; his choice is very natural.

[White could have played 17.h3 , or]

[17.Rcd1 - but then why did he initially play 13.♖ac1?]

17...Qg6 18.d6 f6 19.Nh4!

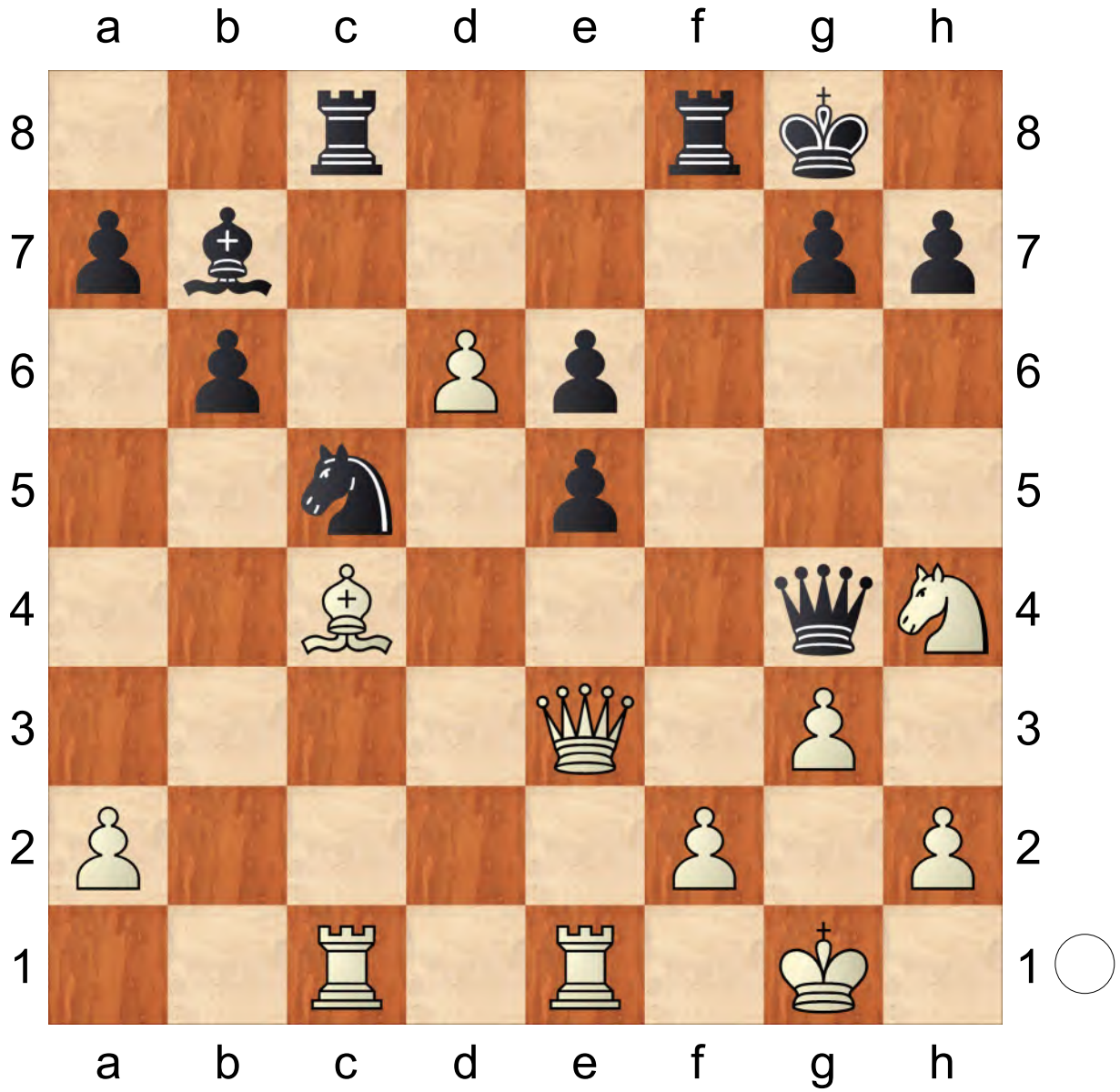
[19.exf6 Rxf6 20.Nh4 Qf7∞]

19...Qg4? Exposing the ♕ is a serious tactical error.

[19...Qg5 20.Qxg5 fxg5 21.Nf3 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Kf7± /∞ is at best only slightly better for White. *(22...Rxf3?? 23.Bxe6+)* 23.h4 gxh4 24.f4 Kg6∞]
[19...Qh5!? is also not quite clear, although perhaps White retains a pull after 20.Qd4 Kh8 21.g3 Rcd8 22.f4!? Qe8 23.Qb2 Qc6 24.Ng2±]

20.g3 fxe5?!

[More resilient moves were: 20...Rcd8 21.f4 g5 22.f5 gxh4 23.fxe6 Nxe6 24.exf6 Bc8 25.Bxe6+ Bxe6 26.Qxe6+ Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Kf7 28.Rce1 Rg8± /±]
[, or 20...Qh5 21.f4 fxe5 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5↑]
[On the other hand, 20...g5 21.f3□ Qh5 22.Nf5± doesn't help.]



Seemingly natural, but now in addition to the weakness on e6, Black's ♕ will be in desperate trouble. **21.Qxe5 Rcd8**

[21...Kh8 22.f3!? *(22.f4±)* 22...Bxf3 23.Bxe6 Nxe6 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.d7 Rd8

26.Qxe6 Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Bh5 28.Rc6 Bg4□ 29.Nf3! Kg8 *(29...Bxd7 30.Rd6)* 30.Ne5± /+-]
[21...g5 22.f3 *(22.h3 Qxh3 23.Qxg5+ Kh8 24.Qe5+ Kg8 25.f3!+-)* 22...Bxf3 23.Bxe6+ Nxe6 24.Rxc8 gxh4 *(24...Rxc8 25.Nf5!+-)* 25.d7 Nd8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Qe8+ Kg7 28.Qe7+ Kg6 29.Re6++-]

22.f4 Rf6 There is no easy way out anymore.
[22...Kh8 23.Be2 Qh3 24.Qh5 Kg8 25.Bg4+-]
[22...Ba6 23.Bxa6 Nxa6 24.Kg2 g5 25.h3+-]

23.Rc3 By protecting g3, Aronian threatens to trap the queen with ♗e2-f1 and h3.

23...Rh6
[23...Ba6 24.Bxa6 Nxa6 25.Kg2 Rh6 26.Qg5! Qxg5 27.fxg5 Rxh4 28.gxh4 Rxd6 29.Ra3+-]

24.Be2
[White has already more than one way to win. Even more forcing was 24.Nf5! Rg6 *(24...Rh5 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Bf7+-; 24...Rf6 25.Qxf6 gxf6 26.Nh6++-)* 25.Ne7++-]

24...Qh3 25.Qg5!+- Qxh4
[25...Rxh4 26.Qxd8+ Kf7 27.Qe7+ Kg6 28.Qg5+ Kf7 29.gxh4 Qxc3 30.Qe7+ Kg6 31.Bh5+! Kxh5 32.Qg5#]

(Diagram)

Desperation, but Black gets mated after **26.gxh4 Rg6 27.Rd1** White has an extra exchange and quickly converts his advantage. **27...Bd5 28.f5 Rxg5+ 29.hxg5 Kf8**
[29...Rxd6 30.fxe6
A) 30...Nxe6 31.Bc4 Nf4 *(31...Nc7 32.Rcd3+-)* 32.Rf3+-;
B) 30...Rxe6 31.Bg4 Re5 32.Rxc5! bxc5 33.Rxd5 Rxd5 34.Be6++-]

30.fxe6 Bxe6

(Diagram)

31.Bc4
[31.Rf3+ Kg8 32.a3+-]

31...Bf5
[31...Bxc4 32.Rxc4 Kf7 33.Rcd4+- prolongs the game, but is still hopeless for Black.]

32.Re3 g6 33.Re7 Rd7 34.Rde1
[34.Rde1 Rxe7 *(34...Rxd6 35.Rf7+ Kg8 36.Re8#)* 35.dxe7+ Ke8 36.Bf7+]

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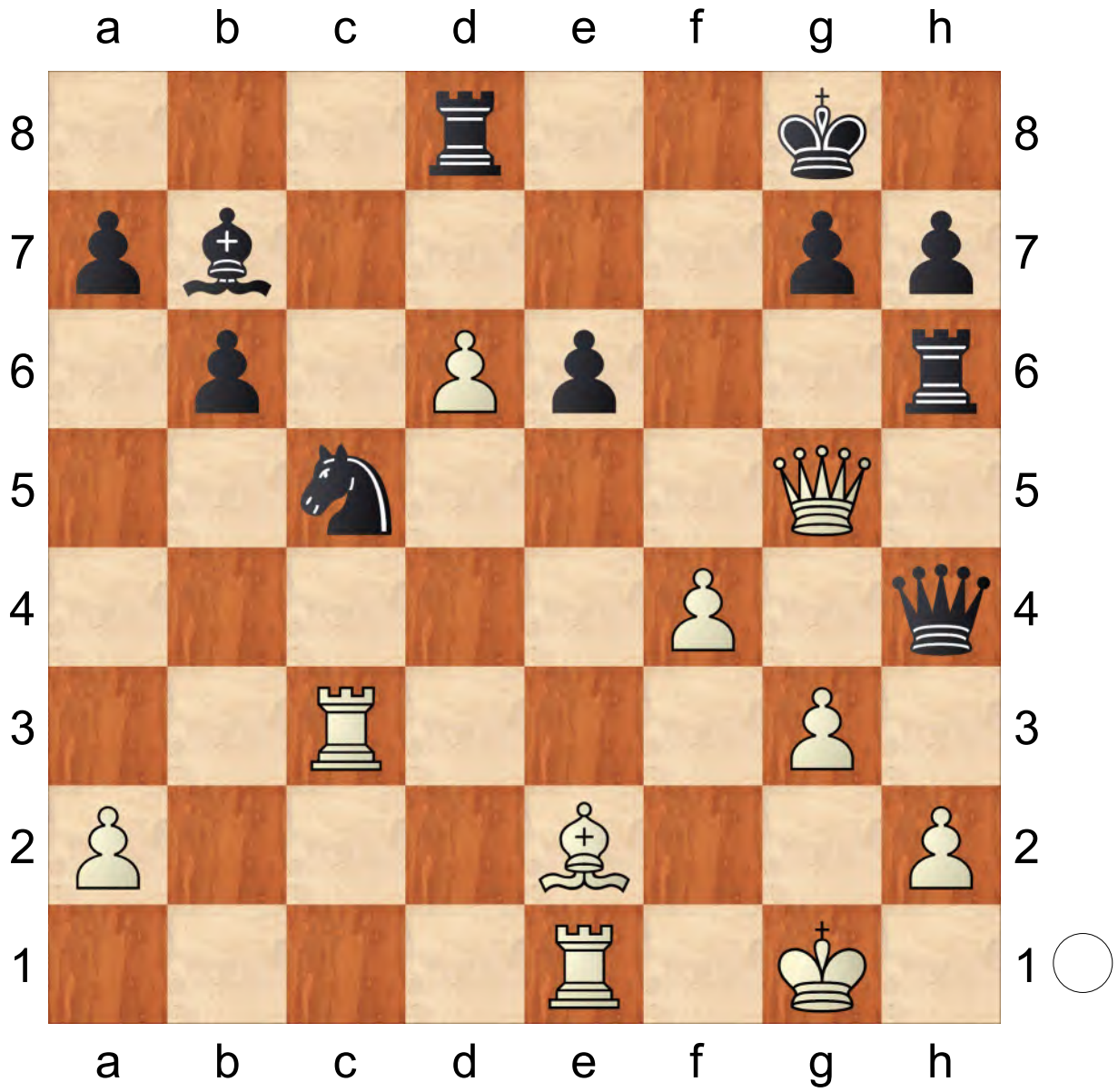
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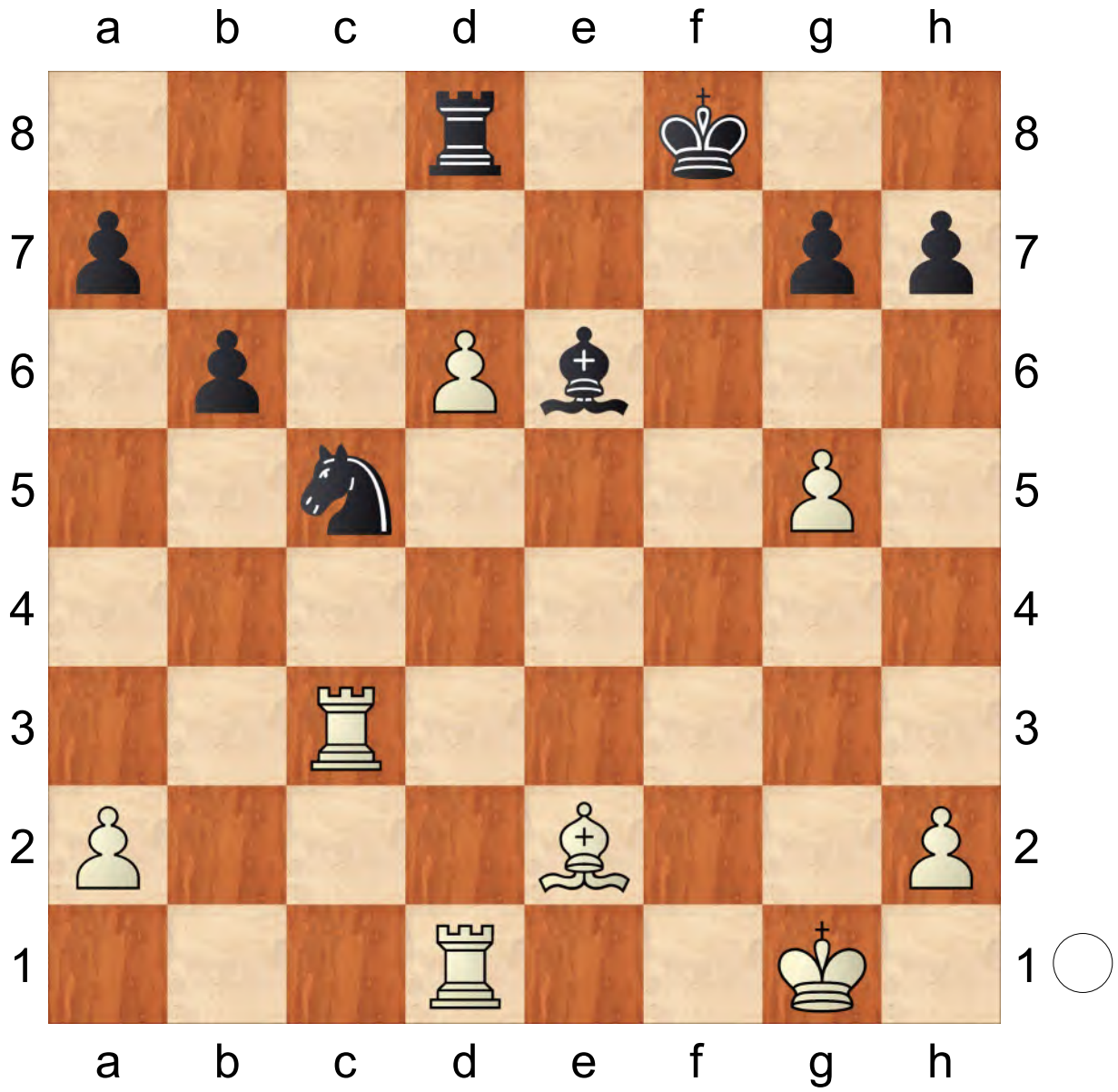
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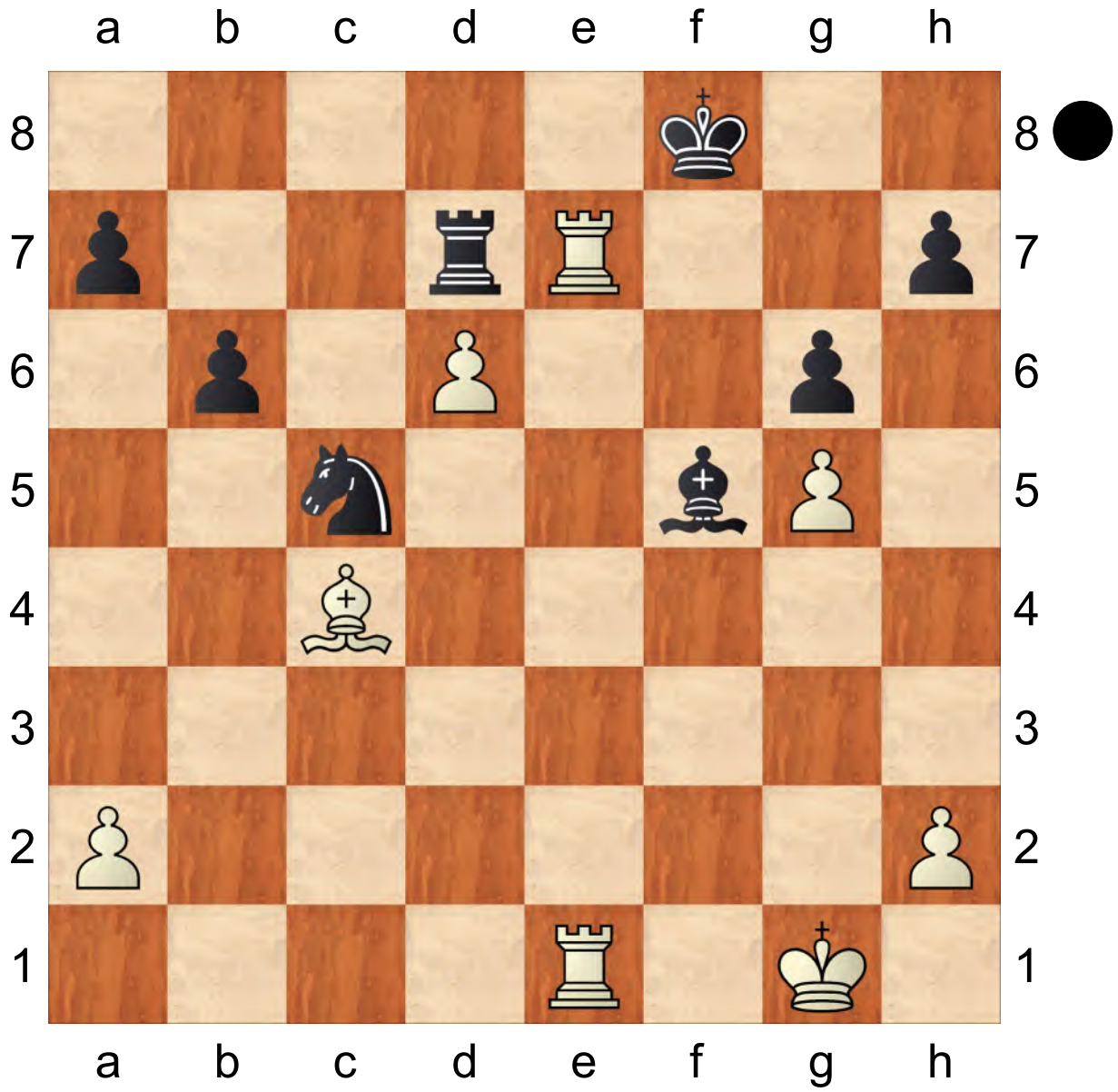

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□ **L'Ami,Erwin** **2611**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2702**
Bundesliga 1718 (10.7) 25.02.2018
[Stohl,Igor]

The crucial game of a crucial match. In the 10th round of the Bundesliga Solingen managed to defeat the defending champions form Baden, despite being at least 50 ELO points weaker on every board. The only decisive encounter was the following one. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7** Aims for a line with long history.

[Of course, the classical 4...Be7 has also been around for more than a century, even here new ideas appear in older lines: A modernized version of a classical line has become popular also after

A) After 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 the focus has again shifted to the former main line c5 *(6...Nbd7* was the popular reaction in the past few years.*)* 7.dxc5 Bxc5 and now:

A1) After 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5

A1a) 10.Bd3 Bb4+ here 11.Nd2!? *(11.Ke2* used to be the main move*)* is all the rage: 11...Nc6 12.0-0

A1a1) 12...Be7!? 13.a3 Bf6 14.Nf3 and White is a tempo down in comparison with the 8.a3 and 9.cxd5 line. g6 *(14...Bg4!?⇄; 14...Qe7 15.h3 g6 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.b4 a6 19.Rc2 Qd7 20.Rfc1 Bf5 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Bc7 Rd7 23.Bb6 Qe4 24.Rd1 Bd8 25.Bc5 Bc7 26.Qd3 Rad8 27.Rcd2±* Giri,A (2771)-Karjakin,S (2781) Stavanger 2017 *)* 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Rab1 Bg4 17.Be2 Rad8 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 d4 21.exd4 Nxd4 22.Qg4 h6 23.Nf3 h5∓ Bohus,A (2305)-Gaifullin,A (2413) Mamaia 2017;

A1a2) Black is close to full equality also after 12...Bd6!? 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rc1 Be6 15.Nf3 Rfd8 16.Qa4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Qxa7 Qxb2 20.Rb1 Qf6 21.Qxb7 d4 22.exd4 g6 23.a4 Rxd4 24.Qa7 Bg4 25.f3 Bxf3 26.gxf3 ½, Grevtsov,V (2223)-Sage,F (2405) email 2009 Qg5+ 27.Kh1 Qe3 28.Qb7 Rcd8 29.Bc2 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Bxd1 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 Qd2+=;

A1a3) 12...Be6 13.Nf3 *(13.Nb3 Qf6 14.a3 Be7 15.Qd2 Rfd8 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.exd4 Bf5 18.Be2 Rac8 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Bf3 Be6 21.Be3=* ½, Yu,Y (2738)-Nakamura,H (2785) Caleta rpd 2017*; 13.a3 Be7 14.Rc1 Qb6 15.b4 Rac8 16.Nf3 a5 17.b5 Nb8 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 Rxc1 20.Qxc1 Rc8 21.Qb2 Nd7 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Qxc1 Ne5⇄* Cyborowski,L (2532)-Psyk,R (2132) Polanica Zdroj 2017*)* 13...Be7 14.Rc1 Bf6 15.a3 Qe7 16.b4 a6 17.h3 Rac8 18.Rc5 a5!? 19.Qb1 axb4 20.axb4 only the misguided b6?! *(20...h6!?; 20...g6=)* 21.Rcc1 g6? *(21...Nxb4 22.Bxh7+±)* 22.Ba6 Nxb4 23.Bxc8 Rxc8

24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Rc1+- Nepomniachtchi,I (2742)-Nakamura,H (2792) Saint Louis 2017 cost Black material and a full point; see the notes to this game in CBM 180 by Sumets.;

A1b) 10.a3 Nc6 11.Bd3 Bb6 12.0-0 also gives Black a choice:

A1b1) 12...Qf6 13.b4 h6 14.b5 *(14.Bc2 Bf5 15.Bxf5 Qxf5 16.b5 Na5 17.Be5 Rfc8 18.h3 Qe4 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.Nxd4 Nc4 21.Qe2 a6 22.Rfd1 axb5 23.Nxb5 Ra5 24.a4 Qe5 25.Rd4 Nd6 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Qb2* Grachev,B (2655)-Akobian,V (2619) Moscow 2009 *Rc4 28.Qxb7 Raxa4!=)* 14...Nd4 15.h3!? *(15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Rb1 Be5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Rb4 Be6 19.Qa1 Qxa1 20.Rxa1 Rfc8 21.Kf1 Kf8 22.Ke2 Ke7 23.Kd2 Kd6 24.a4* ½-½ (24) Vachier Lagrave,M (2793)-Nakamura,H (2781) Caleta 2018*)* 15...g5 *(15...Be6 16.a4 Rfc8 17.a5 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bc7=)* 16.Nxd4 gxf4 17.Qf3 Bxd4 18.exd4 Be6 19.Rfe1 Kh8 20.Re5 Rg8 21.Rae1 Rg7 22.g4 Rag8 23.Kf1 Rg5 24.Bc2 Rc8 25.Qd3± Karjakin,S (2760)-Nakamura,H (2781) London 2017;

A1b2) 12...Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.b4 a6 15.Rc1 d4 16.e4 f6!?N 17.g4 Bg6 18.Re1 Rc8 19.b5 axb5 20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.Qxb5 Ra8 22.a4 Be8 23.Qb3 Bf7∓ Mamedyarov,S (2766)-Nakamura,H (2785) Sharjah 2017;

A2) 8.Bd3 is Aronian's idea, White gives a tempo to clarify the central tension: dxc4 *(8...Nc6 9.0-0* is less flexible *)* 9.Bxc4

A2a) 9...a6 10.Bd3! Nc6 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Bb1 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Be4!? Nf6?! *(⌓15...Nxf4 16.exf4 Ra7!= /±)* 16.Nd2 Re8 17.Bf3 e5 18.Bg3 Ra7 19.Rac1 b6 20.a3 Bd7 21.Nc4 e4 22.Be2 a5 23.Nd6 Re7 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.Bxb5↑ Aronian,L (2792)-Nakamura,H (2791) Saint Louis 2016 See the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 174.;

A2b) ⌓9...Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Bb4! 11.0-0 *(11.Rd3 Ne4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nc6 14.Bb5 f6 15.Bd6 Rd8 16.Rfd1 Rxd6 17.Rxd6 Nxd6 18.Rxd6 Kf7 19.Bxc6 Ke7 20.Bxb7 Bxb7 21.Rd4 Rc8 22.Rb4 Bd5 23.Ra4 Rxc3 24.Rxa7+ Kf8 25.h3 Rc1+ 26.Kh2 Rc2=* Aronian,L (2785)-Anand,V (2779) London 2016*)* 11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bd7!?N *(12...b6 13.Bd6 Re8 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Be2 Nc6 16.Rc1 Ne4 17.Ba3 Rec8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Bd3 Nc5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Rb1 h6 22.Ba6 Rd8 23.Nd2 Ne5⇄* Adhiban,B (2671)-Radjabov,T (2722) Baku olm 2016*)* 13.Ne5 Rc8 14.f3 Ba4 15.Bb3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Nd5 17.c4 Nxf4 18.exf4 f6 19.Nd3 Nd7 20.Rfe1 Nf8 21.Kf2 a5 22.Nb2 b5= Aronian,L (2793)-Anand,V (2786) Stavanger blitz 2017;

A3) 8.Qc2 Nc6

A3a) 9.a3

A3a1) 9...Re8!? 10.0-0-0 e5 11.Bg5 d4 12.Nd5 b5!? *(12...Be6 13.Bd3±; 12...Be7* is a pawn sacrifice, which has been tested in email

practice and is quite interesting as well. *)*

A3a11) 13.cxb5 Na5 *(13...Qxd5?! 14.Bc4±)* 14.exd4 exd4 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Kb1 Qd5∞;

A3a12) 13.Bxf6?! gxf6 14.cxb5 Na5 15.exd4 exd4 16.Nb4 Bxb4 17.axb4 Be6 18.Nxd4 Rc8 19.Nc6 *(19.Nxe6!∓)* 19...Nxc6 20.bxc6 Qb6 21.Qa4 Topalov,V (2760)-Anand,V (2779) London 2016 Bg4! 22.f3 Bf5-+ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 176 by Marin.;

A3a2) 9...Qa5 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.Kb1 *(* More explored are the alternatives *11.g4 and; 11.h4)* 11...a6 12.Nd2 b5!? 13.Nb3 *(13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Bd7→)* 13...Qb6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Bg5 Be6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 Rac8 19.Bd3 *(19.Qd2 Ne5⩱ 20.Qd4 Qc7 21.Rc5 Qb8 22.Qd1 g6 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Be2 Nc4 25.Nd4 Qd6 26.Qd3 Bxd4 27.exd4 Qf4 28.Rd1 Qxf2 29.Qf3 Qe3 30.Ka2 Kg7=* Trembecki,L (2316)-Mlynarcik,S (2422) email 2009*)* 19...Nb4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Qd1 *(21.Rh5 Nxc2 22.Bxc2+=* is an immediate draw *)* 21...Nxd5 22.Qh5 Bg5! 23.Be4+ Qh6 24.Qxh6+ Bxh6 25.Bxd5 Rcd8 26.e4 *(26.Rd1=; 26.Bf3=)* 26...f5! 27.Nc5? *(27.f3□)* 27...fxe4∓ Topalov,V (2749)-Nakamura,H (2780) Saint Louis blitz 2017 **Δ** 28.Ne6 Rxd5 29.Nxf8 Rd6;

A3b) 9.Rd1!?

A3b1) 9...Re8 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be2 *(11.Nxd5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 Bf5! 13.Qxf5 Bxe3=)* 11...Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0 Be6 14.h3 a6 15.Nd4 Rec8 16.a3 h6 17.Rd2 Na5 18.Rfd1 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Nde2 Qe5 21.Rd4± Silin,V (2234)-Sazon,A (2127) email 2010;

A3b2) 9...Qa5

A3b21) 10.Be2 is an attempt to save a tempo on a3:

A3b211) 10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 a6 *(11...Be7 12.0-0 a6 13.a3 Nh5 14.Bd6 Bxd6 15.Rxd6 Rd8 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Rd1 Qe7 18.Ne4⟳* Kovalenko,I (2650)-Short,N (2665) Tromsoe olm 2014*)* 12.0-0 b5 13.Be2 Nb4 14.Qb1!? *(14.Qc1 Qb6 15.e4 Bb7 16.a3 Nc6 17.b4 Bd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qe3 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Qc6∓* Houska,J (2386)-Zumsande,M (2490) Douglas 2016*)* 14...Nbd5 *(14...Be7 15.e4±)* 15.Be5 Be7 16.Ng5 *(⌓16.Nxd5!? Nxd5 17.Rc1±)* 16...g6 17.Bf3 Bb7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxd5 Bxg5 20.b4 Qd8 21.Nf6+ Qxf6 22.Bxb7= ½, Bulski,K (2520)-Tarlev,K (2557) Germany 2014;

A3b212) 10...Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 b6 14.Bd6 Re8 15.e4 h6 16.e5 *(16.a4; 16.a3!?)* 16...Nd5 Gupta,A (2625)-Negi,P (2631) Aurangabad 2011 17.a3↑ **Δ** Ba6? 18.Bb4±;

A3b213) ⌓10...Nb4!? 11.Qb3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nbd5 13.Be5 Qb4! 14.0-0 Qxb3 15.Bxb3 *(15.axb3 b6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5*

exd5 18.Rxd5 f6 19.Bd6 Rd8 20.Rfd1 Be6 21.R5d3 Bxb3 22.Rxb3 Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Bxd6 24.Rc3 Kf7 ½, Moiseenko,A (2678)-Akobian,V (2606) Merida 2008*)* 15...Nxc3 16.Bxc3 b6 17.Ne5 Ne4 18.Bd4 Ba6 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.Bc4 Bxc4 21.Nxc4 Rfc8 22.Rd4 Kf8 23.Rfd1 Rc7= Pelletier,Y (2541)-Nakamura,H (2793) Zuerich blitz 2017;

A3b22) 10.a3 is the main move and now there is a new approach to Karpov's 10...Re8!? *(10...Be7* used to be the main move for a long time *)* 11.Nd2 e5 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.Qb1 *(13.Qc1 Bf5 14.Bxf6 Nc2+ 15.Ke2 Nd4+* ½, Carlsen,M (2827)-Nakamura,H (2781) Douglas 2017*; 13.Qa4 Qxa4 14.Nxa4 Nc2+ 15.Ke2 Nd4+!* ½, Karjakin,S (2773)-Nakamura,H (2787) Bilbao 2016*)* 13...Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 *(14...e4? 15.Bf1±)* 15.Qxd3 Ne4! and now:

A3b221) 16.Ndxe4 dxe4 17.Qd2 *(17.Qxe4 Bxa3 18.0-0 Bxb2 19.Nd5 Ne2+ 20.Kh1 Nc3 21.Nxc3 Qxc3 22.Rd7 Rac8 23.Rxb7* Babula,V (2540)-Sebenik,M (2526) Baku olm 2016 *a5! 24.Qd5 Qxc4 25.Qxc4 Rxc4 26.Rxb2 h6=)* 17...Ne6 18.Bh4 Qa6 19.Qe2 Rac8 20.0-0 *(20.Nxe4 f5 21.Nxc5 Rxc5=)* 20...Bf8 21.Qg4 Qxc4 22.Nxe4 Kh8 23.h3 Nc5 24.Nxc5 Qxg4 25.hxg4 Rxc5 26.Rd7 Rb5 27.b4 f6= Mamedyarov,S (2804)-Anand,V (2767) Wijk aan Zee 2018;

A3b222) 16.cxd5 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Nb5 18.Ne4 Nd6 19.Nxd6 Bxd6 20.e4 Rec8 *(20...b5 21.Bd2 Qa4 22.0-0 Rac8 23.Rb1 a6 24.Rfd1 Rc4 25.Qh3 Qa5 26.a4* Lalith,B (2586)-Tarjan,J (2420) Douglas 2016 *bxa4!* **Δ** *27.Rb7 a3 28.Qd7 Re7 29.Rb8+ Bxb8 30.Qxe7 Qc5=)* 21.Bd2 Qa4 *(21...Qxa3!?)* 22.0-0 Qc4 23.Qf3 Bxa3 24.h4 Rf8 *(⌓24...a5! 25.h5 Bf8⇄)* 25.h5 f6 26.Ra1 Bd6 27.Qf5 Qc8 28.Qxc8 Rfxc8 29.Rfb1 b6 Le,Q (2726)-Yu,Y (2753) Danzhou 2017 30.Be3!± ;

A3b223) 16.Ncxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Rb1 *(18.Qb1 Ne6 19.Bh4 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Qxe3+ 21.Kf1 Qf4+ 22.Bf2 Rad8 23.g3 Qh6 24.Ne4 Qh3+* Tarjan,J (2479)-Zumsande,M (2422) Douglas 2015 *25.Ke1□ Nd4⩱; 18.b4 Bf8 19.Nf3 a5 20.c5 Qb5 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Qd3 Qxd3 23.Rxd3 axb4 24.axb4 h6 25.Bf4 g5 26.Bg3 dxe3 27.fxe3 Ra1+ 28.Rd1 Ra4=* Mesaros,F (2335)-Zumsande,M (2467) Karlsruhe 2017*)* 18...h6 19.Bh4 g5 20.b4 Bf8 21.Bg3 Rad8 22.exd4 exd4 23.Be5 Bg7 24.0-0 Rxe5 25.Qd3 Qg6 26.Rb3 g4 27.c5 b6 28.cxb6 ½, Ding,L (2760)-Nakamura,H (2785) Sharjah 2017;

A3b224) 16.Nxd5 Nxg5 17.b4 Qd8 *(17...Qa6?! 18.bxc5 Rad8 19.Nb4 Qa4 20.Qb1 a5 21.Nd5 Nc2+ 22.Ke2 Ne4 23.Nxe4 Qxc4+ 24.Kf3 Rxd5 25.g4!±* Aronian,L (2801)-Inarkiev,E (2683) Palma de Mallorca 2017*)* 18.bxc5 Nde6 19.0-0 *(19.Nb3 Nxc5!*

20.Nxc5 Qa5+=) 19...Nxc5 20.Qb1 Rc8 *(20...b6=* or*; 20...Nge6!?* are probably more accurate moves.*)* 21.f4 exf4 22.exf4 Nge4 23.Nxe4 Rxe4 24.Rde1 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Rb8 26.Qb5 Nd7 27.h3 Nf6 28.Nxf6+ gxf6 29.Kh2 Qd6 30.Qf5 b6 31.c5 bxc5 32.Rc1 Kh8 33.Rxc5 Rg8± Aronian,L (2805)-Nakamura,H (2781) London 2017 In the end Black held the ⊥ with some problems.;

B) 5.Bg5

B1) 5...0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 c6 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 is the famous Capablanca manoeuvre, the position after 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Ne4 *(11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Rxc3 e5)* 11...N5f6 12.Ng3 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 arose in 7 (!) World Championship games in 1927 between Alekhine and Capblanca. c5!? *(*The Cuban played *14...b6* and especially*; 14...Rd8* While all the games were drawn, mainly White had chances to achieve more. *)* 15.Ke2 b6 should equalize, but a draw is definitely a maximum for Black in this line.;

B2) 5...h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 *(7...Ne4* by Lasker, and Tartakower's*; 7...b6* haven't been refuted, people are simply trying something else for a change... *)*

B2a) 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Be2 Bd7 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.Bg3 Nc6 16.Ndb5 Na7 17.Nxa7 Rxa7 18.Rfd1 Rc8 19.Bd6 Kf8 20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.Rd4 Bc6 22.Rb4 Nd7 23.Rd1 Ra5 24.f3 Rc5 25.Kf2 Ra8 26.h4 g5 27.Rc1 Rca5 28.e4 Rg8= So,W (2792)-Giri,A (2752) Wijk aan Zee 2018 White didn't get anything tangible from his better pawn-structure.;

B2b) 8.Qc2 c5 9.cxd5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd5 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Be2 Nf6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.axb3 a5 17.Bf3 Bc6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Ra3 Rab8 20.Kf1 g5 21.Rc1 Rfd8 22.Ke1 Rb4 *(22...Ned5!?=)* 23.Bd1 Ng6 24.Rxa5 Rh4 25.h3 g4⩲ Wang,Y (2699)-Kramnik,V (2812) Dortmund 2017;

B2c) 8.Rc1 c5

B2c1) 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.Bb5 *(11.Be2 b6 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Nd7 15.Nd4 a5 16.b5 Nc5 17.f3 Bb7 18.e4 Rac8 19.Kf2 e5 20.Nf5 Nxe4+ 21.Nxe4 Nxf5 22.Nd6 Nxd6 23.Rxd6 Rc2* Ivanchuk,V (2733)-Kramnik,V (2810) Novi Sad 2016 Here already White has to tread with care to hold the balance.*)* 11...cxd4 12.Qxd4 Nf6 13.0-0 Qxd4 14.Nxd4 Rd8 15.Rfd1 Bd7 16.Kf1 Rac8 17.Bxd7 Rxd7 18.Ke2 Kf8 19.Na4 Rdc7 20.Rxc7 Rxc7 21.Nb5 Rc2+ 22.Rd2 Rxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Nc6= Erdos,V (2624)-Karjakin,S (2765) Antalya 2017;

B2c2) 9.dxc5 gives Black a choice:

B2c21) 9...dxc4 10.c6 *(10.Bxc4 Nxc5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Ne5 Be8 13.Qe2 Nfd7 14.Bg3 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bg3 Nf6 17.Nb5*

Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Rc8 19.Bd3 Qa5 20.a3 Nh5 21.Qf3 Nxg3= ½, Korobov,A (2652)-Anand,V (2782) Riadh blitz 2017*)* 10...bxc6 11.Bxc4 Rb8 *(11...c5 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Be2 Nd5 14.Bg3 N7f6 15.Ne5 Nxc3 16.Rxc3 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Rfd8 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rb3 Bd5 20.Ra3 Ra8 21.f3 Bd6 22.Nd3 Bxg3 23.hxg3 Bc4 24.Kf2±* Stupak,K (2573)-Harika,D (2526) Abu Dhabi 2017*; 11...Bb7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Be2 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 c5 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ng4 Kf8 17.Nxf6 Bxf6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.f3 f5 20.Kf2 Ke7 21.h3 Bc6 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nb1 Bd5* Almeida Quintana,O (2526)-Ochoa de la Rosa,M (2423) Havana 2018 *24.b3±)* 12.Qc2 *(12.Qe2 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.0-0 N7b6 15.Bd3 e5 16.Nd2 Nxc3 17.Rxc3 Na4 18.Rb3 Be6 19.Bc4 Rfd8 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Rxb8 Rxb8 22.Nb3 c5 23.Rc1 Nxb2 24.Rxc5* Lintchevski,D (2524)-Elistratov,S (2407) Moscow 2017 *Rd8 25.h3 Nd3=)* 12...Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Be2 c5 17.b3 Rbc8 18.Qb2 N7b6 19.Nxd5 Rxd5 *(19...exd5⇄)* 20.Qa3 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Bd5 22.Rc1 Rc7 23.h3 g6 24.Nd2 Qg5 25.Bf3 Bxf3 26.Nxf3± /⇄, Nielsen,P (2645)-Andersen,M (2542) Germany 2017;

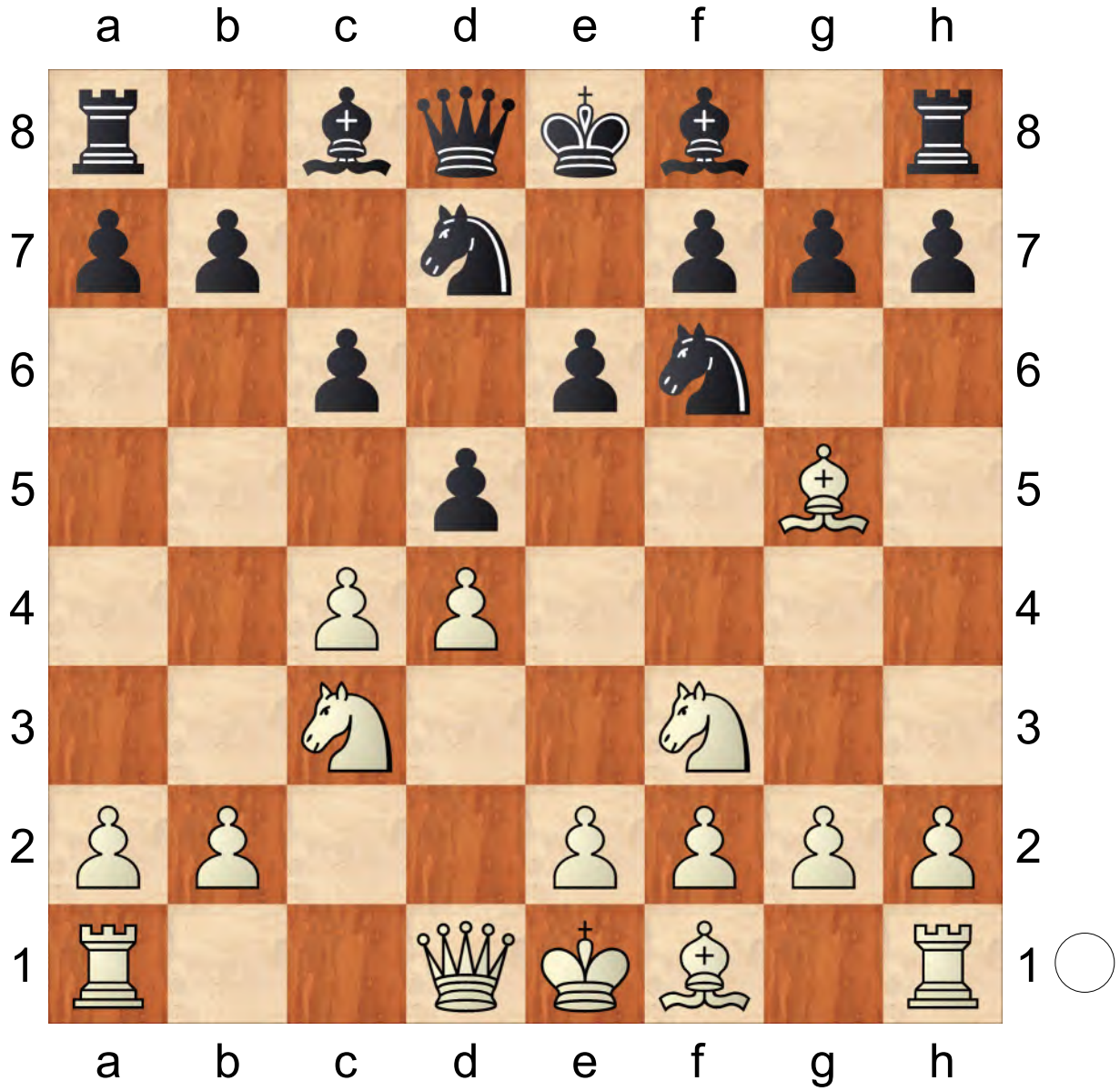
B2c22) 9...Nxc5 10.cxd5 g5 11.Bg3 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qxd5 exd5

B2c221) 14.Be5 Bf5 15.Be2 Rac8 16.0-0 Bd3 *(16...Nd3!?=)* 17.Rce1 *(17.Bxd3 Nxd3 18.Rcd1 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rc2 20.Rxd5 Rxb2 21.Rd7 Bf6 22.Nc4 Rxa2 23.Rxb7 Rd8=* So,W (2812)-Kramnik,V (2808) Leuven blitz 2017*)* 17...Be4 *(17...Bxe2 18.Rxe2 f6 19.Bd4 Ne4⇄; 17...Rfe8!?)* 18.Rd1 a6 19.Bd4 Ne6 20.Bc3 b5 21.Rc1 b4?! 22.Be5 f6 23.Bg3 a5 24.Bb5 Kf7 25.Nd4 Nc5? *(⌓25...Nxd4= /±)* 26.f3 Bg6 27.Rfd1 h5 28.Nc6± Wojtaszek,R (2737)-Kramnik,V (2783) Sochi 2015;

B2c222) 14.Be2 Bd7 *(14...Ne4 15.Nd4 Bb4+ 16.Kd1 Re8 17.Bb5 Re7 18.Ke2 Nxg3+ 19.hxg3 Kg7 20.a3 Ba5 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Nf5+ Kf6 23.Bd3 Rh8 24.Nxe7 Kxe7 25.Bf5 Bc7 26.Rc1 Be5 27.Rc2 d4=* Wojtaszek,R (2741)-Lupulescu,C (2626) Germany 2016*)* 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Be5 g4 17.Nd4 f6 *(17...h5 18.Nb5 f6 19.Bd4 Ne6 20.Nxa7 Ra8 21.Nb5 Rxa2 22.Bc3 Kf7 23.Rcd1 Bc6 24.f3 Bc5 25.Kh1 Bxe3 26.Nd6+ Kg8 27.fxg4 Nf4⇄* Topalov,V (2741)-Kramnik,V (2811) Shamkir 2017*)* 18.Bg3 h5 19.f3 f5 20.Rfd1 a6 21.Bf4 Rfe8 22.Rd2 Bf6 23.Bd1 Ne6 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Ne2 Bb5!⇄ Wang,Y (2699)-Nisipeanu,L (2683) Dortmund 2017]

5.Bg5 c6

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 This leads to the Cambridge Springs variation, another antiquated system, which has survived all the way to the 20-th century.

[Mamedyarov lately experimented a bit with 6...Be7 7.Qc2 0-0 Although White's road to a tangible advantage is not simple, he has a better version of the lines form the above note-to play c5 later on, Black will have to waste a tempo.]

7.Nd2 This is considered to be the softer of the two main moves.

[We'll have a closer look at the sharper 7.cxd5 and now: More consistent and important is

A) 7...exd5 8.Bd3 Ne4

A1) 9.Qc2 Nxg5 10.Nxg5 h6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.0-0 Nf6 -9.0-0 *(12...0-0 13.e4↑)*;

A2) 9.0-0 Nxg5 *(9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qxc3? 11.e4⟳ →)* 10.Nxg5 Nf6 *(10...h6? 11.Qh5!)*

A2a) 11.f4 is less flexible:

A2a1) 11...Bb4 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Ne5 Re8 15.a3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 c5 17.Qb2 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rad1 *(19.a4±; 19.f5!?)* 19...cxd4 20.cxd4 Qd5 21.Rc1 b6 Salem,A (2638)-Naiditsch,A (2705) Riadh blitz 2017 *(⌓21...f6=)* 22.Rc3! **Δ** f6 23.Nc6±;

A2a2) 11...h6 12.Nf3 Bg4!? 13.h3 *(13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Ne5 Qxb3 15.axb3 Bd7 16.Na4 Rd8 17.h3 h5 18.Kf2 Bd6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.dxc5 a6 21.b4 g6 22.Ke2 Kf8 23.Nf3 Kg7 24.Nd4 Rde8 25.Kd2 h4=* Moiseenko,A (2689)-Moroni,L (2466) Doha 2015*)* 13...Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bd6 15.a3 Qc7 16.Rae1 0-0 17.g4 g6 18.Qg2 Rae8 19.g5 hxg5 20.Qxg5 Ulko,J (2459)-Burmakin,V (2567) St Petersburg 2000 Nh5!∞ ;

A2b) Interesting is 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ngxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Be6 14.Qf3!? 0-0-0 15.Rad1∞ /±;

A2c) ⌓11.Qc2 h6 12.Nf3

A2c1) 12...Bb4 gives White a pleasant choice between 13.a3± *(and 13.Ne5!?)*;

A2c2) 12...Bd6 13.Rae1 0-0 14.Ne5

A2c21) 14...Be6 15.f4 Rae8 16.h3 Bc8 17.g4 *(17.a3!?±)* 17...Bb4 18.g5 Ne4? *(18...hxg5! 19.fxg5 Ne4∞)* 19.gxh6 g6 Janowski,D-Jaffe,C New York,NY 1916 20.f5!→ s mohutnym utokom.;

A2c22) 14...c5 15.Nb5!?±;

A2c23) 14...Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 *(15...Ng4 16.f4 Nxe3 17.Rxe3 d4* Bacrot,E (2715)-Fressinet,L (2650) Agen rpd 2017 *18.Rg3!? dxc3 19.bxc3↑)* 16.f4± Nc5 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.a3 g6 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qxg6 Bf5 21.Qxh6+ Bh7 22.f5 Qc7 23.e6 Qe5 Wagner,D (2583)-Bu,X (2724) Moscow 2016 24.e4! dxe4 25.f6 Nxe6 26.Rxe4 Qg5 27.Qh3→;

B) 7...Nxd5 when White again has two main options:

B1) 8.Qd2

B1a) Nowadays Black only rarely ventures to accept the pawn sacrifice after 8...N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5 11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2≅ White's lead in development and central control gives him serious attacking chances after h6 13.Bh4 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Rac1 Qa5 16.Ne5 Qd8 *(16...Nf6 17.Bb1 Rd8 18.Bh4 Kf8 19.f4 Qa3 20.Rce1 Bb4 21.Rd1 Be7 22.g4 Nd5 23.Rd3 Qa6 24.g5→* Koch,H (2096)-Meissner,R (2042) email 2011*)* 17.Bb1 f5 18.Ng6 Re8 19.e4 Nf6 20.Bh4 fxe4 21.Bxe4 Qxd4?! 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Rfd1 Qb6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Rc3 Rg7 26.Rcd3+- Johannessen,L (2543)-Baburin,A (2523) Gothenburg 2005 See the notes to this game in CBM 109 by Postny.;

B1b) 8...Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 *(9...b6* usually only tranposes after *10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bh4 c5)* 10.Bh4 and now: However, Black has also

B1b1) 10...c5 However, recently White started doing well in the simplified position after

B1b11) 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rc8 16.Bg3 *(16.Be4* Massimini Gerbino,M (2369)-Balabaev,F (2437) Chessfriend.com 2005 *f5!?∞)* 16...0-0 *(16...Rxc3?! 17.Bd6 Rxc1 18.Qxc1⩱* Ulko,J (2470)-Michalczak,T (2297) Senden 2008*)* 17.c4 Qxd2 18.Nxd2 N5f6= *(18...Ba6!?⇄)*;

B1b12) 11.Bc4

B1b121) 11...0-0 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Be7 Re8 14.Bxc5 Bxc3 *(14...Nxc5 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.a3±)* 15.Qxc3 Qa6 16.Bb4 *(16.Qb3!?±)* 16...Re6 17.Qc7 b6 *(17...Rc6!?⇄)* 18.h4! Qb5 19.Qd8+ Kh7 20.Ng5+! hxg5 21.hxg5+ Kg6 22.Qh8 Qxb4+ 23.Kd1 Nf6 24.gxf6 Kxf6 Babula,V (2559)-Velicka,P (2432) Ostrava 2017 25.Rh7+-;

B1b122) 11...cxd4 12.Qxd4 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 0-0 14.0-0 N5b6 15.Bb3 Re8 16.Rfd1↻ ↑, Aronian,L (2805)-Shirov,A (2722) Wijk aan Zee 2011;

B1b123) 11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 a6 14.Be2 0-0 15.0-0 b5 16.c4 Bb4 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.Rfd1 bxc4?! *(⌓18...Rac8!?* Marin *)* 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Rd4! Rab8 21.Ne5 Bd5 22.Be7 Rfe8 23.Bd6 Rbd8 24.Bh5!+- Anand,V (2810)-Shirov,A (2722) Wijk aan Zee 2011;

B1b124) 11...N7b6 has turned out to be the best reaction: 12.Bd3 *(12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Qxd4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 0-0 17.c4 N5f6 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.e4 e5 20.Qb2 Rc7 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Nxe5 Re8 23.Nf3 Nxe4= /∓,* Bacrot,E (2718)-Ponomariov,R (2714) Beijing rpd 2014*; 12.Bxd5 Nxd5 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7!? 15.Ne5 cxd4⇄)* 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 *(13.exd4 Bd7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rc8 16.c4 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nf4 18.Bf1 Bc6 19.Ke3 g5 20.Bg3 Ke7↻ 21.Bxf4* ½, Mamedyarov,S (2765)-Zherebukh,Y (2590) Khanty-Mansiysk 2011 *gxf4+ 22.Kxf4 Rhd8⩱)* 13...Nxc3!? *(13...Bxc3?! 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Nb3 Qa4 16.c4 Nb4 17.Bb1 Nc6 18.0-0 Ne5 19.Nc5 Qa3 20.Qd4 Nc6 21.Qd6 Qb4 22.Rfd1 e5 23.h3 Re8 24.a3 Qa5 25.Be4 f6 26.Bxf6! gxf6 27.Qxf6+-* Babula,V (2581)-Manik,M (2413) Teplice 2013 *)* 14.bxc3 Ba3 15.Rb1 Bd7 16.Nb5 0-0 17.Nxa3 *(17.0-0 Rac8⇄)* 17...Qxa3 18.0-0 Rac8 19.Rfc1 e5 20.c4 Be6 21.Rb3 Qa4 22.Qb4 Qxb4 23.Rxb4 Deskin,G (1908)-Weiss,L (2073) email 2011 Nd7!∓;

B1b13) 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3 *(15.Bd3* is less flexible: *f5 16.Bg3 Bb7 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.d5!? Nf6 20.f3 exd5 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.e4 fxe4 23.fxe4* Kramnik,V (2780)-Shirov,A (2749) Shanghai 2010 *Be6! 24.Nc4 Kg8∞* Krasenkow *)* 15...Ba6 16.Be2

B1b131) 16...cxd4 17.exd4 Nf5 18.Bf2 Rc8 *(⌓18...0-0!?)* 19.g4

Nd6 20.c5! Bxe2 21.Kxe2 bxc5 22.dxc5 Nb5 23.a4 Nc7 24.c6 Ne5 25.Bg3± Donchenko,A (2577)-Basso,P (2428) Douglas 2015;

B1b132) 16...f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Rac8 19.Rfe1 Rhd8 20.Bf1 g5 21.Bf2 cxd4 22.exd4 f4 23.a4 Nf5 24.a5 Rc7 25.axb6 axb6 26.Nd2 Nd6 27.g3↑ So,W (2822)-Dreev,A (2651) chess.com INT 2017 The position is starting to open up for White's ⧉.;

B1b2) 10...0-0 and now:

B1b21) 11.Bd3 e5 12.0-0 Re8 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd4

B1b211) 15...Nb6 16.Rfd1 Qh5 *(16...Qxa2!?)* 17.Bg3 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Qf2 Be7 20.Bb1 g6 21.e4 c5 22.Ne2± Moiseenko,A (2715)-Esen,B (2543) Khanty-Mansiysk 2011;

B1b212) 15...Bf8!? 16.Rfd1 *(16.Bg3 Nc5 17.Bc4 Qe4 18.Qd2 Qe7 19.Qe2 Ne4 20.Bf4 a6 21.Rfd1 c5 22.Nb3 b5 23.Bd5 Bb7 24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.f3 c4 26.Na5 Qb6 27.Nxc4 bxc4 28.fxe4 g5∓* Lange,S-Grott,P email 2010*; 16.Bc4!? Qe4 17.Qxe4 Rxe4 18.Bg3= /±)* 16...Nc5 17.Be2 Ne4 18.f3 Qh5 19.Be1 Nf6 20.Bf2 Nd5 21.e4 Nf4 22.Bc4 Bd6 23.Bg3 Be5 24.Qf2 Rd8 25.Kf1 Re8 26.Rd2 Qg5 27.Rcd1 Qf6 28.Kg1 Bc7 29.a3 Ba5 30.b4 Bb6 31.Qe1 Be6= Salzmann,S (2156)-Ramponelli,R (2156) email 2011;

B1b22) 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 b6 14.Bd3 Ba6 15.0-0 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.e5 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 c5 19.Re3 cxd4 20.cxd4 Be7 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 22.a3 Nf8 23.h4 Rec7∓ L'Ami,E (2541)-Gurevich,M (2652) Germany 2006 is something Erwin wasn't intent on repeating - see the notes in CBM 112 by Gurevich.;

B1b23) The most complex alternative is the sacrificial 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3

B1b231) 13.Bd3

B1b2311) 13...Ne7 14.Bg3!? *(14.e4* -13.e4 *)* 14...Nf5 15.Bf4⩲;

B1b2312) 13...e5!? 14.Nxe5 *(14.Bg3 exd4 15.cxd4 Qb4∞ /∓)* 14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 Re8 16.Bg3 Be6 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qc2 Nxc3 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Ra1 Qb4 21.Rfc1 g6 22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Qxg6 Ne2+ 24.Kf1 Nxg3+ 25.hxg3 Qf8 26.Rxa7 Rd7∓ Bogoljubow,E-Alekhine,A WCh GER/NLD 1929;

B1b232) 13.e4 Ne7 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.Bg3 e5

B1b2321) 16.0-0 Re8 17.Rfe1 Qe7! *(17...Qa5 18.Qb2 Qd8 19.Bb1 a5 20.Rcd1 a4 21.Ba2 Qe7 22.Qc1 Ra5 23.Qd2⩲ exd4?! 24.Nxd4 Qc5? 25.Bc7 Ra8 26.Bxf7+! Kxf7 27.Qa2++- →,* Kramnik,V (2729)-Bruzon Batista,L (2652) Turin olm 2006*)* 18.h4 a5 19.h5 *(19.Bb1* Erdos,V (2608)-Volkmann,F (2410) Austria 2011 *a4⇄)* 19...Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.e5 a4 22.Qxf4 Nf8 23.Ra1 *(23.c4 Rd8 24.Ra1 Be6 25.Ra2 a3 26.Rea1 b5*

27.d5 cxd5 28.cxb5 d4∓ Bredenhof,B (2151)-Steinkellner,P (2257) email 2012*)* 23...b5 24.Re3 Bd7 and in this complex position White didn't find anything better than 25.e6!? Bxe6 26.d5 cxd5 27.Bxb5 Rec8 28.Rxa4 Rxa4 ½, Bubir,A (2546)-Szczepanski,Z (2547) email 2013;

B1b2322) 16.h4!? Re8 *(16...exd4 17.cxd4 Re8 18.h5 Ngf8 19.0-0 Nf6 20.Ra1 Qe7 21.Bh4 Qe6 22.Ra5 b5 23.d5 cxd5 24.exd5 Qd6 25.Bxb5 ½,* Khalifman,A (2702)-Gurevich,M (2635) Lanzarote 2003 The draw was perhaps premature, after *Bd7 26.Bg3 Qb6 27.Bd3 Nxh5 28.Bh2⩲* White has excellent compensation. *)* 17.h5 Nf4

B1b23221) 18.Bb1 Qa6!? is recommended by Zidu: 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Qxf4 Nf6⩱ *(20...c5 21.g4!?∞ /±*);

B1b23222) 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Qxf4 Nf6 20.e5 *(20.Ne5 Be6 21.0-0 Nxh5 22.Qe3 Nf6 23.f4 Rad8 24.Be2 Qf8 25.Rb1 Re7 26.c4 Qe8 27.d5 Bc8 28.Bf3 cxd5 29.cxd5 Rxe5 30.fxe5 Qxe5 31.Qxa7 Nxe4 32.Qe3 f5=* Xiong,J (2642)-Smirnov,A (2495) Saint Louis 2017*)* 20...Nd5 21.Qd2 a5 22.Be4 *(22.Nh4 a4 23.c4 Nc7 24.Bb1 Bg4!?⇄)* 22...b5 *(22...Bg4!?)* 23.0-0 Be6 24.Rfe1 a4 25.Bb1! Kf8 26.Qd3 Rec8 27.Qh7 Nxc3 28.Bd3 Ke8! 29.d5 cxd5 30.Qxg7 Qf8 31.Qh7 Kd8 32.Nd4 a3⩱ Privoznik,L (2381)-Nickel,A (2642) email 2010 After some fascinating complications the game was drawn.;

B2) 8.Rc1 became popular after Gelfand-Carlsen, Candidates 2013. Compared with the pervious line, the line can have an independent character:

B2a) 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 b6 and now: White started to prefer

B2a1) 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0 14.Rb1 Po *(14.e4 Rfe8 15.e5?! h6 16.Bh4 c5 17.Nd2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Nc4 Qb5 20.f4 Rc7 21.Qxa3 Rxc4 22.Rxc4 Qxc4 23.Bf2 Qc7 24.Rc1 Qb7 25.Qd6 Nf8 26.g3 Rc8 27.Rxc8 Qxc8 28.d5 exd5 29.Qxd5 g6 30.Kg2 Ne6= /±,* Gelfand,B (2740)-Carlsen,M (2872) London ct 2013*)* 14...Rfe8 15.c4 *(15.Bh4 Rac8 16.c4 Bd6?! 17.Ng5 Qf5 18.Qxf5 exf5 19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 c5 21.Nf3 Nf6 22.Kf1 Ne4 23.d5 Nd6 24.Ke2 f6 25.Nd2 Kf7 26.a4±* Moiseenko,A (2703)-Dreev,A (2679) Jakarta 2013 The transformation of the pawn-structure gave White a long-term strategic advantage.*)* 15...Bf8 16.Bh4 h6!? 17.Bg3 Rad8 18.Qb3 Rc8 19.h3 Nf6 20.Bh4 Nd7 21.Rd1 Qh5 22.Qa4 a5 23.Bg3 Qf5 24.Rcc1 Red8 25.Nd2 Bb4 26.Qc2 Moiseenko,A (2692)-Agrest,E (2596) Berlin rpd 2015 Qxc2 27.Rxc2 c5⇄;

B2a2) 11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 now both recaptures deserve attention: More usual is

B2a21) 13.Rxe2 0-0 14.e4 is sharper, White focuses on the

kingside. Black should probably dare to play

B2a211) 14...h6 15.Bf4 Qxc3 16.Rc2 Qb4 17.Rxc6 Rac8 18.Qc2 Rxc6 19.Qxc6 Nf6 20.g3 b5 21.Be5 Ng4 22.Bc7 Qc4 23.Qxc4 bxc4 24.Ne1 Bb2 25.Nc2 Rc8 26.Ba5 Rb8 27.Rd1 Nf6 28.f3 g5 29.Ne3 c3 30.Nc2± Reichert,T (2338)-Saitou,A (2224) email 2016;

B2a212) 14...e5 15.Qc2 Rfe8 16.Rd1±;

B2a213) 14...Rfe8 15.Re3 *(15.e5!?)* 15...Bf8 *(⌓15...Be7∞)* 16.e5 Qxa2? *(16...c5 Δ 17.Nd2 cxd4 18.cxd4 f6⇄)* 17.Nd2 c5? 18.Ne4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rac8 Tomashevsky,E (2743)-Ipatov,A (2624) Reykjavik 2015 20.Rh3! Qc2 21.Qg4→ See the notes by Tomashevsky in CBM 170.;

B2a214) 14...Qxc3!? 15.Rc2 *(*Tomashevsky suggests *15.e5* or*; 15.Re3!? Qa5 16.Qd3* , but this is far from clear and subsequently he refrained from 13. ♖xe2.*)* 15...Qa5 16.Rxc6 Rac8 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 Nb8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8∞ /=;

B2a22) 13.Qxe2 0-0 *(13...h6!?)*

B2a221) 14.Rd1 Rfe8 15.c4 Bf8 *(15...e5!?⇄)* 16.e4 Qa4 17.e5 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Rxd5 Be7 20.Rcd2 Nf8 21.h4 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 f6 23.Ne4 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 fxe5 25.Nd6 Qd7 26.Qxe5 Qe6 27.Qxe6+ Nxe6 28.Nb5 Tomashevsky,E (2722)-Artemiev,V (2669) Sochi 2016 Nd8!⇄ Transferring the ♘ to attack the ✕c4 gives Black good chances to hold the game.;

B2a222) 14.e4

B2a2221) 14...Rac8?! 15.e5 is Gelfand's plan, only the ♕ is better placed on e2, than on d3. Qa4 16.c4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Rxd5 *(19.cxd5! Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.Qxe5 Qxc2 22.Re1↑)* 19...Nf8?! *(19...Nb8∞)* 20.h4 h6 21.Be3 Ng6 22.Qd3 Re6 23.h5 Ne7 24.Rd6 Bb4 25.Rc1 Re8 26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Nh4 Qc6 28.a3 Ba5 29.Rd1± /+-, Carlsen,M (2881)-Mamedyarov,S (2760) Shamkir 2014 See the notes to this game in CBM 160 by Krasenkow.;

B2a2222) 14...Rfe8

B2a22221) 15.e5 c5 16.Rd1 cxd4 17.Rxd4 Nf8 18.h4 Rac8 19.h5 h6 20.Bd2 Kh8 21.Rg4 Nd7? *(21...Nh7=; 21...Bc5!?)* 22.Bxh6!± Yankelevich,L (2421)-Svetushkin,D (2574) Hofheim 2017;

B2a22222) 15.Rd1 Rac8 16.e5 Nf8 17.c4 *(17.Nd2!?* is also promising*)* 17...h6 18.Be3 Ng6 19.h4 Qa4 20.h5 Ne7 21.Nh4 c5 22.d5! exd5 23.cxd5 Nxd5 24.Rc4 Qc6 Kosteniuk,A (2543)-Pogonina,N (2482) Bilbao 2014 25.Rd3 Bb4 26.Qg4!→ Δ Rxe5 27.Bxh6;

B2a2223) 14...Qa4!? 15.Rd2 b5 16.Rd3 f6 17.Bf4 Nb6

18.h4 Qc4 19.h5 Rad8 20.h6 g6 21.Qc2 e5 22.Be3 Rf7⇄ Walczak,P (2485)-Miettinen,K (2436) email 2015;

B2b) The above lines indicate it's probably in Black's interest to insert an earlier 8...h6 9.Bh4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Rc2 b6 Po 12.Bd3 *(12.Be2 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qa4!? 15.c4 0-0 16.e4 Rfe8 17.Rd2 b5! 18.c5 e5 19.Bg3 Bb4 20.Rd3 exd4 21.Rxd4 Nxc5 22.Ne5 Ne6 23.Rd7 Re7 24.Rxe7 Bxe7 25.Nxc6 Bc5 26.Qd3* Timofeev,A (2583)-Goryachkina,A (2438) Khanty-Mansiysk 2014 *b4∓)* 12...Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.c4 *(15.Bg3 Rfd8 16.c4 e5?* Moiseenko,A (2692)-Navara,D (2727) Wroclaw blitz 2014 *17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qxa3±)* 15...Rfe8 16.Bg3 Rad8 17.Qb3 Bf8 18.h3 Nf6 19.Ne5 Rc8 20.Rd1 *(20.Bh4!?)* 20...Qa6 21.a4 v pravý čas prišlo c5! 22.d5 exd5 23.cxd5 Bd6 24.f4 Ne4⇄ Sargissian,G (2677)-Smirnov,A (2527) chess.com INT 2018;

B2c) If Black doesn't like the whole concept of ♘xc3, b6 and ♗a6, he can go for the aforementioned lines with 8. ♕d2 after 8...Bb4 9.a3 *(White for the time being avoids 9.Qd2)* 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 h6 11.Bh4 Qxa3 Here already there is nothing better than 12.Qd2

B2c1) 12...e5 13.e4 *(or 13.Bd3 0-0)* 13...Nf4 14.Bg3 Ng6 15.Bd3 0-0 , as well as;

B2c2) 12...0-0 was already featured above.;

B2c3) 12...b5 is a risky attempt to avoid these lines: 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.0-0 0-0

B2c31) 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 N5b6 17.Bd3 Rfc8 18.Bb1 c5 19.dxc5 *(19.Be7!? Bxf3 20.gxf3 Nd5 21.Bd6 Rc6 22.dxc5 Rac8 23.e4 Qxf3 24.exd5 Rxd6 25.cxd6 Qg4+= is a typical engine line...)* 19...Nxc5 20.Qd6 Qa4 *(20...Nd5!?)* 21.Nd4 Qd7 *(21...Ne4!?)* 22.Qf4 g5?! *(22...Ba6∓)* 23.Qf6 gxh4 24.Qxh6 f5 25.Rxc5! Rxc5 26.Nxe6↑ Kramnik,V (2790)-Shirov,A (2739) Moscow 2010 White already has a guaranteed draw, see the notes to this game in CBM 139 by Krasenkow.;

B2c32) 15.e4!? N5b6 16.Ra1 Qd6 17.Rfe1 Rfc8 18.e5 Qf8 19.Re4 c5 *(19...Nc4!?)* 20.Rg4 Kh8 21.Ng5 cxd4 22.Nh7! dxc3 23.Qc1 Qg8 24.Nf6 Qf8 25.Bg5! Nxe5 26.Rh4 Ng6 27.Bxg6 Rc4 28.Rxh6+! gxh6 29.Nh7 Qg7 30.Bf6± Happe,R (2307)-Pasierb,S (2218) email 2012]

7...dxc4 Resolving the tension immediately, but more popular is

[7...Bb4 8.Qc2 and now: Modern players prefer a more active apporach, after

A) 8...dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4

A1) 10...Qd5!? is less tested, but certainly deserves attention: 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 *(12.Qxc3 c5=)* 12...c5 13.f3 cxd4 14.cxd4 0-0 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Bc4 Rac8 17.Qb3 Qa5+ 18.Qb4 Qc7 19.0-0 Bc6 20.Rfc1 Nd7 21.Nxc6 Qxc6 22.Rc2 Nb6 23.Bb3 Qd7= Baraeva,M (2182)-Marek,M

(2326) Pardubice 2015;

A2) 10...Qc7 11.a3 *(11.Be2 c5! 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Qb3 0-0 14.Ne5 cxd4 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Qxb4 dxc3 17.Qxc3 Rac8 18.Qb3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 Qc7 20.Rxd8+* ½, Nihal,S (2532)-Bluebaum,M (2635) Moscow 2018*)* 11...Be7 12.b4!? *(*The most accurate move-order. *12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Bd7 14.b4 b6 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Be8 18.g3 Nd5 19.Nb2 Qb8 20.Nd3 Bg5 21.Rb1 Qb7 22.e4 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Qe7 24.h4 Bh6 25.Ne5 g6 26.Ng4 Bg7 27.e5 h5 28.Ne3 c5!= /∓*, Capablanca,J-Alekhine,A Buenos Aires 1927 This game was the turning point of the great match, Alekhine went on to win and by scoring another win in the very next game, he gained a lead he never relinquished.*; 12.g3* was played in game 29, but here Black has *c5! 13.Bg2 Bd7 14.Ne5 cxd4 15.exd4 Bd6=)* 12...0-0 *(*Similar is *12...b6 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rab1 Rfd8 17.Rfc1 Ba8 18.h3 h6 19.Qb3 Qb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bf6 22.a4±* Ribli,Z (2590)-Smyslov,V (2565) Las Palmas 1982*)* 13.g3 Bd7 14.Bg2 b6 15.0-0 Rac8 *(15...a5?! 16.Ne5 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Rc8 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Na4 Qd8 21.Qb3 Nd5 22.b5 cxb5 23.Qxb5±* Capablanca,J-Alekhine,A Buenos Aires 1927 *)* 16.Rfc1 Rfd8 17.Rab1 White is 1-2 tempi up compared with our game, but his plus is still minimal and he went on to win only after a long fight: Be8 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Ne5 Qb8 20.Qa2 Qa8 21.Qb3± Kasparov,G (2640)-Averbakh,Y (2490) Kislovodsk 1982;

B) 8...0-0 Black retains more possibilities to free his position:

B1) Alekhine stopped playing this because of 9.Bh4 Even more energetic is

B1a) After 9...c5 10.Nb3 Qa4 *(10...Qc7!?)* 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 Bxc3+ *(12...Ne4? 13.cxd5 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxc5 15.Rd1 exd5 16.Rxd5 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qc6 18.Rd4 Re8 19.Bd3! Qxg2 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Be4±* Capablanca,J-Alekhine,A Buenos Aires 1927*)* 13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Qa5 Qxa5+ 15.Nxa5 Nxc5 16.cxd5 exd5 Black is close to equality: 17.Be2 Rd8 18.0-0 d4 19.Rfd1 Ne6 20.exd4 Nxd4 21.Kf1 b6 22.Nb3 Ne6 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.Rd1 Ne6 ½, Dzieciolowski,A-Szukszta,J Szczawno Zdroj 1957;

B1b) 9...e5!? White with his last move has given Black a lead in development: 10.dxe5 *(10.Nb3 Qc7 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 b6 13.Nd2 Ba6 14.Be2 exd4 15.cxd4 c5 16.Bg3 Qc6!? 17.cxd5 Qb7 18.Bf3 cxd4 19.d6 Qc8 20.Qxc8 Raxc8 21.exd4 Rfe8+ 22.Kd1 Nd5! 23.Re1 Nc3+ 24.Kc2 Ne4+ 25.Kd1 Nc3+* ½, Narozhny,Y (2338)-Yurov,A (2330) email 2010 *)* 10...Ne4 11.Ncxe4 *(*Risky is *11.e6 Ndc5!?⩱)* 11...dxe4 12.a3 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 15.Rxd2 Be6 16.b3 f6 17.Bg3 Rad8 18.Rd4 c5 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Be2 Bg4 21.Bxg4 Nxg4 22.h3 Ne5 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ ½, Zlatariu,M (2401)-Laurenc,P (2398) email 2013;

B2) Therefore the main continuaiton is the developing 9.Be2

B2a) 9...e5 Thus the attention turned to

B2a1) 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ndxe4 dxe4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Qxe4 *(14.Bf4 Bf5=; 14.Be7 Re8 15.Bb4 Qc7 16.Qxe4 c5 17.Ba3 Bd7⩱)*

B2a11) 14...f6 15.Bh4 *(15.Bf4? Bf5-+)* 15...Qxc3 16.f4!? *(16.Rfd1±)* 16...Ng4 17.Bd3 f5 18.Qd4 Qd2 19.Rf3 c5 20.Qd5+↑ Lambrechts,C-Oliveira,A corr 1988;

B2a12) 14...Ng6!? 15.Bf4 Bf5 *(15...Nxf4 16.Qxf4 Be6 17.Rfd1 Rad8=)* 16.Bc7 *(⌓16.Qd4!?=)* 16...Bxe4 17.Bxa5 b6 18.Bb4 c5 19.Ba3 Rad8 20.Rad1 Bc2 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Bc1 Ne5 23.f4 Nc6⩱ /∓, Vasin,M (2334)-Ermolaev,M email 2009 White's bishops present a sorry picture.;

B2a2) 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nb3 Qb6 *(11...Qc7 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4±)*

B2a21) 12.Nxd4

B2a211) 12...dxc4 13.Bh4!± *(13.Bxc4?! Qc5)* **Δ** 13...Qc5 14.Na4;

B2a212) 12...Bxc3!? 13.bxc3 dxc4⇄;

B2a22) 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5

B2a221) 14.a4 Qc7 15.Rae1 h6 16.Bh4 Nb6 *(16...Bd6?! 17.h3 Nb6 18.Bxf6 Nxc4 19.Ne4 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 Nd6 21.Kxh2 Nxe4+ 22.Be5 Nd6 23.Qc5 Rd8 24.d5±* Carlsen,M (2484)-Kasparov,G (2831) Reykjavik rpd 2004*)* 17.Bd3 Nbd5=;

B2a222) 14.Ne4!? Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Qc7 *(15...a4 16.a3 Bd6 17.Bd3 g6 18.Nd2 Qc7 19.Qh4 Ra5 20.Ne4 f6 21.Nxd6 Rxg5 22.Bc4+ Kg7 23.Qf4 Qd8 24.h4 Ra5 25.Rfe1+-* Ma,Z (2262)-Yu,L (2404) Ningbo 2011*)* 16.Bd3 f5 17.Qh4 Nb6 18.a3 Bd6 19.Rfe1 Nd5 20.Bc4 Bd7 21.Nc5 has been played in a few email games. White holds the initiative and although this might not be enough against accurate defence, it's still rather unpleasant after Rfe8 22.Rac1 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 b6 24.Nd3 Re8 25.Be7 h6 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Re5 Kh7 28.h3 Nf6 29.Qf4 g5 30.Qe3± Alexa,J (2343)-Mezera,L (2364) email 2015;

B2b) 9...dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Qc7 transposes after 12.a3 Be7 13.b4 b6 into the aforementioend game Ribli-Smyslov.;

B2c) However, the most reliable road to equality seems to be 9...c5!?

B2c1) 10.Nb3 Qa4 *(*Less played, but also viable is *10...Qc7!? 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.N5xd4 Bd6 15.f4 h6 16.Bh4 a6 17.Be2 Nd5 18.Qd2 N7f6 19.Rad1 Bb4 20.Qd3 Bd7 21.Bf3 Ba4 22.Kh1 Be7 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.Na5 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Qd8 26.Nxb7 Qb6⇄* Ivanchuk,V (2740)-Kasparov,G (2825) Frankfurt rpd 1998*)* 11.Bxf6 Nxf6

B2c11) Sterile and boring is 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 cxd4 14.Qxd4 dxc4 15.Nc5 *(15.Qxc4 Qxc4 16.Bxc4 Bd7=)* 15...Qc6 16.Bf3 Nd5 17.Rfc1 b6 18.Nd3 Qe8 19.Qxc4 Bb7 20.Qb3 ½, Ionov,S (2530)-Oll,L (2625) Vilnius 1997;

B2c12) 12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6

B2c121) 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe5 Bd7 20.h4 Rac8 21.Rac1 Bc6 *(21...f6!? 22.Qg3 Qxb2 23.Rxc8 Bxc8 24.h5 Rd8 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 ½,* Sokolov,I (2696)-Dreev,A (2694) Stepanakert 2005*)* 22.h5 Qc7 23.Qc3 Qe7 24.h6 f6 25.Rfd1 Rfd8 26.Be2 Kf7= Rodriguez Rey,J (2349)-Romero Rodriguez,J (2276) email 2016;

B2c122) 18.Rad1!? Qxb2 19.Rd4 g6!? 20.Rfd1 Qa3 seems dangerous, but after 21.Qh4?! *(21.h4!?⩱)* 21...b6 22.Bb3 Qc5 23.Qh6 Qe5 24.Rd8 Qg7 25.Qg5 Bb7∞ /∓, Korinek,J (1643)-Habes,J (1674) email 2013 it was already White, who was searcing for ample compensation.;

B2c2) 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 *(11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bh4 Nb6 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.d5 Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.bxc3 Rac8= ½,* Kramnik,V (2710)-Ivanchuk,V (2705) Luzern 1993 *)* 11...Qb6 *(11...Qd8!?* deserves attention, after *12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qe7 15.Be2 h6 16.Bh4 Ne5 17.Rfd1 Ng6 18.Bg3 e5 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Rac8* the ⧉ are not so tremendous and White's queenside is vulnerable: *21.h4?! Rfe8 22.h5 Nf8 23.Bb5 Qe6! 24.Qf3 Re7 25.Ba4 N8h7 26.Bh4 Ng5↑* Parligras,M (2572)-Dreev,A (2679) Yerevan 2014*)*

B2c21) 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc7 14.Qe2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 b6= is like a well-known line from the Nimzoindian, only White's knight is on b3 instead of f3. Black shouldn't have any serious problems here. *(15...Ne4!?)*;

B2c22) 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.Rac1! *(15.h3 a6 16.Bd3 Qxc2 17.Bxc2 b5 18.Nc3 Bb7 19.Rfd1 Be5 20.Bh4 Rac8 21.Rac1 h6 22.f4 Bb8 23.a3 Ba7 24.Kf2 Rfe8 25.Bb1 e5= /∓,* Hildebrand,G (2193)-Gonschior,M (2153) email 2008*)* This pawn sacrifice is the only way to fight for an advantage, but Black holds his own after 15...Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfd1 *(19.Be2 Nd5 20.Rfd1 Qe5 21.Bh4 N7f6 22.Kg1 Bd7 23.Nc5 Bc6 24.Rd4 Rac8∞* Kulakiewicz,M (2019)-Panman,H (2319) email 2013 *)* 19...Qe5 20.Bf4

B2c221) 20...Qa5 21.b4 Qxb4 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Bxf8 *(23.Nc3!* Δ *Re8 24.Nb5±)* 23...Nxf8 24.Bb3 Qh5+ 25.Kg1 Bd7 26.Qc7 Bc6 27.Qh2 Qg5= Grischuk,A (2760)-Shirov,A (2739) Moscow 2010;

B2c222) 20...Qh5+!? 21.Kg1 Ne5 22.Be2 Neg4! 23.Bxg4 *(23.f3? e5! 24.fxg4 Bxg4∓)* 23...Qxg4 24.f3 Qh4 25.Rd4 Qh5 26.g4 Qh3 27.Qg2 Qxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Bd7 29.e4 Bc6 30.Nc5⩲ /=, Morley,P (2376)-Wojtyra,S (2330) email 2015 White's compensation is barely enough for equality.;

B2c3) More promising is the relatively untested 10.Bf4!? , po 10...cxd4 *(10...b6!? was featured only in one game, but might well be the best: 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ba6 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rfc8 15.Qa2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Rfc1 g5! 18.Bg3 Ne4 19.Rc2 Rc6 20.Ne5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxe2 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe2 Rc3=* Atalik,S (2565)-Dreev,A (2638) Kragujevac 2015*)* 11.exd4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qd8 *(*Po *12...Qd5 13.0-0 Qxd4 14.Bg3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe4 16.Qb2 Qc6 17.Nd6 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Rad1 Qf5 20.Bd6 Re8 21.c4*↻ /±, Najer,E (2653)-Bareev,E (2701) Sochi 2006*)* 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Qb3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxc4 16.Bxc4 Qa5 *(16...b6 17.Rfe1 Bb7 18.Bf1±* was featured in mail games and is also more pleasant for White *)* 17.Rfe1 Bd7 18.Re5 Qc7 19.Bd3 b5 20.Qc2 Rfc8 21.Rc1 Qb6 Ponomariov,R (2723)-Dreev,A (2710) Melilla 2011 22.Qd2!↑ **Δ** b4 23.c4]

8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Black has the bishop pair, but lacks space. White's first task will be to prevent the liberating c5.

[10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 *(⌓11.Rc1!? **Δ** c5 12.Ne5↑)* 11...c5 12.Rc1?! *(12.Ne5! cxd4 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Qxd4±)* 12...cxd4 13.exd4 Bd6 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Nb5 Bxb5 16.Bxb5+ Ke7 17.Qb3 Rac8 18.Be2 b6 19.Bf3 Rhd8= /∓, Van der Sterren,P (2460)-Seirawan,Y (2600) Arnhem/ Amsterdam 1983]

[10.g3 Bd7 11.Bg2 c5!? 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 0-0-0 15.a4 f5 16.Qf3 Kb8 17.0-0 h5 18.Rfd1 Bc8 19.a5 g5 20.Ra3 Rh6 21.Rdd3 h4∞ Timman,J (2605)-Seirawan,Y (2600) Arnhem/ Amsterdam 1983]

10...Be7

[10...c5? 11.Nb5± is premature]

[10...Bd7 11.g3 Be7 *(11...c5 12.Ne5)* 12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 **Δ** c5?! 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Na4↑ also isn't ideal.]

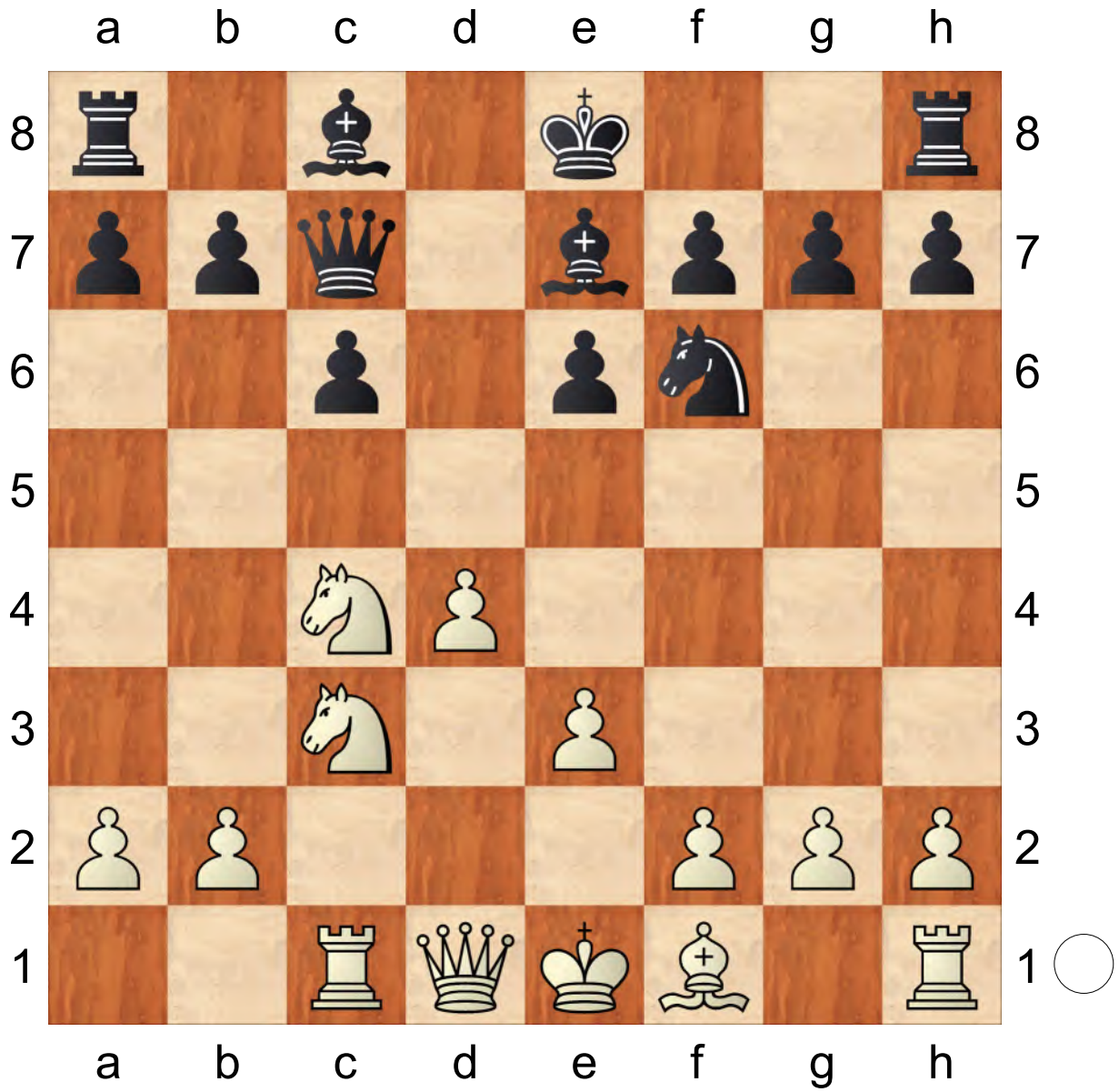
(Diagram)

Naiditsch sets up the Alekhine-Smyslov fortress and relies on later activity - unfortunately for him this will never come to be. **11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5**

[After 13...Bd7 White can prevent the knight menoeuvre with 14.e4!?

A) 14...Be8 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb6 17.Ncd6 Nc8 18.Nxe8 Rxe8 19.Qg4!? *(19.f4 ○)* 19...Rd8 20.Rfd1 Nb6 21.h4 h6 22.Rc3± Sasikiran,K (2573)-Barua, D (2502) Kelamabakkam 2000 White has space and kingside attacking chances.;

B) 14...b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Be8 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Nxd5! cxd5 20.Rxc5 b4 21.Qd2 Rac8 22.Rfc1 Rc6 23.Qg5 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 Kf8 25.Bf1 h6 26.Qc1 Bd7 27.Bd3 Qb8 28.Ba6 Qb6 29.Bd3 Qb8 30.f4 Rc8 31.Kf2± Wojtaszek,R (2745)-Banusz,T (2611) Linares 2017 White has a riskless endgame pull here.]



14.a3

[14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.Na4!?N *(17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5!? 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5=* Nakamura,H (2729)-Gelfand,B (2739) Moscow 2010*)* 17...Qc7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Nd3 Nb6 20.Nac5 Nd7 21.Nb3 Qb8 22.Qe2 e5 23.Bh3! exd4 24.Nxd4 Rc7 25.e4 Nf8 26.Nf4 Bf6 27.Nf3 g6 28.e5 Rxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Be7 30.Qb3↑ Krasenkow,M (2610)-Saada,J (2296) Montpellier 2015 White once again switched his attentiton to the kingside.]

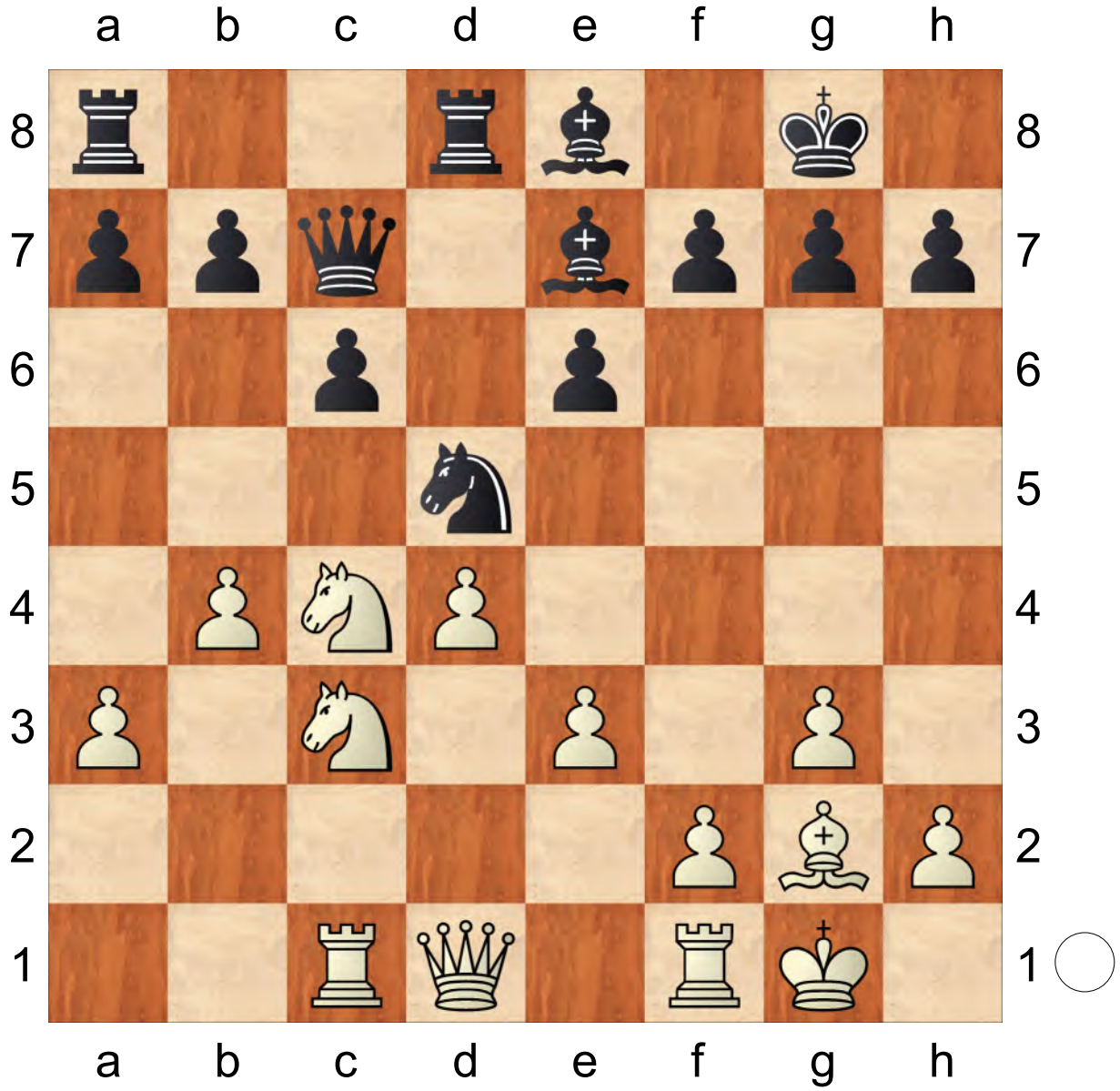
14...Bd7

[14...a5 15.Qc2 *(15.Ne4!?)* 15...Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Bd7 17.Ne5 Be8 18.Rfd1 f6 19.Nd3 Bh5 20.Nf4 Bf7 21.Bh3 Rd6 22.Nd3 Rad8 23.f4 a4 24.Bg2 Qb6 25.Nc5 *(25.Bf3!±)* 25...e5 26.Qb4 Qxb4 27.axb4 ½, Miras Garcia,E (2524)-Szczepanski,Z (2515) email 2014 exf4 28.Nxb7 fxe3 29.Nxd8 Rxd8≅]

15.b4

[15.Ne5 Be8 16.Nd3 f6 17.Ne4 Bf7 18.Qe2 Re8 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.Bh3 a5 21.Nec5 Bxc5 22.Nxc5 b6 23.Na4 e5 24.dxe5 fxe5 25.Bg2 h6 26.Qc2 c5 27.Bf1 Nf6 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Rd1 Qc7 30.Bc4 Bxc4 31.Qxc4+ Kh8± Peet,W-Urban,M (2253) email 2014 White is slightly better, but couldn't increase his edge in a simplified position.]

15...Be8



16.Qb3 Rac8

[16...f6 17.Na5 Bf7 18.Qc2 Rab8 19.Na4 Qc8 20.Nb2 Qc7 21.Nd3 Qc8 22.Qe2 Qd7 23.Rfd1 Qe8 24.Bf3 Bf8 25.Qb2 Be7 26.Kg2 Bg6 27.e4 Nc7 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.bxc5 f5 30.exf5 exf5 31.Nc4 Bh5 32.Bxh5 Qxh5 33.Ne5 f4 34.Rd3↑ Vasilev,V (2399)-Szczepanski,Z (2515) email 2014]

17.Ne5N Formally this is a novelty, but the character of the position remains

unchanged.

[17.Rc2 f6!? *(17...Qb8 18.Rfc1 h6 19.Ne4 Qa8 20.Ne5 a6 21.Nc5 b6 22.Ncd3 Bd6 23.a4 Qb7 24.Nc4 Bf8 25.h4↑* **/±**, Ivanchuk,V (2705)-Asrian,K (2591) Yerevan 2004*)* 18.Rfc1 Bf7 19.b5 Rb8 20.Ne4 Kf8 21.bxc6 Qxc6 22.Ne5 Qb6 23.Qxb6 Nxb6 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 Fister,B (2319)-Sidenko,A (2255) email 2013 25.Nc5**±**]

17...Qb8 18.Nd3 Rc7?! Black trusts his ramparts and prepares for the siege.

[18...a5!?**±** came into consideration, we have seen this motif in Nakamura-Gelfand above. Black seeks active counterplay, after 19.bxa5 Qa7 his pieces come to life.]

19.Rc2 Rdc8 20.Rfc1 Nf6

[20...f6? fails to 21.Bh3 Bf7 22.e4]

[Black still marks time, but perhaps the exchange 20...Nxc3 would ease the defence.]

(Diagram)

21.a4 b6 Weakening.

[However, no better is 21...Nd5 22.Ne4↑ moreover Black would admit his last move was not a success.]

22.b5!? Action time, the target is c6 - pawn, or square! **22...cxb5**

[22...c5 23.Ne5 cxd4 24.exd4**±** lands a mighty passed pawn on c6, supported by the major pieces.]

[⌓22...Bd6!? 23.bxc6 *(23.e4 c5! 24.dxc5 Bxc5 25.e5 Nd7±)* 23...Bxc6 24.Bxc6 *(24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5↑* also gives a long-lasting edge, but with ⧉*)* 24...Rxc6 25.Nb5 Rxc2 26.Rxc2↑ White has strong pressure, as he wins the fight for the open file.]

23.axb5 Nd7

[Prevents ♘e5, after 23...Bd6 White has 24.e4 **Δ** Rc4 25.e5 Rxd4 26.exd6 Rxd3 27.Ne4!**±** /+- winning at least an exchange.]

24.Bc6! Preparing central expansion, while Black's bunch of major pieces can only passively follow the proceedings. **24...a5 25.e4 Rd8**

(Diagram)

26.e5 Ra7 Prevents the immediate central break.

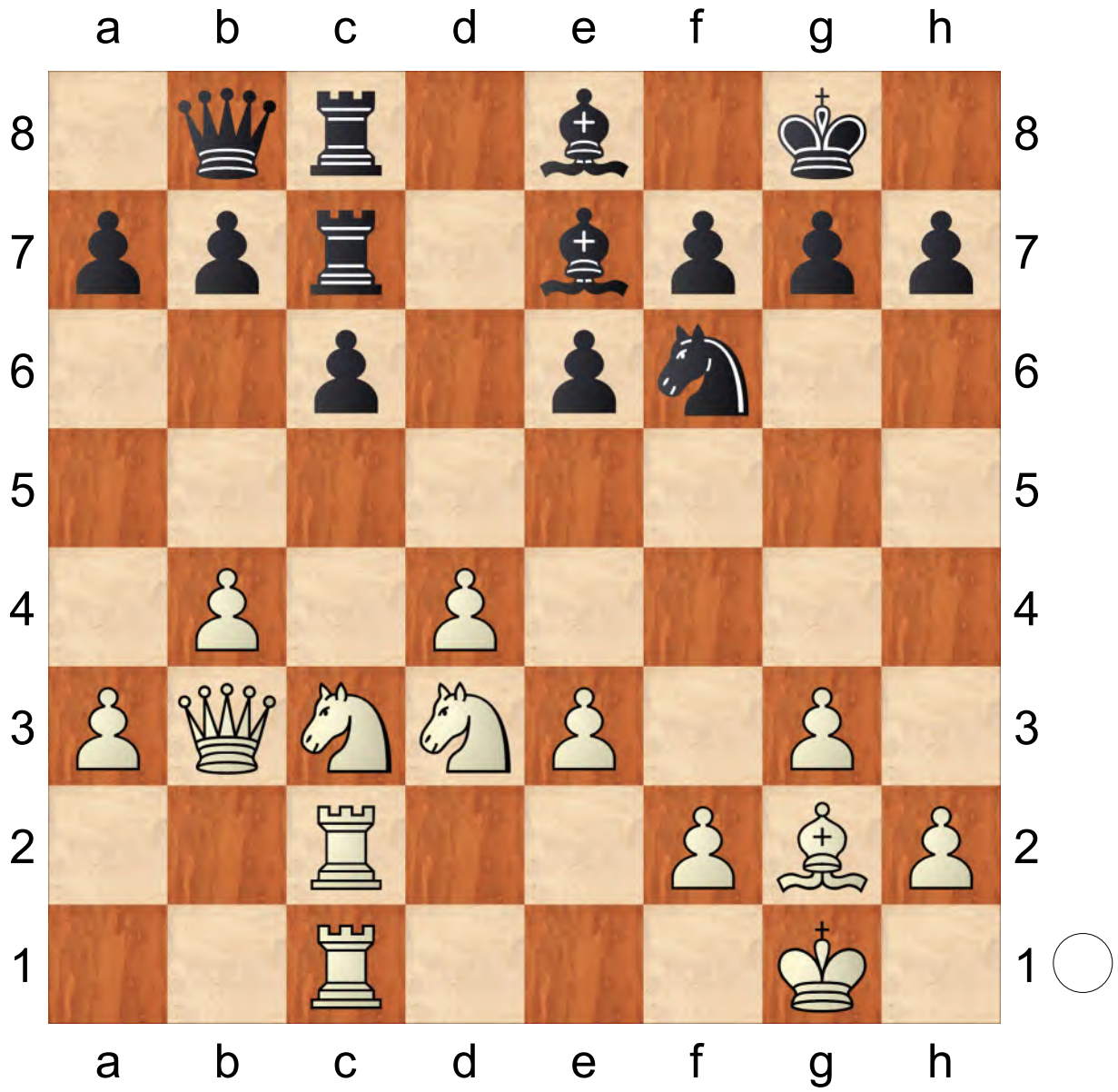
[26...Nc5? 27.dxc5 Rxd3 28.cxb6+-]

[26...Nf8 27.d5**±**]

27.Na4 Nimzowitsch: "The passed pawn is a criminal and should remain under lock and key." **27...Nf8 28.Bxe8 Rxe8 29.Rc6 Rb7 30.R1c4**

[Roughly equivalent is 30.h4 Qd8 31.R1c4**±**]

30...Ng6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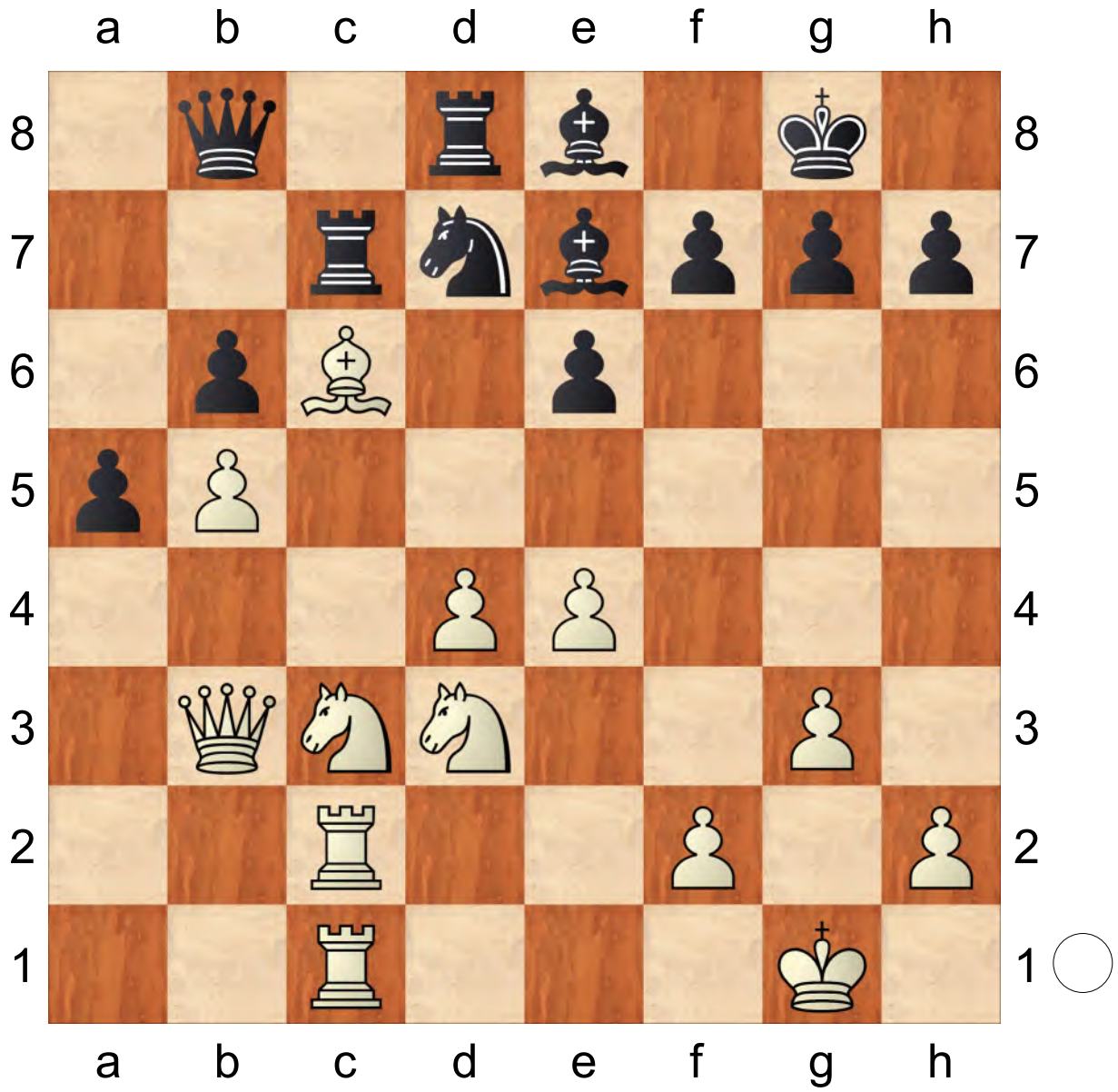
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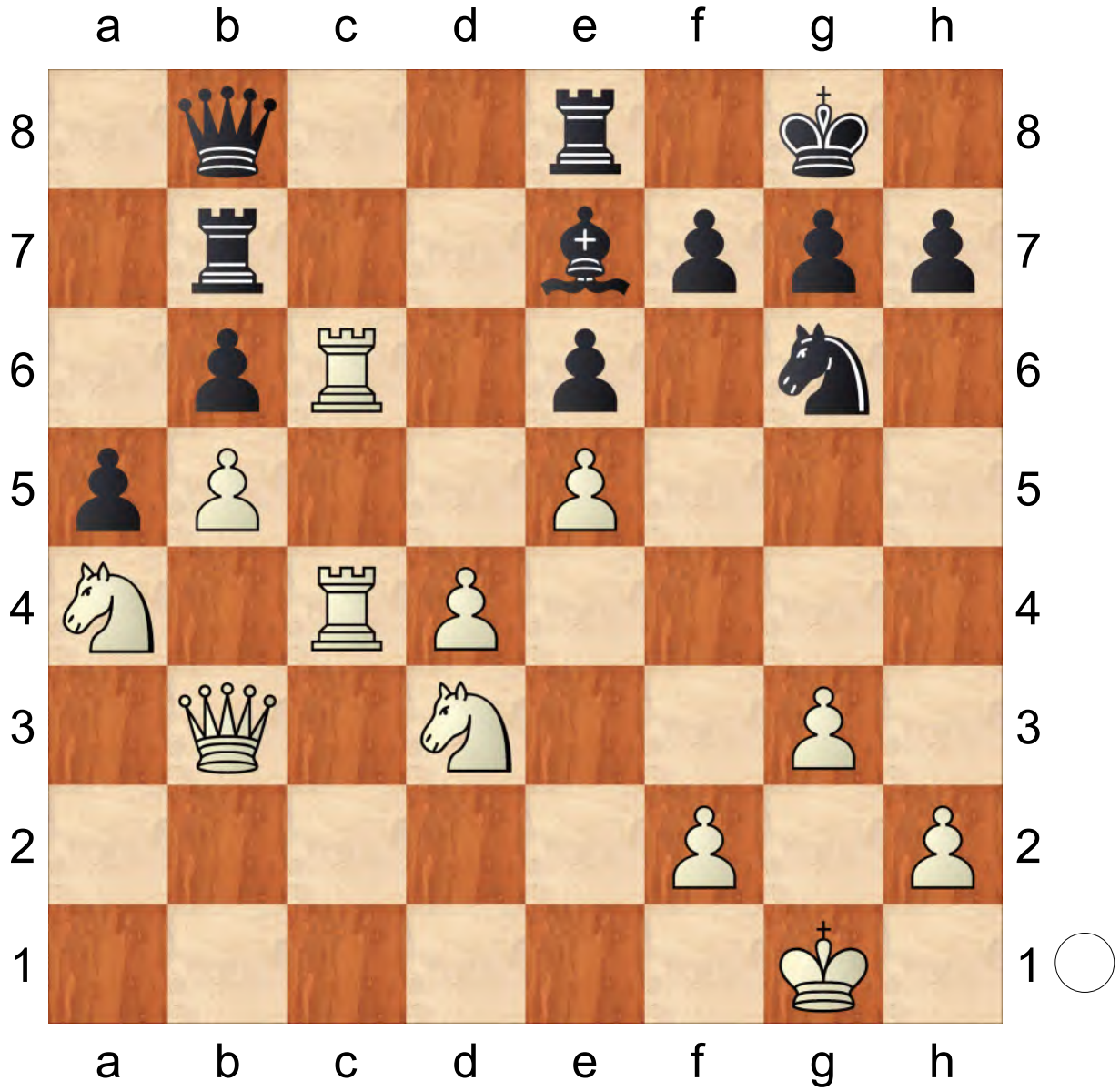

31.Nf4! A pretty move, which prevents a possible knight transfer to d5 and strengthens White's central influence. The weakened » is drawback Black can't exploit due to his passive pieces. **31...Nxf4 32.gxf4 Qd8**

[32...Rf8 33.f5! exf5 34.Qc2 g6 35.Rc8 Qa7 36.d5+-]

33.Qf3 Rb8 34.f5! Time to act. White has improved his pieces to the maximum extent, now by opening the position he can target the weaknesses on b6 and f7.

34...exf5

[A concession, but Black can hardly avoid this after 34...Bf8 35.Qg4!?]

35.Qxf5± /+- 35...Bb4

[35...Qd5 36.Nc3 and the ♕ can only helplessly return.]

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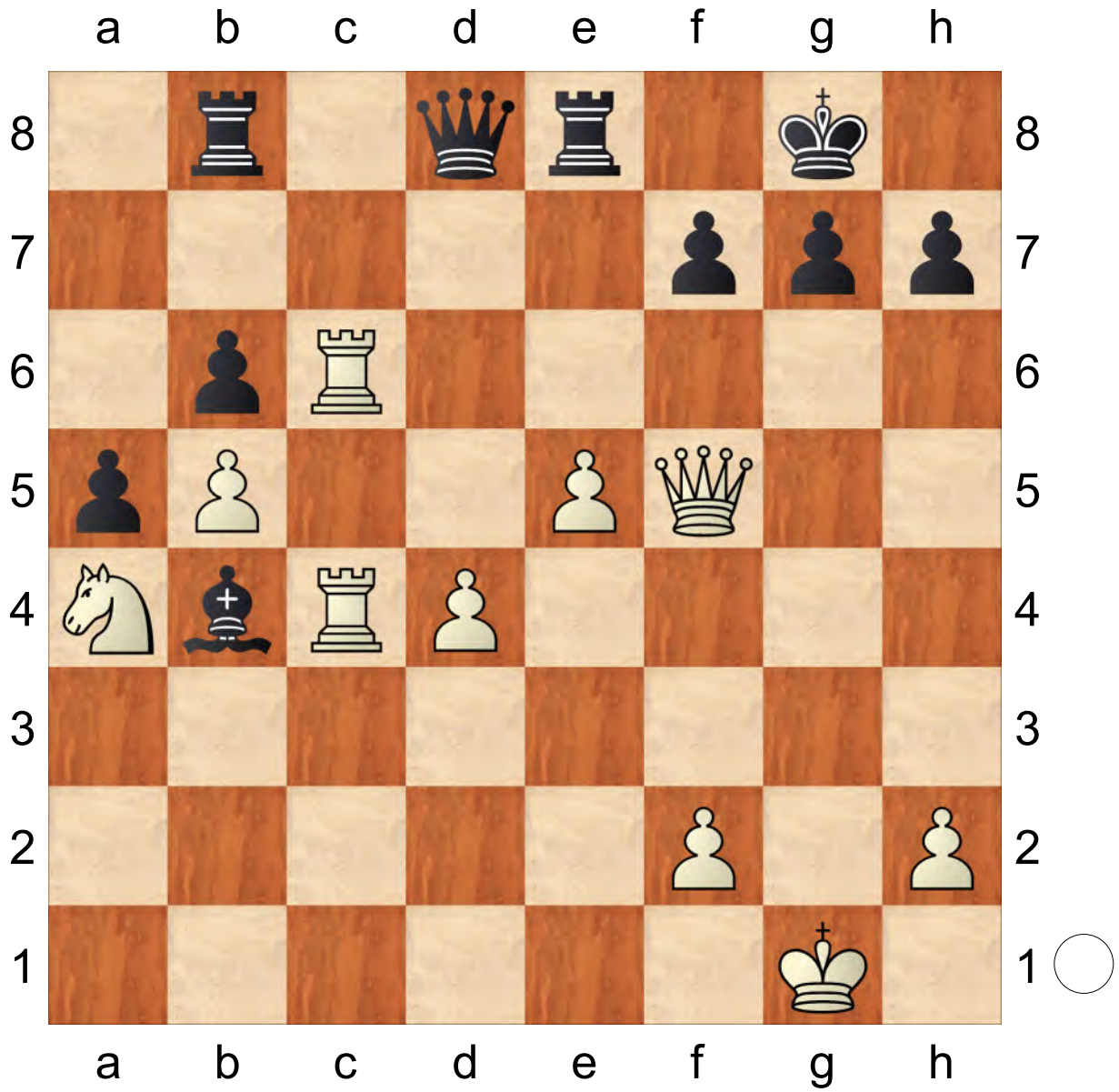
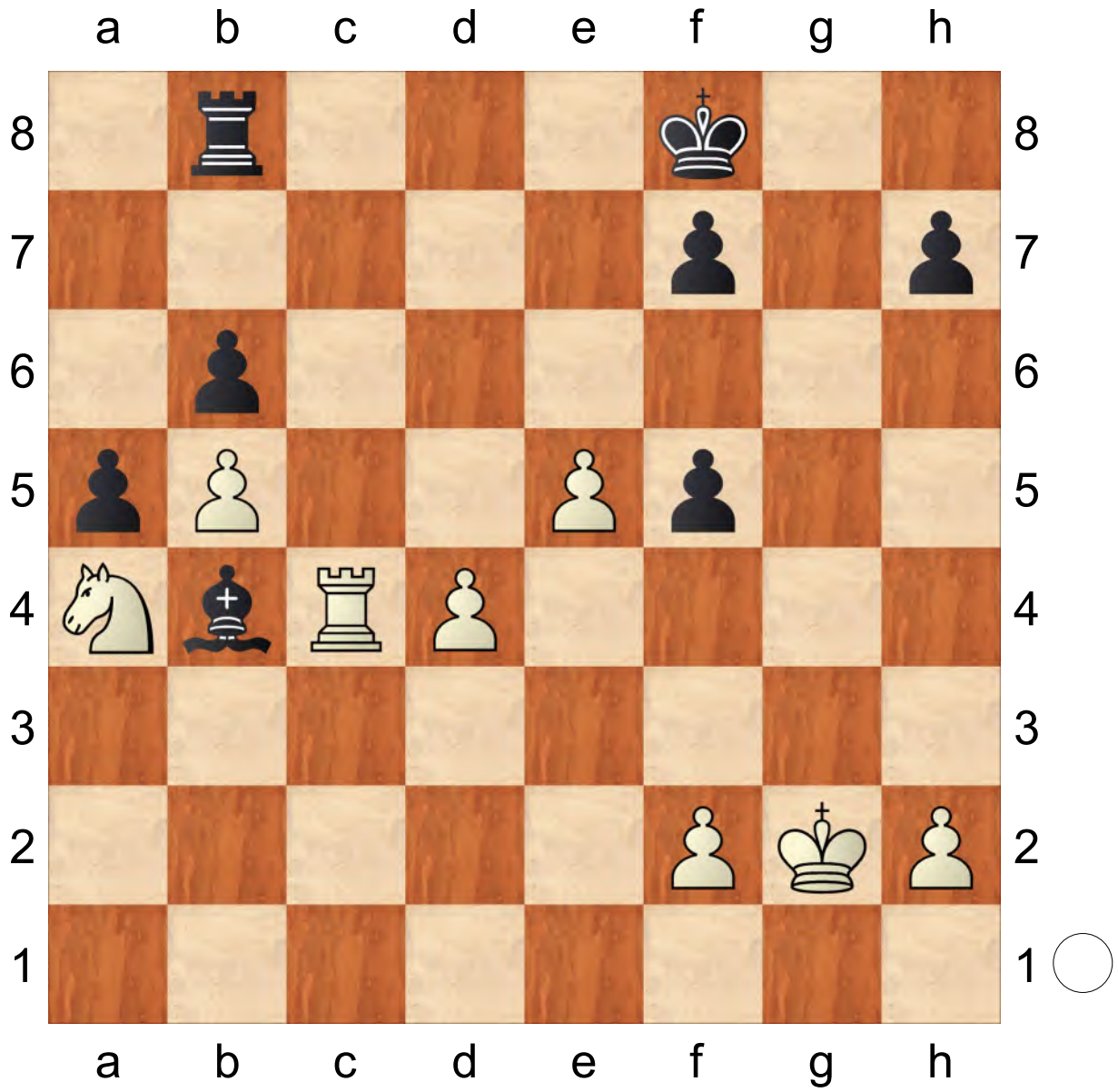


36.Rc7 Rf8
[36...Qd5 37.R4c6± Δ Rf8 38.Nxb6 Qxd4 39.Nd7 and White should gradually convert the extra exchange.]
37.Rd7 g6
[The endgame is hopeless, but no better is 37...Qh4 38.Rcc7 g6 39.Qf3+-]
38.Rxd8 gxf5 39.Rxb8 Rxb8 40.Kg2 Kf8

(Diagram)

41.Kf3 f6 Belated activity.
[41...Ke7 42.Rc7+ Ke6 43.Rc6++- Kd5? 44.Ke3 and the ♔ ends in a mating net.]
42.Kf4 fxe5+ 43.dxe5 Rd8 44.Nxb6 Rd2 45.Kxf5 Rxf2+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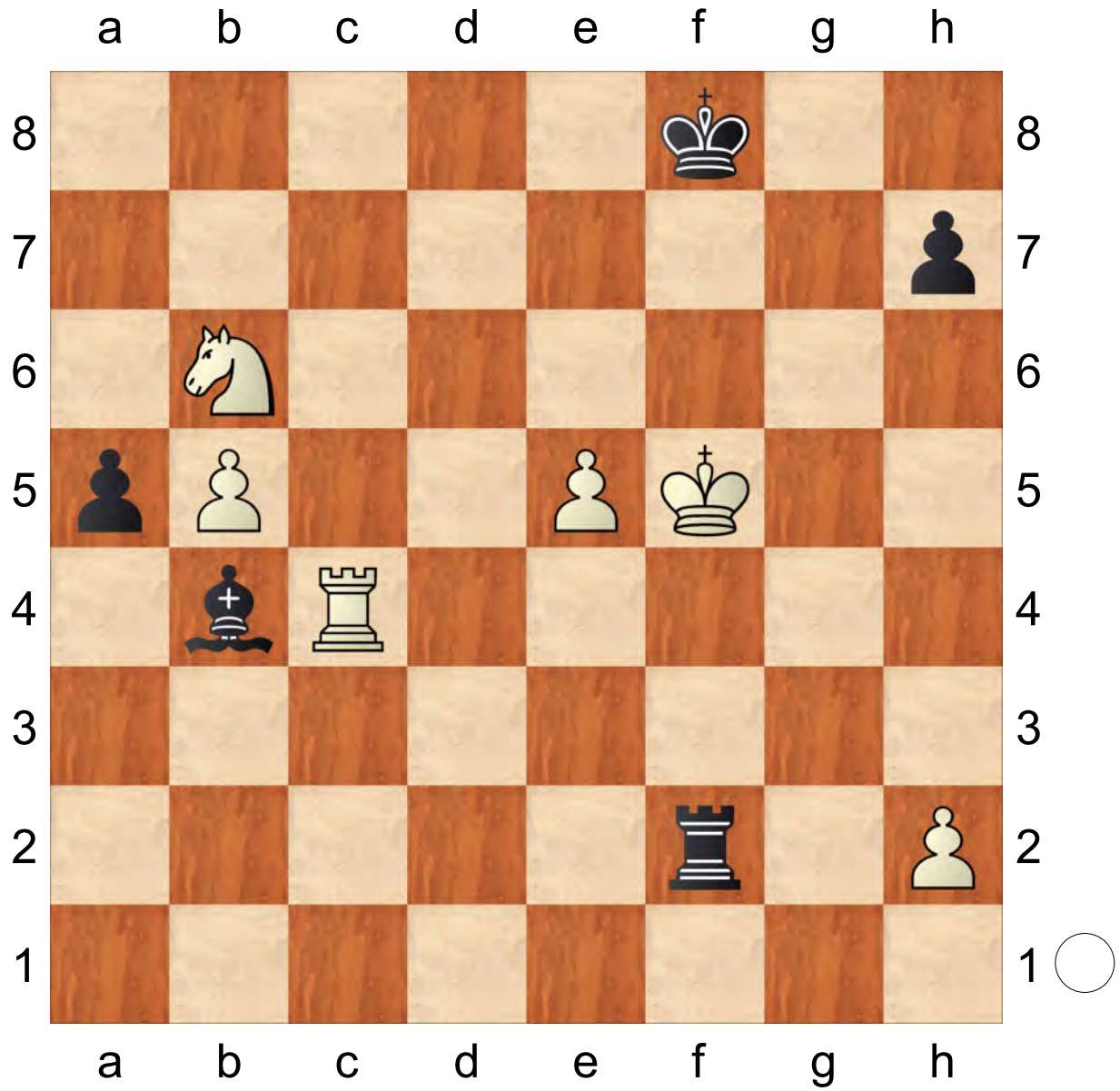

46.Ke6

[46.Ke6 Kg7 *(46...Rb2 47.Rg4!+-)* 47.Nd5 *(*or *47.Nd7*+- and the ♙b5 advances with the full support of White's army. *)*]

(Diagram)

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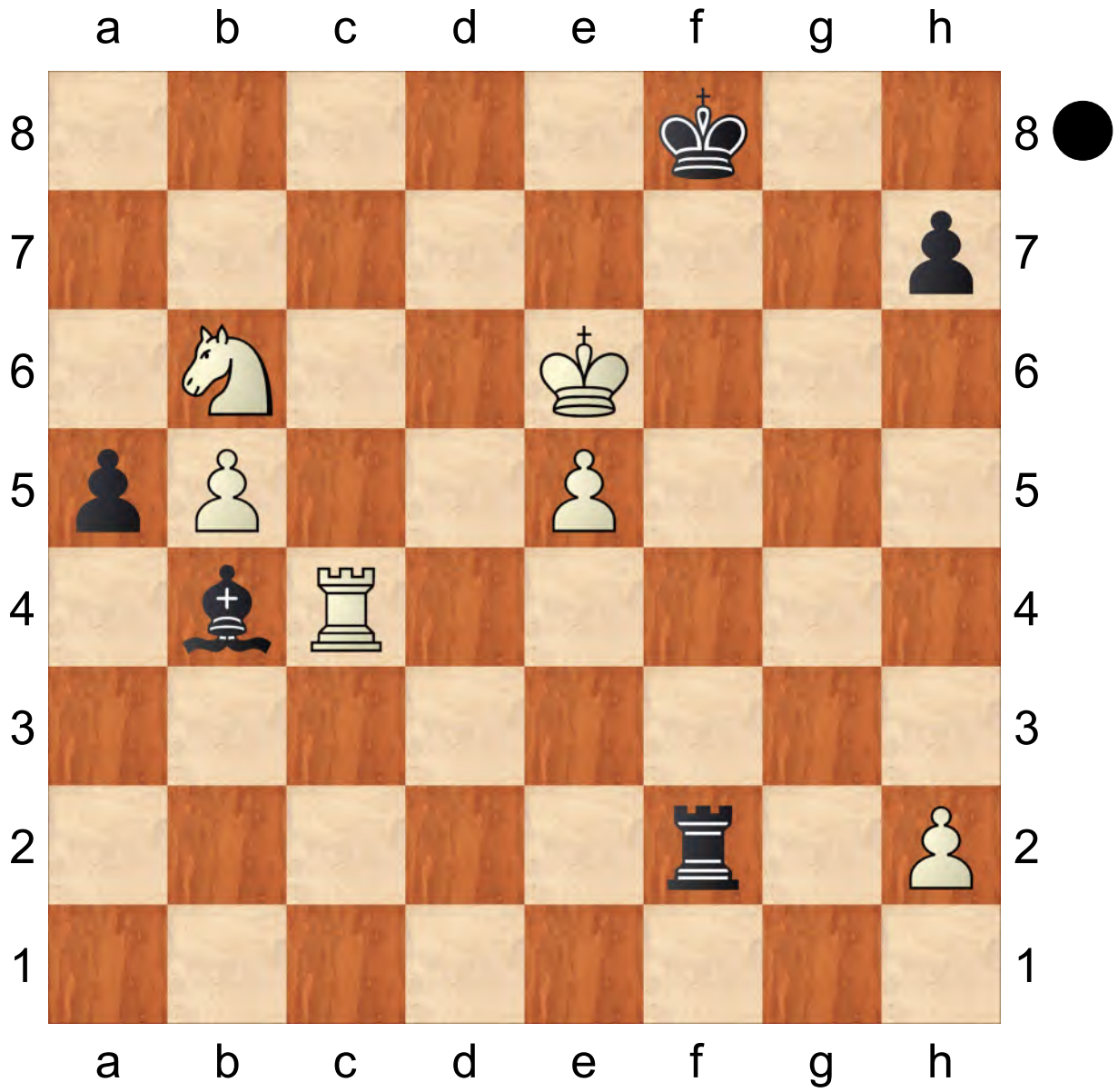
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■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2847**
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1.d4

[At the very beginning a disclaimer - some of the games, quoted in the notes, in fact went 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 a6 Such transpositions are altogether typical for closed games.]

1...d5

[Also Black can toy with the move order. In the tournament Carlsen already played the aforementioned slightly different version of our line with 1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 a6 After

A) 5.cxd5 is the main move - see below.;

B) We'll use this chance to check some lesser alternatives here. 5.Bg5 might in fact be quite risky due to dxc4

B1) 6.e4?! b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 is similar to the Botvinnik System of the Semi-Slav, but here Black has played ...a6 instead of ...c6, which is in his favour:

B1a) 11.Qf3 Rb8 12.exf6 *(12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxd8 Bb7 14.Bxc7 Bb4+ 15.Ke2 Rc8-+)* 12...Bb7 13.Qe3 Nxf6 14.d5? *(14.h4 Be7∓)* 14...Nxd5 15.Qd4 Qxg5 16.Qxh8 Nb4-+ →, Izzat,K (2487)-Illingworth,M (2494) Cammeray 2018;

B1b) 11.Be2 Bb7 12.Bf3 also runs into tactics Nxe5! 13.Bxb7 *(13.dxe5 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Bxf3∓)* 13...Nd3+ 14.Kf1 Bh6!? 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Ne4 Qxd4 17.Bxa8 0-0 *(⌓17...f5!? 18.Qh5+ Kd7 19.Qf7+ Kd8 20.Qxe6 fxe4 21.Qd5+ Qxd5 22.Bxd5 Rf8 23.f3 e3↑)* 18.Qf3 Qxb2 *(18...Rxa8!?)* 19.Nf6+ Kg7 20.Nh5+ Kg6 21.Rd1 Rxa8 22.g4 Qd4 23.h4 Rh8⩱ Vostrotin,V (2390)-Glazman,M (2547) email 2006;

B1c) 11.exf6 Bb7 gives the ♗b7 the beautiful long ⇗ - White is struggling for equality here:

B1c1) 12.d5?! Nc5 13.dxe6 *(13.Be2 Bxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Be3 Bh6 18.f4 Ne4 19.g4 d4 20.Bxd4 Bxf4+ 21.Kc2 c5 22.Bc3 Rxd1 23.Bxd1 Nf2-+* Gunina,V (2427)-Grachev,B (2619) Moscow rpd 2021*)* 13...Nxe6 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8

B1c11) 15.Bd2 Rxd2 *(15...Bc5!?∓; 15...Bh6∓)* 16.Kxd2 Bh6+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Rd1 c5 19.f3 Be3⩱ Chakravarthi,R (2415)-Kapnisis,S (2464) Anogia 2018;

B1c12) 15.Be3 Nd4 16.0-0-0 Nf5 17.Bd2 Bh6↑ 18.f4? Rxd2! 19.Re1+ Kf8 20.Kxd2 Bxf4+ 21.Kc2 Ne3+ 22.Kb1 b4 23.Rxe3 Bxe3-+ Kornev,A (2507)-Frolyanov,D (2616) Moscow 2011;

B1c2) 12.Be2 b4 13.Na4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bd5 15.Rc1 Nxf6 16.Bxc4 Rg8 17.Qb3 Qd7 18.Bxd5 *(⌓18.h4∓)* 18...Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Ke2 Rh8 21.Rh1 f6 22.Be3 Rh4 23.Rcg1 Kf7∓ Hebden,M (2460)-Xu,Y (2518) Reykjavik 2017/ Black had a more compact pawn-structure and duly converted his advantage.;

B2) 6.a4 Nc6 7.e3 Na5 8.Ne5 c5 *(*Deserving attention is *8...Bb4* **Δ** *9.Nxc4 Qd5! 10.Bxf6 Nxc4 11.Qb3 Nxe3 12.Qxb4 Nc2+ 13.Kd2 Nxb4 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxg7 Rg8∓)* 9.Nxc4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.exd4 Nxc4 12.Bxc4 Be7 13.Bf4 Bd7 14.d5 quickly led to a sterile endgame after Rc8 15.dxe6 Rxc4 16.exd7+ Kxd7 17.0-0-0+ Kc6 18.Be5 Rd8 19.Rxd8 Bxd8 20.b3 Rc5 21.Bd4 Rf5 22.f3 Bb6= Topalov,V (2740)-Ding,L (2805) Abidjan blitz 2019;

C) 5.e3 avoids playing a real gambit, but locking in the ♗c1 is too soft and can't promise White an advantage: c5 *(*Fully playable is also *5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5* , followed by ♗b7 - Black gets a good version of the QG Accepted. *)* 6.cxd5 exd5 7.g3 *(7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5⇄* - D32 is a fairly well-known theoretical position - a standard tabia, in which the isolani promises Black typical piece counterplay.*)* 7...Nc6 8.Bg2 c4!? 9.Ne5 Bb4 10.Bd2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.b3 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Ne4 15.Rc1 a5 16.bxc4 Ba6 17.f3 Nxc3 18.Rxc3 Bxc4 19.Rf2 Qg5 20.Qc1 h5⇄ Carlsen,M (2862)-Dubov,D (2702) chess24.com Airthings rpd 2020

D) 5.c5 b6 6.cxb6 cxb6 7.Bf4 Bd6 8.Bg3 Bb7 9.e3 Nc6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Bh4 Be7 13.0-0 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Ne2 Rxc1 16.Qxc1 Qd6 17.Qb1 Rc8 18.a3 a5 19.Ng3 Nf6 20.Ne5 g6 21.Rc1 Rc7 22.Rc2 Nd7 23.f4 Nf6= Radjabov,T (2765)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com rpd 2021/ White had only a symbolic plus, which quicky evaporated. However, Magnus against Hikaru had already lost a Nimzo-Indian with 4. ♕c2, so he chooses a different move order.]

2.c4 e6

[Even in rapid games, choosing the best opening for the given situation is great alchemy. Despite his success in game 4, Carlsen (understandably) refrains from 2...c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1 Re8 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Bd2 dxc4 13.Bxc4 e5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.g3 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.Bc2 Qe6 18.Kg2 a4 19.a3 Ne5 20.Bb1 Qe7 21.Be1 Rad8 22.Ba2 Ned7 23.Qc2 Be5 24.Rac1 Nc5 25.Ne2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1± Nakamura,H (2736)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com rpd 2021]

3.Nc3

[3.Nf3 a6 is another possible modification of our line. After 4.c5 *(* As indicated, *4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nc3* is the main line, with which we will deal later on. *)*

A) Black has a choice: 4...Nc6 5.Bf4 b6!? *(5...Nge7?! 6.Nc3 Ng6 7.Be3! b6 8.cxb6 cxb6 9.h4! Bd6 10.h5 Nge7 11.h6 g6 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Bf6 b5 14.e3 Bd7 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.a4 b4 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.Nc1 Rc7 19.Nb3±* Alekhine,A-Rubinstein,A The Hague 1921 This historical game is in the Megabase with

Alekhine's notes.*)* 6.cxb6 cxb6 7.e3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.Rc1 Bb7 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 Rc8 12.a3 h6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qe2 a5 15.Ba6 Bxa6 16.Qxa6 Ra8 17.Qd3 Rfc8 18.Rc3 Nd8 19.Rfc1 Rxc3 20.Rxc3 Rc8 21.Nb1 Nb7 22.h4 Rxc3 23.Nxc3 Qc7 24.g3 Nd6= Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Sanal,V (2581) Playchess.com rpd 2020;

B) More enterprising is 4...b6 5.cxb6 c5!? *(5...cxb6 6.Bf4* leads to a similar position, as in the previous note.*)* 6.Nc3 *(6.Qb3 Bb7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.Nxd4* Studer,N (2494)-Horvath,D (2419) Bad Ragaz 2019 *Nd7! 9.Na4 Ngf6 10.Bg5 Nc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5= /∓)* 6...Nd7 *(6...Qxb6?! 7.Na4±)* 7.Na4 *(7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bb7 9.Bd3 Qxb6 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0 Nf6 13.b4* Paravyan,D (2653)-Fedoseev,V (2678) Lichess.org blitz 2020 *Bd6 14.Be3 Qd8=)* 7...cxd4 *(7...c4? 8.Bd2±* Bogoljubow,E-Alekhine,A WCh Germany 1934 *)* 8.Qxd4 Sapunov,E (2461)-Lavrik,D (2425) Chess.com blitz 2020 Ne7 9.e4 Nc6 10.Qe3 Nb4= Nimzowitsch]

3...a6!? Introduced into practice around 1899 by Dawid Janowski. However, his results with his own brainchild were far from impressive, moreover his ideas might have been unjustly underestimated due to his subsequent heavy losses in two matches against Lasker. In any case, when I started playing chess in the 1970s, this was just a mere sideline, considered inferior and dubious. Instead of proceeding with his development, Black makes an inconspicuous pawn move - how can this be good? Fast forward to the present and we see elite GMs, even the current World Champion playing the line quite regularly. Janowski is possibly smiling somewhere on the cloud :), for us it remains to figure out: "What is different?" I will try to explain my take. Firstly, chess in general has changed substantially and become far more concrete, than even in the relatively not so distant past. In the Orthodox QG Declined, one of White's main methods of fighting for the initiative are lines with the exchange on d5.

[We have dozens of thousands of games with 3...Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 *(5...c6 6.e3 Nbd7* is similar*;* However a valid question is - can't Black play *5...Be6 6.e3 Nbd7* , saving a tempo on a6 and developing in the same manner, as in the 5.♘f3 line (note to White's 5th move)? The difference is here the ♘ is still on g1 and the plan *7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Nge2* is pretty dangerous: *0-0 9.Nf4 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.0-0 h6 12.Bh4 Rc8 13.Rc1 Be5 14.Bb1 Bxf4 15.exf4 d4 16.Nb5 Qb6 17.Nxd4 Rfd8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qc2 Rxd4 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.f5 Bd7 22.Rfe1+-* Dragnev,V (2485)-Repka,C (2534) Le Castella 2018*)*]

[or 3...Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.g4 1-0 Riumin,N-Kan,I Moscow International-03 1936 (8) In both cases White, who voluntarily enters the so-called Carlsbad structure, can fight for an opening edge, which is also born out by statistics - he scores around 60% here. Kasparov himself, who liked swapping on d5, wrote that the Carlsbad promises White a positional initiative. Is it really so and can't Black do something against it, perhaps by deploying his pieces more actively, than in the aforementioned lines? The cunning 3...a6!? is both noncomittal and potentially useful (is a parallel with the Najdorf completely out of place?). Moreover, contrary to the more standard moves 3... ♘f6 and 3...♗e7 it practically forces White

to play cxd5 if he wants to put Black under any pressure. That said and done, the defence must still be prepared for White's main strategic plans in the Carlsbad. Against the queenside minority attack (b4, a4, b5), Black's 3rd move obviously slows down White's play. Countering possible central expansion (f3, e4, connected with the Nge2 development), or outright kingside agression (f4, g4 - this is a valid plan not only in connection with 0-0-0, as we see in the historical game quoted below) is more difficult. Black will try to achieve this mainly by developing his ♗f8 more actively to d6 and leaving the e-file open. In the following notes we will also see other, less usual ideas - a timely c5, developing the ♘b8 to c6, deploying the ♘g8 to e7 to fight for the b1-h7 diagonal with a timely ♗f5 etc. Conversely White will try to create positons/situations, in which... a6 turns out to be just a waste of time. Is it really possible? - the jury is still out on this one...]

4.cxd5 As we have already said above, this is not only almost forced, but also the most consistent move - striving to exploit 3...a6!?, White opens up the position. The alternatives are less testing:

[4.c5 e5!?

A) 5.e3 e4 *(⌓5...Nc6 6.a3 exd4 7.exd4 g6!?⇄ /=)* 6.b4? *(6.f3!↑)* 6...Nf6 7.Nge2 h5 8.h4 g6 9.Nf4 Bh6 10.Qb3 c6 11.a4 0-0 12.Ra2 Bg4∓ 13.Be2 Nbd7 14.Bxg4 Nxg4 15.f3 Bxf4 16.exf4 exf3 17.gxf3 Re8+ 18.Re2 Nh6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8+ 20.Kf2 Nf5 21.Ne2 Qxe2+ 0-1, Belov,V (2598)-Grachev,B (2614) Moscow rpd 2019

B) 5.dxe5 d4 6.Na4 *(6.Ne4 Qd5 7.Ng3* Vecsey,Z-Treybal,K Prague 1931 *Nc6↑)* 6...Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.Bd2 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7∞ 11.Ng5?! Jobava,B (2603)-Grachev,B (2612) Chess.com blitz 2020 Nxe5∓]

[4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2?! *(6.Nc3 c5 7.a3 Ba5⇄)* 6...Qxd4 and again the difference between c6 (Slav gambit) and a6 is in Black's favour: 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Nc6∓ with a healthy extra pawn.]

[After 4.e3 Nf6 White will likely continue 5.Nf3 , transposing into a position we have already mentioned above in the note to 1...d5.]

4...exd5 5.Bf4 White doesn't commit his ♘g1 and plays a straighforward developing move.

[The most popular move in this position is 5.Nf3 Natural development, knights before bishops - already Lasker said that, right? However, as with many such rules, the exceptions are numerous and here Black seems to hold his own: Not surprisingly, Black's main reaction is to develop a piece -

A) Carlsen at least 3 times played the rather provocative 5...h6 , Black equalised after 6.Bf4 Nf6 7.e3 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Qc2 *(9.Qb3!? 0-0 10.Bd3* might be more promising*)* 9...0-0 10.Bd3 Re8 11.h3 Be6 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.a4 Rac8 14.Rfc1 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Qd1 Rc7 18.Bc2 Rec8 19.Nde2 Ne6 20.Bb3 Bc6 21.Nd4 Qb4 22.Nce2 Bd7 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Qe1 Qxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc5 26.Rc1 a5= Shankland,S (2725)-Carlsen,M (2835) Wijk aan Zee 2019/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 188 by D.Fernandez.;

B) 5...c6

B1) The energetic 6.e4 dxe4 7.Ng5 Be7 8.Bc4 is not too dangerous. With some engine preparation Black may dare to accept the sacrifice: Bxg5!? *(8...Nh6 9.Ngxe4 Nf5 10.d5 0-0 11.Bf4 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nc6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 Bxd5!? 15.Bxd5 Bb4 16.Nc3 Nfd4 17.Be4 Re8 18.Re3 g6 19.h4 Ne6 20.Qxd8 Raxd8 21.Bxc6 bxc6=* Mamedyarov,S (2772)-Vallejo Pons,F (2710) Moscow 2017/led only to simplification and equality*)* 9.Qh5 Be7 10.Qxf7+ Kd7 11.Na4 *(11.Be6+ Kc7 12.Bf4+ Kb6 13.d5 Bxe6 14.Qxe6 Bg5 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Nd5+ Ka7 17.Bc7 Qf8 18.Bb6+ Kb8 19.Bc7+ Ka7 20.Bb6+ Kb8 21.Bc7+ Ka7* ½, Korobov,A (2679)-Mamedov,R (2645) Douglas 2019*)* 11...Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qxa4 13.b3 Qa3 14.Qxg7 Nf6 15.Qxh8 Qd6 16.g3 b5 17.Bf4 Qb4+ 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Bf4 Qb4+ 20.Bd2 ½, Anton Guijarro,D (2688)-Vallejo Pons,F (2710) Linares 2020;

B2) 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6

B2a) 8.e3 Ne7 *(*or *8...Nf6!?* is roughly equal *)*;

B2b) 8.e4!? is more direct, but 8...dxe4 *(8...Ne7 9.e5±)* 9.Nxe4 Qe7 10.Qe2 Nh6! *(10...Be6 11.Nc5 Nf6 12.Nxe6±)* 11.Nd6+ Kd8 12.Nxc8 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Re8+ 14.Ne5 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Kxc8 16.Bc4 *(16.Re1 Kc7 17.Bd3 Nd7 18.Nxd7* Kienel,N (2162)-Amann,H (2411) email 2017 *Kxd7 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.fxe3 g6± /=* is pleasant for White, but still far from a tangible advantage.*)* 16...f6 17.Nf7 Nxf7 18.Bxf7 Rd8! 19.Rae1 Rxd4+ 20.Kc3 c5 21.Re8+ Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Re1 b5 24.Re8+ Kc7 25.Rh8 Ra7 26.Rxh7 Kd6 27.Rxg7 Nc6 28.Rh7 Re7⇄ Navara,D (2742)-Hammer,J (2651) Novy Bor 2016/ gave Black sufficient play to hold the endgame.;

C) 5...Nf6

C1) Soft is 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bg3 *(*Totally harmless is *7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 Rfe8=* ½, Rausis,I (2651)-Jurcik,M (2451) Czech Republic 2019*)* 7...0-0 8.e3 *(8.Qc2 Nc6! 9.a3 Ne7=* and the ♗ gets to f5 anyway. *)* 8...Bf5 9.Qb3 Bxg3 10.hxg3 Nc6

C1a) 11.Be2 Qd6 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Ne5 h5 14.Rfc1 Ng4 15.Na4 b6 16.Qc3 Rfc8 17.Nd3 Bd7 18.b3 Ng6 19.Qb4 Qf6 20.Nc3 Qf5 21.a4 a5 22.Qa3 Nf6 23.Ra2?! *(23.Nb5!∞)* 23...Qg5 24.Ne1 c5 25.Nf3 Qh6 26.dxc5 Rxc5 27.Nb5 Rac8 28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.b4 axb4 30.Qxb4 Ne4 31.Bf1 h4→ Karjakin,S (2783)-Adams,M (2761) Shamkir 2017 For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 178 by Quintiliano.;

C1b) 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.Bd3 Re8 13.0-0 Rb8 14.Rac1 Ne7 15.Qc2 c6 16.Rfe1 Qd6 17.a3 Ng6 18.Nf3 Ne7 19.Ne5 g6 20.Nxg4 Nxg4 21.Be2 Nf6= Anton Guijarro,D (2650)-Adams,M (2751) Caleta 2017;

C2) 6.Bg5 Be6 and now: Straightforward development

C2a) 7.Qb3?! Nbd7! 8.Qxb7 Rb8 9.Qxa6 Rxb2 is playing with fire:

C2a1) 10.Bc1 Rb6 11.Qd3 Bb4 12.Bd2

C2a11) 12...Qa8 13.e3? *(13.g3 Ne4 14.Bg2∞)* 13...Ne4 14.Be2

Bf5 15.Nh4 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Rc6 17.Rc1 Rxc3!-+ Nesterov,A (2482)-Meskovs,N (2558) St Petersburg 2019 **Δ** 18.Rxc3 Qa5;

C2a12) 12...0-0 13.e3 *(13.g3 g6!→* White can hardly solve his problems with development here. *)*

C2a121) 13...g6?! 14.Qc2 is unconvincing.;

C2a122) 13...c5 14.Na4 Pogromsky,M (2411)-Putilov,V (2181) Nizhnij Tagil 2012 *(14.Be2!?)* 14...Ne4!? 15.Nxb6 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 Nxb6 17.Rb1 Ba5 18.Qb5 Nc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Qxc5 Qa8 21.d5 Bf5⩲ 22.0-0! Bxd2 23.Qxc4∓;

C2a123) ⌓13...Qa8! 14.Be2 g6↑;

C2a2) 10.Rc1? Bb4 11.Bd2 Qb8 12.Qd3 0-0 13.g3 Ne4 14.Bg2 Bg4-+ Megalios,K (2416)-Halkias,S (2552) Skopje 2019

C2a3) 10.a3 Be7 *(10...Bd6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 0-0⇗* Black with his lead in development almost always has great compensation...*)* 11.g3 0-0 *(11...Rb3!?)* 12.Bg2 Ne4 *(12...Rb3 13.Qa5 c5⩱)* 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd1 Rb3 15.Qc6 Rxa3 16.Rxa3 Qxa3 17.0-0 Rc8 18.Ne3 Nc3 19.Re1 h6 20.g4 Qb2 21.Kf1= Chatalbashev,B (2531)-Lobron,E (2512) Germany 2019/ White can be glad he survived the opening without serious damage.;

C2b) Voluntarily swapping the ♗ with 7.Bxf6 is not too strategically desirable, but in connection with Qxf6 8.Qb3 it's another direct attempt to refute Black's setup: All this led Black to

C2b1) Black's initial reaction was to parry the ♕xb7 threat with 8...b5? , but this runs into the surprising computer-fuelled (the engines show the right way very quickly) refutation 9.a4! b4 *(9...Nc6 10.axb5 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.bxa6±)* 10.Nxd5 Qd8 11.e4 c6 12.Qe3! *(12.Bc4?! cxd5 13.exd5 Bc8 14.d6 Bxd6 15.Bxf7+ Kf8∓* and in comparison with the main line, White has only vague compensation for the piece.*)* 12...cxd5 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Rc1 Inserting 9.a4! was crucial, otherwise Black would have ♗b4+ at this point. It's amazing how it all fits - the main threat is ♗c4 and d5, but in connection with ideas such as ♖c8 and ♗d3-e4 Black is almost helpless despite his extra ♗: The most resilient is

C2b11) 14...Qd8 15.d5! Qxd5 16.Bc4 Qd6 17.0-0

C2b111) 17...Be7 18.Rfd1 Qxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Bxc4 20.Qe4+- *(20.Nd4!?+-)*;

C2b112) 17...Nd7 18.Ng5→ and Black's ♔ can't survive, e.g. Be7 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qf3! Bxg5 21.Qxa8+ Bd8 22.Rfd1+-;

C2b12) 14...Kd8 also doesn't help - 15.Bd3 Ra7 *(15...Bf5 16.Qg5++-; 15...f5 16.Ng5 Kd7 17.0-0⇗* → White is attacking with all his pieces against a ♔, trapped in the centre - the game is decided. *)* 16.Be4 Qb3 *(16...Qd7 17.d5+-)* 17.Qg5+ Re7 *(17...f6 18.Qa5+ Ke8 19.Qb6+- Re7 20.Qxb8+ Kf7 21.0-0 Qxa4 22.Bc6 Qa2 23.Rfe1 Rg8 24.d5* 1-0, Checa,N (2495)-Korley,K (2453)

Charlotte 2018/ This game seems to be the premiere of the piece sac idea. *)* 18.Qe5 Rd7 19.Qxb8+ Ke7 20.0-0 g6 21.d5 Bg7 22.Qf4 Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Rfe1+ Kf8 25.Qxb4+ 1-0, Suleymanli,A (2429)-Rozum,I (2593) Budva 2019

C2b13) ⌓14...Be7 15.Bd3

C2b131) 15...Ra7

C2b1311) 16.Bc4 Qxc4 17.Rxc4 Bxc4 18.b3 Bxb3 *(18...Bd5 19.Qe5)* 19.Qxb3 0-0±;

C2b1312) 16.Be4

C2b13121) 16...Qd7 17.d5 Bxd5 18.Ne5!+-;

C2b13122) 16...Qd8 17.d5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Rd7 *(18...Rc7 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qf4++-)* 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Ne5+ Ke8 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.0-0 Rf8 23.Rfe1 Rf7 24.Rc6 Kf8 Golecki,J (2172)-Grochol,K (2030) Szklarska Poreba 2020 25.Qc1 Nc5 26.Rxc5 Bxc5 27.Qxc5++-;

C2b13123) 16...Qb3 17.Rc8+ Bd8 18.Rxb8±;

C2b132) 15...Qd8 16.Be4 Ra7 17.d5+- -15...♖a7;

C2b133) 15...f5 16.Bc4 Qxc4 17.Rxc4 Bxc4 18.Qc1 Be6 19.0-0+- Kf7 20.Ne5+ Kf6 21.Re1+- →;

C2b134) 15...Qd7 16.Be4 Qa7 17.Qf4! *(17.d5? Qxe3+ 18.fxe3 f5!)*

C2b1341) 17...Bd8 18.d5 Bd7 19.Qe5+ Kf8 20.Qd6+ Be7 *(20...Kg8 21.Rc8!+-; 20...Ke8 21.Qf4+-)* 21.Qf4 Qb6 22.d6 Bxd6 23.Qd2 Ra7 24.a5!+- White regains the piece and wins - beautiful tactical lines!;

C2b1342) 17...Nd7 18.d5 Black has to safeguard his ♔, definitely the best chance is

C2b13421) 18...g5 19.Nxg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Qd4 21.0-0! Qxe4 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Rfe1 Qg6 24.Qd5 0-0 *(24...Ke7 25.Rc6+-* Sargsyan,S (2580)-Gholami,A (2554) Mumbai 2019 *)* 25.Qxd7 Rad8 26.Qxe6+ Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Rd2 28.f3 Rxb2 29.Rxa6+- Lenderman,A (2638)-Wheeler,C (2383) Charlotte 2020;

C2b13422) ⌓18...0-0!? 19.dxe6 Nc5 20.exf7+ Rxf7 Here Stockfish insists on the hair-raising ♔-walk 21.Bxh7+!? *(*The practical choice is *21.Qe3 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Bf6 23.0-0±* /± with a sound extra pawn - *Bxb2 24.Rb1)* 21...Kxh7 22.Qxf7 Nd3+ 23.Ke2 Qxf2+ 24.Kxd3 Rd8+ 25.Kc4 Qe2+ 26.Kb3 Bf6 27.Ng5+! Kh8 *(27...Kh6 28.Qxf6+!)* 28.Rhd1 Qxb2+ 29.Kc4 Qe2+ 30.Kc5 Qf2+ 31.Kc6 Qxg2+ 32.Kc7 Qxg5 33.Kb7!± /+-;

C2b2) 8...b6 is playable, but it softens the ⟪ and is strategically suspect. White can get an edge with

C2b21) 9.Nxd5? Qd8 10.e4 c6∓ doesn't work here.;
C2b22) 9.e3 Qd8± *(9...Bd6?! 10.Nxd5! Qd8 11.Bc4 b5 12.Nxc7+ Bxc7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qxe6+ Qe7 15.Qd5±)*;
C2b23) 9.g3 Qd8 10.Bg2
C2b231) 10...Nd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Ne1 c6 13.Nd3 Bf5 *(13...0-0 14.Nf4 Δ Bf5? 15.Ncxd5 cxd5 16.Qxd5+-; 13...f5 14.Bh3 g6 15.e4→* Ringoir,T (2501)-Yu,J (2278) Charlotte 2019*)* 14.e4 dxe4 15.Bxe4±;
C2b232) 10...Nc6 11.0-0 *(11.Qa4!?)* 11...Be7 12.Rfd1 0-0 13.Rac1 *(*This is the last time White could have played *13.Qa4 b5 14.Qc2±)* 13...Bf6 14.e3 Ne7 15.Qc2 g6 16.b4 Bg7 17.Ne5?! *(⌓17.Ne2±)* 17...c5! 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nf3 Rc8 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Qd2 Qa5 22.Ne2 Rfc8= Yilmaz,M (2595)-Andreikin,D (2741) Batumi 2019;

C2b3) 8...Ra7 A motif from various lines of the Slav - Black avoids weakening his queenside and hopes he will be able coordinate his forces and reanimate the ♖a7 in time:
C2b31) 9.e3 Bd6!?
C2b311) 10.Nxd5?! Qd8 11.e4 c6 12.Qb6 cxd5 13.Qxa7 dxe4 14.Nd2 0-0↑ Δ 15.Qxb7 e3!? *(15...Qa5⩱)* 16.fxe3 Bd5 17.Qxd5 Bg3+∓;
C2b312) 10.h3 Nd7 11.Bd3 c6 12.Qc2 Qh6 13.Bf5 0-0 14.g4 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Qe6 16.Ke2 Raa8 17.a3 Rae8 18.Rhg1 g6 19.Qd3? Nf6 20.Nd2 b6 21.Qxa6 c5→ Suleymanli,A (2512)-Grachev,B (2612) Chess.com blitz 2020 /Artifically avoiding the ♕-swap got White into serious trouble.;
C2b313) 10.Be2 Nd7 11.0-0 c6 12.Rac1 0-0 13.Na4 Qh6 14.Rfe1 Bg4 15.g3 Qh5 16.Qd1 Raa8 17.Nh4 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Qxe2 19.Rxe2 g6 20.Ng2 Rfe8 21.Ne1 a5 22.Nd3 Kg7= Petrosyan,M (2613)-Grachev,B (2614) Moscow rpd 2019/ A typical Carslbad endgame, fully playable for Black.;
C2b32) 2b2) 9.a3 Qd8 10.Qc2 Be7 *(10...g6!? 11.e4 c6∞)* 11.e4 dxe4 *(≤11...c6?! 12.e5 Nd7 13.Bd3 h6 14.0-0 0-0 15.h3 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Rad1↑ Nb6? 18.Nxd5! Nxd5 19.Qxc5+-* Basso,P (2538)-Druska,J (2494) Mitropa 2021*)*
C2b321) Opening the ⊞ 12.Qxe4 c6 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.d5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 enables the ♖ to join in with b5!? *(15...0-0=)* 16.Nd4 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Rc7+ 18.Kb1 0-0 19.Nc6 Qe8⇄;
C2b322) 12.Nxe4 0-0 13.0-0-0 Ning,K (2327)-Gholami,A (2513) Tornelo INT 2021 c6 14.Bd3 Nd7 seems roughly equal, e.g. 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.dxc5 Qa5= and Black regains the ♙.;
C2b33) 9.Nxd5 Qd8 10.e4 c6 11.Qb6 allows the exchange

sacrifice cxd5 , which exposes White's ♔. Black has good compensation, which may quickly turn into a dangerous attack after 12.Qxa7 Bb4+ *(12...dxe4 13.Nd2 Bb4 14.Qxb7 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2 0-0!⩱)* 13.Kd1 dxe4 14.Qxb7 exf3?! *(14...0-0! 15.Qxe4 Bd5⩱)* 15.Qxb4 Nc6 16.Qd2? *(16.Qc5! Nxd4 17.Ke1±)* 16...Nxd4 17.gxf3 Qd5 18.Rg1 0-0 19.Rc1 Rd8 20.Bc4 Qxf3+ 21.Be2 Qf6-+ Srihari,L (2302)-Gholami,A (2541) New Delhi 2020;

C2b34) White's main try has been 9.g3 Qd8

C2b341) 10.Bg2 c6 11.h4 Be7 12.Ng5 Bc8 *(12...Bg4!?)* 13.e4 h6 14.Nf3 *(14.Nxf7!? Kxf7 15.exd5∞)* 14...dxe4 15.Nxe4 Be6 16.Qc3 0-0 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Ra8 19.a3 a5 20.Rad1 Qb6= Gozzoli,Y (2604)-Mons,L (2554) Chess.com rpd 2020/ Black is fully consolidated and has a harmonious position.;

C2b342) 10.h4 c6 11.Ng5 Bc8 12.Bh3 Bxh3 13.Nxh3 Bd6 *(⌓13...Be7!=)* 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Qa5+ 16.Kf1 Bc7 17.Kg2 0-0 18.Nhg5 Qd5 19.Qxd5 cxd5 Sorokin,A (2520)-Jacobson,A (2307) Charlotte 2019 20.Rac1!? Nc6 21.Nc5⩲;

C2c) 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 brings us to another crossroads: Black can also play simply

C2c1) The most aggressive reaction is 8...h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 Recently White turned his attention to

C2c11) 11.Be5

C2c111) 11...Nhf6!? is also viable. The attempt to avoid repetition 12.Qb3 led to a murky position after g4 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxb7 Rd8 17.Qc6+ Ke7 18.0-0 h5 19.Rae1 Kf6! 20.e4?! *(20.f4!?∞)* 20...Bd6 21.g3 d4 22.Nd5+ Kg7 23.h4 gxh3 24.f4 Bxd5 25.exd5 Qf6⩦ Cheparinov,I (2670)-Vitiugov,N (2732) Douglas 2019;

C2c112) 11...Ng7 12.h3 *(Already quite a few games ended with repetition after 12.Bg3 Nh5=)* 12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 c6 *(13...Bd6 14.0-0 h5?!* is too risky, after *15.f4 g4 16.f5 Bc8* Van Wely,L (2695)-Andreikin,D (2736) Wijk aan Zee 2017/ White could have won the ♙d5 with *17.Qa4+ Kf8 18.Qa5!±)* 14.0-0 Bd6 15.Rc1 *(15.Na4 h5 16.f4 g4 17.f5 Bd7 18.hxg4 Qg5 19.Rf4 hxg4⇄; 15.Qc2 Qc7 16.f4* Krstulovic,A (2309)-Golubov,S (2506) Budapest 2017 *0-0-0!∞)* 15...h5 16.e4 g4 *(A typical computer line is 16...Bxe5 17.dxe5 d4 18.Na4 g4 19.f4!? gxh3 20.f5 Qg5 21.Qf3 hxg2 22.Qxg2 Qe3+ 23.Kh2 Qxd3 24.Nc5!±)* 17.exd5 cxd5 18.g3 h4 19.hxg4 hxg3 20.fxg3 Qg5 21.Qf3 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Qf4 *(Hesitation, better was ⌓23.Ne2!?⩲)* 23...Qxf4 24.gxf4?! *(24.Rxf4=)* 24...Rh4 25.Be2 Bxg4⩦ Bluebaum,M (2643)-Vitiugov,N (2728) Heraklion 2017;

C2c12) 11.Ne2 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 g4 13.Nd2 h5 14.Qc2 c5 15.dxc5

Nxc5 16.0-0 Qf6 17.Nb3 Leko,P (2679)-Caruana,F (2832) Germany 2019 Rc8!?∞;

C2c13) 11.Nd2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Nb6 *(12...Bg7∞; 12...c5!?⇄)* 13.Qc2 Bd6 *(13...c6∞)* 14.e4 dxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7? *(⌓15...c6 16.0-0-0± Karjakin)* 16.Bxb7! Rb8 *(16...Bd5+ 17.Kf1)* 17.Bc6+ Kf8 18.0-0 Qf6 19.Nf3 Kg7 20.Rfe1 Rhd8 21.Ne4 Qg6 22.d5! Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Qc3+ f6 25.Nxd6 cxd6 26.Nd4± /+-, Karjakin,S (2753)-Caruana,F (2811) Wijk aan Zee 2018;

C2c14) 11.Qc2

C2c141) 11...Nxg3 12.hxg3 Bg7 is an active approach, Black wants to retain the option to break open the centre with a timely c5. 13.0-0-0 *(13.Na4* or*; 13.b4!?* prevents c5 and indicates the ♗g7 might not be ideally placed.*)* 13...c5 14.Bf5 Qf6 15.g4 Rc8 16.Kb1 *(16.e4 Bxf5 17.exf5 cxd4 18.Rhe1+ Kf8 19.Rxd4 Qc6⇄)* 16...b5? *(16...0-0!∞)* 17.e4!→ Lopez Martinez,J (2545)-Represa Perez,M (2115) Linares 2020;

C2c142) 11...c6 12.0-0-0 Nxg3 *(12...Qa5!? 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 0-0-0 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.Na4 Kb8 17.Kb1 h5 18.Rc1 Be7 19.Qd2 h4 20.gxh4 Rxh4 21.g3 Rhh8 22.Qc3 Ka7=* Postny,E (2619)-Ponomariov,R (2667) Skopje 2019*)* 13.hxg3 Bg7 *(*Here this development is more or less forced, as *13...Bd6?! 14.e4* is dangerous for Black.*)* 14.Kb1 Qe7 15.Nd2 0-0-0 16.Na4 Kb8 *(*Ít's critical not to underestimate the ♘c5 - *16...Qd6? 17.Nb3 Kb8 18.Nbc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Ka7 20.Qa4 Bc8 21.Rc1 Qe7 22.Rc3 Rd6 23.Rhc1 Qc7 24.Ra3 Qb6 25.Rcc3 Re8 26.Rcb3 Qc7 27.Bxa6*-+ Giri,A (2764)-Braun,A (2609) Chess.com blitz 2020/ White's concentration of forces on the queenside was lethal.*)* 17.Rc1 Ka7 18.Qc3 *(18.Nb3 Qb4 19.Nac5 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 Bf8=)* 18...Rc8 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.Nbc5 Bf8 *(20...Nxc5!?)* 21.Nxd7 *(21.b4!?)* 21...Qxd7 22.Nc5 Qc7= Jakovenko,D (2714)-Fedoseev,V (2665) Novosibirsk 2016/ Here Black is ready to eliminate the ♘c5 at a suitable moment and can claim equality.;

C2c2) More solid is 8...Bd6 After the immediate 9.Bf4 *(9.h3 c6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6* transposes after *12.0-0* to the following line. *)*

C2c21) 9...Qe7 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 c6 12.Qc2 Rfe8 13.Rae1 g6 14.Bg5!? Qf8 15.a3 Rac8 16.b4 b5 *(* maybe too committal, Timman recommends *16...Nh5!? 17.e4 f6 18.Bd2 Nf4⇄)* 17.Nd2 Nh5 18.Nb3 h6 19.Bh4 g5 20.Qd1 and only the passive Ng7?! *(20...Ndf6 21.Be2 gxh4 22.Bxh5 Qg7∞)* gave White an advantage after 21.Bg3 f5 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Nc5 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Qe5 25.Ne2± Aronian,L (2801)-Oleksienko,M (2615) Germany 2018;

C2c22) Black shouldn't be too afraid of 9...Bxf4!? 10.exf4 Bg4 *(10...g6?! 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3* prevents the ♗ swap, Black had serious

problems after *Ne8 13.Re1 Nd6 14.Ne5 Nb6 15.Qf3 Re8 16.Ne2 Qf6 17.Ng3 c6 18.b3 Nf5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Re3 h5 22.Rae1 Re6 23.Nd3 Rae8 24.Nc5±* Sjugirov,S (2675)-Caruana,F (2835) Chess.com blitz 2020*)* 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.0-0-0 *(12.0-0 g6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 c6 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Ne2 Re8 17.f5 Qc7= 18.Nf4? g5! 19.Nh5 Nxh5 20.Qxh5 h6 21.Rde1 Kg7∓* Davtyan,A (2462)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2640) Yerevan rpd 2021*)* 12...Qe8 13.Qe3 Qxe3+ 14.fxe3 g6 *(14...Re8 15.Rhe1 Nb6 16.h3 Bc8 17.Ne5±* Menezes,C (2423)-Druska,J (2460) Blansko 2019*)* 15.h3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 c6∞;

C2c3) 8...c6 , which is similar to the previous line:

C2c31) 9.Bh4 Bd6 10.Qc2 Bg4 *(*The more circumspect *⌓10...h6!? 11.Bg3 Qc7* aims for the main line*)* 11.Nd2 Bh5 12.0-0 Bg6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Ndxe4 Be7 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Rfe1+ Kf8 18.Rad1 Qd6 19.d5 c5 20.g3 *(20.h3!?↑* **Δ** *Bd4 21.Ne2)* 20...Bd4 21.a4 *(21.Ne2 Bh5!)* 21...Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Rd8 23.Qc4 h5! 24.Ne4 Qxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.Nxc5 Rh6= Radjabov,T (2765)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com rpd 2021;

C2c32) 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6

C2c321) White wants to avoid the immediate ♗-swap, he must already tread with care after 12.Rc1 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Be2 0-0 15.Ne1 Bg6 *(15...Bxe2* is also very comfortable for Black.*)* 16.Bd3 Rfe8 17.Bxg6 hxg6= /∓, Vidit,S (2702)-Aronian,L (2765) Kolkata 2018;

C2c322) 12.Qc2 0-0 is likely to be only a transposition after 13.h3 - 12.h3;

C2c323) 12.h3

C2c3231) White should treat the refined 12...h6 with respect, the prophylactic 13.Qc2 *(13.a3?! g5!? 14.Nd2 g4 15.h4 g3 16.f4 Bg4 17.Qe1 Nh5 18.Be2 Rg8→* Sjugirov,S (2663)-Tristan,L (2535) Chess.com blitz 2021*)* 13...g5 14.Ne2 Rg8 15.Nh2! gave him an advantage after h5 16.b4 h4 17.f3 Nh5 18.Ng4 Ng3 19.Nxg3 hxg3 20.a4↑ Lazavik,D (2442)-Tristan,L (2535) Chess.com blitz 2021;

C2c3232) After 12...0-0 the position, while roughly equal, is easier to play for Black. He can follow a clear plan, while none of White's aforementioned typical Carlsbad strategies is too effective here:

C2c32321) 13.Rc1 g6 14.Re1 Qe7 15.Nd2 Rfd8 16.Qf3 Nb6 17.a3 Kg7 18.Qf4 Nc8 19.Nb3 Nd6 20.Nc5 Re8 21.b4 Bf5 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Nd3 Nd6= Krysa,L (2572)-Svane,R (2873) Chess.com blitz 2020;

C2c32322) 13.Qb3 Rfb8!? *(≤13...Rab8 14.a4 Rfe8 15.Qa3*

Qc7 16.Rfc1 Nb6 17.b4 Ra8 18.a5 Nc8 19.b5 axb5 20.Nxb5 Qd8 21.Nc3 Nd6 22.Qb4 Qe7 23.a6± Carlsen,M (2863)-Caruana,F (2835) chess24.com rpd 2020*)* 14.a4 a5! 15.Rfc1 g6 16.Nd2 Ne8 17.Ne2 Qe7 18.Nf4 Nd6 19.Qa3 Bf5 20.Rab1 Bxd3 21.Nxd3 Nf6 22.Ne5 Re8 23.Rc2 Nfe4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Qxe7 Rxe7 26.Nd3 Nd6= Giri,A (2764)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com rpd 2020]

C2c32323) 13.Qc2 g6 14.Na4 *(14.Rfe1 a5 15.a3 Rfe8 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Na4 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Nd2 f5 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Rxc5 b6 23.Rc2 c5 24.dxc5 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 bxc5=* (62) Giri,A (2764)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com blitz 2020*; 14.a3 Ne8 15.Na4 Qe7 16.Ne5 Nd6 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Re2 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Nf3 Nd6 21.Rfe1 Qd8∓* is the strategic ideal for Black, lashing out with *22.Nd2 Re7 23.f3 Nf5 24.g4? Nh4 25.Kf2 f5* So,W (2770)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com rpd 2021/ seriously exposed White's ♔.*)* 14...Qe7 15.Rfc1 Ne8 16.b4 *(*Let me again emphasise *16.Nc5 Nd6 17.Nxd7?! Bxd7 18.Rab1 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Ne5 Nd6 21.Nd3 Rfe8 22.Nc5 Qg5 23.Qe2 h5 24.Qf3 Re7↑* Sjugirov,S (2675)-Caruana,F (2835) Chess.com blitz 2020/ is the ideal setup for Black. Caruana made full use of the well positioned ♘d6 and his kingside chances. It helps knowing such model games as Bobotsov-Petrosian, Lugano ol 1968 and Portisch-Kasparov, Skelleftea 1989.*)* 16...Nd6 17.Nc5 Nb6 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Nd2 f5 20.Re1 Nbc4 21.Nf3 b5 22.a4 Ne4 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bxe4 fxe4 25.Ne5 Qd6 26.Qc3 Qf6 27.Rf1 Qe6 28.Rfc1 Kg7 29.Rc2 Kg8= Here we have a status quo, neither side wants to exchange the opponent's strong ♘, while White must protect ♙f2 and Black ♙c6. However, 30.Rca2? was a serious tactical error, allowing Rxa2 31.Rxa2 Nxe5 32.dxe5 d4!∓ Carlsen,M (2863)-Caruana,F (2835) Lichess.org rpd 2020]

[5.Qb3 is a direct attempt to punish 3...a6!? and requires an accurate reaction: Connoisseurs of the line prefer the energetic

A) 5...c6?! 6.e4! dxe4 7.Bc4 Qe7 8.a4 Nf6

A1) 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 *(10.Bxf6 gxf6∞)* 10...g5 11.Bg3 Bg7**∞** also gives White compensation, but it's less convincing;

A2) 9.Nge2

A2a) 9...Bf5 10.0-0 Bg6 11.f4!? *(11.Nf4↑)* 11...exf3 12.Rxf3 Qd7 13.Nf4 Bd6 14.Re3+ Kf8 15.Rf3 a5 16.h3 Na6 17.Nxg6+ hxg6 18.Ne4?! *(18.Bg5→)* 18...Re8 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Bf4 Qxd4+ 21.Be3 Rxe3 *(21...Qd7∞)* 22.Rxe3 Rh4? *(22...Nc5=)* 23.Rd1 1-0, Schlechter,C-

Janowski,D Monte Carlo 1902;

A2b) 9...g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Ng3 0-0 12.Re1⟳ b5 13.axb5 cxb5 14.Bxb5 Qb7 15.Qa4!± *(15.Ba4 Qxb3 16.Bxb3 Nc6 17.Rd1 Bg4 18.Nge2 ½,* Svidler,P (2751)-Erdos,V (2628) Tbilisi 2017*)* ;

B) Development with 5...Nf6 is somewhat better, but here after 6.Bg5 It's rather hard to believe in

B1) 6...c6 7.e3 *(7.e4 dxe4 8.Bc4 Qe7 9.a4 h6∞* leads to a position from the previous line*)* 7...Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bh4 Ne8 12.Bg3 Nb6 13.h3 Bd6 14.Bf4 a5 15.g4 Qh4 16.Rg1 Nc4 17.Rg3 b5 18.0-0-0 a4 19.Rdg1 a3 20.b3 Nb2 21.g5! Duda,J (2737)-Fedoseev,V (2707) Danzhou 2018/ White got a lead in his attack;

B2) 6...c5!? 7.Bxf6 gxf6 , although Black got an excellent position after 8.Nf3 *(8.e3!?±)* 8...Nc6 9.Rd1 Be6 10.e3 c4 11.Qc2 b5 12.Be2 f5 13.0-0 Qf6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.Nxd5 Bg7 17.Bf3 Rd8 18.Nc3 0-0 19.a3 a5↑ Yilmaz,M (2630)-Grandelius,N (2663) Chess.com blitz 2020;

C) 5...c5!?

C1) 6.Nf3 c4 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.Bg5? Be7 9.Bxe7 Ngxe7 10.e4 b5 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Be2 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Bf5 14.Qf4 Nb4 15.d5 Bd3-+ Moroni,L (2553)-Maghsoodloo,P (2671) Chess.com blitz 2019;

C2) Black gets a satisfactory endgame after 6.Qxd5 cxd4 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8

C2a) 8.Ne4 Nc6 *(8...Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Nc6 11.Ngf3 Be6 12.g3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Re8 14.0-0* Dreev,A (2655)-Rakhmanov,A (2645) Chess.com rpd 2020 *Bd5=)* 9.Bd2 Bf5 10.Ng3 Be6 11.Nf3 h6 12.a3 Nf6 13.0-0-0 Bb3 14.Re1 Bc5 15.e3 Re8 16.Bd3 dxe3 17.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 18.Rxe3 Rxe3 19.fxe3 Be6= /∓, Wagner,D (2581)-Grachev,B (2612) Chess.com blitz 2020;

C2b) 8.Nd5 Be6 9.Nf4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Nf6 12.g3 Nc6 13.Bg2 Re8 14.Ngh3 Bxh3 15.Nxh3 Kc7 16.Rac1 Ne4+ 17.Bxe4 Rxe4 18.Nf4 g5 19.Nd3 Rae8 20.Rhe1 Kd6 21.Rc4 b5 22.Rc5 f6 23.Rcc1 R4e7⇄ Vidit,S (2718)-Rakhmanov,A (2606) Khanty Mansiysk 2019;

C3) 6.dxc5 Nf6 7.Bg5 Nbd7! 8.e3 *(8.Bxf6 Nxf6⇄)* 8...Nxc5⟳ is pleasant for Black and highlights the drawbacks of the early ♕ sortie.;

C4) 6.e4 Nc6!? 7.Nf3 c4 8.Qc2 Yu,Y (2738)-Grachev,B (2614) Moscow rpd 2019 Nb4 9.Qb1 dxe4 10.Qxe4+ Qe7 practically forces White to play 11.Bxc4!? Nc2+ 12.Kd1 Qxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxa1 14.Re1 Be6 15.Neg5⩱ - his compensation is at best good enough only for equality.;

C5) 6.Nxd5 Nc6 Black can manage even the tactical

C5a) 7.dxc5 Be6 8.e4 Bxc5⩱ Δ 9.Qxb7? Bxd5! 10.exd5 Na5 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.Qd7 Qh4-+;

C5b) 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.e4 *(8.Bf4 Be6)* 8...dxe3

C5b1) 9.Bxe3 Be6 10.Rd1 Qa5+ 11.Qc3 Qxc3+ *(11...Qxd5!? 12.Rxd5 Bb4=)* 12.Nxc3 Nf6 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bb4 15.a3

Bxc3+ *(15...Ba5 16.b4 Bc7=)* 16.Bxc3 0-0 17.f3 Nd5 18.Bd2 Rac8 19.Bd3 Rfd8 20.Kf2 Nf6 21.Bc3 Levin,E (2516)-Grachev,B (2626) St Petersburg blitz 2018 Nd5=;

C5b2) 9.Qxe3+ Be6 10.Nf4 Bb4+ 11.Nd2 *(11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Qd4 13.Nxe6 Qxe3+ 14.fxe3 fxe6 15.g3 Nf6 16.Bg2 Nd5 17.Ke2 Ke7 18.Rac1 Rhf8 19.Ne4 Ne5 20.Nc3 Nf6 21.Ne4 Nd5= ½,* Martinovic,S (2564)-Nisipeanu,L (2673) Austria 2017*)* 11...Nd4 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Nxe6 Nxe6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Qh3 g6 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Rad1 Qb6 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.b3 Rad8 21.Bc4 Nd4 22.Be3 Qc7 23.Qg4 Qc5 24.Qf4 Qe5= Admiraal,M (2506)-Ris,R (2453) Netherlands 2019/ White's slight pull gradaully evaporated here

C5c) 7.Bg5!? Nge7 *(7...f6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Bd2 Bc5 10.Rc1 Ba7* Sadzikowski,D (2504)-Garcia Martin,M (2306) Sitges 2019 *11.g3±)* 8.Nb6 Nxd4!? *(8...Be6 9.d5 Bxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Qxd5 Nxd5 12.0-0-0 Nc7 13.g3 Ne6 14.Bd2 c4 15.Bg2 Rc8 16.Nh3± ½,* Martinovic,S (2524)-Nagy,G (2488) Neustadt an der Weinstrasse 2020*)* 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nxd7 Nc2+ *(11...Rd8!?⇄)* 12.Kd1 Nxa1 13.Nb6 Rd8+ 14.Kc1 c4? *(14...Rd6 15.Nc4 Rd7 16.Bd2 b5 17.Ne3 h5∞)* 15.Nf3 Rd6 16.Nxc4 Rc6 17.Nfe5 Rc7 18.Kb1 Ng6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.e4 b5 21.Ne3+- Sadzikowski,D (2501)-Ortin Blanco,I (2301) Roquetas de Mar 2020]

5...Nf6

[However, if it isn't be sufficient for equality, he can consider 5...c6 - flexibility over straighforward development. We can't discount this alternative, as it fits into Black's strategic plan of swapping both bishops. We'll check 6.e3 *(6.Nf3* transposes after *Bd6* to the 5. ♘f3 c6 line, analysed above. *)* , postponing the deployment of the ♘g1 (sometimes even extremely so) After 6...Bd6 White faces a choice:

A) 7.Qf3 Nf6 *(7...Ne7 8.Bd3 Bf5 9.Bxf5 Nxf5 10.Nge2 Nd7 11.h4 Bxf4 12.Qxf4 Ne7 13.h5 h6 14.f3 Qb8 15.Qg4 Qd6 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 0-0 18.0-0 c5 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.e5 Qe6 21.Qxe6 fxe6 22.dxc5 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Nc6 24.Ne4 Ndxe5 25.Rxd8+ Nxd8 26.Nf4 Kf7 27.Ke2±* Wojtaszek,R (2739)-Piorun,K (2660) Katowice 2019/ White has an endgame pull, which he managed to convert after a long fight.*)* 8.Bd3 *(8.h3!? 0-0 9.Bd3* might be somewhat more testing*)* 8...Bg4 9.Qg3 Bxf4 10.Qxf4 Bh5 11.Nge2 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.0-0-0 Nbd7 14.h4 Qb8 15.Qf3 Qd6 16.g4 Nb6 17.g5 Nfd7 18.Qf4 Nc4⇄ David,A (2424)-Georgescu,T (2508) Bucharest rpd 2019

B) 7.Bg3 Ne7 is not too testing:

B1) 8.Bd3 Bf5 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bxf5 Nxf5 11.Qc2 g6 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Kb1 Re8 14.Qb3 *(14.e4!?=)* 14...b5 15.Rhe1 a5∓ Lemos,D (2511)-Korneev,O (2587) Porto Mannu 2009

B2) 8.Nf3 Nf5 *(*Even *8...Bf5 9.Qb3 Ra7* seems plausible - *10.Be2 0-0 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qb6 Nc8 13.Qb3 Nd7 14.0-0 Qf6 15.Rfc1 Nd6=*

Vovk,Y (2617)-Carlsen,M (2850) Berlin blitz 2015) 9.Bd3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 h6 11.Qc2 Be6 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Bf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5 Qf6 15.Qc2 Bb4 16.Ne2 0-0-0 17.Nf4 Qd6 18.Kb1 Kb8 19.Qf5 Qe7 20.Qc2 Bd6 21.Nd3 h5 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Nd2 h4 24.gxh4 Rxh4 25.g3 Rhh8= Vachier Lagrave,M (2780)-Vallejo Pons,F (2698) Chess.com rpd 2019)

C) 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Bd3 Ne7

C1) After 9.Nf3 Black has Bg4!? *(9...Bf5 10.Qb3!?* and it seems that Black can't trap White's ♕ after *Bxd3 11.Qxb7±)* 10.Qb3 Nd7⇄;

C2) 9.Qc2 and now it's Black, who should choose how to exchange the ♗c8:

C2a) 9...g6

C2a1) 10.f3 c5!?⇄;

C2a2) 10.h4 Bf5 11.Bxf5 Nxf5 12.h5 Rf8 *(*Is *12...Nd7!? 13.hxg6 fxg6∞* really such a serious concession?*)* 13.g4 Ne7 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 0-0-0 19.Qb3 Nf6 20.Nf3 (Finally!) Nxg4 21.Ke2 Rfe8 22.Rh4 f5 23.Rch1 Re7 24.Rh8 Navara,D (2740)-Vallejo Pons,F (2713) Porto Carras 2018 f4! **Δ** 25.Ng5 fxe3 26.Ne6 exf2! 27.Kf1 Qa5 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8 29.Nxd8 Re1+ 30.Kg2 Rxh1 31.Qxb7+ Kxd8= and White has only a perpetual - Mikhalchishin.;

C2a3) 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Bxf5 Nxf5 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qf4+ 15.Kb1 0-0⇄;

C2a4) 10.Nge2!? Bf5 11.Bxf5 Nxf5 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.e4 Ng7!?± *(13...dxe4 14.Nxe4* shows the difference between ♘f3 and ♘ge2, White has the initiative after *Qe7 15.d5↑)*;

C2b) The 3...a6!? expert Rakhmanov prefers 9...Bg4 - the ♗ transfer takes longer, but Black's position remains intact. An attempt to avoid the ♗-swap is 10.f3 Bh5 11.Nge2 Nd7 12.0-0-0 and now: The immediate

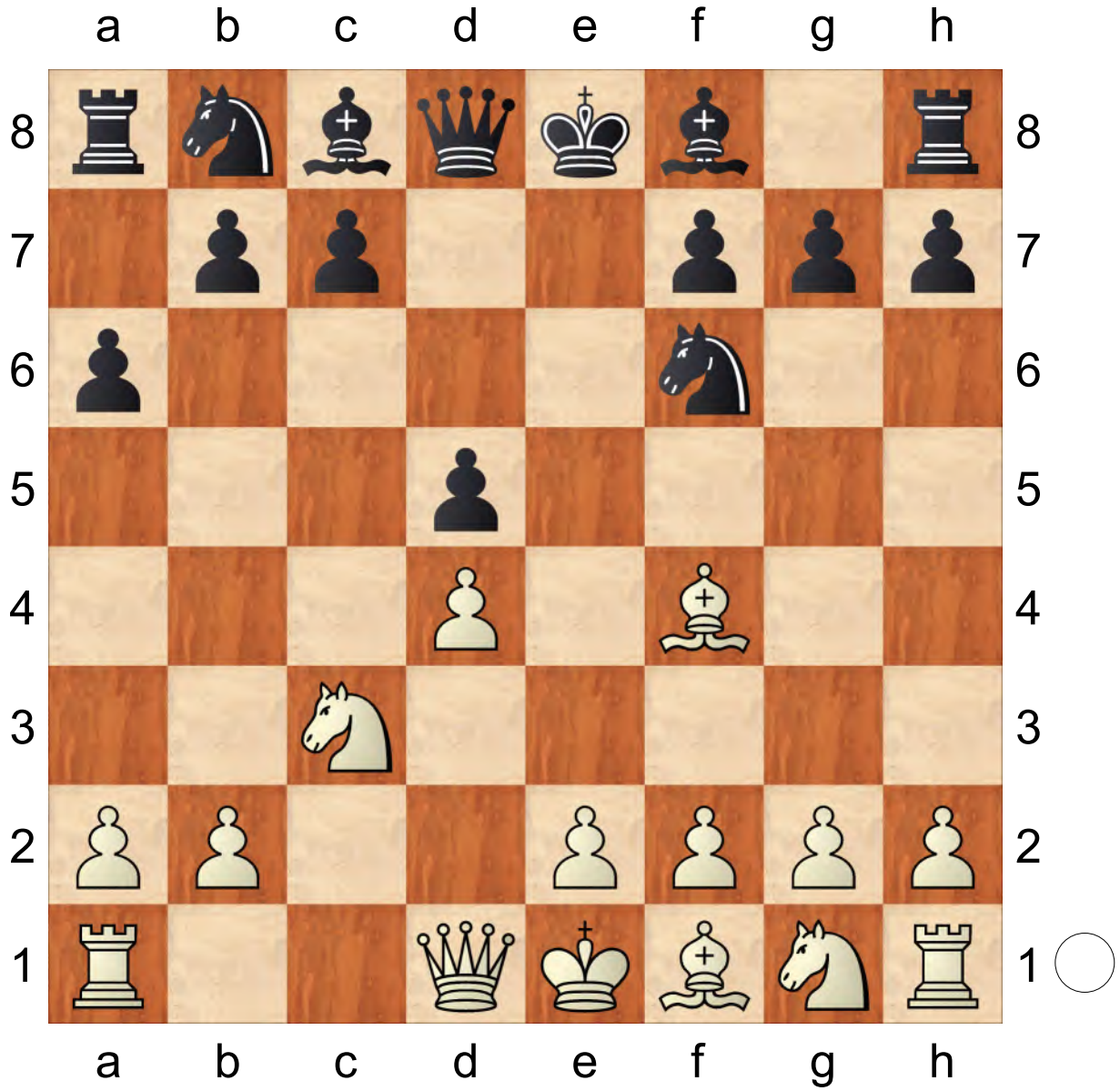
C2b1) 12...Qh6 13.Nf4 Bg6 14.Bxg6 *(*Helps Black, *14.Qf2!?* seems more dangerous*)* 14...Nxg6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Kb1 Nb6 17.e4 0-0-0 18.Qb3 Nc4 19.Ka1 Qg5 20.g3 Kb8 21.f4 Qg4 22.Na4 Ka7∞ /⇄, Dragun,K (2594)-Rakhmanov,A (2650) Moscow 2016)

C2b2) 12...Bg6!? also deserves attention, after 13.e4 dxe4 14.fxe4 Zhao,X (2508)-Batsiashvili,N (2480) Germany 2017 Black can play c5!? 15.e5 Bxd3 16.exd6 *(16.Qxd3 Qh6+)* 16...Bxc2 17.Kxc2 Nf5∞]

(Diagram)

This natural move is Black's most popular continuation. **6.e3 Bd6 7.Bxd6** This time it's White, who makes a logical move. However, it doesn't cause Black too many problems, so we should check the alternatives more closely:

[After 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 Re8 9.Qc2 Black got counterplay with the direct Nc6!? *(9...Bg4?! 10.Bh4! h6 11.h3↑; 9...h6!? 10.Rc1?!* Bryzgalin,K (2449)-Liyanage,R



(2181) Chess.com blitz 2020 *Bxg3 11.hxg3 c5!↑)* 10.Be2 Nb4 11.Qb3 c5 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Rd1 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Ne4 18.Bf3 Rac8 19.0-0 Nxc3 20.bxc3 b5 21.Rc1 Red8 22.Qd1 Rd7 23.h4 Qa3= /⇄, Nakamura,H (2736)-Le,Q (2709) chess24.com rpd 2021]

[The critical response is ⌓7.Bg5! - White avoids the swap even at the cost of a tempo. After Be6

A) 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qb3 Ra7 10.Nf3 can't be too dangerous for Black - he is a tempo up on one of the 5. ♘f3 ♘f6 6.♗g5 ♗e6 7.♗xf6 ♕xf6 8.♕b3 ♖a7 lines, analysed above. After 0-0 11.h4 Nd7 12.Qc2 c6 13.Bd3 Andreikin,D (2725)-Grandelius,N (2663) Lichess.org blitz 2021 h6 14.Ng5 Rc8⇄ *(or 14...Qe7∞* Black is fine *)*;

B) 8.Bd3 Black must tread with care:

B1) 8...0-0 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bf4 *(10.Bh4!?±* is more natural and ambitious*)*

10...c5!? 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Rc1 Qd6 15.Bb1 Rad8 16.Qc2 d4 17.Rcd1 Qe5 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Rxd4 20.Rfe1 Qc5 21.Rxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qc5 23.h3 b5= Holt,C (2549)-Tari,A (2639) Chess.com blitz 2021;

B2) 8...h6 9.Bh4 g5!? 10.Bg3 h5 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.h4 gxh4! 13.Nf3 h3 14.gxh3 Nbd7 15.Qc2 Rg8 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Nb6 18.Ne2 Kb8 19.Nf4 Nbd7 20.Rhg1 Rc8 21.Rxg8 Rxg8 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Qd1 c5± /=, Dragnev,V (2508)-Jurcik,M (2451) Batumi 2018/ With careful play Black held a slightly inferior position, but his whole concept is not without risk.;

B3) The most often played move is 8...Nbd7 and now:

B3a) We won't analyse 9.Nf3 , as here Black is a tempo up on the fully satisfactory 5. ♘f3 lines (White's ♗ went to g5 in 2 moves). Instead we will check 2 stronger moves.;

B3b) 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bh4 *(10.Bf4 Qe7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 c5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qa3 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Ng4 17.Ng3 h5 18.Be2 h4 19.Bxg4 hxg3 20.hxg3 Bxg4 21.Rxd5 Qxd5 22.Nxd5 Rxd5 23.e4 Re5 24.f3 Bd7* Holt,C (2537)-Gordievsky,D (2607) Chess.com blitz 2017 *25.f4 Rxe4!? 26.Qxc5 Re2⩱ ⇄)* 10...Qe7 *(*After *10...0-0* Black will have to think twice about g5 and White can play like Woktaszek in the game below. *)* 11.h3!? *(* The kingside expansion requires patience, Black got an excellent position after *11.f3 c5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Kh1 Rfe8 14.f4 Nb6 15.Ng3 cxd4 16.exd4 Qd8 17.Qf3 Be7 18.f5 Bd7 19.Rae1 Bc6 20.Re2 Qd6 21.Rfe1 Bf8 22.Nh5 Nxh5 23.Qxh5 Rxe2 24.Qxe2 Re8∓* Suleymanli,A (2520)-Niemann,H (2508) Niksic 2021*)* 11...g5!? *(* After *11...c6 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Rae1 0-0* White is fuly prepared for *15.f4!↑ c5 16.Ng3 Qd8 17.Nh5 Be7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Qf2 Rcc8 22.e4! dxe4 23.Nxe4 Qd8 24.Rd1 Bd5 25.Bb1 Qc7 26.Nf6+! gxf6 27.Qg3+ Kh8 28.Qh4 Rfe8 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Bh7+ Kh8 31.Bf5+ Kg8 32.Rd3 Qc5+ 33.Kh2 Re3 34.b4* 1-0, Wojtaszek,R (2737)-Lupulescu,C (2620) Germany 2018/ A model attack by White!*;* Black can also postpone the sortie with *11...Nb6 12.Qc2 g5 13.Bg3 Bxg3 14.Nxg3 0-0-0⇄)* 12.Bg3 Nh5 *(⌓12...Bxg3! 13.Nxg3 0-0-0∞)* 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qc2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0?! *(15.b4!?↑* is more aggressive, White's attacking chances seem more realistic.*)* 15...Kb8 16.Kb1 f5!?= Levin,E (2543)-Usmanov,V (2464) St Petersburg 2018;

B3c) Even more energetic is 9.f4!? h6 *(9...Nb6?! 10.Nf3 c5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Ne5 c4 13.Bc2 Be7 14.Qf3 Ne8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.f5 Bd7 17.Nxd5+-* Xu,Y (2554)-Kiolbasa,O (2255) Tornelo INT 2021*)* 10.Bh4 g5 *(10...Nb6 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Be7* gets rid off the ♗e6, but White still has a pull after *14.0-0-0↑* Afanasiev,V (2263)-Jurcik,M (2488) Riga 2019 *)* 11.fxg5 hxg5 *(*Other moves are no better: *11...Nh7 12.Qc2 hxg5 13.Bg3 Ndf8 14.e4↑; 11...Ng4 12.Nf3 Be7 13.Qe2 hxg5 14.Bg3*

Nh6 15.0-0-0 c6 16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4→ Xu,Y (2562)-Batsiashvili,N (2433) Changsha 2019*)* 12.Bxg5

B3c1) 12...Bxh2 13.Nf3 *(13.Nce2* or*; 13.Nh3!?↑* promise White more*)* 13...Bg3+ 14.Kd2 Rg8

B3c11) 15.Bh7 Rg7∞ *(15...Rf8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bd6 18.d5 Bxd5 19.Nxd6+ cxd6 20.Qa4 Bc6* Falkevall,A (2209)-Carlsson,L (2258) Helsingborg 2021 *21.Rae1+ Ne5 22.Qd4 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Qa5+ 24.Kc2+-)*;

B3c12) 15.Qb3 Qe7 16.Qxb7 Rb8 17.Qxa6 Rxb2+ 18.Kc1 Qb4 19.Nd1 Rxg2 20.a3 Qd6 21.Qc8+ Ke7 22.Qxg8 Qc6+ 23.Kb1 Qb6+ ½, Palliser,R (2411)-Ris,R (2457) England 2019

B3c2) 12...Rxh2 13.Rxh2 Bxh2 14.Nge2 Bd6 *(* Loses a tempo, but *14...Qe7 15.g3 0-0-0 16.Kd2* cuts off the ♗h2*)* 15.Nf4 c5 *(15...Bg4* Xu,Y (2478)-Nie,X (2348) Shenyang 2019 *16.Be2! Bxf4 17.exf4* Δ *Qe7 18.Nxd5 Bxe2 19.Qd2!+-)* 16.Nh5 cxd4 17.exd4 Qe7? *(17...Bg4 18.Qxg4 Nxg4 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Nxd5±* gives White an endgame with an extra pawn. However, now the pin will cost Black even more dearly.*)* 18.Kf1! 0-0-0 19.Nxf6 Rh8 *(19...Nxf6 20.Qf3)* 20.Qc2 Kd8 21.Nfe4 f6 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.Be3 Qg3 24.Bg1-+ Yu,Y (2762)-Fedoseev,V (2707) Danzhou 2018/ White proceeded to convert his extra piece. To put it shortly - after 7. ♗g5! Black hasn't yet been able to demonstrate full equality.]

[Balck equalises after 7.Qf3 Bxf4 *(* Contrary to the previous note, White's ♗ is not yet on d3 and Black's ♗ may become the target of a bayonet attack after *7...Bg4 8.Qg3 Bxf4 9.Qxf4 Bh5 10.Qe5+ Kf8 11.f3!?±)* 8.Qxf4 Nbd7 *(8...0-0?! 9.Bd3 c6 10.Nge2 Nbd7 11.g4 Re8 12.g5 Nh5* Krush,I (2429)-Khademalsharieh,S (2494) Chess.com blitz 2020 *13.Bxh7+! Kxh7 14.Qxf7)* 9.Bd3 *(9.Qg5?! 0-0 10.Nxd5 c5!⇄ ↑*Δ *11.Nxf6+ Nxf6 12.Qxc5 Ne4 13.Qb4 Qh4 14.g3 Nxg3! 15.fxg3 Qe4∓)* 9...Nf8!? 10.Nge2 Ne6 11.Qf3 0-0 12.h4 c5 13.Rd1 cxd4 14.exd4 Re8 15.0-0 Nf8 *(15...Qd6=)* 16.Qg3 Nh5 17.Qg5 Nf6 18.Nf4 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Rfe1 Qb6 21.Qd2 Bg4= Krush,I (2429)-Khademalsharieh,S (2494) Chess.com blitz 2020]

7...Qxd6 8.Bd3 Bg4 With the risk of again repeating myself, I'll yet again point out Black in this line strives to effectively use, or at least exchange the ♗c8. This is abundantly clear to an excellent strategist like Carlsen, thus the immediate sortie, which is rather risky.

[Fully playable is the more standard 8...0-0 9.Nge2 *(9.Qc2* can be only a transposition, but Black can also change the character of the position with *c5 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Nge2 Nc6 12.Rd1 Rd8 13.0-0 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qa4* Gelfand,B (2737)-Nisipeanu,L (2672) Heraklion 2017 *Ne5⇄)* 9...Re8 *(9...Bg4!?)* 10.Qc2 *(10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qc2 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 c6 13.a3 Nbd7* gives White nothing at all. Although the position is still about equal, Black's play is far easier, as White doesn't have a concrete plan - none of White's typical Carlsbad

strategies is effective here. After *14.h3 g6 15.Nc3 Nh5 16.Be2 Ng7 17.Rfe1 f5 18.Bf3 Re7 19.h4 Rae8 20.Ne2 h6 21.Rad1 g5 22.Ng3 Rf8 23.hxg5 hxg5↑* Puzanov,V (2283)-Kavc,A (2206) email 2017/ White was gradually overrun on the kingside. *)*

A) 10...b6!? 11.0-0 c5 is also interesting, the suspect 12.Rfd1? *(⌓12.dxc5 bxc5∞)* 12...c4 13.Bf5 Nc6 14.Bxc8 Raxc8 15.Qd2 b5 16.Ng3 h5 17.Qe2 g6 18.Qf3 Kg7 19.Nce2 h4 20.Nf1 b4 21.Rac1 a5 Molina - Svane, Chess.com blic 2020. Black gains space and a significant advantage. 22.Nf4 a4∓ O, Molina,R (2434)-Svane,R (2613) Chess.com blitz 2020/ Black had more space and an advantage on both flanks.;

B) 10...Nc6 11.a3 Bg4 12.0-0 Bh5 13.Rac1 Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Na4 Re7 16.Nc5 Nd8 17.h4 c6 18.Nf4 Nh5 19.Nxh5 gxh5 20.b4 Ne6 21.Qf5 g6= Tregubov,P (2592)-Nisipeanu,L (2674) Germany 2018]

9.Qb3 Nc6 10.h3

[10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qxa6 Nb4 *(11...0-0!?)* 12.Qa4+ *(12.Qxd6 Nxd3+ 13.Kd2 cxd6! 14.Kxd3 Bf5+↑* and even the endgame is dangerous for White.*)* 12...Ke7 13.Be2 Bxe2 14.Ngxe2 *(14.Kxe2 Ra8 15.Qd1 Qa6+ 16.Kf3 Ne4 17.Nh3 Qf6+=* is at least a perpetual.*)* 14...Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Nxb2 16.Qc2 Nc4⩱ gives Black good compensation, Magnus possibly analysed something like this at home.]

[A computer suggestion is 10.Rc1!? , for example 0-0 *(10...Bh5?* already allows *11.Qxb7)* 11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Nb4 13.Be2 Bg6 14.Nf3± The ♘ is aiming for e5 and here it's not so simple for Black to coordinate his forces.]

10...Bh5

(Diagram)

11.Nge2N A novelty.

[Hikaru simply continues his development instead of 11.g4 Bg6

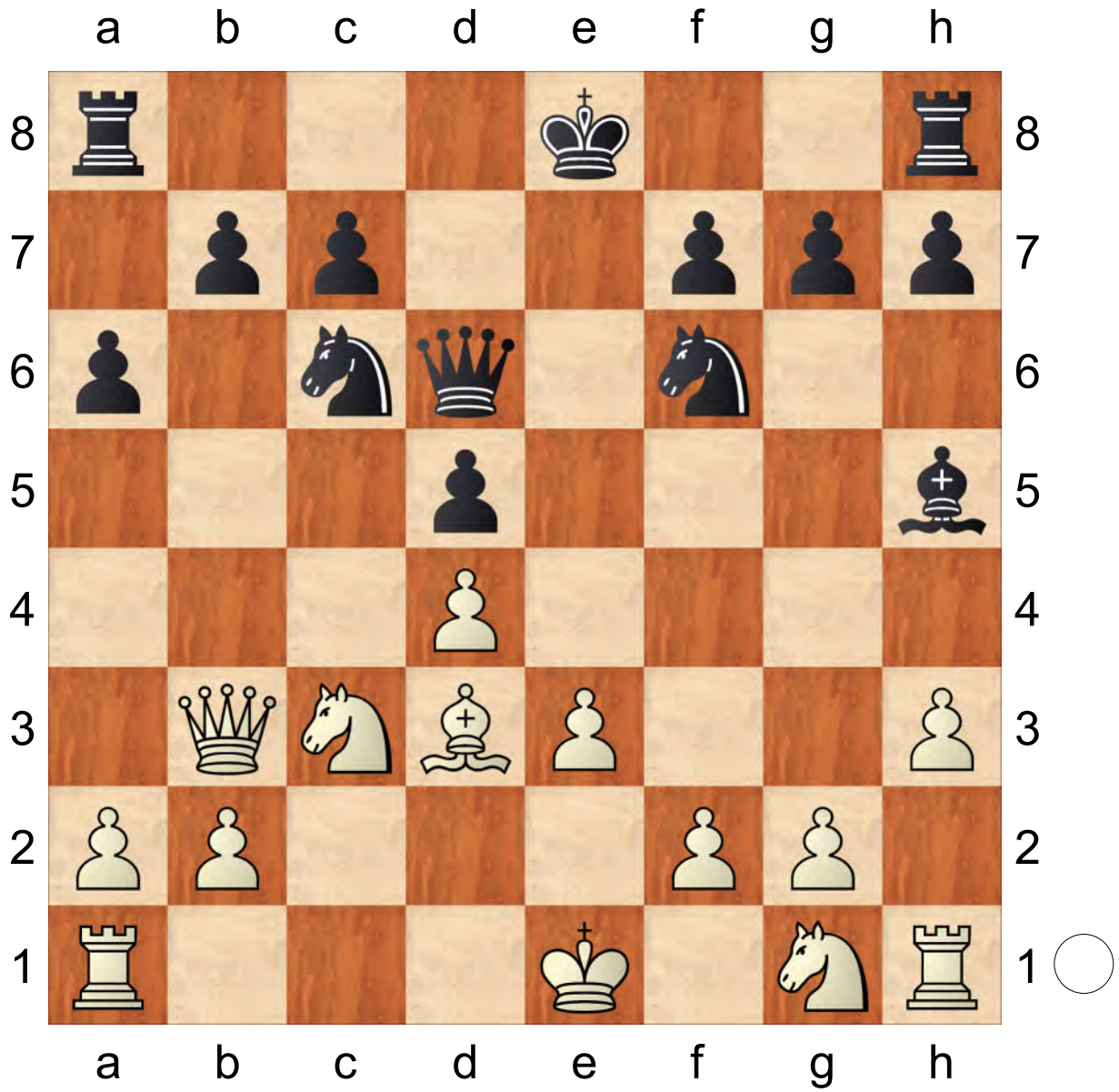
A) 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.g5 Ne4 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd5 0-0-0= *(15...Rd8!?∞ 16.Nxc7+?! Ke7)*;

B) 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Nge2 g5 15.Ng3 g6 16.Kb1 The problems began only after Rh7? *(* Black could be satisfied after the circumspect *16...Kb8=)* 17.e4! dxe4 18.Ncxe4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qf4 20.Rhe1↑ Nxd4? 21.Rxd4! Rxd4 22.Nc5 b6 23.Re8+ Rd8 24.Qd5! Yakubboev,N (2591)-Tristan,L (2535) Chess.com blitz 2020]

11...Bxe2 12.Nxe2 0-0 The opening is almost over, the position resembles Puzanov-Kavc, quoted above. Once again Black is well placed to counter any typical Carlsbad plans. Moreover Nakamura will soon have to make a difficult decision - White can't remain passive, but where is he going to play? **13.Rc1**

[Hikaru is not excited with the double-edged 13.g4∞ , but with the text move he loses the option to play 0-0-0.]

13...Nd8 Black must parry the threat ♕xb7, but this won't significantly disrupt the the coordination of his forces. **14.Qa3 Qd7** The first display of ambition.



[14...Qxa3 15.bxa3 Ne6= is fine, but Black wants to play actively on the kingside and for this he needs ♕ on the board.]

15.0-0 g6

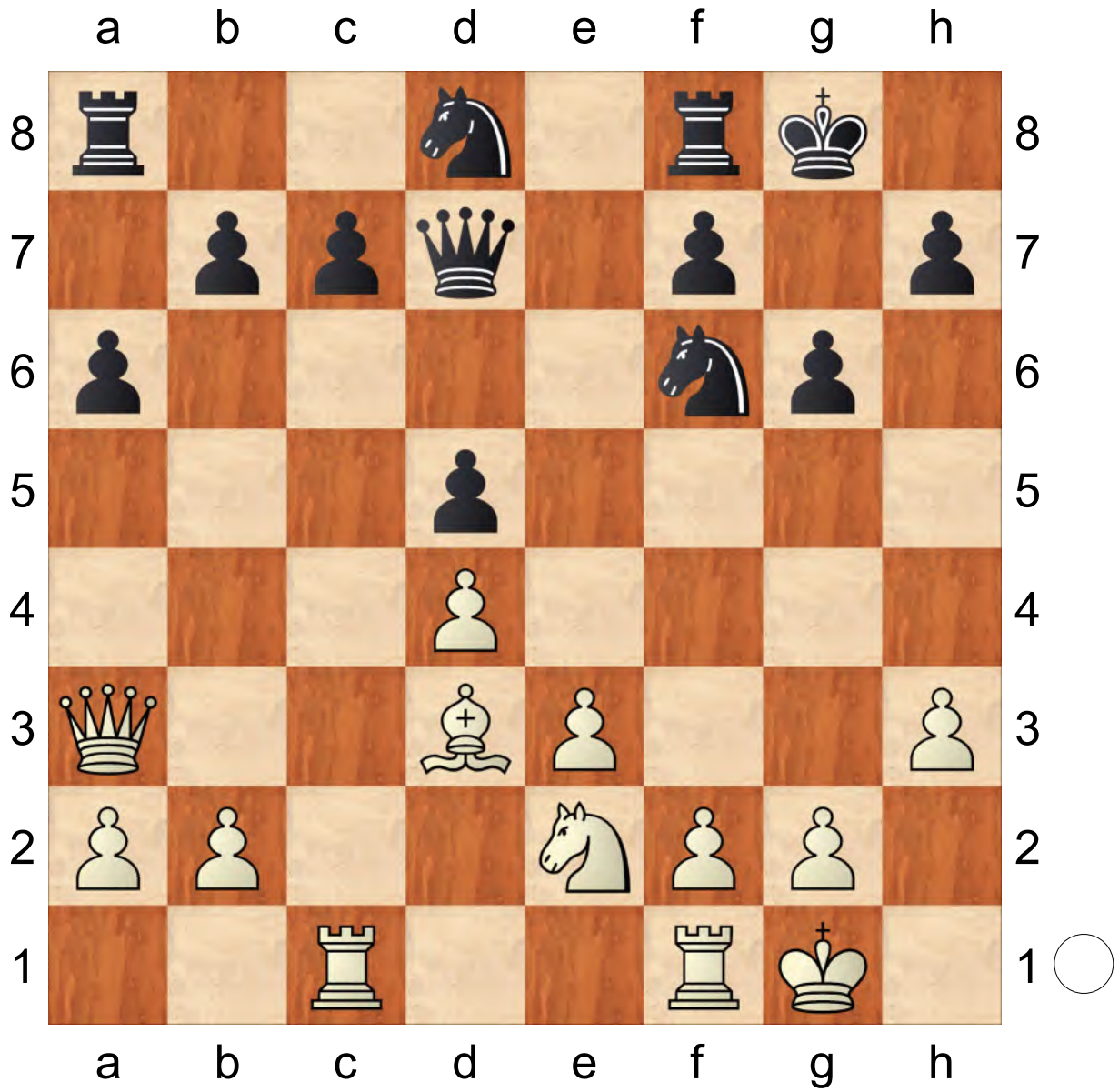
[However, here 15...Ne6?! is objectively weaker due to 16.Bf5±]

(Diagram)

Another sign Black wants to avoid simplification. **16.Nf4 Re8 17.Bc2 c6 18.Nd3 Ne6 19.f4** So White will play on the kingside. Or will he really, is this an active, or defensive move, aimed against the possible ♘g5?

[Nakamura probably considered 19.Nc5= too simple and tame.]

[However, 19.b4 Ng5 20.Rfe1 was less comittal, than the text-move.]



19...Ng7 20.f5?! Consistent, but too ambitious - this advance first and foremost weakens White's position.

[After 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.Qc3∞ the ♕ heads for the », the ♘e5 stands strong and the position is roughly and dynamically equal.]

20...g5!

[20...Nxf5 21.Nc5 Qc8 22.Bxf5 gxf5 23.Rc2⩲ is maybe not better for White, but he has tangible compensation. Carlsen's reaction is both safer and objectively better.]

[20...Rxe3? 21.fxg6+-]

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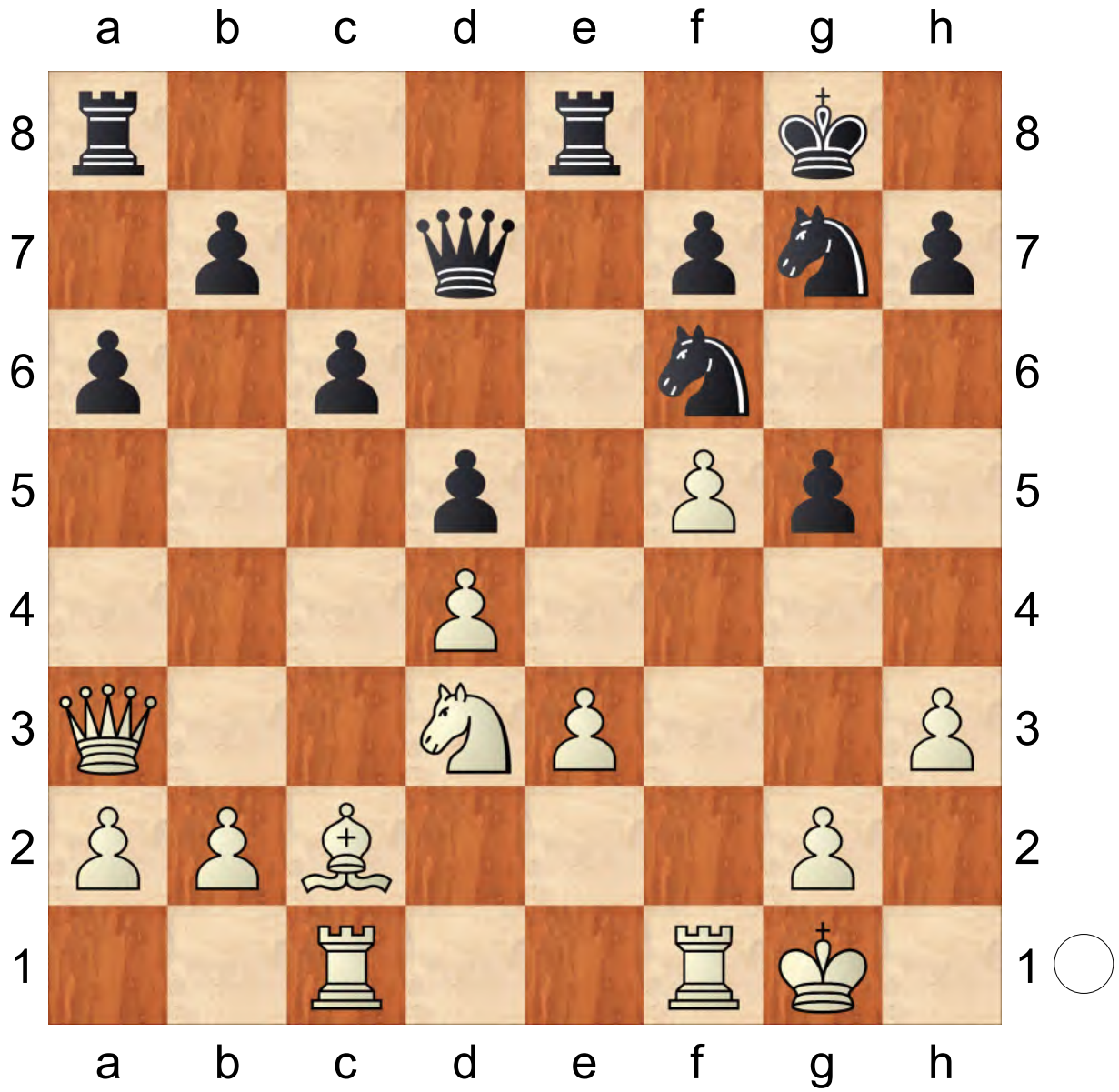
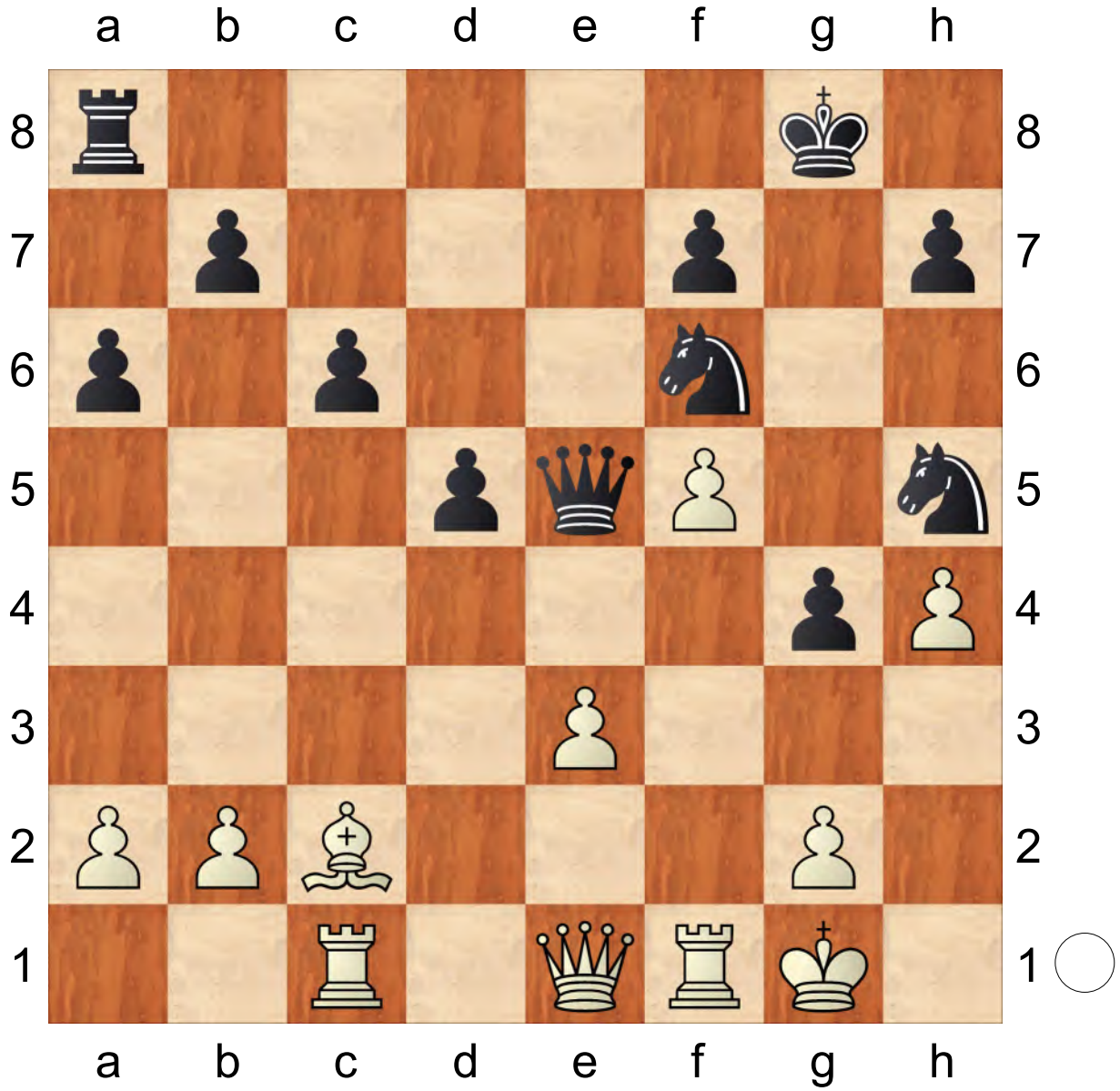


21.Ne5 Qc7 22.h4? A further and even more serious weakening.
[22.Qc3 or]
[22.Rf3 is met by Re7 Black prepares the swap, or direct elimination of the centralized ♘ (♖xe5) and is slightly better, but the game is far from decided.]
22...g4! Taking the important f3-square from the ♖. **23.Qc3**
[23.Rf4 gives Black a pleasant choice between h5∓ *(and 23...Rxe5!?⩱/∓)*]
23...Ngh5 24.Qe1 Prevents ♘g3, but now Black realises his main strategic motif.
[After the desperate 24.e4 Qb6! 25.Kh2 Rad8 White's position is falling apart, for example 26.Qe3 dxe4 27.Bb3 Rxe5! 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.dxe5 Qc7 30.Rc5 Rd5! 31.Bxd5 Qxe5+-+]
24...Rxe5! A strong positional exchange sacrifice. Petrosian probably wouldn't hesitate long to chop off the opponent's most active piece, neither did Magnus...
25.dxe5 Qxe5∓



/-+ Black has a pawn for the exchange, but above all he controls all the important squares on the kingside. White has numerous weaknesses and no effective counterplay, so Magnus can gradually increase his pressure without any hurry or haste. **26.Qc3 Qg3 27.Qe1 Qd6 28.Qf2**

[After 28.e4 Re8 29.Qe3 Black can among others play Qg3!? *(29...Ng3-+)* 30.Qxg3 Nxg3 31.Rfe1 Nfxe4 32.Bxe4 Nxe4-+ Material is already equal, but the ♙f5 is doomed - Black's position is technically winning.]

28...Re8 29.Rcd1 Qe5 30.Rd4 c5

[30...Qxe3?! 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Kf2∓ is less convincing, as the ♙f5 remains protected.]

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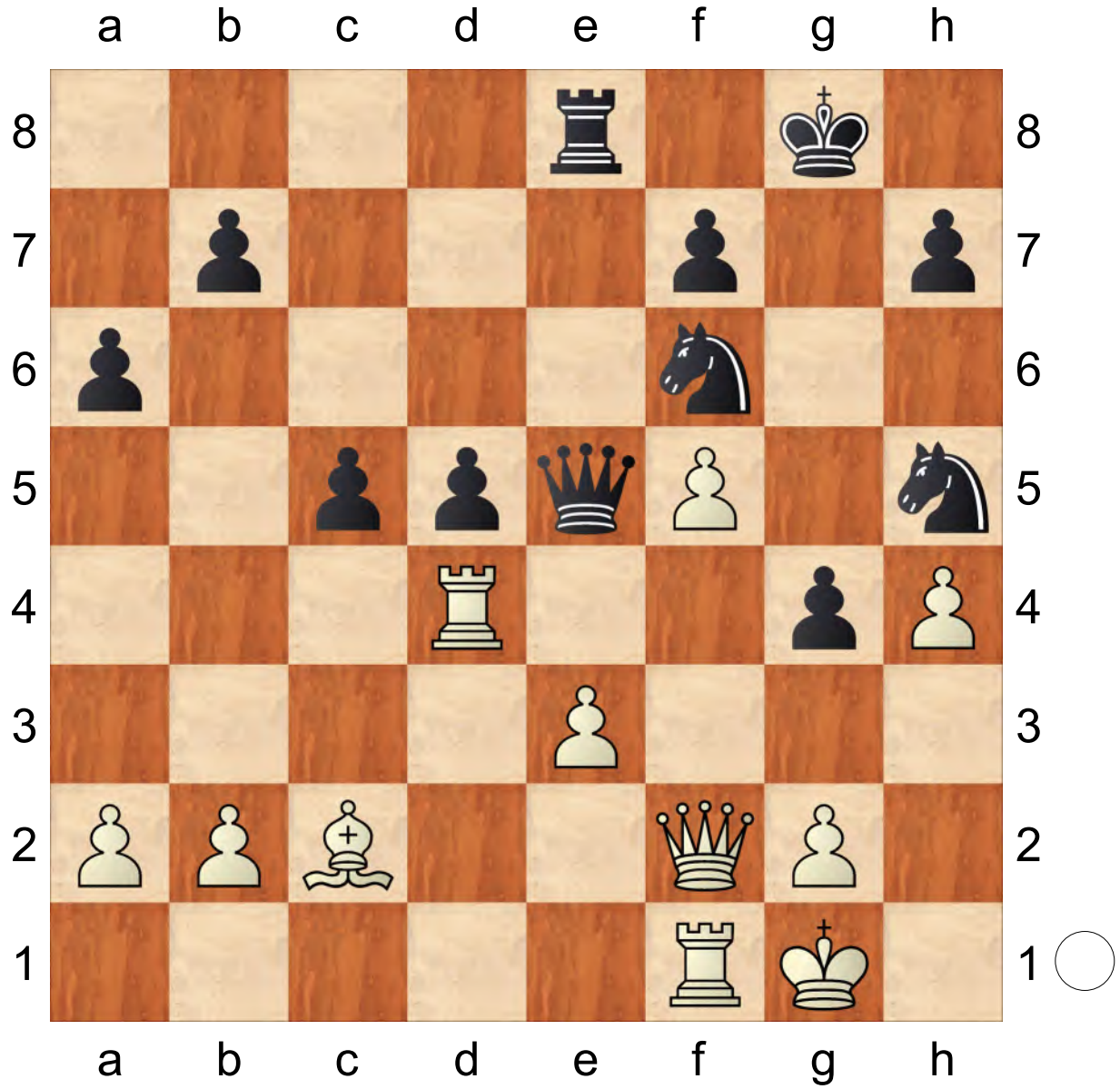


31.Rd2 Ng3 32.Rfd1 Kf8! Playing it nice and slow. Carlsen improves his position, protecting the ♖e8 makes ♘e4 a real threat.

[Winning material immediately with 32...Qxe3?! 33.Qxe3 Rxe3 34.Rxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5∓]

[or 32...Nfe4?! 33.Bxe4 Nxe4 34.Rxd5 Nxf2 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Kxf2⩲ would give White drawing chances. Even the engine approves of the text and already considers Black's win a matter of technique.]

33.Rd3

[More resilient was 33.Qe1]

33...Nfe4

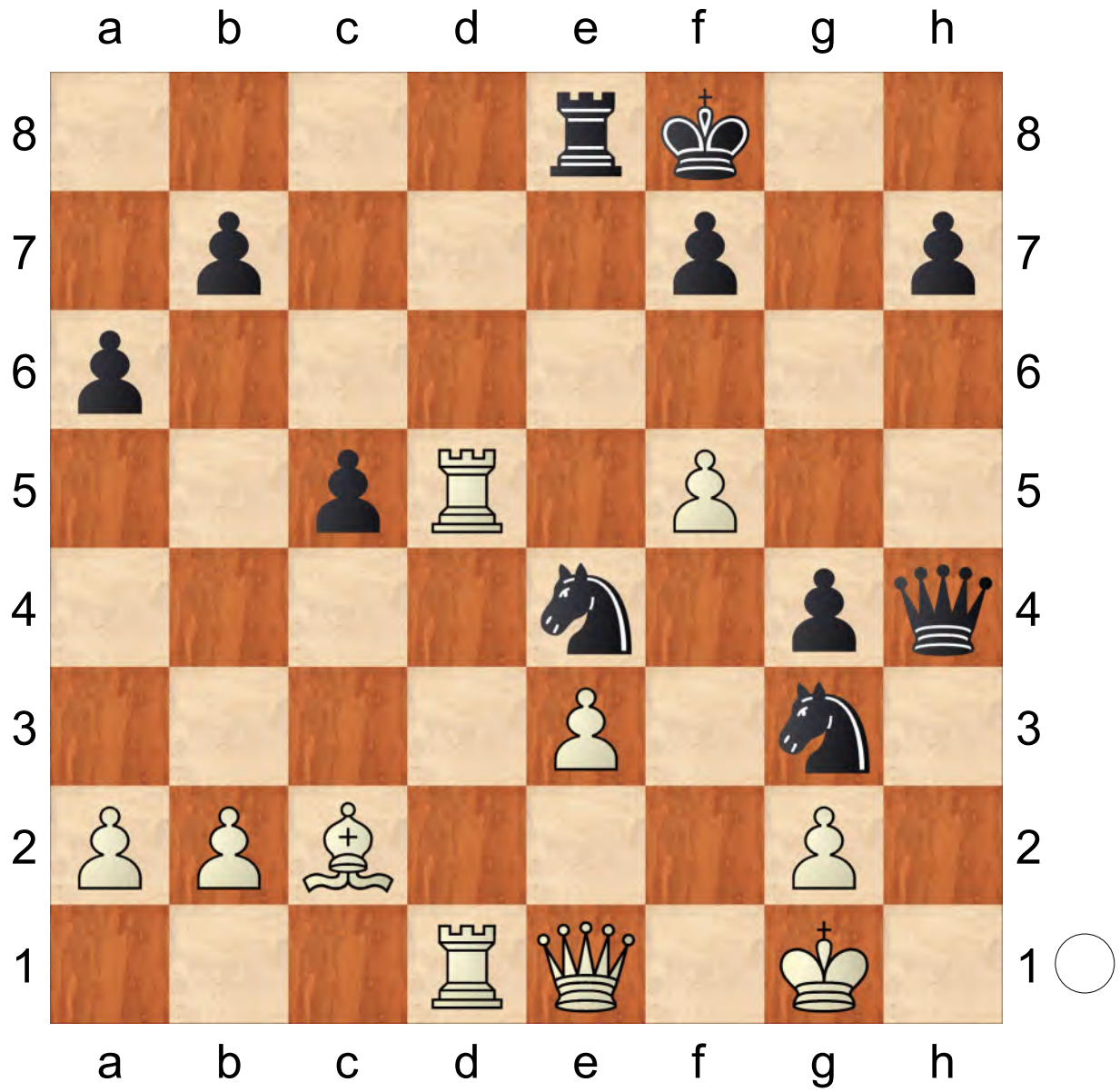
[33...Nge4!? 34.Qf4 Qxb2-+ is even more convincing.]

34.Qe1

[A better practical chance was 34.Rxd5 , but after the precise Qf6!?

*(*Magnus would have maybe preferred the technical *34...Qxb2 35.Bxe4 Qxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 37.Ke1 Nc3-+* and the ♖⊥ is won for Black. *)* 35.Bxe4 Qxh4 36.Qc2 Nxe4 37.Rxc5 Kg7! *(37...g3? 38.Rc8 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qh1+ 40.Ke2 Qxg2+ 41.Kd3∞* nie je jasné *)* 38.f6+ *(38.Rc8 Re5!-+)* 38...Kh6 39.Rf5 g3 40.Rdd5 Nxf6!-+ Black wins.]

34...Qf6 Now all is much simpler and attack breaks through. **35.Rxd5 Qxh4**



36.Bxe4 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Nxe4+ 38.Ke2 Qxg2+ 39.Kd3

[The quickest and most forcing way is 39.Kd3 c4+ *(39...b5-+; 39...Qxb2-+)* 40.Kxc4 Qc2+ 41.Kb4 Qxb2+ 42.Ka5 b6+! 43.Kxa6 Qa3+ 44.Kxb6 Rb8+ 45.Kc7 Qa7+ 46.Kc6 Qb7#]

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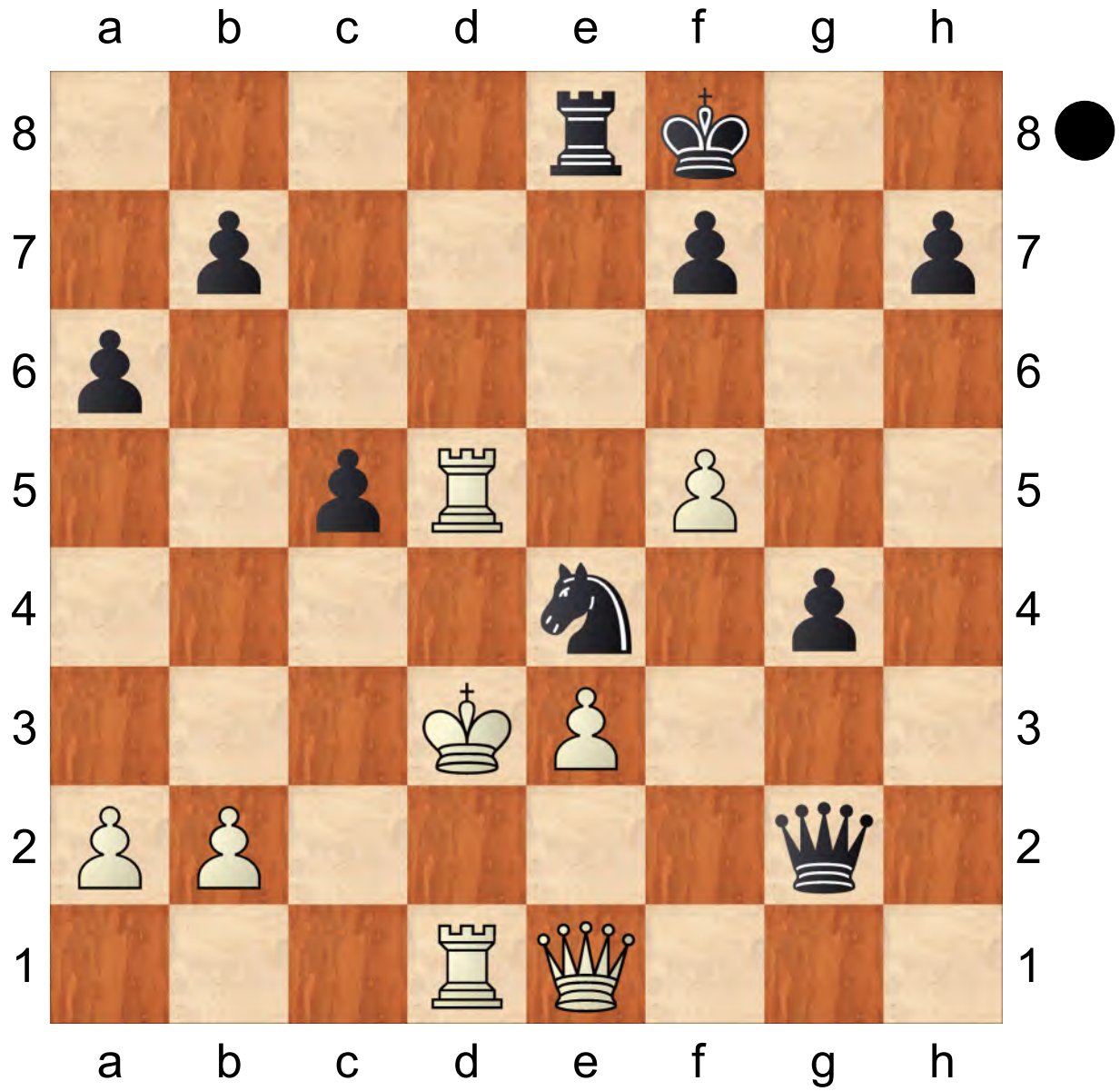

White resigned without waiting for Black's move,
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E04

□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2787**
■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2805**
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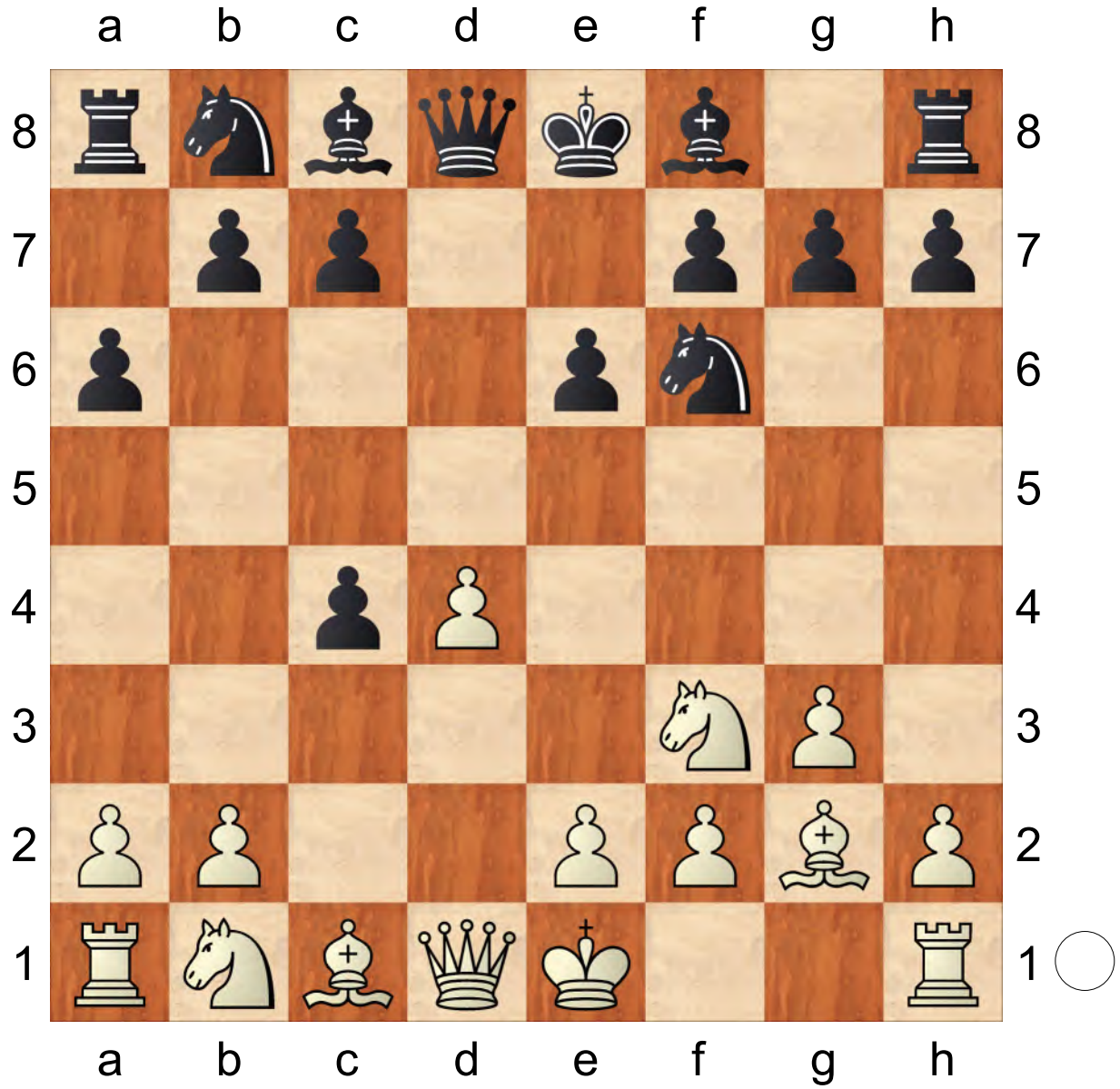
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Cabrilo,Goran **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3** Anand allows the Queen's Indian - if he played
[3.g3 directly, he would have to reckon with a possible transposition to the Benoni with c5 see Aronian-Topalov, Linares 2010 (CBM 135).]
3...d5 4.g3 While closed games did bring Anand success in Bonn 2008 and Topalov certainly expected 1.d4, the Catalan until now figured only in a few Anand's blitz games. Running a bit ahead, it seems a psychologically astute choice - Topalov usually strives for the initiative from the beginning, while in the Catalan most of Black's ambitious choices are connected with taking a ♙ and holding on to it, while trying to survive White's initiative. As we saw in numerous games earlier (For example in Game 1, or Topalov-Kramnik, Wijk aan Zee 2008 to name a few), Topalov is more comfortable with sacrificing material himself, than defending. This game offers further proof. **4...dxc4** The most solid moves are
[4...Be7 and]
[4...Bb4+ Topalov most often played the latter move and turned to it in Game 7, albeit even then he connected it with an attractive sacrificial concept.]
5.Bg2 a6

(Diagram)

If MegaBase is complete, Topalov previously played this only once. Possibly he was counting on the effect of surprise and in a sense this calculation paid off to certain extent - Anand's play in the transition from the opening to the middlegame wasn't quite ideal (see move 15). However, the general character of the resulting positions will still fit him fine enough. **6.Ne5**
[A more usual continuation is the pawn sacrifice 6.0-0!?
A) After 6...Nc6 White has recently been successful with 7.Bg5!? Be7 8.e3 Nd5 *(8...Bd7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rc1 Rb8 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne4 b5 13.b3⩲ Be7 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Rxc4 Nb4 16.a4 Qe8 17.Nc3 Nc6 18.d5 exd5 19.Nxd5 Bd6 20.Qc2↑* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2733)-Potkin,V (2619)/Villarrobledo rpd/2009/) 9.Bxe7 Ncxe7 *(9...Qxe7 10.Qc1 Nb6 11.Nfd2 Qb4 12.a3 Qb5 13.Nc3 Qf5 14.Nce4 e5 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 exd4 17.Nd6+ cxd6 18.Bxc6+ Ke7 19.Bd5 Be6 20.Qc7+ Kf6 21.e4 Qh5 22.Qxd6 Rhd8 23.Qf4+ Ke7 24.Qc7+ Kf8 25.Rfd1 Rac8 26.Qxb7 Bxd5 27.Qb4+ Kg8 28.Qxd4+-* Landa,K (2655)-Vallejo Pons,F (2696)/Lugo/2009/) 10.Ne5 *(10.a4 Rb8∞)* 10...b5 11.b3 cxb3 12.axb3 0-0 13.Qc2 Bb7 14.Nd3 Qd6 15.Qb2 Qb6 16.e4 Nf6 17.Nc5 Rfd8



18.Nc3 Bc6 19.b4 Be8 20.e5 Nfd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Ra5± Pelletier,Y (2589)-Fressinet,L (2658)/EU-chT Novi Sad/2009/

B) 6...b5 7.Ne5 Nd5

B1) 8.e4 Nf6 9.a4 Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bf4 *(*More principled is *13.d5!?* recommended also by Avrukh in his acclaimed repetoire book. His main line runs *Be7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Bh3 Qc8 17.Nf3 Na6 18.Ng5 Nc7 19.Bf4 Nfe8 20.Rd1!?N Bb7 21.Qe3 h6 22.Nf3 Na6 23.Ne5 Nec7 24.Ng6 Bc5 25.Qd2 Rf6 26.Ne5⩱)* 13...Be7 14.Qa1 Nbd7 15.d5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 cxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Re1+ Kf8 21.Qa3+ Be7 22.Qa7 g6 23.Nxb5 d4 1/2, Radjabov,T (2656)-Topalov,V (2735)/Linares/2004/ is the game I mentioned above.;

B2) 8.a4 Bb7 9.b3 Therefore Black tries to keep the position closed with

B2a) 9...cxb3 10.Qxb3↻ *(*or *10.axb5!? axb5 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.Qxb3⩱* is considered risky for Black due to White's lead in development. *)*;

B2b) 9...c3 10.e4 and now: A better chance is

B2b1) After 10...Nf6 the critical move is 11.Nxc3! *(11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Nxc3 b4⇄* and even forcing play doesn't give White an advantage: *14.Nb5 c6 15.d5!? cxb5 16.dxe6 Qxd1 17.exf7+ Ke7 18.Rxd1 Bxe4! 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Re1 Nc5 21.Ng6+ Kxf7 22.Nxh8+ Kg8 23.Re8 Nbd7 24.Bd2 Kxh8 25.Bxb4 Kg8=* Hera,I (2526)-Pavasovic,D (2601)/Nova Gorica/2008/*)* 11...b4 12.Na2 Nbd7 *(12...Bxe4? 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.Qf3 f5 15.Qh5++-)* 13.Bf4! Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nxe4?! *(⌓14...Nd7 15.Bf4 Be7 16.Rc1 c5 17.dxc5↑)* 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Qe1 f5 17.Nxb4 c5 18.Nd3 cxd4 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Bxd4 Qd7 21.Qa1 Bd6 22.Bxg7 Rg8 23.Bh6 Bxg3 24.hxg3 Qxd3 25.Qe5± /+-,Inarkiev,E (2676)-Naiditsch,A (2700)/Poikovsky/2009/;

B2b2) 10...b4!? 11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh3 c6!? *(13...Bg7?! 14.Nxc3! bxc3 15.Ba3 Bf8 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.Rac1 Ra7 18.Rxc3 Bxg2 19.Qxg2 Qxd4 20.Re3 Ke7 21.Qh3→* Buturin,V-Novikov,I (2500)/USSR/1986/*)* , but even here White is better after 14.Be3 Bg7 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Nxc3 bxc3 17.Rxc3 Qa5 18.Rac1± Peto,P (2095)-Dutra Neto,A (1972)/corr/2001/]

6...c5

[Black can also deviate with 6...Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nd5 , but he must reckon with 8.0-0!? *(*Kramnik's attempt to improve upon *8.Bd2 b5 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0∞)* 8...0-0 *(* Nobody has yet tried the risky (or foolhardy?), but perhaps playable *8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Rb1 Qxd4 11.Qa4+ b5 12.Qa3 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Qf6 14.Bxc7!? Be5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Bxa8 Qc7∞* Δ♕e7,♘d7-c5 *)* 9.Qc2 b5 An interesting try is

A) 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.b3 c6 12.e4 f6 13.exd5!? fxe5 14.bxc4 exd4 15.dxc6 leads to a draw almost by force after Qd6! *(15...Be6?! 16.cxb5 d3 17.c7 Qd4 18.Qa4 Nd7 19.Be3 Qd6 20.Bxa8 Rxa8* Kramnik,V (2769)-Morozevich,A (2758)/WCh Mexico City/2007/ *21.Rac1!+-)* 16.c7 d3 17.Qb3 bxc4 18.Qxc4+ Be6 19.Bf4 Bxc4 20.Bxd6 Bxd6 21.Rac1 Ra7 22.cxb8Q Bxb8 23.Rxc4 Rd7 24.Rd1 Ba7 25.Rd2 Bxf2+= 1/2, Winkler,T (2619)-Nasybullin,V (2605)/corr/2007/;

B) 10.Be4!? Bb7 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Be4 Qe8 14.Bg2 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nd7 16.Nf3 e5 17.b3 exd4 18.Nxd4 Qe5 Gelfand,B (2755)-Morozevich,A (2751)/Biel/2009/ Here Marin recommends 19.Rd1!? Nb6 20.Bb2± White is somewhat better due to his safer ♔.]

7.Na3!? With this move White goes for a gambit after all!

[The alternative is 7.Be3 Nd5 8.dxc5 Black's best is Nd7! *(8...Nxe3?! 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.fxe3 Ke8 11.c6 bxc6 12.Nxc4 a5 13.Kf2 Ra6 14.Nbd2 Nd7 15.Rac1 Ke7 16.Rhd1 g6 17.Nb3±* Wang Yue (2734)-Savchenko,B (2644)/WCup Khanty Mansiysk/2009/ *)* 9.Bd4 Nxe5 10.Bxe5

A) Interesting is also 10...Bxc5!? 11.Bxg7 Rg8 12.Bc3 Qc7 13.e4? *(13.e3=; 13.Bxd5!? exd5 14.Qxd5 Be6 15.Qh5 0-0-0 16.Nd2∞)* 13...Nf4 14.Bf1 b5 15.Nd2 Bxf2+! 16.Kxf2 Qc5+ 17.Kf3 e5 18.h3 Nh5 19.g4 f5!→ 20.Qe1 fxg4+ 21.Ke2 g3 22.b4 cxb3 23.Nxb3 Nf4+ 0-1, Erbe,U (2240)-Makovsky,P (2457)/corr/2005/;

B) 10...f6 11.Bd4 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 Qa5+ 13.Nc3 *(13.Nd2 Qxc5 14.Rc1 b5 15.b3 Bb7 16.0-0 Ne3! 17.fxe3 Qxe3+ 18.Rf2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rd8 20.Rc2 c3 21.Rf3 Rxd2 22.Rxe3 Rxd1 23.Rexc3 Ke7 24.Rc6 Rd6 25.Rc7+ Rd7 26.R7c6 Rd6 27.Rc7+* 1/2,Ivanchuk,V-Kuporosov,V/USSR/1986*)* 13...Nxc3 14.Qd6 Nd5+!? *(14...Nb5+ 15.Bb4≌ /±*) 15.Kf1 Kf7 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Qxd5+ Be6 18.Qxb7+ Kg6 1/2, Kund,W (2239)-Overton,D (2288)/corr/2004/ Here White can give a perpetual, continuing the fight 19.Qb4 Qc7≌ ɣf1 is not without risk]

7...cxd4 8.Naxc4 Bc5

[Another continuation is the attempt to quickly develop the ♗c8, countering the pressure on the ⇗h1-a8: 8...Ra7 Δb5 9.Bd2 *(9.a4 b6∞)* 9...b6

A) 10.Qb3 Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7

A1) 12.Na5

A1a) 12...Rc7 13.Qxb6 Bc5 14.Qb3 0-0 15.0-0 Qd5 *(15...Ne4!?⇄)* 16.Qxd5 Nxd5 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Nd3 Bb6 19.Rxc7 Rxc7 20.Rc1 Rxc1+ 21.Nxc1 Kf8 22.Nc4 Ba7 23.Nd3± Bykhovsky,A (2445)-Kaidanov,G (2345)/Irkutsk/1983/;

A1b) 12...Ra7!? 13.0-0 Ne4! 14.Qa4+ b5 15.Qc2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Qd5 17.Nf3 Bc5 18.Nb3 Bb6 *(18...0-0 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 20.Rfc1 Qd5 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.Nxd4 Rd7 23.Nb3 Rfd8 24.f3 Kf8 25.Kf2±* Dizdar,G (2545)-Novikov,I (2590)/Luzern WChT/1997/*)* 19.Nfxd4 Rd7=;

A2) 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Bb4 Qe7 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Qf3 Rc7!? *(15...Re7 16.b4! Δ Qxb4 17.Nd3 Qxc4 18.Rfc1 Qxc1+ 19.Rxc1 0-0* Wojtkiewicz,A (2554)-Van Wely,L (2647)/Ledyards/2006/ *20.Ne5±)* 16.Rfc1 b5 17.Nd3 Qe7 18.Nce5 0-0 19.Rxc7 Qxc7 20.Rc1 Qb6 21.a3 Nd5 22.Qe4 Rd8 23.h4 h6≌ 1/2, Pavlovic,M (2520)-Perunovic,M (2579)/Zlatibor/2008/ Here White's pressure compensates for the missing ♙, but not more than that.;

B) 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7 12.Rc1 Ne4!? *(12...Bc5 13.b4 Be7 14.Be3!? 0-0 15.Bxd4 Bxb4 16.Bxb6 Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Nbd7 18.Bd4 Rc7 19.Nd3 Be7 20.Nb6 Rb7 21.Nc8 Ba3 22.Rc3 Bb2 23.Nxb2 Rxb2* Van Wely,L (2625)-Robson,R (2455)/Moscow/2009/ *24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Rc8±)* 13.Qc2 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 Bc5 15.b4 Bd6 16.Qe4 Rc7 17.Ndf3 0-0 18.Nxd4 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Rd7! 20.e3 Rd5 21.Qc7 a5 22.bxa5 Rxa5 23.Qxd8 Rxd8= Tkachiev,V (2609)-Atalik,S (2560)/Moscow/2005/]

9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd2 White's compensation is based on his lead in development and « pressure. The text move is his most usual try, but in Game 6 Anand came up with the almost unexplored

[10.Bg5!? h6 *(* White's idea is to prevent Black from closing the ⇗ h1-a8 with ♘d5.

Thus also *10...Nbd7!?* deserves attention, but White retains compensation after *11.Rc1⟳)* 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Qa4 *(13.Na5 Nd7=)* 13...Nc6 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxc6!? bxc6 15.Qxc6 Rb8 16.Nd6 e5 17.Nxc8 Rfxc8 18.Qe4 Qe6 19.f4±)* 14...e5 15.Bxc6 b5!? 16.Qc2 *(* Being a point up, Anand has no reason to go for *16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Qxb5 e4⩱)* 16...Qxc6 17.Ncxe5 Qe4 18.Qc6 Bb7 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rc2 Rfe8 21.Rfc1 f6 22.Nd7 Bf5 23.N7c5 Bb6 *(23...Bxc5!? 24.Rxc5 Bxd3 25.exd3 Re2 26.R1c2 Rae8 27.Kf1 Rxc2 28.Rxc2 Kf7 Δ 29.Rc5 Re5 30.Rc6 Re6 31.Rc7+ Re7=)* 24.Nb7 Bd7 25.Nf4 *(25.Nd6 Re6 26.Nc8!?±* is a typical computer suggestion, Anand makes a more human choice. *)* 25...Rab8 26.Nd6 Re5 27.Nc8 Ba5 28.Nd3 Re8 29.Na7 Bb6 30.Nc6 Rb7 31.Ncb4 a5 32.Nd5 a4 33.Nxb6 Rxb6= Anand,V (2787)-Topalov,V (2805)/ WCh Sofia (6)/2010/]

[10.Qb3 Nd5 11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Nd3 b6!? 13.Rac1 Rb8 14.Nxc5 bxc5 15.Qa3 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Ba5 Qg5 18.Bc7 Rb4 19.Bd6 Ra4 20.Qb3 Rb4 21.Qa3 Rc8!? 22.Nd2 Ra4 23.Qb3 Rb4 24.Qa3 Ra4 25.Qb3 Ra5 26.Nc4 Rb5 27.Qa3 Qd8 28.e3 1/2 Le Roux,J (2485)-Edouard,R (2597)/Nimes 2009/CBM 132 (41) N5b6!↑]

10...Nd5

[It's too late for 10...Ra7?! 11.Ba5! b6 12.b4 bxa5 13.bxc5 Rc7 14.Rb1↑]

[10...Nbd7 11.Nd3⩱ /± causes Black more problems with development.]

(Diagram)

11.Rc1 Nd7

[≤11...Qf6 12.Nd3 Be7? 13.e4! Nc7 14.Bf4 Nb5 15.e5 Qf5 16.Nb6+- Gelfand,B (2703)-Aronian,L (2649)/Bastia rpd/ 2003/]

[11...b5?! 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Ba5↑]

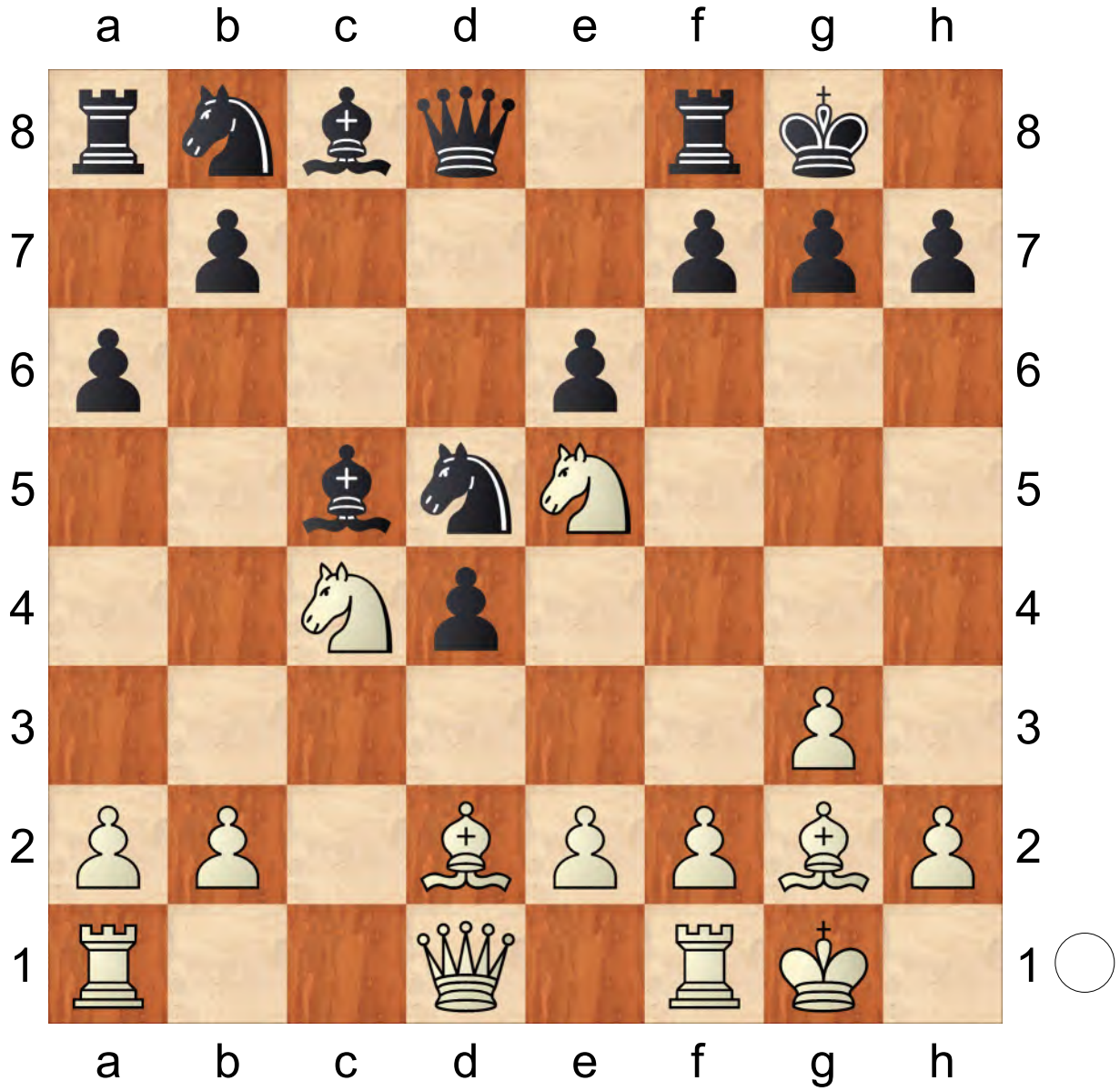
[11...b6 12.Qb3 *(12.Nd3 Be7 13.Qb3 Nd7 14.e4 dxe3 15.Nxe3 N7f6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Nf4 Bb7 18.Rfd1 Rc8=; 12.e4!? dxe3 13.Bxe3⩱)* 12...Nd7 13.Rfd1 a5 14.Qa4 Qc7 15.Bf4 Nxf4 16.gxf4 Ra6 *(16...Nxe5 17.Nxe5 f6!? 18.Nd3 Bb7=)* 17.Qc6 Qa7 18.Qb5 Nb8 19.Na3 Qe7 20.Nc2 f6 21.Nd3 Bd7 22.Qc4 Ra7 23.Nxd4↑ Gustafsson,J (2614)-Berkes,F (2619)/EU-chT Gothenburg/ 2005/]

12.Nd3 Ba7

[After 12...b6 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Ü 98/367' White has more than one way to retain his ↑: 13.Na5 *(13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.b4!? Δ Rb8 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Na5 Rb5 17.Nc6 Qb6 18.Nxd4±)*

A) 13...Re8 14.Nc6 *(14.Qa4!?↑ Δ♘c6)* 14...Qf6 15.b4 Bb7 16.Nxc5 *(16.Na5?! bxa5 17.bxc5 Bc6 18.Bxa5 e5 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Nb4 Bc6 21.Bc7 a5 22.Nxc6 Qxc6 23.Bd6 Nf6* Kiss,P (2435)-Beliavsky,A (2645)/HUN-chT/1999/ *24.Rb1⇄)* 16...bxc5 17.Na5±;

B) 13...Qf6 14.Nb3!? *(14.b4 Bd6 15.Nc4 Bb8 16.e4 dxe3 17.Nxe3 Bb7*



18.Qb3 Ne5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.a4 Rfd8∓ Kiss,P (2400)-Istratescu,A (2622)/HUN-chT/2005/) 14...Rb8 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Bf4 Rb7 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Rc2 f6 19.h4!± *(19.Rfc1 g5 20.Nbxc5 bxc5 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.Rxc5 Bg4⇄)*]

[12...Be7 13.Nf4! Nxf4 14.Bxf4 Nb6 15.Be5 Bf6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.e3!?↻ ↑]

13.Ba5

[13.Na5 N7f6 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Rc2 Bd7 16.Rfc1 Bb5 17.a4 Bxd3 18.exd3 Re8= /∓, Vidit,S (2356)-Venkatesh,M (2462)/Nagpur/2008/ forces White's ♘ to retreat from a5 without achieving anything concrete.]

[13.Qb3 Δ♖c2, ♖fc1⇔c Nc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Ba5 Qf6∞]

13...Qe7 14.Qb3 Rb8

[14...h6!? is maybe more useful, than the text move. However, even here White has undeniable compensation.]

15.Qa3?!N Cabrilo,Goran: 'N!?' This shocking move initiates a daring concept and was a product of longer thought. It clearly indicates Anand's preparation was over and he was out on his own. However, it's hardly the best choice.

[As far as I know, this position has occurred only once in previous practice and White played the straightforward 15.Nce5!? Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qf6 *(16...h6!? 17.Nd3 Re8∞)* 17.Nd3 b6?! *(⌓17...Qf5)* 18.Bb4 Rd8 19.Bxd5 *(19.Qa3!? e5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rc7↑)* 19...Rxd5 20.Rc7 Bb7?! *(20...Rd7 21.Qc2 Qd8 22.Rc1↑)* 21.Be7 Qf5 22.Rxb7! *(22.Qc2? e5 23.Rc1 h6 24.Nb4 d3! 25.exd3 Rd7→* Gulko,B (2559)-Shulman,Y (2606)/USA-ch Tulsa/2008/*)* 22...Rxb7 23.Qc4 Rc5 *(23...Rb8 24.Qc7±)* 24.Bxc5 bxc5 25.Qxa6± *(25.b4!?↑* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2756)-Khairullin,I (2617) RUS-chT 17th 2010 (6) This position reminds one of a recent game, in which the blockading ♘d3 also played a major and positive role, albeit in a different Catalan line. *)*]

[Various annotators suggested alternatives such as 15.Rfd1⩱]

[15.Rfe1 Δ♗d5,♘b6 b6 *(15...b5 16.Nce5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bb7 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.Rxc6 Bb6 20.Bd2⩱)* 16.Bb4 Nc5⇄]

[15.Rc2!?⩱ has the same idea of protecting e2. Here b6?! 16.Bb4 Nc5 runs into *(16...Nxb4 17.Qxb4!?±)* 17.Bxd5 Qd8! *(17...exd5? 18.Nxb6!±)* 18.Qa3 Qxd5 19.Nxb6 Bxb6 20.Bxc5 Bb7 21.f3↑]

15...Qxa3

(Diagram)

16.bxa3

[16.Nxa3!? was not Anand's intention, but objectively it's at least no worse than the text move.]

16...N7f6?!

[Topalov's reaction is not ideal, after the universally recommended 16...Nc5 17.Nd6 b6∓ it's White, who is fighting for equality. *(17...Nxd3 18.exd3 b6 19.Nxc8 Rbxc8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Bb4=* leads to a drawish ⊥, the doubled extra ♙ doesn't play a big role. *)*]

17.Nce5 Re8 18.Rc2 b6 Chases away the nagging ♗a5, but restricts the ♗a7.

[18...Nd7? Cabrilo,Goran 19.Rxc8]

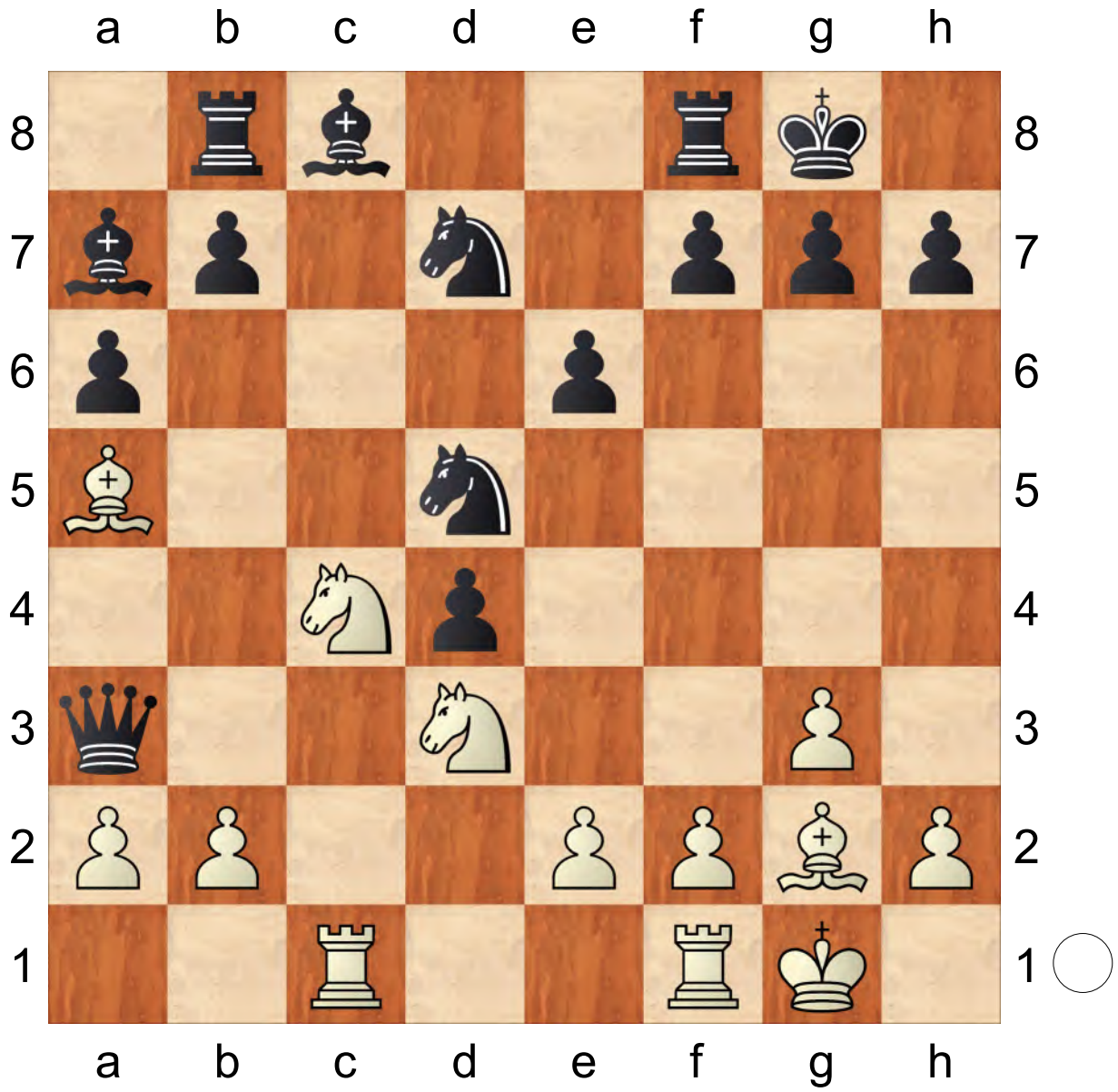
[18...Bd7 Cabrilo,Goran 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Rb1⩱]

19.Bd2 Bb7 20.Rfc1 Rbd8

[20...Rbc8? Cabrilo,Goran 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Nc6+-]

(Diagram)

21.f4⩱ Cabrilo,Goran: '!' White controls the ⇔c and the ⊞ and has again reasonable compensation. Objectively the situation is roughly balanced, but Topalov still feels he should play for more than equality with his extra ♙ and gradually his position starts to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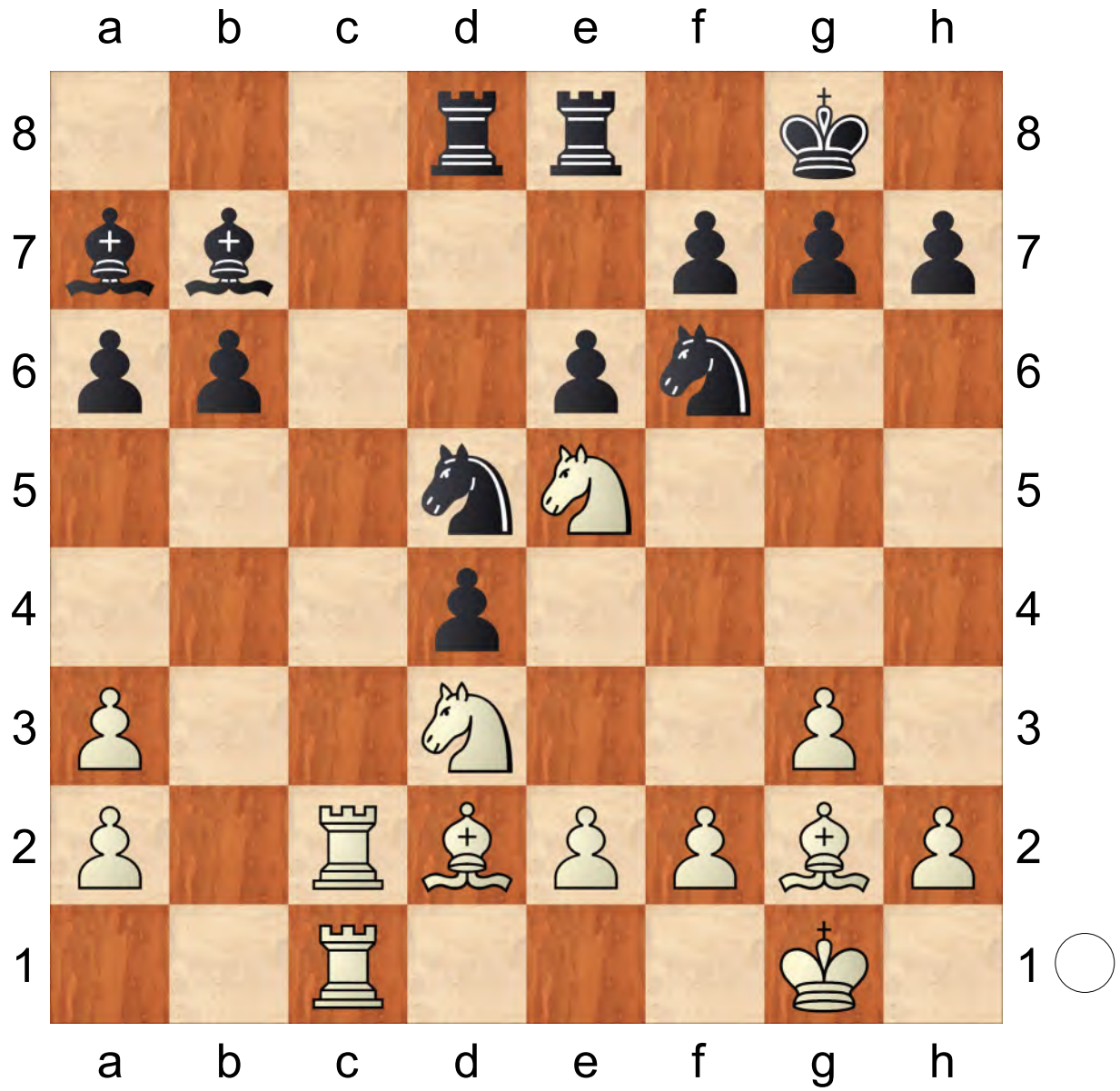


deteriorate. In the following phase Anand inconspicuously, but completely outplays his opponent.

[21.a4⩲]

[21.Nb4 Cabrilo,Goran Nxb4 22.axb4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Bb8 24.Nc6 Rd7=]

21...Bb8

[21...b5 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.Rxc6 Bb6 24.Bf3⩲ ⧉]

22.a4 a5

[Black still wants more than 22...Rc8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Nc6 Bc7 *(25...Bd6 26.Nxd4= /±,Δe4-e5)* 26.Nxd4 Bd7 27.e4 Ne7 28.Nb4 b5 29.axb5 *(29.Nxa6 Bb6∓)* 29...Bb6 30.Bc3 Bxb5=]

23.Nc6 Rules out the possibility of ♗a6. **23...Bxc6** **24.Rxc6** Cabrilo,Goran: '⩲' Cabrilo,Goran: '[⇔c, ⧉]' **24...h5** Striving to keep the tension, Black starts to lose thread.

[24...e5 25.fxe5 Bxe5 26.R1c4 Nc3 27.Bxc3 *(27.Bf3 Nd7∓)* 27...dxc3 28.Nxe5 Rxe5 29.Bf3=]
[24...h6!? was also more solid, than the text-move - here the h-pawn won't be en prise.]

25.R1c4
[25.Bf3!?]

25...Ne3?!
[25...Ng4!? 26.Bf3 *(26.Rxd4?* already allows *Ba7∓)* 26...e5⇄]
[Engines mostly suggest the ugly 25...Ba7∞ and this is also better, than the text move. Although it puts the ♗ on a funny square, it enables ♘e7-f5, later ♗b8 can follow once again.]
[RR25...h4 Cabrilo,Goran 26.Bf3 *(26.Rxd4?! Ba7!* Δ b5*; 26.gxh4 Nh5)* 26...hxg3 27.hxg3 Nd7 28.Rxd4 Ne7 29.Rc3 e5 Khalifman,A]

(Diagram)

Topalov is still unable to hit the brakes and his position starts sliding downhill - now White will be already better. **26.Bxe3 dxe3 27.Bf3**
[Anand feels his opponent's indecision and refrains from 27.Rxb6!?± Δ Rxd3?! 28.exd3 e2 29.Rb1 Ba7+ 30.d4±]

27...g6?! This rules out e5.
[27...Rd6 28.Rxd6 Bxd6 29.Rc6±]
[27...h4!? 28.Rxb6 hxg3 *(28...h3* strives to create back-rank tactical chances, but after *29.Rb5 e5 30.fxe5 Rxe5 31.Rc1!?±* White's « play is more dangerous. *)* 29.hxg3 e5 30.fxe5 Nd7± /⇄]
[27...Nd7 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Δ e5' 28.Bxh5 g6 29.Bf3 f5 30.Kg2±]

28.Rxb6 Ba7
[⌓28...Re7!?± still holds on to the ×a5.]

29.Rb3!
[29.Rb7 Rxd3 30.Rxa7 Rd2 31.Rcc7 Rf8 32.Rxa5 Nd5± /⇄ Anand wants to take the ♙ under better circumstances.]

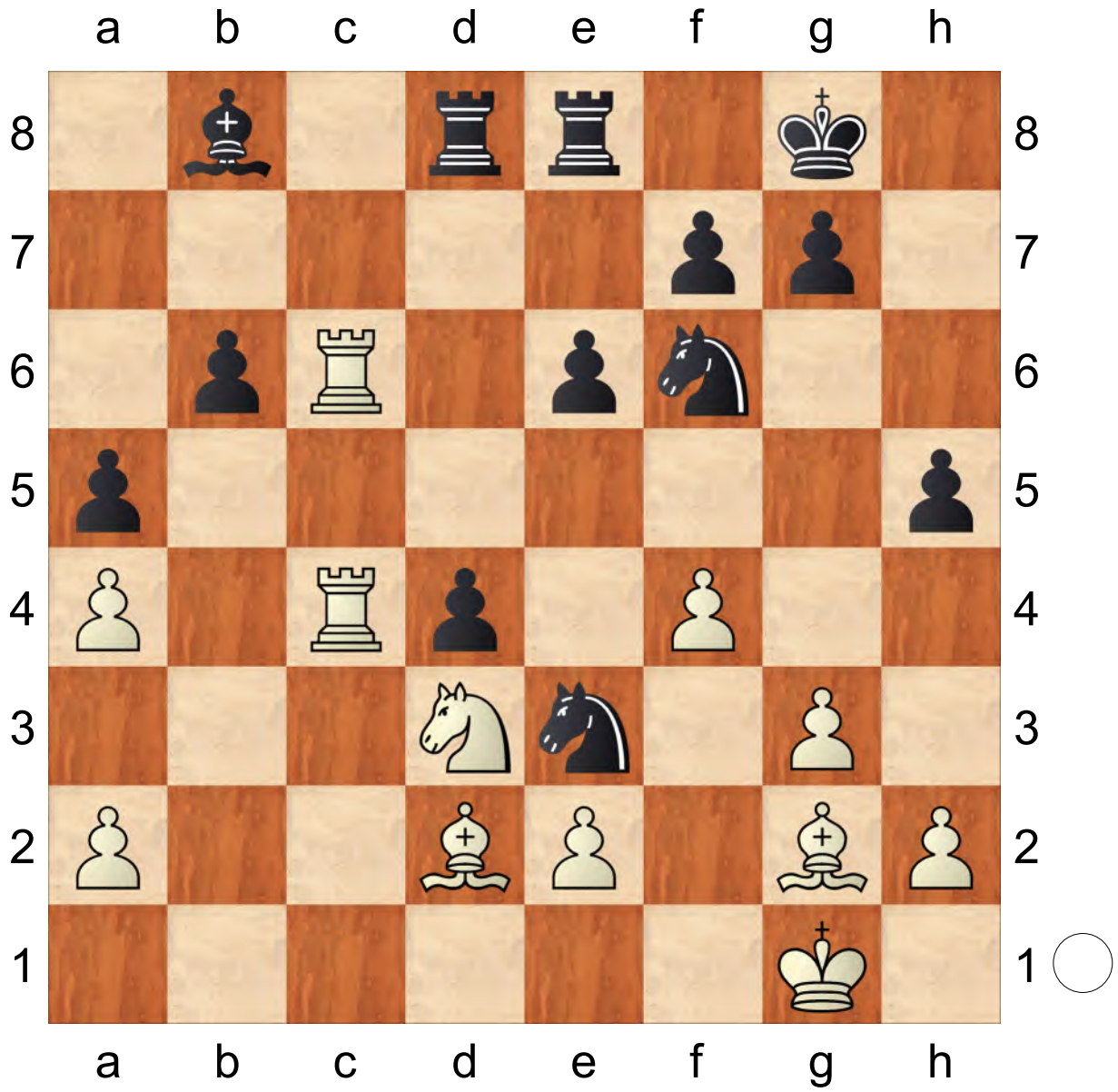
29...Rd4 Better tries were
[29...h4]
[or 29...Re7!?]

30.Rc7 Bb8

(Diagram)

31.Rc5 Cabrilo,Goran: '±' **31...Bd6**
[31...Rxa4? 32.Bc6+-]
[⌓31...h4 Cabrilo,Goran 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.Rxa5 Rh8⇄]

32.Rxa5 Rc8 33.Kg2 Rc2 34.a3 Ra2?! Cabrilo,Goran: '?' This quickly loses by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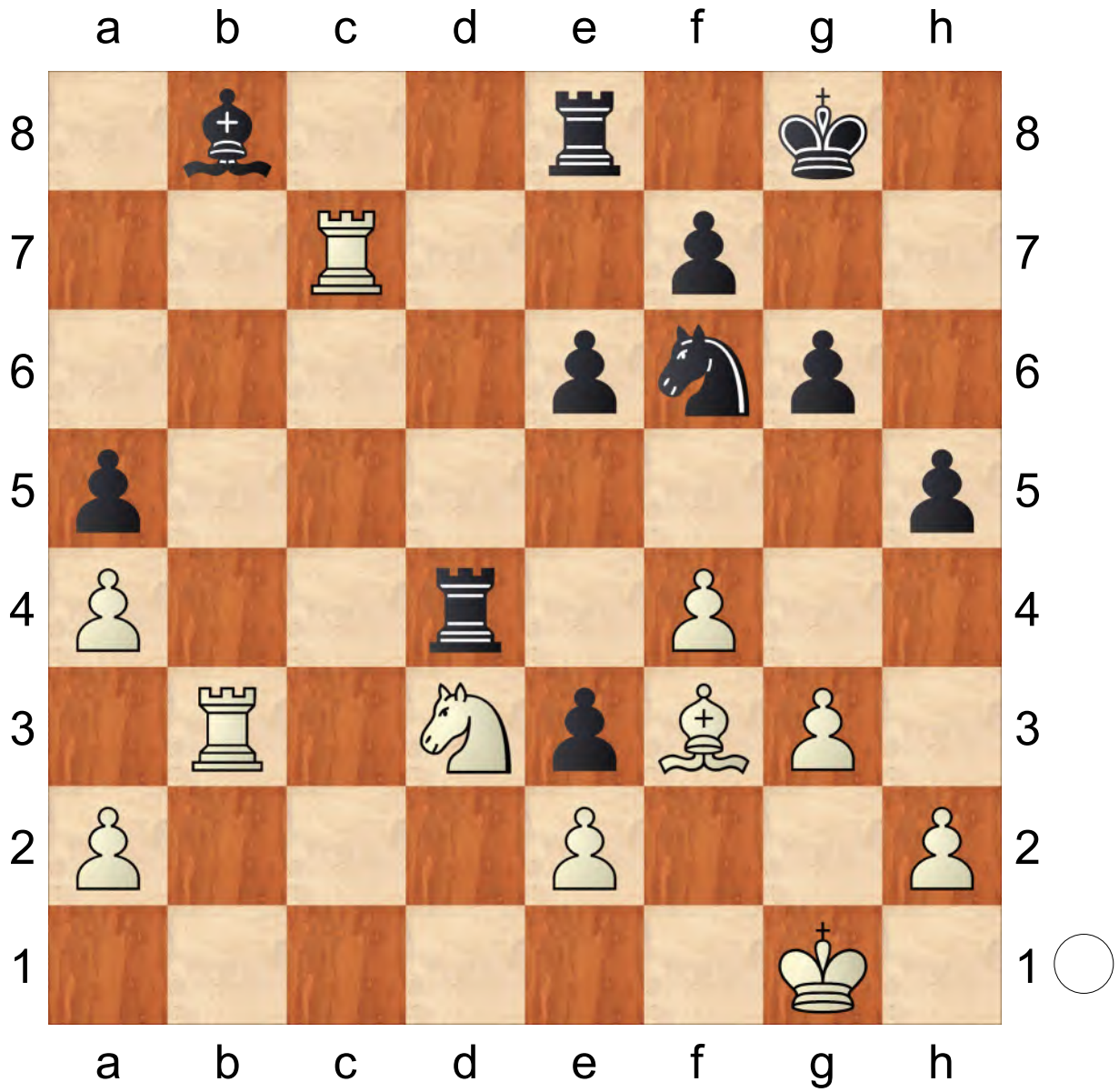


force.

[34...Kg7 35.Ra7± /+-]

[The more resilient 34...Nd5!? Cabrilo,Goran: '⌓' was Black's last chance:

A) 35.Bxd5 Rxe2+! *(35...Rxd5 36.Rxd5 exd5 37.Kf3 Ra2 38.Nb4+-)* 36.Kf3 Rxh2 37.Kxe3 Rxd5 38.Rxd5 exd5 39.a5 Ra2 40.a6 Bxa3 41.a7 Bf8 42.Rb7 Ra4±;

B) 35.Kh3±;

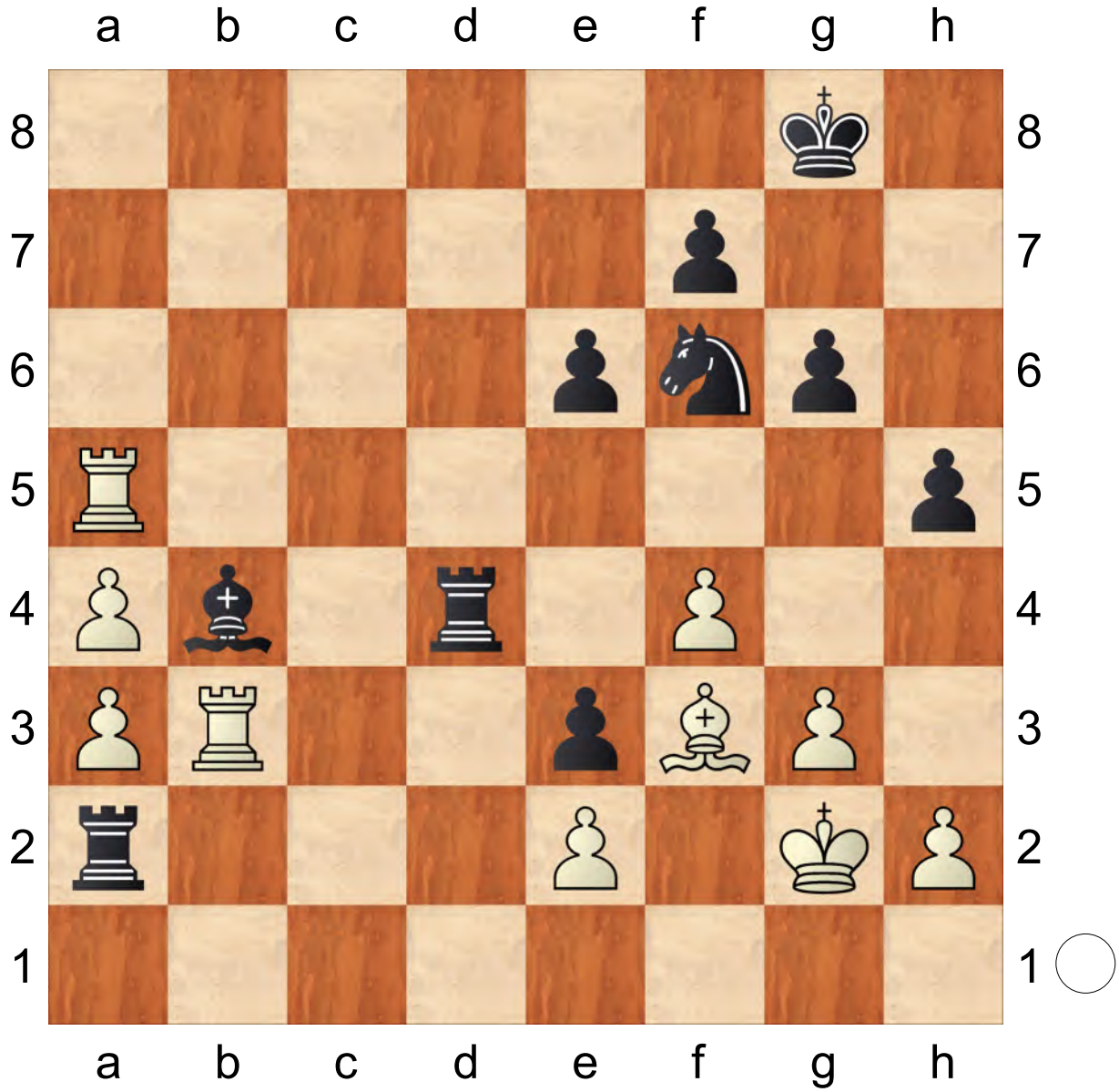
C) 35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.a5±]

35.Nb4!+- Cabrilo,Goran: '+-' Now Black must either take, or leave the ⇔a. In both cases the game is over. **35...Bxb4**

[35...Ra1? 36.Nc2+-]

[35...Rxa3? 36.Rxa3 Bxb4 37.Ra8++-]

[35...Rad2 36.Ra8+ Kg7 37.a5+- is equally hopeless.]



36.axb4 Nd5 37.b5 Raxa4 38.Rxa4 Rxa4 39.Bxd5 exd5 40.b6 Ra8

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41.b7 Rb8 42.Kf3 d4 43.Ke4

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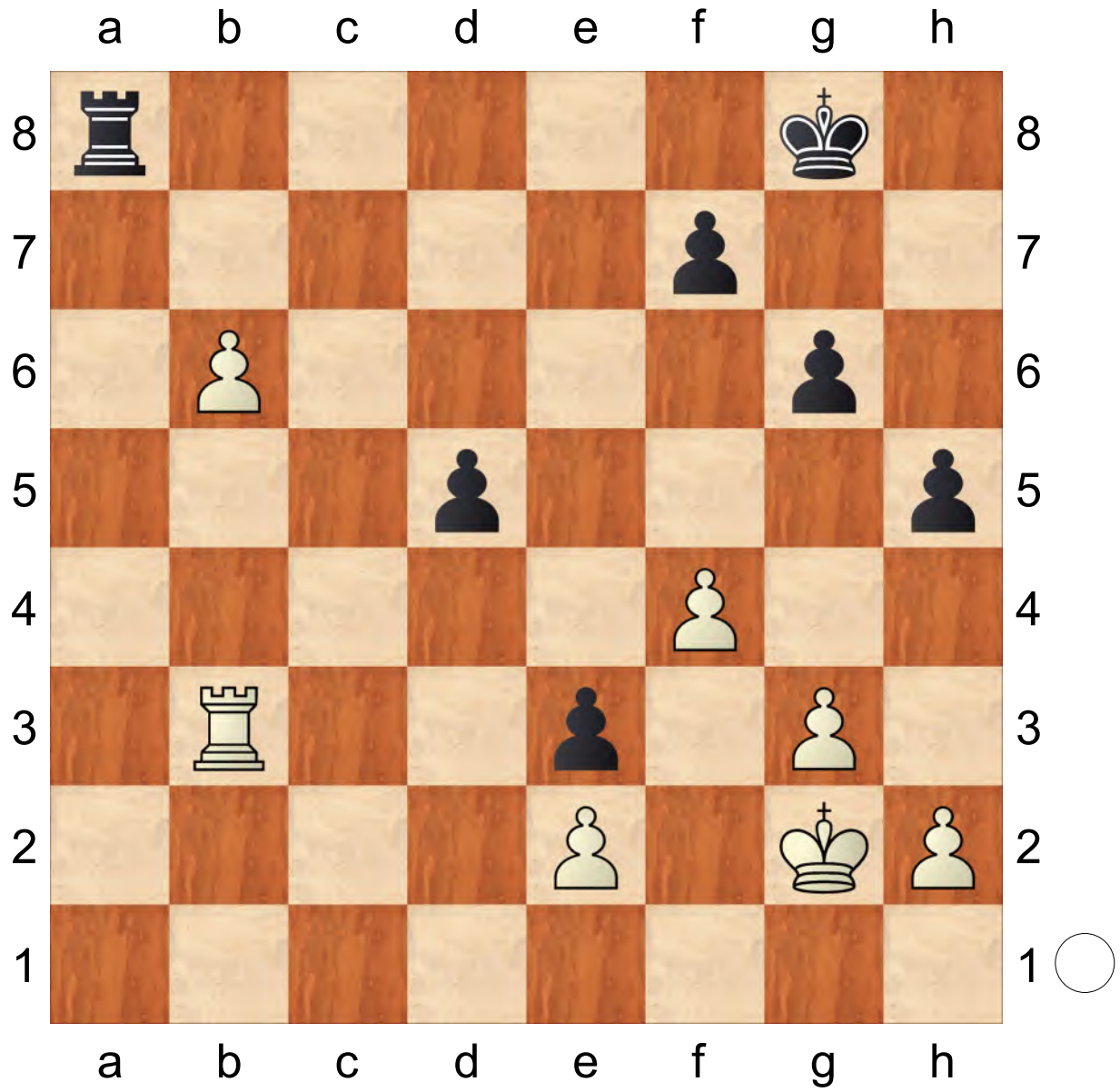
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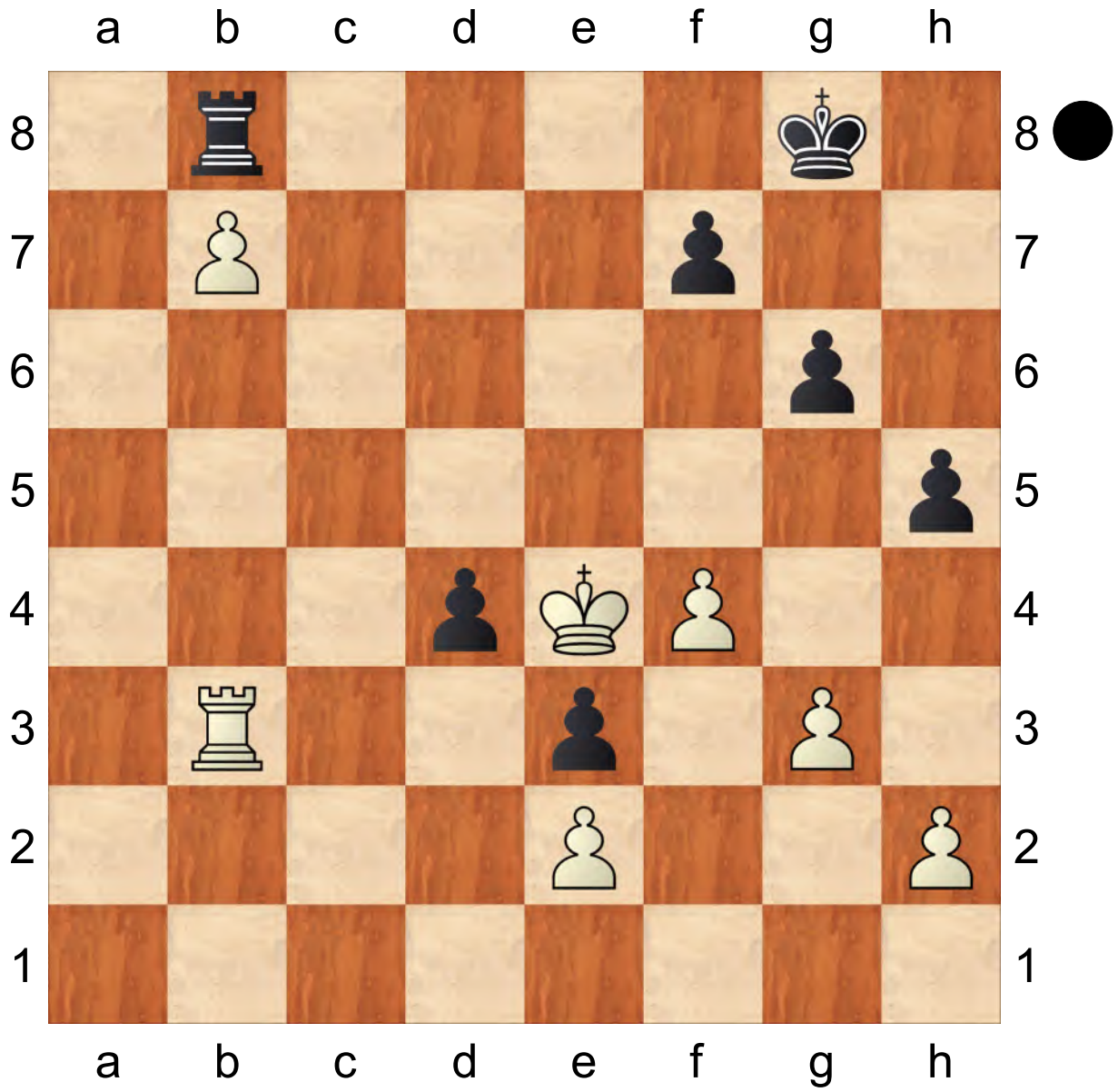
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☐ **CBM 57**
■ **Main line 8.Se4**
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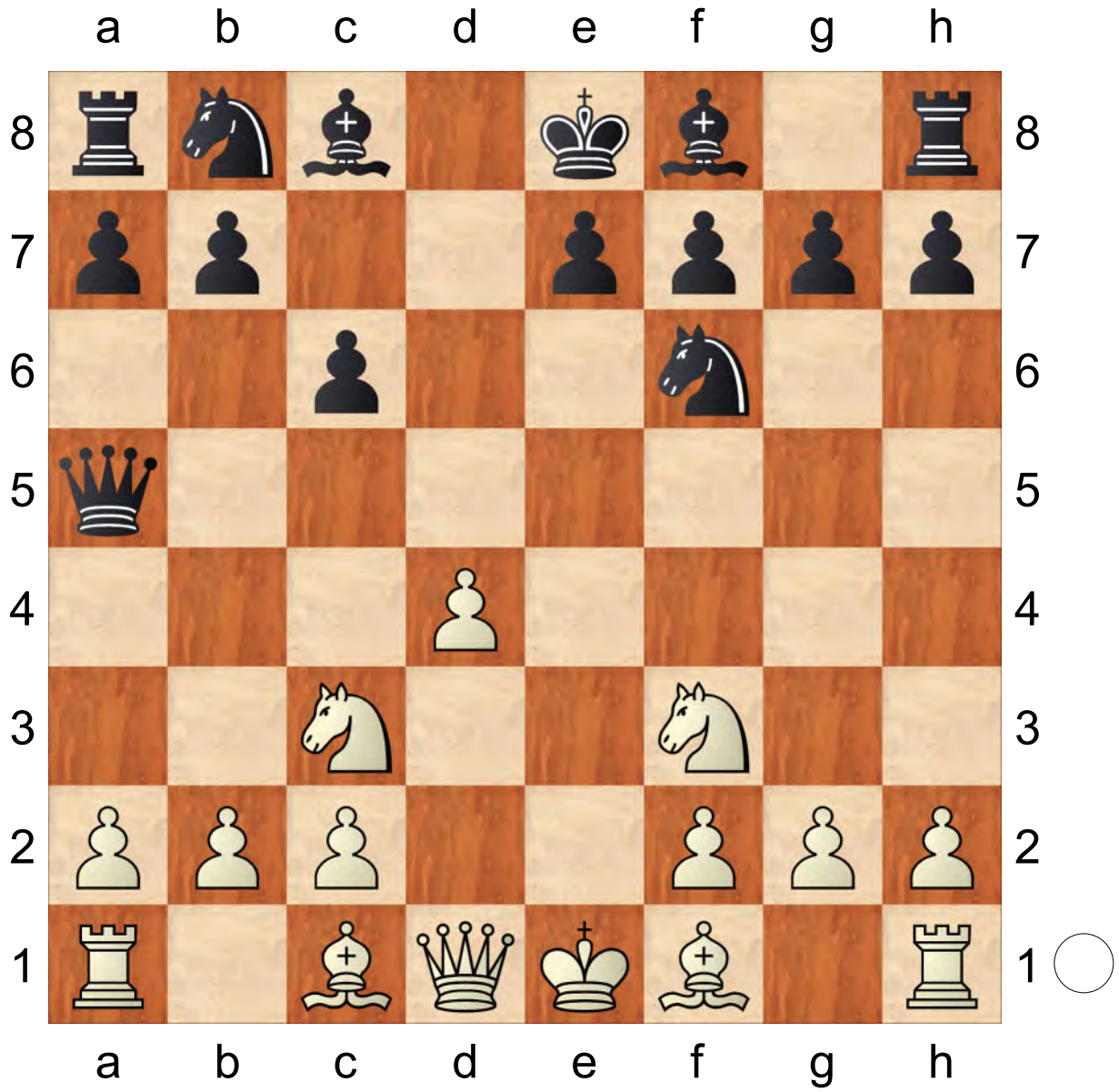
[Wahls,Matthias]

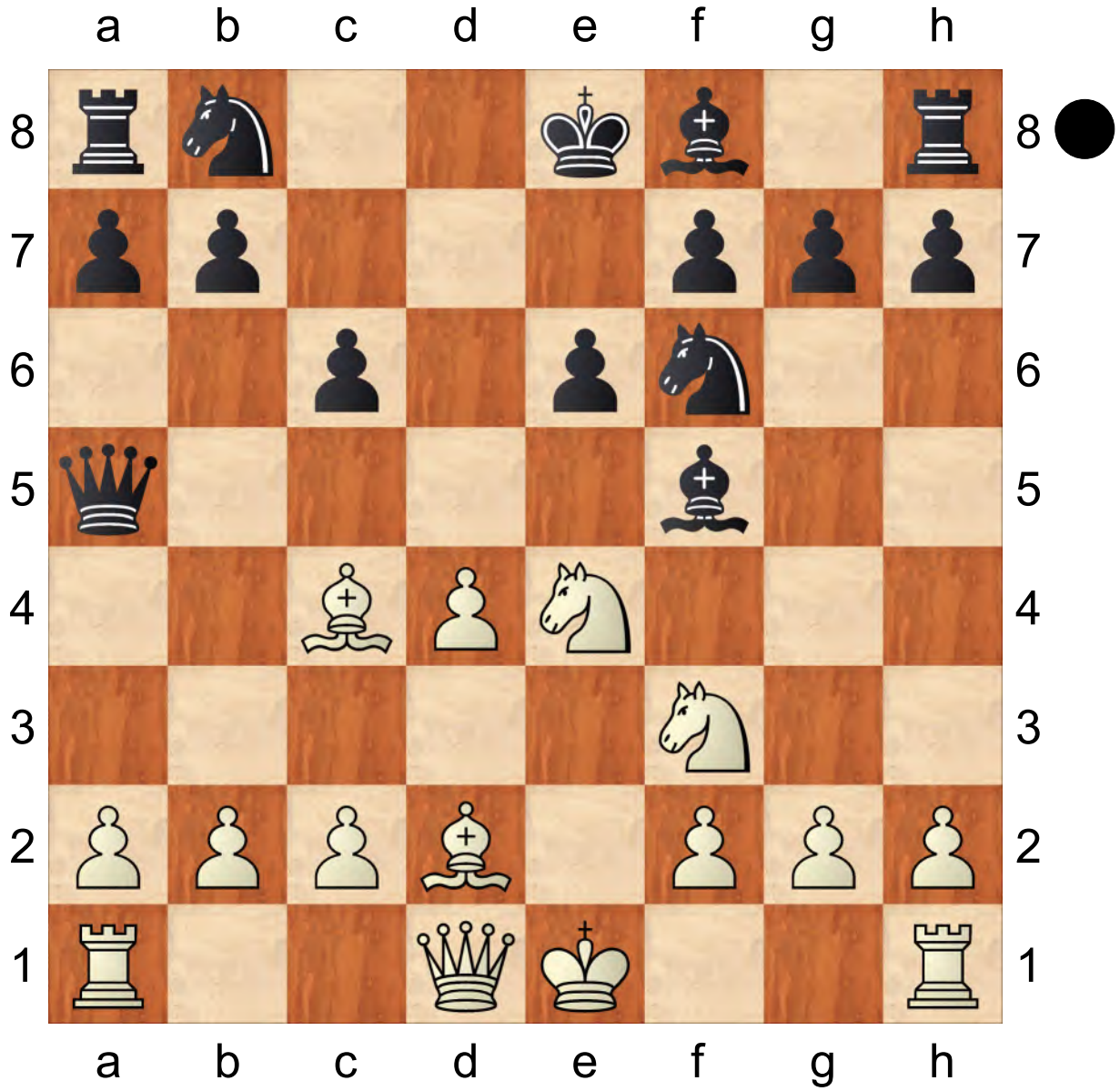
1.e4 Wahls Wahls **1...d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6**



6.Bd2 Bf5 7.Bc4 e6 8.Ne4!?

(Diagram)

Wenn es im Skandinavier überhaupt ein Abspiel gibt,was den Titel "Modevariante"



verdient,dann wohl am ehesten jenes mit 8.Se4.Abgesehen von einer Partie aus dem Jahre 1987 datieren alle Partien dieser Übersicht aus 1994 oder späteren Jahren. Interessant ist auch,daß es vor allem starke Spieler sind,die sich von dieser Spielidee angezogen fühlen.Worin aber besteht nun diese Idee? Also, genaugenommen sind es gleich mehrere.Je nach Rückzugsart der schwarzen Dame schlägt der Springer entweder auf f6,um die gegnerische Bauernstellung zu schwächen,oder wandert nach g3,von wo er den schwarzen Damenläufer attackiert. Läßt sich dieser dann nach g6 zurückfallen,so ist er dort zusätzlichen Belästigungen in Gestalt von h4-h5 oder Sf3-e5 ausgesetzt.Ein weitere Aspekt von 8.Se4,und zwar einer von prinzipieller Bedeutung, ist die dadurch gewonnene Mobilität des weißen c-Bauern.Er kann fortan zur Stützung seines Nachgbarn nach c3 gezogen werden,oder auch nach c4,um von dort direkt Einfluß auf das Zentrum zu nehmen.Bei all diesen Vorzügen von 8.Se4 liegt es nahe,daß Schwarz ausgesprochen präzise vorgehen

muß,um auszugleichen. **8...Qc7**

[8...Qd8?! Dieser Zug,mit dem die Dame das berühmte "skandinavische Dreieck"(d8-d5-a5-d8) beschreibt,ist vor allem gegen 9.Sf6?! gerichtet.Nach 9..Df6! mit der Idee 10..Lg4 oder 10..Sd7 wäre die Stellung ausgeglichen,da 10.Se5 sehr stark mit 10..Sd7! 11.Sd7?Dd4! beantwortet wird.Natürlich wählt Weiß nun den anderen der beiden oben skizzierten Pläne. 9.Ng3 Hiernach erweißt sich der Rückzug 8..Dd8?! als entwicklungstechnisch kontraproduktiv.Schwarz hat nun die Wahl sich entweder mit 9..Lg4 von seinem Läuferpaar zu trennen,oder nach 9..Lg6 eine gefährliche Initiative zuzulassen.

A) 9...Bg4 10.c3

A1) 10...Nh5? Schwarz möchte sich sein Läuferpaar um jeden Preis bewahren,und gedenkt vermutlich 11.h3 mit 11..Sg3 12.fg3 Lh5 zu beantworten.Mit Hilfe von taktischen Mitteln gelinkt es Weiß jedoch,sich geschickt zu entfesseln. 11.Qb3!± Nxg3 12.hxg3

A1a) 12...Qb6? 13.Ne5 Jetzt kommt der Läufer in Teufels Küche. Bf5 14.g4 Qxb3 *(14...Be4 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Be7 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qc8+ Qd8 20.Qxd8+ Kxd8 21.Nf7+ Ke7 22.Nxh8 Nd7 23.f3 Bd3 24.Kd2 Bc4 25.Rxh7)* 15.Bxb3 Be4 16.f3 Bd5? 17.c4;

A1b) 12...Bxf3 13.Qxb7! Bxg2 14.Rh2 Nd7 15.Rxg2 Qc8 *(15...Rb8 16.Qxc6 Rxb2 17.Bb3)* 16.Ba6 Qxb7 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Bxc6 Rxb2 19.Ba4 Rb6 20.Ke2 Ba3 21.Rgg1 Ke7 22.Rab1 und in Golod-Sergeev, Hlohovec 1994 war der Vorteil des Läuferpaars in offener Stellung bei ungleichmäßig verteilten Bauern schließlich ausschlaggebend.;

A2) 10...Nbd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 In der Begegnung Bologan-Ionov,Kazan 1995 war der Weiße durch seine beiden Läufer leicht begünstigt.Die schwarze Stellung macht allerdings durch ihre Solidität einen gut spielbaren Eindruck.;

B) 9...Bg6 10.h4! Ein logischer Zug.Durch die Drohung 11.h5 wird die schwarze Stellung nun ein wenig aufgelockert.

B1) 10...Bd6 11.h5 Be4 12.h6!?↑ *(12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Be3±)*;

B2) 10...h5? Dieser Zug schwächt nicht nur den Punkt g6;der Bauer h5 wird selbst zur Schwäche. 11.Ne5 Bh7 *(11...Qxd4 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Qe2)* 12.Qe2;

B3) 10...h6 11.Ne5 Bh7 12.Qe2 Nd5 Der thematische Einschlag auf f7 mußte verhindert werden. 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.f4 Hier war auch 14.Sh5 interessant,was einen unangenehm Druck auf den Punkt g7 ausübt.Sollte Schwarz je die Geduld verlieren und diesen vorwitzigen Gaul mit g7-g6 vertreiben wollen,so wäre der Lh7 anschließend in der wenig beneidendwerten Lage,lebendig begraben zu sein. Nxe5 15.dxe5 Natürlich war auch 15.fe5 mit Schwerfigurendruck in der f-Linie nicht von der Hand zu weisen. Qc7 16.Rhf1! 0-0-0 17.f5!± Eine typische Schablone um gegen den "Skandinavischläufer"vorzugehen.Er wird einfach vom Geschehen ausgeschlossen,so daß ihm in diesem Fall nichts anderes übrig bleibt, als

sich gegen eine unterlegene Leichtfigur abzutauschen. Bxf5 *(17...exf5 18.Nxf5 Re8 19.Qg4 Kb8 20.Nd6)* 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Rxf5 Der Druck gegen f7 ist nun schwer zu ertragen. g6 20.Rf3 Bg7 Gegen die Aushebelung ihrer Stellung ist die Schwarze machtlos. *(20...Re8 21.Qf2+-)* 21.e6! f5 22.h5! gxh5 23.Rxf5 Rhe8 24.Re1 Qb6 25.c3 Qc5 26.Rxh5+- Arakhamia-Olbrich, Erevan 1996;

B4) 10...Nh5 Zwar vermeidet Schwarz hiermit schwächende Bauernzüge,die Stellung des Lg6 bleibt jedoch recht instabil. 11.Qe2

B4a) 11...Nxg3 12.fxg3 Bxc2 Das Spiel auf Bauerngewinn ist angesichts des deutlichen Entwicklungsrückstands nichts für schwache Nerven,z.B.: 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Rc1 Ba4 15.b3 *(15.Nxf7? Bxg3+)* 15...Bb5 16.Nxf7 Bxg3+ 17.Kd1 Bxc4 18.bxc4 Kxf7 19.Rf1+ Ke8 20.Qxe6+ Qe7 21.Qc8+ Qd8 22.Qxb7 Nd7 23.Rc3+-;

B4b) 11...Nd7 12.0-0-0 Bd6 13.Ne5 *(Die sofortige Stellungsöffnung 13.Nxh5 Bxh5 14.d5 cxd5 15.Bxd5* verspricht nicht viel nach *Qc7 .)* 13...Nxg3 14.fxg3 Und schon ist sie wieder da,die Drohung h4-h5! (siehe Kommentar zum 10.Zug) Bxe5 Um seinen Kollegen zu retten,muß dieser Läufer den schweren Gang in die Figurenkiste antreten.Was bleibt,sind schwarzfeldrige Schwächen. *(14...h5? 15.Nxg6)* 15.dxe5 h5 *(15...h6 16.h5 Bh7 17.Qg4↑)* 16.Bb4 In der Begegnung P.Svidler-Oll,Ter Apel 1996 konnte Weiß an dieser Stelle klaren Positiondvorteil verbuchen.Die schwarzfeldrigen Schwächen, zusammen mit dem Entwicklungsrückstand und der unsicheren Königsstellung,machen die schwarze Position nur sehr schwer haltbar.]

[8...Qb6!? Ein beachtenswerter Versuch die Initiative ansichzureißen.Weiß ist nun gezwungen über die Zukunft seines b-Bauern nachzudenken. 9.Nxf6+ gxf6

(Diagram)

A) 10.0-0?! Vermutlich ist dies zu nonchalant. Qxb2

A1) 11.Bb3 Rg8 *(11...Bg4)*

A1a) 12.a4 Bg4∓ *(12...Bh3?! 13.g3 Bg4 14.Qe1 Bxf3 15.Bc3 Bb4 16.Bxb4 Qxd4 17.Bxe6 Qe5 18.Bc8)*;

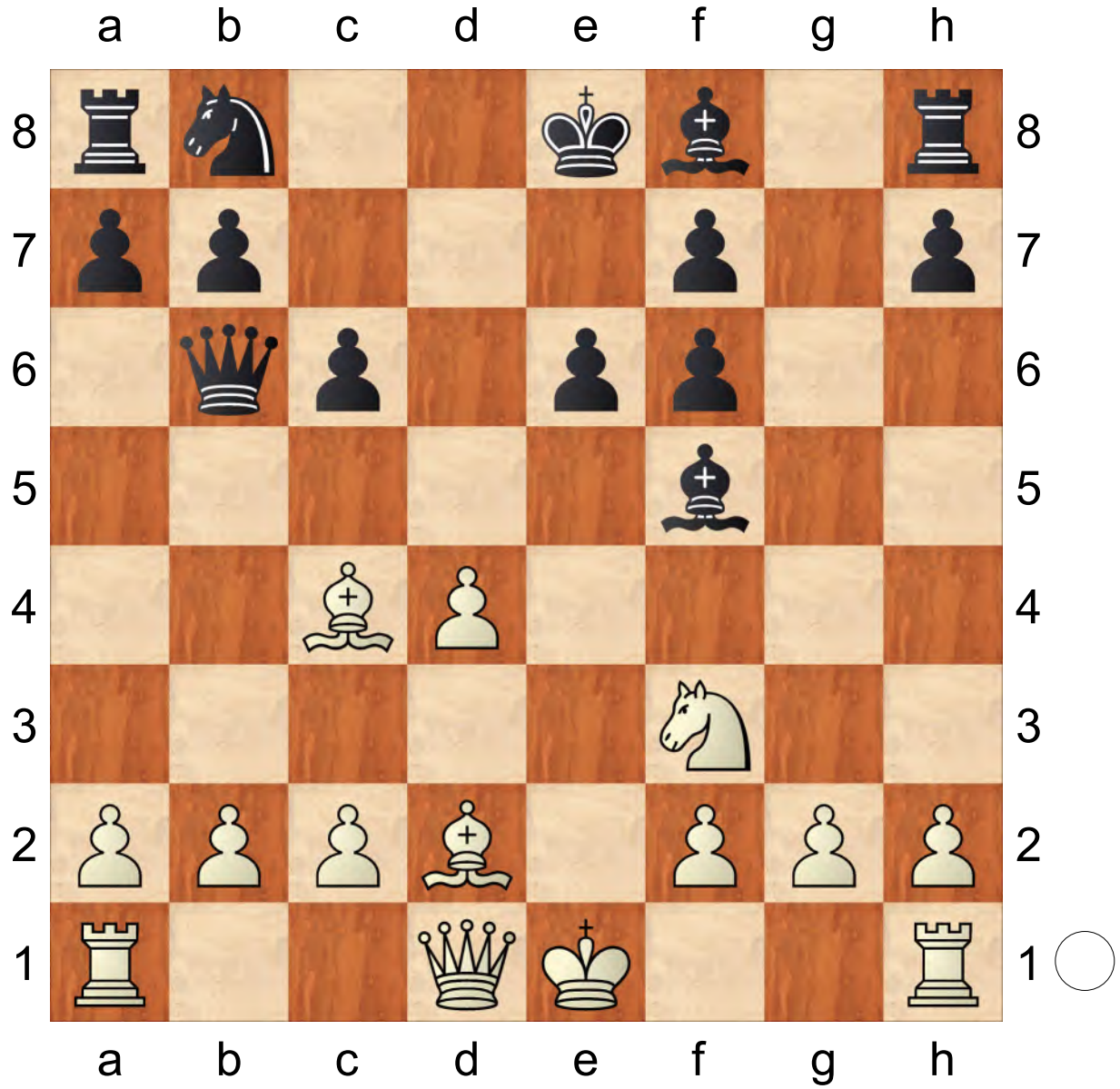
A1b) 12.Kh1 Bg4 und von weißer Kompensation keine Spur!;

A2) 11.Rb1 Qxc2 12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.Rxb7 Für einen Moment heißt es "Aufgepaßt"!

A2a) 13...Be4? 14.Re1! Bd5 *(14...Bxf3? 15.Bxe6!! fxe6 16.Rxe6+ Kd8 17.Ba5++-)* 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Rc1±;

A2b) 13...Nd7 14.Re1 Nb6 15.Ba6 Bd6 und Weiß kämpft ums Remis.;

B) Vernünftiger sieht 10.Bb3 aus.Schwarz könnte hierauf mit 10..Tg8,10..Sd7(Idee 0-0-0) oder mit a5 antworten: 11.c4 *(11.a4 Na6* mit der Idee Sb4*)* 11...Rg8 *(11...a4?! 12.Bc2 Bxc2 13.Qxc2 a3 14.Rb1! axb2 15.Rxb2 Qa6 16.0-0)* 12.g3 Nd7 13.0-0 Bg4;



C) 10.Bc3? Wie fast immer im Skandinavier steht der Läufer hier schlecht.Er beherrscht gerade mal eine, noch dazu unwichtige Diagonale,und verstellt obendrein den c-Bauern.Zu allem Überfluß kann jetzt auch das Feld f4 für schwarze Figurenoperationen genutzt werden (Dc7-f4,Sd7-b6-d5-f4). 10...Nd7 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.g3 Durch die Sicherung von f4 wird nun der Punkt fr ziemlich weich. Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Die Ereignisse kehren sich um. Um f3 zu entlasten opfert Weiß nun das Feld f4 bis an das Ende der Zeit. Bg6 16.Nh4 Nb6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Bb3 Bh6+ 19.Kb1

C1) 19...Nd5! 20.Bxd5 *(20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Nf4)* 20...Rxd5 *(20...cxd5?! 21.h4 f5 22.h5)* 21.Bb4 Rhd8 mit starkem Druck entlang der d-Linie.;

C2) 19...Bg5? 20.Ba5!= Qf4 *(20...c5!? 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bc3 Nd5)* 21.Bd2 Qd6 *(21...Qc7)* 22.c4 *(22.Ba5)*

C2a) 22...Bxd2 23.Qxd2 Qc7 *(23...c5? 24.Qa5)* 24.f4 c5;
C2b) 22...Qc7 23.Ba5;
C2c) 22...c5? 23.Bxg5? *(23.f4* hätte tatsächlich das Ende der Zeit heraufbeschworen!*)* 23...fxg5 24.Qf3 Qf4 25.Qxf4 gxf4 26.dxc5 Nd7 27.h4 Nxc5 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.Bc2 a5∓ Erler-Ochs,2.BL-O 1995]

9.Nxf6+

[9.Ng3 Im Vergleich zu 8..Dd8?! 9.Sg3 besitzt Schwarz nun ein wertvolles Mehrtempo. Bg6

A) 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.0-0-0

A1) 11...Bd6 Durch harmonische und geradlinige Entwicklung seiner Figuren hat Schwarz das Spiel ausgeglichen.Die Folgenden Kommentare stammen von Psakhis. 12.Nh4 *(12.Rhe1 0-0-0 13.Ne5 c5!?)* 12...0-0-0 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Ne4 Bf4 *(14...Nxe4!? 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe3!?∞)* 15.g3! Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Nb6! 17.c3 Nxc4 18.Nxc4 Nd7 *(18...Rh3 19.Ne5 Rdh8 20.f4↑; 18...Rd5!? 19.h4 Rhd8 20.Rhe1 Kb8=)* 19.Qf3 Rdf8 20.h4 Nb6 21.Ne5± Nd7 22.Nd3 *(22.Rhe1!? ΔNxe5 23.dxe5 Rd8 24.Rd6↑)* 22...Qa5 23.a3 Qd5 *(23...Qf5!?; 23...g5!?)* 24.Qe3 Rd8 25.Rhe1 Rhf8 26.Ne5!± Nxe5?! *(26...Nf6!?)* 27.dxe5 Qa5 28.Qf4! Qc7 *(28...Rd5 29.c4 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Qxe1+ 31.Rd1±)* 29.Rd6 Qe7 *(29...Rxd6!? 30.exd6 Qd7±)* 30.Red1 Der Vorposten d6 sicherte Weiß klaren Vorteil in Psakhis-Pomes,Andorra 1996;

A2) 11...0-0-0 12.h4?! Ein ehrgeiziger Versuch den Läufer zu belästigen. *(12.Rhe1 Bd6=)* 12...Nh5! 13.Ng5 Weiß kämpft mit allen Mitteln um das Feld h5 und liebäugelt zudem mit Opferideen auf dem felderkomplex f7/e6. Sollte dieser Plan scheitern,so bliebe ihm eine ruinöse Bauernstruktur. *(13.Nxh5 Bxh5 14.Bg5 Re8∓* Durch die Felderschwäche auf g4 dürfte es dem Weißen nicht leicht fallen die unangenehme Fesselung seines Springers aufzuheben.Ein schwarzer Plan könnte jetzt Ld6 nebst e5 sein. *; 13.Ne4 Nf4∓)* 13...Nxg3 14.fxg3 Nf6∓ 15.g4? h5 16.gxh5 Bxh5 17.Qe3!? c5! *(17...Bxd1? 18.Nxf7)*

(Diagram)

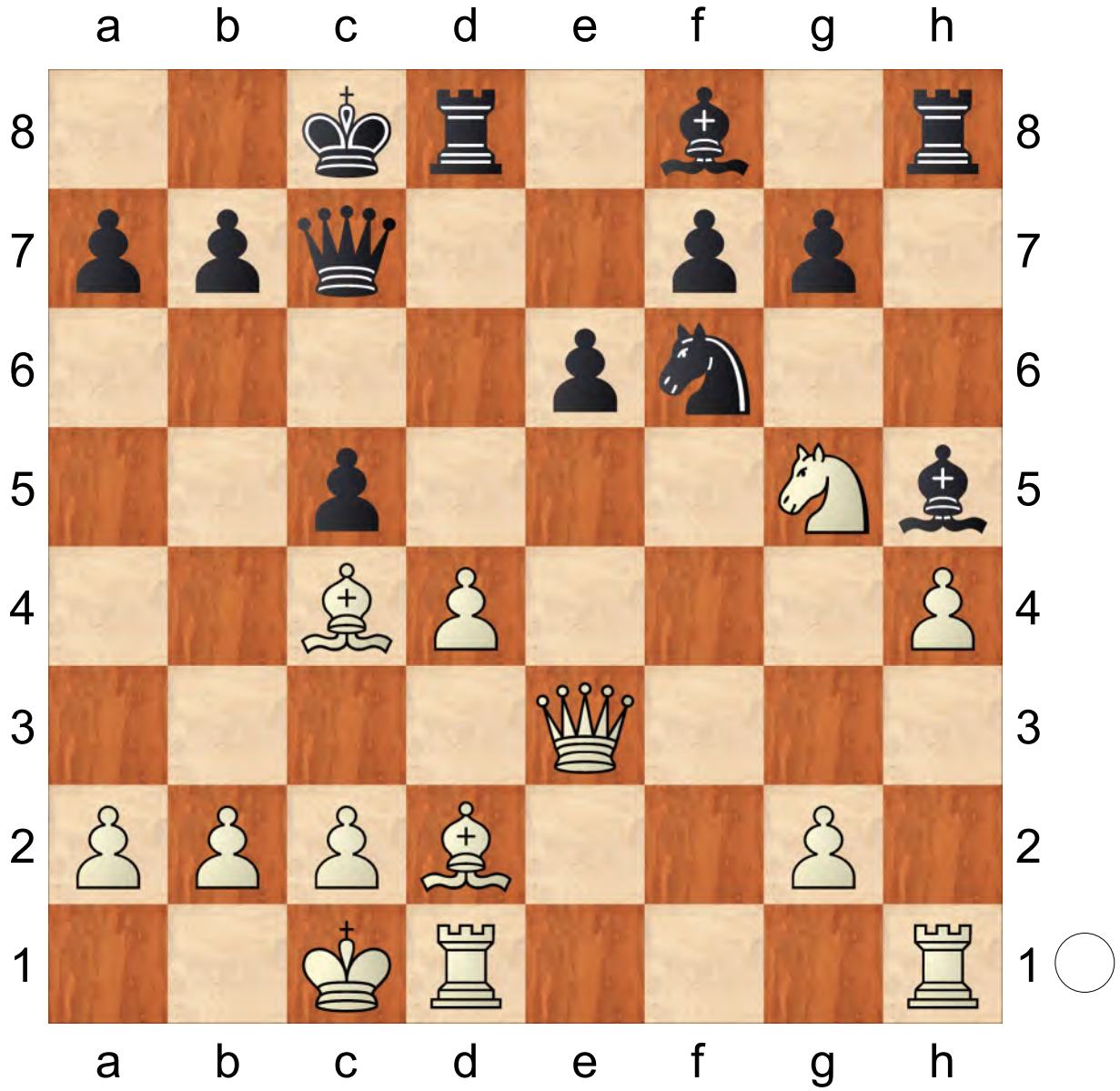
Durch taktische Finessen war die weiße Figurenkonstellation (De3,Lc4 und Sg5) in der Lage einen sofortigen Qualitätsverlust zu verhindern.Dabei glich sie allerdings einer Konstruktion mit wackeliger Aufhängung die durch diesen Zentrumsrempler nun kräftig durchgeschüttelt wird.

A2a) 18.Bc3 Bd6 *(18...Bxd1!? 19.Nxf7 cxd4)* 19.Rdf1 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Bf4+ 21.Qxf4 Rd1+!-+;

A2b) 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3 Bxd1 20.Nxf7 Rxd2

A2b1) 21.Kxd2 Bg4 22.Bxe6+ Kb8 23.Bxg4 *(23.Nxh8 Qf4+ 24.Ke1 Qc1#)* 23...Qf4+-+;

A2b2) 21.Nxh8 Qf4-+;



A2c) 18.Rde1 Rxd4? *(18...cxd4∓)* 19.Qb3? *(* Die beste Chanche bestand in *19.Bxe6+ fxe6 20.Nxe6 Qd7 21.Nxd4* obwohl die aktiven Leichtfiguren nach *cxd4 22.Qg5 Bf7* am schwarzen Vorteil keinen Zweifel lassen. *)* 19...Kb8-+ 20.Bc3 *(20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Nxe6 Bf7 22.Nxc7 Bxb3 23.Nb5 Rxd2 24.Kxd2 Bd5-+)* 20...Rd7 21.Rhf1 Bd6 22.Kb1 Bg3 23.Re3 Rhd8 24.a3 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26.Ka2 Bf4 27.Nf3 Nd7 28.Re2 Bxf3 29.gxf3 g6 30.Bb5 Bg3 31.Qc4 Nb6 32.Qe4 a6 33.Be8 Rd8 34.f4 Ka7 35.Ba4 Qxf4 36.Qxf4 Bxf4 37.Ba5 Rh8 38.Bb3 Rxh4 39.c3 Nd7 40.Bd8 Rh8 41.Be7 Re8 42.Bh4 Rh8 43.Bf2 Rh2 44.Ba4 Das Zeitnotgehacke war beendet,und mein Gegner hatte nun genügend Muße für eine kleine Bestandsaufnahme... 0-1 Borgo-Wahls,Arco 1996;

B) 10.h4 Auch wenn er dem Schwarzen keine ernsthaften Probleme bereitet,so ist dieser Zug doch eher dazu angetan einen gewissen Druck zu entfalten.

B1) 10...Bd6!? Sollte der Schwarze bereit sein,sich mit einer minimal schlechteren Stellung zu begnügen,so könnte er auf diese Weise größeren Komplikationen aus dem Wege gehen. 11.h5 Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Be3 Nd7 14.Rh4 Nef6 15.Qe2 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 Nb6 17.Bb3 Nbd5 18.Bd2 Nf4 19.Bxf4 Bxf4+ 20.Kb1 h6 21.Rhh1 Qa5 22.c3 Bd6 23.Nd2 Bc7 24.Nc4 Qg5 25.g3 Rhe8 26.Qe3 ½-½ Schaefer,M-Fischdick,G/BL 1996;

B2) 10...h6?! Meine Damen und Herren!Wir befinden und jetzt in der Stammpartie der Variante 8.Se4. 11.Ne5 Bh7 12.Qe2 Weiß gießt seine Initiative in bewährte Formen. *(12.Bd3?* Ein sehr schwacher Zug,der den Schwarzen auf der Stelle ausgleichen läßt. *Bxd3 13.Nxd3 Bd6 14.Rh3 Nbd7 15.Qe2 0-0-0* und Schwarz besitzt bereits eine gewisse Initiative. Sprang-Kroekel,St.Ingbert 1987*)* 12...Bd6 *(12...Bxc2? 13.Bf4 Qa5+ 14.Kf1; 12...Nbd7?? 13.Nxf7)* 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Rhe1 *(14.Nh5?! Nxh5 15.Qxh5 c5)* 14...c5 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Bc3↑;

B3) 10...Nh5 11.Ne5 Nxg3 *(11...Nd7!? 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Nxh5 Rxh5)* 12.fxg3

B3a) 12...f6?! sieht nur auf den errsten Blick gut aus. 13.Nxg6 Qxg3+ 14.Kf1 Qxg6 15.Bxe6±;

B3b) 12...c5?! macht einen riskanten Eindruck 13.h5 cxd4 14.Bf4 Qa5+ 15.Kf1 Be4 16.Qxd4;

B3c) 12...b5!? kann zu lustigen Stellungsbildern führen. 13.h5! Be4 *(13...Bxc2 14.Qxc2 bxc4 15.0-0 f6 16.Qxc4?)* 14.Qe2 Bxc2 15.Rc1 bxc4 16.Rxc2 Bd6 17.0-0 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nd7 19.Rxc4 Qxe5 20.Qf3 0-0 21.Bc3 Qb5 22.Qxc6 Qxc6 23.Rxc6 h6=;

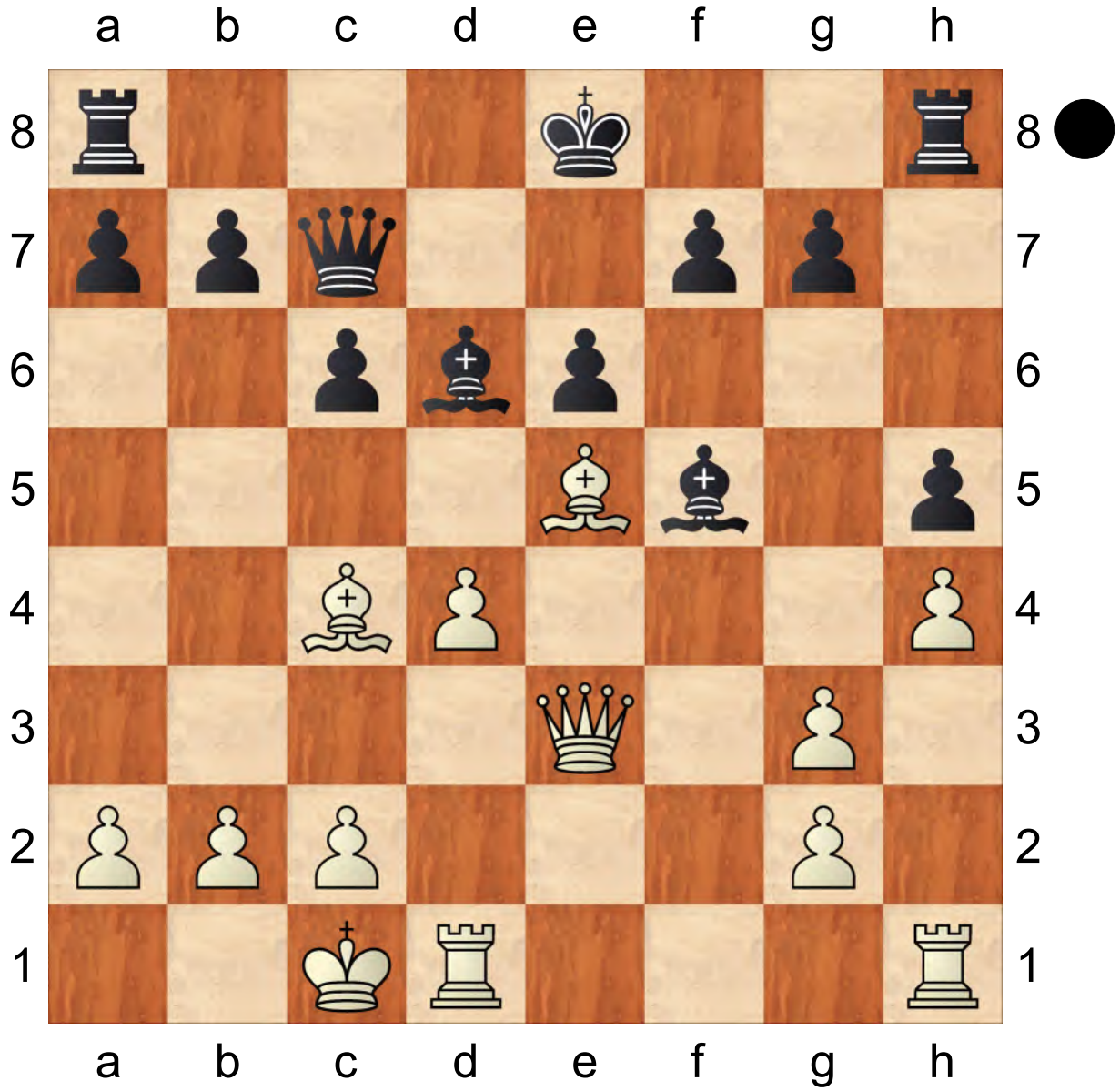
B3d) 12...Nd7 13.Bf4 Nxe5 *(13...Bd6? 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.g4)* 14.Bxe5 Bd6 *(14...Bb4+!? 15.c3 Bd6 16.Qe2 Bxe5 17.dxe5 b5 18.h5 Bf5 19.g4 bxc4 20.gxf5 exf5 21.0-0-0 0-0 22.Rd6 Rfe8 23.Rhd1 Qe7 24.Qxc4 Qxe5 25.Qxc6±)* 15.Qe2 h5 *(15...Bxe5 16.dxe5 0-0-0?! 17.h5 Bf5 18.g4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 Qxe5+ 20.Be2 Qxb2 21.0-0)* 16.0-0-0 Bf5 17.Qe3

(Diagram)

An dieser Stelle entschied ich mich für einen fehlerhaften Plan,wurde stark unter Druck gesetzt und verlor die Partie nach weiteren Fehlern in 54 Zügen. Am allereinfachsten jedoch, hätte einer jener sogenannten"Häßlichen Turmzüge"den Ausgleich herbeigeführt:

B3d1) 17...0-0-0?! 18.Bxg7 Bxg3 19.Rdf1± Rhg8 20.Bf6 Rdf8 21.Bg5 Bd6 22.Rf2 Rg6 23.Rhf1 Kb8 24.Bd3 Bxd3 25.Qxd3 f5 26.Qf3 mit weißer Initiative in Glek-Wahls,BL 1996;

B3d2) Nach dem Vereinfachungen anstrebenden Zug 17...Bg4!? wäre mir die Niederlage vielleicht ersparrt geblieben: 18.Be2 *(18.Rd2 Bxe5 19.dxe5 0-0 20.Be2 Rfd8 21.Rhd1 Rxd2 22.Rxd2 Bxe2*



23.Qxe2 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Qxh5 Qa5) 18...Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Rd1+ Kc8 23.Rd6 g6 24.Qf2 c5 25.Qf6 Re8 26.Rd3 Qe7 27.Qf4 Rd8=;
B3d3) 17...Rg8! 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Be2 g6 20.Kb1 0-0-0=]

9...gxf6 10.Qe2!?

[10.Nh4 Bg6 11.f4!? Das weiße Spiel ist an Geradlinigkeit kaum zu übertreffen!Trotzdem hätte Schwarz jetzt mit

A) 11...f5! eine aussichtsreiche Stellung erreichen können. 12.Be2 Diese Manöver kostet Zeit, doch andernfalls wird der zeitweilig leblose Lg6 durch das Manöver Sd7-f6,Lh5 einfach reanimiert! Nd7 13.Bf3 0-0-0 14.c3 *(14.Qe2 Qb6 15.Bc3 Bg7 16.0-0-0 Nf6* nebst Sd5 *)* 14...c5⇄ *(14...Be7 15.g3)* 15.Be3 Nb6 16.Qe2 Nd5 17.Bxd5 *(17.0-0 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 cxd4 19.cxd4 Qb6)* 17...Rxd5 18.0-0 Be7 19.g3? Bxh4 20.gxh4 Rg8 21.Kh1

(21.Kf2 Qd8) 21...Qc6 22.Qf3? Bh5! 23.Qxh5 Rg4-+;

B) 11...Be4? 12.f5! exf5 13.Qh5 Na6 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Nxf5 Bd5?! *(15...Bxg2)* 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qg4± B.Jukic-Marinsek,Ljubljana 1996]

[10.c3 Nd7 11.Qe2 Im Informator 67 taxiert Psakhis diese Stellung als leicht vorteilhaft für Weiß.Ich habe da so meine Zweifel. 0-0-0 12.Nh4 Bg6 13.g3

A) 13...e5? 14.f4! Um den Läufer zu Retten,muß Schwarz nun seine Bauernstellung ruinieren. exf4 *(14...Nb6 15.Bb3)* 15.Bxf4 Bd6 16.0-0± Bologan-von Gleich,Riga 1995;

B) 13...Nb6 14.Bb3 c5 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.h4 Nd5 18.0-0-0 Qb6 19.Rhf1 Rh5 Es ist zweifelhaft,ob ein Turm mitten ins Zentrum gehört. Nach 19..f5 kann Schwarz wegen seiner kompakten Bauernmasse am Königsflügel durchaus zufrieden sein. 20.Bc2 Re5 21.Qf3 Qa6 22.Kb1 f5 23.Bg5 Rd6 24.h5 gxh5? 25.Qxh5+- Psakhis-Mellado,Manresa 1996;

C) 13...c5! ist mit Abstand die aktivste Fortsetzung und zwingt Weiß zu umsichtigem Spiel:

C1) 14.dxc5 Ne5! 15.Nxg6 *(15.Bf4 Qxc5)* 15...hxg6 16.0-0-0 Qxc5 17.Bb5 a6 18.Bxa6 bxa6 19.Qxa6+ Kc7 20.Be3 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Ra8∓;

C2) 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Bb5 *(15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxc5?? Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Rxd2-+)* 15...a6 *(15...cxd4?! 16.cxd4 Kb8 17.Rac1)* 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Bd3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Kb8;

C3) 14.d5 Ne5 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxe6 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Qe5+;

C4) 14.Be3 cxd4 *(14...Nb6?! 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxc5 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Rd5 18.b4)* 15.Bxd4 Ne5 16.Bxe5 fxe5=]

(Diagram)

Nunn verzichtet auf das vorbereitende 10.c3 und bereitet ohne jede Verzögerung die lange Rochade vor. **10...Nd7?!**

[10...Bxc2! geschehen müssen:

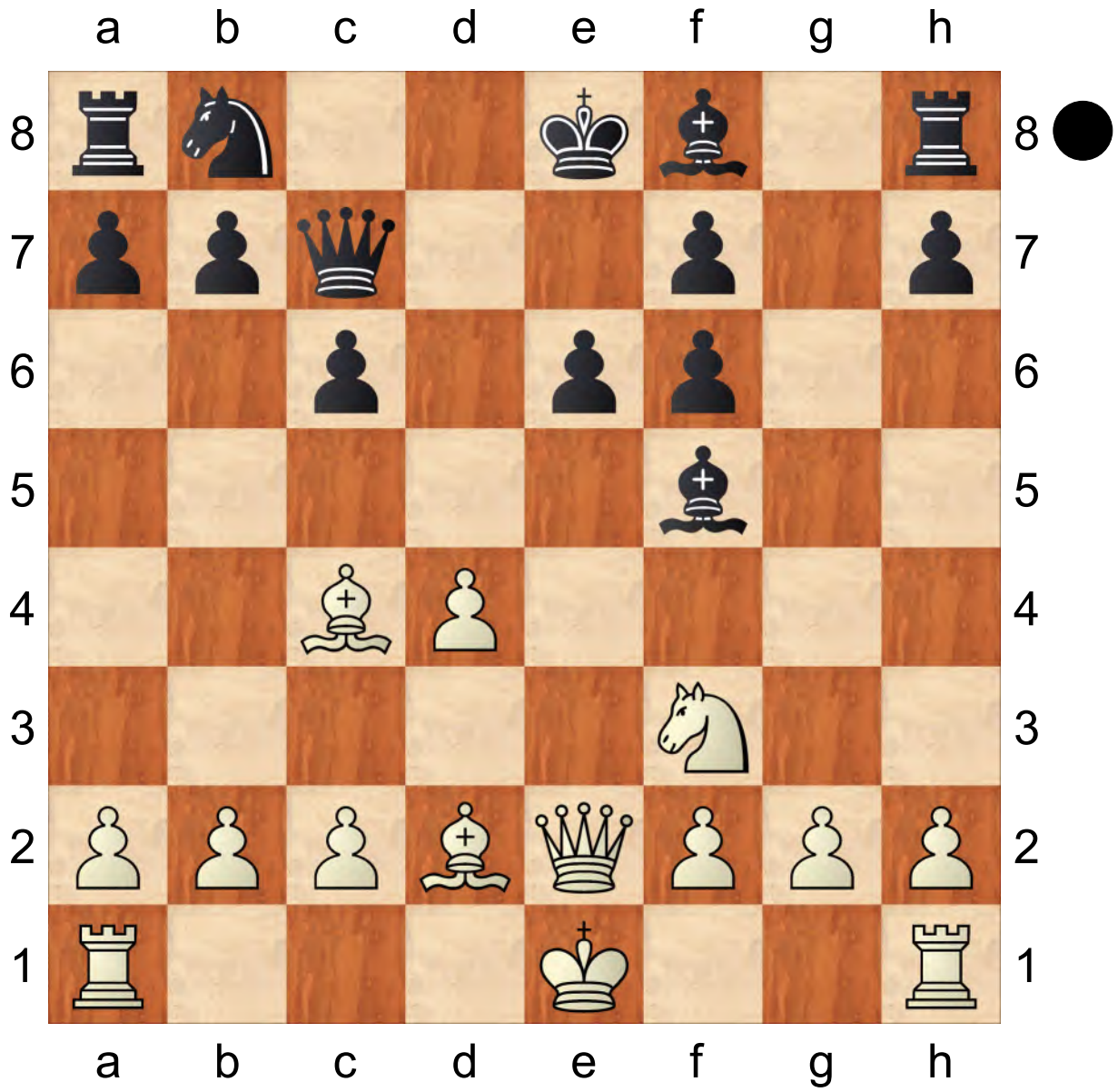
A) 11.Rc1 Bg6 12.d5 cxd5 13.Bxd5 Nc6 ist unbefriedigend für Weiß (Nunn) 14.Bxc6+ *(14.Nd4 Nxd4)* 14...bxc6 15.Nd4 c5 16.Qb5+ Qd7;

B) 11.0-0

B1) 11...Qd7 Schwarz verhindert den Zentrumsdurchbruch,bleibt aber in der Entwicklung zurück. 12.Bc3 Bg6 13.d5 cxd5 14.Bxf6 dxc4 *(14...Rg8 15.Bxd5)* 15.Ne5 Bd3 16.Qh5 Qc7 17.Bxh8 Bxf1 18.Rxf1± Nunn;

B2) 11...Bg6 stellt gemäß Nunn die für Schwarz beste Verteidigung dar.Nach 12.d5 cxd5 13.Bxd5 Nc6 besitzt Weiß zwar einen beträchtlichen Entwicklungsvorsprung,jedoch keine Möglichkeit ihn direkt auszunutzen.]

(Diagram)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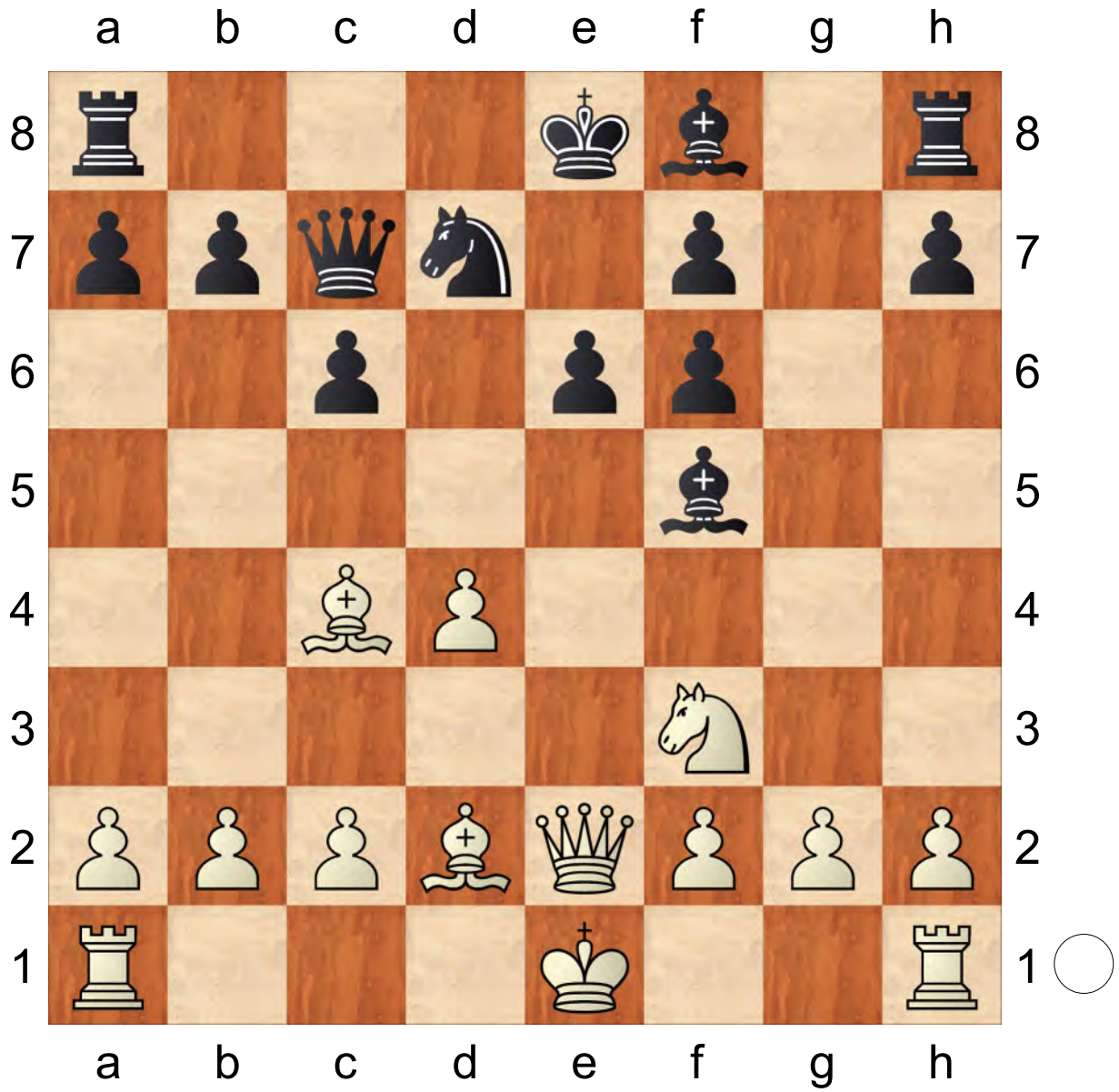


Da Schwarz nichts gegen die weiße Absichts unternimmt wird er bald Probleme bekommen.Laut Nunn hätte hier unbedingt **11.0-0-0**

[11.Bb3!? hätte laut Nunn nach 11..0-0-0 durch Zugumstellung zur Partie geführt, dabei aber die schwarzen Alternativen zum 11.Zug ausgeschaltet.Er hält diese abweichenden Möglichkeiten jedoch für ungefährlich.]

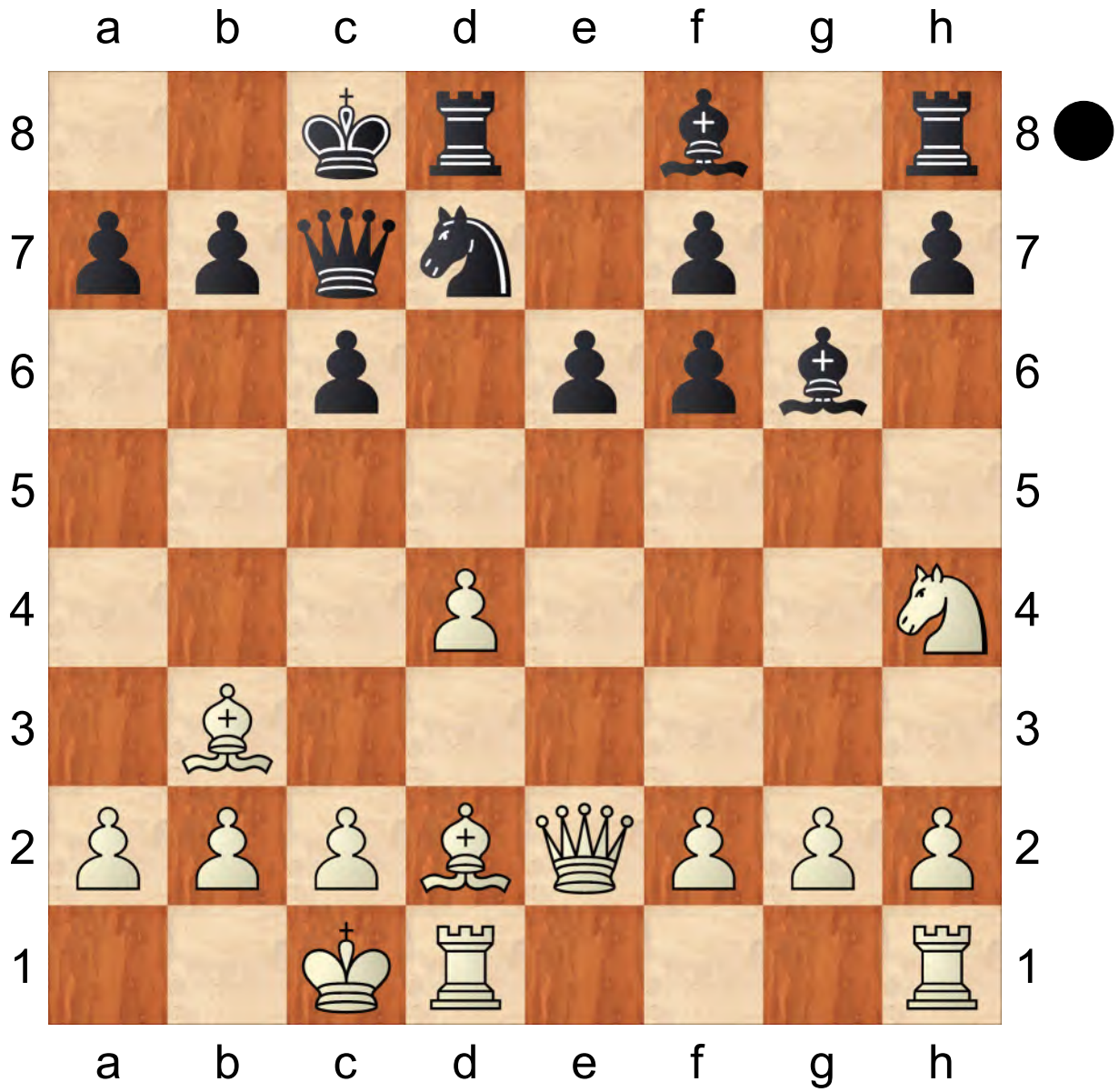
11...0-0-0

[11...Nb6 12.Bb3 a5 *(12...c5 13.Nh4 c4 14.Nxf5 cxb3 15.axb3 0-0-0 16.Ne3 Rxd4 17.Bc3 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Be7 19.Qh5)* 13.a3 a4 14.Ba2 Nd5 15.g3 Idee c4/Nunn]

[11...b5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0-0 14.Qe4 und dem schwarzen König fehlt ein sicherer Unterschlupf.Nunn]

12.Nh4 Bg6 13.Bb3

(Diagram)



Meiner Meinung nach muß Schwarz unverzüglich mit **13...c5!** zur Sache gehen,und sich dabei taktischer Methoden bedienen:

[13...Bd6 Conquest verpasst den Moment c6-c5 durch zusetzen.Seine Lage wird nun kritisch.Um dies bessser zu verstehen sind ein paar prinzipielle Gedanken zur schwarzen Struktur vonnöten:durch die Verdoppelung des f-Bauern hat die schwarze Stellung an dynamischen Potential hinzugewonnen.Dies ist allerdings nur dann relevant,wenn das Potential auch in aktuelle Stellungsvorteile umgewandelt werden kann.Im vorliegenden Fall ist es aber weder möglich die halboffene g-Linie für einen Angriff gegen den kurz rochierten König zu nutzen, noch einen im Zentrum steckengebliebenen Monarchen mit dem öffnenden Vorstoß e6-e5 zu ängstigen.Der raumgreifende Zug f6-f5 schließlich verbietet sich wegen der dann unglücklichen Position des Läuzfers g6.(Für diesen Plan müßte der weiße Springer auf f3 und der schwarze Läufer auf g4 plaziert sein.)Was noch

bleibt wäre der schon angesprochene Befreiungsschlag c6-c6,der nun jedoch stets mit d4-d5 gekontert wird.Schwarz fehlt es also folglich an Kompensation für seine geschwächte Bauernstruktur.Wie aber kann man c5 spielen,ohne mit d4-d5 weißfeldrig ausgehebelt zu werden?Auf 13..Sb6 folgt sehr stark 14.Df3,was sich die Schwäche von f6 zunutzemacht.Nach 14..Lg7 15.Lf4 Dd7 16.The1 Sd5 17.Lg3 konstatiert Nunn weißen Vorteil 14.g3!

A) 14...Nb6 15.c4 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bc3 e5 18.Rhe1 *(18.Bc2? Nxc4)*;

B) 14...c5 15.d5 Nb6 16.Ba5 Anders als bei 13..c5! ist Weiß keinesfalls dazu genötigt,mit 16.Sg6 die schwarze Bauernstellung zu korrigieren!;

C) 14...Rhe8 15.Rhe1 f5? Ein eher verzweifelter Versuch mittels Sf6-e4 Aktivität zu entfalten.Der Läufer g6 erhält nun den Status eines Großbauerns. Abwarten und Tee trinken wäre sicherlich besser gewesen. 16.Ng2 Kb8? Schwarz ist nicht in der Lage den beabsichtigten Plan auszuführen.Nunn gibt folgende Variante: *(16...Nf6 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bxe6+ fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kb8 20.Bxf6 Rd6 21.Qxe7 Rxe7 22.Rxe7+-;* Seines Erachtens war *16...c5! 17.d5 e5 18.Ba4 f6 19.c4* mit weißem Vorteil immer noch die beste schwarze Möglichkeit. *)* 17.Bf4 f6 Auf f7 wäre der Läufer zwar nicht gerade ein Ausbund an Aktivität,aber könnte immerhin noch den Anschein von Lebendigkeit wahren. 18.Bxe6!+- John Nunn ist wahrlich kein Spieler,der sich durch ein Gefühl vager Angst von taktischen Operationen abhalten ließe. Nach gründlicher Antizipationsarbeit gibt es nur wenige Abenteuer die er verschmäht. 1-0 Nunn-Conquest/Hastings9697/32/ *(18.Bxd6? Qxd6 19.Nf4 Bf7 20.Nxe6? Bxe6 21.Bxe6 Nf8* Nunn *)*]

14.d5

[14.Be3 cxd4 *(14...Nb6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.g3±)* 15.Rxd4 Bc5 16.Rdd1 *(16.Rc4 Kb8 17.Bf4 e5 18.Be3 Qb6 19.Rc3 Bxe3+ 20.Rxe3 Nc5 21.Nxg6 fxg6)* 16...Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Nc5 18.Bc4!? Bh5!? und Schwarz spielt munter mit.]

14...Nb6! Die Pointe **15.Nxg6**

[15.dxe6? c4]

[15.Ba5?? Qf4+]

15...hxg6

(Diagram)

16.Ba5 e5

[16...Qf4+ 17.Kb1 *(17.Bd2 Qc7)*]

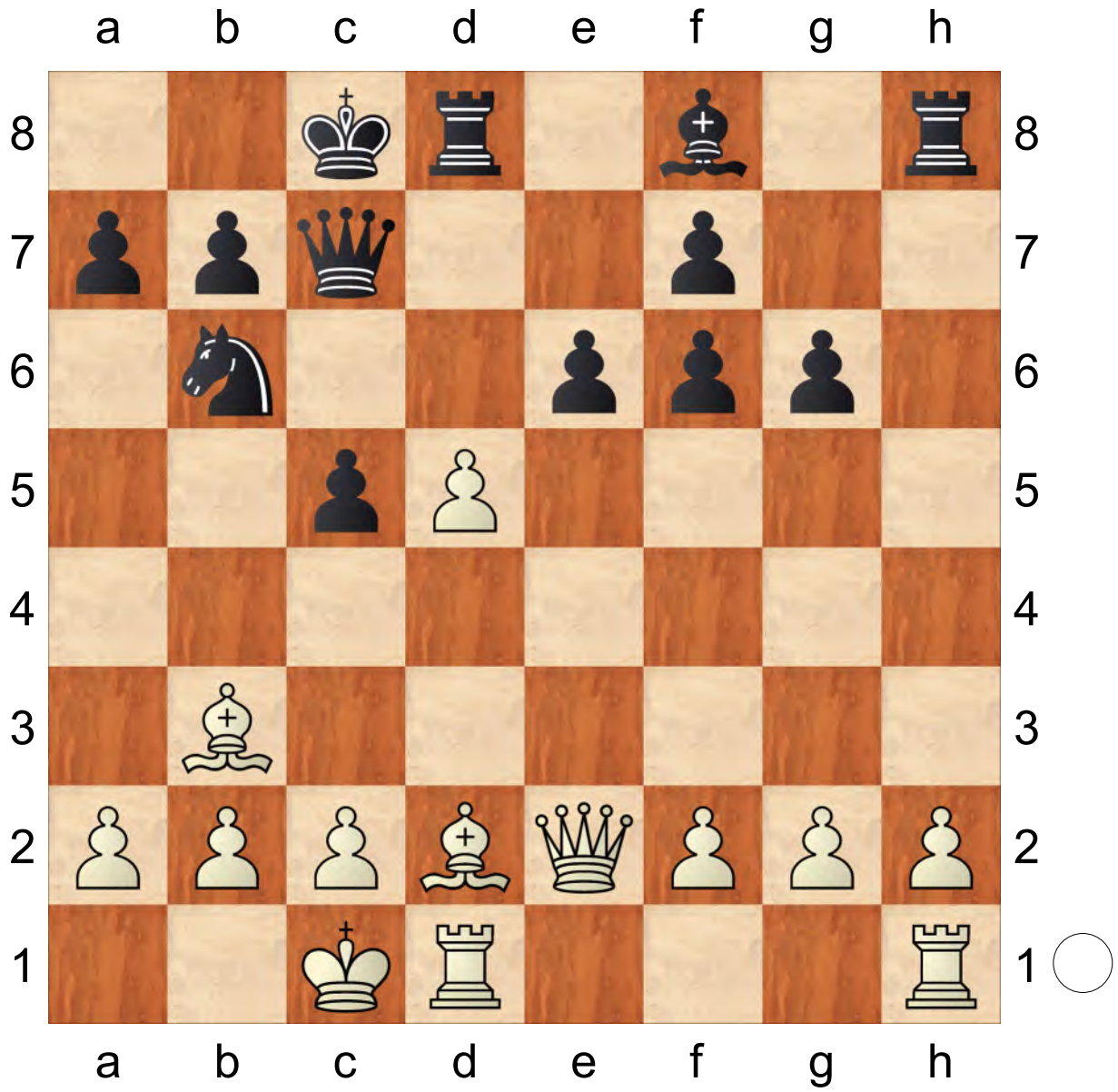
17.c4 Bd6 18.h4

[18.Bc2 Rh4]

18...f5

(Diagram)

und Schwarz kann mit dem Ereichten zufrieden sein.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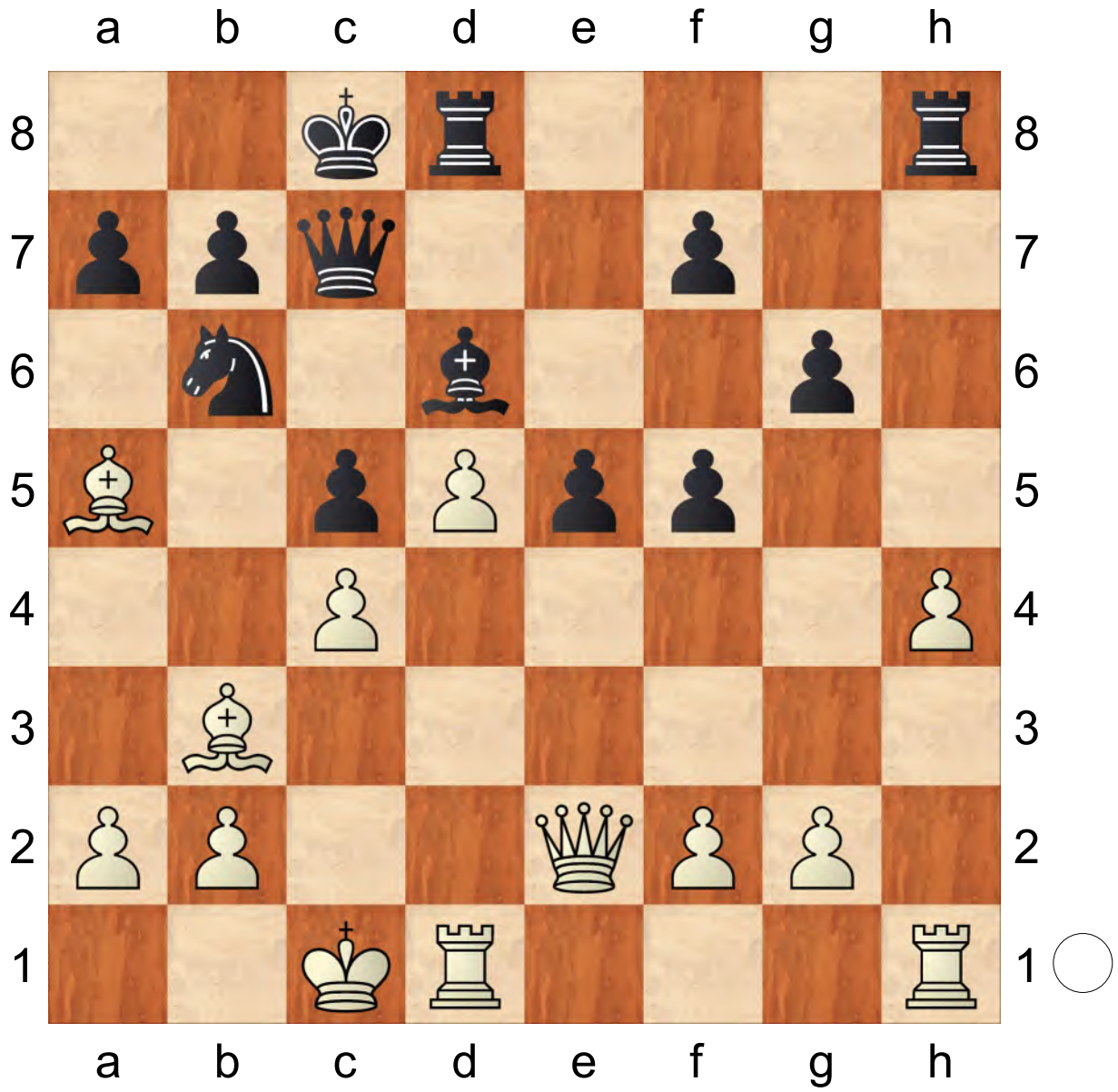
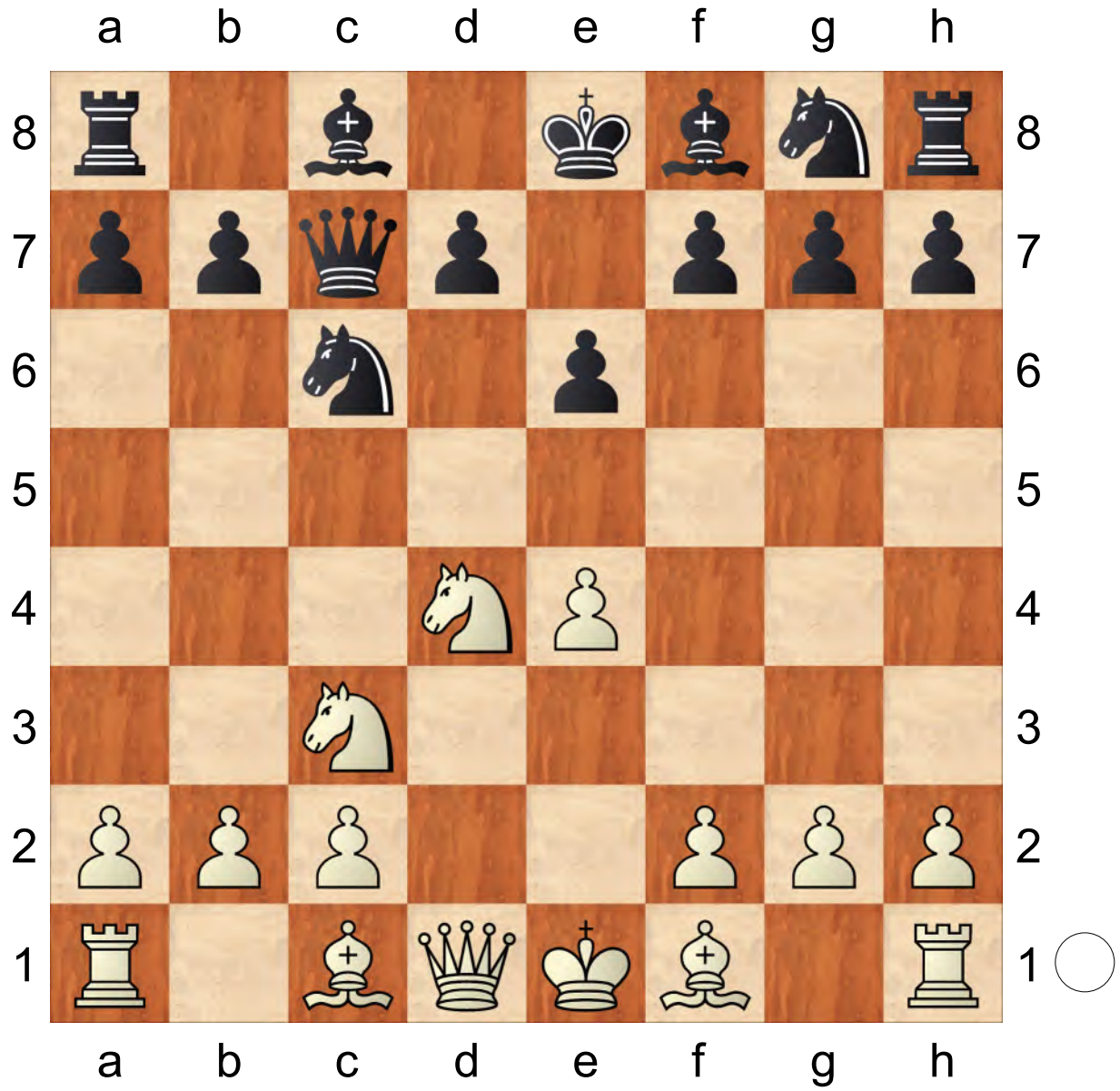


B48

□ **CBM 48**
■ **8.0-0 Ne5**
Survey Opening 1995
[Ribli,Zoltan]

1.e4 Ribli Ribli **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7**



6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Ne5!? 9.h3
[9.Bf4 d6 10.Bg3 b5= Suhanov-Averkin/USSR/1964/]
[9.Nf3 Nfg4!? *(9...Bd6 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.f4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc3 13.e5 Nd5 14.Bd2 Qc5+ 15.Kh1 b5 16.f5 Bb7 17.fxe6 dxe6 18.Qg4 h5 19.Qxg7 0-0-0 20.Qxf7 Rhg8↑* Jansa,V-Kveinys,A/Prague/1993/CBM37/; *9...d6 10.a4 b6*

11.Nd2 Bb7= Ljubojevic,L-Najdorf,M/Buenos Aires/1979/INF28,358/*)* 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nd4 Nxd3 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nf3 b5 14.cxd3 Bb7 15.h3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.d4 Qf4 18.a3 Rc8 19.Qd3 0-0 20.Rad1 f5 21.e5 Rc7 22.Rfe1 Rfc8∓ Timman,J-Ribli,Z/Reykjavik WCup/1988/CBM10/]

[9.Be2

A) 9...d6 10.f4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.Qf3 *(12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Qf3 Be7 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.f5↑* Nikolin,Z-Makropoulou,M/Pula ztW/1990/*)* 12...Be7 *(12...Qc7 13.f5 Be7 14.g4 h6 15.Qh3 e5 16.g5 exd4 17.Bxd4 Qc4 18.Rad1 Nh7 19.gxh6±* Kiroski,T-Abramovic,B/Skopje/1994/INF62,(192)/*)* 13.Rae1 0-0 14.g4 Nd7 15.g5 Re8 16.Qh5 Bf8 17.f5→ Hermesmann,H-Marggraff,B/Dortmund op/1988/;

B) 9...Bc5?! 10.f4 Nc6 11.e5!± *(11.Kh1 d6 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.Bf3 Rfd8∞* Porras,M-Safira,S/WchJW-U18 Szeged/1994/ *)*;

C) 9...b5!? 10.f4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 *(11.Bc1? Bb4! 12.e5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nd5 14.Qe1 Ncb6 15.Rf3 Na4 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.Kh1 Ndb6 18.Rg3 Nc4∓* Hennings,A-Hamann,S/Aarhus/1971/INF12,402/*)* 11...Qxc4 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Qe2 *(14.Qg4?! Bb7 15.Rad1 Qe4 16.Qg3 Be7 17.f5 Bh4! 18.Qh3 Qxe5 19.Bf4 Qe4 20.Bd6 Bf6∓* Penrose,J-Najdorf,M/Palma de Mallorca/1969/INF08,352/ *)* 14...Bb7

C1) 15.Rad1 Rc8!? *(15...Qe4?! 16.Qf2 Be7 17.f5 Bh4 18.Qd2 Qd5 19.c3 h5 20.a4 Be7 21.axb5 Qxe5 22.Nc6! dxc6 23.Qd7+ Kf8 24.Bd4 Bc8 25.Qxc6 Qb8 26.fxe6 f6 27.Bc5 Bxe6 28.Bxe7+ Kf7 29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.Rd7++-* Penrose-Tompa/cr/1983/*)* 16.c3 Qc4 17.Qf2 g6 18.Nb3 Bd5 19.Kh1 Be7 20.Nd2 Qc6 21.Bd4 0-0 22.Qg3 f5 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Nf3 d6∞ Tejero,J-De la Riva,O/Benesque op/1993/;

C2) 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.c3 Be7 17.Rad1 Qc4 18.Qf2 Bd5 19.Rd4 Qc6! *(19...Qc7? 20.Qg3 g6 21.f5! gxf5 22.Rxd5! exd5 23.Nd4 Qb6 24.Nxf5 Qg6 25.Qf3 Rg8 26.Qxd5 Qe6 27.Qf3 Rg6 28.Kh1 Qc6 29.Qf2 Qe4 30.Nxe7 Kxe7 31.Bg5+!±* Berzinsh,R-Sideif Sade,F/Nabereznye Chelny/1993/CBM37/INF59,(208)/*)* 20.Rfd1!?∞ *(20.Rd2 0-0 21.Rfd1 f6 22.Nd4 Qc4 23.Nf5 exf5 24.Rxd5 fxe5 25.Rxe5 Bf6 26.Rxf5 Qxa2 27.Rfd5 Rf7 28.h4 Re8 29.Bc5 Qc4 30.h5 Re2 31.Qf3 h6∞* Reefat,S-Gostisa,L/Moscow olm/EXP44/*; 20.f5 exf5 21.Qxf5 0-0 22.Rd2 Be6 23.Qc2 Qc7 24.Qe4 Qc6*= Berzinsh,R-Al Modiahki,M/Duisburg WCJ/1992/*; 20.Qg3!?)*]

9...Bc5!

[9...Nc4?! 10.Bc1 *(10.Bxc4 Qxc4 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Qc7 13.Qh5 b5 14.Qg5 Bb7 15.Rfe1∞* Wegener,D-Roesemann,R/Dortmund op/1993/*)* 10...b5 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Ndxb5! axb5 13.Nxb5 Qb8 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.Be3± Gorelev,S-Dabek,R/Katowice op/1992/]

[9...d6?! 10.f4 *(10.Qe2 Be7 11.f4 Ng6 12.a4 0-0 13.a5 e5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nf5 Bc5 16.g3 Be6*= Ochoa,F-Velasco,J/Spain tch/1994/*)* 10...Nxd3 *(10...Ng6!?)* 11.cxd3 Be7 12.f5 Bd8 13.Qb3↑ Har Zvi,R-Hulak,K/Zagreb zt/1993/CBM35/]

[9...b5

A) 10.Bf4 Bb7 11.Qe2 Be7∞ *(11...Bd6?! 12.Bg3 Nxd3 13.Ndxb5! axb5 14.Nxb5 Qc6 15.Nxd6+ Ke7 16.cxd3+-* Hamid,R-Forbes,C/London Lloyds/1987/ *)*;

B) 10.Qe2 b4 11.Nb1 d5 12.Nd2 Bb7 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Rfe1 0-0= Schaefer,M-Schlosser,M/Muenster/1992/CBM31/;

C) 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qe2 Rc8! *(11...Nc4? 12.Ndxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Qe5 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.f4 Qb8 16.f5+-* Meyer-Kupper,J/Schweiz/1966/INF01,272/*)* 12.Kh1 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Qd3 d5 15.e5 Nd7∞ Csoke,K-Monda,L/HunchT1/1994/;

D) 10.f4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Qxc4

D1) 12.e5

D1a) 12...b4?!

D1a1) 13.exf6? bxc3 14.b3 Qd5 15.Qe2 *(15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 gxf6 17.Bd4 Be7 18.Bxc3 Bb7 19.Bb2 a5 20.a4 Be4 21.Rd2 Rg8 22.Nd4 Rc8 23.Nb5 d5∓* Gonzalez D,-Paramos,R/Mondariz op/1994/*)* 15...gxf6 16.f5 Rg8 17.fxe6 dxe6 18.Rad1 Bb7∓ Nicevski,R-Soos,B/Skopje/1967/INF04,450/;

D1a2) 13.Qf3! Rb8 14.exf6 bxc3 15.b3 Qc7 16.f5± Ivkov,B-Portisch,L/Amsterdam/1964/;

D1b) 12...Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5

D1b1) 14.Nb3 Bb7 15.Rf2?! *(15.Qe2!?)* 15...Rc8 16.c3 b4 17.Bd4 a5 18.a4 bxa3 19.bxa3 Be7 20.Nd2 0-0∓ Matthias,H-Gostisa,L/Lippstadt/1994/CBM43/;

D1b2) 14.a4 Bb7 15.Qe2 Bc5 16.Qf2 Rc8= Pietsch-Ivkov,B/Amsterdam/1964/;

D1b3) 14.Qe2 Bb7 15.Nb3 Ribli: '!?' '!?' Rc8 16.c3 *(16.Rad1 Qc4 17.Qd2 Bd5 18.Rf2 Be7 19.Bd4 0-0 20.Qe3 f6 21.exf6 Bxf6=* Jansson,B-Zichichi,A/Siegen olm/1970/INF10,450/*)* 16...Be7 17.Rad1 Qc4 18.Qf2 Bd5 19.Rd4 Qc6! *(19...Qc7 20.Qg3 0-0 21.f5±* Boleslavsky*)* 20.Qg3 g6 *(20...0-0!?)* 21.Rfd1 h5 22.Qf2 h4 23.f5!? gxf5 24.Rxd5! exd5 25.Nd4 Qg6 26.Nxf5 Rh5 27.Rf1 Rc6 28.Qf3 Bf8 29.Bd4⩲ Riegler,P-Gostisa,L/Nova Gorica SLO-ch/1995/;

D2) 12.Qd3!?

D2a) 12...Bb7?! 13.a4! Qxd3 14.cxd3 b4 15.Nce2 Bc5 16.Rfc1 d6 17.Kf2 Kd7 *(17...Ke7 18.Nb3 Bxe3+ 19.Kxe3 Rac8 20.Na5 Ba8 21.Nd4 Nd7 22.Ndc6+ Kf6 23.d4±* Landenbergue,C-Gostisa,L/Ptuj zt/1995/CBM47/*)* 18.Nb3 Bxe3+ 19.Kxe3 a5 20.Ned4 Rhc8 21.Nd2 *(21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.g4 Ng8 24.Nd2 Ba6 25.N4b3 Ne7 26.d4 Nc6 27.e5±* Short,N-Illescas Cordoba,M/Linares/1990/CBM17/*)* 21...Ra6 *(21...Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Ba6 23.N4b3±* Ujtumen,T-Reshevsky,S/Palma de Mallorca/1970/INF10,451/*)* 22.Rxc8 Kxc8 23.N4b3 d5 24.Nc5 Ra7 25.Rc1 dxe4 26.dxe4 Kb8 27.Nxb7 Kxb7 28.Rc5+-

Tal,M-Kochiyev,A/Leningrad/1977/INF24,351/;
D2b) 12...d5!? 13.e5 *(13.exd5 Qxd3 14.cxd3 b4 15.Ne4 Nxd5=* Nezmetdinov-Tal,M/USSR/1959/*)* 13...Nd7 14.Qxc4 dxc4 *(14...bxc4?! 15.f5 Bc5?! 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Rae1 Bxd4 18.Bxd4 Rf8 19.Ne2±* Kostro,J-Soos,B/Polanica Zdroj/1968/INF07,359/*)* 15.f5 Nxe5 16.fxe6 Bxe6 17.Rae1 Nd7 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bd4 0-0-0 20.Rxe6 Nc5 21.Rc6+ Kb7 22.Rxc5 Rxd4 23.Rcf5 Bd6 24.Rf7+ Kc6 25.Rxg7 b4⩱ Fischer,R-Petrosian,T/Santa Monica/1966/INF02,373/]

10.Kh1!?

[10.Qd2 d6 11.Nde2 0-0 12.f4 Bxe3+ 13.Qxe3 Nc6 14.g4 b5 15.g5 Ne8 *(15...Nd7!?)* 16.Rf2 b4 17.Nd1 Bb7 18.f5 exf5 19.exf5 Ne5∞ Maleska,A-Blimke,D/POL-chjW U20/1994/]

[10.a4 d6 *(10...b6 11.Be2 Bb4 12.f4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Qd3 d5 15.e5 Nd7 16.Nce2* Remis! Pedzich,D-Jaracz,P/POL-ch/1991/EXP22/ *)* 11.a5

A) 11...Nc6 12.Be2 Nxa5 13.Bg5⩱ Nc6!? *(13...b6 14.Bf3 Bb7 15.Ra4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.b4! Bxa4 18.bxc5 Bc6 19.cxd6 Qc8 20.Qd4⩱* Lepeshkin,V-Khasin,A/USSR/1971/INF11,321/*)* 14.Nb3 Ba7 15.Qd2 h6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bg3 e5∞ Lepeshkin,V-Moisieev,O/USSR/1971/INF11,320/;

B) 11...0-0= Kotov]

[10.f4 Nc6 *(10...Ng6!? 11.Kh1 d6=* → 10.♔h1 d6 11.f4 ♘g6 *)* 11.Nf5

A) 11...Qb6? 12.Nd6+ Kf8 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Rxf2 Qxb2 15.Qe1 Qb4 16.e5 Ne8 17.Rb1 Qd4 18.Nxe8 Kxe8 19.Ne4 Ke7 20.Nd6± Durao,J-Hartston,W/Praia da Rocha/1969/INF08,355/;

B) 11...Ne7 12.Nxg7+ Kf8 13.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 14.Kh1 Kxg7 15.e5 Ne8 *(15...Nfd5? 16.Ne4 Qc7 17.f5 Nxf5 18.Rxf5 exf5 19.Nd6+-* Monin,N-Loginov,V/USSR/1978/INF27,364/*)* 16.Ne4 Qc7 17.Qh5 Ng6 18.Rf3→;

C) 11...Bxe3+!? 12.Nxe3 d6! 13.Rf2 *(13.Kh1 0-0 14.g4 b5 15.a3 Bb7⇄)* 13...0-0 14.a4 b6 *(14...Bd7?! 15.g4! Nb4 16.g5 Ne8 17.Bf1 Rd8 18.h4 Qc5 19.Qd2±* Monin,N-Levitina,I/USSR/1979/INF27,(364)/*)* 15.g4 Bb7 16.g5 Nd7 17.h4 Nb4 18.Bf1 Nc5 19.Bg2∞ Chuprikov,D-Tregubov,P/URS-sf Voronez/EXP22/]

[10.Na4 Ba7 *(10...Be7 11.f4 Nxd3 12.cxd3 0-0 13.Rc1 Qd8 14.Qd2 d6 15.Nb3 Nd7 16.Na5±* Mainka,R-Himmel,H/Dortmund op/1993/*)* 11.c4 d6 *(11...Nxc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.Rc1 Qb4 14.Nxe6! dxe6 15.Bxa7 Nd7 16.Nc5 Ne5 17.Qd6 Nc6 18.Rfd1! Rxa7 19.a3 Qb6 20.Na4+-* Fajbisovich,V-Litzberger/Harrachov/1967/INF04,453/ *)*

A) 12.b4 Bd7∞ *(12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Nf5! 0-0 15.Bxa7+-* Karpenko-Kambarov/USSR/1971/INF11,317/ *)*;

B) 12.Rc1 Bd7 *(12...Nxd3 13.Qxd3 Nd7?! 14.Nf3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 b6 16.Rfd1 Bb7 17.Qd4 Ke7 18.b4↑* Mainka,R-Langeweg,K/Candas op/1992/*; 12...0-0 13.Nc3 b6 14.b3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Bb7 16.Rfd1 h6 17.Nde2 Rad8 18.Ng3 Qe7 19.Qe2 Nd7 20.Bd4±* Vogt,L-Timoshchenko,G/Stary Smokovec/

1972/INF14,388/) 13.Nc3 0-0 (13...Nxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.Rfd1 Rfc8 16.b3 Ne8 17.Nf3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 b6 19.Qf4 Bc6= Tal,M-Panno,O/Buenos Aires/1991/CBM24/)

B1) 14.Be2 Rfc8 15.Kh1 (15.b3 Bc5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Kh1 e5 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Nc2 Bxe3 20.Nxe3 Nf4∞ Tal,M-Eingorn,V/Sochi/1986/) 15...Qb8= Judovic (15...Qd8?! 16.f3 Bc5 17.f4 Nc6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxc6 Rxc6 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.b4 Rc7 22.fxe5± Yudovich,M-Cherepkov,A/USSR/1967/INF04,457/);

B2) 14.b3 Rfd8 (14...Rac8 15.Bb1 Qb8 16.a4 h6 17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Kh1 Bc5 20.f4 Ba3 21.Rc2 Bb4∞ Schmidt; 14...Rfc8 15.Qd2 Qa5 16.Be2 Ng6 17.Rfd1 Bc5 18.Nd5 Qxd2 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Rxd2 Kf8 21.g3 Ne5 22.f4 Nc6 23.Kf2 Ke7= Schaefer,M-Meier,V/BL 9293/; 14...Qa5 15.a4 Bc5 16.Bb1 Qb6 17.Re1 Rfd8 18.Na2 Nc6 19.Nf3 Be8= Feher,G-Fogarasi,T/Elekes/1992/) 15.Bb1 Be8 16.Qe2 Bc5 17.f4 Qb6 18.Nc2 Ng6= Kholmov,R-Schmidt,Wl/Tbilisi/1974/INF19,356/]

[10.Qe2!? d6! (10...b5?! 11.f4 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 14.Rf2 b4 15.Na4 Qc6 16.b3 Bb7 17.Re1 0-0 18.Qe3 Rad8 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Nxc5 Bc8 21.e5± Kosten,A-Martin,A/Hastings Challenger/1991/EXP26/; 10...Ng6?! 11.Nb3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 d6 13.Rad1 0-0 14.Rd2± Kaplan,J-Suetin,A/Hastings/1968/INF05,391/)

A) 11.a4

A1) 11...Qb6 12.a5 Qa7 13.Rad1 (13.Rfd1!?) 13...Bd7 14.Bc4 b5 15.axb6 Qxb6 16.Bb3 0-0 17.f4 Nc6 18.Qf2± Mikhalchishin,A-Adler,J/Bled/1992/INF55,215/;

A2) 11...b6∞;

B) 11.f4

B1) 11...Nxd3?! 12.cxd3 Bd7 13.Rac1!?↑ (13.Nb3 Bxe3+ 14.Qxe3 0-0 15.a4 Rac8 16.a5 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Qb8= Soos,A-Zemerov,V/Portal Kupa/1993/);

B2) 11...Ned7 12.Nb3 Bxe3+ 13.Qxe3 b5 (13...b6?! 14.Rae1 Bb7 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Rf4 b5 19.Nd4 Rb8 20.c3 g6 21.a3 0-0 22.Rh4± Spassky,B-Petrosian,T/Moscow m/1969/INF07,362/) 14.Rae1 Bb7 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Rf4↑ Suetin (18.Qg5? 0-0 19.Kh1 h6 20.Qh5 Rad8 21.Re3 Bc4∓ O'Kelly,A-Panno,O/La Habana/1969/INF08,354/);

B3) 11...Ng6!

B3a) 12.Qf2 0-0!? (12...Bd7= Δ ♖ac8 Suetin) 13.Kh1 (13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxc5 Nxf4 16.Bxf8 Rxf8⩲ Petrushin,A-Suetin,A/USSR/1974/INF17,404/) 13...Bd7 14.Rae1 Rac8 15.Nb3 (15.f5 Ne5 16.Qg3 Kh8∞ Wiese,M-Grosch,M/Dubai olw/1986/) 15...Bxe3 16.Qxe3 h6 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5 Nh7= Short,N-Ribli,Z/Belfort WCup/1988/CBM08/INF45,214/;

B3b) 12.Kh1 0-0

B3b1) 13.Rad1 b5 14.a3 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rxf6 exd4 17.Nd5 Qe5 18.Bf4 Nxf4 19.Rxf4 Bd6 20.Rdf1 Be6 21.g4 Rfe8∓ Srivastava,Y-Kuzmin,A/Calcutta op/1994/EXP39/;

B3b2) 13.Nb3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 b5 15.Rae1 *(15.a4 b4 16.Ne2 Bb7 17.Ng3 a5∞* Kaplan,L-Kaenel,H/Bled op/1994/*)* 15...b4 16.Nd1 Bb7 17.Qd2 a5= Riegler,P-Jaracz,P/Matinhos WJC/1994/;

B3b3) 13.Rae1 b5

B3b31) 14.Qf2

B3b311) 14...Bb7 15.f5! exf5 16.Nxf5 Bxe3? *(16...Nd7 17.Qg3 Nde5±* Liu Shelan*)* 17.Rxe3 Qd8 18.Qg3 d5 19.e5 Ne8 20.Ne2 Bc8 21.Ned4± Liu Shelan-Veroeci,Zs/Tbilisi izt/1982/INF34,241/;

B3b312) 14...b4!?∞;

B3b32) 14.a3 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rxf6 exd4 17.Nd5 Qe5 18.Rc6 Bd6 19.Bg1 Re8 20.Nb6 Bb7 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Qf2 Rd8 24.e5 Nxe5 25.Qxd4 Qxd4 26.Bxd4 Nxd3 27.cxd3= Sanjeev,K-Kuzmin,A/Calcutta op/1994/EXP39/;

B3c) 12.Nb3 Bxe3+ 13.Qxe3

B3c1) 13...Bd7?! 14.Rae1 0-0 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Ne8 17.Kh1 Bc6 18.Nd4 Rd8 19.Nf3 Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Qa5 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qg5 Rc8 23.a3 Qd8 24.Qg4 Rc5 25.b4 Rc6 26.Ne4↑ Divis,J-Haba,P/Luhacovice/1993/;

B3c2) 13...0-0

B3c21) 14.Rae1 b5 ⟶ 13...b5 14.♖ae1 0-0;

B3c22) 14.Na4 Nd7 15.f5 Nge5 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Rxf8+ Kxf8= *(17...Nxf8? 18.Qb6!±* Dvoirys,S-Suetin,A/USSR/1980/ *)*;

B3c23) 14.a4 b6 15.Rae1 Bb7 16.Kh1 *(16.f5?! exf5 17.Rxf5 Rae8! 18.Qg3 Re5 19.Nd2 Rfe8 20.Ref1 Rxf5 21.Rxf5 Re5∓* Olsson,A-Liebert,H/Skopje olm/1972/INF14,389*/; 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Qg5 Nc5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5+ 21.Qe3=* Vospernik,A-Adler,J/Bled op/1993/*)* 16...Rad8 17.f5 exf5 18.Rxf5= Kupper-Cvetkovic/Schweiz/1972/;

B3c3) 13...b5!

B3c31) 14.Rf2 0-0 15.a3 Rb8 16.Bf1 Bd7 17.Rd1 a5 18.Qd4 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Na2 e5 21.Qxd6 Qa7⩲ Balashov,Y-Tunik,G/Moscow GMA-op/1989/;

B3c32) 14.a3 Bb7 15.Rad1 0-0 16.Rf2 Rfd8! *(16...Rad8?! 17.Rfd2 e5 18.f5 Nf4 19.Bf1 d5 20.Qc5!±* Timman,J-Illescas Cordoba,M/Linares/CBM06/INF45,215/*)* 17.Rfd2 Rac8 18.Bf1 *(18.Be2 e5 19.f5 Ne7 20.Bf3 d5! 21.exd5 Nxf5 22.Qa7 Nd6∓* Denny,K-Illescas Cordoba,M/Thessaloniki olm/1988/*)* 18...e5 19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Nd4 Qb6= Novik,M-Landa,K/Jurmala/1989/CBM13/;

B3c33) 14.Rae1 0-0 Ribli: '⟶ 13...b5 14.♖ae1 0-0'

B3c331) 15.a3 Bb7 16.Kh1 Rac8 17.Nd4 Rfe8 18.e5 Nd5

19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.exd6 Qxd6= Mecking,H-Juarez,C/Mar del Plata/1971/INF12,400/;

B3c332) 15.g4?! Qa7! 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Rf4 Nb6 20.a4 Qb8∓ Kavalek,L-Timman,J/Prague/1990/CBM20/INF50,210/;

B3c333) 15.Nd4

B3c3331) 15...Qc5?! 16.e5! dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Ne4 Qd5?! *(19...Qxe5 20.Nc6⩱)* 20.Ng5 Bb7 21.Rf2 Rac8 22.Rd2!± Varga,Zo-Horvath,C/Odorheiu zt/1995/CBM47/;

B3c3332) 15...b4! 16.Nb1 e5 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nf5 Nf4∓ van der Berg,C-Langeweg,K/Wijk aan Zee/1971/INF11,318/;

B3c334) 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxg6 hxg6

B3c3341) 17.Qxe5 Qa7+!? *(17...Qb6+ 18.Qc5 Qxc5+ 19.Nxc5 b4 20.N3e4 Ra7 21.c4 bxc3 22.Nxc3 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Bxd7=* Andersson,U-Bukic,E/Debrecen/1970/INF10,448/*)* 18.Qc5 *(18.Kh2 Bb7 19.Nc5 b4 20.Nxb7 bxc3∓* Hennings,A-Hort,V/La Habana/1971/INF11,319/*)* 18...Bd7 *(18...Bb7 19.a3 Rfc8 20.Qxa7 Rxa7∞* Love,T- Al Modiakhi,M/Asian tch/1993/*)* 19.Ne4 Rfc8 20.Qxa7 Rxa7 21.c3 a5 22.a3 Nd5 23.Nd4 Ra6 24.Rf3 b4↑ Szalanczy,E-Horvath,Jo/Velden op/1993/;

B3c3342) 17.fxe5!? Nd7 18.Nd4 *(18.Rf4 Bb7 19.h4 Rac8 20.h5 gxh5 21.Rh4 Rfd8 22.Rxh5 Qb6!∓* Soos,A-Fogarasi,T/HUN-chT/1992/ *)* 18...Bb7

B3c33421) 19.a4 b4 20.Na2 a5 21.c3 Nc5!= Radulov *(21...b3 22.Nc1 Nc5 23.Ncxb3 Nxb3 24.Nxb3 Bxg2 25.Rf2! Bc6 26.Nd4! Bxa4 27.h4→* Radulov,I-Marjanovic,S/Beograd/1982/INF34,241/ *)*;

B3c33422) 19.Nd1 Rad8! *(19...Rac8?! 20.Nf2 Nb6 21.Ng4 Nd5 22.Qg5 Qd8 23.Qd2 Qh4 24.c3 Qh5 25.a4±* Radulov,I-Masic,L/Novi Sad/1972/INF14,390/*)* 20.c3 Nb6 21.Nf2 Nc4 22.Qg5 Rd5 23.Ng4 Qd8 24.Nf6+! *(24.Nxe6 Qxg5! 25.Nxg5 Nxb2 26.e6 f6 27.Ne4 f5 28.e7 Re8∓* Radulov,I-Suetin,A/La Habana/1969/INF08,353/*)* 24...gxf6 25.Rxf6 Rxd4 26.Rxg6+= Radulov,I-Suetin,A/Budapest/1970/INF09,329/]

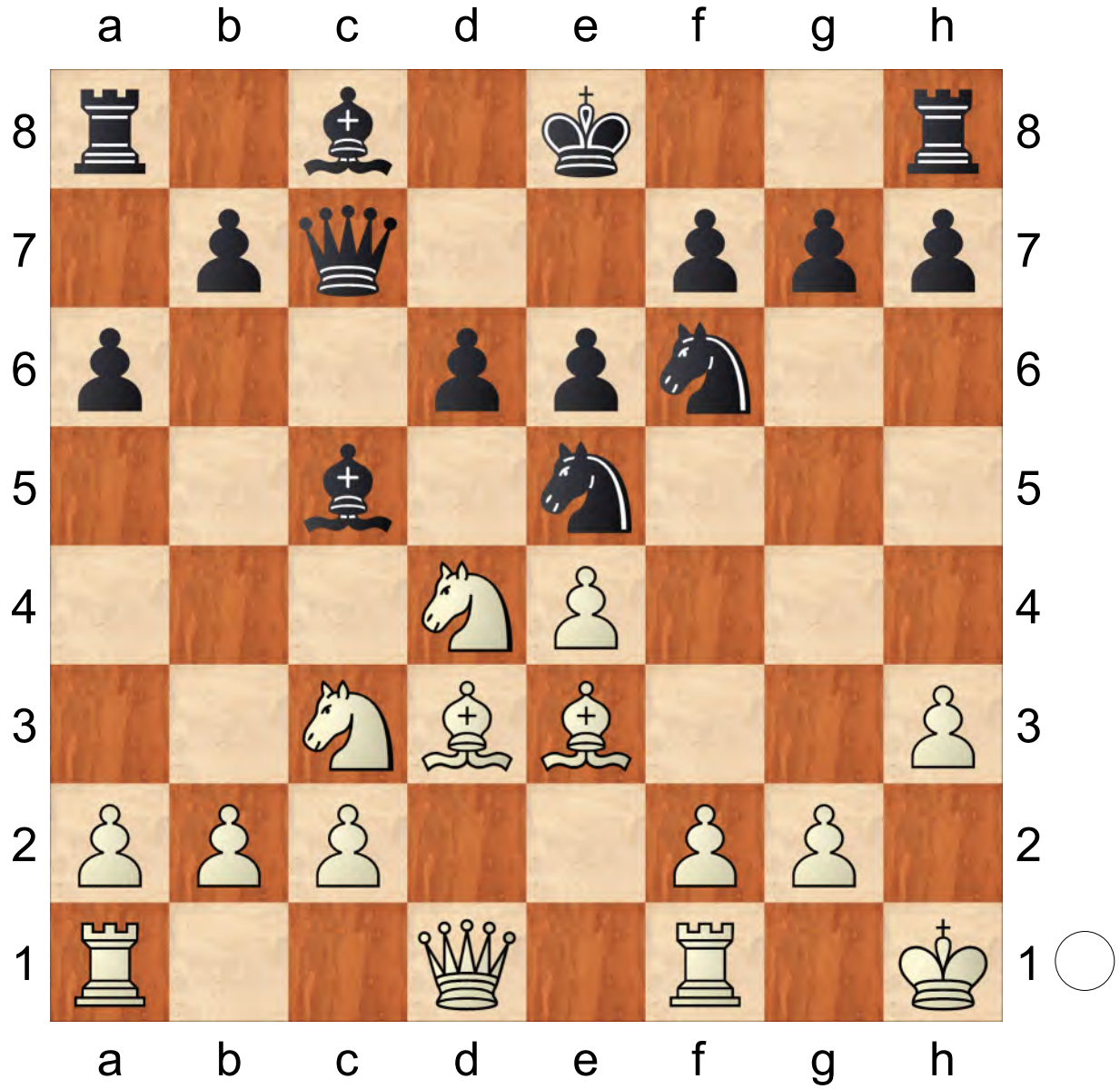
10...d6

(Diagram)

11.f4 Ned7!?

[11...Nc6? 12.e5! Nxe5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Bb5+?!± Kasparov,G-Anand,V/Tilburg/1991/CBM26/INF53,181/ *(14.Ndb5!±* Kasparov *)*]

[11...Ng6!? Ribli: '=' '=' Ribli: '→ 10.♔h1 d6 11.f4 ♘g6'



A) 12.Qf3 0-0

A1) 13.Qg3 Nh5!? 14.Qg5 Nhxf4 15.Rxf4 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 e5∓ Hamid,K-Al Modiahki,M/Asian junior/1993/;

A2) 13.a4 Bd7 14.Qg3 Qb6 *(14...Nh5!?)* 15.a5 Qa7 16.Nce2 e5 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nf5 Bxe3 19.Nxe3 Nh5 20.Qg5 f6 21.Qxh5 Qxe3 22.Ra3 Qc5∞ Brustkern,J-Pritchett,C/2.BLN 9293/;

A3) 13.Rae1 b5 14.f5 Ne5 15.Qg3 Kh8= Kuzmin,A-Slvdocov/USSR/1980/;

B) 12.Qd2 0-0!? *(12...Bd7 13.Rae1 0-0 14.Bg1 Rad8 15.e5* Remis! Topalov,V-Haba,P/Budapest zt-B/1993/CBM34/) 13.Rf3 *(13.Nce2 e5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.Rxf5 Ne8∞* Cseshkovsky,V-Damljanovic,B/Cetinje Tch/1993/) 13...e5!? 14.Nde2 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qc5 16.Qd2 exf4 17.Nxf4 Qg5= Polgar,J-Portisch,L/Prague/1995/CBM48/]

12.a4

[12.Qf3 b5 13.Nb3 *(13.Qg3 Bb7! 14.a3 0-0 15.Qh4 Qb6! 16.Qf2 e5 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nf5 g6 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Nh6+ Kg7∓* Smagin,S-Matulovic,M/Jugoslavija/1992/INF54,188/*)* 13...Bb7 14.a4 b4 15.Ne2= Tal,M-Najdorf,M/Beograd/1970/INF09,332/]

[12.Qe2 b5 *(12...0-0!?)* 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Qxe5 15.Qf3 Bb7!? 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.Nxe6 Qxe6= Tseitlin,M-Dorfman,J/EUCup f Lyon/1994/CBM45/INF62,191/]

[12.a3

A) 12...0-0 13.Qe1 b5 *(13...Qb6 14.Qf2 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Nf5±* Kasparov,G-Ivanchuk,V/Novgorod/1994/CBM43/INF61,196/*)* 14.b4 Ba7 15.a4± Kasparov;

B) 12...b5 13.Bxb5 (!)Kasparov axb5 14.Ndxb5

B1) 14...Qb6 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.e5! *(16.Nd6+?! Ke7 17.Nxc8+? Rhxc8 18.e5 Ne8∓* Kasparov,G-Lautier,J/Amsterdam/1995/CBM47/*)* 16...Ba6 17.a4 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 Nd5 19.Nd6+ Ke7 20.Qh5⩲ Kasparov;

B2) 14...Qb8! 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.e5 Ba6! 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Rf2 Rd8 19.Rd2 Qxb2∓ Hector,J-Sadler,M/Malmo/1995/CBM48/]

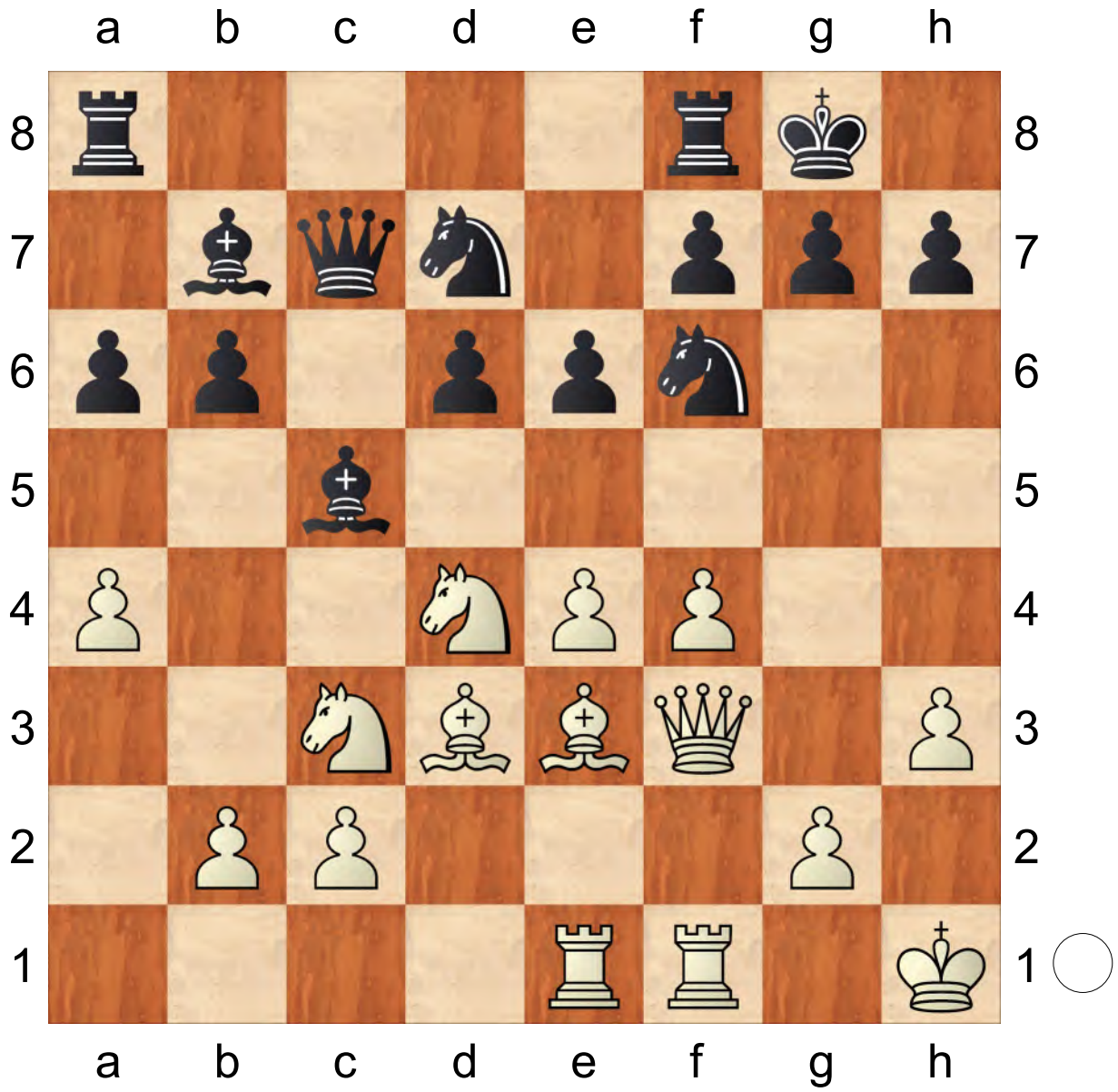
12...b6 13.Qf3

[13.Qe1 Bb7 14.Qg3 g6! 15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Qf2 0-0 17.Nb3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 e5!∞ Short,N-Ribli,Z/Brussels SWIFT 25'/1992/EXP29/]

13...Bb7 14.Rae1 0-0!?

[14...h5?! 15.Qf2 Rc8 16.Nf3 Qb8 17.Qh4↑ Lau,R-Schlosser,P/Graz zt/1993/CBM35/]

(Diagram)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□ **Kasparov,Garry** **2838**
■ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2727**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 e6 Ponomariov has never played the French before, but preparing against it for his last round game with Anand he decided to give the Rubinstein a try with Black. **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The Rubinstein French is kind of a default setting, to be played against both 3 Nc3 and 3 Nd2. TIP: The line is considered one of Black's most safe solid (and unenterprising!) choices in the French, and may be a good pick when facing a very aggressive opponent.'

[NOTE: The Rubinstein line is similar to the Burn variation of the Classical (which we covered earlier in the book) after 3...Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nbd7 . The difference is that in the Burn, White commits to an early Bg5, which helps Black, since it becomes easier to swap pieces from a cramped position.]

4.Nxe4 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'which transposes to the game.' **4...Nd7** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black's idea is to challenge White's well placed e4-knight with ...Ngf6. ' By far the most popular move. About a decade ago even elite players (Karpov, Kramnik, Andersson) tested

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Instead,' 4...Bd7 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is the Fort Knox line, which runs ' 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 Cyrus Lakdawala: '. Black's idea is to hand over the bishop pair with either ...Bxe4, or ...Bxf3, followed by ...c6, with an ultra-solid yet slightly inferior Caro-Kann-like position.' 8.Ng3 but Black's position remains rather passive. White controls more space and counterplay with c5 is difficult to implement effectively. *(8.Neg5!?)*]

5.Nf3 The most natural continuation, but not the only move.

[5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.Qe2 c5 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd2 0-0 10.0-0-0!? *(10.Nf3 e5! 11.0-0-0 e4 12.Bxe4 Qe7 13.Rhe1 Qe6 14.a3 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bxf2 16.Re2 Qxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Re7 Bxe3+ 20.Rxe3 Rfe8 21.Rde1 Rxe3 22.Rxe3 Kf8=* Ivanchuk,V-Anand,V/FIDE WCh Moscow/2001*)*
10...Qd5

A) 11.Bc3!? Qxa2 hasn't been tested so far, but is perhaps playable for Black. After *(11...Qg5+ 12.Kb1 Nd5 13.Be5 Qxg2? 14.Qh5 f5 15.Nf3 Qg4 16.Rhg1 Qxh5 17.Rxg7+ Kh8* Sadler,M-Miles,A/BCF-ch Hove/1997/ *18.Rdg1!+-* mates quickly.*)* 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qh5 Qa1+ 14.Kd2 Qa5+ 15.Ke2 f5 16.g4 Kh8!?⇄ the position remains tense.;

B) 11.Kb1

B1) Extremely risky is 11...Qxg2?! 12.Nf3 Qxf2 13.Qe5

B1a) 13...Nd7 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Qh5+ Kg8 16.Rhg1 Be3 17.Bxe3 *(17.Bc3 f6 18.Rdf1 Qe2 19.Re1 Qf2 20.Ref1 Qe2 21.Re1 Qf2 22.Qg4 Rf7 23.Rgf1 Nf8 24.Rxf2 Bxf2 25.Rf1 Bb6 26.Qh5 g6 27.Qh4*

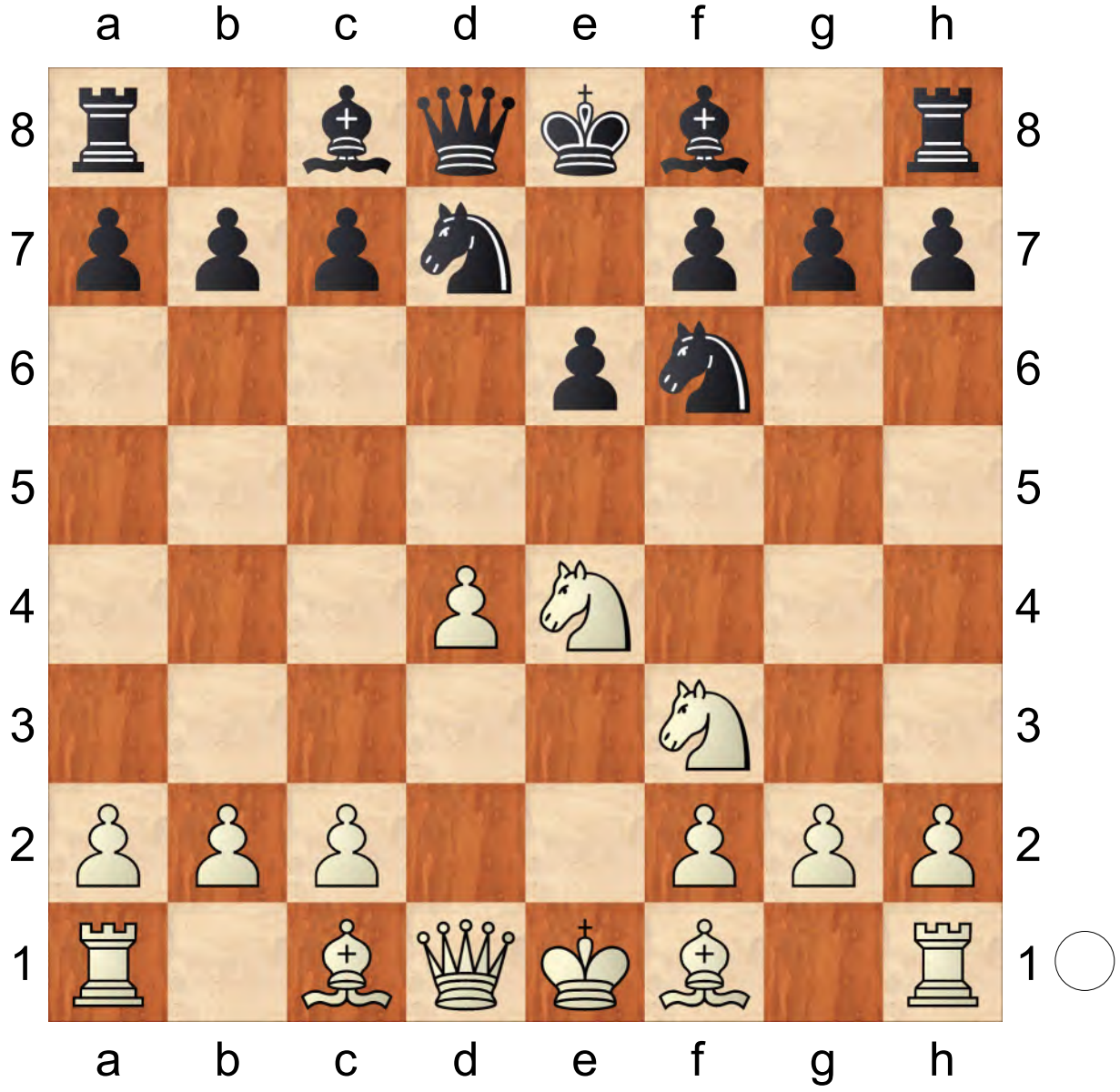
e5 28.Nd2 g5 29.Qh6 Bd8 30.Ne4 1-0,Anand,V-Van Wely,L/Monte Carlo/2001/) 17...Qxe3 18.Rg3 Qc5? 19.Qh6 1-0,Morozevich,A-Van Wely,L/Wijk aan Zee/ 2002/;

B1b) 13...Be7 14.Rdf1 Qc5 15.Qg3 Nh5 16.Qh3 g6 17.Rhg1⩲ Nf4? 18.Bxf4 e5 19.Qh6 exf4 20.Rg5! Δ♖h5,1-0,Khalifman,A-Bareev,E/Wijk aan Zee/2002/;

B2) ⌓11...e5!⇄ Δ 12.Bc3 e4 13.Bxf6 exd3 14.Rxd3 Qc6⩱ Δ♗f5↑]

[Rather tame is 5.g3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bg2 e5! 8.Nf3 exd4 9.Qxd4 Be7 10.Qxd8+ Bxd8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 c6 13.Rfe1 Bb6 14.a4 Re8 15.a5 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Rxe3 17.fxe3 a6 18.Ra4 Kf8 19.Nd4 Ke7 20.Nb3 Kd6 21.Rd4+ Kc7 22.Nc5 Nd7= Van den Doel,E-Van Wely,L/Leeuwarden/2001/ All this indicates once Black gets in e5 unharmed, he should be doing fine.]

5...Ngf6



6.Nxf6+ Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Kasparov doesn't want to lose time with his knight and so exchanges it off. ' The most flexible.

[Neil McDonald: 'White can also play' 6.Bg5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'transposes to a line of the Burn variation of the Classical French.' Neil McDonald: 'entering the Burn Variation with 5...Nbd7 (see Chapter Five).' leads to a position more often arising after 3...♘f6 4.♗g5 de4 5.♘xe4 ♘bd7, Black can now choose between: But Black can also fight for the important e5-square with

A) 6...h6 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bh4 *(8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Bb5+ c6 10.Bd3 Bd7!? 11.Qe2 c5 12.Qe4 Rb8 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.f4 cxd4 15.0-0 Bxe5 16.fxe5 Qg5 17.Qxd4 Bc6 18.Be4 0-0 19.Bxc6* ½,Topalov,V-Bareev,E/Cannes/2002/)

A1) 8...c5± /= The position bears the typical characteristics of a Caro-Cann, Black has reasonable ⇄ and good chances for full equality. 9.Bd3 *(9.Bc4 cxd4 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nxd4 0-0 12.Re1 Qb6 13.Bb3 a5 14.a4 Rd8 15.c3 Nd5 16.Bg3 Bf6 17.Re2 Ne7 18.Rd2 Bd7 19.Bc4 Rac8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Nf5=* Ponomariov,R-Bareev,E/FIDE WCh Moscow/2001*; 9.Be2 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Nb5 Rc8 13.0-0-0 a6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Rxd6 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4 17.Rd4 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Ke7 19.Bf3 Rc7 20.a4 e5 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Bxa4 24.g4* ½,Galkin,A-Bareev,E/RUS-chT Tomsk/2001/) 9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg3 Bd7 13.c3 Qb6 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.f4!? Ponomariov,R-Psakhis,L/EU-ch Ohrid/2001/ Bc5 16.Bf2 Nd5⇄;

A2) 8...c5± /=;

B) 6...Be7 7.Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.h4 0-0 9.Bd3 c5 10.Qe2 cxd4 11.Qe4 g6 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Qd5!? Re8 14.Rhe1 Re6 15.Bb5 Qa5! 16.Bc4 Qc7 17.Bb3 Nc5 18.Bxf6 Nxb3+ 19.axb3 Rxf6 20.Qxe5 *(20.Rxe5 Be6 21.Qxd4 Bxb3 22.Rc5 Rc6= /∓*,Glek,I-Gurevich,M/Zwolle/2002/ *)* 20...Qxe5 21.Rxe5 Bg4 22.Rxd4 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Rxf3⇄]

[Neil McDonald: 'After' 6.Bd3 Neil McDonald: 'Black might prefer' c5 *(6...Nxe4 7.Bxe4 Nf6 8.Bg5 Qd6!? 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.0-0 f5* as in Anand-Speelman, Linares 1991*.; 6...Be7 7.Qe2* transposes to the next game*)* 7.0-0 Nxe4! 8.Bxe4 Nf6 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.Bf3 0-0 12.Re1 Qb6! 13.Nb3 Rd8 14.Qe2 Bd7 and Black is ready ro finish his development and equalize. Only to trouble leads the radical 15.Bd2 Bb4 16.c3 Bd6 17.c4?! a5 18.Rac1 a4! 19.c5 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Qc7 21.Na5 Bb5! 22.Qxb5 Rxd2↑ Polgar,J-Van Wely,L/Hoogeveen/2001/]

6...Nxf6 **7.c3** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White bolsters his centre in anticipation of Black's coming ...c5. '

[Instead, after Neil McDonald: 'Before this game' 7.Bd3 Neil McDonald: 'was the routine move here.' c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Qa5+! (this move discourages White from castling long) 12.c3 Nd5 (strategic threat: ... Nf4) 13.Qd2 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.0-0 Bd7 Black connects the rooks and achieves a reasonable outcome from the opening.]

7...c5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'WARNING: Be careful about your timing of ...c5, which

fights back against White's extra central space, but at the same time violates the principles: avoid opening the game or creating confrontation when lagging in development.'

[In this case, though, 7...c5 is still Black's main move and is considered a necessary evil. Black can also delay ...c5 for much later with the line 7...Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qe2 b6 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.0-0-0 . White enjoys an edge in the opposite wings attacks, since Black has yet to engineer a successful ...c5, and suffers from a slight lack of central space.]

8.Ne5! Δ♗b5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'NOTE: Principles aren't written by a deity, never to be violated. This move is in direct violation of the edict: don't move the same piece twice in the opening. In this case, it is a well-applied exception. This was a shocking new move at the time of this game and one which is now considered White's best shot at an edge. Black must now watch out for sudden Bb5+ and Qa4 ideas.' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'when we transpose to the game continuation, but with one extra move played for each side.' Neil McDonald: '!?' Neil McDonald: 'An example of Kasparov's inventiveness in the opening. There is an antidote to this move but Ponomariov is taken by surprise and immediately goes wrong. Byron Jacobs: 'Unusual. Garry employs a plan involving a sharp gambit." Neil McDonald: 'which was in fact the way the Hort-Dydyshko game given below began.' A less known, but aggressive move, which according to Dokhoian Kasparov analysed for a while before Linares.

[8.Be3 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is also played here:' Qc7 9.Ne5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'this is merely a delayed version of Kasparov's idea;' *(*instead, after *9.Bd3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0* Black can be satisfied with his or her position *)* 9...a6 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: '(once again, measures must be taken against the coming Bb5+)' 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.0-0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd7!? *(12.Bxd4 Bd6=)* 12...Qxd7 *(12...Bxd7!? 13.Qxd4 Bc6∞* Δ♖d8= *14.Be2 Rd8 15.Qg4 h5 16.Qg5 Rd5 17.Rxd5 Bxd5 18.Rd1 g6 19.Qf6 Rh7* , when Black's game remains solid yet passive, R.Kasimdzhanov-G.Meier, Spanish Team Championship 2010.*)* 13.Qc2 Bc5 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Rxd4 Qc7 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.g3 h6 18.Rd1 0-0-0 19.Rc4 Bc6 20.Be4 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Rd8 22.Qf3 Rd6 23.h4 Kb8 24.Bxc6 Rxc6 25.Rxc6 bxc6 26.h5 Kb7 27.Kc2 f5 28.Qd3 Qf7 29.Qe2 Adams,M-Anand,V/Linares/2002/ g6!?= /±]

8...Nd7? Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The illusion of safety is far more dangerous than if we are aware of danger, since our guard is down. Ponomariov shows up at the OK Corral at high noon, but forgets to load his gun. He takes measures against the coming Bb5+, but in the wrong way.' Neil McDonald: 'A mere week later Kasimdzhanov tried 8.Ne5 and he found his opponent fully prepared: Byron Jacobs: '?!" This gives White a raging initiative, nearly always a mistake against Kasparov.

[Black can't solve his problems with 8...Qa5?! 9.Be3↻↑ *(9.Qb3!?↑)*]

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Later, the correct antidote was found with' Thus Black should parry ♗b5 with the radical ⌓8...a6 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: '. This key defensive idea cuts out White's intended Bb5+. After ' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Ruling out Bb5. Byron Jacobs: 'would have been more circumspect,

preventing White's next.'' 9.Qa4+ *(Cyrus Lakdawala: 'or' Neil McDonald: 'Or' White can transpose into the above note with 9.Be3* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'which transposes to the note above' *cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.b4 Nd5 13.Be2 f6 14.Nd3 Bb7 15.f4 0-0-0 16.Rc1 Kb8 17.a3 Bd6 18.0-0 Rhe8* with unclear play in Hort,V-Dydyshko,V/Debrecen 1992/EU-chT *.)* 9...Bd7 Cyrus Lakdawala: '(Black is willing to hand over the bishop pair to unravel)' *(9...Nd7 10.Be3⟳)* 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Qxd7+ Kxd7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Be2 Rhd8 Cyrus Lakdawala: ', White's bishop pair offers a tiny edge in the ending, R. Kasimdzhanov-J.Dorfman, German League 2002.' Neil McDonald: 'Black is able to bring his rooks quickly into the game which neutralises White's bishop pair.' 14.a4 *(14.Bf3 Kc7 15.Ke2 e5!?⇄)* 14...a5 15.Bf4 Ke7 16.Bf3 Rd7 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.h4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bd6 21.Bxd6+ ½,Kasimdzhanov,R-Dorfman,J/Bundesliga 0102/2002/ Neil McDonald: 'and a draw was agreed in Kasimdzhanov, R-Dorfman,J/Luebeck GER 2002.' Here Black's centralized forces enable him to fight effectively against White's 🗗.]

[8...cxd4 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Qxd4 a6 12.Be2!?± /± also isn't ideal, the 🗗 in an open position gives White a permanent advantage.]

[8...Qc7 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Qf3 Bd6 14.g3 Kb8 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Bf1 Qc7 19.c4 Nf6 20.Bg2↑ Topalov,V-Milov,V/Eurotel Prague/2002/]

9.Bb5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'This is not just roughhousing; it is actual conflict. Life can be so beautiful when our innocent opponent walks straight into our opening preparation. Now Black experiences a shattering transition, finding himself dangerously behind in development. ' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: '!'' **9...Bd6□**

[9...a6 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is met with the deadly shot ' 10.Qf3 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'threatening mate, and if ' f6 *(10...Qf6 11.Bxd7+!* (deflecting Black's bishop from coverage of b7) *Bxd7 12.Qxb7* . White won a pawn, while retaining the initiative.*)* 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Bxd7++-]

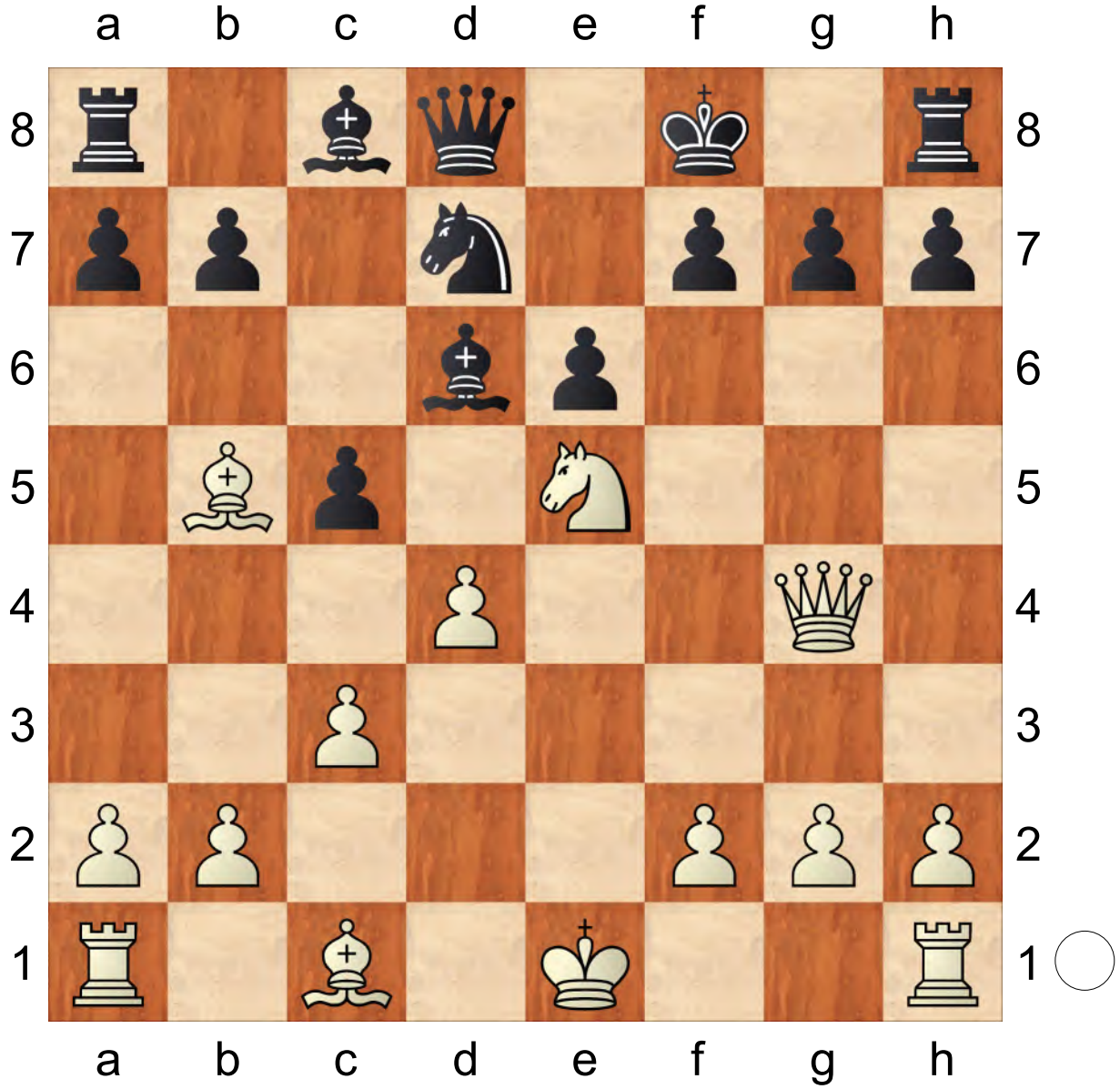
[9...Be7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qf3 0-0 13.Bxd7 Bxd7 14.Bh6+-]

[9...cxd4 10.Qf3 Qf6 11.Nxd7 Qxf3 12.Ne5+!? Qc6 13.Nxc6 a6 14.Nxd4+±]

10.Qg4 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'Very disruptive.'' **10...Kf8□**

[10...g6?! Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'creates a fatal dark-square puncture on the kingside after ' 11.Qf3→ *(11.Bh6→ a6 12.Bxd7+ Bxd7 13.0-0-0* with a winning attack for White.*; 11.Bf4→)*]

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'However, if: ' Neil McDonald: 'Black's problem is that he can't castle as White wins the exchange after Byron Jacobs: 'but'' 10...0-0? Cyrus Lakdawala: '??' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'hangs material to ' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'loses the exchange to'' 11.Bxd7! Bxe5 *(11...Bxd7 12.Bh6+-* Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: '.'' *g6 13.Bxf8 .)* 12.Bxc8 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Bxb7±]



Cyrus Lakdawala: 'In the aftermath of an incorrect plan, we become the incompetent murderer, who does his or her futile best to eradicate all forensic evidence of our past crime. This ugly move is forced. Add another problem to Black's growing list: now the h8-rook will be out of play for some time to come.' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'Not what you want to do;'' **11.0-0!?** Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'TIP: Open lines when leading in development. Kasparov, as is his trademark, fights with zeal more than caution. He is happy to open Pandora's box with the offer of a pawn to enhance attacking chances.' Neil McDonald: 'Kasparov was unlikely to refuse the chance to gambit a pawn to open lines and get at Black's king. Byron Jacobs: 'Yet another Kasparov pawn sacrifice. This one yields compensation in the form of Black's uncastled king and development lag, though it is still speculative.'' Kasparov sacrifices a pawn to get maximum out of the position.

[Fritz recommends Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A more safety-minded player would have gone for a line like' 11.Qh5 but after Nxe5 *(11...Bxe5? 12.dxe5* doesn't cost a tempo, but the gaping dark-square holes are worth more.*)* 12.dxe5 Be7 13.0-0 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'with a risk-free initiative for White.' h6!? 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Bf4 a6± Black has chances to consolidate. *(15...g6 16.Qf3 Kg7 17.Rd6!↑)*]

[⌓11.Bxd7 Bxd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Nxd7+ Qxd7 14.0-0-0!⟳ ↑]

[Neil McDonald: 'Less courageous souls would prefer the solid' 11.Bf4↑]

11...Nxe5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Not every problem has a solution. Some of them, we just have to learn to live with. Black may as well accept, since his position remains miserable if he declines. ' **12.dxe5 Bxe5** Black must meet the challenge, after

[12...Be7 13.Rd1± he is a few tempi down compared to the line above.]

13.Bg5 White first develops his ♗ with tempo, d1 is the square for the ♖a1. **13...Bf6!?** Exchanges help the defence, but here the ♗e5 is an important piece, which controls squares on the d-file. Nevertheless Black's move is probably the best, as

[13...f6 14.Rad1 is even more dangerous:

A) 14...Qb6?! 15.Be3→ ×c5,Δ Neil McDonald: 'yields real compensation too.' Kf7 16.Bd7 Rd8? viazne na 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Be8! g6 19.Bf7+! Kxf7 20.Qxh7+ Ke8 21.Qg8+ Ke7 22.Bxc5+ Qxc5 23.Rxd8+-;

B) 14...Qe7 15.Be3 Δ♗c5 *(15.Rfe1!?)* 15...Kf7 *(15...a6? 16.Bxc5! Qxc5 17.Rd8+ Kf7 18.Rxh8 Qxb5 19.Qh5+ Ke7 20.Rd1* Δ♖dd8+- *)* 16.Bc4 Δf4-f5→;

C) ⌓14...Qc7!?

C1) 15.Qh5 forces the weakening g6 but isn't too convincing after 16.Qh6+ *(16.Bh6+ Kf7 17.Qh4 a6∞)* 16...Kf7 17.Be3 a6 18.Be2 Bd7!?⇄ Δ 19.Bxc5 Ba4;

C2) ⌓15.Be3!

C2a) 15...Kf7 16.Bc4 b5 *(16...Bd7 17.Rxd7+ Qxd7 18.Rd1 Qc6 19.Bxe6+ Qxe6 20.Rd7++-; 16...g5 17.f4±)* 17.Bxb5 Rb8 18.Bc4 Rxb2 19.f4 Bxc3 20.f5± →;

C2b) 15...a6 16.Bc4 *(16.Bxc5+? Kf7-+)* 16...f5 17.Qh5!

C2b1) 17...g6 18.Qh4 Kf7 19.Bg5 b5 *(19...Bd7)* 20.Bd8 Qa7 21.Be2↑;

C2b2) 17...b5 18.Bxc5+!? Qxc5 19.Rd8+ Ke7 20.Rxh8⩲]

[13...Qc7 14.Rad1 f6 -13...f6 *(14...g6? 15.Qh4 h5 16.Bd8+-)*]

14.Rad1 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The position feels oddly orderly/complex, as White continues to develop with tempo.' **14...Qc7**

[14...Qe7 15.Bxf6

A) 15...Qxf6 16.Qg3 g6 *(16...Qe7 17.Rd6±)* 17.Qc7±;

B) 15...gxf6 16.Qh4 *(16.Qh5 h6 17.Rd3⩲* Δ *a6? 18.Rfd1! axb5 19.Rd8+ Kg7 20.Rxh8 Kxh8 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Rd3+-)* 16...h5 17.Rd3 *(17.Be2!?↑)* 17...e5 18.Rfd1→]

[After 14...Qb6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qh4! Ke7 17.Ba4 Black can't develop. If Qxb2? 18.Rd3 Qb6 19.Rf3 e5 20.Re1 Qd6 21.Rd1 Qb6 22.Rd5! (threat: Rxe5+)

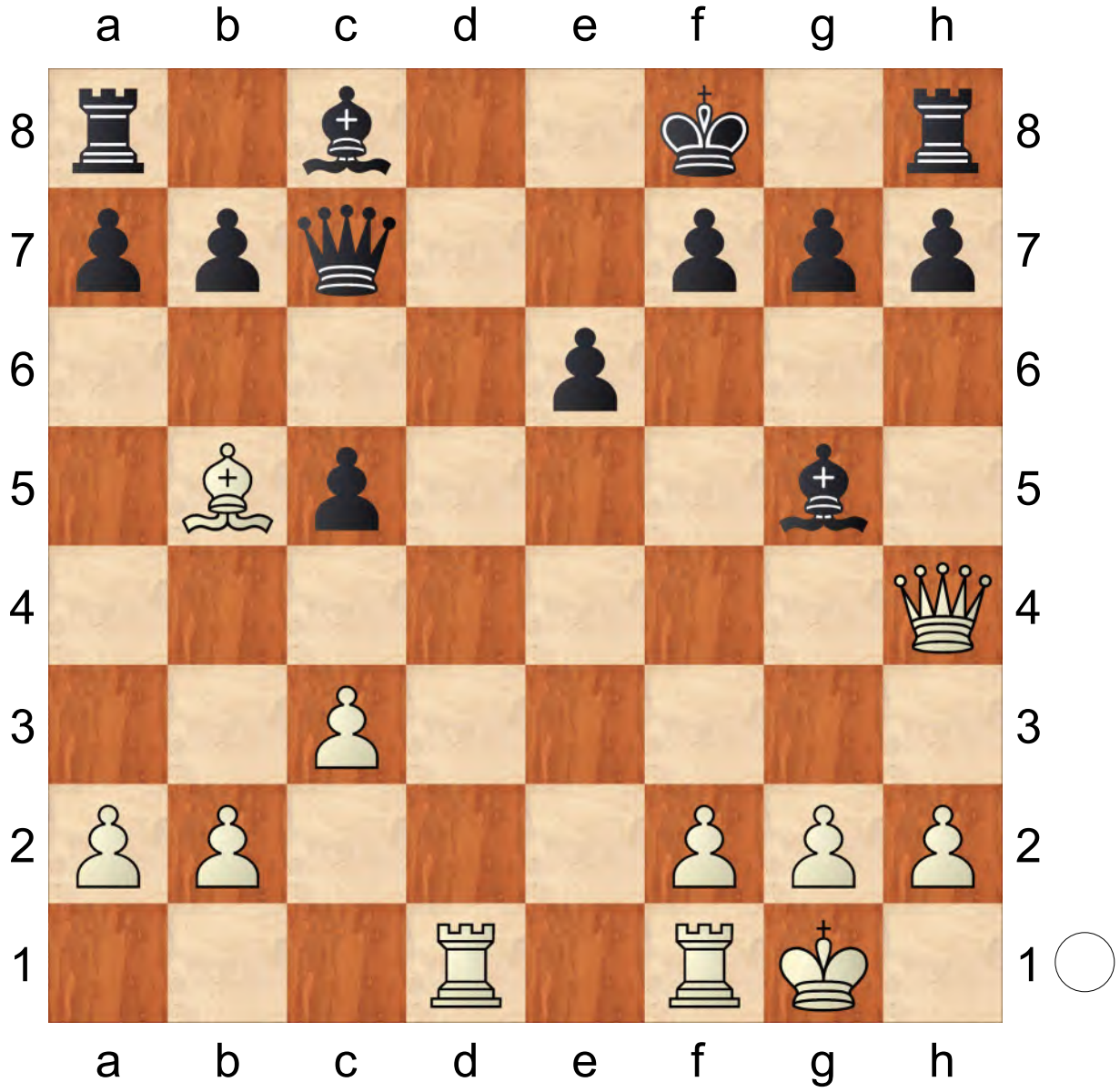
Qb1+ 23.Bd1 Qg6 24.Rxc5 White's attack is decisive.]

15.Qh4!

[15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qh4 Ke7 suits Black, although he will probably lose the ♙h7, his ♔ is safer and he will manage to connect his ♖ faster.]

15...Bxg5

[15...Ke7 Kasparov intended the powerful 16.f4 a6 17.f5! e5 *(17...axb5 18.fxe6 Qe5 19.Bxf6+ gxf6 20.Rde1 Ra4 21.Qh6 Qg5 22.exf7+ Be6 23.Rxe6+ Kxe6 24.f8Q Rxf8 25.Qxf8+-)* 18.Bc4 b5 19.Bd5 Ra7 20.Bxf6+ gxf6 21.Qh5↑]



Now the ♖h8 remains passive, but after **16.Qxg5** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'One look at Black's completely undeveloped army tells us the story without need of words.' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'Threatening 17 Rd8+ and mates.'' **16...f6** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black is left in anguished indecision over how to unravel. Every

pawn move on the kingside weakens his king, yet he needs the move.' **17.Qh5** Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'And now 18 Qe8 mate." **17...g6**

[17...Qe7 18.Rd2→ *(18.Rfe1!?→)*]

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Another loosening move is induced, as if ' 17...Ke7 18.Rfe1± **Δ** *(18.Bc4 Bd7 19.Rfe1 Rae8 20.f4!* and Black's king won't survive.*)* 18...a6 19.Bc4 b5? 20.Bxe6 Bxe6 21.Rxe6+ Kxe6 22.Qd5+ Ke7 23.Re1++-]

18.Qh6+ Kf7□

[Neil McDonald: 'Not' 18...Qg7? Neil McDonald: 'because of' 19.Rd8+ Kf7 20.Be8+!+- Neil McDonald: '!' Rxe8 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Rxe8 and wins.]

19.Rd3?! Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White may be ready and willing, but is he able? This is yet another example of the universal truth that no good deed goes unpunished. It's amazing to me that this natural move is incorrect, yet the hateful comps demonstrate just that. Kasparov lifts in another attacker in the most natural way, yet the move is inaccurate, since it cuts off Be2 for White.' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Kasparov finds a clever way to strengthen the attack. Byron Jacobs: '?!" Now Black gets a chance to relieve the pressure, as d3 will for one move be inacessible to the ♗.

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Stronger was the paradoxically more passive move' Neil McDonald: 'Kasparov later gave' ⌓19.Rd2 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: '. White refurbishes his attack with new recruits, but in a more modest way. This accurate move allows White's bishop access to e2: ' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'as the correct move, when after' a6 20.Bd3 *(20.Be2! Bd7 21.Rfd1 Bc6 22.Bf3! Be8 23.Rd6* and Black is paralyzed. *)*

A) 20...Bd7 21.Rfd1 Bc6 *(21...Rad8 22.Bxg6+! hxg6 23.Qxh8 Rxh8 24.Rxd7++-)* 22.Be4!±;

B) 20...f5 21.Rfd1↑ b5 22.Be2 White has doubled his rooks more quickly.]

19...a6 Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'How should White continue now? Has he run out of steam?'' **20.Rh3□** Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Threat: Qxh7+!. ' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: '!?' Byron Jacobs: 'No, he has not.'' The only move to keep the initiative alive.

[Black can successfully defend after Neil McDonald: 'Black would have been able to set up a solid defence after the slower' 20.Ba4?! b5 21.Bc2 Bb7 22.Rfd1 Bd5 .]

20...Qe7

[Invests more time, but a sensible alternative was 20...Bd7

A) 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Qxh7+ Rxh7 23.Rxh7+ Ke8= 24.Rh8+ Ke7 25.Rxa8?! Qd2↑ /∓;

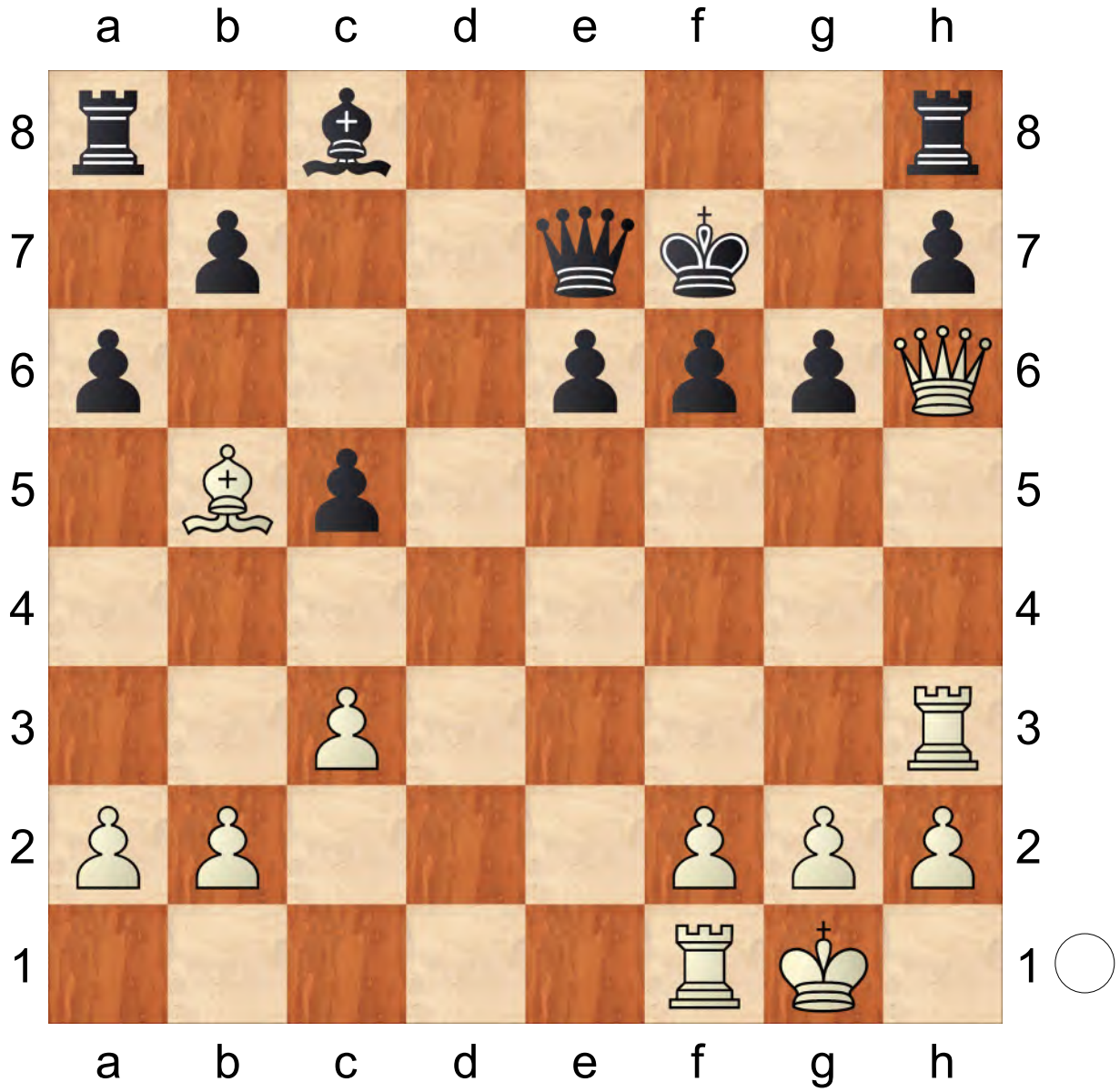
B) 21.Bd3 Rad8 22.Rg3 c4 *(22...f5 23.h4!* keeps up White's attack.*)* 23.Bc2 *(23.Bxg6+?* is unsound*)* 23...Qc5 . I don't see a way for White to successfully pursue his attack, and Black looks okay.;

C) 21.Be2 Qe5 *(21...Rag8!?* **Δ**♖g7,♖d8,♖f8 White has some compensation, but nothing too concrete. *)*]

[Neil McDonald: 'The point of White's play is that if' 20...axb5? Neil McDonald:

'White wins with Byron Jacobs: '?' Byron Jacobs: 'is impossible because of'' 21.Qxh7++- Neil McDonald: '!' Rxh7 22.Rxh7+ Byron Jacobs: 'and 23 Rxc7.' Kg8 23.Rxc7 If instead]

[20...Qb6? 21.Be8+! Kxe8 22.Qg7 Rf8 23.Rxh7 Qd6 24.Qxg6+ Kd8 25.Qh5! Δ♖d1+-]



Cyrus Lakdawala: '?!' **21.Bd3** Δ♗g6 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'All force is aimed at g6 and h7, which continue to fester in Black's camp.' Neil McDonald: 'Now Kasparov has his queen, bishop and rook all aiming at the black kingside. In order to break through he has to utilise his pawns. Byron Jacobs: 'Now attacking g6.'' **21...f5□**

[21...Bd7? Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is met with the familiar trick ' 22.Qxh7+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Rxh7 23.Rxh7+ Kf8 24.Rxe7 Kxe7 25.Bxg6+- Cyrus Lakdawala: '. White is up a clean pawn in the ending.']

22.g4! Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Kasparov wrings every ounce of energy from his pieces.' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: '!?' Byron Jacobs: 'He keeps hacking away.'' White plays on, spurning the drawish

[22.Qxh7+=]

22...Qf6

[22...Bd7!? 23.Rd1⩲ ∞ *(23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Qh5+ Kf8 25.Re1 Rg8+=* only activates the passive ♖. *)*]

[Risky is 22...fxg4 23.Rh4 Bd7 24.f3!? *(24.Rxg4 e5 25.Rg3 Qf6 26.f4±)* 24...Rag8 *(24...gxf3? 25.Bxg6+! hxg6 26.Rxf3++-; 24...Raf8? 25.Bxg6+! hxg6 26.fxg4+ Ke8 27.Qxh8+-)* 25.fxg4+ Ke8 26.Bxg6+! *(26.g5?! e5⇄)* 26...Kd8 *(26...hxg6? 27.Qxh8!+-)* 27.Be4±]

23.Rd1 b5!?

[23...fxg4 24.Re3∞ Δf3 *(24.Rg3 e5 25.Bc4+⩲)*]

[A safe continuation was 23...g5 24.Qh5+ *(24.gxf5 Qxh6 25.Rxh6 Kg7=* is similar.*)* 24...Qg6 *(24...Kg7!?)* 25.gxf5 Qxh5 26.Rxh5 exf5 27.Rxg5 Be6!= Was Ponomariov with more time on the clock already getting ambitious?]

24.Be2 Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'Preventing Black from developing his bishop at b7 due to 25 Rd7+ winning it.'' **24...e5** Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'What we get isn't always what we choose. Black's dilemma: if he acts, he risks a blow-out, but if he does nothing, he risks stagnation. This is a risky unravelling attempt, which further opens the game.' Neil McDonald: '?'

[≤24...Ra7 25.Qxh7+!? Rxh7 26.Rxh7+ Qg7 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.g5± /±]

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black can also take his chances with the admittedly scary line' Neil McDonald: 'He had to fight it out in the endgame after' 24...g5!? Neil McDonald: '!'

A) 25.Qh5+ Qg6 26.gxf5 exf5 *(26...Qxh5 27.Bxh5+ Kf6)* 27.Rd6 Qxh5 28.Bxh5+ Ke7 29.Rc6 c4 30.Re3+ Kd7 31.Rf6 Kd8 when Black remains under pressure, but at least he has an extra pawn in the ending to comfort him.;

B) 25.gxf5 Qxh6 26.Rxh6 Kg7 27.Rh5 h6 *(27...exf5 28.Rxg5+ Kf6 29.Rh5 Be6⇄)* 28.h4 exf5= leads to a drawish ⊥. *(28...gxh4=)*]

[24...fxg4?! 25.Bxg4→ Δ♖f3]

25.Rhd3 Neil McDonald: 'Now White's attack becomes unstoppable.' **25...Ra7?**

[25...Be6 26.gxf5 *(26.Rd6!? e4 27.Rb6±)* 26...Bxf5 27.Rd6 Qe7 28.a4 →]

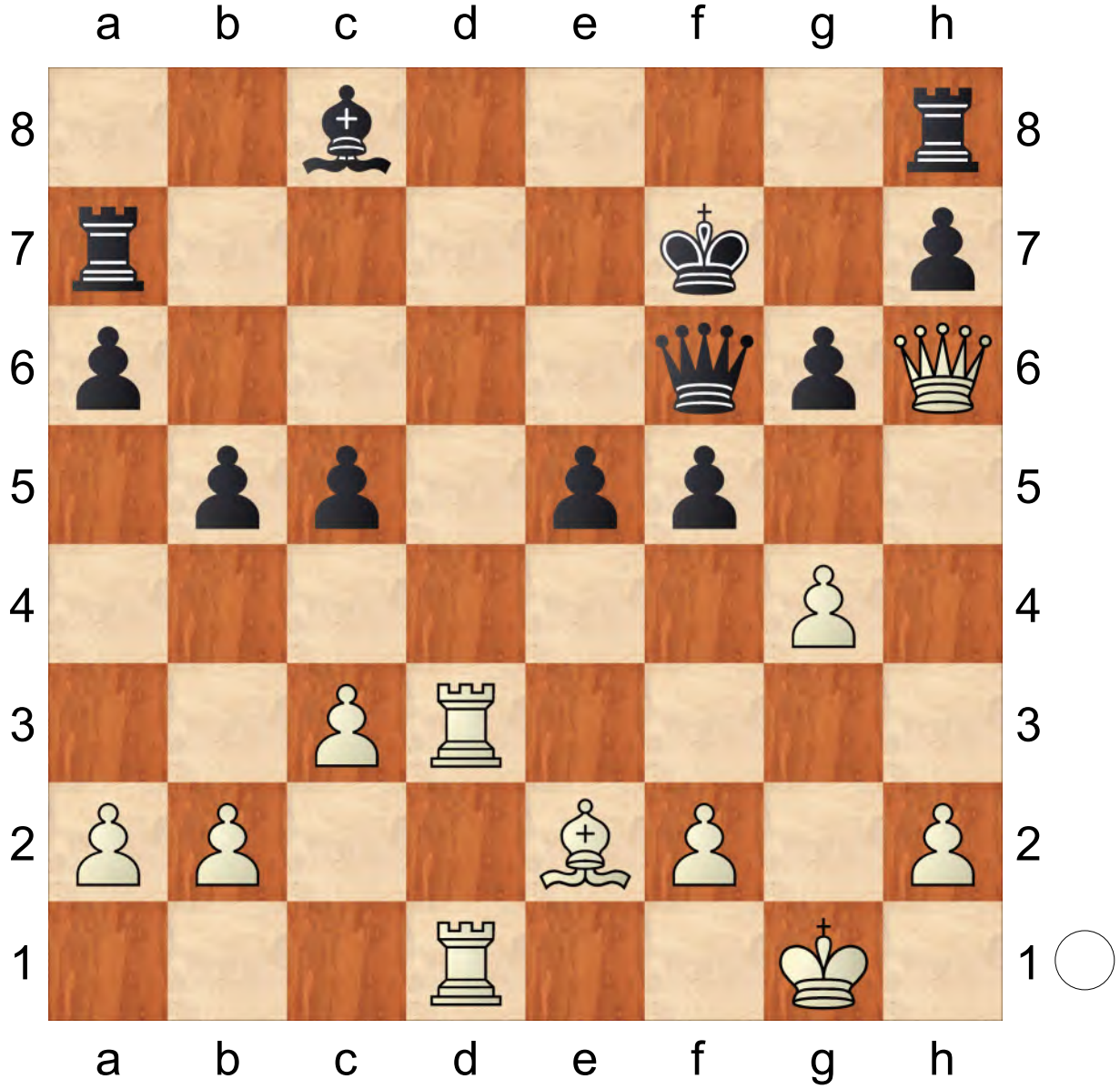
[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black had to try ' Neil McDonald: 'He could still have survived after' The last chance to save the game was ⌓25...fxg4! Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Neil McDonald: '!' So White should play the modest

A) 26.f3 M.Pein

A1) 26...Qf4 27.Qh4! Ra7 *(27...g3? 28.Rd7+! Bxd7 29.Rxd7+ Kg8 30.Qe7 Qe3+ 31.Kg2 Qxe2+ 32.Kh3 Qxh2+ 33.Kg4+-)* 28.fxg4 *(28.Rd8? Qe3+ 29.Kf1 gxf3!∓)* 28...e4 29.Rh3! *(29.Rd8? Qe3+ 30.Kf1 Rxd8 31.Rxd8 Kg7!-+ →)* 29...Qe5 30.Rd8± ɣf7;

A2) 26...Be6 27.fxg4 e4 28.Re3 *(28.Rf1 exd3 29.Rxf6+ Kxf6 30.Qf4+ Kg7 31.Qe5+ Kf7 32.Qc7+ Kf6=)* 28...Qe5 29.Rf1+→ Δ Ke7 30.Bf3 Bd5

31.Bxe4 Bxe4 32.Rfe1+-;
A3) 26...c4! 27.Rd6 Qf4∓ Δ 28.Qh4? gxf3 29.Rd7+ Bxd7 30.Rxd7+ Kg8 31.Qe7 Qg4+ 32.Kf2 Qg2+ 33.Ke3 Qxe2#;
B) 26.Rd6 Qf4 Neil McDonald: '.' 27.Rxg6 *(27.Rd7+? Bxd7 28.Rxd7+ Ke8 29.Qg7 Qf8-+; 27.Qh4 g3=)* 27...Qxh6 28.Rxh6 Bf5 29.Rd5 Kg7 30.Rhd6 *(30.Rc6 Rhc8* with chances to hold the draw. *)* 30...c4 31.Rxe5 Rhe8=]



Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: '?' Byron Jacobs: 'Black finally cracks under the pressure." Now Kasparov finally gets a chance to pursue his → with increased vigor.
26.Rd6 Qg7 Misplaces the ♕, but hardly any better was
[26...Be6 27.Rc6 *(27.a4!?)* 27...g5 28.Qh5+ Kg7 29.Rdd6 Re7 30.h4!± /+-]
[26...Qe7?! 27.Rxg6 hxg6 28.Qxh8 Be6 29.Rd8 Δ♖g8+-]
27.Qe3 Rc7 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Covering c5.' **28.a4!** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'More

confrontation.' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: '!' Byron Jacobs: 'Prising his way into Black's defences." Once White gains c4 for his ♗ the defence collapses. **28...e4**

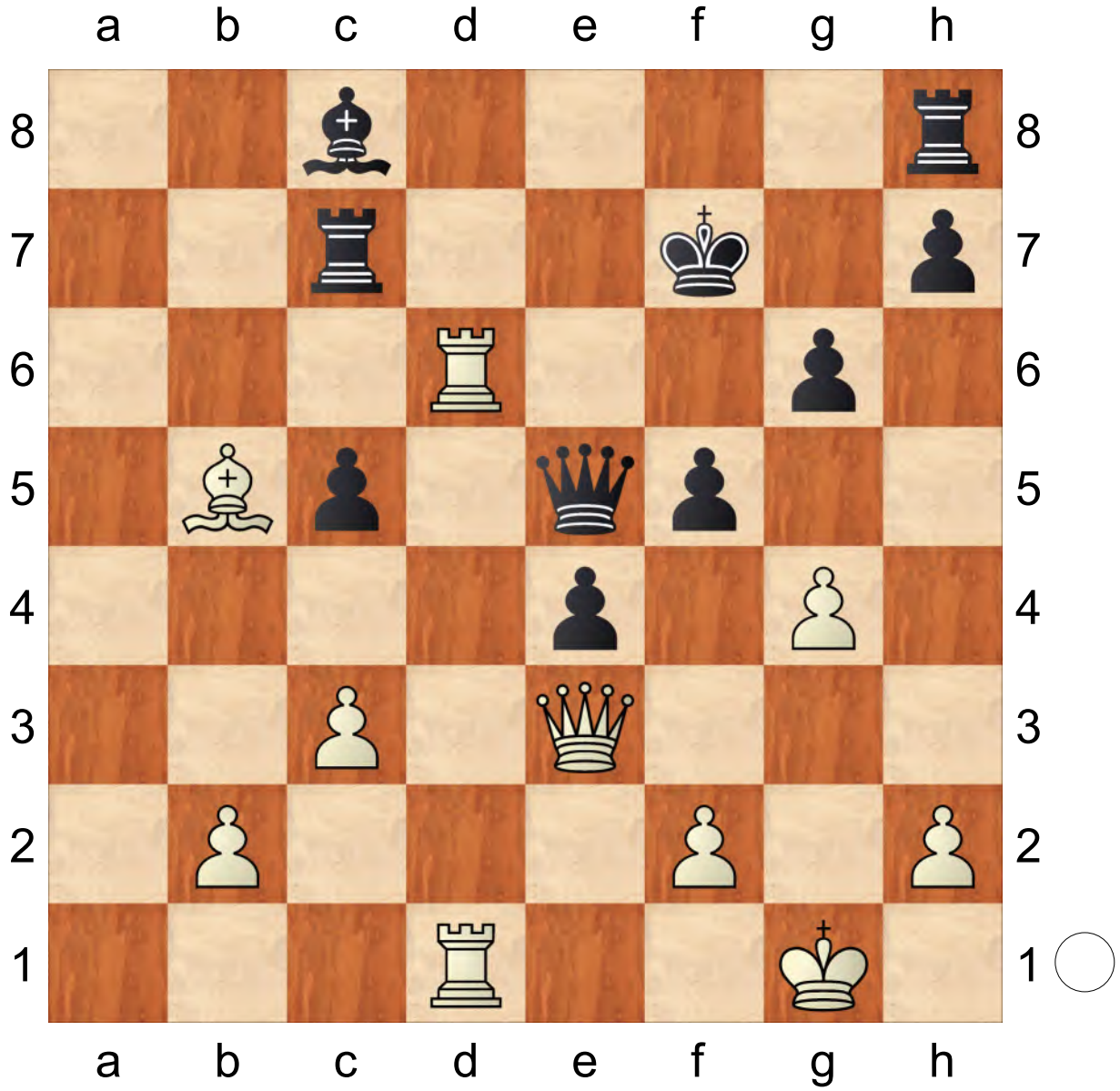
[28...c4 29.Qb6+-]

[28...f4 29.Qe4+-]

[28...Rf8 was Black's best chance to resist.]

[If 28...bxa4? 29.Bc4+ is dreadfully strong.]

29.axb5 axb5 30.Bxb5+- Qe5



31.Qg5 Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'There are just too many white men swarming over the black camp. Something will surely give." **31...Qe7**

[31...Kg7? 32.R1d5 Qe7 33.Rd7!+-]

[31...c4 32.Bxc4+! Δ Rxc4? 33.Rd7++-]

32.Qh6 Be6

[32...fxg4 33.Bc4+ Ke8 34.Qf4+- e.g. Bf5 35.Rd8+ Qxd8 36.Qe5+ Qe7

37.Qxh8+ Qf8 38.Rd8+!]
[32...c4 33.Rxg6 hxg6 34.Qxh8 fxg4 35.Be8+!?+-]
33.Qf4⊕
[33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Be2+-]
33...Bc8
[33...Rb8 34.Rxe6! Kxe6 35.gxf5+ Kf7 *(35...gxf5 36.Bc4++-; 35...Kf6 36.Rd6+ Kf7 37.Bc4++-)* 36.Bc4+ Kg7 37.f6+!+-]
[33...c4 34.Bc6!?+- Δ♖e6,♗e4]
[33...Ra7 34.Qe5 Rf8 35.Bc6+-]
34.Qh6 Be6 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Kasparov missed an immediate win with ' **35.gxf5** Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The endless probing begins to etch deep fissures of discontent in Black's structure. Kasparov discovers the winning idea.' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'After a bit of superfluous repetition Kasparov finds the way to win.' **35...gxf5**
[Neil McDonald: 'Or if' 35...Bxf5 36.Bc4+ Ke8 Cyrus Lakdawala: '(the king flees with the skittering footsteps of a rabbit evading a forest predator) ' 37.Qf4!+- Δ♖d8,♗b5 Neil McDonald: 'wins.' Rf8 38.Rd8+! Qxd8 39.Rxd8+ Kxd8 40.Qd6+ and White wins.]

(Diagram)

36.Be2! Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Heading for h5. ' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'The final switch of direction.'' **36...Qf6**
[36...Rg8+ 37.Kh1 Rg6 38.Qxh7+ Kf6 39.Rxe6+!+-]
37.Bh5+ Ke7 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (combination alert): White to play and force the win. ANSWER: Attraction/double attack. ' **38.Rxe6+**
[Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'After'' 38.Rxe6+ Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Black resigned as' Kxe6 *(* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'or' Neil McDonald: 'Byron Jacobs: 'or'' *38...Qxe6 39.Qg7++-* Neil McDonald: 'mates next move.' *Qf7 40.Qxf7#* ; is it just me, or does Black's king remind you of the bear attack on Leonardo DiCaprio in The Revenant?*)* 39.Rd6++- Neil McDonald: 'wins. An important win for Kasparov, teaching the teenage new World champion who's boss.' Kxd6 40.Qxf6+ Kd7 41.Qxh8 wins. SUMMARY: The Rubinstein is a solid but passive line, suitable against aggressive opponents.]

(Diagram)

Cyrus Lakdawala: '!'
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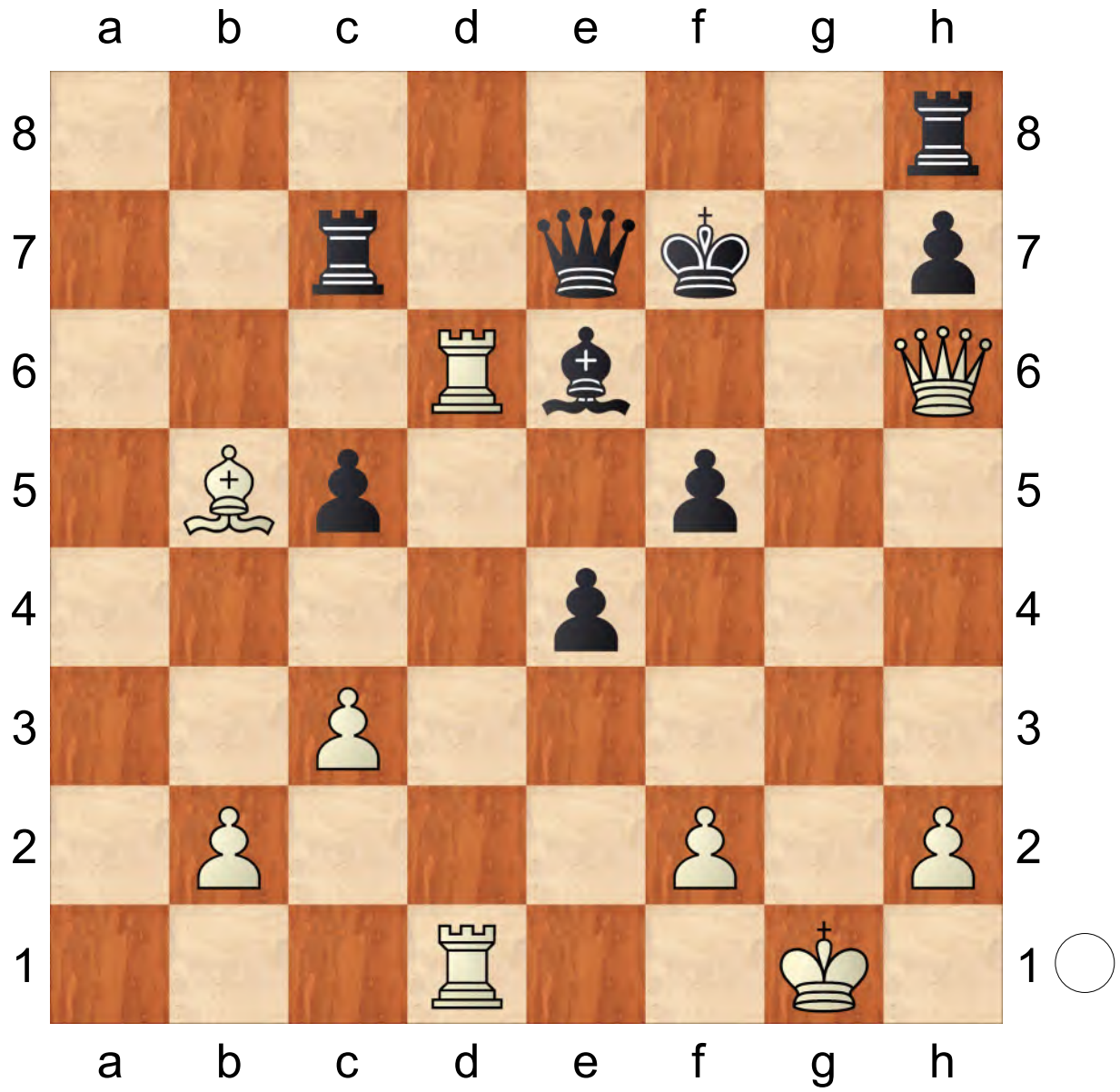
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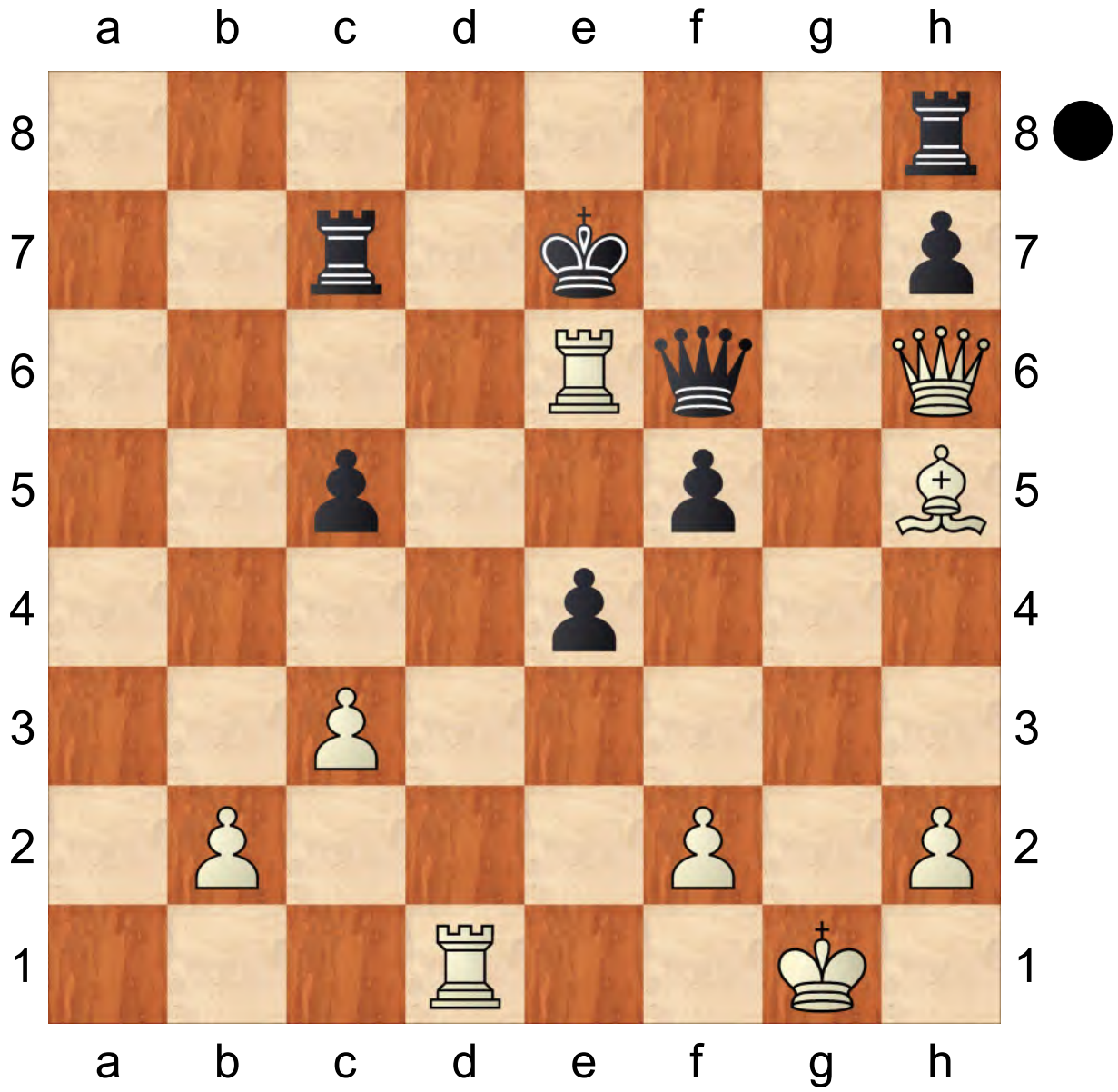
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□ **Zubov,Alexander** **2617**
■ **Korobov,Anton** **2678**
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[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Korobov played various Semi-Slav lines in a majority of his games in Kiev.

[After 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 he avoided the Meran, preferring the Moscow Variation with 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Bb3 Qe7

A) More common is 13.Ne4 , also tried by Korobov in the past. Black's main reaction here is

A1) A more restrained, but playable move is 13...Rd8 14.Rad1 Rb8!? 15.h4 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.h5 gxh5 18.Qe4 Bd7 19.Ne5 c5 20.Bc2 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qg5 22.f4 Qg7 23.Qd3 Kf8 24.Qd6+ Ke8 25.Qc7 *(25.Be4?? Ba4-+* Korobov,A (2670)-Sakaev,K (2607)/St Petersburg/2010/) 25...Bc6⇄;

A2) 13...e5 14.Ng3 Kh8 15.Rad1

A2a) 15...f5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rd2 Be6 19.Rfd1 *(19.Ne2 g5 20.Nd4 Bf7 21.Bxf7 Rxf7 22.Rfd1 Re8 23.h3 Qe4 24.b3 f4 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Nc2 Ree7=* Ruck,R (2548)-Nyback,T (2615)/Bundesliga/2009/) 19...Rae8 20.Bxe6 *(20.Ne2!?±)* 20...Qxe6 21.b3 Qf6 22.Rd6 Re6 23.Rd7 Re7 Buhmann,R (2561)-Potkin,V (2629)/Pardubice/2008/ 24.Qc5↑;

A2b) 15...a5!? 16.a3 f5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Rd2 a4 20.Ba2 *(20.Bxa4 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Bxb2 22.Bxc6 Bxa3 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.Ra1 Bc5 25.Ne2 Kg7 26.Rd5 b6 27.Nd4 Kf6=* Lintchevski,D (2506)-Potkin,V (2629)/Novokuznetsk/2008/) 20...Be6 21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.Rfd1 Qb3⇄ Ruck,R (2574)-Steingrimsson,H (2540)/Beijing rpd/2008/

B) 13.Rad1 b6 14.e4 Bb7 15.Rfe1

B1) 15...Rfd8 16.e5 Nf8 *(16...b5!?⇄)* 17.Qe2 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Rac8 21.Qc4 Re8 22.h4 Ne6± /⇄, Chernin,A (2620)-Kuczynski,R (2500)/EU-chT Debrecen/1992/

B2) 15...Rad8!?N 16.e5 *(16.Qc1 g5!?∞)* 16...a6 *(* Golubev recommends *16...b5 17.Qe4 Rb8!* after *18.Qf4 c5 19.d5 c4 20.Bc2 b4 21.d6 Qd8 22.Ne4 Qa5∞* /∓ White's attacking chances are at best only good enough to hold the balance.*)* 17.Qe4 b5 18.h4 *(18.Qf4!?)* 18...Ba8 *(18...Rb8=* or*; 18...Nb6!?∞* are better ways to advance the ♙c6.*)* 19.h5 c5 20.d5! c4 21.Bc2 exd5 *(21...b4 22.hxg6! f5 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Qxe6+ Qxe6 25.dxe6 bxc3 26.e7±)* 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Nc5 24.Rxc5 Qxc5 25.hxg6 f6! *(25...f5? 26.Qf4↑* Korobov,A (2678)-Miroshnichenko,E (2621)/UKR-ch Kiev/2012/ *)* 26.e6 f5 27.Qf4 Qd6⇄]

3...Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nc3 White can start avoiding the Meran already now:

[5.Bd3 postpones the development of the ♘b1, but gives Black some extra options as well:

A) 5...dxc4!? 6.Bxc4 c5 7.0-0 a6 transposes into a Queen's Gambit Accepted with an extra move. The line 8.Bb3 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bg5 Nc6 12.Qd2 Na5 13.Bc2 b5 14.Rad1 was the topic of an opening article in CBM 143, here Black came up with the rare Ra7 *(14...Bb7* is the usual move.*)* 15.Qf4 Rc7

A1) 16.Bxf6N was new, but not too effective after Bxf6 17.d5

A1a) 17...exd5 18.Rxd5 Rd7 19.Rh5 *(19.Rfd1* Huzman *Bxc3 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.bxc3 Qc8⇄)* 19...h6 20.Rxh6 gxh6 21.Qxh6 Re8 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.Bf5+ Kg8 24.Bh7+ ½, Moiseenko,A (2711)-Korobov,A (2678)/UKR-ch Kiev/2012/;

A1b) 17...e5!? 18.Qe4 *(18.Nxe5 Qd6∓)* 18...g6∞ /∓;

A2) 16.d5

A2a) 16...Nxd5? 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 *(17...Qxe7 18.Rxd5! Rxc3 19.Bxh7++-)* 18.Bxh7+!+-;

A2b) 16...exd5□ 17.Bxf6 - 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.d5 exd5 only transposes to the game quoted above.;

A3) 16.Rfe1!? keeps some tension.;

B) 5...Nbd7 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Bxc4

B1) Possibly a safer choice is 7...Bd6

B1a) 8.Bd3 0-0 *(8...e5!?⇄; 8...c5?! 9.Re1! cxd4 10.exd4 0-0 11.Nc3±* leads to an advantageous version of the typical position with an isolated ♙d4. *)* 9.Nbd2 c5 10.Nc4 Bc7=;

B1b) 8.Nc3 b5 9.Bd3 *(9.Be2!?)* 9...0-0 transposing into the Meran line with the quick ♗d6 - see opening survey in CBM 118.;

B2) 7...b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 *(≤8...Bd6 9.a4 b4 10.Nbd2↑)* 9.e4 *(9.a4 b4 10.Nbd2 c5 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.a5 Rc8 14.Nc4 cxd4 15.exd4 Nd5 16.a6 Ba8 17.Nfe5 N7f6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bd2 Nb6 20.Nxb6 Qxb6 21.Be3 Bd5=* Fressinet,L (2693)-Korobov,A (2679)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2012*/)* 9...a6 allows the interesting 10.a4!? *(10.Nc3 c5* and we are back in the Meran again. *)* 10...Be7

B2a) 11.Qe2 0-0 12.e5 Nd5 13.Qe4 g6 14.Bh6 Re8 15.Nbd2 bxa4 16.h4 c5⇄ Hegeler,F (2330)-Teske,H (2515)/Hamburg/1997*/*;

B2b) 11.Nbd2 Nc5 12.Bc2 *(12.dxc5!? Qxd3 13.Ra3↑)* 12...Nxa4 13.Bxa4 bxa4 14.Qxa4 0-0 15.b4 a5 16.bxa5 Ba6 17.Ne5 Bb5 *(17...Bxf1 18.Nxc6 Qd7=)* 18.Qc2 Qxd4 *(18...c5!?∞)* 19.Bb2 Qd8 20.Ndc4 Bb4 21.Rfc1± Bu Xiangzhi (2606)-Fontaine,R (2532)/Cannes/2004/;

B2c) Perhaps the most promising alternative is the direct 11.e5!? Nd5 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nb6 14.a5 Nd5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 c5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Ng5 0-0 19.Qd3 g6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Ba3↑ Barsov,A (2521)-

Dussart,F (2265)/FRA-chT/2007*;*
B2d) 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Nh5N *(* This is a novelty, but Black has other playable moves such as *12...0-0 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Qxa8* Klimov,S (2520)-Solovjov,S (2426)/St Petersburg/2004/ see the notes to this game by V. Mikhalevski in CBM 101.*;* A more aggressive move is *12...g5!? 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Nbd2 Nxg3 15.hxg3 g4 16.Ne1 h5 17.e5 Nb6∞* Tregubov,P (2628)-Geller,J (2285)/Krasnodar/2001*/)* 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nbd2 Rad8 *(15...Nf4 16.Bf1 c5!? 17.g3 Ng6⇄)* 16.Bf1 e5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.d5 f5 19.exf5 Bxd5 *(19...Nf4!?∞)* 20.Qc2 Rc8 21.Qd3 Nf4 22.Qa3 b4?! *(22...Qxa3 23.Rxa3 Rxf5=)* 23.Qe3 Rxf5 24.g3 Ng6 25.Rxa6↑ Ponomariov,R (2726)-Korobov,A (2678)/UKR-ch Kiev/2012/]

[5.b3 aims to discourage Black from dxc4 and is recommended by Avrukh in his rightly renowned repertoire book. However, he doesn't consider the interesting, but rare reaction c5!? when it's difficult to exploit White's extra tempo: 6.cxd5 *(6.Bb2 cxd4 7.exd4* retains more tension in the position. *)* 6...Nxd5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4

A) Another viable move is 8...Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Qh5?! *(⌓13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6=)* 13...f5 14.N2f3 Bf6 15.0-0 Nb4 16.Bb1 g6 17.Qh6 e5 18.Ne2 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.h4 Bb5 21.Nc3 e4↑ Meier,G (2648)-Le Quang,L (2717)/Lubbock/2011*;*

B) 8...Bb4+ 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Rc1 *(10.a3 Bc3 11.Bxc3 Nxc3 12.Qc2 Nd5 13.Bd3 h6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Be4 Nc6 17.Bxd5 Nxd4 18.exd4 exd5=* Volkov,S (2623)-Gopal,G (2572)/Dubai/2012*/)* 10...Qh4 *(10...e5!? 11.N4f3 e4∞)* 11.g3 *(⌓11.N4f3)* 11...Qe4 12.Qf3 Qg6 13.a3 Bxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nd7 15.Qg2 b6 16.Bd3 Qh6 17.g4 ½, Giri,A (2722)-Dreev,A (2711)/ EUCup Rogaska Slatina/2011/ *(*∇A typical computer line is *17.Nf5 exf5 18.Qxd5 Nc5 19.Qxa8 Bb7 20.Qxa7 Ra8 21.Rxc5!? Rxa7 22.Rc7 Ra8 23.Rhc1 Qxh2 24.Rxb7 Qxf2+ 25.Be2 Rd8+ 26.Bd4 f4 27.gxf4 Rxd4+ 28.exd4 Qxf4+ 29.Kd3 Qf5+ 30.Ke3 Qg5+=)* 17...Nc5=]

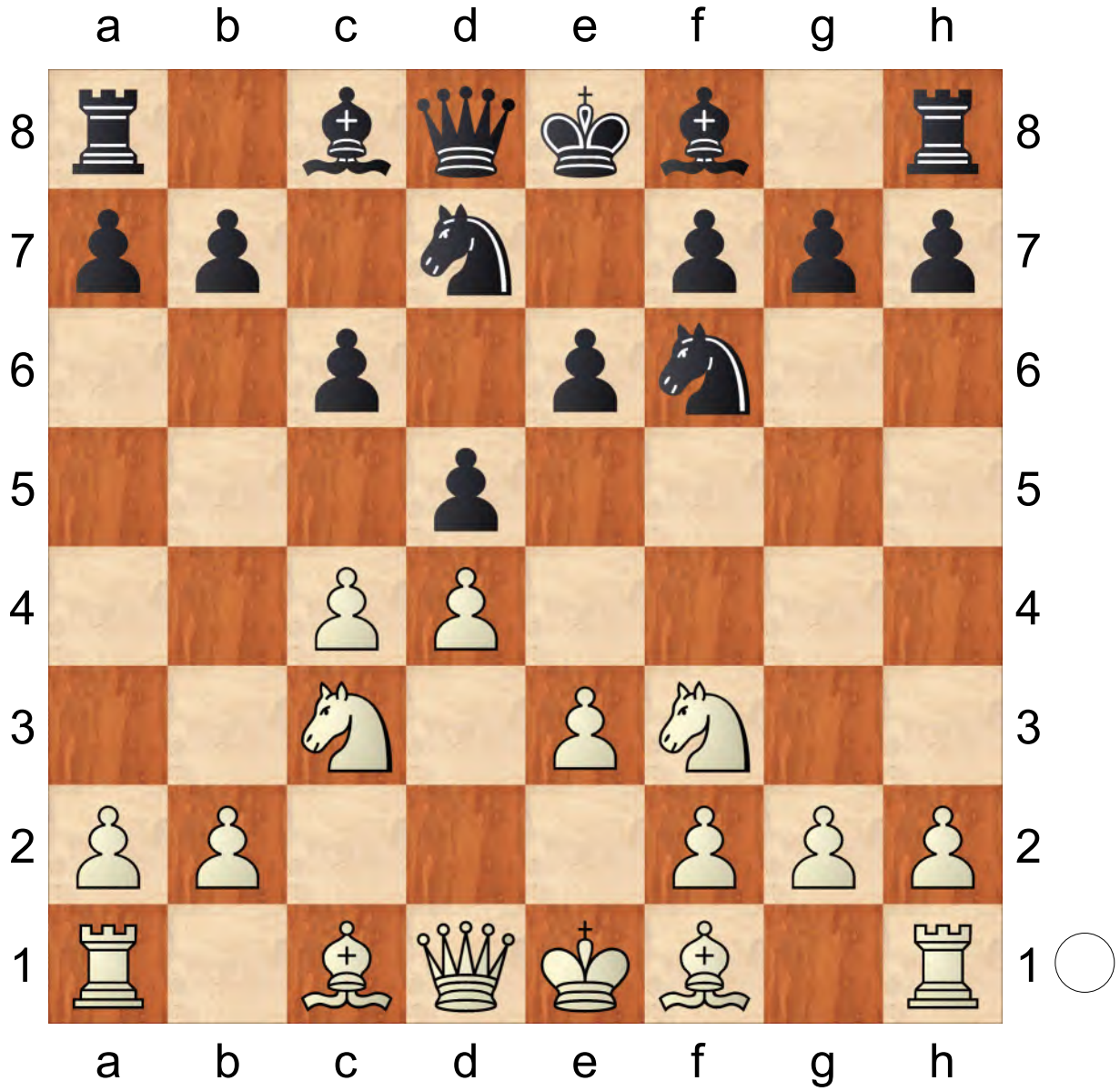
5...Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.Qc2 It looks like an Anti-Meran, at least for the time being...

[6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 Qc7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Bc2 and now:

A) 13...c4 14.Ne2!? *(*Kasparov's exchange sacrifice *14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Be3 e5 16.Nf3 Be7 17.Ng5 0-0! 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Ne6 Qb6 20.Nxf8 Rxf8≅* Kasimdzhanov,R (2678)-Kasparov,G (2804)/Linares/2005/ subsequently brought Black success in both over-the-board and postal games.*)* has lately been scoring excellently for White. However, it's not so clear if this is due to the merits of this move, or because it's still relatively unexplored: 14...e5 *(*Deserving attention is *14...Nc5!? 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Be3 Rd8 17.Qe1 Qc7*



18.b4 Ncxe4 19.a4 e5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 Qb8 22.Qa1 Bd6 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Ng5 0-0 25.Ne6 Qc8⩱ Berczes,D (2557)-Ragger,M (2655)/CRO-chT Sibenik/2011/ *)* 15.Ng3 Bc5 16.b3 c3 17.a3

A1) ⩲17...a5!? 18.Ng5 *(18.Bd3 Qb6⇄)* 18...Qc6∞;

A2) 17...b4?! 18.Ng5 Qc6 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.Ba3 Bxa3 *(20...a5 21.Nf5↑)* 21.Rxa3 h6 22.Nf3 0-0 23.b4 Qc7 24.Qb1 Rac8 25.Ne2± Eljanov,P (2755)-Gelfand,B (2739)/Moscow/2010/

B) 13...Bd6 14.Ng5 Nf8 15.f4 0-0-0

B1) 16.Qe1 e5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 exf4 19.a4 was successfully introduced by Shirov against Dreev in Sarajevo 2002 . However, after b4 20.Qe2 c4 21.b3 h6 *(21...Nxd5!? 22.Kh1 Kb8∓)* 22.Ne6 Nxe6 23.dxe6 g5!? 24.bxc4 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Be5 26.Rb1 Rhe8 27.Bg6 Re7 Zhukova,N (2447)-Romanko,M (2414)/Antakya/2010/ already White should search for

effective counterplay with 28.g3!?⇄;

B2) 16.Qe2 h6 17.Nf3 Bxf4

B2a) 18.e5 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Bxe5 20.Qa8+ Kd7 21.Qxa6 Bxh2+ 22.Kh1 Ke7 23.Be3 Qe5 24.Rf3 N8d7 *(24...b4!?∞)* 25.Re1 *(⌓25.Nxb5↑)* 25...Qd6 26.Qxb5 Rb8 27.Qe2 Bg3 28.Rd1 Qe5 29.Bb3 Rb4 30.Bxe6 Qxe6 31.Rxg3 Kf7= Graf,A (2585)-Dreev,A (2640)/FIDE WCh Groningen/1997/ is just drawish.;

B2b) 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.g3⩱;

B2c) 18.a4 b4 19.e5 Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Bxe5 21.Qxa6+ *(21.Ne4?! c4∓ /∓)* 21...Kb8 *(21...Qb7 22.Qe2↑)* 22.Be3 *(22.Rxf6? gxf6 23.Be4 Qa7 24.Qb5+ Kc8 25.Be3 bxc3 26.bxc3 Bd6* Laznicka,V (2683)-Shirov,A (2706) /Novy Bor m/2012/ While calculating the sacrifice White overlooked *27.Rb1 Rd7□-+; 22.Nb5 Qb7 23.Qa5 N8d7∓; ⌓22.Qb5+* , but White is striving only to repeat moves. *)*

B2c1) 22...Bd4?! 23.Bxd4 cxd4 Klimov,S (2512)-Filippov,V (2630)/Krasnoyarsk/2003/ 24.Nb5!→ *(24.Be4↑)*;

B2c2) 22...Qb7!∓ **Δ** 23.Qa5 N8d7 24.Nb5? Rc8!-+]

6...Bd6 7.Bd3

[7.g4 h6

A) 8.Bd2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 11.e4 Be7 12.g5 hxg5 13.Nxg5 allows the tactical break b4 14.Na4 c5! 15.Nxc5 *(* An important and beautiful line is *15.dxc5 Rh4! 16.c6 Rc8 17.Bb5 a6 18.cxd7+ Nxd7 19.Bxd7+ Qxd7 20.Qb3 Qb5 21.Rg1 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 Rxe4+ 23.Be3 Rg4!! 24.Rxg4 Bf3-+* , mentioned by Schandorff in CBM 125.*)* 15...Nxc5 16.dxc5 Rc8 17.Qa4+ *(17.Bxb4 Nd7⩱ ↑)* 17...Bc6 18.Bb5 Bxb5 19.Qxb5+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Nxd7 21.Ke2 Rh4 22.Rac1 Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Bxc5∓ Carlsen,M (2776)-Aronian,L (2750)/Linares/2009/

B) 8.Rg1

B1) 8...b6 is rare and rather passive: 9.h4 Bb4 10.g5 *(10.Bd2 Bb7 11.cxd5 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nxd5 13.g5 c5⇄* Touzane,O (2376)-Nikcevic,N (2462)/FRA-chT/2002/*)* 10...hxg5 11.hxg5 Ne4 12.Bd3

B1a) ⌓12...Ba6!? 13.Bd2 *(13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Qxe4 0-0-0⟳)* 13...Nxd2 14.Nxd2± /∞;

B1b) 12...Qc7?! 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 Ba6 15.g6 0-0-0 16.gxf7 Bxc4 17.Bd2 *(17.Nd2!?)* 17...Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Bd5 19.Qg4 Rdf8 20.e4 Nf6 21.Qxg7 Qf4 22.exd5 Qe4+ *(22...Qxf3 23.dxe6 Qe4+ 24.Kd2 Qxe6 25.Rae1 Qxf7 26.Re7±)* 23.Kf1? *(23.Kd2 Qxf3 24.Rae1 Ne4+ 25.Kc2±* . dominating, threatening primarily Rh1*)* 23...Qxf3 24.dxe6 Ne4? *(24...Qh3+ 25.Qg2 Qxe6 26.d5 Qxf7=)* 25.Qg2 Qf5 26.Rc1!± Korobov,A (2678)-Kuzubov,Y (2623)/UKR-ch Kiev/2012/

B2) After 8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 11.e4 the rook move is more useful, than ♗d2 - e5 *(11...Be7 12.g5 hxg5 13.Nxg5↑)* 12.Be3 *(12.dxe5!? Nxe5 13.Nd4↑* Dreev *)* 12...exd4 13.Nxd4 Bxh2 14.Rh1 Qc7 15.g5 hxg5

(15...Nh7? 16.g6! fxg6 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Qxg6+ Ke7 19.Nf5+ Kd8 20.Nxg7+- →, Khotenashvili,B (2490)-Muzychuk,M (2490)/Jiangsu Wuxi/2012/ *)* 16.Ncxb5 Qb8 17.Nc3 c5 18.Nf3 g4 19.Nxh2 Rxh2 Dreev,A (2570)-Bareev,E (2660)/Biel izt/1993/ 20.Rxh2 Qxh2 21.0-0-0↑;

B3) The most natural and objectively best is central counterplay with 8...e5 9.cxd5 cxd5

B3a) 10.Bd2 e4 11.Nb5 Bb8 12.Nh4 Nb6!∓;

B3b) 10.g5 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Qe7 12.Nb5 exd4 13.Nxd4 Gelfand,B (2703)-Lautier,J (2687)/Wijk aan Zee/2002/ Nc5!?∞ /∓ *(13...Ne5 14.Bd2 Nfg4 15.h3 Qxg5 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.Be2 Qf6 18.Bxg4 Nxg4 19.0-0-0 Ne5 20.Bc3 Rc8 21.f4 Rxc3 22.Qxc3 Nc4 23.Nb5 Qxc3+ 24.Nxc3 Rh2 25.Rxd5 Be7 26.Rd4 Nxe3 27.Re4 Nf5 28.Nd5)*;

B3c) 10.Nb5 Bb8 11.g5 hxg5 12.Nxg5 0-0!? *(12...e4 13.Bd2 a6 14.Rc1 Bxh2 15.Nc7+ Bxc7 16.Qxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxc7≅* Practical results have confirmed White has very promising compensation.*)* 13.Bd2 a6 14.Nc3 Qc7 led to huge complications after 15.0-0-0 exd4 16.exd4 b5 17.a3 Nb6 18.h4 b4 19.axb4 a5 20.b5 a4∞ 21.Bd3 a3 22.bxa3 Qd6 23.Na2 Qxa3+ 24.Kb1 Bd6 25.Nh7 Ne4 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Rg5 g6 29.Nxe4 Be7 30.d5 Kg8 31.Bc3 Bxg5 32.hxg5 Bf5 33.Nf6+ Kg7 34.Ne8+ Kg8 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.Ne8+ Kg8 37.Nf6+ ½,Rybusia (1626)-Komodo1/playchess.com/2008/]

7...0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 The most often played move, but certainly not the only one:

[9...a6 10.Rd1 b5 *(* Even now Black can postpone this advance with the useful *10...Qc7!?)*

A) Kasimdzhanov's interesting idea 11.Be2 Qc7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 e5 14.Qd3 exd4 15.Qxd4 Be7 16.Qf4!? leads only to a drawish endgame after Qxf4 17.exf4 Bf6 18.Nd4 c5 19.Bf3 Ra7 20.Nc6 Rc7 21.Bd2 b4 22.Rac1 Bb7 23.Nxb4 Bxb2 24.Rc2 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Bf6 26.Nxa6 *(26.Be3 Rfc8 27.Nd5 Rc6 28.Nxf6+ Nxf6 29.Rxc5 Rxc5 30.Bxc5 h6 31.Be3 Rc4 32.Rd4 Rxd4 33.Bxd4 Nd5=* Grachev,B (2684)-Balogh,C (2620)/CRO-chT Sibenik/2009/ *)* 26...Ra7 27.Be3 Rxa6 28.Rxd7 Rc8= ½-½ Ivanisevic,I (2611)-Sandipan,C (2637)/Tromsoe 2010/CBM 137 Extra (39) Georgiev,K (2685)-Ragger,M (2628)/CRO-chT Sibenik/2010/;

B) 11.Bd3 h6N *(* This novelty might be viable, but the same goes for the tested and approved moves *11...Bb7 12.Ng5 h6!? 13.Nge4 Be7 14.a3 a5 15.Rb1 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 b4 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 b3 19.Qxb3 Nxc5 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Rxd8 Nxb3 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Bc2 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 Rd8=* Svidler,P (2730)-Caruana,F (2716)/RUS-chT Olginka/2011/*;* and *11...Qc7 12.Bd2 c5 13.Ne4 c4 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Be2 Bb7 16.b3 Bd5 17.Qb2 Ne4 18.Ba5 f5! 19.Ne1 Rf6 20.bxc4 bxc4 21.Qb4 Qxb4 22.Bxb4 a5=* /∓, Jakovenko,D (2729)-Ragger,M (2654)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2012/*)* 12.e4 e5 13.h3 Qc7 14.Be3 exd4 15.Nxd4 Ne5 16.Bf1 Ng6 17.Rac1 Re8 18.a3 *(18.a4!?)* 18...c5 19.Nf5 Be5?! *(⌓19...Bf8!*

Δ *20.a4 b4 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Re5∞)* 20.a4! Nxe4 21.Nxh6+ gxh6 22.Nxe4 c4 23.axb5 axb5 24.Nc3 Bxc3 25.Qxc3± Potkin,V (2651)-Sjugirov,S (2635)/RUS-ch Moscow/2012/]

[9...e5 rather went out of fashion, as the positions after the swap on d4 favour White. However, it's not so simple to induce Black to open the centre: 10.Bb3 h6 11.Rd1 *(11.h3 Re8 12.Bd2?! e4 13.Nh4 Bb8 14.Nf5 Nb6 15.Ng3 Bxg3 16.fxg3 Be6 17.g4 Bc4 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.Ne2 Nd6 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Be1 Nd5 22.Nxd5 cxd5∓* Gustafsson,J (2629)-Ponomariov,R (2726)/Dortmund/2012/) 11...Qc7 12.h3 Re8 13.dxe5 *(13.Nh4 exd4 14.exd4 Nf8 15.Nf5 Be6=* The ♘f5 won't win the game by itself. *)* 13...Nxe5 14.Nd4 a6 15.a3 *(15.a4!? Ned7 16.a5 Nc5 17.Bc4 Be6!? 18.Nxe6 Nxe6 19.b3 Rad8 20.Bb2 Bh2+ 21.Kh1 Be5⇄* Selyanchin,N (2479)-Mrazik,L (2521)/corr/2005/) 15...Bf8 16.Nde2 b5 17.Bd2 Bb7 18.Nf4 Rad8 19.Be1 Qc8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Ne4 Qf5 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Ba5 Rd7 24.Bc3 c5= Sjugirov,S (2635)-Dubov,D (2594)/RUS-ch Moscow/2012/]

10.Bd3 This retreat brings us back to the Meran after all, namely the line with an early ...♗d6, mentioned in the note to move 5.

[10.Be2 Bb7 is nowadays played somewhat less often:

A) 11.a3 Re8 12.Rd1 Qb8 13.e4 e5 14.g3 a6 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bg5 Nxf3+ *(16...Neg4!? 17.h3 Bxg3∞* Aronian,L (2783)-Shirov,A (2749)/Shanghai/2010/ See the more detailed notes to this game in CBM 138.*)* 17.Bxf3 Be5 18.Rac1 h6 19.Be3 c5 20.Bxc5 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxe4= Maric,A (2405)-Vajda,S (2375)/EU-chTW Novi Sad/2009/;

B) 11.Rd1 Qc7

B1) 12.e4 e5 13.g3 *(*or *13.Bg5* is played more often. *)*;

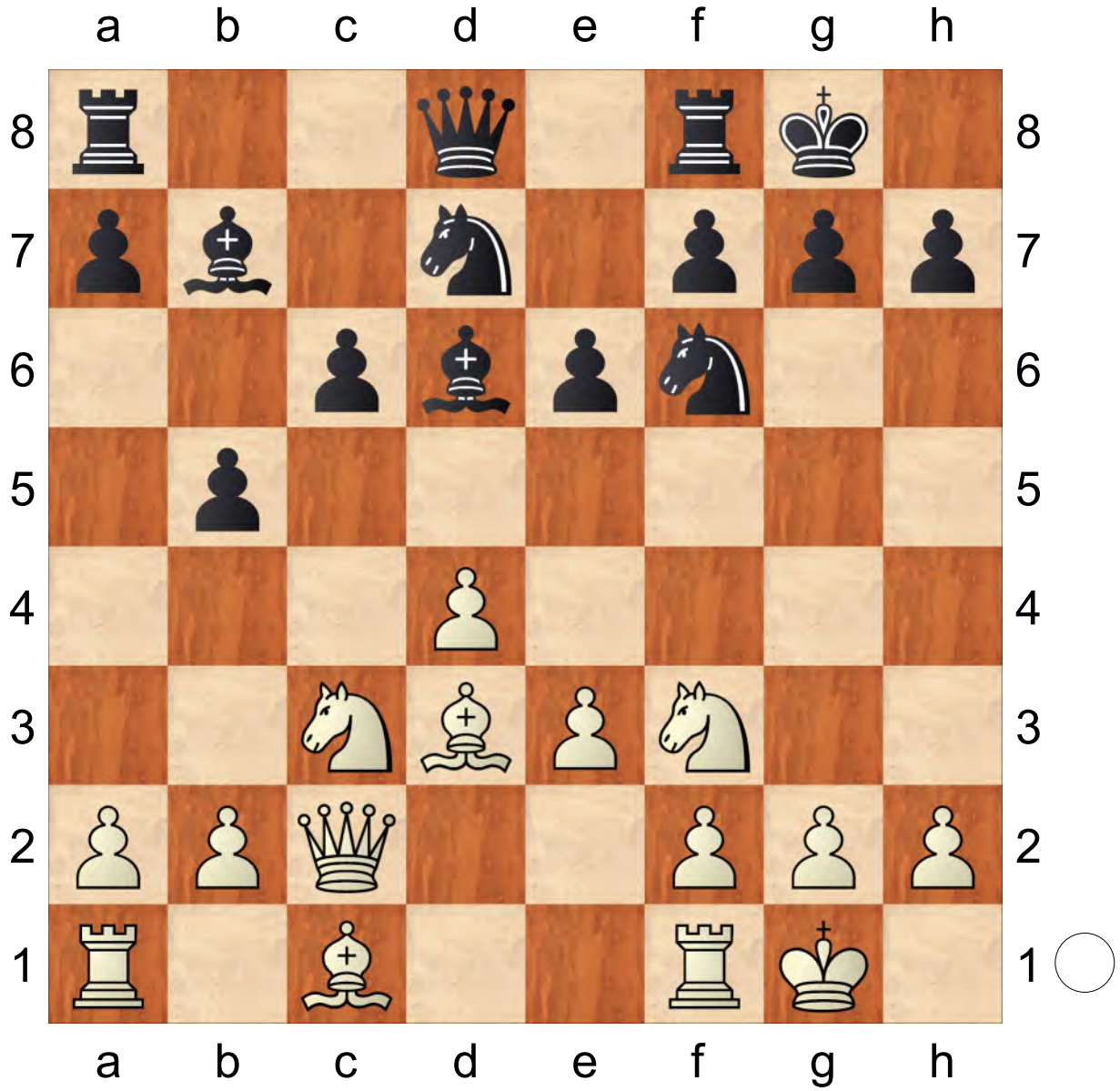
B2) 12.Bd2 a5!? is a new idea, Black prevents b4. 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 c5 16.Qh4 b4 17.e4 Rfe8 18.Bb5 Be7 19.Qf4 Qxf4 20.Bxf4 Red8 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Bf6 23.b3 h6 24.d6 Bc6 25.Bxc6 Rxc6 26.Nd2 Be5 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Ne4 f5 29.f4 Nd3 Gelfand,B (2739)-Topalov,V (2770)/Wijk aan Zee/2012/ White seemed to have the initiative, but without queens this didn't amount to much and all petered out into a drawn endgame.]

10...Bb7

(Diagram)

11.e4 Although White can postpone this advance, any attempts to get an edge from the opening are connected with central expansion:

[11.Rd1 Qb8 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.h3 a6 16.a4 c5 *(16...Rc8 17.Be3 c5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 c4 20.Be2 Qd6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.b3 cxb3 24.Qxb3 b4=* Eljanov,P (2717)-Shirov,A (2730)/Bundesliga/2010/) 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Bxa8 19.Nxb5 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxb5 21.Bd3 Qb6 22.Bc4 Re8 23.Re1 Bh2+ 24.Kf1 Rxe1+ 25.Kxe1 Be5=



Laznicka,V (2683)-Shirov,A (2706)/Novy Bor m/2012/ The bishop pair gives White only an insignificant pull, Black held the balalnce in an almost symmetrical position.]

[11.a3 is recently met with a5!? *(11...a6 12.b4 a5 13.Rb1 axb4 14.axb4 Qe7 15.e4 e5 16.Ne2!?∞* leads to tactical adventures, which are not to everyone's taste. *)* 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.h3 Re8 16.Be3 Bd4!?

A) More natural is 17.Bxd4 Qxd4 18.Rad1 Qc5 *(18...b4 19.Na4±; 18...Qb6!?⇄* deserves attention.*)* 19.Nd5 Qxc2 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Bxc2 c5 22.f3 Rad8 23.Kf2= /±, Esen,B (2513)-Arun Prasad,S (2567)/WChT Bursa/2010/ White has a minimal, but riskless advantage.;

B) 17.Rfe1 b4 18.Bxd4 *(18.Na4 c5! 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Bxc5 Rc8⇄ =)* 18...Qxd4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Na4 Re5 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.Qc4 Qxc4 24.Rxc4 Ba6 25.Rc5 Rxc5 26.Nxc5 Bxd3 27.Nxd3 Nxe4 28.Nxb4=

Giri,A (2696)-Nakamura,H (2778)/Biel/2012/]

11...e5 Already the previous notes have indicated this is a typical situation. The outcome of the strategic battle in the opening depends on how the sides will resolve the central tension and activate their major pieces. **12.h3** Useful prophylaxis, taking g4 away from the knight prepares a later advance of the ♙f2.

[The move order 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.h3 gives Black the alternative b4!? After *(14...Re8* transposes into the game.*)* 15.Na4 Bd4 16.Re1 c5 17.Be3 Rc8!? *(*Even after the simple *17...Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rc8 19.b3 Re8 20.Nb2 g6⇄* Black has good piece play and it's not easy to prove even a minimal plus for White. *)* 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Qd2

A) ≤19...Qa5 20.b3 Rfe8 21.f3 Bc6? *(21...Rc3!?⩱)* 22.Nb2 Qc5 23.Rac1± Yrjola,J (2396)-Duong The Anh (2287)/Budapest/ 2006*!*

B) 19...Re8! 20.Qxb4 *(*Other moves can be risky: *20.e5 Qd5 21.f4 Nh5 22.Be4 Qd7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qxd4 Rc2 25.Qe4 Qxe4 26.Rxe4 Rd8↑* or*; 20.f3 Nh5 Δ 21.Qxb4?! Nf4 22.Qd2 Qh4⩱ ↑)* 20...Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Rd1 Nxf2!? 24.Kxf2 *(24.Rxd4 Qg5!∓)* 24...Rc2+ 25.Kg1 Rxg2+! 26.Kxg2 Qg5+=]

12...Re8

[Shirov's alternative method is 12...a6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Be3 c5!? 16.Bxc5 Re8

A) 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Be3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe4 *(⌓20...Bxe4!=)* 21.c4 Bc6!?= *(21...Nc3* Sasikiran,K (2703)-Shirov,A (2701)/RUS-chT Sochi/ 2012/ *22.Rdc1±)*;

B) 17.Rad1 Qc7 *(17...Nd7?! 18.Be3 Qc7* runs into the tactical *19.Nxb5! axb5 20.Qxc7 Bxc7 21.Bxb5±* /**±**, Eljanov,P (2690)-Korobov,A (2660)/Moscow/ 2012/ *)* 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 g6 20.Be4 *(20.Be2* Sasikiran,K (2676)-Shirov, A (2709) /Lublin/2011/ *Rac8 21.b4 Bh2+ 22.Kh1 Bd6 23.Bg4!? f5 24.Bf3 Bxc5 25.bxc5 Qxc5=)* 20...a5 21.Rfe1 Rac8 22.d6 leads only to a dead draw after Bxe4 23.dxc7 *(23.Qxe4 Qxc5 24.Rd5 Bh2+ 25.Kxh2 Qc6 26.d7 Rxe4 27.dxc8Q+ Qxc8 28.Rxe4 Qc2=)* 23...Bxc2 24.Rd8 Rexd8 25.cxd8Q+ Rxd8 26.Rxe5 Bd3= Mareco,S (2583)-Shirov,A (2698)/Buenos Aires/2012/]

13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Be3 Qe7

[15...Bd4 16.Bxd4 Qxd4 17.Rad1 Qc5 18.Nd5 Qxc2 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Bxc2 c5 21.f3= /**±**, Cheparinov,I (2664)-Papin,V (2575)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2012/ We have mentioned a similar endgame above (with the extra moves a3 and a5). Even here White can play on without much risk.]

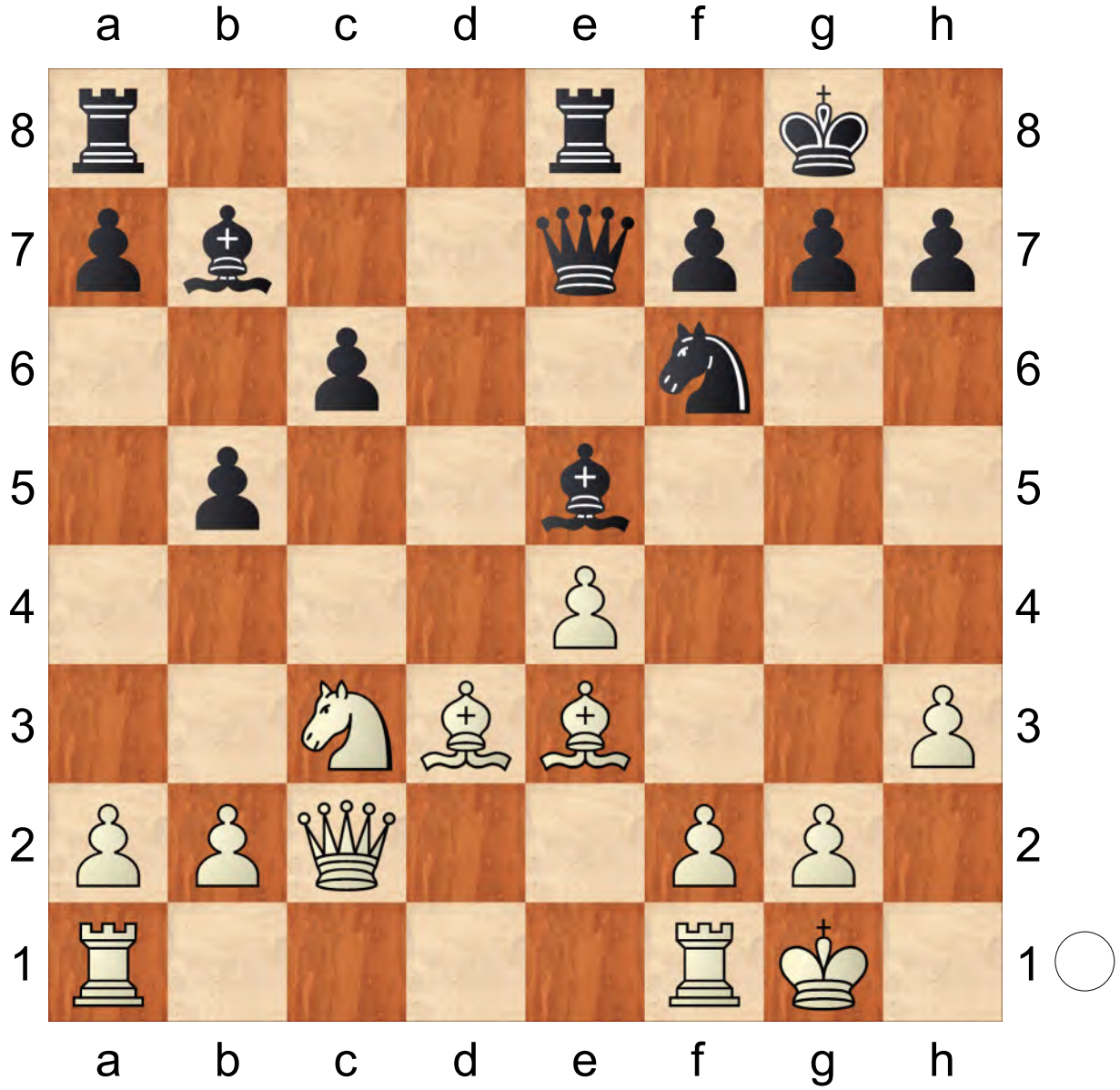
[More to the point is 15...a6

A) 16.f4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 c5 18.e5 c4 19.Bf5 g6 20.Rad1?! *(20.Bd4 gxf5 21.exf6 Be4=)* 20...Nd5 21.Be4 Nxe3 22.Rxd8 Nxc2 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.Bxc2 f6 25.Rd1= Ponomariov,R (2758)-Shirov,A (2713)/Saratov/2011/ and it's already White, who must tread with some care.;

B) 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.a4 Rac8 *(17...Rad8 18.Rac1 Bh2+ 19.Kh1 Bf4* or*; 17...Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Bf4* leads to similar positions.*)* 18.Rac1 Bh2+ 19.Kh1 Bf4

20.Qd2 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Qe7 22.Re1 b4 23.Nb1 Rcd8 24.Rcd1 c5 25.Nd2 g6⇄ Kulaots,K (2585)-Diermair,A (2416)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2012/ Black's active pieces compensate for his compromised pawn structure.]

[15...Qc7 more often than not just transposes into 15...a6 lines.]



16.a4N

[This new move is hardly better than Topalov's 16.Rfd1 a6 *(16...Bxc3 17.bxc3 Nxe4 18.a4 Nf6 19.axb5 cxb5 20.Bxb5 Rec8 21.Bf1 Nd5 22.Bd4 Nf4 23.Qf5 Ne6 24.Bd3 Qh4* Pashikian,A (2621)-Andriasian,Z (2564)/ARM-ch Yerevan/2009/ *25.Be3!↑)*

A) 17.a4 Rac8 18.f3 *(18.Rac1 c5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 c4 21.Be2 Qb4= /∓,*Sundararajan,K (2474)-Bakre,T (2507)/Aurangabad/2011/*)* 18...Nh5⇄;

B) 17.Ne2 c5 18.Bxc5 Qc7 19.f3 Bxb2

B1) 20.Rab1!? Be5 21.Be3 Qxc2 22.Bxc2 Rac8 23.Bb3 a5?! *(23...Red8=)* 24.Nd4 Rc3 25.Bf2 b4 26.Nb5± Scharf,N (2069)-Saunders,D (1909)/corr/2009/;

B2) 20.Qxb2 Qxc5+ 21.Qd4 Qe7

B2a) 22.Rab1 Rad8 23.Qb4 Rd6 24.Nc3 Nh5 25.Bf1 *(25.Bxb5 Rxd1+ 26.Nxd1 axb5 27.Qxb5 Ng3 28.Qxb7 Qc5+=)* 25...Rxd1 26.Nxd1 Kraemer,M (2516)-Shirov,A (2749)/Bundesliga/2010/ Qxb4= *(26...Ng3=)*;

B2b) 22.Bc2 Rac8⇄ *(22...Red8=; 22...Bd5?! 23.exd5 Qxe2 24.Bb3 a5 25.d6 a4 26.Bd5↑* Topalov,V (2791)-Aronian,L (2757)/Nanjing/2008/ For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 128. *)*]

[16.Ne2 Bc7 17.Bc5 Qe5 18.f4 Qxc5+ 19.Qxc5 Bb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.e5 Rad8 22.Rfd1 Nd5 23.Kf2 f6= Grigoryan,A (2580)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2541)/ARM-ch Yerevan/2011/]

16...b4

[Perhaps even stronger is 16...a6!? After 17.Ne2 *(17.Rfd1 Rac8* transposes to a position from the above note.*)* Black doesn't have the simplifying operation as in Grigoryan-Ter Sahakyan, but 17...Bd6 18.Rfd1 Rac8 Δ 19.Nd4 g6 20.Nf3 c5! 21.axb5 c4 22.bxa6 cxd3 23.Qxd3 Rcd8 24.axb7 Bh2+ 25.Kxh2 Rxd3 26.Rxd3 Qxb7⇄ leads to a roughly balanced position.]

17.Ne2 Rad8 Black avoids simplification, which indicates ambitions.

[17...c5!? 18.Bxc5 *(18.f3!?∞)* 18...Qc7 *(18...Qe6 19.f4 b3 20.Qd2 Red8 21.fxe5 Nxe4 22.Qe3 Nxc5 23.Nf4↑; 18...b3!? 19.Bxe7 bxc2 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nc3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Rfc1 Rc8 25.Rxc2 g6⩱* is also a drawish endgame.*)* 19.Bxb4 Qxc2 20.Bxc2 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4⩲ = and Black's active pieces practically guarantee him a draw, but certainly nothing more than that.]

18.Rad1 Natural development.

[18.Bxa7 Ba6 *(18...Rxd3!? 19.Qxd3 c5⩱)* 19.Bxa6 Qxa7 20.Bd3 Bxb2=]

18...Bc7 19.b3?! An important turning point of the game, the soft text move already gives Black a slight initiative.

[⌓19.Bxa7! Nxe4 20.Ng3! Nxg3 21.fxg3±]

19...Bb6 20.Bxb6 axb6

(Diagram)

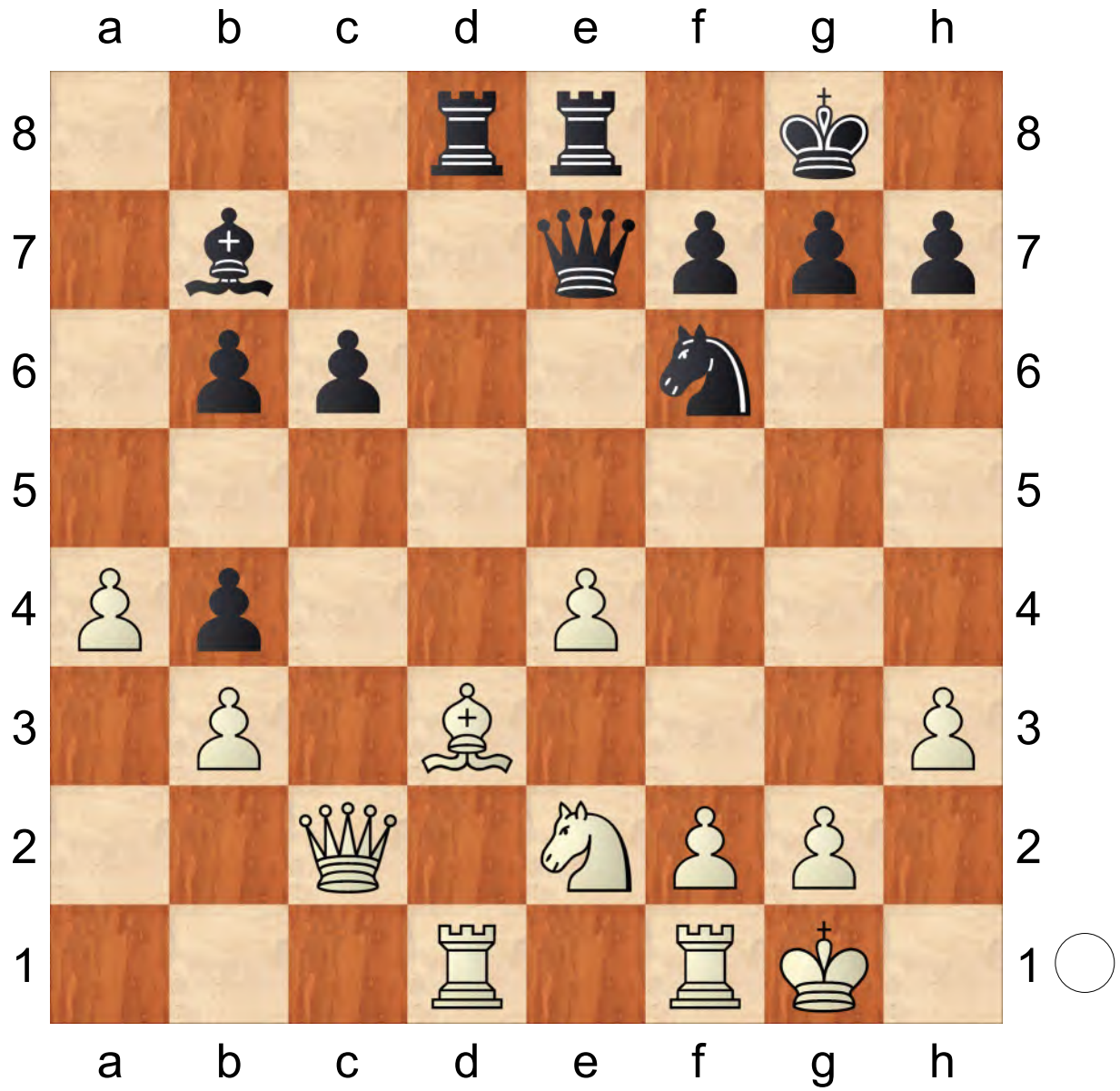
21.f4 g6 22.Ng3 c5 All Black's pieces are active and he has improved his queenside pawn structure. **23.Rde1**

[23.Bb5!? Rf8 *(23...Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Qd3=)* 24.Rde1 Rd4 *(24...Ne8!?)* 25.e5⇄ Nd5 26.Ne4 Δ Qh4 27.Nd6]

23...Rd4 24.e5

[The attempt to repeat moves 24.Ne2 can be met with Rd7!? 25.Bb5 Nxe4 26.Bxd7 Qxd7⩲]

24...Nd5 25.f5 Concrete play, White targets g6.



[25.Ne4 Qh4∓ and here 26.Bb5 is already useless due to Re7]

25...Nf4

[25...Qh4!? 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.Bxg6 Qxg3 28.Bxf7+ Kh8 29.Bxe8 Nf4 30.Rxf4 Rxf4 31.Qe2 Bxg2 32.Qh5+ Kg7 33.Qg6+∓ /=]

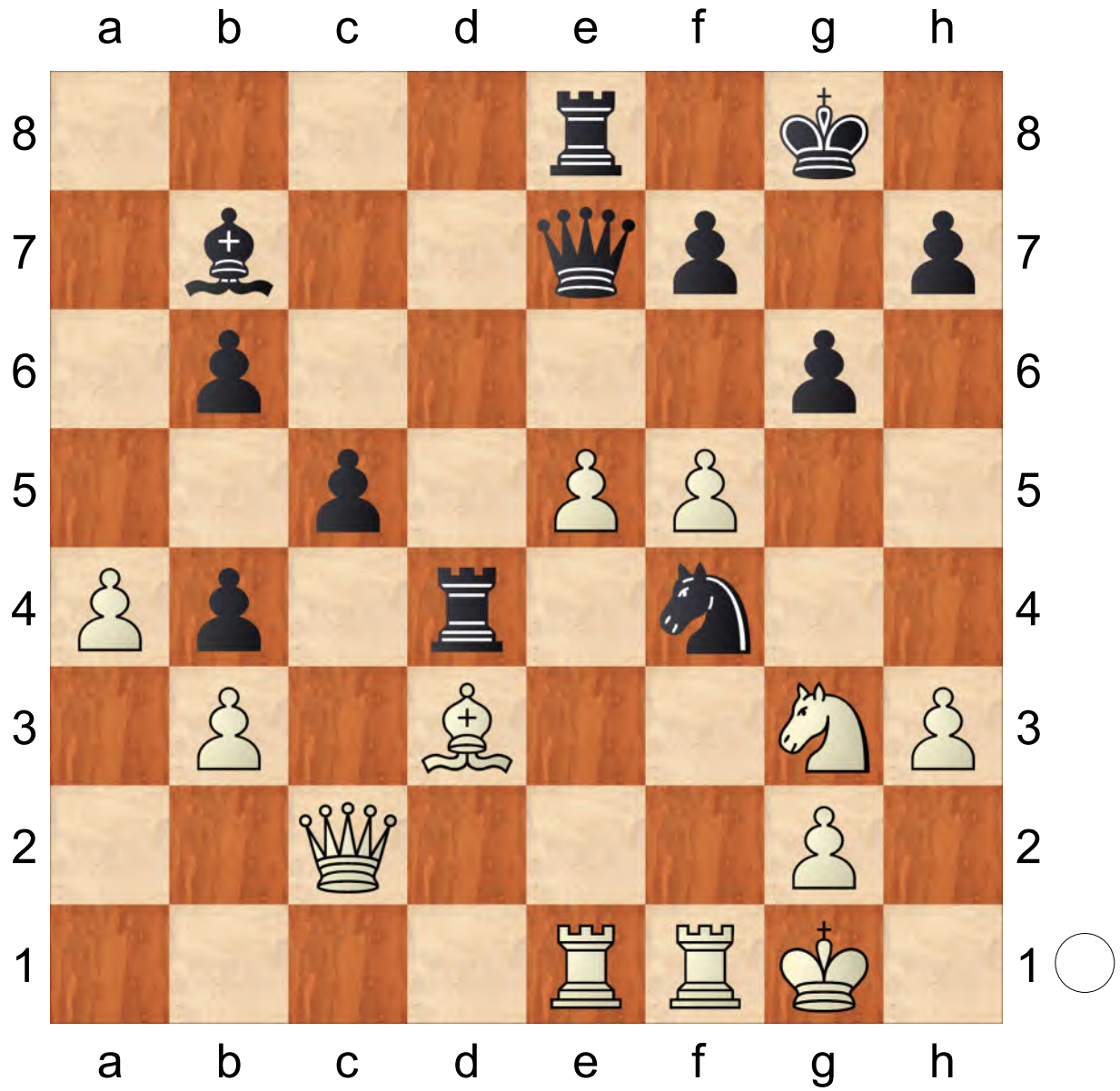
(Diagram)

26.Be4? A critical moment, after this error Black takes control.

[He had to play the consistent 26.fxg6 fxg6 *(26...hxg6 27.Bxg6! Nxg6 28.e6≅* gives White at least a draw. *)* 27.Rxf4! Rxf4 28.Bxg6≅ ⇄]

26...Qg5! 27.Kh2 Ba6 28.Rf3

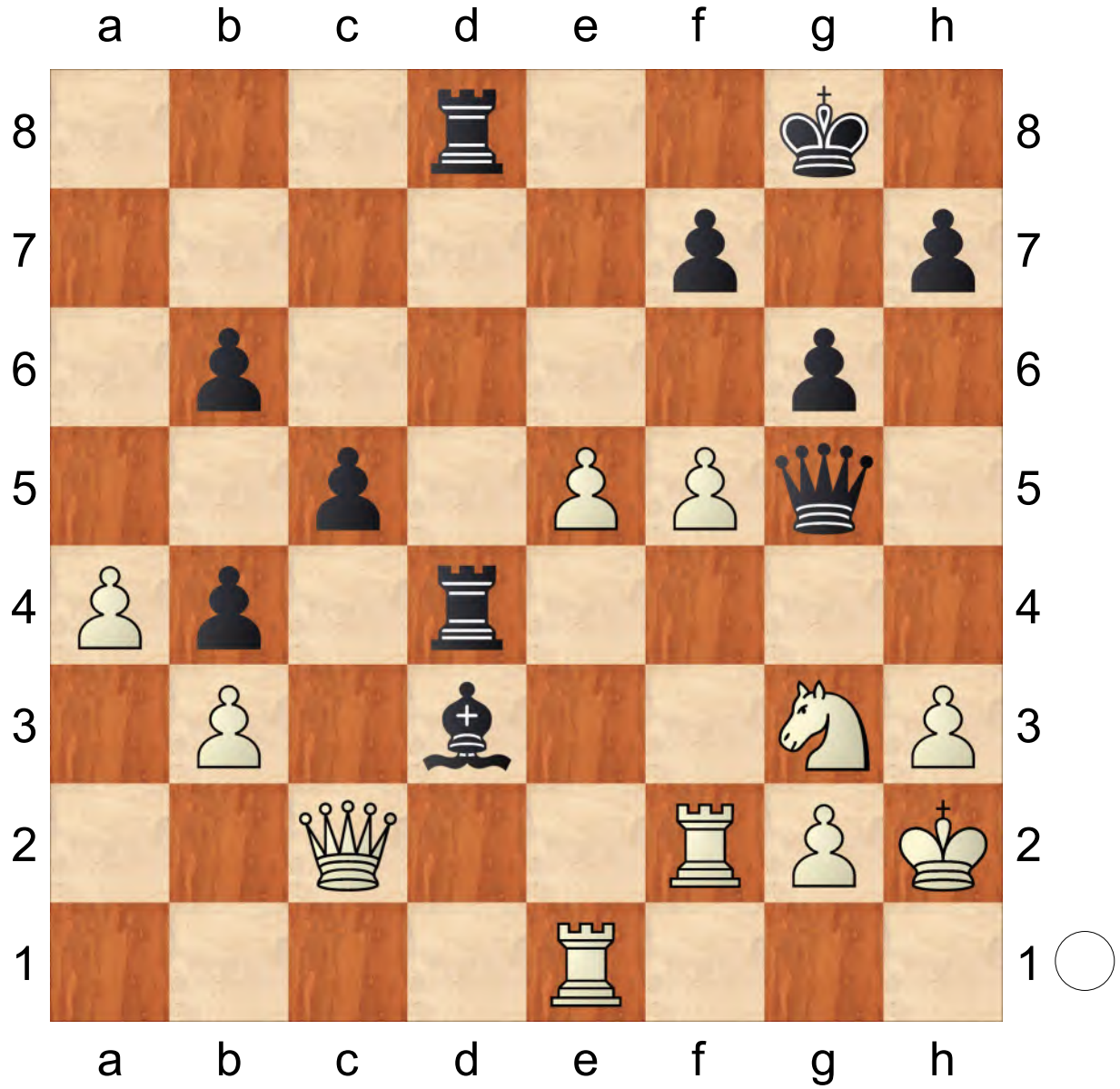
[28.Rf2 Bd3!? *(28...Nd3∓)* 29.Qd2 Bxe4 30.Qxf4 Qxf4 31.Rxf4 Bc2↑]



28...Red8
[28...Rxe5∓]
[A more energetic move was ⩲28...Nxh3! 29.e6 *(29.Kxh3 Qh6+ 30.Kg4 Rxe5-+* mates quickly.*)* 29...fxe6 30.fxg6 Nf4 31.gxh7+ Kh8→ with a raging attack.]
29.Rf2 Nd3
[29...Bd3!?∓]
30.Bxd3 Bxd3

(Diagram)

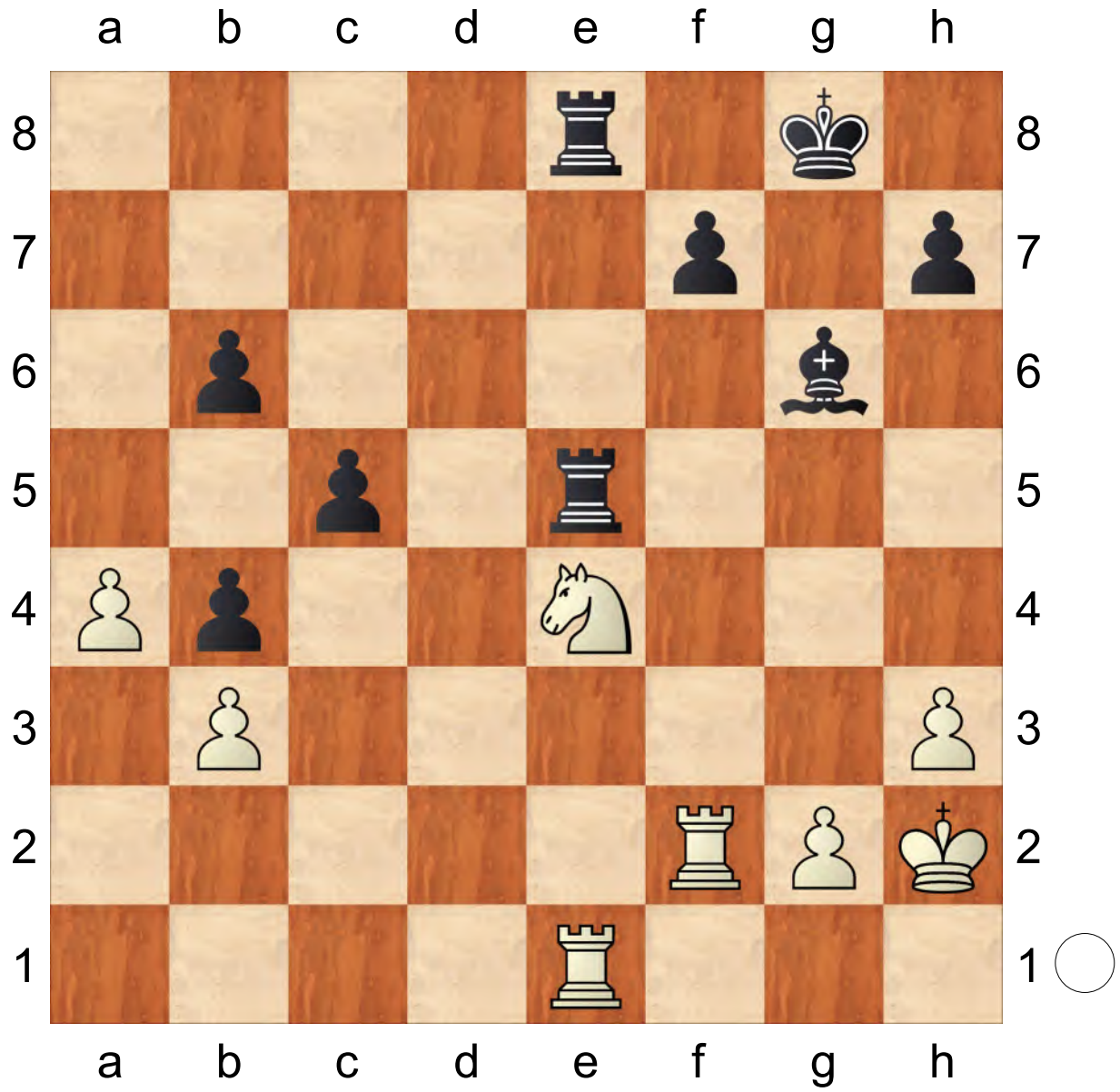
31.Qc1□
[31.Qb2 gxf5∓ *(31...Bxf5∓)*]



31...Qxc1 32.Rxc1 R4d5
[32...c4!? 33.bxc4 b3↑]
33.Re1 Re8 34.fxg6
[34.Rd2!∓ is far more resilient.]
34...Bxg6 35.Ne4
[35.Rfe2 Rd3 36.Rb2 f5!?∓]
35...Rdxe5

(Diagram)

36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.Nxe8?!
[⌓37.Rd1∓ /∓]
37...Rxe1 38.Nd6 Re3 39.Rb2 Re6 40.Rd2 Re3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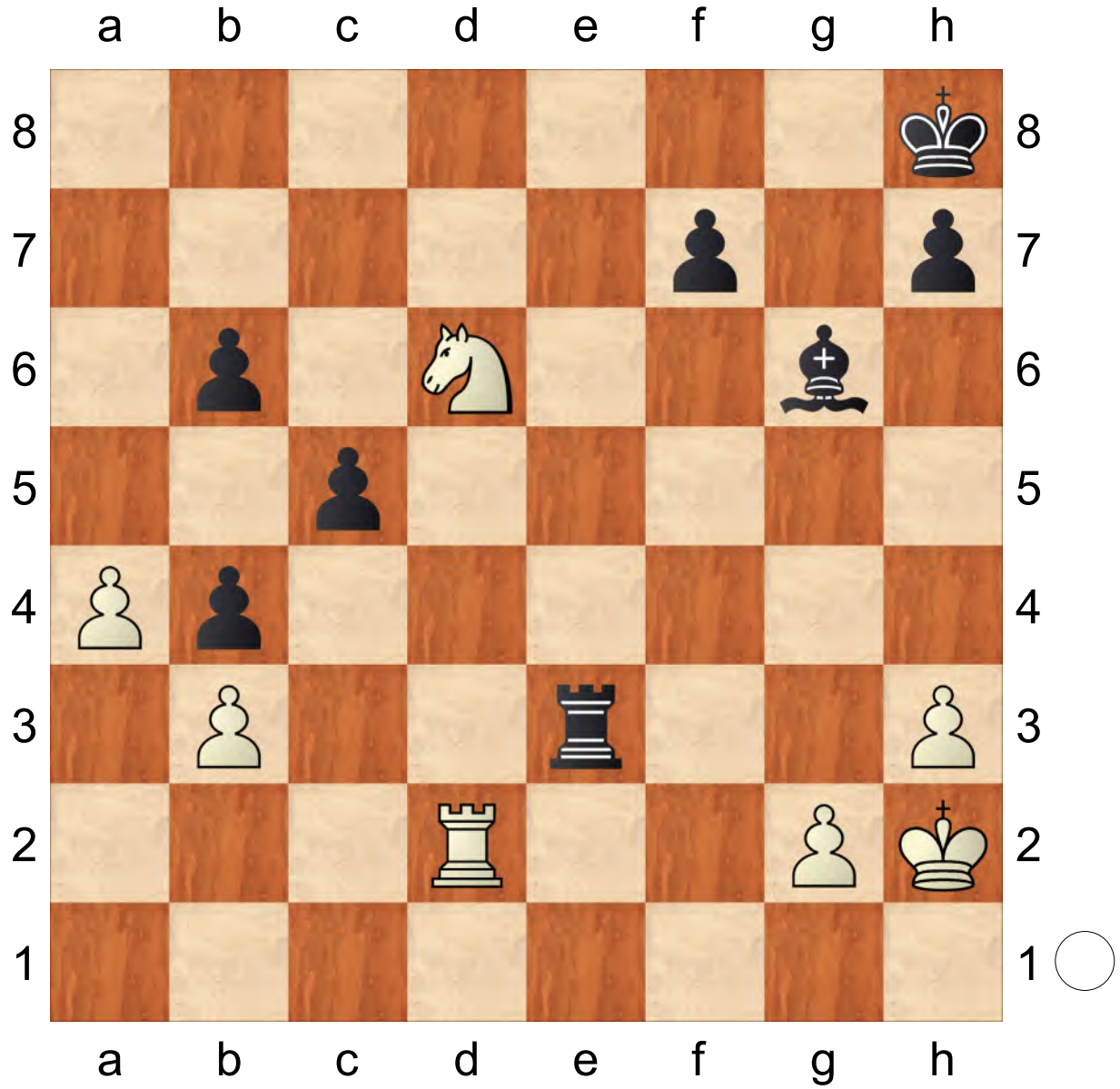
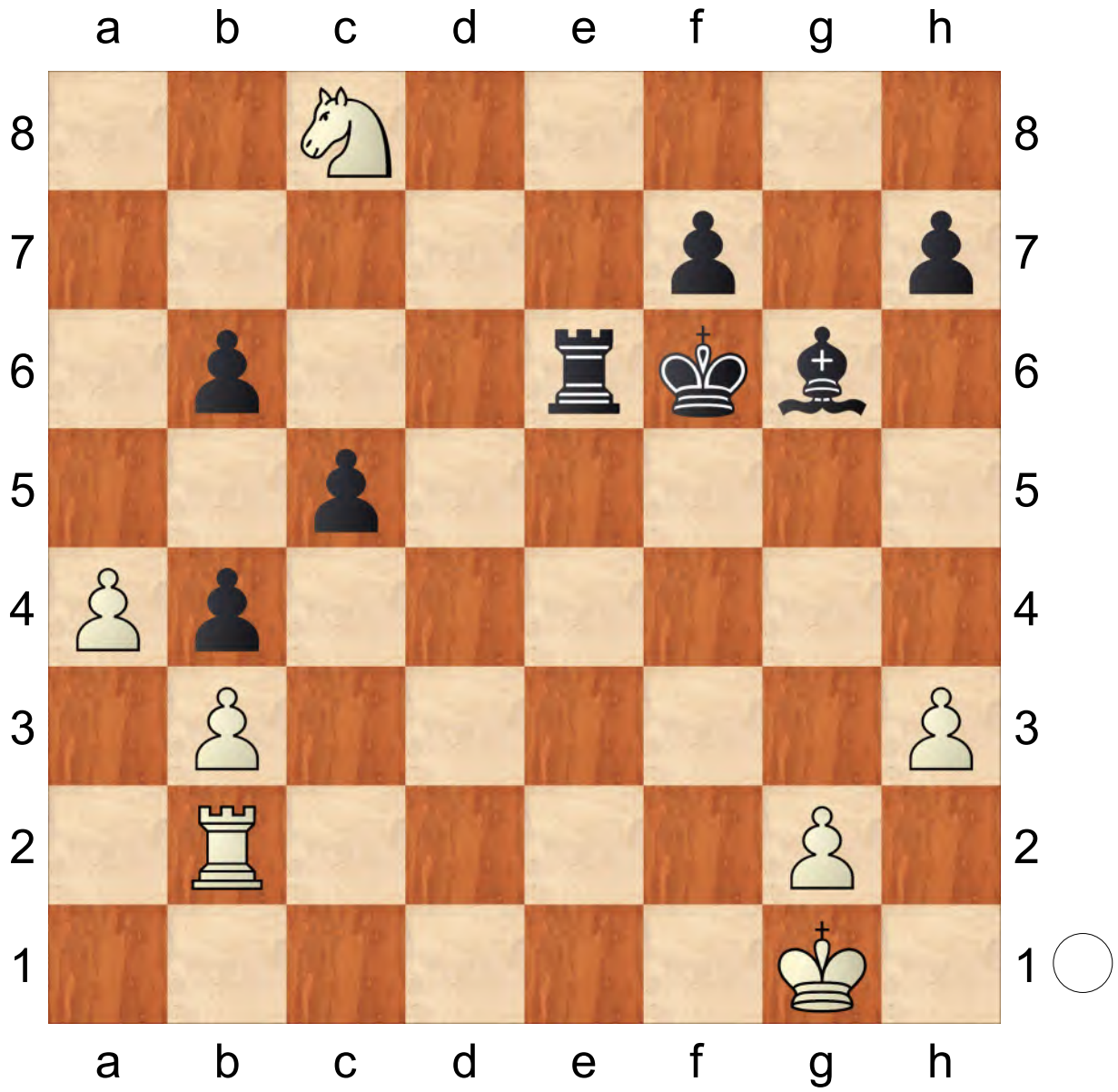


41.Rb2 Bd3-+ Black has a healthy extra pawn and the rest is a matter of technique.
42.Rd2
[42.Nxf7+ Kg8 43.Nd6 *(43.Rf2 Bg6-+)* 43...Re2! 44.Rxe2 Bxe2-+]
42...Kg7 43.Kg1 Bg6 44.Rb2 Re6 45.Nc8 Kf6

(Diagram)

46.Kf2 Ke5 47.Rd2
[47.Re2+ Be4-+ is similar.]
47...Be4 48.Ke3 f5 49.g3 Rg6 50.Kf2 f4
[50...Rh6-+]
[50...c4!?-+]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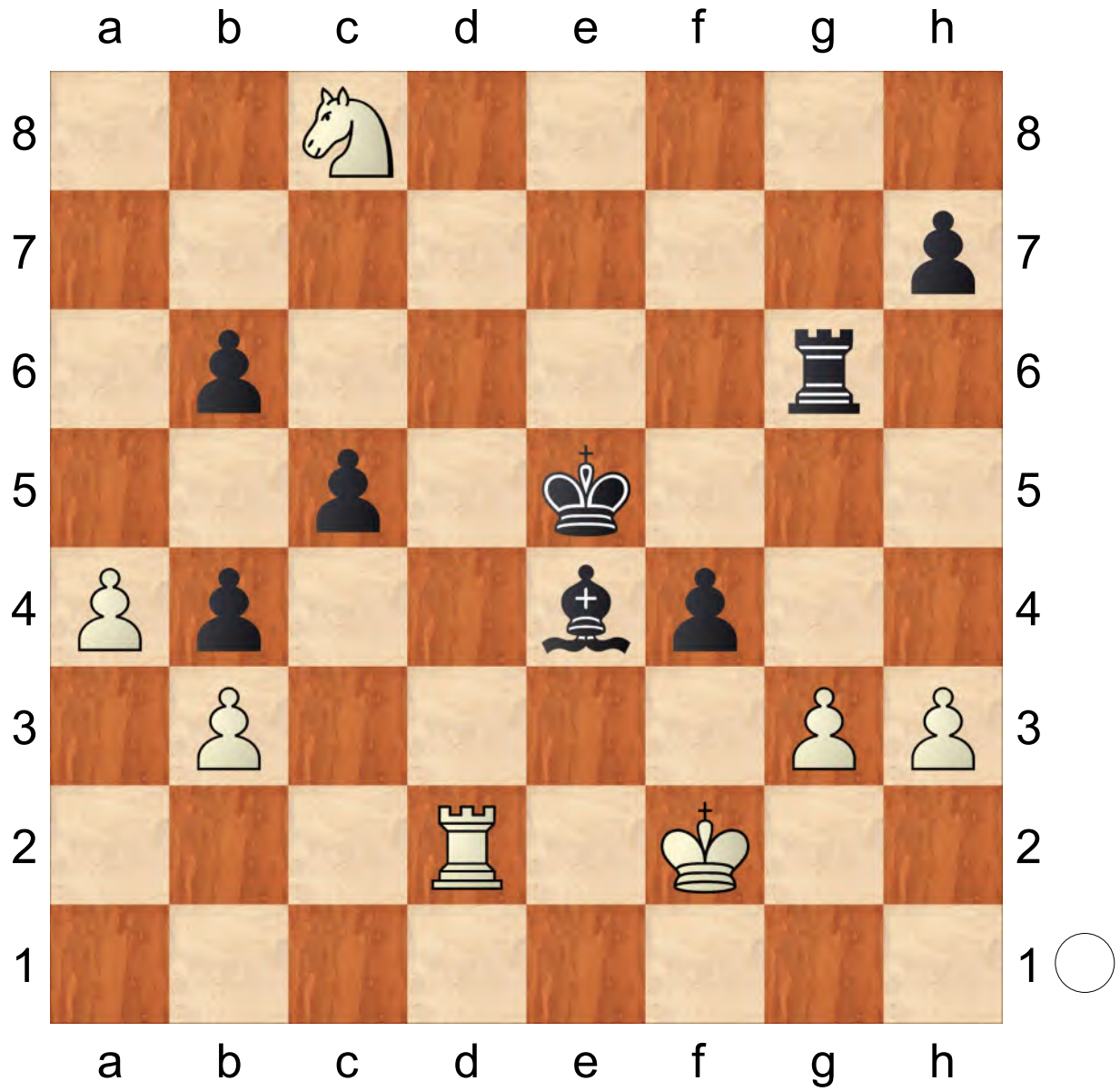

51.gxf4+
[51.g4 c4! 52.bxc4 Rc6-+]
51...Kxf4 52.Nd6 Rg2+ 53.Ke1 Rg1+ 54.Ke2 Rb1 55.Nxe4 Kxe4

(Diagram)

56.Rd7 Rxb3 57.Rxh7 Rb2+ 58.Kd1 c4 59.Rg7 c3 60.Kc1 Rh2

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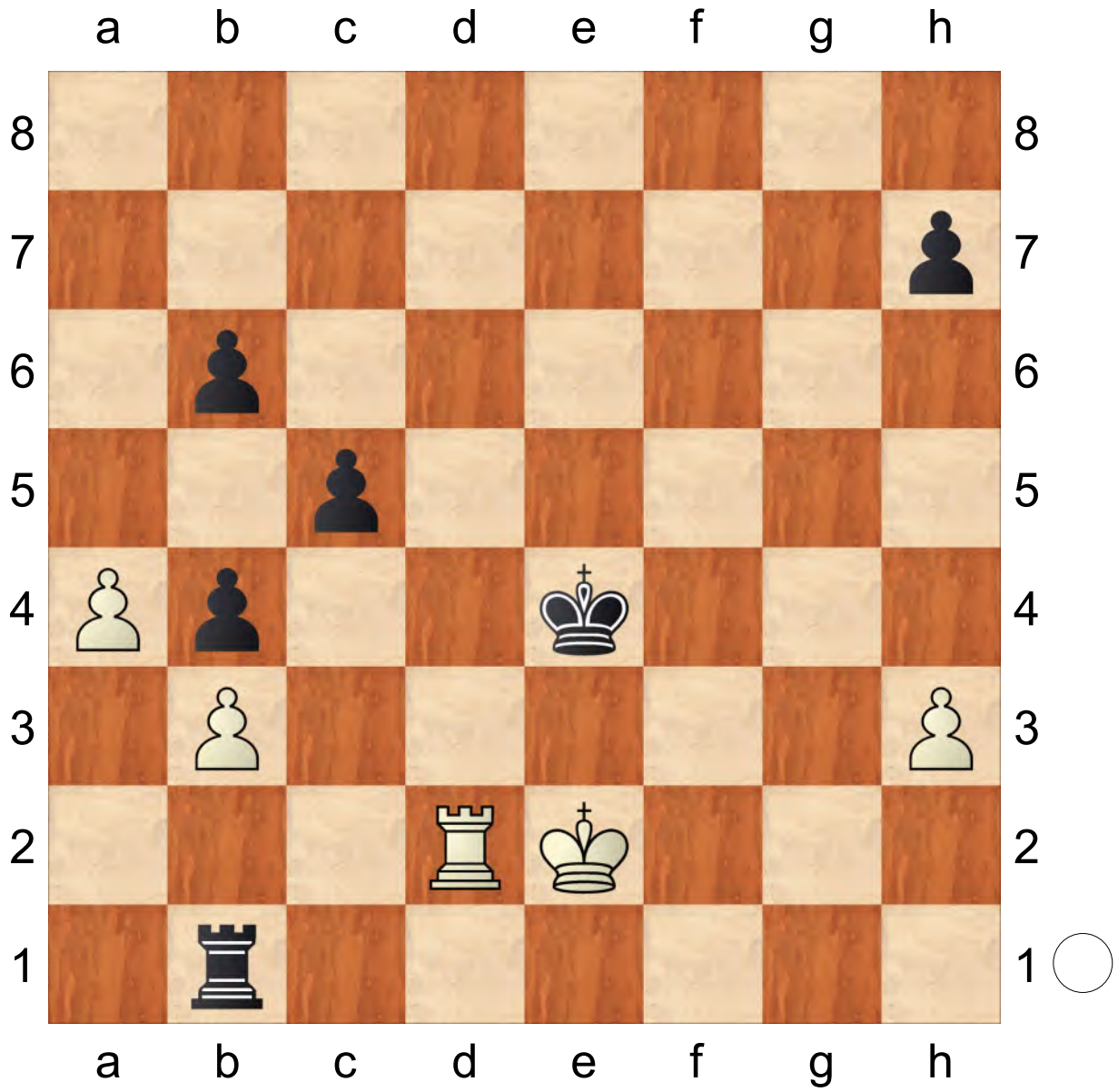
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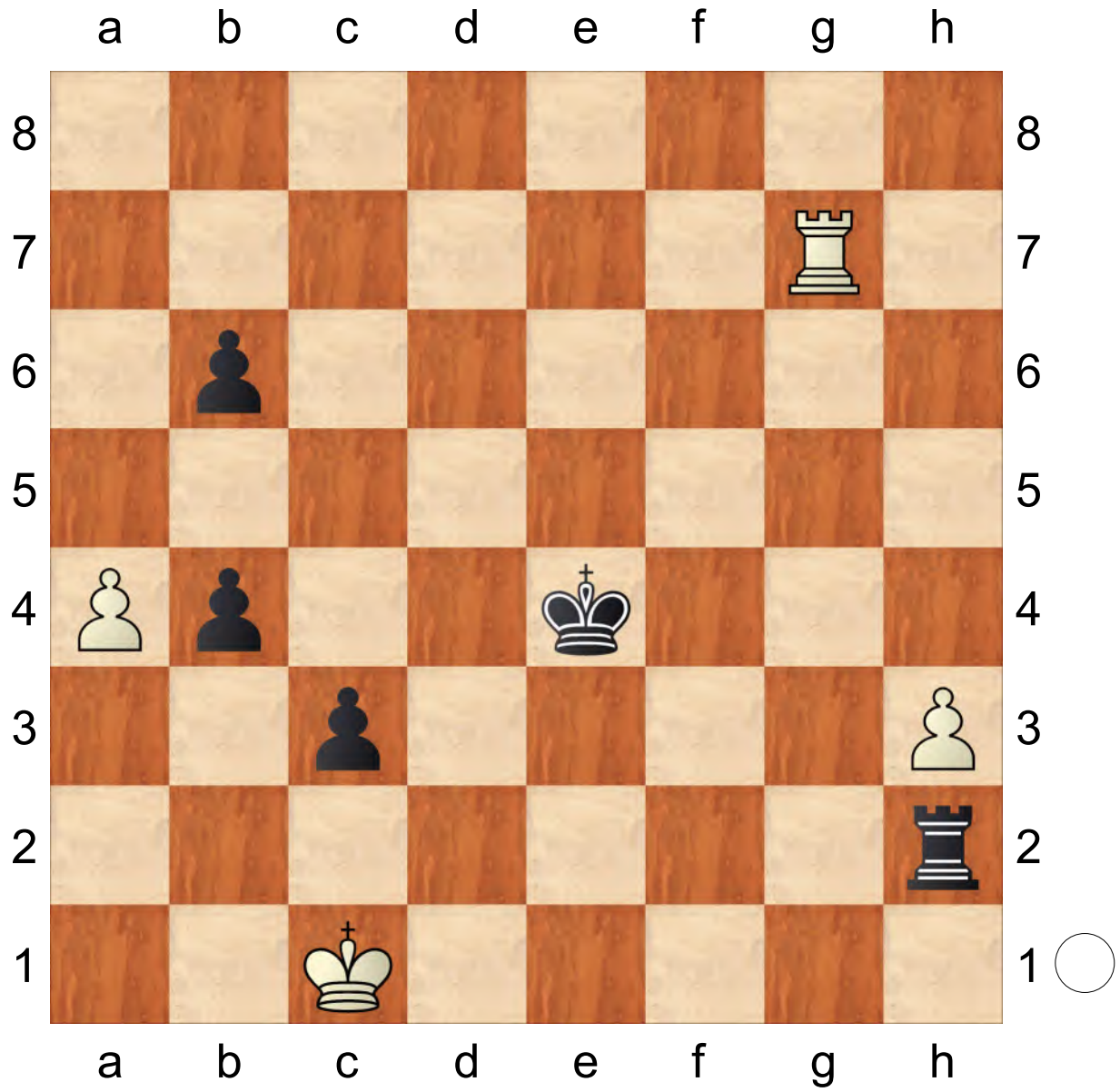
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□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2801**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2820**
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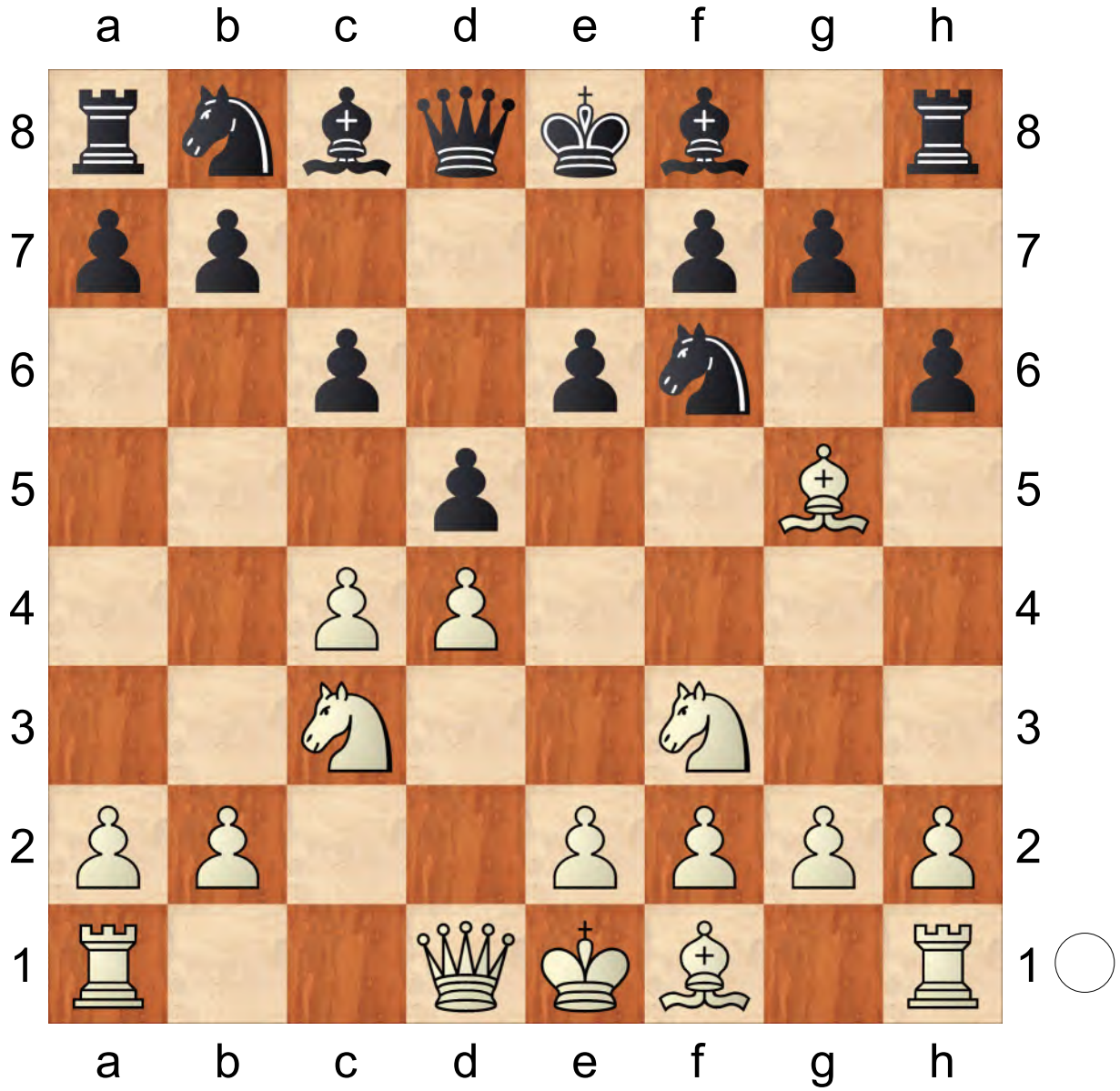
[Stohl,Igor]

Van Delft & Ris: 'REPAIRING THE MOSCOW VARIATION The seemingly modest 11. Re1 with the idea of neutralising a later Bg4 pin with Re3 has been causing Black some headaches recently. Aronian convincingly repairs the variation for Black.' **1.Nf3** Van Delft & Ris Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I Stohl,I' **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bxf6

[Van Delft & Ris: 'It seems White is lacking fresh ideas in the Anti-Moscow Variation arising from' Kramnik decides to forego a sharp theoretical duel in the highly topical AntiMoscow line Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Kramnik decides to forego a sharp theoretical duel in the highly topical AntiMoscow line '' 6.Bh4 Van Delft & Ris: '. The text has been seen more frequently in recent months.' dxc4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 Both players have extensive experience with this position with both colours and it actually arose in one of their previous games, after 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Nxd7 *(* Topalov's sacrifice has lost most of it's fans, latest mail games suggest White's compensation is good enough only for a draw after *12.Nxf7* ½, Shirov,A (2740)-Karjakin,S (2732)/Foros/2008/ See more details in the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 125.*)* 12...Nxd7 13.Bd6 a6 14.a4 Black has a choice:

A) 14...e5 15.Bg4 exd4 16.e5 c5 17.Re1 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 0-0 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Ne2 f5 21.Bh5 f4 has been tested especially in numerous mail games, here Black's position hangs on a thin line:

A1) 22.b4 d3! *(≤22...cxb3 23.Qxb3 Qd5 24.Qh3 Bc8 25.Nc3! dxc3 26.Qxc3+ Qd4 27.Qf3 Ra7 28.axb5 Qf6 29.Qa3 Qb6 30.Qc3+ Kg8 31.Re5 Qf6 32.Qxc5 Rd7 33.h4↑* Kramnik,V (2799)-Aronian,L (2739)/Wijk aan Zee/2008/ is the aforementioned mutual encounter, won by Kramnik after a gruelling struggle. For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 122.*)* 23.bxc5 b4 24.Nd4 *(24.Qc1 Bd5 25.Qb2+ Qf6 26.Qxb4 dxe2 27.Bxe2 f3∓* Nizky,R-Popov,A (2437)/corr/2009/*)* 24...Qxd4 25.Re7+ Kh8 26.Rxb7 Rab8 27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.Rb1 c3 29.Qb3 Qe5 30.Bg6 d2 31.Rf1 a5= ½,Ponting,A (1937)-Gokerman,E (2105)/corr/2009*!*

A2) ∩22.Nxd4! cxd4 23.Re6 Rf6 24.Qe1 Bd5 25.Re7+ Kg8 *(25...Kf8!? 26.Re8+ Qxe8 27.Bxe8 Rxe8 28.Qb4+ Kg7 29.Qc5 Bc6±* /= is perhaps safer: *30.Qxd4 Kg6 31.axb5 axb5 32.b3 f3 33.bxc4 fxg2 34.cxb5 Bxb5 35.Kxg2 Re2 36.Kg1 Rexf2 37.Qxf2 Rxf2 38.Kxf2 h5 39.Kf3* ½, Figlio,G (2447)-Rivas Romero,G (2377)/corr/2009/*)* 26.axb5 Qd6 27.h3! *(27.Bg4 Rf7 28.Re5 d3!⇄* is also known from postal chess. *)*

A2a) 27...axb5? 28.Rxa8+ Bxa8 29.Re8+ Rf8 30.Re6!!N *(* The decisive novelty, previous games featured only the insipid *30.Rxf8+ Qxf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Qe5+ Qg7 33.Qxb5 c3 34.bxc3 dxc3 35.Qe8+ Qg8 36.Qe5+=)* 30...Qd5 31.f3! d3 32.Rg6+ Kh7 33.Qe7+ Rf7 34.Qe8 Qc5+ 35.Kh2 Qf8 36.Qe5 Voss.M-Zhak,B/corr/2010/ Rf5 *(36...Re7 37.Qd4+-* is similar*)* 37.Qc7+ Rf7 38.Qb6! s hrozbou Vd6, nepomaha ani Rb7 39.Qd4+-;

A2b) 27...a5! □ 28.b6 *(28.Bg4 Bf7 29.Qe4 Qd5 30.Qxd5 Bxd5 31.Rd7 Bf7 32.Rxd4 Be8 33.h4±* Kharlamov,V (2491)-Pivinsky,E (2484)/corr/2010/*)* 28...d3 29.Rxa5 Rxa5 30.Re8+ Kg7 31.Qxa5 Bf7 32.Bxf7 Rxf7 33.Qc3+ Qf6 34.Qxc4 Qxb2 35.Qxd3 Qxb6 36.Qe4± Kosulin,V (2425)-Daus,P (2413)/corr/2010*!*

B) 14...b4!?

B1) Nobody has yet repeated Topalov's 15.Nb1!? Nf6 16.e5 Ne4 17.Bxb4 c5 18.Ba3 cxd4 *(18...Qc7!? 19.f3 Rd8 20.fxe4 Rxd4 21.Nd2 Bxe5 22.Qc2 Bxh2+ 23.Kh1 Bf4 24.Nxc4 Bxe4 25.Qc3 0-0⇄; 18...g4!?∞)* 19.Bf3

B1a) 19...Rc8 20.Nd2 *(20.Re1 Nc5)* 20...Nxd2 21.Bxb7 Nxf1 22.Bd6! *(22.Bxc8 Qxc8 23.Qxd4 Qd7 24.Qb6 Nd2 25.Qb8+ Qd8 26.Qb7 Bf8 27.Qc6+ Qd7 28.Qa8+=)* 22...Bf8! *(22...d3 23.Bxa6 Qa5 24.Bb5+ Kd8 25.Qf3→)* 23.Qxd4 Bxd6 24.exd6 0-0 25.Bxc8 Qxc8 26.Rxf1 Qc6±;

B1b) 19...Bf8? 20.Re1 Bxa3 21.Nxa3 Nc5 22.Nxc4 0-0 23.b4 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Nd7 25.h4 Rc8 26.Qd3 Qc7 27.Rac1 Nb6 28.Nd6!+- Topalov,V (2775)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Monte Carlo rpd/2011/

B2) 15.d5 bxc3 16.dxe6 Ne5 17.Bh5 Bc8 18.exf7+! Nxf7 19.e5 necessitates Ra7! *(19...cxb2? 20.Rb1 Bf8 21.Qf3 Ra7 22.Qxc6+ Qd7 23.Qxc4 Qe6 24.Qc6+ Qd7 25.Qc3 Bxd6 26.e6 Qxe6 27.Qxh8+ Kd7 28.Qd4→* Cheparinov,I (2664)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2575)/EU-ch Aix-les-Bains/2011/ Here White's attack quickly broke through - see Ftacnik's notes in CBM 142. *)* 20.Qf3 Re7∞ Gupta]

6...Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 While this is the more usual move-order, Black can also postpone the development of his knight. This may lead to the same position, but can also give the game an independent twist after Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'While this is the more usual move-order, Black can also postpone the development of his knight. This may lead to the same position, but can also give the game an independent twist after"

[Van Delft & Ris: 'Another possibility is' 7...g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 *(9.e4* (Van Delft & Ris) which was seen in Ragger-Gustafsson (CVO 42).*)* 9...0-0 10.Rc1 *(10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Qd8* uses the fact the knight is not yet ion d7 to attack White's centre.*)* 10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd7 12.e4 Van Delft & Ris: 'can after' c5!? Van Delft & Ris: 'lead to the aforementioned Anand-Giri game.' 13.d5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Nb6 14.b3 exd5 15.Nxd5 Qd8 16.h3 Nxc4 17.bxc4 Re8 18.Re1 Bd7 19.Qd2 Rc8 20.Qf4 b5⇄ /∓,Anand,V (2810)-Giri,A (2686)/Wijk aan Zee/2011/ For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 141.]

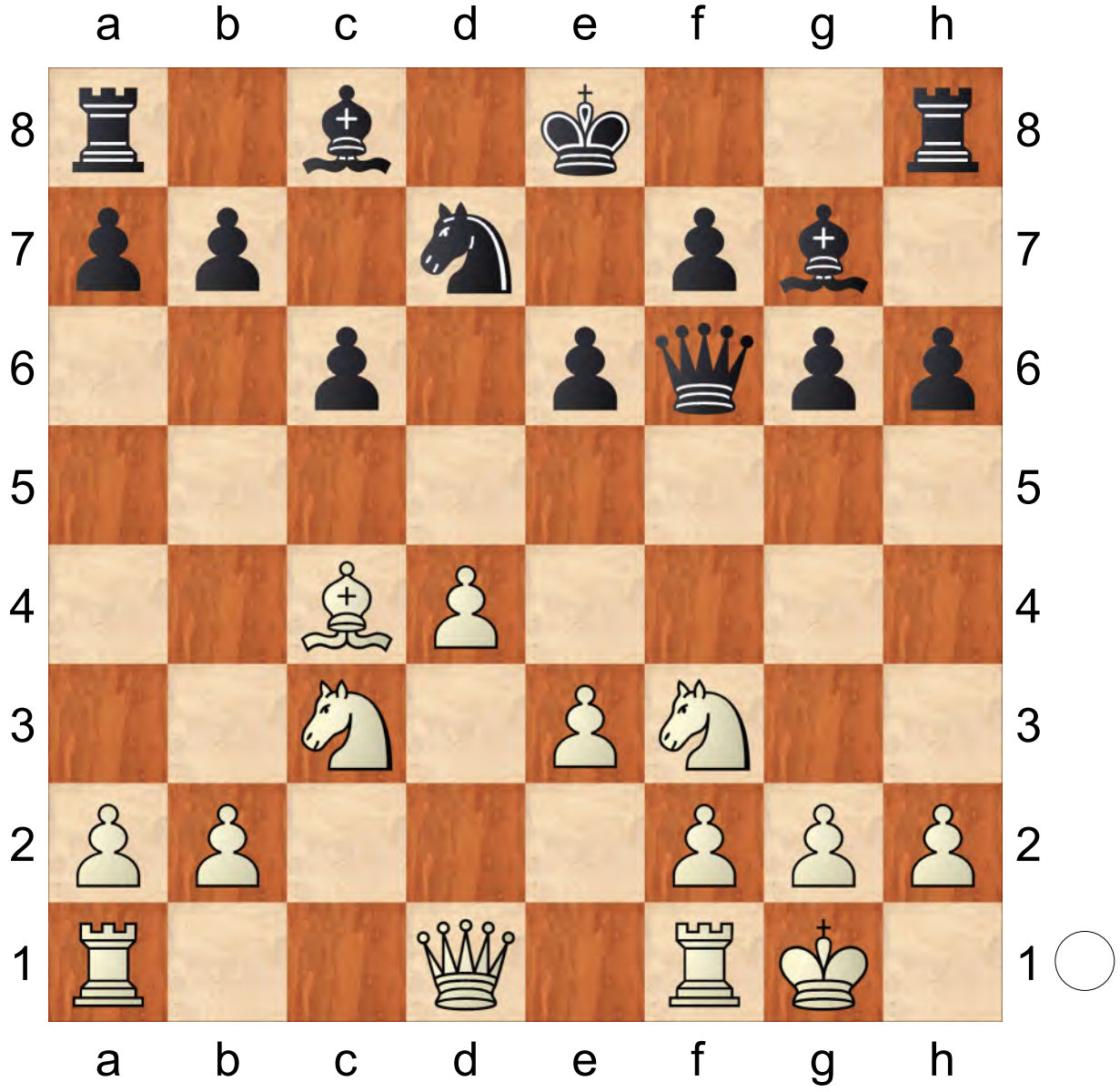
8.Bd3

[Game 5 saw the rare 8.Be2 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Qd8 *(* Aronian spurns transposition to our game with *8...dxc4 9.Bxc4* and opts for a different set-up. The queen retreat would be rather passive against 8. ♗d3, here it's more plausible: *)* 9.0-0 Be7

A) 10.e4 dxe4 *(10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.Qe2 b6 13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.d5 exd5 15.exd5 Bf6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Qg5 19.Bd5 Rae8 20.Qd1 Nb8 21.g3 Bxd5 22.Rxd5±* Vokac,M (2507)-Obsivac,J (2344)/Roznov/2002/ *)* 11.Nxe4 0-0 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.Rad1 Nf6 14.c5 b6 15.b4 a5 16.a3 axb4 17.axb4 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Ne5 bxc5 20.bxc5 Rd8 21.g3 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rd5 23.Nc4 g6 24.Nb6 Rd8 25.Ra1 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Bf6 27.Ra4

Kg7 28.Kg2 e5= Peev,P (2405)-Velikov,P (2465)/Plovdiv/1984/;
B) 10.Qc2 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Rfd1 a6 12.c5 Qc7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nd6 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Be6 18.Rd3 Rad8 19.Rad1 Rd7 20.g3 Rfd8 21.Qd2 ½,* Timoshenko,G (2537)-Kruppa,Y (2572)/Kiev/2001/ *Bf5! 22.Rd4 Bf6 23.Ra4 Be5=)* 11...b6 12.Rfd1 Bb7 13.Rac1 Qb8 14.cxd5 *(* Kramnik plays it safe. The text-move is not too ambitious, but White's main active try *14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 c5⇄* is double-edged, Black's bishops can have their say.*)* 14...cxd5 15.Qa4 Nf6 16.Ba6 Bxa6 17.Qxa6 Qc8 18.Qxc8 Rfxc8 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.Nd3 Ne8 21.Kf1 Kf8 22.Ke2 Ke7= Kramnik,V (2801)-Aronian,L (2820)/Zuerich m/2012/]

8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'and opts for a different set-up. The queen retreat would be rather passive against 8. ♗d3, here it's more plausible:" **9...g6 10.0-0 Bg7**



11.Re1 White has many plausible alternatives and this has been getting some attention lately. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'White has many plausible alternatives and this has been getting some attention lately."

[11.Rc1 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 0-0

A) 12.b4 Qe7 13.Qb3

A1) 13...a5 14.b5 c5 15.Na4 cxd4 16.exd4 Qb4 *(16...Qd6 17.Rfe1 Nb6⇄)* 17.a3 Qxb3 18.Bxb3 Rd8 19.d5 exd5 20.Bxd5 Nf6 21.Ba2 Bd7 22.Nb6 Bxb5 23.Nxa8 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Rxa8 25.Rc7↑ Fedoseev,V (2525)-Nyback,T (2634)/Tallinn rpd/2012/;

A2) 13...b6 14.b5 Bb7 15.bxc6 Bxc6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Qb1 Bb7 18.Bd3 Rac8 19.Be4 Nf6 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Ne2 Ne4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Nd2 Nd6 24.Rc1= ½,Ivanchuk,V (2731)-Karjakin,S (2661)/Foros/2006/;

B) 12.e4 can after c5!? lead to the aforementioned Anand-Giri game.;

C) 12.Bb3 Qe7 13.Ne4 retains more tension and is perhaps more promising: *(13.Na4 e5 14.d5 e4 15.Nd4 cxd5 16.Nc3 Nf6 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bh3!=)* 13...Rd8 14.Qc2 e5 15.Ng3!? *(15.Rfe1 Kh8 16.g4 Rf8 17.g5 f5! 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Kg2 Bg7* Aronian,L (2750)-Gelfand,B (2733)/WCh Mexico City/2007/ *20.Ng3∞* Marin Black went on to win an excellent game, see the notes by Marin in CBM 120.*)* 15...Nf8 *(15...Kf8 16.h4 exd4 17.exd4 Nb6 18.h5 g5 19.Rfe1 Qf6 20.Ne5 Nd5 21.Ne4→* Gyimesi,Z (2610)-Steingrimsson,H (2533)/Heraklio/2007/*)* 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qe2!? *(18.Rce1 Be6 19.f4 Bxb3 20.axb3 Qb5 21.f5 Qd3 22.Qc5* Steingrimsson,H (2533)-Hansen,S (2564)/Heraklio/2007/ *Rd7⇄)* 18...Qe7 19.f4 Be6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.f5! Qxa2 22.Ne4±]

[Van Delft & Ris: 'In CVO 60 we paid attention to' 11.e4 e5 12.d5 Nb6 *(12...0-0* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' is also possible, but after *13.Rc1* the game will likely transpose to the same line as Topalov-Aronian, Linares 2010.*)* 13.Bb3 Van Delft & Ris: 'which was seen in the game Topalov-Aronian. The point of the text is that the R can join the battle over the 3rd rank via e3 in certain lines.' Bg4 *(13...0-0* Topalov,V (2805)-Aronian,L (2781)/Linares/2010/ Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) Topalov,V (2805)-Aronian,L (2781)/Linares/2010/' See for more details about this branch in the notes to this game in CBM 135. *)*

A) 14.Rc1 Rd8! 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Rd7 20.Rc3 Ke7 21.Rfc1 Rhd8 *(21...Bf6 22.Rc7 Rhd8 23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.Bxb7 Rd2 25.Rc7+ Rd7 26.Rxd7+ Kxd7 27.Bd5 Ke7 28.b4 Bg5 29.Kf1 Bd2 30.a3 Bc1 31.a4 Bd2 32.b5 Ba5 33.Ke2 g5 34.Kd3 f6 35.Kc4 Kd6 ½,*Zakhartsov,V (2602)-Potkin,V (2646)/Belgorod/2010/*)* 22.Rc7 b6 23.Kf1 Bf6 24.Ke2 Bg5 25.R1c6 Rxc7 26.Rxc7+ Rd7 27.Rxd7+ Kxd7 28.Bxf7 a5 ½,Kreisl,R (2394)-Buhmann,R (2590)/EU-ch Aix-les-Bains/2011/;

B) 14.Re1!? 0-0 *(14...Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qxf3 16.gxf3 Ke7 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Nd1 Rhd8 20.Rc5 Rd2 21.Kf1 Rc7 22.Re3 Nd7 23.Ra5 h5 24.Ke1 Rd6 25.Rc3 Bh6 26.Ne3±* Pashikian,A (2608)-Hovhannisyan,R (2589) /Yerevan/2012/ *Rb7 ; 14...Rd8 15.Re3 0-0* -14...0-0 *)* 15.Re3 is a more

promising way to implement the idea from the game, although White has only a slight pull at the very best: Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '-11.e4' Stohl,I: 'is a more promising way to implement the idea from the game, although White has only a slight pull at the very best:'' Van Delft & Ris: 'Here' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Here''

B1) 15...Rad8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '-14...0-0'' 16.Qe2 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Qe7 19.Rd1 Van Delft & Ris: 'and White's chances were preferable in Jaracz-Nyback, Aix-les-Bains 2011.' Kh8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl, I' 20.h3 Bc8 21.Rc3 Be6 22.Rcd3 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Rc8± /=,Jaracz,P (2565)-Nyback,T (2656)/EU-ch Aix-les-Bains/2011*(*;

B2) 15...c5? (Van Delft & Ris) is a positional mistake. White quickly got the upper hand after 16.h3 Bxf3 *(16...Bd7 17.Nd2* also favors White.*)* 17.Rxf3 Qd6 18.a4 c4 19.a5 cxb3 20.axb6 Qxb6 21.d6 Rfd8 22.d7 Qe6 23.Rd3 Bf8 24.Rc1± Wang Hao-Fier, Khanty-Mansiysk 2010.;

B3) 15...Rfd8 Van Delft & Ris: 'would transpose to positions we dealt with above.' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'would transpose to positions we dealt with above.'' 16.h3 *(16.Qe2* Van Delft & Ris *Bf8 17.h3 Bd7 18.Nh2! Be8 19.Ng4 Qg7 20.Rg3 Kh8 21.Rd1 Rd6 22.Rgd3 Bd7 23.dxc6 Rxd3 24.Rxd3 Bxc6 25.Rf3* and White seized the initiative in Erdos-Schenk, Munich 2011.*)* 16...Bd7 17.a4 *(17.Qe2* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' is perhaps more promising*)* 17...a5 18.Rd3 Be8 *(18...cxd5* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *19.Bxd5 Rab8 20.Qd2 Qe7 21.Qe3 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Qe8⇄ ½,* Penkin,V (2042)-Dziedzic,A (1999)/corr/2008*/)* 19.Qe2 Bf8 20.Rad1 Bc5 Van Delft & Ris: 'with a roughly equal position in Jojua-Gurevich, Cappelle la Grande 2011.' 21.dxc6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rxd3 22.Rxd3 bxc6 23.Qc2 Qe7 24.Nd1 Kg7 25.Ne3 h5 26.Nc4 Nd7 27.Ba2 Bb4 28.Rd1 Ra7 29.Qb3 Nc5 30.Qc2 Rd7= Jojua,D (2515)-Gurevich,M (2613)/Cappelle la Grande/ 2011/]

11...0-0

[11...e5? (Van Delft & Ris) would be a serious mistake in view of 12.Ne4! Qe7 13.dxe5 and Black has some problems because of the weakened d6-square.]

12.e4 The most consistent continuation. Other options as Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'The most consistent continuation. Other options as''

[12.Rc1 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I']

[, or 12.Qc2 don't fit in too well with White's previous move Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl, I) don't fit in too well with White's previous move']

12...e5 13.d5 Rd8!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?'' Here Black can postpone committing his knight to b6, contrary to the lines from the note to the 11-th move. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Here Black can postpone committing his knight to b6, contrary to the lines from the note to the 11-th move. ''

[13...Nb6 14.Bb3 Bg4 *(*Van Delft & Ris: 'After' *14...Bd7* Van Delft & Ris: 'Black failed to equalise in Leko-Gelfand (CVO 87).' *15.h3* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *Rac8 16.Qe2 Rfe8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.a3 h5 19.Rd3 Bh6 20.Red1 cxd5 21.Bxd5 Rc7*

22.Nd2 Qe7 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Bxc4 Bc6 25.Bd5± Leko,P (2734)-Gelfand,B (2739)/Miskolc m rpd/2010/) 15.Re3 -11.e4]

14.Re3

[Van Delft & Ris: 'The most principled continuation. Two earlier games featured' Takes the sting out of the future ♗g4, but simpler was Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Takes the sting out of the future ♗g4, but simpler was" 14.h3 , which prevents the sortie outright and leads to complex play: Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ', which prevents the sortie outright and leads to complex play:"

A) 14...Nb6 15.Bb3 Bd7 16.a4 a5 17.Re3 Be8 18.Qe2 Nd7 *(⌓18...Bf8!?∞* is similar to Jojua-M.Gurevich above Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) is similar to Jojua-M.Gurevich above') 19.Nd2 Nc5 20.Ba2 Van Delft & Ris: '⩲' '⩲' Van Delft & Ris: 'Cmilyte-Munguntuul, Shenzhen 2011.' Qe7 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 21.Rf3 Kh7 22.Rd1 f6 23.Nc4 b5 Cmilyte,V (2525)-Munguntuul,B (2465)/Shenzhen/2011/ 24.Nb6 Rab8 25.dxc6!↑;

B) Van Delft & Ris: 'It might have been Aronian's intention to play' Untested, but plausible is Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Untested, but plausible is'' 14...b5!? Van Delft & Ris: 'here as well.' 15.dxc6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' bxc4 16.cxd7 Rxd7 17.Qc2 Qa6⇄;

C) 14...Nc5 15.Qe2 a5 16.a4 Bf8 17.Red1 Bd7 18.Rd2 Be8 19.Rad1 Van Delft & Ris: 'and White's position was more pleasant to play in Grigoryan-Ter Sahakyan, Martuni 2011.' Rab8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 20.Ba2 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Qg7⇄ Grigoryan,A (2608)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2558)/Martuni/2011/]

14...b5 As White's last move appeared recently, Aronian was obviously prepared and answered quickly. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'As White's last move appeared recently, Aronian was obviously prepared and answered quickly."

[14...Nb6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 15.Bb3 *(15.Qb3!?)* justifies White's idea, but still doesn't give him anything special after 15...cxd5 *(*Here *15...Bg4* would transpose to positions we dealt with above.*)* 16.Nxd5 *(16.exd5)* 16...Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Be6 18.Rd3 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Qb6⇄ **Δ** 21.Nxe5 Qxb2 22.Qxf7+ Kh7 23.Qxg6+ Kg8 24.Qf7+=]

15.dxc6

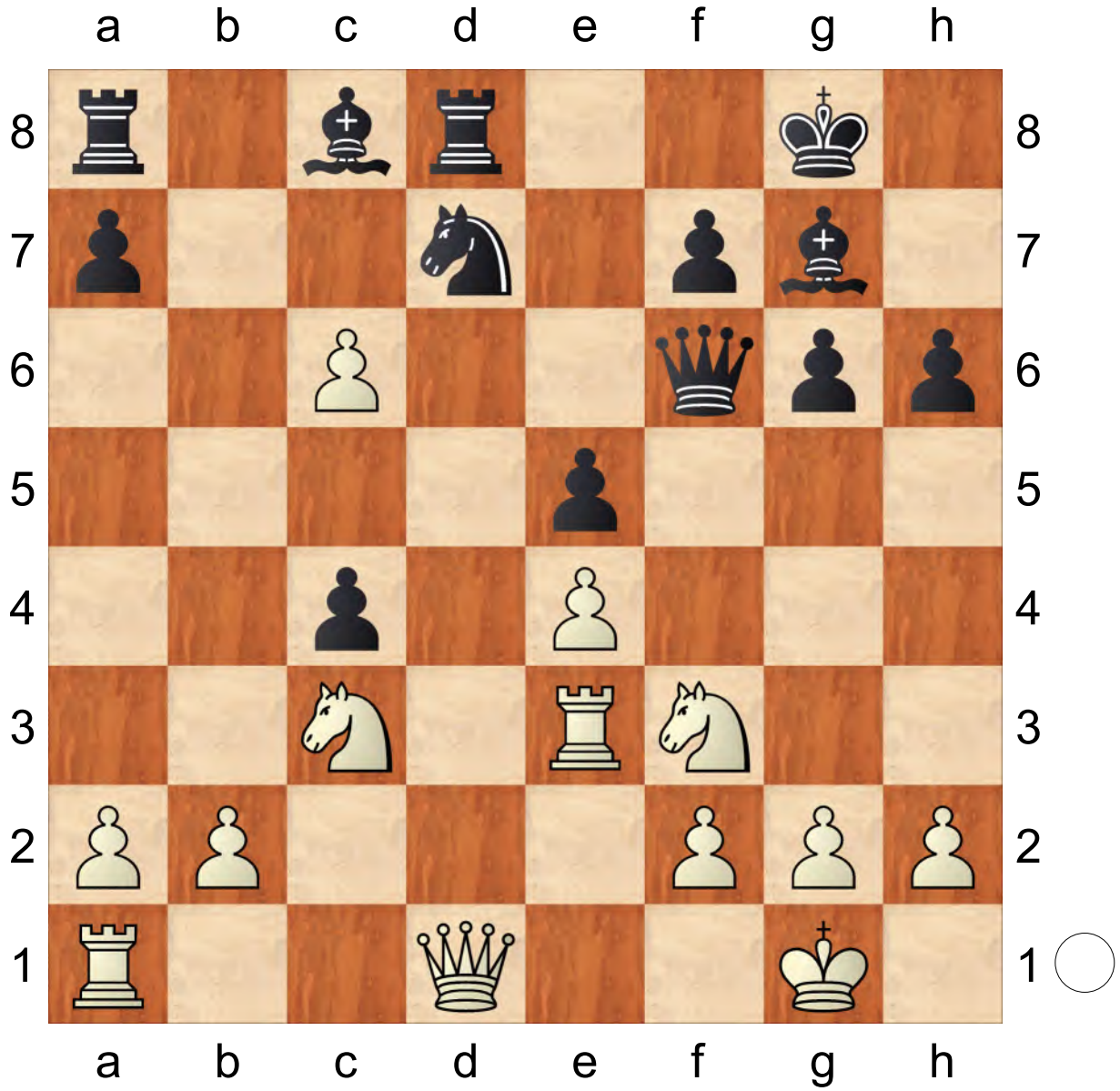
[15.Bb3 Van Delft & Ris Nb6 is absolutely fine for Black.]

15...bxc4

(Diagram)

16.Nd5 Taking into account the course of the game, the modest Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Taking into account the course of the game, the modest"

[16.cxd7!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?" deserved attention: Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'deserved attention:" Rxd7 17.Qe2 Ba6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *(17...Qc6* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *18.Rc1⇄; 17...Qa6!?* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I'*; 17...Qe6* (Van Delft & Ris) hardly poses Black any problems either. *)* 18.Rd1 Rad8 19.Rxd7 Rxd7 20.Qc2=]



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[Van Delft & Ris: 'A logical improvement upon' ≤16...Qd6?! Van Delft & Ris: '?!' '?!' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ≤?!" 17.cxd7 Bxd7 18.Nd2 Bb5 *(18...Bf5!* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *19.Nxc4 Qc5 20.exf5 Rxd5 21.Rd3±)* 19.Qc2 Rab8 20.Rc3 Van Delft & Ris: 'which clearly favored White in Gunina-Muzychuk,A Gaziantep 2012.' Qa6 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 21.a4 Bf8 22.Nf1 Bc5 23.Qc1! Bc6? *(⩲23...Be8)* 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Ng4± Gunina,V (2511)-Muzychuk,A (2583)/EU-chW Gaziantep/2012/]

17.cxd7□ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□' '□" Here Kramnik fell into thought, realizing that his opening has been a failure and seeking how to proceed after the otherwise forced text-move. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Here Kramnik fell into thought, realizing that his opening has been a failure and seeking how to proceed after the otherwise forced text-move."

[17.Nb4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' a5∓]

[17.Nc7? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Qxc6 18.Nxa8 Qxa8-+]

17...Rxd7 Gunina's knight was unassailable on d5, but now it will come under immediate pressure and it's White, who has to fight for equality. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Gunina's knight was unassailable on d5, but now it will come under immediate pressure and it's White, who has to fight for equality." **18.Qa4**

[18.b3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' cxb3 19.Qxb3 Bb7 20.Rd1 Rad8 21.Red3 Kh8∓]

[18.Nd2 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Bb7 19.Nxc4 Bxd5 20.exd5 Rxd5↑]

[White doesn't have time to pick up the P with 18.Rc1? (Van Delft & Ris) because of f5! when Black seizes the initiative due to the annoying pin along the d-file.]

18...Bb7 19.Qxc4

[19.Rc1

A) 19...f5!? 20.Nc3 *(20.Qxc4 Qf7↑)* 20...Rad8∓;

B) 19...Bxd5 20.exd5 Qxd5 *(20...Rxd5∓)* 21.Qxc4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Re8∓ Van Delft & Ris: '=' '=' Van Delft & Ris: '/∓ Stohl,I: '∓" Van Delft & Ris: '/∓ Stohl,I: '∓' '∓"]

19...Bxd5

[19...Rc8!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 20.Qa4 *(20.Qb3 Bxd5 21.exd5 Qxd5∓* gets a better version of the game position with the rook more active on c8.*)* 20...Bxd5 21.exd5 Rxd5∓ Δ 22.Qxa7 e4⩲ ↑]

20.exd5 Qxd5

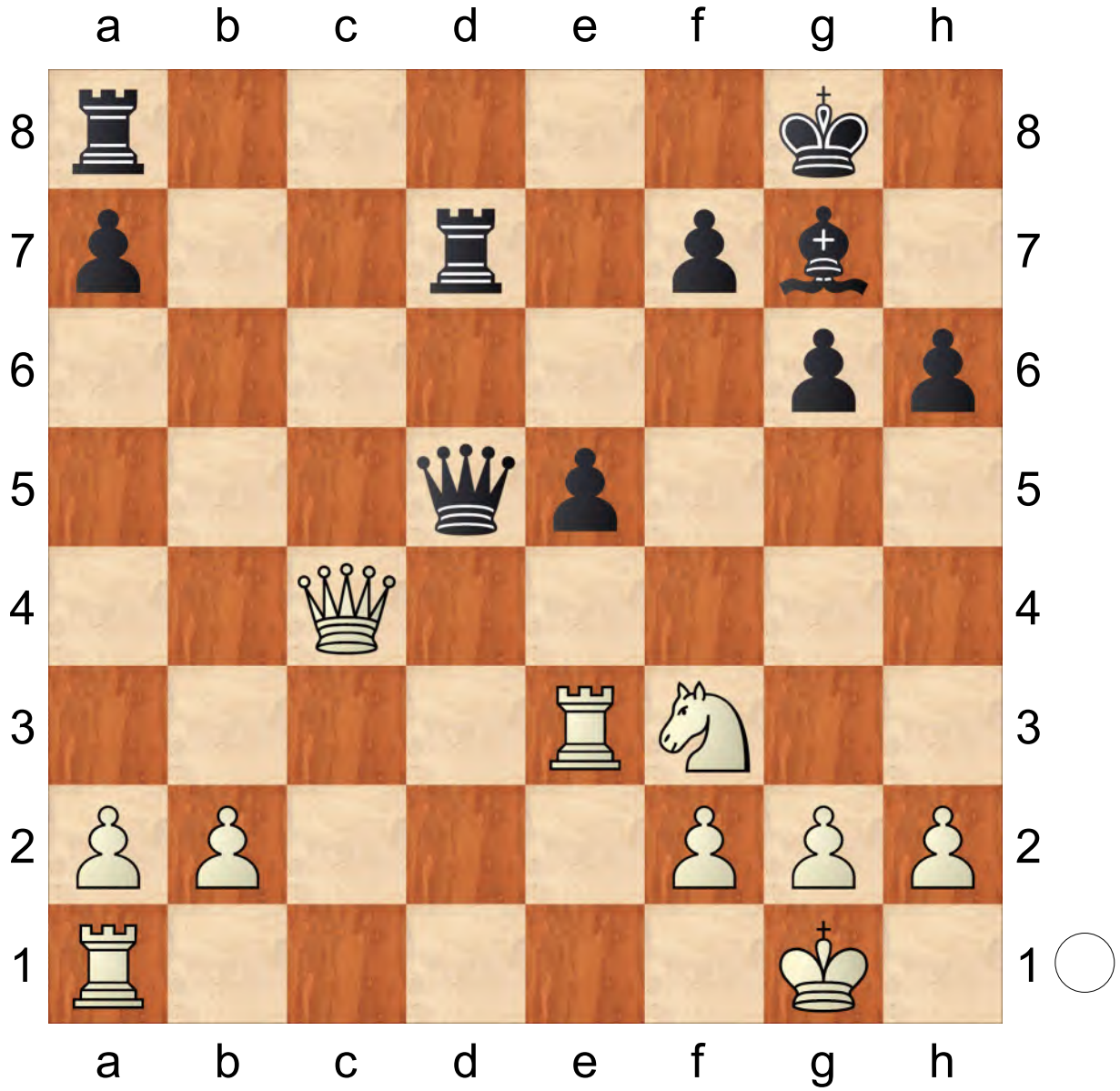
[20...Rxd5 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 21.Rae1 Rc8 22.Qb3⇄]

(Diagram)

21.Qxd5

[21.Rc1 Re8= /∓]

21...Rxd5 After a series of natural moves the game went straight from the opening into an endgame. Black is somewhat better due to his better minor piece and more mobile central majority, but White certainly has fair defensive chances. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'After a series of natural moves the game went straight from the opening into an endgame. Black is somewhat better due to his better minor piece and more mobile central majority, but White certainly has fair defensive chances.'' **22.Rae1 Re8** Van Delft & Ris: 'Diagram # It' s clear that something has gone wrong for White in the opening. Black is about to mobilize his centre with f5/e4 when the superiority of the B over the N will become obvious.' **23.g4!?** Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Van



Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!?' '!?'' Fights against the advance of Black's pawns. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Fights against the advance of Black's pawns.''

[23.g3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' f5 24.Nh4 Re6 25.f3 Rc6∓ /=]

23...Kh7

[Further simplification helps White, moreover he splits up Black's pawn chain after Van Delft & Ris: 'We might assume Kramnik had been intending to answer Stohl,I: 'Further simplification helps White, moreover he splits up Black's pawn chain after'' 23...f5 Van Delft & Ris: 'with' 24.Nh4 Van Delft & Ris: '!' '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'with rather unclear play.' Rd4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *(24...fxg4* Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *25.Nxg6⇄)* 25.Nxg6 Rxg4+ 26.Rg3 Kf7 *(26...Rxg3+ 27.hxg3=; 26...Bf6 27.Nf4=)* 27.Rxg4 fxg4 28.Nh4=]

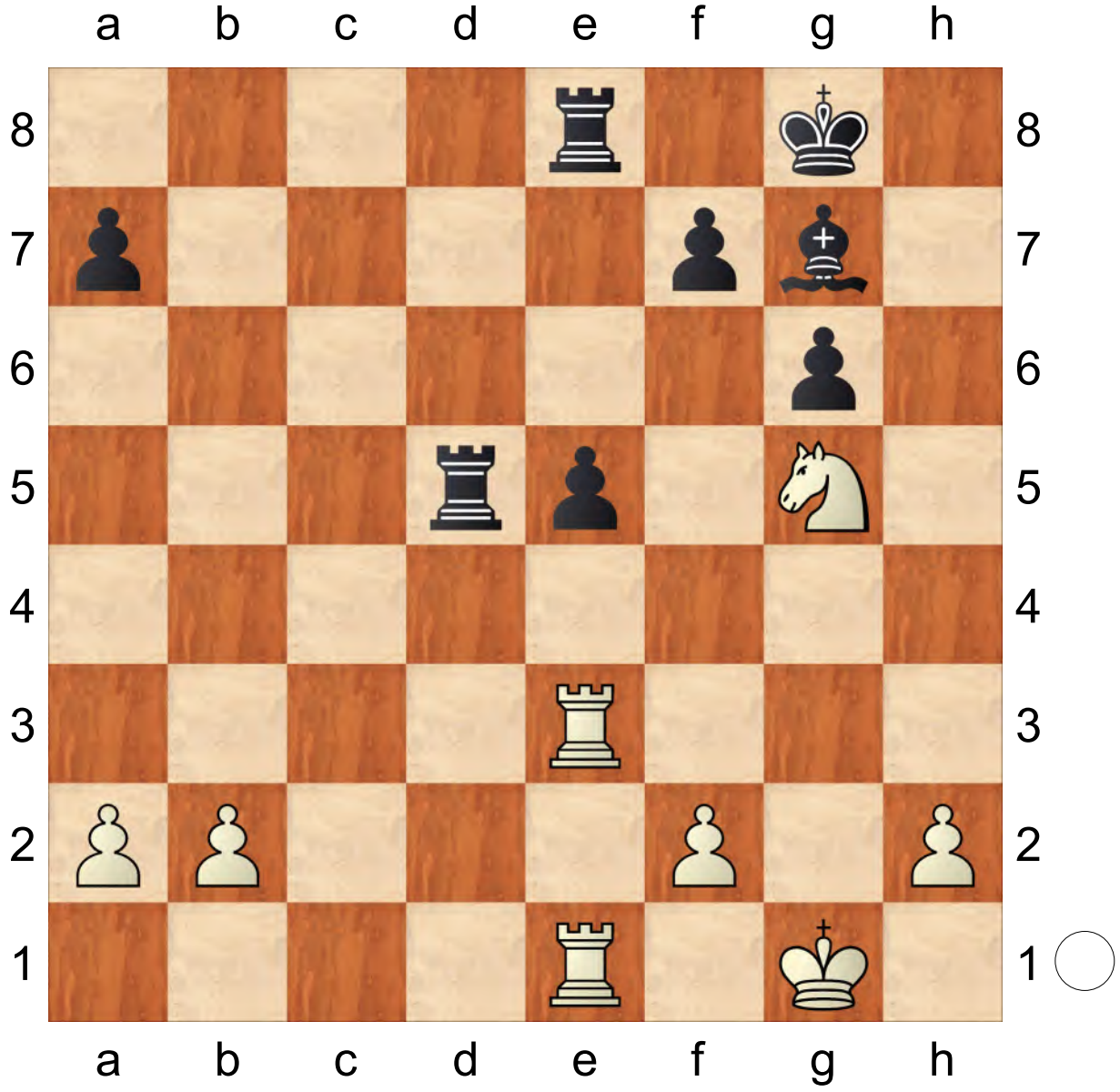
24.g5 An important moment. White seeks active counterplay at the cost of breaking up his kingside pawn-structure. Although computers don't see anything directly wrong

with the text-move and at this moment it's not easy to compare it conclusively with other continuations, it's nevertheless a commital decision. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'An important moment. White seeks active counterplay at the cost of breaking up his kingside pawn-structure. Although computers don't see anything directly wrong with the text-move and at this moment it's not easy to compare it conclusively with other continuations, it's nevertheless a commital decision."

[More sedate alternatives were 24.R3e2 Pelletier Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) Pelletier' f5 25.gxf5 gxf5 26.Nd2 e4 27.Nc4 Rd3!?∓ *(27...Rd4 28.Rc2 f4 29.Nd2∓ /⇄)*]

[or 24.Kg2 Korotylev Van Delft & Ris: '(Stohl,I) Korotylev' f5 25.gxf5 gxf5 26.Nh4 e4 27.f3 Rb8 28.b3 Bf6∓ /= In both cases White has reasonable drawing chances. However, his position remains defensible even after the text.]

24...hxg5 25.Nxg5+ Kg8



26.f4? Only this is objectively a mistake, as now Black's advantage gets a more concrete form. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Only this is objectively a mistake, as now Black's advantage gets a more concrete form."

[⌓26.Ra3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Re7 *(26...a5 27.Rb3)* 27.Rc3∓ /⇄]

[Now it gets worse and worse for White. Better drawing chances could be attained from 26.Kg2 Van Delft & Ris f6 27.Ne4 f5 28.Ng5 e4 29.R3e2 Bf6 30.h4 followed by 31.f3.]

26...Rb8!

[Van Delft & Ris: 'In case of' 26...Bh6 Van Delft & Ris: '?!' '?!' Van Delft & Ris: 'White could have played' 27.R3e2 Van Delft & Ris: '!' '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'with reasonable chances of saving the game.'

A) 27...Kg7 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 28.h4 f6 29.Nh3 Rd4 30.fxe5 f5 31.h5 *(31.Rc2 Re7)* 31...Rh4 32.Nf2 Rxh5 33.Kg2∞;

B) 27...Rb8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 28.Ne4 Ra5 29.fxe5 Rxa2∓]

[26...Rd4!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 27.Re4 *(27.Nh3 Rb8↑; 27.fxe5 Rg4+ 28.Rg3 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Rxg3+ 30.hxg3 Bxe5∓)* 27...Rxe4 28.Nxe4 *(28.Rxe4 f6 29.Nf3 f5∓)* 28...Re7↑]

27.fxe5

[27.b3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' exf4 28.Re8+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Bf8 30.h4 *(30.Nh7 Kxh7 31.Rxf8 Kg7 32.Ra8 Rd1+ 33.Kg2 Rd2+ 34.Kf3 Rxa2 35.h4 Rh2-+)* 30...f6 31.Ne4 Kf7 32.Ra8 Ra5 33.a4 g5∓]

27...Rxb2↑ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ↑" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ↑' '↑" **28.Nf3**

At this moment Aronian had more than an hour, while Kramnik only around 27 minutes. It's easy to understand White prevents the doubling of the rooks on the 2-nd rank and doesn't go for the stronger computer recommendation Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'At this moment Aronian had more than an hour, while Kramnik only around 27 minutes. It's easy to understand White prevents the doubling of the rooks on the 2-nd rank and doesn't go for the stronger computer recommendation"

[⌓28.h4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rdd2 29.a3! Bf8!? *(29...Rg2+ 30.Kh1 Rh2+ 31.Kg1 Rxh4 32.e6 fxe6 33.Nxe6∓)* 30.e6 fxe6 31.Nxe6 Bd6↑]

[Apparently White didn't want the other R to enter the 2nd rank with 28.a3 Van Delft & Ris Rdd2]

28...Rxa2∓ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ∓" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ∓' '∓" **29.e6**

At this moment keeping rooks in a hope to create counterplay is only natural. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'At this moment keeping rooks in a hope to create counterplay is only natural."

[After 29.R3e2 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rxe2 30.Rxe2 a5 31.e6 Kf8! 32.exf7 Kxf7 33.Rc2 Bf6 34.Rc7+ Ke6 35.Ra7 Bd8∓ /-+ Black should gradually convert his advantage.]

29...fxe6 30.Rxe6 Rf5!

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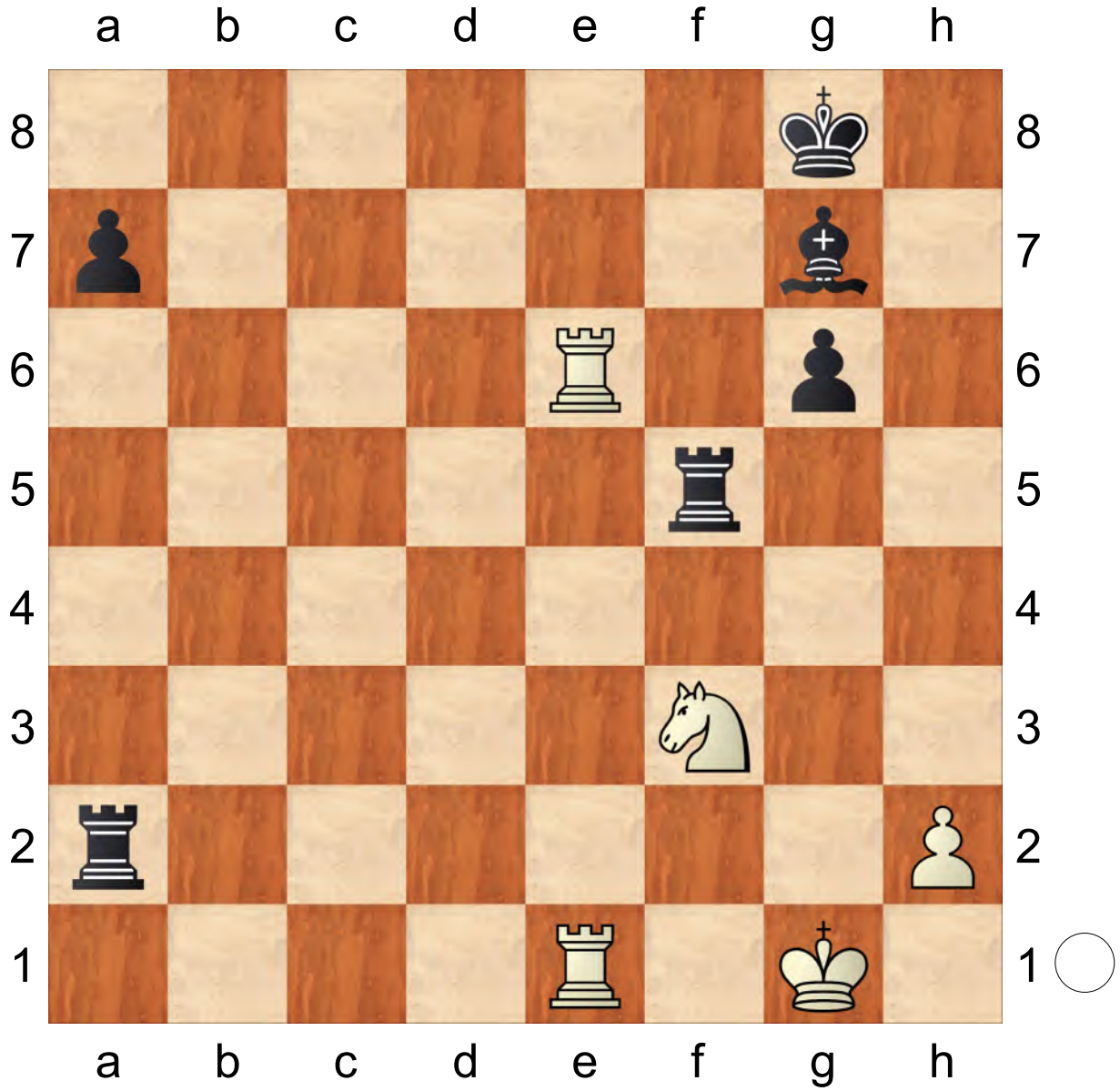


Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!' '!" **31.Nh4 Rf4**
[31...Rg5+ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 32.Kh1 Rh5 *(32...a5 33.Rxg6 Rxg6 34.Nxg6 a4 35.Ne7+⇄; 32...Kh7 33.Rg1!∓)* 33.Ng2 Kh7∓]
32.R6e4! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!' '!" Avoiding a trap in time-trouble Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Avoiding a trap in time-trouble"
[32.Nxg6?? Van Delft & Ris: '?' '?' Van Delft & Ris: 'can be met strongly by Stohl,I: '??" Van Delft & Ris: 'can be met strongly by Stohl,I: '??' '??" Bd4+ 33.Kh1 Rff2 Van Delft & Ris: 'and White has to give up material in order to prevent mate on h2.' 34.Re8+ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Kh7-+]
[≤32.Ng2 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Rg4 33.R6e2 Rxe2 34.Rxe2 a5∓ /-+]
32...Rf6 Now Aronian avoids the rook swap. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'Now Aronian avoids the rook swap."
[Black hopes for more than 32...Rxe4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 33.Rxe4∓]

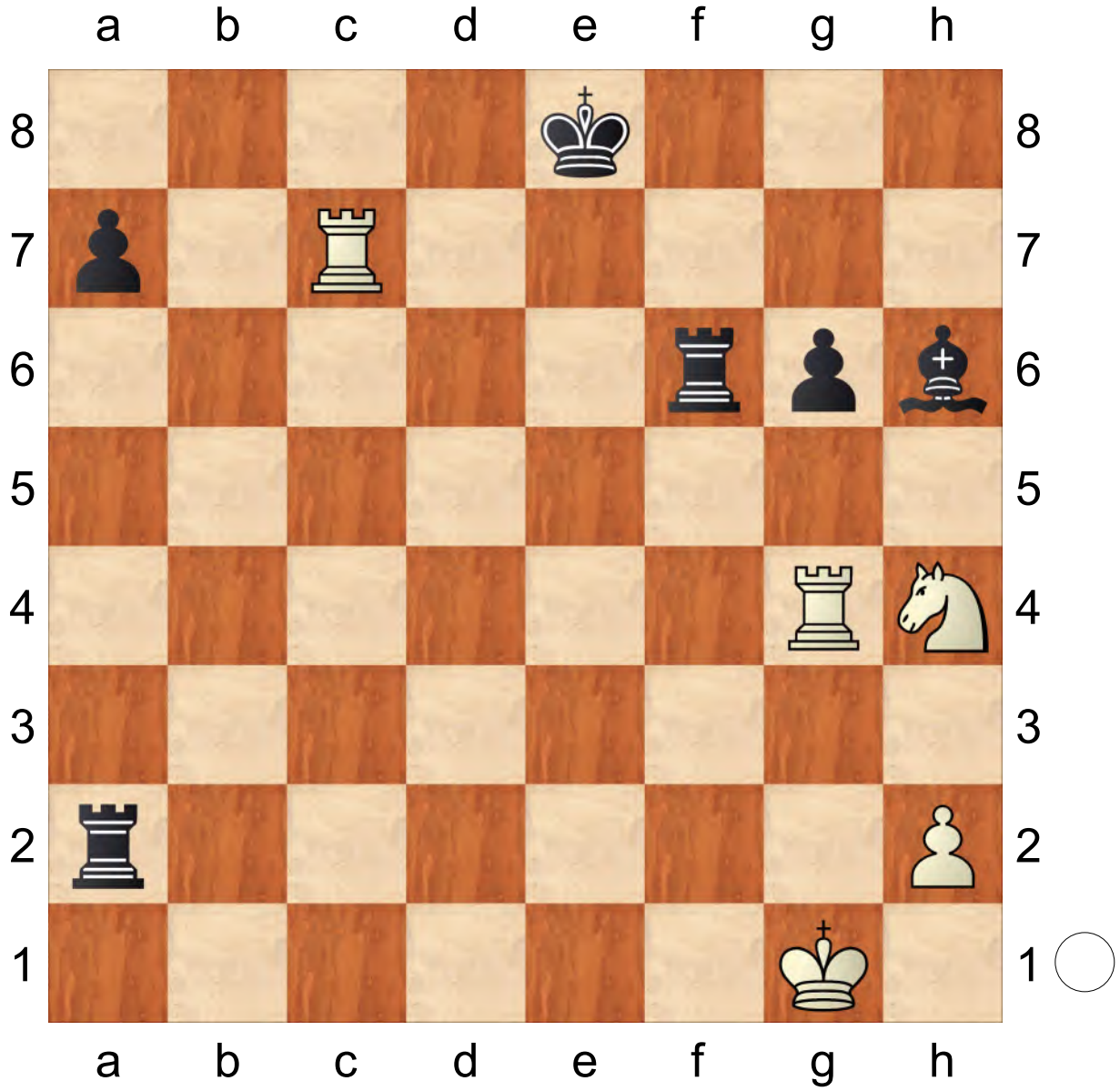
[or 32...Ra4 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 33.Rxa4 Rxa4 34.Nf3∓ and wants to whip up a mating attack.]

33.Rg4 Kf7

[33...Kh7!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I']

34.Rc1 Bh6! Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!'' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '!' '!'' **35.Rc7+ Ke8□**

[35...Ke6? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' 36.Rc6+=]



Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□'' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: '□' '□'' **36.Re4+**

[36.Rc3 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' Bf4 37.Nf3 a5 38.Rh4 a4 39.Rh7 Rf7 40.Rh8+ Kd7 41.Ra8 Re7-+]

[36.Rb4 (Van Delft & Ris) leads to mate after Be3+ 37.Kh1 Rf1#]

36...Kd8 37.Rh7 Disrupts the coordination of White's forces. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,

I: 'Disrupts the coordination of White's forces."
[⩲37.Rcc4∓ Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' was more resilient.]
37...Bf8 38.Rd4+ Kc8 39.Rc4+ Kb8 Van Delft & Ris: 'Diagram #' **40.Rd7?⊕** Van Delft & Ris: '?' '?' Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ⊕?" Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: ' ⊕?' '⊕?" The final mistake, after which the defence collapses. Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I: 'The final mistake, after which the defence collapses."
[Van Delft & Ris: 'This move ends the game abruptly. More stubborn would have been' 40.Rc1 Van Delft & Ris: 'though after' a5 41.Ng2 Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' *(41.Rb1+* Van Delft & Ris *Ka8 42.Rc1 Bd6* the mating threats have been parried and Black's a-pawn seems unstoppable. Black should be winning here anyway.*)* 41...a4-+]
[40.Rc3!? Van Delft & Ris: 'Stohl,I' was the best, although after a5 Black should win in the long run.]
40...g5

(Diagram)

41.Ng6 Bd6 Van Delft & Ris: '!' '!' '!' '!' Van Delft & Ris: 'and White resigned, since he's unable to save his N. For example' **42.Nh8** Van Delft & Ris **42...Bxh2+ 43.Kh1 Rf1#**

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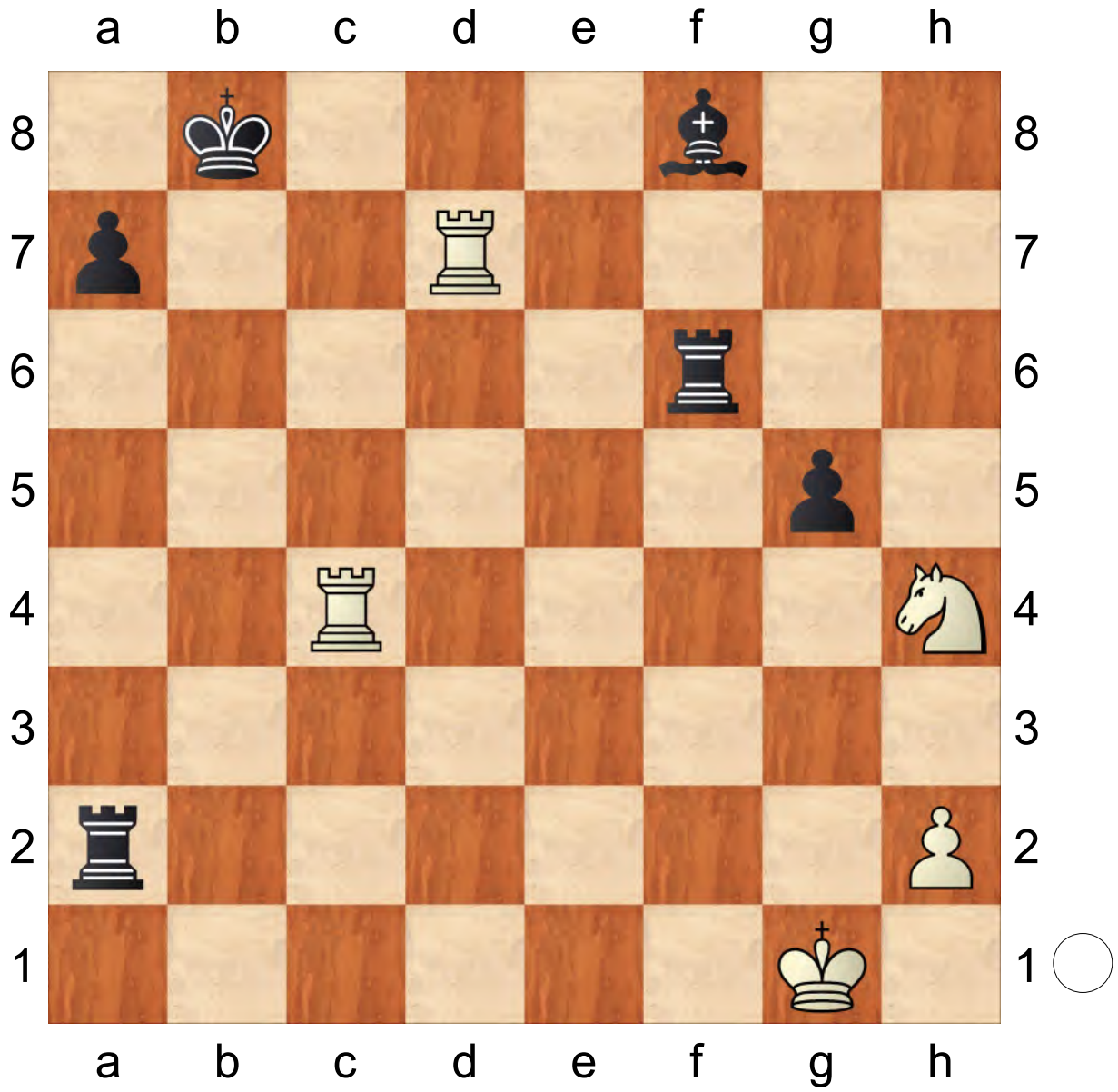
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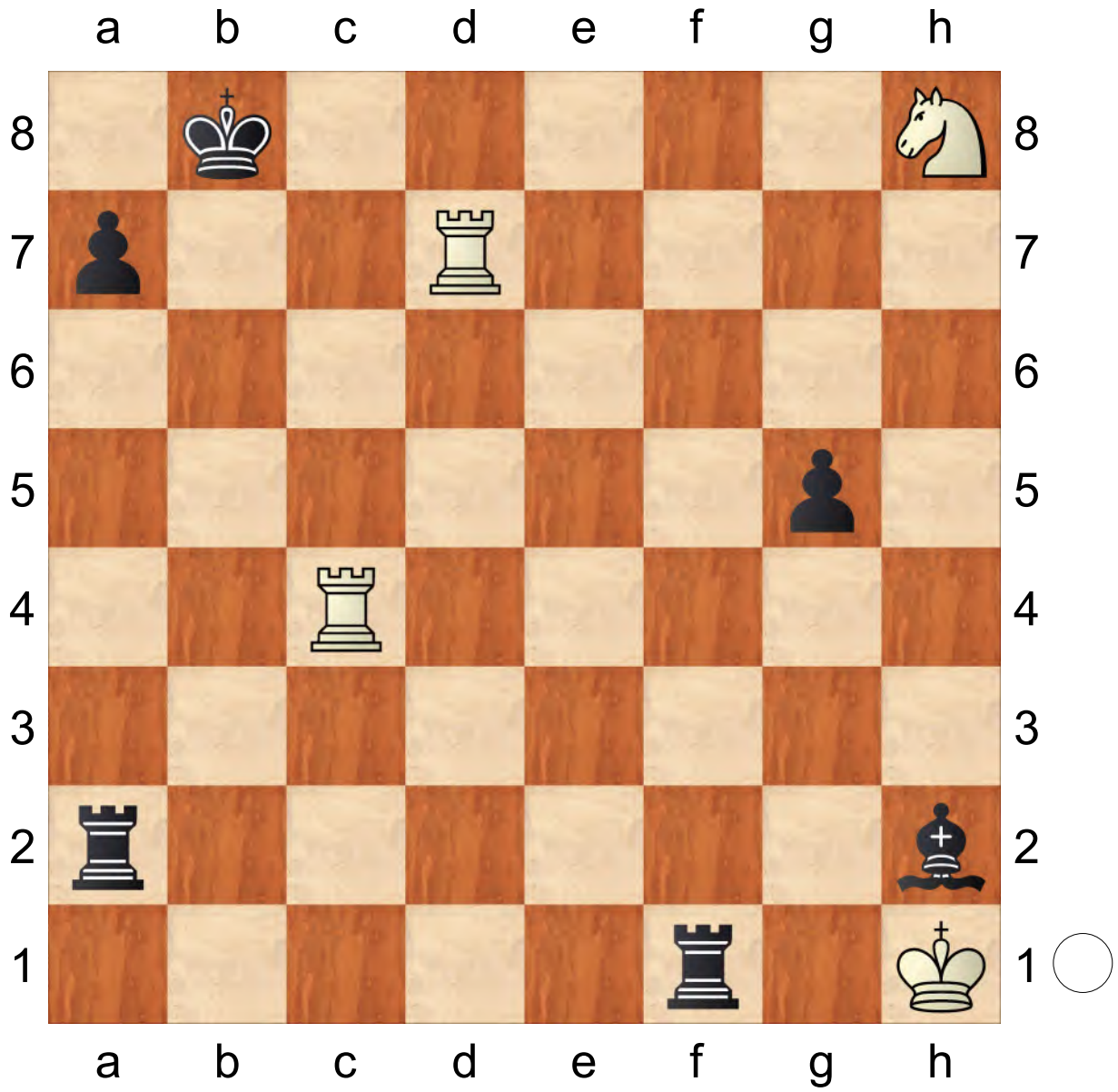
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□ **Aronian,Levon** **2805**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2669**
WchT 8th Ningbo (6.1) 23.07.2011
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 Opening choices are often governed by fashion and the once very popular Queen's Indian seems to be on the decline for no patently obvious reason. In Biel, Dortmund and Ningbo the main line occurred only once:

[3...b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 *(7...c6 8.Bc3 d5=* is satisfactory, but Black seeks a more complex fight.*)* 8.Nc3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.0-0 Re8

A) 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Bf4 Na6 13.Rfd1 c6 14.Ne5 h6 15.a3 Nc7 16.e4 Ne6 *(16...dxe4!? 17.Nxe4 Ncd5 18.Bc1 Rc8⇄* Bareev *)* 17.Be3 Bf8 18.b4 Rc8 19.Qb3 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nd5 21.Rac1 f6 22.Ng6 Qd7 23.Nc3 Rcd8 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.b5 f5 27.Qd3 f4 28.Bd2 Qf7 29.Bb4 Rfe8 30.h4 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Bh3↑ Grischuk,A (2720)-Gelfand,B (2717)/WCup Khanty Mansiysk/2005/;

B) 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Ne5 Na6 13.Bf4

B1) 13...c5 14.Nb5! Ne4 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nd3 Qd7 17.a4 Re7 18.Qe1 *(18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bd6±)* 18...g5 19.Be5 d4!? 20.f3 Rae8 21.fxe4 Rxe5 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 Laznicka,V (2681)-Sasikiran,K (2676)/New Delhi/2011/ 23.Qd2!?**±**;

B2) 13...h6!? 14.Nb5 Bf8 15.Bh3 *(15.Nc6?! Qd7 16.Nbxa7? Rxa7 17.Nxa7 Ra8∓)* 15...c5 16.a3 Ne4 17.Rc2 g6 18.Qc1 g5 19.Be3 Bg7 20.Nf3 Qe7 21.Rd1 Meier,G (2656)-Kramnik,V (2781)/Dortmund/2011/ Bc6 22.Nc3 Rad8**∞**]

4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5

[A popular alternative is 5.Bf4 0-0 and now: Current practice indicates Black is OK after

A) 6.Rc1!? has been recently tried a couple of times: c5 *(6...Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c6 9.h3 Re8 10.Bd3 Nf8 11.0-0 Ng6 12.Bh2 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qc2 Re7 15.Rb1 Bd7 16.b4 b6 17.b5±* Giri,A (2701)-Nakamura,H (2770) /Dortmund/2011/*)* 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e3 Nc6 9.a3 d4 10.exd4 Nxd4 11.b4 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Bd4 13.Nb5 e5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Bxf6 e4 16.Bxd8 exf3+ 17.Kd2 Rxd8 18.Nxd4 Rxd4+ 19.Kc3 fxg2 20.Bxg2 Rg4 21.Rhd1 Be6 22.Bxb7 Rxc4+ 23.Kb2 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rd8 25.Kc3 Kf8**±** /=, Grischuk,A (2747)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Kazan Candidates/2011*/*;

B) 6.e3 Nbd7 A rare attempt is

B1) 7.a3 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Be5

B1a) 11...Bg4 12.Be2 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qc2 Rac8 *(15...Ne4 16.Rd1 Rac8 17.Qb3±)* 16.Bxd5 Rfd8?! *(16...Ne6!?⩱* **Δ**

17.Qe2 Nd4=) 17.Rd1 Qe5 18.Qc4 b5 19.Qa2 Rd7 20.0-0± Giri,A (2701)-Ponomariov,R (2764)/Dortmund/2011/;

B1b) 11...Bf6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Qd4 Qe7 14.Qf4 *(14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qf4 Bc2 17.Rc1 Bd3 18.Qe5 Qf8 19.Rc3 Bxe2 20.Kxe2 Ne6 21.Rd1 Qd6 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.Nd4 Kf8 24.Rb3 Rd7 25.Rbd3 Rc8 26.Nb5 Rc2+ 27.R3d2 Rxd2+ 28.Rxd2 a6=* Markos,J (2585)-Likavsky,T (2494)/SVK-ch Banska Stiavnica/2011/*)* 14...Qe4 15.Qxe4 dxe4 16.Nd4 Be6 17.Be2 Rfd8 18.0-0 Nb3 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Rad1 Kf7 21.f4 Kf6 22.Kf2 Nd2 23.Rfe1 Rac8 24.Rc1 Nb3 25.Rc4 Rxc4 26.Bxc4 Nc5 27.Ke2 b5 28.Ba2 Nd3 29.Rd1 Rc8 30.Bb1 Nxb2 31.Rd7= Carlsen,M (2815)-Radjabov,T (2744)/Medias/2011/;

B2) 7.Qc2 c5 8.Rd1!? cxd4 9.Rxd4 Qa5 10.Bg3 Nb6 11.Nd2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 *(12...Nbd5!?* is more active: *13.Nb3 Qb6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.a4 Rac8 16.a5 Qc6 17.Be5 b5 18.Bd3 Nb4 19.Rxb4* 1/2, Velilla Velasco,F (2524)-Mikheev,S (2544)/corr/2007/ *Bxb4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qd1! Bxc3 22.Bxh7+ Kg7 23.Qg4+=)* 13.Nxc4 Qa6 14.0-0 Bd7 *(14...Nd5 15.e4↻ ↑)* 15.Rfd1 Bc6 16.Bd6 Bxd6 17.Nxd6 Bd5 18.Ndb5 *(18.e4!?)* 18...Qb6 19.e4?! *(19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Nc3 Qc5=* was more reasonable*)* 19...Bc6?! *(19...Bxe4! Δ 20.Rxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Rad8∓)* 20.Nd6 e5 21.R4d3 Rad8 22.h3 Rd7 23.Qd2 h6 24.Nf5 Rfd8 25.Nd5± Aronian,L (2805)-Radjabov,T (2744)/WChT Ningbo/2011/]

5...h6

[Yasser's Seirawan's successful return to the American team was connected with the orthodox 5...Nbd7 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 a6 8.c5 c6 9.Bd3 e5!? *(9...b6 10.cxb6 c5 11.b3 cxd4 12.exd4 Qxb6 13.Na4 Bb4+ 14.Bd2 Qd6 15.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 16.Qd2 a5 17.Qxb4 axb4 18.0-0 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rc7 Rb8 21.Rfc1 Kf8 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Ne8=* Sargissian,G (2663)-Seirawan,Y (2635)/WChT Ningbo/2011/*)* 10.dxe5 Ne8 11.Bxe7 *(11.h4!?∞)* 11...Qxe7 12.Qc2 h6 13.0-0 *(13.e4 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.0-0 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Rfe1 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Qc7 19.Rce1 Be6 20.Qc3 Rad8 21.R1e3 Bf5 22.Re7 Rd7 23.Rg3 g6 24.Rxd7 Qxd7=* Topalov,V (2788)-Nielsen,P (2668)/Dortmund/2005/*)* 13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Ne2 Nf6 16.Qc3 *(16.Nd4 Re8 17.b4 Ng4 18.Nf3 Qh5 19.Rfe1* 1/2, Margvelashvili,G (2289)-Saric,I (2227)/Urgup/2004/*)* 16...Qc7 17.Qd4 Bg4 18.Ng3 Rae8 19.f3 Bc8 20.Rfe1 Re5 21.Re2 Rfe8 22.Rce1 Nh5 23.Nf1 Bf5!= El Gindy,E (2510)-Seirawan,Y (2635)/WChT Ningbo/2011/]

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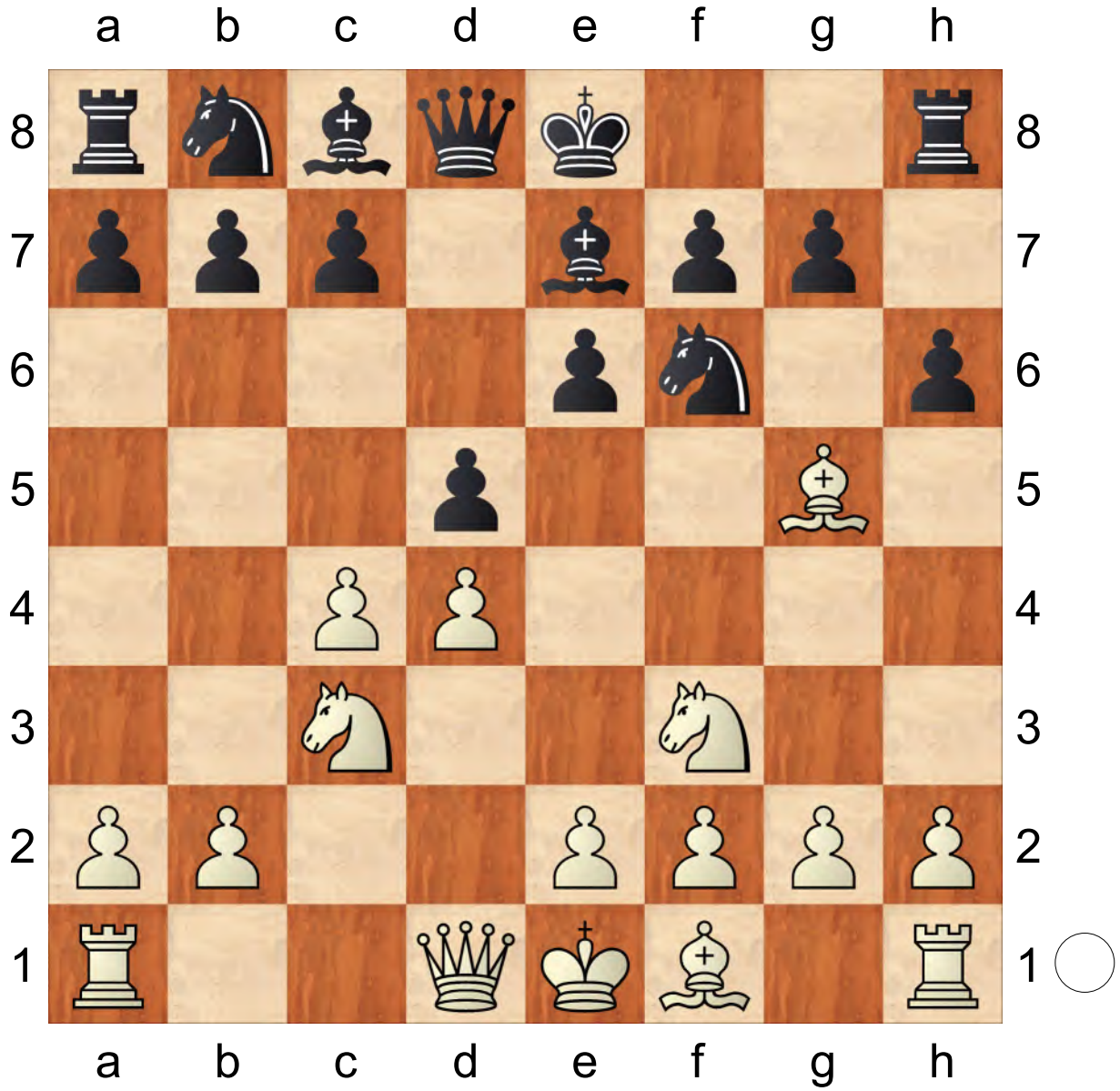
6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Ne4 The Lasker Defence became very popular after Anand's win in the final game of the world title match last year.

[However, Harikrishna used to play the Tartakower also; we can only guess what he was afraid of after 7...b6 The last time Aronian faced this line, in a blitz game



he came up with the original

A) 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 c5 11.Bg3 cxd4 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a6 14.a4 Re8 15.Rad1 Bb4 16.Bd3 Nh5 17.Bb1 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qc7 20.g4 f6 Black's defences are solid, so White preferred to force a draw with 21.g5!? hxg5 22.Nxg5 fxg5 23.Bh7+ Kxh7 24.Qh5+= Cheparinov,I (2661)-Adams,M (2728)/EU Cup Plovdiv/2010/;

B) A downright brutal try is 8.g4!? dxc4 *(8...c5!?⇄)* 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.h4 Bb7 11.g5 hxg5 12.hxg5 Bxg5 13.Bxc4 c5 *(⌓13...Bh6!?)* 14.d5 Bh6 15.Ke2 b5 16.Rxh6! gxh6 17.Qh1 Kh7 18.Ne4 Rg8 19.Qh5 Rg6 20.Nfg5+!? Rxg5 21.Qxf7+ Rg7 22.Qf4 bxc4 23.Rh1→ Nielsen,P (2662)-Georgiev,V (2372)/ Dresden olm/2008/;

C) 8.Rb1!? Ne4 *(*White's idea is *8...Bb7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.b4* and the ♖-move serves to prevent c5. However, even here *c6* leads to a typical

Tartakower position, where Black has reasonable ⇄.*)* 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.cxd5 Nxc3 11.bxc3 exd5 12.c4!? *(* Black has applied a combination of the Lasker and Tartakower defences, he is fine after the soft *12.Bd3 c5 13.0-0 Nc6=)* 12...dxc4 *(12...Be6!?⇄)* 13.Bxc4 Nd7?! *(⌓13...Bb7!? 14.Ne5 Nc6 15.Ng6* Hodgson,J (2565)-Parker,J (2350)/Dublin/1993/ *Qe4! 16.Nxf8 Nxd4!∞)* 14.Bd5 Rb8 15.Qa4 a6 16.Rc1 c5 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Bb3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 b5 20.Nc6± Aronian,L (2786)-Gelfand,B (2758)/WCh blitz Moscow/2009/]

8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Rc1 This was also Topalov's choice in the decisive game in Sofia 2010.

[Later last year he preferred the other main line 9.cxd5 Nxc3 10.bxc3 exd5 11.Qb3 *(11.Rb1* is too soft: *c5 12.Ne5 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bd3 Be6 15.0-0 Rab8 16.Qa4 c4 17.Bc2 Qc7 18.Rxb8 Rxb8 19.Rb1 Rxb1+ 20.Bxb1 Qb6 21.Qc2 g6 22.Qc1 Kg7 23.h3 c5*= Aronian,L (2786)-Anand,V (2788)/WCh blitz Moscow/2009/*)* 11...Rd8 12.c4 Now Black has a choice: Anand opted for the more active

A) 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nc6 is the more usual and fully playable reaction:

A1) 14.Qc3 Bg4 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Qf6

A1a) 17.Be2 Rac8! 18.Rab1 b6 Δ♘e7, c5 19.Rfc1?! *(19.Ba6 Qxf3 20.Rfc1 Ne7⩲)* 19...Ne7 20.Kh1 Rd5!∓ ɣh1, Karpov,A (2755)-Jussupow,A (2610) /London Candidates/1989/ This game started changing the attitude towards the whole 9.cxd5 line, which was until then considered White's most promising option.;

A1b) 17.f4 Ne7 18.Bd3

A1b1) 18...Qe6 19.Qxc7 *(19.Rfc1 Qg4+ 20.Kf1 Nd5∓)* 19...Qg4+=;

A1b2) 18...Rac8!? 19.Qc5 b6 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.fxe5 c5 22.Ba6 Rc6 23.Rfd1 cxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.exd4 Navara,D (2718)-Stohl,I (2514)/ Hustopece rpd/2010/ Rc2 26.Rd1 Nd5∓ The ♘ heads for f4, Black's pieces are active and the ♁d4 is not so dangerous.;

A2) 14.Be2 b6 *(14...Na5!?* is similar: *15.Qc3 b6 16.0-0 Bb7 17.Rfc1 Rac8 18.h3 c5 19.Qa3 Rc7 20.dxc5 Rd5 21.Qb2 Rdxc5 22.Rxc5 Rxc5 23.Rd1 Be4 24.Nd4 Nc6*= Istratescu,A (2617)-Karpov,A (2674)/Bucharest m/2005/ *)* 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rac1 *(16.Rfc1 Rac8 17.Qa4 Na5 18.Rc3 c5 19.Rac1 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Rxc3 21.Rxc3 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.h3 g6*= Comp Deep Fritz-Kramnik,V (2807)/Manama m/2002/*)* 16...Na5 17.Qb2 Rac8 18.h3 c5 19.dxc5 Rxc5 20.Rxc5 Qxc5 21.Rc1 Qe7 22.Nd4 Kramnik,V (2710)-Lutz,C (2595)/Bundesliga 9394/1994/ Rd5!? Δ♖c5=;

B) 12...Be6!?

B1) 13.Qxb7?! Qa3! 14.Nd2 *(14.Rb1 Qxa2 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Rc1 Qa3 17.Qxc7 Nc6 18.Rd1 Rac8 19.Qf4 Bc2 20.dxc6 Bxd1 21.Kxd1 Rxc6→* Jobava,B (2566)-Shengelia,D (2415)/Batumi/2002/*)* 14...dxc4 15.Be2 Bd5 16.Qb1 c5 *(16...Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bd5∓* ɣe1 *)* 17.0-0 cxd4 18.Nxc4 Qe7 19.Re1 Nc6 20.Bf1 d3 *(⌓20...Rab8!↑)* 21.Qxd3 Bxg2 22.Qa3 Qxa3 23.Nxa3 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Rd5 25.Rec1 Ne5 26.Nc4= Lugovoi,A (2563)-

Alavkin,A (2482)/Togliatti/2003/;

B2) 13.c5 b6 14.Rc1 bxc5 15.Qa3 *(A more circumspect move is 15.Rxc5!? Nd7 16.Rxc7 Rab8 17.Qc2 Qa3 18.Bd3 Rb2 19.Qc3 Qxc3+ 20.Rxc3 Rxa2 21.0-0 Rb8 22.Rfc1 Kf8=* Nikolic,P (2674)-Jojua,D (2463)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2008/*)* 15...Nd7 16.Bb5? *(*Already the modest *16.dxc5=* was necessary*)* 16...Bg4! 17.Bxd7 Rxd7!? *(17...Bxf3 18.Bc6 Bxg2 19.Rg1 Qd6 20.Bxa8 Qxh2 21.Rxg2 Qxg2* Ghaem Maghami,E (2606)-Thejkumar,M (2458)/Jakarta/2011/ *22.Bb7 c4!?⩱)*

B2a) 18.Ne5 cxd4! 19.Qxe7 Rxe7 20.Nc6 *(20.Nxg4? h5∓)* 20...Re6 21.h3 Bh5 22.Nxd4 Ra6∓ /∓;

B2b) 18.Qxc5 Qe4 19.Rg1 Re8 20.Qb5 Rdd8 21.Qe2 Rb8∓ Topalov,V (2803)-Anand,V (2800)/Nanjing/2010/ Black has a raging ⟶ and White's king didn't manage to get into safety till the bitter end. See the notes to this game by Anand in CBM 139.]

[9.Qc2 doesn't cause Black too serious problems after Nxc3 10.Qxc3 dxc4

A) 11.Qxc4 b6 12.Rc1 c5 13.dxc5 Bb7!↻ 14.Qh4 *(14.Be2 Rc8 15.0-0 Rxc5 16.Qa4 Nc6 17.a3 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Rfd1 Rd5 20.Rxd5 Bxd5 21.Qf4 e5 22.Qf5 Qg5 23.Bg4 Qxf5 24.Bxf5 g6 25.Bg4 f5 26.Be2 Be6 27.Rc6 Kf7=* Gurevich,M (2614)-Jakovenko,D (2725)/Odessa rpd/2010/*; 14.cxb6 axb6⩱)* 14...Qxh4 15.Nxh4 Rc8 16.Bb5 Na6! *(16...a6 17.Ba4 Rxc5 18.Rxc5 bxc5 19.Ke2 Bc6 20.Bxc6 Nxc6 21.Nf3 Rb8 22.b3 Nb4 23.Ra1 Kf8 24.Nd2±* Chvojka,J (2131)-Jarabinsky,M (2127)/corr/2004/*)* 17.c6 Nb4 18.Ke2= 1/2,Alekseev,E (2716)-Jakovenko,D (2710)/Moscow/2007/;

B) 11.Bxc4 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Be2 Rc8 *(13...c5 14.dxc5 Rc8 15.b4 -13...* ♖c8*)* 14.b4 Nd7 *(14...c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.b5 a6∞* is similar.*)* 15.Rfc1 c5 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.b5 a6 18.a4 axb5 19.Bxb5 *(19.axb5 Nb6=)* 19...Bxf3 *(19...c4!?⇄* is roughly equivalent.*)* 20.gxf3 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Nd5 23.Qb2 Qf6 24.Qxf6 Nxf6 25.Rgc1 Ra5 26.Rc4 Rc7 27.Kg2 Nd7= 1/2,Billen,H-Mayer,J (1880)/corr/1998/]

9...c6 10.h4!?N A very surprising novelty, until now White preferred fighting for a small edge by positional means. Does Aronian really want to launch an all-out attack?

[10.Be2 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Stohl: 'transposes to 10.♗e2' Nd7 13.0-0

A) 13...e5 14.Bb3 Re8 15.Re1 e4 16.Nd2 Nf6 17.Qb1!? *(17.Rc5 Be6 18.Re5 Bxb3 19.Qxb3 Qc7 20.Rf5 Nd5 21.Rc1 Qb6 22.Re5 Qxb3 23.axb3 Rxe5 24.dxe5 Re8=* Grischuk,A (2736)-Anand,V (2788)/WCh blitz Moscow/2009/ *)* 17...Bd7 18.Rc5 Ng4 19.h3 b6 20.Rc2 Nf6 21.Rec1 Rac8 22.a3 Rc7 23.Ba4 Rec8 24.b4± Grischuk,A (2760)-Stupak,K (2502)/EUCup Plovdiv/2010/;

B) 13...b6 14.Bd3 c5 15.Be4 Rb8 16.Qc2 Anand went for the relatively rare

B1) The older approach is 16...Ba6 17.Rc1 Rfc8 , po 18.Qa4 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.Qc2 Kramnik,V (2765)-Kasparov,G (2785)/Las Palmas/1996/ This position arose also in Brodsky,M (2554)-Harikrishna,P (2667)/Cappelle la Grande op/2011/, where at this point the players agreed on a draw. Engines

indicate that a5 21.a3 Rbc7 Δ *(21...Re8 22.h3 e5 23.dxe5 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Qxe5 25.Rd1± ⇔d,* Harika,D (2461)-Pan Qian (2154)/Jiangsu Wuxi/ 2008/ *)* 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Nf6!? 24.e4 c4⇄ should hold the balance.;

B2) 16...Nf6!?

B2a) 17.dxc5 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 bxc5

B2a1) 19.b3 Bb7 20.Qf4 *(20.Qe5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qb7!? 22.Kg2 Qa6=)* 20...Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Rfd8 22.Rfc1 Rd2 23.R1c2 Rbd8 24.g3 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Rd5= Kulaots,K (2531)-Grabarczyk,M (2510)/Borup/ 2008/ The position is too simplified and Black's pieces are sufficiently active to fully compensate his split «♙.;

B2a2) 19.Qc2 Bb7 20.Nd2 *(20.e4 f5!? 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Nd2 Qf6 23.Nc4 Ba6 24.b3 Rf4 25.Rc1 Rd8 26.h3 Bxc4 27.Rxc4 Rxc4 28.Qxc4 Rd2=* Mamedyarov,S (2761)-Nakamura,H (2729)/Moscow/ 2010/ *)* 20...Rfd8 21.f3 Ba6 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.g3 Rbd8 24.Kg2 Bd3 25.Qc1 Ba6= Topalov,V (2805)-Anand,V (2787)/WCh Sofia/2010/ See notes to this game by Giri in CBM 136.;

B2b) Right after the match 17.Bc6!? was suggested as an improvement, but even here Black can hold his own after 17...cxd4 *(17...Qd6 18.Qa4 Bd7 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Qxd7 Nxd7 21.dxc5 Nxc5 22.Ne5 a5!?* is also close to full equality.*)* 18.Nxd4 e5 19.Nf5 *(19.Nf3 Bg4 20.h3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 e4 22.Be2 Rbd8 23.Rc1 Nd5=* De la Calle,I (2108)-Rodriguez Landa,M/corr/2007/*)* 19...Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Rfd8 21.Rfc1 Rd2 22.Ba4 Rbd8 23.h3 g6 24.Qf3 e4 *(24...Nd5!?=)* 25.Qg3 Nh5 26.Qc7 Qf6⇄ Babula,V (2515)-Toufighi,H (2499)/Khanty Mansiysk olm/2010/]

[10.Bd3 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 gives Black the extra option Nd7!? *(11...dxc4 12.Bxc4* transposes to 10. ♗e2*)* 12.0-0 e5 13.dxe5 dxc4 14.Rxc4 *(14.Bxc4 Nxe5=* is rather boring *)* 14...Nxe5 15.Re4 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3

A) 16...Qc7!? 17.Bc4 b5 18.Bb3 c5 19.Bd5 *(19.Bxf7+?! Qxf7 20.Rf4 Bf5∓)* 19...Bb7 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Re5 Qb6 *(21...Qxf3 22.gxf3 c4 23.Rxb5 Rab8 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.Rb1±)* 22.Qf5 Rac8 23.Rd1 g6 24.Qf3 Rfd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.g3 Kg7 27.Qb7 Qc7 28.Re7 Qxb7 29.Rxb7 a6 30.Rb6 c4 31.Kf1 h5 32.Ke2 c3 33.bxc3 Rxc3 34.Rxa6 Rc2+ 35.Kf3 b4 36.h3 Rb2 37.g4 hxg4+ 38.hxg4 b3= Timman,J (2580)-Becker,M (2350)/BL2W 0809/2008/;

B) 16...Be6 17.Bc4 Rad8 18.Bxe6 *(18.a4 Rd2 19.b3 Qd6 20.h4 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 Rd8∓ ⇔d,* Skembris,S (2475)-Mastrovasilis,A (2537)/Vrachati/2011/*; 18.Qg4 Bxg4 19.Rxe7 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.e4 Kf8 23.f4 f6=)* 18...fxe6 In this position Black's control of the ⇔d and f balances his ×e6 19.Qg4 *(19.Qe2 Rd5=)*

B1) 19...Rd6 20.Rd4 *(20.b4 Qd7 21.h3 Rf5= /∓,* Timman,J (2635)-Vaganian,R (2640)/Novgorod/1995/*)* 20...Rxd4 21.Qxd4 c5 22.Qa4 a6 23.Rd1 Rd8 24.g3 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 b5= Matamoros Franco,C (2484)-Korneev,O (2559)/Bobadela/2003/

B2) 19...Rd2!? 20.Rxe6
B2a) 20...Qf7
B2a1) 21.f4 Qf5 Stohl: '-20... ♕f7' *(21...Rxb2 22.f5↑)* 22.Qxf5 Rxf5 23.Re5!? *(23.e4 Rb5↑)* 23...Rxe5 *(23...Rf7⩱)* 24.fxe5 Rd7! Δ♖e7=;
B2a2) 21.Rxh6!? Rxb2 *(21...Rxf2? 22.Rh8+ Kxh8 23.Qh4+ Kg8 24.Qxf2±; 21...Qf5 22.Qxf5 Rxf5 23.Rh4 Rxb2 24.Ra4 a6⩱)* 22.f4∞;
B2b) 20...Qc5!? 21.f4 *(21.Rxh6 Rdxf2 22.Qe6+ R8f7 23.Qc8+ Rf8 24.Qe6+=)* 21...Rxb2 *(21...Qf5* -20...♕f7 *)* 22.f5 Qb4⇄;
B2c) 20...Qd7
B2c1) 21.f4
B2c11) 21...Rxb2 22.f5 *(22.Rd1 Rd2 23.Rxd2 Qxd2 24.h3 Qxa2 25.Rxh6 Qb1+ 26.Kh2 Qf5 27.Qg3 Rf6∞ /=)* 22...Rxa2 *(22...Rb5 23.f6 Rg5 24.Qc4 Rf7* Iotov,V (2447)-Caselas Cabanas,J (2400)/Ortigueira/2005/ *25.h4 Rg6 26.Re7 Qd5 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Qc2 Rfxf6 29.Rxf6 gxf6 30.Re7+ Kh8 31.Qxg6 Qd1+ 32.Kf2 Qd2+ 33.Kf3 Qd1+ 34.Kf4 Qd6+ 35.Kf5 Qxe7 36.Qxh6+±)* 23.Qc4 Qd5 24.Qg4 Qd7=;
B2c12) 21...Rd6!? 22.Rg6 Qxg4 23.Rxg4 Re8 *(23...Rd2 24.Rf2 Rd1+=)* 24.Rg3 Rd3= Anic,D (2445)-Marciano,D (2470)/Narbonne/1997/;
B2c2) 21.h3 Rxb2 22.Rd1 Rd2 23.Rxd2 Qxd2 24.Re7 *(24.f4∞* -21.f4 *)* 24...Qxf2+ 25.Kh2 Rf7 26.Qc8+ Kh7 27.Qxb7 Rxe7 28.Qxe7 Qxa2 29.Qe4+= Pirc,V-Thomas,G/Hastings/1938/;
B2c3) 21.Qc4
B2c31) 21...Qd5 22.Qxd5 cxd5 23.b4 Rxa2 24.Rd6 Rb2⇄;
B2c32) 21...b5 22.Qb3 *(22.Qxc6?! Rdxf2!∓; 22.Qc1 Rfxf2 23.Rxf2 Rd1+ 24.Qxd1 Qxd1+ 25.Rf1 Qd7 26.Rg6 Qd5↑)* 22...Rd3 23.Re7+ Rxb3 24.Rxd7 Rxb2 25.Rxa7 c5⩱;
B2c33) 21...Qf7 22.f4 Rxb2 *(22...Rd6 23.Re4 Rd2 24.Rb1 Qxc4 25.Rxc4 Re2=)* 23.Rd1 Rb4!? 24.Qxb4□ Qxe6 25.Qb3 *(25.Qa3!? Re8 26.Kf2∞)* 25...Re8 *(25...Qxb3 26.axb3 Rf5 27.Rd8+ Kh7 28.Kf2 Rb5=)* 26.Kf2 *(26.Rd7 Qxb3 27.axb3 Rxe3 28.Rxb7 a5=; 26.Qxe6+ Rxe6 27.Kf2 Kf7 28.Kf3 c5∞)* 26...Qxb3 27.axb3 Re4!= 28.Rd8+ Kf7 29.Rd7+ *(29.Kf3 Rb4⇄)* 29...Re7 30.Rd8 *(30.Rxe7+ Kxe7 31.e4 c5 32.Ke3 Ke6 33.Kd3 b5=)* 30...Re4 31.Rd7+ Re7 32.Rd8 1/2, Babula,V (2536)-Stohl,I (2514)/Hustopece rpd/2010/]

[10.Qc2 makes life simpler for Black after Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 12.Bd3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Rfd1 c5 16.Be2 Rfc8 17.Qa3 Kf8=]

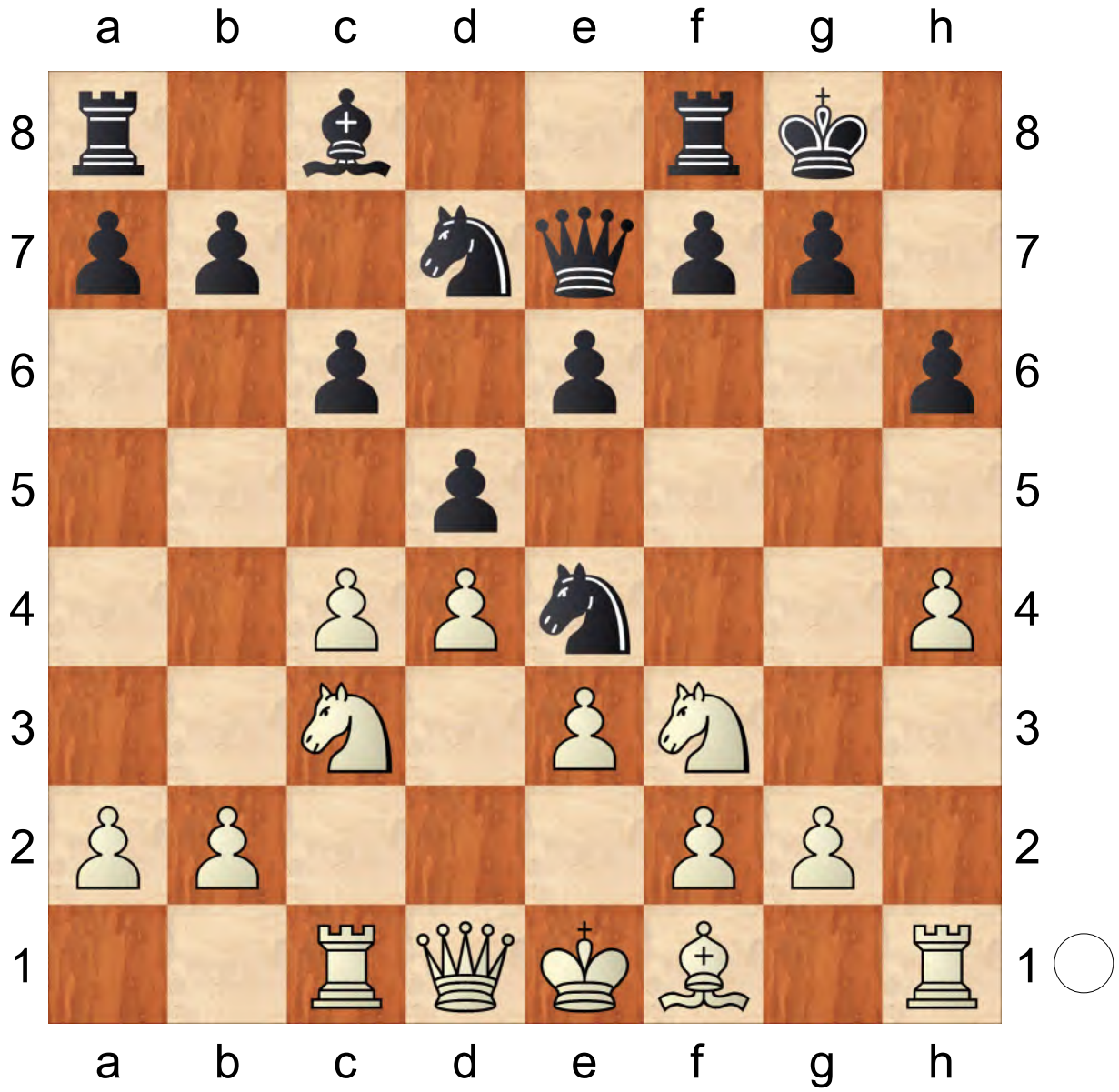
[Aronian was possibly inspired by 10.g4!? Black's rash reaction resulted in big trouble: f5?! *(⌓10...Nd7* is more natural and will probably transpose to our game. *)* 11.gxf5 Qf6 12.Bg2 Qxf5 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Nd7 15.Qc2 Nf6?! *(⌓15...Qh5 16.Nd2↑)* 16.Ne5 Qxc2 17.Rxc2 Bd7 18.Bh3 Rfe8 19.cxd5 cxd5

20.Rc7 Bb5 21.Rfc1+- Halkias,S (2578)-Fridman,D (2645)/EU-ch blitz Warsaw/2010/]

10...Nd7

[10...b6 11.Ne5 *(11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5 c5⇄)* 11...Nxc3 12.Rxc3 c5!? 13.dxc5 Rd8↻ ∞ deserves attention.]

[10...Nf6 prevents g4, but only temporarily: 11.Ne5 Nbd7 12.g4! Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.f4↑]



Logical enough, but Black had also other moves. **11.g4** Yes, White really means it... **11...e5?!** A blow in the ⊞ is a typical reaction to flank activity, but in this case the text move is probably misguided.

[11...Nxc3 12.Rxc3 c5!? seems to be a better version of the game idea: 13.cxd5 exd5 14.g5 h5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 and 16.Qxd5 is not without risk after b6!?

(16...Ne4 17.Rc4 Nd6 18.Rd4±; 16...Bg4!? Δ 17.Bg2 Ne4 18.Rc4 Ng3!↑; 16...Na4⇄) 17.Qxa8 Bg4 18.Qc6 Rc8 19.Qxc8+ Bxc8≌]

[11...Ndf6

A) 12.g5 Ng4 13.Rc2∞ *(13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 e5⇄)*;

B) 12.Rg1!? Nxc3 13.bxc3! Δg5↑]

[11...f5 12.gxf5 exf5 13.cxd5 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 cxd5 15.Qb3 Qe4 16.Be2 Nf6 17.Rg1 f4 18.Rc7 Ne8 19.Nd2± Sambuev,B (2528)-Martchenko,A (2227)/ Montreal/2011/]

[Another interesting idea is the most recent example 11...Nd6!? 12.c5 Ne8 13.g5 e5 14.gxh6 gxh6 15.Rg1+ Ng7∞ 16.Bh3 f5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 1/2,Ragger,M (2651)-Alekseev,E (2659)/WCup Khanty-Mansiysk/2011/]

12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 cxd5 14.g5 h5

[14...e4 15.Nd2 hxg5 16.Qh5!? *(≤16.hxg5? Qxg5 17.Rh5 Qg1! 18.Rh3 Nf6 19.Rg3 Qh1 20.Nb3 b6 21.Kd2 Bg4∓* Wang Hao (2718)-Kravtsiv,M (2571)/ Shenzhen/2011/ *)* 16...g4 17.Qxd5±]

15.Bb5 exd4

[Consistent with move 11, but roughly equivalent was 15...e4 16.Nd2!? *(16.Bxd7 Bxd7 17.Ne5 Bf5 18.Qxh5 Rac8≌ ⇄)* 16...g6 17.Rc7±]

(Diagram)

16.Qxd4 Qe4 A ♕-swap doesn't quite fit into the concept of active ⇄, but even after

[16...Nb6 17.0-0 Bf5 *(17...Be6 18.Rfc1±; 17...Qe4 18.Qxe4 dxe4 19.Nd4±)* 18.Rfc1 White retains a pleasant edge. *(18.Qf4 Be4 19.Rc7 Qb4⇄)*]

17.Qxe4 dxe4 18.Nd2 Ne5 Instead of defending a worse ⊥, Harikrishna prefers to sacrifice a ♙. However, White still manages to remain on top.

[18...f5!? 19.Nb3± ⊥]

19.Nxe4 Be6

[19...Nf3+ 20.Kf1 Bg4 21.Be2 *(21.Kg2? Ne5∓)* 21...Rfd8 22.Rc2 *(22.a3!? Δ Nd2+ 23.Nxd2 Rxd2 24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.Rg1 Rxb2 26.Rxg4±)* 22...Rac8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nc3 Nd2+ 25.Ke1 Ne4 26.f3 Nxc3 27.bxc3 Be6 28.Kd2 Bxa2 29.Ra1 Bc4 30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Rxa7±]

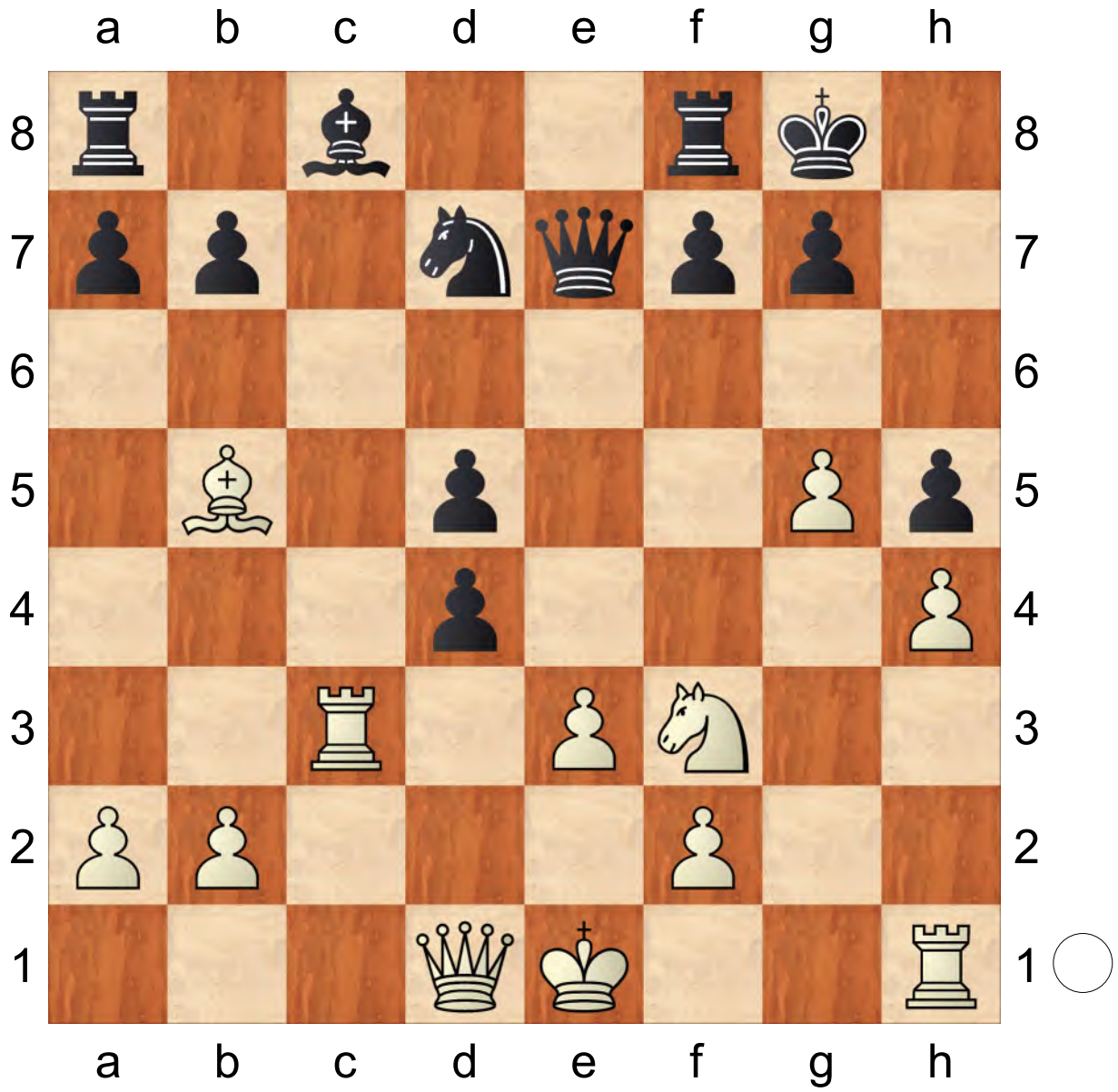
20.f4!

[The text is more ambitious than 20.Ng3 Rfc8 *(20...Nf3+ 21.Ke2 Bg4 22.Bd7 Rad8 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Rd1 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 Rd8+ 26.Kc1 Nxh4 27.Rc4 Nf3 28.Rxg4 Rd2 29.Ne4 Re2 30.Rf4±)* 21.f4 Rxc3 22.bxc3 a6 23.Be2±]

20...Bd5

[20...Ng4 21.Nc5 Bxa2 22.Ke2↑ Δ♖a1]

(Diagram)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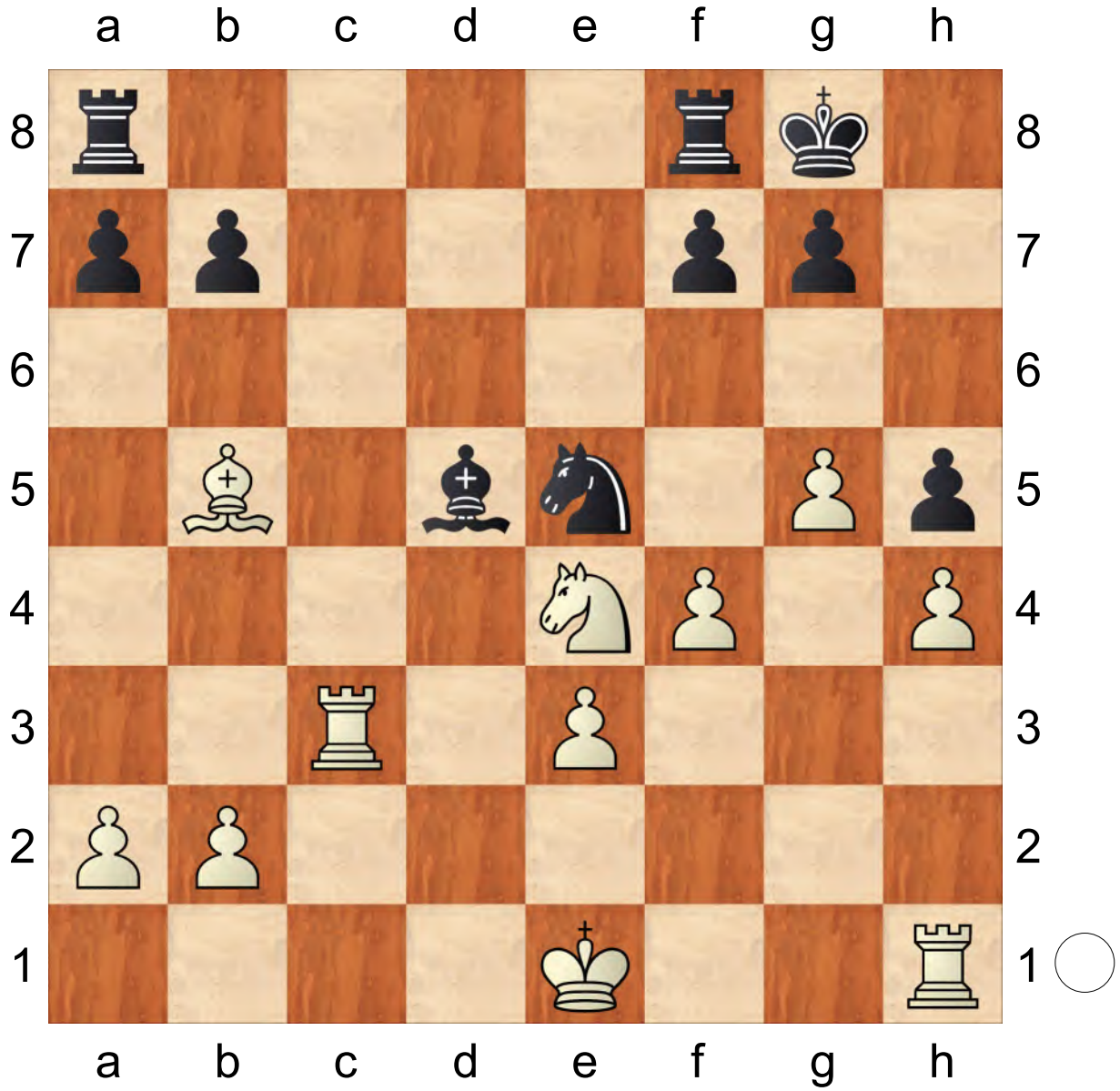


21.fxe5 Bxe4 22.0-0± /± Although White's extra ♙ is doubled, it controls important central squares and this gives him a distinct edge. **22...Bd5?!** Black's position can't stand another error and this eases Aronian's technical task.

[22...Rac8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.e6! fxe6! 25.Bd7±]

[22...Rad8!? 23.Rc7 Rd2 24.Rf2 Rd1+ 25.Bf1± /±]

23.Bd7! This powerful move greatly limits Black's forces - now he can't activate neither of his ♖. **23...Rfd8**

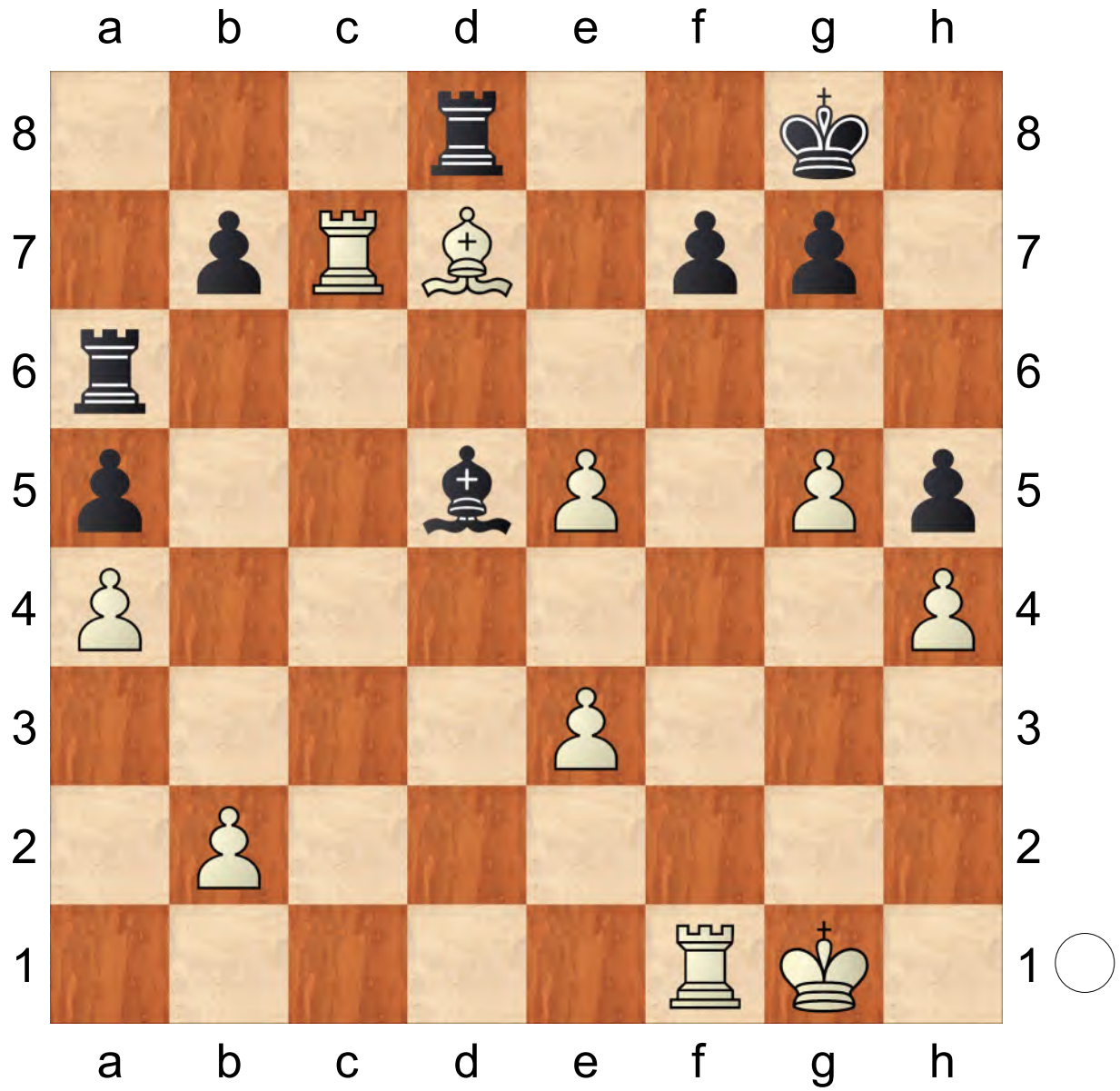
[23...Bxa2 24.b3 Rad8 25.e6 fxe6 26.Bxe6+ Kh7 27.Rxf8 Rxf8 28.Rc1 Rd8 29.Bf7!± γa2, ♔h7, δe3]

24.Rc7 a5

[24...Bxa2 25.g6! fxg6 26.e6→ Δ Rdb8 27.Rd1 a5 28.e7 Bf7 29.Bc8!+-]

25.a4+- Ra6

(Diagram)

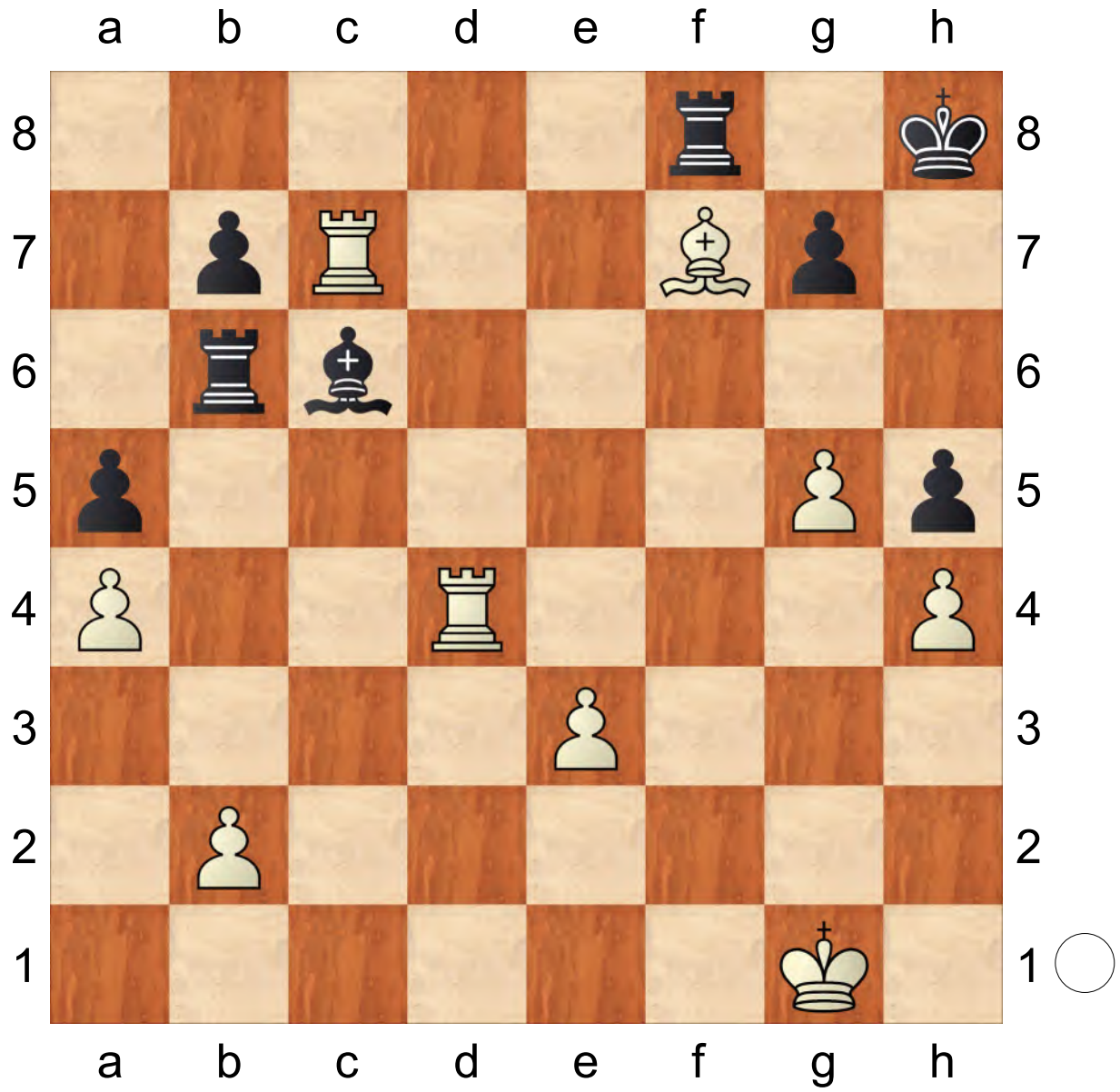


26.Rf4 Rf8 27.Rd4 Bc6
[27...Be6 28.Rxb7+- with a decisive material advantage.]
28.e6!?
[The text move is even more convincing than 28.Bxc6 Rxc6 29.Rxb7+-]
28...fxe6 29.Bxe6+ Kh8 30.Bf7! The ♗ again limits any possible ⇄ and the rest is simple, as Black's forces are almost paralysed. **30...Rb6**

(Diagram)

31.b3 Bf3 32.g6 Rc6 33.Rxc6 bxc6 34.e4 Be2 35.e5

(Diagram)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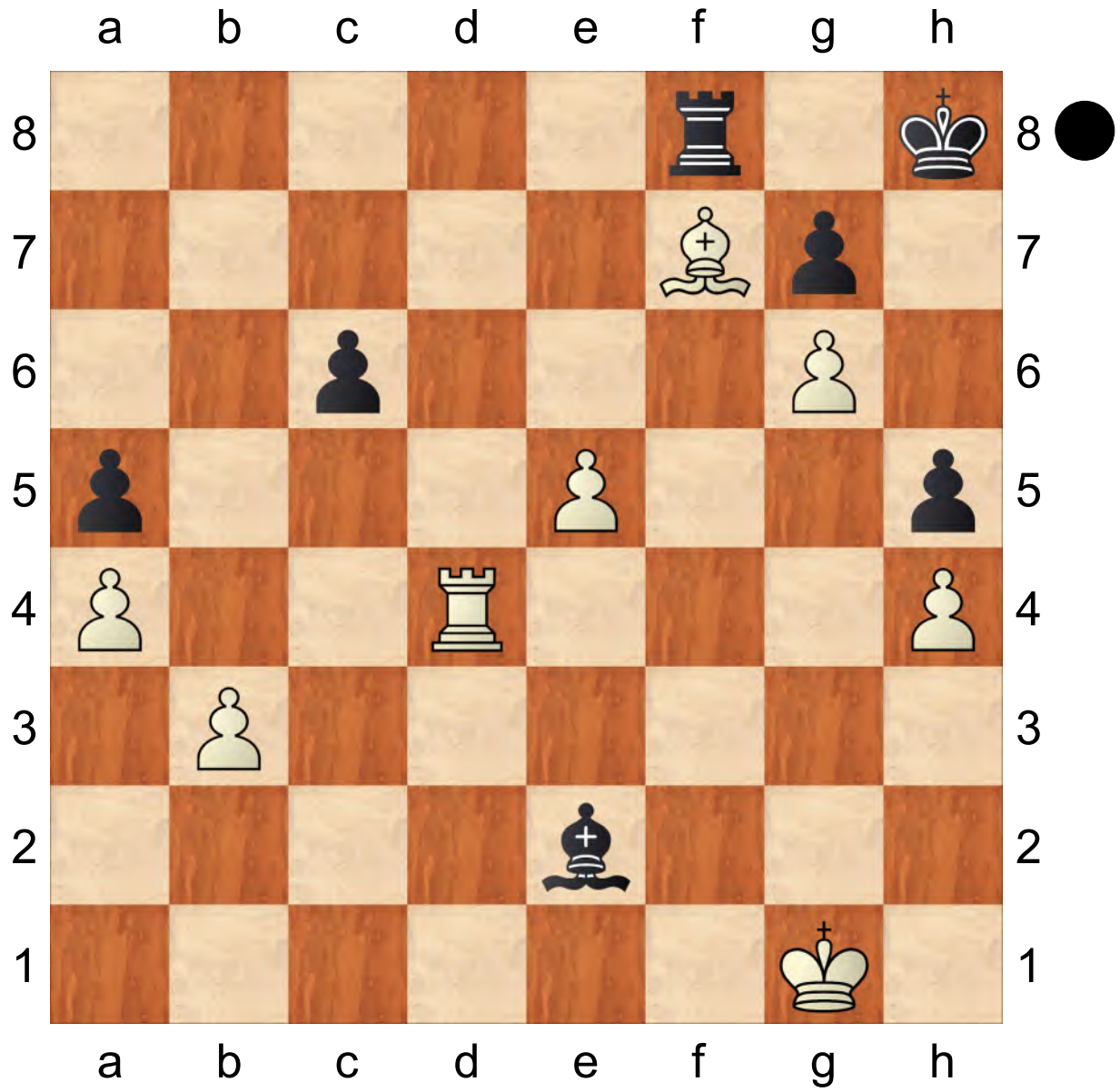

Δe6-e7

1-0

E34

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■ **Beliavsky,Alexander G** **2615**
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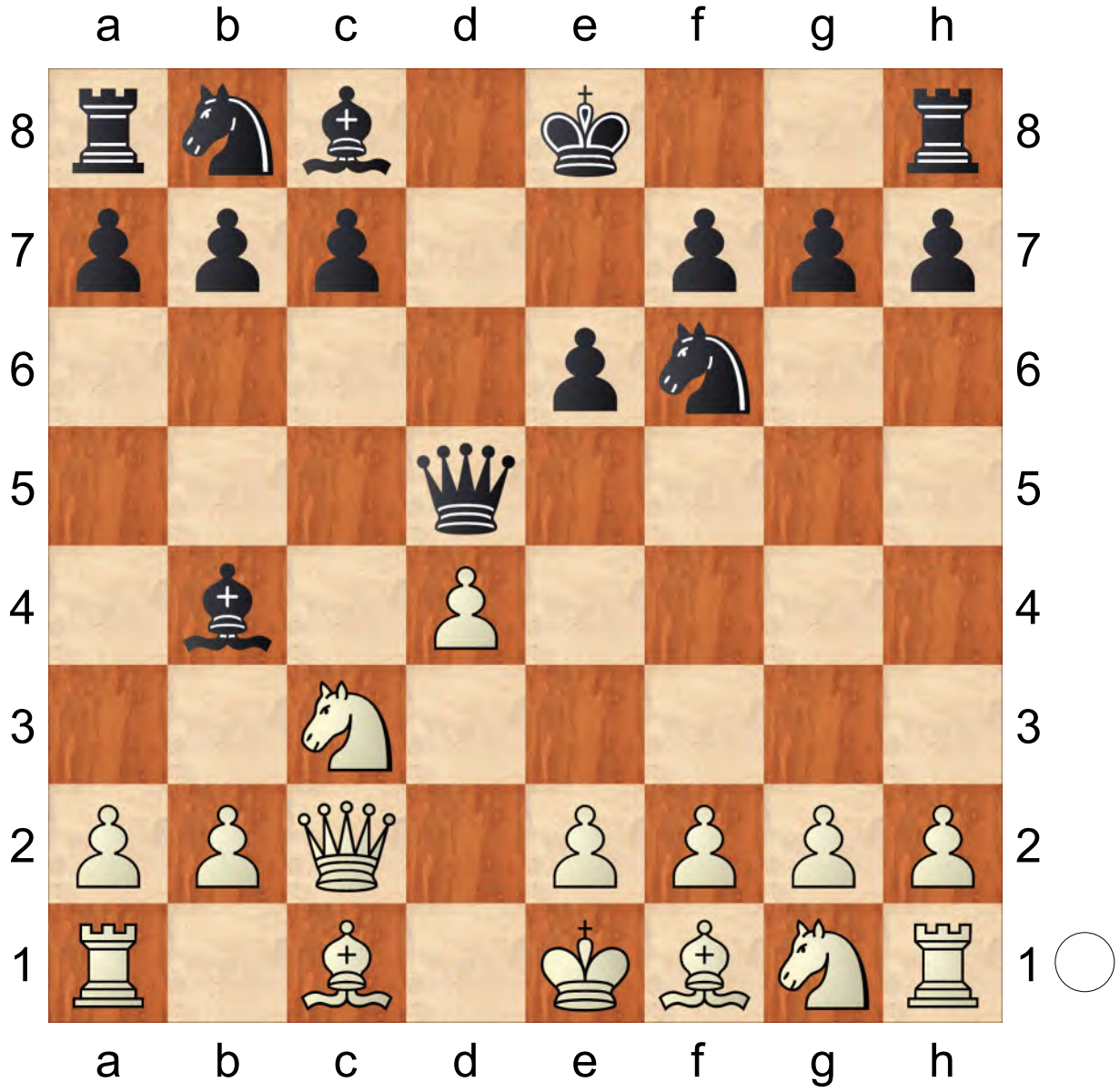
[Mencinger,Vojko]

1.d4 Mencinger,V Beliavsky,Alexander G Mencinger,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5**



6.Nf3 Qf5 Romanishins idea. Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: 'Romanishins idea."

[6...0-0 Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' 7.Bd2 *(7.e3 c5 8.Bd2 Qh5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qg6 11.0-0 e5 12.Bd3 Qh5 13.Nde2 Nc6 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Bxc3*

Be6 16.Ng3 Qh4 17.Nf5 Qh5 : Sokolov,I-Romanishin,O Groningen 1991*)* 7...Bxc3 8.Bxc3 b6 30 Skolov,I-Romanishin,O/Barcelona ;CBM]

7.Qd1

[7.Qb3 N Beliavsky,Alexander G: '(Mencinger,V) N' c5 *(7...Nc6!?* Hansen,LB Dao Thien Hai-Kortschnoj,Moscow olm/1994/ *)* 8.a3

A) 8...Ba5 Romanishin,O 9.e3 *(9.Qb5+* Romanishin,O *Nc6 10.Qxc5 Qxc5 11.dxc5 Ne4 12.Bd2 Nxc5 13.b4 Nb3 14.Rd1 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Bc7)* 9...Nc6 10.Be2 cxd4 11.exd4

A1) 11...0-0 Romanishin,O 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 b6=;

A2) 11...Qe4!?N Hansen,LB 12.Bd2 Bxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.Be3 Na5! 15.Qb5 b6

A2a) 16.h3!? Bb7 *(16...Nd5??* Hansen,LB *17.Bd3+-)* 17.0-0∞;

A2b) 16.Nd2?! Qg6 17.Qd3?! With hanging pawns White should try to keep the queens on. Bb7 18.Qxg6 hxg6 19.0-0 Rac8 20.c4 Ba6∓ X c4,d4 21.Rfc1 Rfd8 22.Rc2 Ne8! 23.Rac1 Nd6 24.g4 f6 25.Kf1 g5 26.a4 Nc6 27.Rb2 Nb7 28.c5?! Doesn`t work,but the position was unpleasant. Bxe2+ 29.Kxe2 Nxd4+ 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.a5!? Rxc5 32.Rxc5 Nxc5 33.axb6 axb6 34.Rxb6 Rxg4 35.Rc6 Nd7 36.Rxe6 Ne5∓ 37.Nf1 Re4+ 38.Ne3 Kf7 39.Ra6 Ng4 40.Ra7+ Kg6 41.Kf3 Rf4+ 42.Kg3 Ne5 43.Ra2 Rd4 44.h3 Nd3 45.Kh2 Rh4 46.Ng2 Re4 47.Kg3 f5 48.Rd2 f4+ 49.Kf3 Rd4 50.Ke2 Nc1+ 51.Ke1 Nb3 52.Rb2?! *(52.Rxd4* Hansen,LB *Nxd4∓* X h3 *)* 52...Rd3-+ 53.h4 f3 54.h5+ Kxh5 55.Ne3 g4 56.Nd1 Kh4 57.Ra2 Nd4 58.Ne3 g3 59.fxg3+ Kxg3 60.Nf1+ Kf4 61.Kf2 g5 62.Ng3 g4 63.Nh5+ Kg5 64.Ng3 Kh4 65.Rb2 Ne2!

A2b1) 66.Nxe2 Hansen,LB fxe2 67.Rxe2 *(67.Kxe2 Rf3-+)* 67...Kh3

A2b11) 68.Re1 Kh2-+ *(68...g3+? 69.Kg1=)*;

A2b12) 68.Kg1 Rd1+! *(68...g3? 69.Re1=)* 69.Kf2 g3+-+;

A2b2) 66.Nf5+ Kh3 0-1 Onischuk,A-Short,N/Wijk (D2.2) ;CBM 45 1995;

A3) 11...Qd5?! 12.Bc4 Qe4+ 13.Be3 0-0 *(13...Nd5 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxe3 16.Rfe1 Qc2 17.fxe3 Qxb3 18.Bxb3 Na5 19.Ba2 b6=)* 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Bd7 16.Rae1 Qf5 *(16...Rac8 17.Bg5 Qf5 18.Bd3)* 17.Bd3 Qh5 18.Qd2 Rac8 *(18...h6!? 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.f4 Ng4)* 19.Bg5 Nd5 20.Re4 f5 21.Rh4 Qf7 22.Kh1 *(22.Rh3!* Δ *h6? 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Qxh6+-)* 22...h6 23.Bxh6!? gxh6 24.Rxh6? *(24.g4! f4□ 25.g5 h5 26.Kg1 Nde7 27.g6 Qg7 28.Be4!?)* 24...Qg7 25.g4 fxg4! 26.Rg6 Rxf3 27.Qg5 *(27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Qg5+ Kf8)* 27...Rf7 28.Qxg4 Nce7 29.Rxg7+ Rxg7 30.Qh4 Bc6-+ 31.f3 Ne3 32.Bh7+ Rxh7! 33.Qg5+ *(33.Rg1+ Kf8!)* 33...Kf7 34.Qxe3 Nf5 35.Qe5 Bd5 36.Kg1 Rc2 *(36...Rg7+ 37.Kf2 Rc2+)* 37.Rf2 Rc1+ 38.Rf1 Rc2 39.Rf2 Rc1+ 40.Rf1 Rc4 41.Kf2 Rc2+ 0-1 Shabalov,A-Romanishin,O/Bad Godesberg 59/590 1994;

B) 8...Bxc3+ N 9.Qxc3 Nbd7 10.g3 Ne4 11.Qe3 b6! *(11...Ndf6 12.Bg2* Δ

Ng4 13.Qb3 Ngxf2 14.Rf1+-) 12.dxc5!? *(12.Bg2 Bb7 13.Nd2 Ndf6=)* 12...Ndxc5 *(12...bxc5 13.Bg2 Bb7 14.0-0 0-0 15.b4∞)* 13.b4 Na4 14.Bh3!? *(14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Nd2 Nd6=)* 14...Qd5□ *(14...Qxh3 15.Qxe4 Rb8 16.Bf4 Bb7 17.Qc2+-)* 15.Bg2 Bb7 16.Nd2! *(16.Ng5 0-0-0 17.0-0 Qxg5 18.Qxg5 Nxg5 19.Bxg5 f6 20.Rac1+ Kb8 21.Be3 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rd6∓)* 16...f5 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.0-0 0-0 *(18...Rc8 19.Bd2 0-0 20.Rfc1=)* 19.Rb1! Rac8 20.Bb2 Nxb2 *(20...Rfd8 21.Ba1±)* 21.Rxb2 Rfd8 22.Rb3! Qd4 *(22...Rc4?! 23.Rd3 Rd4 24.Rc3 Rc4 25.Rxc4 Qxc4 26.Rc1±)* 23.Bh3 Qd6? *(23...Qf6 24.f3 Qe5 25.fxe4 Bxe4 26.Bg2 Rc4 27.Rd3 Rdc8 28.Rfd1±)* 24.Rbb1 Bd5 25.Rbd1 Rc4 *(25...Qe5 26.Rd4 Δ♗g2)* 26.Qg5! *(26.Rd2 Qe5=)* 26...Rd7 *(26...h6? 27.Bxe6++-)* 27.Rd2? *(27.Rxd5! exd5 28.Bxd7 Qxd7 29.Rd1 d4 30.Qe5 d3 31.exd3 Rd4 32.Rc1 exd3 33.Rc7 Qxc7 34.Qe8#)* 27...h6 28.Qh5 *(28.Qg6 Re7 29.Bf5 Qe5 30.Qh7+ Kf7 31.Bg6+ Kf6 32.h4∞)* 28...Qe7 29.Qe5 *(29.Rfd1 Rdc7 30.Rxd5 exd5 31.Qxd5+ Kh7! 32.e3=)* 29...Kh8 *(29...Rdc7)* 30.Rfd1 Rdc7 31.Bg2 *(31.Rxd5 exd5 32.Qxd5 Rc1 33.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kg2=)* 31...Qf6 32.Qh5 *(32.Rxd5 exd5 33.Qxd5 e3 34.fxe3=)* 32...Rc1 33.e3 *(33.h4 Rxd1+ 34.Rxd1 Rc2 35.Rxd5 exd5 36.Qxd5 Rc1+ 37.Kh2 Qxf2 38.Qa8+ Kh7 39.Qxe4+=)* 33...Rxd1+ 34.Qxd1 Qc3 *(34...Qe5= Δ♖c3)* 35.h4! Qxa3?! *(35...Qe5!=)* 36.Rxd5! Rc1?! *(36...exd5 37.Qxd5 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Qc4 39.Qd8+ Kh7 40.Qe8 Qf7 41.Qxe4+∞)* 37.Rd8+ Kh7 38.Bxe4+ g6 39.h5± Rxd1+ 40.Rxd1 Qxb4 41.Bxg6+! Kg7 42.Rd7+ Kf6 43.Rxa7 ♕5/i Qd2! *(43...b5 44.Rh7 Qf8 45.Rf7+ Qxf7 46.Bxf7 Kxf7 47.Kf1+-)* 44.Rh7 *(44.Rf7+ Ke5 45.Rf4 b5 46.g4 b4 47.g5 hxg5 48.Rd4 Qe1+ 49.Kg2 Kf6)* 44...Qd1+ 45.Kg2 Qd5+ 46.Kg1 Qd1+ 47.Kg2 Qd5+ 48.Kh2 Qd2 49.Kh3 e5 *(49...Qd1 50.Kh4!)* 50.Be8 *(50.Rb7 b5)* 50...Qc2 *(50...b5 51.Rxh6+ Ke7 52.Bxb5 Qxf2 53.e4+-)* 51.Bg6 *(51.Rxh6+ Ke7 52.Bb5 Qxf2 53.e4)* 51...Qd1 52.Kg2 *(52.Kh4! Qh1+ 53.Kg4 Qd1+ 54.f3 Qd2 55.Rxh6 Qxe3 56.Rh7 Qg5+ 57.Kh3 Qc1 58.Rf7++-)* 52...Qd5+ 53.Kh2 Qd2 54.Kg2 Qd5+ 55.e4? Qd2= 56.Rb7 Qd4 *(56...Qb2 57.Be8 Qd4=)* 57.Bf5 Qc5 58.Rh7 Qc1 59.Rh8 Ke7? *(59...b5=)* 60.Rc8 Qd2 61.Rc7+ *(61.Rc6 b5 62.Re6+ Kf8 63.Rxe5 b4 64.Rb5 Qc3±)* 61...Kf8 62.Rd7 Qg5! *(62...Qb4 63.g4+-)* 63.Rd6 b5 *(63...Qxh5 64.Rxb6 Qd1 65.Rxh6 Qd4 66.g4 Qd2 67.Rh5 Kg7 68.g5 Kf7 69.g6+ Kg8 70.Rh7 Qd6 71.Kg3 Qd3+ 72.Kh4 Qd6 73.Rd7+-* Beliavsky,A*)* 64.g4? *(64.Rb6 Qxh5 65.Rxb5 Qe8 66.Rb6 h5 67.Rh6 Kg7 68.Rh7+ Kg8 69.Kh3 Qb5∞)* 64...Kf7!= 65.Rb6 Qd2 66.Rxb5 Kf6 67.Rb6+ Kg5?? *(67...Kf7 68.Rg6 Qf4 69.g5 hxg5 70.h6 g4 71.h7 Qf3+ 72.Kg1 Qd1+ 73.Kh2 Qf3 74.h8N+ Ke7 75.Rxg4 Qxf2+ 76.Kh3 Qf3+=)* 68.Rg6+ Kf4 *(68...Kh4 69.g5+-)* 69.Rxh6 Qd1 70.Rf6+- Qf3+ 71.Kg1 Kg5 72.Rd6 *(72.Rf7!)* 72...Qa3 *(72...Qg3+ 73.Kf1!)* 73.Rd7 Qb3 74.Kg2 Qc3 75.Rd8 *(75.Rd1 Kf4)* 75...Qa3 76.Rd1 Kf4 *(76...Qc3 77.Rh1)* 77.Re1 Qd6 78.Rh1 Qh6 79.Rh3 Kg5 80.Rf3 Qc6 81.Rh3 Qh6 82.Kf3 Δ 82... ♔f6 83. g5 1-0 Bareev,E-Beliavsky,A/Linares 60/508 1994]

[7.Qxf5 Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' exf5
A) 8.a3 Be7 *(8...Be7 9.b4 c6 10.e3 Be6 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Ng5 Nd5 13.Nxe6 fxe6=* Alterman,B-Hamdouchi,H/Etoiles/1994/ *)*;
B) 8.Bd2 c6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 Nb6
B1) 11.a3 Bd6 12.b4 0-0 13.b5 *(13.0-0* Hansen,LB *g6 14.b5 c5 15.a4 Be6 16.Rfc1 Rac8* ½-½/Alterman,B-Davies,N/Rishon Le Zion/1994/ *)* 13...c5 14.a4!? Be6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Ng5 Rfd8 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Ke2 Rd7 19.Rhd1 Rad8 20.Be1;
B2) 11.Ne2 Bd6 12.0-0 Ne4 *(12...0-0!? 13.Rfc1 a5* Δ g6, ♗e6*)* 13.Ba5 0-0 14.Rfc1 Re8 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 a5!= 17.a3 Be6 *(17...a4 18.Bb4!)* 18.f3 g6 19.Kf2 Bb3 20.h3 h5 21.g3 a4 22.e4? fxe4 23.fxe4 Bf8!∓ ×d4, e4 24.g4 hxg4 25.hxg4 Bg7 26.g5 Nd7 *(26...Rad8 27.Ba5 Rxd4 28.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kf3 Re5 30.Bxb6 Bxb6 31.Bc4 Bd4 32.Bxb3 axb3 33.Rd1 c5 34.Rab1 Rxg5 35.Rd3⩱)* 27.Bb4 *(27.Ke3 Nf8 28.Nf4 Rad8 29.Bc3 Ne6 30.Nxe6 Rxe6∓)* 27...Rad8 *(27...Nf8* Romanishin,O *28.Bxf8)* 28.Bd6 c5! 29.Rxc5□ Nxc5 30.Bxc5 Re6 31.Ke3□ f5 *(31...b6* Romanishin,O *32.Bb4 f5 33.e5 Bxe5 34.dxe5 Rxe5+ 35.Kf4 Rxd3 36.Kxe5 Re3+ 37.Kd6 Rxe2 38.Rc1=)* 32.gxf6 *(32.Nf4 Rc6 33.exf5 gxf5 34.Bb5 Rxc5 35.dxc5 Bxb2 36.Rh1 Bd4+ 37.Kf3 Bxc5∓)* 32...Bh6+ 33.Kf3 Rxf6+ 34.Kg3 Rc6 35.Be7 Re8 36.Bc5 Rd8 37.Be7 Rd7 38.Bb4 Bc4 39.Bxc4+ Rxc4 40.Bc3 Rf7 41.Rh1 Bg7 42.e5 Rf5! 43.Rh4? *(43.Nf4?* Romanishin,O *Bxe5 44.dxe5 Rfxf4 45.e6 Rg4+ 46.Kf3 Rcf4+ 47.Ke3 Rh4-+)* 43...Rg5+ 44.Kh3 Rh5! 45.Rxh5 gxh5 46.Ng3 *(⌓46.Kh4* Romanishin,O *Bxe5 47.Kxh5 Bd6 48.Kg6 b5 49.Kf5 Kf7∓)* 46...Bf8 47.e6 Bxa3 48.d5 Rxc3!-+ 49.bxc3 Bf8 50.Nf5 *(50.Ne2* Romanishin,O *a3 51.Nc1 Kg7)* 50...a3 51.d6 Bxd6 *(51...a2* Romanishin,O *52.d7 a1Q 53.Nh6+ Kh7! 54.d8Q Qf1+ 55.Kh4 Qf4+)* 52.Nxd6 Kf8 53.e7+ Kxe7 54.Nf5+ Kf6 55.Nd4 a2 56.Nc2 Ke5 57.Kh4 Kd6 0-1 Beliavsky,A-Romanishin,O/Groningen 59/589 1993]
[7.Qa4+!? Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' Nc6 8.a3]

7...e5!N
[7...Ne4 (Beliavsky,Alexander G) Ü 65/523]
[7...c5 (Beliavsky,Alexander G) Ü 65/522]

8.g4!?
[8.Nxe5? Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '?'' Ne4 9.Nd3 *(9.Qa4+* Beliavsky,Alexander G *Nc6 10.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxf2+ 12.Kd1 Nxc3+-+)* 9...Nxc3 10.Qb3 Nxe2+ 11.Nxb4 Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' *(11.Qxb4* Beliavsky,Alexander G *Nc6 12.Qc5 Nexd4∓)* 11...Nxd4∓]
[8.dxe5
A) 8...Ne4 9.Bd2
A1) 9...Nc6 Beliavsky,Alexander G 10.e3 *(10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bxb4 Nxb4 12.Rc1 Bf5 13.Nd4 0-0-0 14.e3 Rxd4 15.Qxd4 Nc2+ 16.Rxc2 Qxc2)* 10...Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Nxe5 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 c6↑;

A2) 9...Nxd2 Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' 10.Qxd2 Nc6 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bb6 13.e4 Qe6 14.Bb5 0-0⩲;

B) 8...Ng4 Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' 9.Qd5±]

[8.d5 Beliavsky,Alexander G 0-0 9.e3 Rd8∓]

8...Bxc3+ Beliavsky,Alexander G: '?!'

[8...Nxg4?! Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '?!'' 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.d5

A) 10...Bd7 Beliavsky,Alexander G 11.dxc6 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Bxc6

A1) 13.Qd1 Rd8 14.Bd2

A1a) 14...0-0 15.Rg1 *(15.h3 Nf6 16.Rg1 Ne4 17.Qc1 Rxd2)* 15...e4 16.Rxg4 Qxg4 17.Nd4 Bd5↑;

A1b) 14...e4 15.h3 Nxf2 *(15...Ne3 16.fxe3 exf3 17.Rh2±; 15...e3 16.hxg4 exd2+ 17.Qxd2+-)* 16.Kxf2 0-0 17.Bg2 Rfe8 *(17...exf3 18.Bxf3 Bxf3 19.exf3 Rd3 20.Qe2 Rfd8 21.Be1±)* 18.Re1 exf3 19.Bxf3 *(19.exf3 Qc5+ 20.Kg3 Qd6+ 21.Bf4 Qg6+ 22.Kf2 Rxd1-+)* 19...Rxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Rxd2 21.Qxd2 Qxf3+ 22.Kg1 Qh1+ 23.Kf2=;

A2) RR13.Qc4 Bxf3! *(13...e4 14.h3; 13...0-0-0 14.Bh3 h5 15.0-0±)* 14.Rg1□ Rd8! *(14...Nxh2?! 15.Qh4 Nxf1 16.Rg5! Qc2 17.Rxe5+ Kd7 18.Re7+ Kc8 19.Qh3+! Kb8 20.Qxf3; 14...Bxe2?! 15.Qxe2 Nxh2 16.Rg3 Nxf1 17.Rg5!±; 14...Be4!? 15.f3 Bxf3 16.exf3 Nxh2 17.Be2 Nxf3+! 18.Bxf3 Qxf3 19.Qb5+ Qc6 20.Qxc6+ bxc6 21.Rxg7±)*

A2a) 15.Bh3? Qc2! 16.Bg5 Qb2-+;

A2b) 15.Rg3 Nxh2! *(15...Qd7?! 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rxf3 fxg5 18.Rd3 Qf5 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.0-0-0+ Kc8 21.Bh3±)* 16.Bh3 *(16.exf3 Nxf3+ 17.Ke2 e4!→; 16.Rg5 Qf6!)* 16...Qc2 17.Bg5 Qb2 18.Rd1=;

A2c) 15.exf3 Qxf3 16.Qa4+ c6 17.Rxg4 Qxc3+∞;

A2d) 15.h3

A2d1) 15...Nh2 16.Rg5 Qd7 *(16...Qc2 17.Rxe5+ Kf8 18.Ba3+ Kg8 19.Qd4+-; 16...Qe6 17.Qxe6+ fxe6 18.Rxg7 Nxf1 19.exf3 Nh2 20.Ke2±)* 17.Rxe5+ Kf8 18.Ba3+! Kg8 19.Qf4±;

A2d2) 15...Qc2 16.Bg5 f6 *(16...Qb2 17.Rc1 h6 18.Qb4 Qxb4 19.cxb4 hxg5 20.exf3±)* 17.Rc1 Qb2 18.Qe6+! Kf8 19.Qf5 Ke8 20.Qe6+= *(20.Rc2? Qb1+ 21.Bc1 Be4!)*;

A2d3) 15...Qd7! 16.Bg5 f6 17.exf3 fxg5 18.Qe2∞ Jelen,Ig;

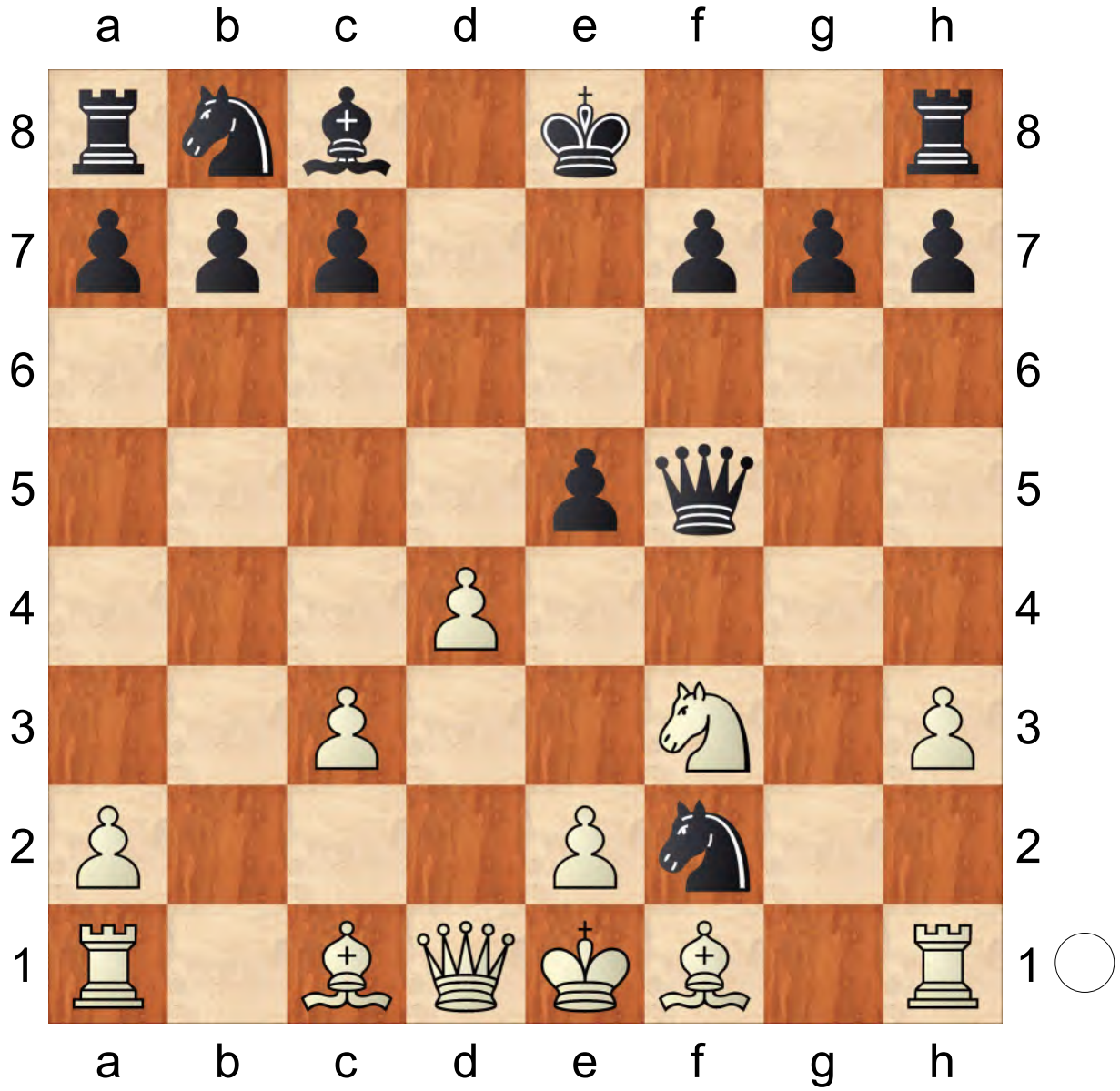
B) 10...Bxc3+ Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' 11.bxc3 e4 12.dxc6 b5 13.Qd4 exf3 14.Qxg7±]

9.bxc3 Nxg4 10.h3 Nxf2

(Diagram)

11.Kxf2 e4 12.Ba3 Beliavsky,Alexander G: '!'

[RR12.Rg1! Beliavsky,Alexander G exf3 *(12...Nc6? 13.d5 Ne7 14.Rg5 Qf6 15.Qa4+ ✕e4)* 13.e4! Qxe4 14.Bb5+! Kf8 15.Ba3+ Kg8 16.Qd2! Qh4+ *(16...Bd7 17.Qh6 Bg4 18.Qg5!)* 17.Rg3 Bd7!! 18.Re1 (Δ Be7) Bxb5 19.Be7



Qxg3+ *(19...Qh5 20.Re5; 19...f6 20.Qb2)* 20.Kxg3+- Jelen,Ig]

12...Nc6 13.Rg1 exf3 14.exf3 Beliavsky,Alexander G: '?'

[14.e4!? Beliavsky,Alexander G: '!' Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '!?"

A) 14...Qf4 Beliavsky,Alexander G

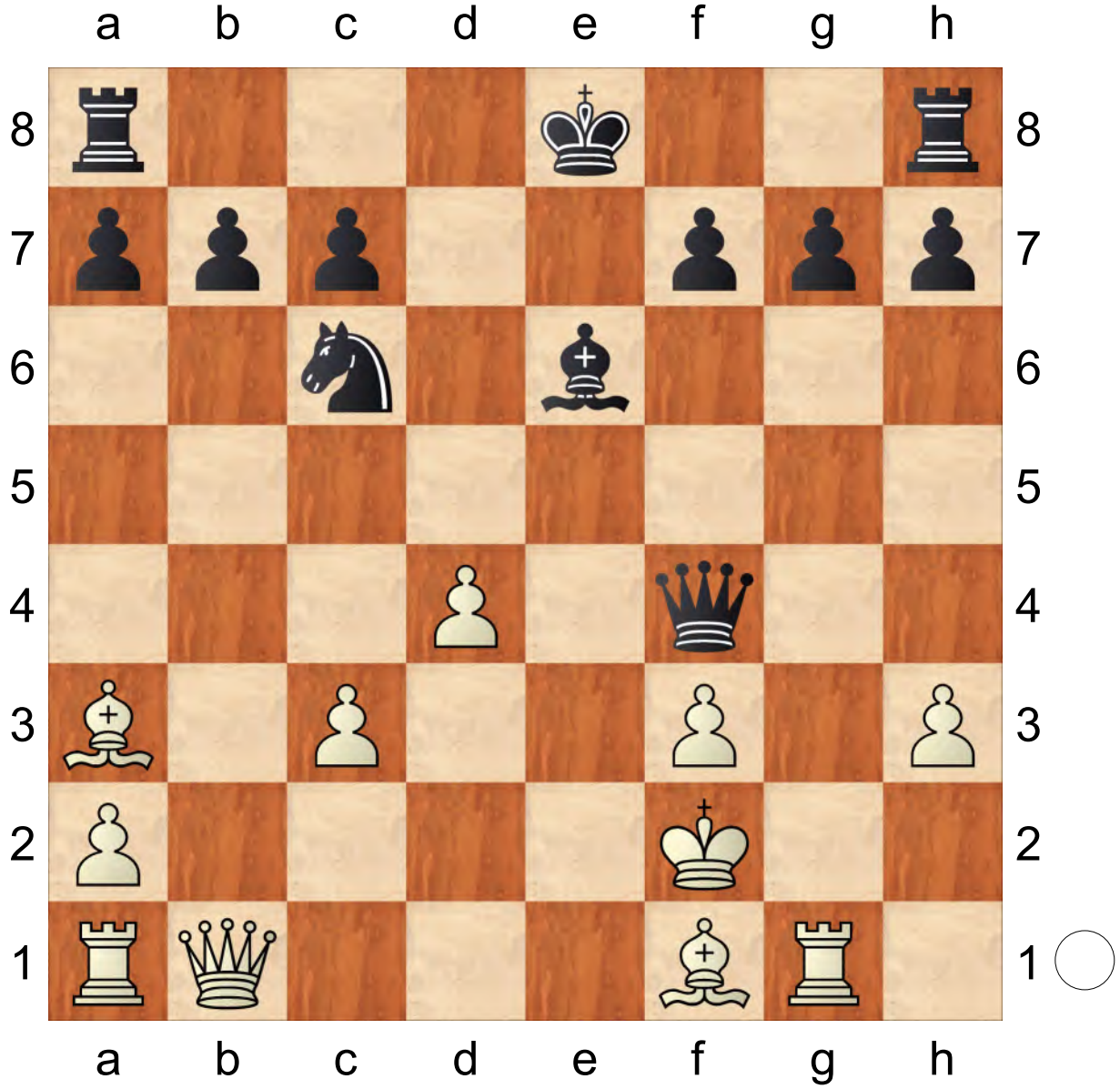
A1) 15.Rxg7 Bxh3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 17.Kxf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 a5 *(18...h5 19.e5 0-0-0 20.Ke4 Rd7 21.Rfxf7 Rxf7 22.Rxf7 h4)* 19.e5 Ra6 20.e6 fxe6 21.Ke4 b5 22.Bc5;

A2) 15.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 16.Kxf3 g6;

B) 14...Qxe4 15.Qe1 Beliavsky,Alexander G: '!' *(15.Rxg7* Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' *Qh4+ 16.Rg3 Be6 17.Qxf3 0-0-0∓)* 15...f5 16.Bd3 Qxe1+ 17.Raxe1+ Kf7 18.d5!± Beliavsky,Alexander G: '±' Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '±!" *(18.Kxf3?* Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' *Be6∓)*]

14...Be6 15.Qb1 With the idea of queen exchange and attack on b7, but... Beliavsky,

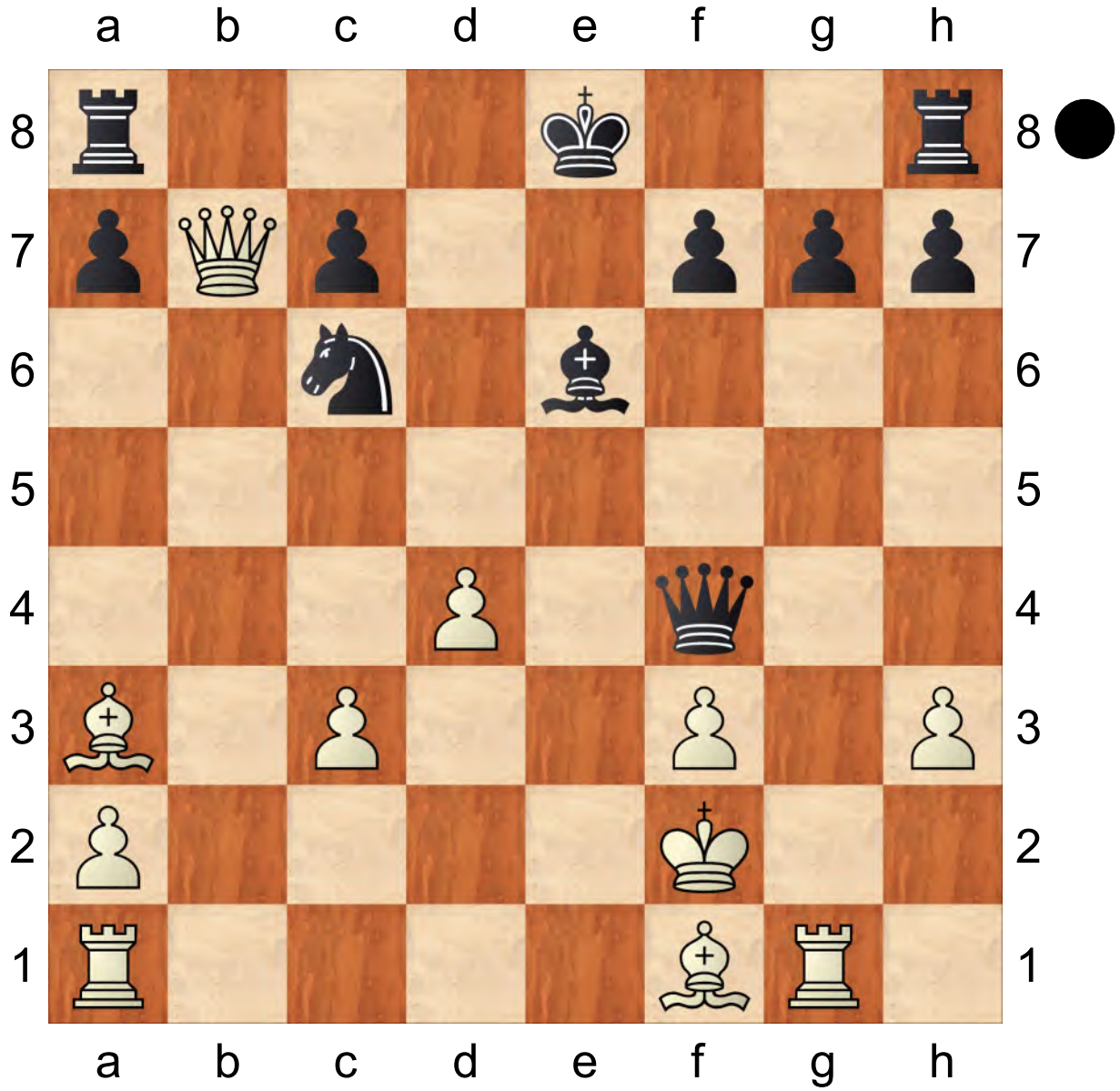
Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: 'With the idea of queen exchange and attack on b7, but...
'' **15...Qf4!**
[RR15...Qxb1 Beliavsky,Alexander G 16.Rxb1 0-0-0 *(16...b6 17.Rxg7 Bxa2 18.Re1+ Kd7 19.d5)* 17.Rxg7 Bxa2 18.Rb5⩲]
[15...0-0-0! Beliavsky,Alexander G 16.Qxf5 Bxf5∓ 17.Rxg7 Bg6 18.Rd1 Rd5 Jelen,lg]



Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '!'' **16.Qxb7**

(Diagram)

Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '\ '' **16...Bd5!!** Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '!!'' **17.Rg3**



[17.Qxa8+ Kd7 18.Qxh8 Qxf3+ 19.Ke1 Qxc3+ 20.Kf2 Qf3+ Beliavsky, Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' *(20...Qxd4+ Beliavsky,Alexander G 21.Ke2 Bc4+ 22.Kf3 Ne5+ 23.Kg3 Qxg1+∓)* 21.Ke1 Qe3+ 22.Kd1 Bf3+ 23.Kc2 Nxd4+-+]

17...Rb8 18.Qa6 Kd7 19.Qd3 Na5 20.Qe3

[20.Rxg7 Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V' Nc4 21.Bc1 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Rhg8 23.Qf5+ Be6 24.Qg5 Rxg7 25.Qxg7 Qe1∓]

[RR20.Rg4!? Beliavsky,Alexander G Qf6 21.Re1∞]

[20.Re1! Beliavsky,Alexander G Nc4 *(20...Rhe8?! 21.Rxe8 Rxe8? 22.Qb5+; 20...Bc4 21.Qe3 Qxe3+ 22.Rxe3∞)* 21.Bc1 Qf6∞ Jelen,Ig *(21...Qd6 22.Qf5+)*]

20...Qxe3+

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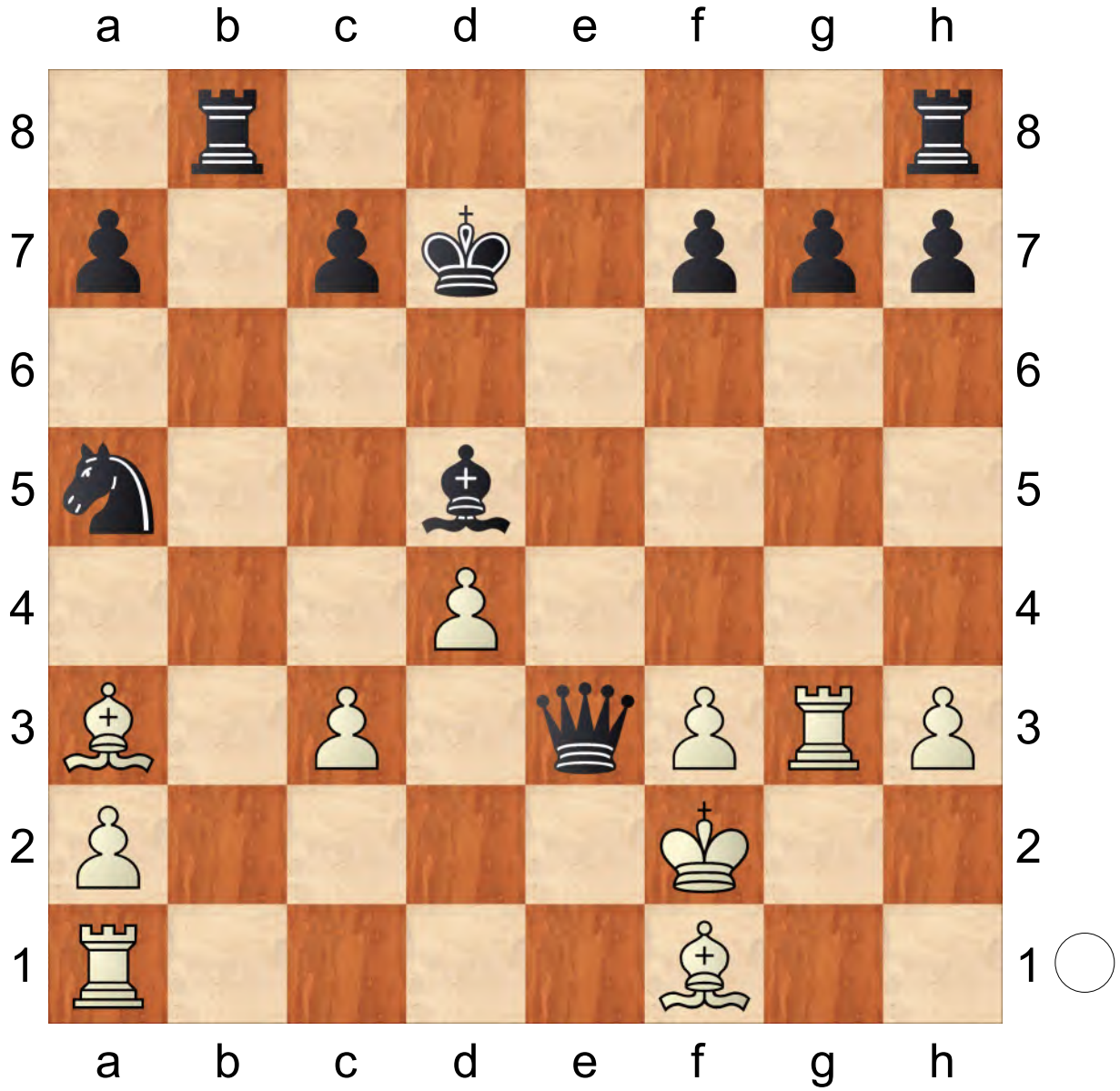

21.Kxe3 Rhe8+ 22.Kd2 g6∓ Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: ' **∓" 23.f4 Re4** Beliavsky,Alexander G: '**∓' 24.Bb4⊕** Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '**⊕"**
[24.Bg2 Beliavsky,Alexander G Nc4+ 25.Kd3 Rxf4 26.Bxd5 Nxa3∓]
24...Nc4+ 25.Bxc4 Bxc4

(Diagram)

26.Re3 Rxf4 27.Re7+ Kc6 28.Rae1 Rf2+ 29.Ke3 Rxa2-+ Beliavsky,Alexander G: 'Mencinger,V: '**-+" 30.Re5 Rb5**

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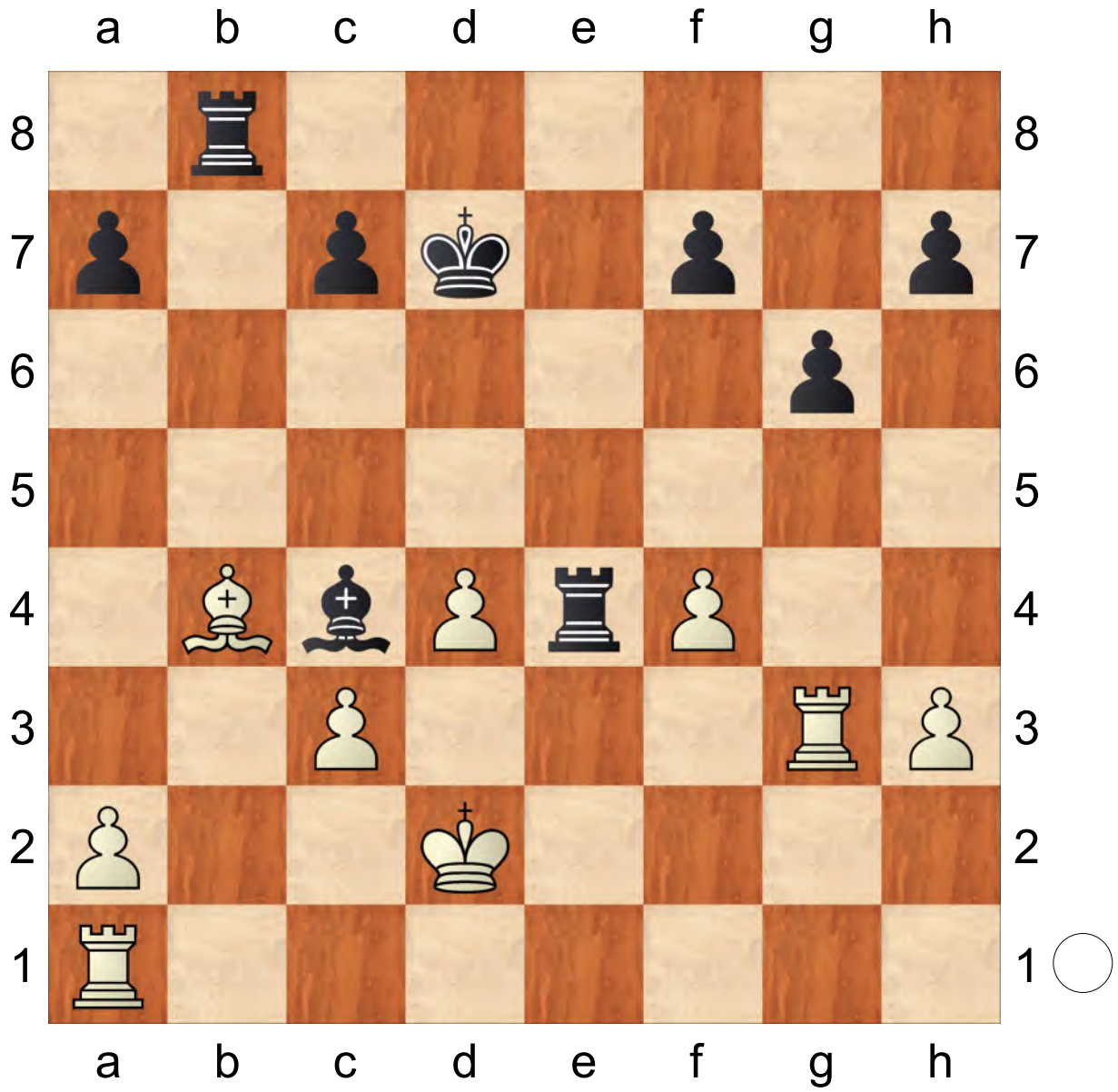
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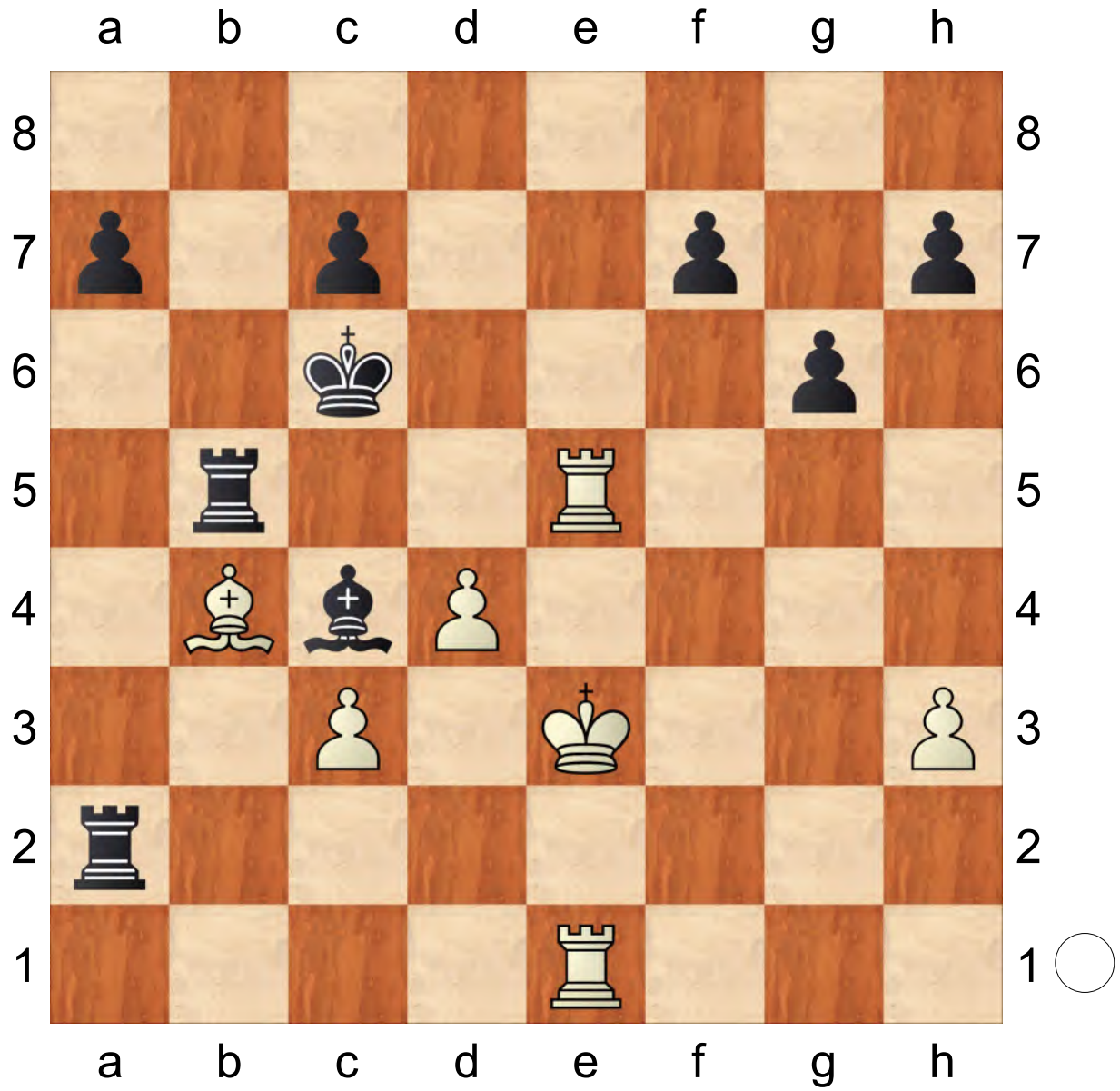

31.Kf4 Rf2+ 32.Kg3 Rf5 33.Rxf5 Rxf5 34.Ra1 a6

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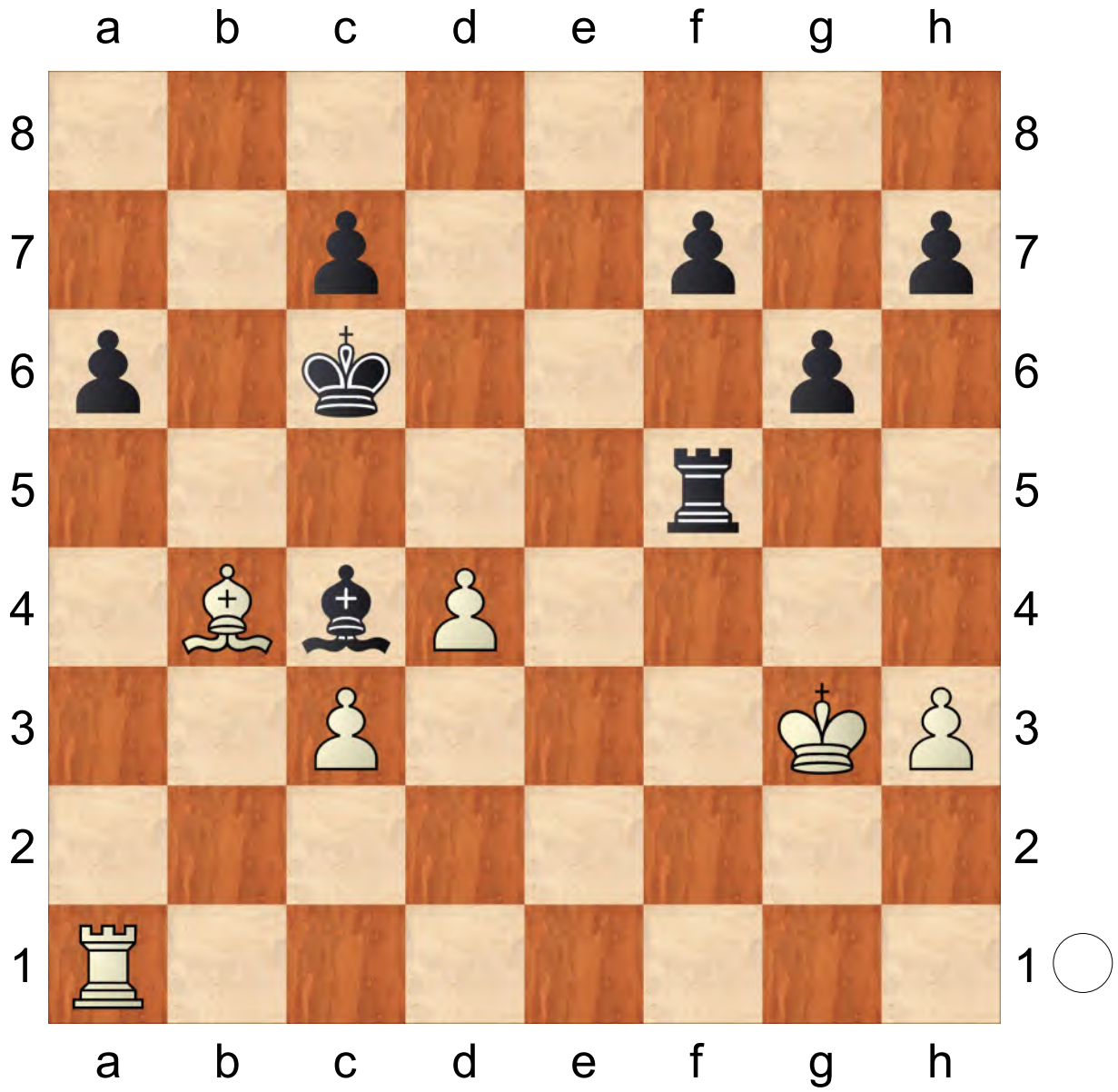
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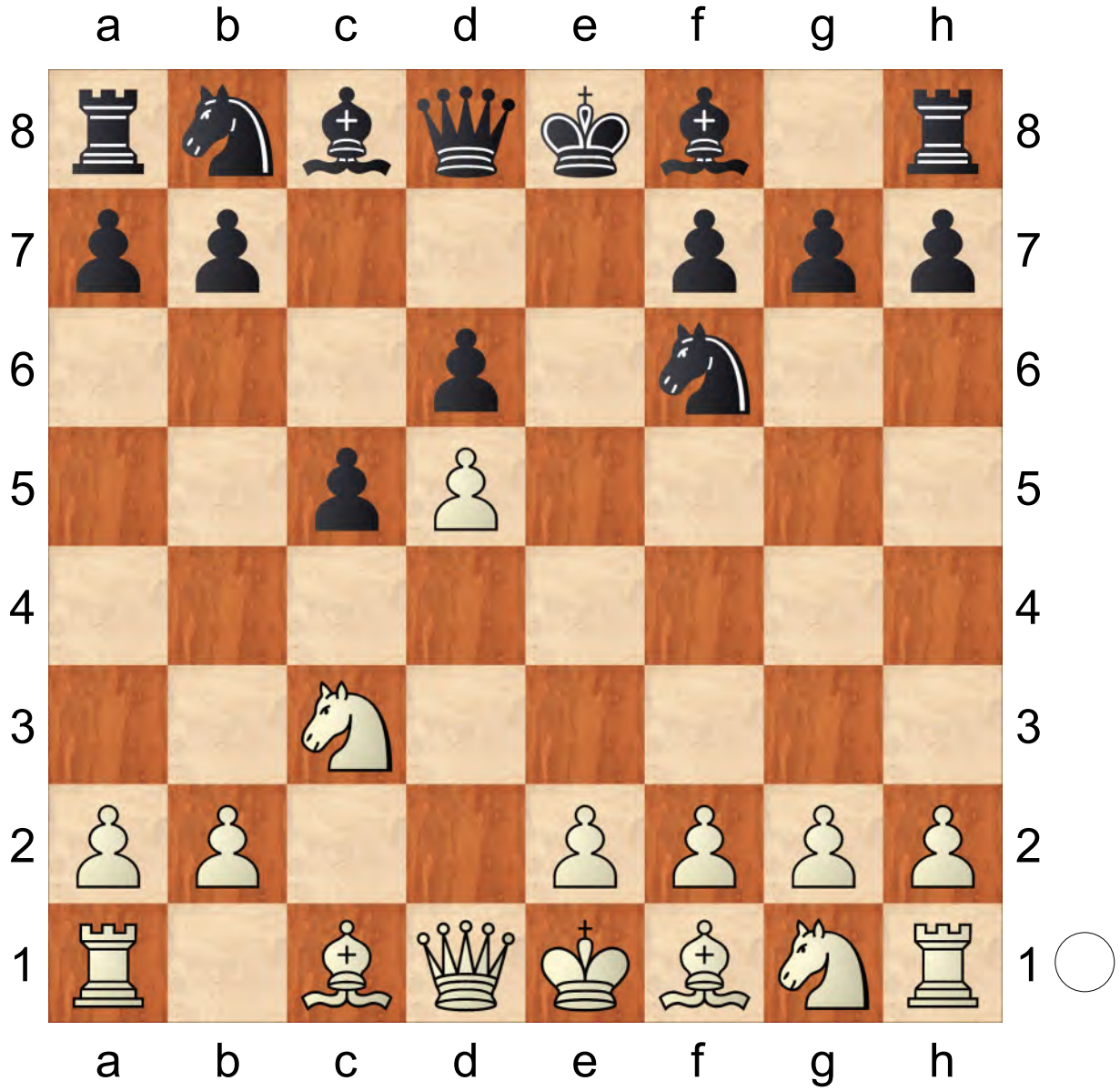
1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3 a6 9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 Nh5

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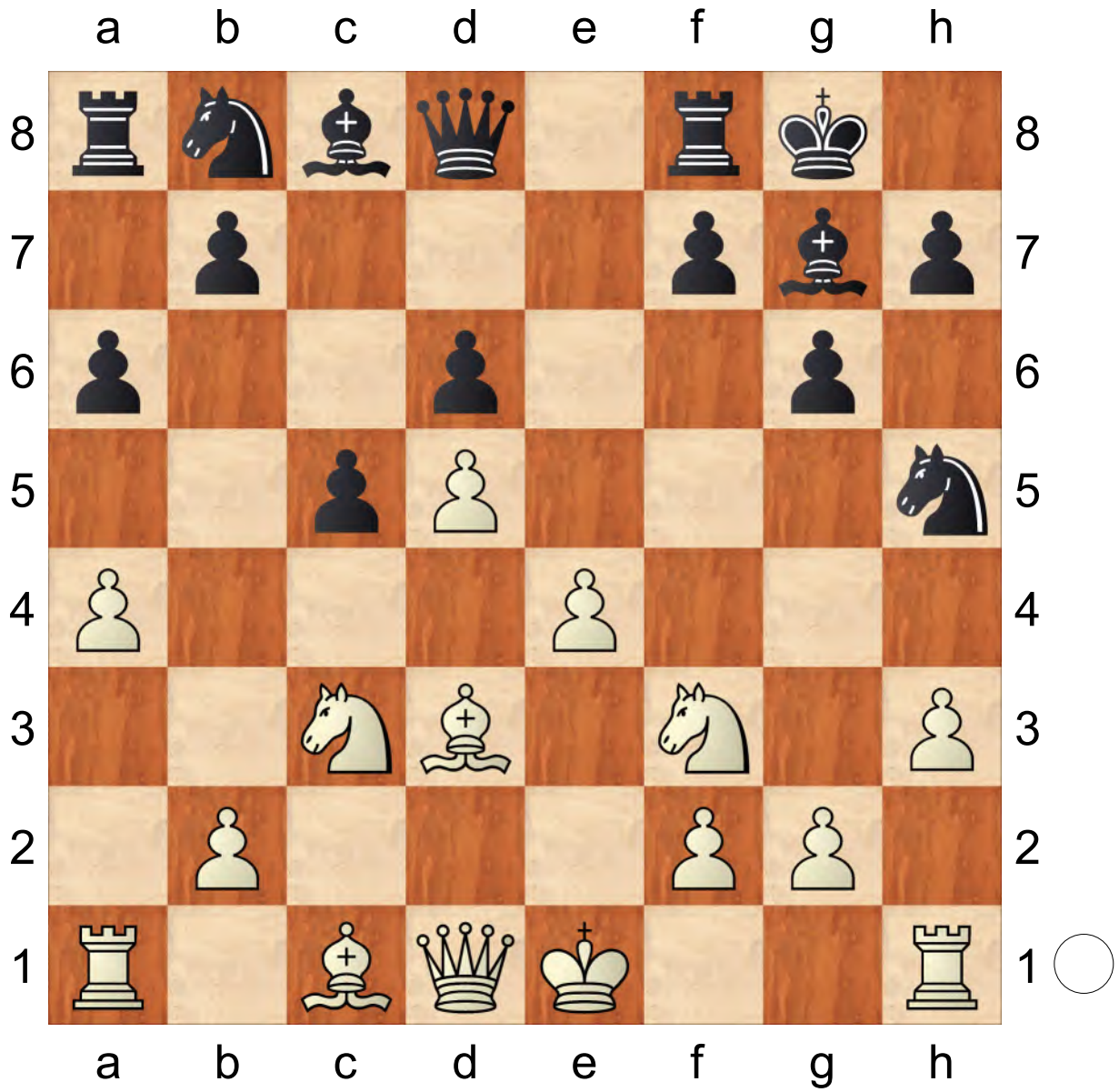
11.0-0 Nd7 This is one of important Modern Benoni "tabyias". Black has secured the



control of several dark squares in the centre (the most important ones are e5 and d4) and has avoided the dangerous break e4-e5 for the moment. On the other hand, White defended his central pawns very well and can decide later on which side he should start concrete actions. **12.Be3** In this variation White tries to take space advantage without any counterplay.

[12.Bg5]
[12.g4]
[12.Be2]
[12.Nd2]
[12.Re1]
[12.Ne2]
[12.a5]

12...Re8

[12...Rb8 13.a5 Re8 14.Re1 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Qc2 Ne5 17.Be2 Qf6!? 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Ra3 Nf4 20.Bf1 g5 21.Rea1 f5!?⇄ 22.Bxf4 gxf4 23.Bd3 c4!? 24.Bxc4 fxe4 25.Bxa6 Bf5⩲ Rodriguez,J-Sanchez,R/Las Palmas op 1997]

[12...Ne5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3

A) 14...Qh4?! 15.Bxh5!? *(15.Qd2 Bf6 16.Ne2 Re8 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Be7 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Bg3 Qf6 21.e5! dxe5 22.Bxe5 Qg5 23.Bf4 Qf6 24.d6!± Vybiral,Z-Jaworski,M/Ceske Budejovice op 1992)* 15...gxh5 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bh4 Bd7 19.a5 Kh8 20.Rab1 Rg8 21.Qf4 Bxh3 22.Bg3 f5 23.exf5!? *(23.Qxd6?! Qxd6 24.Bxd6 Bd4∓ Krallmann,M-Weidemann,C/Muenster 1998)* 23...h4 24.Rbe1 Be5 25.Rxe5!? dxe5 26.Qxe5+ Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.gxh3 hxg3 29.fxg3±;

B) 14...Nf6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a5 Nd7!? *(16...Bd7 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Bb5 19.Rfe1 Nd7 20.g3 Ne5 21.Bg2 Qf6 22.Qe3 Rac8 23.Red1 c4⇄ Kunin,V-Huhndorf,A/Bad Woerishofen GER 2003)* 17.Na4 Rb8 18.Rab1 f5!? 19.b4 *(19.exf5 Ne5!?⩲)* 19...fxe4 20.Bg4 Ne5 21.Bxc8 Qxc8 22.Qe2?! Qf5 23.bxc5 Nf3+! 24.Kh1 Qe5 25.gxf3 *(25.g3?? Qh5 26.h4 Qg4* 0-1 Vasilev,M-Chatalbashev,B/Calvi FRA 2004*)* 25...Qh5 26.h4! *(Δ26.Kg2 Rf8)* 26...Qxh4+ *(26...Rf8 27.Bg5!)* 27.Kg2 exf3+ 28.Qxf3 Qxa4∓]

[12...b6

A) 13.Qd2

A1) 13...Bb7?! 14.g4 Nhf6 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Bg5 Qd6 19.f4 Nd7 20.f5 f6 *(20...c4!?)* 21.Be3 g5 22.Rab1 Rfc8 23.Bc4 Kf7 24.Ne2 Bf8 25.Kf2 Be7 26.Rh1 Rh8 27.h4⩱ Marsland,S-Kessler,D/cr compuserve 1997;

A2) 13...Ne5 14.Nxe5 *(14.Be2 f5 15.exf5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Bxf5 17.Rfe1 Nf6⇄)* 14...Bxe5 15.f4 Bg7 16.Qf2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qf3 Nf6 19.Rae1 Ra7 20.Bf2 Re8 21.Qd1 Rae7 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Qc2 Qd7 24.Qb3 ½-½ Arduman,C-Quinn,M/Leon ESP 2001;

A3) 13...Ra7 14.Rab1 Ne5 15.Be2 *(15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.a5 bxa5 17.f4 Bg7 18.e5!? Ng3 19.Rfe1 Nf5 20.Bf2±)* 15...Nxf3+ *(15...f5!?)* 16.Bxf3 Nf6 17.b4 Nd7 18.Rfc1 f5 19.a5!? Ne5 20.Be2 fxe4 *(20...f4!? 21.Bxf4 cxb4 22.Rxb4 b5 23.Be3 Qxa5 24.Ra4!±)* 21.axb6 Raf7 22.bxc5 Qh4 23.Nxe4! Qxe4 24.Rb4 Qf5 25.Rf4 Qd7 26.c6+- Aloma Vidal,R-Recuero Guerra,D/Toledo 2003;

B) 13.Re1 Ne5 14.Be2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Nf6 16.e5?! *(16.Qd2 Nd7 17.Be2 Re8 18.Bf1 Rb8 19.Rab1 Qf6⇄)* 16...dxe5 17.d6 Rb8 18.Bg5 Be6 19.Rxe5 h6 20.Bh4 Qd7 21.Bg3 Rfd8 22.Re2 Kh7 23.Rc1 Bf8 24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Bxd6!? 26.Rd2 Bxg3 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Qe2 Bc7 29.Qxa6 Rd2⩲ Uralde,O-Neto,H/ICCF Email 2001;

C) 13.Be2 Re8 14.Nd2 Nhf6 15.Qc2 Rb8

C1) 16.Rae1 Qc7 17.f4 Bb7 18.Bc4 Rbd8 19.Qd3 Qc8 20.Bf2 Nh5 21.Qf3 Bh6 22.Be3 Bg7 23.g4 Nhf6 24.Bf2 h6 25.Bh4 Qc7 26.Qd3± Akobian,V-Langer,M/Los Angeles USA 2001;

C2) 16.Bf4 Qc7 17.Bh2 *(17.Nc4 Ne5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Be3±)* 17...Bb7 18.Rfe1 Bc8 19.Rac1 Re7 20.f4 Ne8 21.Nf3 c4 22.Kh1 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bf1 Ba6 25.b4 cxb3 26.Qxb3 Qa5 27.e5!? Nc5 Sugden,J-Trangmar,A/BCF-ch Qualifier [D/ 1971 28.Qd1!**±**;

C3) 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Na3 Qe7 *(17...Ned7)* 18.Rae1 Bb7 19.f4 Ned7 20.Bf3 Rec8 21.Nc4 Ne8 22.Bd2 Ba8 23.Kh1 *(23.e5!? dxe5 24.fxe5 b5 25.d6±)* 23...b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Na5 b4 26.Nd1 c4 27.Nxc4 Nb6 28.Nde3 Bb7 29.b3 Ba6 30.Be2 Nf6 31.Bd3 Nh5 32.Rf3**±** Ristic,N-Van der Griendt,J/Dieren op 1990]

[12...Qe7

A) 13.Nd2 Re8 14.Be2 Nhf6

A1) 15.-- Rf8 16.Qc2 Ne8 17.Rfe1 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5?! *(18...gxf5 19.Nf3 f4 20.Bd2 Ne5±)* 19.Bg4 Rf8 20.Be6+ *(20.Bxc5 Ne5 21.Bxc8 Rxc8 22.Bd4 Qf7 23.Rac1 Nc7 24.Nce4 Qxd5 25.Qb3±)* 20...Kh8 21.f4 Qd8 22.Nf3 Ndf6 23.Ng5**±** Tornerup,J-Hansen,H/Copenhagen 2000;

A2) 15.Qc2 Rb8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Nc4 Rb4 19.Na5 Nb8 20.Bf3 Bd7 *(20...Nfd7!?⇄)* 21.Rfe1 Qd8 22.Ra3 Re7 23.Bg5 h6 24.Bh4 g5 25.Bg3 Ne8 26.Rd1**±** Krzywda,A-Jakubowski,J/Polanica Zdroj 2004;

B) 13.Re1

B1) 13...Ne5 14.Be2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Nf6 16.e5!? *(16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Bd7 * 18.-- Rab8 19.Qd2 Rfe8 20.g4 Qf8 21.Bg2 Nh7 22.Bg3 f5!? 23.exf5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Qxe1 Nf6 28.Qe3 Nd7⇄* Molnar,L-Mansurov,V/Kobanya op 1996*)* 16...dxe5 17.d6 Qe6 18.Bxc5 Bd7 19.Nd5 Rab8 20.Ba7 Rbd8 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Bxb7**±** Irwanto,S-Rayner,F/Bled SLO 2002;

B2) 13...Rb8 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Rad1 *(17.f4!±)* 17...Bd7 18.Ra1 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra7 b4 21.Ne2 Ra8 22.Rea1 Rxa7 23.Rxa7 Qd8 24.Bg5**±** Adriaans,M-Jannink,B/NLD-ch J20 1995;

B3) 13...Re8 14.--

B3a) 14...Ne5 15.Bf1 *(15.Be2! Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nf6 17.a5±)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 b6 17.g4 Nf6 18.Qg3 Nd7 19.f4 Qf8 20.Bg2 Rb8 21.Rf1 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.e5!? Nb6 *(23...dxe5 24.f5 c4!?⇄)*

B3a1) 24.Nxb5!? Nc4 25.Nxd6 Nxd6 26.Bxc5!? *(Δ26.exd6?? Rxe3-+)* 26...Ne4! 27.Bxf8 Nxg3 28.Bd6 Nxf1 29.Bxb8 Ne3=;

B3a2) 24.Ra7?! Nc4 25.Bc1 dxe5 26.Ne4 *(26.f5!?)* 26...exf4 27.Bxf4 Rb7**∓** Kanko,I-Innala,H/Ch Finland (team) 1994;

B3b) 14...Nhf6 15.-- *(15.Qd2 Qf8 16.Rab1 h6 17.b4 c4 18.Bc2 g5 19.Bd4 Nh5 20.g3 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Ng7 22.f4±* Rojo Huerta,G-Vehi Bach, V/Pontevedra 2002 *)*

B3b1) 15...Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.f4 Qe7 18.Qf3 Nd7 19.Bf2 Qf6?! *(19...Rb8)* 20.Rf1 g5?! 21.e5! *(21.fxg5 Qxf3 22.gxf3 Ne5 23.Be2 Bxh3 24.Rfd1 Ng6⇄* Daamen,F-Simons,R/1992*)* 21...Qxf4 22.Qh5 Bxe5 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Bg3 Qd4+ 25.Kh1**±**;

B3b2) 15...b6 16.Qc2 *(16.Qd2* see below Horvath,C-Hardicsay,P/1992 *)* 16...h6 17.Rac1 Nh5 *(17...g5!?)* 18.Qd2 g5 19.Rb1 Nhf6 *(19...Ne5 20.Be2!±)* 20.b4

B3b21) 20...Ne5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Ne2?! *(22.Rec1!?±)* 22...Nxe4!? 23.Bxe4 Qxe4 24.a5!? *(24.Bxc5 Bb7 25.Bxb6 Qxd5⇄)* 24...bxa5 25.bxc5 dxc5 26.Ng3 Qg6 27.Bxc5 Bd7 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rb6± Flumbort,A-Arnold,L/Budapest 1998;

B3b22) 20...g4!? 21.hxg4 Nxg4 22.Bf4 Nde5 23.Be2 Ng6 24.Bg3 Qf6 ½-½ Perez,J-Balza,F/IECG 2002;

B3b3) 15...Rb8 16.Nd2 Qf8 17.f4 h6 18.Qc2 b6 19.Bc4 Bb7 20.Qd3 Ra8 21.Nf3 Qe7 22.Bd2 Nh7 23.Re2 g5 24.e5!?± Korotylev,A-Stocek,J/Pardubice 1996;

B3b4) 15...h6 16.Qd2 g5 17.h4?! *(17.Rab1* see above Flumbort,A-Arnold,L *)* 17...g4 18.Nh2 Ne5 19.Be2 Nh5 20.Bxh6 Qf6 *(20...g3 21.fxg3 Nxg3 22.Bg5∞)* 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.g3 Qg6 23.a5 Re7 *(23...f5!?)* 24.Bf1 Bd7 25.Ra3 Rae8 26.Nd1± Van der Sterren,P-Vokac,M/Prague 1992;

B3c) 14...Qf8 15.Qd2

B3c1) 15...f5!? 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Bg5 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 *(18...dxe5?! 19.a5 h6 20.Be2 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Na4±)* 19.Kh1 Bd7 20.Bh6 Qf7 21.Be2 Nf6 22.b3 Poetsch,K-Boehm,M/Bad Wiessee 1997 Ne4!? 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Qg5+ Qg6 25.Ra2 Qxg5 26.Bxg5 b5∓;

B3c2) 15...Rb8 16.Rab1 h6 17.Nh2 Nhf6 18.f4 c4!? 19.Be2? *(19.Bxc4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Rbc1=)* 19...b5 *(19...Nxe4!? 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Bf3 Re7 22.Ba7 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Ra8 24.Bd4 b5∓)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.b4 cxb3 22.Rxb3 b4∓ Tolkacheva,V-Matseyko,K/Alushta UKR Summer Games w 2003;

B3c3) 15...h6

B3c31) 16.g4 Nhf6 17.Bf4 Nh7

B3c311) 18.a5 b5!? *(18...g5 19.Bg3 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.Na4±)* 19.axb6 Nxb6 *(19...Rb8 20.Na4 Nxb6 21.Nxc5±)* 20.Rad1!?± *(20.e5 dxe5 21.Nxe5 Bb7⇄)*;

B3c312) 18.Bf1?! g5! 19.Bg3 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.a5 *(22.Nb1 Bd7 23.Na3 b5! 24.axb5 axb5∞)* 22...Bd7 23.Re3 *(23.Rab1!? Δb4↑)* 23...Rae8 24.Bg2 h5! 25.gxh5 *(25.f3?! Qh6 Δ♘f8-g6-f4 →)* 25...Qh6 26.Rg3 Kh8 *(26...Qxh5? 27.f4±)*

B3c3121) 27.Bf3 Nf6 28.h4 *(28.Bg4 Bxg4 29.hxg4 Nxe4 30.Nxe4 Rxe4∓ ⇔e)* 28...Rg8 Δ♘h5↑;

B3c3122) 27.Rf1 Rg8 *(27...Qxh5 28.f4 gxf4 29.Qxf4 Rg8∞)* 28.f4 *(28.Bf3 Nf6 29.Bg4 Bb5!∓)* 28...gxf4 29.Qxf4 Qxf4 30.Rxg8+ Kxg8 31.Rxf4 Rxh5= Epishin,V-Minasian,A/

Groningen 1990 [Stohl,I];

B3c32) 16.Rab1 b6 17.b4 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Qc2 Ne5 *(19...f4 20.Bd2 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 cxb4 22.Ne4 Nc5 23.Bxb4±)* 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bd2 Ra7 22.a5?! *(22.bxc5!? bxc5 23.Qd1 Ng7 24.Qf3 Qf6 25.Ne2 Rae7 26.Rb6±)* 22...b5 23.bxc5?! *(23.Nxb5! axb5 24.Bxb5 Bd7 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.b5±)* 23...dxc5 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Bxb5 Bd7 26.Bxd7 Rxd7 27.Rb6 Bd4!? *(27...Qf7?! 28.Re6 Rxd5 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.a6±; 27...Rg7? 28.Bxh6 Bf4 29.Rxe8 Qxe8 30.Re6 Re7 31.Qxf5+-* Izoria,Z-Zhang Pengxiang/Yerevan 2000*; 27...Rxd5 28.a6 Bc7 29.Qc4 Rxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Bxb6 31.Qxd5+ Qf7 32.Qc6 Ba7 33.Qxh6=* Akobian,V-Zhang Pengxiang/ Yerevan 2000 *)* 28.Rxe8 Qxe8 29.a6

B3c321) Δ29...Qe2? 30.Rb8+ Kf7 31.Rf8++-;

B3c322) Δ29...Ng3?! 30.Re6**±**;

B3c323) 29...Nf6 30.Qxf5 Qe5 31.Qxe5 *(31.Qe6+ Qxe6 32.dxe6 Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Rxd2+ 34.Kf3 Ra2 35.e7 Ra3+=)* 31...Bxe5 32.d6 Kf7 33.Be3 Bd4 34.Rb7 Rxb7 35.axb7 Nd7 36.Bxh6**±**;

B3c324) 29...Qe5 30.Rb7 *(30.d6 Kh7 31.Qa4 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Qxd6 33.a7 Bxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 35.Kg1 Ng3 36.Qa1 Qe3+ 37.Kh2 Qf2 38.a8Q Nf1+ 39.Kh1 Ng3+ 40.Kh2=; 30.Qa4 Rd8 31.Re6 Qxd5 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Rxd8 Qxd8 34.a7 Bxf2+=)* 30...Rg7 31.Rxg7+ *(31.d6 Bxf2+!=)* 31...Kxg7 32.a7 Qxd5 33.Bc3 Nf4 34.Bxd4+ Kg6 35.f3 cxd4 36.Qc8 Qa2 37.Qe8+=]

13.Qd2

[13.Qc2 Rb8 14.Rae1 *(14.Rab1 Qc7 15.Nd2 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Bd7 19.Qd3 Nh5 20.Bh2 f5 21.Rbe1 Kh8 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Qd2 Nf6 24.g4 Bd7 25.Qf4 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Re8 27.Re3 Rxe3 28.fxe3 Ne8 29.Ne4 Bxa4 30.b3 Bb5 31.Nxd6±* Bekmukhamedova,T-Sycova,M/WchJW-U14 Bratislava 1993*)* 14...b6 15.g4 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Qc7 17.Qe2 Bb7!? 18.Bxa6 Nxd5!? 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qd3 Bb7!? *(20...Be6?! 21.Bxd6 Qa7 22.Bxb8 Qxb8 23.Bb5±* Harestad,H-Georgiev,K/Panormo GRE 2001*)* 21.Bb5 *(Δ21.Bxd6? Bxa6 22.Bxc7 Bxd3 23.Bxb8 Nxb8-+)* 21...Be5 22.Bxd7 c4 *(22...Bxf4 23.Bxe8 Rxe8≅)* 23.Qd1 Red8 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.Bg3 Ra8 26.Re3 h6 27.b3 cxb3 28.Rxb3 Bxe4 29.Qe2 Bd5 30.Bxe5 Qxd7 31.Rxb6 Re8=]

[More often met by 13.Re1!? and White prepares a breakthrough in the centre.

A) 13...Qe7?! 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Be2 Nf6 16.f4 Ned7 17.Bf3 Rb8**±** Sasata,R-Hameister,R/IECG 1999;

B) 13...Rb8 14.Rc1 *(14.Qd2)* 14...Ne5 15.Be2 Nxf3+ *(15...Qf6!?⇄)* 16.Bxf3

B1) 16...Nf6?! 17.Bf4 Δe5↑ Chernin,A b5 *(17...Qc7 18.b4!)* 18.axb5 axb5 19.e5! dxe5 20.Bxe5 Rb6 21.d6 Bb7 22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Qf3 Rb6 24.Rcd1**±** A.K.;

B2) 16...Qh4!?;

B3) 16...b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.b4! cxb4 19.Na2! b3 *(19...Qa5 20.Qd2±)* 20.Qxb3

B3a) 20...Qf6 21.Bxh5 gxh5 22.Nb4! Qb2 *(22...Rxe4 23.Ba7! Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Ra8 25.Re8+ Bf8 26.Nc6 Bb7 27.Ne7++-; 22...Qg6 23.Bf4±)* 23.Qxb2 Bxb2 24.Rc2 Ba3 *(24...Bf6 25.Bf4±)* 25.Bd2!+- Chernin,A-Minasjan,A/Lvov 1990;

B3b) 20...Qh4!? 21.Bxh5 gxh5 *(21...Qxh5?! 22.Bf4±)* 22.Nb4!?**±**;

C) 13...Ne5

C1) 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Qd2 Qf6 *(15...Qh4!? 16.a5 Rb8 Δ17.Bg5 Bf4!? 18.Bxh4 Bxd2 19.Red1 Bh6⇄)* 16.Bg5 Bf4!? 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Bf1 Qg5 19.Kh2 f6?! *(19...h6 20.g3 Ne6!? 21.f4 Nd4 22.Qxd4! cxd4 23.fxg5 dxc3 24.gxh6 cxb2 25.Rab1 f5 26.Rxb2 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 fxe4 28.a5±)* 20.Rad1 Nh5 21.Qxg5 fxg5 22.e5! Rxe5 23.Rxe5 dxe5 24.Ne4 b6 25.a5 Bf5 26.Nxg5 Nf6 27.axb6 Rb8 28.g4 Bd7 29.Nf3 Rxb6 30.g5 Ne4 31.Nxe5**±** Bobula,M-Dudukovic,N/Urgup 2004;

C2) 14.Be2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3

C2a) 15...Re5 16.g4!? Nf6 17.Bg2 Re8 18.Bf4 Qb6 *(18...Nd7!? Δ19.Bxd6?! Qb6!?)* 19.a5 Qd8 20.Qd2 h5 21.g5 Nh7 22.Na4 Be5 23.Be3 Rb8 24.Nb6**±** f6? 25.f4+- Stimpel,F-Hausknecht,M/Bruchkoebel 1993;

C2b) 15...Qh4 16.Qd2**±**;

C2c) 15...Nf6 16.Bf4 Nd7!?

C2c1) 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.Be2 Bd7 *(18...f5∞; 18...Be6 19.Bh2 g5 20.f4∞)* 19.Bh2 g5 20.f4!?**∞**;

C2c2) 17.Bxd6! Qb6 18.e5□ *(18.Bf4? Qxb2∓)* 18...Nxe5 19.Bxe5

C2c21) 19...Bxe5?! 20.a5! Qd8 *(20...Qxb2?! 21.Na4⩲)* 21.d6! *(21.Ne4?! Bxb2 22.Ra2 Bd4∓; 21.Qb3* Δ 22.♘e4 was worth a consideration.*)* 21...Re6! *(21...Bd4? 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Nd5±)* 22.Qb3! *(22.Bd5 Bxc3! 23.bxc3 Rxd6 24.Qa4 Bd7 25.Qb3∞)*

C2c211) 22...Bxd6?! 23.Rxe6 Bxe6 *(23...fxe6 24.Rd1±)* 24.Qxb7**±**;

C2c212) 22...Qxd6 23.Bd5 *(23.Rad1 Bd4)* 23...Re7 *(23...Bxc3 24.Bxe6 Bxe1 25.Bxf7+±* Kortschnoj*)* 24.Ne4 Qc7 25.Ng5 Polgar,Z-Yudasin,L/Pamplona 1991 Bd4 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Nxf7 Kg7 28.Qb6 Bf5 29.Nd6 Rf8⇄ Polgar,Zsu;

C2c22) 19...Rxe5!? 20.Rxe5 *(20.a5? Qxb2∓)* 20...Bxe5 21.Qe2 This variation would not bring a relief to black. f6! '□' *(21...Qd6 22.Ne4± Qxd5? 23.Nf6++-)* 22.a5! *(22.d6 Be6!=)* 22...Qc7 23.Qc4! *(23.d6 Qxd6 24.Rd1 Qc7∞ ⇄ ×a5)* 23...Kg7□ 24.Ne4 Bf5= Cramling,P-Yudasin,L/Dos Hermanas /1992 *(24...Bxb2 25.Nxc5!* Δ ♘e6+- *)*]

13...b6

[13...Rb8 It is necessary to apply this natural manoeuvre for the Modern Benoni

realizing the idea of the releasing break b5, with care, because of ♖b8 frequently gets under X-ray of ♗f4.

A) 14.-- Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.f4 Bg7 17.g4?! *(17.Rf3 f5⇄)* 17...Ng3 18.Rf3 Bxc3! 19.Qxc3 Nxe4 20.Qc2 Nf6 21.f5 Nxd5 22.fxg6 Schroeter,H-Camargo de Miranda,L/Dos Hermanas 2004 Rxe3! 23.gxf7+ Kf8 24.Rxe3 Nxe3 25.Qd2 Qg5 26.Re1 Bxg4!∓;

B) 14.a5 Qc7 15.Bh6 b5 16.axb6 Rxb6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Bc4 Qd8 19.g4? *(19.Ra2)* 19...Qf6! 20.Kg2 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Nf4+ 22.Kg3 dxe5 23.f3 h5∓ Cvek,R-Sadvakasov,D/Guarapuava 1995;

C) 14.Rab1 Δb4

C1) 14...Ne5 15.Be2 Nf6 *(15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nf6 17.b4 Nd7 18.Bf4 cxb4 19.Rxb4 Nc5 20.Rc4 b6 21.Rb1 Rb7 22.g4 f5 23.exf5 gxf5 24.g5 Rc7 25.Qc2 Nd7⇄* Glaser,H-Nyvlt,Z/ICCF Email 2001*)* 16.b4 cxb4 17.Rxb4 Qa5 18.Rfb1 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Nd7 20.Ba7 Ra8 21.Bd4 Nc5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qd4+ f6 24.Rb6± Grabarczyk,M-Lachowski,A/Warszawa 1997;

C2) 14...Qa5 15.Rfc1 Ne5 16.Be2 Nd7 *(16...Nxf3+?! 17.Bxf3 Nf6 18.Bf4!±)* 17.Qc2 Δ♘d2 Qd8 18.Bg5 *(18.g4 Nhf6 19.Nd2 h5 20.g5 Nh7 21.h4 f6⇄)* 18...Bf6 19.Bh6 Bg7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.b4 Nf4 22.Bf1 Qf6 23.Qd1 cxb4 24.Rxb4 Nc5?! *(24...Ne5!?⇄)* 25.Rc4 Nd7 26.Qd4 Ne5 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.Ne2 Nxe2+ 29.Bxe2 Bd7 30.Rc7± Giorgadze,G-Stein,B/ Gausdal 1992;

D) 14.Rfe1

D1) 14...Qe7?!

D1a) 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Bh6 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Bh6 *(22.f4 Bxc3!? 23.bxc3 Qg7⇄)* 22...Qf7 23.Qd3 Kh8 24.Bd2 Rg8 25.Kh1 Rg7 26.Qf3 Rbg8 27.Rg1 Rg3!? 28.fxg3 Nxg3+ 29.Kh2 Nf1+ 30.Kh1 Nxd2 31.Qd3 Qg6!→ Grill,H-Khokhlov,I/ICCF 1995;

D1b) 15.g4 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Bg5 Qd6 19.f4 *(19.a5!?)* 19...Nd7 20.f5 c4 21.Bf1 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Be3 Nc5 24.Qf2 Bf8 25.Ra7 b4 26.Ra5! Nb3 27.Nb5 Qd8 28.Ra7!± Mueller,A-Hausmann,I/1996;

D2) 14...Qc7?! 15.Bh6 Ne5 16.Be2 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3

D2a) 17...Re5 18.Bxg7 Nxg7 19.Be2 g5 *(19...f5!?)* 20.f4 gxf4 21.Rf1 Qe7 22.Rxf4 Bd7 23.Raf1 Rf8 24.a5 f6 25.Bg4!± Lukov,V-Kovacevic,S/ St Quentin 1999;

D2b) 17...Nf6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rac1 Qa5!? 20.Rb1 Bd7 21.b3 Qb4 *(21...b5!? 22.axb5 Bxb5!? Δ23.b4?! cxb4 24.Na2 Bd3! 25.Qxd3 Qxa2 26.Ra1 Qb2 27.Rxa6 Qe5∓)* 22.Qb2 Qd4 23.b4 Rbc8 24.Red1 Qe5 25.Rbc1 cxb4 26.Qxb4 Rc5 27.a5 Rec8 28.Ne2 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 30.Nxc1 Qa1= Nielsen,P-Velickovic,S/FIDE.com 2002;

D3) 14...Ne5 15.Be2 *(15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.f4 Bf6!?⇄)* 15...Nxf3+ *(15...Nf6!? 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.Bf4 Re7 18.Bf3 Ne8⇄)* 16.Bxf3

D3a) 16...Nf6?! 17.Bf4 b5 18.e5!? dxe5 19.Bxe5 Ne4!? *(Δ19...Rb6?! 20.Qf4±)* 20.Nxe4 Rxe5 21.Nxc5 bxa4 22.Rxe5 Bxe5 23.Nd3±;

D3b) 16...b5!? Black agrees to corrupt his pawn structure in order to play a quick b5. 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bxh5 gxh5 19.Bg5 f6 *(19...Qb6?! 20.Bh6 ΔBd4? 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.e5!+-)* 20.Bh6 Rb7 21.Qf4 *(21.Bxg7 Rxg7 22.Re3 b4 23.Ne2 h4⇄)* 21...b4!? *(21...Qe7?!± 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Re3 Qe5 24.Rg3+ Kh8 25.Qh6±* Shengelia,D-Ehlvest,J/Batumi 2002*)* 22.Nb1 f5!? 23.Bxg7 Rxg7 Black was not afraid of doubled pawns as he will have a strong attack because all of White's pieces are on the queenside doing nothing. 24.Nd2 Rf8 *(24...fxe4 25.Nxe4 Rf8 26.Qxd6 Bxh3 27.g3 Qxd6 28.Nxd6 h4 29.Ne4±)* 25.e5!? Bb7!? 26.Qf3 *(26.Nc4?! Bxd5 27.Ne3 dxe5 28.Qxe5 Bf3∞)* 26...dxe5 27.Rxe5 Rd7 28.Nf1 Bxd5⇄]

14.Rfe1 Ra7

[14...Ne5 15.Be2 *(15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.g4 Nf6!?⇄)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nf6 17.Rab1 Nd7 18.b4 Ne5 19.Be2 f5 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Rb7 Qa5 23.Ne4 Henrichsen,J-Andersen,P/Copenhagen 1995 Qxd2 24.Nxd2 Nd3 25.Rd1 Nb2⇄]

[14...Qe7 15.Rab1 Qf8 16.b4 h6 17.Qc2 g5 * 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nd1 Ne5 *(19...Nf4!?)* 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Nb2 Nf4 22.Nc4 Ng6 *(22...Nxd3 23.Qxd3 f5 24.f3 fxe4 25.fxe4 Qg7 26.Rb6±)* 23.Rb6 Qe7 24.Bc1 *(24.a5±)* 24...Qc7 25.Bb2 Rb8 26.a5 Rxb6 27.axb6 Qb8 28.Rb1± Horvath,C-Hardicsay,P/1992]

15.Rad1 Ne5

(Diagram)

16.Be2 Nd7?!

[16...Nxf3+!? 17.Bxf3 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qc7 19.Rc1

A) 19...Nd7

A1) 20.b4 Qb8 21.Rb1 *(21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Ra3⇄)* 21...cxb4 22.Rxb4 Nc5 23.Be3 Rb7 24.Bd4 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Bd7⇄;

A2) 20.Be2 Bd4!? 21.b4 Nf6 22.Qf4 Qe7 23.b5 h6 24.Bxh6 axb5 25.Nxb5 Be5 26.Qf3 Rxa4⇄;

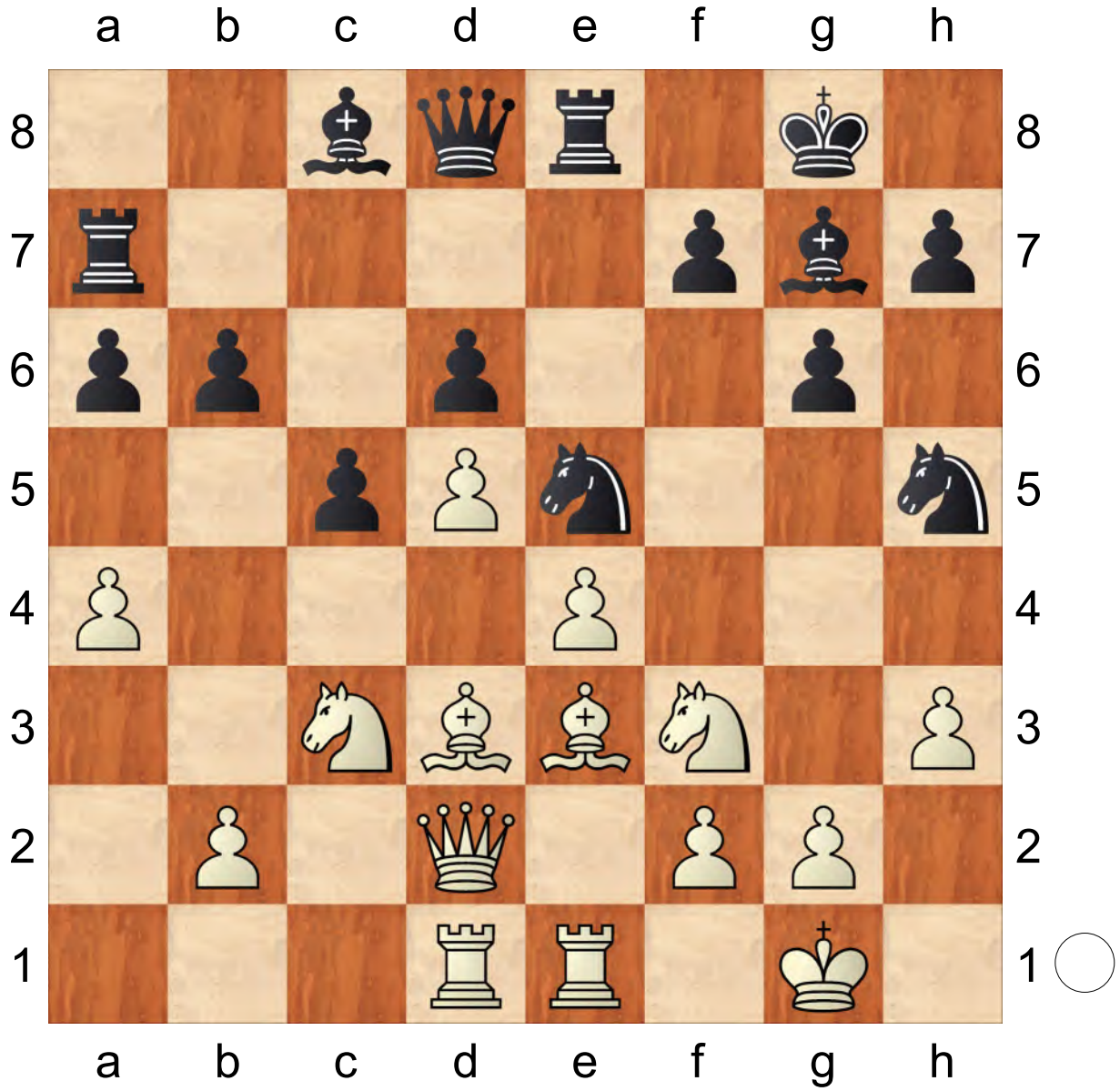
B) 19...h5!? 20.b4 Nh7 21.Bf4 Qd8 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.Bd1!? Rb7 24.Bc2 g5 25.Bg3 Rb4 26.Rb1 a5 *(26...h4 27.Bh2 Nf8 28.Rxb4 cxb4 29.Ne2 b3 30.Bxb3 Rxe4 31.Rc1± g4 32.Bc2 Re8 33.hxg4 Bxg4±)* 27.Nb5 h4 28.Bh2 Be5 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Bd3 Nf8 *(30...Rxa4 31.Ra1 Rb4 32.Na3 Re8 33.Nc2 Rb2 34.Reb1 Rxb1+ 35.Rxb1 g4 36.hxg4 Bxg4 37.Ne3 Qg5 38.Qxa5 Bf3⇄)* 31.Na3 Ng6 32.Nc4 Re8 33.Qc2 Nf4 34.Bf1 Ba6⇄]

17.Bc4 Ne5 18.Be2 Nd7 19.Qc2 Qe7 20.Nd2 Qh4

[20...Qf6!?

A) 21.Nc4 Nf4 22.e5 Nxe2+ 23.Rxe2 Nxe5 24.Ne4 Nf3+ 25.gxf3 Rxe4

A1) 26.Qxe4?! Re7 27.Qd3 Qxf3 28.Nd2 Qxh3 29.Qc4 Bg4 30.f3 *(30.Qxa6 Re5∓)* 30...Bxf3 31.Nxf3 Qg3+∓;

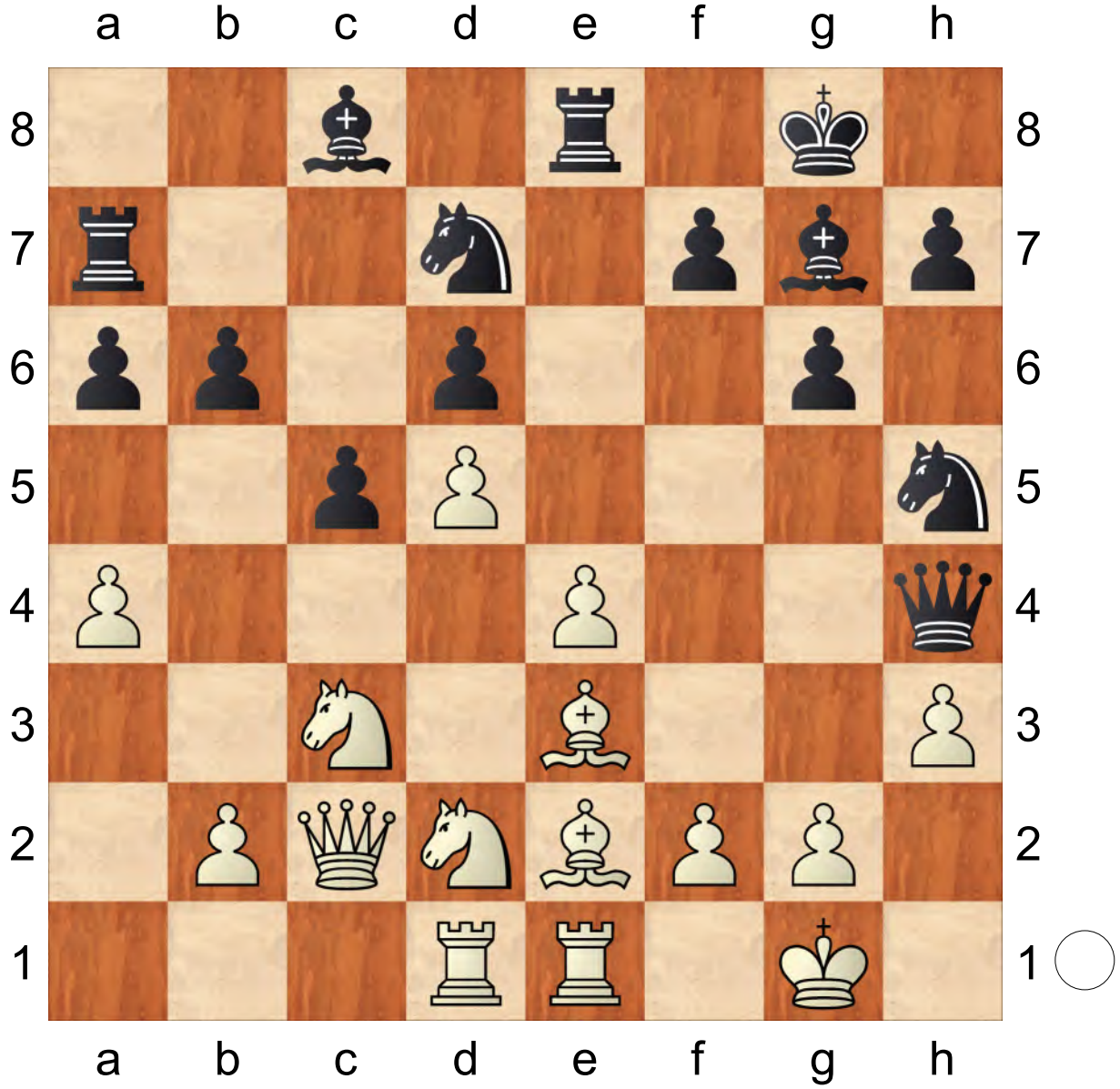


A2) 26.fxe4?! Qf3 27.Bg5 Bxh3 28.Ne3 f6 29.Bh4 Re7∓;
A3) 26.Nxd6 Bxh3 27.Qxe4□ Qxd6 28.Bf4 *(28.Qe8+ Bf8 29.Bh6 Bd7 30.Bxf8 Qxf8 31.Qe4 Bf5 32.Qf4 Rd7±)* 28...Qf8 29.Rde1 h6 30.Qc4 Bd7 31.Be5 Bxe5 32.Rxe5 Qd6 33.f4±;

B) 21.Bxh5!? gxh5 22.Nc4 Qg6 23.Bf4 Ne5 *(23...Be5 24.Bh2 Bxh2+ 25.Kxh2 Rb7 26.Rb1 Ne5 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.b4 h4 29.Qd3 Rg5 30.bxc5±)* 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Kh1 f5 26.Nxe5 dxe5 *(26...Rxe5 27.f4 Re8 28.e5±)* 27.d6! Rg7 28.f3 Kh8 29.Re2 h4 30.a5! b5 31.Red2 Rd8 32.Nd5±;

C) 21.e5! Nxe5 22.Nce4 Qe7 23.f4 f5 24.fxe5 fxe4 25.Bxh5
C1) 25...Qxe5?! 26.Bg4! *(26.Nc4 Qxh5 27.Nxd6 Rf8 28.Nxc8 Rxc8 29.d6 Qf5 30.Qb3+ c4 31.Qxb6 Rf7 32.Qxa6 Qd7 33.Rd5 Rc6 34.Qb5 Rxd6 35.Rxd6 Qxd6 36.Qxc4 Bxb2 37.Qxe4±)* 26...Bxg4 27.hxg4 b5 28.b4 Qxd5 29.bxc5 dxc5 30.axb5 *(30.Bxc5 Bd4+ 31.Bxd4 Qxd4+*

32.Kh1 e3 33.axb5±) 30...axb5 31.Bxc5 Bd4+ 32.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 33.Kh1 e3 34.Qb3+ Rf7 35.Nf3+-;
C2) 25...gxh5 26.e6 Bxe6 27.dxe6 d5 *(27...Qxe6 28.a5 Rb7 29.Nc4 d5!? 30.Nxb6 d4 31.Bf4 Rf7 32.Bh2 e3±)* 28.a5 Qxe6 29.axb6 Qxb6 30.Qxc5 *(30.Bxc5 Rc7 31.Nb3±)* 30...Qxc5 31.Bxc5 Rb7 32.b4 Bc3 33.Re3 Bxb4 34.Nb3±]



21.Nc4± Bf8 22.Qd2 f6?!
[22...Qd8 23.Bxh5 gxh5 24.Qe2±]
23.Bg4 Ne5 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.g3+- Nxg3

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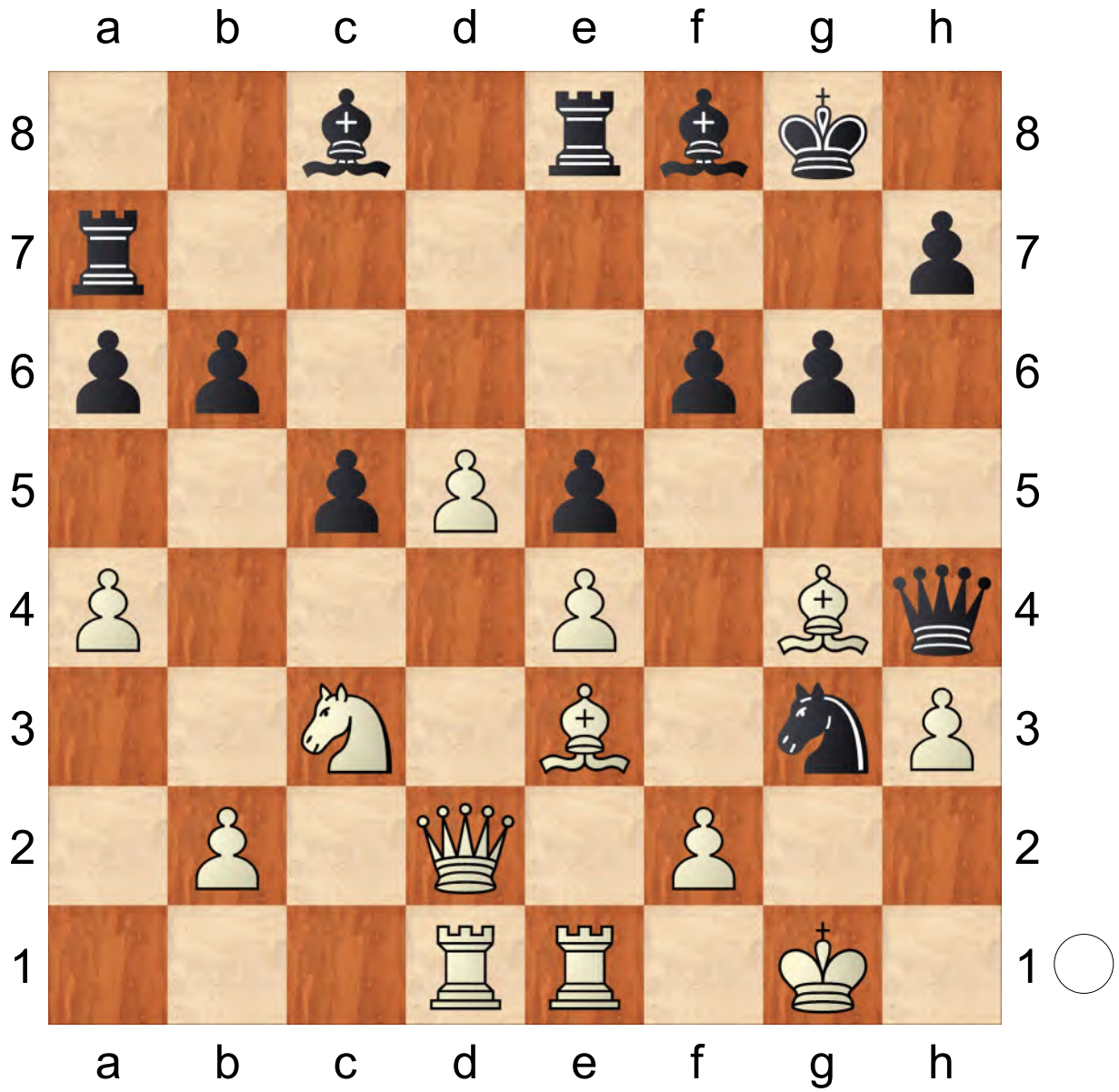


26.fxg3 Qxg3+ 27.Qg2 Qxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Bd6 29.Bxc8 Rxc8 30.Kf3 Kf7

(Diagram)

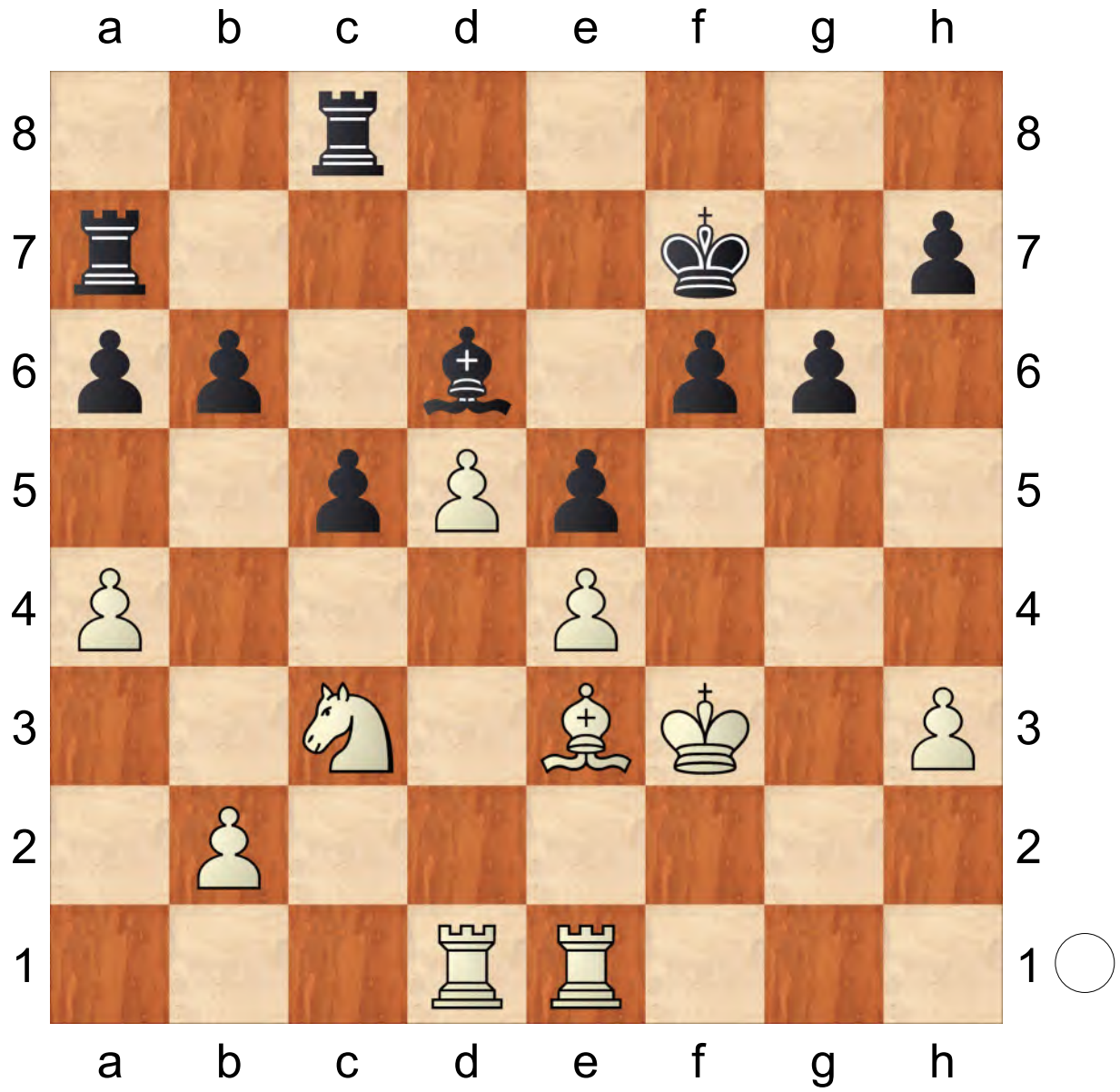
31.Nb1 Rb7 32.Nd2 c4 33.Ra1 Ke7 34.Rec1 b5 35.axb5 axb5

(Diagram)

36.Ra6 Kd7 37.Ke2 Ke7 38.h4 h5 39.Rg1 Rg8 40.Rc6 Rbb8

(Diagram)

41.Ra1 Ra8 42.Rxa8 Rxa8 43.Bc5 Bxc5 44.Rxc5 Rb8 45.Rc7+ Kd6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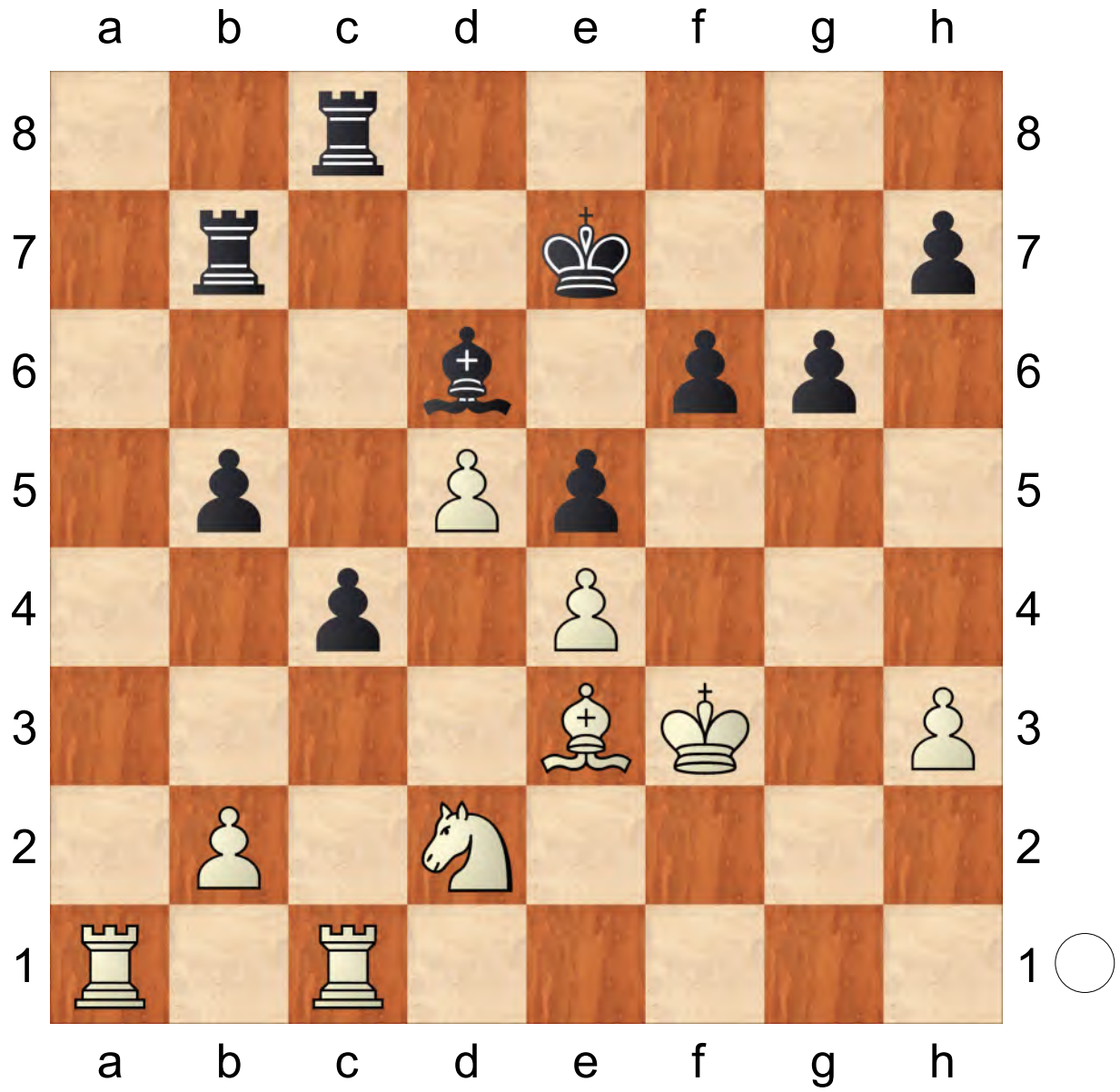
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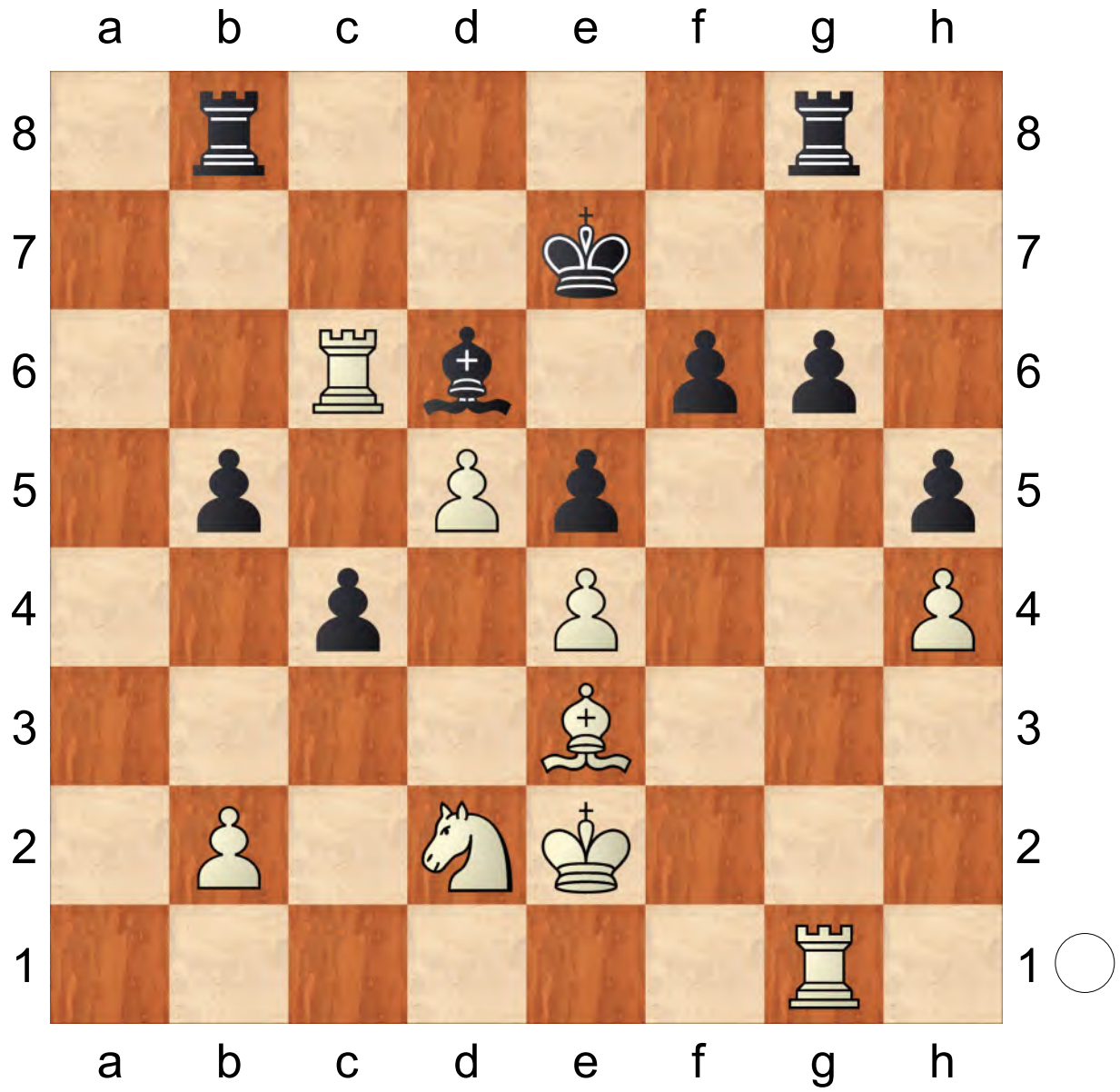
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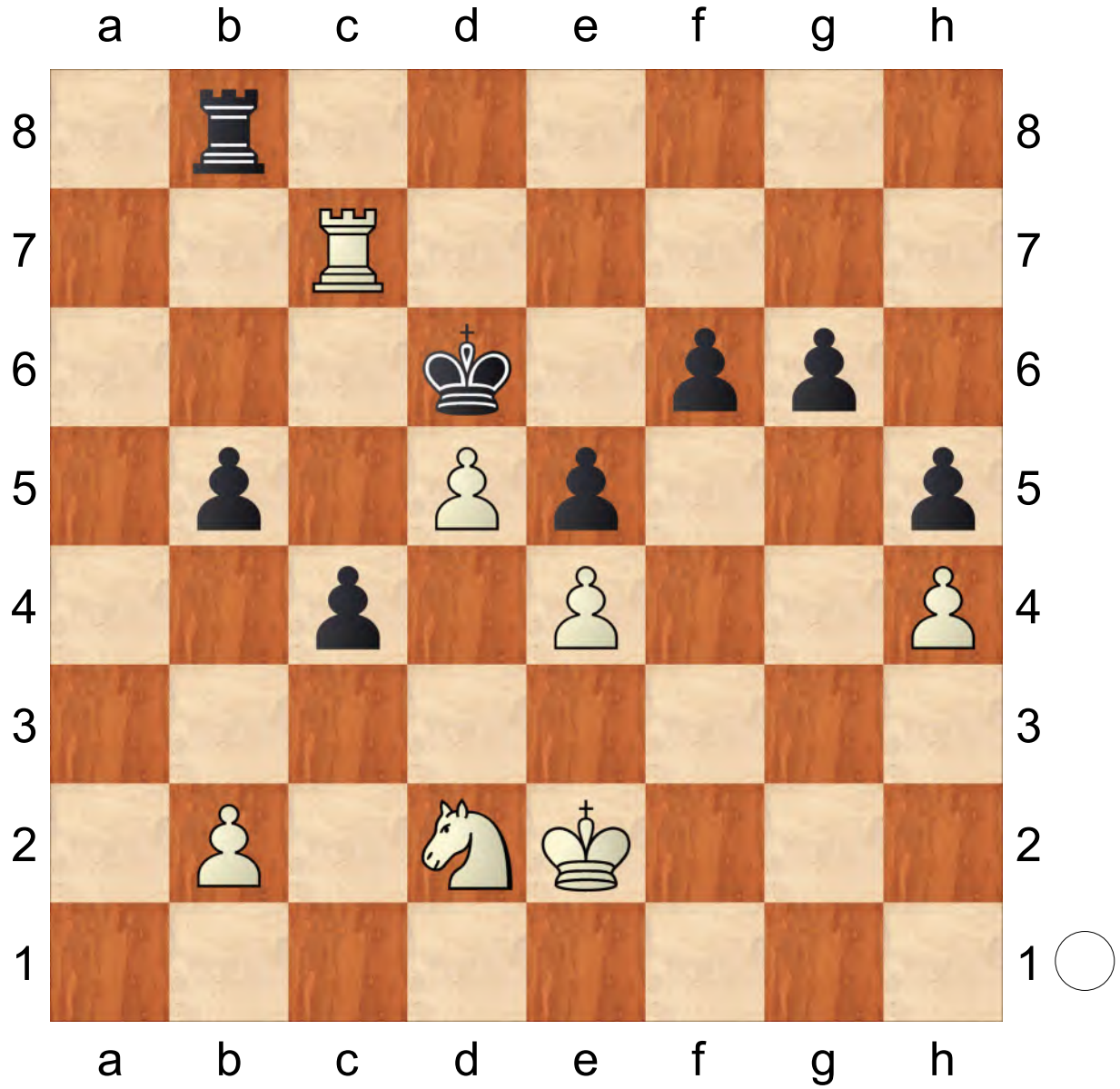

46.Rf7 f5 47.Ke3 f4+ 48.Ke2 Ra8 49.Rf6+ Kc5 50.Nf3 Ra2

(Diagram)

51.Rc6+ Kb4 52.Nxe5 Rxb2+ 53.Kf3 Rd2 54.Kxf4 c3 55.Ke3 Kb3

(Diagram)

56.d6 Kc2 57.d7 b4 58.Rc8 Rxd7 59.Nxd7 b3 60.Nc5 b2

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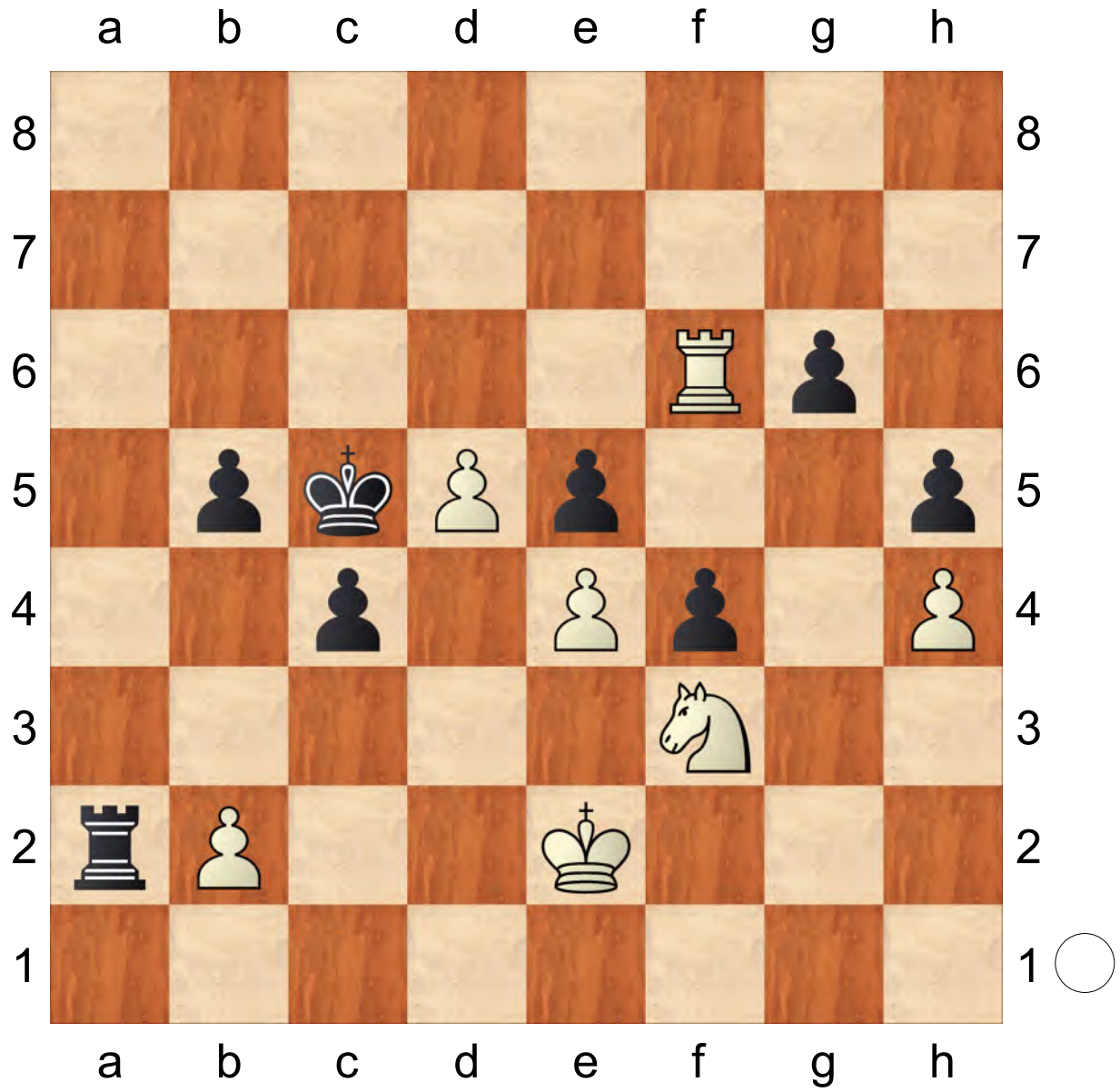
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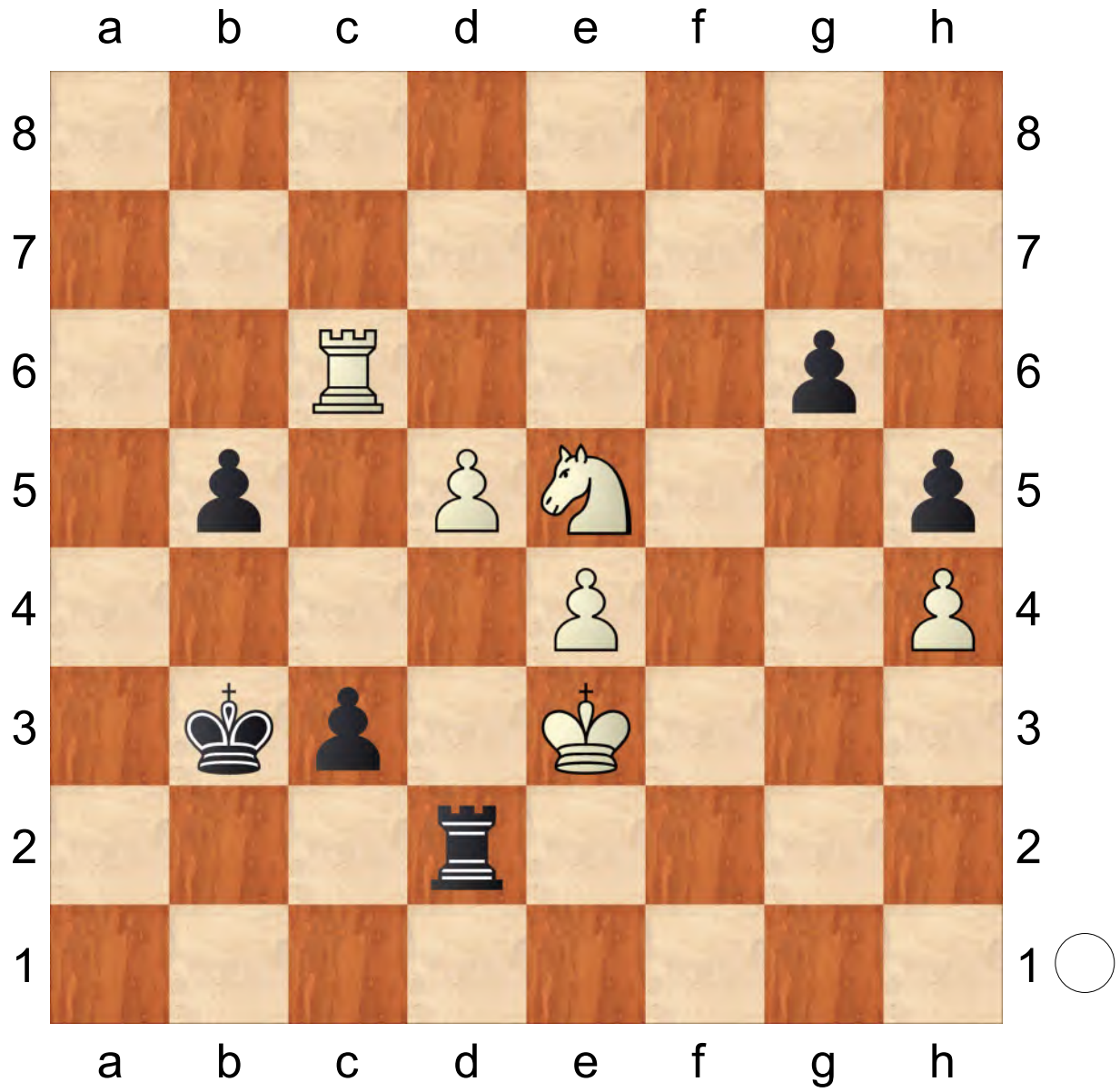
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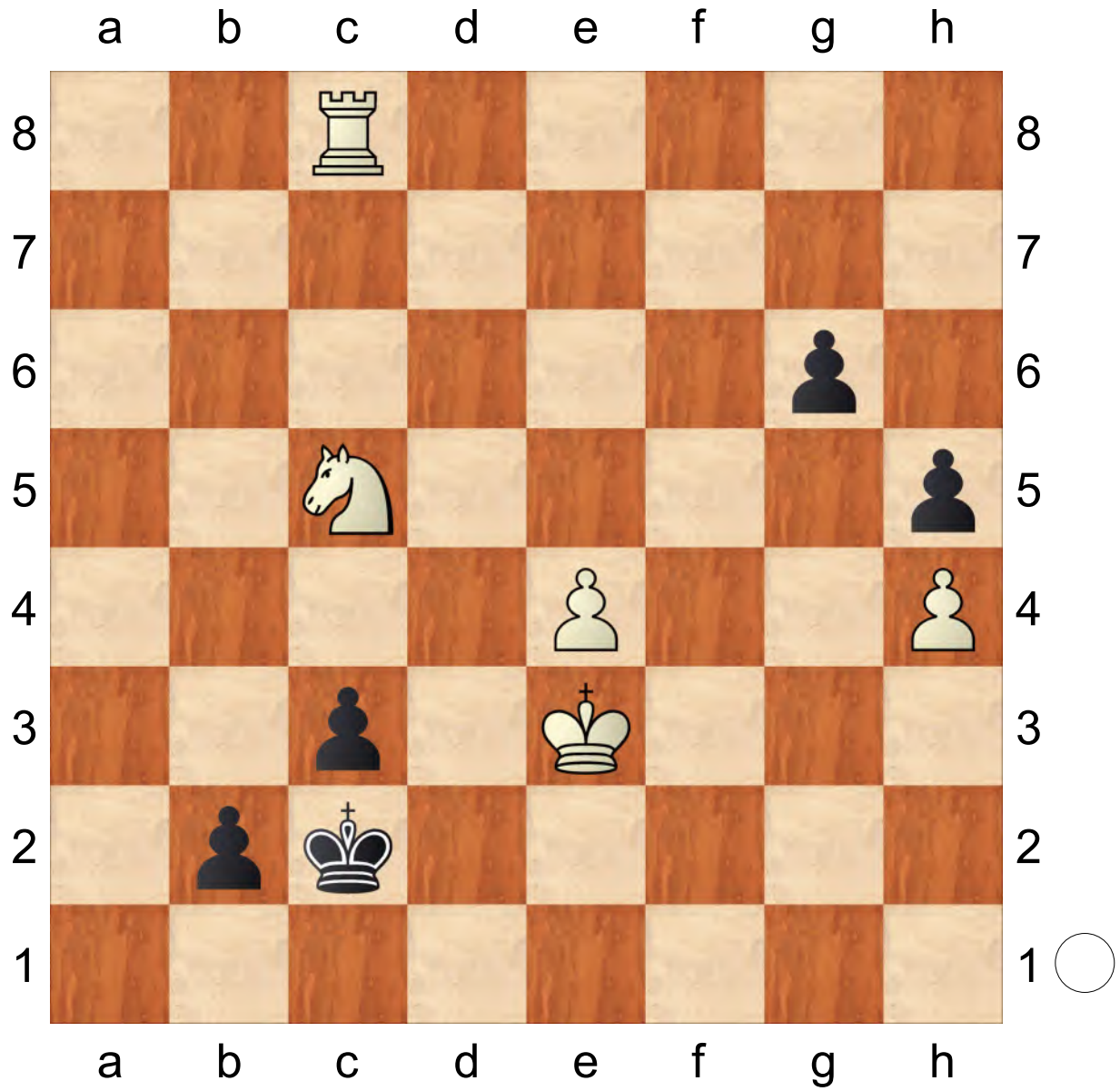

61.Rb8 Kb1 62.Na4

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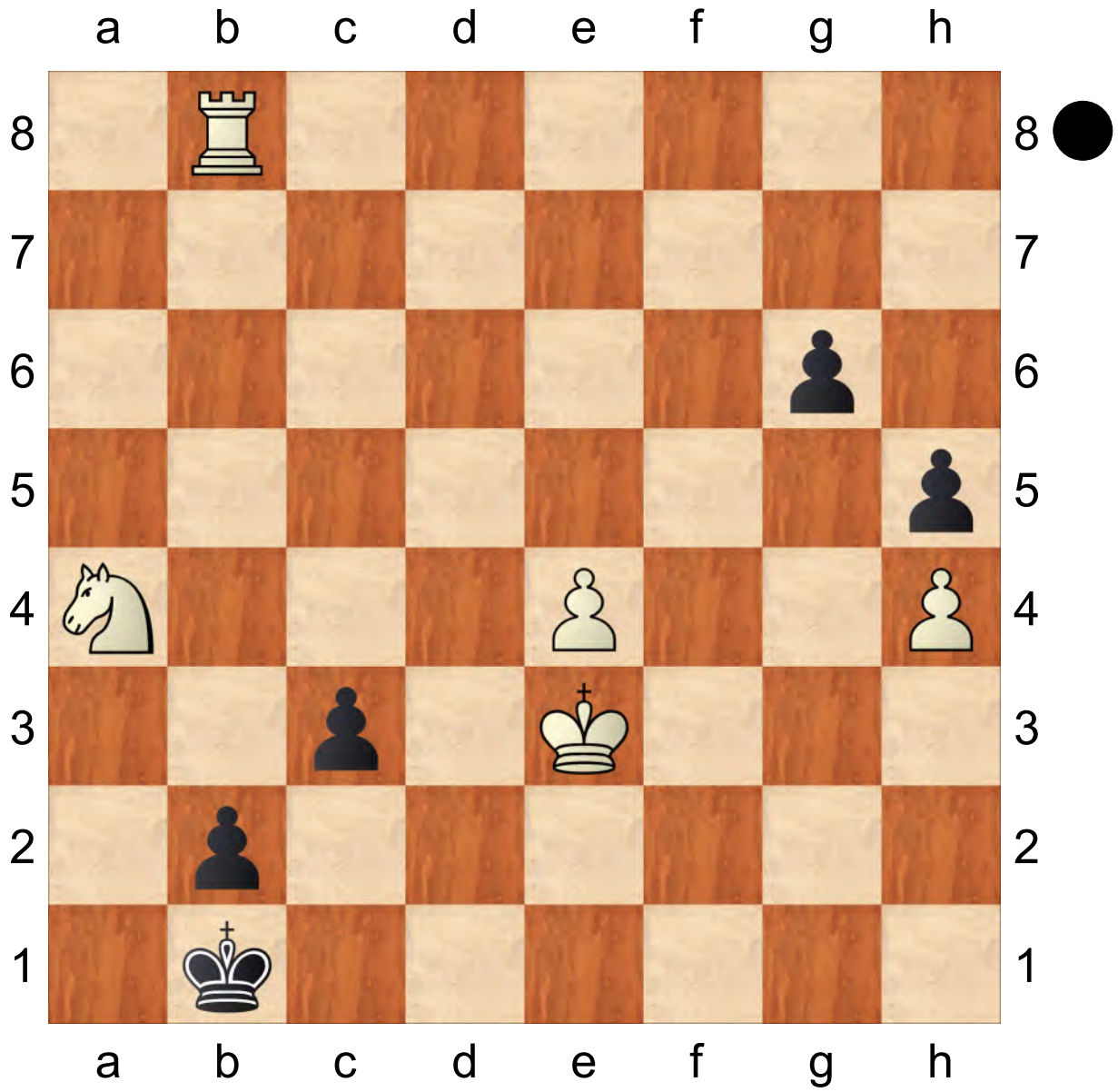
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E25

□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2775**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2870**
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[Gutman,Lev]

1.d4! Josh Friedel Abramovic,Bosko Abramovic,Bosko Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther' Josh Friedel: 'No Berlin this time, and the entire world claps.' "I should have played 1.d4 from the start. That was one of my greatest mistakes in my preparation", Viswanathan Anand after the match. "Ich hätte von Anfang an 1.d4 spielen müssen. Dies war einer meiner größten Fehler bei der Vorbereitung", Viswanathan Anand nach dem Wettkampf. **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3** Josh Friedel: 'The f3 Nimzo is known for its sharpness, and now it was clear Anand was ready to fight.' **4...d5 5.a3 Bxc3+**

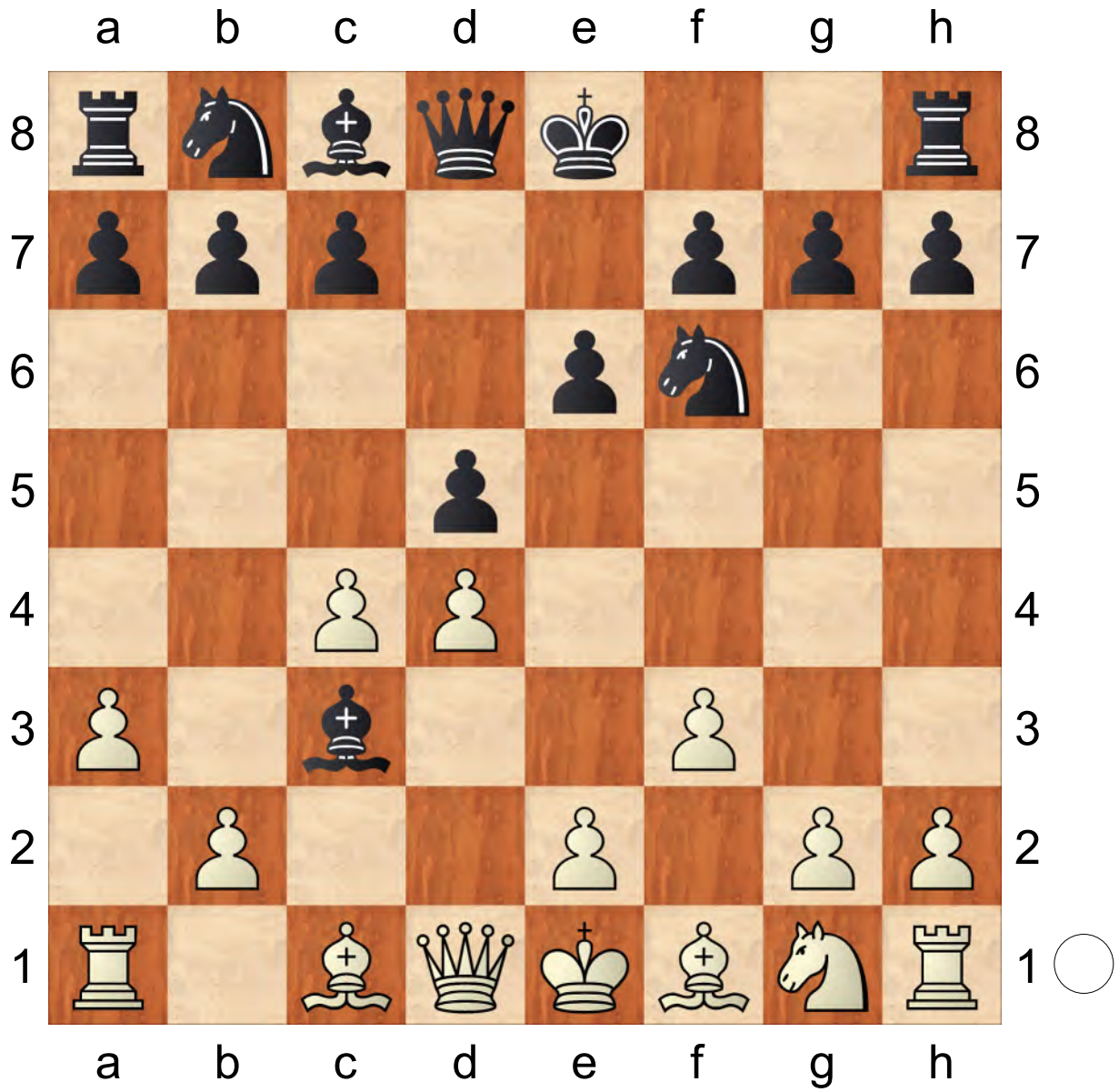
(Diagram)

6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5

[In the match Anand-Kramnik, Bonn 2008 Im Wettkampf Anand-Kramnik, Bonn 2008, kam 7...Nxd5 Abramovic,Bosko: '(Mark Crowther) is the most common choice.' was played. aufs Brett. 8.dxc5 Josh Friedel Qa5 is the main line, and I remember Anand winning a wonderful game against Wang Hao here. Alright, might as well show it. 9.e4 Ne7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qb3 Qc7 12.Bb5 Nec6 13.Ne2 Na5 14.Qb4 e5 15.0-0 Be6 16.Nd4! exd4 17.cxd4 Nbc6 18.Qc3 Ne7 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.Bf2 a6 21.Bg3 Qc8 22.Bf1 b6 23.Rab1 Nb3 24.Rxb3 Bxb3 25.Qxb3 bxc5 26.d5 Ng6 27.Qb6 f5 28.Bxa6 Qd7 29.Bb5 Qf7 30.exf5 Qxf5 31.Qxc5 Rc8 32.Qd4 Rfd8 33.a4 1-0 (33) Anand,V (2810)-Wang Hao (2731) Wijk aan Zee 2011 CBM 141 [Anand]]

8.e3 c4!? Josh Friedel: 'This has been a trend lately, trying to mess with White's development scheme of Bd3-Ne2. The main drawback to this is that e4 is potentially much stronger with the pawn on c4. It was a surprise for me to see this line, as it certainly isn't the safest, but perhaps it is simply what Carlsen prepared before the match.' In any case the choice of opening by Carlsen should have ben no surprise, since his previous trainer and confidant GM Simen Agdestein had already played this at the start of the year and even revealed after the game, "that the Norwegian national team had recently been lookng into this variation", Ian Rogers. Allerdings sollte die Eröffnungswahl von Carlsen keine Überraschung sein, da sein früherer Trainer und Vertrauter GM Simen Agdestein bereits Anfang des Jahres so gespielt hat und nach der Partie sogar verriet, "dass die norwegische Nationalmannschaft sich kürzlich gerade mit dieser Variante beschäftigte", Ian Rogers.

[8...0-0 Josh Friedel 9.Bd3 b6 10.Ne2 Ba6 is by far the most popular, and seems to be much more in Carlsen's style to me.]



9.Ne2

[9.g4 Nc6 10.Ne2 leads to the game by transposition. führt durch Zugumstellung zur Partie]

[For Bezüglich 9.g3 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther' Nc6 10.Nh3 see Biolek-Agdestein, Prag 2013 siehe Biolek-Agdestein, Prag 2013 Na5 Abramovic,Bosko 11.Bg2 Nb3 12.Ra2 Qa5 13.Bd2 0-0 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nf2 Bf5 16.Re1 Re7 17.e4 dxe4 18.fxe4 Bg6 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.h4 h5 21.Re2 1-0 Biolek,R (2399)-Agdestein, S (2555)/Prague CZE 2013/The Week in Chess 950 (54)]

[Once can hardly recommend Kaum zu empfehlen ist 9.e4?! dxe4

A) 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.Qc1 *(11.Qd2!? Nbd7 12.Bxc4 0-0 13.Ne2 b5 14.Ba2 exf3 15.gxf3 Bb7 16.0-0 Bd5∓)* 11...Nbd7 12.Bxc4 0-0 13.Ne2 Re8 *(13...b5!? 14.Ba2 exf3 15.gxf3 Bb7)* 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bb3?! *(15.Bb5 a6 16.Bxd7 Nxd7∓)* 15...exf3 16.gxf3 b6 17.Kf2 Ba6∓ Grover-Zhou Weigi, Dubai

2012;
B) 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.fxe4 *(11.Ne2 exf3 12.gxf3 Bf5 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Bb3 Rc8 15.c4 Re8 16.Rf2 Nh5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Ne4 Ndf6 19.Nc3 h6∓* Jambrich-Nemchenko, email 2010*)* 11...Nxe4 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.Qb3 Nd7 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Bd3 Be6 *(15...Qxc3 16.Qb1)* 16.Qc2 f5 17.Ng5 Bc4 18.Bd2 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qc4 20.Qh3 Nxg5 21.Bxg5 Nd5 22.Bd2 g6 23.Rae1 Nf6 24.Bh6 Rfe8 25.Qf3 Re4∓ Gerola-Kunzelmann, corr 2012]

9...Nc6

[9...0-0 10.g4 *(10.Qc2?! Nc6 11.e4 dxe4 12.fxe4 Qa5 13.e5 Re8∓)* 10...Nc6 is a transposition of moves. ist Zugumstellung.]

10.g4 Josh Friedel: 'White prepares Bg2 and prevents Black from playing Bf5. It is clear we will have a fight!'

[Abzuraten ist von 10.Ng3 cannot be advised: h5!? (Michail Krasenkow, chesspro.ru). (Michail Krasenkow, chesspro.ru).

A) Compare: Man sehe: 11.Qc2 h4 12.Ne2 Qe7 13.Kf2 g6 *(13...b5!?∓)* 14.g4 hxg3+ 15.Nxg3 Be6 16.a4 Na5 17.Ba3 Qc7 18.Bg2 Nb3 19.Rae1 0-0-0∓ Joergensen-Sadowski, email 2006;

B) 11.e4 h4 12.exd5 hxg3 13.dxc6 Rxh2 14.Rg1 Kf8∓;

C) 11.h4 Qc7!? *(11...Na5 12.e4 Nb3 13.Rb1 Qa5∓* Marusenko-Pavlov, Kiev 2010 *)* 12.Kf2 Na5 13.Qe1 *(13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nd5∓)* 13...Nb3∓]

10...0-0

[10...Na5!? Abramovic,Bosko: '(Mark Crowther) was certainly an option.' is perhaps somewhat more flexible (Krasenkow), see Kortschnoj-O'Kelly and Aghasuryan-Mekumyan. ist vielleicht etwas flexibler (Krasenkow), siehe Kortschnoj-O'Kelly und Aghasuryan-Mekumyan.]

[10...h6 Abramovic,Bosko: '- 70/493' leads to Kasparov-Polgar. führt zu Kasparov-Polgar.]

[10...h5 (Abramovic,Bosko) Mark Crowther]

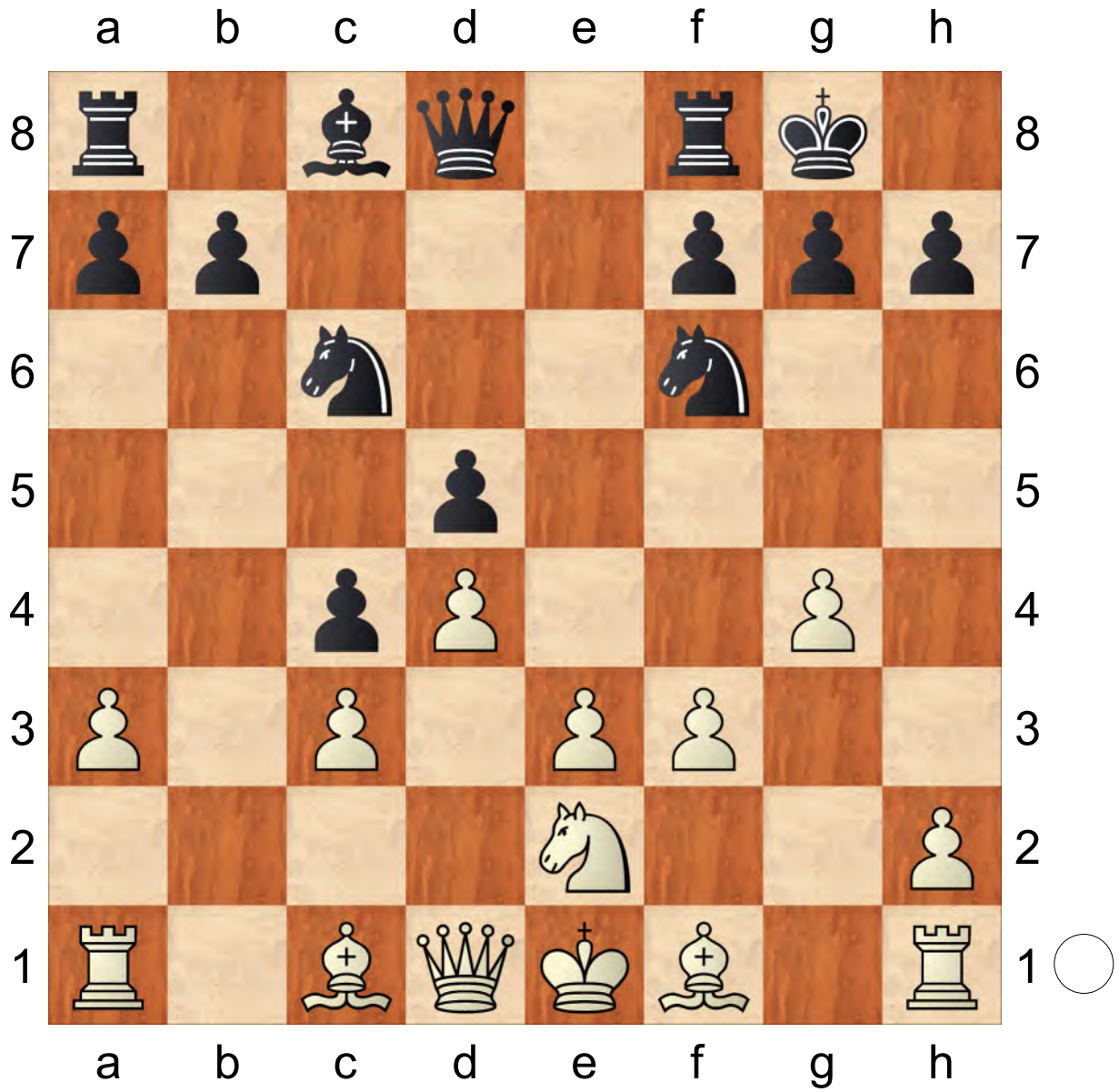
(Diagram)

Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'Looks very brave at first glance.'' Josh Friedel: '!'

11.Bg2 Na5

[Zeitverlust wäre 11...Qe7?! would be a waste of time: 12.Nf4 *(12.0-0!?)* 12...b5 *(12...Na5 13.0-0 Nb3 14.Ra2)* 13.0-0 h6 14.h4 *(14.e4!? dxe4 15.fxe4 Bxg4 16.Qe1±)* 14...Rd8?! *(14...Qd8!? 15.e4 Ne7* would be more solid wäre solider *)* 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Ne8 17.e4 Nc7 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Na5 20.f4 Nb3 21.Ra2 Bb7 22.Re2 Qd7 23.Re5± Nikitin-Belinkov, Moskau 1966]

12.0-0 Josh Friedel: '!' **12...Nb3** Anand must have been satisfied with his choice of opening; he obtained exactly the sort of position he needed since he was trailing in the match - complicated and sharp. Mit seiner Eröffnungswahl dürfte Anand zufrieden gewesen sein, er bekam genau den Typ Stellung, den er bei seinem



Rückstand im Wettkampf gebraucht hatte - kompliziert und scharf. **13.Ra2**
In contrast to the Botvinnik Variation White does not need a rook on e2 in order to get in e3-e4. Im Unterschied zur Botwinnik-Variante braucht Weiß keinen Turm auf e2 um e3-e4 durchzusetzen.

[The move Der Zug 13.Rb1!? has been less explored, but in view of the counterplay for Black on the b-file it looks to make more sense and would perhaps have been less pleasant for Carlsen to face. ist weniger untersucht, erscheint in Anbetracht des schwarzen Gegenspiels auf der b-Linie sinnvoller und wäre für Carlsen vielleicht unangenehmer gewesen.]

13...b5 Josh Friedel: 'This is one of Black's major ideas in this c4 system. Put a knight on b3, shove the queenside, and hope not to get checkmated. The knight on b3 is actually not all that strong, but it helps to always have the option of taking White's bishop.'

[13...h6 see Kasparov-Polgar siehe Kasparov-Polgar 14.Ng3 (Abramovic,Bosko) Mark Crowther Bd7 15.Qe1 Re8 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Nxg4 18.Bf4 Qh4 19.h3 Nf6 20.e5 Rad8 21.Qf2 Nh5 22.Bxh6 Re7 23.Nf5 Qxf2+ 24.Rfxf2 Re6 25.Be3 Bc6 26.Bf1 f6 27.Bxc4 Bd5 28.Be2 fxe5 29.Bxh5 exd4 30.Bg5 Rd7 31.Rae2 Be4 32.Nxd4 1-0 Kasparov,G (2820)-Polgar,J (2670)/ Tilburg NED 1997]

[13...Qa5 14.g5 Nd7 *(14...Nh5* (Krasenkow) *15.Qe1 Bd7 16.Qh4 g6 17.e4 Rae8 18.Bf4 Nxf4 19.Qxf4 Bc6 20.h4±)* 15.e4 Nb6

A) 16.h3 Na4!? *(16...Nxc1 17.Qxc1 Bd7 18.Ng3 Nc8 19.Re2 Ne7* Bernasek-Hera, Österreischische Liga 2012/13 *20.f4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Nd5 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Rfe1=)* 17.Qe1 f6 18.gxf6 Nxc1 19.Qxc1 Rxf6∓;

B) 16.Qe1!? f6 *(16...Nxc1 17.Qxc1 Bd7 18.Ng3; 16...Na4 17.Rc2 Bd7 18.Ng3)* 17.gxf6 Nxc1 18.Qxc1 Rxf6 19.Ng3 Na4 20.Rc2 Be6 21.e5 Rf7 22.f4 Raf8 23.Qe3±]

14.Ng3

[14.a4 hardly fits in here ist kaum am Platze bxa4 15.Ng3 *(15.Rxa4 a5 16.g5 Ne8 17.e4 Nc7 18.Ng3 Bd7 19.Ra2 Nxc1 20.Qxc1 a4 21.e5 Rb8 22.f4 Rb3∓* (Pavel Maletin, ruchess)*; 15.Nf4 Bb7 16.Rxa4 Re8 17.g5 Nd7 18.h4 a5∓)* 15...Nxc1 16.Qxc1 Qa5 17.e4 Rb8 18.g5 Ne8∓]

[Etwas sinnvoller erscheint 14.g5 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther' seems to make more sense: Nd7 *(14...Nh5 15.e4 f6 16.gxf6 Qxf6 17.Be3 a5 18.Nc1 Nxc1 19.Qxc1 Rb8 20.Rb2 Qe7 21.Qd2 Rb6 22.e5 Bf5 23.Kh1 Bd3 24.Rg1 Rf7 25.Bg5=* Fessler-Vozda, corr 2012*)* 15.e4 Nb6 16.Bf4 *(16.e5? Bf5∓* Gardner-Shabalov, Calgary 2012 *17.f4* Abramovic,Bosko *Na4 18.Rf3 Bb1 19.Rc2 a5 20.Rh3 b4 21.Be3 Bxc2 22.Qxc2 g6 23.axb4 axb4 24.cxb4 Nb6 25.f5 Qd7 26.Ng3 Ra1+ 27.Bf1 Nc8 28.Rh6 Ne7 29.Qg2 Nxf5 30.Qh3 Rfa8 31.Rxh7 Kf8 32.Ne2 Nxe3 33.Qxe3 Qg4+ 34.Ng3 R8a2 35.e6 Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Qd1+ 37.Qe1 Qf3+* 0-1 Gardner,R (2202)-Shabalov,A (2534)/Calgary CAN 2012/ The Week in Chess 916*)* 16...a5 *(16...f6 17.gxf6 Qxf6 18.Qe1=)* 17.Qe1 Ra7 18.Qg3=]

14...a5 Abramovic,Bosko: 'N' 'N'

[14...Re8 Abramovic,Bosko]

[14...Bb7 Abramovic,Bosko]

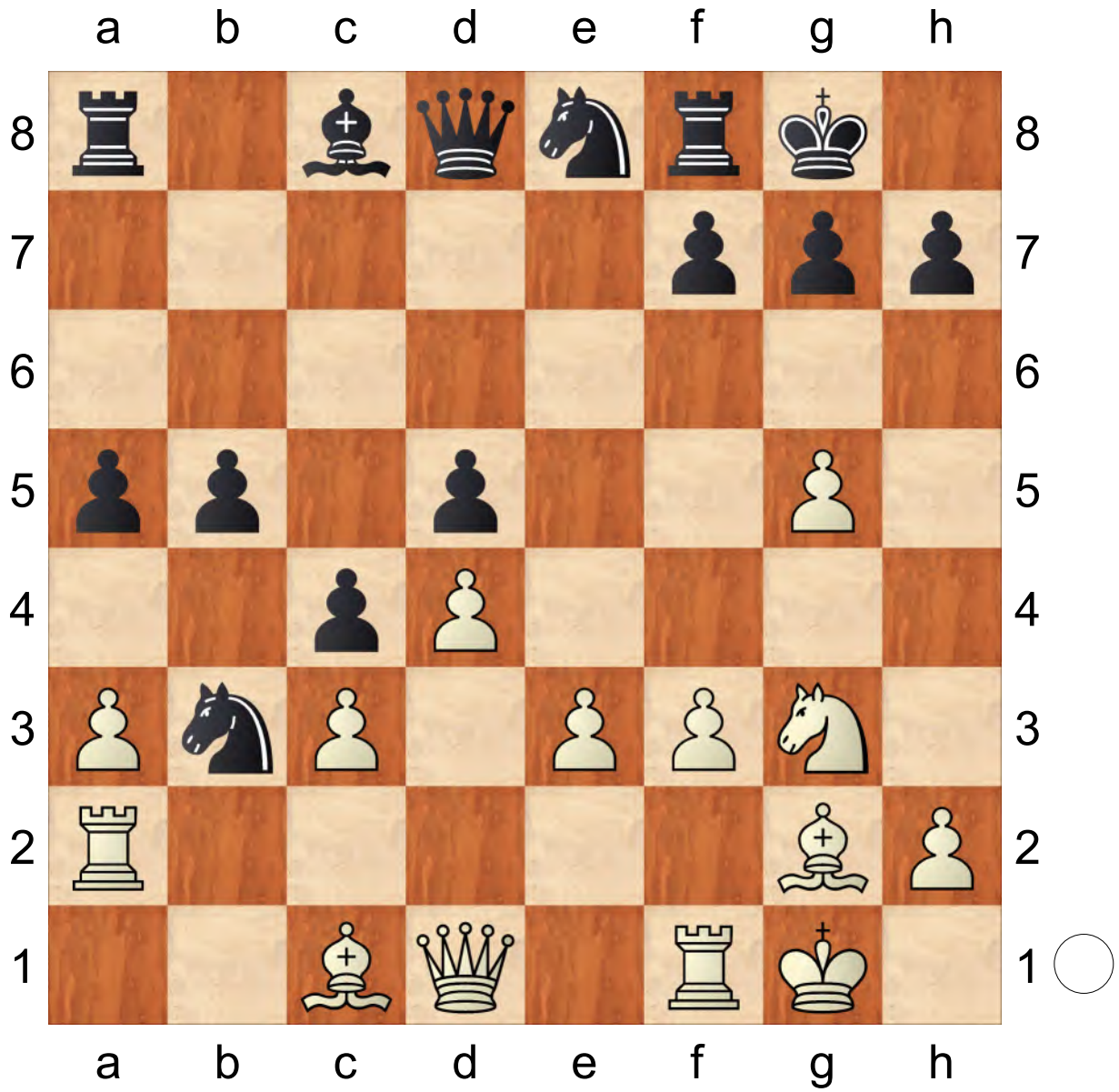
[14...h6 Abramovic,Bosko]

15.g5

[Kaum besser wäre 15.e4 Abramovic,Bosko: '(Mark Crowther) was a definite option.' would hardly be any better, see Volkov-Smirnov, Khanty Mansiysk 2013. siehe Volkov-Smirnov, Khanty Mansiysk 2013. dxe4 Abramovic,Bosko 16.fxe4 Josh Friedel Bxg4 17.Qe1 was another approach, but Anand possibly felt there was no need to sac a pawn.]

15...Ne8

(Diagram)



16.e4 Nxc1 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'If white is really much better in only a few moves then this may be the culprit but otherwise the knight may end up just being out of play.'' Josh Friedel: 'Magnus didn't want to allow Be3 and the knight on b3 might find itself to be a spectator.'

[After Nach 16...Nc7 Abramovic,Bosko: '!?' '!?' Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'could easily be the better move.'' then ist 17.Be3 *(17.e5?* (Abramovic,Bosko) Mark Crowther *b4)* 17...Rb8 *(17...Ra6∞* Abramovic,Bosko *18.e5* (Abramovic, Bosko) Mark Crowther *b4 19.f4* is worth investigating. *f5* Giri *)* 18.Qe1 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Ne2 bxc3 21.Nxc3 Bb7 22.Qg3 Ra8 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.Rd1 Bc6= is possible (Maletin). möglich (Maletin).]

17.Qxc1 Ra6 Josh Friedel: 'Magnus might not be afraid here, but I would be. White's pawns look menacing.'

[17...Rb8 18.Qd2 Nc7 19.e5 Qe7 20.Rb1=]

18.e5 Josh Friedel: 'Vishy closes off the center and prepares to shove his f-pawn.'
[18.Rb2!? Abramovic,Bosko Josh Friedel: 'I might prefer a bit, retaining some kingside flexibility and discouraging Black's b4 counterplay.' Nc7 19.f4]
18...Nc7?! Carlsen is too optimistic. He wants to maintain the tension and overestimates his position. Carlsen ist zu optimistisch. Er will die Spannung aufrechterhalten und überschätzt seine Stellung.
[Two alternatives appear more prudent: Vorsichtiger erscheinen zwei weitere Alternativen: 18...b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Rxa6 Bxa6 21.cxb4 Qb6 22.Qc3 Nc7 23.f4 Nb5 *(23...Rb8 24.Ra1)* 24.Qe3 Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Nxd4 26.Bxd5 c3 (Krasenkow) 27.Rc1 c2 28.Be4 Rc8 29.Kf2 g6 30.Ke3 Rc4 31.Bd3 Rc3 32.Kxd4 Rxd3+ 33.Kc5 Rc3+=]
[18...g6 19.f4 Ng7 20.Rb2 Rb6 21.Qb1 (Krasenkow) Qd7! 22.f5 Abramovic, Bosko: ' ↑!' '↑!' Nxf5 23.Nxf5 *(23.Rxf5 gxf5 24.Nh5 Qe7 25.Nf6+ Rxf6 26.gxf6 Qxa3* (Maletin) *27.Qc2 b4 28.Bxd5 Kh8 29.Ra2 b3 30.Rxa3 bxc2 31.Ra1 Be6 32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.Rc1 Ra8 34.Rxc2 Kg8 35.Ra2±)* 23...gxf5 24.h4 h6 25.Bh3 Qe7 26.Bxf5 Qxa3 (Maletin) 27.Rg2 Qxc3 28.Bxc8 Qxd4+ 29.Rff2 Qxe5 30.Bf5 Kh8 31.Qc1 Re8 32.g6=]
19.f4?
[The critical moment! Black had more difficulties after Der kritischer Moment! Mehr Schwierigkeiten hatte Schwarz nach 19.Rb2!? Josh Friedel: 'I still like for White, as once b4 happens Black's counterplay is quite annoying. I find when you are in a must-win situation, it is easy to forget prophylactic moves.' Qe7 Abramovic,Bosko: '∞' '∞' 20.Rb1 (Krasenkow) , so as to finally bring this rook to b1: , um diesen Turm endlich auf b1 zu bringen: Rb6 21.f4 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.cxb4 Rxb4 *(23...g6 24.Qe3!? Bd7 25.f5 Bxf5 26.Nxf5 gxf5 27.Rxf5 Rxb4 28.Rbf1±* (Maletin) *)* 24.Qa3 Na6 25.Bxd5!? *(25.Rb2 Qb7 26.Rfb1 Rxb2 27.Qxb2 Qd7 28.Qb6±* (Maletin) *)* 25...Qd8 26.Rxb4 Nxb4 27.Qxb4 Qxd5 28.Qc5±]
19...b4 20.axb4 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: '?!' Mark Crowther: 'After the game this move got some criticism. Anand almost certainly was motivated to play this to get rid of Ra6 as a defensive piece."
[For equality Zum Ausgleich reichte 20.a4 Abramovic,Bosko: '(Mark Crowther) was recommended by several strong players with the idea that it stops a lot of black's counter-play but that would require a lot of analysis.' was sufficient, to deprive Black of the b5-square for his knight: um Schwarz das Feld b5 für den Springer wegzunehmen:
A) 20...Rb6 21.f5 bxc3 22.Raf2 Na6 *(22...Rb3 23.e6 fxe6 24.f6 Rb2 25.Rf3* (Maletin) *e5 26.Rxc3 exd4 27.Qxb2 dxc3 28.Qxc3 Ne6 29.Nf5 gxf6 30.Bxd5 Kh8 31.gxf6 Qxd5 32.f7+ Nd4 33.Qxd4+ Qxd4+ 34.Nxd4 Kg7 35.Nf5+ Bxf5 36.Rxf5 Rxf7 37.Rxa5 Rc7 38.Kf2 c3 39.Rg5+ Kf6 40.Rg1=)* 23.f6 Nb4 24.fxg7 Kxg7 25.Nh5+ Kh8 26.Rxf7 (Maletin) Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Be6 28.Rf6 Nd3 29.Qxc3 Rb1+ 30.Bf1 Bh3 31.Qxa5 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qxg5+ 33.Ng3 Bxf1 34.Qa8+ Kg7 35.Qa7+=;
B) 20...b3 21.Raf2 Bd7 22.f5 Bxa4 23.f6

B1) 23...g6? 24.Qf4 Re8 *(24...Ne6? 25.Qh4 Kh8 26.Bh3)* 25.Qh4 Ree6 26.Nf5 gxf5 *(26...Qf8 27.Ne7+ Kh8 28.Rf3 h5 29.Bh3 Be8 30.Bg4+-)* 27.Bh3 Kh8 28.Bxf5 Qg8 29.Rf3 Ne8 30.Rh3 Nxf6 31.exf6 Rxf6 32.Qxh7+ Qxh7 33.Rxh7+ Kg8 34.gxf6+- (Maletin);

B2) 23...Bd7! 24.fxg7 Kxg7 25.Nh5+ Kh8 26.Rxf7 *(26.Nf6 Ne8 27.Nxd5 Be6 28.Nf6 Nxf6 29.Rxf6 Rg8=* (Maletin) *)* 26...Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Be6 28.Rf6 Qg8 (Maletin) 29.g6 hxg6 30.Nf4 *(30.Qh6+ Qh7 31.Qf8+ Qg8 32.Qh6+ Qh7=)* 30...Bf7 31.Nxd5 Rxf6 32.Nxf6 Qf8 33.Qg5 Kg7 34.Nh5+ Kh8 35.Nf6 Kg7=]

[A more energetic move seems to be Energischer erscheint 20.f5!? (Boris Gelfand, chesspro)

A) 20...b3 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther' 21.Raf2→;

B) 20...Nb5 Abramovic,Bosko: '(Mark Crowther) This is the move that everyone was afraid of at the time but it doesn't seem to work. White would have to trust to intuition that his attack will break through at this point.' 21.axb4 axb4 22.Rxa6 Bxa6 23.f6 g6 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Is a line given by ChessPro Ru and Mikhail Golubev. It's possible to calculate to here and feel this has a good chance of winning. Will take a bit more work to prove it's winning.'

B1) 24.e6 fxe6 25.Qe3 Bc8 26.cxb4 Nd6= (Krasenkow) *(26...Qd6* (Abramovic,Bosko) is ChessPro's line with equality. *)*;

B2) 24.Qf4! Qb6 25.Qh4 h5 26.Nxh5 bxc3 27.Kh1! Nxd4 28.Ng3 Ne6 29.Nf5! gxf5 30.Qh5! Qb7 31.Bh3 Abramovic,Bosko: 'is indeed winning if I run Houdini long enough.' d4+ 32.Bg2+-;

C) 20...bxc3!? 21.f6 g6 22.Qxc3 *(22.Qf4 Ne6 23.Qh4 Qb6 24.Ne2 Qb3 25.Nc1 Qb6 26.Ne2=)* 22...Rb6 23.Qxa5 Rb3= (Maletin)]

[And Auch 20.Raf2!? is also interesting, so as to mobilise all his resources: ist interessant, um alle Resourcen zu mobilisieren:

A) 20...bxc3 21.Qxc3 a4 22.Qe3 Rb6 23.f5 Rb3 24.Qf4 Rd3 *(24...c3 25.f6 Ne6 26.Qh4 Ba6 27.Bh3±)* 25.Nh5 Nb5 26.e6 Rxd4 27.Qe5 Qxg5 28.Nf4**±**;

B) 20...b3 21.f5 Kh8 22.Nh5 Rb6 23.Qe3**±**;

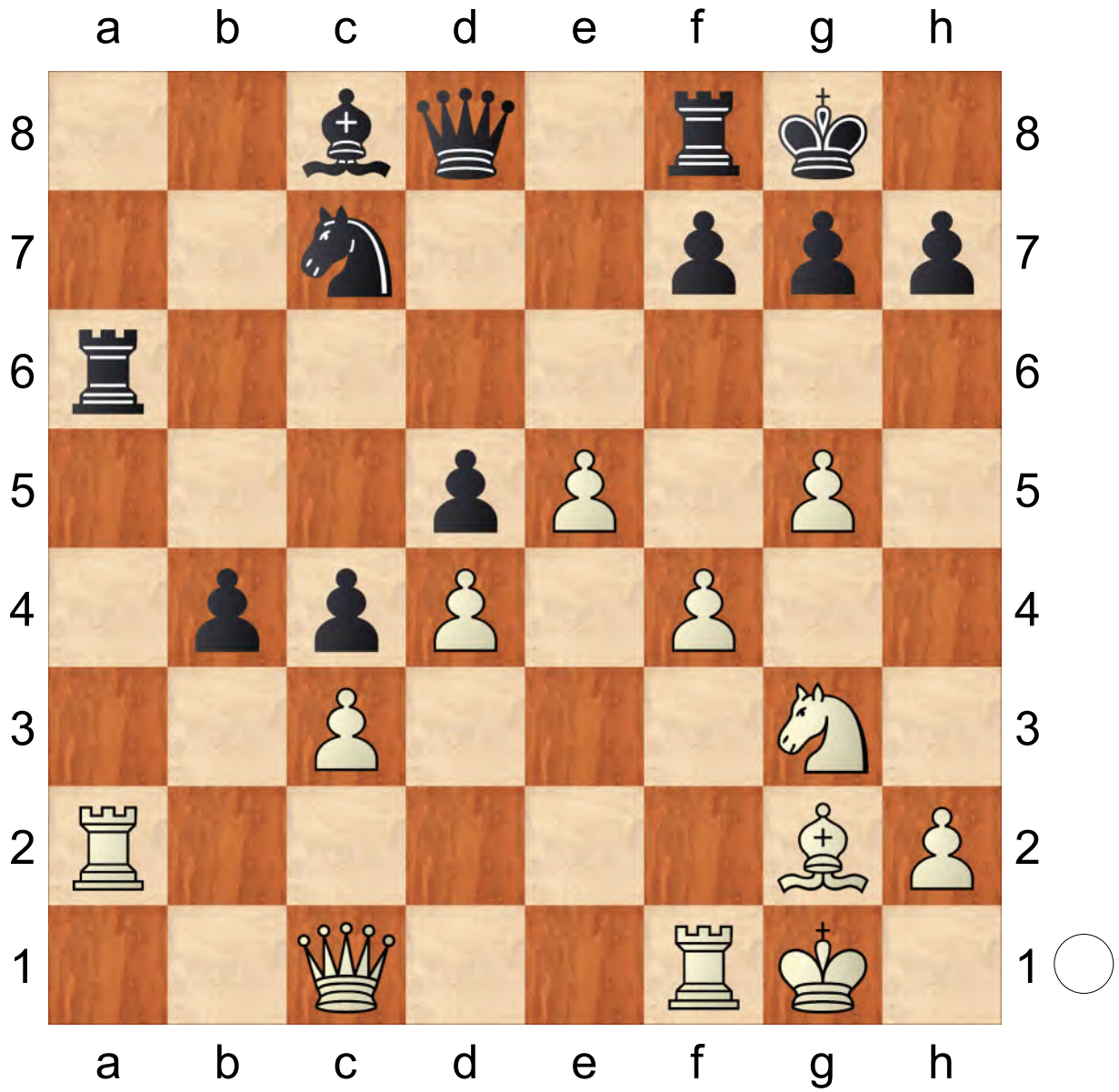
C) 20...Nb5 21.axb4 axb4 22.cxb4 Nxd4 23.f5 Bb7 *(23...Nb3 24.Qd1 Bb7 25.Qh5)* 24.Nh5 (Maletin) Qb6 25.Qe3 Qa7 26.e6 fxe6 27.Qe5 Bc8 28.b5 Nxb5 29.f6 Ra2 *(29...Qd4 30.fxg7 Rf5 31.Qb8 Qc5 32.Kh1+-)* 30.Bxd5 Qb6 31.Bxc4 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 Nd4=]

20...axb4

(Diagram)

21.Rxa6 Nxa6 22.f5

[22.cxb4 Josh Friedel: 'was "safer" but this is no way to play for the win, as now he'll always be tied down to defending d4.' Nxb4 23.f5 g6 Abramovic,Bosko: '∞' '∞' 24.Qd2 Nc6=]



22...b3 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'Cold blooded in the extreme but it seems sufficient to hold. Carlsen was over half an hour behind on the clock but then Anand had a huge think himself.'' Josh Friedel: 'Both sides go all in. Black entrenches a protected passer on b3, but takes away all the pressure on White's center. In order for him to use this pawn, however, he needs to survive White's attack.'

[22...bxc3 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther' 23.Qxc3 g6 24.Qe3 *(24.f6 Nc7 25.Rb1 Ne6 26.Qd2 Qc7 27.Ne2=* (Maletin) *)* 24...Nc7 25.h4 Bxf5 26.Nxf5 gxf5 27.Rxf5 Ne6 28.Rf6 Qa5 29.Kh2=]

23.Qf4 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'After 45 minutes thought.''

[23.f6 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther' g6 24.Qf4 Kh8!? 25.Qh4 Abramovic, Bosko: 'isn't fast enough.' b2 26.Qh6 Rg8 27.Rf4 b1Q+ 28.Bf1 Qd1! 29.Rh4 Qh5 30.Nxh5 gxh5 31.Qxh5 Bf5 32.Qxf7 Nc7∓]

[23.Nh5 Nc7 24.Qe3 Kh8 25.h4=]

[23.h4!? (Alexej Dreev, chessnews.ru) Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'a very slow continuation of the attack which I suggested during the game in commentary also looks playable.'' Nc7 24.h5 Josh Friedel: 'was another plan of attack. It looks incredibly scary for Black, but it isn't so clear how White will break through.' Ne8 *(24...Nb5?! 25.f6 Be6 26.g6 hxg6 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Qg5 Nxc3 29.Qxg6 Qc7 30.Nh5+-; 24...Qd7∞* Abramovic,Bosko*)* 25.Qf4 *(25.f6 gxf6 26.gxf6 Kh8 27.Ne2 Rg8 28.Nf4 Nc7∓)* 25...Qa5 26.h6 g6 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Nh5 Bf5 29.Bh3 Bxh3 30.Nf6+ Kh8 31.Nxe8 f6 32.e6 Qa2 33.Rf2 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Qe1 35.Nxf6 Bxe6= (Maletin)]

23...Nc7

[23...Kh8?! 24.Nh5 Nc7 25.e6 Ne8 *(25...fxe6 26.Nxg7 Kxg7 27.f6+ Kg8 28.f7+)* 26.exf7 Rxf7 27.f6 g6 28.Re1 Nc7 29.Ng7 Kg8 30.h4±]

24.f6!? Josh Friedel: 'Once again, Vishy opts for the most committal continuation. I also don't think this move should be rushed.'

[24.Qh4 Kh8 *(24...Ne8* Abramovic,Bosko *25.Nh5 Kh8∞)* 25.Nh5 Nb5 *(25...b2 26.f6 g6 27.Ng7 Nb5* (Mikhail Golubev, chess today) *28.Qf2 Nxc3 29.Qxb2 Ne4 30.h4 Kg8 31.Qb4 Qc7=)* 26.e6 fxe6 27.f6 gxf6 28.Nxf6 Qe7 29.Rf2 Rf7 30.g6 Rg7 31.Nh5 Kg8=]

24...g6

[24...gxf6

A) 25.Nh5 (Abramovic,Bosko) Looks very dangerous according to Carlsen. Ne8! *(25...fxg5 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Qxg5 Rg8)*;

B) 25.Qh4 f5 *(25...Kh8 26.Rxf6 Ne6 27.Bxd5 Qxd5 28.Rh6 Nxg5 29.Qxg5 Qf3 30.Rf6 Qg4 31.Qh6 Kg8 32.Rb6 Be6 33.Kf2 Qg6 34.Qxg6+ hxg6 35.Ke3 Kg7 36.Rb5=)* 26.Nh5 Ne8 27.Nf4 Be6 28.Rf3 Ng7 29.Rh3 Re8 30.Nxd5 Bxd5 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxg7 b2 34.Qf6+ Kd7 35.Qd6+ Kc8 36.Qa6+ Kc7=]

25.Qh4 Ne8

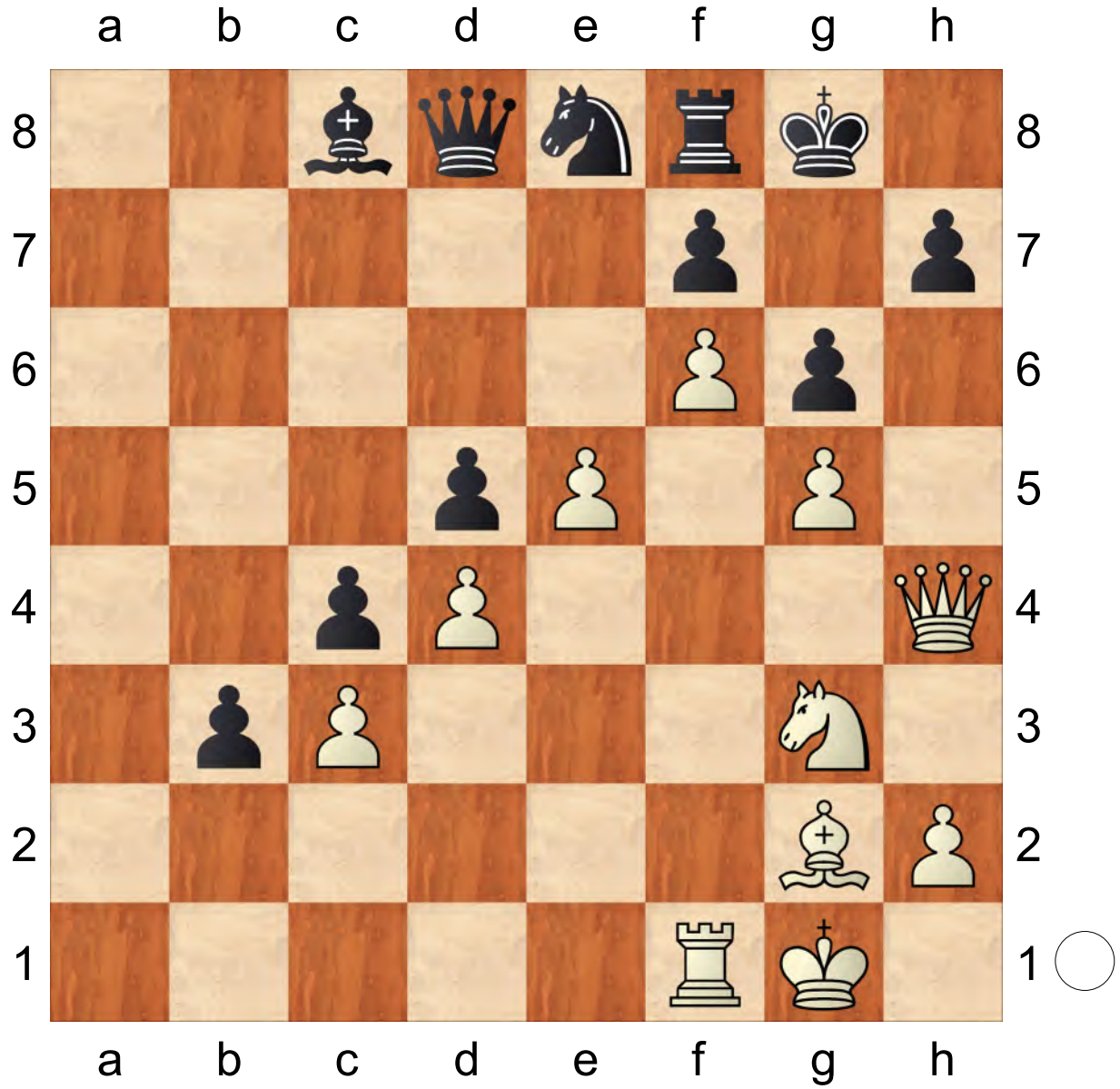
(Diagram)

Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: '!'' Magnus Carlsen has defended more or less accurately and is hoping for the best. Magnus Carlsen hat sich mehr oder weniger akkurat verteidigt, und hofft auf das Beste. **26.Qh6** Josh Friedel: 'Anand goes for the most direct attacking plan, which involves letting Black queen!'

[26.Ne2 Be6 *(26...b2* Abramovic,Bosko *27.Nf4* Josh Friedel: 'and White has more chances than in the game.' *Qa5 28.Nxd5 Be6 29.Nb4 Qa3 30.Qh6 Bf5 31.Nc6 Kh8 32.Ne7 Rg8 33.Nxg8 Kxg8 34.Bd5 b1Q 35.Bxf7+ Kxf7 36.Qxh7+ Ke6 37.Qg8+ Kd7 38.Rxb1 Bxb1 39.Qd5+ Kc8 40.Qe6+ Kc7=)* 27.Nf4 Qa5

A) Maletin gives Maletin gibt 28.Bh3 Bxh3 29.Qxh3 b2

A1) 30.Ne6 Qa1 *(30...fxe6* Josh Friedel *31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Qe7* is crushing.*)* 31.Nxf8 Kxf8 32.e6 Nd6 33.Qh6+ *(33.exf7?* Abramovic,



Bosko *h5*-+ Josh Friedel: '!' Josh Friedel: 'wins for Black.'*)* 33...Ke8 34.exf7+ Nxf7 35.Qh3 Kd8 36.Qg2 b1Q 37.Qxd5+= Josh Friedel: 'with a draw.' Kc8= Abramovic,Bosko;

A2) 30.Nxg6 hxg6 31.e6 Qa1 32.e7 Nxf6 33.exf8Q+ Kxf8 34.gxf6 Kg8=;

A3) 30.e6 Nd6 *(30...Qa1 31.e7 b1Q 32.exf8Q+ Kxf8 33.Nxd5)* 31.Nxg6 hxg6 32.Qh6 Nf5 33.Rxf5 b1Q+ 34.Rf1 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1= with equality in each case. jeweils mit Ausgleich an;

B) 28.Nxe6 fxe6 29.Bh3 Nc7 *(29...Qa6 30.Qf2 Rf7 31.Qb2 Ra7 32.Bg4 Kf8 33.Qf2 Qb6 34.Qh4 b2 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Qh3 Kf8=)* 30.f7+ Rxf7 31.Rxf7 Kxf7 32.Qxh7+ Kf8 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qf6+ Kd7 35.Bxe6+ Nxe6 36.Qf7+ Kd8 37.Qf6+ Kc7 38.Qe7+ Kb8 39.Qxe6=]

26...b2 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: '!' **27.Rf4!?** Josh Friedel: '!' Josh Friedel:

'This is truly throwing all your chips into the middle of the table.'

[27.Ne2 Be6 *(27...Bf5?* Abramovic,Bosko *28.Rf4! b1Q+ 29.Kf2 Bg4 30.Rxg4+-; 27...Qb6* Abramovic,Bosko *28.Nf4 Be6 29.Rb1±)* 28.Nf4 *(28.Rf4?* Abramovic,Bosko *b1Q+ 29.Kf2 Qf5-+)* 28...Qa5 29.Nxe6 fxe6 30.Bh3 Qa6 31.Bg4 Abramovic,Bosko: '!' '!' Rf7 32.Qh3 Nc7 33.Qg2 Qa2 34.Qc2 Rf8 35.f7+ *(35.Rb1* Abramovic,Bosko *Rb8=)* 35...Kg7 36.Qf2=]

27...b1Q+ Josh Friedel: 'And here, unfortunately, Vishy has a mental blank. I'm not sure if he missed Black's response or if he simply thought he was lost anyway.'

28.Nf1?? Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: '?' Mark Crowther: 'A complete surprise. Anand moves quickly and it's a losing blunder."

[Anand overlooks Black's reply. Anand übersieht die schwarze Antwort. Zum Ausgleich reichte 28.Bf1 Josh Friedel: 'was necessary, and now' was enough for equality: Qd1! Josh Friedel: 'is forced, planning to pitch the queen on h5.' 29.Rh4 *(29.Ne2* Abramovic,Bosko *Qd7 30.Rh4 Qg4+-+)* 29...Qh5 30.Nxh5 gxh5 31.Rxh5 Bf5 Josh Friedel: 'and at first White looks busted, but he has the move' 32.g6! *(32.Bh3 Bg6 33.e6 Nxf6 34.gxf6 Qxf6∓ 35.e7* Abramovic,Bosko *Qxe7 36.Re5 Qa3∓)* 32...Bxg6 33.Rg5 Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'is equal." Josh Friedel: 'with the plan of h4-h5. Black is paralyzed, so he has nothing better than' Nxf6 *(33...Qa5 34.Rg3 Qa3 35.h4)* 34.exf6 Qxf6 35.Rxd5 Josh Friedel: 'and the game will most likely be drawn after something like' Qf3 36.Rc5 Qxc3 37.Rxc4= (Krasenkow) *(37.Qf4=* Abramovic,Bosko Josh Friedel: 'and White takes on c4 next move. The d-pawn could be strong, but the king on g1 is too exposed to do much with it. Even so, I'm sure Vishy would have taken the extra 1/2 point.' *)*]

28...Qe1!

[But not Aber nicht 28...Qd1?? Abramovic,Bosko: '?' Abramovic,Bosko: '(Mark Crowther) Was the move Anand was expecting and it just loses.' 29.Rh4 Qh5 30.Rxh5 gxh5 31.Ne3 Be6 32.Bxd5+- Bxd5 Abramovic,Bosko 33.Nf5 Be4 34.Ne7+ Kh8 35.Qxf8#]

(Diagram)

Abramovic,Bosko: 'Mark Crowther: 'And white has to resign." Josh Friedel: 'The only move, but now it is over, as Rh4 is met by Qxh4 and Black is up a clean rook. It was really ashame to see Vishy's fighting spirit meet with such an end. It must be said, however, that Magnus kept his cool throughout the game despite the scary-looking attack and it seems like he was never really in any trouble. Despite this, Vishy really had everything he wanted out of the opening, and I'm sure he'd like that one back.'

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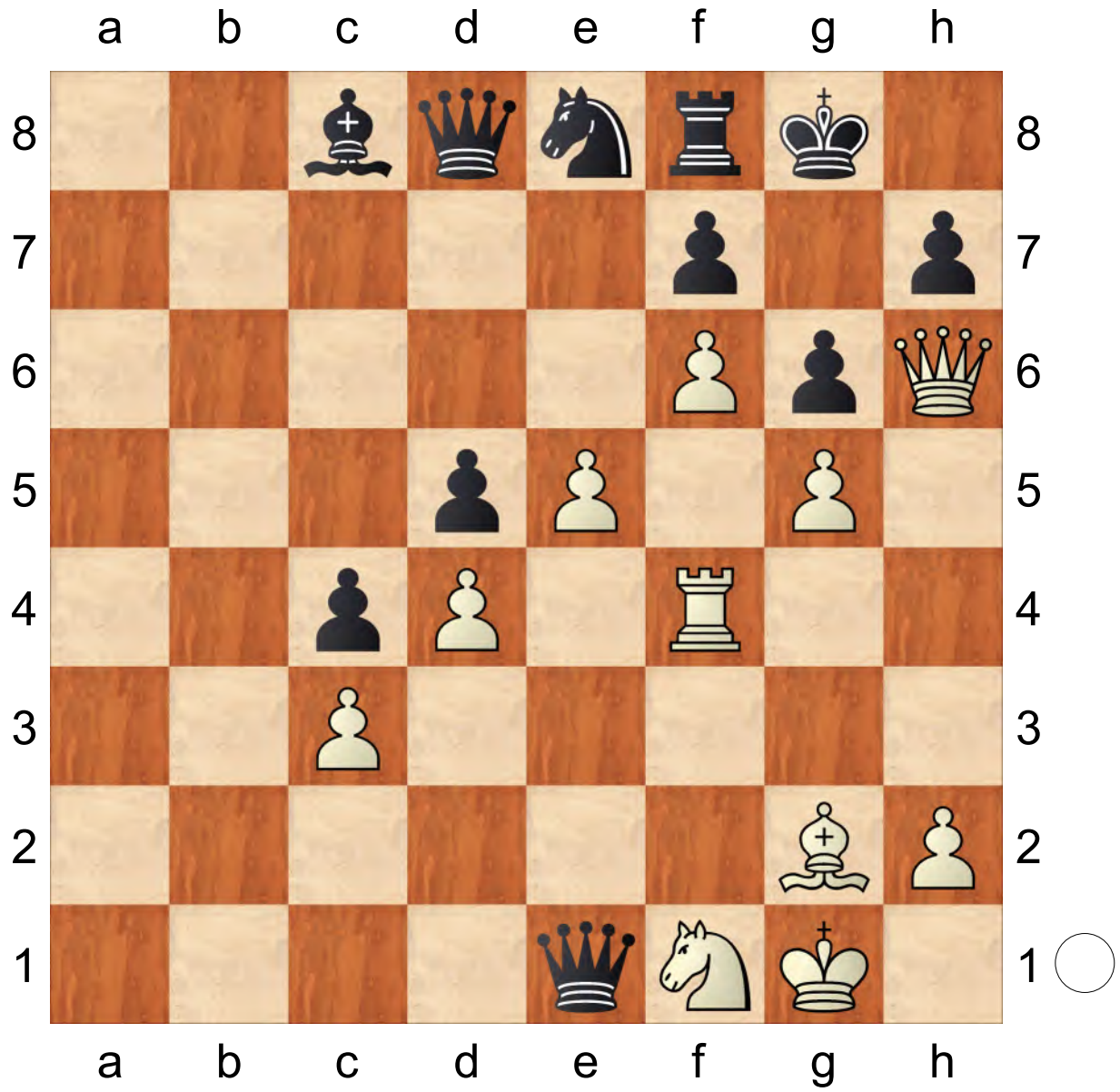
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□ **Aronian,Levon** **2812**
■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2759**
Tata Steel-A 76th (9) 23.01.2014
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Atalik,Suat **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6** Originates from Nimzowitsch.
[The classical 4...Bb7 is currently less popular amongst the top players, but it's only a matter of fashion: 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0
A) 7.Re1
A1) The standard reaction is 7...d5 8.cxd5 Here White has a better pawn structure and good practical results. However, Black's position is viable, only he must be prepared to defend it patiently. After exd5 9.Nc3 Nbd7 *(9...c5* is more flexible, Black can develop his knight also via a6-c7.*)* 10.Bf4 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5! *(11...bxc5 12.Nh4↑)* 12.Rc1 Nfe4 13.Be5 a5 14.Bh3 Bc8 15.Bxc8 Nxc3 16.Rxc3 Rxc8 17.Qd4 f6 18.Bf4 Qd7 19.Rec1 Rfd8 20.Be3 Bf8 21.Qd1 Re8± /⇄, Bacrot,E (2705)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2679)/ Bundesliga/2012/ Black has enough counterplay to defend his only weakness on d5.;
A2) 7...Na6 8.Nc3 Ne4 *(8...d5* can still transpose into the 7...d5 lines. *)*
A2a) 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Ne5 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 c5 12.d5 Qc7 13.Nf3 exd5 14.cxd5 d6 led to a complex Benoni structure: 15.h4 Qd7 16.Bf4 b5 17.Qd2 c4 18.h5 h6 19.e4 *(⌓19.Nd4!?)* 19...Nc5⇄ /∓, Sasikiran,K (2676)-Korobov,A (2702)/New Delhi/2012/
A2b) 9.Qc2
A2b1) 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3± *(10.Ng5 Bxg5 11.Bxg5 Qxg5 12.Bxb7* leads nowhere due to *Nxa2! 13.Bxa6 Nb4=)*;
A2b2) 9...f5 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nd3 d5?! *(⌓11...Bf6 12.Be3 c5⇄)* 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Qb3! Nxd3 15.exd3 Nf6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Rac1 Bd8 18.Re5 c6 19.Rce1 Nh5 20.Bd2 g6 21.Bh6 Bf6 22.Bxf8 Bxe5 23.Rxe5 *(23.dxe5!? Kxf8 24.Qa4↑)* 23...Kxf8 24.a4 Re8 25.a5± Vachier Lagrave,M (2742)-Adams,M (2753)/Bilbao/2013/
B) 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2 Bf6 9.Rc1 c5⇄ still has a good reputation for Black.;
C) 7.d5!? This pawn sacrifice has reappeared on the scene lately, Black holds his own after 7...exd5 8.Nh4 c6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nf5 Nc7 11.Nc3 d5 12.e4
C1) 12...Nba6 13.Bf4 Bf6 14.Nd6!? Bc8 15.exd5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxd5 17.Be5 Nc5 18.c4 Ne7 *(18...Nb4!? 19.Bc3 Nbd3 20.Bxc6 Bh3⇄)* 19.Re1 Be6 20.Qd4 *(20.Rc1!? Qd7 21.Rc2 f6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Rd2 Qc7 24.Bb4 Bg4 25.Qxg4 Rxd6 26.Bxc5 bxc5 27.Qf4↑* Miladinovic,I (2555)-Iordachescu,V (2490)/Elista olm/1998/*)* 20...f6 21.Bf4 a5 22.Rad1 Ra7 23.Nf5 Qxd4 24.Nxd4 Rd8 25.Nxe6 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Nxe6 27.Be3 Rb7 28.Rd6 Kf7 29.Bxc6 Nxc6 30.Rxc6 b5 31.c5 b4? *(31...a4± /=)*

32.Ra6± Nisipeanu,L (2674)-Berkes,F (2673)/Bad Wiessee/2013/;

C2) 12...Bf6 13.exd5 *(13.Bf4 Bc8! 14.g4 Nba6 15.Rc1 Bxf5 16.gxf5 Bg5 17.Bxc7 Nxc7 18.f4 Be7 19.exd5 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxd5 23.Bxd5 Rad8=* Sosonko,G (2565)-Tukmakov,V (2550)/ Tilburg/1984/ The opposite-cloured bishops guarantee a quick draw. *)*

C2a) Black can also consider returning the pawn immediately with 13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bf4 *(15.Ne3 Nc6 16.Nxd5 Be5 17.Qg4 Re8! 18.Bg5 Qc8 19.Qh4 h6 20.Be3 Qd8 21.Qh5 Nd4 22.Rad1 Bxd5 23.Bxd4 Bxg2 24.Bxe5 Qg5 25.Qxg5 hxg5 26.Kxg2 Rxe5=* Ramirez Alvarez,A (2593)-Shulman,Y (2571)/USA-ch Saint Louis/2012/*)* 15...Nc6 16.Bxd5 Na5 17.Bxb7 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Nxb7 19.b4 Nd8 20.Rfe1 Ne6 21.Be5 Bxe5 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Rxe5 Rfd8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Nc6 Rd7 26.Re3 h6 27.Ra3 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Nd4 29.Nxa7 Rb1⇄ Ragger,M (2655)-Rozentalis,E (2592)/AUT-chT/2012/;

C2b) 13...cxd5 14.Bf4 Nba6 15.Re1 Bc8 *(15...Qd7 16.Bh3* Kasparov, G (2595)-Marjanovic,S (2490)/La Valetta olm/1980/ *Qd8!=)* 16.Nd6 Be6 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Bxb2 20.Rad1 Nc5 21.h4 *(21.Re8 Rxe8 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Qd5 Qf6 24.Nf7+ Kg8 25.Nh6+ Kh8=)* 21...h6! 22.Re2 Bf6 23.Qf3 Ne6 24.Re4 Nxf4 25.Rxf4 Be5 26.Nxf7 Qc7 27.Nxe5 Qxe5 28.Rd7 Rxf4 29.gxf4 Qe8= Lehnhoff,H (2237)-Schwierzy,H (2435)/corr/2008/]

5.b3

[The pawn sacrifice 5.Qc2 c5 6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nxd5 9.0-0 is a line with strong Armenian roots - Sargissian and Aronian have played it a lot, Levon with both colours. After Nc6 10.Rd1 Be7 11.Qa4 Nf6 12.e4 0-0 13.e5 Ne8 14.Nc3 Nc7 15.Be3 Qe8 *(15...Qc8!?)*

A) The older continuation is 16.Rd2 Rd8 17.Rad1 Kh8 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 f6 20.Bxc6 *(20.Nge4!? Ba8 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Nd6⩱)* 20...Bxc6 21.Qxc6 dxc6 22.Rxd8 fxg5 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Rd7 Nb5= Pierzak,R (2501)-Ryvova,A (2434)/ corr/2009/;

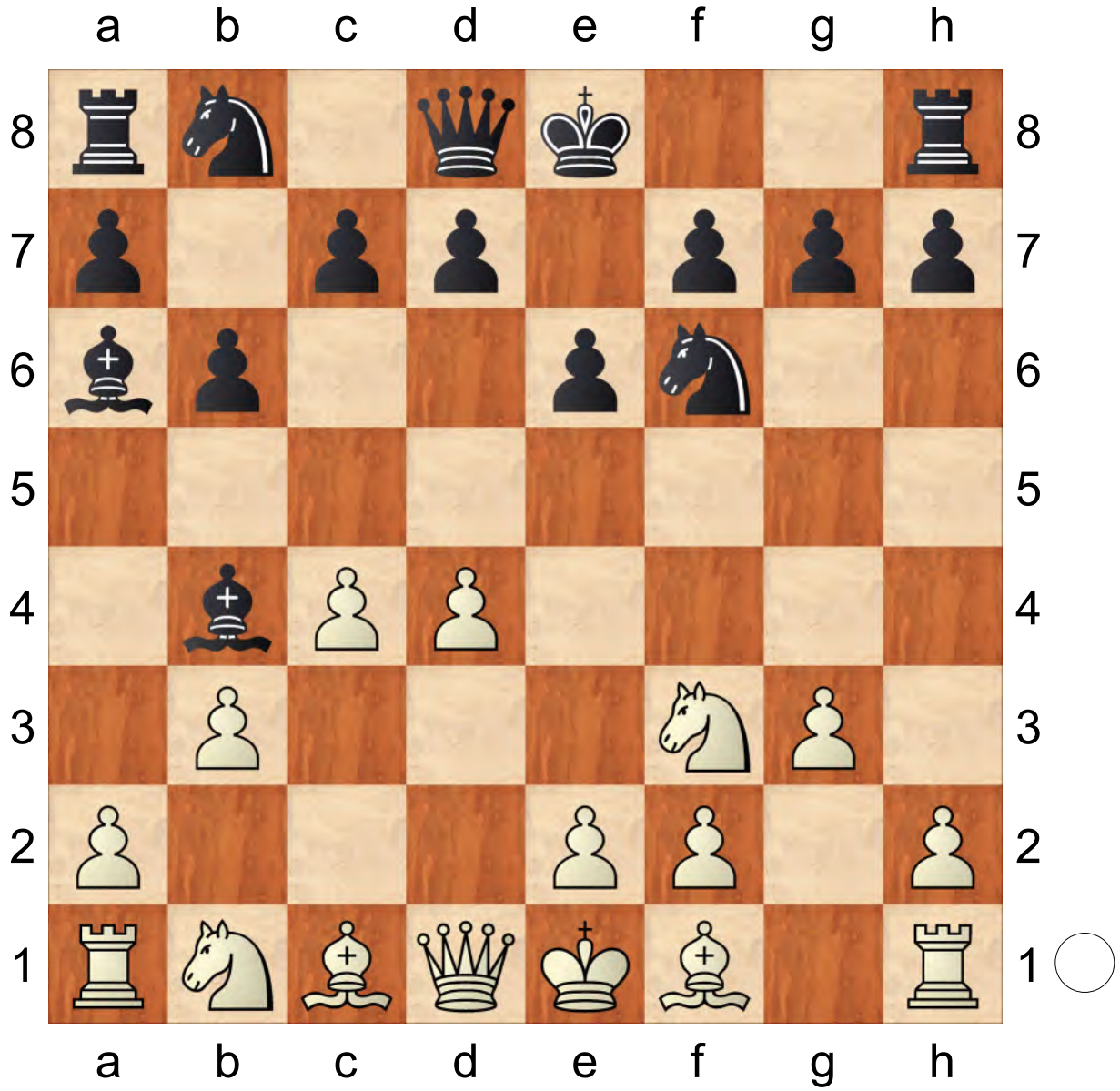
B) 16.Nd2!?N Rb8 *(16...a6!?)* 17.Nc4 Black forced the issue with b5 18.Nxb5 Nxb5 19.Qxb5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxg2 21.Qxd7 Ba8 22.Rd2 Rd8 23.Qxe8 Rfxe8 24.Rad1 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 f6 26.Nc4 Rd8?! *(* The pawn sacrifice is unnecessary, after *26...Bc6* Black should hold the endgame.*)* 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8 28.Bxc5 a6 29.Kf1± Aronian,L (2802)-Leko,P (2735)/Wijk aan Zee/2013/ For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 153.]

5...Bb4+

(Diagram)

6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3

[Here the main and more played alternative is 7.Bg2 c6 , after 8.0-0 *(8.Bc3 d5*



9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 13.e4 c5 14.exd5 exd5 15.dxc5 dxc4 16.c6 cxb3 17.Re1 has been analysed to exhaustion - Black holds the draw after *b2 18.Bxb2 Nc5 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.Qg4 Bg5 21.Qxc4 Nd3 22.Be5 Nxe1 23.Rxe1 Bf6 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.c7 Qd6 26.Rc1 b5 27.Qc2 b4 28.Bb7 g6 29.h4 a5 30.Kg2 Kg7 31.Qb2+ Kg8 32.Qc2 Kg7 33.Kf1 Rfe8 34.Bxc8 Rxc8 35.Qc5 Qxc5 36.Rxc5 a4 37.Ke2 b3 38.axb3 axb3 39.Kd3 Kf6 40.Kc3 Ke6 41.Kxb3 Kd6=* Sasikiran,K (2661)-Almasi,Z (2691)/Sibenik/2007/ *)* 8...d5 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 0-0

A) 11.Bf4 Rc8 12.Nc3 Nh5 13.Bc1 Nhf6 14.Bb2 Qc7 15.e4 *(15.Nd2 c5!=)* 15...dxc4 16.Nd2 e5 17.Nxc4 exd4 18.Rxd4 Rfd8 19.Ne2 Bc5 20.h3 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Ne5 22.Qc3 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 c5 24.Nf5 Nc6 25.Nxg7 Nd4 26.Qe3 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Kxg7 28.Qg5+ Kh8= Topalov,V (2752)-Leko,P (2737)/London/2012/;

B) 11.a4 c5 12.a5 Rc8 13.axb6 Qxb6 14.Qa2 Bb7 15.Ba5 *(15.b4 cxb4 16.c5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.e3 Ra8 19.Qa5 Nd7 20.Nd4 Qxa5 21.Rxa5 Bb6 22.Bxb4 Bxa5 23.Bxa5 Rfc8∞* Laznicka,V (2690)-Aronian,L (2783)/EU-Cup Plovdiv/2010/ Black has no reason to fear this complex endgame.*)* 15...Qa6 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Nbd2 *(*Po *17.b4 Nce4 18.c5 Ng4 19.Nd4* Mamedyarov,S (2763)-Alekseev,E (2700)/Astrakhan/2010/ *Ngxf2! 20.b5 Qxa5 21.Qxa5 Bxc5⩱* Krasenkow *)* 17...dxc4 18.bxc4 Bd8 19.Ne5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Bxa5 21.Qxa5 Qxa5 22.Rxa5 Rc7 23.Ndf3 *(23.Nd3!? Nfd7=)* 23...Nfd7 24.Nd3 h6 25.Nd4 a6= Wang,H (2752)-Leko,P (2735)/Wijk aan Zee/2013/]

7...0-0

[7...c6 8.e4 d5 is nowadays played almost solely by Leko:

A) Van Wely's 9.Qe2!? perhaps deserves more attention: 0-0 *(9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Neg5 0-0 12.Bh3 h6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bxe6+ Kh8 15.Ne5 Qxd4 16.0-0 Bd6 17.Ng6+ Kh7 18.Bf5 Re8 19.Be3 Qc3 20.Rad1→* Van Wely,L (2674)-Jakovenko,D (2708)/Foros/2007/*)* 10.e5

A1) 10...Nfd7 11.Qe3 Re8 12.Rd1!± **O** *(12.Bd3! c5 13.cxd5 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Bc5 15.Qe4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 exd5 17.0-0-0 Nc6 18.Ng5 Nf8 19.f4 h6 20.Nf3 Nb4↑* Dydyshko,V-Salov,V/Ivano Frankovsk/1982/*)* **Δ** 12...c5 13.cxd5 Bxf1 14.Kxf1±;

A2) ⩲10...Ne8!? 11.Qe3 Nc7⇄;

B) 9.Bd3 dxe4 *(9...dxc4!? 10.bxc4 e5 11.Ne2 Nbd7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 14.h3 Rad8 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Bc3 Qh5 18.e5 Nd7 19.Nf4 Qh6 20.Rfd1 Bg5 21.Bf5 Nc5 22.Ng2 Bc8 23.Bxc8 Rxc8⇄* Cheparinov,I (2678)-Leko,P (2756)/Jermuk/2009/*)* 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Qe2 Nbd7 12.Nxf6+ *(12.Rd1 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bg5 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qe7 18.Bc2 Rad8 19.Kg2 h6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6=* Topalov,V (2784)-Leko,P (2737)/Kiev rpd/2013/*)* 12...Nxf6 13.0-0 c5 14.d5 exd5 15.Rfe1 dxc4 16.Bxc4 0-0 17.Rad1 Qd7 18.Ng5 Nd5 19.Qd3 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 f6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Bxd5+ Qxd5 23.Qxd5+ Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Kf8= Topalov,V (2767)-Leko,P (2737)/Beijing/2013/]

[7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 is not too popular nowadays - Black prefers to avoid this pawn structure, as mentioned already in the initial note. 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Bg5 *(13.Bf4±)* 13...Nf8 14.e3 c6 15.f4 Rc8 16.Qf3 Rc7 17.Rc2 h6 18.Bh4 N6h7 19.Bxe7 Rcxe7 20.Na4 Qd6 21.Rfc1 Rc7 22.Nc3± Laznicka,V (2677)-Bologan,V (2672)/Poikovsky/2013/]

[7...Bb7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.d5!? exd5 11.Nd4 Bc5 12.Nc2 c6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bg5 Nc7 15.Ne3 d4? *(15...Bxe3 16.Bxe3⩱)* 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Ng4 dxc3 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Be4 d5 20.Bc2 f5 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Nxf5± →, Aronian,L (2816)-Ivanchuk,V (2769)/Istanbul olm/2012/]

8.Bg2 This natural move is currently White's main try.

[Topalov's 8.Rc1 was all the rage, but it's not seen too often nowadays. After

A) 8...d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 *(9...exd5* can transpose to Laznicka-Bologan above. *)*

A1) 10.Nxd5?! exd5 11.Bg2 Re8 12.Rc2 c5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Bc3 Rc8↑

15.Bh3 Rc7 16.Re1? *(16.dxc5 bxc5∓)* 16...cxd4 17.Bxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bb4 19.Rf1 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Bc5 21.Rd1 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Rxe2-+ Leko,P (2763)-Adams,M (2737)/Miskolc m/2005/;

A2) 10.Bg2 Bb7 *(10...Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Re1 Bb7 14.b4 Nf6 15.Qa4 a6 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Red1 Qb6 20.bxc5 Rxc5 21.Bd4 Qb7+ 22.f3 Rxc1 23.Rxc1± Timman,J (2594)-Wells,P (2480) /London/2006/)* 11.Qc2 Nf6!? 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.e4 Nbd7 15.Bf4 h6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Qe2 Rc8 19.Rcd1 Qe7 20.h4 Rfd8 21.Nd2 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nf8 23.h5± /=, Gelfand,B (2736)-Leko,P (2755)/Moscow/2007/;

B) 8...Ba3 9.Rc2 Nc6 10.Bc1 Bxc1 11.Rxc1 d5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Bg2 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Qd6!? *(14...Nb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc2 Qe7 17.Qa1 Rac8 18.0-0 c5 19.Rfc1 Rc7 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Rxc5 bxc5 22.Nd2 Rc8 23.Bf3 h6* Grischuk,A (2746)-Navara,D (2722)/Khanty-Mansiysk/2011/ *24.Qe5±* Navara *)* 15.0-0 Rad8= Landa]

[The once popular 8.e4 is rare nowadays: d5 9.cxd5 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 exd5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Kg2 Qd7 13.Qc2 Nxd2 *(13...Nxc3 14.Qxc3 c5=)* 14.Qxd2 Nc6 15.h4 Rac8 16.Rae1 Nd8 17.Ng5 Ne6 18.f4 *(18.Qd3!?)* 18...c5 19.dxc5 Rxc5 20.Qd3 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Nxf4+! 22.gxf4 Qg4+ 23.Kf2 Qxf4+ ½, Karjakin,S (2769)-Gashimov,V (2761)/Wijk aan Zee/2012/ Sadly this was Vugar's last tournament.]

8...c6 9.e4

[9.0-0 d5 is harmless, as with the knight on c3 it's difficult for White to retain the central tension: 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Rc8 12.Nd2?! *(There was the more circumspect and modest ⌓12.cxd5=)* 12...Nh5 13.Be3 f5! 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 Bd6 16.g4 Nhf6 17.Re1 h6 18.e3 fxe3 19.Bxe3 Qc7 20.h3 c5 21.Ne2 Gofshtein,L (2521)-Tiviakov,S (2623)/Leiden/2010/ e5!∓]

9...d5 10.exd5 White wants to counter the pressure on the a6-f1 diagonal with play of his own against d5.

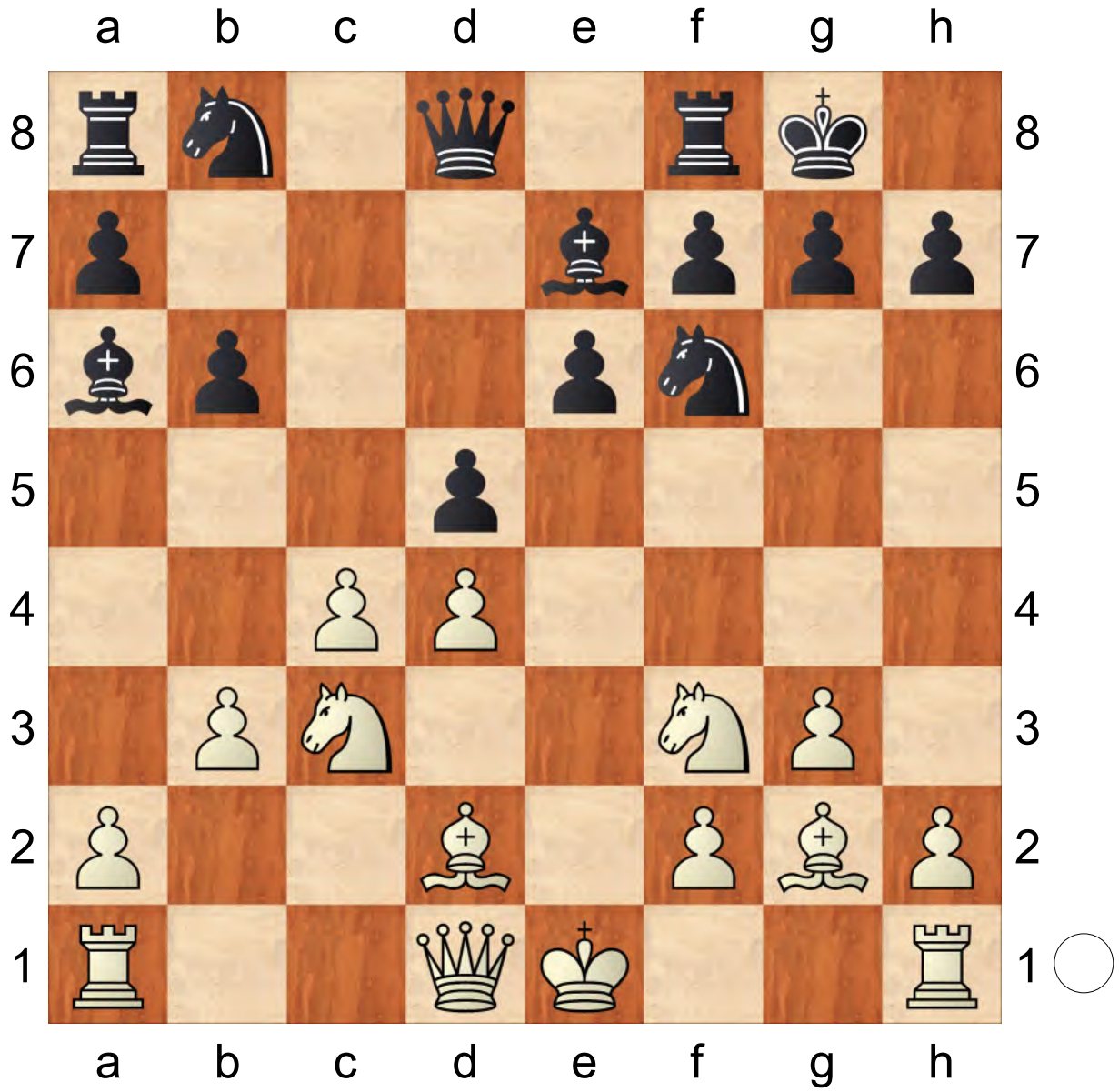
[The older move was 10.Qe2

A) The alternative 10...c5!? deserves attention: 11.exd5 exd5 12.Be3 *(12.0-0 Nc6 13.Be3* can transpose*)* 12...dxc4 13.bxc4 Nc6 14.Rd1 Re8 15.0-0 Qc8 16.Rfe1 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bb7 18.Ndb5 Ne5 19.Bd4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qc6+ 21.Nd5 Nxc4 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qf3 Kf8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Nxa7 Qa8 26.Nxf6 *(26.Qb3!?)* 26...Qxf3+ 27.Kxf3 gxf6 28.Rc1 Ne5+ 29.Kg2 ½,Wicklund Hansen,G-Sherwood,R/corr/2007/;

B) 10...b5 11.e5! *(11.exd5? exd5 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Nxb5 Ba3! 14.Bf1 Re8 15.Be3 Qa5+ 16.Kd1 Nc6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Ne4 19.Bd2 Bb4 20.Bxb4 Qxb4 21.Qe1 Qc5-+* Gustafsson,J (2634)-Zhigalko,A (2568)/Warsaw rpd/2008/ *)* 11...Ne8 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Qe3 b4 14.Na4 Nc6 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Bf1 Qa5 17.Bd3 Bb5 18.0-0!?⩲ Bxa4 19.bxa4 Qxa4 20.Rc2 Rb8 21.Rfc1 Na5 22.Qe2 Qa3 23.Be3 g6 24.Kg2 Ng7 25.Rc7 b3 26.Rxa7 bxa2 27.Ra1± /=,Germann,J (2205)-Muri,H (2398)/corr/2009/]

10...cxd5

[10...exd5 11.0-0! *(11.Qe2? b5!* - see Gustafsson-Zhigalko.*)* 11...dxc4 12.Re1↻ was until now played only in postal chess and is pretty dangerous for Black: Re8 *(12...Bb4!? 13.Rc1 Nbd7 14.bxc4 Bxc4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Re4 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Be6 19.Rd4 Rc8 20.Rd6±* Beskov,V (2229)-Marinov,P (2366)/corr/2007/*)* 13.bxc4 Bxc4 14.Ne5!? Qxd4 15.Bg5! Qxc3 16.Rc1 Qa5 17.Rxc4 h6 18.Ra4 Qc5 19.Qb3 Rf8 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nxf7 Qc3 22.Nxh6+↑ Szabo,V (2328)-Baranowski,T (2310)/Telechess/2009/]



11.Ne5 Bb7 A concession. Black had no success with [11...Nfd7 , but even this aggressive move might be playable: 12.0-0 *(12.cxd5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7!* **Δ** *14.d6?! Nxe5 15.dxe7 Qxe7 16.Ne2 Rad8 17.0-0 Qd6∓)* 12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Re1 dxc4 *(* Black must sacrifice the exchange, but *14...d4* is weaker: *15.Nb5!±)* 15.Bxa8 Qxa8 16.Bh6!? Rd8 17.Qg4 Bf8

18.Rad1 Nc5 *(*Houdini recommends *18...cxb3! 19.Bg5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 b2≅* , but one will hardly sacrifice a whole rook without preparation.*)* 19.bxc4 *(⌓19.Rxd8! Qxd8 20.bxc4±)* 19...Bb7 *(19...Nd3!?)* 20.Rxd8 Qxd8 21.Rd1?! *(21.Nb5!↑* prevents ♕c7 *)* 21...Qc7 22.Bf4 Qc6 23.f3

A) 23...Nd3!! 24.Rxd3 Qxc4 25.Rd8 Ba6! *(25...Qxc3? 26.Bh6 Qxe5 27.Qb4 Qc5+ 28.Qxc5 bxc5 29.Be3+-)* 26.h4 Qf1+=;

B) 23...Nd7? 24.Ne4 Qa4 25.Rxd7 Bxe4 26.Rd8 Bg6 27.Bg5 Qa3 28.Qd4 h6 29.Qd6 Kh7 30.Qxf8 1-0, Aronian,L (2816)-Karjakin,S (2778)/Sao Paulo/Bilbao/2012/ For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 151.]

12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bf4

[13.Bg5 Rc8 14.Rc1 h6 15.Bf4 *(15.Bxf6 Bxf6=)* 15...Ba3 and in comparison with the game, Black has the extra h6 move, equalising easily: 16.Rc2 a6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Re1 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8= Dutra Neto,A (2448)-Alpert,A (2422)/corr/2006/]

13...Na5

[13...Rc8 14.Rc1 Na5 *(14...Ba3 15.Rc2 a6 16.Bg5!? Be7±; 14...dxc4? 15.bxc4 Na5 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.Nb5±)* 15.Qe2 Ba3 16.Rc2

A) 16...a6 17.cxd5 Bb4 18.Bd2 *(18.dxe6!? Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rxc3 20.exf7+≅)* 18...exd5 19.Qd3 Nc6 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxd5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Rxc2 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 25.Qxc2 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Qd5+ 27.Kg1 Qxe5 28.Qc6± jamwan,h (2602)-sh0tgun,h (2731)/Engine Room/2012/;

B) 16...Bb4 17.Bg5 Ba6 18.Rcc1 *(18.Ng4!?)* 18...h6 *(⌓18...dxc4!? 19.Ne4 Be7∞)* 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Ng4 Kg7 21.Ne3

B1) 21...dxc4 22.Ncd5! Ba3 *(22...exd5? 23.Nf5+ Kh7 24.Qe3 Kg6 25.Qxh6+ Kxf5 26.Bh3+ Ke4 27.Qe3#)* 23.Rc3→;

B2) 21...f5 22.Nexd5 *(22.Bxd5!?)* 22...exd5 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qxf5 Bxc3 25.Rxc3 Rc7 26.Qg4+ Kh7 27.Bxd5± Paredes,C (2252)-Esen,N (2417)/corr/2011/]

14.Rc1 Ba3 15.Rb1

[15.Rc2 dxc4 16.bxc4 *(16.Bxb7 cxb3)* 16...Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Bb4⇄]

15...Bb4

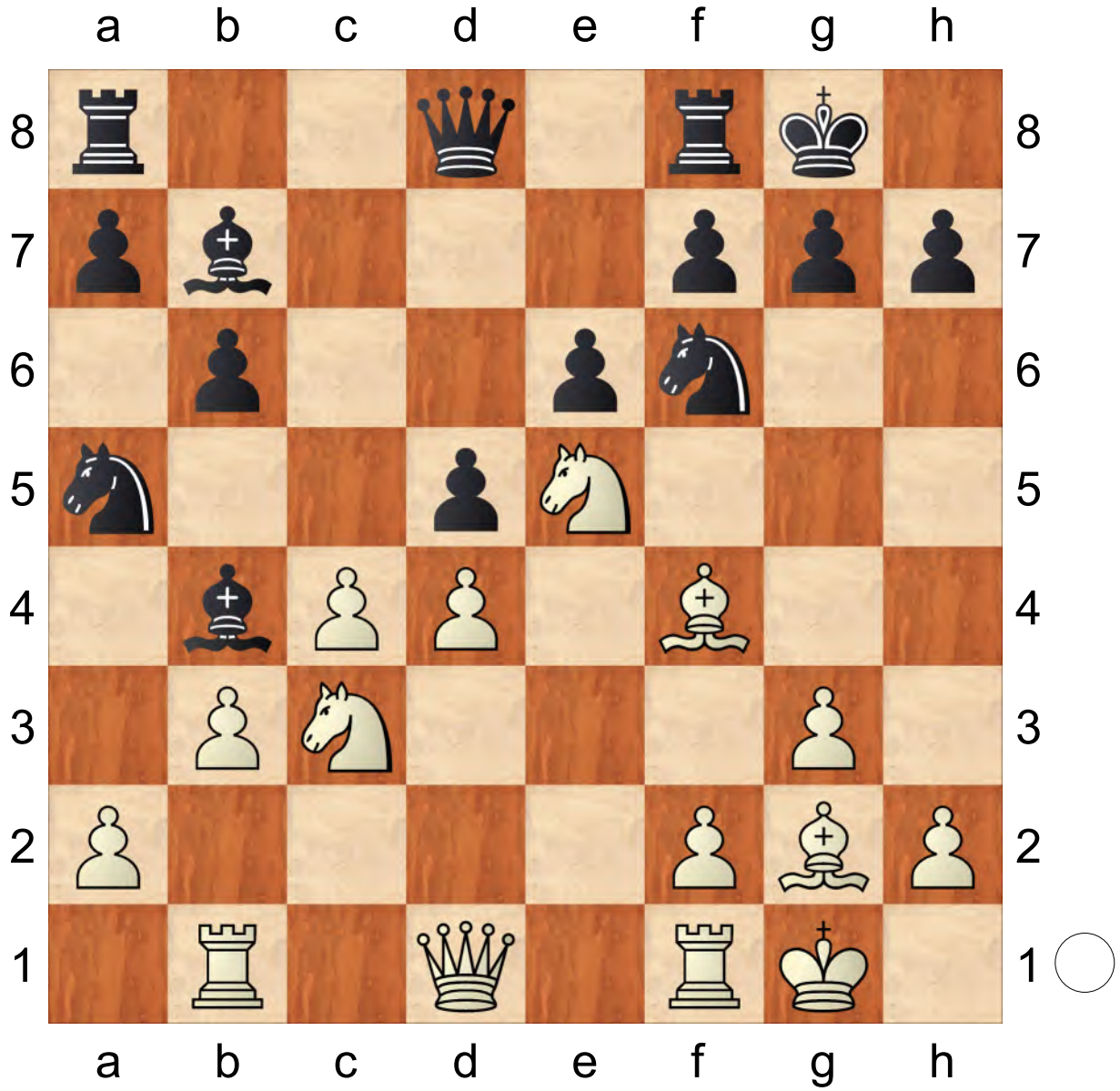
[15...dxc4 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.bxc4↑]

(Diagram)

16.Ne2 Atalik,Suat: '!?' Still following previous examples.

[16.Na4 Ne4 brought Karjakin 2 full points last year in Norway: 17.a3 Be7

A) 18.Qd3 f6 19.Ng4 Re8 *(*An engine recommendation is *19...Ba6!?* **Δ** *20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 e5! 22.dxe5 f5 23.Nh6+ gxh6∞ /∓)* 20.cxd5 exd5 21.f3 Nd6 22.Rfc1 Bf8 23.Ne3 Nf7 24.b4 Nc6 would result in an apprixmately equal game after ♘e3 rather than the careless 25.b5? *(25.Nf1=)*



25...Nce5! 26.dxe5 fxe5↑ Hammer,J (2608)-Karjakin,S (2767)/Stavanger/2013/;

B) 18.cxd5 exd5 19.b4 Nc6 20.Rc1 Rc8 21.Bh3 f5 22.f3 Nd6 23.Qd3 *(*According to Karjakin White should play *23.Nxc6* , but Black has certainly no problems after *Bxc6= /∓; 23.Nb2=; 23.Nc3!? Nxe5 24.dxe5 Nc4 25.Nb5⇄)* 23...Nxe5 24.dxe5 *(24.Bxe5 g6=)* 24...Rxc1

B1) 25.Rxc1! Nc4 26.Bxf5 Bg5 *(26...g5 27.Bxh7+ Kh8 28.Qg6 gxf4 29.Bg8+-; 26...Kh8!?∞)* 27.Bxg5 Qxg5 28.Be6+ Kh8 29.f4 Rxf4 30.h4 Qxe5 *(30...Rxh4? 31.Rf1+-)* 31.gxf4 Qxe6≅ /= White's king is too exposed to make his minimal material advantage count.;

B2) 25.Bxc1?! Nc4 26.f4?! *(⌓26.Re1)* 26...b5! 27.Nc3? *(⌓27.Nb2! d4 28.Bg2∓)* 27...Qb6+ 28.Rf2 d4 29.Ne2 Rd8 30.Qxf5 d3 31.Qe6+ Kf8 32.Qf5+ Ke8!-+ Aronian,L (2813)-Karjakin,S (2767)/Stavanger/2013/ For

more details see the notes to this game by Motylev in CBM 155.]

16...Nc6 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Nf4 Qd6N Atalik,Suat: 'N!?'

[Understandably Karjakin is unwilling to repeat 18...Ne4?! Atalik,Suat: '- 119/(168)' 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Re1 Qf6 23.Rc1 Bb7 24.Re2 Rae8 25.Rc7 Ba8 26.Rxa7± Leko,P (2744)-Karjakin,S (2786)/Zug/2013/]

19.Bxf6 This shouldn't have given White anything special.

[19.Re1 Rad8!?⇄]

19...Bxf6 20.cxd5 Now Black sank into deep thought - this is surprising considering the current level of preparation. **20...exd5?!**

[20...Nxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.dxe6 Bxg2 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxd6 Bxd6 25.Nxg2 Bc5 26.Nf4± doesn't give Black full compensation.]

[⌓20...Nxd4!? Atalik,Suat: '⌓!'

A) 21.dxe6

A1) 21...Bxg2? 22.exf7+ Rxf7 *(22...Kh8 23.Neg6+ hxg6 24.Nxg6+ Kh7 25.Qh5#)* 23.Nxf7+-;

A2) 21...Bxe5! 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.exf7+ Kh8 24.Be4 Bxf4 25.gxf4 g6= /∓ *(25...Rxf7 26.Qh5 g6 27.Qe5+ Qxe5 28.fxe5 Re8=)*;

B) 21.Nc4 Qc5= *(21...Qb8? 22.Nh5↑; 21...Qd8!?)* Δ 22.dxe6?! Bxg2 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Nxg2 Rd8≅ ↑;

C) 21.Ng4 Atalik,Suat: '!' 21...e5 22.Nh5

C1) 22...Bd8 Atalik,Suat 23.f4 ΔBxd5? 24.fxe5 Qc5 25.Bxd5 Qxd5 26.Rf4 b5 27.Rxd4 Qxd4+ *(27...Bb6? 28.Nhf6++-)* 28.Qxd4 Bb6 29.Qf2 Bxf2+ 30.Kxf2±;

C2) 22...Be7 Atalik,Suat: '!' 23.Nxe5! □ *(23.f4?! Atalik,Suat Bxd5 24.fxe5 Qc5 25.Bxd5 Qxd5 26.Ngf6+ Bxf6 27.exf6 g6∞)* 23...Bxd5! *(23...Qxe5? 24.Re1±)* 24.Ng6!? Atalik,Suat: '!' *(24.Qxd4 Bxg2 25.Qxd6 Bxd6= 26.Kxg2* Atalik,Suat *Bxe5∓)*

C2a) 24...Bxg2 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.Qxd4 Qg5 27.Kxg2 *(27.Nf6+* Atalik,Suat *Qxf6 28.Qxf6 gxf6 29.Kxg2 Rfe8±)* 27...Qxh5 28.Rbd1±;

C2b) 24...hxg6 25.Qxd4 gxh5 26.Bxd5 Rad8 27.Rbd1 Atalik,Suat: '±' Qf6= With the opposite-coloured bishops the most likely result is a draw.]

(Diagram)

In my (and Houdini's!) opinion not the best. **21.Bxd5**

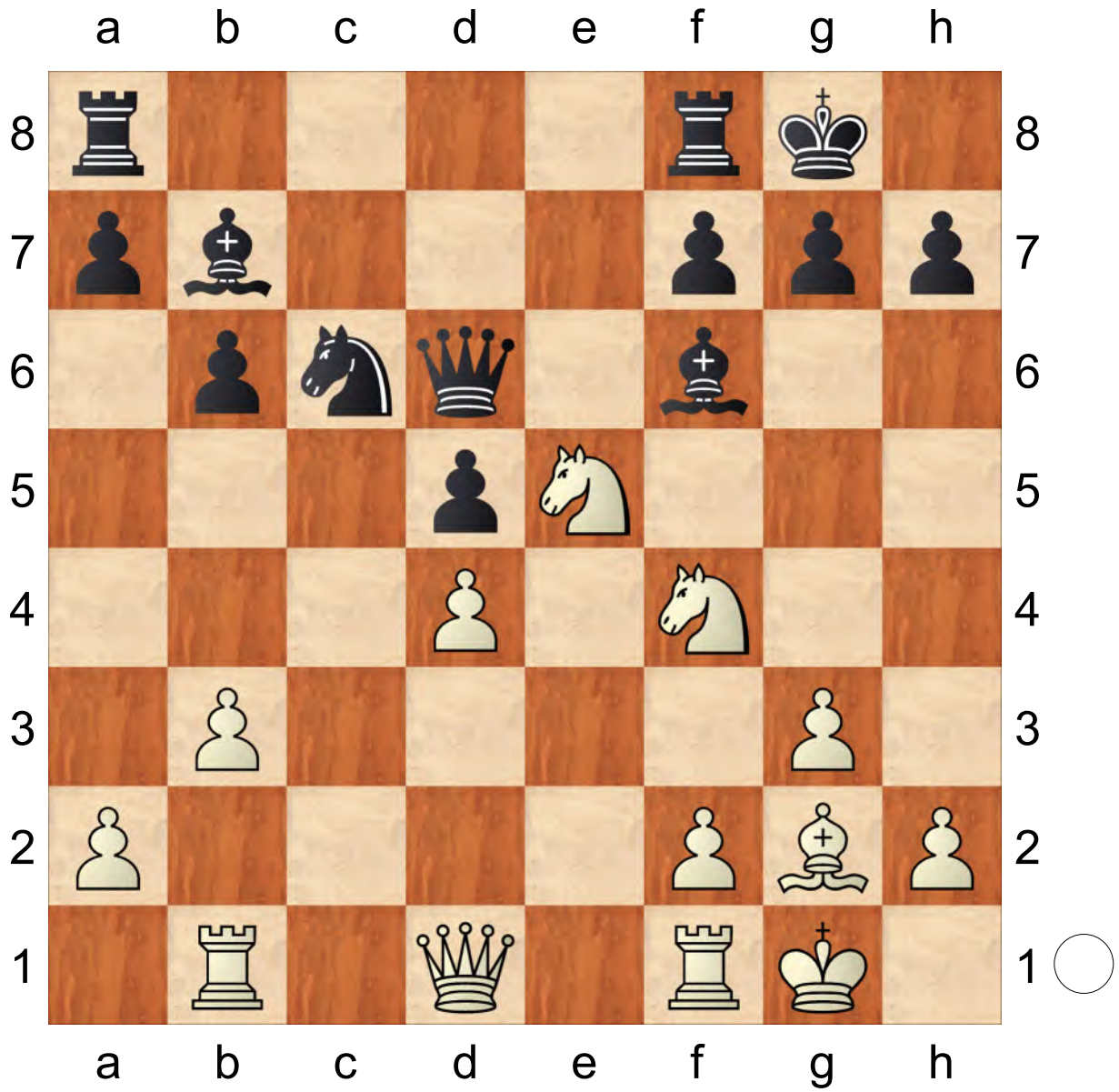
[21.Nxd5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Nxe5=]

21...Bxe5 Levels the material balance, but now Black remains under pressure.

[More generous was 21...Rad8!? 22.Nxc6 *(22.Re1 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Bxd5 24.Rbd1 Rfe8)* 22...Bxc6 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.d5 Qb7 and White can hardly convert his extra pawn.]

22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Re1± Qf6 24.Nh5

[⌓24.Qe2!?↑ White prevents both ♖e8 and the activation of Black's Knight: Nd4?



(24...Na5? 25.b4) 25.Qe4 Bxd5 26.Nxd5 Nf3+ 27.Kh1+-]

24...Qh6 25.Qg4 Qg6

[25...Rae8!? 26.Nf4 Bc8± /⇄ also deserves attention.]

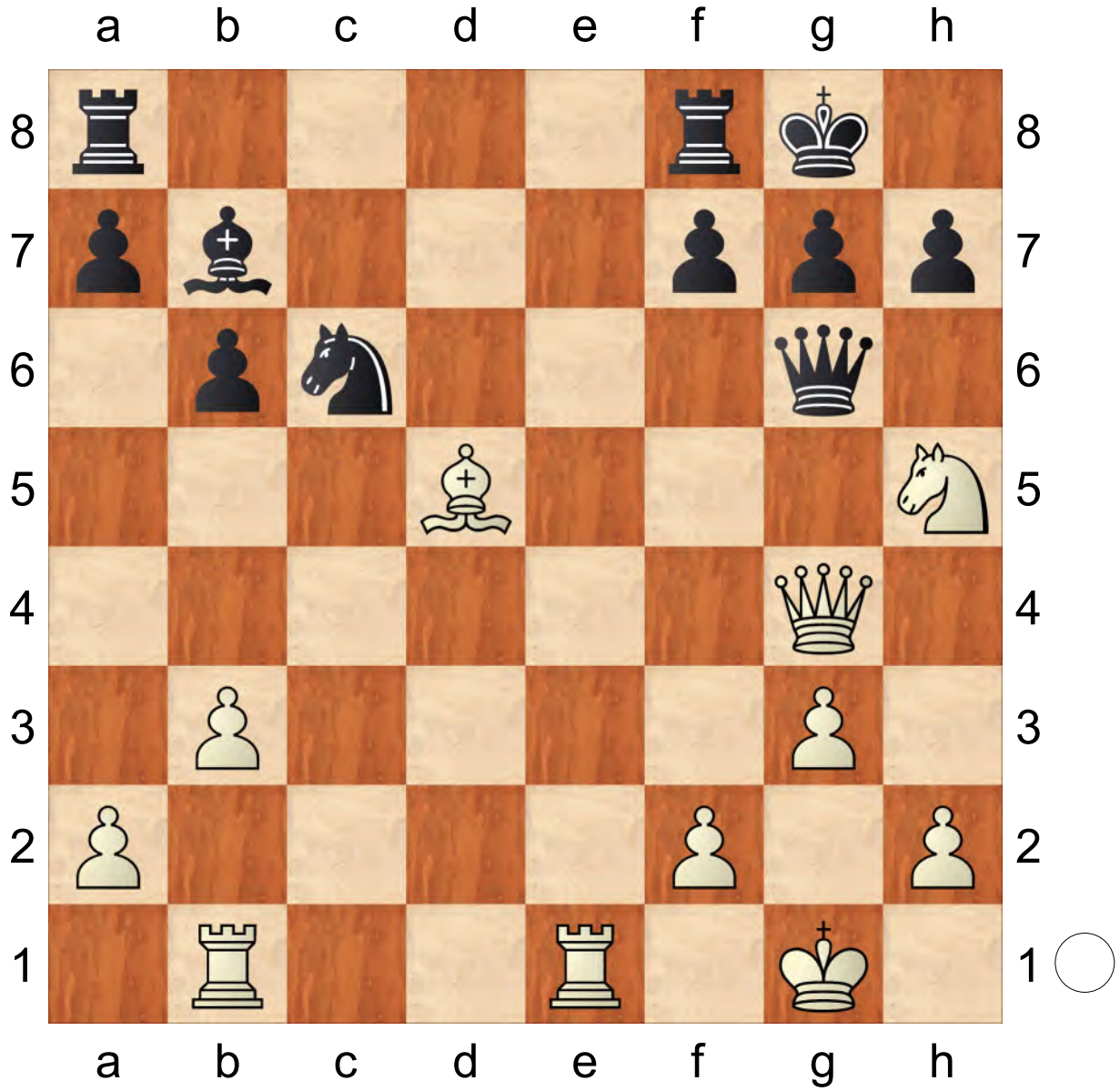
(Diagram)

26.Qh3!

[26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.Nf4 Rfd8 28.Rbc1 Rd6 29.h4 Kf8± /= gives White less chances to increase his slight pressure.]

26...Rad8 27.Nf4 Qf6 28.Be4?! Rather artificial, White could have activated his major pieces instead.

[28.Qg2! Ba8 29.Rbc1 *(*or *29.Rbd1* retains a slight pull. *)*]



28...g6 29.Nd5 Qg7

[Black played the text-move quickly, but 29...Qd6!?= was perhaps more accurate.]

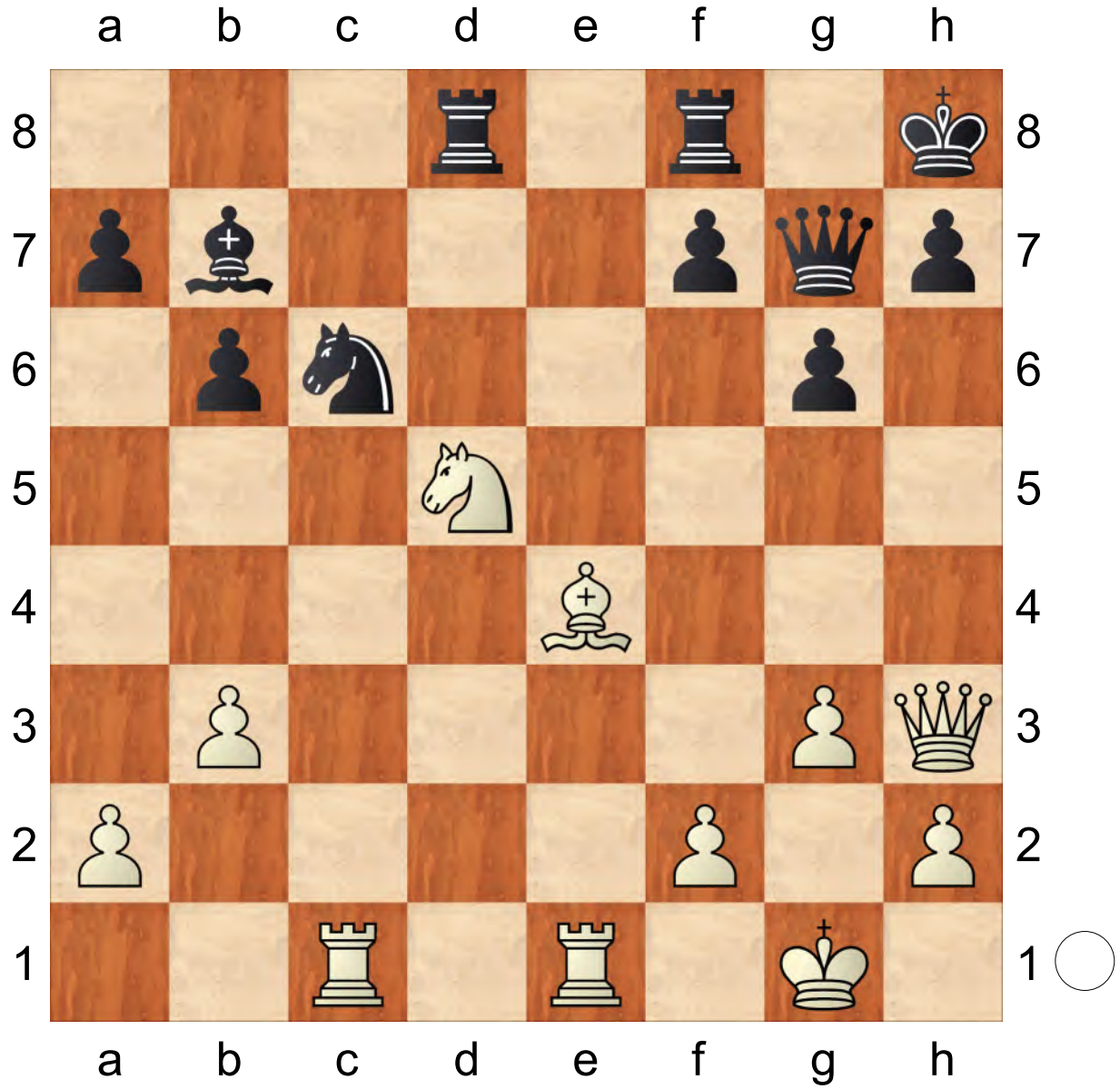
30.Rbc1

[30.Qh4 Kh8 *(30...g5? 31.Nf6+!)* 31.Ne7 Nxe7 32.Bxb7 Nf5⇄]

[⩲30.Rbd1!? Δ Rfe8?! 31.Qh4 g5 32.Qxh7+!±]

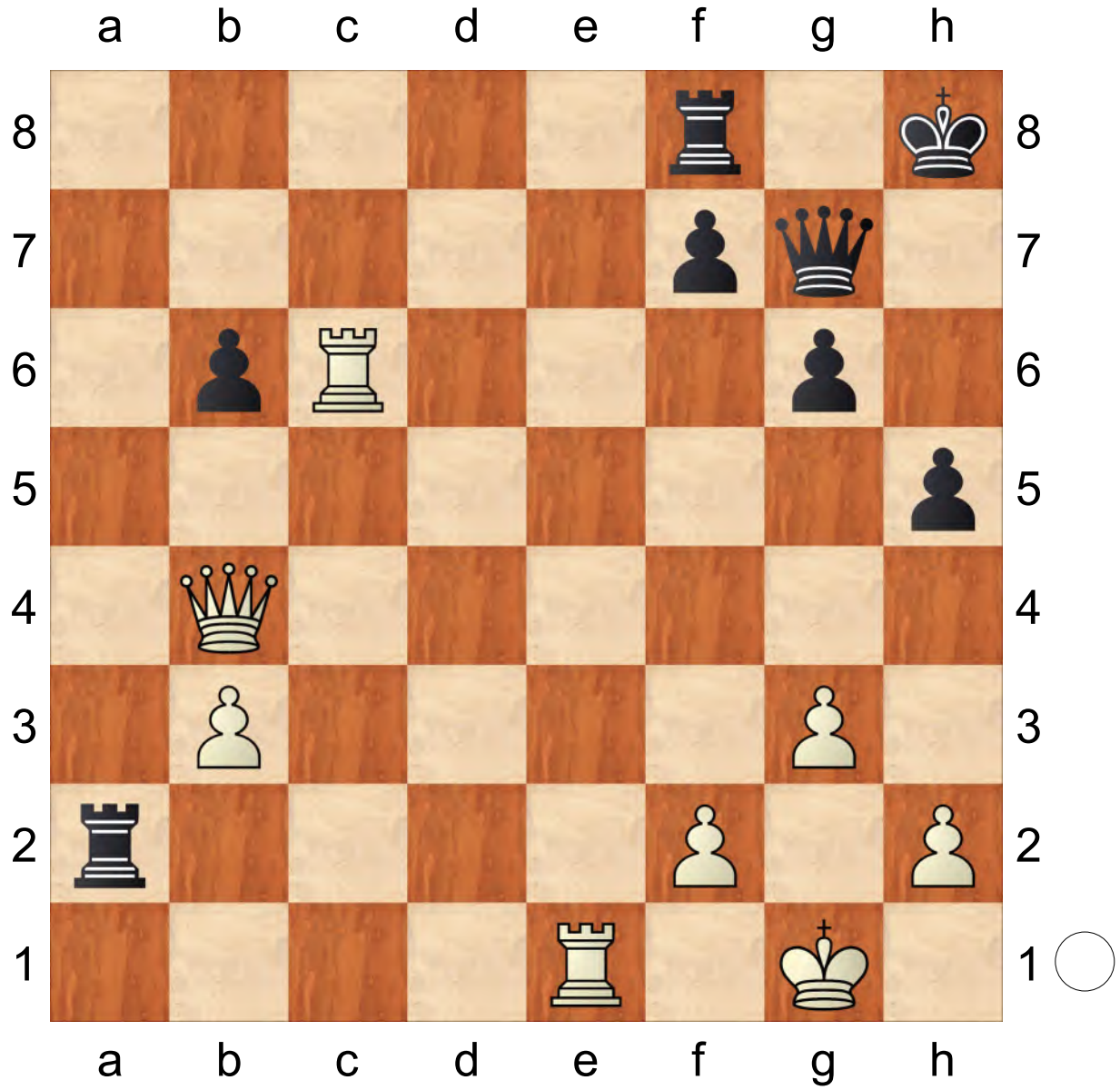
30...Kh8?

[30...Rfe8= gives Black good chances to finally consolidate his position. It's not easy for White to develop his initiative: 31.Qh4 g5! Atalik,Suat: ' ⇄' *(31...Kh8? 32.Nc7)* 32.Qxh7+ *(32.Qh5 Nd4⇄)* 32...Qxh7 33.Bxh7+ Kg7 34.Rxe8 Rxe8 35.Rd1 *(35.Bd3 Nd4)* 35...Nd4! 36.Rxd4 Re1+ 37.Kg2 Kxh7 38.Kh3 Re2 wins the pawn back and already White has to tread with care.]



Atalik,Suat: '!?' A serious tactical error, as it parries only one of White's threats.
31.Nxb6 White wins a healthy pawn with good chances to score a full point.
31...axb6
[31...Ne5 32.Bxb7 axb6 33.Re2±]
32.Bxc6 Bxc6 33.Rxc6 Rd2
[33...Qb2 34.Rxb6 Qxa2 35.Qh4± /±]
34.Qh4
[34.Rxb6?? Qd4]
[34.Qc8!? Rxc8 35.Rxc8+ Qg8 36.Rxg8+ Kxg8 37.a4± /±]
34...Rxa2 35.Qb4
[Levon probably wanted to avoid 35.Rxb6 Qc3±]
35...h5
[A more resilient move was 35...Ra1 Atalik,Suat: '!?' 36.Rcc1!? *(36.Qxf8+ Qxf8*

37.Rxa1 Qb4± /= Atalik,Suat: '='; 36.Rxb6 Re8! 37.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 38.Kg2 Qa8+ forces White to expose his King with *39.Kh3±; 36.Rxa1* Atalik,Suat *Qxa1+ 37.Kg2 Kg8 38.Rxb6 Qa8+⇄)* 36...Rxc1 37.Rxc1 Re8 *(* Black can also consider *37...Rb8!? 38.Qf4 Qf8 39.Rc7 Kg7±* - this is passive, but material is still equal.*)* 38.Qxb6 Qb2± Here Black has an extra tempo in comparison with the game.]

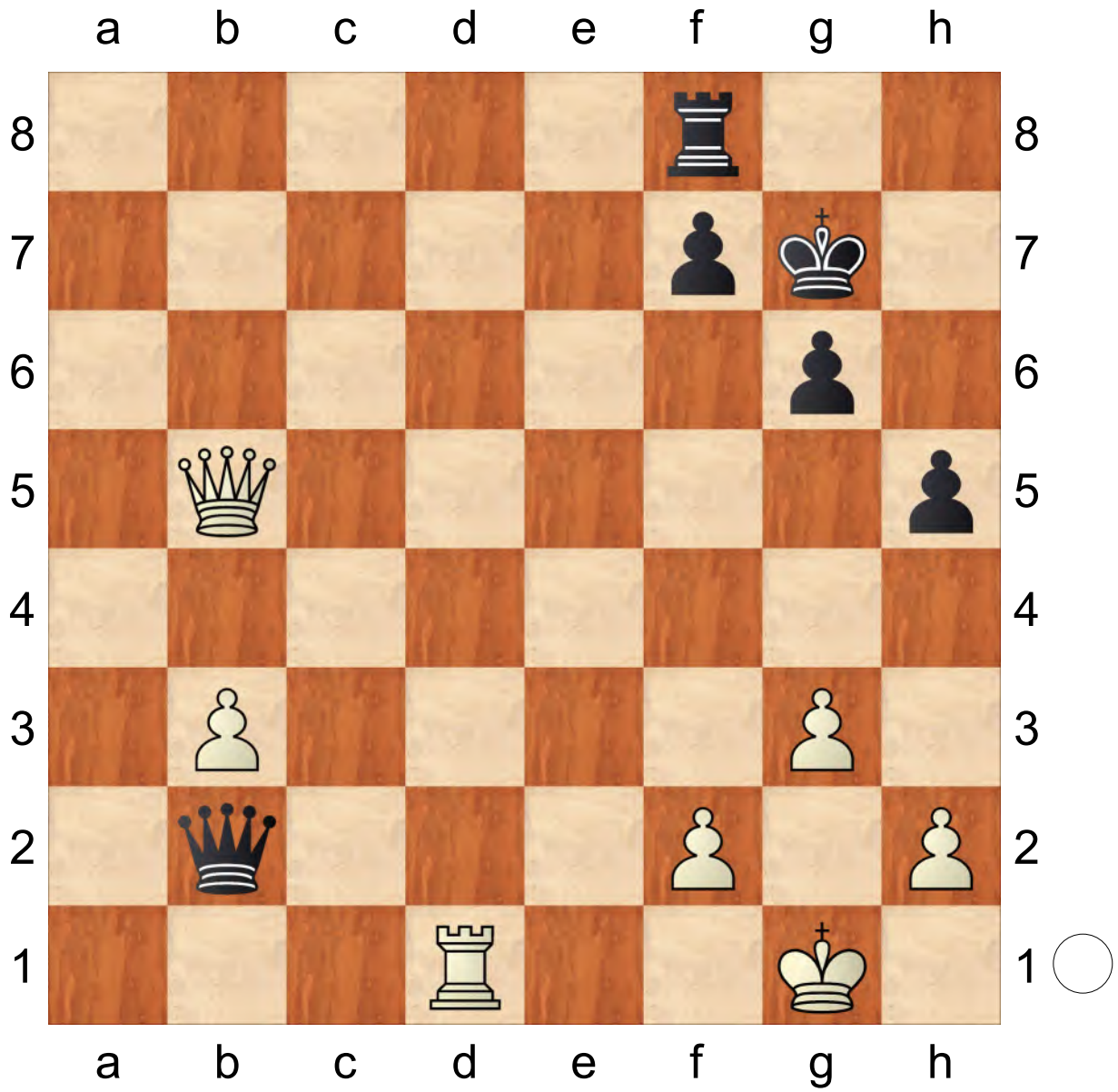


36.Qxb6 Ra1

[36...h4?! Atalik,Suat 37.gxh4]

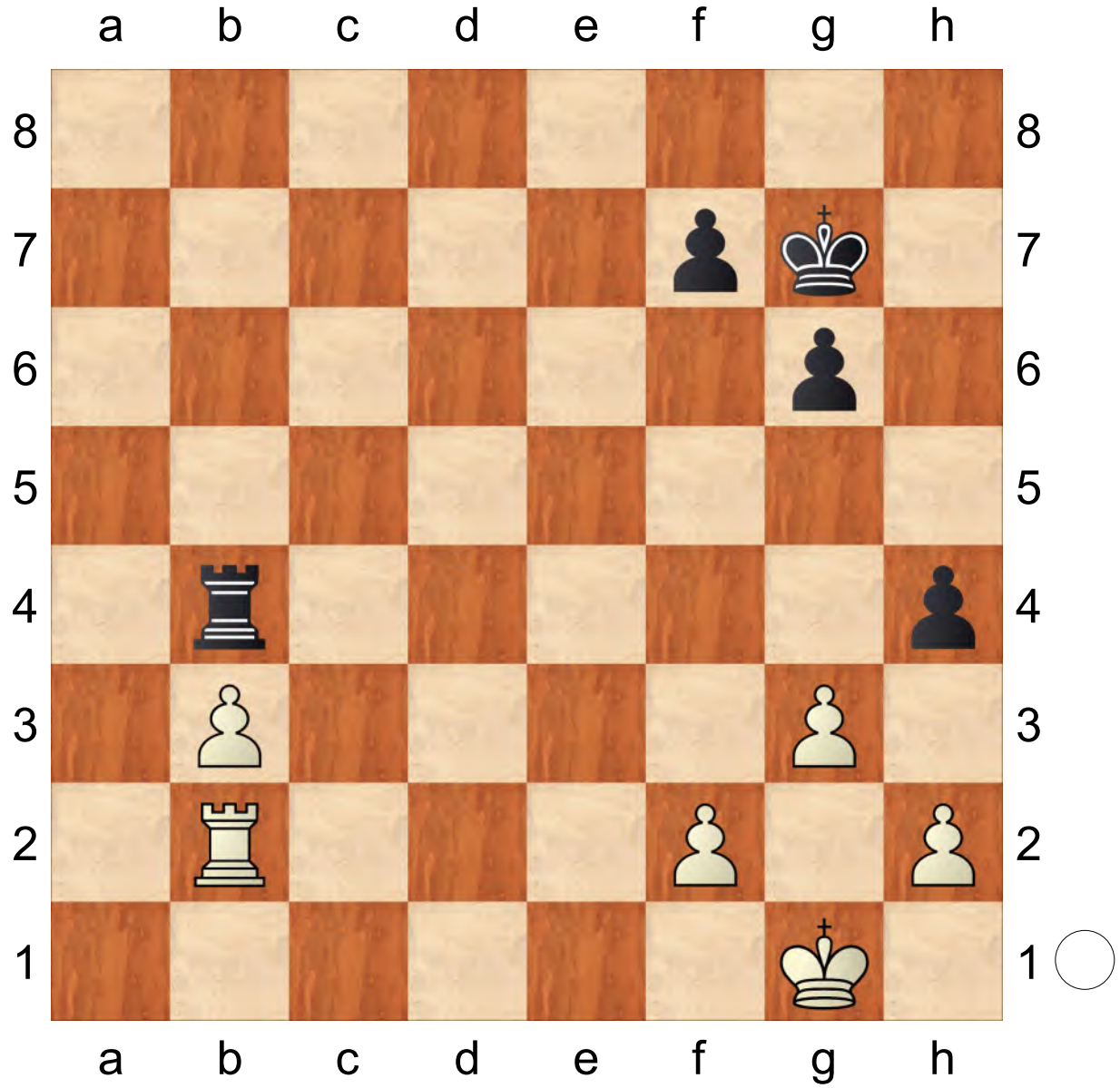
37.Rcc1 Rxc1 38.Rxc1 The endgame resembles the last game of the Alekhine-Capablanca match, only there White had a passed a-pawn instead. If Black could swap queens and get his rook behind the passed pawn, his drawing chances would increase. However, Alekhine managed to prevent this transformation and also Aronian will avoid it. **38...Qb2 39.Rd1 Kh7** With the rook protecting the pawn from

the side White should win.
[However, he shouldn't let Black activate his rook: 39...Re8!? Δ 40.Qd4+ Qxd4 41.Rxd4 Re1+ 42.Kg2 Rb1 43.b4 Kg7±]
40.Qb5 Atalik,Suat: '±' **40...Kg7**



41.Qd3 Rb8 42.Rb1 Qe5 43.Qd2
[43.b4? Rxb4! 44.Rxb4 Qe1+=]
43...h4 Atalik,Suat: '?!' Allows the queen swap. Aronian thought Black shoud have avoided simplification with
[43...Kh7± , or]
[43...Qf5± , but in fact even the rather risky text move retains drawing chances.]
[43...Kg8 Atalik,Suat 44.b4 Rb5 45.Qb2 Qb8 46.Qd4 Kh7 47.h4 Qb7±]
44.Qb2 Qxb2 45.Rxb2 Rb4
[45...hxg3!? Atalik,Suat 46.hxg3 *(46.fxg3!? Rb4)* 46...Kf6 47.Kg2 Ke5 48.Kf3

Kd4 49.Rd2+ Kc5 50.Rd3 Rb4 51.Ke3 Rb6 52.g4 f6=]



46.Kf1 Kf6 47.Ke2 Kf5? However, this is a serious mistake.

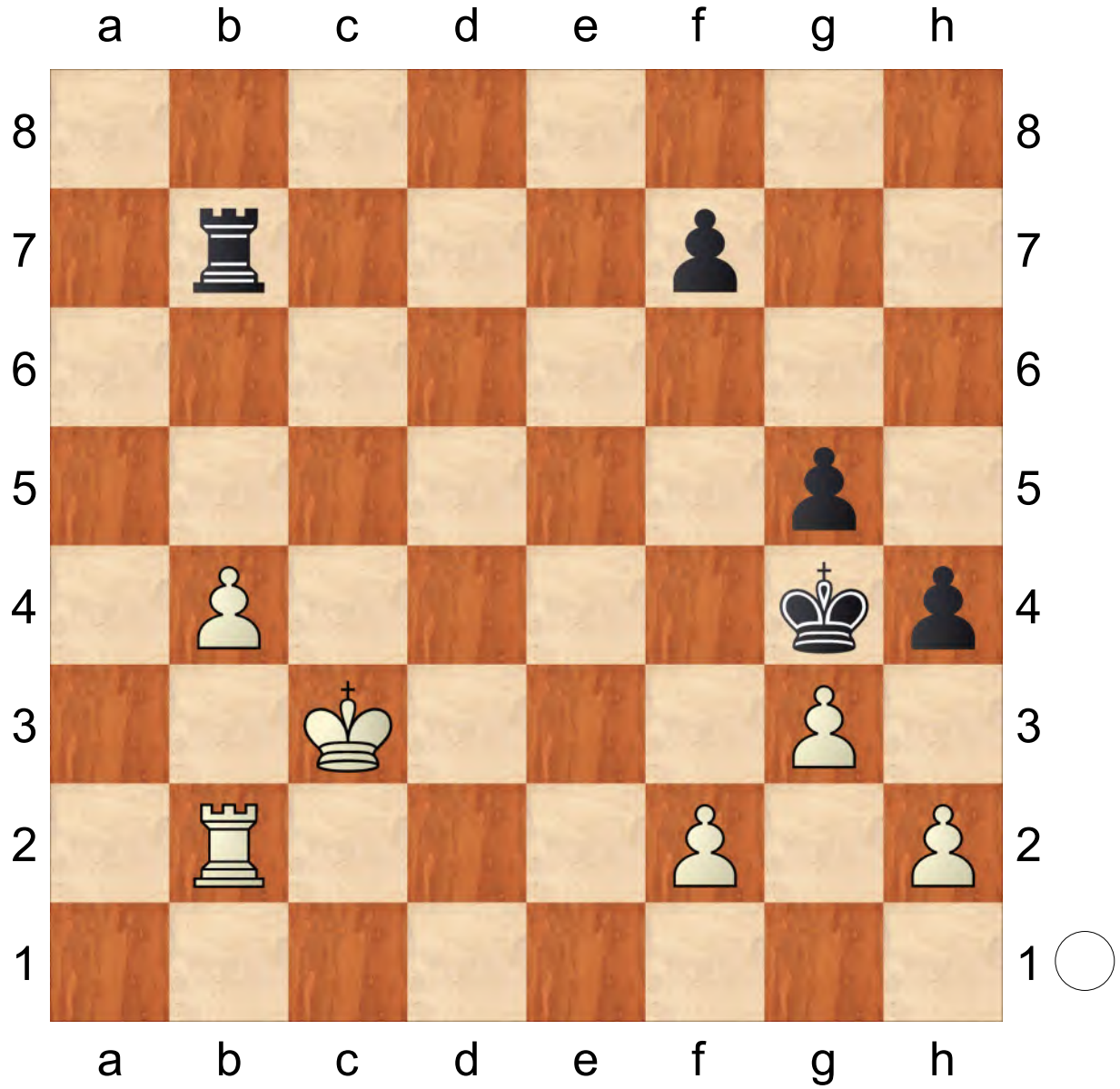
[Black should have brought his king across to blockade the passed pawn and free his rook: 47...Ke5 48.Kd3 Kd5 49.Kc3 Re4± and the result still remains open.]

48.Kd3 g5 49.Kc3 Rb7 50.b4 Kg4

[It's too late for a change of mind, 50...hxg3 51.hxg3 Ke6 52.b5 Kd6 53.Kb4 Kc7 54.Rc2+ Kb8 55.Rc6+- leaves Black hopelessly passive.]

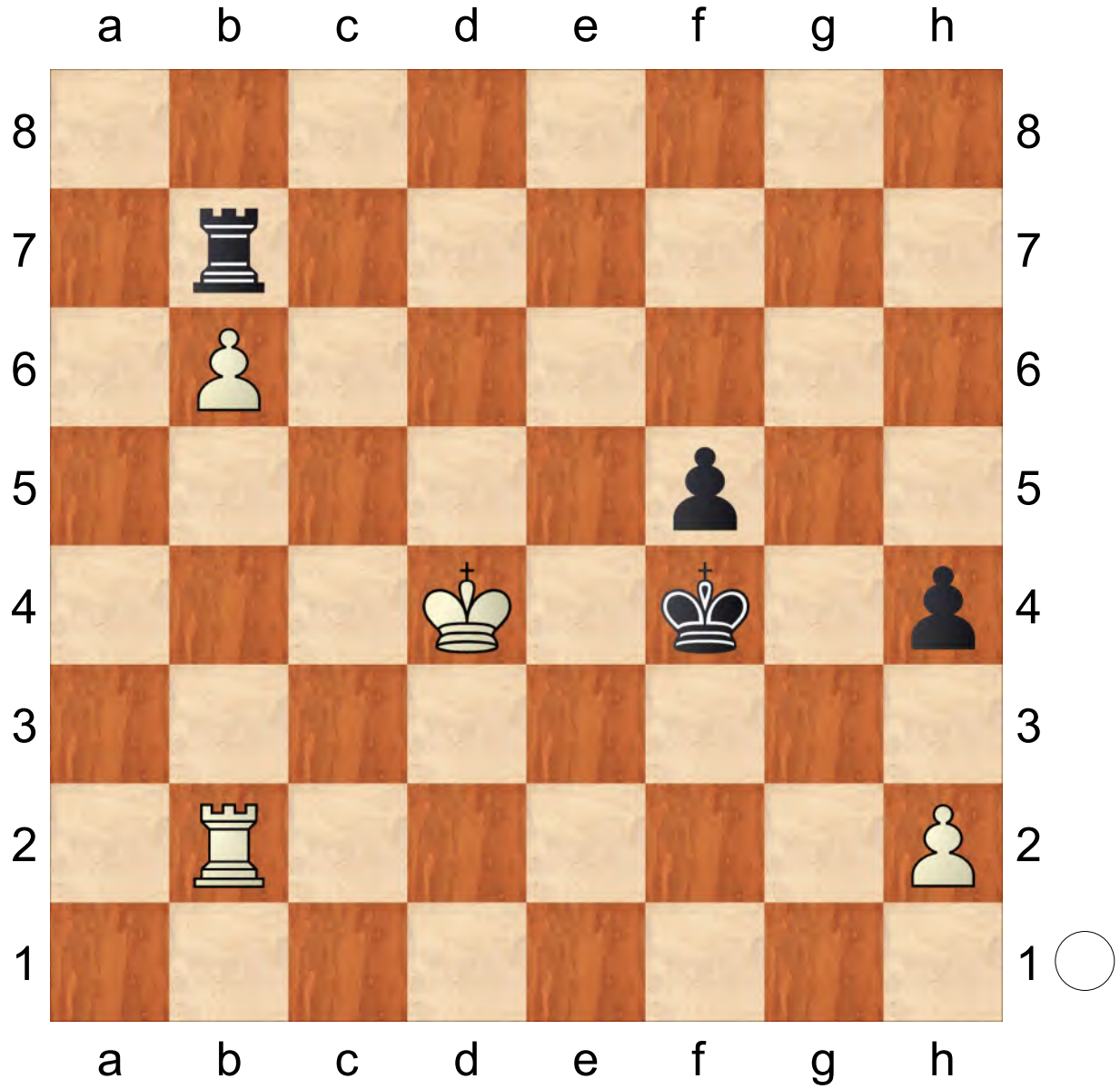
(Diagram)

Goes for a counterattack, but the ♖b2 both supports the ♙b4 and protects the



kingside. **51.b5 Kh3**
[51...Kf3 52.b6 f5 53.Kd4 f4 54.gxf4 gxf4 55.h3! *(55.Kc5? h3! 56.Kc6 Rb8 57.Kc7 Rf8 58.b7 Kg2 59.f3+ Kxf3 60.b8Q Rxb8 61.Kxb8 Ke4!* □ *62.Rb4+ Kf3 63.Kc7 Kg2 64.Rb2+ Kg1=)* 55...Kg2 56.Ke4 f3 57.Kf4 Kxh3 58.Kxf3+- Black's ♙h4 is harmless, while White's pawns decide the issue.]
52.gxh4 gxh4 53.f4! Atalik,Suat: '+-'
[White wisely avoids 53.f3 f5 54.b6 f4 55.Kd4 Rd7+ 56.Kc5 Rd2!? , although 57.Rb4!? probably still wins.]
53...Kg4 54.b6 f5
[54...Kxf4 55.Kd4 Kf3 56.Rb3+ Kg2 57.h3+-]
55.Kd4 Kxf4

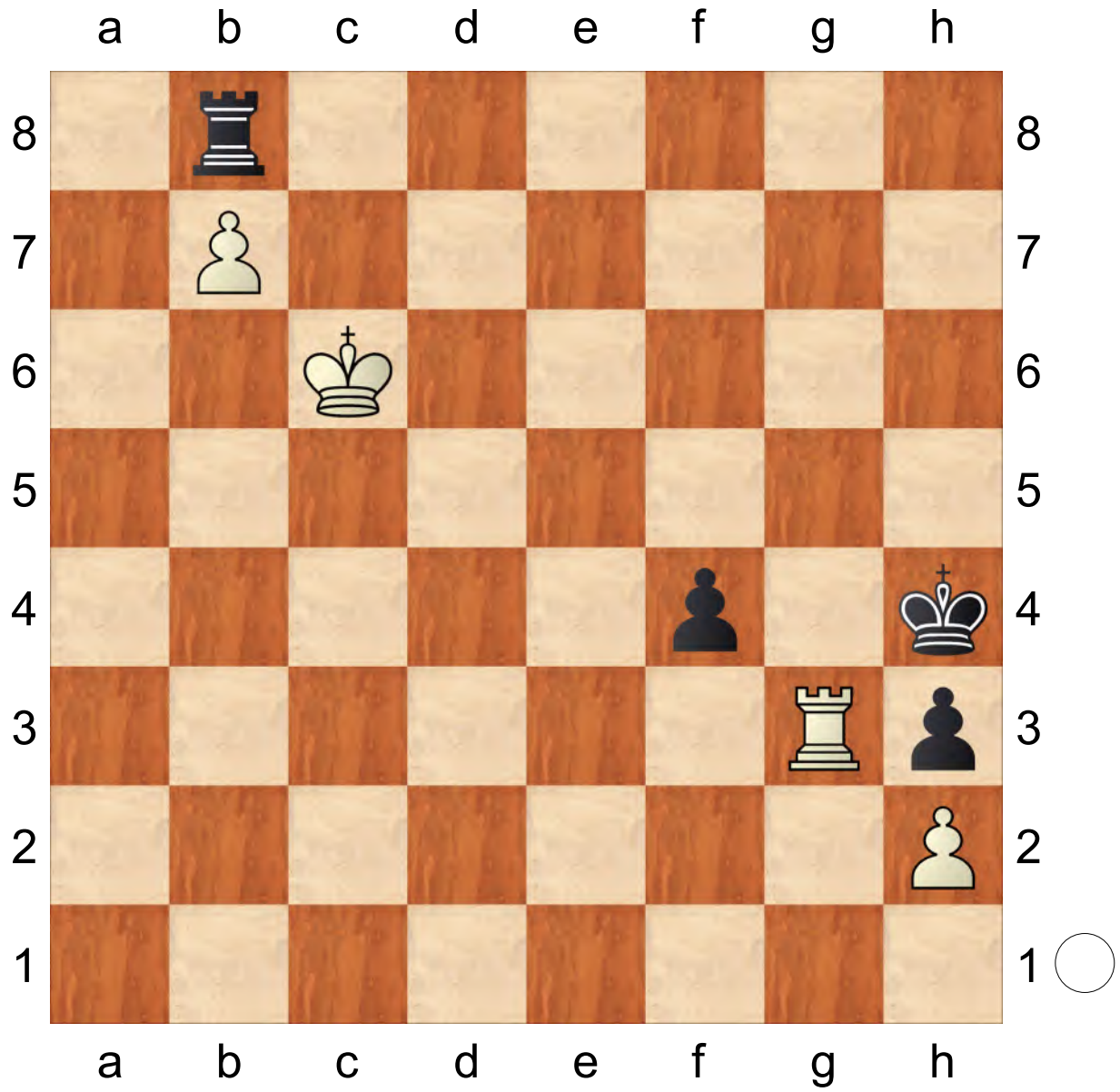
(Diagram)



56.Rb3! Accurately stops any counterplay. **56...h3**
[56...Kg4 57.h3+ Kf4 58.Kd5+-]
57.Kd5 Atalik,Suat: '!'
[57.Kc5 Atalik,Suat Ke4 58.Kc6 Rb8 59.b7 f4 60.Rxh3 f3 61.Rh7+-]
57...Kg4 58.Kc6 Rb8 59.Rg3+!
[It's necessary to cut off the king: 59.b7? f4! 60.Kc7 Rxb7+ 61.Rxb7 f3 62.Kd6 Kf4 63.Rf7+ Ke3 64.Ke5 f2 65.Rf8 Ke2 66.Ke4 f1Q 67.Rxf1 Kxf1 68.Kf3 Ke1!=]
59...Kh4 60.b7 f4

(Diagram)

61.Rg7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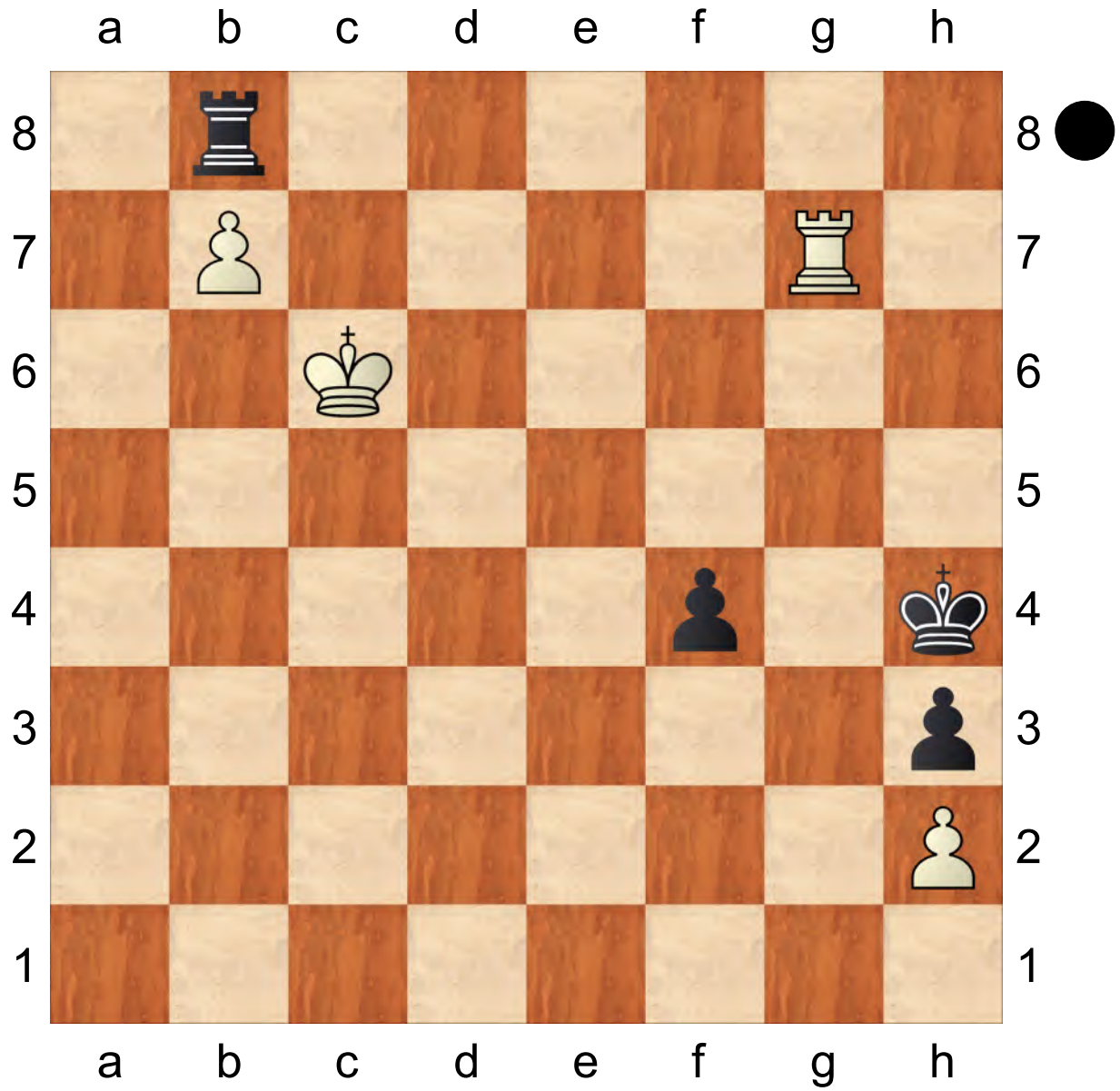

White wins a rook and the ♙f4 gets nowhere.
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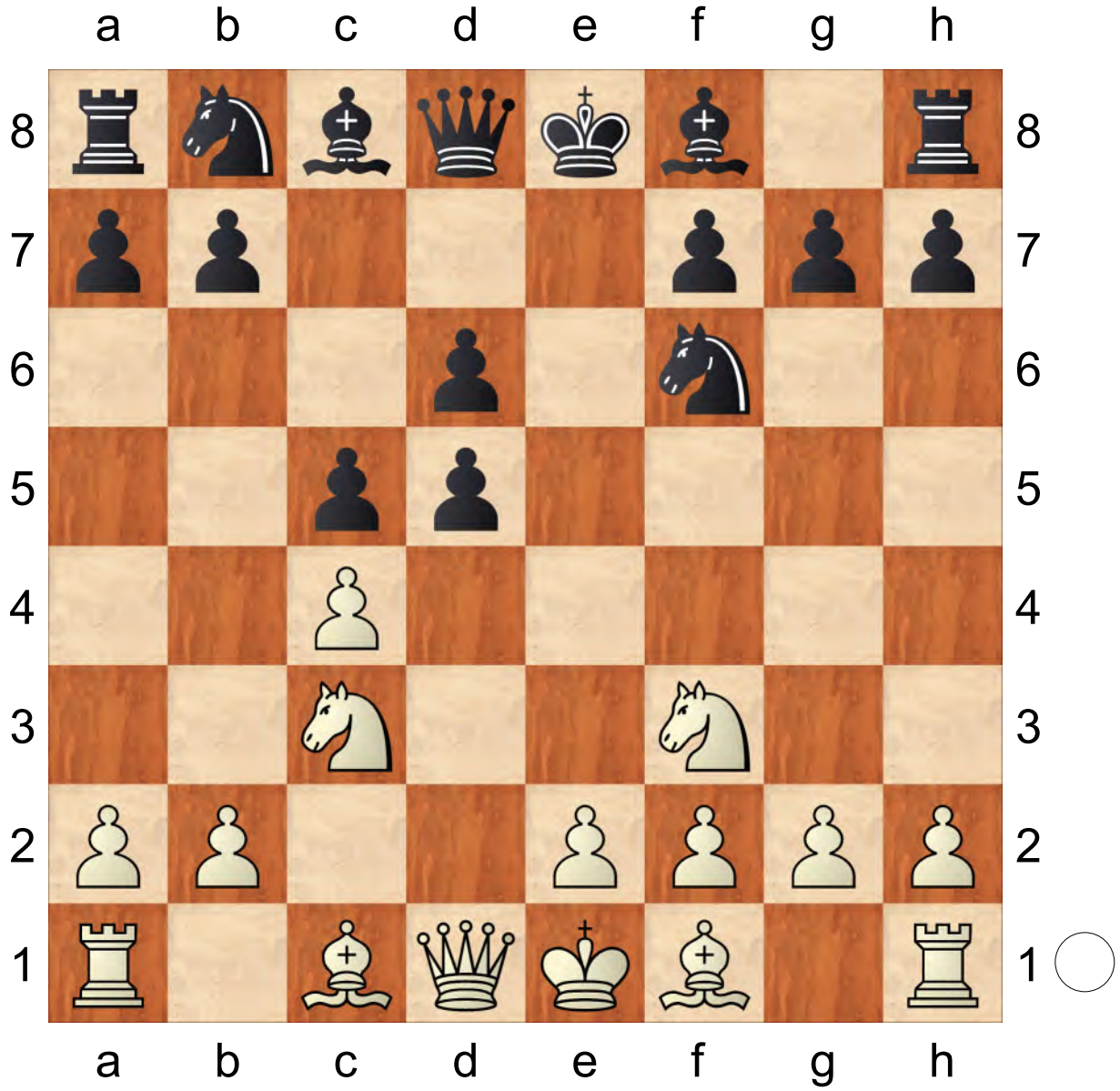
1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5**



6.cxd5 g6 7.e4 a6 8.a4 Bg4 Black wants to avoid the knight manoeuvre to c4, where it would be annoying for opponent or the very popular system with ♗d3 and h3. By this move order (refraining from playing Bg7 temporarily) he solves the problem of his "bad" bishop. **9.Qb3** is a risky continuation, which has appeared in high-level practice very rare **9...Bxf3**

[9...Qe7?! 10.Nd2
A) 10...Bg7?! 11.f3 Bc8 12.Nc4 0-0? *(12...Nbd7 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Bxe5 dxe5± AK)* 13.Bf4 Rd8 14.Nb6! *(14.Be2?! Nh5 15.Be3 Bd4!? 16.Nd1 Nd7 17.Nf2* Alvarez,R-Joanpera,A,ESP-chT 1990 *f5∞)* 14...Ra7 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Qb6+- AK;
B) 10...Bc8 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Bg7 13.f4 0-0 14.Bf3 h5 15.h3 Ng4!? 16.Ne2 Ngf6 17.Qc2 Re8 18.Ra3 Rb8 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Nc3?! *(21.b3* AK *)* 21...Nh7 22.Be2 Bd4+ 23.Kh2 Nf6 24.Bf3 Ng4+!∓ Hager,F-Hardicsay,P,Werfen m 1993]

10.Qxb7

[10.gxf3 Qe7 *(10...Qc7∞; 10...Nbd7!?* AK *)*
A) 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qxb7 Bh6 14.Bb5+ *(14.Qxa8 Qb6* Δ0-0 ×Qa8 AK *)* 14...Kf8 15.Be2 Kg7 16.Qxa8 Qb6 17.Rb1 Nf4 18.a5 Qc7 19.Rd1 Rd8 20.Bc4 ½-½ Molvig,H-Emms,J,Politiken Cup Copenhagen 1996;
B) 11.a5 Bg7 12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.f4 *(14.Qxb7 Rfb8 15.Qc6 Ne5 16.Qa4 Nd3⩱* Psakhis,L *)* 14...Rab8 15.Qd1 Ne8!? 16.Re1 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Ra4 *(18.Qe2 Nc7* LP *)* 18...Bd4! 19.Rxd4!? cxd4 20.Qxd4 Ng7 21.Re3 *(21.Bf3? Nf5! 22.Qd1 Nh4* LP *)* 21...Rfb8 22.Qd1 Nc5∓ 23.Rh3 f5!? *(23...a5∓* LP *)* 24.e5□ Rb4! *(24...dxe5 25.fxe5 Qxe5 26.Re3⩱* LP *)* 25.Ne2! Nb3 *(25...Ne4? 26.Nd4* LP *)* 26.Be3 Ra4!? 27.Bf1 Ra1 28.Qd3 Qb7!⩱ Porper,E-Psakhis,L,Israel 51/76 1991]

10...Nbd7

[10...Nxe4? 11.gxf3 Nxc3 12.Qxa8 Bg7
A) 13.Be3 0-0 14.Ra3 Nb1!→ 15.Ra2 Qa5+ 16.Kd1 Bd4! 17.Bc1 Qb4 18.Kc2 Nc3! 19.Ra3 Nd1 *(19...Nxa4? 20.Rb3 Qe1 21.Rxb8+-* AK *)* 20.Kxd1 Bxb2 21.Bxb2 Qxb2 22.Re3 c4 23.Bxc4 Qb1+ 24.Ke2 Qxh1 25.Qb7 Qxh2 26.Qc7 Qf4 27.Re4 Qf6 28.Qe7 Kg7 29.Qxf6+ Kxf6∓ Alvarez,R-Suba,M, Palma op 1992;
B) 13.Ra3! 0-0 *(Δ13...Nb1 14.Re3+ Kf8 15.Bd3 Bh6 16.Bxb1+-* AK *)* 14.bxc3 Re8+ 15.Kd1 Qf6 16.Be2 1-0,Van Wely,L-Guseinov,A/EU-chTM Pula/ 1997]

[10...Bxg2 11.Bxg2 Nbd7
A) 12.0-0
A1) 12...Be7!? 13.f4 *(13.b4 0-0 14.bxc5 Nxc5 15.Qb1 Ng4 16.Ra3 Bf6 17.Ne2 Re8 18.Bf4 Bg7 19.a5 Rb8 20.Qd1 Rb4 21.Bd2 Rb7 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.Nxc3 Qh4 24.h3 Nf6 25.Qd4 Nh5∓* Schmidt,B-DeFirmian,N,Biel op 1994 *)* 13...0-0 14.a5! *(14.e5 dxe5 15.d6 Bxd6 16.Qxa8 Qxa8 17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Bf4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Ra7 21.Rae1 Kg7 22.Re2 Rb7 23.h3 h6 24.Rc2 g5 25.Bh2 Rb3∓* Murdzia - Yakovich, Swidnica 1999 - 76/(71)*)* 14...Re8 15.Qc6! Ra7 16.Bd2 Qb8 17.Nd1 Bf8 18.Qa4 Bg7 19.Bc3 Qb5∞ Bratchenko - Berelovich, Minsk 1999 - 76/71;
A2) 12...Bg7!? 13.Bf4↑ ± Psakhis - Sl. Kovacevic, Metz 1994 - 63/(72) 0-0?! *(13...Qb8!?±*) 14.Bxd6 Nh5 *(14...Re8 15.f4+-*) 15.Bxf8 Nf4 16.Bd6 Ne5

17.Qe7+- Regert,C-Villwock,M/Dortmund 2001;
A3) 12...Qb8!? 13.Qc6 Bg7 14.Bf4 Ke7 15.e5 *(15.a5? Rc8 16.Qa4 Qxb2∓* Komarov,D *)* 15...dxe5
A3a) 16.d6+ Qxd6 17.Qxd6+ Kxd6 18.Rfd1+ Kc7 19.Bxa8 Rxa8∓ Komarov,D;
A3b) 16.Bg5
A3b1) 16...Qd6 17.Ne4!±;
A3b2) 16...Ra7 17.d6+ Kf8 18.f4 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Bh3 Qxb2 21.Ne4 Qd4+ 22.Nf2 Bh4 23.Rae1 Nf6 24.fxe5 Nd5?! *(24...Nh5 Δ25.e6 Nf4 26.e7+ Kg7 27.e8Q Nxh3+ 28.Kg2 Rxe8 29.Rxe8 Nxf2∞* AK *)* 25.Rd1 Bxf2+ 26.Kh1 Qh4 27.Qxd5± Iruzubieta,JM-Franco,Z,Sebastian op 1990;
A3b3) 16...Rc8! 17.d6+ Qxd6 18.Qxd6+ Kxd6 19.Bxa8 Rxa8 20.Rfd1+= Komarov,D;
A3c) 16.Rfe1
A3c1) 16...Qd6
A3c11) 17.Bg5 h6!? *(17...Rhc8 18.Qxd6+ Kxd6 19.f4 e4!⇄)*;
A3c12) 17.Bxe5! Nxe5
A3c121) 18.Rxe5+ Qxe5 19.d6+ Ke6 20.Bh3+ Ng4 21.d7+ Kf5!? *(21...Qd6 22.Qe4+ Qe5=)* 22.Qf3+ Kg5 23.Ne4+ Kh6 24.Bxg4 Bf8!∞;
A3c122) 18.f4! Nfd7 19.fxe5 Qxc6 *(19...Nxe5 20.Ne4!±)* 20.dxc6 *(20.d6+? Qxd6 21.exd6+ Kxd6 22.Bxa8 Rxa8∓)* 20...Nxe5 21.Rad1!↑ Komarov,D;
A3c2) 16...Rc8 17.d6+ Qxd6 18.Qxd6+ Kxd6 19.Rad1+ Ke6 *(19...Kc7 20.Bxe5+ Nxe5 21.Bxa8±)* 20.Bh3+! Ke7 21.Bg5!± Komarov.D;
A3c3) 16...Rd8
A3c31) 17.Bxe5 Nxe5
A3c311) 18.Qxc5+? Ke8 19.f4 *(19.d6 Nfd7)* 19...Nfd7 20.Qa3 Bf8!∓;
A3c312) 18.f4
A3c3121) 18...Nfg4 19.Qxc5+! Qd6 20.Qxd6+ Kxd6 *(20...Rxd6 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Ne4±)* 21.fxe5+ Nxe5 *(21...Bxe5 22.Ne4+* Δ h3± *)* 22.Ne4+±;
A3c3122) 18...Nfd7 19.d6+! *(19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.d6+ Qxd6 21.Qxd6+ Kxd6 22.Bxa8 Rxa8∓)*
A3c31221) 19...Kf8 20.Qxa8 Qxa8 21.Bxa8 Nd3 *(21...Rxa8 22.fxe5±)* 22.Re7!±;
A3c31222) 19...Qxd6! 20.Nd5+ Ke6 21.Nc7+ Ke7= Komarov,D;
A3c32) 17.d6+ Qxd6 18.Qxd6+ Kxd6 19.Rad1+ Ke6 20.Bg5 h6!?∞

A3c321) 21.Bxa8 Rxa8∓;
A3c322) 21.Bh3+ Ke7 22.Bxf6+ *(22.Rxd7+? Rxd7 23.Bxf6+ Bxf6 24.Bxd7 Kxd7 25.Nd5 Bd8!-+; 22.Nd5+ Kf8)* 22...Nxf6 23.Rxe5+ Kf8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxc5= Komarov,D;
A3c323) 21.Nd5!? hxg5 22.Nc7+ Ke7 23.Bxa8 Rc8! 24.Nd5+ Nxd5 25.Bxd5 Nb6!⇄ Komarov,D-Foisor,O/Lyon 1995;

B) 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Bh3!? f5 14.Bg5 Rb8 15.Bxd8 Rxb7 16.Ba5 Ne5 17.Bf1 Najdorf,M-Camara,R,Mar del Plata 1961 Rxb2 18.Ra2 Rxa2 19.Nxa2 Bh6 20.Bxa6 0-0∞ AK;
C) 12.Qc6 Be7 *(12...Qb8?! 13.e5 dxe5 14.d6 Ra7 15.Bg5± AK)* 13.e5?! Rc8 14.exf6 Rxc6 15.fxe7 *(15.dxc6 Nxf6 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 0-0∓ AK)* 15...Qxe7+ 16.Kd1 Rb6 17.Re1 Ne5 18.f4 0-0 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Kc2 f5 21.Rb1 Rb4 22.Be3 Rfb8∓ Olafsson,H-De Firmian,N/Reykjavik op 1994]

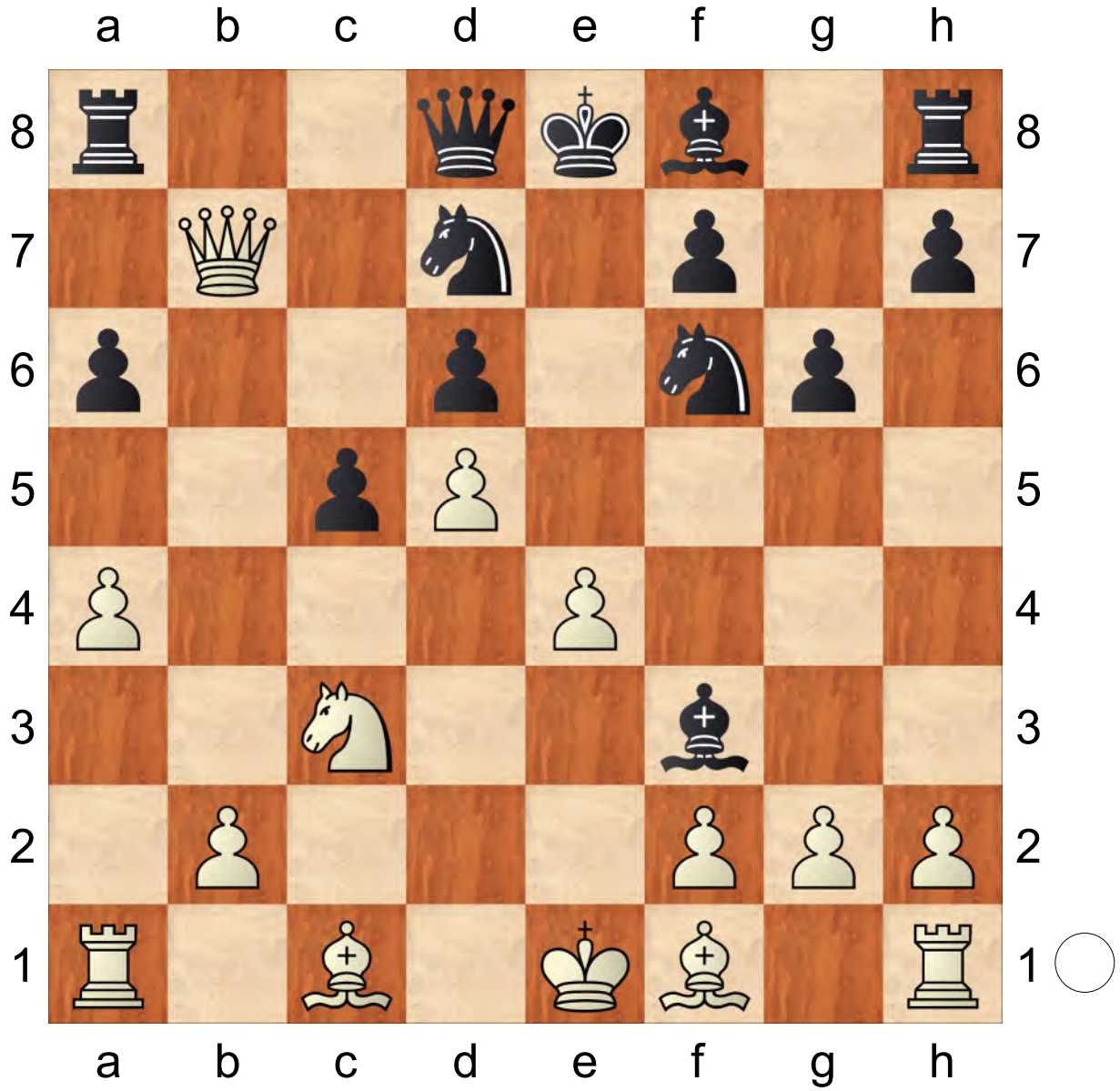
(Diagram)

11.gxf3 Bg7 12.Qc6!

[12.Bxa6?! Rb8
A) 13.Qc6?! 0-0⩲ Δ♘e5,♖b6,ע,♕ *(13...Rb6 14.Qc8)*;
B) 13.Qa7 gives Black good compensation with a draw whenever he wants.]

[12.Qb3 0-0 13.Be2 Nh5 14.h4 Be5 15.Bg5 Qa5 16.Bd2 Bf4 *(16...Rab8 17.Qc2 Nf4↑ AK)* 17.Qc2 Qd8 18.Nd1 Ne5 19.Ne3 Qf6 20.Rh3 Bh6 21.Ng4 Bxd2+ 22.Qxd2 Qg7 23.Ne3 Rfb8 24.Nd1 Rb3 25.Rc1 Qf6⩲ Black has fantastic black-square play for the pawn. 26.Rc3 Rxc3 27.Qxc3 Nf4 28.Rh2 c4!∓ Kurz,E-Emms,J,OLBaden 1992]

[12.Bf4?! Rb8□ 13.Qxa6
A) 13...Rxb2!? 14.Nb5 *(14.Qxd6? Nh5→)* 14...0-0 15.Bxd6 *(15.Bc1* Stohl *Rb3↑)* 15...Nh5!?↑;
B) ≤13...Rb6 14.Qe2 Nh5 15.Bc1!? and the misplaced ♖b6 just gives White a tempo to advance his passed pawn.;
C) 13...Nh5! 14.Bc1 *(14.Bxd6? Rb6-+; 14.Qxd6? Nxf4 15.Qxf4 Rxb2→)* 14...0-0 15.Be2 *(15.Qxd6?? Rb6;* White must allow the blockade of his doubled pawn, as *15.f4?! Re8* ח is too dangerous. *)* 15...Be5 Δ ♕h4 Van Wely,L 16.h4! White has to prevent ♕h4
C1) 16...Qf6!? 17.Bg5 Qg7 *(17...Bxc3+? 18.Kf1!±)* 18.Nb5!?;
C2) 16...f5!?↑ Stohl;
C3) 16...Nf4 17.Bb5
C3a) 17...c4! 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Bxf4 *(19.Qxc4* Stohl *Rfc8 20.Qa6!?±)* 19...Bxf4 20.Qxc4 Rxb2↑;
C3b) ≤17...Ra8 18.Qb7 Nb6 19.a5± Δ♖a3;
C3c) 17...f5?! 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Qe2 Be5 White managed to exchange a lot of pieces, but Black still has



compensation. *(≤20...Rbe8 21.Kf1 fxe4 22.Nxe4!? Δ♔g2, escaping to relative safety.; 20...Rb4!?⩱ ⇔b)* 21.Nb5!? *(21.a5!? Δ a6, ♔f1-g2)* 21...Kh8?! *(21...fxe4 22.fxe4 Rf4 23.f3 Rbf8 24.Ra3 Qg7 25.Rh2± is not too promising, the a-pawn can become dangerous.)* 22.0-0-0!? *(22.Kf1? fxe4 23.fxe4 Rf4 24.f3 Rbf8 25.Ra3 Qg4-+;* More flexible was *22.Ra3!?* White will decide about his ♔ later on, Black is pressed to show his compensation.*)* 22...fxe4 23.fxe4 Van Wely,L Topalov,V /Antwerpen 1997 Ra8! 24.Qc2 Rfb8⩱ [Van Wely,L]]

12...Rb8

[12...Qb8

A) 13.Bxa6?! 0-0 14.Qb7 *(14.Be2 Ra5!* LP *)* 14...Ne5 15.Qxb8 *(15.Ke2 Qd8∞* LP *)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Kf1 *(16.Ke2 Nd4+* LP *)* 16...Rfxb8 17.Be2 Nd4 18.Bd1 Nd7!⩱

A1) 19.Ra2 c4!? LP *(19...Ne5)*;
A2) 19.h4 c4 *(19...Ne5 20.Rh3* LP *)* 20.Ra2∓ Nc5 21.Bf4 *(21.Be2 Nxe2!? 22.Kxe2 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Nxe4∓* LP *)* 21...Ra6∓ 22.h5 Nd3→ 23.Bg3 Nxb2 24.hxg6 *(24.h6!?* LP *)* 24...hxg6 25.Kg2 Nd3 26.Ne2 Nb3 *(26...Nb4!?* LP *)* 27.f3 Rc8 *(27...Nb4 28.Ra3!? Bb2 29.Rxb3 cxb3 30.Bxb3∓)* 28.Kh3 Nbc5∓ Douven,R-Psakhis,L/Groningen op 1993;
B) 13.a5!? 0-0 14.Qa4 Re8 *(14...Qd8 15.Be2 Qe7 16.0-0 Rfb8±)* 15.Be2 Qc8 16.Ra3 Nh5 17.Qc6! Be5 18.Qxc8 Rexc8 19.Rb3 Rcb8 20.Rxb8+ Rxb8 21.Nd1 Bf4 22.Ne3 Ne5 23.Kd1± Niessen,T-Esses,M /IECG 2001]

[Because of the important Mamedyarov's novelty on 16th move, the author pays attention to this rare continuation and, after the deep analyses, makes a decision that including 12...♖b8 13.a5 leads to White's reason. 12...0-0! 13.Qxd6 Nh5
A) 14.f4?! Re8 15.Be2 *(15.Bg2 Ra7 16.a5 Qh4 17.Na4 Rc8 18.Nb6 Bf8 19.Nxc8 Bxd6 20.Nxa7 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Nc6 Nf6∓ 23.Rd1 Nxe4 24.Rf1 Nf6 25.h3 Qh2 26.Bf3 Qxh3 27.Be2 Qb3-+* Gavrikov,V-Lutikov,A/ Minsk Sokolsky mem 1981 *)*
A1) 15...Ra7?!
A1a) 16.a5 Qh4 17.Bxh5 *(17.Be3 Bf8 18.Qc6 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 Qxf4∓)* 17...Qxh5 18.Be3 Rc8 19.Qe7?? *(19.f5 Be5 20.Qe7 Rb8∓)* 19...Bf6 20.Qd6 Qh4 0-1 Papp,G-Hoffmann,M /Budapest HUN 2003;
A1b) 16.Bxh5!? Bf8 17.Qc6 Nb8 18.Qxe8! Qxe8 19.Bf3 Nd7 20.Kf1 Rb7 *(20...c4 21.e5 Rb7 22.d6! Rb8 23.h4 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Qxe5 25.h5 Bxd6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Kg2±)* 21.e5 Qb8 22.Ne4 *(22.Kg2 g5!? 23.e6 fxe6 24.dxe6 g4!? 25.Bc6 Nf6 26.Nd5 Kg7 27.f5 Qc8! 28.Bg5 Be7 29.Bd7 Qa8∓)* 22...Rb3 23.Be3 Nb6 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Rc1 Nxa4 26.Kg2 *(26.d6 Nxb2∞)* 26...g5!? 27.d6 gxf4
A1b1) 28.Bxc5 Rxf3!? 29.Kxf3 Qb7+ 30.Ne4 Qb3+ 31.Kg2 *(31.Rc3 Qd5∓)* 31...f3+ 32.Kg3 Qxb2↑;
A1b2) 28.Bxf4 Nxb2 29.Bd5 Nd3 *(29...c4 30.Bxc4 Nxc4 31.Rxc4 Qa8+ 32.Re4 Bg7 33.Bg5 h6 34.Bh4 Bxf6 35.Bxf6+ Kh7 36.f3 Qd5⇄)* 30.Bg3 Rb4 *(30...Rb2 31.Rcd1 Nxf2 32.Bxf2 Rxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Qb2+ 34.Kf3 Qxe5 35.Ne4 Bxd6 36.Nxd6 Qxd6±)* 31.Ra1 Qb5 32.Rhd1 c4 33.Bxf7 Bg7 34.Nd5 Rb2∞;
A2) 15...Bxc3+!? 16.bxc3 Rxe4 17.Be3 Qh4 18.0-0 Qh3 *(18...Nxf4?! 19.Bxf4 Rxe2 20.Bg3±)* 19.Rab1 *(Δ19.Bxh5? gxh5!-+; 19.c4 Ndf6↑)* 19...Ndf6 20.Bxh5 Nxh5 *(20...gxh5 21.f3 Ng4!? 22.fxg4 Qxe3+ 23.Kh1 hxg4 24.Qf6=)* 21.Qxc5 Rc8 22.Qd6 Qg4+ 23.Kh1 Qf3+ 24.Kg1 Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Rxf4 26.Rb4 Rf5 27.Qg3 Qxd5∓;
B) 14.Be2 Rb8 15.Qxa6 Qh4 16.Qd6 Qh3! 17.Rf1 Rfc8
B1) 18.Qa6 c4 19.Be3 Nc5 20.Bxc5 Rxb2! 21.Be3 Bxc3+ 22.Kd1 Be5 23.Ra3 *(23.Re1 Nf4-+)* 23...c3-+;
B2) 18.a5 Be5 19.Qa6 c4 20.Na4 c3 21.b4 *(21.bxc3?! Nc5 22.Nxc5 Bxc3+∓)* 21...Nf4 22.Be3

B2a) 22...Ng2+ 23.Kd1 c2+ *(23...Nxe3+ 24.fxe3 c2+ 25.Kd2 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Qxh2∓)* 24.Kd2 Bxa1 25.Rxa1 Qxh2 26.Rc1 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Ne5 28.Nc5 Nxf3+ 29.Kxc2 Ra8 30.Qd3 Rxa5!-+;

B2b) 22...Ra8 23.Qb7 Bd6 24.Qb5 c2 25.Kd2 Nxe2 26.Kxe2 Ne5 27.Kd2 Rc4-+;

C) 14.Bh3! f5 15.Qe6+ *(15.Rg1?? Rf6 16.Bg5 Rxd6* 0-1 Vavrak,P-Palkoevi,J/AUT 2000 *)* 15...Kh8

C1) 16.d6 Ne5! *(16...Re8 17.Qd5 Bd4 18.0-0 Qh4 19.Bg2 Nhf6 20.Qb3 Be5 21.f4 Bxf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4 23.Nd5 Qxd6 24.Nxf6 Qxf6 25.e5* Recoulat,E-Albarran,G /Trenque Lauquen 2000 *Nxe5 26.Bxa8 Rxa8 27.Qc3 Qg5+ 28.Kh1 Qf4 29.Rfe1 Qf3+ 30.Qxf3 Nxf3 31.Re7±)* 17.Qe7 Nd3+ 18.Kf1 Qb8⟶;

C2) 16.Kf1

C2a) 16...Ne5 17.d6 Qh4 18.Bg2 Rae8 19.Qd5

C2a1) 19...Nxf3!? 20.d7 *(Δ20.Bxf3? Bd4!-+)* 20...Re5 21.Qd6 fxe4 22.Be3 Rd8∓;

C2a2) 19...Nf6?! 20.Qd2 Nfg4?! 21.fxg4 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxg4 23.d7? *(23.f4!±)* 23...Rxe4! 24.d8Q Rxd8 25.Qxd8+ Qxd8 26.Bxe4 Qd4-+ Sisatto,O -Kosmo,S/Helsinki 2002;

C2b) 16...Rf6!? 17.Bg5 Nf4 18.Bxf4 *(Δ18.Bxf6?! Bxf6 19.Qd6 Be5 20.Qc6 Nxh3∓)* 18...Rxe6 19.dxe6 Qh4 20.exd7 Qxh3+ 21.Ke2 fxe4-+]

13.a5 0-0 14.Qxd6 Nh5 15.f4 Bd4

(Diagram)

16.Be2!N It is much stronger than

[16.Nd1 Re8 17.Bg2 Nhf6 18.0-0 Nxe4 19.Qxa6 Ndf6

A) 20.Qd3 Qxd5 21.Be3 Qd7 22.Re1 Rb4 23.Re2± Qf5 *(23...Kh8 24.Qc2 h6)* 24.Qc2 Bxe3 25.Rxe3 Rd8 26.a6;

B) 20.Qc4

B1) 20...Nxd5!? 21.a6 Qd7 *(21...Re7 22.a7 Ra8 23.Be3 Nb6 24.Qb3 Bxe3 25.Nxe3 Nd2 26.Qc3 Raxa7 27.Rxa7 Rxa7 28.Rd1 Rd7 29.Qxc5±)* 22.a7 Ra8 23.Be3 Nb6 24.Qa6 Nc8 25.Qd3 f5±;

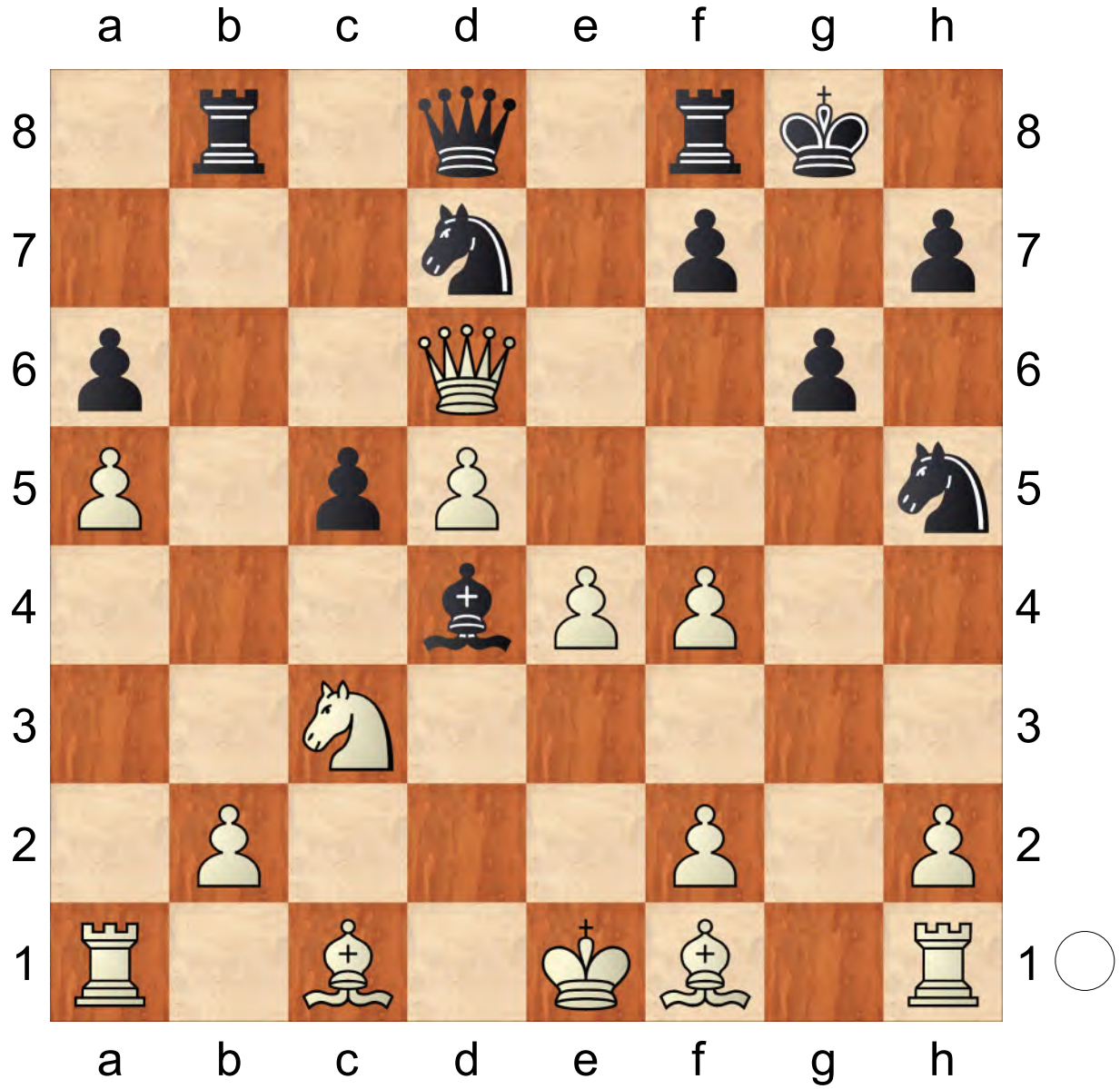
B2) 20...Ng4 21.Be3?! *(21.Ra3!? Rb4 22.Qc2 Qxd5 23.Be3±)* 21...Qh4 22.h3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Nd2 24.Qd3 Nxf1 25.Qxf1 Qg3!

B2a) 26.d6 Rxe3!? *(26...Bxb2 27.Rb1 Bf6 28.d7 Rf8 29.Rxb8 Rxb8 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rb3 32.a6 Ra3 33.Bb7⇄)* 27.Nxe3 Bxe3+ 28.Kh1 Bxf4 29.Qg1 Bxd6⇄;

B2b) 26.Qf2?! Rxe3! 27.Qxg3 Rxg3+ 28.Kh2 Rd3 29.a6 c4∓ Halay,T -Cheparinov,I /Amsterdam NED 2005]

[16.h4!?

A) 16...Re8 17.Bxa6 Bxc3+ *(17...c4 18.e5 Bc5 19.Qc6 Rxe5+ 20.fxe5*



Nxe5 21.Bg5 f6 22.Qe6++-) 18.bxc3 Rxe4+ 19.Kf1 Qe8 20.Kg2 Rxf4 21.Bxf4 Qe4+ 22.Kg1 Nxf4 23.Bf1 Qf5 24.Rh2 Re8 25.a6 Qg4+ 26.Rg2 Nxg2 27.Bxg2 Ne5 28.Qf6+-;

B) 16...Rb3 17.Rh3;

C) 16...Qe8 17.Bg2 c4 18.0-0 Nc5 19.Be3 Bxe3 *(19...Rd8 20.Qb6 Rb8 21.Qc6+-)* 20.fxe3 Qc8 21.Rab1 Ng3 *(21...Nb3 22.Rf2 Nxa5 23.f5!+-)* 22.Rf2 Re8 23.Qc6 Ngxe4 24.Qxc8 Rbxc8 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.Rc2±]

[To similar position leads 16.Kd1!?

A) 16...Qh4 17.Qxd7 Qxf2 -see below;

B) 16...f5 17.e5 Qh4 *(17...Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Rxb2 19.e6)* 18.Qxd7 Nxf4 19.d6+-;

C) 16...c4 17.e5 Bc5 18.Qxa6 Qh4 *(18...Bxf2 19.Qxc4)* 19.Ra4 Qxf2 20.Be2 Qd4+ 21.Kc2 Nxf4 22.Qxc4 Nxe2 23.Qxe2 Rb4 24.Rd1+-]

16...Qh4 17.Qxd7 Nf6

[17...Nxf4?! 18.Qg4 *(18.Bxf4 Qxf2+ 19.Kd1 Qxf4 20.Qg4±)* 18...Nd3+ 19.Kd2 Qxg4 20.Bxg4 Nxf2 21.Bf3 *(21.Rg1 Nxe4+ 22.Nxe4 Bxg1 23.Be2±)* 21...Nxh1 22.Bxh1 Be5**±**]

[17...Qxf2+ 18.Kd1

A) 18...Nf6 19.Qh3! *(Δ19.Qc6?! Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe4 21.Ra3 Rb1⩱)* 19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe4 21.Qf3+-;

B) 18...Qg2 19.Re1 *(19.Rf1?! Nf6 20.Qa4 Nxe4 21.Qc4 Rb4 22.Qd3 Nf2+ 23.Rxf2 Bxf2 24.Qxa6 Re8 25.Ra3!? c4⩱)* 19...Nf6 20.Qa4 Rb4 *(20...Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Bc4 Qf3+ 23.Kc2 Rb4 24.Qa2 Rfb8 25.Rb1 Qh3 26.Bd2 Rxb2+ 27.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 28.Qxb2 Bxb2 29.Kxb2 Qxh2 30.Kc2+-)*

B1) 21.Qa3

B1a) 21...Bxc3?!

B1a1) 22.Qxc3 Rd4+ 23.Bd3 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Qxe4 25.Kc2 Qxd5 26.Be3 Rb8 *(26...Rb4 27.Bxc5 Qg2+ 28.Kb1 Qh1+ 29.Ka2 Ra4+ 30.Ba3 Rxa3+ 31.bxa3 Qxh2+ 32.Bc2 Qxf4 33.Re1±)* 27.Bxd4 cxd4 28.Qc4 Qg2+ 29.Be2 Re8 *(29...Qe4+ 30.Qd3 Qxf4 31.Rf1 Qxh2 32.Qxa6±)* 30.Re1 Qe4+ 31.Qd3 Qxf4 32.Qxa6**±**;

B1a2) 22.bxc3 Rxe4 23.Ra2 Rfe8 24.d6 *(24.Qxc5 Ng4 25.Ba3 Ne3+ 26.Kc1 Qf2 27.Rd1 Nxd1 28.Qxf2 Nxf2 29.Bxa6 Re1+⩱)* 24...R4e6 25.c4! Ne4 26.d7!**±**;

B1b) 21...Rfb8!? Kapengut: '='

B1b1) 22.Nb5? Qxe4 23.Qd3 *(23.Bc4? Be3 24.Rxe3 Qxc4 25.Nc3 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 Qxd5+ 27.Kc2 Rc4+-+)* 23...Qxd5 24.Nc3 Qd7 25.Ra2 c4 26.Qd2 Rd8-+;

B1b2) 22.Bf1 Qf3+ 23.Be2 Qg2=;

B1b3) 22.Kc2 Qf2 23.Rf1 *(23.Bd2 Rxb2+ 24.Qxb2 Rxb2+ 25.Kxb2 Nxe4 26.d6 Bf6 27.d7 Nxd2 28.Red1 Qxf4 29.Kc2 Qf5+ 30.Kxd2 Qxd7+ 31.Kc2 Qe6∓)* 23...Qxh2 24.Re1 Qf2 25.Rf1=;

B1b4) 22.Ra2 Rb3 23.Qa4 *(23.Bf1? Qf2 24.Qa4 R8b4 25.Qc6 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Qxa2-+)* 23...Rxc3!? *(23...Bxc3 24.Bf1 Qf3+ 25.Be2 Qg2=)* 24.bxc3 Nxe4 25.cxd4 Nc3+ 26.Kd2 Nxa4 27.Rxa4 Qxd5 28.Bd3 cxd4 29.Re5 Qg2+ 30.Re2 Qd5=;

B2) 21.Qc2! Bf2 *(21...Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxe4 23.Ra4±)* 22.Ra4 Bxe1 23.Kxe1 Qxh2 24.Be3 Rfb8 25.Rxb4 cxb4 26.Nd1 Qh1+ 27.Kd2 Nxe4+ 28.Kc1 Ng3 *(28...Rd8?! 29.Qc7 Rxd5 30.Qb8+ Kg7 31.Bd4+!±; 28...Nd6 29.Bxa6 Qxd5 30.Qc5 Qe6 31.Qe5±)* 29.Bxa6 Qxd5 30.Bb6! Re8 31.Bc4 Qf3 32.b3 Qxf4+ 33.Qd2**±**]

18.Qa4 Qxf2+

[18...Rfe8 19.Rf1 *(19.e5 Qxf2+ 20.Kd1 Bxc3 21.Rf1 Qxh2* -see 20...Qh2*)* 19...Nxe4 20.Nxe4 *(20.Nd1)* 20...Rxe4!? 21.Kd1!? Rb4 22.Qc2 Bxf2 23.Bd2 Rbd4 24.Bd3 Qh3 *(24...Be3?! 25.Bxe4 Qh5+ 26.Bf3 Qxh2 27.Be2+-)* 25.Rxf2 Rxd3 26.Kc1 Red4 *(26...c4 27.Ra3 Rxa3 28.bxa3 Qxa3+ 29.Qb2+-)* 27.Bc3

(27.Ra4) 27...Rxd5±]

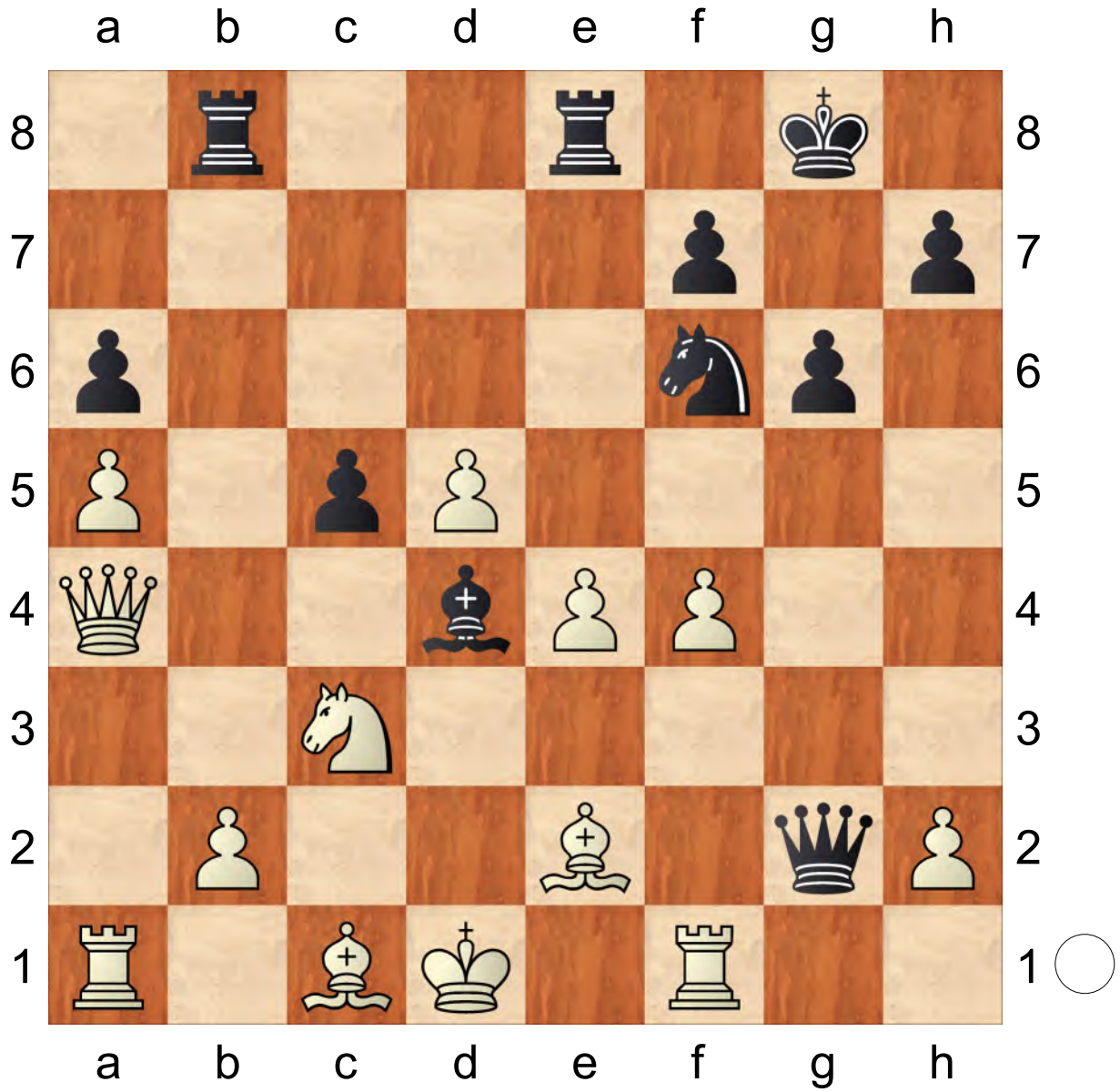
19.Kd1 Rfe8

[19...Rb4 20.Qc2 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Rxe4 22.Rf1 Qxh2 23.Bf3 Qh3 24.Qf2 Nxd5 25.Bd2±]

[19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rfe8 21.Rf1 Qxh2 22.Bf3 Qh3 23.Qc4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxf1+ 26.Kc2 Qb5 27.f5! Re8 28.c4!+-]

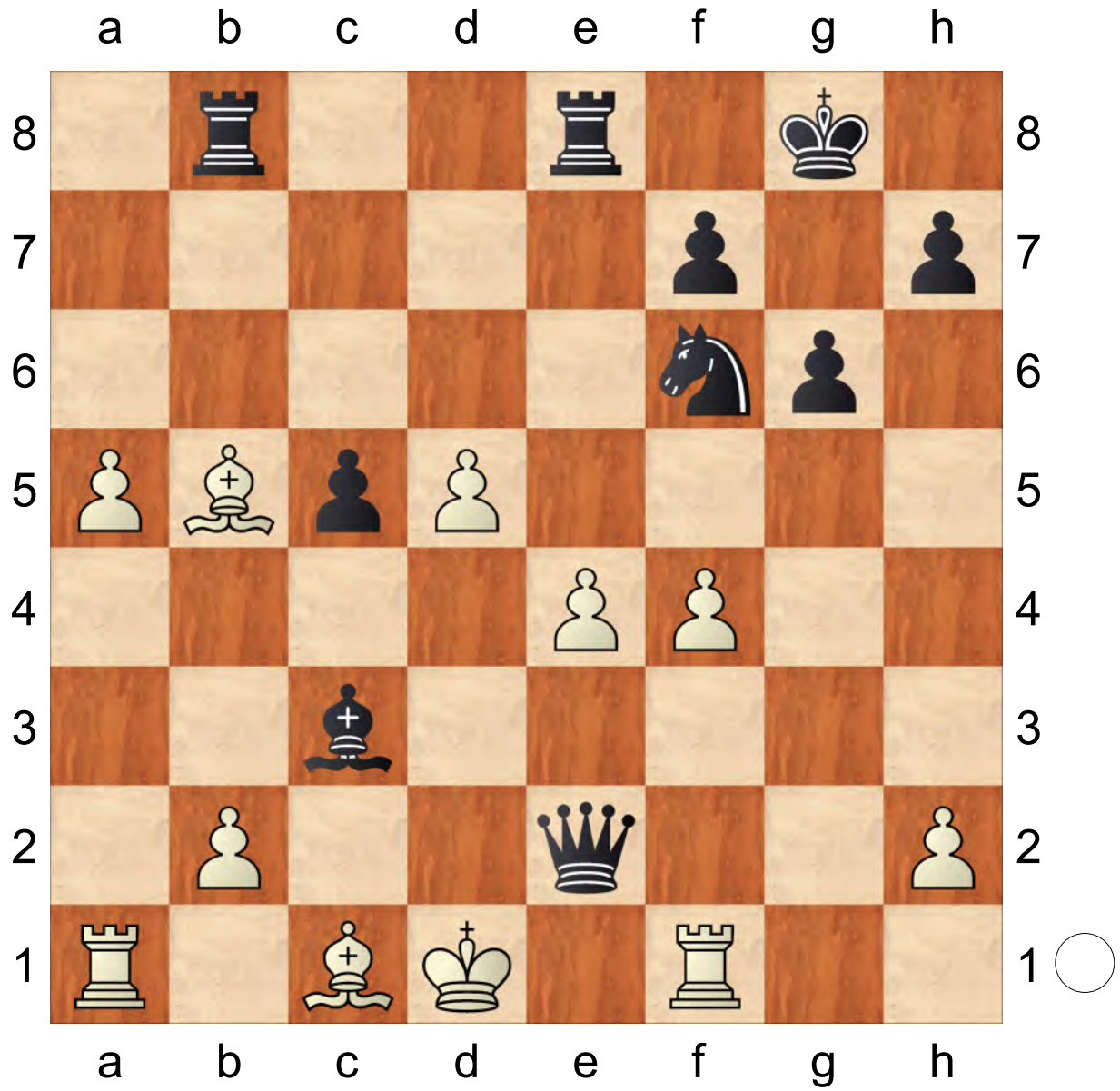
20.Rf1 Qg2

[20...Qxh2 21.e5 Bxc3 Kapengut: '-see 20...Qh2' 22.bxc3 Nxd5 23.Qc4 Rb2!? 24.Bxb2! Ne3+ 25.Kc1 Nxc4 26.Bxc4±]



21.Qc2 Bxc3 22.Bxa6 Qg4+ 23.Be2 Qg2 24.Bb5 Qg4+ 25.Qe2 Qxe2+

(Diagram)

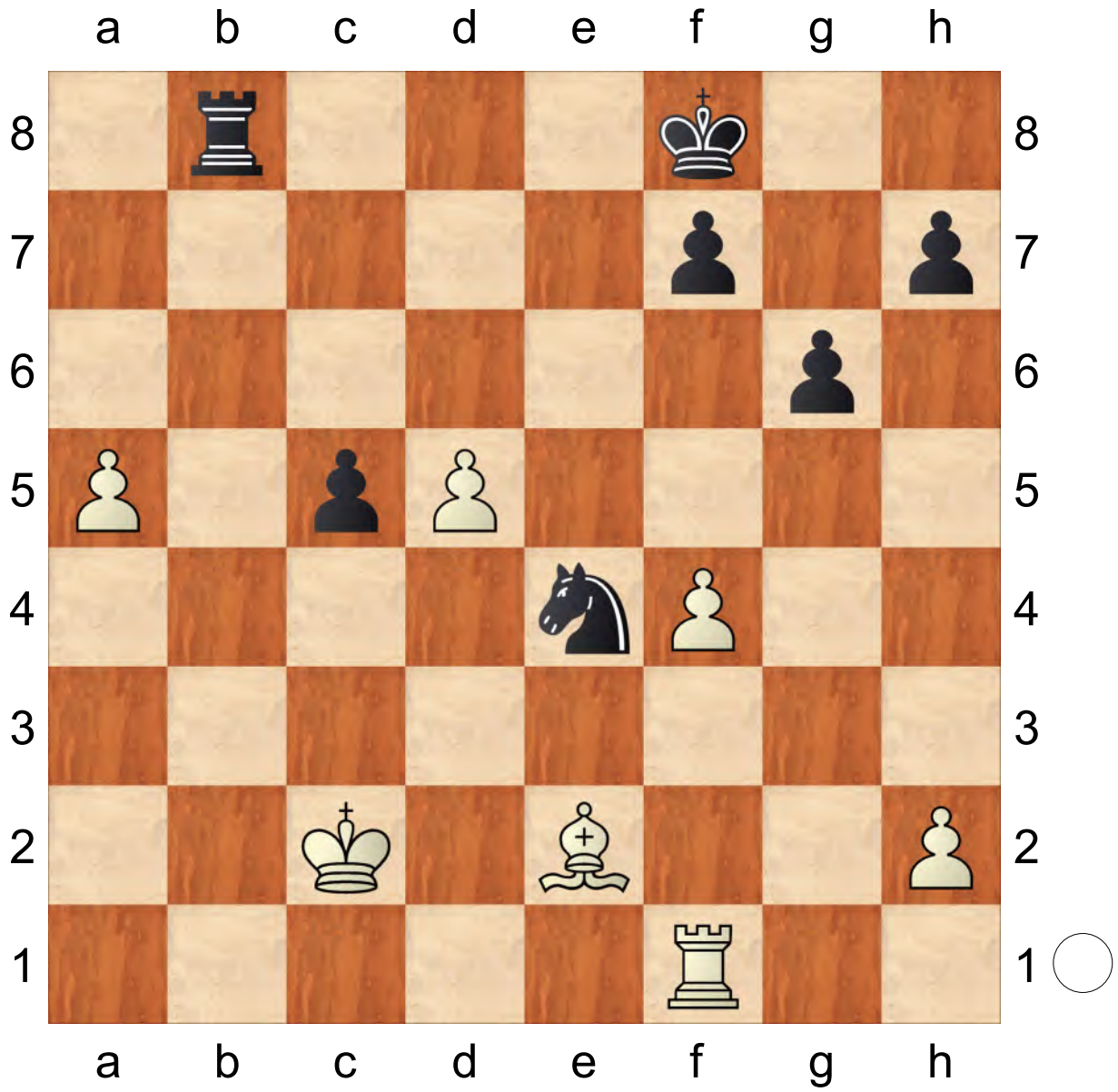


26.Bxe2 Bxb2 27.Rb1 Bxc1 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Kxc1 Nxe4 30.Kc2±
[30.a6!? Nc3 31.Bc4 Rb1+ 32.Kc2 Rxf1 33.d6!+-]
30...Kf8

(Diagram)

31.a6 Ke7
[31...Re8 32.Rb1 Nd6 33.a7! Rxe2+ 34.Kd3 Ra2 35.Rb8++-]
32.Ra1 Nd6 33.Ra5 Rc8 34.Kc3 h6 35.h4 f6?!+-
[35...Kd8 36.a7 Ra8 37.Ra6 Kc7±]

(Diagram)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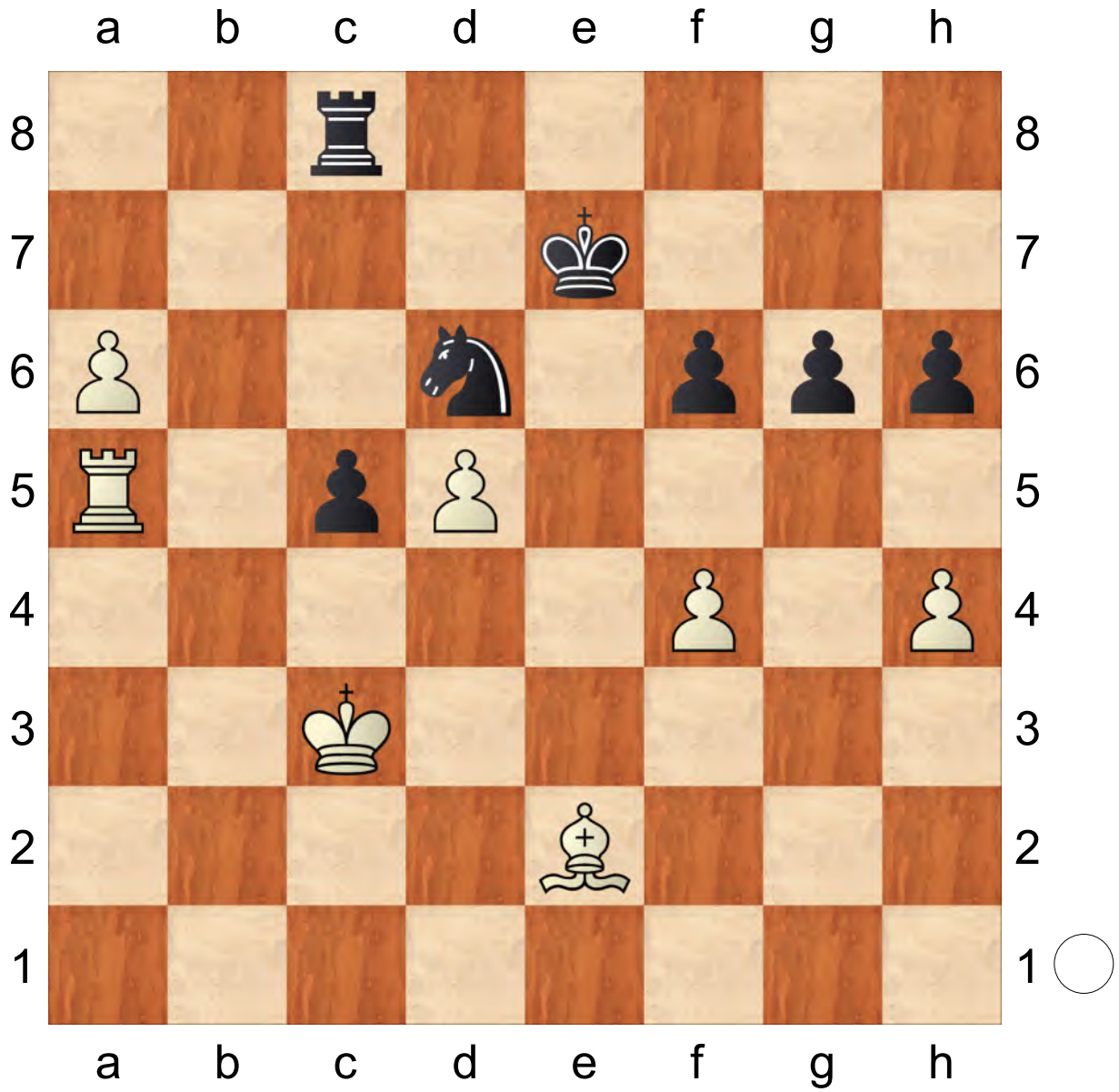

36.Bb5 Ra8 37.Bd3 g5 38.Rxc5 Ra7 39.fxg5 fxg5 40.hxg5 hxg5

(Diagram)

41.Kd4 g4 42.Rc1

(Diagram)

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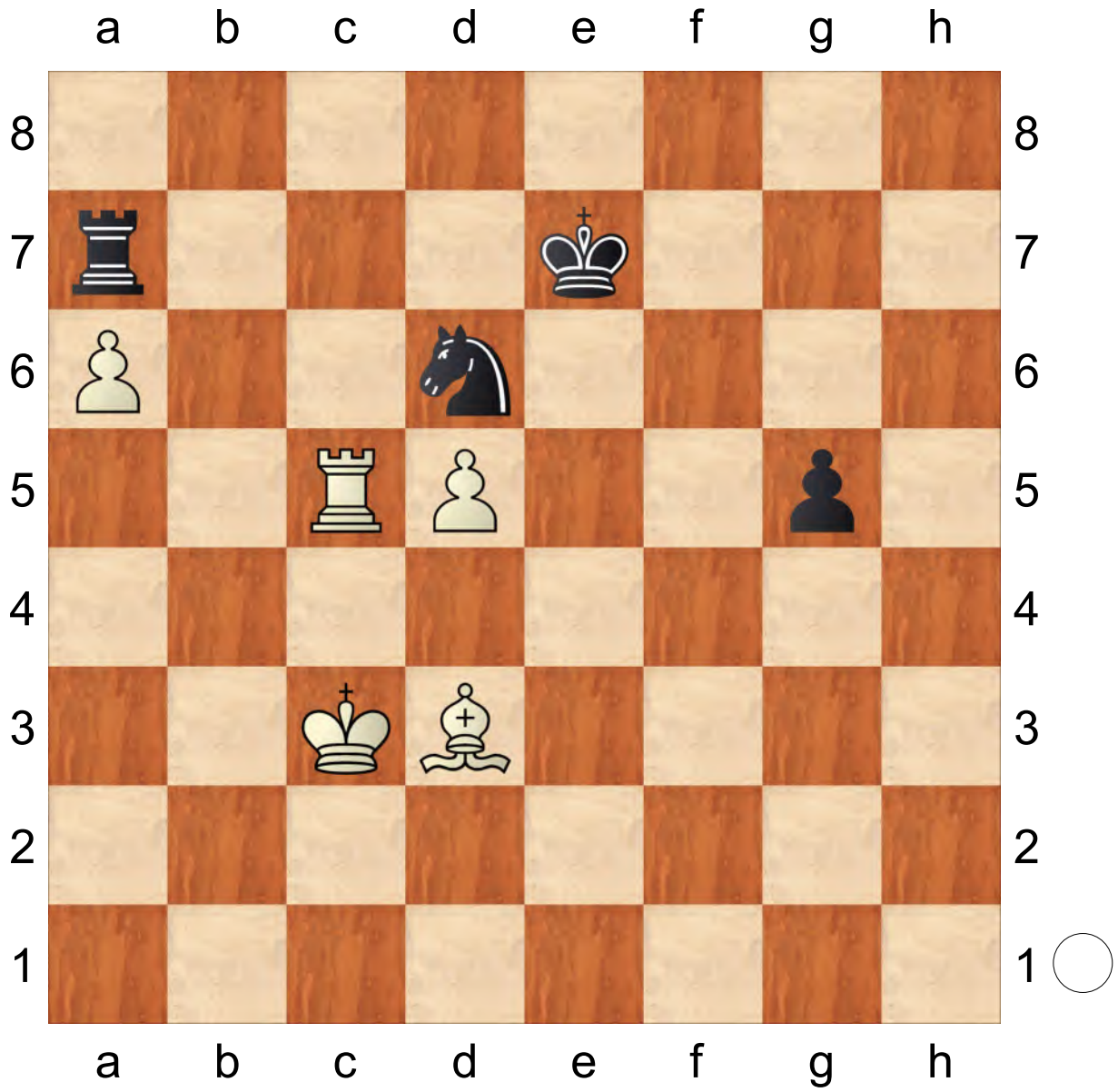
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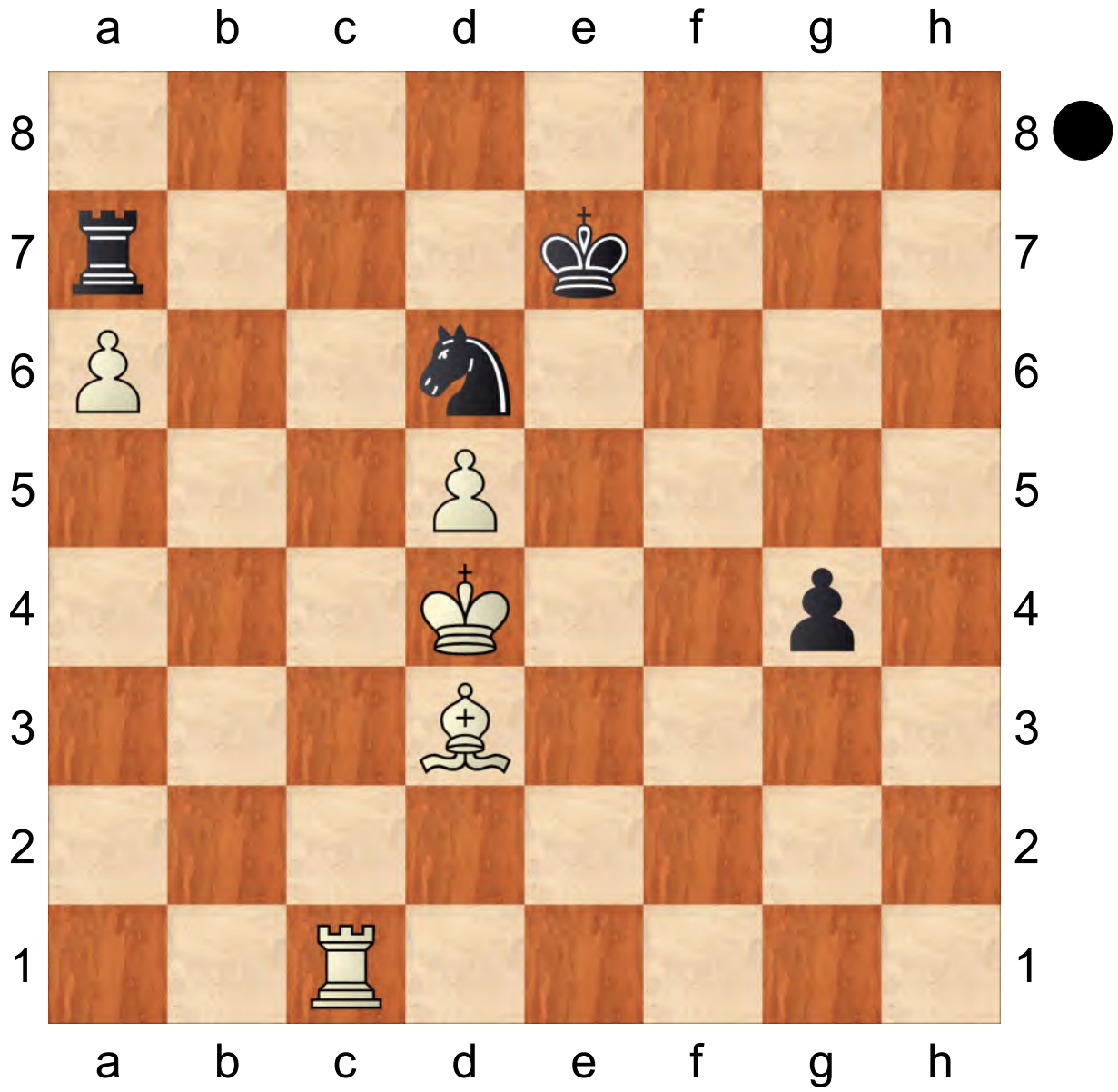
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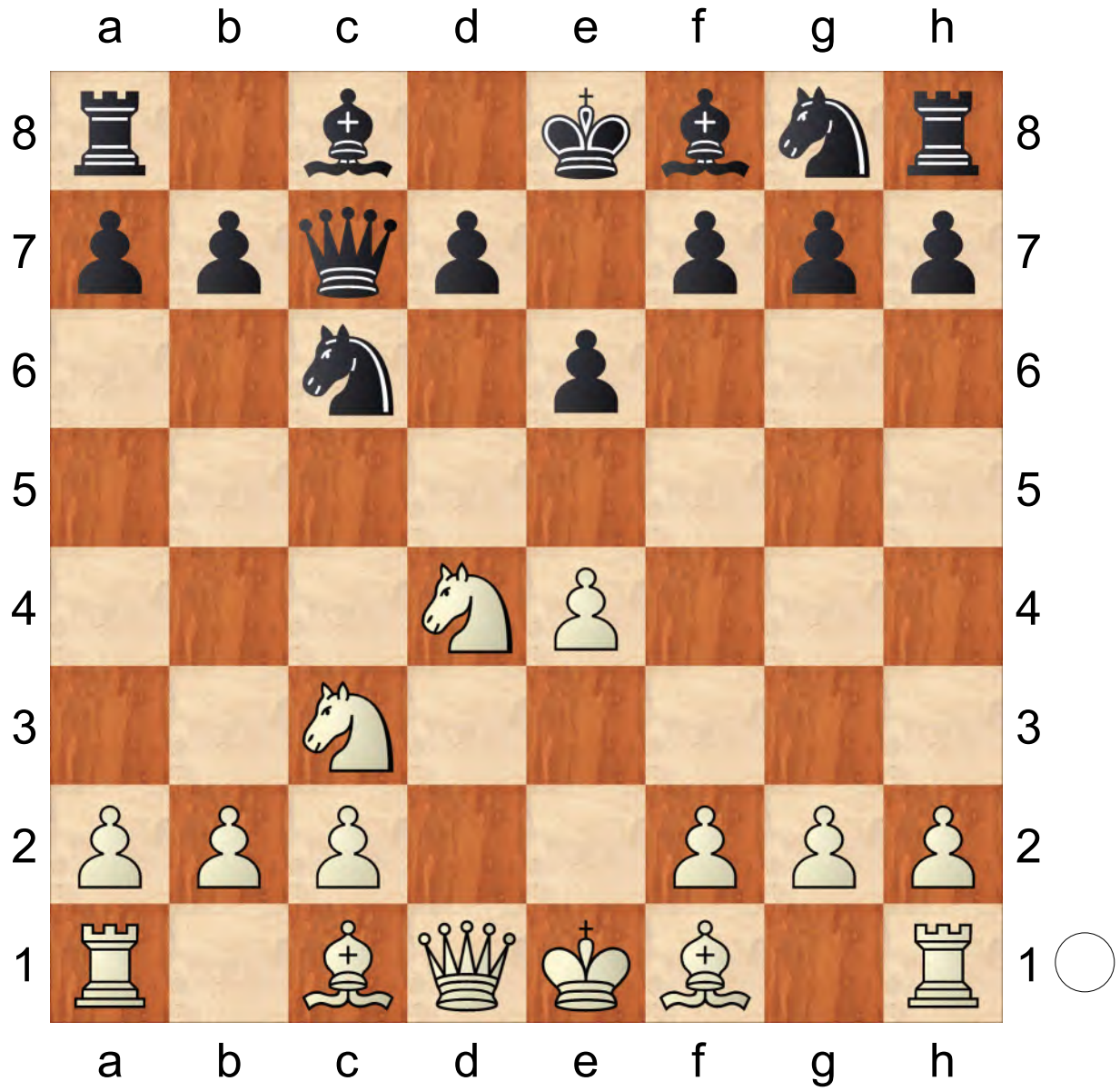
□ **CBM 47**
■ **6.g3... 8...Nd4 9.Nd4 Bc5**
Survey Opening 1995
[Ribli,Zoltan]

1.e4 Ribli Ribli **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7**



6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Bf4!?
[10.Qd2 0-0 11.b3
A) 11...e5 12.Na4 *(12.Bb2 Re8 13.Na4 Ba7 14.c4 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Nc3 Qb6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qb8 19.b4 d6 20.Rfd1±* Schmid,W-Nemet,I/Zurich op/1994/) 12...Be7 13.c4 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nc3 b4

16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bd6 18.Bb2± Zaitsev,I-Liberzon,V/Moscow/1969/;
B) 11...Be7!? 12.Bb2 d6 13.Rad1 Rd8= Taimanov Ribli: '=']
[10.Qd1?! d6 11.Na4 *(11.Bf4 → 10.♗f4 d6 11.♕d1; 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Qe2 0-0=* Wedberg,T-Karlsson,L/Sweden-ch/1974/ Ribli: '=') 11...Ba7 12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg5 Bd4!? 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qf3 Ke7 16.c3 Ba7 17.b3 Be6 18.c4 Bd4 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.Nc3 Qa5∓ Goljedanov,B-Suetin,A/Kiev/1964/]
[10.Qd3
A) 10...d6 11.Na4! *(11.Bf4 → 10.♗f4 d6 11. ♕d3)* 11...Ba7 *(11...0-0 12.c4 Ba7 13.b3 Ng4?! 14.Ba3 Bc5 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.Rad1 b6 17.Qd6±* Ivanov,A-Litzberger/Harrachov/1967/INF04,442/*)* 12.c4 *(12.b3 e5 13.Ba3 Ke7 14.c4 Rd8 15.Rac1 Qb8 16.Rfd1 Bg4 17.c5 Bxd1 18.cxd6+ Ke8 19.Rxd1⩲* Campora,D-Ye Jiangchuan/Manila olm/1992/*)* 12...Bd7 13.Nc3 Rc8 14.Bf4 Bb8 15.b3 b5 16.Rfc1 bxc4 17.bxc4 0-0 18.c5! Qxc5 19.Nd5 Qb5 20.Rxc8 Bxc8 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Qd1! Qa5 23.Bh6± De Firmian,N-Franzoni,G/Biel-op/1993/;
B) 10...Ng4!?
B1) 11.Na4 Ba7 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.c4 d6 14.Qd1 Nxc4 15.Rc1 e5 16.Bd2 0-0 17.b3 b5 18.Bb4 a5 19.Ba3 bxa4 20.bxc4 Bc5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Qxa4 Be6∓ Schmittdiel,E-Luther,T/BL 9293/;
B2) 11.Qe2
B2a) 11...h5?! 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Na4 Ba7 14.b3 b5 15.Nb2 Bd4 16.Rab1 Bb7 17.Nd3 f6 18.Rbc1 Bc3 19.Rfd1 h4 20.Bd2 hxg3 21.hxg3 Rc8 22.Nxe5 Bxe5?! *(22...Qxe5!?)* 23.c4! Bc6 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Bb4↑ Weiss,C-Schlosser,M/OST-ch/9394/;
B2b) 11...Ne5
B2b1) 12.Bf4 → 11.♗f4 ♘e5 12.♕e2;
B2b2) 12.Kh1 Bb4 *(12...d6!? 13.f4 Nc6 14.b3 b5 15.Bb2 Bb7=* Bilek,I-Taimanov,M/Budapest/1961/ Ribli: '='*; 12...b5?! 13.f4 Nc4 14.a4! Rb8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nxb5! Rxb5 17.Qxc4±* Silva,N-Lang,S/Zuerich-op/1987/*)* 13.Bd2 Be7! 14.f4 Nc4 15.Bc1 b5 16.b3 Nb6 17.Be3 d6 18.a4 bxa4 19.Nxa4 Nxa4 20.Rxa4 0-0 21.e5 Bb7= Bronstein,D-Furman,S/Moscow/1959/ Ribli: '=';
B2b3) 12.Be3 b5 *(12...0-0 13.Kh1 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Nc4 15.Qc1 b5 16.b3 Nb6 17.Qd2 Bb7 18.Rfd1?! Rac8 19.Qd6 Qc5 20.Qxc5 Rxc5 21.Rd6 Bc6∓* Dzuzdanovic,A-Markun,B/Bled-op/1992/CBM29/*)* 13.Nd1 0-0 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne3 Bb7 16.Rad1 Bc6 17.Kh1 b4 18.Qd2 f6 19.Qd4 Qb5 20.Kg1 a5 21.f4 Nf7∞ Bolbochan,J-Garcia,R/Buenos Aires/1971/;
B3) 11.Bf4 Ne5 12.Qe2 Ribli: ' → 11.♗f4 ♘e5 12. ♕e2' d6!? *(12...b5 13.Nd5!? Qb8 14.Ne3 d6 15.Ng4 Ng6 16.Be3 Qb6 17.c4 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Ne5 19.Rfd1 0-0 20.b3 Rd8 21.Rac1 Bb7=* Kuzmin,G-Phominyh,A/Alushta1/1994/CBM40/INF60,(192)/ Ribli: '=' *)* 13.Rad1
B3a) 13...b5 14.Be3 Bb7 15.Nb1 0-0 16.c3

B3a1) 16...a5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rd4 Rfd8 *(18...b4?! 19.Rfd1 Ba6 20.Qd2 Nc4 21.Qc1 Rac8 22.b3 Ne5 23.c4 f5 24.exf5 Rxf5 25.Qe3 Rd8 26.Nd2± De Firmian,N-Lautier,J/Biel-A/1990/CBM19/INF50,(207)/)* 19.Rfd1 Ba6 20.b3 Ra7 21.h3 Nc6 22.R4d2 b4 23.c4 Rad7 24.Qe1 e5∞ Godina,J-De la Riva,O/Catalunya/1992/;

B3a2) 16...Rfd8= Ribli: '=';

B3b) 13...Bd7!? 14.Be3 Bb4!?∞ Δ ♗c3,♗b5 Mueller,W-Ruzele,D/Berlin-op/1994/]

10...d6

[10...Bxd4?! 11.Bxc7 Bxc3 12.bxc3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Be5 f6 15.c4! *(15.Bd4 Kf7 16.c4 Ne7 17.Bb6 Re8 18.f4 Bd7 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Bxc6 Nxc6 21.Rd7+ Re7= remis Bronstein,D-Taimanov,M/Budapest/1961/ Ribli: '=')* 15...Nb4 16.Bc3 Nc6 17.Rab1 0-0 18.f4 Kf7 19.Kf2 Rd8 20.Rb6± Honfi,K-Kozma,E/Wijk aan Zee-B/1969/INF07,357/]

(Diagram)

11.Qd2

[11.Qd1 Ribli: '→ 10.♗f4 d6 11. ♕d1' Bd7! 12.Qe2 *(12.a3 Rc8 13.Rc1 h6 14.Nb1 a5 15.c4 0-0 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Bc3 e5∓ Chiburdanidze,M-Fauland,A/Moscow GMA-op/1989/)* 12...Bd4 13.Rfd1 e5 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Be1 b5 16.a3 Rac8 17.Rdc1 Bc6 18.Kh1 Qb7 19.f3 Rfe8 20.Bd2 h6 21.Nd1 d5∓ Wittmann,W-Miniboeck,G/AUT-chT/9495/EXP45/]

[11.Qd3 Ribli: '→ 10.♗f4 d6 11.♕d3'

A) 11...Nh5? 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 0-0 14.Rfd1 Rd8 15.e5! dxe5 16.Qxe5+- Pangrazzi,M-Orlando,L/Rome/1990/;

B) 11...0-0 12.Rad1 Ne8 13.Na4± Nykopp,J-Diedam,N/Liechtenstein op/1993/;

C) 11...Ke7 12.Na4 e5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Bg5 Rd8 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Qh5↑ Johansson,J-Akesson,R/Sweden-ch/1989/;

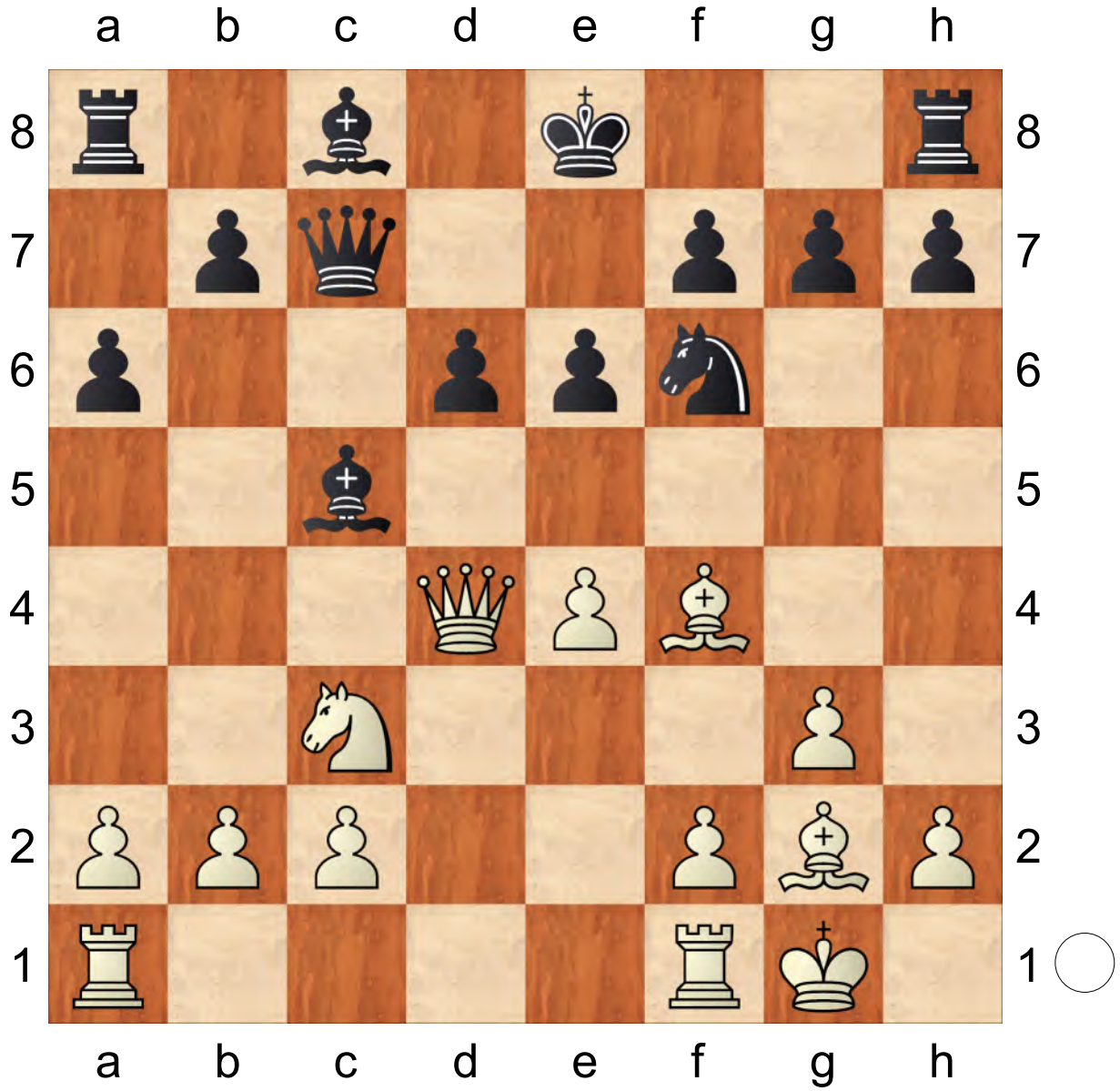
D) 11...Ng4 12.Na4 e5 13.Bd2! *(13.Nxc5? exf4! 14.Nb3 Ne5 15.Qd2 fxg3 16.hxg3 0-0 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Nd4 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7∓ Schmid,L-Hamann,S/Venezia/1966/INF01,268/)* 13...Be6 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.a4 0-0 16.Qc3 b5 17.b4 Bc4 18.Rfb1 Rad8 19.axb5 axb5 20.h3± Tringov,G-Honfi,K/Cacak/1970/INF11,305/;

E) 11...h6

E1) 12.Na4 e5 13.Nxc5

E1a) 13...dxc5

E1a1) 14.Be3 Be6!? *(14...Ng4?! 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.h3 Nf6 17.Qc3 Bb5 18.Rfe1 0-0 19.a4 Bd7 20.a5 Rfe8 21.Be3 Rac8 22.Rad1 Bb5 23.Rd2 Qc6 24.f3 Nh5 25.Bf2 Qg6 26.Kh2 Bc6 27.h4 Qf6 28.Red1 Bb5 29.Bh3± Boudre,J-Forintos,G/Val Maubuee/1988/)* 15.Qc3 Nd7



16.Rfd1 Rc8 17.Bf1 0-0 18.f3 Rfd8 19.Bc4 Nf8 20.a4 Rd6∞ Torrecillas,A-Forintos,G/Benasque-op/1993/;

E1a2) 14.Bd2!? 0-0 15.Bc3 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Qd6! Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Rfe8 19.f3± Ivanov,A-Zapata,A/Saint Martin-op/1992/;

E1b) 13...exf4 14.Nb3 fxg3 15.hxg3 0-0 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qe4 dxe5 19.Rxd8 Qxd8 20.Qxe5 Nf6 21.Nc5± Podgaets,M-Vaganian,R/USSR/1971/INF11,306/;

E1c) 13...Qxc5! 14.Be3 Qc6 15.Rad1 Ke7 16.f4?! Ng4! 17.h3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 f6 19.Rf2 Be6 20.f5 Bf7 21.Rfd2 Rhd8∓ Kocovski,I-Rajkovic,D/Star Dojran/1991/;

E2) 12.Rad1!? e5 13.Be3

E2a) 13...Bxe3? 14.fxe3! Be6 *(14...Ke7 15.Rxf6!+-)* 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Ke7 *(16...Rd8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Nd5±* Leventic,I-Sulava,N/

Osijek/1993/EXP38/) 17.Rb6 Rab8 18.Nd5+ Kd8 19.c4± Peng,X-Hegde,R/Asian chT/1993/;

E2b) 13...Bg4

E2b1) 14.Rd2 Rd8 15.Bxc5 *(15.h3 Be6 16.Rfd1 b5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.g4∞* Zaitsev,I-Moiseev,V/Riga/1970/) 15...Qxc5 16.b3 b5 17.Nd1 Bxd1 18.Rfxd1 Qc6 19.Kh1 Ke7 20.Qe2 Rd7 21.f3 Rhd8 22.Bh3 Rc7= Damjanovic,M-Zinser/Monte Carlo/1968/ Ribli: '=';

E2b2) 14.Bxc5!? dxc5 15.f3 Be6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qd6 *(17...0-0 18.d6 Qb6 19.Qb3 Qc6 20.Rd2 Rad8 21.Rfd1±* Mnatsakanian,E-Petrosian,T/Erevan/1977/) 18.f4 0-0 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.Qb3 b5 21.d6 Rad8 22.Rfe1 Qf5 23.Qd3 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Rfe8 25.Kf1 c4 26.Rd4 Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 Kf8 28.Bb7± Huebner,R-Capelan,G/Solingen/1986/;

F) 11...Nd7 12.Na4 e5 13.Bd2 b5 *(13...Bd4 14.c3 Ba7 15.c4 Nc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.b4 Bd4 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 a5 20.a3 Be6 21.Rfc1 0-0=* Marinkovic,I-Rajkovic,D/Bled-op/1989/ Ribli: '=')

F1) 14.Nc3 Bb7!? *(14...Nb6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Nxa4 Nxa4 17.Rxa4 0-0∞* Mnatsakanian,E-Phominyh,A/Katowice-op/1993/) 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 0-0 17.Rad1 b4 18.c3 a5 19.Kh1 Qa7 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.Qe2 Qa6∓ Huebner,R-Petrosian,T/Wijk aan Zee/1971/INF11,308/;

F2) 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.Qa3 *(15.Qc3!? a5 16.a3 Qb8 17.Qe3 0-0 18.Bxa5! Rxa5 19.b4 Ra4 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Qxc5 Rc4 22.Qe3±* Jansa,V-Phominyh,A/Rimavska Sobota/1991/CBM24/) 15...Bb7 16.Ba5

F2a) 16...Qc6

F2a1) 17.Rfd1 0-0 *(17...Nxe4!? 18.Re1 f5 19.g4 Qc5 20.Qxc5 Nxc5 21.b4 Bxg2 22.bxc5 Bf3 23.cxd6 fxg4=* Vasiukov Ribli: '=') 18.Rd5 Qc8 19.Rxd6 Bxe4! *(19...Nxe4?! 20.Rb6±* Reshevsky,S-Vasiukov,E/Skopje/1970/INF09,324/) 20.Re1!= ⟶ 17.♖ad1;

F2a2) 17.Rad1 0-0 18.Rd5

F2a21) 18...f5? 19.Rfd1 Nxe4 20.Qb3 Kh8 21.Rxd6! *(21.Bxe4? fxe4 22.Rxd6 Qe8 23.Qe6 Qh5 24.Qe7 e3!-+* Matulovic,M-Vasiukov,E/Skopje/1970/INF09,325/) 21...Qc8 22.Rd7 Nc5 23.Bxb7 Nxb3 24.cxb3!+- Adorjan *(24.Bxc8? Nxa5 25.Bb7 Nxb7 26.Rxb7 Rad8=* Adorjan,A-Timman,J/Wijk aan Zee/1971/INF11,307/ Ribli: '=');

F2a22) 18...Qc8! 19.Rxd6 Bxe4! 20.Re1 Ribli: '=!' '=!' Ribli: '⟶ 17.♖ad1' *(20.Bb4? Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ne4 22.Rdd1 Re8 23.Qb3 h6 24.Rfe1 Nf6∓* Adorjan,A-Cvetkovic,Sr/Jugoslavija/1971/INF11,310/*; 20.f3 Nb7! 21.fxe4 Nxa5 22.b3 Qxc2∓* Matulovic,M-Cvetkovic,Sr/1972/Jugoslavija/INF13,391/) 20...Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nb7 22.Rd2 Nxa5 23.Qxa5 Qc6+ 24.f3= Adorjan Ribli: '=';

F2b) 16...Qe7 17.Qe3 0-0 18.Rad1 f5 19.exf5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rxf5 21.Bb4 *(21.b4 Nb7! 22.Qe4 Rf7 23.Bb6 Qe6 24.Qd5 Qxd5+ 25.Rxd5 Rc8=* Kholmov,R-Moisieev,O/USSR/1971/INF11,309/ Ribli: '=') 21...Rc8

22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Qe4 Rf6 24.c3 Qe8 25.f4 Qc6= Huebner,R-Bischoff,K/Munich/1988/CBM07/INF45/209/ Ribli: '=']

11...h6

[11...0-0?! 12.Rad1 Ne8 *(12...e5 13.Bg5 Bg4? 14.Bxf6!+-* Takle,D-Paasikangas,J/Gausdal/1990/) 13.Rfe1 b5 14.e5! d5 15.Nxd5! exd5 16.e6 Bxf2+ 17.Qxf2 fxe6 18.Bxc7 Rxf2 19.Kxf2 Nxc7 20.Ke3± Efimov,I-Khalikian,O/Erevan/1977/]

[11...Bb4? 12.Nb5! axb5 13.Qxb4 e5 14.Bg5 Qc5 15.Qd2± Ehrke,M-Herrmann,M/2.BLN/9091/]

[11...Ng4?! 12.Rad1 Ne5 13.Na4! Nc4 14.Qc3 e5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Bc1 Be6 17.b3 Nb6 18.Qd3 Rd8 19.Be3 Qc7 20.f4 Bg4 21.Rd2 Ke7 22.h3 Bd7 23.Rfd1 Nc8 24.c4 b6 25.Kh2 f6 26.Bf3 Be6 27.Qc3 a5 28.Rd3 Na7 29.Qd2± Kilian,R-Capelan,G/2.BLW/8788/]

[11...e5 12.Bg5 Be6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Qxd5 h5 16.c3 h4 17.Rad1 hxg3 18.hxg3 Ke7 19.Rd3 Rad8 20.b4 Ba7 21.Rfd1± Radu,M-Nevednichy,B/Odorheiu Secuiesc-op/1993/]

12.Rad1

[12.Rfd1 e5 13.Be3 Ke7 14.f4 Be6 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Nd5+ Bxd5 17.exd5 Rhd8 18.Kh1 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Kf8= Klinger,J-Titz,H/OST-chT/9293/ Ribli: '=']

[12.Na4 e5 13.Nxc5 dxc5!? 14.Be3 Ng4

A) 15.f4 Be6 16.f5 Bc4 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.b3 Rfd8 19.Qc3! *(19.Qe1? Bb5 20.a4 Bc6 21.h3 Nf6 22.Bf2 b5∓* Janosevic,D-Vasiukov,E/Skopje/1970/INF09,323/) 19...Be2 20.Rd5 b6 21.Re1 Bb5= Vasiukov Ribli: '=';

B) 15.Rad1 Be6 *(15...0-0 16.Rfe1 Be6 17.Qc3 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Red3 b5 20.a3 a5↑* Gachon,L-Illescas,C/Montpellier/1988/) 16.a3 0-0 17.Qc3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Rfd8∞ Franzen,J-Haba,P/Ceske Budejovice/1994/]

12...e5

[12...Ke7

A) 13.h3 Bd7 *(13...e5!? 14.Be3 Be6* → 12...e5 13.♗e3 ♔e7 14.h3 ♗e6*)* 14.a3 e5 15.Be3 Rac8 16.Kh2 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Qc5 18.Qd2 Be6 19.f4 Rhd8 20.Rfe1∞ Kudrin,S-Ruzele,D/Moscow olm/1994/EXP44/;

B) 13.Na4 e5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Be3 Qc7 *(15...Qc6!?)* 16.h3 Be6 17.f4 a5 18.Qf2 Rhc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Bxh6→ Birmingham,E-Ghafari,R/FRA-chT/1989/]

13.Be3 Ke7

[13...Bxe3? 14.fxe3! Be6 15.Qxd6± → 11.♕d3 h6 12.♖ad1 e5 13.♗e3 ♗e3 14.fe3! ♗e6 15.♕d6 ±]

[13...b5?! 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Qd6 17.f4 0-0 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.d6± Byrne,R-Lengyel,L/Moscow/1971/INF13,389/]

[13...Bg4

A) 14.f3?! Be6 15.Kh1 0-0 *(15...Ke7 16.f4 Bb4 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Rxf6 Kxf6! 19.Qf2+ Ke7 20.Nd5+ Bxd5 21.exd5 Bd6 22.Bb6 Qc8 23.Rc1 Qc4! 24.b3 Qc3! 25.Rf1 Raf8∓* Caruso,A-Forintos,G/Catania/1994/) 16.f4 Bxe3

17.Qxe3 Rad8 18.h3 b5 19.a3 Bc4 20.Rg1 a5∞ Radulov,I-Bergstrom,C/Rilton Cup/1987/;

B) 14.Bxc5!? dxc5 15.f3 *(15.Qd6 Rc8 16.Rd2 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 Nd7 18.Nd5 Rc6 19.Rxc6 bxc6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Rd1 Ke7 22.Bf1 Nb6! 23.b3 a5 24.f4 f6=* remis Marinkovic,S-Vojinovic,G/Jugoslavia-ch/1994/INF62,(187)/ Ribli: '=*)* 15...Be6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qd6 18.f4!± → 13...♗e6 14.♗c5 dc5 15.♘d5 ♗d5 16.ed5 ♕d6 17.f4! ± Ribli: '±' '±' Ribli: 'Speelman,J-Roos/Arlean/1976/']

[13...Be6 14.Bxc5 dxc5

A) 15.f4

A1) 15...Rd8?! 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 e4 18.c4!? *(18.Rfe1 Rxd5 19.Rxe4+ Kd8 20.Qe2 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1+±* Fischer,R-Taimanov,M/Vancouver-m/1971/INF11,311/*)* 18...0-0 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Qc2 Re7?! *(20...e3!?±* Parma *)* 21.Bxe4± Kurajica,B-Franklin,M/Hastings/1971/INF13,390/;

A2) 15...0-0! 16.Nd5 *(16.f5 Bc4 17.Rfe1 b5 18.b3 b4 19.bxc4 bxc3 20.Qxc3 Rfd8⩱* Tal *)* 16...Bxd5 17.exd5 e4 18.Rfe1 Rfe8 19.c4 Qd7 20.Qc2 Qf5 21.Re2 Re7 22.Rde1 Rae8 23.Qb3 h5 24.Qb6 Qc8 25.d6 Re6 26.Bh3 Ng4 27.Rd1 Qc6 28.Qxc6 bxc6 29.Bxg4 hxg4 30.d7 Rd8 31.Kf2 f5 32.Ke3 Kf7 33.Red2 Ke7= Zelic,Z-Raicevic,Vl/Cetinje tt/1990/ Ribli: '=';

B) 15.Nd5!? Bxd5 16.exd5 Qd6 17.f4± Speelman,J-Roos/Arlean/1976/]

[13...0-0?! 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qd6±]

14.f4

[14.a3?! Be6 15.h3 Rac8 16.Kh2 Rhd8 17.f4 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Qc5 19.Qxc5?! Rxc5 20.Rf2 Rdc8 21.Rfd2 R5c6 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Nd5+ Bxd5 24.exd5 Rd6 25.Re1 Nd7 26.h4 f6 27.Re3 b5 28.b3 Nb6 29.Be4 Rc5∓ Gaprindashvili,N-Huebner,R/Wijk aan Zee/1979/]

[14.Nd5+ Nxd5 15.exd5 Re8 16.f4 Kf8 17.f5 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Qxc2 19.f6 Qc5∓ Bosch,J-Horvath,C/Leukerbad-op/1992/]

[14.Kh1 Be6 15.Nd5+ Bxd5 16.exd5 Rhe8 17.b3 b5 18.c4 Kf8 19.Rc1 b4∓ Dabrowska,K-Maric,A/Jakarta-izt/1993/]

[14.h3 Be6 Ribli: '→ 12...e5 13. ♗e3 ♔e7 14.h3 ♗e6' 15.f4 *(15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Na4 Qc6 17.b3 b5 18.Nb2 Rhd8∞* Bjerring,K-Kogan,A/Kecskemet/1994/EXP45/ *)* 15...Rhd8 16.fxe5 *(16.Nd5+ Bxd5 17.exd5 exf4! 18.Rxf4 Kf8 19.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 20.Kh2 Nd7 21.b4 Qc7 22.c4 b6 23.Bf3 Ne5 24.Bh5 Kg8 25.Rdf1 Rd7 26.Rc1 a5 27.a3 axb4 28.axb4 Qd8 29.Be2 Ra3∓* Lein,A-Kovacevic,S/Belgrade GMA-op/1988/*; 16.a3 Rac8 17.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 18.Kh2 b5 19.Rfe1 a5∞* Inkiov,V-Schmidt,Wl/Polanica Zdroj/1981/INF32,(250)/*)* 16...dxe5 17.Nd5+ Bxd5 18.exd5 Rac8 19.Kh1 Qd6 *(19...Ne8 20.h4 Qd6 21.Bh3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Rxc2 23.Qe4 Rc7 24.Rf5 Nf6 25.Rxe5+ Kf8 26.Qe3 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Nxe8 28.Qd3 Nf6 29.Qa3 Ne4 30.Qxd6+ Nxd6∓* Gachon,L-Ghafari,R/FRA-chT/1989/*)* 20.c3 b5 21.Rf5 *(21.Rfe1 Kf8∞* Maxion,D-Hegeler,F/2.BLN/9293/*)* 21...Nd7 22.g4 f6 23.g5 hxg5 24.Bxg5 g6! 25.Rff1 Rh8 26.Be3

Rh5 27.Rf3 Nb6 28.Rg3 Nc4 29.Bxc5 Rxc5 30.Qc1 f5 31.b3 Nb6 32.Qa3 Nd7 33.Rgd3 e4∓ Neverov,A-Kogan,A/Ajka/1992/]

[14.Bxc5!? Qxc5 15.Na4 Qc6 *(15...Qc7 16.f4 Be6? 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Qb4+ Ke8 19.Nb6 Rd8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.Qc5 Qb8 22.Rd1↑* Radu,E-Hernandez,Y/CHI-WchWJ/1990/ *)*

A) 16.c4?! Bg4 17.f3 Be6 18.b3 b5 *(18...Rhd8=* Rajkovic Ribli: '=') 19.cxb5 axb5 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Rfd1∞ Campora,D-Rajkovic,D/Bern/1988/CBM08/INF45,210/;

B) 16.f4 a5! *(16...Bg4? 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Qb4+ Ke8 19.Rd2 Rc8 20.h3 Bd7 21.Nb6 Rc7 22.Rfd1 Qe6 23.Rd6 Qe7 24.Qd2+-* Varga,Z-Horvath,G/Gyor-op/1990/*; 16...Nd7?* (Bronstein,L-Needleman,A/Argentina/INF48,(251)/) 17.♘c3! ♘b6 18.♘d5 ♘d5 19.ed5 ± Needleman *17.Nc3! Nb6 18.Nd5+ Nxd5 19.exd5±* Needleman *)*

B1) 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Qd3 *(18.Nc3 Be6 19.Nd5+ Bxd5 20.exd5 Qd6 21.Rf5 Rhe8 22.c4 Kf8 23.Rdf1 b6 24.b3 Ra7 25.Rxf6 gxf6 26.Qxh6+ Ke7 27.Be4 Raa8 28.Kg2 Rh8 29.Qe3⩱* Gdanski,J-Adler,J/Antwerpen/1992/EXP30/INF55,(213)/ *)* 18...b5 19.Nc3 Qc5+ 20.Kh1

B1a) 20...Be6 21.Nd5+ Bxd5 22.exd5 Qd6

B1a1) 23.Qxb5 Rhb8 *(23...Rhc8⩱* Dorfman *)* 24.Qc6 Qxc6 25.dxc6 Rxb2 26.Rfe1 Rb5∞ Gdanski;

B1a2) 23.Rde1 Rhc8 24.Qf5 Kf8 25.Rxe5 Rxc2 26.Qxc2 Qxe5 27.Qc6 Rb8 28.Rf5 Qe1+ 29.Rf1 Qe5= remis Gdanski,J-Dorfman,J/Polanica Zdroj/1992/CBM31/INF55,213/ Ribli: '=';

B1b) 20...b4 21.Nd5+ Ribli: '→ 17.fe5 fe5 18.♕d3 b5 19.♘c3 ♕c5 20.♔h1 b4 21.♘d5' Nxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxd5 23.exd5 Ra6!? *(23...Ra7 24.d6+ Kd8 25.d7 Rxd7 26.Rxd7+ Bxd7 27.Rxf7±* Marinkovic,I-Zafirowski/Nis/1993/*)* 24.d6+ Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Kxd6 26.Rxf7 Be6 27.Rxg7 Bxa2 28.Rg6+ (± Dorfman) Ke7! 29.Ra6 Rd8 *(29...Rc8!?)* 30.Be4 *(30.h4 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Rd2 32.Rxa5 Bc4 33.Rxe5+ Kf6 34.Re1 Rxc2⩱)* 30...Bd5= Ribli: '=';

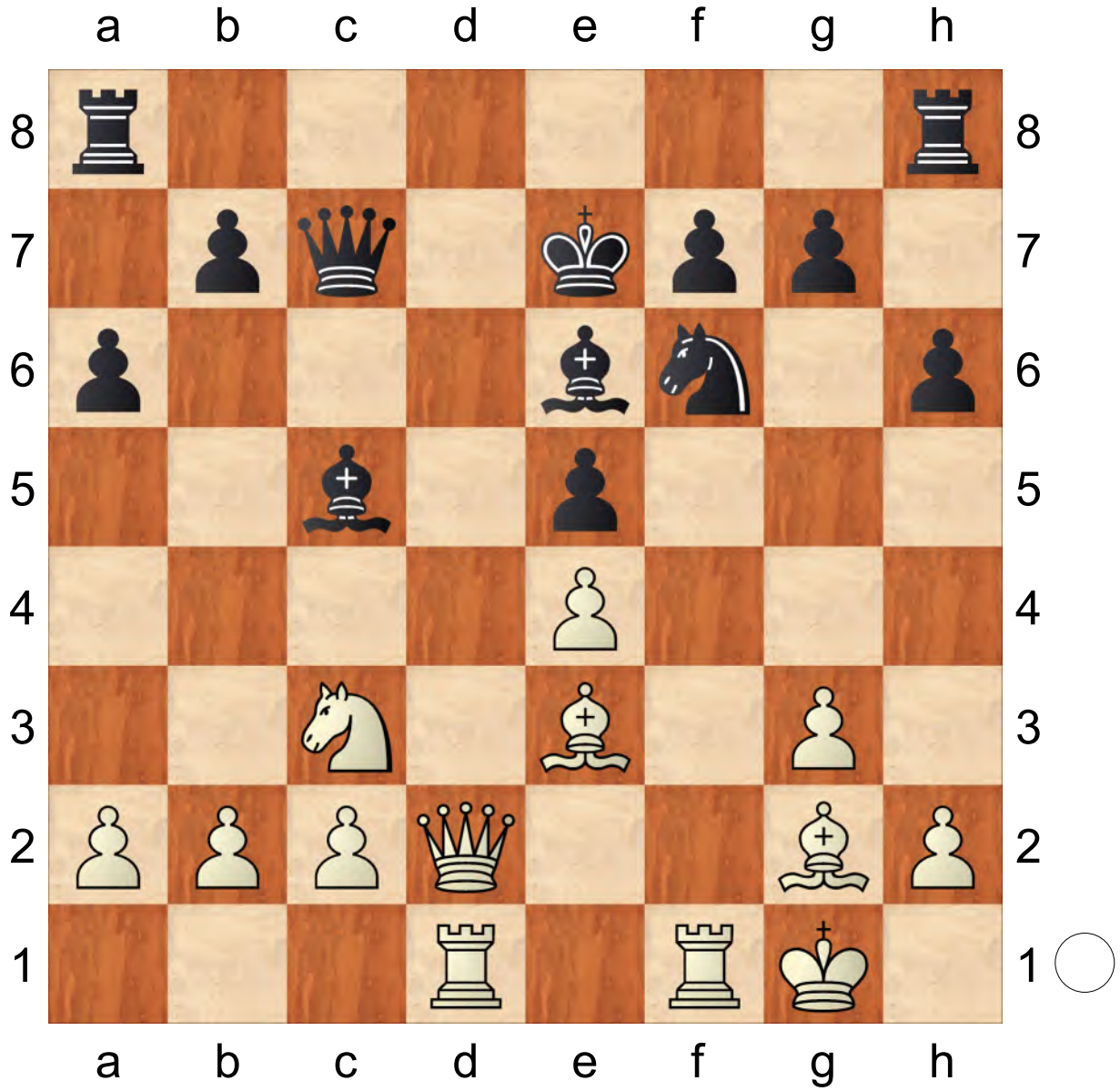
B2) 17.Qd3 b5 18.Nc3 Qc5+! *(18...Be6? 19.Qxb5 Qxb5 20.Nxb5 Bc4 21.Nxd6 Bxf1 22.Nf5+ Kf8 23.Rxf1 Nd7 24.Rd1 Ra7 25.Bh3 g6 26.Nd6 Nc5 27.Rd5 Na4 28.Nb5 Re7 29.b3 Nb6 30.Rd6 Na8 31.f5 Rb7 32.f6+-* Kotronias,V-Damljanovic,B/Belgrade/1993/CBM39/INF59,(207)*/)* 19.Kh1 b4 20.fxe5 Qxe5 *(20...dxe5 21.Nd5+ →* 17.fe5 fe5 18.♕d3 b5 19.♘c3 ♕c5 20.♔h1 b4 21.♘d5*)* 21.Nd5+ Nxd5 22.exd5 Ba6 23.Qd2 Bxf1 24.Re1 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2∞]

14...Be6 15.fxe5 dxe5

(Diagram)

16.Nd5+ Bxd5 17.exd5 Rhd8

[17...Rad8?! 18.Kh1 Rhe8 *(18...Ne8?? 19.Qf2+-* 1-0 Popovic,P-Damljanovic,B/



Vrsac/1987/CBM05/INF44,(211)/) 19.Qc3 Kd6 20.b4! Bxe3 21.Qxe3 e4 22.Rxf6+! gxf6 23.Qf4+ Re5 24.Qxf6+ Kd7 25.Bh3+ Ke8 26.d6+- 1-0 Mestel,A-Martin,A/BCF-ch/1987/]

18.Kh1 Rac8

[18...Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Kf8! *(19...Ne8? 20.c4! Qxc4 21.Qxe5+ Kf8 22.d6 Rd7 23.Bd5 Qc5 24.Qe6+-* 1-0 Brunner,L-Fauland,A/EU-chT Haifa/1989/ *)*

A) 20.d6?! Rxd6 21.Qxe5 Rc6 *(21...Rd7!=* Ribli: '=!') 22.Qe3 Re6 23.Qb3 Rc8? 24.Bh3+- Ochoa-De la,Riva/Spain 25'/;

B) 20.Rd2 Qd6 21.c4 Rac8 22.b3 b6 23.Bh3 Rc7 24.Rdf2 b5∞ Georgiev,Ki-Hracek,Z/Oderheiu zt/1995/CBM47/]

19.c4

[19.Bxc5+ Qxc5 20.c4 Qd6 21.Qe2 Kf8 22.Rfe1 Re8 23.b3 Rc7= Gavrikov,V-Franzoni,G/Bern Training/1992/CBM30/ Ribli: '=']

[19.c3 Qd6 20.Qe2 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Kf8 22.Rf5 Re8 23.Rdf1 Rc7∞ Tiviakov,S-Langeweg,K/Porto San Giorgio/1993/]

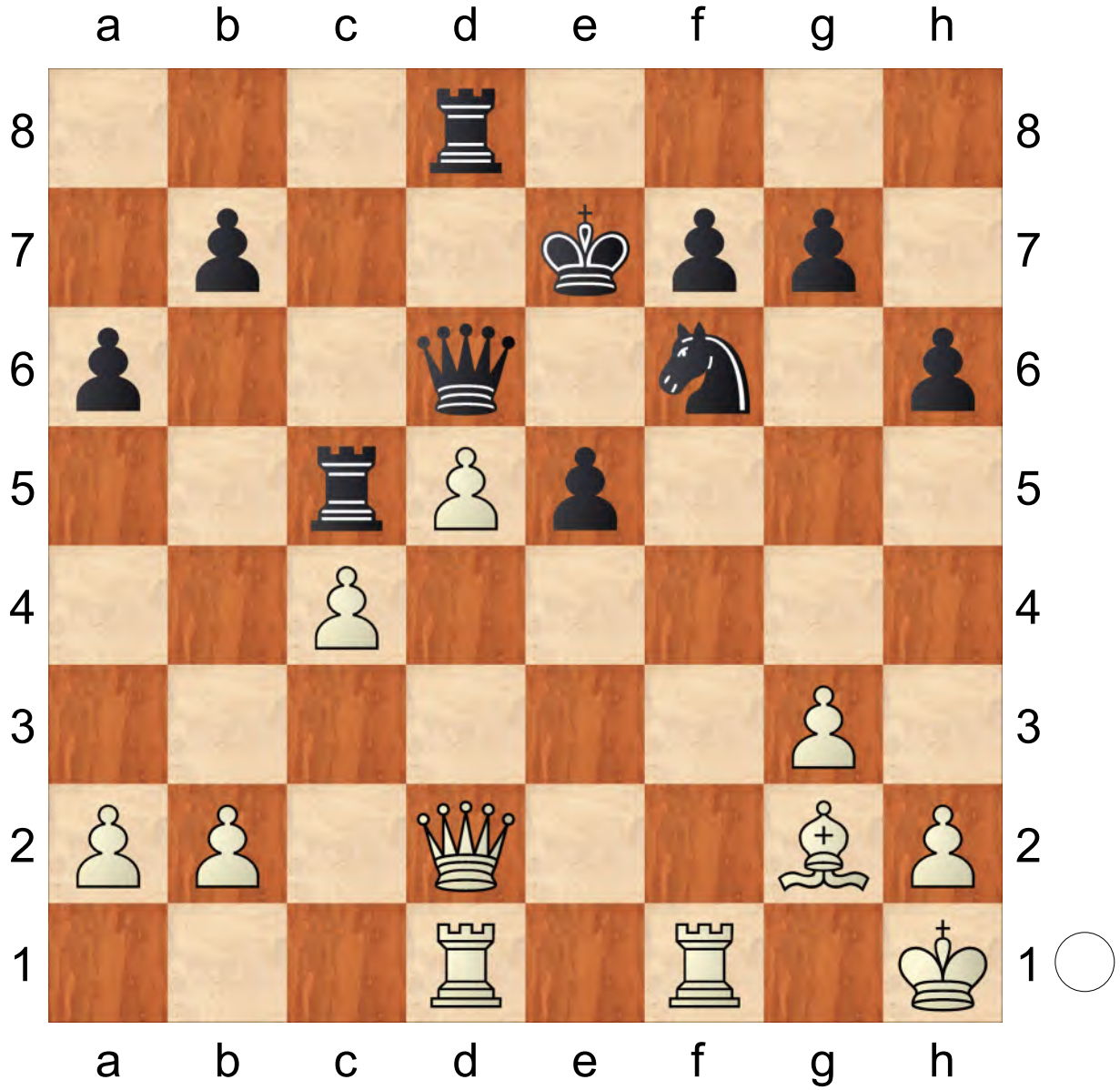
[19.b4 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qd6= Anand Ribli: '=']

19...Qd6 20.Bxc5

[20.Rf5 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Rxc4 22.Rxe5+ Kf8 23.Rf5 Rc2 24.Qb3 Qc5↑ Kraut,R-Meier,V/BL 9293/]

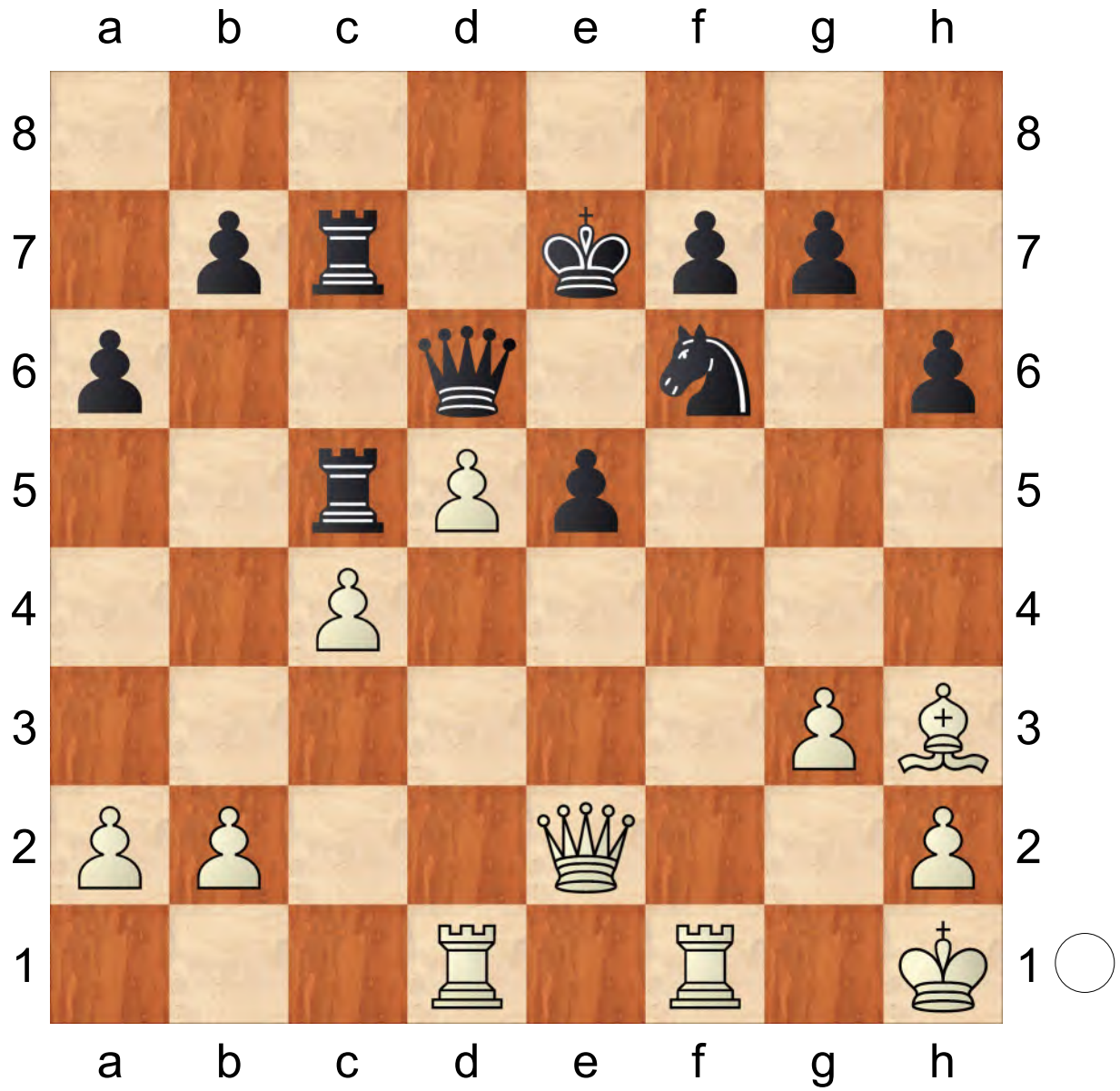
[20.Rc1 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Qxc5 24.Re1 Nd7 25.Rc1 Qd4= Campora,D-Franzoni,G/Bern Training/1992/CBM30/ Ribli: '=']

20...Rxc5



21.Qe2 Rdc8 22.Bh3 R8c7∞

(Diagram)



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□ **Keres,Paul**
■ **Levenfish,Grigory**
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[Huebner,Robert]

1.e4 Huebner,R Keres, Moiseev **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 dxe4 5.Qg4 Qxd4**

[5...Nf6! 6.Qxg7 Rg8 7.Qh6 Qxd4 8.0-0-0 Bf8 9.Qh4 Rg4 10.Qh3 Qxf2 11.Be2 Rg6 12.g4 Qc5 13.g5? *(13.Be3 Qe5 14.Bd4 Qf4+ 15.Be3=* Matanovic *)* 13...Rxg5 14.Be3 Qf5∓ Meshtrovic-Matanovic,A/Kraljevo/1967/0:1/22/]

(Diagram)

6.0-0-0

[6.Nf3 Nh6! 7.Qf4 *(7.Qxe6+ Bxe6 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxe4=* eco 81 *)* 7...e5

A) 8.Qg5?! exf3 9.0-0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 *(10.Bxc3 Qf4+∓* eco 81 *)* 10...Qd6 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qxh6 Rg6∓ eco 81 *(12...Qa3+ 13.Kb1 Be6!?)*;

B) 8.Nxe5? Bd6 9.Nf3 Bxf4 10.Nxd4 Be5!∓ eco 74/81 *(10...Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 f5∓* Schwarz *)*;

C) 8.Nxd4 exf4 9.Ndb5 e3! *(9...Na6 10.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0-0∓* Pachman *)* 10.fxe3 *(10.Nxc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 exd2+ 12.Kxd2 Ng4 13.f3 Ne3 14.g3 b6⩱ ΔLb7)* 10...fxe3 11.Bxe3 Na6 12.a3 Be7 13.Nd5 Bd8= Keres 14.Nxa7;

D) 8.Qxe5+ Qxe5 9.Nxe5

D1) 9...Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nf5 *(10...f6 11.Nc4 Nc6 12.h3 Bf5 13.0-0-0↑* Pachman*; 10...0-0 11.h3 Nd7 12.0-0-0 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bf5 14.g4±* Pachman *)* 11.Bc4 Nd6 12.0-0-0 f6 13.Rxd6!;

D2) 9...Ng4 10.Nxg4 Bxg4 11.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2= ½-½ Ekstrom,R-Karlsson,L/Sweden 1975 *(12.Nxd2=)*]

6...f5

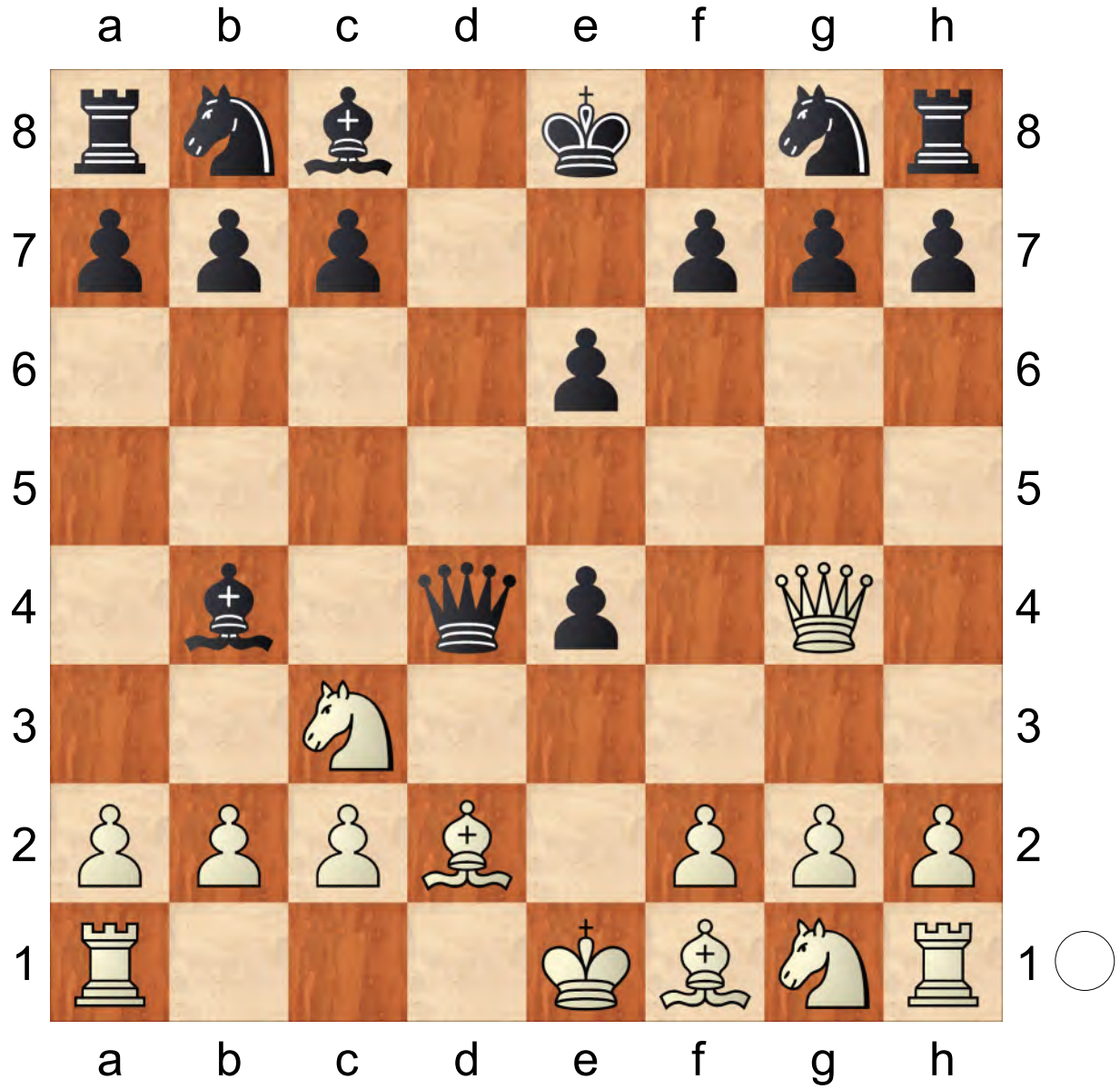
[6...h5

A) 7.Qg5?! Be7 8.Qg3 Bd6 9.Bf4 h4 10.Qg4 *(10.Qg5 Qf6! 11.Qxf6 Nxf6 12.Bxd6 cxd6 13.Nb5 Na6 14.Nxd6+ Ke7∓* Lundkvist-Uhlmann /Marianske Lazne/1961*; 10.Rxd4 hxg3 11.Bxd6 cxd6 12.fxg3 d5 13.Nb5 Na6)*

A1) 10...Nf6! 11.Qg5 *(11.Qxg7? Bxf4+ 12.Kb1 Rh7!-+* Pachman *)* 11...Bxf4+∓ mco 12.Qxf4 Qc5∓ Panov/Estrin 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bd7∓ eco 74 16.Qf4 0-0-0! 17.Qxf7 h3!;

A2) 10...Nf6∓;

B) 7.Qg3!=;



C) 7.Qh4 Be7 8.Bg5 Qc5 9.Nxe4 Bxg5+ 10.Nxg5 Nc6= Gligoric;

D) 7.Qe2

D1) 7...Nf6 8.Bh6!? *(8.Bg5 Qb6 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Qf3 f5 12.Qc3 e5∓* Feller-Roos/Amsterdam/1978*)* 8...Qxd1+! *(8...Qe5 9.Bxg7 Rg8 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nxe4↑* Chudinovskih-Shestakov/1978*; 8...Qc5? 9.Bxg7 Qg5+ 10.Qd2!* Minev *)* 9.Kxd1 Rxh6 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nc6⇄ Uhlmann;

D2) 7...Nd7 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Rxd2 Qb6!?;

D3) 7...Bd7 8.Nxe4 *(8.f3 Nc6! 9.fxe4 Qb6! 10.a3 Bxc3! 11.Bxc3 Nf6∓* Uhlmann *)* 8...Bxd2+ 9.Rxd2 Qa4 10.a3 Bc6 *(10...Na6!∓* Uhlmann *)* 11.Nc5! Qh4 12.Qe5 Qe7 13.Qxg7 Qf6 14.Qg3± Byrne]

7.Qg3

[7.Bg5?!

A) 7...Qxf2!
A1) 8.Qh3
A1a) 8...Bd6? 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxe4! Qb6± Schwarz *(10...fxe4? 11.Qxe6+)*;
A1b) 8...Be7 9.Kb1 Bd7 *(9...Bxg5 10.Qh5+)* 10.g4 Nc6 11.gxf5 Qxf5 *(11...exf5 12.Nxe4!)* 12.Bxe7 Qxh3 13.Bxh3 Kxe7 14.Nxe4 Nf6 15.Nc5 Nd8! 16.Nf3 Bc6∓ Marshall-Chigorin/Monte Carlo/1901;
A2) 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Rd8+ Kf7 10.Qd1 Nc6 11.Nh3 Qb6 12.Nd5 Qa5 13.Nxb4 Qxb4 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.Ng5+ Kg7 16.Rxc8 Rxc8 17.Bc4 Nd8∓ Zuravlev-Yuferov/USSR/1976;
B) 7...Qe5?! 8.Rd8+ Kf7 9.Nf3! exf3! *(9...fxg4 10.Nxe5#)* 10.Qxb4
B1) 10...c5! 11.Qh4 Nc6 12.Bf4 Huebner,R: '=' Huebner,R: 'Neishtadt' Qf6 13.Bg5= Qg6 *(13...Qe5 14.Bf4=* Neishtadt *)* 14.Qg3! Nxd8 15.Qc7+= Heidenfeld Kf8 16.Qd6+= Clarke;
B2) 10...Nc6 11.Rf8+ Kg6 12.Qh4 Nd4 13.g3! Neishtadt *(13.g4!→* Clarke *)*;
C) 7...fxg4 8.Rxd4
C1) 8...Be7! 9.Rxe4 *(9.Nxe4 Nf6!∓* Schwarz *)* 9...Nf6∓ Minev;
C2) 8...Be7]
[7.Qf4? Bd6!∓]
[7.Qh5+!? g6 8.Qe2 Ne7 9.f3 Minev]

7...Bd6 8.Bf4 Bxf4+ 9.Qxf4 Qc5
[9...Qb6? 10.Bc4±]

10.f3! Ne7
[10...exf3?!
A) 11.g4!? f2 12.gxf5 fxg1Q 13.Rxg1 Qe7 *(13...Qxg1? 14.Bb5+)* 14.Bb5+ c6 15.Ne4+- Visnacki-Perevosnikov Krasnodar 1950;
B) 11.Nxf3 Nf6 12.Bc4 Nc6 13.Rhe1→]
[10...Nf6! 11.fxe4 e5 *(11...Ng4* Minev *)* 12.Qg5 0-0 13.exf5 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6∓ Vaganian]

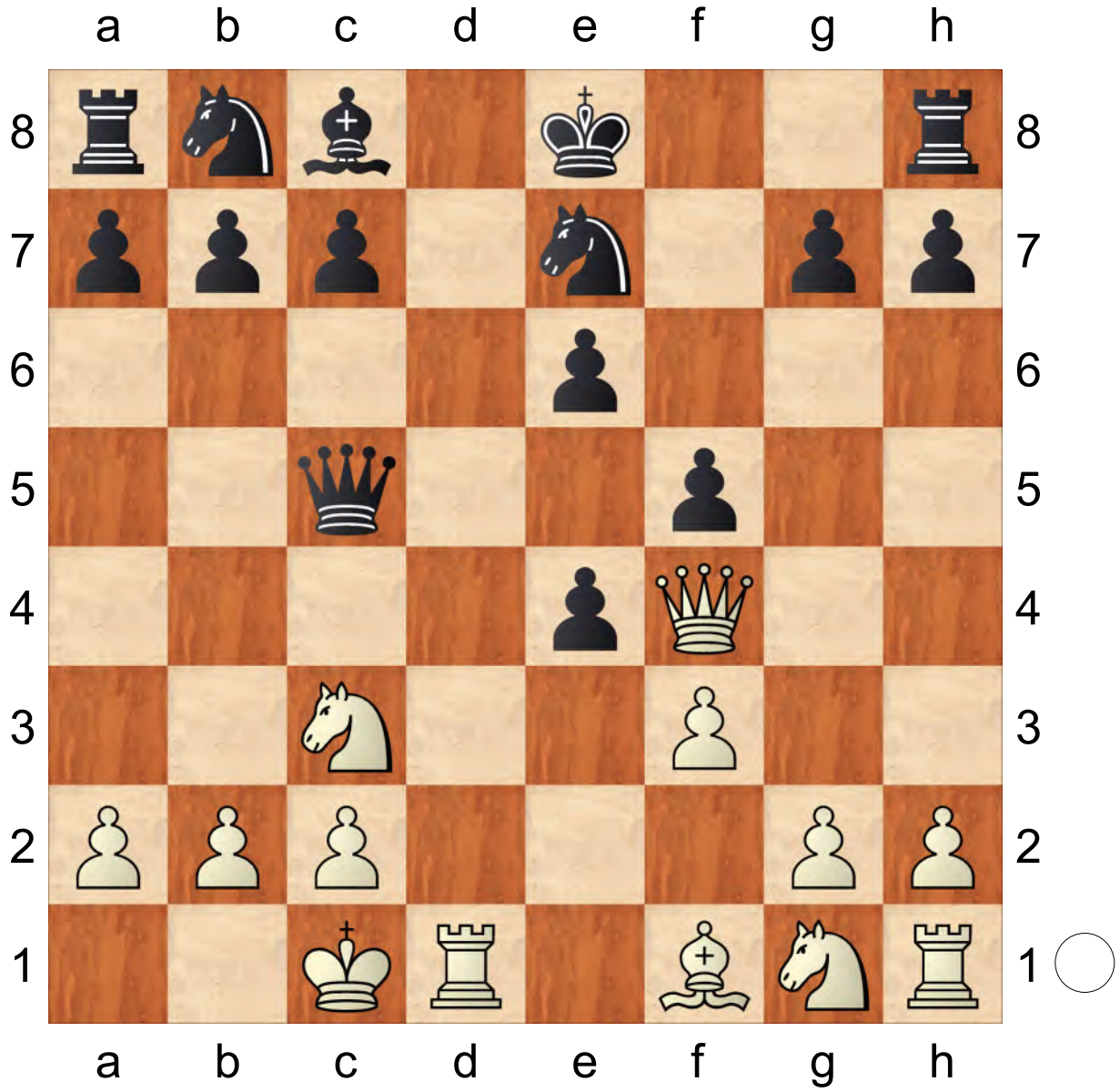
(Diagram)

11.fxe4 0-0 12.Nf3⩲ Nd7 13.Bd3?!
[13.exf5!? Nxf5 *(13...exf5? 14.Bc4+ Kh8 15.Ng5!)* 14.Qc4⩲ Keres]

13...e5 14.Qd2 Nb6!
[14...f4?! 15.Na4! Qc6 16.Qb4 Qf6 *(16...Ng6? 17.Bb5 Qe6 18.Bc4+-)* 17.Qc4+ Kh8 18.Qxc7±]

15.Rhe1?!
[15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Rhe1 Nc6∓ *(16...Bxd3? 17.Rxe5±)*]

15...Nc6?
[15...f4! 16.Nd5 Bg4!∓ Keres]



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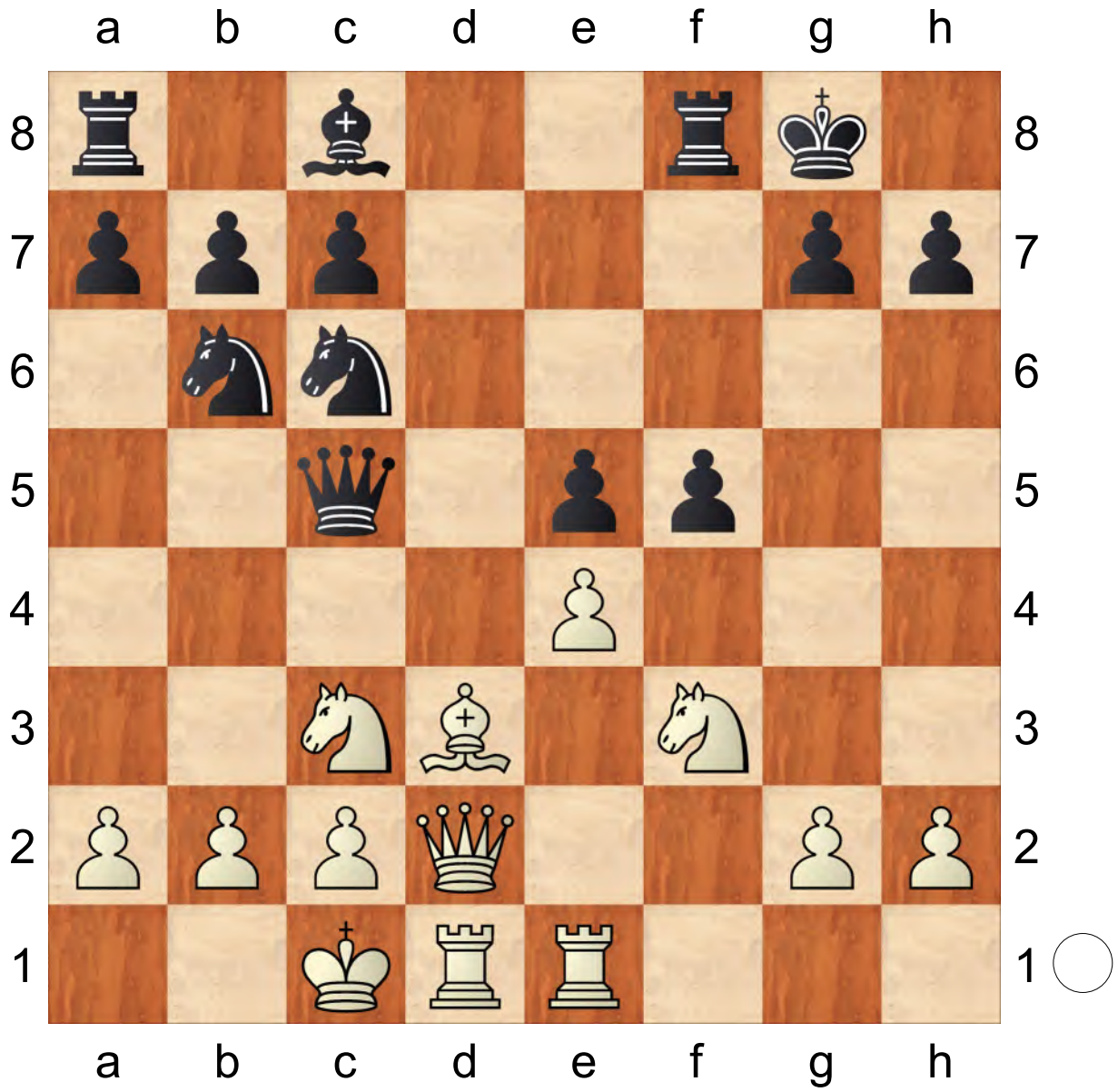
16.Nd5! fxe4?!
[16...Nxd5!? 17.exd5 Qxd5 *(17...e4 18.dxc6 exf3 19.gxf3 Qxc6 20.Qb4±* Keres *)* 18.Qc3! Qa5□ *(18...Be6? 19.Nxe5 Qxa2 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Rxe6+-)* 19.Qxa5 *(19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Ng5 h6 21.Nf7+ Kh7; 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Nxe5 Qxc3 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.Nh6+ Kh8 23.Nf7+=)* 19...Nxa5 20.Rxe5 b6 *(20...Nc6? 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Rc5±)* 21.Nd4≅]
17.Bxe4 Bf5 18.Nxb6
[18.Bxf5?! Rxf5 19.Nxc7 Rc8 20.Nd5? Rd8-+]
18...axb6 19.Qd5+ Qxd5 20.Bxd5+ Kh8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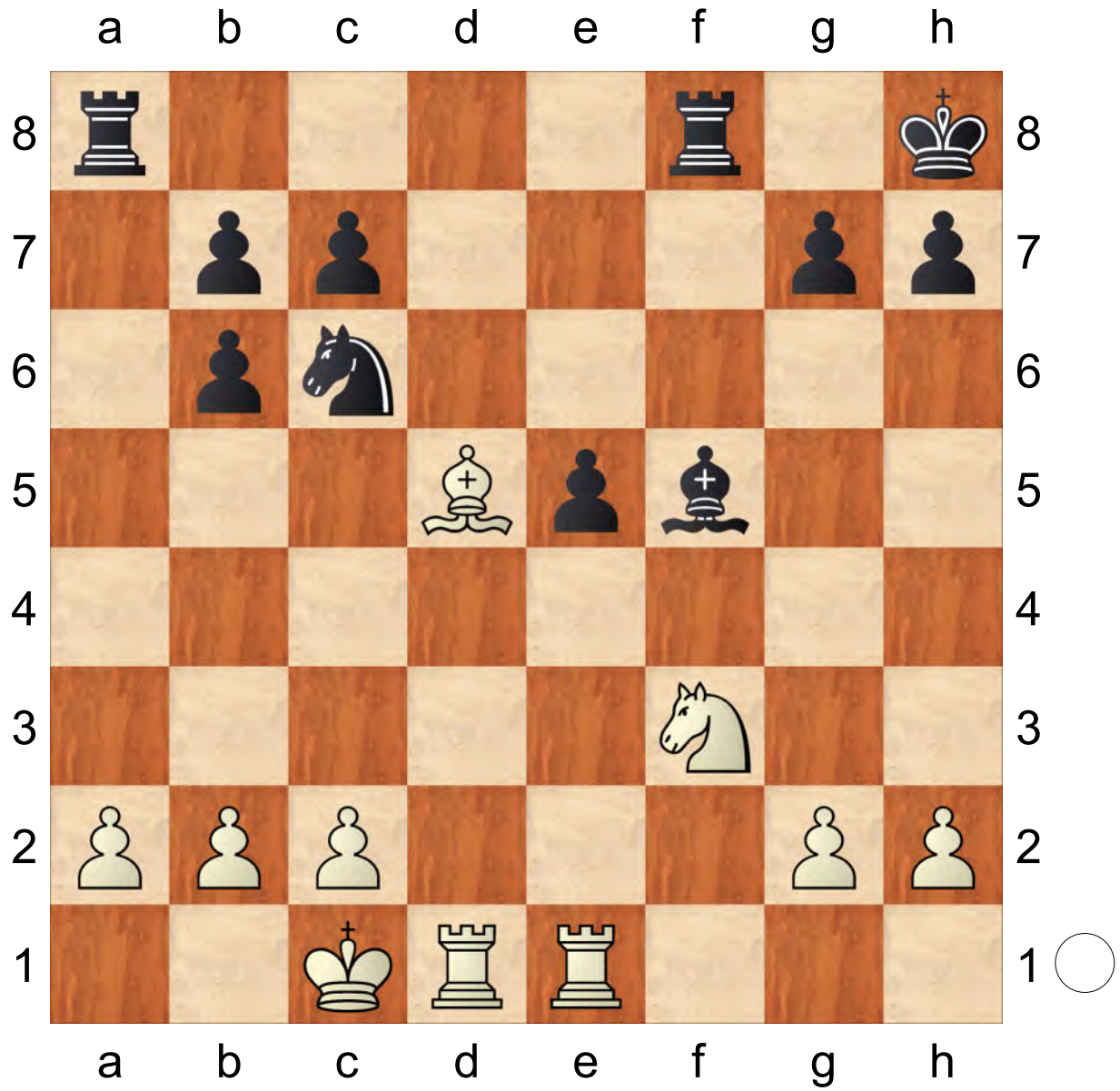
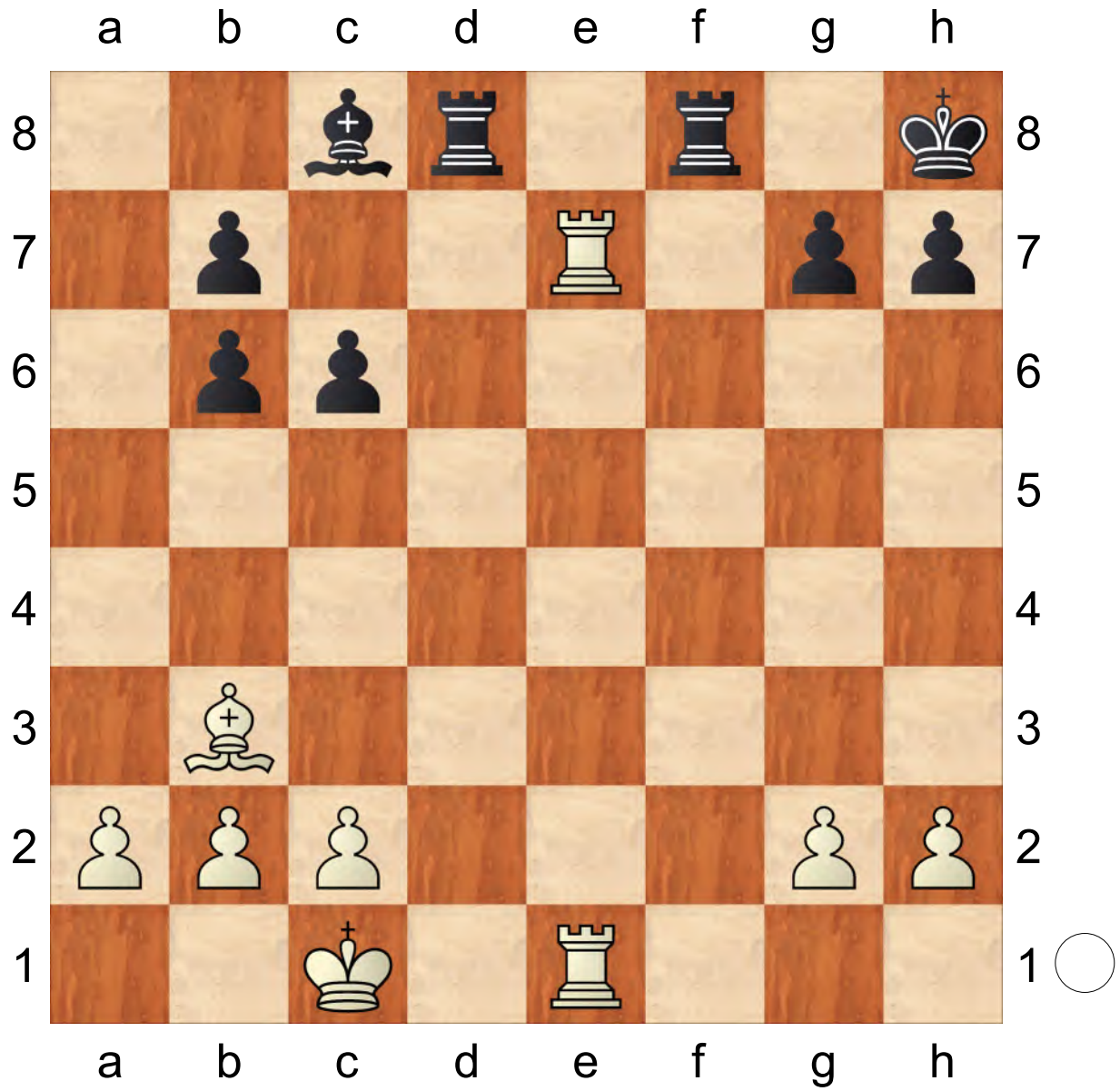


21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Rxe5± c6
[⌓22...Bg6 23.Bb3 Rf2 Keres]
23.Bb3 Bg4?
[⌓23...Bg6 Keres]
[⌓23...Rae8 Keres]
24.Rde1 Δ25.h3 Keres **24...Rad8 25.Re7 Bc8**

(Diagram)

26.Bf7 g5
[26...Rd7 27.h4±]
[26...h6 27.Bg6± Δh4-h5 Keres]
27.b3 b5 28.R1e5 Rd7



[28...h6 29.Be6! Bxe6 30.R5xe6± Keres]

29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.Re7 Rd8

[30...Bc8 31.Rc7± Keres]

(Diagram)

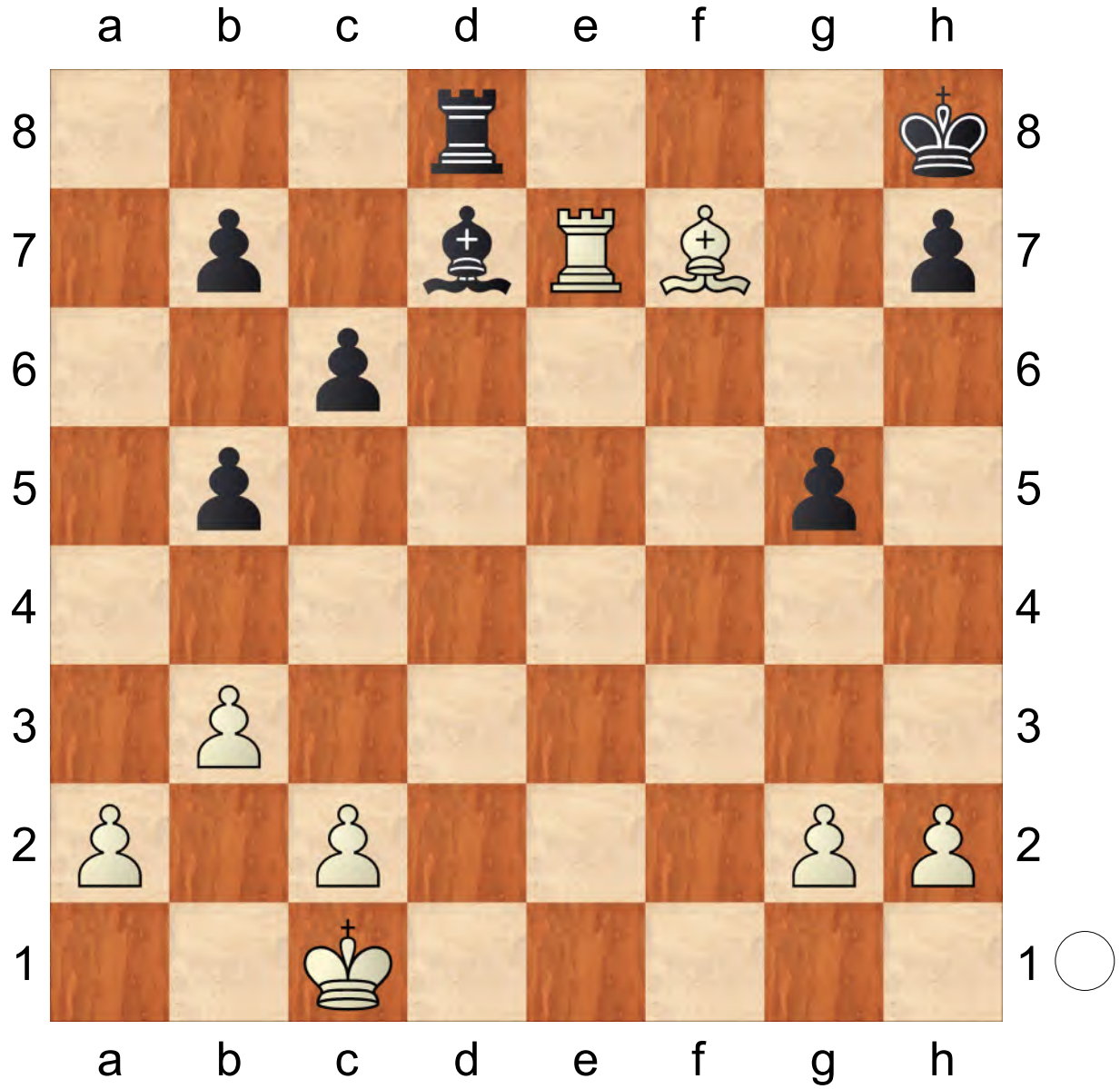
31.h3 b4 32.Bc4! Δ33.Ld3 **32...Bf5 33.g4?!**

[33.Rxb7 Be4 34.g3+-]

33...b5! 34.Bf7

[34.gxf5 bxc4 35.f6 *(35.bxc4 Rf8)* 35...cxb3 36.axb3 Rf8 37.Re6 c5 38.Kd2 h6= 39.Kd3 Kh7]

[34.Bxb5!? cxb5 35.gxf5 Keres]



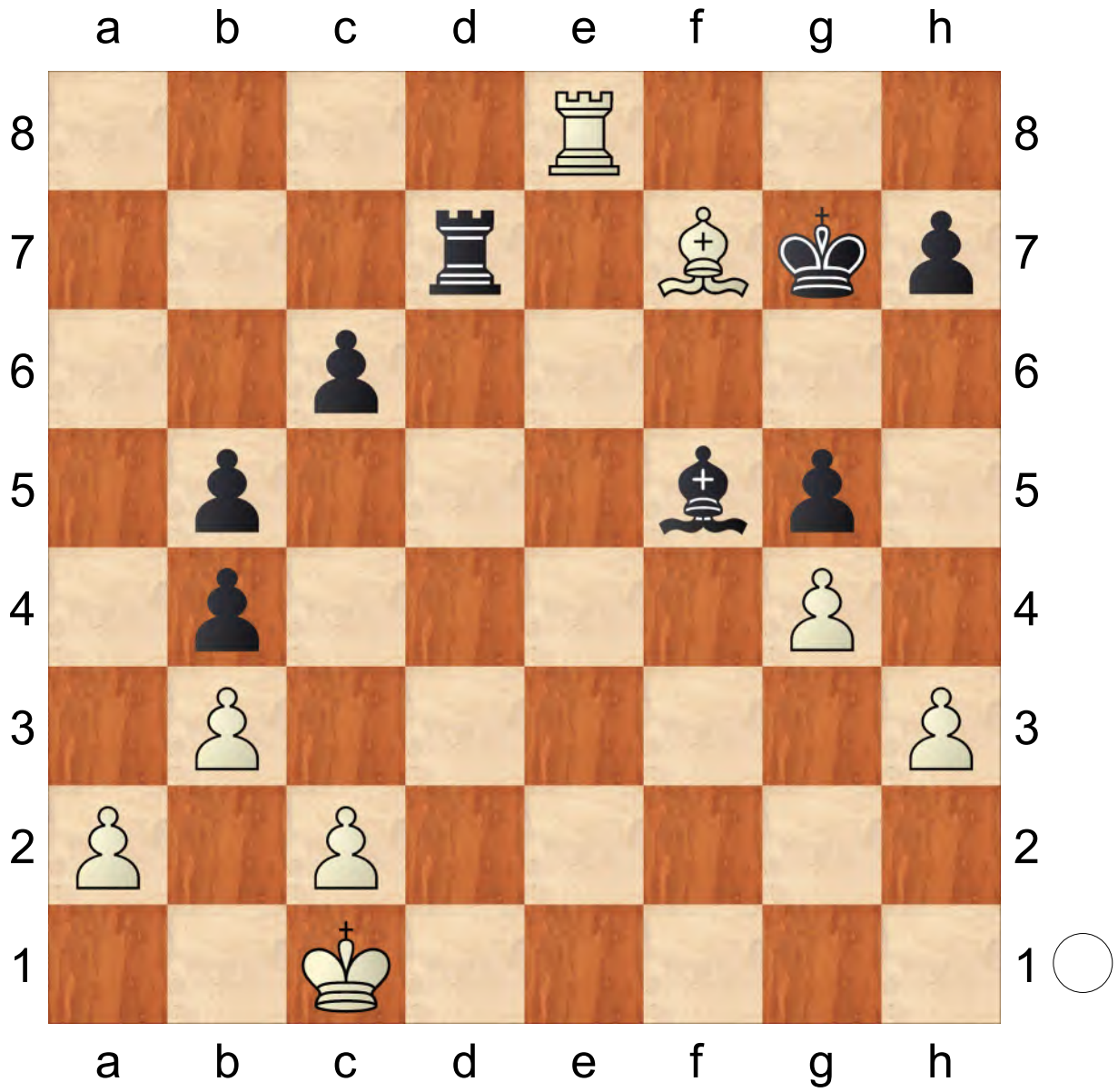
34...Rd7! 35.Re8+ Kg7

(Diagram)

36.Bh5 Bg6 37.Bxg6 hxg6

(Diagram)

38.Re6?!⊕
[38.Re4! Kf6 *(38...c5 39.Re5+-)* 39.Rxb4 Rh7 40.c4! bxc4 41.Rxc4 Rxh3 42.Rxc6+ Ke5 43.Rc4+- *(43.Rxg6? Kf4)*]
38...Rc7 39.Kd2 Kf7 40.Rd6?!
[40.Re5! Rd7+! *(40...Kf6 41.Rc5+-)* 41.Kc1 *(41.Ke3 Re7=)* 41...Rd8!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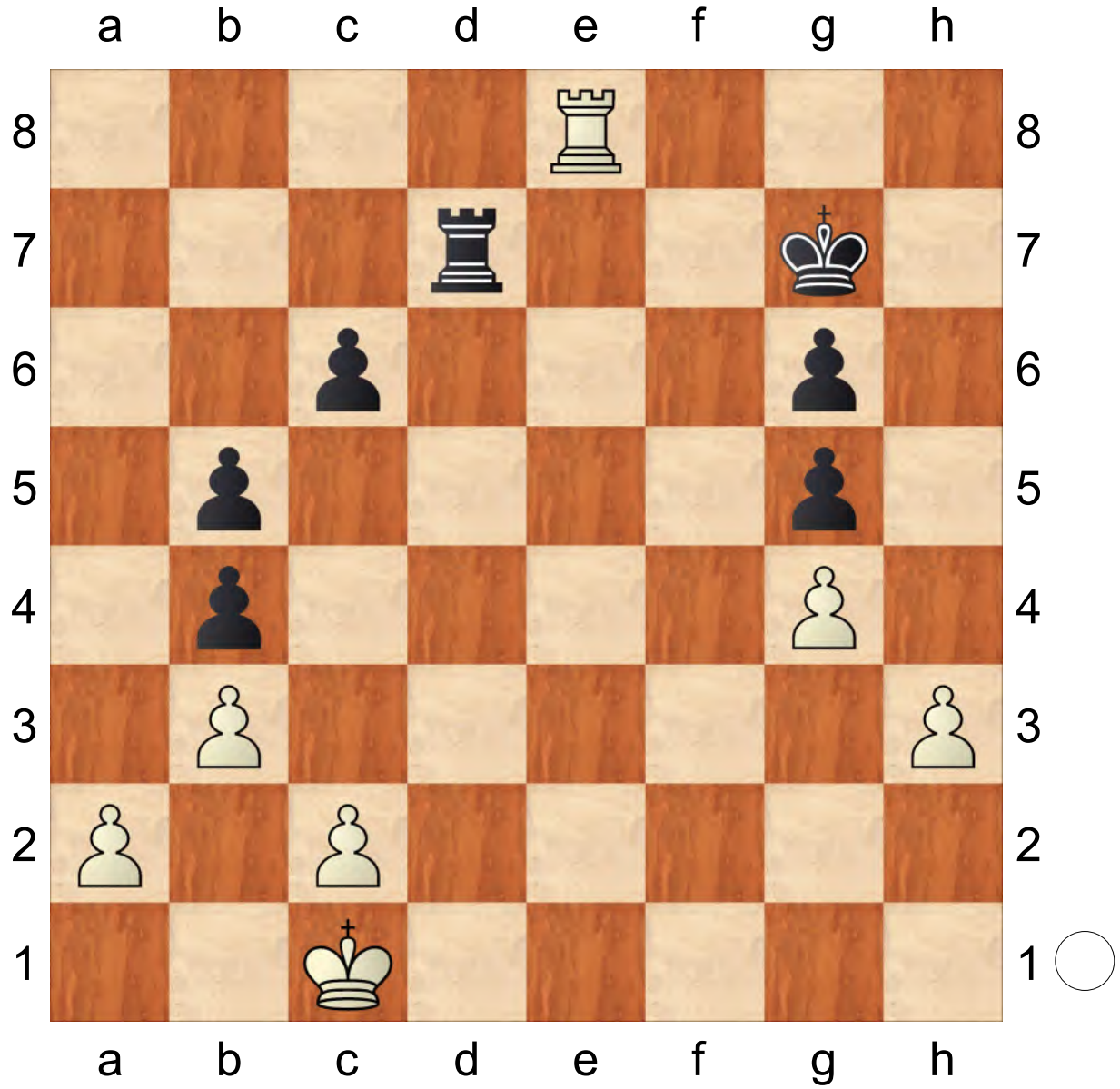


42.Rxg5 *(42.Rc5 Rh8 43.Rxc6 Rxh3 44.Rc5 Rg3 45.Rxg5 Kf6 46.Rxb5 Rxg4⇄* Der schwarze g-Bauer ist gefährlich! Keres *)* 42...Rh8 43.Rc5 Rxh3 44.Rxc6 Rg3 Keres]

40...Rc8

(Diagram)

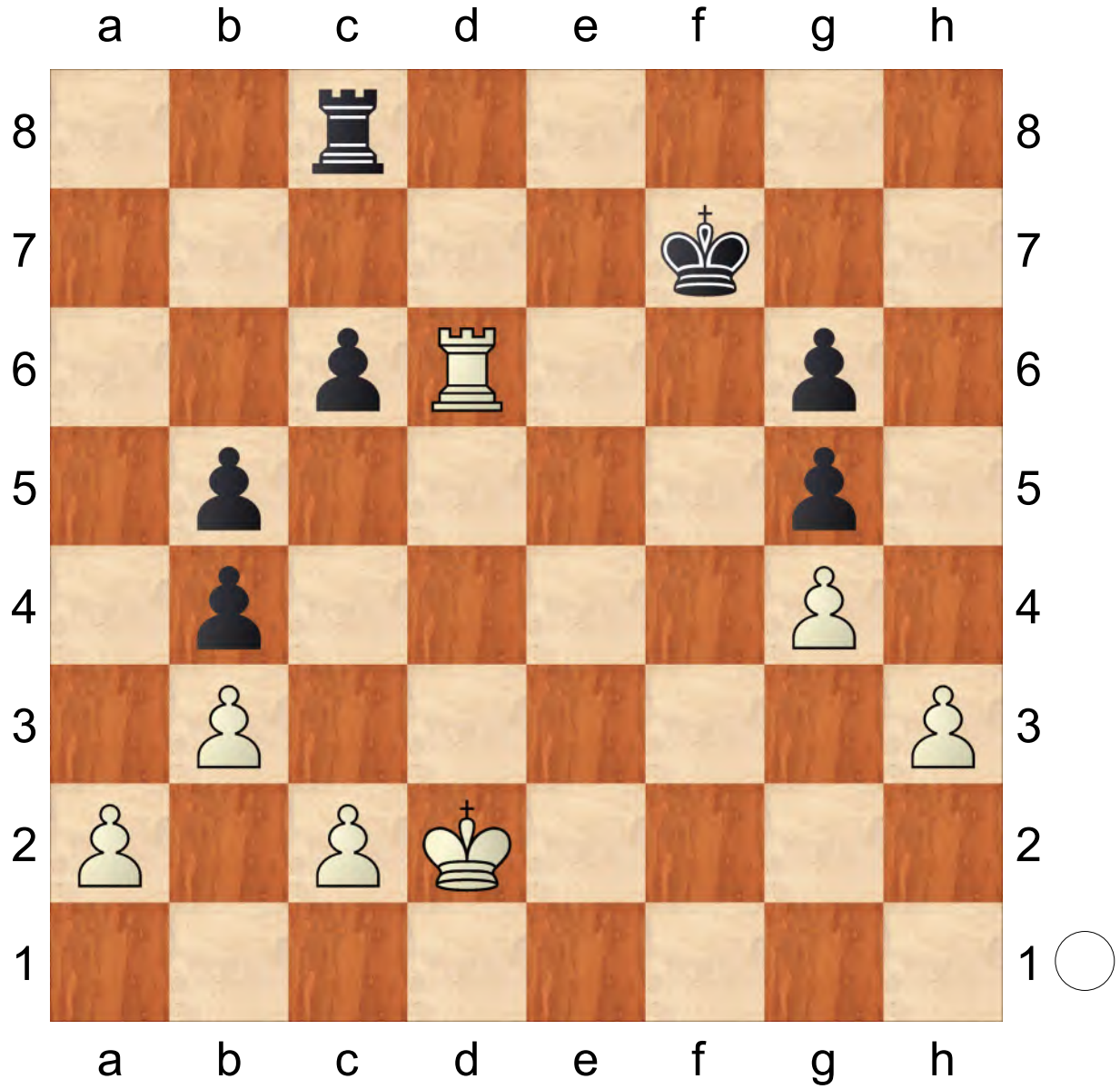
adjourned **41.Rd4** Δ42.Tb4 **41...Ra8!**

[41...Rh8 42.Rxb4 Rxh3 43.a4± Keres]

[41...c5 42.Rd6± Keres]

42.Rd6

[42.Rxb4 Rxa2 43.Re4 Ra8 44.Kc3 Rh8 45.Re3 c5! 46.b4 *(46.Re5 Rxh3+ 47.Kb2 Rg3 48.Rxc5 Rxg4=)* 46...Rc8! 47.bxc5 Rxc5+ 48.Kb3 Kf6 49.Rc3



Rd5 50.Rc6+ Kf7 51.Kb4 Re5 52.Rc5 Re3= 53.Rxb5 *(53.Kxb5 Rxh3 54.Rxg5 Rg3* Δ55... Kf6 *)* 53...Rxh3 54.Re5 Rf3 Keres]

42...Rc8!

[42...Rh8 43.Rxc6 Rxh3 44.Rc5 Rg3 45.Rxg5 Kf6 46.Rxb5 Rg2+! *(46...Rxg4 47.c4! bxc3+ 48.Kxc3+-)* 47.Ke3 Rxg4 48.Rb6+ *(48.c4 bxc3; 48.a4 bxa3 49.Ra5 Rg3+ 50.Kd4 Rg2!; 48.Ra5 Rg3+)* 48...Kf5 49.Ra6± /+- Δ50.a3 Keres]

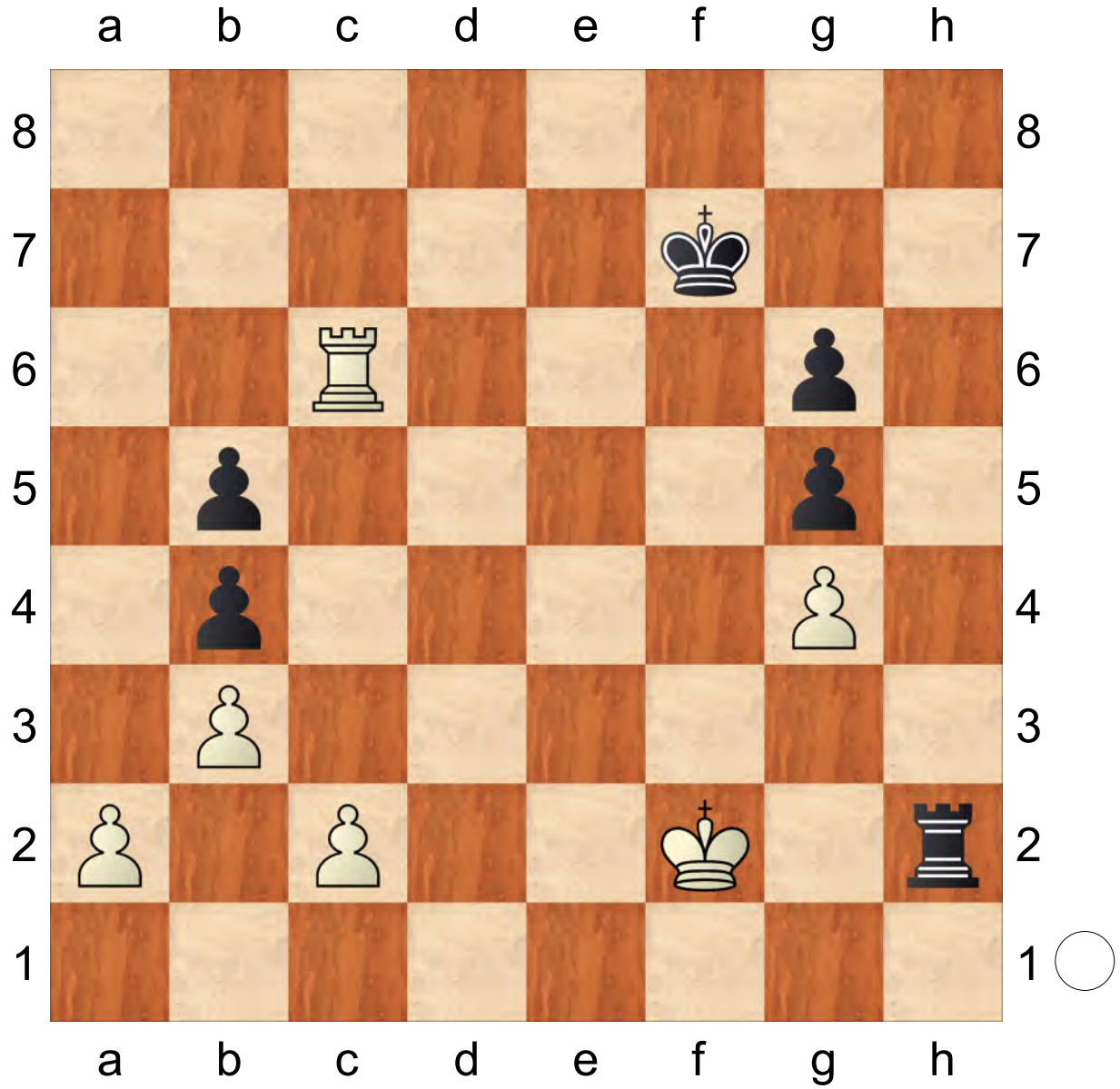
43.Ke3□ Δ44.Kd4, 45.Kc5 Keres **43...Rh8 44.Rxc6 Rxh3+ 45.Kf2! Rh2+**

(Diagram)

46.Kf3 Rd2 47.Rc5 Kf6 48.Rxb5 Rxc2 49.Rxb4 Rxa2 50.Re4! Ra8

[50...Ra3 51.Re3 Δb4,b5 Ra1 52.b4 Rf1+ 53.Ke2 Rf4 54.Rf3!+- Keres]

[50...Rb2! 51.b4 Rd2 52.Ke3 Rd1! Huebner,R: '='



A) 53.Ke2 Rd6 *(53...Rd5* Dies scheint einfacher zu sein. Hübner *)* 54.b5 Rb6 55.Rb4 Ke5 56.Kd3 Kd5 57.Rb1 Kc5 Schwarz droht schon, den Bauern zu schlagen. Keres 58.Kc3 Hübner *(58.Ke4 Re6+=)* 58...Rxb5 59.Rxb5+ Kxb5 60.Kd4 Kc6 61.Ke5 Kd7 62.Kf6 Ke8 63.Kxg6 *(63.Kxg5 Kf7=)* 63...Kf8 64.Kxg5 Kg7=;

B) 53.Rd4

B1) 53...Rb1 54.Kd3 *(54.Ke4 Ke6)* 54...Ke5 Diese Zugfolge ist bequemer. Hübner;

B2) 53...Rg1 54.Kd3 *(54.b5 Rb1 55.Rd5 Rb4=* Hübner *)* 54...Ke5 55.Rc4 Rg3+ 56.Kc2 Kd5! 57.Rc5+ Ke6 Huebner,R: 'Schwarz gewinnt den g-Bauern und hält remis. Hübner' 58.Rxg5 Kf6= Keres;

C) 53.b5? Rb1 Der b-Bauer wird erobert. Keres;

D) 53.Rc4! Die beste Gewinnchance für Weiß. Keres

D1) 53...Ke6 Dies scheint einfacher zu sein. Hübner Huebner,R: '!'
D1a) 54.b5 Kd5 Siehe 53... Ke5 54.b5 Kd5!;
D1b) 54.Rc6+ Kd7 55.Rxg6 *(55.b5 Rd5 56.Rb6 Kc7)* 55...Rb1 56.Rb6 Rg1 57.Kf3 Rf1+ 58.Kg3 Rf4= Siehe 53... Ke5 54.Tc5 Kf6 55. Tc6;
D1c) 54.Rc5 Rb1 55.b5 Rb4 Scwarz macht remis.;
D1d) 54.Ke4 Rg1 55.Kd3 Rg3+ 56.Kc2 Huebner,R: 'Dies ist eine schon bekannte Remistellung.' Kd5 57.Rc5+ Ke6 Schwarz gewinnt den g-Bauern und hält remis. Hübner;
D2) 53...Ke5
D2a) 54.b5
D2a1) 54...Rb1 55.Rc5+ Kf6 56.Kd4! Huebner,R: '+-!' '+-' Huebner,R: 'siehe 54.b5' Rb4+ 57.Kc3 Rxg4 *(57...Rb1 58.Rd5* Schwarz befindet sich in Zugzwang. *)*
D2a11) 58.b6 Rg3+ 59.Kb2 Rg2+ 60.Rc2 Rg4 61.Kb3 *(≤61.Ka3 Rg3+ 62.Ka2 Rg4)* 61...Rg3+ 62.Rc3 Rg1 63.Ka2 Rg4 64.Ka3!+-;
D2a12) 58.b6 Schwarz kann die Umwandlung dieses Bauern nicht mehr verhindern.;
D2a2) 54...Re1+ 55.Kd3 Rb1 56.Rc5+ Kf4 57.Kc2 Rb4 58.Kc3 Rb1 59.Rc4+ Δ60.Tb4+-;
D2a3) 54...Kd5! vernichtet alle Hoffnungen des Gegners. Huebner,R: 'Siehe 53... Ke5 54.b5 Kd5!' 55.Rc6 *(55.Rb4 Kc5)* 55...Rg1! Huebner,R: 'Die führt zu einer schon bekannten Remisstellung.' 56.Kf3 Rf1+ 57.Kg2 Rb1! 58.Rxg6 Ke4 59.Rxg5 Kf4= Keres;
D2b) 54.Rc5+ Kf6
D2b1) 55.b5 Rg1! *(55...Rb1 56.Kd4!+-* siehe 54.b5 *)*
D2b11) 56.Kf3 Rb1!= Der weiße König ist von seinem Freibauern schon zu weit entfernt.;
D2b12) 56.b6 Rb1 57.Rc6+ Ke5! 58.Rxg6 *(58.Kd3 Kf4 59.Kc2 Rb5=)* 58...Rb3+ nebst 59... Kf4=;
D2b13) 56.Rc6+ Ke5 *(56...Ke7 57.Rc4 Rb1 58.Rc5 Rb4* Diese Stellung wird später noch anzutreffen sein. *)* 57.b6 *(57.Rc4 Kd5)* 57...Rb1!;
D2b14) 56.Rc4!
D2b141) 56...Rg3+ 57.Kd2 Rb3
D2b1411) 58.Rc6+ Ke7! *(58...Kf7 59.b6+-* Dies ist auch eine bekannte Gewinntellung.*; 58...Ke5 59.Rc5+ Kf4 60.Kc2+-* Eine bekannte Gewinnstellung.*)* 59.b6 *(59.Rc5 Rg3=)* 59...Kd7! 60.Rxg6 Rb4 61.Rg7+ *(61.b7 Kc7 62.Rxg5 Kxb7 63.Ke3 Kc6 64.Kf3 Kd6* Diese Zugfolge ist auch nicht besser.*)* 61...Kc8! 62.Rxg5 Rxb6 63.Rd5 *(63.Re5 Kd7 64.Ke3 Re6)* 63...Rb4! 64.g5 Re4 65.Kd3 Re1 Es ist nicht zu sehen, wie

Weiß entscheidenden Vorteil erzielen könnte.;
D2b1412) 58.Rc5 Rg3! *(58...Rb4 59.Kc3)* 59.Rc6+ Ke7!= *(59...Ke5 60.Rc4 Rb3 61.Rc5+ Kf4 62.Kc2+-* Diese Gewinnstellung ist schon bekannt. Huebner,R: 'Eine bekannte Gewinnstellung.'*; 59...Kf7 60.b6 Rxg4 61.Kc3* Dies it auch schon eine bekannte Gewinnstellung.*)* 60.b6 *(60.Rc4 Rb3 61.Rc5 Rg3!* Huebner,R: '=' *62.b6 Rxg4 63.Kc3 Rg1= 64.Rb5* Hübner *Rc1+* Δ65... Tc8= *)* 60...Rxg4 Schwarz sollte über genügend Verteidigungsmöglichkeiten verfügen. 61.Kc3 Hübner Rg3+ 62.Kb2 Rg2+ 63.Rc2 Rxc2+ 64.Kxc2 Kd7=;

D2b142) 56...Ke5 57.Rb4+-;

D2b143) 56...Ke6

D2b1431) 57.Rb4 Kd7! 58.b6 Kc8=;

D2b1432) 57.b6 Rb1 ergibt nichts;

D2b1433) 57.Rc6+ Kd5 Die führt zu einer schon bekannten Remisstellung. *(57...Ke5)*;

D2b1434) 57.Kd3 Kd5 58.Rb4 Kc5 59.b6 Kxb4 60.b7 Rd1+ Δ61... Td8-+;

D2b1435) 57.Kd2 Kd5 *(57...Kd7 58.Kc2)* 58.Rb4 Kc5 59.b6 Kxb4 60.b7+-;

D2b144) 56...Rb1 57.Rc6+ Ke7! Huebner,R: 'Diese Stellung wurde schon an anderer Stelle analysiert.' *(57...Ke5 58.Rc5+ Kf6 59.Kd4+-; 57...Kf7 58.b6 Rb4 59.Kd3 Rxg4 60.Kc3+-* Huebner,R: 'Dies it auch schon eine bekannte Gewinnstellung.' *)*

D2b1441) 58.b6 Rb4! 59.Rxg6 *(59.Kf3 Kf7* Dies bietet keine Gewinnaussichten.*)* 59...Kf7 60.Rh6 Kg7 61.Rd6 Rxg4= Bei vorsichtigem Spiel.;

D2b1442) 58.Rc5 Rb4 Huebner,R: 'Diese Stellung wird später noch anzutreffen sein.' 59.Rxg5 Kf6=;

D2b2) 55.Rc6+

D2b21) 55...Ke5 56.Rxg6 Re1+ 57.Kd2 Re4 58.Rxg5+

D2b211) 58...Kf6 Hübner 59.Rb5 *(59.Rf5+ Ke6)* 59...Rxg4 Dies ist eine Remistellung.;

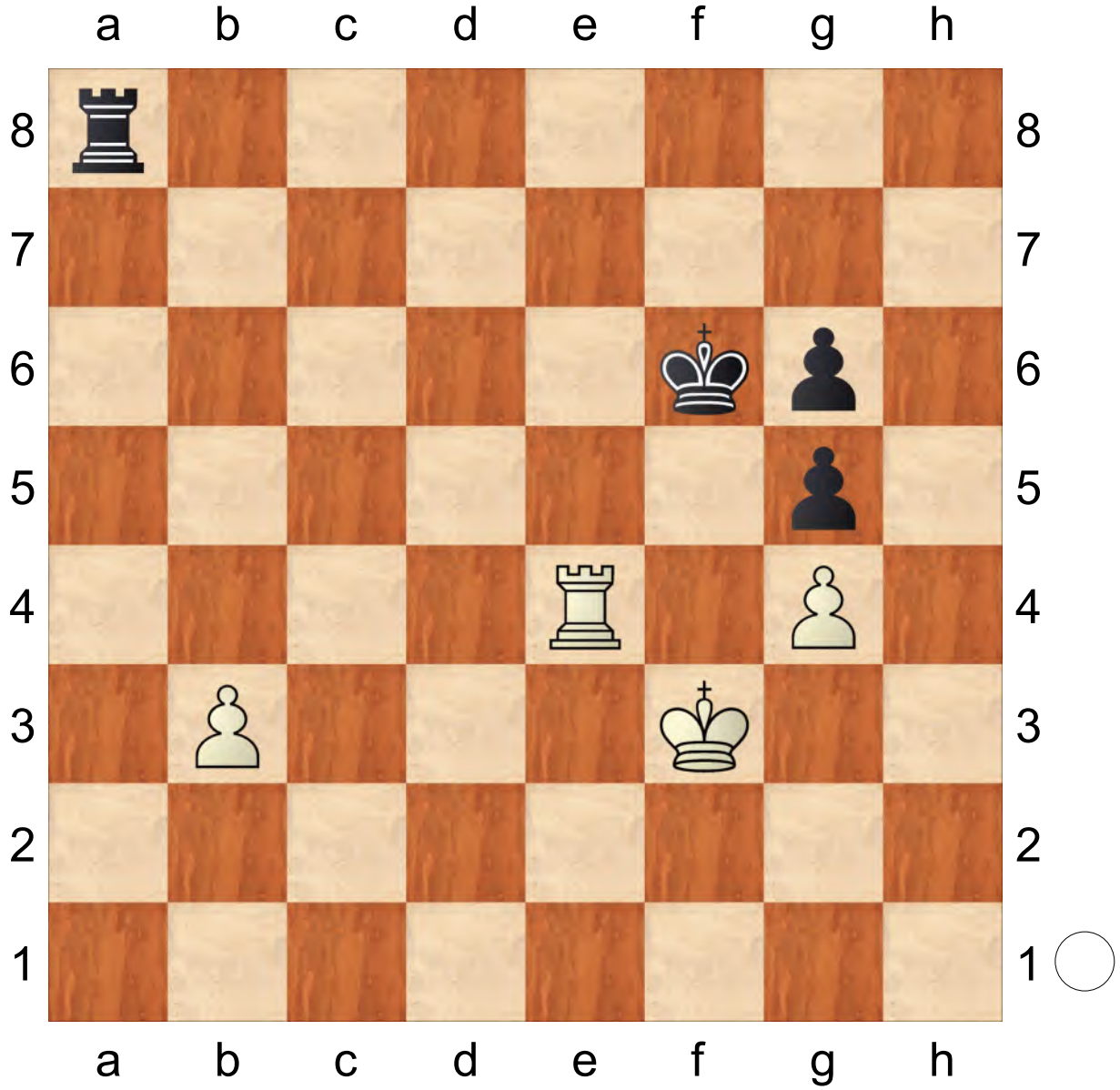
D2b212) 58...Kf4 59.Rb5 Dies ergibt für Weiß wohl eine Gewinnstellung. Keres "Hier dürfte ein Fehler vorliegen (siehe 58... Kf6) Hübner";

D2b22) 55...Kf7 wahrscheinlich auch ausreichend. 56.b5 Rg1! 57.Rc4 Rb1 58.Rc7+ *(58.Rc5 Rb4)* 58...Ke6 59.Rc6+ Ke7 60.b6 Rb4 Dies ist eine schon bekannte Remisstellung.;

D2b23) 55...Ke7!

D2b231) 56.b5 Rb1 Diese Stellung wurde schon an anderer Stelle analysiert.;

D2b232) 56.Rc4 Kf6 *(56...Ke6! 57.Ke4 Rg1 58.Kd3 Rg3+ 59.Kc2* Dies ist eine schon bekannte Remistellung. *)* 57.Ke4+-;
D2b233) 56.Rxg6 Rb1 57.Rb6 Rg1 58.Kf3 Rf1+ 59.Kg3 Rf4 Weiß dürfte kaum reelle Gewinnchancen haben. Keres]



51.b4 Rb8
[51...Rd8
A) 52.Ke3? Rd1=;
B) 52.b5 Rb8 53.Rb4 Ke5 54.b6 Rb7! 55.Ke3 Kd5= 56.Rb1 *(56.Rb5+ Kc4 57.Rxg5 Rxb6=)* 56...Kc5 57.Ke4 Re7+ 58.Kd3 Rb7 Δ59... Tb6=;
C) 52.Rc4! Rd1 53.Ke4! Δ54.Td4, 55.Kd5+- Huebner,R: '+-' '+-!' Ke6□ 54.Rc6+ Kf7 *(54...Kd7 55.Rxg6 Rb1 56.Rb6 Rf1 57.Ke5 Rf4 58.Rd6+ Kc7 59.Rd4+-)* 55.Ke5 Re1+ 56.Kd5 Rd1+ 57.Kc5 Rg1 58.b5 Rxg4 59.b6 Rg1

60.b7+- Keres]

52.Ke3 Rd8

[52...Kf7 53.Kd3 Kf6 54.Kc4 Rc8+ 55.Kd5 Rb8 56.Kc6 Rc8+ 57.Kd6 Rb8 58.Kc7+-]

[52...Kg7 53.Kd4 Rd8+ Falls nun Weiß auf die 7.Reihe vordringt, so folgt Tf8 und Tf4. 54.Kc4 Rc8+ 55.Kb3 Δ56.b5 Rb8 *(55...Rf8 56.b5 Rf4 57.Rxf4 gxf4 58.Kc3!+-)* 56.Re5 Kf6 57.Rc5+- Keres]

53.b5

[53.Rd4 Rb8 54.Kd3 Ke5 55.Kc3 Rb7 56.Rc4 Rb6 57.Kb3 Rb8 *(57...Kd5 58.Rc5+ Ke4 59.Ka4 Kf3 60.Rc4+-)* 58.Ka4 Ra8+ 59.Kb5 Rf8 60.Kb6! Rb8+ *(60...Rf6+ 61.Kc5!; 60...Rf4 61.Kc5!)* 61.Ka7 Rf8 62.b5+- Rf4 63.Rxf4 gxf4 64.b6 f3 65.b7 f2 66.b8Q+ Keres]

[53.Rc4 Rd1 54.Ke4!+-]

53...Rb8 54.Rb4 Ke5□

[54...Rb6 55.Kd4 Ke6 56.Kc5+- Keres]

55.b6 Kd5

[55...Rb7 56.Rb5+ Kd6 57.Kd4 Kc6 58.Rxg5+- Keres *(58.Kc4 Rxb6 59.Rxb6+ Kxb6 60.Kd5 Kc7 61.Ke6 Kd8 62.Kf7!+-)*]

(Diagram)

56.b7!

[56.Kd3? Kc5 Δ57... Tb6= Keres]

56...Kc5

[56...Kc6 57.Kd4 Keres]

57.Rb1 Re8+

[57...Kc4 58.Kd2 Rd8+ 59.Kc2 Rb8 60.Rb3 Kd4 61.Rb4+ Kc5 62.Kb3 Siehe Partie. Keres]

58.Kd3 Rd8+ 59.Kc3 Rb8 60.Rb2

[60.Rb4 Kd5 61.Rb5+ *(61.Kb3? Kc5 62.Ka4 Kc6* 63... Tb7=*)* 61...Ke4 62.Kb3 Kf3 63.Rb4 Siehe Partie. Keres]

60...Kd5

(Diagram)

61.Rb4

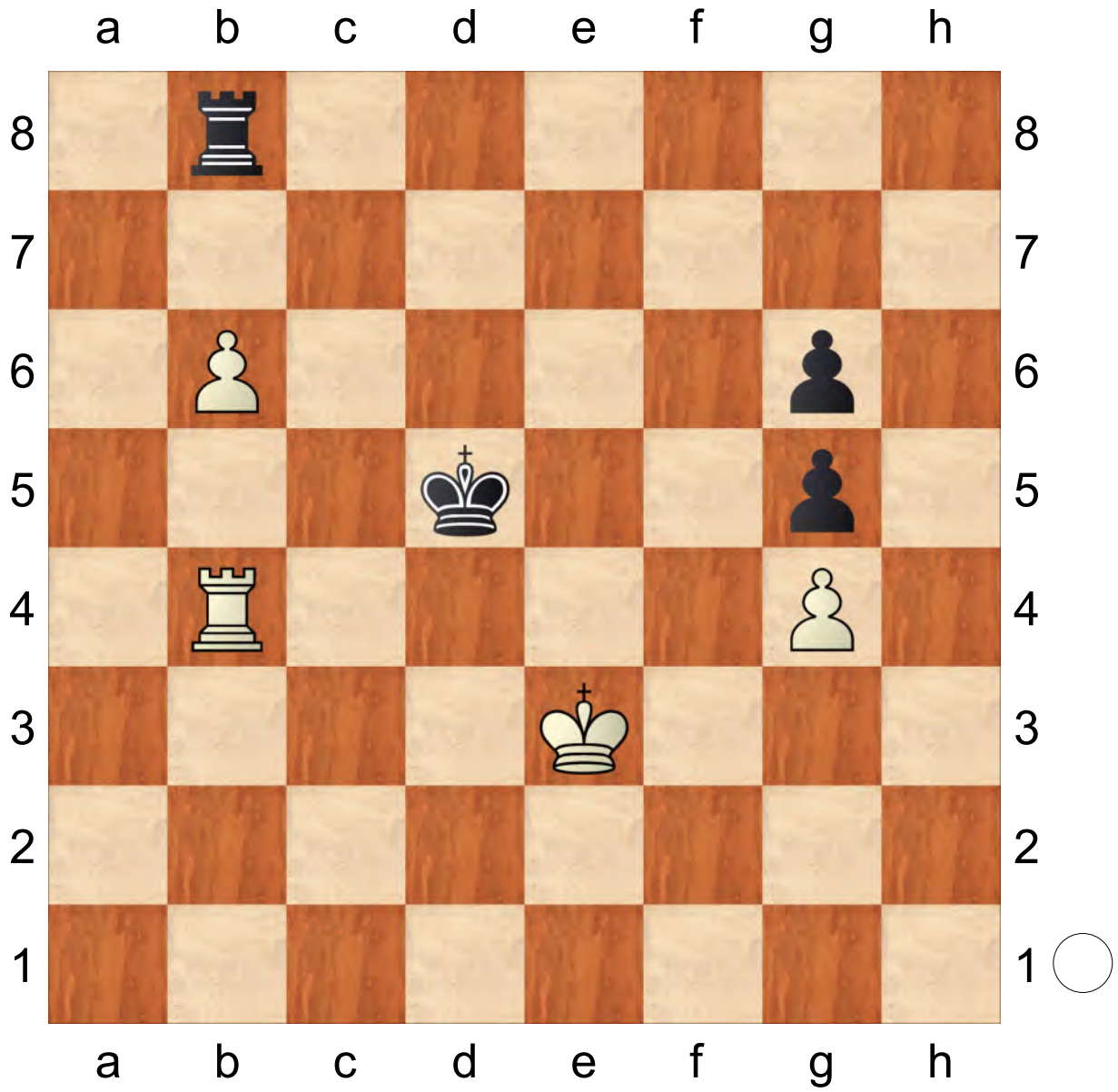
[61.Rb5+ Ke4 62.Kb3 *(62.Kb4? Kf3=)* 62...Kf3 63.Rb4 Siehe Partie. Keres]

61...Kc5 62.Kb3 Huebner,R: 'Siehe Partie. Keres' **62...Kd5**

[62...Kc6 63.Kc4 Rxb7 64.Rxb7 Kxb7 65.Kd5 Kc7 66.Ke6 Kd8 67.Kf7! Huebner,R: '+-!' Kd7 68.Kxg6 Ke7 69.Kxg5 Kf7 70.Kh6+-]

63.Rb5+

[63.Ka4? Kc6= Huebner,R: '63... Tb7=']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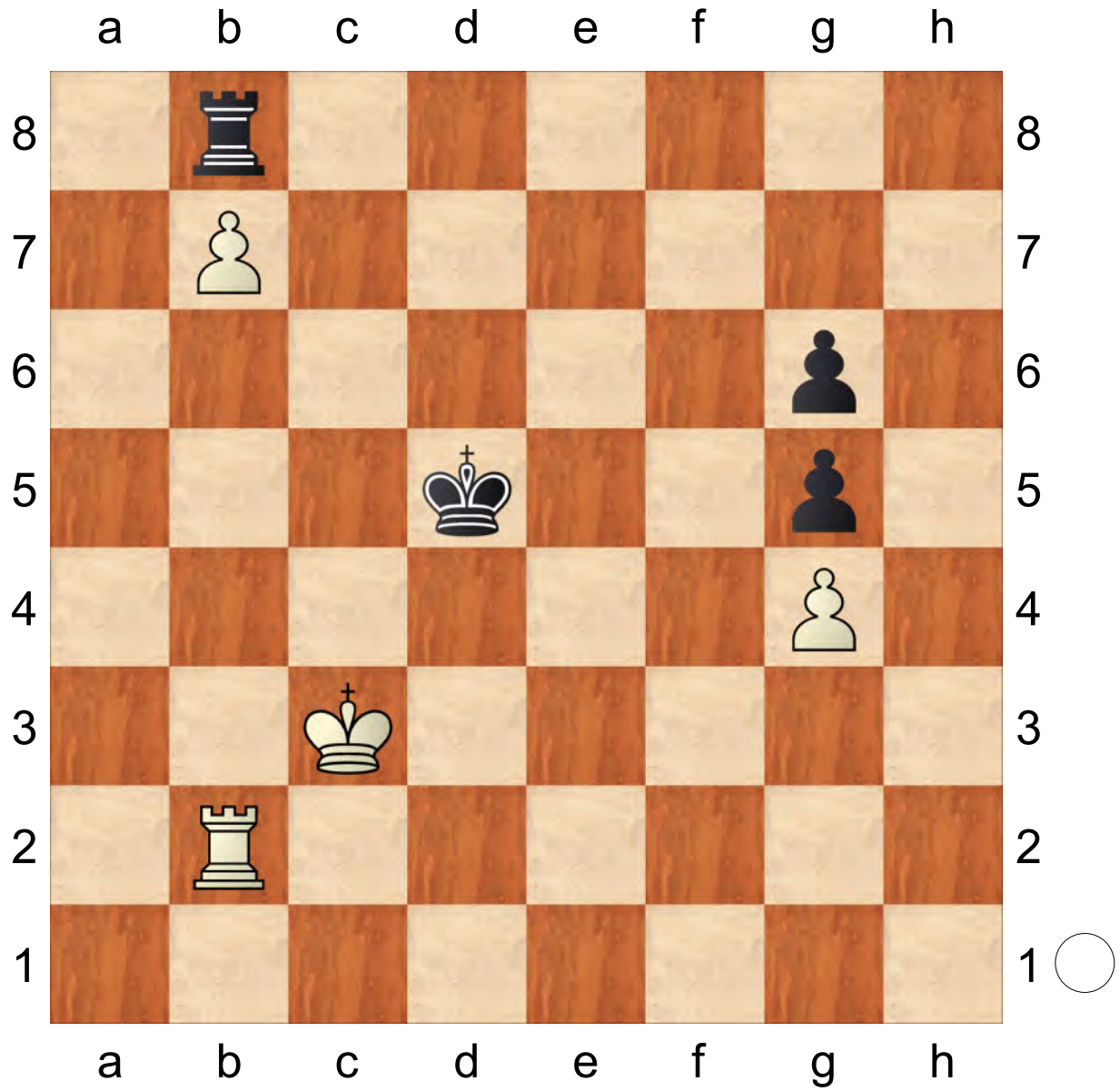


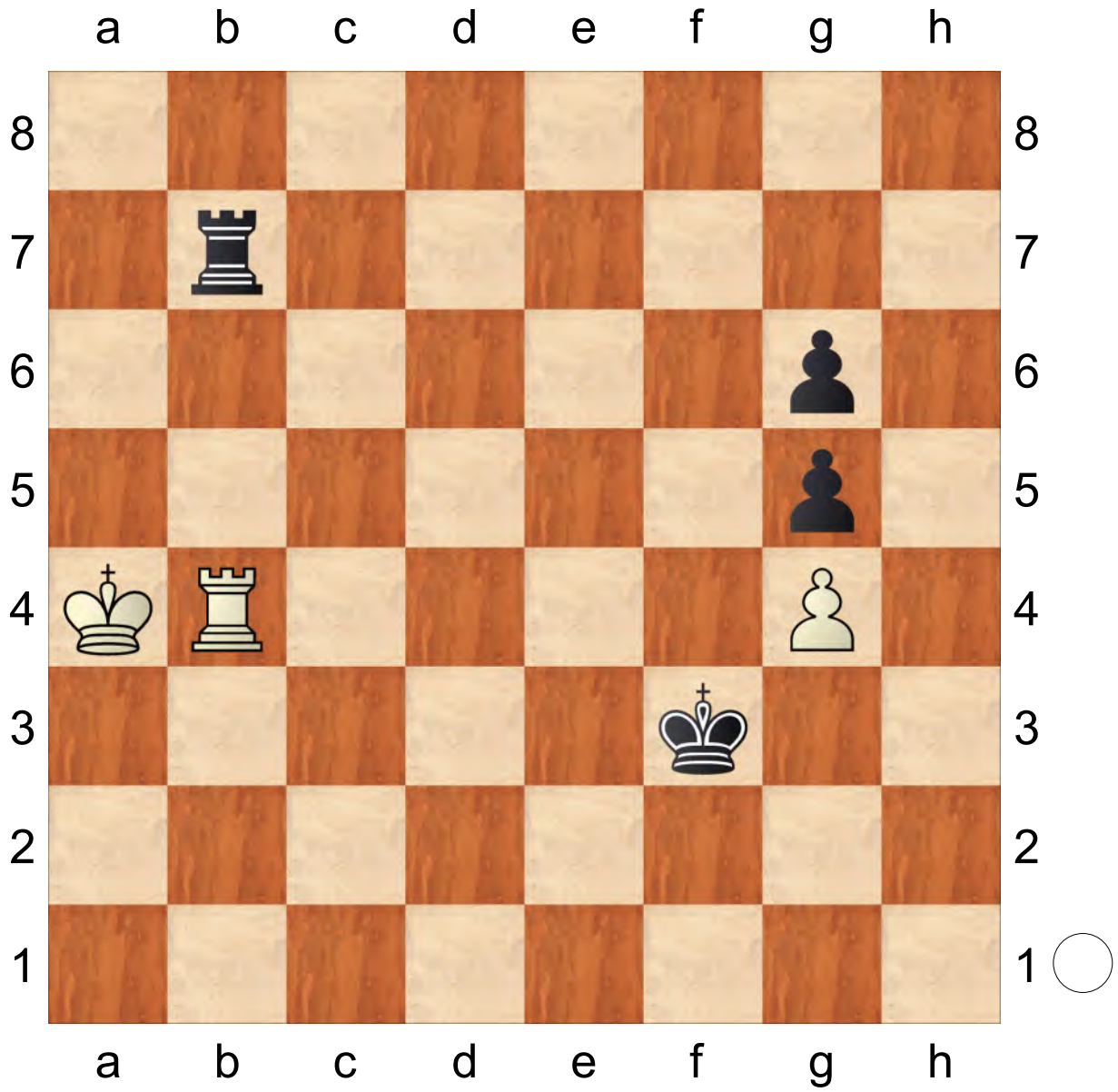
63...Ke4 64.Ka4 Kf3 65.Rb4 Rxb7
[65...Kg3 66.Ka5 Rxb7 67.Rxb7 Kxg4]

(Diagram)

66.Rxb7 Kxg4 67.Kb3 Kf3 68.Kc3 g4 69.Kd2 g3 70.Ke1 Kg2
[70...g2 71.Rb3+ Kf4 *(71...Kg4 72.Kf2+-)* 72.Kf2+-]

(Diagram)

71.Rg7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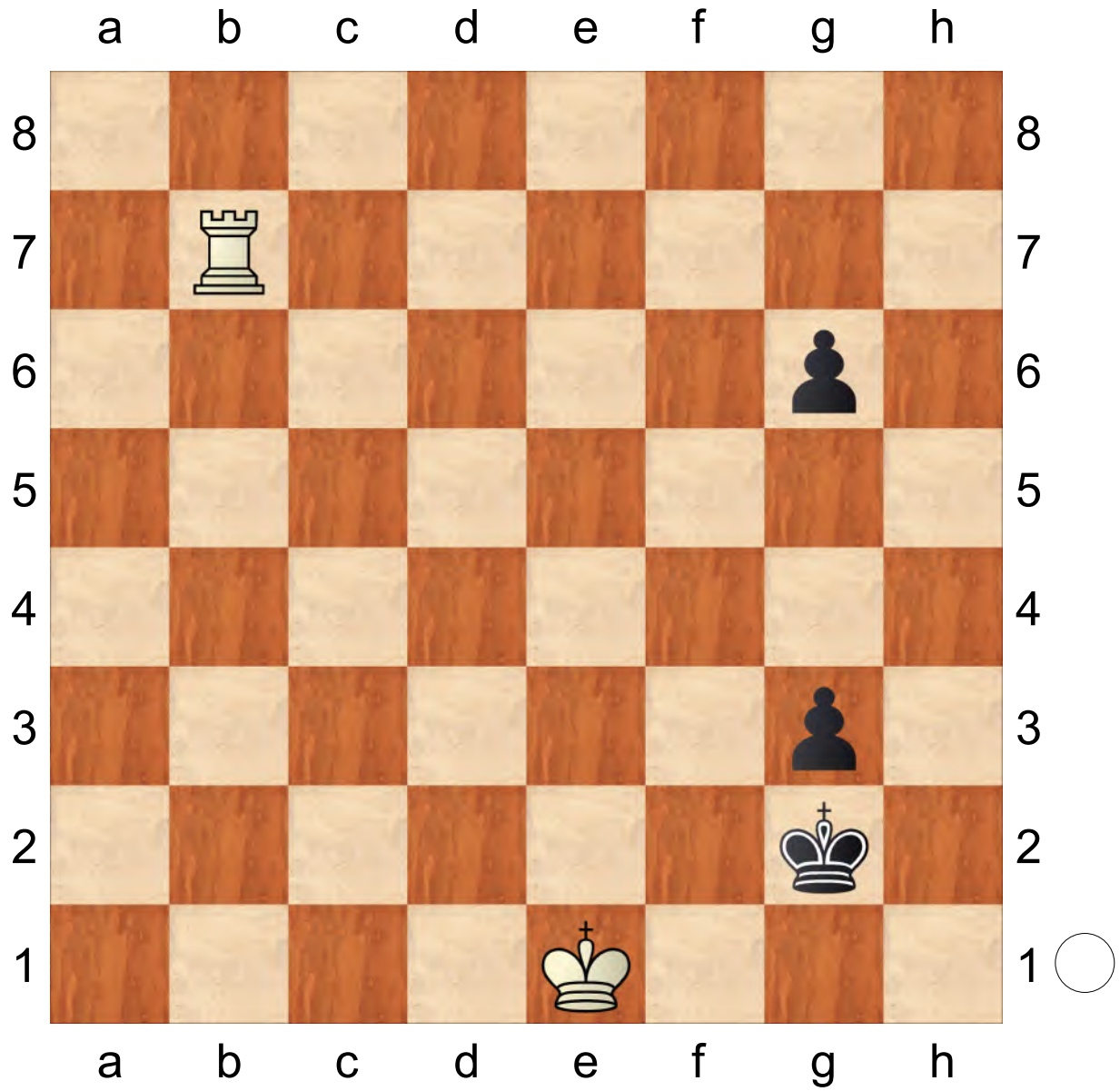

[71.Rg7 Kh2 72.Rxg6 g2 73.Kf2+-]

(Diagram)

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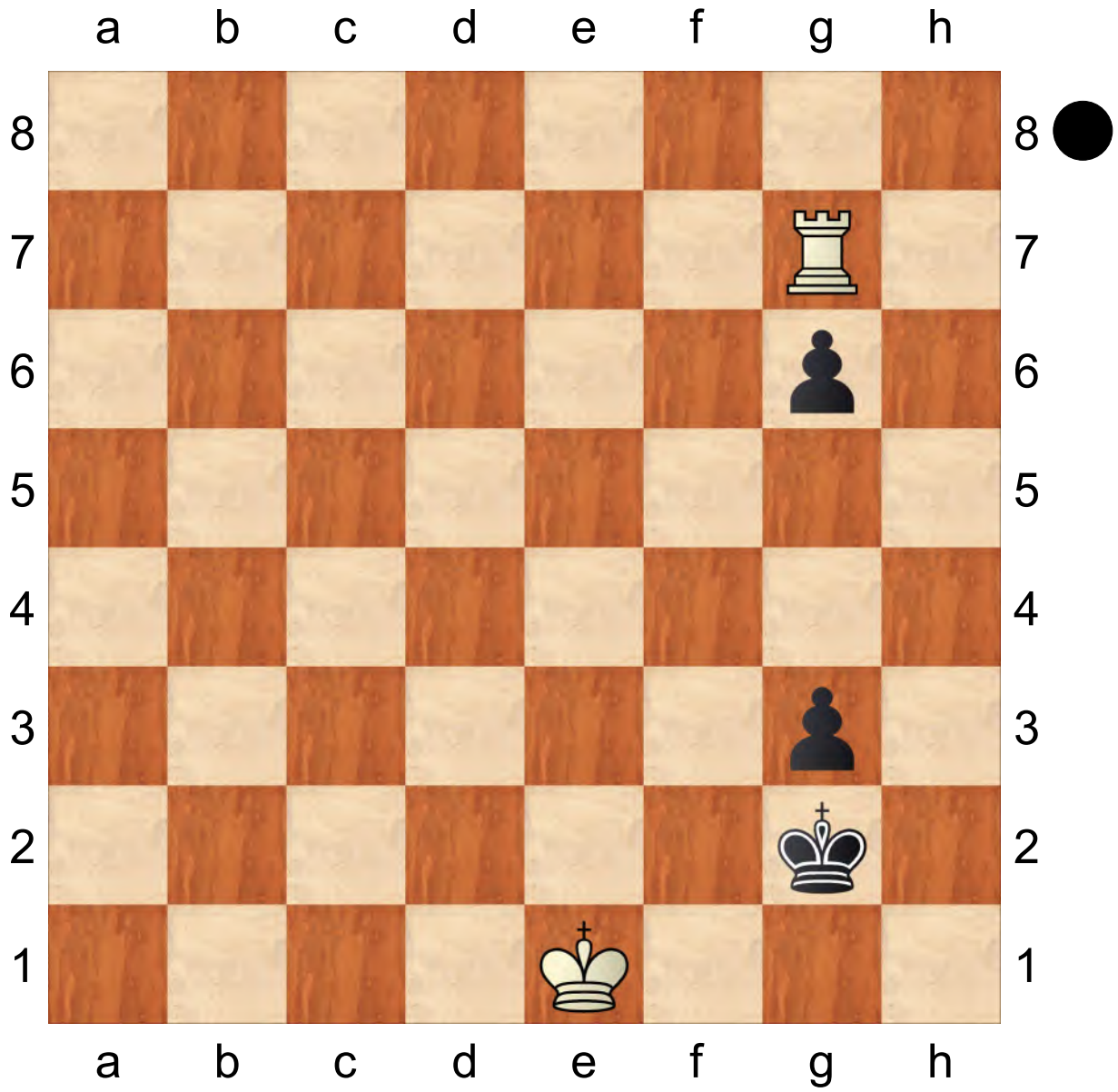
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Moscow Nutcracker (2.3) 18.12.2016
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Stohl,I **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5** Nowadays the Advance Variation is White's weapon of choice in chasing the elusive opening advantage. It clearly outnumbers other lines (Classical, Panov, Exchange), e.g. in the 2016 Russian Championship 3. e5 was the only move against the Caro-Kann.

[After 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 Be7 the defence currently holds; one of the possible forcing lines is 13.Kb1 0-0 14.Ne4 c5!? 15.g4 Nxg4 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Ne5 Ndxe5 18.dxe5 f5 19.exf6 *(19.Nc3!? Qa6 20.Nb5 Nxf2 21.Qxf2 Qxb5 22.Qg3 Kh8 23.Rhg1 Rf7 24.Qg6 Qe8 25.Bf4* Jones,G (2648)-Laznicka,V (2686) England 2014 *Bh4 26.Rd6 Rc7⇄)* 19...Nxf6 20.Rdg1 *(20.Nc3!? Rf7 21.Rdg1 Kh8 22.Rg6 Qa6 23.Qe1 Qc6 24.Rhg1 Raf8 25.a4 c4 26.Qe2 Bc5∞* Lintchevski,D (2574)-Cernousek,L (2455) Pardubice 2015*)* 20...Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Bf6 22.b3 c4 23.Bxh6 cxb3 24.axb3 Rf7 25.Bc1 Qxf2 26.Bb2 Bxb2 27.Kxb2 Rd8 28.h6 *(28.Rg6 Qf5 29.Qxe6 Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Kh7=* Tomczak,J (2588)-Navara,D (2744) Poland 2016*)* 28...Qd4+ 29.Qxd4 Rxd4 30.Rg6 e5 31.Rg5 e4 32.Rh4 Re7 33.hxg7 ½, Tauscher,K (2422)-Markus,R (2476) email 2014]

3...Bf5 4.Nf3

[Apart from the enduringly popular text move, White is currently also testing 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3!? *(*The older continuation is *5.c4)* 5...Bxd3 6.Qxd3 and now: A recent attempt to keep the position sedate and solid is

A) 6...e6 7.Bg5

A1) 7...Be7 8.Nf3 Nh6

A1a) 9.Nbd2!? Nf5 10.Nf1 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qa6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Ne3 g6 14.b4! b6 15.a4 c5 16.b5 Qc8 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.0-0 cxd4 19.cxd4 Qxc2 20.Nxc2 ○ Nf5?! *(⌓20...0-0)* 21.Nb4 0-0 22.Rfc1 Rfc8 23.Kf1 Kf8 24.g3 f6 25.exf6 Nxf6 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.Nc6 Ne7 28.Nfe5 Nxc6 29.Nxc6 a5 30.f3↑ 1-0 (56) Saric,I (2666)-Eljanov,P (2732) Poikovsky 2014;

A1b) 9.Nc3 Nf5 10.Ne2 c5 *(10...g6 11.Ng3 Nd7 12.Nxf5 gxf5 13.c3 Nf8 14.g3 Ng6 15.b4 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Qe7 17.0-0 Kf8 18.a4= /± ½,* Saric,I (2666)-Motylev,A (2687) Poikovsky 2014 The final position is slightly better for White, but Black's fortress is not easy to conquer*)* 11.dxc5 *(11.c3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qa6 14.Qxa6 Nxa6 15.0-0-0 Kd7 16.Bg5 Rhc8+ 17.Kb1 Bf8 18.Rh3 Rc4 19.Ng3 Nxg3 20.Rxg3 Rac8 21.Be3 Ke8 22.Rh3 Nb4 23.Ne1 a5∓* Potapov,P (2474)-

Alekseev,E (2679) Moscow 2015) 11...Na6 12.Bxe7 (12.Qb5+ Qd7 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.b4 b6 16.cxb6 Nxb4 17.Ned4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 axb6 19.Rb1 Rxa2 20.Kd2 Na6 21.Rxb6 Nc5 22.Rc6 Ne4+ 23.Ke2 Rb8= Adams,M (2744)-Navara,D (2730) Wijk aan Zee 2016; 12.Ned4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Nxc5 14.0-0 b5 15.b3 0-0 16.Rad1 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.c4 bxc4 19.bxc4 Rfd8 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Rc1 Rab8 22.Rc2 Rb4⇄ Nisipeanu,L (2687)-Rodshtein,M (2687) Baku olm 2016) 12...Qxe7 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.a4 (14.Qa5!? aiming to retain the extra pawn at least for a while deserves attention.) 14...Qxb5 15.axb5 Nxc5 16.Ned4 Ke7 17.Nxf5+ exf5 18.Nd4 g6 19.Rh3 Ne6 20.Nxe6 Kxe6 21.f4 Rhc8 22.Rc3 Rxc3 23.bxc3 Kd7 24.Rd1 Ke6 25.Ra1= Rodi,L (2340)-Roiz,M (2605) Baku olm 2016;

A2) 7...Qb6 8.Nd2

A2a) 8...Qa6 9.c4 Bb4 10.b3

A2a1) 10...Ne7 11.Ne2! (11.Ngf3 Nf5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfc1 Nd7 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Rac8 16.a4 Rfe8 17.Qc3 c5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qd2 Qe6 20.Bf4 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.Qxd4 b6= Shomoev,A (2562)-Akopian,V (2700) Moscow 2008) 11...Nf5 (11...Nd7 12.0-0 f6 13.Nf4! Bxd2 14.Nxe6 Kf7 15.Nc7 Qa5 16.e6+ Kg8 17.Nxa8 fxg5 18.exd7+- Saric,I (2660)-Arutinian,D (2527) Almaty blitz 2016) 12.0-0 Nd7

A2a11) 13.Nf3 Ba3 14.Qc2 dxc4 15.bxc4 Nb6 16.c5 Nd5 17.Rfb1 0-0 18.Rb3 b6 19.Ng3 Nxg3 20.fxg3 bxc5 21.Bd2 cxd4 22.Ng5 g6 23.Rf1 d3 (23...Ne3? 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.Rf6 Kg7 26.Nxf7 1-0, Morozevich,A (2683)-Rozum,I (2585) St Petersburg rpd 2016) 24.Rxd3 Rab8 25.Rdf3 Rb2⇄;

A2a12) 13.Ng3!? g6 14.Nxf5 gxf5 15.Nf3 Be7 16.Qc2 Nb6 17.c5 Nd7 18.a4 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Nf8 20.b4 Ng6 21.Rfb1 0-0 22.b5↑ Santiago,Y (2446)-Molina,R (2424) Vitoria 2014;

A2a2) 10...c5 11.Ngf3 Nc6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.0-0 Nge7 14.a3 Ng6 15.b4 (15.Rfe1!?±) 15...Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Qc3 Bd6 18.f4 (⌓18.cxd5!↑)

A2a21) 18...f6 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Qd3 Bxa1 21.Qg6+ Kf8 22.Rxa1 Qb6+ (22...fxg5 23.Rf1+ Kg8 24.Qf7+ Kh7 25.Qxh5+ Kg8 26.Qf7+ Kh7 27.hxg5 Rhf8 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.g6 Re8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxg7+ Kd8 34.Qf6+ Kc8 35.Qf7 Qb6+ 36.c5 Qd8 37.g7 Rg8 38.c6 bxc6 39.Nb3+-) 23.c5 Qc7∞;

A2a22) 18...Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Qxc4 20.Qxg7 Rf8 21.Rac1 (21.f5! e5 22.Rac1∞) 21...Qe4 22.Qb2? (22.Bh6∞) 22...Kd7 23.Rfe1 Qf5 24.Qe2 a6∓ Nepomniachtchi,I (2735)-Motylev,A (2687) Poikovsky 2014 For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 161 by Sumets.;

A2b) 8...Ne7 9.Ngf3 Qa6 10.c4 Nf5 11.0-0 Bb4 transposes to the main line;

A2c) 8...c5 9.c4!? Qxb2 10.Rd1 Nc6 *(10...Qxd4 11.Qb3 Qxe5+ 12.Ne2 Nd7 13.Bf4 Qf5 14.Qxb7 Rd8 15.Bc7 d4 16.Ng3 Qg4 17.Bxd8 Kxd8 18.Qa8+ Ke7 19.Rb1 Ngf6 20.Rb7* 1-0, Hammer,J (2652)-Brunello,S (2567) Helsingor 2016*)* 11.Ngf3 *(11.Ne2 Nb4 12.Qf3 Qa3 13.Qxa3 Nc2+ 14.Kf1 Nxa3 15.cxd5 exd5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nb3 Be7 18.Nf4 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Ne7 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Ke7 22.Ke2* Petrov,N (2490)-Hovhannisyan,R (2634) Riga 2016 *Rac8= ; 11.cxd5 Qxd4 12.Qb1* Robson,R (2663)-Jacobson,A (2233) New York 2016 *Qxd5!∓)* 11...Nb4 12.Qe2 cxd4 *(12...Nxa2!?)* 13.0-0 d3 14.Qe3 Ne7 15.Rb1 Qa3 16.Nd4 a6 17.Rb3 Qa5 18.Rfb1 Nc2?! *(18...Ng6∞)* 19.Qxd3 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 b5 21.Qc5!? *(21.cxb5±)* 21...Rc8 22.Qa7 Nc6 23.Qb7 Morozevich,A (2711)-Laznicka,V (2676) Poikovsky 2015 Qc7!= See the notes to this game in CBM 169 by Schulz.;

B) 6...Qa5+!?

B1) 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 9.c4 Ne7 10.b3 Nf5 11.Nf3 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 *(12.Bd2!?=)* 12...Nd7 13.g3? Nb6 14.Qc2 dxc4 15.Rb1 cxb3 16.axb3 Nd5 17.Kg2 0-0-0 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bf4 Qb6 20.Rhd1 Rd7∓ Onischuk,V (2601)-Vidit,S (2689) Doha blitz 2016;

B2) 7.Bd2 Qa6 8.e6 Qxd3 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.cxd3 Nd7 11.Nf3 Nh6 *(11...e6 12.Ng5+ Kf6 13.f4 Nh6 14.Bc3 Nf5 15.Kf2 Bd6 16.g3 b5 17.Re1 Rhe8 18.a3* Quesada Perez,Y (2537)-Alvarez Ramirez,M (2257) Oaxtepec 2016 *Kg6!?⇄)* 12.Nc3 g6 13.Ne2 Bg7 14.Ng5+ Kg8 15.Ne6 Bf6 16.Bxh6 Rxh6 17.Kd2 Nf8 18.N2f4 Nxe6 19.Nxe6 Kf7 20.Rae1 Rc8 21.g3 a5 22.Re2 Rhh8 23.b3 b6 24.Rc1 Ke8 25.Nf4 Kf7 26.Ne6 Ke8= ½, Darini,P (2524)-Dreev,A (2664) Guilan 2016;

B3) 7.c3 e6 8.Ne2 Qa6 9.Qf3 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Rd1 Nge7 12.Ng3 g6 13.Na3 Nf5 14.Nxf5 gxf5 15.Nc2 Be7 16.g3 0-0-0 17.Ne1 Rdg8 18.Ng2 Rg4 19.Bf4 Kb8 20.Kh2 Rg6 21.a3 cxd4 22.cxd4 Qb6 23.Qc3 Na5 24.Rac1 Rgg8 25.Ne3 Rc8 26.Qd2 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Rc8 28.Qd2 Qb5∞ Anand,V (2779)-Vidit,S (2689) Doha blitz 2016]

[Tactical lines with 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 c5 feature numerous forced draws and have almost disappeared from tournament practice.]

4...e6 5.Be2 c5

[5...Ne7 6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 Nd7 In my opinion even more dangerous is the immediate

A) 8.c3

A1) 8...Bh7 9.b4! a5 10.Nb3 axb4 11.cxb4 Ng6 12.Bd2 Be7 13.a4 0-0 *(13...Nb6!?)* 14.a5 f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Rc1 e5 17.dxe5 Ndxe5 18.Nfd4 Qd6 19.Nc5 Rf7 20.Nf5 Qf8 21.f4 Nd7 22.Nxb7 Bb2 23.Rb1 Rxf5 24.Rxb2± Fedoseev,V (2665)-Bocharov,D (2611) Novosibirsk 2016;

A2) 8...c5!? Risky, but Black wants to avoid getting squeezed... 9.dxc5 Nxc5

(9...Nc6 10.b4 Ndxe5 11.Qa4 Nd7 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Be7 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Be3 Bg4 16.b5 Nf6 17.Qb3 Ne4 18.a4 f5 19.Rfd1 Kh7 20.Bf4 Bf6 21.h3 Bh5 22.Ra2 Qa5 23.Rc2 g5 24.Bh2± Ponomariov,R (2712)-Navara,D (2734) Huaian blitz 2016) 10.Nd4 Bh7 11.N2b3 Nc6 12.Be3! Nxb3 *(A more solid line is 12...Nd7!? 13.f4 Be7* from subsequent email practice *)* 13.axb3 Nxe5 14.Bb5+ Nd7 15.Qh5 Bg6 16.Qe5 *(⌓16.Qg4!↑)* 16...Qb8 17.Qxb8+ Rxb8 18.Rxa7 Bd6 19.b4 Ke7 20.f4 Be4 21.f5 e5 22.f6+ gxf6 23.Nf5+ Bxf5 24.Rxf5 Nf8∞ Morozevich,A (2760)-Mamedyarov,S (2753) Moscow 2013;

B) 8.Nb3 A more flexible move is

B1) 8...g5 9.Ne1 Qc7

B1a) 10.Nd3 Ng6 11.Bg4 *(11.f4!?)* 11...Bxg4 12.Qxg4 c5 13.Nbxc5 Bxc5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Rac1 0-0-0 18.Qd4 b6 19.c4 dxc4 20.Qe4 Kb8 21.f4 gxf4 22.Rxc4 Qb7⇄ Vachier Lagrave,M (2788)-Rodshtein,M (2689) Drancy 2016;

B1b) 10.Bh5

B1b1) 10...Rg8 11.Nd3 Ng6 12.Ne1 Nh8 13.Bg4 Bh7 *(13...Bxg4 14.Qxg4 c5⇄* seems more logical*)* 14.f4 gxf4 15.Bxf4 c5 16.c3 0-0-0 17.Rc1 Kb8 18.Nc2 c4 19.Nd2 Bd3 20.Rf2 Be7 21.Ne1 Ng6 22.Nxd3 cxd3 23.Be3 Qb6 24.Nf3 f5 Inarkiev,E (2732)-Anton Guijarro,D (2630) Monzon 2016 25.Bh5± ;

B1b2) 10...c5

B1b21) 11.f4 c4 12.Nd2 Qb6! *(12...gxf4?! 13.Rxf4 Bg7 14.Nf1 Qb6 15.Ne3 0-0 16.Nf3 f6 17.Nxf5 Nxf5 18.Rxf5! exf5 19.e6! Qxe6 20.Bf4 Ne5 21.Nh4!→* Hansen,E (2582)-Gonzalez Vidal,Y (2553) Baku olm 2016*)* 13.Ndf3 gxf4 14.Bxf4 Ng6 15.Bg3 Bg7 16.Kh1 0-0 17.Qc1 f6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Bxg6 Bxg6 20.Be5? *(20.Ne5 Ne4⇄)* 20...Ne4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.c3 Rf6 23.Nc2 Raf8 24.Ne3 Bh5∓ Nakar,E (2435)-Sjugirov,S (2678) Jerusalem 2015;

B1b22) 11.c3 Bg7 12.f4 c4 *(* Wins space, but now d4 is firmly protected. *12...gxf4!? 13.Bxf4 Rf8∞* Roiz *)* 13.Nd2 gxf4 14.Ndf3 *(14.Rxf4 0-0 15.Ndf3 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Nh4 Be4 18.Rg4 e5 19.Nef3* Durarbayli,V (2630)-Tomczak,J (2579) Warsaw 2015 *Bd3∞)* 14...Ng6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Nh4 0-0?! *(⌓16...0-0-0 17.Nxf5 gxf5= /±)* 17.Rxf4 g5 18.Nxf5 gxf4 19.Nxg7 Kxg7 20.Qg4+ Kh7 21.Qxe6 Nb6 22.Qh3 Qf7 23.g3 Qg6 24.Ng2 fxg3 25.hxg3 Rf3 26.Bf4 Rf8 Anand,V (2791)-Giri,A (2790) Shamkir 2015 27.Qh2!± For details see the notes to this game in CBM 166 by Roiz.;

B2) 8...Qc7!? , Black still doesn't commit himself on the kingside:

B2a) 9.Ne1 makes little sense, Black can play b6 *(, or immediately 9...c5!?⇄)*;

B2b) 9.a4 a5 *(9...g5!? 10.a5 Bg7 11.Bd2 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bh5+ Kf8 16.Re1 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Bd6 18.Nd4*

Qd7 19.Bg4 e5 20.Nxf5 h5 21.Bh3 g4 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.Ra3 Rh7 24.Kg1 e4 25.f3 gxh3 26.fxe4 hxg2 27.Rf3+ Rf7 28.Rxf7+ Kxf7 29.Qxh5+ Qg6= Velilla Velasco,F (2561)-Wunderlich,H (2648) email 2012 *)* 10.Bd2 transposes;

B2c) 9.Bd2 g5

B2c1) 10.a4 a5 11.c4 *(11.Rc1* transposes to the main line.*; 11.Ne1 c5!? 12.Nxc5 Nxc5 13.dxc5 Bg7* has been seen mostly in mail games: *14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.Nf3 g4 16.Nd4 Bxe5 17.Nxf5 Nxf5 18.Qxg4 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Be5 20.Bd3 h5 21.Qe2 Nh6!?⇄* Dosi,A (2573)-Forsloef,L (2485) email 2012*)* 11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Ne1 Be7 14.Bd3 Nf8 15.Qc2 Bg6 16.Rc1 *(16.Nc5!?)* 16...Qb6 17.Bxg6 Nxg6 18.Nd3 Nh4 19.Rfe1 Nf5 20.Re4 Rg8 21.Ndc5 Qc7 22.Qd1 b6 23.Nd3 Qd7 24.h3 Kf8 25.Kh2 Rd8= Najer,E (2687)-Caruana,F (2810) Dortmund 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 174 by Sumets.;

B2c2) 10.c4 a5 11.Rc1 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bg7 *(12...a4 13.Na1 Nb6 14.Be2 Ned5 15.Nc2 Be7!?∞)* 13.Re1 0-0 14.h4 g4 15.Nh2 h5 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.Nf1 a4 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Nd2 Rae8 20.Nde4 f6 21.exf6 N7xf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Rxe6!± Vachier Lagrave,M (2804)-Tomashevsky,E (2716) Doha rpd 2016;

B2c3) 10.Bb4 Ng6 11.Bxf8 Rxf8 12.Ne1 Ne7 13.Bd3 c5 14.Bxf5 Nxf5 15.c3 0-0-0 16.Nc2 c4 17.Nd2 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Rf8 22.Qe2 e5= Dominguez Perez,L (2739)-Riazantsev,A (2671) Doha rpd 2016;

B2c4) 10.Rc1 a5!? *(10...Bg7 11.Bb4!↑; 10...0-0-0?! 11.Ba5! b6 12.Bd2)* 11.a4 Stohl,I: 'transposes to the main line.' Bg7

B2c41) 12.Qe1 b6 13.c4 0-0 Stohl,I: '- Borisek-Tomashevsky' 14.Qd1 f6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Re1?! *(17.h4!∞)* 17...Ne4 18.Be3 Qd6 19.Nbd2 Ng6 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Nd2 Bf5 22.Nf1 Nf4 23.Ng3 Bg6∓ Borisek,J (2565)-Tomashevsky,E (2758) Berlin blitz 2015;

B2c42) 12.c4 is an attempt to prove that in comparison with Najer-Caruana above Black's ♗ is not so well placed on g7 after dxc4 (see also Vachier Lagrave-Tomashevsky). 0-0 13.Qe1 *(* The untested *13.Ne1!?* Stohl,I: '∞!?' Stohl,I: '-12.c4' deserves attention. *)* 13...Qb6!? *(13...b6* - Borisek-Tomashevsky*)* 14.Nxa5 Ng6 15.c5 Qc7 16.h3 f6 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.b4 g4 *(*Aj *18...Ne4 19.Be3 Nf4 20.Nh2 Rae8 21.Qd1 e5 22.Bxf4 gxf4 23.Nb3 Ng5 24.dxe5 Qxe5⩲* Zaibi,A (2330)-Caruana,F (2808) Baku WCup 2015*)* 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.g3 Be4 21.Qd1? *(21.Rc3 Rf7⩲* s tlakom *)* 21...Bxd4!-+ Valles Moreno,I (2427)-Vazquez Igarza,R (2565) Madrid 2016 **Δ** 22.Nxd4 Rxf2!;

B2c43) 12.Ne1

B2c431) 12...Bg6?! 13.Nd3 b6 14.f4 , po Nf5 15.fxg5 hxg5

16.Bxg5 f6 17.Nf4 Bf7 Farley,T (2203)-Rasmussen,A (2522) Baku olm 2016 18.Bh5! Bxh5 19.Nxe6+-;

B2c432) 12...Nxe5?! 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Bc3 *(14.Nd3!? Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Bd6 16.c4↑)* 14...Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Bxe5 *(⌓16.Nd4!)* 16...Qxe5 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Be4∞ /±, ½ Ali Marandi,C (2420)-Turov,M (2601) Golden Sands 2015;

B2c433) 12...0-0!? 13.f4 *(13.c4!?∞ -12.c4)* 13...gxf4 14.Nd3 c5! 15.Nbxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 Bxe5 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.dxe5 Ng6⇄;

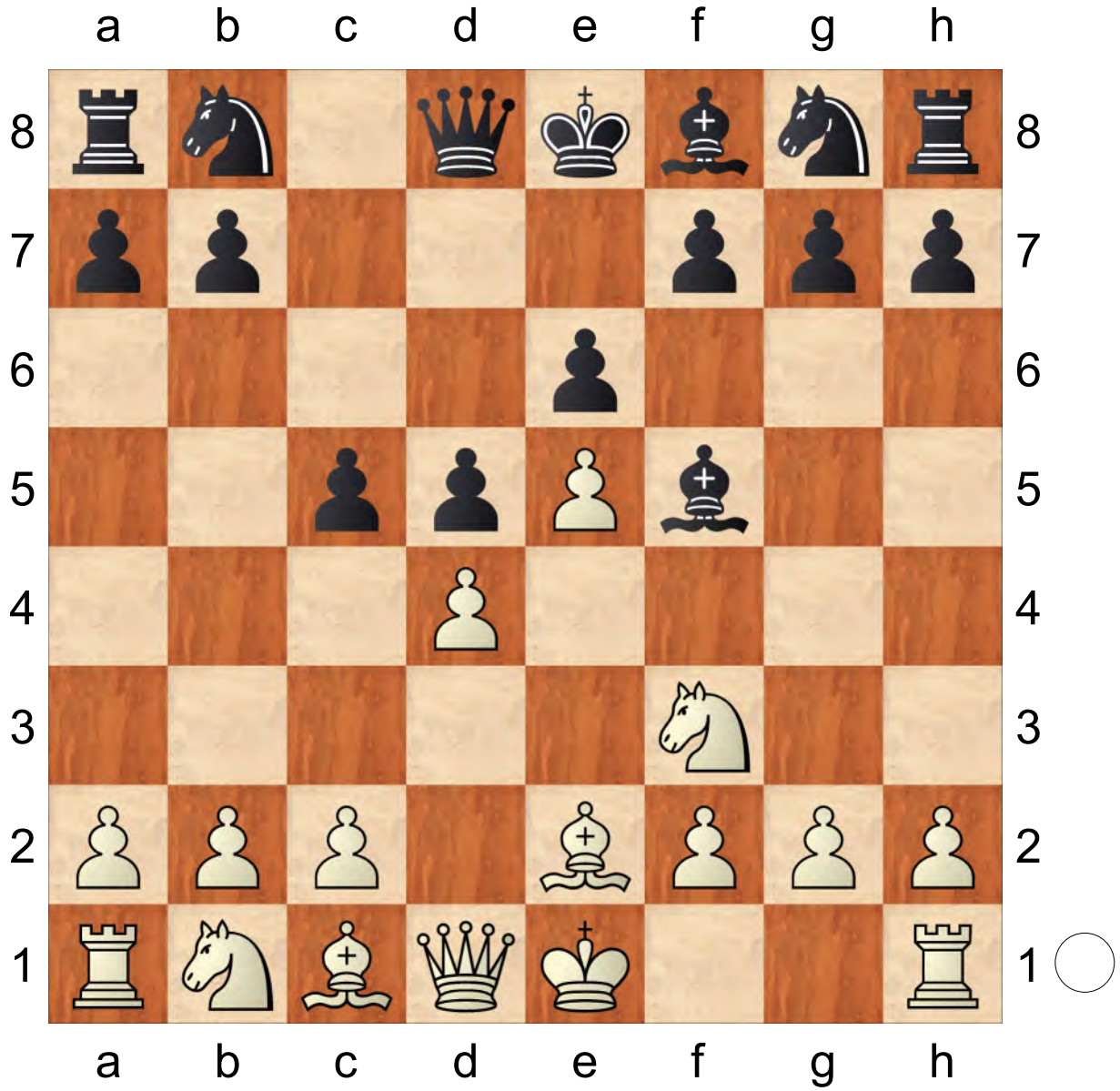
B2c434) 12...c5N A novelty, but it's really risky.

B2c4341) ⌓13.c4! cxd4 *(13...dxc4 14.Rxc4 b6 15.f4 Rd8 16.Qc1↑)* 14.Nxd4 dxc4 *(14...Qxe5 15.Bc3!± Δ 0-0 16.g4)* 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.f4! gxf4 18.Nxc4↑ Riazantsev;

B2c4342) 13.c3?! c4 14.Na1 Nb6 15.b3 *(15.f4 gxf4 16.Bxf4 Ng6 17.Be3 0-0!? 18.b3 f6∞)* 15...0-0-0?! *(15...0-0!∞)* 16.Nec2 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Na3?! *(18.Ne3!±)* 18...Kb8 19.Be3 Nec8! 20.Nb5 Qd7 21.Qd2 Nd6 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.Qb2 Rc8 24.Nc2 Be7!∓ Jakovenko,D (2714)-Riazantsev,A (2651) Novosibirsk 2016;

C) 8.a4!? Bh7 *(8...Qc7 9.a5 g5 10.c4 Bg7 11.a6 b6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Re1 f6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nf1 0-0-0 16.Ng3 Rhf8 17.h3 Be4 18.Be3 Nf5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Rc1 Rfe8 21.b4→* Zhigalko,S (2652)-Peralta,F (2590) Baku olm 2016 *)* 9.a5 Ng6 10.g3 Be7 11.Ne1 0-0 12.f4 c5 13.c3 Rc8 14.Ndf3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bb4 16.a6 bxa6 17.Bxa6 Rb8 18.Nd3 Be7 19.Bd2 Nb6 20.b3 Na8 21.Ba5 Qd7 22.Qc2 Bd8 23.Nc5 Qe7 24.Bxd8 Rfxd8 25.Bd3± Inarkiev,E (2732)-Bocharov,D (2611) Novosibirsk 2016]

[Lately Black has rather been suffering after 5...Nd7 6.0-0 Bg6 *(6...Bb4 7.c3 Ba5 8.Nbd2 Bc7 9.Re1 h6 10.Nf1 c5 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.b4 c4 13.a4 Ne7 14.Nh4 Bh7 15.Nh5 g5 16.Bg4 Ng6 17.Nxg6 Bxg6 18.Qf3 Qe7 19.b5 Qf8 20.a5 Qg8 21.b6 Bd8 22.Ba3 a6 23.Nf6+ Nxf6 24.exf6 h5 25.Qxd5 hxg4 26.Qxb7 Qh7 27.Qc6#* 1-0, Anand,V (2779)-Mamedyarov,S (2768) Doha blitz 2016/ A lovely attacking game!*)* 7.c3 Nh6 , again it's due to 8.a4!? Nf5 9.a5 a6 *(*This is slow, but after *9...c5 10.a6 b6 11.c4!↑* according to Caruana the ♙a6 is a thorn in Black's flesh.*)* 10.b4 Be7 *(10...f6 11.Bf4 fxe5 12.dxe5!? Be7 13.g4 Nh4 14.Nd4 Bf7 15.Bg3 h5 16.gxh5 Qc7 17.Bg4 Rh6 18.f4 c5 19.bxc5 Qxc5 20.Kh1 0-0-0 21.Nd2 Rdh8 22.Qe1+-* Caruana,F (2808)-Bareev,E (2675) Baku olm 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 175 by Sumets.*)* 11.Bf4 h6 12.h3 Bh7 13.Bh2 g5 14.Nbd2 h5 15.Ne1 Bg6 16.Nd3 Kf8 17.Re1 Kg7 18.Nf1 Rc8 19.Ra2 Qg8 20.f4 Qh7 21.fxg5 Bxg5 22.Bf4 Be7 23.Rb2 Kf8 24.Kh2 Rc7 25.Nf2 Rc8 26.Nd2 Nh4 27.g3 Nf5 28.h4 Qg8 29.Nf3 Ke8 30.c4 dxc4 31.Bxc4 Nh6 32.Nd3 Bf5 33.Nc5 Rc7 34.Ng5 Ng4+ 35.Kg1 Qg6 36.Bf1 Kf8 37.Bg2 Kg7 38.Nge4 Nxc5 39.bxc5 Rd7 40.Nd6± Fedoseev,V (2665)-Vitiugov,N (2721) Novosibirsk 2016 After a long siege White managed to convert his advantage; for Black it was suffering all the way through.]



Black immediately attacks the centre to challenge White's space superiority; on the other hand he risks falling behind in development while opening the game. The main alternatives are naturally developing moves: **6.c3** The older treatment, the position from our game often arises also with the move order 6.0-0 ♘c6 7.c3.

[The dominant continuation is definitely 6.Be3 and now: On the other hand, solid is

A) 6...Qb6 could be playable, but is certainly the more risky reaction: 7.Nc3 Nc6 *(7...Qxb2? 8.Qb1! Qxb1+ 9.Rxb1 c4 10.Rxb7 Nc6 11.Nb5 Nd8 12.Rc7 Rb8 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Rb1+ 15.Bd1 Bxc2 16.Kd2 Bxd1 17.Rxd1 Rb6 18.Bf4 Nf6 19.Re7+ Kf8 20.Rxa7 Ne4+ 21.Kc2 f6 22.h4→* Karjakin,S (2747)-Eljanov,P (2761) Khanty-Mansiysk 2010 See the notes in CBM 139 by Ftacnik *)*

A1) 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Nb5 Kf8 11.Nbd4 Nge7 12.0-0 Be4 13.Re1 h6 *(13...Qb4?! 14.a3 Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qxa3 16.Rxb7 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 h6 18.Qd2 g5 19.h4 g4 20.Nd4 Qa5 21.c3 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Nf5 23.Qd2 d4 24.Bxg4 Qxc3 25.Qe2* Nakamura,H (2772)-Mamedyarov,S (2760) Shamkir 2014*)* 14.c3 Qb6 15.b3 Rc8 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Bd3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Qc7 19.Qg3 g6 20.h4 h5 21.Qf4 Kg7 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Re3 Qe7 24.Qf4 Nb8 25.Bc2 Kg7= Zhigalko,S (2648)-Turov,M (2609) Tashkent 2010;

A2) 8.0-0 Qxb2 9.Qe1

A2a) 9...c4 10.Rb1 Qxc2 11.Rxb7 Bb4?! *(⌓11...Rb8 12.Rxb8+ Nxb8 13.Qa1 Bb4 14.Rb1 Bxc3 15.Rxb8+ Kd7 16.Qc1⩲* is also quite dangerous *)* 12.Rxb4! Nxb4 13.Bd1 Qd3 14.Ba4+ Kf8 15.Qa1 Bg4 16.Qb2 Rb8 17.Rb1 Bxf3 18.Bc2 Be2 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.a3 Bxb1 21.axb4 Bg6 22.Qa3↻ →/+-, Karjakin,S (2772)-Laznicka,V (2701) Poikovsky 2011;

A2b) 9...cxd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb4

A2b1) 12.Rb1 Bxc3 13.Rxb2 Bxe1 14.Rxe1 b6 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Rb3!

A2b11) 17...Ne7 18.Rc3 a6 *(18...Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Nxc8 20.Rd1 Ne7 21.f4±* Svidler,P (2739)-Postny,E (2618) Ningbo 2011*)* 19.Bd7!↑ g6 20.Rc7 b5 21.e6 f6 22.Re3 Rb8 23.Ra7 Rb6 24.Rc3± Gashimov,V (2733)-Ivanchuk,V (2764) Reggio Emilia 2011;

A2b12) 17...Rc8! 18.Ra3 a5 19.Bd3 Ne7 20.Rb3 Rc6 21.Reb1 Ng6 22.Rxb6 Rxb6 23.Rxb6 Ke7 24.Bxf5 Nxe5 25.f4 *(25.Rb5 Kd6 26.Rxa5 g6=)* 25...g6 26.fxe5 gxf5 27.Rd6 Rc8 28.Rxd5 a4 29.Rd4 Rxc2 30.Rxa4 Ke6= Predke,A (2496)-Lintchevski,D (2554) Kazan 2012;

A2b2) 12.Ndb5!? Ba5 *(12...Bxc3?! 13.Nxc3 a6 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Rxb7 Ne7 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Bd3 Rc8 18.Ne2 Bxd3 19.cxd3 g6 20.Qd2 Kg7 21.Rfb1 Rhe8 22.h4 Ng8 23.h5→* Karjakin,S (2747)-Tukhaev,A (2550) Plovdiv 2010*)* 13.Rb1 Qxc2

A2b21) 14.Rb3 Ne7 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Nxb7 Bb6

A2b211) 17.Bd1 Qc1 *(17...Qd3 18.Na4 Qe4 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.Qc3 d4 21.Qc7 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Nxc6 23.f4 Na5 24.Rxb6 Nxb7 25.Rxb7* Ponkratov,P (2596)-Rozum,I (2582) Khanty-Mansiysk 2016 *g6=)* 18.Na4 Caruana,F (2770)-Postny,E (2651) Achaea 2012 Bd4! 19.Nd6 Qf4⇄ , e.g. 20.Rb7 Bd3 21.g3 Qxe5 22.Qb4 Nc6 23.Qa3 Kg8 24.Nxf7 Qf5 25.Bg4 Qxg4 26.Qxd3 Rf8 27.Qb5 Rxf7 28.Qxc6 Bxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Qd1+ 30.Kg2 Rxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Qd2+=;

A2b212) 17.Nd6 Ba5 18.Bf3 Bd3 *(18...h6 19.Qa1!⩲)* 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Rxc1 Ng6?! *(⌓20...Bg6 21.Rb7 Bb6 22.Ncb5 h5 23.a4⩲* and although White has compensation, the result is still open. *)* 21.Nxd5 exd5 *(21...Nxe5 22.Nf4 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Bg6*

24.Rb7 Bb6 25.Rc8+ Rxc8 26.Nxc8 Bd4 27.Rb8± Karjakin,S (2779)-Fridman,D (2655) Dortmund 2012*)* 22.Rxd3 Nxe5 23.Rxd5 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Bb6 25.a4 g6 26.a5 Bd8 27.Rc8 Rxc8 28.Nxc8 Kg7 29.Nxa7**±** Hovhannisyan,R (2611)-Rozum,I (2505) Yerevan 2014;

A2b22) 14.Rc1!? Qb2 15.g4 *(15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Na4 Bxe1 18.Nxb2 Bb4 19.Nd3 Ba5 20.Rc5 Bb6 21.Rxd5 Ne7 22.Rd7 Nc6 23.Rd1 Re8 24.Rxb7 Re7 25.Rxe7 Kxe7* Tomczak,J (2595)-Kanarek,M (2535) Germany 2016*)* 15...Bg6 16.f4 Be4 *(16...Ne7!?∞)* 17.Rf2 Nh6? *(⌓17...Kf8)* 18.Bd3 Qb4 19.Rb1 Qc5 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Qxa5 0-0 22.Be2 e3 23.Rff1 Rfc8 24.Qe1+- Caruana,F (2801)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2768) Saint Louis 2014 For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 162 by Postny. Although Black's play can be improved upon, after Caruana's impressive win the interest in 6...♕b6 waned.;

B) 6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 , at this crossroads White has tried numerous alternatives: Nowadays the most topical is

B1) 8.Nd2 Nbc6 9.N2f3 Be4 10.0-0 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Qc7 12.c4 *(12.Bf4?! Ng6 13.Bg3 0-0-0 14.c4 h5 15.h4 Kb8 16.cxd5 Rxd5 17.Qa4 Be7 18.Rfd1 Rhd8 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Qe4 Qb6 21.Bc4 Rd8 22.b3 Nd4 23.Rd1 Nf5 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8↑* Zhigalko,S (2647)-Navara,D (2735) Gjakova 2016*; 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.c3 Ng6 14.Bd4 Be7 15.Re1 0-0 16.Bd3 Rc8 17.g3 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qxc1 19.Qxc1 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rb8 21.h4 Bd8 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.Kf1 Kf8=* Shirov,A (2706)-Laznicka,V (2683) Novy Bor 2012*)* 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nf5

B1a) 14.Qe2 Nxe3 *(14...Be7!?=)* 15.Qxe3

B1a1) 15...Be7 16.Bd3 0-0 17.Be4 Rfd8 18.Rac1 g6 19.Rc2 Qa5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rxc6 Dominguez Perez,L (2725)-Laznicka,V (2693) Havana 2012 Rab8!= *(21...Rac8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.a3 Rc2 24.b4 Qa4 25.Qe4 Rc3 26.Qb7 Kf8 27.Nd4 Rxa3 28.Nc6 Bg5 29.g3 Rc3 30.Nxa7 Be7 31.b5 Bc5 32.Nc8 Qd4 33.Nd6 Bxd6 34.exd6 Qxd6 35.Rb1 Qd3 36.Qa8+ Ke7 37.Qa7+ Ke8 38.Qa1 Rb3 39.Rd1 Qxb5 40.Qh8+* 1-0 (40) Dominguez Perez,L (2725)-Laznicka,V (2693) Havana 2012 *)*;

B1a2) 15...Qb6 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.a3 g6 18.Rfc1 Bh6 19.Rc3 0-0 20.Bb5 Rfc8 21.Rd1 Na5 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.b4 Nc6 24.Rd7 Bc1= Ni,H (2673)-Ding,L (2679) Danzhou 2012;

B1b) 14.Bf4 Be7 15.Rc1 *(15.Bb5 0-0 16.Rc1 Rfd8 17.Qa4 Qb6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.b3 c5 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Rd5 22.Qe4 Rad8 23.Nf3 h6 24.h3 Rd3∓* Matinian,N (2495)-Dreev,A (2660) Sochi 2016*)* 15...0-0 16.Qe2 Rfd8 17.Bd3 Nfd4!? *(17...Qa5 18.a3 Ncd4 19.Nxd4 Rxd4 20.g3 Qd5 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Qxd1+ 24.Rxd1±* Shirov,A (2706)-Laznicka,V (2683) Novy Bor 2012*)* 18.Nxd4

Rxd4 19.Be3 Rd7 20.f4 Rad8 21.Be4 Qa5 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.b3 Qb5 24.Qc4 Qa5 25.Qe2 Qb5 26.Qc4 Qa5⇄ ½, Nakamura,H (2778)-Laznicka,V (2683) Istanbul olm 2012;

B2) The older 8.c4 Nbc6 9.Qa4 a6 is nowadays considered harmless:

B2a) 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Nxf5 Nxf5 14.Bb6 Nc6 15.f4 Rc8 16.g4 Nh4 17.Bxc4 g5! 18.f5 Nxe5 19.Bb3 Bc5!? 20.Bxc5 *(20.Ba4+ Ke7 21.f6+ Kxf6 22.Ne4+ Kg7 23.Nxc5 Rxc5+ 24.Bxc5 Rc8∞)* 20...Rxc5 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 Ke7 23.Bb3 Rd8 24.h3 ½, Bologan,V (2692)-Le,Q (2647) Moscow 2010;

B2b) 10.Na3 Qa5+ 11.Qxa5 Nxa5 12.0-0 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Be4 15.Rac1 Bd5 16.Be2 Rc8 17.Rxc8+ Nxc8 18.Rc1 Ne7 19.b4 Ng6 20.b5 Ba3 21.Rc3 Bb4 22.Rc8+ Kd7 23.Rxh8 Nxh8 24.bxa6 bxa6 25.Bxa6 ½, Alekseev,E (2616)-Bareev,E (2711) Sochi 2004;

B3) The same goes for 8.Bg5 Qd7 *(8...Qa5+!? 9.Nc3 Nbc6 10.Bb5 Qc7∞)* 9.Bxe7 Bxe7 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.Nd2 Nc6 12.Nf3 0-0 13.0-0 Rad8 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Qd2 Bc5 16.Bb5 Qc7 17.Rad1 Qb6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.c3 g6 20.h4 Bf8 21.h5 c5 22.Re2 Qa6 23.b3 Qc6 24.Qf4 Bg7 25.Qh4 Rd7⇄ Nijboer,F (2564)-Postny,E (2661) Sabadell 2008 See the notes to this game in CBM 126 by Postny.;

B4) 8.0-0 Nbc6 9.Bb5

B4a) ≤9...Bg6 10.c4 a6 11.Ba4! *(11.Bxc6+ Nxc6 12.Qa4 Qd7 13.cxd5 Nxe5 14.Nc3 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Bd6 16.dxe6 0-0 17.Rad1 Rae8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxd6 Rxe6 20.Rxe6 Bxe6=* Grischuk,A (2786)-Sumets,A (2598) Rhodes 2013*)* 11...dxc4 12.Na3! *(12.Nxc6 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nxc6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Nd2 c3 16.bxc3 0-0-0⇄)* 12...Bd3 13.Rc1! Bxf1 *(13...Qd5 14.b3 Qxe5* Praneeth,S (2388)-Ravi,T (2384) Lucknow 2016 *15.Nxc4 Bxc4 16.Rxc4±; 13...Rc8 14.Nxc4 Bxc4 15.Rxc4 b5 16.Nxb5 axb5 17.Bxb5 Qxd1 18.Rxd1 f5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Rd6* Wei,Y (2706)-Ezat,M (2479) Tsaghkadzor 2015*)* 14.Qxf1 Rc8 15.Qxc4 Qd7 *(15...Qc7 16.Qc2 Qxe5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Nb6 Rd8 19.Qe4 e5 20.Nxc6 Nxc6 21.Rxc6 bxc6 22.Bxc6+ Ke7 23.Bc5+ Kf6 24.Qf3+ Ke6 25.Bd5+ Rxd5 26.Qxd5+ Kf5 27.Nd7 Kg6 28.Nxe5+ Kf6 29.Nd7+ Kg6 30.g4* 1-0, Bartel,M (2652)-Laznicka,V (2666) Germany 2015*)* 16.b4 g6 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 18.b5 Bxa3 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Rc3 Bb2 21.Rd3 Qc7 22.Bc5 Bxe5 23.Qxa6↑ Westera,B (2432)-Hollands,G (2202) email 2012;

B4b) 9...a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.c4 Qd7 and the defence holds:

B4b1) 12.Nc3 dxc4 13.Na4 Nd5 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.Rc1 c3 16.Nxc3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 g6 18.Qf3 *(18.e4 Qxd1 19.Nxd1 fxe4 20.Rxc6 Bg7 21.Rf4 Bxe5 22.Rxe4 Kd7 23.Rc2 Rhe8=* Santos Ruiz,M (2484)-Swapnil,S (2526) Sitges 2016*)* 18...Bh6 19.Na4 0-0 20.Nb6 Qa7 21.Rxc6 Rae8 22.Nc4 f4 23.Kh1 fxe3 24.b3 Bg7 25.Qxe3 Qxe3 26.Nxe3 Rxe5 27.Nc4 Re6= Caruana,F (2808)-Navara,D (2742) Baku olm 2016;

B4b2) 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.Bd4 Nc7 15.Nc3 Rb8 16.Ne2!? *(16.Rc1 Ne6 17.Ne2 Be7 18.b3 0-0 19.Be3 Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 Rfd8 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.g3 c5 23.Nf4 Nd4 24.Kg2 g5 25.Nh5 h6⇄* Vachier Lagrave,M (2813)-Navara,D (2742) Baku olm 2016 *)* 16...Ne6 17.Bc3 c5 18.Ng3 g6 19.Qf3 Qb7 20.Qxb7 Rxb7 21.Rfd1 Be7 *(*The engine recommendation is the more active *21...c4!? 22.Nf1 Bb4=)* 22.Nf1 Nd4 23.Ne3 f6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Kf1 Kf7 26.Rac1± Shirov,A (2679)-Vidit,S (2686) Douglas 2016]

6...Nc6 7.0-0 Bg6 A rare move.

[Before doing anything else, Black mostly relieves the tension with 7...cxd4

A) 8.cxd4 Nge7 doesn't give White real chances for an advantage, after 9.b3 *(9.Nc3 Bg4 10.Be3 Nf5 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 g6 13.Qd2 Bg7 14.Bg4 Nxe3 15.fxe3 0-0 16.Rf2 Qe7 17.Raf1 ½,* Cao,S (2545)-Stohl,I (2581) Hungary 2004 *f6 18.exf6 Rxf6=; 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nf5 11.Bb5 Qb6 12.Qa4 Be7 13.Rac1 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Rxc6 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qa3 17.Qxa3 Bxa3 18.Ra6 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Be7 20.Rb7 Rac8 21.Raxa7 Rc2 22.Rxe7 Nxe3=* Short,N (2695)-Stohl,I (2560) Olomouc 1996*)* Black probably has more than one way to deploy his forces effectively. I quite like 9...Rc8!? 10.Bb2 Ng6 11.g3 *(11.Qd2 Bb4 12.Qe3 0-0 13.a3 Ba5 14.Nc3 f6 15.Nb5 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bb6 17.Qd2* Vujacic,B (2340)-Drazic,S (2405) Igalo 1994 *Bg4↑)* 11...f6 12.Nbd2 Be7 13.a3 a5 14.Rc1 *(⌓14.exf6 Bxf6∞)* 14...0-0 15.Kg2?! Qb6 16.h3?! fxe5 17.dxe5 Bc5 18.a4 Nb4∓ Ernst,T (2480)-Gausel,E (2485) Oslo 1994

B) 8.Nxd4!? White's more recent hopes are mostly connected with this recapture:

B1) 8...Nge7 9.Nxf5 *(9.f4 Qb6 10.Bb5 0-0-0 11.a4 Nxd4 12.Be3 Nec6 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Rf2 Kb8 15.Nc3 a5 16.g4 Be4 17.Qe2 Nc2 18.Rd1 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 f5 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Qxe4 Bc5=* Ponomariov,R (2709)-Laznicka,V (2651) Baku olm 2016*)* 9...Nxf5 10.Bd3

B1a) 10...Bc5 11.Nd2! *(11.Re1 Nfe7 12.b4 Bb6 13.a4 a5 14.b5 Nb8 15.c4 Nd7 16.Bf1 dxc4 17.Bb2* Zawadzka,J (2405)-Cheremnova,T (2213) Shenzhen 2011 *Rc8∓)* 11...g6 *(11...Nh4 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Kh1 f6* Wei,Y (2649)-Yu,Y (2705) Shenzhen rpd 2014 *14.g3 Nf5 15.Nf3±)* 12.Nf3 Nh4 13.Re1 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Rc8 *(14...0-0 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Rad1±)* 15.a3 *(15.Bh6!?)* 15...Be7 16.Qg3 a6?! *(* Black should have finally played *16...0-0±)* 17.Bh6 Bf8 18.Bf4 Bg7? 19.h4! Bf8 *(19...h5 20.Bxg6!→)* 20.h5 Be7 21.Rad1 Na5 22.Qg4 Nc4 23.Re2 Qb6 24.Bc1 Qc7 25.Qg3 b5 26.Bc2! Qc6 27.Rd3 Rd8 28.Rf3 g5 29.h6± Shankland,S (2634)-Akobian,V (2643) Saint Louis 2014

B1b) ⌓10...g6 11.Qe2 *(11.Re1!?)*

B1b1) 11...Qc7 12.Bf4 *(12.f4 Bc5+!? 13.Kh1 h5 14.b4 Bb6 15.a4 a6 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.a5 Ba7 18.Nd2* Minasian,A (2600)-Asrian,K (2575) Yerevan 1999 *Rc8⇄* Lukacs*; 12.Re1 Bg7 13.Bf4 Nfe7 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bg3 g5 16.c4 h5 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.h3 0-0-0 19.Rac1 Kb8*

20.Nb3 Qb6 21.Qf3 Nf4 22.Be4 Nxe5 23.Bxf4 gxf4 24.Qxf4 Qd6 25.Qg3± Kurnosov,I (2663)-Postny,E (2653) Biel 2012*)* 12...Be7 13.h3 h5 14.Nd2 g5 15.Bh2 Nh4 16.c4 Nd4 17.Qe3 Ndf5 18.Qe1 dxc4 19.Nxc4 Rd8 20.Qe2 g4 21.Rac1 Qb8 22.Rfd1± Sjugirov,S (2585)-Galkin,A (2608) Ulan Ude 2009 White's central play is more effective, than the flank attack.;

B1b2) 11...Bg7 12.f4 *(12.Bf4 g5!? 13.Bc1 0-0 14.f4 gxf4 15.Bxf4 Nh4! Δ♘g6=)* 12...0-0 13.Nd2 f6! 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nb3 *(15.Nf3 Rae8 16.Bd2 e5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qd6 19.Bf4 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Qf2 Ne3 22.Qxf8+ Qxf8 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Re1 Ke7 25.h3 Nc4=* Sjugirov,S (2658)-Yu,R (2534) Katowice 2014*)* 15...Rae8 16.Bd2 e5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.fxe5 *(18.Qb5!?)* 18...Qxe5 19.Qb5 d4!? 20.Qxb7 dxc3 21.bxc3 Malakhov,V (2725)-Berkes,F (2678) Khanty-Mansiysk olm 2010 Qd5!?⩱ 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Re1 Qc4 24.Qd7 Bxc3 25.Bh6 Qh4!=;

B2) A simpler try is 8...Nxd4 9.cxd4 Ne7 10.Nc3 and now: it is more natural to develop with

B2a) After 10...h6 the most testing is 11.f4 *(11.Bb5+ Nc6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Be3 Be7 14.Na4 0-0 15.Rc1 Qa5 16.Rxc6 Rac8 17.Qc1 Rxc6 18.Qxc6 Bd3 19.Rc1 Bb5 20.Qc7 Qxa4 21.Qxe7 Qxa2=* Carlsen,M (2776)-Anand,V (2791) Nice rpd 2009*; 11.Qb3 Qd7 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Rfc1 Be7 14.Na4 0-0 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Rxc5 b6 17.Rc3 Na5 18.Qb4 Rac8 19.Bb5 Qb7 20.Rac1 Nc4! 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.Rxc4 Be4 23.f3 Bd5⩱* Adams,M (2722)-Laznicka,V (2683) Istanbul olm 2012*; 11.g4!? Bh7 12.f4* is similar*)* 11...Nc6 12.Be3 Be7 13.g4 Bh7 14.f5 exf5 15.gxf5 Bg5 16.Qd2 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Qg5+ 18.Qxg5 hxg5 19.Bb5 0-0-0 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.f6± Aroshidze,L (2535)-Bergez,L (2341) Barbera del Valles 2015;

B2b) 10...Nc6 11.Be3 Stohl,I: 'is just another way to transpose to the 7...cxd4 8.♘xd4 lines. The Fedoseev-Dreev rapid game (quoted above) went like this.' *(11.g4 Bg6 12.f4 f5 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.f5 exf5 15.Be3 Bd6 16.Nxd5 Qh4 17.Bf4 Rd8 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.Nc7+ Kd8 20.Nb5 fxg4 21.Nxd6 g3 22.hxg3 Qxg3+ ½,* Karjakin,S (2772)-Mamedyarov,S (2760) Shamkir 2014 For details see notes to this game in CBM 160 by Sumets.*)* 11...Be7 *(11...Bg6 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.Rac1 Be7 14.Bb5 Rc8 15.Na4 0-0 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.Rxc5 a6 18.Be2 Nb8 19.Rfc1 Rxc5 20.Rxc5 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.h4 h6 23.h5 Bb1 24.a3 Qc2 25.Qxc2 Bxc2± /=,* Adams,M (2728)-Ragger,M (2628) Germany 2010*)* 12.Rc1 *(12.f4 0-0 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 f5 15.exf6 Bxf6=* Hort,V (2478)-Ushenina,A (2496) Marianske Lazne 2008*; 12.Bg4 Bg6 13.f4 Qd7 14.Qf3 f5 15.Bh5 Bxh5 16.Qxh5+ g6 17.Qh3 0-0-0 18.Ne2 Kb8 19.Bd2 Rc8 20.a3 Qc7 21.b4 Ka8=* Coche,W-Klein,M email 2006*)* 12...0-0 13.Na4 *(13.a3 Rc8 14.b4 a5 15.b5 Nb8 16.Qb3 Nd7 17.Na4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Nb6 19.Nxb6*

Qxb6 20.a4 Bb4 21.h4 h6 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Qd8 24.g3 Qb8 25.Kg2 Rc8= Fedoseev,V (2667)-Dreev,A (2652) Moscow rpd 2016*)* 13...Rc8 14.Nc5 b6 *(14...Na5!=* **Δ** *15.b4 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Nxb7 Qb6)* 15.Nd3 Na5 16.g4 Be4 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.f3 Bg6 19.Nf4 Bg5 20.Nxd5 Bxe3+ 21.Nxe3 Rd8 22.Qa4 h5 23.gxh5 Bxh5 24.Kf2 Qc6 25.Qb4 Bg6 26.Rd1± Baklan,V (2610)-Berkes,F (2685) Mamaia 2012]

8.a3

[8.Be3 cxd4

A) 9.Nxd4 Nge7 *(9...Nxe5!?)* 10.f4 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Nd2 h5 13.Nf3 Be7 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 g6 16.Qb3 b6 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.g3 Qc7 19.Rd2 Be4 20.a4 Bc5= Karjakin,S (2723)-Bareev,E (2634) Moscow blitz 2009

B) 9.cxd4 Nge7 10.Nh4 *(10.Nc3 Nf5 11.Rc1 Be7 12.Na4 0-0 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.Rxc5 Qb6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Rfc1 Bh5 17.a3 Rad8 18.b4 Rd7 19.h3 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 f6 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.Be2 Rdf7=* Anand,V (2670)-Karpov,A (2725) Roquebrune rpd 1992*)* 10...Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Nc3 is just another way to transpose to the 7...cxd4 8. ♘xd4 lines. The Fedoseev-Dreev rapid game (quoted above) went like this.]

8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nge7 10.b4

[10.Nc3 Nc8 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 Be7 13.Ne1 Rc8 14.Qd2 0-0 15.Nd3 Nd7 16.Rfd1 Na5 17.Qb2 Qb6 18.Rdb1 Qd8 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Rab1 Qd8 21.f4 f6⇄ Kryvoruchko,Y (2691)-Prohaszka,P (2593) Gjakova 2016]

10...Nc8!?

[This seems more to the point than 10...Nf5 11.Bb2 *(11.b5 Na5 12.Nbd2 Rc8 13.Bb2 Be7 14.Qa4 b6 15.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 16.Rxc1 0-0 17.Nb3 Nc4! 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Qxc4 Bg5 20.Rc3 Bh5 21.a4 h6 22.Ba3 Be7 23.Bxe7 Nxe7 24.Qc7 Nd5 25.Qxd8 Rxd8 26.Rc6 Bxf3 27.gxf3 g5⩱ =,* Kabanov,N (2496)-Lintchevski,D (2563) Tyumen 2012*)* 11...Be7 12.Nbd2 Qb6 13.Nb3 *(13.Qa4 0-0 14.b5 Nb8 15.Bc3 Qd8 16.Ba5 b6 17.Bb4 Qd7 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Qb4 a5 20.bxa6 Nxa6 21.Qxb6 Rfb8 22.Qa5 Nb4 23.axb4 Rxa5 24.bxa5⩱* Zhigalko,S (2680)-Lupulescu,C (2626) Aix les Bains 2011*)* 13...Bh5 14.Bc3 a6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Rc8 17.Qd2 0-0 18.Be2 Qa7 19.a4± Inarkiev,E (2707)-Lintchevski,D (2563) Tyumen 2012]

(Diagram)

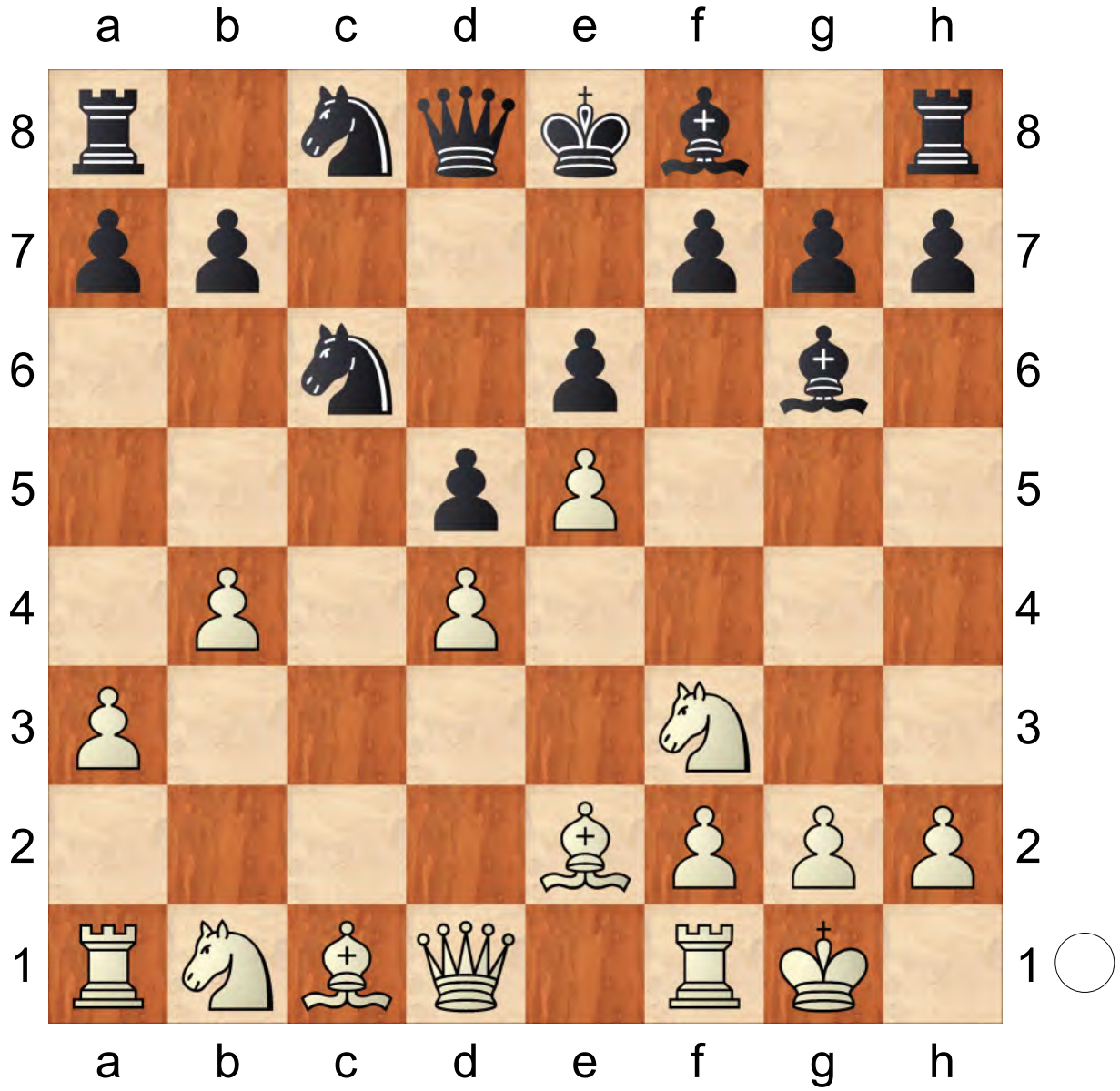
Black's strategy is to seek play on the queenside. **11.Nbd2**

[11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nbd2 Nb6 14.Rc1 0-0 15.Qb3 a5!? 16.bxa5 Nc4 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Rxa5 19.a4 ½, Dominguez Perez,L (2739)-Mamedyarov,S (2768) Doha rpd 2016 Be4⩱]

11...Nb6 12.Bb2 Be7 13.Rc1N

[13.Ne1

A) 13...f6?! 14.h4 fxe5 15.h5 Be4? *(⌓15...Bf7)* 16.dxe5 0-0 17.Qb3!



(17.f3?! Bg5) 17...Nc4 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Bxc4 Kh8 20.Rd1+- Bologan,V (2687)-Eljanov,P (2704) Sochi 2012

B) 13...0-0 14.Nd3 Rc8 *(14...Nc4 15.Nxc4 dxc4 16.Nf4 Rc8 17.d5 exd5 18.Nxd5±)* 15.Nc5 Nd7⇄]

13...0-0 14.Bc3

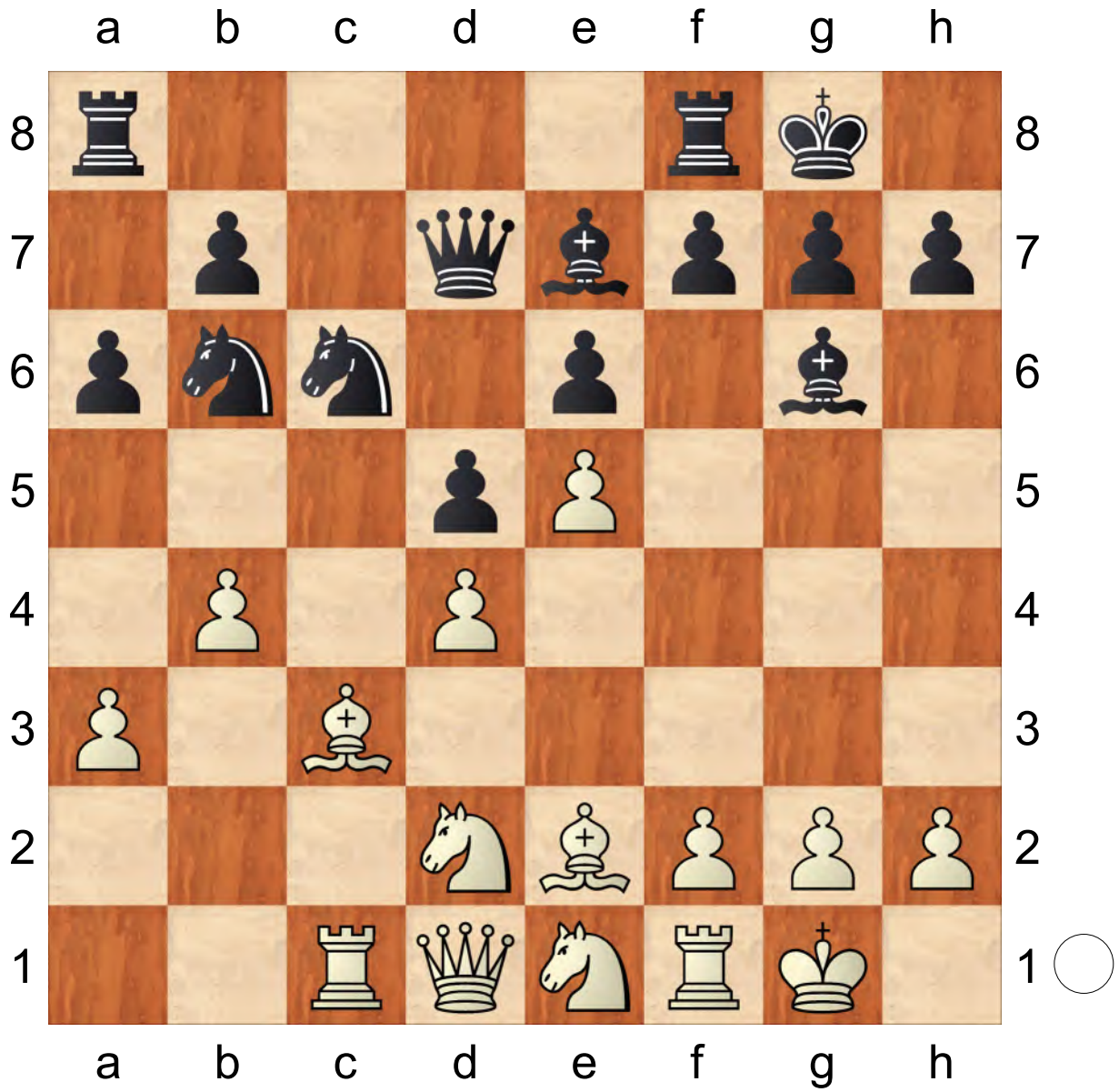
[14.Nb3 Nc4! 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Rxc4 a5⩲ Δ 17.b5? Qd5∓]

14...a6 15.Ne1 Qd7

[15...Rc8 16.Nd3 Nc4 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Nc5 b5 19.Nxa6 Qb6!? *(19...Ra8? 20.a4!±)* 20.Nc5 Rfd8⇄]

[15...Nd7 16.Nd3 b5 17.Nb3 Nb6= seems roughly equal, Dreev goes for a more complex solution.]

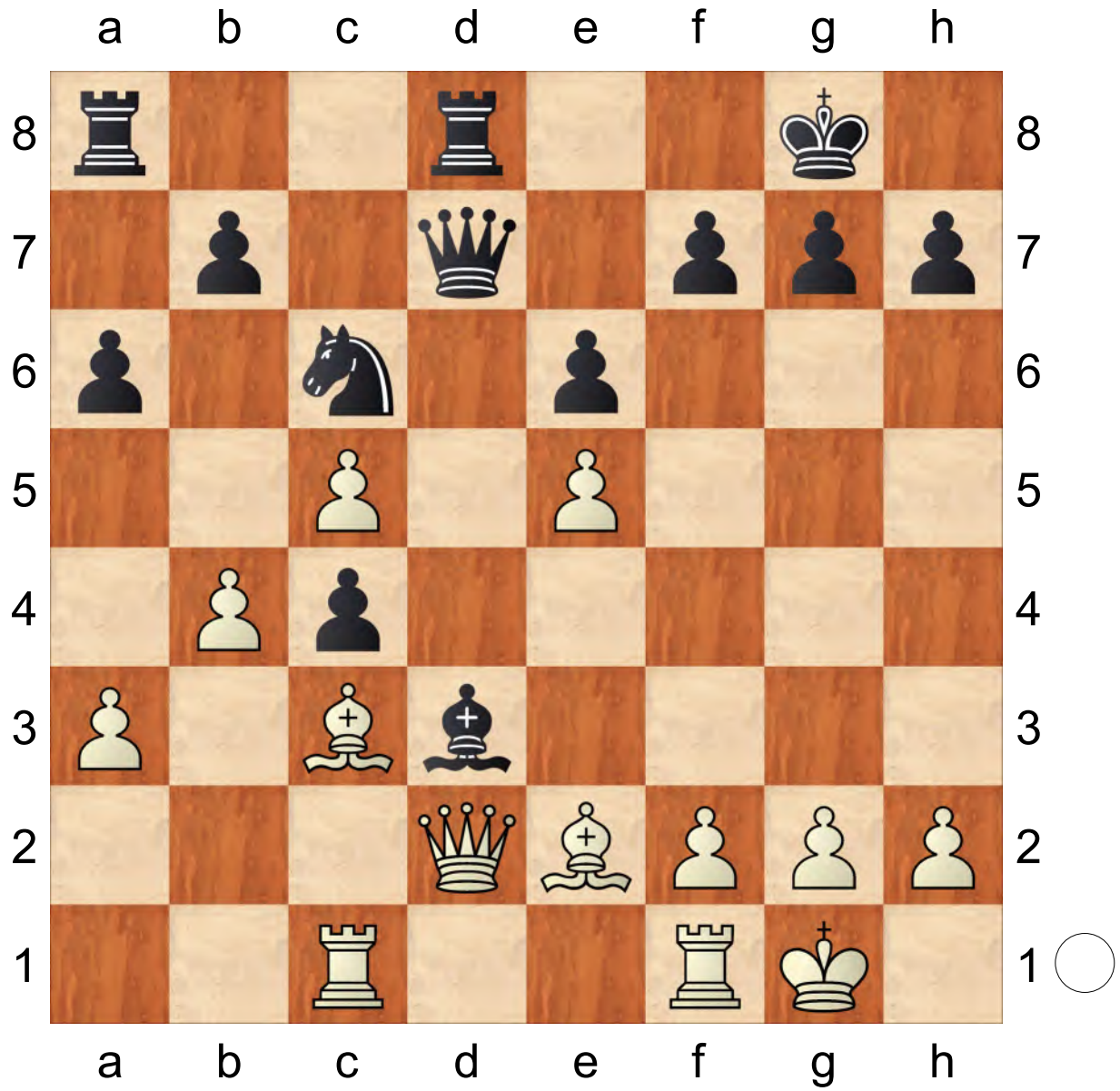
(Diagram)



16.Nd3 Nc4 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.dxc5?!
[19.bxc5 Qd5 *(19...Rfd8 20.Bxc4 Nxd4 21.Ba5↑)* 20.Bb2 *(20.Re1 Rad8 21.Bf3 Qd7⇄)* 20...Bd3 21.Bxd3 cxd3 22.f4 Nxd4 23.Qxd3 Rfd8 24.Rfd1 Nb3=]
19...Bd3 Black starts taking over; he has a lot of play on the light squares. **20.Qd2**
[20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.Qf3 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 a5!?∓]
20...Rfd8∓

(Diagram)

21.Rfd1 Ne7
[21...Na7 22.Bf3 Rab8!?∓]
22.Qb2



[22.Bf3 Nd5↑]

22...Qa4 23.Bf3 Rd7 Black has secured his ♗d3 on its strong outpost, where it greatly limits the options of Fedoseev's major pieces. **24.g3 Rad8 25.h4 Nc6**

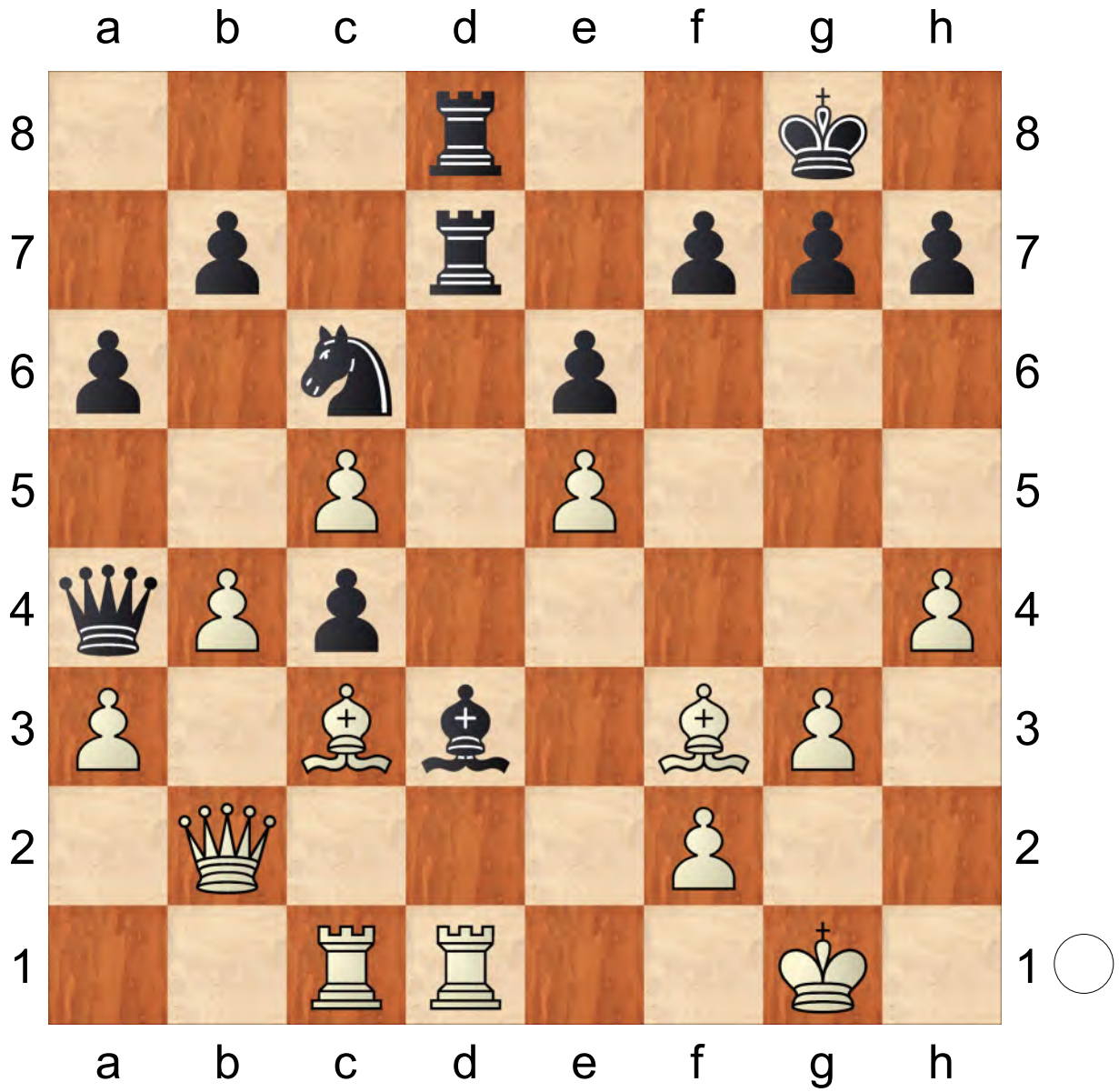
(Diagram)

26.Rd2 Na7 27.Ra1 Prevents ♘b5. While White has no realistic chances for active play, it's not easy to see how Black can make progress... **27...Rd5!?** Dreev comes up with an interesting plan. The ♗f3 is an important piece and winning the exchange will increase Black's light-square dominance.

[27...Nb5?? 28.Bd1]

28.Kh2 Both sides ignore the rook for the time being.

[28.Bxd5 Rxd5 *(28...exd5? 29.e6 fxe6 30.Bxg7±)* 29.Kh2 is passive, but still



leaves Black with the task of how to increase his pressure.]

28...h6 29.Qc1 Qd7 30.a4 Nc6

(Diagram)

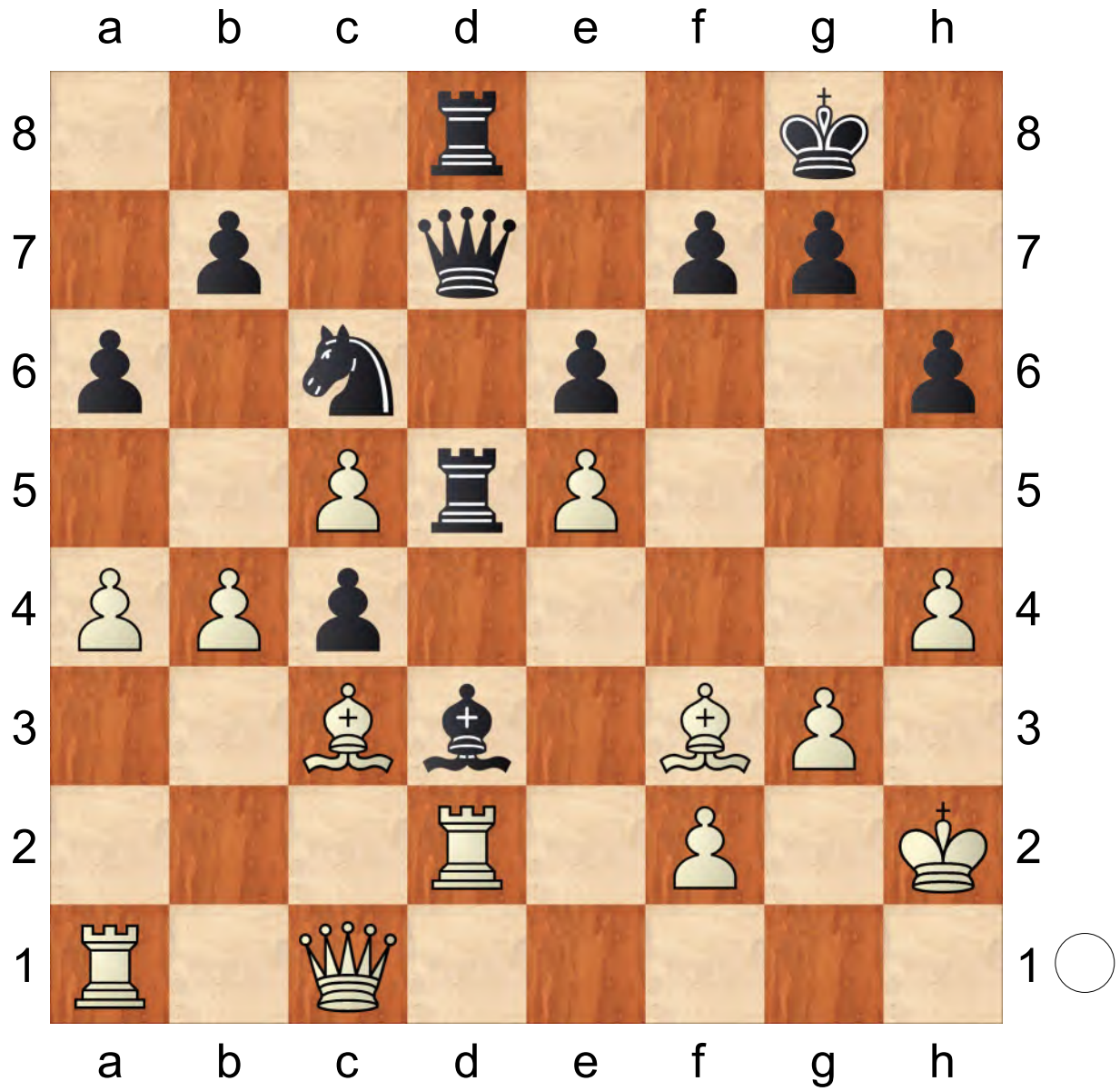
31.Bxd5 With time trouble approaching Fedoseev can't resist the temptation and finally chops off the ♖d5. However, he chooses a rather unfortunate moment.

[31.b5 axb5 *(31...Nxe5!? 32.Bxd5 Ng4+ 33.Kg1 Qxd5∓)* 32.axb5 Nxe5 33.Bxd5 Qxd5 *(33...Ng4+ 34.Kg1 Qxd5 35.Rda2⇄)* 34.Bxe5 Qxe5↑ isn't ideal.]

[A safer way is ⌓31.Qb2 maintaining the status quo.]

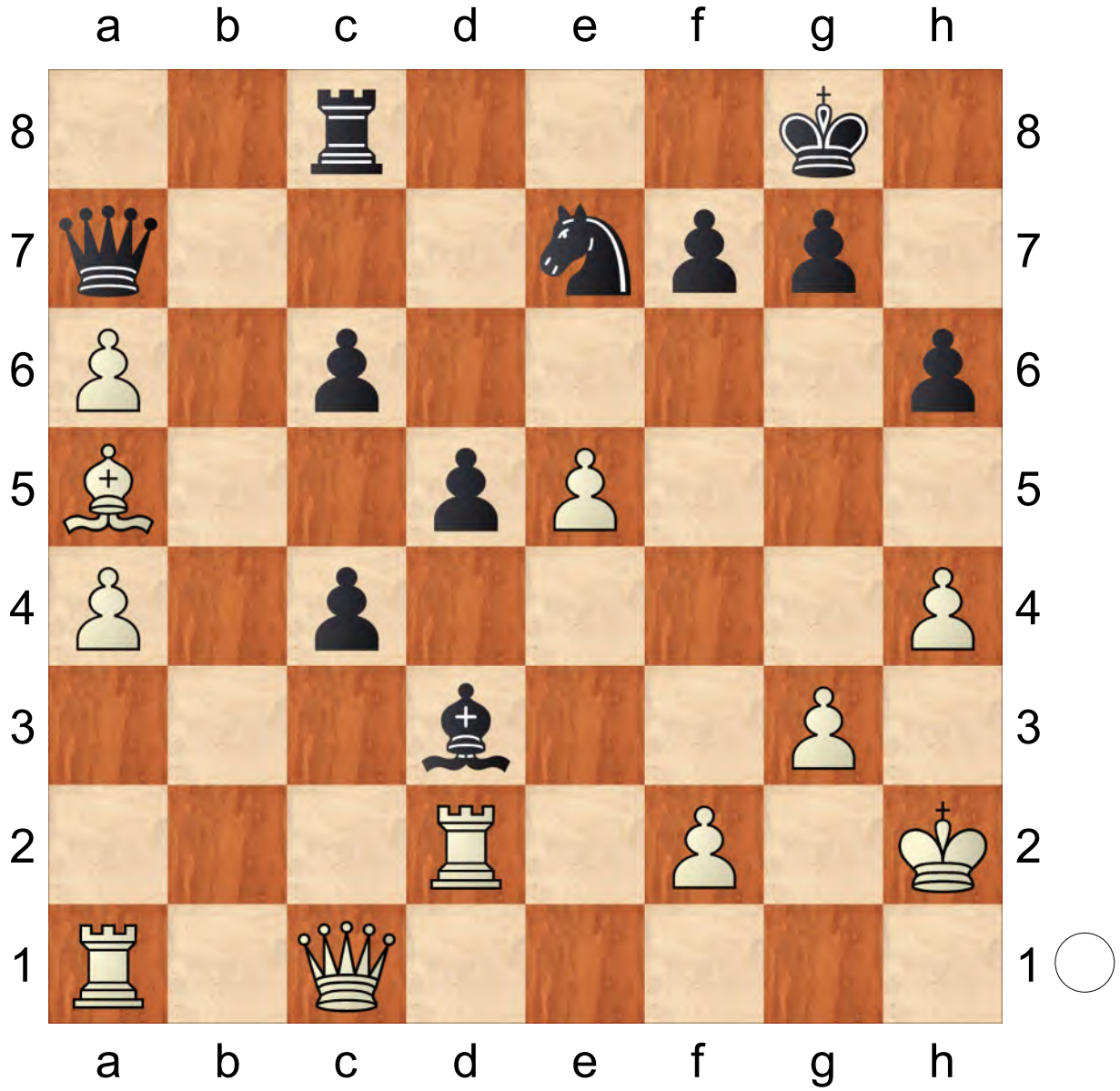
31...exd5!

[31...Qxd5 32.Qh1!±]



32.b5 Weakens the pawn chain.
[However, White didn't want to give back the exchange immediately after 32.f4 d4 33.Rxd3 *(33.Bb2? Nxb4-+)* 33...cxd3 34.Bd2 Qd5↑]
32...Ne7 33.Ba5?!
[33.Qa3 axb5 *(33...d4 34.Ba5 Rc8 35.c6 bxc6 36.Qd6±)* 34.axb5 Qxb5 35.c6 Nxc6 36.Rb2 Qa6 37.Qxa6 bxa6 38.Rb6 d4 39.Rxc6 dxc3 40.Rcxa6 and the resulting endgame seems tenable for White: Be4 41.Rd6⇄]
[33.Bd4 Qg4!⩱]
33...Rc8 34.c6
[34.bxa6 Nc6!∓]
[34.Qc3 axb5 35.axb5 Qxb5∓]
34...bxc6 35.bxa6 Qa7
[35...c5 36.Qb2!⇄ Nc6 37.Qb7 Qe6 38.Bc7 Nd4 39.Rxd3 cxd3 40.a7 Nf3+

41.Kg2 Nxh4+ 42.gxh4 Qg4+=]



36.Qb2
[36.e6 fxe6 37.Qe1 Bf5∓]
36...Rb8 37.Qa3?
[The best way to continue the fight was the virtually inhuman 37.Bb4! Qxa6 *(37...c5? 38.Bxc5)* 38.Qd4! *(≤38.Qc3 Nf5)*
A) 38...Rxb4 39.Rxd3 Rxa4 *(39...Qc8 40.Rf3 c5 41.Qf4 Qe6 42.a5∞)* 40.Rxa4 Qxa4 41.Rf3⇄;
B) 38...Nf5 39.Qf4 Qa7 40.Bd6∞]
37...Nf5!
[37...Rb3 38.Qd6⇄]
38.Rb2?⊕ The final mistake, after which the game is beyond saving.

[38.Bb4 Qxa6∓]

38...Rb3! 39.Qa2□

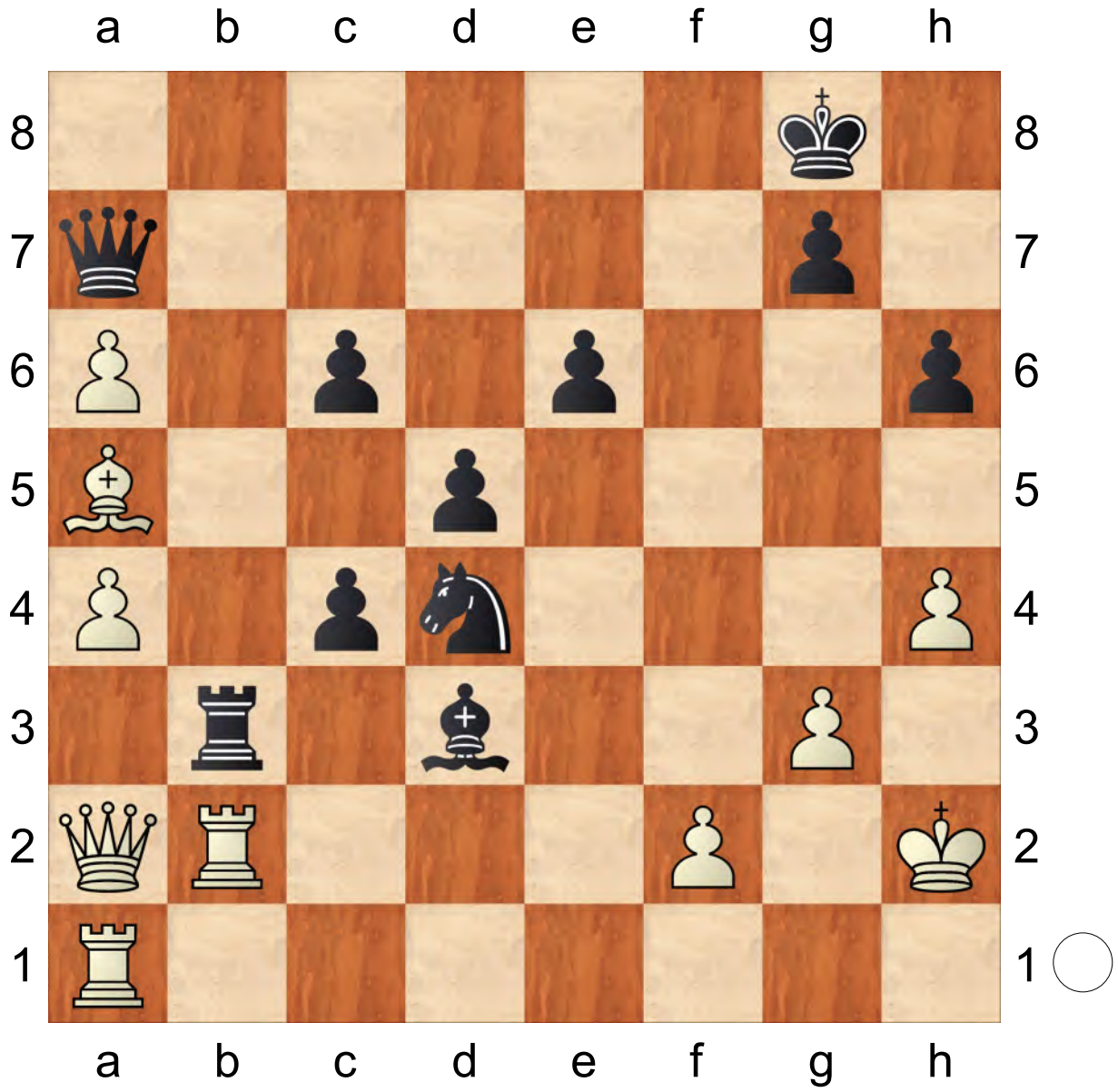
[39.Rxb3 Qxf2+ mates]

39...Nd4-+ 40.e6

[40.Rxb3 gives Black a pleasant choice: Nxb3 *(40...cxb3!? 41.Qb2 Nf3+ 42.Kg2 Be4-+ →)* 41.Be1 Nxa1 42.Qxa1 d4-+]

[40.Bd8 Be4-+]

40...fxe6

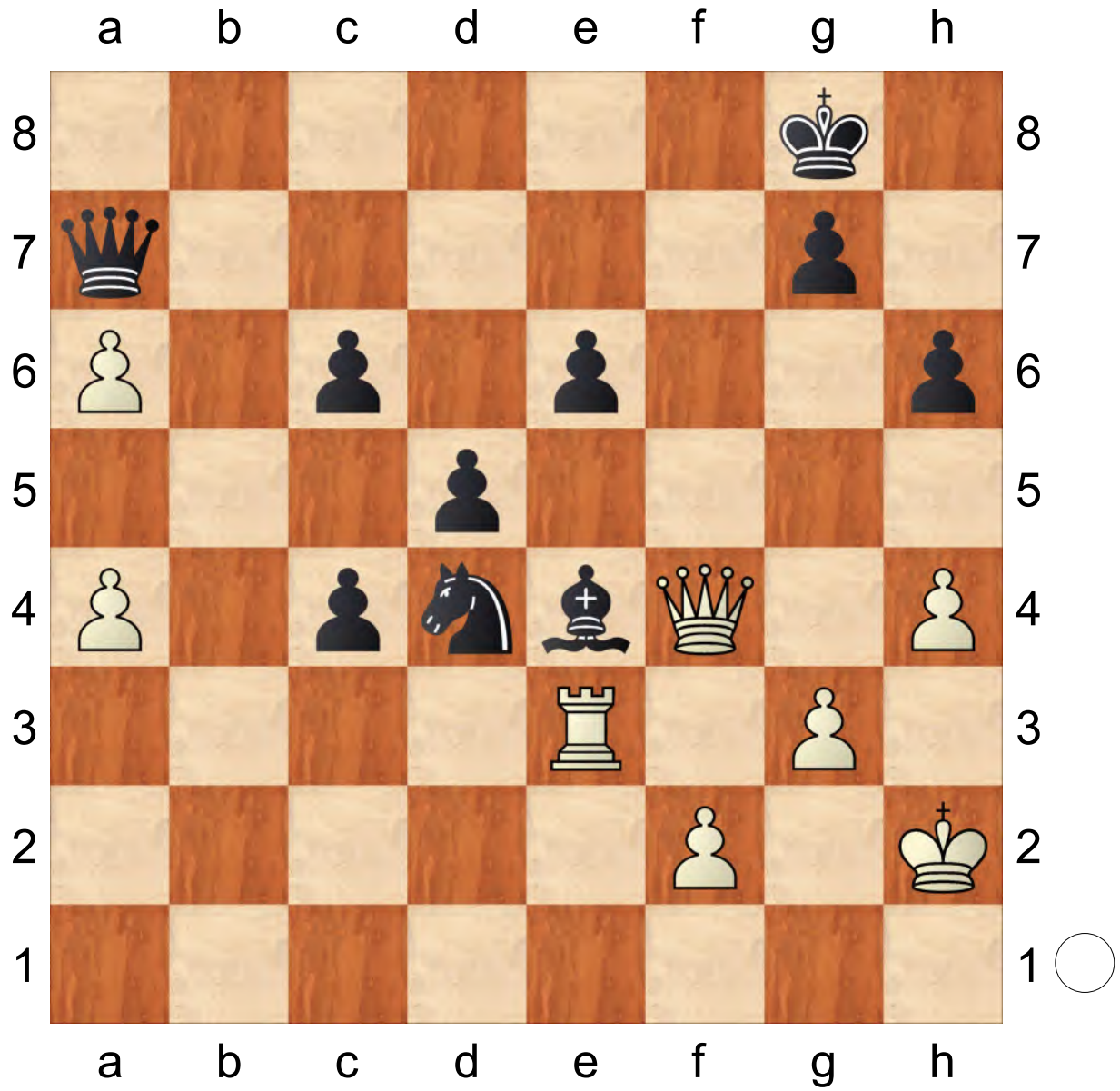


41.Rxb3 Nxb3

[41...cxb3-+]

42.Re1 Nxa5 43.Qd2 Nb3 44.Qf4 Nd4 45.Re3 Be4

(Diagram)



46.h5
[46.f3 Nf5 47.Re2 Bd3-+]
46...c3!
[46...Qxa6 47.Rxe4 dxe4 48.Qb8+ Kh7 *(48...Kf7-+)* 49.Qe8 Nf3+! 50.Kg2 Ne5 51.Qxe6 Qa5-+ and Black's king escapes the checks, but Dreev finds a simpler and quicker way.]
47.Rxc3 Qxa6
[47...Qxa6 48.Re3 e5!? 49.Qxe5 Qf1-+]

(Diagram)

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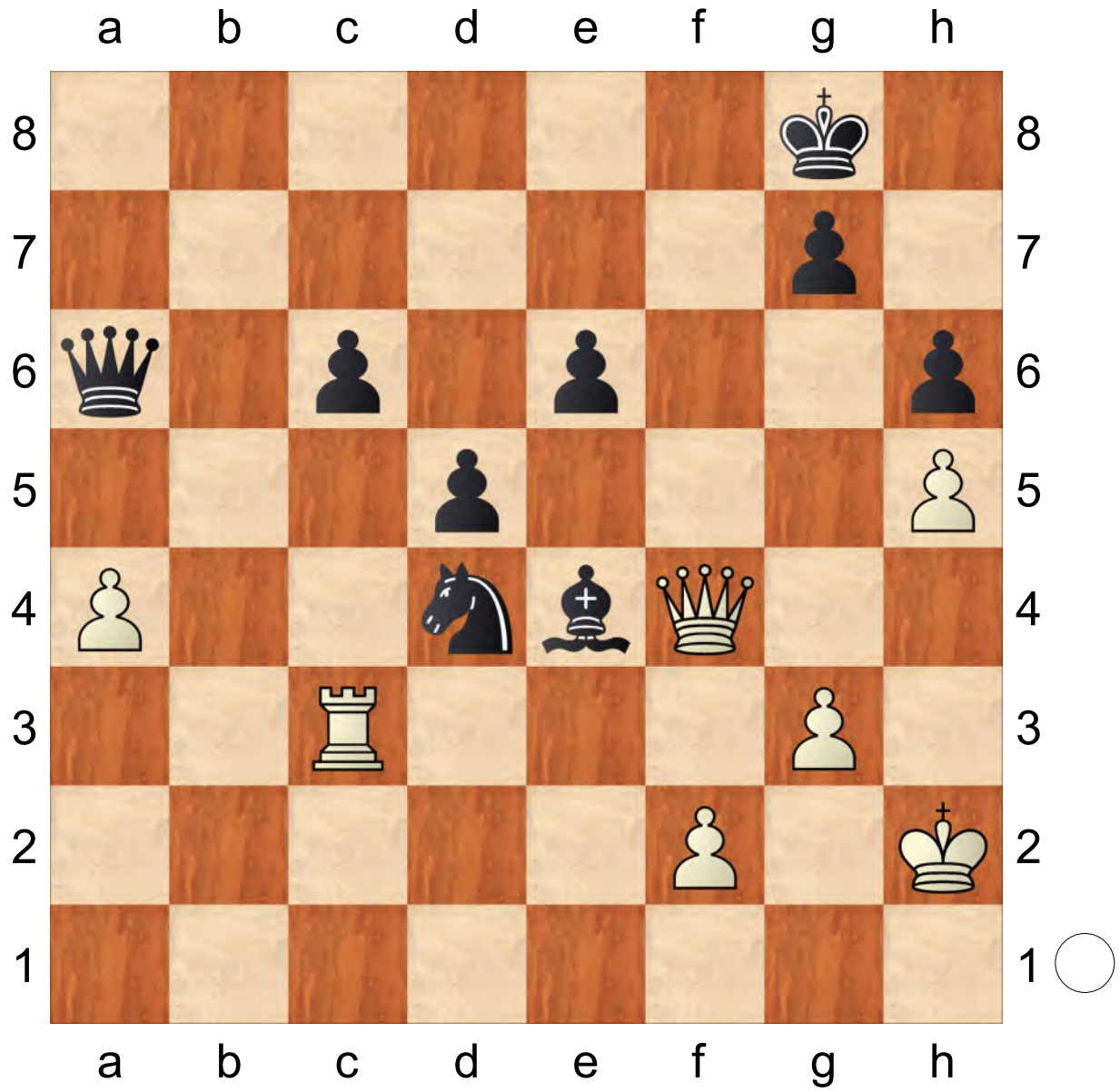
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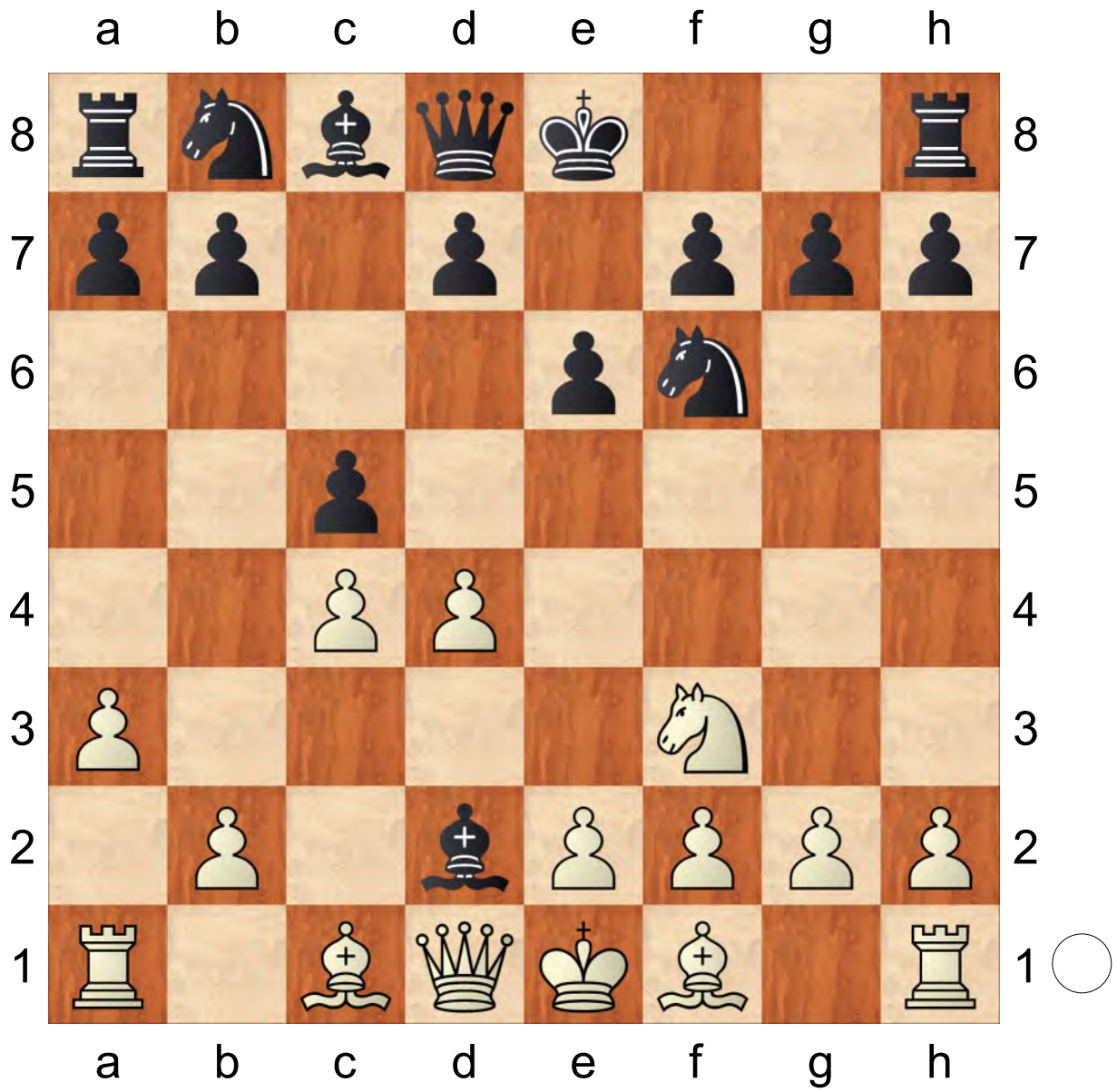
1.d4 Ftacnik **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 c5 5.a3 Bxd2+**



6.Bxd2 **6...d6**
[6...b6 7.Bg5 *(7.dxc5 bxc5 8.g3 Bb7 9.Bg2 Ne4 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 d6 14.b4 0-0 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.Rab1 Rac8 17.Rb5 Rfd8 18.Qb2 Ba6 19.Rxc5 Qd6 20.Rc1 f6 21.Be4 h6* Bayer,E-Rother,C/BL 8990 Regensburg-Koblenz [5] 1990/1-0 (45)*)* 7...Bb7 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 d5 9.g3*

Bb7 10.Bg2 Qd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.cxd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.e3 Na6 17.b4 Rac8 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Rfd1 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Qa2 21.Qf3 Kg7 22.Qb7 Qxa3 23.Nxe6+ Kh6 24.Qxf7 Qxc1+ 25.Kg2 Qc6+ 26.Kh3 1-0 Mohr,S-Schneider,A/Budapest +++ 1988*; 7...h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.e3 Bb7 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Qc7 12.b4 0-0 13.Nd2 Rfe8 14.f3 d5 15.Rc1 cxd4 16.cxd5 Qe5 17.Nc4 Qxd5 18.e4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 Qxe4 20.Bf3 Qxh4 21.Bxb7 Rad8 22.Nd6 Rf8 23.Rc4 e5 24.Nf5 Qg5 25.h4 Qf6 26.Rc6 Qxc6 27.Bxc6* 1-0 Walker,D-Giblin,W/BCF-ch (09) 1993*)* 8.e3 0-0 *(8...Qe7 9.Be2 d6 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.b4 0-0 13.b5 Nb8 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Rfd1 d5 16.a4 h6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 Ne4 19.Qb2 f5 20.Be5 f4 21.Bd3 d4 22.exd4 g4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4* Ftacnik,L-Podzielny,K.H/BL 1993/1-0 (35)*)* 9.Be2 *(9.Bd3 d6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.b4 Nbd7 12.Nd2 h6 13.Bh4 Rfc8 14.Qe2 Qf8 15.Rab1 Bc6 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Bg3 b5 18.Nb3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 cxb4 20.axb4 Rcb8 21.Na5* Mohr,S-Landenbergue,C/Aosta Mi-Cup 1988/1-0 (50)*)* 9...d6 10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.b4 Nbd7 13.Qb3 g5 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.Rad1 cxd4 17.exd4 f5 18.Ne5 Nxg3 19.Qxg3 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Rac8 21.Rd6 Rc5 22.Rfd1 Rfc8 ½-½ Adianto,U-Antonio,R/Jakarta (04) 1994]

[6...cxd4 7.Nxd4

A) 7...Ne4 8.Be3

A1) 8...b6 9.f3 Nc5 *(9...Qh4+? 10.g3 Nxg3 11.Bf2+-; 9...Nf6 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Nd6±)* 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Bf4 a6 *(11...Nc6 12.Bd6 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qxc4 14.e4±)* 12.Nc3 *(12.Nc7 Ra7 13.Nxe6 dxe6 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Bxb8 Rad7⇄; 12.Nd6 Qf6 13.Bc1 Nb7∞)* 12...Nc6 13.e3 Nb7 *(13...e5 14.Bg3 Bb7 15.Be2± xd5)* 14.Be2 d6 15.0-0 e5 16.Bg3 Be6 17.b4 Ne7 18.e4 a5 19.Bf2± x♘b7 axb4 20.axb4 Nc6 21.Nd5! Rxa1 *(21...Bxd5? 22.cxd5 Nxb4 23.Qb3+-)* 22.Qxa1 b5? *(22...Bxd5 23.cxd5 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Qxd4±)* 23.Qa6 Hansen,Cu: '!' '!' Hansen,Cu: '1-0 Cramling,P-Masserey,Y/Biel (04) ;CBM 43 1994' *(23.Qa6!* 43 1-0 Cramling,P-Masserey,Y/Biel (04) ; CBM 1994 *)* 23...Qd7 24.Qxc6 Qxc6 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Nxc6+-;

A2) 8...0-0 9.g3 b6 *(9...d5 10.Bg2 f5 11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Qc2 Ndf6 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.Bxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxd7 Nxg3 18.Qxf5 Nxf5 19.Bc5 Rfc8 20.Bb4 Rc2 21.Kf1 e5 22.Bc3 Nd4 23.Rd1 b5 24.R1xd4 exd4 25.Bxd4 Re8 26.e3 g6 27.Rxa7* 1-0 Langeweg,K-Hecht,H. _J/Hengelo 5/539 1968*)* 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nd6 12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.Qc2 Qc8 14.Rfd1 Nc6 15.Rac1 Ne5 16.h3 f6 17.b4 a5 18.Qb3 axb4 19.axb4 Ra6 20.Nb5 Qc6 21.f4 Nf7 22.Qd3 Rd8 23.Nc3 Ra3 24.Qd4 Rb3 25.Qxb6 Qxc4 26.Qxb7 Rxc3 27.Kf2 d5 28.Rxc3 Qxc3 29.Rc1 Qb3 30.Rc8 d4 31.Bxd4 e5 32.Rxd8+ Nxd8 33.Qe7 1-0 Cebalo,M-Djuric,S/ Jugoslavija (ch) 41/582 1986;

B) 7...Nc6 8.Bc3 0-0

B1) 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.e3 Qb6 11.Bd3 Nxc3 12.Rxc3 Nxd4 13.exd4 d6 14.0-0 h6 15.b4 e5 16.c5 dxc5 17.dxc5 Qc7 18.Qe2 Be6 19.Re1 f6 20.Qe4 Rfd8 21.c6 b6 22.Bc4 Bxc4 23.Qxc4+ Kf8 Kasparov,G-Timman,J/

Brussels 5' 1987/1-0 (64);

B2) 9.Qc2 d5 10.e3 Bd7 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bd3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Rc8 15.0-0 Bg4 16.Nd4 Qb6 17.h3 *(17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 d4* ½-½ Mathe,G-Gyimesi,Z/Caissa KFT(08) 1993 *)* 17...Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.exd4 Bd7 20.Rac1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Timman,J-Ivkov,B/Rio de Janeiro (izt) 28/596 1979/½-½ (45);

B3) 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qd4 d5 11.e3 Re8 12.Qe5 Ba6 13.0-0-0 Qb8 14.f3 Qxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bg3 Nb6 17.c5 Bxf1 18.Rhxf1 Nc4 19.Rd3 e5 20.e4 d4 21.a4 Rab8 22.b3 Ne3 23.Rg1 f5 24.exf5 Nxf5 Hansen,LB-Yanvarjov,I/Budapest Spring-op 1989/½-½ (50);

C) 7...d6 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2± ⧉ a6 10.Bb4!? Ne8 11.Qd2 Δ ♖d1, ♘b3 ×d6 Ra7! 12.0-0 *(12.c5?! e5! 13.Nb3 Be6)* 12...b6 13.Rfd1 Rc7 *(13...Bb7? 14.e4±)* 14.b3 Bb7 15.Bxb7 *(15.e4!?±)* 15...Rxb7 16.a4 Qc8! 17.a5 *(17.e4 Nd7* Δ ♘c5 *)* 17...bxa5 18.Rxa5 e5 19.Nc2 Nc6 20.Ra4 *(20.Rxa6?? Nxb4 21.Nxb4 Rxb4)* 20...a5! 21.Bxa5 Rxb3 22.Bb4± Nf6?! *(22...Nxb4* ⌓ *23.Rxb4 Rxb4 24.Qxb4 f5 25.Ne3±)* 23.Bxd6 Ne4 24.Qe1□ Hansen,Cu: '□' Rd8 25.c5 Nc3 26.Na1! Nxa4 27.Nxb3 Qe6 28.Rb1 h5 29.e3! Δ ♘a5 ×d4 Ra8! 30.h4 Ra7?! 31.Qc1 Qf5 32.Nd2 Qd3?! 33.Rb3 Qe2 34.Ne4 f6 35.Qb1+- Δ 36. ♘f6, 36. ♖b8 Qc4 36.Rb8+ Kf7 37.Ng5+! 1-0 Yusupov,A-Smyslov,V/USSR (ch) 46/668 1988;

D) 7...d5

D1) 8.e3! e5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bc3 Bg4□ Hansen,Cu: ' □' *(10...e4 11.Ne5±* Ruban,V *)* 11.Be2! dxc4 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5± ± Ruban,V-Gorelov,S/USSR 46/(668) 1988;

D2) 8.cxd5 Qxd5 9.e3

D2a) 9...Bd7 10.Be2 e5 11.Bf3 e4 *(11...Ne4 12.Qb3 Qxb3 13.Nxb3 Nxd2 14.Kxd2 Bc6 15.Rac1* ½-½ Michaelsen,N-Hecht,H/BL 8889 Bayern-HSK [7] 1988*)* 12.Be2 Qg5 13.g4 0-0 14.h4 Qg6 15.g5 Nd5 16.Qb3 Nb6 17.Rg1 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.h5 Qe6 20.Qxe6 fxe6 21.Bc3 Bd5 22.Rd1 Rac8 23.Bg4 Rc6 24.Rg2 Na4 25.Be5 Nc5 26.Kf1 Gorelov,S-Vitolinsh,A/URS-OT56 Uzhgorod 1988/½-½ (61);

D2b) 9...a6 10.Bb4 e5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bd6 Qe6 13.Rc1 e4 14.Ng5 Qf5 15.Rc5 Qg4 16.Qb3 Qd7 17.Be5 Qe7 18.Qc2 Nd7 19.Rxc6 bxc6 20.Bf4 Nc5 21.b4 f6 22.bxc5 fxg5 23.Bd6 Qe6 24.Bc4 Mohr,S-Hoelzl,F/Budapest 1988/1-0 (40);

D2c) 9...0-0 10.Bb4 Rd8 *(10...Re8 11.Nb5 Na6 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Bd6 Bd7 14.e4 Red8 15.Bg3 Bxb5 16.Bxb5 Nf6 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.f3 Nh5 19.Be5 Rac8 20.Rd1 f6 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Bc3 f5 23.exf5 exf5 24.g3 Kf7 25.Ke2 Nf6 26.Rd1 Nd5 27.Bd4 Nb6 28.b3 g6 29.Kd3 Nd7* Ruban,V-Vitolinsh,A/URS-OT56 Uzhgorod 1988/1-0 (48)*)* 11.Be7 Rd7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qg4+ Kf8 *(13...Qg5 14.Qxg5+ fxg5 15.Rc1 Na6 16.Bb5±)* 14.Be2 Nc6 15.Bf3 Qd6 *(15...Qa5+ 16.b4 Nxb4 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 18.Qxb4+ Qxb4+ 19.axb4 Rc7 20.Kd2 Bd7*

21.Rhc1±) 16.Rd1 *(16.Nxc6? Qd2+ 17.Kf1 bxc6=* Hansen,Cu: '='*; 16.0-0 Nxd4 17.exd4 Qxd4 18.Qh5 Kg7∞)* 16...Ne5 *(16...Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Qe5 18.0-0±)* 17.Qh4 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qe5 *(18...e5 19.Qh6+ Ke8 20.Rg1 Qf8 21.Qxh7+-)* 19.Rg1 *(19.Qxh7 Qg5±)* 19...h5 20.f4 Qa5+ 21.b4 Qxa3 22.Qxf6+- Qxb4+ Lobron,E-Kortschnoj,V/Biel 1986/ 1-0 (33)]

7.dxc5

[7.Qc2 Nc6 8.dxc5 *(8.Bc3 Qc7 9.e3 0-0 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Bd3 f5 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Rae1 Kh8 16.f4 Qg7 17.e4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 f5 19.Bf3 Rb8 20.Re5 b6 21.Rd1 Qf6 22.Qc3 Kg8* Roeder,M-Haslinger,C/London Lloyds (3) 1987/1-0 (34)*)* 8...dxc5 9.Bc3 Qc7 10.e3 e5 11.Bd3 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng5 0-0-0 14.0-0 Rhe8 15.Bf5+ Kb8 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bg6 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Rfd1 g5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rd1 f6 22.Rd5 Ne7 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Qh7 Qf8 25.Qd3 Kc7 26.Kf1 Qd8 27.Ke2 Qxd3+ 28.Kxd3 Kd6 ½-½ Gruenfeld,E-Levenfish,G/Moscow 1925]

[7.g3 b6 *(7...Nc6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Bc3 0-0 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Ne8 13.Bg2 f6 14.Bc3 e5 15.b4 Be6 16.bxc5 Rf7 17.c6 bxc6 18.Be4 g6 19.Bb4 Qc7 20.0-0 Rc8 21.Rfd1 c5 22.Be1* Poluliakhov,A-Neverov, A/RSFSR-ch Kuibishev 1990/1-0 (45)*)* 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.0-0 Qc7 11.b4 Nbd7 12.b5 0-0 13.a4 a5 14.Qb3 Ne4 15.Rfd1 h6 16.Be1 f5 17.Nd2 Ng5 18.Nf3 Nf7 19.Bc3 g5 20.Qb2 Nb6 21.Bg7 e5 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 Magomedov,M-Vitolinsh,A/URS-sf Daugavpils 1989/1-0 (41)]

7...dxc5 8.Qc2

[8.Bc3 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Nbd7= Δb7-b6,♗c8-b7 Hansen,Cu: '=' *(9...b6 10.g3 Bb7 11.Bg2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Ke7 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rhd8 16.Bxf6+ Kxf6* ½-½ Cramling,P-Smyslov,V/Tumba-Aruba (03) 1992 *)*]

[8.Bf4 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 b6 10.e3 Bb7 11.Be2 Nc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.b4 cxb4 14.axb4 Rfd8 15.b5 ± Efimov,I-Spiridonov,S/Praha 39/(605) 1985]

8...Nbd7

[8...b6 Δ♗b7, ×e4 9.e4!?]

9.0-0-0 ×d6, Δ♗f4 **9...Qc7 10.g3 Ng4!**

[10...b6?!

A) 11.Bf4 Ftacnik e5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bg2 Rb8 14.Qc3 Nfg4 *(14...Nfd7 15.Rxd7!)* 15.h3 g5 16.hxg4 gxf4 17.gxf4 Ng6 18.f5 Ne5 19.f4+-;

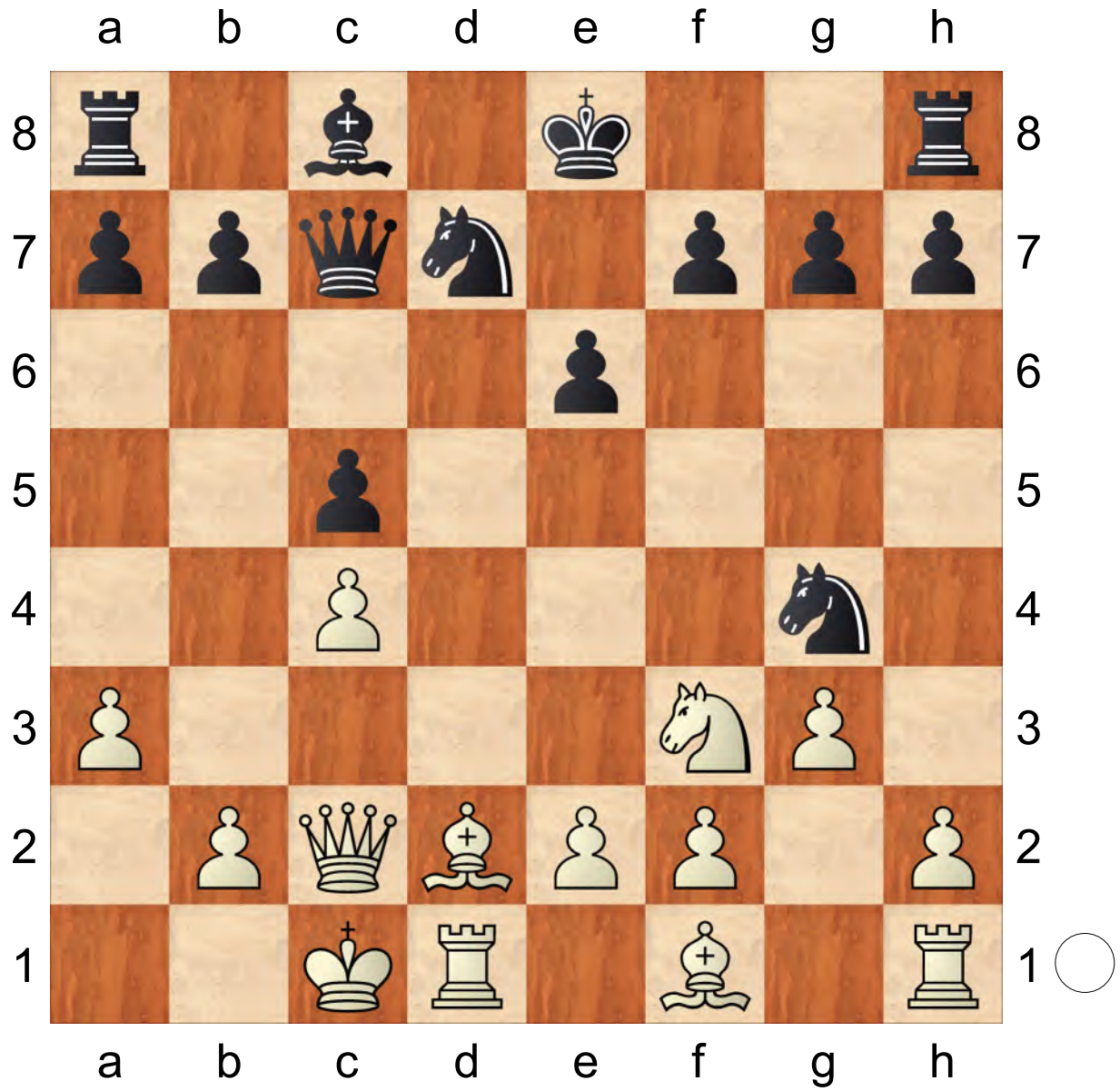
B) 11.Bg2 Bb7 12.Bf4 e5? 13.Nxe5+-]

(Diagram)

11.Bf4?!

[11.Be1 0-0= Hansen,Cu: '=' *(11...a6* Ftacnik *12.h3 Nge5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.f4 Nc6 15.Bc3 0-0∞)*]

11...e5 12.Bh3 h5!



[12...exf4 13.Bxg4 *(13.Qe4+? Kf8 14.Bxg4 Nf6-+)* 13...0-0±]
[12...Nxf2? Ftacnik 13.Bxd7+ Bxd7 14.Nxe5 Bc6 15.Ng6±]

13.Bxg4 hxg4 14.Nxe5

[14.Rxd7 Ftacnik Qxd7 15.Nxe5 Qe6∓]

14...Nxe5 15.Rd5

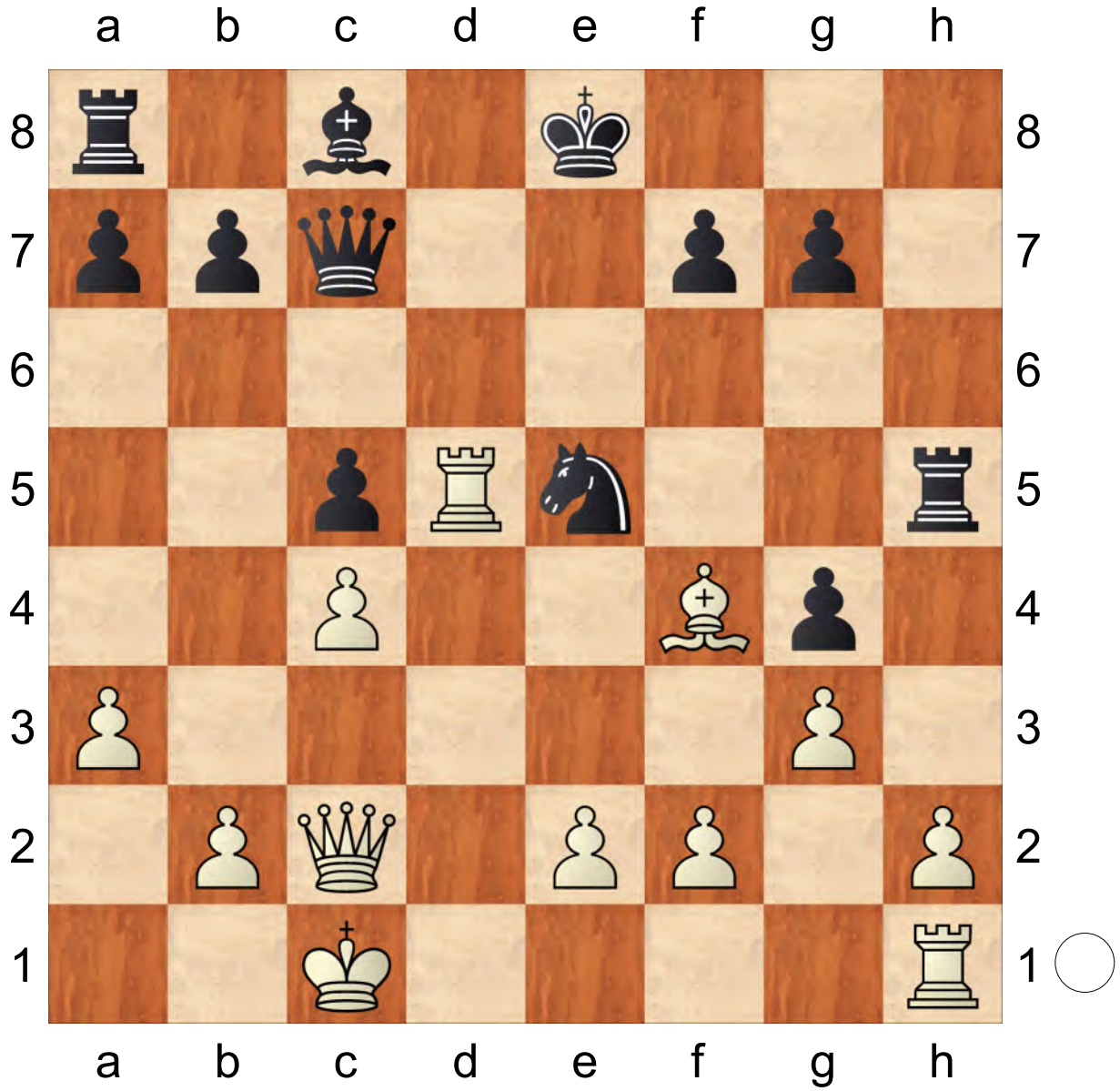
[15.Qe4 Rh5∓]

15...Rh5

[15...f6? Ftacnik 16.Bxe5 fxe5 17.Qg6+ Kf8 18.Rhd1+-]

(Diagram)

16.Rxe5+□ Hansen,Cu: '□'



[16.Qe4 f6 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Qg6+ Kf8-+]
[16.Rhd1 Ftacnik Be6 17.Rxe5 Rxe5 18.Qh7 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.Bxe5 g6= Hansen,Cu: '=']

16...Rxe5 17.Qh7 f6!∓

[17...Qe7? Ftacnik 18.Rd1+-]

18.Rd1

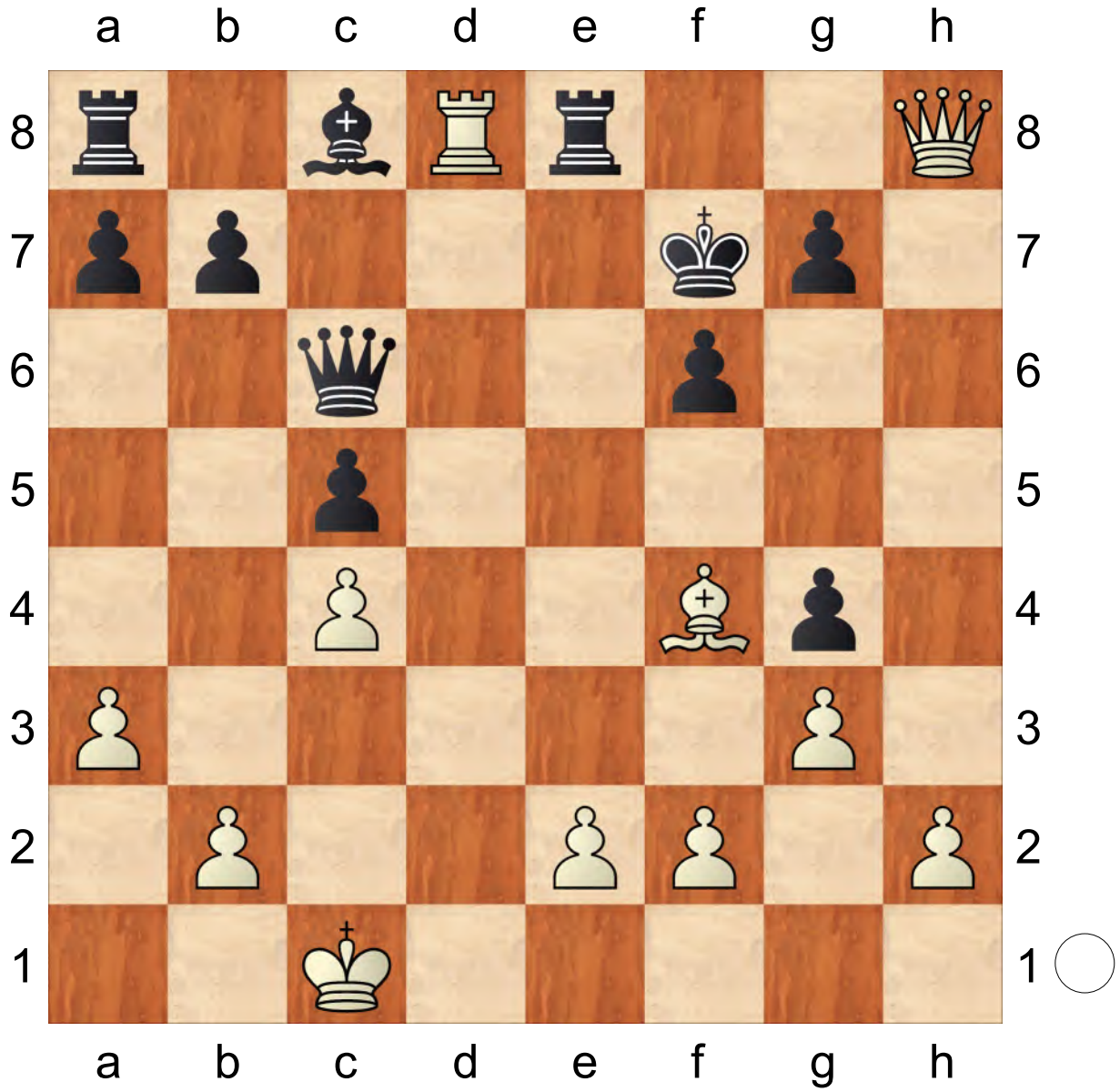
[18.Qg8+ Kd7
A) 19.Rd1+ Kc6∓ *(19...Kc6 Ftacnik 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Rd8 Kc7 22.Re8 Qg5+ 23.e3 a6∓)*;
B) 19.Qxg7+ Kc6 20.Qxf6+ Re6∓ *(20...Re6 21.Qxe6+ Bxe6 22.Bxc7 Kxc7∓)*]

18...Kf7 19.Qh8 Δ♖d8 ≌ **19...Qc6** Δ20. - ♗f5 21.♕xa8 ♕e4⟶ -+ **20.Rd8**

[20.Bxe5

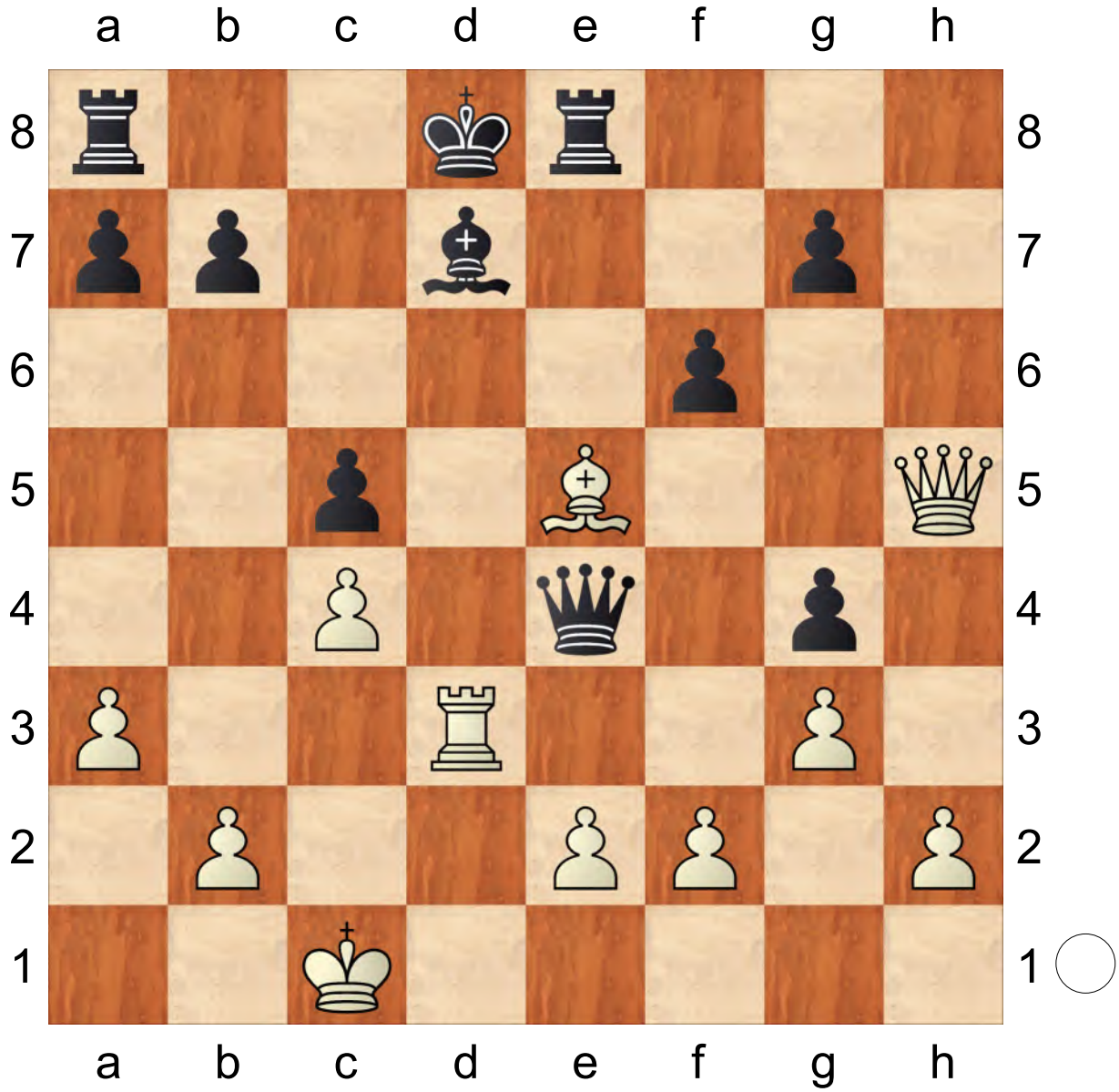
A) 20...fxe5 Ftacnik 21.Qh5+ *(21.Rd8? Qh6+!)* 21...Qg6 22.Qxe5 Be6 23.Qc7+ Kg8 24.Qxb7 Rf8∓;
B) 20...fxe5 Δ♕h6+]

20...Re8
[20...Bf5]



21.Qh5+ Ke7 22.Rd6
[22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Qxc5+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ g6-+]
22...Qe4 Δ♗f5 **23.Rd3□** Δ♖e3, Δ♗d6+ Hansen,Cu: '□'
[23.Qxc5 Kf7-+]
23...Be6□ Hansen,Cu: '□' **24.Bd6+ Kd8-+ 25.Be5+**
[25.Bf4+ Bd7 26.Qxc5 Qc6-+]
[25.Bxc5+ Ftacnik Bd7-+]

25...Bd7



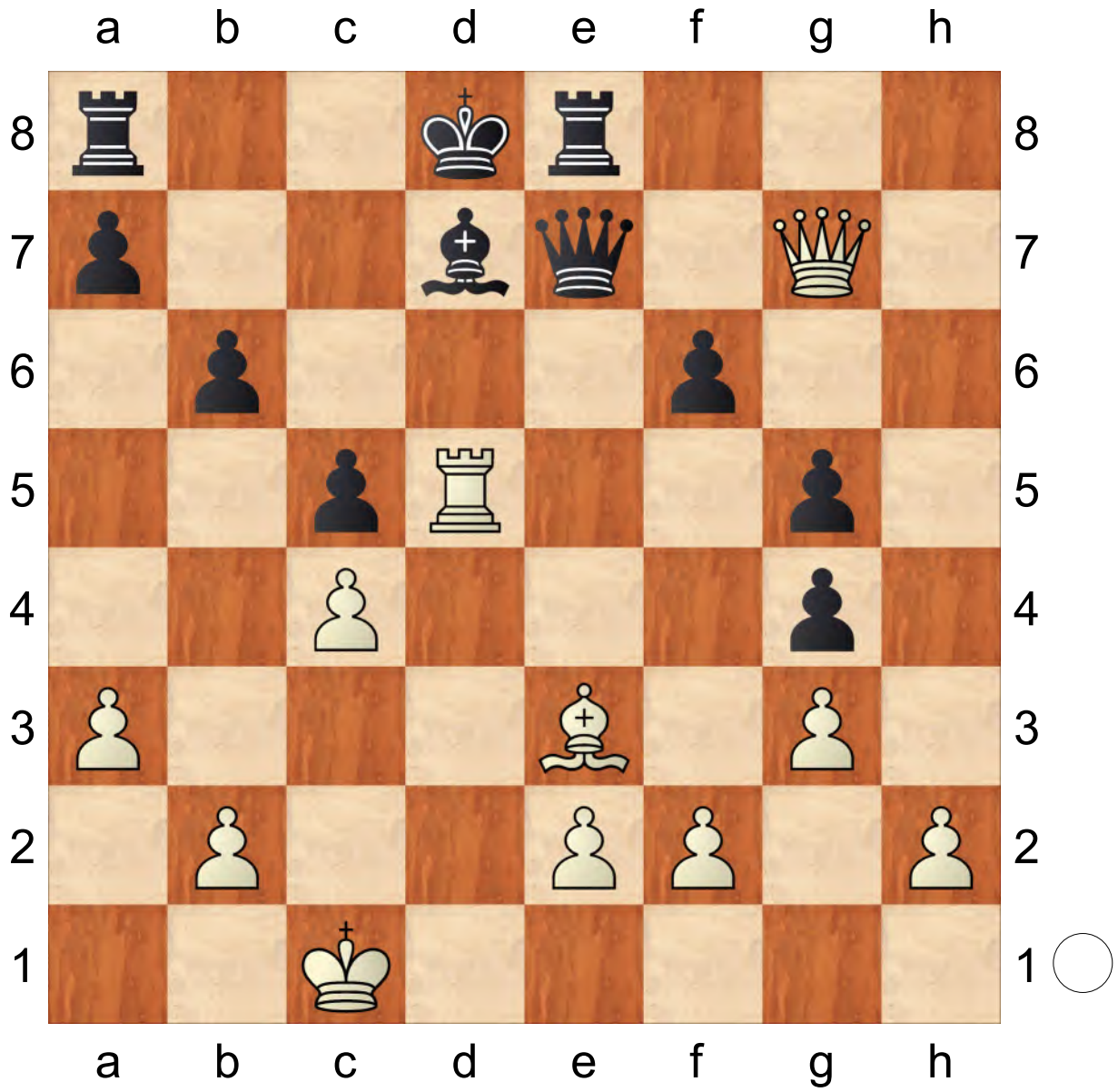
26.Qf7 Qf5 Δ♕e6 27.Bf4 g5 28.Be3 Qe6 29.Qg7 b6 30.Rd5 Qe7

(Diagram)

31.Rxg5 Qxg7
[31...fxg5? Ftacnik 32.Bxg5∞]
32.Rxg7 Kc7 33.b3 Rxe3 34.fxe3 Rh8 35.e4 Rxh2

(Diagram)

36.Kd2 Rg2 37.Rf7 Rxg3 38.e3 Rf3 39.Ke2
(Diagram)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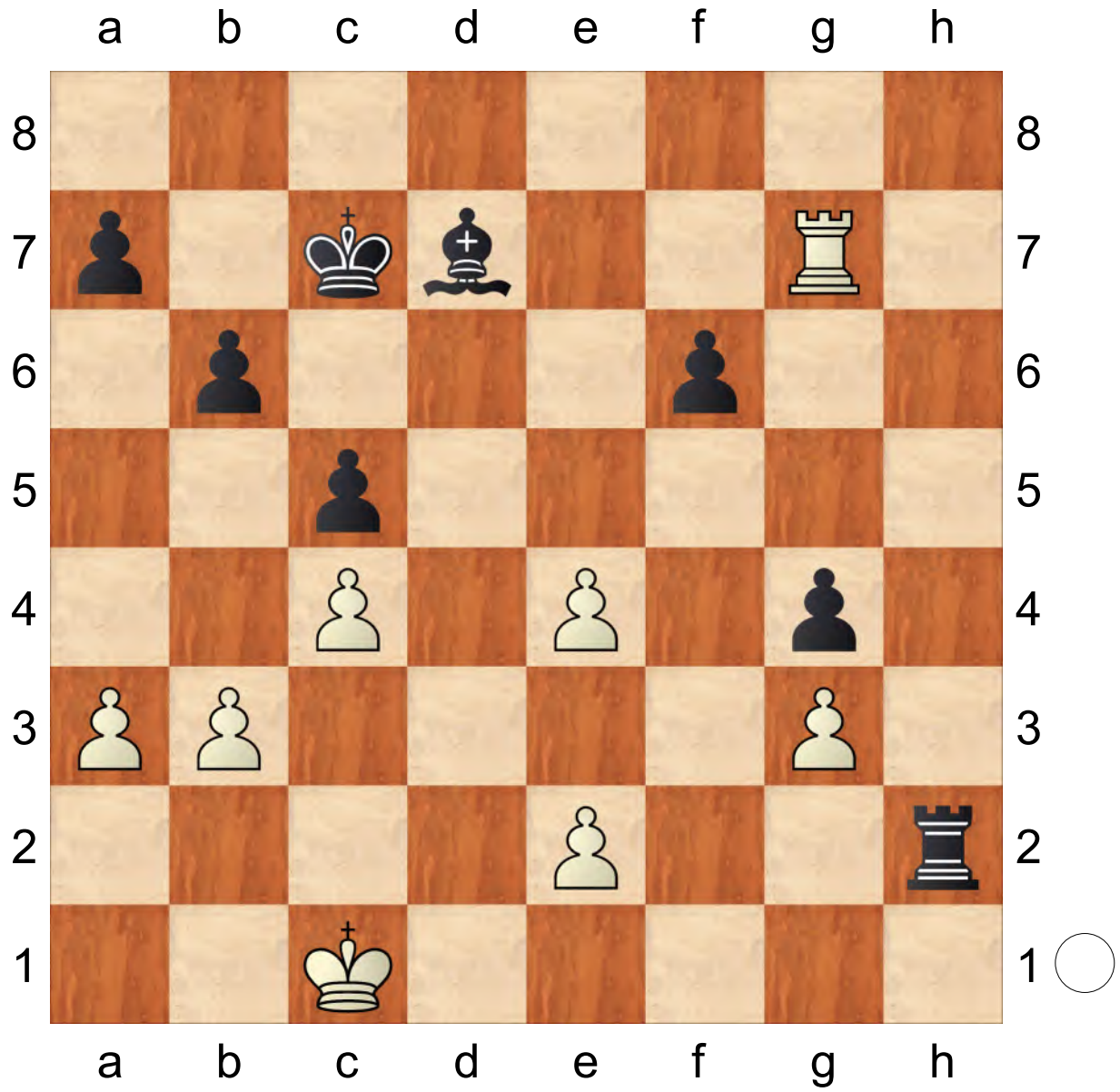
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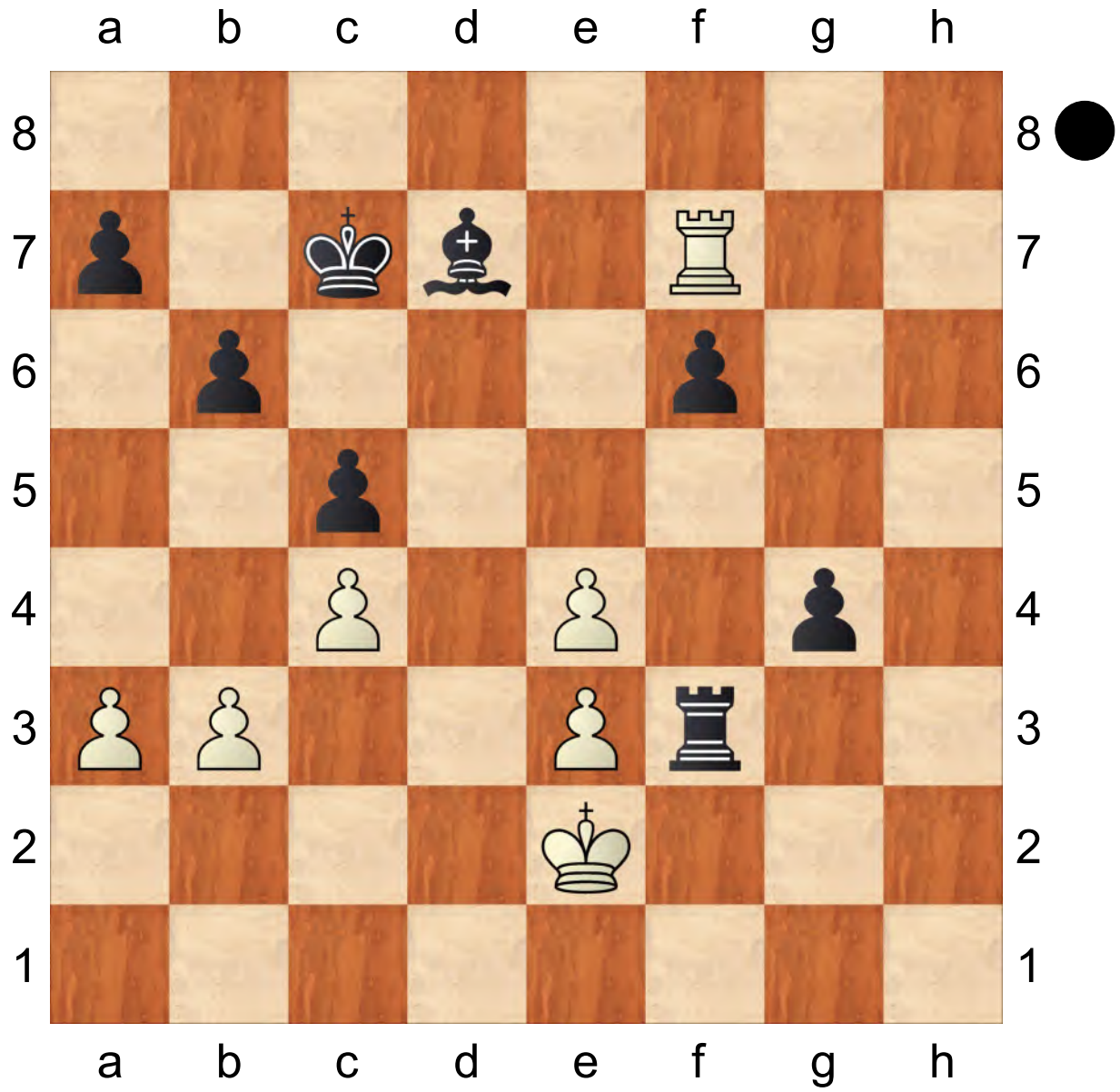

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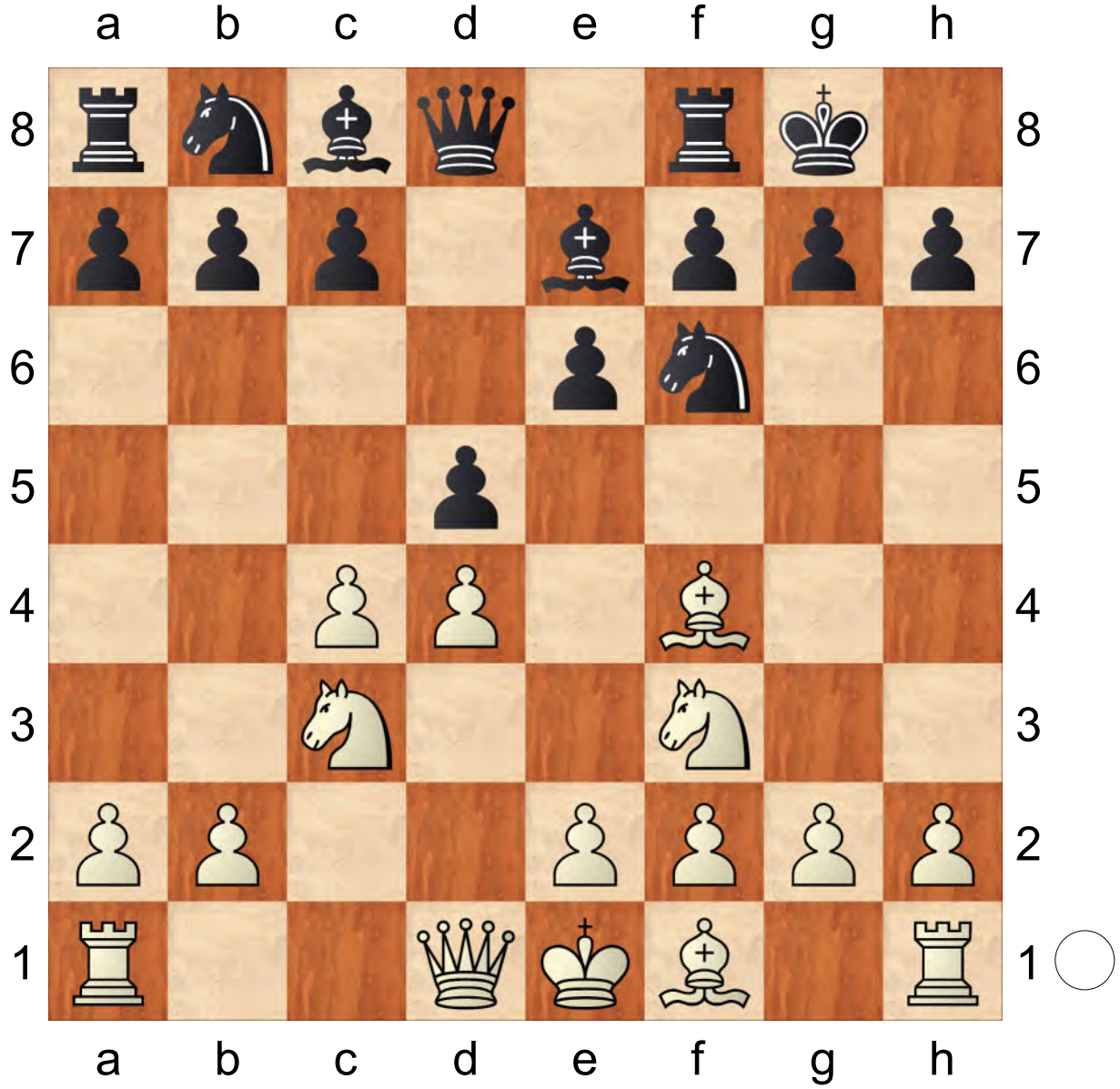
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2765**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2808**
Sinquefield Cup 3rd (1) 23.08.2015
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Marin,Mihail Marin,Mihail Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' **1...Nf6**
[After the move-order 1...d5 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.e3 0-0 , White has the tricky attempt 6.a3!? Maybe the best way to meet White's idea is
A) 6...Nbd7 7.Nb5! Ne8 8.Nf3± Gelfand,B (2739)-Aronian,L (2805) Wijk aan Zee 2012/ Practice has proven this is pleasant for White, despite the result of the game - see the notes by Marin in CBM 147.;
B) The idea is to induce Black to go for the older 6...c5 line, which is nowadays under a cloud. A recent example: 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Rd1 Be7 11.Be2 Ne4 *(11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nh5 13.0-0 Nxf4 14.exf4 g6 15.g3 Rd8 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Rd1± Kramnik,V (2759)-Carlsen,M (2772) Dortmund 2009/ This was one of the most important games to cause the turn away from the ...c5 lines - for more detail see the notes in CBM 131.)* 12.cxd5 Nxc3
B1) 13.bxc3 also deserves attention: exd5 14.0-0 Be6 *(14...Bf6 15.c4!? Be6 16.Bg5 dxc4 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Bxc4 Qc5 19.Rc1 Qxc4 20.Qxc4 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 Rfd8 22.Rb1 Rd7 23.g3 a6 24.Kg2↑ Giri,A (2752)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2700) Rosmalen rpd 2014)* 15.a4 b6 16.Bd3 g6 *(⌓16...h6!? 17.Rb1± /⇄)* 17.Qe2 Bf6 18.Bb5 Rac8 19.Ng5! Bf5 20.g4 Be6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Bd6 Rfd8 23.Ba6 Rxd6 24.Bxc8 Qxa4 25.e4 Ne7 26.f4± Paredes,C (2252)-Sage,F (2339) email 2011;
B2) 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 exd5 15.Rxd5 Bxa3 16.Nd4 Nxd4 *(16...a5!? 17.Kd2 a4⇄* might well be better, in mail games Black has successfully defended this position. *)* 17.exd4 b6 18.Kd2
B2a) ⌓18...a6 19.Bf3 *(19.Ra1 Be6 20.Re5 Bd6 21.Re4 Bxf4+ 22.Rxf4 b5 23.Bf3 Ra7 24.d5 Bc8 25.c4 bxc4 26.Ra5 Bd7 27.Rxc4 Bb5 28.Rc5 Rd7 29.Ke3± /=, Bodiroga,P (2410)-Miranovic,R (2385) Sombor 2009)* 19...Be6 *(19...Bb7 20.Rd7 Bxf3 21.gxf3±)* 20.Rh5 Rac8 21.Rb1 *(21.Bb7! Bb2 22.Bxc8 Rxc8 23.Rb1 Bxc3+ 24.Kd3±)* 21...g6 22.Rg5 Be7 23.Rg3 b5 24.Bb7 Rcd8 25.Rd3 b4!= Klemettinen,P (2428)-Glorstad,T (2362) email 2011;
B2b) 18...Be6?! is weaker, as now 19.Rb5 Bd7 20.Rb3 Be7 21.Bf3↑ puts Black's queenside under heavy pressure: Ba4 22.Rb2 Rad8 23.Ra1 b5 24.Bc6 a6 25.Bb7 Bd6 26.Be3 a5 27.Bc6 Rb8 28.d5 Rfd8 29.Kd3 Bf8 30.Bd4 f6 31.Ke4 Bd6 32.c4 Bb4 33.Ba7 *(33.g4!?±)* 33...f5+ 34.Kf3 Rbc8 35.cxb5 Bxb5 36.Bxb5 Bc3 37.Rab1 Bxb2 38.Rxb2 Rxd5 Carlsen,M (2853)-Nakamura,H (2814) Saint Louis 2015 39.g3± ;

C) 6...b6!? 7.Nb5 *(7.g4 c5!?N 8.dxc5 Bb7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.cxd5 bxc5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.0-0 Nfxd5⇄ 13.Qc2 ½,* Ivanchuk,V (2731)-Sargissian,G (2668) WChT Tsaghkadzor 2015*)* 7...Na6 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Rd1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Be2 Qc8 14.0-0 dxc4 15.Bxc4 a6 16.Rc1 b5 17.Ba2 Qe8 18.f3 Rc8 19.e4 Nfd7 20.Be3 Ne5= Jobava,B (2664)-Swiercz,D (2617) Abu Dhabi 2015]

2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0



6.e3 Nbd7 7.c5 Ne4 This knight sortie has gradually become topical, not least due to Caruana's efforts. The former more popular alternatives are currently facing some problems: Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'This knight sortie has gradually become topical, not least due to Caruana's efforts. The former more popular alternatives are currently facing some problems:"

[7...Nh5 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 8.Bd3 Nxf4 9.exf4 b6 10.b4 a5 11.a3 c6 12.0-0

Qc7 *(12...Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Qe2 Ra8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 b5 17.Rab1 axb4 18.axb4 Qd7 19.Ra1 Ra7 20.Ra2 Rfa8 21.Rfa1 Qb7 22.Qb2 Ra6 23.g3 f5 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Rxa6 Rxa6 26.Ne2 Qa8 27.Rxa6 Qxa6 28.Kg2 Qa8 29.Ng1 Qa4 30.Nf3±)* Ding Liren (2755)-Shankland,S (2661) WChT Tsaghkadzor 2015 See the notes to this game by Mokal in CBM 166. *)* 13.g3 Ba6

A) 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Qe2 Rfa8 16.b5 cxb5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Qxe7 Rc8 *(18...R6a7 19.Rfb1 bxc5 20.Rxb5 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Nf6 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.a4 Rc4 24.Nb3 h6 25.Nxa5 Rd4 26.f5 Kh7 27.f3 Ne8 28.Nc6 Rdxa4 29.Rxa4 Rxa4 30.Rxd5 Nf6±)* Bacrot,E (2694)-Istratescu,A (2619) Saint Quentin 2015/ White has some practical winning chances, but Black held the endgame with patient defence.*)* 19.Rab1 *(19.c6 Nf6 20.Qxc7 Rxc7 21.Rfb1 Ne4 22.Rxb5 Nc3 23.Rb2* Maksimenko,A (2492)-Salvetti,A (2239) Lugano 2015 *Rxc6=)* 19...bxc5 20.Rxb5 Re6 21.Qg5 h6 22.Qxd5 Rd6⇄ Ivanchuk,V (2731)-Kramnik,V (2784) WCup Tromsoe 2013

B) 14.Re1 Bf6 15.Kg2 Rfb8!? *(15...Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Rfb8 17.h4 Qa7 18.Ne2 g6 19.Rab1 axb4 20.axb4 Qa2 21.Rec1 bxc5 22.bxc5 h5 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Bg7 25.Rb6±)* Anand,V (2797)-Nakamura,H (2776) Zuerich 2015 This was a big win for White, which negatively influenced the reputation of 7... ♘h5. Possibly undeservedly, as the notes by Krasenkow in CBM 165 indicate.*)* 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Qd3 Ra7! 18.Rab1 axb4 19.axb4 Rba8 20.Rb3 Rb7 21.Reb1 h6⇄ /±, Sasikiran,K (2642)-Riazantsev,A (2671) Montpellier 2015]

[Another big point for White was 7...c6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 8.Bd3 b6 *(8...Nh5!?* can still transpose into the above line.*)* 9.b4 a5 10.a3 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.b5! cxb5 13.c6 Qc8 14.c7 b4 15.Nb5 a4 16.Rc1 Ne4 17.Ng5 Ndf6 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.f3 Ra5 20.fxe4 Rxb5 21.Qxa4 Ra5 22.Qc6 bxa3 23.exd5 Rxd5 24.Qxb6± Anand,V (2792)-Carlsen,M (2863) WCh Sochi 2014/ In his notes in CBM 164 Krasenkow explains the details of this complex line.]

8.Rc1 The text move scores well, but we'll check the alternatives as well: Marin, Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'The text move scores well, but we'll check the alternatives as well:"

[8.Nb5? Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' c6 9.Bc7 Qe8 10.Nd6 Nxd6 11.cxd6 Bd8 doesn't make much sense - the advanced pawn will fall in due course.]

[8.a3N Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' is a profound novelty, but the point remains unclear: Nxc3 9.bxc3

A) 9...b6 10.c6 Nb8 11.Qa4 *(11.Bb5 a6 12.Qa4 Bd6 13.Bg3 Ra7!)* 11...a6 12.c4 Ra7 liquidates the advanced ♙c6, but White has fair compensation after 13.Bd3 Nxc6 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.0-0⩲;

B) 9...c6!? 10.Qa4□ g5 11.Bg3 f5 12.h3 f4 13.Bh2 e5 14.Be2 e4 15.Nd2 Nxc5! 16.dxc5 Bxc5

B1) 17.exf4 gxf4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 Qg5!?∞ /∓ *(19...Bf5 20.Qc4+ Qd5 21.Qxd5+ cxd5 22.Bxf4 Be4 23.Be3=)*;

B2) 17.0-0 Here Grischuk was allegedly still following his preparation, this position is critical:

B2a) ⌓17...fxe3 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.fxe3 *(19.Qb3+ Kg7 20.Be5+ Kg6*

21.fxe3 Qd5∓) 19...Be6 20.Rxf8+ Qxf8 21.Rf1 Qe7 *(21...Qe8!?)* 22.Qxe4 Re8↑ Black's activity fully compensates for the weakened g5.;

B2b) 17...b5? 18.Qb3 Qe7 19.Kh1 Be6 20.a4 d4 21.Qd1 d3 22.Bg4 Bd5 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Nb3 fxe3 25.Nxc5 Qxc5 26.fxe3 Qxe3 27.Re1 Qf2 28.Bg1→ Grischuk,A (2771)-Caruana,F (2808) Saint Louis 2015/ Black's pawns are stopped and White's extra piece will tell, as the ♔g8 is terminally vulnerable.]

[8.Qc2 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' f5 *(≤8...g5 9.Bg3 f5 10.Nxe4! dxe4 11.Nd2 f4 12.Bc4 fxg3 13.hxg3 Rf6 14.Qxe4 Nf8 15.Nf3 Rg6 16.Ne5 Rg7 17.0-0-0 Qe8 18.Rh6 Ng6 19.Rdh1→* 1-0 Steinitz,W-Lasker,E St Petersburg 1895/96 (4. 2) Ehlvest,J (2627)-Saidy,A (2376) Los Angeles 2000/ For a similar piece sacrifice see already *)*

A) 9.h4 c6 10.0-0-0 *(*Very optimistic, solid is *10.a3∞)* 10...Nxc3 11.Qxc3 b6 12.Ng5 *(⌓12.h5!? bxc5 13.h6)* 12...Rf6 13.b4? a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 bxc5 16.bxc5 Ra5 17.Kd2 e5 18.dxe5 Rg6 19.Bd3 Ra2+ 20.Ke1 Nxc5→ Markos,J (2590)-Cvek,R (2520) Slovakia 2014;

B) 9.Ne5 Bf6 10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.f3 Ng5 12.Bxg5 Bxg5 13.f4 Bf6 14.b4 g5 15.g3 Kh8 16.Be2 Rg8 17.0-0-0 b6 18.Ba6 Rb8 19.Rhg1 Qe7 20.a3 Qg7 21.Ne2 c6 22.Qc3 gxf4 23.exf4 Bc8∓ Fressinet,L (2714)-Ponomariov,R (2734) Istanbul olm 2012;

C) 9.h3 c6 10.Be2 b6 11.cxb6 axb6 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Rfc1 Nxc3 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Qxc3 c5 16.a4 Qa8 17.b3 Rc8 18.Qb2 Qb7 19.Bg5 Bd6 20.Bf4 Be7 21.Bg5 Bd6 22.Bf4 Be7 ½, Khismatullin,D (2640)-Matlakov,M (2653) Loo 2013;

D) 9.Bd3

D1) 9...g5!? 10.Bg3 c6 11.Ne2 b6 12.b4 a5 13.b5 Bb7 14.bxc6 Bxc6 15.cxb6 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 Qxb6 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nxg5 Rac8 19.Kg1 Bb5 20.Qd1 Bd3 21.Nf4 Bc3 22.Rc1 Bb2 23.Nxd3 Bxc1 24.Nc5 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Nxc5 26.dxc5 Rfd8 27.Qa1 Qxc5 ½-½, Lehnhoff,H (2174)-Harding, A (2143) email 2013 28.h4 Qxe3+ 29.Kh2 Qc3= *(29...Rc3!?)*;

D2) 9...c6 10.Ne5 Bf6 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.f3 Ng5 13.Bxg5 Bxg5 14.f4 Be7 15.a3 b6 16.b4 g5 17.g3 Kh8= /⇄, Topalov,V (2752)-Giri,A (2711) Istanbul olm 2012 The position is very similar to Fressinet-Ponomariov above. Krasenkow's notes in CBM 151 show Black has nothing to complain about.]

[Perhaps the simplest and risk-free solution is 8.Nxe4 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' dxe4 9.Ne5 *(9.Nd2?! e5 10.Bxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qd5 12.Qc2 Qxe5 13.Rc1 Bf5 14.Be2 b6 15.Nb3 a5↑* Volodin,A (2506)-Ehlvest,J (2605) Tallinn rpd 2013*)* 9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Bd7 11.Bc4 *(11.Be2 Bc6 12.0-0 Bf6 13.Bg3 Bh4 14.Be5 Bf6 15.b4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 a6 17.a4 Qg5 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 Bd5 20.Qd4 f6 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6=* Giri,A (2745)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2700) Tromso olm 2014 *)*

A) 11...Bf6 12.Bg3 Bc6 13.0-0 *(⌓13.Qe2* transposes to Eljanov's game below. *)* 13...Bh4 *(13...b5!? 14.Bb3 a5=)* 14.Qh5 Bxg3 15.fxg3 Bd5

16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.Qxd5 exd5 18.g4 f6 19.b4 a6 20.a4 Kf7 21.Kf2 Ke6 22.Kg3 Rf7= Salem,A (2595)-Harika,D (2509) Abu Dhabi 2015;

B) 11...Bc6 12.Qe2 Bf6 13.Bg3 Marin,Mihail: 'ᗝ' 'Stohl,I: 'ᗝ'' Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'transposes to Eljanov's game below.'' Rc8 *(⌓13...Qd7 14.Rc1 b5 15.cxb6 axb6 16.0-0= /±)* 14.b4 Qd7 15.a4 Rfd8 16.0-0 Bd5 17.Rfc1 c6 18.Bd6 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Be7 Eljanov,P (2718)-Andreikin,D (2718) Havana 2015 20.Bg3± For more details see the notes by Eljanov in CBM 167.]

[8.Bd3 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' f5 9.h3 *(9.Ne5 Bf6 10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.0-0 g5 12.Bxe4 gxf4 13.Bd3 fxe3 14.fxe3 Kh8 15.Ne2 c6 16.Kh1 Qe7 17.Qb3 Rab8 18.Qa4 a6 19.Qa5 Bg5 20.Qc7 Rfc8 21.Qg3 Rg8=* Amanov,M (2516)-Topalov,V (2752) Istanbul olm 2012*; 9.Bxe4?! fxe4 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 b6 12.b4 a5 13.a3 bxc5 14.bxc5* Esen,B (2587)-Ganguly,S (2629) Vlissingen 2012 *Bf6!→)* 9...c6

A) 10.Qa4 Bf6 11.Ne2 Nexc5 12.dxc5 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.0-0-0 Qe7 15.Qc2 a5 *(15...b6!?↑)* 16.Nd4 g6 17.Kb1 a4 18.Rc1 Bd7 19.g4 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Qe4∓ Inarkiev,E (2672)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2706) Germany 2014;

B) 10.0-0 b6 11.cxb6 axb6 12.a4 Ba6 13.Rc1 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 c5 15.b3 Qc8 16.Ne5 Bf6 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Bxa6 Rxa6= Gajewski,G (2653)-Swiercz,D (2622) Chorzow 2013]

8...Nxc3 9.Rxc3 b6 10.c6 The principled push. In the first game White bailed out with Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'The principled push. In the first game White bailed out with''

[10.b4 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' a5 11.a3 axb4 12.axb4 bxc5 13.bxc5 Nf6 14.Nd2 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf6 16.Nd2 Nd7 17.Nf3 ½-½, Anand,V (2793)-Caruana,F (2829) London 2014]

10...Nf6

(Diagram)

11.a3 a5 12.Bd3

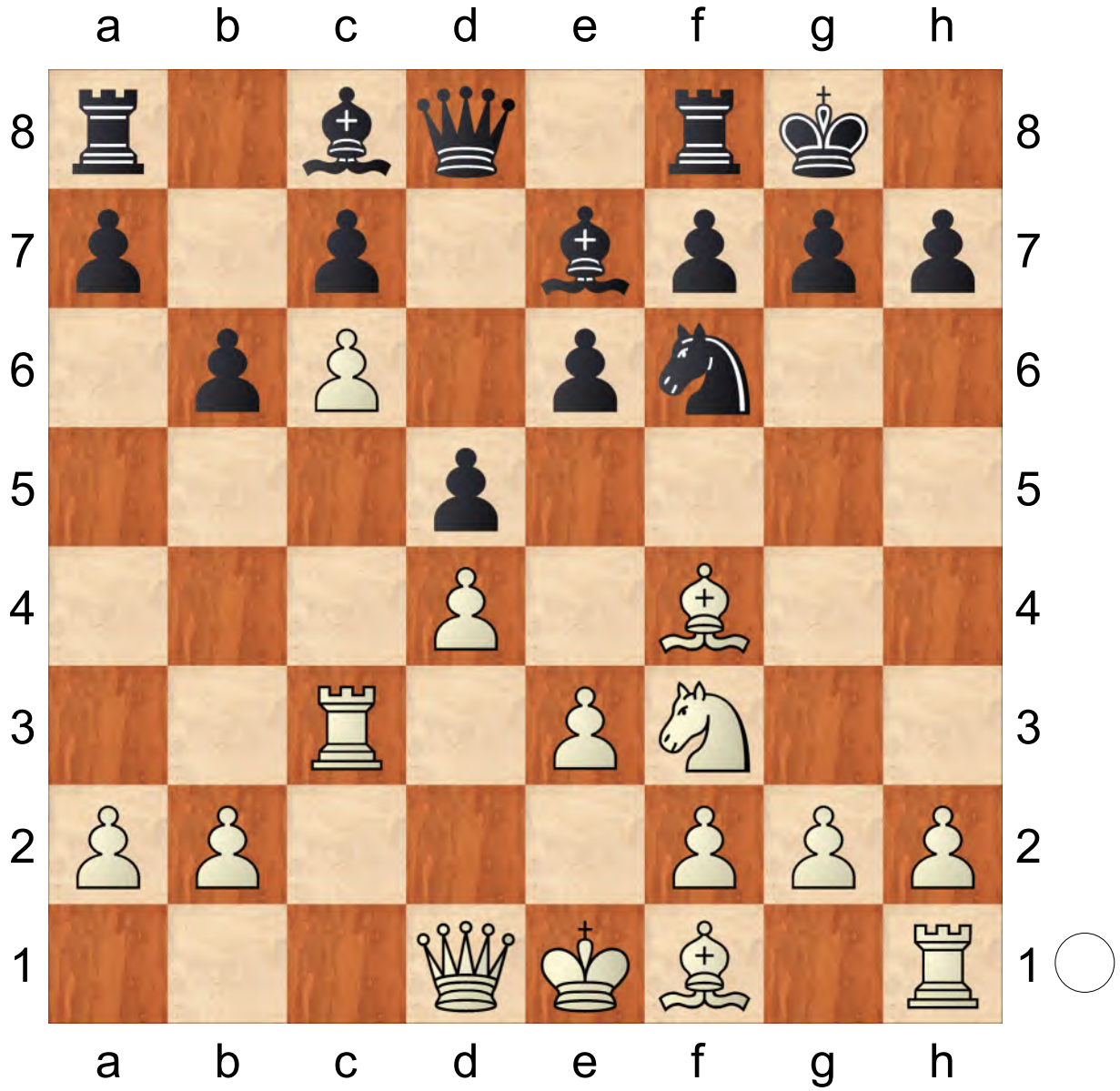
[12.Rc1 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Ne4 13.Qc2 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.0-0 Bd6 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Ra8 18.a4 Nd6 19.h3 Rc8 20.b3 Nf5 21.Bf4 Qe7 22.Qd3 Rfd8 23.Rfd1 Re8 24.Rc3 Rcd8 25.Qc2 f6 26.e4 dxe4 27.Qxe4 Rd5 28.Rcd3 Nh4 29.Bh2 Ng6= Salzmann,S (2103)-Sacerdotali,S (2056) email 2014 Although White has more space, Black's set-up is very solid.]

[12.Rc2 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Ba6?! *(12...Ne4!* transposes to the game, as White hardly has anything better than *13.Bd3* -12.♗d3 *)* 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Ne5 a4 15.g4! Ne4 16.Nd7 Re8 17.Qd3 Ra5 18.0-0 Nd6 19.Bxd6 Bxd6 20.f4↑ ○ Re7 21.f5 e5 22.f6 Rxd7 23.Qf5!+- Vitiugov,N (2735)-Raznikov,D (2494) Caleta 2015]

12...Ne4

[12...Ba6 Marin,Mihail 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Ne5!?]

13.Rc2 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '-12.♗d3'' **13...f6** Marin,Mihail: 'N' 'N'



[13...Ba6 Marin,Mihail: '- 123/136' 14.Bxa6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Rxa6 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Nd7 Bxf4 *(16...Re8!?)* 17.Nxf8 Bxe3 18.Nd7 Bg5 19.Qd3 Ra8 20.a4 Nf6 21.h4 Bh6 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.h5 Bg5 24.0-0 Qf4 25.Rd1 Bf6 26.g3 Qg4 27.Qe2 Qh3 28.Rc3 Be7 29.g4 Qh4 30.f4± /=, Giri,A (2784)-Caruana,F (2820) Wijk aan Zee 2015/ White's material advantage is minimal amd it's difficult to effectively open the position, see the notes by Sumets in CBM 165. In the end Caruana held a draw, but after almost 100 moves! It's not surprising he intends to deviate earlier.]

14.Qe2 Aronian naturally prevents ♗a6, so now Black's hope to develop his ♗c8 lies with the e5 push. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Aronian naturally prevents ♗a6, so now Black's hope to develop his ♗c8 lies with the e5 push." **14...Bd6**

[14...g5 Marin,Mihail 15.Bg3 h5 16.Ng1 *(16.Nd2 h4 17.Bxh4 gxh4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Qg4+ Kf7 20.Qh5+ Kg7=)* 16...h4 17.f3 Nd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6

(18...Bxd6 19.f4 e5 20.fxe5 fxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Qh5 Qe7 23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Rd2 Δg4 25.Nd4 Qxe3+ 26.Kd1→) 19.Qd2 *(19.f4 e5 20.Qh5 e4 21.Qg6+ Kh8=)* 19...e5⇄]

15.0-0 g5!?N

[A less committal alternative is 15...Qe7 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I'

A) 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Bxd6 *(17.Rxd2 e5⇄)* 17...Qxd6

A1) 18.Qxd2 Ba6= *(18...e5!?=)*;

A2) 18.Rxd2!? Qxc6 19.Rc2 Qd7 20.Rfc1 Ra7 21.Rc6⩲ , but is this more than just compensation?;

B) It's not so easy to find an alternative to the simple swap on d6, perhaps 16.h3!? e5 17.Bh2∞ is worth considering, Black's centre may come under pressure.;

C) 16.Bxd6 Nxd6 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 *(I don't like this swap, a more natural way seems to be 18...Ba6 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qf7± /⇄)* 19.Qxe4 Rd8 20.Re1 Qf7 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Ra4 23.Rb2 Rd5 24.Qc2 Ra3 25.Ra2 Rxa2 26.Qxa2 Rd6 27.Qa8 Qe8 28.b5↑ Petrosyan,T (2441)-Johannessen,L (2517) Sitges 2015/ This game was played roughly one month earlier, with some help from the opponent White managed to realise his plan in an ideal form - the ♗c8 remains hemmed in.]

[This is also why Black spurns 15...Bxf4? Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 16.exf4± - a major positional concession, which greatly increases White's control of the centre in general, particularly the vital e5-square.]

(Diagram)

Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'N!?" An double-edged push. Although Black will later pay for the weakening of his », we can't judge it solely by the result, as his play could have been improved upon (also Fabiano repeated 7... ♘e4 in Round 6 against Grischuk).
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16.Bxd6

[16.Bg3 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' e5!? *(16...Nxg3 17.fxg3!? f5 18.g4 Qf6⇄)* 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qc4+ Rf7□ 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Qxe4 *(20.Nd2!? Ba6 21.Qxe4⩲)* 20...Bf5 21.Qc4 Bxc2 22.Qxc2 Qf6∞]

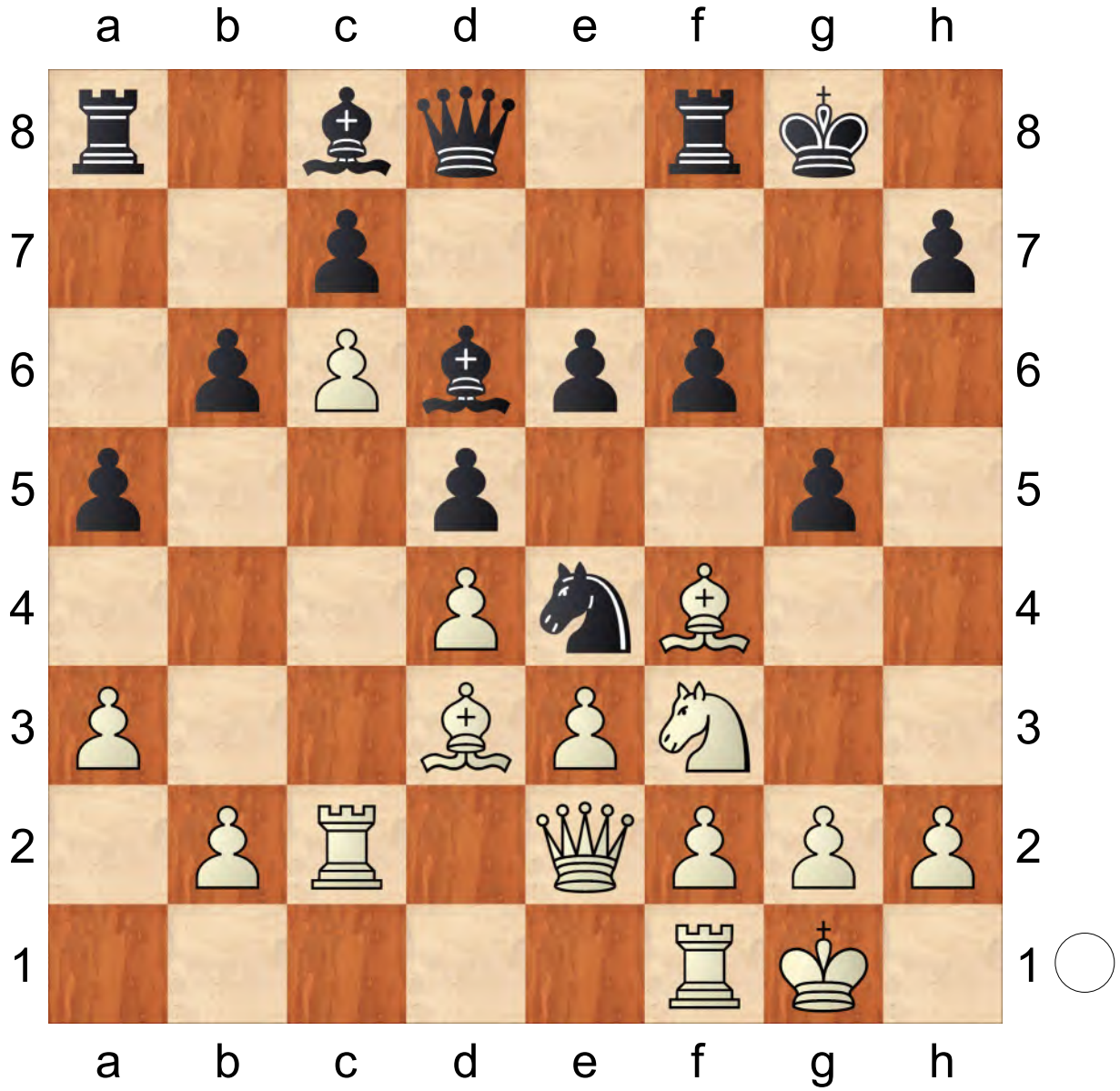
16...Nxd6

[16...Qxd6 Marin,Mihail 17.Nd2±]

17.Re1!? Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '!?"

[17.e4 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' dxe4 18.Bxe4 Ba6 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 g4 21.Ne1 *(21.Nh4 f5 22.g3 Ne4∞ /∓)* 21...Nf5 22.Qe4 Kh8⇄]

[17.Nd2 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' e5 18.e4 f5⇄ Aronian makes a useful preparatory move before the central confrontation.]



17...a4 Strategically useful in the long run, as it stops the b4-b5 squeeze. However, with a storm brewing in the centre this is hardly a critical consideration, moreover the follow-up in move 21 will cost Black the game. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Strategically useful in the long run, as it stops the b4-b5 squeeze. However, with a storm brewing in the centre this is hardly a critical consideration, moreover the follow-up in move 21 will cost Black the game."

[Possible improvements are 17...Re8 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 18.Nd2 e5⇄]

[, as well as 17...g4!? Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 18.Nd2 e5]

18.Nd2 e5 White is ready to expand in the centre, so Black should act first. Marin, Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'White is ready to expand in the centre, so Black should act first."

[18...f5? Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 19.f4± is too static.]

19.e4 f5!? Marin,Mihail: '?!' '?!' Marin,Mihail: '

[19...exd4 Aronian intended

A) 20.exd5 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Re8 21.Qd1 Bf5 *(21...Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Ra5 23.Nc4 Rxd5 24.Nxd6 Rxd6 25.f4! gxf4 26.Re2⩱)* 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Nf3 Qf7 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.h4! h6 *(25...Qxd5 26.hxg5 fxg5 27.Nxg5 Ng7!?∞)* 26.g4 Nd6 27.Re2 *(27.Qxd4 Re8⩱)* 27...Qxd5 28.Qd3 Re8!? and Black should hold - for example 29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Qxf6+ Nf7 31.Rxe8+ Kxe8 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Nxd4 Ne5 34.Qe6+ Qxe6 35.Nxe6 Ke7 36.Nxg5 Nxg4 37.Ne4 Ne5 38.Nc3 Nc4 39.Nxa4 Kd6 40.f4 Kxc6=;

B) 20.e5 fxe5 21.Qxe5 Qf6 22.Nf3 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *(22.Qxf6* Marin,Mihail *Rxf6 23.Nf3 Bf5 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Nxg5 d3 26.Rd2 Rxc6 27.Rxd3 d4∞)* 22...Qxe5 23.Rxe5 Bf5⇄;

C) 20.Rcc1!? Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' and this deserves attention. A sample line is 20...Re8 21.Qf3 Qe7 22.h3 Kg7 23.exd5 Qxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 25.Kh2↻ /±]

[19...Re8?! Marin,Mihail 20.Qh5 exd4 21.e5 Bf5 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Nf3↑]

(Diagram)

' Marin,Mihail: '\ Stohl,I: '!?" Increasing the tension. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Increasing the tension.'' **20.f3** Marin,Mihail: '!' '!' As the struggle heats up, Aronian holds on to the centre. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'As the struggle heats up, Aronian holds on to the centre."

[20.exd5?! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' e4 21.Bc4 Qf6↑]

[20.dxe5 Nxe4 Marin,Mihail: ' ⇄' '⇄' *(20...fxe4* Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *21.exd6 exd3 22.Qxd3 Qxd6 23.Qe3 h6 24.Nf3↑)* 21.Nb1 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *(21.f3* Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *Nc5⇄)* 21...Be6∞]

20...dxe4?

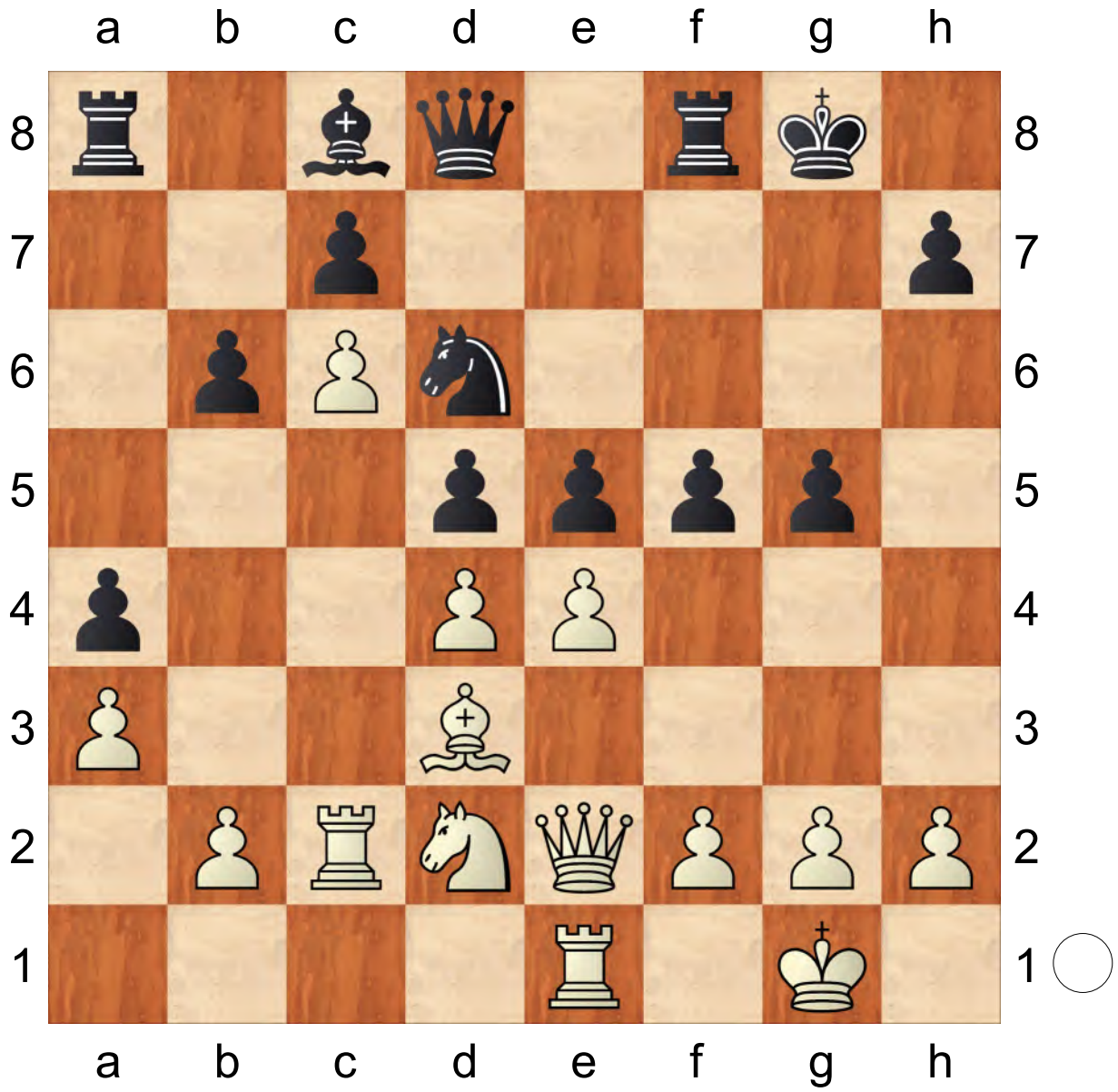
[⌓20...Re8! Marin,Mihail: '!?' '!?' 21.Qf2 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I'

A) 21...dxe4 22.fxe4 f4 23.Nf3 *(23.dxe5 Nf7 24.Bc4 Be6=)* 23...exd4 24.e5 Nf5 25.Rd2∞ /±;

B) 21...Ra5 22.exf5 Bxf5 *(22...exd4 23.g4±)* 23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.dxe5 d4 25.f4 gxf4 *(25...Ne3 26.Ne4!±)* 26.Nc4 Rc5 27.Qxf4 Qh4 Black swaps queens and he should survive the resulting endgame after 28.Qxh4 Nxh4 29.Re4 Ng6 30.Rxd4 Rxc6]

(Diagram)

Marin,Mihail: '?!' '?!' Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '?" Releasing the tension is a concession, in such a volatile situation this has dire consequences. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Releasing the tension is a concession, in such a volatile situation this has dire consequences.'' **21.fxe4 Ra5?!** Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '?!" This is not ideal, but White already has an advantage: Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'This is not ideal, but White already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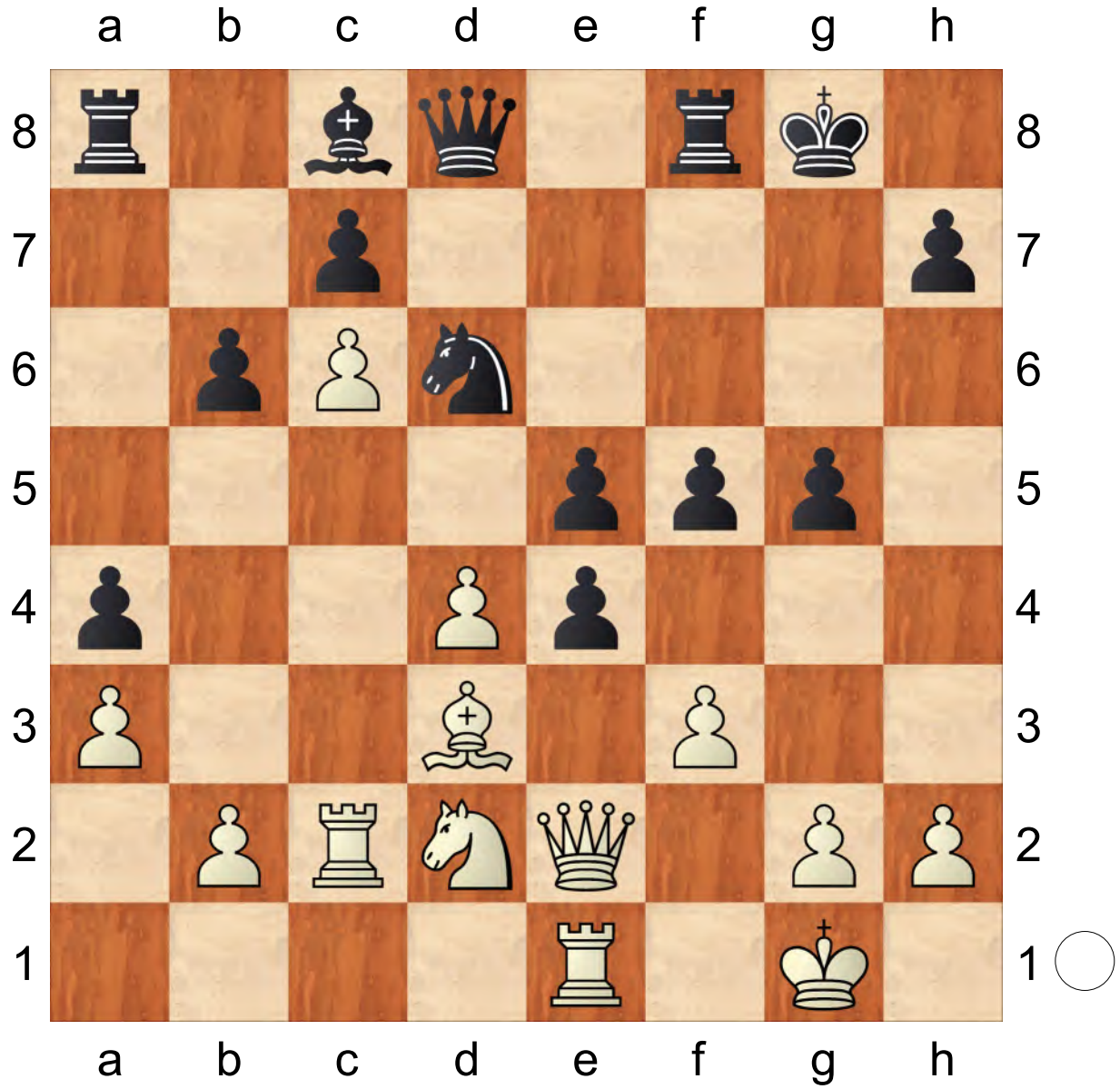


has an advantage:"

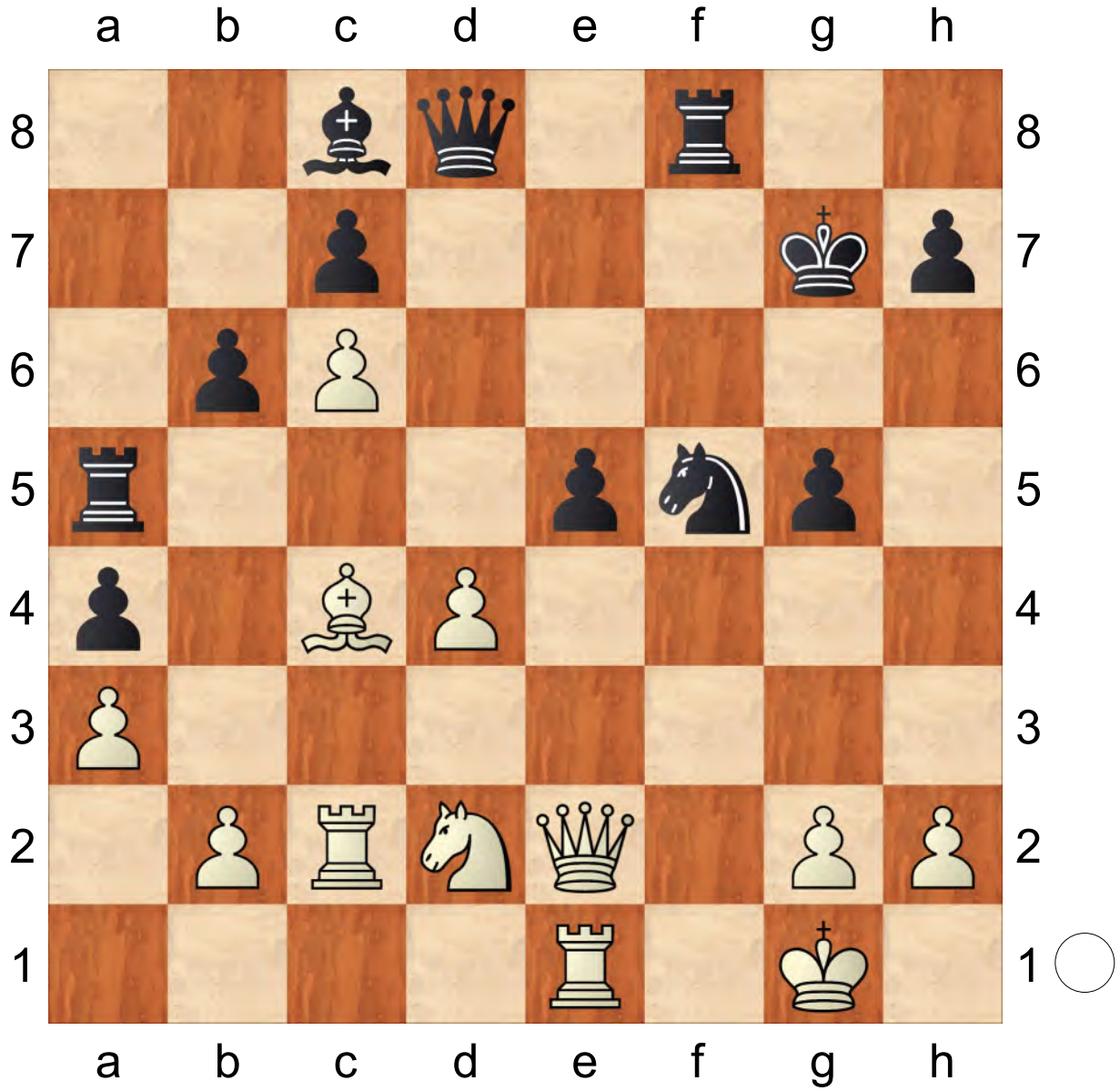
[21...Re8 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 22.exf5 exd4 23.Qf2↑]

[More testing was Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'More testing was" 21...exd4 22.e5 Re8 23.Qh5 Nf7 24.Nf3 g4 , when White has a choice: Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: ', when White has a choice:" *(24...Be6?* Marin,Mihail *25.g4)*

A) 25.Nh4 Qg5 26.Qxg5+ Nxg5 27.Nxf5 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *(27.Rc4!?* Marin,Mihail: ' ± ' ± ' Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '!?" *)* 27...Bxf5 28.Bxf5 Ra5 29.Rce2 g3 30.hxg3 Rd5±;

B) Perhaps even more promising is 25.Bc4 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 25...Be6 26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Qxf5 Rg6 28.e6! *(28.Nd2 Qh4⇄)* 28...Nh6 29.Qe4 gxf3 30.e7 Qe8 31.Qxf3≌ /± The powerful ♔e7 paralyzes Black and even the engines are not too optimistic about his defensive prospects, with the evaluation gradually growing in White's favour. However, writing this sitting by the monitor

and deciding for the piece sacrifice over the board are two very different things!]
[21...f4 Marin,Mihail 22.dxe5 Nf7 23.Bc4±]
22.exf5 Nxf5
[22...exd4 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 23.g4±]
[22...Bxf5 Marin,Mihail 23.dxe5±]
23.Bc4+! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '!''
[23.dxe5?! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Nd4 24.Qh5 Bf5 perhaps keeps an edge, but is definitely far less convincing. 25.Rc3]
23...Kg7 Marin,Mihail: 'Diagram
[23...Kh8 Marin,Mihail 24.d5 Re8 25.Ne4 Nd4 26.Qh5 Nxc2 27.Nxg5 Re7 28.Rf1+-]



' Marin,Mihail: 'Diagram ' **24.d5** Marin,Mihail: '!' '!' Marin,Mihail: '[✕Ra5, Bc8]' Marin,

Mihail: '[✕♖a5, ♗c8]' Shuts off the hapless rook and proceeds with his attack. Marin, Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Shuts off the hapless rook and proceeds with his attack." **24...Re8**

[24...Nd6 25.Qxe5+ Kh6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *(25...Qf6 26.Qxf6+ Rxf6 27.Ne4* Marin,Mihail: ' **±**' '**±**' *Nxe4* Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *28.Rxe4 Bf5 29.Re7+ Kf8 30.Rce2±)* 26.h4**±** is maybe more resilient, but still dreary enough.]

[24...Qd6 Marin,Mihail 25.Qxe5+ Qxe5 26.Rxe5 h6 27.Ne4**±**]

25.Ne4!+- Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '+-!" The positionally desirable moves very often work even tactically! This sacrifice is fully correct and decides the game. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'The positionally desirable moves very often work even tactically! This sacrifice is fully correct and decides the game." **25...Nd4**

[25...Nd6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 26.Rf1 Rf8 *(26...Nxc4 27.Qh5+-)* 27.Nxd6 Rxf1+ *(27...Qxd6 28.Rxf8 Kxf8 29.Qf3+ Kg7 30.Rf2+-)* 28.Qxf1 cxd6 *(28...Qxd6 29.Rf2 Qe7 30.d6 Qxd6 31.Rf7+ Kg6 32.Rf8+-)* 29.Rf2+- *(29.Bd3!? Δ Rxd5 30.Rf2+-)*]

(Diagram)

26.Qh5 Nxc2

[26...Bf5 27.Rf2 Bg6 28.Qg4!→ Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: ' →!" *(28.Qxg5?* Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *Qxg5 29.Nxg5 Rc5⇄)*

A) 28...h5 29.Qg3 Bxe4 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *(29...g4* Marin,Mihail *30.Nf6+-)* 30.Rxe4+-;

B) 28...h6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 29.Nf6+- is simply hopeless, therefore Caruana accepts the challenge and takes the rook.]

27.Nxg5 Bf5

[27...Nxe1 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 28.Qxh7+ Kf6 29.Ne4#]

[27...Rh8 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 28.Rf1+-]

28.Rf1! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '!" Caruana possibly overlooked/underestimated this quiet move. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Caruana possibly overlooked/underestimated this quiet move."

[28.Qf7+? Kh6 Marin,Mihail: '!' '!' 29.Qxf5 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Qxg5 30.Qxc2 Rf8∞]

28...Qf6

[28...Bg6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 29.Rf7+! Bxf7 *(29...Kh8 30.Rxh7++-; 29...Kg8 30.Qh6+-)* 30.Qxh7+ Kf6 31.Ne4+ Ke7 32.d6++-]

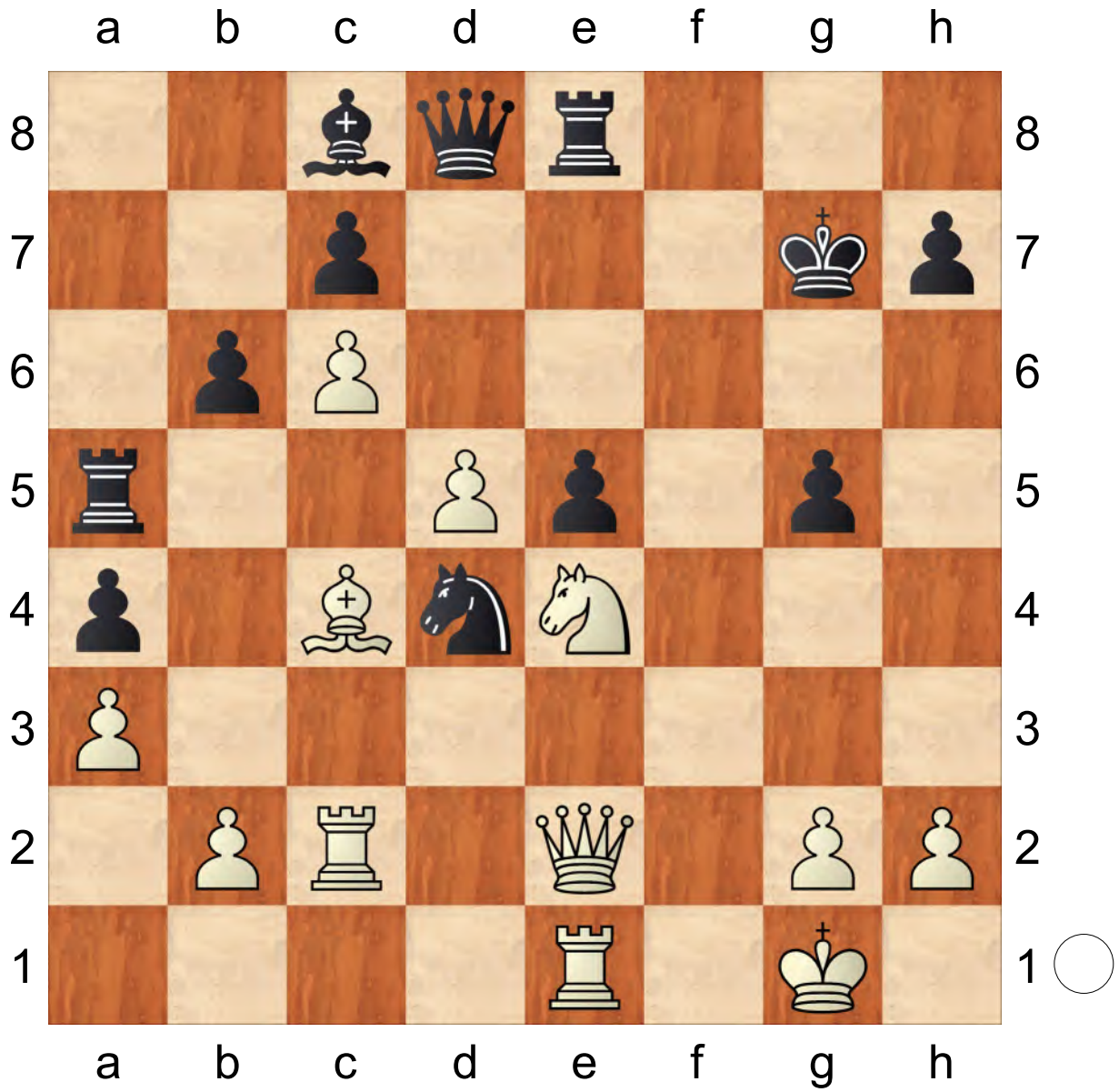
29.Ne6+

[White has already more than one way, even more incisive was 29.Rxf5! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' Qxf5 *(29...Qg6 30.Rf7+ Kg8 31.Qh3+-)* 30.Ne6+

A) 30...Qxe6 31.dxe6+-;

B) 30...Kf6 31.Qxe8 e4 32.Qd8+ Kg6 *(32...Ke5 33.Qxc7+ Kf6 34.Qg7#)* 33.Qg8+ Kh6 34.Qg7+ Kh5 35.Be2++-;

C) 30...Rxe6 31.Qxf5+-]



29...Rxe6 30.Rxf5 Qg6

(Diagram)

31.dxe6

[Levon goes for the won endgame, but there was the even more powerful Marin, Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'Levon goes for the won endgame, but there was the even more powerful'' 31.Rg5! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '!'' Re7 32.Bd3+- Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' *(32.Rxg6+* Marin,Mihail *hxg6 33.Qg5 Re8 34.Bd3+-)*]

31...Qxh5 32.Rxh5 Nd4 33.e7 Ra8 34.Rxe5 Re8 35.Re4 Nf5

[35...Nxc6 Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I' 36.Bb5 Rxe7 37.Bxc6]

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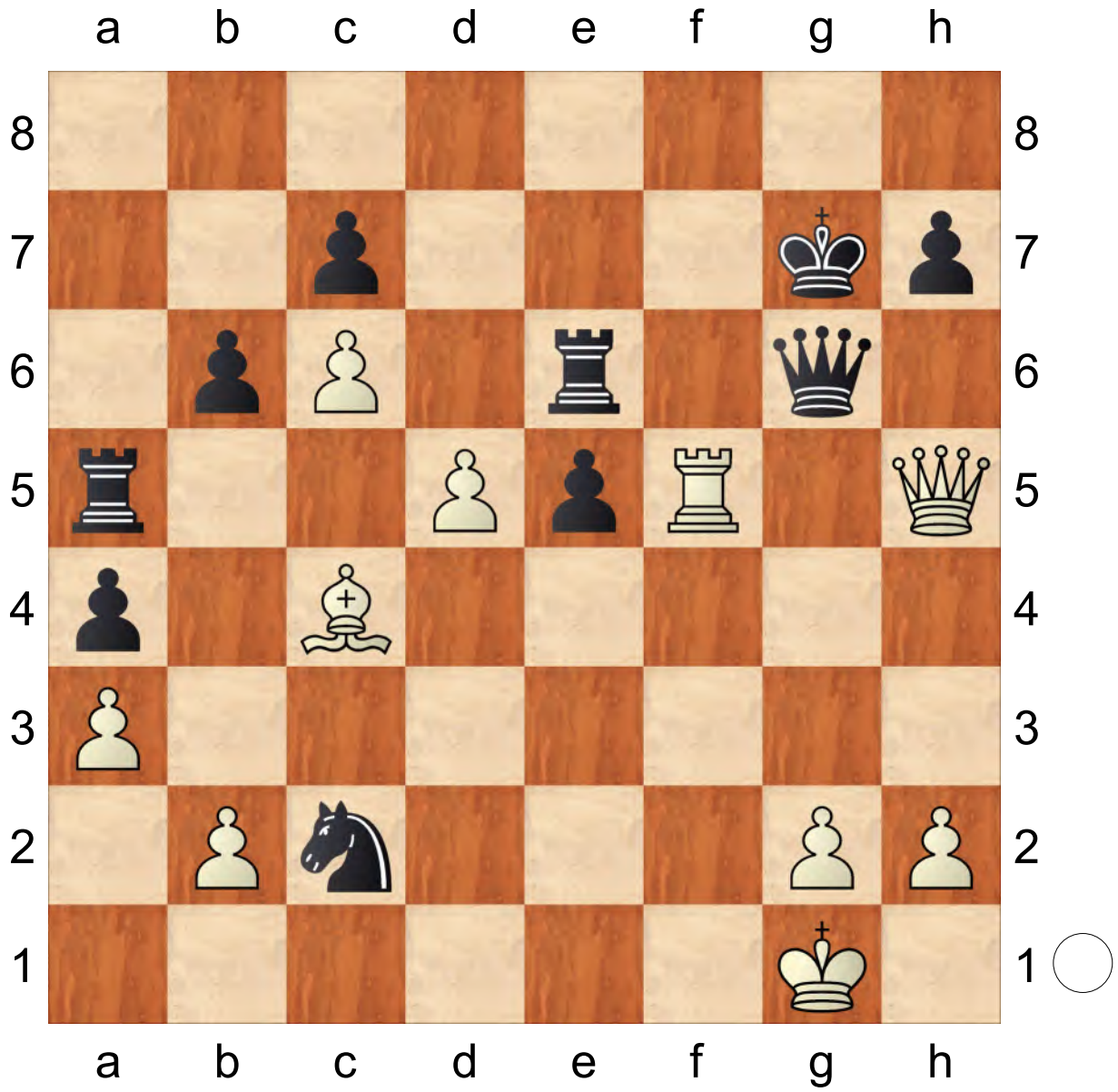
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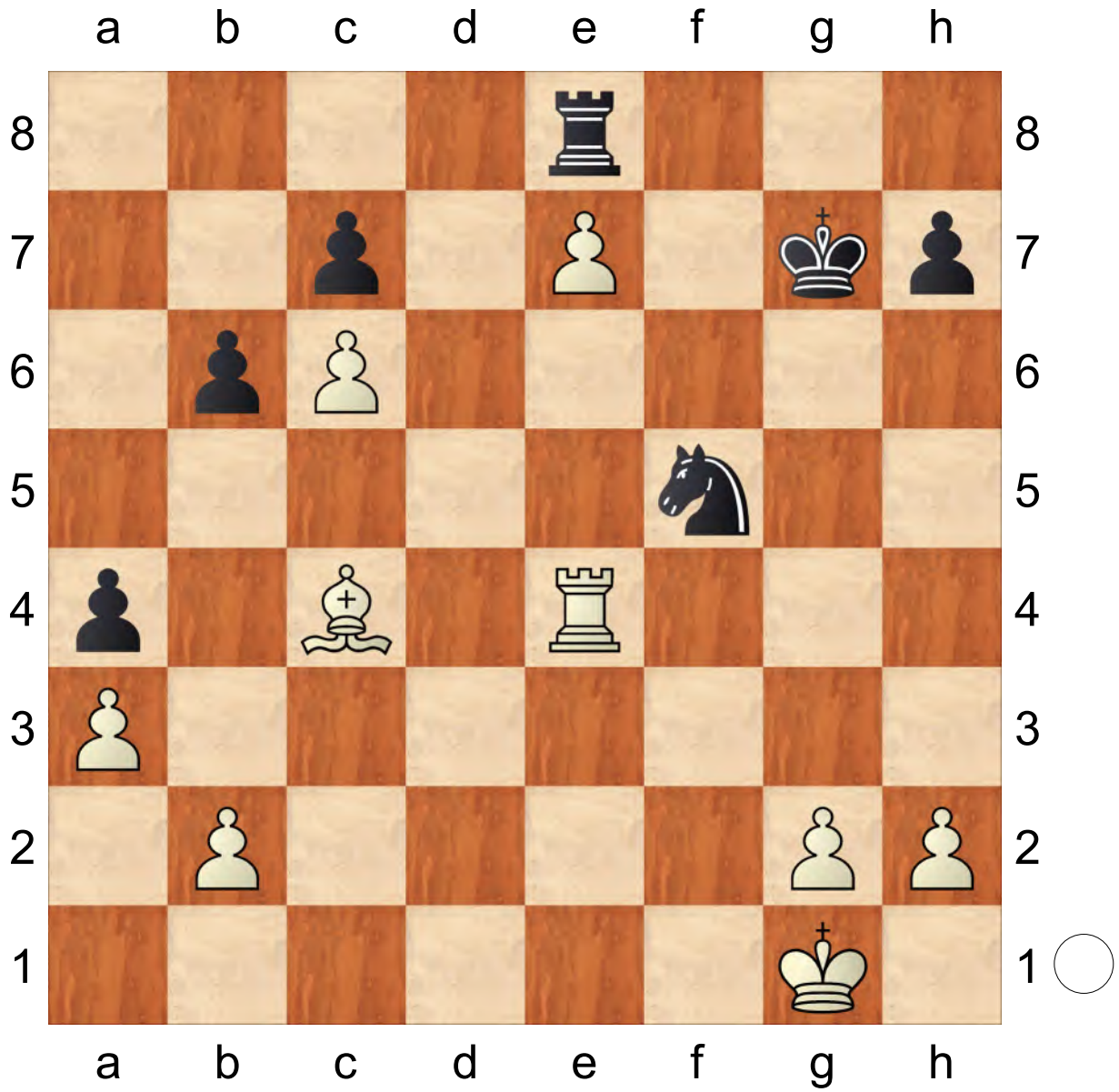

36.Be6! Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '!" **36...Nd6**
[36...Nxe7 37.Bd7+- Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: '+-"]
[36...Rxe7 Marin,Mihail 37.Bxf5]
37.Bd7 Nxe4 38.Bxe8 Kf6 39.Bg6

(Diagram)

The final touch, winning a piece. Marin,Mihail: 'Stohl,I: 'The final touch, winning a piece."
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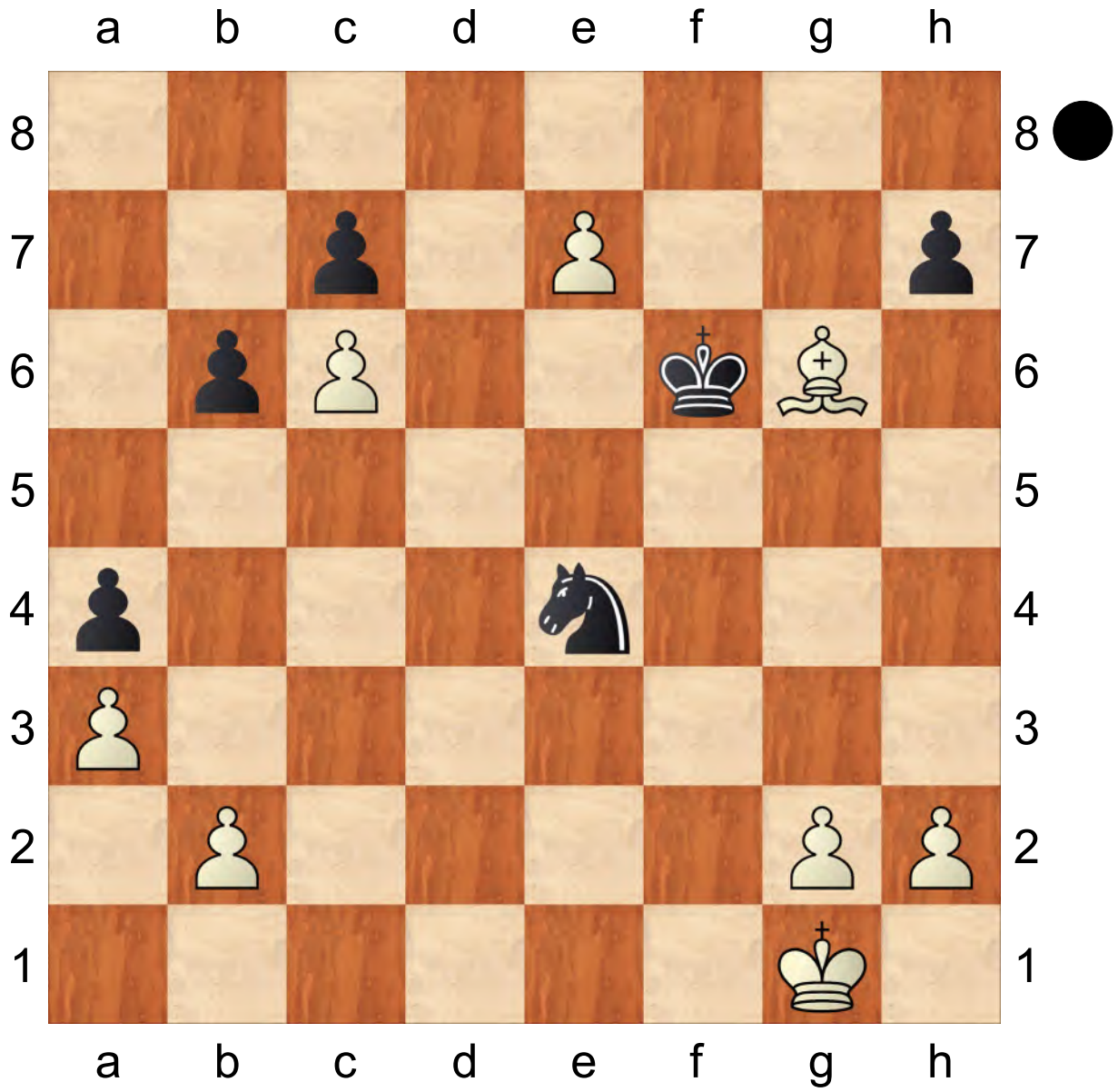
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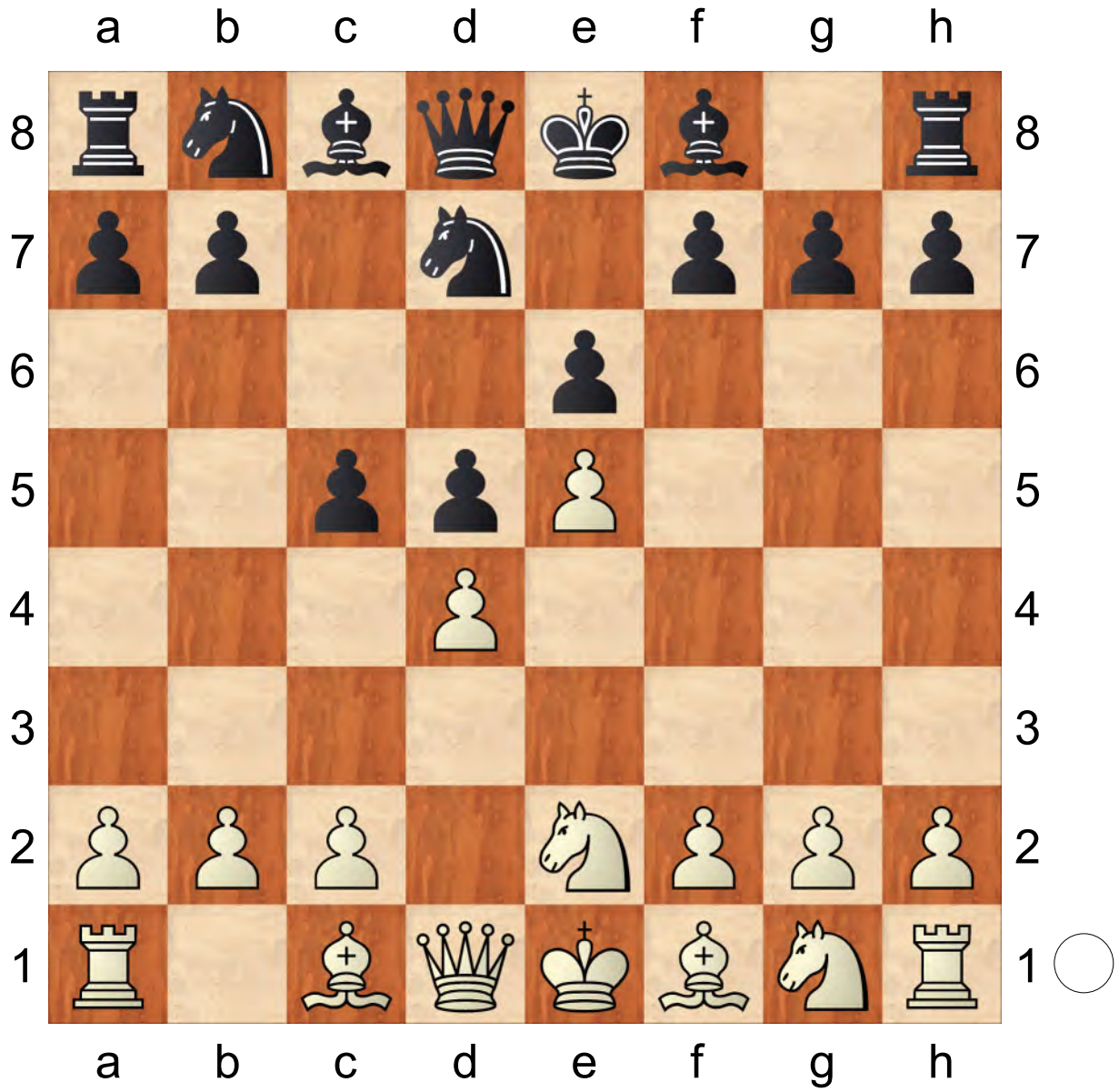
□ **CBM 40**
■ **5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Nf3**
Survey Opening 1994
[Knaak,Rainer]

1.e4 Knaak,R **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5**



6.c3 Nc6 7.Nf3 cxd4!
[7...b5
A) 8.a3?! cxd4 *(8...b4?! 9.dxc5 bxc3 10.b4±)* 9.cxd4 b4 10.a4 Ba6∓ 11.b3 Be7 12.g3 Rc8 13.Bh3 Na5 14.Be3 0-0 15.Ra2 Rc6 16.0-0 Qc7∓ 17.Re1 Rc8 18.Rb2 Rc2 19.Rb1 Qb6 20.Nf4 Nf8 21.Nd3 Bxd3! 22.Qxd3 R8c3

23.Qd1 Ra2 24.Bf1 Ra3 25.Nd2 Maliutin,E-Dragomaretzki,E/URS/1989/0-1 (45);

B) 8.dxc5?! Bxc5 9.Ned4 Ncxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bxb5+ Bd7 12.0-0 0-0∓ 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.b3 Rac8 15.Bb2 Qe7 16.Qe2 Nd7 17.Rad1 e5 18.Nf5 Qe6 19.Ne3 Nf6 20.h3 Rfd8 21.Rd3 Rd7 22.Ng4 Nxg4 23.Qxg4 f5∓ 24.Qe2 e4 25.Rdd1 Nagy,J-Fogarasi,T/HUN-chT 9293/1992/0-1 (33);

C) 8.g3

C1) 8...b4 9.Bh3 bxc3 10.bxc3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Ba6 13.Kg2 Nb6 14.Nf4 g6 15.Nd3 Be7 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Nd7 18.Re1 Rc8?! *(18...h6!?)* 19.Bh6 Nxc5 20.Ng5 Bb7 21.Kg1 Ne7 22.Qf3 Nf5 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.e6 fxe6 25.Nxe6⩲ Kolasinski,M-Gleizerov,E/Wisla BES (02)/1992/0.5 (41);

C2) 8...Qb6 9.h4 Ba6 10.Bh3 b4 11.a3 bxc3 12.bxc3 cxd4 13.cxd4∓ Bxe2 14.Kxe2 Qa6+ 15.Qd3 Qa4 16.Be3 Rb8 17.Rhb1 Rxb1 18.Rxb1 Qxa3 19.Qb5 Nb4 20.Rc1 a6 21.Qb7 Qd3+ 22.Ke1 Nc2+ 23.Rxc2 Qxc2 24.Ng5 Qc3+ 25.Kf1∞ Bex,P-Schwartzman,G/Bad Ragaz op/1990/0.5 (45);

D) 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Nc1 b4 10.Nb3 Qa4 11.Nxc5 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Bxc5 13.Bb5 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Bb6 15.0-0 a5 16.Rc1 Ke7 17.Bg5+ f6 18.Bh4 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rfe1 Bd8 21.Rc8 Kf7 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Kf1 Re8 24.g4 Ra7 25.g5 Konle,W-Pomm,K/WÜRT-MM9192/1991/1-0 (44);

E) 8.Nf4!

E1) 8...b4?! 9.Bb5 Qb6 10.Qa4 Bb7 11.0-0 c4 12.Nh5 h6 13.Bd2 b3 14.axb3 a6 15.Bxc4! *(15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Qa5 cxb3∓)* 15...dxc4 16.bxc4⩲ Ne7 17.Rfe1 Bc6 18.Qd1 Bb7 19.b4 Rc8 20.Qe2 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nf5 22.c5 Qb7 23.Qxa6 Qxa6 24.Rxa6 Nh4 25.Re3+- Kuzmin,G-Dreev,A/Moscow4/1991/1-0 (34);

E2) 8...Qb6 9.h4! *(9.Be2?! cxd4 10.cxd4 g5! 11.Nxg5 Qxd4 12.Ngxe6?! fxe6 13.Bh5+ Ke7 14.Nxd5+ exd5 15.Bg5+ Ke6 16.Bg4+ Kxe5-+ 17.Qe2+ Qe4 18.Qxe4+ dxe4 19.0-0-0 Nd4 20.f4+ Kd5 21.Bxd7 Bxd7 22.Bf6* Novoselski,Z-Bareev,E/Roma op/1990/0-1 (22)*)* 9...b4 10.c4!? Nxd4 *(10...dxc4 11.d5 Ncxe5 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Qh5+ Nf7 15.Bxc4⩲)* 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.cxd5 Nxe5 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Bb5+ Nd7+ 16.Kf1 Bc5 17.Qa4⩲ d3 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Re1 0-0-0 20.Rxe3 Qb6 21.Re7 Nc5 22.Qxa7 Qxa7 23.Rxa7± Rhe8 24.Bxe8 Rxe8+- Maljutin,E-Ristovic,N/Moscow5-B/1991/1-0 (25)]

[7...Qb6!?

A) 8.g3

A1) 8...Be7 9.Bg2 *(9.Bh3 f5 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Nf4 Nd8 13.Ne5 0-0 14.Qd3 Nf7 15.Kg2 cxd4 16.Nxf7 Rxf7 17.cxd4 Qd6 18.Be3 Bd7 19.f3 Nf6 20.Ne2 Qb6 21.a4 Raf8 22.Bf4 Nh5 23.Be5 Bd6 24.a5 Qc7 25.Rac1* Christoffel,U-Wagner,H/RL-ch Polch/1990/0.5 (36)*)* 9...0-0 10.0-0 a5 11.Nf4 a4 12.h4 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qa7 14.Be3 cxd4 15.cxd4 a3 16.b3 Ndb8 17.Nh5 Bd7 18.Nh2 Kh8 19.Ng4 Rg8 20.Qf3 Be8 21.Rad1

Nd7 22.Nf4 Rc8 23.Nh3 f5 24.exf6 Nxf6 25.Ng5 Schmitz,T-Barthel,A/NRW-I 9091 RE Altstadt-Herford [3]/1991/0.5 (64);

A2) 8...f6! 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Bg2 cxd4 *(10...Bd6∓)* 11.Nexd4 Bc5 12.0-0 0-0 13.b4 Bd6 14.Qb3 e5 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.c4 Qxb4 17.Qxb4 Bxb4 18.Nxe5 Bc3 19.Bf4 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Ba6 21.c5 Kh8 22.Nxc6 Rfc8 23.Nb4 Bc4 24.Bd6 a5 25.Nc2 Rossiter,P-Ali,M/London Lloyds/1988/0.5 (37);

B) 8.h4!? cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Nc3 Bd6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.0-0 e5? 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxd5! Nxd5 17.Qh5 Bh2+! 18.Kxh2 Nf6 19.Qe2 Ng4+ 20.Kg1 Qd6 21.g3 Ne5 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Bf4 Nxd3± Lover,L-Heyken,E/Gausdal Peer Gynt (7)/1992/0.5 (24);

C) 8.a3 cxd4 *(8...a5 9.h4 Qc7 10.Nf4 Nb6 11.Bd3 h6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Re1 c4 14.Bc2 a4 15.Nh5 Na5 16.Be3 Nb3 17.Rb1 0-0-0 18.Nh2 g6 19.Nf6 Bc6 20.h5 g5 21.Nfg4 Qe7 22.Rf1 Nd7 23.f4 gxf4 24.Rxf4 Bg7 25.Qf1± Nepeina,M-Boskovic,M/JUG-chT (Cetinje)/1993/1-0 (45))* 9.cxd4

C1) 9...Na5 10.b4 Nc4 11.Nc3 Qc7 12.Nb5 *(12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.Bb2* **Δ** 14.♖c1*)* 12...Qc6 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Nc3 Nb6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.Ne4 b6 17.Re1 Bb7 18.Nfg5 h6 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qh3 Be7 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.exd6 Bc8 23.Nf3 Qxd6 24.Ne5 Qc7 25.b5∓ Kiselev,G-Radziewicz,I/Warsaw op (01)/1993/0-1 (31);

C2) 9...f6 10.Nf4?! *(10.exf6 Nxf6=)* 10...fxe5 11.Nxe6 e4 *(11...Nf6 12.Nxf8 e4∞)* 12.Nfg5 Nf6 13.Bf4 Bxe6 14.Nxe6 Kf7 15.Nc7 Rd8 16.Nb5 Rd7 17.Be3 Be7 18.Be2 Rc8∓ 19.0-0 Na5 20.Rc1 Nc4 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.a4 a6 23.d5 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Na3∓ Maliutin,E-Danieljan,O/URS-qualJ Sochi/1990/0-1 (67)]

[7...Qa5 8.Bd2 *(8.dxc5 Ndxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.b4 Qd8⇄ Gurevich,M)* 8...Qb6 9.Rb1

A) 9...Be7 10.g3 cxd4 11.cxd4 f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Bg2 0-0 *(13...Ne4!?)* 14.0-0 Bd7 15.b4 a6 16.a3 Rae8 17.Bf4 Ne4 18.Qb3 Bf6 19.Be3 Ne7 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 Rc8 22.Qd2 Nf5 23.Rfe1 Rc7 24.Bh3± Mortensen,E-Gurevich,M/Manila olm (11.27.1)/1992/0.5 (63);

B) 9...cxd4! 10.cxd4 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bc3 *(12.g3 Bd6 13.Bg2 0-0∞ Gurevich,M)* 12...Bd6 13.Ng3 0-0 14.Be2 Ng4!? × f2, h2, e5 15.0-0 a5 16.a4 Qd8 17.Ne1 Nxh2! 18.Kxh2 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Rxf2! 20.Kxf2 Bxg3+? *(20...Qxg3+ 21.Kg1 Qh2+=)* 21.Ke3 e5 22.Kd2 exd4 23.Kc1 Be6 24.Nf3 Qf4+ 25.Bd2+- Maliutin,E-Gruzmann,B/Moscow-C/1989/1-0 (37)]

[7...a5 8.h4?! a4 9.a3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nb6 11.Nc3 Bd7 12.Bg5 Qb8 13.Bb5 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.Qe2 Na5∓ 16.Nd2 Rc8 17.Rh3 Nac4 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Bxd7+ Qxd7 20.Rd1 Nd5 21.Rc1 Nxc3 22.bxc3 Qd5 23.Kf1 h5 24.Kg1 Rc6 25.Qb2 Mortensen,E-Daly,C/Debrecen EU-chT (4) IRL-DEN/1992/0-1 (64)]

[7...b6 8.g3 a5 9.h4 Ba6 10.Bh3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 f5 13.Kg2 Nf8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.a3 Be7 16.Nf4 h6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Rc1 a4 19.Rc3 Nfg6 20.Nd3 0-0 21.h5 Nh8 22.Qd2 Nf7 23.Rhc1 Bc4 24.Kh2 Rac8 25.Nf4

Bex,P-Skembris,S/Genf YM/1989/1-0 (41)]
[7...c4?! 8.b3 b5 9.a4 Ba6 10.axb5? *(10.b4±)* 10...Bxb5 11.Ng3 Na5 12.bxc4 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4∓ 14.Qa4 a6 15.Nd2 Bb5 16.Qa2 Nb6 17.Ne2 Be7 18.Nb1 0-0 19.0-0 Nc4 20.Re1 f6 21.Bf4 Qb6 22.Nd2? fxe5 23.Bxe5-+ Louvet,H-Boutinot,F/Paris op-2/1989/0-1 (23)]
[7...f6?! 8.Nf4 Qe7 9.Bb5 cxd4 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.0-0 *(11.Qe2∞)* 11...Be7 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 0-0= 14.Qg4 Nb8 15.Nh5 Qf7 16.Qe2 *(16.Bh6 e5 17.Qxg7+ Qxg7 18.Bxg7 Rf5 19.Be2 Rxh5 20.Bxh5 Kxg7 21.dxe5∞)* 16...Nc6∓ 17.Rd1 Bd7 18.Be3 Bd6 19.Ng3 Rac8 20.a3 Na5 21.Rac1?! Bxb5 22.Qxb5 Nc4∓ 23.Qb3 Nxe3 24.Qxe3 Rxc1 25.Qxc1 Bellon,F-De la Villa Garcia,J/Palma/1991/0-1 (28)]
[7...Be7 8.g3 *(8.Nf4 Qb6 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 Nf8 12.Nh5 Rg8 13.Bh6 Be7 14.Nxg7+ Kd8 15.Ng5 Rxg7 16.Bxg7 Bxg5 17.Bxf8 Nxd4 18.g3 Qxb2 19.h4 Nxe2 20.hxg5 Bd7 21.Kg2 Bc6 22.Re1 d4+ 23.Kh3 Bf3 24.Qd3 Qc3 25.Rad1* Schreiner,T-Merges,H/RL-op Polch/1990/1-0 (46)*)* 8...0-0 *(8...cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Nf4 Ne4 14.h4 Bf6 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.hxg5 Nc3 18.Qh5 Ne7 19.Bh3 g6 20.Qh6 Rxf4 21.gxf4 Bd7 22.Bg4 Rf8 23.Rae1 Nf5 24.Qh3 Bb5 25.Bc1* Bex,P-Metral, J/FRA-chT/1993/0-1 (35)*)* 9.Bh3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Re8 11.0-0 Nf8 12.Be3 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Bg2 Ng6 15.Rc1 Kh8 16.h4 e5 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Qa5 19.h5 Nf8 20.h6 Bg4 21.hxg7+ Kxg7 22.f3 Bh5 23.dxe5 Rxe5 24.Bf4 Re6 25.Nc3 Alberts,G-Vetter,HP/BaVLS 9293 (Durmersheim-Kehl)/1992/1-0 (37)]

8.cxd4 f6!

[8...Bb4+ 9.Bd2 *(9.Nc3 a6 10.a3 Be7 11.Bd3 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Be3 Nf8 14.0-0 b5 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.Re1 Kf7 17.Bf1 Ng6 18.g3 Re8 19.Bh3 Rc8 20.Ne2 Nf8 21.Nf4 g6 22.Nd3 Nb8 23.Nfe5+ Kg8 24.Qd2 Rxc1 25.Rxc1* Reiter,HE-Wewior,G/CC-BdF-Meisterkl-VorrJ18/1987/1-0 (46)*)* 9...Qb6 *(9...Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Nb6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Bd3 f6 13.0-0 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bd7 16.Rae1 Rc8 17.Qd1 Qe7 18.Re3 Nc4 19.Rh3 h6 20.Qe2 Rf4 21.b3 Na5 22.Qd2 Qb4 23.Bb1 Nc6 24.Re1 Rcf8 25.a3* Nielsen,U-Petersen,So/ Copenhagen Unibank (3)/1991/1-0 (44)*)* 10.g3 Ndb8 *(10...0-0 11.Bh3 f5 12.0-0 h6 13.Bg2 Be7 14.Nf4 Nd8±)* Van Leeuwen-Tukajev, ICCF Cup 1990*)* 11.Bg2 Bd7 12.0-0 a5 13.b3 Na6 14.Bxb4 Qxb4 *(14...axb4 15.Qd2 Ne7 16.Nf4 Nf5 17.Bh3±; 14...Naxb4 15.Qd2±)* 15.Nf4 h5? 16.h4 g6 17.Qd3 Ne7 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.Bh3! Bb5 20.Qd1 Bc6 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Ng5 a4 23.Nxh5 Nc7 24.Nf4 Qb6 25.Ne2 Van Leeuwen,E-Broucke,F/Belgian Ch. 1991 CCYB 5/134/1991/1-0 (52)]

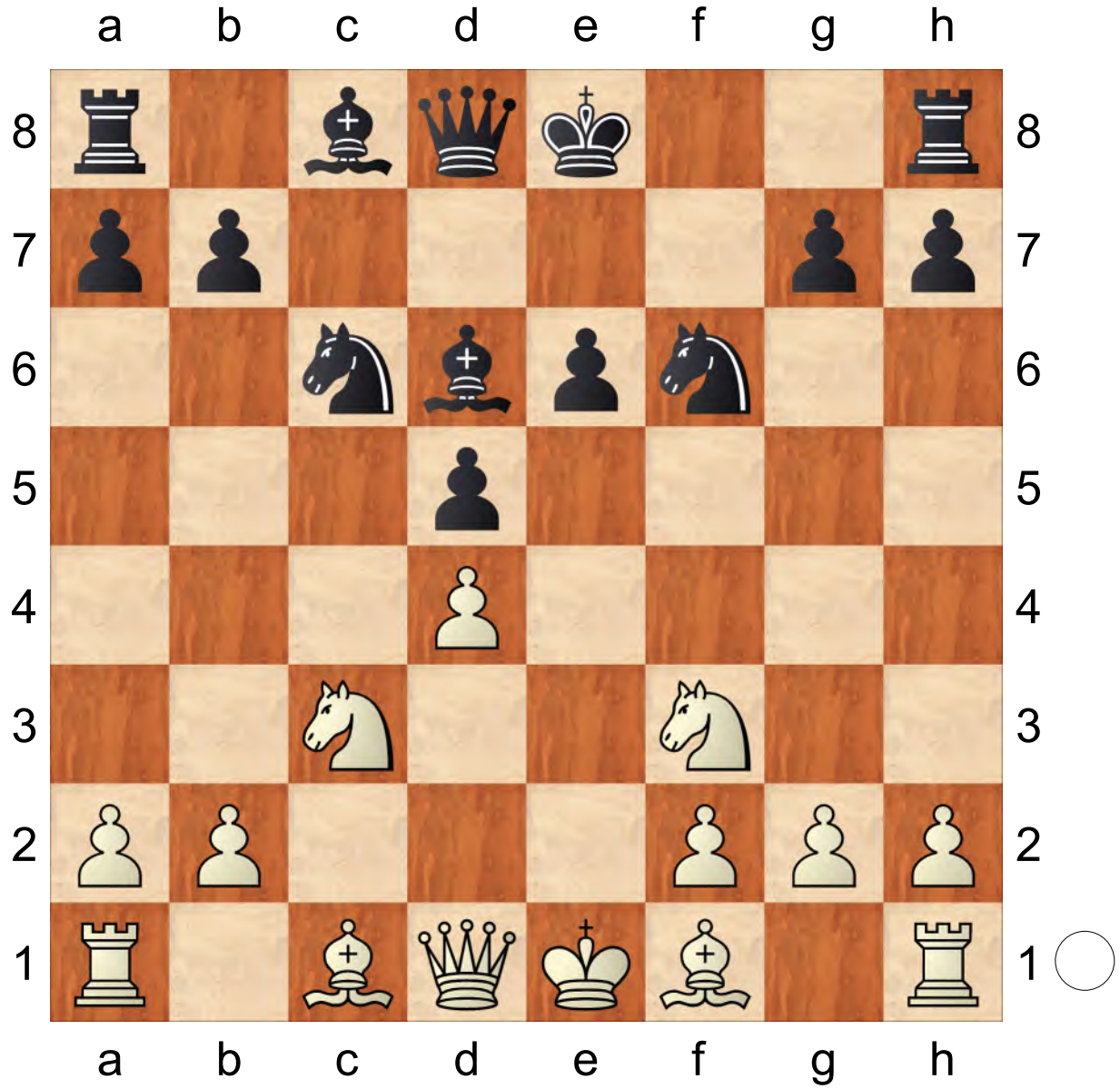
9.exf6

[9.Nf4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qe7 11.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bd3 Ne4! 15.Qe3 Qb4+ 16.Kf1 0-0∓ 17.Re1 Qxb2 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxa2 20.g4 Nb4 21.Re2 Qa5 22.h4 Nd5 23.Ng5 Nf6 24.Qd3 b6?! 25.Nh5 g6 26.Nxh7 Kxh7 27.Nf4 Ba6 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Qh6+ Nh7 30.Ng6+ Kg8 31.Ne7+ 0,5-0,5/Velimirovic,D-Moskalenko,V/Belgrad/1988/]

9...Nxf6 10.Nc3

[10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Rb1 Bb4+ 12.Nc3 0-0∓]

10...Bd6



11.Bb5 0-0= 12.0-0 Qc7 13.h3 Bd7 14.Be3 a6 15.Bxc6!? Bxc6

(Diagram)

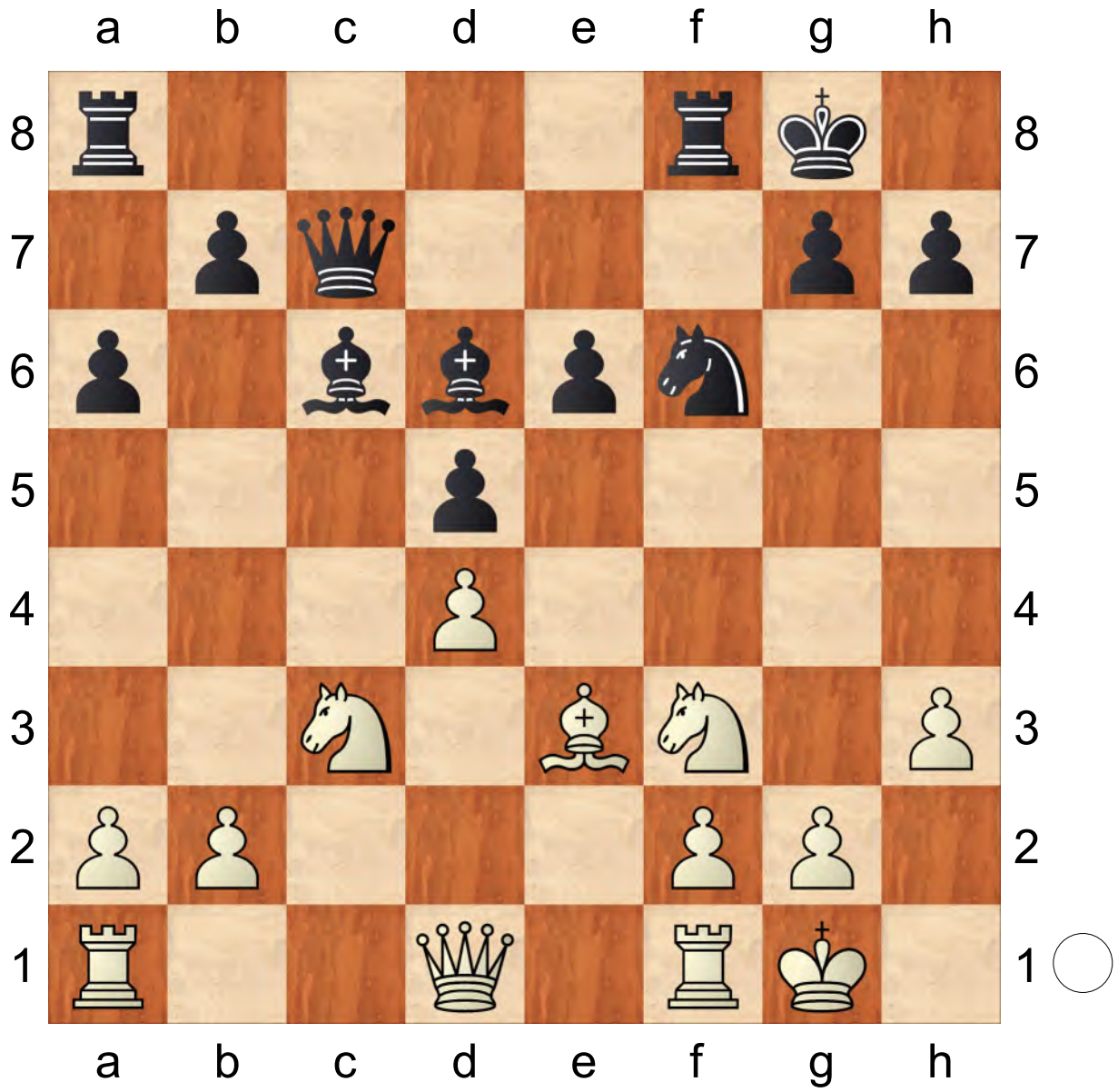
16.Re1 Rae8 17.a3 Nd7 18.Rc1 Qb8 19.Rc2 Rf5

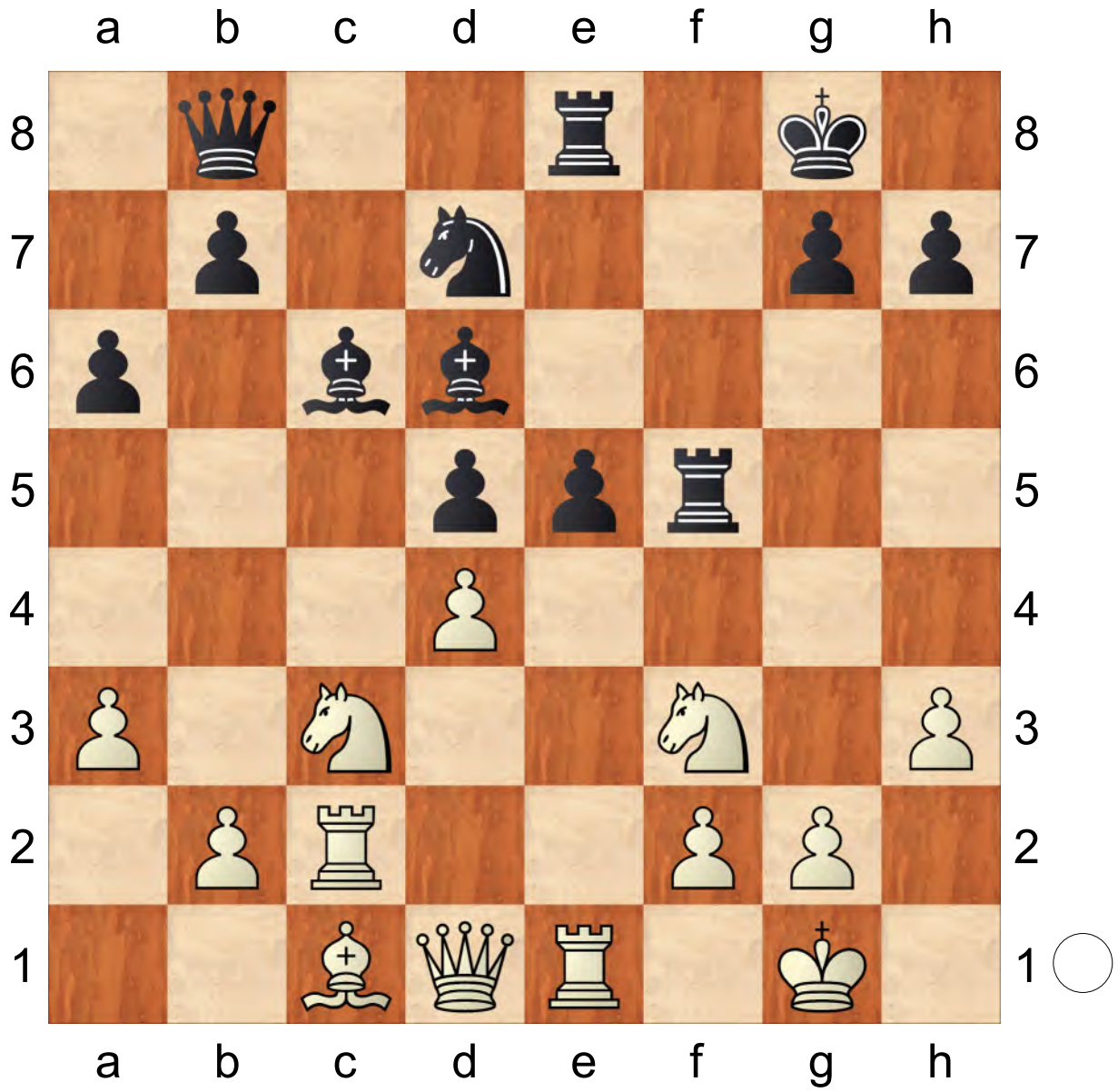
[19...Nb6!?]

20.Bc1 e5

(Diagram)

21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Nd4 Rf6 23.Rce2 Ref8 24.Qb3 Nc4 25.Ne4 Rg6

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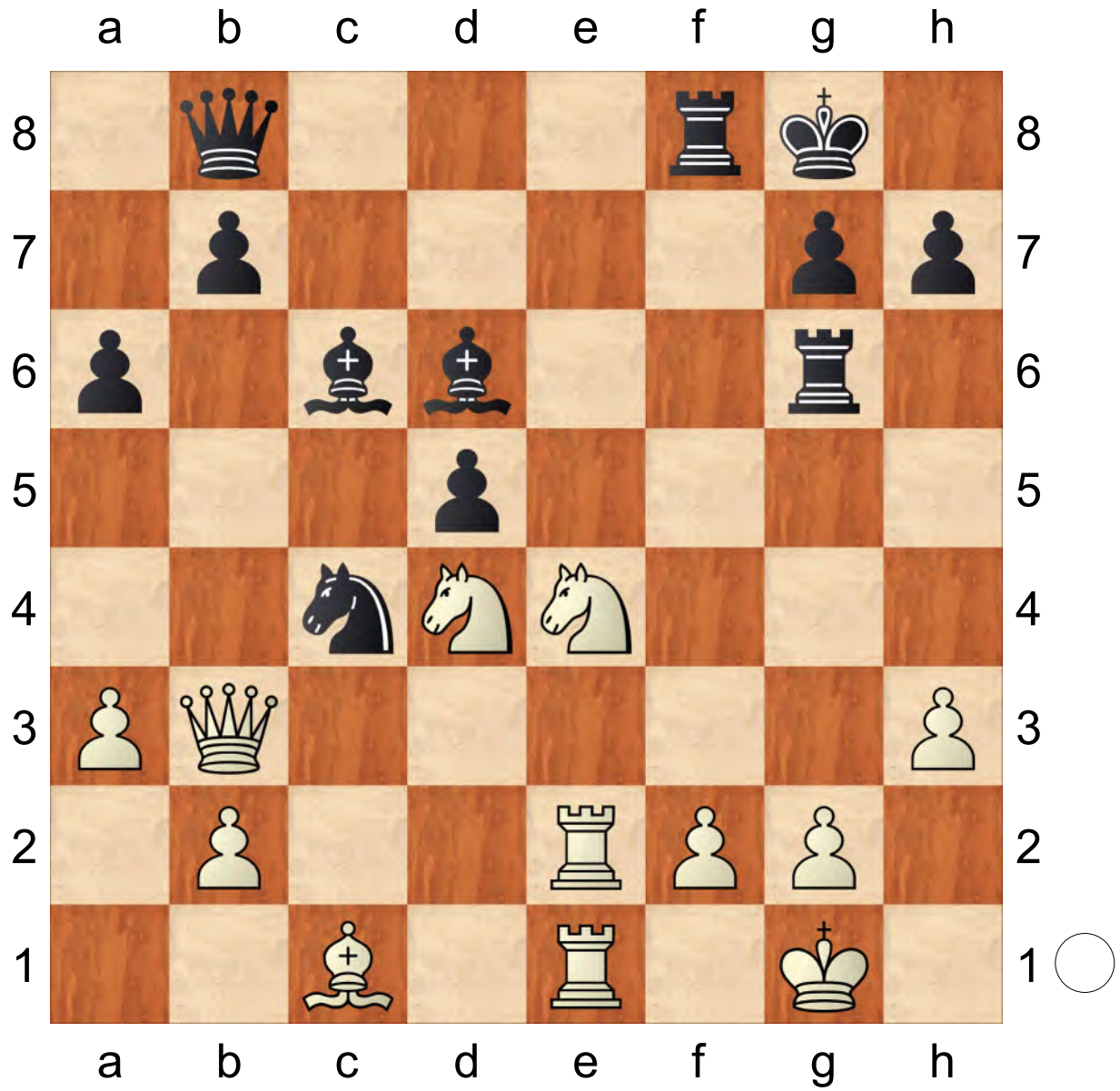

26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Qc3 Bd7∞

(Diagram)

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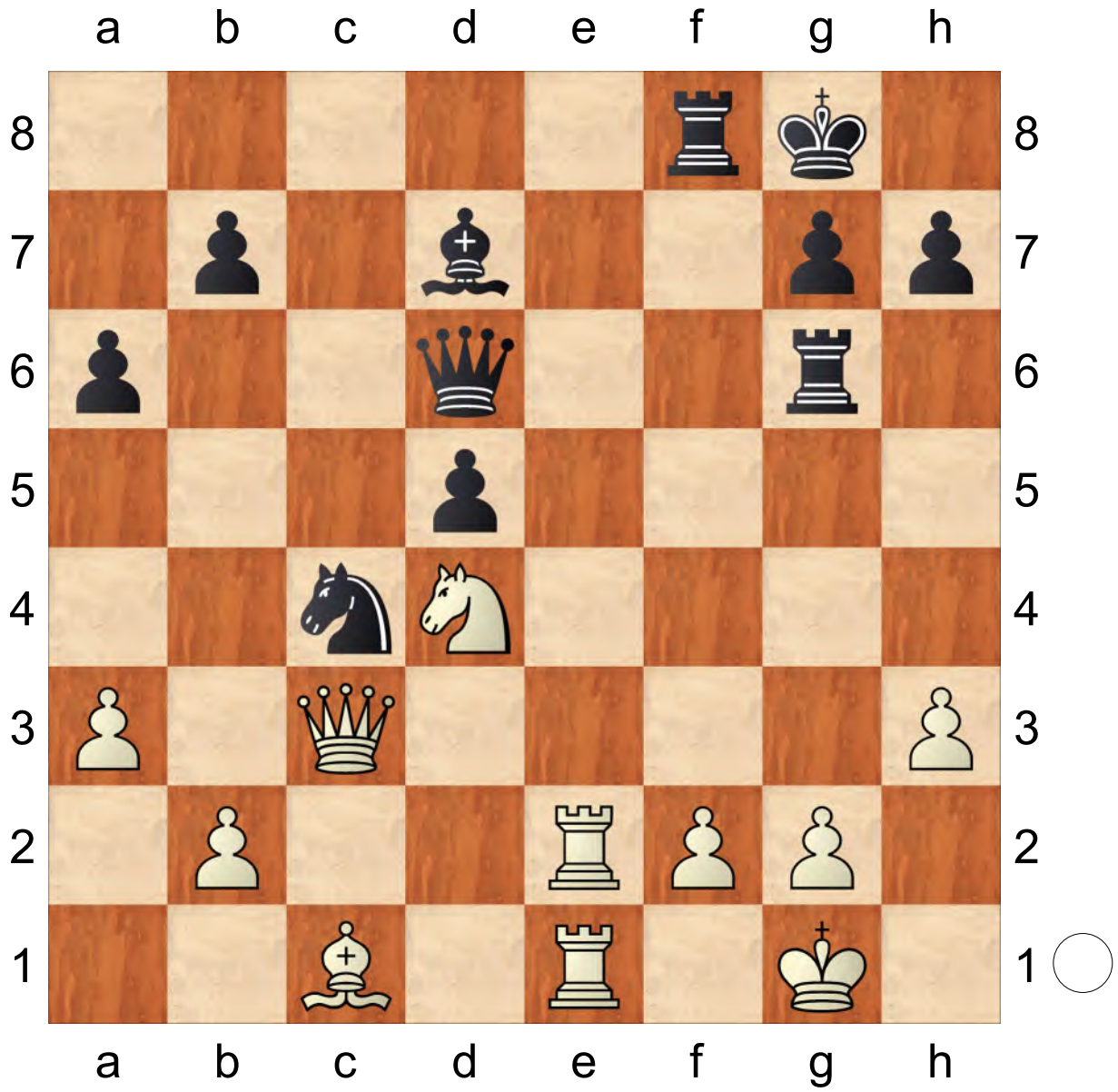
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□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2798**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2780**
Norway Chess 3rd (4) 19.06.2015
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Stohl,I **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4** The Ragozin was a very popular choice in Stavanger. Black essays the active bishop sortie, but he can still opt for solid lines later on - as he does in our game.

[The text move is more enterprising than 4...Be7 - the Orthodox Queen's Gambit was absent in Norway!]

[Another sharp continuation is the Semi-Slav 4...c6 , which however arose in Stavanger only by transposition:

A) 5.e3 Nbd7

A1) 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e4 exd4 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 h6 13.Nxd4 Qh4 14.Nf3 Qh5 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Qf5 Qxf5 17.Bxf5 Nf6 18.Bc2 b6 19.Ba4N *(19.Rd1 Bb7 20.Bb3 Rad8 21.Rd3 Bc7 22.Bd2 Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Nxd5 25.Rc1 Rd8=* Mamedyarov,S (2753)-Anand,V (2786) Moscow 2013*)* 19...Bb7 20.Bc6 Bxc6 21.dxc6 Rac8 22.Be3 *(22.Nd4 Be5=)* 22...Rxc6 23.Rad1 Re8 24.Bd4 Bf8 25.g3 Kg8 26.Kg2 Ne4 27.Rfe1 Rce6 28.Re3 Nc5= Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Giri,A (2773) Stavanger 2015;

A2) 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 Qc7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Bc2 Bd6 14.Ng5 Nf8 15.f4 0-0-0 16.Qe1 e5 17.f5 *(*More principled, but far from clear is *17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 exf4 19.Bd2!?⩲* , this has brought White a moderate success in postal practice.*)* 17...h6 18.Nf3 N8d7 19.Kh1 *(⌓19.Bd2)* 19...Rhe8 *(19...Nb8 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Rc1 Rhe8 22.Bb1 Nd4 23.b4 c4 24.a3 Bf8 25.Rd1 Nxf3 26.gxf3 Rxd1 27.Qxd1 Rd8 28.Qe1 Bc6 29.Qf2 Kb7=* Knight,T (2526)-Loinjak,S (2443) email 2008*)* 20.Bd2 Qc6 21.Rd1 Nb6 22.Nd5? *(* Premature, but *22.a3 Bc7∓* is already comfortable for Black.*)* 22...Nbxd5 23.exd5 Qd7 24.Ba5 e4 25.Ng1 Bc7 26.d6 Bxa5 27.Qxa5 e3 28.Ne2 Qc6 0-1, Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Topalov,V (2798) Stavanger 2015;

B) 5.Bg5 h6

B1) 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Rc1 g6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.b4 a6 12.a4 0-0 13.b5 axb5 14.axb5 Qd6 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Qb3 Rb8 17.Nd1 Bf5 18.Nb2 Rfc8 19.Nd3 Bxd3 *(*Black has no problems at all after *⌓19...Nc4!)* 20.Qxd3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxc5 22.h4 Na4?! *(22...h5 23.Ng5 Qc7=)* 23.h5 Rbc8 24.Rxc5 Nxc5 25.Qc2 gxh5 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.Nf5 *(27.Qf5!?↑)* 27...Bf8 Carlsen,M (2876)-Topalov,V (2798) Stavanger 2015 28.Bf3 Qe6 29.Rc1↑;

B2) 6.Bh4

B2a) 6...dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.0-0 Nxc3 *(11...Nd7* is the standard reaction*)* 12.bxc3 c5 13.a4 a6 14.Qb1 g4 15.Nh4 cxd4 16.axb5 d3 17.Bxg4 a5 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Qd5 20.Ra4 Nd7 21.Qa2 Nb6 22.Rxa5 Rxa5 23.Qxa5 Bc5⩲ Grischuk,A (2780)-Karjakin,S (2753) Khanty-Mansiysk 2015;

B2b) A new direction in the Anti-Moscow is 6...g5 7.Bg3 and now

B2b1) 7...dxc4 already gives White a choice, apart from 8.e4 *(*he has the alternatives *8.e3; 8.h4* and*; 8.a4!?)*;

B2b2) 7...Ne4!?

B2b21) 8.Nd2 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Bg7 *(9...Qb6!?∞)* 10.e3 a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Rc1 Nd7 14.f4 Bb7 15.Nf3 Rc8 16.0-0 g4 17.Ne5 h5 18.Ne2 Rxc1 19.Qxc1 f5 20.Qc2 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Qc8 22.Qd2± Grischuk,A (2728)-Kramnik,V (2788) Moscow blitz 2008;

B2b22) 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Nd2 Qxd4 10.e3 Qxb2 11.Rb1 Qc3 12.Be2 Nd7 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Nb3 Nd3 15.Nd2 Nc5 ½, Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Carlsen,M (2876) Stavanger 2015;

B2b23) The simplest and possibly the best reaction seems to be 8.e3!? **Δ** 8...Qa5 9.Qb3 Bb4 10.Rc1]

5.Bg5

[The main alternative is 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 and now: Aronian preferred

A) 6...Nbd7

A1) 7.e3 c5 *(*Black can still transpose into 6...h6 with *7...h6)* 8.dxc5 *(8.Bd3 Qa5 9.Qc2 c4 10.Bf5 0-0 11.0-0 Re8* is the older main line, here it's difficult for White to fight for an advantage.*)* 8...Qa5 *(*or *8...0-0* was the topic of an opening survey in CBM 148. *)*;

A2) 7.Qc2 c5 8.g3!? is another recent try to get an opening advantage: h6 9.Bf4 Qa5 10.Bg2 Ne4 11.Rc1 Qxa2 12.Nd2 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc2 14.Rxc2 Nxd2 15.Kxd2 Nb6 16.dxc5 Nc4+ 17.Kd3 Bf5+? *(17...Be6⇄)* 18.e4 Bh7 19.Kd4 Na5 20.Kxd5 0-0-0+ 21.Bd6 b6 22.Ra1 Nb7 23.Rxa7 bxc5 24.Bh3+ f5 25.e5 1-0, Vitiugov,N (2735)-Aleksandrov,A (2603) EU-ch Jerusalem 2015;

A3) 7.Rc1 c6 8.e3 *(*A more restrained way is *8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Rxc3 0-0 10.e3 Qe8⇄)* 8...Qa5 9.Bd3 Ne4 *(9...Qxa2!? 10.0-0 Qa5 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Bf4 f6 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Qb3 Be7 16.e4 Qb4 17.Qc2 d4 18.Ne2 Be6 19.Bd2 Bb3 20.Bxb4 Bxc2 21.Bxc2 Bxb4 22.e5 Ng4 23.Nxd4 Nxe5 24.Ne6 Ke7 25.Nxg7 Rad8 26.Rfd1 a5∞ /=,* Khismatullin,D (2657)-Landa,K (2635) Dagomys 2010*)* 10.0-0 Nxg5 11.Nxg5 Nf6 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Ne5 Ng4 15.Nf3 *(15.Bf5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.Qf5 Qc7 19.Nxd5 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Qd7 21.Nf6+ gxf6 22.Qxf6 Rg8 23.Kxh2 Rg6⇄* Korotylev *)* 15...Nf6 16.h3 0-0 17.Ne5 a6 *(17...c5?! 18.Nb5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.f4 c4 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Nd6 Nc5 23.Rcd1±* Gelfand,B (2758)-Jakovenko,D (2736) Khanty-Mansiysk 2009*)* 18.f4 *(18.Na4!?±)* 18...c5 19.g4 cxd4 20.exd4 Be6 21.Qb3 *(21.Qf2∞;*

21.Kh1!?) 21...b5 22.f5 Qb6 23.Nf3□ Bc8 24.Kg2?! *(24.Nxd5! Nxd5 25.Be4 Nc7 26.Rc6 Qb7 27.Nd2∞)* 24...Bb7 25.Na4 Qa7 26.Nc5 Rac8 *(26...Ne4!?↑)* 27.a4 *(⌓27.Nxb7 Qxb7∓)* 27...Bxc5 28.dxc5 d4! 29.axb5 axb5 30.Qxb5 Bc6 31.Qb6 Qd7 32.Kg1 Rfe8→ Vachier Lagrave,M (2754)-Caruana,F (2803) Khanty-Mansiysk 2015;

B) 6...h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 *(7...g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Rc1 Bb2 12.Rxc7 Na6 13.Rc2 Bxd4 14.e3 Bg7 15.h4* Carlsen,M (2881)-Aronian,L (2815) Flor & Fjaere blitz 2014 *Bf5! 16.Bb5+ Kf8∞)* 8.e3 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qc2 *(10.Nd2 Nxg3 11.hxg3 c6 12.Qc2 Nf6 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.a3 Bd6 17.Nb5 Kb8 18.Nxd6 Rxd6 19.Nb3 Bc8 20.Nc5 Nd7 21.Na4 Nb6 22.Nc5=* Vitiugov,N (2739)-Aronian,L (2770) Sochi 2015 *)* 10...h5 11.h3N *(11.h4 g4 12.Ng5 Nxg3 13.fxg3 Qe7 14.0-0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3* Rasmussen,K (2462)-Wegerer,F (2235) Pula 2007 *Rh6!∓)* 11...Qf6 *(11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 Nb6 14.Bd3 g4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.0-0 Qe7 17.Ne5 Be6 18.Bf5 Nd7 19.e4 Nxe5 20.exd5! 0-0-0 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Rae1 exf5 23.Rxe5±* Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Aronian,L (2780) Stavanger 2015 *)* 12.Bd3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Nxg3 14.fxg3 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nh4 Nb6 17.Qf2 *(17.e4!? dxe4 18.Bxe4 c6 19.Rf1∞)* 17...Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Be6 19.Nf5 Kd7 20.Rh4 Rhg8 21.Ke2 Nc8 22.Rf1 Nd6 23.Nxd6 Kxd6 24.Bf5 Rg5 25.Bxe6 Kxe6 26.Rh7 Rf8 27.a4 b6 28.Kd3 c5 29.Rh6+ f6 30.Rh7 Rf5!≅ Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Grischuk,A (2781) Stavanger 2015]

5...h6

[In a later round Levon didn't repeat this line and went somewhat surprisingly for the Vienna with 5...dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bb5+ Nbd7 11.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 12.Kf1 gxf6 13.h4 a6 14.Rh3 Qb4 *(*This has replaced the older *14...Qa5 15.Ba4!? b5 16.Bb3 Qb6 17.Rc1 Bb7 18.Rhc3 Ne5 19.f4 Rd8 20.fxe5 Rxd4 21.Qf3 f5 22.Qf2 fxe4 23.Rc7* 1-0, Khalifman,A (2617)-Kachar,V (2283) Voronezh 2014*)* 15.Be2 Ne5 16.Rb1!? *(16.h5 Qd6 17.Qd2 Nc6 18.Rd3 Qh2 19.f4 Rg8 20.Bf3 Bd7 21.Ne2 Qh1+ 22.Ng1 Nd4 23.Rxd4 Bb5+ 24.Kf2 Qh4+ 25.Ke3 e5 26.fxe5 Qg5+ 27.Kf2 Qg3+=* Anand,V (2770)-Kramnik,V (2787) Khanty-Mansiysk 2014*)* 16...Qd6 17.Qd2 Bd7!?N *(17...b5 18.Rd1 Bb7* 0-1 (49) Bida,M (2323)-Bluebaum,M (2521) Durban 2014 *19.Qh6! Qe7 20.Rc3 Rd8 21.f3≅)* 18.Rxb7 Bb5 19.Rb3 Rc8 *(19...Rd8 20.R3xb5 axb5 21.Bxb5+ Kf8 22.Nxe6+ Qxe6 23.Qxd8+ Kg7 24.Qd5 Qg4⇄)* 20.Bxb5+ axb5

A) 21.R7xb5 0-0 *(21...Nc4!? 22.Qc3 0-0∞)* 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.h5 Rfd8 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Rb4 e5 26.Rd3 exd4 27.Rbxd4 Qa6≅;

B) 21.Qb4 Qxb4 22.Rxb4 0-0 *(22...Nd3 23.Nxb5 Rc1+ 24.Ke2 Nxb4 25.Rb8+ Ke7 26.Rxh8 Rc2+=)* 23.R7xb5 Rfd8 24.Ke2 Kg7 25.Ra4 *(25.a4 Rc1⇄)* 25...Ra8 26.Rbb4 Rdb8 27.Nb3 Rxb4 28.Rxb4 Rxa2+= Giri,A (2773)-Aronian,L (2780) Stavanger 2015]

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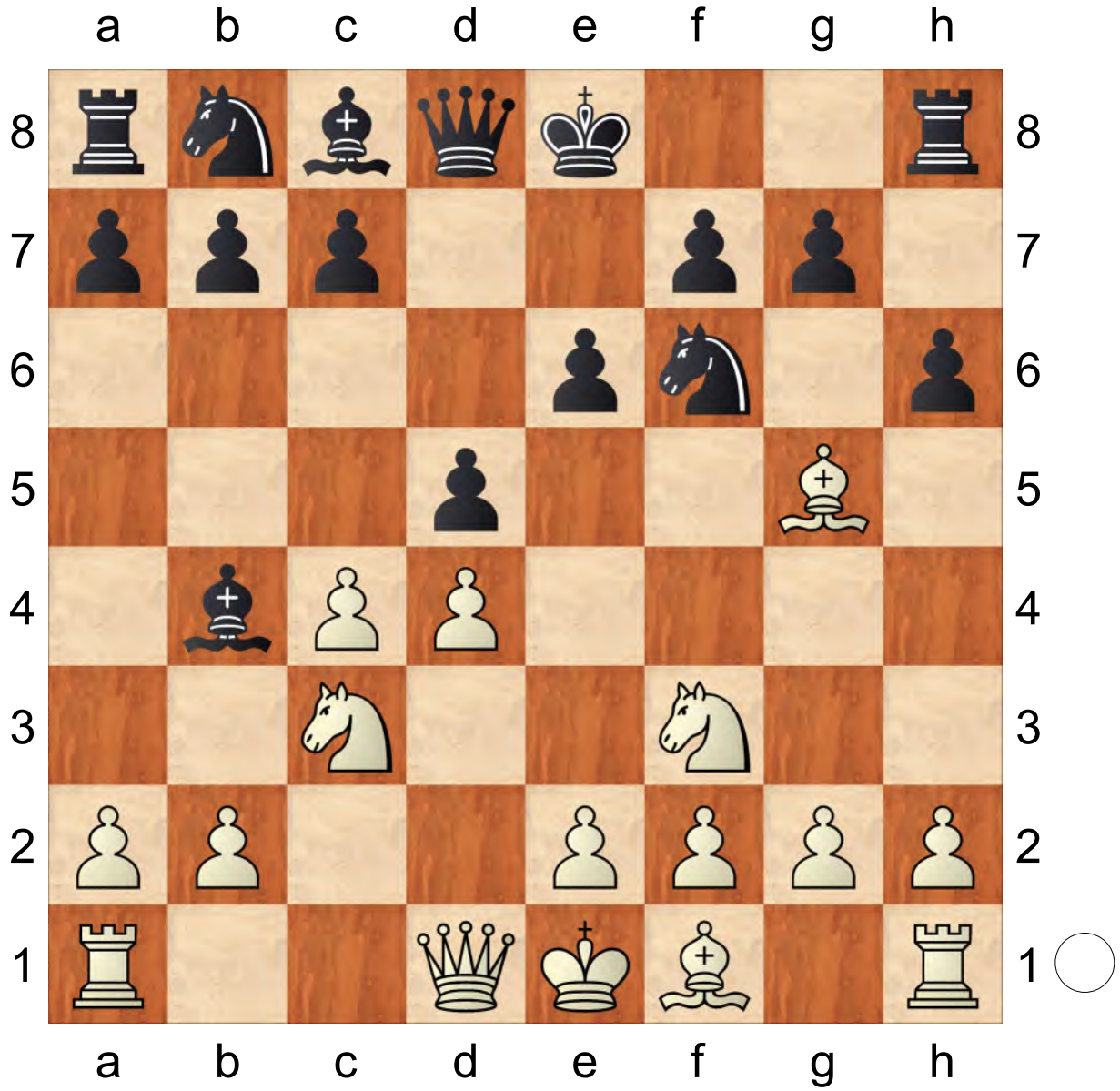


6.Bxf6 The usual response.

[Without the exchange on d5 6.Bh4 can be rather risky:

A) White must also reckon with 6...g5 7.Bg3 Ne4 8.Qc2 *(8.Rc1?! h5 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bxc6 14.Qb3 h4 15.Be5 f6 16.f3 fxe5 17.fxe4 0-0 18.e3 Kg7 19.Bb5 Qd6 20.Qa4 Rae8 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Rf1 h3 23.gxh3 Qh6→* Michalik,P (2576)-Movsesian,S (2700) Czechia 2014*)* 8...h5 9.h4 g4∞;

B) 6...dxc4!? 7.Qa4+ *(7.e3 b5 8.a4 c6* and in practice White's compensation has been rather nebulous.*)* 7...Nc6 8.e3 Bd7 9.Qc2 b5 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Ne7 12.Ne5 Nf5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.a4 c6 16.g3 a5 17.Bg2 Ra6 18.d5 cxd5 19.axb5 Rb6 20.e4 dxe4 21.Rxa5 0-0 22.Bxe4 *(22.Qxe4!? Rxb5 23.Rxb5 Qxb5 24.0-0⇄)* 22...Nd6 23.Bc6? *(23.0-0∓)* 23...Qc7 24.Ra4 Nxb5 25.Bxb5 Qe5+∓ Eljanov,P (2729)-Khismatullin,D

(2656) St Petersburg 2013]

6...Qxf6 7.Qa4+ An attempt to disrupt Black's natural development and prevent c7-c5.

[After 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 Black has been holding his own recently:

A) 10.dxc5

A1) 10...Nd7 11.c6 Ne5 *(11...bxc6!? 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Ba6 15.Re1 Rab8 16.Qa4 Rb6⇄* Sasikiran,K (2658)-Sandipan,C (2478) Mumbai 2003*)* 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.0-0 *(13.Qb3!? Ba5 14.cxb7 Rb8 15.Ba6 Bxb7 16.Bxb7 Qc7 17.0-0 Rxb7 18.Qa3±)* 13...bxc6 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Qxd1 Qc7 19.h3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 c5 21.Qa4 Qc6= Giri,A (2790)-Carlsen,M (2863) Shamkir 2015;

A2) 10...Bxc5

A2a) 11.0-0 Rd8 *(11...Qe7 12.Ne4 Rd8 13.Qc2 Bb6 14.Rfd1 Nc6 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Ne5 Bd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.g3 Nc6 20.Bb5 Rc8 21.Rc1 Ne7 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.Rxc7 Bxc7=* Aronian,L (2816)-Anand,V (2780) Sao Paulo/Bilbao 2012*)* 12.Qc2!? *(12.Qe2 Qe7 13.a3 Bd7 14.Rfd1 Nc6 15.b4 Bb6 16.Bb3 Be8 17.Na4 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Bc7 19.Nc5 Bd6 20.Bc2 a5 21.Qd3 g6 22.Ne4 Rd8∓* Shirov,A (2696)-Wei,Y (2551) WCup Tromsoe 2013*)* 12...Bf8 *(12...Qe7 13.Rfd1 Bd7 14.Bd3 Bb6 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Be4 Nc6 17.Na4 f5 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.Ne5 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Bxa4 21.Qxa4 Qc7 22.Ng6+ Kh7 23.Nf4 Rd8 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.Qb3= /±,* Buczinski,H (2184)-Salzmann,S (2133) email 2008*)* 13.Rfd1 Nc6 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.Rxd8 Qxd8 16.Rd1 Bd7 ½, Wang,Y (2689)-Zhang,Z (2613) Jiangsu Wuxi 2008;

A2b) 11.Qc2 Bd7 *(11...Bb4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.Rxc3 Bd7 15.Rd1 Rc8 16.Be2 Rxc3 17.bxc3 f6 18.Rb1 b6 19.Rd1 Kf8 20.Nh4 Bc6* Fressinet,L (2711)-Gajewski,G (2641) Saint Quentin 2014 *21.Bh5↑)* 12.0-0 Bb6 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Rfd1 Nc6 15.a3 Rfd8 16.Nd6 Rab8 17.Qe4 *(17.Ba2!?)* 17...Bc7 18.Bd3 g6 19.Nb5 Bb6 20.h4?! *(20.Qf4 Kg7=)* 20...e5 21.Be2 Bf5 22.Qa4 e4 23.Nfd4 Nxd4 24.Nxd4 Bd7 25.Bb5 Ipatov,A (2608)-Zhukova,N (2470) Doha 2014 Bg4∓ ;

B) 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Ne4 *(11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Bxc6 15.Bb5 Bd5 16.Bc4 Bc6 17.Bb5 Bd5 18.Bc4 ½,* Topalov,V (2798)-Anand,V (2804) Stavanger 2015 This quick draw in the last round only repeated past games, but it brought Topalov tournament victory.*)* 11...Qe7 12.Nxd4 Bd7 This year White has tested

B1) 13.Qh5 Nc6 14.Nb3

B1a) 14...Be8 15.a3 f5 *(15...Bd6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Qc5 Qf6 19.Bd3 g6 20.Qc2 Ne5* Zhukova,N (2471)-Szczepkowska,K (2414) Chengdu 2015 *21.Be4 Ba4 22.Rd4±)* 16.Qe2 Bxa3 17.bxa3 fxe4 18.Nc5 Ne5 19.Ba2 Nf3+ 20.Kh1 Qh4 21.gxf3 Bh5 22.Bxe6+ Kh8 23.Bg4 exf3 24.Qb2 Bxg4 25.Rg1 Rf7 26.Qd4 h5 27.Nd3 Rd8

28.Qe4 Qe7 29.Qxe7 Rxe7 30.Nf4 Kh7 31.Rc5⇄ So,W (2762)-Hou,Y (2673) Wijk aan Zee 2015 For more details about this game see the notes by Ftacnik in CBM 165;

B1b) 14...f5 15.a3 fxe4 *(15...Ne5!? 16.Be2 Be8 17.Qh3 Bc6 18.axb4 Bxe4 19.Qg3* Ramirez,A (2591)-Cornette,M (2545) Cappelle la Grande 2012 *Qg5!?=)* 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Nc5 Nd3 18.Nxd3 exd3 19.Bxd3 Bc6 20.Rc4 Rf6 21.Be4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Rd8 23.Qe2 Rf5 24.h3 Rfd5 25.Qg4 R8d6 26.Rc1 Aronian,L (2804)-Anand,V (2785) Bilbao 2014 For more details see the notes to this game by Roiz in CBM 163 Qd7= /±;

B2) 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Nb3 Na5!? 15.Rc7 Rfd8

B2a) A forcing tactical line is 16.Nbc5 f5□ 17.a3 fxe4 18.axb4 exd3 19.Qxd3 *(19.bxa5? Rac8 20.Rxc8 Bxc8∓)* 19...Bb5 20.Rxe7 Bxd3 21.bxa5 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Rd1+ 23.Ke2 Rad8 24.Rxb7 R1d2+ 25.Ke1= ½, Matlakov,M (2694)-Wojtaszek,R (2746) Montpellier 2015;

B2b) 16.a3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 Ba5 18.Rxb7 Ba4! 19.Rxe7 Bxb3 20.Nc5 Bb6 21.Nxb3 Rxd3 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.exd4 Rb8 24.Rxa7 Rxb2 25.Ra4 Ra2= Gelfand,B (2744)-Giri,A (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk 2015]

7...Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Retains the central tension.

[Topalov spurns the Carlsbad-like 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 Be6 11.0-0 a6 12.Rfc1 Bd6

A) 13.a3 Ne7 14.b4 c6 15.Qb3 g5 16.Qb2 Qg7 17.Na4 Rae8 18.Nc5 Bc8 19.g3 Nf5 20.Bd3 Qf6 21.Rf1 h5 22.Rac1 h4 23.Qd2 Nh6? *(23...hxg3 24.hxg3 Kg7∓)* 24.e4± Aronian,L (2777)-Anand,V (2797) Baden-Baden 2015;

B) 13.Qd1 Ne7 14.a3 Rfd8 15.b4 Nc8 16.Na4 b6?! *(16...b5!? 17.Nc5 Nb6⇄)* 17.Nb2 Ne7 18.Nd3 Ng6 19.a4 a5 20.b5 Re8 21.Rc3 Bf5 22.Rac1 Rad8 23.Nd2 Rd7 24.g3 Nf8 25.Bg4± Carlsen,M (2862)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015 Although White won both quoted games, Krasenkow in his notes in CBM 165 indicates ample improvements for Black. Especially Anand, who concentrated on his kingside play, achieved a promising position.]

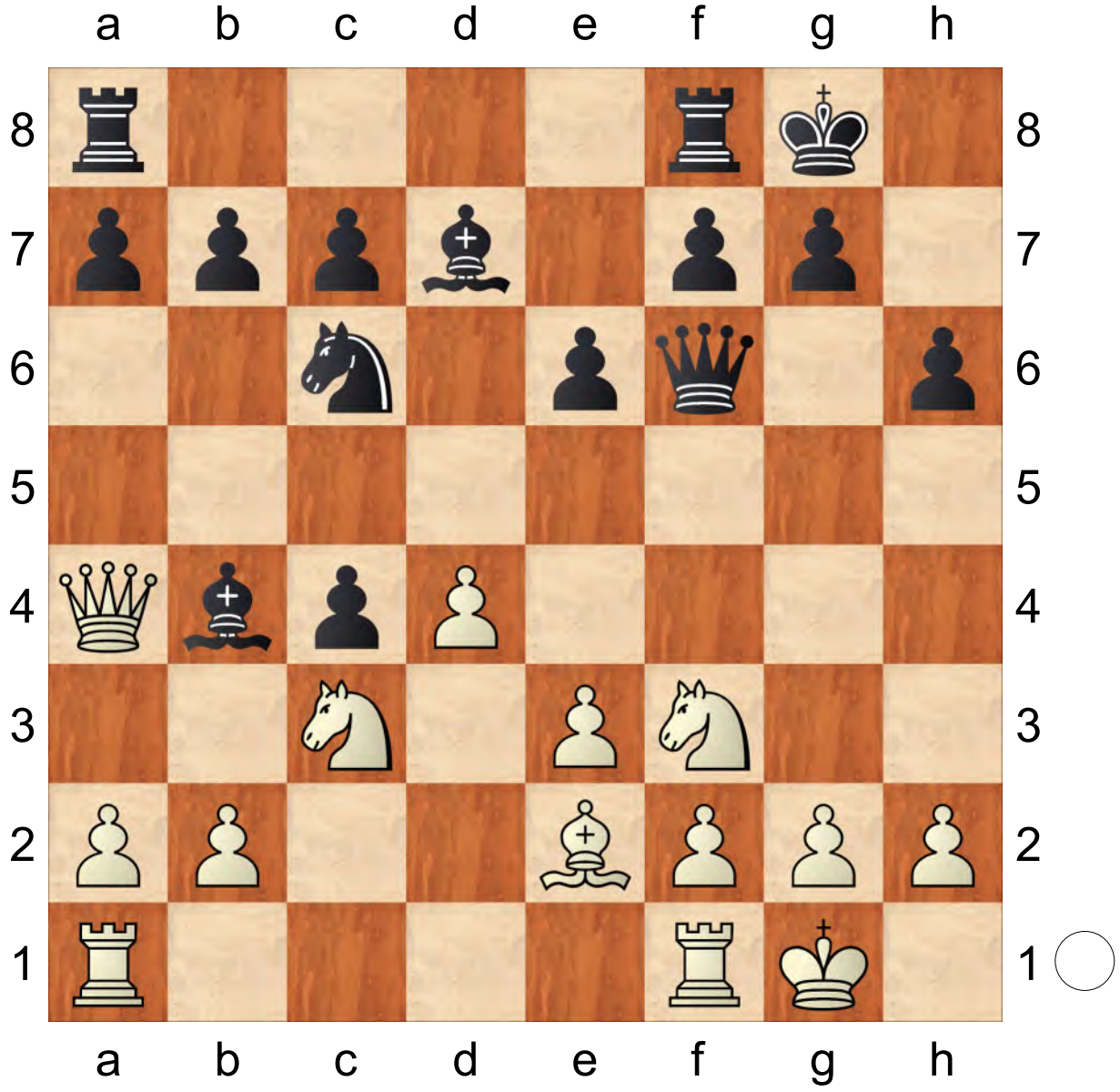
9...dxc4

[Perhaps it's more accurate to force White's ♕ to move with 9...Bd7!? 10.Qb3 *(10.Qc2 dxc4 11.0-0 Na5 12.Ne5 Qe7 13.Ne4 Bd6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Be7 17.Rac1 c6 18.Qb3 Rfd8 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Qe7 21.Qc3 Rd5 22.Rxd5 exd5=* Zoler,D (2504)-Hammer,J (2647) Yerevan 2014*)* 10...dxc4 11.Qxc4 *(11.Bxc4 Bd6=)* 11...Qg6 *(*We will have a look at *11...Bd6* in the following note, it can lead to similar positions.*)* 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Rfd1 *(13.Nb5 Rfc8 14.Nxd6 cxd6 15.Rac1 e5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bd3 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qb5 Qe6 20.Qxb7 Rab8 21.Qa6 Rxb2 22.Rc5 Rxa2 23.Qb7 Ra5 24.Rxa5 Nxa5 25.Qxa7 Nc4 26.Rc1 Nd6 27.Rxc8+ Qxc8 28.Qa1 e4 29.Nd4 Nf5 30.Nxf5 Qxf5 ½,* Wojtaszek,R (2711)-Yu,Y (2677) Wijk aan Zee 2014*; 13.Rac1 Na5 14.Qd3 Qxd3 15.Bxd3 Nc6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Bb1 Nb4 18.Be4 c6 19.Bb1 Be8 20.a3 Nd5 21.Ne4 Be7 22.Ba2 g5 23.h3 Kg7 24.Rd2 Nf6 25.Bb1 a5 26.Nxf6 Bxf6 27.Be4 a4=* Zhou,J (2589)-Yu,Y (2723) Xinghua 2015*)*

13...Rfd8 14.Bd3 Na5 15.Qb5 Bxb5 16.Bxg6 Bc6 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Nc4 19.Rdc1 Nb6 20.Kf1 c6 21.Ke2 Kf8 22.g4 Ke7 23.h4 Rac8 24.Rc2 Nd7= /±, Vallejo Pons,F (2698)-Wei,Y (2634) Leon rpd 2014 Black had a solid, but rather passive position, which he eventually managed to hold.]

10.0-0 Bd7

[10...Bd6 11.Qxc4 *(11.Bxc4 e5!? 12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Nxd6 cxd6= /±)* 11...Bd7 12.Rac1 Qg6 13.Rfd1 Na5 14.Qd3 Qxd3 15.Bxd3 Nc6 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Bb1 Ba4 18.Rd2 Bc6 19.a3 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Nd5 21.Rdc2 c6 22.Nd2 a5 23.g3 Rfd8 24.Nc4 Be7 25.Kf1 Ra6 26.Bd3 Nb6 27.Ne5 Raa8 28.f4 Nd7 29.Nf3 a4 30.Ke2 Ra5= /±, Melkumyan,H (2676)-Naroditsky,D (2633) Tsaghkadzor 2015 This position is slightly more pleasant for White and in the end he managed to win.]



11.Bxc4 Bxc3 Aronian decides not to lose any more time and gives up the bishop-pair instead. It's not so simple to equalize after the alternatives:

[11...Bd6 12.Qc2!? *(12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Qc2 e5 14.d5 Nd8 15.Nxd6 cxd6 16.Rac1 f5 17.Be2 Rc8 18.Qb3 f4 19.Nd2 b6 20.Qa3 fxe3 21.Qxe3 Nf7 22.Ba6 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Bf5 24.Ne4 Rd8 25.Ng3 Bg6 26.Bd3↑* Wagner,D (2481)-Landa,K (2640) Germany 2013*)* 12...e5 13.d5 Nb4 14.Qd2 Qg6 *(14...a5!?)* 15.a3 Na6 16.b4 Bh3?! 17.Ne1 e4 18.f3 exf3 19.Nxf3 Bg4 20.Bd3 Qh5 21.Ne4 Rad8 22.Nxd6 Rxd6 23.e4± Ragger,M (2670)-Cornette,M (2552) Belfort 2012]

[11...Qg6 12.Qd1!? also seems to retain a small plus.]

12.bxc3 Rfd8

[12...Qe7 13.Be2 *(13.Qc2!? Δ e5 14.Rab1 b6 15.Bd5↑)* 13...e5! 14.Qb3 b6 15.Qc4 Rac8 16.Nd2 Na5 17.Qb4 c5 18.Qa3 Rfe8 *(18...Qe6!?)* 19.d5 e4 20.c4 Qg5 21.Kh1 Rcd8 22.Rae1 Bf5 23.Rg1 h5 24.Nf1 Bg4= Fedoseev,V (2601)-Aleksandrov,A (2586) Khanty-Mansiysk 2013]

13.Be2N Topalov's novelty indicates a different strategy, contrary to prior examples: White will concentrate more on queenside play.

[13.Qc2 Na5 14.Bd3 c5 15.Ne5 Be8 16.f4 Qe7 17.Qe2 Rac8 18.f5 f6 19.Ng4 exf5 *(19...h5 20.Nf2 e5!↑)* 20.Bxf5 Rc7 21.Rad1 h5 22.Nf2 cxd4 23.cxd4 Nc4 24.Rfe1 Bf7 25.Bd3 b5 26.Ne4 Re8 27.Qf2 Rc6 28.Nc5 Rxc5 29.dxc5 Qxc5⩲ 0-1 (44) Hansen,C (2621)-Hammer,J (2665) Oslo 2015]

[13.Qa3 Qe7 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Bd3 c5 16.e4 Be8 17.Rad1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Rfe1 Nc4 20.Qe2 Nb6 21.Rc1 Qa3 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.d5 Bd7∓ Shankland,S (2661)-Aronian,L (2770) Tsaghkadzor 2015]

13...Be8 Follows the same plan as against Shankland, but this seems unnecessarily passive.

[13...e5!? 14.Qb3 b6 15.Rfd1 Bf5⇄]

14.Qa3 Qe7 15.Qb2 Na5

(Diagram)

16.Qb4!? Topalov prevents c5 and opts for a slight endgame pull. **16...Qxb4 17.cxb4 Nc6 18.Rab1 a5!?** Aronian seeks activity.

[Moves such as 18...Ne7 , or]

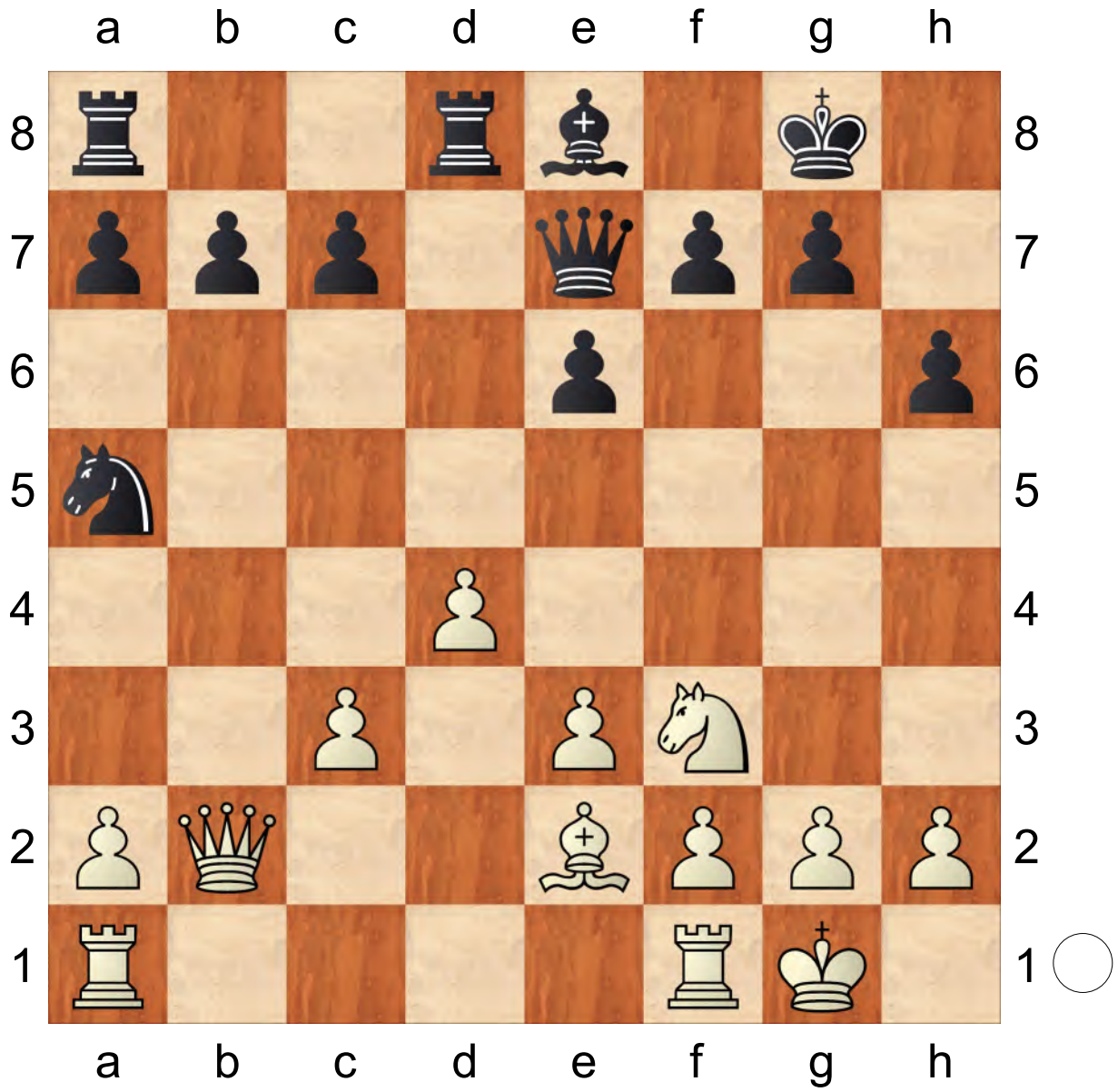
[18...Rac8 enable White to retain his space advantage and a small, but long-term edge.]

19.bxa5 A controversial decision. White opens the queenside for his rooks, but improves Black's pawn structure.

[More natural was 19.b5 Ne7 *(19...Nb4 20.a3 Nd5 21.Rfc1±)* 20.Rfc1±]

19...Nxa5 20.Rfc1 Rdc8

(Diagram)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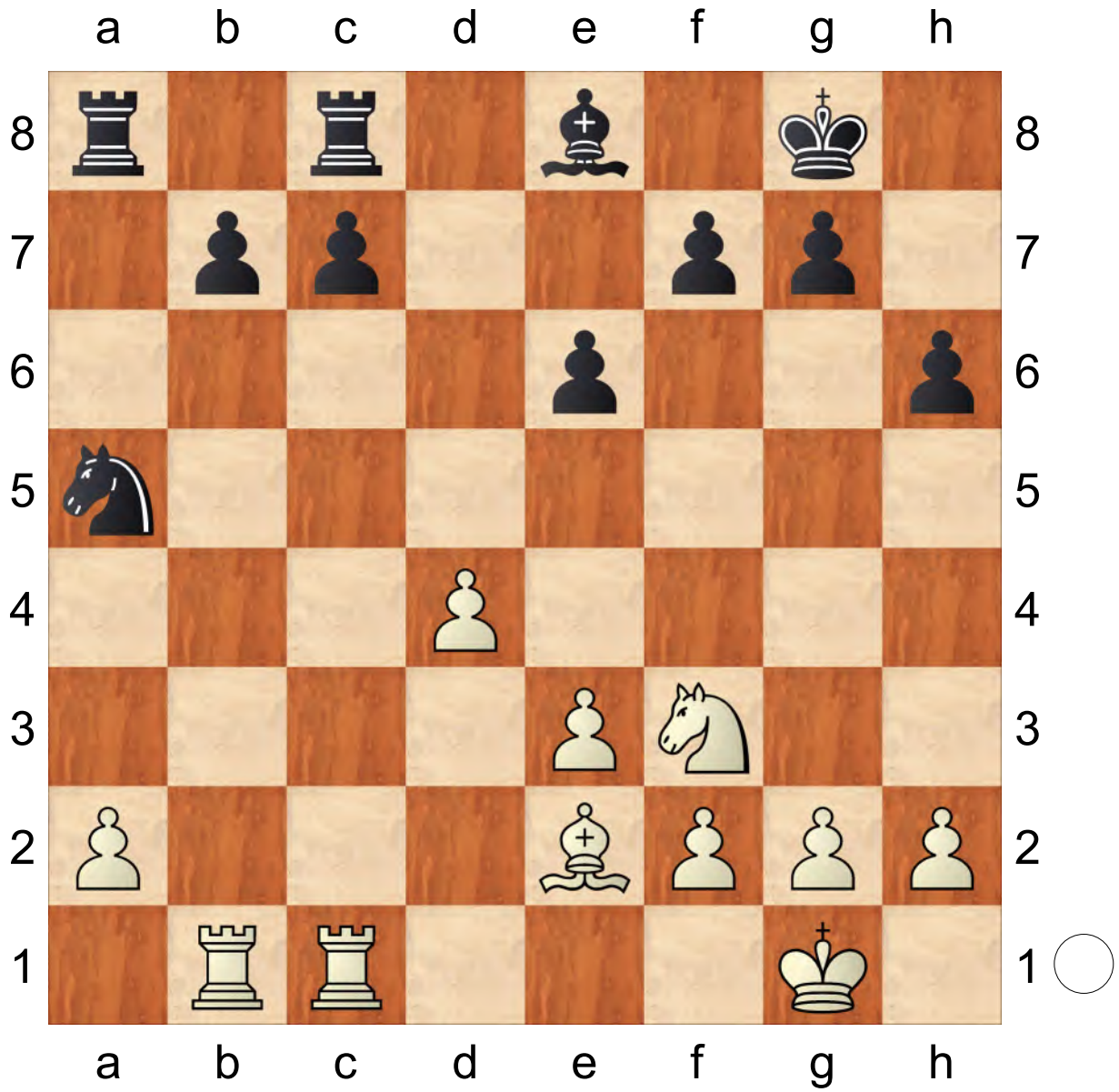
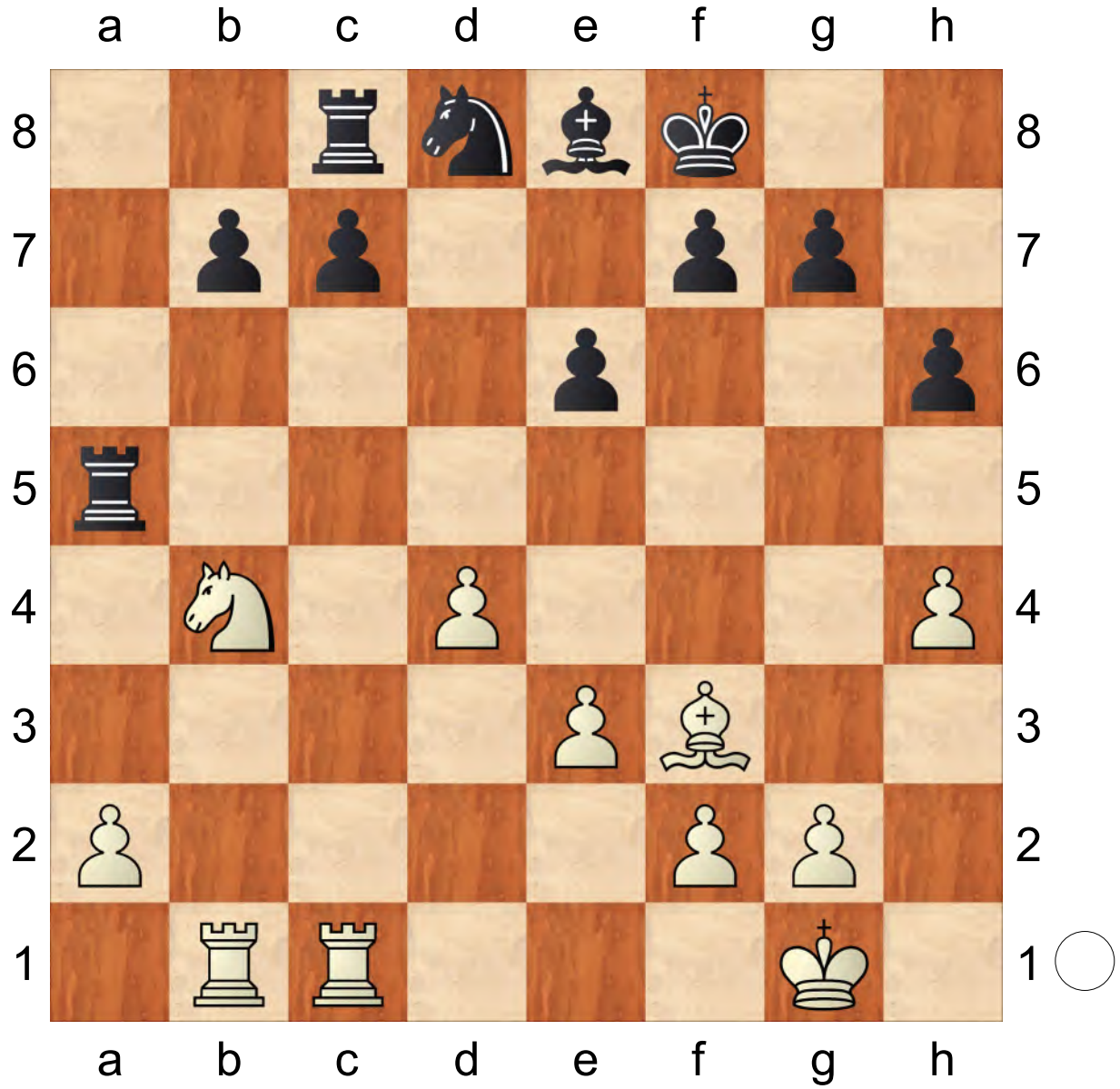


21.Ne1 Ra7
[21...Bc6 22.f3 *(22.Nd3 Bd5 23.Nb4 c6 24.a4 Bb3 25.Nd3 Bc4⇄)* 22...Bd5 23.Rb2±]
22.Nd3 Nc6 23.Bf3 Nd8 Black has foregone an earlier chance to activate the ♗e8, but now he prepares the bishop swap. **24.Nb4**
[24.g3 Bc6 25.Bxc6 Nxc6 26.Nc5 Nd8 *(*or *26...Na5!?* seemed one exchange too much to Topalov. Therefore he prevents ♗c6, but the knight obstructs the open file. *)*]
24...Ra5 25.h4 Kf8

(Diagram)

26.Rc3 c6



[26...c5 27.Rbc1 *(27.Nd3 c4 28.Nc5 b5 29.a4 bxa4 30.Rxc4 Rc7⇄)* 27...b6 28.a3 f6!? **Δ** 29.Nd3 c4⇄]

27.Bd1!? The manoeuvring continues, the bishop will protect a2 and free the knight.

27...Ke7

[27...c5?! 28.Nd3 c4 29.a4! b5 *(29...Bxa4 30.Bxa4 Rxa4 31.Nc5↑)* 30.axb5 Bxb5 31.Bf3**±** /**±**]

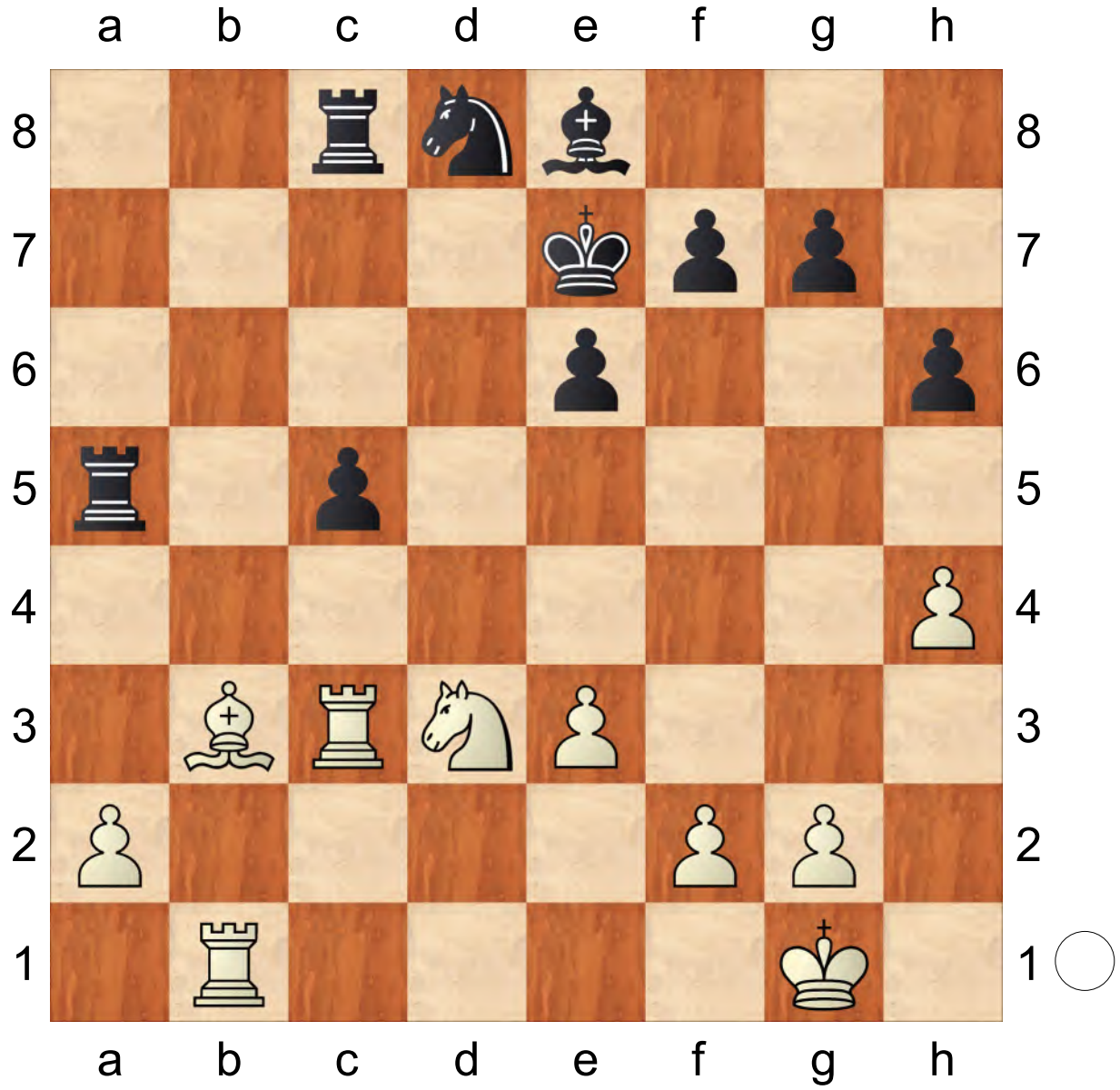
[27...f6!? 28.Bb3 Bg6]

28.Bb3 c5!? Aronian finally decides to clarify the position. **29.Nd3 b6 30.dxc5**

[30.Bc2 Rb5 31.dxc5 Rxb1+ 32.Bxb1 Bb5=]

30...bxc5

[30...Bb5!? 31.Bc4 Bxc4 32.Rxc4 bxc5 33.a4 Rc7 is probably a more reliable way to neutralise the pressure. The distant passed pawn is under sufficient control.]



31.f3
[31.Rbc1 Nb7 32.e4 is similar.]
31...Rc7 32.e4 Nb7 33.Rbc1 Ba4
[33...f6 34.e5 Bg6 35.Nf4 Bf7]
34.e5! ○ The difference in comparison with the note to move 30 is here the bishop swap will take place on b3, enabling the ♙b3 to join the attack on the vulnerable ♙c5. However, Black's position is still defensible... **34...Rc6**
[⌓34...Bxb3 35.axb3 Ra3 36.b4 *(36.Kf2 Rd7 37.Ke3 Rd5=)* 36...Rxc3 37.Rxc3 Kd7 38.bxc5 Kc6=]
[34...g6 also deserves attention, Black prevents further space gains.]
35.Kh2 Rb6

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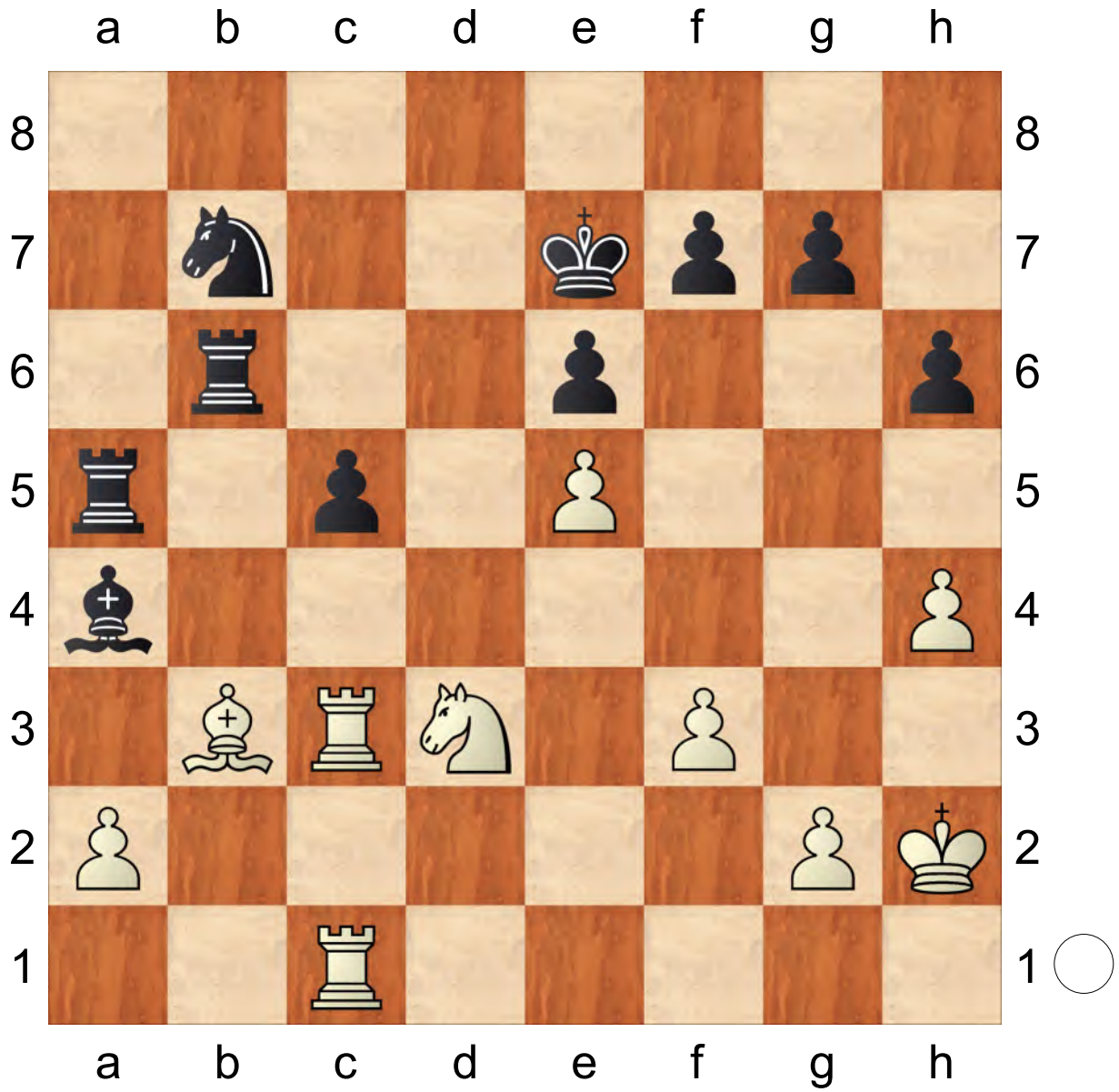
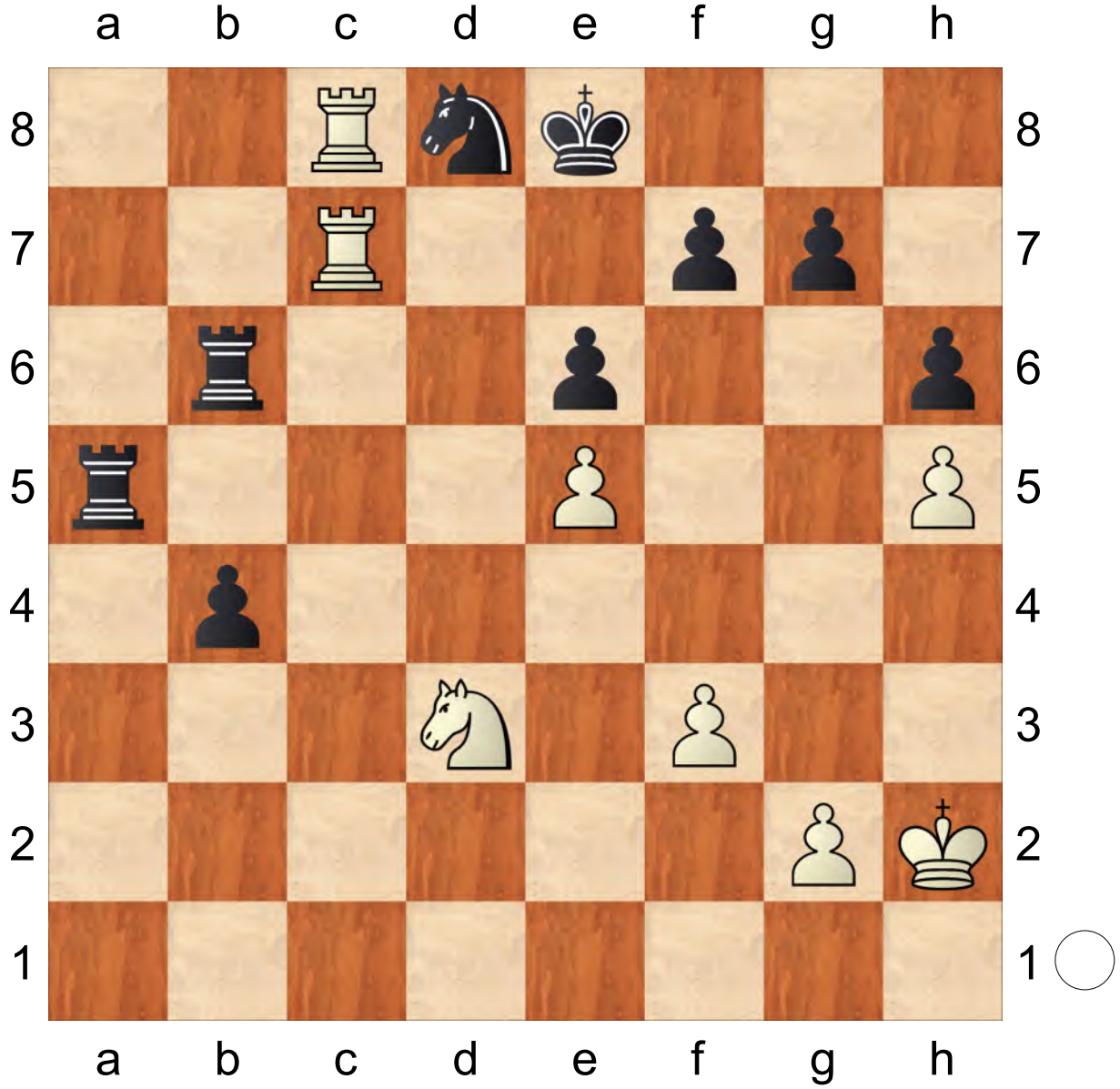


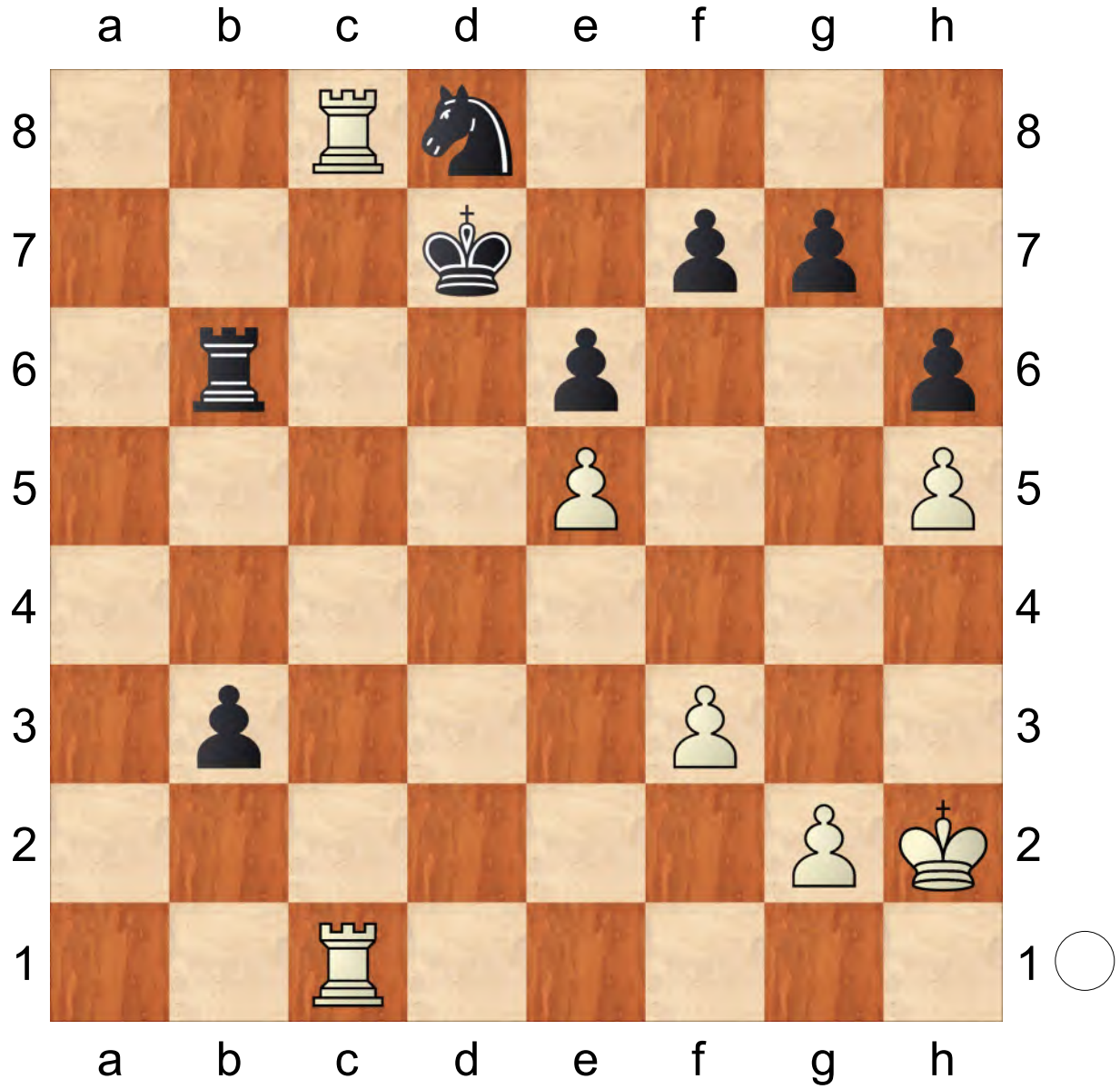
36.h5!↑ Fixes a weakness and continues the fight.
[36.Bxa4 Rxa4 37.Nxc5 Nxc5 38.Rxc5 Rxh4+ 39.Kg3 Rd4=]
36...Bxb3
[⌓36...f6!? 37.Nb2 *(37.Bc4 Bc6±)* 37...Bxb3 38.axb3±]
37.axb3 Kd7? This doesn't stop White's main threat.
[⌓37...Rab5 still retains reasonable drawing chances:
A) 38.b4 cxb4 39.Nxb4 *(39.Rc8? Rd5∓; 39.Rc7+ Ke8 40.Rc8+ Nd8 41.Nxb4 Rxe5∓)* 39...Rxb4 40.Rc7+ Ke8 41.Rc8+ Nd8 42.Rd1 Ke7 43.Rcxd8 Rb7=;
B) 38.Nxc5 Nxc5 39.Rxc5
B1) 39...Rxc5 40.Rxc5
B1a) 40...Rxb3 41.Rc7+ Kf8 42.Rc8+ Ke7 43.Rg8 Rb5 44.f4 f6 45.Rxg7+ Kf8 46.Rh7 fxe5 47.fxe5 Rxe5 48.g4+- *(48.Rxh6? Rg5*

49.Kh3 Kg7=);
B1b) 40...Rb7!±;
B2) 39...Rb7!? 40.R1c3 f6±]
[37...f6? 38.b4 cxb4 39.Rc7+ Ke8 40.Rxg7+-]
38.b4! cxb4
[38...Rab5 39.bxc5 Rc6 40.Rc4±]
39.Rc8 Nd8 40.R1c7+ Ke8



41.Nc5 Rxc5□ Bitter, but true - Black must give up an exchange to stave off the mating attack. **42.Rxc5 b3 43.Rc1 Kd7**
[43...b2?! 44.Rd1 Ke7 45.Rcxd8 Rb7 46.Rg8 b1Q 47.Rxb1 Rxb1 48.Rxg7+-]
44.R8c7+ Ke8 45.Rc8
[Topalov probably spurned 45.R7c3 due to Rb5 *(45...b2 46.Rb1 Nc6 47.f4+-)*
46.f4 f6±]

45...Kd7



46.R8c3 Ke7

[46...Rb5 47.Rd1+ Ke7 48.Rc7+ Ke8 49.Rc8 Rd5 50.Rxd5 exd5 51.Rb8+-]

[A more resilient try was ⌓46...Nc6!? 47.f4 f6±]

47.Rd3

[47.Rb1! Stohl,I: '+-!' Stohl,I: '-47. ♖b1!' Nc6 48.f4 Nd4 49.Rc7+ Ke8 50.Ra1 Rb8 51.Raa7 Nb5 *(51...b2 52.Re7+ Kd8 53.Rxf7 Ke8 54.Rxg7 Kf8 55.Rh7 Kg8 56.Rag7+ Kf8 57.Rh8++-)* 52.Rab7 Rxb7 53.Rxb7 Nd4 54.Rb4 Ne2 55.Rb8+ Ke7 56.Rb7+ Kf8 57.g3 Nc1 58.Kg2+-]

[47.f4!? leads to the game position.]

47...Nb7

[⌓47...Nc6 48.Rd6 b2 49.Rb1 f6±]

48.Rdc3 Nd8 49.f4!? Stohl,I: 'leads to the game position.'

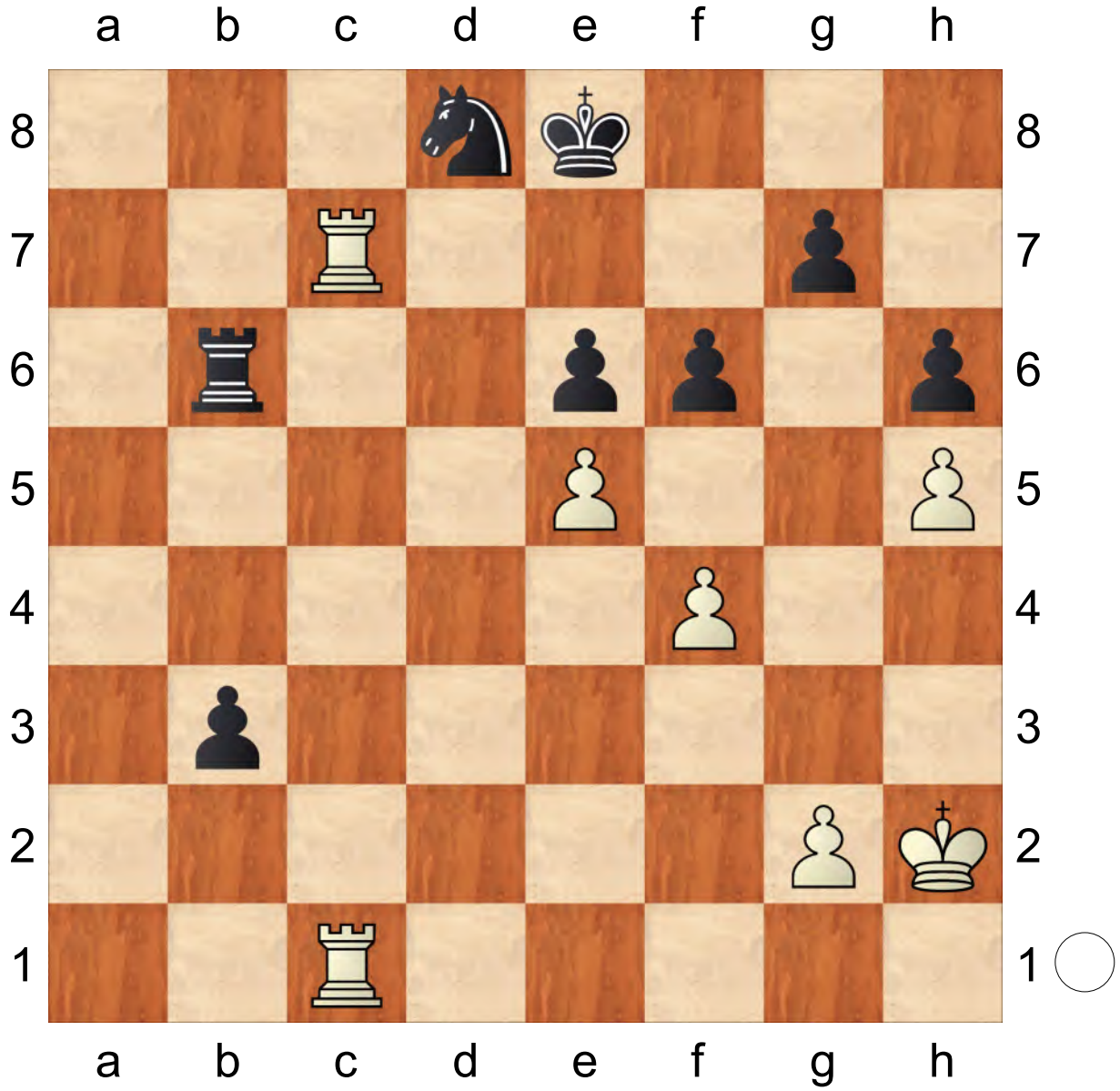
[49.Rb1!+- -47.♖b1!]

49...f6

[49...b2 50.Rb1 f6 51.Rc7+ Ke8 52.exf6 *(52.Rxg7? fxe5* Δ *53.fxe5 Nf7)* 52...gxf6 53.Rc2 Rb5 54.g4 Rb4 55.Rf2+- and White will gradually win.]

50.Rc7+ Ke8

[50...Kf8 51.Rc8 b2 52.Rb1+- - 49...b2]



51.Rxg7! fxe5

[51...Nc6 52.exf6 b2 53.Rb1 Nd4 54.g4!+- Δ Nf3+ *(54...Nc2 55.Rd1!+-)* 55.Kg2 Nd2 56.g5 Nxb1 57.g6+-]

52.Rcc7+- The mating attack trumps the passed pawn and the rest is simple and straightforward. **52...Kf8 53.Rh7 Kg8□ 54.Rcg7+ Kf8 55.Rd7 Kg8**

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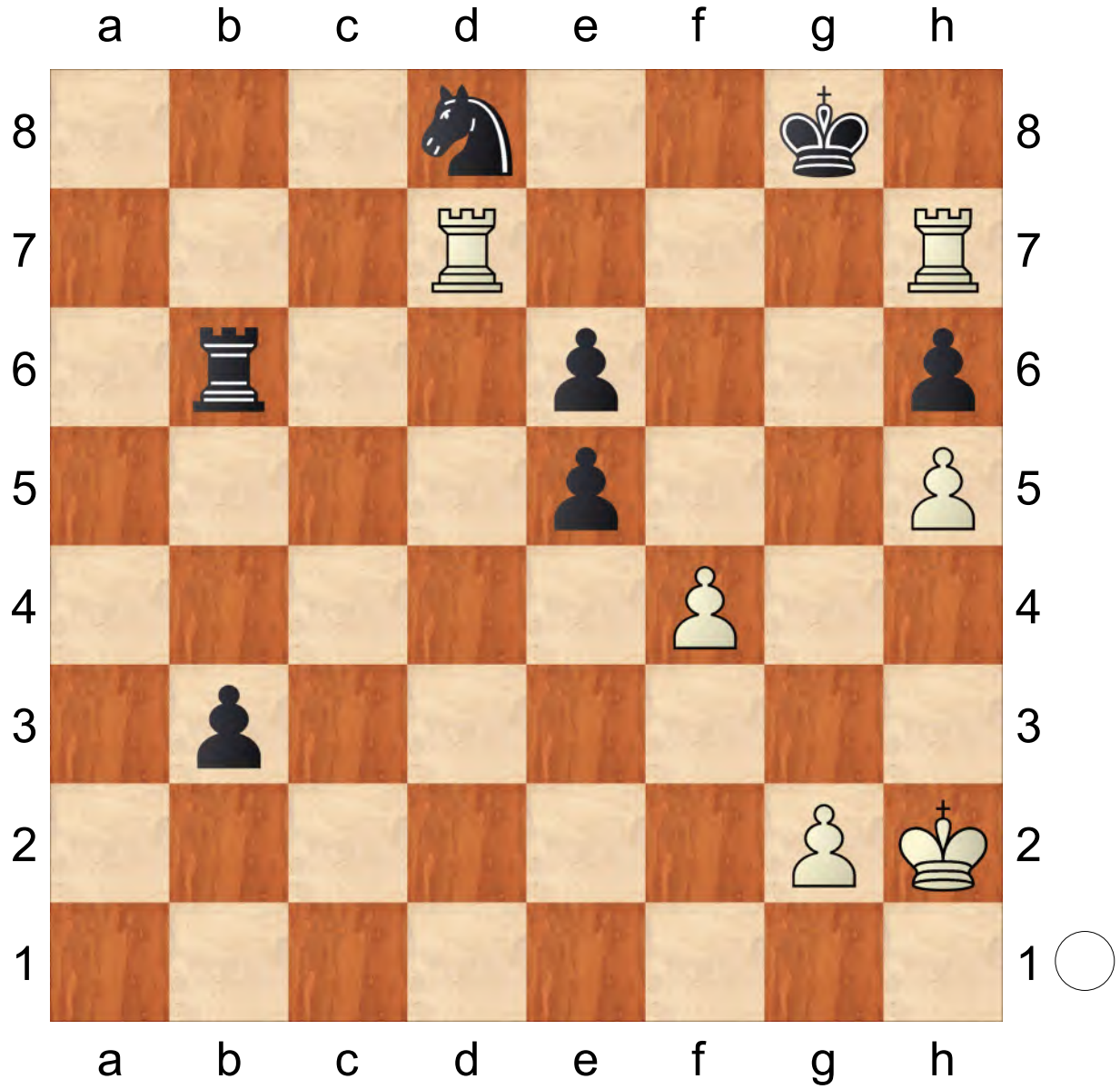

56.Rxh6 Nf7
[56...b2 57.Rxd8+ Kg7 *(57...Kf7 58.Rh7+ Kf6 59.Rf8#)* 58.Rg6+ Kf7 *(58...Kh7 59.Rd7+ Kh8 60.f5! b1Q 61.Rh6+ Kg8 62.f6+-)* 59.Rd7+ Ke8 *(59...Kf8 60.h6 b1Q 61.h7+-)* 60.Rc7 Kf8 61.h6 b1Q 62.h7+-]
57.Rg6+ Kh8 58.Rf6!
[58.Rf6 b2 59.Rfxf7 Kg8 60.h6 Rb8 *(60...b1Q 61.Rg7+ Kf8 62.Rd8#)* 61.Rh7 b1Q 62.Rdg7+ Kf8 63.Rh8#]

(Diagram)

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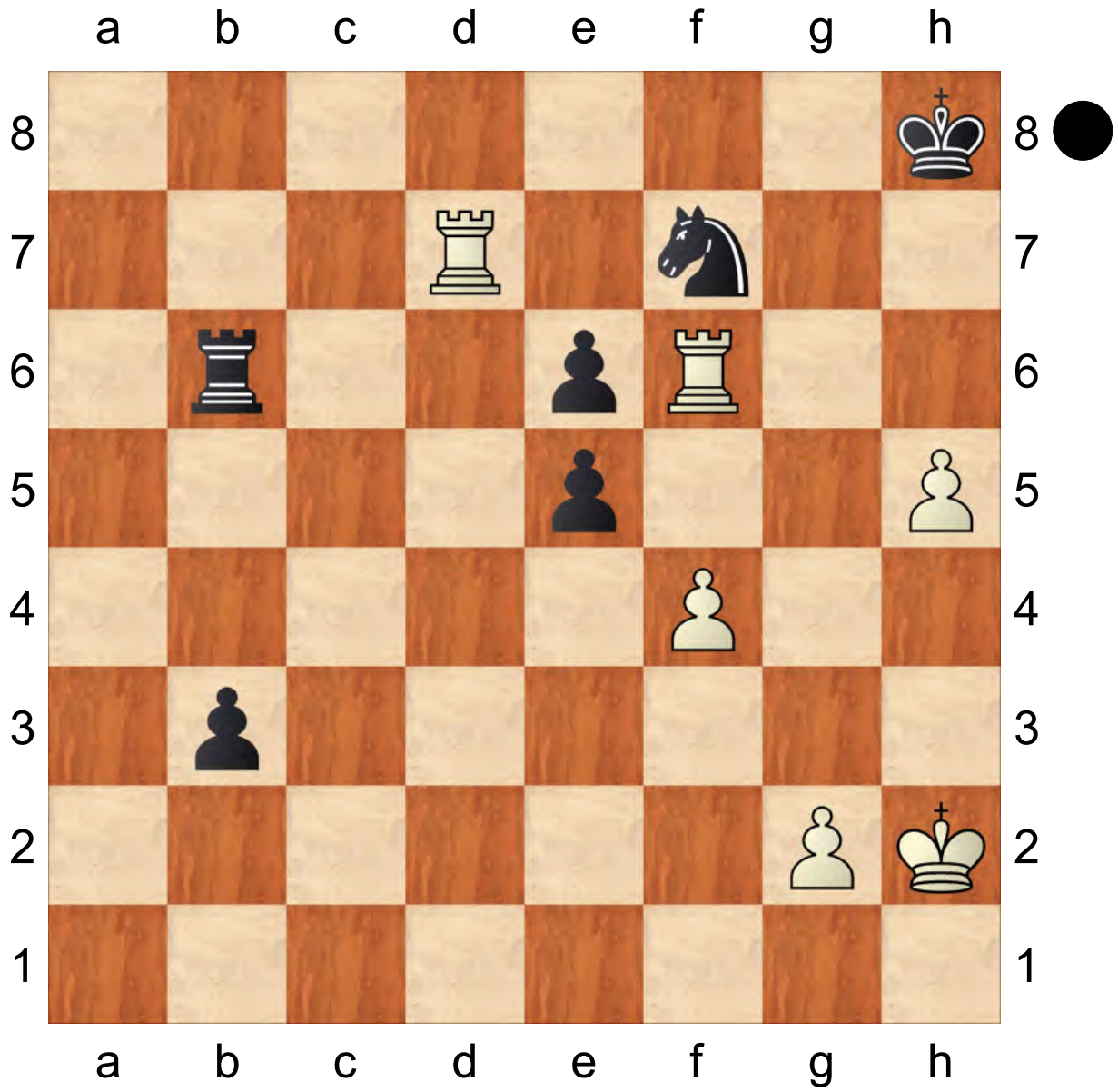
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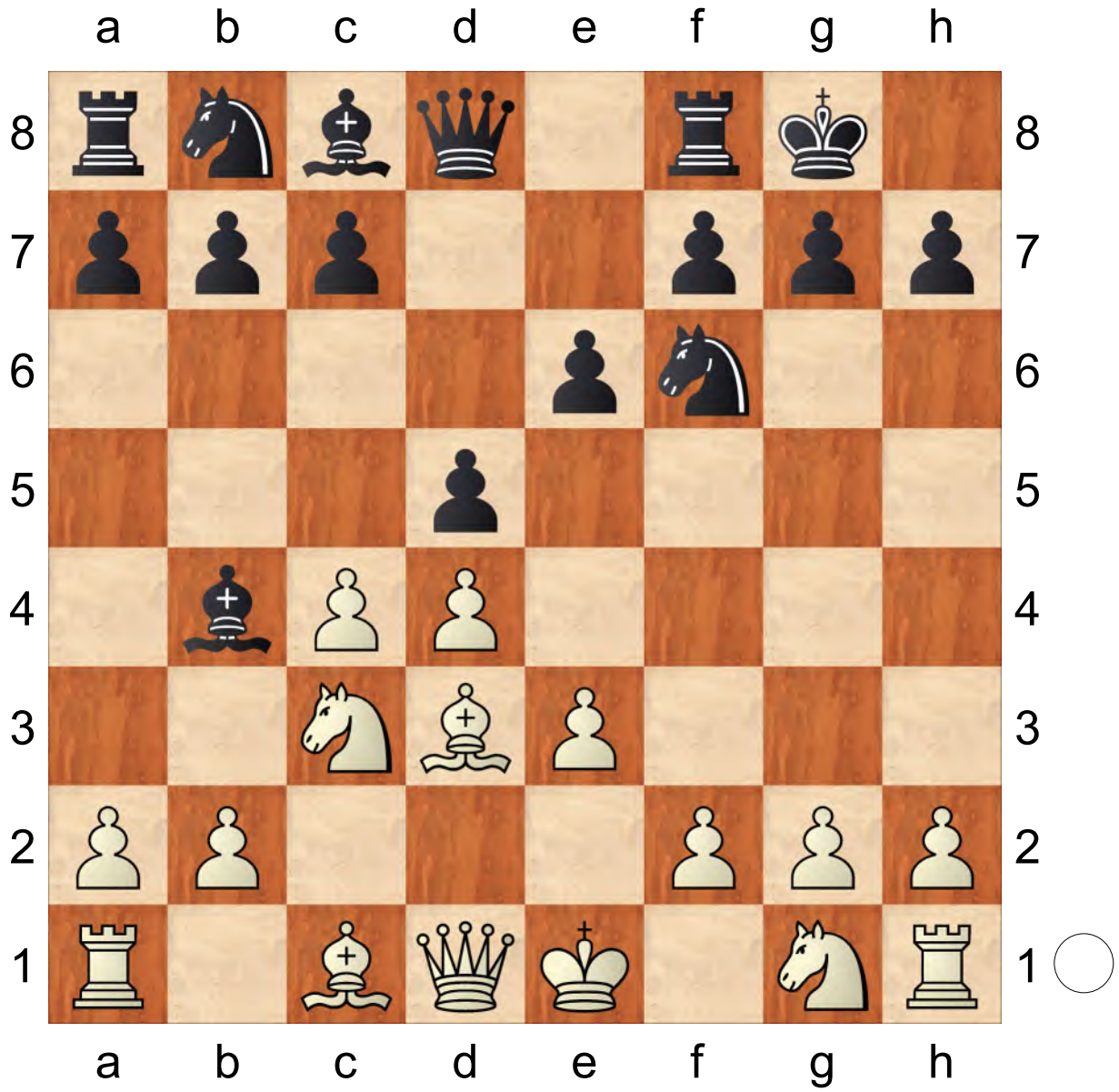
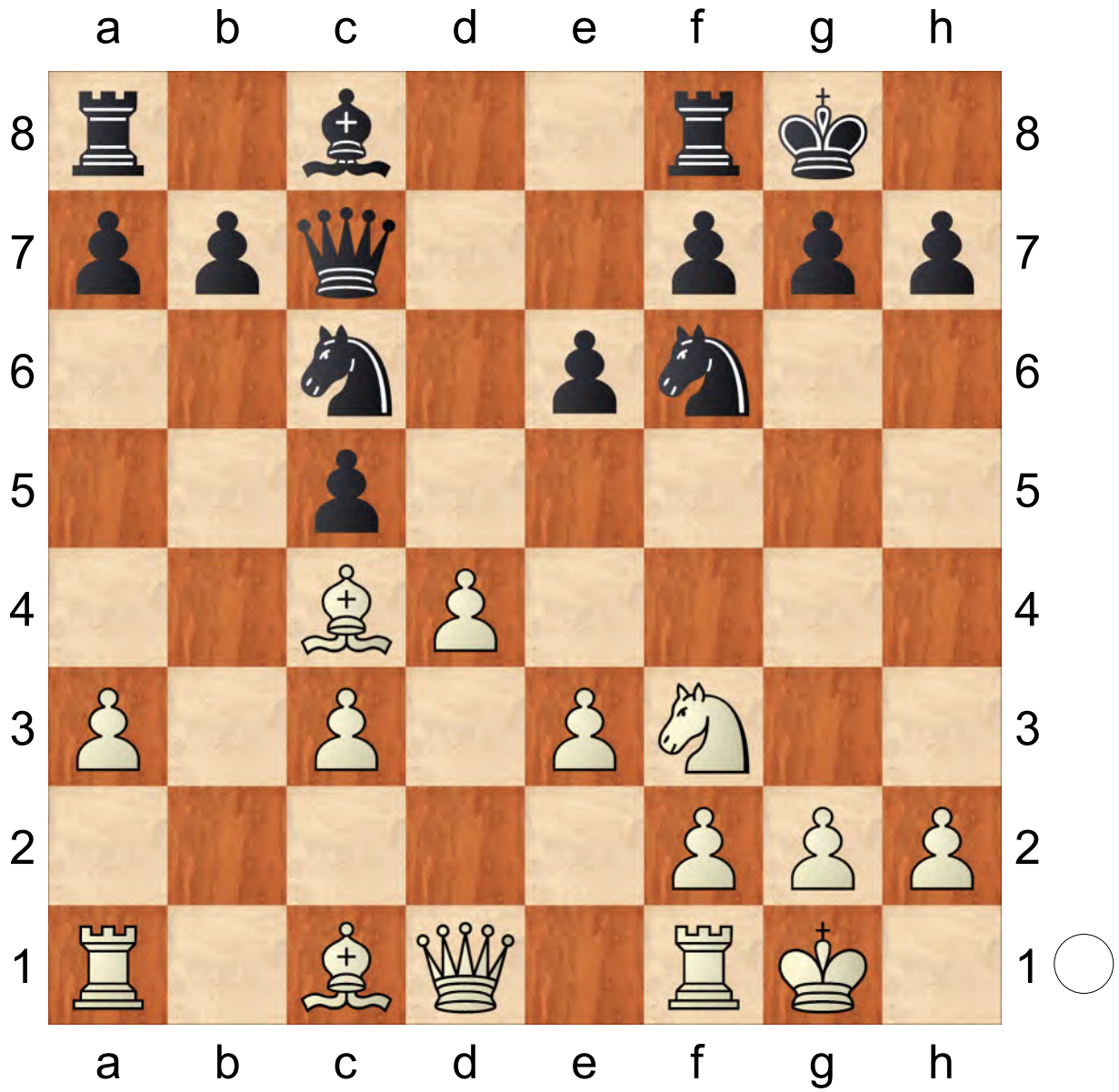
1.d4 Tiviakov **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5**



6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Qc7

(Diagram)

11.Bb2 e5 12.h3 Bf5



[12...e4 - 80/561]
[12...Bd7 - 81/446]

13.Qe2

[13.Bb5 e4 14.Nh4 Be6 *(14...Bd7 15.c4 cxd4 16.exd4 Qf4 17.g3 Qd6 18.d5 Ne5 19.Bxd7 Nfxd7= 20.Qd4 f5 21.f4 exf3 22.Nxf3 Qg6 23.Kg2 f4 24.g4 Nxf3 25.Rxf3 Rae8 26.Raf1 Re4 27.Qxa7 h5 28.g5 Rxc4 29.Kh2 Nc5 30.Bd4 Ne4 31.h4 Nd2* 0-1 Uhlmann,W-Szabo,L/Wageningen 1957/MCD (31)*)*

15.c4

A) 15...cxd4 16.exd4 a6 *(16...Rad8?! 17.d5 Ne5 18.Qb3 Bd7 19.Qg3± Rfe8 20.Bxd7 Rxd7 21.Nf5 Ng6 22.Qg5 Qf4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qxf6 Qe5 25.Nh6+ Kf8 26.Ng4 Qd6 27.Qf5 Rc7 28.Rac1 Qf4 29.Qh5 f5 30.Nf6 Ree7 31.c5 Rg7 32.d6 Rc8 33.Nxh7+ Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kf7 35.Nd5 Qe5 36.Ne7 Rh8 37.Qxf5+ Qxf5 38.Nxf5 Rgg8 39.Ng3 Nf4 40.Rc4 Rh4 41.Rb4*

1-0 Taimanov,M-Antoshin,V/Moscow 1957/URS-ch (41)*)* 17.d5 axb5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Qg4+ Kh8 (½-½ Nienhuis-Filutowski) 21.Qxe4 bxc4 22.Qxc4= ECO;

B) 15...a6 16.d5 axb5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Qg4+ Kh8 *(19...Kf7 20.cxb5 Ne7 21.Qxe4 f5 22.Qc4 b6 23.f4 Qb7 24.Nf3 Qd7 25.Qe2 Qd6 26.e4 Ng6 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Rad1 Qe7 29.exf5 exf5 30.Qc4+ Kh8 31.Rfe1 Qg7 32.Re3 h6 33.Ne6 Qf7 34.Qc3+* 1-0 Prudnikova,S-Baginskaite,C/Moscow RUS 2001/The Week in Chess 369 (34)*)* 20.Qxe4 Qe5 21.Qxe5 Nxe5 22.cxb5 Ra5 23.a4 Rfa8 24.Rfd1 Rxa4 25.Rxa4 Rxa4 26.f4 Nc4 ½-½ Abakarov,D-Buslaev,A/Tbilisi 1957/MCD (26)]

[13.Nh4 Be4 14.f3 Bd5 15.Bd3 cxd4 16.cxd4 exd4 17.e4 Be6 18.f4 Qb6 19.Rf2 Qb3 20.Qe2 Nd7 21.Rc1 Nb6 22.e5 Na4 23.Rc2 Nxb2 24.Rxb2 Qxa3 25.f5 Bd5 26.f6 g6 27.Qd2 Rfe8 28.Rxb7 Nxe5 29.Re7 Nxd3 30.Rf1 Nf4 31.Rxf4 Rxe7 32.fxe7 Qxe7 33.Rxd4 Be6 34.Nf3 Qc5 35.Kh1 Rc8 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.Qxd8+ Kg7 38.Qh4 Bd5 39.Qg5 f6 0-1 Binkauskas-Salminsch/corr Baltic 1965 (39)]

[13.d5 Na5 14.Ba2 c4 15.d6 Qb6 16.Qa4 Bd3 17.Rfd1 Qxb2 18.Qxa5 Ne4 19.Re1 Qxf2+ 20.Kh2 b5 21.d7 Qg3+ 22.Kg1 Nf2 23.Qxb5 Nxh3+ 24.Kh1 Nf2+ 25.Kg1 Ng4 0-1 Cenni-Alagna/corr Italy 1989 (25)]

13...Rad8!?

[13...Rfe8 14.Ba2 *(14.Rfd1 Rad8 15.a4 e4 16.Nd2 Nd5 17.Nb3 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Ne7 20.Bb5 Nc6 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.Qb5 Rxd4 23.cxd4 Bd7 24.Qxc6 Bxc6 25.a5 f6 26.Ba3 Kf7 27.Bc5 a6 28.Kh2 h5 29.h4 Ke6 30.Kg3 Kf5 31.Bb6 Rc8 32.Rc1 Bd7 33.Bc7 Ke6 34.Rc5 Bc6 35.Bb6 Rh8 36.f3 g6 37.Kf4 g5+ 38.hxg5 fxg5+ 39.Kg3 h4+ 40.Kh2 exf3 41.gxf3 Bxf3 42.Rxg5 h3 43.e4 Rh4 44.d5+ Kd6 45.Rg6+ Kd7 46.e5 Re4 47.Rg7+ Ke8 48.d6 Re2+ 49.Kxh3 Bc6* 1-0 Hort,V-King,D/Germany 1986/GER-chT (49)*; 14.Bb5 e4 15.Nd2 a6 16.Bxc6 Qxc6 17.c4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Nd7 19.Rfb1 b6 20.Nf1 f6 21.Rb2 Be6 22.Nd2 Rab8 23.Rab1 Bf7 24.Qg4 Ne5 25.Qd1 Nd7 26.Qg4 Ne5 27.Qd1 Nd7 28.Qg4* ½-½ Iskusnyh,S-Filippov,V/Tomsk 2001/CBM 82 ext (28)*)* 14...Rad8 *(14...Be6 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.c4 Ng6 17.Rac1 Bf5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Bb1 Bxb1 20.Rxb1 b6 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Nh2 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Ng4 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Kg7 26.f4 Qc6 27.Qd3 f5 28.Qc3+ f6 29.Nf2 a6 30.Nh1 Nh4 31.Qc2 b5 32.Qf2 Ng6 33.Ng3 Ne7 34.Qc2 b4 35.axb4 cxb4 36.c5 a5 37.Qc4 Qd5 38.Qxd5 Nxd5 39.Nxf5+ Kg6 40.Nd4 a4 41.Kf2 b3 42.Nb5 b2 43.Na3 Kf7 44.Ke2 Nc3+ 45.Kd3 b1Q+ 46.Nxb1 Nxb1 47.e4 a3 48.Kc2 Nd2 49.e5 fxe5 50.c6 Ke7 51.fxe5 Nc4 52.Kb3 Nxe5 53.c7 Kd7 54.Kxa3 Kxc7 55.Kb3 Kd6 56.Kc3 Kd5 57.Kd2 Ke4 58.Ke2 Kf4* 0-1 Cherepkov,A-Krogius,N/St Petersburg 1995/EXT 98 (58)*)* 15.Rad1 e4 16.Nh2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Nd5 18.Rc1 Qe7 19.Rc5 Be6 20.Ba1 f5 21.Rfc1 Kh8 22.Nf1 Rf8 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Qb2 Rf6 25.Qb5 Qd7 26.Ng3 Ne7 27.Qxd7 Rxd7 28.Rc7 Rfd6 29.Nh5 Kg8 30.Bb2 Kf7 31.a4 g6 32.Nf4 g5 33.Ne2 Rxc7 34.Rxc7 Rc6 35.Rxc6 Bxc6 36.Nc3 Ke6 37.a5 Nd5 38.Kf1 Nb4

39.Ke2 Bd5 40.Ba3 Bc4+ 41.Kd2 Nc6 42.Bc5 Nxa5 43.Bxa7 Bf1 44.g3 Bxh3 45.Na4 Bf1 46.Nc5+ Ke7 47.g4 fxg4 48.Nxe4 Bg2 49.Ng3 Kf7 50.e4 Kg6 51.d5 ½-½ Milic,B-Kevitz,A/USA 1950/EXT 2001 (51)]

[13...a6 14.a4 Rfe8 15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Ba2 e4

A) 17.Nd2 g5 *(17...Na5 18.c4 cxd4 19.exd4 Bd7 20.d5 Qf4 21.Bd4 Bxa4 22.Bb6 Bxd1 23.Rxd1 Nc6 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.Nf1 c5 26.Ne3 Rc6 27.Ba5 Kf8 28.Nd5 Qf5 29.Bb3 Rb8 30.Ba4 Re6 31.Qe3* 1-0 Moran-Santoro/corr 1973 (31) *)* 18.g4 Bg6 19.Kg2 h5 20.Rh1 h4 21.Nc4 Na5 22.Nxa5 Qxa5 23.Rhd1 cxd4 24.Rxd4 Red8 25.Rad1 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 b5 27.Rd6 Qxa4 28.Bb1 Kf8 29.Rxf6 Rd8 30.c4 b4 31.c5 Rd3 32.c6 Ke7 33.Be5 b3 34.c7 Kd7 35.Qxd3+ 1-0 Santoro-Baiocchi/Italy 1975 (35);

B) 17.Nh2 Na5= 18.c4 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Nd7 20.Nf1 Ne5 21.Ng3 Bg6 22.h4 h5 23.c5 Nac6 24.Bd5 Ng4 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Nf1 a5 27.Rab1 Qe7 28.g3 Ne5 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Qc4 Bf5 31.Rd4 Re6 32.Qc3 Bh3 33.Nd2 Qf5 34.Qxa5 Kh7 35.Qb4 Rce8 36.Qc4 Re5 37.Rb7 R8e6 38.Qc2 Rxc5 39.Qb1 Rce5 40.f4 Rg6 41.Qe1 Re8 42.Nc4 Qg4 43.Rb2 Qxg3+ 44.Qxg3 Rxg3+ 45.Kh2 Rf3 46.Nd6 Re7 47.Rxe4 Rd7 48.Nc4 Bf5 49.Re5 Bg4 50.Kg2 Rd1 51.Nd2 Rh3 52.Rxh5+ Bxh5 53.Kxh3 Ra1 ½-½ Ragozin,V-Tolush,A/Leningrad 1954/EXT 99 (53)]

[13...Rac8 14.Rae1 cxd4 15.exd4 exd4 16.cxd4 Qb6 17.d5 Na5 18.Bd4 Qd8 19.Ba2 Rc2 20.Qe5 Bg6 21.Ra1 Re8 22.Qg5 Ree2 23.Bb1 Rc8 24.Bf5 Ra8 25.d6 h6 26.Qf4 Bxf5 27.Qxf5 Re6 28.Rad1 Nc6 29.Bxf6 Rxf6 30.Qd3 Qd7 31.Rd2 Rd8 32.Rfd1 a6 33.Qc3 Re6 34.Nd4 Nxd4 35.Rxd4 Rc8 36.Qd3 Rc6 37.a4 Kh8 38.Rd5 Rf6 39.Qd4 b6 40.Qd3 Rg6 41.h4 Re6 42.h5 a5 43.Qb5 Re8 44.f3 Rd8 45.Qe2 Rb8 46.Qe7 Rd8 47.R1d4 Kg8 48.Kf2 Rcc8 49.Kg3 f6 50.Qxd7 Rxd7 51.f4 Kf7 52.Kf3 Rc6 53.f5 Rc3+ 54.Kg4 Rc2 55.g3 Rc3 56.Kh4 Ke8 57.Re4+ Kd8 58.Kg4 Rc5 59.Rd2 b5 60.axb5 Rxb5 61.Kf4 Rb6 62.Rd5 Ra7 63.Ra4 Rba6 64.Ke3 Kd7 65.Kf3 Ra8 66.Ke4 Re8+ 67.Kf4 Rea8 68.Kf3 R6a7 69.Rg4 a4 70.Rxg7+ Kc6 71.d7 Rd8 72.Rd1 Raxd7 73.Rc1+ Kb5 74.Rb1+ Kc4 75.Rg6 Rd3+ 76.Kg4 Rf8 77.Rxh6 a3 78.Kh4 a2 79.Ra1 Kb3 80.Rh7 Kb2 81.Rg1 Ra8 82.Rb7+ Rb3 83.Rxb3+ Kxb3 84.h6 Rh8 85.Kh5 Kb2 86.Rh1 a1Q 87.Rxa1 Kxa1 88.g4 Kb2 89.g5 Ra8 90.gxf6 Kc3 91.f7 Kd4 92.Kg6 1-0 Hiarcs 7.32-Junior 6.0/Cadaques ESP 2000 (92)]

[13...h6 14.Ba2 Rfe8 15.d5 Na5 16.c4 Ne4 17.Bb1 f6 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Nd2 Bc2 20.Rac1 Ba4 21.Qd3 b6 22.f4 e4 23.Nxe4 Qe7 24.Nf2 Qxe3 25.Qg6 Re7 26.Bxf6 Be8 27.Qb1 Rf7 28.Rc3 Qe2 29.Re1 Qd2 30.Be5 Rxf4 31.Rc2 1-0 Graf,A-Sulskis,S/Moscow RUS 2001/The Week in Chess 369 (31)]

14.Ba2

[14.a4 e4 *(14...Rfe8)* 15.Nd2 b6 16.f4 Na5 17.Ba2 Rfe8 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Be6 20.Bb5 Bd7 21.Rfd1 Bxb5 22.axb5 cxd4 23.cxd4 Nd5 24.Rdc1 Qd7 25.Bc3 Rc8 26.Be1 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Rc8 28.Rxc8+ Qxc8 29.Kf2 f5 30.Qa2 Qd7 31.Qc4 Kf7 32.g4 g6 33.Bb4 Ke6 34.Bd2 Qc7 35.Qa2 h5 36.gxf5+ gxf5 37.Qb3 h4 38.Ke2 Qc8 39.Ke1 a5 40.bxa6 Qxa6 41.Qc2 Kd6

42.Bc1 Qa5+ 43.Ke2 Qb5+ 44.Ke1 Kd7 45.Bd2 Qa6 46.Qd1 Qd3 47.Qa4+ Ke7 48.Qa7+ Ke6 49.Qb8 Qb1+ 50.Kf2 Kd7 51.Qa8 Ne7 52.Ke2 Qb5+ 53.Kf2 Qb1 54.Qa4+ b5 55.Qa7+ Ke6 56.Qc5 Qa2 57.Ke1 Qb1+ 58.Kf2 Qa2 59.Ke2 Qd5 60.Qb6+ Kf7 61.Qh6 b4 62.Qxh4 Qb5+ 63.Kf2 b3 64.Qh5+ Ke6 65.Qd1 b2 66.Qb1 Qb3 67.Bc1 bxc1Q 68.Qxb3+ Nd5 69.Ke2 Qh1 70.Qa3 Qf3+ 71.Kd2 Qf2+ 72.Kd1 Nxe3+ 0-1 Sarthou Gaetan (FRA)-Touzane Olivier (FRA)/Internet 2001 (72)]

14...Bg6N

[14...h6 15.d5 Ne7 *(15...Rxd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5⩱)* 16.c4 Ng6 17.Nd2 Rfe8 18.Bb1 Bxb1 19.Raxb1 Rd6 20.Qf3 Ra6 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qd7 23.Qc2 Nh4 24.Qe4 Nf5 25.Rbc1 Rg6 26.Kh2 Nd6 27.Qc2 e4 28.f4 exf3 29.Rxf3 Re4 30.Qd3 Qe7 31.Rc2 Rg5 32.Bc1 Rf5 33.Rxf5 Nxf5 34.Rf2 Nd6 35.Rf4 g5 36.Rxe4 Qxe4 37.Qc3 Nxc4 38.d6 Qe5+ 39.Qxe5 Nxe5 40.Bb2 Nd7 41.Kg3 f5 42.Kf3 Kf7 43.g4 Kg6 44.gxf5+ Kxf5 45.e4+ Ke6 46.Kg4 c4 47.Bd4 b5 48.Kh5 Nf6+ 49.Bxf6 Kxf6 50.e5+ Ke6 51.Kg6 c3 52.d7 Kxd7 53.Kf7 c2 54.e6+ Kc7 55.e7 c1Q 56.e8Q Qc6 57.Qe5+ Kb7 58.Qe1 h5 0-1 Tal,M-Uusi,G/Tartu 1956 (58)]

[14...Rfe8!? Δ15.d5 Rxd5 *(15...Nxd5?! 16.Bxd5 Rxd5 17.e4 Nd4 18.cxd4 exd4±)* 16.Bxd5 *(16.e4? Bxe4)* 16...Nxd5⩲]

15.Rad1

[15.Qc4 Ne4=]

15...Rfe8

(Diagram)

16.Nxe5!?

[16.d5 Ne7 *(16...Na5!?; 16...Nb8)* 17.c4 Nf5∞]

[16.Qc4 Ne4]

16...Nxe5 17.dxe5 Rxd1

[17...Qxe5=]

18.Rxd1 Qxe5 19.c4 Qe7 20.Bb3?!

[⌓20.Qd2 (⇔d) Be4!? *(20...Bf5!?)* 21.Qd6 Bc6=]

20...Rd8!∓

(Diagram)

21.f3

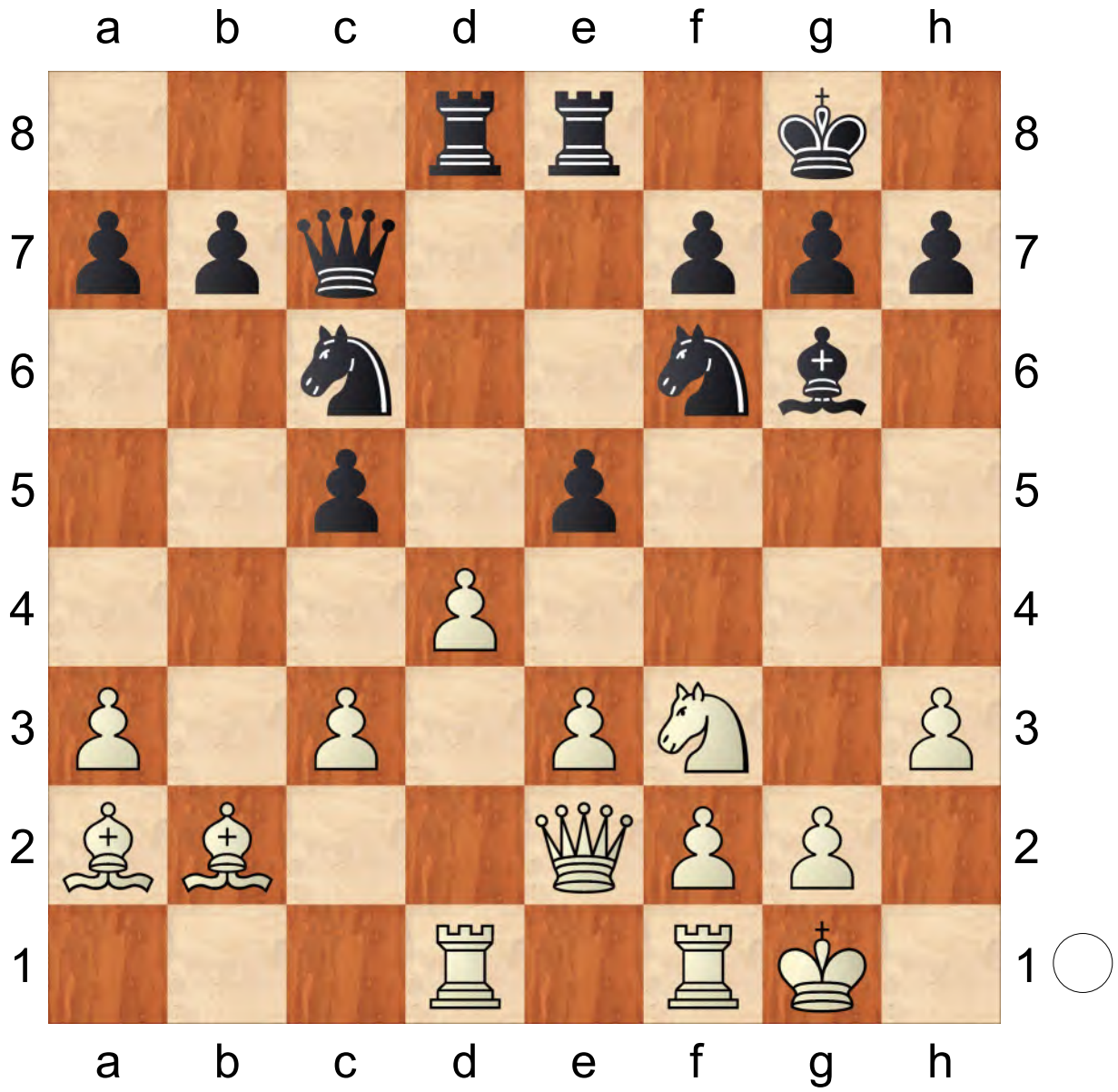
[⌓21.Bxf6]

21...Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 Nd7 (×c4) **23.Qd2**

[23.e4 f6 Δ♗f7]

23...f6 24.Kf2 Bf7?

[⌓24...Nb6!∓ (×c4, Δ♗f7, ♕e6) 25.Be2 Bf7 26.Qa5 Nc8 27.a4 b6 28.Qa6 Nd6 29.a5 Qb7 30.Qxb7 Nxb7 31.axb6 axb6 32.e4 Na5 33.e5 *(33.Bc3 Nxc4*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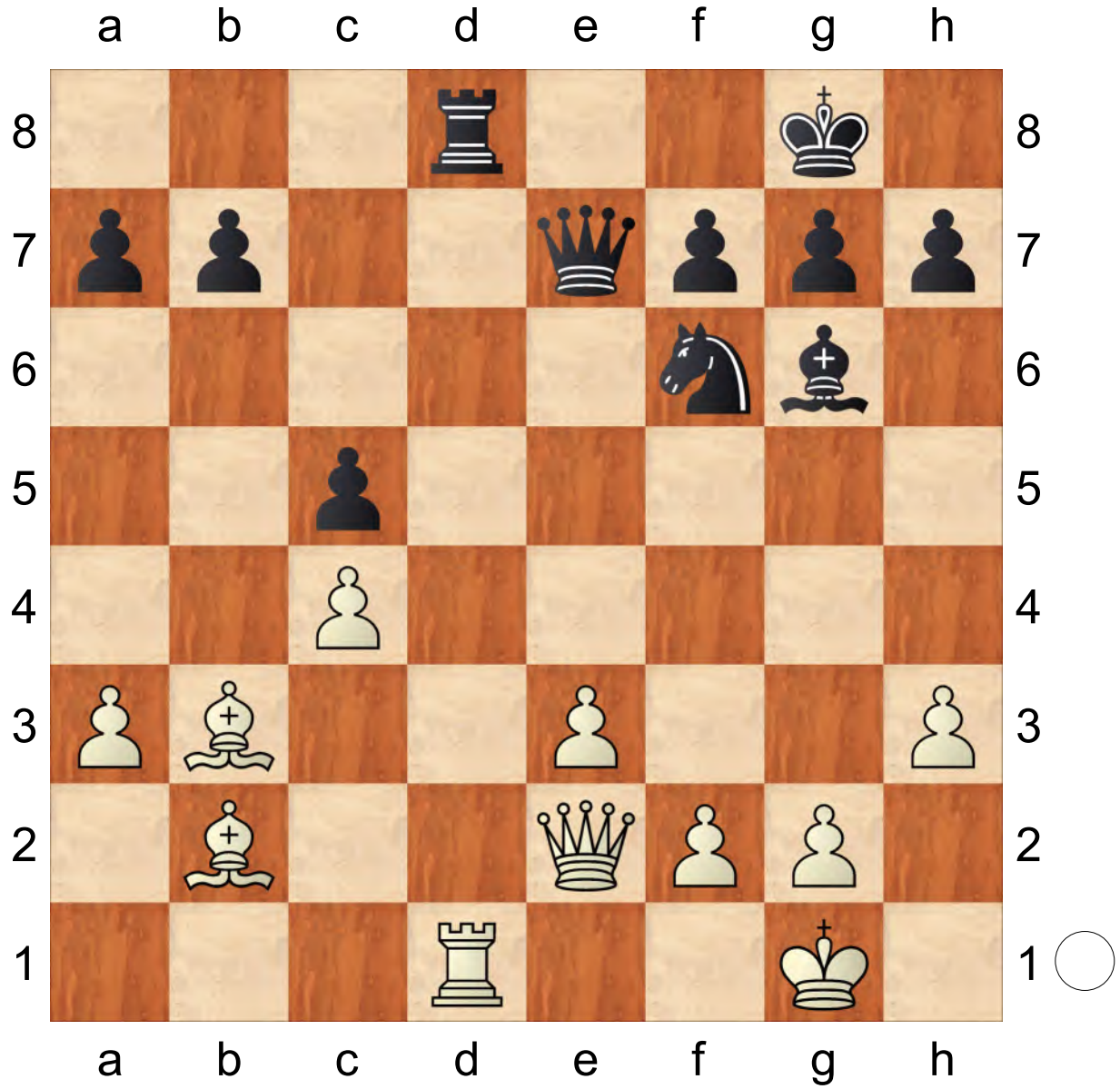


34.Bxc4 Bxc4 35.e5 f5) 33...fxe5 *(33...f5!?)* 34.Bxe5 Bxc4 *(34...Nxc4 35.Bxc4 Bxc4 36.Bc7 b5 37.Bb6=)* 35.Bc7 Bxe2 36.Kxe2 Nc4 37.Kd3 b5 Van Wely]

25.Qa5! Nb6

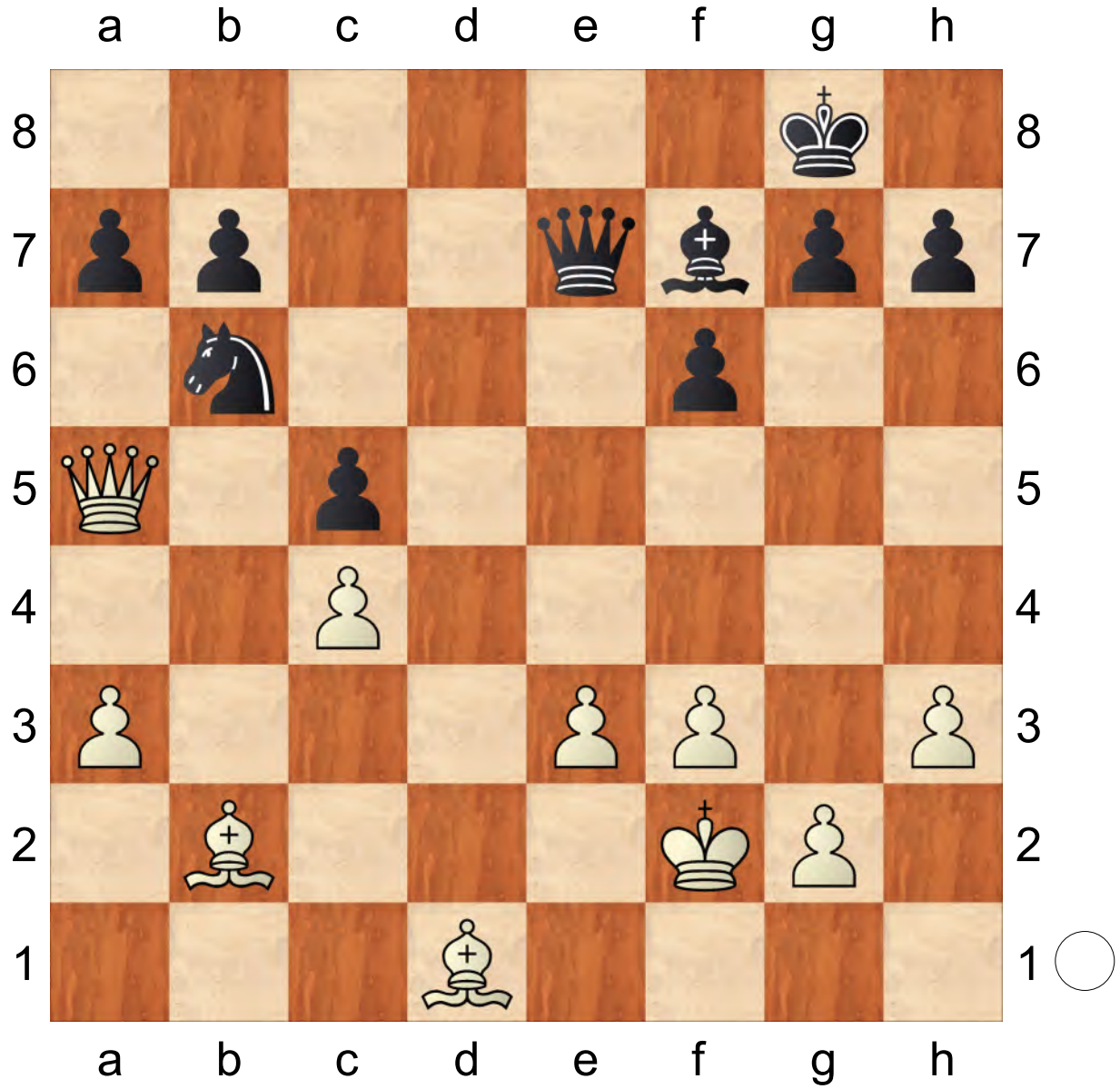
[25...Bxc4 26.Qc7!↑ *(26.Qxa7 Qd6∓)*]

(Diagram)

26.Qxa7 Nxc4 27.Bc1 Ne5 28.Bc2 c4= 29.Qb8+

[29.Qa8+ Be8 30.Ba4 Nd3+ 31.Kf1 Kf7 32.Bxe8+ Qxe8 33.Qxb7+ Kg6 Tiviakov: '=' Tiviakov: '- 29.♕a8'

A) 34.Qb1 Qa4 Δ35.Ke2 Qb3 36.Qa1 *(36.Qxb3 Nxc1+-+)* 36...Qc2+



(36...Qa2+? 37.Qxa2 Nxc1+ 38.Kd2 Nxa2 39.Kc2) 37.Bd2 Nb2 38.Qc1 Qd3+ 39.Ke1 Qxa3=;

B) 34.Bd2 Qa4 35.Ke2 Qc2= 36.Qe4+ Kf7 37.Qd5+ Kf8]

29...Be8 30.Ba4 Nd3+

(Diagram)

31.Kf1 Kf8

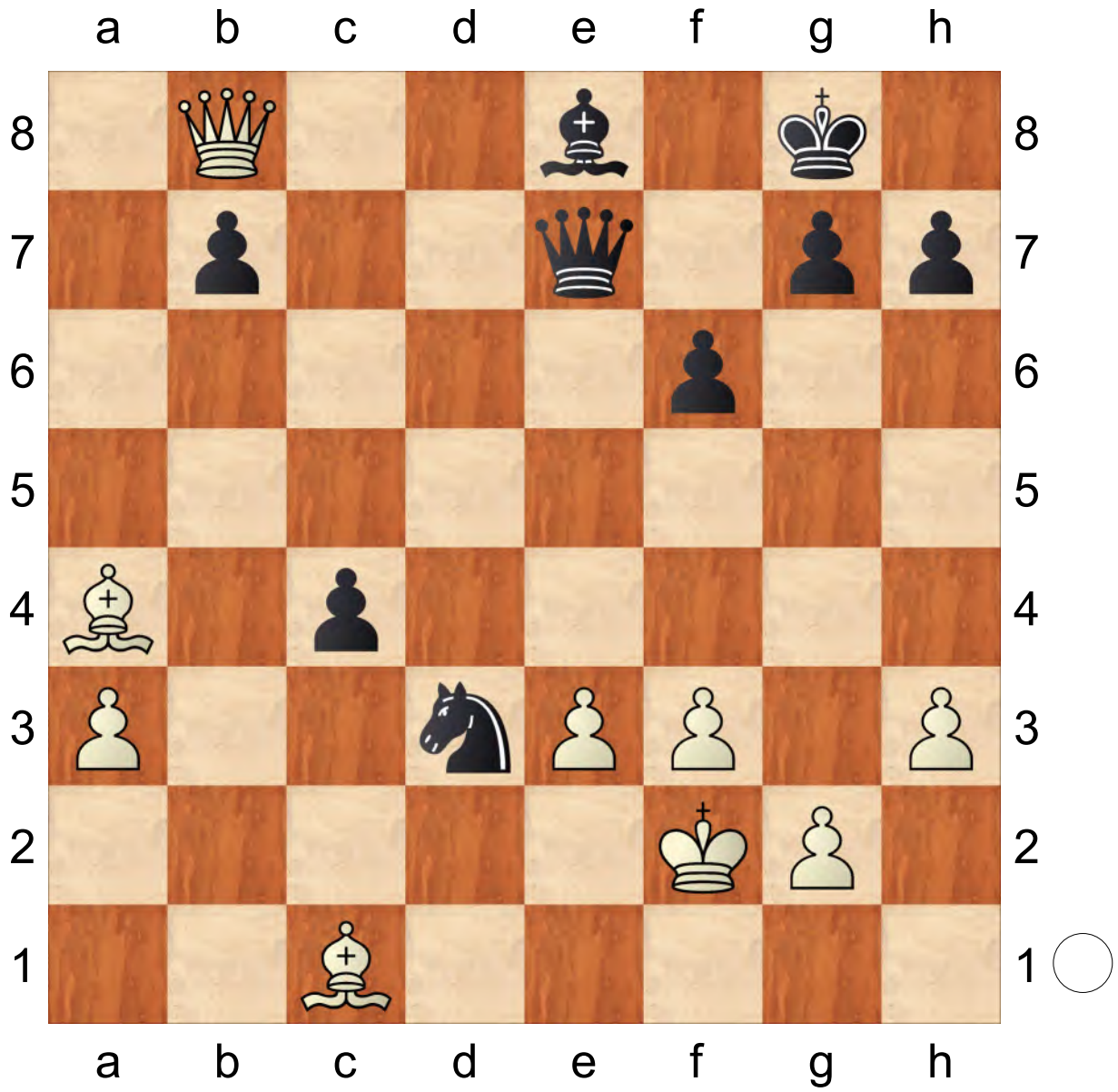
[31...Kf7 32.Bxe8+ Qxe8 33.Qxb7+ Kg6= - 29.♕a8]

32.Bd2 Qe5□ (Δb5) **33.Qxe5 fxe5 34.Bc2**

[34.Bxe8 Kxe8∓ ⊥]

34...Ke7 35.e4 Ke6

(Diagram)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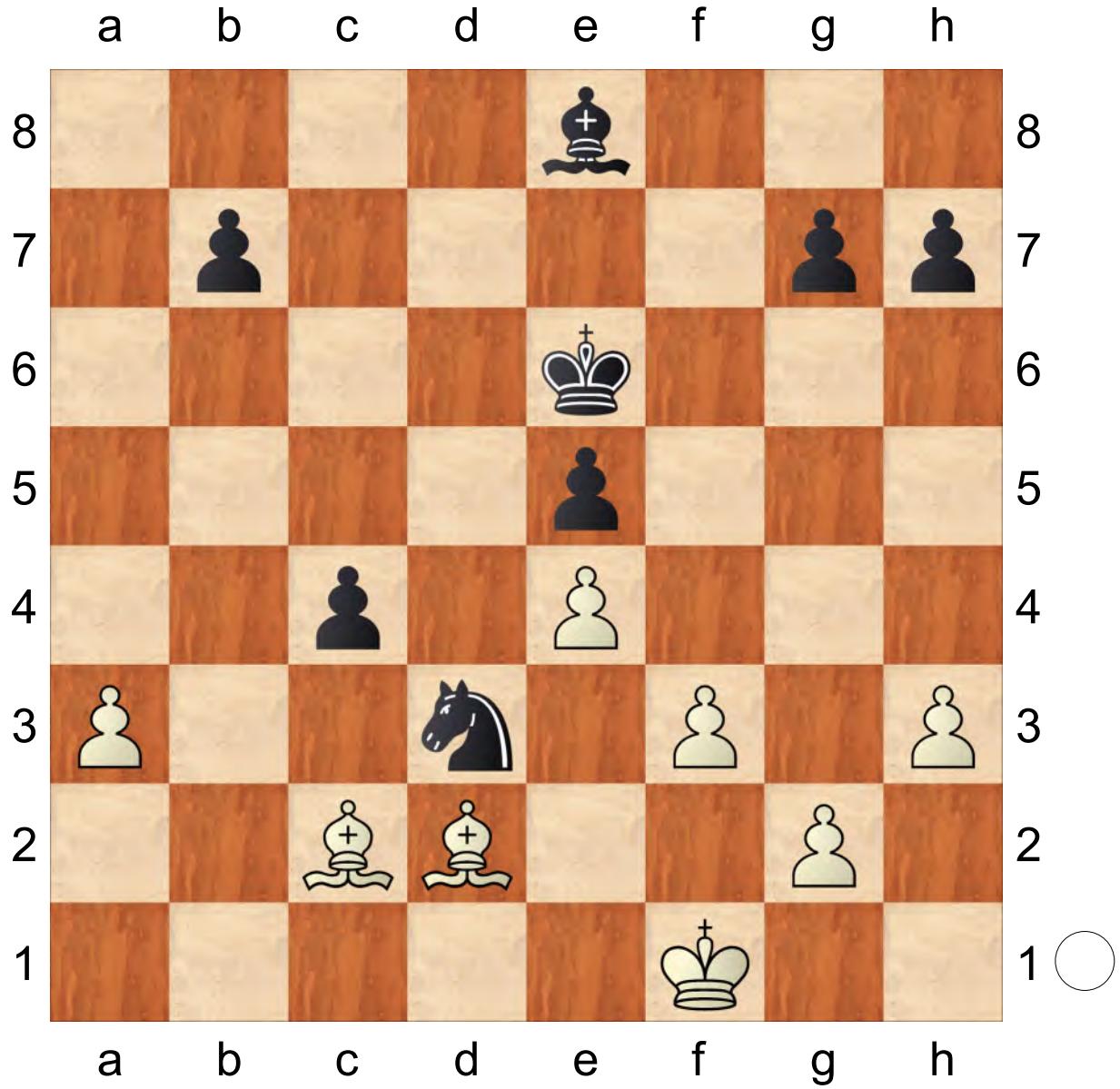
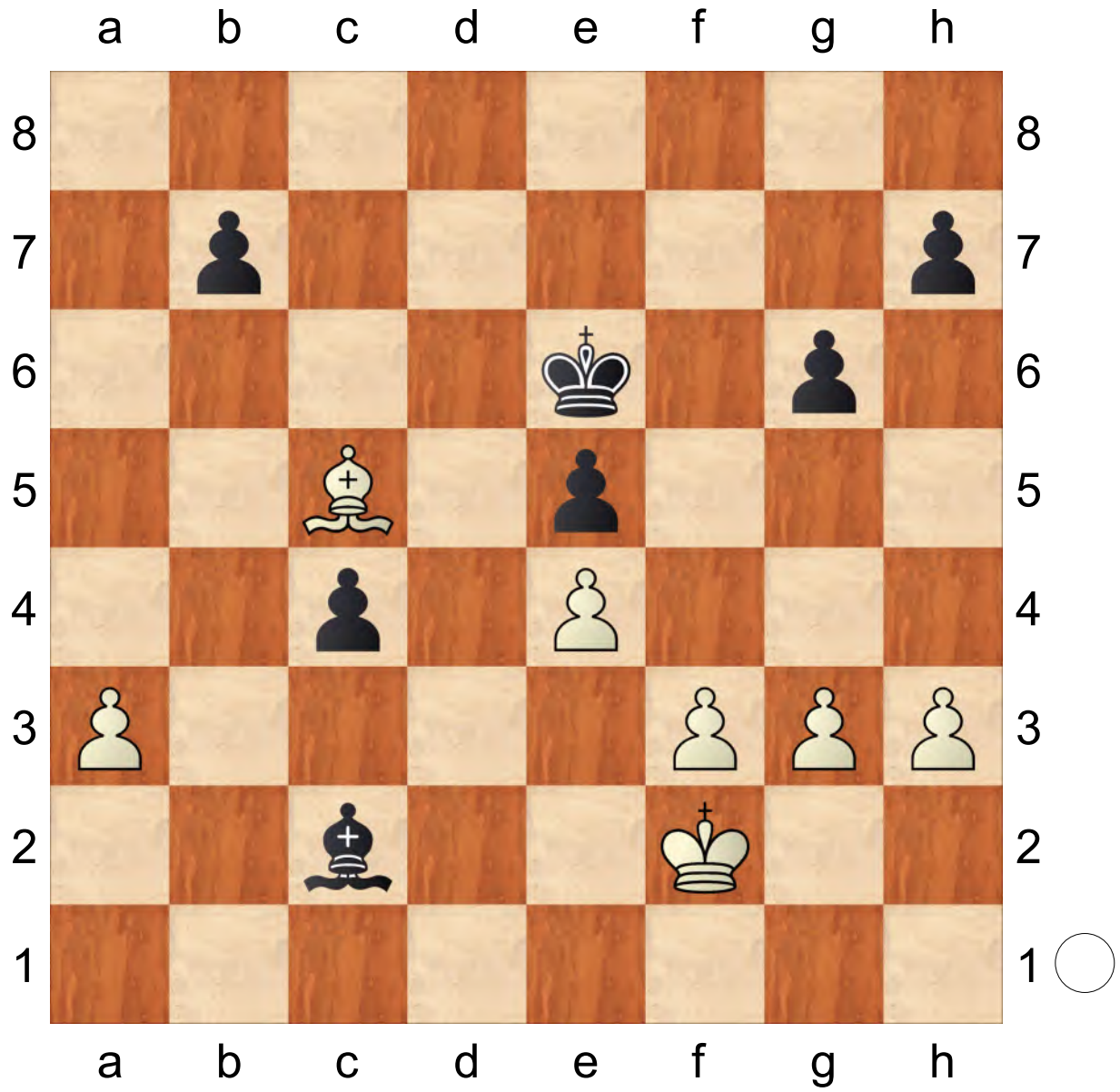


36.g3 Nc5 37.Kf2 Ba4 38.Be3 Bxc2 39.Bxc5 g6

(Diagram)

½-½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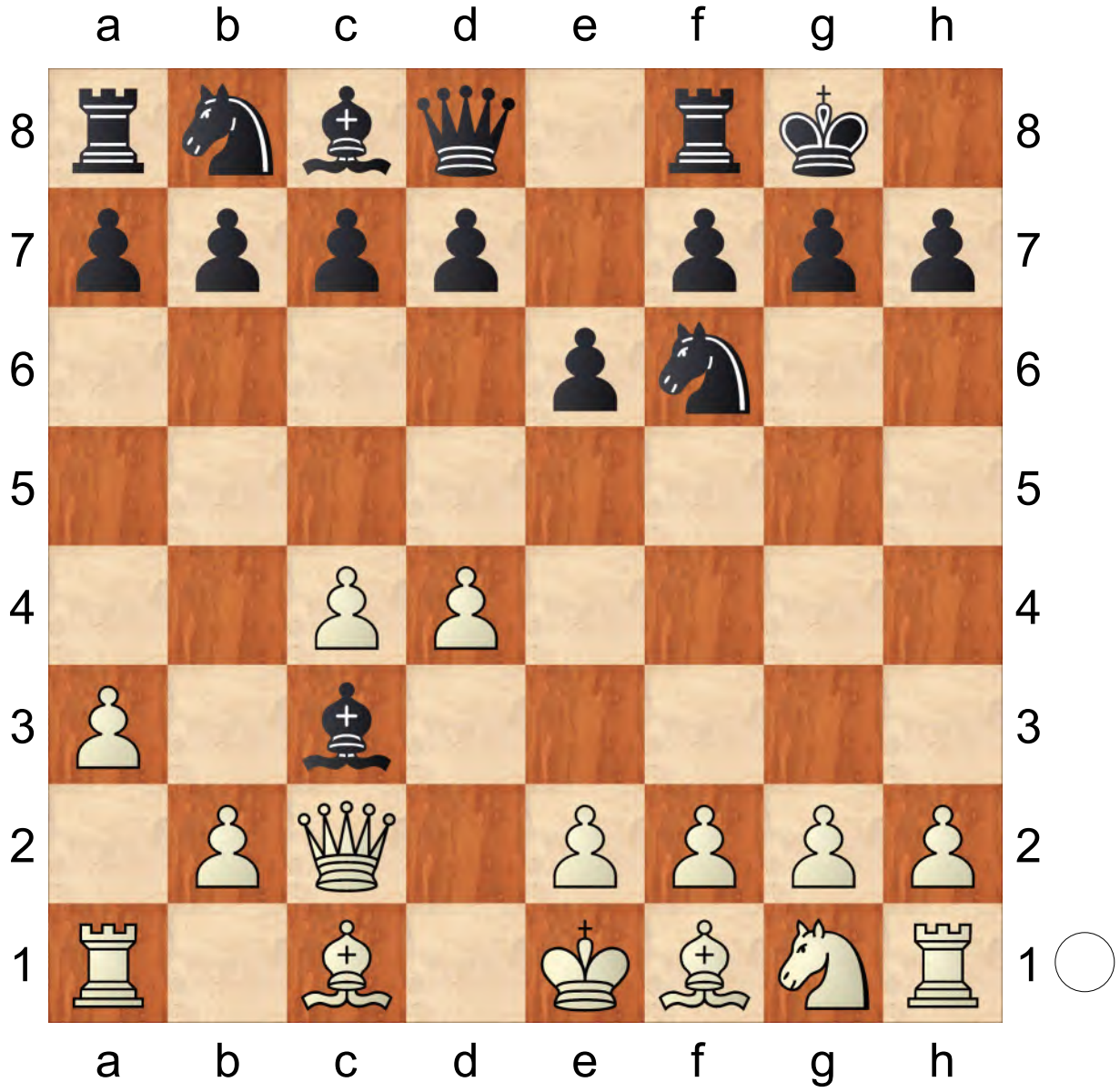
□ **Golod,Vitali** **2566**
■ **Tsesarsky,Ilya** **2458**
ISR-chT Ramat Aviv (7.2) 24.03.2000
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V Tsesarsky Golod,V: 'Tsesarsky' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+**

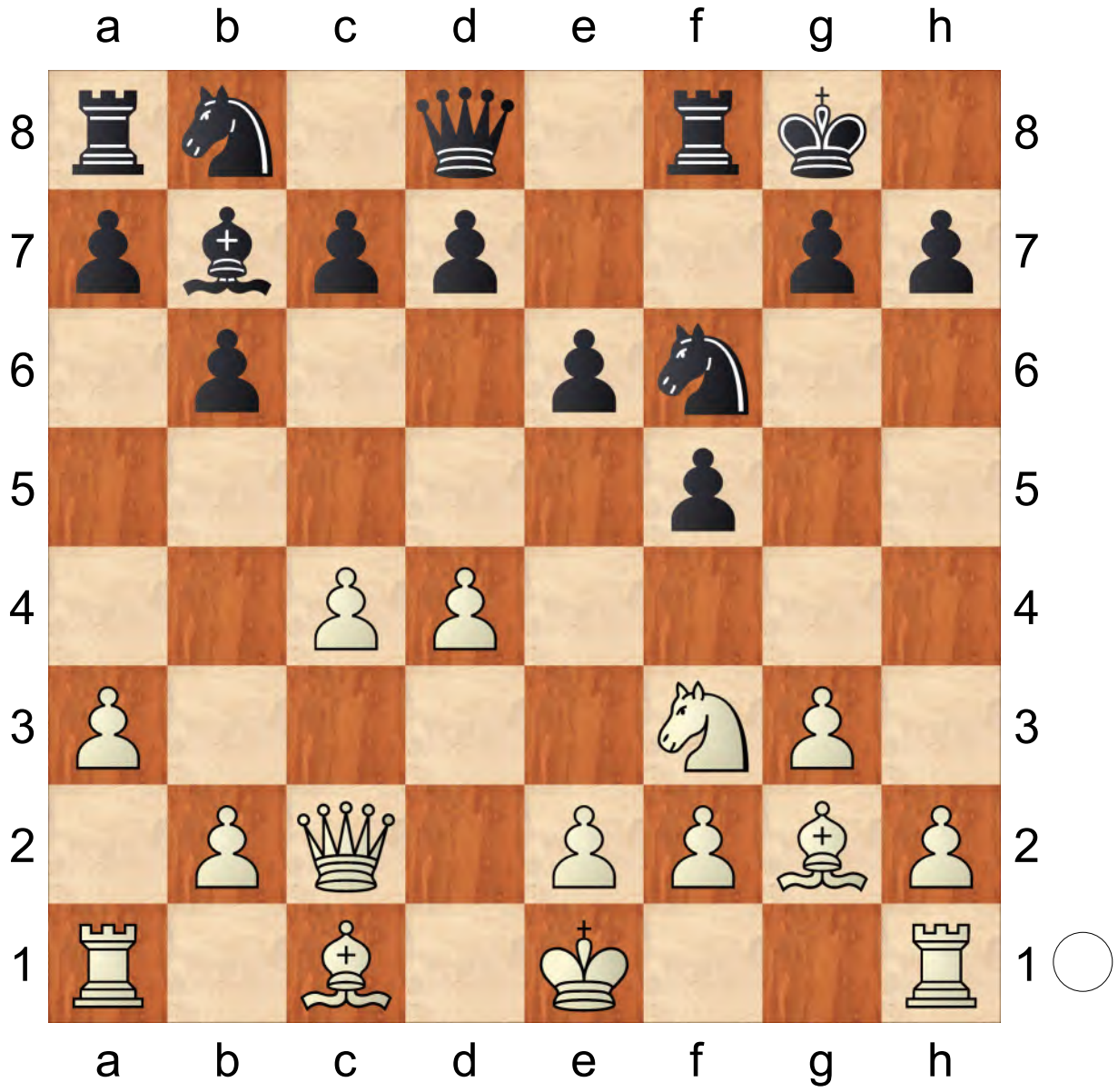


6.Qxc3 * **6...Ne4 7.Qc2 f5 8.g3!?** Golod,V: '!?'

[Other lines are: 8.e3!? You can see comments to Kruppa,Y-Nosenko,A/Donetsk, 1998/CBM 68 (1-0)(Golod,V)(48)]

[and 8.Nh3!? See comments to Dragomarezkij,E-Malinin,Y/Moscow,1999/CBM

70(1-0) (Golod,V)(41)]
8...b6 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.Nf3 In my opinion slightly dubious:10.♘h3 or 10.f3 Golod,V: 'In my opinion slightly dubious:10.♘h3 or 10.f3' **10...Nf6!?**



Logical regrouping. Golod,V: '!?' Golod,V: 'Logical regrouping.' **11.b4!?** Golod,V: '!?'
[Another alternative is: 11.0-0!? See comments to Nogueiras,J-Kengis,E/ Elista, 1998/Inf 74/548 (1-0)(Nogueiras,J) (44) and Virovlansky,S-Ibragimov,I/Nizhnij Novgorod,1998/CBM 66 (0-1)(Golod,V)(54)]
[Also possibly: 11.Bg5 Be4 12.Qd2 Qe8 13.Rc1 d6 14.Bxf6 Rxf6 15.0-0 Nd7 16.b4 e5 ±/= Atalik,S-Xu Yuhua/Beijing,1997(1-0) (107) *(16...e5 Tsesarsky 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 dxe5 20.Qd5+ Kh8 21.Rfd1 h6 22.c5 a5 23.cxb6 cxb6 24.b5±* 1-0 Atalik,S-Xu Yuhua/Beijing 1997/CBM 61 (107) *)*]
[Another alternative is: 11.0-0!? Tsesarsky See comments to Nogueiras,J-Kengis, E/ Elista,1998/Inf 74/548 (1-0)(Nogueiras,J) (44) and Virovlansky,S-Ibragimov,I/

Nizhnij Novgorod,1998/CBM 66 (0-1)(Golod,V)(54) Golod,V: 'Tsesarsky' Be4 *(11...a5 12.b3 Be4 13.Qb2 d6 14.Bd2 Qe8 15.Rfd1 Nbd7 16.Bc3 Qh5 17.b4 a4 18.Qc1 Rae8 19.Ra2 h6 20.h4 Ng4 21.Bd2 Re7 22.Rb2 e5 23.dxe5 dxe5 24.c5 b5 25.Be3 Bc6 26.Ne1⇄* 0-1 Richter,G-Wintzer,J/BL (2nd) West 1996 (38)*; 11...Qe8 12.Bf4 Be4 13.Qd2 d6 14.b4 Nc6 15.Rac1 h6 16.c5 Rd8 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Qb2 Ne7 19.Rc7 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.Rc1 Ned5=* 0-1 Virovlansky,S-Ibragimov,I/Russian Cup, Nizhnij Novgorod RUS 1998 (54) *)*

A) 12.Qd2 a5 13.b3 Nc6 14.Bb2 Ne7 15.a4 h6 16.Rfd1 d6 17.Ba3 Ng6 18.b4 axb4 19.Bxb4 Ra6 20.a5 Qa8= ½-½ Sadler,M-Wells,C/Isle Of Man 1995 (71);

B) 12.Qc3 Qe8 13.b4 *(13.Bf4 d6 14.c5 bxc5 15.dxc5 e5 16.Bd2* ½-½ Touzane,O-Lukacs,P/Budapest FS09 GM 1995/EXT 95 *; 13.Bg5 d6 14.Bxf6 Rxf6 15.c5 Nc6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.Qe3 Ne7 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Ne1 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Nd5 23.Qf3 Rf7 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Qd5 26.Qc3 f4=* ½-½ Georgiev,K-Tukmakov,V/Elenite 1995/CBM 50 (50) *)* 13...d6 14.Re1 Nbd7 15.a4 a5 16.bxa5 Rxa5 17.Bd2 Qa8 18.Qb3 Ra6 19.Bh3 h6 20.Ra3 c5= ½-½ Sadler,M-De Firmian,N/Buenos Aires Najdorf 1995/CBM 49 (38);

C) 12.Qd1 Qe7 *(12...a5 13.b3 Nc6 14.Bb2 Ne7 15.Rc1 h6 16.Qd2 Qb8 17.Rfd1 a4 18.b4 d6 19.b5 Qe8 20.Ne1 Bxg2 21.Nxg2 Ng6 22.Qd3 Nh7 23.f4 Nf6 24.d5 Ne4 25.dxe6 Qxe6∓* 0-1 Onischuk,A-Kurajica,B/Moscow olm UKR-BIH ,CBM 1994 (54)*)* 13.b4 d6 14.Bb2 Nbd7 15.Rc1 c5 16.e3 d5 17.cxd5 cxb4 18.dxe6 bxa3 19.exd7 axb2 20.Qb3+ Bd5 21.Qxb2 Qxd7 22.Ne5 Qd6 23.Bxd5+ Qxd5 24.Rc7 Rfc8 25.Rfc1 Rxc7 26.Rxc7 h5 27.Qb4± 0-1 Schulmanas,I-Baumgartner,W/WchS Bad Woerishofen ,EXT 1992 (38)]

[11.d5 Tsesarsky a5 *(11...exd5 12.Nd4 Ne4 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Nxf5 Qe8⇄)* 12.0-0 Na6 13.Nd4 Nc5 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Bd2 a4= ½-½ Tozer,R-Cooper,L/ Birmingham ENG 1999 (30)]

11...Be4 12.Qc3

[Another options is: 12.Qb3

A) ≤12...d6 13.0-0 Qe8 14.Rd1 ±/= Sheldon,R-Anderton,D/London,1999 (0-1)(40) *(14.Rd1 Nbd7 15.d5 e5 16.Bb2 Qh5=* 0-1 Sheldon,R-Anderton,D/ London ENG 1999 (40) *)*;

B) 12...Nc6 13.Bb2 See comments to:Bareev,E-Piket,J/ Sarajevo,1998/CBM 66 (½-½)(Hansen,LB) (27) *(13.Bb2* Tsesarsky *a6 14.Rc1 b5 15.0-0 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Rfb8 17.cxb5 Rxb5 18.Rc5 Rb7⇄* ½-½ Bareev,E-Piket,J/Bosnia 1998 (27) *)*]

12...d6

[12...a5 13.b5 d6 14.0-0 Qe8 15.a4 Nbd7 16.Ba3 Qh5

A) 17.c5?! Nd5 18.Qc4 N7f6 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Rac1 *(*After: *20.Bxd6* rather well to at first: *Rfd8* Δ21...♖ac8 with strong initiative. *)* 20...Rad8 21.Qb3 f4→ Amura,C-Sorokin,M/Buenos Aires,1996(0-1) (31);

B) 17.Nd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 e5 19.c5 exd4 20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Bxd6 Rfe8= Lisitsin,G-Kan,I/Moscow,1935(1-0)(77) It's first game in this variation! *(22...Rfe8* Tsesarsky *23.Nf3 Rxe2 24.Nxd4 Ree8 25.Qf3 Qxf3+ 26.Nxf3*= 1-0 Lisitsin,G-Kan,I/Moscow 1935 (77) *)*]

13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Bb2

[Another possibility is: 14.Rd1!? ∆Qe8 15.Bf1 h6 *(⌓15...Bb7)* 16.Ne1 Bb7 17.f3 a5!= You can see comments to Alterman,B-Adams,M/Yerevan,1996/Inf 67/613 (½-½)(Alterman,B) (38)]

14...Qe8 15.Ne1!?

[Repeatedly was checked in the previous games: 15.d5

A) It deserves attention: 15...exd5 16.cxd5 *(16.Rfd1 c6 17.Rac1⩱)* 16...Bxd5 17.Qxc7 Qxe2 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Rfe1 Qb2 20.Qxd6=;

B) 15...e5 16.Ng5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ne4 18.Nxe4 fxe4 19.f3 Qg6 *(19...Qh5!? 20.Qe3 exf3+ 21.exf3 Rf6 22.Rf2 Raf8 23.Raf1 g5 24.Bc1 h6* '⇄' Tsesarsky. Tsesarsky: '½-½ Kahn,E-Horvath,C/Budapest Spring op 1996 (33)' *25.Qe4 Qg6*= Kahn,E-Horvath,C/Spring(op),1996(½-½) (33) *)* 20.Rac1 a5 21.Qb3 axb4 22.axb4 Rf5 23.Ra1 Raf8 24.Qe3 Rf4∞ Touzane,O-Zelcic,R/Portoroz,1998(½-½) (38) *(24...Rf4* Tsesarsky *25.Rac1 exf3+ 26.exf3 b5 27.cxb5 Rxb4 28.Ba3 Rxb5 29.Rxc7 Nf6∓* ½-½ Touzane,O-Zelcic,R/18th Mitropa Cup, Portoroz SLO 1998 (38) *)*]

[i 15.Rac1 a5 16.b5 Qh5 17.Qd2 Rae8 18.a4 Ba8 19.Rcd1 Kh8 20.Bc1 e5= Savchenko,S-Zelcic,R/Nova Gorica,1997 (0-1)(40) *(20...e5* Tsesarsky *21.Qc2 Be4 22.Qc3 exd4 23.Nxd4 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Ne4∓* 0-1 Savchenko,S-Zelcic,R/Nova Gorica SLO 1997 (40) *)*]

[15.Nd2 Tsesarsky Bxg2 16.Kxg2 a5 17.f3 axb4 57 ½-½ Sokolov,I-Timman,J/Koop Tjuchem Groningen 1996/CBM]

[15.Rae1 Tsesarsky Ü 64/(486) Golod,V: 'Tsesarsky' a5 16.Nd2 axb4 17.axb4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Ne4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Ra1 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 b5 22.cxb5 Qh5 23.d5 e5 24.Qc2 Qf7 25.Qxe4 Qxf2+ 26.Kh1 Nf6∓ 0-1 Hjartarson,J-Lobron,E/Leeuwarden ,EXT 1995 (30)]

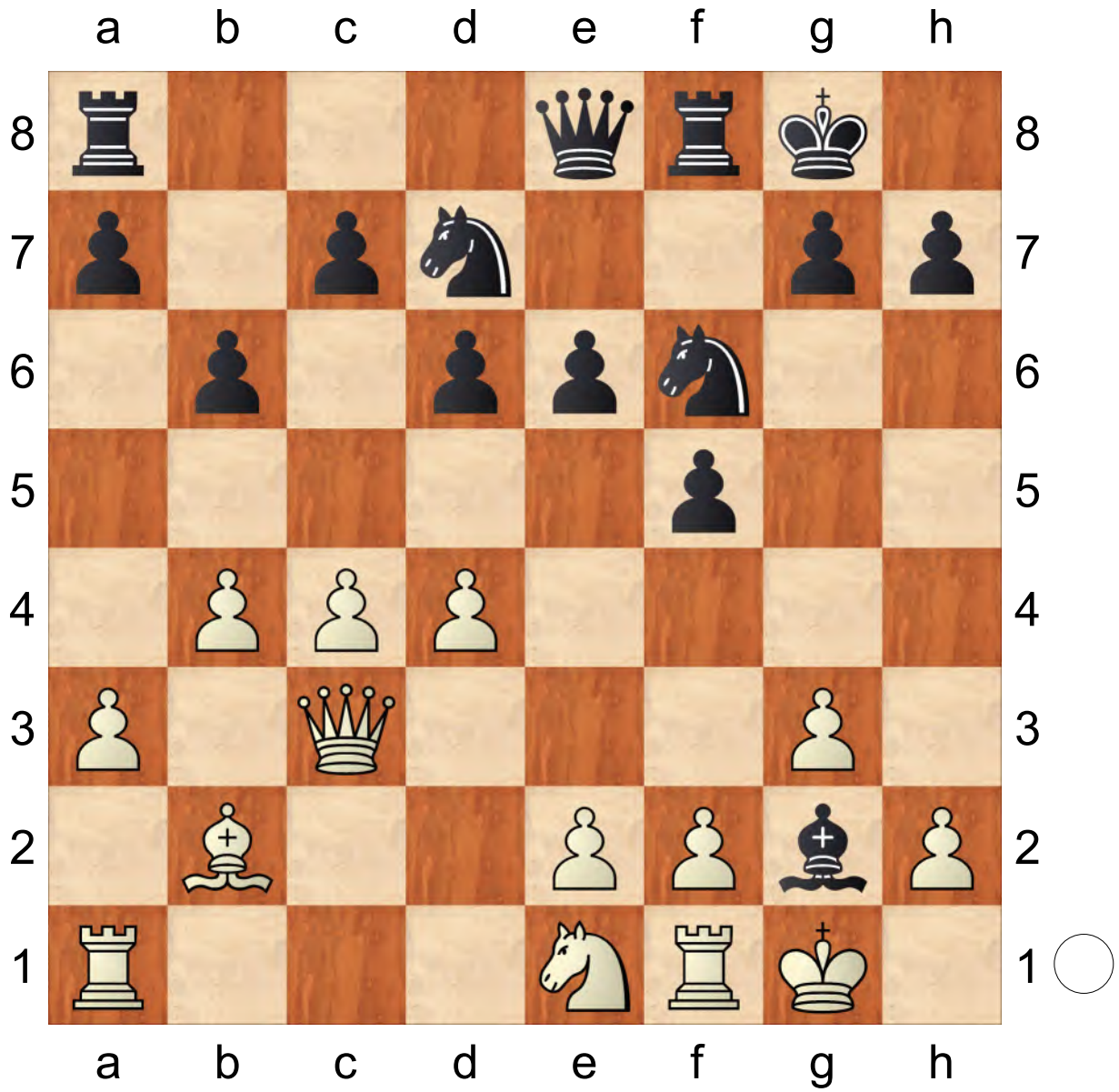
[15.Rfd1 Tsesarsky Qh5 16.Ne1 f4 17.f3 fxg3 18.hxg3 Bb7 19.Nd3 Qg5 20.g4 Nxg4-+ 0-1 Lorscheid,G-Kabatianski,A/BL2-S 1996/BL2 (26)]

15...Bxg2

(Diagram)

16.Nxg2 Qf7!?N Black's plan is: ♖ae8 and e5.It's probably better,than right away: '!?' Tsesarsky. [∆ ♖ae8, e5] Golod,V: 'N' Golod,V: 'Black's plan is: ♖ae8 and e5.It's probably better,than right away: '!?' Tsesarsky. '

[≤16...e5 17.dxe5 dxe5 '=' Tsesarsky. *(17...Nxe5*= Tsesarsky *)* 18.Rad1 Qe6 19.f3 Rae8 20.Rd2 Rf7 21.Rfd1± Rabinovich,A-Shishkov,A/Tallinn,1997(1-0) (38) *(21.Rfd1 Qc6 22.Ne3 f4 23.gxf4 exf4 24.Ng2 Ne5 25.Rd4 Ng6 26.R1d2 Rfe7 27.Qc2±* 1-0 Rabinovich,A-Shishkov,A/EuJun, Tallinn EST 1997



(38))]

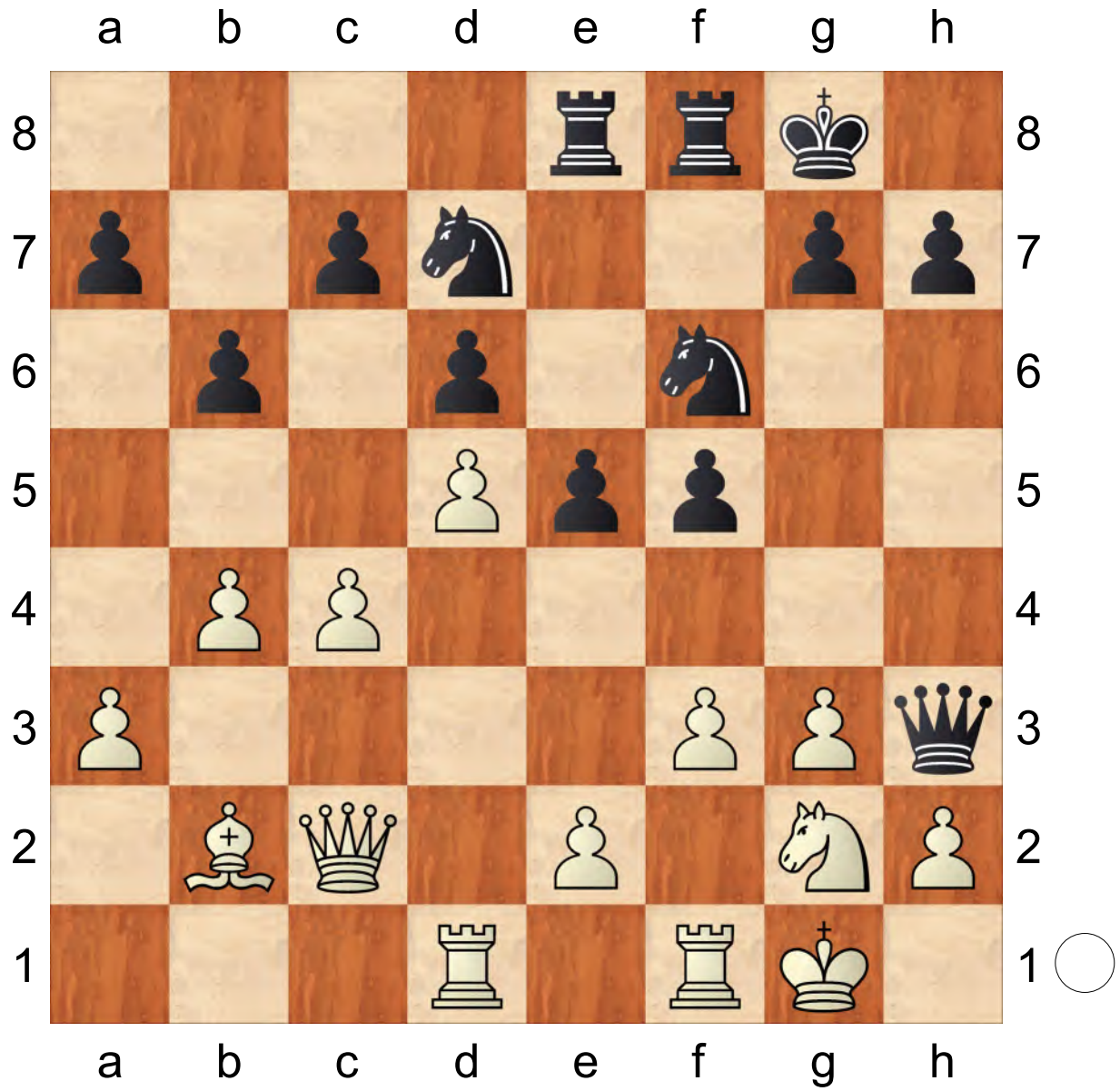
17.Rad1 Tsesarsky: 'Here Golod offered me draw...' Golod,V: 'Tsesarsky: 'Here Golod offered me draw...'' **17...Rae8** **18.f3!?** [×e4, g4] **18...e5** '!' Tsesarsky. Tsesarsky: 'After f2-f3 this promotion seems stronger ' Golod,V: ''!' Tsesarsky. Tsesarsky: 'After f2-f3 this promotion seems stronger '' **19.d5** **Qh5** An interesting idea which was mentioned by Tsesarsky,I after the game: Golod,V: 'An interesting idea which was mentioned by Tsesarsky,I after the game:'

[19...g5!?↻ Golod,V: '↻']

[Dubious: Golod,V: 'Dubious:' 19...b5?! 20.cxb5 Nxd5 21.Qc2± ±/= Golod,V: '±/=' *(21.Qc6* Tsesarsky *N7b6 22.e4 fxe4 23.fxe4 Nf6⇄)*]

20.Qc2 **Qh3**

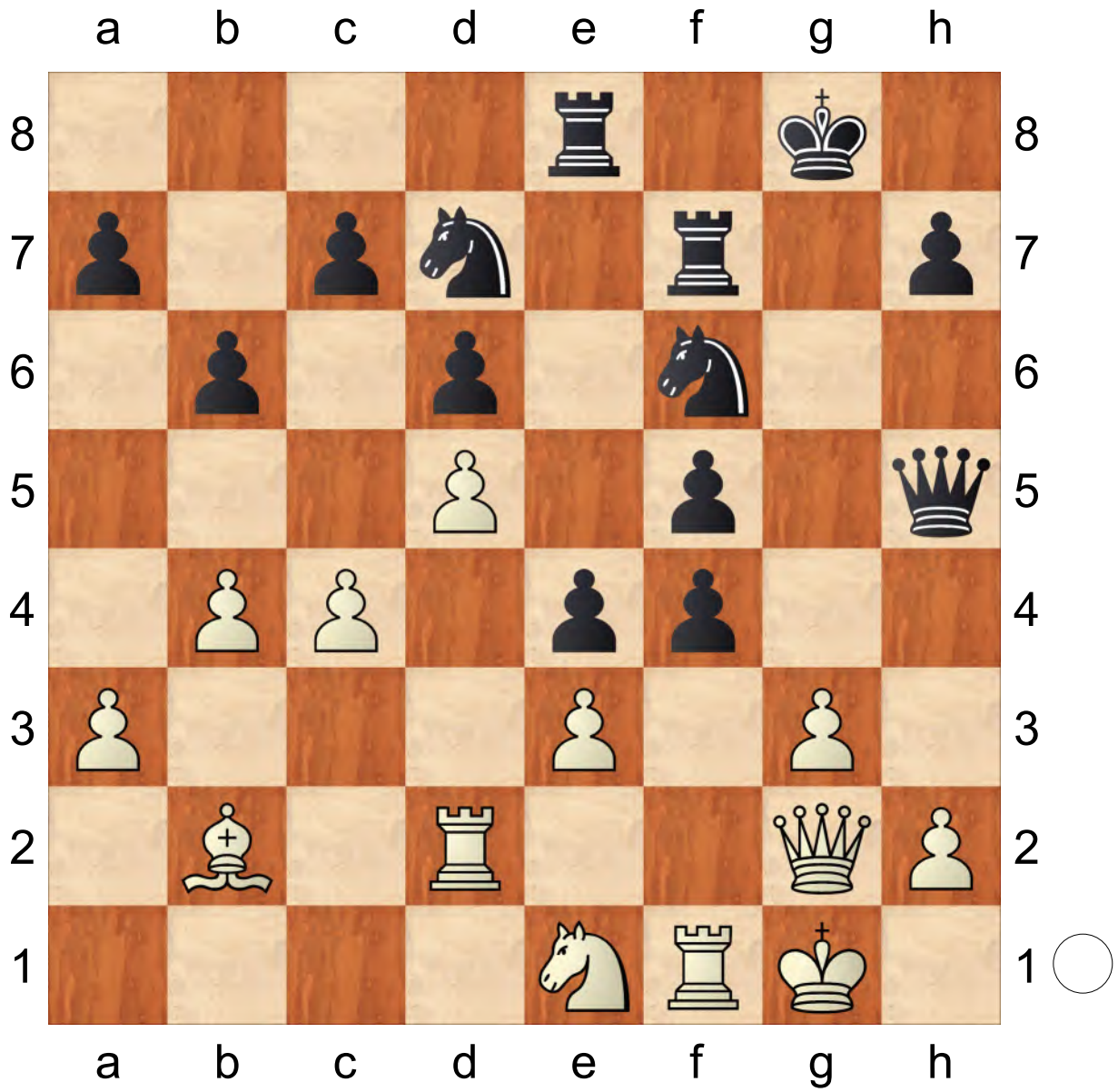
(Diagram)



21.e3= Golod,V: '='
[21.Qa4!?∞]
[21.Qa4!?∞ (Tsesarsky) Seems too risky Golod,V: '!?' Golod,V: '(Tsesarsky) Seems too risky' Rf7 22.Qxa7 Nf8 23.Qa4 g5 24.e3 h5 25.Qc2 h4 26.gxh4 gxh4 27.Kh1 Rg7 28.Rf2 Nh5 29.a4 Nh7⩱]
21...g5!? ×f4;Δe4 Golod,V: '!?' Golod,V: '×f4;Δe4'
[Much worse is: Golod,V: 'Much worse is:' 21...Rf7?! 22.Nh4! Δg6 Golod,V: 'Δ' 23.Qg2 Qxg2+ 24.Nxg2± ±/= Golod,V: '±/=']
22.Ne1 Rf7
[Slightly dubious right away: Golod,V: 'Slightly dubious right away:' 22...e4?! in view of: Golod,V: 'in view of:' 23.f4 gxf4! Golod,V: '!' *(≤23...Ng4* Golod,V: '≤' *24.Qg2±)* 24.exf4 *(24.Rxf4 Ng4∞)* 24...Ng4 25.Qg2± ±/= Golod,V: '±/=']
23.Qg2 Qh5 24.Rd2 Δe4 '=?!' Tsesarsky. Golod,V: 'Δ' Golod,V: "=?!' Tsesarsky. '

[24...Qg6 Tsesarsky 25.Nc2 h6⇄]
[24...h6 Tsesarsky 25.Nc2 Kh7↑]
[24...a6 Tsesarsky 25.a4 h6 And Black didn't hasten to play e5-e4 or f5-f4.]

25.f4 gxf4



26.exf4 This move,undoubtedly,better,than: Golod,V: 'This move,undoubtedly,better,than: '

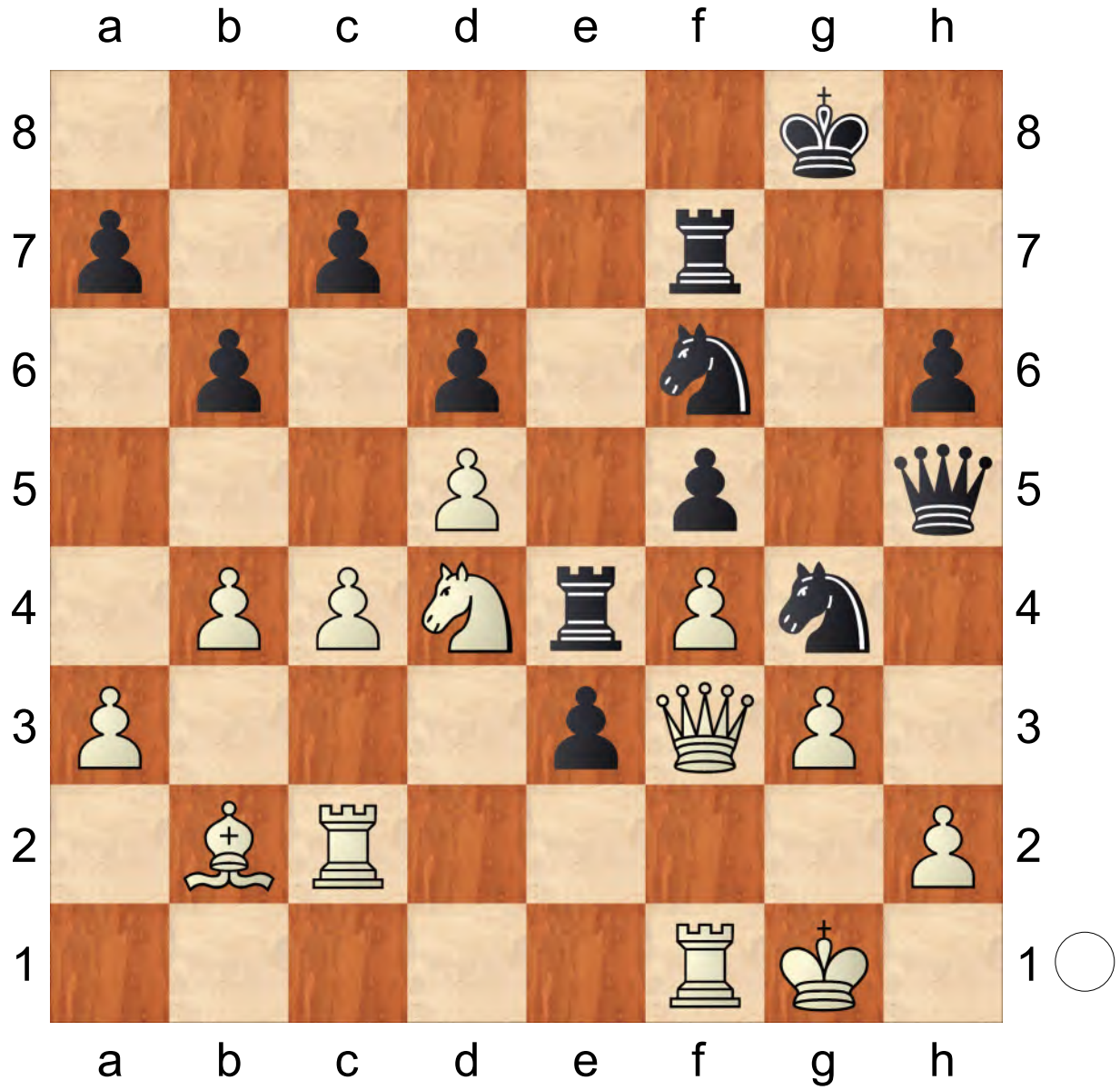
[26.Rxf4?! Ne5∓ *(26...Ne5∓* Tsesarsky ×c4, f3 Golod,V: 'Tsesarsky' *27.Qf1 Nfg4 28.Qe2 a6 29.Bd4 Rg7⇄)*]

26...e3

[Inclusion: 26...Ng4 27.Nc2 badly for black: e3 28.Re2 Re4 29.Nd4±]
[26...a6!? Tsesarsky 27.a4 a5 28.bxa5 bxa5 29.Bd4 Nb6 30.Bxb6 cxb6 31.Nc2⇄]

27.Rc2 Re4 28.Nf3 My knight is tending on ideal place e6(over d4 or g5). Golod,V:

'My knight is tending on ideal place e6(over d4 or g5).' **28...h6 29.Nd4 ±/=**
[29.h3!?± Golod,V: '!?']
29...Ng4 30.Qf3 Ndf6



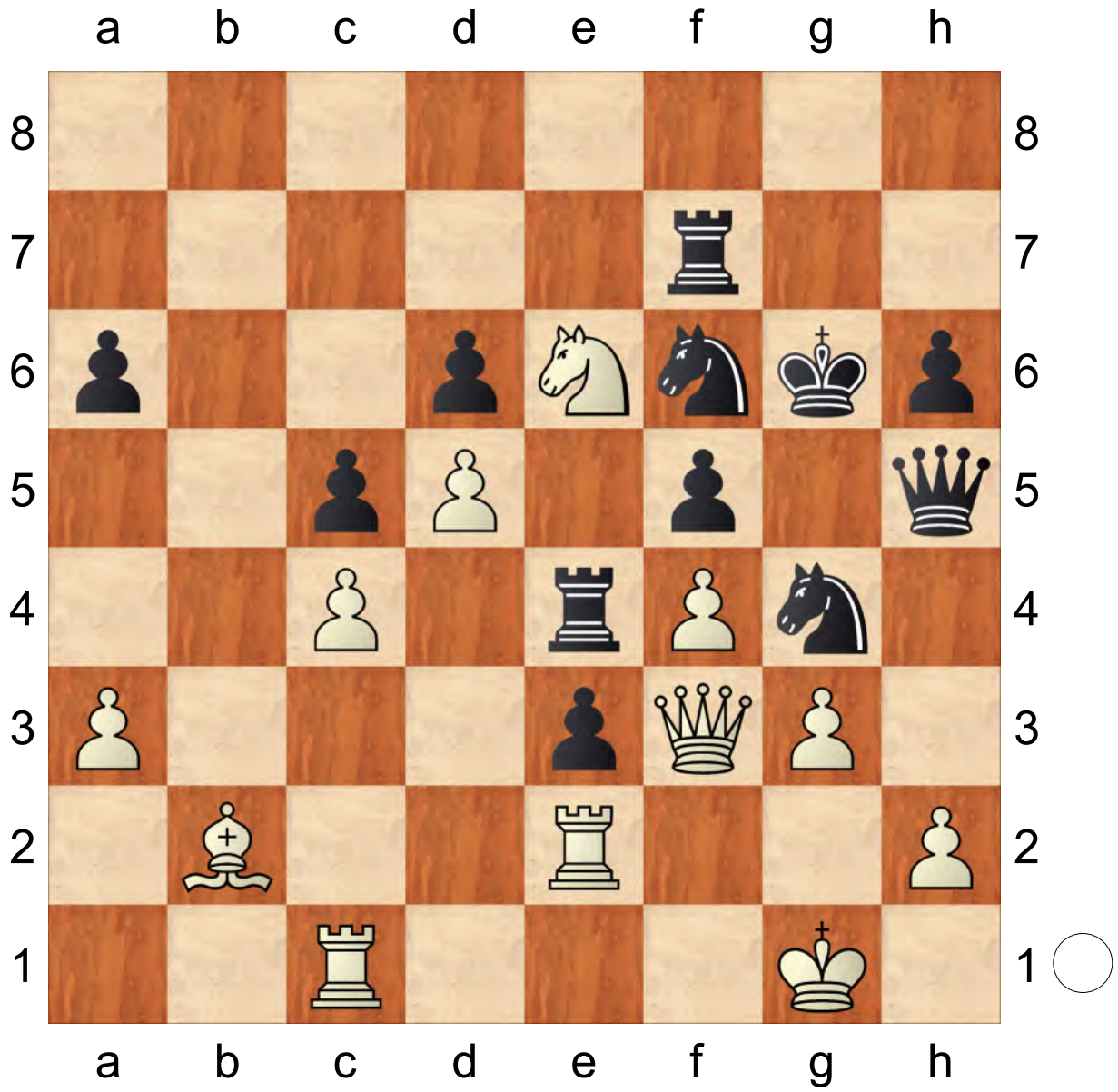
31.Re1 Kh7
[Most probably equalizes: 31...Nf2!
A) 32.Rxe3?!
A1) ≤32...Rxe3 33.Qxh5 *(33.Qxe3?? Qd1+! 34.Kg2□ Qh1+ 35.Kxf2 Ng4+-+)* 33...Nxh5 34.Kxf2⩲;
A2) 32...N6g4!? 33.Ree2 Qxh2+ 34.Kf1 Rfe7↑;
B) 32.Qxh5 Nxh5 33.Ne6 Nd3 34.Ree2 Nxb2 35.Rxb2=]
[31...a6 Tsesarsky 32.a4 Nf2 33.Qxh5 Nxh5 34.Ree2 Nd3 35.Bc3±]
32.Ree2
[A little better is: 32.b5]

32...a6
[32...Kg6!? Tsesarsky]
33.Ne6?! Strategical blunder.
[⌓33.a4 Δb5 and only later ♘e6.]
[33.a4 Tsesarsky Kg6 34.b5! *(34.Ne6?! c5! 35.bxc5 bxc5 36.Bc1 Rb7∓)* 34...a5 35.Ne6 Nd7 36.Nxc7 Nc5 37.Na6 *(37.Ne6 Nxe6 38.dxe6 Re7∓)* 37...Nxa4 38.Ba3 Nc5 39.Nxc5 dxc5 40.Bc1⇄]
33...c5!= '!' Tsesarsky. **34.bxc5?!** '∓?' Tsesarsky.
[From my point of view better is: 34.Nd8!? Rf8 35.Ne6
A) ≤35...Rb8 36.Bxf6 Nxf6 37.Qxh5 Nxh5 38.bxc5 *(38.Rc3* Tsesarsky *cxb4 39.axb4 Rc8 40.c5 Nf6⇄)* 38...bxc5 39.Rc3±;
B) 35...Rf7 36.Nd8=]
[Interestingly: 34.h4!?∞]
[34.h4 Tsesarsky Kg6 35.Bc1 cxb4 36.axb4 b5 37.c5 Nxd5 38.cxd6 Ngf6 39.Qxh5+ Kxh5 40.Nc5 Rxb4 *(40...Rg7 41.Nxe4 Nxe4 42.Bxe3 Nxb4 43.Rc7 Rxg3+ 44.Kh2 Rg8 45.d7 Rd8 46.Ra7±)* 41.Bxe3 *(41.Nxa6 Rb1 42.Kg2 Rg7 43.Kf3 Ne4 44.Rg2 Nxd6∓)* 41...a5 42.Kg2⇄]
34...bxc5 35.Rc1
[Now senselessly: 35.Nd8 because of: Rf8! Δ36.Ne6 Rb8↑ and impossibly: 37.Bxf6?? Rb1+ 38.Kg2 Qxh2#]
[35.Rc3 Tsesarsky Rb7 36.Rcc2 Kg6∓]
35...Kg6!

(Diagram)

36.Bxf6 Kxf6 37.Rb2 Kg6 38.Qe2 Nf2! 39.Rc3?? Gross blunder. '-+??' Tsesarsky.
[It is necessary: 39.Qxh5+ Kxh5
A) 40.Rb3 Tsesarsky Kg4 41.Kg2 Re7 *(41...h5 42.Ng5+-)* 42.a4 a5⊙
A1) 43.Nd8 e2 44.Re1 Nd1 45.h3+ Kh5 46.Ne6 Ne3+∓;
A2) 43.Kf1 Kf3 44.Rc2
A2a) 44...Nh3 45.Nd8 h5 *(45...Rd4 46.Ke1 Ree4 47.Rbc3 h5 48.Nf7 h4 49.Nxd6 hxg3 50.hxg3 Kxg3 51.Nxf5+ Kf3 52.Nxd4+ cxd4 53.Rb3 Nxf4∓)* 46.Nb7 Rd7∓;
A2b) 44...Ng4;
A3) 43.h4 This move seems bad, but what can you advise to White? 43...Re8 44.Nc7 Rg8 45.Ne6 Nh3 46.Nc7 *(46.Ra3 Rb8-+; 46.Rb6 e2 47.Re1 Re3-+)* 46...e2 47.Re1 Rc8 48.Ne6 Rxc4 49.Rxe2 Rxa4∓;
B) 40.Re2 Rb7 41.Rc3 Nd1!∓ '!' Tsesarsky. *(41...Nh3+! 42.Kg2 Kg4 43.Rc1 Rb3∓)*]
39...Nd1!-+ 40.Rc1□ Nxb2

(Diagram)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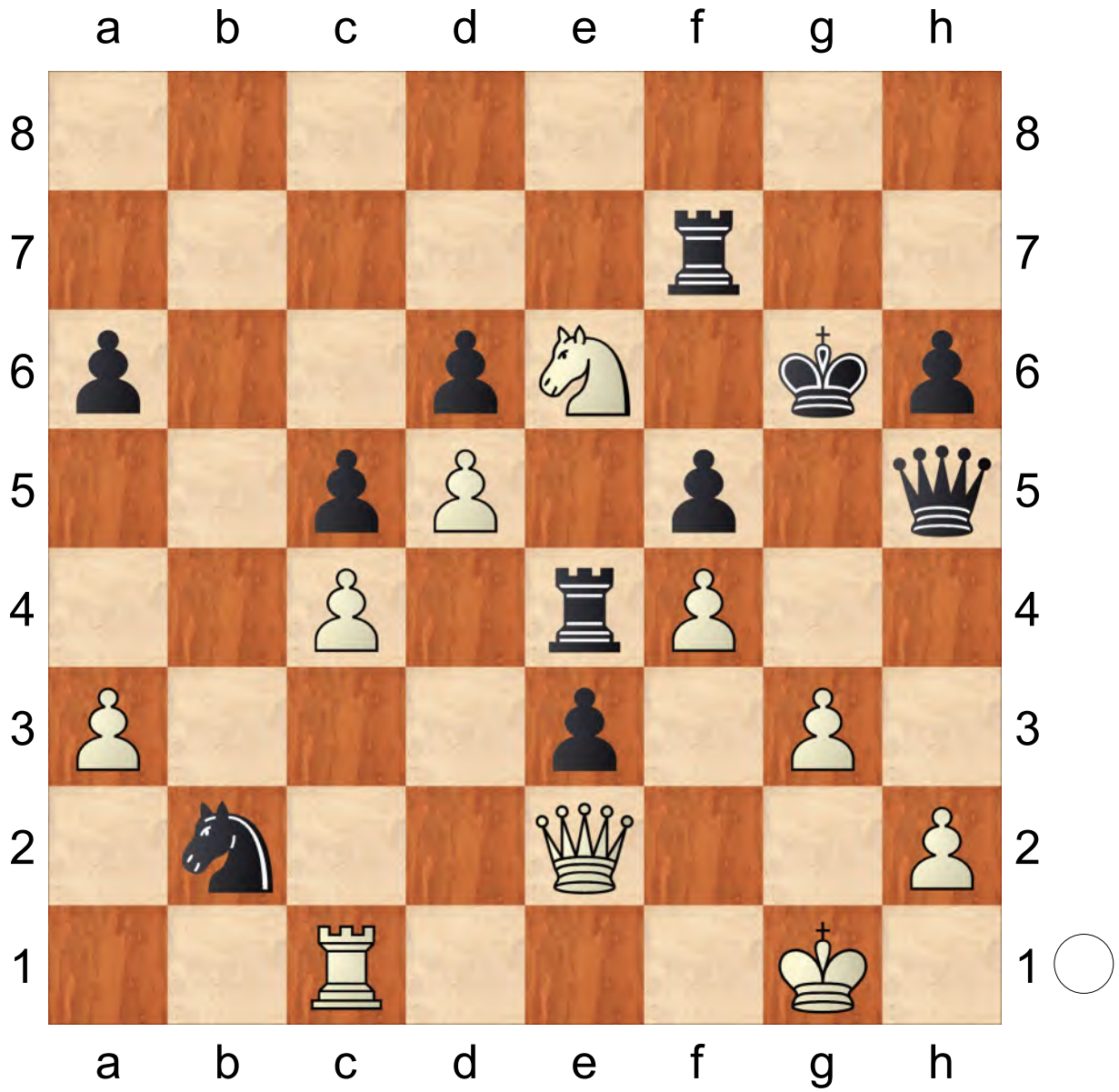


41.Qxb2 Rxc4!

[Also win: 41...Qf3!?

A) 42.Rf1 Δe2 43.Re1 *(43.Rxf3 e1Q+ 44.Rf1□ Qe3+ 45.Kh1 Rxc4 46.Qh8 Qe4+ 47.Kg1 Qxd5-+)* 43...Rxc4 *(43...Kh7!?)* 44.Qh8 Qxd5-+;

B) 42.Qh8 Qf2+ 43.Kh1 Re7! 44.Qg8+ Kh5 45.Qf8 Kg4! 46.Qxh6 *(=46.Qxe7 Kf3 47.Rg1□ e2 48.Qh4 Qxg1+ 49.Kxg1 e1Q#)* 46...R4xe6! *(46...R7xe6?? 47.Qg5+ Kf3 48.Qh5#)* 47.dxe6 e2-+]

42.Rf1

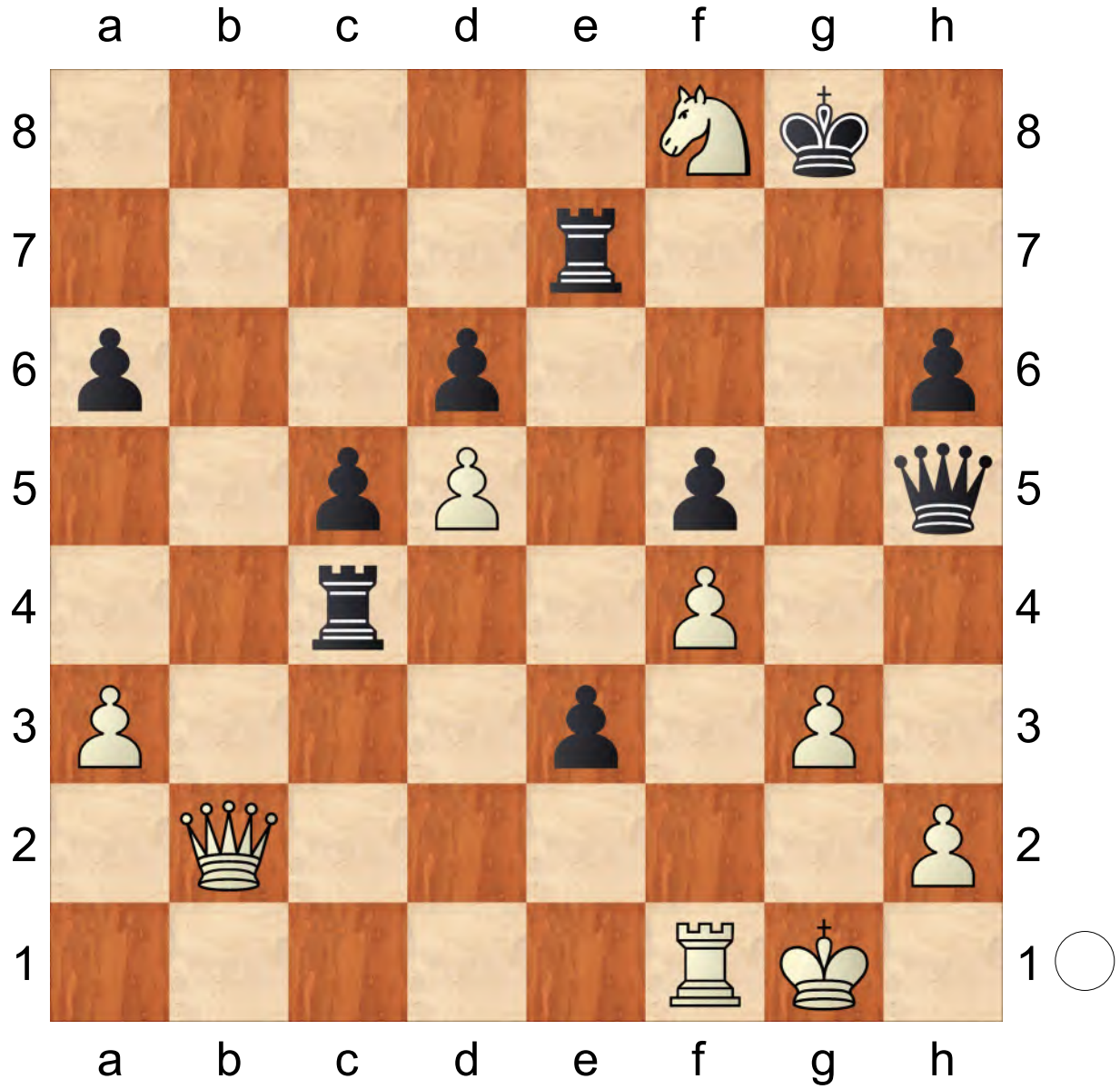
[Very badly: 42.Rxc4 Qd1+ 43.Kg2 Qxd5+]

[and 42.Re1? Qf3]

42...Kh7 43.Nd8 Rd7 44.Ne6 Re7

[44...Qf7-+ Tsesarsky]

45.Nf8+ Kg8



46.Ne6 Qf7? '!?' Tsesarsky.

[Can be recommended: 46...Rxe6!? (or 46...♕e8!? with same idea) 47.dxe6 Qe8 48.Qf6 Re4 49.Qxh6 *(49.Qxf5 Qxe6-+; 49.e7 e2 50.Re1 Qxe7 51.Qg6+ Qg7 52.Qxf5 Re8 53.Qd5+ Kh8 54.Kf2 Qe7 55.Qd3=)* 49...Rxe6 *(49...Qxe6 50.Qg5+ Kf7 51.Rb1 e2 52.Rb7+ Ke8 53.Rb8+ Kd7 54.Qd8+ Kc6 55.Qb6+ Kd5 56.Qb7+ Kc4 57.Qb3+ Kd4 58.Qb2+=)* 50.Qg5+ Qg6 51.Qd8+ Re8-+ '∓' Tsesarsky.]

[46...Qe8?! Tsesarsky 47.Qf6 Qf7 48.Qxh6⩲]

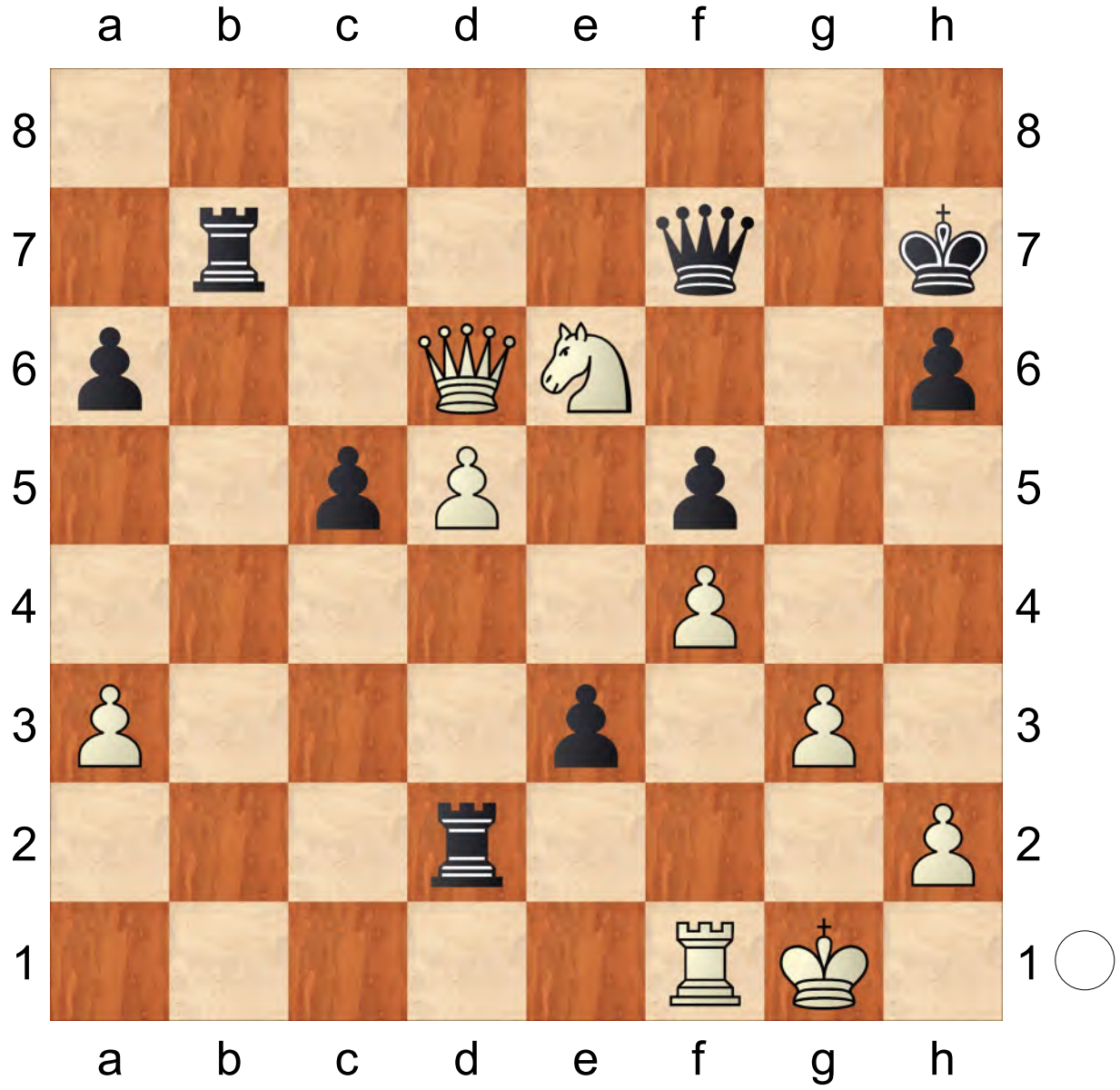
47.Qb8+ Kh7 48.Qxd6 Rc2 My position absolutely hopeless in view weakness my king and strong black's pawn e3. **49.Qd8** I don't see 49...♖d2!,but black has a easy win in all variation:

[49.h4 Rb7 50.Nf8+ *(50.Nd8 Rbb2!-+)* 50...Kg8 51.Ne6 Rbb2 52.Re1 *(52.Qd8+ Kh7 53.Nf8+ Qxf8! 54.Qxf8 Rg2+ 55.Kh1 Rh2+ 56.Kg1 Rbg2#)*

52...Rg2+ 53.Kh1 Rh2+ 54.Kg1 Rbg2+ 55.Kf1 Rxg3-+]
[49.Re1 Rb7 50.Nd8 Qh5! *(50...Rbb2?? 51.Nxf7 Rg2+ 52.Kh1 Rxh2+ 53.Kg1 Rbg2+ 54.Kf1 Rf2+ 55.Kg1=)* 51.h4 Qf3-+]
[49.Nxc5 Rd2 *(49...Rc7* Tsesarsky *50.Ne6 Qh5 51.Qxc7+□ Rxc7 52.Nxc7 Qe2-+)* 50.Ne6 Rb7-+]
[49.Qe5 Tsesarsky Qh5! 50.Ng5+ *(50.Nf8+ Kg8-+)* 50...Qxg5-+]

49...Rd2! '⊙' Tsesarsky. **50.Qd6**
[50.Nf8+? Kg7 Δ51.Ne6+ Qxe6-+]

50...Rb7-+



51.Nf8+ Kg8 52.Ng6□
[≤52.Ne6 Rbb2 53.Qd8+ Kh7 54.Qh4 *(54.Nf8+? Qxf8! 55.Qxf8 Rg2+ 56.Kh1 Rxh2+ 57.Kg1 Rbg2#)* 54...Rg2+ 55.Kh1 Qb7-+]

52...Qxd5

[From my point of view a much better is: 52...Rxd5-+ Golod,V: '-+' Golod,V: 'Tsesarsky' 53.Qxa6 e2 54.Re1 Rd1 55.Kf2 Rxe1 56.Kxe1 Rb1+ and mate in 5 moves.]

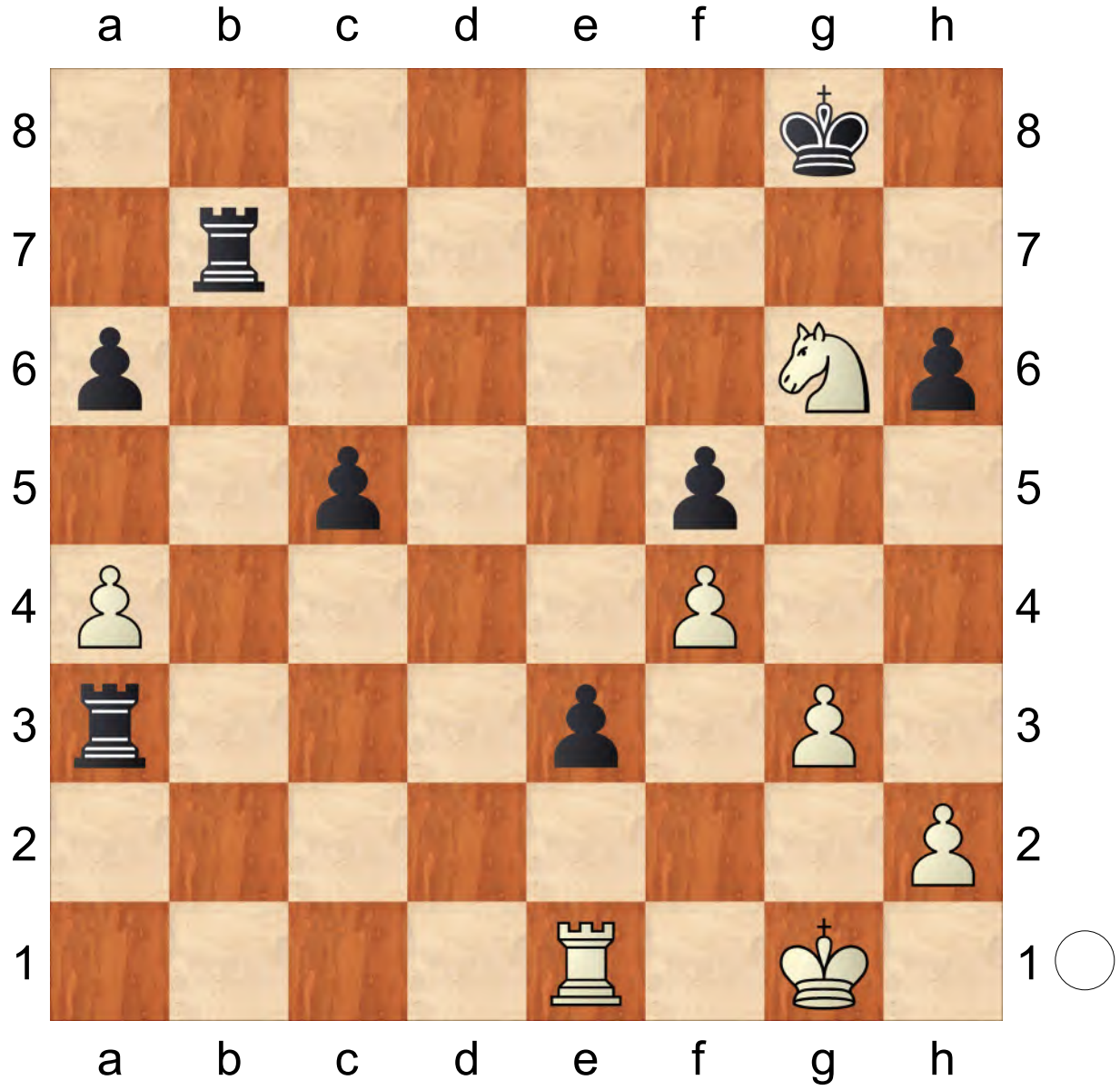
[52...Rxd5-+ Tsesarsky]

53.Qxd5+

[53.Qf8+? Kh7 54.Qh8+ Kxg6-+]

53...Rxd5 It seems that,further resistance is useless. **54.Re1 Rd3 55.a4 Ra3**

[⌓55...Rd2]



56.Ne5 Rb4 57.Kg2 Rbxa4 58.Rd1 Rd4 59.Rb1 Rd2+ 60.Kh3 Raa2

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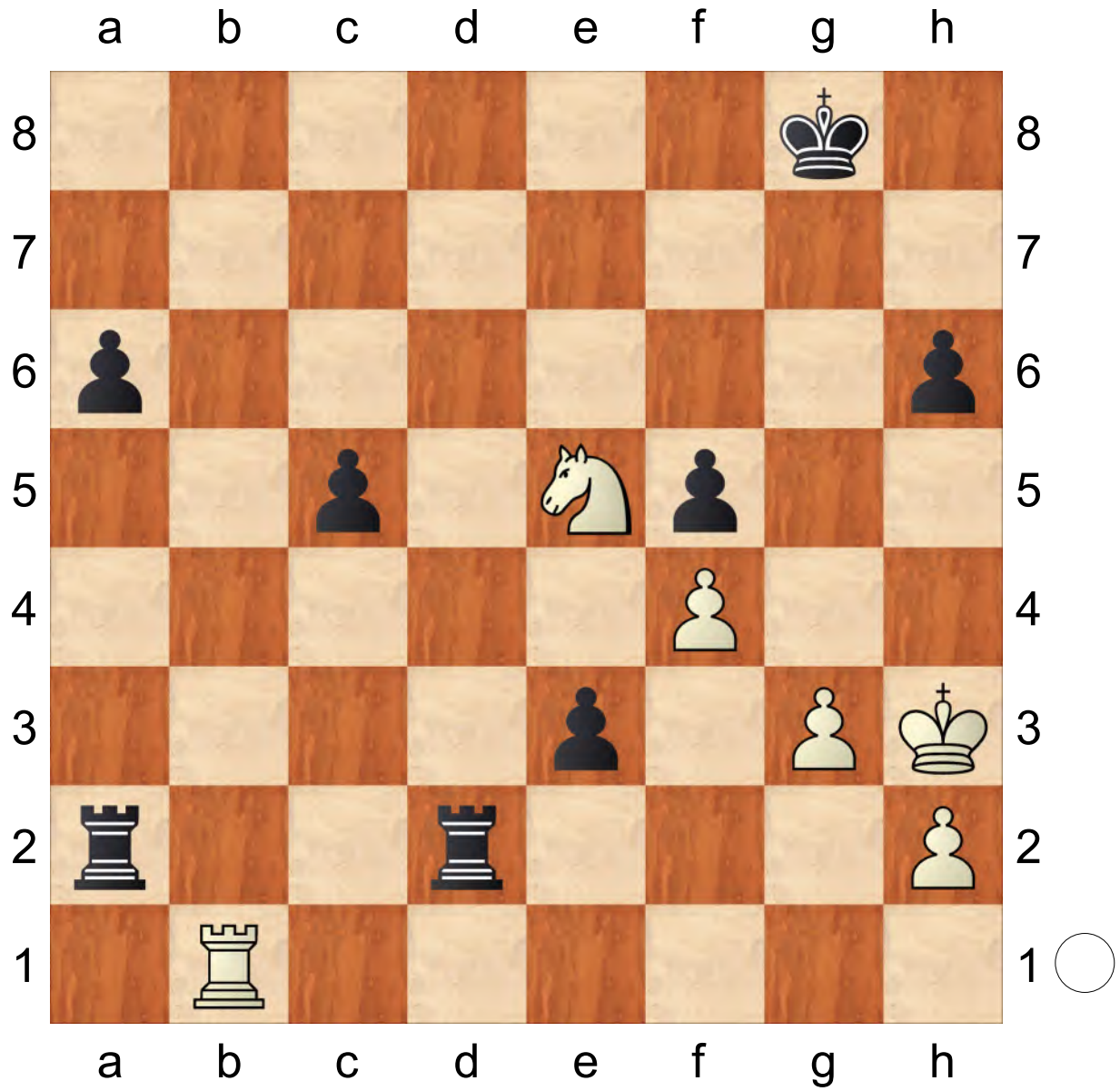

61.g4 Tsesarsky: 'This position I was lucky to lose...' **61...e2** This move-"harbinger" next grandios mistake of black.

[⌓61...Rxh2+ 62.Kg3 Rab2-+ *(62...Rab2* Tsesarsky *63.Rd1 Rbg2+ 64.Kf3 Rd2-+)*]

62.gxf5 Rd1?? '=??' Tsesarsky.

[Leads to win: 62...Rab2 63.Rg1+ Kf8 '-+' Tsesarsky. 64.f6 Rd1 65.Rg7 Rb3+! 66.Kg2 *(66.Kg4 Rg1+; 66.Kh4 e1Q+)* 66...Rg1+! 67.Kxg1 e1Q+ 68.Kg2 Qe2+ 69.Kh1 Rb1+ 70.Rg1 Qe4+]

63.Rb8+ Kg7 64.Rb7+ Kf8?? Decisive mistake. '+-??' Tsesarsky.

[It is necessary: 64...Kg8□

A) Unexpectedly loses: 65.f6?? in view of:

A1) 65...Ra3+?? 66.Kg4 Rg1+ 67.Kf5 e1Q 68.Rb8+ Kh7 69.Rb7+ Kh8 *(69...Rg7?? 70.Rxg7+ Kh8 71.Ng6#)* 70.Rb8+ Kh7□ *(70...Rg8??*

71.Ng6+ Kh7 72.Rb7+ Rg7 73.Rxg7#) 71.Rb7+=;

A2) 65...Rg1 '-+' Tsesarsky. 66.Rb8+ *(66.f7+? Kg7 67.Rb8 Ra3+ 68.Kh4 e1Q+)* 66...Kh7 67.Rb7+ Kh8 68.Nf7+ *(68.Rb8+ Rg8 69.Rb1□ Ra3+ 70.Kh4 Rb3 71.Re1 Rg2-+)* 68...Kg8! Δ69.Nxh6+ Kh8 Golod,V: 'and transfer to 64... ♔g8□ 65.f6?? ' 70.Nf7+ *(70.f7? Ra3+)* 70...Kh7 71.Nd6+ *(71.Ne5+? Kh6 72.f7 Ra3+)* 71...Kh6 72.Nf5+ Kg6 73.Rg7+ Kxf6 74.Rxg1 Kxf5-+;

B) 65.Rb8+ Kg7 66.Rb7+ '=' Tsesarsky. Kg8=]

[64...Kf6?? 65.Rf7#]

[64...Kh8?? 65.Ng6+! *(65.f6?? Rg1 66.Nf7+ Kg8! Δ67.Nxh6+ Kh8* and transfer to 64...♔g8□ 65.f6?? *)* 65...Kg8 66.f6 Ra3+ 67.Kg4

A) 67...Rg1+ 68.Kf5 Rxg6 *(68...Rg5+ 69.fxg5 Rf3+ 70.Kg4+-)* 69.Kxg6+-;

B) 67...h5+ 68.Kg5 Rg1+ *(68...Rd5+ 69.Kh6)* 69.Kf5 Rxg6 70.Kxg6+-]

65.f6+- Ra3+

[65...Rd8 66.Ng6+ Kg8 *(66...Ke8 67.Re7#)* 67.Rg7#]

[65...Rd3+ 66.Kg4 Kg8 67.Rg7+ *(67.Ng6!? h5+ 68.Kg5 Rd5+ 69.f5+-)* 67...Kf8 68.Ng6+ Ke8 69.f7+ Kd7 70.f8Q+ Kc6 *(70...Ke6 71.Qf5+ Kd6 72.Qd7#)* 71.Ne5+ s matom v 5 khodov.]

(Diagram)

66.Kg4 [#] Despite the numerous mistakes the game was very interesting. Despite the numerous mistakes the game was very interesting. 1-0 (66) Golod,V (2566)-Tsesarsky,I (2458) Israel 2000 CBM 77 [Golod,V]

[66.Kg4 Rg1+ 67.Kf5

A) 67...Rg5+ 68.fxg5 Rf3+ 69.Nxf3+- *(69.Ke6!?)*;

B) 67...Rb3 68.Rxb3 Kg8 69.Ng6 *(69.f7+!? Kg7 70.Rb8)* 69...e1Q *(69...Rxg6 70.Kxg6 e1Q 71.Rb8+)* 70.Rb8+ Kf7 *(70...Kh7 71.Rh8#)* 71.Rf8# *(71.Nh8#)*;

C) 67...Kg8

C1) Elegantly win: 68.Ng6 Rg5+ *(68...Rxg6 69.Kxg6)* 69.fxg5 Rf3+ 70.Kg4+- with mate in 3 moves.. Golod,V: '+-';

C2) 68.f7+ Kg7 69.Rb8 e1Q *(69...Rg5+ 70.fxg5 Rf3+ 71.Nxf3+-)* 70.f8Q+ Kh7 71.Qh8#]

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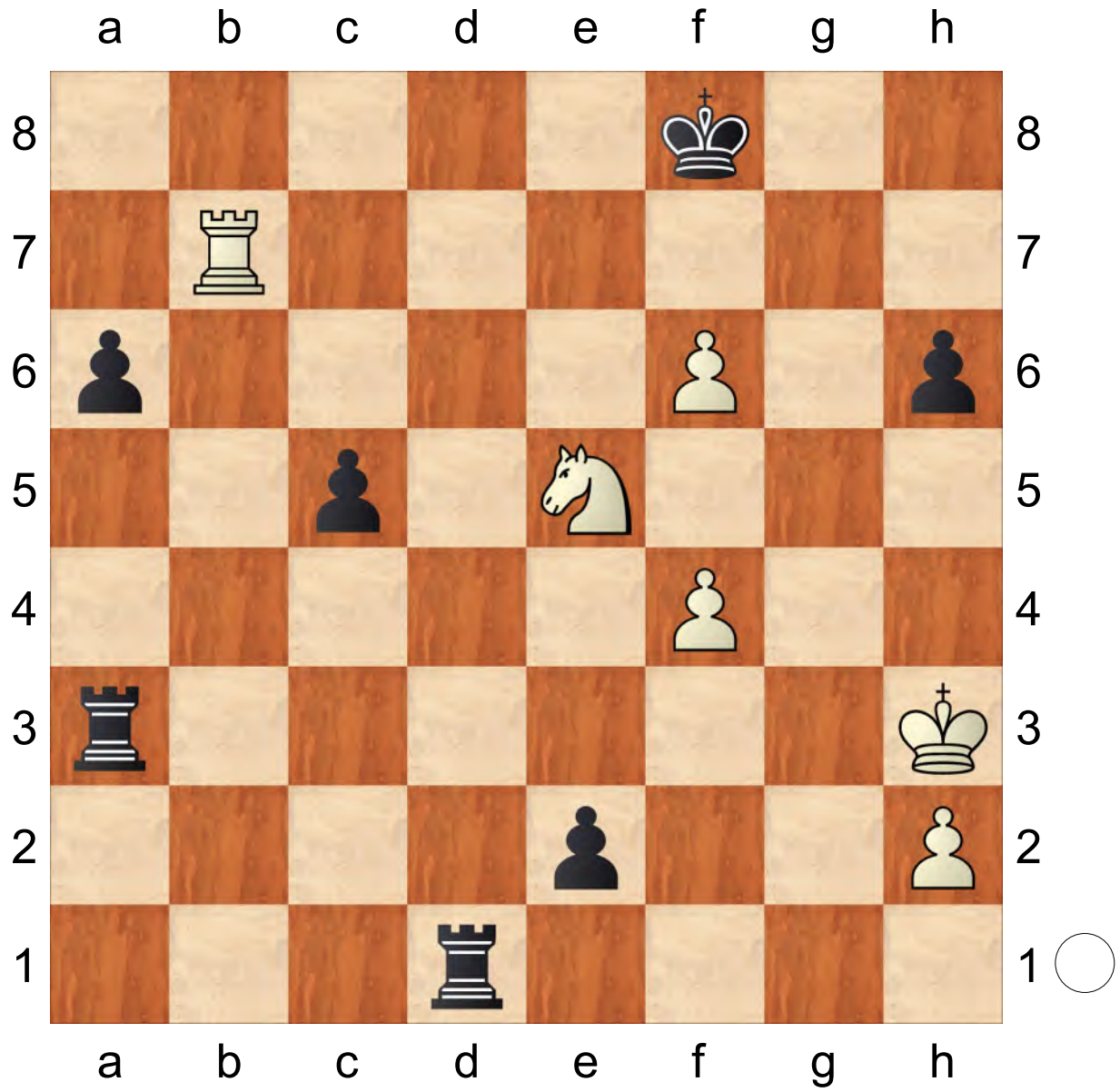
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■ **Wahls,Matthias** **2540**
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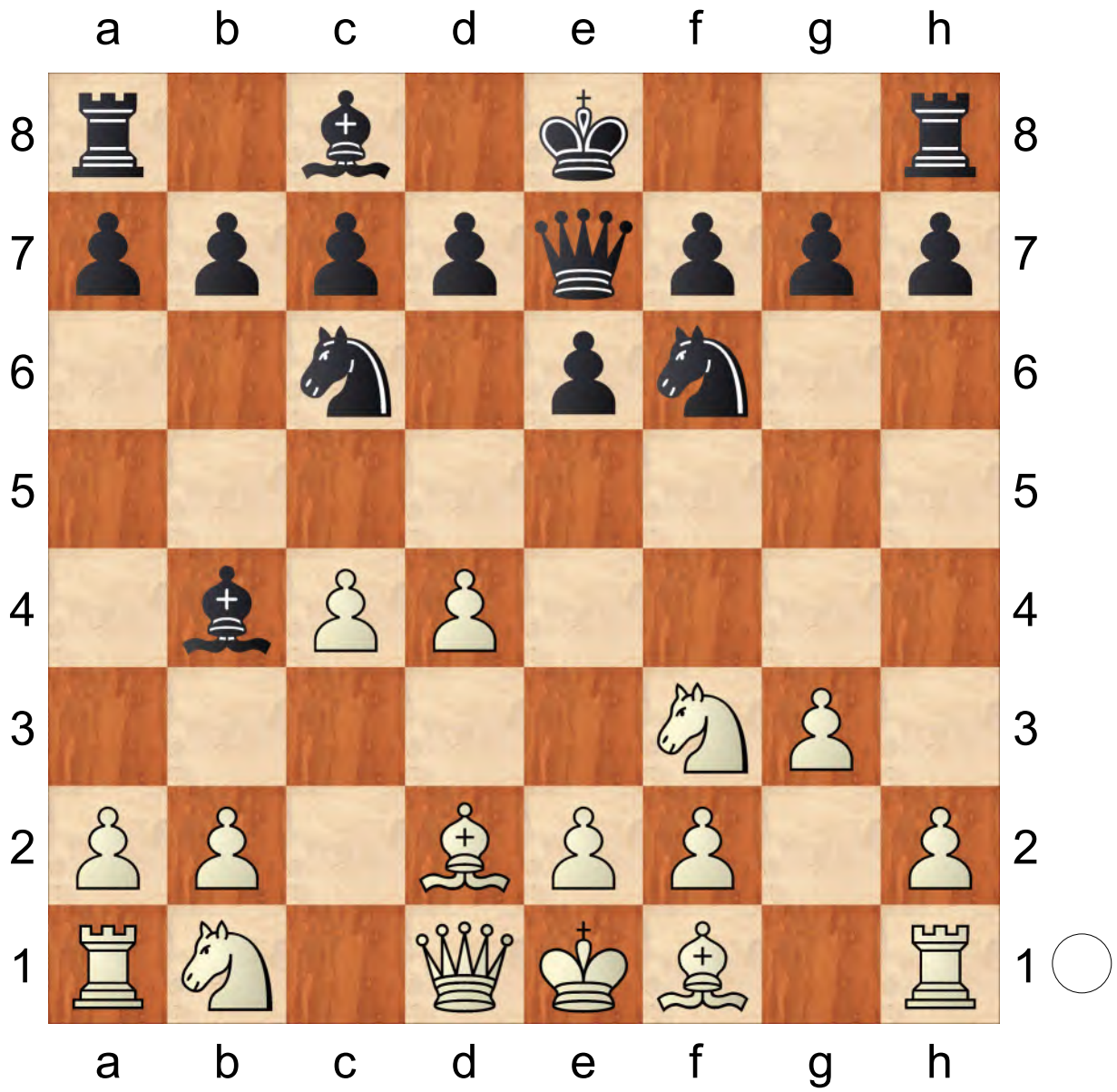
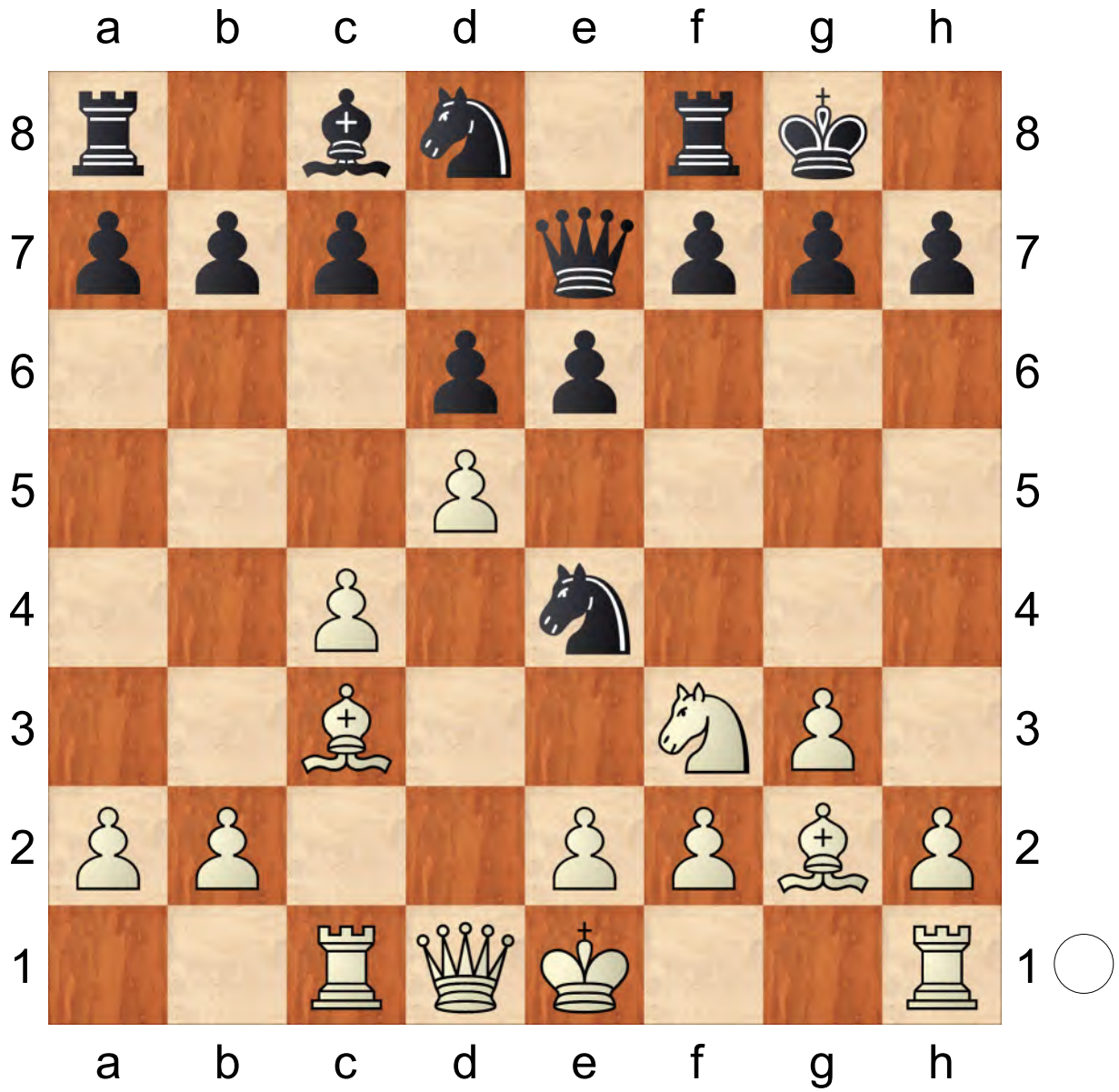
1.d4 Hansen,Cu **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 Nc6**



6.Nc3
[6.Bg2 The old main-line. Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 d6]
6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Bg2 d6 10.d5 Nd8
[10...Nxc3 11.Rxc3 Nb8]



11.Bb4

[11.dxe6 Nxe6 *(11...fxe6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Be1 Nf6 14.Nd4± e5 15.Nc2 Ne6 16.Ne3 Qf7 17.b4 Bc6 18.Nd5 Kh8 19.Bc3 Rae8 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 b5 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.cxb5 Ba8* Kortchnoi,V-Petrosian,T/Moskva (m/4) 11/610 1971/½-½ (66) *)*

A) 12.0-0 Nxc3 *(12...Bd7 13.Re1 f5 14.e3 Nxc3 15.Rxc3 Bc6 16.Nd4 Bxg2 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Kxg2* ½-½ Lukacs,P-Loginov,V/Budapest FS 03 GM(01) 1994 *)* 13.Rxc3 Bd7

A1) 14.Nh4 Bc6 15.Nf5 *(15.Bd5 Rfe8 16.Ng2 a5 17.Re1 Qf6 18.h4 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 c6 20.Qd2 Rad8 21.Rd3 Nc5 22.Rf3 Qe5 23.Nf4 Ne4 24.Qc2 Qc5 25.Rc1 h6 26.Kg2 Rc8 27.a3* Georgadze,G-Ulibin,M/URS-YM Tbilisi 1989/½-½ (68) *)* 15...Qf6 16.Ne3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rfe8 18.Nd5 Qg6 19.Qb1 c6 20.Qxg6 hxg6 21.Ne3 Nc5 22.Rd1 a5 23.Ra3 Red8

24.Nc2 Kf8 25.h4 Ra6 26.Ne1 Re8 27.Kf3 Ke7 28.Re3+ Ne6 29.b3 Raa8 Polugaevsky,L-Kortschnoj,V (12)/Evian cs 1977/½-½ (50);

A2) 14.e4 Bc6 15.Re3 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 a5 17.Nd2 Qf6 18.Qc1 a4 19.h4 h6 20.Nb1 Qd4 21.Rd1 Qc5 22.Qc3 f5 23.exf5 Qxf5 24.Rde1 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Qf7 26.Na3 Nc5 27.Nb5 Rxe3 28.Rxe3 Qd7 Epishin,V-Ivanchuk,V/Tilburg (04) 1993/½-½ (63);

A3) 14.Nd2 Bc6 *(14...a5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Nb3 Bc6 17.Bd5 Qf6 18.Qd2 a4 19.Rf3 Qe5 20.Re3 Qh5 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Nd4 ½-½* Novikov,I-Wahls,M/Bern op (8) 1994*)* 15.Bd5 *(15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Ra3 Rfb8 17.Nb3 Qf6 18.Qd2 a5 19.Ra4 c5 20.Rb1 Nd4* 0,5/Akopian,V-Ulibin,M/Chalkidiki/1992/ *)* 15...a5 16.Re1 Nc5 17.Nb3 Ba4 18.Qd2 Bxb3 19.axb3 Kh8 20.Re3 Qf6 21.Ra1 c6 22.Bf3 Rae8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Rxa5 Nxb3 25.Qe3 Qd8 26.Qxb3 Qxa5 27.Qxb7 c5 28.Qxf7 Rb8 Goldin,A-Wahls,M/Berlin Summer op(9) 1993/½-½ (50);

B) 12.Bb4!

B1) 12...Bd7 13.Ne5!? *(13.0-0)* 13...N6c5?! *(13...Qf6 14.Bxe4 Qxe5 15.Bxb7 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.Qb3 Qa6 19.0-0±)* 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.0-0 a5 16.Ba3 Rfe8 *(16...b6 17.Qc2 f5±)* 17.b3 b6 18.Bb2 Rad8 19.Qd4 *(19.f3 Nec5 20.e4 f5! 21.exf5 Qe3+ 22.Kh1 Nd3⇄)* 19...Qf6 *(19...Nef6 20.Rce1! Nc5 21.e4)* 20.Qxf6 Ndxf6 21.Rfd1 h6?! 22.e3 Nd7 23.Kf1 Re7 24.Ke2 Rde8 25.g4! Re6 26.h4 R6e7 Kramnik,V-Ulibin,M/Chalkidiki (09) 1992/1-0 (49);

B2) 12...a5 13.Ba3 f5 *(13...Re8 14.0-0 a4 15.Ne1 N6g5 16.Nd3 Nh3+ 17.Kh1 Ra5 18.Qe1 b6 19.f3 Neg5 20.e4 Qf6 21.Nb4 Qh6 22.Nd5 Ra7 23.Qc3 f5 24.exf5 Bxf5 25.Rce1 Rxe1 26.Qxe1 Qe6 27.Qxe6+ Nxe6 28.Ne7+ Kf7 29.Nxf5* 1-0 Stoering,V-Ostermeyer,P/2.BLW 9293 Porz II-Münster [5] 1992 *; 13...N4c5 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Bc6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Bxc5 dxc5∞)* 14.0-0 Kh8 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 b6 17.b3 Bb7 18.Bb2 Rf6 19.Rcd1 *(19.a3 Re6 20.Ra1 Rf8 21.b4 c5 22.Qd3 Ng5 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.h4 Ne4 25.bxa5 bxa5 26.Rab1 Qe7 27.Qd5 f4 28.Ba1 fxg3 29.fxg3 Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 h6 31.Rb1 Qf7 32.Rf1 Qg6 33.Rf8+ Kh7 34.Qf5 Nxg3 35.Qxg6+ Kxg6 36.Rg8 Nxe2+ 37.Kf2 Nd4 38.Ra8 Re2+ 39.Kf1 Rd2* 0-1 Lingnau,C-Loginov,V/Budapest FS FebGM (04) 1994*)* 19...Re6 20.Bc1 *(20.Rfe1 Rf8 21.Bf3 f4 22.Ba1 fxg3 23.hxg3 c5 24.Qb2 Rg6 25.Kg2 Nxg3 26.fxg3 Qg5* 0-1 Chetverik,M-Loginov,V/Zalakaros op(04) 1994*)* 20...Rf8 21.Rd3 Qe8 22.a3 Qh5 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Rfe8 25.Ra3 R6e7 26.Ra7 c5 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Qb2 Qg6 29.Bf4 Qe6 30.Bf3 Kg8 31.Rb1 g5 32.Bxg5 Nxg5 33.Bxb7 Qxc4 34.Qxb6 Rxe2 Zakharevich,I-Loginov,V/St.Petersburg op (09) ;EXP 43 1994/½-½ (54);

B3) 12...f5 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e3 *(14.Ba3 Qf6 15.c5 Bc6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.b3 f4 18.Qd3 N4c5 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.Rxc3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Nd4 22.Bxc5 Nxf3+ 23.exf3 dxc5 24.Rxc5 Rf7 25.Kg2 b6 26.Rc3 g6 27.Rd1*

Razuvaev,Y-Wahls,M/Bern op (5) 1994/½-½ (52) *)* 14...c5 15.Bc3 Bc6 16.b3 Rad8 17.Bb2 Qe8 18.Qe2 b5 19.Rfd1 b4 20.Nh4 g5 21.Nf3 Qh5 22.Nd4 Qxe2 23.Nxe2 g4 24.Nf4 N6g5 25.Kf1 Rf7 26.h4 gxh3 27.Nxh3 Nxh3 28.Bxh3 h5 Kaidanov,G-Wahls,M/New York op (06) 1994/1-0 (44);

B4) 12...Qf6

B4a) 13.Rc2 a5! 14.Ba3 N6g5 15.h4 *(15.0-0 Nh3+ 16.Bxh3 Bxh3 17.Re1 b6∓)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.exf3 Nc5 17.Bxc5 *(17.0-0* = Zoler,D-Finkel,A/Israel 58/(539) 1993*; 17.0-0 Bf5 18.Rd2 Rae8*= Finkel,A Hansen,Cu: '=' *)* 17...dxc5 18.0-0 Be6= Hansen,Cu: '=';

B4b) 13.b3 a5 14.Ba3 N6g5! 15.h4 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Re8= Hansen,Cu: '=';

B4c) 13.Ba3 N4g5 14.h4 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Nc5 16.0-0 ½-½ Van Wely,L-Ulibin,M/Las Palmas-I(7) 1993;

B4d) 13.Qc2

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B4d2) 13...N6c5 14.0-0 Re8 *(14...Bf5?! 15.Nh4! Nxg3? 16.fxg3 Qd4+ 17.e3! Qxe3+ 18.Qf2)* 15.Ba3 a5 16.b3 Qh6 17.Rcd1 Bh3! 18.Bc1 Qh5 *(18...Qe6?! 19.Nd4 Qc8 20.f3 Nf6 21.e4±)* 19.Rd5 Qg4 20.Nh4 *(20.Nd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 c6 22.f3 Qg6 23.Rf5 Ne6 24.Nxe6 Qxf5 25.Nc7 Nxg3 26.e4 Qd7 27.Nxa8 Nxf1 28.Nb6 Qd8 29.Qf2 Nxh2 30.Kxh2 Re5∓; 20.Rg5 Nxg5 21.Nxg5 Bxg2 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Kxg2 Ne6 24.f3 Qd4∓)* 20...Bxg2 21.Kxg2 *(21.Nxg2 Nf6 22.f3 Qg6*= Hansen,Cu: '='*; 21.f3!? Bxf1! 22.fxg4 Bh3 23.g5 Re6* **Δ** ♖ae8 ⩲*)* 21...Nf6 22.f3 Qe6 23.Rd2 b5! *(23...a4 24.Nf5 axb3 25.axb3 Nxb3? 26.Nxg7 Kxg7 27.Qxb3±)* 24.Nf5 *(24.cxb5? Nd5 25.Nf5? Qxf5-+)* 24...bxc4 25.bxc4 *(25.Nd4!? Qc8 26.bxc4 Nfd7 27.e4 Ne5∞)* 25...Nfd7 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.Nb5 Qxc2 28.Rxc2 Ne6 29.e4 Reb8 30.Be3 Ne5 31.f4 ½-½ Chernin,A-Ulibin,M/Benidorm 58/539 1993]

[11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 e5 13.e4 c5 14.0-0 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qe3 Nf7 17.Nh4 Bd7 18.f4 Rae8 19.f5 Qg5 20.Rce1 ½-½ Horvath,C-Petrosian,A/Siofok Hungaroil (07) 1990]

[11.0-0 e5 *(11...Nxc3 12.Rxc3 a5 13.Nd2 e5 14.c5 b6 15.cxb6 cxb6 16.Qb3 Nb7 17.Qxb6 Nc5 18.Ne4 Ra6 19.Qb5 Nxe4 20.Bxe4* 1-0 Farago,I-Horvath,T/tt-HUN1 Csuti A.SK-Tungsram(10) 1994 *)*

A) 12.Qc2 f5 13.c5 Nf7 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nd2 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Bd7 17.Qb4 b6 18.Rc7 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Qd8 20.Qc3 Rxc7 21.Qxc7 Rc8 22.Qxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rxc8 Bxc8 24.f4 Nf7 25.e3 Kf8 26.Nb1 Eingorn,V-Miles,A/Zagreb izt 1987/½-½ (58);

B) 12.Nd2 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 f5 *(13...b6 14.b4 a5 15.a3 axb4 16.axb4 f5 17.Qc2 Nf7 18.Rc1 e4 19.Nb3 Qf6 20.Qd2 Ra4* ½-½ Sherbakov,R-Ulibin,M/URS-qualJ Jurmala 1989*)* 14.c5 Nf7 15.cxd6 *(15.Qb3 b6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Rfc1 Bd7 18.Qa3 Rfc8 19.Qa6 Qd8 20.Nb3 Rxc3 21.Rxc3 Bc8 22.Qc4 a5 23.Qc7 Ba6 24.Qxd8+ Nxd8 25.e4 fxe4 26.Nd2 Rc8 27.Rxc8 Bxc8 28.Nc4 Nb7 29.Nxb6 Bf5* Magerramov,E-Ilinsky,V/Moscow op Russian Winter 1991/½-½ (51) *)* 15...cxd6 16.Qb3 f4 17.Rfc1 Ng5 18.Rc7 Qf6 19.h4 Nf7 20.Ne4 Qg6 21.Re7 Nh6 22.Re6 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Kh8 24.Nxd6 fxg3 25.fxg3 Qf6 26.Ne4 Qe7 27.Bh3 Nf5 28.Ng5 Nd6 29.Qd3 e4 30.Qa3 Rae8 31.Rd1 h6 32.Qxd6 hxg5 33.Qe5 gxh4 34.Rd7 Qf6 35.Qxf6 Rxf6 ½-½ Vyzmanavin,A-Khasin,Al/URS-sf Russia-ch Gorky 1989;

C) 12.Be1 f5 13.Nd2 *(13.b4 Nf7 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Qb3 f4 16.c5 Ng5 17.f3 Qf7 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Nc4 Rd8 20.e4 Nh3+ 21.Kh1 fxg3 22.hxg3 Qh5 23.Rc2 Ng5+ 24.Kg1 Bd7 25.g4 Qh6 26.b5 Ne8 27.Na5 Rdc8* Krasenkov,M-Wahls,M/Hamburg Wichern-op (08) 1993/0-1 (44)*)* 13...Nf6 14.c5 Nf7 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Nc4 f4 17.Qd3 *(17.Bb4 Bf5 18.f3 Rfc8 19.e4 Bd7 20.gxf4 Rxc4 21.Rxc4 Bb5 22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.Rc2 Bxf1 24.Qxf1 Rf8 25.f4 Nfg4 26.Re2 Qh4 27.Bh3 g5* ½-½ Khalifman,A-Wahls,M/Bundesliga 1992 *)* 17...Bg4 18.Bb4 e4 19.Qd1 Qd7 20.gxf4 Nh5 21.Bd2 Nh6 22.Rc3 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 Rxf4 24.Qd2 Rf6 25.Rg3 Bf5 26.Ne3 Raf8 27.Qd4 b6 28.Bxe4 Bxe4 29.Qxe4 Qb5 30.Qe7 R8f7 31.Qd8+ Rf8 Miles,A-Tong,Y/S.T.Lee Cup Beijing(2) 1993/1-0 (53);

D) 12.c5!? Bd7 *(12...Nxc3 13.Rxc3 dxc5 14.Qc2 b6 15.Re3 Bb7 16.Nxe5 Qd6 17.Qa4 b5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qd7 Nb7 20.Qa4 c4 21.Nxc4 Nc5 22.Qc2 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rab8 24.b4 Na4 25.a3 Nb6 26.Qc5 a5 27.Rc1 axb4 28.axb4* Farago,I-Loginov,V/Budapest FS 06 GM(08) 1994/1-0 (48)*; 12...f5 13.b4 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Nf7 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.Rc1 g6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Qb3 Rfc8 19.Rxc8+ Rxc8 20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 21.Qc3 Qd8 22.e4 Bd7 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Bh3 Qc8 25.Qd2 f4 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.Qd3 fxg3 28.hxg3* Lukacs,P-Loginov,V/Budapest FS SepGM (01) ;EXP 43 1994/½-½ (44) *)* 13.cxd6 *(13.b4 f5 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 Nf7 16.Qb3 Rac8 17.Rc3 h6 18.Rfc1 Ng5 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Rc7 Qd8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Rc4 b5 23.Rc6 Bb7 24.Rc2 Ne4 25.Be3 Qa8 26.Rc7 Rf7 27.Qc2 Rxc7 28.Qxc7* Alterman,B-Finkel,A/Israel Ch.(9) 1992/1-0 (74)*)* 13...cxd6 14.Nd2 Nc5 15.Nc4 Rc8 16.b4 Na4 17.Ba1 f6 18.Qb3 Nf7 19.Nb2 Nxb2 20.Bxb2 Bb5!∓ 21.Qe3 Qd7 22.a3 b6 23.Rfe1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.Bf1 Qc4 27.Qc1 g6 28.Qd2 Ng5 29.Kg2 Bd7 30.Qd3? Bh3+ 31.Kg1 Qxd3 0-1 Alterman,B-Ulibin,M/URS-qualJ Jurmala 1989]

11...e5 Δf7-f5,♘d8-f7 **12.Nd2 a5?!**

[12...Nxd2 13.Qxd2±]

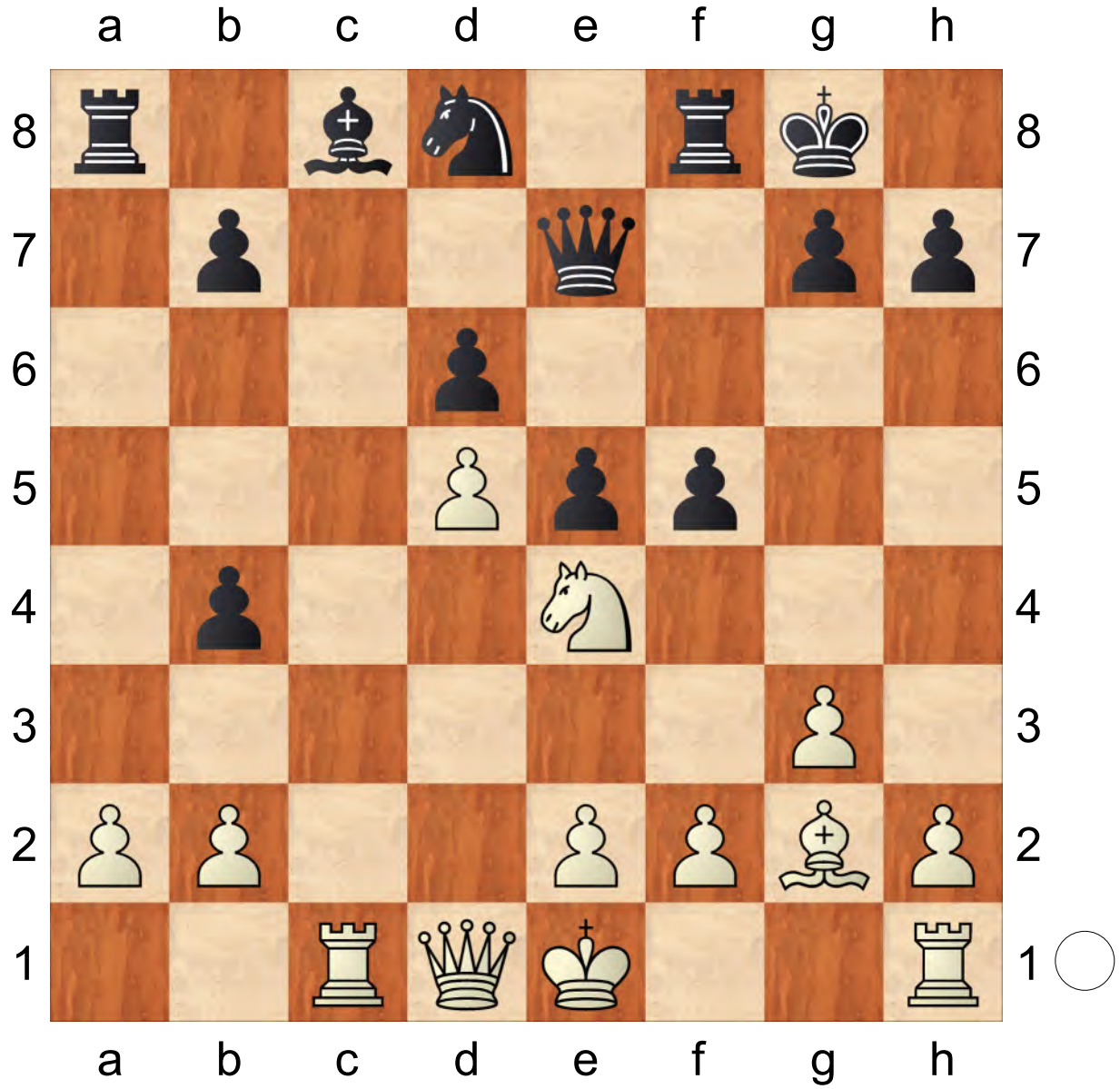
13.Nxe4

[13.Ba3 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 b6= Hansen,Cu: '=']

13...axb4 14.c5 Δ♕b3, ɔd8

[14.Qb3 c5!? 15.dxc6 Nxc6∞]

14...f5 15.cxd6 cxd6



16.Nd2 Nf7 17.Qb3 b5 ×c4, Δ♖a4

[17...e4 Δ♘e5 18.Nc4± Δ♘b6]

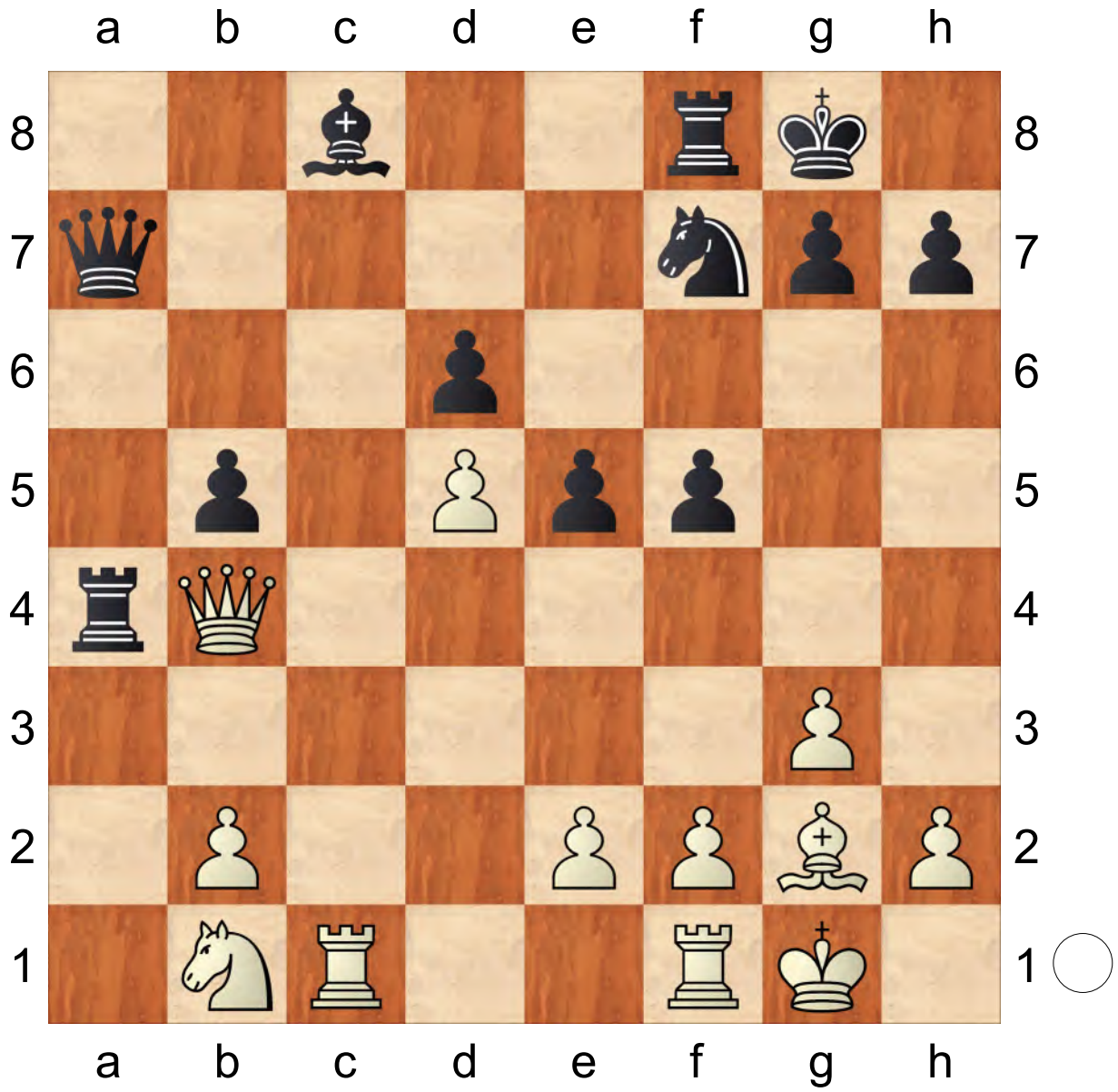
18.Qxb4 Rxa2 19.0-0 Δ♖a1, ×c6, ק b5 **19...Qa7 20.Nb1!±** Δ♘c3, Δ♘a3 **20...Ra4**

(Diagram)

21.Qb3 Qa5 22.Nc3 Rb4 23.Qc2 Rc4 24.b3 Rc5 25.Qb2 b4

(Diagram)

26.Na4 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 ⇔ c **27...Bd7 28.Qd2 Ra8?!**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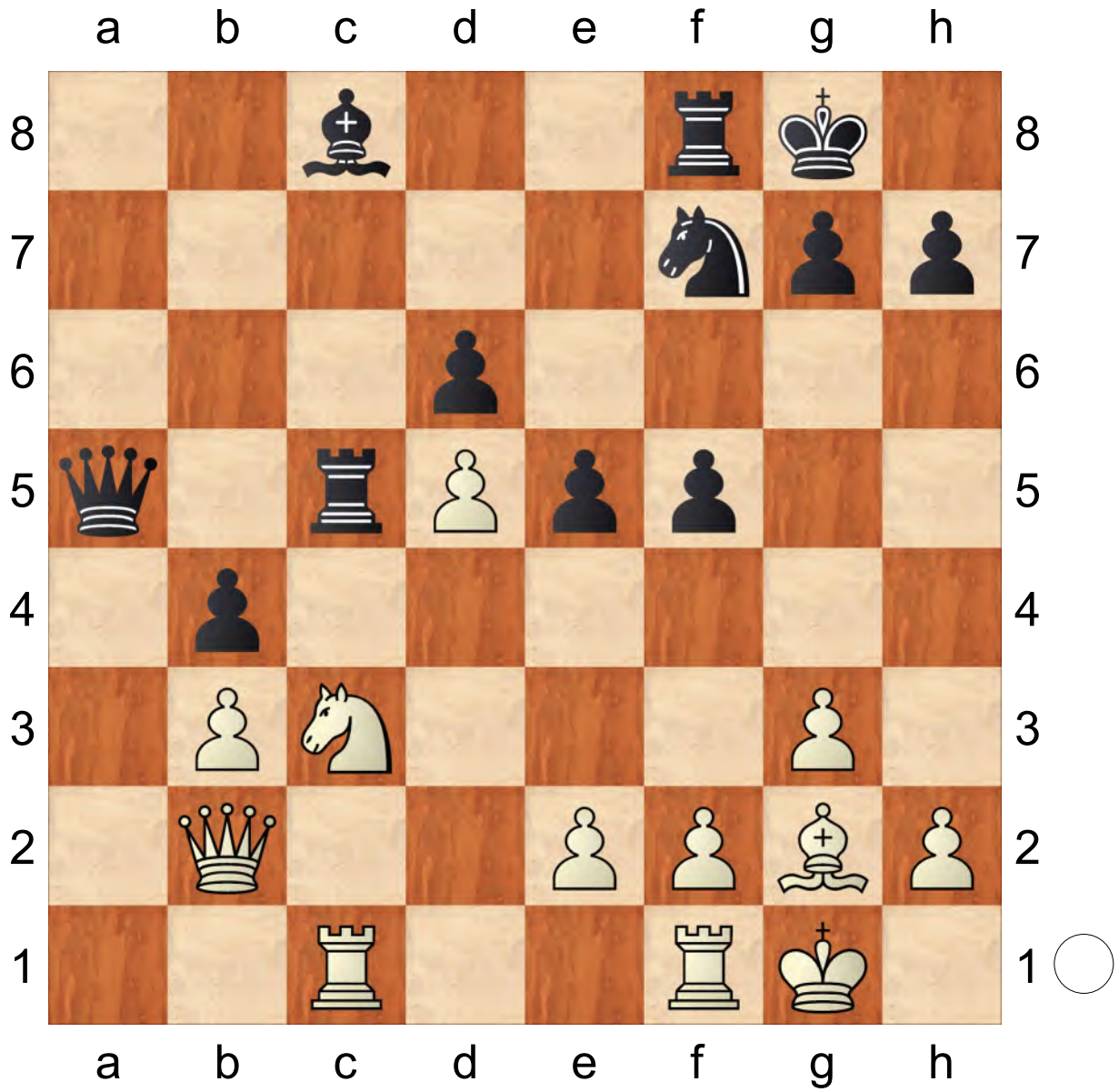

[28...Bxa4 29.Ra1 Rb8 30.Rxa4 Qc5 31.Ra6 e4∞]

29.Ra1 Nd8 30.Bh3!± Δe2-e4 30...Nb7

(Diagram)

31.Kg2

[31.e4 Nc5∓]

31...g6

[31...Nc5? 32.Nxc5 Qxa1 33.Nxd7+-]

32.e4± Rf8 33.exf5 Bxf5

[33...gxf5 34.Qg5+ Kh8 35.Qe7 Qd8 36.Qxd8 Rxd8 37.Nb6±]

34.Bxf5 Rxf5 35.Rc1 ɔb7 35...e4

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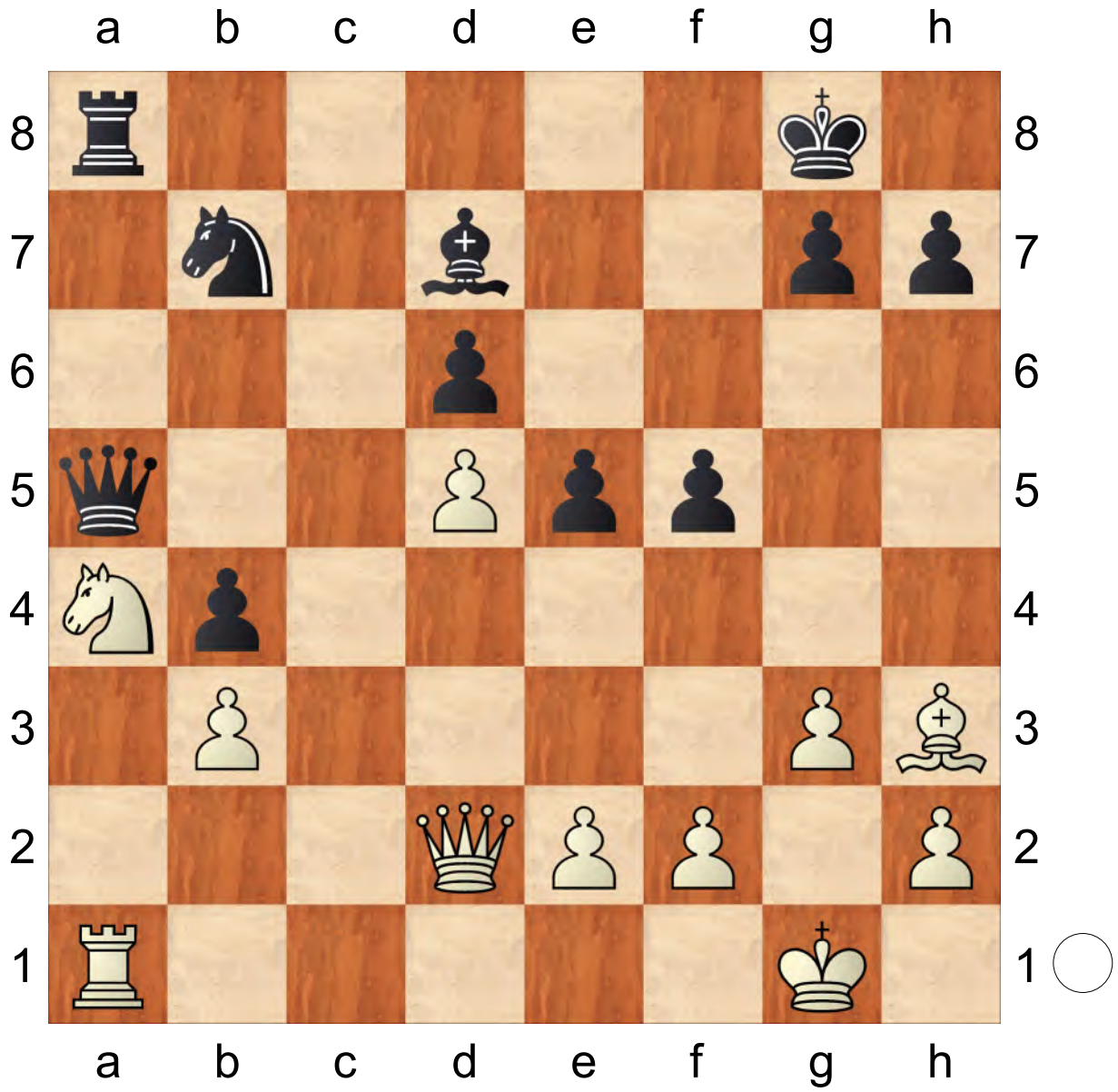
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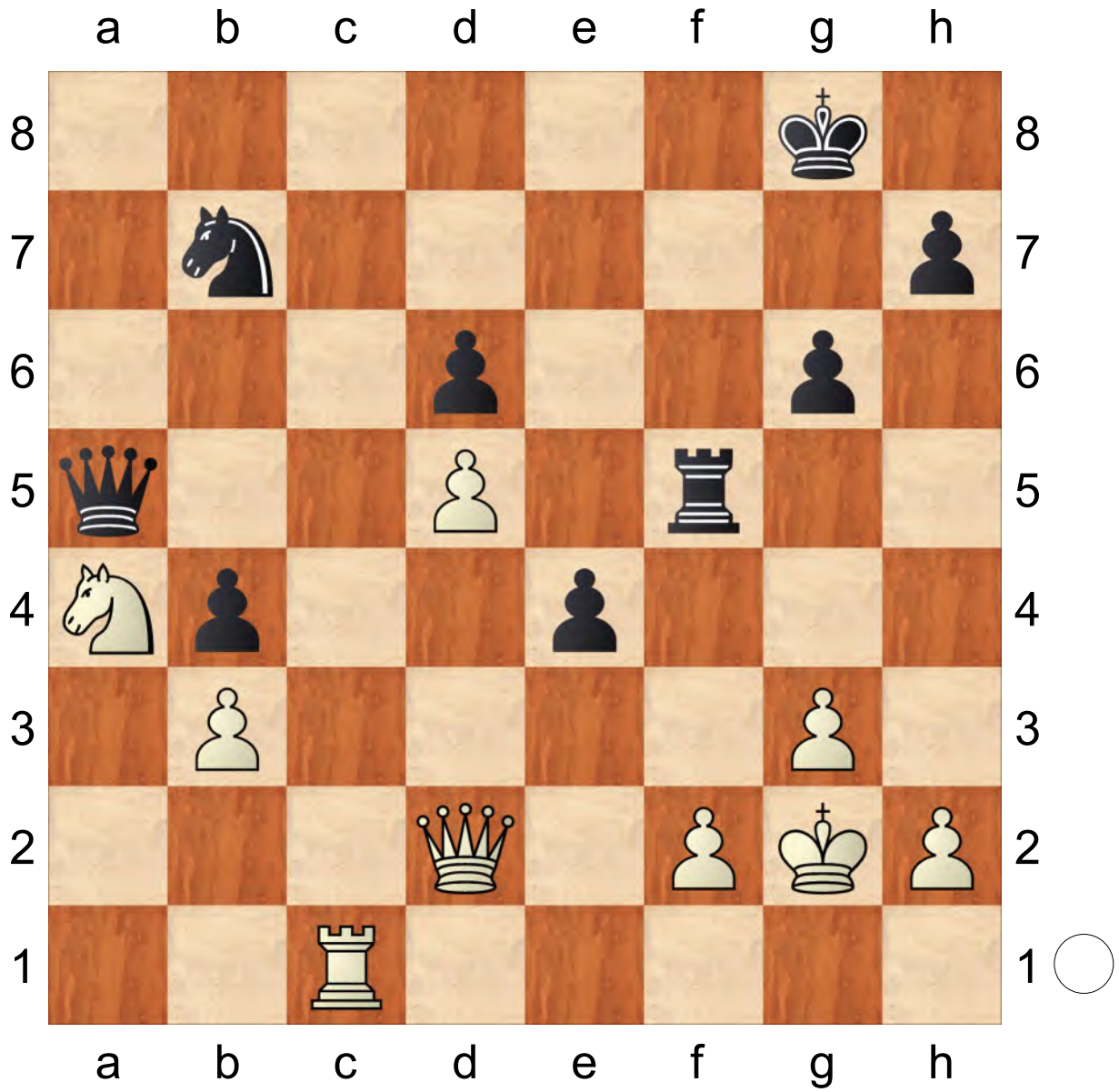

36.Qd4!+- Rf8
[36...Qxd5 37.Rc8+ Kf7 38.Rc7++-]
37.Qxe4 Nd8 38.Rc4 Nf7 39.Qe6 Kg7 40.Rf4 Qa7

(Diagram)

41.Nb2 Qa3 42.Qf6+ Kg8 43.Rf3 Qa8 44.Qe6 Kg7 45.Nc4 Qd8

(Diagram)

46.h4 Qc7 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Qe6 Kg7 49.Rf4 Qd8 50.Qe1 Qa8

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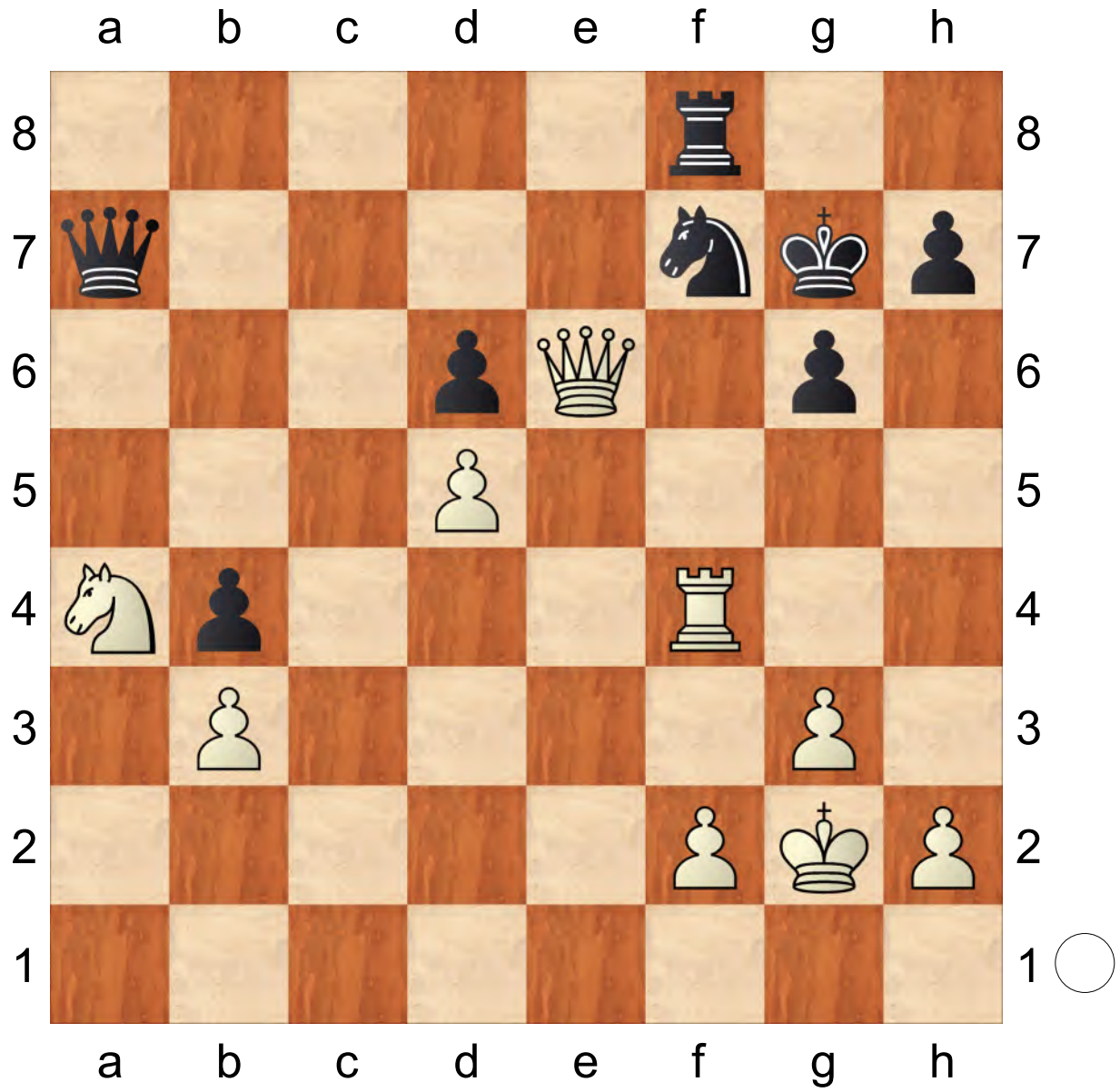
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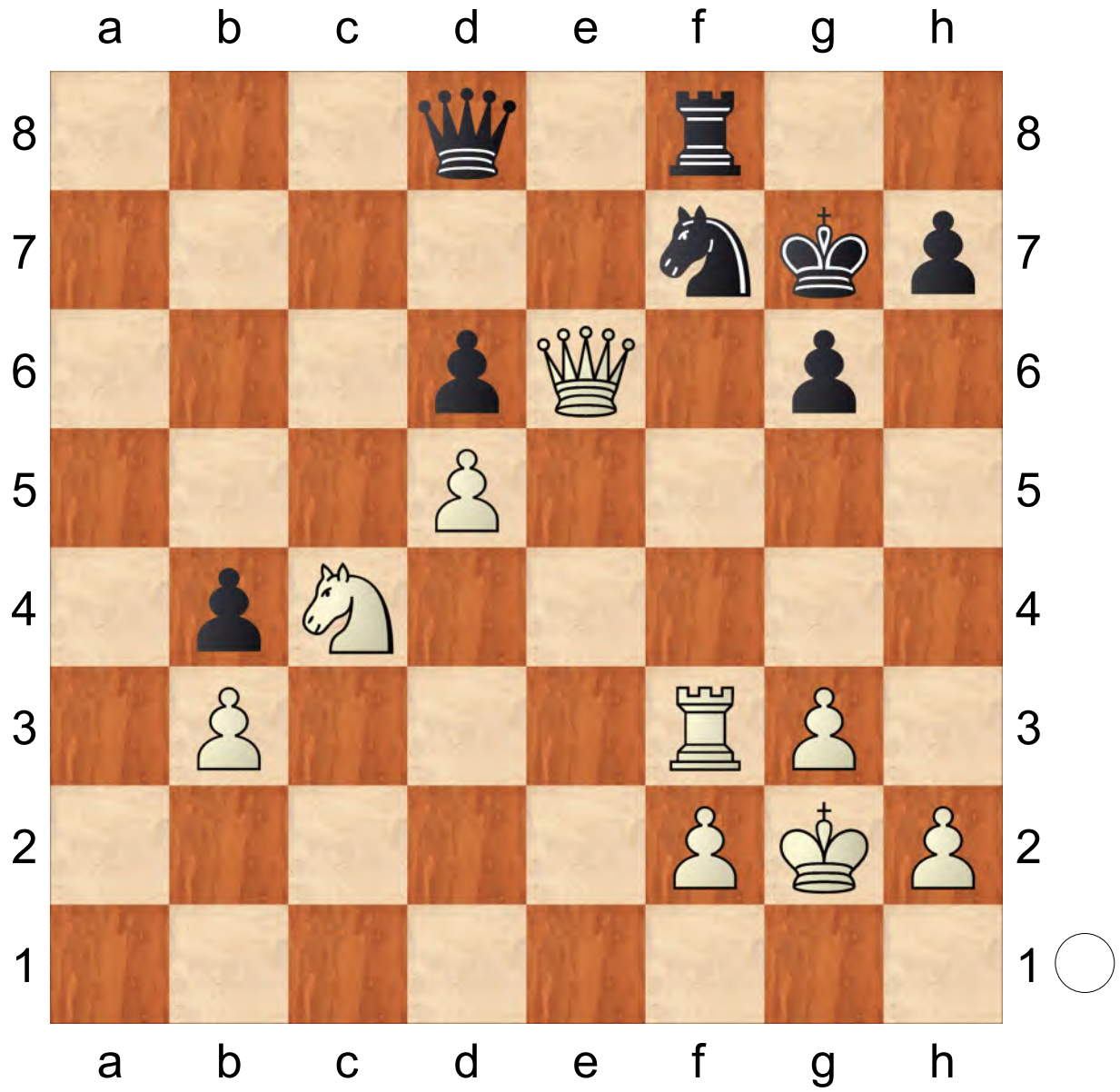
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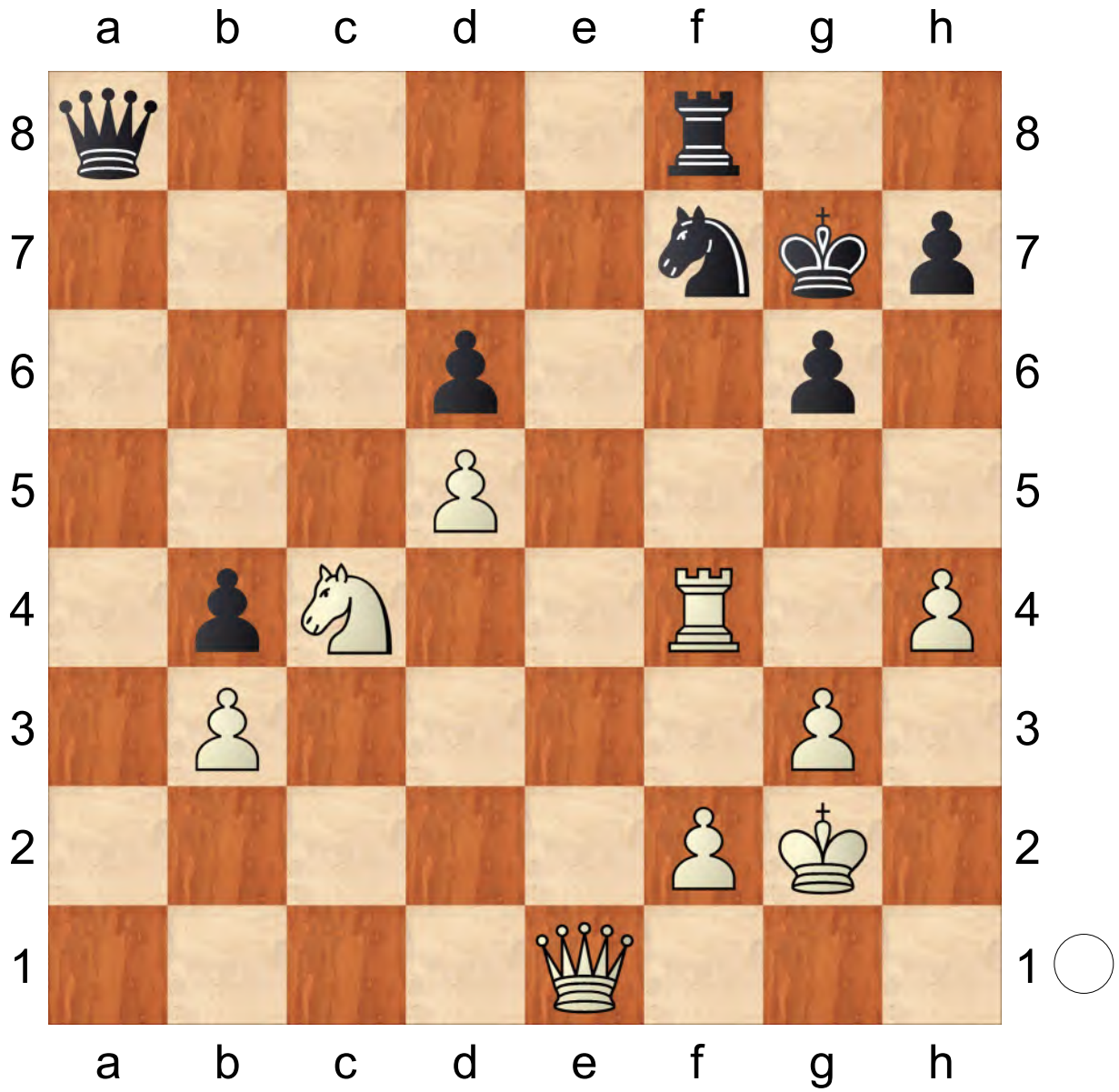

51.Qd2 Rb8 52.Qd4+ Kg8 53.h5 gxh5 54.Rf5 Qa2 55.Nxd6

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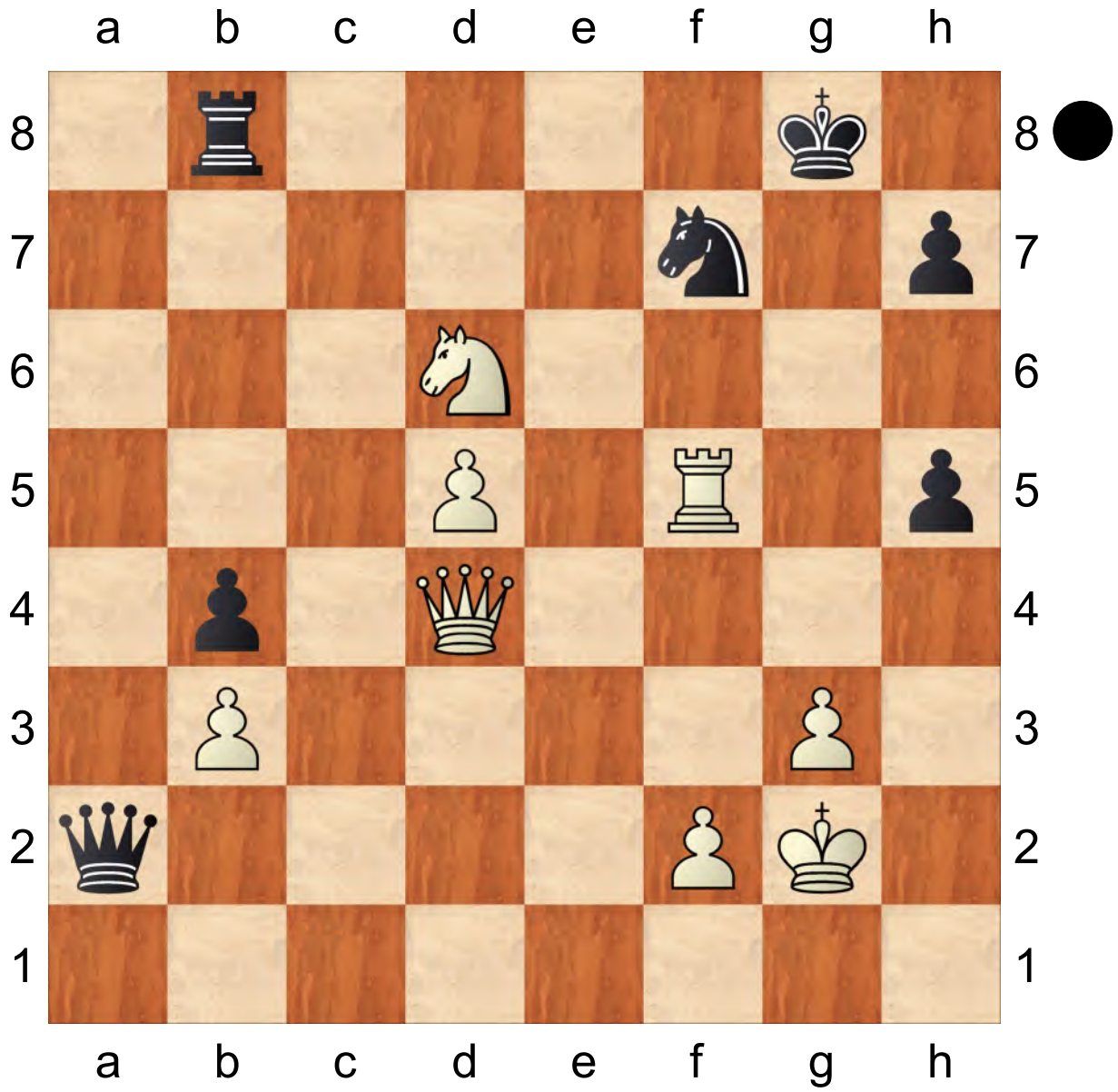
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■ **De Firmian,Nick E** **2550**
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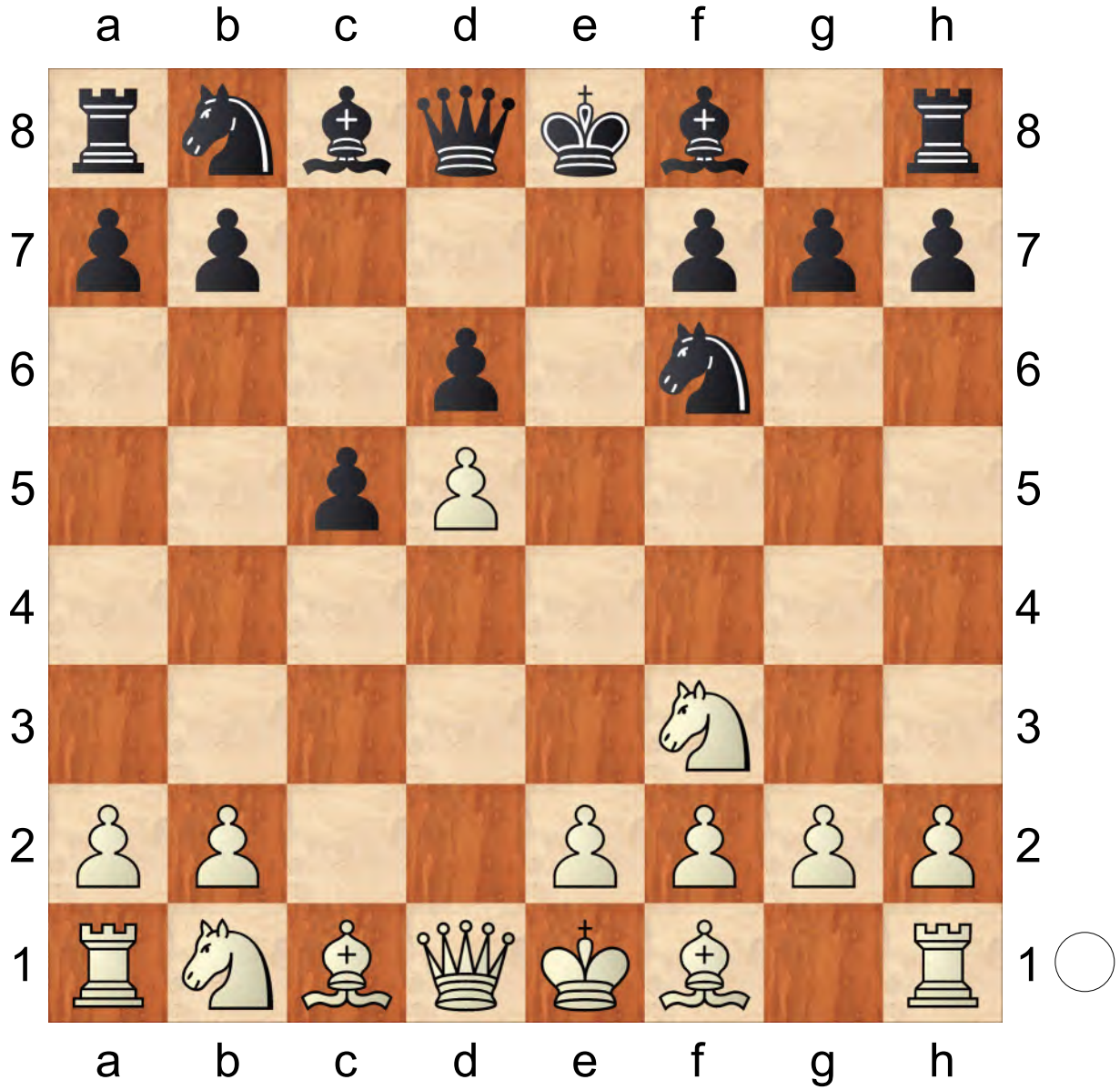
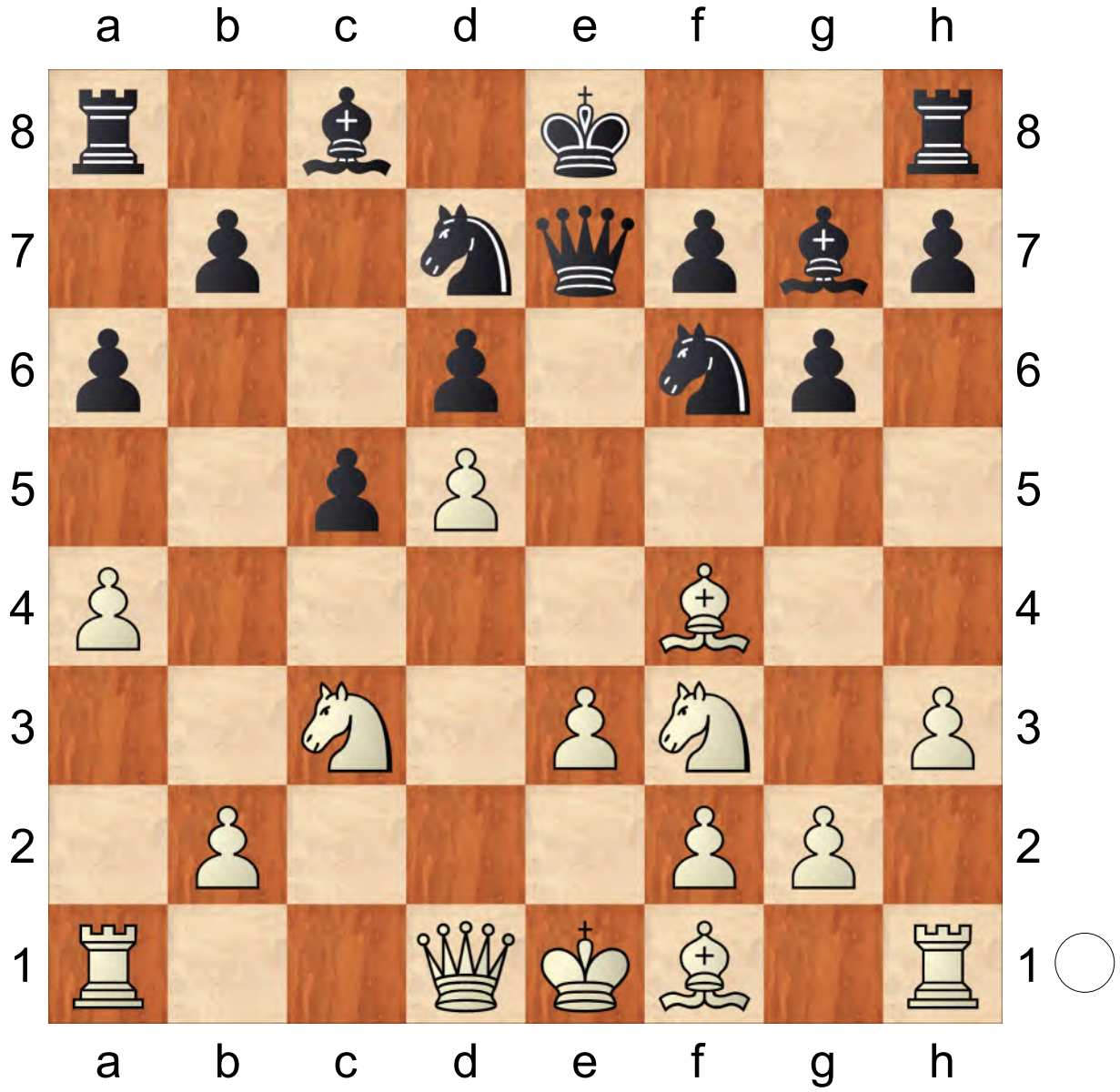
1.d4 Kapengut Kapengut Aagaard **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.h3 a6 8.a4 Qe7 In this variation Black tries to hamper the advance of White's e-pawn to e4. However if White succeeds in pushing the pawn to e5, then the position of the ♕ on e7 becomes dangerous and Black loses a tempo withdrawing the ♕. **9.Bf4 Nbd7** The text is more precise than 9...♗g7 since Black can

adequately answer the manoeuvres of the white knight. **10.e3 Bg7**



11.Nd2 Ne5 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Nfd7

[13...Rb8

A) 14.a5 Nfd7 15.Bh2 g5 16.e4 Ng6 17.Bg4 Nde5 18.Bxc8 Rbxc8 19.Ra3 Nf4 20.Qb1 Qf6 21.Nd1± Granda Zuniga,J-Galego,L/Las Palmas,1997;

B) 14.Re1 Ne8 15.Bh2 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.Bd3 Nf6 18.Kh1 Qd8 19.Qc2 b5!? 20.axb5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Nxd5! 22.Nxd5 Rxb5 23.Nc4 Be6 24.e4 Qd7 25.Qd2 fxe4 26.Rxe4 Bxd5 27.Qxd5 Qb7∓ Tallaksen,G-Trygstad,K/Gausdal 2002;

C) 14.Kh1 h6 15.Bh2 Ne8 16.a5 f5 17.Qc2 *(17.Qb3!?)* 17...Bd7 18.Rfe1 Nc7 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 b5 21.axb6 Rxb6 22.Rac1 Kh8 *(22...Rfb8)* 23.b3 Rbb8 24.Ne2 Nb5 25.Qa2 *(25.Nf4!? Kh7 26.Qa2 Rb6 27.Qa5 Rfb8⇄)* 25...g5 26.Bxb5 axb5 27.Qa7 Rfd8 28.Qc7 Bf8 29.Qa5 Ra8

30.Qd2 Bg7 31.b4 Rac8⇄ Zakharchenko,A-Nemeth,S/Zalakaros 2002;

D) 14.Bg3 Ne8 *(14...Bd7 15.a5 Ne8 16.e4 ½-½* Mateuta,G-Musat,A/Bucharest ROM 2002 *)* 15.Re1 Nc7

D1) 16.a5?! b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.f4 Nd7 19.Nc4 Rb4 20.e4 Nb6 21.Nxb6 *(21.Na5 Bxc3!? 22.bxc3 Rxe4 23.c4 Bf5 24.Qb3 Rxe2 25.Nc6 Qe8 26.Rxe2 Qxe2 27.Qxb6 Ne8 28.Qxa6 Bd3 29.Re1 Qc2=)* 21...Bd4+ 22.Bf2 *(22.Kh1 Rxb6 23.Qc2 Bd7 24.Ra2 Re8 25.Bd3 g5!?⇄)* 22...Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Rxb6 24.Qd2 Bd7 25.Bc4 Qf6 26.b3 Re8 27.Kg1 Nb5 28.Na4 Rbb8 29.e5!± Roeder,M-Cheparinov,I/Mondariz (Spain) 2003;

D2) 16.f4 Nd7 17.e4 b5 18.Qc2 *(18.e5!? dxe5 19.Nf3 Rb6 20.a5 Rd6 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxb5 Re6 24.dxe6 Bxg3 25.Bc4 Bxe6 26.Re4±)* 18...c4 *(18...bxa4 Δ♘b5 19.e5! dxe5 20.Nc4!↑)* 19.Bf1 Bb7 20.Rad1 Nc5 21.axb5 axb5 22.b4 cxb3 23.Nxb3 Rat,D-Cooke,E/Budapest HUN 2000 Bxc3! 24.Qxc3 Nxe4 25.Qd3 f5 26.Nd2 Bxd5∓;

E) 14.Bh2

E1) 14...Rd8?! 15.f4 *(15.Qc2!?)* 15...Nd3!? 16.e4 Nb4 17.Kh1 Re8 18.Bc4 Rd8 19.e5!? Ne8 20.Nde4 Bf5 21.Ng3 *(21.Re1!?±)* 21...Qd7 22.Qe2 Nc7 23.Nge4 *(23.Nxf5!? Qxf5 24.Rad1±)* 23...Ne8 24.Ng5 h6 25.e6! fxe6 26.Nxe6± Slipak,S-Gatti,J/Mendoza 2002;

E2) 14...Ne8

E2a) 15.a5 Nc7 16.Re1 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.f4?! *(18.Ra2 Re8 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Rea1 f5⇄)* 18...Nd7 19.Nc4 Rxb2! 20.Rc1 *(Δ20.Nxb2? Qxe3+∓)* 20...Rb8 21.Bf3 Nb5 22.Na4 f5 23.e4 fxe4 24.Rxe4 Qd8 25.Re1 Nf6 *(25...Bd4+!?)* 26.g4 Bolado Saez,S-Cheparinov,I/Albacete 2003 Nd4 27.Bg2 Rb4∓;

E2b) 15.Qc2 Nc7 16.a5 *(Δ16.Rfb1?! b5 17.b4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 a5 19.Rxb5!? Nxb5 20.axb5 Qc7!∓)* 16...f5 17.Rae1 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.f4 Nf7 20.e4 fxe4 21.Ndxe4 Bf5 22.Bg4 Bxg4 *(22...Re8)* 23.hxg4 Qh4 24.g5 Rfb8 25.Rb1 Nb5 *(25...Qg4!? 26.f5 gxf5 27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.gxf6 Ne8∓)* 26.Nxb5 Rxb5 27.b3 Rb4 28.Qe2 Bd4+ 29.Kh1 c4!? 30.Nd2 cxb3 31.Nf3 Bocharov,D-Cheparinov,I/Dos Hermanas 2004 Qh5!?∓;

E2c) 15.Rb1!? Bd7 *(15...Nc7 16.b4 cxb4 17.Rxb4 Ng4!? 18.hxg4 Bxc3 19.Rb3 Be5±)* 16.b4 c4 *(16...cxb4 17.Rxb4 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qb3±)* 17.a5 Rc8 18.Qc2 Nc7 19.Kh1 Nb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Rbc1 f5 22.Rfe1 g5!? 23.f4 gxf4 24.exf4 Ng6 25.Bh5 Qf6⇄ Spassov,L-Cheparinov,I/Albacete 2004]

[13...Ne8

A) 14.a5 f5 15.Bh2 g5 16.Na4 Nf6 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Ndc4 Nfd7 ½-½ Tesic,D-Leskur,D/Sombor SCG 2004;

B) 14.Rb1 f5 15.Nc4 Nxc4 16.Bxc4 Nf6 *(16...g5!? 17.Bh2 g4!?⇄)* 17.Qd2 Nd7 18.b4 Ne5 19.Be2 b6 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.a5 g5 22.Bh2 f4 23.exf4 gxf4 24.Bxf4 Ng6 25.Bh6 Bxh6 26.Qxh6 Qe5 27.Qe3± Sorin,A-Fiorito,F/Viedma

2002;

C) 14.Bg3 f5 15.Re1 Nf6 16.Ra3 Rb8 17.Rb3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Nc4 g4 20.Rb6 h5 21.Bf2 h4 *(21...Rd8 22.Qb1 Ne4 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.b4±)* 22.hxg4 Nxg4 23.Nxd6± Avrukh,B-Bar,R/Tel Aviv ISR 2002;

D) 14.e4 Rb8 *(14...f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bg3 Nd3 17.Bxd3 Bxd3 18.Re1 Qd8 19.Nde4 Bc4 ½-½* Rabelo Gil,E-Armas,J/Capablanca mem-B 1995 *)*

D1) 15.Re1 It is interesting that this position with White's extra move ♗e3 (e2-e4 instead of e2-e3-e4) had occurred in the game Alterman,V-Kapengut,A 30 years ago! -- 16.Be3 *(16.Bh2)* 16...g5 17.Nf1 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Ng3 Bd7 *(19...Ng6)*

D1a) 20.Nh5 b5 21.f4!? *(21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7)* 21...gxf4 22.Bxf4 Qh4⇄ **Δ**23.Nxg7?! Rxf4 24.Ne6 Bxe6 25.dxe6 Rd4 26.Qc1 b4∓;

D1b) 20.a5?! h6 21.Nh5 Nf6 22.Nxg7 Qxg7∓ 23.Qd2 Qg6 24.g4?! Rbe8 25.Kg2 *(25.f3 Nh5!)* 25...Qf7 26.Ra3 Bb5!∓ 27.Nxb5 axb5 28.Bxb5 Re7 29.Be2 Ne4 30.Qc2 Qxd5 *(30...Nxf2!)* 31.Kg1 Ref7 32.Rd1 Qc6 33.Qa4?! *(33.Bc4)* 33...d5∓ Alterman,V-Kapengut,A/Gelendzhik Spartak-ch 1975;

D2) 15.Bg3 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.Bd3 fxe4 18.Ndxe4 Bf5 19.Qd2 Qd7 20.Bh4 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rae1 c4 23.Bb1 b4 24.Nd1 Qa7+!? *(24...Qc7 25.Rf3 Bxe4 26.Bxe4 Nf6 27.Rfe3 Nxe4 28.Rxe4 c3 29.bxc3 bxc3 30.Qc2 Qc5+ 31.Bf2 Qxd5 32.Nxc3=* Horvath,M-Grinfeld,A/Prague Bohemians-W 1992*)* 25.Bf2 *(25.Ne3 c3!?∓)* 25...Qa1 26.Ne3 Bxe4 *(26...c3 27.bxc3 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxc3 29.Qe2 b3⇄)* 27.Bxe4 Qxb2 28.Qxb2 Bxb2 29.Nxc4 Bc3 30.Re2 Nf6 31.Bf3 Rb5 32.Rd1⇄;

E) 14.Bh2 f5 15.Qc2 *(15.Kh1 Nf6 16.f4 Nf7 17.Nc4 Bd7 18.Nb6 Rae8 19.Bg1 Qd8 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Bd3 Re7∓* Hellsten,J-Hall,J/Sweden 2000*)* 15...Nc7 16.Rae1 Bd7 17.f4 Nf7 18.e4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bf3 Rae8 21.Bg3 Qf6 22.Nd1 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Qd4+ 24.Bf2 Qb4⇄ Jukic,Z-Bozinovic,B/Velika Gorica 2002]

14.Bh2

[14.Bg3 f5 15.Re1 g5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Nc4 *(17.Bd3!? Bh6 18.Nc4 gxf4 19.exf4 Qg7 20.Nxd6 Nb6 21.Qf3 c4 22.Bc2 Qc7 23.Qh5 Bxf4 24.Bxf4 Nxf4 25.Qg5+ Ng6 26.Nxf5±)* 17...Rb8 18.Bd3 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Na5 b4 21.Nc6 Qf7 22.Nb5 *(22.Nxb8 gxf4 23.exf4 bxc3 24.Ra7 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 c4 26.Nxd7 Bxd7 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Bxc4±)* 22...gxf4 23.Bxf4 Rxb5 24.Bxb5 Bxb2± Kopylov,A-Goncharov,V/Novosibirsk 1996]

14...f5 15.Qc2 Nf6

[15...Rb8 16.Rae1 Qd8 *(16...g5?! 17.f4 Ng6 18.Bd3±)* 17.f4 Nf7 18.e4 fxe4 19.Ndxe4 Nf6 20.Ng5 Nxg5 21.fxg5 Ne8 22.Rxf8+ Bxf8 23.Ne4 Bf5 24.Bg4 Bxg4 25.hxg4± Bocharov,D-Poluljahov,A/St Petersburg 2001]

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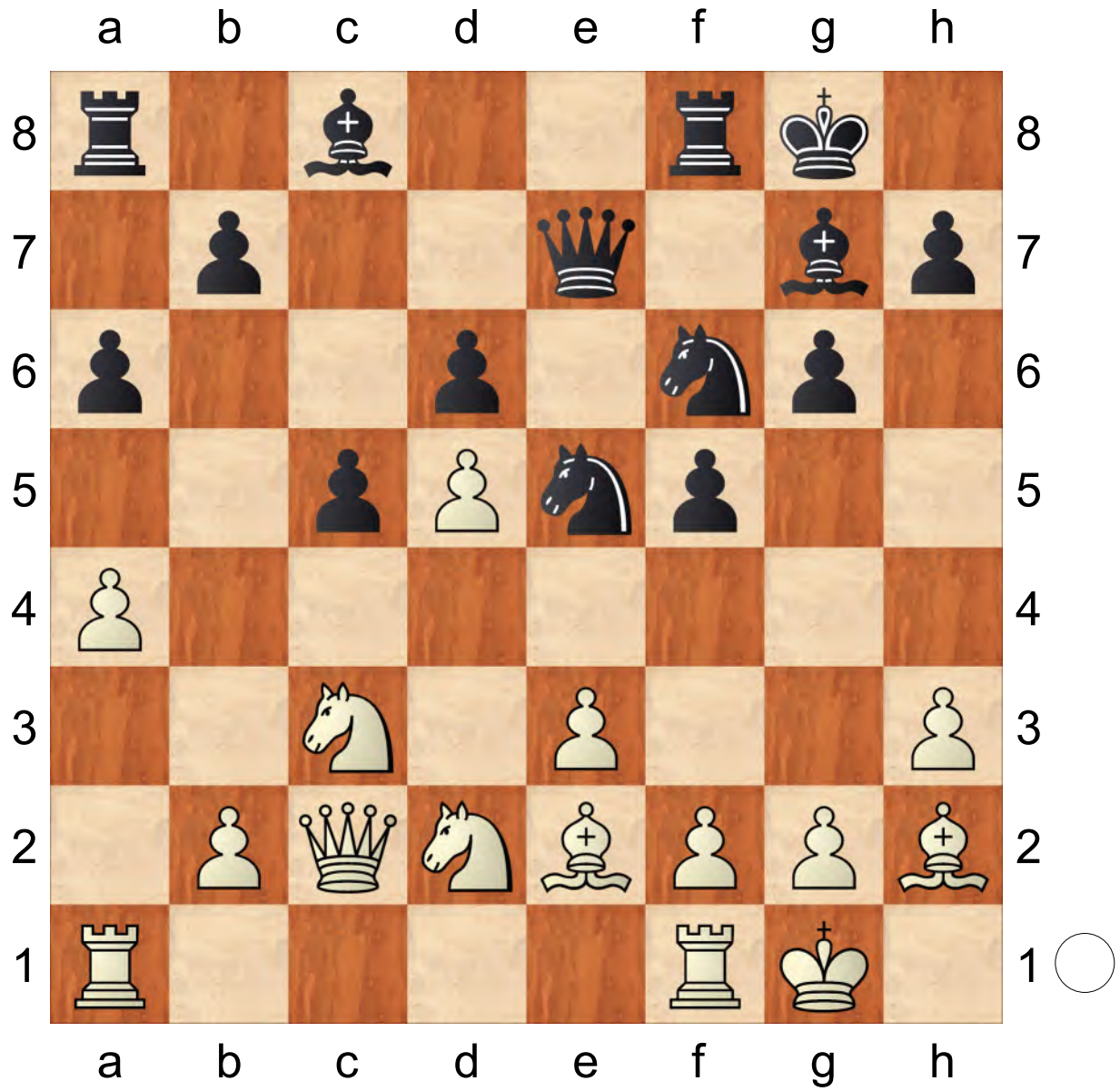

16.Rae1

[16.a5 Rb8 17.Rfb1 Bd7 *(Δ17...b5?! 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Bxe5! dxe5 20.e4 Bh6 21.Nc4 Rb4 22.d6!±)* 18.b4 cxb4 19.Rxb4 Rfc8 20.Rab1 Nfg4!? 21.hxg4 Rxc3 22.Qxc3 Nf3+ 23.Nxf3 Bxc3 24.Rxb7 Rxb7 25.Rxb7 fxg4 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Bxg4 Qh4 28.Bxd7 Bxe3⩲]

16...Bd7 17.a5 Rae8 18.Qb3 Bc8 19.Bg3 g5 20.f4 Ng6

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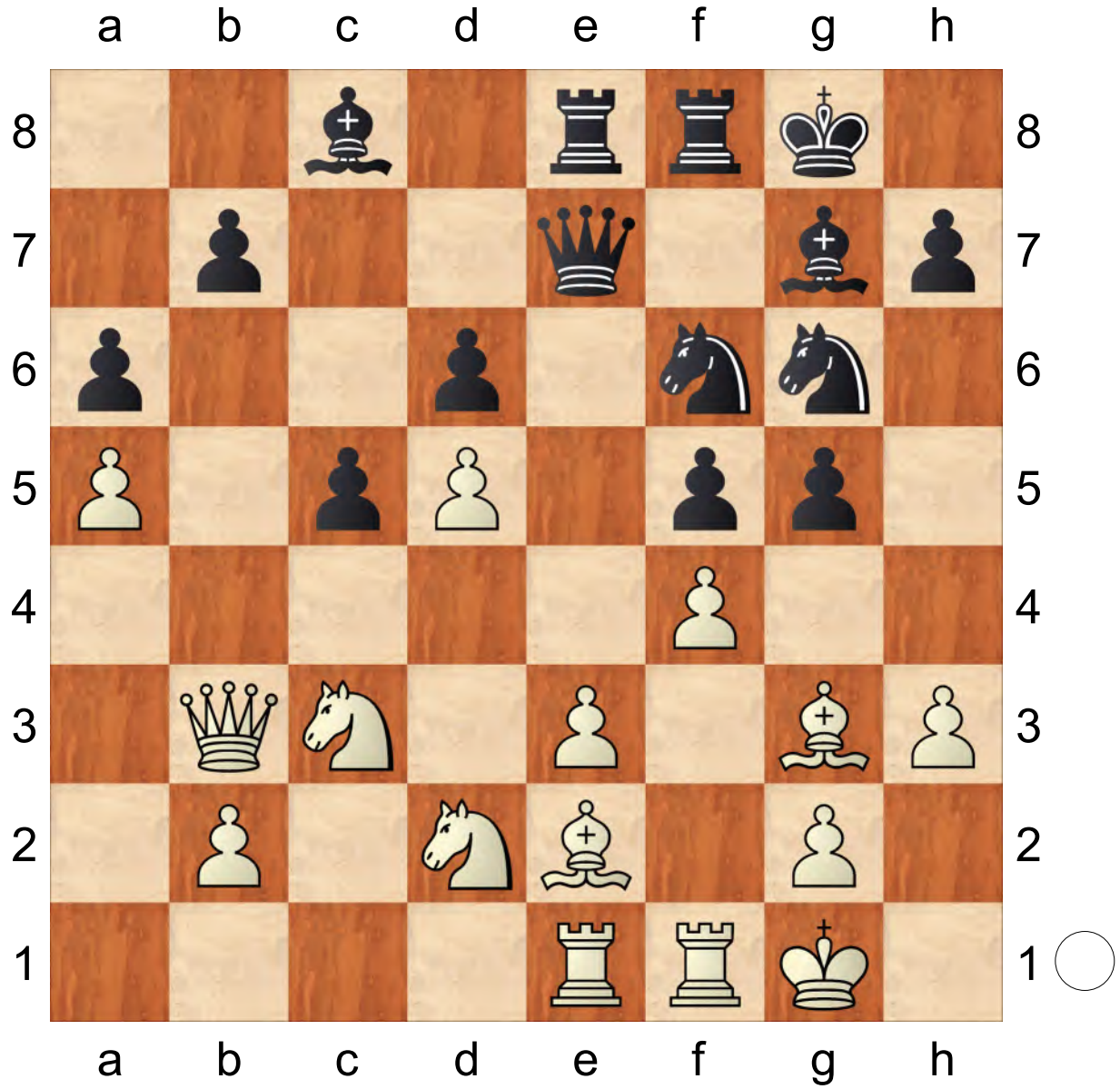
21.Nc4 g4

[21...gxf4 22.exf4 Qc7 23.Kh1 Ne4 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Bd3 Rxe1 *(25...Rd4 26.Qc2 Rxd5 27.Ne3 Rd4 28.Bxf5 Bxf5 29.Nxf5±)* 26.Rxe1

A) 26...Bh6 27.Bc2 Bxf4 *(Δ27...Nxf4? 28.Qf3 Ng6 29.Bxd6+-)* 28.Bxf4



Nxf4 29.Qg3+ Ng6 30.Qxd6±;

B) 26...Bd7 27.Nb6 Rf7 28.Qc2 Qd8 29.b3 Bd4 30.Nxd7 Qxd7 31.Re6±]

22.Bd3

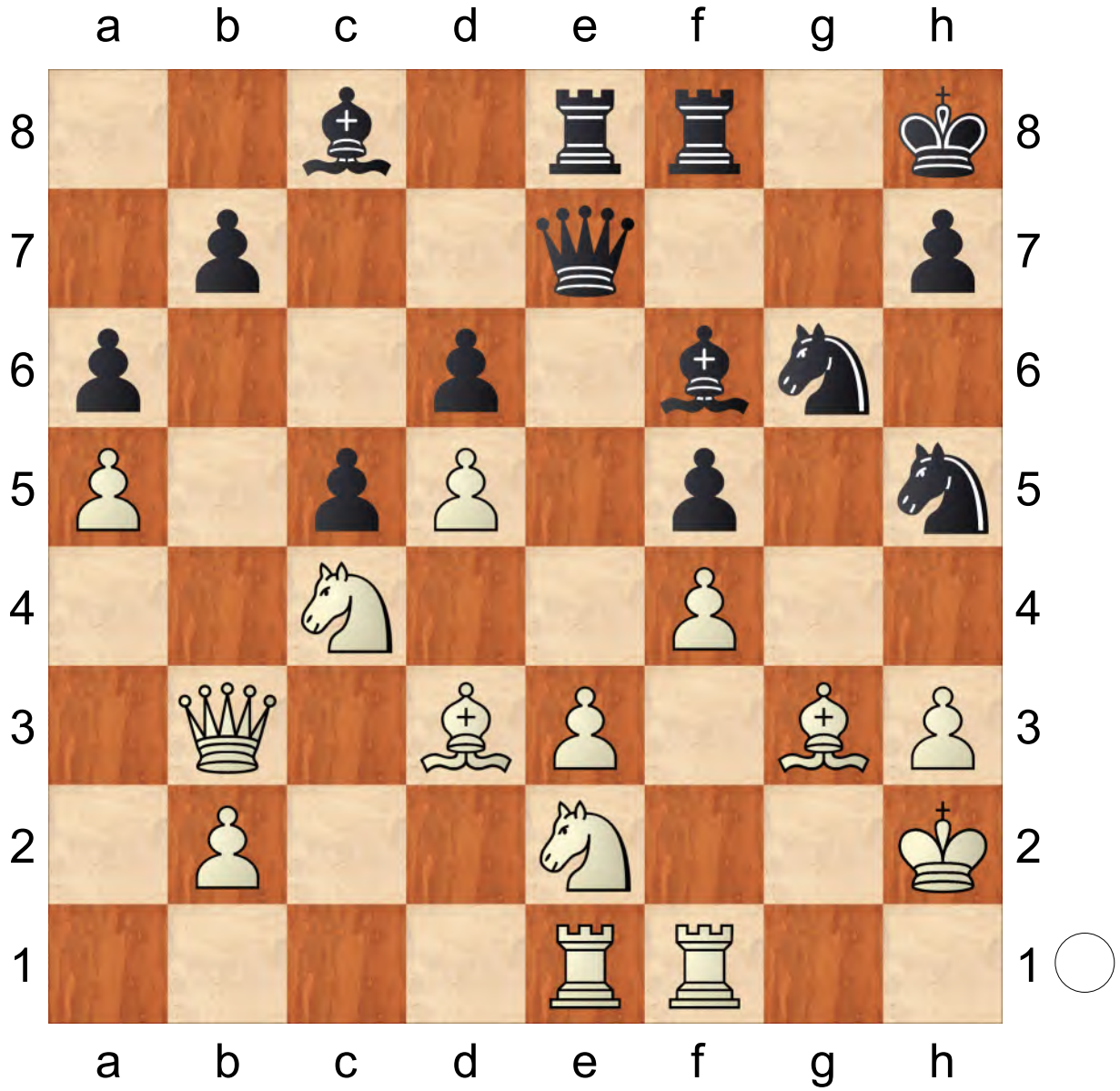
[Δ22.Qb6?! Nh5!? 23.Bf2 Rd8 24.Bd1 gxh3!? 25.Bxh5 hxg2 26.Kxg2 Bxc3! 27.bxc3 Qe4+ 28.Bf3 Qxc4⇄]

[22.Rd1 gxh3 23.gxh3 Ne4 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Bg4 Bxg4 *(25...Bf5?! 26.Qb6 Rd8 27.b4!? cxb4 28.Qxb4±)* 26.hxg4 Qd7 27.Kh2 Qxg4 28.Nxd6⇄]

22...Nh5 23.Ne2 gxh3 24.gxh3 Kh8

[24...b5!? 25.axb6 Bb7 26.Qc2 Qd7 27.Rd1 Ne7 *(27...Kh8 28.Be1 Ne7 29.Nc3 Nf6 30.Qa4 Qd8 31.Na5 Bxd5⇄)* 28.Na5 Bxd5 29.Bc4 Bxc4 30.Qxc4+ d5 31.Qxc5 Rc8 32.Qa3 Rc2 33.Nd4 Bxd4 34.exd4 Nxg3 35.Qxg3+ Kh8≅]

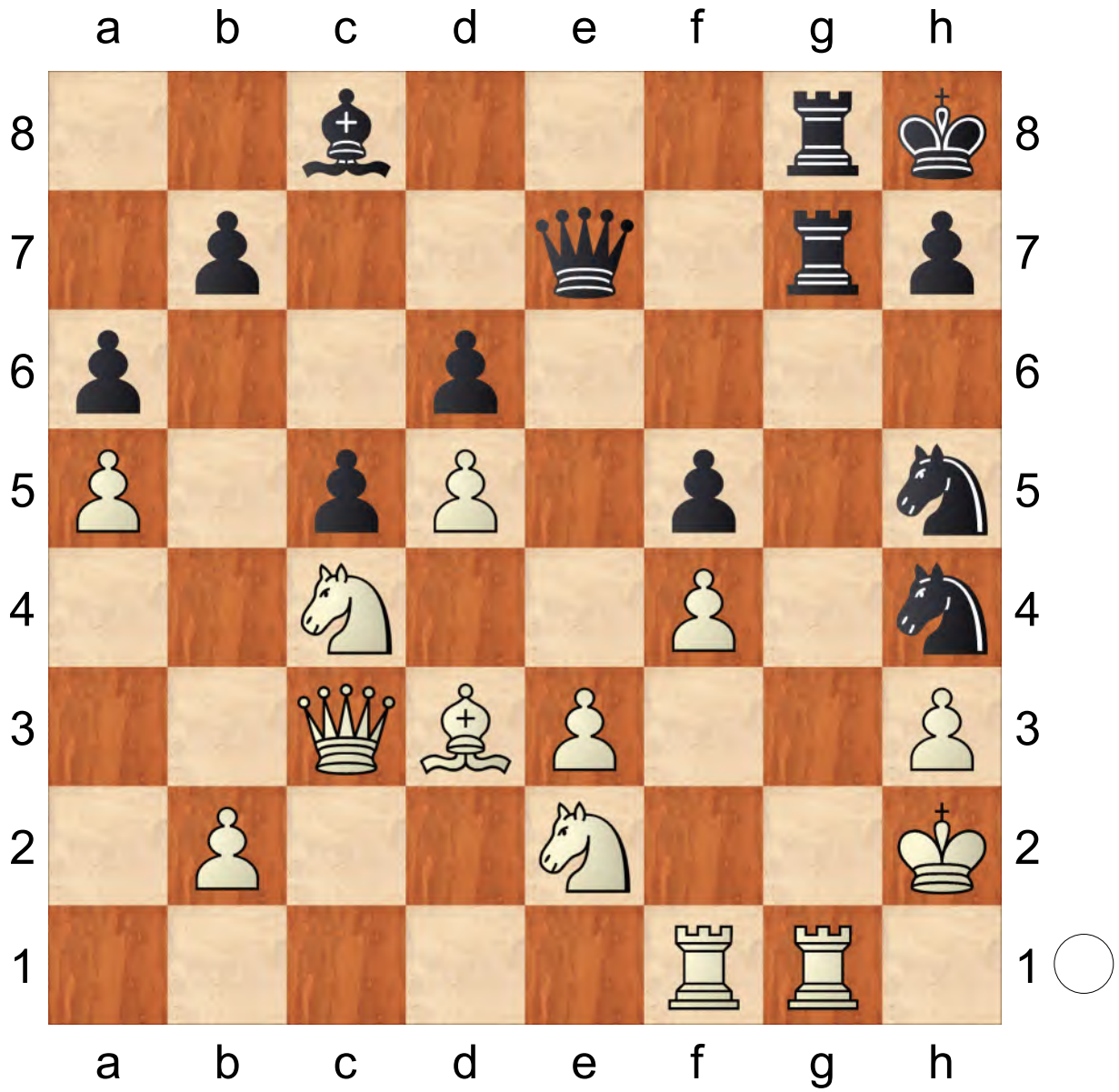
25.Kh2 Bf6



26.Rg1 Rg8 27.Qc2 Bh4 28.Qc3+
[28.Ref1 Bd7 29.Bxf5 Bxf5 30.Qxf5 Nxg3 31.Nxg3 Bxg3+ 32.Rxg3 Nh4 33.Qd3 Rxg3 34.Kxg3 Rg8+ 35.Kf2±]
28...Rg7 29.Ref1 Reg8
[29...Nf6 30.Nb6 Bd7 31.Bxh4 Nxh4 32.Nxd7 Nxd7 33.Rxg7 Qxg7 34.Qxg7+ Kxg7 35.Rg1+ Kf7∓]
30.Bxh4 Nxh4

(Diagram)

31.Rg5 Nf6 32.Qe1 Ng6 33.Ng3 Aagaard: We enter the game after a relatively quiet opening and early middlegame for a very sharp finish played out in time trouble. White has seemingly surrounded the f5-pawn and is moving in for the kill. However



Black is not out of tricks. Kapengut: 'Aagaard: 'We enter the game after a relatively quiet opening and early middlegame for a very sharp finish played out in time trouble. White has seemingly surrounded the f5-pawn and is moving in for the kill. However Black is not out of tricks.'' **33...h6!?** Aagaard: 'Asking one of the oldest questions in the world: What are you doing?' Kapengut: '!' '!' Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '!?' Aagaard: 'Asking one of the oldest questions in the world: What are you doing?'' **34.Rxf5?** Aagaard: 'This is met with a fantastic combination. Stronger was'

[34.Nxf5! Kapengut: '?!' '?!' Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '!'' Bxf5 35.Rxf5 Nxf4! *(35...Nf8* Aagaard *36.Rf2* when I cannot see perfect compensation for the pawn. The rook on f5 is a little awkward and Black controls the g-file, but What he is really going to do with it is not easy to see.*)* 36.exf4 *(36.Rxf6? Rg2+ 37.Kh1 Qxf6 38.exf4 R2g3 39.Kh2 Rxd3-+)* 36...Rg2+ 37.Kh1 Qg7 38.Rg5 hxg5 39.Nxd6 gxf4 40.Qh4+ Nh7-+]

[34.Rh5!? Nxh5 35.Nxh5 Rf7 36.b4 Kh7 37.bxc5 dxc5
A) 38.Qc3 Qd8 39.d6
A1) 39...Bd7 40.Rg1 Nh4 41.Ne5 Rxg1 42.Kxg1 Qg8+ 43.Ng4 Kg6 44.Ng3 Rf8 *(44...Bb5 45.Bb1±)* 45.Qxc5 Rc8 46.Qb4 Qd5 47.Ne5+±;
A2) 39...Nh4!? 40.Rf2 Rff8 41.e4 Ng6 42.exf5 Bxf5 43.Rb2 b5 44.axb6 Bxd3 45.b7 Qh4 46.b8Q Rxb8 47.Nf6+ Kg7 48.Nxg8+ Kf7∓;
B) 38.Rg1!
B1) 38...Rff8 39.d6 Qe6 40.Qc3
B1a) 40...b5?! 41.axb6 Bb7 42.Be2 *(42.Na5?! Qa2+ 43.Qc2 Nh4! 44.Bxf5+ Kh8 45.Rg3 Nf3+ 46.Rxf3 Qxc2+ 47.Bxc2 Bxf3 48.Ng3 Rd8∓)* 42...Bc6 *(42...Rf7 43.Ne5±)* 43.d7 Bxd7 44.b7 Bb5 45.b8Q Rxb8 46.Nf6++-;
B1b) 40...Qf7 41.Nb6 Nh4 42.Be2 Be6 *(42...Rxg1 43.Kxg1 Be6 44.Kf2 c4 45.Qd4∞)* 43.Rg3 Rg6 *(43...c4 44.Qd4 Rg6 45.d7 Rd8 46.Bd1 Rxg3 47.Kxg3 Ng6 48.Nc8!±)* 44.Qxc5 Rfg8 45.Qc7 Rxg3 46.Nxg3 Kh8 47.Qxf7 Bxf7 48.d7±;
B2) 38...Nh4!? 39.Ne5 Rxg1 *(39...Qxe5 40.fxe5 Nf3+ 41.Kh1 Rxg1+ 42.Qxg1 Nxg1 43.e6 Rf8 44.e7 Rh8 45.Nf6+ Kg6 46.e8Q+ Rxe8 47.Nxe8 Nf3 48.Nd6 Ne5 49.Bc2 Bd7 50.Nxb7=)* 40.Qxg1 Qxe5 41.fxe5 Nf3+ 42.Kg2 Nxg1 43.Kxg1 c4 44.Bc2≅]

34...Nh4! Aagaard: 'Not 34...♗xf5 of course, as the rook is trapped anyway. The main threat now is ... ♖xg3.' Kapengut: ' ∓' '∓' Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '!' Aagaard: 'Not 34... ♗xf5 of course, as the rook is trapped anyway. The main threat now is ... ♖xg3."

35.Rxf6 Kapengut: 'Aagaard: 'Forced. After"

[35.Rh5 Aagaard Nxh5 36.Nxh5 Black wins with a spectacular combination: Rg1!! threatening ... ♖8g2+ and in some lines ... ♘f3+, based on 37.Qc3+ Qe5!! and Black wins.]

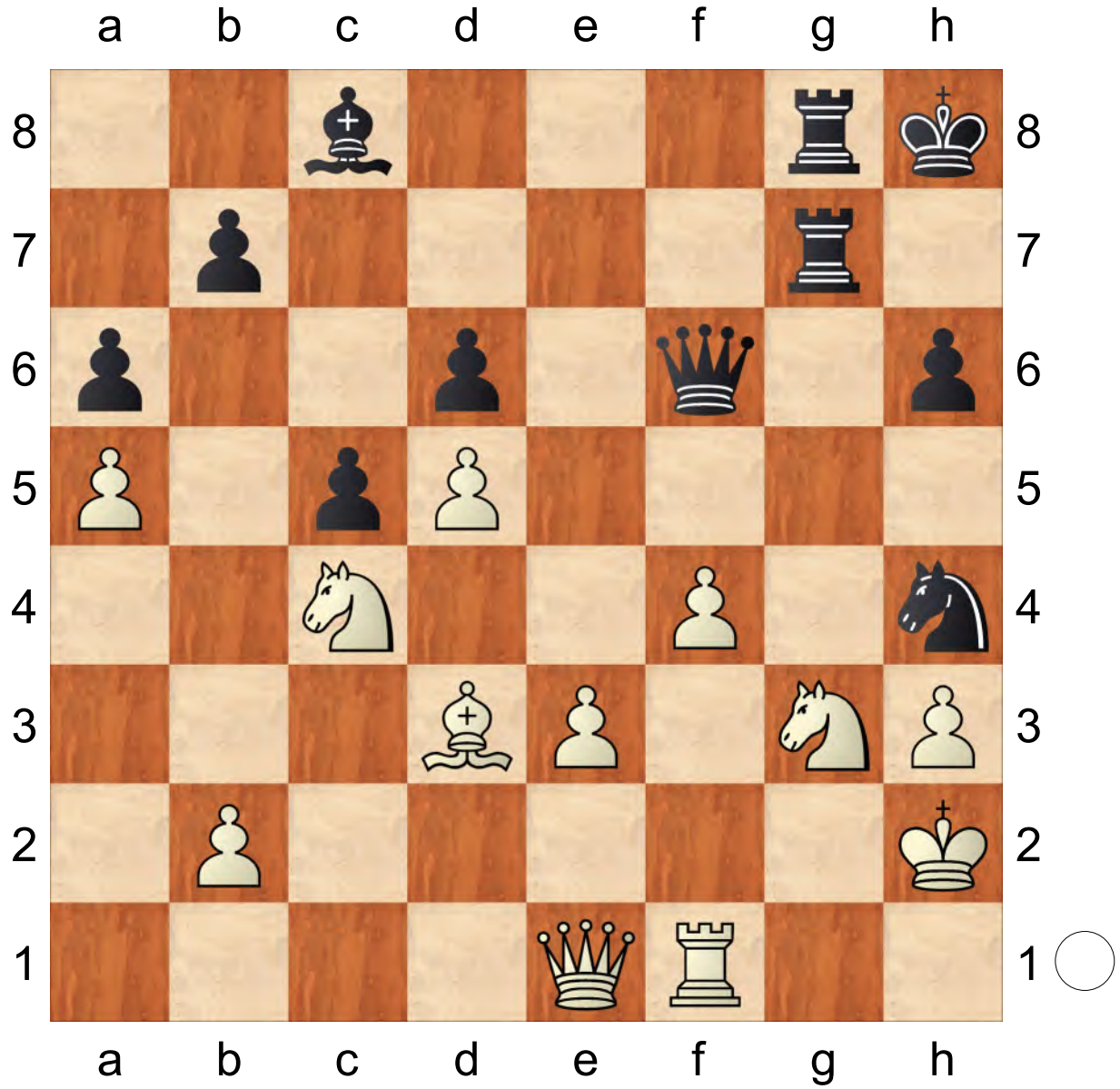
35...Qxf6

(Diagram)

36.Nh5 Aagaard: 'This was what White was betting on. If she regains the exchange the move ♕c3 will come in very handy indeed. Positionally Black will not be ablel to defend his position, so not surprisingly he finds that the time is now. Another important line is'

[36.Ne2 (Aagaard) when Black wins with Bxh3!! 37.Kxh3 *(37.Rf2 Bf5* and wins. *)* 37...Ng2! 38.Qf2 Rg4 39.Kh2 Nxe3 and the White king finds himself in the open, surrounded by Black attacking pieces.]

36...Nf3+!! Aagaard: 'A truly spectacular blow. We now notice that ♘c4 and ♗d3 are completely out of play and the same amazingly goes for ♘h5.' Kapengut: '!' '!' Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '!!' Aagaard: 'A truly spectacular blow. We now notice that ♘c4 and ♗d3 are completely out of play and the same amazingly goes for ♘h5." **37.Rxf3** Aagaard: 'A no brainer.' **37...Qh4!!** Aagaard: 'Maybe !! is too much as this was what



Black was haeding towards, but I find this deeply aesthetically satisfying. It now seems that White loses in all lines.' Kapengut: '-+!' '-+!' Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '!!' Aagaard: 'Maybe !! is too much as this was what Black was haeding towards, but I find this deeply aesthetically satisfying. It now seems that White loses in all lines.''

38.Qc3 Aagaard: 'Or:'

[38.Qxh4 Aagaard Rg2+ 39.Kh1 Rg1+ 40.Kh2 R8g2# is the main point of course.]

[38.Qf2 (Aagaard) is the cautious choice, but after Qxh5 White cannot hold the position together. 39.e4 Otherwise ♗f5. Bd7! followed by ...♗b5 with a definite advantage. At the right moment Black will simply win the queen. The same goes for]

38...Qxh5 **39.Rg3!?** Aagaard: 'A tricky move after which there is only one winning move. Now, because of the time trouble both players blunder.' Kapengut: 'Aagaard:

'!?' Aagaard: 'A tricky move after which there is only one winning move. Now, because of the time trouble both players blunder."

[Aagaard: Probably objectively stronger was Kapengut: 'Aagaard: 'Probably objectively stronger was '' 39.Nxd6 Qxd5-+ 40.Rg3 Aagaard Qxd6 41.Rg6 Qxd3 42.Rxh6+ Qh7 though Black should win this endgame.]

39...Bf5?? Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '??"

[39...Qh4! Aagaard 40.Bg6 Bf5 and Black wins.]

40.Bf1?? Aagaard: 'Psychologically a very easily understandable decision. Black obviously wants to exchange the bishops, so White naturally declines. However after' Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '??' Aagaard: 'Psychologically a very easily understandable decision. Black obviously wants to exchange the bishops, so White naturally declines. However after"

[40.Bxf5 (Aagaard) White wins easily. Qxf5 41.Nxd6 Qh5 42.Rg4 Kh7 43.Ne4 with a winning queen endgame.]

40...Qh4!

(Diagram)

Kapengut: 'Aagaard: '!"

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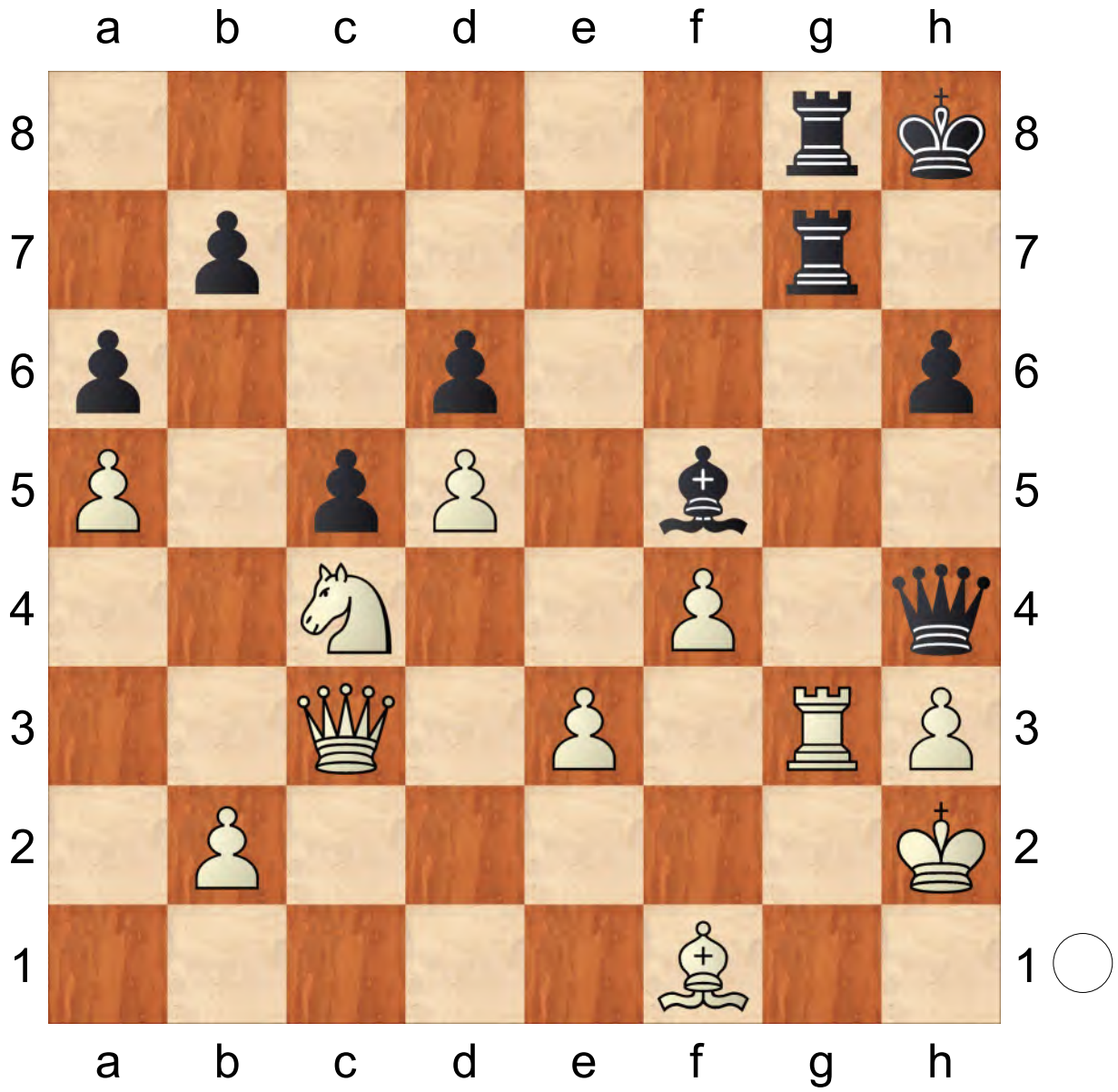
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□ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2665**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2709**
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[Stohl,Igor]

This game was played in the last round, with Cheparinov sharing the lead and Vitiugov amongst the followers trailing by half a point. Having White, the Bulgarian GM was certainly hoping to win the tournament outright... **1.d4** Vitiugov,Nikita **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+**

[The far more popular Queen's Indian has long had the reputation of a solid and drawish opening. However, even here White has found how to spice up matters with 3...b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Nc6 *(*This move order is designed to avoid the dangerous line *9...Be7 10.Qe4!?* from Riazantsev-Karjakin, Poikovsky 2010, analyzed by Karjakin in CBM 137.*)* 10.Rd1 *(10.Qe4+ Nde7* Δd5 leads nowhere *)* 10...Be7 Here White's ♕ has 2 possible routes, in both cases the position is full of tactical surprises:

A) 11.Qa4 Nf6 12.Nh4 g6 13.Bh6 Bf8 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Nc3 Kg7 16.Rd6!? *(16.Qf4⩲)*

A1) 16...Qe7 17.Rad1 Rhd8?! 18.Qf4 Δ♘f5 Ne8?! Bykhovsky,A (2487)-Solomon,K (2383)/Tromsoe/2010/ *(⌓18...Ng8 19.Bd5↑)* and here White missed the beautiful 19.Qh6+!! Kg8□ *(19...Kxh6? 20.Nf5+ Kg5 21.f4+ Kg4 22.h3+ Kxf5 23.e4+ Qxe4 24.Bxe4#; 19...Kh8? 20.Rxd7+-)* 20.Nxg6 fxg6 21.Rxg6+ hxg6 *(21...Kh8 22.Nd5 Qf7 23.Rg5+-* Δ♘e4,♖d3*)* 22.Bd5+ Qe6 23.Qxg6+ Ng7 24.h4!?→;

A2) ⌓16...Re8 17.Qf4 Re6;

A3) 16...Na5 17.Qf4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Δ♘f5

A3a) ≤18...h6 19.Ne4! Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Qe8□ *(20...Re8? 21.Rxg6+! fxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Qxh6+ Ke7 24.Nf5+ Kf7 25.Nd6+ Ke7 26.Rd1 Rf8 27.Rd5 Rf6 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Rg5* Aronian,L (2750)-Leko,P (2751)/ Nice rpd/2009/ *)* 21.Qg4↑;

A3b) ⌓18...Ne8!? 19.Rd3 Qf6=;

B) 11.Qf5 Nf6 12.e4 d6!? 13.e5 Qd7 14.Qf4N *(14.Qxd7+ Nxd7 15.exd6 Bf6 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.Nc3 Nb4 18.Bg5 Nc2 19.Re7 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Bxg5 21.Rxd7 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.Rd1 Nd4 24.Bg2 h5 25.a4 a6 26.Bb7 Rh6 27.d7 Rd6 28.Bc8 Nf3+ 29.Kg2 Rxd1 30.Nxd1 Ne1+ 31.Kf1 Nf3 32.h4 Ke7 33.Ne3 g6 34.Bxa6 Kxd7=* Carlsen,M (2775)-Pelletier,Y (2569)/ Biel/2008/*)* 14...Nh5 15.Qc4 0-0 16.Nc3 Rae8 *(16...Rad8!? 17.exd6 Bxd6∞)* 17.Be3 *(17.exd6 Bf6!?⇄; ⌓17.h3 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Qb7+ 21.Qd5 Qxd5+ 22.Rxd5 dxe5 23.Rxe5 Nf6 24.Bf4= /*± *)* 17...Nb4 18.Rd2 Ba6?! *(⌓18...d5; 18...Qe6!?*∓ *)* 19.Qb3 Nd3 20.Qa3 *(20.Nd5 c4 21.Qa3↑; 20.Qd5 Qf5 21.g4 Qxg4 22.Rxd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3*± *)*

20...Qc8! 21.exd6 Bxd6 22.Rad1 *(22.Bf1 Bf4! 23.Bxd3 Bb7⩱ ɳa3)* 22...Be7 23.Nd5 Nb4 24.Ne5 Nxd5 25.Bxd5 Nf6 26.Bg2 c4 27.Qc3 Bb5 28.h3 Bc5? *(28...Qe6∓)* 29.Bxc5 Qxc5 30.Rd5! Nxd5 31.Rxd5 Qc7 32.Rxb5± /+-,Topalov,V (2803)-Bacrot,E (2716)/Nanjing/2010/]

4.Nbd2

[4.Nc3 b6 5.Bd2 *(*Modest; there is the more complex *5.Bg5)* 5...Bb7 6.e3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bd3 f5 10.0-0-0 d6 11.Ne1 Qe7 12.f3 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 c5 *(13...Nd7=; 13...e5=)* 14.Nc2 Nc6 *(14...d5!?)* 15.Be2 Rac8 16.Kb1 Rfd8 *(* Black has solved the opening problems with ease, but starts getting too ambitious. *⌓16...cxd4⇄)* 17.d5!? exd5 18.cxd5 Nb4 19.Nxb4 cxb4 20.Qxb4 Qxe3 21.Bd3 Qg5 22.Rhe1 Rc5 23.h4 Qxg2? *(23...Qf6=)* 24.Re7! Bxd5 25.Qd4 Bf7 26.Rxf7! Kxf7 27.Rg1+- →, Petrosian,T (2604)-Vitiugov,N (2709) /Moscow Aeroflot/2011/ It serves to Vitiugov's credit that such a start didn't discourage him and he ended up tying for victory.]

[After 4.Bd2 the most popular is Qe7 *(4...a5 5.Nc3 b6 6.e3 Bb7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.f4 c5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 c4 14.Bc2 b5⇄ 15.Rf3 Ra6 16.Rg3 Qe7 17.Qe1 Rfa8 18.Rd1 Nb6 19.Ng4 Nxg4 20.Rxg4 Nd7 21.e4 dxe4 22.d5 f6 23.Bxe4 Re8 24.Qg3 Nc5 25.Bf5 Nd3 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.Qxd3 Rd6=* L'Ami,E (2628)-Anand,V (2810)/Wijk aan Zee/ 2011/ *)* 5.g3 Nc6 6.Nc3 *(6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 d6* Δe5 shows one of the main differences between the Bogo and the QID - Black can sometimes deploy his ♗c8 on the c8-h3 ⇗*.)* 6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 *(8.Rc1* is more ambitious*)* 8...Nxc3 9.Qxc3 Qb4 10.Rc1 Qxc3+ 11.Rxc3 d6 12.Bg2 Ke7 13.d5 Nb8 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.c5 Nc6 16.e3 Bd7 17.Nd4 Rab8 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.b3 Rhc8 20.f4 a5 21.a3 Rb7 22.0-0 e5 23.cxd6+ cxd6 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Nf3 Be6! 26.Nxe5 c5⩲ ⇄, Sargissian,G (2677)-Vitiugov,N (2709)/Khanty Mansiysk olm/ 2010/]

4...0-0 Black doesn't commit himself either in the ⊞, or with his ♗c8.

[The main alternative is 4...b6 , here White has a wider choice:

A) 5.g3 Bb7 *(5...Ba6* leads to a QID position, arising more often with the move order 4.g3 Ya6 5. ♘bd2 Yb4. *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 exd5⇄ is OK for Black, in these positions the ♘ is better placed on c3, than on d2.;

B) More ambitious is 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Bxd2 *(*The less committal is *6.Qxd2!? Bb7 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.b4=* /± prehaps gives White more chances to fight for a slight edge.*)* 6...Bb7 7.Bg5 d6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 *(*The more "refined" *9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Qe7 11.Rd1* also enables the direct *g5 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.d5 Ndf6 14.Nd4 h5! 15.f3 h4 16.Bf2 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 g4 18.Be2 Rg8!?⇄)* 9...h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 h5!? *(≤11...Ne4 12.Qc2 f5 13.d5!* Δ♘d4↑ *)*

B1) Too passive is 12.h3 Ne4 *(12...Rg8!?⇄)*;

B2) Here White is more or less forced into an unclear ♙-sacrifice 12.h4!? g4 13.Ng5 Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bb7 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.0-0-0 *(16.b4!?⩲* Gelfand *)* 16...0-0-0 17.b4 Kb8 18.Kb2 e5 19.Bf5 Rhe8 20.d5 e4 21.Qc3?

(⌓21.Rd4 Ne5 22.Bxe4∞) 21...b5! 22.c5 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 Bxd5 24.Rd1 dxc5! 25.Rxd5 Nb6 26.Rxd8+ Gelfand,B (2690)-Hansen,C (2610)/Wijk aan Zee/1993/ Qxd8! 27.Kc1 Na4-+;

C) 5.e3 Bb7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 d5 *(7...c5 8.a3 Bxd2 9.Bxd2 d6 10.b4 Nbd7 11.Bc3± is pleasant for White, who has a long-term strategic ↑ due to his ♗.)* 8.a3

C1) 8...Bd6 9.b4 c5 10.bxc5 bxc5 11.cxd5 exd5 *(11...cxd4 12.e4↑)* 12.dxc5±;

C2) 8...Be7 9.b4

C2a) 9...dxc4 10.Nxc4 Nbd7 11.Bb2 c5 *(11...Rb8 12.Nfe5±)* 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.b5 Nb6 14.Na5± 1/2, Sakaev,K (2627)-Zvjaginsev,V (2634)/Novi Sad/2000/;

C2b) 9...c5 10.bxc5 bxc5 *(10...dxc4!? 11.Nxc4 bxc5 12.Rb1 Bd5⇄)* 11.Rb1 Ba6 *(≤11...Qc8 12.cxd5 exd5 13.dxc5± Nbd7 14.Nb3 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Bb2 Ne4 17.Rc1 Qd8 18.Nd4 Rc8 19.Qg4 Qf6?* Fressinet,L (2718)-Bluvshtein,M (2583)/Bastia rpd/2010/ *20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Ne6! Qxb2 22.Nxf8+-)* 12.Ne5 cxd4 13.exd4 Qc8 14.Bb2 Nbd7 15.Qf3 Bb7 16.Qh3 dxc4 17.Rfc1 *(17.Ndxc4!?* deserves attention*)* and here the positional sacrifice 17...cxd3! 18.Rxc8 Raxc8 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Qxd3 Bd5⩲ Dreev,A (2650)-Karpov,A (2780)/Linares/1995/ holds the defence, Black has a solid fortress.]

5.a3 Be7

[5...Bxd2+ 6.Bxd2 doesn't fit in well with Black's previous move: Ne4 *(6...b6 7.Bg5!* and with the ♔ on g8 the ♙-advance from the previous note is rather dubious. *)* 7.Bf4 d6 8.g3 f5 9.Bg2 Nd7 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Bc1!? b6 12.Nd2 Bb7 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Qc2 Nf6 15.Bg5 d5 16.Rac1 c6 17.f3± Bunzmann,D (2484)-Naiditsch,A (2449)/GER-ch Heringsdorf/2000/]

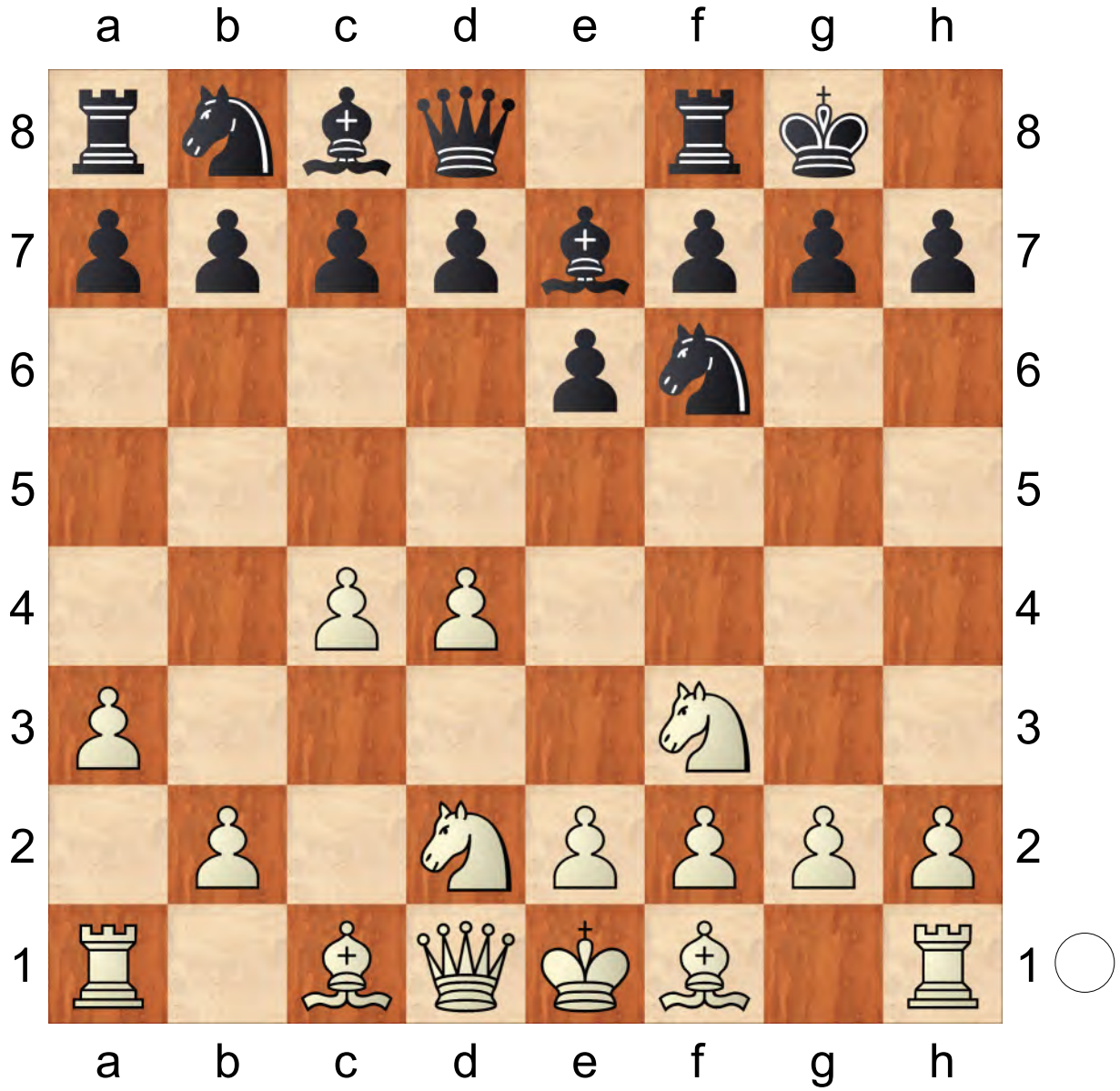
(Diagram)

6.e4 White's hopes for an advantage are usually connected with the principled ⊞ expansion, although even here the ♘ would be much better placed on c3, than on d2. Other tries are:

[6.e3

A) 6...b6 7.Bd3 d5 *(*After *7...Bb7* Black must reckon with *8.e4;* However, *7...c5!?* is a playable alternative.*)* 8.0-0 allows a transposition to the 4...b6 5.e3 lines, mentioned above after Bb7 *(* However, as Black's ♗ has already retreated to e7, he can also play *8...c5!?)*;

B) 6...d5 7.Bd3 Nbd7 *(7...b6!? 8.0-0 c5* -6...b6 *)* 8.0-0 *(8.b4!?)* 8...c5! 9.cxd5 *(9.b3 b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Qe2* retains more tension in the position, but still doesn't promise an advantage after *Ne4=)* 9...exd5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Be2 Nfe4 12.Nb3 Bf6 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.b3 Qb6 16.Rb1 Rac8



17.Bb2 Ne4 18.Qd3 Nc5 19.Qd2 Ne4 20.Qd3 Nc5= 1/2 Jurcik,M (2471)-Babula,V (2536)/SVK-chT/2011/]

[Too soft is 6.g3 b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.b3 cxd4 10.Bb2 Qc7 11.Nxd4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nc6 13.N2f3 Rfd8 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Qd3 Qb7 16.Nxc6 dxc6 17.Qc2 c5= Wojtaszek,R (2622)-Navara,D (2719)/GRE-chT Ermioni/2006/]

[More testing, but still not too popular is 6.b4!? d5

A) Interesting is 7.c5!? O« Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Ng1 Bf6 10.e3 a5 11.Bb2 axb4 12.axb4 Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Nc6 14.b5 Nb4 15.Qa4 Nd5 16.Bc4 Bh4 17.g3 Be7 18.Ne2 e5 19.0-0 exd4 20.Bxd4 Be6 21.Rd1 Qa8 22.Qb3 c6 23.Ra1 Qc8 24.Ra7↑ Fedoseev,V (2236)-Palchun,G (2051)/St Petersburg/2007/ However, this line lacks more practical examples;

B) 7.e3 a5 *(7...b6* Δc5⇄ *)* 8.b5 c5 9.Bb2 *(9.bxc6 bxc6 10.c5 Nfd7* Δe5⇄⊞ *)* 9...Nbd7 10.Be2 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ne4!

(13...Nd7?! 14.f4 f6 15.Bg4 f5 16.Bf3↑ Korobov,A (2684)-Jussupow,A (2589)/ Warsaw blitz/2010/ *)* 14.Nxe4 dxe4= leads to a sterile position.;

C) 7.Qc2 was introduced by Krasenkow.

C1) 7...Nbd7?! 8.c5 c6 9.e4!↑ ○ *(9.e3 Qc7 10.Bb2 b6 11.Bd3 bxc5?! 12.bxc5 a5 13.0-0 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.a4 Rb8 16.Rfb1 Qc8 17.Bc3 Rxb1+ 18.Rxb1± ○ ,⇔ b,×a5* Krasenkow,M (2645)-Wahls,M (2595)/ Bundesliga/1998/ For more details see my notes in CBM 63. *)*;

C2) 7...a5 8.b5 dxc4 9.e4!? c6 10.Bxc4±;

C3) Possibly the best is 7...c6 8.c5 a5 9.Bb2 b6 Δ♗a6 Contrary to the Krasenkov-Wahls game Black doesn't have to hurry with resolving the « tension, after the exchange of the light-squared ♗ White's edge is at best infinitesimal.]

6...d5 Mostly an automatic reaction, although recently there have been experiments with

[6...d6 However a transposition to KID structures costs time and is moreover rather passive:

A) 7.Bd3 e5 8.0-0 *(*White didn't dare to play *8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Ng4∞ /±)* 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 a5 10.b3 Re8 11.Bb2 Bf8 12.h3 c6 13.Re1 Nbd7 14.b4 g6 15.Bf1 Bg7 16.Qc2 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Bxa1 Qe7 19.Bc3 Bh6 20.N4f3 Bg7 21.Qb2 Nh5 22.Bxg7 Nxg7 23.Re3± Cheparinov,I (2665)-Hess, R (2572)/Moscow/2011*/*

B) 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 e5 9.b4 *(*Very similar is *9.Qc2 exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.b4 a5 12.Bb2 Bf8 13.Nf5 g6 14.Ne3 Bg7 15.Bc3 c6 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Rfe1 axb4 18.axb4 Qf8 19.Bf1 b6 20.f3 Bb7 21.Qb2±* Potkin,V (2626)-Tomashevsky,E (2708)/Irkutsk/2010/*)* 9...exd4 10.Nxd4 a5 11.Bb2 Re8 12.f3 Bf8 13.Qc2 c6 14.Kh1 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Bxa1 Ne5 17.Rd1 g6 18.Bf1 Bg7 19.N2b3 Qe7 20.Bc3 Nh5 21.Qc1 f5?! 22.exf5 gxf5 Rodshtein,M (2609)-Tomashevsky,E (2708)/Biel/2010/ See the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 138. 23.c5!?±]

7.e5 Again the main move, attempts to retain the ⊞ tension don't promise much:

[7.Qc2 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nc6 9.Be3 *(9.Bd3 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Be4 Bd7 14.Rb1 Bc6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Be3 Qe5 17.0-0 Rfb8 18.b4 a5=* Hansen,C (2620)-Jussupow,A (2655)/Munich/1992/*)* 9...Ng4 *(*Black has also the modest *9...Nxe4 10.Qxe4 f5 11.Qd3 Bf6 12.0-0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxd3 14.Bxd3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rhe1 Kf7!?* Δ♗e6,c6 , when he should be able to consolidate gradually.*)* 10.Bd3 f5 11.Nc3 Bf6 12.0-0-0 g6 13.h3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bg7 15.Kb1 Rb8 16.h4 h5 17.c5 b6 18.cxb6 cxb6∞ /±, Bologan,V (2658)-Jakovenko,D (2691)/Poikovsky/2007/ led to a complex position with mutual chances.]

[7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 *(8.e5 Nfd7 9.cxd5 exd5* leads to the line with 8.♗d3, mentioned below.*)* 8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 f5!? 12.Bc2 Bxc5 13.Be3 *(13.Ke2 Nc6 14.b4 Nd4+ 15.Nxd4 Bxd4* Δe5= *)* 13...Bxe3 14.fxe3 Nc6 15.Ke2 e5 16.Bb3 e4 17.c5+ Kh8 18.Nd2 Ne5 19.Nc4 Nd3

20.Nd6 Nxc5 21.Nf7+ 1/2,Shankland,S (2474)-Fodor,T (2430)/Budapest/2009/]

7...Nfd7

[After 7...Ne4?! 8.Qc2 Black can't retain his ♘e4 and White develops with tempi.]

8.b4 White wants to cramp his opponent both in the ⊞ and on the ⟪.

[Less testing is 8.Bd3 c5 9.cxd5 *(9.h4 h6 10.Bb1 cxd4 11.Qc2 f5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Ba2 Nc6! 14.Bxd5+ Kh8 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Qxc6 Rb8 17.0-0 Nc5 18.Nc4 f4↑* Muhammad,S (2384)-Stocek,J (2565)/Philadelphia/2006/*)* 9...exd5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Re1 a5! 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 cxd4 14.Bf4 Qb6 *(14...Nf8 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bg3 Qb6=* /∓, Jussupow,A (2620)-Ehlvest,J (2585) /Saint John cm/1988/ is also good for Black, but why not cover the ♙?*)* 15.Rb1 Nf8 16.h3 Be6 17.N1d2 Ng6 18.Bg3 f6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Bd3 Bf7 21.Qc2 Nf8∓ Nyzhnyk,I (2535)-Bluvshtein,M (2587)/Groningen/2010/]

[8.cxd5 exd5 9.b4 a5 *(9...Re8?!* is passive and inferior: *10.Bd3 b6 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Bb2±* Stohl,I (2500)-Liss,E (2330)/EU-chT Haifa/1989/*)* 10.b5 -8.b4 is only a transposition.]

8...a5 Black must hurry with his ⇄, weaker options are

[8...b6?! 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qb3±]

[and 8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 ○]

9.b5 c5 A critical position for the whole opening line, here White must decide how to handle the ⊞ tension. **10.cxd5** Saddles Black with a potentially weak isolated ♙, but also gives him more space for his forces.

[The alternative approach is 10.Bb2 and Black has 2 main options:

A) 10...b6 ignores the tension.

A1) 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 cxd4!? *(12...Re8 13.0-0 Nf8 14.Ne1!? Ra7 15.f4 Rc7 16.Ndf3 Bd7 17.a4 Qc8 18.Bb1 Bf5 19.dxc5± bxc5? 20.Qxd5 Bxb1 21.Rxb1 Qf5 22.Nd2!+-* Lputian,S (2595)-Jussupow,A (2665)/Baden-Baden/1996/*)* 13.Bxd4 *(13.Nb3!?)* 13...Nc5⇄ leads to a type of position we will deal with below.;

A2) 11.a4!? Bb7 *(*More logical than *11...Re8 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Qc2 Nf8 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Be4 Nbd7 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.0-0 Rc8 19.Qf5 Ne6 20.Nb3 Bf8 21.Rfd1 Ndc5 22.Nbd4 g6 23.Qb1 Qd7 24.Nc6±* Ivanchuk,V (2752)-Moiseenko,A (2652)/Edmonton/2005/*)* 12.Be2 cxd4 13.0-0 d3 14.Bxd3 Nc5 15.Bc2 Nbd7 16.Re1 Rc8 17.Nd4 g6 18.Qg4 Bg5 19.N2f3 *(19.f4!? Bh6 20.Rad1± ○)* 19...Bh6 20.Nc6!? Bxc6 21.bxc6 Nb8 22.Rad1 Nxc6 23.cxd5 exd5 24.e6 Grischuk,A (2710)-Babula,V (2584)/Fuegen/2006/ Bg7!∞ ;

B) 10...cxd4!? is more active and in the spirit of the whole line.

B1) 11.Be2 Nc5 12.Bxd4 *(12.Nxd4 Nbd7* **Δ**♘e5 *13.N4f3 f6!?⇄)* 12...Nbd7 -11.♗xd4;

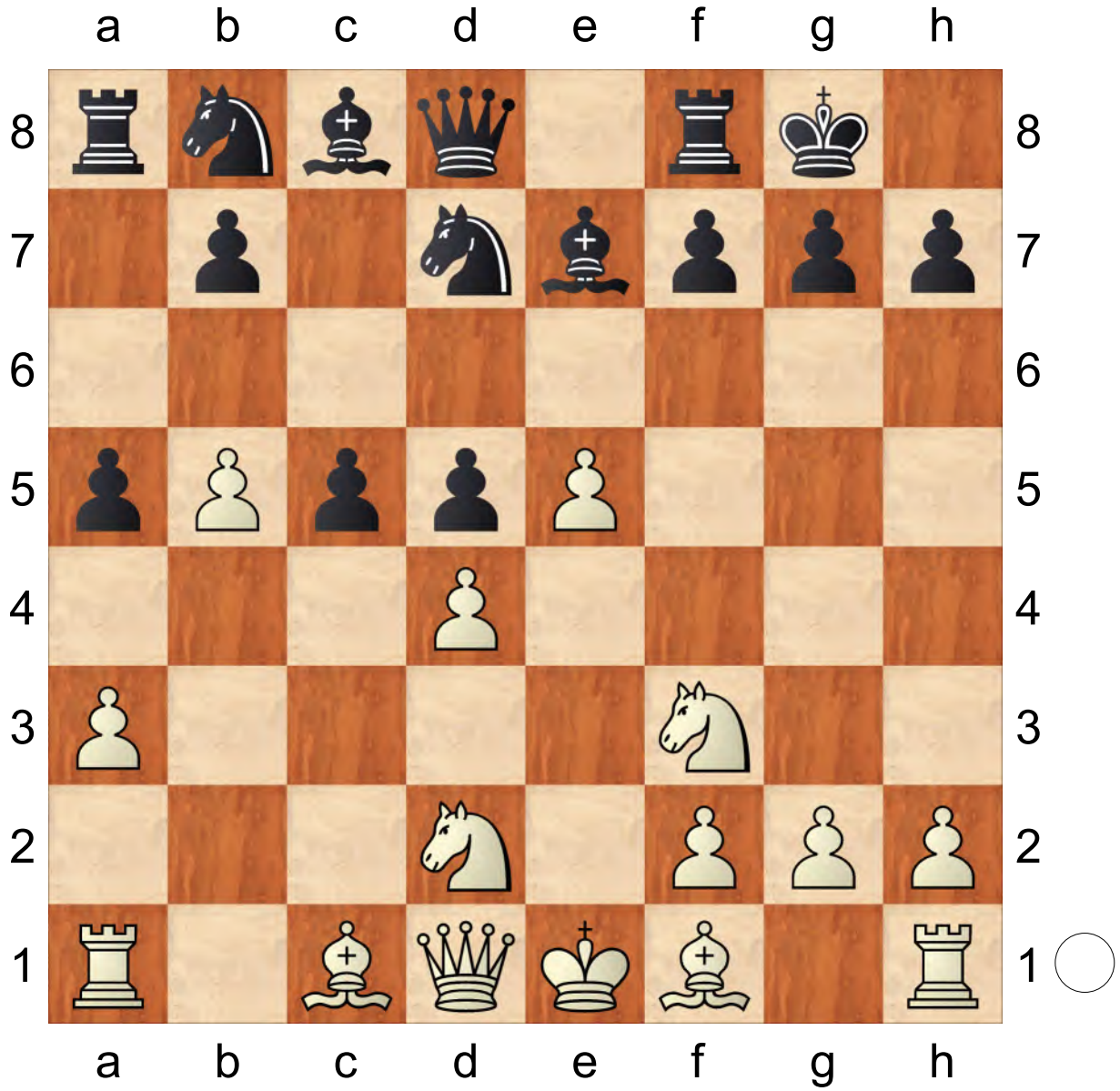
B2) 11.Bxd4 Nc5 12.Be2 Nbd7

B2a) 13.a4 b6∞ *(13...f6!?)*;

B2b) 13.Qc2 b6 14.cxd5 *(14.0-0 Bb7=* and Black can already choose, how he retakes on d5.*)* 14...exd5 15.0-0 Bb7∞ leads to an interesting and

complex position. In practice it has brought Black success, he has outposts on c5, e6 and e4, all in connection with the option to advance his ♙f7. Contrary to Ivanchuk-Moiseenko, White doesn't have direct access to c6 and this makes it more difficult to formulate a concrete plan: 16.Rfe1 *(16.Rac1 Ne6 17.Bb2 Rc8 18.Qf5 Ndc5 19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Ne6 21.Bb2 g6 22.Qg4 h5 23.Qg3 Bh4 24.Rxc8 Bxc8 25.Qe3 d4↑* Macieja,B (2627)-Bartel,M (2614)/POL-ch Warsaw/2010/) 16...Rc8 17.Qb2 Ne6 18.Be3 Ndc5 19.Rac1 f5!? 20.Nb3 f4 21.Bd2 Ne4 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Nfd4 Nxd4 *(23...a4? 24.Bg4 N4g5 25.Rc1 Bc5 26.Nxc5 bxc5 27.Bb4+-* Dreev,A (2666)-Bocharov,D (2571)/Tomsk/2006/) 24.Nxd4 *(24.Qxd4 Bxa3 25.Qxb6? a4)* 24...Nxd2 25.Qxd2 Bxa3∓]

10...exd5



11.Bd3 cxd4 Again the most principled continuation, other moves are less viable.

[11...Re8 12.0-0 b6 13.Bb2 *(13.Re1?! Nf8 14.Rb1 Bg4 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Qa4 c4 17.Nxc4 Bxf3 18.gxf3 dxc4 19.Be4 Nbd7 20.Bxa8 Qxa8 21.Qxc4 Qxf3∓* Wichmann,C (2341)-Naiditsch,A (2674)/Bundesliga/2011/) 13...Nf8 14.Ne1 transposes to Lputjan-Jussupow above.]

[11...c4 12.Bc2 a4 13.Nb1!?± Δ♘c3]

12.Nb3

[It's hardly worth forcing a weakening with 12.Qc2 Vitiugov,Nikita: 'Ü 46/670' h6 after 13.Nb3 a4 14.Nbxd4 Nc5⇄ /∓ Black is doing fine.]

12...a4 13.Nbxd4 Nc5 14.Bc2 Retaining the ♗ has become the main line.

[Black has nothing to fear after 14.0-0 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Nd7 16.Nf5 Nc5 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qxd5 Nb3 19.Bg5 Qe6 20.Rad1 Qxd5 21.Rxd5 Be6 22.Rd6 h6 23.Be3 Bc4 24.Re1 Bxb5 25.Rb6 Bc6 26.Nd4 Nxd4 27.Bxd4 Rfd8 28.Rb4= Roeder,M (2440)-Wahls,M (2555)/Geneve/1995/]

14...Nbd7!?

[Until now Black played mostly 14...Bg4 15.0-0 *(15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nbd7↻* Δ *17.Qxd5?! Nxe5!↑)* 15...Nbd7

A) 16.h3 is already more interesting, but after Bh5 17.Re1 Re8 18.Nf5 Fressinet,L (2658)-Jussupow,A (2566)/Bundesliga/2010/ Black can play Bxf3 19.gxf3 *(19.Qxf3 Bf6)* 19...Nb6∞ *(19...Bf8!? 20.Qxd5 g6 21.Nh6+ Bxh6 22.Bxh6 Qh4∞)*;

B) 16.Re1 Nb6 *(16...Ne6!? 17.Qd3 g6 18.Bh6 Ndc5 19.Qe3 Re8 20.Rad1 Qa5 21.h3 Bxf3 22.gxf3?! Rac8 23.Bb1* Huss,A (2425)-Wahls,M (2520)/ Neuchatel/1994/ *Nd7!∓* Δ♗c5, ♖c3 *)* 17.h3 Vitiugov,Nikita: '↑' Now the ♗ must retreat, but the position is still not clear after Bd7 *(17...Bh5? 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Ng5+ Bxg5 20.Qxh5+ Bh6 21.Nf5+-* Note that this line works due to Black's 16th move, as his ♕ doesn't have the b6-square.*; 17...Bxf3?! 18.Qxf3±)* 18.Bd2

B1) 18...Ne6

B1a) 19.Qb1 g6 20.Bb4 Nc4 21.Bd3 Rc8 22.Bc2 Bxb4 23.Qxb4 Nxd4 24.Nxd4 Re8 *(24...Qb6!? 25.Rad1 Qc5)* 25.Nf3 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Rxc2 27.Qxa4 Potkin,V (2617)-Navara,D (2672)/RUS-chT Dagomys/2008/ Rc5=;

B1b) 19.Nf5!↑ Bxb5;

B2) 18...Nc4 19.Bb4 Re8 20.Ne2 *(20.Qb1 g6 21.h4* Koneru,H (2595)-Rudolf,A (2286)/EU Cup Ohrid/2009/ *Bg4!? 22.Nh2 Qd7∞)* 20...Bxb5 21.Nf4 Nb3? *(*Only this is a mistake, necessary was *21...Bc6! 22.Nd4⩱)* 22.Bxe7 Qxe7?! *(22...Rxe7 23.Bxh7+! Kf8 24.Ra2→)* 23.Qd3! g6 24.Nxd5 Qc5 25.Bxb3 Nxe5 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Qd2 Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Qf5 30.Qd4+- Eljanov,P (2675)-Khismatullin,D (2599)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/]

15.0-0 Nb6

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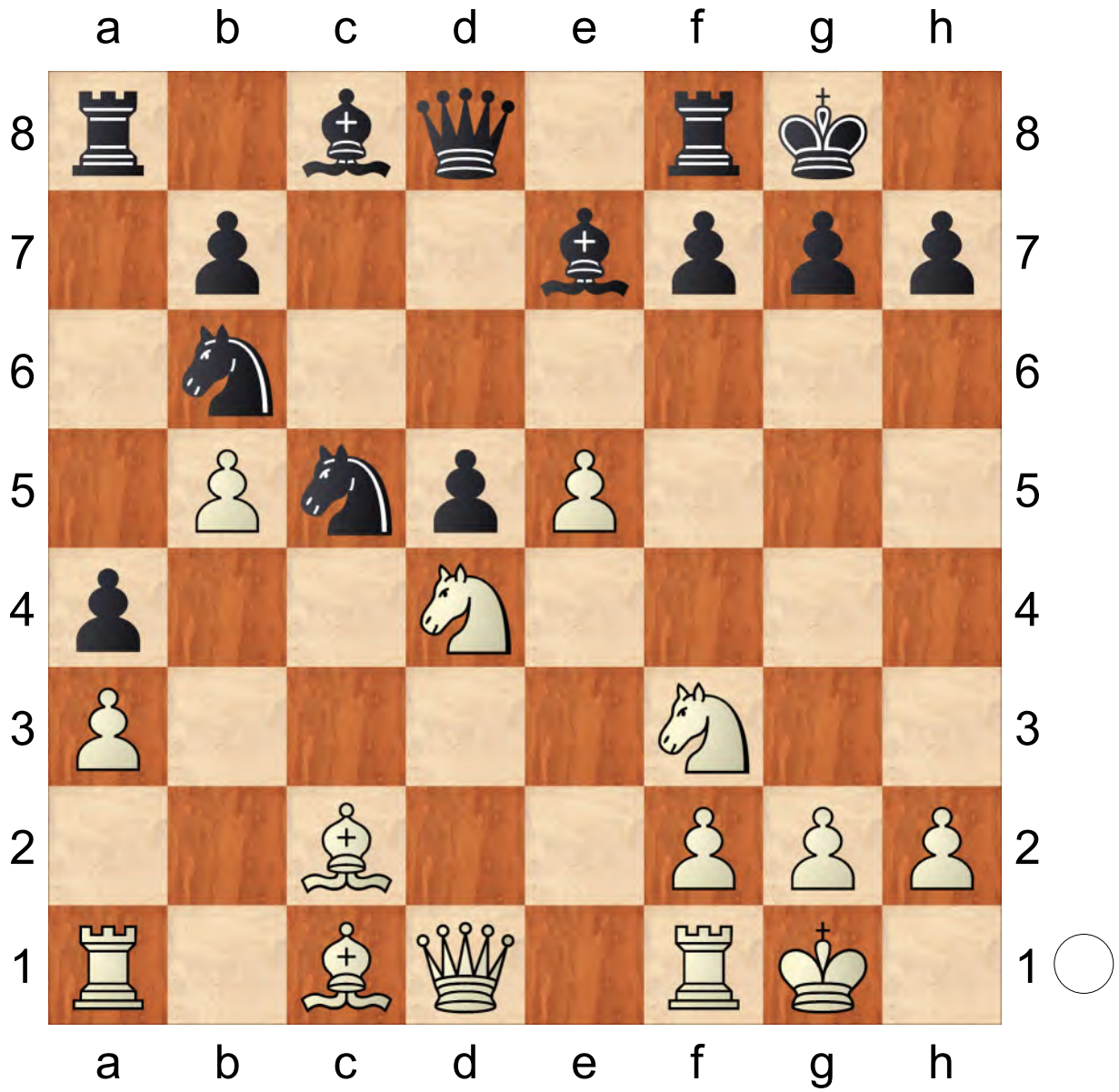


16.Re1N A logical novelty, weaker is the impetuous
[16.Nf5?! Bxf5 17.Bxf5 Nb3 18.Ra2 g6 19.Bc2 Nxc1 20.Qxc1 Qc7 21.Qb1 Nc4↑ Dorfanis,I (2156)-Szymanski,M (2407)/Ikaros/2003/ 22.Qd1 Nxa3]
[16.Qe2!? Vitiugov,Nikita]
16...Re8 17.h3 As White's ⟶ plans can include an advance of the ♙h2 all the way to h5, it seems he would have done better to refrain from this move.
[17.Bd2!? deserves attention.]
17...Bd7
[17...Nc4⇄ is also interesting.]
18.Nf5 Once again this sortie doesn't achieve much.
[18.Bd2 Nc4 19.Bb4∞ still leads to complex play, but Black doesn't have to worry unduly about this position, as he is a tempo up compared to Eljanov-Khismatullin above.]

[18.e6 Vitiugov,Nikita Nxe6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Rxe6 fxe6 21.Ne5 Qc7 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Qh5+=]

18...Bxf5

[18...Bxb5? is too greedy and gives White a pleasant choice: 19.Nxe7+ *(19.N3d4!? Ba6 20.Nxg7!→)* 19...Rxe7 20.Bg5±]

19.Bxf5 Nc4

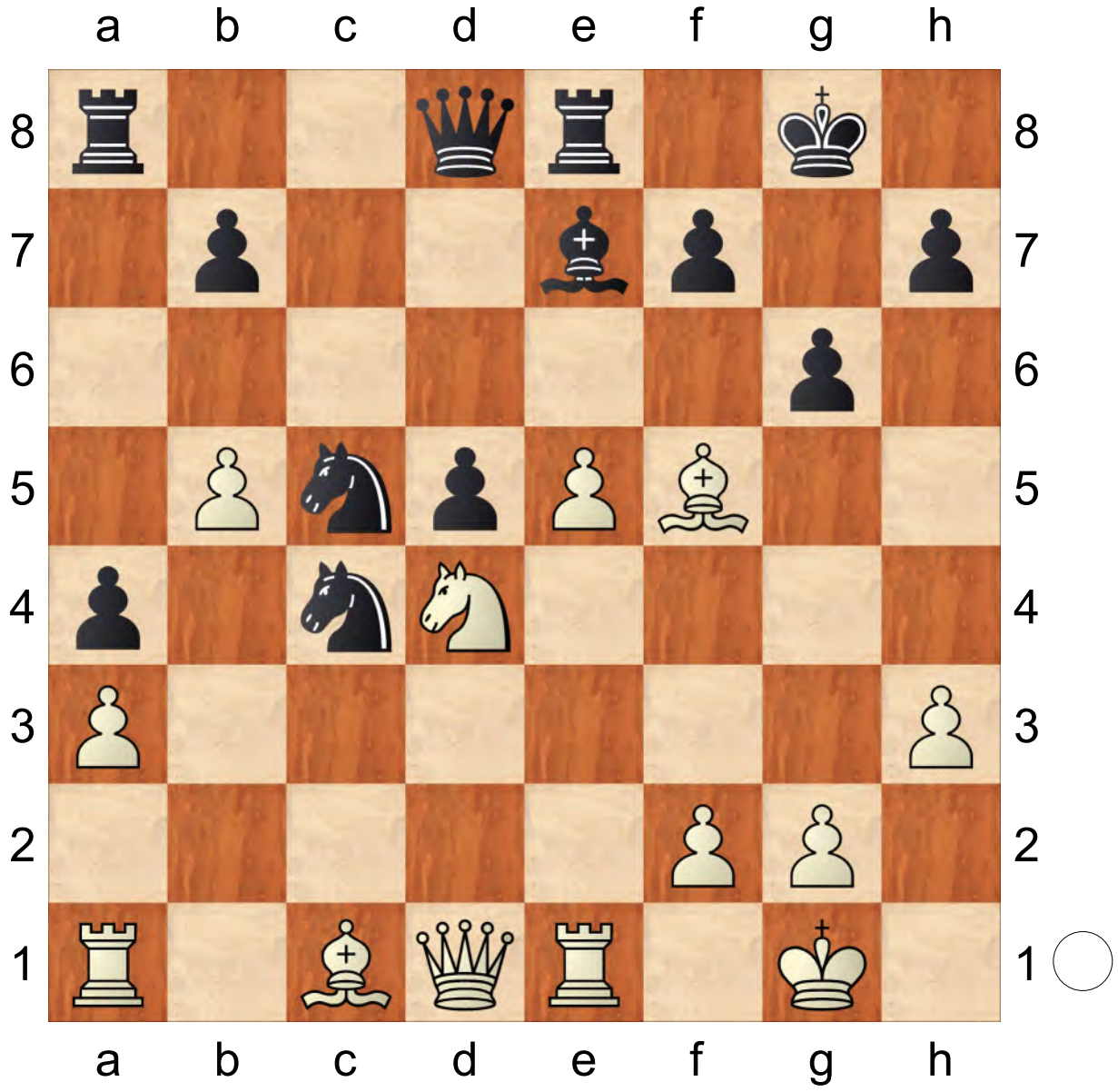
[Beware of tactics: 19...Nb3? , which was good in Dorfanis-Szymanski, here fails to 20.e6! Vitiugov,Nikita: '+-!' Bf6 *(20...f6 21.Nh4+-)* 21.Ng5! Bxg5 22.Qh5+-]

20.Nd4?! Seemingly natural, but now Black doesn't have to worry about his ♙d5, moreover the ♙e5 and the ♘ will be vulnerable in some lines.

[⌓20.Bc2∞]

[20.h4!?⇄ Δ Nb3 21.e6↑]

20...g6



21.Bg4
[Perhaps Cheparinov underestimated the line 21.e6 Bf6!∓]
[21.Bc2 Ne4! Δ *(21...Bf8∓ Vitiugov,Nikita)* 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Rxe4 Bc5↑ is also promising for Black.]
21...Ne4 Vitiugov,Nikita: '!' **22.e6 Bf6**
[Roughly equivalent is 22...Bc5!?↑]
23.Ra2??
[Black obviously has a very good position with his active ♘ and ⊞ control, but after 23.Be3∓ /∓ the outcome of the game still remains open.]
[23.exf7+ Vitiugov,Nikita Kxf7 24.Be3 Qd6∓]
23...Nc3-+ The fight is over, the simple fork wins too much material. **24.Qf3**
[24.exf7+ Kxf7 25.Ne6 Qa5 Vitiugov,Nikita: '-+!' *(25...Qd6* Vitiugov,Nikita *26.Qf3 Ne5!-+)* 26.Qf3 Nxa2 Vitiugov,Nikita: '!' 27.Ng5+ Kg7 28.Ne6+ Rxe6 29.Rxe6 Qc3-+]
24...Nxa2 25.exf7+
[Equally hopeless is 25.Bg5 Kg7-+ 26.e7 Vitiugov,Nikita Bxe7 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Bh6 Re1+-+]
[, or 25.Bh6 Qe7!? 26.Qxd5 Nxa3 27.exf7+ Qxf7 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Be6 Rxe6 30.Nxe6 Nc3 31.Qc5 Qe7-+]
25...Kxf7

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26.Ne6 Rxe6?!
[Black makes things difficult for himself, much simpler was 26...Qa5! , transposing to the 24.exf7+ line above.]
27.Bxe6+ Kg7 28.Bxd5 Ne5 29.Rxe5 Nxc1 30.Re3 Rc8

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31.Bxb7 Rc5 Vitiugov,Nikita: '!' Despite his inaccurate 26th move Black is still a piece up and his win is a matter of not too difficult technique. **32.Bc6 Rf5 33.Qg4 Qd2 34.Bf3 Re5** Vitiugov,Nikita: '⊕'
[⌓34...Nd3-+ Vitiugov,Nikita: '!' 35.Rxd3 Vitiugov,Nikita Qxd3 36.Be4 Qxa3! 37.Bxf5 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Qe5+ 39.Kg1 Qe1+!-+]
[⌓34...Bd4-+]
35.Be4 Rg5
[Vitiugov was probably short of time, 35...Bg5 Δ 36.Qg3 Bf4! 37.Qxf4 Ne2+-+ wins faster.]

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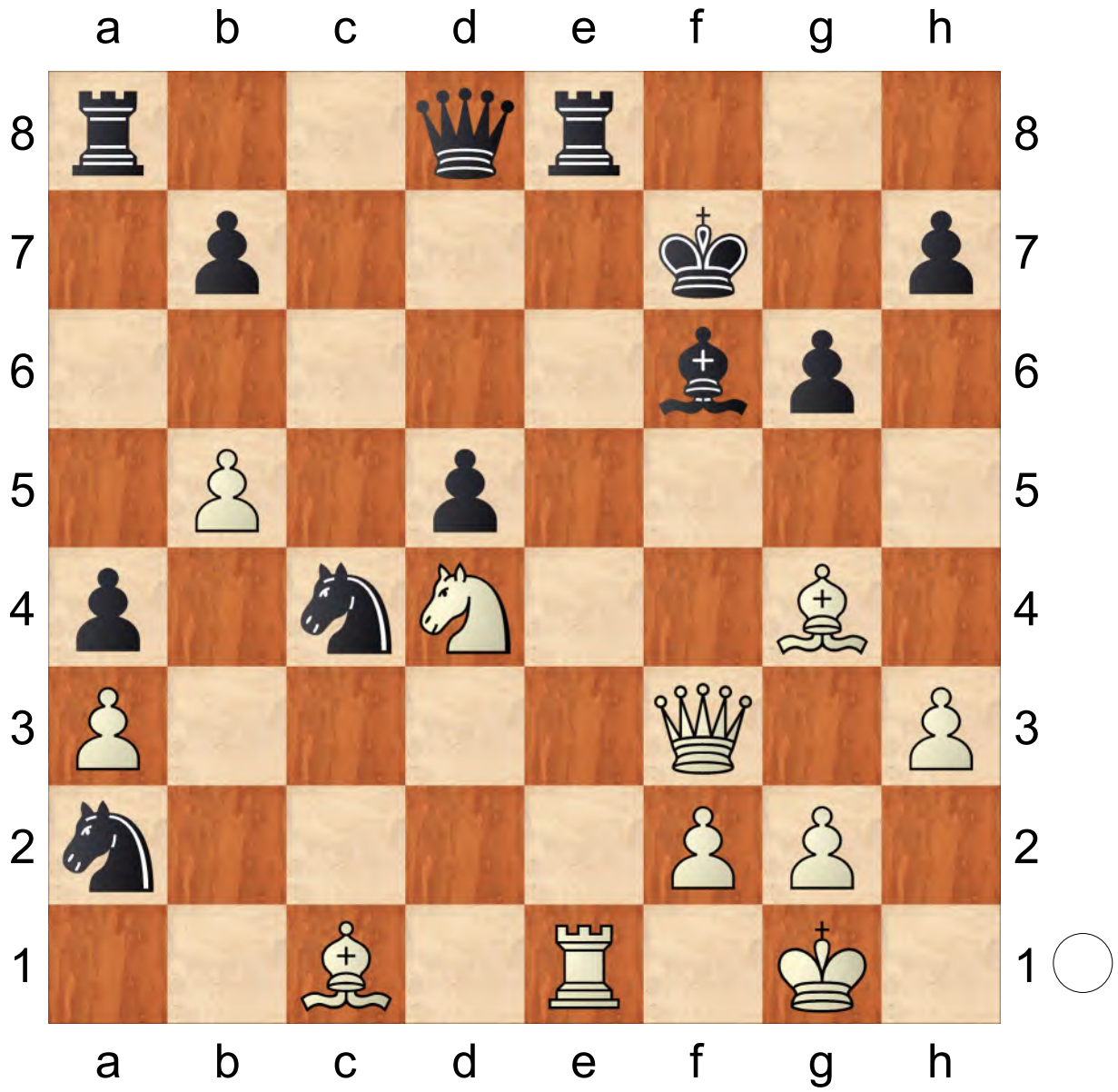
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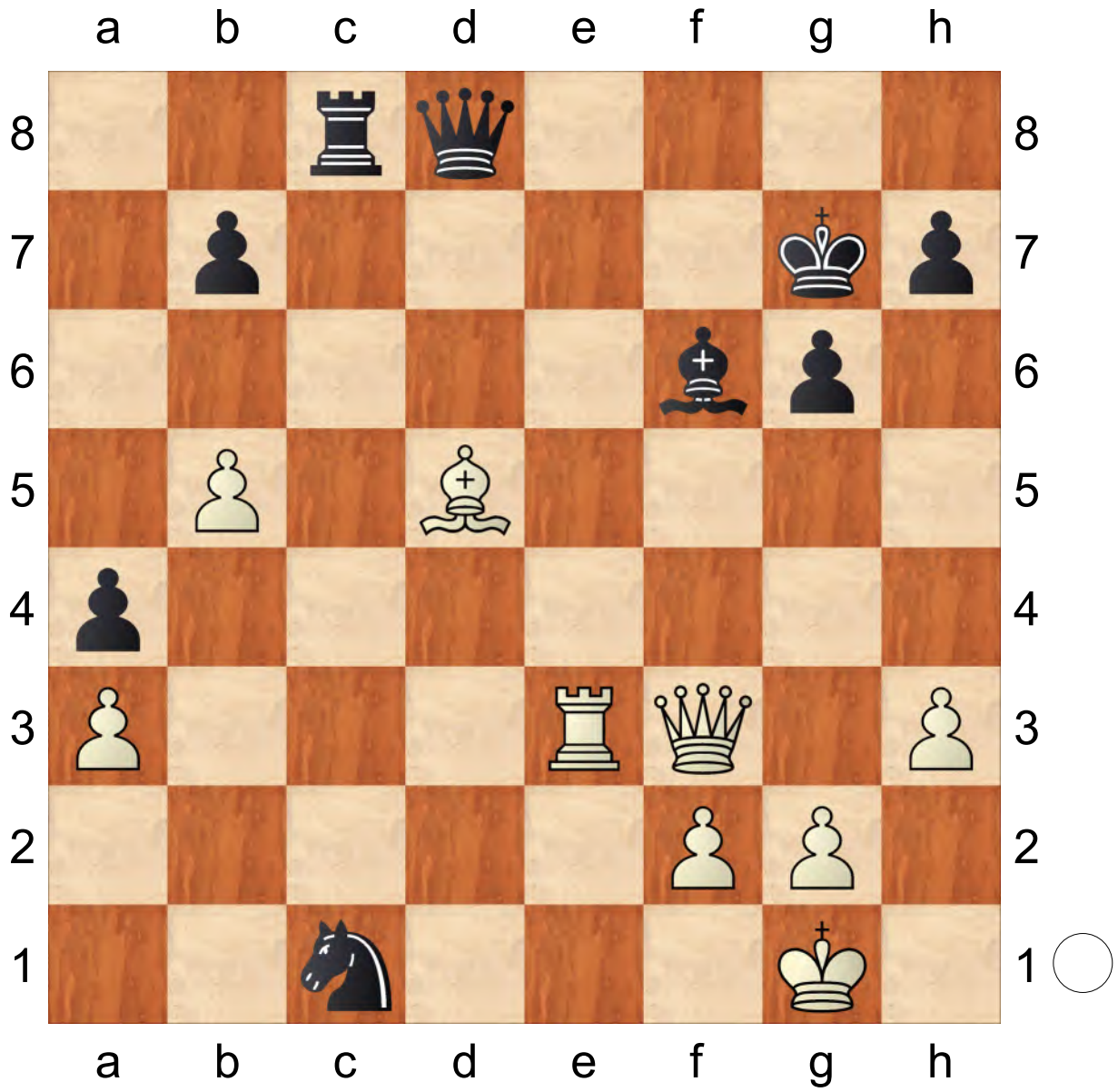
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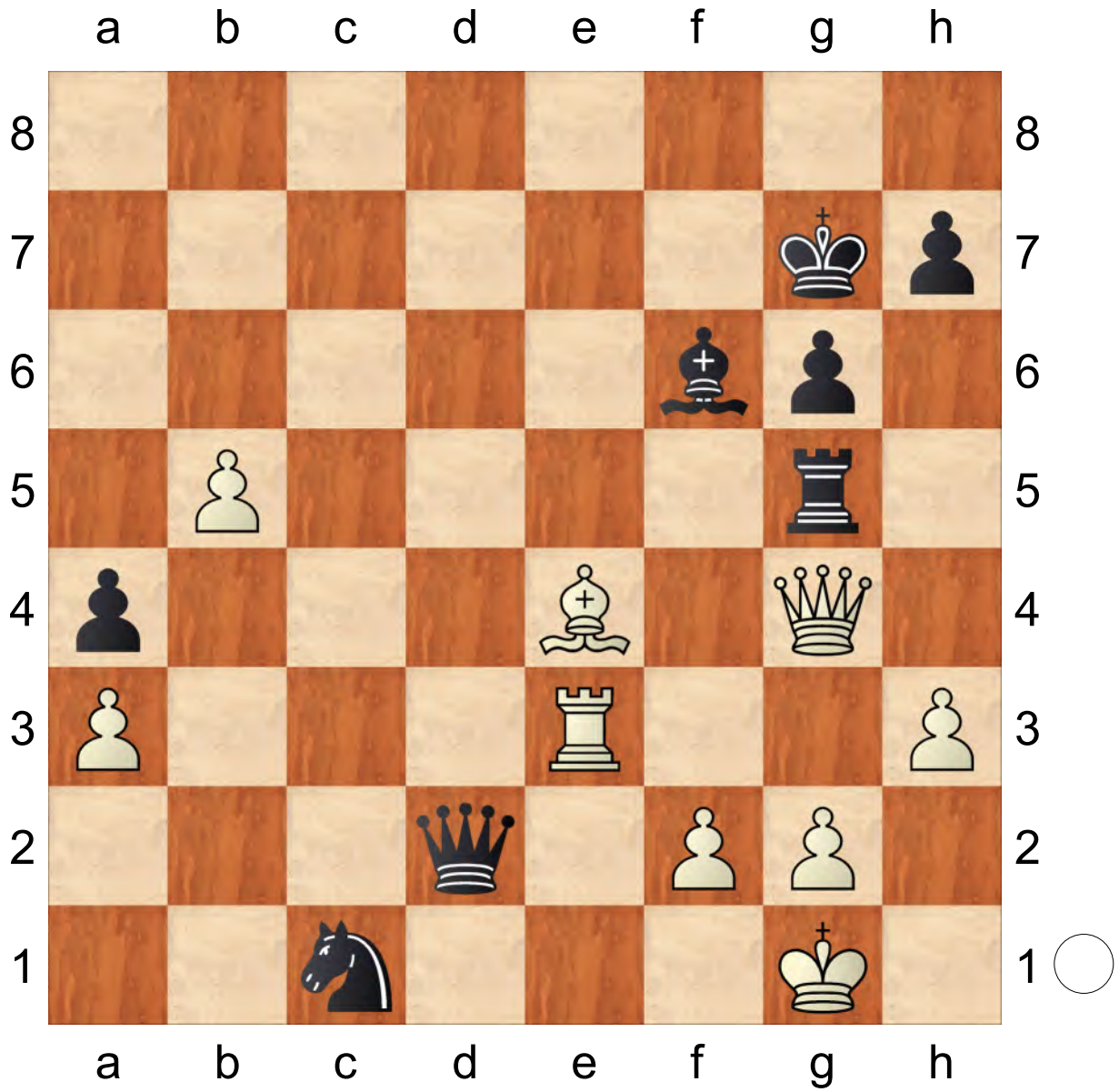

36.Qf3 Rxb5
[36...Bd4! Vitiugov,Nikita 37.Bxg6 Rxg6 38.Re7+ Kh6 39.Qf7 Bg7-+]
37.g3 Re5
[⌓37...Bg5-+]
38.Kg2 Re7 39.Bc6 Rxe3 40.Qxe3 Qxe3

(Diagram)

41.fxe3 Be7 Vitiugov,Nikita: '-+' **42.Bxa4 Bxa3 43.Bc2 Ne2** White has barely survived the →, but the ⊥ is completely hopeless. After a few more moves the frustrated Cheparinov accepts the inevitable. **44.Kf3 Nc3 45.h4 Bd6**

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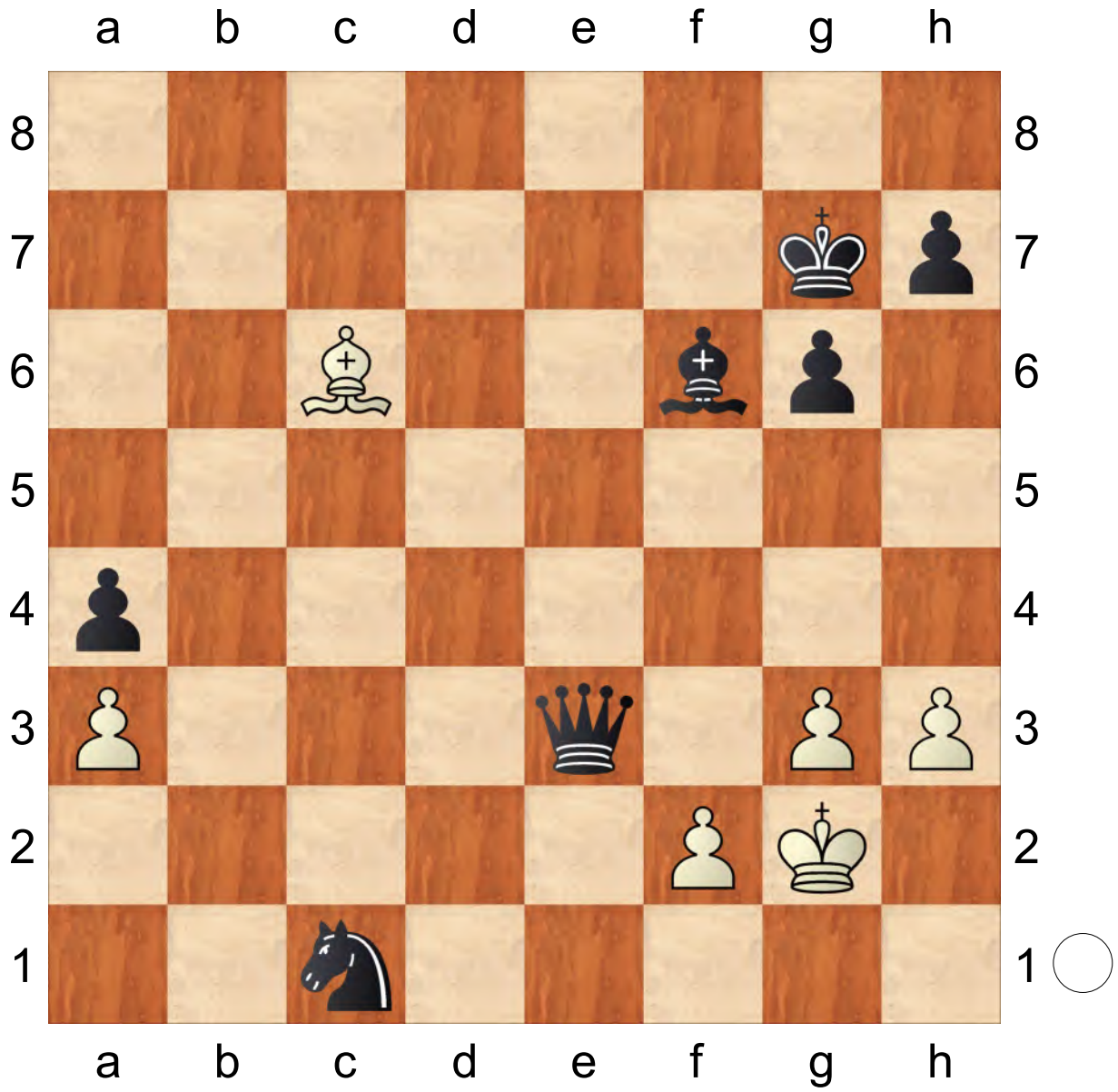
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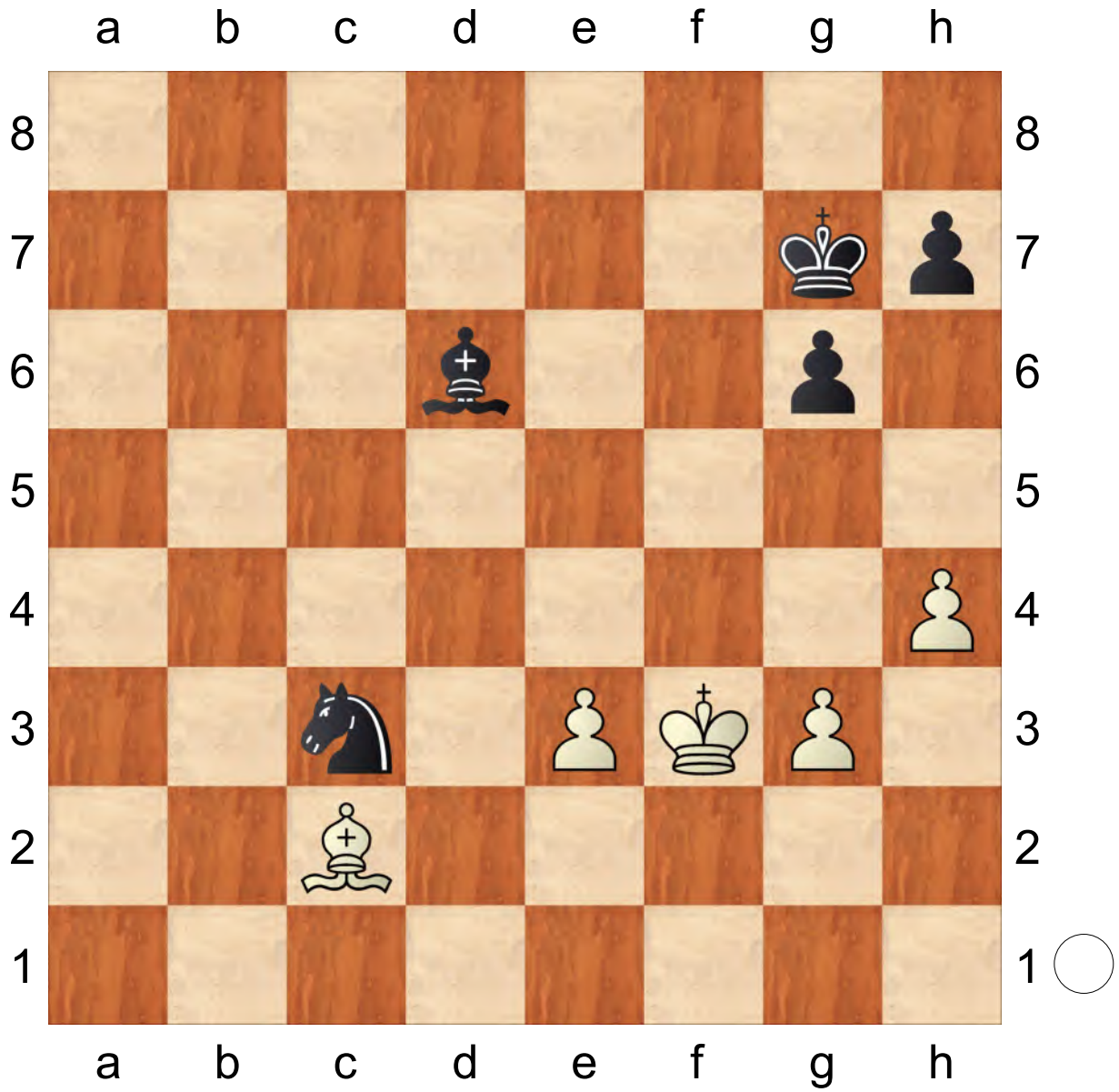

46.Bb3 Kf6 47.Bg8 h6 48.Bb3 Nb5 49.Bc4 Nc7 50.Bb3 Ne6

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51.Bc4 Ng7 52.g4 Ke5

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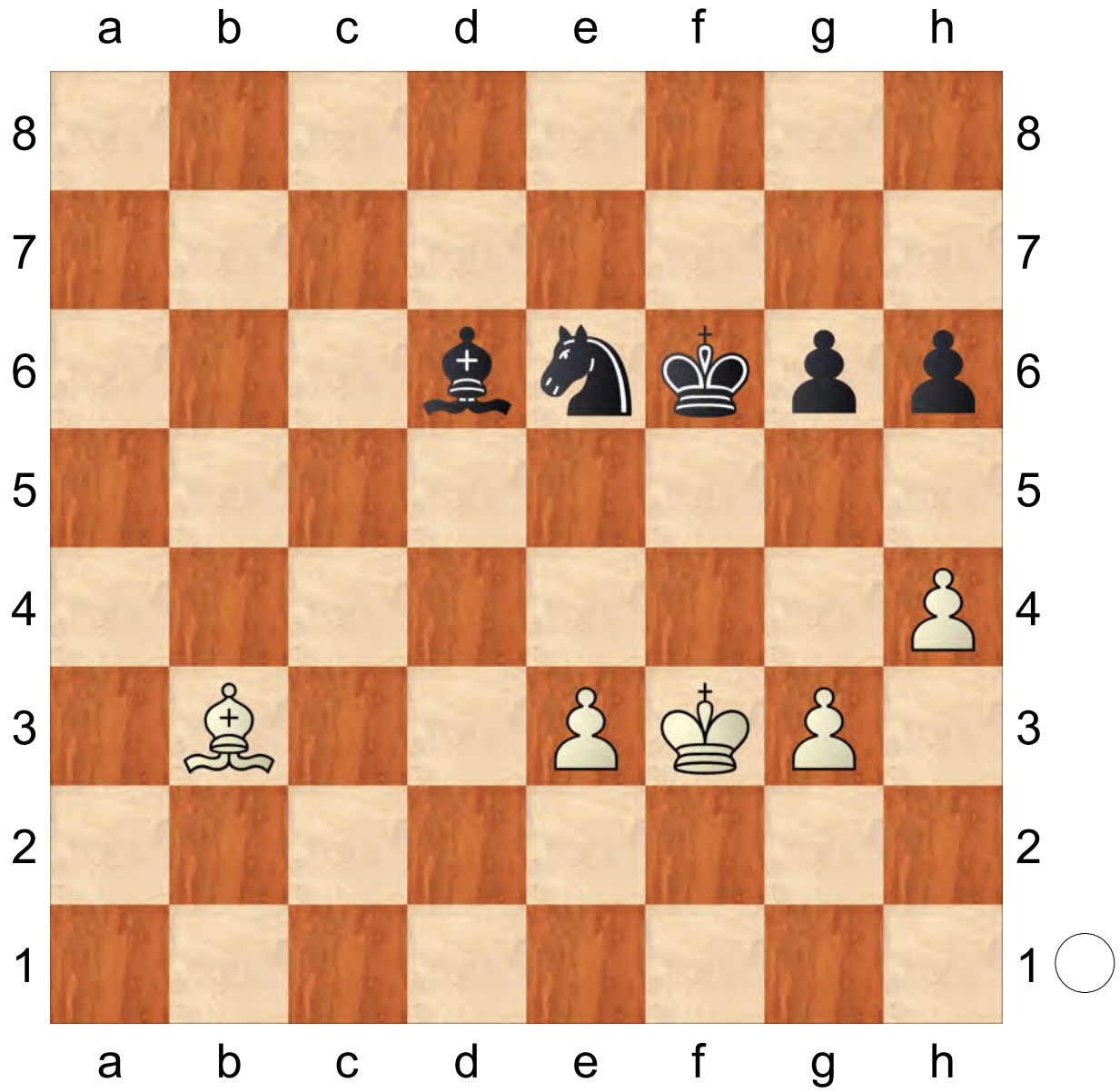
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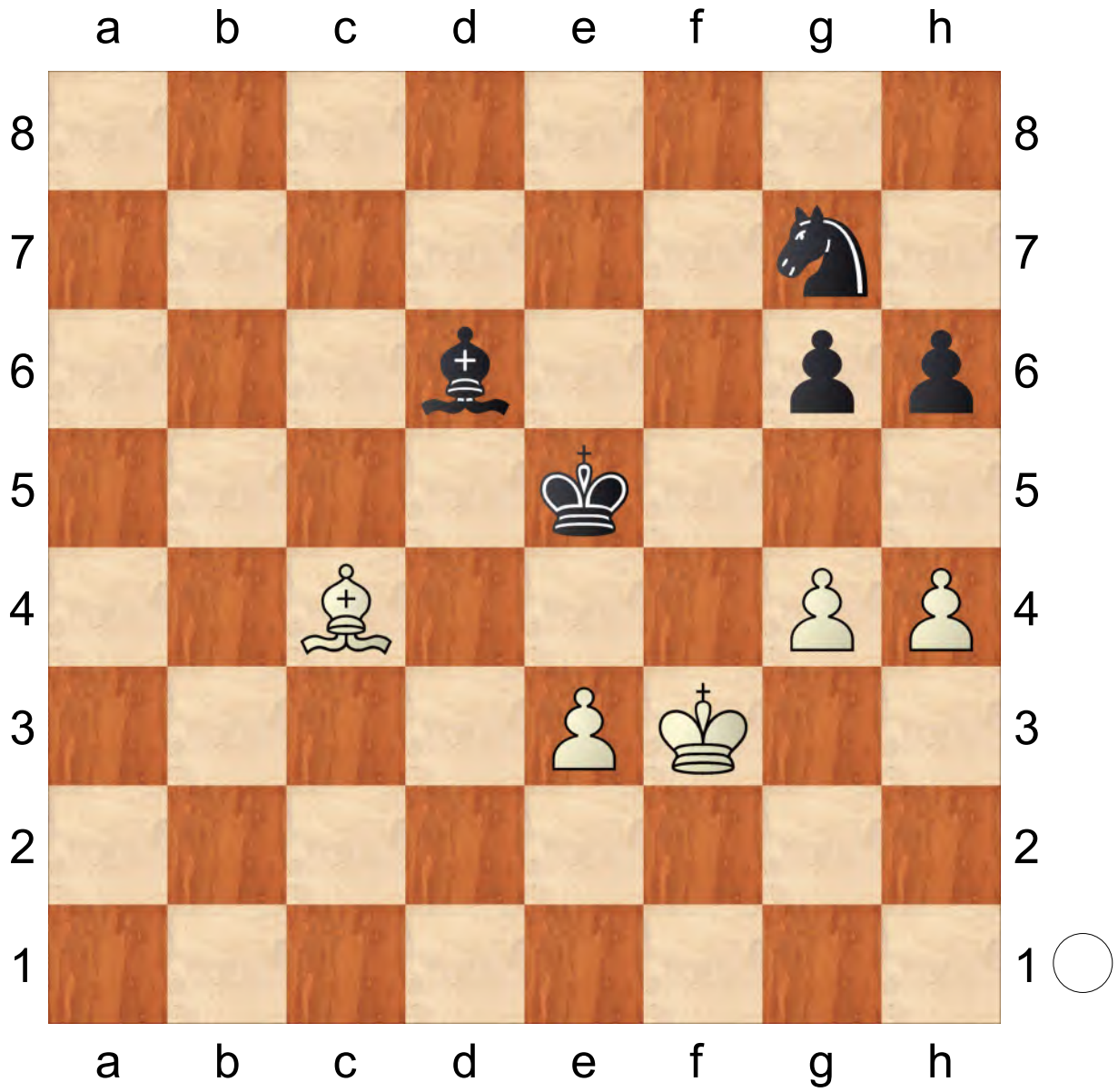
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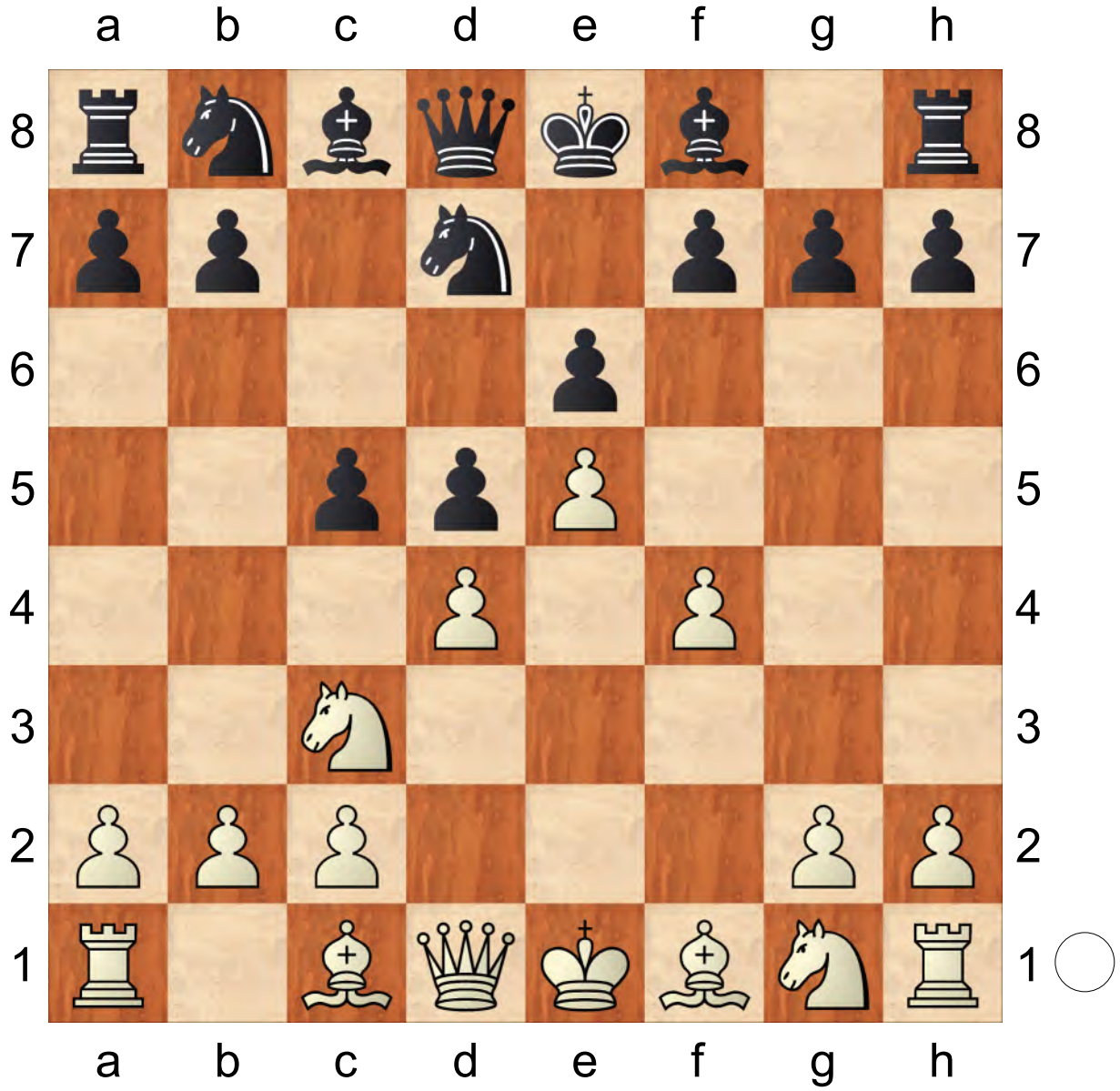


6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 The starting position for the variation: White has set up a stable centre, is pushing for an advantage in space and would like to start a kingsde attack as quickly as possible with f4-f5. With the moves a7-a6 and b7-b5 Black has delayed his development in order, for his part, to achieve an initiative on the queenside. Should White now stereotypically go for queenside castling, Black's

attack would immediately become very dangerous with b5-b4 and c5-c4. White now has several possible ways in which to interpret the position. Die Ausgangsstellung der Variante: Weiß hat ein stabiles Zentrum errichtet, pocht auf Raumvorteil und möchte möglichst rasch mittels f4-f5 zum Königsangriff übergehen. Schwarz hat mit den Zügen a7-a6 und b7-b5 die Entwicklung zurückgestellt, um seinerseits am Damenflügel eine Initiative zu erreichen. Sollte Weiß nun schablonenhaft zur langen Rochade greifen, würde der schwarze Angriff mittels b5-b4 und c5-c4 bereits brandgefährlich werden. Weiß verfügt nun über verschiedene Möglichkeiten, die Position zu interpretieren. **9.Bd3** Black has two logical continuations: Schwarz hat zwei logische Fortsetzungen:

[9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3 For some time this was considered to be the critical option, based on the following idea: dies wurde eine Zeit lang als kritische Möglichkeit angesehen, basierend auf folgender Idee: Qb6 *(10...d4?* fails to scheitert an *11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Ne4± Qh4+ 13.Bf2 Qg4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Nd6+ Ke7 16.Be4 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Ba3 18.Bxa8 Bc5 19.Bf3 Qg6 20.Ne4 Rd8 21.Rd1 Bb6 22.Qb4+* 1-0 Karjakin,S (2782)-Topalov,V (2784)/Kiev 2013/CBM 154 Extra*)* 11.Bf2! White is hoping to reach a favourable endgame in which Black would suffer from the typical weakness of the French bishop on c8; see for example Giri's model game. Weiß hofft darauf, ein günstiges Endspiel zu erreichen, in dem Schwarz an der typischen Schwäche des Französischen Läufers auf c8 laborieren wird; siehe beispielhaft die Musterpartie Giri's.

A) 11...Bb7 12.0-0 Bxf2+ 13.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 14.Rxf2 *(14.Kxf2* and then ♔f2-e3 would also be worth considering nebst Kf2-e3 wäre ebenfalls in Erwägung zu ziehen *)* 14...Nc5 15.a3 This type of position is reckoned to be clearly better for White. He will play ♘c3-e2 and then ♘e2-d4 (or f3-d4) and fix the weak pawns on the queenside with b2-b4. After that he can break through on the queenside (a3-a4) or on the kingside (f4-f5). Dieser Stellungstyp gilt als deutlich besser für Weiß. Er wird Sc3-e2 nebst Se2-d4 (oder f3-d4) spielen und mit b2-b4 die schwachen Bauern am Damenflügel fixieren. Danach kann er am Damenflügel (a3-a4) oder am Königsflügel (f4-f5) durchbrechen. Ke7 16.Ne2 Na4 17.b3 Nc5 18.Ned4 g6 19.Re2 Rac8 20.Kf2 Ne4+ 21.Ke3 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Rc3 23.Ree1 h5 24.b4 Bc8 25.a4 Bd7 26.axb5 axb5 27.Ra7 Rb8 28.Rea1 Rb6 29.R1a5 Kd8 30.Ra8+ Ke7 31.R5a7 g5 32.f5 1-0 Giri,A (2745)-Fier,A (2570)/Tromsoe 2014/CBM 162

B) 11...h6! This move has led to a fresh evaluation of the variation (after 9. dxc5). On one hand, Black removes from the position a potential sacrifice on h7 (0-0) and on the other he prepares to inject some dynamism into the static and bad position (like in the Giri-Fier-game) by means of g7-g5. Since Black's results in this line were satisfactory, White sought out new ways and tried with the move 9.♗d3 (see main game) to entice Black into an unfavourable transposition of moves. Dieser Zug hat zu einer Neubewertung der Variante (nach 9.dxc5) geführt. Schwarz nimmt zum einen potenzielle Opfer auf h7 (nach 0-0) aus der Stellung und bereitet sich zum anderen darauf vor, die statisch schlechte

Stellung (wie in der Giri-Fier-Partie) mittels g7-g5 zu dynamisieren. Da die Ergebnisse des Nachziehenden in diesem Abspiel zufriedenstellend waren, hat Weiß nach neuen Wegen gesucht und mit dem Zug 9.Ld3 (siehe Hauptpartie) versucht, Schwarz in eine ungünstige Zugumstellung zu locken. 12.0-0 Bb7 13.a3 Bxf2+ 14.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 15.Kxf2 g5!⇄ 16.g3 Rg8 17.Ne2 Ke7 18.Ke3 f6! 19.Ned4 gxf4+ 20.gxf4 Ncxe5! 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.Nb3 d4+ *(22...Rg2!?)* 23.Nbxd4 exd4+ 24.Nxd4 Nf6 25.Rae1 Rg2 26.Re2 Ng4+ 27.Kd2 Rxh2 28.Nxe6 Rxe2+ 29.Bxe2 Kxe6 30.Bxg4+ Ke7 31.Ke3 Rg8 32.Rf4 Rg5 33.c4 bxc4 34.Rxc4 Kd6 35.Rb4 Rb5 36.Rxb5 axb5 37.Kd4 Bc6 38.b3 Be8 39.a4 bxa4 40.bxa4 Bxa4 41.Ke4 1/2-1/2 Gledura,B (2621)-Bluebaum,M (2618)/Batumi 2018/EXT 2019.]

[9.a3 first of all prevents the advance b5-b4 verhindert zunächst den Vorstoß b5-b4 Qa5 10.Ra2!? looks interesting, but can however lead to the ♖a2 being misplaced later and Black gets concrete targets to attack on the queenside. sieht interessant aus, kann allerdings auch dazu führen, dass der Ta2 später deplaziert ist und Schwarz konkrete Angriffsziele am Damenflügel bekommt.]

[9.0-0-0? c4∓]

[9.Be2 prepares short castling, but it looks somewhat tame. The bishop would be better on d3. Especially since on e2 it is getting in the way of its own knight; ♘c3-e2, then c2-c3 would be desirable in order to stabilise the centre. bereitet die kurze Rochade vor, sieht aber etwas zahm aus. Der Läufer würde lieber auf d3 stehen. Zumal er auf e2 auch seinem eigenen Springer im Weg steht, Sc3-e2, nebst c2-c3 wäre eine wünschenswerte Idee, das Zentrum zu stabilisieren.]

[9.Ne2 prepares c2-c3. Disadvantage: the ♗f1 cannot be developed, and also (short) castling is at first hard to realise. bereitet c2-c3 vor. Nachteil: Der Lf1 kann nicht entwickelt werden, auch die (kurze) Rochade ist zunächst schwer möglich.]

9...b4

[9...Qb6 10.Qf2!? *(10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bf2 h6* would be a transposition of moves wäre Zugumstellung *)* 10...cxd4 *(10...Bb7 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Qxd4 14.Qxd4 Bc5 15.Ne2 Bxd4+ 16.Nxd4±* here once again White would have reached the absolutey favourable blockading position he was seeking. hier hätte Weiß wiederum die angestrebte, überaus günstige Blockadeposition erreicht. *g6 17.a4 b4 18.a5 Nc5 19.Kf2 Ke7 20.Ke3 Rac8 21.g3 Rc7 22.Nb3 Rb8 23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Kd4 Rc7 25.g4 Bc8 26.Rf2 h6 27.Raf1 b3 28.c3 Bd7 29.f5 gxf5 30.gxf5 Rg8 31.fxe6 Bxe6 32.Bf5 Rg7 33.Bxe6 fxe6 34.Rf8 Rg4+ 35.Kd3 Kd7 36.Rb8 Ke7 37.Rh8 Kd7 38.Rxh6 Rg7 39.Rf8 Rb7 40.Ra8 Rg2 41.Rh7+ Kc6 42.Rc8+* 1-0 Lei Tingjie (2505)-Munkhgal,G (2442)/Changsha CHN 2019*; 10...c4?! 11.Be2 b4 12.Nd1* The computer likes this for Black. But this provocation (to c5-c4) is precisely White's idea: the queenside is closed, so the centre is stable and White can totally concentrate on his attack on the kingside (f4-f5). gefällt dem Computer gut für Schwarz. Aber genau in dieser Provokation (zu c5-c4) besteht die weiße Idee: Der Damenflügel ist abgeschlossen, das Zentrum also stabil und Weiß kann sich voll und ganz auf seinen Angriff am Königsflügel (f4-

f5) konzentrieren.*)* 11.Nxd4 Bc5 *(11...Nxd4? 12.Bxd4 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.b4! Nxd3+ 15.cxd3±* White is left with the constellation of material he wanted: knight vs. ♗c8 Weiß verbleibt mit der gewünschten Materialkonstellation: Springer vs. Lc8 *d4 16.Ne4 0-0 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Nd6 Bd5 19.f5 exf5 20.Nxf5 Rfe8 21.Rae1 Qg6 22.Re2 Rad8 23.Qxd4 f6 24.Qb6 Kh8 25.Ne7 Qf7 26.exf6 Ba8 27.fxg7+ Qxg7 28.Nf5 Qg5 29.Qd4+ Kg8 30.Ne7+ Qxe7 31.Rxe7* 1-0 Firouzja,A (2657)-Kostenko,P (2466)/Astana 2019/CBM 189*)* 12.Nce2 b4∞ The only correct way to proceed: Black prepares to exchange his problem bishop by means of a6-a5 and ♗c8-a6. das einzig richtige Vorgehen: Schwarz bereitet den Abtausch des Problemläufers mittels a6-a5 und Lc8-a6 vor. 13.0-0 a5 14.Rac1 0-0 15.c3 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.c4 Ne7 18.Qg3 Raa8 19.Rc2 Rac8 20.Rfc1 Qa6 21.b3 Nb6 22.Qf2 Nd7 23.Ng3 dxc4 24.bxc4 a4 25.Ne4 Bxd4 26.Bxd4 b3 27.axb3 axb3 28.Rc3 Nf5 29.Nd6 b2 30.Rb1 Nxd4 31.Nxc8 Qa2 32.Ne7+ Kh8 33.Qxb2 Ne2+ 34.Kf2 Qxb2 35.Rxb2 Nxc3 0-1 Svetushkin,D (2580)-Svane,R (2595)/Batumi GEO 2018]

[9...Be7?! 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qf2]

[9...Bb7?! Sooner or later the bishop must be exchanged on a6! Der Läufer muss früher oder später auf a6 abgetauscht werden!]

10.Na4 Of course Black is being forced into a decision. Natürlich: Schwarz wird zu einer Entscheidung gezwungen

[After Nach 10.Nd1 Black would of course maintain the pressure: würde Schwarz selbstverständlich den Druck aufrecht erhalten: Qb6 *(10...c4?!* is once again the choice of the computer; hard to achieve: White has little to fear on the quenside and can totally focus on the attack on the kingside. ist wiederum die Wahl der Computer; wenig nachvollziehbar: Weiß hat am Damenflügel wenig zu fürchten und kann sich ganz auf den Angriff am Königsflügel fokussieren. *)* 11.Qf2 a5 12.0-0 Ba6⇄ 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.c3 Be7 15.f5 exf5 16.Bf4 cxd4 17.cxd4 0-0 18.Kh1 Bd8 19.Ne3 Ne7 20.Rad1 h6 21.g4 fxg4 22.Nxg4 Nf5 23.Rg1 Kh8 24.Rg2 Rg8 25.Rdg1 Nf8 26.Qd2 Qe6 27.Ne3 Ng6 28.Ng4 Rc6 29.Be3 Be7 30.h4 h5 31.Nf2 Ngxh4 32.Nxh4 Nxh4 33.Rh2 Qf5 34.Qe2 Rc2 0-1 Shaposhnikov,E (2503)-Volkov,S (2582)/Samara 2000/CBM 078]

10...c4

[10...cxd4?! is the actually "logical choice": The white centre is undermined. But: the ♘a4 is doing sterling service, taking control of the b6- and c5-squares and anticipating a queenside attack by Black (a6-a5-a4). ist die eigentlich "logische Wahl": Das weiße Zentrum wird unterminiert. Aber: Der Sa4 leistet wertvolle Dienste, nimmt er doch die Felder b6 und c5 unter Kontrolle und beugt zudem einem Schwarzen Angriff am Damenflügel (a6-a5-a4) vor. 11.Nxd4 Bb7 12.Qf2 Be7 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Kb1 *(14.Nb3* is also worth considering verdient ebenfalls Beachtung *a5 15.Bb5!?* An idea you should remember for positions of this type: according to circumstances White is prepared to exchange his bishop for a knight in order to deny Black's light-squared bishop the option to organise an exchange for itself (♗b7-a6). Eine Idee, man sich für derartige Stellungstypen merken sollte:

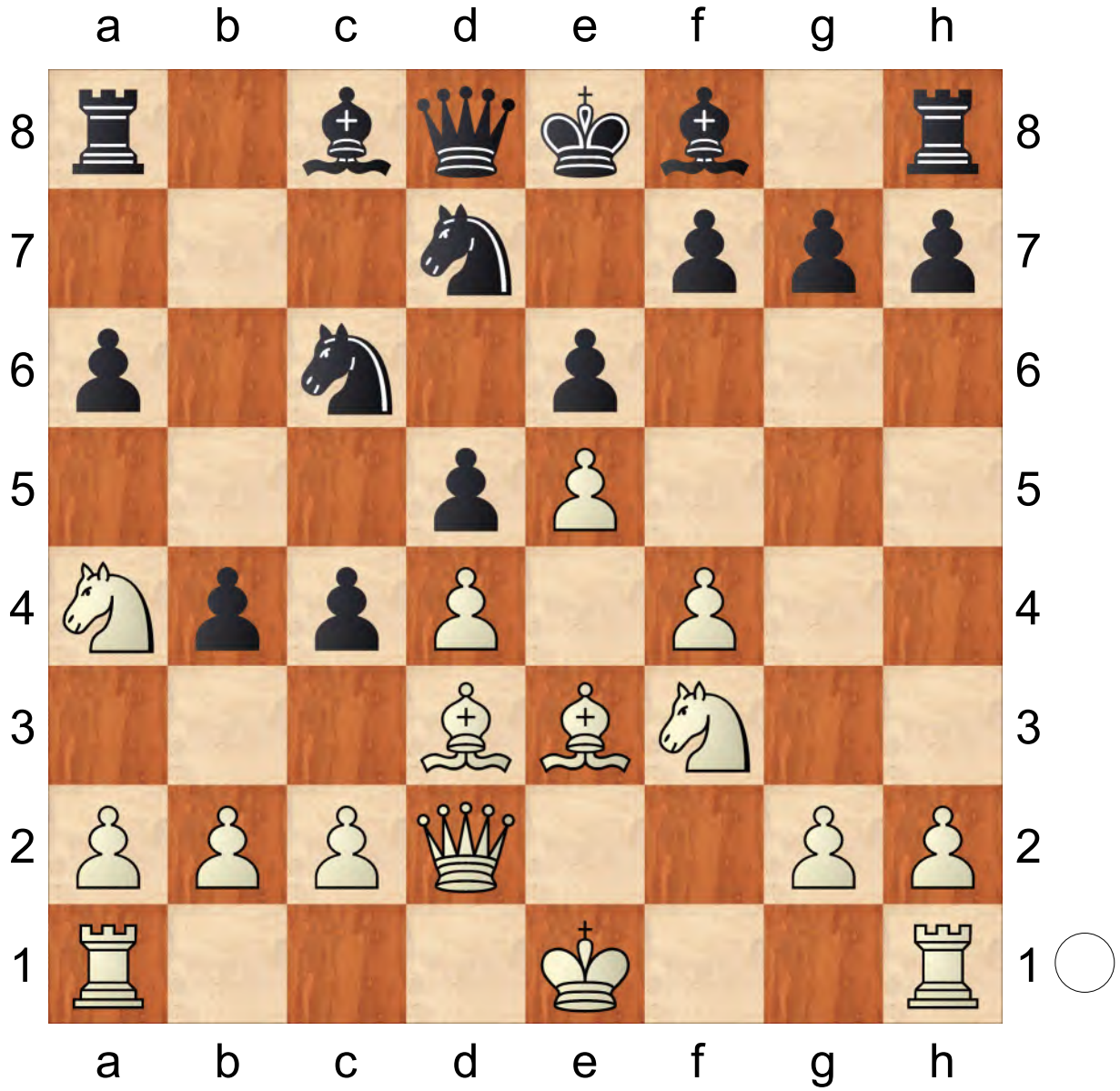
Weiß ist unter Umständen bereit, seinen Läufer für einen Springer abzutauschen, um dem weißfeldrigen Läufer des Schwarzen die Möglichkeit zu verwehren, sich seinerseits (Lb7-a6) abtauschen zu können. *)* 14...Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bc6 16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.Bxb6 Qd7 18.f5→ exf5 19.Bxf5 Qb7 20.Bd4 Bd7 21.Rd3 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Qc6 23.Rhd1 Rac8 24.R1d2 Qe6 25.Qf3 Rfd8 26.b3 h6 27.Bb2 Rc5 28.g3 a5 29.a4 g6 30.Rf2 Rd7 31.Bd4 Rc6 32.Qd1 Bd8 33.Rdf3 Qe8 34.Qd2 Bg5 35.Qd3 Re6 36.h4 Bd8 37.h5 g5 38.Ka2 Kg7 39.Qb5 Kg8 40.Rf5 Bc7 41.Rf6 Bd8 42.R6f5 Bc7 43.g4 Bd8 44.R5f3 Bc7 45.Rf6 Bd8 46.R6f5 Bc7 47.Rd2 Rd8 48.Qxe8+ Rdxe8 49.Re2 Rd8 50.Ref2 Rd7 51.Kb2 Bd8 52.Rd2 Rc6 53.Rf3 Kf8 54.c3 bxc3+ 55.Bxc3 Ke7 56.Rf6 Re6 57.Bd4 Ke8 58.Rf5 Bb6 59.Bxb6 Rxb6 60.Rf6 Rxf6 61.exf6 Rd6 62.Re2+ Kd8 63.Re5 Rxf6 64.Rxd5+ Kc8 65.Rxa5 Rf4 66.Rc5+ Kd7 67.a5 Rxg4 68.a6 Re4 69.Rf5 Re7 70.a7 Re8 71.Rxf7+ Kc6 72.Kc3 Kb6 73.Kd4 Ra8 74.Rh7 g4 75.Ke3 1-0 Motylev,A (2704)-Ding,L (2565)/China 2010/EXT 2011]

(Diagram)

11.Be2 Now Black has to make haste: if White could(e.g.by means of b2-b3) fix the structure on the queenside, Whte's advantage would again be obvious. Black's initiative would be deadlocked whilst White can, sooner or later, turn to f4-f5. Nun muss sich Schwarz beeilen: Könnte Weiß (z.B. mittels b2-b3) die Struktur am Damenflügel festlegen, läge der weiße Vorteil wieder auf der Hand: Die schwarze Initiative wäre festgefahren, während Weiß über kurz oder lang zu f4-f5 greifen kann.
11...c3! is therefore the only logical choice. ist daher die einzig logische Wahl
12.Qc1!? The idea linked to this move was previously played only once: in what follows White does not only concentrate on his kingside play, but he would also like to challenge Black's plan of delayed development by taking aim at the far advanced queenside.. die mit diesem Zug verbundene Idee wurde zuvor erst einmal gespielt: Weiß konzentriert sich in der Folge nicht alleine auf sein Spiel am Königsflügel, sondern möchte das schwarze Konzept einer verzögerten Entwicklung auch dadurch in Frage stellen, dass er den aufgerückten Damenflügel ins Visier nimmt.

[12.Qd1 Roughly a week before (in the first round of the same tournament) Jumabayev was confronted with this in his game against Grischuk. damit wurde Jumabayev ca. eine Woche zuvor (in der ersten Runde desselben Turnieres) von Grischuk konfrontiert. cxb2 13.Nxb2

A) 13...Nb6! 14.0-0 Be7 15.Bd3 Bd7 Holding back castling seems more logical to me. Black first mobilises his forces on the queenside in order to tie in White's potential there. He will not castle till later. Das Zurückstellen der Rochade erscheint mir logischer. Schwarz mobilisiert zunächst seine Kräfte am Damenflügel, um das weiße Potential dort zu binden. Erst später wird er rochieren. 16.Ng5 g6 17.Rf3 Na5 18.Rh3 Nbc4 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.Bc1 Ba4 *(20...Qb6!?)* 21.Qe1 *(21.Rxh7 Rxh7 22.Nxh7 Qb6 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.Be3*



Qb7⩲ with excellent compensation on the light squares mit exzellenter Kompensation auf den weißen Feldern *)* 21...Qb6 22.Qf2 Na3 23.Bb2 Nc4 24.Bc1 Na3 25.Bb2 Nc4 1/2-1/2 Nakamura,H (2729)-Wang,H (2727)/Moscow 2010/CBM 139;

B) 13...Be7 14.0-0 0-0 *(14...Nb6)* 15.Bd3

B1) 15...a5?! is already too slow. ist bereits zu langsam. 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.fxg5

B1a) 17...Ba6? 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 there now follows a "triangulation by the rook" nun folgt ein "Dreiecksmanöver des Turms" 20.Rf4 *(20.Rf3? Be2)* 20...Ne7 21.Rh4 f5 22.Rh3!± preparing g5-g6 bereitet g5-g6 vor *(22.g6?? Nxg6 23.Qxg6 Qxh4-+)*;

B1b) 17...Ne7

B1b1) 18.Qe2± This prevents the thematic ♗c8-a6. verhindert das

thematische Lc8-a6. Qb6 19.Na4 *(19.c4!?)* 19...Qc6 20.Bb5;

B1b2) 18.a3 Ba6 19.axb4 Bxd3 20.Nxd3 Nf5 21.Bf2 axb4 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.g4 Ne7 24.Nxb4 Qa4 25.c3 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Ra8 27.Rb1 Kf8 28.Kg2 Ke8 29.Rb2 Ra1 30.Nc2 Ra7 31.Ne3 Rc7 32.Be1 Nc8 33.Kf3 Ncb6 34.Ra2 Rc8 35.Ke2 Nb8 36.Kd3 Nc4 37.Nxc4 Rxc4 38.Bd2 Kd7 39.Bc1 Nc6 40.Bb2 Ne7 41.Kc2 Rc7 42.Ra8 Rc8 43.Ra7+ Rc7 44.Ra8 Rc8 45.Ra7+ Rc7 46.Ra8 Rc8 47.Ra1 Nc6 48.Kd3 Rb8 49.Kc2 Rc8 50.Kd3 Rb8 51.Bc1 Rb7 52.Ra8 Rb8 53.Ra2 Rb1 54.Kc2 1/2-1/2 Motylev,A (2704)-Wang,H (2715)/China 2010/EXT 2011;

B2) 15...f5 After this too Black's position looks endangered. Auch danach sieht die schwarze Stellung gefährdet aus: 16.g4! *(16.exf6 Nxf6* and then ♘f6-e4 with counterplay nebst Sf6-e4 mit Gegenspiel *)*

B2a) 16...a5 17.gxf5 exf5 18.Qe2 Nb6 19.Kh1 a4 20.Rg1 a3 21.Nd1 Na4 *(21...Be6 22.Rg3 Nc4 23.Qg2 Rf7 24.Bf2* and then ♘d1-e3 and ♖a1-g1. Only White is in the game! nebst Sd1-e3 und Ta1-g1. Es spielt nur Weiß! *)* 22.Rg3 Rf7 23.Qg2 Nc3 24.Nxc3 bxc3 25.Bb5 Qb6 26.Rg1 Bf8 27.Rh3! g6 *(27...Qxb5 28.Rxh7 Kxh7 29.Qg6+ Kg8 30.Ng5)* 28.Ng5 Qxb5 29.Nxf7 Ne7 30.Nh6+ Bxh6 31.Rxh6 Ra7 32.Qh3 Qe2 33.Rxh7 Qxc2 34.Rh8+ Kf7 35.Qh7+ Ke6 36.Rxg6+ 1-0 Wei,Y (2675)-Potkin,V (2608)/Wijk aan Zee 2015/CBM 165/[Sagar Shah]

B2b) 16...fxg4?! 17.Nd2 *(17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.fxg5 Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Ne7 20.Qg2 g6 21.Qxg4 Nf5=* and the attack is stopped. und der Angriff ist erst einmal gestoppt. *)* 17...Rf7 18.Qxg4 Bf8 19.Nf3→;

B2c) 16...Nb6N 17.gxf5 exf5 18.Kh1 Na5 19.Qe1 *(19.Rg1 Nac4* Here the difference from the game Wei Yi-Potkin becomes clear: White does not manage to nullify Black's play on the queenside with ♘b2-d1 and is forced to declare his intentions. For example ♕d1-c1 would be a step in the wrong direction. hier wird der Unterschied zur Partie Wei Yi-Potkin deutlich: Weiß kommt nicht dazu, das schwarze Spiel am Damenflügel mittels Sb2-d1 ins Leere laufen zu lassen und ist gezwungen, sich zu erklären. Beispielsweise Dd1-c1 wäre ein Schritt in die falsche Richtung. *)* 19...Nac4 20.Nd1 Qe8 21.Rg1 Ra7

B2c1) 22.Rg3!? White would again like to triple on the g-file. It does not look as if Black should be able to organise enough counterplay against White's regrouping (like in the game Wei Yi-Potkin). Weiß möchte wieder auf der g-Linie vertrippeln. Es sieht nicht so aus, als sollte Schwarz gegen die weiße Umgruppierung (analog zur Partie Wei Yi-Potkin) genug Gegenspiel organisieren können.

B2c11) 22...a5 23.Qe2 Be6 24.Qg2 Qf7 25.Bf2 Rc8 *(25...Na4? 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.d5+-)* 26.Ne3±;

B2c12) 22...Rc7 23.Qe2 Qc6 *(23...Na4 24.Qg2 Qf7 25.Bf2 Nab2 26.Nxb2 Nxb2 27.Rg1 g6 28.h4→)* 24.Qg2 Rf7 25.Bf2 a5

26.Ne3±;

B2c2) 22.Bf2 a5 23.Bh4 Exchanging these bishops is also a logical idea. der Abtausch dieser Läufer ist ebenfalls eine logische Idee. *(23.Rg3 Rc7 24.Qe2 Na4 25.Ne3 Nc3)* 23...Qc6 *(23...Bxh4!? 24.Nxh4 Na4 25.Rb1! Be6 26.Rb3±)* 24.Bxe7 Rxe7 25.c3!± bxc3 26.Nxc3 Rc7 27.Rc1 Na4

B2c21) 28.Bxc4 dxc4 *(28...Qxc4 29.Ne2+-)* 29.d5↑;

B2c22) 28.Ne2? Nab2 29.Bb1 Qb6 30.Rc3 Qb4 31.Nh4 Na4 32.a3 Qb2 33.Rc2 Qb6 34.Ba2 Ba6 35.Qg3 Qe6 36.Nf3 Qe7 37.Bb1 Nxa3 38.Rxc7 Qxc7 39.Ng5 Bxe2 40.Qxa3 Qc3 41.Qxa4 Bf3+ 42.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 43.Rg2 Qf1+ 1/2-1/2 Grischuk,A (2759)-Jumabayev,R (2630)/Douglas ENG 2019]

12...cxb2

[12...Qa5? 13.b3± Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Bd3 f5 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Ne5 Qc7 18.Qd1 Ne4 19.Qg4 Rf5 20.Qh3 a5 21.Be2 Ba6 22.Bg4 Bxf1 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Qxf5 Nxe5 25.Rxf1 Nd2 26.Bxd2 cxd2 27.fxe5 Rf8 28.Qd3 Bg5 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Nb2 Qf7 31.Nd1 Qh5 32.Qf3+ Qxf3 33.gxf3 Ke7 34.Kf2 Ke6 35.Ke2 Kf5 36.c3 Bf4 37.h3 Bg5 38.cxb4 axb4 39.Nf2 Be7 40.Nd3 Kg5 41.Kxd2 Kh4 42.Ke2 Kg3 43.Nc5 Kxh3 44.Ne6 g5 45.Nc7 h5 46.Nxd5 1-0 Miladinovic,I (2535)-Simic,D (2306)/Montenegro 2017/EXT 2019]

13.Qxb2 Qa5 Following the idea of forcing the white queen to b3, in order to gain a tempo later with ♘c6-a5 . But: that too costs a lot of time of course... verfolgt die Idee, die weiße Dame nach b3 zu zwingen, um später mit Sc6-a5 ein Tempo zu gewinnen. Aber: Auch das kostet natürlich viel Zeit...

[13...Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.c4! Subsequently a thematic idea. In der Folge eine thematische Idee. dxc4 *(15...bxc3 16.Qxc3±)* 16.Bxc4 Bb7 17.Bd3 Na5 18.Qe2 Bd5 19.Nd2→ *(19.f5)*]

[13...Nb6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.c4! dxc4 16.Bxc4 Na5 17.Bd3 Bb7 18.0-0 Be7 19.Qf2 Bd5 20.f5→]

14.Qb3 Qc7 15.c3! The plan behind 12.♕d2-c1. Das Konzept hinter 12.Dd2-c1.

[15.c4? Na5]

15...Na5

[15...bxc3 16.0-0 Bb4 17.f5! exf5 18.Rac1→]

(Diagram)

16.Qc2 Rb8

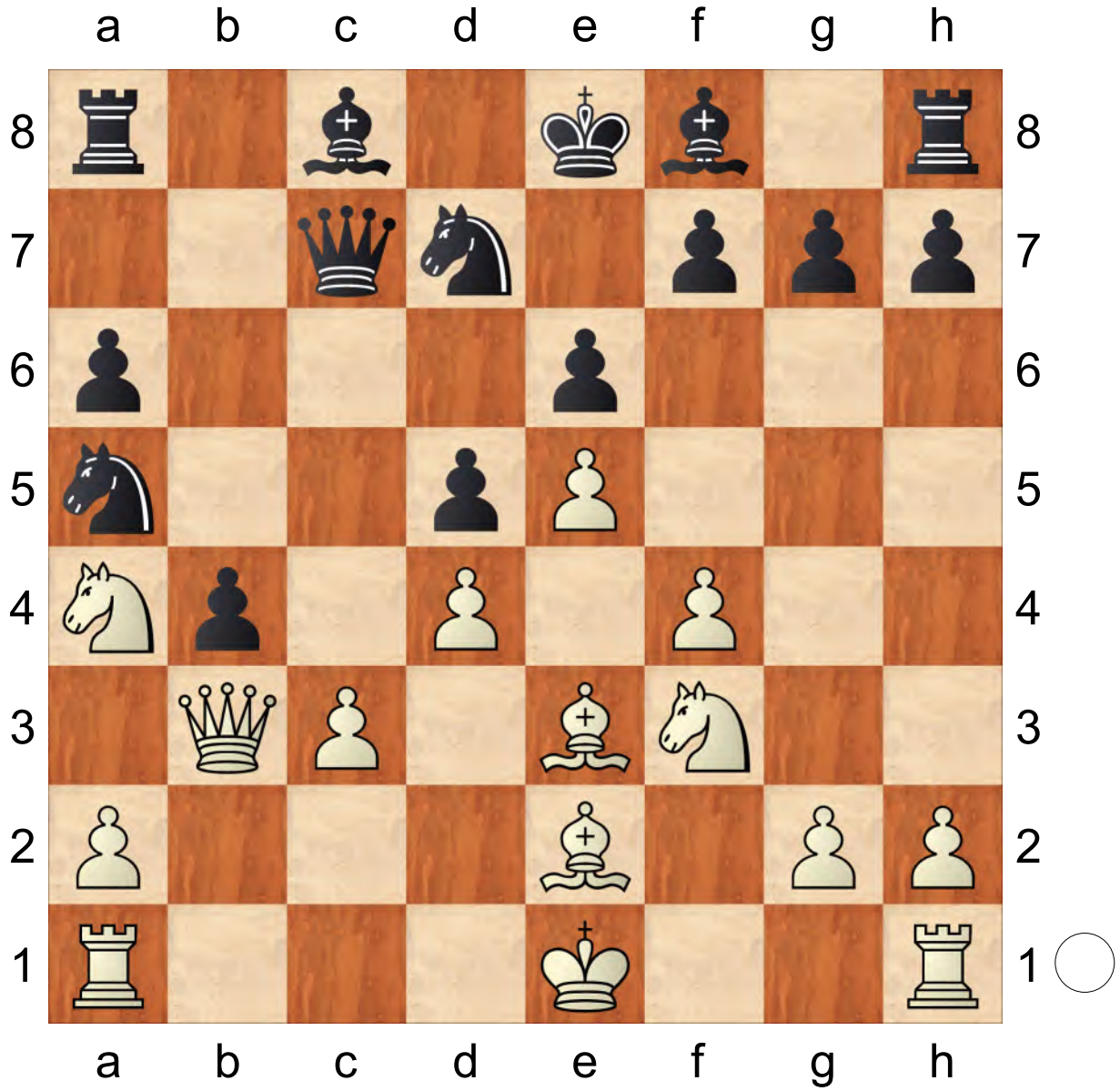
[16...bxc3 17.0-0 Be7 18.f5→]

17.0-0 Be7 18.Rab1 0-0 19.Bd3 g6

[19...h6 20.Rfc1± *(20.g4!?)*]

20.g4!?

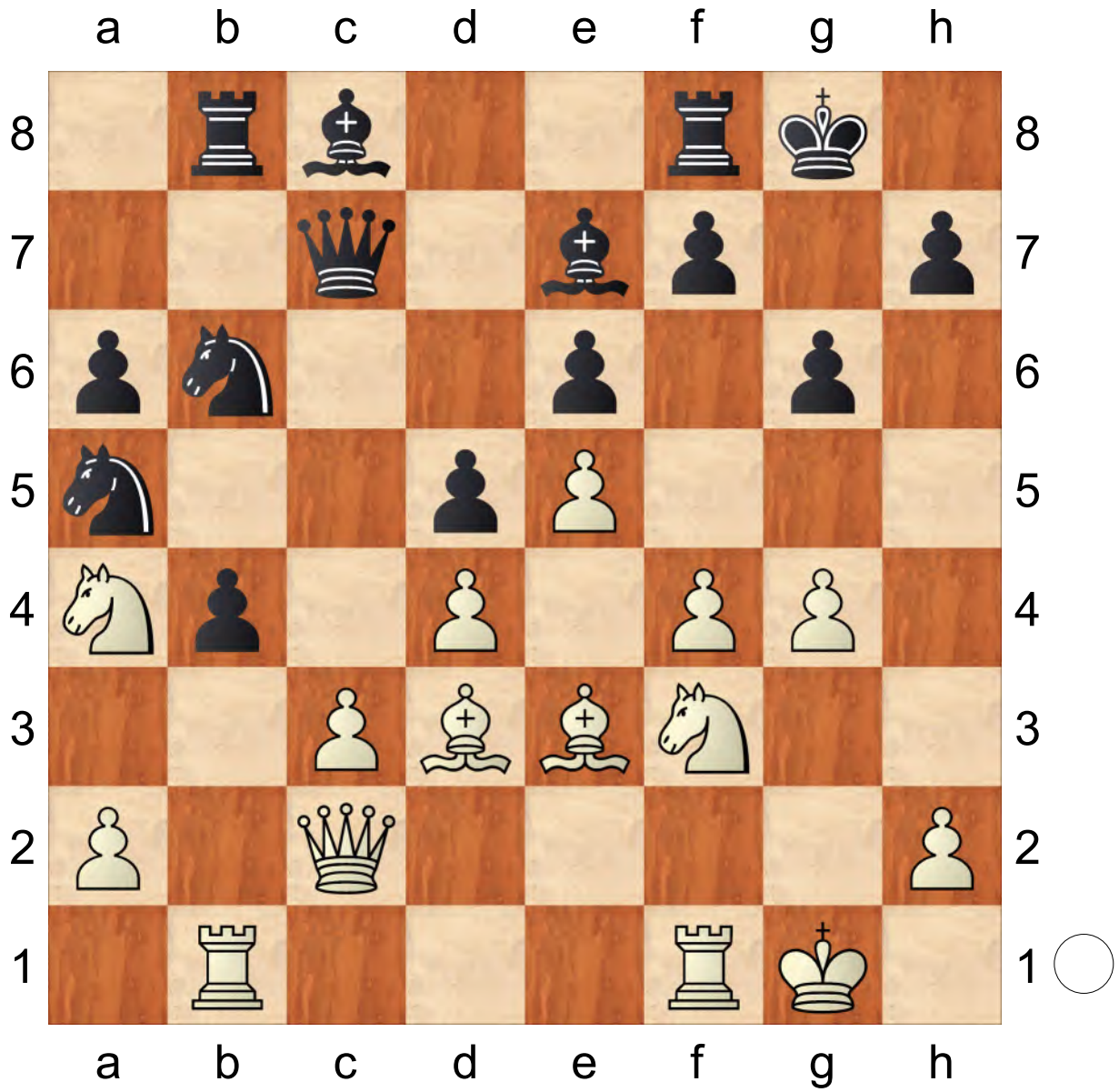
[20.Rfc1± ils the choice of the computer. But it appears more logical to attack the



weakened king position than to move the major pieces to the queenside. Moreover, in what follows the attack fails to concrete tactics. ist die Wahl der Computer. Es erscheint aber viel logischer, die geschwächte schwarze Königsstellung zu attackieren, als die Schwerfiguren zum Damenflügel zu beordern. Allerdings scheitert der Angriff in der Folge an konkreter Taktik. bxc3 21.Rxb8 Nxb8 *(21...Qxb8 22.Qxc3 Bb4 23.Qc7 Qxc7 24.Rxc7±)* 22.Nxc3 Nbc6 *(22...Bb4? 23.Nxd5 Qxc2 24.Nf6++-; 22...Bd7? 23.Nxd5 Qxc2 24.Nxe7++-)* 23.Na4↑ and White has good play on the queenside (at first surprisingly for this type of position) und Weiß hat (für diesen Stellungstyp zunächst überraschend) gutes Spiel am Damenflügel]

20...Nb6

(Diagram)



21.f5

[21.Nxb6?! Rxb6 22.f5 exf5 23.gxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 gxf5 25.Kh1 Rg6!]

21...Nac4? After this the position is already totally lost. Danach ist die Stellung bereits total verloren.

[21...Nxa4! 22.Qxa4 exf5 23.gxf5

A) 23...Qxc3 24.Ne1!→ *(24.Rbd1? Bxf5)*;

B) 23...b3! 24.axb3 Bd7 25.Qa2 Qxc3 26.Qe2 Rxb3⇄]

22.cxb4

[22.f6! Nxe3 23.Qc1 Re8 *(23...Bxf6 24.exf6 Nxg4 25.Ne5± Nxe5?? 26.Qh6)* 24.Qxe3 Bf8 25.Nxb6 Rxb6 26.Ng5 Bh6 *(26...h6 27.Bxg6 fxg6 28.f7+)* 27.Rf3 Qxc3 28.Rh3 Bxg5 29.Qxg5 Qxd4+ 30.Kh1 And there is nothing to be done against ♕g5-h6. und gegen Dg5-h6 ist nichts zu erfinden.]

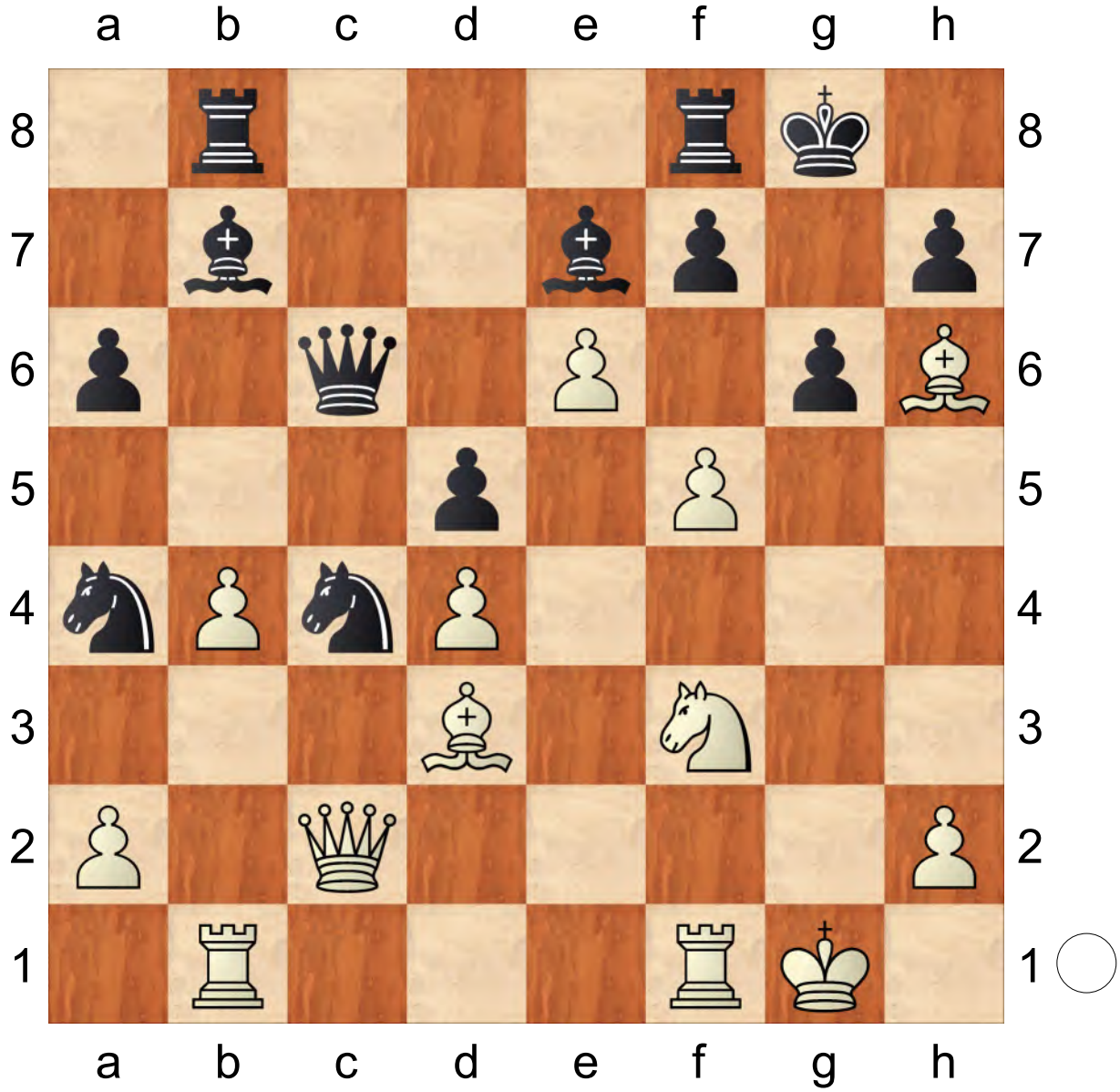
22...exf5 23.gxf5 Nxa4 24.Bh6! Qc6

[24...Bd7 25.e6!]

25.e6! Bb7

[25...fxe6 26.fxg6+-]

[25...Rd8 26.exf7+ Kh8 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Rbe1+-]



26.Qg2 Kh8 27.Ng5+- Qb6 28.Nxf7+ Rxf7 29.exf7 Qxd4+ 30.Rf2 Qxd3

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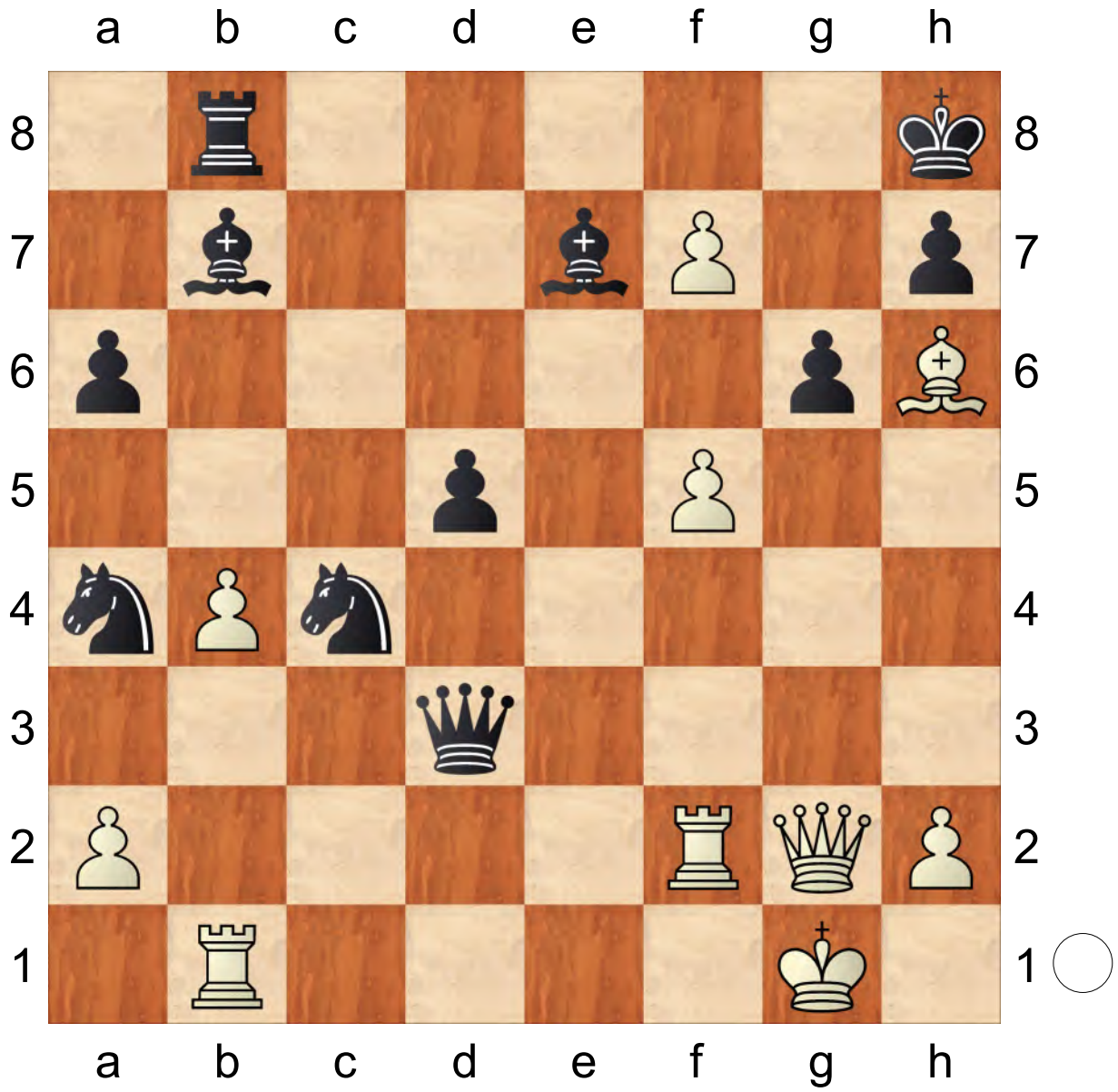
31.Re1 Ne5 32.fxg6 Qxg6 33.Rxe5 Qxh6 34.Rxe7 Bc6 35.Re6

(Diagram)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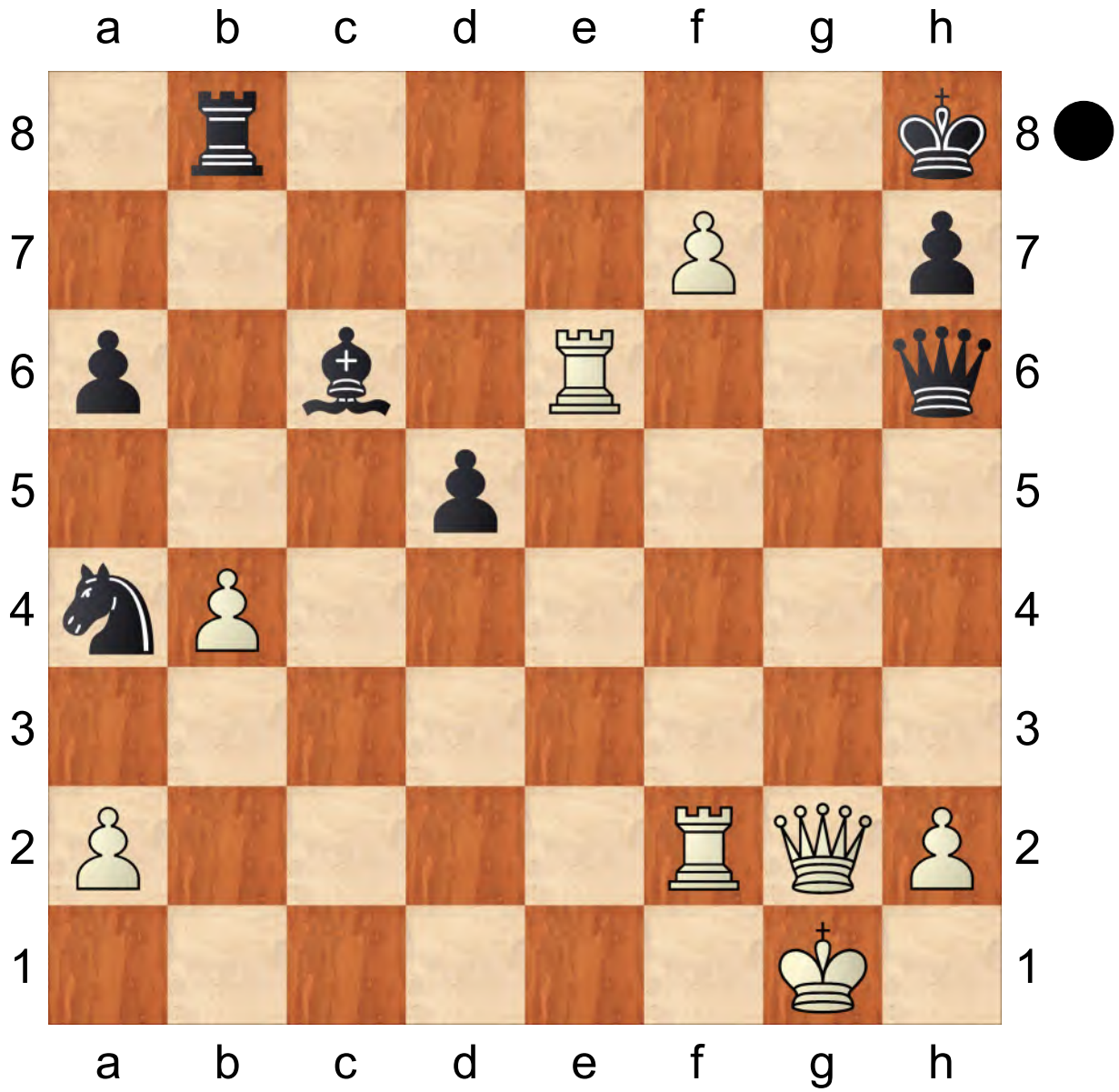

Conclusion: the whole variation looks very dodgy for Black. The best seems to me to be the plan from the game Svetushkin-Svane (see 9... ♕b6). After 9...b4 the idea with 12. ♕d2-c1 is probably even stronger than the plan from Wei Yi-Potkin. Fazit: Die gesamte Variante sieht für Schwarz sehr anrüchig aus. Am besten erscheint mir das Konzept aus der Partie Svetushkin-Svane zu sein (siehe 9...Db6). Nach 9...b4 ist die Idee mit 12. Dd2-c1 wohl noch stärker als das Konzept aus Wei Yi-Potkin.

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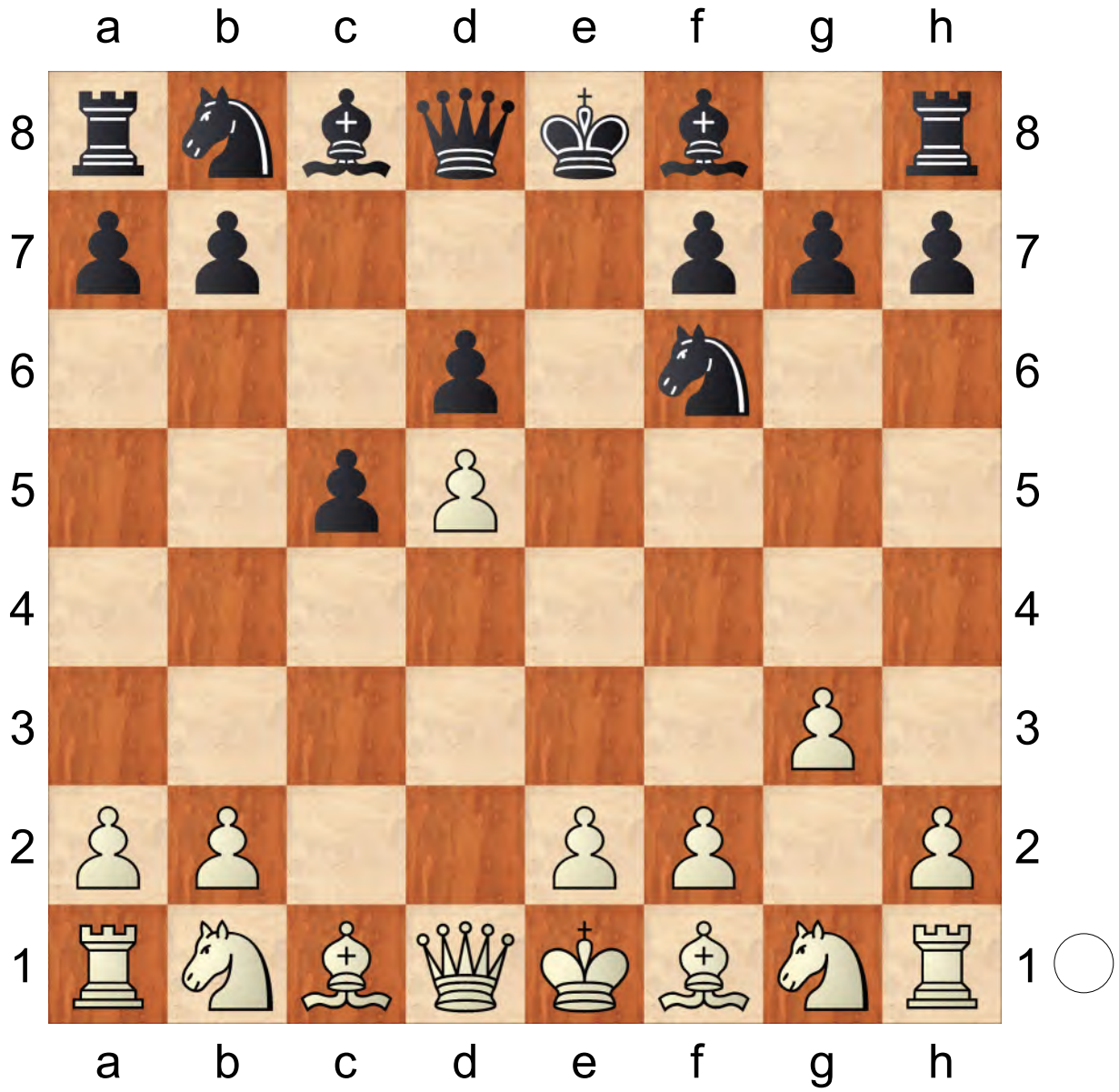
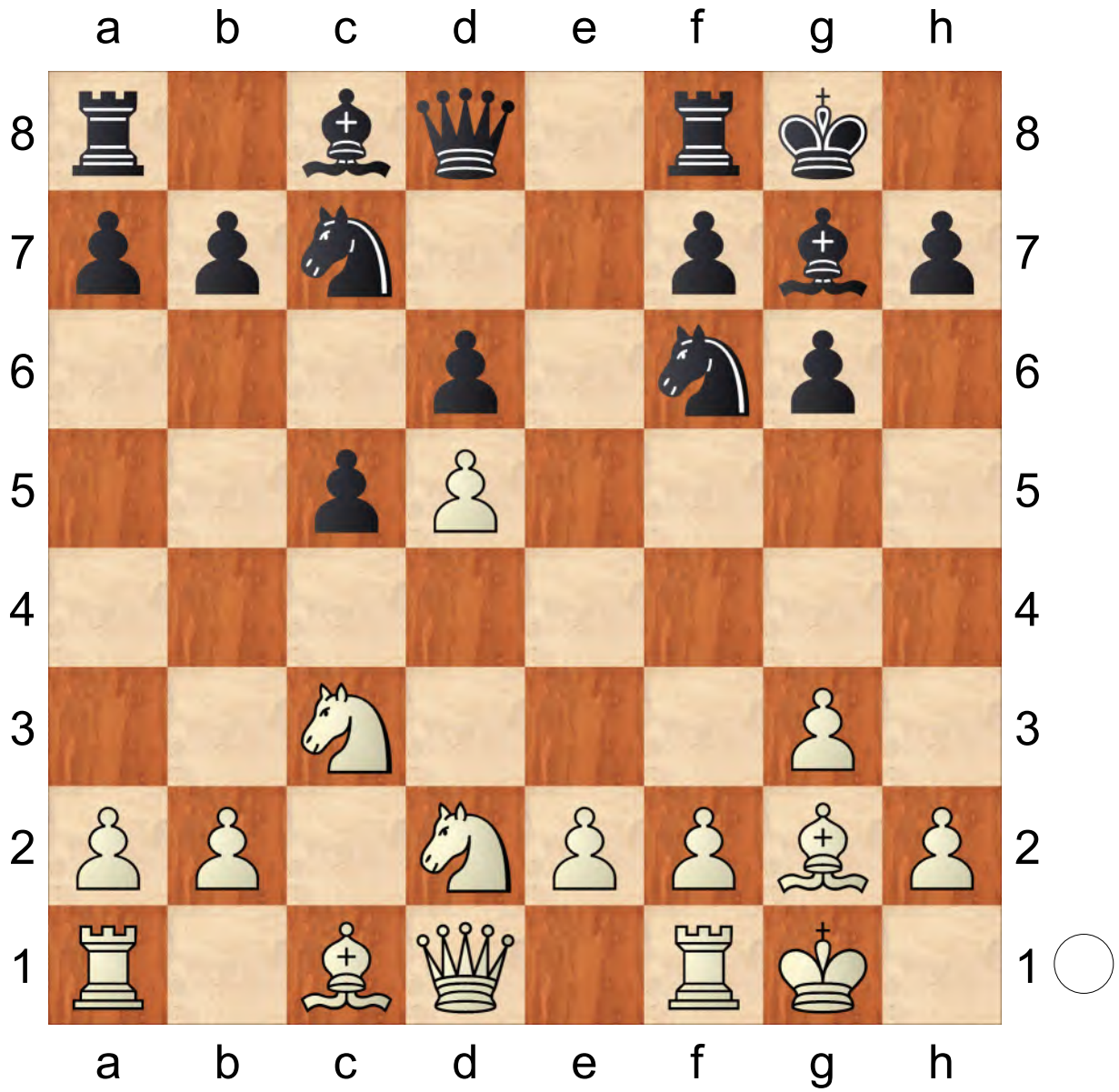
1.d4 Kapengut **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6**



6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 Less popular than the reflex Benoni plan of ♘bd7, ♖e8 and a6, though it is also very respectable. **10.Nd2 Nc7**

(Diagram)



11.Nc4 Nfe8 It is the basic continuation.
[11...b5]
[11...b6]
[11...Rb8]
[11...Re8]
[11...Nh5]
12.Bf4
[12.a3?! This is too passive and White will be justly punished for it. jhebert: 'ist zu passiv, und Weiß ereilt die gerechte Strafe dafür.']
[12.e4 b5!?]
[The main alternative is the quiet positional 12.a4 b6]
12...b5 Those longing for wild complications have an outlet here, and one that might even be objectively the best continuation. 'jhebert: 'Für diejenigen, die wilde

Komplikationen mögen, gibt es hier eine Alternative, die sogar eventuelle die beste Fortsetzung darstellt:"

[12...b6 13.Ne4!? *(13.Rc1 Ba6 14.b3 Qd7 15.Re1 Bxc4 16.bxc4 a6 17.a4 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Nxb5 20.cxb5 Qxb5 21.e4* ½-½ Molnar,B-Horvath,T/Hungary 2003*)* 13...Ba6□ 14.Ncxd6 Bxb2 15.Rb1 *(15.Nxe8 Rxe8 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Qd2 Bxa1 18.Rxa1 Rxe4 19.Bxe4 Re8 20.Bf3±)* 15...Bd4 16.Nxe8 Rxe8 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.d6 Bd4! 20.dxc7 Qxc7 21.e3 Bxf1 22.Qxf1 Bg7 23.Ng5 h6 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Qh3 Red8 *(25...Qe7!? 26.Bxa8 Rxa8 27.Ne6 Qd7 28.Qg2 Re8 29.Nxg7 Kxg7∓)* 26.Nf7+ Kh7 27.Ng5+ Kh8 28.Nf7+ Kh7 29.Ng5+ ½-½ Delchev,A-Vezzosi,P/Reggio Emilia 2002/EXT 2003]

[A possible, albeit risky (\ ) improvement for Black might be 12...g5

A) Proposed by Blees 13.Bd2!? seems to be even stronger f5 14.Qc1!? *(14.f4 g4 15.e4 b5∓)* 14...h6 15.e4?! *(⌓15.a4 -12…f5 13.a4)* 15...b5 16.Ne3 *(16.Na5 b4 17.Nd1 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Nf6∓ ×d5)* 16...f4 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.gxf4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Qf6↑;

B) 13.Be3 f5

B1) 14.f4 gxf4 15.Bxf4 b6 16.Rc1 Ba6 17.b3 Qf6 18.Qd2 b5 19.Ne3 Qd4!? 20.Qc2 Be5 *(20...b4!? 21.Ncd1 Nb5 22.a4!? bxa3 23.Kh1 Qf6 24.Nc4 Rb8 25.Qa2 Nec7 26.e4∞)* 21.Ncd1 Ng7 22.Kh1 Rae8 23.Bh6 Bc8 24.Qd3 Qxd3 25.exd3⇄ Granero Roca,A-Suba,M/Villa de Albox 2002;

B2) 14.Qd2 h6 15.f4 Limiting mobility of king side pawns and preparing advance e2-e4. *(*In case of *15.a4* Black has time for *Nf6* Δ♘g4 *)*

B2a) 15...gxf4?! 16.Bxf4 Qf6 17.a4 Bd7 18.Kh1 Qg6 19.e4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 fxe4 21.Rae1 h5 22.Bxe4 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Ne3 Rf7 25.c4± Komljenovic,D-Suba,M/Mallorca 2004;

B2b) 15...b5 16.Na5 Now

B2b1) 16...g4?! 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.a3! First of all prophylaxis. White prevents b5-b4 and prepares e2-e4.

B2b11) In case of 18...a5!? White shouldn't worry about b4 as it will be met by ♘a4Δ♘b6 19.Bf2 *(19.b4 Bxc3! 20.Qxc3 Nf6 21.Qd2 cxb4 22.axb4 a4∞)* 19...Nf6 20.b4!? Now it's stronger than on the previous move. axb4 21.axb4 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Ne4 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Ra7! and tactics Bxc3 25.Qxc3 Nxd5 is met by 26.Rxd7 Nxc3 27.Ne7+ and there is no good retreat.For example Kh8 28.Rc7! Bf5□ 29.bxc5± ×c3,h8;

B2b12) 18...Bb7!? 19.b4?! Played carelessly. *(*First *19.Na5! Bc8* and then *20.b4* is much stronger. *)*

B2b121) 19...Bxc3! allowed to equalize. 20.Qxc3 Nf6 21.Qd3 Ncxd5 *(21...Kh7)* 22.Bxd5+ Nxd5 23.Qxd5+ Rf7 24.bxc5 Bxc6 25.Qxd6 Re8! 26.Bf2=;

B2b122) 19...Nf6?! Black doesn't use his chance.

B2b1221) Worse is an attempt to win a pawn by means of 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Ne7+ *(21.Bxc5?! Bxc6 22.Bxf8 Rxf8;*

21.Ne5 Qd6; 21.Rad1!?) 21...Kh7 *(21...Qxe7 22.d6)* 22.Bxc5 as it can be met with Na6 and White must sacrifice a piece with unclear consequences. 23.Nxf5! Nxc5 24.Nxg7 Kxg7 25.Rab1!⩱ Δe4;

B2b1222) 20.Na5! Na6 21.Rab1! *(21.bxc5!?* was also interesting *Nxc5 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.d6 Ne4 25.Nxe4 fxe4 26.Rad1± ×e4,c5,g8; ♙d6)* 21...Rae8 Blees decides to sacrifice a pawn in order to get counterplay. *(21...c4!?)*

B2b12221) 22.Nxb5!? deserved serious attention. Ba8 *(22...Qxb5 23.bxc5; 22...cxb4 23.Nxb7; 22...Rxe3 23.Qxe3 Qxb5 24.Nxb7 Qxb7 25.bxc5±)* 23.bxc5 *(23.Nc3!?±)* 23...Nxc5 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Nc3±;

B2b12222) 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.bxc5 Nxc5 *(23...Qe7 24.Bf2 Nxc5 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Rxb5±)* Another inaccuracy. 24.Rxb5?! *(*After simple *24.Nxb5±* Black has no sufficient compensation for a pawn.*)* 24...Qa6 Now White's rook is hanging and he has to be very careful. 25.Bxc5 dxc5 Mikhalevski,V-Blees,A/Antwerp 1999 26.Rxc5!?± [Mikhalevski,V];

B2b2) 16...b4!? was necessary as it will not be allowed anymore. 17.Na4 g4

B2b21) 18.a3 leads to interesting complications: bxa3 19.Rxa3 *(19.Nc6 axb2!)* 19...Nb5 20.Nc6 Qf6 *(20...Nxa3 21.Nxd8 Nc4 22.Qd3 Nxe3⩱)* 21.Rb3 *(21.Raa1∞)* 21...Nec7 22.Nc3 Ba6 23.Ra1 Rfe8 *(⌓23...Nxc3! 24.bxc3 Rfe8)* 24.Rxa6 Nxc3 25.Ra5 Ne4 26.Bxe4 Rxe4 27.Rb7 Ne8 28.Rbxa7 Rxa7 29.Rxa7± ΔQxb2 30.Ne7+;

B2b22) 18.Nc6 Qf6 19.Nxc5 *(19.Rac1∞)* 19...Qxb2 *(19...dxc5 20.Bxc5 Nd6 21.Bd4 Qf7 22.Bxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxb4∞)* 20.Ne6! Qxd2 21.Bxd2 Bxa1 22.Nxf8 *(22.Rxa1!?⩱)* 22...Bc3 23.Bxc3 bxc3 24.Ne6± [Mikhalevski,V];

B2c) It was better to play 15...g4 first and only after 16.a4 *(16.Bf2 b5 17.Na5 b4)* 16...Bd7 *(16...b6 Δ♗a6;×e4)* 17.Bf2 b5 18.axb5 Nxb5 19.Na5 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Nf6 21.Rfb1 Rb8 *(21...Ne4 22.Bxe4 fxe4 23.Rb7⇄)* 22.Nc6 Rxb1+ 23.Rxb1 Qc7 24.Qd3 Re8 *(24...Ne4? 25.Ne7+ Kf7 26.Nxf5 Bxf5 27.Bxe4+-* Gagarin,V-Zvara,P/Pardubice 2001 *)* 25.Qa6 Bc8 26.Qxa7 Qxa7 27.Nxa7 Bd7 28.Kf1 Ra8 29.Rb7±]

[Apart from the logical text move Black has tried to gain more influence in the ⊞ and prevent ♘e4 by 12...f5 is another option.

A) 13.a4

A1) 13...g5 14.Bd2 b6 15.Qc1 *(15.Rc1 h6 16.e4 Ba6 17.b3 Bxc4 18.bxc4 f4 19.f3 Be5 20.Ne2 Ng7 21.Bh3 Rf6 22.Kh1 Nh5 23.Bg4 Qe8*

24.Qe1 Qf7 25.Bxh5 Qxh5 26.gxf4 gxf4 27.Qf2 Kh7 28.Rg1± Cosma,I-Ionescu,C/ROM 1992*)* 15...h6 16.e4 This more or less abandons the dark squares so jhebert: 'jhebert: 'Dies gibt mehr oder weniger die schwarzen Felder auf.'' *(16.f4* has to be considered. ist zu überlegen. *)* 16...Ba6 17.b3 f4 18.gxf4 gxf4 19.f3 Qh4 A Modern Benoni player has to be satisfied with such a position. jhebert: 'jhebert: 'Ein MB-Spieler muss mit einer solchen Stellung zufrieden sein.'' 20.Ra2 Bxc4 21.bxc4 Be5 22.Ne2 Ng7 23.Qe1 Qh5 24.Nc1 Rf6 25.Nd3 Kh7 26.a5 Rg8 27.Nxe5 dxe5 28.axb6 axb6 29.Bc3 Nge8∞ Cosma,I-Suba,M/ROM-chT/1992/;

A2) 13...b6

A2a) 14.Rc1 Ba6 15.b3 b5 16.axb5 Nxb5 17.Nxb5 Bxb5 18.e4 *(18.Qd2 a5⇄)* 18...fxe4 19.Bxe4 a5 20.Re1 a4 21.bxa4 Rxa4 22.Bd3 Bd4 23.Re2 Ng7 24.Be3 Bxc4 25.Bxc4 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Qf6⇄ Kaidanov,G-Shabalov,A/USA-ch Parsippany/ 1996;

A2b) 14.Re1 Ba6 15.Na3 Qd7 16.Qb3 h6 17.Rad1 Kh7 18.Bh3?! *(18.Nab5 Nxb5 19.axb5 Bb7 20.Ra1 Nc7⇄)* 18...g5 19.Bd2 *(19.Bc1!?)* 19...Qf7 20.Qc2 Kh8 21.Nab5 Bb7∓ Loifenfeld,J-Blaskowski, J/Germany 2001;

B) 13.Qd2!?

B1) 13...b5 14.Na5 b4 15.Na4 Nb5 16.Nc6 Qd7 17.Rac1! Nf6

B1a) 18.Rxc5 dxc5 19.Nxc5 Qe8

B1a1) 20.d6!? Ne4 21.Qd5+ Kh8 22.d7 Bxd7 23.Nxd7 Nd4!

B1a11) 24.Nxd4 Rd8 25.Ne6 Rxd7 26.Qb3 Nd2! *(26...Rff7?! 27.Nxg7 Rxg7 28.Qxb4±)* 27.Bxd2 *(27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Bxd2 Rxd2 29.Qxb4±)* 27...Rxd2 28.Nxf8 Qxf8=;

B1a12) ⌓24.Nxf8 Nxe2+ *(24...Qxc6 25.Qxc6 Nxc6 26.Ne6 Bxb2 27.Bxe4 fxe4 28.Rd1±)* 25.Kh1 Nxf4 26.gxf4 Qxf8 27.Ne5!?± *(27.Bxe4!? fxe4 28.Ne5)* Δ27...Rb8 28.Bxe4 fxe4 29.f5!→;

B1a2) 20.Qxb4 a6 *(20...g5!?)* 21.d6 Ne4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.a4!? *(23.Bxe4 Kh8 24.Ne7 Bd7* Mikhalevski,V-Sakaev,K/Beersheva/1998 *25.Rd1!±* [Mikhalevski,V] *)*

B1a21) 23...Na7 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Qxe4 Rb8 *(25...Bd7 26.Be5! Qf7 27.Qd4! Bxe5 28.Qxe5+ Qg7 29.Qe3!±)* 26.Be5! Qf7 *(26...Rf7 27.Nxg6+!)* 27.Bxg7+ Qxg7 28.Qe3±;

B1a22) 23...Rxf4 24.gxf4 Qxc6 25.Bxe4 Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Nxd6 27.Bxa8 Bxb2±;

B1a23) 23...Qxc6 24.Bxe4 Qe8 25.Bxa8 Nd4! *(25...Bh3? 26.Bd5+)* 26.e3 Ne2+ 27.Kh1 Nxf4 28.exf4± Δ♖e1 [Mikhalevski,V];

B1b) ⌓18.Qd3! Qb7□ *(18...Ba6?! 19.Rxc5! Nc7! 20.Qd2 dxc5 21.Nxc5 Qf7 22.d6!?±)* 19.a3!?↑ Probably the best as suggested by Mikhalevski, gives White a dangerous initiative, he can sacrifice on c5 with greater effect later on. *(19.Rxc5 dxc5 20.Nxc5 Qb6=)*

B1b1) 19...a5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.Rxc5 Na7 22.Ne7+ Kh8 *(22...Qxe7*

23.d6±) 23.d6

B1b11) 23...Qb6 24.Bxa8 Ba6 *(24...Qxc5 25.Be3±)* 25.Qe3 Rxa8 *(25...Ng4 26.Nd5+-)* 26.Rfc1**±**;

B1b12) 23...Ne4 24.Rc7 Qb5 *(24...Qa6 25.Bh6!! Bxh6 26.Qd4+ Nf6 27.Qh4! Nh5 28.Bxa8 Nb5 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Nxc8 Qxc8 31.Rd1±)* 25.Bh6!! Bd7 *(25...Rf7 26.Bxg7+ Rxg7 27.Rxa7! Qxd3 28.Rxa8!+-)* 26.Qxb5 Bxb5 27.Nxg6+ hxg6 28.Bxg7+ Kg8 29.Bxf8 Kxf8 30.axb4+-;

B1b2) 19...bxa3 20.bxa3

B1b21) 20...Nh5 21.Nxc5!? dxc5 22.d6 Nxf4 23.gxf4 Qb6 *(23...Qa6 24.Rxc5! Nxd6 25.Qxd6 Kh8 26.Rb1!+-)* 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Bxa8 Ba6 26.Nxg6+ *(26.Bd5!? Qxd6□ 27.Bc4 Qxe7 28.Bxb5 Rd8 29.Qc4 Bb7 30.Qxc5 Qe4 31.Bc6±)* 26...hxg6 27.Qh3+ Kg8 28.Bd5+ Rf7 29.d7!?+- **Δ**♕e3;

B1b22) 20...Qa6 21.Nxc5 dxc5 22.Rxc5 Nxa3 23.Ne7+ Kh8 *(23...Kf7 24.Nxc8 Qxd3 25.Nd6++-)* 24.Rxc8 Qxd3 25.Rxf8+ Bxf8 26.exd3 **Δ**Bxe7 27.d6 Re8 28.dxe7 Rxe7? 29.Bd6+- [Mikhalevski, V];

B2) 13...b6 14.Rac1

B2a) 14...Bb7 15.a3 Qd7 16.Bf3 Rd8 17.h4 Ba6 18.b3 Nb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.h5 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 *(21.bxc4 Nf6 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Kg2 Ne4 24.Qc2 g5 25.Be3 Nxg3 26.fxg3 g4 27.Bxg4 fxg4 28.Rf4 Rxf4 29.Bxf4 Re8 30.Rh1±)* 21...b5 22.Rc2 gxh5 23.Bxh5 Nf6 24.Bf3 Rc8 25.Qd3 a5 26.Kg2**±** Pogorelov,R-Suba,M/Collado Villalba 2000;

B2b) 14...Ba6! 15.b3 b5! 16.Na5 b4 17.Na4

B2b1) 17...Qd7!?⇄;

B2b2) 17...Bb5! 18.Nb7! *(18.Nc6?! Qd7)* 18...Qf6! *(18...Qe7? 19.Nbxc5; 18...Qd7?! 19.Nbxc5! dxc5 20.d6)* 19.Bg5 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qf6=;

B2b3) 17...Nb5? 18.Nc6 Qd7□ *(18...Qf6 19.Bg5)* 19.Rxc5!**±**

B2b31) 19...dxc5 20.Nxc5 Qf7 21.Nxa6+- *(21.d6!?)*;

B2b32) 19...Nc3□ 20.Nxc3! *(20.Rxc3 bxc3 21.Nxc3±)* 20...bxc3 *(20...dxc5 21.Na4+-)* 21.Rxc3 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 Nf6 23.Re1 Bb7 *(⌓23...Rae8)* 24.b4! a6 25.a4 Nh5 26.Bc1!**±** Gleizerov,E-Suba,M/ Mondariz Balneario 2000]

13.Na5 f5N

[13...Bd7? loses a pawn after 14.Nb7 Qe7 15.Nxc5! b4 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qa4! Qxa4 18.Nxa4 Nb5 19.Rac1+- Mikhalevski,V-Anastasian,A/Yerevan 1997]

[13...Qd7 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.a3 c4 16.Rab1 Nh5 17.Be3 Ne8 18.b3 cxb3 19.Rxb3 a6 20.Nc6 Nc7 21.Bd4 *(21.a4!?)* 21...Nf6 22.e4 Bb7 23.Na5 Rab8 24.Rfb1 Ba8 25.a4 Qe8 Zamfir,I-Ionescu,C/Tusnad 2000 26.Nc4! Qe7 27.e5! Nfe8 28.Qe3**±**]

[13...b4

A) 14.Nc6?! Qd7 15.Na4 Ba6!↑ 16.Rc1 *(Δ16.Nxc5? dxc5 17.d6 Ne6! 18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Bxa8 Nxf4 20.gxf4 Nxd6-+)* 16...Bb5 17.b3 Nf6∓;

B) 14.Ne4!?

B1) 14...Ba6!? 15.Nc6 Qd7 16.Qd2 Bb5 17.a4! bxa3 18.Rxa3

B1a) 18...Nxd5 19.Nxc5! dxc5 *(19...Qxc6? 20.Bxd5 Qxc5 21.Bxa8)* 20.Qxd5 Qxd5 *(20...Qxc6? 21.Qb3!)* 21.Bxd5 *(21.Ne7+!? Kh8 22.Bxd5)* 21...Bxc6 22.Bxc6±;

B1b) 18...Bc4 19.Nc3 a6? *(⌓19...Nb5)* 20.Na4 Nb5 21.Re3 Qb7 22.b3 Na3 23.Qa2 1-0 Kinsman,A-Schulte,O/Lloyds Bank op London 1985;

B2) 14...Nb5 Looks natural,but falls to unexpected White's idea. 15.Nc6 Qd7

B2a) 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.e4 Bb7 19.Na5 *(19.e5?! dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 f6 22.Bf4 Nd4∓* Fuglsang,F-Hamann,S/ Copenhagen 1981 *)* 19...Qc7 20.Nc4 Rad8 21.a3⇄;

B2b) 16.a3! Mikhalevski,V: 'The point of White's play. I was very happy to find this idea during the game. White opens the position and obtains a positional advantage as all his pieces are much more active than of his opponents. Stohl: 'White sacrifices an exchange to break up Black's « pawn chain. His pieces are very active and he will have more than sufficient compensation."

B2b1) 16...Bxb2 17.axb4 cxb4 *(17...Bxa1 18.Qxa1* **Δ♗**h6,bc5 **±***)* 18.Rb1 Nc3 19.Nxc3

B2b11) 19...bxc3 20.Qd4!?± *(20.Bc1↑)*;

B2b12) ⌓19...Bxc3 20.Nxb4 a5 21.Nc6 a4±;

B2b2) 16...bxa3 17.bxa3 Nf6 Accepting of an exchange looks at least dangerous. Black's king remains alone and White gets more than enough compensation. *(17...Bxa1 18.Qxa1→ ɣg8)*

B2b21) 18.Nxf6+!? Bxf6 19.a4!

B2b211) 19...Bxa1 20.Qxa1 Nd4 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.Qxd4⩲;

B2b212) 19...Nc3 20.Qd3! *(20.Qc2 Ba6)* 20...a5 *(20...Re8 21.e4!)* 21.Bd2! Ba6 22.Bxc3! Bxd3 23.Bxf6

B2b2121) 23...Bxe2 24.Ne7+ Qxe7 25.Bxe7 Bxf1 26.Kxf1+- *(26.Bxf8? Bxg2=)*;

B2b2122) 23...Rfe8 24.exd3±;

B2b213) 19...Nd4!? **Δ**♗a6 20.e3 Nf5 21.Rc1±;

B2b22) 18.a4! Nxe4 19.axb5! Now the position of knight on c6 is even more reliable, the a-file is open for White's pieces, the a7-pawn requires permanent control. The only compensation is an extra exchange which is absolutely not essential in the current circumstances. *(*Certainly not *19.Bxe4? Nc3∓)* 19...Re8! Black is threatening 20... ♘c3 and White has to leave his rook on a1 for one more move. *(*It is worse the immediate *19...Bxa1)* 20.Qd3! White finally forces his opponent to accept the sacrifice. *(20.Bxe4*

Rxe4!∞) 20...Bxa1 If Black doesn't accept the sacrifice now the question "What is he suffering for?" can be asked. *(20...f5 21.Ra3±)* 21.Rxa1 f5□ Otherwise White's pawns come to the motion. 22.f3 Nf6 23.Bc1! Another strong idea. White's bishop is not useful on f4 and he brings it to the big diagonal using the fact that its colleage has gone. Bb7 24.Bb2 Rf8 25.f4! White opens his bishop and preparing an attack on king side by ♗f3, ♔g2, h3 and finally g4. It's very difficult for Black to oppose something to this plan. *(25.e4!?)* 25...h5 Black is trying to prevent g4, but in fact he is weakening the king side even more. Black has practically no useful moves. The ♖a8 must protect ┌a7, the ♕ can't stray too far from the », ♘f6 must cover the terribly weakened ⇗ a1-h8. White has enough time to prepare a » attack and dismember Black's compromised posirtion. 26.h3 Kh7 *(26...Bxc6 27.dxc6 Qc7 28.g4!+- →)* 27.Bf3 Rf7 28.Kg2 **Δ**g4 Mikhalevski,V-Solozhenkin,E/Belgrade 1999 Qc8 29.Rh1!? **Δ** g4 a6 30.b6! [Mikhalevski,V];

B3) 14...Bxb2 The critical move which leads to the big complications.

B3a) 15.Nxc5 dxc5 *(15...Bxa1 16.Nc6 Qf6 17.Ne4↑)* 16.d6 Ne6 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.Be5 f6 *(18...Bxe5!? 19.Nxe5 Qxd6 20.Qxd6 Nxd6 21.Bxa8 Nd4≅)* 19.Bxb2 Bb7 20.Ne7+ Kf7 21.Nd5 c4 *(21...Qxd6?! 22.Qb3 Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Rd8 24.Bc4 N8c7 25.a3±)* 22.a3 c3 23.Bc1 Nxd6 24.axb4 Rfd8 25.Qd3 Nb5 26.e4± Salcedo Mederos,P-Bulgarini,M/ICCF 2001;

B3b) 15.Nc6 Qd7 16.Rb1!? *(16.Nxc5!? dxc5 17.d6↑ **Δ** Bxa1 18.Qxa1 Nxd6 19.Qf6! Re8□ 20.Bxd6 Qe6 21.Ne7+ Rxe7 22.Qxe7 Qxe7 23.Bxe7 Rb8 24.Bd6±)* 16...Bg7 17.Nxc5! dxc5 18.d6 Ne6 19.Ne7+ Kh8

B3b1) 20.Bxa8!? Nxf4 21.Nxc8 Nh3+ 22.Kg2 Qxc8 23.Bf3 Qd7-+ *(23...Nf6 24.d7 Nxd7 25.Kxh3 Ne5+≅)*;

B3b2) 20.Bc6 Qd8 21.Bxa8 Nxf4 22.gxf4 Bh3 23.Bg2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nxd6 Black has excellent play for the exchange. jhebert: 'Schwarz hat vorzügliches Spiel für die Qualität.' 25.Nc6 Qf6 26.e3 Qe6

B3b21) 27.Na5 Qxa2 *(27...Nf5 28.Nb3 **Δ** ♘d2)* 28.Qxd6 Qxa5 29.Rfc1 Rc8 30.Qd7∞;

B3b22) 27.Nxa7 Alburt,L-Gurevich,D/New York 1986 27...Ra8 28.Nc6 Ne4∓]

14.Nc6 Qd7?!

[14...Qf6 15.Qd2 b4 16.Nd1 Qf7 *(16...h6?! 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 g5 19.Qxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne3 Re8 21.Rfe1±)* 17.Rc1 *(17.a3 a5 18.Ne3 Ba6 19.Rfc1 Qf6±)* 17...Ba6 18.a3 bxa3 19.bxa3 Qd7 20.Nb2 Nf6 21.Nc4 Rfe8 22.Rfe1 Bxc4 23.Rxc4 Re4!?≅]

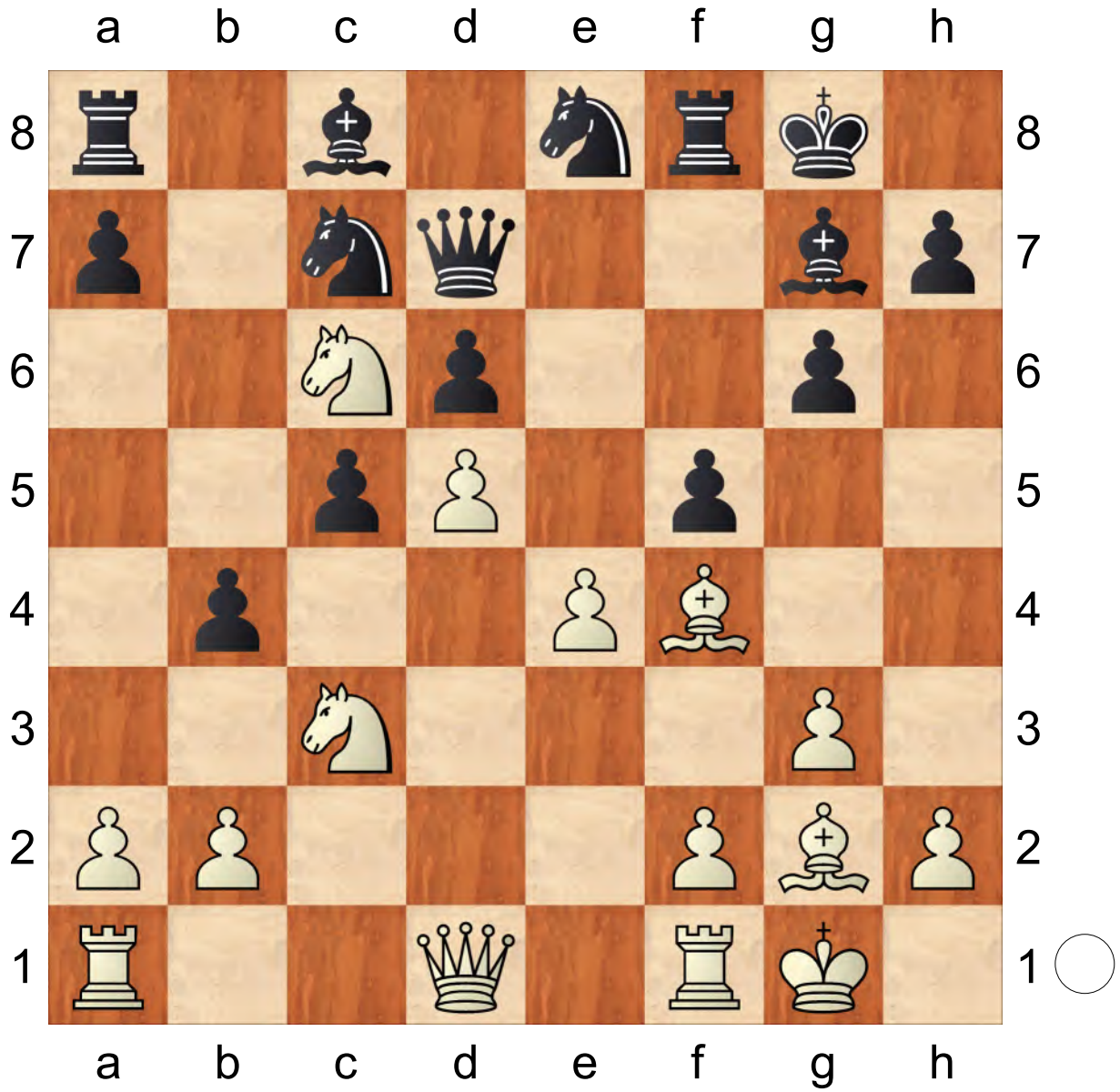
15.e4!

[15.Rc1 Δb4?! *(15...Nf6!? 16.b4 cxb4 17.Nxb4 a5 18.Nc6 Bb7 19.Qd3 b4 20.Na4 Ra6 21.Rc4 Re8⇄)* 16.Na4

A) 16...Ba6?! 17.Rxc5!? *(17.Nxc5!? dxc5 18.d6 Ne6 19.Qa4 Nxd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qxa6 Rae8 22.Rfd1 Qc7 23.Nxb4 Bxb2 24.Rc2 Bg7 25.Nd5±)* 17...dxc5 18.Nxc5 Qf7 19.d6 Bb5 20.dxc7 Nxc7 21.Bxc7 Qxc7 22.Ne6 Qb6 23.Qb3±;

B) 16...Bf6 17.Nxc5!? dxc5 18.d6 g5 19.dxc7 *(19.Be3?! Qxd6 20.Qxd6 Nxd6 21.Bxc5 Ne4∓)* 19...Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 gxf4 21.Nxb4 Nxc7 22.Bxa8 Nxa8 23.Nd5 Bxb2 24.Rxc5±]

15...b4



16.e5! bxc3

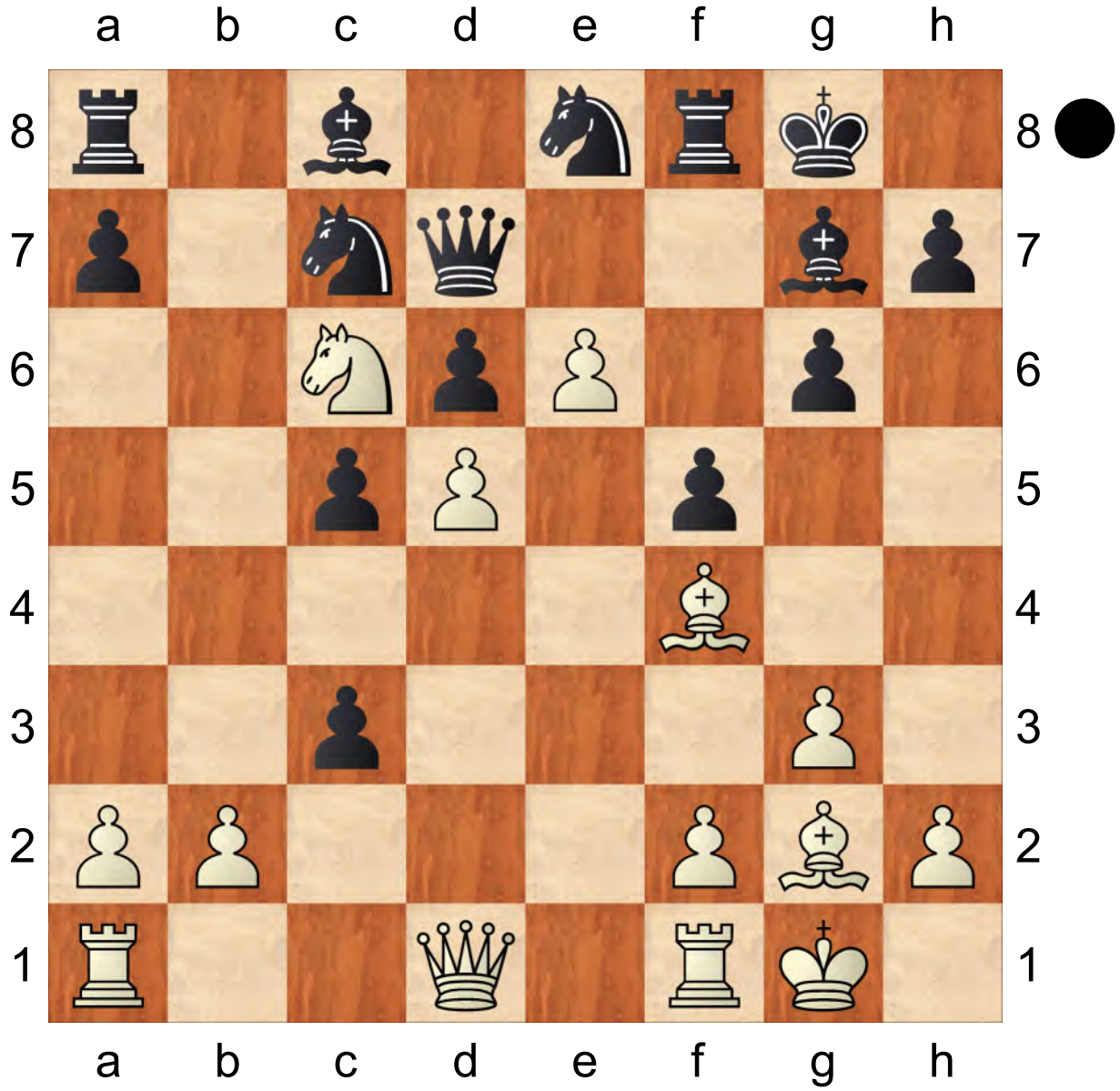
[16...dxe5?! 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5

A) 18...bxc3 19.d6 cxb2 20.Rb1 Nxd6 *(20...Qe6 21.Re1 Bb7 22.Bxb7 Rd8*

23.Bxb2 Rxd6 24.Qa4 Qf7 25.Be5±) 21.Qxd6 *(21.Bxa8 Nf7 22.Qxd7 Bxd7 23.Bxc7 Rxa8 24.Rxb2±)* 21...Qxd6 22.Bxd6 Ba6 23.Bxc7 Bxf1 24.Bxa8 Rxa8 25.Kxf1 Rc8 26.Bf4+-;

B) 18...Ba6 19.d6 *(19.Re1 bxc3 20.d6 Nxd6 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Bxd6 cxb2 24.Rab1 Nb5 25.Be5 Nd4 26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.Rxb2±)* 19...Bxf1 20.Kxf1 Qe6 21.Qb3 bxc3 22.Qxe6+ Nxe6 23.Bxa8 cxb2 24.Rb1±]

17.e6



Qxc6□ 18.dxc6 cxb2 19.Rb1 Bxe6 20.Bd2

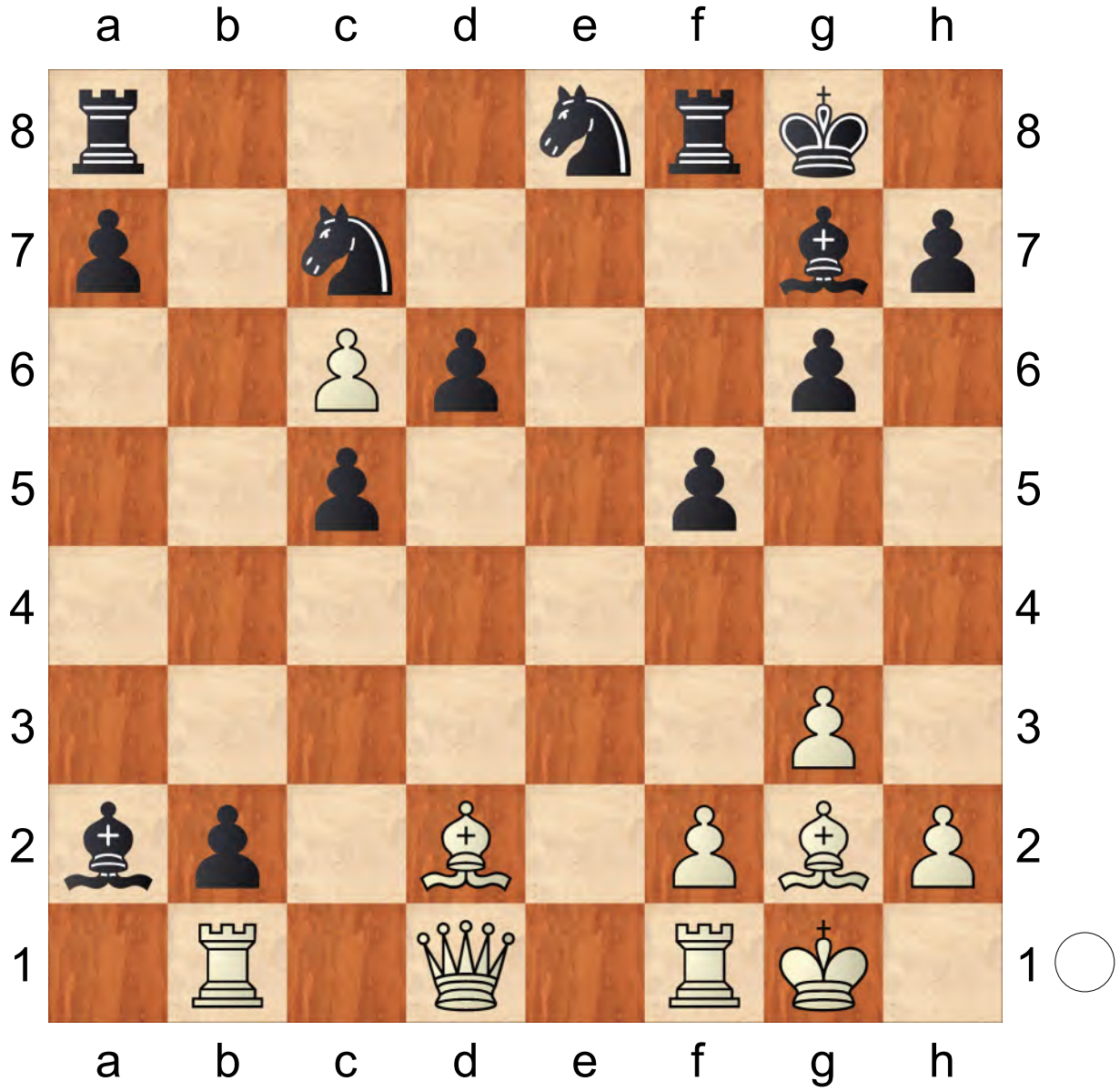
[20.Qa4?! c4 21.Rfe1 c3 22.Bf1 Bf7 23.Bc4 Nd5!?∓]

[⌓20.Re1!? Bxa2 21.Rxb2! Bxb2 22.Qc2 Rb8 23.Bc1 Bd5

A) 24.Bxb2 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rb6 26.Re7 *(26.Ba1 Rxc6 27.Qa4 Ra6 28.Qc4+ d5 29.Qxc5≅)* 26...Rf7 27.Qc4 d5 28.Qc3 Rxe7 29.Qh8+ Kf7 30.Qxh7+=;

B) 24.Bxd5+!? Nxd5 25.Bxb2 Nec7 26.Rd1 Rf7 27.Ba1 Kf8 28.Qc4 *(28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.Qd3 Ne7 30.Qxd6 Rb1+ 31.Kg2 Rxa1 32.Qb8+ Kg7 33.Qe5+ Kg8 34.Qxa1 Nxc6=; 28.Qa2 Nb4 29.Qc4 Ne8 30.Rxd6 Nxd6 31.Qxc5 Nxc6 32.Qxd6+ Kg8 33.Qxc6 Rb1+ 34.Kg2 Rxa1 35.Qc8+ Rf8 36.Qe6+ Rf7=)* 28...Rb4 29.Qa2 Ke7 30.Qxa7 Ke6 31.Re1+ Re4 32.Rxe4+ fxe4±]

20...Bxa2



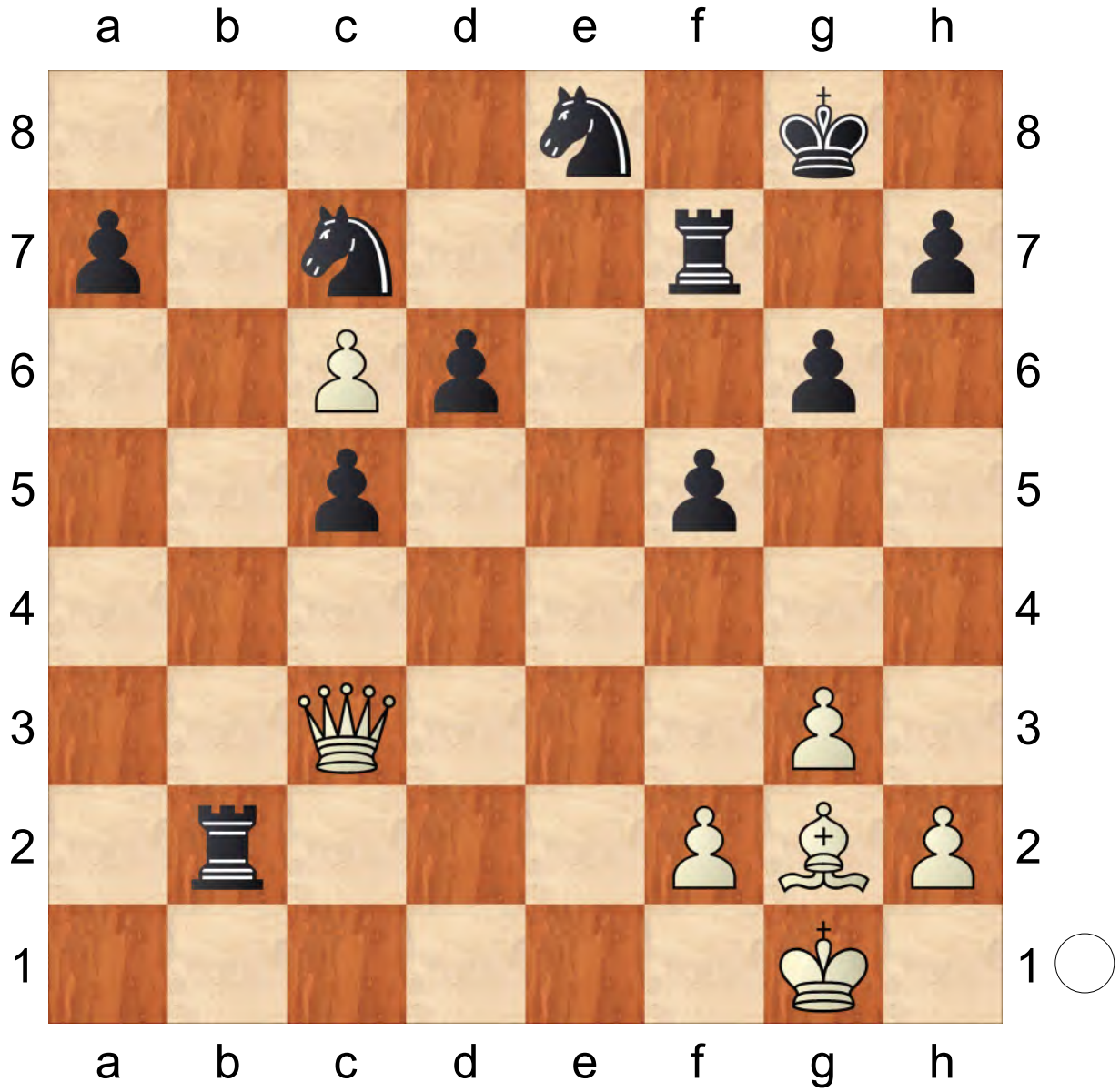
21.Qc2

[21.Rxb2!? Bxb2 22.Qc2 Rb8 23.Bc1! f4 24.Bxb2 f3 25.Qc3 fxg2 26.Qh8+ Kf7 27.Qxh7+ Ke6 28.Re1+ Kd5 29.Qe7 Kxc6 30.Qxf8 Rxb2 31.Rxe8±]

21...Bxb1 22.Rxb1 Rb8 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Rf7 25.Rxb2 Rxb2

[25...Rb6 26.Ra2 *(26.Kf1 Nf6 27.Rxb6 axb6 28.Qd2 d5 29.Qb2 b5 30.Qc3 c4 31.f4 Ne4 32.Bxe4 dxe4⩲)* 26...a6 *(26...Nb5 27.Qc4 Nec7 28.h4 a6*

29.Re2 Kg7 30.Qf4 Nd4 31.Re3 Rb1+ 32.Kh2 Rd1 33.h5 Nce6 34.h6+ Kf6 35.Qh4+ g5 36.Qh5 Rd2 37.Kg1 f4 38.gxf4 Nxf4 39.Qxf7+ Kxf7 40.c7 Nf5 41.Re8!+-) 27.Ra1 Re7 28.Rd1 Re6 29.Qa5 Rb5 30.Qa2 Kf8 31.Bf1 Rb6 32.Bc4 Re7 33.Qa1 Rg7 34.Qa4 Rb4 35.Qa2 a5 36.Qc2 h5 37.Ra1 Nb5 38.Bxb5 Rxb5 39.Qd3 Rb6 40.Qd5±]



26.Qxb2± This unusual position seems better for White, than it is actually. Black wants to construct a fortress. White can win pawn a6, but after that the opponent sometimes can intercept the initiative. **26...a6 27.Qd2 Re7**

[27...Kf8

A) 28.Qh6+?! Ke7 29.Qe3+ Ne6 30.Bd5 N8c7 31.Bxe6 Nxe6 32.Qb3 Nc7 33.Qb8 Ke6 34.Qc8+ Ke5 35.Qh8+ Ke4 36.Qg8 Re7 37.Qd8 Nd5 38.Qxd6 Kd4 39.f4 Kc4∓;

B) 28.Kf1 Re7 *(28...Ke7 29.Qe1+ Kd8 30.Qa5 f4 31.Bd5 Rf5 32.Bc4 Re5 33.gxf4 Re4 34.Bxa6 Rxf4±)* 29.Bd5 Nxd5 30.Qxd5 a5 31.Qd3 Rc7 32.Qb5 Ke7 33.Ke2 g5 34.Kd3 Nf6 35.Kc4 Ne8 36.Qb6 Rc8 37.Qb7+ Rc7 38.Kb5!**±**;

C) 28.Qa5 Re7 *(28...Ng7 29.Bf1 Nge6 30.Bxa6 Nxa6 31.Qxa6 Rc7 32.Qb6 Ke7 33.Kg2 d5∓)* 29.Bf1 *(29.h4 Kf7 30.Bf1 Ng7 31.Bxa6 Nge6 32.Bc8 Nd4 33.Bd7 Ndb5=)* 29...Ne6 30.Qxa6 *(30.Bxa6 Nd4 31.Qb6 Kg7 32.Bc4 Nc7 33.f4 h6 34.Kf2 g5 35.h4 gxh4 36.gxh4 Ne8 37.h5±)* 30...N8c7 31.Qa1 Kf7 32.Bg2 Re8 33.Kf1 Ra8 34.Qb2 Nd4 35.Bd5+ Ke8 36.Bc4 g5 37.h4 h6 38.hxg5 hxg5 39.f3 f4 *(39...Nxc6 40.Qf6±)* 40.gxf4 gxf4 41.Kf2**±**;

D) 28.h4 Nb5 *(28...Re7 29.Bf1 Nb5 30.h5 Nd4 31.Qh6+ Rg7 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Bxa6 Nc7 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Bc4+ d5 36.Qd8!? Ke6 37.Qf8 Re7 38.Qg8+ Ke5=; 28...Rg7 29.Kf1 Nb5 30.h5 Nd4 31.Qg5 Ne6 32.Qe3 N6c7 33.Bf3 Nb5 34.Bd5 Nd4 35.Qh6 Ke7 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.g4 fxg4 38.hxg6 hxg6 39.Qxg4±)* 29.Bd5 Rg7 30.g4 fxg4 31.Qf4+ Ke7 32.Qg5+ Nf6 33.h5! h6 34.Qe3+ Kf8 35.Bc4 gxh5 36.Qxh6 Ne8 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bxb5 axb5 39.c7! Kd7 40.Qxe8+! Kxc7 41.Qxb5**±**]

28.h4 h5 29.f3! Kf7

[⌓29...Kf8!? 30.g4 fxg4 31.fxg4 hxg4 32.Qf4+ Rf7!? *(32...Kg7* see29... ♔f7*)* 33.Qxg4 Rg7 34.Bf1 a5 35.Bd3 Kf7 36.Qf4+ Ke7 37.Qg5+ Nf6 38.Qe3+ Kd8 39.Qd2 a4 40.Qf4 Ke7 41.Qxa4**±**]

30.g4 fxg4

(Diagram)

31.fxg4 hxg4 32.Qf4+ Kg7 Kapengut: 'see29... ♔f7' **33.Qxg4 Nf6 34.Qg3 Re5 35.Bf1 Ne4**

(Diagram)

36.Qg4 Nf6 37.Qc8 Nfe8 38.Bd3 Re3

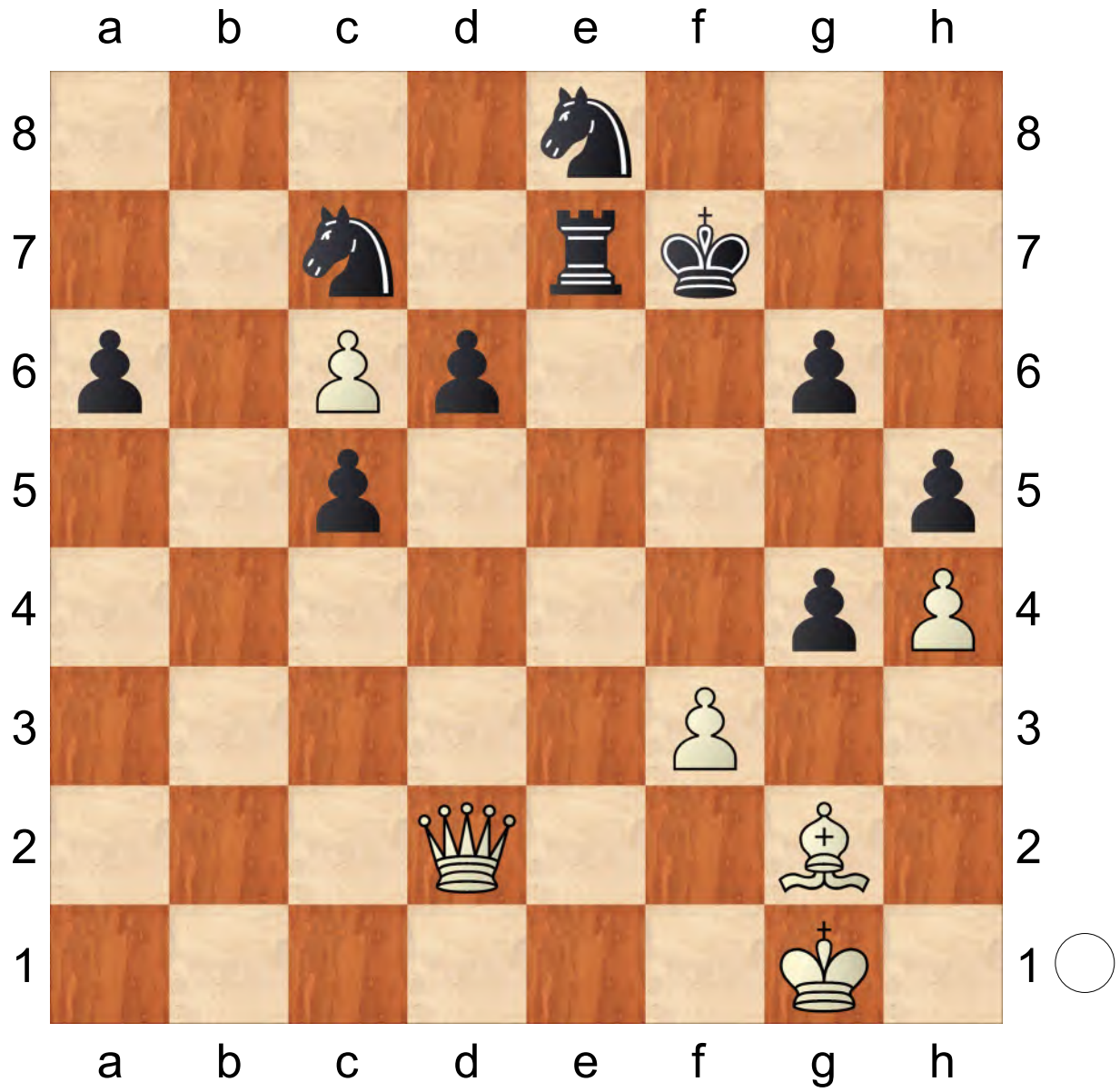
[38...d5 39.Qg4**±**]

39.Bc2 Re1+ 40.Kf2 Re6

(Diagram)

41.Bb3 Rf6+ 42.Kg3 Kh6?

[42...Kf8 43.Qd7 a5 44.Qh7 d5 *(44...a4 45.Bxa4 Rf7 46.Qh6+ Rg7 47.Bb3 d5 48.Qg5 c4 49.Bc2 Kf7 50.Qe5 Kg8 51.Bd1 Rf7 52.Bg4 Rf6 53.Kh3 Kf8 54.Bd7 Rd6 55.h5 gxh5 56.Bxe8 Nxe8 57.c7 Rc6 58.c8Q Rxc8 59.Qf5++-)* 45.Bc2 Rxc6 46.Bxg6 Rf6 47.h5 a4 48.h6 a3 49.Qh8+ Ke7 50.Bxe8 Nxe8 51.h7 a2 52.Qxe8+ Kxe8 53.h8Q+ Ke7 54.Qg7+ Ke6 55.Qa7 Ke5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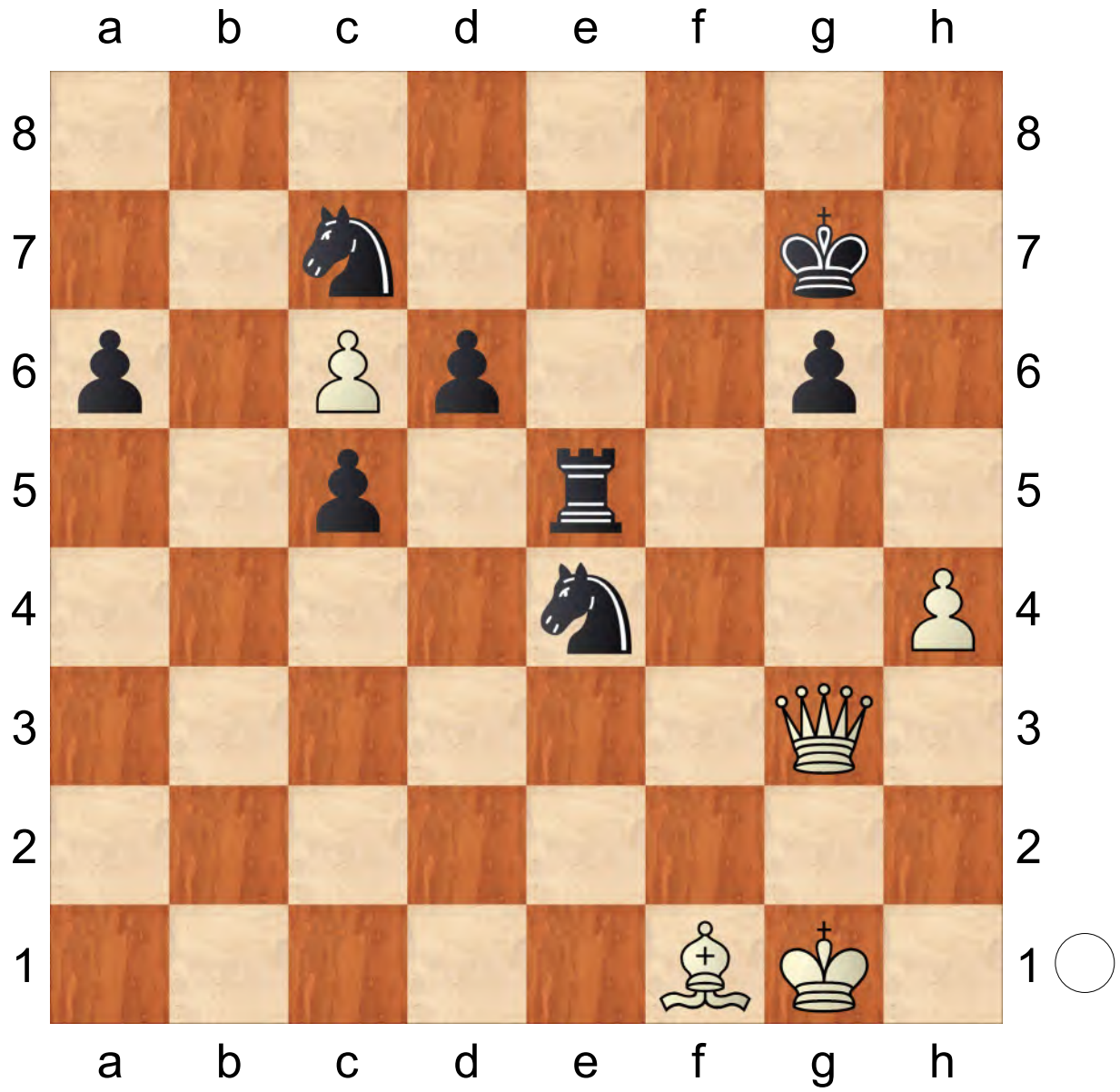
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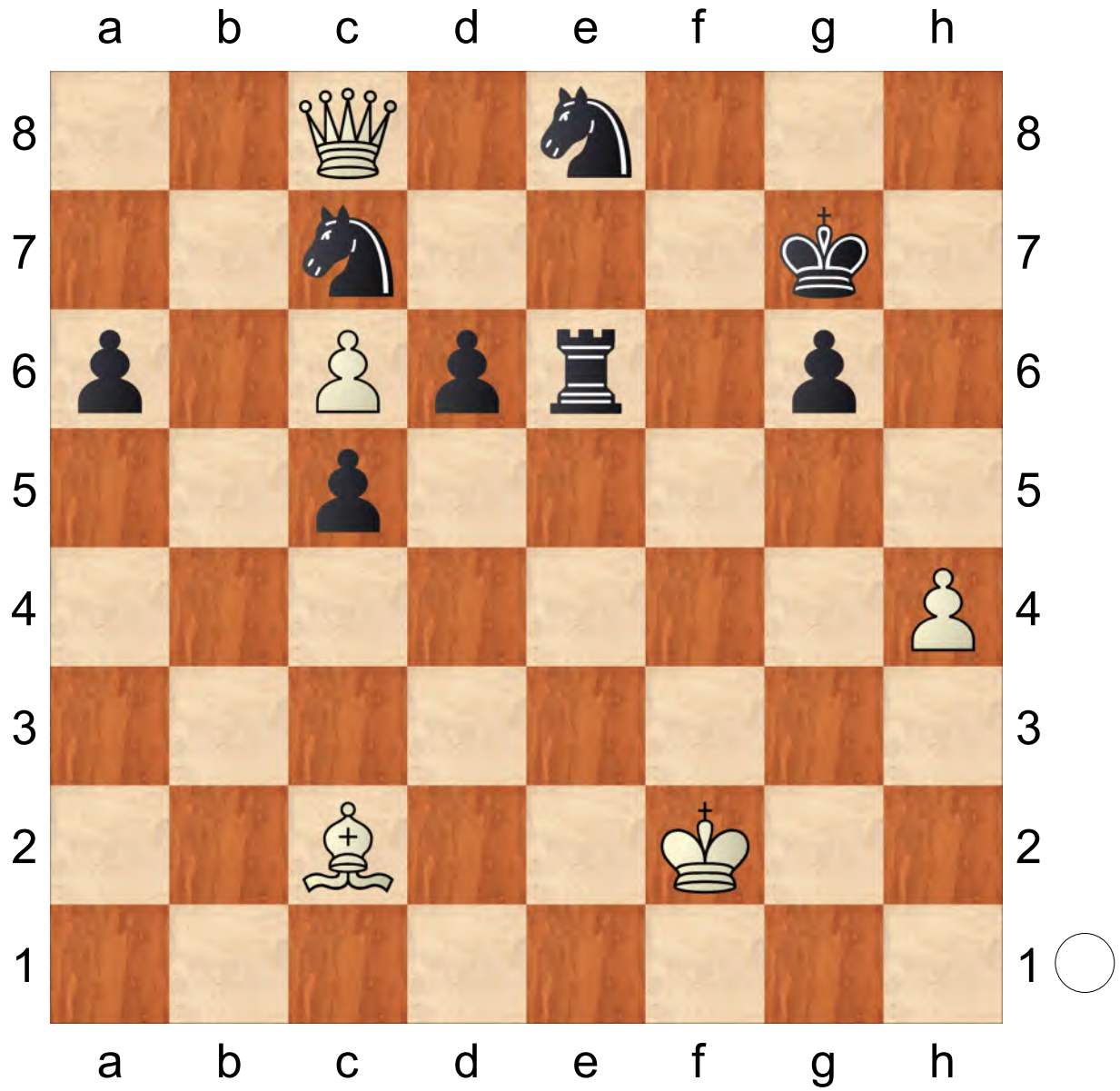

56.Qxa2+-]

43.Qd7 d5 44.Bxd5 g5 45.Be4 gxh4+

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46.Kg4

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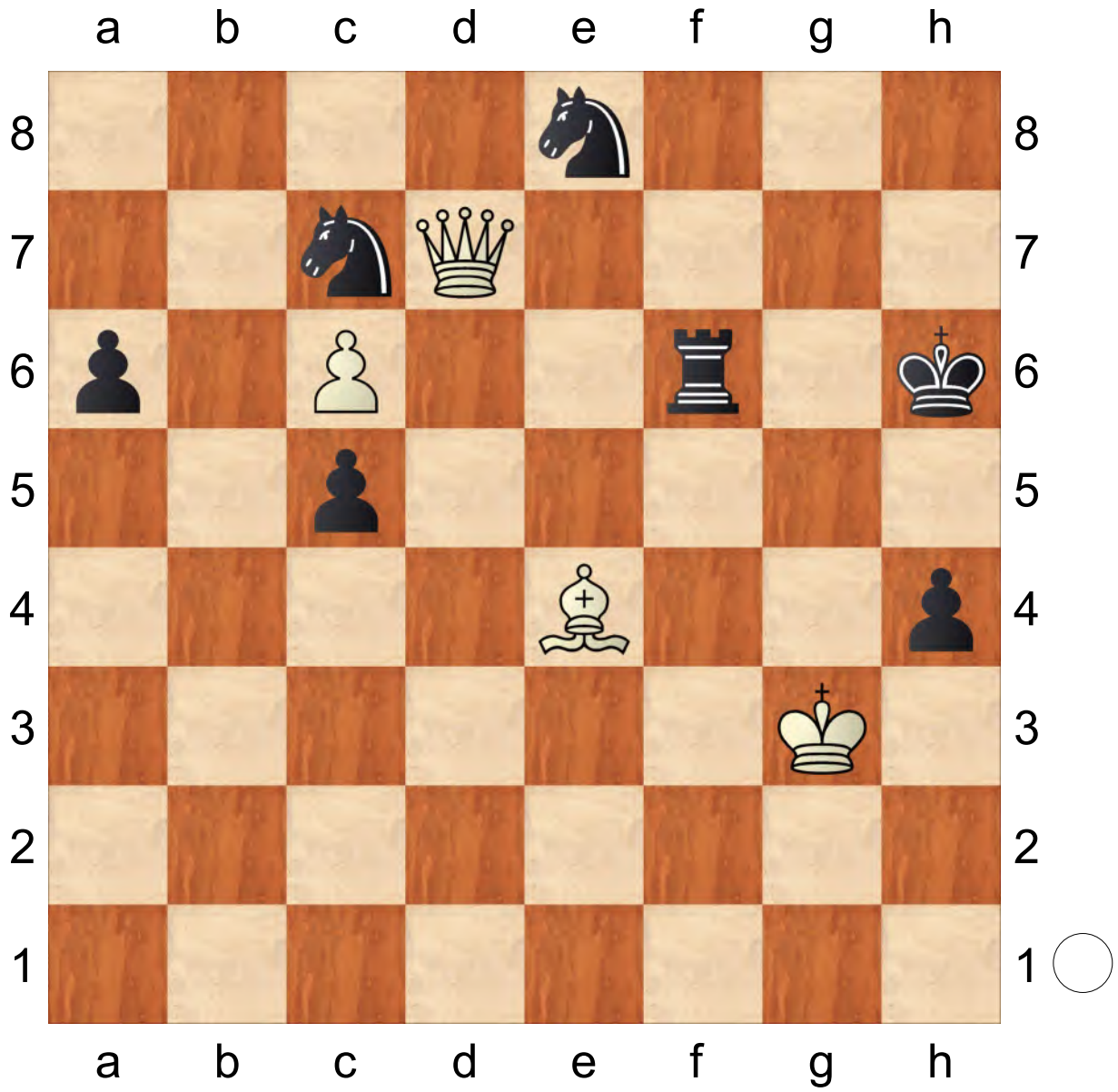
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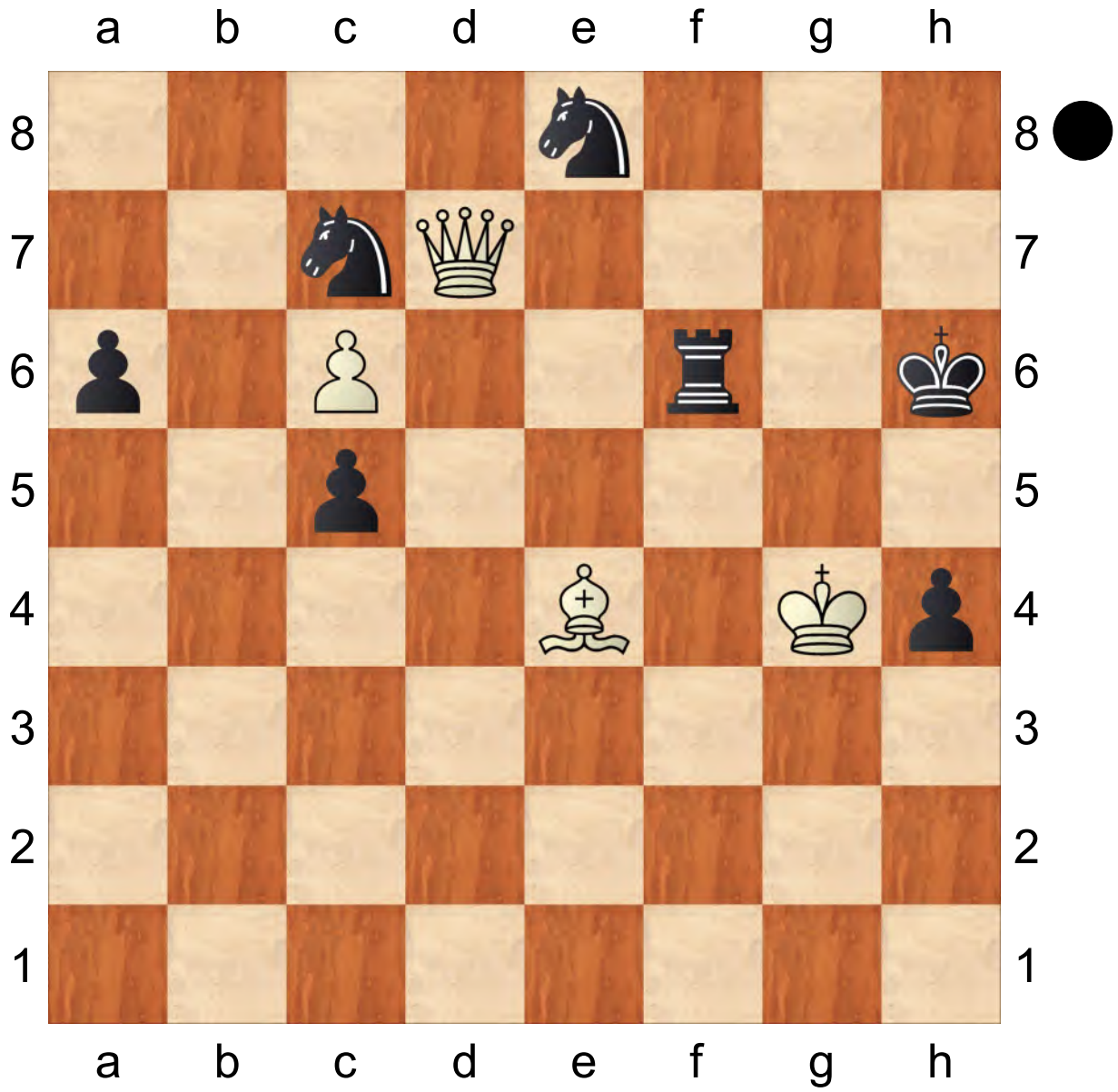
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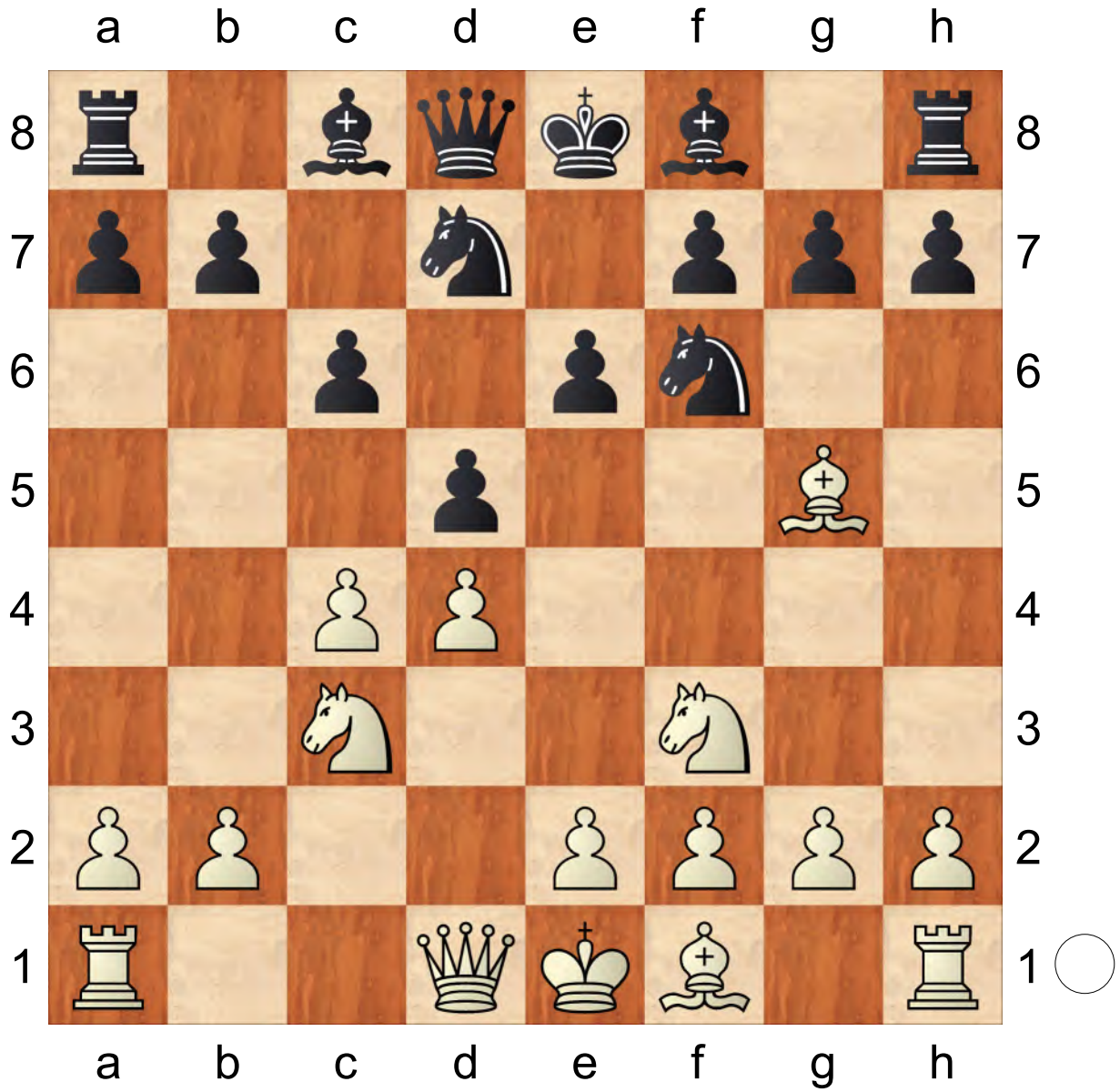
□ **Azmaiparashvili,Zurab** **2625**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2695**
Tilburg (4) 1994
[Hansen,Curt]

1.d4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab Azmaiparashvili,Zurab Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



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[8...e5!? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.0-0 Bd6 13.h3 Re8?! 14.Rad1 exd4 15.Nxd4 Be5 16.f4! Bxd4

17.Rxd4! Rxe3 18.Rfd1± Kramnik,V-Kamsky,G/Linares/1993/]
[8...dxc4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7 11.Be2 0-0

A) 12.a3 Be7 13.0-0 *(13.b4 Nd5 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Ne4 Bd7 16.Rfc1 Be8 17.Nc5 Bf8 18.g3 Qe7 19.Qe4 g6 20.h4 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.Rab1 Nf6 23.Qf4 Nd5 24.Qe4 Nf6 25.Qf3 Nd7 26.Bh3 e5 27.Bxd7 Bxd7 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Qxe5* Gurevich,M-Panchenko,A/URS-chT 1988/½-½ (63) *)* 13...Rd8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.b4 *(15.e4 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Bd6 18.h3 Re8 19.a4 Re7 20.Kf1 a6 21.Qb3 Rae8 22.Qb6 Qxb6 23.Nxb6 Bf5 24.Nc4 Bf4 25.Bd3 Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Bxd3+* Saemisch,F-Bogoljubow,E/Karlsbad 1929/0-1 (39)*)* 15...Nd5 16.Ne4 b6 17.Ne5 a5 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.a4 Rda8 21.Rdc1 Nb4 22.Qb3 b5 23.Nc3 Qa7 24.Bd1 e5 25.dxe5 Nd3 26.Rcb1 Nxe5 27.Ra2 b4 28.Ne4 Rd8 29.Be2 Rad5 Nielsen,B-Bogoljubow,E/Munich (07) 1941/½-½ (59);

B) 12.0-0

B1) 12...Bd6 13.f4 Bd7 14.Rad1 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Be6 18.Rxd6 Bxc4 19.Rfd1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Rad8 21.Qd2 Rxd6 22.Qxd6 Qa5 23.f5 Qxa2 24.f6 gxf6 25.Qxf6 Re8 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Qxc5 Qxb2 30.Qxa7 Qe2 31.Rf1 Kg8 32.Qxb7 Qxe3+ 33.Kh1 Qf2 34.Qb1 Qc5 35.h3 Re6 36.Qb7 Qe7 ½-½ Janowski,D-Marco,G/Wien 1898;

B2) 12...b6 13.Rac1 Bb7

B2a) 14.Bf3 Rac8 *(14...c5?? 15.Nb5 Qe7 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.a3+-)* 15.a3 Be7 *(15...Bxc3!? 16.Qxc3 Nd5 17.Qd2 c5 18.Ne5 Δ b4±)* 16.b4 ○ Rfd8 *(16...c5 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5±)* 17.Qb3 Qb8 18.Rfd1 Nd5 19.Ne4 h6? ×g6 *(19...Qa8□ 20.h3!± Δ c5? 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.b5!±)* 20.h3 Qa8 21.Ne5 a5 22.Nc3! axb4 23.axb4 Qb8 *(23...Nxb4 24.Ra1! Qb8 25.Bh5 Rf8 26.Nd7 Δ ♘f8±)* 24.Bh5! f6□ *(24...Rf8?! 25.Nd7; 24...g6 25.Bxg6! fxg6 26.Qb1! Δ ♕g6+-)* 25.Ng6 Qd6□ 26.e4 Nxc3 27.Rxc3 Bf8 28.Rg3→ Re8 29.e5!+- Qxb4□ 30.Qxb4 Bxb4 31.exf6 gxf6 32.Ne5+ Kf8 33.Nd7+ Ke7 34.Nxb6 Δ ♖g7 Kd6 35.Nxc8+ Rxc8 36.Rb1 Bd2 37.Rxb7 Ra8 38.Rb1 1-0 van Wely,L-Thorhallsson,Th/Manila (ol) 55/448 1992;

B2b) 14.Ne5 Rfc8 15.f4 c5 16.Bf3 cxd4 17.exd4 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qd6 19.Qd3 Nd5 20.f5 exf5 21.Rxf5 Qh6 22.Re1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rxc3 24.Nxf7 Burn,A-Janowski,D/Wien 1898/½-½ (72);

B3) 12...Nd5 13.Ne4 *(13.Bd3 g6 14.a3 Be7 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Bc4 Rd8 18.Nd3 Bd6 19.g3 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Bd7 21.e4 Nb6 22.e5 Nxc4 23.Ne4 b5 24.b3 Bxa3 25.bxc4 Bxc1 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Qxc1* Saemisch,F-Bogoljubow,E/Bad Nauheim-Stuttgart-Garmisch (3) 1937/1-0 (38) *)* 13...Be7 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Kh1 Rac8 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Ng5 Be8 19.Bd3 g6 20.f4 Nd5 21.Rf3 f6 22.Nxe6 Qb8 23.Nxg6 Rd7 24.Ne5 fxe5 25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Rh3 Bf6 27.Be4+ Kg8 28.Bxd5 exd4

29.Nxd4+ Kf8 30.Qf5 Qd6 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Qe4+ Kd8 33.Rxe8+ Kc7 34.Nb5+ 1-0 Mowla,A-Mohamed,M/Novi Sad olm (13) YAR-LIB 1990;

B4) 12...Bd7 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ng5 Be8 17.Bc4 g6 18.a3 Nd5 19.Ne4 c5 20.Qe2 cxd4 21.exd4 Qb6 22.Rfd1 Nf6 23.Ng5 Nd5 24.Ngf3 Rc7 25.Ba2 Rdc8 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Bxd5 exd5 Finegold,B-Clemance,P/Saint John op-1 1988/0-1 (81);

B5) 12...Rd8 13.a3 *(13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.a3 b6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.b4 h6 19.Qb3 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Ng4 21.Ng3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b5 Bd5 24.Qc2 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4* Bogoljubow,E-Alekhine,A (10)/Heidelberg-Wch 1929/0-1 (49)*; 13.Rac1 Bd7 14.a3 Be7 15.e4 Be8 16.Rfd1 Rab8 17.Ne3 Qa5 18.g3 b5 19.e5 Nd7 20.Ne4 Rbc8 21.f4 Qb6 22.Kf2 f6 23.Qb3 Bf7 24.Qc3 Qb8 25.b4 f5 26.Nc5 Nb6 27.Qb3 Nd5* Makogonov,V-Ragozin,V/URS-ch11 Leningrad (13) 1939/½-½ (41) *; 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Ne5 Bd7 15.f4 g6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.g4 Be8 18.g5 Bxe5 19.fxe5 c5 20.Rad1 Qe7 21.Rf6 Rac8 22.Qe4 cxd4 23.exd4 Qb4 24.b3 Qa3 25.Qxb7 Rc2 26.Rdf1 Qb2 27.Bb5 Rxd4 28.h3 Rdd2 29.Bc6 Qd4+ 30.R6f2 Rxf2 31.Bxe8 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qf2#* 0-1 Shabtai,R-Pein,M/Tel-Aviv 1992 *)* 13...Bf8

B5a) 14.Rac1 Bd7 15.Ne5 *(15.b4 Be8* ½-½ Razuvaev,Y-Smyslov,V/Sochi (13) 1986*)* 15...Be8 16.Rfd1 c5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Ba4 19.Re1 Qb6 20.dxc5 Qxb2 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qxa4 Rd2 23.Qf4+ Kg8 24.Bc4 Qxa3 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Qc7 Rad8 27.g3 Qb4 28.Rc4 R2d7 29.Bxd7 Qxe1+ 30.Kg2 Be7 31.Bf5 Rd2 32.Qb8+ Bd8 33.Rf4 Rd1 34.Bd3 1-0 Szigeti,M-Havasi,K/Budapest 1931;

B5b) 14.b4 Qe7 *(14...b6 15.Bf3 Bb7 16.Rfd1 a5 17.bxa5 b5 18.Ne5 Rxa5 19.a4 bxa4 20.Rxa4 Rda8 21.Rda1 Nd5 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Qxa5 25.g3 c5 26.Qb3 Qc7 27.Qb5 f6 28.Nd3 Bc6 29.Qb2* Arsovic,Goran-Subasic,Ilijas/Kladovo ch-YU (12) 1991/0-1 (61)*)* 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.Ne4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Bd3 g6 19.e4 Nb6 20.Na5 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.e5 f6 23.Nc4 fxe5 24.dxe5 Rd5 25.Re1 Kh8 26.Rad1 g5 27.Nd6 Rxe5 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Nxe8 Rxe8 Smagin,S-Panchenko,A.N/Tallinn 42/564 1986/1-0 (55)]

9.Be2

[9.Nb3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' Qa4 10.cxd5 Bxc3+! 11.bxc3 cxd5 12.Bd3 b6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.c4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Qxc4 16.Bxc4 1/2-1/2;Mikhalchishin,A-Akopian,V/Lvov zt/1990/]

9...c5

[9...b6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ba6 12.Bh4! *(12.Bf4 Rac8 13.Bd6 c5 14.Bxf8 Nxf8* 1-0 Izmailov,P-Botvinnik,M/URS-ch06 Odessa sf1 1929*; 12.a4 dxc4 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxc4 Qd5 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2=)* 12...Rac8 *(12...dxc4 13.e4! b5 14.a4 Qb6 15.Rfb1±)* 13.a4! dxc4□ 14.Nxc4 Qf5 ⌓;Stempin,P. *(14...Qd5? 15.Nxb6±; 14...Bxc4 15.Bxc4±* ⧉ ± Stempin,P-Panczyk,K/Polska (ch) 43/(550) 1987 *)* 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Bg3 c5

17.Nd6±]
[9...Re8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 10.0-0 *(10.f4 c5 11.0-0 h6 12.Bh4 cxd4 13.exd4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qd8 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Ncd6 Nxe4 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Nxe4 Nb6 19.Qd2 Nd5 20.Rf3 b6 21.Rg3 f5 22.Nf2 Bb7 23.Re1 Qd6 24.Nh3 Nf6* Martineau,G-Majeed,WR/Dubai olm (12) 1986/½-½ (43) *)* 10...dxc4 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 dxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.f4 c5 15.Rf3 cxd4 16.Rg3+ Kh8 17.cxd4 Nf8 18.Ne5 Qe7 19.Ng4 f5 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nd3 Ng6 22.Bh5 Rg8 23.Qb3 b6 24.Bf3 Rb8 25.Nb4* Mousa,A-Rahman,Z/Dubai olm (14) 1986/½-½ (64)*; 10...e5 11.dxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb3 Qd8 13.Bf4 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.Rac1 Ne5 17.Bg5 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Ne4 19.Bxe7 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Nxc4 21.Rxc4 Be6 22.Ra4 Bxb3 23.axb3 Rxe7 24.Rxa7* Havasi,K-Vukovic,V/Debrecen 1925/1-0 (59)*)* 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Be7 15.Rac1 Bf6 16.Ne5 g6 17.h4 Bg7 18.h5 f6 19.f4 fxe5 20.fxe5 Re7 21.hxg6 h6 22.Rf7 Rxf7 23.gxf7+ Qxf7 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.Qg6 Qf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Bh5 Kg8 28.Qe8+ Bf8 29.Bg6 Kg7 30.Qf7+ Kh8 31.Qh7# 1-0 Astrom,Robert-Jensen,Leif/Stockholm open (06) 1990]
[9...dxc4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ *(11...Qg5 12.0-0 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.f4 Qh6 15.Rf3 g6 16.Rh3 Qg7 17.Bf3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Qa4 Bd6 20.Qd7 Bxe5 21.fxe5 Ba6 22.Rc1 Rfd8 23.Qa4 Bd3 24.Rc7 Rdc8 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Qxa7 Rc1+ 27.Kf2 Rc2+ 28.Kg3 Bf5 29.Rh4 Rxb2* ½-½ Finegold-Stern/National Open 1988 *)* 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bf3 Rfd8 15.a4 Rac8 16.Kd2 Rc7 17.Rhb1 Bc8 18.a5 Nd7 19.Kc2 Kf8 20.Nb6 axb6 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.Rxb6 Ke7 23.Ra7 c5 24.Ra4 Rd6 25.dxc5 Rxc5 26.Rbb4 Rd7 27.Ra3 Rdc7 28.Rab3 e5 29.Bxb7 Bxb7 30.Rxb7 Rxc3+ ½-½ Alekhine,A-Bogoljubow,E (9)/Heidelberg-Wch 1929]
[9...e5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu'

A) 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ndxe4 dxe4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 *(13...Re8 14.Rfd1 Qxe5 15.Bf4 Qa5* = Schmidt,Wl-Dorfman,I/Warszawa 35/(529) 1983*)* 14.Qxe4 f6 15.Bf4 Bf5 16.Qd4 Rad8 17.Bxe5 Rxd4 18.Bxd4 c5 19.e4 cxd4 20.exf5 dxc3 21.Bf3 b6 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Rfe1 g6 24.fxg6 hxg6 Gruenfeld,E-Bogoljubow,E/Maehrisch-Ostrau (8) 1923/½-½ (49);

B) 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.cxd5 *(12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 15.Bf3 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Be6 17.Nd6 Rab8 18.a4 Rfd8 19.Rfc1 Na2 20.Rcb1 b5 21.axb5 cxb5 22.Nxb5 a5 23.Nd4 Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 a4 25.h3 a3 26.Nxe6 fxe6* Mantovani,R-Stavru,A/Forli op (09) 1992/1-0 (39)*)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1 Bxe5 15.dxc6 Rd8 *(15...bxc6; 15...bxc6 16.0-0 Be6 17.Bc4 Rfe8 18.Nb3 Qb6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Nc5 Rh6 21.h3 Bd6 22.Rfd1 Rd8 23.Rb1 Qc7 24.Rb7 Qa5 25.Ne4 Bf8 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Rxa7 Re6 28.Ra4 h6 29.Rd4 Qa8 30.a4* Zak,U-Temanlis,Y/Tel Aviv-B (03) 1991/1-0 (52)*)* 16.Bd3 bxc6 17.0-0 Ba6 18.Nc4 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Rac8 *(19...Qc7 20.g3 c5 21.Rfd1 Bf6 22.Bd3 g6 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5* Bukic,E-Nikolac,J/Jugoslavija 21/475 1976/1-0 (44)*)* 20.Bb3 Qc7 21.f4 Bf6 22.Kh1 Qe7 23.Rf3 c5 24.Rh3 g6 25.Bc4 Qd7 26.f5 Kg7 27.Rf1 g5

28.Qe2 h6 29.Qh5 Rh8 30.Be6 Qe8 31.Bxc8 Qxc8 32.e4 Qc7 33.Qe2 c4 34.e5 Qxe5 35.Qxc4 Pastor,K-Kalivoda,J/Luhacovice ch-CZ 1993/½-½ (51);

C) 10.0-0

C1) 10...Bd6 11.cxd5 *(11.Nb3?!* Thomas,I. *Qc7 12.cxd5 cxd5!∓)*

C1a) 11...cxd5 N; 11...ed4 ± 12.Nb5 Bb8 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nf3 × d5 Ne4 *(14...a6!?* Spraggett,K.*)* 15.Bh4 Bf6 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.b4!+- +- Spraggett,K-Thomas,I/Toronto 43/(550) 1987;

C1b) 11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5!?;

C1c) 11...exd4 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Nxd6 dxc3 14.dxc6 Qxc6 15.Rad1 Nd5 16.Bf3 cxb2 17.Qxb2 Qxd6 18.Rxd5 Qe6 19.Rc1 Nb6 20.Re5 Nc4 21.Rxe6 Nxb2 22.Re7 h6 23.Bh4 Nd3 24.Rcc7 Be6 25.Bxb7 Rivas Pastor,M-Nikolac,J/Rome (06) 1984/1-0 (41);

C2) 10...exd4 11.Nb3 *(11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.Ne3 Be6 15.Bf3 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.a3 Ba5 18.Na4 Bb6 19.Nc5 Bd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Qf5 g6 22.Qg4 Nf6 23.Qg5 Kg7 24.b4 Re8 25.Rac1 Rcd8* Trojacek,P-Kalivoda,J/Luhacovice ch-CZ 1993/½-½ (48) *)*

C2a) 11...Qb6!? 12.Nxd4 *(12.exd4!?)* 12...dxc4 *(12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Bxc4=)* 13.Bh4! Qc5 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Bxc4! *(15.a3 Bd6 16.Bxc4 b5-+)* 15...c5? *(15...Qh5 16.Bg3 Nb6! 17.Be2 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7±; 15...b5? 16.Nxc6 Qxa4 17.Bb3 Qa6 18.Nxb4+-)* 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nd6 b5 18.a3 bxc4 19.axb4 Qxb4 *(19...cxb4 20.Qxc4±)* 20.Qxc4! Rb8 21.Rfc1 Ne5 *(21...Qxc4 22.Rxc4 Nb6 23.Rxc5 Nxa4 24.Rxa4 Rxb2 25.h3±)* 22.Qxc5? *(22.Qxb4 Rxb4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Nxc5 Rxb2 25.Nce4+-)* 22...Qxh4 23.Qxe5 Qxf2+! 24.Kxf2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Nxe5 26.Nxc8 Rfxc8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Nb6 Rc2 29.Rxa6 h5 30.b4?! Nd3 31.Nd5 Ne1 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.b5 Rxg2+ 34.Kf4 Rxh2 Van der Sterren,P-Yusupov,A/Munich SKA (09) 1994/½-½ (47);

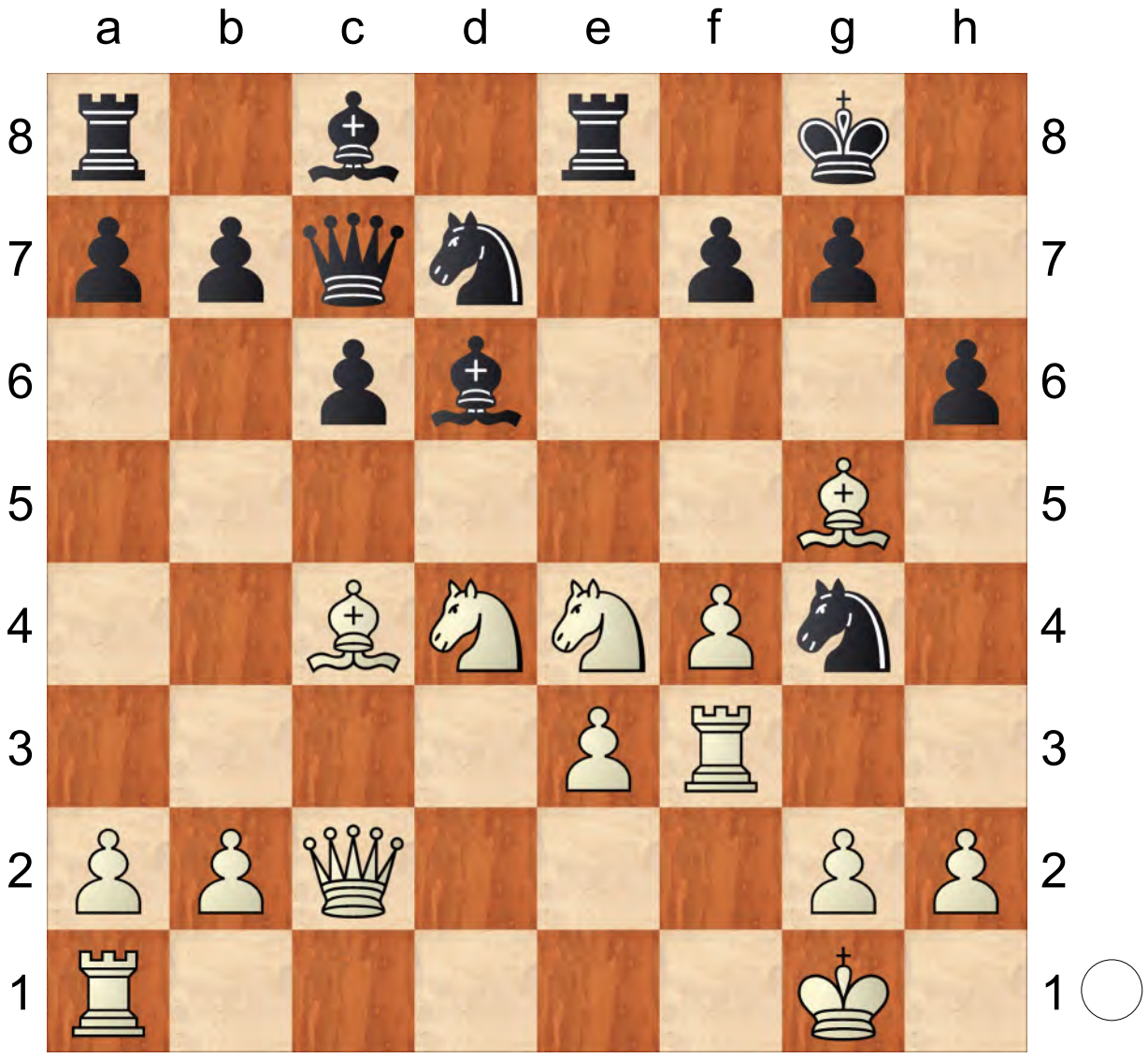
C2b) 11...Qc7 12.Nxd4 dxc4 *(12...Bxc3 13.Bf4? Qxf4! 14.exf4 Bxd4∓)* 13.Bxc4

C2b1) 13...Qe5 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.a3 Ba5 16.Rad1 Bc7 17.Ba2 Re8 18.Bh4 h6 19.Rd4 Qc5 20.Rfd1 Qh5 21.g4 Nxg4 22.Rxd7 Bxd7 23.Rxd7 +- Beliavsky,A-Smagin,S/USSR (ch) 41/(500) 1986;

C2b2) 13...Bd6?

C2b21) 14.Kh1 Be5 15.Rad1 Nb6 16.Be2 Ng4 17.h3 *(17.Nf3 Bxh2 18.g3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Qxg3∞)* 17...Bxd4 18.hxg4 Be5 19.f4 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 f6 21.Bh4 Be6 22.a3 Bd5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '∓' 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∓' Hansen,Cu: 'Cramling P.-Smagin, Denmark 1991" *(22...Bd5∓* Cramling P.-Smagin, Denmark 1991*; 22...Nd5)* 23.Bf3! Bxf3 24.gxf3 Rad8 25.Bf2 f5! 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Rxd8?! Qxd8 28.Rd1 Qe8 29.Qb4? fxg4 30.fxg4 Nd5∓ 31.Qd4 Rf7 32.Kg1 a6 33.f5 Re7 34.Qc4 h6 35.Rd4 Nxe3 36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Kf2 b5!? 38.Qc2 c5 39.Rd5 Rh3! 40.Kg2 Rh4-+ 41.Rxc5 Rxg4+ 42.Kf2

Rf4+ 43.Kg2 Qh5 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.f6+ Rf5 46.Rc3 Qg6+ 47.Rg3 Rg5 0-1 Cramling,P-Smagin,S/Kobenhavn 53/432 1991;
C2b22) 14.f4 Re8 *(14...h6 15.Bxh6 Ng4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nf5+ Kh8 18.Rf3 Ndf6 19.Rh3+ Kg8 20.Nxd6 Kg7 21.Nxc8 Rfxc8 22.Rg3 Kf8 23.Qf5 b5 24.Be2 b4 25.Na4 c5 26.Bxg4 Ke7 27.Bf3 Rab8 28.b3 c4 29.bxc4 Qxc4* Van Beers,E-Stavru,A/WchJ-Mamaia 1991/1-0 (42)*)* 15.Rf3 Ng4 *(15...Nb6!? 16.Bxf6? Nxc4)* 16.Ne4 h6? *(16...Nb6)*



17.Bxf7+! Kxf7 18.Qc4+ Kg6 *(18...Kf8 19.Ne6+ Rxe6 20.Qxe6 Nc5 21.Qxd6+ Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.fxg5++-)* 19.Ne6 Rxe6 20.Qxe6+ Ndf6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.h3! Nh6 24.fxg5 Kxg5 25.Rg3+ Kh4 26.Rxg7 Nf5 27.Nxf5+ Bxf5 28.Rf7?! Kg5 29.Rf1 Rh8? 30.e4 Kg6 31.Rxf6+ Kxf6 32.exf5 8 Weber 1-0

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C2b3) 13...Ne5 14.Be2 *(14.Bb3±; 14.Bb3!± Neg4 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Bg5* Δ f4, e4 *h6 18.Bh4 Ng6? 19.Qxg6±* Spraggett *)* 14...Neg4 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Rad1 Ng6 18.Bg3 Rd8 19.a4 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Rxd6 21.b4 Bd7 22.a5 Nh4 23.Rfe1 Rd8 24.g3 Ng6 Spraggett,K-Saeed,S/Taxco izt (9) 1985/1-0 (47);

C2b4) 13...Ng4 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Ncb5 cxb5 16.Nxb5 Bxf4 17.Nxc7 Bxc7 18.Be2± *(18.Bxf7++-)*;

C2b5) 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3

C2b51) 14...Ne5 15.Bb3!± N *(15.Be2 Qe7 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.h3* Δ ♔h2, f4, e4 ± *)* 15...Qe7 *(15...c5?! 16.Nb5* Δ c3-c4, ♘b5-c3-d5 *; 15...Neg4 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.h3 Ne5 18.Bg5)* 16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 Kh8 Δ 18... ♘g6 *(17...c5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 c4 20.Bc2±)* 18.Nf5! Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Ng6 *(19...Ned7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Rd4±)* 20.Bxf6 gxf6 *(20...Qxf6? 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rfd1* Δ 23. ♖d7 *Rad8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxf7±)* 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Rd4! Rxd4?! *(22...c5!? 23.Rd5 Rxd5 24.Bxd5 b6 25.c4±)* 23.cxd4+- Kg7 24.Rc1 Re8 25.g3 Qe4 26.Qc5 Qd3 Δ 27... ♖e3 27.Rc3 Qe2 28.Rc2 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 a6 30.Qf5 Qb4 31.Rc5 Qb6 32.h4 Qc7 33.Qg4 Kh8 34.Rh5 1-0 Matlak,J-Swierczynski,S/IX Polish Team Ch 1990/91 CCYB 5\246 1991;

C2b52) 14...Qe5

C2b521) 15.Nf3!? Qc5 16.Bb3;

C2b522) 15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Bd3! *(16.Bb3 Nd5 17.Bg3 Qxc3 18.Bxd5 Qxc2 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nxc2∞)* 16...Ne5 17.Nb3 *(17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.e4 c5 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.e5 Nd5 21.Be4 Be6 22.Rad1 Rad8±)* 17...Qd5!? 18.Be2!? Bf5 19.c4!? *(19.Qb2!?)* 19...Bxc2 20.cxd5 Ng6 21.dxc6 Nxf4 22.exf4 bxc6 23.Ba6?! *(23.Bf3= Cvetkovic,S)* 23...Rab8 24.Rfc1 Be4∓ = Tesic,D-Cvetkovic,S/Vrbas 58/(491) 1993;

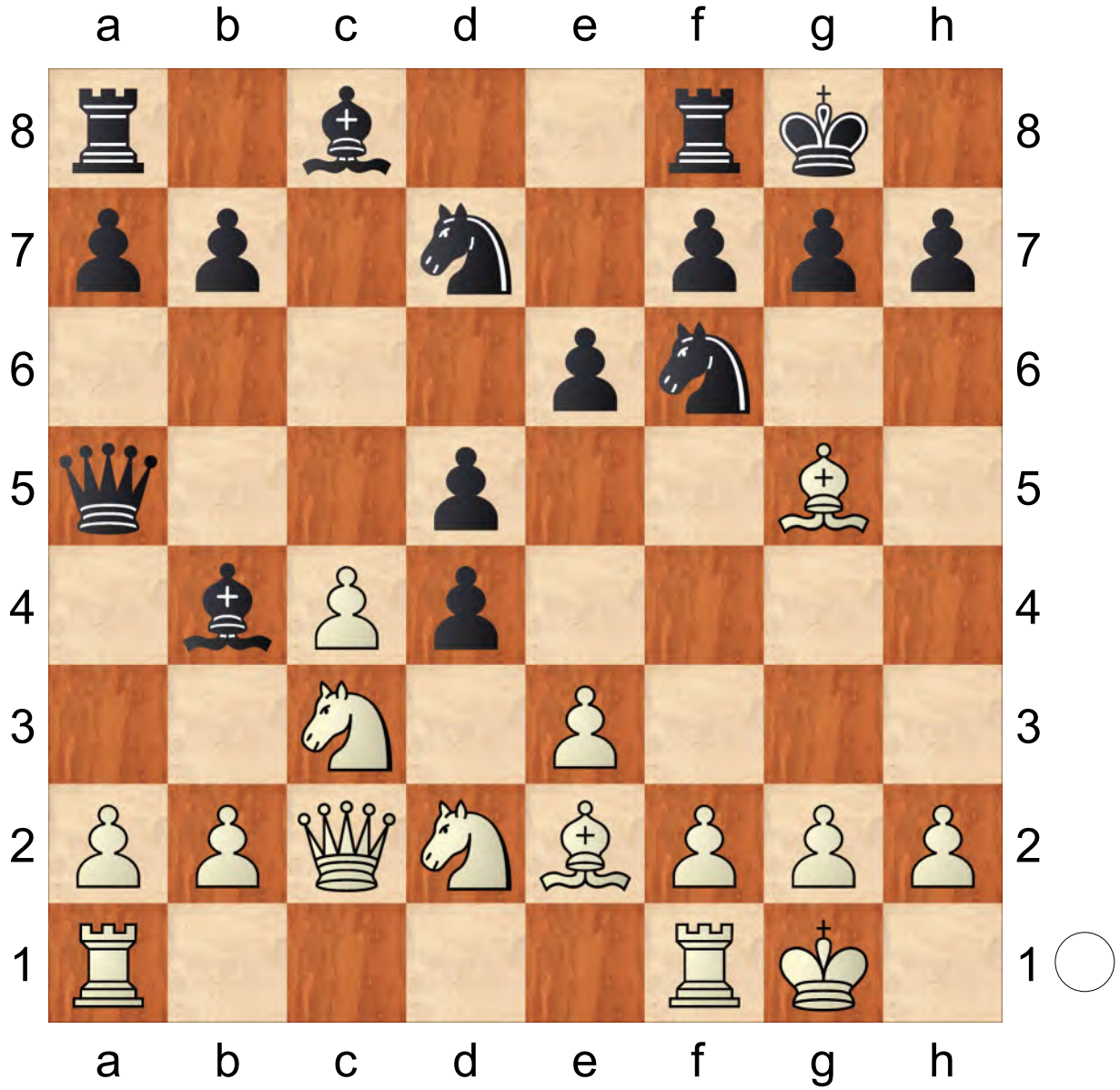
C2b523) 15.Bh4?! Qe4! 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Rfc1 g5?! *(17...Ne5! 18.Be2 Ng6 19.Bg3 Bd7 20.Rab1 b6=)* 18.Bg3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Ne5 20.Be2 Bd7 21.f4 *(21.Rab1! Rab8 22.f4 Ng4 23.e4±)* 21...Ng4 22.e4 Rad8 23.Re1?! *(23.Rab1 b6 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.Nxc6 Rd2 26.Rb5 h6!±)* 23...Nf6! 24.Bf3 *(24.Bc4 Nh5 25.f5 Nxg3 26.Kh2 Nh5 27.e5 c5 28.e6 cxd4 29.e7 dxc3∓)* 24...g4!? 25.Bd1 c5 26.Nc2? h5 27.e5 Nd5 28.c4 Nc3! 29.Ne3 Bc6 30.Be2?! Rd2 31.Bf1 Be4? 32.a4! Bc6 33.Ra3 Nxa4 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.cxd5! Nb6 36.d6 c4 37.Rxa7 c3 38.Rxb7 c2? 39.Rxb6 Rd1 40.Rc6 Rxe1 Ruban,V-Cvetkovic,S/Jugoslavija 58/491 1993/1-0 (57)]

10.0-0 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'N' 'N'

[10.Nb3 Bxc3+ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *(10...Qa4* Azmaiparashvili,

Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Ü 60/(442)' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Ü 60/(442) Hansen,Cu: '∞!' Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' *11.Bxf6* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *Nxf6 12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Be2 Bd6 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.h3 Be5 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Bb5 Qxb5* ½-½ Lobron,E-Ivanchuk,V/Munikh(04) 1994*; 10...Qa4!∞* Ftacnik *)* 11.bxc3 Qa4 12.cxd5 c4 13.Qb2 Nxd5 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bh4 b5 16.a3 N7b6 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Nb1 Bd7 19.0-0 f5 20.Bg3 f4 21.exf4 Nxf4 22.Qd2 Nbd5 23.Bf3 Nd3 24.Be4 Qd8 Azmaiparashvili,Z-Ivanchuk,V/ Moscow PCA 3(6'-5') 1994/½-½ (43)]

10...cxd4



11.Nb3

[11.exd4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' dxc4 12.Bxf6 *(12.Bh4 Nb6! 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7= 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.d5□ Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxe6! 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.bxc3 Rac8* ½-½ Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V/Luzern WchT (RUS-

UKR) (5) 1993) 12...Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qd8=]

11...Qb6

[11...Qd8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe5 Qb4 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Bxb5 a6 20.Be2 Bd7 1/2-1/2;Cramling,P-Hansen,LB/Rilton Cup/1993-94/]

12.exd4

[12.Nxd4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' dxc4 13.Bh4 *(13.Bxc4?! Qc5∓)* 13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Bg3 Nb4 17.Qc3 Nd5 18.Qc1 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc4 Qxc4 21.Bxc4 Bd7 22.Rfd1 Bc6 23.Rd4 Nb6 24.Bf1 Rfd8 25.Rad1 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 f6 27.f3 Kf7 Alonso,Rene-Fuentes,Manuel/ Holguin ch-CU (01) 1991/½-½ (61)]

12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 ɔb3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'ɔb3" **13...Qc7** Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' **14.Qe2**

[14.Nb5!? Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!?' Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik" Qc6 15.a3 Be7 16.Na5 Qb6 17.b4 a6 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Rad1 Qg4 20.f4⩱ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '⩱"]

14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4!

[15...b6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Bd3±]

(Diagram)

16.Qxe4 Qxc4 17.Rfe1?! Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!?' '!?' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?!"

[17.Rac1= Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu']

17...Nb6

[17...Qxc3? Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Ftacnik' 18.Be7 Re8 19.Rac1 Qb2 20.Re2]

18.Be7?! Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?!"

[18.Rac1∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu']

[18.Re3 Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik" Qd5! Azmaiparash vili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!" *(18...f6?? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab 19.Rh3 g6 20.Qh4+-)* 19.Qh4 f6∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∓" 20.Bf4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab e5 21.dxe5 Nc4∓]

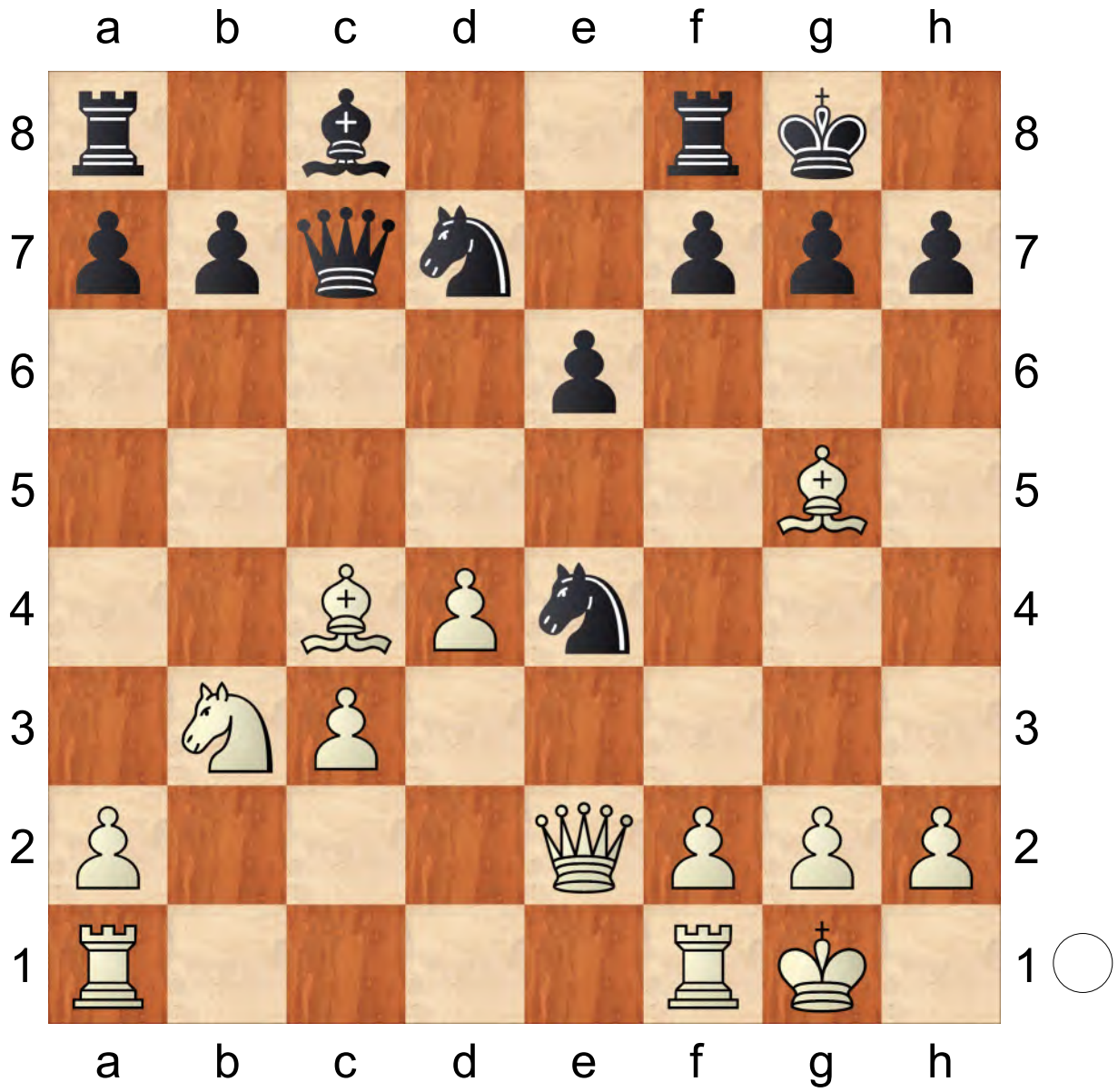
18...Re8 19.Bc5 Nd5 Δb7-b6,♗c8-b7 ∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δb7-b6, ♗c8-b7 ∓" **20.Nd2 Qxc3**

(Diagram)

21.Qe2 Δ♘d2-e4-d6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘d2-e4-d6"

[21.Qxd5?? Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik" Qxa1!-+ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '-+' '-+' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+!"]

21...b6 22.Ne4 Qa5 23.Bd6 Bd7-+ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '?' '?' Azmaiparashvili,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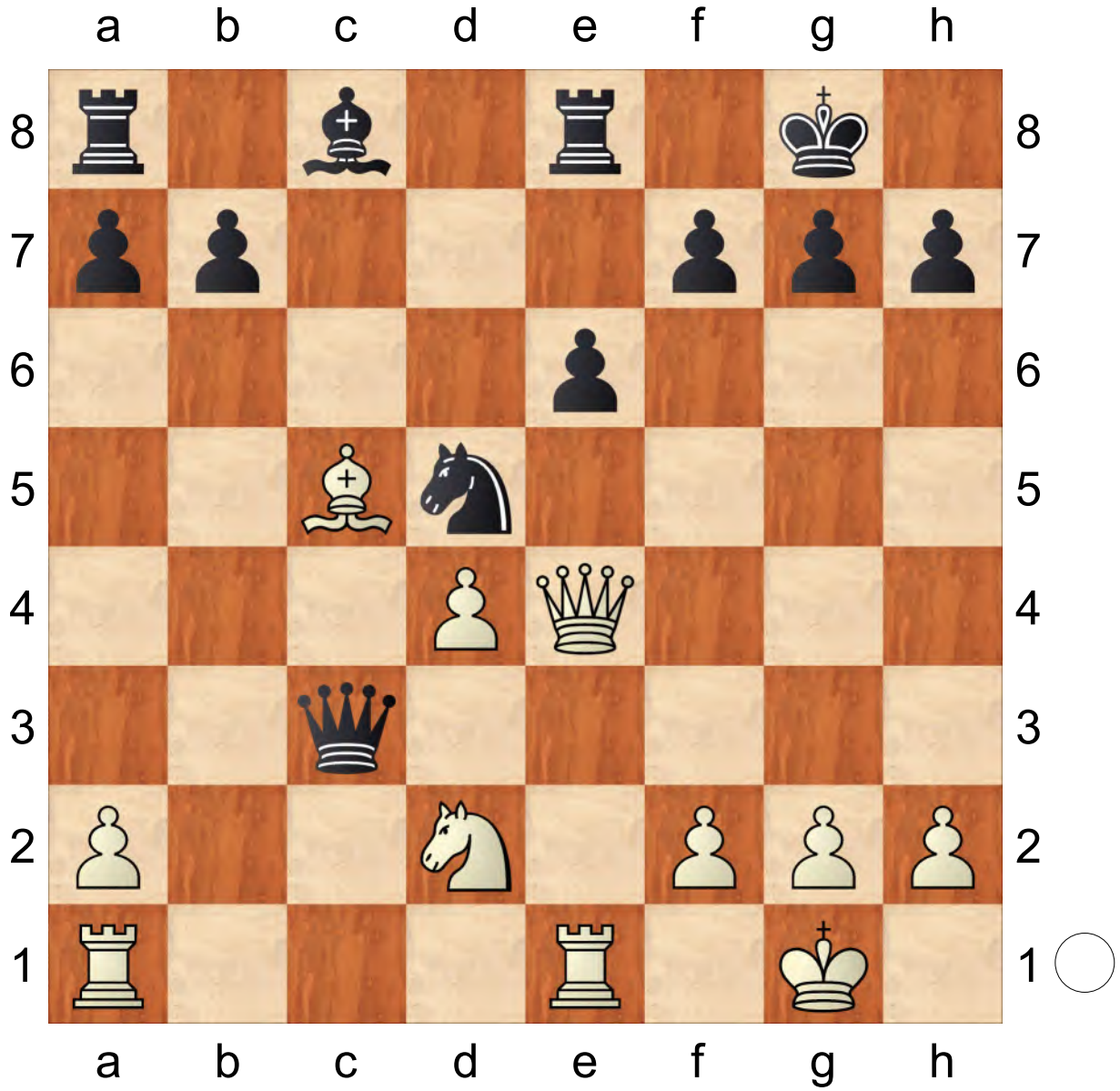
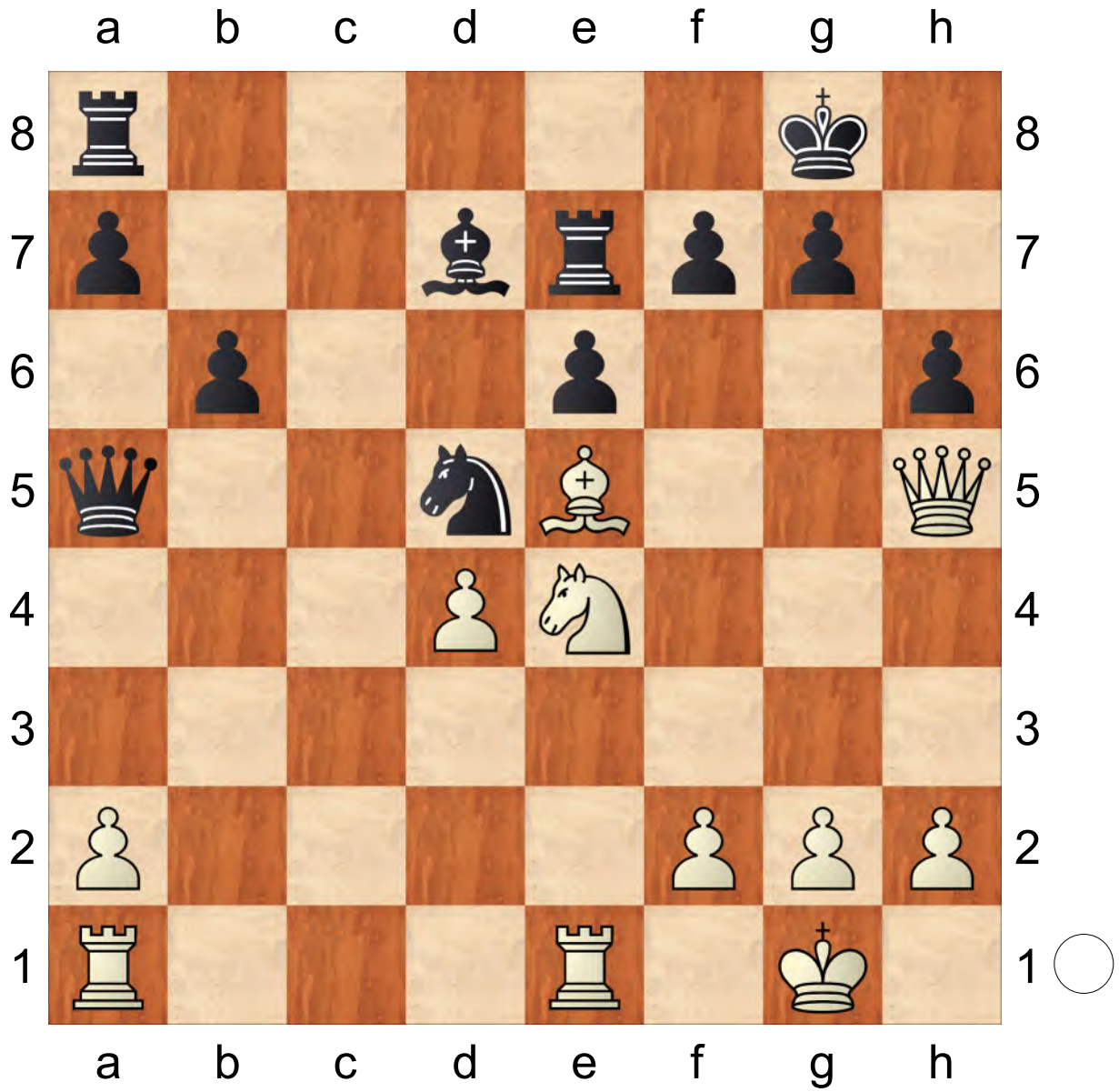


Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+"
[23...Ba6 Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik" 24.Qf3 f6∓]
24.Qh5 Δ♘g5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘g5" **24...h6?!**
[24...f6!?∓ ×g5,×e5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '∓' '∓' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen, Cu: '∓!?' Hansen,Cu: '×g5,×e5"]
25.Be5≌ Δ♕g4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '≌' '=!?' Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♕g4"
25...Re7

(Diagram)

26.Bd6 Ree8 27.Red1?! Δ♖d1-d3-g3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: '[Δ Rd3-g3]' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '[Δ ♖d3-g3] Hansen,Cu: '?!' Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♖d1-d3-g3"



[27.Be5!?=]

27...Ne7 28.Be5 Bc6 29.d5□ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '□'' **29...Bxd5**

[29...Nxd5 Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Ftacnik' 30.Qg4 g6 31.Qh4→]

[29...exd5 Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Ftacnik' 30.Nd6 Rf8 31.Bxg7! Kxg7 32.Qe5+→]

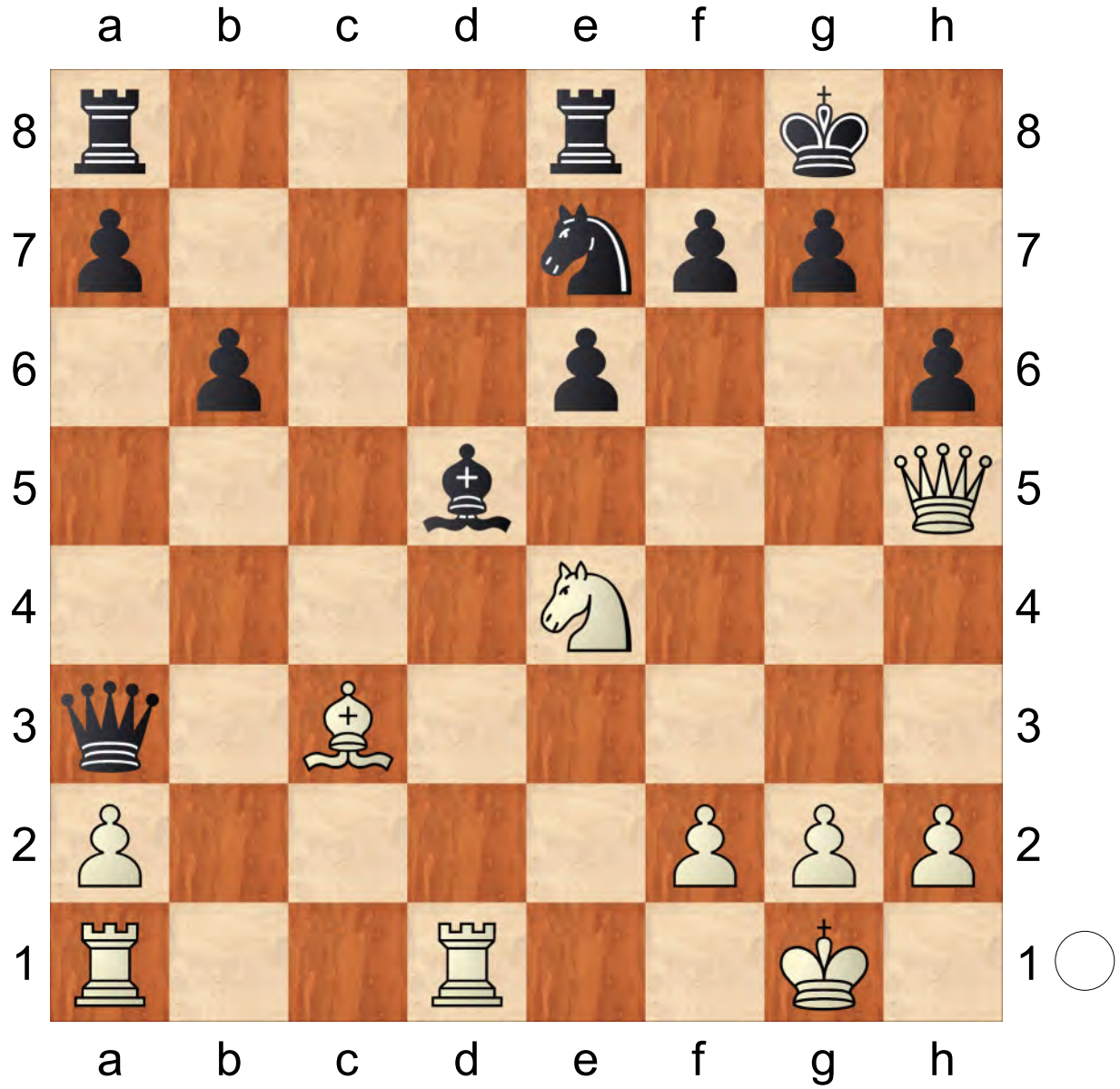
30.Bc3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!'

[30.Nf6+? Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?' Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' gxf6 *(30...Kf8* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab *31.Rd3!±)* 31.Bxf6 Nf5 32.Rd4 Rec8-+ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+'']

30...Qa3

[30...Qa4?? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 31.Qg4 Ng6 32.Nf6+ gxf6

33.Qxa4+-]



31.Bxg7
[31.Qe5 Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' Nf5 32.Nf6+ gxf6 33.Qxf6 Kf8 34.Rab1 a5 35.Rxb6 Qa4 36.Rxd5 exd5 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qe5+ Kf8 39.Qh8+= Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '=' '=' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '=']
31...Bxe4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '?' '?'
[31...Kxg7!? 32.Qe5+ Kf8
A) 33.Nf6
A1) 33...Ng6 Ftacnik 34.Nh7+ Kg8 *(34...Ke7?? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 35.Qc7#)* 35.Nf6+
A1a) 35...Kh8? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?'' 36.Qd4 Red8

Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *(36...Qc5* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab *37.Qb2+-)* 37.Nxd5+ e5 38.Qe4↑;
A1b) 35...Kf8;
A2) 33...Ng6∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '=' '=';
B) 33.Qh8+ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 33...Ng8 34.Nf6 *(34.Rxd5 exd5 35.Nf6 Ke7 36.Re1+ Kd6∓)* 34...Ke7∓]

32.Qxh6 Bh7? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?"
[32...Ng6!-+ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 33.Bf6 Qf8 *(33...Qf8* Ftacnik *34.Qh5 Rac8∓)*]

33.Be5+-
[33.Be5 Nf5 34.Qf6 Kf8
A) 35.Rd7
A1) 35...Bg8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 36.Rad1! Rac8 *(36...Re7 37.Bd6+-)* 37.Bd6+ Qxd6 *(37...Nxd6 38.Qh6#)* 38.R1xd6+-;
A2) 35...Re7□ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' □" 36.Bd6 Qxd6 37.Rxd6 Nxd6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: ' ⇄' '⇄' 38.h4 Δh5-h6 Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Δh5-h6' *(38.Qh6+* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Qh6+=)* 38...Rd7 39.h5 Be4 *(39...Kg8=* Δ♘e4/ Δ♘e8 *)* 40.Rd1± *(40.h6 Ne8∞)*;
B) 35.g4! Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!" 35...Qf3 36.h3! Martin Slowik Δ37.gf5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '+-!!' '+-!!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!' Hansen,Cu: 'Martin Slowik Δ37.gf5" *(36.gxf5* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen, Cu' *Qg4+ 37.Bg3 Bxf5 38.Rd7 Qg6 39.Qh8+ Qg8 40.Qc3 Qg7=)*
B1) 36...Qxh3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu'
B1a) 37.Qh8+ Bg8 *(37...Ke7 38.Bf6#)* 38.Qxh3+-;
B1b) 37.Qh8++-;
B2) 36...Bg8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 37.gxf5 Qxf5 38.Bd6++-;
B3) 36...Bg6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bf6#;
B4) 36...Qe4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 37.Rd7 Re7 *(37...Bg8 38.gxf5+-)* 38.gxf5 Rxd7 39.Qh8+ *(39.Qg7+* Ftacnik *Ke8 40.Qh8+ Bg8 41.Qxg8+ Ke7 42.f6#)* 39...Ke7 40.f6#]

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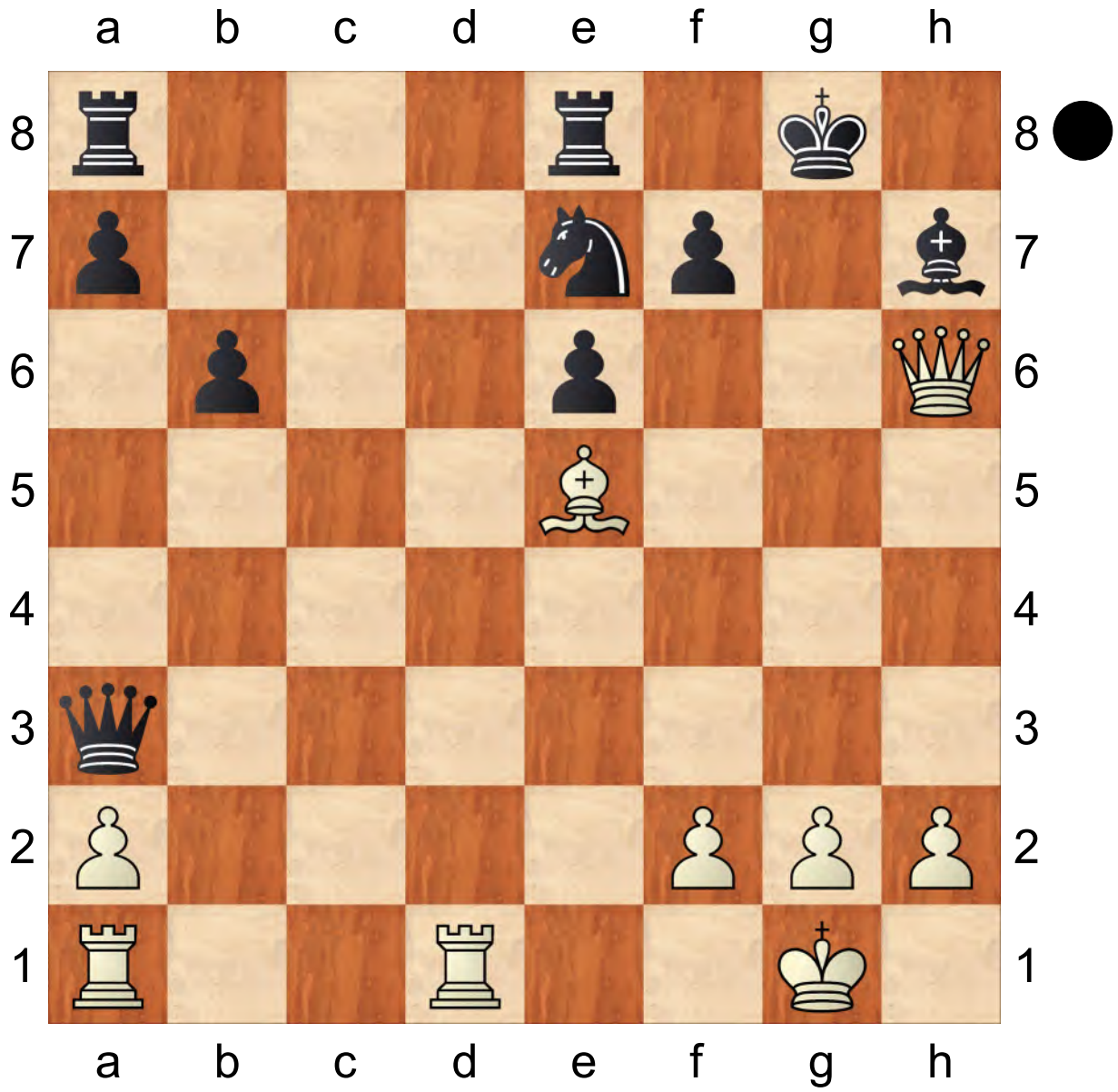
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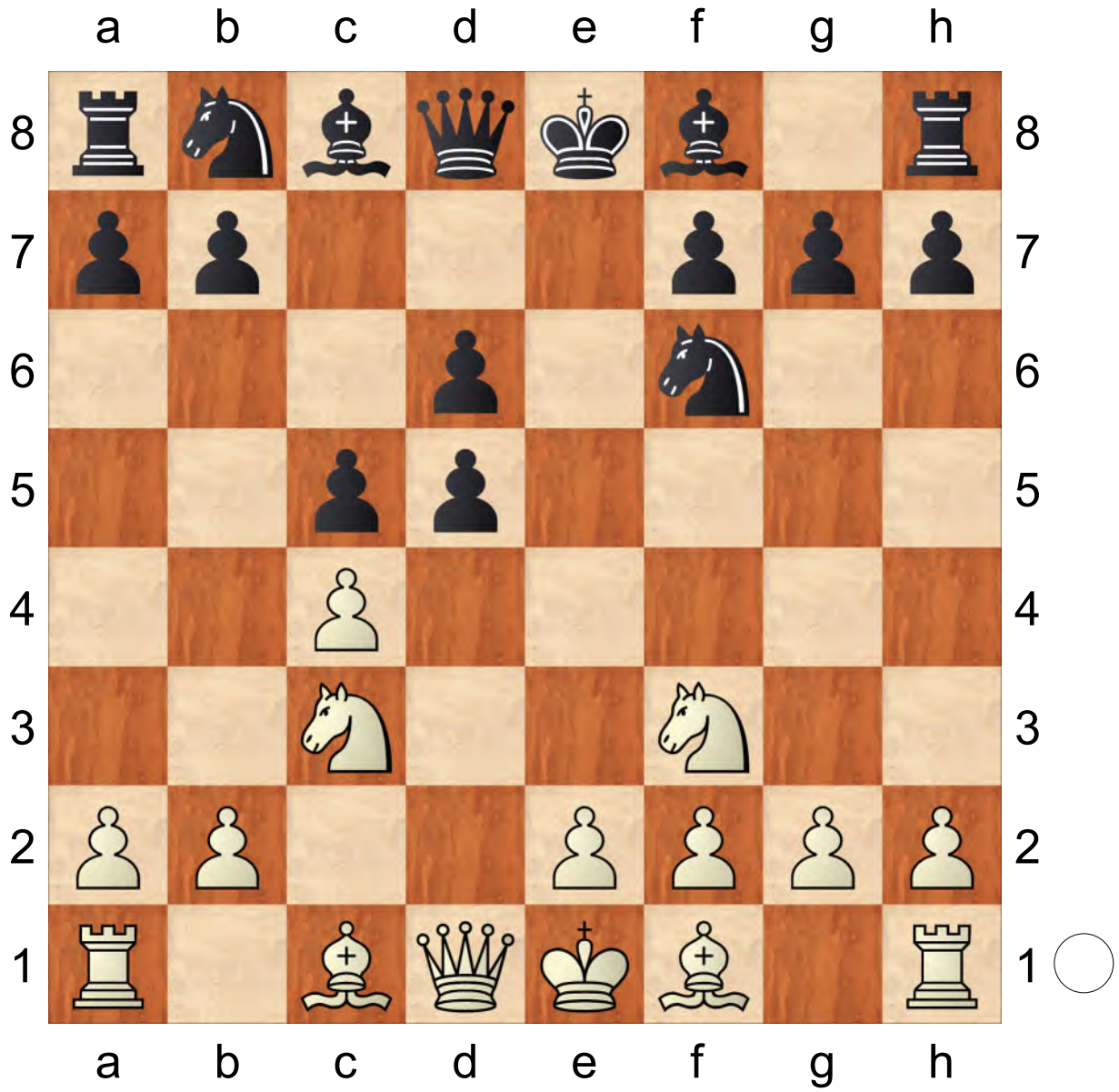
□ **Borovikov,Vladislav** **2570**
■ **Suba,Mihai** **2507**
EU-Cup 18th Kallithea (3.1) 24.09.2002
[Kapengut,Albert Z]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5



6.cxd5 g6 7.h3 a6
[7...Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Bd3 -A70, when Black is fighting for equality with no chance to win even after the best b5 Using 7..a6 allows black to take advantage of early Nf3 position while avoiding unleasant A70.]
8.a4 Qe7 In this variation Black tries to hamper advance of White's e-pawn to e4.

However if White succeeds in pushing the pawn to e5, then position of ♕ on e7 becomes dangerous and Black would lose a tempo withdrawing the ♕. **9.Bf4** Besides, White has two additional key moves:

[9.Bg5 is played more often, (see my comments to Wells,P-Emms,J/BCF-ch 2002).]

[9.g3!? See Stohl's comments to Ivanchuk,V-Topalov,V /Istanbul,2000]

9...Nbd7 The text is more precise than 9...♗g7 since Black can adequately answer the maneuvers of the white knight.

[9...Ne4?! 10.Ra3!]

[9...Nh5!? 10.Bg5 *(10.Bh2?! f5∓)* 10...f6 11.Bd2 f5 12.Bg5 Qf7∞]

[9...Bg7 10.Nd2!? 0-0 *(10...Nbd7 11.Nc4 Ne5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.d6 Qd8 14.Nxe5 0-0 15.e3 Ne8! 16.Nc4 Be6⩱ 17.Nd5 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.d7 Nf6-+* Whitehead,J-De Firmian,N/USA-ch Estes Park 1987 *)*

A) 11.e3 Nh5!? *(11...Nbd7* -see below*)* 12.Bh2 f5 *(12...Nd7? 13.Be2 Nhf6 14.0-0 Ne8 15.Nc4 b6 16.Ra3 Rb8 17.Rb3 f5 18.Re1 Rf7 19.Bf3* ⩲/± Tran Ngoc Thach-Myo Naing/Vung Tau,2000 *)*

A1) 13.Nc4? f4! 14.Be2 fxe3 15.Bxh5 Rxf2 *(15...Qh4!?)* 16.Bg3 Rxg2 17.Qf3 Rxb2 18.Rc1 Raicevic,V-Wojtkiewicz,A/Athens Akropolis 1992 Rb3!? 19.Ne4 gxh5 20.Bxd6 Qh4+ 21.Bg3 Qd8 22.0-0 e2!∓;

A2) 13.Be2 f4 14.0-0!? *(≤14.e4 Qg5 15.Nc4 Nd7 16.Nxd6 Ne5⇄ 17.Nxc8 Qxg2 18.Ne7+ Kf7 19.Kd2 Kxe7 20.Qb3 Qxf2 21.d6+ Kf6 22.Nd5+ Kg5 23.Bg1 Qg2 24.Bxc5 Ng3-+* Bass,L-Sjoberg,M/Graz,1981*)* 14...fxe3 15.fxe3 Qxe3+ 16.Kh1 Ng3+ 17.Bxg3 Qxg3 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Nce4 Qh4 20.Qb3 Nd7 *(⌓20...Qe7 21.Bf3⩱)* 21.Bg4!↑ Gunawan,R-Kovacevic,V/Vrnjacka Banja,1988;

B) 11.Nc4 White takes control of the ⟪

B1) 11...Ne4 12.Nxe4 Qxe4 13.e3

B1a) 13...Nd7? 14.Be2 Nf6 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Nxd6 Qe7 *(16...Qxd5 17.Bc4)* 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.d6 Qd7 19.Qb3 Re8 20.Rfd1 Re4 21.Bc4 h6 22.Bh2 g5 23.f3 Ree8 24.e4+- Bonin,J-Klovsky,R/New York,1994;

B1b) 13...Rd8!? Δ14.Nxd6 Qb4+ 15.Qd2 Bxb2 16.Qxb4 cxb4 17.Rd1 Bc3+ 18.Ke2 Nd7∞;

B2) 11...Rd8 12.e3 *(12.Qb3 Ne8 13.e3 Nd7 14.Be2 Rb8 15.a5 Ne5 16.Nb6 Nf6 17.0-0 Bf5 18.Bh2 g5 19.Qd1 Nfd7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.g4 Bg6 22.f4!±* Lahlum,H-Karlsen,T/Bergen NOR 2002 *)* 12...Ne8

B2a) 13.Nb6 Ra7 14.a5 Nd7 15.Nc4 Ne5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Nb6 Bd7 18.Be2 Nc7 19.0-0 Bb5 20.Qd2 Qe8 21.Ra3 Na8 22.Rfa1 Bxc3 ½-½ Lamprecht,F-Pajeken,W/ Hamburg GER 1999;

B2b) 13.a5↑ Nd7 14.Na4 Stohl: 'White is much better, as Black will not get the susual play with b5 and counterplay on the ♔-side is unrealistic-his pieces are undeveloped and White's pawn structure is solid. White's plan is not central expansion (e4,f4), which would give also Black some attacking

objects, but play on the ♕-side(b4,⇔b)' Ne5 15.Nab6 *(15.Bxe5!? Bxe5 16.Nab6 Rb8 17.Be2±* was better, now Black will free his position somewhat. *)* 15...Nxc4 16.Bxc4 Rb8 17.Qd2 Nf6 *(⌓17...g5!? 18.Bh2 f5 19.0-0 Nf6 20.Rac1* Δb4 *)* 18.Be2!? Bd7?! *(⌓18...Nd7 19.Nc4 Ne5±)* 19.0-0 Bb5 *(19...h6!?* Δ♘e4,g5,f5 ⇄*)* 20.Bg5! h6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 Stohl: 'The ♖ doesn't ease Black's plight, as he will have to exchange the ♗b5 (or move it to a pssive square) sooner or later.' 22.Rab1 Qe4 *(22...Bd7!? 23.b4 Bf5 24.Bd3±)* 23.Rfc1 Be5 24.Bf1! Stohl: 'White has exchanged all the dangerous pieces and now Black can't stop b4, after which his position falls apart.' Re8 *(24...f5 25.b4 Bxf1 26.Kxf1 f4 27.bxc5 f3 28.Qc2!? fxg2+ 29.Kg1+-)* 25.b4± Blagojevic,D-Arsovic,Z/ Podgorica/1996/;

B2c) 13.Be2 Nd7 14.0-0 Ne5 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.Qb3 Nd7 17.Rac1 *(17.Rad1 Nxb6 18.Qxb6 Qc7 19.Qxc7 Nxc7 20.Ne4 Be5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.d6±* Tallaksen,G-Henriksen,G/NOR 2002*)* 17...Nxb6 18.Qxb6 Qc7 19.Qxc7 Nxc7 20.Ne4 Ne8 21.Nxc5!± Blagojevic,D-Vratonjic,S/Ch Yugoslavia (team) (play-off), Niksic 1996]

10.e3

[10.Ra3?! loses too much time: Bg7 11.e4 0-0 12.Bd3 Nh5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 f5! 15.exf5 Nf4↑ 16.Bf1? Rxf5 17.g3 Bxc3+ 18.Rxc3 Nxd5 19.Bc4 N7b6 20.g4 Nxc4 21.gxf5 Nxc3 22.Qb3 Qe4 23.bxc3 d5 0-1 Sisaetto,O-Yakovich,Y/ Stockholm/2000]

[10.Nd2 Ne5 11.Bxe5!? *(11.e4* Rogozenko: 'This natural move has a big defect:it loses control over f4-square,and as a consequence over e5-square.When White prepares f2-f4,Black simply plays g6-g5 with a comfortable position.' *Bg7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0* - A74 *)* 11...Qxe5 12.Nc4 Qe7 13.Qd2 h5! *(13...Bg7 14.Qf4; 13...Nd7 14.Qf4 f5∞)* 14.Qf4 Bf5 15.e3 Rd8 16.Be2 Ne4! *(16...Bg7=)* 17.0-0 Bh6 18.Qh2 Bg7= 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rfd1 g5 21.a5 g4 22.Rac1 Rh6 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Qg3 f5 25.f3± Browne,W-Gurevich,D/USA-op/1987/ gxf3 26.Bxf3 Kf7↑]

10...Bg7

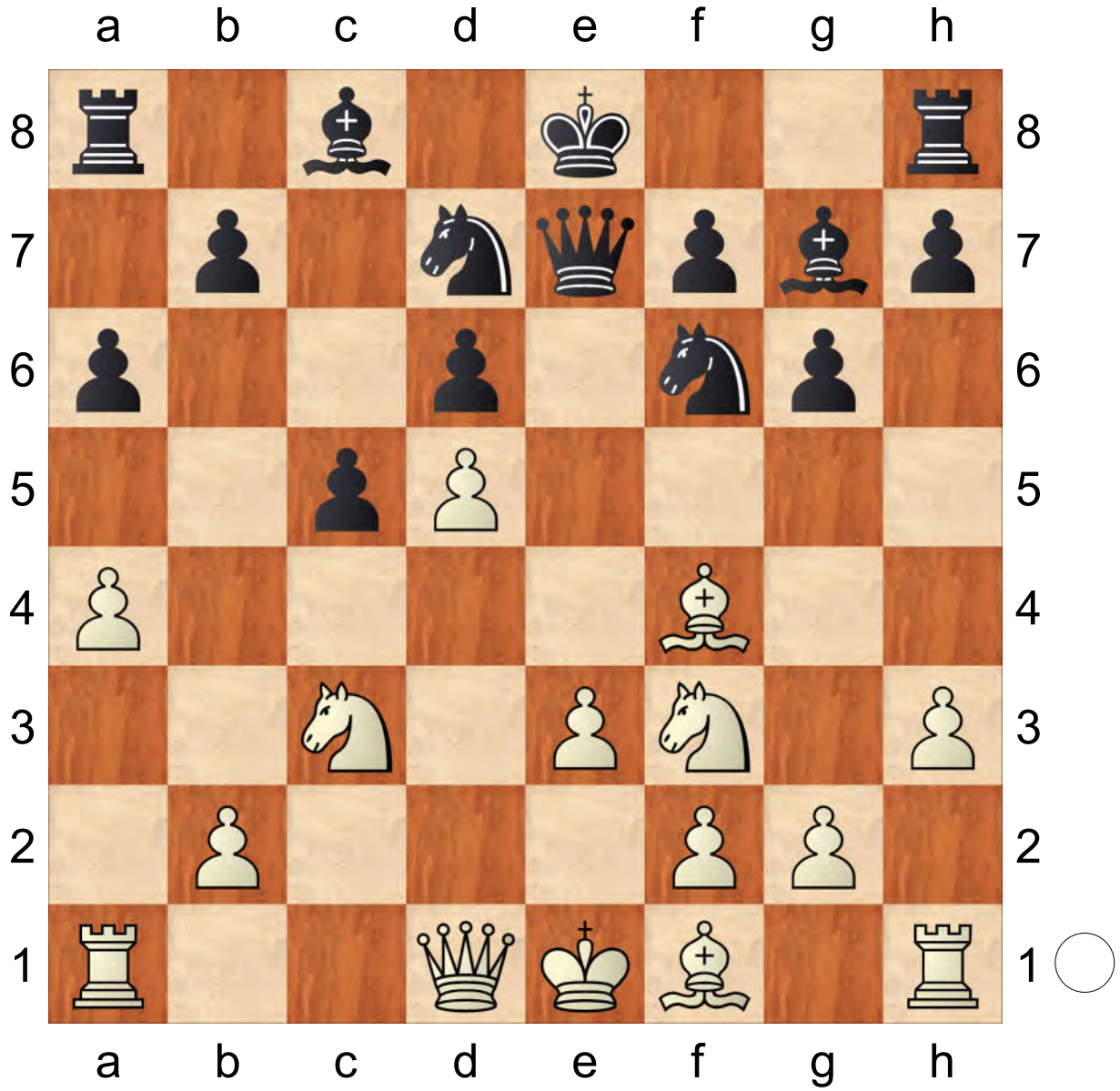
(Diagram)

11.Be2

[11.Nd2 0-0

A) 12.Be2 Ne5 13.Bg3 Ne8 14.Qc2 *(14.0-0* - see below*)* 14...f5 15.f4 Nd7 16.e4 fxe4 17.0-0 Ndf6 18.Bh4 Qf7 19.Nc4 Bd7 20.Kh1 Rb8 21.Nb6 Feuerstein,A-Koch,B/corr 5ol f (FS-68/126)/ 1968 e3!∓;

B) 12.Nc4 Ne8 13.Be2 *(13.Qb3 f5 14.h4 Ne5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.0-0-0 f4↑* Walters,N-Oppedal,D/Davis 1973*)* 13...b6 *(*Can be recommended: *13...f5!?)* 14.Ra3 Rb8 15.Rb3 f5 *(*Weakly: *15...Be5* because of: *16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.d6 Qd8 18.Nd5)* 16.0-0 Kh8 17.Re1 Be5



18.Bxe5+ *(18.Bf1!?* (an interesting idea which was mentioned by Zheliandinov, V after the game).*)* 18...dxe5 19.d6 Qd8 *(*Senselessly: *19...Qe6* in view of: *20.f4* and black's queen is not on an ideal place. *)* 20.e4

B1) Is a possible continuation of the play: 20...Bb7!? 21.Bf3 *(≤21.f4 exf4 22.e5 Ng7 23.Bf3⩱)* 21...f4 ±/=;

B2) 20...f4 21.Bg4 Nef6 22.Be6 *(* Leads to approximate equal position: *≤22.Bxd7 Nxd7 23.Qf3 Bb7 24.Rd1 Bc6)* 22...Bb7 *(* Deserves attention: *22...Re8)* 23.Nd5 *(23.Qd2 Bc6 24.Ra3 Re8 25.Bd5±)*

B2a) 23...Bc6 24.Nxf6 Rxf6 *(*Leads to losing position: *24...Nxf6? 25.Nxe5 Bxa4 26.Nf7+ Rxf7 27.Bxf7 Qd7 28.Bc4 b5 29.e5! Ne8 30.Qd5+-)* 25.Bxd7 Bxd7 *(*Impossibly: *25...Qxd7?* because of: *26.Nxe5+- ΔQxd6? 27.Nf7+)* 26.Rd3± Golod,V-De Vreugt,D/ Lvov Cup of Galycina 2001;

B2b) Much better is: 23...Bxd5 24.Bxd5 *(≤24.exd5 b5! 25.axb5 axb5 26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.Rxe5 Qxd6 28.Re1 c4 29.Rc3 ±/=)* 24...b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Na3 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 Qa5 28.Ra1!± Golod,V]

11...0-0 12.0-0 Rb8

[12...Ne8

A) 13.Qd2 f5 14.Rab1 h6 15.Rfc1 g5 16.Bg3 *(16.Bh2 a5!?∞ Hebert.,J)* 16...a5 17.Re1 b6 18.Bb5 Nef6 19.Qc2 Nh5 20.Bh2 g4 21.hxg4 fxg4 22.Qg6 gxf3 23.Qxh5 Ne5 24.Bxe5 Rf5? Too ambitious. jhebert: 'jhebert: 'Zu ehrgeizig.'' *(24...Qxe5∓)* 25.Qe8+? Missing a golden opportunity. jhebert: 'jhebert: 'Verpasst eine goldene Möglichkeit." *(25.Bxd6! Qxd6 26.Qe8+ Rf8 27.Qc6+- Hebert.,J)* 25...Qxe8 26.Bxe8 Bxe5→ Fischer,J-Fedorov,V/Kusadasi op/1990;

B) 13.e4 Rb8 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bh6 Bg7 16.Bg5 Bf6 17.Bh6 ½-½ Halkias,S-Emms,J/Istanbul olm/2000;

C) 13.Bh2 Nc7 *(13...b6 14.Nd2 Rb8± Rogozenko,D)* 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Rad1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra1 Bb7 18.Nxb5 Nxb5 19.Bxb5 Nf6 20.Ra7 Viswanathan,K-Horton,J/IECC 2001 Bxd5!∓;

D) 13.a5 h6 14.Na4 g5 15.Bh2 Rb8 16.Rb1 f5 17.b4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 Qd8 19.Nb6 Bc3 20.Rb1 Bxa5 21.Nxc8 Qxc8 22.Rc1 Qd8 23.Nd4± Sorin,A-Hoffman,A/Buenos Aires ARG 2000;

E) 13.Nd2!?± Ne5 *(13...f5 14.Bh2 b6 15.Nc4 Rb8 16.Qd2 Ne5 17.Rab1 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Qd7 19.b4 Qc7 20.Ne2 b5 21.Ba2 ½-½ Ivkov,B-Ugrinovic,D/Belgrade 1959)* 14.Bh2 *(14.Bg3 f5 15.Re1 Nf6 16.Ra3 Rb8 17.Rb3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Nc4 g4 20.Rb6 h5 21.Bf2± Avrukh,B-Bar,R/Tel Aviv ISR 2002)* 14...f5 15.Kh1 *(15.Qc2 Nc7 16.Rae1 Bd7 17.f4 Nf7 18.e4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bf3 Rae8 21.Bg3 Qf6 22.Nd1 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Qd4+ 24.Bf2 Qb4⇄ Jukic,Z-Bozinovic,B/Velika Gorica CRO 2002)* 15...Nf6 16.f4 Nf7 17.Nc4 Bd7 18.Nb6 Rae8 19.Bg1 Qd8 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Bd3 Re7∓ Hellsten,J-Hall,J/Sweden 2000]

[12...Nh5

A) 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh4 Bh6 *(14...g5!? 15.Nd2 gxh4 16.Bxh5 f5⇄)* 15.Nd2 Ng7 16.Bg3

A1) 16...Nf5!? 17.Bh2 *(17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.exf4 Nd4 19.Bd3 f5⇄)* 17...Nxe3 18.fxe3 Qxe3+ 19.Kh1 Qxd2 20.Bxd6 Re8∓;

A2) 16...f5 17.Re1 Ne5 18.f4 Nf7 19.Bf2 Bd7 20.a5 Rae8 21.Nc4 g5!? 22.g3 Bb5 23.Qb3 Bxc4 24.Qxc4 Qf6 25.Kh2 Re7⇄ Slipak,S-Ginzburg,M/Villa Martelli ARG 2002;

B) 13.Bh2 f5 14.Nd2 Nhf6 15.Nc4 Ne8 16.a5 Ne5 *(16...Rb8 17.Na4 Ne5 18.Nab6 Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Bd7 20.Rb1 Bb5 21.Re1 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 b5 23.axb6 Rxb6 24.Qd3 Nc7 25.Re2 Nb5⇄ Del Rey,D-Rosito,J/Mar del Plata op 1992)* 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Qc2 Nc7 19.Rae1 Bd7 20.f4 Nf7 21.e4 Rbe8?! *(21...fxe4 22.Nxe4 Bf5 23.Bd3 Rbe8⇄)* 22.Bg3 Bxc3 *(22...fxe4 23.Bh4!±)* 23.bxc3 fxe4 24.Bh4! Qxh4 25.Nxd7 Nxd5 Ulak,S-Widera,J/Poraj sf ch-PL 1997

26.Bc4±]
[12...b6 13.Nd2 *(13.Re1 Rb8 14.Bf1 Nh5 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Nd2 gxh4 18.Qxh5 f5 19.f4 Nf6 20.Qf3 Re8 21.Bd3∞ ½-½ Vegh,E-Wahls,M/Budapest/1988)* 13...Rb8 14.Bh2 *(14.Nc4 Ne8 15.Qd2 f5 16.Rfe1 g5 17.Bh2 Ne5 18.f4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 g4 20.hxg4 fxg4 21.e4 Bd4+⇄* Ader Hausman,W-Ivkov,B/Santiago 1959*)* 14...Ne8 15.e4 Nc7 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.f4 Qd4+ 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Na2 Re8?! *(21...f5!? 22.Rac1 Rf7 23.Bd3 fxe4 24.Bxe4 a5!?⇄)* 22.Bf3 a5!? *(22...f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Nb4 d3 25.Rac1±)* 23.Rfd1 Na6 24.Rxd4 Nc5 25.Re1 b5 26.Nc3 bxa4 27.Nxa4 Nb3 28.Rdd1 Rb4 29.Nc3 Nc5± Khalifman,A-Zaitshik,G/Jerusalem Maccabiah-A 1997]
[12...h6 It is interesting, that this position with Black's extra move (after 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗f4) had occurred in the game Petran,P-Kapengut,A /Kecskemet 1989 13.Nd2 Ne8? *(13...Ne5* was necessary, not allowing white to play ♘c4. *14.a5* with complicated play *)* 14.Nc4 f5 *(14...Ne5 15.Nb6)* 15.Ra3!

A) 15...g5 16.Bh2 f4 17.exf4 gxf4 18.Re1! *(18.Bg4 Ne5)* 18...Ne5 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.Bg4↑;

B) 15...Ne5 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Bh2! A good prophylactical move. Now white makes several prophylactical and quiet moves in order to prepare play in the centre. *(17.Rb3 g5 18.Bh2 f4⇄)*

B1) 17...g5 Δ18.f4 *(18.Re1!)* 18...Nd7! 19.Nxc8 Qxe3+ 20.Kh1 Rxc8∓;

B2) 17...Nf6 18.Rb3 Nfd7 19.Re1! g5 *(≤19...Nxb6 20.Rxb6 Qc7 21.a5 Bd7 22.Qb3* with a clear better position for white.*)* 20.f4 Nf7 *(20...Nxb6 21.fxe5 Nd7 22.e6 Ne5 23.Rb6!±)* 21.Bh5! Nxb6 *(21...Nf6 22.Bg6! Bd7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qc2+-)* 22.Rxb6 gxf4 23.Bxf7+ *(≤23.exf4 Qf6∞)* 23...Rxf7 24.Bxf4± Rf6

B2a) 25.Qf3 Rg6 26.e4!? ≤fxe4 *(26...c4 27.Kh1; 26...Bd7 27.e5±)* 27.Nxe4 Bf5 28.Rxd6±;

B2b) 25.Qh5 Qc7 *(25...Bd7 26.Qh4!)* 26.a5 Bd7 27.Qh4

B2b1) 27...Rg6 28.e4! *(≤28.Rxd6 Rxd6 29.Qg3 Qxa5 30.Bxd6 Re8 31.e4 fxe4 32.Rxe4 Rxe4 33.Nxe4 Qa1+ 34.Kh2 Qxb2 35.Nxc5 Bf5 36.Bf4 Kh7=)* 28...fxe4 *(28...Re8 29.e5)* 29.Nxe4 Re8 30.Qh5!+- ΔKh7 31.Bxd6 Rxd6 32.Ng5+;

B2b2) 27...Kh7 28.Qg3 Bf8 29.e4 Rg6 30.Qh4 Re8 31.Re3 *(31.Qh5!? fxe4 32.Nxe4±)* 31...fxe4 32.Nxe4 Bg7 Avrukh,B-Bar,R/Israel 2002/CBM 89 33.Bxd6 Qc8 34.Rg3!+- easily wins for white. Avrukh,B]
[12...Re8 13.Bh2 h6 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Kh1 Rb8 16.f4 Ned7 17.e4 Rd8 18.Qc2 Ne8 19.a5 Nc7 20.Rad1 b5 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.Nb3 ½-½ Kozak,M-Lemmers,O/Valoz Cup, Olomouc CZE 1999]
[12...Rd8 13.Rc1 Ne5?! 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 *(16.Bxf6!? Qxf6 17.Ne4±)* 16...g5 17.Bg3 Bf5 18.Bf3 c4 *(18...e4!?)* 19.e4 Bg6 20.Qe2 Rac8 21.Rfd1 Ne8 22.Bg4 Rc5 23.Qe3 b6 24.a5!?↑ Ivanov,M-Piasecki,G/Leutersdorf

2000]

13.Re1

[13.Bh2 Δ ♘d2, e4, f4

A) 13...Ne8 14.Qc2 *(14.Re1 Nc7 15.e4 b5 16.axb5 Nxb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Ra7↑ Bxb2 19.Qb3 Bg7 20.Bxb5 Rb7 21.Rxb7 Bxb7 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Bxd6 c4 24.Qb6 Re8± Gurgenidze,B-Gorelov,S/URS-FL49 Volgodonsk 1981)* 14...Nc7 15.Rfd1 Re8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Nd2 Ne5 19.Kh1 Rb4?! *(⌓19...Nb5⇄)* 20.Nb3 Nb5 21.Na5 Bf5 22.Qd2 Qc7 23.Rdc1 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Re4 Gonzalez Garcia,J-Stocek,J/Budapest/1998/ 25.Bxe5!? Bxe5 26.Nc6±;

B) 13...Re8 14.Nd2 *(14.Kh1!? Δ ♘d2, e4, f4)* 14...Ne5 15.Kh1 *(15.f4 Nd3⇄ 16.Bxd3 Qxe3+; 15.e4 g5±)* 15...g5□ 16.f4 gxf4 17.exf4 Ng6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a5!± Rbd8 20.Nf3 *(20.Nc4 Bb5; 20.Qc2± Nh5 21.g4)* 20...Qe3!? 21.Ng5 *(21.f5 Nf4 22.Bc2 Ne2∞)* 21...Nh4 *(21...h6? 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.dxe6+-)*

B1) 22.Nxh7 Nxh7 *(22...Nxg2? 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Rf3)* 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Qxh4± Bf5 26.Qg5! Bg6 27.h4 Δ f5;

B2) 22.Qc2± h6 23.Nf3 Nxf3 24.Rxf3 Qd4 25.f5 Δ 26. ♖f4+- Re3!? *(25...Nxd5? 26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.f6+-; 25...Bc8 26.Ra4 Re1+ 27.Bf1±; 25...c4 26.Bf1 Qc5 27.Bg1±)* 26.Bg1 Qxd3 27.Qxd3 Rxd3 28.Rxd3 Bxf5 29.Re3± Sokolov,I-Kamsky,G/Amsterdam 1996/Inf 67/[Sokolov,I]]

[13.Nd2

A) 13...Ne5 14.a5 *(14.Bg3 Bd7 15.a5 Ne8 16.e4 ½-½ Mateuta,G-Musat,A/ Bucharest ROM 2002)* 14...Nfd7 15.Bh2 g5 16.e4 Ng6 17.Bg4 Nde5 18.Bxc8 Rbxc8 19.Ra3 Nf4 20.Qb1 Qf6 21.Nd1± c4 22.Ne3 Rfe8 23.Nf5 Ned3 24.Bxf4 Nxf4 Granda Zuniga,J-Galego,L/Las Palmas,1997 25.Ra4 c3 26.Nc4±;

B) 13...Ne8 14.Bh2 *(14.Nc4 Ne5 15.Nb6 f5 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.a5 Nfd7 18.Nca4 Nf6 19.Nc3 Nfd7 20.Nxc8 Rbxc8 21.Ra4 Nf7 22.Bg3 Nf6 23.f4 Rfe8 24.Bf2 Qd7 25.b3 Re7 26.Bd3 Rce8 27.Bc2 Qc7= Morovic,I-Illescas, M/ESP-chT/1990)* 14...f5± *(14...b6?! 15.e4 Bd4 16.Kh1 Nef6 17.Qc2 Re8 18.Rae1 Bb7 19.Nc4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qxe4 21.Qxe4 Nxe4 22.Nxd6 Nxd6 23.Bxd6± Khalilbeili,S-Savon,V/Yalta 1962)* 15.Qb3 Nc7 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Qb6 Rd8 18.Rfd1 Na8 19.Qa7 Bd7 20.Na5 Bf6 21.Nxb7± Deshmukh,A-Marin,M/ 10th Goodricke Int., Calcutta IND 1999]

13...Ne8

[13...h6 14.e4 Nh7 15.Nd2 Ne5 16.Bh2 g5 17.Bf1 Re8⇄ Δ Nf8-g6 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Be5 20.Qd2 Qf6 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.Rab1 Nf8 23.b4 Nd7 24.Be2 ½-½ San Segundo,P-Foisor,O/Zaragoza op/1996]

14.e4 Apparently White likes the resulting well-known position even without one tempo. Strategy of this position changes insignificantly from this loss.

[14.Bf1 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd2 f5 18.f4 Qf6 19.g3 g5 20.Bc4 Bd7 21.a5 Kh8 22.Kh2 gxf4 23.exf4 Nc7 24.Re3 b5 25.axb6 Rxb6 26.Rae1 Qd4⇄ Dudognon,M-Gochev,M/Paris op-1 1989]

[14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Bg3 *(15.Bh2 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.Bd3 Nf6 18.Kh1 Qd8 19.Qc2 b5!? 20.axb5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Nxd5! 22.Nxd5 Rxb5 23.Nc4 Be6 24.e4 Qd7 25.Qd2 fxe4 26.Rxe4 Bxd5 27.Qxd5 Qb7∓* Tallaksen,G-Trygstad,K/Gausdal 2002 *)* 15...Nc7 16.f4 Nd7 17.e4 b5 18.Qc2 c4 *(18...bxa4* Δ♘b5 *19.e5! dxe5 20.Nc4!↑)* 19.Bf1 Bb7 20.Rad1 Nc5 21.axb5 axb5 22.b4 cxb3 23.Nxb3 Rat,D-Cooke,E/Budapest HUN 2000 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Nxe4∓]

14...Ne5

[14...Nc7?! Stohl: 'Black now and even later avoids ♘e5 and lands in a passive position.' 15.Bf1 Rd8 *(15...b5 16.e5+-; 15...Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Qd2±)* 16.Qd2

A) 16...b5 17.axb5 Nxb5 *(17...axb5?! 18.Ra7±)* 18.Nxb5 axb5 19.Ra7↑;

B) 16...b6 17.Rab1 *(17.Rad1!↑* Δe5 *)* 17...Bb7 18.b4 Ba8 19.Rb3 *(⌓19.b5 a5 20.Rbd1± ⊞↑)* 19...Qf8! 20.Reb1 Rbc8 Black has at least prevented any immediate breaks. 21.bxc5? Lets out Black's pieces and gives him the advantage and an ↑. *(⌓21.b5=* /± although now it is not ideal as White's ♖ on the b-file are silly.*)* 21...Nxc5! *(21...bxc5? 22.Bc4±)* 22.Rb4 *(22.Rxb6? Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nxe4!-+* Δ♘d5 wins material. *)* 22...Re8↑ 23.Re1

B1) 23...f5 24.exf5 *(24.e5 dxe5 25.Bxe5 Nd7∓)* 24...Rxe1 *(24...Bxc3 25.Qxc3 Nxd5 26.Bc4 Qxf5 27.Bh6⩱; 24...Qxf5 25.Nd4∞)* 25.Qxe1 gxf5!?∓;

B2) 23...a5 24.Rc4□ *(24.Rbb1 Bxc3 25.Qxc3 Rxe4∓)* 24...Bb7! Δ♗a6 25.e5

B2a) 25...dxe5? 26.Bxe5 Red8 27.Bxg7 Qxg7 28.d6□ Qf6 Van Wely,L-Ivanchuk,V/Wijk aan Zee 2001/CBM 81 29.Rxc5!? bxc5 30.Qb2! Bxf3 *(30...Nd5 31.Qxb7 Nxc3 32.d7 Rb8 33.Qxb8+-; 30...Ne6 31.Qxb7 Qxc3 32.Ne5!↑)* 31.dxc7 Rxc7 32.gxf3 Qg5+ 33.Bg2 Qd2 34.Qa1!±;

B2b) ⌓25...Ba6 26.exd6 *(26.Rxc5 bxc5 27.Bxa6 Nxa6 28.exd6 Rxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Nb4∓)* 26...Bxc4 27.Bxc4 *(27.dxc7!? Bxc3 28.Qxc3 Bxd5∓)* 27...Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Bxc3 29.Qxc3 Ne8∓ Stohl,I]

15.Nxe5

[15.Nd2 g5 It is interesting that this position with White's extra move ♗e3 (e2-e4 instead of e2-e3-e4) had occurred in the game Alterman,V-Kapengut,A / Gelendzhik 1975]

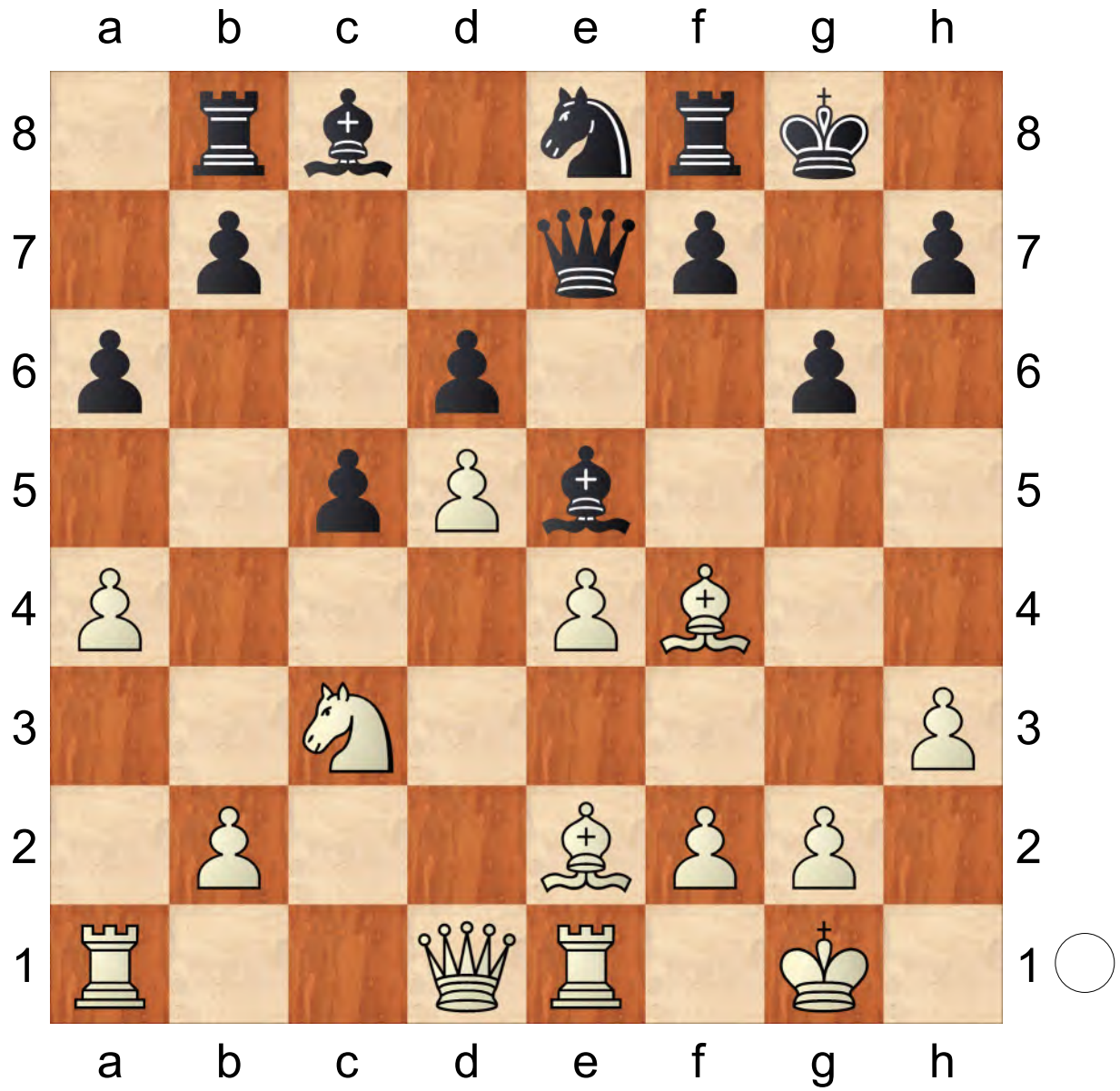
15...Bxe5

[15...dxe5 16.Be3 b6 17.a5 b5 *(17...bxa5 18.Na4+-)* 18.d6+-]

(Diagram)

16.Bh6

[16.Bxe5 Ü 43/84 Qxe5 17.Qd2 Nf6 *(17...f5⇄)* 18.Bf1 g5 19.Ra3 Kh8 20.Rb3 b6 *(20...Bd7 21.a5±)* 21.f3 Rg8 22.Nd1 Bd7 23.Ra3 *(23.Bxa6? Bxa4 24.Ra3 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 b5 26.Rb3 c4! 27.Rxb5 Rxb5 28.Bxb5 Rb8*



29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Qe3 Nh5⩱) 23...b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Nf2 c4 26.Ra6 Rgc8 27.Qb4 Rc5 28.Rea1 Kg7 29.Qc3 Qf4 43 Barlov,D-Hulak,K/Jugoslavija 1987/Inf *(29...Qxc3 30.bxc3 Ne8 31.Ra7±)* 30.b4 cxb3 31.Qd4! Rxd5 32.Qa7 b2 33.Rb1 Qc1 34.Rxb2 Qxb2 35.exd5 Rc8 36.Rxd6 Rc1 37.Nd3 +- Barlov,D Qa1!⇄]

16...Ng7 17.f4 Bd4+ 18.Kh2 Bd7

[Black has to realize he can be in a difficult situation and from now on needs to defend actively: 18...Bf2!? 19.Rf1 Qh4 20.Qd3 f6 *(Δ20...b5?? 21.Bg5 c4 22.Qf3+-)* 21.f5 gxf5 22.Bxg7 *(22.Qf3 Qxh6 23.Rxf2 fxe4⇄)* 22...Kxg7 23.exf5 Re8 24.g3 Qd4 25.Qf3 Be3∓]

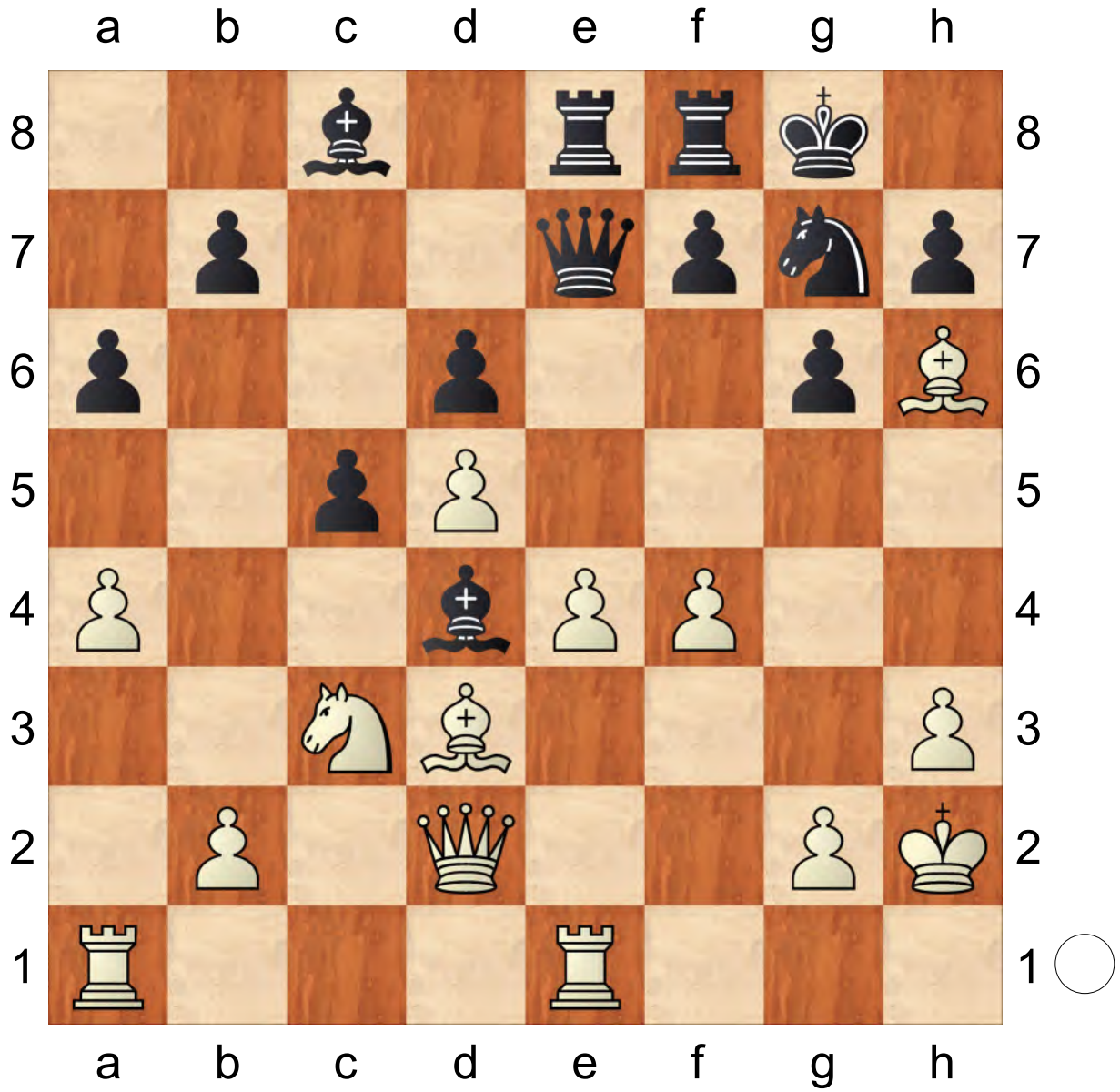
19.Qd2 Rbe8N

[Black can't get the freeing move: 19...b5 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 axb5 22.Ra5 Qd7 23.Ne2 *(23.Rea1 Rfe8 24.Qd3 b4 25.Ra7 Qd8 26.Bg5 Bf6⇄)* 23...Bf6

24.Ng1!? *(24.Rea1 Rfe8 25.Ra7 Rb7=)* 24...Rfe8 25.Nf3 Ra8 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.e5! Nf5!? 28.exf6 Nxh6 29.f5! Nxf5 30.g4±]
[19...Rfe8!? 20.Bf3 Qd8 21.Bg5 Qa5 22.Qc2 f5 23.g4 Qb4 24.Re2 b5 25.axb5 Bxb5∞ ½-½ Greenfeld,A-Psakhis,L/ISR-chT/1997]

20.Bd3 Bc8

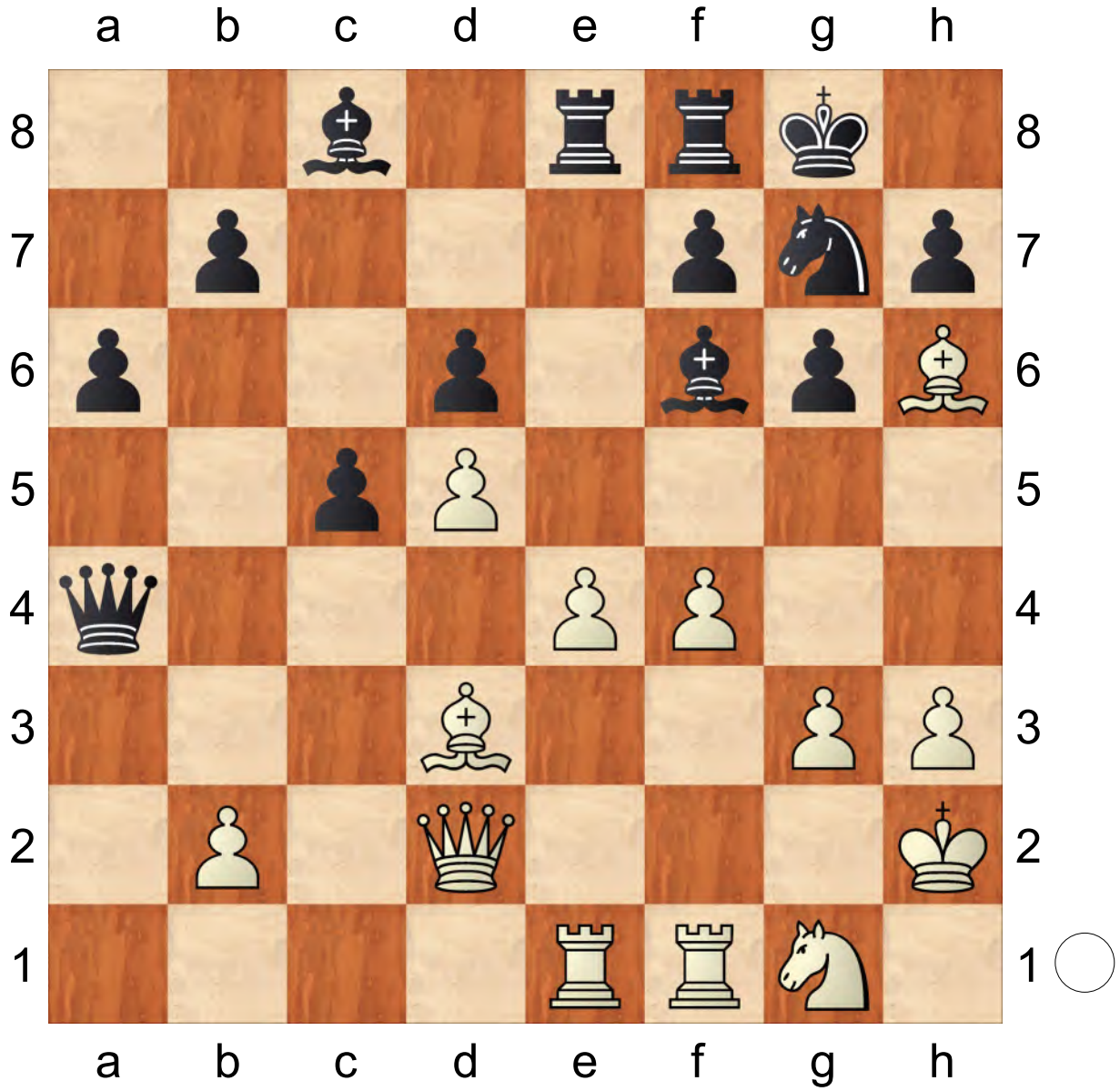
[20...Qd8 21.Ne2 Bf2 *(21...Be3? 22.Qxe3 Nf5 23.Bg5! Nxe3 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.Nc3 c4 26.Bb1+-)* 22.Rf1 Bh4 Δf5 *(22...Be3? 23.Qc3 f6 24.Rf3+-)* 23.g3 *(23.b4 c4⇄; 23.f5 Bf6⇄)* 23...Bf6 24.g4 *(24.Ng1?! c4!∓)* 24...c4!? 25.Bxc4 Rxe4 26.Bd3 Rxa4 27.Rxa4 Bxa4 28.g5 Be7 29.f5!↑]



21.Ne2 Bf2 22.Rf1 Bh4 23.g3 Qd7 24.Ng1?!

[The simplest way to limit Black pieces' movements, especially ♘g7, is 24.g4!? c4 25.Bxc4 Rxe4 26.Bd3 Re7 27.f5! Bf6 28.Ng3±]

24...Bf6 25.Rae1 Qxa4



26.Nf3 Qb4?!

[Better 26...Bd8!? 27.Ra1 Qd7 28.g4 b5∓]

27.Qxb4 cxb4 28.e5! Bd8 29.exd6 Bf6 30.Rxe8 Rxe8

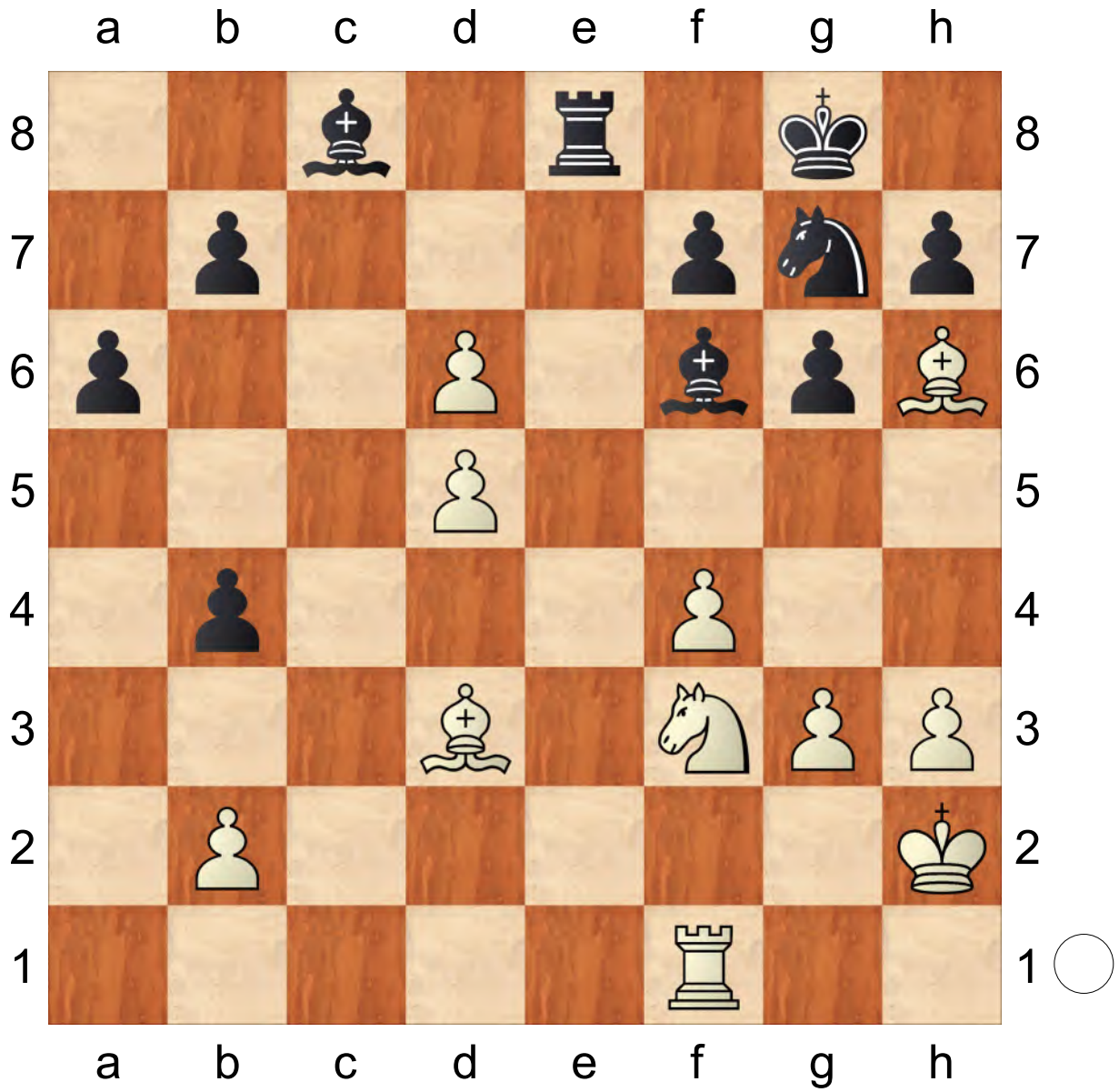
(Diagram)

31.Ne5!? Rd8

[Δ31...Bxe5? 32.fxe5 Rxe5 33.Rc1 Bd7 34.Rc7 Be8 35.Bxg7 Rxd5 36.Bh6 Rxd6 37.Re7 Bc6 38.Bc4+-]

32.Re1 Bf5?!

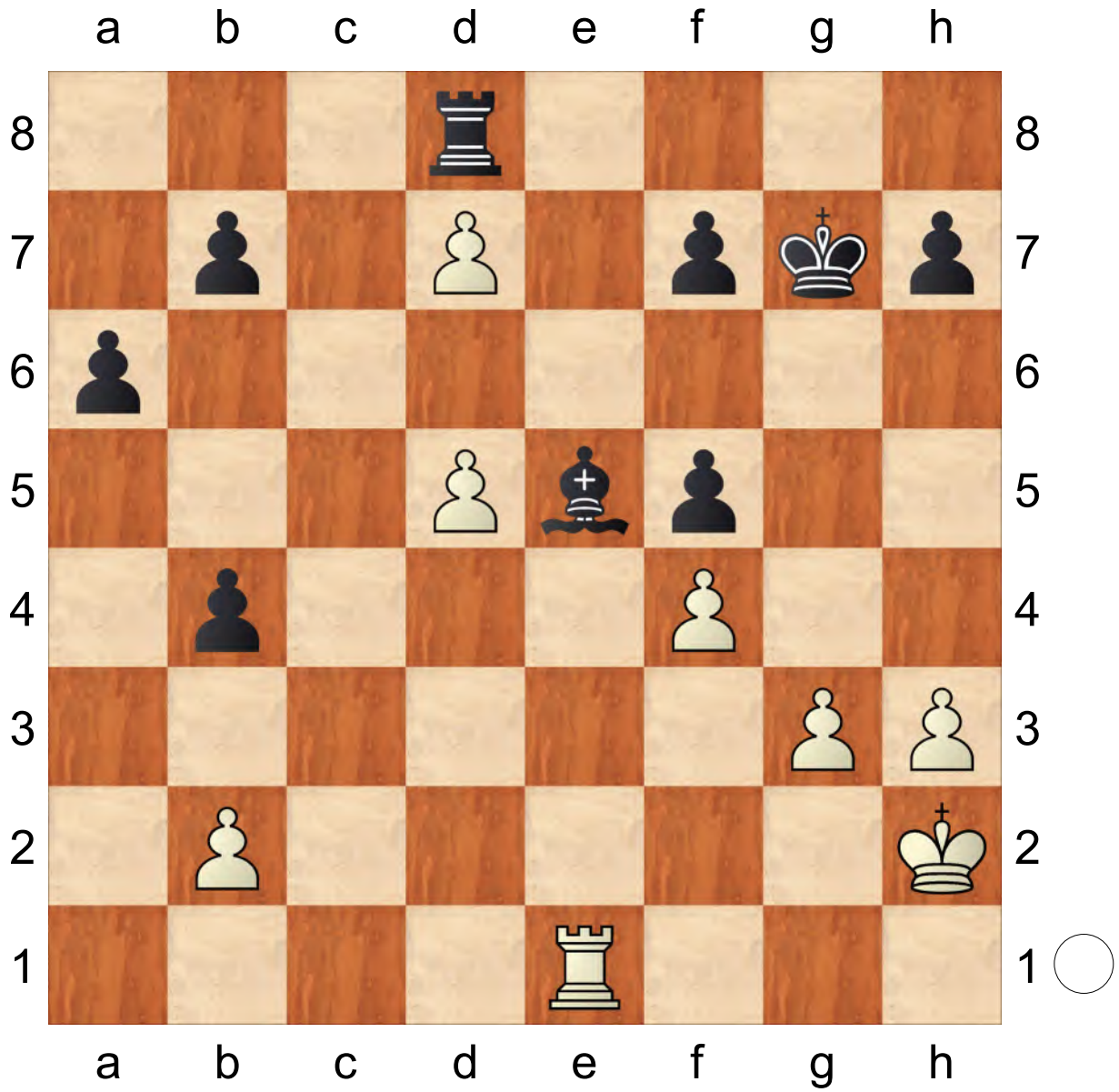
[Looks like Black could mount better resistance by 32...Rxd6 For instance 33.Rc1 Bf5 34.Bxg7 Kxg7 35.Bxf5 gxf5 36.Rd1 a5! 37.Nc4 Ra6 38.d6 a4∓]



33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Bxf5 gxf5 35.d7 Bxe5

(Diagram)

36.fxe5 Rxd7 [R 6/e] **37.d6± Kg6**
[37...a5 38.Kg2 Kf8 39.Kf3 f6 40.Kf4 fxe5+ 41.Kxe5 a4 42.Ke6±]
38.Rc1 a5
[38...f6?! 39.Rc7 Rd8 40.Rc8! Rxc8 41.d7+-]
39.Rc8 Kh6?
[Could force White to simplify position 39...a4!? 40.Kg2 b3 *(40...h5 41.Kf3 a3 42.bxa3 bxa3 43.Rg8+ Kh6 44.Ra8 Kg6 45.Rxa3 f6 46.Kf4+-)* 41.Rg8+ Kh6 42.Ra8 a3!? 43.Rxa3 f6 44.exf6 Rxd6 45.Rxb3 b6 46.f7 Kg7 47.Rb5 Rf6 48.Kf3 Kxf7 49.Kf4 Kg6 50.Rd5±]



40.Kg2 a4

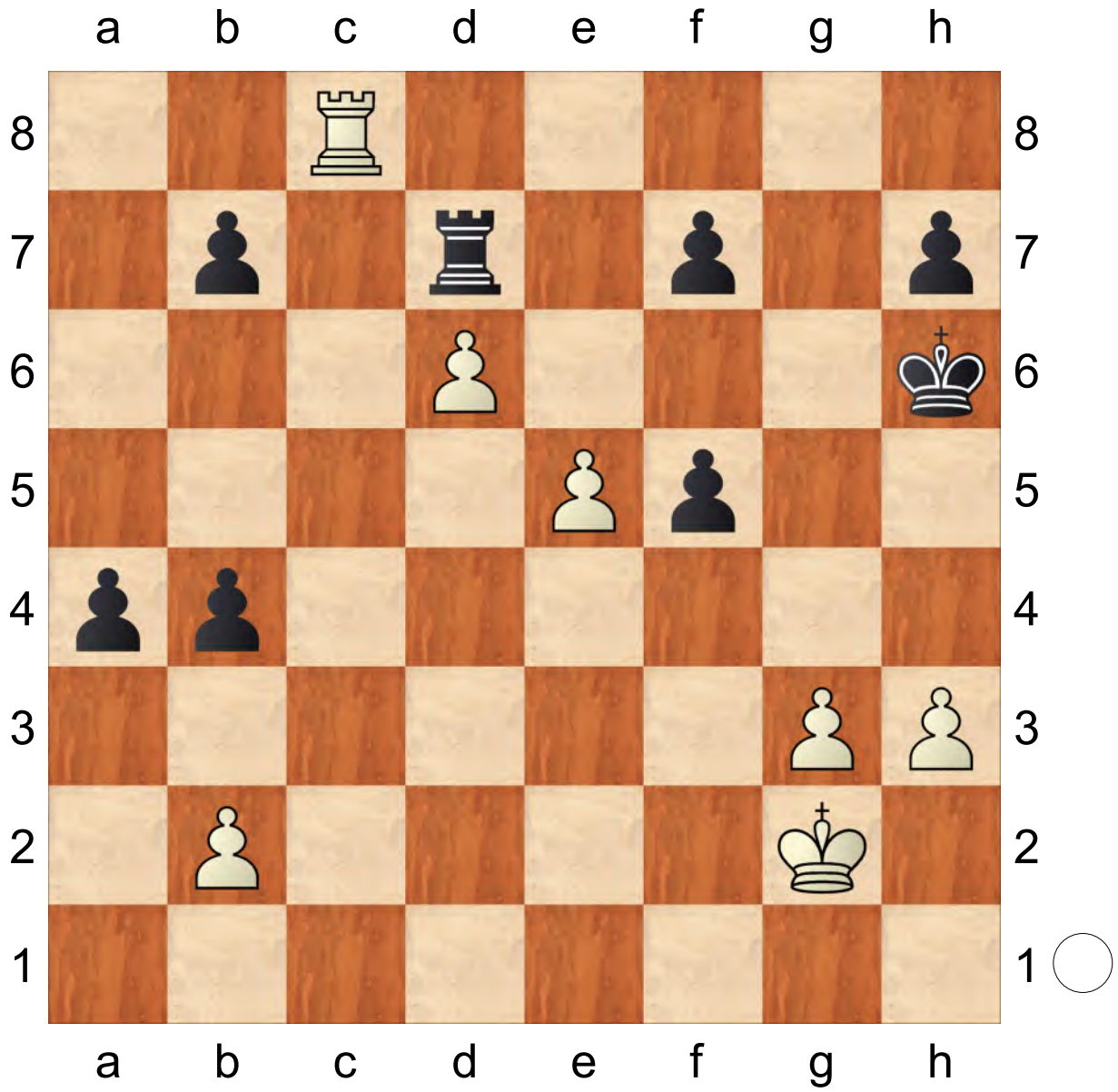
(Diagram)

41.Kf3 b3 42.Ra8 b5 43.Kf4 Kg6 44.Rg8+ Kh6 45.Kxf5 Suddenly with a minimum of material White has created a mating net. **45...a3**

(Diagram)

46.Kf6!

(Diagram)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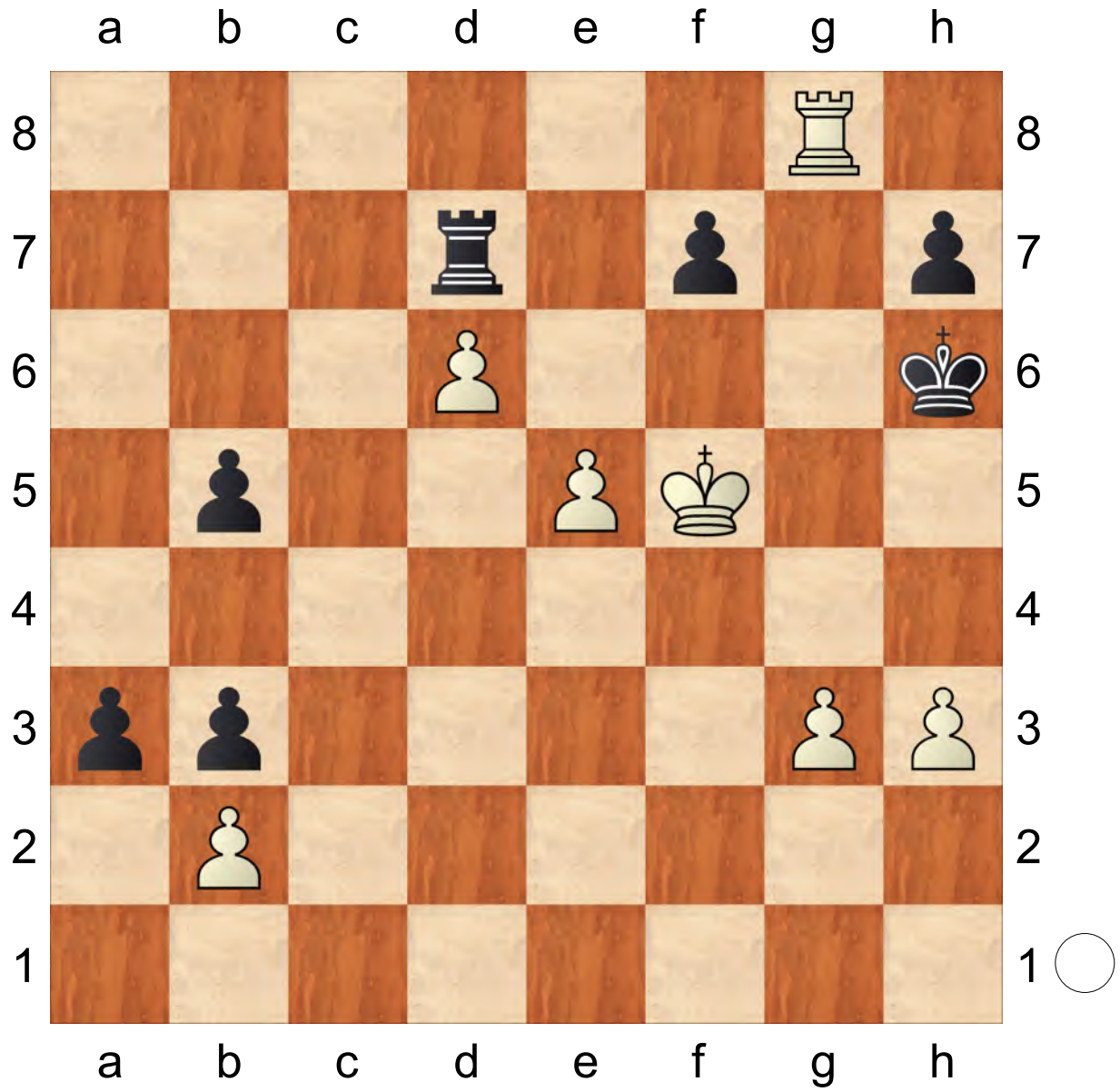
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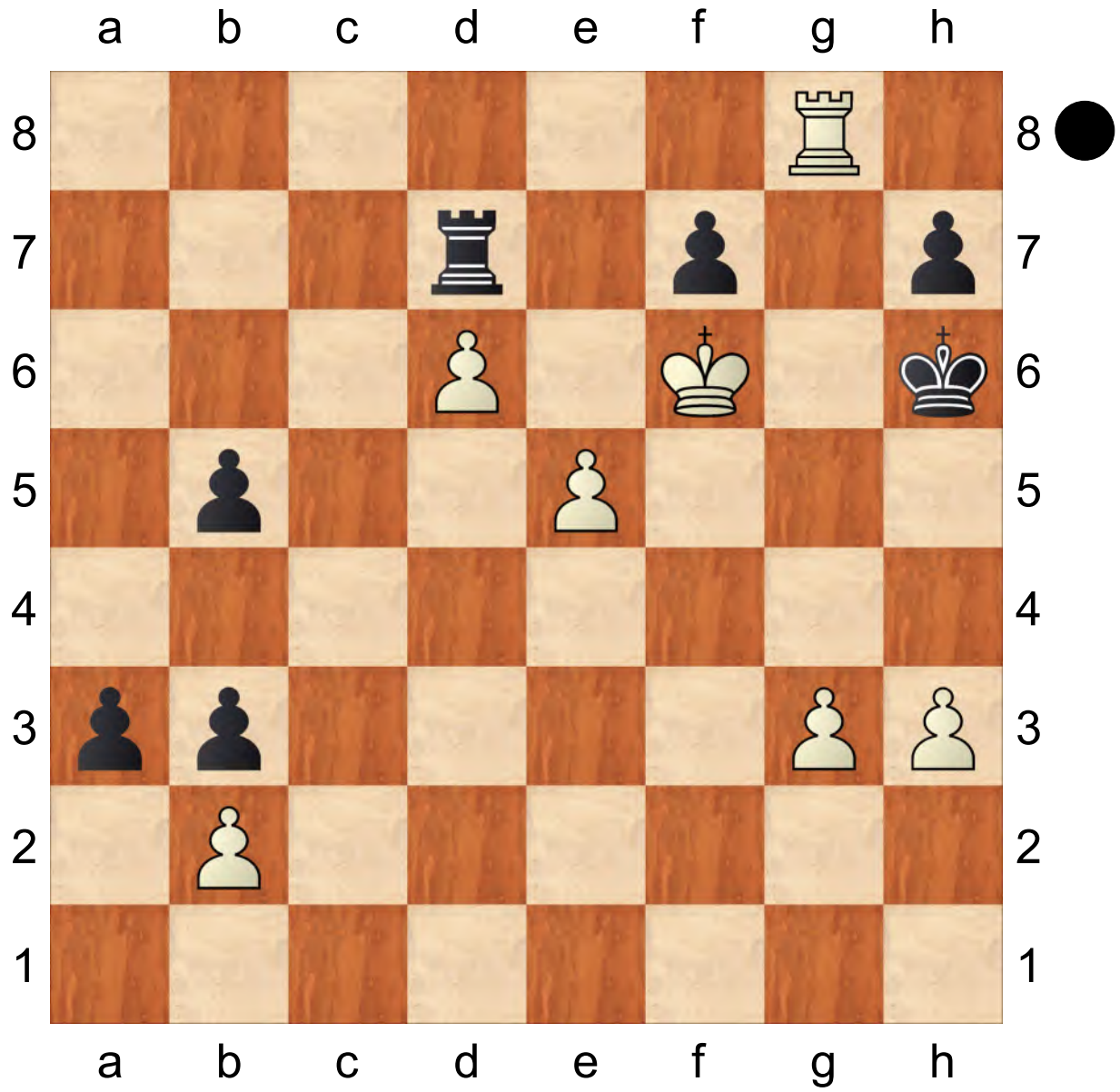

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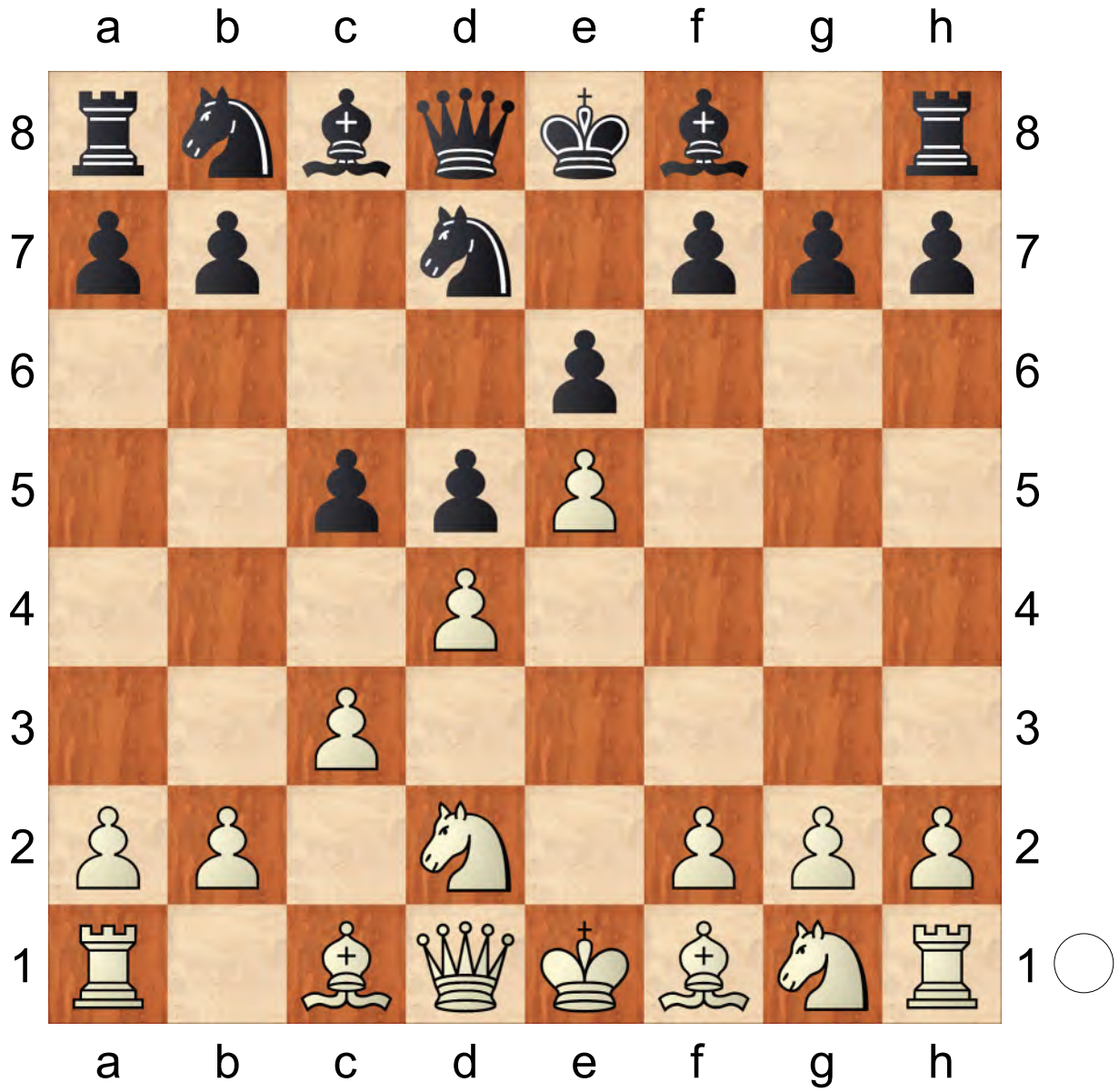
1.e4 Meyer,CD **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5**



6.f4 Mit dieser soliden, aber auch schwerblütigen Bekämpfungsweise (5./6.f4) der Französischen Verteidigung (Tarrasch/Pawn Wedge Variation), einer Kreuzung aus Tarrasch- und Vorstoßvariante, kann Luke McShane auf einen reichhaltigen Erfahrungsschatz zurückgreifen. Bei diesem "Kettenkampf" entstehen oft sehr komplizierte Stellungen mit reichhaltigen Möglichkeiten für beide Seiten. Nachfolgend

lasse ich auch einige ältere Partien des englischen Großmeisters, der übrigens bereits seit 1999 für den SV Werder Bremen in der Schach-Bundesliga spielt, Revue passieren. **6...Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6**

[Oder z.B. 7...cxd4 8.cxd4 f5 9.Bd3 Nb6 10.Ne2 Be7 und nun:

A) 11.a3 Bd7 12.h3 0-0 13.g4 Be8 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.b3 Qe8 18.Ra2 Rc8 19.Rg2 Nd8 20.0-0 Ne6 21.Kh2 Rf7 22.Rfg1 Qd8 23.Be3

A1) 23...Bxa3? 24.Qb1 Qf8 *(24...Rc3 25.Bxf5)* 25.Nh4 Rc3 26.Bxf5;

A2) 23...Kh8 24.Qb1 g6 25.Qe1 Nd7 26.h4 Qf8 27.Rh1!? Bxa3 28.h5!? *(28.Qa5? Bb4! 29.Qxd5 Nb6! 30.Qxe6 Rc6)* 28...gxh5 29.Rhg1 *(29.Ng5!?)* 29...Be7?! 30.Qa5 Nb6 31.Qxa7 Bd8 32.Qa1 Rg7 33.Qb1 Rxg2+ 34.Rxg2 Ng7 35.Bd2 Rc6 36.Qg1 Qf7 37.e6!? Der Auftakt zu einem wilden Zeitnot-Gefecht. Das tollkühne Bauernopfer dient der Räumung des Feldes e5 für den weißen Springer, der noch Heldentaten vollbringen wird. Rxe6 38.Ne5 Qf8 39.Bb4 Be7 40.Ba5 Nc8 41.Bb5 Na7 42.Bd7 Rh6 43.Bc7 Ra6 44.Qb1 Bd6?! *(44...Qf6 45.Rg5 Qf8)* 45.Qc2?! *(45.Bxd6 Rxd6 46.Qc2 Nc6 47.Qc5 Kg8)* 45...Qe7 46.Bd8 Qf8 47.Bg5 Bb8 48.b4 h4?! 49.b5 Rd6 50.Qb3∞ Nh5? 51.Qh3! Nxf4? *(51...Rg6 52.Qxh4 Bxe5 53.fxe5 Ng7 54.Bf6 Rxg2+ 55.Kxg2+-)* 52.Bxf4 Rxd7 53.Qxh4+- Rd6 54.Kg1 h6 - gegen die tödliche Doppeldrohung 54.♘f7+/55.♗e5+ - *(*Falls z.B. *54...Re6* so folgt *55.Bh6!! Rxh6 56.Nf7+ Qxf7 57.Qd8+* nebst Matt*)* 55.Ng6+ *(*Eleganter war *55.Bxh6 Rxh6 56.Ng6+ Kg7 57.Nxf8+)* 55...Rxg6 56.Rxg6 Bxf4 57.Qxf4 Kh7 (Nun folgen beiderseits grobe Zeitnotfehler.) 58.Rg2? *(58.Rb6)* 58...Nxb5 59.Qe5 Nc3?? *(59...Qf7)* 60.Qc7+ Kh8 61.Qxc3 Kh7 und 1:0 in McShane - Agdestein, Bundesliga 2001 (CDM);

B) 11.0-0 Bd7 12.a3 0-0 13.h3 Be8 14.g4 Bg6 15.Kh2 a5 16.gxf5 Bxf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Rg1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nd8 20.Rg2 Ra6 21.Be3 Nc4 22.Rag1 Ne6 23.Bc1 g6 24.h4 Ng7 25.Ng3 a4 26.h5 Qe6 27.Rh1 Kf7 28.Kg1 Ke8?? *(28...Rb6∞)* 29.h6± Nh5 30.Nxh5 gxh5 31.Rxh5 1:0/42, McShane,L (2438) - Bischoff,K (2544), Hastings 2000 (CDM)

C) 11.Rg1 Bd7 12.g4 0-0 13.a3 Na5 14.b3 Rc8 15.Kf1 Na8 16.gxf5 exf5 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Nc3 Qxb3 19.Qxb3 Nxb3 20.Nxd5 Bd8 21.Rb1 Be6 22.Ne3 Nxd2+ 23.Nxd2 Bb6 24.Nf3 Nc7 25.Ke2 Nd5 26.Nxd5 Bxd5= 27.Rgc1 g6 28.a4 Rfd8 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Rb5 *(30.a5!? Bxa5 31.Rb5 Bxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rc3 33.Ke2 Bb6 34.d5)* 30...Bc6 31.Rb4 Rd8 32.Bb5 Ba5 33.Bxc6 Bxb4 34.Bxb7 Rb8 35.Bd5+ *(35.Ba6)* 35...Kf8 36.Bc4 Ba3 37.Ng5?? *(37.d5∞ /=)* 37...Rb2+ 38.Kf3 Rxh2 39.Kg3 *(39.d5 Ke7 40.d6+ Bxd6 41.exd6+ Kxd6-+)* 39...Rc2-+ 40.Nxh7+? Kg7 0:1, McShane,L (2511) - Hertneck,G (2572), Bundesliga 2001 (CDM)]

8.a3

[Geläufiger sind 8.♘e2 oder 8.g3, z.B.: I 8.Ne2 f6! 9.g3 cxd4!? 10.Nexd4 fxe5! 11.fxe5

A) CDM: 11...Ndxe5? 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qh5+ Ng6 *(13...Nf7 14.Bb5++- Ke7 15.0-0 g6 16.Qh4+)* 14.Bd3 e5 15.Bxg6+ Qxg6 16.Qxe5+ Be7 17.0-0;

B) 11...Nc5 12.Bh3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qe2 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rxf1+ 16.Kxf1 Bd7⇄ , Atlas - Luther, Austria tt 2001/02, Auszug aus "The Flexible French" von Viktor Moskalenko, New in Chess-Verlag 2008]

[II 8.g3 a5 9.Ne2 a4 10.a3 Ndb8!? 11.Bh3 Bd7 12.0-0 Na5 13.f5! exf5 14.Nf4 Nb3 15.Nxd5!? *(15.Rb1)* 15...Qc6 16.Nf4 Nxa1 17.d5 Qb6 18.e6 fxe6 19.Ne5 *(19.dxe6 Bc6 20.Bxf5)* 19...c4+ *(19...g6)* 20.Kh1 g6 21.Re1 Qb3? *(21...Nb3)* 22.Qe2± Nc2 23.Nxd7 Nxe1? 24.Qxe6++- Kd8

A) 25.Nb6! Ra6 26.Qc8+ Ke7 27.d6+!

A1) 27...Kxd6 28.Qe6+ Kc5 *(28...Kc7 29.Nfd5+ Kd8 30.Qc8#)* 29.Be3+ Kb5 30.Qd5+ Bc5 31.Qxc5#;

A2) 27...Kf6 28.Qe6+ Kg5 *(28...Kg7 29.Nh5+ gxh5 30.Bh6#)* 29.Nh5+ Kxh5 30.Qe2+ Nf3 31.Qxf3#;

B) 25.Ne5?⊕ Qd1!∞ /=; nach weiteren Wirrungen 1:0/74, McShane,L (2455) - Poldauf,D (2455), Bundesliga 1998 (CDM)]

8...c4 Nach diesem Blockadezug, der die Schwäche des Feldes b3 markiert, wird der Kampf zu einer ziemlich zähen Angelegenheit. Alternativen, z.B.:

[I 8...a5

A) 9.g3 Be7 10.Bh3!? cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 12.Ne2 f5 13.g4 Qd8 14.Ng3 Nb6 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Qc2 g6 17.Bf1 Be6 18.Qg2 a4? *(⌓18...Kf7 19.h4 h5 , L. McShane)* 19.h4 Nc4 *(19...Kf7!? 20.h5 Ke8 21.hxg6 hxg6)* 20.h5± Qa5+ 21.Kf2 Qb6 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Be3 Qxb2+?? 25.Ne2+- Kf7 26.Rab1 Qxa3 27.Rh7+ *(27.Rxb7+-)* 27...Ke8 28.Qxg6+ Bf7 29.Rxf7! Rxf7 30.e6+- Nd8 31.Ne5 Bh4+ 32.Kf3 Qe7 33.Rb6 Ra6 34.Rxa6 bxa6 35.exf7+ Nxf7 36.Qg8+ Qf8 37.Qxf8+ Kxf8 38.Ng6+ Ke8 39.Nxh4 a3 40.Nc3 Nd6 41.Bc1 1:0, McShane,L (2480) - Brynell,S (2484), BL Werder Bremen - Neukoelln 2000 (CDM);

B) 9.b3

B1) 9...Be7 10.h4 0-0 11.Bd3 f5 12.Be3? *(12.Ne2∞)* 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxa3 14.g4? Bb4+ 15.Kf1 fxg4 16.Ng5 Ndxe5! 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Kg2 Nd7 19.h5 Nf6 20.Qd3 Ne7 21.h6 Bd7 22.Bf2 gxh6 23.Rxh6 Bb5 24.Bg8+ Kg7 25.Rh7+ Kxg8 26.Qc2 Rac8 27.Qb1 Nf5 28.Rh1 Qc6 29.Ra2 Qc1 0:1, McShane,L (2568) - Zarnicki,P (2536), ICC INT 2003 (CDM);

B2) 9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Be7 11.h4 f5 12.h5 Ndb8 13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Ne2 a4 *(14...Na6 15.Kf2 Na7 16.Bb2 0-0 17.g4 fxg4 18.Nh2 g3+ 19.Kxg3 Bb5∞* 1:0/91, McShane,L (2629) - Zhao,Z (2410), Mallorca 2004 (CDM)*)* 15.b4 Na7 16.Nc3 Nb5 17.Nxa4 Qc7 18.Nc5 Nc3 19.Qc2 Ne4 20.h6 Rg8 21.hxg7 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Ba4 23.Qb2 Qxg7 24.Rh3± , dennoch 0:1/51, McShane,L (2614) - Williams,S (2473), Liverpool 2006 (CDM)]

[II 8...Be7 9.h4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Na5 11.Ne2 Nb3 12.Rb1 Nb8 13.Be3 Nc6

14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Na4 Qa5+ 16.Nc3 Qb6 17.Be2 Nca5 18.0-0 g6 19.h5 0-0-0 20.Bf2 Kb8 21.Bd3 Rc8 22.Bc2 Be8 23.Re1 McShane,L (2683)-Williams,S (2507)/ Reykjavik 2011/Mega2011 Update 13/1-0 (35)]

[III 8...cxd4 9.cxd4

A) 9...Na5 10.Ne2 *(10.b4!?)* 10...Qb3 11.Nd2 *(11.Qd2!? Nc4 12.Qc3 Qxc3+ 13.Nxc3)* 11...Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1= b5 13.b3 Be7 *(13...Nb8 14.g4 Nbc6 15.h4 f6 16.Bb2 Be7 17.Ng3 fxe5 18.dxe5 0-0 19.Bxb5 Rxf4 20.b4 Rb8 21.Be2 Nc4 22.Nxc4 dxc4∓* remis/71, McShane,L (2480) - Ulibin,M (2583), Stockholm 2001 (CDM)*)* 14.Bb2 Bb7 15.Ng1 a6 16.Ngf3± 1:0/51, McShane,L (2544) - Addison,B (2219), Torquay 2002

B) 9...f6 10.Bd3 Be7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.b4 fxe5 *(12...Kh8 13.h4 fxe5 14.dxe5 a5 15.b5 Nd8 16.Bb1 Nc5 17.Be3 Qxb5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Qd3 g6 20.h5 Qc4 21.hxg6 Qxd3 22.Rxh7+ Kg8 23.Bxd3 Re8 24.Ng3* 1:0, McShane,L (2568) - Schmitz,M (2111), Catalan Bay 2003/CBM 092 ext*)* 13.dxe5

B1) 13...Ndxe5? 14.fxe5 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Nxe5 16.Qb3 Nxf3+ 17.Kd1 Bf6 18.Bb2 *(18.Be3!)* 18...Bd7?? *(18...Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Bd7)* 19.Bxf6+- gxf6 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qxf3 1:0/27, McShane,L (2592) - Wehner,R (2176), Kuppenheim 2003;

B2) 13...h6 14.Bb1± 1:0/45, McShane,L (2592) - Karabalis,H (2249)/ Kuppenheim 2003 (CDM)]

9.Ne2

[Mit 9.h4 stießen zwei russische Versuche auf Granit: h5 10.Ng5 *(10.Be2 Na5 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Ngf3 Nf8 13.Ng5 Nh7 14.Kf2 g6 15.Rb1 Bd7 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Bf3 Qb5 18.Bd1 Rc6 19.Rf1 Rb6 20.Kg1 Kf8 21.Be2 Qa4 22.Bd1 Qb5 23.Be2 Qa4* 1/2-1/2 Dolmatov,S (2587)-Volkov,S (2558)/Tomsk 2001/CBM 082 ext *)* 10...Na5 11.Qc2 Qb3 12.Qf2 Nb6 13.Be2 Qb5 14.Bd1 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Qc2 Ke7 17.N5h3 Nb3 18.Rb1 Qe8 19.Ne2 Bd7 20.Ng3 Ba4 21.Qf2 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxd1 23.Rxd1 Kd7 Jakovenko,D (2521)-Volkov,S (2558)/Elista 2001/CBM 083/1/2-1/2 (77)]

9...Na5 10.g4!?

[10.Nd2 Qc7 11.Ng3 g6 12.Qf3 Nb6 13.Be2 Bd7 14.Ngf1 h5 15.Qh3 Bh6 16.Qh4 Qd8 17.Qg3 Qc7 18.Ne3 0-0-0 19.0-0 Ba4 20.Rb1 ½-½ Strzelecki,K (2415)-Sapis,W (2380)/Bielsko Biala 1990/EXT 1997]

10...Qb3

[I 10...Qc7?! 11.Ng3 Nb6 12.Bh3 Bd7 13.0-0 Na4 14.Qc2 Nb3 15.Rb1 Qa5?! *(15...Nxc1 16.Qxc1 0-0-0∞)* 16.f5 b6? 17.Ng5!+- Bxa3 *(17...Nxc1 18.Qxc1 exf5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Rxf5; 17...h6 18.fxe6; 17...exf5 18.Nxf5)*

A) ⌓18.Nh5 Rg8 *(18...Bf8 19.Nxf7)* 19.fxe6 *(19.Nxf7)*;

B) ⌓18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.fxe6+ Ke8 *(19...Kxe6 20.Qf5+ Ke7 21.Bg5+ Ke8 22.Qf7#)* 20.exd7+ Kxd7 21.bxa3;

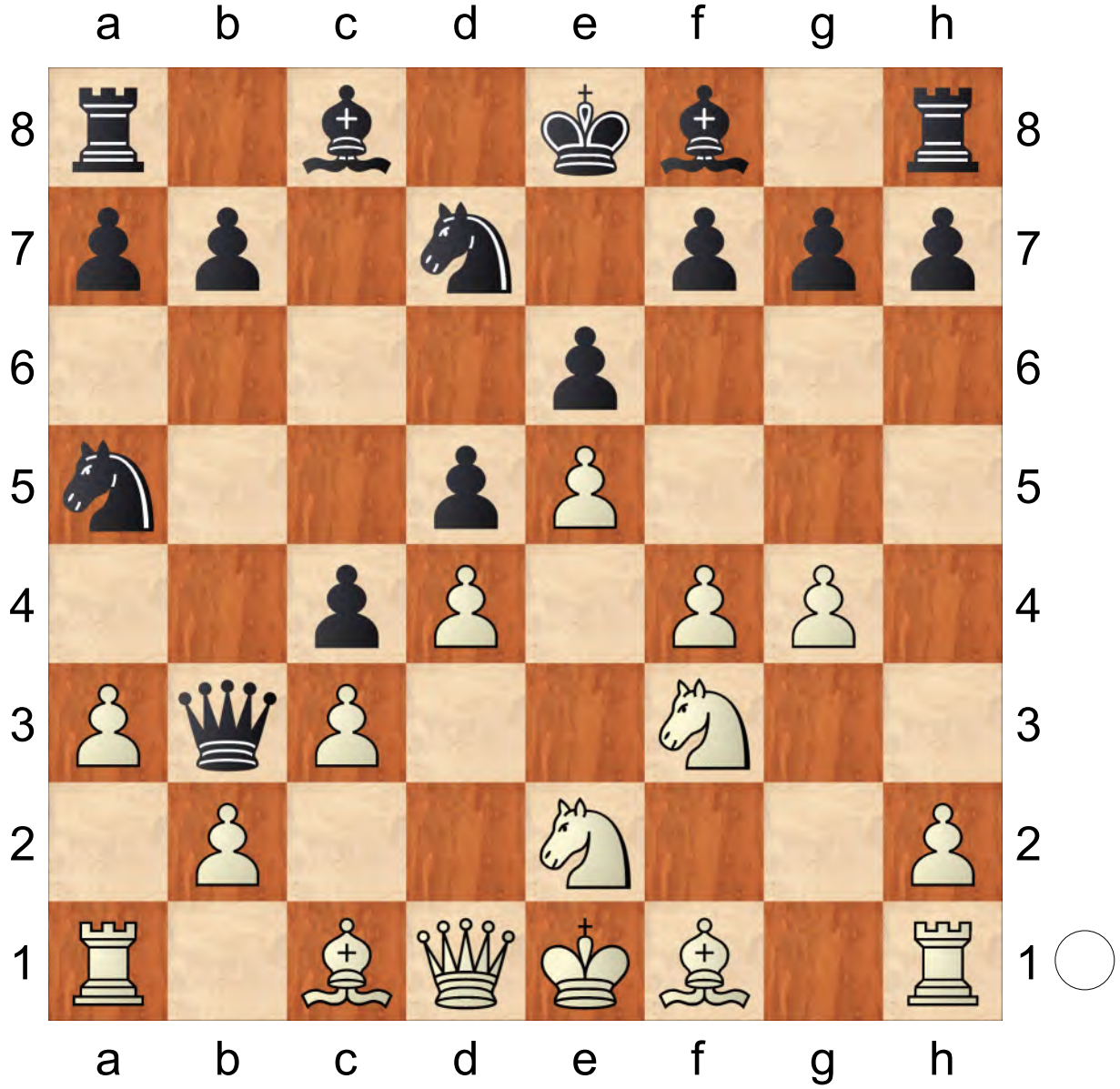
C) 18.bxa3 Qxc3 19.Qf2 0-0 20.Be3 Qa5 21.f6 Qc3 22.fxg7 1:00 Mannion,S (2333) - Plant,P (2107), Port Erin 2004 (CDM)]

[II 10...h5!? erscheint mir als die gegebene Fortsetzung, z.B. 11.gxh5 Rxh5

12.Ng3 Rh8 13.h4 Nb8!? Das Problemkind dieser Variante wird umgruppiert und dem Läufer c8 freie Sicht gegeben. 14.Bh3

A) 14...g6?! 15.Rb1 Nb3 *(15...Nbc6 16.h5)* 16.Be3 Nc6 17.h5 gxh5 18.Ng5 Be7 *(18...h4 19.Nh5)* 19.Nxh5;

B) 14...Nbc6 15.f5∞ Nb3 *(15...exf5 16.Nxf5 g6 17.Ne3)* 16.Rb1 Bd7 mit weiterhin kompliziertem Spiel und Chancen für beide Seiten.]



Ein "stilles Remisangebot, das Weiß aber ablehnt. **11.Qd2**

[11.f5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1

A) 12...Nb3!?

A1) 13.Rb1? exf5 **Δ** 14.gxf5 *(14.Nf4 fxg4 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxd5 hxg5)* 14...Nxe5! 15.Nxe5 Bxf5;

A2) 13.Ra2 Nb6= *(13...Nxc1=)*;

B) 12...Nb6 13.Bh3 Nb3 14.Rb1= , dennoch 1:0/37 in Stanojoski,Z (2502) - Sequera Paolini,J (2398), Dresden 2008 (CDM)]

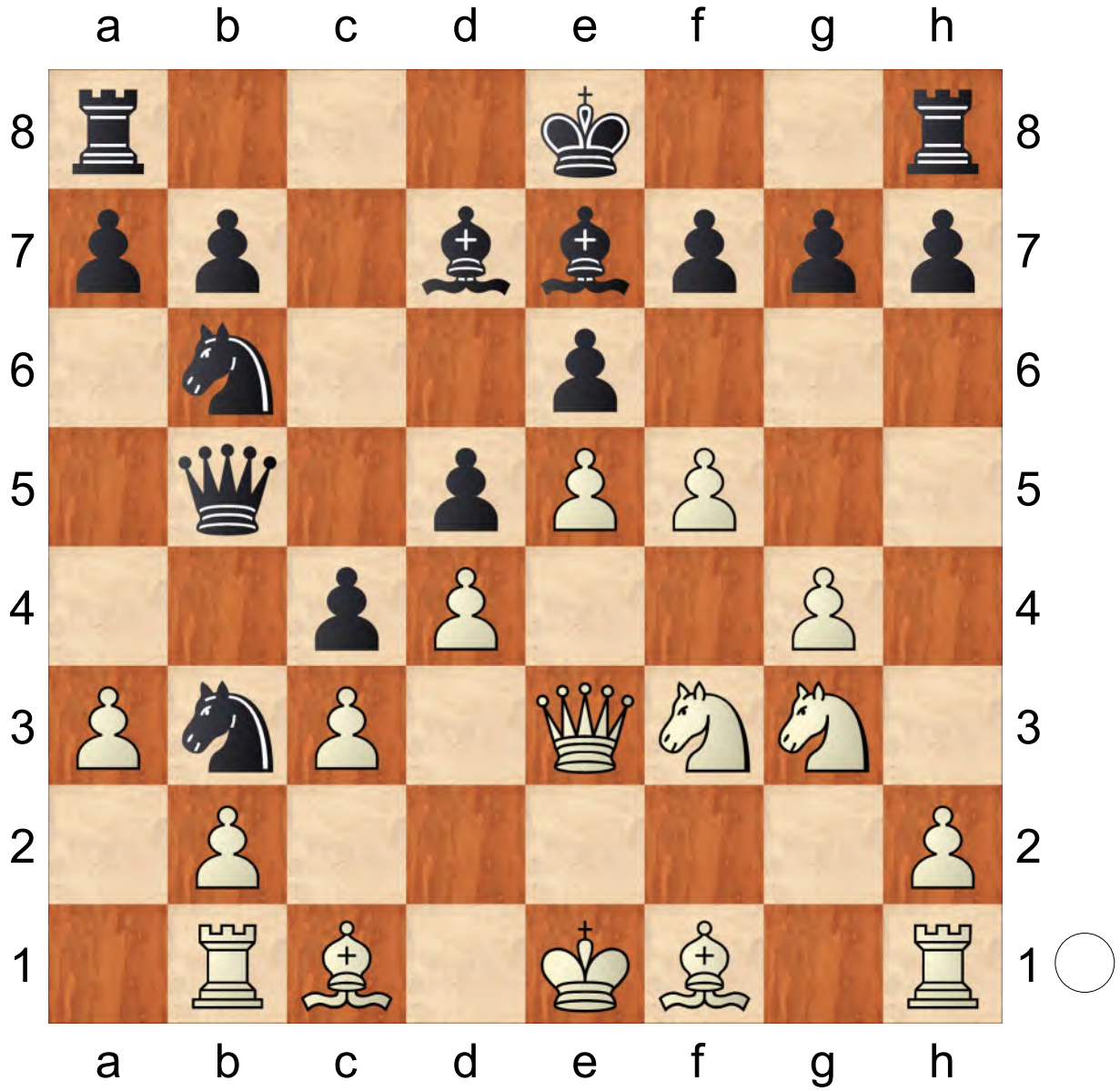
11...Qb5

[Oder auch 11...Nb6 und z.B. 12.Ng3 Bd7 13.Be2 Na4 14.f5 Qb6∞]

12.Qe3 Nb3 13.Rb1 Nb6 14.Ng3 Bd7 15.f5 Weiß setzt den thematischen Hebel unverzüglich in Szene. **15...Be7?!**

[Provokant! Schwarz unterschätzt den möglichen Springerausfall nach h5. Dagegen machte seine Stellung nach den folgenden Alternativen einen recht zuverlässigen Eindruck: I ⌓15...h6∞ , z.B. 16.Bh3 *(16.Nh5 0-0-0)* 16...0-0-0 17.0-0 Be7]

[II ⌓15...g6∞]



16.Nh5!?

[Auch in Betracht kam die Anrempelung 16.f6!? , hierzu ein paar brisante Ideen: gxf6 17.exf6 Bxf6
A) 18.Nf5?! Qc6 19.g5 0-0-0
A1) 20.Nh6 e5!! 21.gxf6 *(21.Nxf7?? exd4; 21.dxe5?? d4 22.cxd4 Bxg5-+)* 21...exd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Rhe8+ 24.Kf2 *(24.Be2 Re4 25.Qd2 Rde8 26.0-0 Rxe2)* 24...Re4 25.Qd2 *(25.Qd1 Qc5+ 26.Kg2 d4-+)* 25...Rde8 26.Qg5 R4e6-+;
A2) 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.gxf6 exf5 22.Qh6 Nxc1 23.Rxc1 Rhe8 24.Bg2 Rxe5+ 25.dxe5 Qxe5+ 26.Kf2 Be6∓;
B) 18.Qh6 Be7 19.Bg5⩲ *(19.Qg7 0-0-0 20.Bf4⩲)*]

16...Rg8?!

[I Schwarz würdigt das gegnerische Vorgehen nur ungenügend, seinen König mit ⌓16...0-0-0 in Sicherheit zu bringen, verdiente den Vorzug. Es scheint, daß er den vorübergehenden Bauernverlust nach dem weiteren 17.Nxg7 Rdg8 18.f6 *(18.Bh3 Rxg7 19.f6 Bxf6 20.exf6 Rgg8 21.Ne5 Be8∞)* 18...Bf8∞ gut verschmerzen kann.]
[II 16...exf5? verbietet sich wegen 17.Nxg7+ Kd8 18.gxf5±]

17.f6 gxf6 18.exf6 Bd6?

[Benimmt sich leichtfertig seines Rochaderechts und überläßt dem Gegner nicht nur die Initiative, sondern gleich auch einen gesunden Mehrbauerrn. Erforderlich war 18...Bf8!? , z.B. 19.Ne5 Nc8 20.Ng7+ *(20.Qf2 Nxc1 21.Rxc1 Nd6∞; 20.Bg2 Nd6 21.Ng7+ Bxg7 22.fxg7 0-0-0* ist Zugumstellung zu 20. ♘g7+*)* 20...Bxg7 21.fxg7 Nd6 22.Bg2 0-0-0 Meyer,CD: 'ist Zugumstellung zu 20.♘g7+' 23.Qh6 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 Qxb2 25.0-0 f5!?∞]

19.Ng7+ Kd8 20.Ng5 Nun büßt Schwarz ohne ersichtliche Kompensation einen Bauern ein. **20...Rf8**

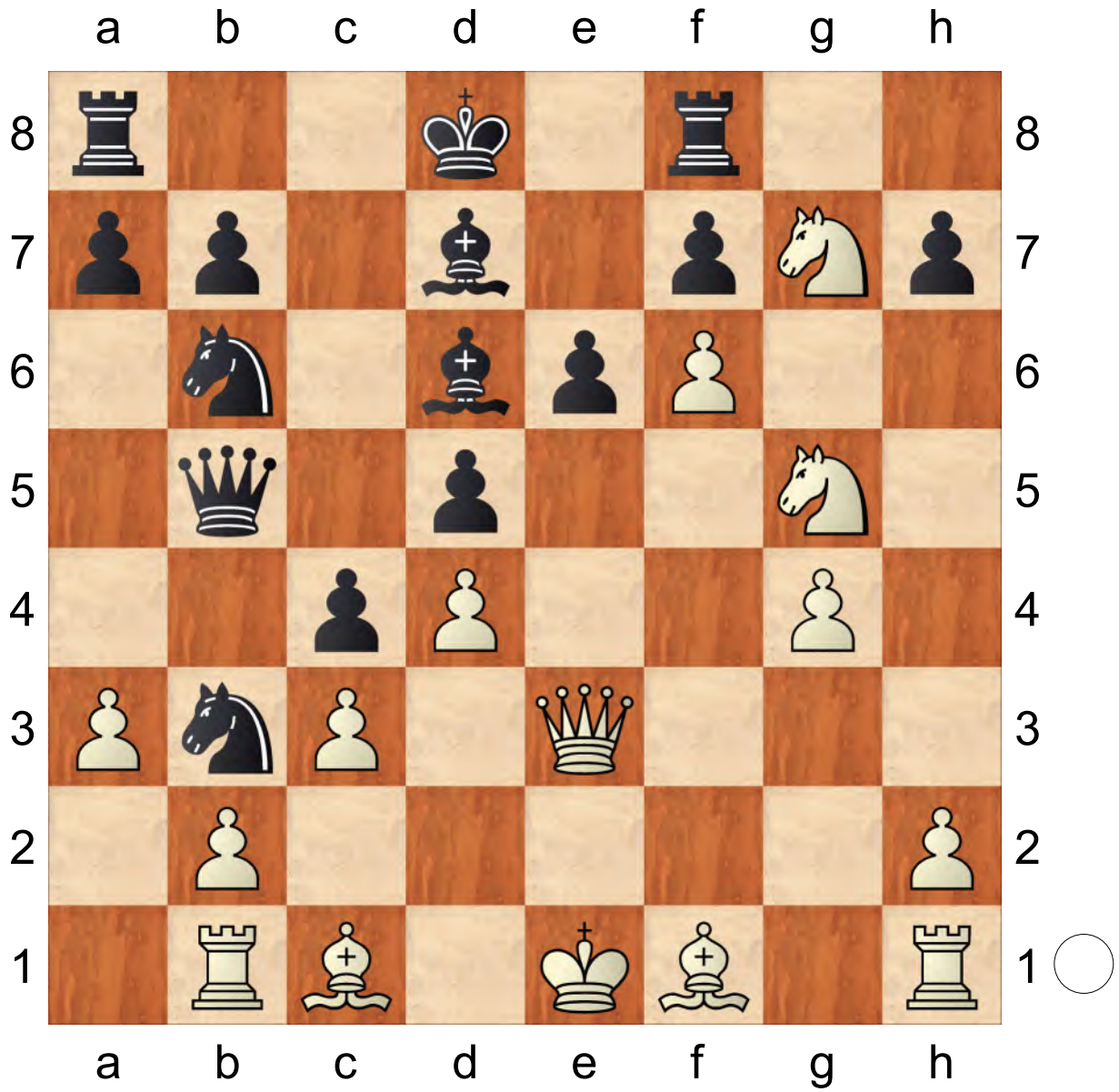
(Diagram)

21.Nxh7 Rh8 22.Ng5 Rf8 23.Nf3± Bc6

[Auch zu erwägen war 23...Kc7 zwecks besserer Kordination seiner Truppe, wenngleich nach z.B. 24.Bg2 Nxc1 25.Qxc1 Rh8 26.0-0± der weiße Vorteil ebenfalls unstrittig wäre.]

24.Be2

[Etwas zögerlich, jedenfalls ist 24.g5! nicht von der Hand zu weisen: Kc8 25.g6!
A) 25...fxg6? 26.Qxe6+ Kc7 27.Qxd6+ Kxd6 28.Bf4+ Kd7 29.Bh3+ Kd8 30.Ne6+
A1) 30...Kc8 31.Nxf8++- Nd7 32.Nxd7 Kd8 33.f7 Ke7 34.Bg5+ *(34.Nde5)* 34...Kxf7 35.Nfe5+ Kg7 36.0-0;
A2) 30...Ke8 31.Nxf8 Kxf8 32.Be6 Nd7 33.Bd6+ Ke8 34.Ne5;
B) 25...Bd7 26.Ne5 Nxc1
B1) 27.Rxc1 fxg6 *(27...Qxb2 28.Bh3)* 28.Qf2;
B2) 27.Qxc1 Bxe5 28.dxe5 fxg6 29.Qe3±]



24...Nd7

[24...Kc7 25.g5 Meyer,CD: 'III' Nd7 Meyer,CD: 's. o. 24... ♔c7' 26.g6!? *(26.0-0)* 26...Nxf6 27.Ng5 Ne4 28.0-0±]

25.g5

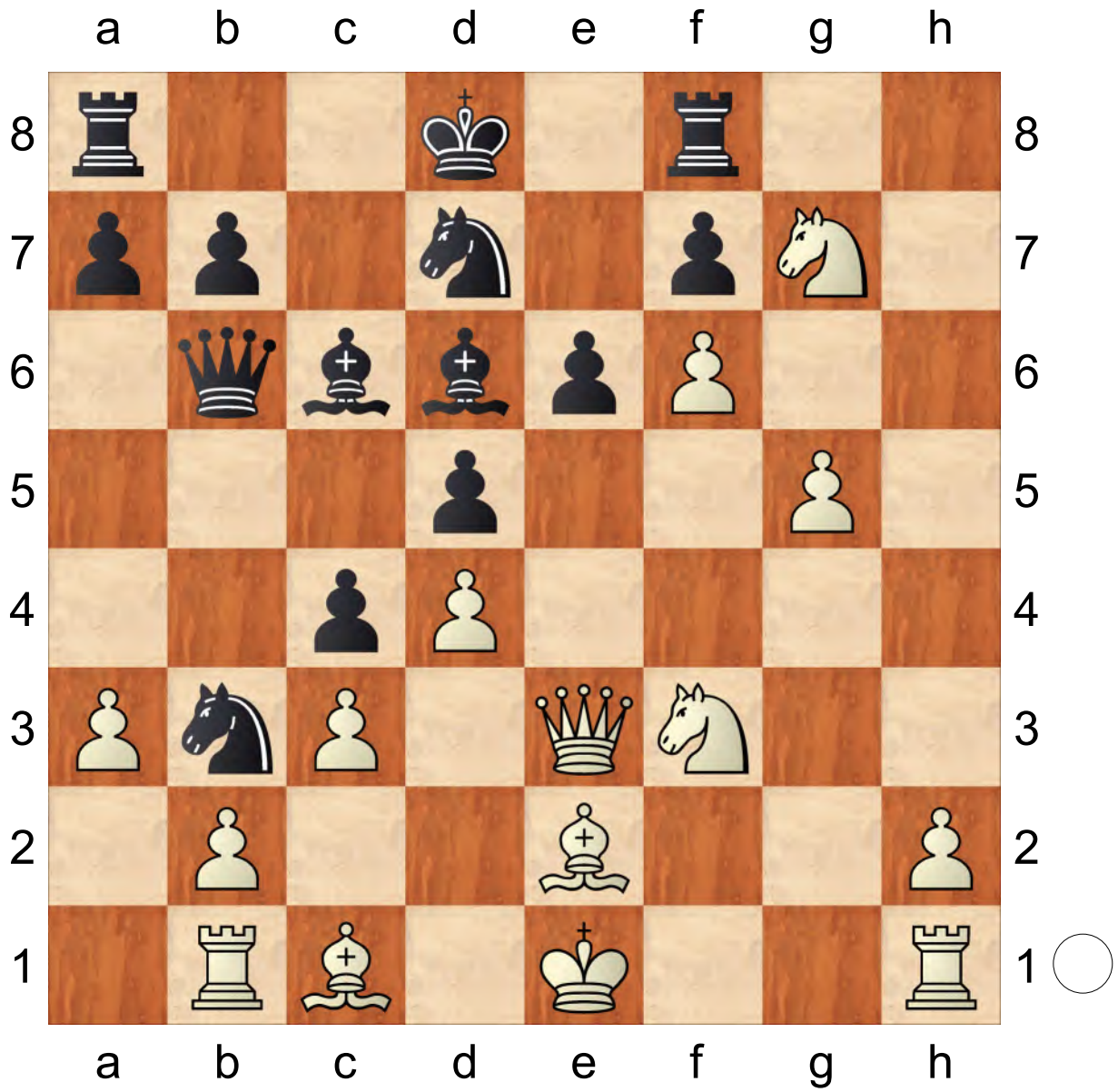
[Ebenfalls prüfenswert sind: I 25.Ng5!? (Δ♘ xf7) Nxc1 *(25...e5 26.0-0!)* 26.Rxc1!? *(26.N5xe6+? fxe6 27.Nxe6+ Kc8 28.Nxf8 Nxe2 29.Qe8+ Kc7 30.Ne6+ Kb6∞; 26.Qxc1)* 26...Qxb2 27.N7xe6+ fxe6 28.Nxe6+ Kc8 29.Nxf8 Nxf8 30.0-0±]

[II 25.0-0 Kc8 *(25...Nxf6? 26.Ne5!+-)* 26.Qh6 Nxc1 27.Qxc1 Qb6!? *(27...e5? 28.Nf5 Bc7 29.Ne7+ Kd8 30.b3+-)*]

25...Qb6

[I 25...Kc8 26.0-0± *(26.h4±)* 26...Nxc1 27.Qxc1 Qb6 28.Qe3 Qc7 29.g6!? *(29.Nxe6!?)*]

[II 25...Nxc1?! 26.Qxc1 - drohend 27.g6 ♘xf6 28.♘g5 - Kc8 *(26...Kc7 27.g6!)* 27.b4±]
[III 25...Kc7 s. o. 24...♔c7]



26.Kf1?
[Genug der Vorbereitung! Hier hätte McShane energisch mit der Aushebelung 26.g6! die schwarze Stellung an der Achillesferse packen können, z.B.
A) 26...Nxc1 27.Rxc1 *(≤27.Qxc1 Kc8±)* 27...Nxf6 *(27...Qxb2 28.Ng5; 27...Kc8 28.Nxe6)* 28.Ng5+-;
B) 26...Kc8 27.Nxe6 fxe6 28.f7 Nxc1 29.Rxc1 *(29.g7? Nxe2! 30.g8Q Kc7 31.Qg7 Nf4)* 29...Rxf7 30.gxf7 Qxb2 31.0-0+-]
26...Nxc1
[26...Kc7± hätte die Türme verbunden und seine Majestät etwas aus der

Schußlinie gezogen, z.B. 27.Kg2 *(27.h4)* 27...Rac8 28.h4 Kb8 29.h5 Rh8 30.h6 Qc7 31.Rh4]

27.Qxc1 Qc7?

[Klemmt sein Oberhaupt, der ebenso wie sein Visavis auf der Suche nach einer Nische ist, sehr ungemütlich auf d8 ein. Wiederum schien mir ⌓27...Kc7 geboten: 28.h4

A) 28...e5? Diese an sich wünschenswerte Öffnung ist hier wie auch in manch nachstehenden Varianten wegen 29.Nf5! fehlerhaft: e4 *(29...Ba4 30.dxe5 Nxe5 31.Nxe5 Bxe5 32.Qe3±)* 30.Nxd6 exf3 31.Bxf3+- Kxd6 32.Qf4+;

B) 28...Rac8 29.h5 Kb8 30.h6±]

28.Qe1 Rh8

[28...e5 29.dxe5 Nxe5 30.Nxe5 Bxe5 31.Bf3 Kc8 *(31...d4? 32.Bxc6 Qxc6 33.Qxe5 Qxh1+ 34.Kf2+-)* 32.Nf5±]

29.Qf2 Nf8 30.h4± Qb6?!

[I 30...Kc8 31.Bd1 Δ♗c2]

[II 30...Bg3 31.Qg2 Bd6 32.h5 Kc8 33.Bd1 Δ♗c2]

(Diagram)

Nun macht sich bei Schwarz Ratlosigkeit breit und zudem aufkommende Zeitnot bemerkbar. Alternativen: **31.h5**

[31.Ne5!? dürfte zwar stärker gewesen sein, aber es ist auch gut nachvollziehbar, daß McShane versucht, seinen Vorteil möglichst unkompliziert nach Hause zu fahren. Bxe5 32.dxe5

A) 32...Qc7 33.Re1 *(33.Qd4 Ng6 34.Bh5 Rxh5 35.Nxh5 Nxe5 36.Qf4)* 33...Ng6 34.Bh5 Rxh5 35.Nxh5 Nxe5;

B) 32...Qxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Ng6 34.Kg3 Nxe5 35.Rhe1]

31...Ng6?⊕

[I 31...Kc8 32.Kg2±]

[II 31...Ba4 32.Ne5! Bxe5 33.dxe5 Ng6 34.Qxb6+ axb6 35.Nxe6+! Kd7 *(35...fxe6 36.hxg6 Rxh1+ 37.Kg2 Rh8 38.Rh1 Rg8 39.f7 Ke7 40.fxg8Q Rxg8 41.Rh7+ Kd8 42.Kh3+-)* 36.Nd4 Nxe5 37.Rg1 Rag8 38.Re1+-]

32.Kg1

[32.Rg1! Nf4 *(32...Nf8 33.g6+- Kc7 34.Ng5)* 33.Ne5! Bxe5 34.dxe5 Qxf2+ 35.Kxf2+- Nh3+ 36.Ke3 Nxg1 37.Rxg1]

32...Nf4 33.Bf1 Nd3

[33...Qc7 34.Re1+-]

34.Bxd3 cxd3 35.g6+- Kd7

[35...Kc8 36.Ng5]

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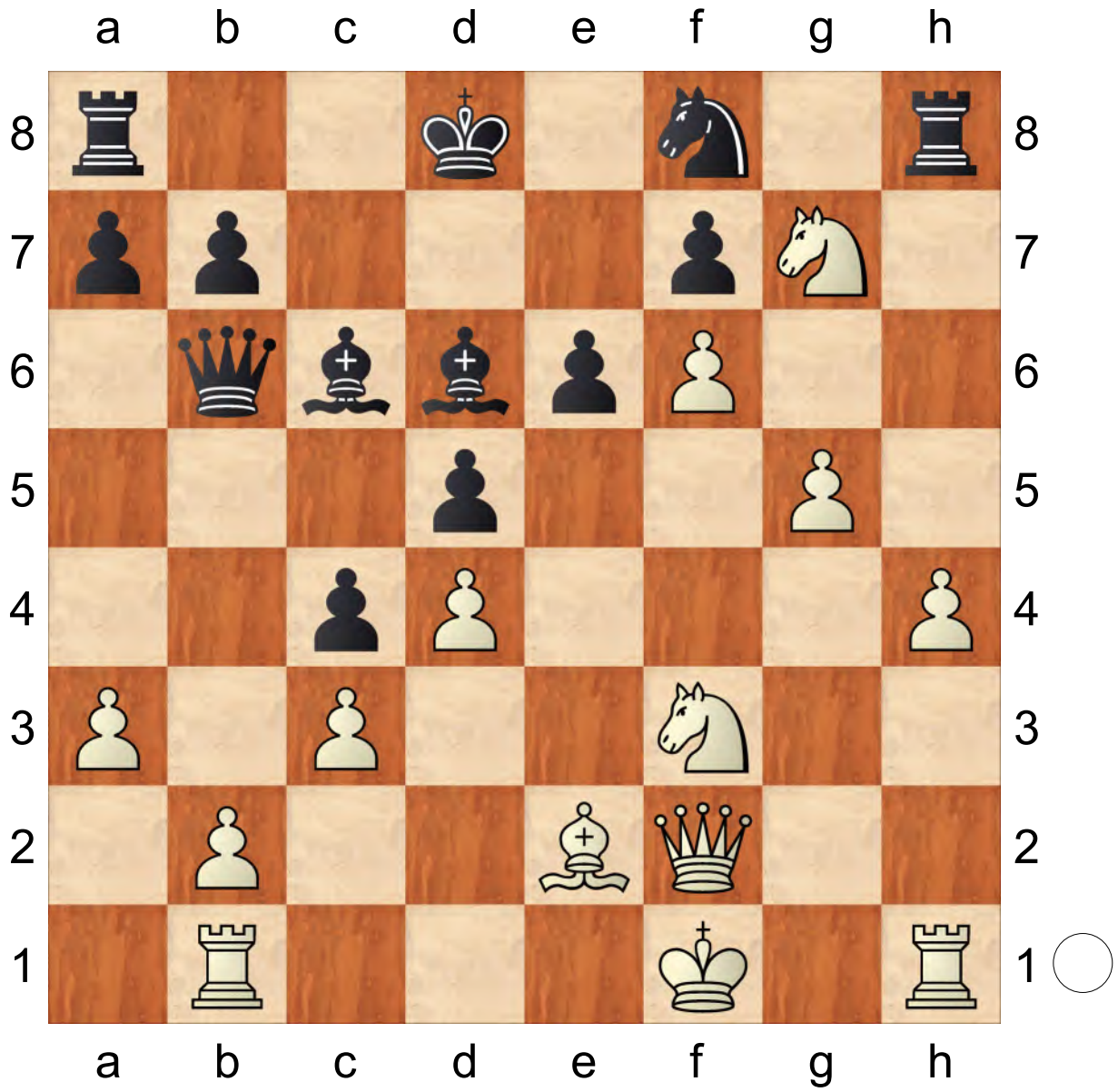
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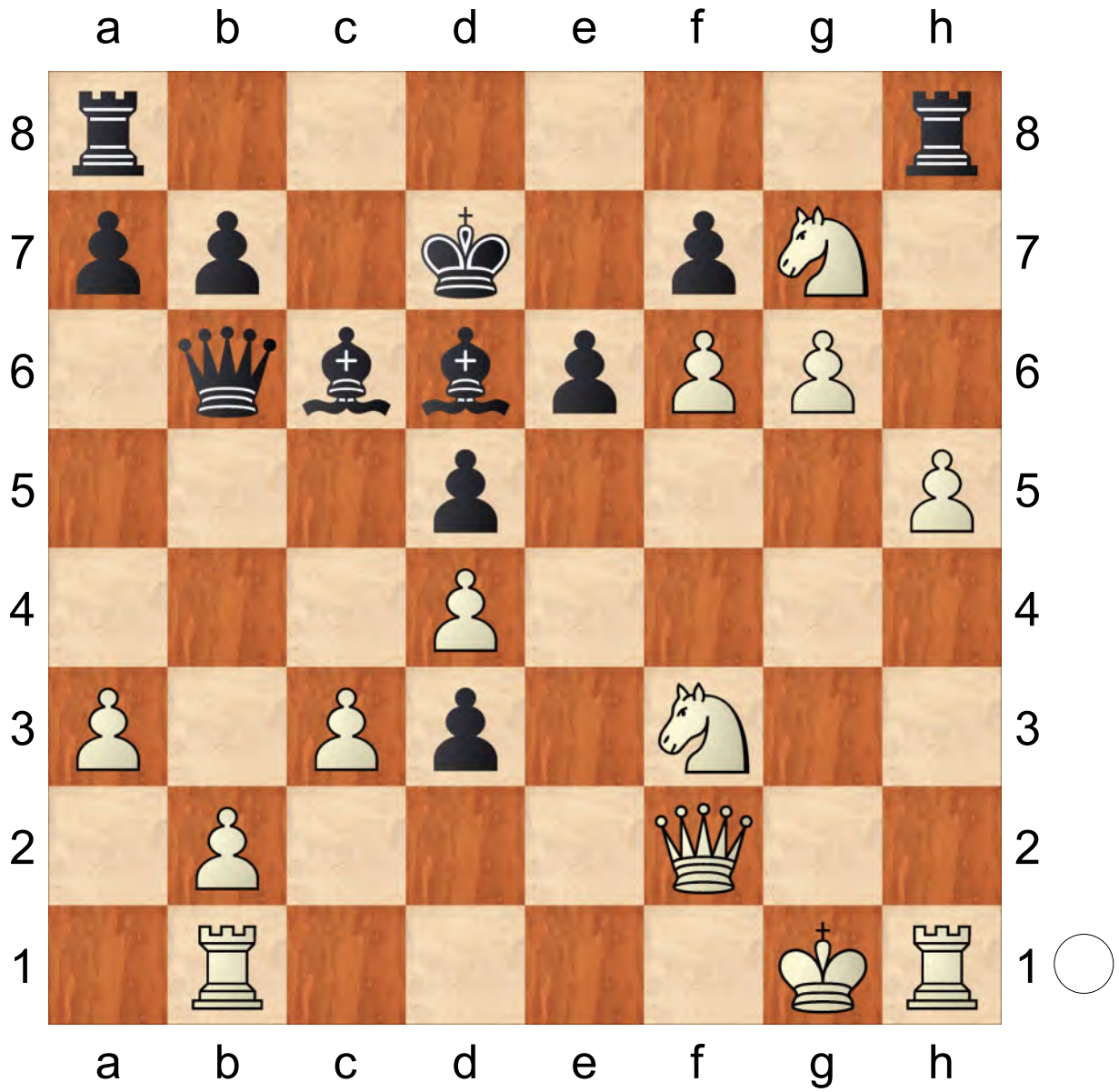

36.Ng5

[Oder auch 36.gxf7 Kc8 37.Nxe6 *(37.Ne5)* 37...Bd7 38.Qe3 Bxe6 39.Qxe6+ Kc7 40.Qxd5]

36...fxg6

(Diagram)

und Schwarz überschritt in klar verlorener Stellung die Zeit. Eine gehaltvolle Kampfpartie, die einige knifflige Eröffnungs- und Mittelspielfragen aufwirft.

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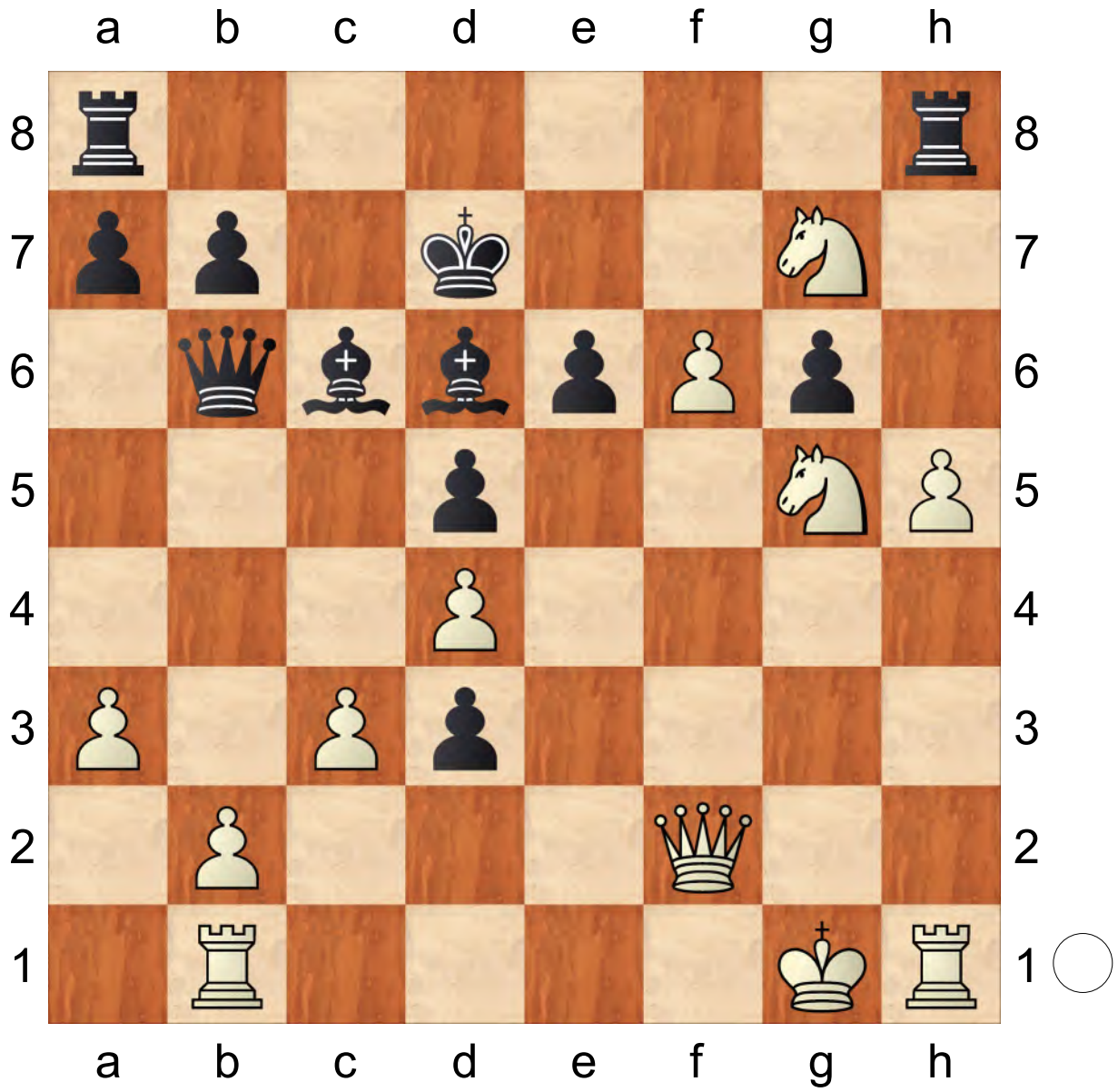
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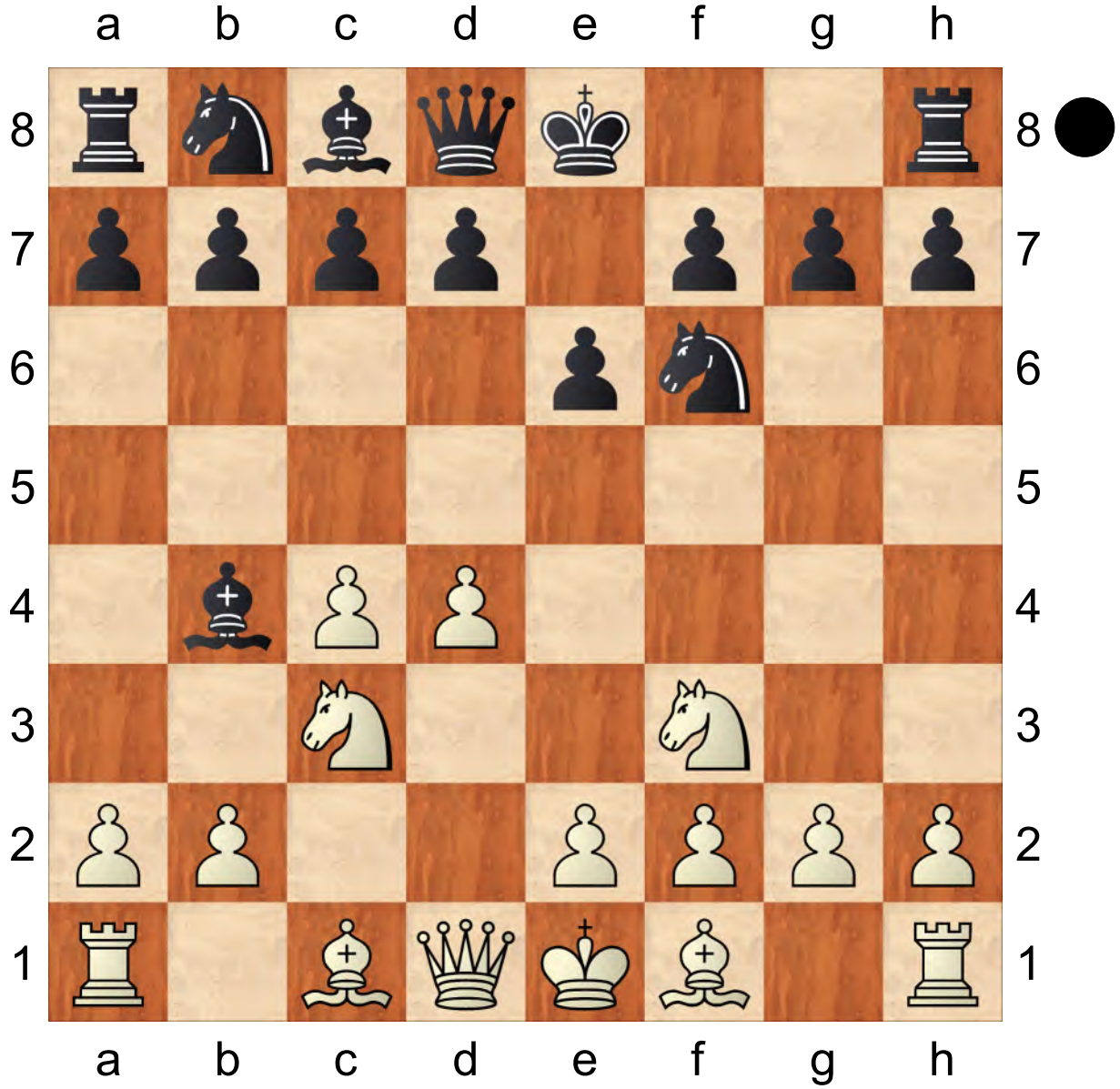
□ **Edouard,Romain** **2635**
■ **Feygin,Michael** **2471**
Bundesliga 1920 (2.8) 24.11.2019
[Edouard,Romain]

Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '(K)EIN GEWÖHNLICHER ARBEITSSIEG (Fragen zur Endspiel-Technik, ♖+♗ vs ♖+♗, Zeitnot/Inkrement) Der SV Werder Bremen feierte mit zwei Siegen gegen Solingen und Mülheim einen perfekten Start in die Bundesliga-Saison 2019/20. Die folgende merkwürdige Partie vom letzten Match gegen Mülheim sollte sich als Zünglein an der Waage erweisen. ' **1.c4** Meyer, Claus-Dieter **1...e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '



Die flexible Kasparov-Variante, Edouards häufigste Wahl gegen Nimzo-Indisch. Um deren chamäleonartige Natur zu beleuchten, seien hier nur ein paar mögliche Übergänge aufgelistet: 4...b6 5. ♗g5 - Damen-Indisch mit 4. ♘c3, 4...c5 5.e3 - Nimzo-Indisch/Rubinstein, 4...0-0 5. ♕c2 - Nimzo-Indisch/Capablanca, 4...d5 - Damengambit mit 4... ♗b4 etc. ' **4...d6** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '!?' A rare move - but that I already had to face twice in 2019! Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

[I 4...b6 Meyer, Claus-Dieter am häufigsten 5.Qb3 Qe7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 a5 9.Qc2 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 d6 11.b3 a4 12.b4 Nbd7 13.a3 Rfc8 14.Bb2 b5? *(⌓14...c5)* 15.cxb5 Nb6 16.Nd2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 d5 18.Qd3 Ne8 19.Rac1 Nd6 20.Rc5 Rab8 21.Rfc1± 1:0/43, Edouard,R (2638) - Le Roux,J (2539), Nimes 2018]

[II 4...c5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter am zweithäufigsten 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4

A) 6...Ne4 7.Qc2 Nxc3 am solidesten 8.bxc3 Be7 9.Bg2 a6!? 10.Bf4N 0-0? *(⌓10...d6∞ /=)* 11.Rb1

A1) ⌓11...d6 12.Bxb7 Bxb7 13.Rxb7 Bf6 Δ♕c8, R. Edouard *(13...e5? 14.Nf5+-)*;

A2) 11...Nc6?! 12.0-0 Na5 13.Qd3 d6 14.Nb3± 1:0/41, Edouard,R (2644) - Lopez Martinez,J (2580), Sitges 2018

B) 6...0-0 7.Bg2 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Qb3 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Qc2

B1) 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5 14.Bd2± *(14.c4 Qc3 15.Qxc3 Nxc3 16.Re1 Rd8± , 0:1/45,* Edouard,R (2638) - Gharamian,T (2614), Nimes 2018*)* ;

B2) 12...Ba6± /= 13.Na4 Bb5 14.a3 Be7 15.Bf3 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qb6 17.e4 Nc7 18.Bf4 Rbd8 19.Be3 c5 20.Rab1 Nb5 21.e5∞ 1:0/55, Edouard,R (2658) - Megalios,K (2416), Skopje 2019]

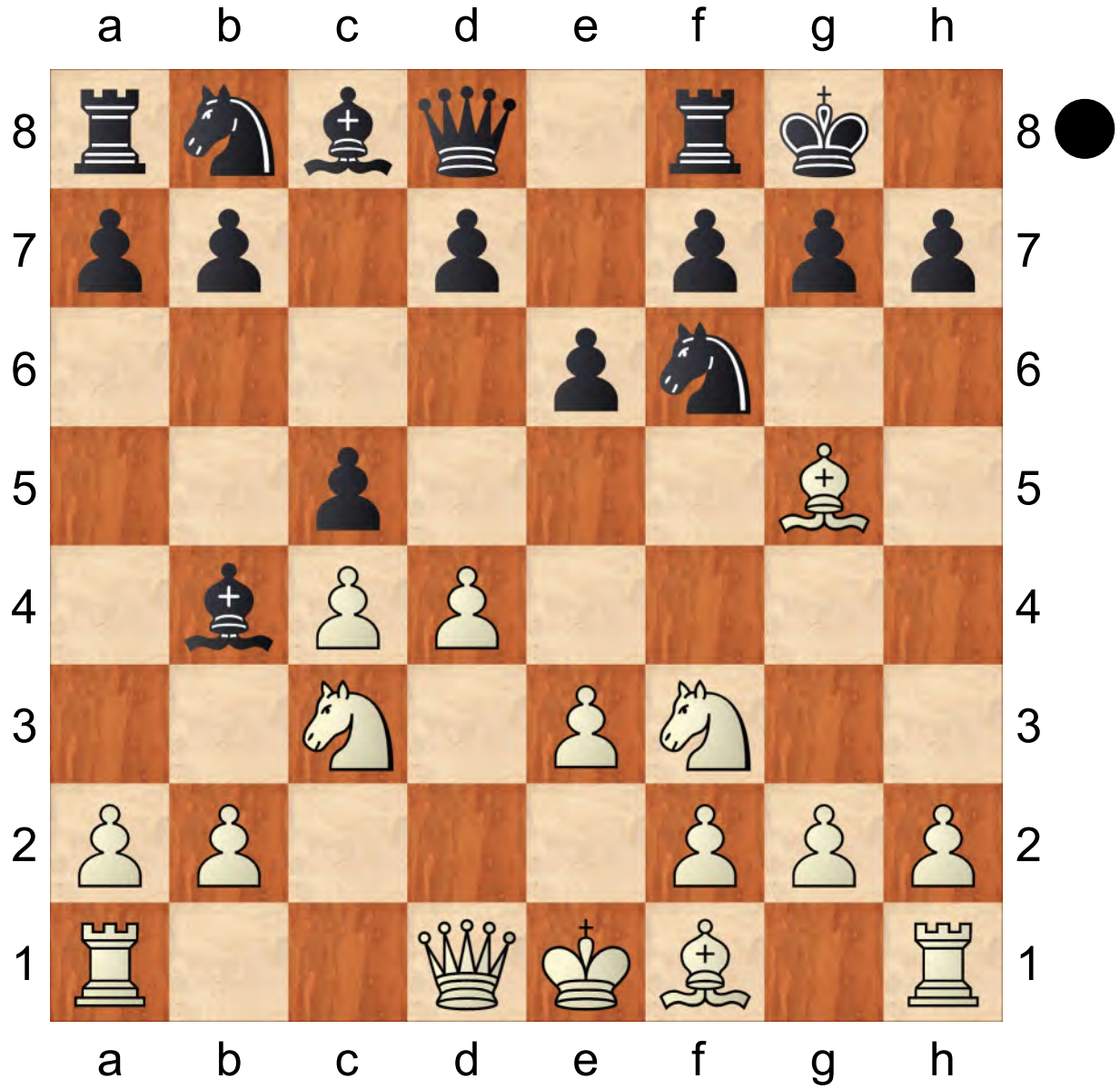
[III 4...0-0 Meyer, Claus-Dieter kommt am dritthäufigsten vor, aber mit Abstand hinter den ersten beiden Fortsetzungen. Die etwas provokative Rochade nimmt die Fesselung 5.Bg5! kaltblütig in Kauf und plant entweder energisch 5...c5!? oder 5...h6 6.♗h4 d5!? (c5!?), z.B.:

A) 5...c5!? 6.e3 *(*Ein anderes Thema ist *6.d5?!* , was zur Leningrader Variante überleitet, in der Schwarz hier zwar voreilig rochiert hat, aber Weiß nicht über die sonst üblichen Standardfortsetzungen f3 oder ♘e2 verfügt, was meines Erachtens eher Schwarz begünstigt, z.B. *exd5 7.cxd5 d6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 Qa5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc3 13.Bg3 Nxd5 14.Bb5 N5f6 15.Bxd6 Re8 16.Rc1 Qa5 17.Qb3 Qb6 18.Rfd1 a6 19.Bxd7 Qxb3 20.axb3 Nxd7 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Rxc5 Bg4 23.h3 Bxf3 24.gxf3*= - remis/31, Le,Q (2710) - Leko,P (2740), Tromsoe 2014*)*

(Diagram)

(Analyse) 6...h6 7.Bh4 cxd4 8.exd4

A1) 8...Qa5 9.Qc2 Ne4 10.Rc1 *(10.Bd3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Kf1∞)* 10...d5 11.Bd3 Qxa2 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Qxe4 f5!?∞



- 0:1/40, Bekker Jensen,S (2438) - Lupulescu,C (2626), Germany 2016

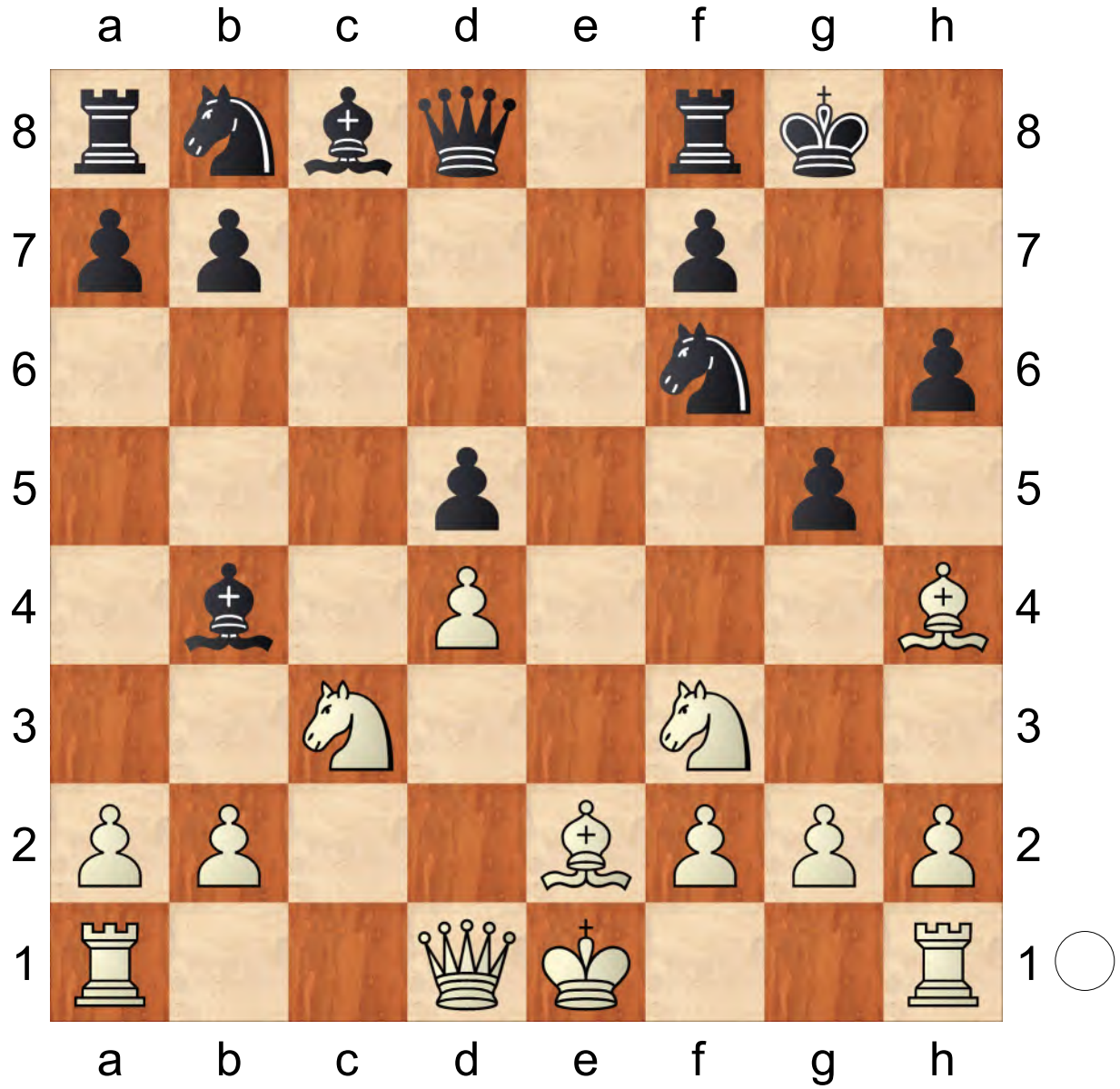
A2) 8...d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 g5!?

(Diagram)

(Analyse) 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Rc1 Nc6 13.0-0 Bf5!? *(≤13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 f5 15.Be5∞ /=*, 1:0/29, Edouard,R (2643) - Azarov,S (2575), chess.com INT 2019 *)* 14.Ne5? *(⌓14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6∞ /=)* 14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Ba3 16.Rb1 Bxb1 17.Qxb1 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Qb6∓ - 0:1/46, Voege,T (2294) - Gustafsson,J (2639), Magdeburg 2019

B) 5...h6 6.Bh4 d5!? *(6...c5!?)* 7.cxd5

B1) 7...Qxd5? 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.a3 *(⌓9.e3)* 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 c5 11.e3 cxd4 12.cxd4 b6 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.0-0 Nd7? *(⌓14...Nc6 15.Re1 Rfd8*



16.e4 Qh5∞) 15.e4± Qh5 16.Rc1 Rfc8? 17.Qa4+- Nf8 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Qxa7 Rc3 20.Be2 Rc2 21.Bd1 Bxe4 22.Ne5 Rxf2 23.Kxf2 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 1:0, Edouard,R (2646) - Leenhouts,K (2457), Belgium 2019

B2) 7...exd5 8.e3 Bf5!? 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.Qb3 Qe7 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 b5 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.0-0 c6 15.a4 a6 16.Qb4 Qe6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Ne5 Ne4 19.Qb2 Nf6 20.Ra3 Nd7 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Rfa1 Qb7 23.Qa2 Rxa3 24.Qxa3 Rb8 25.Qa6 Kf8 26.h3 Qxa6 27.Rxa6 Bd7 28.Ra7 Ke7 29.Kf1 Kd6 30.Ke1 g5 31.Kd2 - remis, Bok,B (2640) - Grischuk,A (2759), Khanty-Mansiysk 2019]

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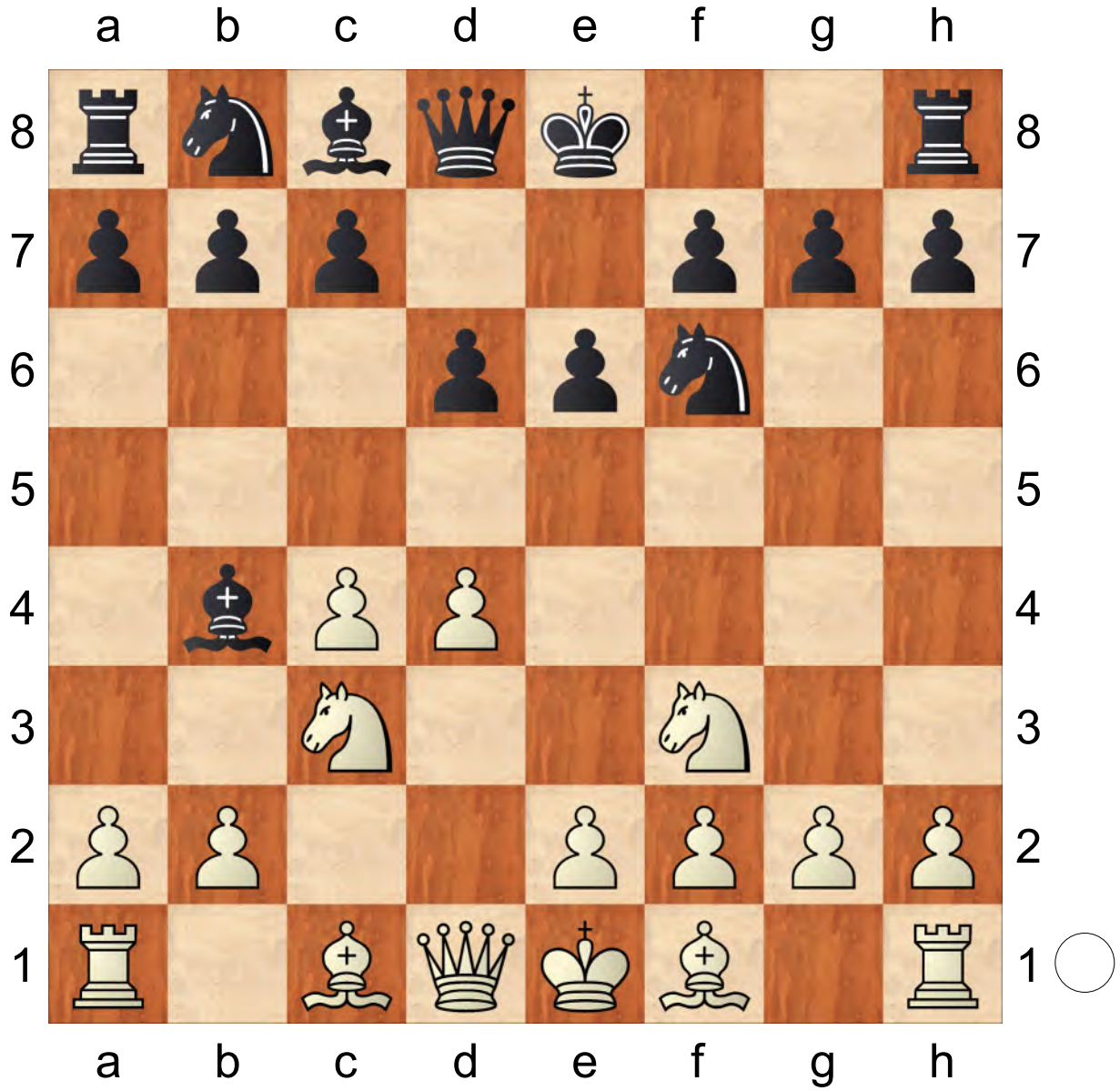


4...d6!? ist ein vergleichsweise ziemlich seltener Kandidat, obwohl er im Einklang mit dem Geist der Eröffnung steht. Schwarz platziert seine Bauern auf dunklen Feldern, gleichzeitig verzögert er die kurze Rochade und nimmt dadurch dem Läuferausfall 5. ♗g5 einiges an Gift. ' **5.Qc2**

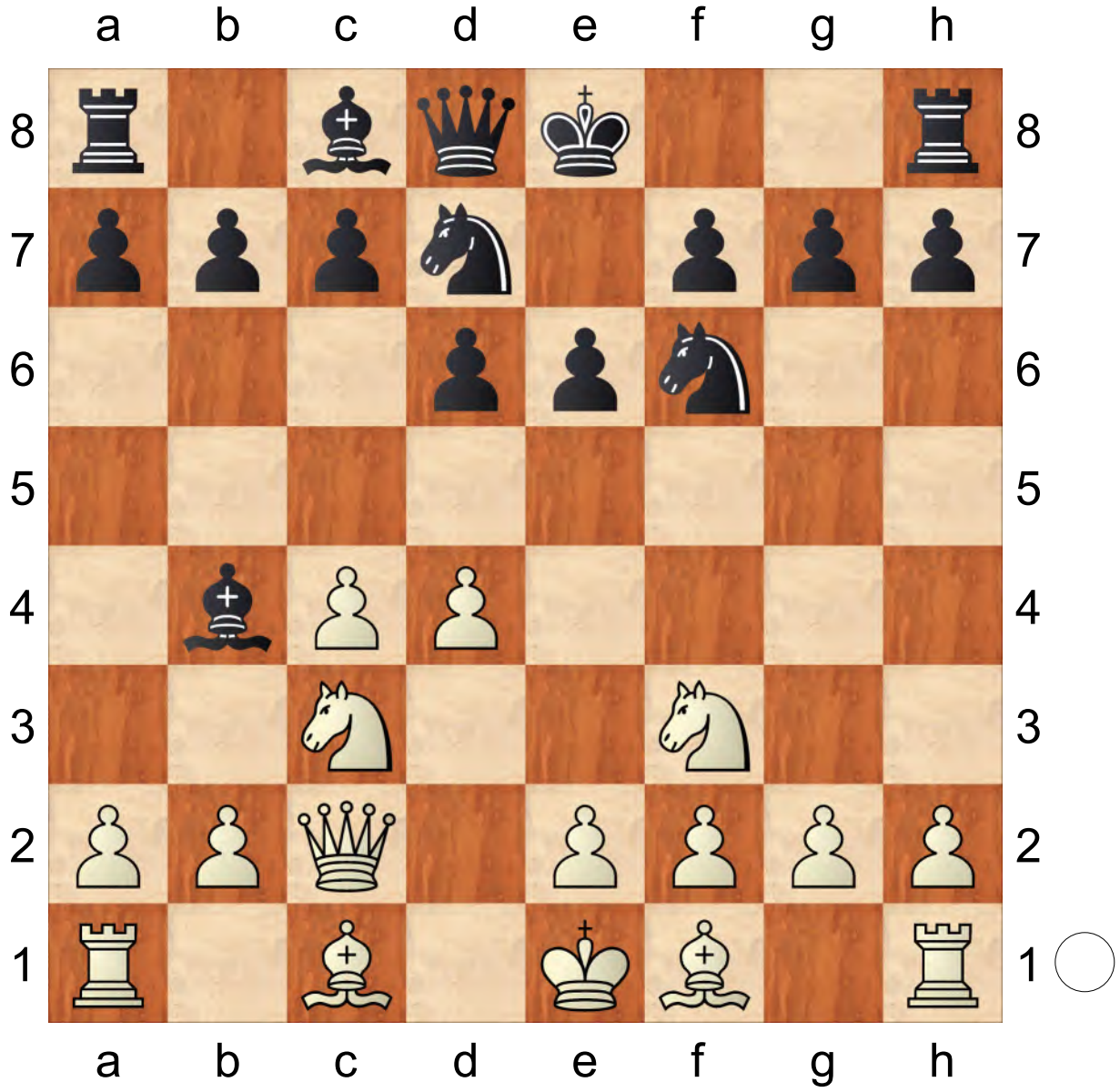
[5.Bg5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter

A) 5...h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Ne4 8.Qc2 f5 *(⌓8...Nxg3 9.hxg3 Nd7±)* 9.e3 c5?! *(9...b6)* 10.Bd3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Qf6 12.a3 *(⌓12.0-0-0±)* 12...Ba5? *(⌓12...Bxc3+)* 13.0-0-0± , dennoch 0:1/62, Goudriaan,E (2431) - Zhao,X (2567), Wijk aan Zee 2014

B) 5...Nbd7 6.Qc2 c5 7.e3 Qa5 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.exd4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.a4 b6± remis/63, Biolek,R (2461) - Hracek,Z (2617), Havlickuv Brod 2015]

5...Nbd7

[5...0-0 is perhaps more flexible for White: 6.Bd2 *(6.g3!?)* 6...Nbd7 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 c5!? *(8...Qe7 9.e3 b6 10.Be2 Bb7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Be1 c5 13.Nd2 Nef6 14.f3 cxd4 15.exd4 d5 16.b3 Rac8 17.Bf2 dxc4 18.bxc4 e5 19.Rfe1 exd4 20.Nb3± 1-0 (53) Matlakov,M (2665)-Hovhannisyan,R (2620) Kazan 2013)* 9.Rd1 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Nb5 *(11.g3! Bd7 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.0-0* should be the way to fight for a slight advantage.*)* 11...Bd7 12.Rxd6 a6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nc3 Rad8 15.e3 Bc6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.cxd5 Rxd5= ½-½ (28) Braun,A (2605)-Efimenko,Z (2635) Muelheim 2019]



Starting with this move, aiming at a quick ...e5, may be Black's best. **6.g3** I decided to deviate from my last game in this line, a few months ago, where I had played the natural 6.Bd2.

[6.Bd2 e5 7.a3 *(7.dxe5!? dxe5 8.0-0-0 c6 9.h3 Qe7 10.g4* is definitely worth

a look: 0-1 (31) Saduakassova,D (2495)-Rapport,R (2719) Abu Dhabi 2018*)* 7...Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7!? *(8...e4 9.Nd2 Qe7 10.e3 0-0 11.g4 Nxg4 12.Qxe4 Qxe4 13.Nxe4±* 1-0 (33) Morozevich,A (2788)-Eljanov,P (2716) Moscow 2008*)* 9.e3 a5 10.b3 0-0 11.Be2 Re8 12.0-0 e4 13.Nd2 c6 14.Rae1?! *(* Surely I should have focused on the other side with *14.b4)* 14...Nf8 15.f4 Not giving time for ...Bf5, but I do give time to ...Bg4. Bg4! and the position was unclear: ½-½ (28) Edouard,R (2646)-Ikonnikov,V (2551) Belgium 2019. 16.d5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter Bxe2 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxe2 cxd5 19.cxd5= - remis/28, Edouard,R (2646) - Ikonnikov,V (2551), Belgium 2019]

6...b6! So the bishop reaches b7 before White can take advantage of the g2-a8 diagonal.

[6...0-0 It seems this one the dabates of an online line between Moroni and Maghsoodloo, two rising stars, but Black has felt to equalize in both games. 7.Bg2 e5 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.Qxc3 e4 10.Ng5 Re8 11.f3 exf3 12.exf3 h6 *(12...d5 13.c5 a5 14.Bf4± ½-½* (72) Moroni,L (2553)-Maghsoodloo,P (2671) chess.com 2019*)* 13.Nh3 d5 14.c5 Nf8 15.Bd2± 0-1 (41) Moroni,L (2553)-Maghsoodloo,P (2671) chess.com 2019]

7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

(Diagram)

' **8...0-0!?** If White cannot take advantage of the b4-bishop, why not?

[8...Bxc3 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.Rd1 *(10.b3 Re8 11.Bb2 h6 12.Rad1 Be4 13.Ne1 Bxg2 14.Nxg2 c6 15.Rfe1 d5 16.cxd5 cxd5=* ½-½ (22) Vocaturo,D (2617)-Rapport,R (2719) Abu Dhabi 2018 *17.Rc1* Meyer, Claus-Dieter *Qc8 18.Qd3 Qb7 19.Rc2 Rac8 20.Rec1 Nb8 21.Ne1 Rc6 22.Rxc6* - remis, Vocaturo,D (2617) - Rapport,R (2719), Abu Dhabi 2018*)* 10...a6!? *(*Obviously *10...Qe7* is also possible.*)* 11.b3 b5 12.c5 Be4 13.Qa5 Nb8 14.Bg5 Nc6 15.Qa3?! *(15.Bxf6 Nxa5 16.Bxd8 Rfxd8* is also close to equal.*)* 15...h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Qxd6 Rad8= ½-½ (31) Wojtaszek,R (2727)-Sargissian,G (2691) Batumi 2018]

9.a3

[9.Na4 d5 *(9...c5!? 10.a3 Ba5⇄)* 10.c5 bxc5 11.a3 Ba5 12.Nxc5 Nxc5 13.dxc5 c6 14.b4 Bc7 isn't very clear.]

[9.Rd1 would be the most logical way to wait until Black plays ...Bxc3 by himself, but an interesting move here, in Sargissian's style (see 8...Bxc3), would be a6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 b5 12.b3 bxc4 13.bxc4 Rb8 14.Be3 h6 15.Qa5 Ne4 16.c5 Ndf6 17.Rac1 Bd5∞ ½-½ (85) Topalov,V (2793)-Grischuk,A (2779) Greece 2013]

9...Bxc3 10.Qxc3 a5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

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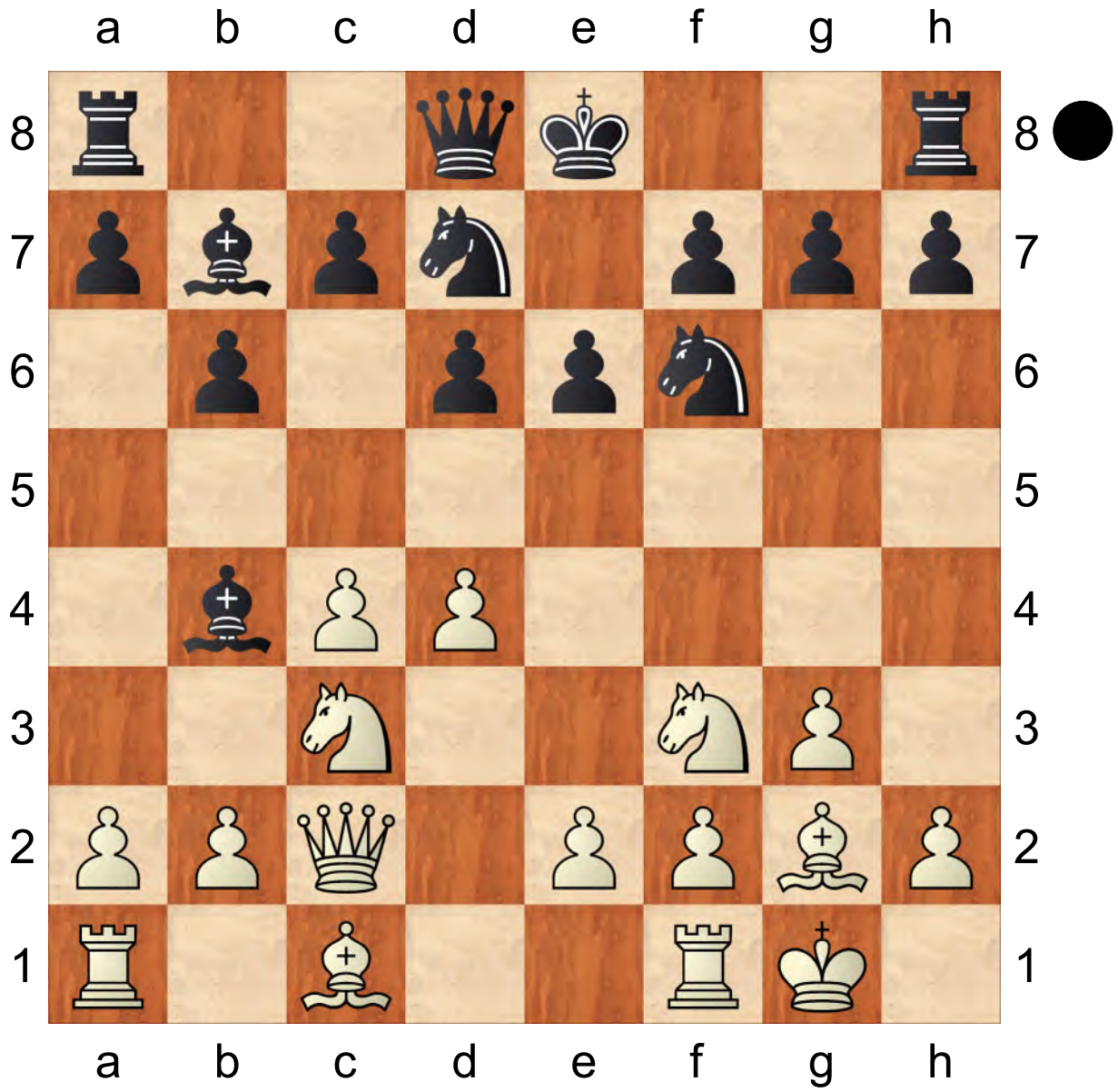
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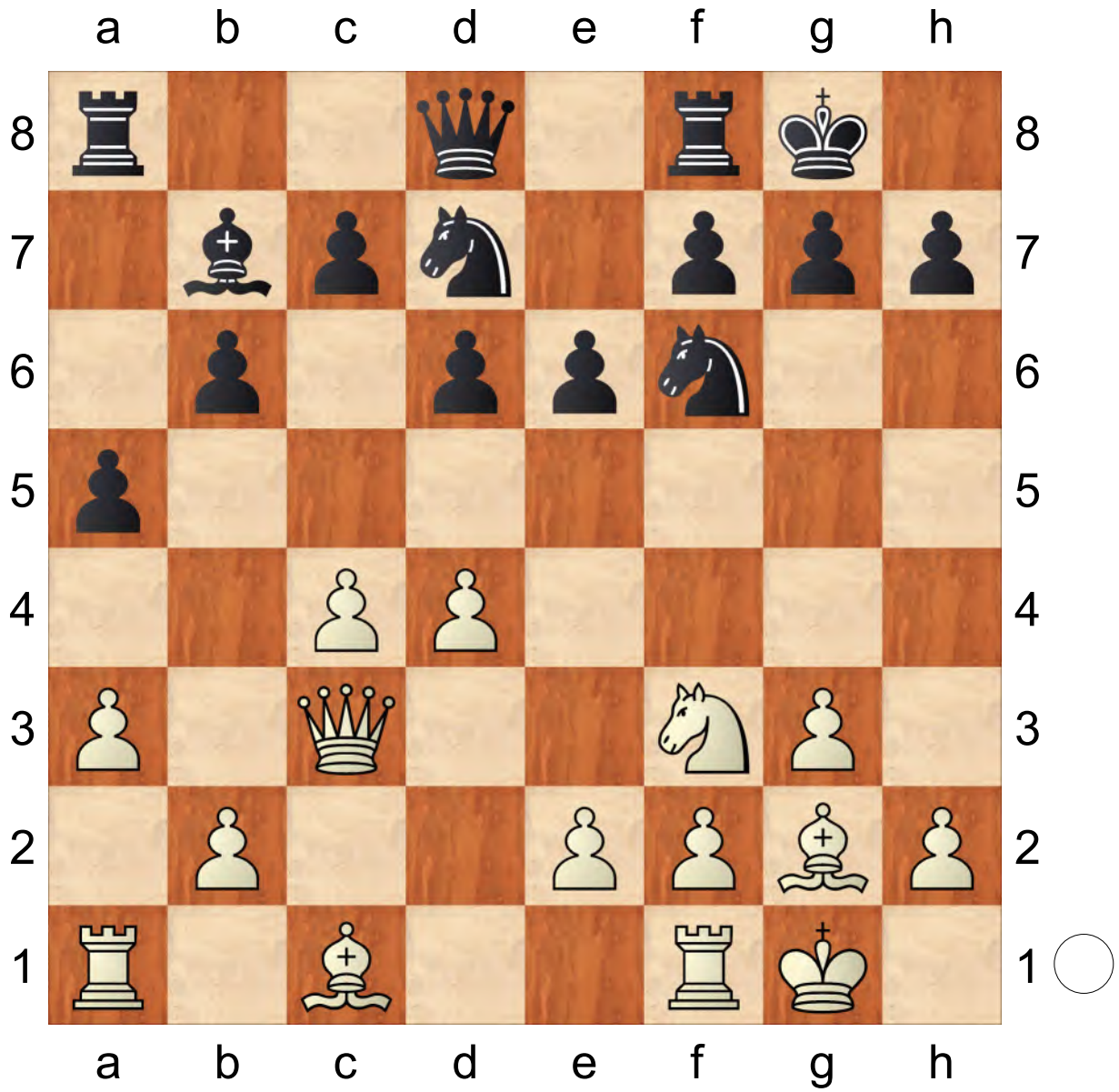


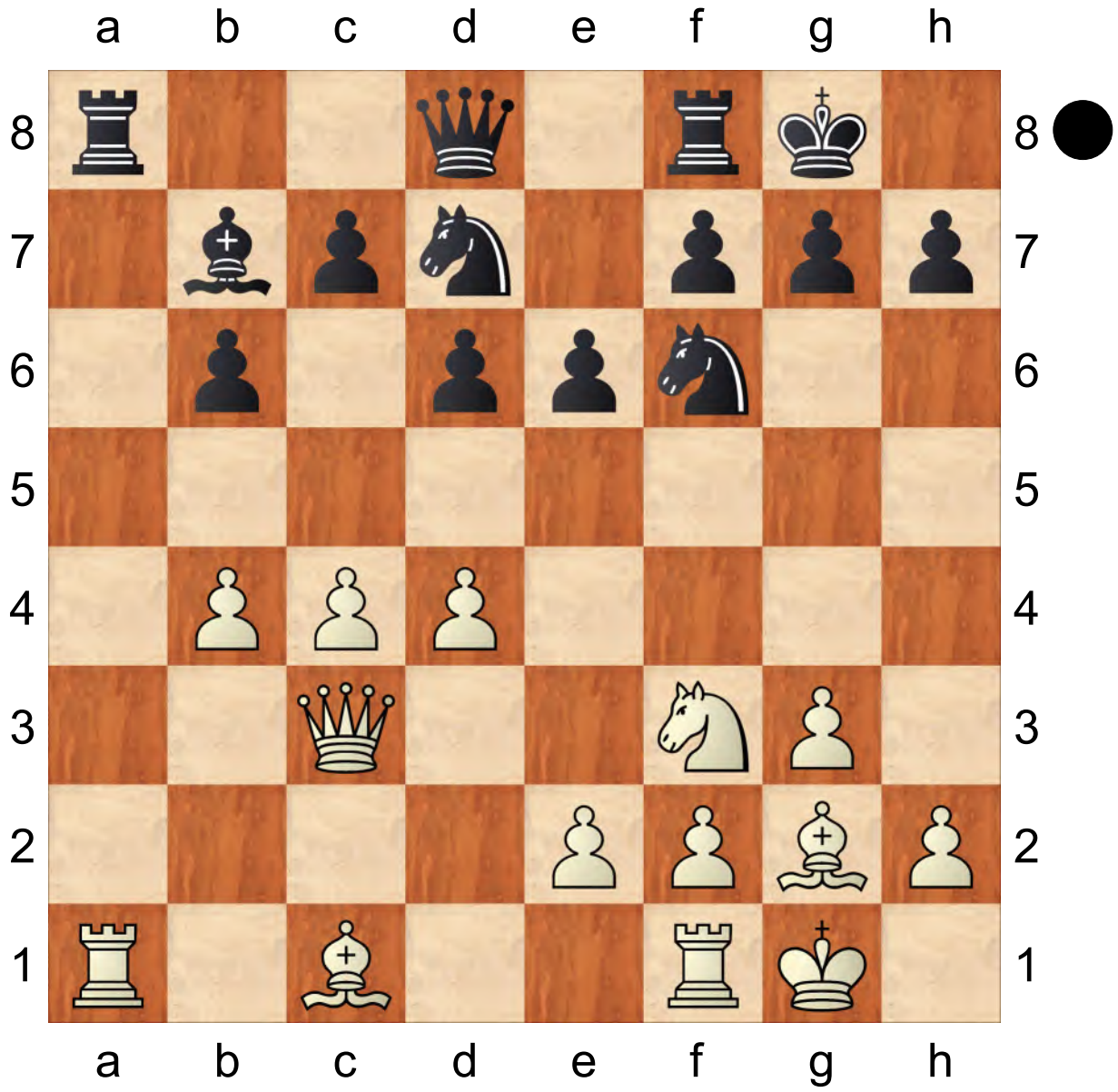
Weiß hat zwar das Läuferpaar, aber Schwarz muss in dieser geschlossenen Stellung deswegen nicht besorgt sein. ' **11.b4** This move probably allows too many exchanges.

[Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'I Gehaltvoller als der Textzug ist' 11.b3 might be better, to keep more pieces, but of course Black's position remains very solid. Meyer, Claus-Dieter: ', z.B.' Be4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter *(11...Qb8* Meyer, Claus-Dieter *12.Re1 Re8 13.Bb2 Be4 14.Bf1 e5 15.Nd2 exd4 16.Qxd4 Bc6 17.e4± ½-½* (79) Carlsen,M (2823)-Ivanchuk,V (2765) Sao Paulo/Bilbao 2011*; 11...Qe7* Meyer, Claus-Dieter *12.Bb2 Rfe8 13.Rfe1 Be4 14.Bf1 c5 15.Nd2 cxd4 16.Qxd4 e5 17.Qc3 Rac8 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qe3 Nef6 20.Rac1 Qe6 21.Red1±* - 0:1/56, Kortschnoj,V (2575) - Karpov,A (2715), Biel 1992*)* 12.Bb2 *(12.Bh3 Qe7 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.Bb2 c5 15.Rfe1 d5 16.Bg2 Rfd8 ½-½* (30) Wojtaszek,R (2630)-Roiz,M (2635) Lublin 2009*; 17.Rad1±)* 12...c6 13.Bh3 b5

14.Nd2 bxc4 15.bxc4 d5 16.a4 Re8 17.Rfc1 Bg6 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Qc7 Nb6 20.Bf1 Qxc7 21.Rxc7 Rec8 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Nb3 Rc2 24.Ba3 Nxa4 25.Nxa5 Nc3 - remis, Nielsen,P (2680) -Caruana,F (2670), Amsterdam 2009]
[II 11.a4!?N Meyer, Claus-Dieter Rc8 12.b3 c5 13.Bb2∞]

11...axb4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'mit Verflachungstendenz '
[11...Qe7 Meyer, Claus-Dieter 12.Bb2 Rfe8 13.Rfd1 Ne4 14.Qc2 Nef6 15.Bc3 Be4 16.Qb2 Reb8 17.Bf1 Bb7 *(17...c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5± -* 0:1/38, Rajlich,I (2465) - Chiburdanidze,M (2506), Ohrid 2009*)* 18.Nd2 e5 19.d5 e4 20.e3±]

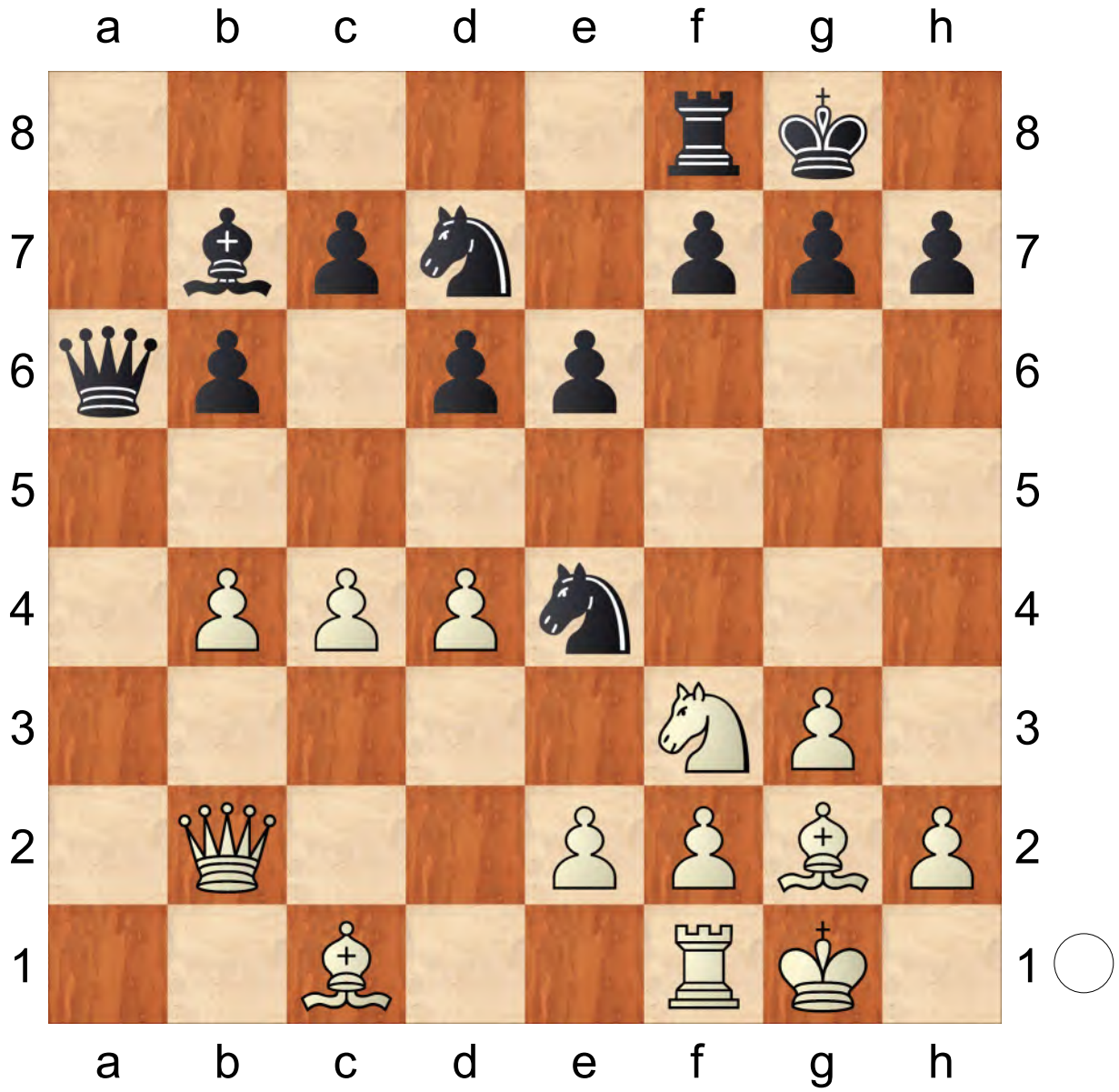
12.axb4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '



' **12...Ne4** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'N'
[I was more worried about Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'I' 12...Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Qa8 *(13...Be4* Meyer, Claus-Dieter *14.b5 Qa8 15.Bb2* - remis/54, Mende,I (2305) - Pyrich,G (2191), ICCF email 2011*)* 14.Qb2 Qa4 - keeping the black knight safe

on f6, not to allow Ng5 ideas as in the game.]
[II 12...b5!?N Meyer, Claus-Dieter
A) 13.cxb5 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 h6 15.Bd2 *(15.Qa7 Bd5 16.Bd2 Bc4)* 15...Nb6 16.Rc1 Bd5=;
B) 13.c5 Nd5 14.Qb2 Rxa1 15.Qxa1 h6 16.Ne1 Qa8=]

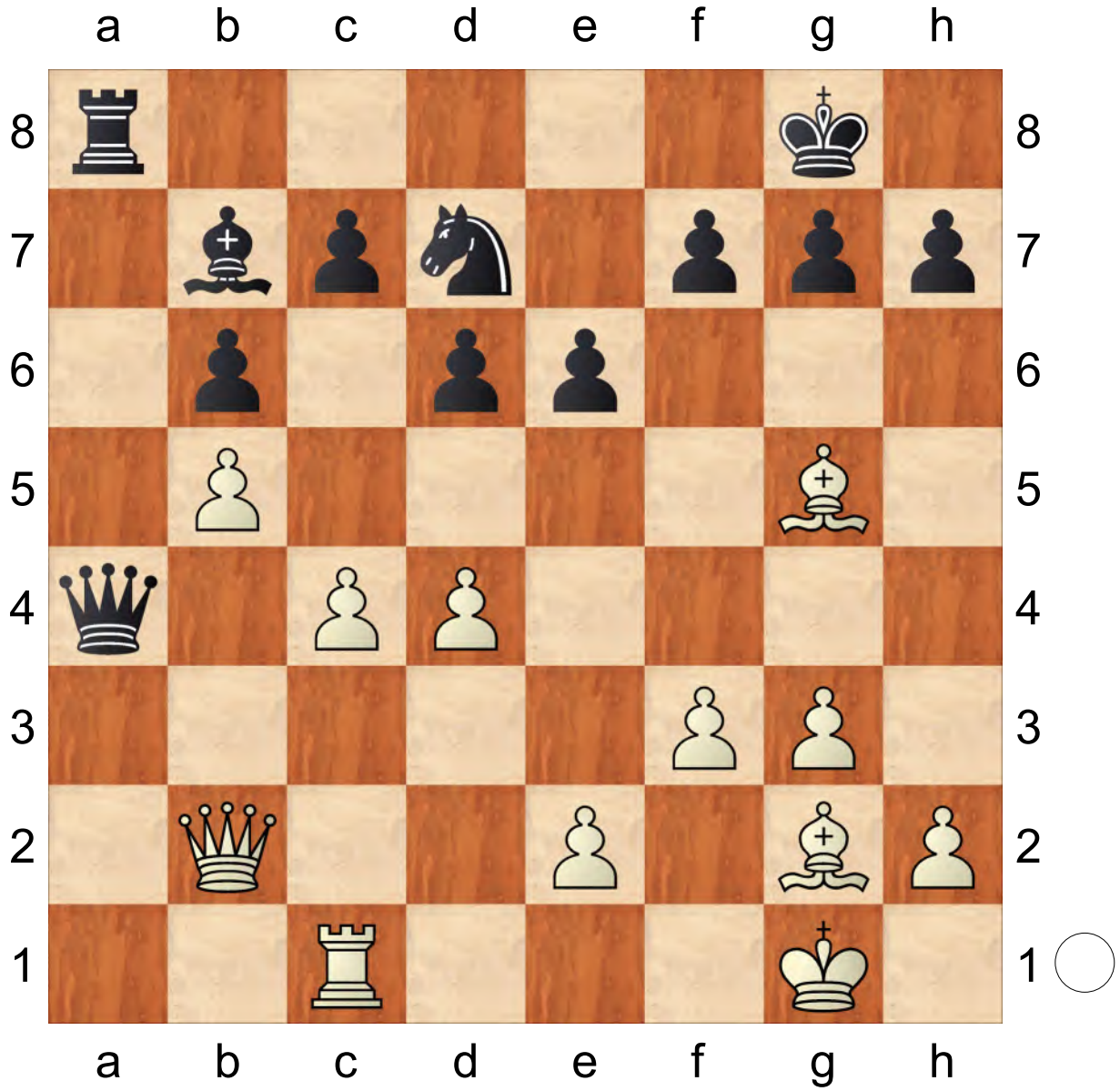
13.Qb2 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '±' **14...Qa8 15.Qb2 Qa6**
[Now 15...Qa4 would give me time for 16.Ng5 Ndf6 17.Nh3! with the idea of f3.]



16.b5 Qa4
[16...Qa7 would keep the b7-bishop defended, but would also lose one tempo in the counter-attack. After 17.Ne1 White should be better.]

17.Ng5 Ndf6 18.f3 Nxg5 19.Bxg5 Ra8
[19...Qxc4? 20.Rc1 Qd5 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Rxc7±]

20.Rc1 Nd7



21.e4 This looked to me like the way to continue, but perhaps it was better to just improve the position of my king (21.Kf2) and keep the second rank safe. **21...h6 22.Be3 Qa3 23.Qxa3 Rxa3 24.Bf2** The position is very concrete: White wants to play c4-c5 as soon as possible to create problems on the c7-pawn. **24...f5**

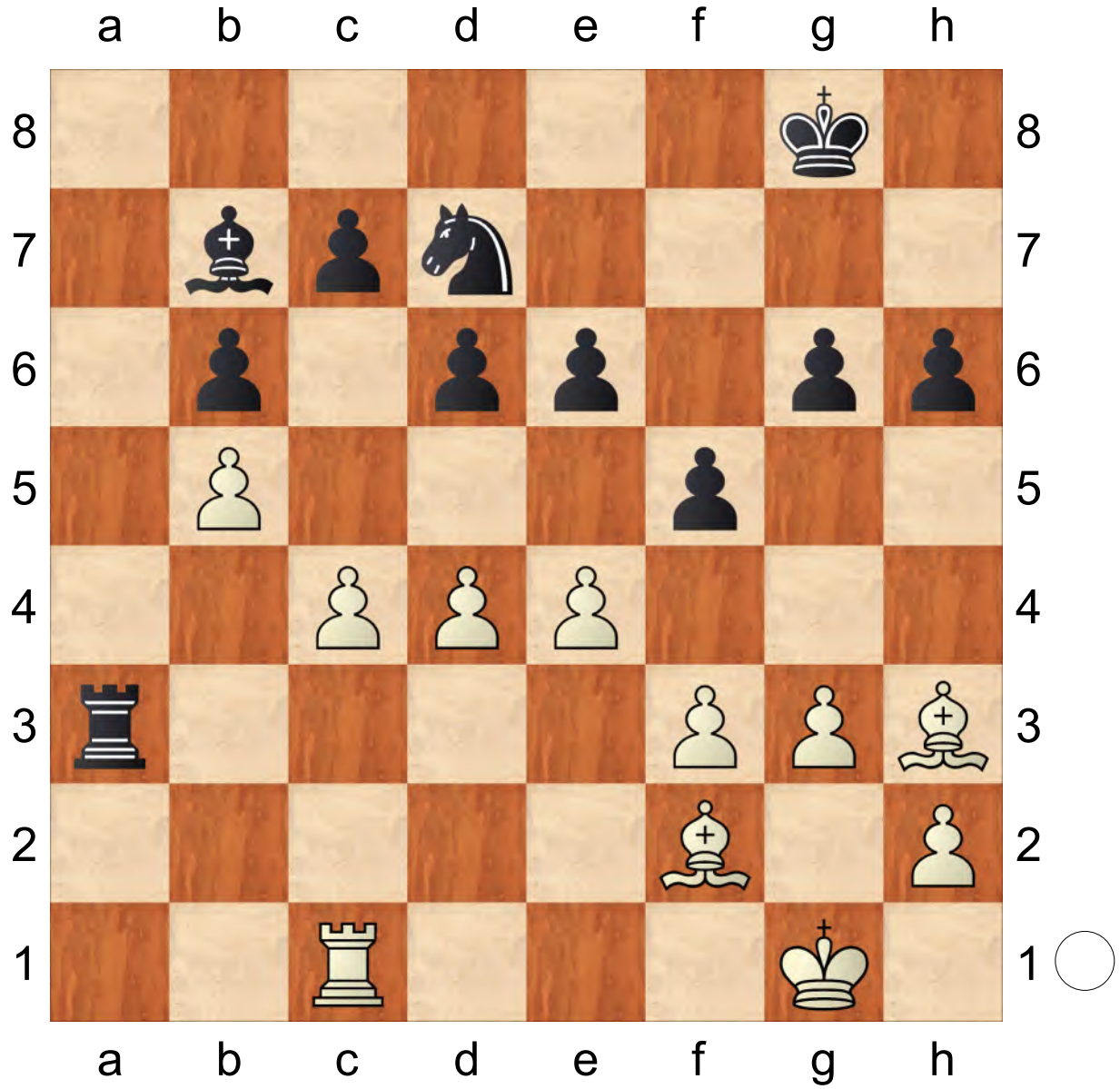
[But if Black has time to bring his king to the center, then he's fine, and it is the case here thanks to a nice tactical trick: 24...Kf8! 25.c5 dxc5 26.dxc5 bxc5 27.Bxc5+ Nxc5 28.Rxc5 Ra1+ 29.Bf1 c6!=]

25.Bh3!?

[25.c5 bxc5 26.dxc5 dxc5 27.Bxc5 Nxc5 28.Rxc5 fxe4 29.fxe4 Ra5!? didn't please me so much.]

25...g6

[25...Rxf3? 26.exf5! exf5 27.Bg2+-]



26.c5 Now my opponent has to deal with difficult complications with no time on his clock.

[26.Re1 Meyer, Claus-Dieter]

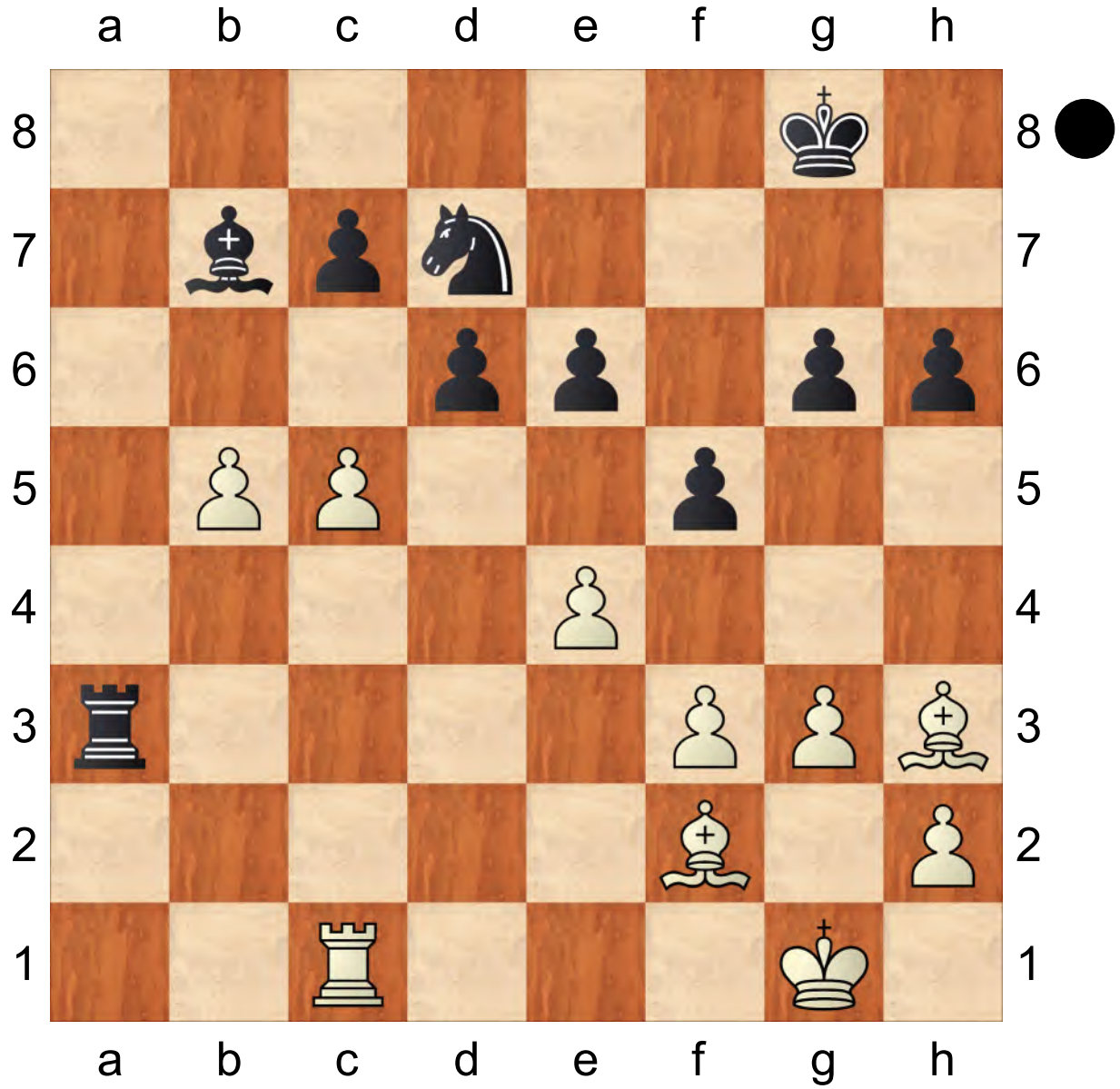
26...bxc5

[26...dxc5 27.dxc5 Ne5 28.c6 Nxf3+ 29.Kg2 Ba8 is the engine suggestion - needless to say it doesn't look really great with that bishop on a8! *(29...Bc8? 30.Rd1+-)*]

27.dxc5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

(Diagram)

' **27...dxc5** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '?'



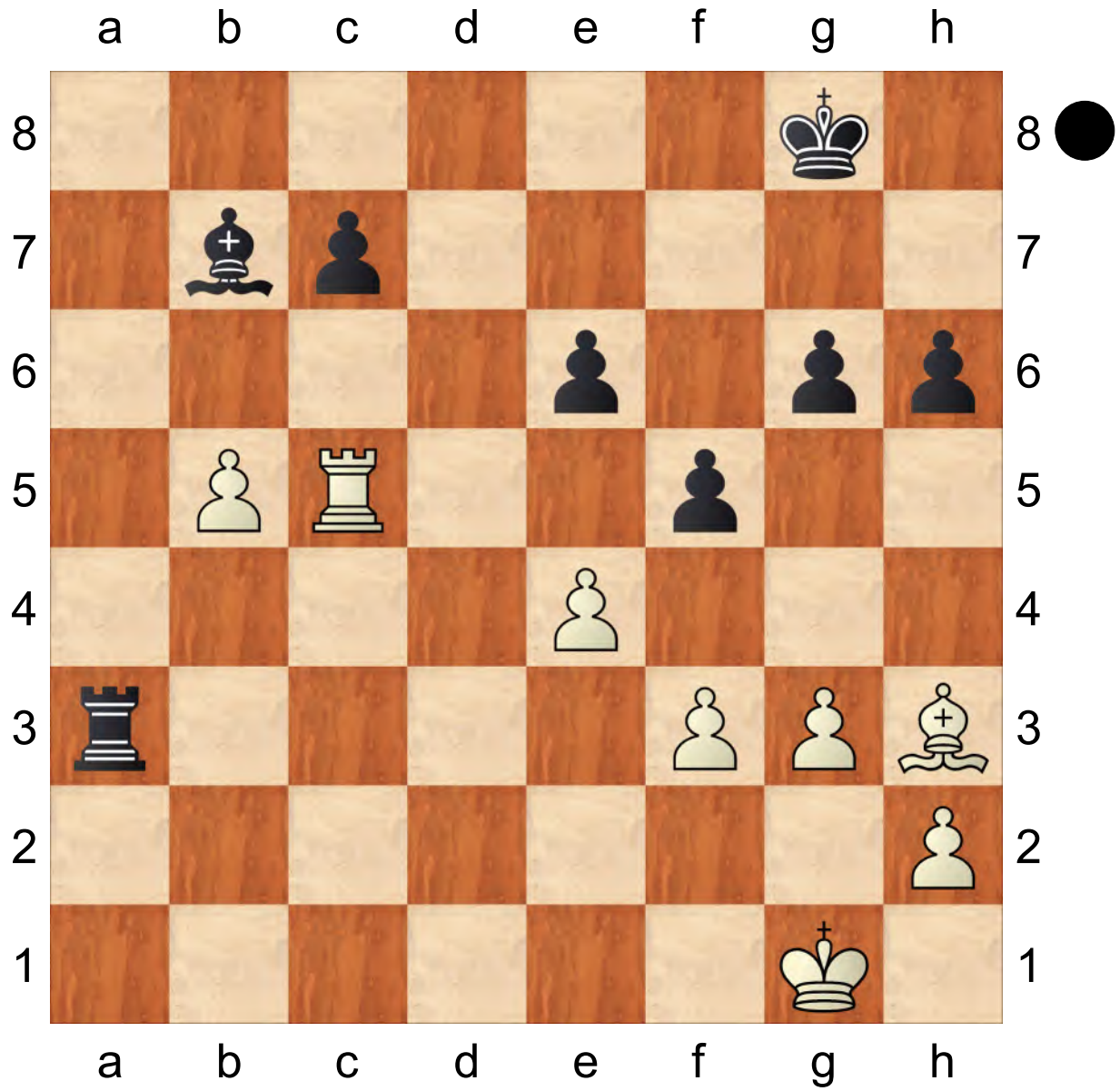
[Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'Die Stellung (für das Läuferpaar) zu öffnen, ist nicht nur ein nachhaltiger strategischer, sondern auch ein taktischer Fehler. Gegeben war' 27...Ne5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '⩲!?' should probaly work - but again it is no fun to allow c5-c5, even when you win the f3-pawn. 28.Bg2 Meyer, Claus-Dieter *(28.c6* Meyer, Claus-Dieter *Nxf3+ 29.Kh1 Bc8 30.exf5 gxf5∓)* 28...dxc5 29.Bxc5 Nxf3+ 30.Bxf3 Rxf3 31.exf5 Rxf5=]

28.Bxc5 Nxc5 29.Rxc5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '±' Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

(Diagram)

' **29...Rb3** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '!' **30.exf5!**

[After 30.Bf1 fxe4 31.Rxc7 Bd5 32.fxe4 Bxe4 33.Bc4 Rb1+ *(33...Rb2!?)* 34.Kf2 Bd5 I wasn't sure about the outcome.]



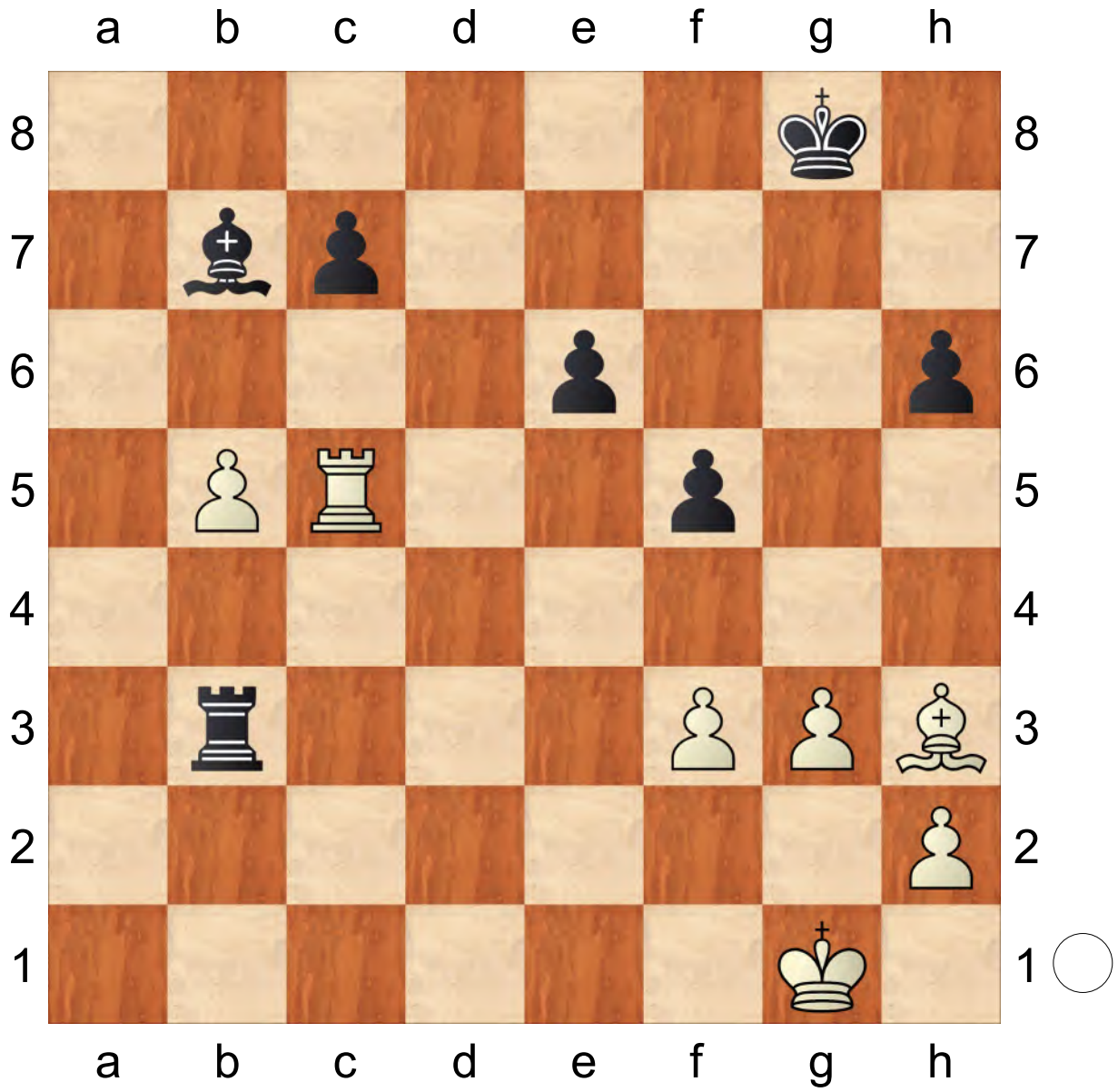
30...gxf5
[30...exf5 31.Bf1±]

(Diagram)

31.f4 Be4 32.Bf1 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

(Diagram)

Δ♗c4' **32...Rb1** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '!?'
[Alternativen: I 32...Kf7? Meyer, Claus-Dieter 33.Rxc7+ Kf6 34.Rh7 Kg6 35.Re7 Kf6 36.Re8 Kf7 37.Rh8 Kg7 38.Rb8±]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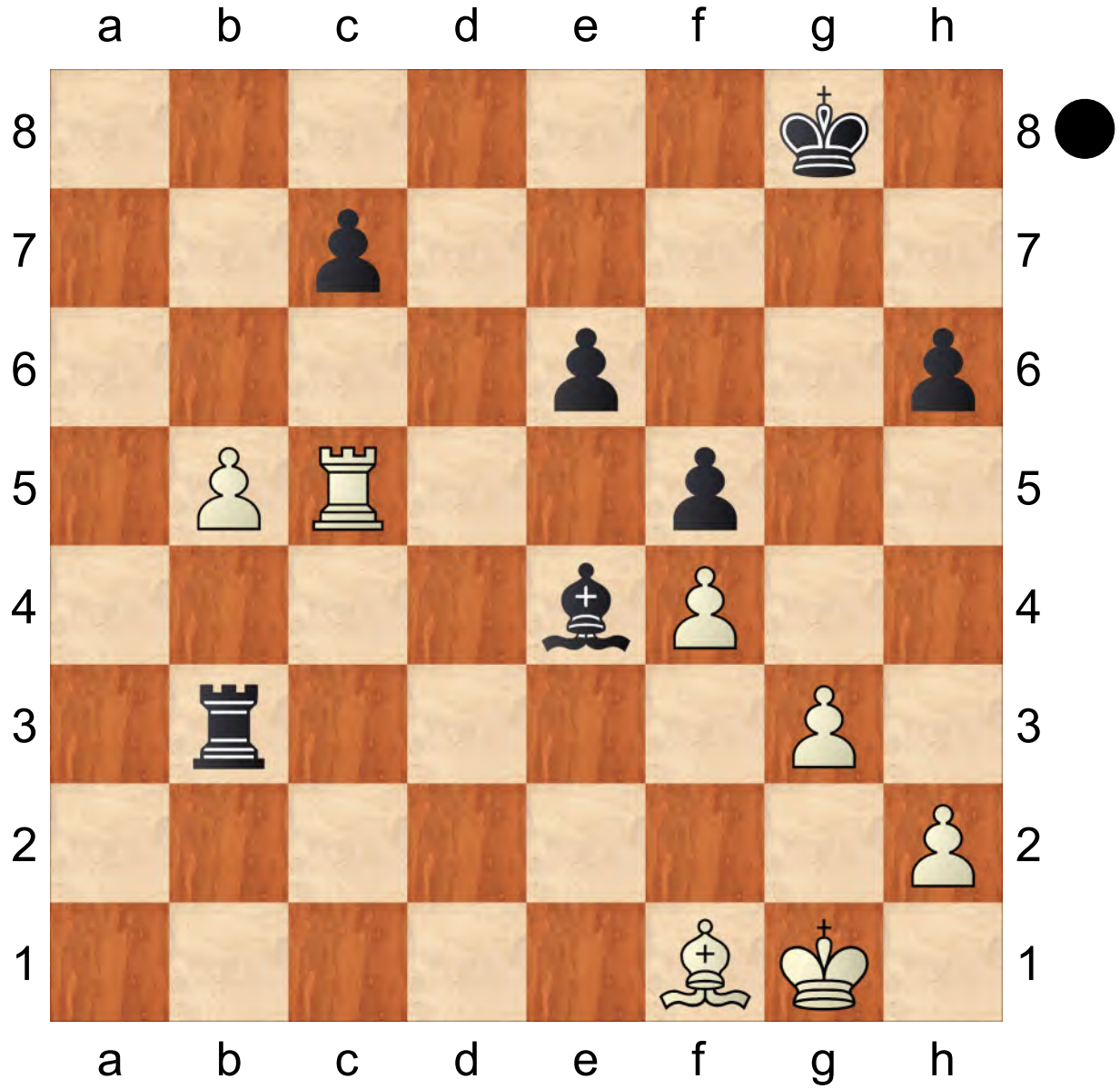
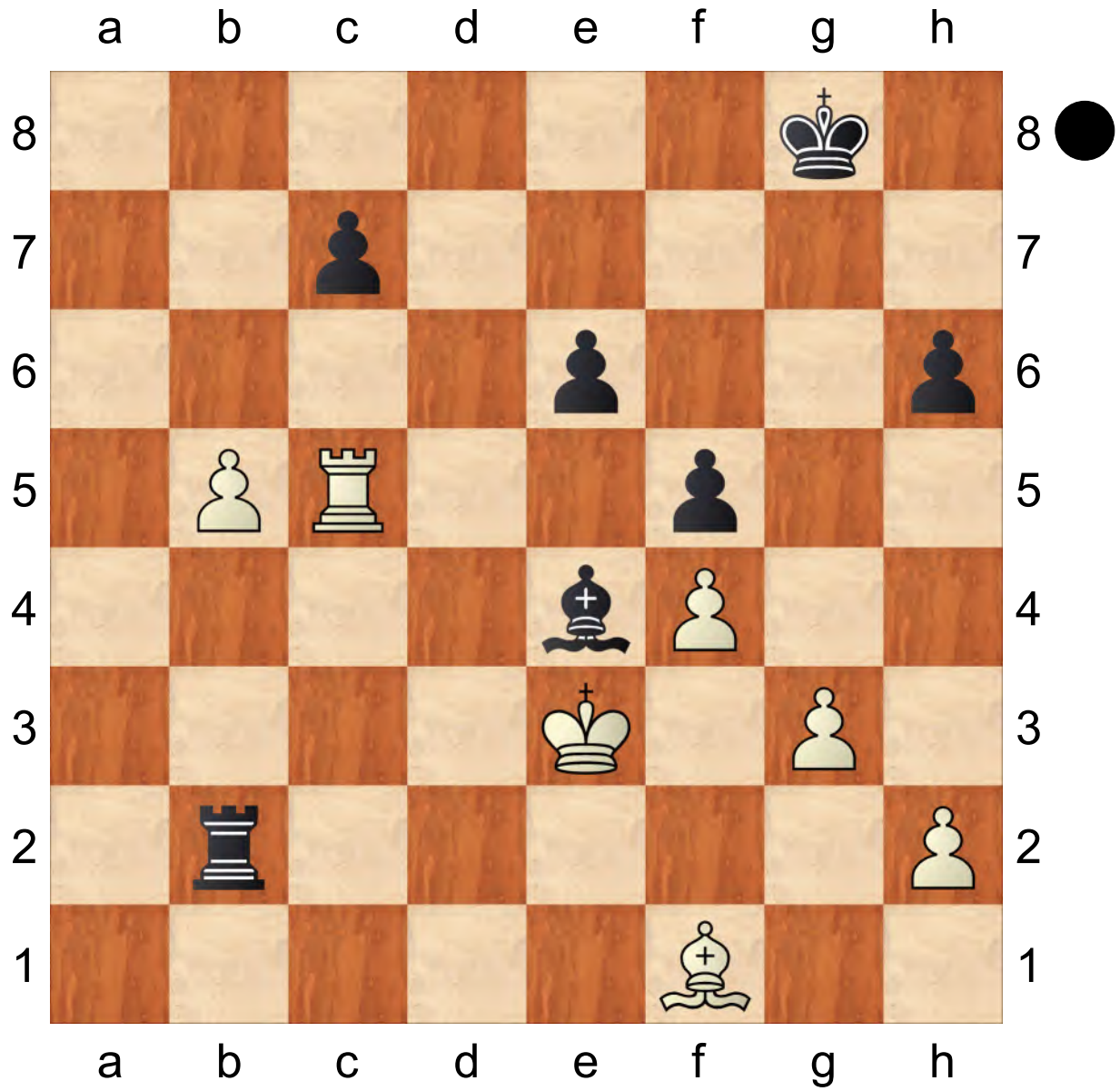


[II 32...Rb2!? Meyer, Claus-Dieter 33.Rxc7 *(33.Bc4 Kg7 34.Rxc7+ Kf6 35.Ra7±)* 33...Bd5 34.h4 Rb3 35.Kf2 Rf3+ 36.Ke2 Rxg3 37.Kd2 h5 38.Be2 Rb3 39.Bd3 Kf8±]

33.Kf2 Rb2+ 34.Ke3 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

(Diagram)

' **34...Kf7?!** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '⊕?!' Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'Die naheliegende und auch nicht schlechte Reaktion, wenngleich es wesentlich besser ging. Insbesondere beginnen hiermit heftige Zeitnot-Turbulenzen. Nachstehend folgen ein paar aufschlussreiche Informationen, allgemein und speziell, zum Bedenkzeitverbrauch der beiden Protagonisten. "Romain hat die ganze Partie sehr schnell gespielt, Feygin sehr langsam, was dazu führte, dass Schwarz ab Zug 24 in akuter Zeitnot war, und



ab Zug 28 vom Inkrement lebte. Gleichzeitig war Romain immer bei deutlich über einer Stunde!" (Werder-Trainer Jonathan Carlstedt, der vor Ort live kommentierte) (CDM: Ab der Saison 2014/15 erhält jeder Spieler in der Schachbundesliga für die ersten 40 Züge 100 Minuten und weitere 50 Minuten danach, zuzüglich 30 Sekunden pro Zug Gutschrift.) '

[It seems 34...Rc2! just holds:

A) 35.Rxc2 Bxc2 36.Kd4

A1) 36...Kf7 Meyer, Claus-Dieter 37.Ke5 *(37.Bc4 Kf6 38.Kc5 Be4□ =)* 37...Bb3= . "The problem is that complex chess positions contain more possible sub-variations than any human could begin to calculate to a finish. It is essential, at some stage, to put one's faith in gut instinct; but this is something alien to the most obsessive perfectionists. Im Endeffekt will ich jedoch sagen, dass es nicht immer 'eine Sünde' ist, in Zeitnot zu geraten, und

wir sollten uns nicht immer selbst die Schuld dafür geben. Wichtig ist, dass man erkennt, was für ein wichtiger Teil der Partie die Uhr ist […] Es könnte hilfreich sein, sie als eine der vier Dimensionen einer Partie zu sehen [The three faces of Perfectionism: Moralizing (punishing the opponent), Copycat Crime (trying to emulate another player) and Jam lust (asking too much of your position)], der man genauso viel Aufmerksamkeit zukommen lassen sollte wie den anderen drei." (Quelle: Jonathan Rowson's 'The Seven Deadly Chess Sins', Gambit, 2001) Allerdings gab es auch kritische Stimmen, welche die altgewohnten Zeitnot-Gefechte beibehalten wollten, z.B.: "Heutzutage wird so gut wie überall, auch in der Bundesliga, mit sogenanntem Inkrement gespielt, so dass Spieler für jeden ausgeführten Zug noch extra Bedenkzeit erhalten. Dadurch entfallen leider die bis vor einigen Jahren noch üblichen Zeitnotphasen, bei denen die Spieler etwa noch 30 Sekunden für 10 Züge zur Verfügung hatten und beiderseitig wild auf der Schachuhr herumhackten." (Schachblog Zeit Online 16.10.2014);

A2) 36...Kg7 37.Ke5 Bb3 38.Be2 Kf7=;

B) 35.Bc4 Bd5 36.Kd3 Rxc4 37.Rxc4 Bxc4+ 38.Kxc4 Kf8 39.Kc3 Ke7 40.Kc4 Kd6 41.Kd4 Kd7 42.Kc5 h5 43.h3 Kd8 44.Kc6 Kc8=]

35.Rxc7+ Kf6

(Diagram)

36.Be2?! Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

[36.Bc4 Rxh2 37.Rh7 was a nice computer idea - whenever ...Kg6 Re7, whenever ...e5 Rf7+.]

(Diagram)

' **36...Bd5?!** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '⊕?'

[Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'Klar den Vorzug verdiente das resolute' 36...e5! Meyer, Claus-Dieter: ' ⌓!?' had to be played. Meyer, Claus-Dieter: ', z.B.' 37.fxe5+ Meyer, Claus-Dieter Kxe5 38.Re7+ Kd5 39.Re8 Rb3+ 40.Kf4 Rb2 41.Rd8+ Ke6 42.Ke3 Ke5± 43.Re8+ Kf6 44.Rh8 Rb3+ 45.Kf2 Rb2 46.Rxh6+ Ke5 47.Rh8 Bd3 48.Re8+ Kf6 49.Kf3 Bxe2+ 50.Rxe2 Rxb5± /=]

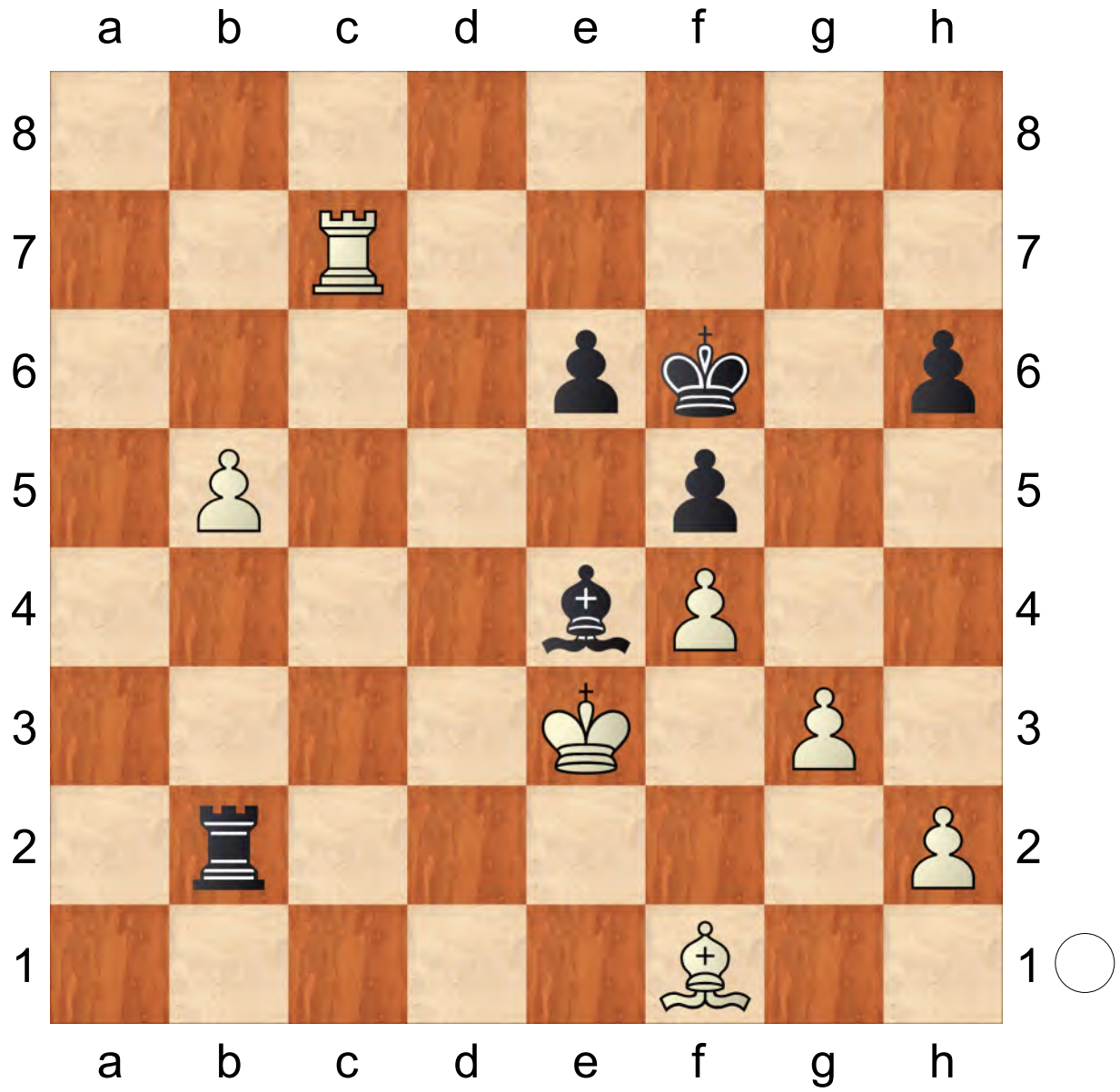
37.h4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '!'

[37.Rd7! avoiding ...e5 and threatening Bh5, woul dhave been a serious issue to solve. Be4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter 38.Ra7! Δ♗h5 + ♖f7# Bd5 39.h4 Rb4 40.Rd7+-]

37...e5! Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '

[37...Rb3+? 38.Kd4 Rxg3 39.Bh5 Rg7 40.Rxg7 Kxg7 41.Ke5 Kf8 42.Kd6+-]

[Die guten Ideen kommen Schwarz hier meist zu spät: Ebenso hoffnungslos war 37...Rb4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter nach 38.h5 Rb3+ 39.Kd4 Rb4+ 40.Kc5 Rb2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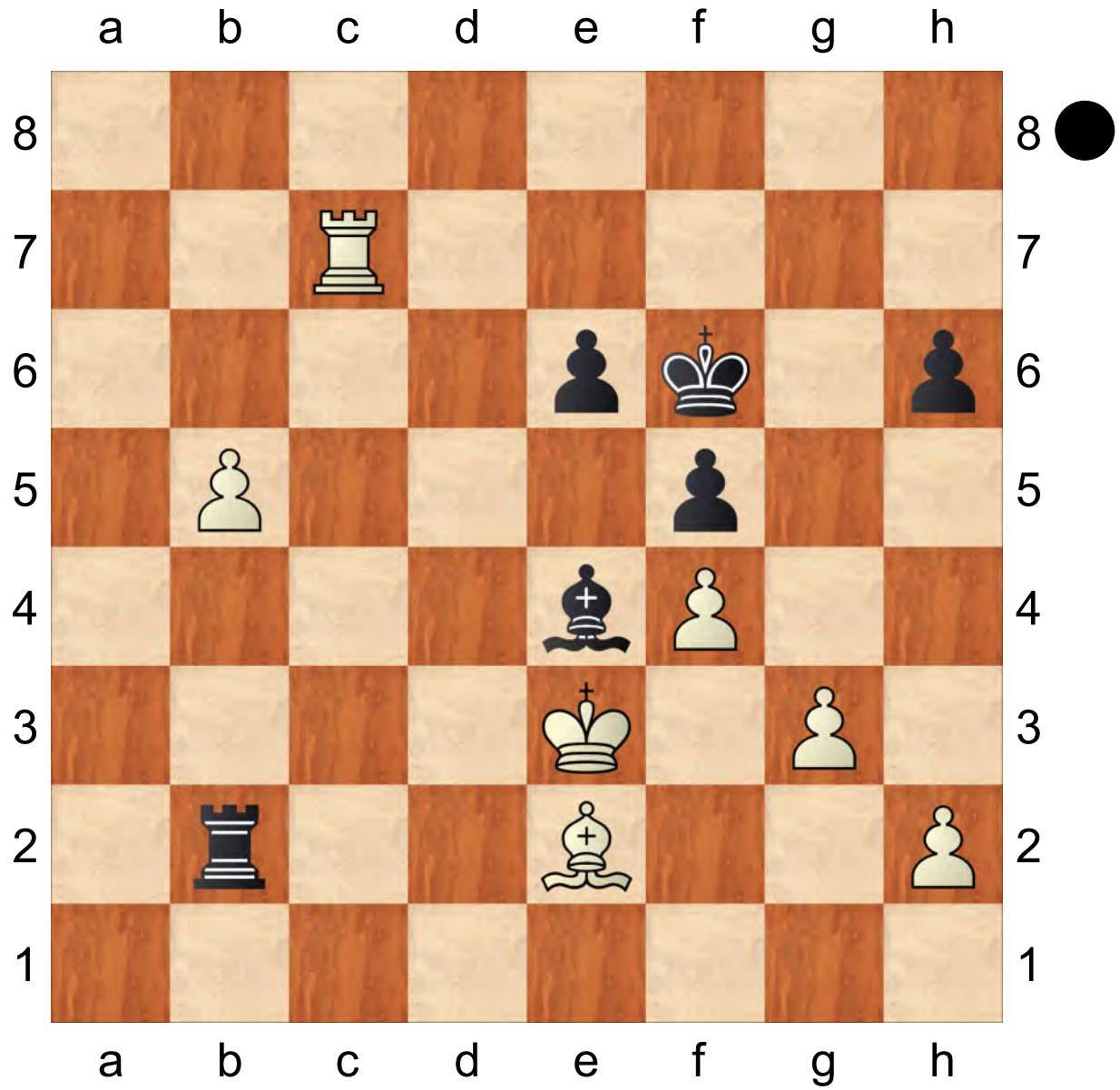
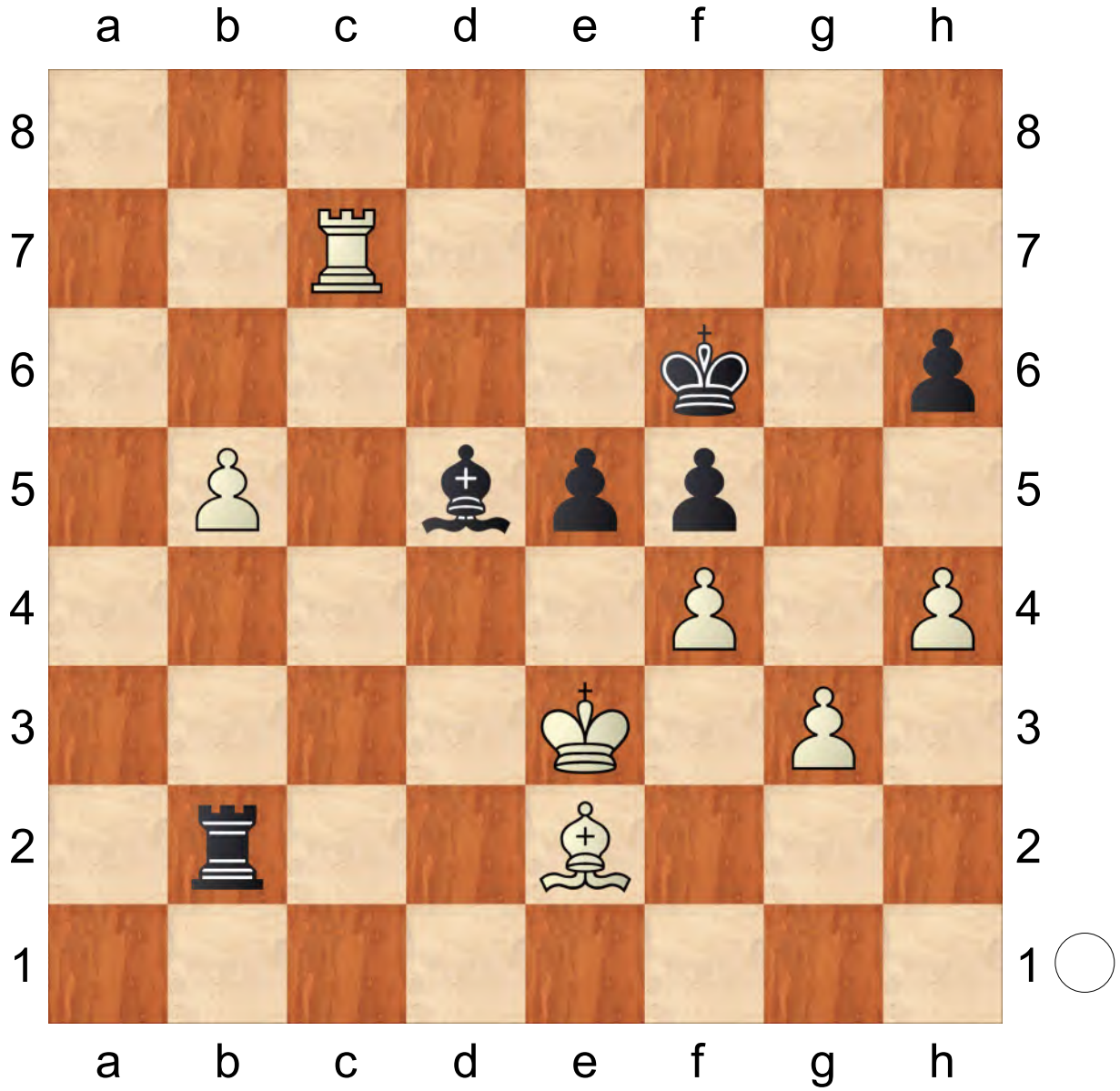


41.Bd3 Rd2 42.Kd4+-]

(Diagram)

' **38.Rc5** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '?' Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '"Für 38.♖c5? hat Romain mit gut 6 Minuten - solange wie für kaum einen anderen Zug - überlegt. Deshalb kann ich mir nicht ganz erklären, warum er die Feinheit übersieht, dass nach ♖d7 - mit den selben Folgezügen - ♖d6+ zusätzlich möglich ist. Dass eine solche Idee gesehen wird, kann man, denke ich, erwarten. Aber mir schien Romain am Sonntag eher auf den psychologischen Aspekt, den in Zeitnot befindlichen Gegner unter Druck zu setzen, fokussiert zu sein. Auch war Romain nicht bereit, Varianten tatsächlich bis zum Ende zu verfolgen." (JC) '



[⌓38.Rd7! Meyer, Claus-Dieter Rb3+ *(38...Be6 39.Rh7 Kg6 40.Rc7 Kf6 41.Rc6+-; 38...exf4+ 39.gxf4 Be4 40.Rd6+ Kg7 41.h5+-; 38...Ke6 39.Rh7 Rb3+ 40.Kd2 Rb2+ 41.Ke1* ist Zugumstellung zum Text*)* 39.Kd2 Ke6 40.Rh7 Rb2+ 41.Ke1 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'ist Zugumstellung zum Text'

A) 41...Rb1+ 42.Kf2 Rb2 43.Rxh6+ Kf7 *(43...Kd7 44.Ke3+-; 43...Ke7 44.Ke3 Rb3+ 45.Kd2 Rb2+ 46.Kd1+-)* 44.Ke3+-;

B) 41...e4 42.Rxh6+ Ke7 *(42...Kd7 43.Ra6)* 43.Ra6 e3 44.Ra3+-]

38...exf4+ Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '±' **39.gxf4**

[39.Kxf4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter Ke6±]

39...Be4? Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '⊕?'

[39...Ke6! Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '⌓±!' was necessary.]

40.Rc7 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '+-'

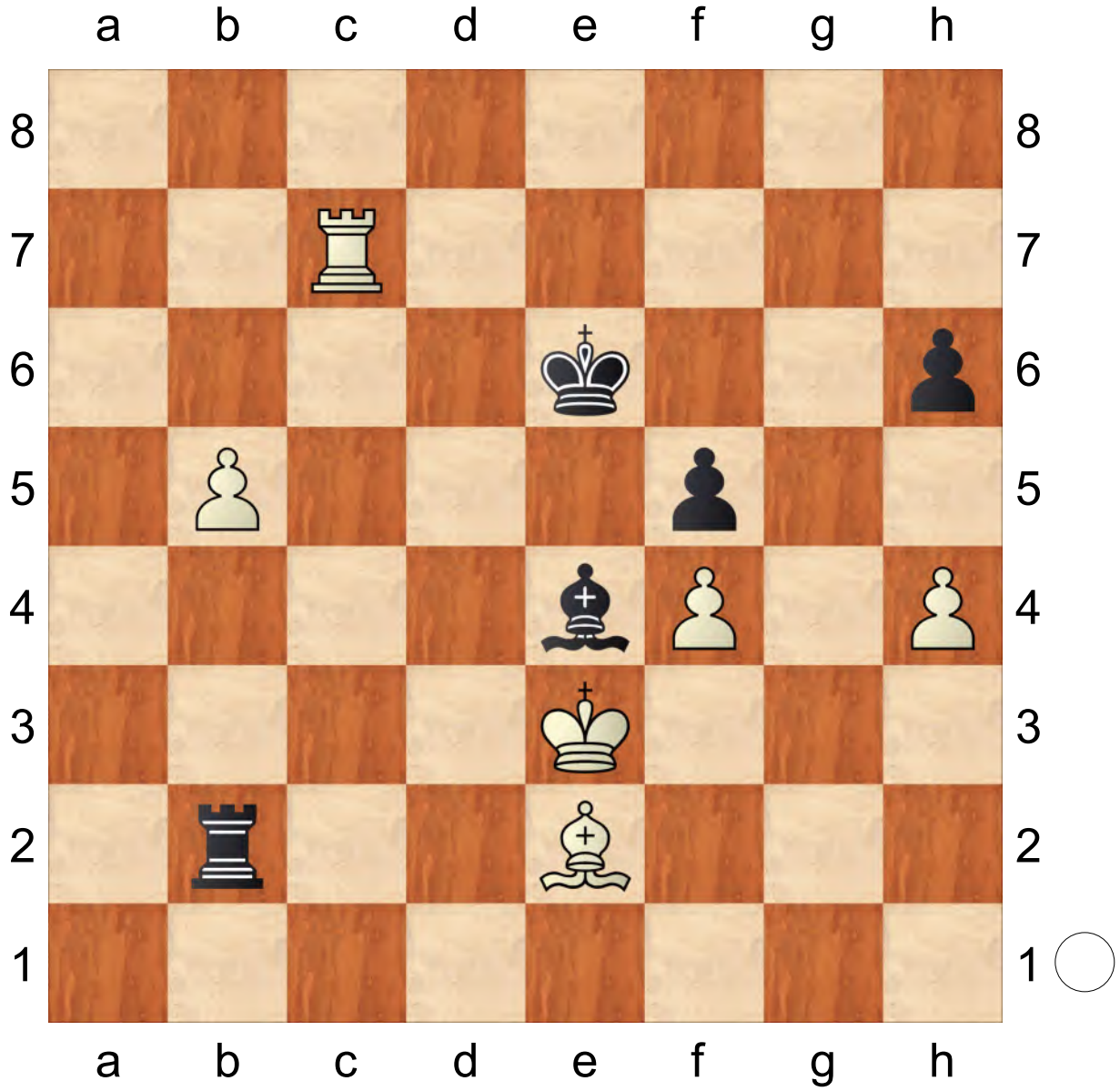
[⌓40.h5+- Meyer, Claus-Dieter]

40...Ke6

[Der letzte Zug mit Inkrement. Jetzt auch zu spät ist 40...Rb3+ Meyer, Claus-Dieter wegen 41.Kd4! und z.B. Rb2 42.Bc4 Kg6 43.Bf7+ Kf6 44.Be8 Rd2+ 45.Kc5 Rc2+ 46.Kb6 Rf2 47.Rf7+

A) 47...Kg6 48.Rd7+ Kf6 49.Kc7+- Rxf4 50.Rd6+ Ke5 *(50...Ke7 51.Bc6)* 51.h5;

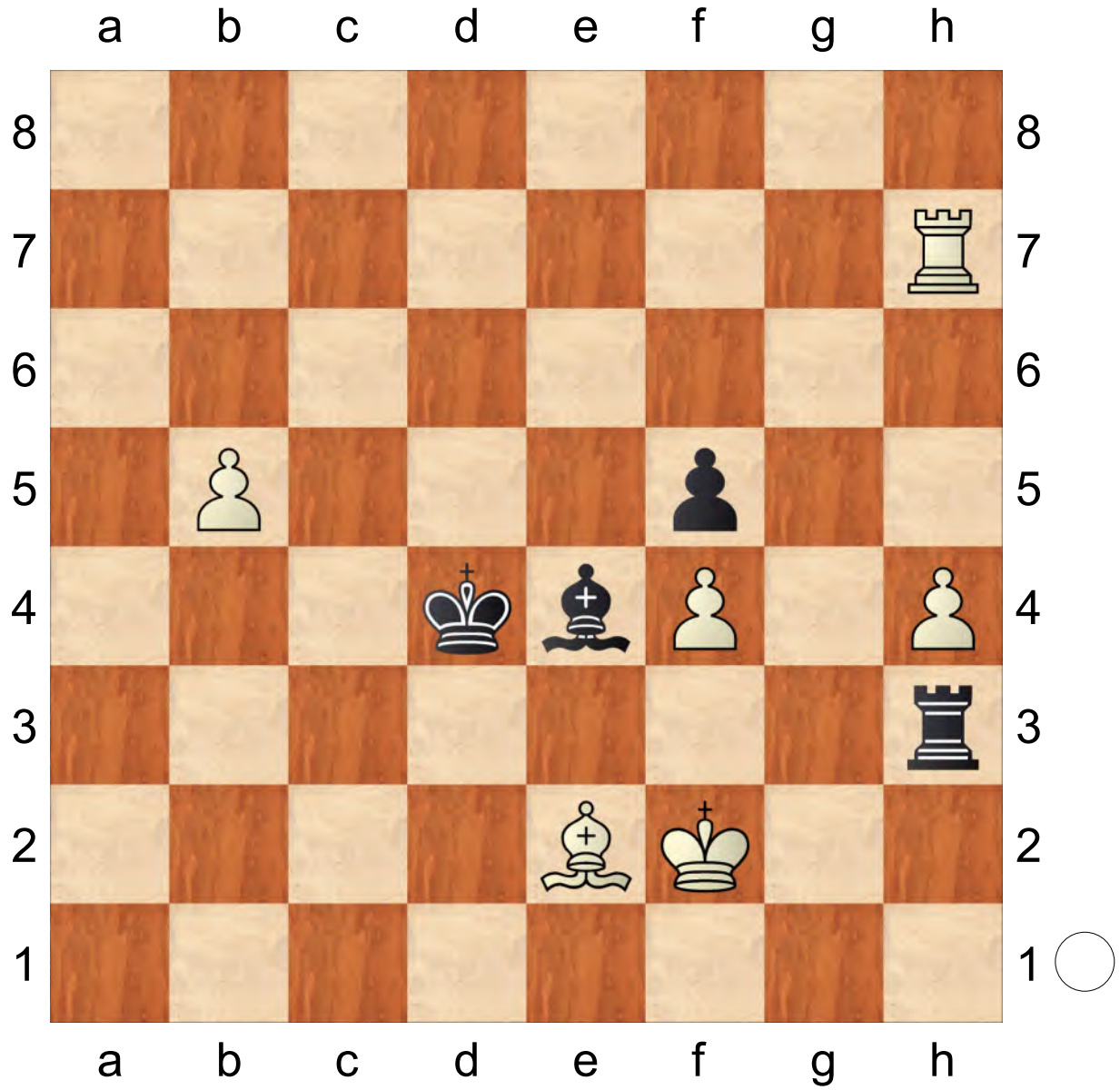
B) 47...Ke6 48.Rh7 Rxf4 49.Rxh6+ Ke5 50.Bc6+-]



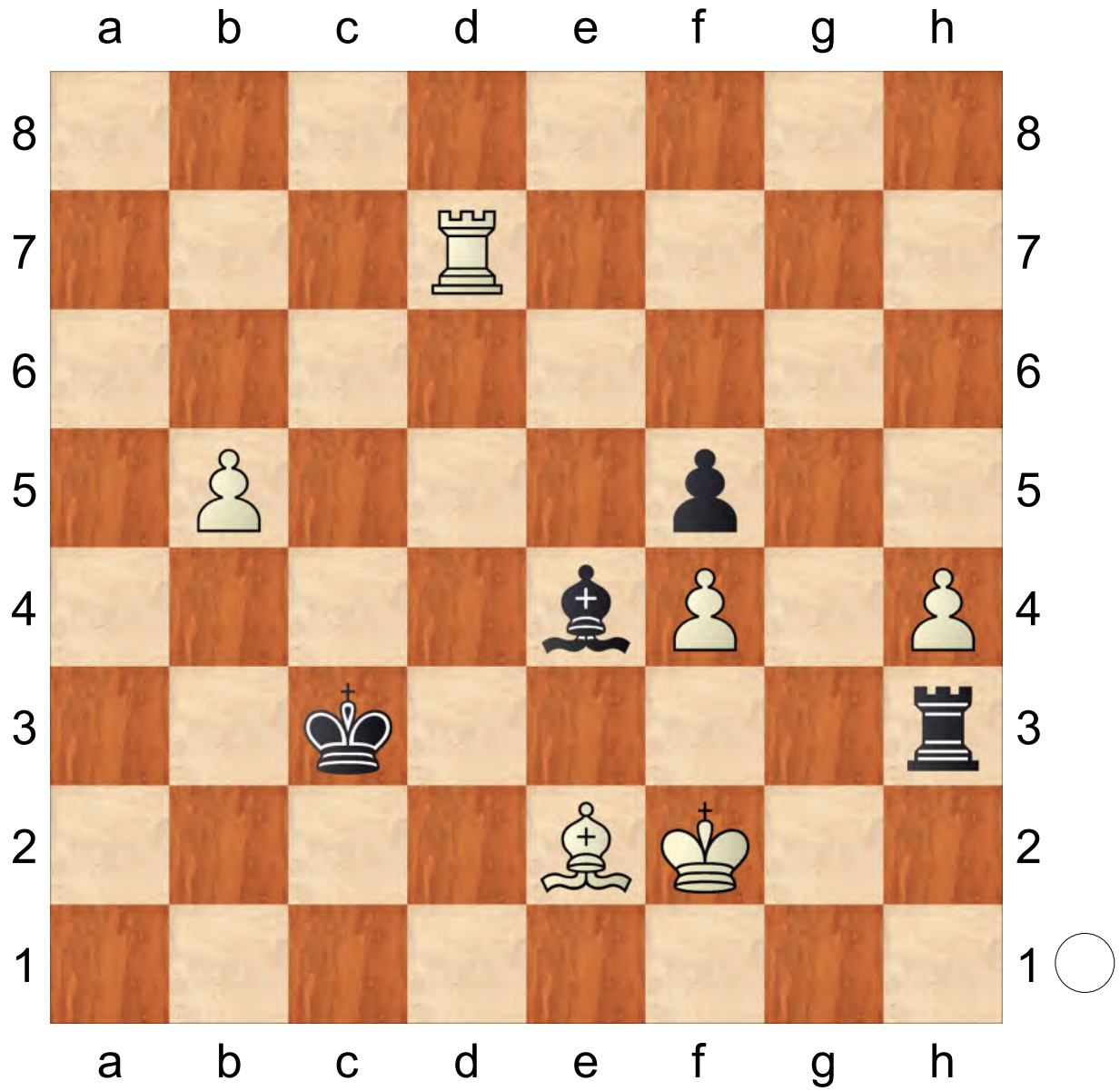
Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '?' **41.Rh7** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '+-!' **41...Kd5 42.Rxh6 Rb3+ 43.Kf2 Rh3** Here suddenly I realized the position isn't so simple, and blundered trying to play a clever move. **44.Rh7?**

[44.h5! Rh2+ 45.Ke3 Rh3+ 46.Kd2 Rh2 47.b6 Bf3 and now White wins with the elegant 48.Ke3! which I missed: Bxe2 49.b7+-]

44...Kd4! The idea I missed. Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '
[44...Rh2+ just loses now: 45.Ke3 Rh3+ 46.Kd2 Rh2 47.b6+-]



mit gefährlicher Annäherung an den weißen König ' **45.Rd7+** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '□' Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '!'
["Zwischenschach macht den Gegner schwach!" Nicht jedoch 45.b6? Meyer, Claus-Dieter wegen Rh2+ 46.Ke1 Ke3 47.Bf1 Rb2 48.Rd7 Rb1+ 49.Rd1 Rxb6=]
45...Kc3 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '
[Nach 45...Kc5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter gewinnt Weiß mit 46.h5 Rh2+ 47.Ke3 Rh3+ 48.Kd2 Rh4 49.Rc7+ Kb6 50.Rc3 Ba8 *(50...Rxf4 51.Rh3)* 51.Rg3 Rxf4 52.Rh3+-]



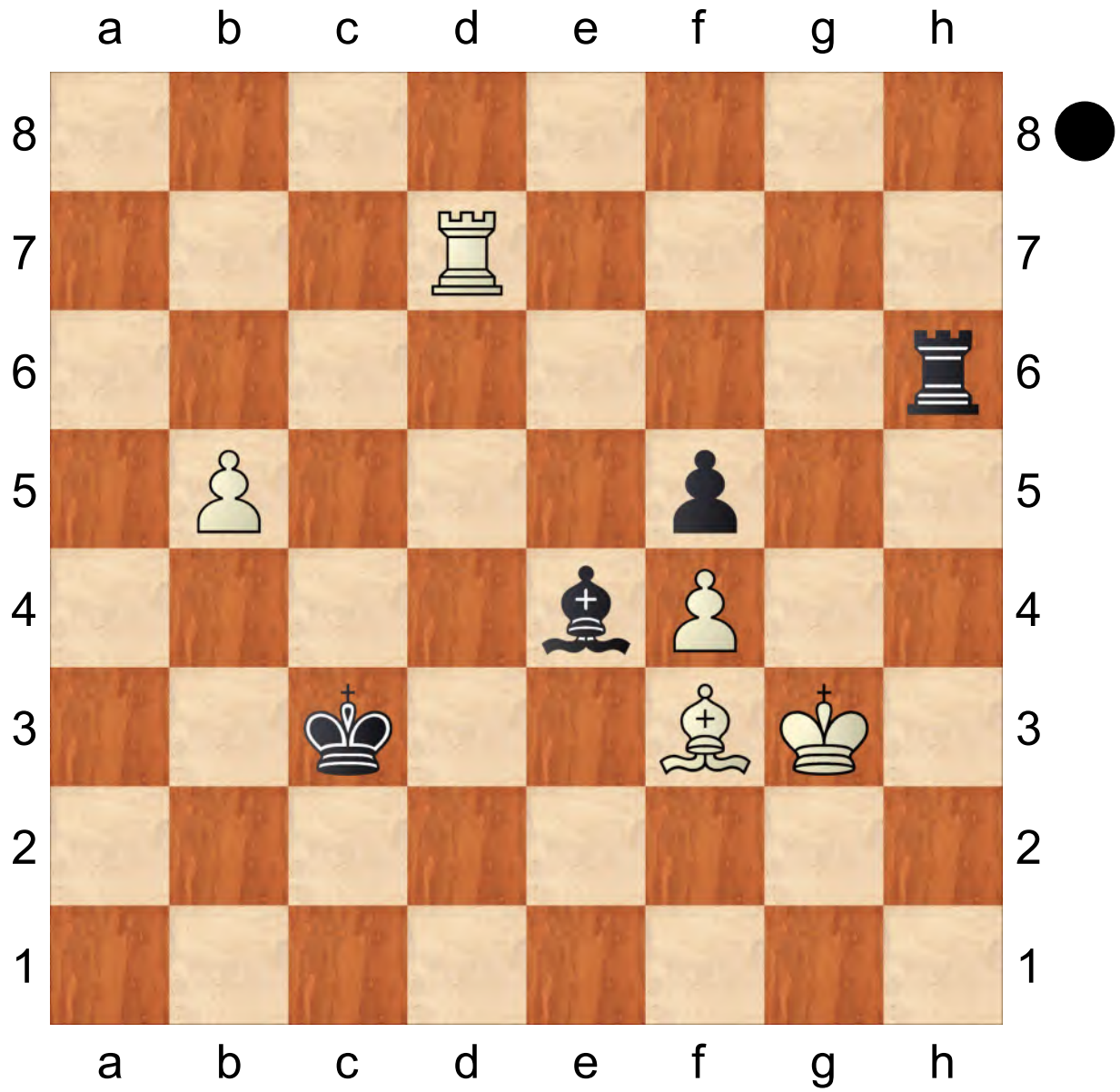
' **46.Bd1?!** Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '?' Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '"Der richtige Zug h5! erfordert das Opfern des Läufers auf e2, und der h-Bauer ist keineswegs forciert durch. Hätte Romain selbige Stellung gegen Carlsen, würde er sich wohl in die Berechnung dieser langen Variante gestürzt haben. Indes gegen einen GM mit 200 Elo weniger entschied er sich dann für den 'ominösen Sicherheitszug' ♗d1?." (JC) '

[The engine finds an incredible win with Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'Ein merkwürdiges Versehen, zumal von einem Spieler dieses Kalibers. Da Werders Franzose über reichlich Bedenkzeit verfügte, war folgende Gewinnführung unschwer zu finden:' 46.h5 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: ' ⌓' Rh2+ 47.Kg3! Rxe2 48.h6 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: ', und "viele Hunde sind des Hasen Tod":' Rg2+ 49.Kh4 and apparently, Black cannot stop both pawns! Of course I did not even consider that. Kc4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter 50.b6 Rg4+ 51.Kh5 Bf3 52.h7 Rg7+ 53.Kh4 Rxd7 54.h8Q+-]

46...Rxh4 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '=' **47.Kg3 Rh6**

[47...Rh1 48.Bf3 Rb1! was worrying me, and for good reason: *(48...Bxf3? 49.Kxf3 Kc4 50.Rf7+-)* 49.Bxe4 fxe4 50.Kf2 Kc4 51.b6! Kc5 52.b7 Kc6 53.Rh7 *(53.Re7 Kd6 54.Rxe4 Rxb7 55.Kf3 Re7=)* 53...Kd5=]

48.Bf3 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '



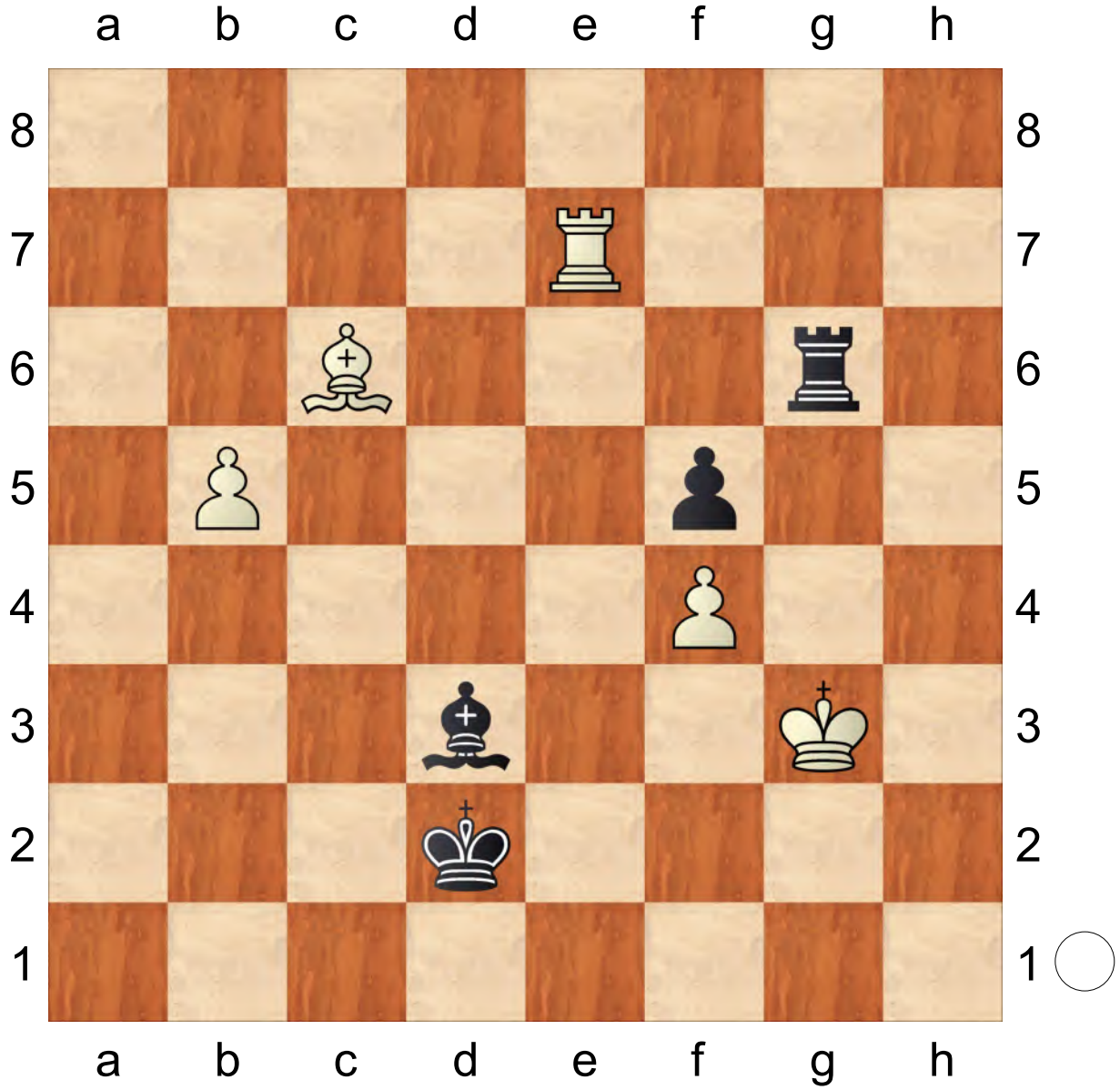
Selbst nachdem sich die Wogen nach diesem 'Drama der Irrungen und Wirrungen' eigentlich völlig geglättet haben, sollte der K(r)ampf noch nicht zu Ende sein ... '

48...Bd3? Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '??'

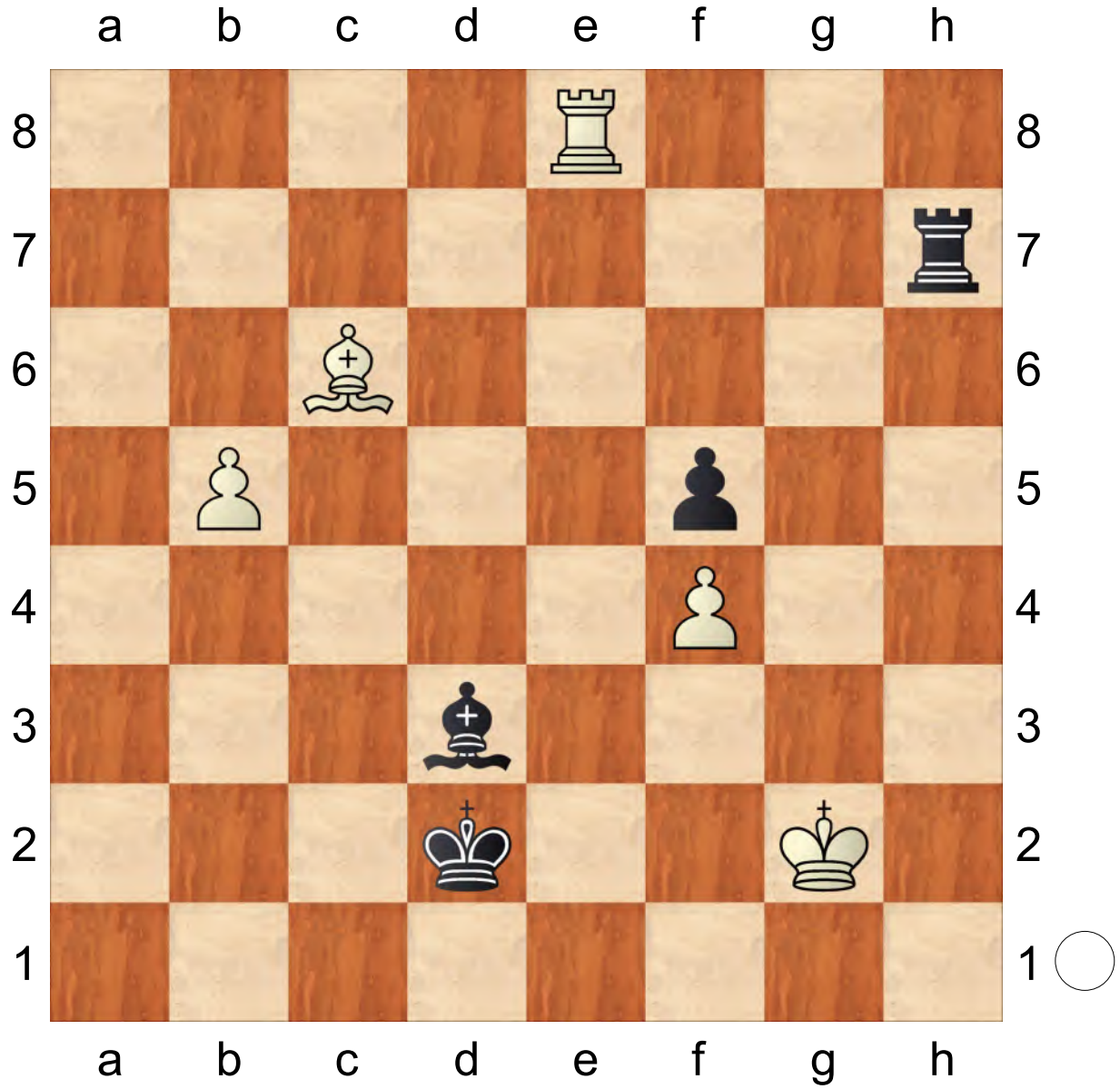
[48...Kc4! was the last opportunity to save the day: 49.Bxe4 *(49.Rc7+ Kd3* doesn't help*)* 49...fxe4 50.Rb7 *(50.f5 e3 51.Kf3 Rf6=; 50.Kf2 Kxb5 51.Ke3 Kc6 52.Rd4 Re6! 53.Rxe4 Kd5=)* 50...Kd3! 51.b6 e3⇄]

[An diesem tag war Schwarz offenbar "von allen guten Geistern verlassen". Folgende Transformation ein ein völlig ausgeglichenes, remisiges Turmendspiel bot sich indes an: ⌓48...Bxf3 Meyer, Claus-Dieter 49.Kxf3 Kc4□=]

49.Bc6 Meyer, Claus-Dieter: '+-!' Meyer, Claus-Dieter: 'Der Rest ist Schweigen. '
49...Kd2
[49...Kc4 50.Rc7 Kc5 51.Be4+ Kd4 52.Bxd3 Kxd3 53.Rc5+-]
[Oder 49...Bc2 Meyer, Claus-Dieter 50.Rc7 Ba4 51.Rf7 usw.]
50.Re7! Stopping ...Ke3. Now White's pieces are too well-coordinated. **50...Rg6+**



51.Kf3 Rh6 52.Re8! With the idea to push b6 and b7. **52...Rh3+ 53.Kf2 Rh4 54.Kf3**
[54.Kg3 Rg4+ 55.Kf3 would allow Bf1 - although after 56.Rd8+ White is still totally winning.]
54...Rh3+
[54...Rh6 55.b6! Rxc6 56.b7 Be4+ 57.Kf2+-]
55.Kg2 Rh7
[55...Rh6 56.b6 Rxc6 57.b7+-]

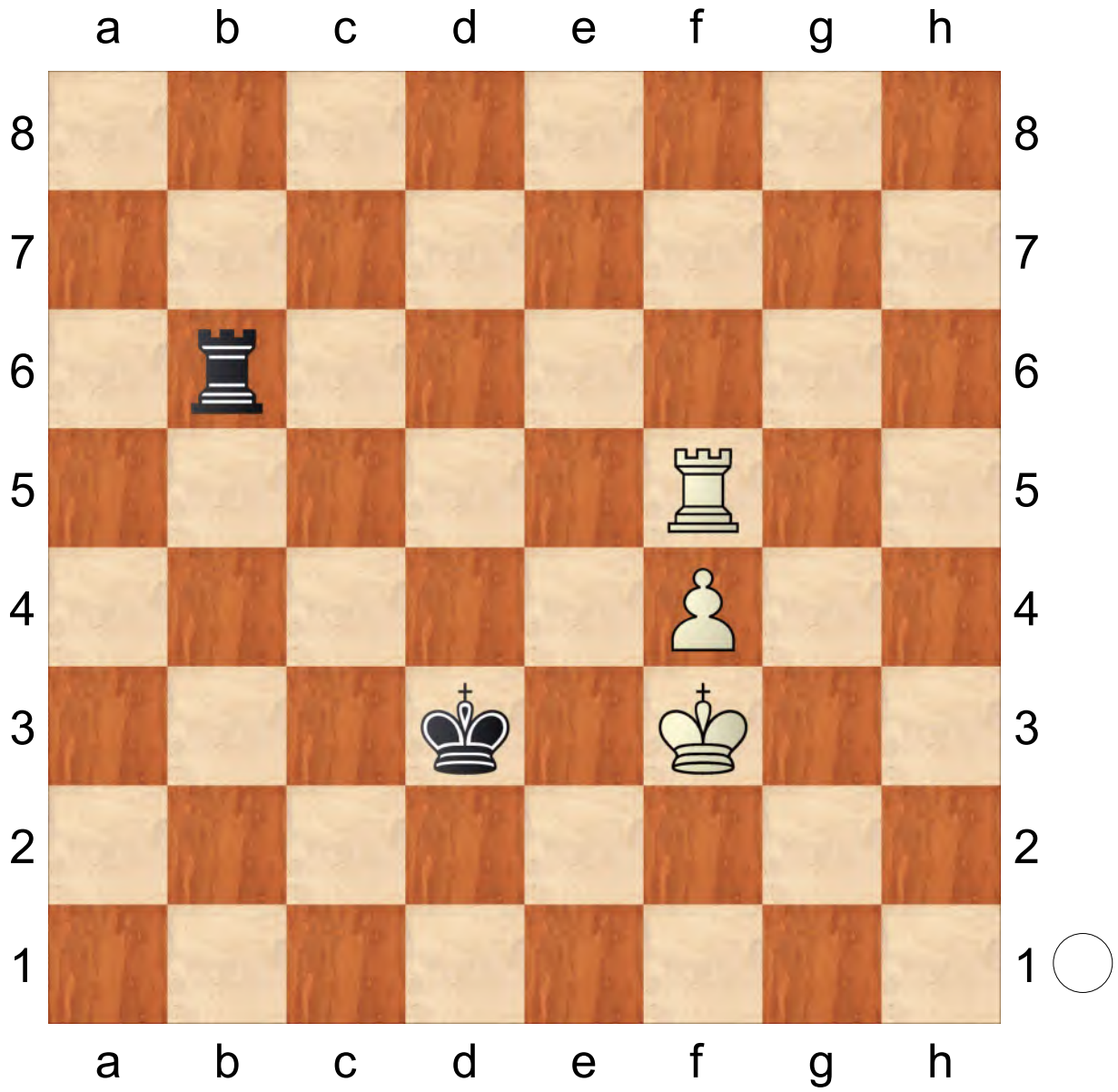


56.b6 Ba6 57.Re5! Bb7 58.Bxb7 Rxb7 59.Rxf5 Rxb6 60.Kf3 Kd3
[60...Rb3+ 61.Kg4 Ke3 62.Re5+ Kd4 *(62...Kf2 63.f5+-)* 63.Re8+-]

(Diagram)

61.Rd5+ Now the king will be cut by two files from the f-pawn, which doesn't help Black's case. **61...Kc4 62.Rd1 Rb8**
[62...Kc5 63.Kg4+-]
63.f5

(Diagram)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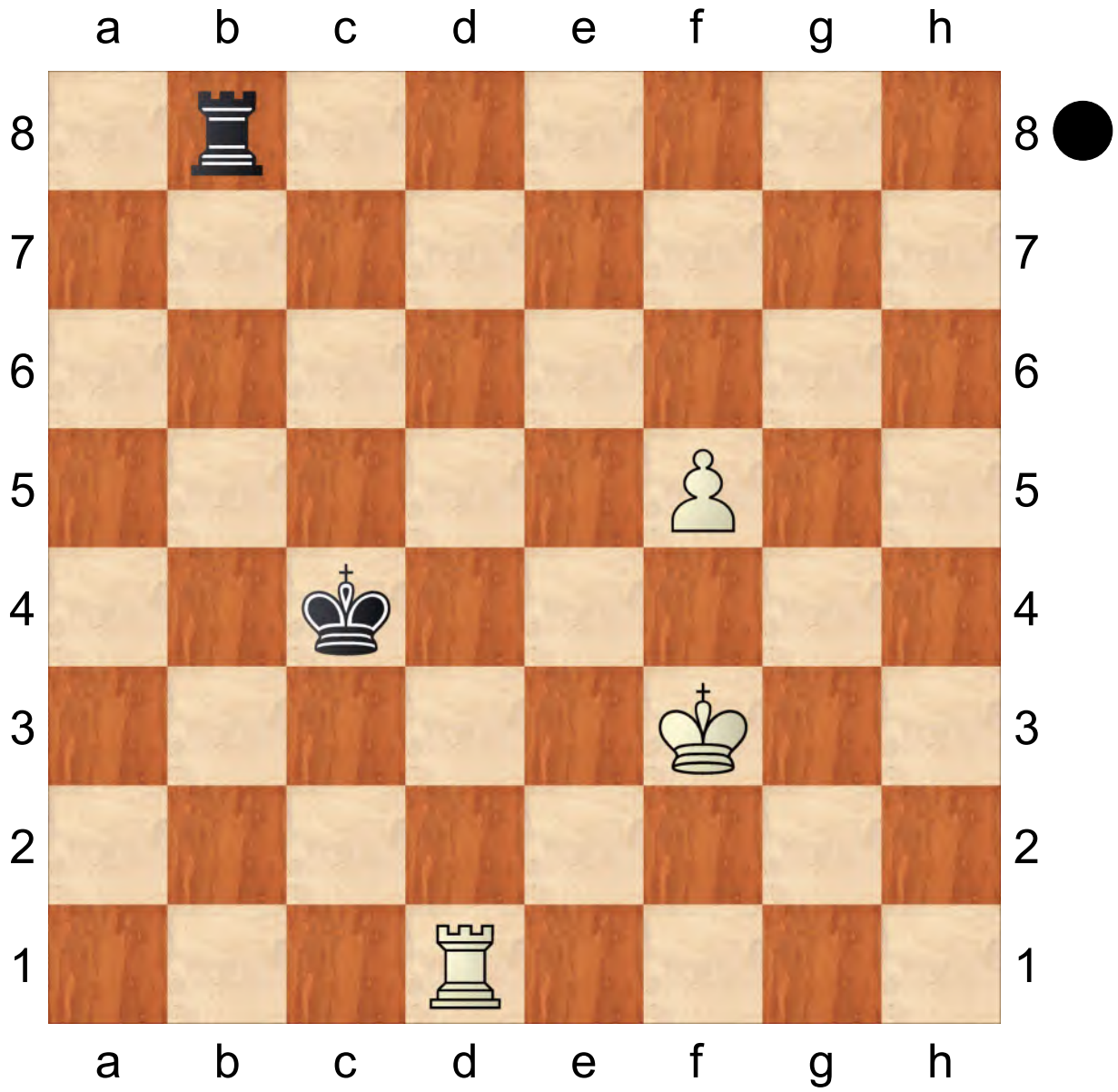

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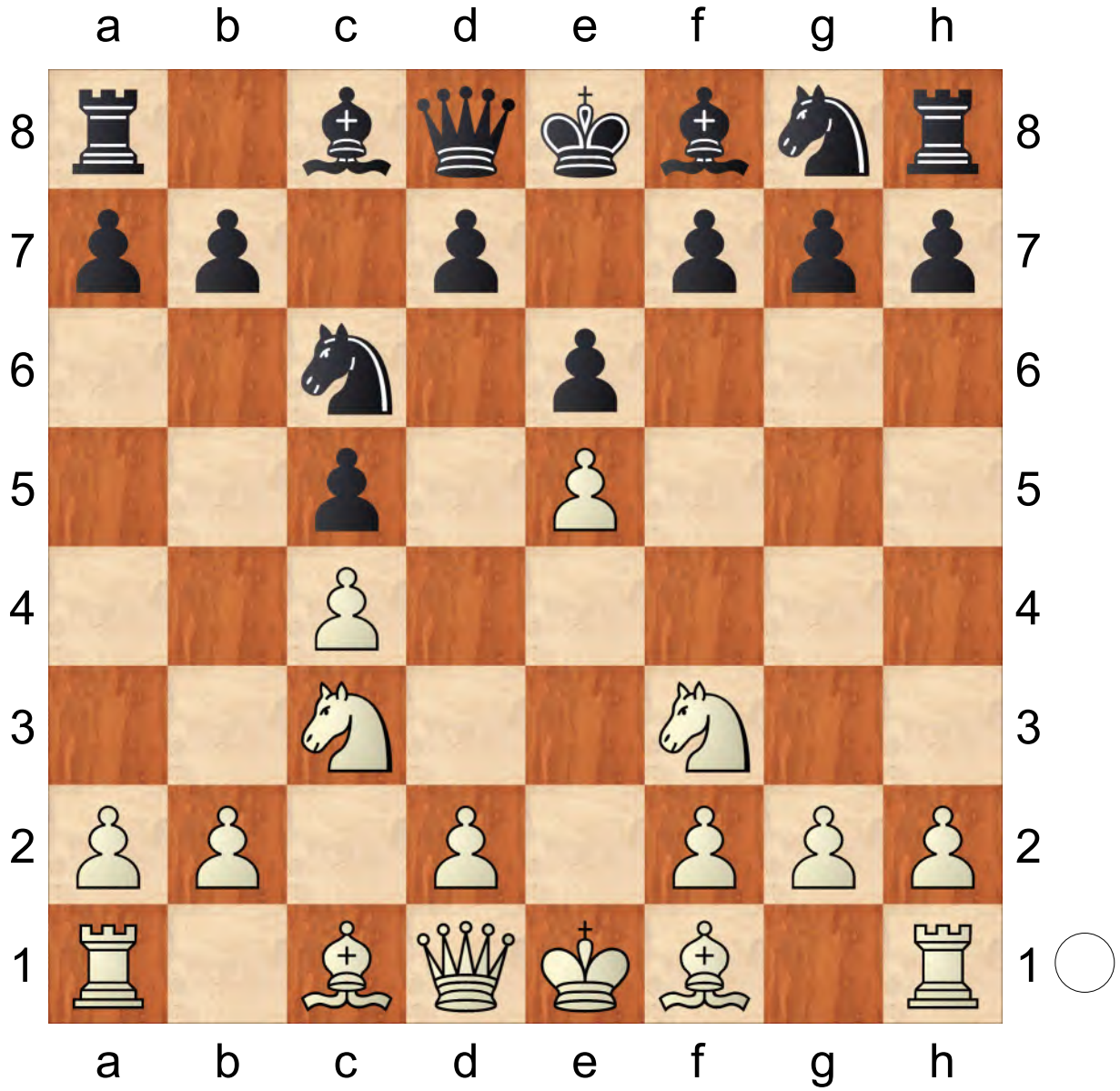
☐ **CBM 25**
■ **3.e4 c5 4.e5 Ng8 5.Nf3**
Survey Opening 1991
[Ribli,Zoltan]

1.c4 Ribli Ribli **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 c5 4.e5 Ng8 5.Nf3 Nc6**
[5...d6 6.exd6
A) 6...Bxd6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a6
A1) 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Qf3 *(10.Be2 0-0=)* 10...0-0 11.0-0-0 Nbd7! 12.Kb1 Qc7 13.h3 Ne5 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Nb3?! *(15.Bg5=)* 15...Ng6 16.f3 Be5 17.Qf2 Bxc3 18.Bb6 Qc8 19.bxc3 e5 20.h4 h5 21.Rd6 Re8 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.Qg3 e4 24.Kb2 exf3 *(24...Qb8!)* 25.gxf3 Qf5 26.Bd3 Qxf3 27.Qxf3 Bxf3 28.Rg1 Rac8 29.Bxg6 fxg6 30.Rxg6 Rc6 31.Rxc6 Bxc6 32.Bc7 Re2+ 33.Kb3 Be8 34.Rg5 Bf7 35.Be5 Ne8 36.Nxb7 Re4 37.Na5 Rxh4 38.Kb4 Re4 39.Kc5 h4 40.Kb6 h3 41.c5 Re2 42.c6 Rb2+ 43.Ka7 Rb5 44.c7 Nxc7 45.Rxg7+ Kf8 46.Rg5 Ne8-+ 0-1 Kortschnoj,V-Vladimirov,E Salamanca 1991 51/20 CBM/23;
A2) 9.Be2! Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0± Suba-Spasov Albena 1977;
B) 6...Nc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qxd6 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Qb8 12.c5! Be7 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Rb1 a5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.Ncb5 Qe5? 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Bd4 Qb8 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.Rxb8+ Bxb8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qa4 Ra6 24.Rb1 0-0 25.Qg4+ Kh8 26.Qd4 Ra7 27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Rxb8+- 1-0 Adorjan,A-Larsen,B Riga izt 1979 28/30]

(Diagram)

6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nxe5
[7...Qc7 8.f4 *(8.Nxc6!?±; 8.Bf4 Nxe5 9.Qd2 a6 10.Rc1 f6 11.c5! g5 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Be2 h5 14.b4 Nxe3 15.fxe3N Qe5 16.Nf3 Qc7 17.Qd3 Kf7 18.0-0 Kg7 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Nd6 Nh6 21.Nxg5! Bxd6 22.cxd6 Qb6 23.Ne4 Nf5 24.Rc5 Qxb4 25.Rb1 Qa4 26.Bd1 Qc6 27.Rxc6 bxc6 28.Qc3 Rf8 29.Bxh5 a5 30.g4 Nh4 31.g5 e5 32.Nxf6+-* 1-0 Bern,I-Erdogan,H Thessaloniki ol 1988*)*
8...a6 9.Be3 d6 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Qd4 Nf6 13.0-0-0± Lekovic-Vesovic corr. 1974]
[7...Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Ne7 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Qe3 b6 *(10...Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.Be2± e5 16.Be3 d6 17.Rd1 Ke7 18.c5! dxc5 19.Bxc5+ Kf7 20.0-0 Rd8 21.Rxd8 Nxd8 22.Rd1 Ne6 23.Be3 Ke7 24.Bd3 h5 25.Rc1 b6 26.Bg6 h4 27.Rc4 h3 28.Rh4 Nf8 29.Be4 Rb8 30.g4! Be6 31.f3 Rd8 32.Rxh3 Rd1+ 33.Kf2 Ra1 34.Bd2 a5 35.Rg3 Rh1 36.Rg2 Nd7 37.Kg3 Nc5 38.Bg6 Bc4 39.Be3 Ne6 40.Rg1 Rxg1+ 41.Bxg1 Nf4*



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[7...Nge7 8.f4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qe4 d6 11.Bd2 dxe5 12.fxe5 Qd4 13.Qxd4 Nxd4 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Bf4 Nf5 16.Bd3 Rc8 17.Kb1 Nh4 18.Rd2 Bb4 19.Bg5 Be7 20.Be3 Ng6 21.Bd4 b6 22.Rhd1 Bc6 23.Ne4 0-0 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.exd6 Rfd8 26.c5 Nf4 27.Ba6 Rb8 28.cxb6 axb6 29.Be5 Ng6 30.Bg3 b5 31.d7 e5 32.Rd6 Be4+ 33.Kc1 f6 34.Be1! Nf4 35.Ba5 Ne2+ 36.Kd2 Nd4 37.Bxd8 Rxd8 38.Ke3 Bxg2 39.R1xd4 exd4+ 40.Kxd4 Kf7 41.Bxb5 Ke7 42.Kc5 Bh3 43.a4 Bxd7 44.Rxd7+ Rxd7 45.Bxd7 Kxd7 46.a5 f5 47.a6 Kc7 48.b4 f4 49.b5 f3 50.b6+ Kd7 51.a7 f2 52.a8Q f1Q 53.Qd5+ Ke7 54.Qd6+

Ke8 55.Qe6+ Kd8 56.Qg8+ Kd7 57.Qxg7+ Kd8 58.Qg8+ Kd7 59.Qxh7+ Kd8 60.Qh8+ Kd7 61.Qd4+ Ke7 62.b7 Qf5+ 63.Kb6 Qb1+ 64.Kc6 Qg6+ 65.Kb5 Qe8+ 66.Kb6 Qg6+ 67.Ka7+- 1-0 Gipslis-Vitolins URS 1979 27/35]

8.Ndb5 a6

[8...f6 9.Be3 *(9.f4 Nf7 10.f5 a6 11.fxe6 dxe6 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Nd4N* Keene *)* 9...b6 10.f4 Nc6 11.f5! g6 12.fxe6 dxe6 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.0-0-0+ Ke7 15.g4N Rb8 16.Bg2 Bb7 17.Bf4 Bh6 18.g5! Bxg5 19.Bxg5 fxg5 20.Rhe1 Nf6 21.Nd5+ Nxd5 22.cxd5 Nd8 23.Nxa7 Kf6 24.Nc6 Rc8 25.Kb1 exd5 26.Ne7! Rc5 27.Bxd5 Rc7 28.Bb3 Nf7 29.Rf1+ Ke5 30.Rxf7 Be4+ 31.Ka1 Rd8 32.Nxg6++- 1-0 Miles,A-Flesch,J Biel 1977 24/34]

[8...Ng6 9.Nd6+ *(9.h4!?N; 9.Be3!?N)* 9...Bxd6 10.Qxd6 Qe7 11.Qg3 Nf6 *(11...Qh4 12.Nb5 Qxg3 13.hxg3 Kd8 14.Be3 b6 15.a4N)* 12.h4 Qc5 13.Be3 Qe5 14.Qxe5 Nxe5 15.Nb5± Kd8 16.Bxa7 Ne8 17.0-0-0 d6 18.Nxd6 Nxd6 19.Bc5 Bd7 20.Bxd6 Nxc4 21.Bb4 *(21.Bxc4! Rc8 22.b3 b5 23.Rd4±)* 21...Nb6 22.Bc3 f6 23.h5 Nd5 24.h6 Ke7?! *(24...Nxc3! 25.bxc3 Ke7=)* 25.hxg7 Rhg8 26.Rxd5! exd5 27.Rh6 Rac8 28.Kd2 Rc6 29.Bb4+ Kf7 30.Bf8 Bf5 31.Bd3 Bg6 32.Rh4 Rb6 33.b3 Rxf8 34.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 35.Rd4 Rd6 36.Bc4 Bf7 37.Bd3 Bg6 38.Rb4 b6 39.Kc3 Ke7 40.Kd4 Kd7 41.Ra4 Kc6 42.Ra8 *(42.Ra7! Re6 43.Rg7±)* 42...Re6 43.Rf8 Kd6 44.Rd8+ Kc6 45.Rf8 Kd6 46.f4! Ke7 47.f5? *(47.Rb8!±)* 47...Kxf8 48.fxe6 Bxd3 49.Kxd3 Ke7 50.a4 Kxe6 51.b4 f5 52.Kd4 Kd6 53.g3 h5 54.a5 bxa5 55.bxa5 f4 56.gxf4 h4 57.a6= remis 0rnstein-Harandi Haifa ol 1976 22/35]

[8...d6? 9.c5! a6 *(9...d5 10.Bf4±)* 10.Nxd6+ Bxd6 11.cxd6 Nf6 12.Bf4 Ng6 13.Bg3 Bd7 14.h4 h5 15.Bd3 Bc6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qd3 Kf7 18.0-0 Qa5 19.Rfe1 Qf5 20.Qd2 Nd7 21.f3 Rhe8 22.Ne4 Kg8 23.Ng5 Rad8 24.Rac1 Nf8 25.Re2 Qd5 26.b3 Qf5 27.Qc3 Nh7 28.Re5 Qf6 29.Nxh7 Kxh7 30.Qd3 Kg8 31.Rg5 e5 32.Rxg6 e4 33.Qc4+ Qf7 34.fxe4 Qxc4 35.Rxc4 Rxe4 36.Rg5 Rde8 37.Rxe4 Rxe4 38.Kf2 Kf7 39.Rxh5 Rd4 40.Rf5+ Ke6 41.Rg5 Rd2+ 42.Ke3 Rxa2 43.Rxg7 Rb2 44.h5 Rxb3+ 45.Kd4 Rb5 46.h6+- 1-0 Timman-Najdorf Haifa ol 1976 22/34]

9.Nd6+ Bxd6 10.Qxd6 f6

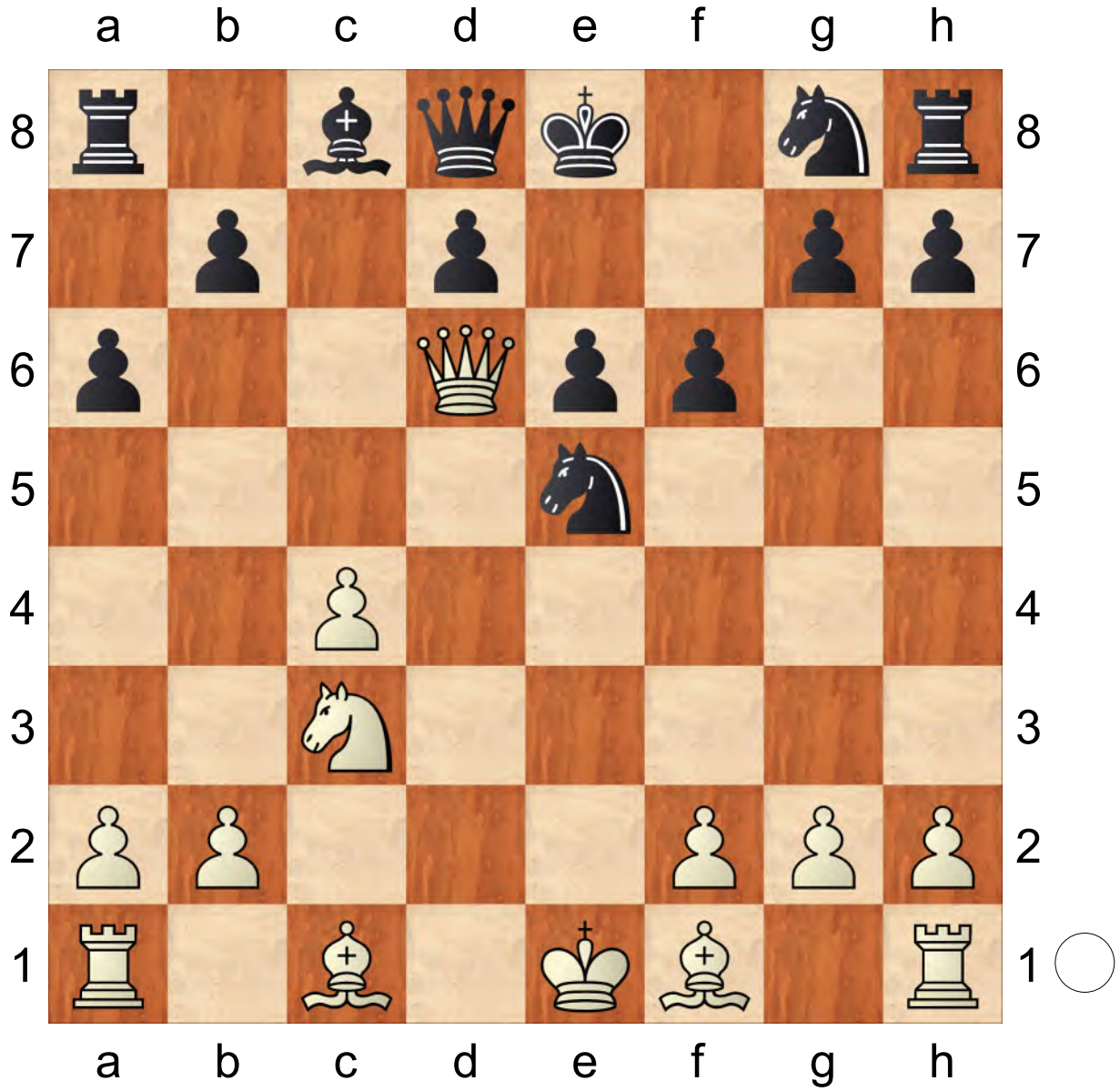
[10...Ng6 11.Be3 N8e7 12.Bd3 *(12.Bb6!? Nf5 13.Bxd8 Nxd6 14.Bc7N)* 12...Nc6 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Qg3 d5 16.Bc5 Qh4 17.Ng5 Re8 18.Qxh4 Nxh4 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.g3 *(20.Bc2!?)* 20...Nf3 21.Nxf3 Kxh7 22.Rhe1 dxc4 23.Bb6 e5 24.Re4 Be6 25.Ng5+= remis Berg,D-Rosen,W 2. BLW 1989/90 Bochum-Katernberg (6)]

(Diagram)

11.Be3 Ne7

[11...Nf7 12.Qg3 *(12.Qd4!?* Watson *)*

A) 12...g6 13.Qh4 Qe7 14.Qd4 d6 15.0-0-0 f5 16.g4! Nf6 17.gxf5 e5



18.Qb6 Bxf5 19.c5 *(19.Bg2! e4 20.c5±* Suba *)* 19...d5 20.Rxd5 Be4 21.Rd6! Nxd6 22.cxd6 Qd8 23.d7+?! *(23.Nxe4!? Nxe4 24.Qxb7N)* 23...Kf7? *(23...Kxd7!)* 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Qxb7 Nf6 26.Bc4+ Kg7 27.Rd1 Rb8 28.Qc6 Ng4 29.Ba7 Qg5+ 30.Kb1 Nxf2 31.Rf1 Qd2 32.Bxb8 Rxb8 33.b3 Nd1? 34.Rxd1? *(34.Qf6++-)* 34...Qxd1+ 35.Kb2 Qd2+ 36.Ka3 Qb4+ 37.Kb2 Rf8 38.d8Q Rf2+ 39.Be2 Rxe2+ 40.Kc1 Qf4+ 41.Kb1 Qf5+ 42.Kc1 Qf4+= remis Kelecevic-Suba Sokolac 1980 30/31;

B) 12...Ne7 13.Qxg7 Nf5 14.Qg4 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Qb6 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.exd4 h5 *(17...b6!?)* 18.Na4± d6 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Bd3 f5 21.0-0± Keene-Partos Montreux 1977 22/(32)]

12.Bb6 Nf5 13.Qc5

[13.Qb4? Nc6 14.Qc5 Qe7 15.0-0-0 Qxc5 16.Bxc5 d6! 17.Bxd6 Nxd6 18.Rxd6 Ke7 19.c5 Bd7= 20.g3 Rac8 21.Bh3 Ne5 22.Rhd1 Rhd8 23.Bg2

Rxc5 24.Bxb7 a5 25.Be4 Ng4 26.R6d2 f5 27.Bg2 Nf6 28.f4 Rb8 29.Re1 h6 30.Rd4 Rb4 31.Red1 g5 32.a3 Rxd4 33.Rxd4 Ng4 34.h4 Ne3 35.Bf3 gxh4 36.gxh4 Bc6 37.Be2 Nd5 38.Kd2 Nxc3 39.bxc3 Be4 40.Rc4 Rd5+ 41.Ke3 Kd6 42.Rc8 Rc5 43.Ba6= remis Kortschnoj,V-Timman,J Brussels cq2 1991 CBM/25]

13...Qe7

[13...d6 14.Qa5

A) 14...Qe7 15.0-0-0 0-0 *(15...Bd7 16.f4 Nc6 17.Qa3 0-0 18.Bd3 e5 19.g4 Nfd4 20.Nd5 Qf7 21.h3 Ne7 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Rhe1 Qd8 25.Be4 Qb6 26.Qd3! f5 27.gxf5 Bc6 28.Bxc6 Qxc6 29.Qxd4 Rf7 30.Re6 Rc8 31.Kb1 Qc5 32.Qxc5 Rxc5 33.Rdxd6 h5 34.f6± Serper,G-Kiselev,S Pula op 1990)* 16.f4 Nc6 17.Qa3 e5 18.g4! Nfd4 19.Nd5 Qf7 20.f5! g6 21.Rg1 gxf5 22.g5! Kh8 23.gxf6 Be6 24.Qxd6 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Qxf6 26.Qxf6+ Rxf6 27.Kb1! Nd8 28.Bc5 Rc8 29.Be7 Rf7 30.Bd6 Nf3 31.Rg3 e4 32.Be2 Rf6 33.Bf4 Rg6 34.Bxf3 Rxg3 35.Bxe4 fxe4 36.hxg3 Kg7 37.Rd4 Nf7 38.Rxe4 Rd8 39.Re7 Rxd5 40.Rxb7 h5 41.Ra7 a5 42.a4+- 1-0 Kasparov,G-Sokolov,A Belfort WCup 1988 45/16 CBM/8;

B) 14...Qd7 15.f4 Nc6 16.Qa3 e5 17.Bd3 0-0 18.0-0 exf4? *(18...Qf7 19.Nd5 Be6 20.Be4 Rac8 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.Qd3N Kasparov)* 19.Rxf4 Nfe7 20.Rd1 Ng6 21.Rff1 Nge5 22.Be4 Qf7 23.b3 Be6 24.Qxd6 Kh8 25.Qc7 Qxc7 26.Bxc7 Rf7 27.Bb6 Re8 28.h3 Rd7 29.Nd5 Rc8 30.g4 Ng6 31.Kh2 Nce5 32.a4 Rd6 33.a5 Nd7 34.Nc7+- 1-0 Kasparov,G-Beliavsky,A Linares 1991 51/21 CBM/22]

14.Qxe7+

[14.Qa5

A) 14...Nc6 15.Qa4

A1) 15...0-0 16.0-0-0 d6 17.g4 *(17.Ne4!?)* 17...Nh6 18.h3 f5 19.Qa3 fxg4 20.hxg4 Nxg4 21.Ne4**±** Petursson;

A2) 15...Qd6 16.c5 Qe5+ 17.Qe4 d5 *(17...Qxe4+ 18.Nxe4 Nb4 19.0-0-0 Nxa2+ 20.Kb1 Nb4 21.g4N)* 18.cxd6 Nxd6 19.Qxe5 Nxe5 20.0-0-0 Ndf7 21.f4 Nd7 22.Bf2 b5

A2a) 23.a4! bxa4 *(23...b4 24.Na2 a5 25.Bb5±)* 24.Bc4**±**;

A2b) 23.Bd3 Bb7 24.Rhe1 Nd8 25.Bf5 Nf8 26.Bxe6? *(26.Ne4! Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Rc8+ 28.Kb1 Ke7 29.Rc1!±)* 26...Ndxe6 27.f5 Rc8 28.Kb1 Bxg2 29.fxe6 Rc6 30.e7 Ne6? *(30...Nd7!)* 31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Rd8+ Kxe7 33.Rxh8 Kf7 34.a3 h6 35.Kc2 f5 36.Rd8 g5 37.Bc5 f4 38.Rd6 h5 39.Rxe6 Kxe6 40.Kd2 h4 41.Ke1! g4 42.Ne2 Ke5 43.Bb6 Ke4 44.Bc7 f3 45.Nc1 g3 46.hxg3 h3 47.g4 Ke3 48.Bb6+ Kf4 49.Bc7+ Ke3 50.Bb6+ Kf4 51.Kf2 Kxg4 52.Bc7 Kf5 53.Nd3 a5 54.Nc5 a4 55.Bh2 Kf6 56.Bd6 Kf5 57.Ke3 Kf6 58.Bf4 Kf5 59.Bh2 Kf6 60.Ne4+ Ke6 61.Nc3 Bf1 62.Kxf3+- 1-0 Serper,G-Luther,T Arnhem 1989/90 49/(20);

B) 14...h5? 15.0-0-0 Kf7 16.c5! Nc6 17.Qa3 Qe8 18.Ne4**±** d5 19.cxd6

Ne5 20.Nc3 Bd7 21.f4 Ng4 22.Bd3 Qc8 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Rhe1 Re8 25.Re7+ Kg6 26.Kb1 Qc6 27.h3! Rxe7 28.dxe7 Qxb6 29.hxg4 Bc6 30.gxf5+ Kxf5 31.Qd6 Re8 32.Nd5 Qf2 33.Nc7 Qxg2 34.Qc5+ Kxf4 35.Ne6+ Kg3 36.Qd6+ Kh4 37.Qf4+ Qg4 38.Qh2++- 1-0 Miles,A-Grunfeld,Y Philadelphia 1989 48/13]

14...Kxe7

[14...Nxe7 15.f4 N5c6 16.0-0-0 d5 17.a3!± Bd7 18.cxd5 *(18.g3!?N)* 18...Nxd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Be6 21.Rd6 Ke7 22.Bc5 Kf7 23.f5! Bxf5 24.Bc4+ Kg6 25.g4! Bxg4 26.Rg1 Ne5 *(26...Kh5? 27.h3!+-)* 27.h3 Rac8 28.b4 Kh6 29.Rxg4 Nxg4 30.hxg4 Rhd8 31.Rb6! Rc7 32.Kc2 Kg5 33.Be2 Rcd7 34.Kc3 Rc8 35.Kc4 Kf4 36.Bd3 Kxg4 37.Be4! Rcc7 38.Bxh7 f5 39.Bg8 g5 40.Be6 *(40.Bd5!±)* 40...Rd1 41.Bd5 Ra1 42.Bxb7 Rxa3 43.Bxa6 *(43.Rxa6! Rxa6 44.Bxa6±)* 43...f4 44.Rf6 f3 45.Kb5 Kh3 46.Kb6 Rxa6+! 47.Kxa6 g4 48.Kb6 Rg7 49.b5 Kg2 50.Bd4 Rg8= remis Karpov,An-Ribli,Z Reggio Emilia 1989/90 49/20]

15.f4 Ng6

(Diagram)

16.g3 d6 17.Bd3 Nh6

[17...Bd7 18.0-0-0 Rac8 19.Rhe1 Kf7 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Rxd6± Bc6 22.b4 Rhe8 23.Red1 Nf8 24.Kb2 Bf3 25.R1d4 Ne6 26.Rd3 Be4 27.Nxe4 fxe4 28.Rc3 Ke7 29.Rd5 Rc6 30.Be3 Rd6 31.f5! Nc7 32.Rxd6 Kxd6 33.a4 Kd7 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 g6 36.fxg6 hxg6 37.Rc2 Ne6 38.Rd2+ Kc7 39.c5 f5 40.h4 Rd8 41.Rxd8 Kxd8 42.Kc3 Kd7 43.Kc4 Nc7 44.Bf4 Ne6 45.Bd2 Nc7 46.Ba5 Ne6 47.Kd5 Nc7+ 48.Bxc7 Kxc7 49.Kd4 Kd7 50.g4! fxg4 51.Kxe4 Ke6 52.Kf4 Kd5 53.Kxg4+- 1-0 Thorsteins,K-Luther,T Borsodtavho 1991 EXP/23]

18.0-0 Bd7 19.Rfe1N Rac8 20.a4 Kf7

(Diagram)

21.Rad1 Ne7 22.a5 Bc6 23.Bb1 d5 24.cxd5 Nxd5 25.Ba2 Nxc3

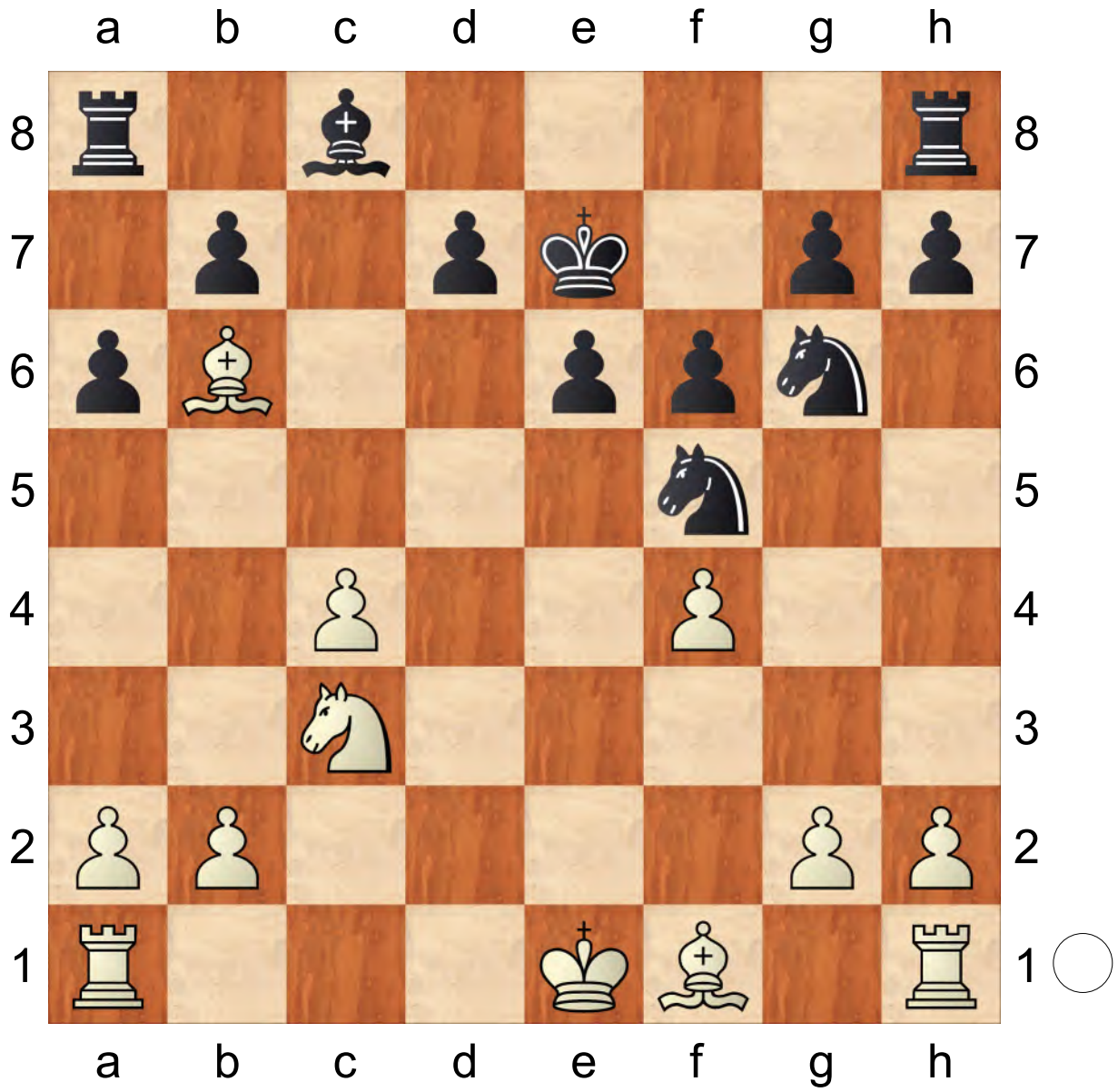
[25...Rhe8 26.Ne4!+-]

(Diagram)

26.Bxe6+ Kg6 27.bxc3 Rce8 28.Kf2 f5 29.h3 Rhf8 30.Rd6 Kh5

(Diagram)

31.Bd4 Nf7 32.Rxc6! Nd8 33.Rd6+-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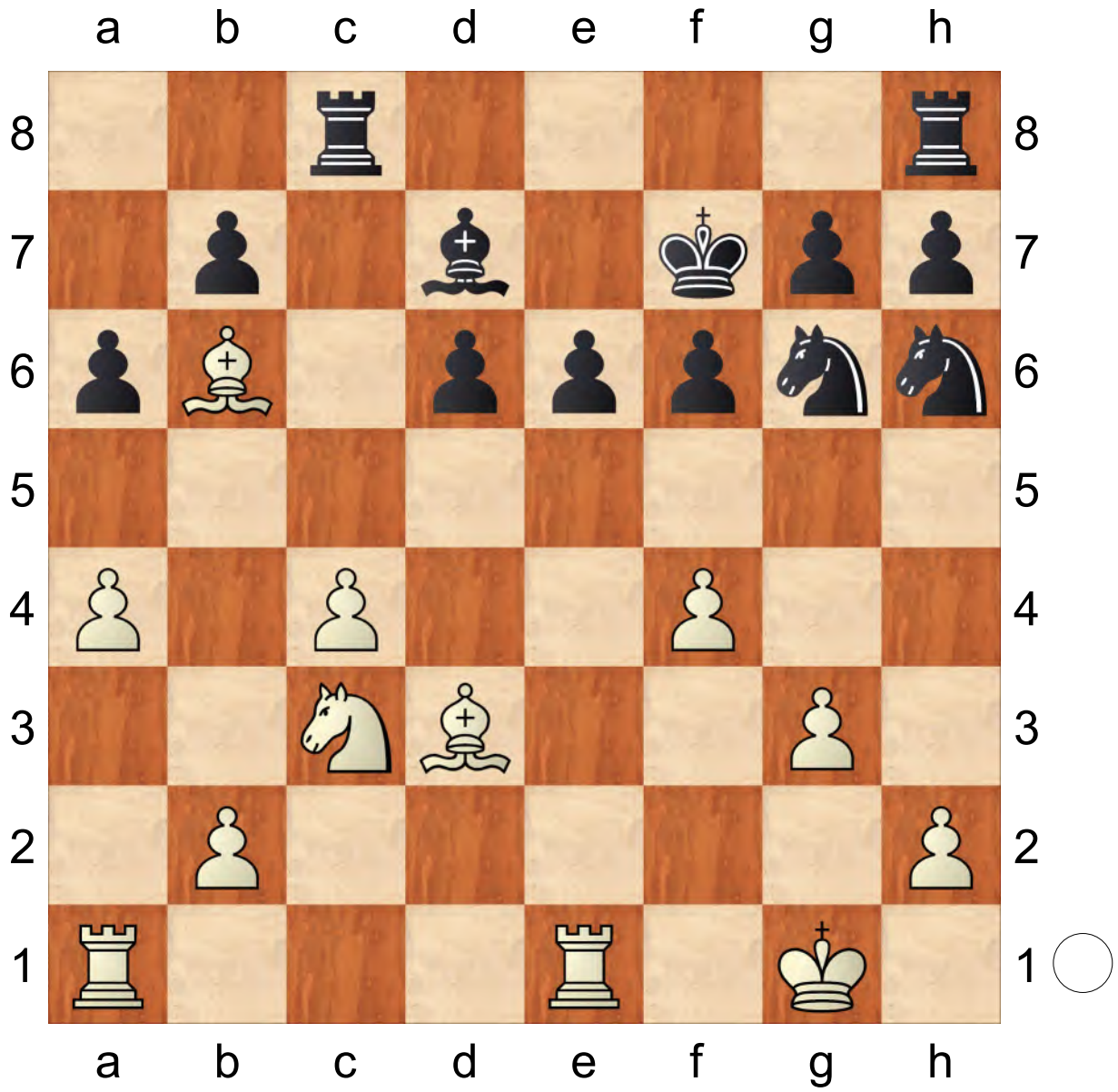
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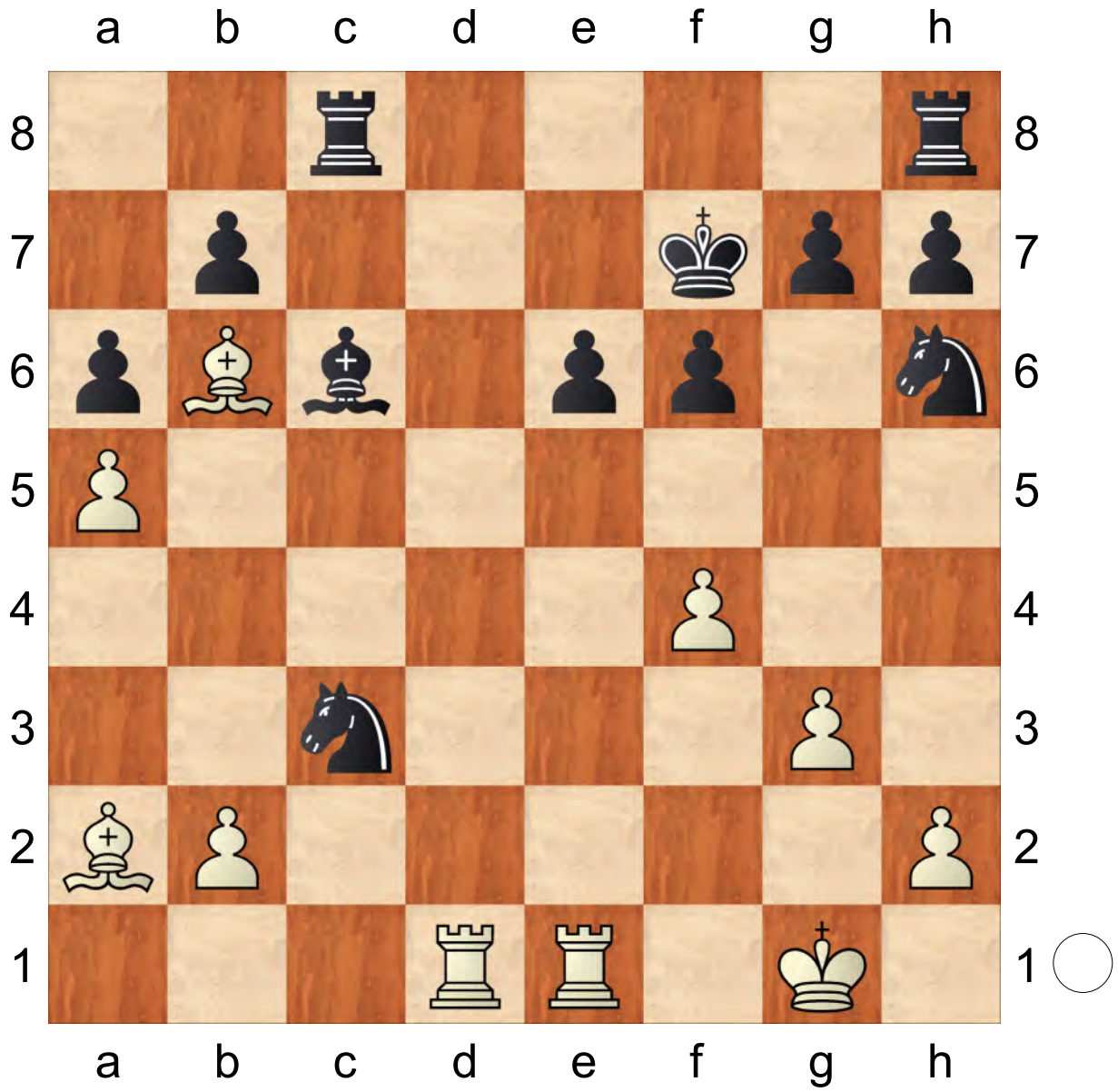
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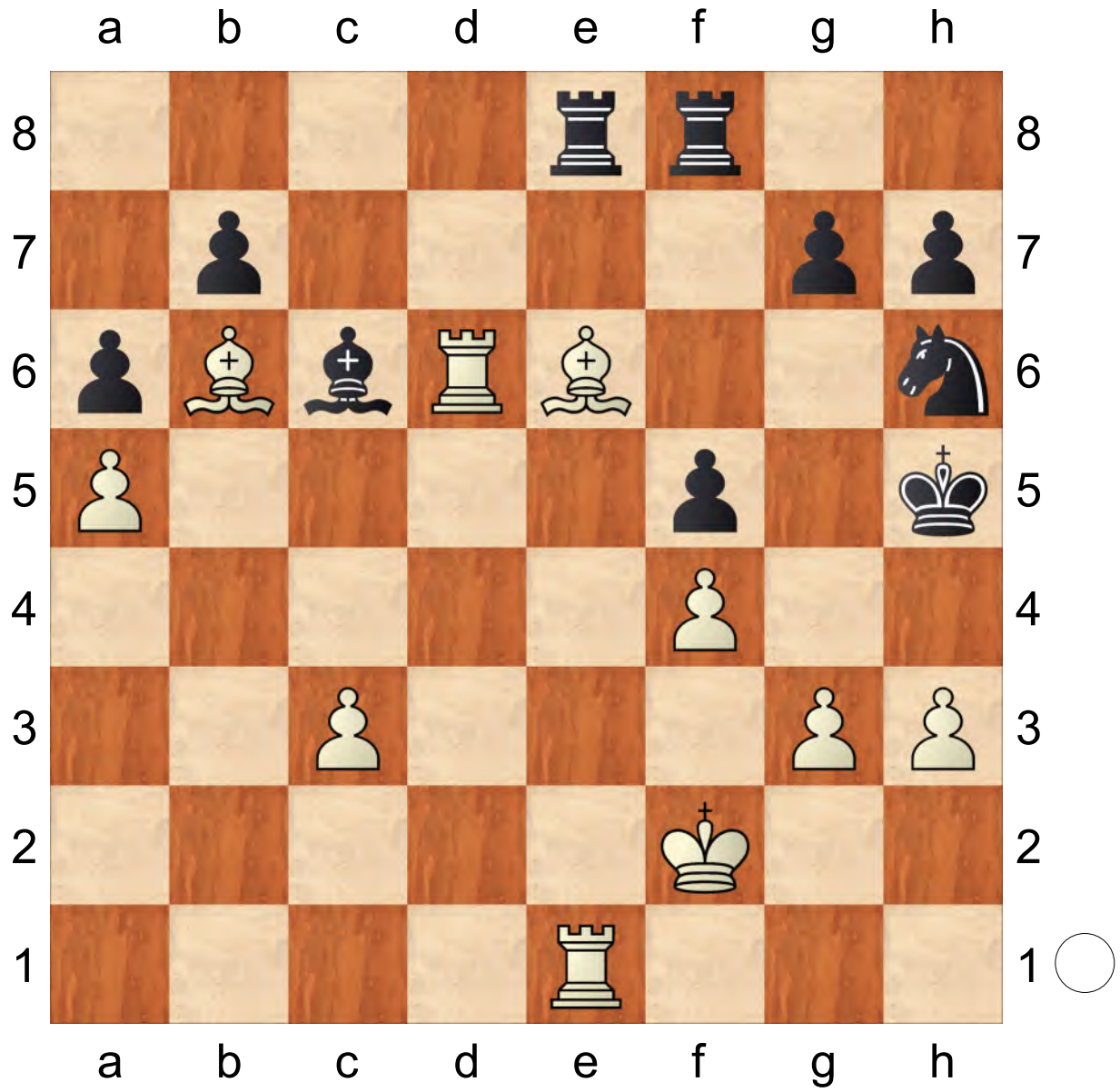
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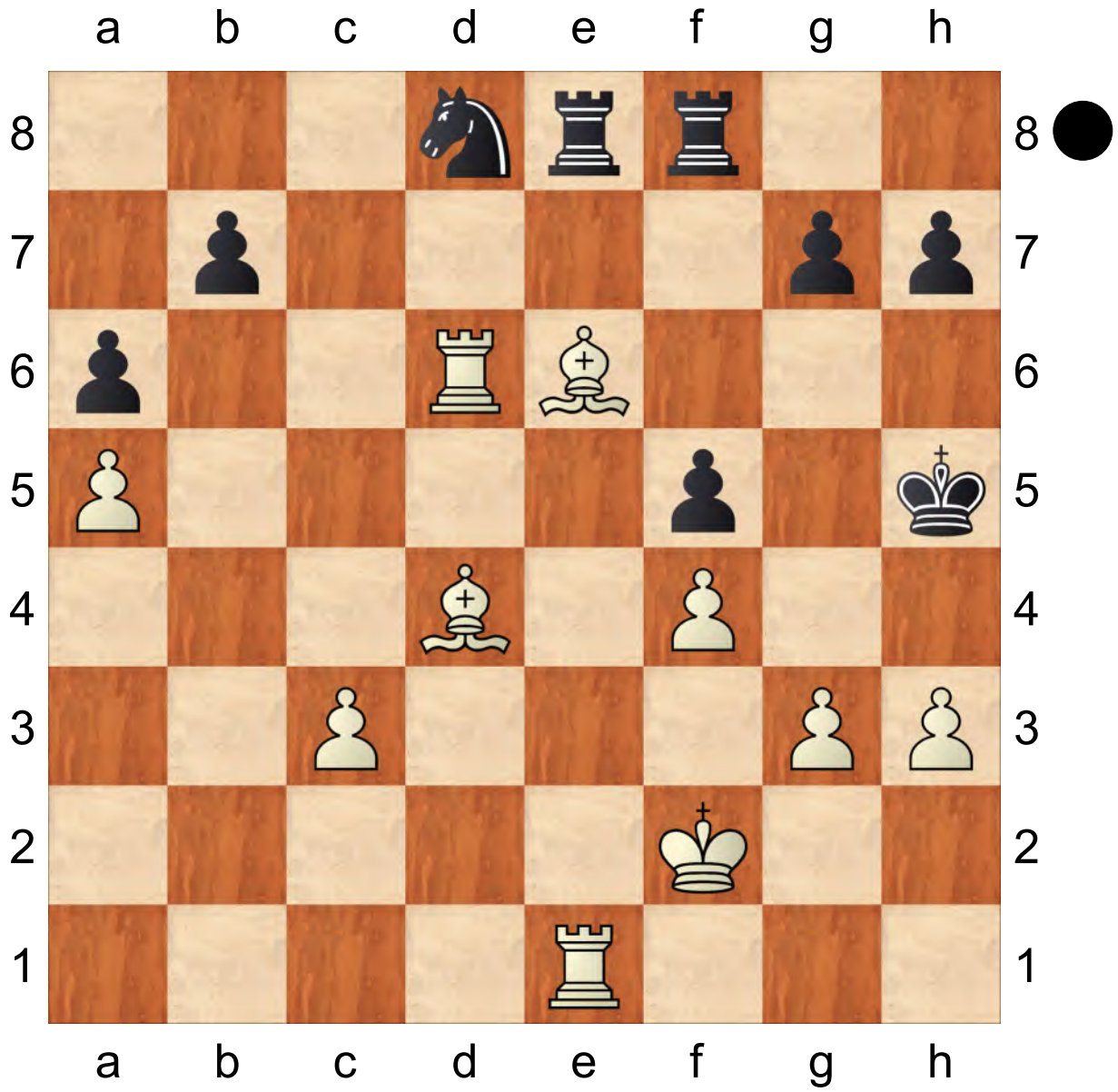
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□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2629**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2695**
Moscow Generations m (2) 03.12.2013
[Stohl,Igor]

R.Scherbakov: 'A rare line led to a total mess. At one point White had a chance to exploit his opponent's inaccuracy but it was really not easy to keep things under control and he eventually went astray and lost.' **1.d4** R.Scherbakov R.Scherbakov R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5**

[The match also twice featured the Anti-Meran with 5.e3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 and now:

A) 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 dxc4!? *(*A rare move, Black more often plays *8...Qe7* , or the direct*; 8...e5)* 9.Bxc4 *(9.bxc4 e5⇄)* 9...b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.e4 b4 13.Na4 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Rxc5 16.Qe2 Qb8 17.Bd4 Ra5 18.g3 Nd7 19.Nd2 Be5 20.Qe3 Rd8 21.Rfd1 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Bc6 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Qe3 h6 25.Rdc1 Bb5= Shirov,A (2695)-Dubov,D (2629)/ Moscow m/2013/;

B) 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.a3 *(*For *11.e4* see the detailed notes to Zubov,A (2617)-Korobov,A (2678)/UKR-ch Kiev/2012/ in CBM 150.*)* 11...a5 *(11...Rc8!?* was featured in Aronian,L (2802)-Anand,V (2772) /Wijk aan Zee/2013/. Anand's notes to this great game are in CBM 153.*)* 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.h3 Ba6!? *(* In Zubov-Korobov I mentioned only *15...Re8)* 16.Be3 *(16.Rd1 Qe7∞; 16.Rb1 b4⇄ 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Ne2 Qe7 19.Bg5 Bb8 20.Qc4 Rb6 21.Be3 Rb7 22.Bc5* Zakhartsov,V (2580)-Jakovenko,D (2729)/Apatity rpd/2011/ *Qe5 23.f4 Qxc5+ 24.Qxc5 Ba7⇄)* 16...b4 17.Bxa6 bxc3 18.Bc4 cxb2 19.Rad1 Qe7! *(*Krasenkow's suggestion rehabilitates the whole line. *≤19...Qb8?! 20.f4 Bc7 21.e5 Bb6 22.Bf2! Bxf2+ 23.Rxf2↑* Aronian,L (2773)-Shirov,A (2730)/EU-chT Novi Sad/2009/*)* 20.Bc5 Qc7 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.g3 c5 23.f4 Bd4+ 24.Kh2 Qb7⩱ Dubov,D (2629)-Shirov,A (2695)/Moscow m/2013/ The powerful passed pawn has ample support and gives Black excellent compensation.]

5...dxc4 [#] Shirov played the sharp Botvinnik since his junior years and recently returned to it - he candidly describes this in his excellent video to Grischuk,A (2752)-Shirov,A (2705)/EU-chT Porto Carras/2011/ in CBM 146. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Shirov played the sharp Botvinnik since his junior years and recently returned to it - he candidly describes this in his excellent video to Grischuk,A (2752)-Shirov,A (2705)/ EU-chT Porto Carras/2011/ in CBM 146."

[The alternative Anti-Moscow Gambit is no less complex and dangerous for both sides: 5...h6 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5

A) After 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bd6 a6 14.a4 Black currently relies on b4!? 15.Nb1!? *(15.Bxb4 Qb6 16.Ba3 Qxd4*

17.Qc2 c5= The evaluation has been proven both in practical and mail games.*)*
15...Nf6 16.e5 Ne4 17.Bxb4 c5

A1) 18.Ba3

A1a) ≤18...cxd4 19.Bf3 Rc8 *(19...Bf8? 20.Re1 Bxa3 21.Nxa3 Nc5 22.Nxc4 0-0 23.b4 Bxf3 24.Qxf3+-* Topalov,V (2775)-Gelfand,B (2733)/Monte Carlo rpd/2011/*)* 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Bxb7 Nxf1 22.Bd6! *(22.Bxc8 Qxc8 23.Qxd4 Qd7 24.Qb6 Nd2 25.Qb8+ Qd8 26.Qb7 Bf8 27.Qc6+ Qd7=)* 22...Bf8! *(22...d3 23.Bxa6 Qa5 24.Bb5+ Kd8 25.Qf3+-)* 23.Qxd4 Bxd6 24.exd6 0-0 25.Bxc8 Qxc8 26.Rxf1 Qc6⩲;

A1b) 18...g4!? 19.Bxg4 *(19.f3 Ng5 20.Bxc5 gxf3∞)* 19...cxd4!? *(19...Qxd4⇄* Gupta *)* 20.Bf3 Bxe5 21.Nd2 Qh4! 22.g3 Rg8

A1b1) 23.Bxe4 Bxg3 *(23...Bxe4 24.Qe1!⩲)* 24.fxg3 Rxg3+ 25.hxg3 Qxg3+=;

A1b2) 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.Qe2 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Rc8 26.Rfe1 Bh8 27.Re4 Qd8 28.Rae1 Qd7 29.Qh5 Rg6 30.Rf4 Bg7 31.Rg4 Rc6 32.Rxg6 fxg6 33.Qxg6+ Qf7= Pontocego,H (2400)-Undisputedchess,H (2659)/Engine Room/2012*/*

A2) 18.dxc5N Bxe5 19.Na3 Qc7 20.Nxc4 Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Rd8 *(21...Qf4 22.Nd6+ Nxd6 23.Qxd6 Qxd6 24.cxd6 Bf4 25.d7+!? Kxd7 26.Rfd1+ Ke8 27.Kg1⩱; 21...0-0!? 22.c6 Bxc6 23.Bxf8 Rxf8⩱)* 22.Qb3? *(* Necessary was *22.Qe1∞)* 22...Qf4 23.Qf3 Qh4 24.Qg4 Nxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Qxf2∓ Van Wely,L (2693)-So,W (2706)/Hoogeveen /2013/ **Δ** 26.Kxh2? Rd4;

B) 9.h4 g4 10.Ne5 Bb4 *(10...h5* is the main move - as far as I know, it hasn't been refuted yet.*)* 11.Be2!? White sacrifices more material, as the ♗b4 might be missed in the defence.

B1) Principled is 11...Nxe4 12.0-0 , now Black can hardly afford to be even more greedy. The circumspect choice is Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nd7 14.Bxg4

B1a) 14...Nxe5?! 15.Bxe5 Rg8 16.Bh5 *(16.Bf3⩱; 16.Qf3?! Nd2 17.Qf4 Qxh4 18.Qxd2 Qxg4 19.f3 Qg5 20.Bf4 Qd5 21.Rae1 f6 22.Qc2 Bd7∓* Malinin,Y (2371)-Yevseev,D (2513)/Tula/2001*/)* 16...Nf6 17.Bf3↑;

B1b) 14...Nxg3 15.Nxc6 *(15.fxg3 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 h5 18.Bf3 Bd7=)* 15...Qc7 16.fxg3 Bb7 17.d5 Bxc6 18.dxc6 Qxc6 19.a4!?∞;

B2) 11...Bb7?! 12.Bxg4 Nbd7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.0-0 Rg8 15.e5 *(*White had other tempting moves as *15.a3; 15.a4* or*; 15.Bh5!? Nf6 16.Bf3↑)* 15...Qb6 16.a3 Be7 17.a4 a6 18.axb5 axb5? *(⌓18...cxb5!⩲ **Δ** 19.d5?! h5 20.dxe6 Rxg4 21.Qxd7+ Kf8 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Rd8=)* 19.Rxa8+ Bxa8 20.Bf3 Bb7 21.Qd2 b4 22.Ne2 Rh8 23.Nf4 Rg8 24.Bh5 Nf8 25.Rc1 Ba6 26.Be2± Shirov,A (2695)-Dubov,D (2629)/Moscow m/2013/ Dynamic play is over, Black's weaknesses will soon start to tell.]

6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 This is a side-line, which can arise also from the Anti-Moscow move order. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'This is a side-line, which can arise also from the Anti-Moscow move order."

[The main continuation is definitely 9.Nxg5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' hxg5 10.Bxg5
A) Recently we have also had the somewhat neglected 10...Be7 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bxf6 *(12.Be3!?)* 12...Qxf6 13.g3 Bb7 14.Bg2 Na6 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.0-0 0-0-0
A1) A more popular move is 17.a4 f5 18.Nc3 , here the engines quite successfully employ Kb8!?∞ Aronian was probably well informed... *(After 18...b4 19.Ne2 c5 20.Qc2± White scores well in postal chess.)*;
A2) 17.h4 c5 18.a4 Rxd4 19.Qe2 b4 20.Rfd1 Bd5 21.Rac1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rc1 Qb7 *(Black goes for complication instead of the modest 23...Nb8 24.Nd2 Nc6 25.Nxc4 Nd4=)* 24.Rxc4 Qc6 25.h5 f5 26.Nxc5! Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Qxc5 28.Qxe6+ Kc7 29.Qxa6 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 f4⇄ Kramnik,V (2793)-Aronian,L (2801)/WChT Antalya/2013/ Black's counterplay was sufficient to save this dangerous position.;
B) 10...Nbd7 11.exf6 Bb7 12.g3 c5 13.d5 Qb6 14.Bg2 b4 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.Na4 Qa6 17.a3 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Ne5 19.Qe2 Rxd5 20.axb4 cxb4 21.Nc3 Qd6! 22.Nxd5 Qxd5 23.f3 Bc5+ 24.Be3 Nd3 25.Bxc5 Qxc5+⩲ as in the aforementioned game Grischuk,A (2752)-Shirov,A (2705)/EU-chT Porto Carras/2011/]

9...Nd5
[Black stopped playing ≤9...Nh5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' 10.Be2 Bb7 due to 11.a4!
A) 11...b4!? 12.Ne4 c5 13.Nf6+! *(13.Nfd2 Nxg3 14.Nf6+ Ke7 15.fxg3* Li,S (2543)-Stopa,J (2464)/Cappelle la Grande/2006/ *Qxd4! 16.Nxc4 Bxg2∓)* 13...Nxf6 14.exf6⩲;
B) 11...a6 12.Nxg5! Nxg3 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.fxg3→ White's attack is enhanced by the lack of the resource ♘a6-c7, after Kg8 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Bg4 Qe7 17.Ne4 Rh7 18.Nd6 Rb8 Kramnik,V (2770)-Anand,V (2765)/Belgrade/1997/ The natural 19.axb5 was strong: cxb5 20.Nxb7 Rxb7 21.Rxa6 Rb6 22.Rxb6 Nxb6 23.Rf6± /+-]

10.h4 R.Scherbakov: 'A rare continuation.' The sharpest reaction. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'The sharpest reaction."
[White more often essays 10.Be2 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Nd7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.a4 a6 13.Nd2 Qb6 14.Nde4
A) 14...c5 15.Nxd5
A1) 15...exd5 16.Bg4! cxd4?! *(⌓16...dxe4!? 17.Bxd7+ Ke7 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Qg4±)* 17.a5 Qc6 18.Bxd7+ Kxd7 19.Qxd4↑ Rd8? 20.e6+! Qxe6 21.Rfe1 Kc8 22.Qa7 1-0,Stocek,J (2593)-Krejci,J (2455)/Ostrava/2010⁄
A2) 15...Bxd5 16.Nc3 Bg7 *(16...cxd4 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bh5 Be7!? 19.e6 Qxe6 20.Re1 Qf6 21.Bg4 0-0 22.Bxd7 Bd6∞* Houska-Sykora/corr/2007*/)* 17.Nxd5 exd5
A2a) 18.dxc5!? Qxc5 19.axb5 *(19.b4 cxb3 20.Qxb3 0-0=)* with the possible continuation 19...Qxb5 20.Qd2 a5 21.Bf3 Nb6 22.h4!?↑;
A2b) 18.Bg4

A2b1) 18...cxd4□ 19.axb5 Nc5!? *(19...d3 20.Qf3 Nc5 21.Qxd5 0-0⇄)* 20.Qxd4 Qxb5 21.Qxd5 Rd8 22.Qf3 0-0=;

A2b2) 18...Rd8? 19.e6 Nf6 20.axb5 axb5 21.Re1 Ne4 22.exf7+ Kxf7 23.Qf3+ Kg8 24.Rxe4 dxe4 25.Qxe4+- →, Li,S (2549)-Lu,S (2514)/CHN-ch Xinghua /2012/

B) 14...0-0-0 15.Qd2 c5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Nc3 Nb8 19.Nxd5 *(19.b3?! cxb3 20.dxc5* Halkias,S (2585)-Motylev,A (2666)/EU-ch Plovdiv/2008/ *Bc4!∓)* 19...Rxd5 20.Bf3 Rxd4 21.Qe2 Be7!? *(21...Bg7 22.Ra8 Rhd8 23.Rfa1 b4 24.h3 b3 25.R1a4 Qb5 26.Kh2 R8d7 27.Qe1 Rd3 28.R4a5 Qb6 29.Qe4+-* Babula,V (2515)-Hoffmann,M (2510)/Bundesliga/2011/ For more details see the notes to this game in CBM 142 by Babula and Meyer.*)* 22.Ra8 Rhd8 23.Rfa1 R8d7 24.h3 Bd8 25.Kh2 Re7 26.Be4 Rdd7 Black prepares the exchange of both rooks, the defence holds after after the forcing 27.R1a6 Qxa6 28.Rxa6 Nxa6 29.Bc6 Rb7 30.Bxb7+ Rxb7= Babula,V (2584)-Prohaszka,P (2578)/AUT-chT/2013/]

[All the lines above can also arise after 10.Nd2 R.Scherbakov: 'is the most common option.' , this is actually the move order, used by Babula. Here an independent try is h5!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' 11.h3 *(11.h4* seems more logical, but after *g4∞* White's bishop can't get to f3 and the position remains unclear.*)* 11...Bb7 12.Nde4 Nd7 13.Be2 Nxc3 *(13...c5!?)* 14.Nxc3 b4 15.Ne4 c5 16.Bf3 Bd5 17.0-0 *(⌓17.Nd6+!? Bxd6 18.Bxd5↑)* 17...cxd4 18.Qxd4 Qb6 19.Qd2 Qc6 20.Nxg5 Bh6 21.Qf4 0-0-0 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.h4 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Nc5= /∓,Babula,V (2591)-Vallejo Pons,F (2695)/EU-ch Legnica/2013/]

10...Qa5

[We have already mentioned 10...g4 R.Scherbakov: 'might be a transposition to 10. Nd2:' 11.Nd2

A) 11...Qa5 R.Scherbakov 12.Nde4 *(12.Nce4 h5 13.Be2 Qb6∞; 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Be2 c5* was better for Black in the game Burgess - Feher, Aarhus 1992*)* 12...b4!? 13.Na4 *(13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Nf6+ Kd8)* 13...c3 14.b3 h5 15.Bc4 looks dangerous for Black;

B) 11...h5∞ R.Scherbakov: '- it has been considered in the game Moiseenko - Sharapov/UKR-chT Alushta 2010.' R.Scherbakov: '- it has been considered in the game Moiseenko - Sharapov/UKR-chT Alushta 2010. Stohl,I: ' ∞" R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'White's bishop can't get to f3 and the position remains unclear." 12.Nde4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Nd7

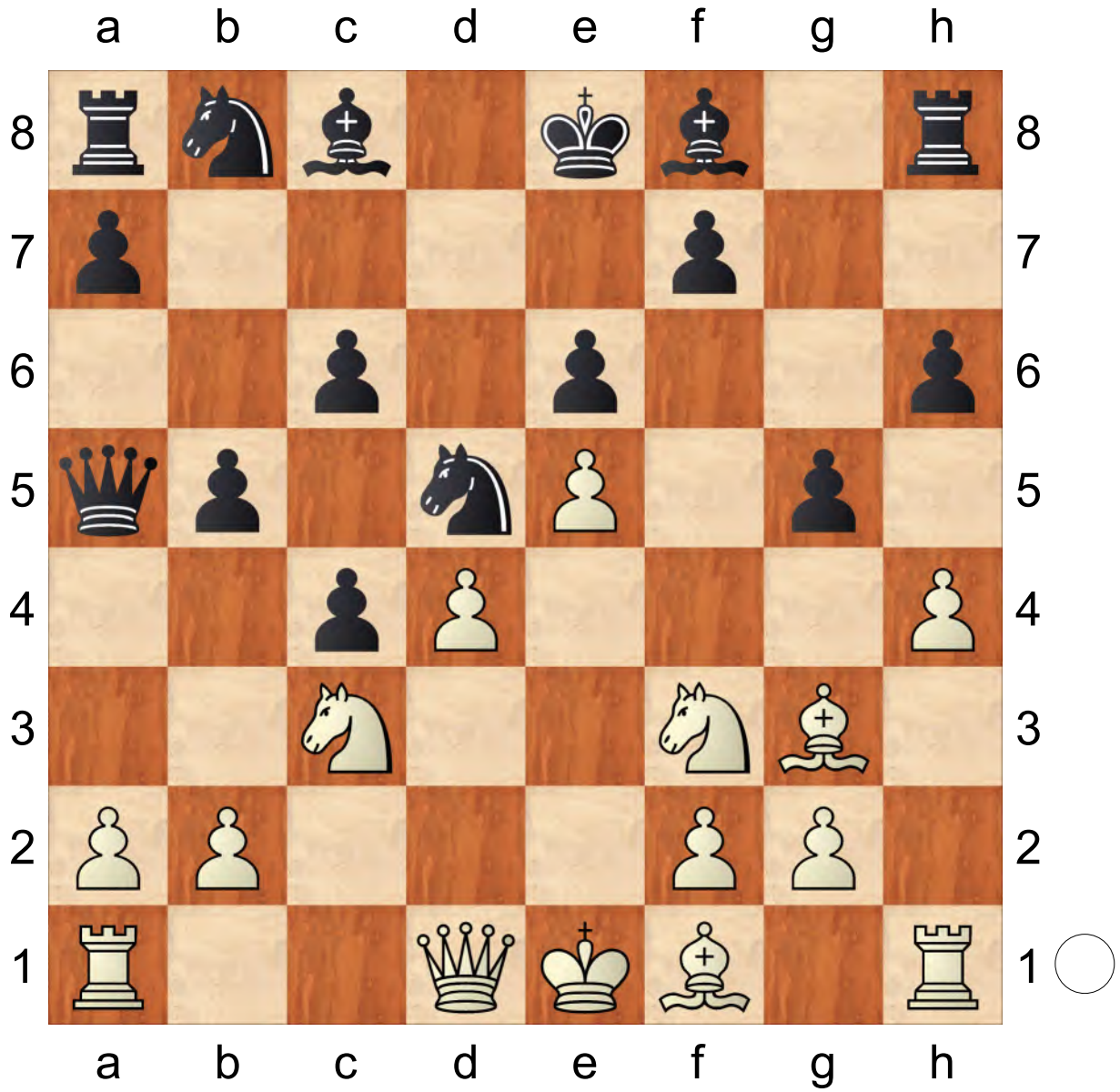
B1) 13.f3 Rg8 14.fxg4 Rxg4 *(14...c5!?∓)* 15.Qf3 b4 16.Bxc4 bxc3 17.0-0 Rg7? *(17...Qb6! 18.bxc3 Nxc3∞)* 18.bxc3 Be7 19.Qxh5→ Moiseenko,A (2669)-Sharapov,E (2498)/Alushta/2010/

B2) 13.Be2 Bb7 14.0-0 a6 15.a4 Qb6 16.a5 Qa7 17.Qd2 *(17.Nd6+!?⩲)* 17...Bh6 *(17...c5!∓)* 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Qc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nb4 21.Qd1 Nxc5 22.Ndxb5 axb5 23.Qd6+ Kg8 24.Nxb5 Bf8 Ivanov,S (2550)-Dreev,A (2645)/St Petersburg/1998/ 25.Nxa7 Bxd6 26.exd6 Rxa7 27.Bxc4⩱]

[10...Bb4 11.Rc1 usually only transposes after

A) 11...g4?! (R.Scherbakov) just pushes White's knight to a better position: 12.Nd2 Qa5 *(12...h5 13.Nde4)* 13.Nde4 Qxa2 14.Rc2 Qa5 15.Be2 h5 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Qc1 *(17.Qd2!?)* 17...Ne7 18.f3 Nf5 19.Qf4!? *(19.fxg4 Nxd4∞* Panizzi - De Blasio, Italy 1989*; 19.Bf2 g3 20.Nxg3 Nxh4 21.f4±)* 19...Nxd4 *(19...Bb7? 20.fxg4 hxg4 21.Bxg4↑)* 20.Rd2 Nxe2+ 21.Rxe2 Bb7 22.Qg5! with a strong initiative;
B) 11...Qa5 - 10...♕a5]

[10...gxh4 R.Scherbakov 11.Bxh4 looks suspicious as it damages Black's K-side pawn structure and gives more options for White's dark-squared bishop, Gerber - Whiteley, London 1987.]



Shirov prefers the immediate counterattack. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Shirov prefers the immediate counterattack." **11.Rc1**

[11.Qd2? (R.Scherbakov) occupies the vital d2-square for the knight retreat: g4 12.Ng1 *(12.Nh2 h5 13.f3 Bh6)* 12...b4 13.Nxd5 cxd5-+ Sitnik - Pavasovic, Portoroz 1996.]

[11.Qc2? R.Scherbakov b4 also favours Black, Blosze - Klebel, Baden-Baden 1991.]

11...Bb4 R.Scherbakov: 'and so on.' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '- 10...♕a5" A logical follow-up to the previous move. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'A logical follow-up to the previous move."

[After R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'After" 11...g4 12.Nd2 Black's queen is out of things on a5. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Black's queen is out of things on a5.'' h5 R.Scherbakov 13.Be2 Nd7 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Nde4 c5 has been tried in a few games. Here 16.Nd6+!? might be an improvement: Bxd6 17.exd6 Nxc3 18.Rxc3 Qb6 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.b3 with somewhat the better chances.]

[Interesting is R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Interesting is" 11...b4!? R.Scherbakov: 'deserved serious attention:' 12.Qa4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' *(12.Ne4 c3* R.Scherbakov: 'looks fine for Black, Kos - Bugalski, Wysowa 2003' *13.bxc3* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *Nxc3!⇄)* 12...Qxa4 13.Nxa4 R.Scherbakov: 'with a complex ending. A possible line would be' R.Scherbakov: 'or' Ba6 *(13...gxh4!? 14.Bxh4 Ba6 15.Nd2* R.Scherbakov *Bb5 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 c3 18.bxc3 Nxc3 19.a3 a5 20.Bf6 Rg8* with good counter chances.*)* 14.hxg5 h5 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Rxc4 Nb6 17.Nxb6 axb6 R.Scherbakov: 'and here in the game Kotyurgin - Kharitonov, corr. 2012, White could have thought about' 18.a3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(18.Bf4!?* R.Scherbakov *Rxa2 19.Bc1±)* 18...bxa3 19.bxa3 b5 20.Rc2 ½,Kotyurgin,I (2187)-Kharitonov,O/corr/2012/ Rxa3∞ /=]

[In the game Tosic - Stojanovic, Kladovo 1994 Black played 11...Nxc3 R.Scherbakov 12.bxc3 Ba3 but it looks too suspicious: 13.hxg5 Bxc1 14.Qxc1 h5 and here the preliminary 15.Be2 deserved attention, intending to meet c5 with 16.g6! fxg6 17.Qc2 with a very strong initiative.]

12.hxg5!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!?" Dubov also increases the tension. R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Dubov also increases the tension."

[12.Qc2 gxh4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' 13.Bxh4 Qxa2 14.Nd2 Gerber,R (2310)-Shabalov,A (2535)/Geneve /1992/ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Gerber,R (2310)-Shabalov,A (2535)/Geneve /1992/'' Bxc3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(14...Nxc3* R.Scherbakov *15.bxc3 Qxc2 16.Rxc2 Bf8* was probably better for Black thanks to his two extra pawns, Gerber - Shabalov, Geneve 1992.*)* 15.bxc3 Qxc2 16.Rxc2 c5!? 17.dxc5 Kd7∓]

[12.Qd2 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' g4↑ takes White's knight the ideal square.]

[Also deserving attention is the move R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Also deserving attention is the move'' 12.a3!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' Bxc3+ *(12...Nxc3* R.Scherbakov *13.axb4 Nxd1 14.bxa5 gxh4 15.Bxh4 Nxb2 16.Nd2⩱)* 13.bxc3 g4 *(⌓13...Qxa3!⇄* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I'*; 13...gxh4!?* (R.Scherbakov) might be interesting though it is rather dangerous: *14.Bxh4 Qxa3 15.Nd2 Nxc3 16.Rh3! Nxd1 17.Rxa3 Nb2 18.Ne4 Kf8 19.Rca1* followed by Ne4-d6 with strong

pressure though Black already has three extra pawns*)* 14.Nd2 Nxc3 15.Qc2 *(15.Nxc4!? bxc4 16.Qd2 Ba6* R.Scherbakov *17.Qxc3 Qd5∞)* 15...Nd5 16.Be2 c5 17.0-0 Nc6 R.Scherbakov: '⇄' '⇄' R.Scherbakov: 'I.Rajlich - Berczes, Budapest 2007' 18.dxc5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Nd4 19.Qd1 Rajlich,I (2406)-Berczes,D (2450)/Budapest/2007/ Qa4∞]

12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3+ 14.Nd2

[14.Ke2 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Qxa2+! *(≤14...Ba6? 15.Rxh6↑* Donk,M (2310)-Lingnau,C (2425)/Pardubice /1997/ Δ *Rg8 16.Qc2)* 15.Rc2 Qb3 16.Rxh6 Rg8∞ /∓]

14...Nd7!?N R.Scherbakov: 'A good novelty - Black resumes his development.' R.Scherbakov: 'A good novelty - Black resumes his development. Stohl,I: 'N!?'' This novelty is more in the spirit of the position, than R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'This novelty is more in the spirit of the position, than''

[14...Bxd4?! R.Scherbakov: 'looks dubious though it is not totally clear:' 15.g6! R.Scherbakov: 'after' c3 R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' *(15...fxg6 16.Qg4 Bc3* R.Scherbakov *17.Rxc3 Qxc3 18.Qxg6+ Kd8 19.Qg7 Qa1+ 20.Ke2 Nd7 21.Qxh8+ Kc7 22.Qxh6 c3 23.Kf3 Qd1+ 24.Be2 Qxd2 25.Qxd2 cxd2 26.Ke3±* with the better chances in this complex endgame.*)* 16.gxf7+ Kf8 R.Scherbakov: 'White could have obtained a tangible advantage in the game Jamaletdinov - Askarov, Samara 2002:' 17.Bf4?! R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(17.Ne4* R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' *c2+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2↑* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '↑'' and White's superior coordination outweighs the slight material disadvantage even without the queens. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'and White's superior coordination outweighs the slight material disadvantage even without the queens.''*)* 17...Bxe5? *(17...cxd2+ 18.Bxd2 b4!⇄)* 18.Bxe5 cxd2+ 19.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 20.Kxd2 Rh7 21.Bxb5 Rxf7 22.f4↻ +-,Jamaletdinov,R (2122)-Askarov,M (2242)/Samara/2002/]

[Thus Black should strive to complete his development, in this sense also 14...c5∞ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' deserves attention.]

15.Rxh6 A logical reaction R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'A logical reaction''

[15.Qc2 Δ R.Scherbakov: '(Stohl,I) Δ' Bxd4 16.g6 leads at best to a complex position after fxg6 17.Qxg6+ Kd8∞]

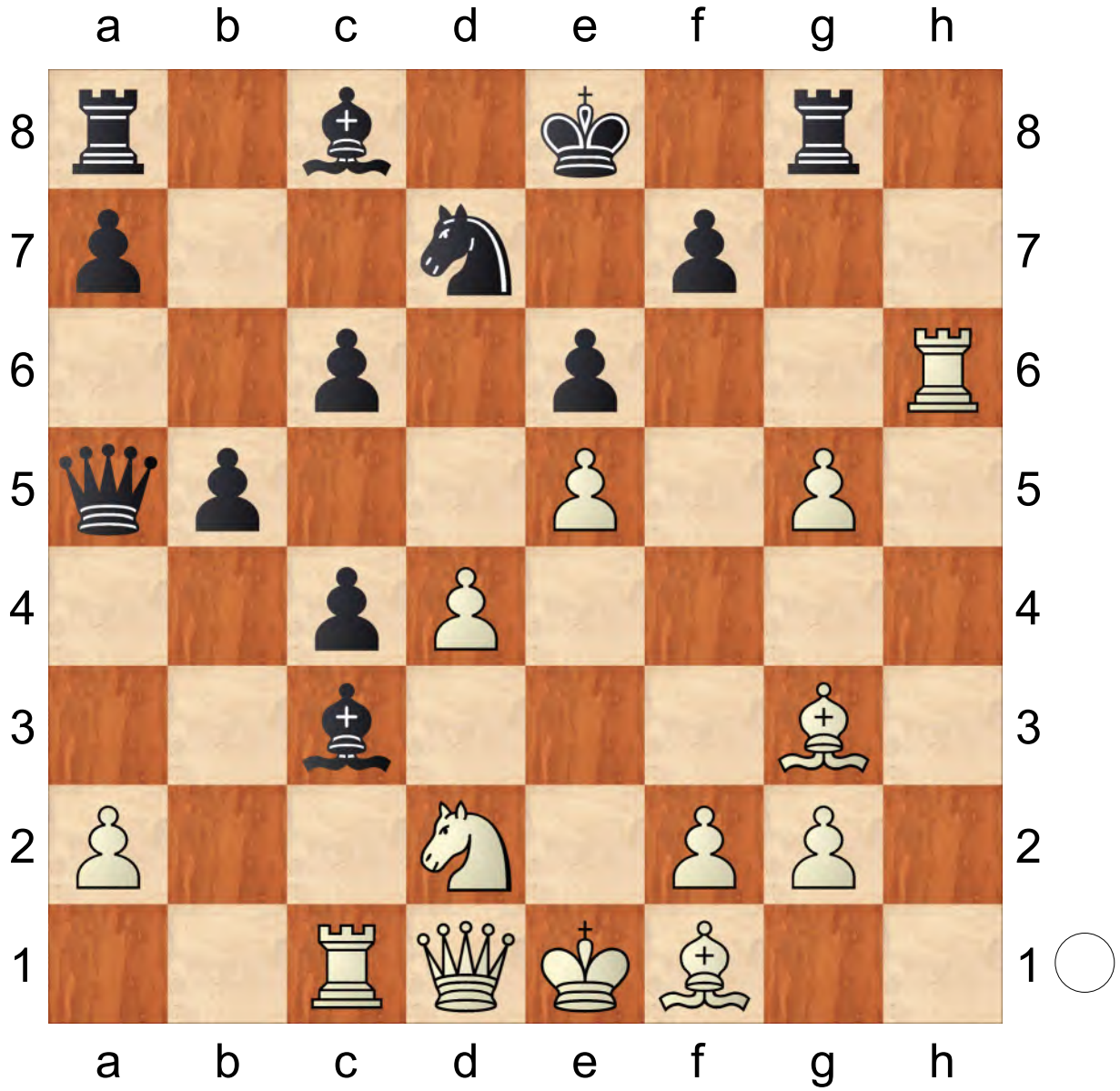
15...Rg8

(Diagram)

16.Be2 Bb7 17.Bh5! R.Scherbakov: 'Trying to stop Black's castling.' R.Scherbakov: 'Trying to stop Black's castling. Stohl,I: '!'' **17...0-0-0!**

[17...Bxd2+ R.Scherbakov 18.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Kf8 didn't completely solve the problems: 20.Bf3 *(20.g6!? fxg6 21.Bf3!? Kf7)* 20...Nb6 *(20...Rxg5 21.Bf4↑)* 21.g6!? fxg6 22.Bf4! *(22.Rch1 Rd8 23.R1h4 Rd7)* 22...Rd8 23.Bg5!? Rxd4+ 24.Kc2 Rd7 25.Bg4↑ with the initiative in the ending.]

18.Bxf7 Rxg5 After a series of natural moves both sides have activated their forces, the position remains very volatile and full of tactics. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'After a



series of natural moves both sides have activated their forces, the position remains very volatile and full of tactics. " **19.Bxe6**

[19.Bh4 Rxg2 20.Kf1

A) 20...c5!? (R.Scherbakov) did not look necessary: 21.Bxd8 Qxd8 22.Rxc3 cxd4 23.Rf3!? *(23.Nxc4 dxc3 24.Nd6+ Kb8 25.Nxb7 Rg1+! 26.Kxg1 Qg5+ 27.Kf1 Qxh6 28.Qxd7 Qh1+ 29.Ke2 Qe4+ 30.Kd1 Qb1+=)* 23...Qg5 24.Rh1 Bd5!∞ with a total mess;

B) 20...Bxd2 21.Bxd8 Kxd8 22.Rh8+ Kc7 23.Kxg2 c5+⩱ - for example 24.Kf1 Bxc1 25.Bxe6 Qc3 26.Rh7 Bf3 27.Rxd7+ Kb8 forces White to give a perpetual with R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'forces White to give a perpetual with" 28.Rd8+= R.Scherbakov: 'with a repetition of moves.' R.Scherbakov: 'with a repetition of moves. Stohl,I: '=" This is often typical for sharp positions - a draw is the correct outcome. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'This is often typical for sharp

positions - a draw is the correct outcome."]

19...Rxg3!? R.Scherbakov: 'The typical exchange sacrifice - Black gets rid of the strong bishop and weakens his opponent's king.' Shirov still shows a good grasp of the position. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Shirov still shows a good grasp of the position."

[R.Scherbakov: 'An immediate' ≤19...Bxd4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'was also possible:'

A) 20.Bxd7+ Rxd7 21.Rh8+ *(21.e6 R.Scherbakov Rd8)* 21...Kc7 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' 22.e6+ Rxg3 23.exd7 Bxh8 24.fxg3 Kxd7 R.Scherbakov: '∞ ' ' ∞ ' 25.Qh5 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Bc3= is probably good enough for a draw.;

B) 20.Qf3 R.Scherbakov c5 21.Bxd7+ Rxd7 22.Rc6+ Bxc6 23.Qxc6+ Qc7 24.Qa8+ Qb8 25.Qc6+ Qc7=;

C) 20.Bh4! Rxg2 21.Kf1 also costs Black an exchange and the compensation is less clear: c5 R.Scherbakov: ' ∞' '∞' *(21...Rh2* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *22.Kg1 Rxh4 23.Rxh4 c5 24.Nb3±)*

C1) 22.Nb3 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Qa3! *(22...cxb3? 23.Qxd4)* 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Bxc4 *(24.Bxd8? Rxf2+!-+)* 24...bxc4 25.Rxc4+ Nc5 26.Bxd8 Rxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qe3+ 28.Kf1 Qf4+=;

C2) 22.Nf3!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' 22...Rdg8 23.Bxg8 Rxg8 24.e6 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Bg2+ 26.Ke2 Qxa2+!? *(26...Bxe5 27.Rg6! Rxg6 28.Qd7+ Kb8 29.Qe8++-)* 27.Qc2! *(27.Rc2 Qb3 28.Rd2 Bxe5 29.Qxb3 cxb3 30.e7 Re8! 31.Rd8+ Kb7 32.Rxe8 b2 33.Rd8 b1Q 34.Rd7+ Bc7 35.e8Q Qc2+ 36.Rd2 Qc4+ 37.Rd3 Qc2+=)* 27...Qxc2+ 28.Rxc2 Bxe5 29.e7± /∞]

20.fxg3 Bxd4?!

[⌓20...Kb8! R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '⌓!" , after this prophylactic move the position remains extremely murky. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: ', after this prophylactic move the position remains extremely murky." 21.Bxd7 R.Scherbakov Rxd7 22.e6

A) 22...Rxd4 23.Kf1

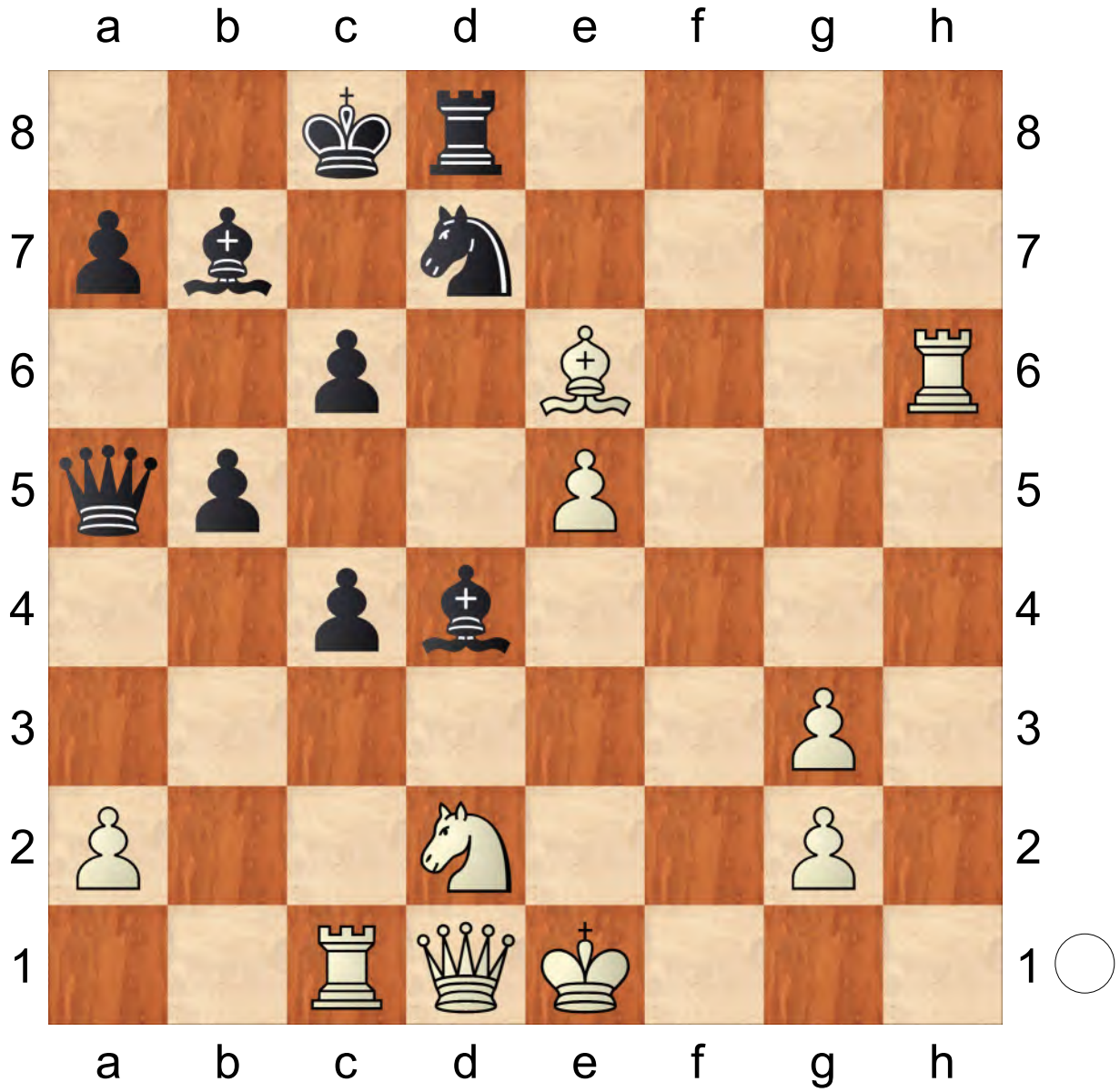
A1) 23...Bb4 24.Rc2 Qd8 25.Qe2 Rxd2 *(25...Rd5 26.Qe4)* 26.Qe5+ Qd6 27.Qxd6+ Rxd6 28.a3!! Bxa3 29.e7 Rxh6 *(29...Rf6+ 30.Rxf6 Bxe7 31.Rf7 Bg5 32.Re2±)* 30.e8Q+ Bc8 31.g4±;

A2) 23...Bxd2 24.e7 Re4 25.Rh8+ Bc8 26.e8Q Rxe8 27.Rxe8 Bxc1 28.Qxc1 Qc7 29.Qe3;

B) 22...Re7 23.Rc2 Bxd4 24.Qg4 Be5∞ with unclear play.]

[20...c5!? R.Scherbakov 21.Bh3 Kc7 22.e6 Be4 23.exd7 Rf8 24.Rh5! Bxd4 *(24...Bxd2+? 25.Qxd2 Rf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qxd2 27.Rxc5+ Bc6 28.Rxc6+ Kxc6 29.Rxc4+ bxc4 30.d8Q+-)* 25.d8Q+ *(25.Qe2? Bf2+ 26.Qxf2 Rxf2 27.Rxc5+ Bc6)* 25...Rxd8 26.Qe2 *(26.Qg4 Bf2+! 27.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 28.Kg1 Qxc1+ 29.Kh2 Kb6! 30.Qxe4 Rd1 31.g4 c3 32.Qe6+ Ka5 33.Qe5! c2 34.Qc3+ Ka4 35.Qb3+ Ka5 36.Qc3+=)* 26...Re8 27.Rh7+ Kb8 28.Bf5 Qa3!∞ 29.Rb7+ Ka8!? 30.Qxe4! *(30.Bxe4 Qxc1+ 31.Qd1 Rxe4+ 32.Nxe4 Qe3+ 33.Qe2 Qxe2+ 34.Kxe2 Kxb7-+)* 30...Qxc1+ 31.Ke2 Rxe4+ 32.Bxe4 a5! *(32...a6 33.Rxb5+*

Ka7 34.Rb7+ Ka8 35.Rb1++-) 33.Rxb5+ Ka7 34.Rb7+ Ka6 35.Rb1 Qc3 36.Nxc4! Qxg3 37.Rb6+ Ka7 38.Rb7+ Ka6= with a repetition of moves.]



R.Scherbakov: 'This move was more accurate before capturing on g3. Black had some decent options instead. The position is highly unbalanced, extremely sharp and complicated - the following brief analysis give some ideas of what could happen... ' However, this is not ideal. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'However, this is not ideal.''

21.Bxd7+?!

[21.Rh7 Qa3 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' 22.Bxd7+ Kb8! R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!'' *(22...Rxd7?* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *23.Qg4 Qxc1+ 24.Ke2+-)* 23.Nf1 Bxe5⩲ R.Scherbakov: '∞' '∞' R.Scherbakov: 'was okay for Black.' R.Scherbakov: 'was okay for Black. Stohl,I: '⩲'']

[Dubov missed the stronger R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Dubov missed the stronger''

⩲21.Qg4! R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'was apparently stronger - actually Black could have faced problems:' R.Scherbakov: 'was apparently stronger - actually Black could have faced problems: Stohl,I: ' ⩲!" here even the engine doesn't see equality: R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'here even the engine doesn't see equality:"

A) 21...Bxe5 R.Scherbakov 22.Rh7 Qa3 23.Bxd7+ Kb8 24.Kd1! c3 *(24...Qd3 25.Qg5 Bc7 26.Bf5)* 25.Qe6 Bc7 *(25...Qa4+ 26.Ke2 Qd4 27.Nf3 Qe4+ 28.Kf1! Qxh7 29.Qxe5+ Ka8 30.Bh3 b4 31.Kf2)* 26.Nf3 Qb4 27.Re7 Bc8 28.Re8 Rxe8 29.Qxe8 Qd6+ 30.Ke2 Qxd7 31.Qxd7 Bxd7 32.Rxc3±;

B) 21...Be3 22.Bxd7+ Kc7 *(22...Rxd7* R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' *23.Rd6 Bxd2+ 24.Kd1 Bxc1* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *25.Qxd7+ Kb8 26.Re6+-)* 23.Rd6 c3 *(23...Bc5 R.Scherbakov 24.Qg7!)* 24.Ke2! R.Scherbakov: '+-' '+-' R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!" *(24.Rc2* R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *Bxd2+ 25.Rcxd2 cxd2+ 26.Rxd2 Bc8 27.e6±)* 24...Bxd2 25.Qg7 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Kb8 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' *(25...Bxc1* R.Scherbakov *26.Bxc6+ Kb6 27.Qxb7+ Kc5 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Qxb5+ Kd4 30.Qd3++-)* 26.Rh1!→]

21...Rxd7 22.e6 Re7 23.Kf1? R.Scherbakov: 'This wasteful move gives Black important time to bring his queen into play.' Another mistake. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Another mistake."

[White should have tried to activate his queen: R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'White should have tried to activate his queen:" ⩲23.Qg4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: ' ⩲" Be3 *(23...c5!?∞* R.Scherbakov*)* 24.Rh8+ Kc7 25.Rc2∞ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '∞" Qa3 R.Scherbakov 26.Qf5 *(26.Qg8? Qd3)* 26...Qd3 27.g4 Kb6∞]

[23.Qf3!? R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '!?" is also stronger than the text move. R. Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'is also stronger than the text move." c5 R.Scherbakov 24.Qf5 Bc6 25.Rh7 Re8 26.Kd1 *(26.Rc2 Qa3)* 26...Qxa2 27.Qf4 Qa4+ 28.Rc2 Qa1+ 29.Rc1 Qa4+=]

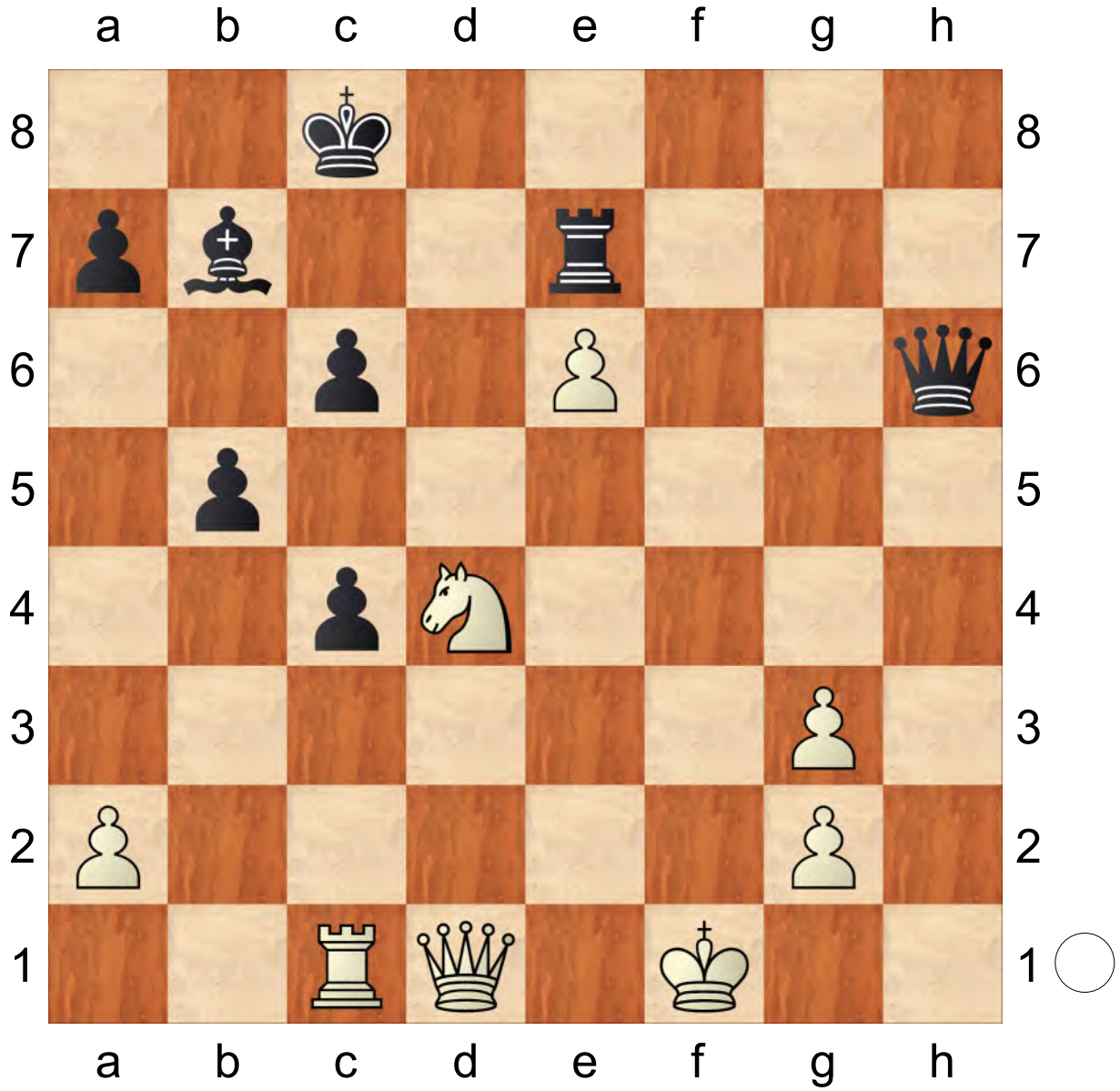
23...Qa3!↑ R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '↑!" On the contrary, Shirov's queen immediately and effectively enters the fray. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'On the contrary, Shirov's queen immediately and effectively enters the fray. " **24.Nf3 Qe3** R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Perhaps White missed this strong resource.' **25.Nxd4?!** R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' R.Scherbakov: 'This is almost equal to resignation.' R.Scherbakov: 'This is almost equal to resignation. Stohl,I: '?!"

[He had to play 25.Qd2 R.Scherbakov: 'was the only way to keep fighting:' Qxd2 26.Nxd2 Be3 27.Rh8+ Kc7 28.Ke2 Rxe6↑ R.Scherbakov: '∓' '∓' R.Scherbakov: 'with a clear advantage to Black.' , but the endgame is also very unpleasant: 29.Rh7+ R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Kb8 *(29...Kb6? 30.Nxc4+ bxc4 31.Rb1+)* 30.Rh8+ Bc8! doesn't help. However, with the queens it will be far worse.]

25...Qxh6

(Diagram)

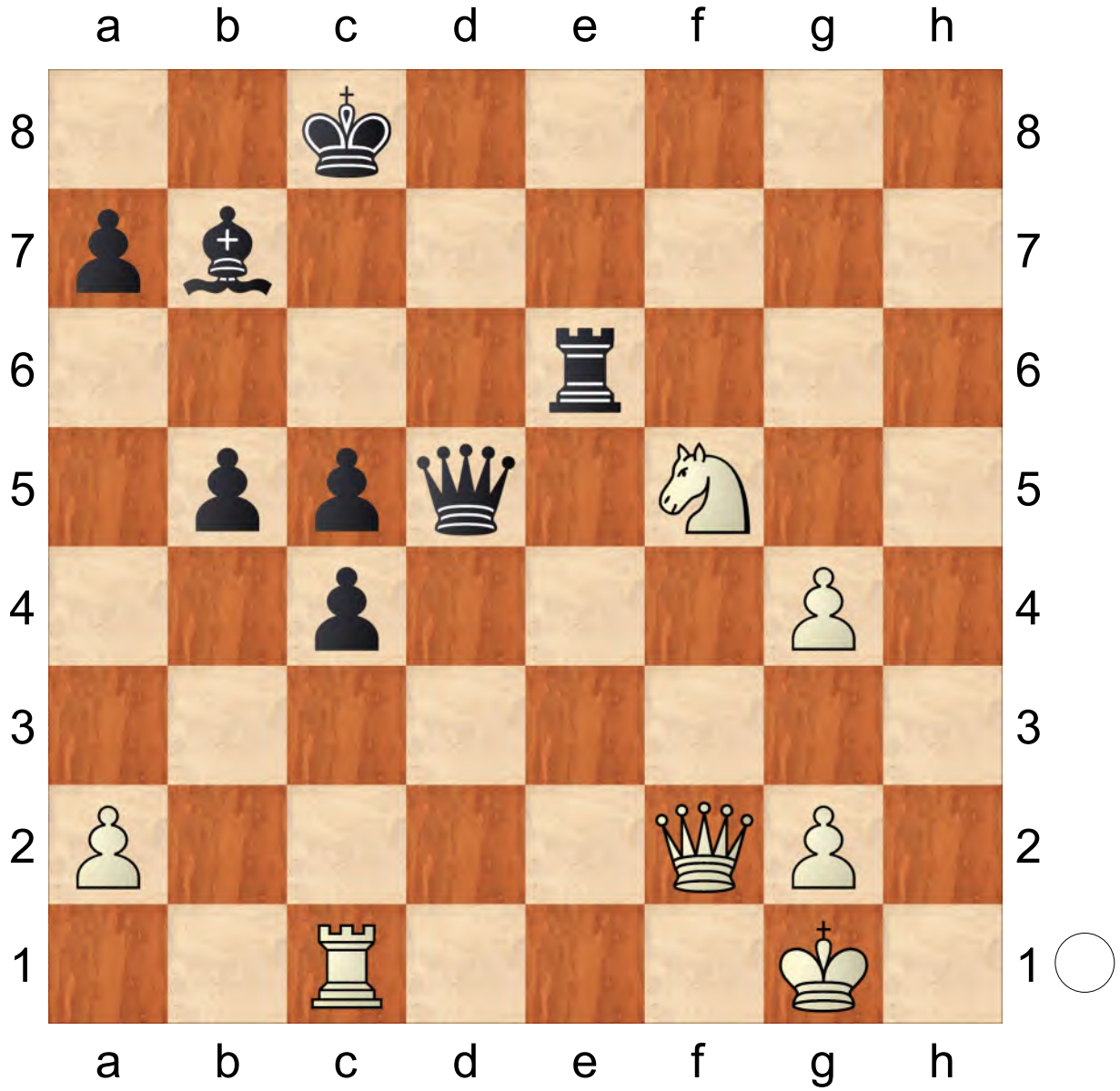
R.Scherbakov: 'It's only a matter of time before Black will come up with the thematic



...c6-c5.' Material is equal, but White's king is fatally exposed. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl, I: 'Material is equal, but White's king is fatally exposed." **26.Nf5**
[26.Kf2 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' a6!∓]
26...Qf6 27.g4 Rxe6 28.Qd2 c5 R.Scherbakov: '-+' '-+' R.Scherbakov: 'White's king is too vulnerable while Black's pieces and Q-side pawns are too strong. The rest is not too difficult.' **29.Kg1 Qd8** R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' **30.Qf2 Qd5-+**

(Diagram)

R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: '-+" Shirov activates his pieces and prepares the advance of his pawns - the game is decided. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'Shirov activates his pieces and prepares the advance of his pawns - the game is decided. " **31.g5 Kc7 32.a4**
[Even after 32.Kh2 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' Kb6!? the passed pawn will soon fall.]



32...Re5 33.Nh4 Rxg5 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' **34.axb5 Rg4** R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' **35.Re1 Qd4!**

[The alternative solution was 35...Rxh4 R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I' 36.Re7+ Kb6 37.Qf6+ Bc6! □ *(37...Kxb5? 38.Qb2+ Ka6 39.Qa1+=)* 38.Qxc6+ *(38.bxc6 Qd4+ 39.Qxd4 cxd4-+)* 38...Qxc6 39.bxc6 Kxc6 40.Rxa7 c3-+]

(Diagram)

R.Scherbakov: 'White resigned.' The cleanest solution, Black both wins more material and forces a queen swap. R.Scherbakov: 'Stohl,I: 'The cleanest solution, Black both wins more material and forces a queen swap."

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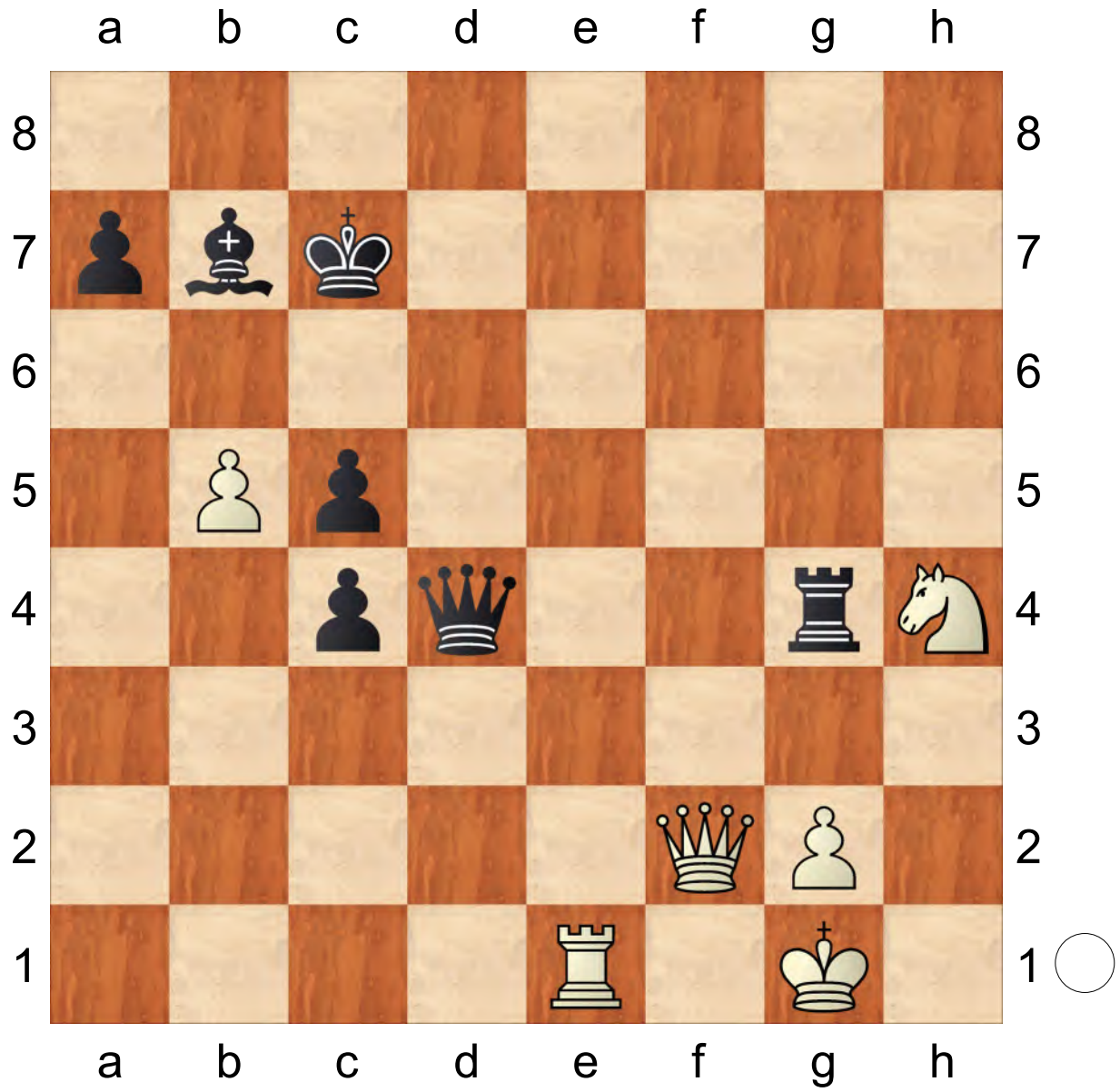
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□ **Gagarin,Vasilij** **2415**
■ **Ivakhin,Maxim** **2315**
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[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

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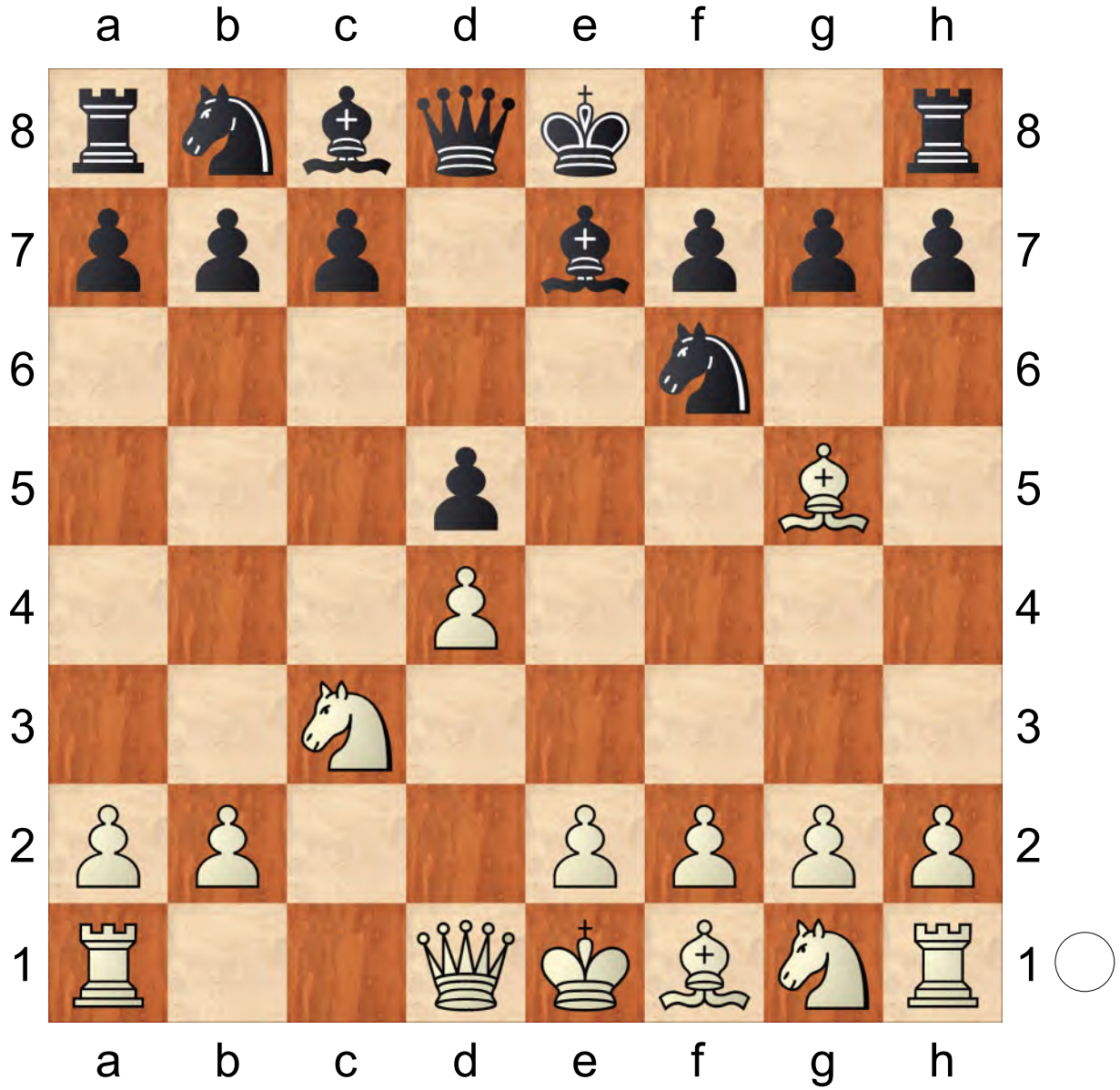

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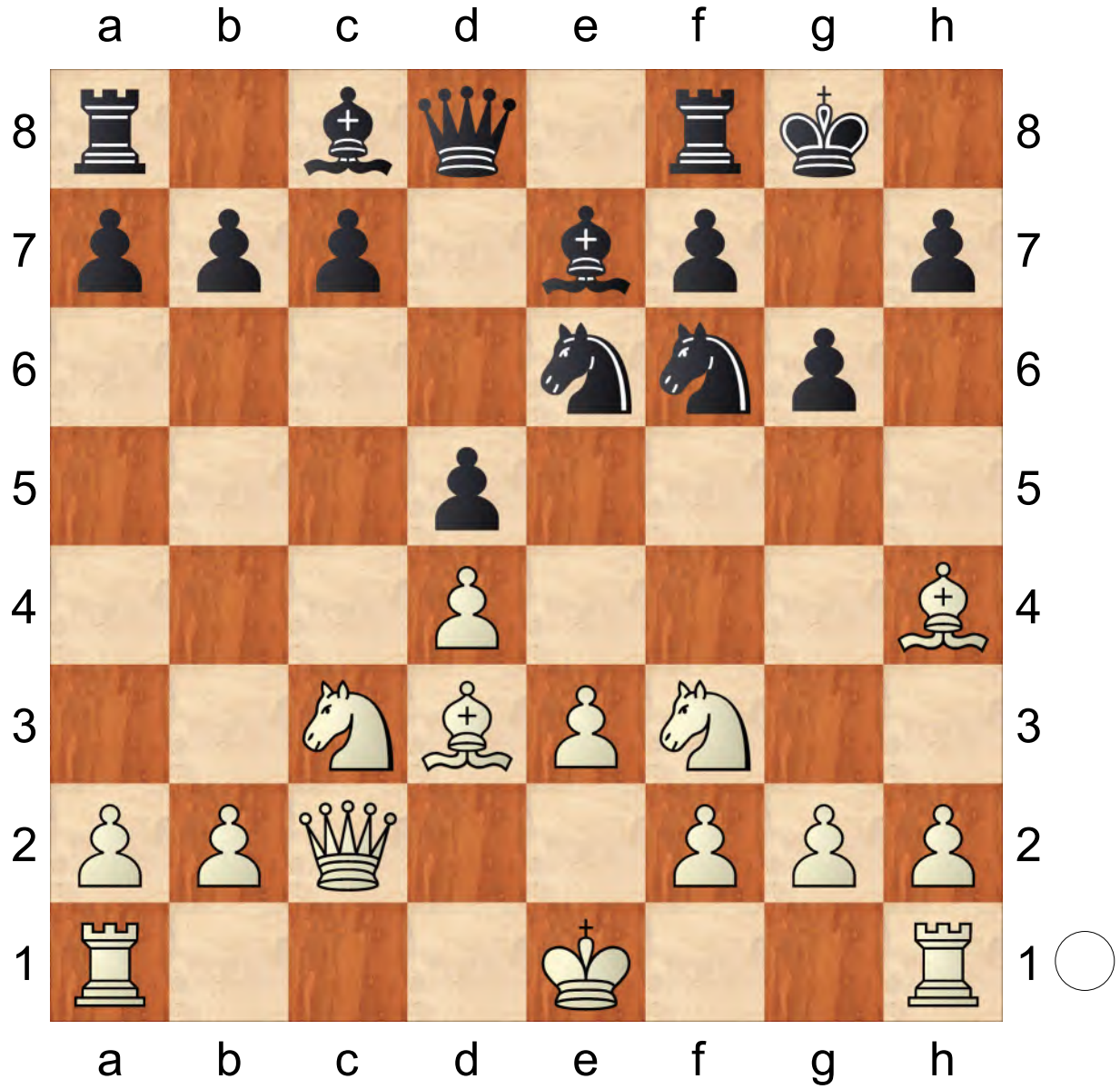

11.0-0 c6 12.Rab1 a5

[12...Ng4

A) 13.Bxe7 Qxe7

A1) 14.h3 Nh6

A1a) 15.Rbe1 f5 16.Ne2 Nf7 17.Nf4 Neg5 18.Nxg5 Nxg5 19.f3 Bd7 20.Qc3± ½-½ Timman,J-Ljubojevic,L/Amsterdam 1986 (45) Δ b4;

A1b) 15.b4 Ng5 16.Nxg5 Qxg5 17.b5 Bxh3 18.f4 Qh4 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.gxh3 Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Qxh3+ 22.Qh2 Qxe3 23.Qxh6 Qxd3 24.f5±;

A1c) 15.Ne2 Ng7 16.b4 a6 17.a4 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nhxf5

A1c1) 19.Nf4? Nxe3! *(19...Nd6? 20.Nd2=* Jizepcikas,R-Sploshrov,S/Marijampole op 1994/0-1 (89) *)* 20.Rfe1 Nxc2 21.Rxe7 Nf5∓;

A1c2) 19.b5±;

A1d) 15.Qc1 Rd8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Kg7 18.d5 cxd5 19.Bxd5

Qc7!= Portisch,L-Ljubojevic,L/Linares 1988 (23);

A2) 14.b4

A2a) 14...Rd8 15.Na4 Ng5 16.Nxg5 Qxg5 17.Nc5 Qe7 18.h3 Nh6 19.b5 *(19.Rfe1 Nf5 20.f3 b6 21.Nb3 Be6 22.a3± Neverov,V-Campora, D/Candas op 1992/½-½ (50))* 19...b6 20.Na4 cxb5 21.Bxb5 Bf5 22.Bd3±;

A2b) 14...a6 15.Rfe1 *(15.Na4 Ng5 16.Qe2 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nd2 Bf5 19.h3 Nf6 20.Nc3⇄ Koch,W-Hansen,L/Politiken Cup '96, VISA NGP Copenhagen 1996/½-½ (65))* 15...Ng5 16.Nxg5 Qxg5 17.f3 Nh6 18.a4 Nf5 19.Qf2± ½-½ Solomon,K-Kromhout,E/ch-RSA, Bruma Lake RSA 1998 (37);

B) 13.Bg3 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.h3±]

[12...Nh5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.b4 *(14.Rfe1 Nf6 15.b4 Bd7 16.b5± 0-1 Vaitonis, P-Stahlberg,G/Saltsjobaden izt 1952 (51))* 14...Rd8 15.Na4 *(15.Rfc1 Nf6 16.Na4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8± 0-1 Hokkanen,P-Castillo,O/WchJM-U20 Tunja 1989 (41))* 15...a6 16.Nc5 Nhg7 17.Rfc1 Ng5 18.Nd2 Nf5 19.a4 Nh4 20.Kh1 *(20.b5 Nh3+ 21.gxh3 Qg5+ 22.Kf1 Bxh3+→)* 20...Re8 21.Rf1 ½-½ Gulko,B-Ljubojevic,L/Thessaloniki olm 1988]

13.a3 Ng7 14.b4

[14.Rfc1 Bf5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Na4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Nf5 18.Nc5 Qe7 19.b4 axb4 20.Rxb4 Nd6 21.Rcb1 Ra7 22.a4⇄ 1-0 Filgueira Hernan-De Las Heras Juan Carlos/It open 1996 (46)]

14...Nf5

[14...axb4 15.axb4 Bf5 16.Ne5 *(16.Bxf5 Nxf5 17.Bg5 Nd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.b5± ½-½ Reis,G-Malich,B/BL2-O 1993 (22))* 16...Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Nf5 18.Bg5 Nd7 19.Bf4 Nb6 20.b5± ½-½ Wexler,B-Najdorf,M/Mar del Plata 1955 (40)]

15.Bxf6

[15.Bg5 Be6 16.Na4 axb4 17.axb4 Nd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Nc5± Gligoric,S-Damjanovic,M/Palma de Mallorca 1967/1-0 (66)]

15...Bxf6

(Diagram)

16.b5± Qd6

[16...Re8 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Rfc1±]

17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Na4 Ba6?!±

[18...Ne7 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Nxc5 Bg4 21.Rb7 Rfb8 22.Rfb1 Rxb7 23.Rxb7 Bxf3 24.gxf3 h5±]

[18...Qxa3 19.Nc5+-]

19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rfc1 Rb8

[20...Qxa3 21.Nc5+-]

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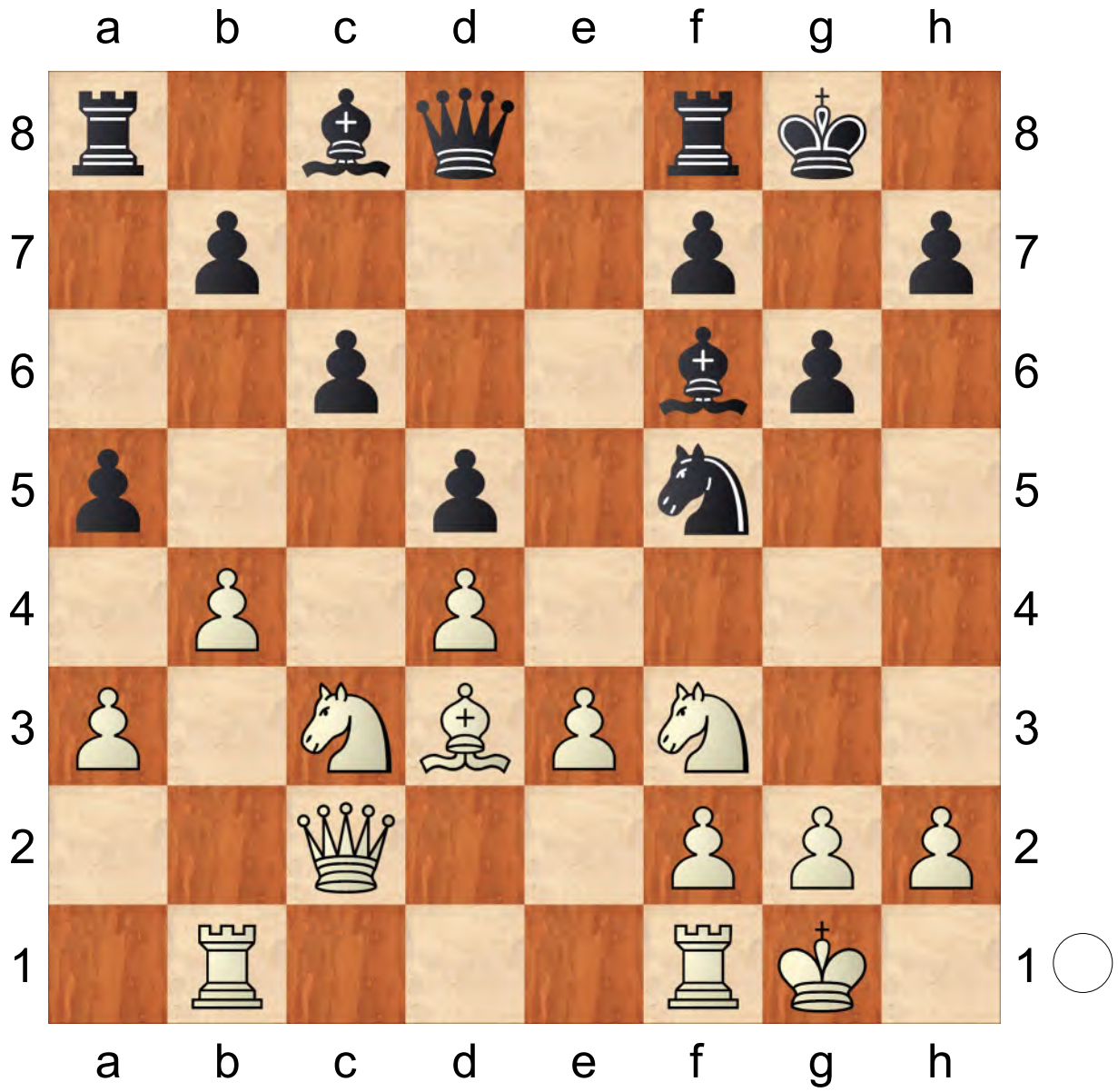
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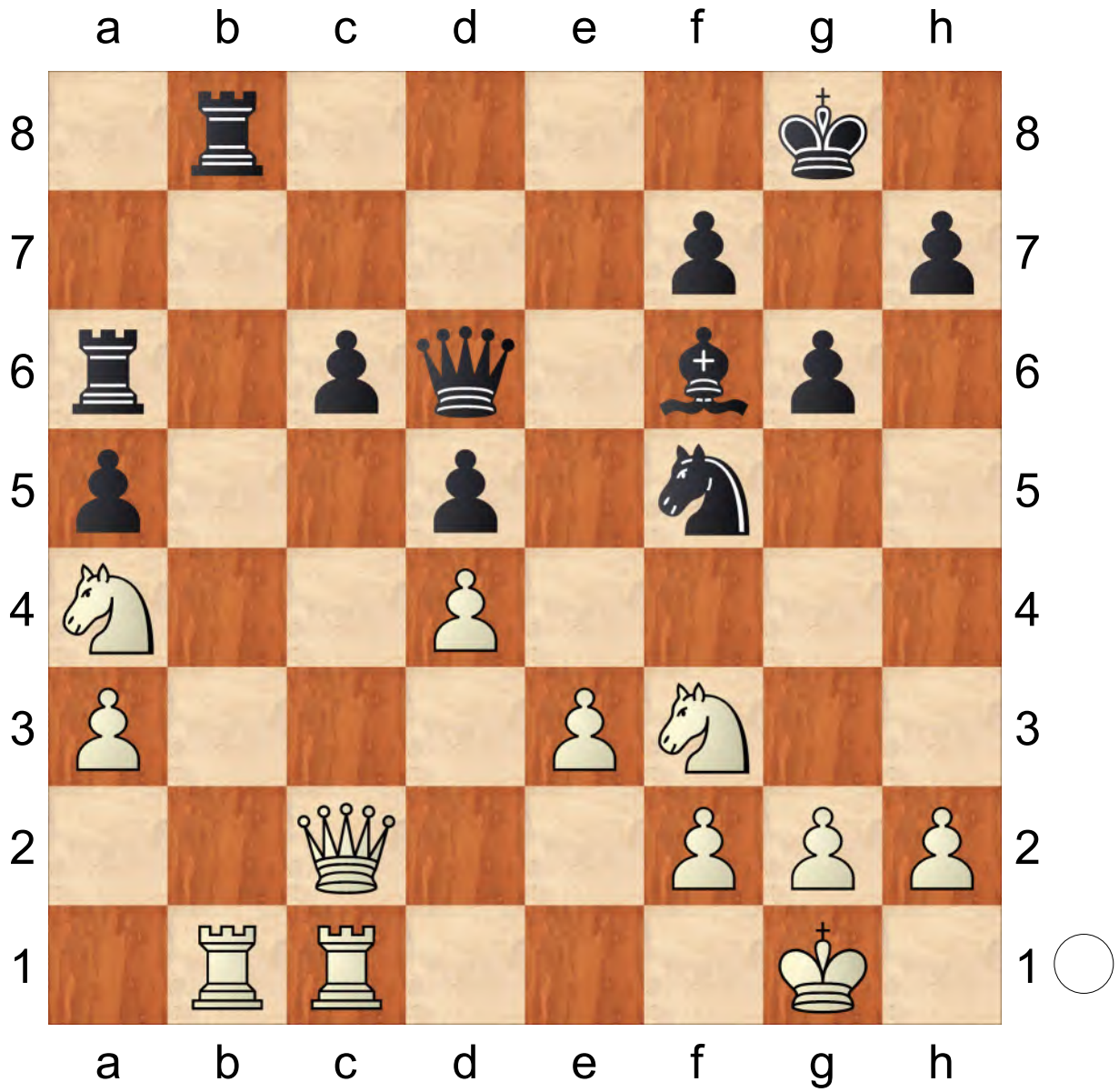
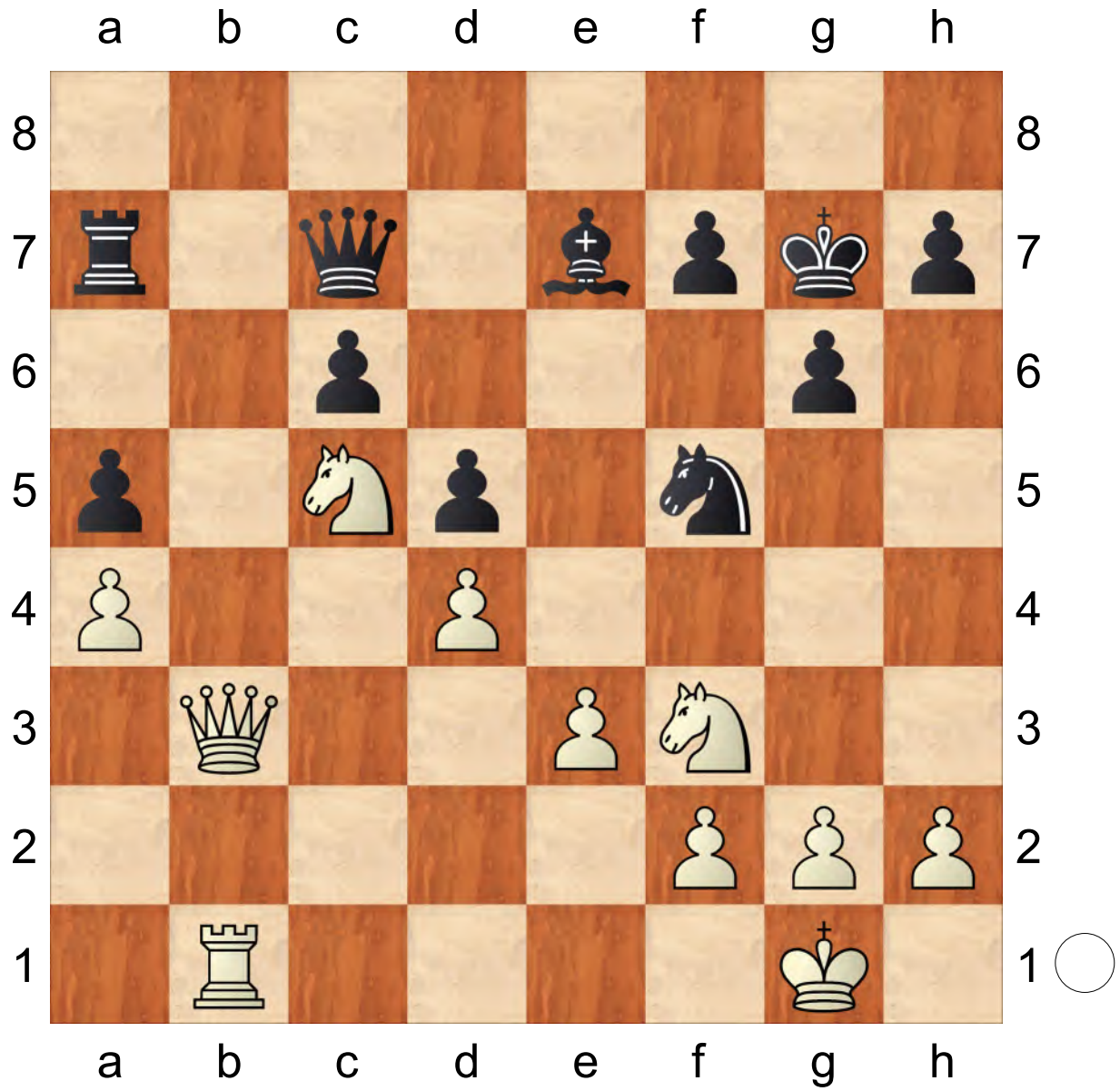


21.Rxb8+ Qxb8 22.Nc5 Ra7 23.Rb1 Qc7
[23...Qd6 24.Qb3±]
24.Qb3
[24.Rb3±]
24...Kg7 25.a4 Be7

(Diagram)

26.Qb6 Bd8
[26...Qxb6 27.Rxb6 Bxc5 28.dxc5 Rc7 29.g4 Ne7 30.Nd4±]
27.Qxc7 Bxc7 28.g4 Ne7 29.Ne5
[29.Kf1 Bd6 30.Ke2±]
29...h5

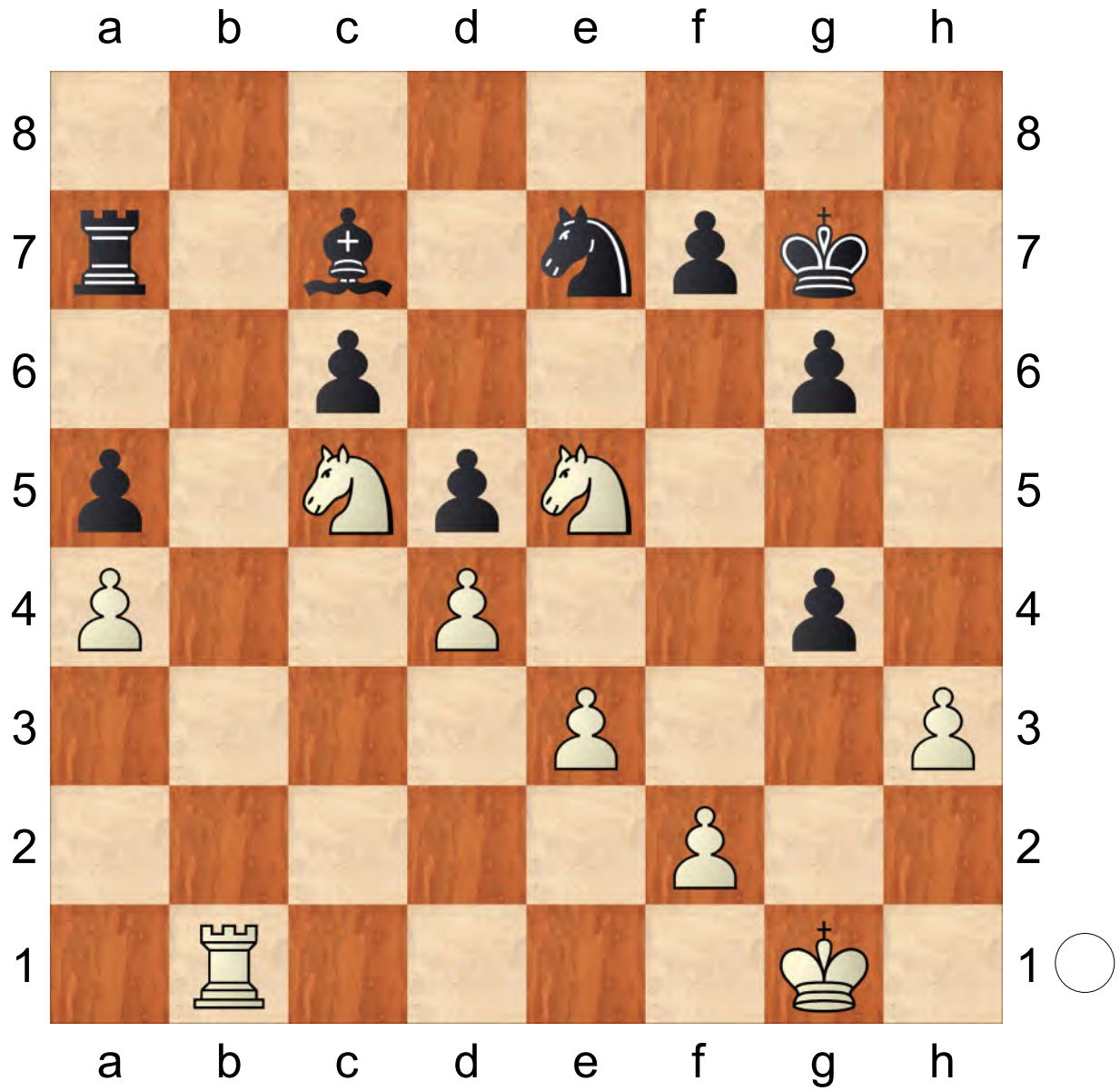


[29...Bxe5 30.dxe5 h5
A) 31.gxh5! gxh5 32.f4 Nf5 *(32...Ra8 33.Rb7±)* 33.Kf2 h4 *(33...f6 34.Ne6+ Kg6 35.Rg1+ Kh6 36.exf6 Rf7 37.Rc1±)* 34.Kf3**±**;
B) 31.h3 hxg4 32.hxg4 g5 33.Rb6 Ng6 34.Rxc6 Nxe5 35.Rd6 Nxg4 36.Rxd5 f6 37.Nb3 *(37.Kg2 Ne5 38.Nb3 Nc4 39.Kf3 Kg6 40.Ke4 Nb6=)* 37...Rb7 38.Nxa5 Rb2 39.Nc4 Ra2 40.a5 Nxf2⇄]

30.h3

[30.gxh5 gxh5 31.f4 f6 32.Ne6+ *(32.Ned3 Nf5 33.Kf2 Bd6 34.Nb7 Bc7 35.Ndc5 Kf7=)* 32...Kh6
A) 33.Nf7+! Kg6 34.Nfd8 Bxd8 35.Nxd8 Ra8 *(35...Rd7 36.Nb7±)* 36.Nb7**±**;
B) 33.Nd3 Bd6 34.Rb6 Nf5 35.Kf2 *(35.Rxc6 Re7 36.Ndc5 Bxc5 37.dxc5 Nxe3 38.Kf2 Ng4+ 39.Kg3 Ne3⇄)* 35...Re7**∓**]

30...hxg4



31.hxg4 g5
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32.Kg2 Bxe5 33.dxe5 Ng6 34.e6 Ne5
[34...fxe6 35.Nxe6+ Kf6 36.Nd4±]
35.Kg3 Nc4

(Diagram)

36.Rb8 fxe6 37.Nxe6+ Kf6 38.Nd4 c5
[38...Rc7 39.Rh8±]
39.Nf5 Rd7
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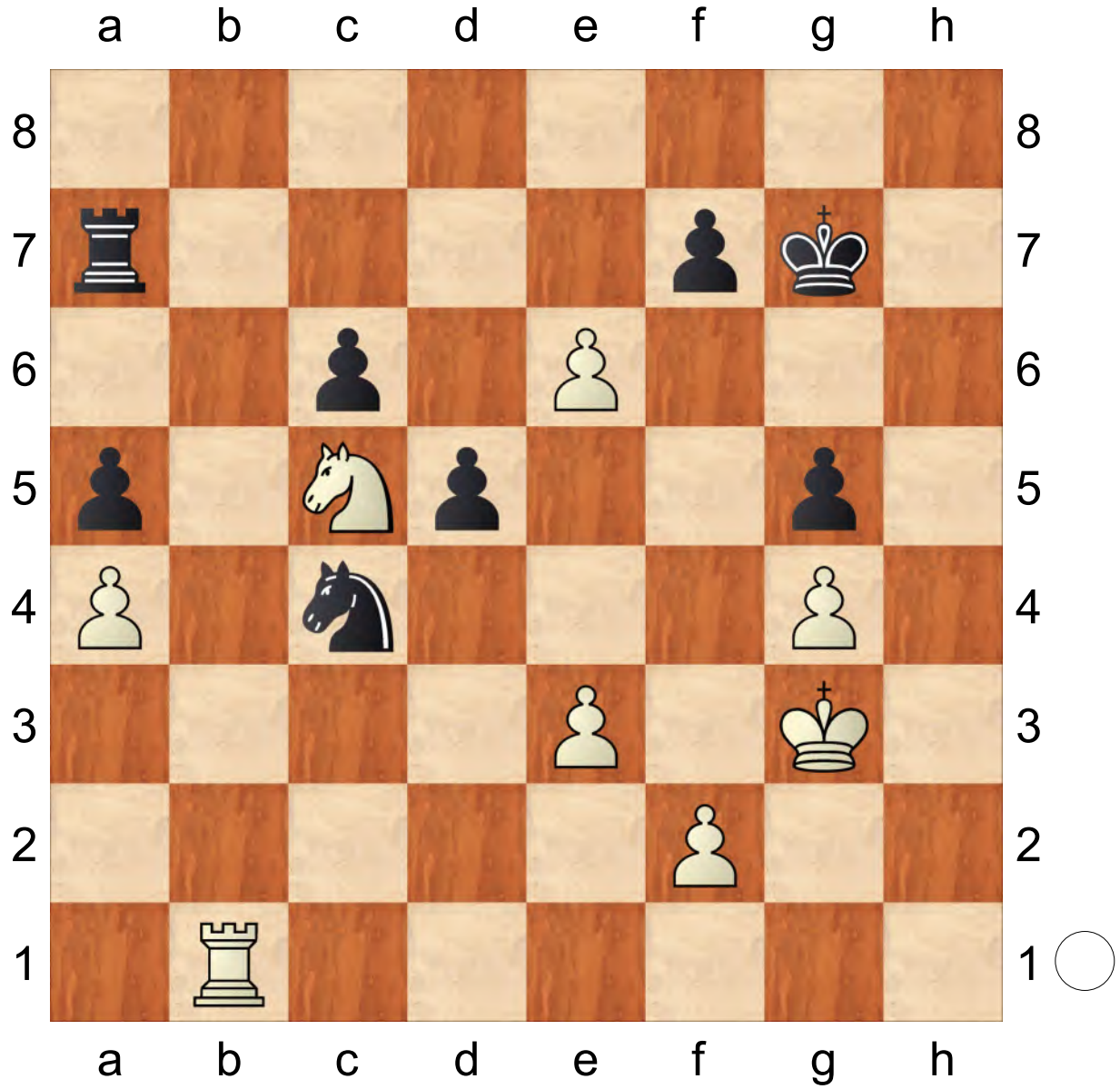


Kd7 45.g5±);

B) 40.Rd8 Ke5 41.Re8+ Kf6 42.f4 gxf4+ 43.Kxf4 Kf7 44.Rh8 Rc6⇄]

40.Rf8+ Ke6

(Diagram)

41.Rc8

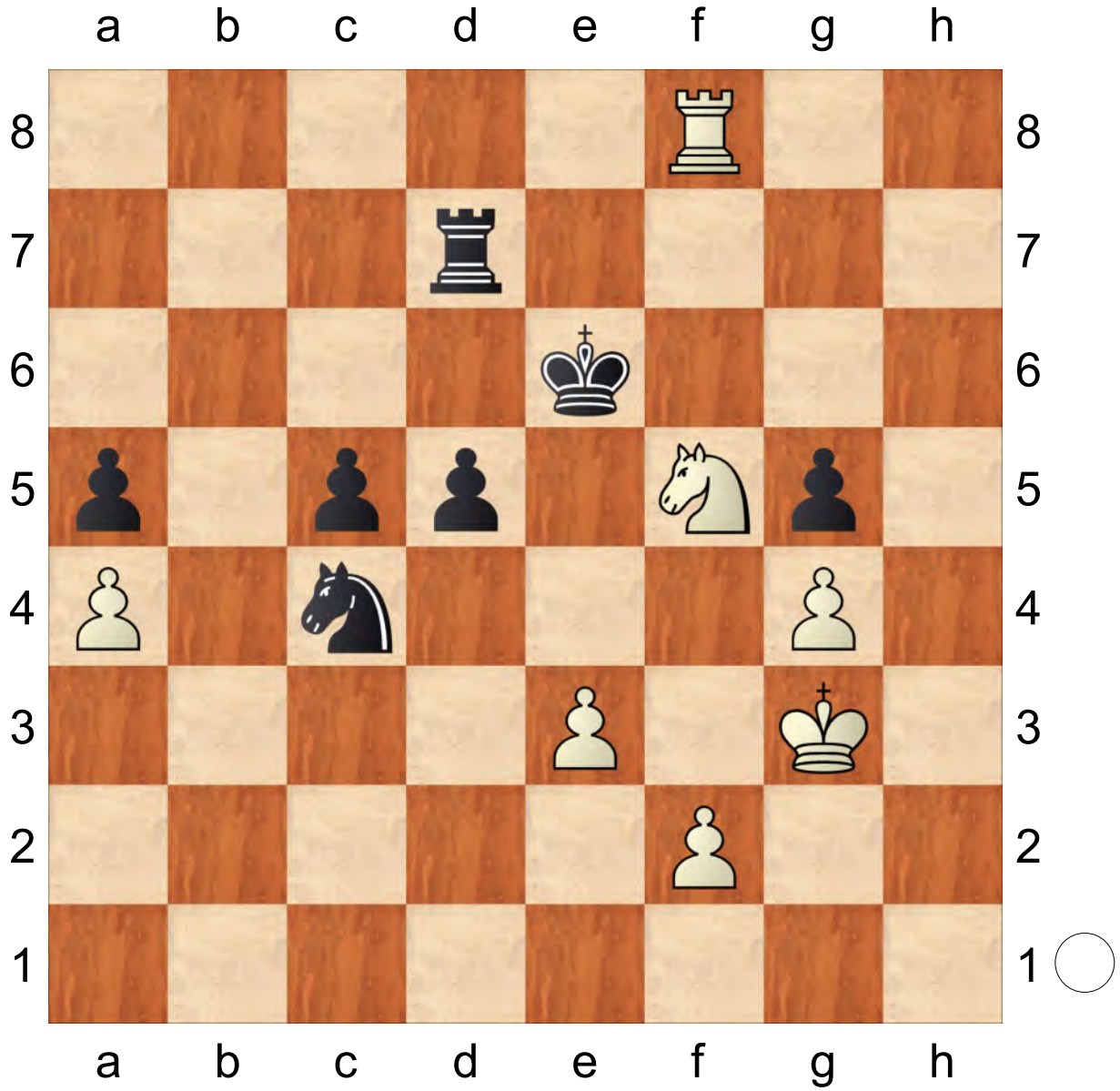
[41.Rg8 Nd2 42.f3 Kf6±]

41...Nd2 42.f3

[42.Rc6+ Kf7 *(42...Ke5 43.f4+ gxf4+ 44.exf4+ Ke4 45.Rxc5 Nf1+ 46.Kg2±)* 43.f4 Ne4+ 44.Kf3 gxf4 45.Kxf4±]

42...Nb3 43.Rc6+ Ke5

[43...Kf7 44.f4 gxf4+ 45.Kxf4 Nc1 46.g5 Nd3+ 47.Kg3±]



44.Rg6!

[44.f4+?! gxf4+ 45.exf4+ Ke4 46.Re6+ *(46.Rd6 Rb7 47.Re6+ Kd3 48.g5 d4 49.g6 c4 50.g7 Rxg7+ 51.Nxg7 c3=)* 46...Kd3 47.g5 d4 48.g6 c4

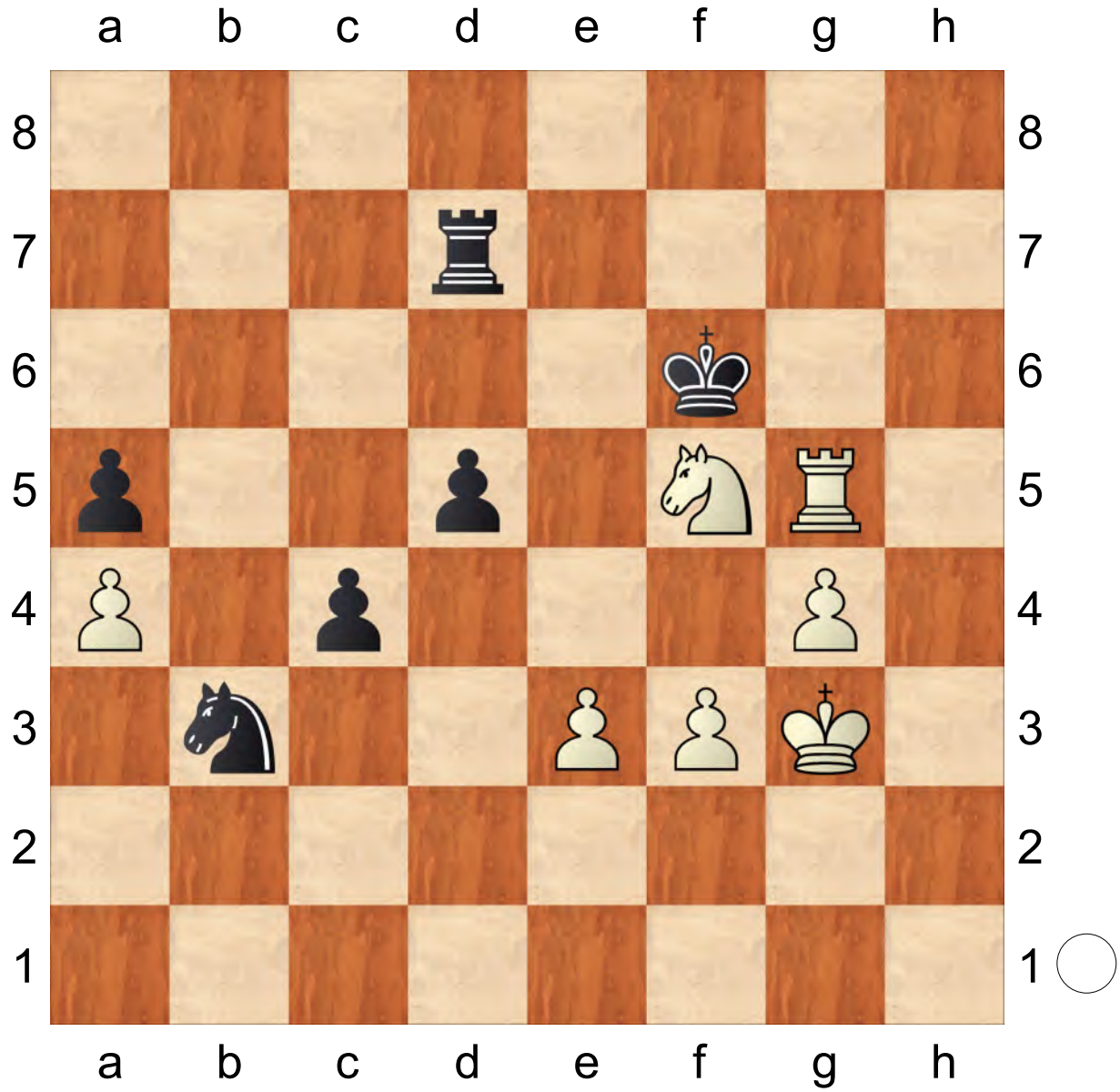
A) 49.g7 Rxg7+ 50.Nxg7 c3 51.Rc6 *(51.f5 c2 52.Re1 Kd2 53.Rh1 c1Q 54.Rxc1 Kxc1 55.f6 Nc5 56.f7 Nd7 57.Ne6 d3 58.Nc5 d2 59.Nxd7 d1Q 60.f8Q Qxd7=)* 51...c2 52.f5 Nd2 *(52...c1Q 53.Rxc1 Nxc1 54.f6+-)*

A1) 53.f6 Ne4+ 54.Kh2 Nc3 55.f7 c1Q 56.f8Q Qd2+ 57.Kh3 Qe3+ 58.Kg2 Qg5+ 59.Kh3 *(59.Kf3 Qd5+-+)* 59...Qe3+=;

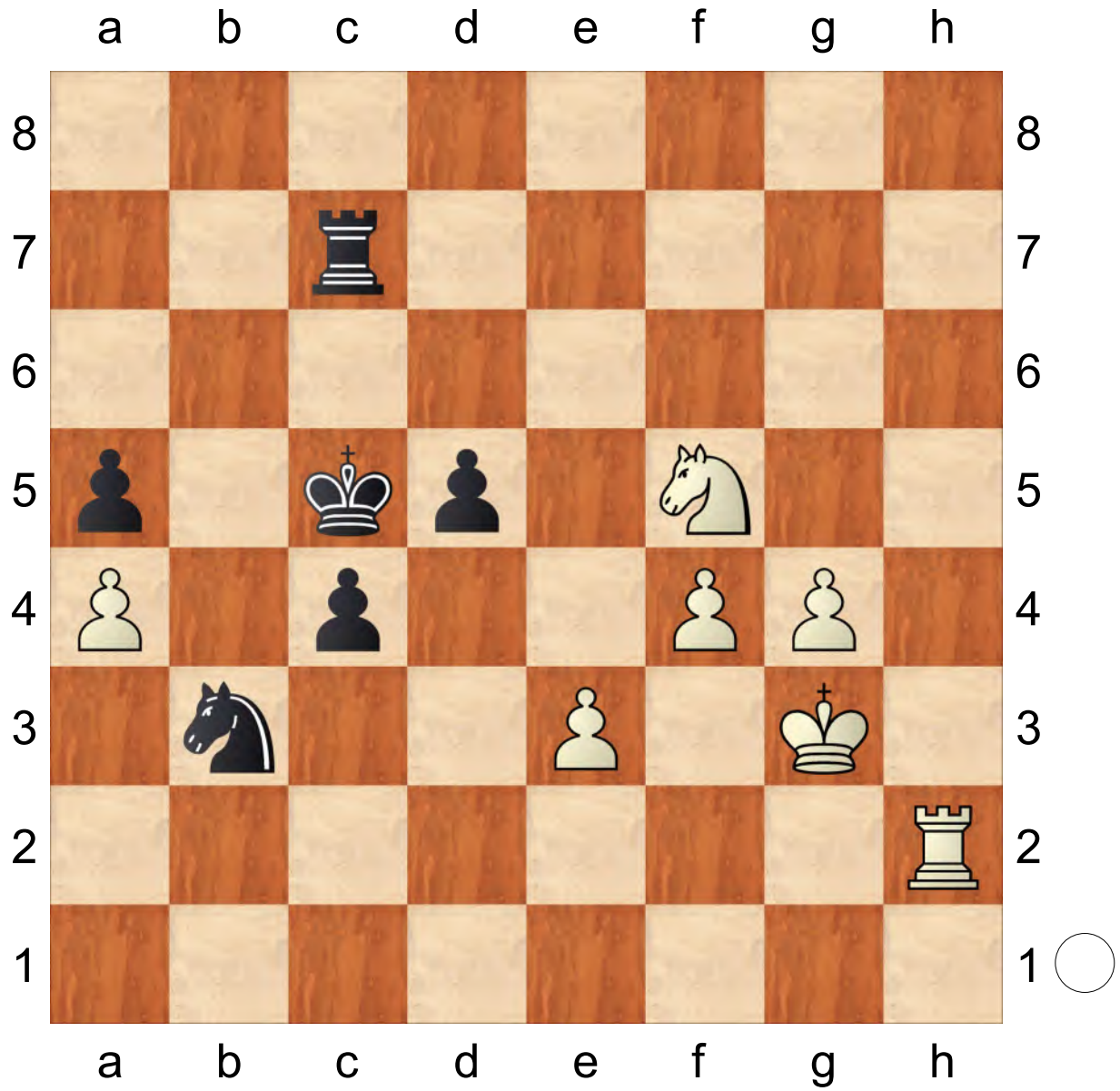
A2) 53.Ne6 Ne4+ 54.Kf3 Nc3 55.Nf4+ Kd2 56.Rxc3 dxc3 57.Ne2 c1Q 58.Nxc1 Kxc1 59.f6 c2 60.f7 Kd1 61.f8Q c1Q=;

B) 49.Rb6 Rd8 50.Ne7 Kc2 51.g7 d3 52.Rd6 Re8 53.f5 Nc5 54.Rd4 d2 55.Rxc4+ Kb3 56.Rd4 Kc3 57.Rxd2 Kxd2 58.Kg2 Nd7 *(58...Nxa4 59.f6+-)* 59.g8Q Rxg8+ 60.Nxg8 Kc3 61.Ne7 Kb4=]

44...c4
[44...Nc1 45.Rxg5 Ne2+ 46.Kf2 Nc3 47.Nh4+±]
45.Rxg5 Kf6



46.Rh5 Rc7??+-
[46...c3 47.Rh6+ Ke5 48.Rc6+-]
[46...Nc5 47.Rh6+ Kf7 48.g5±]
47.f4??
[47.Rh6+! Ke5 48.Nd6 d4□ 49.e4 d3 50.f4+ Kd4 51.Nb5++-]
47...Ke6 48.Rh6+ Kd7 49.Rh7+
[49.Rd6+ Ke8 50.Rxd5 c3∓]
49...Kc6 50.Rh2 Kc5
[50...c3 51.g5 Nd2 52.Nd4+ Kb7 53.Rh1±]



51.g5 Rc6 52.Kg4

[52.Rc2 Re6 53.Kf3 Kb4 54.Rg2 c3 55.g6 Rxg6 56.Rxg6 c2 57.Rc6 Nc5 *(57...c1Q 58.Rxc1 Nxc1 59.Nd4 Kxa4 60.f5 Nd3 61.f6 Ne5+ 62.Kf4 Nf7 63.Kf5 Kb4 64.Ke6 Ng5+ 65.Kxd5+-)* 58.Rxc5 Kxc5 59.Nd4 c1N 60.f5**±**]

52...c3 53.Ng3?⇄

[53.Kh5!

A) 53...d4 54.exd4+ *(54.Rc2 Kc4 55.Nxd4 Nxd4 56.exd4 Kd3 57.d5 Rd6 58.Rh2 c2 59.Rh1 Rxd5 60.Kg4 Kc3 61.g6 Rd1 62.Rh7 c1Q 63.Rc7+ Kd4 64.Rxc1 Rxc1 65.Kg5 Rc8 66.g7 Ke4 67.f5 Rc1 68.Kg6 Rg1+ 69.Kf7 Kxf5 70.g8Q Rxg8 71.Kxg8 Ke5 72.Kf7 Kd5 73.Kf6 Kc4 74.Ke5 Kb4 75.Kd4 Kxa4 76.Kc3=)* 54...Nxd4 55.Ne3**±**;

B) 53...Kb4 54.Rc2**±**]

53...Kb4 54.f5

[54.Rh6! Rc4 *(54...Rc8 55.g6 c2 56.Ne2 c1Q 57.Nxc1 Rxc1 58.Kf5+-)* 55.g6 c2 56.Ne2 c1Q 57.Nxc1 Rxc1 58.Kf5 Tsesarsky: '+-' '+-' Rg1 59.Kf6 d4 60.exd4 Nxd4 61.g7 Nf5 62.Rg6 Rxg6+ 63.Kxg6+-]

54...d4

[54...c2 55.Ne2 Rc4+ 56.Kh5 d4

A) 57.f6 d3 58.f7 *(58.Nc1 d2 59.Rxd2 Nxd2 60.f7 Rc8 61.g6 Rh8+)* 58...Rc8 59.Nc1 d2 60.Rxd2 Nxd2 61.g6 Rh8+ 62.Kg4 *(62.Kg5 Ne4+ 63.Kf5 Nd6+ 64.Kf6 Kxa4 65.g7 Nxf7 66.Kxf7 Rc8 67.g8Q Rxg8 68.Kxg8 Kb4-+)* 62...Nc4 63.Nd3+ *(63.g7 Ne5+ 64.Kg5 Nxf7+ 65.Kf6 Rc8 66.Kxf7 Kxa4 67.g8Q Rxg8 68.Kxg8 Kb4 69.Kf7 Kc3-+)* 63...Kc3 64.g7 Rh1 65.g8Q

A1) 65...Rg1+

A1a) 66.Kf3? Rxg8 67.fxg8Q Kxd3 68.Qd8+ Kc3 69.Qh8+ *(69.Qd4+ Kb4 70.Qa1 Nd2+ 71.Kf4 Nb3-+)* 69...Kb3 70.Qh1 Kb2 71.Qh2 Kb1 72.Qh7 Kb2=;

A1b) 66.Kh3! Rxg8 67.fxg8Q Kxd3 68.Qd5+ Kc3 69.Qd4+ Kb4 70.Qa1 Kb3 71.Qc1 Nb2 72.Qd2 Nxa4 73.e4 Kb2 74.e5 Nc5 75.Qd4++-;

A2) 65...Kxd3;

B) 57.exd4 Nxd4 58.Nc1 Nxf5∓]

55.exd4

[55.f6 d3 56.f7 Rc8 57.g6 d2-+]

55...Nxd4

[55...c2 56.Ne2 Nxd4 57.Nc1 Rc4 58.f6 Nb3+ 59.Kh5 Nxc1 60.f7+-]

(Diagram)

56.f6

[56.Ne2 Nxe2 57.Rxe2 c2 58.Rxc2 Rxc2 59.g6 *(59.f6 Rf2 60.Kh5 Kc5 61.Kg6 Kd6 62.Kf7 Ke5 63.Ke7 Rb2 64.f7 Rb7+ 65.Ke8 Ke6 66.f8N+ Kf5 67.g6 Kf6-+)* 59...Rg2+ 60.Kh5 Rf2 61.Kg5

A) 61...Rg2+ 62.Kf6 *(62.Kh6 Kc5 63.f6 Kd6 64.f7 Ke7 65.Kg7 Rf2=)* 62...Kc5 63.g7 Kd6 64.Kf7 Ke5 65.f6 Rg4=;

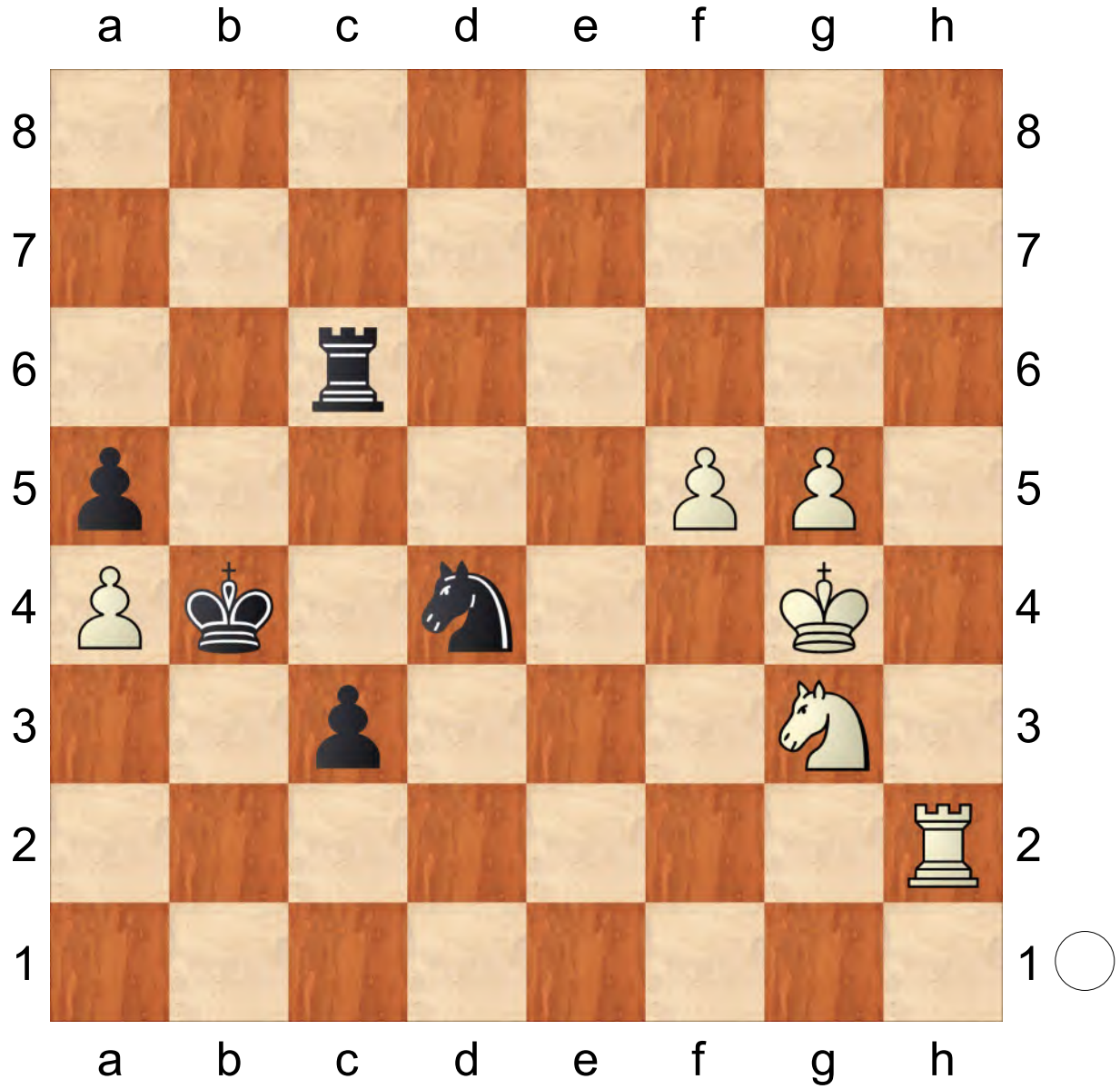
B) 61...Kxa4 62.f6+-]

56...c2 57.f7 Ne6

[57...c1Q 58.f8Q+ Rc5 59.Rh4 *(59.Qf6 Rxg5+ 60.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 61.Kxg5 Nf3+ 62.Kf4 Nxh2 63.Nf5 Kxa4 64.Nd4 Ka3 65.Kg3 Nf1+ 66.Kf2 Nd2 67.Ke2 Nb3 68.Nf5 a4 69.Kd3 Kb2 70.Nd6 Nc5+ 71.Kd4 Kb3 72.Nc4 Ne6+ 73.Kd3 Nc5+ 74.Kd4 Nb7 75.Kd3 Nd8∓)* 59...Qxg5+ 60.Kh3⇄]

58.Ne2 Rc5 59.Rh5

[59.Rh6 Rxg5+ *(59...Nf8 60.Rh8 Ne6 61.f8Q Nxf8 62.Rxf8 Kxa4 63.Nc1 Rc7 64.g6 Kb5 65.Rf7 Rc8 66.g7 Rg8 67.Rf5+ Kc4 68.Rf7 a4 69.Kf5 Kc3*



70.Kf6 Kb2 71.Ne2 a3 72.Rb7+ Ka2 73.Kf7+-) 60.Kh4 Rf5 61.Rxe6 Rxf7=]

59...c1Q 60.Nxc1 Rxc1

(Diagram)

61.Kf5

[61.Rh8 Rf1 62.Re8 Rxf7 63.Rxe6 Kxa4=]

61...Nf8 62.Rh4+

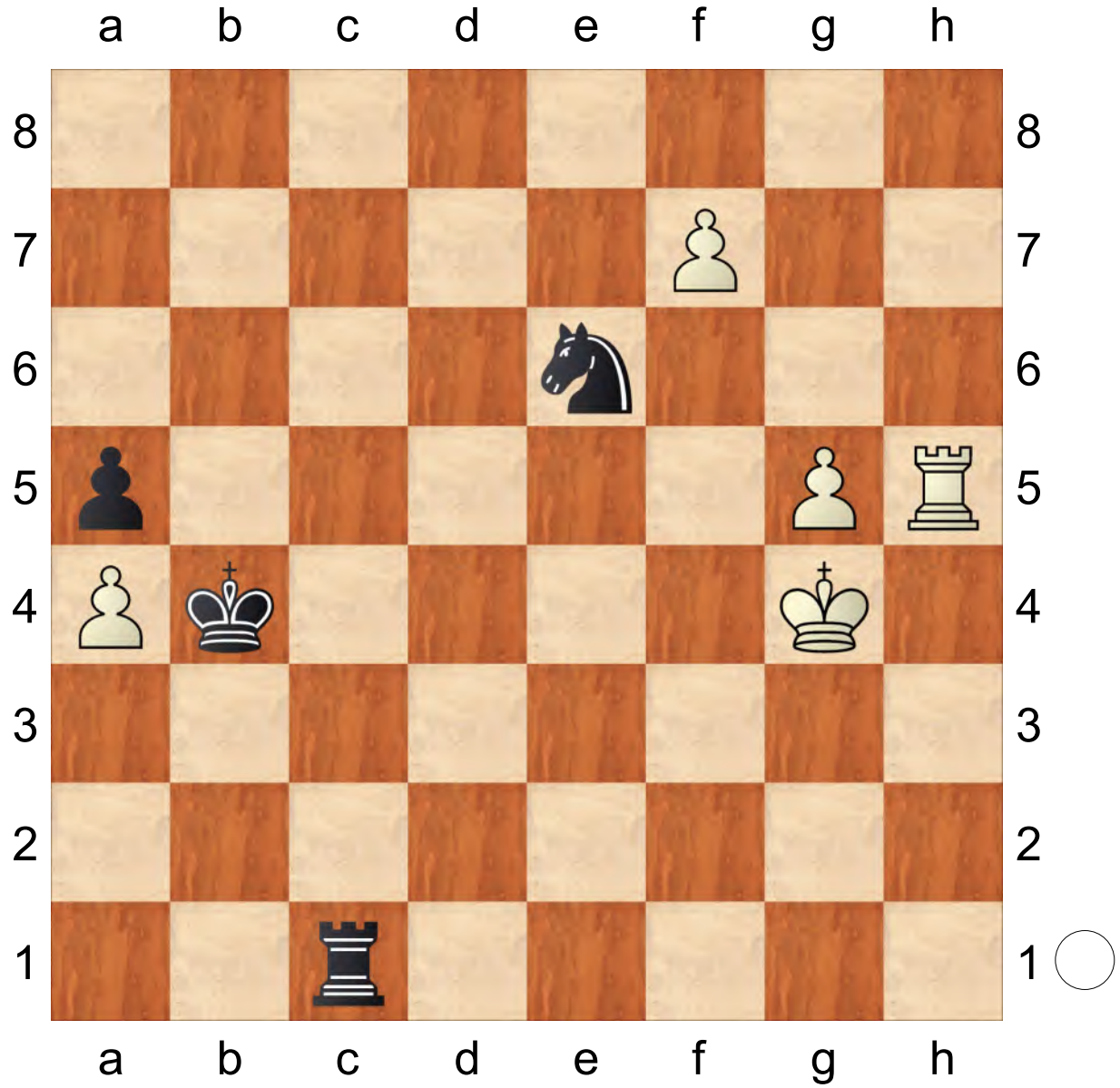
[62.Kf6 Rf1+ 63.Kg7 Ne6+ 64.Kg8 Rg1 65.f8Q+ Nxf8 66.Kxf8 Kxa4=]

62...Kb3 63.Rf4

[63.g6

A) 63...Rg1

A1) 64.Rh1 Rg2 *(64...Rxg6 65.Rh8+-)* 65.Rh8 Nxg6 66.Rb8+ Kxa4



67.Kf6 Nf8! 68.Rxf8 Rf2+=;

A2) 64.Rh8=;

B) 63...Rf1+ 64.Kg5 Ne6+ 65.Kh6=]

63...Rc6 64.Kg4

[64.Re4 Ng6 65.Re8 Nh4+ 66.Ke5 *(66.Ke4 Ng6=)* 66...Ng6+=]

64...Rg6 65.Kh5

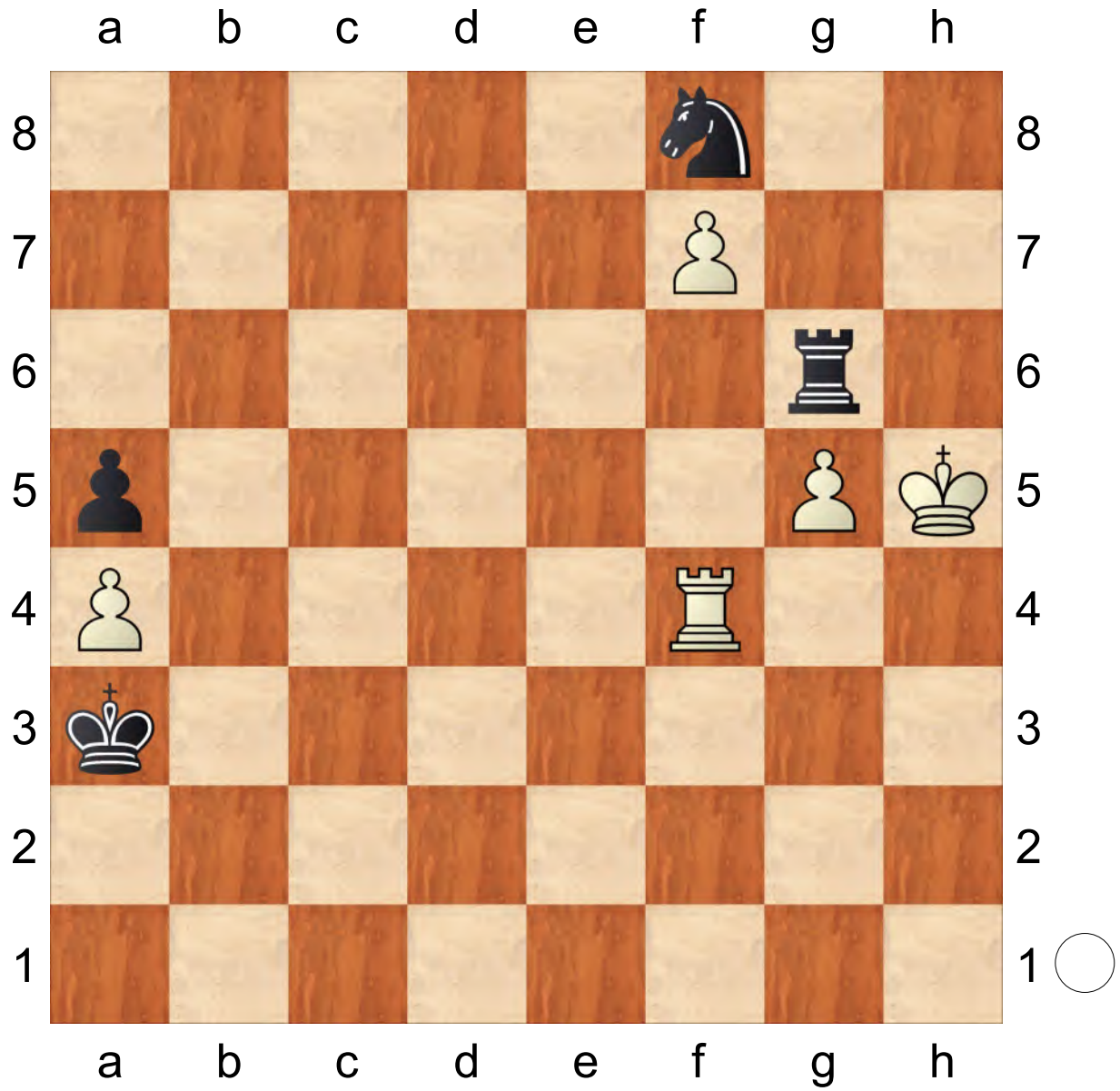
[65.Kf5 Re6=]

65...Ka3

(Diagram)

66.Kg4 Rg7 67.Rf6?!∓

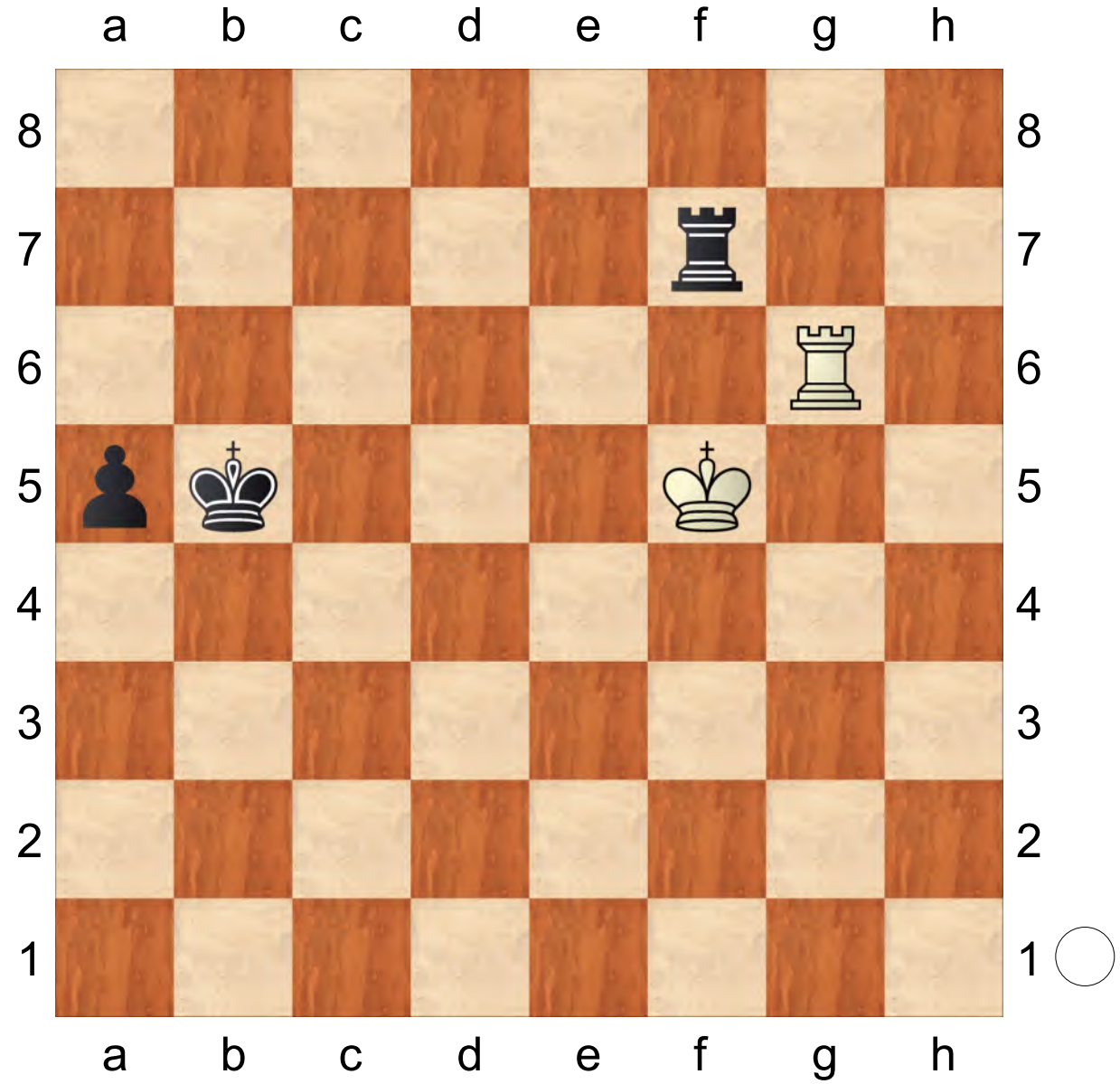
[67.Kh5 Rh7+ 68.Kg4=]



67...Kxa4 68.Kf5
[68.Kh5 Rh7+ 69.Kg4 Kb5 70.Rf5+ Kb4 71.Rf6 a4∓]
68...Kb5 69.g6 Nxg6 70.Rxg6 Rxf7+

(Diagram)

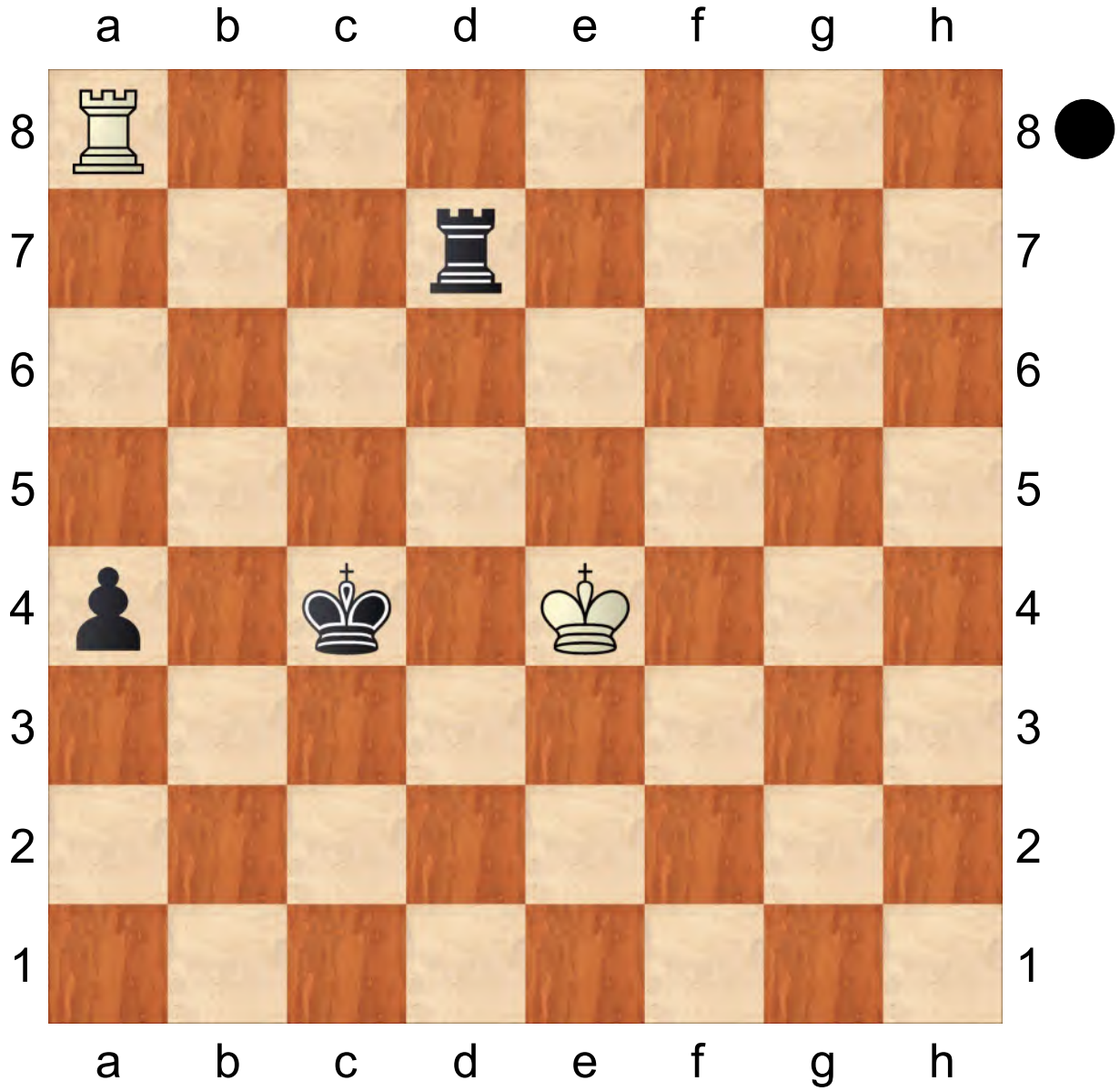
Hecht: Schwarz gewinnt. Doch die ENDSPIEL-CD sagt Remis! **71.Ke4 Rd7 72.Rg8 a4 73.Rb8+**
[73.Ra8!= Hecht]
[73.Ke3!= Hecht]
73...Kc4 74.Ra8??-+
[74.Rc8+ Kb3 75.Rb8+
A) 75...Ka2 Hecht 76.Ke3!



A1) 76...Rd1 77.Ke2 macht kunstvoll remis; einfacher wäre: *(77.Ra8! a3 78.Ke2 Rb1 79.Kd2=)* 77...Rb1 78.Ra8 Rb4! 79.Kd2 Kb2 80.Rc8 a3 81.Rc2+ Kb3 82.Rc3+ Ka4 83.Rc8= *(83.Kc2 a2 84.Rc8=)*;
A2) 76...a3 77.Ke2=;

B) 75...Kc2 76.Rc8+
B1) 76...Kd2 77.Ra8 Rh7 78.Rd8+ *(78.Kd5 Rh4 79.Kc5 Kc3 80.Kb5 Kb3 81.Rg8 Rh5+ 82.Kb6 Rh3-+)* 78...Ke2 79.Kd4 Rh3 80.Kc4 a3 81.Ra8 Kd2 82.Kb4=;
B2) 76...Kb2 77.Rb8+ Ka2 Tsesarsky: 'Hecht' 78.Ke3 Tsesarsky: '!' '!' a3 79.Ke2=]

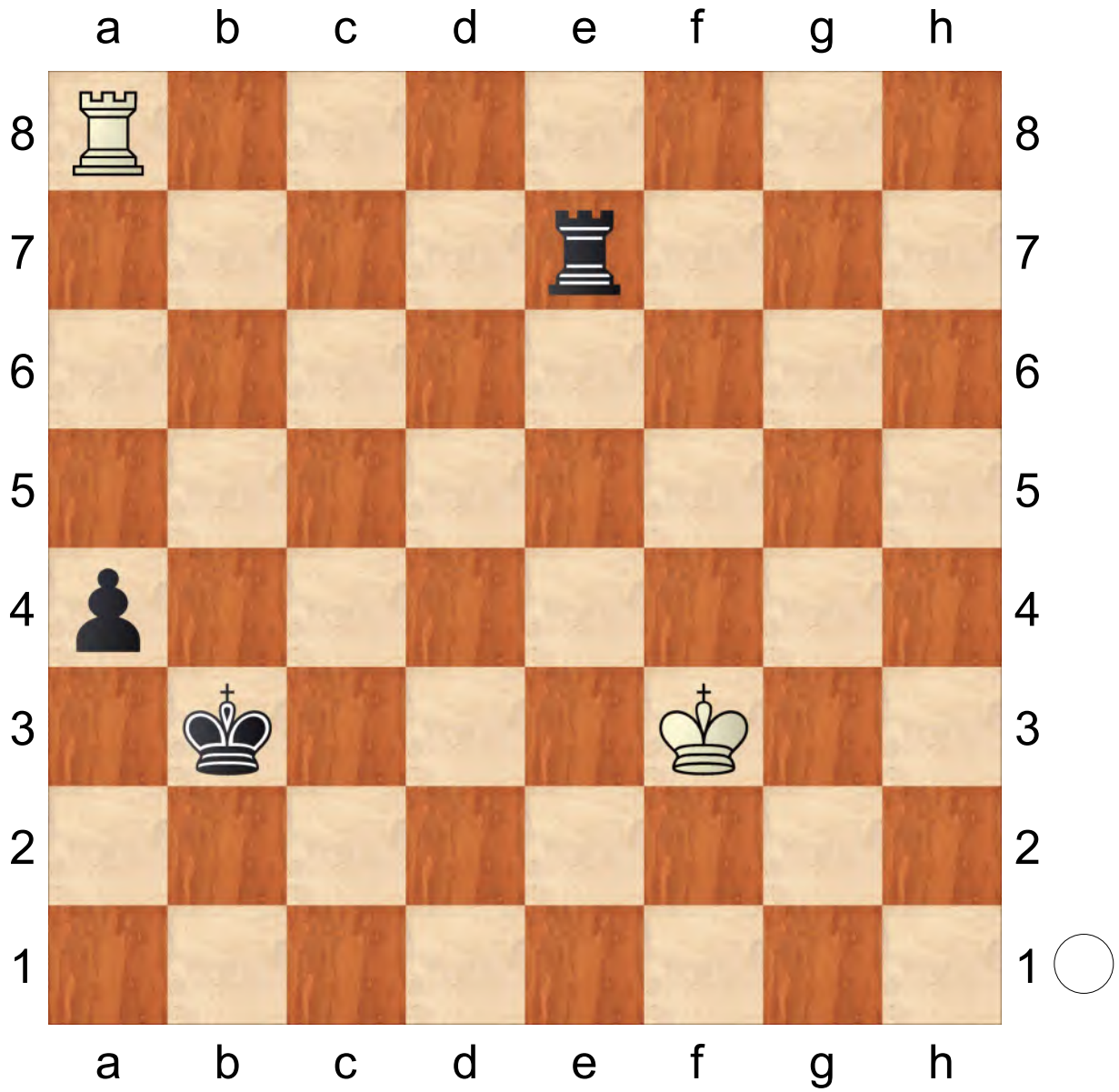
(Diagram)



Hecht: Hier liegt naheliegenderweise der Hund begraben. Weiß mußte schleunigst seinen König Richtung e2/e1 in Marsch setzen, damit die Umgehung Td7-d1-b1 nicht geht. Also war Ke3 der logische Zug. Allenfalls kann er sich Tc8+ erlauben und auch noch Tb8+. Dann aber muß Ke4-e3-e2 mit Remis erfolgen. Der Textzug erlaubt die entscheidende Abdrängung des Königs. Was das bedeutet, wissen wir bereits aus dem Endspiel Nr.13 (Herrera - Vazquez): Verlust! **74...Re7+ 75.Kf3 Kb3**

(Diagram)

76.Rb8+ Ka2 77.Kf2 a3 78.Kf1
[78.Rb6 Ka1 79.Rb8 a2 80.Rb6 Rc7 81.Ke2 Rc1 82.Kd2 Rb1-+]
78...Re3!?
[78...Ka1-+]



79.Kf2 Rb3 80.Re8 Ka1

(Diagram)

81.Re1+ Rb1 82.Re8 a2 83.Ke2 Kb2

(Diagram)

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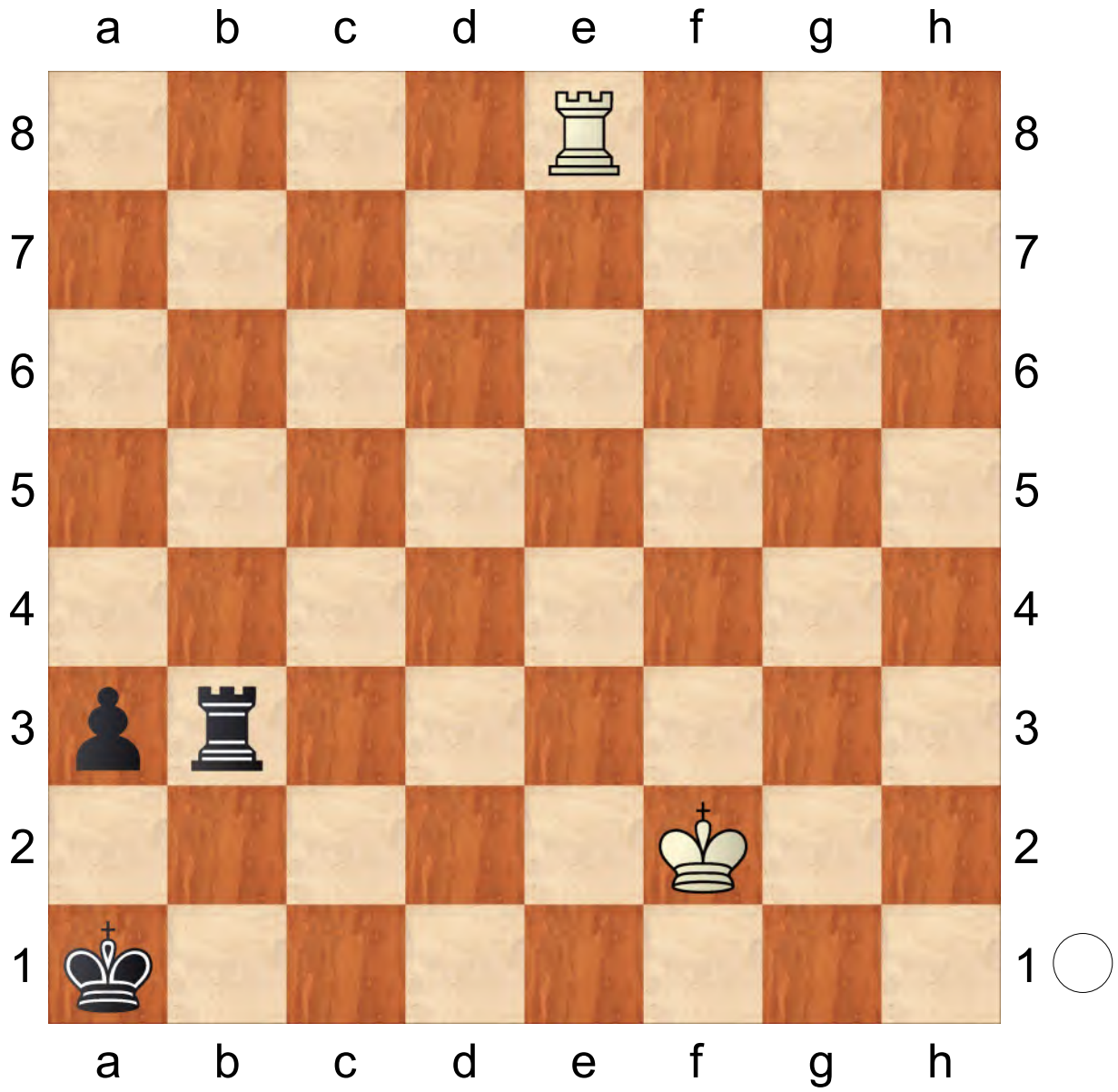
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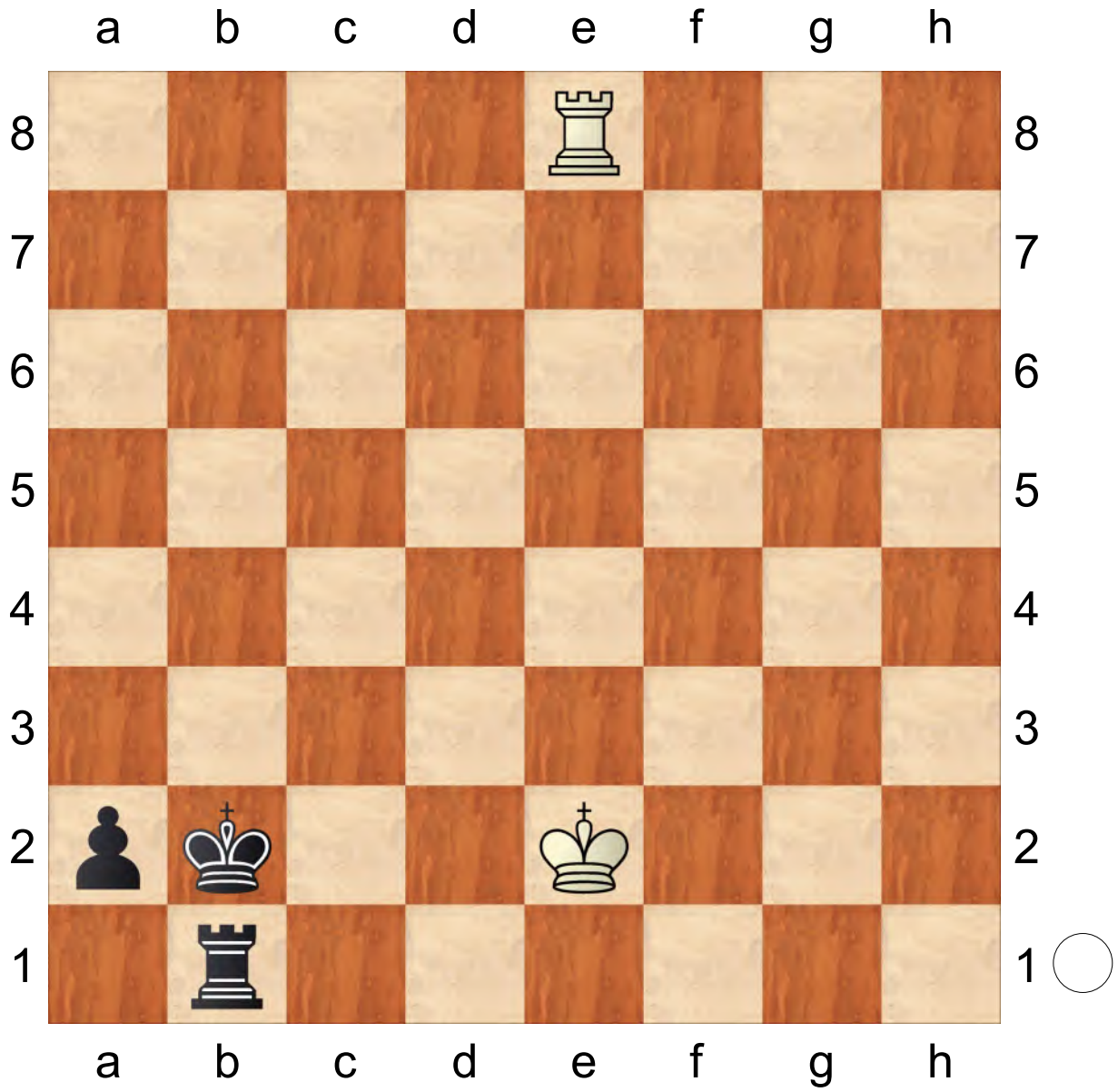
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□ **So,Wesley** **2667**
■ **Laznicka,Viktor** **2681**
New Delhi AAI (7) 29.06.2011
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Stohl **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7** Introduced by Geller, this move aims to clarify White's intentions, concerning the development of the ♗c1 and ♘g1. **4.cxd5** White doesn't commit his ♘ yet.

[Transposing to a Carlsbad structure immediately is certainly more ambitious than 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.cxd5 *(5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3* -D37 is another topical and well-explored line, here *Nbd7* currently has a good reputation for Black.*)* 5...exd5 6.Qc2 c5!? 7.Bg5 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Rd1 0-0 10.e3 Be6 11.Be2 Rc8 12.Nf5 h6 13.Bh4 Re8 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.0-0 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4 17.Qb1 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Red8 19.Nb5 d4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.exd4 Qf6 22.Bf3 1/2, Grischuk,A (2747)-Aronian,L (2808)/ Kazan Candidates/2011/]

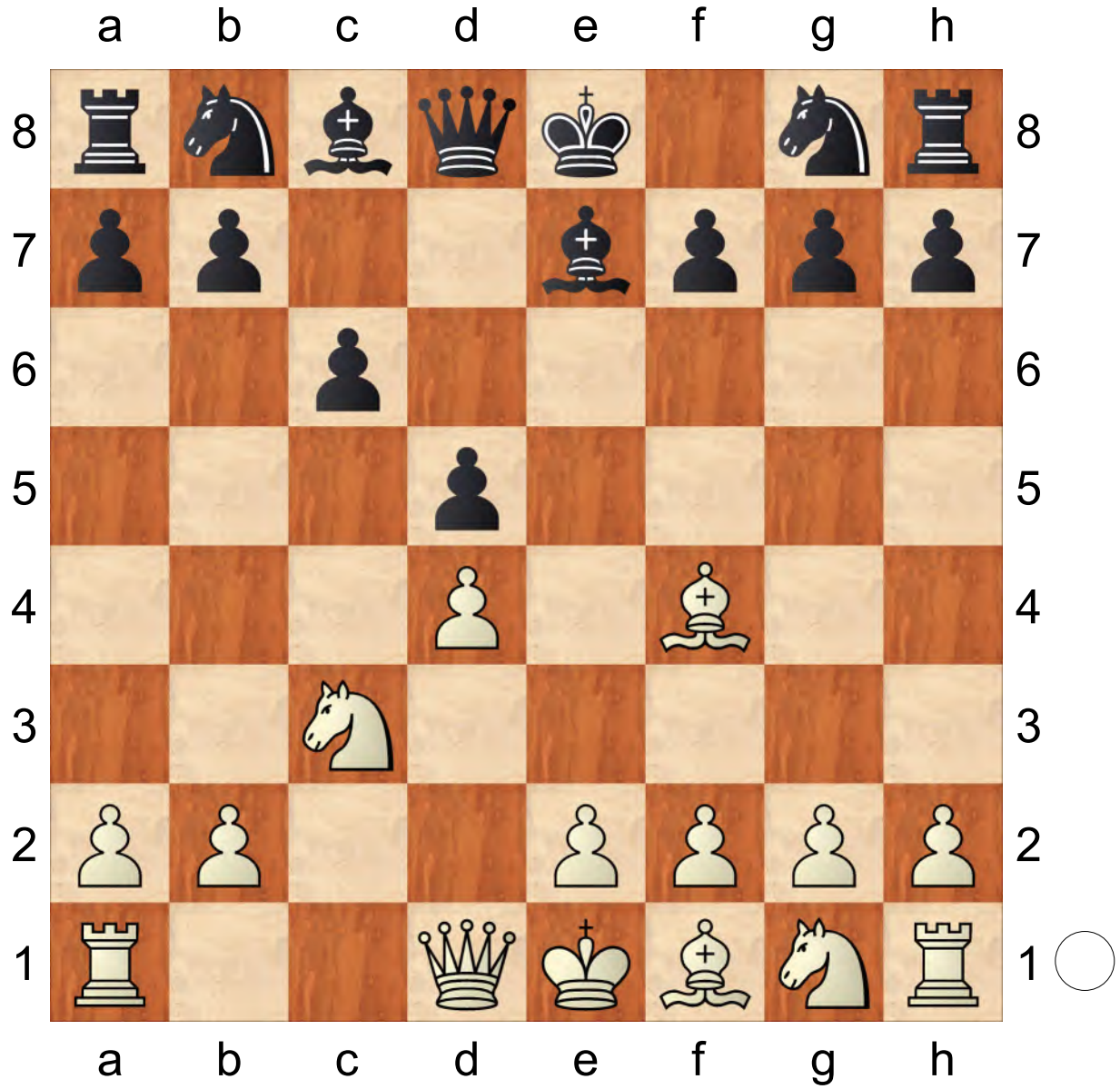
4...exd5 5.Bf4 c6

[Another complex and interesting branch is 5...Nf6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Qb3 *(7.Nf3* is too tame: *0-0 8.h3 c6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Rab1 a5 13.Qc2 Nb6 14.b3 Bd6 15.Ne5 Qe7 16.Nd3 Bxf4 17.Nxf4 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Qxe4 Rxe4 20.Nd3 Re7 21.Nc5 Nc8 22.Nd3 Nd6=* Fressinet,L (2677)-Gustafsson,J (2646)/Oberhof/2011*/;* However, an interesting plan is *7.Nge2!? 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.h4 h6 11.h5 Bh7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nf5 Qe6 16.f3 Nbd7 17.Kf2 Rfe8 18.g4 Nh7 19.Na4 b6 20.Nc3 Ndf6 21.Ne2 Ng5 22.Nf4 Qd7 23.Qa3 a5 24.Rc2 Rad8 25.Rhc1±* Krush,I (2455)-Kaidanov,G (2577)/USA-ch Saint Louis/2010*/)* 7...Nc6 8.g4!? Nxg4 9.Qxd5 Qc8 *(9...Qxd5 10.Nxd5 Bb4+ 11.Nxb4 Nxb4 12.Rc1 c6 13.a3 Nd5 14.h3 Ngf6 15.Be5 Nd7⇄ 16.Bh2?* Krush,I (2472)-Zatonskih,A (2499)/Saint Louis rpd plof/2011/ *Nxe3! 17.fxe3 Be4∓)* 10.Qg2 0-0 11.e4 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Bb4+ 13.Nc3 Qf5 14.Be2 h5!⩱ *(14...Rfe8 15.Kf1 Nf6 16.Bh6 g6 17.Qg5 Nxd4 18.Rd1 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Ne4 20.Qxf5 Nxf5 21.Bd2 Rad8 22.Be1 Rxd1 23.Bxd1 Re5 24.Nf3±* Aronian,L (2808)-Kramnik,V (2785)/Monte Carlo blindfold rpd/2011/ *)*]

(Diagram)

6.Qc2 All the rage today, mainly thanks to efforts of Kasparov, Anand, Carlsen and other top GMs.

[Botvinnik's contribution was 6.e3 Bf5 7.g4!? *(* Even here the plan from Krush-Kaidanov as above is interesting: *7.Nge2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Be2 Nb6 10.Rc1 Nf6 11.h4 h6 12.h5 Bh7 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.Nf5 Re8 16.f3 Bf8*



17.Kf2∞ 1/2, Grischuk,A (2747)-Aronian,L (2808)/Kazan Candidates/2011/; *7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nge2 Nh5 10.Bxb8 Rxb8 11.f3 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.a3 a6 14.b4 Qd7 15.Rae1 Rbe8 16.Nc1 a5 17.bxa5 Bxa3 18.Nxd5 Bxc1 19.Nb6 Qe6 20.Rxc1 Qxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Rxe3 22.d5 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Re5 24.Rfd1 Nf6=* Nakamura,H (2774)-Ponomariov,R (2754)/Saint Louis m/2011/) and this line is played even nowadays: 7...Be6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.h3 g5 *(9...h5!? 10.gxh5 Ndf6 11.h6 Nxh6 12.Qc2 Nh5 13.Be5 f6 14.Bh2 Bd6 15.Bg6+ Bf7 16.Nf3 Bxg6 17.Qxg6+ Nf7 18.Nh4 Bxh2 19.Rxh2 Qc7 20.Nf3 0-0-0 21.Qg4+ Kb8 22.h4 Nd6 23.0-0-0 f5∓* Botvinnik,M-Petrosian,T/WCh Moscow/1963/) 10.Be5 *(*A strange novelty, but even the natural *10.Bg3 h5⇄* is unclear.*)* 10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 d4 *(11...h5!? Δ 12.gxh5 Qc7)* 12.exd4 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qf4 14.Be4 Bb4 15.Qd4 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 h5 17.gxh5 Rd8 18.Qe3 Qxe3+ 19.fxe3 Rxh5 20.Rg1 Bd5 21.Nxg5 Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Ke7 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 Rxe5 25.Rxg8 Rxe4

26.Rb8⇄ Navara,D (2702)-Riazantsev,A (2679)/FRA-chT Mulhouse/2011/]

6...Nf6

[After 6...g6 7.e3 Bf5 Black develops his ♗c8, but the ♘ is still on g1 and White can harrass it with 8.Qd2! A classical example is Nd7 9.f3 Nb6 10.e4 Be6 11.e5 O» h5 12.Bd3 Qd7 13.b3 Bh4+ 14.g3 Be7 15.Kf2 Bf5 16.Bf1 Kf8 17.Kg2 a5 18.a3 Qd8 19.Nh3 Bxh3+ 20.Kxh3 Kg7 21.Kg2 Nd7 22.Bd3 Nf8 23.Be3 Ne6 24.Ne2↑ Karpov,A (2705)-Kasparov,G (2740)/WCh London/Leningrad/1986/]

[A popular move is 6...Bd6 , but I don't quite believe losing a tempo to exchange a potentially good ♗ should equalise too easily: 7.Bxd6 *(7.Nxd5* leads to boring equality after *Be6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nc3 Qxd4 10.Nf3 Qc5 11.e3 Nf6 12.Rd1 0-0 13.Nd4 Bg4 14.Rd2 Nbd7=* Schulze,G (2124)-Schlemmer,H (2091)/corr/2004/ *)* 7...Qxd6 8.e3 Ne7 *(8...Qg6 9.Qxg6 hxg6 10.b4 a6?! 11.f3 Nd7 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Nge2 g5 14.Kf2 Nf6 15.g4 Kd8 16.Kg3 Bd7 17.a4 Nc8 18.h3 Re8 19.Kf2 Nd6 20.a5 Re7 21.Rac1 Nfe8 22.Ng3 g6 23.h4 gxh4 24.Rxh4±* Nakamura,H (2774)-Ponomariov,R (2754)/Saint Louis m/2011/*)* 9.Bd3 b6 *(9...Nd7 10.Nge2 h6 11.0-0 0-0 12.a3 a5 13.Rad1 b6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Qb8 16.N2c3 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.d5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Rxd5 Ra7 21.Qd2→ Nc5 22.Nf6+!+-* Kasparov,G (2812)-Karpov,A (2619)/Valencia rpd m/2009/*; 9...g6 10.f3 Nd7 11.Nge2 0-0 12.0-0 c5 13.Qd2 a6 14.Rad1 cxd4 15.exd4 Nf6 16.g4 Kg7 17.Qf4 Rd8 18.Rfe1 b5 19.Qxd6 Rxd6 20.Nf4 Kf8 21.h4 Bd7 22.Kf2 Ne8 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.a3 Nc7 25.Nce2 Rb6 26.Rc5±* Kasparov,G (2812)-Karpov,A (2619)/Valencia rpd m/2009/*)* 10.Nf3 *(10.Nge2 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.f3 Nd7 14.Rad1 f5 15.Ng3 Rae8 16.e4 fxe4 17.fxe4 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Rf8 19.Re1 h6 20.e5 Qb4 21.Re2 c5⇄* Anand,V (2788)-Jakovenko,D (2736)/Moscow blitz/2009/*)* 10...Ba6 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nd7 13.e4 0-0 14.e5 Qe6 15.Rae1 Rfe8 *(⌓15...f6± /⇄)* 16.Nh4 Ng6 17.Nxg6 Qxg6 18.Qd2 Nf8 19.f4 Qf5 20.Nd1 f6 21.Ne3 Qd7 22.Qd3 fxe5 23.dxe5 Ne6 24.f5**±** Carlsen,M (2772)-Jakovenko,D (2742)/Nanjing/2009/ For more details see the notes by Krasenkow in CBM 133.]

[6...Bg4 7.e3 *(7.f3 Bh5 8.0-0-0 Nf6 9.e4 Bg6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.e5* Shirov,A (2580)-Spraggett,K (2540)/Manila izt/1990/ *Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Ne8 13.Be3 Na6 14.f4 Nb4 15.Qb1 f5=* Ftacnik *)* 7...Bh5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.Bxg6!? hxg6 10.0-0-0 Nf6 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Nge2 b5 13.e4 b4 14.Na4 dxe4 15.fxe4 Qa5 16.Kb1 0-0 17.h4 Rfe8 18.e5 Nd5 19.h5 g5 20.h6 g6 21.Bc1**±** →, Carlsen,M (2815)-Nakamura,H (2774)/Medias/2011/]

7.e3

[7.Nf3 g6 8.e3 Bf5= solves Black's opening problems. A well-known older example, quoted also in Kasparov's Great Predecessors series, went 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.Bh6 Ng4 12.Bf4 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.h3 Ngf6 15.Ne5 Nb6 16.Bg5 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qc2 Nd6 19.Na4 Nbc4 20.Nxc4 Nxc4 21.Nc5 Nd6 22.Rac1 Qg5 23.Qd1 h5 24.Kh1 Re7 25.Nd3 Ne4 26.Nc5 Nd6 27.Nd3 Qf5 28.Ne5 f6 29.Nf3 Rg7 30.Nh2 Re8 31.Kg1 Ne4 32.Qf3 Qe6 33.Rfd1 g5!

34.Qxh5 f5→ Bobotsov,M (2455)-Petrosian,T (2645)/Lugano olm/1968/]

7...Nh5!? A sharp try to win the ♕ and change the character of the fight. Otherwise the resulting Carlsbad structure is more pleasant for White:

[7...Nbd7 8.h3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Nf3 Nf8 11.0-0 Stohl: '- see Anand-Karpov above' Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Rab1 a5 14.a3 Be6 15.Na4 N6d7 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 b5 18.Nc5 Nb6 19.Ra1 f6 20.Qc3 Bf7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Ra1 Qb8 23.Nd2 Nc4 24.Ndb3 Ra7 25.e4± /=, Anand,V (2788)-Karpov,A (2619)/Corsica rpd m/2009/]

[7...0-0 8.Bd3 Re8 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0-0!? *(10.h3 Nf8 11.0-0* - see Anand-Karpov above*)* 10...Nf8 11.h3 Be6 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.Ng5 b5 14.Be5 h6 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.g4 Nd7 17.h4 b4 18.Ne2 Bxh4 19.f4 c5 20.Ba6 Be7 21.Bxc8 Qxc8 22.Ng3 f6 23.Rxh6! Nef8 24.Rh3 c4 25.Nf5 fxe5 26.fxe5→ Timman,J (2585)-Karpov,A (2725)/Bugojno/1978/]

8.Be5 The only way to fight for an edge.

[8.Bg3 Nd7 *(8...g6 9.Bd3 Be6 10.Nge2 Nd7 11.Nf4 Nxf4 12.Bxf4 Nf6 13.h3 Nh5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bh2 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.g4 Ng7 18.0-0-0 f5 19.f3 0-0-0 20.Kb1 Kb8 21.Qg2 Rhe8 22.Rhe1 f4 23.e4 dxe4 24.Bxe4 Bc4 25.Qf2 Ne6 26.d5±* Spirin,O (2430)-Novosadova,K (2034)/Teplice/2008/*)* 9.Bd3

A) 9...g6 10.Nge2 *(10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Nf3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Bf6 13.e4 Bg7 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Nb6 16.Nf4 Bd7 17.Kb1 Rc8 18.Qd2 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4⩱* Aleksandrov,A (2601)-Jobava,B (2650)/Moscow op/2007/*)* 10...0-0 *(10...Nxg3!? 11.hxg3 Nf6∞)* 11.Nf4 Ndf6 12.0-0-0 Re8 13.Nxh5 Nxh5 14.Be5 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.h3 Bd7 17.g4 Nf6 18.Kb1 Re7 19.Ka1 Rae8 20.Rc1 Bc8 21.g5 Nh5 22.Be2 Ng7 23.h4 Bf5 24.Qa4 a6 25.Qd1 Ne6 26.Bd3 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Ng7= Zhou Jianchao (2650)-Liang Chong (2502)/CHN-chT/2010/;

B) 9...Nxg3!? 10.hxg3 Nf6 11.Nf3 g6 12.0-0-0 Qd6 13.Kb1 Be6 14.Ng5 0-0-0 15.Na4 Ng4 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.Rd2 h5 18.Ka1 Kb8 19.Rb1 Bb4 20.Nc5 Qe7 21.Rdd1 Bxc5 22.dxc5 h4↑ Pacher,M (2399)-Likavsky,T (2466)/SVK-chT/2011/]

8...Nd7 9.Be2 Nxe5 Black is also consistent and goes for the critical continuation. If White retains the ♗, he gets an edge.

[9...Nhf6 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Nf3 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Re8 14.a3 a5 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Bf3 b5 17.b3 Nf8 Shishkov,A (2403)-Volodin,A (2401)/Rakvere/2009/ 18.Nd3 Ne6 19.h3±]

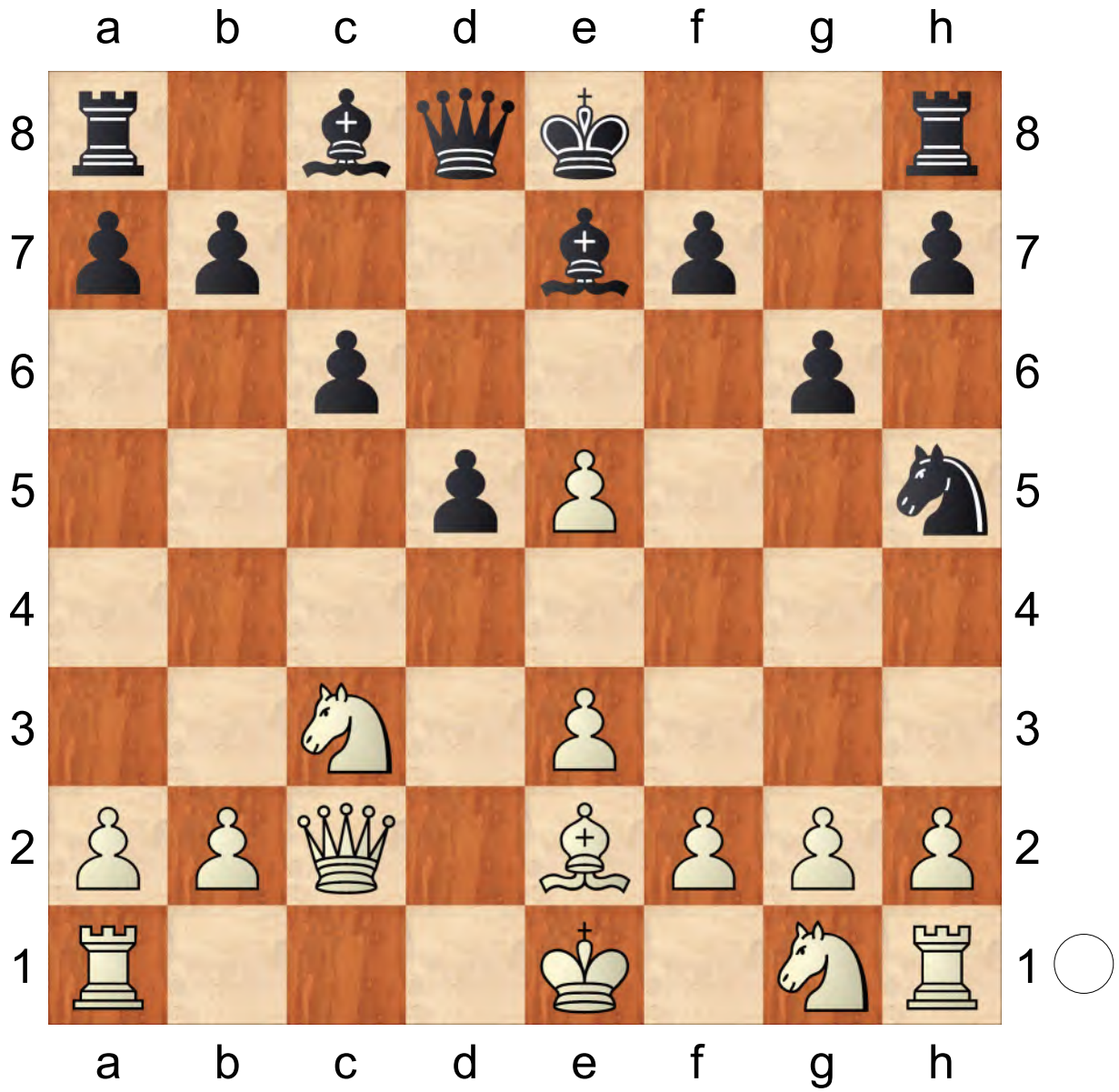
10.dxe5 g6

(Diagram)

11.Bxh5 Breaking up the » is strategically more or less forced, otherwise Black with his ♕ solves his opening problems.

[11.Nf3 f6!?⇄ /3]

[11.0-0-0 Ng7 12.Nf3 Qa5∓]



11...gxh5 12.0-0-0 f6

[12...Qa5!?

A) 13.e4 dxe4 *(13...d4 14.Rxd4 Qxe5 15.Nf3 Qg7∞)* 14.Qxe4 Bd7 Δ0-0-0∞;

B) 13.Nge2 Be6 14.Nd4 *(14.e4 0-0-0 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxd5⇄)* 14...0-0-0 15.f4 Kb8 16.Kb1∞ /2]

13.e4!?N A logical novelty. White must try to use his lead in development to create tactical threats against the potentially vulnerable black c.

[An example of how insufficiently concrete play can lead to problems is ≤13.Nf3 fxe5 14.Nxe5 0-0 15.f4 Bd6 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Qd2 Qf6 18.e4 dxe4 19.Qxd6 exf3 20.Qxf6 Rxf6 21.gxf3 Bg6 22.Ne2 Re8 23.Rd2 Re3∓ Grischuk,A (2728)-Aronian,L (2737)/Kazan Candidates rpd/2011/]

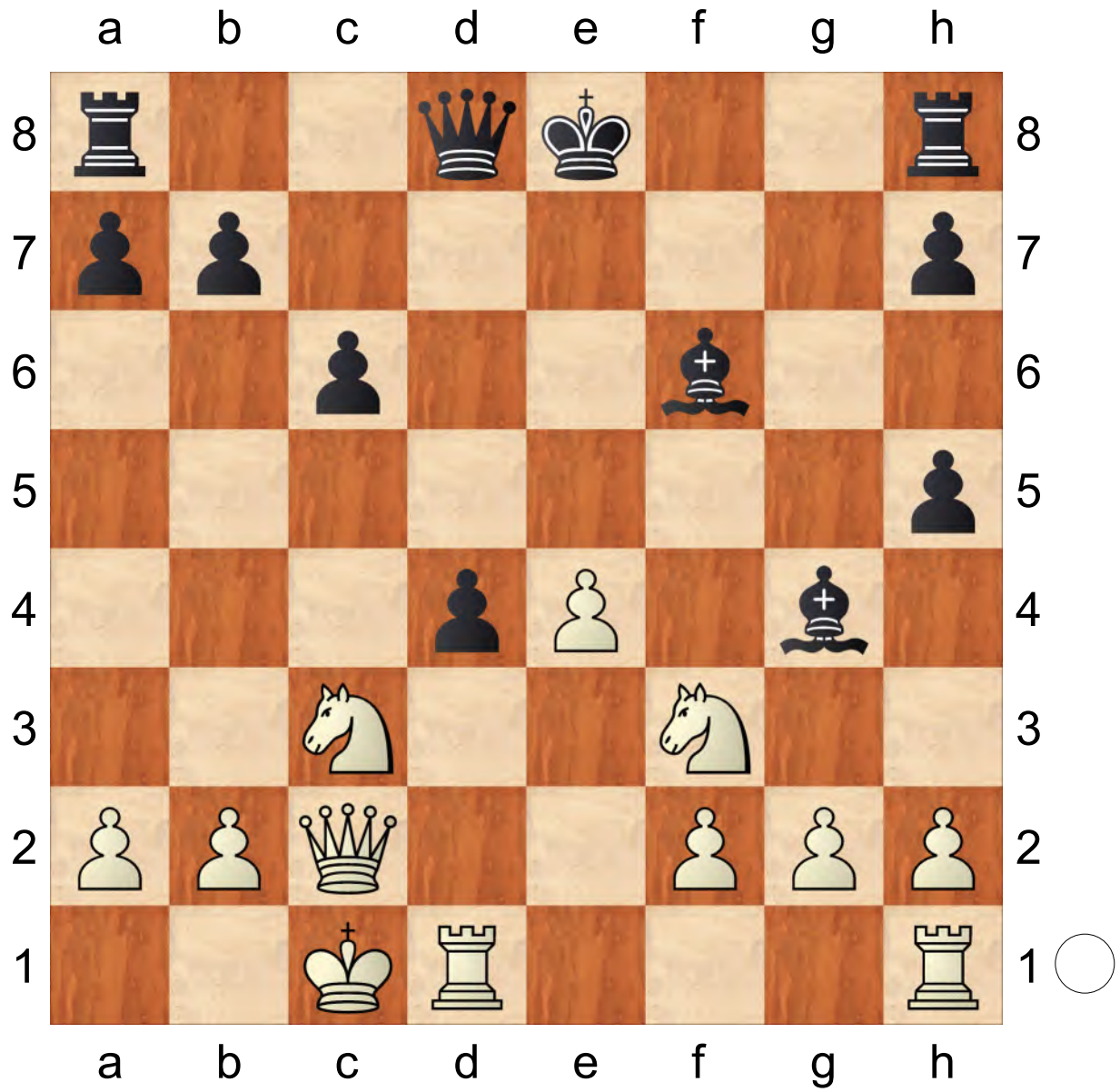
13...d4□

[13...fxe5 14.exd5±]

14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nf3

[15.Nge2 0-0 16.f4 Bg7⇄ ∞]

15...Bg4



16.Ne2 Qa5

[A possible improvement is 16...c5!? 17.h3 *(17.Kb1 Qd6∞)* 17...Be6!? *(17...Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qc7 19.f4 0-0-0 20.e5 Bh4±)* /∞ also isn't quite clear, as it's not simple to get White's ⊞ moving 18.Kb1 Qa5 19.b3 Qb6 20.Nf4 0-0 21.Nxh5 a5⇄]

17.Kb1 c5

[17...0-0-0!? 18.Nexd4 Bxd4 *(18...Kb8 19.h3±)* 19.Rxd4 Bxf3 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.gxf3 Rd2 22.Qb3 Qe5⩲]

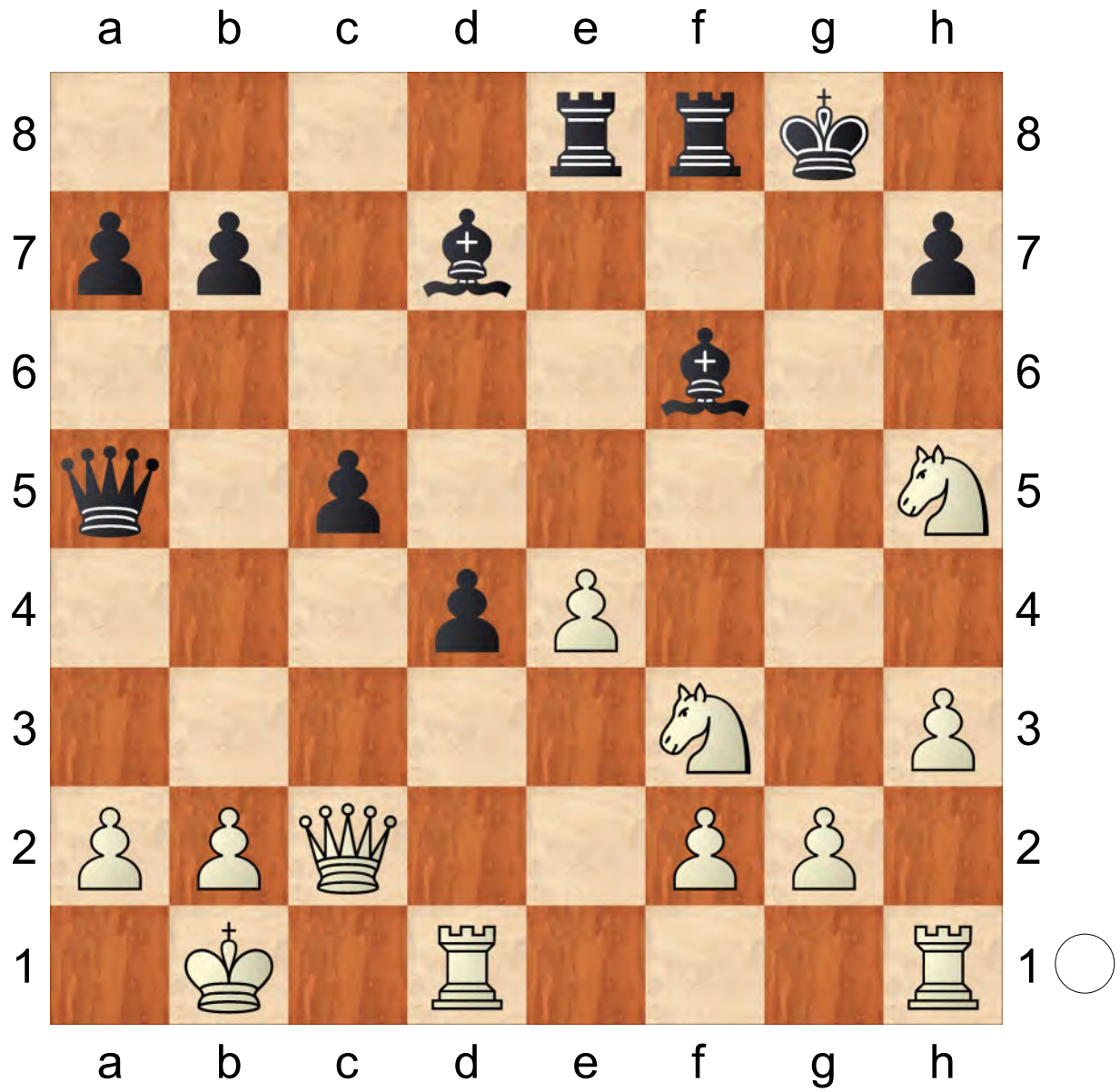
18.Nf4 0-0 This is risky to say the least, but White has the initiative also after

[18...0-0-0 19.Nd5 Rhf8 20.b4±]

19.h3 Bd7

[19...Bxf3 20.gxf3 Kh8 21.Ne6±]

20.Nxh5 Rae8



21.Nd2!? Bh4?

[⌓21...Bh8!± Δ 22.Qb3+ Be6 *(22...c4!?)* 23.Qg3+ Kf7⇄]

22.f4± Black's problem is not so much White's extra ♙, but his exposed c. So will soon whip up a strong →. **22...c4**

[22...Be6 23.Nb3±]

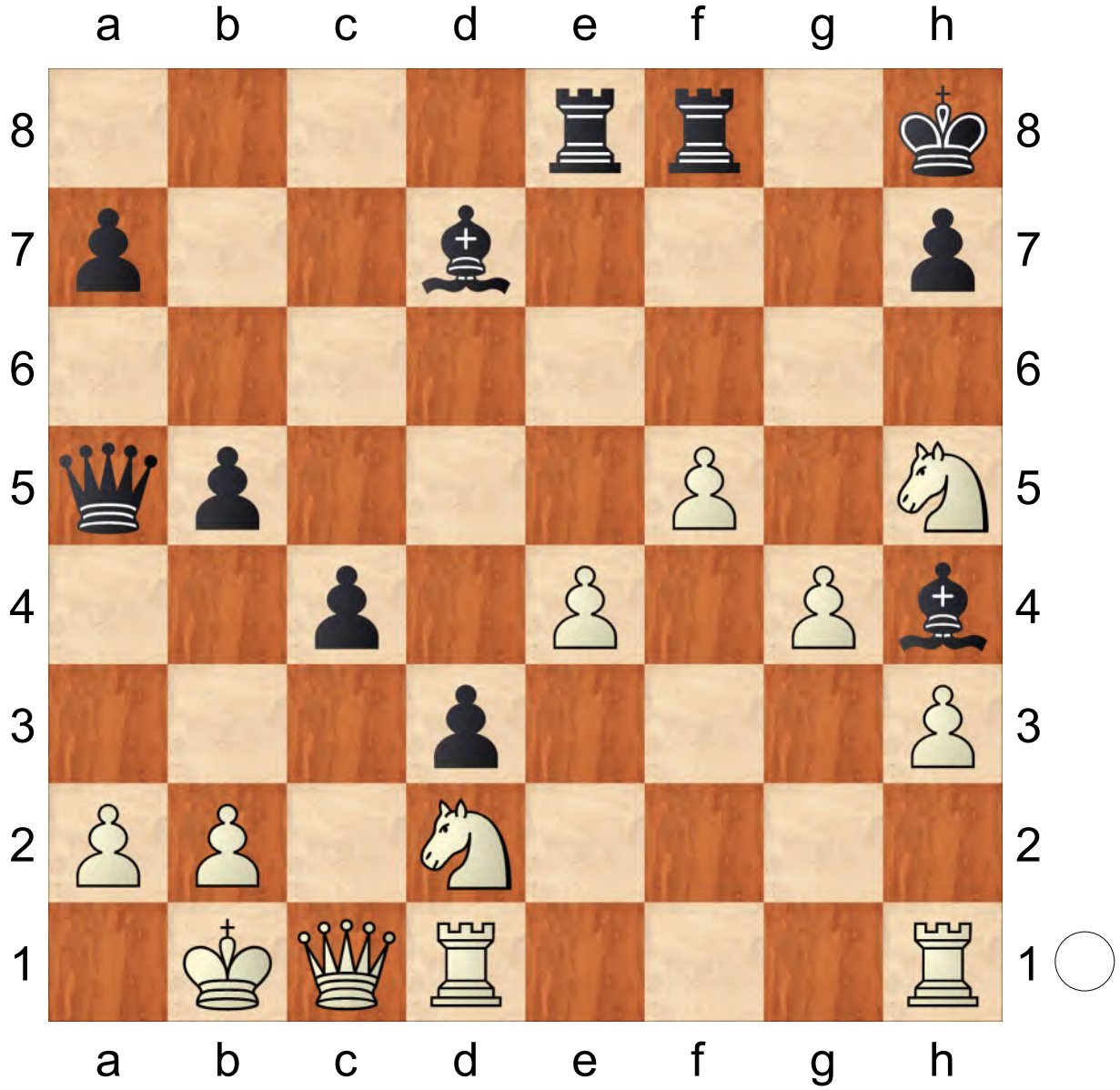
23.g4 d3 24.Qc1!

[24.Qxc4+? Be6 25.Nb3 Qxa2+ 26.Kxa2 Bxc4∓]

24...b5 25.f5→ Kh8?!

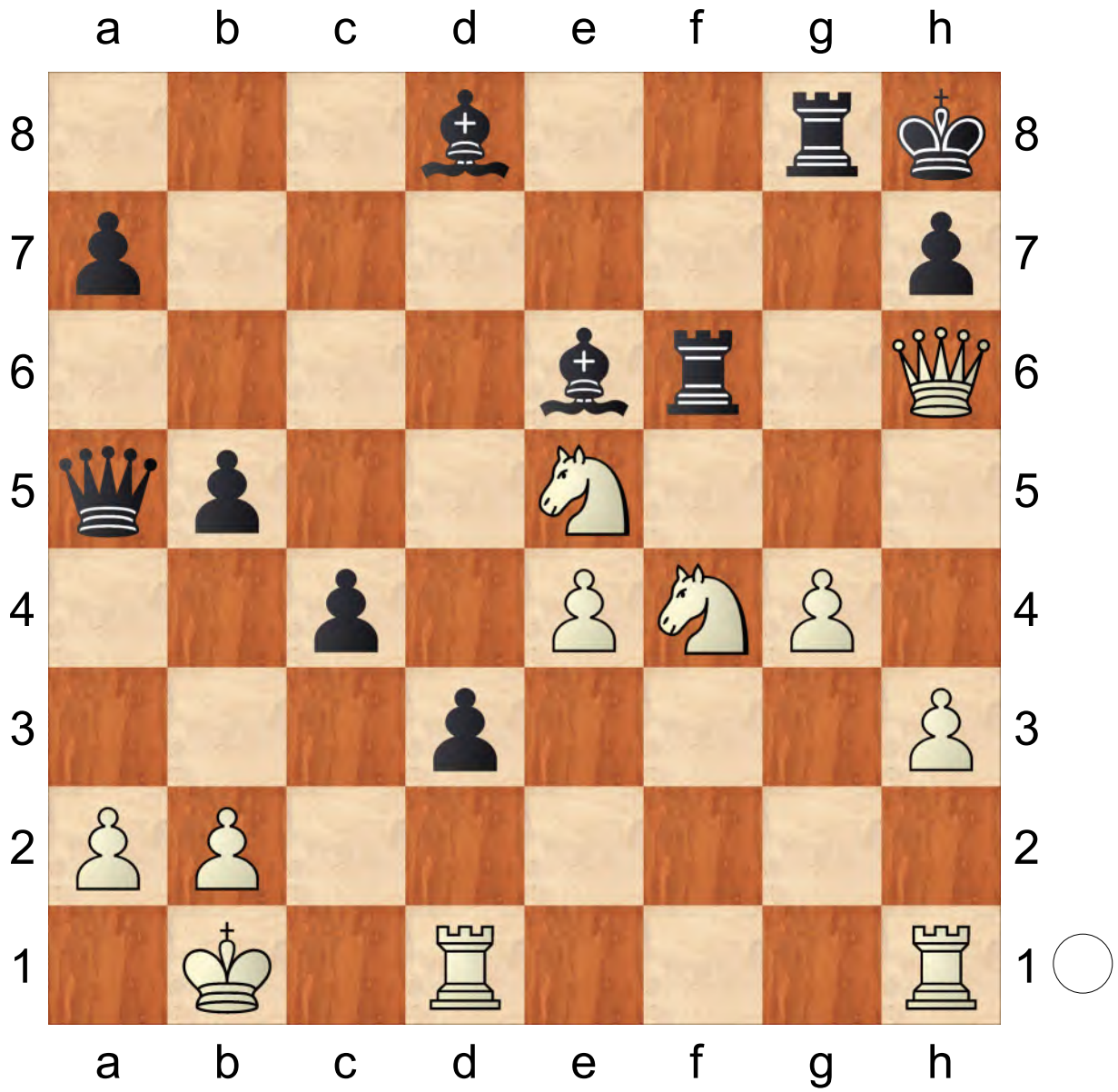
[25...Bg5 26.Nxc4! Δ d2 27.Qxd2+-]

[25...Qd8 26.Qc3± *(26.Nxc4!? bxc4 27.Qxc4+↑)*]
[After the text-move White wins almost by force. More resilient, but hardly sufficient is ⌓25...Qc7!? 26.g5!? *(26.Nf3 Bd8 27.Qh6 Bc6±; 26.Rhg1 Bg5 27.Qc3 Bc6 28.Nf3±)* 26...b4 27.Nf6+ Rxf6 28.gxf6 c3 29.Rdg1+±]



26.Nf3 Bd8 27.Qh6 Rf7 28.f6 Rg8 29.Ne5+-
[29.Ng5 Rxg5 30.Qxg5+-]
29...Be6
[29...Be8 30.g5!? *(30.Ng7? Rxf6 31.Nxe8 Rxe8⇄)* 30...Qc7 31.g6 Qxe5 32.gxf7 Bxf7 33.Rhg1 Bg6 34.Rxg6 Rxg6 35.f7+-]
30.Nf4
[30.Ng7! Δ♘g6# Rxf6 *(30...Rgxg7 31.fxg7+ Rxg7 32.Qxe6+-)* 31.Nxe6+- leads to the same final position.]

30...Rxf6
[⌓30...b4!? 31.Nxf7+ *(31.Neg6+ Rxg6 32.Nxg6+ Kg8 33.Ne7+ Bxe7 34.fxe7 Rxe7 35.Rhf1±)* 31...Bxf7±]



31.Nxe6!
[31.Nxe6 Rxh6 32.Nf7#]

(Diagram)

ΔLf6 Stohl: '+-' Stohl: 'leads to the same final position.'
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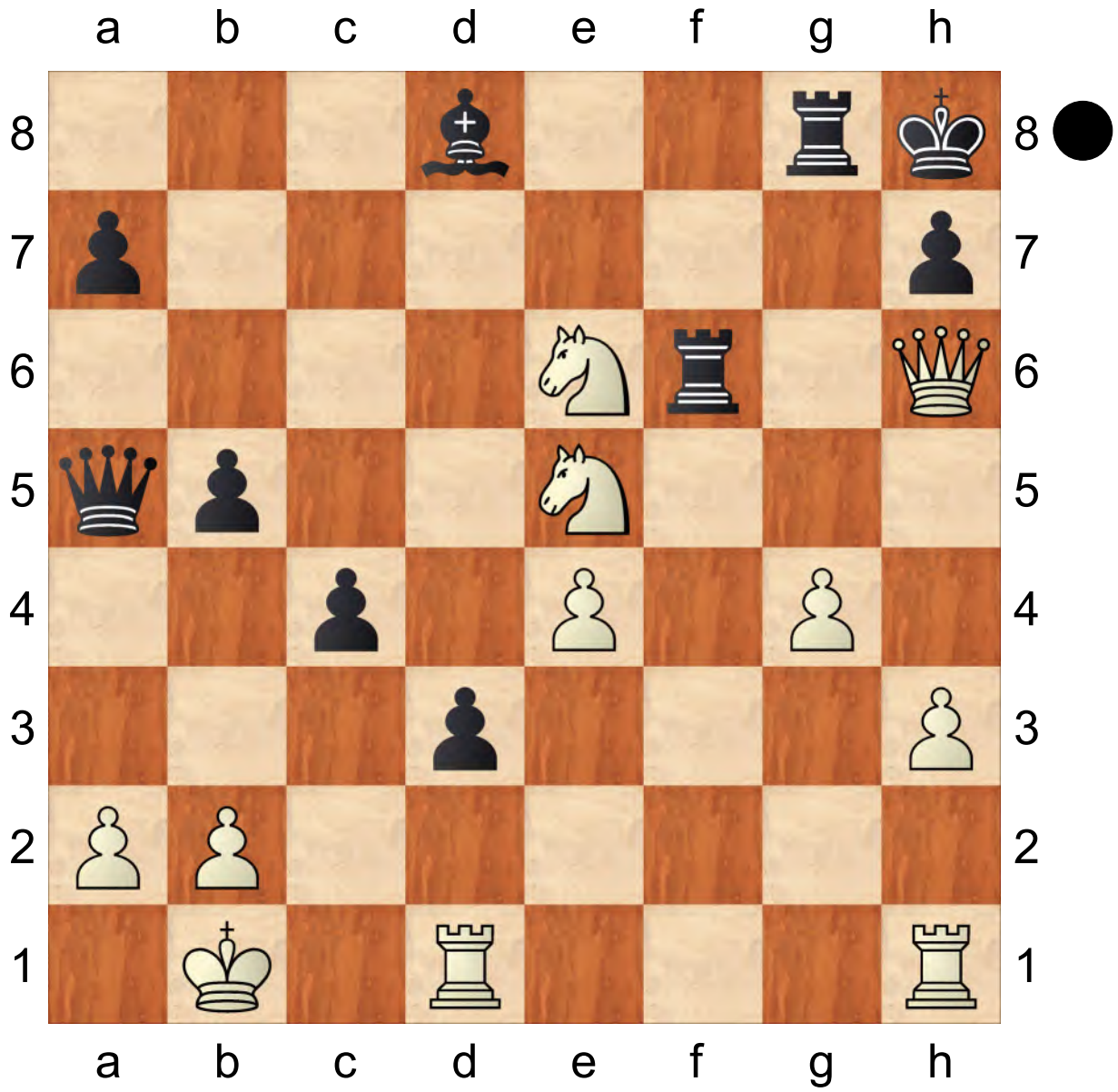
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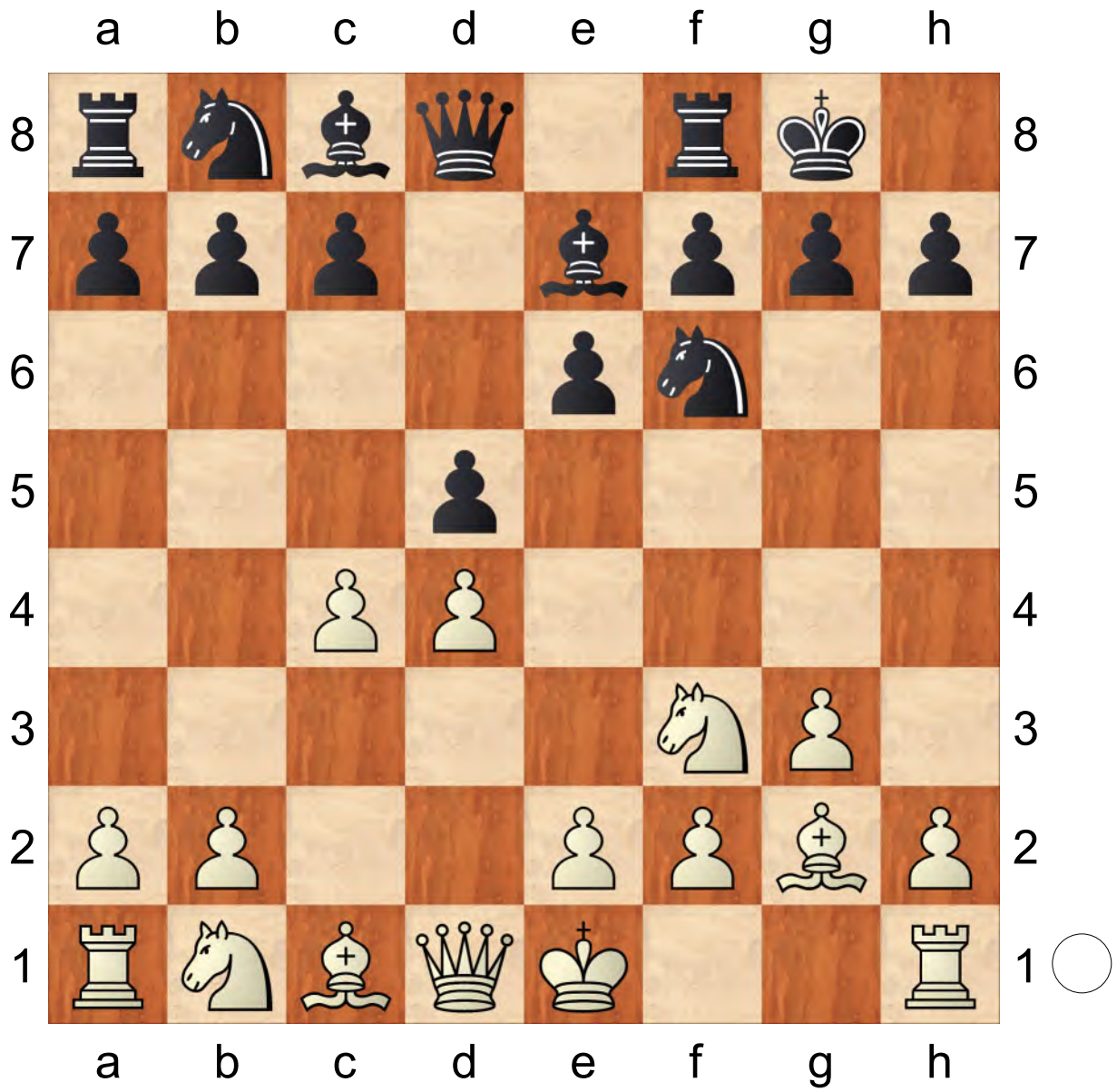
□ **Rodshtein,Maxim** **2609**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2672**
Biel GM 43rd (5) 23.07.2010
[Stohl,Igor]

1.Nf3 Stohl **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0**



6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4

[The most recent examples with 8.a4 seem to confirm this alternative as rather harmless: Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Bd5* is also good enough: *11.Qd3 c5 12.Nc3 Bc6 13.Rfd1 Qa5 14.Qc4 cxd4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nc6 19.Rd7 Rab8 20.Qf4 Qb6 21.Rb1 Ne5!=*

1/2, Meier,G (2648)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2699)/ESP-chT Sestao/2010/) 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 c6 14.Qb3 (White tries to prevent, or at least delay Black's a5, but it doesn't seem worth the trouble. Perhaps somewhat more promising is *14.e3 a5 15.b4!? axb4 16.Qxb4 Ra7 17.a5 Nd7 18.Rfb1 Be7 19.Qc4 Nf6 20.a6 bxa6 21.Bxc6 Qc8 22.Rb6 a5⇄* Gustafsson,J (2643)-Matlakov,M (2603)/ESP-chT Sestao/2010/)

A) 14...Qc7 15.Rfd1

A1) 15...a5 16.Rac1 *(16.Ne4 Be7 17.Rac1 Na6 18.e3 Nb4 19.Qc4 g6 20.Nc5 Kg7 21.Nd3 h5 22.h4 Rfd8 23.Kg2 Ra6 24.b3 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Rb6 26.Qc2 Ra6=* Ghaem Maghami,E (2604)-Karpov,A (2644)/Teheran blitz m/2009/) 16...Rd8?! *(16...Nd7 17.d5 Nc5 18.Qc4 Qb6⇄)* 17.Ne4 *(17.d5!↑ Δ Bxc3 18.d6! Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6? 20.Qxb7 Bxb2 21.Rb1+-)* 17...Be7 18.d5 exd5 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Nd7 21.Qb3 Qb6 22.Qxb6 Nxb6 23.b3 Nd5= Aronian,L (2739)-Leko,P (2753)/Nice rpd/2008;

A2) 15...Rd8!? 16.Ne4 Nd7 17.a5 Be7 18.e3 Rab8 19.Nd2 Nf6 20.Nc4 Ne8 21.Nb6 Nd6 22.Rac1 Nb5 23.Be2 Qd6 24.Qa2 Bf6 25.Bc4 Qb4 26.Bb3 Nd6 27.Kg2 Kh8 28.Bc2 Nc8 29.Nc4 Nd6= /⩲○, Aronian,L (2783)-Wang Hao (2724)/Shanghai/2010/ and it's very difficult for White to make any inroads despite his space advantage, as Black's setup is very solid.;

B) 14...Ra7 15.Ne4 *(15.a5 Bxd4 16.Rfd1 b5 17.e3 Qf6 18.Nxb5 Bxb2 19.Nxa7 Bxa1 20.Kg2 Bc3 21.Qb7 Qe5 22.Nxc6 Nxc6 23.Qxc6* 1/2, Gelfand,B (2739)-Giri,A (2672)/Amsterdam/2010/ *Qxa5 24.Be2=)* 15...Bxd4 16.Rfd1 Qb6 17.Qd3 c5 18.e3 Be5 19.Rac1 Nc6 20.Nxc5 Rd8 21.Nd7 Qxb2 22.Qc4 Rxd7! *(22...b5? 23.axb5 axb5 24.Qxc6 Raxd7 25.Qxd7! Rxd7 26.Rc8+ Kh7 27.Rxd7 Kg6 28.h4↑* →, Nielsen,P (2700)-Giri,A (2672)/Amsterdam/2010/) 23.Rxd7 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qxc6 Rxd7=]

8...b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Nowadays White rarely plays anything else in this position - other seemingly more active ♗ moves

[10.Bf4 and]

[10.Bg5 are too soft and allow Black to get in a quick, effective and equalising ... c5.]

10...Be4

[10...Bd6 has also become popular even on the highest level:

A) 11.Ng5!? Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc8 *(12...h6 13.Nf3 Nbd7 14.e4 e5 15.Nc3 c5 16.d5 c4 17.Nh4 Nc5 18.f3 Qd7 19.Nd1 Rfc8 20.Nf2 Na4 21.Nf5 Bf8 22.Rac1 b4 23.b3⩲* Hillarp Persson,T (2581)-Skovgaard,P (2279)/Bronshoj/2010/) 13.Nc3!? *(13.e4 Qb7 14.Re1 Nbd7 15.Nf3 e5⇄* Caruana,F (2646)-Short,N (2663)/Wijk aan Zee/2009/ is complex and far from clear.*)* 13...Qb7+ 14.f3 Nbd7 15.Rac1 Rac8 *(15...e5!?∞)* 16.Rfd1 c5 17.Nce4 Be7 *(17...Nxe4? 18.Qxe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 Be7 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb4+-)* 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Bc3 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxe4 21.Nxe4 Be3 22.Rb1?! *(22.Bd2⩲; 22.Nd6 Rc6 23.Bd2⩲)* 22...Nb6 23.Bb4 Rfd8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Bc5 Nd5 26.Bxe3 Nxe3+ 27.Kg1 Rc8 28.Nc3 Kf8 29.Kf2 Nc4= Grandelius,N (2476)-Hammer,J

(2610)/Malmö/2010/

B) 11.Re1 Be4 12.Qc1 Bb7 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Nbd2 c5!? 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nb3 c4!N *(16...Qb6 17.Qh6 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Bf8 19.Qh5 a5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Ng5 fxg5 22.Qxg5+ Kh8 23.Nxc5 Bxc5 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Bxb7 Bxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Qxb7 27.Qf4± /=,* Dominguez Perez,L (2713)-Alekseev,E (2700)/ Havana/2010/ For more details about the whole line see the notes to this game in CBM 137.*)* 17.Nbd2 Rc8 18.a3 *(18.Nh4 Bxg2 19.Nxg2 Bb4 20.Rd1 f5 21.Nf3 Nf6 22.d5 Nxd5 23.Ne3 c3 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Qh6 Qe7 26.bxc3 Bxc3 27.Rac1 Qe6* 1/2, Volokitin,A (2661)-Sakaev,K (2607)/SRB-chT Vrnjacka Banja/2010/ *28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Rd3 h6 30.Qe3 Bg7= /∓)* 18...Qa5 19.Nh4 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 c3 21.Ne4 cxb2 22.Nxf6+ *(22.Qxb2 Be7* Δ♘ b6-c4 ∓↑« *)* 22...Nxf6 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ 1/2, Caruana,F (2697)-Zhigalko,S (2656)/ESP=chT Sestao-2010/]

(Diagram)

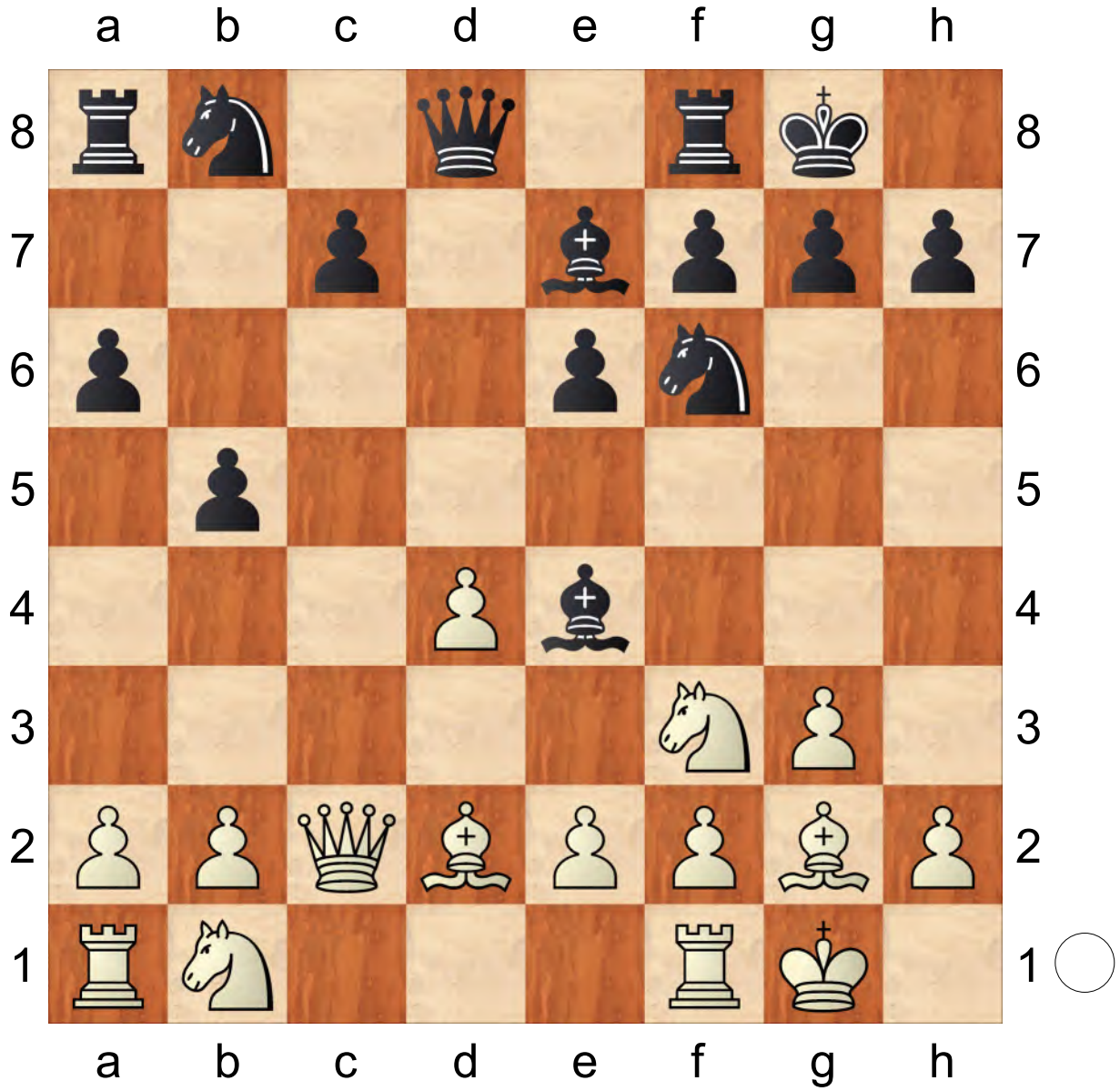
Although Black still plays this more often than anything else, recently **11.Qc1 Bb7** Removes the ♗ from its exposed outpost. Introduced by Karpov in the 1980s, this is still Black's main continuation.

[Another line, in which Black is very close to equality, but must navigate through some pitfalls, is 11...Qc8 12.Bg5

A) 12...c5 13.Nbd2 Bb7 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 *(15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Be3 Qd8 17.Rd1 Bd5 18.Ne5 Qe8 19.Bg5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 h6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Ng4 Bg5 23.f4 Be7 24.Ne5 Bf6 25.Ng4 Be7 26.Ne5* 1/2, Avrukh,B (2642)-Roiz,M (2579) */Beer-Sheba rpd/2005/) 15...Bxc5 16.Rfc1 Bb6 (16...Nbd7 17.Ne5 Bxg2 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Rxc5 Rad8 20.Kxg2!? Rxd2 21.Kf3↑ Δ Rxb2? 22.Nd3 Rd2 23.Ke3±; 16...Bd6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Ne1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Bb4 20.Ne4 Bxe1 21.Rxe1 f5* Avrukh,B (2641)-Jenni,F (2481)/Biel/2006/ *22.Nc5±* Avrukh *)* 17.a4!? *(17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Ne1* 1/2, Ehlvest,J (2597)-Bruzon Bautista,L (2648)/Merida/2006/*)* 17...Nbd7 18.a5 Bd8 19.Nb3 Ne4 20.Bf4 Bd5 21.Nfd2 Nxd2 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Bxd2± ך,Avrukh;

B) 12...Nbd7 13.Qf4 Bb7 14.Rc1 Bd6 15.Qh4 h6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Nbd2 Re8 18.e4 *(18.Rc2 e5 19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxg2!⇄ Δ 21.Nxf7? Qf5!-+)* 18...Nd7 19.Nb3 a5 20.a4! *(20.Nc5 Be7 21.Qf4* Kramnik,V (2769)-Leko,P (2751) /WCh Mexico City/2007/ *Nxc5 22.dxc5 e5!∓* - see notes by Marin in CBM 120. *)* 20...bxa4 21.Rxa4 Qb8!? *(21...Bb4 22.Qf4 c5!? 23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Re7! 25.Ne5 Rc7=* Kramnik *)* 22.Rxa5 *(22.Nxa5 c5⩱)* 22...Rxa5 23.Nxa5 c5 24.dxc5 Nxc5 25.Nxb7 Qxb7 26.Rd1 Be7 27.Qh5 Qxb2 28.Ne5 g6 29.Nxg6 fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Qxh6+ Qg7∞ Ruck,R (2561)-Prohaszka,P (2508)/HUN-ch Szeged/2009/]

[11...Nbd7 12.Ba5 Rc8 13.Nbd2 Ba8 14.Qc2 *(*or *14.a3!?* , as in Huzman-Wells below.*)* has fallen out of favour with the elite. One of the reasons is the



following example: 14...Qe8 15.b4 Nd5 16.a3 f5 17.Rae1 Qh5 18.Qb3 Rce8 19.e4 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Qg6 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.bxc5 Bf6 23.Bd2 Re7 24.Re2 h6 25.Rfe1 Qf7 26.h4 Bb7 27.g4 Ree8 28.g5↑ Ftacnik,L (2533)-Ribli,Z (2603)/ Bundesliga 0405/2005/]

12.a3!? A rare idea, of which we could see more in the near future. White's strategic plan can be fixing the ×c7 with b4 (possibly even ♙b4) without having to isolate his ♙ on a5. Once he has achieved this, a possible way to further increase the pressure is ♖a2-c2.

[The text move might become popular also because after the more usual continuation 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Nc3 Nxf4 14.Qxf4 Qd6 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Black has lately been doing fine with Nd7!? *(*The older move *16...c5* gives White a long-lasting pull after *17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Rfd1 Ra7 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Ne4 f6 21.Nd3 Rd7 22.Qf3 a5 23.Nf4 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 f5 25.Nc3 Rc8 26.e4 b4*

27.Nce2± Georgiev,K (2660)-Iordachescu,V (2587)/Valjevo/2007/) 17.Rac1 *(17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Qf3 Rfd8 20.Rac1 h6 21.e3 b4 22.Ne4 Qa4 23.Ra1 Rd5=* Dominguez Perez,L (2713)-Carlsen,M (2813)/Nice blindfold rpd/2010/ *)* 17...Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qb6 19.Ne4 Rad8 20.Rfd1 c5 21.Nd6 c4 22.b3 cxb3 23.axb3 a5 24.Rd3 a4 25.bxa4 bxa4 26.Qxa4 Bxd6 27.Rb3 Qxb3 28.Qxb3 Bxe5= Le Quang Liem (2681)-Kramnik,V (2790)/Dortmund/2010/ With ♙ only on the » White can't convert his small material advantage.]

[12.Rd1 is rather insipid: Qc8 13.b4 Nc6

A) 14.Qb2 a5! 15.bxa5 Nxa5 16.Bxa5 *(16.Qxb5 Ba6* **Δ**♗e2 *)* 16...Rxa5 17.Nbd2 Bd6 18.Nb3 Chetverik,M (2397)-Kreindl,H (2219)/Zalakaros/2004/ Ba3 19.Qd2 Ra4=;

B) 14.a3 a5 15.Nc3 axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1 17.Qxa1 Nxb4 18.Nxb5 c5 19.Qb2 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Qd7 21.dxc5 Qxb5 22.Qxb4 Qxc5 23.Qxc5 Bxc5 24.Bc3 Be7 25.Bxf6 Bxf6= 1/2, Mamedyarov,S (2763)-Ponomariov,R (2733)/Astrakhan/2010/]

12...Qc8

[12...Nc6 13.Rd1 Bd6 14.Bg5 Na5 15.Nbd2 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qc3 Nc6 Suba,M (2532)-Pilgaard,K (2413)/Burgas/2001/ 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Ne5!**±**]

[12...Bd6 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Bf4 *(14.b4!? Nbd7 15.Nc3* is more in keeping with White's 12th move and gives him some chances for a small advantage.*)* 14...Rc8 15.Nc3 *(15.b4 a5!)* 15...c5 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.e4 cxd4 18.Nxd4 *(18.e5 Qc5 19.Nxd4 Bxg2 20.exf6 Bb7 21.fxg7 Rd8⇄)* 18...Qe5 19.f4 Qc5 20.e5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nd5 22.Ne4 Qf8 23.Qd2 Nc6 24.Nxc6 Rxc6 25.Rac1 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rc8 27.Nd6 Rxc1 28.Qxc1 Qa8⇄ David,A (2622)-Batsiashvili,N (2383)/Paleochora/2010/]

[12...Nbd7 13.Ba5 *(13.b4 Nb6* **Δ**♘c4⇄ *)* 13...Rc8 *(13...Bd6 14.Nbd2 Qc8 15.b4 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Bxe5 19.Ra2 Bd6 20.Rc2 Qb7+ 21.Kg1 Rac8 22.Nb3 Rfe8 23.Rd1 Ne4 24.f3 Nf6 25.e4 Rcd8 26.Nc5 Qc8 27.Kg2 h5 28.Nd3 Qa8 29.Nf2±* Kachiani Gersinska,K (2416)-Seps,M (2173) /EU-chTW Gothenburg/2005/ A model game from White's viewpoint.*)* is very similar to the 11... ♘bd7 line mentioned above and can in fact even transpose into it later on. White retained pressure after 14.Nbd2 Qe8 15.b4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Qe3 Bd5 18.Rac1 Bd6 19.Ne5 f5 *(19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Bxe5 21.dxe5 c6 22.Rfd1 f6 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.f3 Nd5 25.Qb3 Qg6 26.e4 Nf4+ 27.Kh1 Nh3 28.Bb6 Ng5 29.Rd3±* Donnelly,M (2460)-Pedersen,E (2416)/corr/2004/ White effectively neutralised Black's » tactical chances.*)* 20.Rfe1 *(20.Bxd5 exd5 21.f4 Nf6 22.Rc2 c6 23.Rfc1 h5 24.Bb6 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Ne4 26.Bd4 Qg6 27.Kh1 Rfe8 28.a4 Re6 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra2 Rc7 31.Qf3 Kh7 32.Rg1 Qf7 33.h3 Rh6⇄* Suba,M (2525)-Psakhis,L (2605)/Andorra/1994/*; 20.f3!?* **Δ**♖c3, ♖fc1 *)* 20...Nf6 *(20...Bxg2!? 21.Kxg2 Nf6)* 21.f3 Nd7 22.Rc2 Nb6 23.Bxb6 cxb6 24.Rec1 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 a5 26.f4 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 axb4 28.axb4 Bxb4 29.Rc6 Qe7 30.Qb3**±** Huzman,A (2591)-Wells,P (2499)/EU-ch Dresden/2007/ This game actually featured the 11...♘bd7 move-order.]

13.b4

[13.Bb4!? is also interesting, White is willing to sacrifice a ♙ for a « bind: Bxb4 14.axb4 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Nxb4 16.Qc5 Nbd5 17.Rfc1 Qd8 18.Nb3 *(18.Ne5!?⩱)* 18...Ne4 19.Qc2 Nb4 20.Qxc7 Bd5 21.Ne5 Rc8 22.Qxd8 Rfxd8 23.Bxe4 Bxb3 24.e3 Bd5 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Rc3 f6 27.Nf3 Ra8!± /⇄, Cmilyte,V (2498)-Xu Yuhua (2479)/RUS-chTW Dagomys/2009/]

13...Nc6?!N Black's reaction is a novelty, but it seems dubious.

[More to the point is ⌓13...Nbd7 Here White has tried more moves with mixed results, but there is still not enough practical material to give any categorical evaluations: 14.Ra2!? *(14.Bc3 Ne4 15.Nbd2 Bd5 16.Qc2 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Qb7 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.e4 Bxe4 20.Ng5 Bxc2 21.Bxb7 Bd3 22.Rfe1 Bc4 23.Bxc8 Bxg5 24.Bxg5 Rxc8 25.f3 f6=* Aronian,L (2750)-Carlsen,M (2776)/Linares/2009/ Black's light-squared fortress is invincible.*; 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Nc3 Bc6 16.Re1 Qb7 17.Bxd6 cxd6 18.Qf4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 d5 20.Na2 Nb6 21.Nc1 Nc4 22.Nb3 Qb6 23.g4 Ra7 24.h4 Nd7=* Rodshtein,M (2517)-Magalashvili,D (2459)/WChJ Yerevan/2006/*; 14.Rd1 Bd6 15.Bc3 Ne4 16.Nbd2 Nxd2 17.Nxd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qb7+ 19.f3 f5 20.Nb3 Rae8 21.Nc5 Qc6 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Qc2 f4 24.Qe4 Qe7 25.Rac1 fxg3 26.hxg3 Qg5 27.Be1 Rf6 28.e3 Ref8 29.f4 Qd5 30.Qxd5 exd5 31.Rc6 Ra8=* /±, Hillarp Persson,T (2581)-Kjartansson,G (2391)/ Reykjavik/2010/ Black's setup is passive, but very solid and White has problems activating his ♗ to create any inroads. *)* 14...Bd6 *(14...Nb6!?)* 15.Bf4 Re8 *(⌓15...a5∞)* 16.Nbd2 *(16.Nc3 e5⇄)* 16...e5?! *(16...a5!?* was still a better choice *)* 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rc2 Bd6 20.Nd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 a5 22.N2f3 Qb7 23.Qg5 Be5 24.Nc6 h6 25.Qf5 g6 Soors,S (2222)-Nijs,N (2242)/ Brasschaat/2009/ 26.Qd3±]

14.Qb2 a5

[14...Rd8 15.Rc1± is pleasant for White, but this was not Giri's intention.]

15.bxa5!? Rodshtein accepts the challenge.

[Although 15.Nc3 axb4 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Nxb5 c5 18.Rxa8 Bxa8 19.Rc1 Na6 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Be3 looks dangerous, after Nfd7 *(*or *21...Qc6* White still doesn't have anything concrete and Black can gradually untangle. *)*]

15...Nxa5

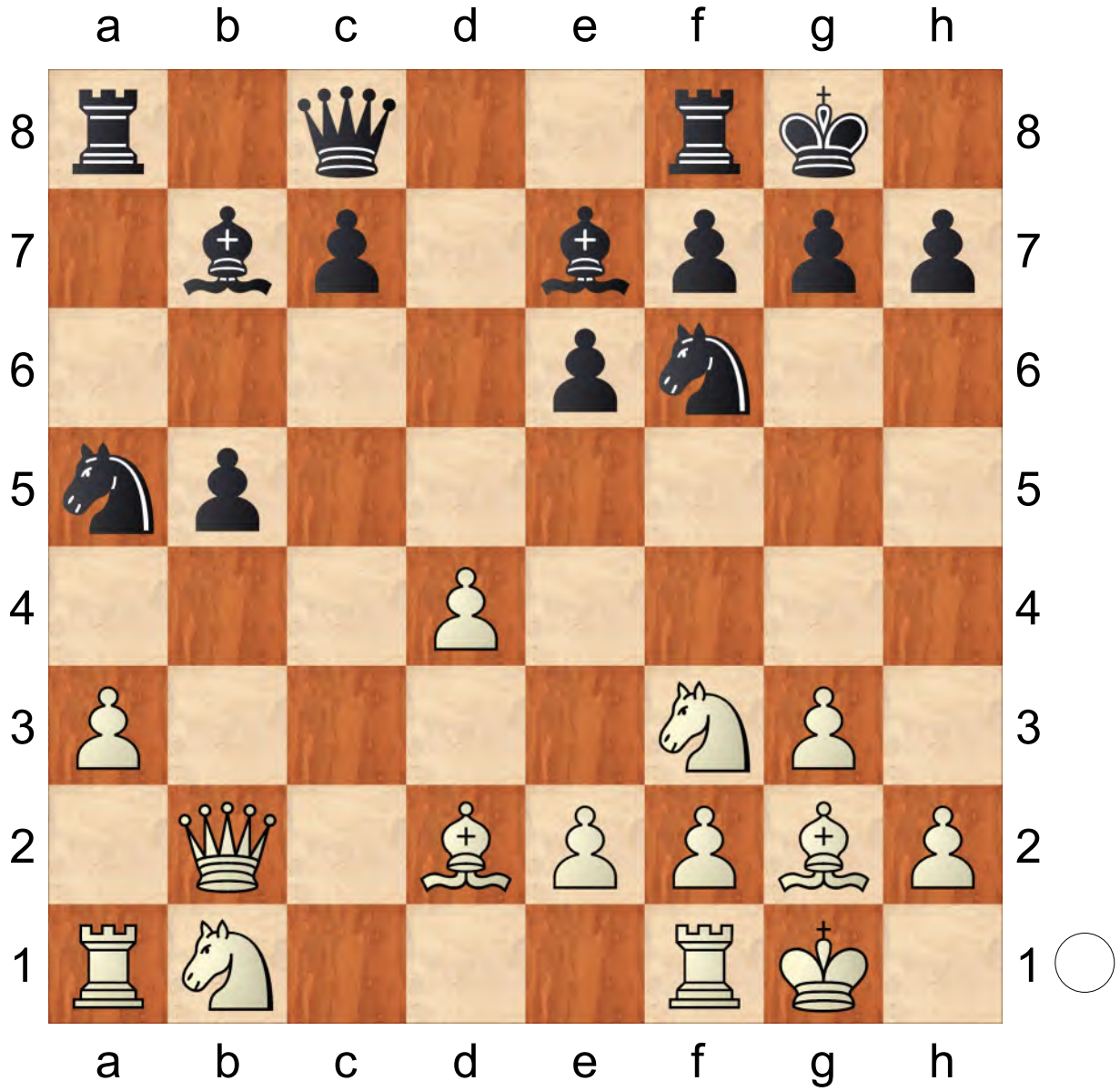
(Diagram)

16.Qxb5 Bc6

[16...c5 17.Bxa5 *(17.dxc5 Bc6 18.Qb2 Bxc5* Δ♖b8, ♘c4 gives Black more play for the ♙.*)* 17...Bc6 18.Qb6 Nd5 19.Qb2 Rxa5 20.Nbd2± and although Black's forces are active, he can hardly claim full compensation for the ♙.]

17.Qb2 Rb8 18.Bb4! The only way to retain the tension - White must develop his ♘b1.

[18.Qc3 Nb3 *(18...Nd5!?)* 19.Qxc6 *(19.Ra2 Be4 20.Ne5 c5↑* Δ *21.dxc5 Nd5 22.Qc4 Bxb1 23.Rxb1 Nxd2 24.Rxb8 Qxb8 25.Rxd2 Qxe5 26.Bxd5 exd5*



27.Rxd5 Qc7∓) 19...Nxa1 20.Qc4 Nb3 21.Bb4 c5 22.dxc5 Nxc5 23.Nd4 Nd5

A) 24.Nc3 Nxb4 25.axb4 Qa6 26.Qxa6 Nxa6 27.Nc6 Rb7 *(27...Bxb4 28.Nxb8 Rxb8=)* 28.Nxe7+ Rxe7 29.b5 Nc5= /∓;

B) 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Qxd5 Rd8 26.Nc6 Rxd5 27.Nxe7+ Kh8 28.Nxc8 Rxc8 29.Nc3=]

18...Bd5

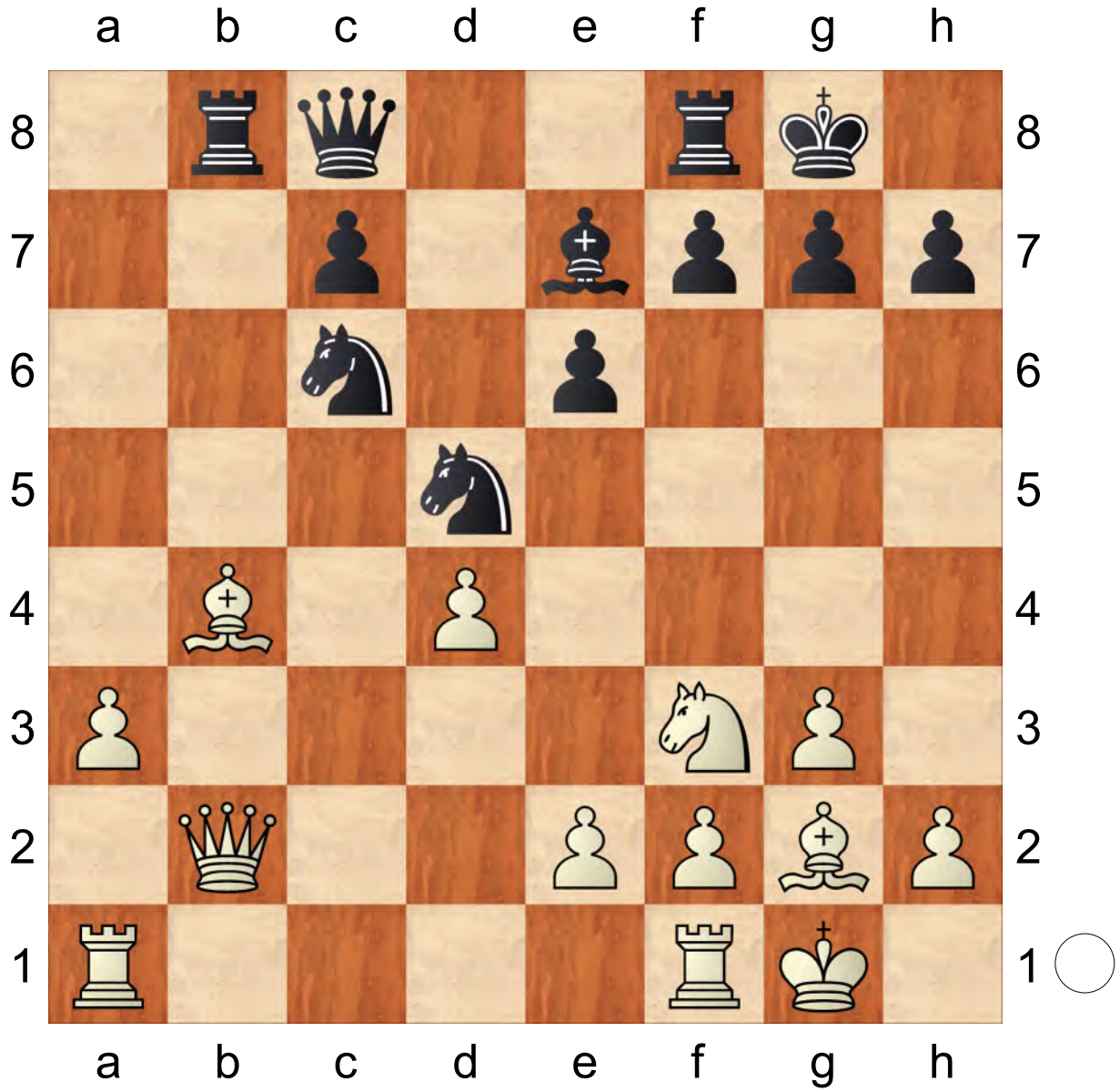
[18...Nd5 19.Qc2 Nxb4 *(19...Bxb4 20.axb4 Nxb4 21.Qc3 Qa6 22.Nbd2±)* 20.axb4 Bxf3□ *(20...Bxb4? 21.Ng5+-)* 21.bxa5 *(21.Bxf3 Bxb4 22.Nc3↑ Δ c5 23.Na2!±)* 21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 c5 *(22...Bf6 23.Ra4±)* 23.dxc5 Rb5 24.a6±]

19.Nc3 Nc6

[19...Nc4 20.Qc2 *(20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qc2 Bxb4 22.axb4 Rxb4 23.Ne5 Qe6±)* 20...Bxb4 21.axb4 Stohl: '-19... ♘c4' Rxb4 *(21...Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Rxb4? 23.Na2+-)* 22.e4 Bc6 23.Rfb1!↑]

[19...Bxb4 20.axb4 Nc4 21.Qc2 -19...♘c4]
[Interesting is 19...c5!? 20.dxc5 Bxc5± , when Black has chances to win back the ♙, or at least simplify into an ⊥ with 4:3♙ on the ».]

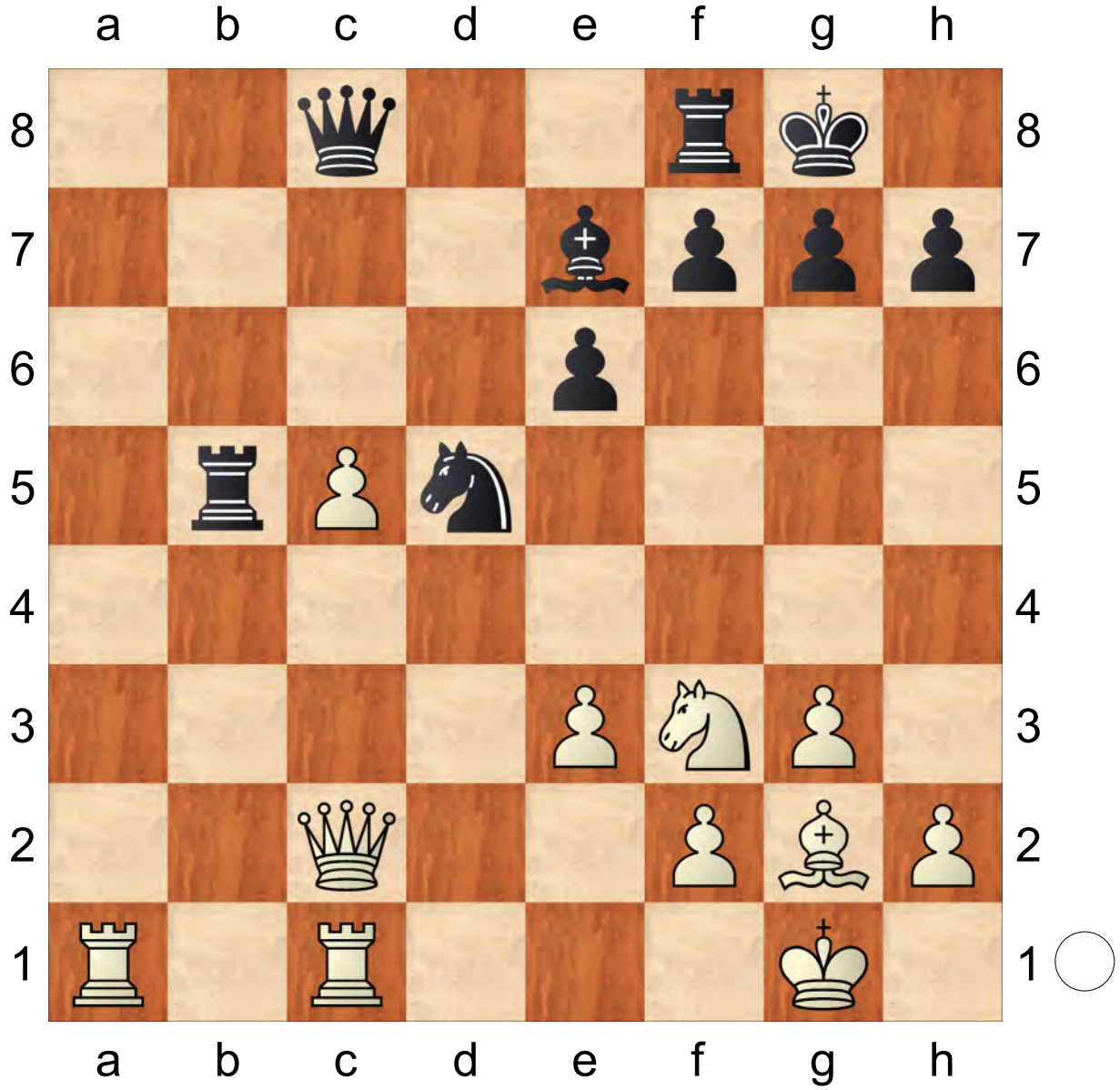
20.Nxd5 Nxd5?!
[20...exd5!? 21.Qa2 Nxb4 22.axb4 Rxb4 23.Ne5± *(23.Rfc1↑)*]



21.Rfc1 Ncxb4 22.axb4 Rxb4
[22...Nxb4 23.Qc3↑ Δ c5 24.dxc5 Rb5 25.c6 Rc5 26.Qxc5 Bxc5 27.Rxc5± Nxc6 28.Ne1+-]

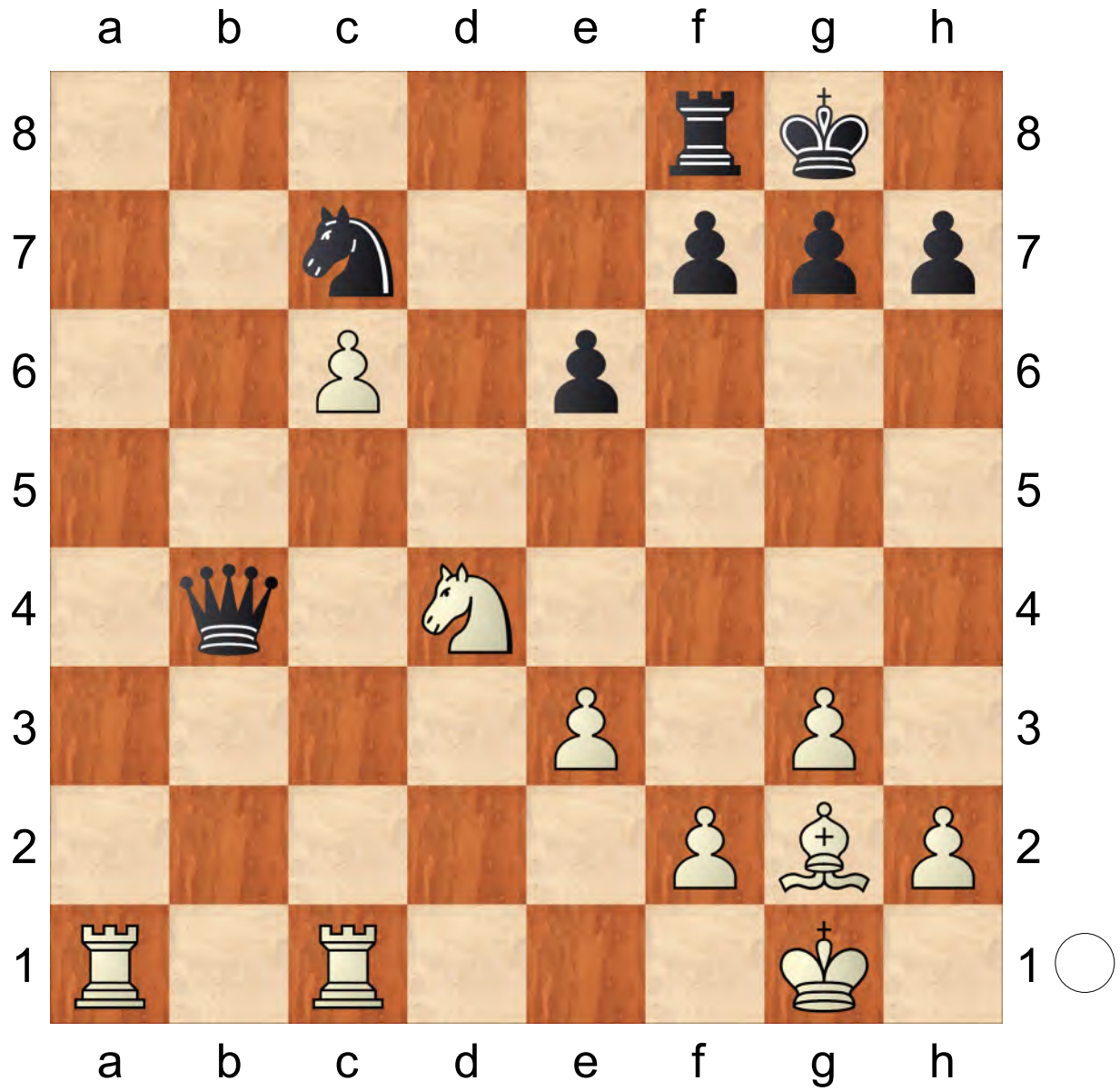
23.Qc2 Δe4, ♘e5-c6,×c7 Black has regained the ♙, but White is still clearly better due to his superior ♙-structure. **23...c5 24.e3!?**
[This is even more convincing, than the similar 24.dxc5 Rb5 *(24...Bf6 25.Ra4 Rb2 26.Qc4±)* 25.c6 Rc5 26.Qxc5↑]

24...Rb8
[24...c4 25.Ne5±]
[It's difficult to suggest an improvement, as, e.g., 24...Qe8 25.dxc5 Rb5 26.c6 Rc5 27.Qxc5 runs into the same motif we have already mentioned.]
25.dxc5 Rb5



26.c6 Rc5 Otherwise White has just a strong extra ♂. **27.Qxc5!**
[27.Qa4? Nc3∞ only causes White problems, but we have already mentioned this natural sacrifice, which is very convincing.]
27...Bxc5 28.Rxc5+- /± The ♂ is fully supported by all White's pieces and will cost Black more material in the long run. **28...Qb8 29.Nd4 Nc7 30.Rcc1 Qb4**

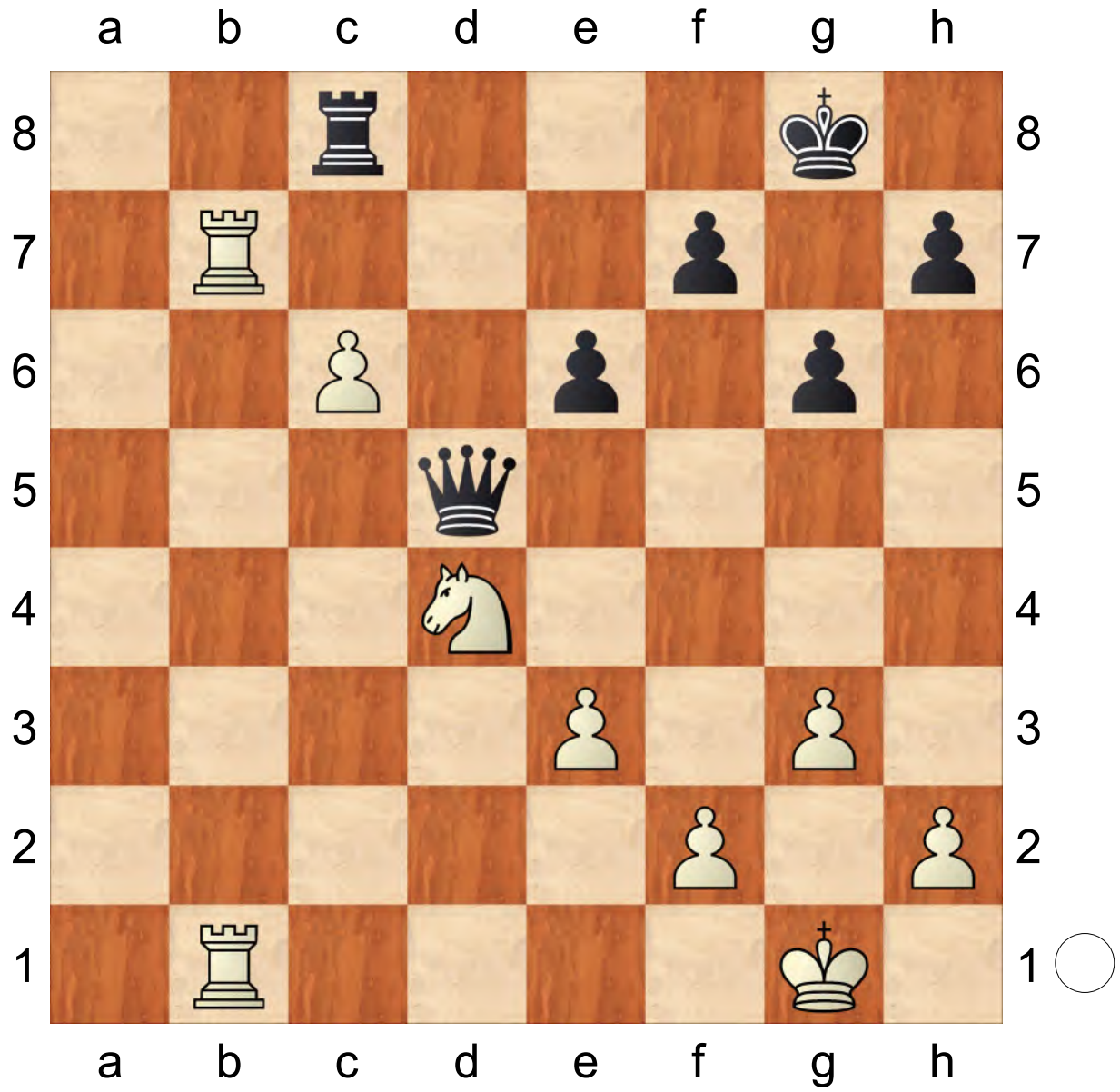
(Diagram)



31.Rcb1 Qc5
[More resilient is 31...Qd6 , but after 32.Nb5! White gradually wins anyway. *(32.Rb7 Rc8)*]
32.Rb7 Nd5?! Without the blockading ♘ White quickly wraps up the game. **33.Bxd5 Qxd5**
[33...exd5 34.c7 h5 35.Nb5+- Δ♖b8]
34.Rc1 Rc8 35.Rcb1 Exchanges the ♖ as well, the ♔ marches through. **35...g6**

(Diagram)

36.Rb8 Qd8 37.Rxc8 Qxc8 38.Rc1 Kg7
[38...Qc7 39.Nb5]
39.c7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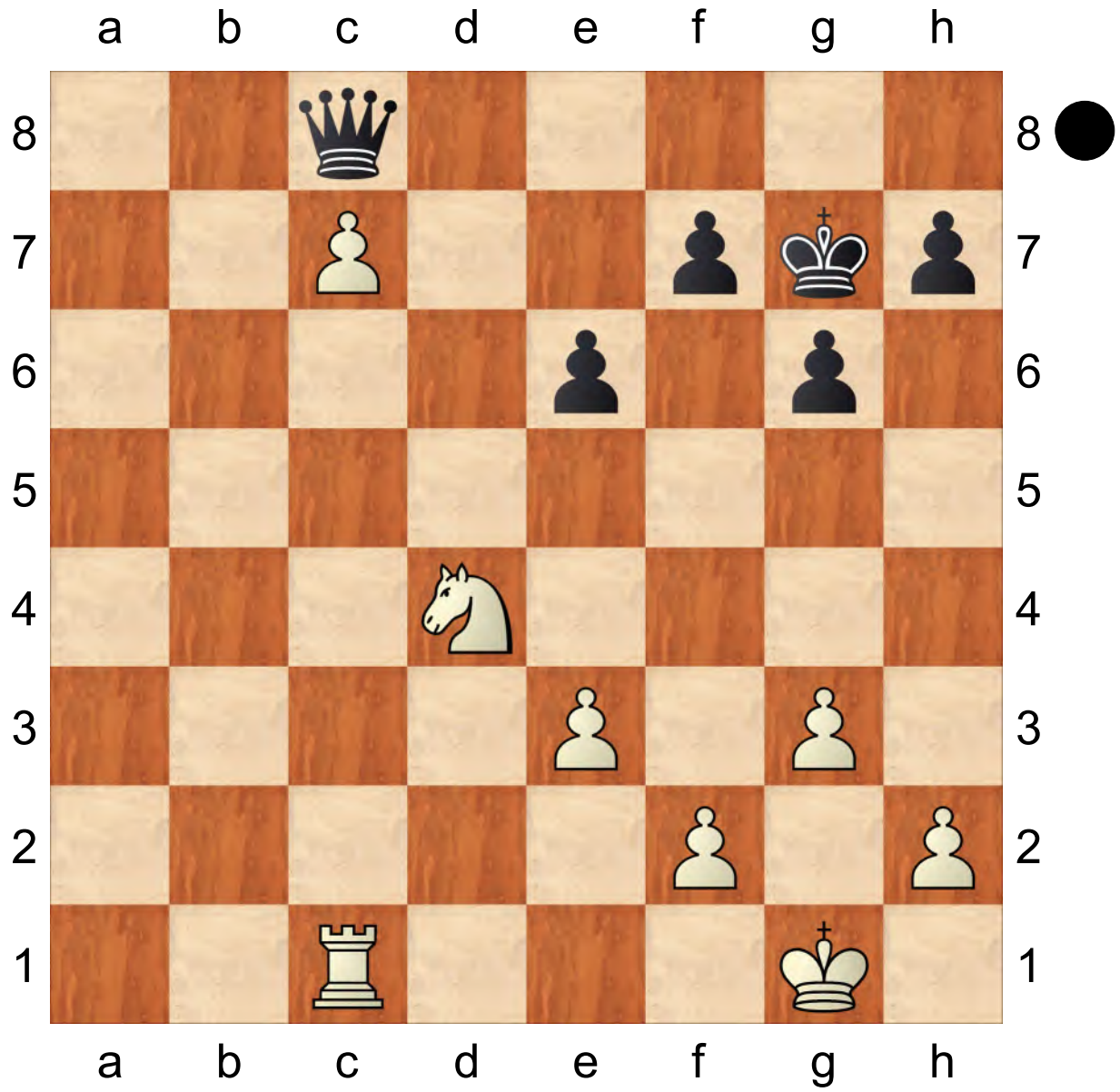

Δ♘b5-a7

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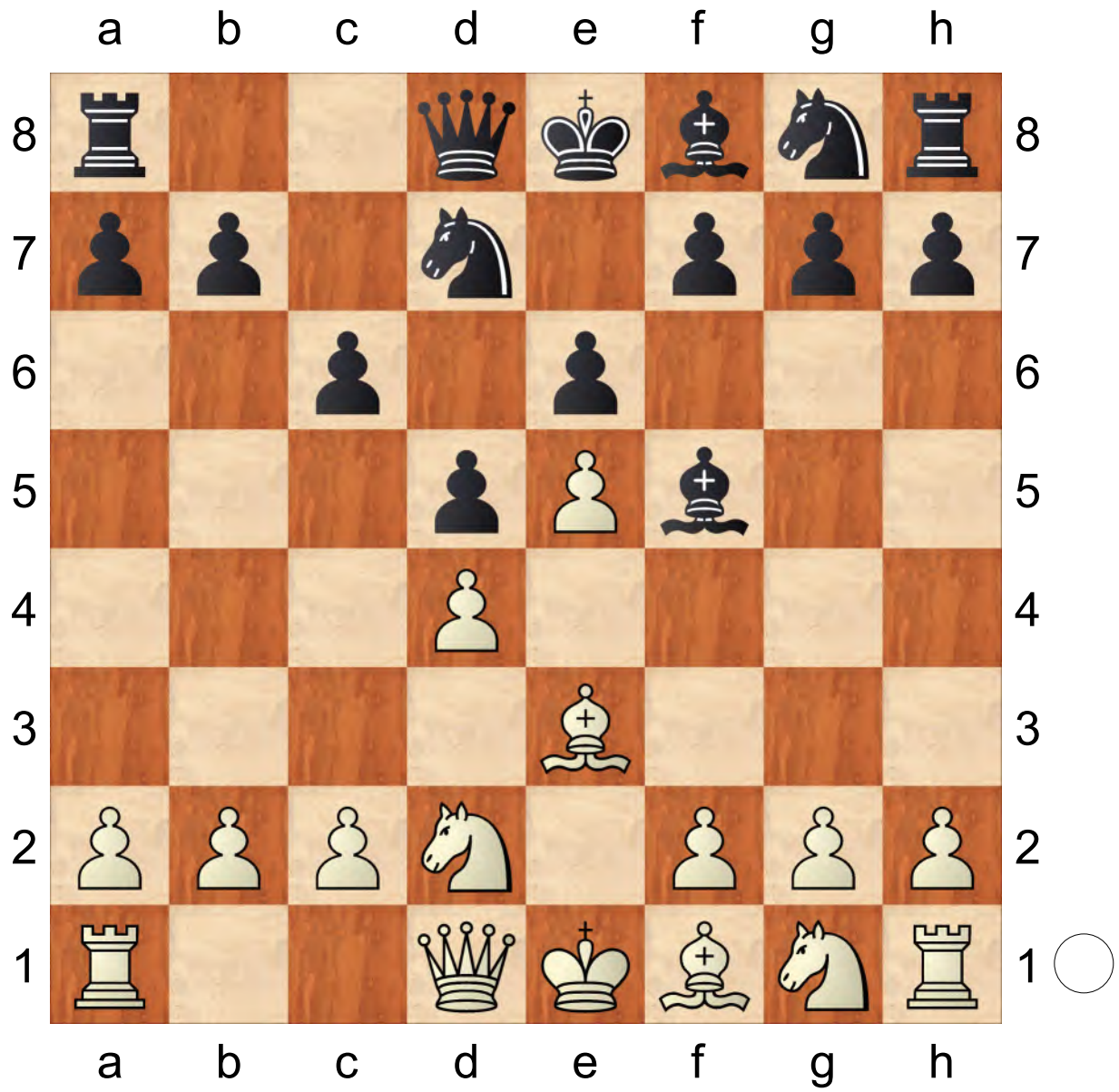
1.e4 Lukacs **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be3 e6 5.Nd2 Nd7**



6.Nb3
[6.Be2
A) 6...Be7 7.Ngf3 *(7.f4!?* strengthening the ⊞ is the other setup. *)* 7...Bg6 8.0-0 Nh6 9.c3 *(9.Bxh6!? gxh6 10.c3)* 9...Nf5 10.Bf4 0-0 11.b4 against c5. a5 12.a3 b6!? *(12...b5* Now White gets the upper hand on the «.

13.Nb3 axb4 14.axb4 Qc7 15.Na5 Nb6 16.Qd2 Bh5 17.Ra2 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nc4 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.Rfa1± conquering the a file, Cabrera-Spassov, Cullera 2003. *)* 13.b5 c5∞;

B) 6...h6 7.Ngf3 Ne7 Lukacs: '- 6...h6' 8.0-0 Bh7 clearing the square for the ♘.

B1) 9.c4 dxc4 *(9...Nf5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Rfc1 Be7 13.Nf1 Nxe3 14.fxe3 0-0 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Rc8* White's space advantage is not a big deal. *17.Ng3 Qa5 18.Ne2 Nb6=* Huebner-Iordachescu, Bayern-chl 1997 *)* 10.Nxc4 Nd5 11.Bd3 otherwise the ♗ on h7 remains very strong. *(11.Rc1* looks rather slow here. *Be7 12.Bd3* has to be played anyway. *Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0* and the blockading ♘ on d5 is excellent. *14.Nfd2 b5 15.Na3 Qb6∞* Geller-Yevseev, RUS-Cup Togliatti 2001*)* 11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Be7 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Bd2 N7b6 15.b3 Qd7 16.Rfe1 Nc7 Black cannot find a suitable plan. 17.Qe4 Nbd5 18.Qg4± Nunn-Conquest, Kilkenny op 1996;

B2) 9.c3 Nf5 10.Re1 This is hard to believe for White. Qb6 11.b4 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Be7 13.Bf1 0-0 14.e4 a5 15.a3 Qc7 16.Bd3 f6∞ Demaria-Garcia Palermo, Villa Maria op 2003;

B3) 9.g4 fighting against ♘f5, but weakening his own position. 9...f6 *(9...Ng6* This setup is not so harmonious. *10.c4 Be7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Rb8 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Rac1 Kh8 15.h3 Re8 16.Bf5 Ndf8 17.Ne1 Nh4 18.Bxh7 Nxh7 19.f4 f5 20.Bf2 Qd7 21.Bxh4 Bxh4 22.Ng2±* Movsesian-Conquest, Warsaw 2004*)* 10.c4 White wants to hold his space advantage at any rate. *(10.exf6 gxf6∞* Δ ♖d8, ♕b6, 0-0-0 *)*

B3a) 10...Ng6? 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Qb3! As in many cases White gets some ↑ on the « in view of the missing light-squared ♗.

B3a1) 12...Be7? sacrificing the ♙ looks rather light-hearted. 13.Qxb7 Rb8 *(13...0-0?! 14.Qc6!±* Shabalov-Iordachescu, Bermuda 2004 CBM 99 *)* 14.Qxa7 Rxb2 15.a4 fxe5 *(Δ15...0-0 16.Bb5)* 16.dxe5 Ngxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bb5+ Kf7 19.Bd4 Rxd2 20.Bxe5 Rf8± was the lesser evil, although the a ♙ looks rather dangerous.;

B3a2) 12...b6 13.Bb5 *(13.exf6 gxf6)* 13...fxe5 14.dxe5±;

B3a3) 12...Qb6 13.Bb5 Rd8 14.Rac1±;

B3b) ⌓10...dxc4 11.Nxc4 Nd5 was again a good strategy for Black with an excellent blockader on d5. 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Kf7 14.exf6 gxf6∞;

C) 6...Ne7 7.Ngf3 Bg6 *(7...h6* - 6...h6 *)* 8.0-0 Nf5 9.c4 Nxe3 10.fxe3 This exchange is not bad for White, because he gets rid of the passive ♗. Be7 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Qb3 Qb6 13.Bb5 Rd8 14.Qa4 a6 15.Bxd7+ Rxd7 16.Rac1 Qd8 17.Rc3 0-0 18.Rfc1± with some space advantage against the ♔, Smirnov-Mchedlishvili, EU-ch Istanbul 2003.;

D) 6...Qb6 7.Nb3

D1) 7...f6?! Black is not strong enough to challenge × e5. 8.Nf3 Ne7 9.0-0 Bg6 10.c4 White has the space advantage and the lead of development, so he opens up the position. a5 11.Nc5! Nxc5 12.dxc5 Qxb2 13.Nd4

(13.Bd4 Qc2 14.Qxc2 Bxc2 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Bxf6 Rg8 17.Nd4 Bf5 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.Rab1±) 13...Nf5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nxe6 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Qe5 17.cxd5→ and the black ♔ in the middle feels himself rather uncomfortably, Shirov-Erenburg, Caleta 2005.;

D2) 7...Ne7 8.f4 *(8.Nf3)* 8...Bg6 9.Bf2 *(9.Nf3 Nf5 10.Bf2)* 9...h5 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.0-0 - Shirov-Johannessen, Drammen 2005 CBM 105]

[6.Ngf3 - Shabalov-Iordachescu, Bermuda 2004 CBM 99]

[6.c3 keeps both options f4 and ♘f3 open.

A) 6...Qb6 7.b4! White wants to gain space on both flanks and fight against the freeing move c6-c5.

A1) 7...f6?! 8.Nb3! - Zvjaginsev-Dautov, Julian Borowski Essen 2002 CBM 90;

A2) 7...Ne7 8.f4!? *(8.Ngf3)* 8...Bg6 9.Ngf3 Lukacs: '!?' Lukacs: 'against c5 comes into consideration.' Nf5 10.Bf2 h5 *(10...a5!?)* 11.Be2 Qc7 12.0-0 Black has built up a strong blockade on the light squares of the », but he cannot attack the ⊞ easily. Be7

A2a) 13.g3 b6 Δ c5 *(13...a5!? 14.b5)* 14.h3 c5 15.bxc5 bxc5∞ N.Firman-Lahno, St Petersburg 2002;

A2b) 13.Rc1±;

A3) 7...Qc7 8.f4 a5 9.a3 Ne7 10.Be2 axb4 11.axb4 Rxa1 12.Qxa1 Nc8 13.Ngf3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 White has an impressive space advantage, 15.Ne1 f6 16.g4 Bg6 17.Ng2 f5 18.h3 Ncb6 19.Bf2 Ra8 20.Qb2 Na4 21.Qb3 b5∞ however a successful breakthrough is not easy at all, Yemelin-Groszpeter, EU Cup Halkidiki 2002.;

A4) 7...a5! 8.a3 *(8.Qa4!? Qc7 9.b5 Nb6⇄)* 8...f6⇄ Dautov;

B) 6...f6 7.f4

B1) 7...g5 is the most direct approach blowing up the ⊞ but it is connected with some risk.

B1a) 8.Ngf3 gxf4 9.Bxf4 Bh6 10.Bg3 Qb6 11.Qb3 Ne7 *(11...fxe5 12.Nxe5 Ngf6 13.Ndf3 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 0-0 15.Bd3 Bxd3* ½:½ Rytshagov-Stohl, Istanbul ol (Men) 2000 *)* 12.Be2 0-0 13.h3 Bg6 14.Bh2 Nf5 15.Nf1 fxe5 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Bxe5 c5∓ and White cannot hold his ⊞, Belotti-Khenkin, Bratto op 2002.;

B1b) 8.Nh3 looks more promising. 8...gxf4 9.Nxf4 fxe5 10.Qh5+ Ke7 The black ♔ is rather vulnerable here. 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bd4 Bg7 13.Nc4!? dxc4! *(13...Nf3+? 14.Qxf3 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxc4 16.0-0-0±* Golubev-Khenkin, BL 2001*)* 14.Bc5+ Kf6 15.Bd4 Qd6! *(15...c5 16.Bxe5+ Kxe5 17.Nxe6 Kxe6 18.Bxc4+ Ke5 19.0-0±)* 16.Bxc4 *(16.0-0-0 Bh6!)* 16...Ke7 The ♔ has really problems in the middle. *(16...Ne7 17.0-0-0! Nd5 18.Rhe1 Nxf4 19.Bxe5+ Qxe5 20.Qh4+ Kg6 21.Rxe5 Bxe5 22.g4 Be4 23.Qe1±; 16...b5 17.Nxe6!)* 17.0-0-0 Nf6 18.Bxe5 *(18.Qg5? Nf7! 19.Qg3 Qxf4+!)* 18...Qxe5 19.Qg5 Rag8 20.Rhe1⩲;

B2) 7...Nh6

B2a) 8.h3 g5 9.fxg5 fxg5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Ngf3 Nf7 12.h4!? looks more active. *(12.Be2 Be7 13.Nf1 Qb6 14.b4 h5 15.N3d2 hxg4 16.Bxg4 Nf8 17.Nb3 Nh6∓* Erenburg-Pasman, ISR-ch Tel Aviv 2002 *)*;

B2b) 8.Ngf3 Be7 9.Qb3 *(9.h3!?* takes away the important g4 square from Black. *fxe5 10.fxe5 0-0 11.Be2 Bh4+ 12.Nxh4 Qxh4+ 13.Bf2 Qg5 14.g4 Bg6 15.0-0±* and the black pieces are rather passive, Golubev-A.Vajda, Bucharest 2001.*)* 9...Qb6 10.Be2 c5 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Bb5 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 ⧉ Nf5 15.Bf2 h5 Δ h4 16.g3 Kd8 17.0-0 fxe5 18.fxe5 Nb8 19.Bd3 g6 20.Kg2 Δ g4 with chances on both flanks. Nc6 21.g4± Spraggett-Safarzadeh, Moscow ol (Men) 1994;

B3) 7...fxe5 8.fxe5 Qb6 9.Qb3 Nh6 *(9...Ne7 10.Ngf3 Qxb3 11.axb3* The ⊥ poses some problems for Black because of the lack of space. *c5 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.b4* The ♔ majority is more valuable than the central ♙ in this ⊥. *Ncxe5 14.Bb5 Kd8 15.Nd4 a6 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.0-0±* Vorotnikov-Zhelesny, Moscow-ch 1997*)* 10.Ngf3 Be7 11.h3 Nf7 12.Be2 h5 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Qxb6 Nxb6 15.a4 g5 16.Nh2 Δ g4 Bg6 17.g4 hxg4 18.Bxg4± Socko-Meduna, CZE-chT 2001;

B4) 7...Qb6 8.Qb3 - Haba-Dautov, GER-chT 2003 CBM 93;

C) 6...Ne7 7.f4 Bg6 *(7...h5 8.Ngf3 Bg4 9.Be2 Nf5 10.Bf2 Be7 11.0-0* Black's blockading idea is the same, but it is better to attack the ⊞ immediately. *Nf8 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 h4 14.Bd3 g6 15.b4 Nd7 16.a4±* and White has chances for an advance on the ♔ as well, Kovchan-Drozdov, St Petersburg 2002. *)*

C1) 8.Ngf3

C1a) 8...Qb6 9.b4!? against c5 comes into consideration. *(9.Qb3* The exchange of ♕ helps usually for the party lacking space. *Nf5 10.Bf2 h5* This line resembles to the Gurgenidze Variation with the same idea of blockading the light squares. *11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.g3* Δ h3-g4 *c5 14.h3 Qxb3 15.axb3 cxd4 16.Nxd4* Now g4 is not a threat anymore. *Nxd4 17.Bxd4 a5* fixing the weakness on b3. *18.Ra2 Nb8 19.Rfa1 Nc6=* Petrienko-Dyachkov, RUS-chT Moscow 1994 *)*;

C1b) 8...Nf5 9.Bf2 h5 10.Be2 - 8.♗e2 *(10.g3* - Yudasin-Lytchak, St. Petersburg 1999 CBM 72 *)*;

C2) 8.Be2 h5 9.Ngf3 Nf5 10.Bf2 Lukacs: '- 8.♗e2'

C2a) 10...Qc7?! 11.0-0 0-0-0 is too risky because of 12.b4! and White comes first.;

C2b) 10...c5 11.0-0 Qb6 *(11...f6* opens up the position ... for the white pieces! *12.exf6 gxf6 13.c4!* opening up the position against the ♔ in the middle. *cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 e5 16.fxe5 fxe5 17.Qe1 Rg8 18.Bf3+-* Rogic-Bulat, CRO-chT 2000*)* 12.c4 cxd4 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nb3 Ne3 15.Bxe3 dxe3 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Rac1+ Kb8 18.Qd4 Bb4 19.Rc4± Van den Doel-Heller, GER-chT 2001;

C2c) 10...f6 11.0-0 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 and White still holds his strong central ♙ formation. Be7 14.a4 Kf7 15.Nb3 Kg8 16.a5 Qf8 17.c4± Komliakov-Bagheri, Moscow 2000;

C2d) 10...Be7 11.g3 ! Korchnoi *(11.a4* - Benjamin-Rogers, Sydney 1999 CBM 70 *)* 11...c5! *(11...Nh6 12.h3 Qb6 13.Qb3* Δ g4 and the ♘ is completely out of place. *a5 14.g4 a4 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Rdg1±* Rausis-Perez Garcia, Haarlem op 1996 *)*

C2d1) 12.dxc5 Bxc5 *(12...Nxc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nd4 h4 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.g4 Bh7 17.Bd4±)* 13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.Bb5+ *(14.Nd4 h4⇄)* 14...Kf8 15.Nd4 h4⇄;

C2d2) 12.h3!? Δ ♔f1-g2, g4 h4 13.g4 Ng3 14.Bxg3 hxg3 15.Kf1;

C2d3) 12.Kf1!? Δ ♔g2, h3-g4;

C2d4) 12.0-0

C2d41) 12...Qb6!? is met by the main threat 13.c4! *(13.Qa4 0-0-0)* 13...Qxb2 14.cxd5 exd5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Bxc5 Nxc5 18.Qc1±;

C2d42) 12...a6 13.a4 This advance on the « is not so impressive. Rc8∞ A.Horvath-Ruck, Heviz 2003 CBM 96]

[6.f4 - De la Riva Aguado-Garcia Luque, Seville 2004 CBM 103]

6...Bg6

[6...Ne7

A) 7.Nf3 Bg6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nf5 10.Bd3 Nxe3 11.fxe3* The ♙ may help for White if he attacks on the ». *Be7 12.0-0±* Belkhodja-Anastasian, Dubai 2004*)* 8.Be2 Nf5 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 *(10.Qd2 0-0∓)* 10...Qxe7 The exchange of the dark-squared ♗ is good for White from strategical point of view, but the exchanges clearly favour Black... 11.0-0 0-0 12.c3 f6⇄ Kuznetsov-Riazantsev, Voronezh 2003;

B) 7.f4

B1) 7...Ng6 8.Nf3;

B2) 7...a5 8.a4 Qb6 9.Nf3

B2a) 9...Bg4 10.Be2 Nf5 11.Bf2 Bb4+ 12.c3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 *(13...Bxf3* - 9... ♗e4 *)* 14.Rb1 Δ ♘bd2, the ♘ is already vulnerable on b3. Rfd8 15.Nbd2 White wants to take back with the ♘ on f3 and advance on the ». c5 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Δ g4 with real attacking chances on the ». cxd4 18.cxd4 Bf8 19.Bd3 Rac8 20.g4± and Black cannot maintain the blockade of f5, Vysochin-Iljin, St Petersburg 2002.;

B2b) 9...Be4 10.Be2 Nf5 11.Bf2 Bb4+ 12.c3 Be7 13.0-0 Bxf3 Lukacs: '- 9... ♗e4' *(13...0-0 14.Nfd2±)* 14.Bxf3 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Nd4± - Socko-Dautov, Germany 2004 CBM 105;

B3) 7...h5!? This blockade strategy is one of the main weapon for Black. 8.Nf3 Rc8 *(8...h4!? 9.Bf2 Ng6)* 9.Bf2 Ng6 10.g3 h4⇄ *(10...Be7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Qa5+ 16.c3 Qxc5 17.0-0-0±* Mortensen-Akesson, Sweden 2003 *)*;

C) 7.Be2 White wants to play as flexible as he can, he wants to decide later whether f4 will come or not. 7...Bg6 8.f4 Nf5 Now the ♗ can retreat. 9.Bf2 h5 10.Nf3 Be7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.g3 Δ h3, ♔g2, g4 in the long run. c5 13.c3 Qb6 14.dxc5 The fight for the key-square d4 begins. Nxc5 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Nfd2 Qc7 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.N2b3± Van den Doel-Akesson, Belgium 2004]

[6...Nb6 Δ ♘c4 7.Nf3 Nc4 8.Rb1 *(8.Bxc4!? dxc4 9.Nbd2 Qd5 10.0-0±)* 8...Bb4+ 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nxe3 12.fxe3 c5 13.Bxf5 Nxf5 14.Qe2 cxd4 15.exd4 Be7 16.c3± with some space advantage for White, Short-Macieja, Bled 2002.]

[6...a6 Δ c5 but the plan is slowish. 7.f4 Rc8 8.Nf3 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.c3 Na4 This looks a bit sophysticated, the d4 square is in White's hands. 11.Qd2 Ne7 12.Be2 Nb6 13.Na5 Qc7 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Nd4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Nc4 17.Nxc4 Qxc4 18.Qf2± Short-Dreev, Hyderabad 2002]

[6...Qb6 7.f4

A) 7...h5 8.Nf3 h4 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 Nh6 11.h3!? deserves attention fixing the h4 ♙. *(11.c4 Ng4 12.Qc1 a5 13.c5 Qc7 14.Qc3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 b6⇄* Short-Acar, Ajelat 2003 *)* 11...Be4 12.Bf2 Nf5 13.Nfd2;

B) 7...a5 8.a4 Bb4+ 9.c3 Be7 10.Nf3 h5 11.Be2 Nh6 12.h3 *(12.0-0!? Ng4 13.Bd2)* 12...Be4 13.0-0 Nf5 14.Bf2 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Bh4 16.Bxh4 Nxh4 17.Be2 Nf5 18.Rf3 h4 successfully blockading the », Yagupov-Galkin, RUS-ch Qualifier 2004.]

[6...h5 This blockading strategy is less successful without f4. 7.Be2 h4 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0-0 Nh6

A) 10.Ne1 Bg6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Bd3 Bh5 *(12...Bxd3 13.Nxd3±)* 13.Be2 Bg6 14.Nd3 Bxd3 15.Bxd3 c5⇄ Gormaly-Jaracz, Capelle la Grande 2005;

B) 10.h3!?]

7.f4

[7.Nf3]

7...Nh6 8.Be2 Be7 9.Nf3

[9.g3 against ♘f5-h4 Be4 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.Bf2 0-0 12.0-0]

9...Nf5 10.Bf2 Nh4

[10...0-0 11.0-0]

(Diagram)

11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.0-0

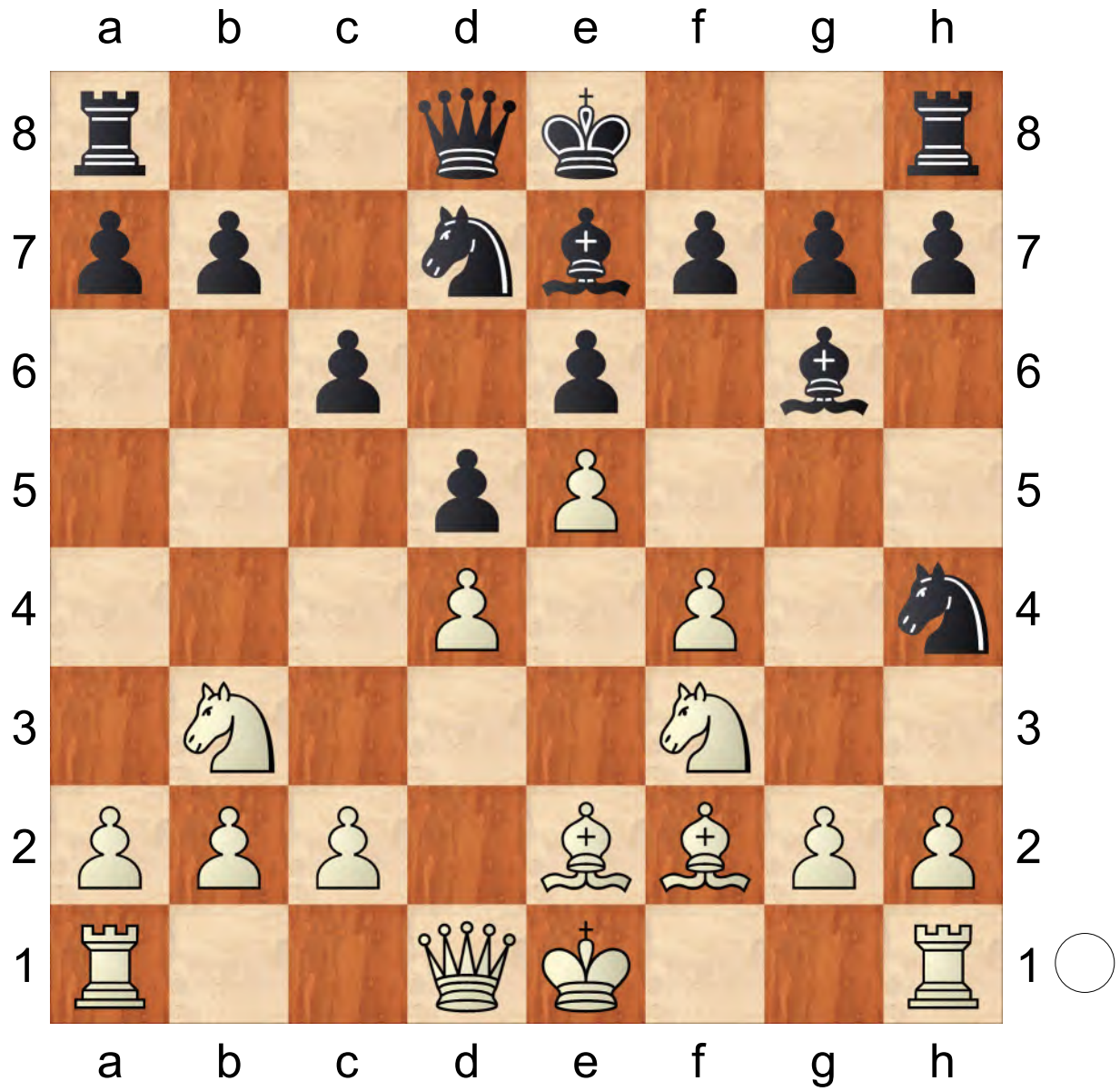
[12.Bxh4 Qxh4+ 13.g3 Qe7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 c5=]

12...Be7 Black wants to keep the tension, the dark-squared ♗ is important from strategical point of view.

[The simple 12...Bxf2+ 13.Rxf2 0-0 deserved attention.]

13.g4 f6⇄

[13...h5!?⇄ 14.gxh5 *(14.g5* weakens the light squares irreversibily. *Bf5!*



Δ15.Bxh5 Bxg5!; 14.f5 exf5 15.gxh5 Bh7 16.Be3 Nf8∞) 14...Bf5 15.Bg4 Qc7 16.Bxf5 exf5⩲]

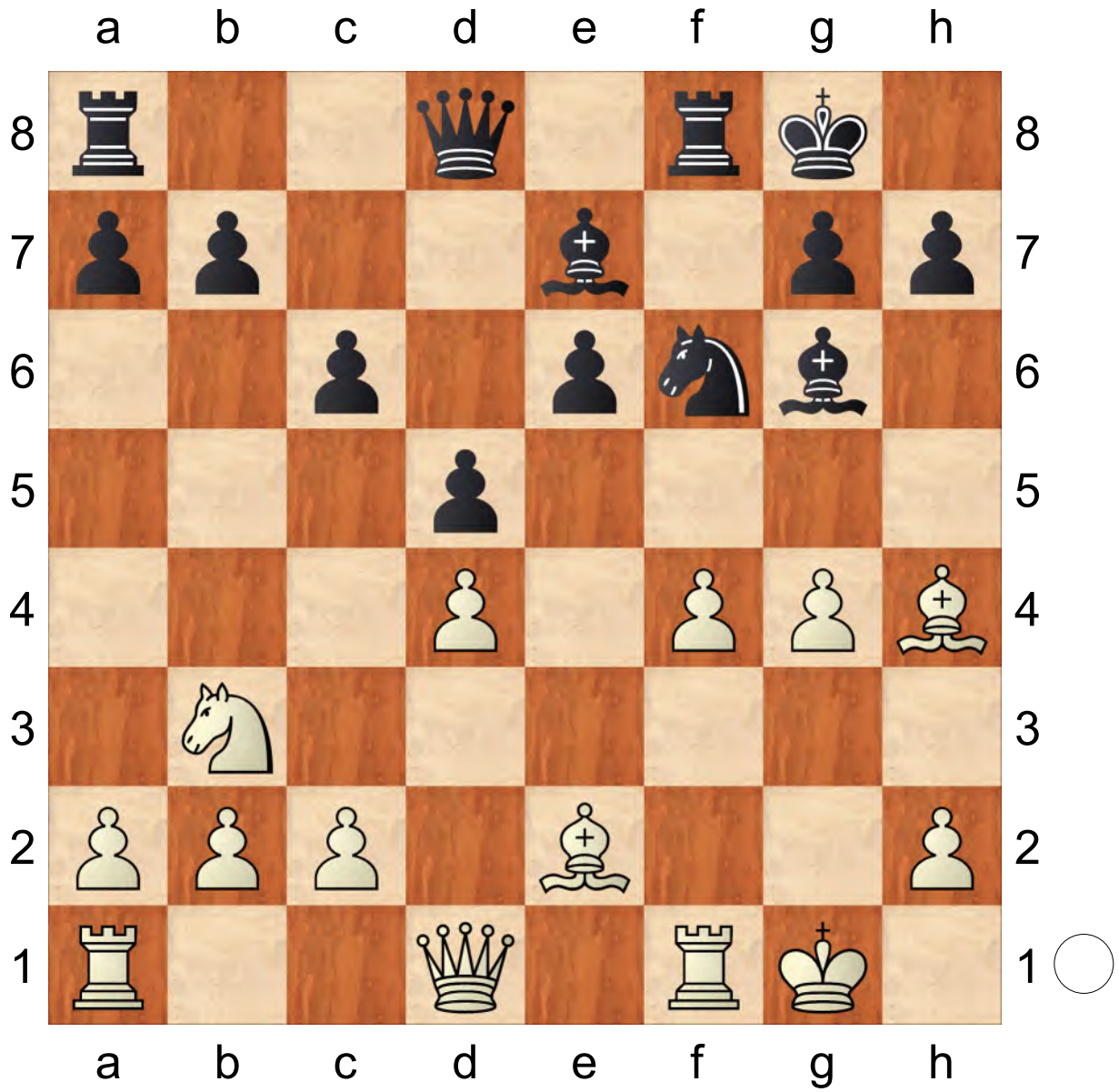
14.exf6 Nxf6 Now the e6 and e5 squares remain weak, but at least the "French" ♗ is active.

[14...gxf6 leads to another ♙ structure. 15.Bg3 Bf7 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Qe2 0-0-0±]

15.Bh4 White has to activate his bad ♗. **15...0-0**

[15...Ne4 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 This exchange of ♗ is useful for White. He "only" needs to exchange his ♗ for the e4 and put his ♘ on e5... 17.Bd3 0-0-0 18.Qe2 h5 19.g5 Bf5 20.Bxe4±]

(Diagram)



16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Now the ♙ structure is changed again. Black has to prepare the freeing move ...e5. **17...Qa5**

[17...Qe7 18.b4 *(18.Qd4 Bxc2)* 18...e5 19.f5 Bf7∞ and Black's ⊞ becomes very strong.]

18.f5 exf5?!

[18...Be8!? was the cold-blooded answer!

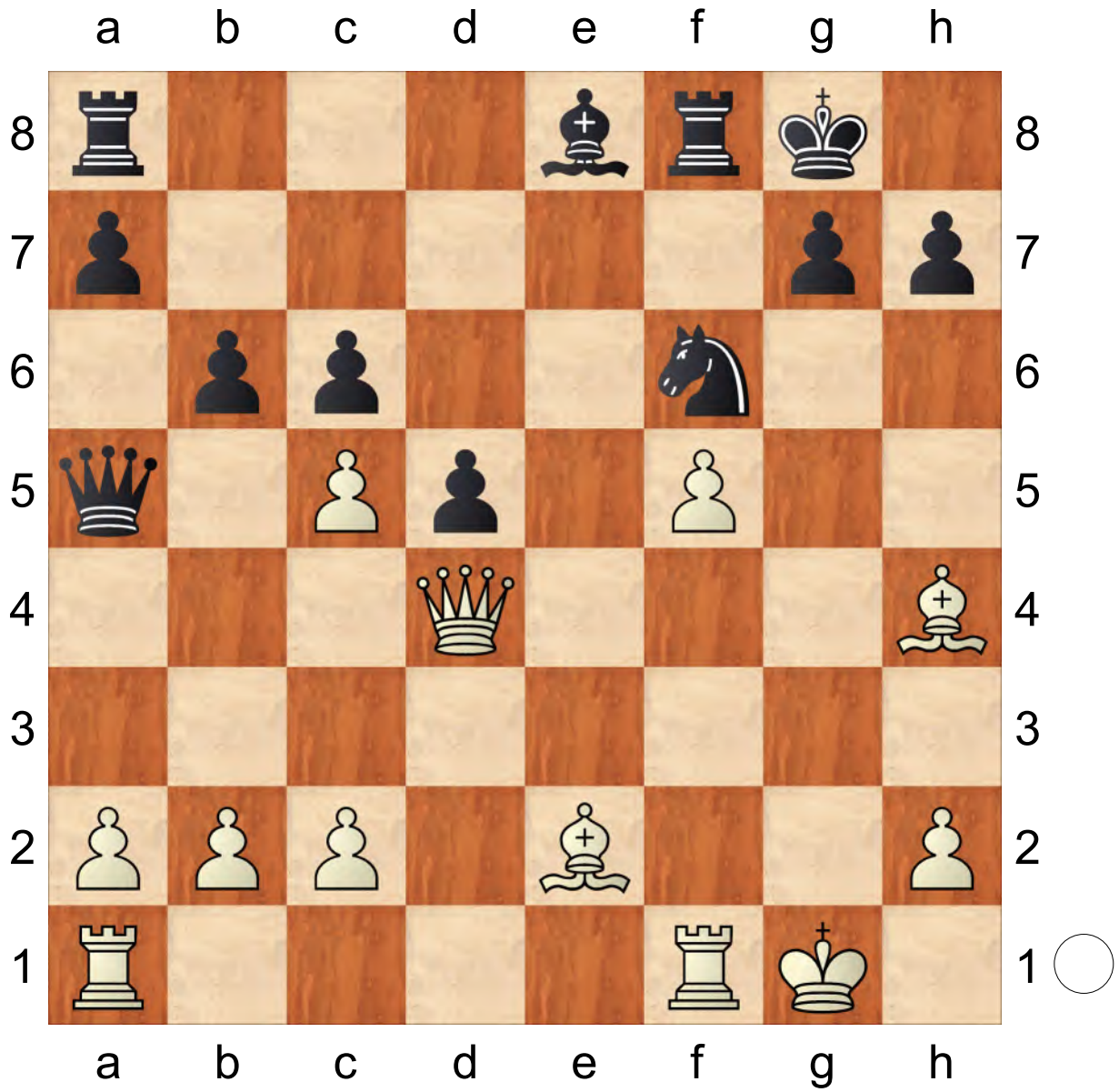
A) 19.fxe6 Qxc5+ 20.Kg2 *(20.Bf2 Qe7)* 20...Qe3⇄;

B) 19.Qd4 e5⇄]

19.gxf5 The opening of the position helps for the ⊞. **19...Be8 20.Qd4 b6?!**

[20...Bd7 21.b4±]

(Diagram)



21.b4 Qa4
[21...bxc5?? 22.Qxf6]
22.Bd3 b5? Now the ♕ is out of play, and White has a strong pressure on the dark squares.
[22...bxc5 was the last chance to change the course of the game. 23.Qxc5 a5 24.a3 axb4 25.axb4 Qxa1 26.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 27.Kg2 Bd7 28.b5±]
23.Kh1!+- he → on the g file looks really frightening. **23...Bh5 24.Rf2** Δ ♖g1 bringing the last remaining piece into the battle. **24...a5**
[24...Rf7 25.Rg1! Raf8 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Qh4 Be8 28.Re2+-]
25.Rg1! Kh8

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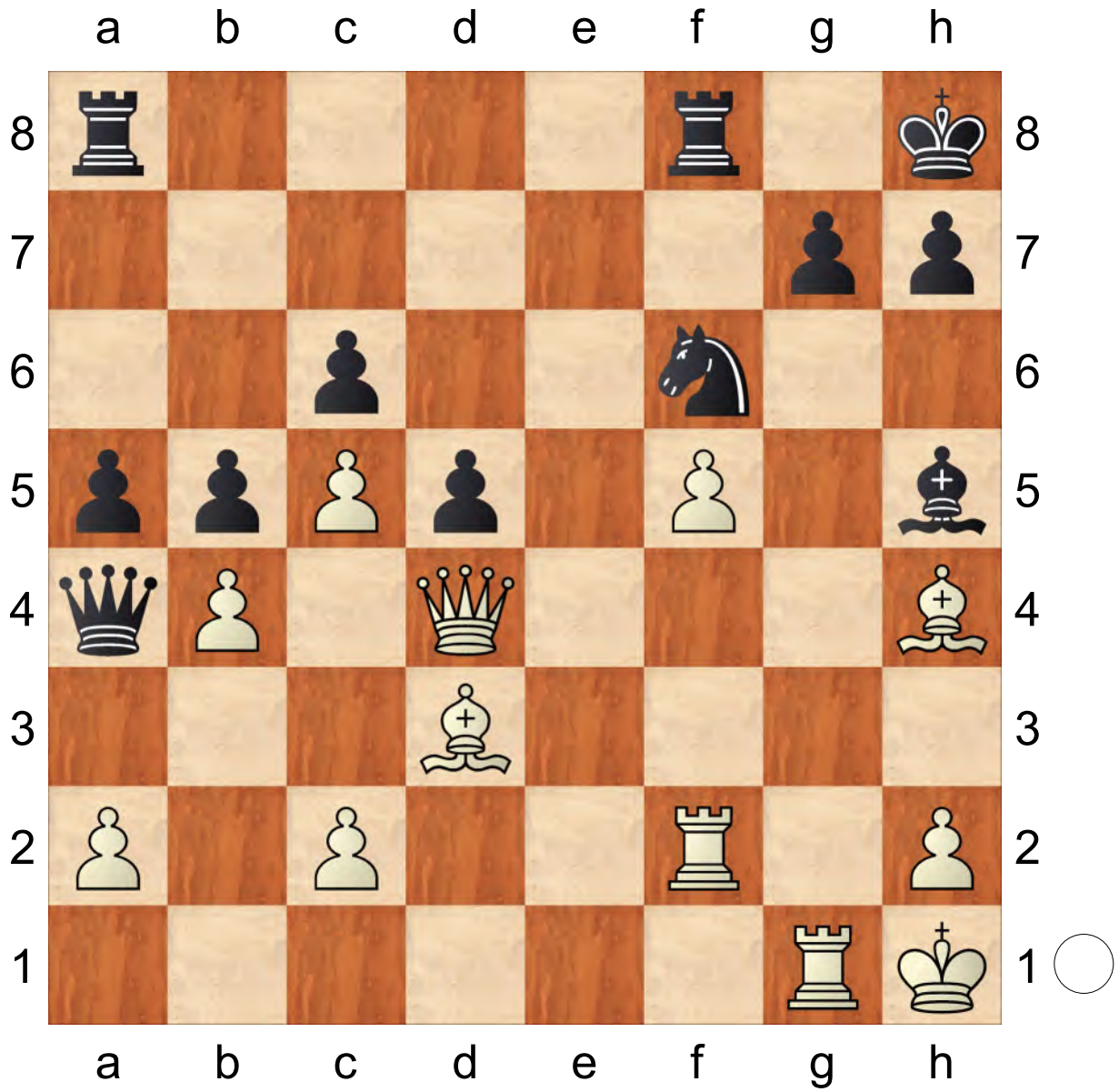

26.Rxg7!

[26.Rxg7! Kxg7 27.Rg2+ Bg6 28.fxg6 h6 29.Qe5+-]

(Diagram)

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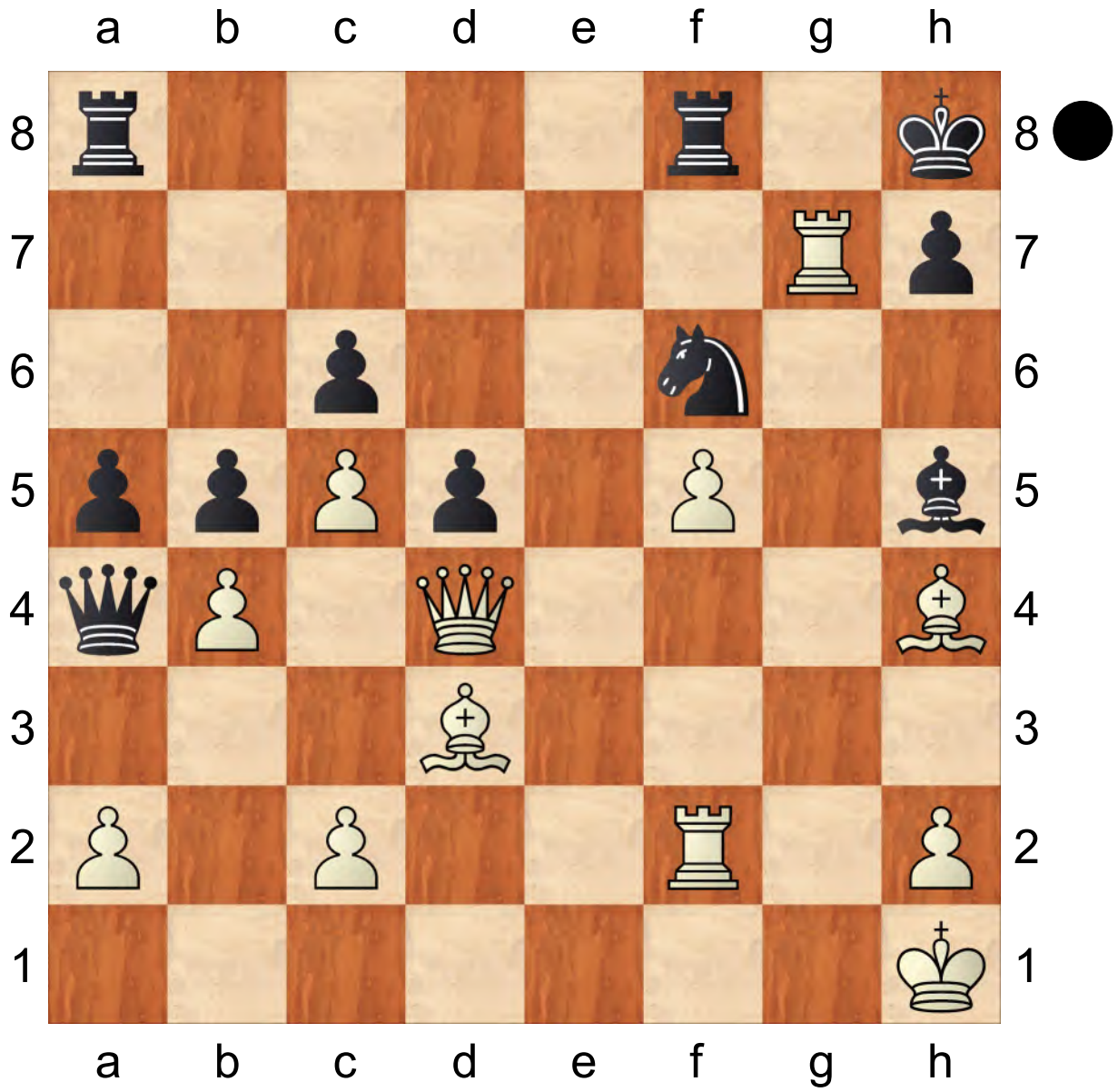
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□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2734**
■ **Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter** **2584**
FIDE-Wch k.o. (5.2) 13.08.1999
[Stohl,Igor]

This exciting game decided one of the main favourites in Las Vegas was eliminated by the greatest suprise of the event. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'This exciting game decided one of the main favourites in Las Vegas was eliminated by the greatest suprise of the event.'' **1.e4** Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin Wells Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3** After a short draw in a forced Najdorf line in the first game Shirov goes for it. He used to play also Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'After a short draw in a forced Najdorf line in the first game Shirov goes for it. He used to play also''

[4.Nf3 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl']

[or 4.h4!? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' but the sharp text move suits his style well, Alexey introduced it into his repertoire last year in the match with Hracek.]

4...e6

[In the aforementioned match Hracek tried the alternative 4...Qb6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 5.Nf3 *(5.Bd3!? Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nge2 Ne7 8.0-0 Qa6 9.Qh3 Nd7 10.a4 Qb6 11.a5 Qa6 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Nf4 g6 14.Nce2 Bg7 15.Ng3 c5 16.c3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc2 18.Qg4 0-0 19.h4 Rfc8 20.h5 Rxb2 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qg5 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Qg4 Kf7 25.Rfe1⩱* Kotronias,V-Dreev,A/FIDE WCh Las Vegas/ 1999/ *)* 5...e6

A) A less played, but interesting possibility is 6.Nh4!? Bg6 7.Nxg6 *(7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Na4 Qa5 11.Nxc5 Qxc5 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Bf4 Nge7 14.c3 Nf5 15.Bd3 0-0-0 16.b4 Qe7 17.Qd2 f6 18.Rfe1 Nxe5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Bxe5 fxe5 21.Rxe5⩲* Bus,M-Welling,G/Copenhagen/1990/*)* 7...hxg6 8.a3 Ne7 9.Na4 Qc7 10.c3 Nf5 11.b4 Nd7 12.Bd3 Be7 13.g3 b5 14.Nc5 a5 15.Bf4 Nb6 16.0-0 Nc4 17.Qg4 0-0 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qxg6 Qc8 20.Bh6 Qe8 21.Qxe6+ Qf7 22.Bxf5 gxh6 23.Bh3 Qxe6 24.Bxe6+ Kh8 25.f4↑ Zaitsev,I-Belov,I/Podolsk/1991/;

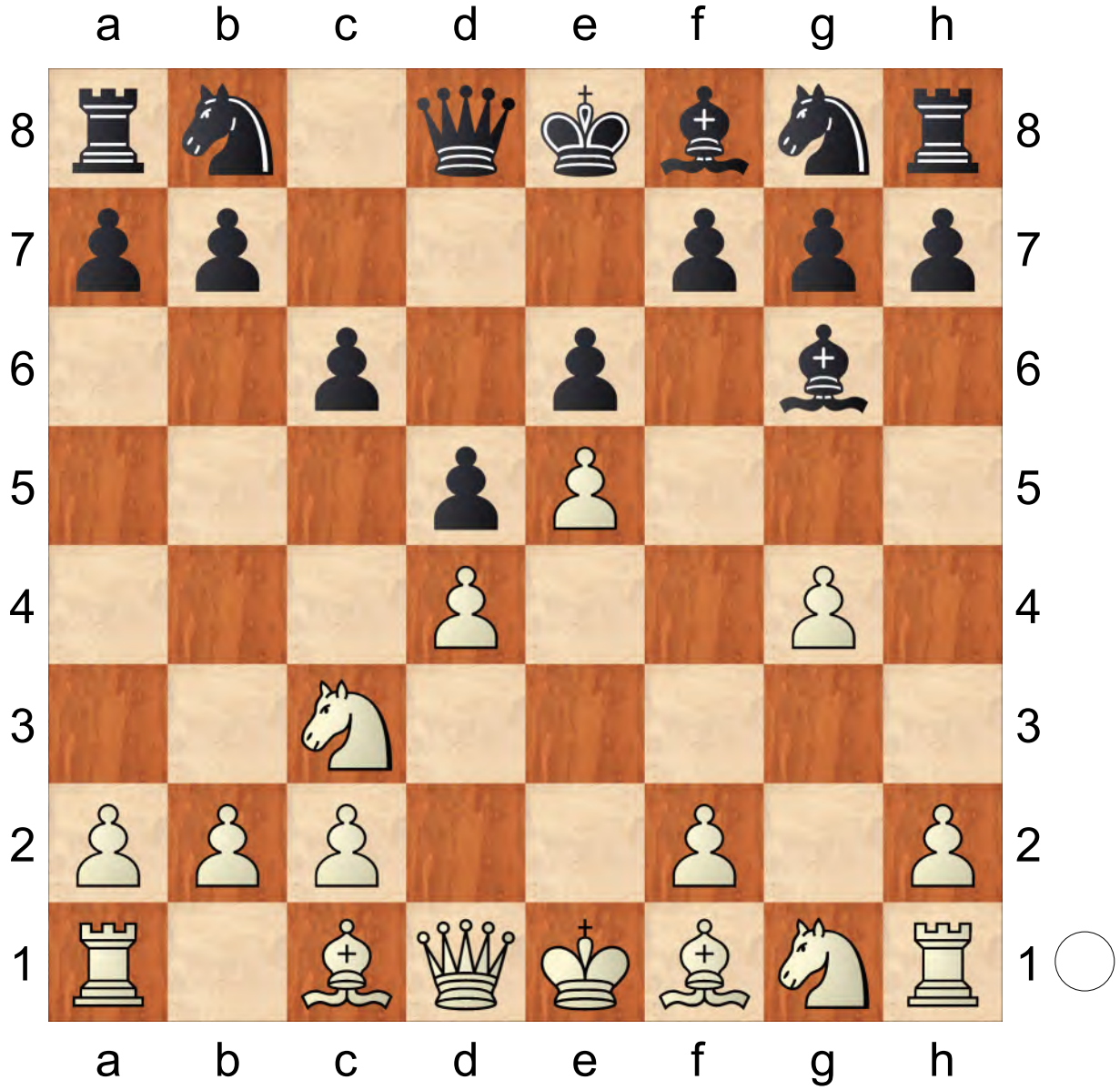
B) 6.Be2 Nd7 7.0-0 Ne7 8.b3

B1) 8...Bg4 9.Na4 Qc7 10.c4 Nb6!? 11.Nb2 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Ned5 13.Bd2 Be7 *(13...Bxf3!? 14.Bxf3 Be7=)* 14.Ng5! Bxe2 15.Qxe2 0-0 16.Qe4 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Qd7 18.Rfe1 Rae8 19.Qh4 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Ne5 Qc7 22.Re2 Nfd5 23.Rae1⩲ Kobalija,M-Kharitonov,A/RUS-Cup Novgorod/1999/;

B2) 8...a6 9.Na4 Qc7 10.c4 b5 11.Nc3 bxc4 12.bxc4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nd5 14.Bd2 N7b6 15.Bb3 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd5 17.Bd2 Be7 18.Rc1 0-0 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Qa4 Rfc8 21.Bb4± Shirov,A-Hracek,Z/Ostrava m (4)/ 1998/;

B3) 8...c5!? 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nd4 a6 11.Be3 Qd8 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 Ne4 14.Na4 h5 15.f5 hxg4 16.fxe6 f5! *(16...g3 17.exf7+ Bxf7 18.h3 g2 19.Rxf7 Kxf7 20.Bg4 Qc7 21.Qf3+ Ke8 22.Be6 Nc6 23.Bxd5 Nxd4 24.Qxe4* 1-0,Shirov,A-Hracek,Z/Ostrava m (2)/1998/) 17.c4 Qc7∞ Shirov]

5.g4 Bg6



6.Nge2 c5

[An interesting moment. This move has currently been in the shade of the more popular 6...Ne7!? Δh5⇄ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '(Stohl) Δh5⇄' 7.Nf4 The only move to fight for an advantage. *(7.Be3?! h5 8.Nf4 hxg4 9.Nxg6 Nxg6 10.Bd3 Nh4 11.Qxg4 g6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 Nd7 14.Ne2 Nb6 15.Nf4 Na4 16.Ne2 b5 17.Nc1 Nb6 18.Nb3 Nc4 19.Rhg1 a5 20.Bc1 a4↑* Nunn,J-Karpov,A/Monaco Amber/1994/*; 7.h4?! h5 8.g5 Nf5 9.Nf4 c5!∓; 7.Bg2 h5 8.h3 hxg4 9.hxg4 Rxh1+ 10.Bxh1 c5 11.Bg5 Nbc6 12.dxc5 Nxe5 13.Nd4*

Qa5 14.Qe2 N5c6 15.Ndb5 0-0-0 16.Kf1 a6 17.Nd6+ Kb8 18.Bf4 Ka8 19.a4 Nc8 20.b4 Nxb4 21.Ncb5 Nxd6 22.Nxd6 Qxc5-+ Shabalov,A-Epishin,V/Tilburg 1993/ *)* 7...c5 8.h4 cxd4 9.Nb5 Nec6 10.h5 Be4 11.f3 The critical position. a6! Introduced by Anand. *(* Formerly championed by Karpov, Black used to play *11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxe5* but his proud centre is outweighed by White's active pieces and » attacking chances. *13.Qg3 Nbc6 14.Nd3 Nxd3+ 15.Bxd3 e5 16.0-0 Bc5 17.Rf5! 0-0 18.h6 g6 19.Rxe5! a6 20.Na3 Qc7 21.Bf4 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Qb6 23.Rf1 Rae8 24.g5 Re6 25.Qf4±* Kotronias,V-Karpov,A/Athens m act/1997/ *)* 12.Nd6+ *(≤12.fxe4 axb5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Bg2 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Nxe5 16.Nxd5* Sutovsky,E-Christiansen,L/Essen/1999/ *Nbc6!?∓)* 12...Bxd6 13.exd6 g5! *(13...e5?! 14.fxe4! dxe4 15.Ne2 e3 16.Ng3 Qa5+ 17.c3 dxc3 18.b4!→* Nataf,I-Atalik,S/Cappelle op/1999/*)* 14.Nh3 h6 15.fxe4 dxe4 16.Bg2 f5 17.0-0 0-0 18.gxf5 *(18.c3? Qxd6 19.gxf5 exf5 20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Qe6 Nd7! 24.Qxd7 Rd8 25.Qg4 e3∓* Topalov,V-Anand,V/Linares/ 1999/ *)* 18...exf5 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Bxg5! Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 hxg5 22.Qf5 Qf8 23.Qg6+ Qg7 24.Qe8+ Qf8= Did both opponents know more about this line? Nisipeanu is reported to have said that this will be certainly the last game of the match, so it seems both players were in a do-or-die mood. *(24...Kh7 25.Qxe4+ Kh6 26.Qe6+ Kxh5? 27.Kf2!* Δ♘f4+- *)*]

7.h4 h6

[But a possible alternative seems to be 7...h5!? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl' 8.Nf4 Bh7 9.Nxh5 cxd4 10.Nb5!? *(10.Qxd4 Nc6 11.Bb5 Nge7 12.Bh6 Rg8! 13.0-0-0 a6⩱ 14.Bxc6+ Nxc6 15.Qf4 Qa5 16.Kb1 Nb4 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.a3 Nxc2! 19.Rxc2 Rxc3!→* David,A-Kallai,G/FRA-chT/1996/*)* 10...Nc6 11.Nxd4 Nxe5! *(11...Nxd4? 12.Qxd4 Ne7 13.Qa4+ Nc6 14.Bg5 Qa5+ 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.f4 Rc8 17.Bb5+ Nc6 18.0-0-0 a6 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Nb4 21.Rb3 Rxc2+ 22.Kb1 Rg2 23.Rc1 d4 24.a3* 1-0, Shirov,A-Yermolinsky,A/Wijk aan Zee/1999/*)* 12.Bf4 Nc6 13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Qe5 Nf6! 17.Qxf6 gxf6 18.Nxf6+ Kd8 19.Nxd7 Kxd7⩲ ⊞,⊞]

[The older 7...cxd4 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 8.Nxd4 h5 9.f4! hxg4 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.f5 Rxh4 12.Rf1! exf5 has probably been refuted by the cunning *(12...Rh2 13.Qxg4 Bxf5 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.e6!→)* 13.Qe2! Bc5 14.Nb3 Bb4 15.e6 fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Ne7 17.Bg5 Rh6 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.0-0-0 Bf7 20.Qxh6 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Qb6 22.Qh8+ Bg8 23.Rde1 0-0-0 24.Bxd7+ Kxd7 25.Qg7+- Tzoumbas,A-Grund,H/Herculane/1994/]

8.f4! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!" The advance of the f-pawn is White's main weapon against Black's solid ⊞. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl: 'The advance of the f-pawn is White's main weapon against Black's solid ⊞."

[Therefore weaker is 8.Nf4?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Bh7]

[and also 8.h5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Bh7 when f4-f5 will be without a tempo gain later on.]

[Shirov's aggressive move will probably supersede the "main" line 8.Be3

Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Qb6 *(8...Nc6? 9.dxc5! Nxe5 10.Nf4→;* Black can also try the simple *8...cxd4!? 9.Nxd4 Bb4 10.h5 Bh7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bb6 14.f4 Ne7 15.Ncb5 0-0 16.Nd6 Nc6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bd3 f6 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Bxb6 axb6 21.Qd3+ Kg8 22.0-0-0 c5 23.Qg6 Qe7∞* Kotronias,V-Speelman,J/New York/1990/*)* 9.f4 Nc6 10.f5 Bh7 11.Qd2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 c4 13.Nf4 Qa6 14.fxe6 Nb4 *(14...b5 15.exf7 Nge7 16.Ne6 b4* Timman,J-Seirawan,Y/Hilversum m/1990/ *17.Nc5 bxc3 18.Qxc3∞)* 15.exf7 Ne7 16.a3 Nxc2 17.Qf2 *(17.g5?? Na1!* 0-1,Prasad,D-Ravi,T/India/1991/ *)* 17...Na1 18.Re1 Nb3+ 19.Kd1 b5⩱]

8...Be7 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '?!'

[8...Nc6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 9.Bg2! cxd4 *(9...Nb4 10.f5 exf5 11.a3±)* 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bxc2 12.f5↑ ɣc2,→⊞]

[8...h5?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 9.f5 exf5 *(9...Be7 10.Be3!? Bxh4+ 11.Rxh4 Qxh4+ 12.Bf2 Qxg4 13.fxg6±)* 10.g5 ɣg6,Δ♗g2,♘f4×d5]

9.Bg2 The pawn sacrifice is a logical follow-up. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'The pawn sacrifice is a logical follow-up.''

[After 9.h5? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Bh4+ 10.Kd2 Bh7 with his ♔ on d2 White can forget any central activity.]

9...Bxh4+ 10.Kf1 Be7!

[10...cxd4 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Ü 62/(120)' 11.Nxd4 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Nc6 12.f5 Nxd4 *(12...Nxe5 13.Bf4! Bf6 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.fxg6 Qf6+ 16.Nf3 fxg6 17.g5→)* 13.Qxd4 Bh7 14.Nb5! *(14.f6* Vlassov,N-Guliev,S/Moscow/1994/ happened in the first game with 8.f4 *Bxf6 15.exf6 Qxf6+ 16.Qxf6 Nxf6∓)* 14...Be7

A) 15.Bf4 Rc8!?⇄ *(15...exf5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6→)*;

B) ⌓15.Qa4!? Kf8 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Rh3 Bc5 *(17...g5? 18.Nd4)* 18.Rf3+ Ke7 19.Be3 Qb6 20.Nd6 Bg6 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Nxb7 Qc4+ 23.Qxc4 dxc4 24.Nd6± /+-]

(Diagram)

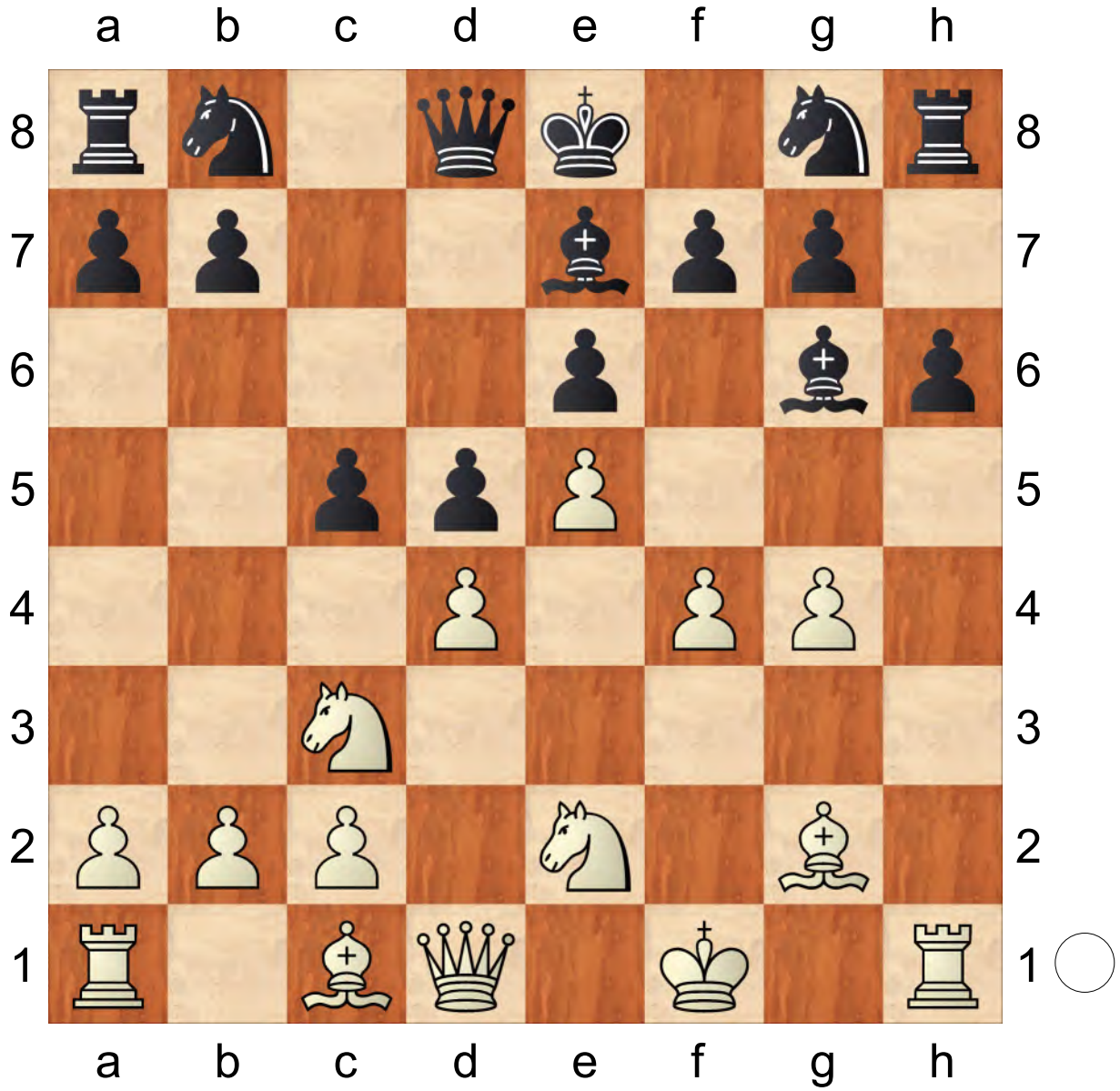
Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'N' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!'' **11.f5 Bh7**

[11...exf5 12.Nxd5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *(12.Nf4* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin *Nc6 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.gxf5→)* 12...fxg4 13.Nef4↑ White's lead in development and active centralized pieces cause Black a lot of problems. *(13.Ndf4!?↑)*]

12.Nf4 Qd7

[12...cxd4? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 13.fxe6! dxc3 14.exf7+ Kxf7 15.Qxd5+± wins an exchange.]

13.Nh5N Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'N'' Straightforward and



logical, this move leads to tremendous tactical complications. White can't hesitate and let Black continue ♘c6 and 0-0-0 undisturbed. On the other hand more aggressive tries Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'Straightforward and logical, this move leads to tremendous tactical complications. White can't hesitate and let Black continue ♘c6 and 0-0-0 undisturbed. On the other hand more aggressive tries"

[13.Ncxd5?! exd5

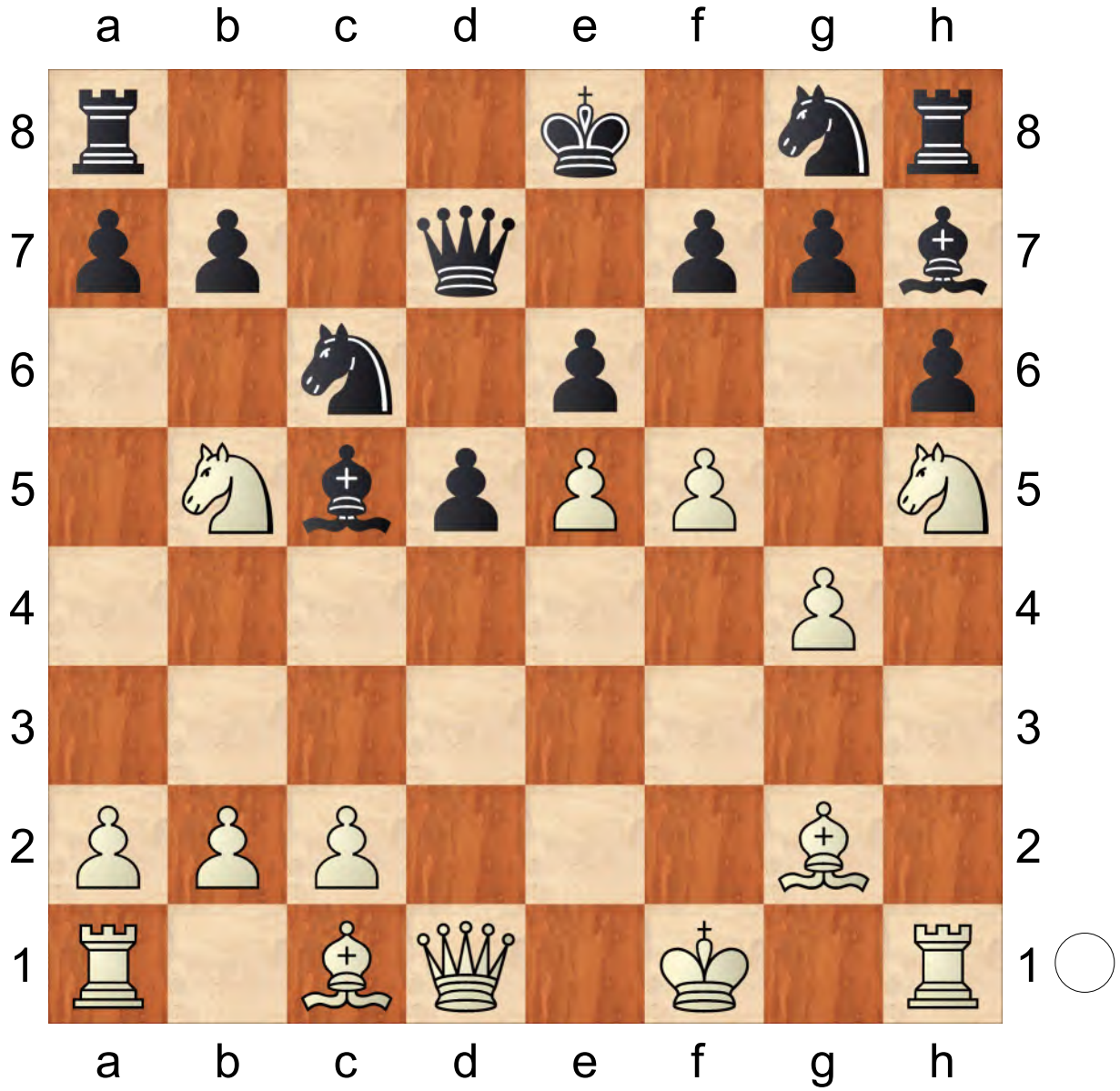
A) 14.Bxd5 Bg5∓ *(14...Nc6?* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *15.Bxf7+)* 15.Qf3! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin Nc6 *(15...Bxf4 16.Bxf4 Nc6 17.e6 fxe6 18.fxe6± →)* 16.e6 fxe6 17.Nxe6 Nf6 *(17...Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 cxd4 20.Bxb7+-)* 18.Bxg5 Nxd5 19.Nxc5±;

B) 14.Nxd5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 14...Nc6 *(14...cxd4!?)* 15.Bf4 0-0-0 16.c3 Bg5 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.Qa4 Kb8∓

are very unconvincing.]
[13.Qe2?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Nc6 14.dxc5 0-0-0 15.b4 Nxb4 16.a3 Na6 17.Be3 Nxc5 18.Ncxd5 exd5 19.Nxd5 Bxf5 20.gxf5 Qxf5+∓ Helin,M-Samuelsen,C/Copenhagen/1999/]
13...Bf8□ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '□"
[13...Kf8? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 14.fxe6 Qxe6 *(14...fxe6 15.Qf3+)* 15.Bxd5 Qa6+ 16.Kg2 Δ♕f3+-]
[13...g6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 14.Ng7+ Kf8 *(14...Kd8 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.dxc5 Δ♘e6,g5, ♗h3)* 15.fxe6 *(15.f6!?±)* 15...fxe6 16.Nxe6+! Qxe6 17.Bxd5 Qa6+ 18.Kg2±]
14.dxc5 Nc6 Logical, intuition says Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'Logical, intuition says"
[14...exf5?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 15.Qxd5 *(15.Nxd5 Na6!?∞)* 15...Nc6 16.Nb5! 0-0-0 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 fxg4 19.Bd2→ or]
[14...g6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 15.fxe6! fxe6 16.Nf6+ Nxf6 17.exf6 g5 18.Qe2 ×e6,d5,♔e8 is playing with fire.]
15.Nb5
[15.Bf4?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin g6! 16.Nf6+ Nxf6 17.exf6 gxf5∓]
15...Bxc5!
[Very risky is 15...Nxe5?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 16.Qe2
A) Po 16...Nxg4 17.Bf4! *(17.Nxg7+? Bxg7 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Qxg4 Bxf5 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.Qb4 Ne7∓; 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Bxd5 Bf5∞; 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Qxg4 Be5!?∓)* 17...e5 *(17...Rc8 18.Nd6+! Bxd6 19.Nxg7+ Kd8 20.fxe6 Ne3+ 21.Bxe3 fxe6 22.Bg5+! hxg5 23.Nxe6++- →)* 18.Bxe5 Qxf5+ 19.Bf4+ Kd8 and now White has a pleasant choice between
A1) 20.Nd4 Qg6 *(20...Qd7 21.Bh3)* 21.Bxd5 Bxc5 22.Rd1↻ →;
A2) 20.Bxd5!? Ne3+ *(20...Bxc5 21.Bf3!)* 21.Qxe3 Qxd5 22.Rh2↻ →;
B) 16...Bxc5 17.fxe6 *(17.Nxg7+!? Kf8 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Nc7!↑)* 17...fxe6 18.Bf4±;
C) ⌓16...Nf6!?
C1) 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 Black will gladly give a piece after 18.cxd6 *(18.Nxg7+ Kf8 19.cxd6 Qxd6 20.Bxh6 Nfxg4! 21.Nxe6+ Kg8∓)* 18...Nfxg4 19.Bf4 Qxd6! 20.Qxg4 Nxg4 21.Bxd6 Ne3+ 22.Kf2 Nxf5∓;
C2) 17.Bf4! Nfxg4 18.a4!? *(18.Nd4!? f6 19.fxe6⩱ ↑)* 18...Bxf5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 f6 21.Qg3↑]

(Diagram)

Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!" Black can't let the ♘ to d6, so he has to take one of the pawns. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'Black can't let the ♘ to d6, so he has to take one of the pawns." **16.c4!** A suprising



resource, Shirov's main strength is great phantasy in positions where he holds the initiative. Wells: 'An excellent illustration of Shirov's feel for the initiative. This is the right way to ensure that Black will have no easy way to run to the queen-side with his king. By contrast,' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'A suprising resource, Shirov's main strength is great phantasy in positions where he holds the initiative."

[≤16.Nxg7+?! Wells: '?!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Wells: 'would have been the wrong way. After' Kf8 17.Nh5 *(17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Nc7?! Kxg7 19.Nxa8 Nd4→)* 17...Nxe5 Wells: 'White's king looks every bit as vulnerable, especially as' 18.Qe2 Nxg4! Wells: 'would be disastrous.' 19.Qxg4 Qxb5+ Δ♕b4-+]

[16.Qe2 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 0-0-0 17.Nxg7 a6∓ is too slow.]

16...Nxe5 Wells: '!' Wells: 'In praising this move, I m mindful of the difficulties which Black would have faced if White had continued his energetic precision at move 20. However, praise is due for the accurate assessment of the tempting alternative'

[An interesting and seemingly logical alternative was Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl: 'An interesting and seemingly logical alternative was'' 16...0-0-0 17.cxd5 Nxe5 but the ♔ gets under even heavier fire on the ♕: Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'but the ♔ gets under even heavier fire on the ♕:'' *(≤17...exd5* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *18.Qc2 b6 19.Nd6+! Bxd6 20.exd6 Qxd6 21.Bf4⩱ →)*

A) 18.Qa4? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' a6 19.Bf4 Nd3!∓;

B) 18.Qe2?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl'

B1) 18...exd5? 19.Bf4 *(19.Nc3!?)* 19...Nc4 20.Nc7! Ne3+ *(20...Qe7 21.Nxd5 Qxe2+ 22.Kxe2±)* 21.Bxe3 Qxc7 22.Rc1 d4 23.Qb5 b6 24.Qa6++- Δ♗f4;

B2) ⌓18...Nxg4! ɔb5 19.Qc4 *(19.Bf4 e5-+)* 19...b6 20.b4 Ne5 21.Nd6+ Kb8!-+;

C) 18.Qb3 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Nxg4∓;

D) The ♘ must be reliably protected: Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'The ♘ must be reliably protected:'' ⌓18.a4! Wells: '!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: ' ⌓!'' Wells: 'when in fact the onslaught which the Black king would face on c8 would turn out to be far worse.'

D1) 18...exd5

D1a) 19.Qc2 Wells: '!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Qc6 20.Ra3! *(20.Rh3?! Bb6! 21.Rc3 Nc4 22.b3 Qc5→)* 20...Nc4 *(20...Kb8 21.Rc3 b6 22.Bf4 f6 23.b4±)* 21.Rc3 Wells: '→' Wells: 'for example looks rather nasty.' Qd7 22.b3 a6 23.bxc4 d4 24.Rb3!? d3 25.Qd2 axb5 26.Qa5 Qd4 27.Qa8+ Kd7 28.Qxb7+ Ke8 29.Qxb5+ Kf8 30.Qxc5+ Qxc5 31.Ba3⩲;

D1b) 19.Bf4!? Nc4

D1b1) 20.Rc1 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin g6 *(20...a6 21.Nc3±)* 21.b3 gxh5 22.bxc4±;

D1b2) 20.b3 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl'

D1b21) 20...Ne3+ 21.Bxe3 Bxe3 22.Rc1+ Kb8 *(22...Bxc1? 23.Qxc1+ Kb8 24.Qf4+ Ka8 25.Qd4! b6 26.Bxd5+ Kb8 27.Qe5+ Kc8 28.Rh3!+-)* 23.Rc7±;

D1b22) 20...g5!? 21.bxc4 γh7;

D2) 18...Kb8 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 19.Bf4 f6 20.fxe6 Qe7 21.Qe2 a6 22.Nc3± ⊞;

D3) 18...a6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 19.Qc2 b6 20.b4→;

D4) 18...exf5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 19.Bf4 fxg4!? 20.Rc1 b6 *(20...Bd3+? 21.Qxd3! Nxd3 22.Nxa7#)* 21.Bxe5 *(21.b4?*

Bd3+ 22.Ke1 Bxb5 23.axb5 Qxb5∓) 21...Qf5+ 22.Bf4 g5 23.b4 gxf4 24.bxc5↑ and White's play seems to be faster. All these lines show the fate of the game depends on whether Black can activate his "sleeping triangle" ♘g8, ♗h7,♖h8.]

[16...dxc4?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 17.Nxg7+ Kd8 18.Bf4⟶ ɣd8,⇗h1-a8]

[16...d4?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 17.Nxg7+± is different to the line above, White's ♘b5 is protected and the long a1-h8 diagonal is open.]

17.Qe2

[17.Bf4? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Nxc4 18.Nc7+ Qxc7! 19.Bxc7 Ne3+-+]

17...Nxc4□ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '□"

[17...dxc4? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 18.Qxe5 Qxb5 19.Nxg7+ Ke7 20.Be3!+- and Black's position falls apart.]

[17...f6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 18.Bf4! *(18.fxe6?! Qe7* Δ♗d3 *)* 18...dxc4 *(18...0-0-0 19.cxd5±)* 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Qxe5! *(20.Qxc4!?)* 20...Qxb5 21.Nxg7+⟶]

18.Bxd5! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!" **18...Qxb5!?** □ Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!?' Stohl: '□"

[18...Nd2+? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 19.Bxd2 0-0-0 20.Nf4! exd5 21.Rc1 b6 22.b4+-]

[18...Nd6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '!?' 19.Nxd6+ *(19.fxe6* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *Qxb5 20.exf7+ Kf8 21.fxg8Q+ Bxg8∓)* 19...Qxd6 20.Bxb7 Rd8 21.Bf4↑ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: ' ↑" and Black's ♔ is confined to the ⊞. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl: 'and Black's ♔ is confined to the ⊞." Qb6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin 22.Be4⩲]

19.Bxc4 Qb6 20.fxe6 Wells: '?!' A very natural move, but now Black's ♔ gets to relative safety and his ♗h7 is alive again. Wells: 'Having shown admirable restraint in avoiding the meaningless capture on g7, White now misses the moment. The text move both opens up the diagonal of the h7 bishop and enables (indeed forces) ... 0-0-0 under changed circumstances. Although it would be naive to claim that this position could any longer be determined by general principles alone, it is reasonable to suggest that with the centre this wide open, there really now was a case for keeping the Black king there too.' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'A very natural move, but now Black's ♔ gets to relative safety and his ♗h7 is alive again."

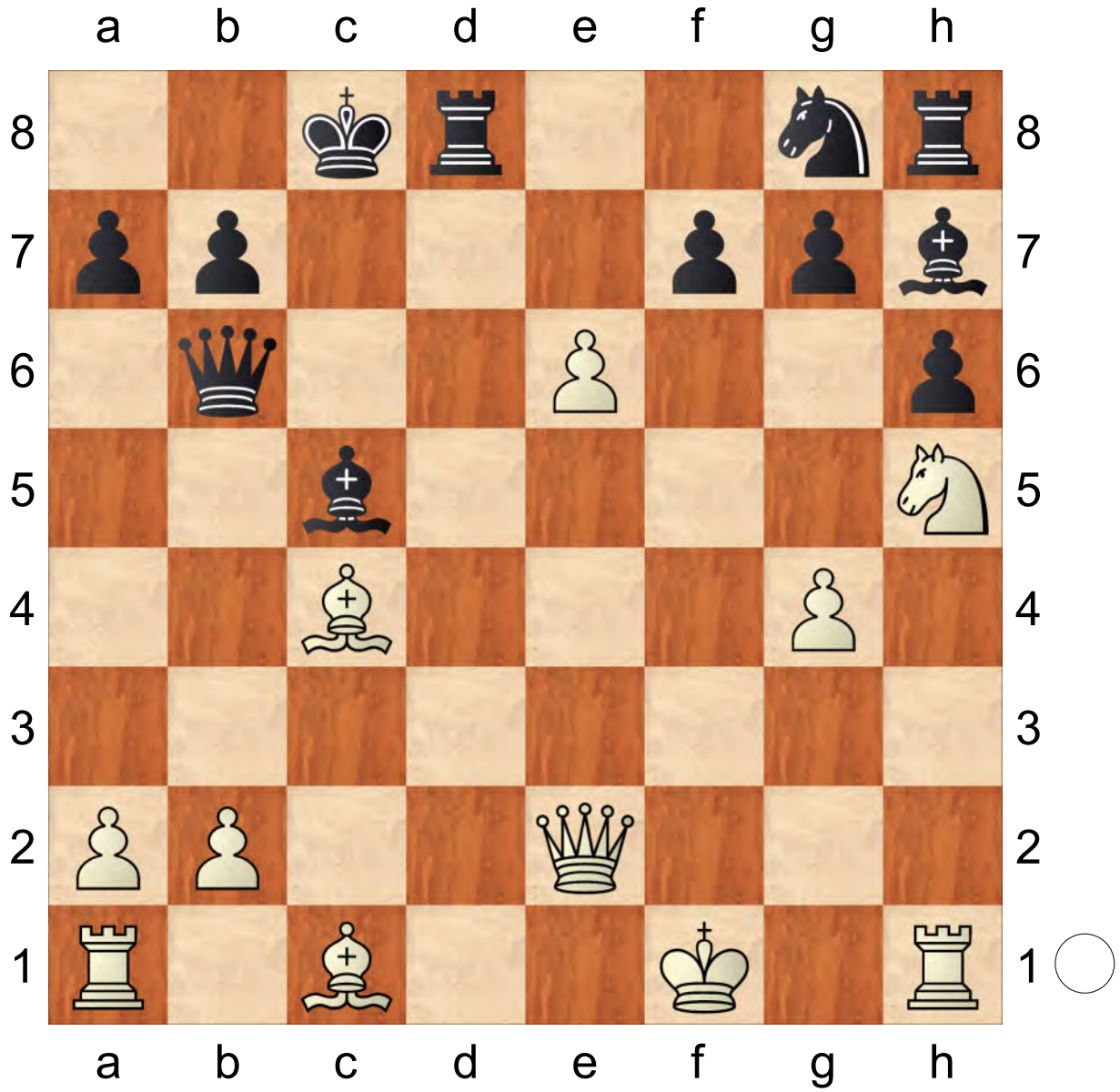
[Therefore possibly better was 20.Nxg7+!? Wells: '!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl' Kf8 21.Nh5↑

A) 21...exf5? 22.Qe5 Wells: '!' Bd4 *(22...Qc6 23.Bxh6+!+-)* 23.Qd5 Bg6 24.Nf4! Qf6 25.Nxg6+ fxg6 26.g5! Qg7 27.gxh6 Qf6 28.Bg5+-;

B) 21...Qc6 22.Rh3 Δfe6,♘f4,×e6 Wells: 'does look problematic for the defence.']

20...0-0-0□

[20...fxe6? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 21.Nxg7++- →]



21.exf7

[21.Bf4?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rd4!? *(21...Ne7* as in the game is also playable, but this is stronger. *)*

A) 22.exf7 Re4 23.Be3 *(23.fxg8Q+ Rxg8* and the ♕ has no good retreat. *)* 23...Nf6 24.Bxc5 Qxc5 *(24...Qc6!?)* 25.Be6+ Kb8 26.Qh2+ Ka8 27.Nxg7 Nxg4→ and suddenly it's Black with a decisive attack.;

B) 22.Be3 Qc6! 23.Rh3 Re4 24.Bb5 Qxe6 25.Rc1 b6 26.Ba6+ Kd8 27.Qd2+⇄]

21...Ne7 The position has changed considerably, White's hopes now lie with the strong passed pawn. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'The position

has changed considerably, White's hopes now lie with the strong passed pawn."
22.Qe6+
[22.Bf4 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Nd5 23.Bxd5 *(23.Rd1 Nxf4 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8!? 25.Nxf4 Qf6 26.Qf3 Kc8∓ with strong control of f8.)* 23...Rxd5 24.Qe8+ Rd8 25.Qe5 Bd3+ *(25...Bd6!?)* 26.Kg2 Qc6+ 27.Kh2 Bd4! 28.Qe7 and if Black doesn't want to risk, he already has a draw with
A) 28...Rhe8 29.fxe8Q Rxe8 30.Rac1! Rxe7 31.Rxc6+ bxc6 32.Rd1 Rd7 33.Rxd3 g5!∞ *(33...Bg1+ 34.Kxg1 Rxd3 35.Nxg7 Rd4 36.Nh5±)*;
B) 28...Bc5=]
22...Kb8! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!"
[22...Qxe6? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 23.Bxe6+ Kb8 24.Bf4+ Ka8 enables 25.Nxg7± as White's ♗ is no more on the exposed c4-square.]
23.Bf4+ White has high ambitions and ignores Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl: 'White has high ambitions and ignores"
[23.Nxg7!? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rd1+ *(23...Qc7 24.Kg2)* 24.Kg2 Qxe6 *(24...Rxc1 25.Raxc1 Qxb2+ 26.Be2!+-)* 25.Nxe6 Be4+ 26.Kg3 Bd6+ 27.Bf4 Bxf4+ 28.Kxf4 Rxh1 29.Rxh1 Bxh1 30.f8Q+ Rxf8+ 31.Nxf8 Kc7 32.Ke5± ⊥♔e5 when his active ♔ gives him a slight advantage in the ⊥.]
[⌓23.Qxb6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin axb6 24.Nxg7 Rhf8 *(24...Rd1+ 25.Ke2±)* 25.Rxh6 *(25.Bxh6 Nd5 26.Bf4+ Nxf4 27.Rxh7 Rd2→)* 25...Bd3+ 26.Bxd3 Rxf7+ 27.Bf5 Rxg7 28.Be6 Ka7±]
23...Ka8 24.Qxb6
[24.Nxg7? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Qxb2-+]
24...axb6 25.Be5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '⊕' A natural and seemingly decisive move, which however fails to a clever tactical resource. But a forced win is nowhere to be seen even after other alternatives. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'A natural and seemingly decisive move, which however fails to a clever tactical resource. But a forced win is nowhere to be seen even after other alternatives."
[25.Nxg7?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rd4 26.Ne6 Rxc4 27.Be5 *(27.Bxh6 Bd3+ 28.Ke1 Ng6∓)* 27...Bd3+ 28.Kg2 Rc8 29.f8Q Rxf8 30.Nxf8 Nc6!? *(30...Be4+ 31.Kg3 Bxh1 32.Rxh1 Nc6 33.Bg7= /±)* 31.Nd7 Rxg4+!? *(31...Be4+=)* 32.Kh2 *(32.Kf3? Bf5∓)* 32...Bf5 33.Nxc5 Nxe5 34.Raf1 Rg5 35.Nb3 Ng4+ 36.Kg3 Ne3+ 37.Kf4 Nxf1 38.Rxh6 Rg2 39.Kxf5 Rxb2 40.Nd4∓]
[25.Ke2!? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rd4 *(≤25...Nd5 26.Rhd1 Be4 27.Be5 Rhf8 28.Nf4!↑)* 26.Rac1 Bg6 27.Rhf1 Rf8 also costs White his main trump.]
[25.Kg2? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Be4+]
25...Rhf8!
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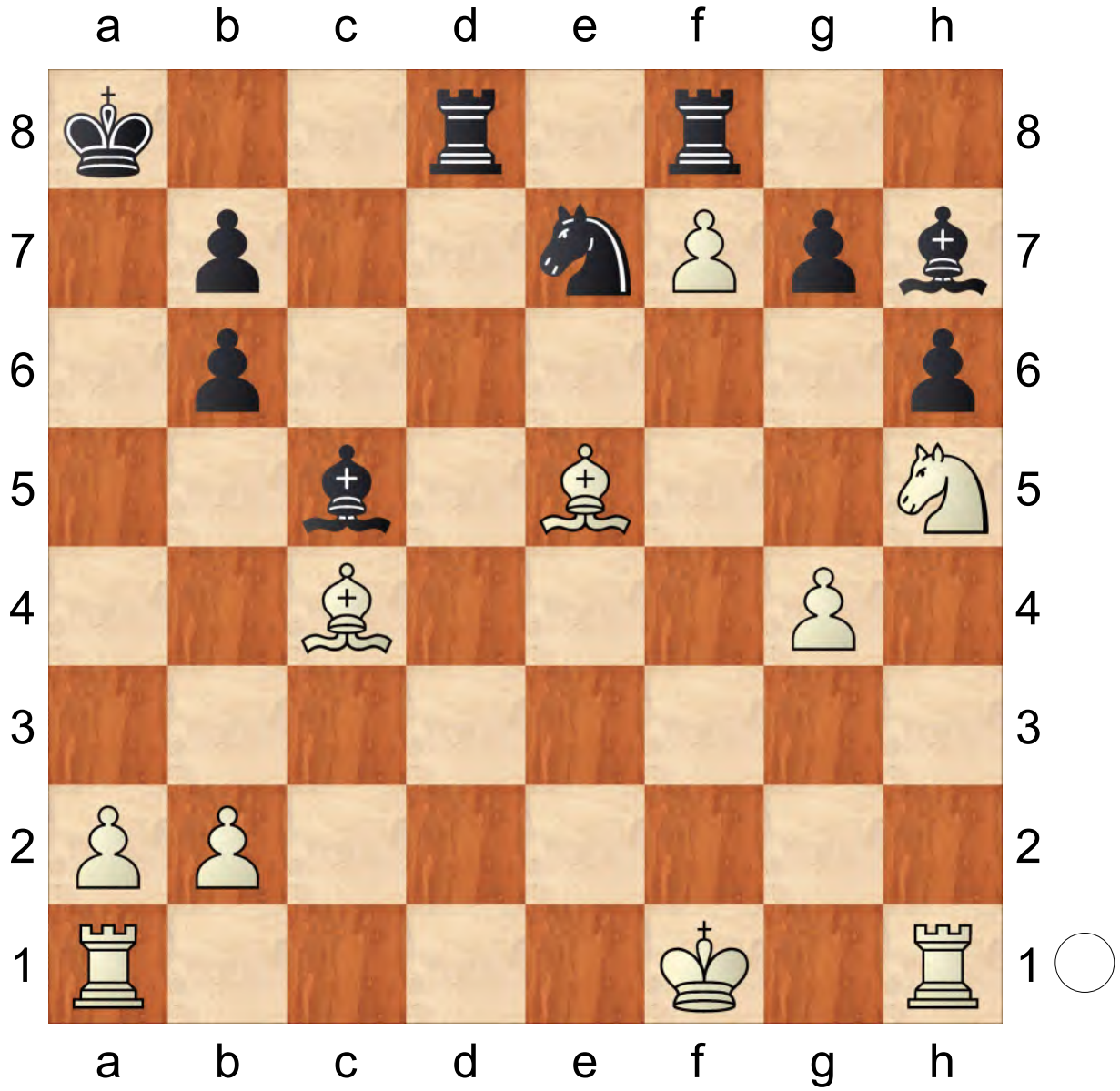


Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: ' ⊕!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!'' **26.Ke2?!** White miscalculates, this and especially the following move costs him the game. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'White miscalculates, this and especially the following move costs him the game. ''

[It was time to bail out with Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'It was time to bail out with'' 26.Bxg7 Bd3+! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!'' 27.Bxd3 Rxf7+ 28.Bf5 *(28.Ke2?* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: 'Stohl' *Rf2+; 28.Ke1* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *Rxd3 29.Bxh6 Rf2=* ⇄ *)* 28...Nxf5 29.gxf5 Rxf5+ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin: '=' 30.Ke1 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *(30.Ke2* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *Rdd5! 31.Ng3 Rg5=; 30.Kg2* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *Rd2+ 31.Kg3 Rd3+ 32.Kh4 Be7+ 33.Kg4 Rg5+ 34.Kf4 Rdd5=* both win the piece back with a draw in sight.*)*

30...Rdd5! 31.Nf6 *(31.Ng3 Bf2+)* 31...Rfe5+ 32.Kf1 Rf5+=]
[26.Nxg7?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Bd3+ 27.Bxd3 Rxd3 28.Rxh6 Rxf7+ 29.Kg2 Ng6! 30.Bc3 Rf4!→ White has problems with his exposed ♔.]

26...Nd5 Wells: '!' Wells: 'and suddenly Black's pieces have sprung to life.'

27.Rhf1?⊕ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '?!' Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: ' ⊕?" The decisive mistake. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'The decisive mistake."

[27.Rhd1 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rxf7! 28.Rxd5 *(28.Bxd5 Rf2+ 29.Ke1 Re8∓; 28.b4? Nc3+!-+)* 28...Rxd5 29.Bxd5 Re7∓]

[27.Nxg7! □ Rxf7 28.Ne6 *(28.Rxh6?* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *Rf2+ 29.Ke1 Nb4)*

A) 28...Rf2+ 29.Ke1 Nb4

A1) 30.Nc7+ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '=' Kb8! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl'

A1a) 31.Nb5+ Kc8 32.Be6+ Rd7 33.Bxd7+ Kxd7 34.Rd1+ *(34.Bd4 Nd3+ 35.Kd1 Be4!?∓)* 34...Nd3+ 35.Rxd3+ Bxd3 36.Nc3 Rxb2 37.Rxh6 Rg2↑;

A1b) 31.Na6+ Ka7 32.Nxb4 Re8 33.Rh5 Bg6 *(33...Rf4!?)* 34.Bb5 *(34.Nd3 Bxh5 35.gxh5? Rh2-+)* 34...Bxh5 35.Bxe8 Bxe8∓;

A2) ⌓30.Nxc5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' 30...Rdd2 31.Rc1 bxc5!? *(31...Bd3 32.Nxd3 Rde2+=)* 32.Rh3 Ka7 33.Rf3!=;

B) A more ambitious try is ⌓28...Re7!? Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '!'

B1) 29.Rxh6?! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '?!'' Bg8! Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '!'' 30.Bxd5 *(30.Nxd8* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *Rxe5+ 31.Kf3 Re3+ 32.Kg2 Nf4+∓ →)* 30...Rxd5 31.Nc7+ Kb8 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '∓!' 32.Nxd5+ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rxe5+ 33.Kd3 Bxd5∓;

B2) 29.Nxd8□ Rxe5+ at least enables 30.Kd2≅ Ne3!↑ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' *(30...Bb4+* Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin *31.Kc1 Ne3 32.Rxh6 Be4 33.Rh8 Ka7 34.a3 Be7 35.Nf7 Rc5∓)*

B2a) 31.Kc3? Re4 32.Bd3 *(32.b3 Bd4+-+)* 32...Bb4+ 33.Kb3 Bg8+ 34.Ka4 Rd4-+;

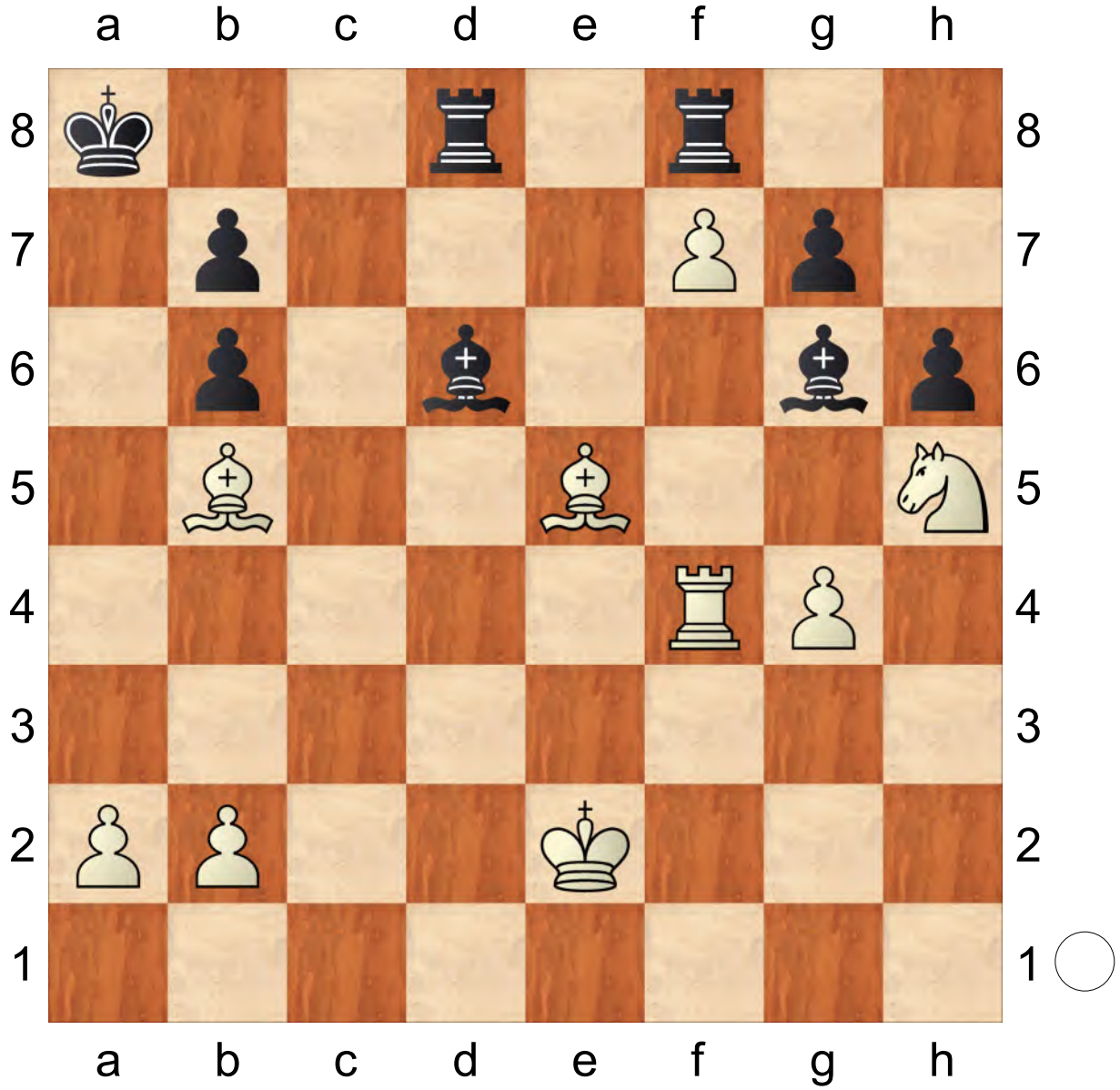
B2b) 31.Be6 Bb4+→;

B2c) 31.Bb3 Nxg4!?→ *(31...Bb4+* wins the exchange back immediately, but this is even more unpleasant, as Black can take bake the material at leasure. *)*]

27...Ne3-+ Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '-+" **28.Bb5**

[28.Bxg7 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Nxc4 29.Bxf8 Bd3+ 30.Ke1 Rxf8-+]

28...Nxf1 29.Rxf1 Bg6 30.Rf4
[30.Bc4 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Bd4!-+]
[30.Bxg7 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin Rxf7 31.Rxf7 Bxf7 32.Bxh6∓]
30...Bd6□



Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: '□'' **31.Bxd6 Rxd6 32.Bc4**
[32.Be8 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Re6+ 33.Kf3 Re7-+]
32...b5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: '-+!' **33.Bb3**
[33.Bxb5 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rxf7 34.Rxf7 Bxf7 35.Nxg7 Bxa2 also loses in the long run.]
33...Bd3+ 34.Ke3 g5 35.Rf2
[35.Rf6 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl' Rxf6 36.Nxf6 Bc4-+]
35...Bc4

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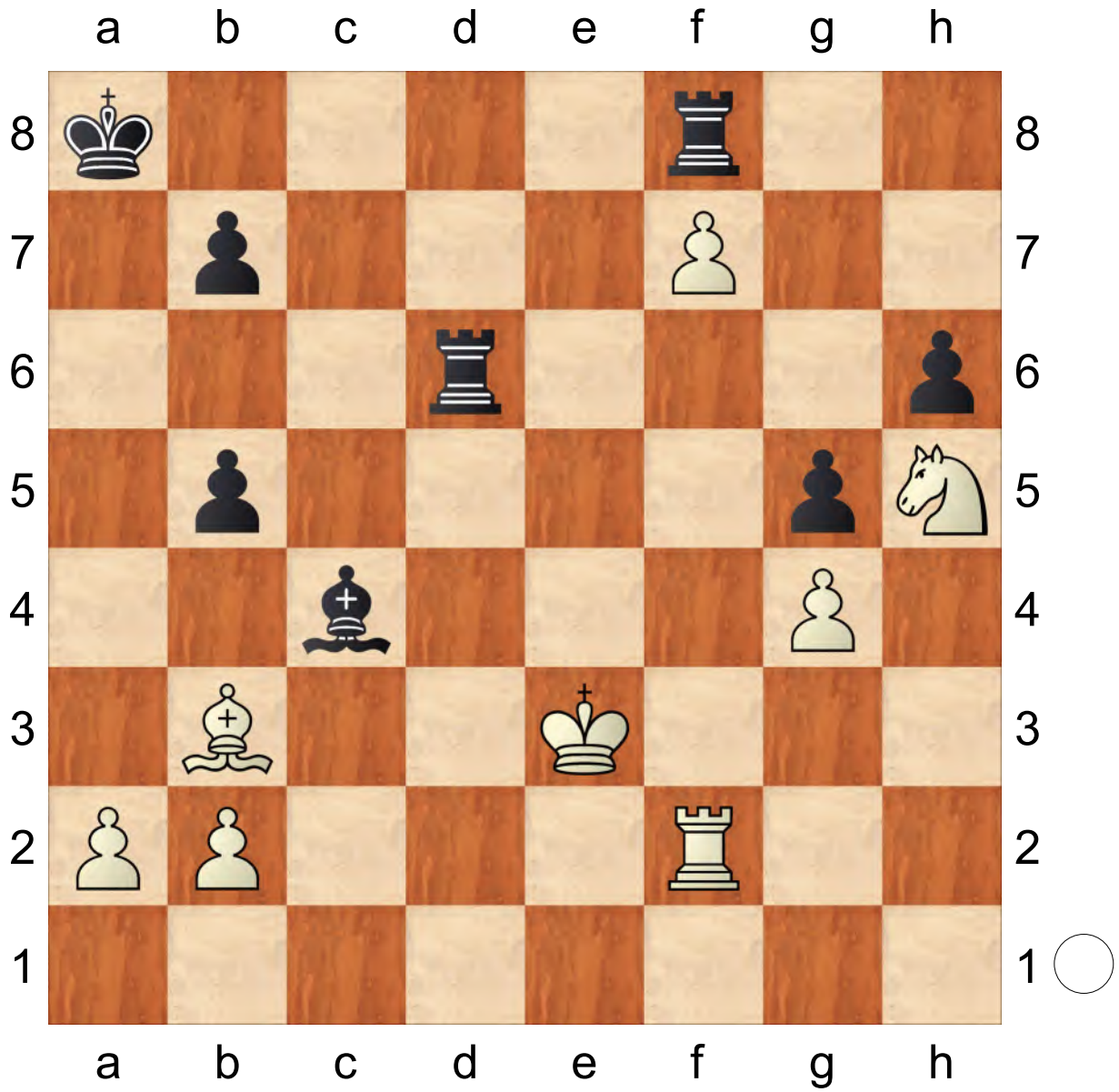

The ♙f7 is lost, and with it White's last hopes. Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin: 'Stohl: 'The ♙f7 is lost, and with it White's last hopes." **36.Bxc4 bxc4 37.Ke4 Rd7 38.Rf6 Rfxf7 39.Rxh6 Rfe7+ 40.Kf5 Rd5+**

(Diagram)

41.Kg6 Re2

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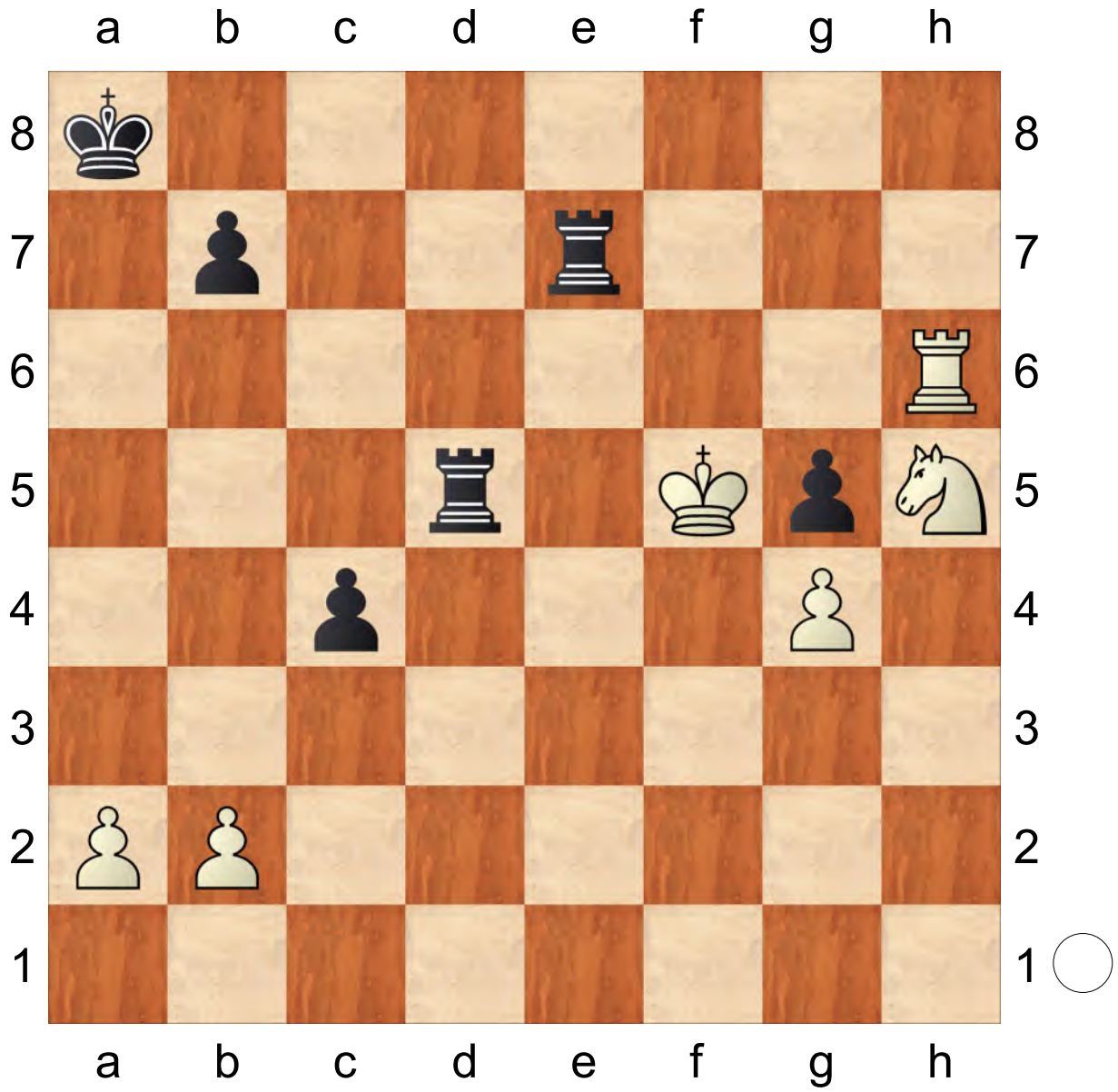
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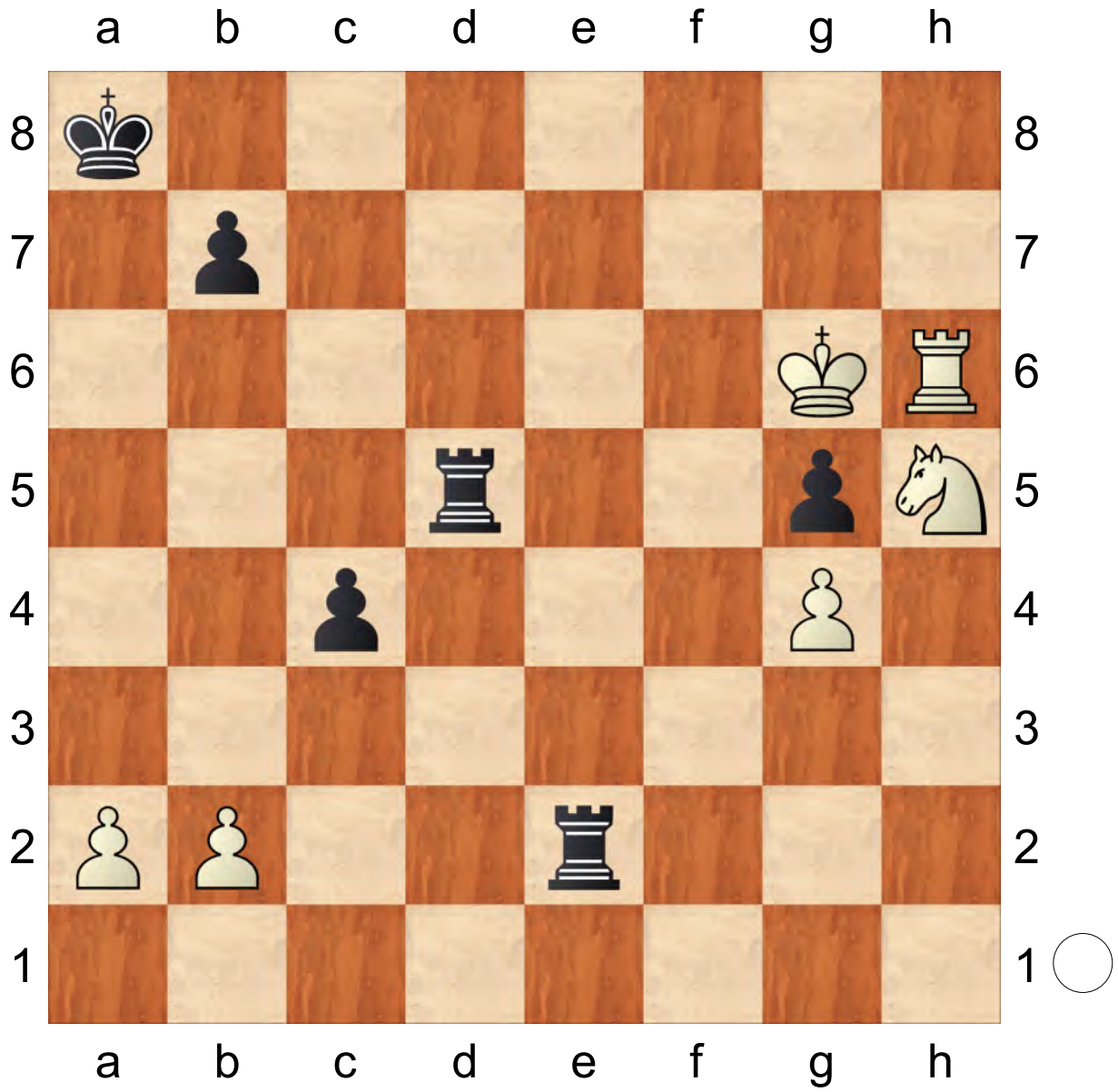
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□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2772**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2881**
Gashimov Memorial-A 1st (7) 27.04.2014
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes Stohl,I **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3** Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'The 4.f3 variation, which has different names according to who you ask - including Gheorghiu Variation, Shirov Variation and Kmoch Variation - is a sharp way of meeting the Nimzo and has been on the spotlight recently.' **4...c5** This time Carlsen leaves the main lines even earlier than in his previous games.

[4...d5 5.a3

A) 5...Be7 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.d5 Bc5 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'was the way the game Nakamura-Carlsen went earlier this year in the Zuerich Challenge, a game that the American should have won quite easily. The opening definitely favored him in that game.'

A1) 9.Nf3 is the more usual move order: Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nbd7 12.Bg5 h6 *(12...Bd4 13.Ne2! Bxb2 14.Ra2 Bd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.e5! 0-0? 17.exf6 Re8+ 18.Kf2 Ne5 19.Qf5 h6 20.Bc1+-* Ganguly,S (2654)-Filippov,A (2607)/Khanty-Mansiysk WCup/2009/ For more details see the notes to this game by Krasenkow in CBM 134.*; 12...0-0 13.0-0-0 Bd4 14.Ne2* transposes back to Nakamura-Carlsen*)* 13.Bh4 Bd4 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Nxd4 *(⌓15.0-0-0!±)* 15...exd4 16.0-0-0 Re8 17.Rxd4 Qe7 18.Kc2 a5 19.Bd3 Ne5 20.Qf5 Qc5 21.Rd1 Qxd4 22.Bf2 Qxd3+ 23.Rxd3 Nxd3 24.Kxd3 Nxe4= Almarza Mato,C (1995)-Belanoff,S (2066)/email/2011*!*

A2) 9.Bg5

A2a) 9...Bd4!? was suggested by PH Nielsen. White's best reaction is probably 10.Qd2 *(10.Nf3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qd6 12.Bd3 Na6 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Qc2 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Kh1 Qe7 17.Nd2 Bd7 18.Qb1 b6 19.Nb3 Nb7 20.Bc2 0-0∓* Formanek,E (2330)-McCambridge,V (2465)/Chicago/1985/ *)*

A2a1) 10...Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Qe7 12.Qf3± *(12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nf3↻)*;

A2a2) 10...Bg4!?

A2a21) 11.Nb5 Nxe4 12.Bxd8 Nxd2 13.Bxc7 Nb3!? *(13...Nxf1 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Kxf1±)* 14.Rb1 Bxg1 15.Rxg1 Kd7 16.Kf2 a6 17.Bxb8 Raxb8 18.Nc3 Bf5 19.Re1 Kd6∞;

A2a22) 11.Be2 h6 12.Bxf6 *(12.Bxg4? hxg5 13.Qxg5 Nxg4 14.Qxg4 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qh4+ 16.Qxh4 Rxh4∓)* 12...Qxf6 13.Bxg4 Qh4+ 14.g3 Qxg4 15.Nge2 c5± /⇄;

A2a3) 10...0-0 11.Nf3 c5 12.Nb5 Nbd7 13.Bd3 Qb6 14.a4 a5 15.0-0-0 h6 16.Bh4 Re8 17.Rhf1 Nh5 18.Kb1 Nf4 19.Rc1 f6 20.h3

Ra6 21.Bc2 Ng6 22.Be1 Qd8 23.g4 Nh8 24.Bg3 Nf7 25.Bd3 Nf8 26.Nfxd4 exd4 27.Nc7± Dolya,A-Orekhov,V/email/2010/;

A2b) 9...0-0 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nbd7 13.0-0-0 Bd4 14.Ne2 Stohl,I: 'transposes back to Nakamura-Carlsen' c5 15.g4 a5 16.Kb1 Ra6 17.Ng3 g6 18.h4 a4 19.Rh2 Qa5 20.Bd2 Qc7 21.g5 Ne8 22.h5 Rb6 23.Bc1→ Nakamura,H (2789)-Carlsen,M (2872)/Zuerich/2014/ In the end in a heavy tactical struggle Black turned the tables - for more details about this game see the notes by Krasenkow in CBM 159.;

B) 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 *(*The double-edged *7...exd5 8.e3 c4!?* was played in the 9th game of the World Championship match Anand-Carlsen in 2013. Lev Gutman annotated the game in detail and devoted a whole article to this line in CBM 158.*)* 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.e4 is the standard continuation, even more recently Black seems to be doing OK after Nf6 This was the topic of another theoretical article by Gutman in CBM 159. After 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qb3 Nfd7

B1) 12.Bb5 Qc7

B1a) 13.Qb4 Nc6

B1a1) 14.Qa4 Nce5= *(14...Na5 15.Rd1! Nxc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Qxa5 a6 18.c4 Rb8 19.Ne2 axb5 20.cxb5 e5 21.Rd5 Qe7 22.Qb4±* Ulibin,M (2506)-Nyback,T (2575)/Stockholm/2007/) ;

B1a2) 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nh3 Ba6 16.Qa4 Bb5 17.Qc2 Qa5 18.Kf2 Nxc5 19.Bxc5 Ba4 20.Qd2 Qxc5+ 21.Qd4 Qa5 22.Rhb1 Pacher,M (2446)-Haba,P (2503)/CZE-chT2/2014/ Bc2 23.Rb7 Rad8↑;

B1b) 13.Ne2 Nxc5 14.Qc4 b6 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.0-0 a6 17.Ba4 Nd7 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.a4 e5 20.Ng3 Be6 21.Qe2 g6 22.a5 Rfd8∓ Richter,M (2473)-Michalik,P (2584)/Bundesliga/2014/;

B2) 12.Qb4 Qc7 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Qa4 Nce5 15.Qd4 Nc6 16.Qa4 *(16.Qd2 Nce5 17.Qd6 Qa5⇄)* 16...Nce5 17.Qd4 Nc6 ½, Timman,J (2630)-Karpov,A (2730)/Tilburg/1991/;

B3) 12.a4 Qc7 13.Qa3 b6 14.a5 bxc5 15.a6 c4 16.Qa5 Qxa5 17.Rxa5 Nc6 18.Ra2 Nde5 19.f4 Ng4 20.Bc1 Rb8 21.Nh3 Rb1 22.Kd2 Rb6 23.Bxc4 Nb8 24.Be2 Nf6 25.Nf2 Bxa6= Wang,H (2743)-Radjabov,T (2745)/Stavanger/2013/]

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' Another new direction in which the 4.f3 system is developing is 4...0-0!? 5.e4 *(5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nh5!?* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2881) Shamkir AZE 2014' *7.Nh3 f5 8.e3 d6 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.g4 fxg4 12.fxg4 Nf6 13.Nf2 h6 14.e4 e5 15.d5 Ne7 16.g5 hxg5 17.Bxg5 Qe8 18.Qd3 Qg6 19.Qg3 Bd7 20.Kh1 Rf7 21.Qh4 Raf8∓* Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2881)/Shamkir/2014/*)* 5...d5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 f6 10.exf6 Qe8+ *(10...Qxf6 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.Ra2 Bf5 13.Bxf5 Qxf5 14.Nh3 N8d7 15.0-0 Rae8 16.Nf4 c6 17.Re1 Nf6 18.g4 Qd7 19.Nd3 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Nc4 21.Re2 Re8=* Millstone,M (2473)-Hertel,P (2641)/email/2009/*)* 11.Qe2 Qf7!?N

(11...Nxf6 12.Qxe8 Nxe8 13.Ne2 Nd6 14.Bf4 Rd8 15.Ng3 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Kf2 Bf7 18.Nf5 Bg6 ½, Shmeliov,D (2270)-Kraai,J (2505)/Las Vegas/2007/ *19.Nxd6±)* 12.fxg7 Re8 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Qd2 Na5 15.Rb1! Nb6 16.Rb4 Nac4 17.Bxc4 dxc4?! *(⌓17...Nxc4 18.Rxc4 dxc4 19.Ne2 Bf5 20.Kf2⩲)* 18.Rb5 Bf5 19.Kf2 *(19.Re5!?)* 19...Nd5 20.Rxd5 Qxd5 21.Ne2 a5 22.h4 b5 23.h5 b4 24.cxb4 axb4 25.axb4 Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Aronian,L (2830)/Khanty-Mansiysk Candidates/2014/ Now Giri's suggestion Bd3! would have still given Black chances to save the game.]

5.d5 0-0

[5...b5 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!?' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'is an interesting alternative.' 6.e4 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' 0-0 7.e5 Ne8 *(7...exd5* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *8.exf6 d4 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 dxc3 11.bxa5 Re8+ 12.Ne2 Qxf6 13.Qd5 Nc6* Aronian,L (2803)-Karjakin,S (2756) Beijing 2013*)* 8.f4 exd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.Nf3 c4 11.a4 Nd7 *(*Black started to avoid the rather unpleasant *11...Bg4 12.axb5 Nd7 13.e6±* Shirov,A (2749)-Kramnik,V (2780)/Shanghai/2010/ See the notes to this game in CBM 138.*)* 12.Be2 Qb6 13.axb5 *(13.Bd2 Nc7 14.Nxb5 Bxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Nxd5 16.Nxc4 Qc5 17.Qd2 dxe5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5* ½, Nenciulescu,S (2179)-Antonov,V (2283)/email/2011/ *Ne3 20.Nd3 Nc2+ 21.Kd1 Ne3+=)* 13...Nc7!?N *(13...dxe5 14.fxe5 Bb7 15.Qd4 Nc7 16.Qxb6 Nxb6 17.d6 Nxb5 18.Bd2 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rae8 20.Nxb5 Rxe5+ 21.Kd1 Bxd2 22.Nxa7 Bf4 23.Ra6* Ding,L (2714)-Bacrot,E (2714)/Biel/2013/ *Nd7⇄)* 14.Qd4 *(14.Ra4!? Qc5⇄)* 14...Bb7 15.Bd2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 dxe5 17.fxe5 Bxd5 18.Be3 Qxb5 19.0-0 Ne6 20.Qh4 Ndc5 *(20...a5!?∓)* 21.Rab1 Nb3 22.Bd1 Qa5 23.Bc2 g6 24.Ng5 Nxg5 25.Bxg5 Qxc3 26.Rf2 *(26.Rbd1!⩲)* 26...Nd4 27.Bh6 *(27.Bf6 Qe3 28.Bg5=)* 27...Nc6! 28.Rd1 Qxe5∓ Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Karjakin,S (2766)/Khanty-Mansiysk Candidates/2014/]

(Diagram)

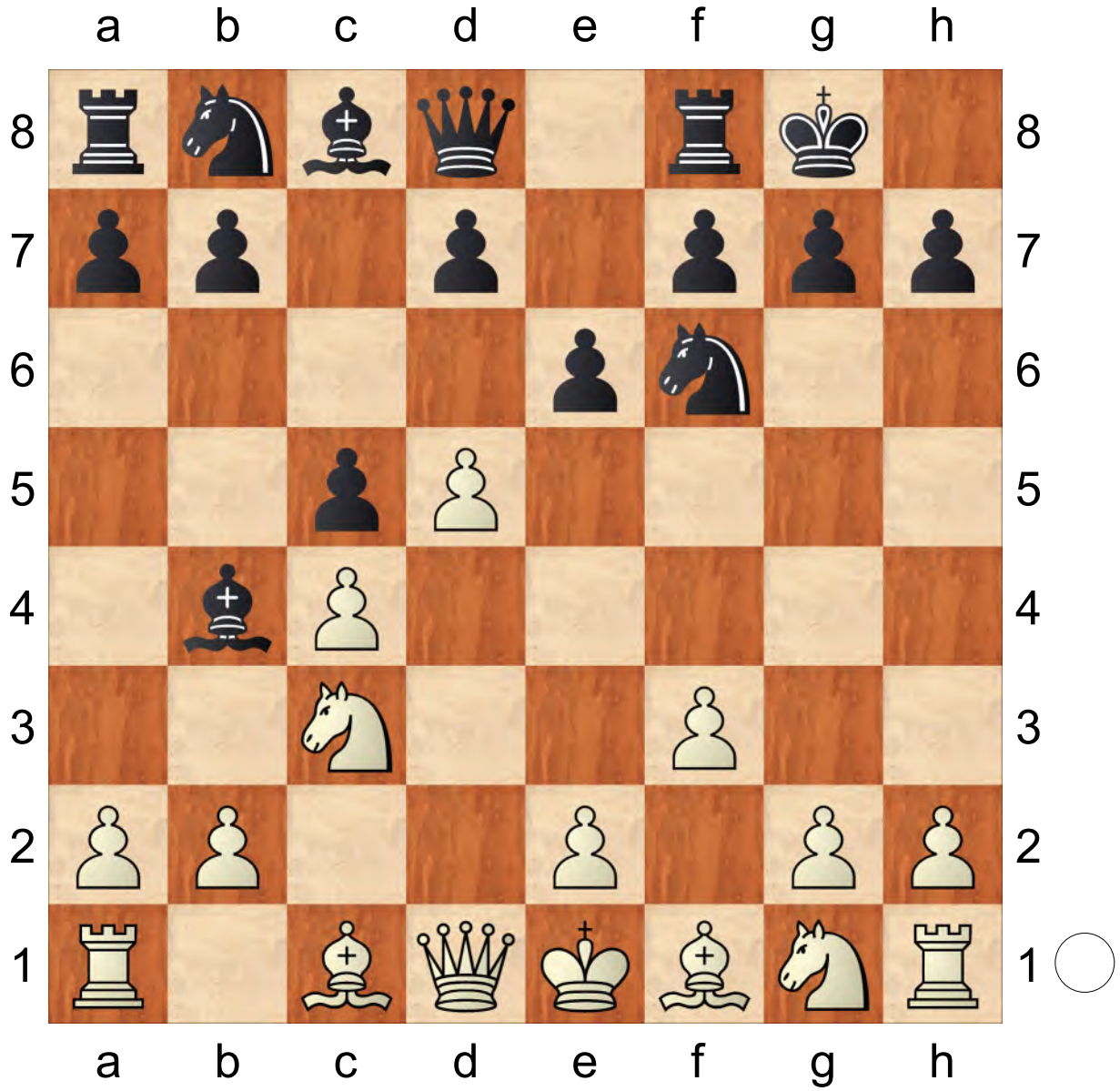
A restrained approach, this Nakamura-Carlsen encounter will be more strategic than their tussle in Zuerich. **6.e4 d6 7.Bd2**

[7.Nge2 gives Black's counterplay a faster start with b5

A) 8.Ng3 bxc4 *(8...exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 c4 12.Be3 Re8 13.Kh1 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.b4 cxb3 16.axb3 b4 17.Nb5 Qb6 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Qd2 a5 20.Bc4 h6 21.Nc6! Bxc6 22.dxc6 Qxc6 23.Nf5±* Milov,V (2570)-De Firmian,N (2605)/Biel/1995/*)* 9.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5⇄;

B) 8.Nf4

B1) 8...e5 9.Nfe2 Nh5!? *(9...bxc4 10.Ng3 Ba6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Bc8 13.Bxc4 Nbd7 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Be2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.a4 Rb8 18.a5 Na8 19.Qd2 Qe7 20.f4↑* Shirov,A (2610)-Savon,V (2460)/Moscow/1991/*)* 10.g4 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 Nf4 12.Nxf4 exf4 13.Kc2



B1a) 13...bxc4 14.Bxc4 *(⌓14.Bxf4 Qf6 15.Qd2)* 14...Ba6 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Bxf4 c4 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.a3 Bc5 19.Qd2 Qe7 20.h4 Rab8 21.g5 Rb3→ Cheng,B (2440)-Papin,V (2514)/Melbourne/2013/;

B1b) 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 b4 15.Bxf4 Bd7 16.Qd2!? *(16.Qd3?! Ba4+ 17.Kd2 Nd7 18.Be2 f5! 19.exf5 Rae8 20.Rae1 Ne5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.f4 Rfe8!-+* Berkes,F (2702)-Yemelin,V (2574)/Skopje/2013/ **Δ** *23.fxe5 Qg5+ 24.Qe3 bxc3+ 25.Kd3 Bc2+)* 16...Ba4+ *(16...Qe7!?)* 17.Kd3 bxc3 18.Qxc3 *(18.Qe3 Qe7 19.Ke2 c2 20.Kf2 Nd7∞* Miton,K (2638)-Charbonneau,P (2501)/Montreal/2006/*)* 18...f5 19.exf5 Qf2 *(19...Na6 20.Bg3±)* 20.Be3 Qxf3 21.Be2 Qh3 22.Qe1! Bc2+ 23.Kd2 Be4 24.Rg1 Qxh2 25.Qg3±;

B2) 8...a6!? 9.Be2 *(9.Bd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Ba5 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Kh1 c4⇄* is similar to our game, Black was on top after *14.b3?! b4*

15.Na4 c3 16.Be3 Bc7 17.a3 a5 18.Bb5 Rb8 19.Qe2 h6 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.axb4 axb4∓ Timofeev,A (2631)-Topalov,V (2751)/EU Cup Eilat/2012/*)* 9...exd5 *(9...e5 10.Nd3 Nbd7 11.Nxb4 cxb4 12.Nb1 Qb6 13.g4 bxc4 14.Nd2 c3 15.bxc3 a5 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.cxb4 axb4 18.Be3 Ba6 19.Rc1 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 Nc5 21.Qd2 Rfb8 22.0-0 b3=* Tritt,M (1896)-Kolanek,R (2098)/email/2008/*)* 10.cxd5 Nbd7 11.0-0 Ne5 12.Kh1 Bd7 13.Nd3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 h6 15.g4 Nh7 16.Nd1 Re8 17.Ne3 c4 18.Qd1 Bc5 19.Qe1 Qb6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.gxf5 Be3 22.Qg3 Kh8 23.Bxe3 Qxe3 24.Rg1 Rg8∞ /∓, Richter,M (2470)-Babula,V (2583)/Pardubice/2013/]

7...Nbd7

[Nakamura himself preferred 7...Re8 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'was played by Nakamura himself against Le Quang Liem in 2011.' 8.Nge2 a6 *(8...Na6 9.Ng3 Nc7 10.Be2 a6 11.a4 Bd7 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Re1 exd5 14.cxd5 b5 15.Kh1 bxa4 16.Nxa4 Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Reb8 18.Nxc5 dxc5 19.d6 Qe5 20.f4 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Rxb2 22.dxc7 Rc8=* Volkov,S (2620)-Cekro,E (2441)/EU Cup Rethymnon/2003/ *)*

A) 9.Ng3 b5 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.cxb5 d5 12.bxa6 c4 *(12...Nxa6!?)* 13.exd5 Bh3+? *(13...Nxd5 14.Be2 Nxc3 15.Bxc3 Qb6⩱)* 14.Nce4 Nxd5 15.Bxb4 Nxb4 16.gxh3 Qa5 17.Kf2+- Steadman,M (2217)-Hansen,S (2603)/Sydney/2011/;

B) 9.a4 exd5 10.cxd5 Nh5 11.g3 f5 12.Bg2 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf6 14.Bxb4 cxb4 15.Qd2 Nxe4 16.fxe4 a5 17.Nd4 Na6 18.0-0 Nc5 19.Qf4 Nd3 20.Qd2 Nc5 21.Qf4 Nd3 22.Qd2 Nc5 ½, Le Quang,L (2715)-Nakamura,H (2770)/Dortmund/2011/]

[Carlsen once again simply continues his development and spurns more direct attempts, such as 7...exd5 8.cxd5

A) 8...a6 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Ng3 b5 11.Be2 *(11.a4!±)* 11...c4 12.Be3 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.b4 cxb3 15.axb3 b4 16.Nb5 Qb6 17.Nd4 a5 18.Ngf5 Re8∓ 19.g4? Khenkin,I (2600)-Dgebuadze,A (2505)/El Sauzal rpd/2007/ Nfxe4 20.fxe4 Nxe4→;

B) 8...Nh5!?

B1) I doubt Nakamura would have repeated Aronian's aggressive reaction 9.g4 Qh4+ 10.Ke2 Ng3+ 11.hxg3 Qxh1 12.Kf2 Nd7 *(12...c4!?∓)* 13.Bg2 Qh2 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Qh6 16.f4 Qg6 17.Bf3 Re8 18.Kg2 f6 19.Qc2 b5 20.Nh3 Nb6 21.f5 Qf7 22.b3 Nd7 23.Nf4 Ne5 24.Rh1 h6 25.Ne6⩲ 1-0 Aronian,L (2693)-Efimenko,Z (2620)/Warsaw 2005/CBM 108 (49)

B2) 9.Nge2 f5 10.Qc2 b5 11.0-0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 fxe4 13.fxe4?! *(13.Ng3⇄)* 13...Bg4 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Ng3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Ne5 17.Bxb5 c4→ 0-1 Gomez Esteban,J (2425)-Supatashvili,K (2450)/Debrecen 1992/EU-chT (26);

B3) 9.g3 f5 ⩲10.Bg2 *(10.f4?! Qe8 11.Be2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qxe4 13.Nf3 Re8 14.Kf1 b6 15.Rg1 Qxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Ba6 17.Qxa6 Nxa6 18.Kf2 Nc7∓* Bilobrk,F (2390)-Zelcic,R (2519)/Zadar/2013/*)* 10...Bxc3 *(⩲10...Nf6!*

seems promising for Black*)* 11.Bxc3 fxe4 12.fxe4 Qe8 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.Rf1 Rxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Nd7 16.Qc2 Ne5 17.Kg1 Nf3+ 18.Kh1 Qg6 19.Rf1 Nxh2 20.Kxh2 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Nxg3 22.Qe3 Nxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Re8 24.Bg2∞ Van Osmael,A-Huybrecht,F/corr/2002/]

8.Nge2 Ne5N

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' 8...exd5 9.Nxd5?! *(Nakamura would have almost certainly played ⌓9.cxd5 a6 10.Ng3)* 9...Nxd5 10.cxd5 f5 11.Bxb4 cxb4 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.Be2 fxe4 14.0-0 Qg5 15.Qc1 Qe5 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Akshat,K (2354)-L'Ami,E (2640) Dieren 2013' 16.Qe3 exf3 17.Qxe5 dxe5 18.Nxf3 e4 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Bc4⇄ Akshat,K (2354)-L'Ami,E (2640)/Dieren/2013/]

[8...Re8 9.Ng3 a6 10.Be2 exd5 11.cxd5 b5 *(11...Qc7 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Bg5 Nfd7 14.f4 Ng6 15.f5! Nge5 16.f6 h6 17.Bxh6 Nxf6 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Nh5 Qd8 20.Qd2 Ng6 21.Bg7* 1-0, Bobykin,K (2000)-Pilipchuk,A (2172)/email/2008/*)* 12.a4 bxa4 13.Nxa4 *(⌓13.Qxa4 Rb8 14.0-0∞ /±*) 13...Rb8 14.0-0 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Rb4 16.Ra2 Ne5 17.Rfa1 h5 18.Qg5 Ng6 19.Nc3 h4 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Re5 22.Qh3 Rh5! 23.g4 hxg3 24.Qxg3 Re5 25.Kh1 Nh5↑ Landgren,A (2220)-Bjork,C (2473)/SWE-chT/2004/]

[8...Nh5 9.Be3? *(⌓9.Nf4)* 9...Ne5 10.b3 Qh4+ 11.Bf2 Qf6 12.Qc2 b5!⟳ 13.cxb5 exd5 14.0-0-0 Nxf3!? 15.Rxd5 Ne5 16.Be3 Bb7 17.Rd1 Ng4 18.Bg1 Rfe8∓ Skula,E-Krcmar,J/corr/1997/]

9.Ng3 exd5 10.cxd5 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'We are now relatively out of opening. The position resembles a Benoni except that Black's bishop is all the way out on b4 instead of on g7. This has some good things and some bad things. Mainly good is the fact that the bishop can re-route to the g1-a7 diagonal which is quite exposed.' The pawn-structure originates from the Benoni, but the dark-squared bishop is on the queenside instead of the long diagonal. In the Snake Benoni Black plays ♗d6-c7-a5; here it's similar, but he didn't allow White to get in the d5-d6 advance (the main problem of most Snake Benoni versions). All in all the position seems very unclear to me. **10...Bd7**

[10...a6 11.Be2 b5 12.a4!?±]

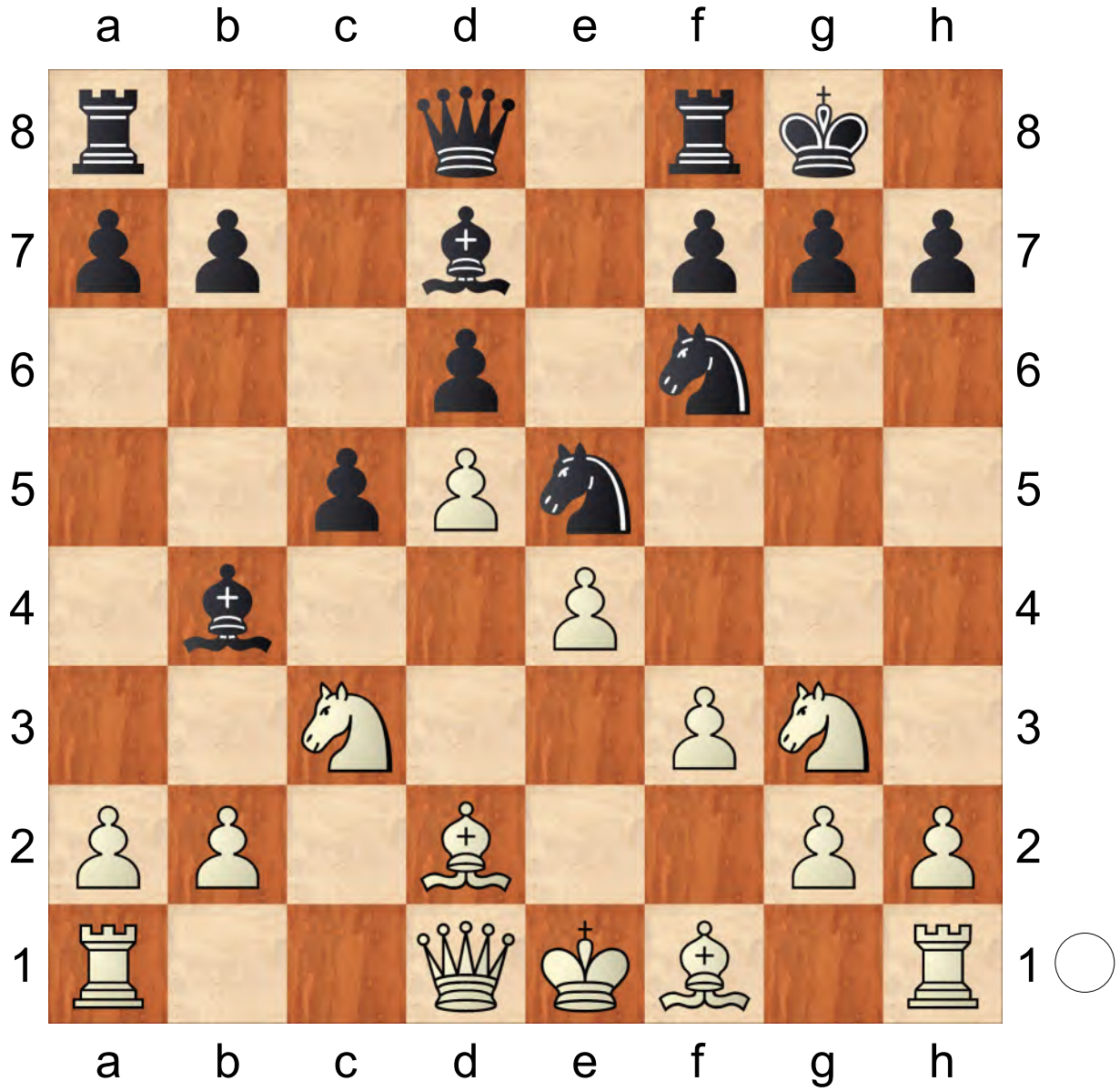
[10...c4!?

A) 11.f4 Nd3+ *(11...Ng6 12.Bxc4 Re8 13.Bb5 Bd7⩱)* 12.Bxd3 cxd3 13.Qf3 Re8 14.0-0 *(14.Qxd3 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bf5=)* 14...Bd7∞ 15.Qxd3? Ng4∓;

B) 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Be2 Bc5⇄]

(Diagram)

Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: ?! Carlsen didn't like this afterward. The square should be used be one of the knights.' Carlsen wants to get in a quick b5, but without allowing White to reach a positon such as the one seen in Milov-De



Firmian above. However, d7 is an important square also for Black's knights and a few moves later he will feel the bishop should retreat. **11.a3** Nakamura first of all wants to slow down the advancing pawns.

[Perhaps he didn't like 11.Be2 due to c4!? *(11...b5 12.Nxb5 Bxb5 13.Bxb5 Qa5 14.Be2 Rab8 15.b3±)* 12.Be3 Qa5 13.0-0 Bc5 14.Qd2∞]

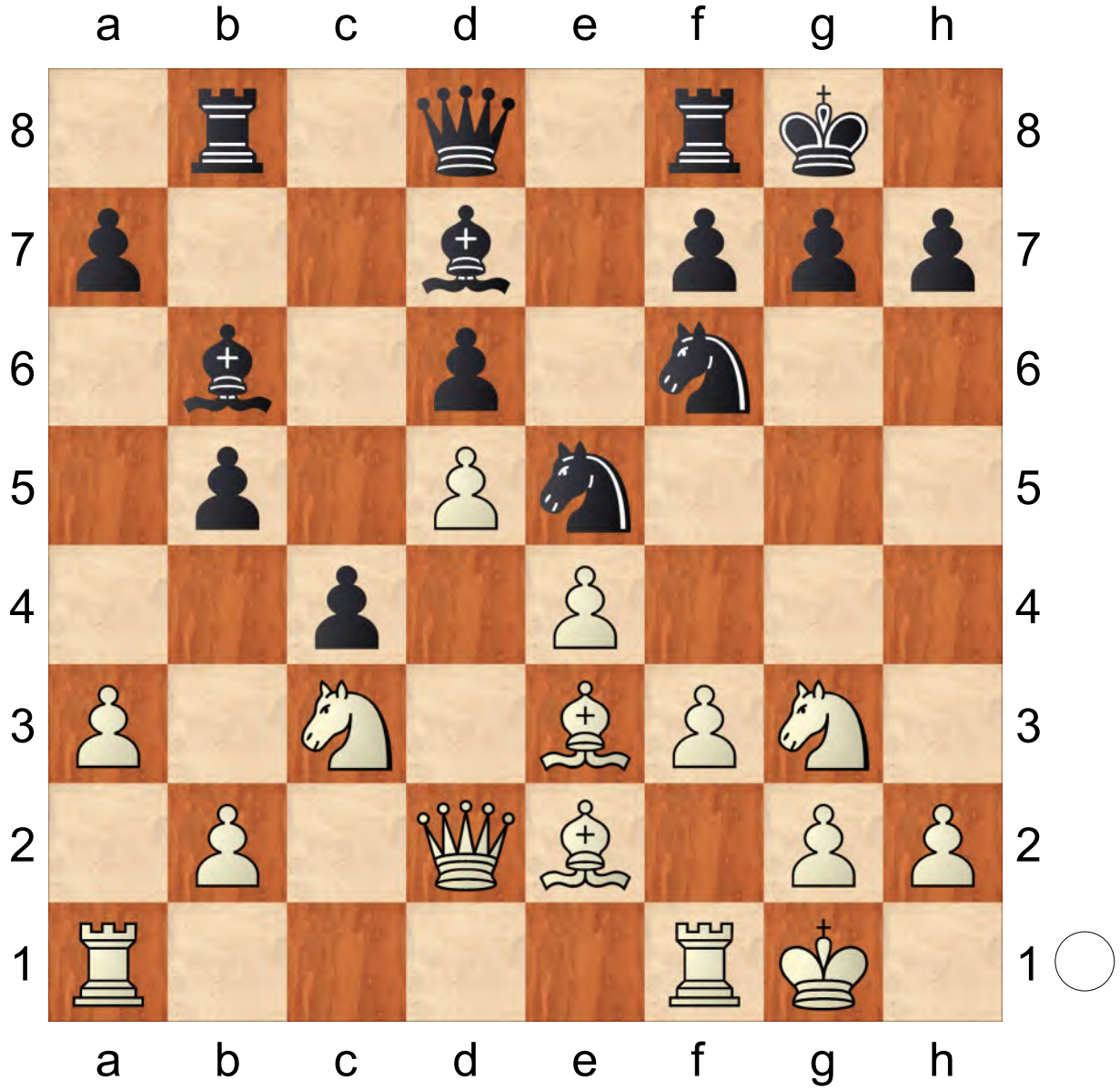
11...Ba5 12.Be2 b5 13.0-0

[13.Nxb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5 c4 *(14...Rb8 15.b4 Rxb5 16.bxa5 Nd3+ 17.Ke2 c4∞)* 15.b4 cxb3 16.Rb1 Rb8 17.Rxb3 Qc7⩲]

[13.b4 cxb4 *(13...Bb6!? 14.Nxb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5 c4⩲)* 14.axb4 Bxb4 15.Nxb5 Bc5 16.Ba5 Qe7 17.Nd4 Ng6⇄]

13...c4 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Black is very quick about activating his counterplay. White aims at neutralizing this and counterattacking when all his pieces are placed properly.' **14.Be3 Bb6 15.Qd2 Rb8**

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' 15...a5 16.a4!? and the c4-pawn will be vulnerable: *(16.Nd1* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes*)* 16...b4 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.axb5 g6 19.Rfc1 Rc8 20.Kh1 Bxe3 *(20...Re8 21.Bg5↑)* 21.Qxe3 Rc5 22.f4±]

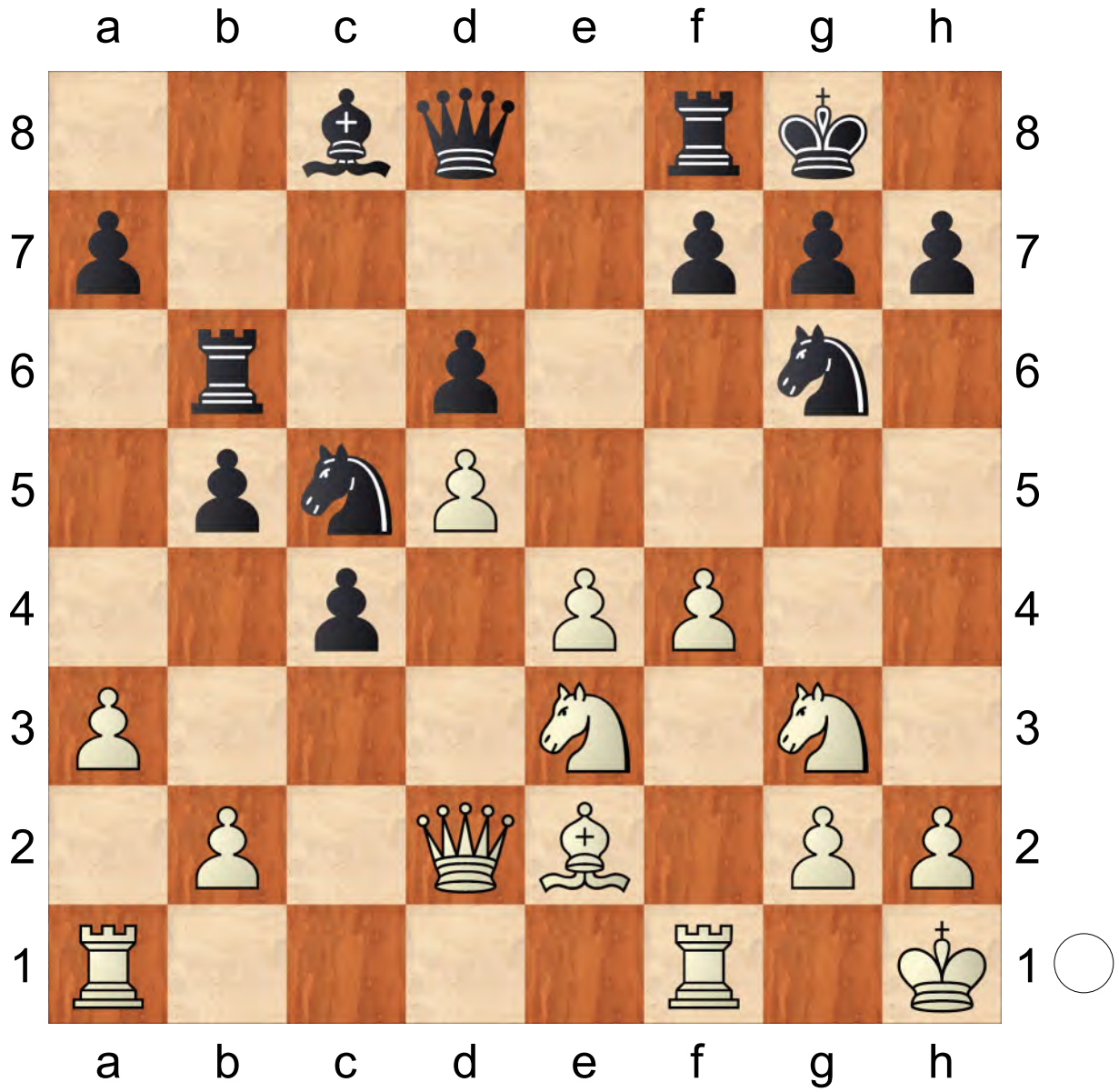


16.Nd1 Bc8?! Preparing the knight transfer is rather slow.
[16...h5!?]
[16...Re8∞]
17.Kh1
[White gradually improves his position, 17.a4 a6∞ achieves nothing tangible.]
17...Nfd7 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: "This was probably dubious but I didn't see much else. I think he handled it nicely here. " (Carlsen)' **18.f4!** At the right moment - now Black won't control d3 with both knights. **18...Ng6**

19.Bxb6

[19.a4 a6 20.Nc3 Zagrebelny Bc5!? doesn't look too impressive.]

19...Rxb6 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Both sides are maneuvering to improve their pieces. White has achieved f4, kicking out the knight from f4, meanwhile Black has established his b5-c4 pawn chain and hopes to reinforce it with a powerful knight on c5. Both sides have interesting chances. Black will seek to pressure e4 while advancing his queenside pawn chain. White seeks to create kingside pressure while undermining Black's position in the other flank.' **20.Ne3 Nc5**



21.Bd1 Nd3

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: "Somewhat desperate but I didn't really see what to do." (Carlsen)' 21...Re8 22.f5 *(22.Bc2* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes*)* 22...Nf8 *(22...Ne5* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *23.f6)* 23.f6 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Bc2♕]

[CV: 21...f6 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes 22.Bc2 Re8 23.Rae1 Rb7 24.Nef5 "looked to me completely unpromising. I wanted to complicate the game a bit." (Carlsen)]

22.f5! Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!?' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Quite aggressive. Nakamura uses the fact that the knight cannot really go back to e5.'

[Houdini prefers 22.a4 a6 23.b3± , but Nakamura decides to act.]

22...Ngf4□ More or less forced.

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' 22...Nge5? 23.f6→ Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' ' ±' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'lands Black in serious trouble.' g6? *(23...gxf6* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *24.Nh5 f5?! 25.Nxc4! bxc4 26.Qh6* Carlsen *)* 24.Nxc4]

23.a4 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Combining play in both flanks proves problematic for Black.'

[23.Bc2 Qh4 24.f6!? g6 25.a4↑]

[23.f6 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes Qxf6 is not dangerous at all.]

23...a6 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: "I don't know to be honest what to do for White here. Everything looks very promising but somehow I'm surviving... to see another day at least." (Carlsen)' **24.Ng4**

[24.Bc2!? deserves attention even here.]

24...h5

[24...Qg5? 25.Nh5!+-]

25.Nf2!?

[This is at least as good as the more energetic 25.Rxf4 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!?' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Was at least worth consideration, but it is not an easy move to play.'

A) 25...hxg4!? 26.Rxg4 Ne5 is a safer choice, although White is better after 27.a5 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' *(27.Rf4 Qg5±)* 27...Rb7 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes 28.Rg5±;

B) 25...Nxf4 26.Nh6+

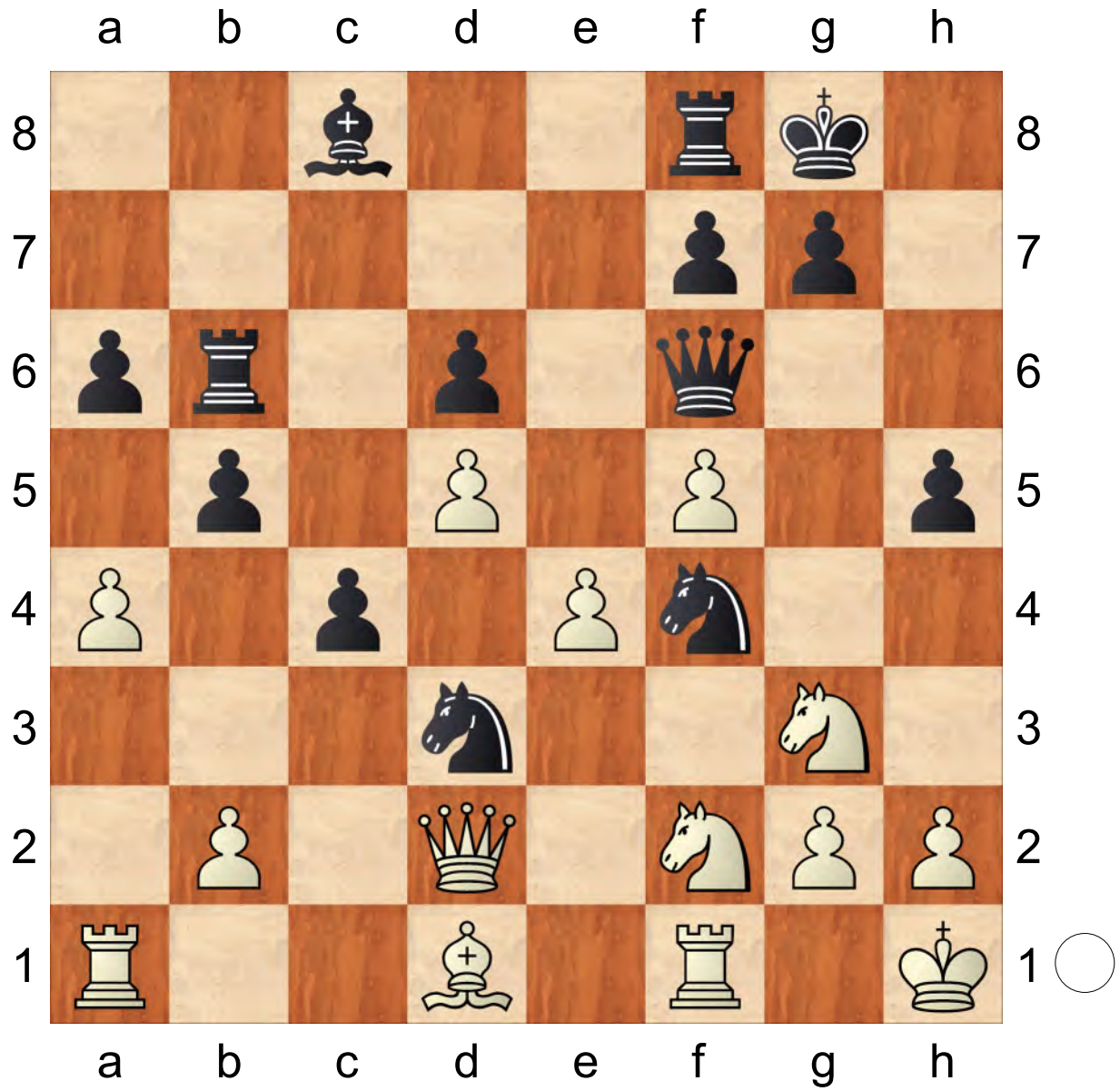
B1) 26...Kh8 27.Qxf4 Qf6 28.Nxf7+ Rxf7 29.Bxh5 Rf8 *(29...Qxb2 30.Rd1+-)* 30.Bg6 Qxg6 *(30...Kg8 31.Qg4 Rd8 32.e5! dxe5 33.Qh5+-)* 31.Qe3 Qf6 32.Qxb6 Qxb2 33.Rf1±;

B2) 26...gxh6 27.Qxf4 Qg5 28.Qf2± → Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'The rook on b6 is hanging.' Rb7 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes 29.Nxh5± with very obvious compensation, though it's hard to say over the board how much that is, further analysis seems to show it is too much for Black to retain all of his material.]

25...Qf6

[25...Nxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Nd3 27.Qe3 f6 *(27...h4 28.f6!)* 28.a5 Rb7 29.Bxh5+-]

[25...bxa4 26.Nxd3 Nxd3 27.f6+-]



Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: "Right around here I have a feeling this should just be winning for White. In the game I couldn't find the right moves. "To lose this position is pathetic basically. Can't find any other words to describe." (Nakamura)' **26.Nxd3?**

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: The computer likes' ⩲26.Nxh5! Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' 'was another possibility.' Nxh5 *(26...Nxf2+ 27.Qxf2 Nxh5 28.Qxb6+-)* 27.Nxd3 cxd3 28.a5 Rb8 29.Bxh5± Bd7 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes 30.Qxd3 Qxb2 31.f6 Qe5 32.Be2 which looks like a pretty healthy pawn.]

26...Nxd3 27.Qe3

[27.Nxh5 Qxb2∞]

27...Rb7 28.Nxh5

[This looks like a good moment to flick in 28.axb5 axb5 29.Nxh5 Qh6

30.Qd4!?↑]

28...Qh6! Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: ! Missed by Nakamura.'

[28...Qxb2? 29.f6 Qxa1 30.Qg5 *(30.fxg7 f5 31.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 32.Be2+-)* 30...Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Nh3+ 32.gxh3 Qd4+ 33.Rf2! g6 34.Ng3! Qxd1+ 35.Kg2+-]

29.Qxh6 Nakamura simplifies the position.

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' After 29.Qd4 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '(as suggested by GM Emil Sutovsky) was quite interesting too, playing with the queens on the board.' White has to reckon also with bxa4!?⇄]

29...gxh6⩲ /± Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'White has emerged up a pawn, but Black retains very serious compensation. His knight on d3 is quite powerful and with the queens off the board the knight on h5 looks rather silly. If White can consolidate he will still have a rough time trying to push his pawns forward.' **30.axb5 axb5**

[30...Rxb5? 31.b3± Δ cxb3 32.Be2]

(Diagram)

Black has survived the onslaught, without queens his dangerous pawns give him reasonable compensation. In the following phase Nakamura's time trouble plays a crucial role. **31.Bc2** Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!?' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Not one to sit back passively, Nakamura aims to create kingside play at the cost of his queenside.'

[⩲31.Rb1!? Nc5 *(31...Ra7 32.Bc2 Nb4 33.Rf2)* 32.Re1⩱]

31...Ne5?! Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!?' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '(CV: "To lose this position takes a lot of talent. At the very least it should be just equal. Somehow I start putting all my pieces on the wrong squares." (Nakamura)) Seems passive, but it does not allow counterplay.' Objectively this isn't ideal, but Carlsen is already ambitious.

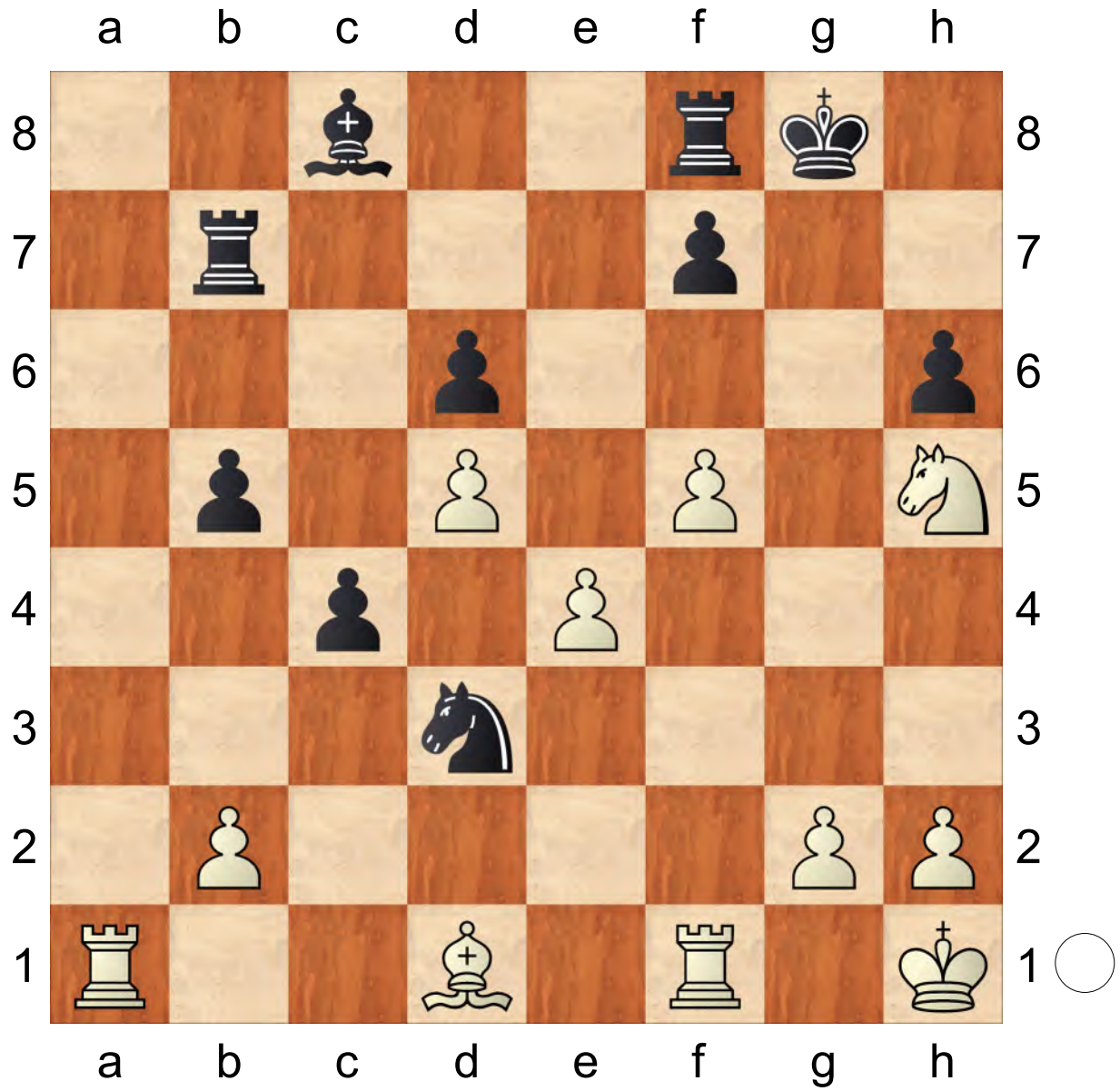
[⩲31...Nxb2!? 32.Nf6+ *(32.Rf3* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *b4 33.Rg3+ Kh8 34.Ra6!?* Is a very hard to assess position. Carlsen must have been afraid of something like this, in which White sacrifices his bishop for two pawns but retains control over the rest of the board.*)* 32...Kg7 33.Nh5+ Kh8 34.Ra6 Rd8 35.Rfa1 b4 36.Rc6 b3 37.Bxb3 cxb3 38.Ra8 Nd3 39.Rcxc8 Rxc8 40.Rxc8+ Kh7 41.Nf6+ Kg7 42.Nh5+= is an unforced, but plausible sample line.]

32.Ra6

[32.Ra8 b4 33.Rb1⩱]

[32.b4!? cxb3 33.Bxb3⩱ /±]

32...Rd8 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Somewhere starting now Nakamura starts to go wrong. Maybe bringing his knight back was not the best idea, and it was more important to simply secure the a-file by doubling on it.' **33.Ng3?!⊕** Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '?' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'The start of a bad idea.'



[33.Rb1 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!?' b4 34.Ra8± b3 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes 35.Bd1 Nd3 36.Kg1 Black retains compensation, but White's king is now inching into the fight and it would consolidate the position if it reached c3.]

[33.Rfa1 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes b4 34.b3 Rb8!∞]

[CV: ?! The wrong plan. 33.Rc1! (Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes) and White is still better (Nakamura).]

33...Rb8 34.Ra7 b4 35.Ne2

[35.Rb1∞ was still playable, the knight transfer doesn't improve White's coordination.]

35...Bd7

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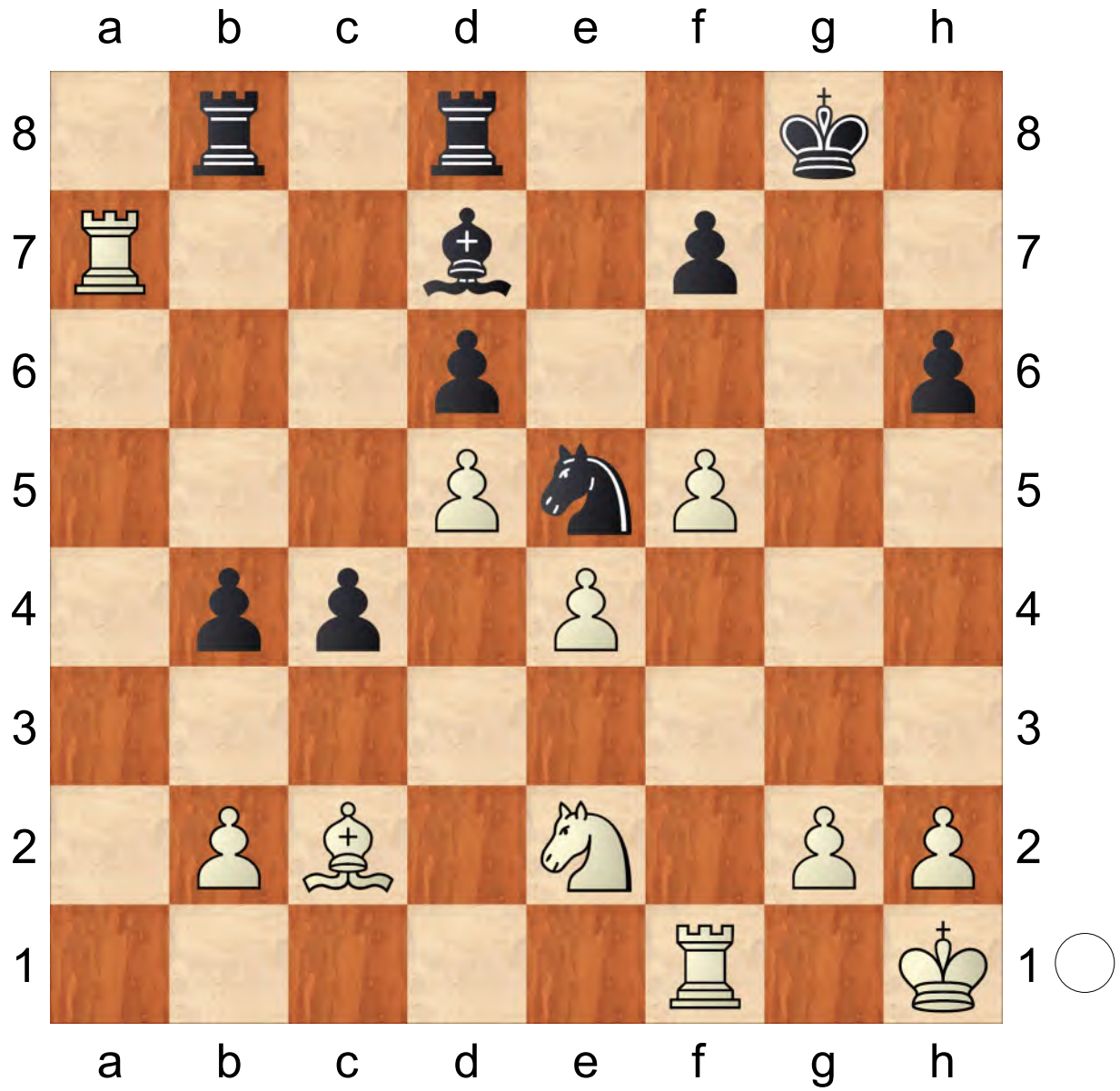


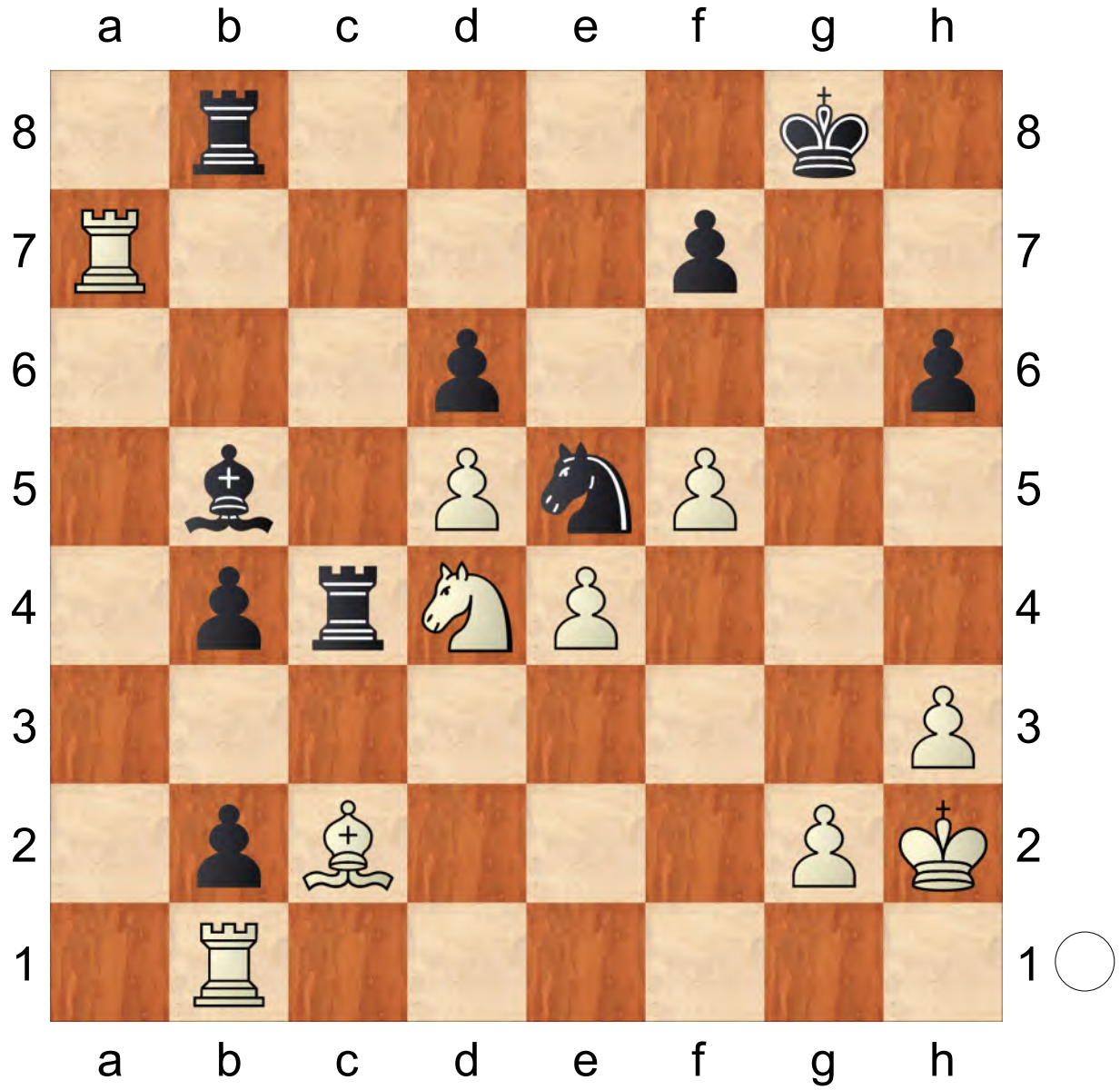
36.Rfa1?!
[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' 36.Nd4 Ra8⩲ *(36...b3* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *37.Bb1 Ra8* Carlsen *)* 37.Rfa1 *(⌓37.Rb7!?)* 37...Rxa7 38.Rxa7 b3 39.Bb1 Rc8 40.Ne2 Be8 41.Nc3 *(41.Ra1 Nd3 42.Bxd3 cxd3 43.Nc3 Rxc3 44.bxc3 b2 45.Rb1 d2-+)* 41...Nd3∓]
36...Bb5 37.h3 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Now Black is far too active and the knight is not in a good square.'
[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' 37.Nd4 b3 38.Bd1 *(38.Bb1 c3 39.Nxb5 c2 40.Bxc2 bxc2-+)* 38...c3 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Carlsen' 39.bxc3 *(39.Nxb5 Rxb5 40.bxc3 b2 41.Rb1 Rc8-+)* 39...b2 40.Rb1 Bd3 41.Bc2 Bxc2 42.Nxc2 Rdc8 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'is already losing for White.' 43.Ra2 *(43.Ra3* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *Nc4 44.Ra2 Rb3!-+)* 43...Nd3!?-+ *(43...Rxc3 44.Raxb2 Rxb2*

45.Rxb2 Nd3 46.Ra2 Nb4∓)]

37...Rdc8!↑ All is ready for the pawn break. **38.Kh2?** Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'White's last two moves indicate that he has no plan and that Black will surely succeed on the queenside.'

[38.Rb1 c3 39.Nd4 b3 40.Nxb3 Bd3 41.Bxd3 Nxd3 42.bxc3 Rxc3∓]

38...c3-+ 39.Nd4 cxb2 40.Rb1 Rc4!



41.Nxb5 Rxc2 42.Nd4

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: The players mentioned' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: Better is' 42.Nxd6 Rd8 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'with a winning advantage.' *(42...Nf3+* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes *43.Kg3 Nd2* but that would be a mistake because *44.Nxf7* forces a draw. *)*

A) 43.Nxf7 Nxf7 44.Rb7 Kh8! *(44...Nd6 45.Rxb4 Nc4 46.Kg3∓)* 45.Kg3

(45.Rxf7 Rg8-+) 45...Ne5 46.Rxb4 Rg8+ 47.Kh4 Rgxg2-+;
B) 43.Re7 Rxd6 44.Rxe5 Ra6 45.d6 Rxd6 46.Rd5 Rxd5 47.exd5 Kf8 48.f6 Ke8-+]

42...Rd2?!

[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV: Both players missed' 42...b3! Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Was stronger and more direct. The threat of Nc4-d2 is unstoppable.' 43.Ra3 *(43.Nc6 Nf3+* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: '!' *44.Kg3 Nd2* Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'The big difference with the other variation is that now d2 is vacant for the Black knight.' Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'which wins on the spot. Carlsen thought that he was winning after the text move, so "there was no reason to look much further."' *45.Rxb2 Rxb2 46.Nxb8 Ra2-+)* 43...Nc4 44.Rxb3 Rxb3 45.Nxb3 Na3 46.Nd4 Rd2-+]

43.Nc6 Re8 44.Ra4

[44.Rb7 Nd3 45.e5 Nxe5 46.Nxe5 Rxe5 47.Rxb4 Ree2∓ /-+]
[Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'CV:' A more resilient try, but hardly sufficient, was 44.Nxe5 Rxe5 45.Ra2 Rxe4 46.Raxb2 Rxb2 47.Rxb2 Kg7 48.g4 Kf6∓ /-+ 49.Kg3 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes Ke5 was perhaps a better chance but most experts in the press room expected Carlsen to win this.]

44...Nd3 45.Nxb4 Nf2!-+

[45...Rxe4? 46.Ra8+ Kg7 47.Nxd3=]

(Diagram)

Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'Black still holds a big initiative and the pawn on b2 is still powerful.' **46.Ra2 Nd1 47.Rxd1 Rxd1 48.Rxb2 Rxe4** Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'White sacrifices material to get rid of his problems, but he is now simply down an exchange without compensation.' The rest is a matter of technique, White's pieces are uncoordinated and his pawns are vulnerable. **49.Nc6**

[49.f6 Rf4-+]

49...Kg7 50.f6+ Kxf6

(Diagram)

51.Rf2+ Kg6 52.Nd8 Re8

[52...Re8 53.Nxf7 Rxd5 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & chessvibes: 'traps the knight.' traps the knight.]

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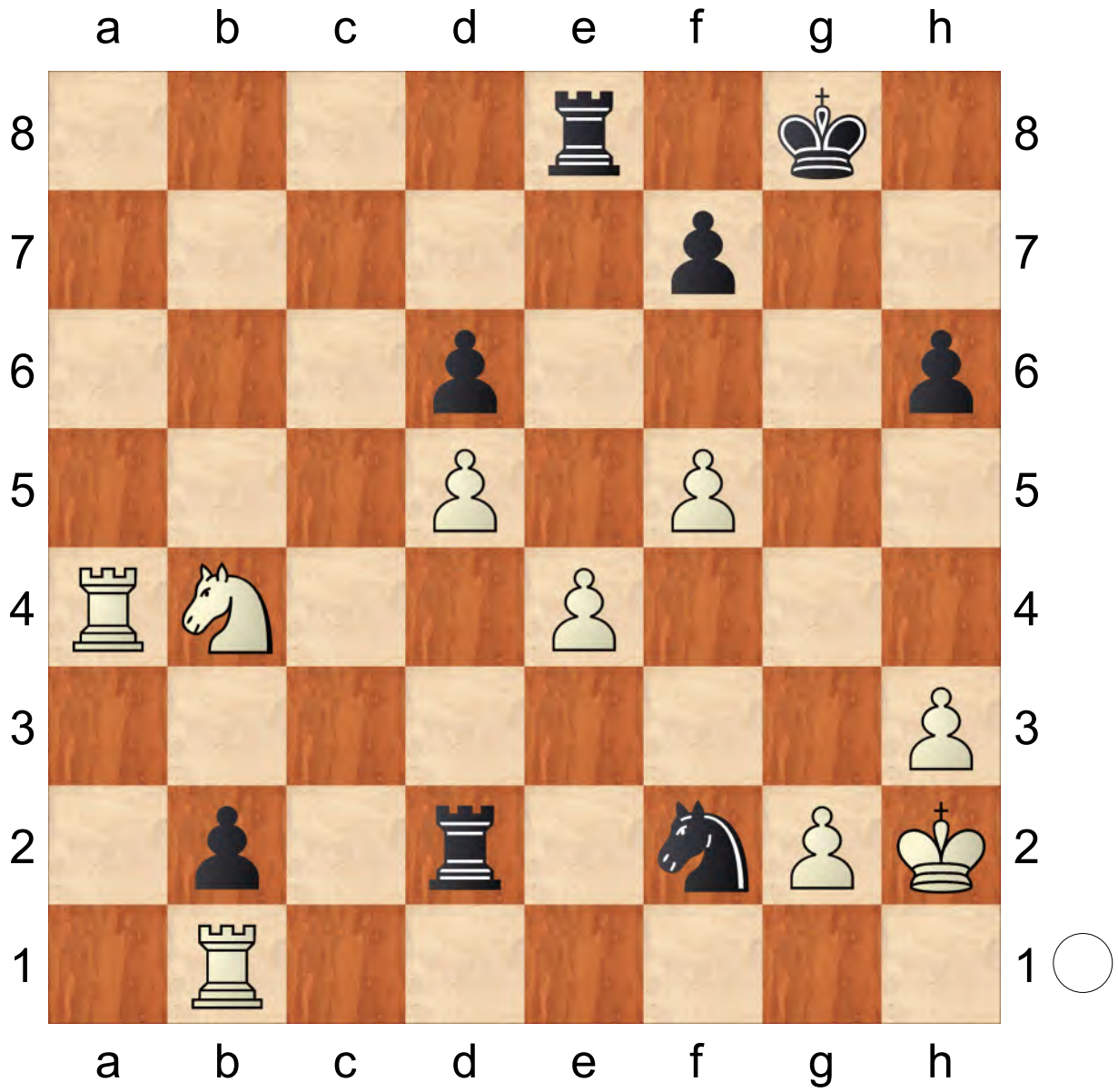
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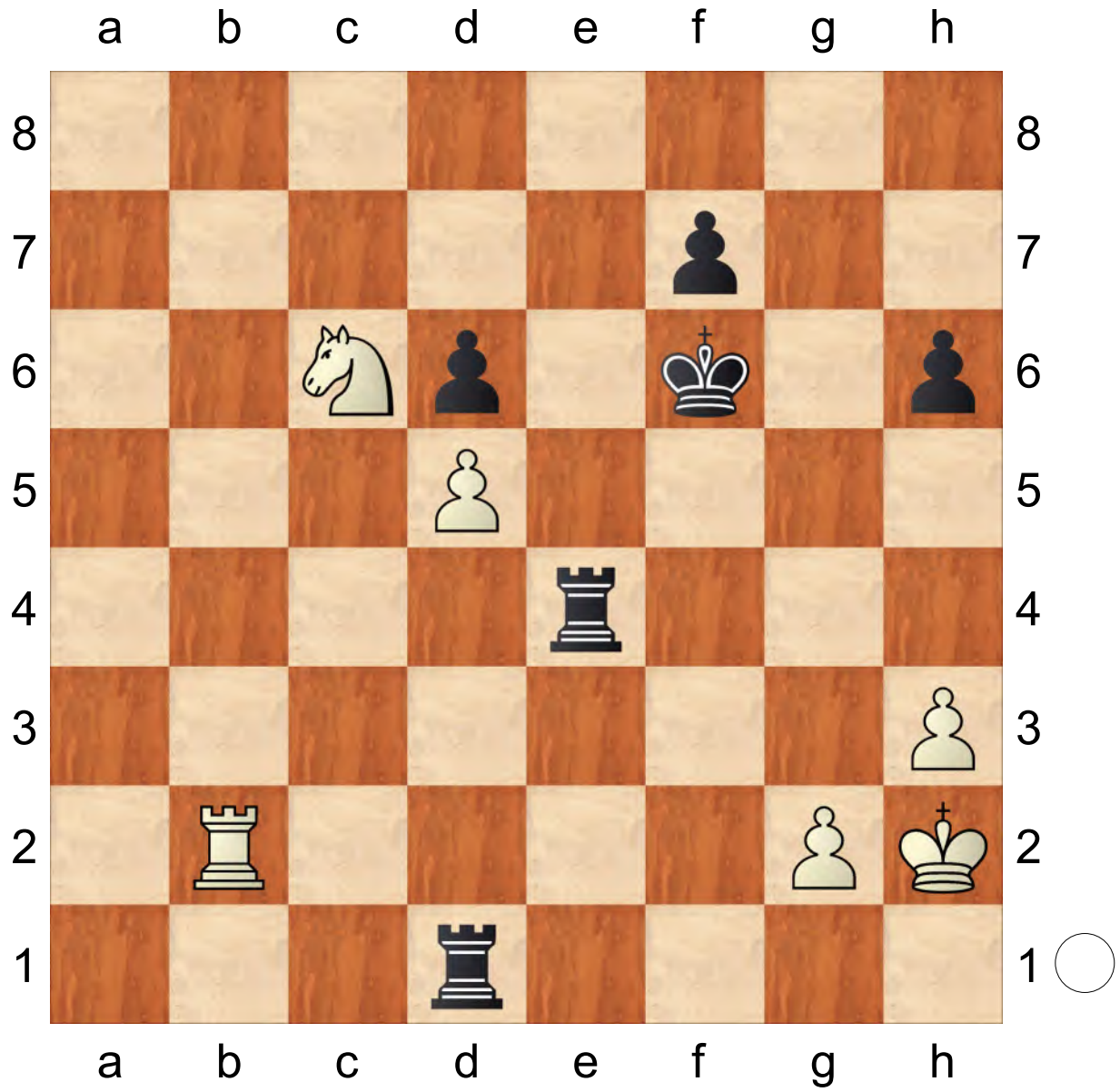
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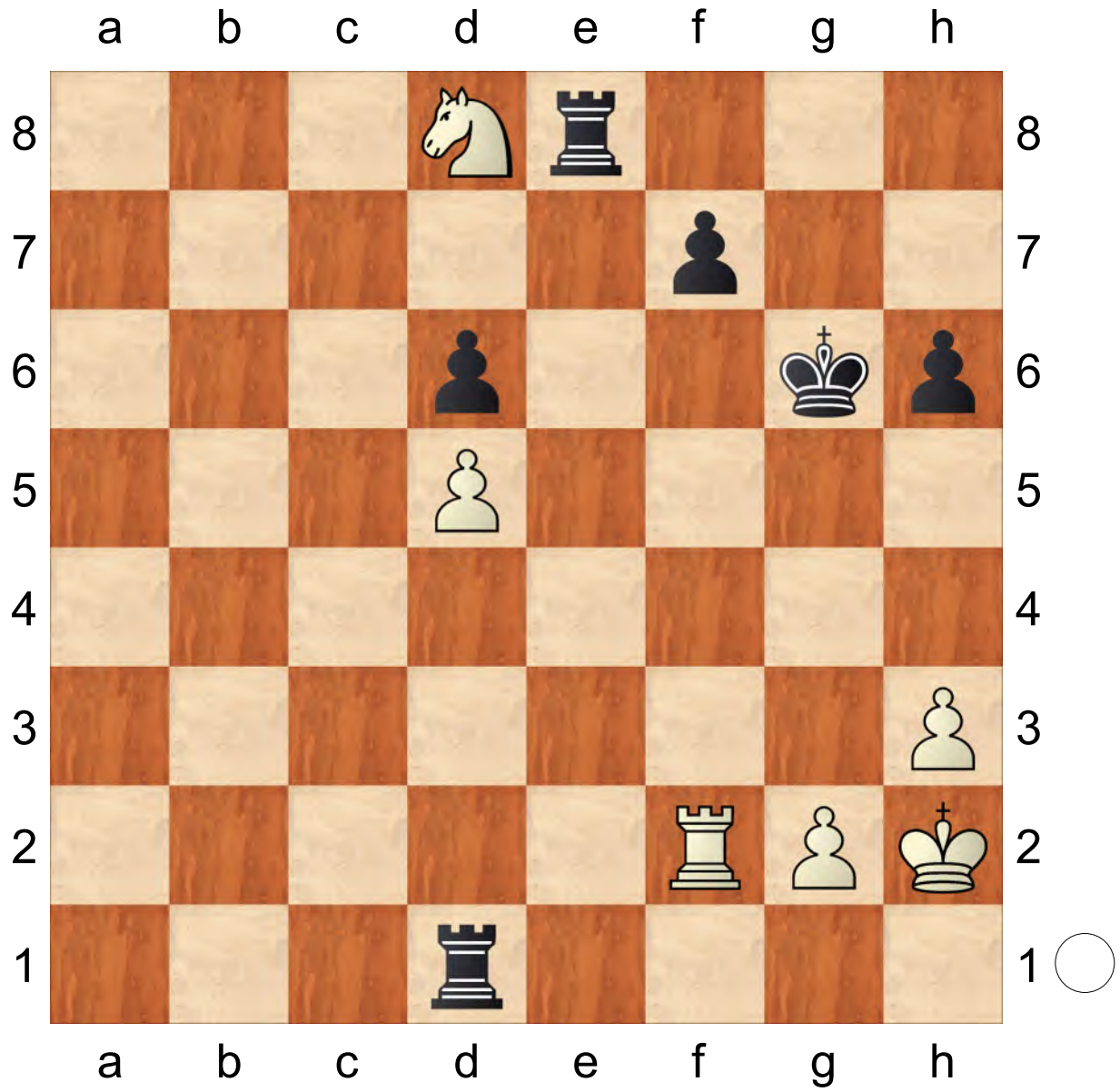

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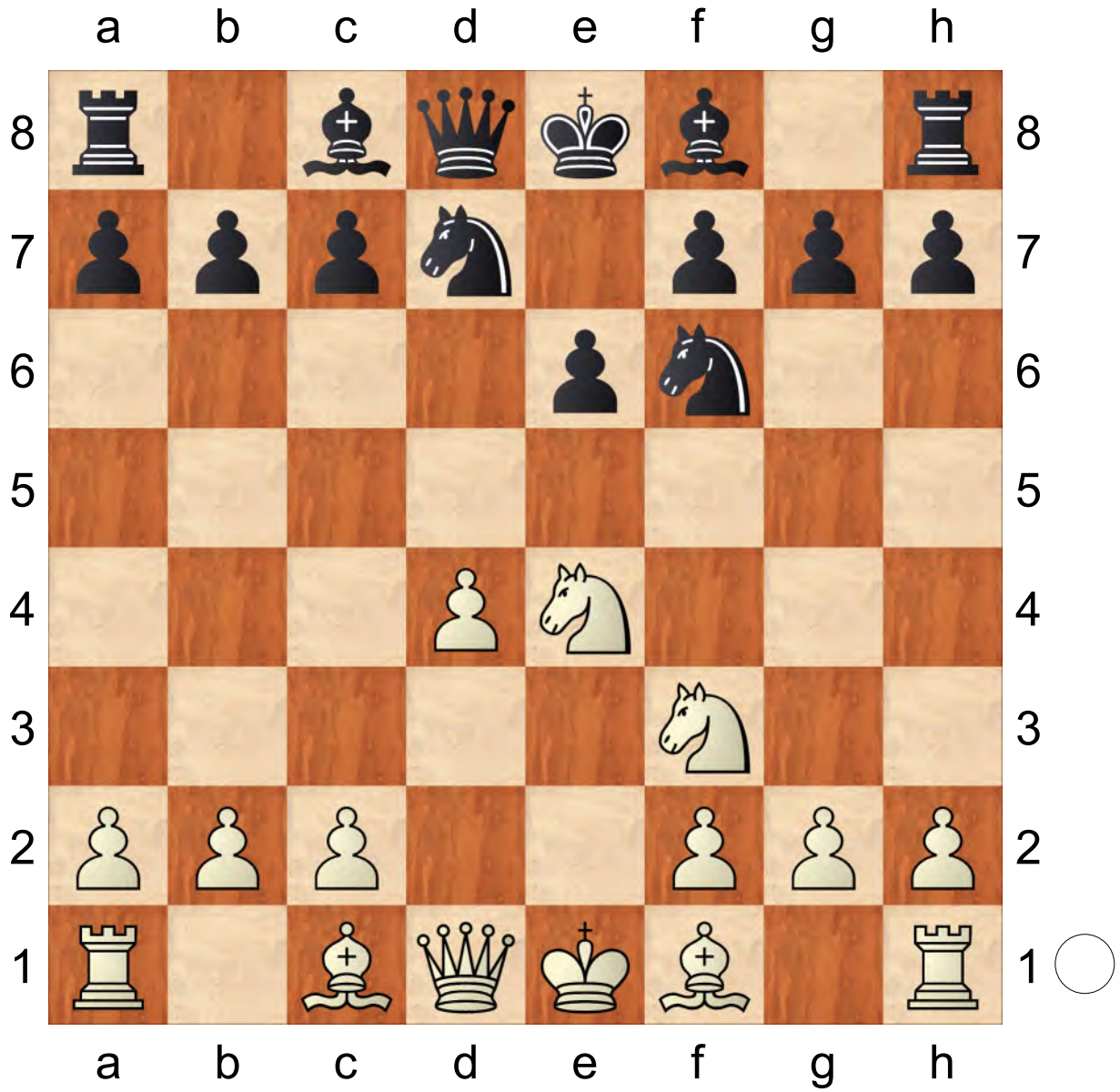
□ **Efimenko,Zahar** **2594**
■ **Vaganian,Rafael A** **2640**
Bundesliga 0405 playoff (1.4) 08.05.2005
[Meyer,CD/Efimenko]

EFIMENKO'S BIG POINT **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4** Zwar zählt Französisch zu Vaganian's bevorzugten Verteidigungen, aber diese Rubinstein-Variante hat er nur selten und mit wenig Erfolg praktiziert. **4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6**



6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.c3 Dieser Zug hat neben den altbewährten 7.♗d3 und 7.♗g5 an Beliebtheit gewonnen. **7...c5 8.Ne5** In Verbindung mit den Ideen ♗b5⊕ und/oder ♕a4+ ist diese aggressive Fortsetzung vermutlich am gefährlichsten für Schwarz.

8...a6 Nach den letzten Erfahrungen scheint diese Prophylaxe gegen ♗b5⊕ angeraten.

[I 8...cxd4 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Qxd4 a6 12.Be2!?± 🗗, und aufgrund des Läuferpaares hat Weiß in dieser offenen Stellung mindestens ein leichtes Plus. *(12.Ba4 b5 13.Bc2 Nf6 14.Qh4 Nd5 15.Qg4± S. Mazenko - A. Bychkov, Orsk 2002)*]

[II 8...Nd7? 9.Bb5

A) 9...a6 10.Qf3 f6 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Bxd7++-;

B) 9...Be7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qf3 0-0 13.Bxd7 Bxd7 14.Bh6+-;

C) 9...cxd4 10.Qf3 Qf6 11.Nxd7 Qxf3 *(11...Bxd7 12.Bxd7+* 1-0 S. Melia - S. Nikoladze, Batumi 2002 *)* 12.Ne5+!? Qc6 13.Nxc6 a6 14.Nxd4+±;

D) 9...Bd6□ 10.Qg4!↑

D1) 10...g6?! 11.Qf3→ *(11.Bh6→; 11.Bf4→)*;

D2) 10...0-0? 11.Bxd7! Bxe5 *(11...Bxd7 12.Bh6+-)* 12.Bxc8 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Bxb7±;

D3) 10...Kf8□ 11.Bxd7 *(11.0-0!? Nxe5 12.dxe5 Bxe5⇄* G. Kasparov - R. Ponomariov, Linares 2002*)* 11...Bxd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Nxd7+ Qxd7 14.0-0-0!↻ ↑]

[III 8...Qc7 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.0-0 Nf6 *(12...Bd6!? 13.g3 h5 14.Qf3 Nf6)* 13.Qf3 Bd6 14.g3 Kb8 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 *(16...Nxe3? 17.cxd6 Qc5 18.fxe3 Qxb5 19.Qxf7+-)* 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Bf1± V. Topalov - V. Milov, Prag 2002]

9.Be3 Beachtliche Alternativen:

[I 9.Bg5

A) 9...Be7?! 10.dxc5!± Qxd1+ 11.Rxd1 Bxc5 12.Be2;

B) 9...Qd5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nc4 cxd4 12.Nb6 Qe4+ 13.Be2 Rb8 14.0-0 dxc3 15.bxc3 Bc5 16.Rb1 Qc6? *(16...0-0)* 17.Bf3 Qc7 18.Qa4+ Ke7 19.Qa5 Bd6 20.Rfe1 Bxh2+? *(20...Kf8 21.Qh5±)* 21.Kh1 Be5?? *(21...Rd8 22.g3 Bxg3 23.fxg3 Qxg3 24.Qh5)* 22.Nd5+ 1:0, G. Vescovi - A. Karpov, Sao Paulo 2004;

C) 9...h6 10.Bh4 g5?! 11.Bg3 cxd4 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0↑ A. Murariu - A. Jakab, Budapest 2003;

D) 9...b5 10.Qf3 Qd5 11.Be2 Bb7 12.Bxf6 Qxf3 13.Bxf3 Bxf3 14.Bxg7 Bxg2 15.Bxh8 Bxh1 16.f3 Bg2 17.Ke2± L. Miron - G. Meier, Budva 2003;

E) 9...cxd4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qxd4±]

[II 9.Qa4+ Bd7 *(9...Nd7?! 10.Be3* mit Entwicklungsvorteil*)* 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Qxd7+ Kxd7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bd3 Ke7 14.Ke2± /=]

9...cxd4

[9...Qc7 10.Qa4+

A) Ambitionierter als 10...Bd7 , womit Schwarz sein Läuferpaar abgibt: 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Qxd7+ Nxd7 13.0-0-0 cxd4 *(13...0-0-0 14.g3±* M. Notkin - I. Mironov, Minsk 2001 *)* 14.Bxd4± O. Korneev - R. Slobodjan, Arco 2003;

B) 10...Nd7 11.0-0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 *(12...Qxd7 13.Qc2 Bc5 14.Bxd4*

Bxd4 15.Rxd4 Qc7 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.g3 h6 18.Rd1± M. Adams - V. Anand, Linares 2002*)* 13.Qxd4 Bc6 14.Bc4 Rd8 15.Qg4 h5 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Qg3 Qd6 18.f4 h4 19.Qg4 Be4 20.Rd1 Qc6 21.Bb3 Bf5 22.Qf3 Be4 23.Qf2 Rh5 24.g4 hxg3 25.hxg3 remis, V. Anand - E. Bareev, Monaco 2004]

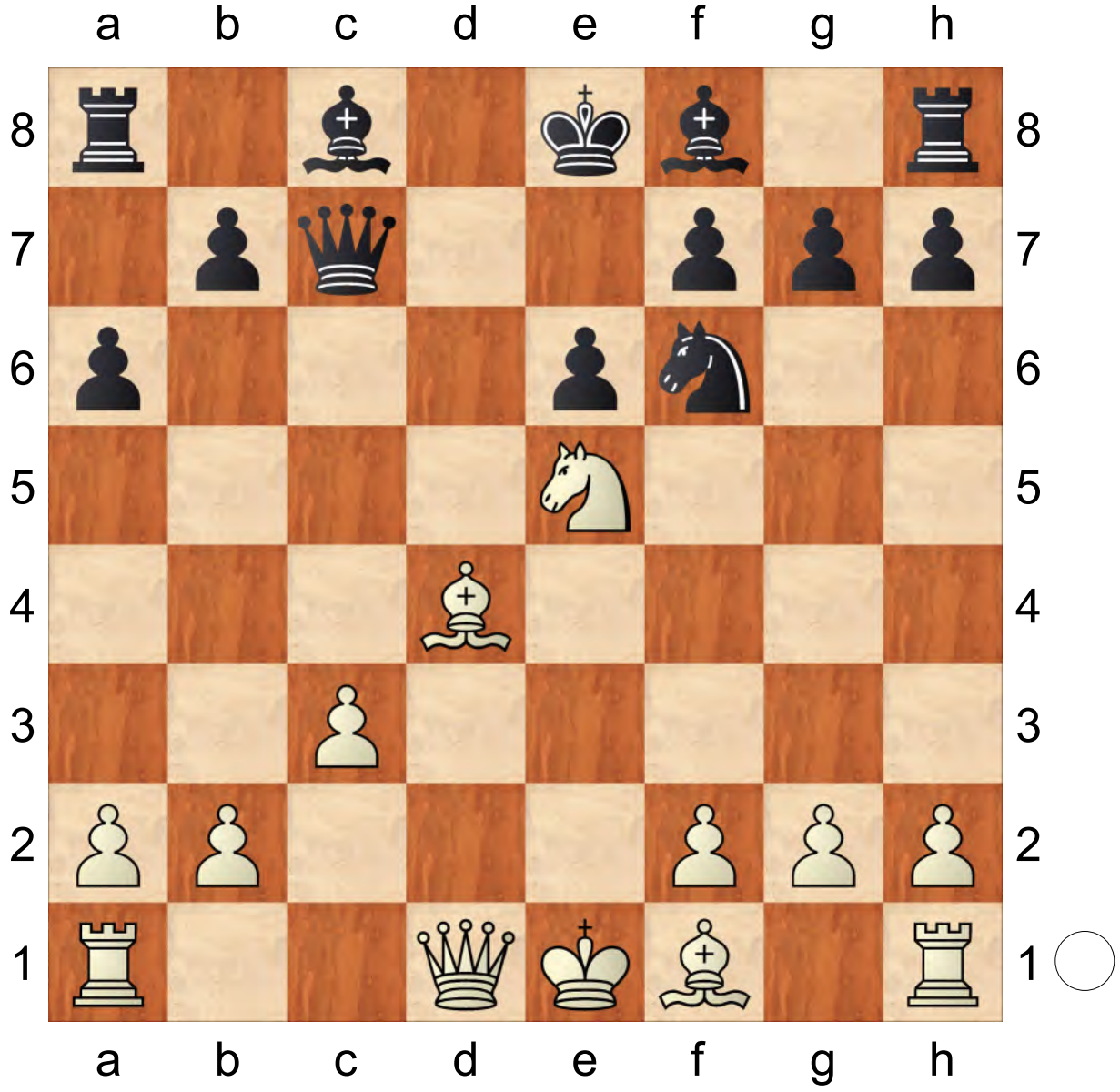
10.Bxd4

[Nur den Hauch eines Vorteils erhält Weiß in dem Endspiel nach 10.Qxd4!? Qxd4 11.Bxd4 , z.B. b5 *(11...Nd7 12.0-0-0 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 b5 14.Be2 Bb7 15.Bh5 Bxg2 16.Rhg1 Bd5 17.Bxg7 Rg8 18.Bxf8 Rxg1 19.Rxg1 Kxf8=)* 12.b4 Nd5

A) 13.Be2 f6 14.Nd3 e5!? *(14...Bb7 15.f4∞* V. Hort - V. Dydyshko, Debrecen 1992 *)*;

B) 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 f6 15.Nc4 e5 16.Nb6 exd4 17.Nxd5 Bd7 18.Ra1± *(18.Rxa6 Rxa6 19.Bxa6 Bc6 20.c4 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Bxb4+ 22.Ke2 Kd7=)*]

10...Qc7



11.Bd3!? N Wahrscheinlich eine interessante Neuerung, die einiges an Spannung aufrechterhält. Andere Möglichkeiten:

[I 11.Be2 mit dem Plan ♗f3, 0-0, ♖e1 wird im Ansatz durch Nd7!? behindert]

[II 11.Qa4+ Nd7 (drohend b5) 12.0-0-0 *(12.Nf3!?)* 12...Bd6 "=", Stohl/CBM *(12...f6 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Qb3± /= (14.♕c4, 14.♕c2), F. Vallejo Pons - E. Bareev, Monaco 2004)* 13.Nxd7 *(13.Nf3 0-0 14.Bd3 b5 15.Qc2 f5)* 13...Bxd7 14.Qb3 *(14.Qc4)* 14...0-0 15.Bb6 Qc6 16.Kb1 Bc7 17.Be3 Qa4 18.Qxa4 remis, S. Dvoirys - I. Zakharevich, St. Petersburg 1998]

11...Bc5!? Diese Unterminierung der weißen Zentralposten erscheint stärker als folgende Versuche:

[I 11...Bd6 12.Nc4!? *(12.Ng4)*]

[II 11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qf3±]

[III 11...Nd7? 12.Qe2± Bc5 13.0-0 *(13.Qh5!?)* 13...Bxd4 14.cxd4]

12.Bxc5!? Am flexibelsten und giftigsten, während die Alternativen nur wenig versprechen:

[I 12.0-0 Bxd4 13.Qa4+ b5 14.Qxd4 0-0 15.a4±]

[II 12.Qa4+

A) 12...Bd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 *(13...Nxd7 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.0-0± b5?! 16.Qe4 Rd8 17.a4)* 14.Bb5 Qxb5 15.Qxb5+ axb5 16.Bxc5±;

B) 12...Nd7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rfe1 Bxd4 *(14...Bd6?! 15.Nf3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Rad1±)* 15.Qxd4 Nxe5 16.Rxe5 Rd8 17.Qe3± *(17.Bxh7+?)*]

12...Qxc5

[Die Abwicklung ins Endspiel nach 12...Qxe5+ 13.Be3 Nd5 14.Qa4+ Bd7 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.Bxd4± ⧉ war durchaus zu erwägen, obwohl sie Weiß immer noch ein leichtes Plus einräumt: Nf4 *(16...f6 17.0-0-0)* 17.Be4]

13.Qe2 b6?! Womöglich zu zaghaft. Alternativen:

[I 13...b5!?

A) 14.a4 b4 15.0-0 bxc3 *(15...0-0 16.cxb4 Qxb4 17.Rfc1 Bb7* ist Zugumstellung zu b) *)* 16.Rfc1 Bb7 17.Rxc3 Qd5;

B) 14.0-0 Bb7 15.a4 b4 16.cxb4 *(16.c4 a5 17.Rad1 0-0 18.b3)* 16...Qxb4 17.Rfc1 0-0 18.Rc4±;

C) 14.0-0-0!? Bb7 erscheint genauer als die Partiefortsetzung, aber dennoch dürfte Weiß die etwas besseren Chancen haben: 15.Rhe1

C1) 15...0-0?! 16.g4 Rad8? 17.g5 Nd5 18.Bxh7+! Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Rd4 Nxc3 *(20...Nf6 21.gxf6 Rxd4 22.fxg7+-)* 21.Rh4+-;

C2) 15...b4 16.c4±]

[II 13...Nd7!? düfte auch keinen vollen Ausgleich erzielen: 14.Nf3 0-0 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Qe5!?± (b6 17.Qxc5 bxc5 18.Ne5)]

14.0-0-0! Bb7 15.Rhg1!?

[In Betracht kam auch 15.Rhe1!? , z.B. 0-0 16.g4 Rad8 *(16...Rfd8?? 17.g5 Nd5 18.Bxh7+)* 17.g5 Nd5

A) 18.Qh5?! g6 19.Nxg6? fxg6 20.Bxg6 Rd7;

B) 18.Bxh7+? scheitert hier merkwürdigerweise im Gegensatz zur Analyse von

13...b5, da Schwarz im kritischen Moment (nach dem Springeropfer auf c3) nicht über den Damenschwenk nach a5 verfügt! Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8

B1) 20.Rd4? Nxc3□ ! 21.Rh4 *(21.Rxd8 Ne4+ 22.Kb1 Qxe5-+)* 21...Ne4+! 22.Kb1 Nd2+ 23.Ka1 Nb3+□ ! 24.axb3 *(24.Kb1 Be4+ 25.Rhxe4 Nd2+ 26.Ka1 Nxe4-+)* 24...Qa5+ 25.Kb1 Qxe1+ 26.Ka2 Qa5+ 27.Kb1 Rd1+ 28.Qxd1 Qxe5-+ (29.Qh5 Be4+);

B2) 20.g6 fxg6 21.Nxg6 Nf4 22.Rxd8

B2a) 22...Nxh5? 23.Rxf8+ Qxf8 *(23...Kh7 24.Rg1!)* 24.Nxf8 Kxf8 25.Rxe6;

B2b) 22...Nxg6 23.Rxf8+ Nxf8 24.Qh4 Bd5∓;

C) 18.Qc2!? g6 *(18...f5 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.Re3±)* 19.Be4± Ba8 *(19...Qe7 20.h4 f6 21.Nf3)* 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 *(20...Rxd5?! 21.Nd7 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qxg5+ 23.Qd2! Qxd2+ 24.Rxd2)* 21.h4 b5 22.Kb1 a5 23.h5]

15...Ke7?!

[15...0-0!? , z.B. 16.g4 Rad8 17.g5 *(17.Rg3 Nd5 18.Rh3 f5)* 17...Nd5

A) 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7

A1) 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Rd4 *(20.g6 fxg6 21.Rxg6 Qxf2 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qh6+=)* 20...Nxc3 21.Rh4 Nxa2+ 22.Kb1 Nc3+ 23.bxc3 Be4+ 24.Rxe4 Rd2 25.Nc4 Qb5+ 26.Kc1 Ra2 27.Rh4 Ra1+ 28.Kc2 Ra2+ 29.Kc1 Ra1+=;

A2) 19.g6+ fxg6 20.Qg4

A2a) 20...Qc7 21.Qh3+ Kg8 22.Qxe6+ Kh7 23.Qxg6+ Kg8 24.Qe6+ Kh7 *(24...Rf7?? 25.c4!+-)* 25.Qh3+ *(25.Rd4? Nf4 26.Rxf4 Rxf4 27.Rg3 Bg2! 28.Rxg2 Qd6 29.Qxd6 Rxd6)* 25...Kg8 26.Qe6+ Kh7=;

A2b) 20...Rf6 21.Nxg6 Kg8 22.Qh3 Rdf8 *(22...Qc7?? /♖c8?? 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Ne5+)*

A2b1) 23.Rd4 Rxg6 *(23...Nxc3* ist auch spielbar*)* 24.Rxg6 Nf4 25.Rd7 Nxg6 *(25...Rf7 26.Rd8+ Rf8 27.Rd7 Rf7 28.Rd8+=)* 26.Qxe6+ Kh7 27.Qh3+ Kg8 28.Qe6+=;

A2b2) 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Qh5 *(24.Nxf8? Qxf8)*

A2b21) 24...Rf5? 25.Ne5+ Ke7 *(25...Kg8 26.Rxg7+ Kxg7 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Rg1+ Rg5 30.Rxg5#)* 26.Rxg7+ Kd8 *(26...Kd6 27.Rd7+ Kxe5 28.Re1+ Ne3 29.Qg6!! Rxf2 30.Rd4 Qxd4 31.cxd4+ Kxd4 32.Qg7+ R8f6 33.Qxb7± /+-)* 27.Qh7+- Bc8 28.Rd7+ Ke8 29.Qg6+ R8f7 30.Qxe6+;

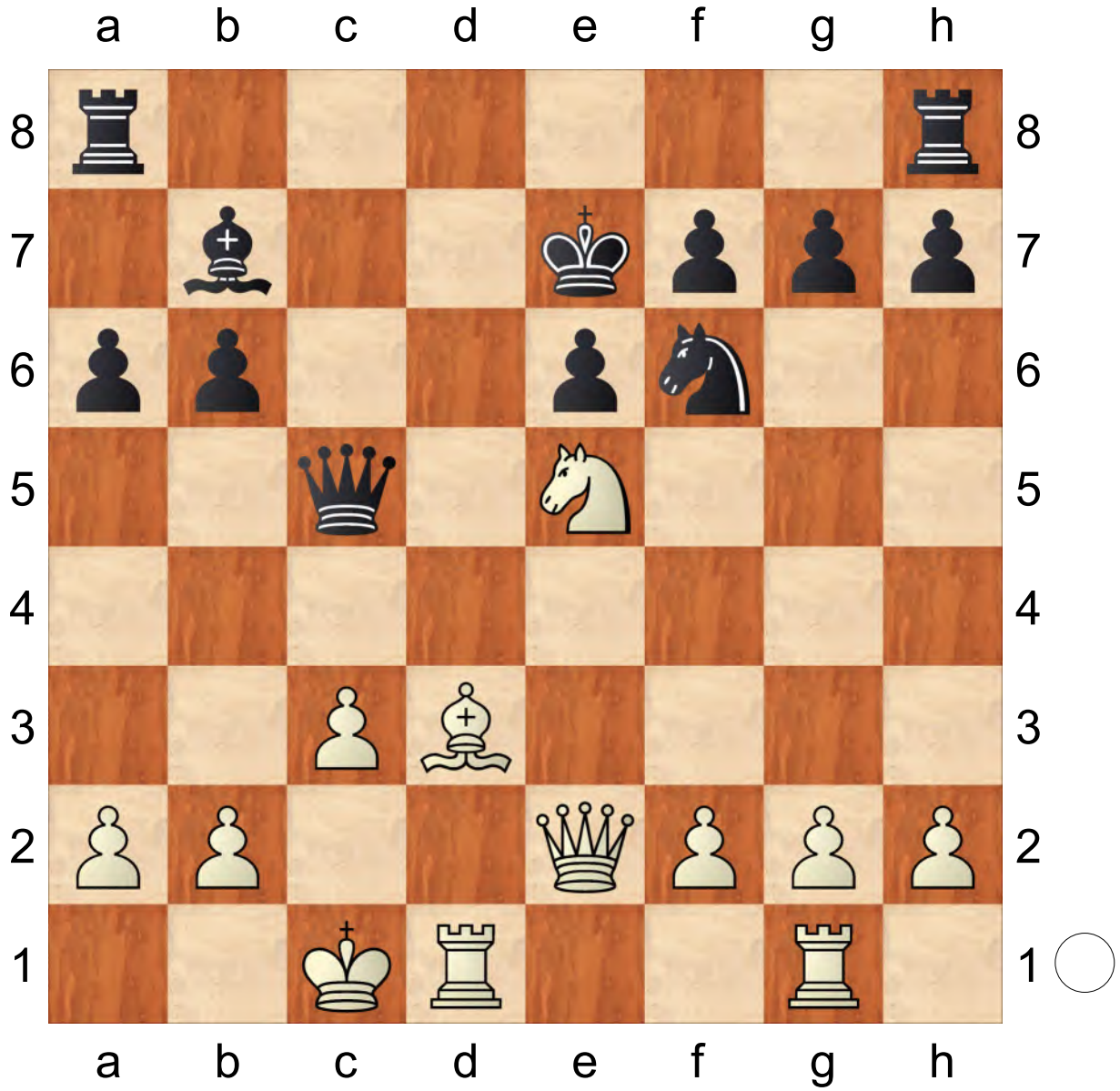
A2b22) 24...Kg8 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qh5=;

A2b23) 24...Ne7 25.Ne5+ Kg8 26.Rxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rg1+ Ng6 28.Rxg6+ Rxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kh8 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qxe6+ Kg7 32.Qg6+=;

B) 18.Rg4 Nxc3!? (in diesem Stellungstyp stets ein kritischer Gegenschlag) 19.bxc3 Qxc3+ 20.Kb1 Rd5

B1) 21.f4 Rd4 *(21...g6? 22.Qb2)* 22.f5 *(22.Bxh7+? Kxh7 23.Rxd4 Qxd4 24.g6+ fxg6 25.f5 Qc5)* 22...Rxg4 23.Nxg4 exf5 24.Bxf5 Bf3 25.Rd3

Qb4+ 26.Qb2 Qe1+ 27.Qc1 Qb4+ 28.Qb2 *(28.Rb3? Be4+)* 28...Qe1+=;
B2) 21.Bxh7+?? Kxh7 22.Rh4+ Kg8 23.Rxd5 Bxd5 24.Qh5 Qe1+-+;
B3) 21.Rh4
B3a) 21...Rxe5?? 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Bc2+ Kg8 24.Rh8+ Kxh8 25.Qh5+ nebst Matt;
B3b) 21...g6?! 22.Ng4 Rxg5 23.Rc1 Qb4+ *(23...Qg7? 24.Rc7)* 24.Ka1 Qd4+ 25.Qb2 Qxb2+ 26.Kxb2 h5 27.Ne3;
B3c) 21...h6 22.Re4 Rc8 23.gxh6 *(23.Re3 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf3* = usw. wie im Text*)* 23...Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf3 25.Qxf3 Qb4+ 26.Ka1 Qc3+ 27.Kb1 Qb4+= Nach diesen Erkenntnissen hätte sich Schwarz mit 15... 0-0!? behaupten können.]



Nach langem Überlegen folgt - wie so oft - eine zwar verblüffende, aber eher

fragwürdige Entscheidung. Schwarz möchte seine Türme verbinden, aber nicht gleich in den drohenden Angriff auf der kurzen Rochadeseite hineinrochieren. Konsequent und wahrscheinlich auch besser war dennoch **16.f4 Rhd8 17.Rde1?!** Ähnlich wie ... ♔e7?! ein gekünstelter Zug. Laut Efimenko wählte er diesen Turm, um den anderen beizeiten auf der halboffenen f-Linie einsetzen zu können. Man beachte jedoch, daß es gar nicht dazu kommt und der ♖g1 nun lange Zeit eine passive Rolle spielen wird. Wie Partie und Analyse zeigen, wäre Weiß mit

[17.Rge1! besser gefahren, z.B.

A) 17...b5 18.f5 b4 19.fxe6

A1) 19...bxc3 20.exf7 cxb2+ 21.Kb1 Bd5 22.Nc6+ Kxf7 *(22...Kf8? 23.Nxd8 Bxa2+ 24.Kxa2 b1Q+ 25.Rxb1 Qa5+ 26.Kb2 Rb8+ 27.Kc1 Qa3+ 28.Kd2 Rxd8 29.Qe3+-)* 23.Nxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qxb2±;

A2) 19...fxe6 20.c4 Rac8 21.Bxh7! und nun z.B. Rxd1+ *(21...Be4 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Bxe4 Qxe5 24.Bb7 Qxe2 25.Rxe2+-)* 22.Qxd1 und Weiß kann sich allmählich den diversen Schwachpunkten am Königsflügel (u.a. e6 + g7) zuwenden: Bxg2 23.Qd2 Bd5 24.Bd3 usw.;

B) 17...Rac8 18.Kb1!? b5 *(18...Bd5 19.g4 Nd7 20.c4±)* 19.g4 Nd7 20.Nxf7!! Kxf7 21.Qxe6+ Kf8 22.g5!

B1) 22...Rc6 23.Qe4! g6 24.Bc2! Rb6 25.Qe2 mit der Kardinaldrohung ♖xd7+-;

B2) 22...g6 23.Bc2! Bc6 *(23...Rc6 24.Qh3+-)* 24.b4 Qxc3 25.Bb3+-;

B3) 22...Bd5 23.Qf5+ Bf7 24.Qxh7→ ±/+-, z.B. Bg8 *(24...Nb6 25.Re5 Rxd3 26.Rxd3 Qg1+ 27.Kc2 Qg2+ 28.Rd2 Qg4 29.h3 Qh5 30.Qxh5 Bxh5 31.b3+-; 24...b4 25.Qh8+ Bg8 26.Bh7 Qc4 27.b3 Qf7 28.Rd6* (Δg6) *Re8 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qxg8+ Qxg8 31.Bxg8+-)* 25.Qh3 Qd5 *(25...b4 26.cxb4 Qd5 27.b3)* 26.c4 bxc4 27.Bf5 Qa5 28.Bxd7+-;

C) 17...Kf8 18.Bxh7!

C1) 18...Nxh7? 19.Rd7!+-;

C2) 18...Bd5 19.Bc2±;

C3) 18...b5 19.Bc2±;

C4) 18...Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 g6 20.Bxg6 *(20.g4)* 20...fxg6 21.Nxg6+ Kg7 22.Ne5±;

C5) 18...g6 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Nxf7! Kxf7 21.Qxe6+ Kg7 22.Qe7+ Qxe7 23.Rxe7+ Kh6 24.Rxb7 Rd6 25.g4±;

D) 17...Bd5!? (vielleicht am zähesten) 18.Kb1 (Δg4!) h5!? (Schwarz hat seiner Stellung mehr Festigkeit verliehen und hat nun Zeit zur Turmverdopplung.)

D1) 19.h3?! h4!?;

D2) 19.f5?! Be4 20.Bxe4 Qxe5 21.Bxa8 *(21.Rxd8)* 21...Qxe2 22.Rxe2 Rxd1+ 23.Kc2∞ /=;

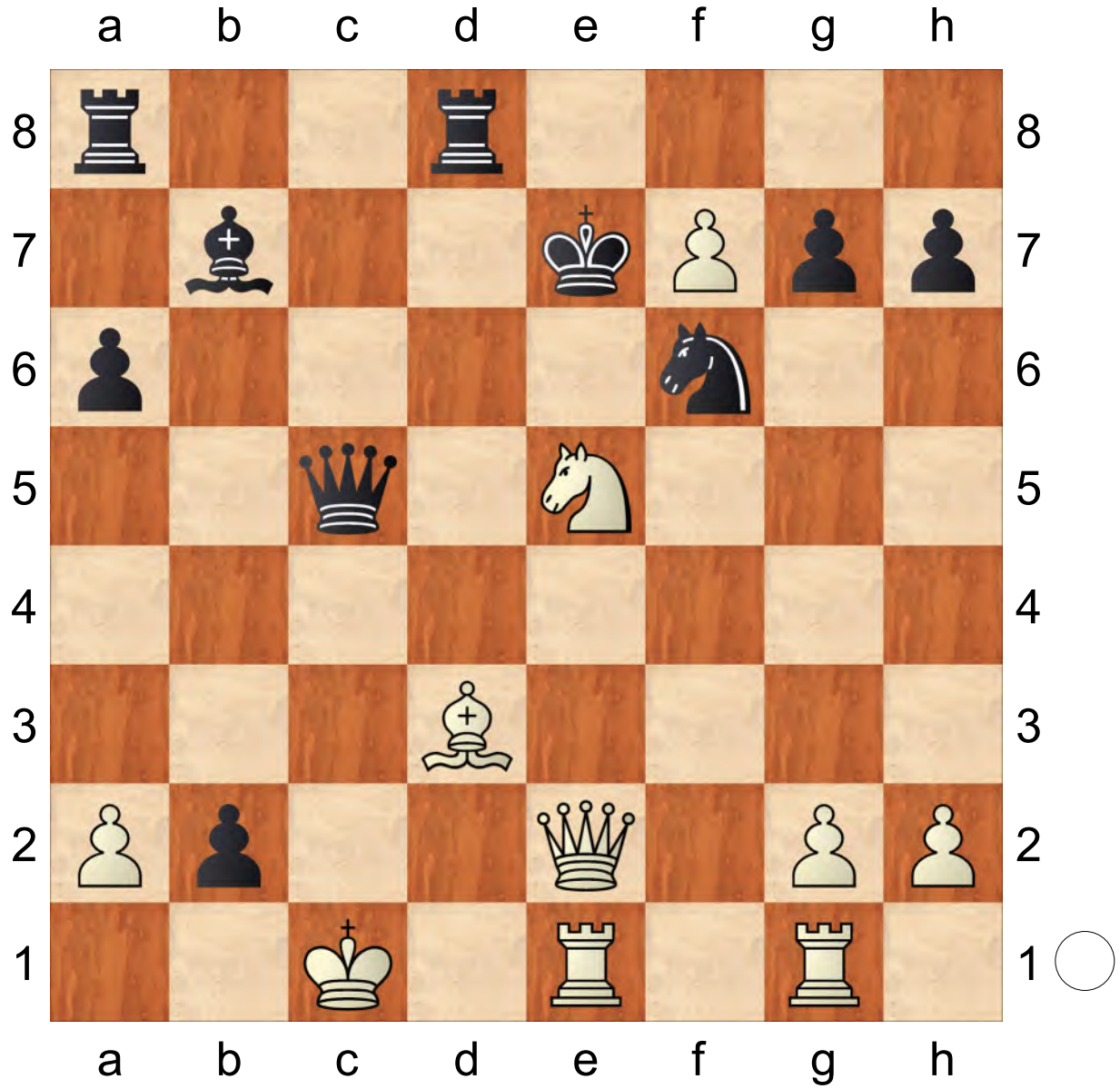
D3) 19.c4?! Bb7 20.g3 *(20.f5 Be4)* 20...Rd4;

D4) 19.g3 Rd6 20.Bc4!?± Fazit: Nach 17.♖ge1!? ♗d5! ist die schwarze Stellung keinesfalls im Hurrastil zu nehmen, und Weiß scheint am Ende gut beraten, sich mit einem kleinen Plus zufrieden zu geben.]

17...b5!?
[I 17...Kf8?! 18.Bxh7!? Rd6 *(18...g6?! 19.Nxf7!; 18...Rac8 19.Bc2; 18...b5 19.Bc2)* 19.Bc2 Rad8 20.Qc4!**±**]
[II 17...Rd6?! 18.f5 Kf8 /♗d5 19.g4**⟶**]
18.f5!?
[18.Bxh7!?
A) 18...Nxh7? 19.Qh5+-;
B) 18...Rd6?! 19.Bc2;
C) 18...b4? 19.c4**±** Rd4 20.Bc2 Kf8? *(20...Rxf4 21.Nd3 Qxc4 22.Nxf4 Qxf4+ 23.Kb1±; 20...Be4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Qf3 Rc8 23.Kb1±)* 21.g4 Rad8 22.g5 Nd7 23.Nxf7! Kxf7 24.Qxe6+ Kf8 25.Rg3+-;
D) 18...Bd5! 19.Bc2 *(19.Bb1 Rac8⩱)* 19...Rac8⩱ *(19...Bxa2∞)*]
18...b4 19.fxe6
[Nun gab es kein Zurück mehr; falls 19.c4? so Rd4!↑ Δ♖ad8, ♗e4, und Schwarz nimmt das Heft in die Hand]
19...bxc3?
[Gießt Öl ins Feuer, während 19...fxe6!
A) 20.Bxh7?! bxc3 21.Ng6+ Kd6 22.Qxe6+ Kc7 23.Qe7+ Kb6 *(23...Qxe7 24.Rxe7+ Rd7 25.Rxd7+ Kxd7 26.Ne5+ Ke6 27.Nd3 cxb2+ 28.Kb1 Rb8)* 24.Re6+ Bc6 25.Qxc5+ Kxc5 26.b4+ Kb5 27.a4+ Kxa4 28.Rxc6 Nxh7 mündet jeweils in ein etwa ausgeglichenes Endspiel;
B) 20.c4 Rac8⇄ *(20...Rd4⇄)* 21.Kb1 *(21.Bxh7?! Rd4!)* 21...Be4 22.Bxe4 Qxe5⇄ die Wogen etwas geglättet und Gegenspiel gegeben hätte.]
20.exf7 cxb2+

(Diagram)

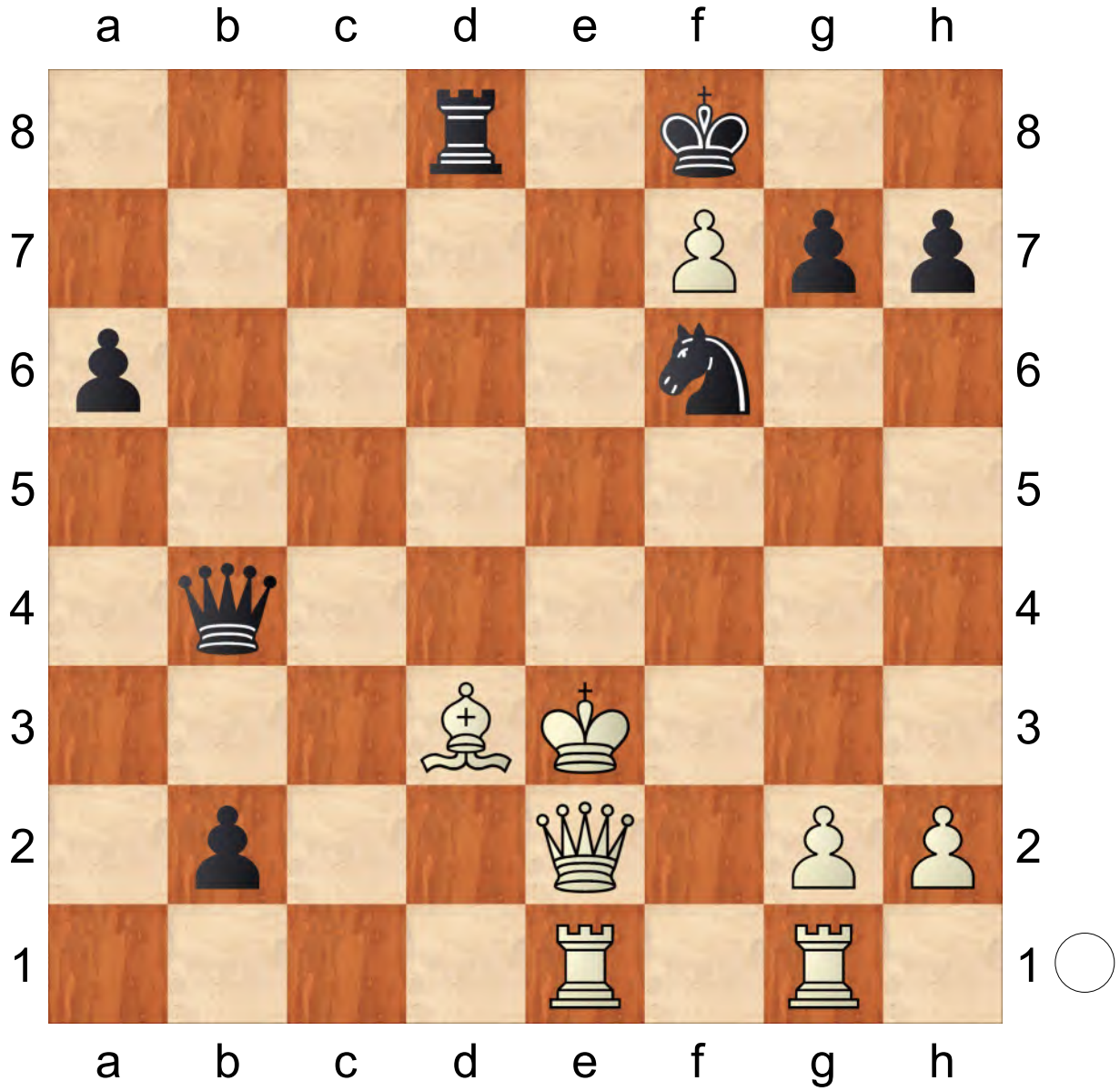
21.Kb1 Bd5!!
[Am Höhepunkt des Kampfes findet der alte Fuchs die äußerst kaltblütige, aber auch einzige Parade. Rasch verliert 21...Kf8? wegen 22.Bxh7!+-
A) 22...Be4+ 23.Bxe4 Qxe5 24.Bxa8+-;
B) 22...g5 23.Ng6+ *(23.Rgf1)* 23...Kg7 24.f8Q+ Rxf8 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Qe7+ usw. +-;
C) 22...Bd5 23.Ng6+ Kxf7 24.Qe7+ Qxe7 25.Rxe7#;
D) 22...Nxh7 23.Ng6+ Kxf7 24.Qe6#]
22.Qxb2??
[Viel zu optimistisch. Wie bereits vor Ort bei der Live-Kommentierung vermutet, liegt hier der Hase im Pfeffer, und Weiß konnte seinen Vorteil mit dem konsequenten 22.Nc6+! festhalten. Nun zur Analyse der haarsträubenden, am Turnierbrett zu komplizierten, verwirrenden Turbulenzen, in deren Mittelpunkt das Opfer auf a2 nebst der Königsauswanderung steht: Kf8 *(22...Kxf7?* erleichtert das Prozedere merklich: *23.Nxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qxb2±)* 23.Nxd8
A) 23...Rxd8 24.Qc2!**±** , z.B. Qd4 *(24...Qb4 25.Qxb2 Qa4 26.a3 Bxf7*



27.Bc2) 25.Rgf1 Bxf7 26.Rd1;
B) 23...Bxa2+!? 24.Kxa2 *(24.Kxb2?? Rb8+-+)* 24...Qa5+ 25.Kb1 Qa1+ 26.Kc2 Qa4+ 27.Kd2! Qb4+
B1) 28.Kc2?! Qa4+ *(28...Rxd8? 29.Kb1! Qa3 30.Bc4 Qa1+ 31.Kc2 Qa4+ 32.Bb3+-; 28...Rc8+? 29.Kb1)* 29.Kd2 Qb4+ 30.Kc2? Qa4+ 31.Kd2 und Qb4+ ergäbe Remis durch dreimalige Stellungwiederholung;
B2) 28.Ke3! Rxd8 Diagramm

(Diagram)

(Analyse-Diagramm)
B2a) 29.h3? b1Q *(29...Qd4+ 30.Kf3 Qxd3+ 31.Qxd3 Rxd3+ 32.Re3±)*
B2a1) 30.Rxb1? Nd5+! 31.Kf2 *(31.Kf3?? Qf4#* was in der 29.g3-



Variante nicht möglich ist) 31...Qd4+ 32.Kf1 Nc3 33.Qf3 Nxb1 34.Bxb1 Qb2 35.Bd3 Qa1+ 36.Kf2 Qd4+ 37.Qe3 Qxd3∓;

B2a2) 30.Bxb1 Qc3+ 31.Bd3 Rxd3+ 32.Qxd3 Nd5+ 33.Ke4 Nf6+ 34.Ke3 Nd5+=;

B2b) 29.Qf3?! Ng4+ 30.Ke2 Ne5 31.Qe4 Qc3!?⇄ *(31...Nxd3?)*;

B2c) 29.Qc2? b1Q 30.Rxb1 Ng4+ 31.Kf3 *(31.Ke2?? Qd4)* 31...Nxh2+

B2c1) 32.Kf2?? Qd4+ 33.Kg3 Qe5+ 34.Kh3 *(34.Kh4 Qf6+ 35.Kg3 Qg5+ 36.Kf2 Ng4+ 37.Kf3 Qe3+ 38.Kxg4 Rd4+; 34.Kf2 Ng4+)* 34...Qh5+ 35.Kg3 Qg5+! *(35...Qg4+? 36.Kf2=)* 36.Kf2 Ng4+ usw. wie gehabt;

B2c2) 32.Ke3?? Qd4+ 33.Ke2 *(33.Kd2 Qf2+)* 33...Ng4!;

B2c3) 32.Kg3?? Qg4+! 33.Kf2 Qd4+;

B2c4) 32.Ke2 Qg4+ 33.Ke1 Qg3+ 34.Ke2 Qg4+ 35.Kd2 Qf4+

36.Ke2 *(36.Kd1?? Qe3)* 36...Qg4+=;

B2d) 29.g4? Qd4+ 30.Kf3 *(30.Kd2?? Ne4+ 31.Qxe4 b1N+!-+ 32.Ke2 Nc3+)* 30...Qxd3+ 31.Qxd3 Rxd3+ 32.Re3 Rxe3+ 33.Kxe3 Nxg4+ 34.Kf3 Nxh2+ 35.Kg3 a5 36.Rb1 Nf1+ 37.Kf4 Nd2 38.Rxb2 Nc4 usw. =;

B2e) 29.g3!! Qd4+ 30.Kf3 Qxd3+ 31.Qxd3 Rxd3+ 32.Re3±]

22...Kd6??

[Dadurch verlor Vaganian aber völlig die Bodenhaftung - und gerieten die zahlreichen Kiebitze aus dem Häuschen. Erforderlich war 22...Kf8□ !, und nach 23.Rc1 *(23.Ka1?? Rab8; 23.Bxh7 Nxh7-+)* 23...Qa5! (Die Kraft von 22...♔f8! nebst 23...♕a5! wurde von Efimenko kraß unterschätzt.) 24.Ka1 *(24.Nc4? Bxc4 25.Bxc4 Rab8 26.Bb3 Ne4-+)*

A) 24...Rab8?! ist ein verführerischer Kandidat:

A1) 25.Qc2? Rbc8! *(25...Be4?! 26.Nc4 Qf5 27.Bxe4 Nxe4 28.Rgf1 Qe6∞)* 26.Qb2 Bxa2 27.Nd7+ Nxd7 28.Qxa2 Qb4! 29.Bxa6 *(29.Bc4 Ne5 30.Bb3 Nd3 31.Rcd1 Rb8-+)* 29...Rxc1+ 30.Rxc1 Ra8 31.Rc8+ Rxc8 32.Bxc8 Qc3+ 33.Qb2 Qxc8-+;

A2) 25.Qe2? Qb6 26.Qc2 Bxa2 27.Qc5+ Qxc5 28.Rxc5 Bxf7∓;

A3) 25.Qf2! Rdc8 *(25...Be4 26.Nc4 Qd5 27.Rgd1 Bxd3 28.Rxd3 Qxf7 29.Qc5+ Kg8 30.Nd6 Δ♕c4⊕=/∞)*;

B) 24...Bxa2! hätte sich das Blatt plötzlich gewendet: 25.Qc3 *(25.Nc6 Qa4 26.Qxa2 Qxa2+ 27.Kxa2 Rxd3∓)* 25...Qxc3+ 26.Rxc3 Bxf7∓]

23.Nc4+!+- Schockschwerenot! Dieses hochgiftige Springerschach hatte Schwarz überhaupt nicht auf der Rechnung, und nun droht seinem Wanderkönig tatsächlich auf offenem Feld ein trauriges Schicksal. **23...Kc6**

[23...Bxc4 24.Bxc4 Qxc4 *(24...Rab8 25.Bb3→ +-)* 25.Qe5+ Kd7 26.Rd1+ Kc6 27.Rc1+-]

24.Ka1

[Genauer war 24.Rc1! , z.B. Rab8 25.Nb6 Rxb6 26.Rxc5+ Kb7 27.Bb5+-]

24...Rab8 25.Qc3 Bxc4

[25...Rb5 26.Rc1 *(26.Rgf1)*]

(Diagram)

26.Qxc4

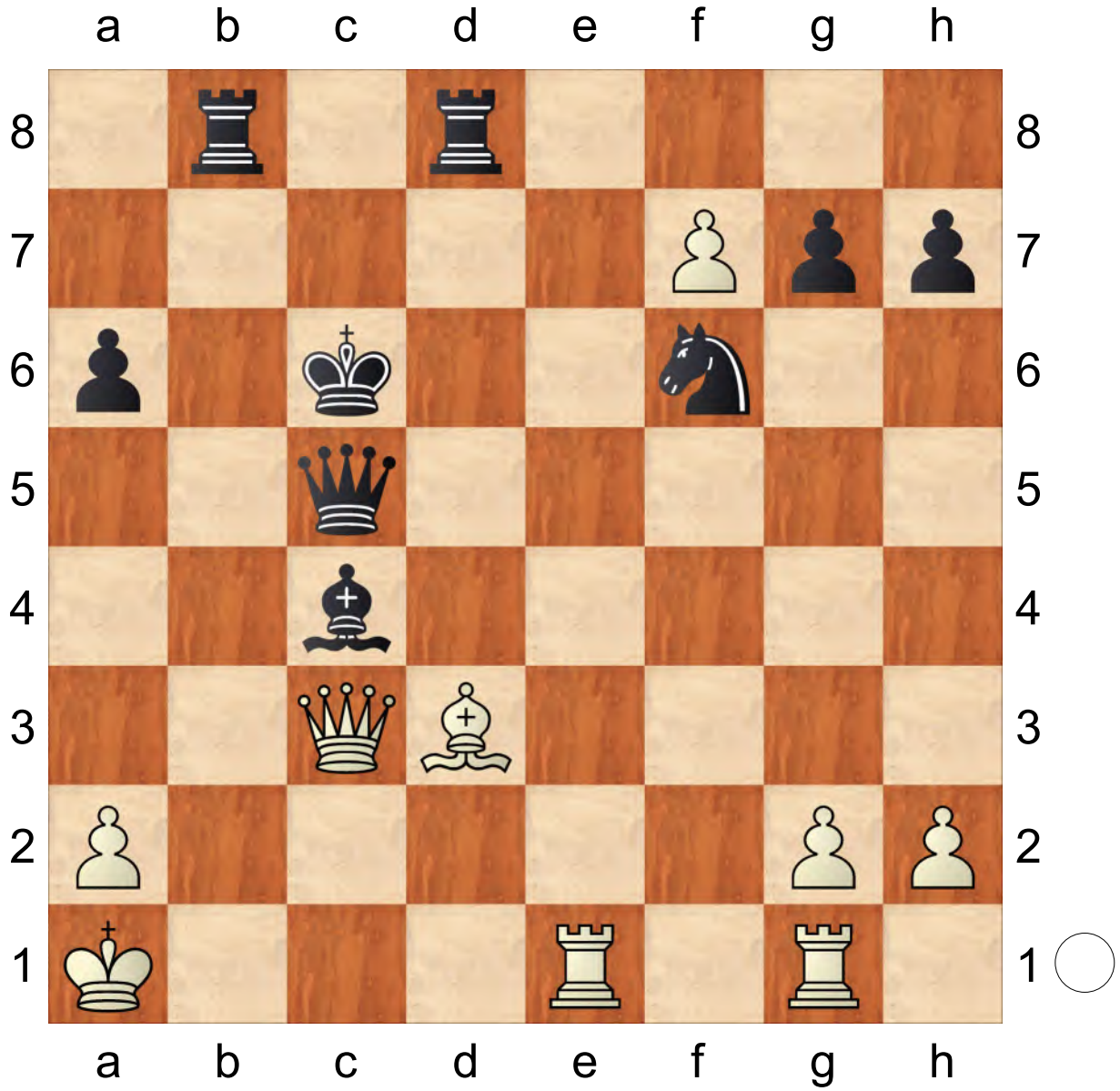
[26.Bxc4]

26...Rd5 (?)

[26...Qxc4 27.Bxc4+- mit technischer Gewinnstellung wollte sich Vaganian nicht zeigen lassen: a5 28.Re6+ Kc5 29.Bb3 usw.]

27.Qxa6+ Kd7 28.Qa4+⊕ (?) In beiderseitiger Zeitnot verpaßt der Anziehende diverse stärkere Fortsetzungen:

[I 28.Bb5+! Rxb5 29.Qe6+ Kd8 *(29...Kc7 30.Rc1)* 30.Qe8+ Nxe8 31.fxe8Q+



Kc7 32.Re7+ *(32.Rc1)*]

[II 28.Bf5+!

A) 28...Rxf5 29.Qe6+ Kd8 30.Qe8+ Kc7 *(30...Nxe8 31.fxe8Q+ Kc7 32.Re7+)* 31.Re7+;

B) 28...Kd8 29.f8Q+ Qxf8 30.Rb1 Rxb1+ 31.Rxb1+-]

[III 28.Qe6+ Kd8 29.Qe8+ Kc7 30.Qe7+ Qxe7 31.Rxe7+ Kd6 32.Rb7 Rf8 33.Bb5+-]

28...Kd6 29.Qf4+ Re5 30.Bc4

[30.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ 31.Rxe5 Kxe5 32.Re1+ Kd4 33.Rd1+-]

30...Nd7

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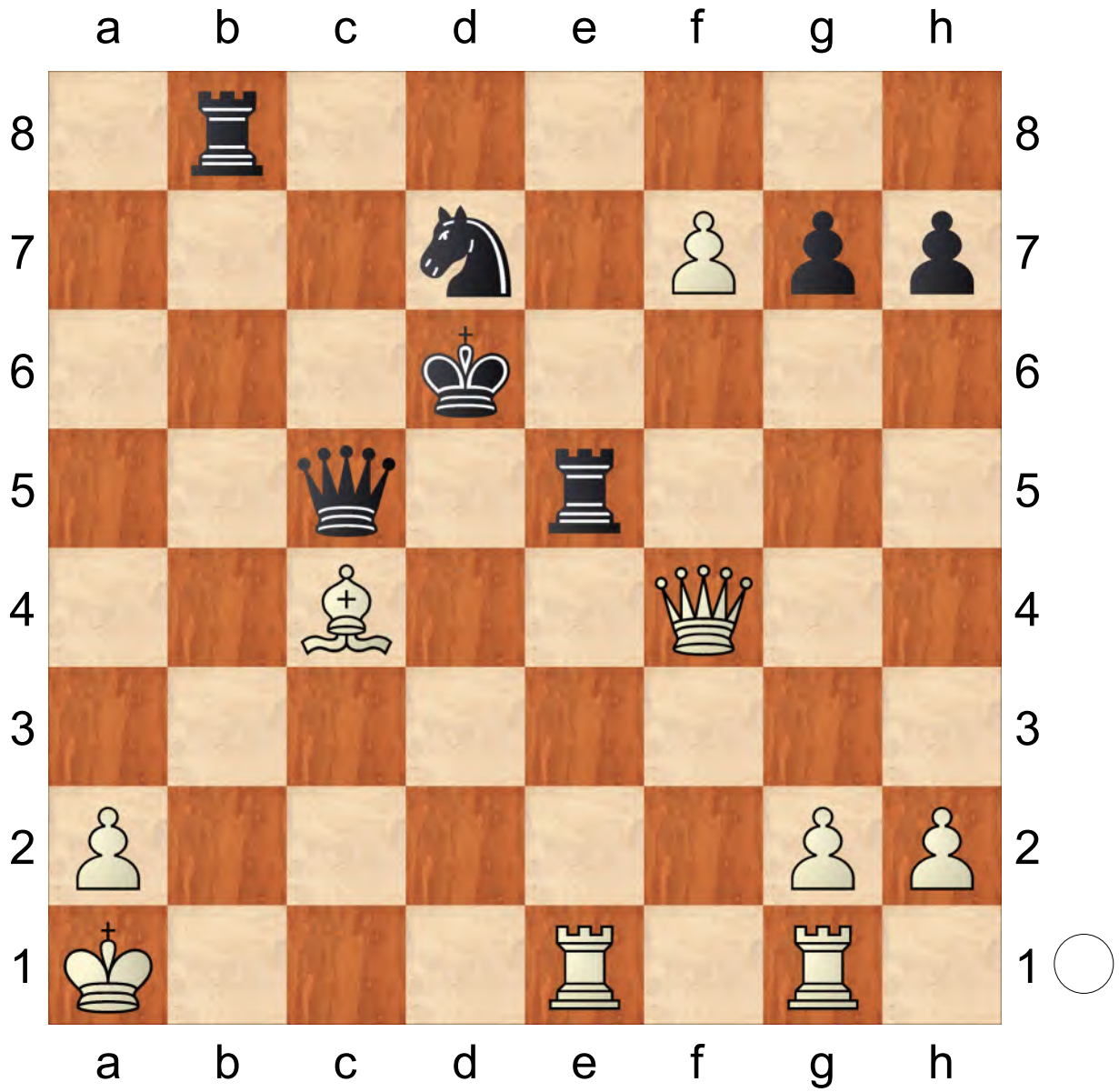


31.Rd1+ Ke7 32.Rge1?!

[Endlich kommt der Turm zum Einsatz, aber dabei verpaßt Weiß die letzte Gelegenheit zu einer eleganten, schnellen Entscheidung: 32.f8Q+! Rxf8 *(32...Nxf8 33.Qf7#)* 33.Qg4 Nf6 34.Qxg7+ Ke8 35.Bb5+! Qxb5 36.Rb1+-]

32...Kf8 33.Rxe5?!

[33.Qd2! war auch nicht von Pappe:

A) 33...Rxe1 34.Rxe1 Ne5 *(34...Qxc4? 35.Qd6+ Kxf7 36.Qxd7++-)* 35.Bb3+-;

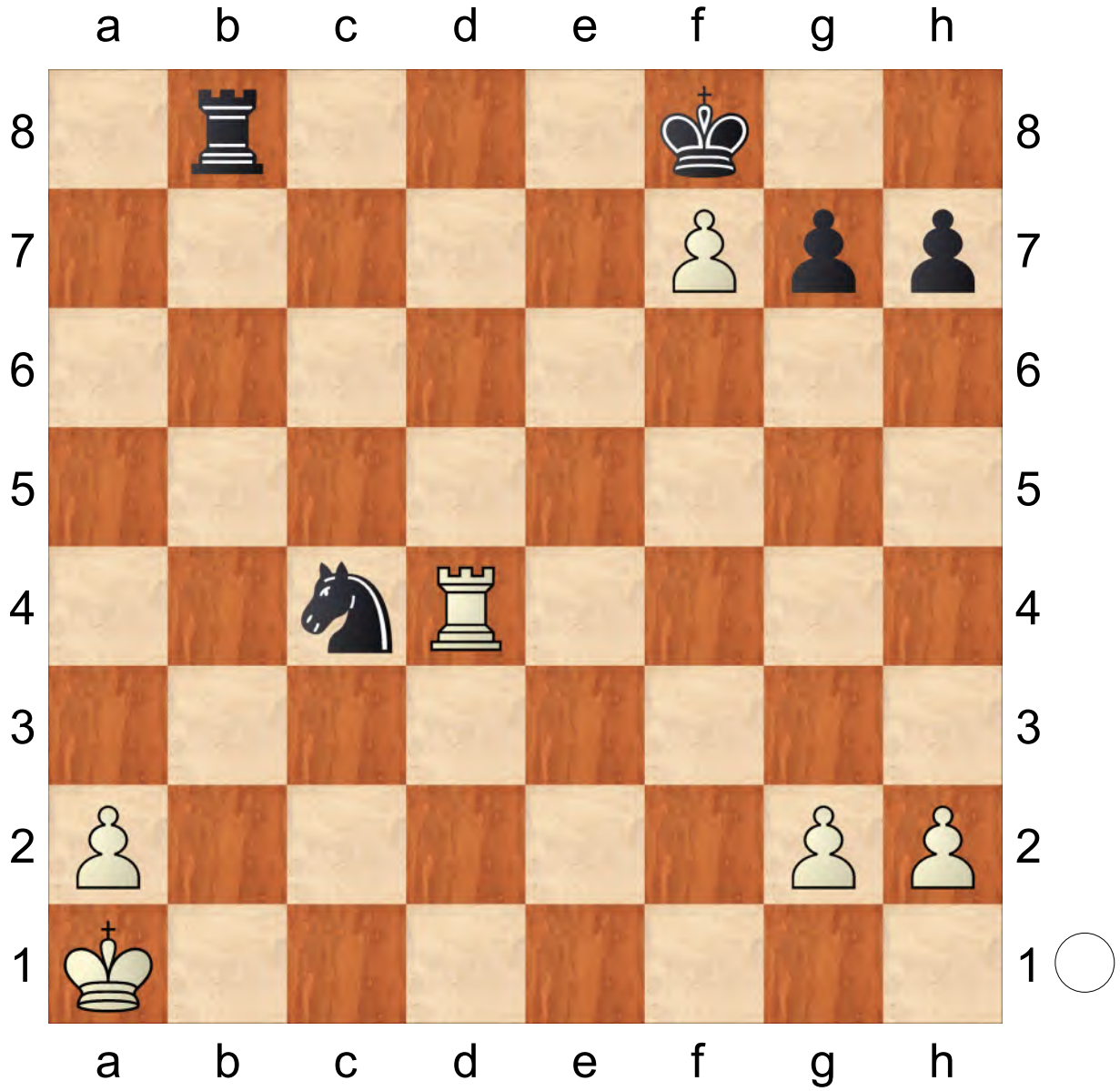
B) 33...Qxc4? 34.Rxe5 Nxe5 35.Qd6++-;

C) 33...Qc7 34.Rxe5 Qxe5+ *(34...Nxe5 35.Bb3+-)* 35.Qd4+-;

D) 33...Qe7 34.Rxe5 Nxe5 35.Bb3+-]

33...Nxe5 34.Qd4! Mit lediglich 20 Sekunden auf der Uhr (Vaganian 1.30 Minuten) behält Efimenko die Nerven und wickelt (wenigstens) zu einem gewinnverheißenden

Endspiel ab. **34...Qxd4+ 35.Rxd4 Nxc4**



36.Rxc4+- Kxf7 37.Re4?!

[37.a4! gewinnt relativ einfach, z.B. Ke6 38.Ka2 Rb7 39.Ka3 Kd5 40.Rc2 Ra7 *(40...h5 41.a5)* 41.Kb4 Rb7+ 42.Kc3 *(*oder auch *42.Ka5 Rb8 43.Rc7)* 42...Rc7+ *(42...Ra7 43.Ra2)* 43.Kd3 Ra7 *(43...Rxc2 44.Kxc2 Kc4 45.a5 Kb5 46.Kc3 Kxa5 47.Kc4+-)* 44.Ra2 , und der Turm gelangt idealerweise hinter den Freibauern: Kc5 45.Kc3 Re7 46.a5 Kb5 47.a6 usw. +-]

37...Kf6?!

[37...Rd8! 38.Re2 *(38.a4? Rd1+ 39.Kb2 Rd2+ 40.Kb3 Rxg2 41.Rh4 Ke6! 42.Rxh7 Kd6)* 38...Ra8! hätte die Gewinnführung zwar mühselig gestaltet, da der Turm nur schwerlich hinter seinen Freibauern kommt, aber zu halten war die schwarze Stellung auf Dauer sowieso nicht. Wahrscheinlich gibt es hier mehrere Wege, z.B. 39.g3 Kf6 40.Re4 Kf5 41.Rh4 h6 42.Kb2 *(42.a4)* 42...Ke5

43.Kb3 Kd5 44.a4 Kc5 45.Rc4+ Kb6 46.Kb4 Rf8 *(46...Ra7 47.h4 Ra8 48.Rg4; 46...Re8 47.a5+ Kb7 48.Kb5; 46...g5 47.Re4; 46...Rb8 47.h4 Ka6+ 48.Kc5 h5 49.Kd5 Rb3 50.g4 hxg4 51.Rxg4 Rb7 52.Ke6)* 47.a5+ Kb7 48.Rf4 Rb8 49.Ka4 Ka6 *(49...Kc6 50.Rc4+ Kd5 51.Rc7)* 50.Rg4 Rb7 *(50...g5 51.Rb4)* 51.Rg6+ Ka7 52.h4 Re7 53.Kb5 nebst Marsch zum Königsflügel]

38.Re2?!

[38.a4! Rd8 39.a5 Rd1+ 40.Kb2 Rd2+ 41.Kb3 Rxg2 42.a6 Rd2 43.Ra4 Rd8 44.a7 Ra8 45.Kb4+-]

38...h5?!

[38...Ra8!]

39.a3

[39.a4 Ra8 40.Ra2]

39...g5 40.Ka2 h4

[40...Ra8 41.Kb3 Rb8+ 42.Kc4 Rc8+ 43.Kb5 Rb8+ 44.Kc6 Rc8+ 45.Kb7 Rc4 46.Ra2 Ra4 47.Kb6 usw.]

(Diagram)

41.a4 Die Endspielphase bis hierher wurde von dem jungen Ukrainer à tempo gespielt. Nun konnte er sich in aller Ruhe vergewissern, daß der Rest kinderleicht ist.

41...Kf5 42.Ka3 Kg4

[42...Ra8 43.Kb4 Rb8+ 44.Kc5 Ra8 45.Kb5 Rb8+ 46.Kc6 Ra8 47.Ra2]

43.a5 h3 44.g3 Kf3 45.Ra2 Ke4

(Diagram)

46.a6 Kd5 47.a7 Ra8 48.Kb4

(Diagram)

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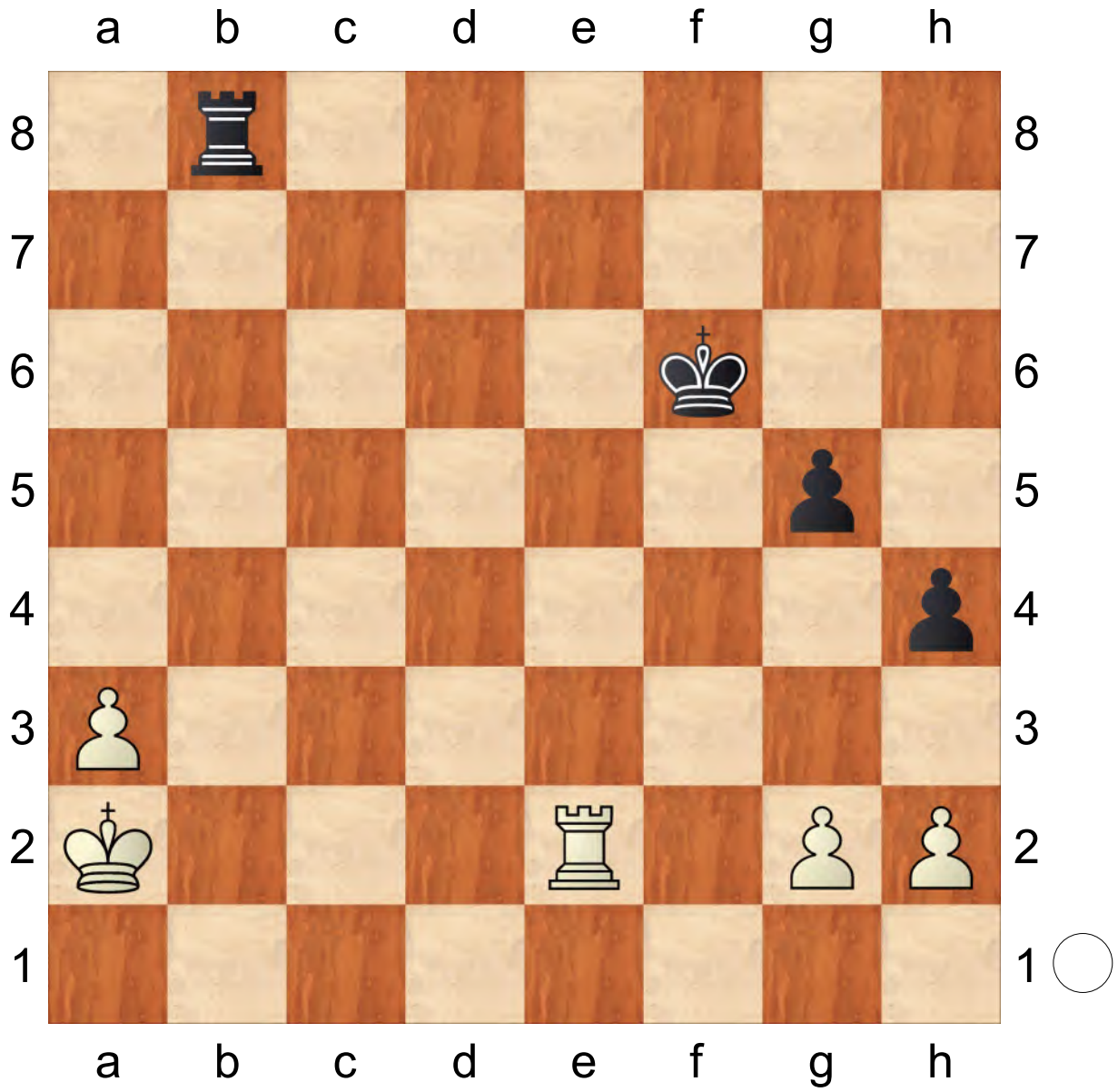
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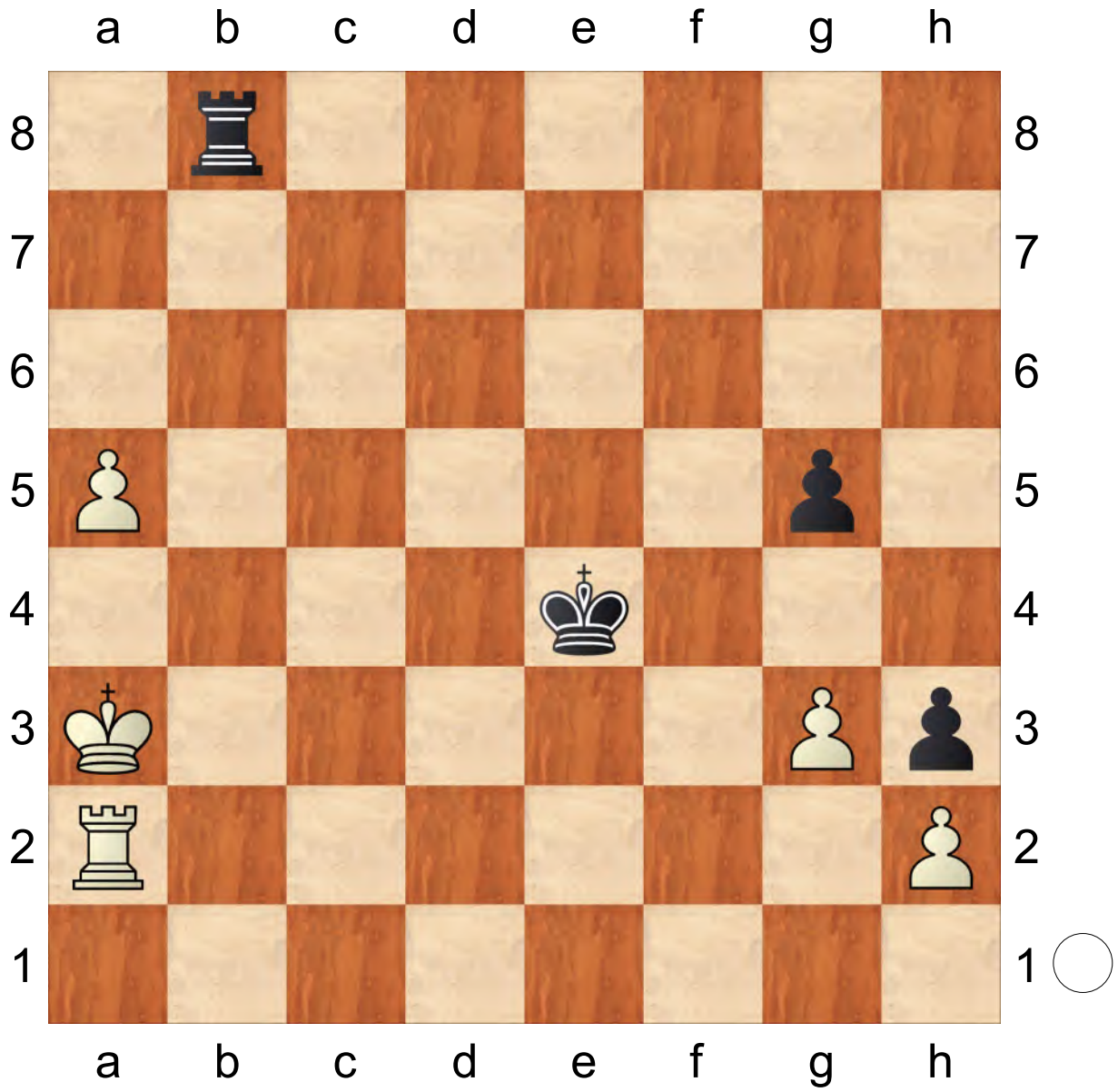
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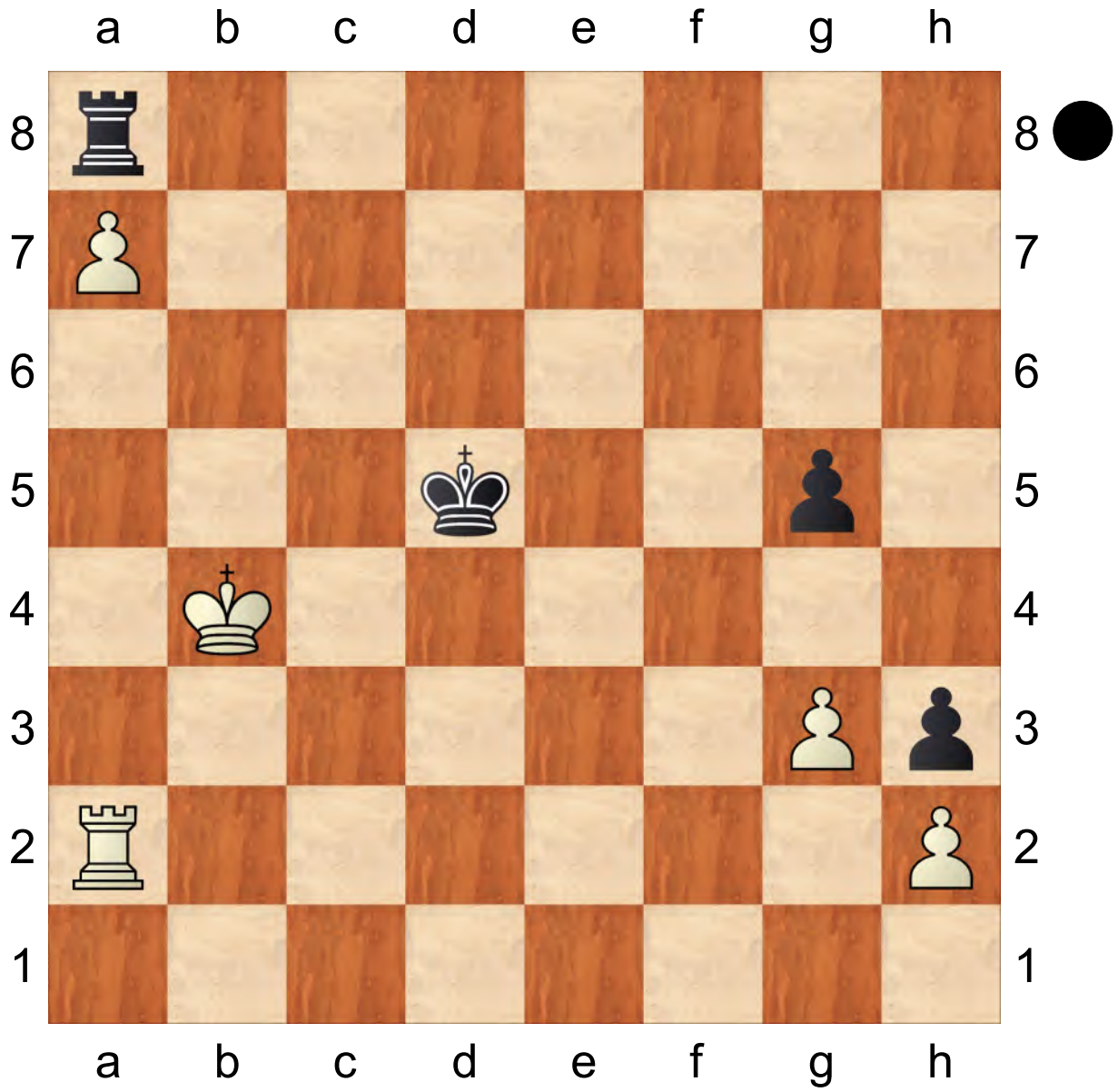
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□ **So,Wesley** **2788**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2633**
USA-ch Saint Louis (1) 01.04.2015
[Stohl,Igor]

1.d4 Paunovic,Tomislav Paunovic,Tomislav Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 0-0** This reaction is becoming increasingly popular nowadays. Even Carlsen gave it a try after facing some problems in the main lines with Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'This reaction is becoming increasingly popular nowadays. Even Carlsen gave it a try after facing some problems in the main lines with"

[4...d5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' and]

[4...c5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' against both Anand and Nakamura (twice). Although he eventually won all 3 games, he couldn't have been satisfied with the outcome of the opening: 5.d5 0-0 6.e4 d6 7.Bd2 Nbd7 8.Nge2 Ne5 9.Ng3 exd5 10.cxd5 Bd7 11.a3 Ba5 12.Be2 b5 13.0-0 c4 14.Be3 Bb6 15.Qd2 Rb8 16.Nd1 Bc8 17.Kh1 Nfd7 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxb6 Rxb6 20.Ne3 Nc5 21.Bd1 Nd3 22.f5 Ngf4 23.a4 a6 24.Ng4↑ Nakamura,H (2772)-Carlsen,M (2881) Shamkir 2014 See the notes to this game in CBM 160.]

5.a3

[The main alternative is the ambitious 5.e4 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' , with the critical position arising after d5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.a3 *(8.f4 c5!⟳* and White has to tread with care due to his lag in development*)* 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 f6 10.exf6 *(10.f4? fxe5 11.dxe5 Nxe5! 12.fxe5 Qh4+ 13.Kd2 Qf4+-+)* Now the most solid, but probably not the only good move is 10...Qxf6 *(10...Qe8+ 11.Qe2 Qf7!? 12.fxg7 Re8 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Qd2 Na5 15.Rb1! Nb6 16.Rb4 Nac4 17.Bxc4* Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Aronian,L (2830) Khanty-Mansiysk Candidates 2014 *⌓Nxc4 18.Rxc4 dxc4 19.Ne2 Bf5 20.Kf2∞)* 11.Ne2!? *(11.Bd3 Nb6 12.Ne2* allows Black to exchange the light-squared bishops with *Bf5 13.Bf4 Rf7 14.Be5 Qg5 15.Bxf5 Qxf5 16.Ng3 Qd7 17.0-0 Nc6 18.f4 Nc4 19.Qe2 Re8 20.h3 b5 21.Rf3 a5 22.Nf1 b4⇄* Motwani,P (2543)-Lutz,C (2614) Port Barcares 2005*)* 11...Nb6 12.Nf4 is less tested, but deserves closer attention, according to Peralta. After c5 *(12...Nc6!?⇄)* 13.a4 Nc6?! 14.a5 Nc4 15.Nxd5 Qe6+ 16.Qe2 N4xa5 17.Qxe6+ Bxe6 18.Nc7 cxd4 19.cxd4 *(19.Kf2!?±)* 19...Rad8 Aleksandrov,A (2604)-Kravtsiv,M (2546) Bhubaneswar 2010. White retains an advantage with 20.Bd2 b6 21.Nxe6 Rfe8 22.Bxa5 Rxe6+ 23.Kf2 Nxa5 24.Rxa5 bxa5 25.Bc4±]

5...Bxc3+

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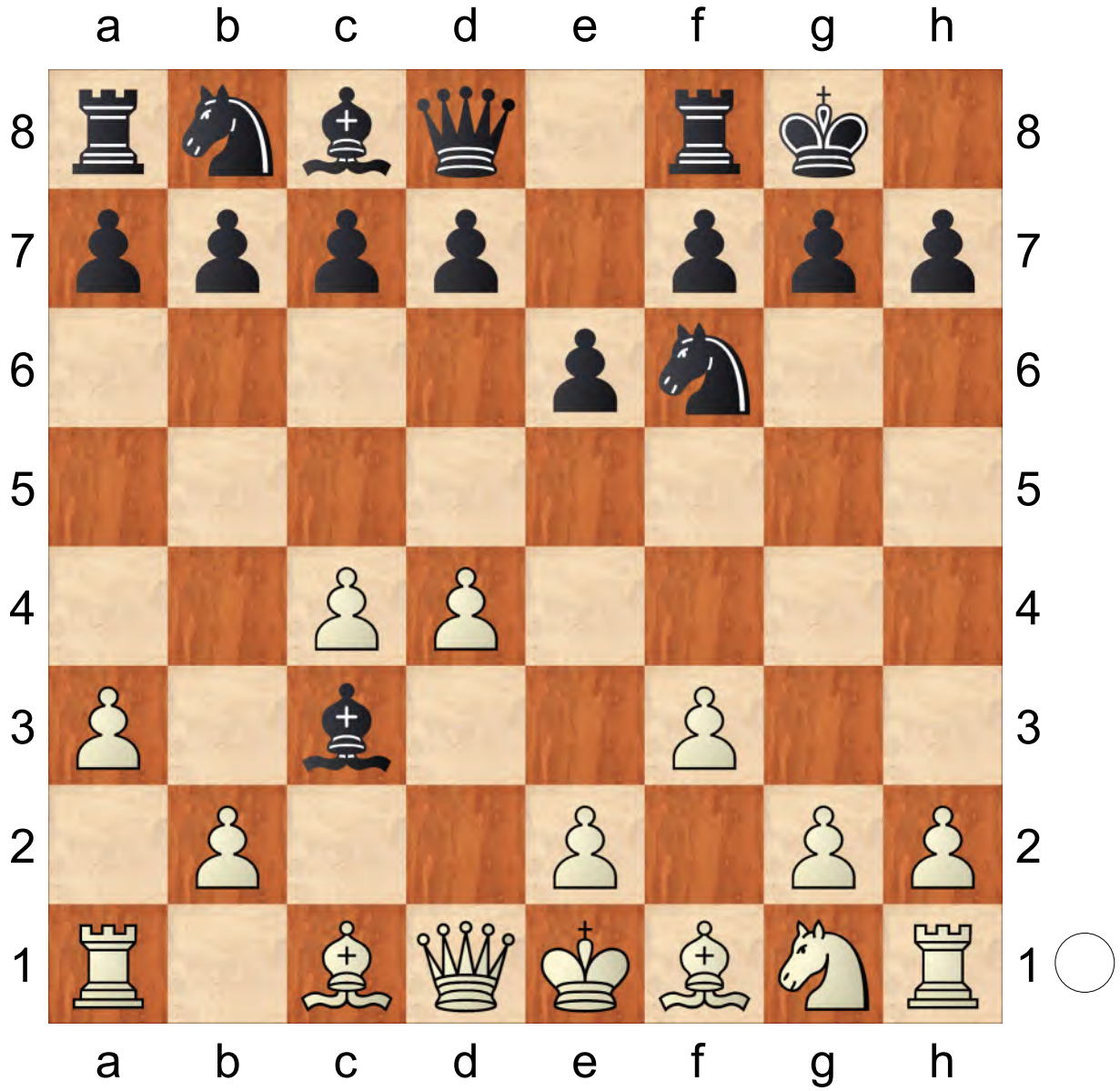


6.bxc3 Nh5

[6...c5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 7.e4 d6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Ne2 Ne8 10.0-0 b6 11.f4 is a position arising mostly from the Sämisch with 4.a3; White plays e3-e4 and f4 in one move, here it's the other way around. A recent example went Ba6 *(11...f5! 12.d5∞* is standard and more circumspect*)* 12.f5 exf5N *(12...e5 13.f6! Nxf6 14.Bg5→)* 13.exf5 *(13.Ng3⩱)* 13...h6 14.f6! Nxf6 15.Ng3 cxd4 16.Nf5 Ne5 17.cxd4 Ng6 Khairullin,I (2629)-Kravtsiv,M (2565) EU-ch Jerusalem 2015 18.Nxh6+! gxh6 19.Bxh6±]

[6...d5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' leads to positions, similar to the 4...d5 line - Black prefers to avoid this.]

7.Nh3

[≤7.g3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' f5 8.e4 d6⇄ 9.f4?! Nf6 10.e5 Ne4 11.Ne2 b6 12.Bg2 Ba6→ 13.Qb3 Nc6 14.c5 d5 15.cxb6 cxb6 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Bb2

Na5 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.0-0 Qd5 20.Bc1 e3 21.Bxe3 Bb7 22.Kf2 Qf3+ 0-1, Bluvshtein,M (2557)-Rowson,J (2596) Dresden olm 2008]

7...f5 8.Nf2 White must play energetically to compensate for his disrupted pawn-structure and make his bishop pair tell. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'White must play energetically to compensate for his disrupted pawn-structure and make his bishop pair tell."

[Too soft is 8.e3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' d6 9.Be2 c5! 10.0-0 Nc6 11.g4?! *(11.Nf2 Qe7= /∞)* 11...fxg4 *(11...Qh4!↑* Gleizerov *)* 12.fxg4 Nf6 13.Nf2 h6 14.e4 e5 15.d5 Ne7 16.g5 hxg5 17.Bxg5 Qe8 18.Qd3 Qg6 19.Qg3 Bd7 20.Kh1 Rf7 21.Qh4 Raf8 22.Rae1 Qh7 23.Qxh7+ Nxh7∓ /∓, Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2881) Shamkir 2014 This game sparked off the interest in 6...♘h5, see the notes in CBM 160 by Krasenkow.]

[Another attempt to fight for an edge is the bishop sortie 8.Bg5 Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' The immediate

A) 8...Qe8

A1) 9.Nf2 Nc6 10.e4 d6 11.Be2 fxe4 12.Nxe4 e5 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bg6 15.d5 Na5 16.c5 Nf4 17.cxd6 Nxd3 18.d7 Qxd7 19.Qxd3 b5 20.a4 bxa4 21.Qa6 Nb3 22.Qxa4 Qxd5 23.Rfd1 Qe6 24.Rab1 Rab8 25.Qxa7 Bxe4 26.fxe4 h6= Khismatullin,D (2671)-Fedoseev,V (2662) Vladivostok 2014;

A2) 9.e4 d6 10.Bd3 e5 11.exf5 exd4+ 12.Kf2 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Rxf5 14.cxd4 Rf7 *(14...Qg6!? 15.Re1 Nc6 16.g4 Rxg5 17.Nxg5 Qxg5 18.gxh5 Rf8⩱)* 15.Re1 Qd7 Guilleux,F (2381)-Fedorchuk,S (2655) Paris 2009 16.d5±;

A3) 9.g4

A3a) 9...fxg4 10.fxg4 Nf6 11.Qd3 *(11.Bxf6!? Rxf6 12.Bg2 Nc6 13.Qd3 Ne7 14.Be4 g6 15.g5 Rf7 16.Nf2 d5 17.Bf3 e5 18.cxd5 exd4 19.cxd4 Bf5 20.Qb3 c6 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.0-0 Rb8 23.Qe3±* Khairullin,I (2617)-Adams,M (2704) Rijeka 2010 See the notes to this game by Mikhalchishin in CBM 136. *)*

A3a1) 11...d5 12.Bxf6! Rxf6 13.Bg2± Qc6?! 14.Ng5 Rg6 15.Nxh7! Rh6 16.0-0! Nd7 *(16...Rxh7 17.Rf8+ Kxf8 18.Qxh7+-)* 17.g5 Rxh7 18.Qg6 Ne5 19.dxe5 Qc5+ 20.Rf2+- 1-0 (26) Schwarz,D (2339)-Smolen,J (2453) Slovakia 2015

A3a2) 11...d6 12.Nf2 *(12.Bxf6 Rxf6 13.Bg2 Nc6 14.Be4 g6 15.g5 Rf8 16.Nf2 e5 17.h4 Kg7 18.h5 Qf7⇄* Ivanchuk,V (2726)-Zubarev,A (2588) Lvov 2014*)*

A3a21) 12...e5 13.Bg2 Nc6 14.Bxf6 Rxf6 15.0-0 Kh8 16.Ne4 Rg6? *(16...Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 Bxg4! 18.Ng5 Qh5 19.Nf7+ Kg8 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.dxe5 c6* and White doesn't seem to have more than a perpetual*)* 17.h3 Bd7 18.Rf2 Nd8 19.d5 b6 20.Raf1± Carlsen,M (2801)-Morozevich,A (2750) Moscow blitz 2009

A3a22) 12...Nc6 13.h3 *(13.Bg2 Nxg4!? 14.Nxg4 Qh5 15.Bxc6*

Qxg4 16.Be7 Rf7∞) 13...b6 14.Bg2 Ba6 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Ne4 Rg6 17.Nd2 d5 18.Qg3 Qf7 Volkov,S (2612)-Durarbayli,V (2476) EU-ch Rijeka 2010 19.g5!?↑;

A3b) It's safer to keep the position more closed with ⌓9...Nf6!? 10.gxf5 exf5 11.Nf4 *(11.c5 b6 12.Nf4 bxc5 13.dxc5 Kh8 14.h4 Bb7 15.Bg2 Nc6 16.h5 Ne5 17.h6 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Bxf3 19.hxg7+ Kxg7 20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Rg1+ Bg4 22.Bxf8 Qxf8 23.Nd5 Re8⩱* Baron,T (2510)-Khairullin,I (2629) EU-ch Jerusalem 2015*)* 11...d6 12.Qd3 *(12.Kf2 Nc6 13.e3 Nd8 14.d5 Ng4+!? 15.fxg4 Nf7 16.Bh4 fxg4 17.Be2 Ne5 18.h3 gxh3 19.Rg1 Rf7 20.Qd4 h5 21.Kg3 Bg4⩱* Tinture,L (2401)-Bresadola,G (2359) email 2011*)* 12...Nc6 13.Bh3 *(13.Rg1!? Kh8∞)* 13...Nh5 14.Nd5 Qf7 15.0-0-0?! h6 16.Bd2 Na5 17.Rhg1 Kh8 18.Rg2 b5→ Volkov,S (2599)-Rodshtein,M (2678) St Petersburg 2014;

B) 8...Nf6!? might be a better choice, although it's still not played too often: 9.e4 fxe4 10.fxe4 d6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '=" Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'transposing to 8. ♗g5 ♘f6!?" 11.Nf2 e5 12.c5 *(12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Be3 b6 14.0-0 Qe8 15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 Na5 17.c4 Be6 18.cxb6 axb6 19.c5 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.Re1 b5↑* Volkov,S (2607)-Nikolaidis,I (2545) Vrachati 2011*)* 12...Nc6 13.Bb5 Qe7 14.0-0 dxc5 15.Qb3+ *(15.Nd3!? cxd4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.cxd4 Ba6!=)* 15...Kh8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nd3 Qxe4 20.Nf4 Ba6 21.Rae1 Qc4∓ Volkov,S (2593)-Turov,M (2599) Fagernes 2013]

[8.e4 is an aggressive experiment by Bronstein, the natural reaction is fxe4! 9.Bg5 *(9.fxe4? Qh4+-+)* 9...Nf6 10.fxe4

A) 10...h6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 11.Bh4 *(11.Bxf6 Qxf6∓)* 11...d6 *(11...g5?! 12.Bg3 Δ Nxe4 13.Qc2 d5 14.Nf2±)* 12.Be2 e5⇄;

B) 10...d6= transposing to 8.♗g5 ♘f6!?]

8...b6N Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'N"

[The text is a novelty, but less flexible than the previously tested 8...d6!? Paunovic,Tomislav: '- 123/178' So almost surely intended to play

A) 9.e3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' e5 10.f4 *(10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Bd2 Kh8 13.d5 Ne7 14.g4 fxg4 15.fxg4 Nf6 16.Rg1 Qe8 17.Rg3 Ng6 18.Bf5 e4!∓* Hammer,J (2610)-Papaioannou,I (2592) Eretria 2011*)* 10...Nf6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.c5 Nc6 13.Bc4+ Kh8 14.0-0 b6 15.Bb5 Bb7 16.Rb1 Ne7 17.Be2 Ne4 18.Rb3 Nxf2 19.Rxf2 Bc6 20.Qf1 bxc5 21.dxe5 Qd5 22.c4 Qxe5 23.Bb2 Qe6 24.Bf3 Kg8 25.Bxc6 Nxc6∓ Volkov,S (2622)-Izoria,Z (2606) Saint Vincent 2005;

B) ⌓9.e4! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I'

B1) 9...Qe8 10.Bd3 e5 11.0-0 *(11.exf5 exd4+ 12.Kf1 ½,* Sakaev,K (2649)-Tomashevsky,E (2658) RUS-chT Dagomys 2008 *dxc3 13.g4 Nc6!? 14.gxh5 Bxf5⩱)* 11...f4 12.c5! dxc5 13.Qb3+ Kh8 14.a4 b6 15.dxc5 Be6 16.Bc4 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Qf7 *(⌓17...Nc6⇄)* 18.Qd5! Qxd5 19.exd5 Nf6 20.Ba3 Re8 21.c4 bxc5 22.Rab1 Na6 23.Nd3 Nd7 24.Rfe1 Kg8

25.Rb5↑ Jones,G (2554)-Trent,L (2471) Torquay 2009
B2) 9...fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nc6 11.Bd3!? *(11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Bd3 h6 13.Be3 Nf4 14.0-0 e5 15.d5 Ne7 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qd2 b6 18.Rae1 Qf7 19.Nf2 Bd7 20.Be4 Rae8 21.Nd3 g5 22.g3 fxg3 23.hxg3 Nf5* Moranda,W (2533)-Drozdovskij,Y (2567) Warsaw rpd 2007*; 11.g3 h6 12.f4 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Be3 b6 15.Bd3 Na5 16.0-0 Ba6 17.Qe2 d5 18.c5 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qf5 20.Qe2 Nc4∓* Indjic,A (2536)-Jankovic,A (2559) Sarajevo 2013*)* 11...e5 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.0-0 exd4 14.Re1⩲;
B3) 9...f4 10.c5!? *(10.Rb1 Nc6 11.Rb5 Qe8 12.Rg1 e5 13.g4 Nf6 14.d5 Nd8 15.Nd3 b6 16.Rb2 Nb7 17.Qb3 Nd7 18.Rgg2 Ndc5∓* Ma,Q (2613)-Wen,Y (2581) China 2014*)* 10...dxc5 11.Bc4 Nc6 12.Bb2 Na5 13.Ba2 c4?! *(13...b6 14.0-0 Qe8∞)* 14.a4 Qg5 15.0-0 e5 16.Ba3 *(16.Nd3!?)* 16...Rd8 17.Qe2 Kh8 18.Bxc4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nc6 20.d5 Ne5 21.Rfc1 Ng6 22.Nd3± Krush,I (2464)-Rozentalis,E (2578) Gausdal 2007]

9.e4 fxe4? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '?" We have already seen in the above examples that opening the position can be extremely risky for Black, as it invites a dangerous attack. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'We have already seen in the above examples that opening the position can be extremely risky for Black, as it invites a dangerous attack."

[9...Ba6!? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 10.Bd3 Nc6 targets the ♙c4 and seems more consistent with the previous move.]

10.fxe4 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'N!' 'N!'

[10.Nxe4 d5!? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 11.Nf2 Ba6∞]

10...Qf6

[10...Nf4 11.e5! Paunovic,Tomislav: '!?' '!?' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '!" *(11.g3 Ng6)* 11...Bb7 *(11...Nc6 12.Qg4 Ng6 13.h4↑* Paunovic,Tomislav: '⟶' '⟶' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: ' ↑"*)* 12.Qg4 Ng6 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Bd3± Paunovic, Tomislav: ' ⟶' '⟶' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: ' ±" ○ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '○"]

(Diagram)

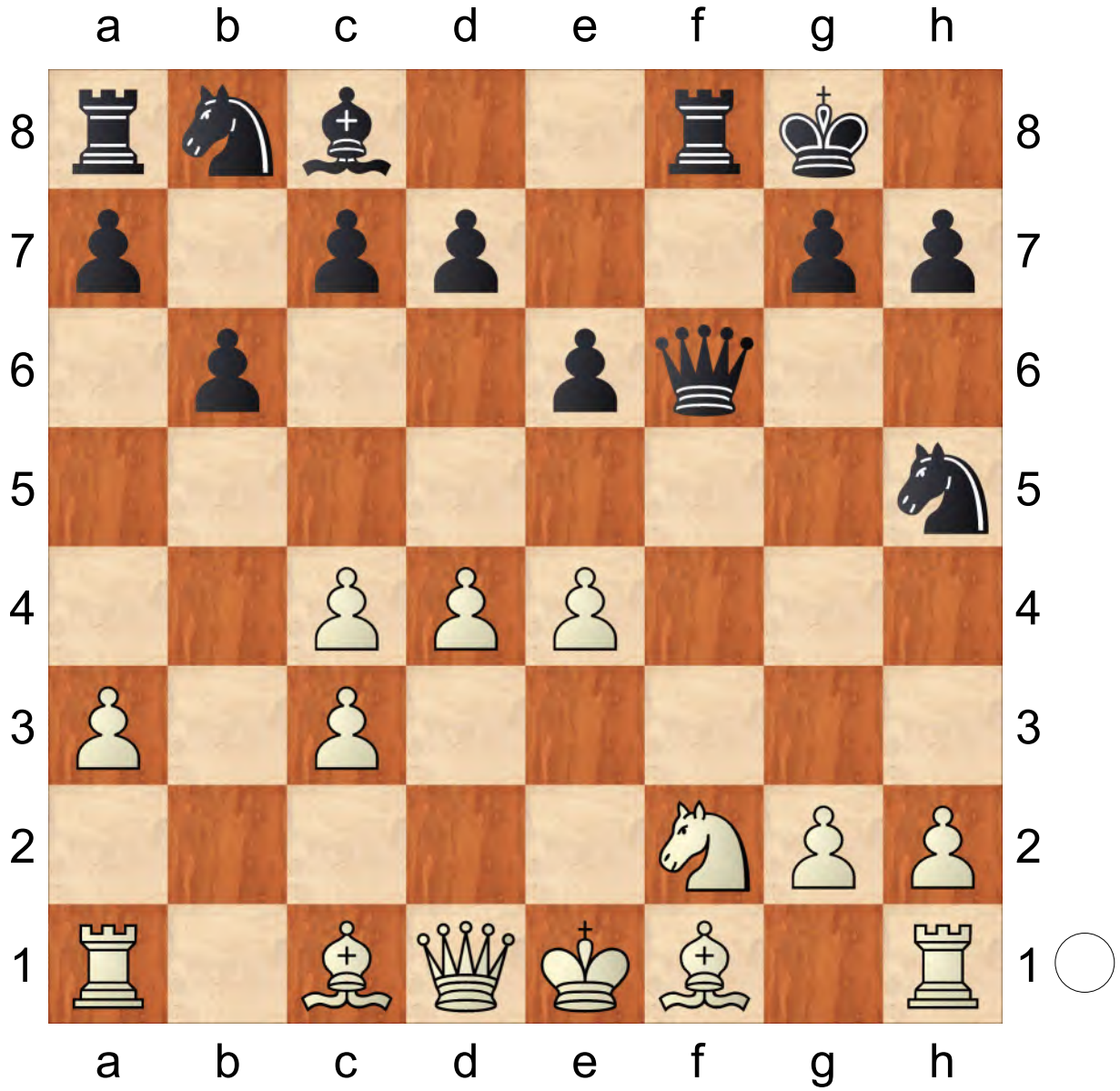
Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!' **11.Ra2** Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' '!'

[11.Be3 Paunovic,Tomislav Qg6 12.e5 Bb7 13.Bd3 Qxg2 14.Qxh5 g6 15.Qh4 Rxf2 16.Rf1 Rxf1+ 17.Bxf1 Qf3 18.Qd8+↑]

11...Qf7 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!'

[11...Nf4 again loses too much time with the ♘ and is unattractive after Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'again loses too much time with the ♘ and is unattractive after" 12.e5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *(*White can also start with *12.g3* Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *)* 12...Qf7 13.g3 *(13.Nd3!?)* 13...Ng6 14.Ne4↑]

12.Nh3! So is unbiassed and returns to h3. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'So is unbiassed and returns to h3."



[12.Nd3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' Nf6 13.Rf2 Qe7 is less convincing, the d3-square is reserved for the ♗f1.]

12...Qg6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!'

[Black tries to confuse his opponent, as returning with the knight is practically hopeless: 12...Nf6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 13.Rf2

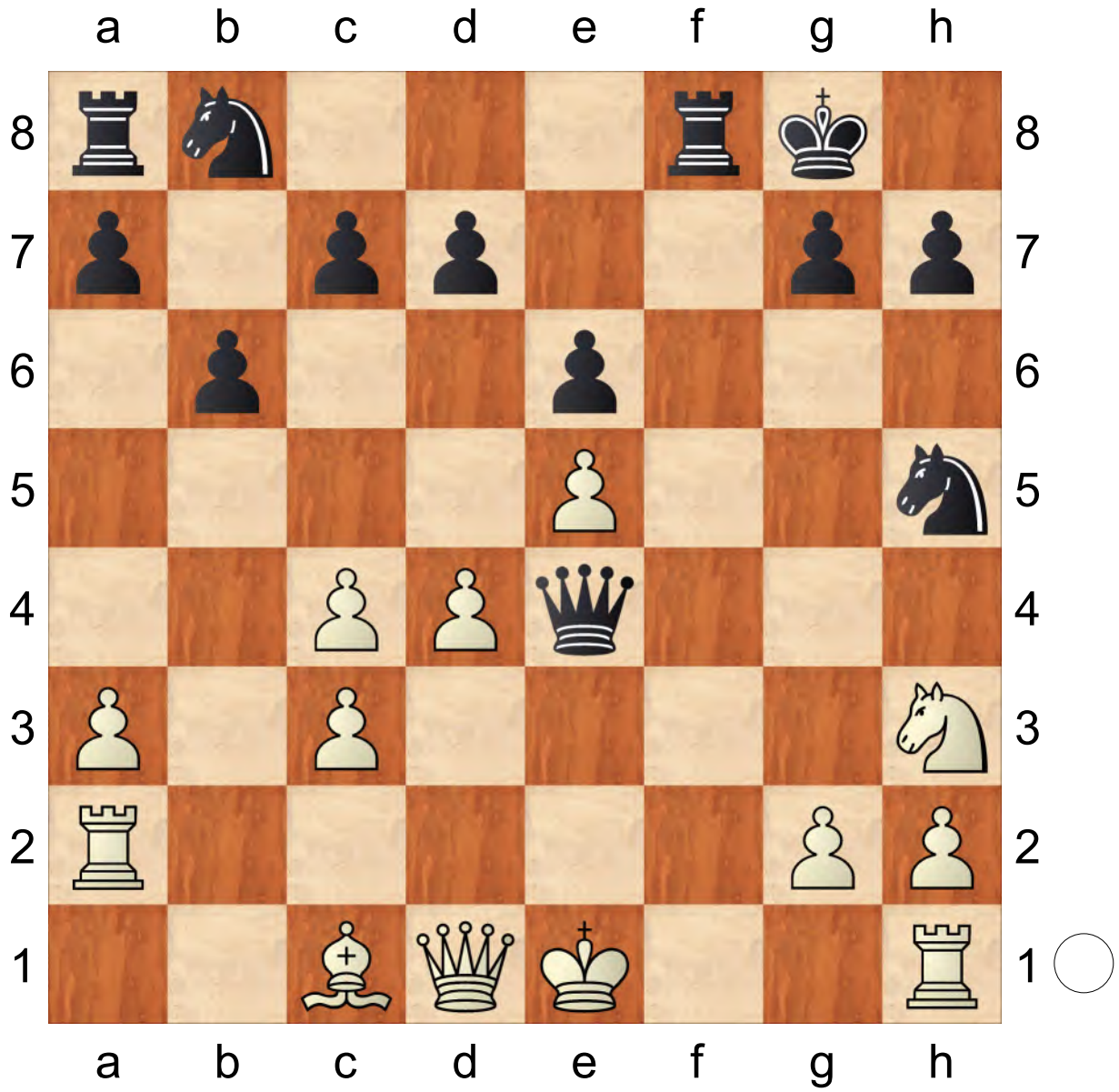
A) 13...Qh5 14.Qxh5! *(14.Be2 Qa5 15.0-0)* 14...Nxh5 15.Rxf8+ Kxf8 16.Be2 Nf6 17.0-0 Kg8 18.e5 Ne8 19.Bd3+-;

B) 13...Qe7 14.e5 Ne8 15.Rxf8+ Qxf8 16.Bd3→]

13.e5

[13.Rf2 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' '!' Rxf2 *(13...Qxe4+* Paunovic,Tomislav: '**Δ**' '**Δ**' *14.Be2* Paunovic,Tomislav: '+-' '+-' *Nf6* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *15.Ng5 Qg6 16.0-0→* White has a huge lead in development and a devastating attack*)* 14.Nxf2 Bb7 *(14...e5 15.dxe5)* 15.e5!**±** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '**±**!" Paunovic,

Tomislav: ', transposing into the above note.' *(15.Bd3 e5!?* is less convincing *)*]
13...Bb7 14.Bd3 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!' The bishop swap helps Black somewhat. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'The bishop swap helps Black somewhat."
[After Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'After" 14.Rf2! and Black hardly has anything better than Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'and Black hardly has anything better than" Rxf2 *(14...Na6* Paunovic,Tomislav *15.Bd3 Be4 16.Be2 Rxf2 17.Nxf2 Rf8 18.Bxh5 Qxg2 19.Rf1+-)* 15.Nxf2 , transposing into the above note.]
14...Be4 15.Bxe4 Qxe4+



16.Qe2?! Paunovic,Tomislav: '?' '?' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '?!" This is definitely inaccurate and allows Black back into the game. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'This is definitely inaccurate and allows Black back into the game."
[16.Re2! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '!" Qg6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *(16...Qc6* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *17.Qd3; 16...Qh4+ 17.Rf2* Paunovic,

Tomislav: ' ± ' '±' *Rxf2* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *18.Nxf2)* 17.Rf2 Nc6 18.0-0 , followed by g4 traps the hapless ♘h5]

16...Qb1! 17.Qc2

[17.Qd2? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' Nc6 makes no sense, as White can't trap neither the ♕b1, nor the ♘h5.]

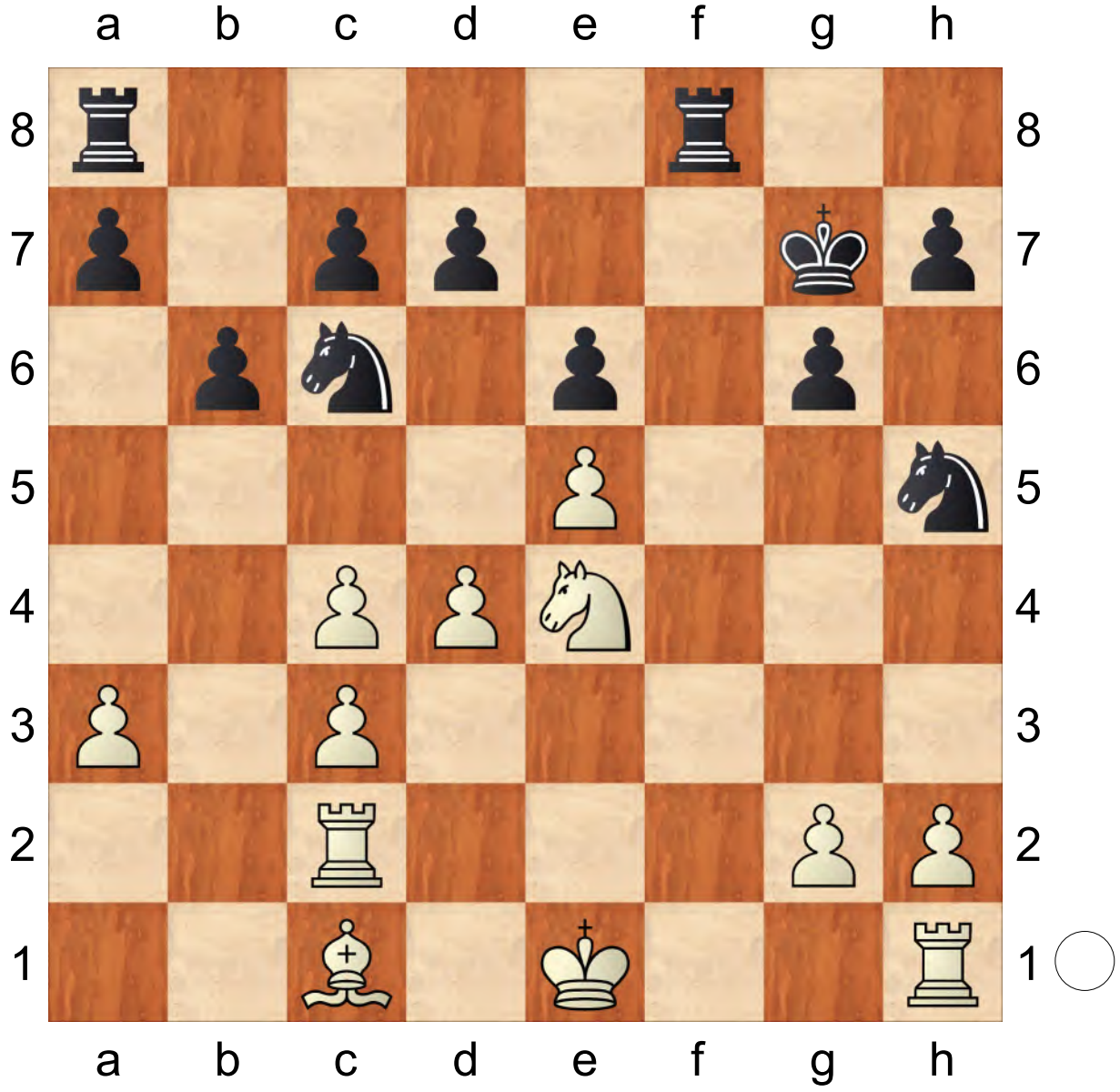
17...Qxc2 18.Rxc2 g6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '±' '±' Black has rescued his knight and can fight on in a simplified position. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'Black has rescued his knight and can fight on in a simplified position. " **19.Ng5**

[19.g4 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' Ng7 20.Ng5 d6⇄]

[19.Bh6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' Ng7 20.Ng5±]

19...Nc6 20.Ne4 Kg7

[20...Na5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 21.g4 Ng7 22.c5↑]



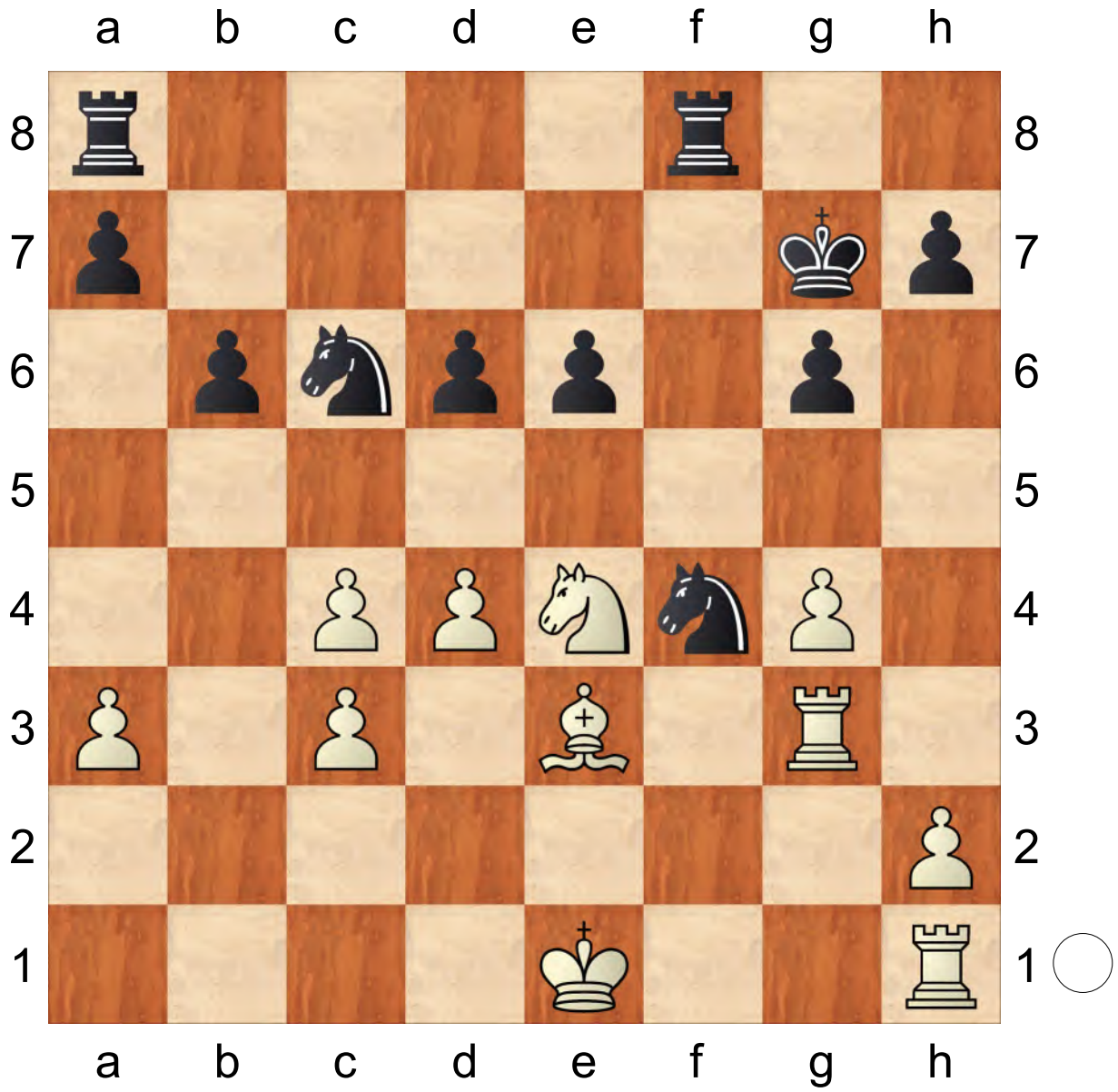
21.g4?!
[21.Rf1! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '!'' Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Rf8+ 23.Rf2! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *(23.Kg1* Paunovic,Tomislav: ' ± '± *Na5* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *24.Rf2!?↑)* 23...Rxf2+ 24.Kxf2± /±]
21...Nf4 22.Be3
[22.0-0 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' Nh3+ 23.Kg2 Rxf1 24.Kxf1 Rf8+ 25.Kg2 *(25.Nf6 d6)* 25...Nf4+ 26.Kg3 Nd3∞]
22...Nh3 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!'
[22...Nd3+ 23.Kd2 Nf4 24.Nf6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *(24.Rf1* Paunovic,Tomislav *Ng2 25.Rf2 Rxf2+ 26.Bxf2 Rf8⇄)* 24...Nh3 25.g5 d6 26.exd6 cxd6⇄]
23.Rg2 Nf4 24.Rg3 d6!? Black is still under pressure and active defence is the best chance. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'Black is still under pressure and active defence is the best chance."
[24...Nd3+ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 25.Ke2 *(25.Kd2 Nb2)* 25...Nf4+ 26.Kd1! Rad8 *(26...Na5 27.Nf6 g5 28.h4 Nxc4 29.hxg5 Nxe3+ 30.Rxe3±)* 27.Nf6 d6 28.Bxf4 dxe5 29.Bg5 Rxf6 30.Bxf6+ Kxf6 31.g5+ Kf7 32.Rh3! Kg8 33.Re1↑]
[24...h6!? Paunovic,Tomislav]
25.exd6 cxd6

(Diagram)

26.Nxd6 Rad8 27.Ne4 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!'
[⌓27.c5! Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: ' ⌓!'' bxc5 *(27...Rb8!?* Paunovic,Tomislav*)* 28.Bxf4! *(28.dxc5* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *Rb8⇄)* 28...Rxf4 29.Nb7 Rb8 *(29...Re8* Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *30.Nxc5 e5 31.d5±)* 30.Nxc5 e5 31.Ke2!? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '!?'' Rb2+ 32.Ke3 Rff2 33.Ke4± Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' *(33.Re1↑* Paunovic,Tomislav *)*]
27...e5!∞ 28.dxe5
[28.Rf1 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' exd4! 29.Bxf4 Rfe8]
28...Nd3+ 29.Ke2 Ndxe5 30.Nd2
[30.c5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' Nc4±]
30...Rfe8
[30...Na5!? Paunovic,Tomislav 31.Bd4 Nac6=]

(Diagram)

31.Rf1 Na5
[31...Rd3 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 32.Ne4
A) 32...Rxe3+ 33.Kxe3 Nxc4+ 34.Kf3 Re7 *(34...Rxe4 35.Kxe4 Nd2+ 36.Kd5+-)* 35.g5;
B) 32...Na5 33.c5 bxc5 34.Nxc5±]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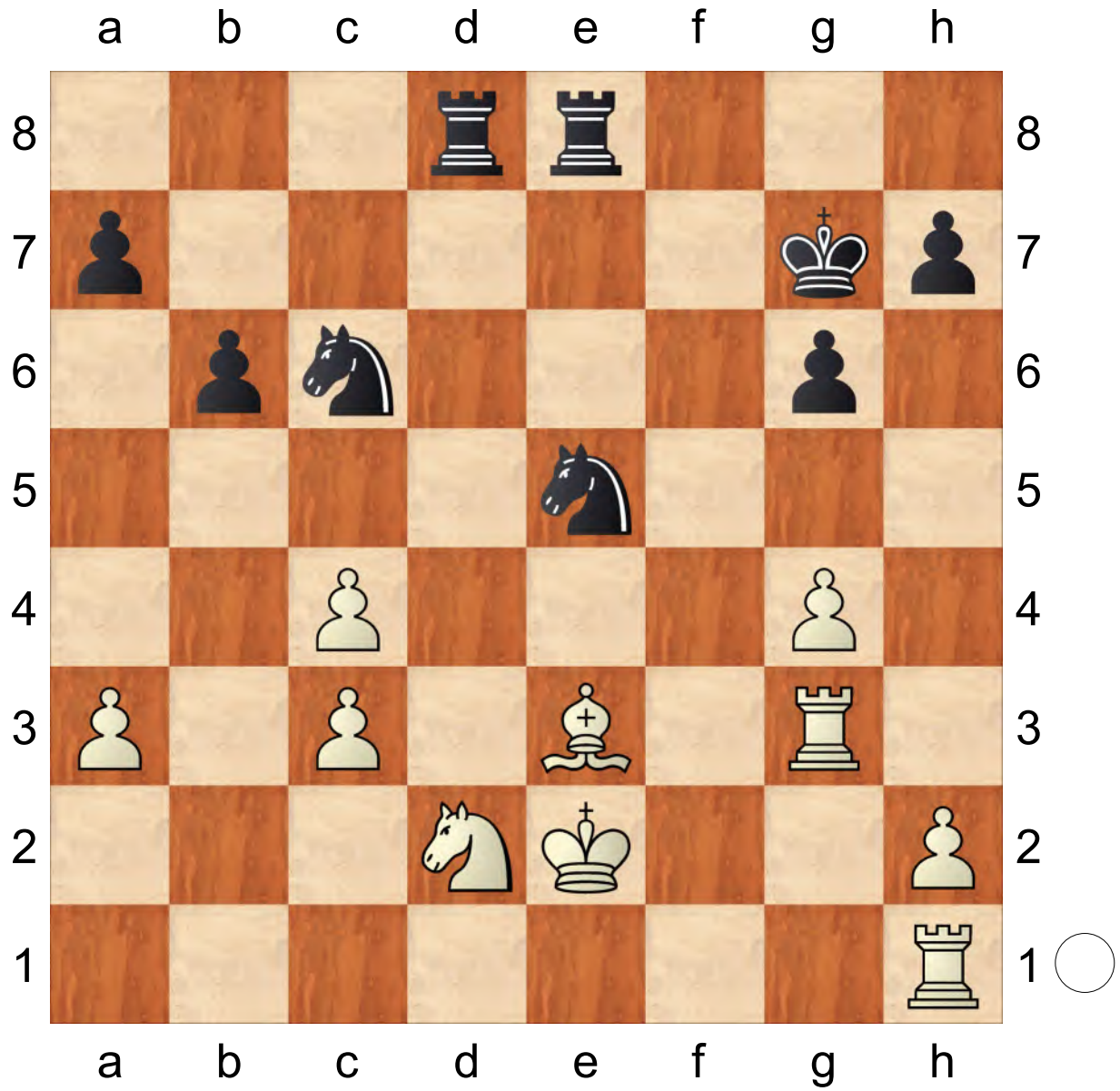


[However, Black doesn't have to play so directly. Moves like 31...h6 Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' , or]

[31...Rd6!? Δ Paunovic,Tomislav: '(Stohl,I) Δ' 32.c5 Rde6 give him reasonable compensation.]

[31...Rd7!? Paunovic,Tomislav]

32.Rf4 Nexc4? Unfortunately for Naroditsky, the tactics don't work. Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'Unfortunately for Naroditsky, the tactics don't work."

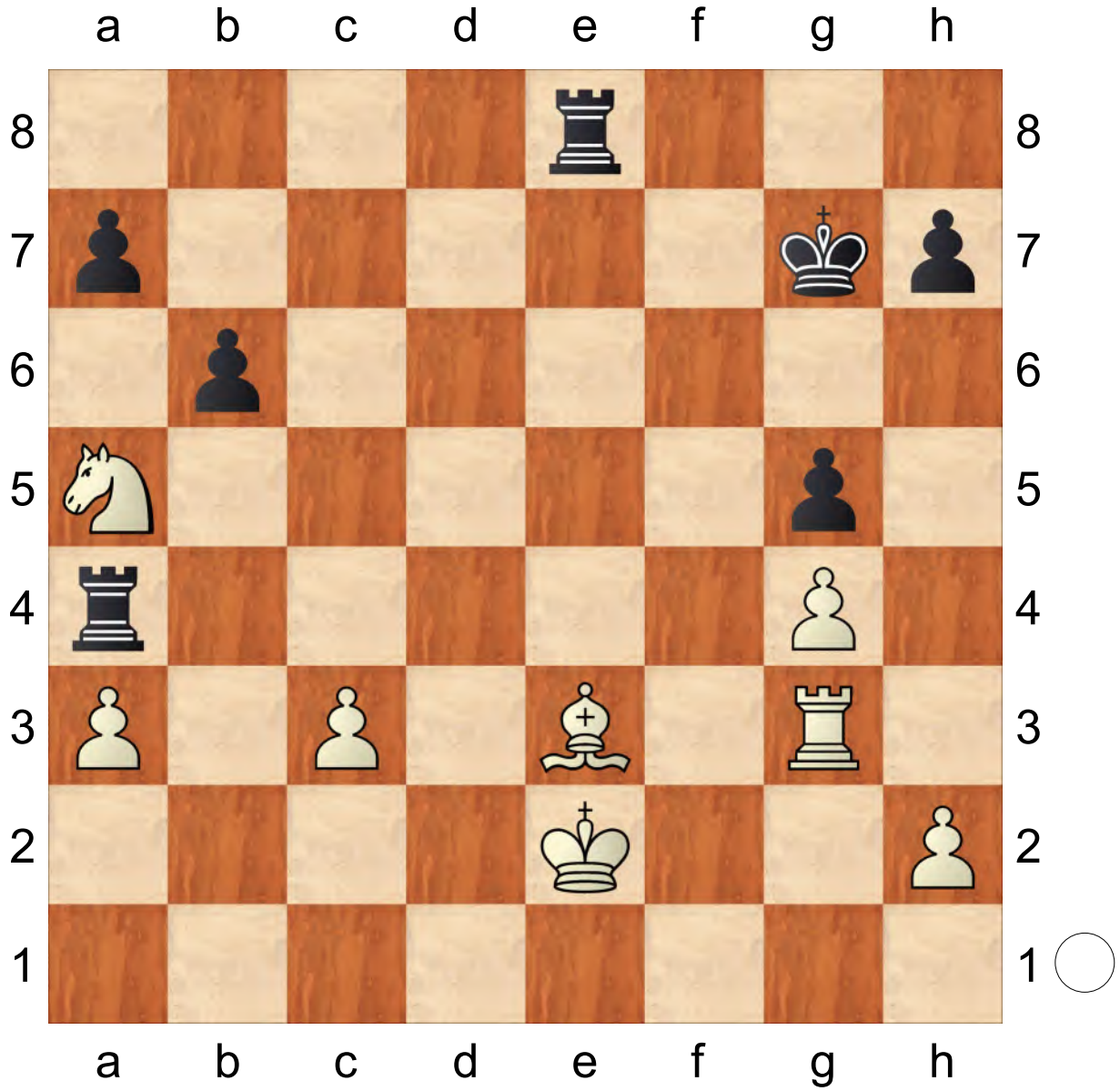
[32...Kg8!?⩲ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '⩲!?" keeps the outcome very much open. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'keeps the outcome very much open."]

33.Nxc4 g5 34.Rd4□ Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '□"

[34.Nxa5? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' gxf4]

34...Rxd4 35.Nxa5 Ra4

[35...Rd6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 36.Nb3+-]



36.Nc6 Rxa3 37.Kd3± Paunovic,Tomislav: '+-' '+-' Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '±" White's pieces coordinate well to give him attacking chances long before the passed ♙a7 can generate counterplay. Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'White's pieces coordinate well to give him attacking chances long before the passed ♙a7 can generate counterplay." **37...Ra2**

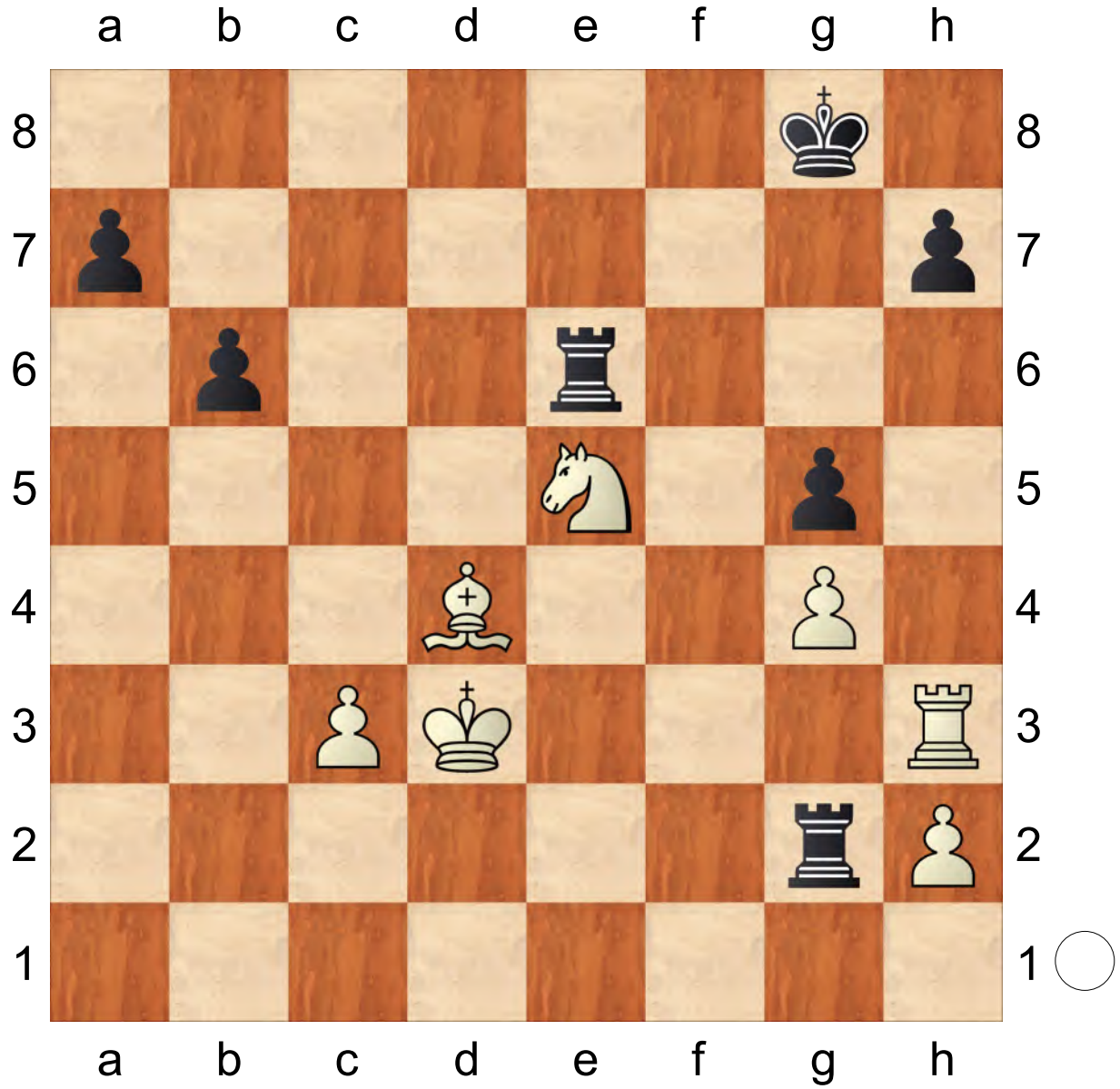
[37...h6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 38.Bd4+ Kg8 39.Kc4±]

38.Rh3 Rg2 Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' '?!'

[The more resilient Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: 'The more resilient'' 38...h6 39.Bd4+ Kh7 40.Rf3 Kg8 41.Rf6 Rxh2 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 42.Nxa7± /+- should also lose in the long run.]

39.Bd4+ Kg8 40.Ne5+- Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I: '+-" **40...Re6**

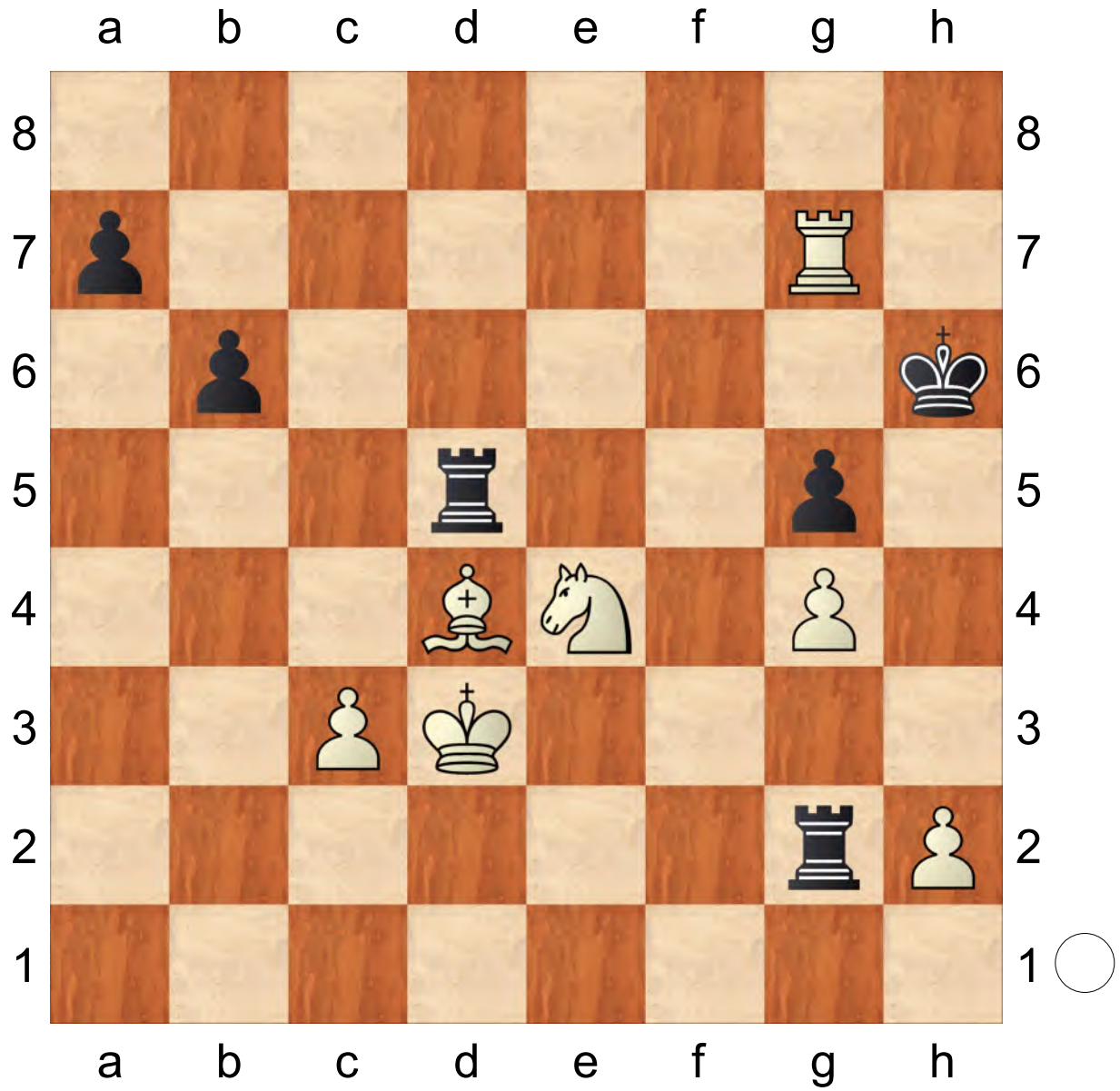
[40...Re7 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 41.Rh5 Kf8 42.Kc4!+-]



41.Nd7 Rd6
[41...h6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 42.Rf3 Re7 43.Rf8+ Kh7 44.Rh8+ Kg6 45.Ne5++-]
42.Nf6+ Kf7 43.Ne4 Rd5 44.Rxh7+ Kg6
[44...Ke6 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 45.c4 Ra5 46.Bc3]
45.Rg7+ Kh6

(Diagram)

46.Rxa7 b5
[46...Rxg4 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' 47.Nf6]
[46...Ra5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Stohl,I' only prolongs the suffering after 47.Rxa5



(47.Rb7+-) 47...bxa5 48.c4 Rxg4 49.c5+-]

47.Ra6+

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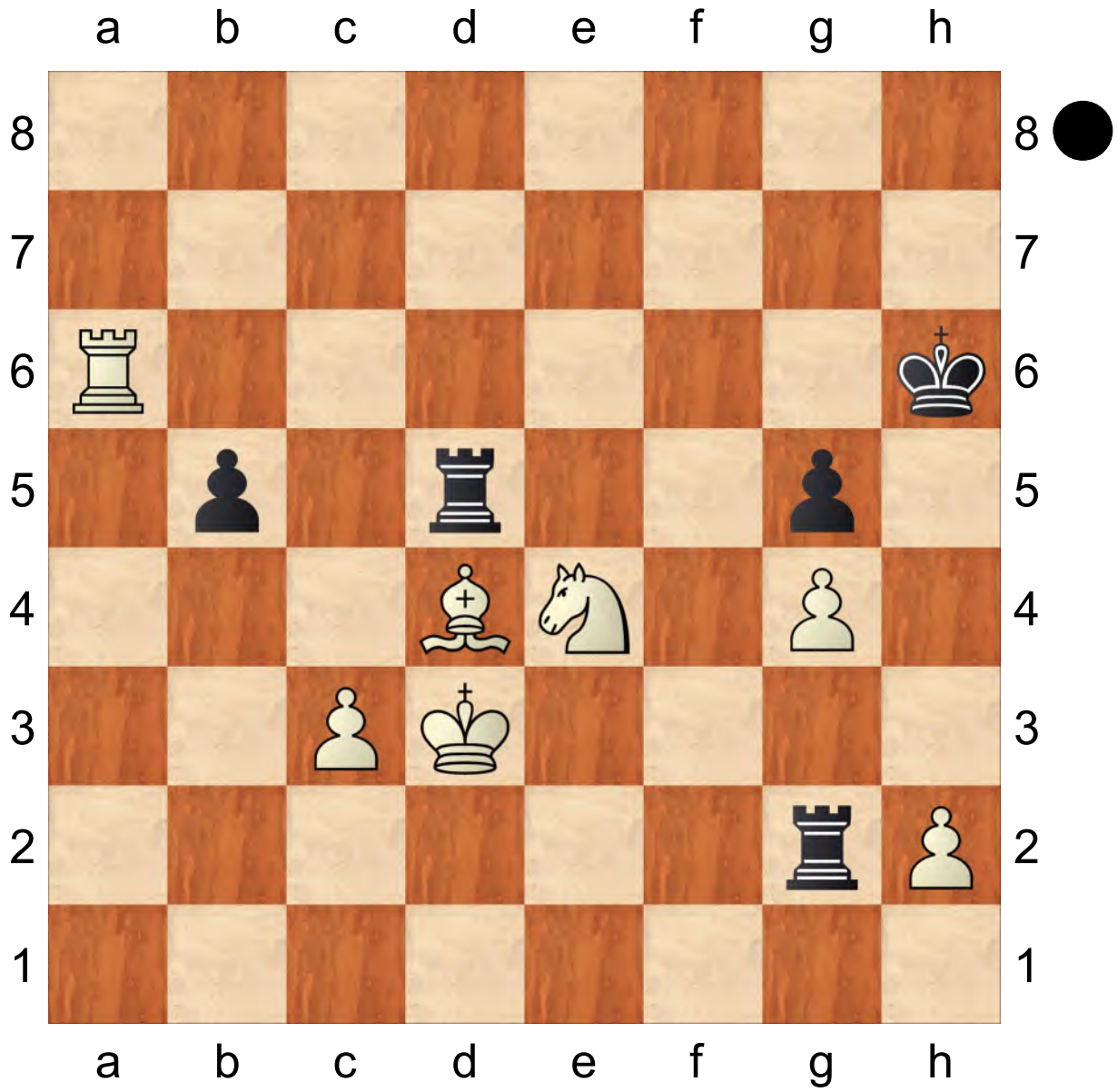
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□ **Van Wely,Loek** **2655**
■ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2670**
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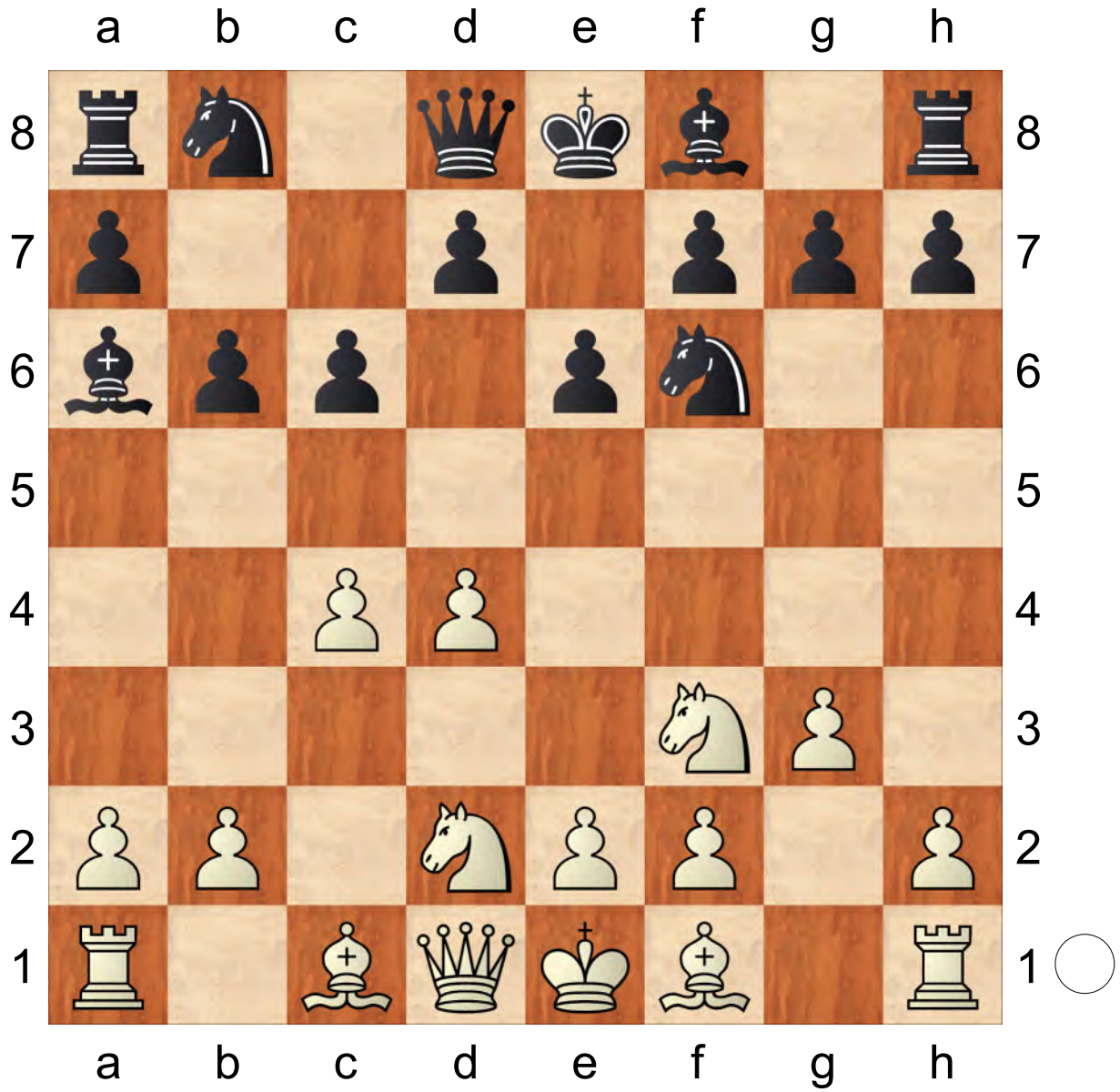
[Avrukh,Boris]

1.d4 Avrukh,B Van Wely,Loek Van Wely,Loek Ftacnik Tyomkin,D Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik Tyomkin,D Van Wely'' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 c6**

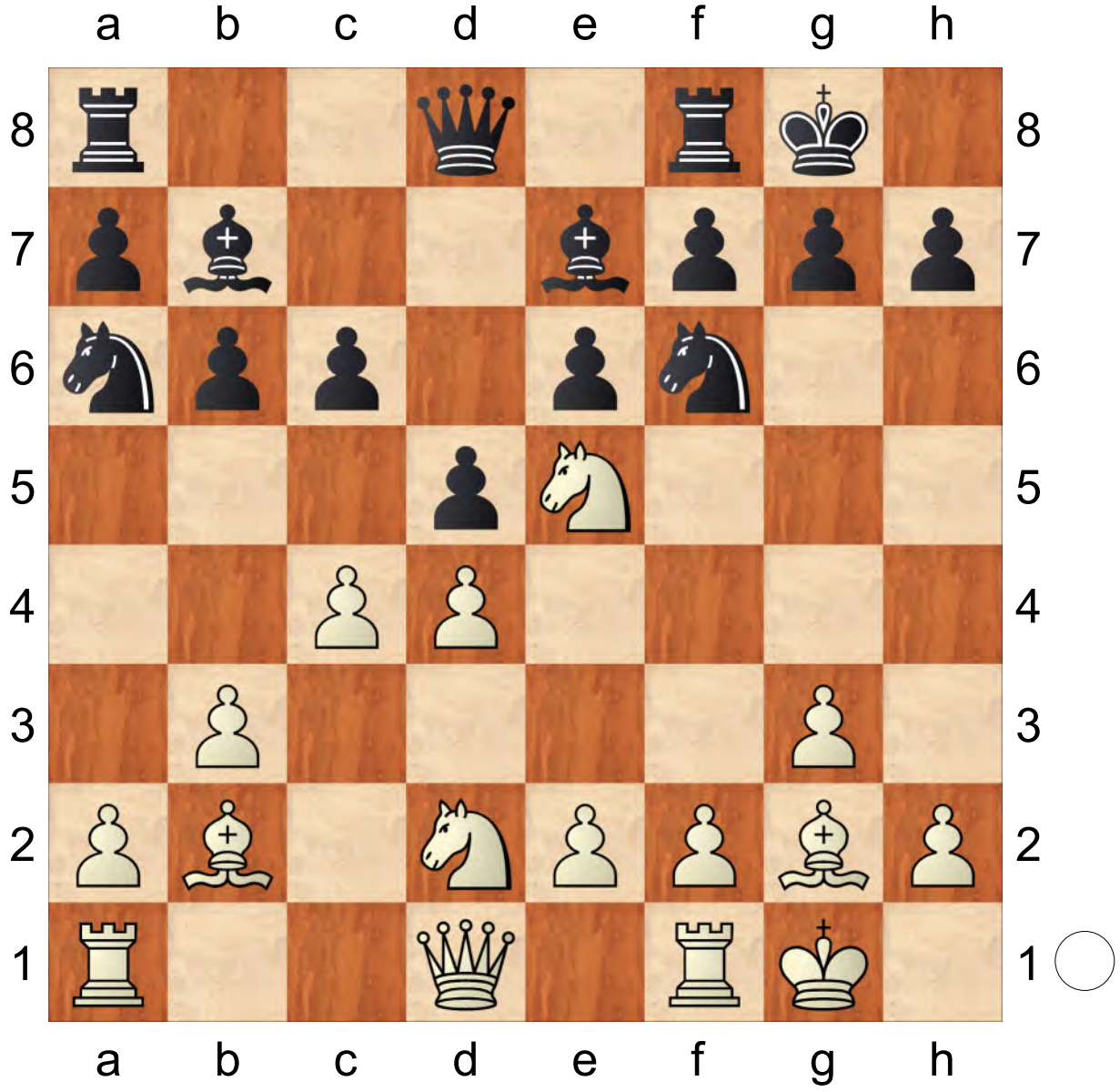


6.Bg2 d5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Ne5 0-0 9.b3 Van Wely,Loek: 'N' 'N'
[9.Qc2 (Van Wely,Loek) Ü 9/439 Van Wely,Loek: 'Ü 9/439']
9...Bb7

[9...Nfd7 Avrukh,B Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Avrukh,B' 10.Nd3 *(10.f4?! Nxe5 11.fxe5 c5 12.Bb2 cxd4 13.Nf3 Bb7 14.Nxd4 Qd7∓* A-A Peicheva-Adamski/ Koblenz op, SW 1991 (35)*; 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Bb2 b5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Nf3 a5* Popov,L-Karner,H/Tallinn 1973/1-0 (56)*)* 10...Nf6 11.Bb2 Nbd7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Rc8 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Qc2 Qc7 16.Rad1± Rfd8 17.Rfe1 b5?! 18.c5! Bb7 19.b4 a5 20.a3 Ra8 21.Qb3 Re8 22.Ne5! Nf8 23.h4! Ng6 24.Ng4 Ne7 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.d5! Boensch,U-Votava,J/EUCup Gr4 Berlin 1996/ 1-0(39)]

10.Bb2 Na6N

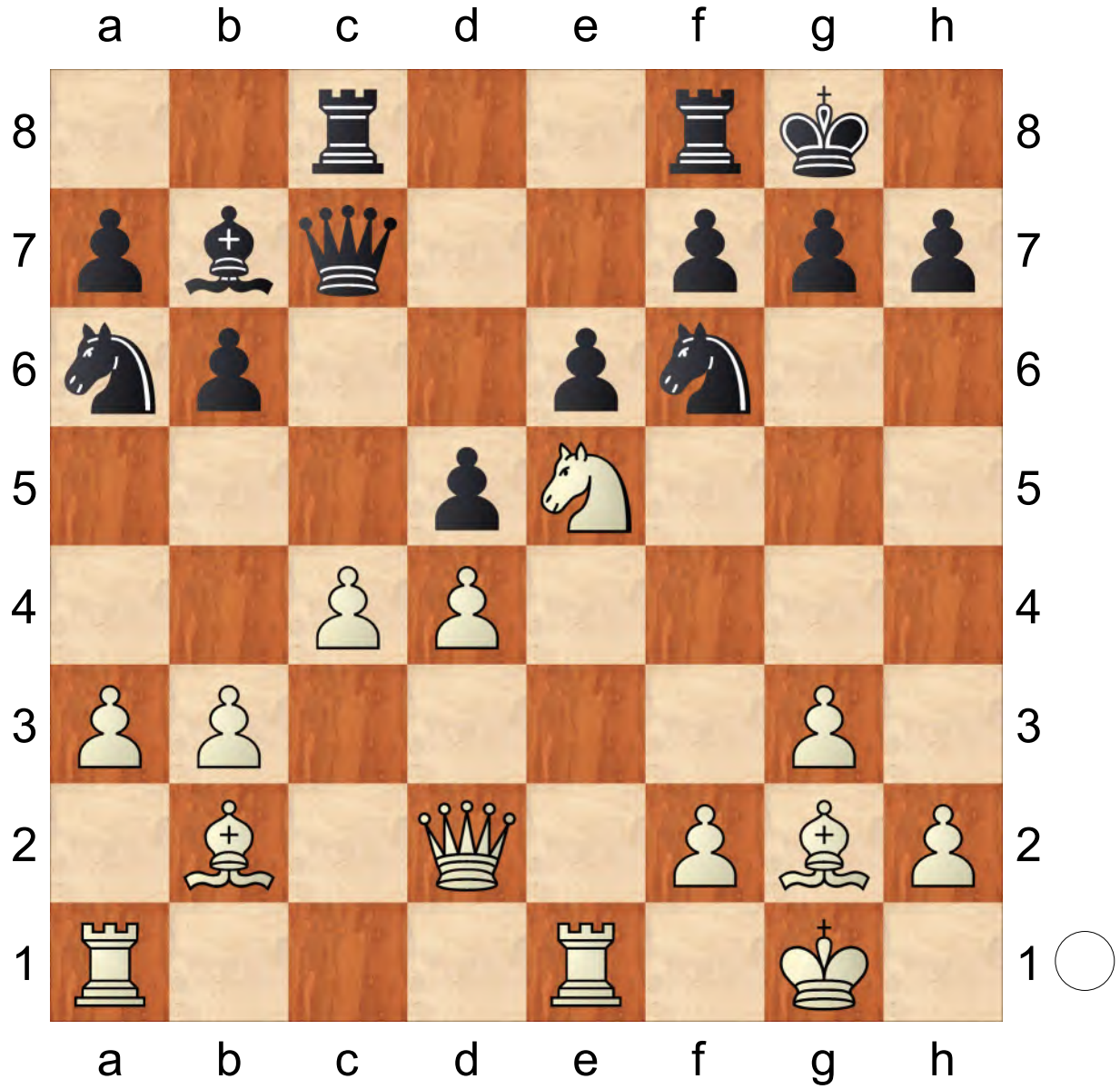
[10...Nbd7 Avrukh,B Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Avrukh,B' 11.Nd3 *(11.Rc1* Ftacnik *)* 11...Qb8 12.Re1 Rd8 13.Qc2 dxc4 14.Nxc4 c5 15.dxc5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb7+ ½-½ Ligterink,G-Povah,N/Wijk aan Zee II 1981]



Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'N" **11.e4±** Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '±" **11...Rc8**
[11...dxc4 Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' 12.bxc4 c5 13.d5±]
[11...dxe4!? Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' 12.Nxe4 Qc7 13.c5!↑]
12.Re1 Bb4?! Another inaccuracy letting white to develop the initiative. Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '?!' Avrukh,B: 'Another inaccuracy letting white to develop the initiative."
[12...c5!? Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '!?" 13.exd5 exd5 14.Qe2!? Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' *(14.Nf1* Ftacnik Δ ♘f1-e3-f5 Van Wely,Loek: 'Δ ♘e3-f5' Van Wely,Loek: ' Δ Ne3-f5 Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik Δ ♘f1-e3-f5" *)* 14...Re8 *(14...cxd4!? 15.Bxd4 Bc5 16.Bb2↑* with complicated position.*)* 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qf3∞]
[12...dxe4 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 13.Nxe4 Qc7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Qf3±]
13.exd5 cxd5
[13...exd5 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 14.a3±]
14.a3 Bxd2 Ftacnik: This idea is clearly dubious, black gives up his valuable bishop in the hope to attack the "hanging pawns" c4-d4. Unfortunatelly in combination with the displaced a6 knight and potential opening of a1-h8 diagonal it is connected with great the risk. Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik: This idea is clearly dubious, black gives up his valuable bishop in the hope to attack the "hanging pawns" c4-d4. Unfortunatelly in combination with the displaced a6 knight and potential opening of a1-h8 diagonal it is connected with great the risk."
[14...Bd6 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 15.Qe2±]
15.Qxd2± Van Wely,Loek: '[Δ b4, c5]' Van Wely,Loek: '[Δ b4, c5] Avrukh,B: '±" ⧉ Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '⧉" **15...Qc7**
[15...Qe7 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '?' '?' Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik"
A) 16.a4 Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Van Wely" Rfd8 *(16...dxc4* Van Wely,Loek: '?!' '?!' *17.Ba3 c3 18.Qd3 Qc7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Nc4 Nd5 22.Qxh7)* 17.Ba3 Qc7 18.Rac1 dxc4 19.Rxc4 *(19.bxc4* Van Wely,Loek: '?!' '?!'*)* 19...Qb8 *(19...Nc5 20.Qc2 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qb7+ 22.f3* Δ 23.♘c6, 24.♘e7+ Van Wely,Loek: 'Δ ♘c6-e7' Van Wely,Loek: 'Δ Nc6-e7 Avrukh,B: ' Δ 23.♘c6, 24.♘e7+"*)* 20.Be7! Van Wely,Loek: 'Δ ♗f6±→' Van Wely,Loek: 'Δ Bf6±→';
B) 16.Rac1± Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B']

(Diagram)

16.Rac1 dxc4 Van Wely,Loek: '?' '?'
[16...Qb8!? Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '!?" 17.Qg5! Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' dxc4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.bxc4 with rich attacking possibilities.]
[⌓16...Qe7 Van Wely,Loek]
17.Rxc4



[17.bxc4?! Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qb7+ 19.f3 b5 20.c5 Nb8∓]

17...Qe7

[17...Qb8 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik'' 18.Nc6 Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' *(18.d5* Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Van Wely'' *exd5 19.Ng4!* Van Wely,Loek: '+-!' '+-!' Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '!'' *)* 18...Bxc6 19.Bxc6±]

18.d5! By this typical pawn sacrifice white opens ⇗b2-g7 and⇔d and e getting strong initiative. Ftacnik: Rarely has one move more tactical implications, the impact of all white's pieces is suddenly maximized. Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'By this typical pawn sacrifice white opens ⇗b2-g7 and ⇔d and e getting strong initiative. Ftacnik: Rarely has one move more tactical implications, the impact of all white's pieces is suddenly maximized.'' **18...Nxd5**

[18...Bxd5

A) 19.Bxd5 Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' Nxd5 20.Ng4 h5 *(20...Nac7 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Nf5 exf5 23.Rxe7 Nxe7 24.Qd7 Ncd5 25.Qxa7∞; 20...Rxc4 21.bxc4 Ndc7 22.Bxg7+-)* 21.Rxc8 *(21.Bxg7* Ftacnik *Kxg7 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Re5 f6 24.Nxf6+ Qxf6 25.Rg5+ Qxg5 26.Qxg5++-)* 21...Rxc8 22.Nh6+ *(22.Qd4 Qg5+-)* 22...gxh6 23.Qxd5 exd5 24.Rxe7 Rc7 25.Re5±;

B) 19.Ng4! Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '!'' 19...Bxc4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qh6 Bd3 22.Nxf6+ Kh8 23.Be4!+- Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '+-!'']

[18...Rxc4!? Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 19.d6 *(19.bxc4 Rd8 20.Qc3 Nc5 21.Ng4 Ne8∞)* 19...Qd8 20.Bxb7 Nc5 21.Nxc4 Nxb7±]

[18...exd5 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik'' 19.Rxc8 Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' *(19.Ng4* Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Van Wely'' *Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Bxg7)* 19...Rxc8 20.Nc6!+-]

[18...Rfd8 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 19.Rxc8 Bxc8 20.Nc6+-]

[18...Rcd8 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 19.Ng4 Nxg4 20.Rxg4 f6 21.Rxe6 Qxe6 22.Rxg7+ Kh8 23.Rxh7+ Kxh7 24.Qc2++-]

19.Ng4! Suddenly black is helpless against numerous threats. Van Wely,Loek: '[Δ 20.♗d5 ♗d5 21.♖c8 ♖c8 22.♕d5, Δ 20.♘h6 ♔h8 21.♘f5]' Van Wely,Loek: '[Δ 20.Bd5 Bd5 21.Rc8 Rc8 22.Qd5, Δ 20.Nh6 Kh8 21.Nf5] Avrukh,B: '!' Avrukh,B: 'Suddenly black is helpless against numerous threats.'' **19...h5**

[19...f5 Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B'

A) 20.Bxd5 Ftacnik Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Qf7 *(21...Nc7 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.Rxe6+-)* 22.Nh6+ gxh6 23.Qd4+-;

B) 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 fxg4 23.Rxe6 Qf7 24.Qg5 Rf8 25.Rf6 Qe8 26.Rxf8+ Qxf8 27.Qxg4+-]

[19...Qd8 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik''

A) 20.Bxd5 Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Van Wely'' Rxc4 *(20...Qxd5 21.Nf6+* Van Wely,Loek: ' Δ ♖g4, ♗f6' Van Wely,Loek: ' Δ Rg4, Bf6' *)* 21.bxc4 exd5 22.Bf6 Δ 23.♕g5 Van Wely,Loek: '(Δ ♕g5)' Van Wely,Loek: '(Δ Qg5) Avrukh,B: 'Δ 23.♕g5'' gxf6 23.Qh6;

B) 20.Nh6+ Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' 20...Kh8 21.Bxg7+ Kxg7 22.Rg4+ Kh8 23.Rg8+! Rxg8 24.Nxf7+ Kg7 25.Nxd8 Rcxd8 26.Rxe6+-]

[19...Rfd8 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik''

A) 20.Nh6+ Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Van Wely'' gxh6 21.Qxh6 f6 *(21...f5 22.Rxe6)* 22.Rg4+ Kh8 23.Bxd5 Van Wely,Loek: 'Δ ♗f6' Van Wely, Loek: 'Δ Bf6';

B) 20.Bxd5 Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' 20...Rxc4 21.bxc4+-]

[19...Rxc4 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 20.bxc4 f5 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.cxd5+-]

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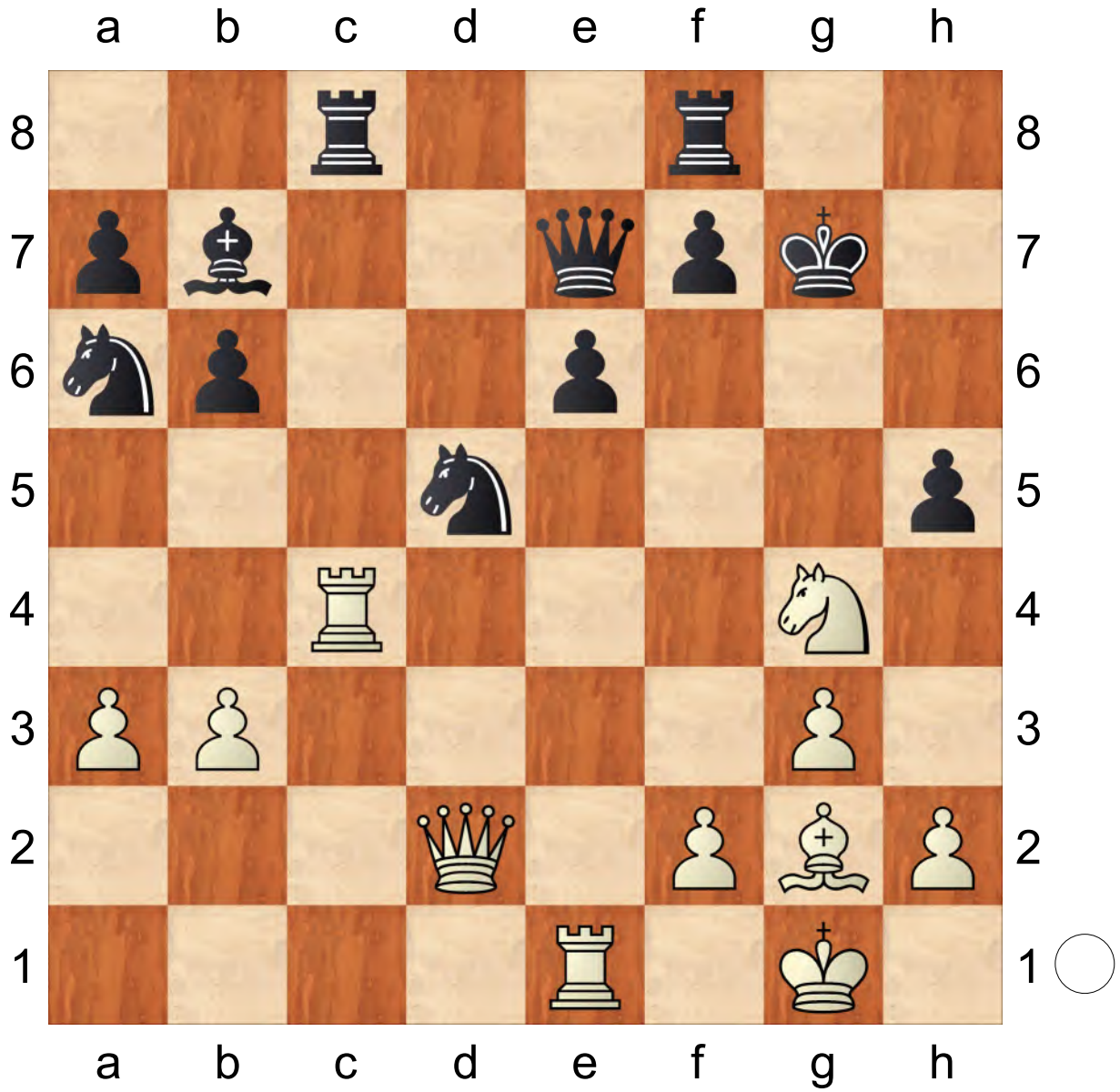
[20.Bxd5 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' Rxc4 21.Nh6+ gxh6 *(21...Kh7 22.Bxc4 gxh6 23.Qd3++-)* 22.Qxh6+-]

20...Kxg7

[20...hxg4 21.Rxg4 f5 22.Bxf8+ Kxf8 23.Qh6+ Ke8 24.Rg8+ *(24.Rg7+-* Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik'*)* 24...Kd7 25.Rg7+- Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: '+-"]

[20...Rxc4 Ftacnik Van Wely Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik Van Wely" 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.bxc4 hxg4 23.cxd5]

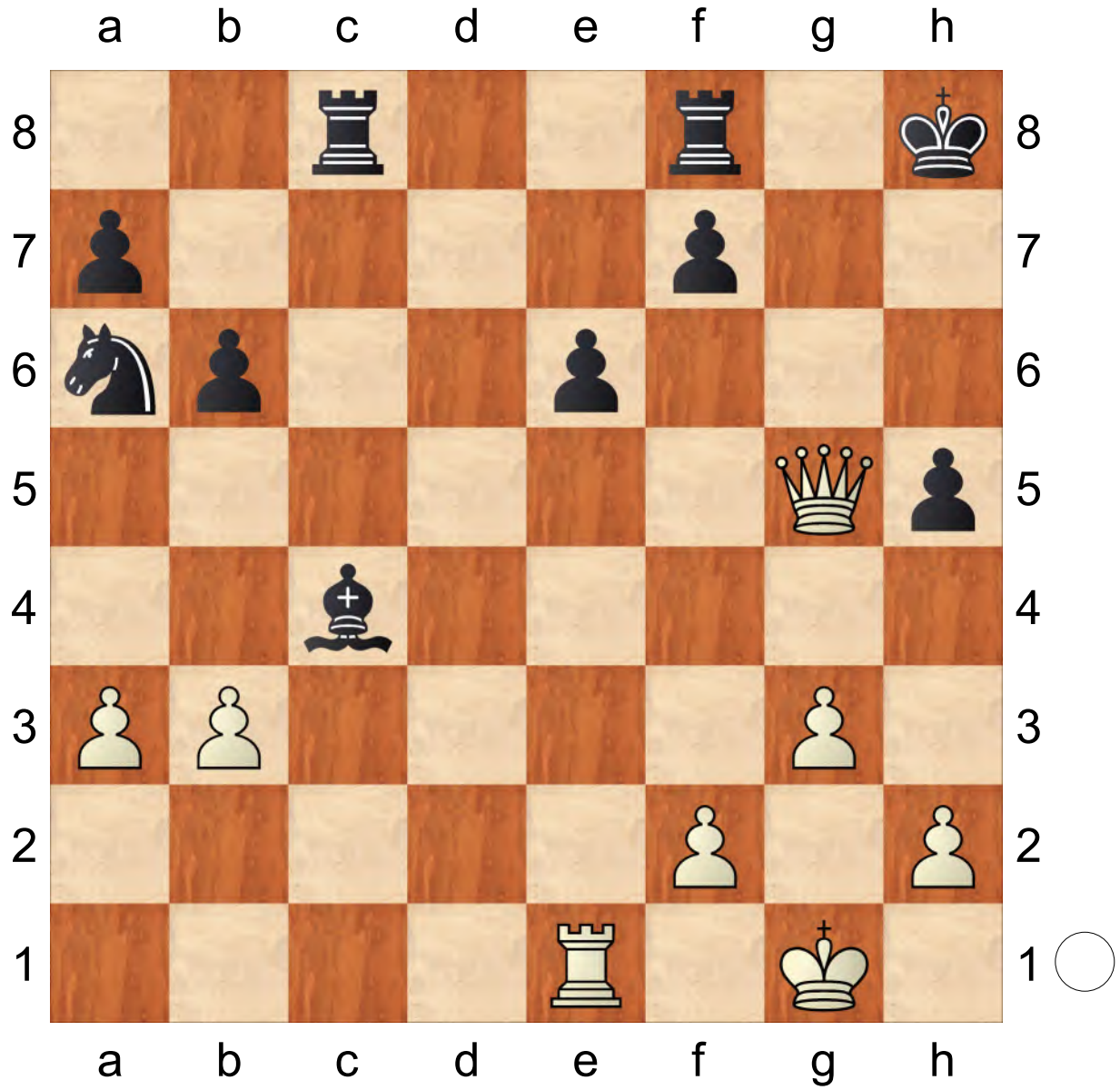


21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.Bxd5 Bxd5

[22...Rxc4 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 23.Nf6+ Qxf6 24.Qxf6

exd5 25.bxc4+-]
[22...f5 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: '(Avrukh,B) Ftacnik' 23.Rxe6+-]

23.Nf6+ Qxf6 24.Qxf6 Bxc4 25.Qg5+ Kh8



26.Qxh5+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Re4

[28.Re4 Ftacnik Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B: 'Ftacnik'' Bd3 29.Rh4+ Bh7 30.Qh6 Rc1+ Van Wely,Loek: 'Avrukh,B' 31.Kg2+-]

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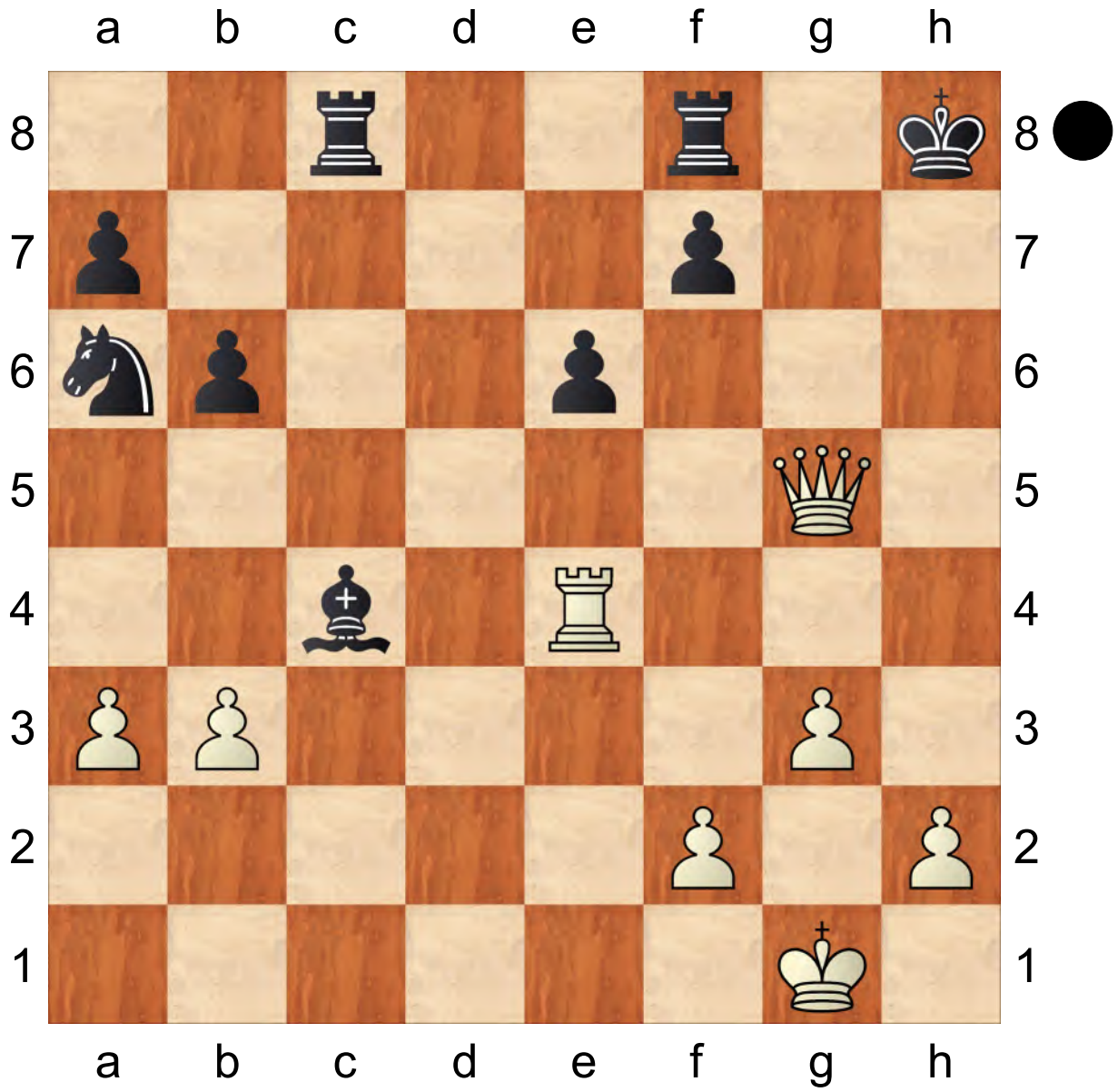
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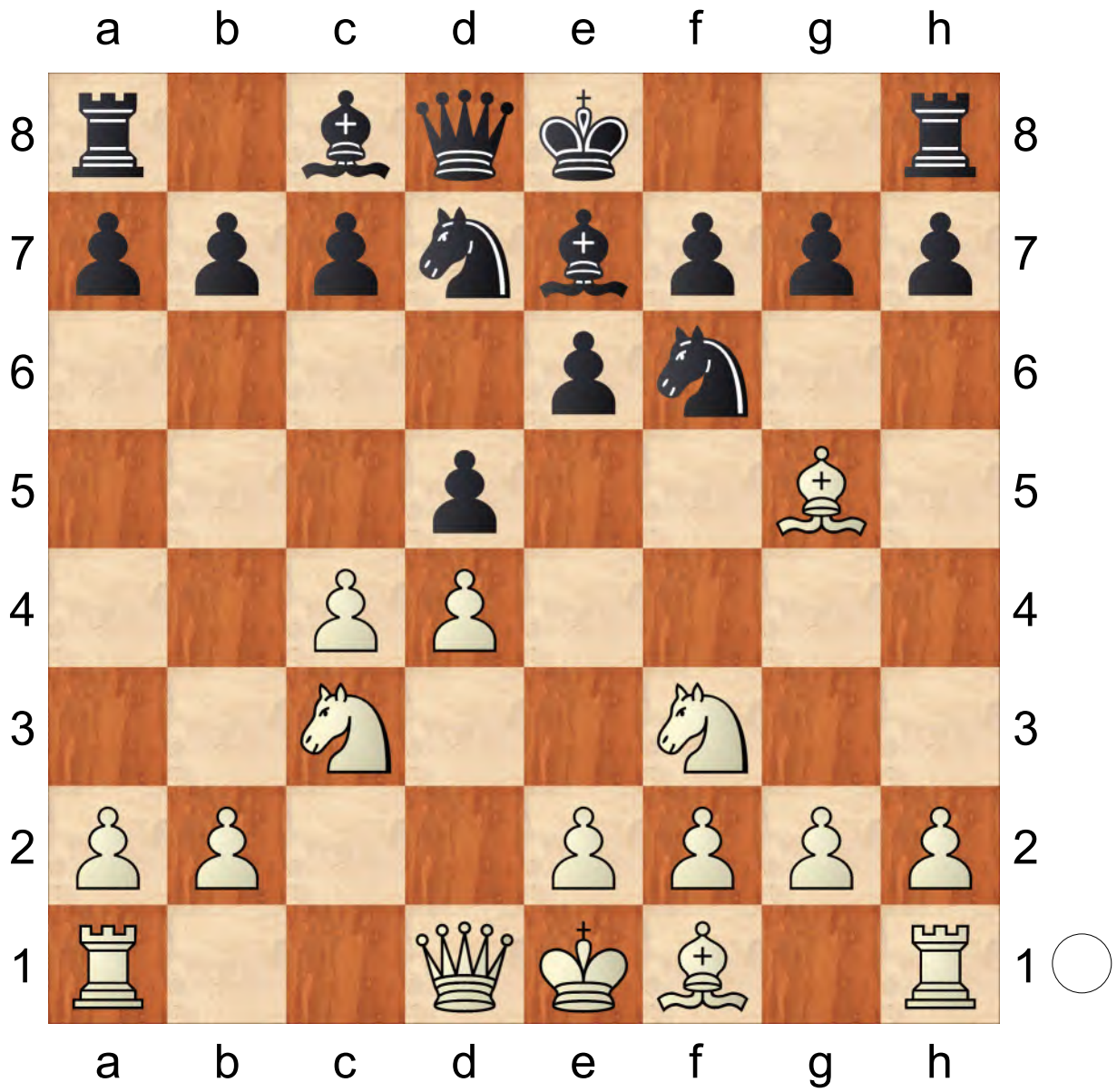
□ **Malakhatko,Vadim** **2564**
■ **Bischoff,Klaus** **2556**
Olympiad-34 Istanbul (9.4) 06.11.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky Hecht **1...e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 Be7**



6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.a3 a6 10.Bd3 dxc4

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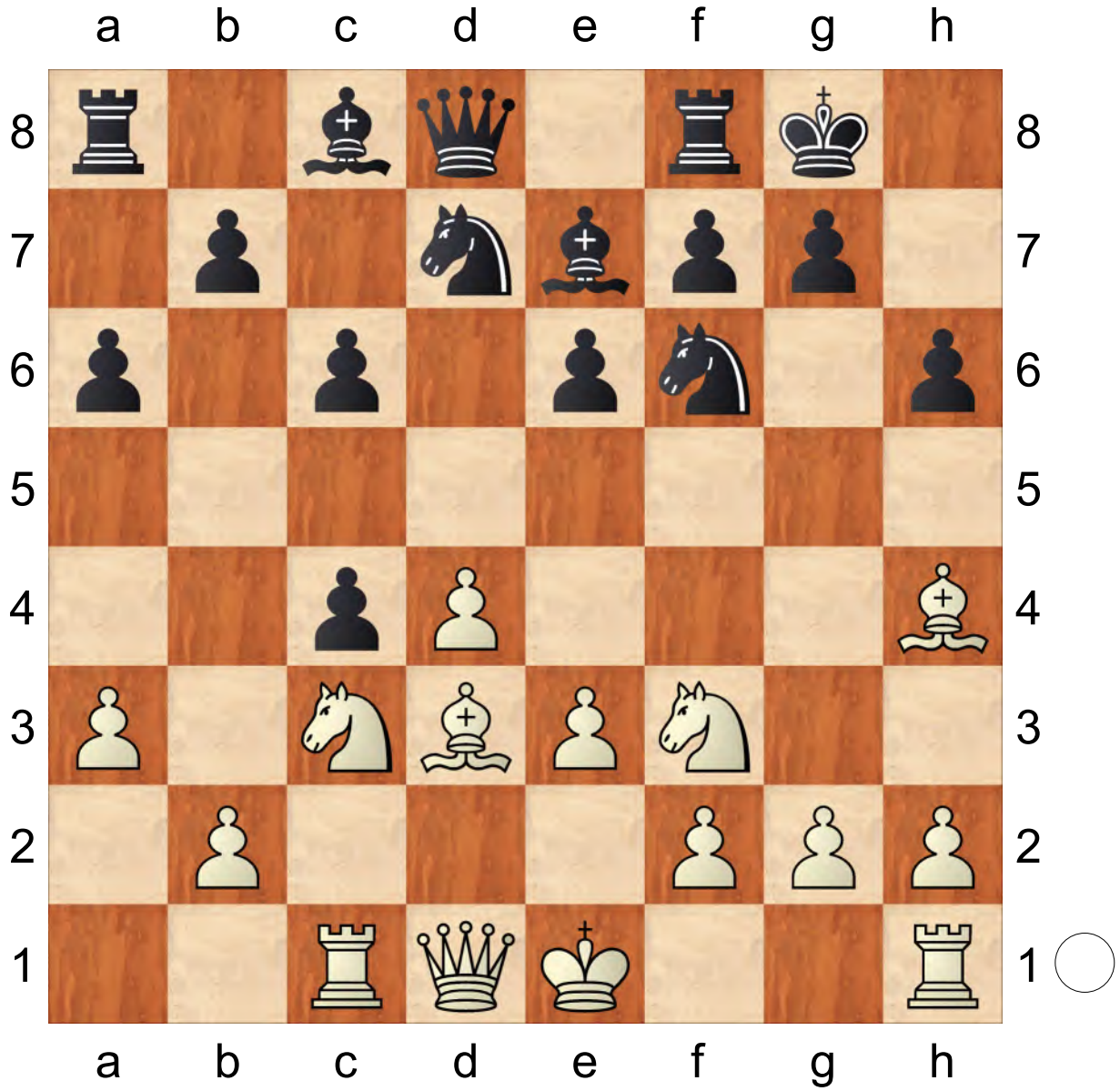
11.Bxc4 b5 In this opening variation White can only dream about advantage: Black



without any problems implements plan of queenside development by b7-b5, ♗c8-b7 and c6-c5 =. **12.Ba2**

[Or 12.Bd3 c5 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Bxh4 17.Nf4 Qe7= 0-1 Kosyrev,V-Baranov,G/Moscow 1998/EXT 99 (36)]

12...Bb7 13.0-0 c5 14.Qe2

[14.Bb1 cxd4 15.exd4 Re8 16.Qd3 Qb6 17.Ne5 Rad8= (∓) 1-0 Trotsenko,E-Gusev,A/Simferopol 1989/EXT 97 (38)]

[14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Bg3 b4!⇄ 1-0 Kholmov,R-Levenfish,G/Moscow 1949/URS-ch (50)]

14...Ne4

[Possible also 14...Qb6 15.Rfd1 Rfe8 16.Bb1 Rac8 17.Ne5⇄ 0-1 Jauregui Andrade,C-Maderna,C/Mar del Plata 1953/MCD (35)]

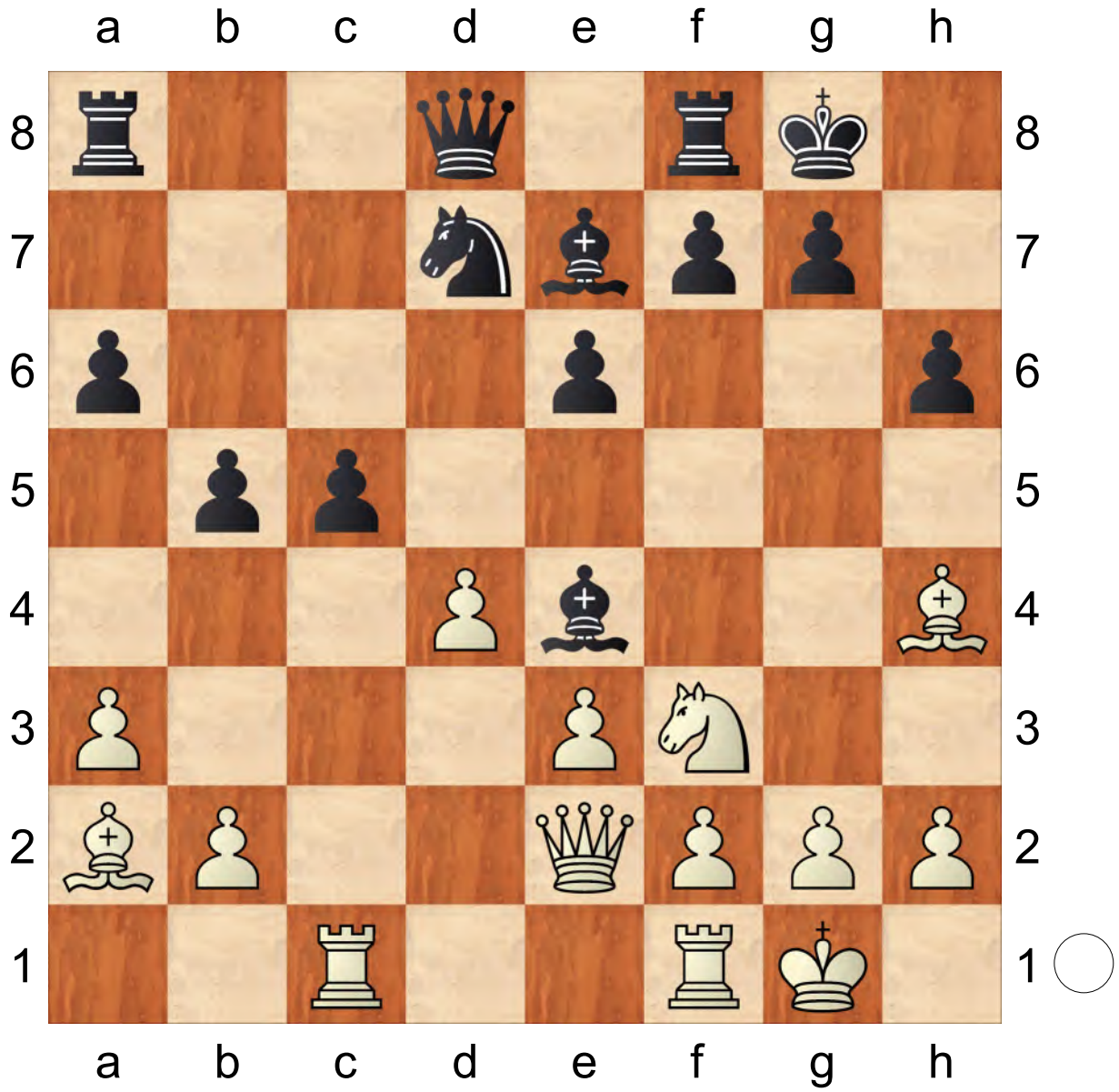
[Or 14...cxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Qb6= *(16...Nd5?! 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxe7*

Qxe7 19.Nxd5 exd5± 1-0 Kavalek,L-Zuidema,C/Amsterdam 1968/MCL (61) *)*]

15.Nxe4

[Equal position also after 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rfd1 Nxc3 *(16...c4 17.Bb1 Ndf6 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Nd2 Nxd2 20.Rxd2 Rfd8⇄* ½-½ Aleman Dovo,M-Letelier,R/Buenos Aires 1939/HCL (44)*)* 17.Rxc3 *(17.bxc3 cxd4∓)* 17...Rac8 18.e4 cxd4 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5= ½-½ Makogonov,V-Vasiliev,V/Tbilisi 1949/MCD (76)]

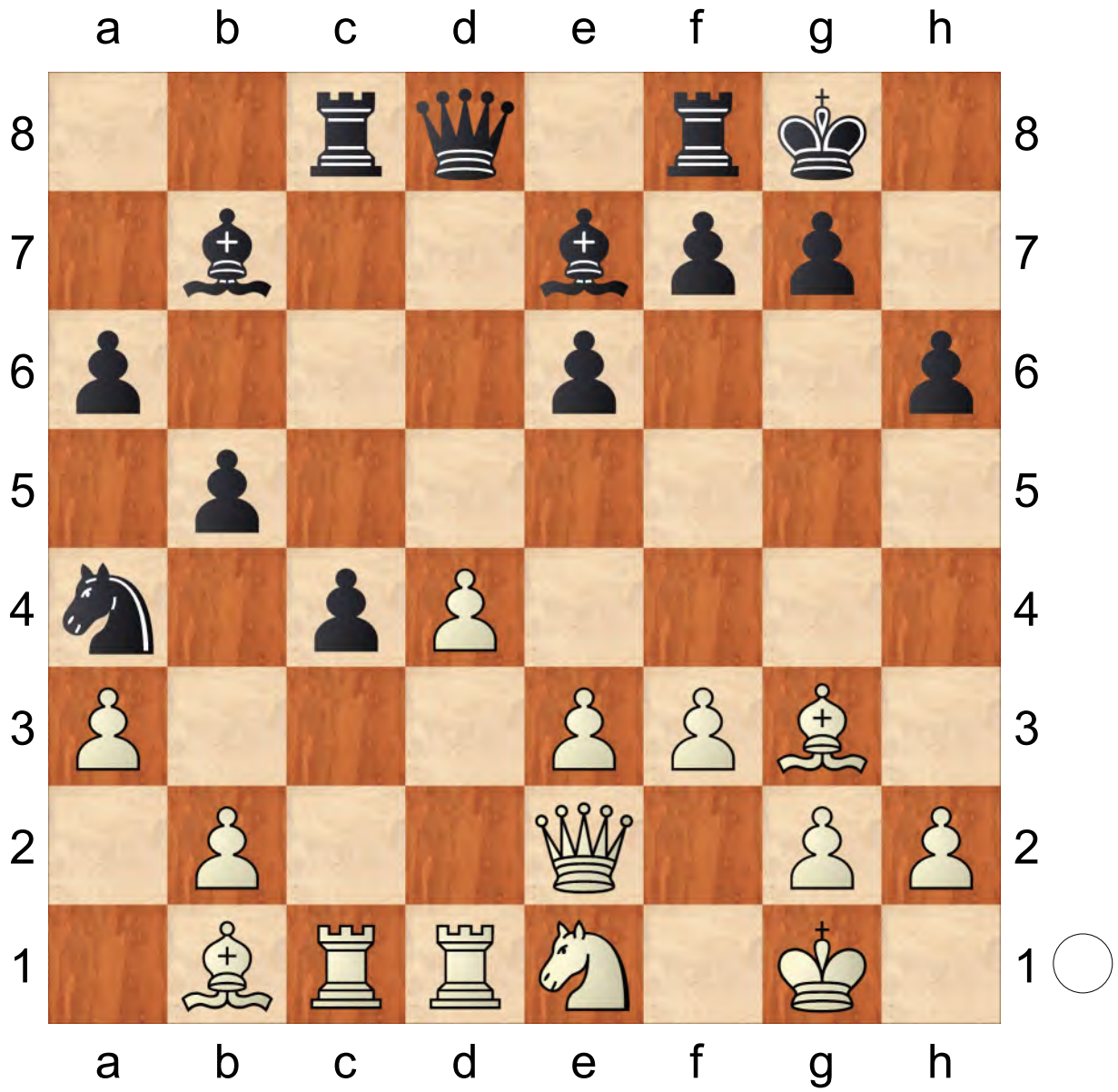
15...Bxe4



16.Bg3 c4

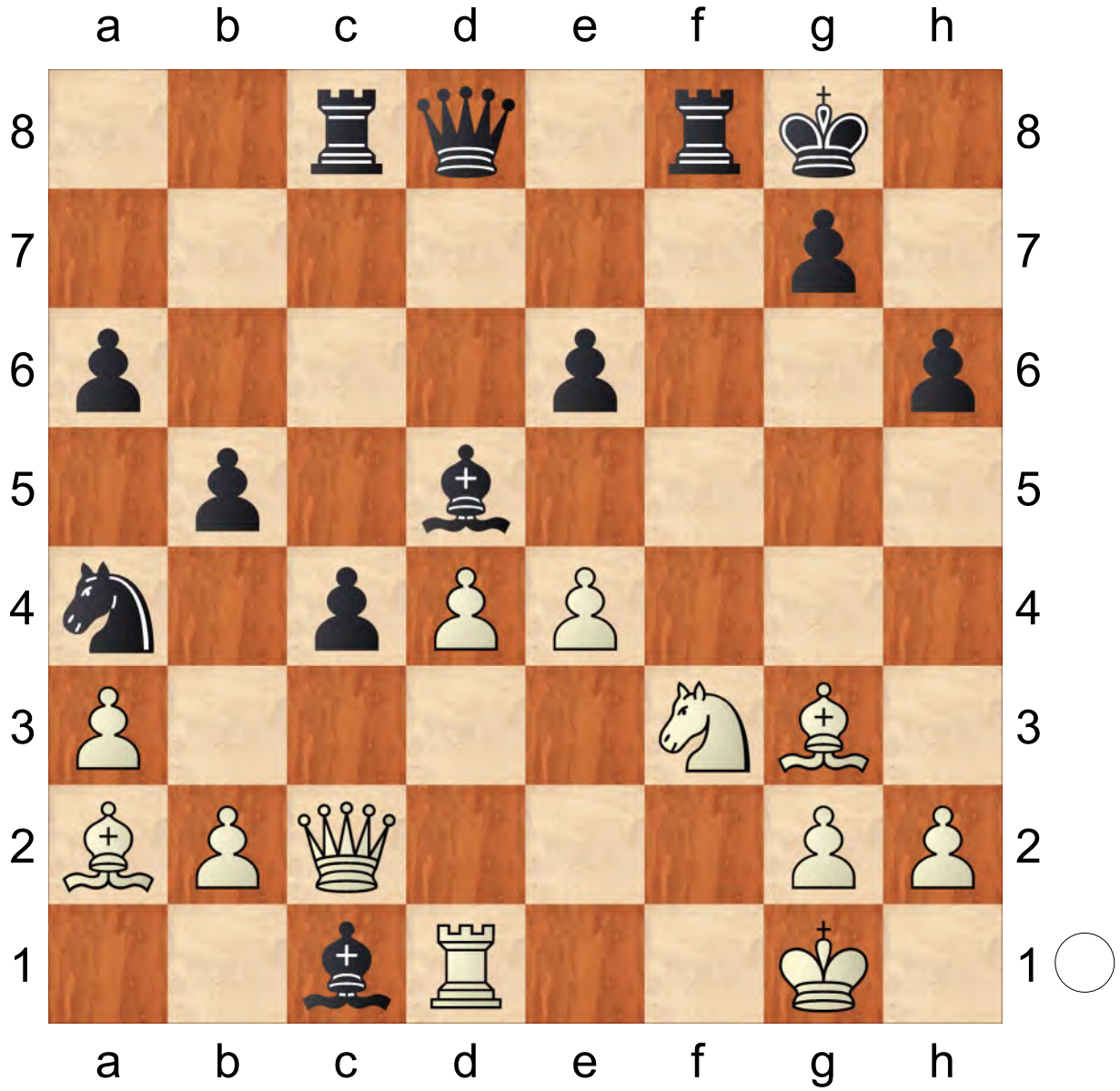
[Possible also to simplify the game by 16...cxd4 17.Nxd4 Rc8 18.f3 Bb7 19.Rfd1 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Qb6 21.Bc7 Qa7 *(21...Rc8? 22.Bxb6 Rxc1+ 23.Kf2 Nxb6 24.Qd2±)* 22.Qd2 *(22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Bxe6+ Kh8 24.Bxd7 Bc8! 25.Bxc8 Rxc8∓)* 22...Nf6⇄]

17.Rfd1 Rc8 18.Ne1?! White plays without any plan and his position became worse and worse...
[18.Ne5=]
[18.Nd2 Bb7 19.e4 Nf6 20.Be5 Nd7=]
18...Nb6 19.f3 Bb7 20.Bb1?!
[20.e4 Na4 21.Qd2 f5∓]
20...Na4



21.Qc2
[21.b3? cxb3 22.Qd3 f5 23.Qxb3 Qd7!∓ threatening ♗d5!]
21...f5 22.Ba2 Bd5 23.e4?-+ Based on tactical blunder.
[Right was 23.Ra1 c3 24.Bxd5 *(24.b4 Nb2∓)* 24...Qxd5 *(24...exd5 25.b3 Nb2 26.Rdc1 Bg5 27.f4 Bf6 28.Nd3=)* 25.b3 Nb2 26.Rdc1 a5∓]
23...fxe4 24.fxe4 Bg5! Unpleasant surprise! White had to defend from ♗e3 threat

and loses ♖ for ♗. **25.Nf3 Bxc1**



26.exd5
[26.Rxc1 Bb7-+]
26...Be3+ 27.Kh1 Qxd5?∓ Gives to White certain chances of resistance.
[After 27...Rxf3! 28.gxf3 Qxd5 29.Kg2 Rf8 30.Qe2 Bxd4-+ the game is over.]
28.Bb1 Rf5
[28...Rxf3? too late! 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Be4!±]
29.Nh4 Rcf8 30.Nxf5 exf5

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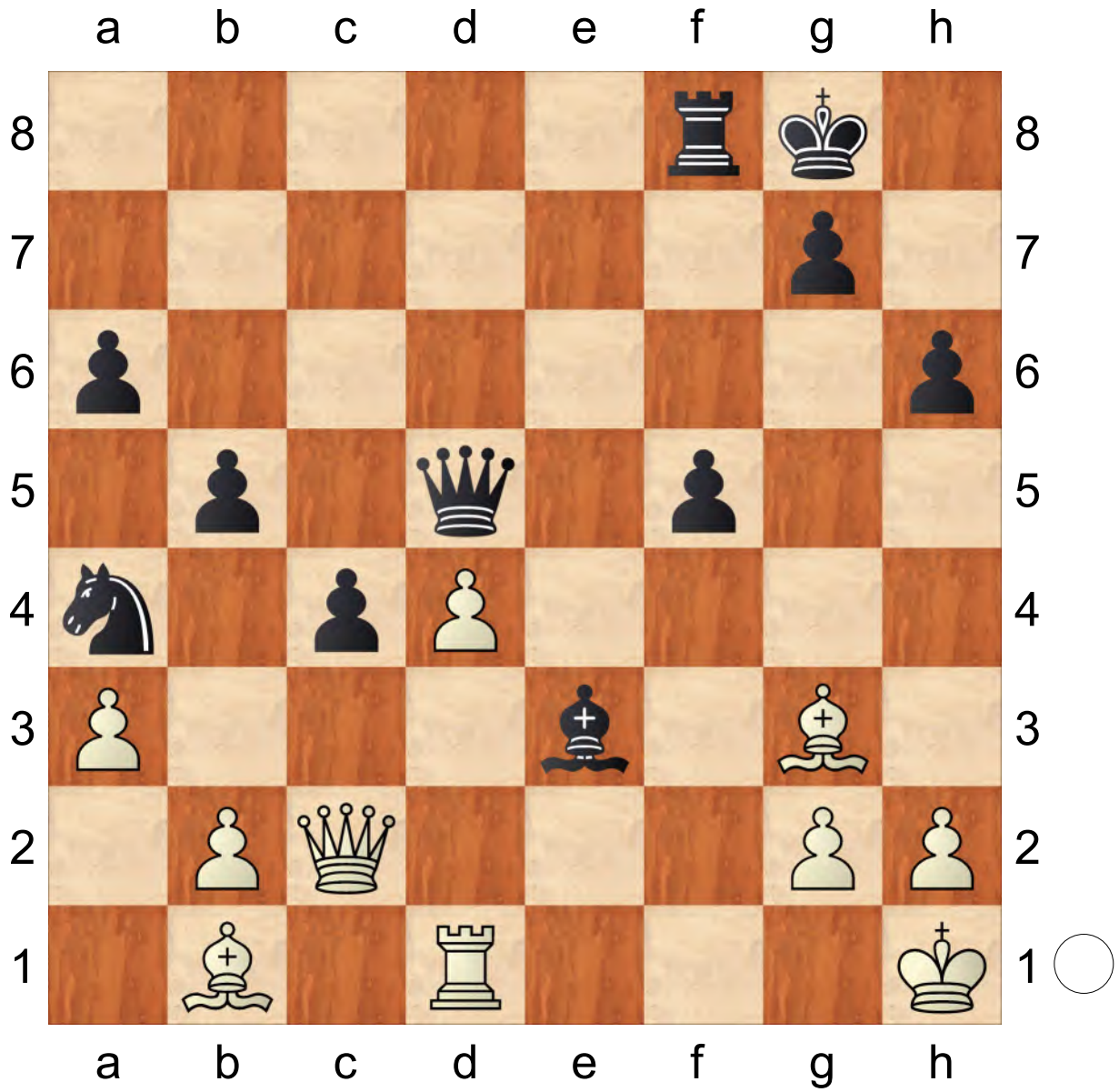
31.Be5 Nb6 32.Qe2 Bg5 33.Rf1 g6 34.Qf2 Nd7 35.h4?!-+
[Necessary was 35.Bf4∓]



35...Bf6

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36.Qg3
[36.Bf4 Bxd4 37.Qg3 Kh7 38.Bxh6 Kxh6 39.Qf4+ Kg7 40.Rd1 Be3 41.Rxd5 Bxf4 42.Rxd7+ Kh6-+]
36...Bxe5 37.dxe5 Nxe5 38.h5
[38.Bc2 Ng4-+]
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[40...Nd3 41.Qe2 Rd8-+]

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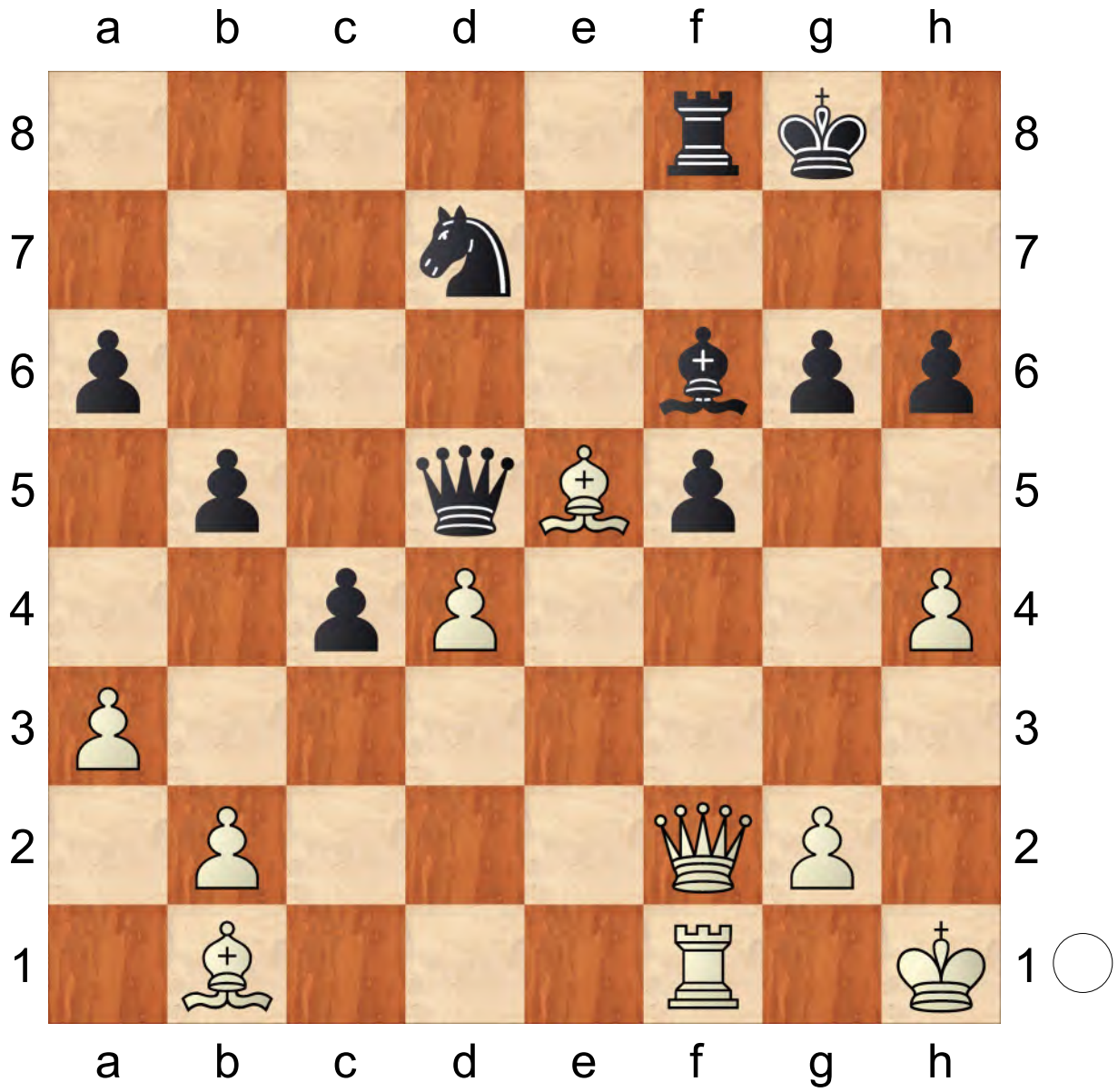
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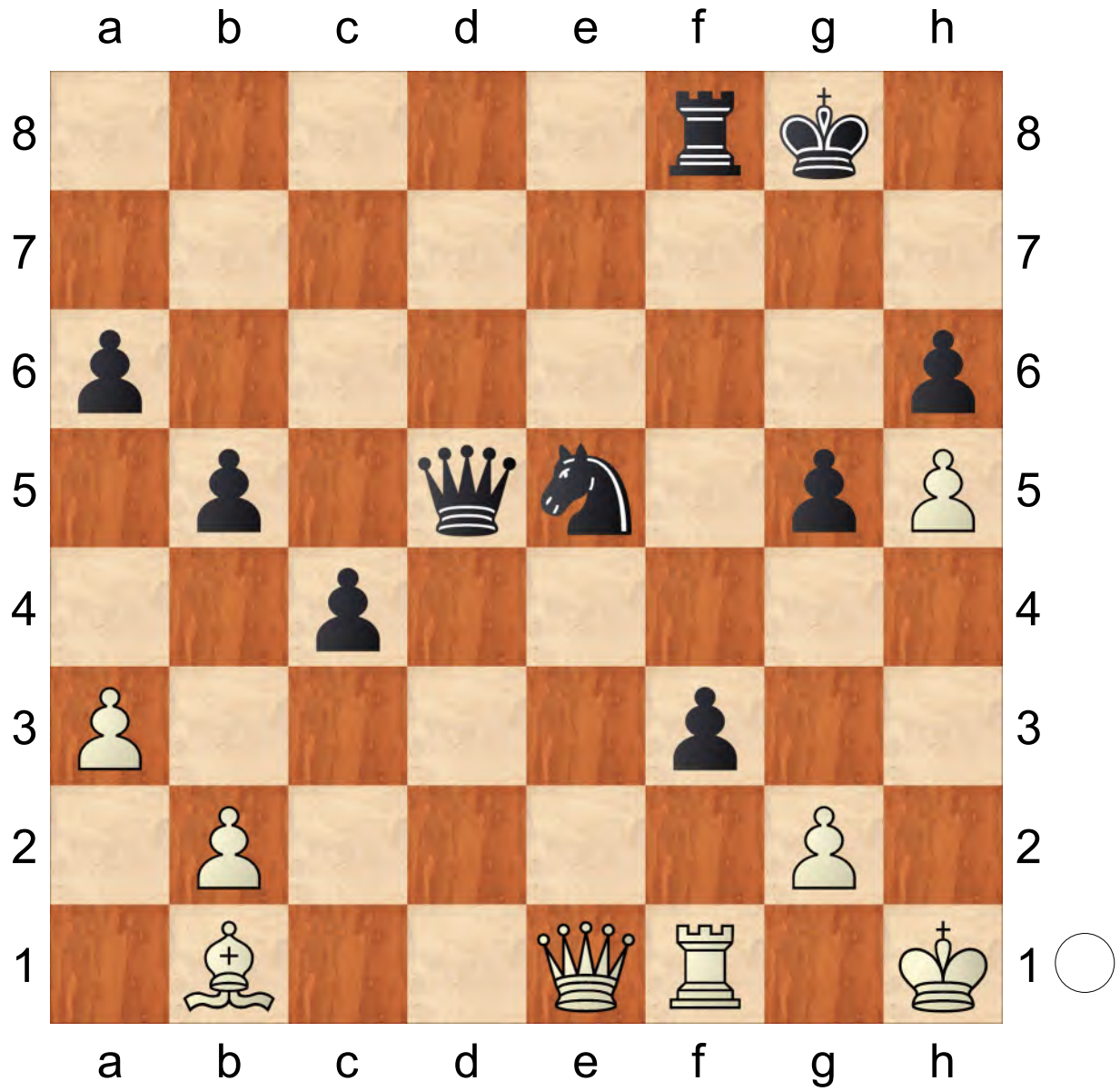

41.Be4 fxg2+ 42.Kxg2 Qd4
[42...Qd7-+]
43.Rxf8+ Kxf8 Hecht: '

(Diagram)

D+L vs D+S + 2 Mehrbauern. Dass Weiß noch remis halten kann, liegt u.a. daran, dass der schwarze König nicht aktiv ins Spiel einbezogen wird.' **44.Qf1+ Ke7 45.Qe2 Kd6**

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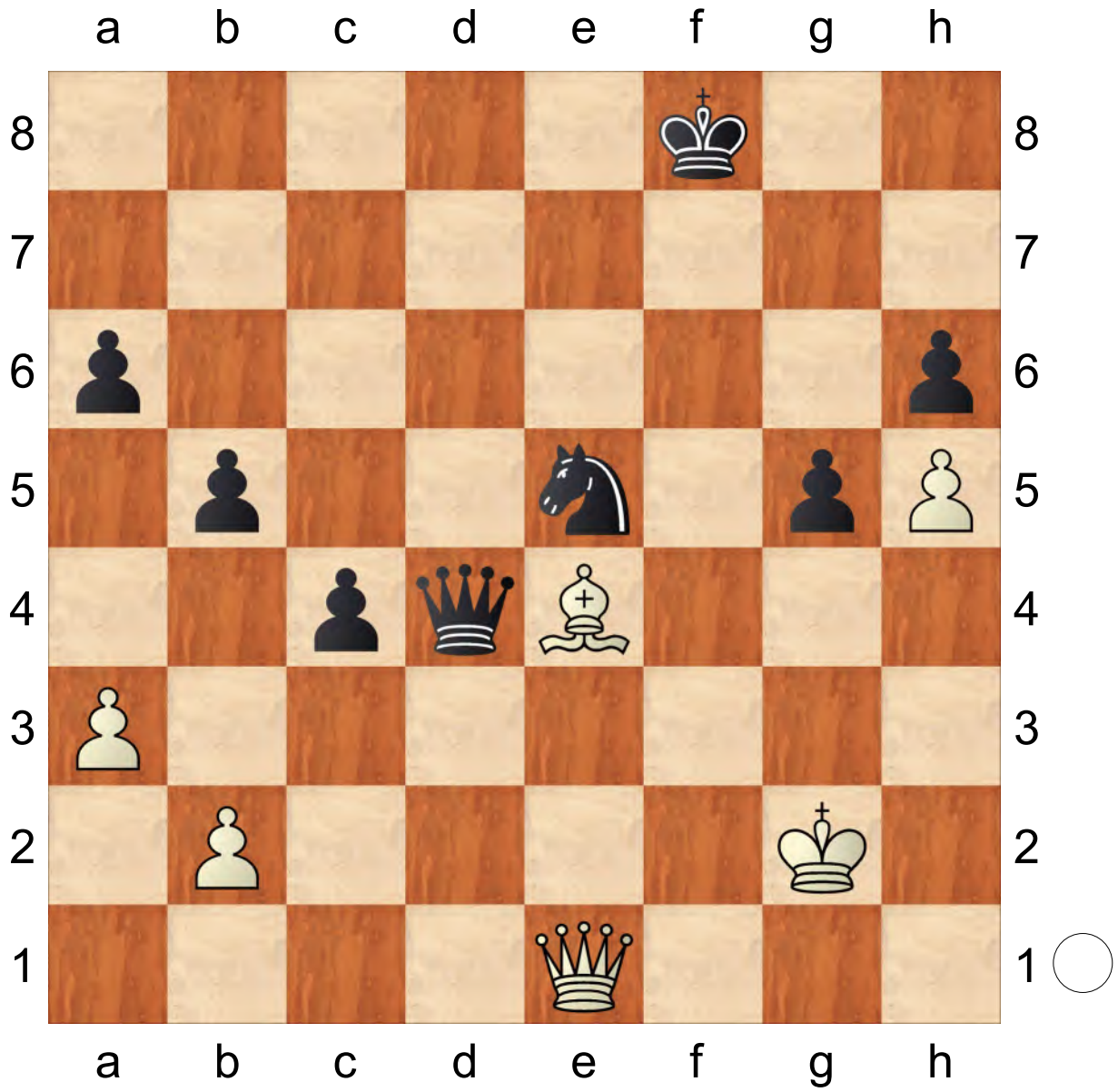
46.Bf5 a5 47.Be4 b4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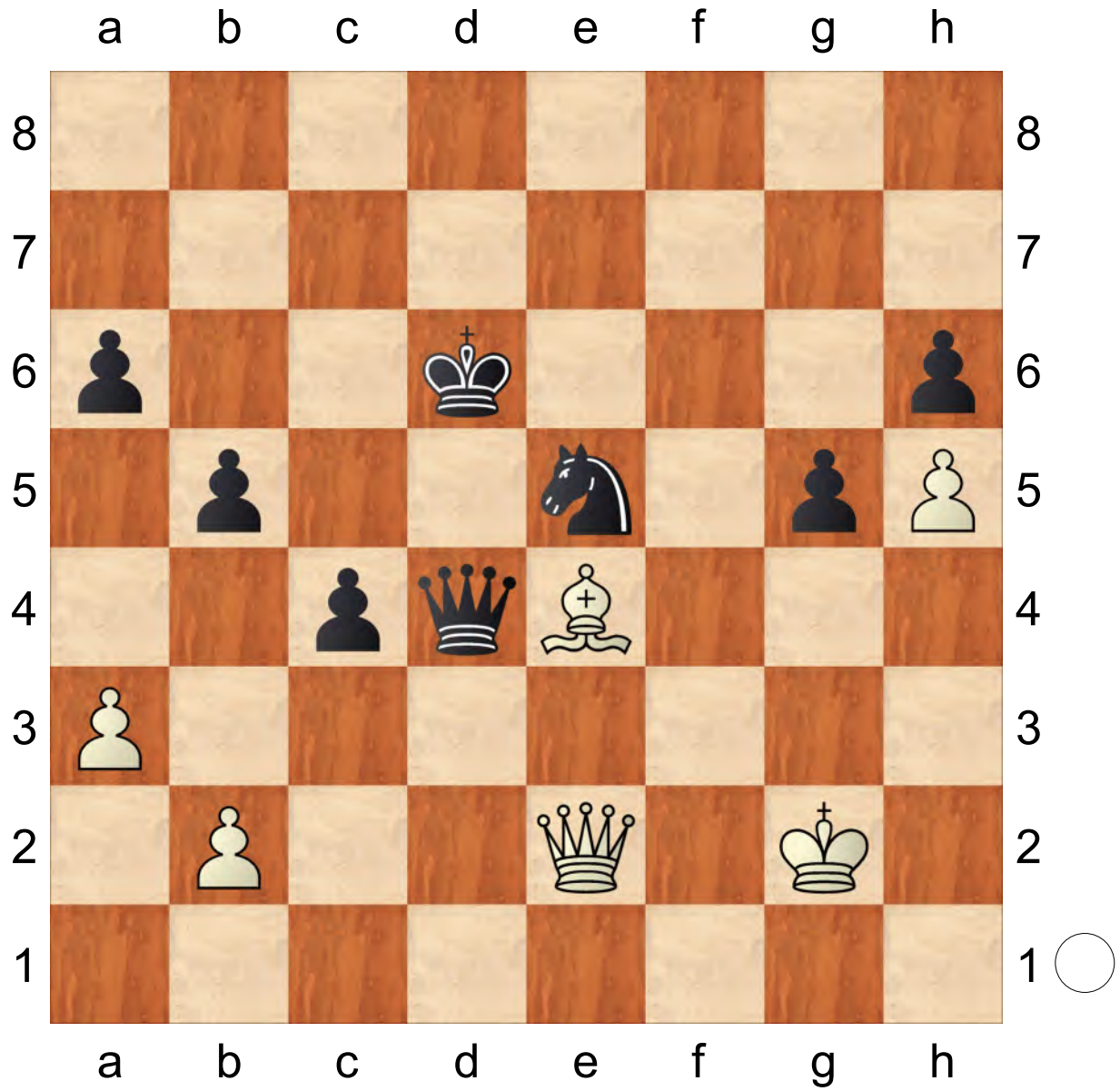

[47...Nd3-+]
[47...Nd3 Hecht 48.Bxd3 cxd3 49.Qd2 Qg4+-+]
48.axb4 axb4 49.Bf5 Qf4 50.Bc8 Hecht: '

(Diagram)

' **50...Ke7**
[Wins immediately 50...g4-+]
[⌓50...Kd5! Hecht 51.Bb7+ Kd4-+]

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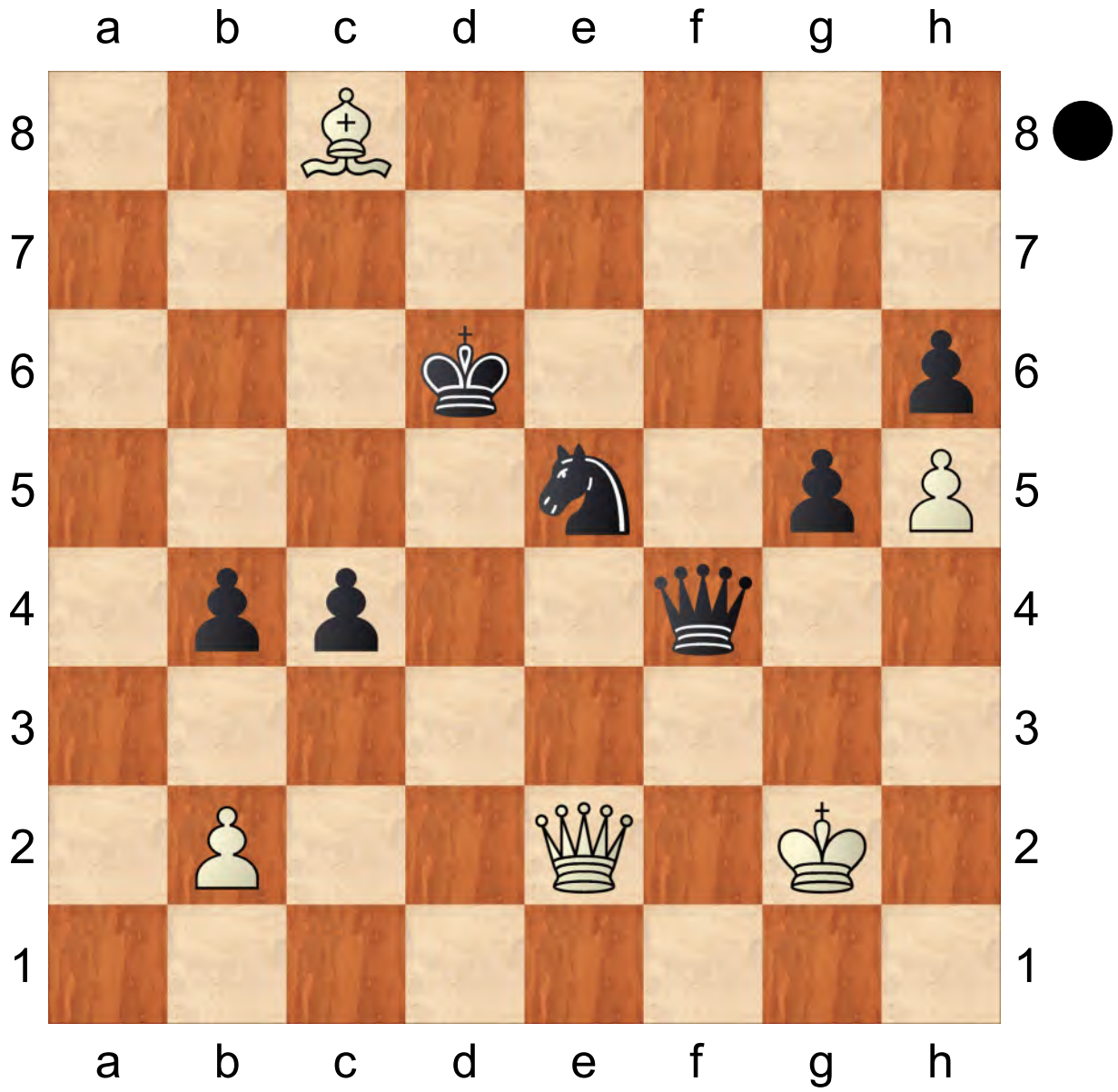
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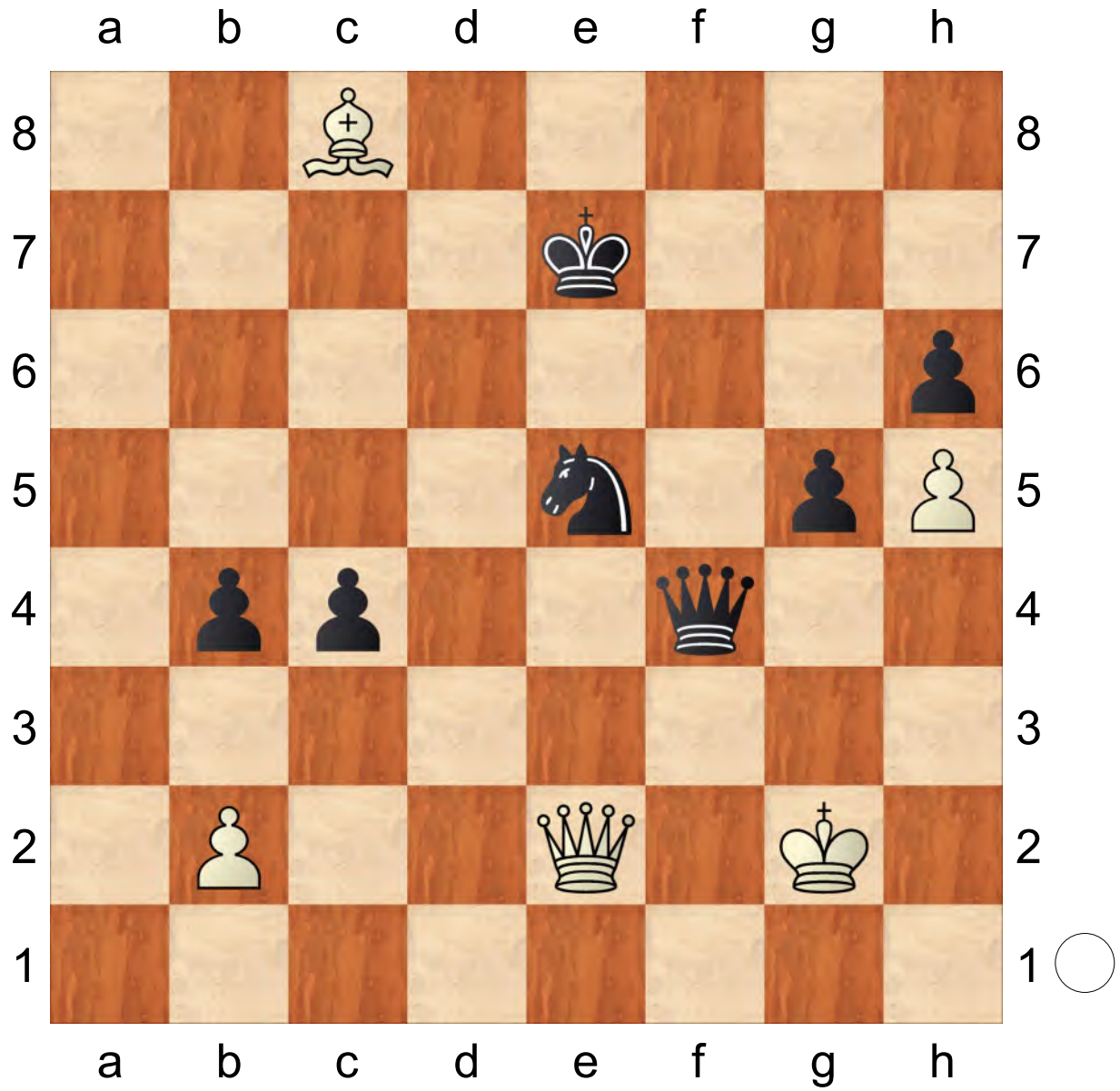

Position of Black is absolutely winning, but Black continues play without deep thinking. **51.Qe1 c3?!**

[Wins immediately too 51...Kd8-+]

52.bxc3 Qf3+ 53.Kh2 Qxc3 54.Qe4 Kd6

[54...b3-+]

55.Qb7 g4

[55...b3-+]

[⩲55...Kc5-+ Hecht: Schwarz versäumt es erneut, seinen König aktiv am Spiel zu beteiligen. Die Folgen sehen wir 10 Züge später....]

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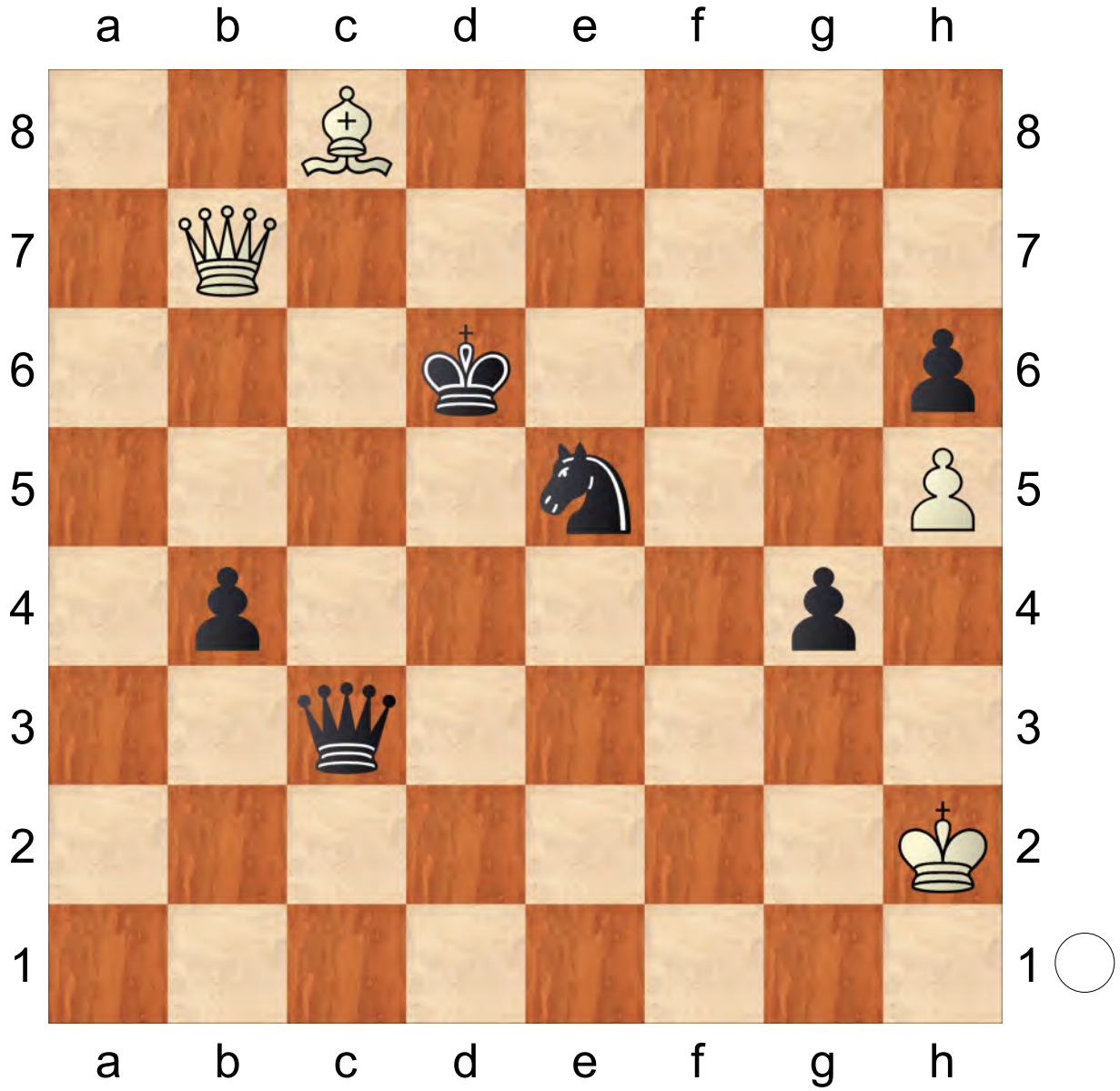

56.Qb6+ Ke7 57.Bb7 Qd2+ 58.Kh1 Qd6 59.Qe3 Kf7
[59...Kd8-+]
60.Be4 Kg7

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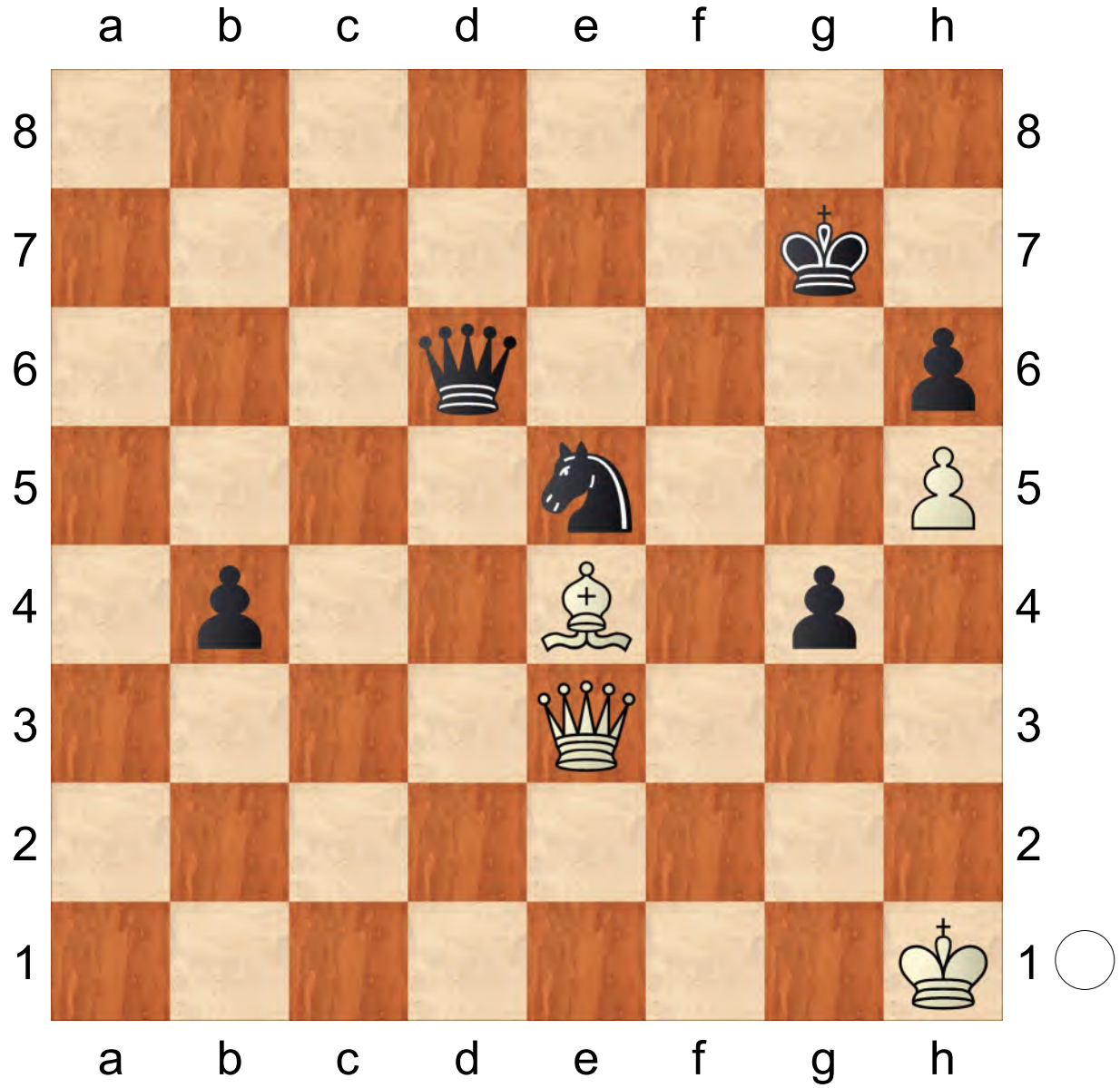
61.Qa7+ Kf6 62.Qe3 Nf7 63.Qf2+ Kg7 64.Qf5 Ng5
[64...Ne5!? 65.Qh7+ Kf8 66.Qf5+ Ke7 67.Qh7+ Kd8-+]
65.Bd5! Now White makes some problem to Black. Hecht: '...10 Züge später hat sich Weiß, begünstigt durch die zu vorsichtige Spielweise des Gegners, optimal aufgestellt, kontrolliert beide schwarzen Freibauern und hält den schwarzen König außer Spiel. ' **65...g3?⩲**
[Right was 65...Qa6! 66.Qxg4 *(66.Qd7+ Kf6!-+; 66.Kh2 Nf3+ 67.Bxf3 Qd6+*



68.Kg2 gxf3+ 69.Qxf3 Qd4 70.Qb7+ Kf8-+) 66...Qf1+ 67.Kh2 *(67.Qg1 Qh3+ 68.Qh2 Kf6-+)* 67...Qf2+ 68.Bg2 b3 69.Qd7+ Nf7 70.Qg4+ Kh8 71.Qc8+ Kh7 72.Kh1 Qe1+ 73.Kh2 Qe5+-+]

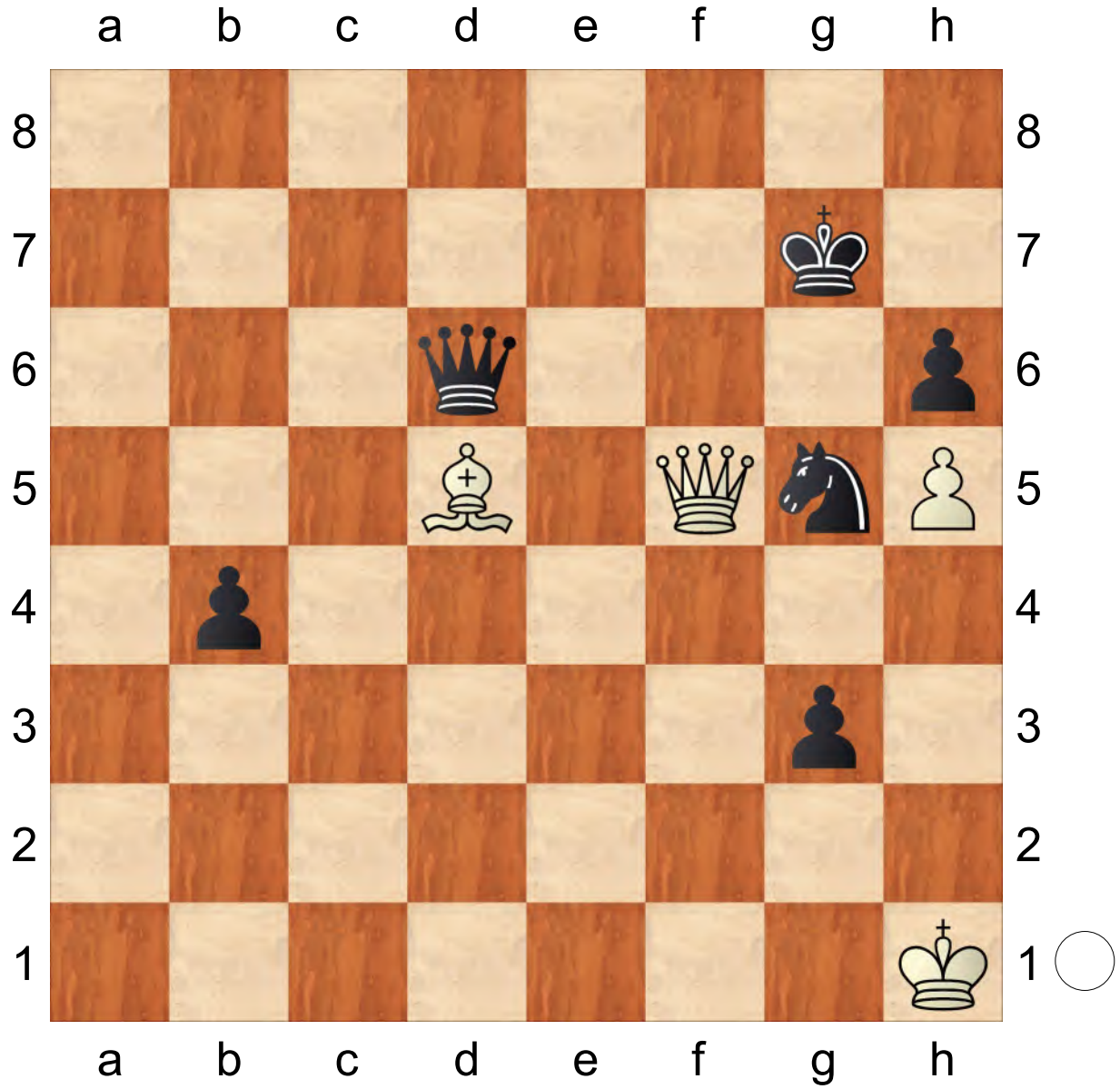
(Diagram)

Decisive mistake **66.Kg2** Tsesarsky: '⩱' **66...Qf6**

[66...Qb6

A) 67.Kxg3? Qg1+ 68.Kh4 *(68.Kf4 Qf2+ 69.Ke5 Nf7+-+)* 68...Qh2+ 69.Kg4 Qh3+ 70.Kf4

A1) 70...Qxf5+ 71.Kxf5 Nh7 72.Bb3 Nf6 73.Bd1 Nd7 74.Ke4 b3 *(74...Kf6 75.Kd4 Kg5 76.Kc4 Nf6 77.Kxb4 Nxh5 78.Kc3=)* 75.Kd3⩱;



A2) 70...Qh4+ 71.Ke3 Qe1+ 72.Kf4 Qf2+ 73.Ke5 Nf7+-+;

B) 67.Qe5+ Qf6 68.Qc7+ Nf7 69.Bxf7 Qxf7 *(69...Qf2+ 70.Kh3 Qf5+ 71.Kg2)* 70.Qxg3+ Kh7 71.Qd3+ Kg8 *(71...Kh8 72.Qd6!≅)* 72.Qg3+ *(72.Qd8+ Qf8 73.Qd5+ Kh8-+)* 72...Kh8 *(72...Qg7 73.Kh1!! Qg5 74.Qb8+≅)* 73.Qd6! Tsesarsky: '≅!' b3 74.Qxh6+ Qh7 75.Qb6 Qc2+ 76.Kg3 b2 77.Qd8+=]

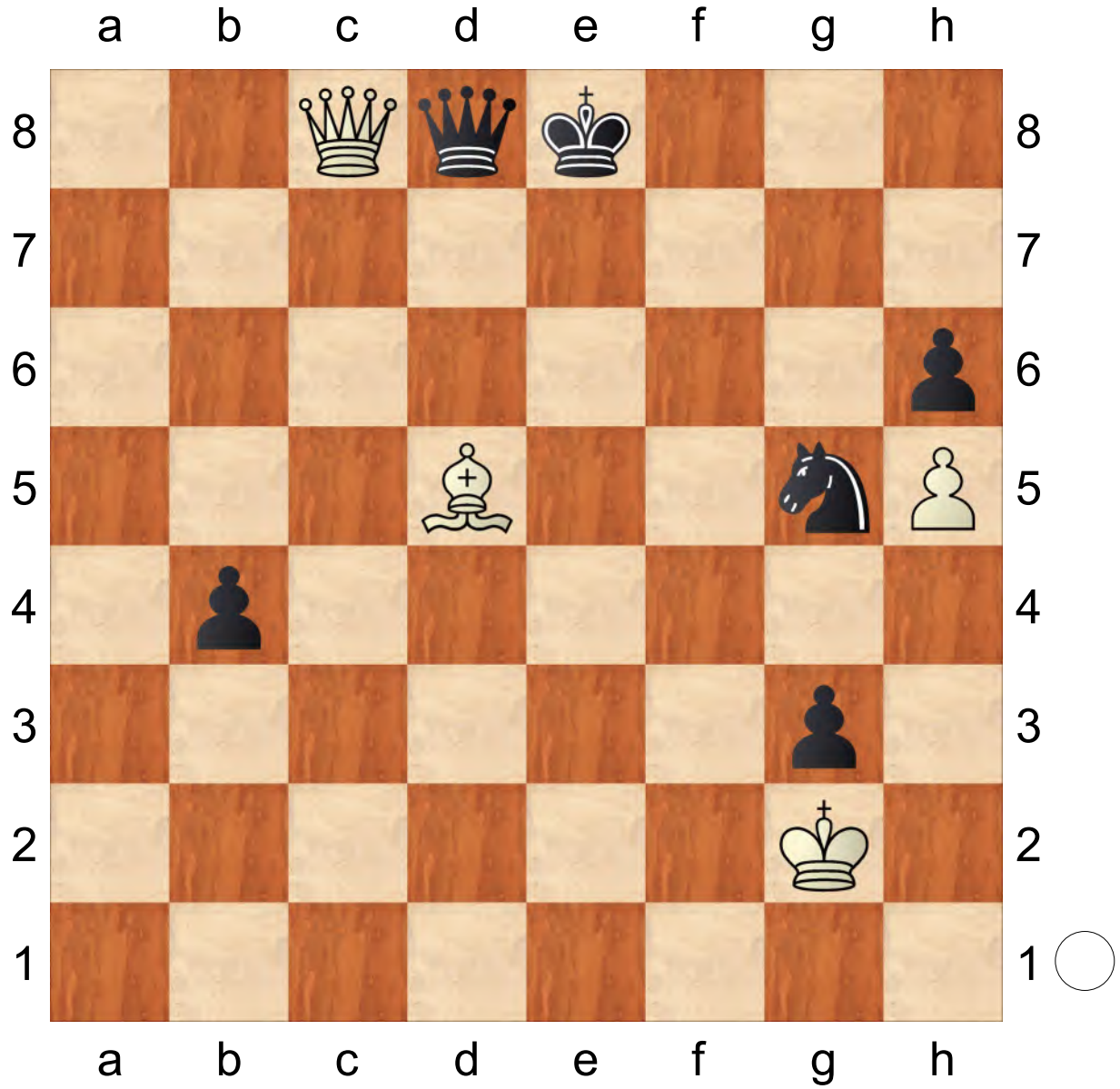
[66...Kh8 67.Qc8+ Kg7 68.Qf5≅]

67.Qd7+ Kf8

[67...Nf7 68.Bxf7 Qf2+ 69.Kh3 Qxf7 70.Qg4+ Kh7 71.Qxb4≅]

68.Qc8+ Ke7 69.Qc7+ Ke8 70.Qc8+ Qd8

(Diagram)



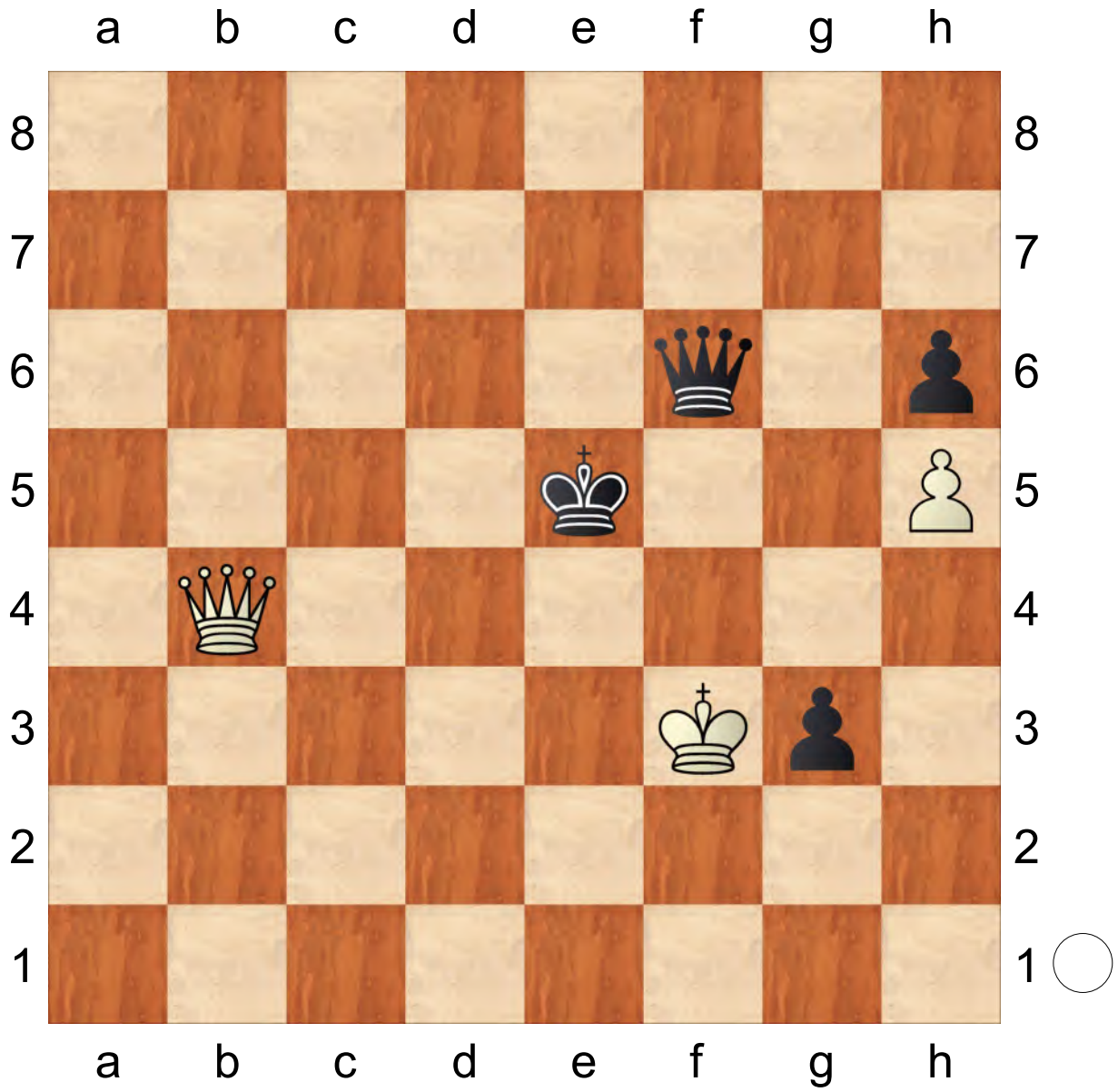
71.Bc6+ Ke7 72.Qb7+ Kd6 73.Bf3 Nxf3
[73...Qa5 74.Qc6+ Ke7 75.Qxh6 *(75.Qb7+ Kf6 76.Qc6+ Ne6 77.Kxg3 Qe5+ 78.Kf2 b3-+)* 75...Qe5 *(75...Nxf3 76.Qh7+ Ke6 77.Qg6+ Kd5 78.Kxf3 Qa3+ 79.Kf4≅)* 76.Qb6 Qf4 77.Bd1 Nf7 78.Qb7+≅]
74.Qxb4+ Ke5 75.Kxf3 Qf6+

(Diagram)

76.Kxg3 Qg5+ 77.Qg4 Qxg4+ 78.Kxg4

(Diagram)

½-½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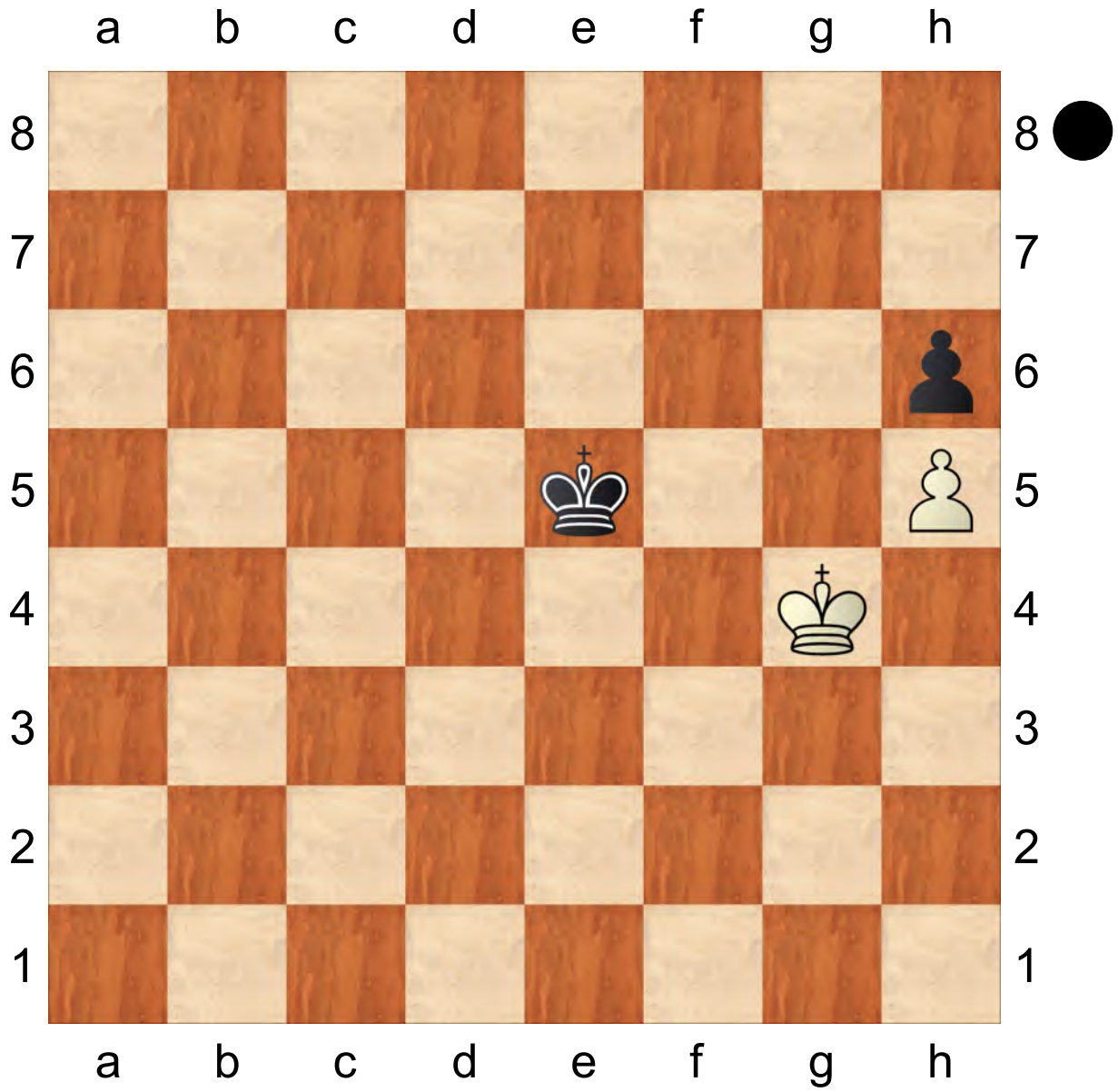
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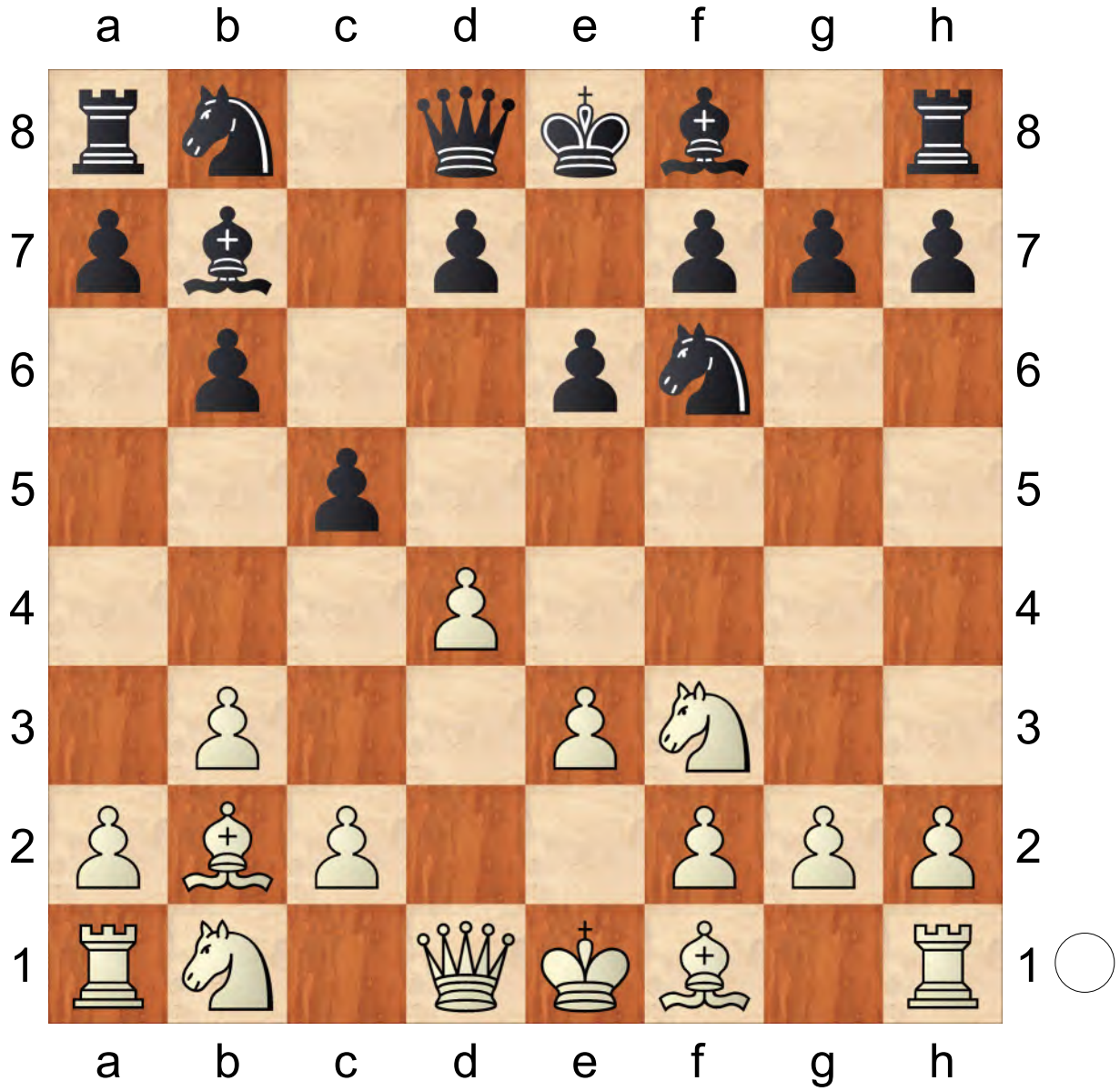
□ **Hodgson,Julian M** **2640**
■ **Jackelen,Thomas** **2373**
Bundesliga 0001 (10.6) 10.03.2001
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

Aaron Summerscale: 'Colle-Zukertort: Hodgson is taken out of his beloved Tromp by a cunning move order. Black was soon feeling the full fury of Jules' attack. A game well worth playing over.' **1.d4** Tsesarsky **1...e6** Aaron Summerscale: 'Lest you want to see a huge grin light his face, it's always a good idea to rule out Bg5 against Hodgson.' **2.Nf3**
[2.e4 is Hodgson's normal choice, followed by an Advance French.]
2...c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 Aaron Summerscale: 'Unleashing the Colle-Zukertort.' **4...b6 5.Bb2 Bb7**

(Diagram)

6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.exd4 0-0 Aaron Summerscale: 'Black is playing in the most flexible manner, refusing to commit his d-pawn.' **9.0-0 Nc6** Except of this move Black also can play Aaron Summerscale: 'Tsesarsky: 'Except of this move Black also can play"
[9...d5⇄]
[and more flexible 9...d6 -mainline]
10.a3
[10.Re1 Rc8 *(10...Nb4 11.Bf1 Rc8 12.c4 d5⇄)* 11.a3 d5 12.Rc1 Bd6 13.Ne5 Qe7 14.b4 Nd7 15.Ndf3 f5 16.Qe2 Ncxe5 17.dxe5 Bb8 18.Bd4⇄ ½-½ Rubinstein,A-Kmoch,H/Budapest 1926/EXT 99 (58)]
10...Qc7
[10...Rc8
A) 11.c4 d5
A1) 12.Qe2 Na5? 13.c5! Ne4 *(13...bxc5 14.dxc5 Nh5 15.g3 Nc6 16.b4±)* 14.b4± 1-0 Gonzalez Garcia,J-Marciano,D/Ubeda 1997/CBM 56 ext (29);
A2) 12.Rc1 dxc4 13.bxc4 Re8 14.Qe2 Bf8 15.Rfd1± 0-1 Kette,S-Wintzer,J/Germany 1990/EXT 97-B (33);
B) 11.Re1
B1) 11...Qc7 12.c4 *(12.Qe2 Qf4 13.Rac1 d5 14.Rcd1 Rfe8 15.c3 Bd6 16.Ne5=* 1-0 Winants,L-Riemersma,L/Wijk aan Zee 1987/TD (41)*)* 12...d5 13.Rc1 dxc4 14.bxc4 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Qf4⇄ 1-0 Saacke,B-Vetter,H/Germany 1982/GER-chT (29);
B2) 11...Re8 12.Rc1 *(12.Ne5 d6 13.Ng4 d5 14.Re3 Nxg4 15.Qxg4 Bf6 16.Rae1 g6 17.Nf3 Rc7⇄* 0-1 Bellin,J-Kosten,A/Blackpool 1988/TD (37)*;*



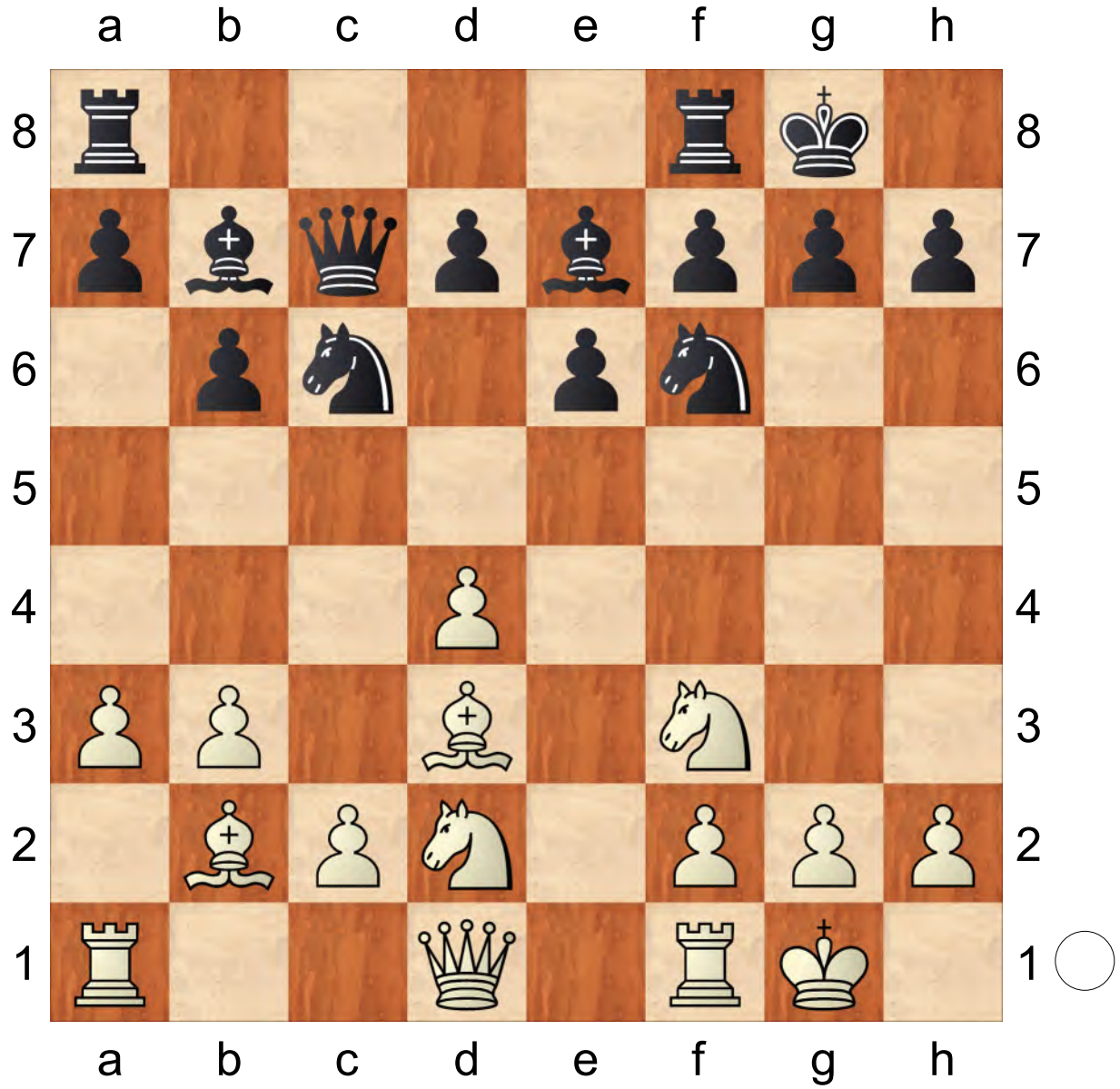
12.Qe2 Nd5 13.g3 Nf6 14.Rac1 Bf8 15.Qf1 Ne7 16.Qh3 Ng6 17.Ne5⇄ 0-1 Meulders,R-Langeweg,K/Amsterdam 1986/EXT 97 (44)*)* 12...Nb8 *(12...d5⇄)* 13.Ng5 g6 14.c4 Nh5 15.Ngf3 d6 16.Bf1 Nd7 17.g3 Bf8 18.Bg2 Rc7 19.Qe2 Bg7 20.Ne4 Nf8 21.Nc3± 1-0 Kovacevic,V-Hulak,K/ Sarajevo 1988/CBM 08 (31);

B3) 11...d5 12.Rc1 Bd6 13.Ne5 Ne7 *(13...Qe7 14.Ra1 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Qf8 16.f4↑* 1-0 Vasiljevic,D-Damjanovic,V/Tivat 1995/CBM 48 ext (26)*)* 14.f4 Ne8 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qe2 Ng7 17.Ba6?! *(17.g3⇄)* 17...Qc7 *(17...Bxa6 18.Qxa6 f6 19.Nd3 Qc7 20.g3⇄)* 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qf2⇄ 1-0 Tarasov,V-Kots,Y/Sverdlovsk 1957/MCD (52)]

[10...d5 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.b4 a5⇄ 0-1 Puskas,Z-Kapu,J/HUN-chT2 9394 1994/TD (38)]

[10...d6 11.Qe2 Nd5 12.Qe4 g6 13.c4 Nf6 14.Qe3 Re8 15.Rac1 Bf8

16.Rfd1 Bg7 17.Bf1± 1-0 Radziewicz,I-Iwaniuk,D/Sopot 1998/EXT 2000 (49)]



11.Re1

[11.Qe2 Rae8 *(11...Rfe8⇄)* 12.Ng5 h6 13.f4!

A) I think, Rozentalis thought a lot here and has found: 13...hxg5 14.fxg5 Nh7 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Rxf7!! Ne5 *(17...Rxf7 18.g6+-)* 18.Rxg7+ *(18.dxe5 Rxf7 19.g6 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 Rf4∓; 18.Rxf8+ Rxf8 19.g6 Nxg6 20.Qxg6 Qf4∓)* 18...Kxg7 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.g6 Nxg6 21.Qxg6+ Kh8= with draw by perpetuum check!;

B) 13...Nd5 14.Nh3 f5 15.c4 Nf6 16.Nf3± 0-1 Gawehns,K-Rozentalis,E/Bonn 1994/CBM 40 (31)]

11...Rfe8

[11...Rac8 12.c4 d5 13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.Qe2 dxc4 15.bxc4 Qf4 Tsesarsky: '⇄'

Tsesarsky: '1-0 Saacke,B-Vetter,H/Germany 1982/GER-chT (29)' Aaron Summerscale: ' ⇄' 16.g3 Qh6 17.Rc2 Qh5 18.Qf1 Rc7 19.Be2 Qf5 20.Bd3 Black can't avoid moves repetition. Qh5 21.Be2 ½-½ Platonov,I-Karpov,A/ Leningrad 1971/URS-ch (21)]

12.Rc1 Rad8 13.c4 Aaron Summerscale: 'When the Black queen is on the c-file, I would always suggest this as a good idea.' **13...Qb8?±** Strategical mistake. Now White occupies center and gets an advantage. Aaron Summerscale: 'Tsesarsky: ' ±?' Tsesarsky: 'Strategical mistake. Now White occupies center and gets an advantage."

[Necessary was 13...d5 and if White will play 14.b4 Black will reply dxc4⇄]

14.b4! Aaron Summerscale: 'Tsesarsky: '!" **14...a6**

[Is too late to play here 14...d5 because of 15.c5±]

15.d5! Nice sacrifice! White activity became very dangerous. Aaron Summerscale: 'Typical Hodgson, sacrificing a pawn to release the dynamic potential in his position. Tsesarsky: '!' Tsesarsky: 'Nice sacrifice! White activity became very dangerous."

15...exd5

(Diagram)

16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Qb3 Nf6

[On 17...Nf4 goes 18.Bxh7+ Kf8 *(18...Kxh7 19.Qxf7 Rg8 20.Be5!±)* 19.Ne4 d5 20.Ng3±]

[17...Bf6!? may have been a more prudent course.]

18.Ne4

[18.Ng5 d5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Bxh7+ Kf8∓]

18...Qf4?! Aaron Summerscale: 'Tsesarsky: '?!"

[In case of 18...Nxe4!? 19.Rxe4 ♖ is ready to take active part in shattering Attack: *(19.Bxe4 Qf4)* 19...d5 20.Rg4

A) 20...f6?

A1) Wins also 21.Rxc6 Bxc6 22.Qc2

A1a) 22...Bd7 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 *(23...Kf8 24.Rxg7!+-)* 24.Rh4+-;

A1b) 22...h5 23.Bh7+ Kh8 24.Rxg7!! Qf4 *(24...Kxg7 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Bg8+-)* 25.Ng5! Bd6 26.Rg8+! Rxg8 27.Nf7+ Kg7 28.Qg6+ Kf8 29.Qxg8+ Ke7 30.Qxd8+ Kxf7 31.g3+-;

A2) 21.Qc2!+-;

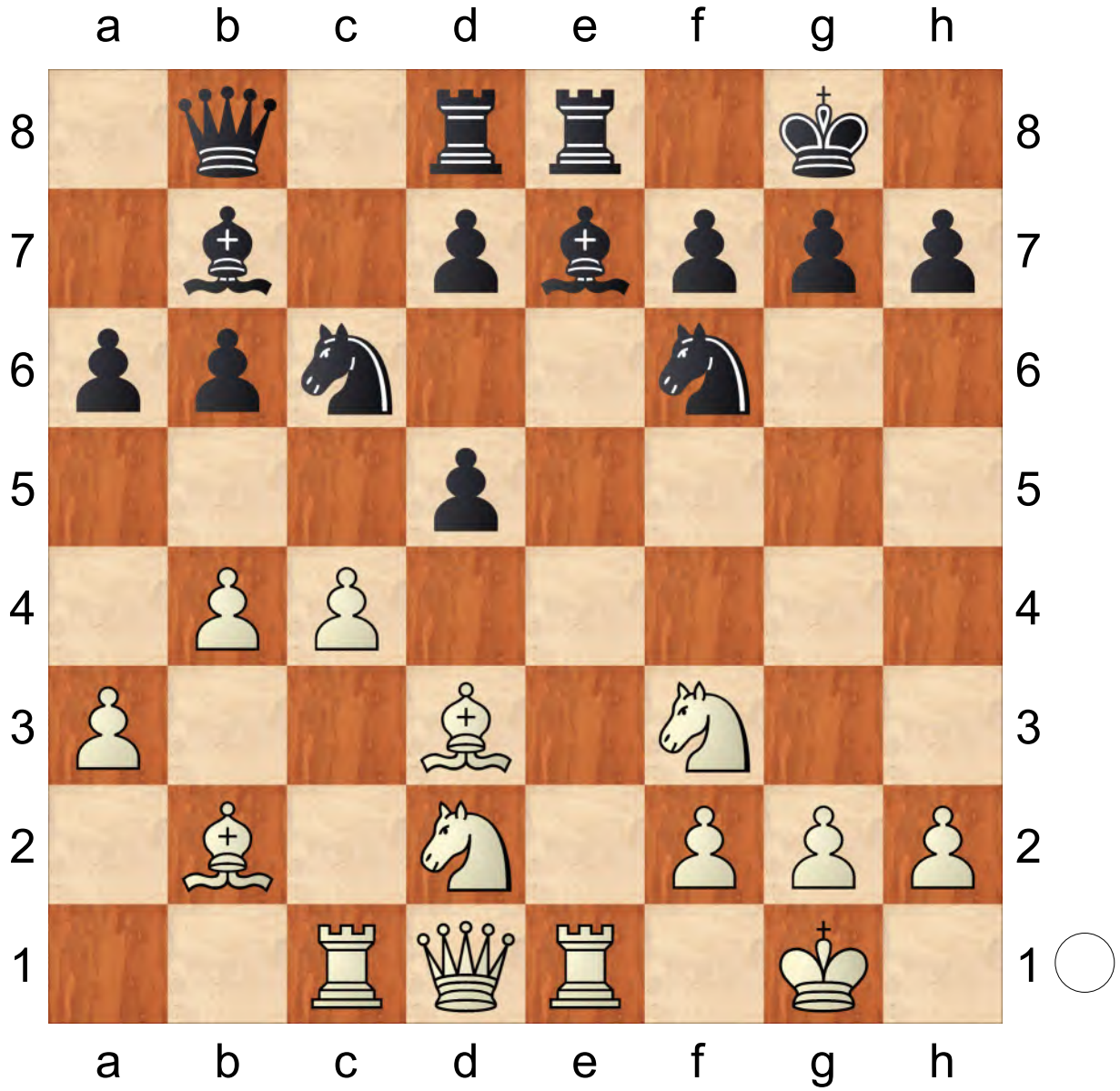
B) 20...Bf8 21.Bxh7++-;

C) 20...g6 21.Rxc6 Bxc6 22.Qc3±]

19.Rc4! Another ♖ joins to Attack. Aaron Summerscale: 'Hodgson is a master of the rook lift. Black is immediately made to regret his previous move. Tsesarsky: '!' Tsesarsky: 'Another ♖ joins to Attack." **19...Qh6**

[Or 19...Nxe4 20.Rcxe4 Qh6 21.Bc1 *(21.Bc4 Qg6 22.Nh4 Qh5 23.Qg3+-)* 21...Qd6 *(21...Qh5 22.g4+-)* 22.Bf4 Qf6 23.Bg5 Qd6 24.Bc4+-]

20.Neg5 Aaron Summerscale: 'Just look at the h7 and f7 squares. They're coming under heavy fire and seem to be in deep trouble.'



[Wins also 20.Ng3 g6 *(20...Bd6 21.Rxe8+ Nxe8 22.Bc1 Qe6 23.Bxh7+±)* 21.Rh4

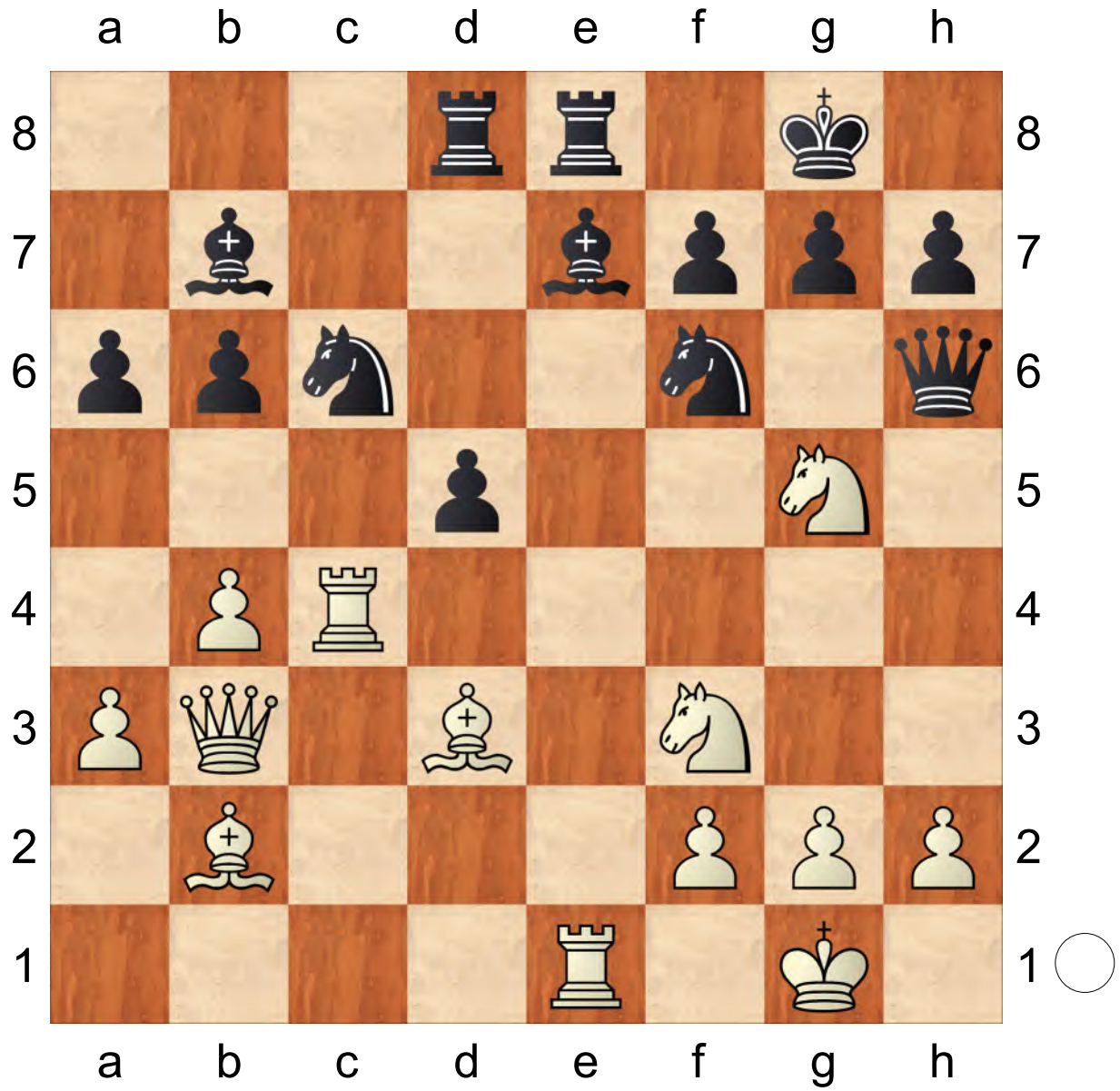
A) 21...Nh5 22.Rxh5 gxh5 23.Nf5 Qf8 *(23...Qf4 24.Bc1 Qb8 25.Nh6++-)* 24.Bg7 Qxg7 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 26.Qd5+-;

B) 21...Qg7 22.Rf4 d5 23.Rxe7 Nxe7 24.Rxf6+-]

20...d5□

(Diagram)

Aaron Summerscale: 'Tsesarsky: ' □" **21.Rh4 Nh5** Aaron Summerscale: 'What can I see?... Black is quite simply lost already.' **22.g4!** Precisely. Aaron Summerscale: 'Tsesarsky: '!' Tsesarsky: 'Precisely.'' **22...g6 23.gxh5 Bxg5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.hxg6!**



[25.hxg6 Aaron Summerscale: 'Black must lose his queen after 25...Bxh4 26. gxh7+ followed by 27.h8+ so it was time to head for the bar. Tsesarsky: '!'' Bxh4 26.gxh7++-]

(Diagram)

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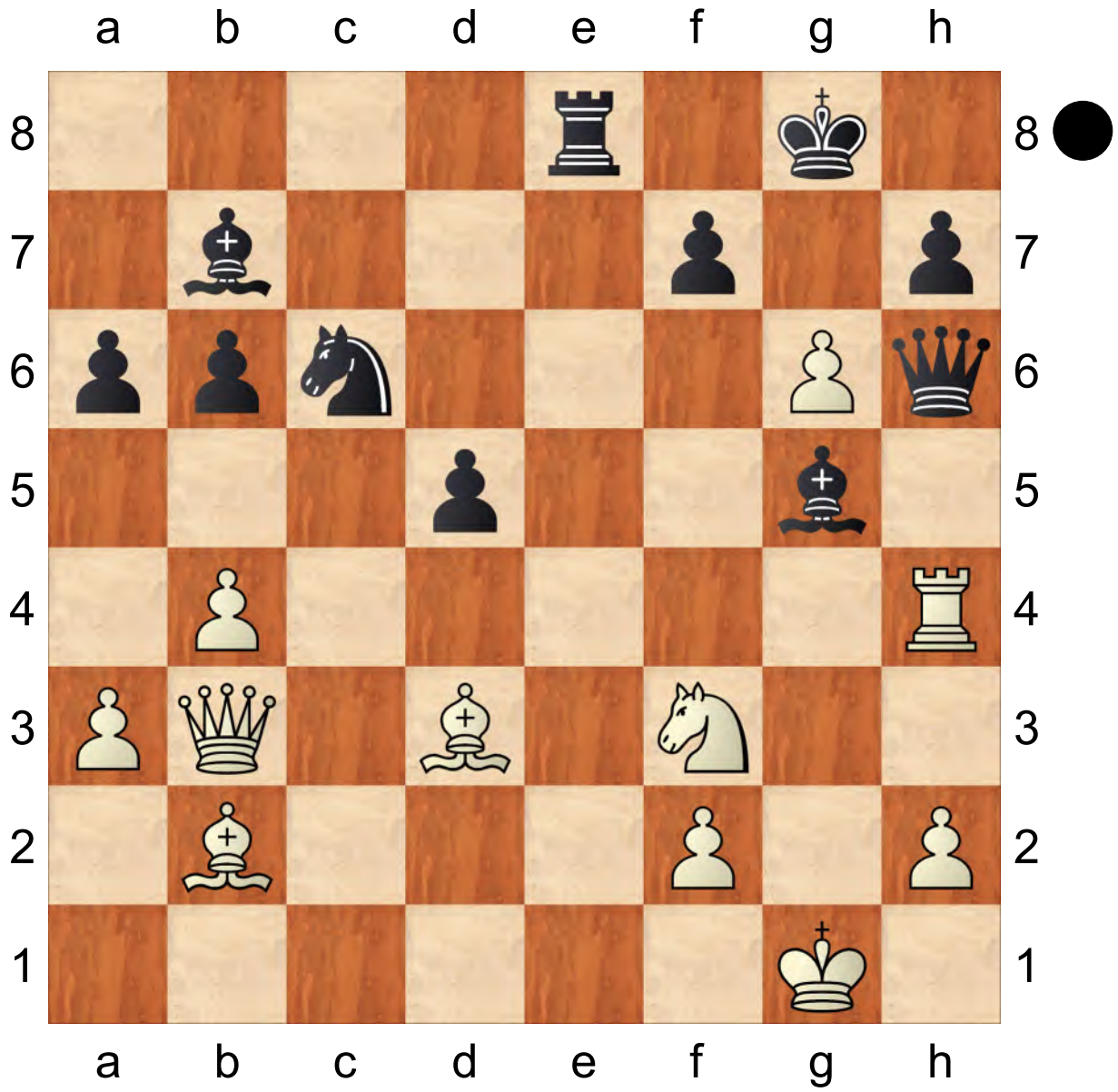
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□ **Bellin,Robert** **2400**
■ **Georgiev,Vladimir** **2515**
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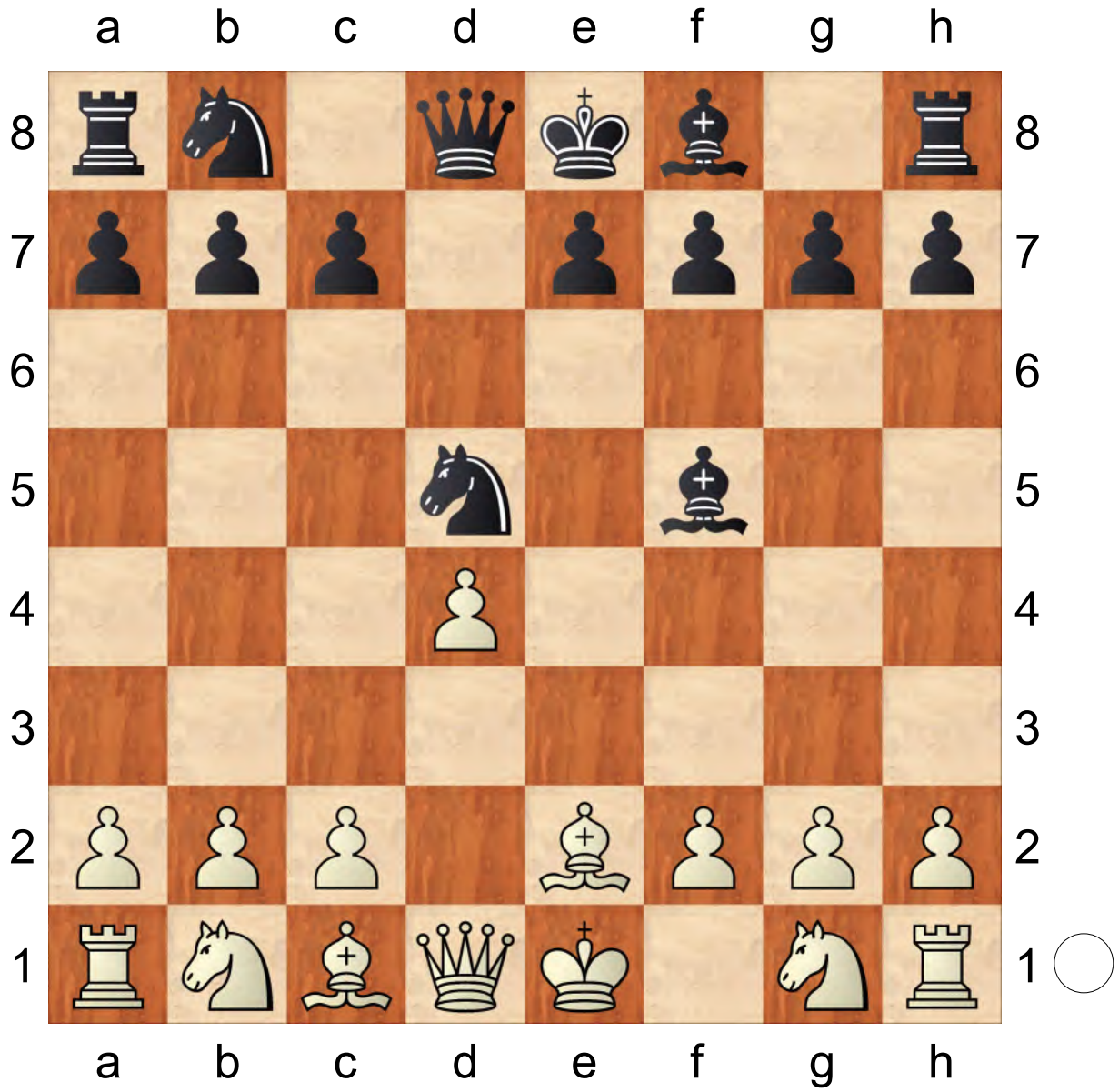
[Mueller,Karsten]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Be2 Nxd5 5.d4 Bf5



6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 läßt ♘b4 zu.

[8.a3 0-0 *(8...Nd7 9.c4 N5b6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.b4 Bf6 12.Be3 c6 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.Rfd1±* Kirpichnikov,V-Sangla,P/URS-chT Moscow 1967 ½-½ (42) *)* 9.c4

A) 9...Nf6 10.h3 *(10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Nh4 Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Nc3 c6*

14.f4 c5 15.d5± Mrva,M-Spacek,P/CSR-ch 1992 1-0 (39)*; 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Nh4 Bg6 12.Bf3 c6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Re1±* Kogan,A-Liardet,F/Biel op 1995 ½-½ (63) *)* 10...Nbd7 11.Nc3 h6 12.b4 Nb6 13.Bf4 Ne4 14.Qb3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Bf6 16.Ne5± Sedina,E-Susterman,A/Erevan olw 1996 1-0 (26);

B) 9...Nb6 10.Nc3

B1) 10...Bf6 11.Be3 *(11.h3 Nc6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.g4 Bg6 14.g5 Bd8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc8 17.Qd4 Be7 18.Qg4 Nd7 19.Qg3 c6 20.Rad1∞* Podlesnik,B-Loncar,R/Maribor 1996 0-1 (34)*)* 11...Nc6 12.b3 *(12.b4 Qd7 13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.c5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Bc4 Qe4 17.Nd2 Qh4 18.Nf3 Qh5=* Casa,A-Maric,R/Monte Carlo-B 1969/0-1 (79)*)* 12...Qe7 *(12...Qd7 13.Ra2 Rfd8 14.Rd2 Qe7 15.Qc1 Rd7 16.Rfd1 Rad8 17.Qb2 a6 18.h3 h6 19.b4±* Acs,P-Palkovi,J/Budapest FS04 GM 1996 1-0 (43)*)* 13.c5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.b4 a6 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Qd2 Be4= Svidler,P-Terekhin,A/St.Petersburg op 1994 ½-½ (37);

B2) 10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.b4 Be7 13.Qb3 Nc6 14.Be3 a6 15.Rac1 Nd7 16.Rfd1± Tseshkovsky,V-Saulin,D/RUS-ch Elista 1995 ½-½ (34);

B3) 10...Nc6 11.Be3 Bg4 *(11...Bf6 12.b3 Qe7 13.c5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Qd2 h6 16.Rfe1 Nd8 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Ne6=* Nadyrhanov,S-Aung,A/ASIA-chT 1993/1-0 (67)*)* 12.b3 Bf6 13.Ne4 Bxf3 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Bxf3 Rfd8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qg4 ½-½ Bronstein,D-Gipslis,A/Tallinn 1975]

8...Nb4

[8...Nb6 9.Nc3 Nc6 *(9...0-0 10.Be3 Nc6 11.h3 Bf6 12.Rc1 h6 13.Qd2 Qd7 14.Rfd1 Rad8 15.d5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Rfe8 19.Qh4 exd5 20.c5 Nc8 21.Rxd5 Qe7 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Qf4±* Dueball,J-Oswald,H/GER-CupT 1992/½-½ (56) *)* 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 Nb4 12.Nd4 Bc8 13.Bf3 0-0 14.Nc2 Bf5 15.Nxb4 Bxb4 16.Qd4 Qe7 17.Bd2 Bc5 18.Qf4 Qf6 19.Nb5 Bd3 20.Qxf6 gxf6 21.Rfc1 Bd6 22.Nxd6 cxd6± Matanovic,A-Karaklajic,N/Belgrade 1954/1-0 (70)]

[8...Nf6 9.Nc3 *(9.Qb3 Qc8 10.Nc3 0-0 11.h3 Nbd7 12.Nh4 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bf3 c6 15.Bf4±* Murrey,J-Chevaldonnet,F/FRA-chT 1994 1-0 (29)*)* 9...0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Qb3 Qc8 13.Rad1 Rd8 14.Bf4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Bf3 c6 18.Ne4± Stefansson,H-Bruneau,L/Oviedo rapid 1993 1-0 (31)]

9.Nc3

[9.Na3!? 0-0 *(9...N8c6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qb3 a5 12.Rfd1 Bf6 13.Rd2 a4 14.Qd1 Ne7 15.Ne5±* Honfi,K-Dely,P/HUN-ch 1973 1-0 (26)*)* 10.Be3 *(10.Bf4 N8c6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.a3 a6 13.d5 axb5 14.dxc6 Nd3 15.cxb7 Rb8 16.Bxd3 Bxd3 17.Ne5 Bxf1 18.Qxf1 Qe8 19.cxb5=* Kupreichik,V-Gipslis,A/Norresundby op 1993/1-0 (59)*)* 10...c6 *(10...a5 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Rfd1 Nf6 13.Ne5 Qc8 14.g4 Bg6 15.Bf3 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bg2 Nd3 19.c5 e5 20.Qc3 Qxg4 21.Rxd3±* Stefansson,H-Gipslis,A/WchT Luzern 1993 1-0 (37)*;*

10...Nd7 11.Qb3 a5 12.Rfd1 c6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.f4 Rfd8 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 g5 19.Nc2 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 Nd3 22.Bg3 Qd8 23.Qxb7 Nb4 0-1 Tiefenbacher,R-Wildner,R/AUT-chT2S 1994 *)* 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Ne1 e5 13.Nac2 Nxc2 14.Nxc2 Bxc2 15.Qxc2 exd4 16.Bxd4 Bf6 17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Be3 Nc5 ½-½ Wittmann,W-Haas,G/Manila olm 1992]

[9.Ne1?! 0-0 *(9...c5 10.Bf3 N8c6 11.a3 Na6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.d5 0-0 15.Nc3 Bf6 16.Qxc6 Qxc6 17.dxc6 Rfc8∓* Gizynski,T-Dejkalo,S/Porabka 1987/0-1 (49)*)* 10.a3 N4c6 *(10...N4a6 11.Nc3 c6 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Bf4±* Filipowicz,A-Dejkalo,S/POL-chT Porabka 1986/1-0 (68)*)* 11.Be3 Bf6 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Nc3 Nb6 14.h3 h6 15.b4 Bh7 16.Rc1**±** Baron Rodriguez,J-Galego,L/La Coruna op 1996/1-0 (47)]

9...Nc2 10.Rb1 0-0

[10...Bf6?! 11.d5! 0-0 12.g4! Bg6 13.g5 Be7 14.Nh4 Nb4 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxe6**±** Läuferpaar]

(Diagram)

11.Bd3

[11.Bf4?! g5!? (Fritz4) *(11...Bf6!?)* 12.Bg3 *(12.g4 Bg6 13.Bg3 Bf6 14.Be5 Nc6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.d5 Rfd8∓)* 12...g4 13.Ne5 Nxd4 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 f5**∞**]

11...Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bxf5 Qxd1 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Rxd1= Weiß sollte nicht wirklich schlecht stehen, muß in der Folge aber aufpassen, daß sich die Schwäche des Feldes d4 und die schwarze Mehrheit im Zentrum nicht zu sehr bemerkbar macht. **15...Na6**

(Diagram)

16.Be3 Rfd8 17.Kf1 Nb4 18.Bf4 Rac8 19.Ke2 Bf6 20.Ne4 Bd4

(Diagram)

21.a3 Nc6 22.b4 e5 23.Be3 f5 24.Ng5+ Kg6 25.Nf3 Bxe3

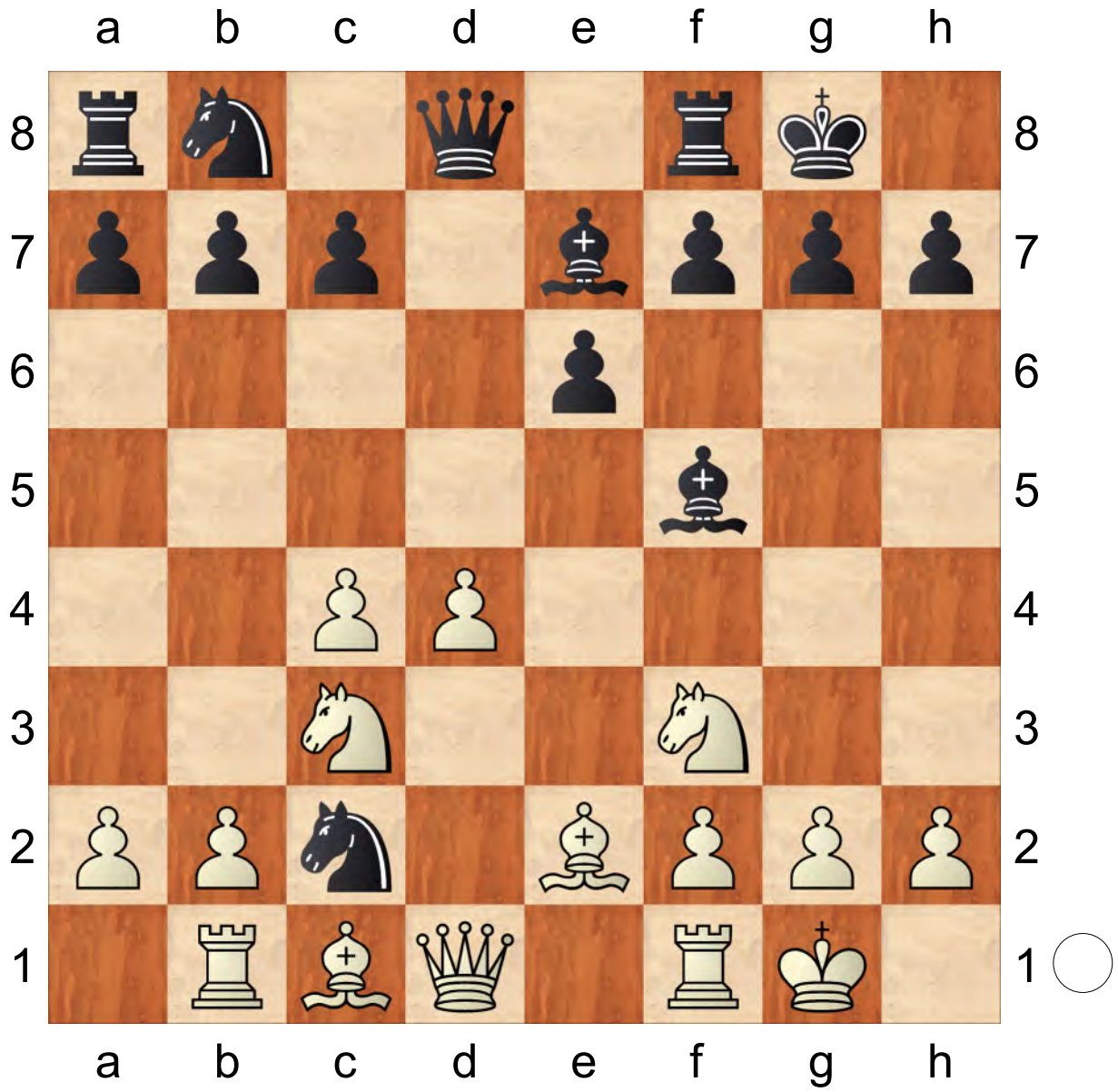
(Diagram)

26.fxe3

[26.Kxe3!?]

26...Kf6 27.b5 Na5 28.c5 g6 29.h3 e4 30.Nd4 Rd5

(Diagram)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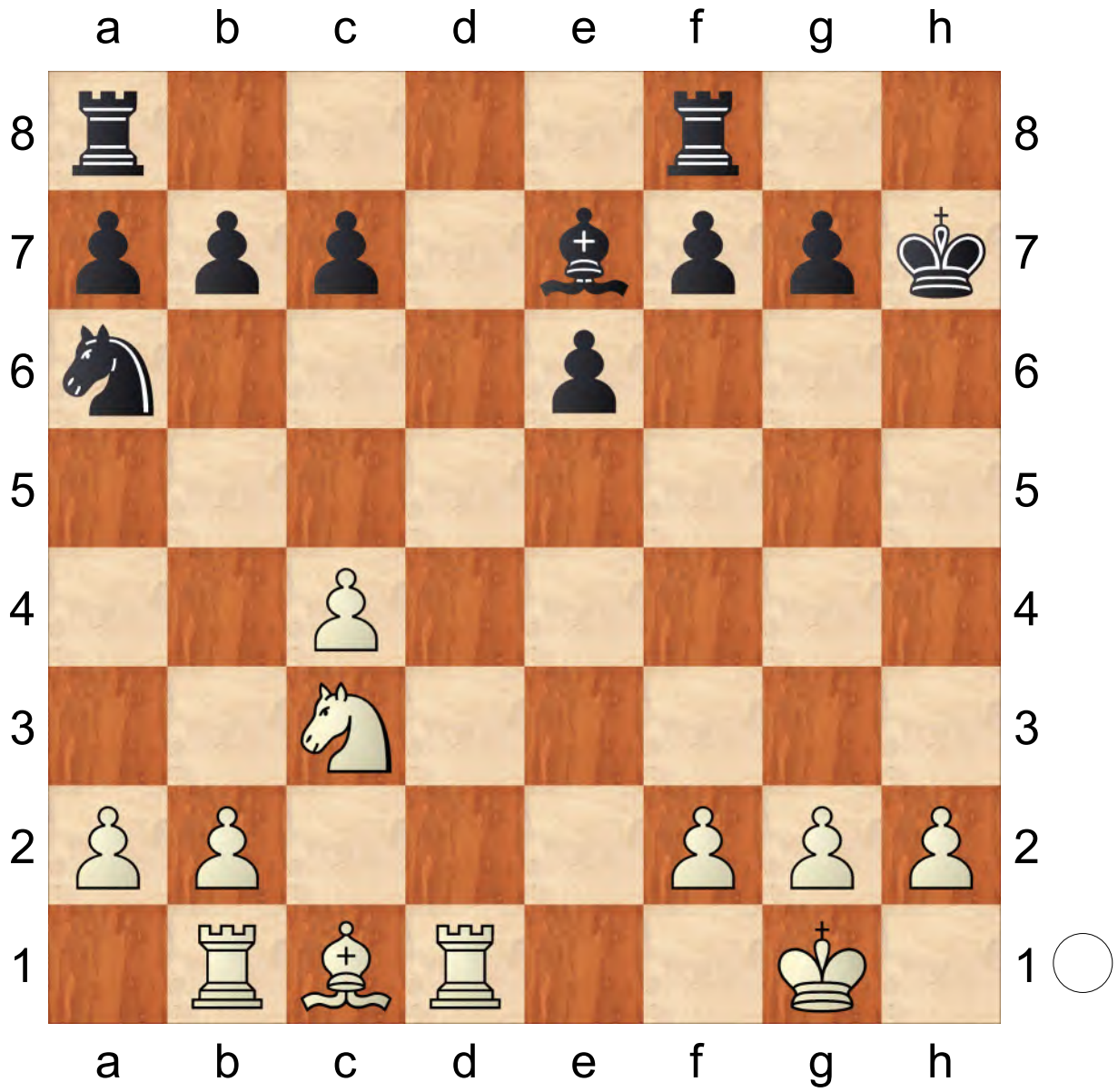
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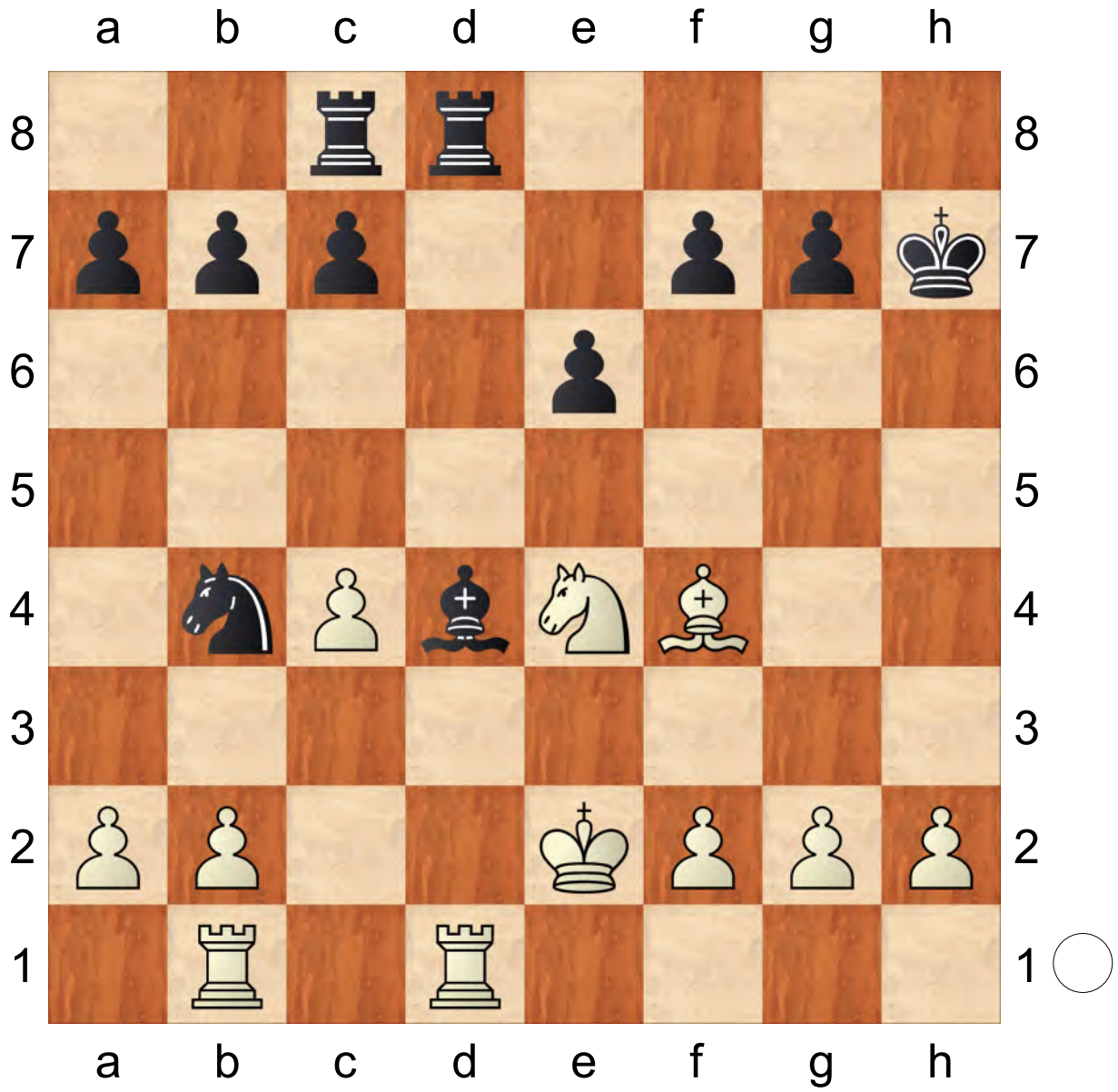
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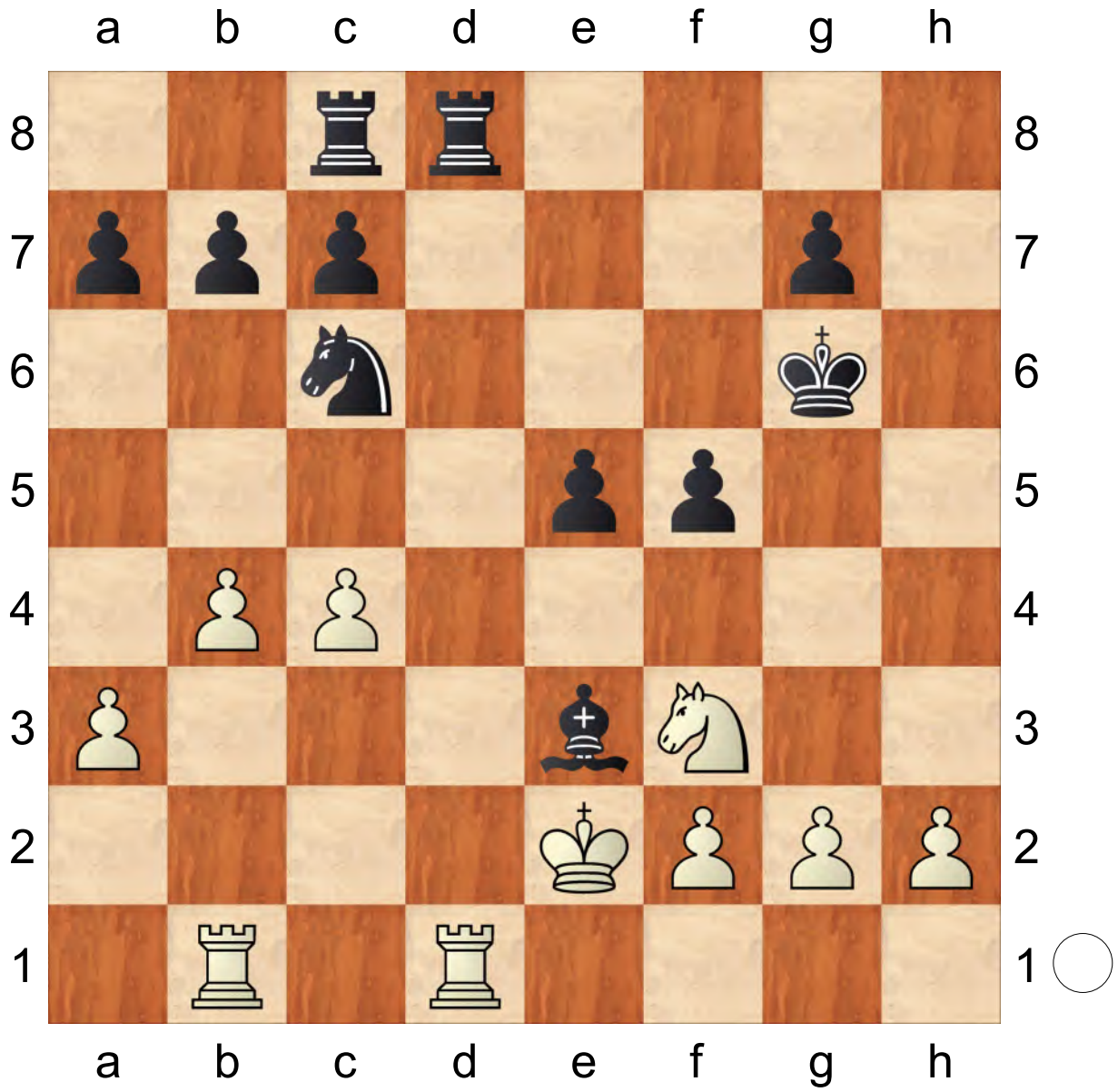
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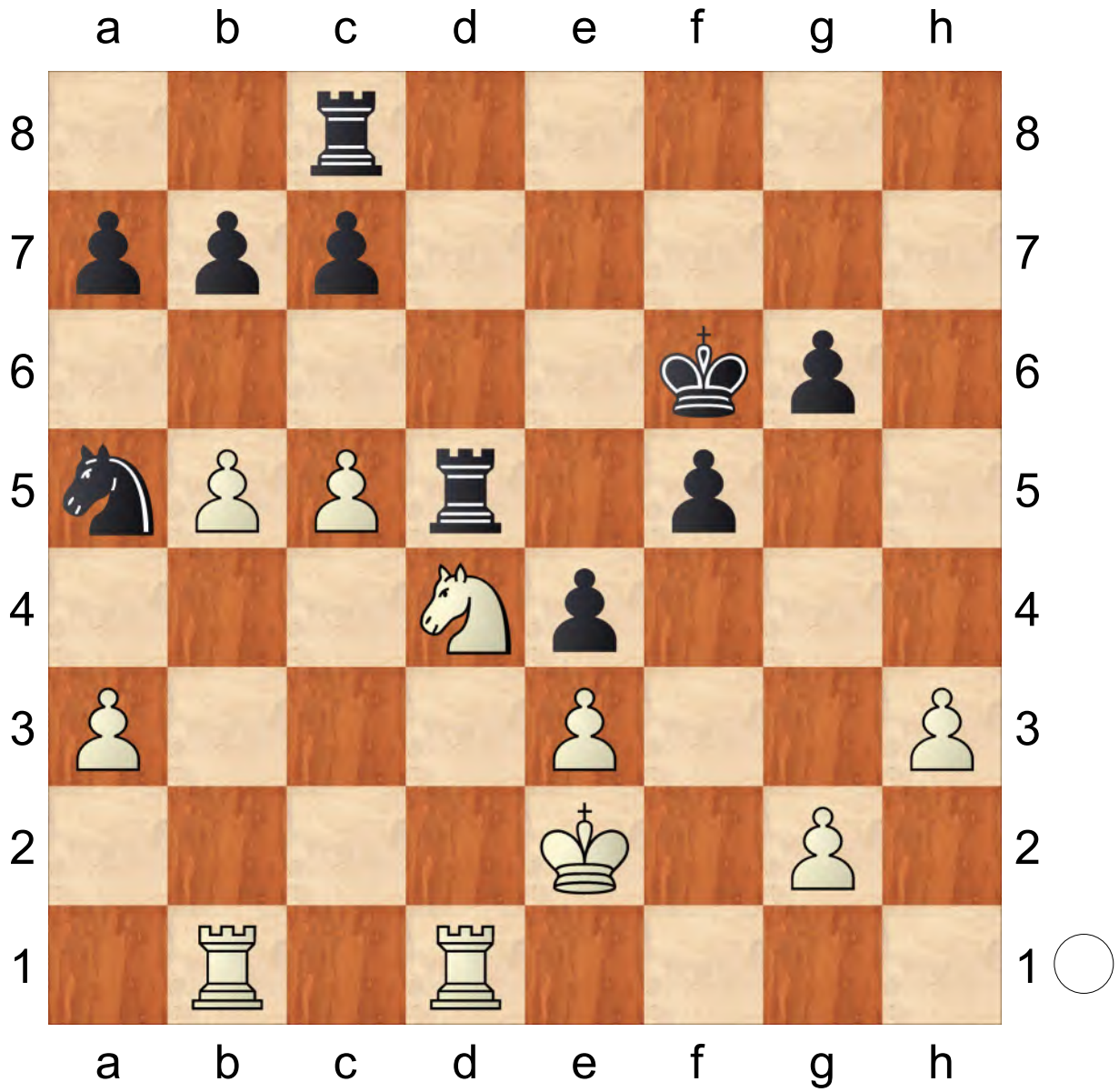


31.c6 b6 32.h4 Nc4 33.a4 Rcd8 34.g3 R8d6 35.Rbc1 Ne5

(Diagram)

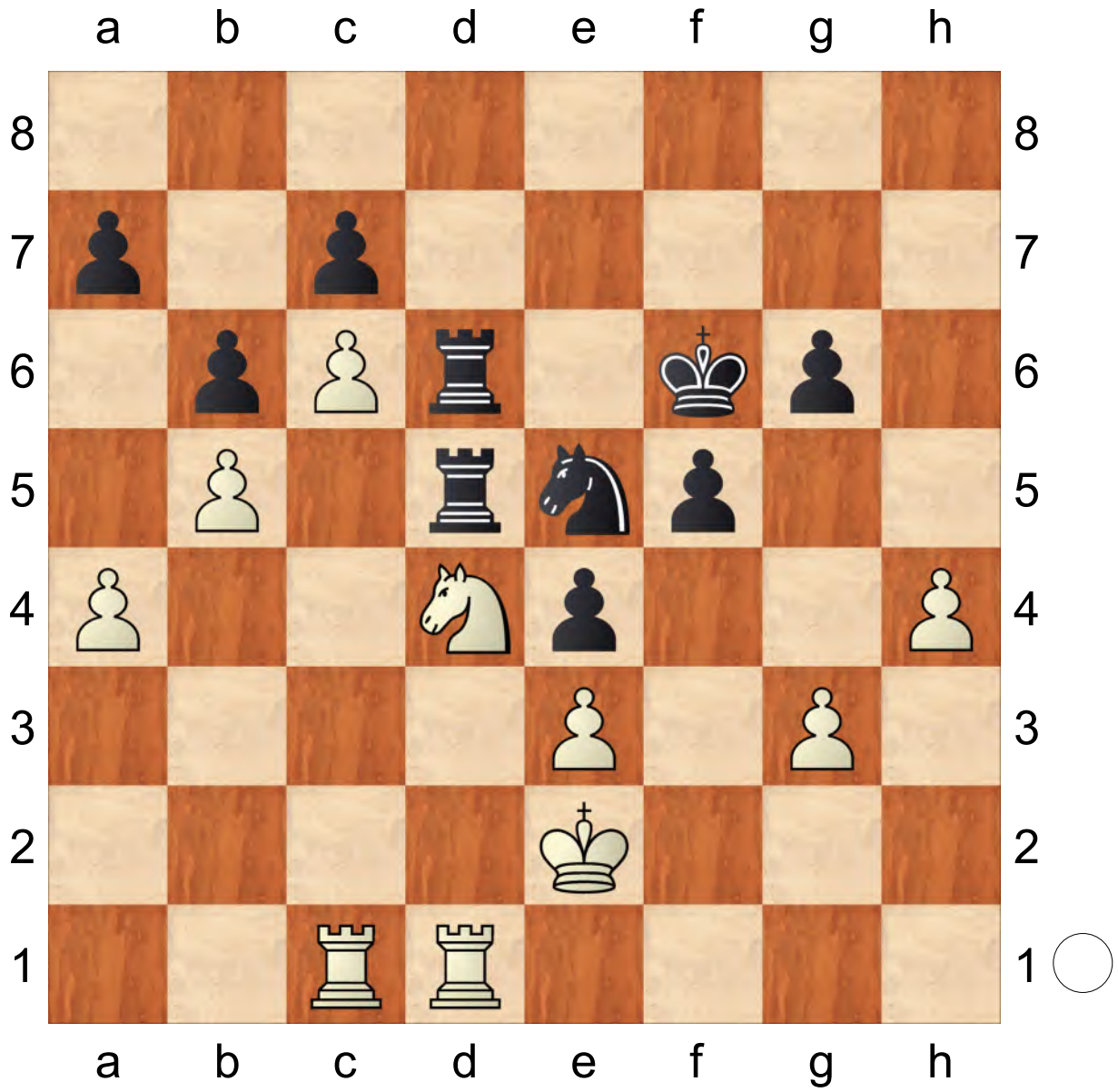
36.Rf1 Ng4 37.Rcd1 Ke5 38.h5

(Diagram)

Schwarz zieht und...

38...Nxe3!∓ 39.Kxe3 Rxd4 40.Rxd4 Rxd4

(Diagram)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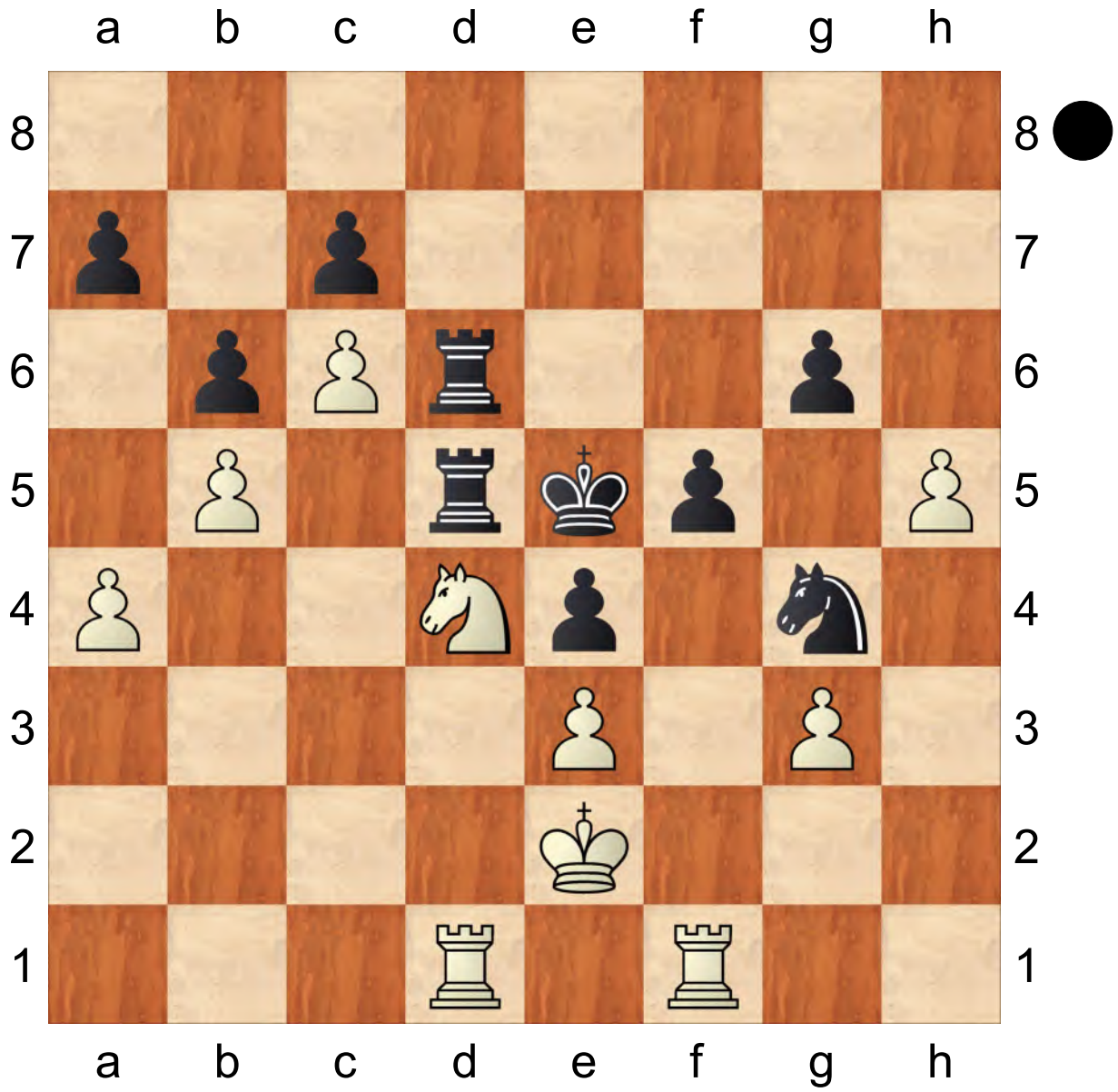
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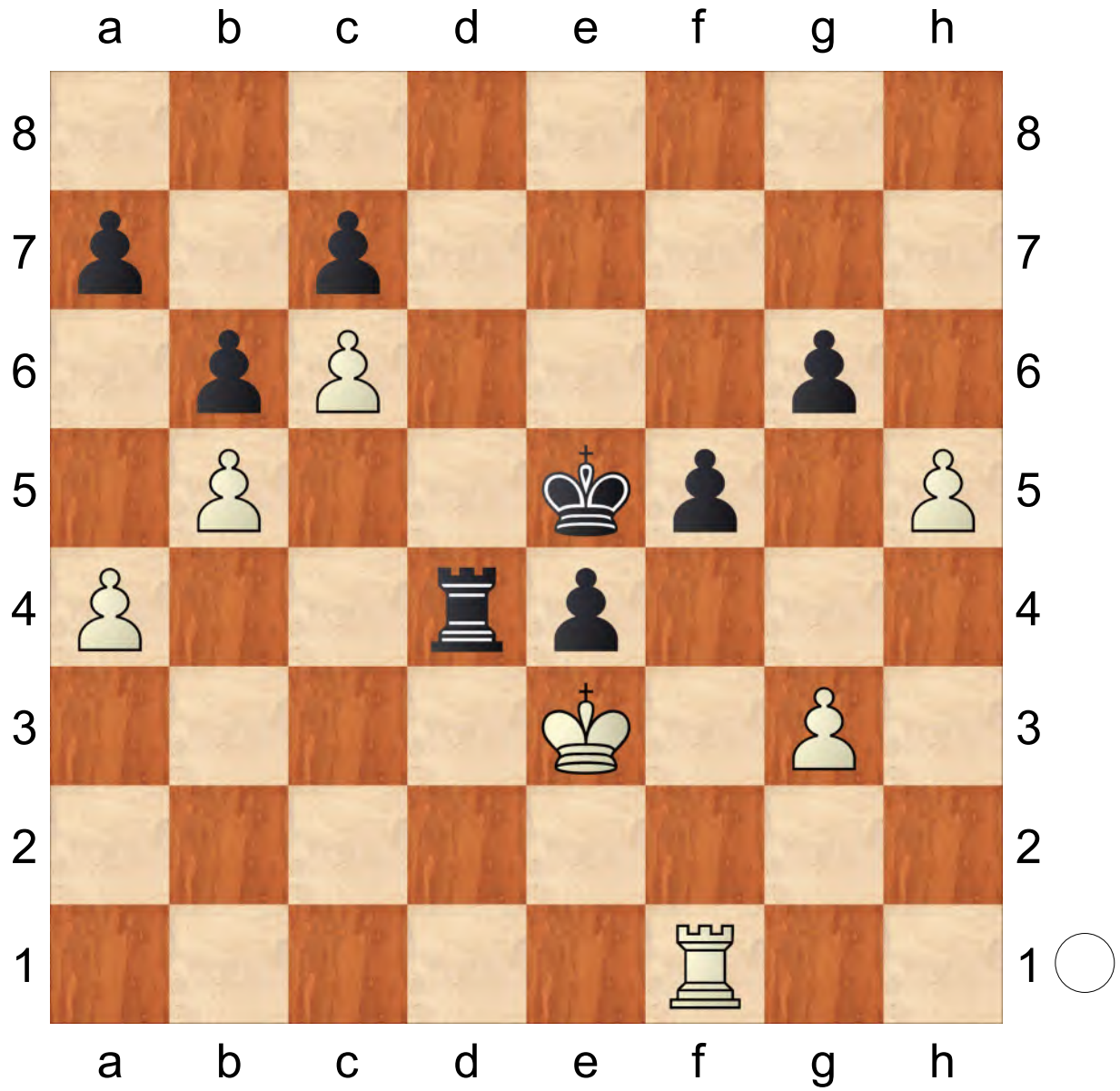


41.h6

[41.hxg6

A) 41...Rd3+? 42.Kf2! *(42.Ke2? Rxg3-+)*

A1) 42...Rf3+ 43.Kg2 Kf6= *(43...Rxf1?? 44.g7!+-)*;

A2) 42...Rd6? 43.Rh1 Rxg6 44.Rh7 ist nicht im Sinne von Schwarz.;

A3) 42...Kf6 43.Rh1 Rf3+ 44.Kg2 Kxg6 45.Rh8 Ra3 46.Rc8 Rxa4 47.Rxc7 Rb4 48.Rc8 Rc4 49.Kf2 Rc5 50.c7 Kg7 51.Ke3=;

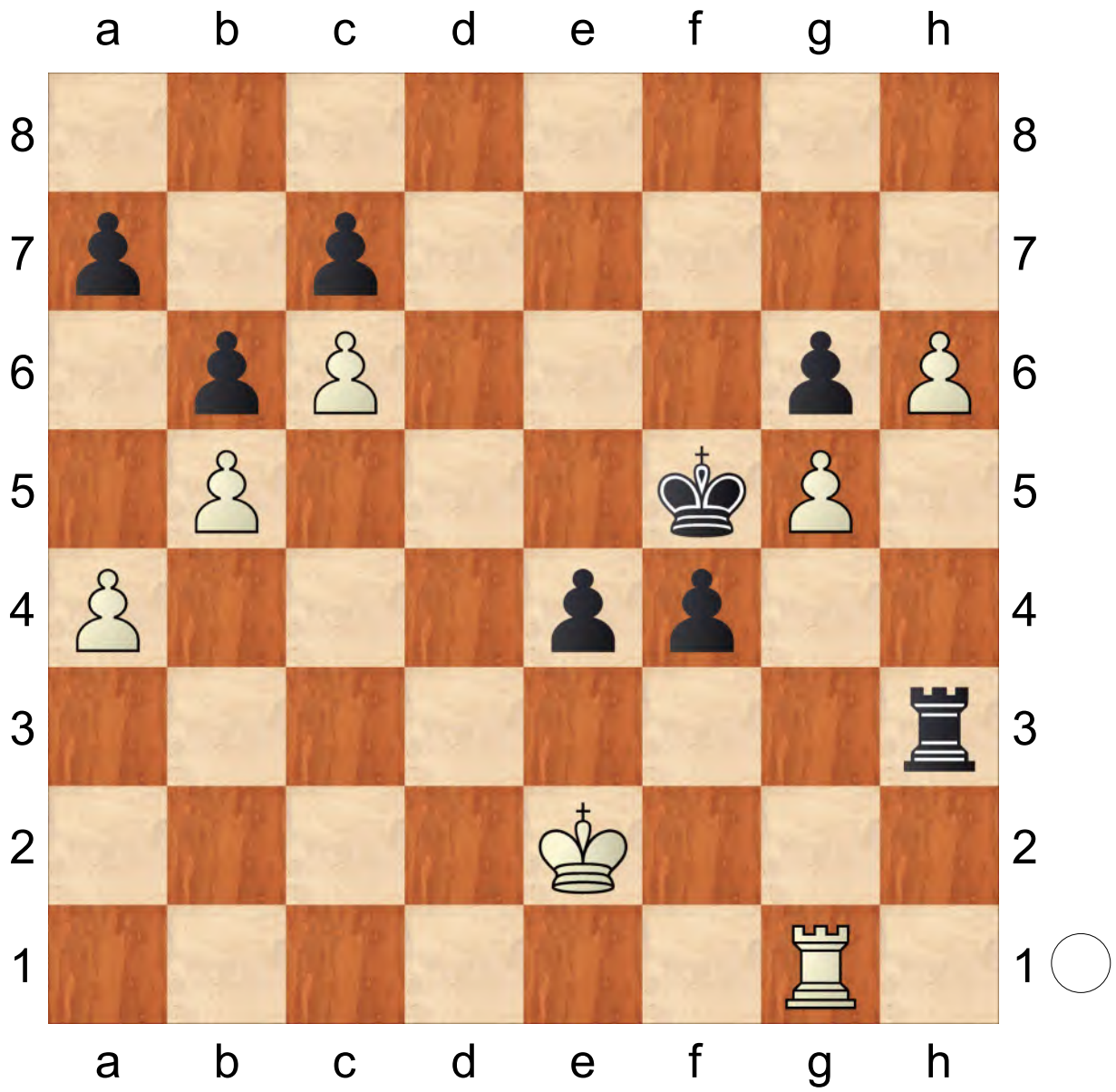
B) 41...Rd8? 42.g7 Rd3+ *(42...Rg8? 43.g4 fxg4 44.Rf7±)* 43.Kf2 Rd2+ 44.Ke3 Rd3+=;

C) 41...Rd6! 42.Rh1 Rxg6 43.Rh7 Rxg3+ 44.Kd2 Rd3+ 45.Kc2 *(45.Ke2 Rd4 46.Rxc7 Rxa4-+)* 45...Ra3 46.Rxc7 Rxa4 47.Kb3 Ra5 48.Kb4 Ra1-+]

41...Rd3+ 42.Ke2 Kf6 43.g4

[43.Rh1 Rd8 44.h7 Rh8 45.Ke3 g5 46.g4 fxg4 47.Kxe4 Kg6-+]

43...Rh3 44.Rg1 f4 45.g5+ Kf5



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D02

□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2774**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2816**
EU-Cup 31st Skopje (7.3) 24.10.2015
[Postny,Evgeny]

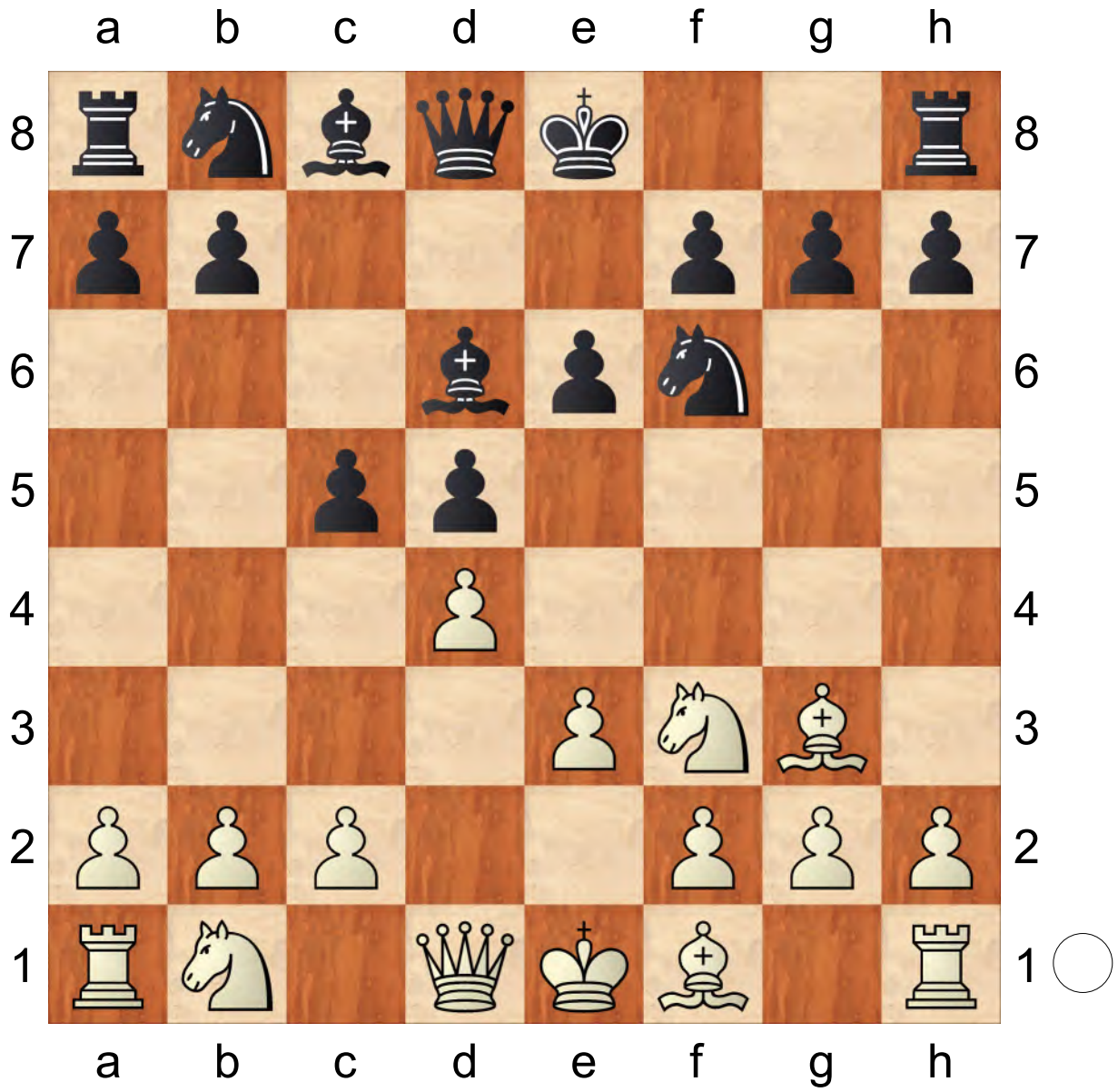
1.d4 Postny,E **1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4** Going away from the main theory. Recently Kramnik successfully used this setup numerous times in the world rapid and blitz in Berlin. **3...e6**
[3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Qb6 *(5...Bg4 6.c3 Qb6 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Bb5±)* 1-0 (34) Kramnik,V (2777)-Meier,G (2654) Berlin 2015*)* 6.dxc5 Qxc5 *(6...Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qc3 8.Bb5 Qxc5 9.c4⩱)* 7.a3 Bf5 8.c4± ½-½ (39) Kramnik,V (2777)-Cheparinov,I (2681) Berlin 2015]
4.e3 Bd6 5.Bg3 White is hoping to open the h-file some day.
[5.Nbd2 c5 *(5...0-0 6.Bd3 b6=)* 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.c4 Be7 10.Rc1 h6 11.h3± 1-0 (33) Kramnik,V (2777)-Belov,V (2614) Berlin 2015]
5...c5

(Diagram)

6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 I also had a couple of games in this line. **9.e4**
[9.Qe2 Bb7 10.0-0 Re8 11.Ne5 Ne7?! *(11...Qc7=)* 12.Bb5! Bxe5 *(12...Rf8 13.Nd7! Nxd7 14.Bxd6±)* 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.e4± 0-1 (66) Prohaszka,P (2578)-Postny,E (2633) Austria 2013]
[9.Ne5 Bb7 10.f4 Ne7! An important manoeuvre. The knight is heading to d6 to control the key e4-square. 11.Qf3 Nf5 12.Bf2 Be7 13.0-0 Nd6 14.Bh4 Nfe4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7∓ 0-1 (48) Pezerovic,E (2439)-Postny,E (2631) Bad Wiessee 2013]
9...Be7!
[9...dxe4? Opening the centre at this moment is just bad for Black. 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bb7 12.Qa4 Rc8 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Rd1 Qf6 15.0-0± 1-0 (27) Sedlak,N (2565)-Prusikin,M (2493) Bayern 2014]
10.e5 Nh5

(Diagram)

Black gets the opportunity to grab the dark-squared bishop at any moment, so objectively he is okay in this French type structure. **11.a3** Nakamura had already played this position earlier this year against Kamsky, so Grischuk could prepare this at home. An engine evaluates this position as slightly preferable for Black, but from a human point of view White has some prospects on the kingside where he has a superiority in space.
[11.0-0 Bd7 12.Re1 Rc8 13.a3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 f5 15.dxc5?! bxc5 16.b4 g5∓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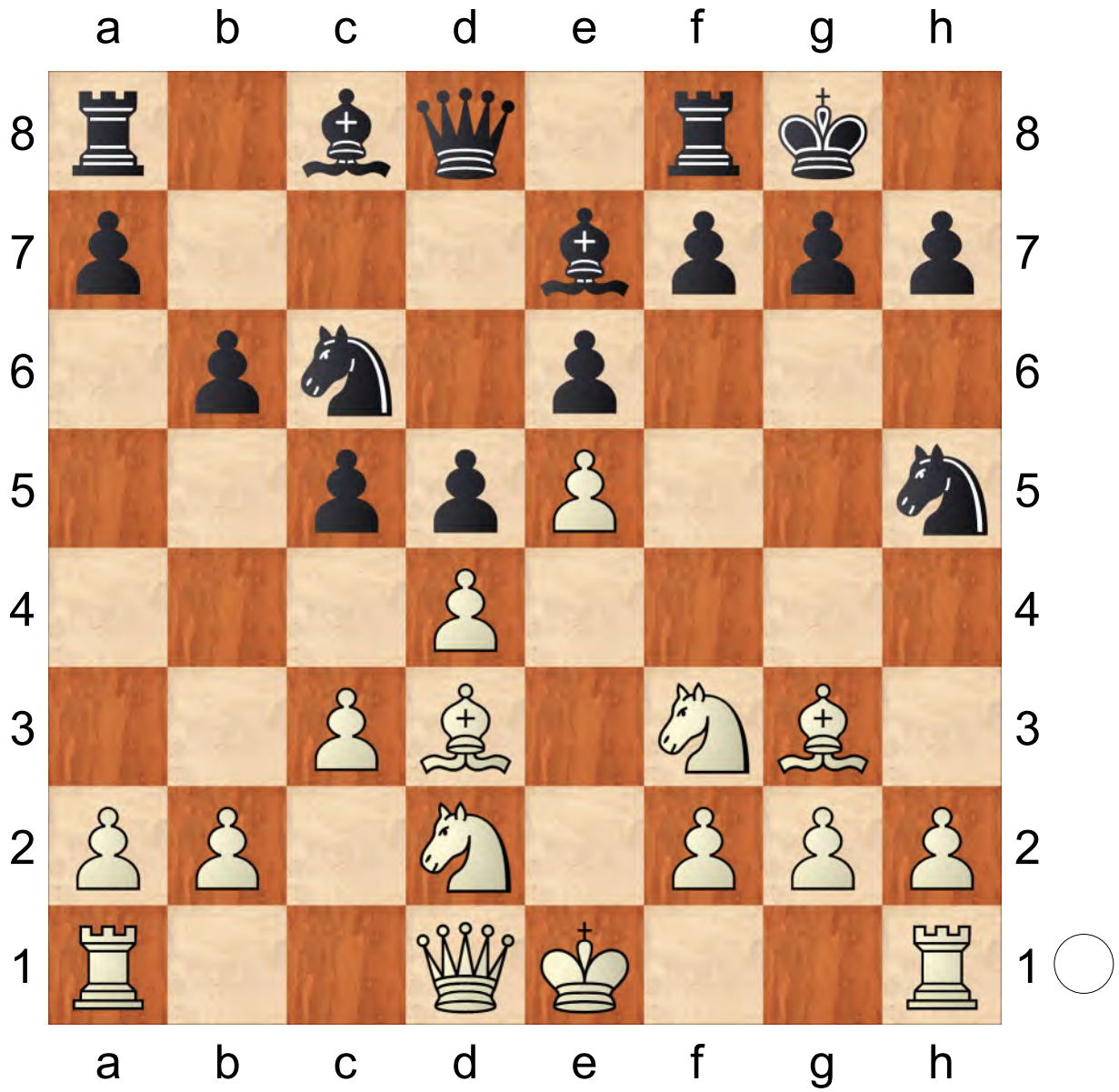


½-½ (60) Kamsky,G (2683)-Nakamura,H (2798) Saint Louis 2015]

11...a5 12.Qe2 Ra7!N I like this move. The rook can be useful on the seventh rank. I don't see the point of putting the bishop on d7 instead.

[12...c4 13.Bc2 b5?! *(⩲13...g6)* 14.Ng5! Bxg5 15.Qxh5 g6 16.Qe2± ½-½ (59) Kramnik,V (2777)-Zhigalko,S (2656) Berlin 2015]

13.0-0

[13.Nf1!? could be a useful manoeuvre to transfer the more passive knight to a more active square.]

13...c4 14.Bc2 b5 15.h4!?

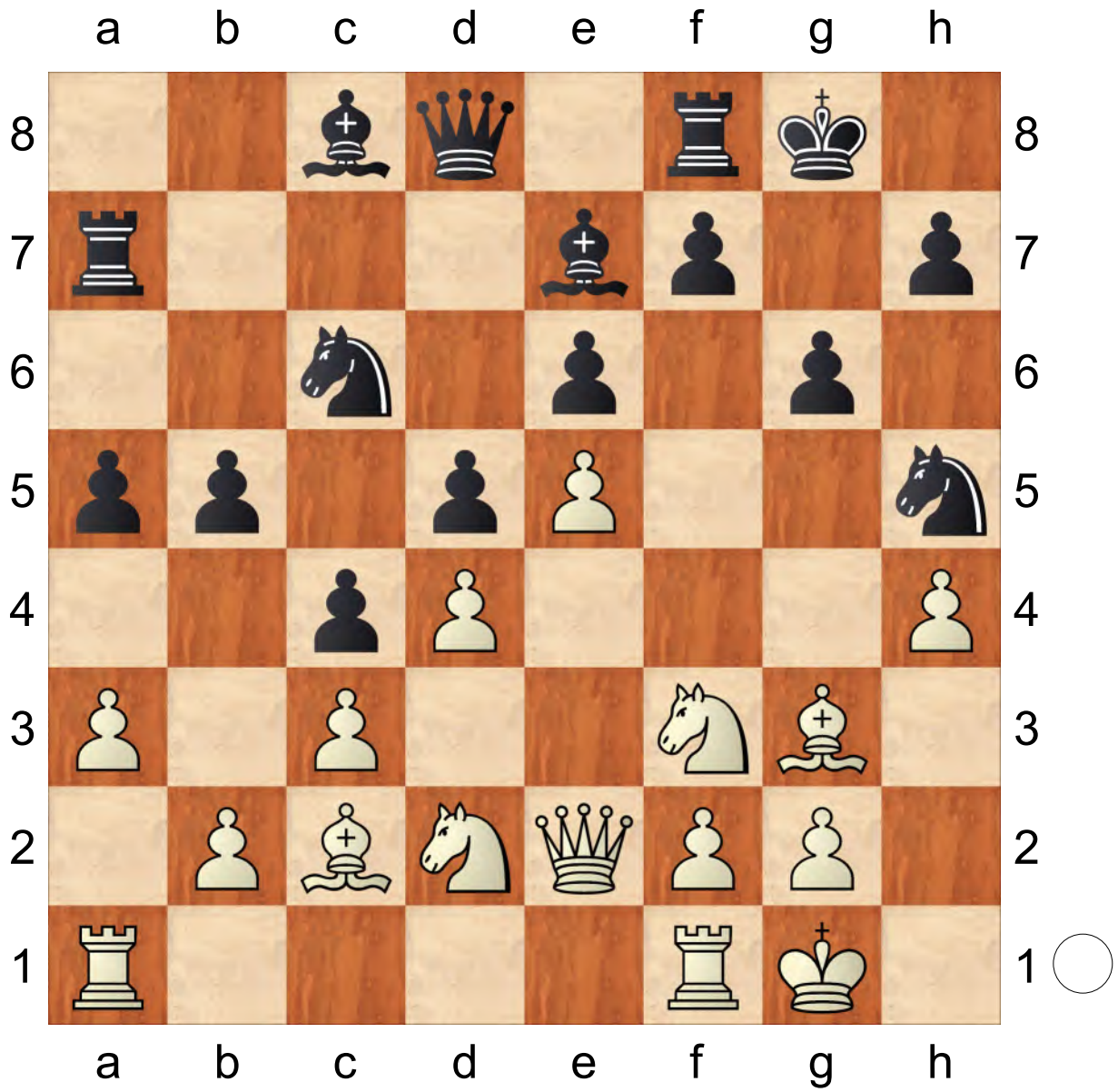
[15.Nh4?! g6 is getting nowhere for White.]

15...g6?

[15...Nxg3 16.fxg3 Here Black has two options:

A) 16...b4 17.axb4 axb4 We can see now another plus of 12...♖a7 - the rook is

protected. 18.Nxc4 Ba6 *(18...dxc4? 19.Qe4)* 19.Rxa6 Rxa6 20.Ne3 Qa8∓; **B)** 16...f5 17.g4 fxg4 *(17...g6* is probably safer.*)* 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Qxg5 21.Qf2 Qe7 22.Qf4⩲]



Nakamura spent more than half an hour on this move, but decided to keep the white bishop alive. Indeed it wasn't easy to envisage the consequences of opening the f-file. However, it was important for Black to swap his ♘h5. **16.Bh2!** **Bxh4** **17.g4?!** Tempting, but premature.

[17.Nxh4 Qxh4 18.Nf3 Qd8 *(18...Qg4 19.Qe3 f5 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Rf8 23.f3 Qh4 24.Qh6 Qe7 25.g3±)* 19.g4 Ng7 20.Kg2±]

17...Ng7 The knight is really misplaced here. **18.Nxh4**

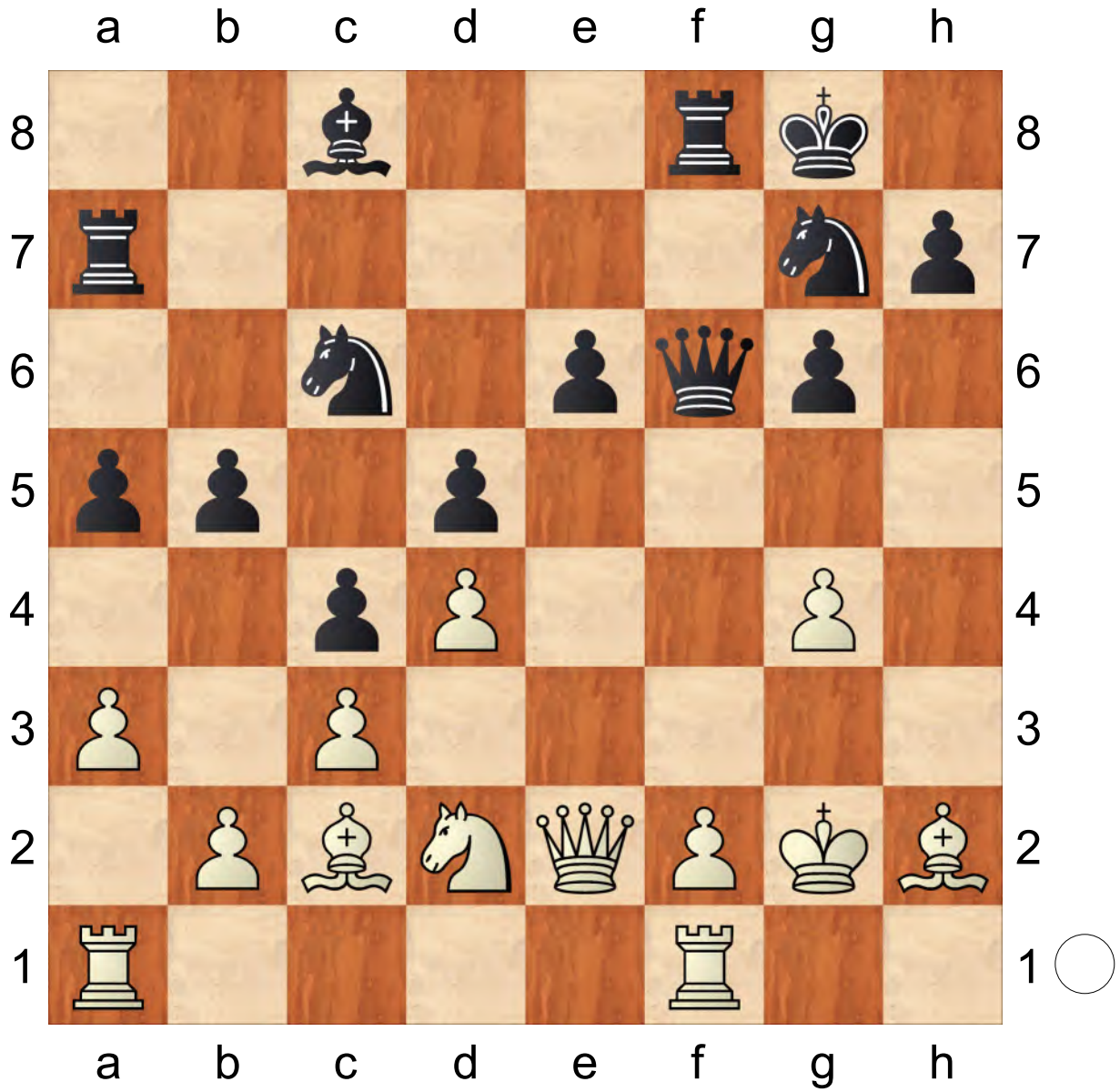
[18.Qe3 Be7 19.Kg2 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Rh1 e5! Black should go for this to make the ♗c8 and ♘g7 alive and kicking. 22.dxe5 Be7 23.Bg3 Ne6 24.Qh6

Bc5∓]

18...Qxh4 19.Kg2 f5! The only way to get counterplay. Now the queenside rook can also join the battle. Here we can also see the drawback of the premature 17.g4. White didn't bring the knight to f3 in time to fight against the push f7-f5.

[19...h5? 20.Nf3! Qxg4+ 21.Kh1 h4 22.Rg1 Qh5 23.Rg5 Qh6 24.Rag1 Nf5 25.Bf4 Qg7 26.Bxf5 exf5 27.Rh5! gxh5 28.Bh6! Qxg1+ 29.Kxg1+- Materially Black is doing fine, but his king will not survive due to the horrible coordination of Black's forces.]

20.exf6 Qxf6



21.Bd6

[21.Nf3 e5! 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Qg5 24.f3 Ne6 25.Rae1 Raf7 26.Qe3 Nf4+ 27.Bxf4 Rxf4=]

21...Rff7 22.f4?! It looks like White has full control over the e5-square, but the

breakthrough follows nevertheless...
[22.Qe3 e5! Anyway! 23.dxe5 Qd8 24.f3 Ne6∓]
22...e5! 23.dxe5
[23.fxe5? Qg5∓]
23...Qh4 24.f5 There is a real mess on the board! A human player would need hours to understand this position, while both players were down to their last minutes.
24...gxf5?
[24...Nxf5! 25.Bxf5 *(25.gxf5? gxf5-+; 25.e6 Rg7∓)* 25...gxf5 26.Nf3 Qxg4+ 27.Kf2 Rg7 28.Rg1 Qf4∓]
25.Rh1 Qd8
[25...Qg5 26.Nf3 Qxg4+ 27.Kf2 d4! 28.Rag1 d3 29.Qd2! dxc2 30.Ng5 *(* After *30.Rxg4? fxg4* Black gets too much material for the queen.*)* 30...h5! The queen is just standing in front of the rook like an equal piece! 31.Nxf7 Rxf7 32.Rxg4 fxg4+ 33.Ke1 Bf5 34.Rf1 Nd8⩲]

(Diagram)

26.Qe3 d4?! This looks natural, opening the long diagonal against the white king, but doesn't really work for Black.
[26...h5! Another pretty much non-human move. 27.Raf1 *(27.Qh6 Ra6!)* 27...f4! 28.Qc5 Bxg4! 29.Qxc6 Qg5 30.Nf3 Bh3+! 31.Kf2 Qg2+ 32.Ke1 Bd7 33.Qb6 Qxc2 34.Qxa7 Qb1+ 35.Kf2 Qc2+=]
27.cxd4 Ne8?!
[27...Bb7 28.Kf2! *(28.d5 Nd4! 29.Qxd4 Ne6 30.Qe3 Bxd5+* with a lot of play for the piece.*)* 28...Ne7 29.Bxe7 Qxe7 30.Rh6 fxg4+ 31.Ke2 Nf5 32.Bxf5 Rxf5 33.Rg1±]
28.Rh6? It was important to keep the bishop.
[28.Bc5 Rac7 29.Nf3 Rg7 30.Rag1±]
28...Rg7 29.Rg1 Rad7? Wasting a tempo.
[29...Rxg4+ 30.Kf1 Rxg1+ 31.Qxg1+ Rg7 32.Qe3 Ne7 33.Bxe7 Qxe7⩱]
30.d5?
[30.Kf2 Nxd6 31.exd6± Rxd6? 32.Rxd6 Qxd6 33.Qe8+ Qf8 34.Qxc6+-]
30...Ne7

(Diagram)

31.Bxe7 Rdxe7 32.Qd4! No, it's not a queen blunder! **32...Bb7?** Again refraining from taking on g4.
[32...Rxg4+ 33.Kf1 Reg7 34.Rxg4 Rxg4 35.Qc5 Qg5∓]
33.Kf2 Qxd5 34.Qxd5+ Bxd5 35.Bxf5 Rxe5

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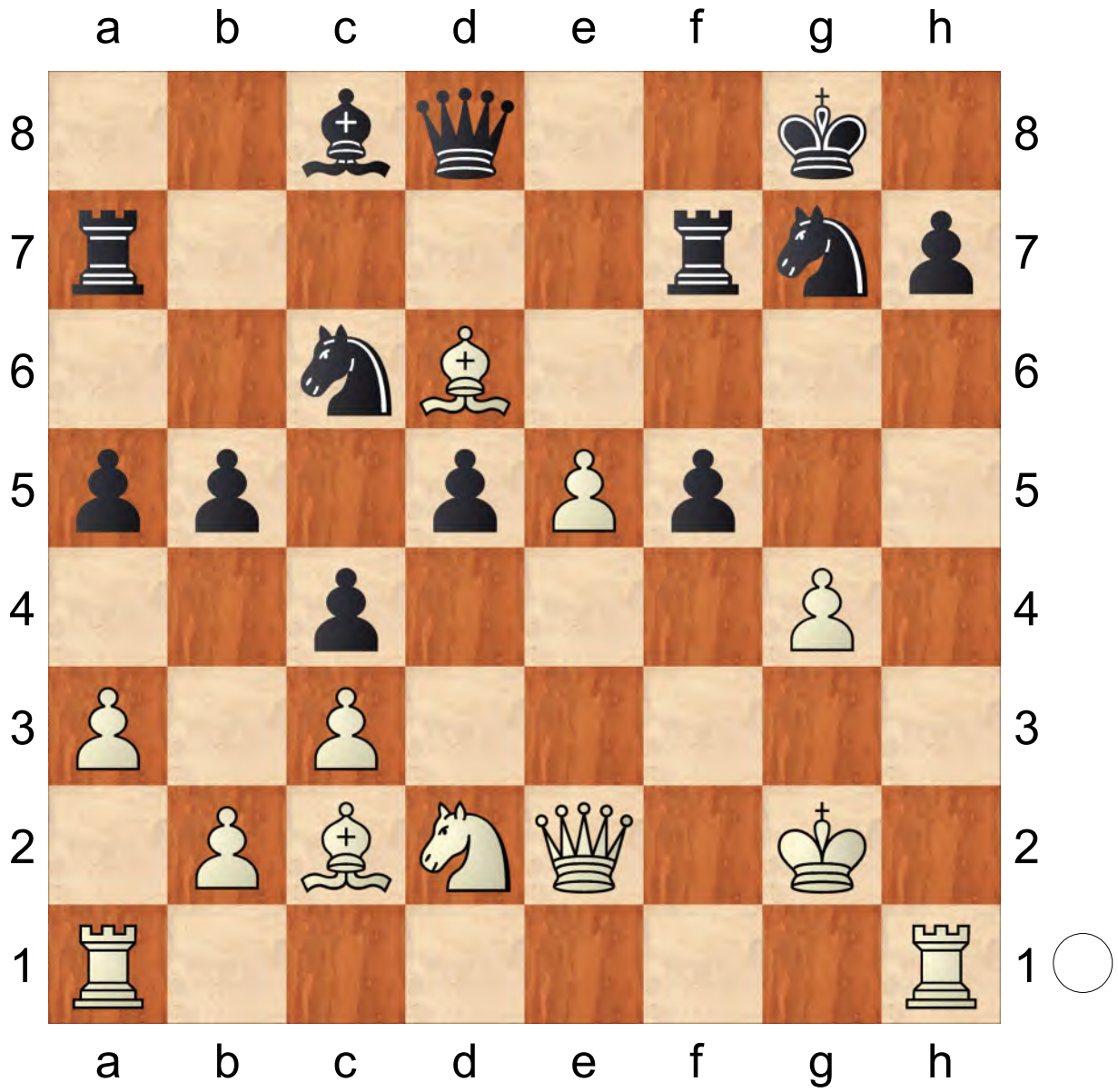

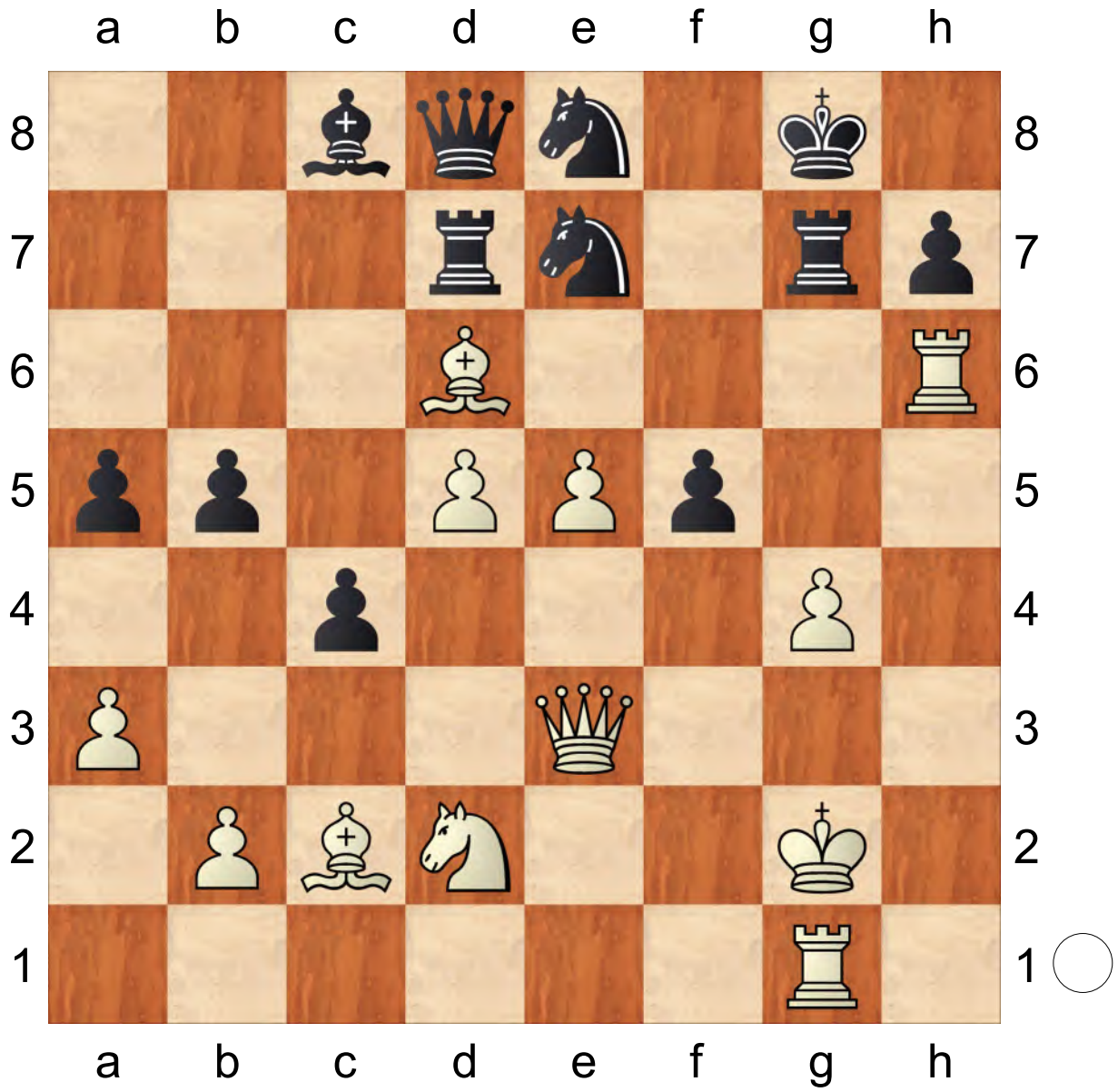
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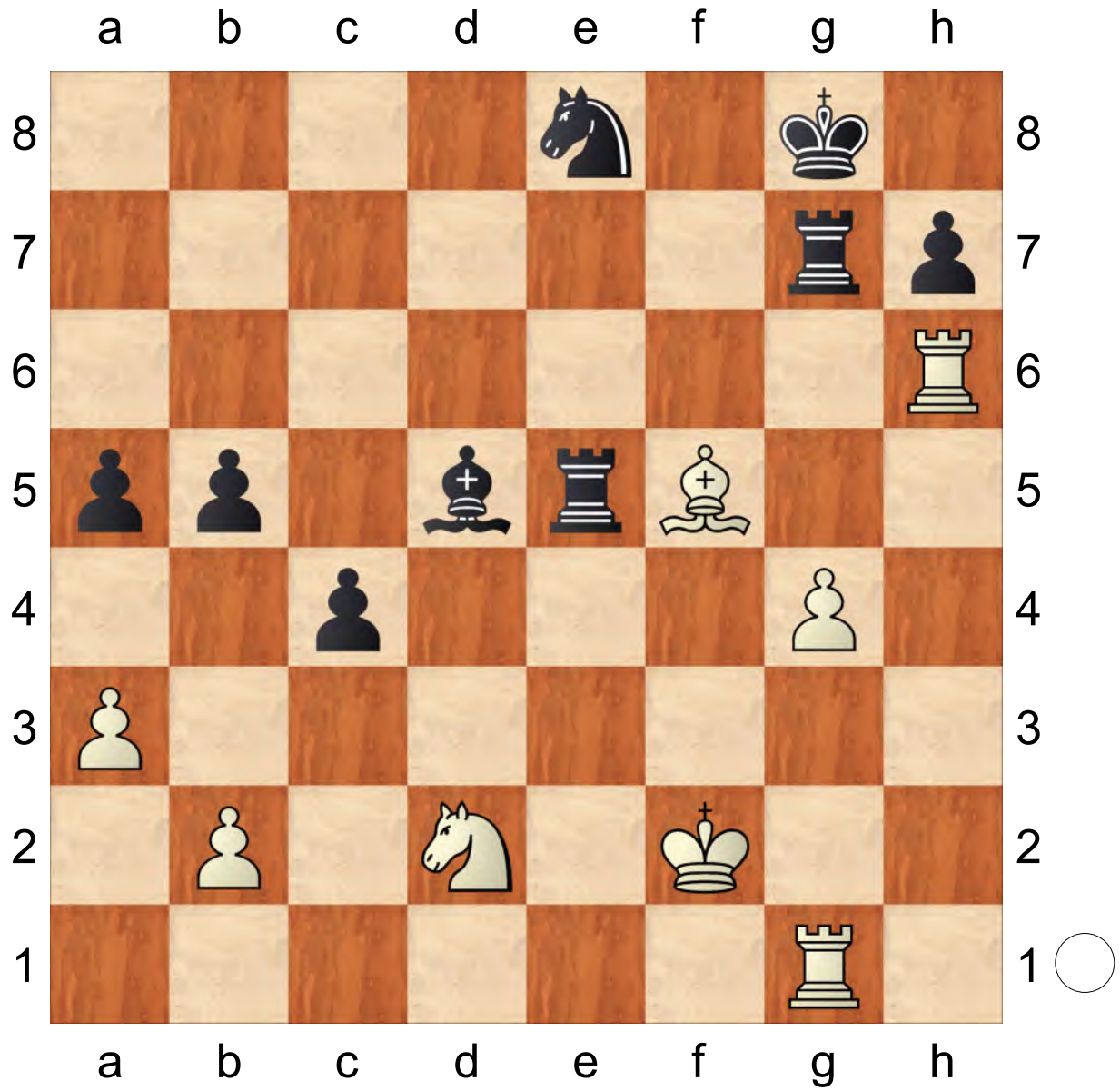

36.Re1 Rxe1 37.Kxe1 The time trouble is not finished yet, but now after massive exchanges the dust has settled a bit. Black is up a pawn, but White's activity should be sufficient for a draw. **37...b4 38.axb4 axb4 39.Be6+ Bxe6 40.Rxe6 Nc7**

[40...Nc7 41.Rc6=]

[40...Kf7 would force White to work a bit to make a draw, but Nakamura decided to call it a day. It was a busy day!]

(Diagram)

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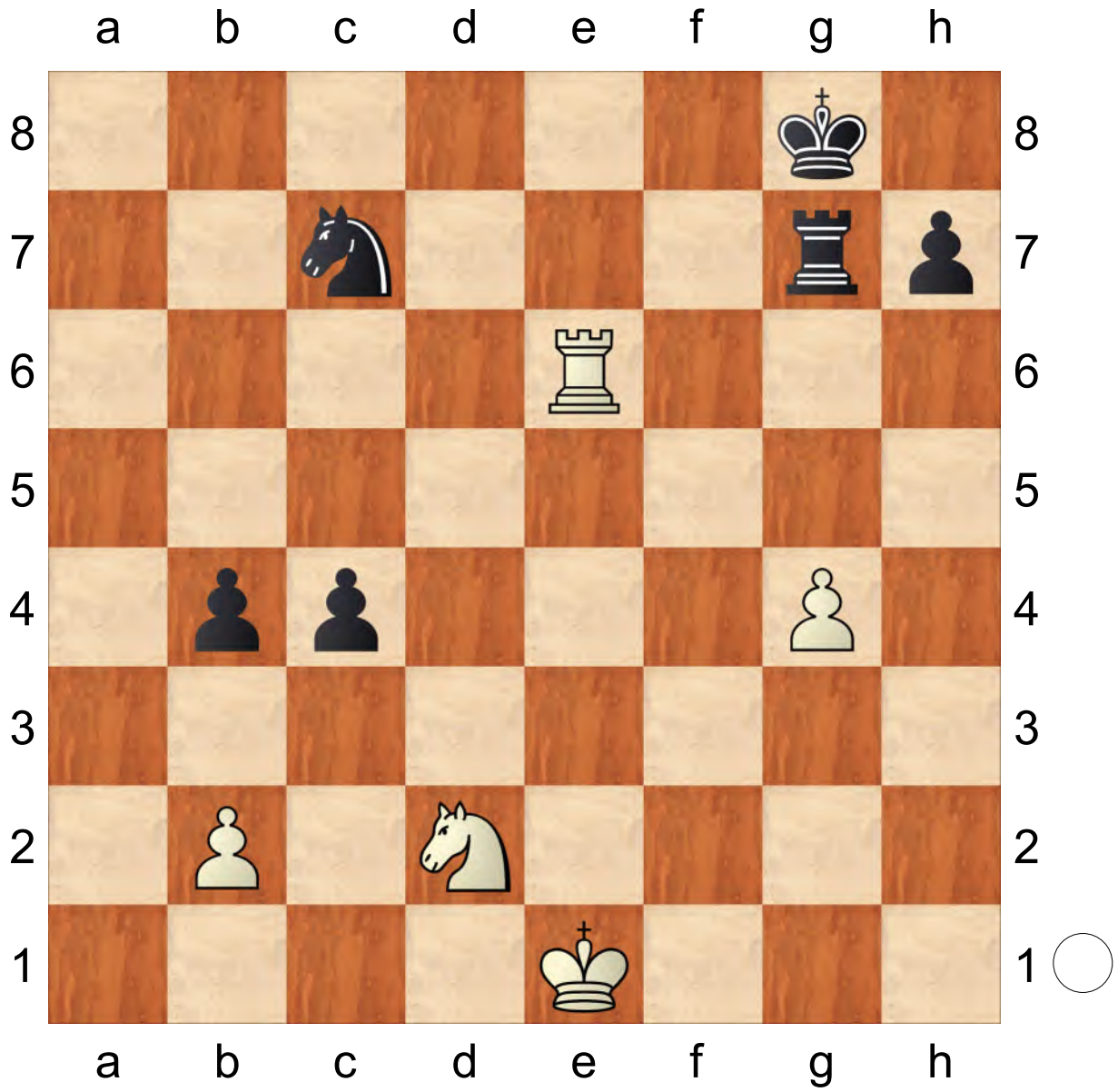
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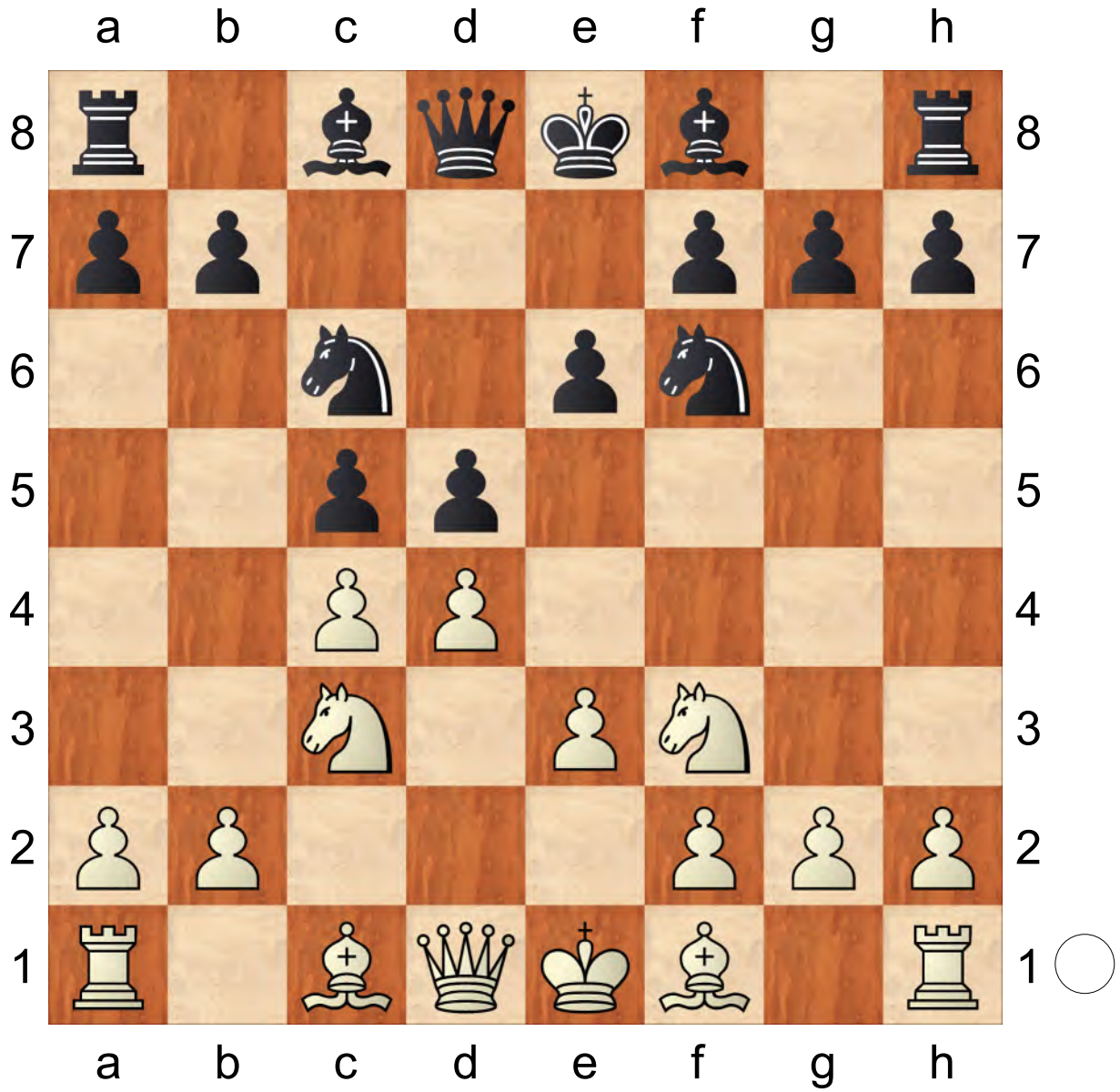
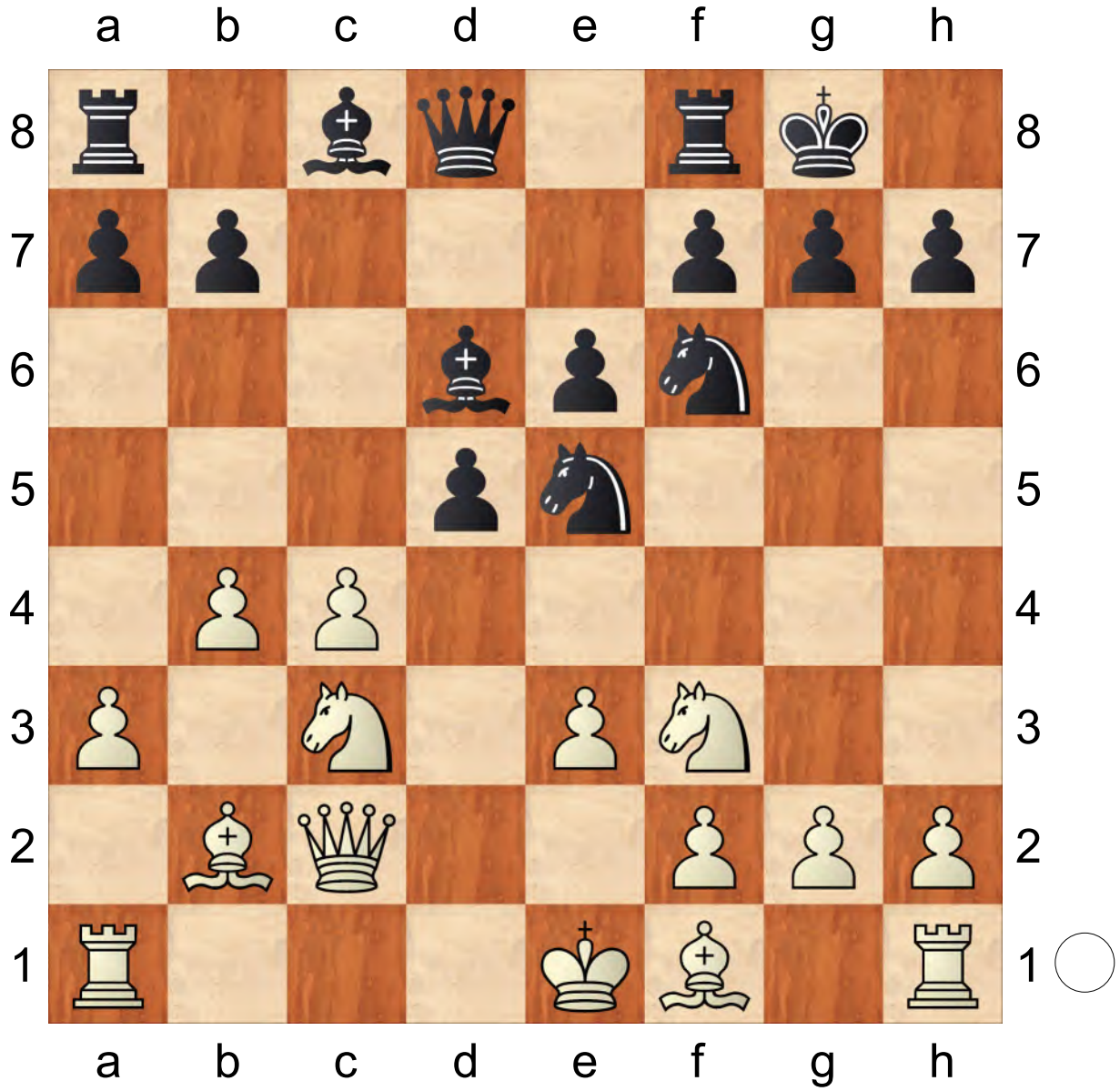
□ **Tal,Mihail**
■ **Aronin,Lev Solomonovich**
URS-ch24 Final (17) 15.02.1957
[ChessBase/Tal/Aronin]

1.d4 1) Tal and Aronin in Shakmmaty v SSSR 1957. reprinted in 2) Kirillov: Mikhail Tal. 1949-1961. Riga. 1996. p.110-114. **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6**



6.a3 Bd6
[6...a6 7.b3 Aronin]
7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Qc2 Ne5

[10...a5 11.b5]



11.0-0-0!

[11.c5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Be7 13.Bd3±]

[11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 a5 *(12...exd5 13.Nb5±)* 13.dxe6 Bxe6]

11...Qe7

[11...a5 12.c5 Bc7 *(12...Bb8 13.Nxd5* Aronin*; 12...axb4! 13.axb4 Bb8)* 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.f4 Bc7 15.Bd3 axb4 16.axb4 b6 17.g4 bxc5 18.bxc5 mit scharfem Spiel.]

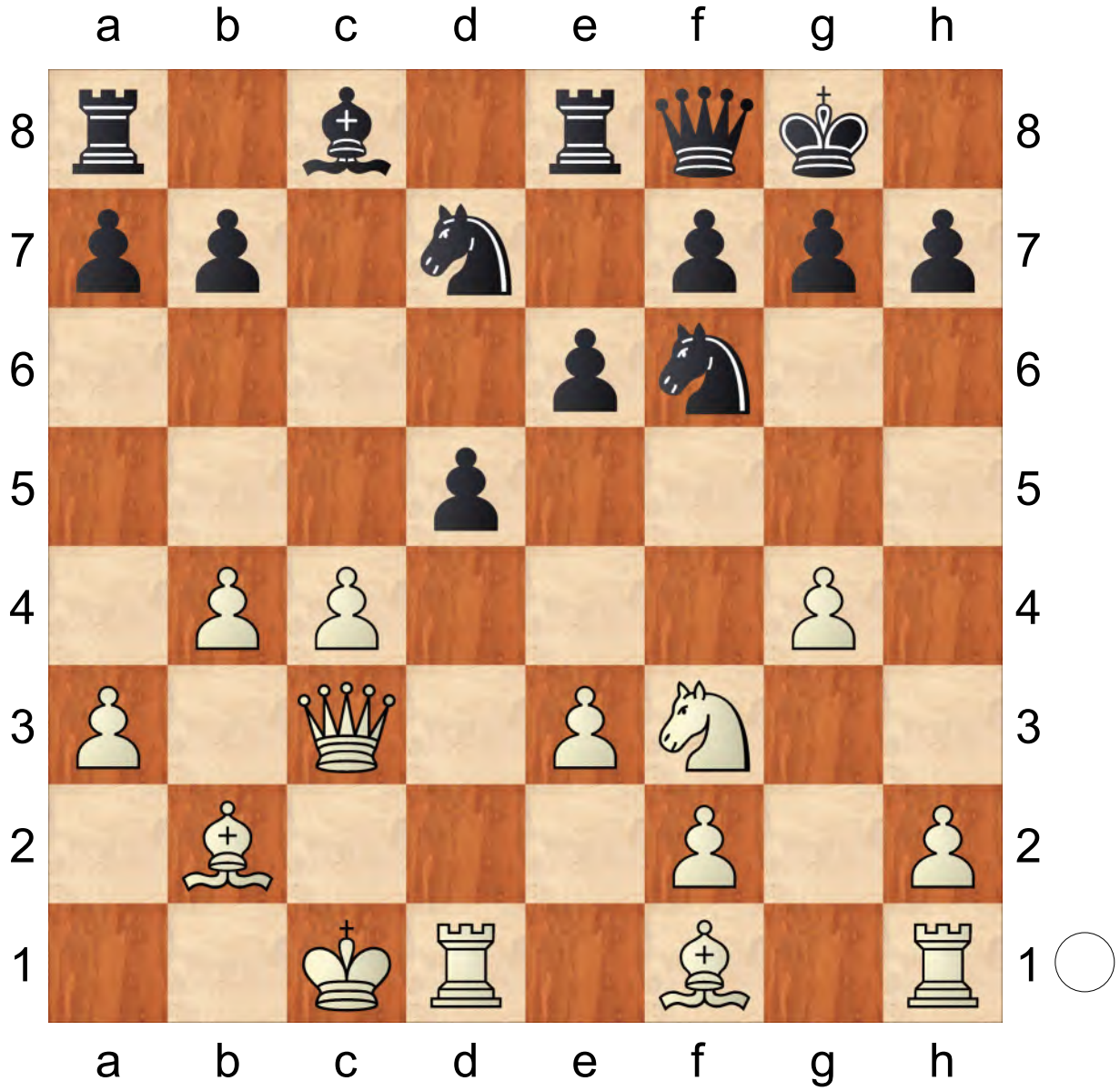
[11...Nxf3!? 12.gxf3 a5∓ 13.c5 axb4 14.axb4 Bb8=]

12.Nb5

[12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Rxd5 Nxf3 15.gxf3 Be6 Aronin]

[12.c5 Bc7 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.f4 Bc7 15.Bd3 e5]

12...Ned7
[12...Nxf3 13.gxf3 g-Linie]
13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.Qc3 Re8
[14...b6]
15.g4 Qf8
[15...e5 16.g5 Ne4 17.Qc2]



16.Bd3
[16.g5 Ne4 Aronin]
[16.h3 Fritz a5 17.b5 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Rd8±]
16...Nb6
[≤16...dxc4 17.Qxc4 Nb6 18.Qc5 ⧉]
[16...e5 17.g5 Nh5 *(17...Ng4!* Fritz *)* 18.cxd5 e4 19.Be2 exf3 20.Bxf3]

[16...a5!? Fritz 17.b5 Nxg4∓]

17.g5 Na4

[≤17...dxc4 Fritz

A) ≤18.Bxc4

A1) ≤18...Nxc4 19.gxf6 *(19.Qxc4?! Nd7=)* 19...b5 20.fxg7±;

A2) 18...Ne4 19.Qc2

A2a) 19...Nxc4?! 20.Qxe4 *(20.Qxc4? Nxf2 21.Bd4 b6-+)* 20...Nxb2 21.Kxb2∓;

A2b) 19...Nxf2∓;

B) 18.gxf6 cxd3 19.fxg7± *(≤19.Rxd3 g6±; 19.Qxd3?! g6=)*]

18.Qc2

[18.gxf6 Nxc3 19.fxg7 Qe7 20.Bxc3 dxc4 21.Bc2 f6-+ Aronin]

18...Nxb2 19.Kxb2 dxc4 20.gxf6

[20.Qxc4 Fritz Nd5±]

20...cxd3

(Diagram)

21.Qxd3 e5

[21...gxf6 22.Qd4 *(22.Rhg1+* Fritz *Kh8=)* 22...Qh6 *(22...e5 23.Rhg1+ Kh8 24.Qh4 Re6 25.Qh6!+-)* 23.Rhg1+ Kh8 24.Qd8+- *(24.Ng5! Rf8 25.Qh4! Qxh4 26.Nxf7+ Rxf7 27.Rd8+ Rf8 28.Rxf8#* Fritz *)* 24...Rf8! Fritz 25.Qd6 e5 26.Nxe5 Be6±]

22.Ng5

[22.fxg7!? Fritz Qe7 23.e4 Kxg7 24.Rhg1+ Kh8 25.Qc3±]

22...g6 23.h4

[23.Rdg1 a5 *(23...Be6)* 24.h4 axb4 25.h5 Rxa3 *(⌓25...bxa3+ 26.Ka1 Bf5 27.Qb3 Be6=* Fritz *)* 26.hxg6 Rxd3 27.gxf7+ Qxf7 28.Nxh7+ Kh8 29.Ng5+ Kg8 30.Rh8+]

[23.Rhg1 Fritz a5 24.b5 Be6=]

23...Bf5

[23...h6 24.Rdg1 Aronin hxg5 25.hxg5 e4 26.Qc3+- Fritz]

24.e4 Bg4 25.h5

[25.f3 Bh5 26.Qe3∓ Fritz]

25...Rad8

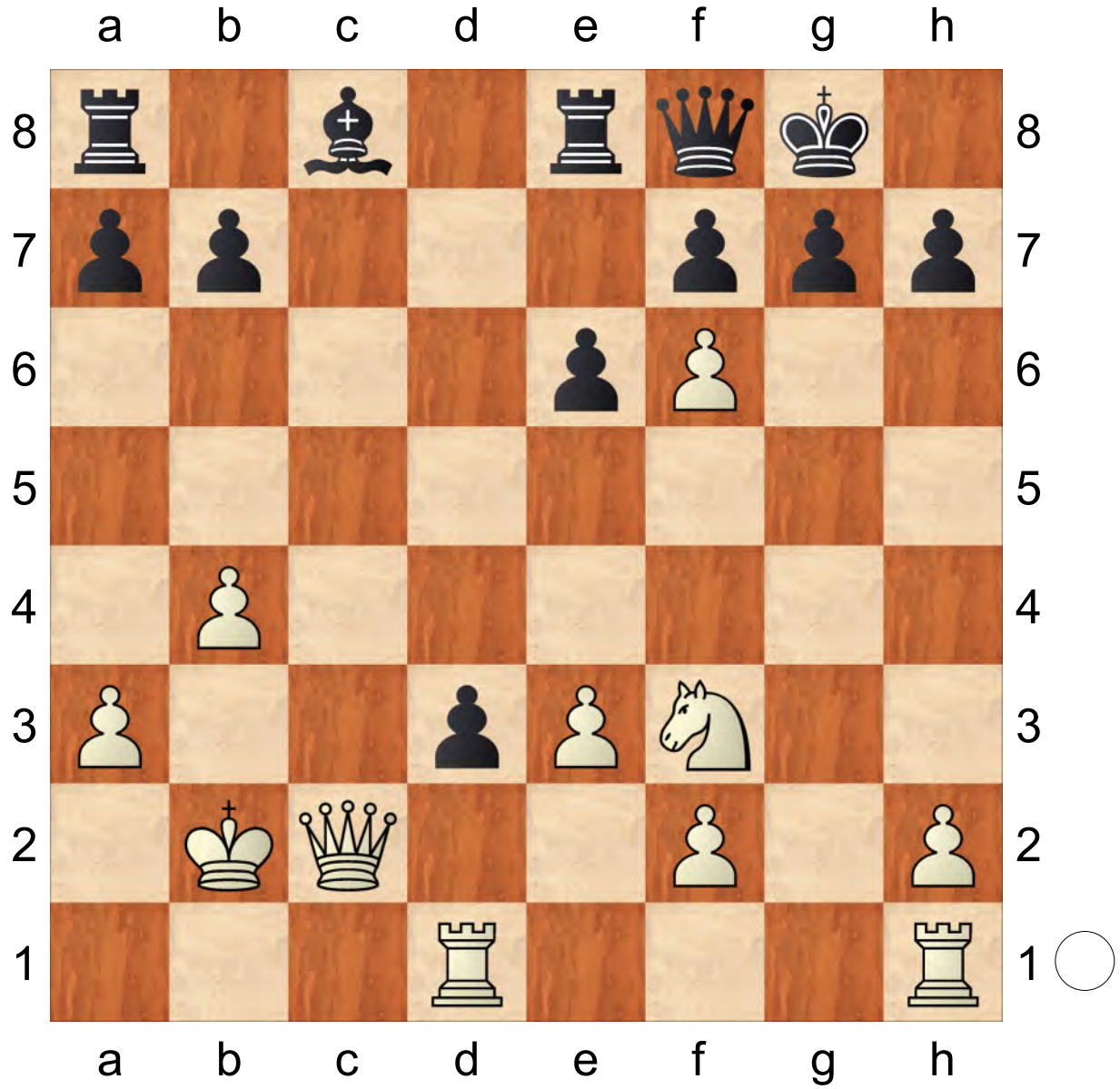
[25...Red8 26.hxg6 Rxd3 *(26...hxg6 27.Rh7)* 27.gxh7+ Kh8 28.Rxd3

A) 28...a5 29.Rg3

A1) 29...Bd7 30.Nf3 *(30.Rhg1 axb4 31.Nf3 bxa3+ 32.Ka1 Bc6 33.Rg8+ Kxh7 34.R8g7+ Qxg7 35.Rxg7+ Kh6 36.Nxe5 Bxe4 37.Nxf7+ Kh5 38.Nd6 Bd5 39.f4 Rg8 40.Rxg8 Bxg8 41.f7 Bxf7 42.Nxf7 Kg4=* Fritz *)* 30...Qd6 31.Rhg1 Aronin Qxf6 Fritz 32.Rg8+ Kxh7-+;

A2) 29...axb4 30.Rxg4 b3 31.a4 Rxa4 32.Nxf7+ Aronin;

B) 28...Be6 29.Rg1 *(29.Rg3? Qd6 30.Nxe6 Qxe6 31.Rhg1 Qxf6 32.Rg8+*



Kxh7 33.R8g2 Qh6) 29...Qh6 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.f7 Kxh7 *(31...Rf8 32.Rd8 Kxh7 33.Rg8 Rxf7 34.Rh8+=)* 32.Rgg3

B1) 32...Qf4 33.Rg2 Qh4 34.Rdg3 Rf8 35.Rg7+ Kh6 36.R7g6+ Kh5? *(36...Kh7=)* 37.Rg8 Qf4 38.Rxf8 *(38.f3!+-* Fritz *)* 38...Qd2+=;

B2) 32...Qf8 33.Rd1 Qh6 34.Rdd3= Aronin]

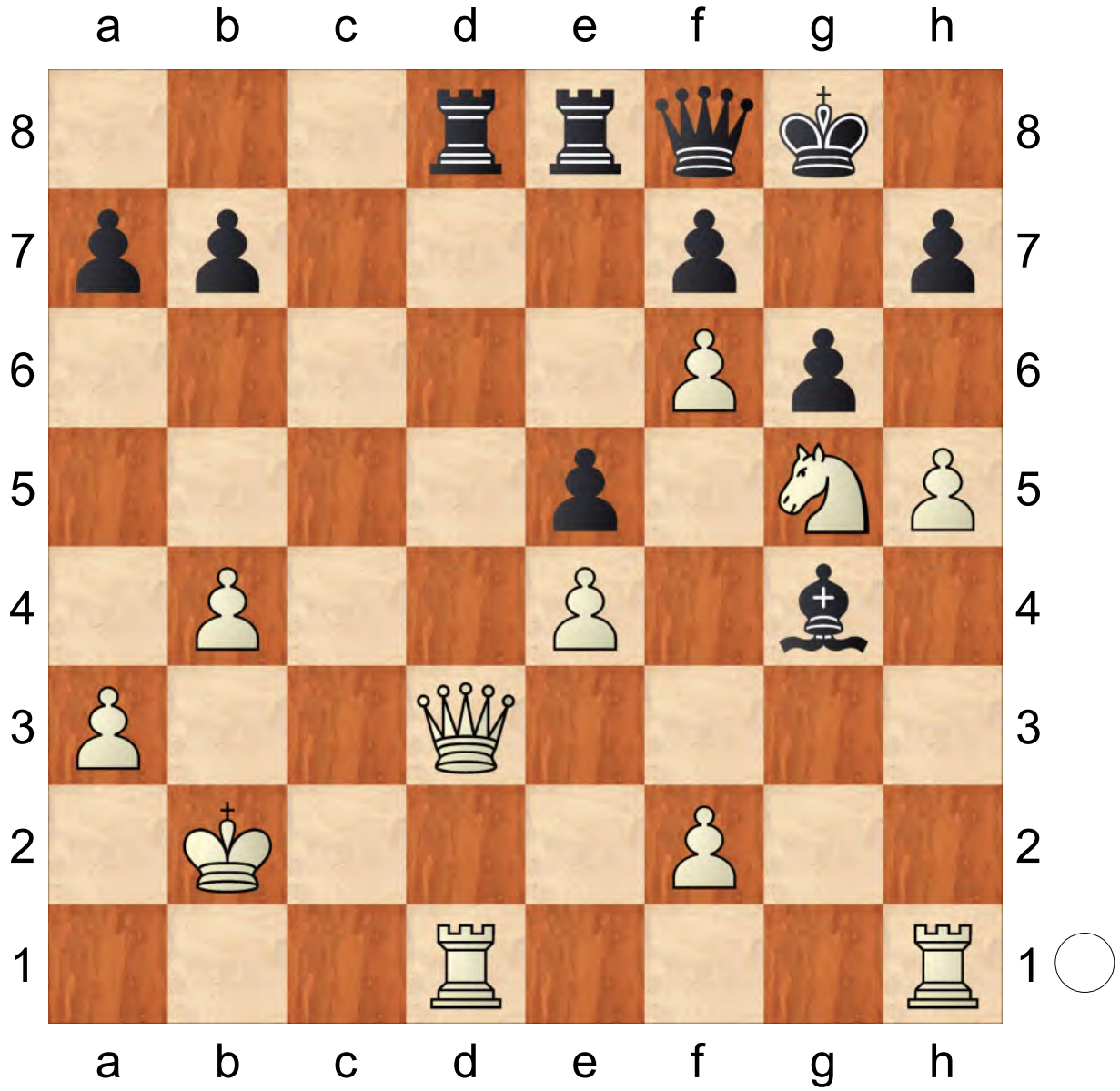
[25...Bxd1 Fritz 26.hxg6! Rad8 27.Qh3+-]

(Diagram)

26.hxg6 Rxd3

[26...hxg6

A) 27.Rh7



A1) 27...Bh5 28.Qh3 *(28.Qc4! Rxd1 29.Rxf7+-* Fritz *)* 28...Rxd1 29.Rxh5 Aronin;

A2) 27...Rxd3 28.Rxd3 fuehrt zur Partie (Aronin);

B) 27.Qxd8! Rxd8 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Rh8+ Kxh8 30.Nxf7+ Kg8 31.Nxd8 Bf3? 32.f7+ Kf8 33.Ne6+ Kxf7 34.Ng5++-]

[26...Bxd1 Fritz 27.Qh3! h6 28.gxf7+ Qxf7 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Qxh6+-]

27.Rxd3 hxg6 28.Rh7! Rc8!

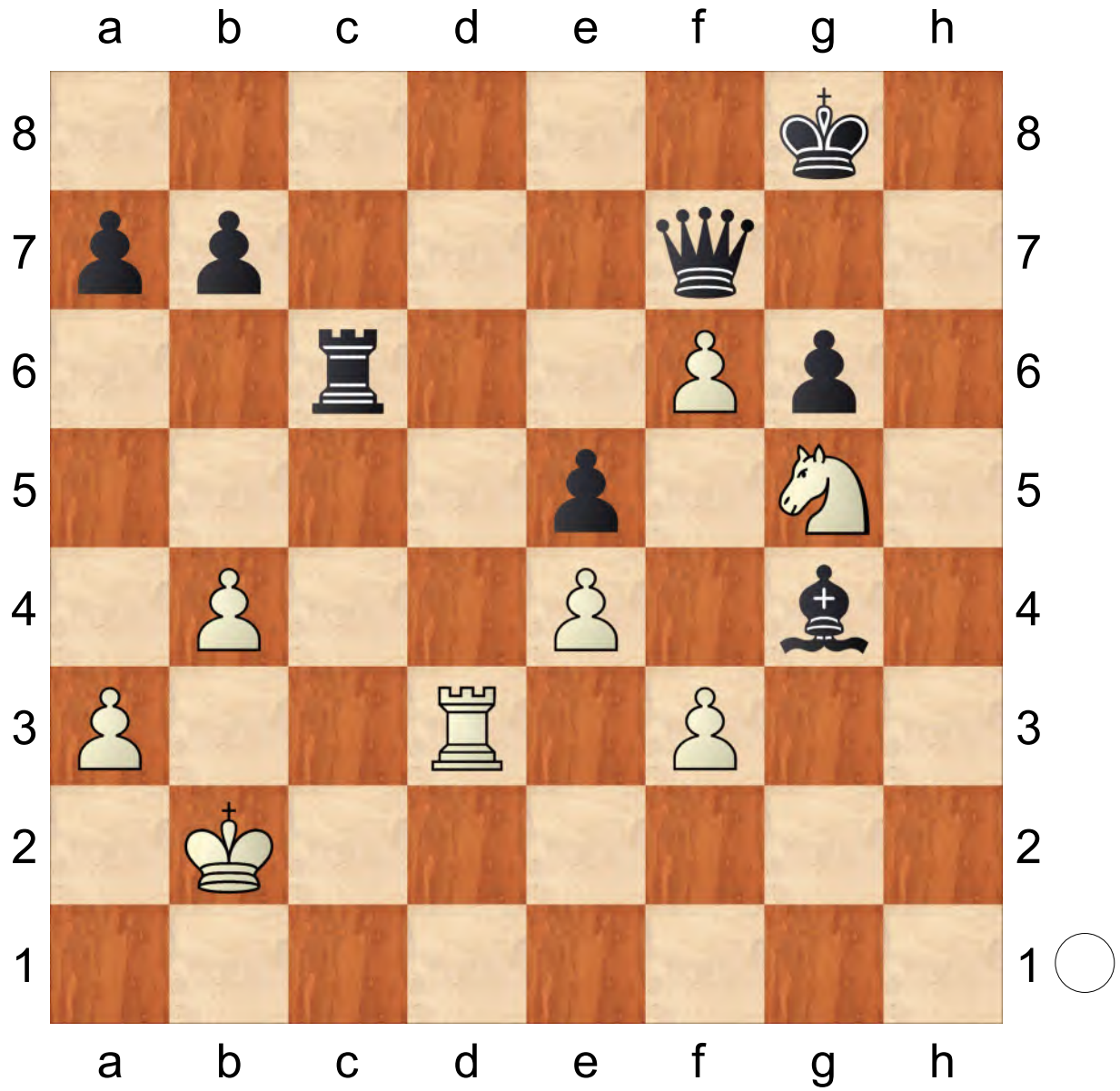
[28...-- 29.f3 Bh5 *(29...Be6 30.Rd2+-)* 30.Rd7+- Aronin]

[28...Rd8? 29.Rxd8 Qxd8 30.Rh8+ Kxh8 31.Nxf7+ Kg8 32.Nxd8 Bf3 33.f7+ Kf8 34.Ne6+ Kxf7 35.Ng5+ Aronin]

29.f3 Rc6 30.Rxf7

[30.fxg4 Rxf6 31.Rdh3 Rf2+ 32.Kb3 Qd6-+]

30...Qxf7



31.Nxf7 Kxf7 32.fxg4 Kxf6 33.Rd7 Rb6 34.Kc3 Kg5 35.a4 a6

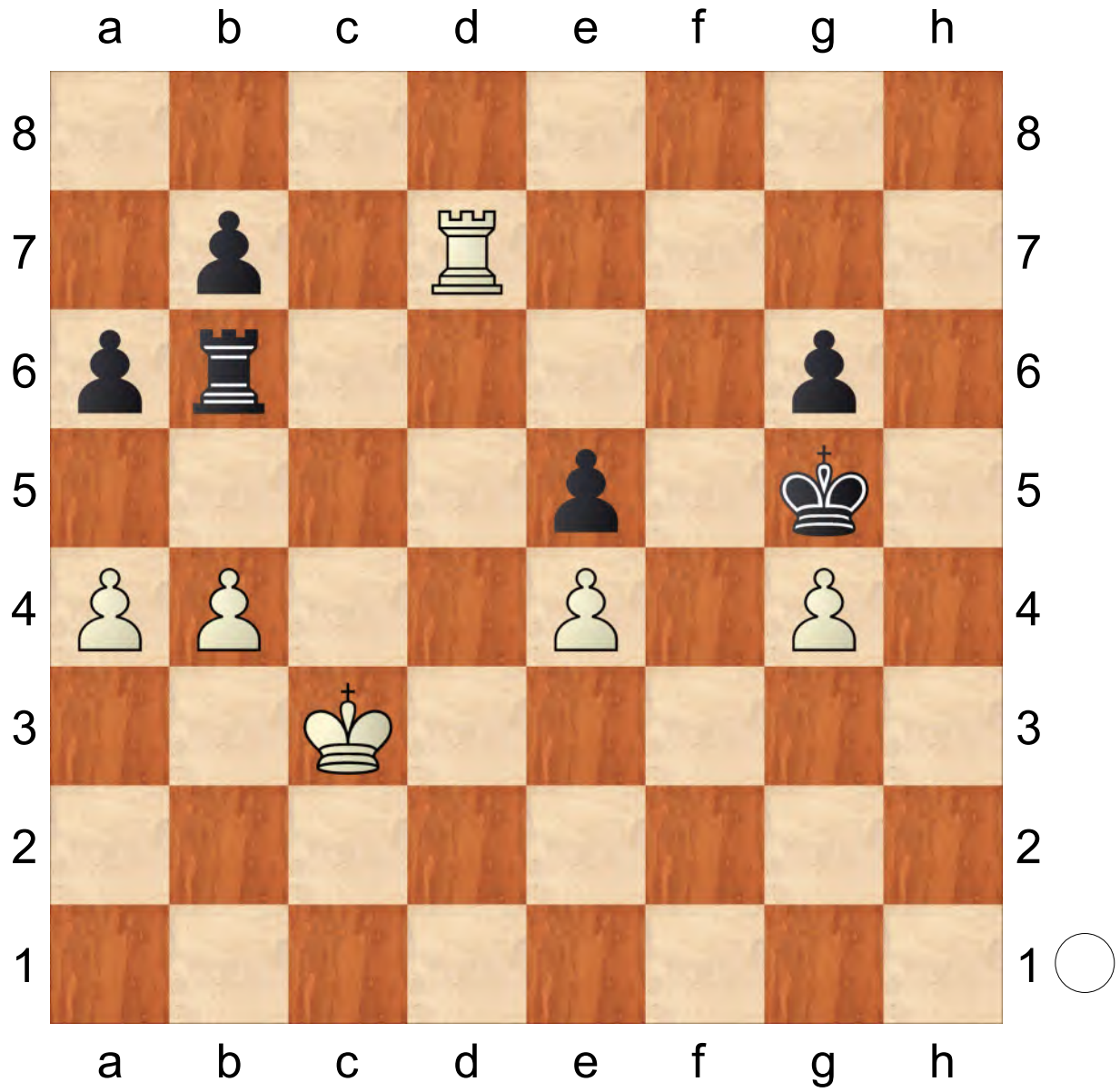
(Diagram)

36.Kc4 Kxg4

[36...Kxg4 37.Kc5 Rc6+ 38.Kd5 Rb6 39.Kc5=]

(Diagram)

½-½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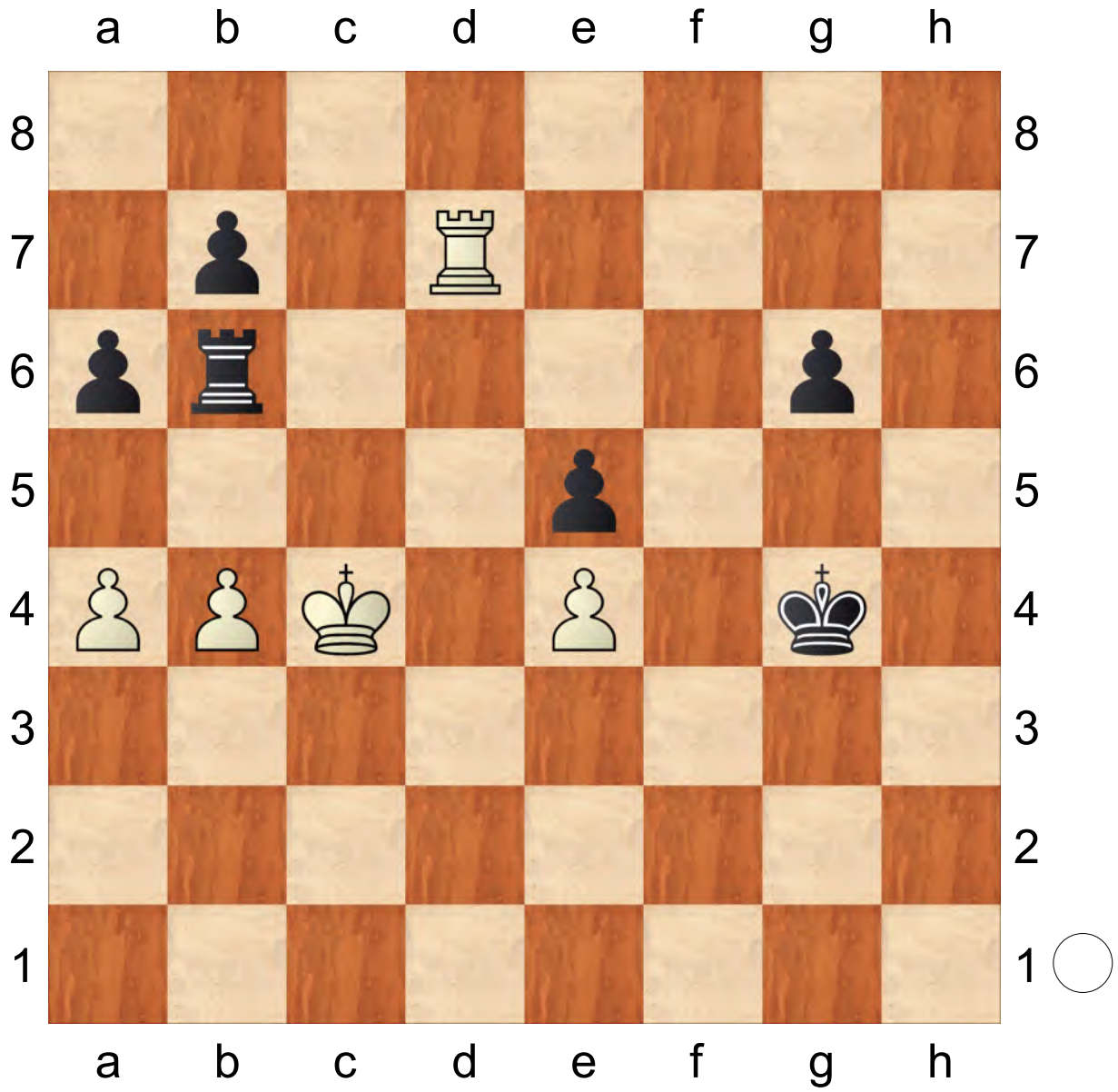
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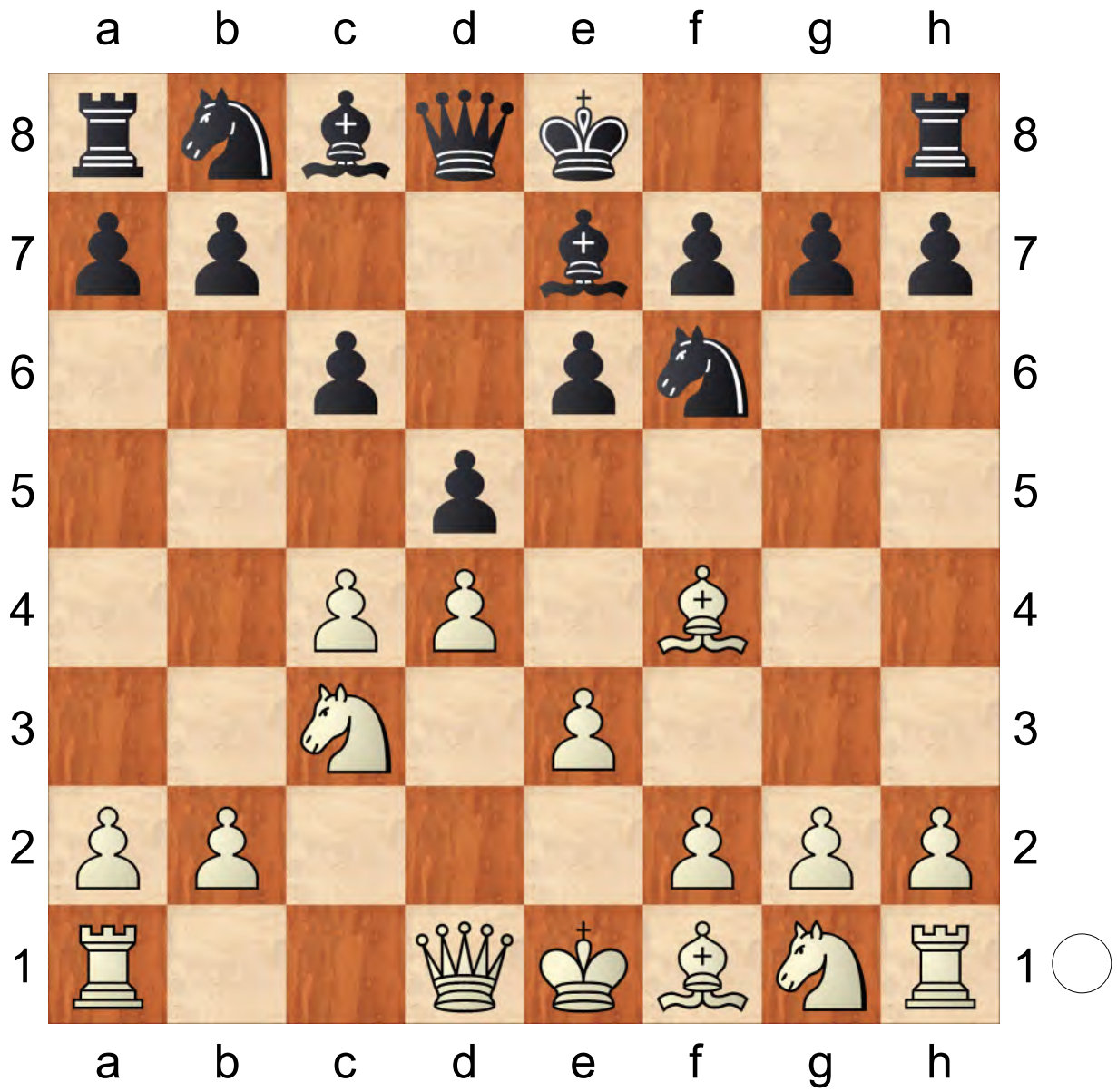
□ **Doroshkievich,Vladimir K** **2385**
■ **Kharitonov,Sergei** **2090**
RUS-Cup9 Novgorod (3) 1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.e3 c6**



6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.h3

[8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 dxc4 *(9...b6±)* 10.Bxc4 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Qg4 Nf6 16.Qg3!? ± Tregubov,P-Pigusov,E/ Sankt_Peterburg (zt) 1993]

[8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nb6 10.Bd3 Nfd5 11.Bg3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.0-0±

1-0 Kuijpers,F-Kostjoerin,A/Lugano ol 1968 (32)]

8...a6

[8...b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 c5 11.Rfd1 cxd4 12.exd4 Nb8?! *(12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Rc8=)* 13.Rac1 Nc6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Nb5± 1-0 Sun Qinan-Song Daoxin/PRC-chT 1987 (26)]

[8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3

A) 10...Bb7 11.0-0 a6

A1) 12.Qc2 c5=;

A2) 12.e4!? c5 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.a4 c4 16.Bb1

A2a) 16...b4 17.Qc2 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Ng5 b3 *(19...g6 20.Nxh7 Kxh7 21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Be5+-)* 20.Qe2 Qb6 21.Be5±;

A2b) 16...f5 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Bg3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Rc8 20.d5⇄;

A3) 12.a4 b4 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf6 15.Bd3 c5= 0-1 Acebal,A-Garcia,P/ESP-chT 1993 (44);

B) 10...a5 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Bb1 b4 14.Na4 c5 15.b3 Ba6 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3± 1-0 Szilagyi,L-Stiemer,S/Balatonbereny op 1993 (26)]

9.c5!N

[9.cxd5 exd5 10.0-0 Re8 11.Rb1 Nf8 12.b4 Ng6 13.Bh2 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.a4± ½-½ Doettling,F-Schulzke,E/TSV Willsbach, Loewenstein GER 1997 (31)]

[9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b5 11.Bd3 c5

A) 12.a4 b4 13.Ne4 Bb7 *(13...a5? 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Rc1 Be7 17.Qc2 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Rfd1± 1-0 Moran,A-Tseleng,E/WchTJ U26 Paranana 1993 (57))* 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Be2=;

B) 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Qe2 Qb6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.a4 ½-½ Bernei,A-Toth,J/tt-HUN1 Torekves-DSE 1992]

9...b5?!±

[9...b6!? 10.b4 a5

A) 11.b5!

A1) 11...cxb5 12.c6 Bb4 *(12...b4 13.cxd7 bxc3 14.dxc8Q Rxc8 15.Rc1±)* 13.Rc1 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.cxd7 exf3 16.dxc8Q Rxc8 17.Qd3 Rxc3 18.Rxc3 Qc8 19.Kd2 fxg2 20.Rg1±;

A2) 11...bxc5 12.bxc6 Nb6

A2a) 13.c7 Qe8 14.Rb1 cxd4

A2a1) 15.Nxd4 Bb4 16.Ndb5 e5 17.Bg5 d4 18.Bxf6 dxc3 *(18...gxf6 19.a3 dxc3 20.axb4⇄)* 19.Qc2 gxf6∓;

A2a2) 15.exd4 Qc6 16.0-0 Ba6 17.Nb5 Nc4 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5

A2a21) 19...Nd7 20.Bxh7+! Kxh7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rb3 Rfc8 *(23...Bd6 24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Qg5+ Kh7 26.Qh4+ Kg7 27.Rg3+ Qxg3 28.Qxg3+±)* 24.Rg3+ Bg5 25.Qxg5+ Kf8 26.Na7!! Qxc7 *(26...Rxa7 27.Qd8+)* 27.Nxc8 Rxc8 28.Re1±;

A2a22) 19...Rfc8±;

A2b) 13.Rb1 cxd4 14.exd4 Bb4 15.Qc2 Ba6 16.0-0 Bxd3 17.Qxd3

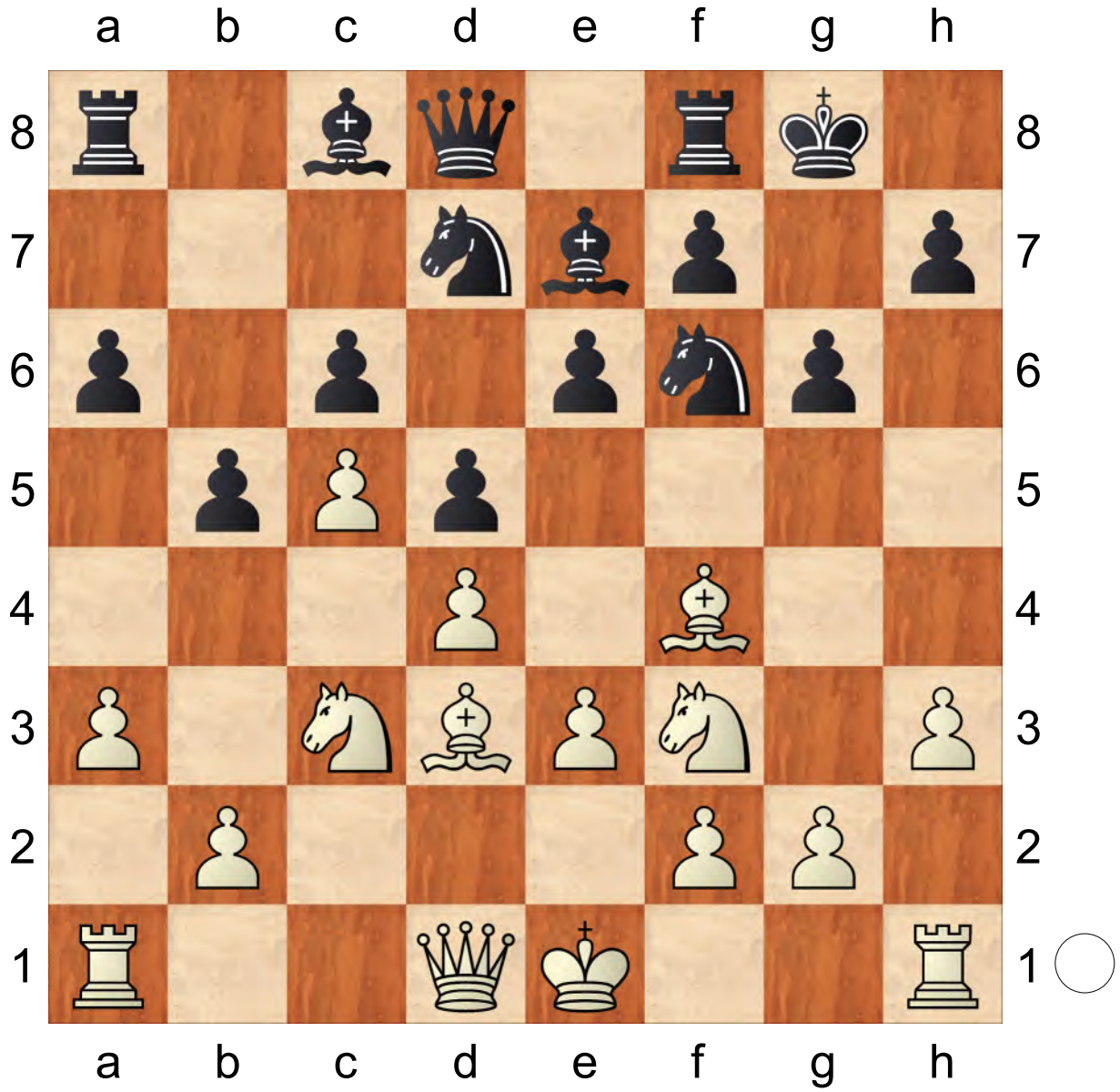
Nc4⇄;

B) ≤11.a3 Ba6 12.b5 Bb7! *(12...cxb5 13.c6 Qc8 14.Nxb5 Qxc6 15.Rc1 Bxb5 16.Rxc6 Bxc6 17.Qb3±)* 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.0-0 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5=]

10.a3

[10.Qd2 b4?! *(10...g6!?±)* 11.Na4 Qa5 12.b3 Ne4 13.Qc2 f5 14.0-0-0± →]

10...g6



11.Bh2

[11.Qc2!? Δ 0-0-0 a5 12.b3!? *(12.0-0-0 b4)* 12...Ba6 13.Ne2! Ne8 *(13...b4 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.axb4±)* 14.0-0-0! b4 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.a4 Bf6 17.g4±]

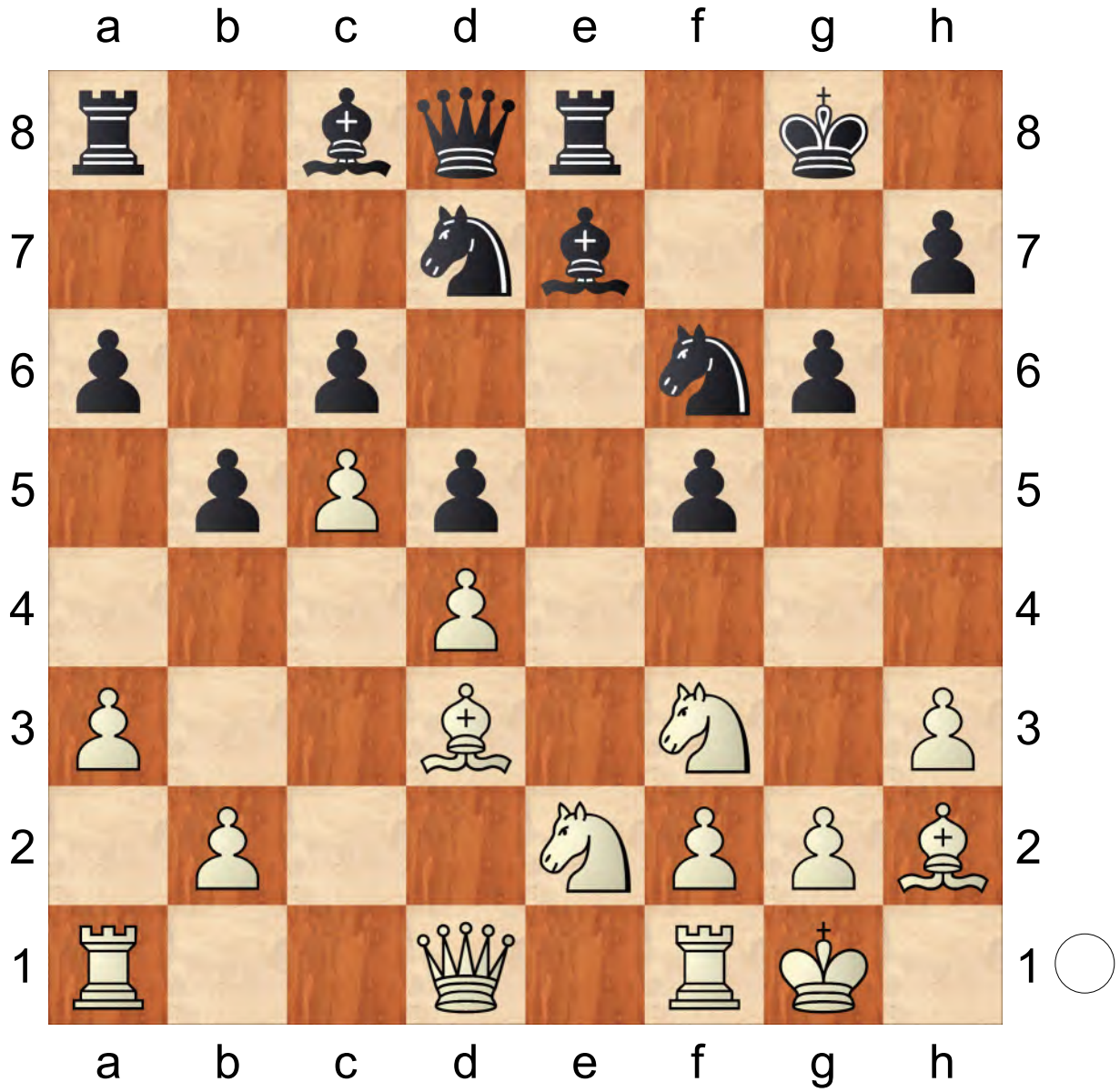
11...Ne8 12.e4!? f5!?

[12...dxe4 13.Bxe4 Bb7 14.0-0 Nef6 15.Bc2 Nd5 16.Ne4±]

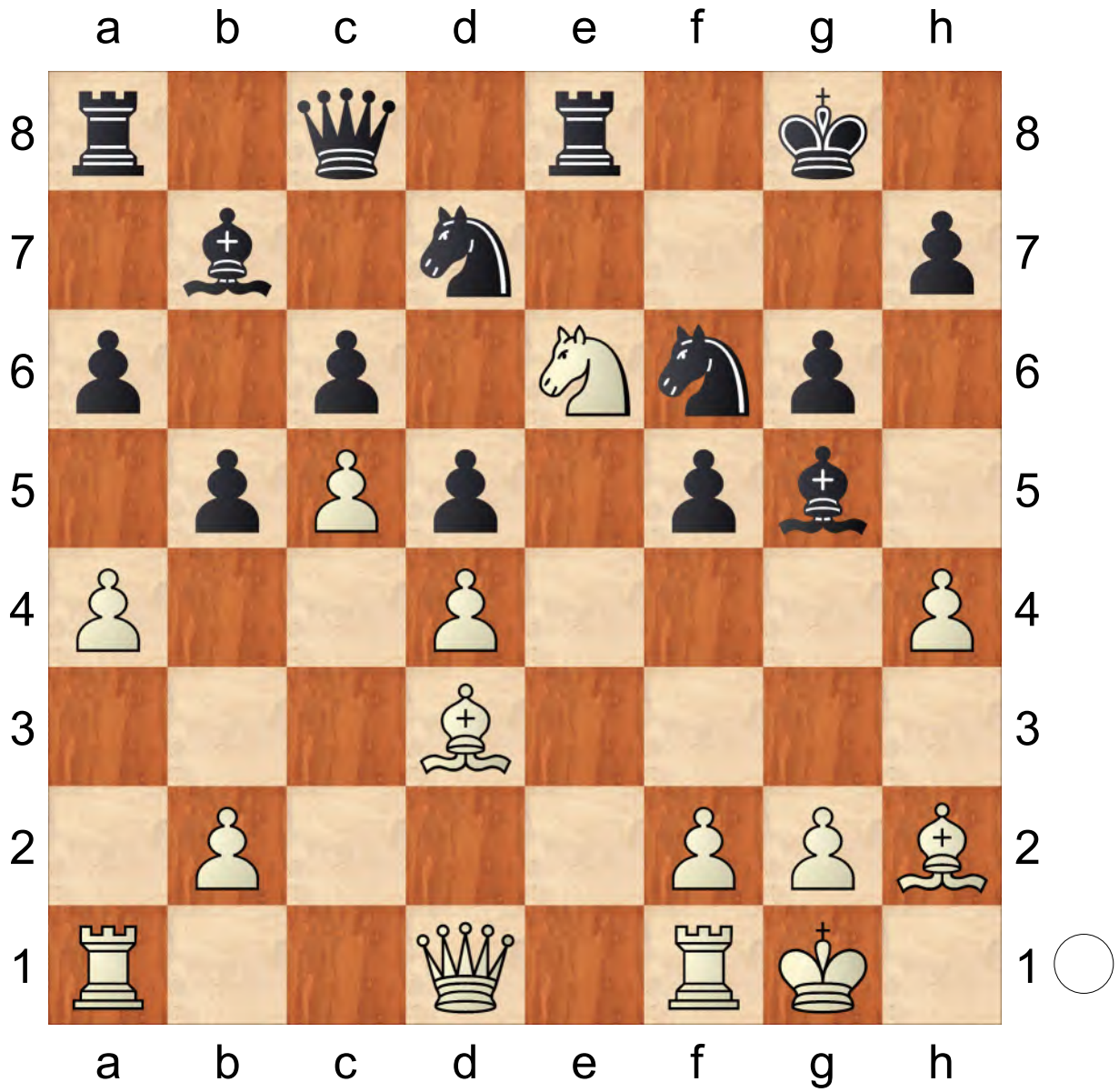
13.exd5

[13.e5!? Ng7 14.Qd2±]

13...exd5 14.0-0 Nef6
[14...Ng7 15.Ne2 *(15.Re1 f4±)* 15...Nf6 16.Ne5±]
15.Ne2 Re8



16.Nf4 Bf8
[⌓16...Nf8 17.Re1 Ne4 18.Ne5
A) 18...Qc7 19.Nexg6! *(19.f3? Nxc5 20.dxc5 Bxc5+ 21.Kh1 Rxe5 22.Nxd5 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Qf7∓)* 19...hxg6 20.Nxd5 Qb7 21.Nc7+-;
B) 18...Bb7 19.f3 Ng5 20.Qd2±]
17.a4 Bb7
[17...b4 18.a5!]
18.Ng5! Bh6 19.Nfe6 Qc8□ 20.h4
[20.Re1?? Nf8∓]
20...Bxg5□

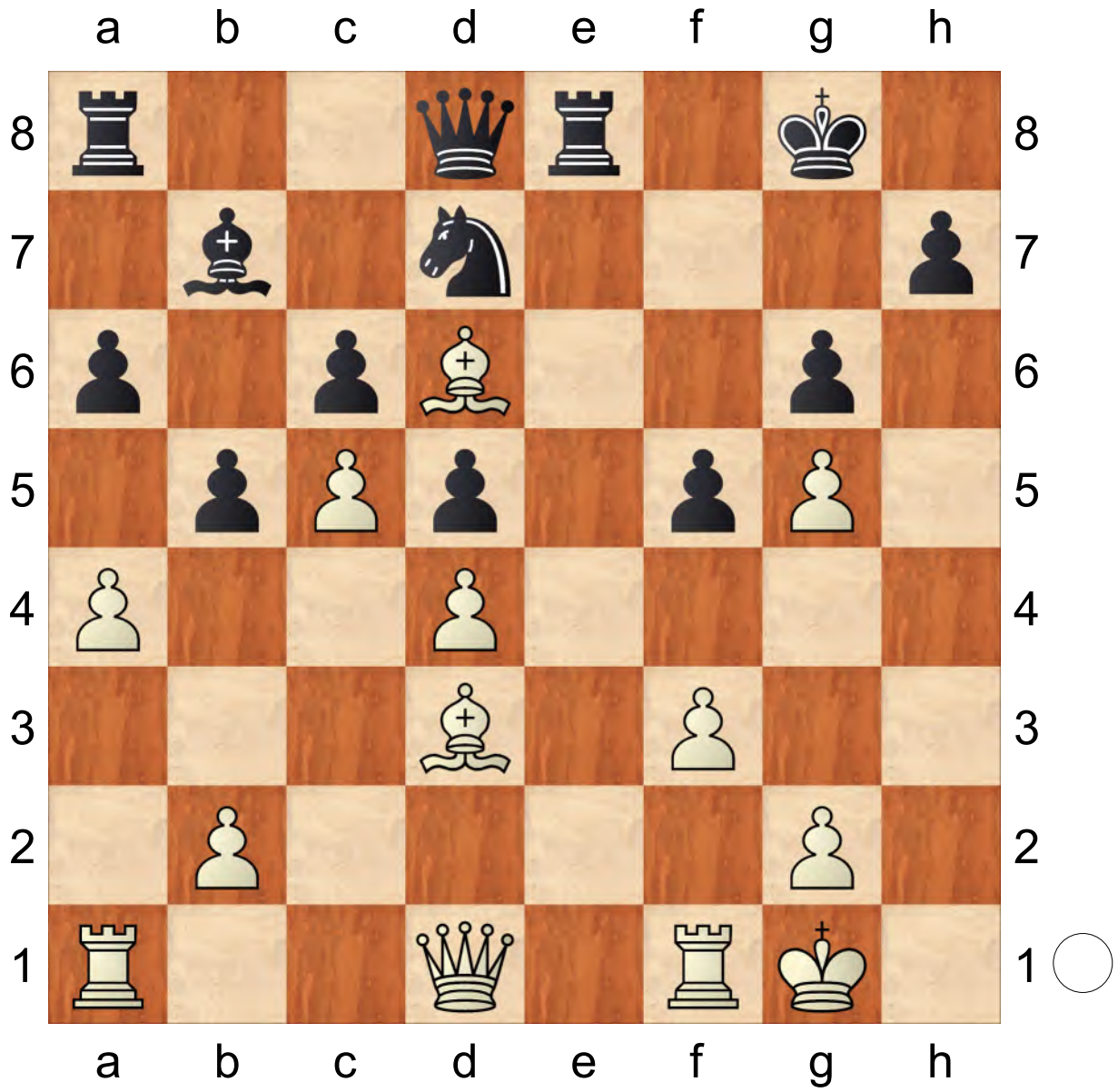


21.Nxg5 Ne4 22.f3 Nxg5 23.hxg5 Nf8
[23...Qd8 24.Qd2±]
24.Be5 Nd7 25.Bd6 Qd8

(Diagram)

26.f4+- Nf8 27.Qd2 Ne6 28.Be5 Qd7
[28...bxa4 29.Rxa4 Nc7 30.Rfa1 Nb5 31.Kf2 Qe7 32.Rh1 Nc7 33.Bxf5 gxf5 34.g6+-]
29.Ra3 Ng7 30.Rfa1 Rec8

(Diagram)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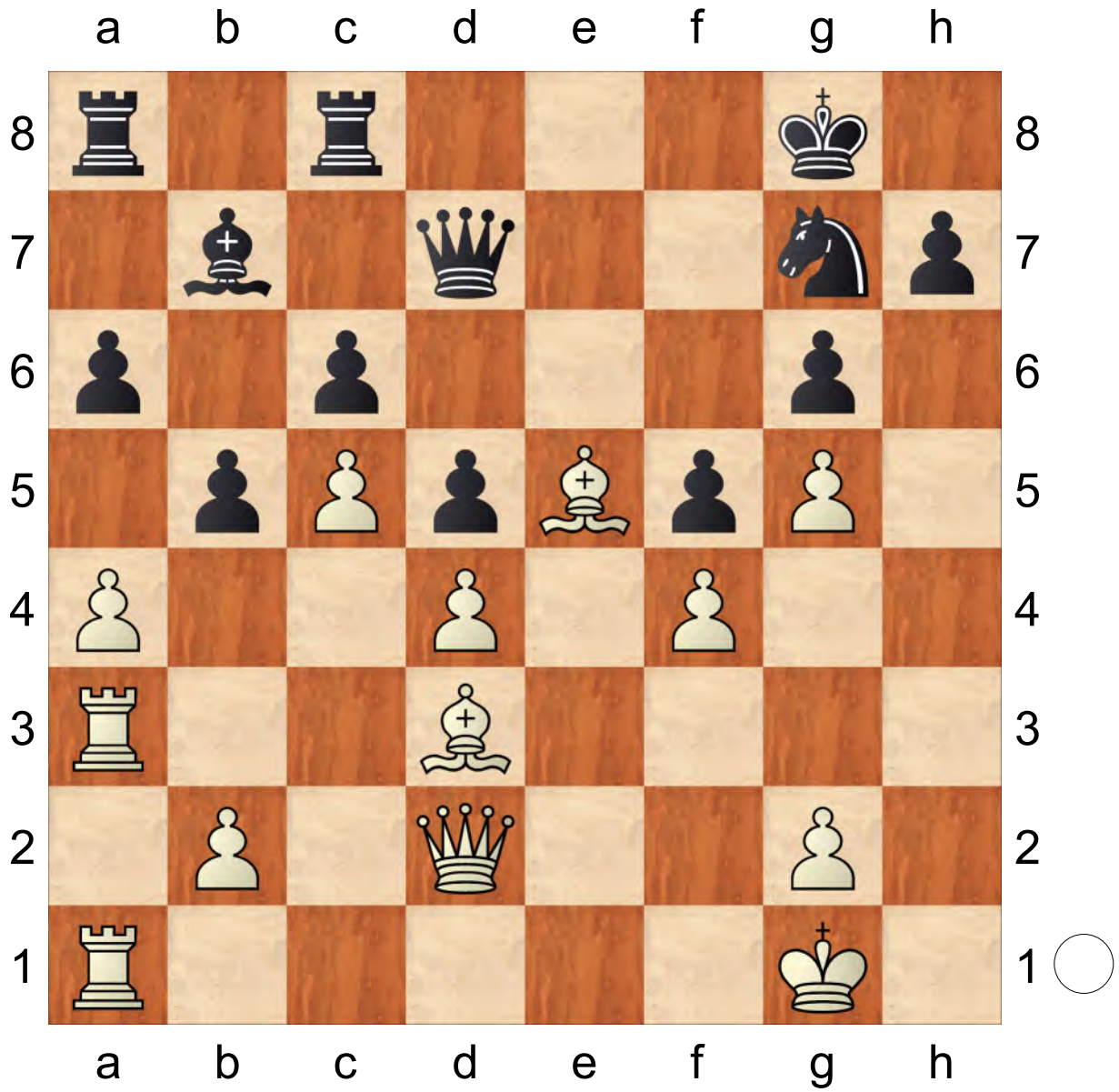


31.Be2 Re8 32.Kf2 Rec8 33.Rh3 Ne6 34.Qa5 Re8 35.Rha3 Ng7

(Diagram)

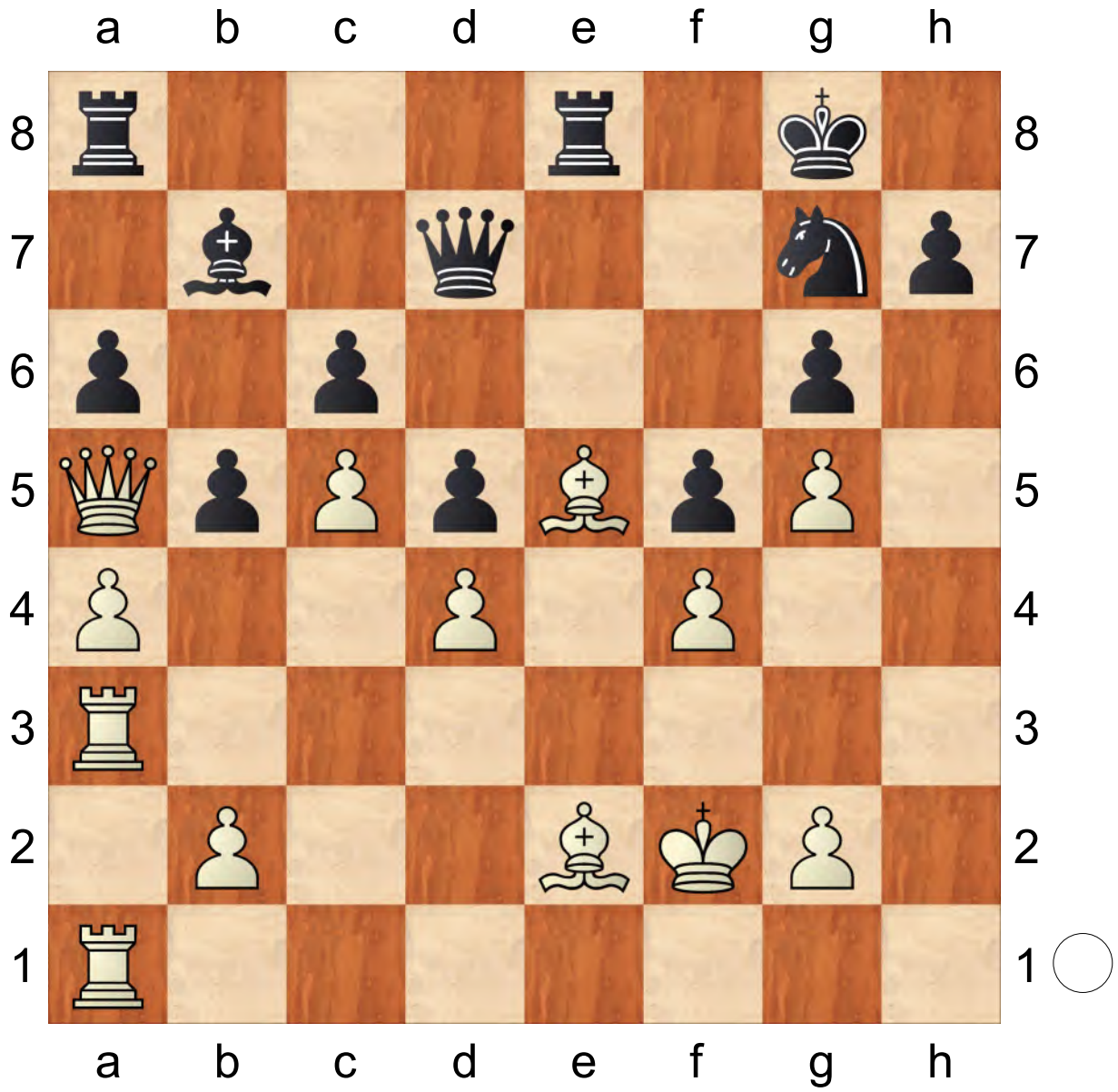
36.Qb6 Ne6 37.axb5 axb5 38.Ra7

[38.Ra7 Rxa7 39.Rxa7 Nd8

A) 40.Bxb5 cxb5 *(40...Rxe5 41.dxe5 cxb5 42.c6!+-)* 41.Bf6 *(41.Qf6 Rxe5 42.fxe5 Qc7 43.Qd6 Qxd6 44.exd6 Kf8∞)* 41...Re7 42.Bxe7 Qxe7 43.g3!+- *(43.c6 Qd6 44.Rxb7 Nxb7 45.Qxb7 Qxf4+=)*;

B) 40.Bf3+-]

(Diagram)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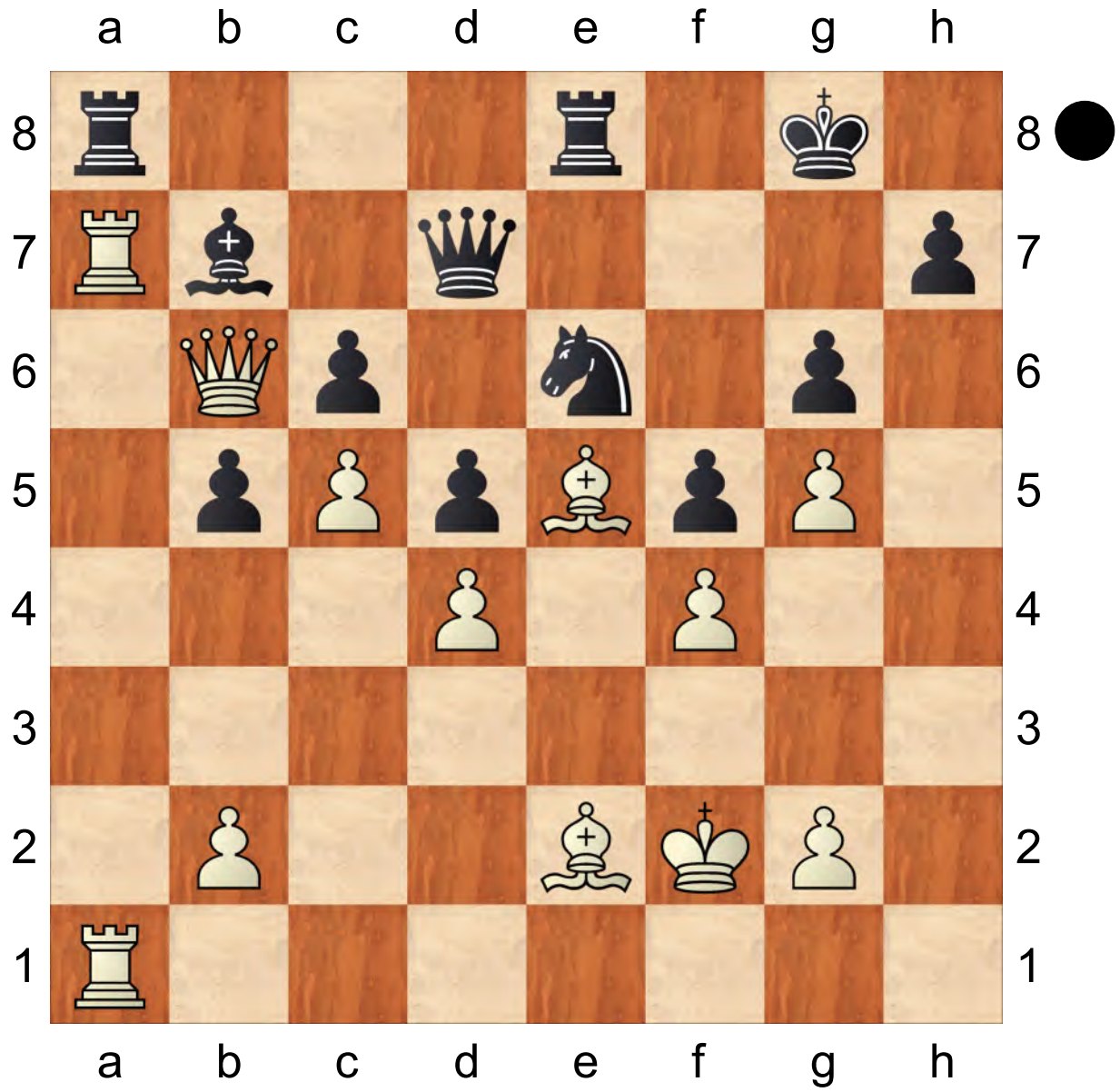

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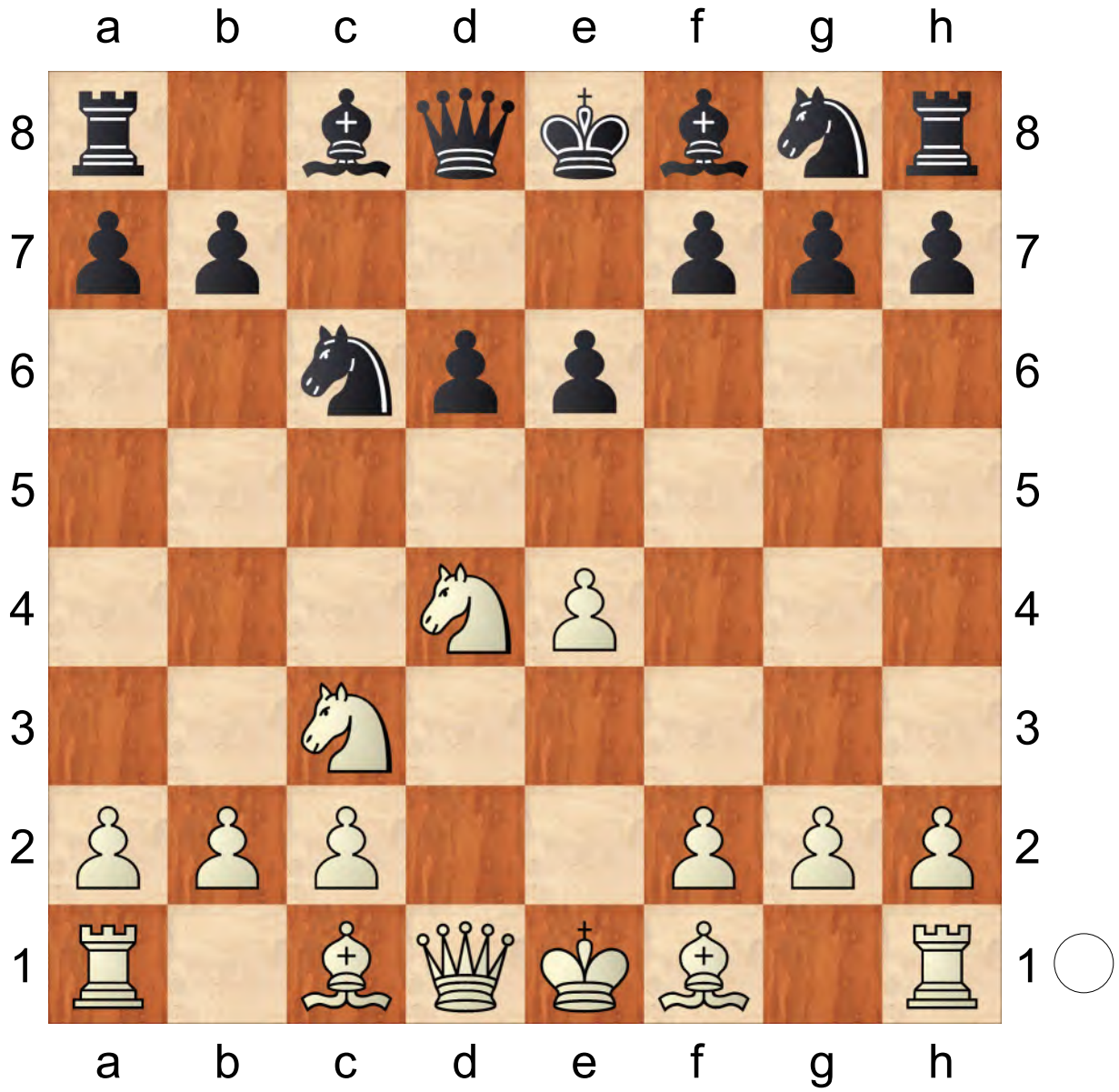
□ **Mueller,Karsten** **2518**
■ **Bischoff,Klaus** **2554**
GER-ch 74th Saarbruecken (6) 27.11.2002
[Mueller,Karsten]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6



6.g4 a6 7.Be3 Nge7 8.Nb3

[8.f4

A) 8...Bd7 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.Bg2 h5 11.gxh5?! *(11.Nd2!?)* 11...d5!∓ Shirov-PolgarJ,Dos Hermanas 1996;

B) 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qd2 b5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 Be7 13.g5 0-0

14.h4→ Shirov-PolgarJ,Monaco 1996]

8...b5

[8...Ng6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.f4± Bologan,V-Frolov,A URS-ch58 (07) 1991]

9.Qe2

[9.f4!? Bb7 *(9...g5!? 10.fxg5 Ne5 11.Bd3 N7g6 12.Be2 Nh4 13.Rg1 Be7∞* ½-½ Feletar,D-Rogic,D/Zagreb 1997/EXT 99 (55) *)*

A) 10.Qf3

A1) 10...Na5!? 11.0-0-0 Nxb3+ 12.axb3?! *(12.cxb3!?)* 12...Rc8 13.h4 Nc6 14.g5 Qa5 15.Kb1 Nb4 16.Bd4 d5!↑ ½-½ Shirov,A-Kasparov,G/ Novgorod 1994/CBM 43/[Kharitonov] (48);

A2) 10...g5 11.fxg5 Ne5 12.Qg2 b4 13.Ne2 h5!? 14.gxh5?! Nf5! 15.Bf2 Qxg5!!↑ A.Shirov-J.Polgar, Buenos Aires 1994.;

B) 10.Bg2!?;

C) 10.Qd2 Nc8 *(10...Na5 11.Nxa5 Qxa5 12.Bg2 d5 13.Qf2 dxe4 14.f5 Nd5 15.fxe6 0-0-0 16.0-0∞* ½-½ Ponomariov,R-Bacrot,E/Enghien les Bains 1999/CBM 70 (39)*)* 11.0-0-0 Be7 *(11...Nb6 12.Nd4 Rc8 13.Qf2 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4⇄* 0-1 Wallace,J-Johansen,D/Canberra 2000/EXT 2001 (38) *)* 12.Kb1 0-0 13.g5 Qe8?! 14.Rg1 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.Ng3 a4 17.Nd4 b3 18.cxb3 axb3 19.Nxb3 Bd8 20.Bb5 Qe7 21.f5→ 1-0 Svidler,P-Bischoff,K/Bled 2002/EXT 2003 (34)]

[9.g5 Bb7 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.f4 Nc8 12.Qf2 Be7 13.Bg2 Bd8 14.a4 b4 15.Nb1 0-0 16.N1d2 f5 17.0-0-0 Rb8?! 18.Kb1 *(18.exf5!? Rxf5 19.Bh3 N8e7 20.Rhe1↑)* 18...fxe4⇄ ½-½ Iordachescu,V-Bischoff,K/Ohrid 2001/CBM 84 (40)]

[9.Bg2 Ne5!? 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Nd2 g5!? 12.Bxg5 Rg8 13.h4 *(13.f4 Rxg5∞)* 13...h6 14.Bf4∞ 0-1 Nijboer,F-Hall,J/Reykjavik 1998/CBM 64/[Gofshtein,L] (58)]

9...Bd7

[9...Na5

A) 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.Nxa5 Qxa5 12.f4

A1) 12...b4 13.Nd1 e5 14.0-0 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ng6 16.e5 d5 17.Be3 Bc5 18.Qf2 Bxe3 19.Nxe3 0-0 20.Nf5 Nxe5 *(20...Qc7!?)* 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Qxe5 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rae8 25.Qg5+ Qg6 26.Qxg6+ fxg6 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rd1 ½-½ Haslinger,S-Kelly,B/Witley 1998/EXT 99 (28);

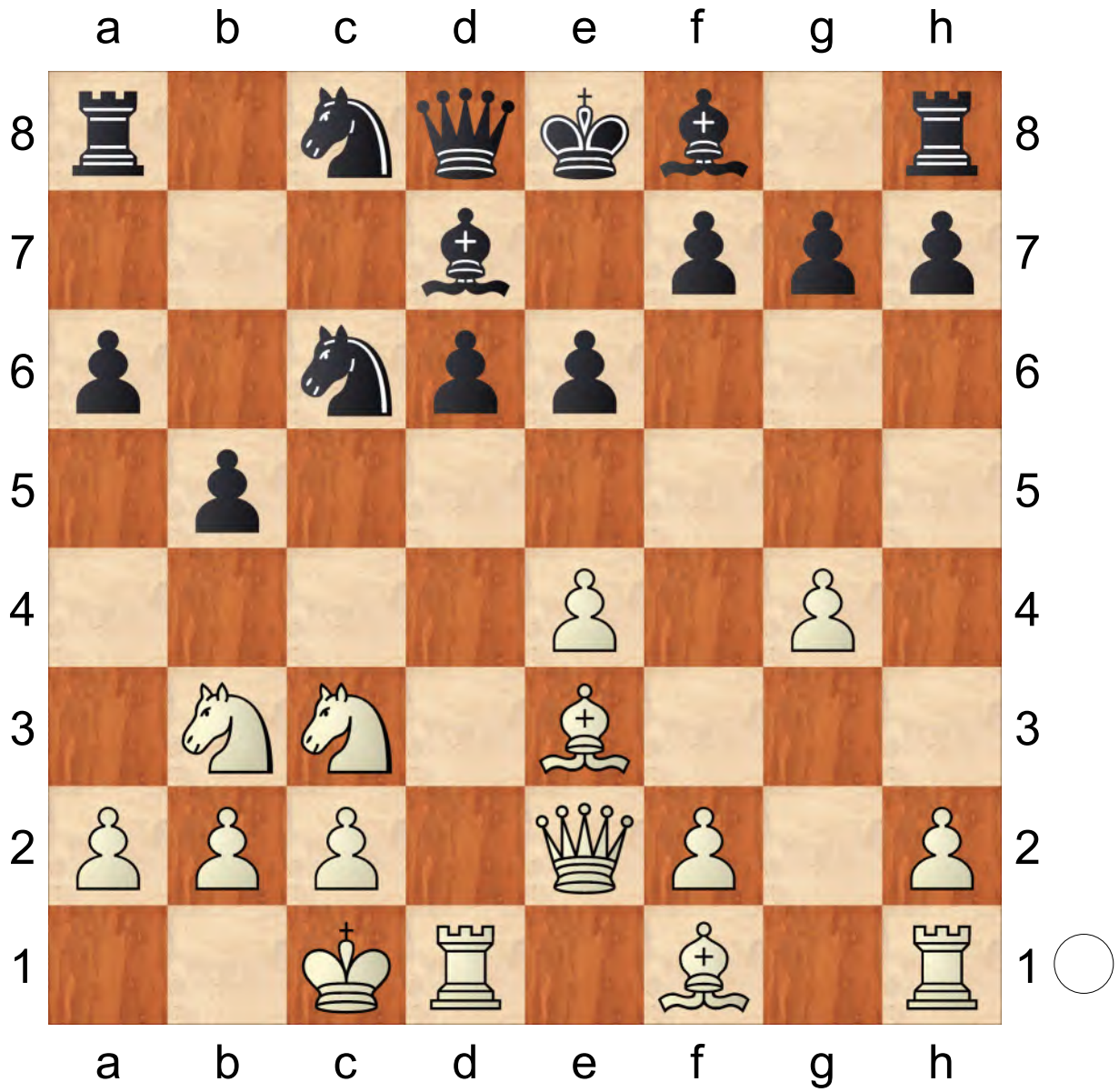
A2) 12...Ng6?! 13.Qf2 Rc8 14.Bb6 Qb4 15.0-0-0 Qc4 1-0 Gallagher,J-Vogt,L/Winterthur 1996/CBM 55/[Gallagher] (43) 16.a3!? (Gallagher);

A3) 12...Nc6 13.0-0 Be7 14.g5 Qc7 15.Qf2 Bd8 16.Ne2 0-0 17.h4↑ ½-½ Lanka,Z-Yermolinsky,A/Luzern 1993/CBM 38 (27);

B) 10.0-0-0 Nc4 11.f4 Qc7 12.Rd4 Bb7 13.Rxc4 bxc4 14.Qxc4 Qxc4 15.Bxc4∞ 0-1 Shirov,A-Salov,V/Linares 1993/CBM 34/[Boensch,U] (40)]

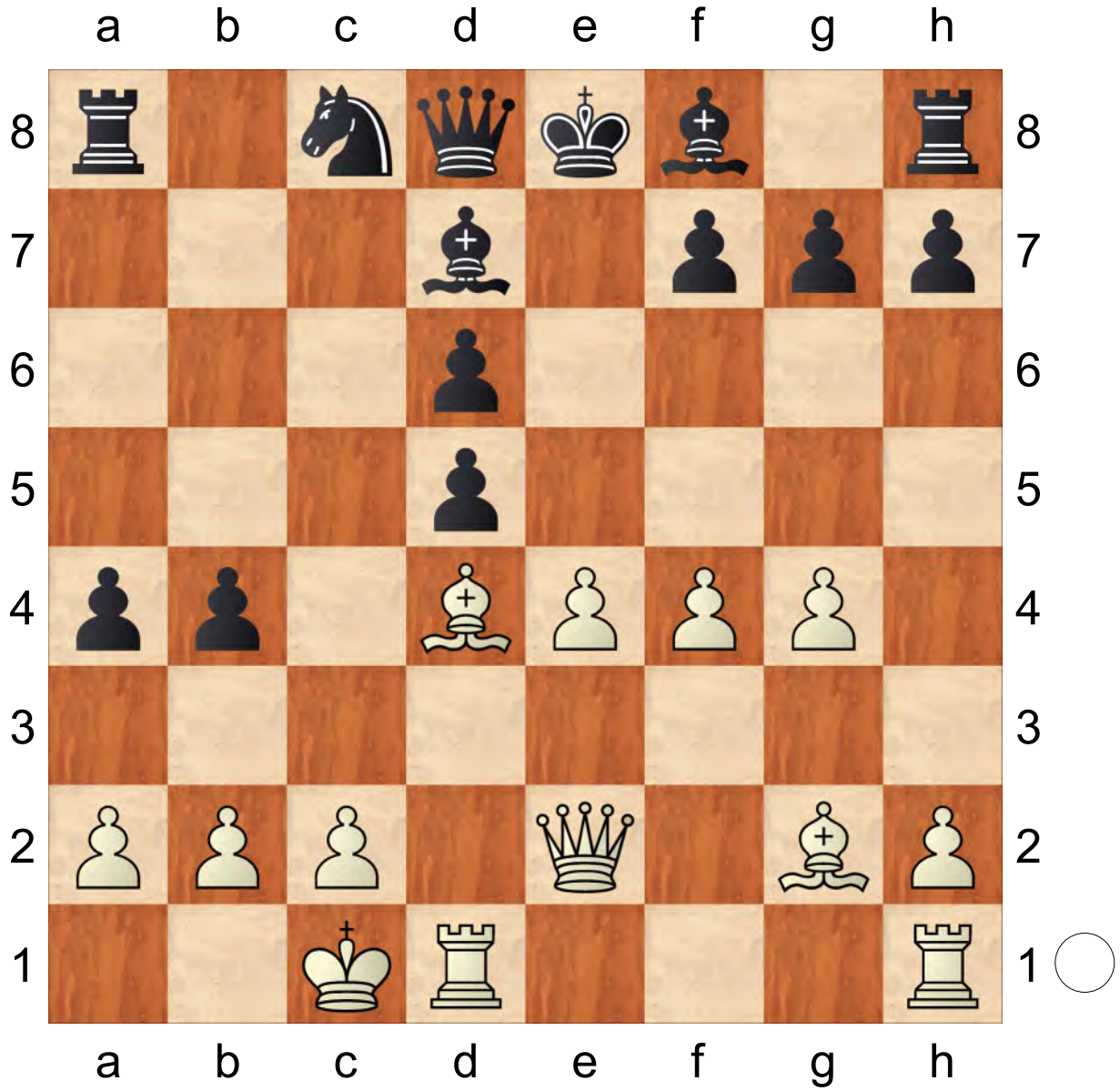
10.0-0-0 Nc8

(Diagram)



Klaus Bischoff's Spezialaufbau **11.f4 b4 12.Nd5** Alles oder nichts.
[12.Nb1!?]
12...a5!? "Der Gaul auf d5 läuft mir ja nicht weg" hat sich Bischoff hier sicher gedacht und zunächst sein Spiel gegen den weißen Monarchen weiter verstärkt.
[12...exd5 13.exd5 N6e7 14.Bg2∞]
13.Bg2 a4 14.Nd4 Nxd4
[14...exd5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.exd5 Bd7 17.Bb6+ Qe7 18.Qf2 Nxb6 19.Rhe1∞]
15.Bxd4 exd5
[15...b3 16.Nc3∞]

(Diagram)



schließt nimmt Schwarz doch an, bevor der Springer es sich anders überlegt und wieder wegzieht. **16.e5 Be7 17.exd6 Nxd6 18.Bxd5 Ra5**

[18...Rc8!?]

19.Bxg7 Rg8 20.Be5 Bxg4

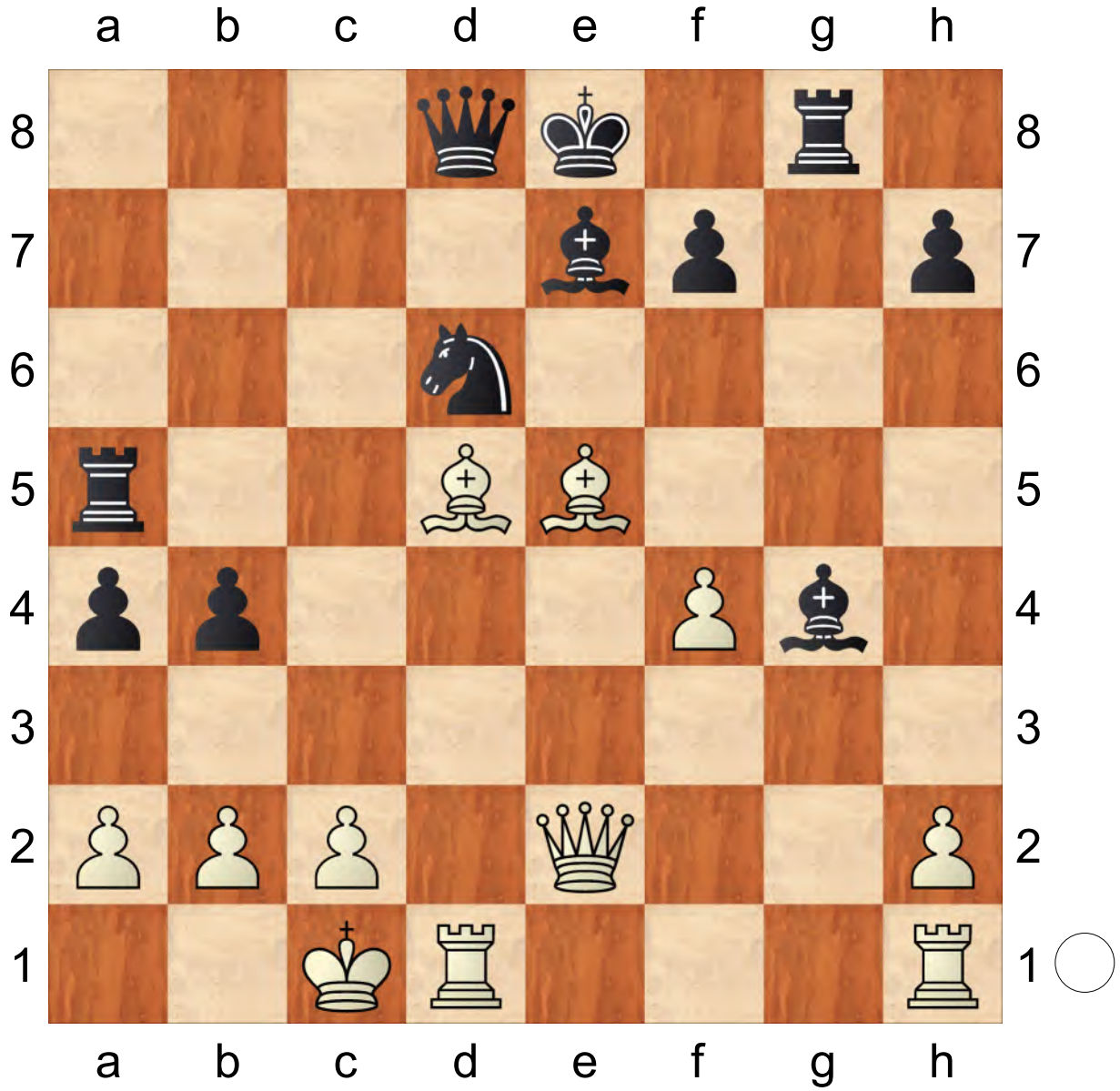
(Diagram)

21.Bf3 b3?

[21...Bxf3 war besser, auch wenn Weiß nach 22.Qxf3 Qc7 23.Kb1 durch die etwas unsichere Stellung des schwarzen Königs und die fehlende Koordination seiner Türme noch gewisse Kompensation hat.]

22.Rxd6! Qc8

[22...Bxd6 23.Bxd6+ *(23.Bf6+? Be7-+)* 23...Kd7 24.Rd1 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 bxa2



26.Bb4+ Kc8 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Qc6+ Kb8 29.Bd6+ Ka7 30.Qc7+ Ka6 31.Qc4+ Kb7 32.Qxf7+ Ka6 33.Qxa2 Rxd6 34.Qc4+±]

23.Rc6!

[23.Bf6? trifft auf den Donnerschlag Re5!! *(oder das ruhige 23...Be6)* 24.fxe5 Bxf3 25.Qb5+ Kf8 26.axb3 axb3 27.Qxb3 Bxh1 28.Bxe7+ Kxe7 29.Qb4 Ke8 30.Qb5+=]

23...Qb7?! 24.Qc4?

[24.Bd6! war der richtige Zug, doch ich hatte Bxf3?! *(24...Rd5 25.Rc8+ Bxc8 26.Bxd5 Qa7 27.Re1 Be6 28.Bxe7 bxa2 29.Bxa2+-; 24...bxa2 25.Rc8+ Bxc8 26.Bxb7 Be6 27.Bc6+ Kd8 28.Bxe7+ Kxe7 29.Kd2+-)* 25.Rc8+ Kd7 26.Rc7+! übersehen: Qxc7 27.Qxe7+ Kc6 28.Qxc7++-]

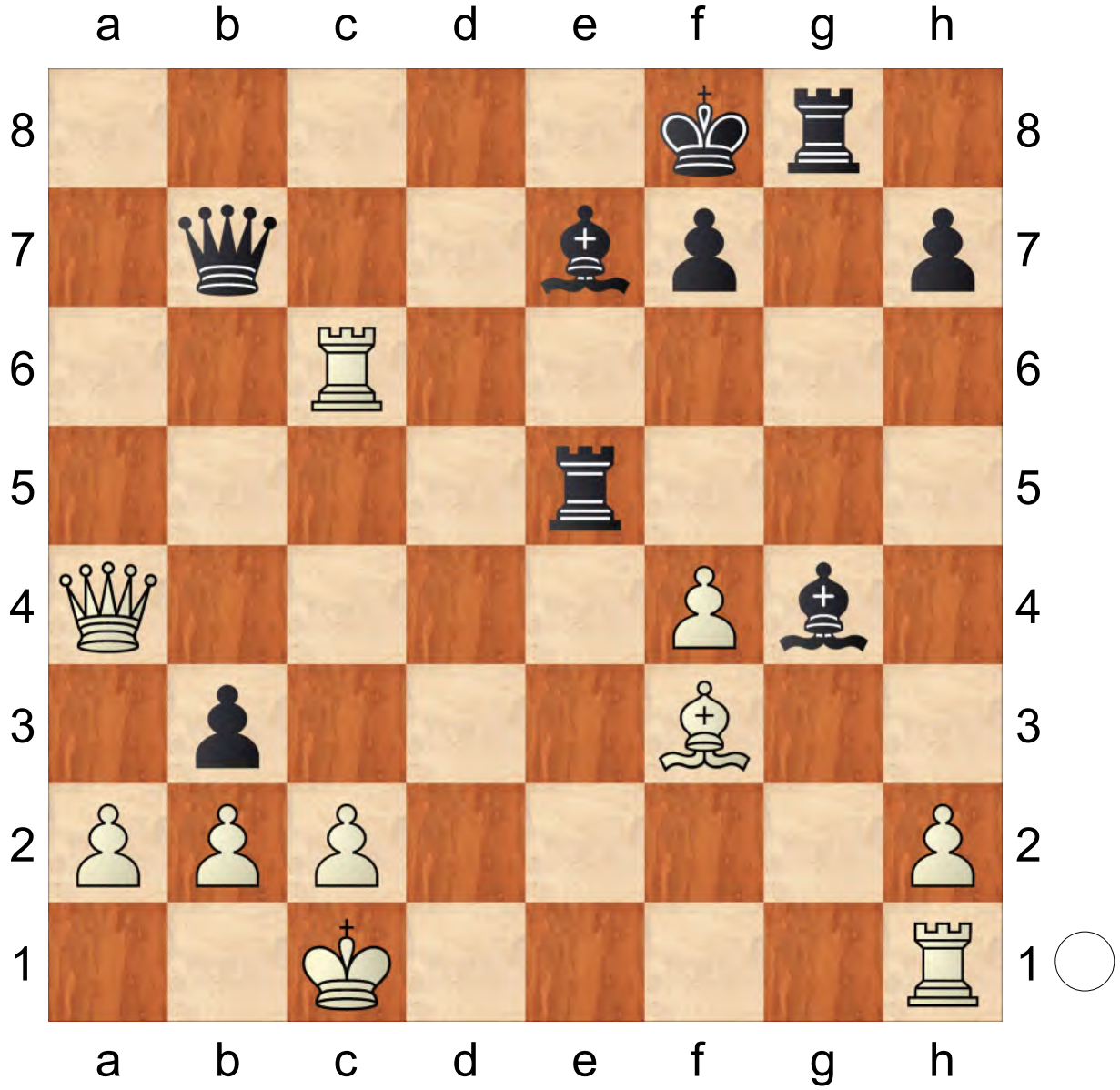
24...Rxe5?

[24...bxa2 gewinnt sofort.]

25.Qxa4?

[Nach 25.Rg6 Qxf3 26.Rxg8+ Bf8 27.Qxa4+ Bd7 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qb4+ Re7 30.Re1 Be6 31.Qd4 kann Weiß noch kämpfen, aber Schwarz sollte dennoch langfristig auf Gewinn stehen.]

25...Kf8



26.Bxg4?!

[26.Qxb3 Qxb3 27.cxb3 Rc5+ 28.Rxc5 Bxc5∓]

26...Rxg4 27.Rf1

[27.Qa6 bxa2 28.Rc8+ Kg7 29.Qxb7 a1Q+ 30.Kd2 Qa5+ 31.c3 Bg5-+]

27...Ra5 28.Qxa5 Qxc6 29.axb3 Rg2 30.Qf5 Qa6

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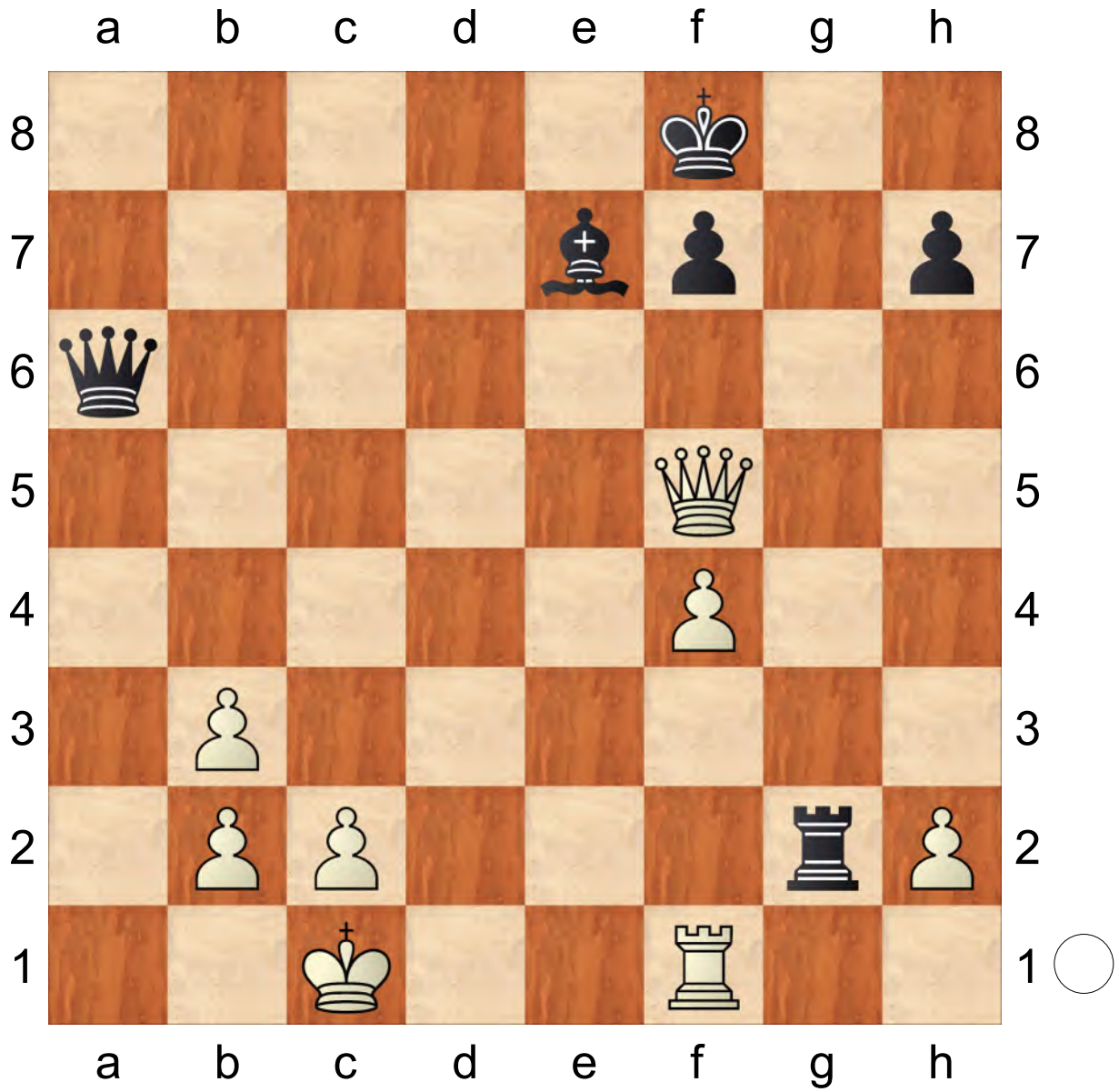

31.c4 Qa2

[31...Qa2 32.Qb1 Qxb3-+]

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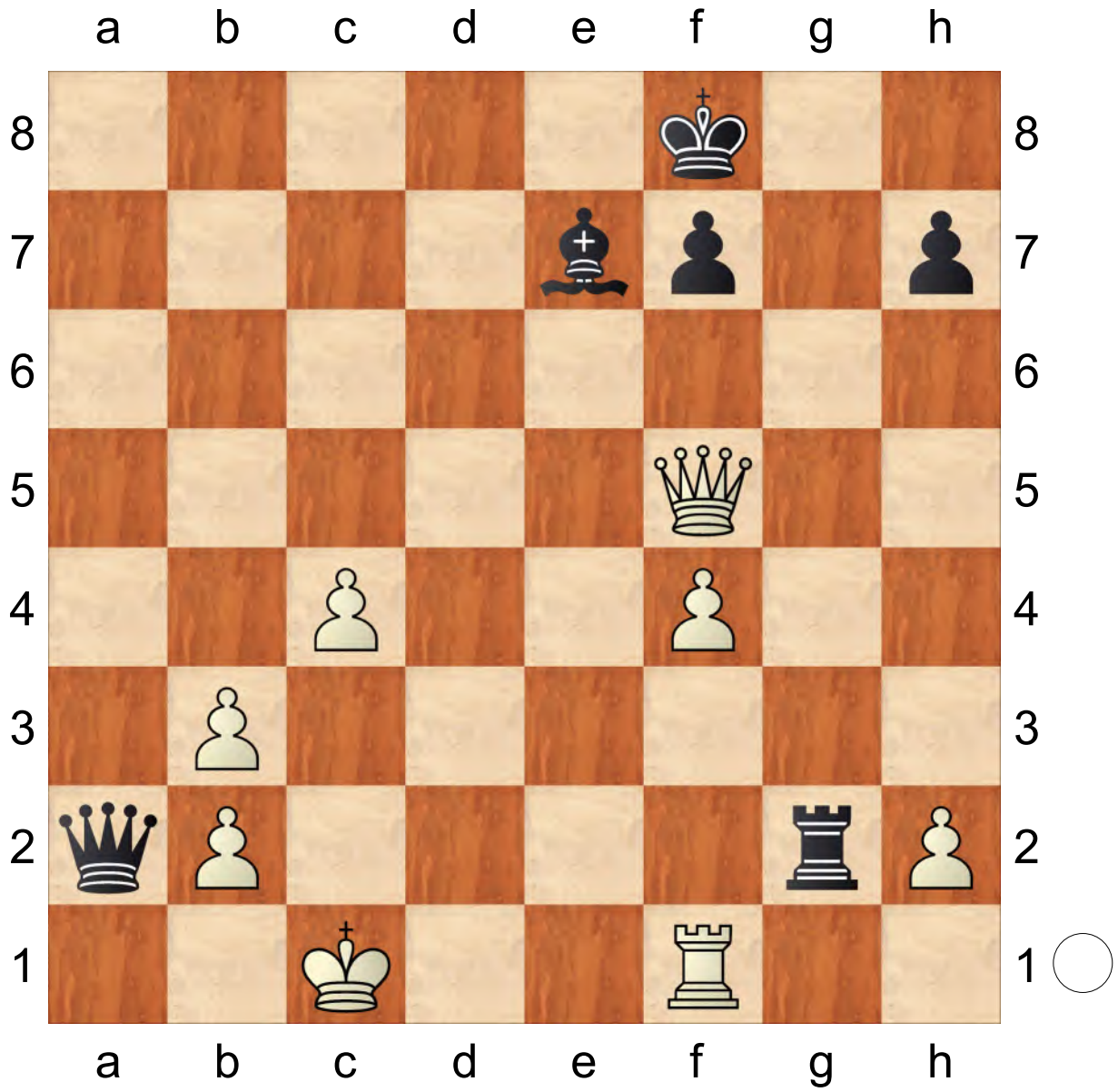
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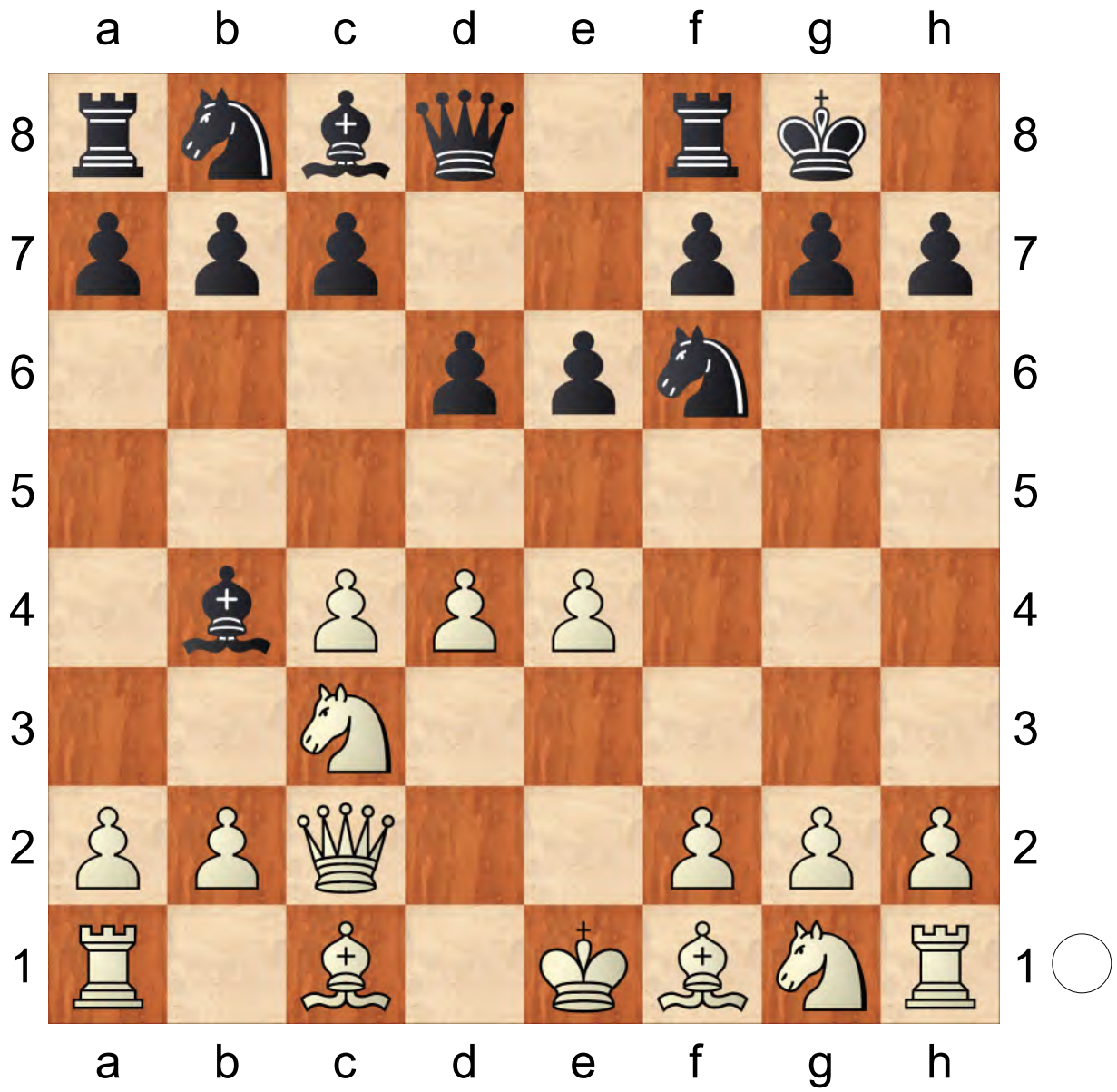
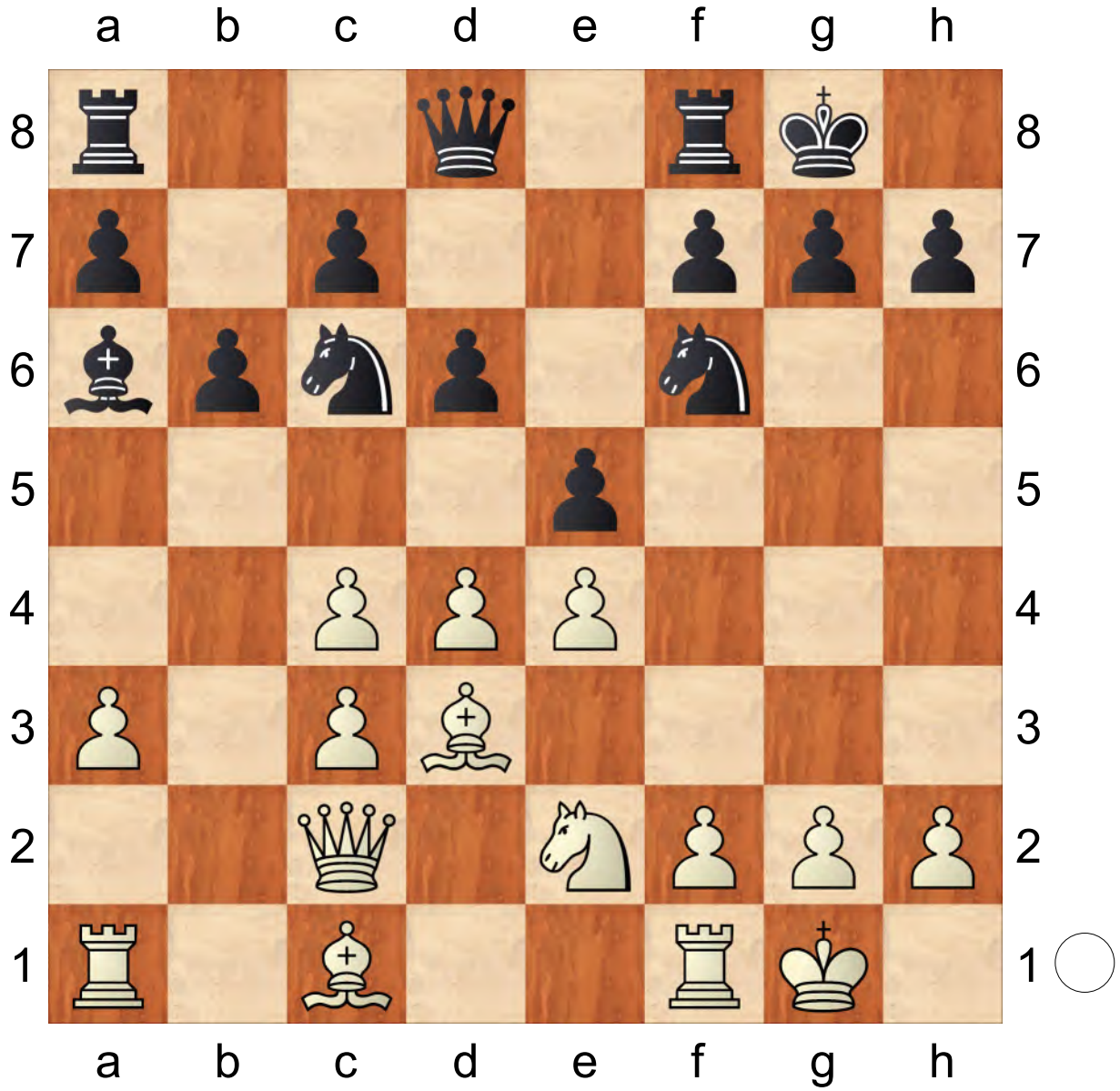
□ **Sokolov,Ivan** **2690**
■ **Bologan,Viktor** **2665**
Sarajevo Bosnia 34th (4) 21.05.2004
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Sokolov,Ivan Ftacnik **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d6**



6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 e5 8.Bd3 Nc6
[The other main line is: 8...c5!? You can see my comments to Ivanisevic,I-Nisipeanu,L/Istanbul,2003/CBM 96(0-1)(27)]
9.Ne2 b6 10.0-0 Ba6
(Diagram)



11.f4 Nd7 12.Rf3!?N White's idea is to prepare "c5" and on bishops exchange, to take on "d3" with a rook, that stands perfectly on the "d" line. Ftacnik: 'Sokolov is coming with a novelty in a position, that he intimately knows from his encounter with Karpov. The rook on the third rank would like to enter the fray as soon as possible.'

[I think that white has a clear advantage after simplest move: 12.Be3 Sokolov,Ivan: 'Ü 89/449' Na5 13.c5! Breaking Black's pawns structure. Bc4 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Ng3 *(15.fxe5!? dxe5 16.Ng3 Δ♘g5 Rc8 17.Nf5 Bxd3 18.Qxd3±)* 15...Qc7 16.Nf5 f6!? *(≤16...Kh8* You can see an ancient game of Short,N-Karpov,A/Dortmund,1997/CBM 60(1-0)(Tsesarsky,I)(44)*; 16...Bxd3?! 17.Qxd3 ΔNc4? 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Bh6+-)* 17.Rf3 Rf7 18.Raf1 Kh8 19.h4± Sokolov,I-Karpov,A/Hoogeveen,2003(½-½)(46)]

12...Na5 13.c5!?

[13.Ng3!? Sokolov,Ivan Bxc4 14.Bxc4 Nxc4 15.Nf5∞]

13...Bxd3 14.Rxd3 bxc5

[It deserves serious attention: 14...exd4 15.cxd4 bxc5 *(15...dxc5?! 16.d5* there is no doubt that White has a full compensation for a pawn.*)* 16.Rg3⩱ This is the better reaction than taking with the d pawn, but still white has a strong counterplay.]

[14...Qh4 Ftacnik 15.Bd2 Qg4 16.Re1 Nc4 17.Rg3±]

15.dxe5 c4!

[≤15...Nc4 16.Qd1!? Here white has two main ideas: to create a weakness on d6 after pawns exchange or to trade the knight to f5 and create an attack (♕g4, ♖h3 and etc.) on black's king. Qe7 17.Ng3! *(≤17.exd6 cxd6 18.e5 d5 19.Rxd5 Ndb6 20.Rd3 f6 21.exf6 Rxf6⩱)* 17...Qe6 18.Nf5 Rfd8 19.Rg3 g6 20.Qh5±]

[15...Qe7?! 16.Ng3 Qe6 17.exd6 cxd6 18.f5! Qf6 19.Bf4 Nc4 20.Rad1 Nde5 21.Nh5! Qh4 22.Rh3 Qd8 23.f6±]

[15...dxe5? Ftacnik 16.Qd1+-]

(Diagram)

16.Rd5 Nb3 17.Rb1 Qe7 Ftacnik: 'It was not easy for Bologan to guess, that his position is pretty viable. He could have even tried the phantastic possibility 17... dxe5!? '

[Can it was necessary to decide on the more reliable continuation: 17...Nb6!? 18.Rd1 Qe7 19.exd6 cxd6 20.Ng3 Nc5!?∞]

[17...dxe5!? Ftacnik 18.Qd1 *(18.Rxb3? cxb3 19.Qd2 c6 20.Rxd7 Qb6+ 21.Kf1 Rad8-+)* 18...Nbc5

A) 19.Be3 Nd3! *(19...Qe7?* Sokolov,Ivan *20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.Rxe5±)* 20.Qa4 exf4 21.Rxd7 *(21.Bxf4* Sokolov,Ivan *Qh4 22.g3 Qg4; 21.Bd4* Sokolov,Ivan *c5! 22.Rxd7 Qe8 23.Qc6 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rd8)* 21...Qe8∓ 22.Nxf4 Sokolov,Ivan Ne5 *(22...Rd8? 23.Nxd3 cxd3 24.Rd4)* 23.Rbd1 Rd8 *(23...f6!?* Δ ♖f7 *)* 24.Bc5 Rxd7;

B) 19.fxe5 c6 20.Rd6 Qh4 21.Bf4 Nb6∞]

18.Ng3

[18.exd6? Sokolov,Ivan cxd6 Δ ♘f6]

18...dxe5 19.Nf5 Sokolov,Ivan: 'Ü 18.♘g3' **19...Qe6**

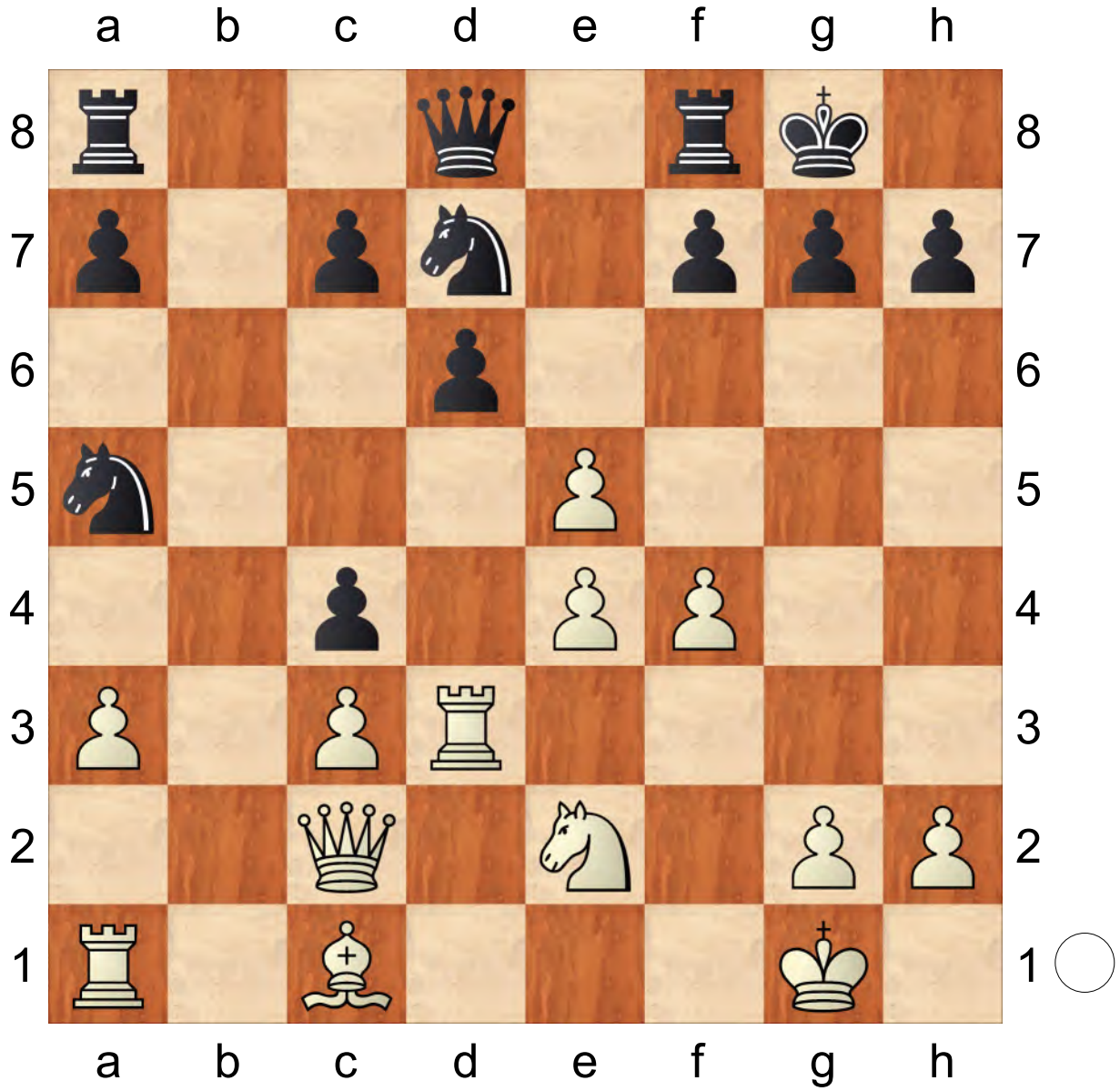
[Also playable is: 19...Qe8!?]

20.Qd1 Nf6?!

[Looks interesting, and I guess was deeply analysed by both opponents after the game: 20...exf4!?

A) Everything, but not: 21.Rxd7? Qxe4 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Bb2 Nc5! If white's extra-piece looks in such a way,it explains a lot about his position. 24.Rxc7 Qe3+ 25.Kh1 Nd3 26.Qf3 *(26.Qf1 Nf2+ 27.Kg1 Ne4+ 28.Kh1 Nd2-+)* 26...Rab8∓;

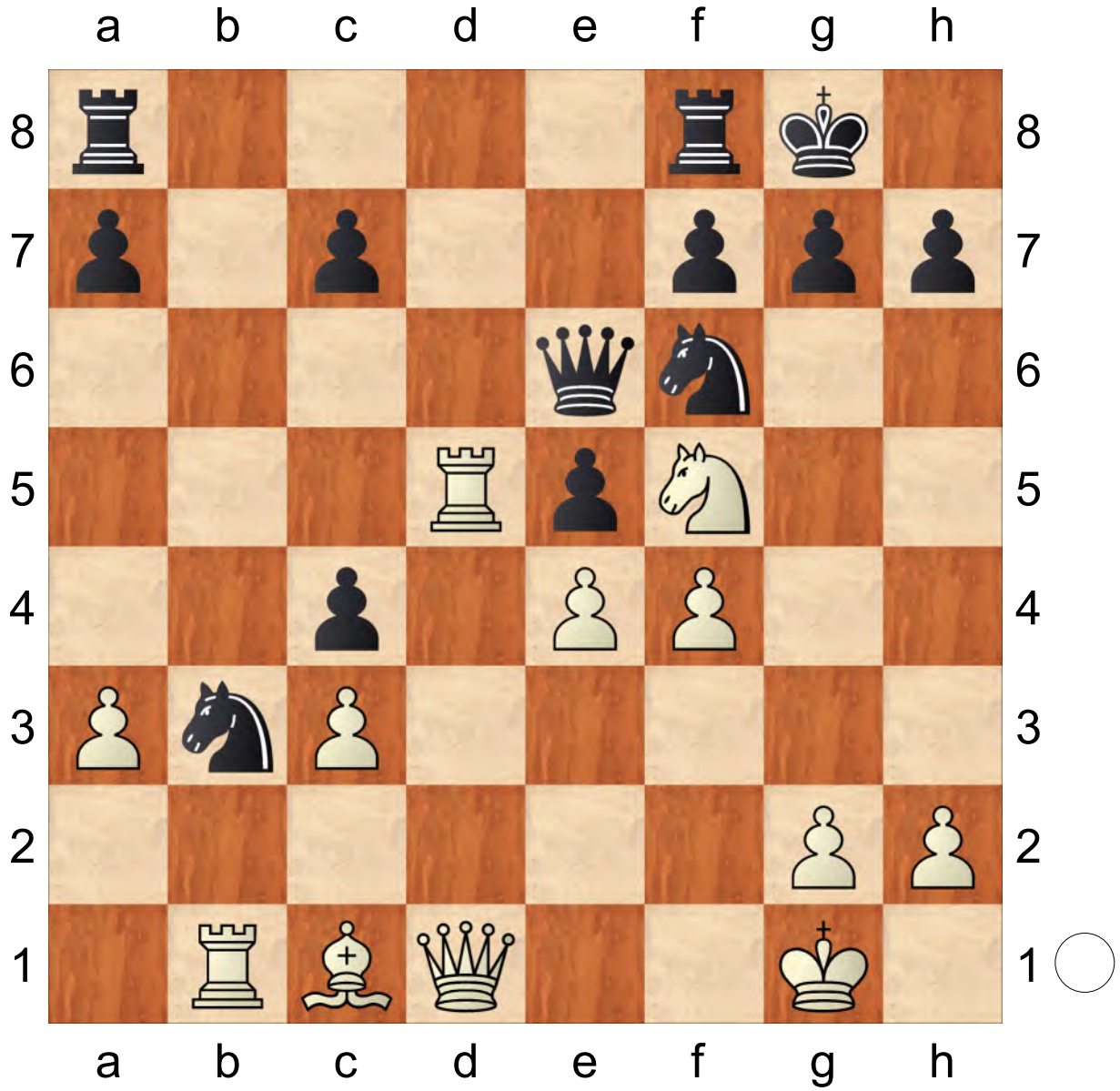
B) 21.Qg4! g6 22.Rxd7



B1) Losing by force: 22...Kh8? 23.Nh6 f5 *(23...Qxe4?? 24.Qxf4+-)* 24.Qd1 fxe4 25.Rxb3! cxb3 26.Bb2!+-;
B2) 22...Qxe4 23.Ne7+ Kg7 24.Qxf4 Qe1+ Sokolov,Ivan: '!' 25.Qf1 Qe6 Sokolov,Ivan: '∞!'
B2a) 26.Qd1 Sokolov,Ivan Rae8 27.Bg5 h6 28.Nxg6 Kxg6! *(28...Qxg6 29.Be7)*;
B2b) 26.Bg5 h6 27.Bxh6+ Kxh6 28.Qf4+ Kg7 29.Rxc7 Rad8∞]
[≤20...g6 21.Nh6+ Kg7 22.Rxd7 Nxc1 23.Rxc1 Kxh6 24.fxe5±]

(Diagram)

21.Rxe5 Rad8 Sokolov,Ivan: '!' **22.Qe2?!** Ivan Sokolov allows to his contender to



exchange pieces and equalise the position.

[Better was the simple: 22.Qe1! Qd7 23.Be3±]

22...Qd7!? Black avoids from pieces exchange and is interested to keep the tension of the position, although he had a simple way to achieve at least equality.

[To less complicated positions led: 22...Nxc1 23.Rxc1 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 *(24.Nd4 c5 25.Nf5 Qb3∞)* 24...Rd3 and Black stands at least not worse.]

23.Qxc4!? Sokolov,Ivan: '!' Although it doesn't give a serious advantage, it is still the right decision. Simplifications after 23.♗e3 ♕d3 are in favour of Black.

[Doesn't lead to advantage: 23.Be3 Qd3! Sokolov,Ivan: ' ∓' 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.Bxa7 Ra8 26.Bf2 Nd2! Ironically, White's "active" rook on e5 destroys his only plan - proceed the ♙ to e5. 27.Re1 Rxc3 28.Bc5 Rd3↑]

23...Qd1+ 24.Qf1 Qc2

[Of course not: 24...Qxf1+? 25.Kxf1 Rd1+ 26.Ke2±]

25.Be3 Nxe4

[From my point of view, the best decision was: 25...Ng4 26.Rb5 *(26.Re7 Nd2→)* 26...Qxe4 27.R5xb3 Nxe3 28.Nxe3 Qxe3+ 29.Qf2 Qd3=]

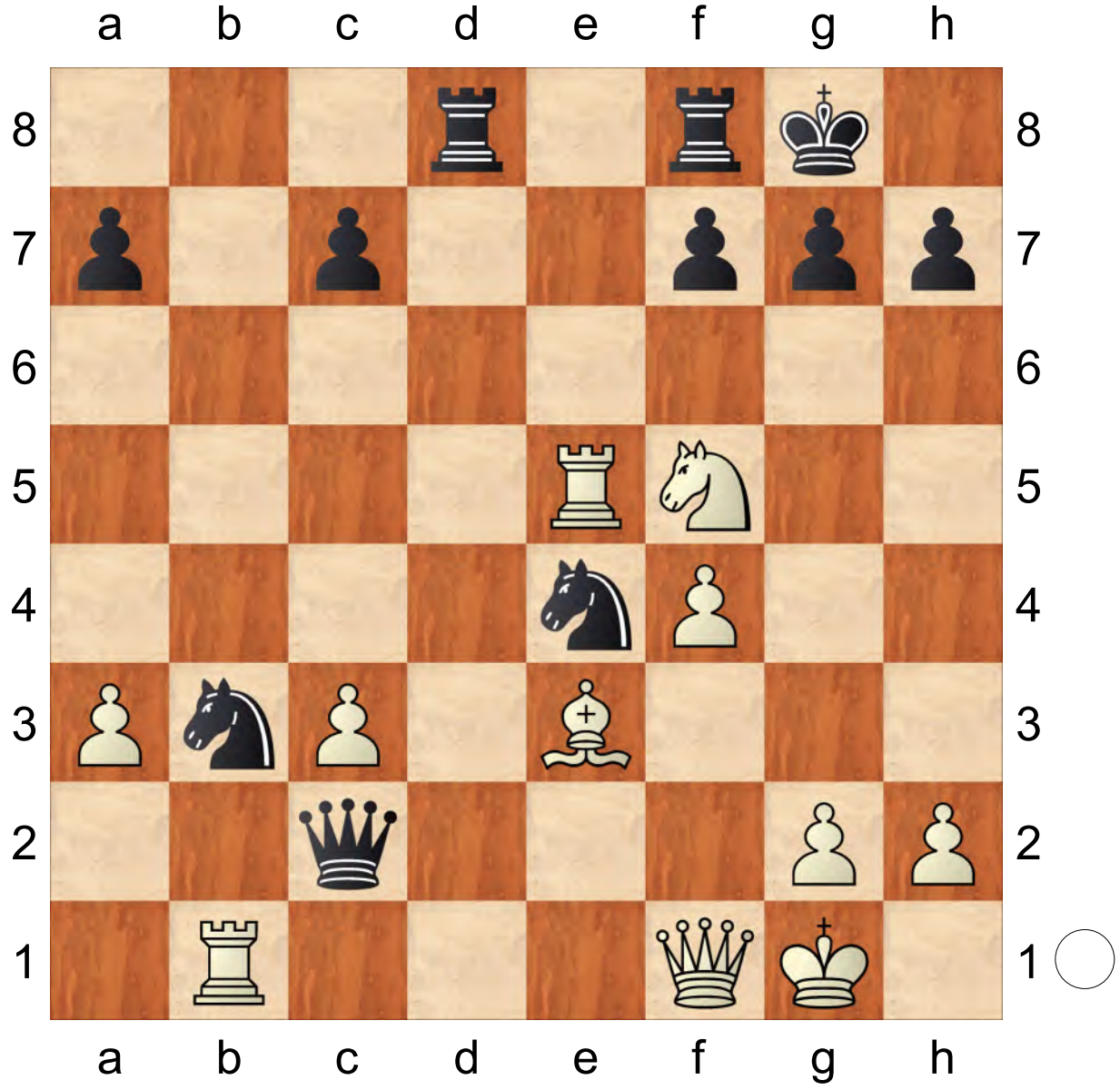
[25...Nd2!? Sokolov,Ivan: '!' 26.Rc1 Qb2

A) 27.Bxd2 Rxd2→;

B) 27.Rb5 Sokolov,Ivan: '!' Qxa3 28.Bc5 Qa6 29.Qe2 *(29.Ra1* Sokolov,Ivan *Nxf1 30.Rxa6 Rd1! 31.Rxf6! Nd2+ 32.Kf2 Nxe4+ 33.Kf3 Nxf6 34.Bxf8 Kxf8 35.Rb8+ Ne8 36.Nxg7 Kxg7 37.Rxe8 Rd3+ 38.Kg4 Rxc3 39.Ra8 Ra3 40.Rc8=)* 29...Nb3!∓;

C) 27.Qe1 Ng4 28.Rd5 Nxe3 29.Nxe3 Nxe4 30.Re5=]

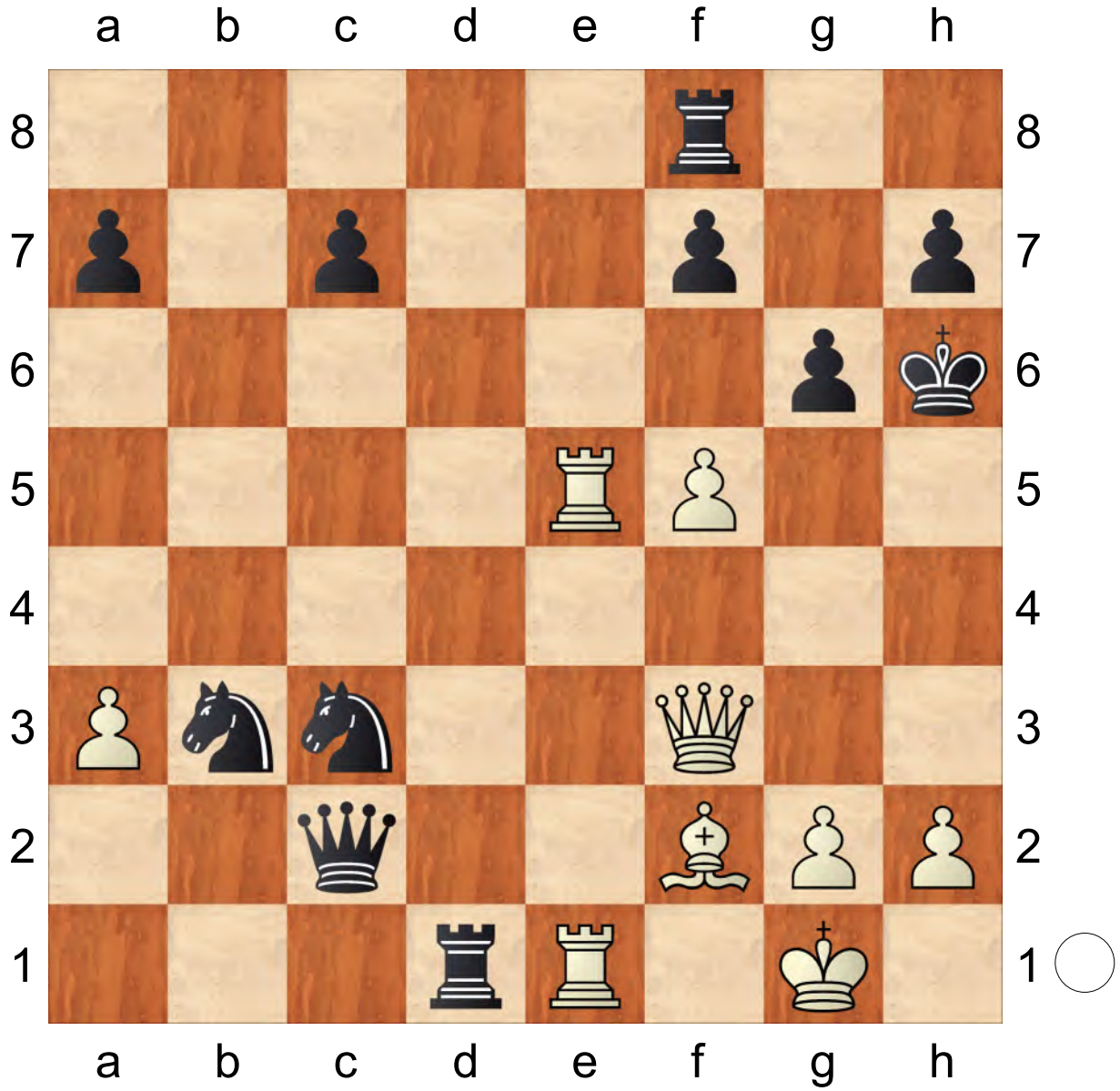
[≤25...Qxc3 Sokolov,Ivan: '?!' 26.Qe1! Qd3 *(26...Qxe1+ 27.Rxe1 a6±)* 27.Bxa7±]



26.Re1 Nxc3?! Accepting the pawn sacrifice is too dangerous decision, all Black's pieces got far away from their king.
[It was better: 26...c5!? 27.Ne7+ Kh8 28.Nc6 *(28.c4)* 28...Rde8 *(≤28...Rd6 29.Nxa7 Nxc3 30.Qf2! Qxf2+ 31.Bxf2±)* 29.c4 a5∞]
27.Qf3→
[More solid opportunity was: 27.Qf2!? Qxf2+ *(27...Qd3 28.Bxa7±)* 28.Bxf2 Sokolov,Ivan: '±' Rd3 29.Ne7+ Kh8 30.Bxa7 h6±]
27...Rd1
[Only helps to contender: 27...f6?! 28.Qg4 g6 29.Nh6+ Kh8 30.Re7
A) 30...Nd5 31.Nf7+ Rxf7 *(31...Kg8? 32.Nxd8 f5 33.Qh4+-)* 32.Rxf7 Nxe3 33.Qh3!±;
B) 30...f5 31.Qh4 Rd1 32.Nf7+ Kg8 33.Ng5 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Ne4 35.Ne6 Rc8 36.Kh1! Very strong offensive resource. a5 37.Qh4 Qd1+ 38.Bg1 h5 *(≤38...Qh5 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rxc7! Re8 41.Qxh5 gxh5 42.Ng7±)* 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rxg6±]
28.Bf2 g6? Just a very bad move. Black weakens a position of his king.
[⌓28...Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1→ and still it is difficult to suggest something valuable to Black]
[28...Nc1? Δ♘ce2+ 29.Qg4 g6 30.Nh6+ Kh8 31.Qh4 Rxe1+ 32.Bxe1 Kg7 33.Ng4!+-]
[28...c5! Sokolov,Ivan 29.h3⩱]
29.Nh6+ Sokolov,Ivan: '!' **29...Kg7**
[29...Kh8 30.Bh4 Rxe1+ *(30...Kg7 31.Ng4* Δ♗f6 *Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 h5 33.Bf6+ Kh7* Δf5 or g4 *34.Nf2! Na4 35.f5!±)* 31.Rxe1 Kg7 32.Ng4 h5 33.Bf6+ Kh7 34.Nf2±]
30.f5! Sokolov,Ivan: '+-!' **30...Kxh6**
[Not helps: 30...Nd2 31.f6+ Kh8 32.Qe3 Nde4 33.Nxf7+! Kg8 34.Nh6+ Kh8 35.Re8!! Sokolov,Ivan: '!' Rxe8 *(35...Qxf2+ 36.Qxf2 Rxe8 37.f7 Rxe1+ 38.Qxe1 Rd8 39.h4 Kg7 40.Qe3* Δ♘g4 *)* 36.f7 Qxf2+ *(36...Red8* Sokolov,Ivan *37.Qd4+ R1xd4 38.Bxd4+)* 37.Qxf2 Rf8 38.Qe3±]

(Diagram)

31.f6! Rxe1+
[Immediately loses a game the following move: 31...g5 32.Qh3+ Kg6 33.Rxg5+! Kxg5 *(33...Kxf6 34.Qh6+ Qg6 35.Rxg6+ hxg6 36.Bh4+! Kf5 37.Qg5#)* 34.Bh4+ Sokolov,Ivan: '!' Kh5 *(34...Kg6 35.Qg4+ Kh6 36.Qg5#)* 35.Qf3+ *(35.Bg3+* Sokolov,Ivan *Kg5 36.Qh4+)* 35...Kxh4 *(35...Kh6 36.Qe3+ Kh5 37.Qg5#)* 36.g3+ Kg5 *(36...Kh3 37.Qh5#)* 37.h4+ Kg6 38.Qg4+ Kxf6 39.Qg5#]
32.Bxe1 g5 33.Bxc3? Not a perfect move that keeps Black alive.
[33.h4! At once wins the game:



A) 33...Nd4 34.Qg4 Nce2+ *(34...Rg8* Sokolov,Ivan *35.Rxg5)* 35.Kh2 Rg8 36.Rxg5!+-;
B) 33...Nb1 34.Rxg5;
C) 33...Rg8 34.Qh3! Ne2+ 35.Kh2+-]

33...Nd2? Although his position is absolutely lost, Viktor Bologan gave up little too early than it should be:

[33...Rd8!? Sokolov,Ivan: ' ⩲' 34.Be1! Sokolov,Ivan: ' ±!' Sokolov,Ivan: ' →' Nd4 35.Qg4 *(35.Qe3 Nf5)* 35...Ne6 Δ♖d4 36.h4→ Qc1 Sokolov,Ivan 37.hxg5+ Nxg5 38.Kh2 Rd3 39.Bb4]

34.Qe3+- Sokolov,Ivan: '+-!' **34...Qc1+ 35.Kf2 Qf1+**

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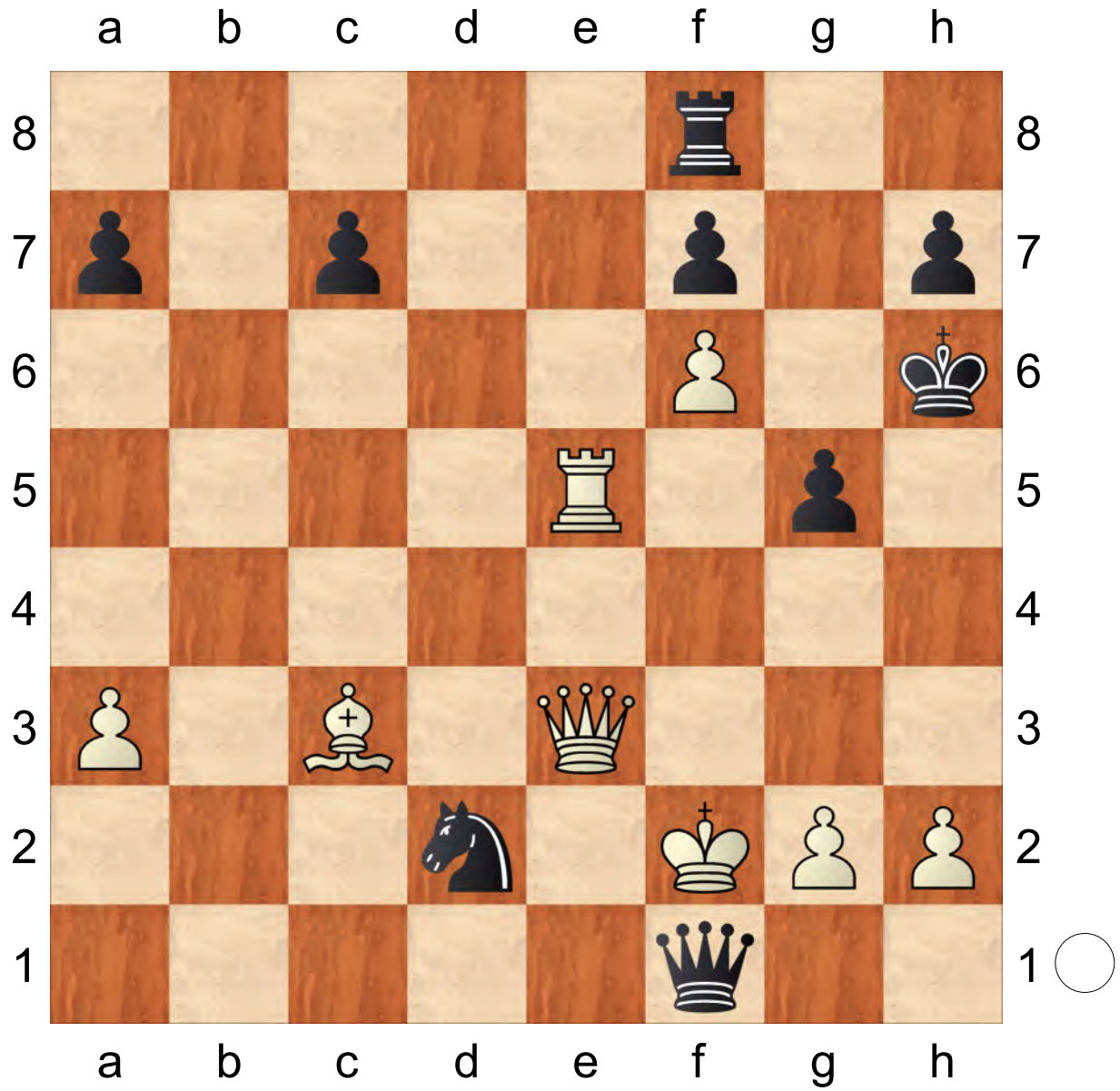

36.Kg3 Qf4+ 37.Qxf4 gxf4+ 38.Kxf4 Nc4 39.Rc5 Nxa3
[Does not change a lot 39...Nb6 40.Kf5 Rd8 41.Rxc7+-]
40.Kf5! Rd8

(Diagram)

41.Be5!

(Diagram)

Further resistance is senseless.
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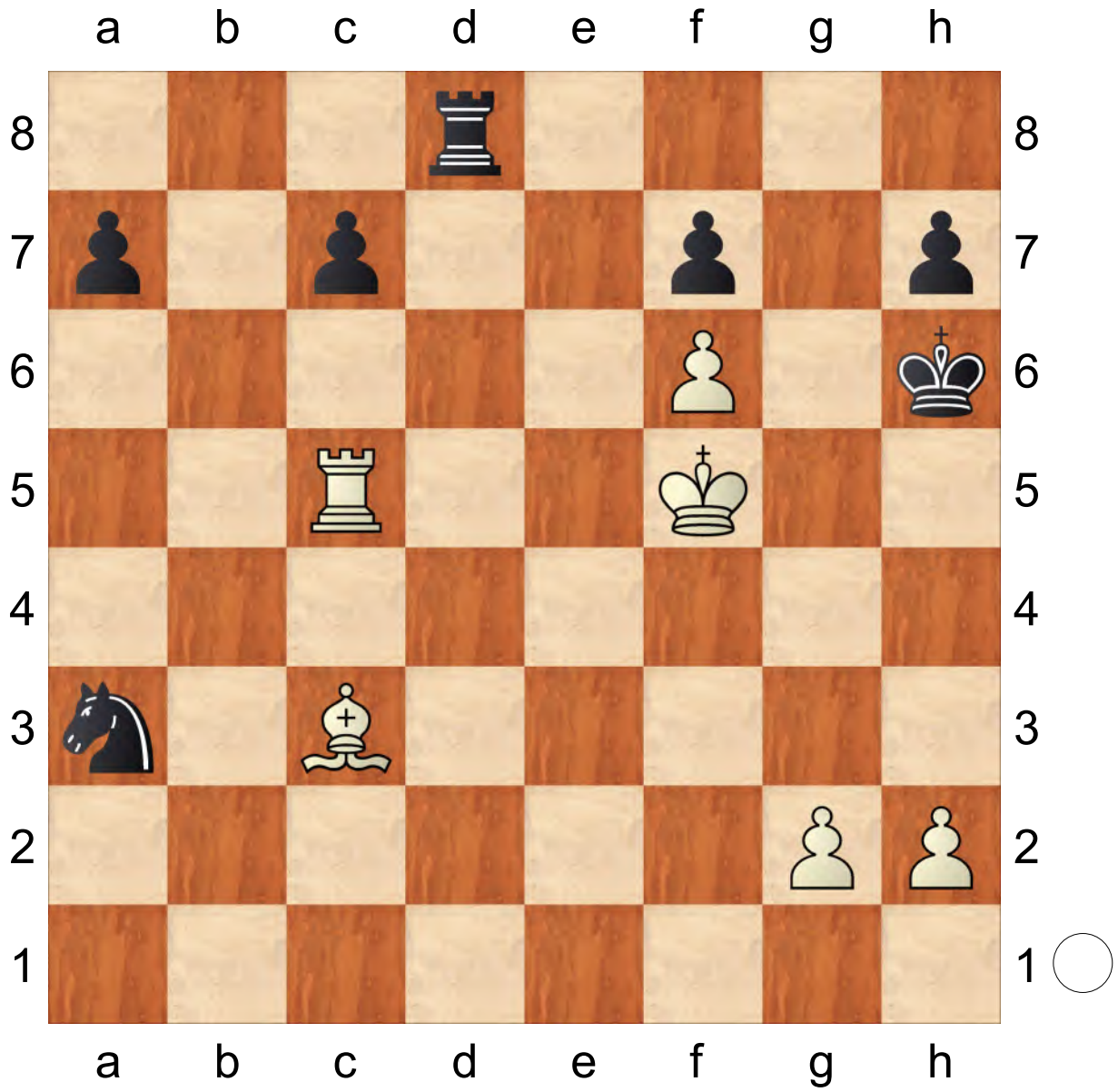

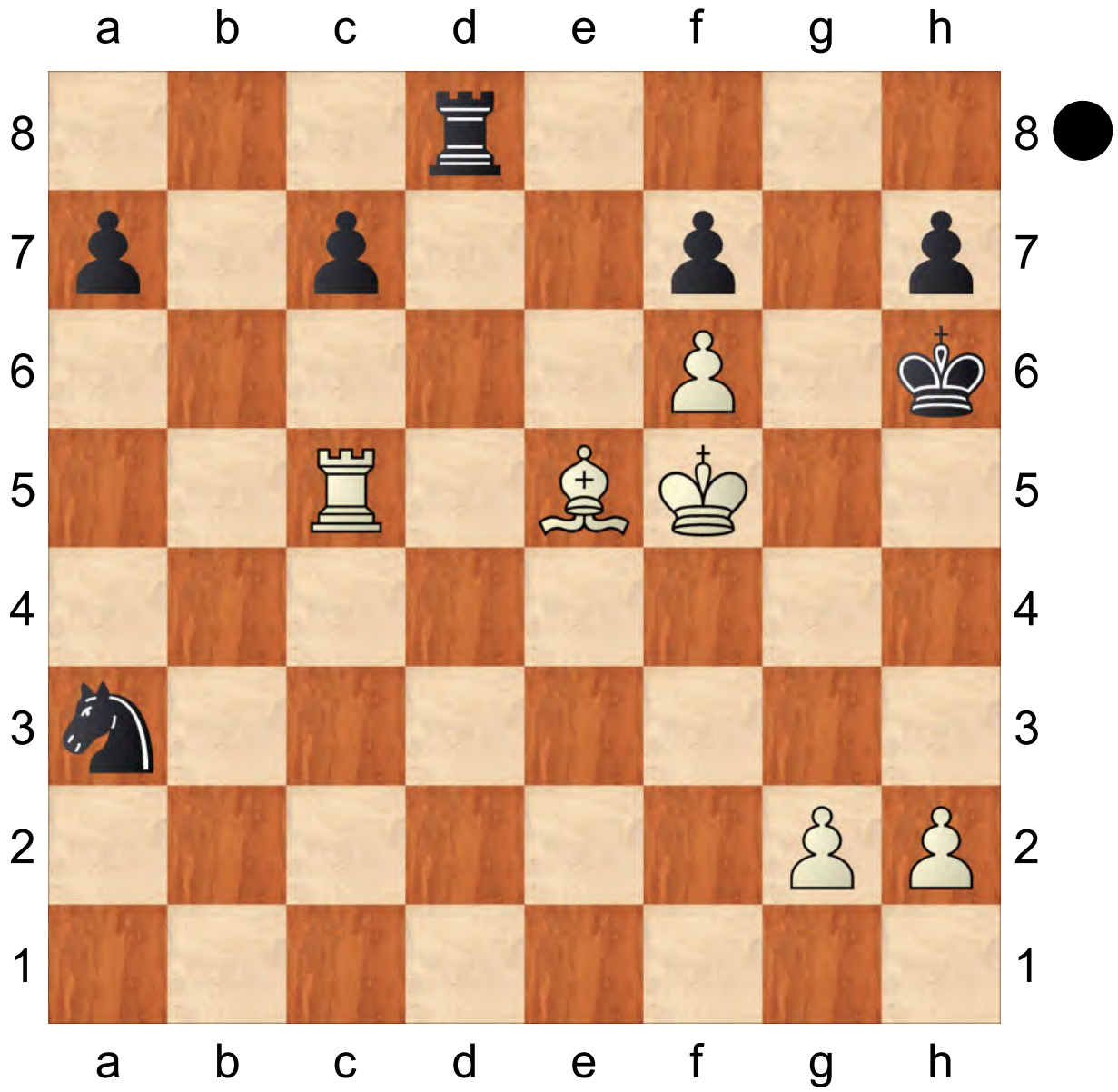
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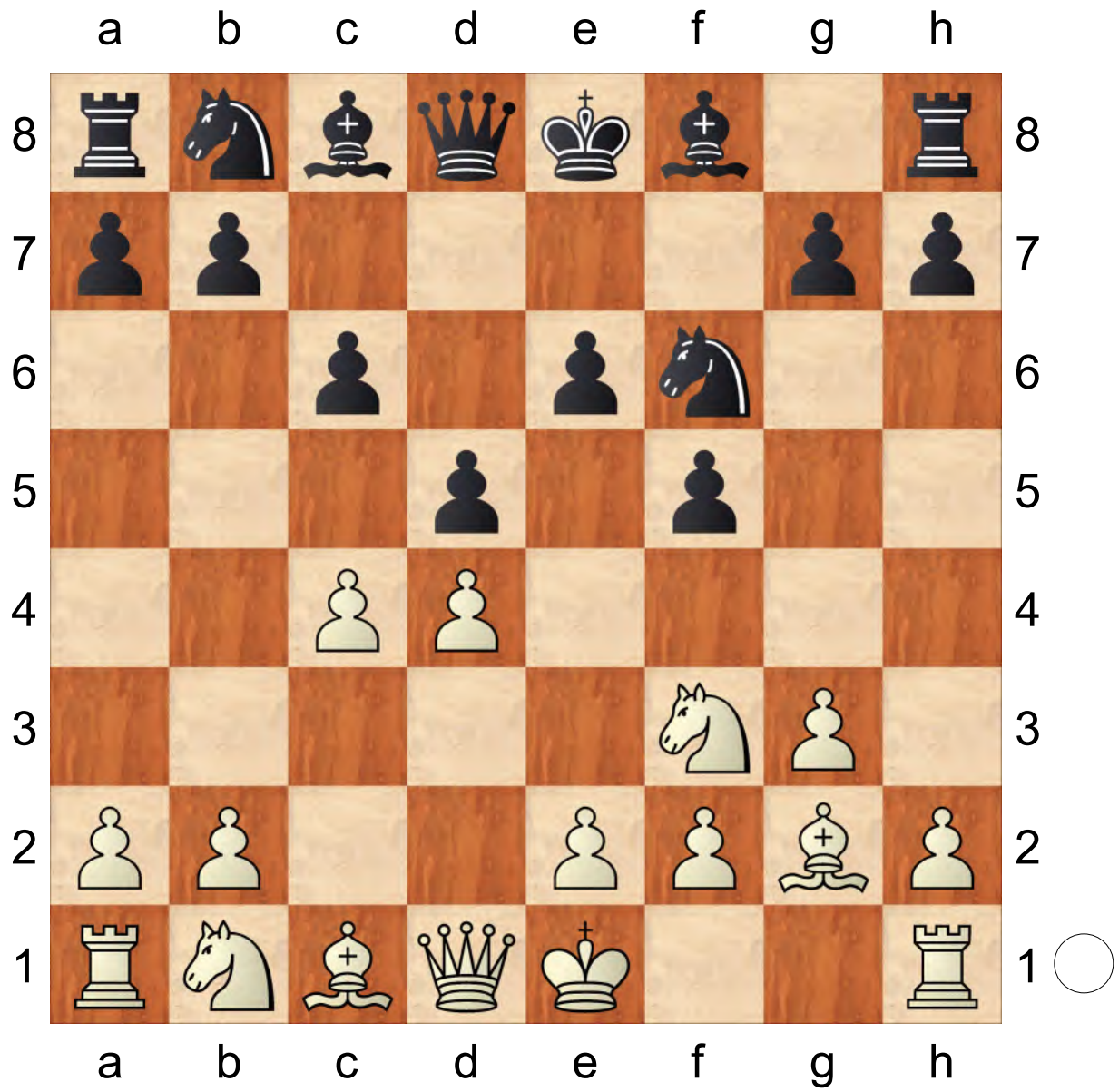
□ **Gershon,Alik** **2425**
■ **Vaisser,Anatoli** **2595**
New York op (2) 16.03.1998
[Tyomkin,Dimitri]

1.d4 Tyomkin,D Hecht **1...e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 c6**



6.0-0 Bd6 7.Qc2 0-0 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.e3N
[9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Ndxe4 fxe4 11.Be3 Nf6 12.f3 exf3 13.Bxf3 Bd7 14.Bf2 b5 15.cxb5 cxb5 16.a3 Rc8 17.Qd3 Qe8 18.e4± Ardiansyah,H-Portisch,L/ Thessaloniki olm 1988/0-1(42)]
[9.Ne1 Qf6 *(9...Nd7 10.e3* -9.e3) 10.e3 Nd7 11.Ne2 Qe7 12.Nd3 b6 13.b3

Bb7 14.Bb2 Rac8 15.f3 Nef6 16.Nf2 c5= Lukacs,P-Tseshkovsky,V/Wijk-B 1988/0-1(32)]

[⌓9.Rb1

A) 9...Nd7?! 10.b4 a6 11.c5 *(11.a4!?)* 11...Bc7 12.a4?! *(⌓12.Bf4)* 12...e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bb2 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 f4⇄ Kastanieda Georgiy-Gorjatschkin Wjatscheslaw/Ch Russia (club), Briansk (Russia) 1995/0-1(39);

B) 9...a5 10.a3 Qe7 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Bxb4? 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rxb4 exf3 16.exf3 Qxd4 17.Rbb1 Nd7 18.Be7 Re8 19.Rfd1 Qa7 20.Bd6 Qa5 21.f4⩲ ↑⧉ Novikov,I-Moskalenko,V/Cap d'Agde op 1994/1-0(57);

C) 9...Qe7 10.b4! *(10.Bf4!? Bxf4 11.gxf4 Nd7 12.b4 b6 13.b5 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Bb7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.bxc6± Schandorff,L-Nielsen,P/Gistrup 1996/1-0(40))* 10...a6 *(10...Bxb4? 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bg5±; 10...Bd7 11.b5 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 cxb5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Qb3 a6 15.bxa6 Rxa6 16.Qxb7 Rxa2 17.Bf4 Nc6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Ne5 Ra7 20.Qb2 Rb8 21.Qc3 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qc7 24.Qb2 Ra4 25.Qb8+ Qxb8 26.Rxb8+ Kf7 27.f4 Ra7 28.Bf3 Rc7 29.Kf2 Ba4 30.Rh8 Kg6 31.h4 Bc2 32.h5+ Kh6 33.Re8 Rc6 34.Rd8 g6 35.Rd6* Novikov,I-Gleizerov,E/EUCup Gr Portoroz 1993/½-½ (47) *)* 11.a4 Nd7!? *(11...Bd7!?)* 12.b5 *(12.Bf4? Bxb4∓; 12.c5?! Bc7 Δ e5 ⇄⊞)* 12...axb5 13.axb5 Kh8?! ɣh8 14.Bf4! *(14.Na4?! Rxa4! 15.Qxa4 Nc3=)* 14...Ra3!? ± Gleizerov,E-Moroz,A/Lubniewice 1994 *(14...Bxf4?! 15.gxf4± ×e5, ♗c8; 14...Ra3!? 15.Na4!±)*]

[9.Bf4 Bxf4 10.gxf4 Nd7 *(10...Bd7 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qa3 Qa6 13.Qxa6 Nxa6 14.Ne5±* Karpeshov O-Gleizerov Evgeny/Ch Russia (club), Briansk (Russia) 1995/½-½(33) *)* 11.e3 *(11.b4!?)* 11...Qe7 12.Ne2 a5 13.c5 b6 14.cxb6 Ba6 15.Rfc1 Rfb8= Eslon,J-Moskalenko,V/Andorra op 1991/½-½(22)]

9...Nd7 10.Ne1 Tyomkin,D: '-9.e3' **10...Nxc3**

(Diagram)

11.Qxc3 b5!? 12.cxd5

[12.c5!? Bc7 13.Nd3 a5∞]

[12.b3? bxc4 13.bxc4 Ba6]

12...cxd5 13.Qc6 Qb6

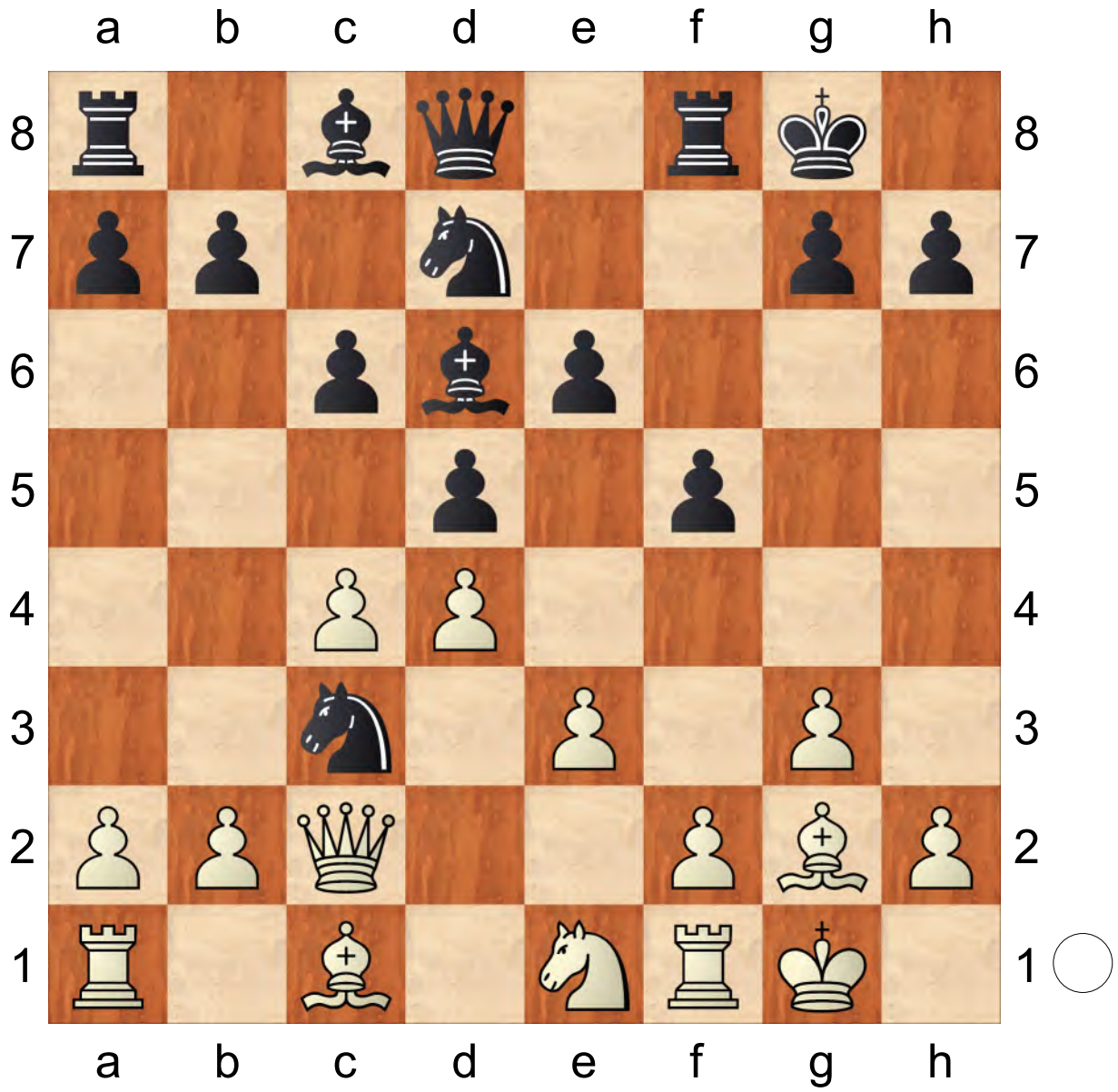
[13...Nb6!? 14.Qxb5 a5 15.Qe2 Ba6⩲]

14.Qxa8 Ba6 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8

(Diagram)

The material is 2 ♖:♕,but black pieces are better developed.Black intends to play b5-b4 and to transfer his ♘ to-e4,but in my opinion white isn't worse in this position,and maybe even better. **16.Nf3?!**

[⌓16.Nd3 b4 17.Rd1 Nf6 18.Bf1 g5 *(18...Ne4 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bd2)* 19.Bd2]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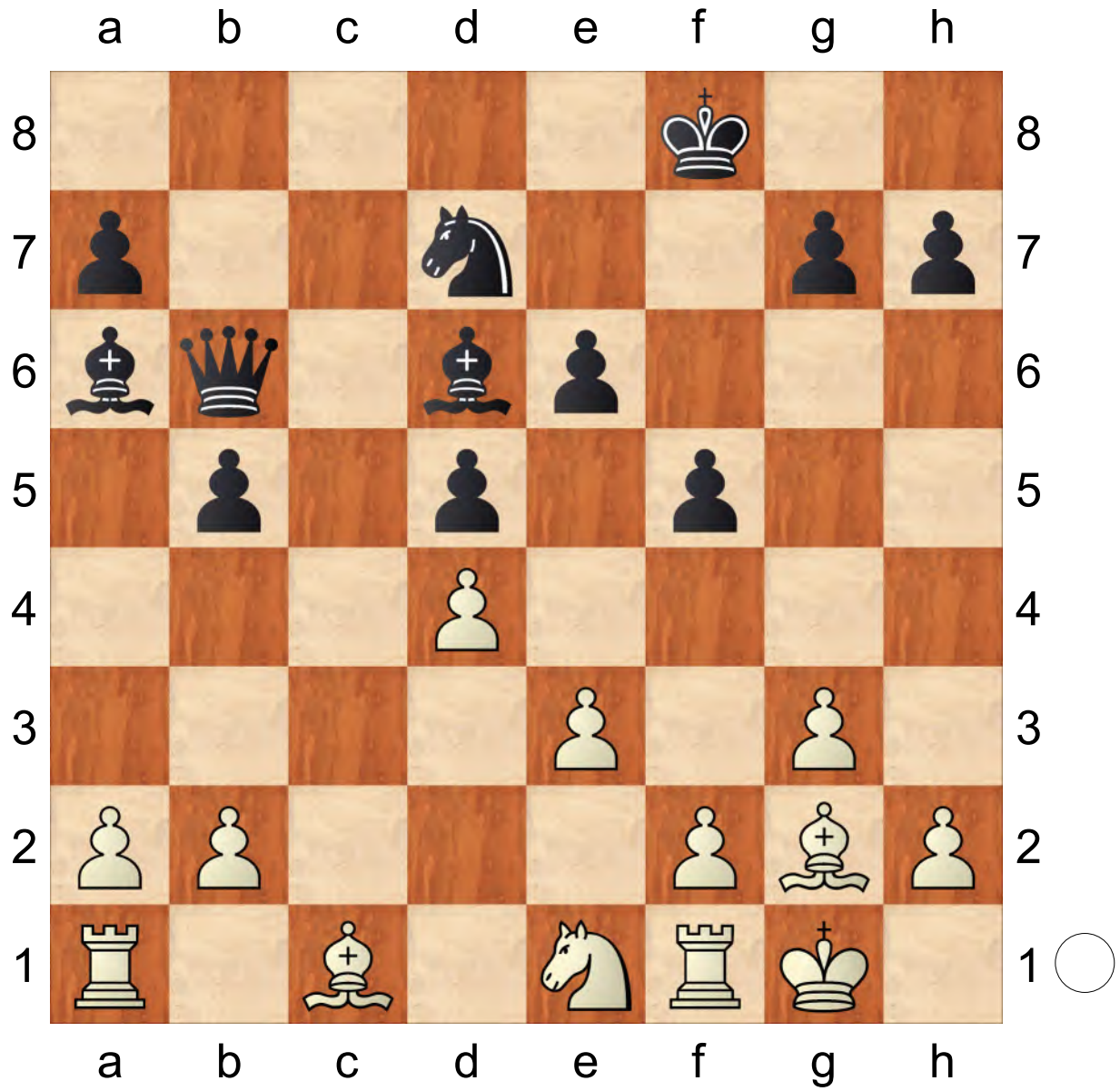
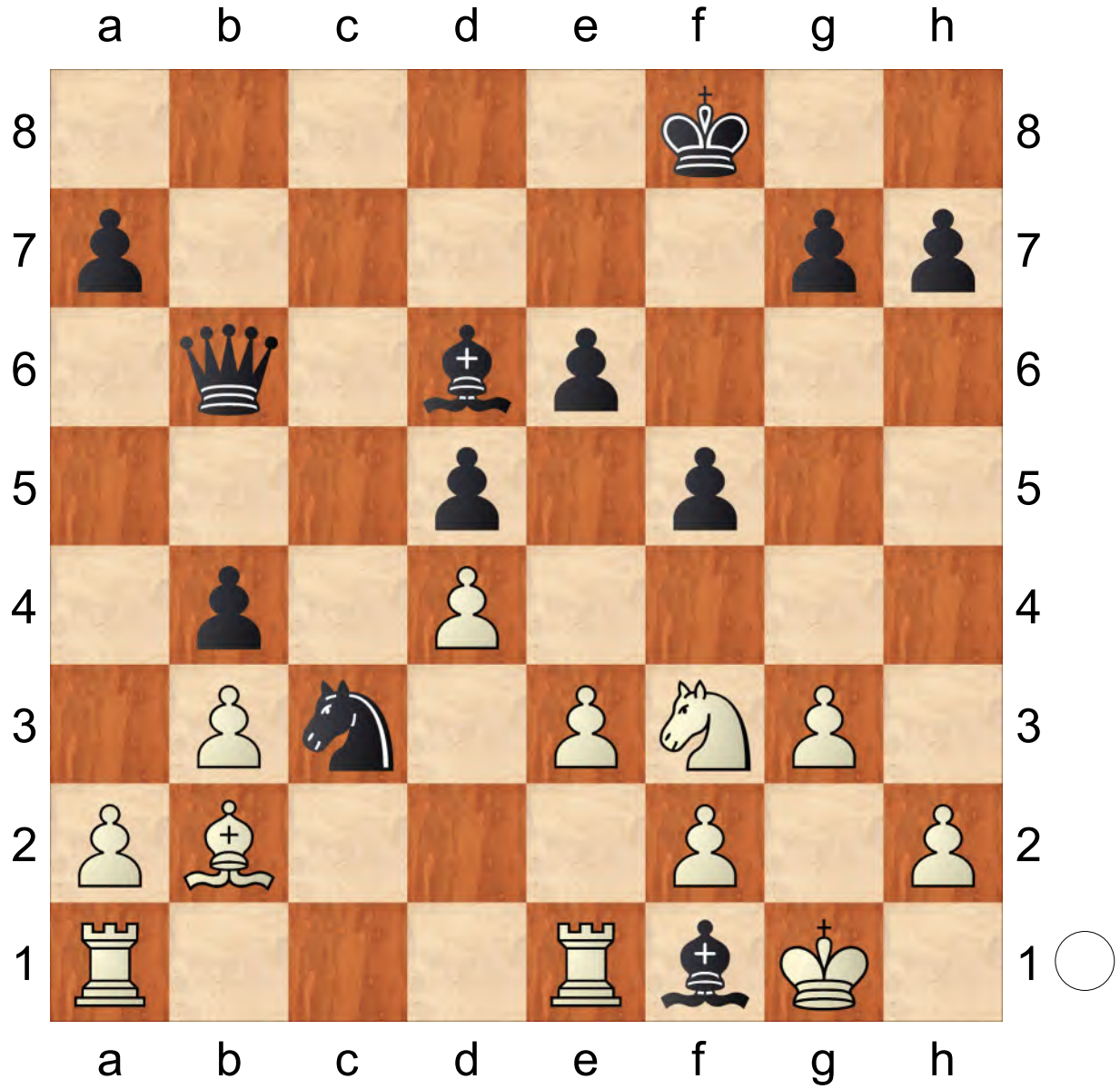


16...b4 17.Re1 Nf6 18.b3?!
[⩲18.Bd2 Ne4 19.Rec1 g5 20.Be1]
18...Ne4 19.Bb2 Nc3 20.Bf1 Bxf1

(Diagram)

21.Kxf1?
[21.Rxf1 Qb5 *(21...Ne2+ 22.Kg2 Qc6 23.Rfd1)* 22.Bxc3 bxc3 23.Rac1 Qe2 24.Ne1 *(24.Ng5 Qb2!; 24.Kg2 Qb2!)*]
21...Qa6+ 22.Kg2 Qd3 23.Rec1
[23.Kg1?! Ne2+ 24.Kg2 Qc2! 25.Rad1! *(25.Rab1 Qe4!)* 25...Nc3]
23...Qe4 24.Bxc3??
[24.h4 I don't see how black can win after this move.

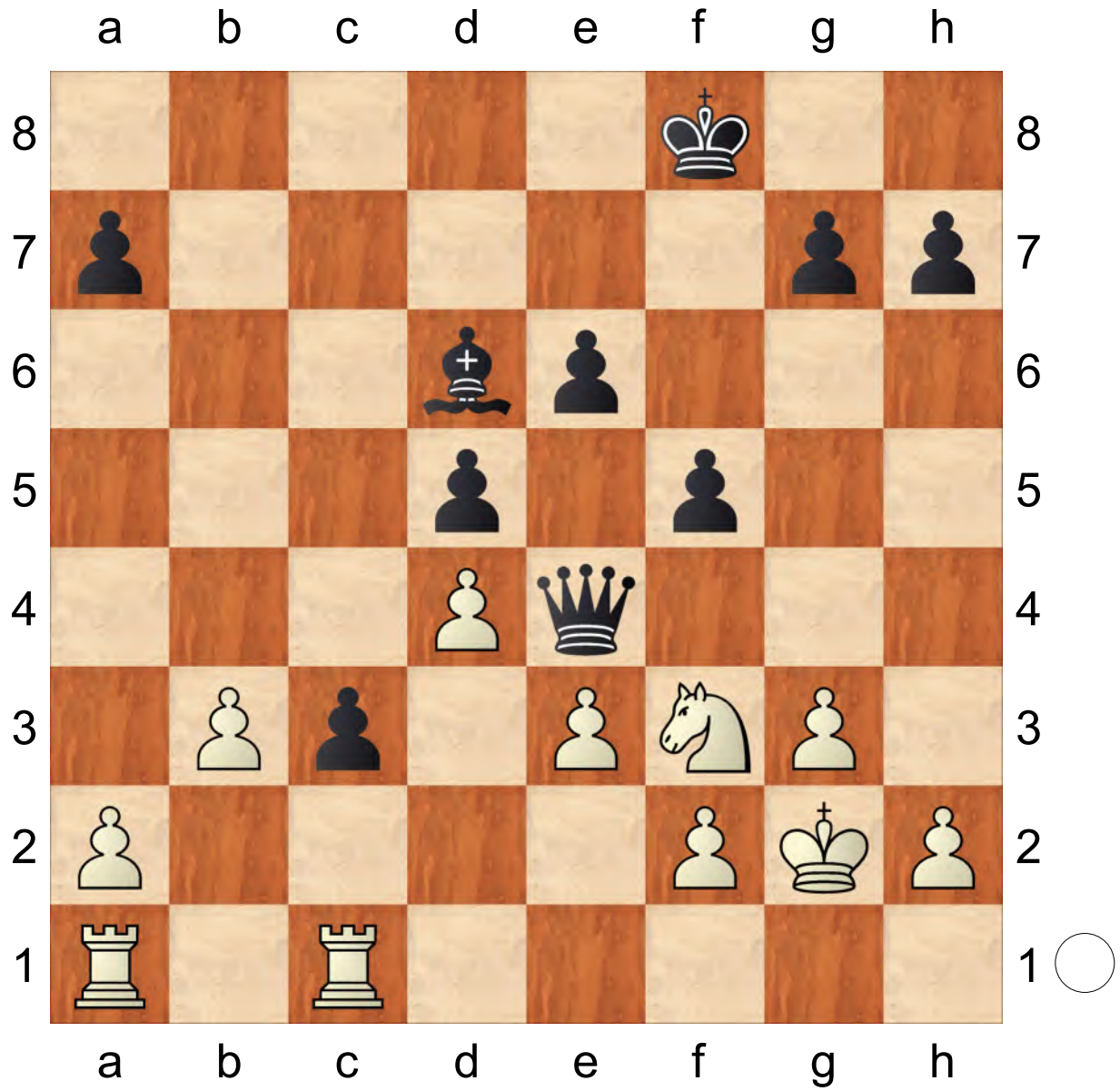


A) 24...Nb5 25.Rc8+ Kf7 26.Rac1 g6 27.Rh8 h6!? *(27...Kg7 28.Rd8 h6 29.Rd7+ Kf6 30.Rh7!)* 28.Rh7+ Kg8 29.Rb7;
B) 24...g6 25.Bxc3 bxc3 26.Rxc3 h6 27.Rh1! Kg7 *(27...g5 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.Rc8+ Kg7 30.Rch8; 27...Ke7 28.Rc8 g5 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Rh7+ Kf6 31.Rh6+ Kg7 32.Rch8)* 28.Rc6 Bf8 29.Rc7+ Kg8 *(29...Kf6 30.Rxa7 g5 31.hxg5+ hxg5 32.Rhh7)* 30.Rxa7 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Rh5 g4 33.Rg5+ Kh8 34.Rh5+=]

24...bxc3-+

(Diagram)

Hecht: Black wins by the advance of his g-pawn, due to the pin on the knight at f3 which cannot be broken. The entrance of White's rooks comes too late. The finale

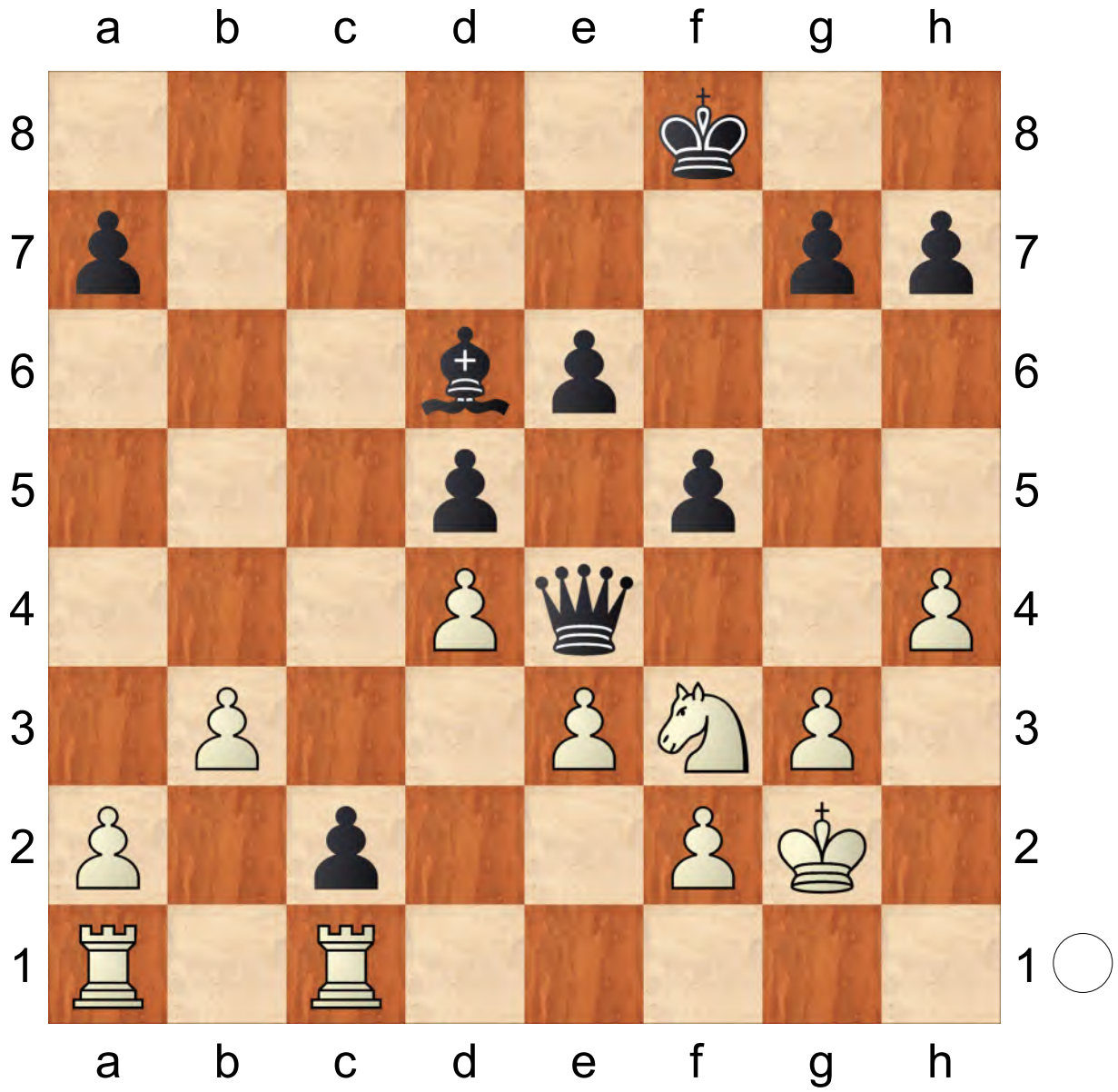


comes with a surprising mating attack. \ Hecht: Wegen der nicht aufhebbaren Fesselung des Sf3 gewinnt Schwarz durch das Vorrücken seines g-Bauern den Springer. Der Einsatz der weißen Türme kommt zu spät. Das Finale bildet ein überraschender Mattangriff. **25.h4 c2**

(Diagram)

26.a3 g6
[26...h6? 27.h5]
27.Ra2 h6 28.Raxc2 g5 29.Rc8+ Ke7 30.hxg5 hxg5

(Diagram)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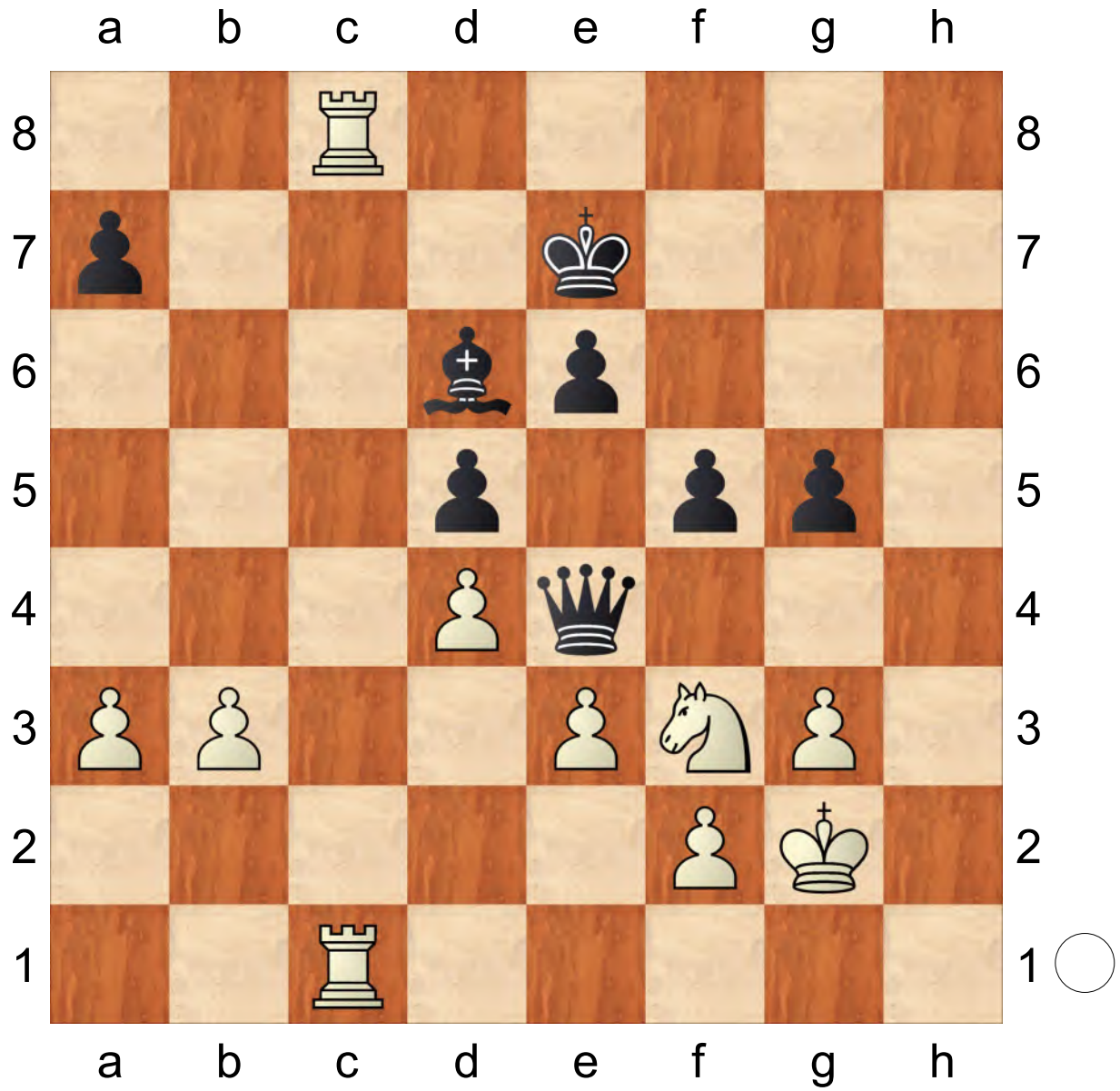


31.Rh1 g4 32.Rh7+ Kf6 33.Kg1

[33.Rch8

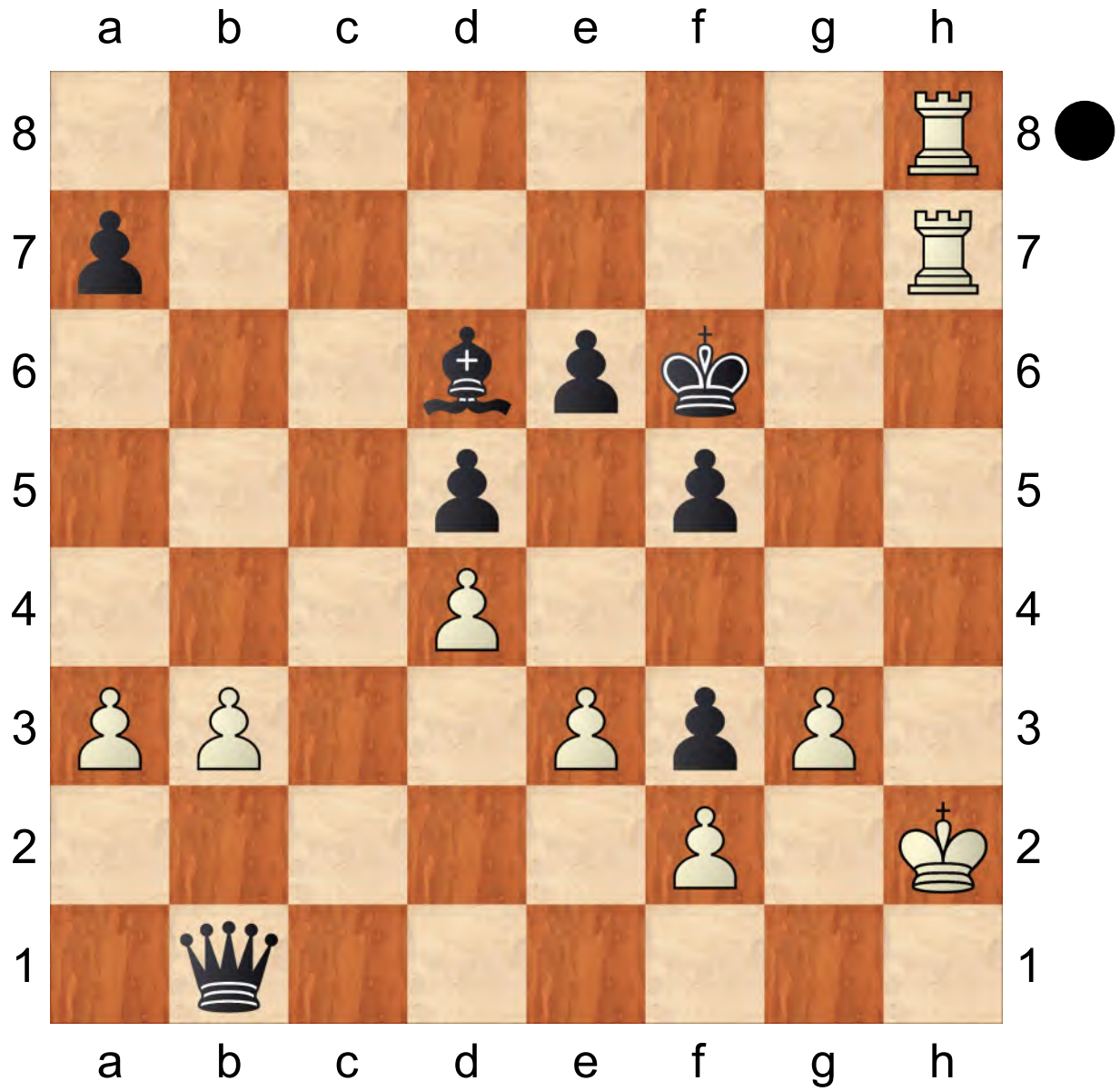
A) 33...gxf3+ 34.Kh3□ *(34.Kh2 Bxg3+!!)*;

B) 33...Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Bxg3! 35.Rh6+ Ke7 36.R6h7+ Kd6 37.Rd8+ Kc6 38.Rc8+ Kb6-+]

33...gxf3 34.Rch8 Hecht: There threatens a perpetual check by means of Rh6 and R6h7. Black counters with an inventive mating attack! To me, this is worth a Medal. Hecht: droht Dauerschach mittels Th6 und T6h7. Schwarz kontert mit einem erfindungsreichen Mattangriff! Das ist mir eine Medaille wert. **34...Qb1+ 35.Kh2**

(Diagram)

35...Bxg3+!



[35...Bxg3+ Hecht 36.Kxg3 *(36.fxg3 Qc2+ 37.Kh3 Qg2+ 38.Kh4 Qh2#)* 36...Qg1+ 37.Kxf3 *(37.Kh3 Qg2+ 38.Kh4 Qg4#)* 37...Qg4#]

(Diagram)

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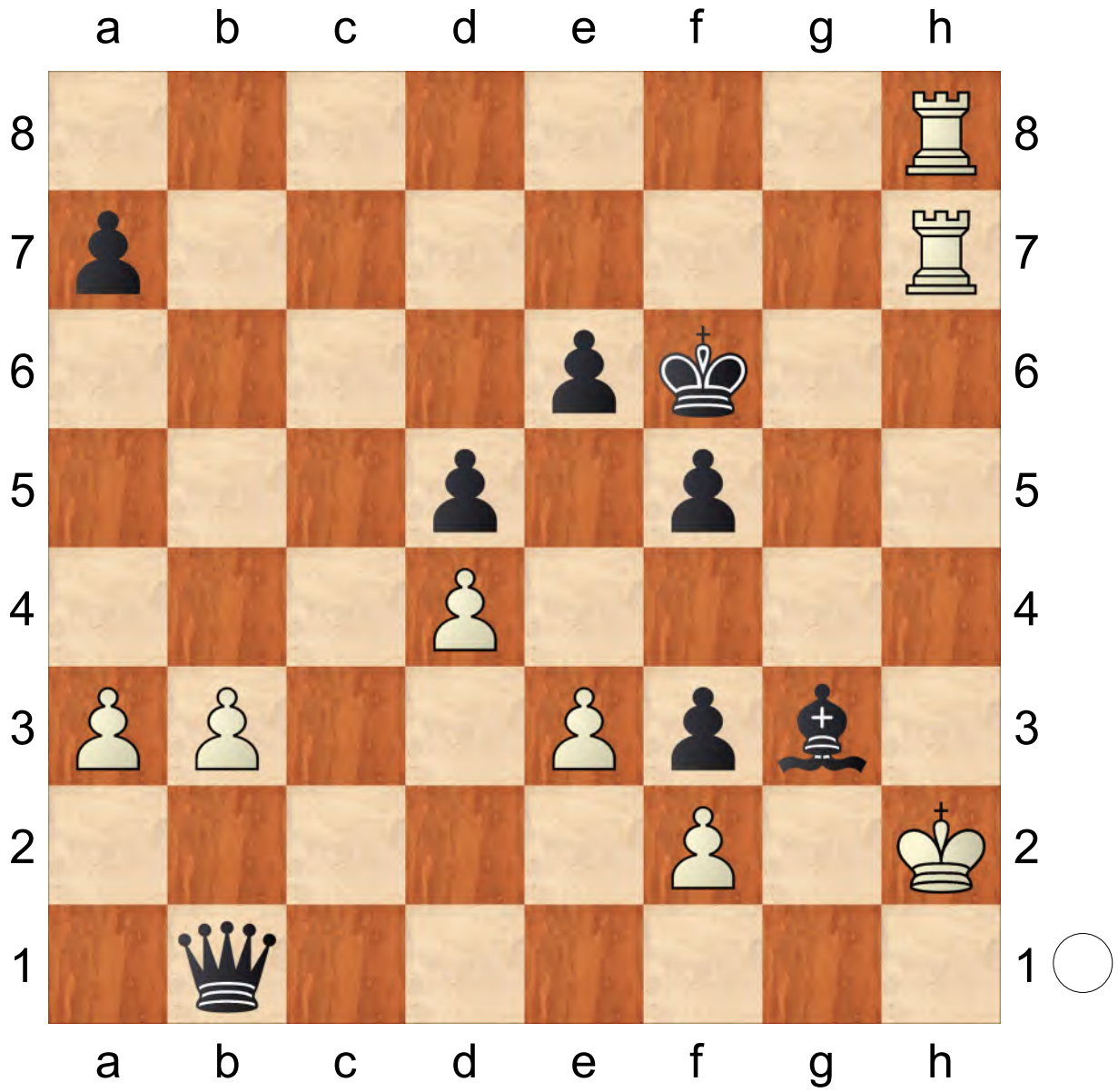
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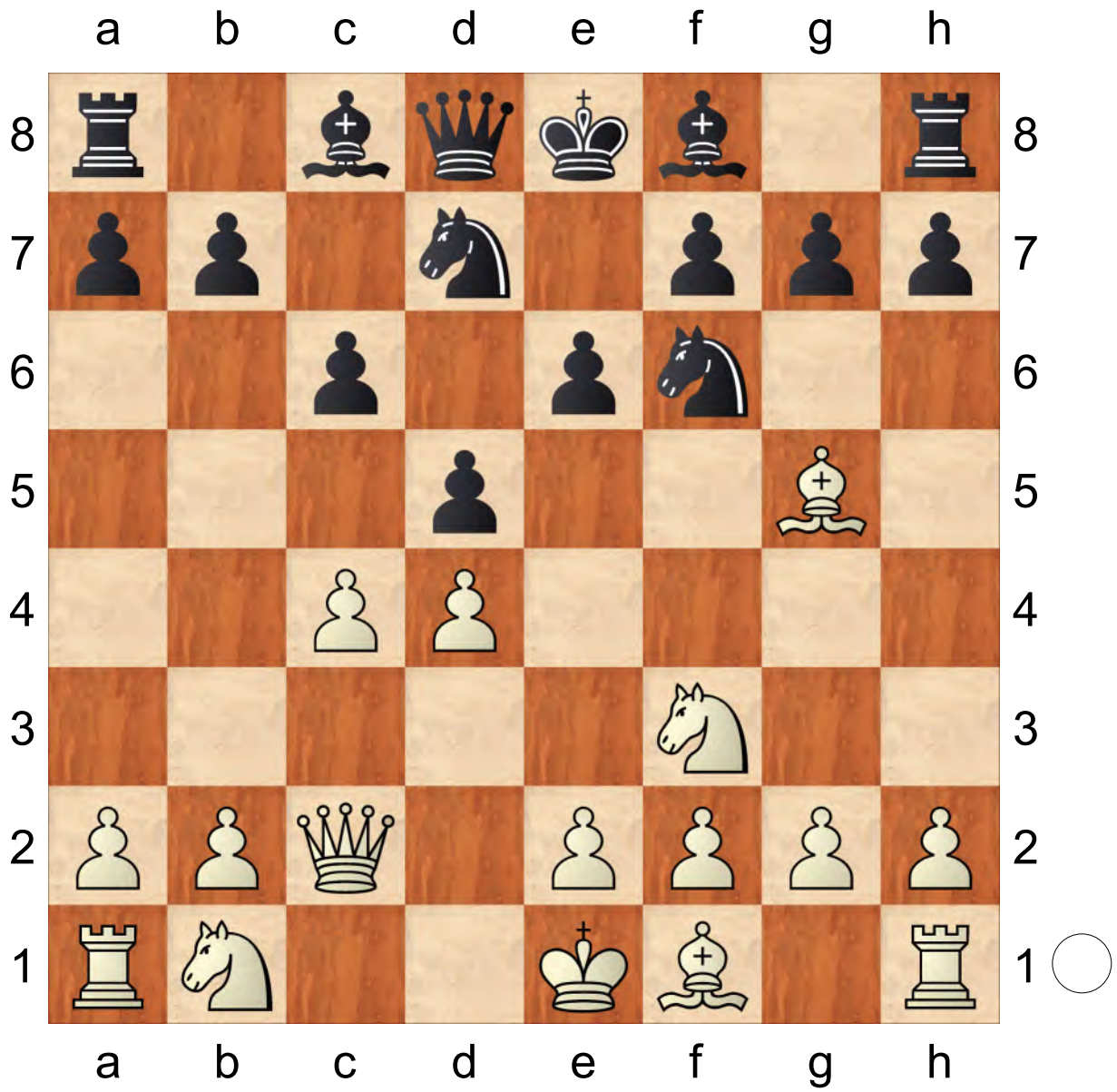
□ **Dreev,Alexey** **2676**
■ **Malakhov,Vladimir** **2605**
FIDE-Wch k.o. (2.5) 02.12.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Qc2 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



Here White had to choose between two continuations: 1. **6.e3**
[and 2. 6.Nbd2 This move in most variations leads only to various moves order, but not always. After 6.e3 the ♗ on g5 can't return back to the e1-a5 diagonal, and Black can use this factor and to build his counterplay on ♕a5 and ♗b4. Be7
A) Teske likes 7.g3 move: 0-0 *(7...b6 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0 Rc8 10.e4 dxe4*

11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qxe4± 1-0 Teske,H-Mierbach,J/Chemnitz 1997/EXT 99 (33)*)* 8.Bg2 h6! Right way to equalize position. *(8...b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qe3± ½-½* Teske,H-Nogly,C/Hamburg 1997/EXT 98 (49) *)* 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.0-0 e5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Rfd1 Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 Qb6 15.Rd2 Be6 16.Rad1 Rac8 17.Qb1 Rc4= 1-0 Teske,H-Klinger,J/AUT-chT9596 1996/CBM 52 ext (44);

B) 7.e3

B1) 7...h6 8.Bh4 0-0 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Qxc4 *(10.Nxc4! Bb4+ 11.Ke2±)* 10...Nd5 11.Bg3 c5 12.0-0 Nb4 13.Be4 cxd4 14.Bc7 Qe8 15.Nxd4 Nf6 16.Bf3± 1-0 Galliamova,A-Lamprecht,F/Vienna 1996/CBM 53 ext (41);

B2) 7...0-0 8.Bd3

B2a) 8...Re8 9.0-0 h6 10.Bf4 c5 11.Rfd1 b6 12.e4 Bb7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e5 Nh5 15.Be3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Nf4 17.Bf1 Bf8 *(17...Ne6⇄)* 18.Nb3 Ne6= 1-0 Srokowski,J-Elsen,M/GER 1996/EXT 2000 (30);

B2b) 8...a5?! 9.0-0 b6 10.Ne5± 1-0 Bukic,E-Raicevic,V/Borovo 1981/EXT 99 (28);

B2c) 8...h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Qe7 12.e4 e5⇄ ½-½ Teske,H-Moise,A/Dresden 1997/EXT 98 (42)]

6...Qa5+

[Worth of attention is also 6...h6 7.Bh4 and now the best move seems 7...g5! *(7.Bxf6 Nxf6= ⧉)*

A) 7...Bd6 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.c5 Bb8 10.Rb1 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxf6 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 gxf6 14.b4 Qc7 15.Ne2 Qe7⇄ 1-0 Yermolinsky,A-Sevillano,E/San Francisco 1995/EXT 99 (58);

B) 7...Bb4+ 8.Nc3 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Bd3± 0-1 Fernandez Garcia,J-Barrios Canseco,S/Oropesa del Mar 1996/EXT 98 (45);

C) 7...Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Ne4 *(8...Bb4 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nd5 11.Rc1 N7b6 12.Bb3±* 1-0 Fernandes,A-Cordeiro,V/Lisboa 1998/EXT 99 (27)*)* 9.Nd2 Nxd2 10.Qxd2 Bb4= ½-½ Khenkin,I-Panchenko,A/Sochi 1989/CBM 16 (18);

D) 7...g5! 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Bd3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Bg7 0-1 Tratar,M-Laketic,G/Nova Gorica 1999/CBM 68 ext (50)]

[6...Bd6 7.Nbd2 h6 8.Bh4 0-0 9.Be2 e5 -see commented game ½-½ Fominyh,A-Kobalija,M/Maikop 1998/CBM 66 (38)]

[6...Bb4+ 7.Nbd2 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Bd3± *(10.0-0-0?! Nxg3 11.hxg3 g4⇄* 1-0 Nielsen,P-Ahlander,B/Sweden 1999/EXT 2000 (33) *)*]

7.Nbd2 Bb4 8.a3

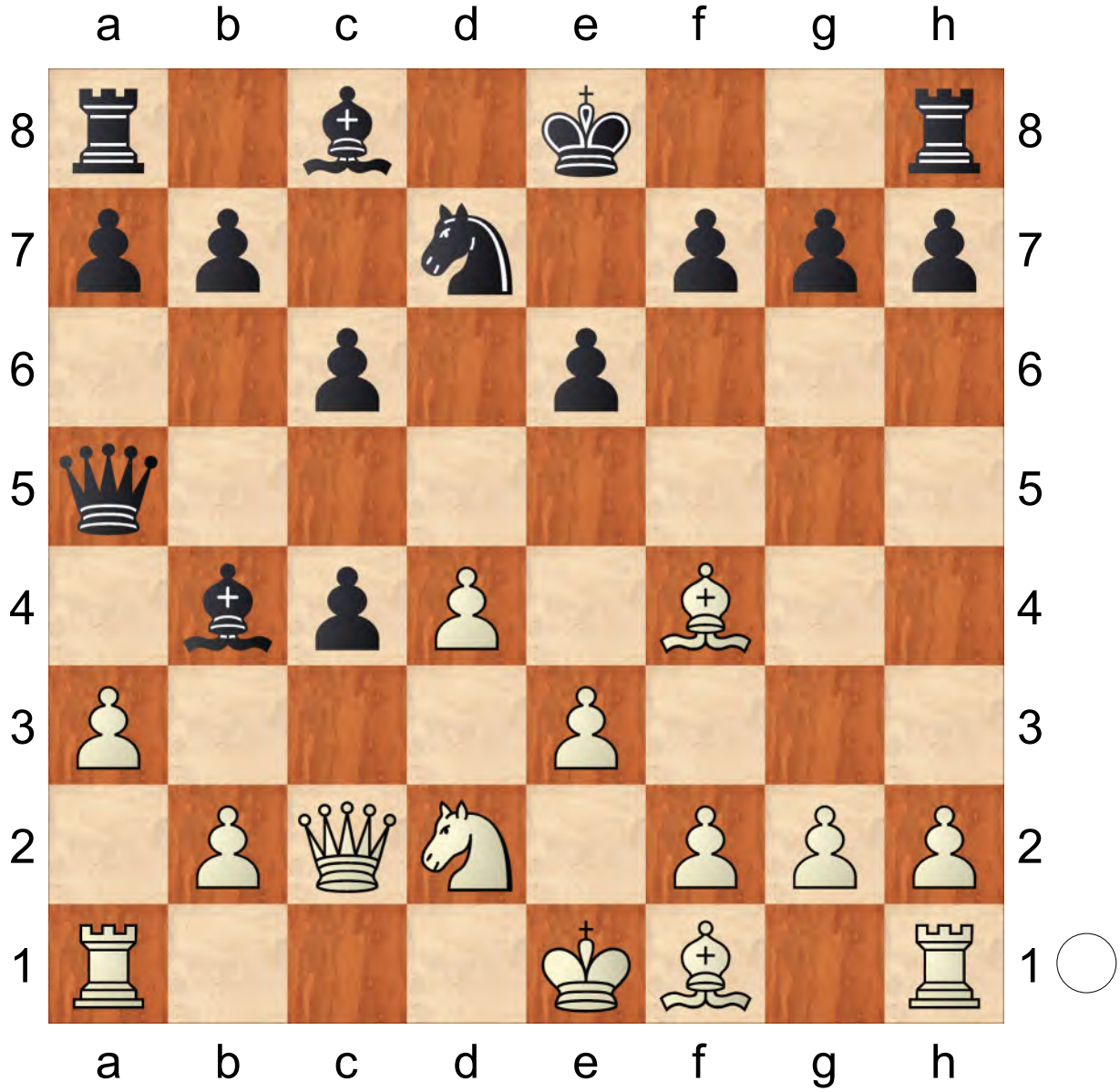
[8.Bd3 h6 *(8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0-0 12.0-0±* 1-0 Pulcherio,C-Anfruns/Mar del Plata 1928/HCL (32)*; 8...Ne4 9.Bf4 Ndf6 10.Ke2!±)* 9.Bf4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5!⇄ *(10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 g4 12.Ne5±)*]

[8.cxd5 exd5!⇄ *(8...cxd5?!±* 1-0 Bordell Rosell,R-Rocabert,G/Barbera 1993/EXT 98 (22) *)*]

8...Ne4 9.Bf4 Nxd2

[Good counterplay for Black promises move 9...g5! 10.Bg3 g4 *(10...Nxg3 11.hxg3 g4 12.Nh2 f5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rc1 Be7 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.Nhf1 Bd7=)* 11.Rb1! Bxa3 *(11...Bf8 12.Ng1 Bg7⇄)* 12.bxa3 gxf3 13.gxf3 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Qxa3⩲]

10.Nxd2 dxc4



11.Rd1 This move is connected with ♙ sacrifice.

[Or 11.Bxc4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qxe5=]

11...Bxd2+ 12.Rxd2 e5 Black refuses to take material

[after 12...b5 13.Bd6⩲]

13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Qxe5 15.Bxc4 ...and equalizes position. **15...0-0**

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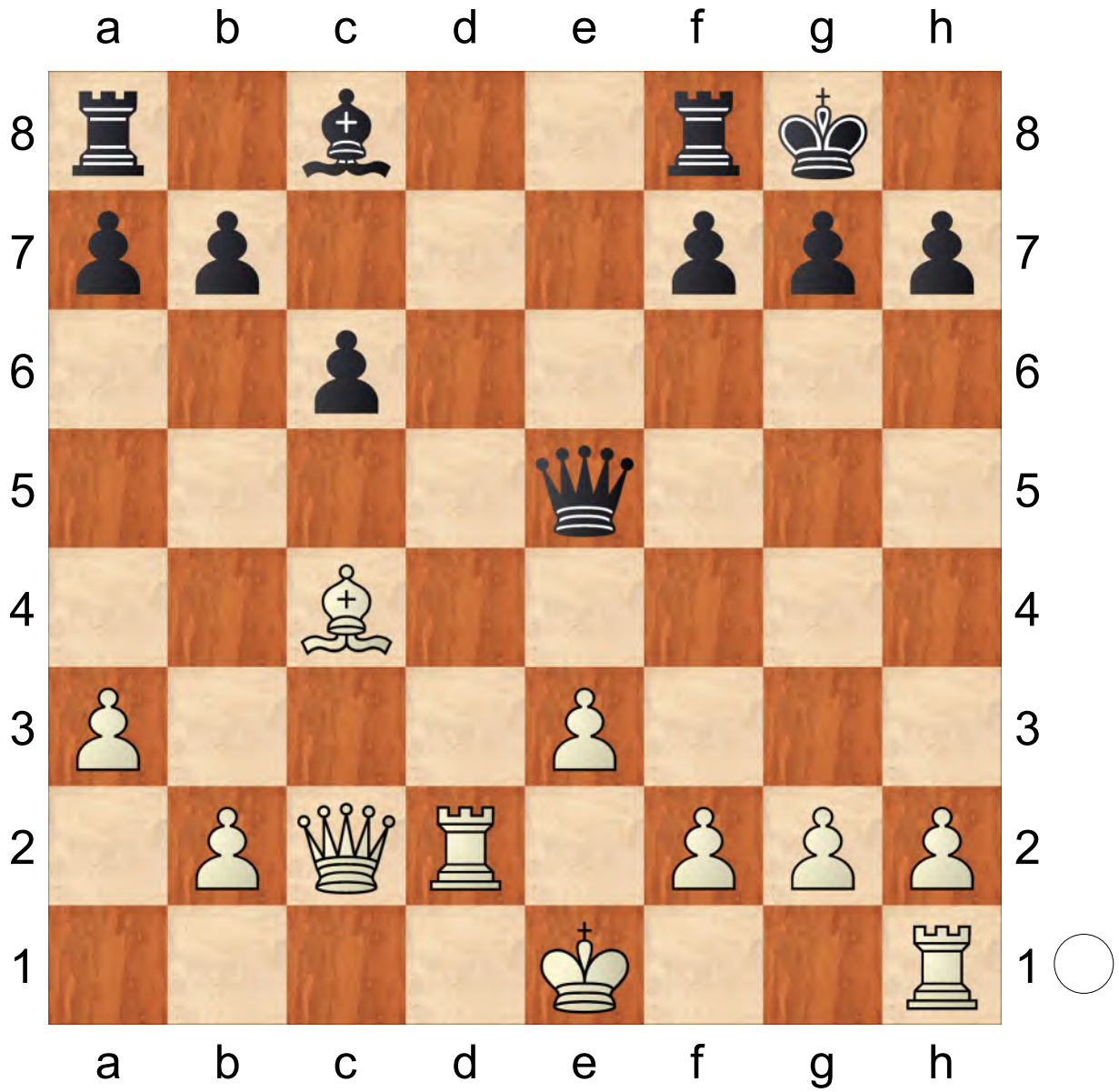


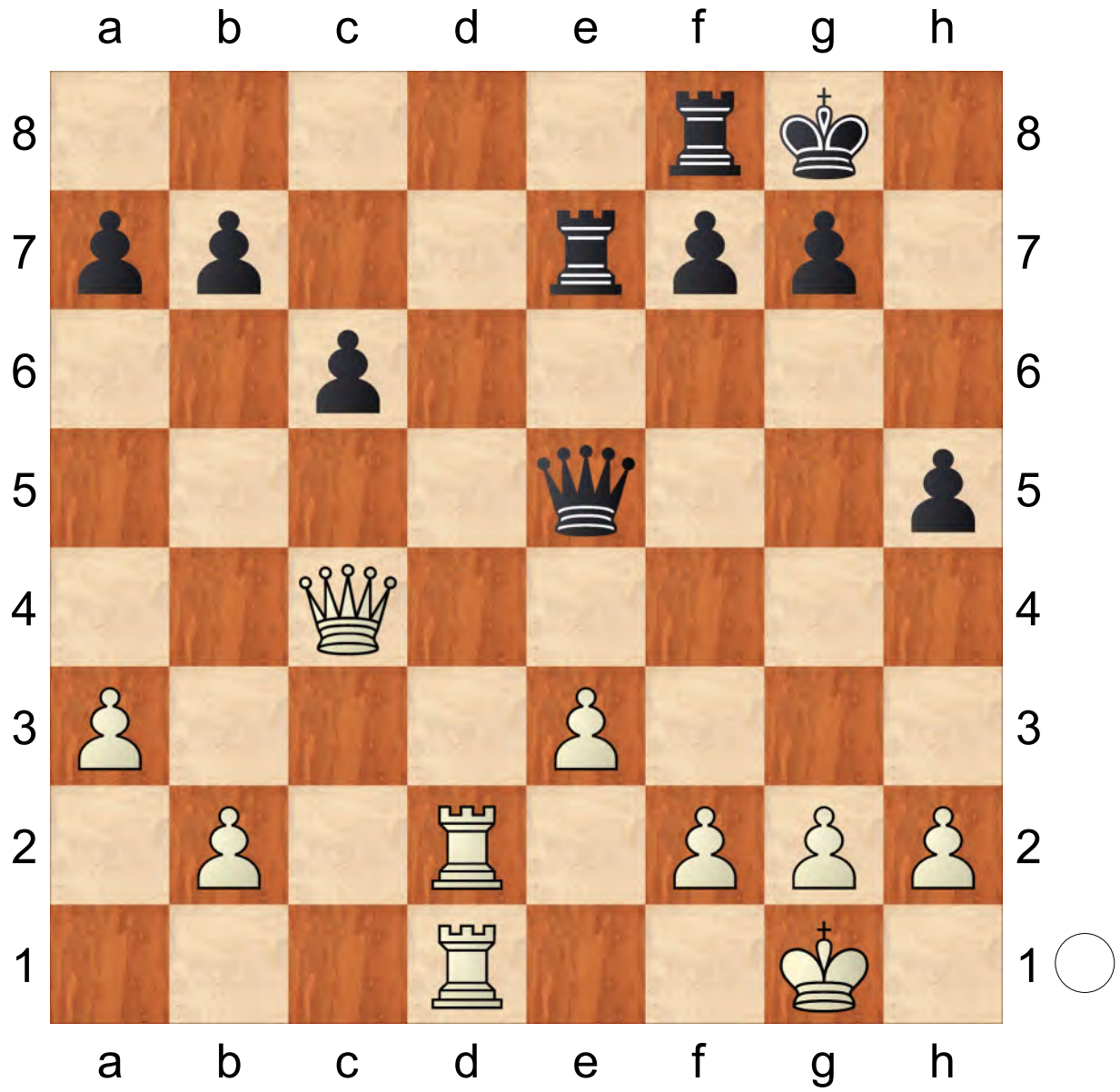
16.0-0 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Rae8 White occupied the only open file - d-file- and maybe has very little advantage, but Black has no weaknesses. However, the struggle is continued... **19.Rfd1 Re7 20.Qc4 h5**

(Diagram)

21.Rd4 g6 22.h4 Kg7 23.R1d2 Rfe8 24.g3 Rc7! Black prepares queenside ♙♙ promotion. **25.Kg2 b5!?**

[Right was also 25...c5 26.Rd5 Qe4+ 27.Qxe4 Rxe4= and without ♕♕ and weaknesses this position is drawn.]

(Diagram)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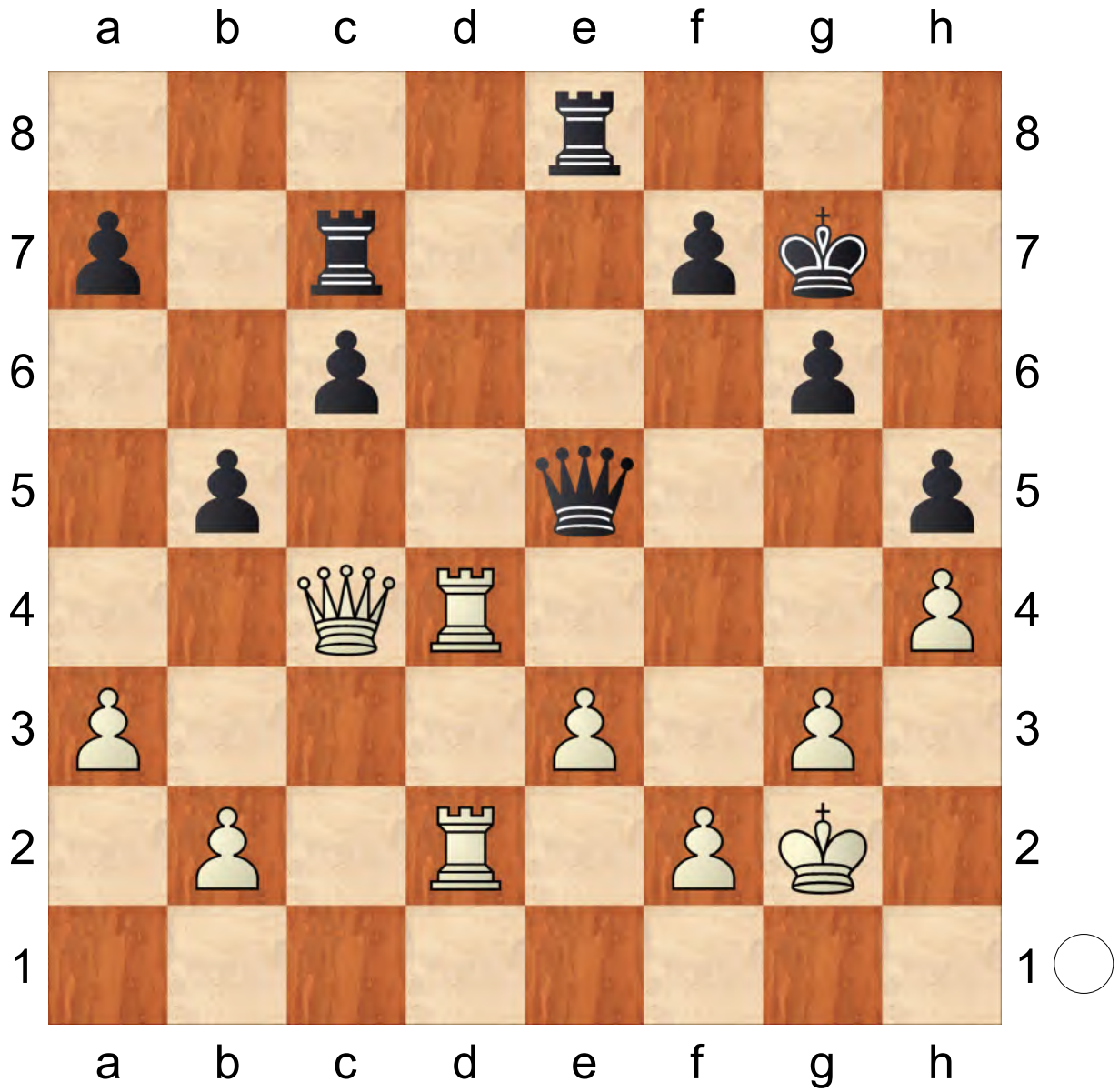
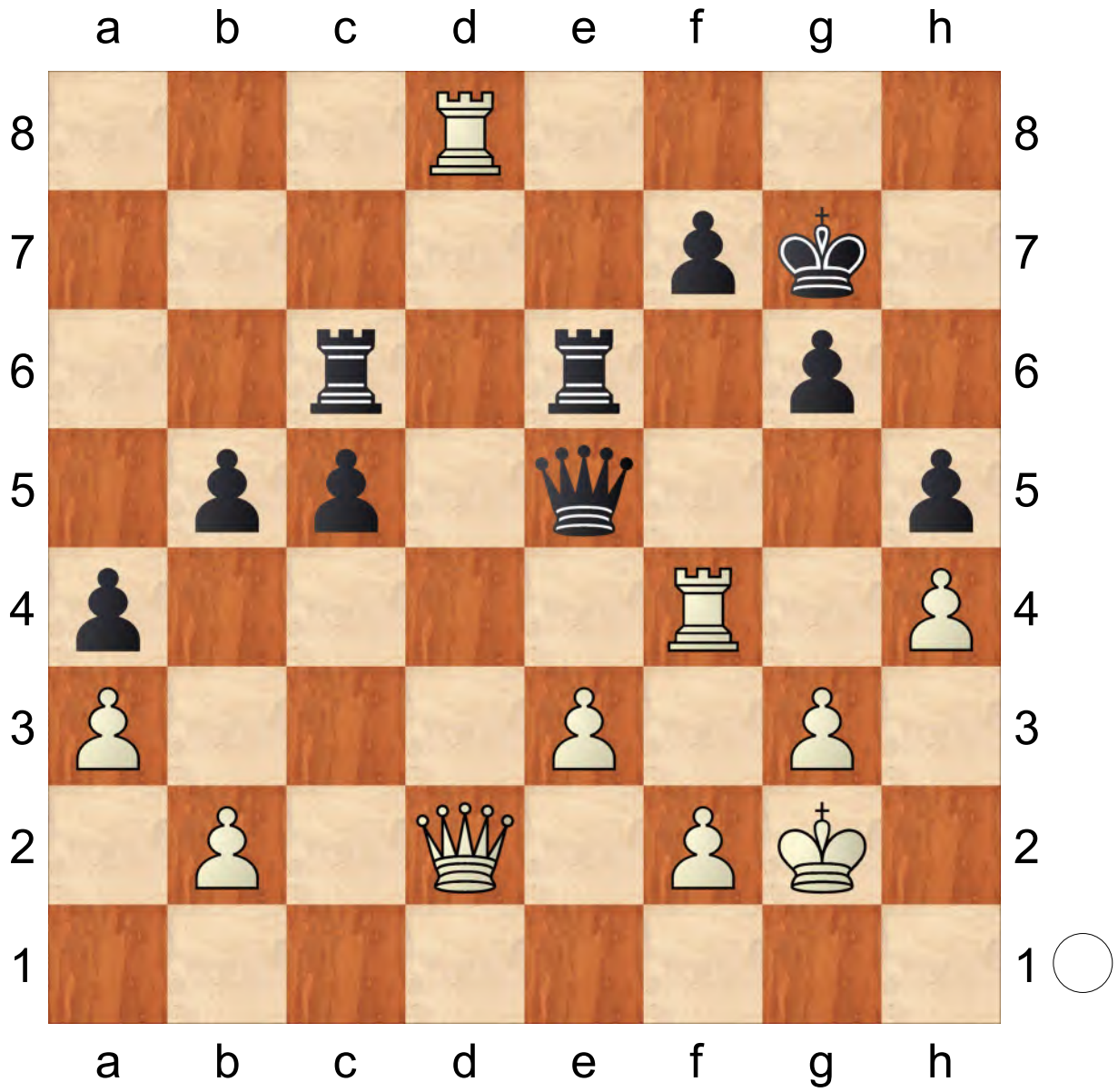


Black promotes b- ♙! **26.Qc2 Re6 27.Rd8 a5 28.R2d4 a4 29.Qd2 c5 30.Rf4 Rcc6**

(Diagram)

31.Qe2 c4?!± Creates unnecessary weakness on b5.
[Why not 31...Rb6⇄]
32.Rfd4 Rcd6?±
[Right was only 32...c3! 33.bxc3 Rxc3 34.R8d5 Qc7 35.Qxb5 Rxa3 36.Rxa4 Rexe3!! *(36...Rxa4 37.Qxa4 Qc6 38.Qd4+±)* 37.fxe3 Qc2+ 38.Kh3 Rxa4=]
33.Qd2 Rxd8 34.Rxd8 Qe4+ 35.Kh2 Rf6
[35...Qe5 36.Rd5 Qb8 37.Qc3+± and White promotes kingside ♙♙ - like in the game.]



(Diagram)

36.Rd4 Qe5 37.Kg2 Rf5?+-
[37...Re6 38.e4+-]
[The last possibility of resistance was 37...Qf5! 38.Qe2 *(38.e4 Qf3+ 39.Kg1 Re6 40.Qc3 Rf6 41.Qd2=; 38.f4 Re6=; 38.Rf4 Qe5 39.Rd4 Qf5)* 38...Re6 39.e4 Qe5 *(39...Re8 40.Qe3 Qf6 41.Qc3±)* 40.Qd2 Qf6 41.f4±]
38.Qc3! Rf6 39.e4 White realises his plan. **39...Re6 40.f4 Qf6**

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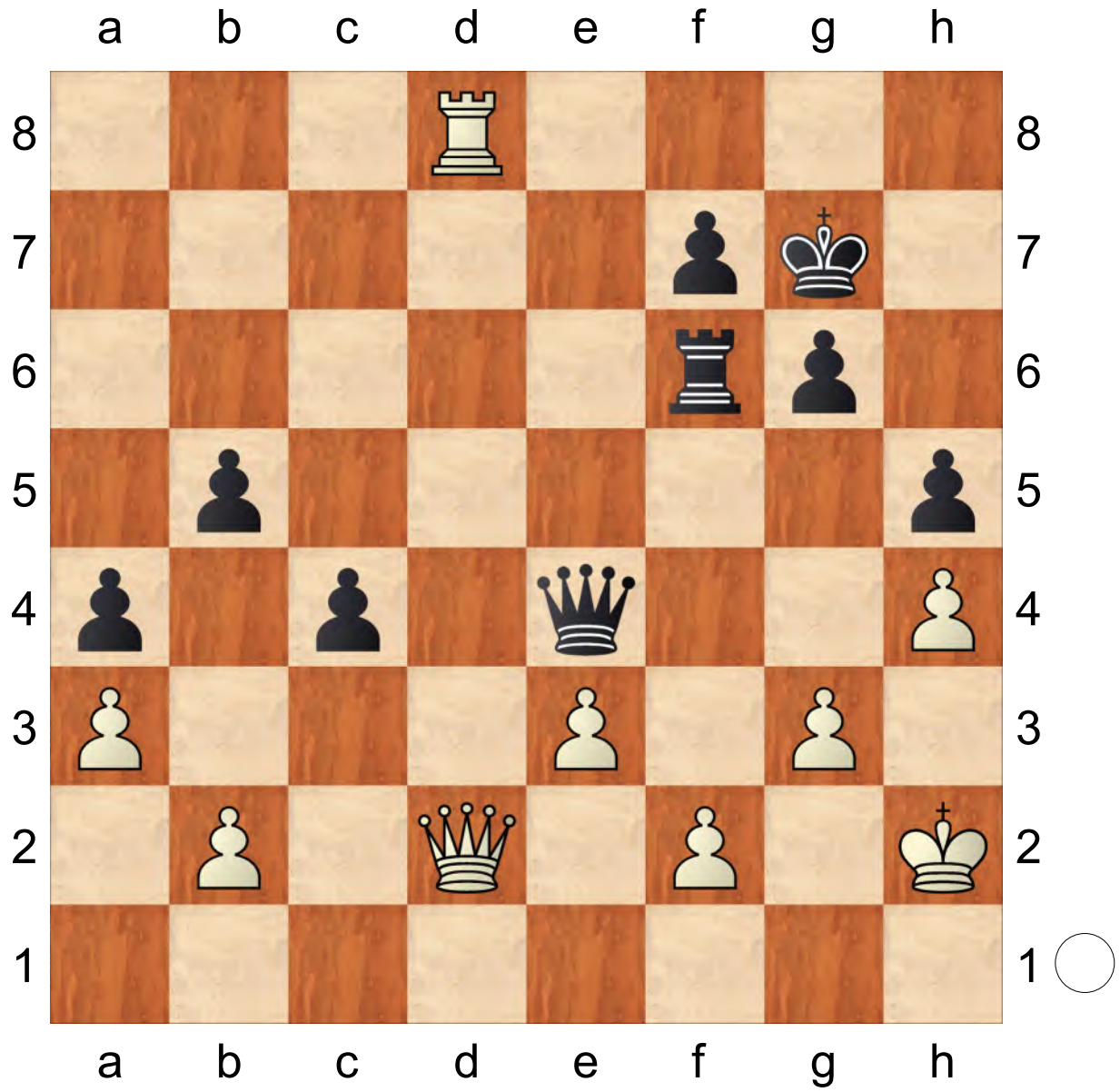
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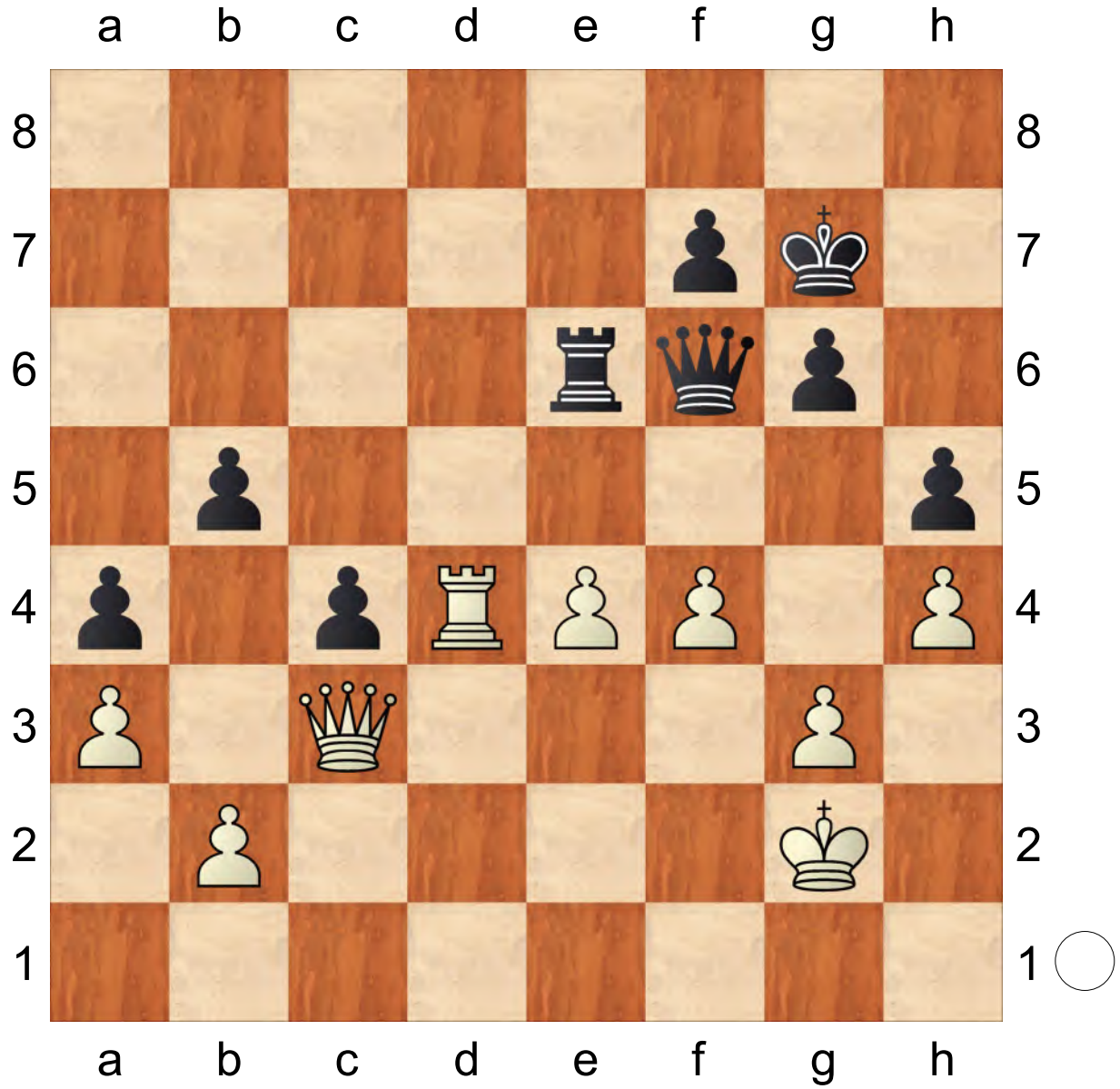

41.Kf3! The white ♔ take a long trip to the queenside- to attack b5 weakness!
41...Kh7
[41...Kg8 42.Rd5 Qxc3+ 43.bxc3 Rb6 44.Ke3+-]
[41...Re7 42.Rd5+-]
42.Rd7 Kg7 43.Ke3 Rb6
[43...Qxc3+ 44.bxc3 Re8 45.Kd4+-]
44.Kd2! Qxc3+ 45.Kxc3 White has absolutely winning position. **45...Kf6**

(Diagram)

46.Kb4 Ke6 47.Rd5 f5 48.Re5+ Kf6 49.exf5 gxf5 50.Rxb5 Re6

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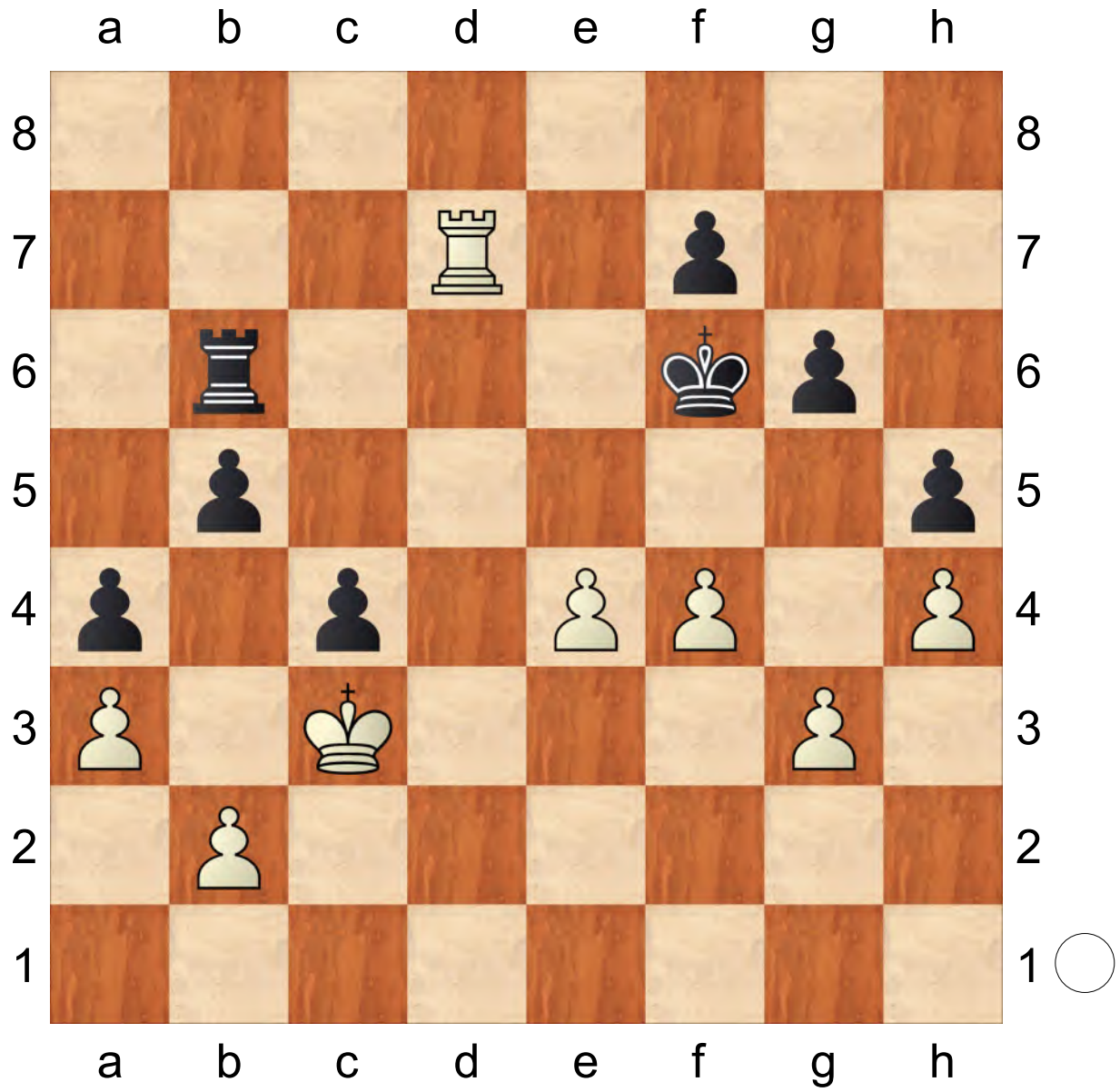
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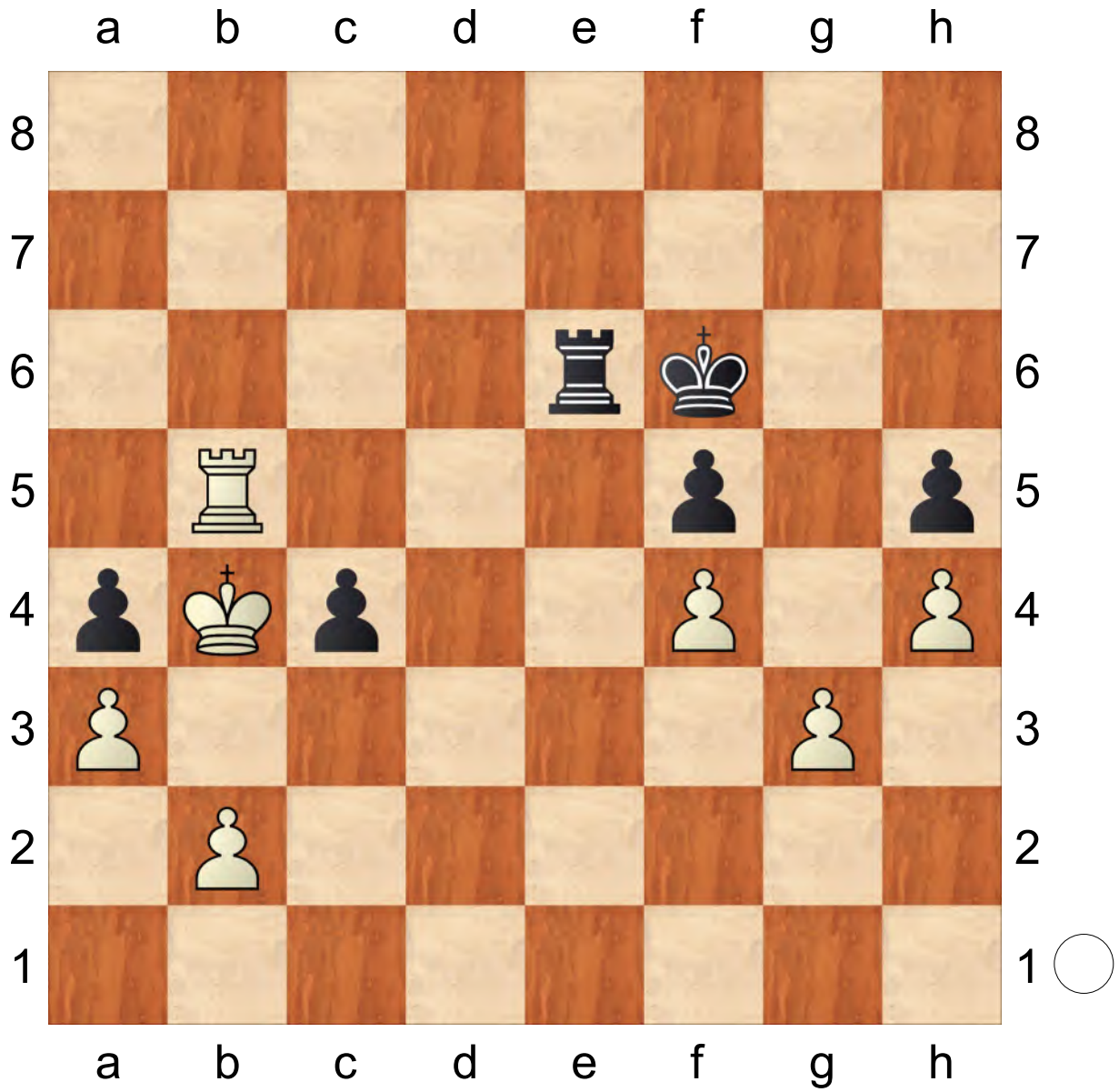

51.Kxa4 Re3 52.Kb4 Rxg3 53.a4 Rg4 54.a5 Rxf4 55.a6 c3+

(Diagram)

56.Kxc3 Ra4 57.Rb6+ Ke5 58.b4 f4 59.Rb5+ Kd6 60.Ra5

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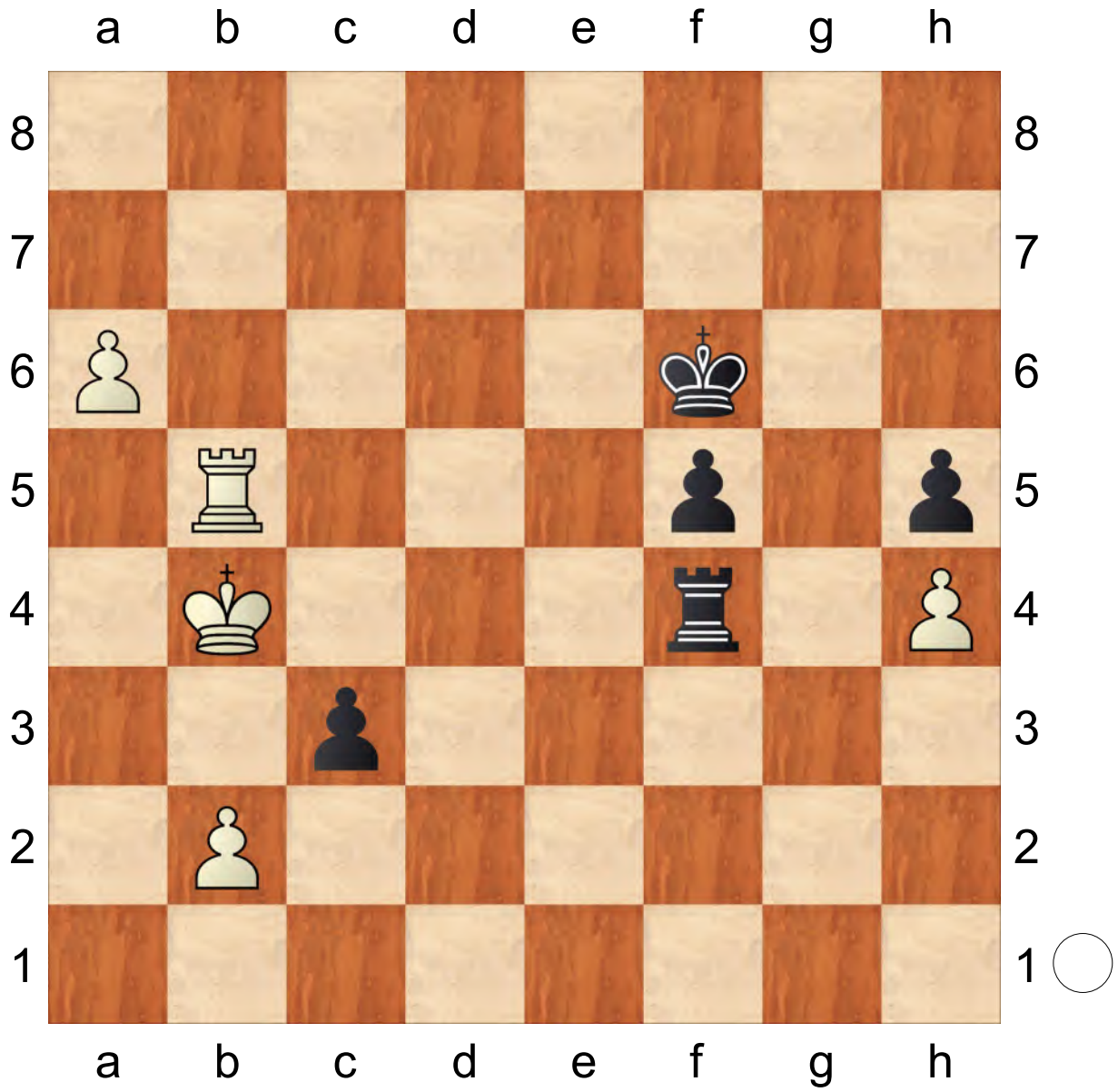
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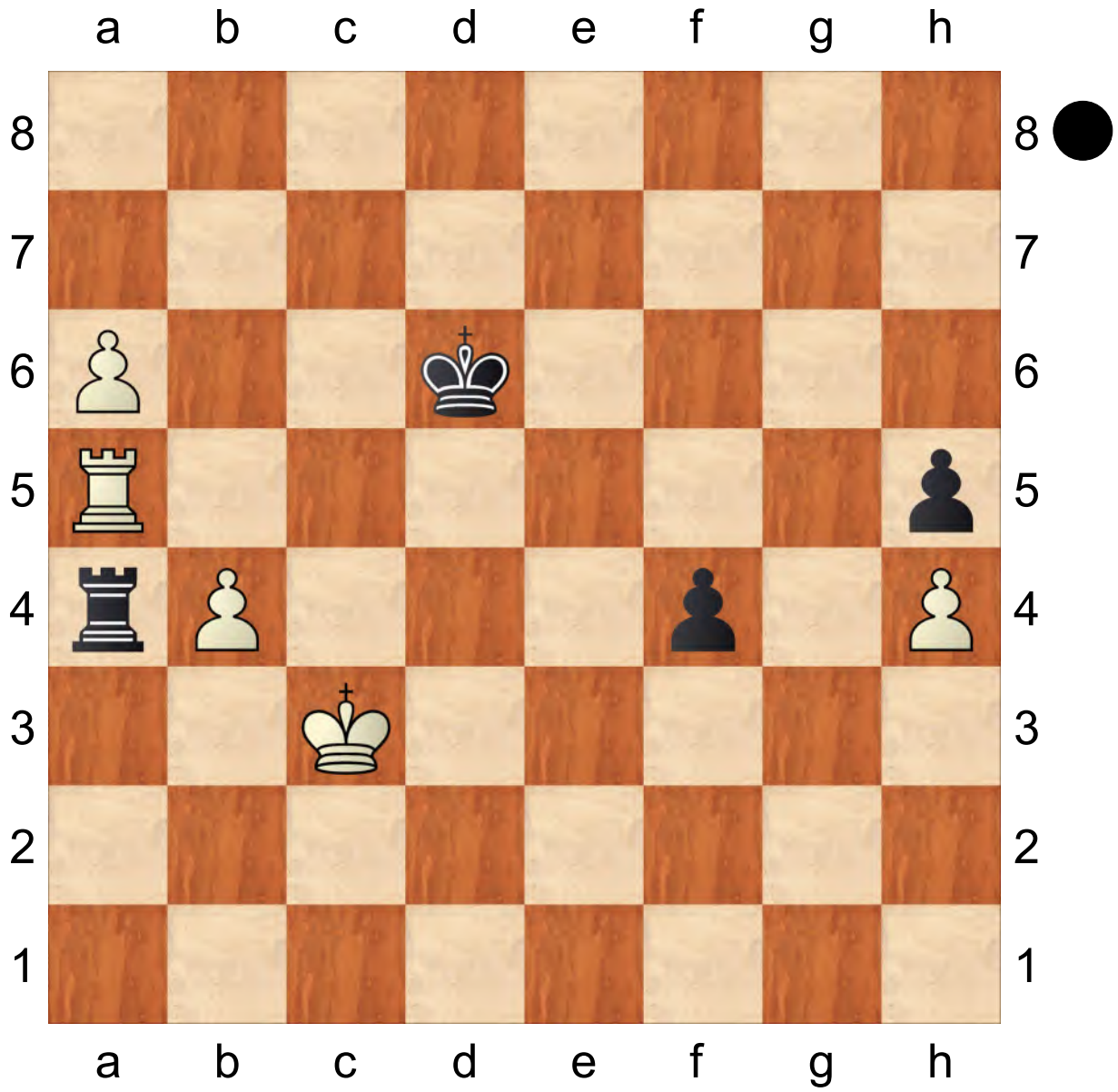
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□ **Beliavsky,Alexander G** **2590**
■ **Psakhis,Lev** **2535**
URS-ch48 Final (3) 12.1980
[Psakhis,Lev]

The game was played in the 3rd round of Soviet Union championship. My opponent Alexander Beliavsky was one of the pre-tournament favourites. He was young, strong, sure of himself and had had great results in the last tournament. My situation was different. I had just become an international master, I was practically without any experience. I doubt that I had ever played with such strong players as Beliavsky before. And, just to mention - before this game I had made just 1 draw from two games. **1.d4** Psakhis,L **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6** I decided that the Benoni maybe would not the best choice in this game! **4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb7**

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 Be7 I decided to follow a game of Portisch, which he had played in the just finished Chess Olympiad in Malta. Certainly, I didn't check it carefully - why should I have? - Portisch can't play bad lines! And now something strange happened. Beliavsky started to think. He thought for 10 minutes, 20, then half an hour - I couldn't understand what was going on. Finally I came to concusion: he was sleeping, and I don't need to wake him up! The next white move came about just after 1 hour 5 minutes - later it would help me a lot! **7.0-0**

[Just later it became clear that Beliavsky had calculated this line: 7.e4!? Nxe4 8.Ne5! Bb4 *(8...Nc3?? 9.Qh5 g6 10.Qh3; 8...d5 9.Qa4+ Kf8)* 9.Qg4 0-0! 10.Bxe4 f5 11.Bxb7 fxg4 12.Bxa8 and was not sure, if he would manage to escape with his bishop, and maybe, was little bit afraid of my analyses, but the main problem was, that I even hadn't even suspected the existence of this line!! It would be a great surprise for me. But Beliavsky had already spent the first 6 moves 1 hour 15 minutes - and castled. For such a principled chessplayer as Beliavsky it had for sure a negative effect!]

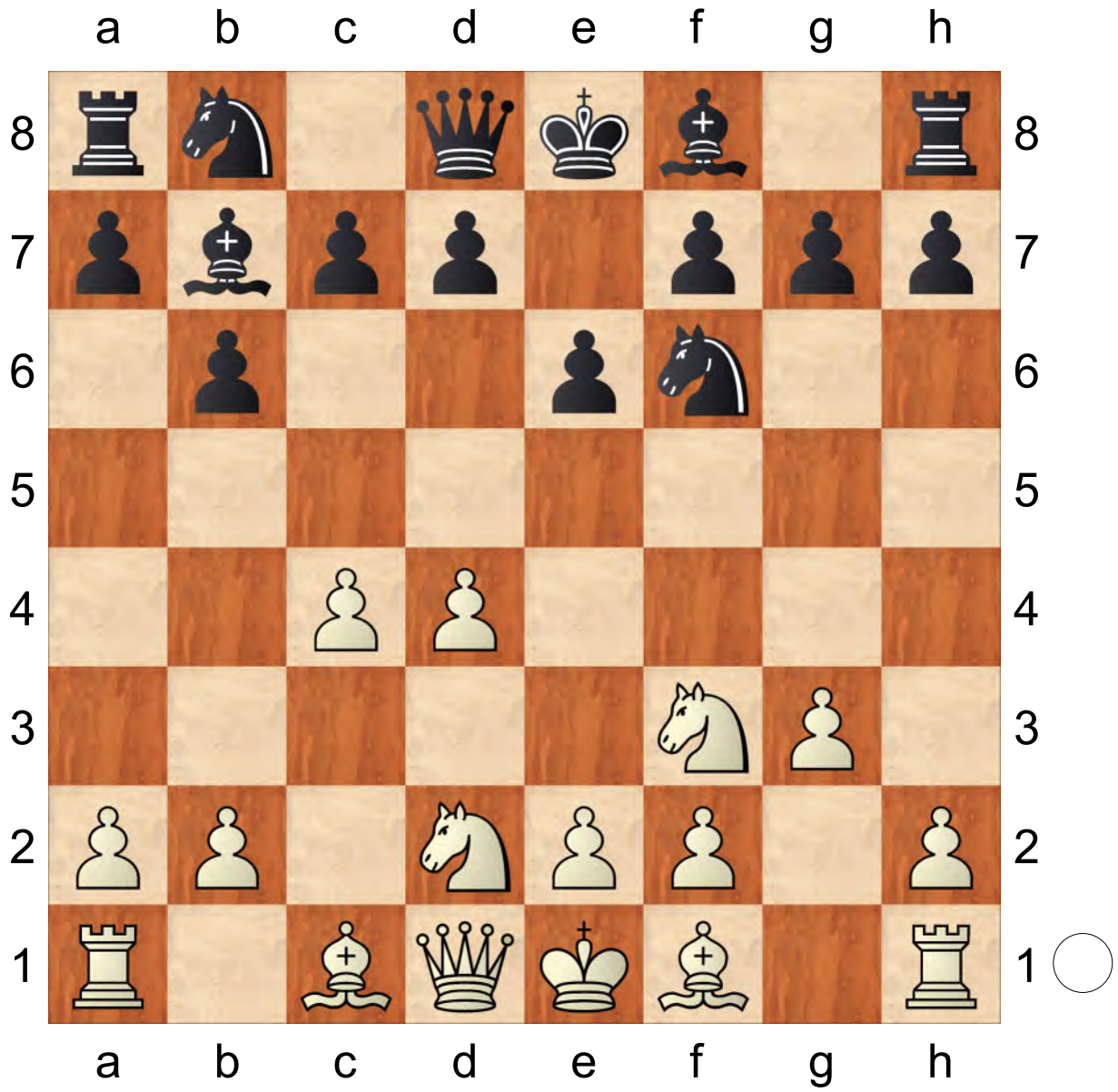
7...0-0 8.Qc2 d5 9.cxd5

[In the event of 9.Ne5 c5 10.cxd5 Black can take on d5 with the bishop Bxd5!? 11.e4 Bb7 12.dxc5 Qc7 with a reasonable position.]

9...exd5 10.Ne5 c5

(Diagram)

The opening is almost over - at least under the conditions which existed in 1980 - and I was very happy with the result. Black's position is not bad, and if one takes into account that White had already used up 1.5 hours (at that time we still played with a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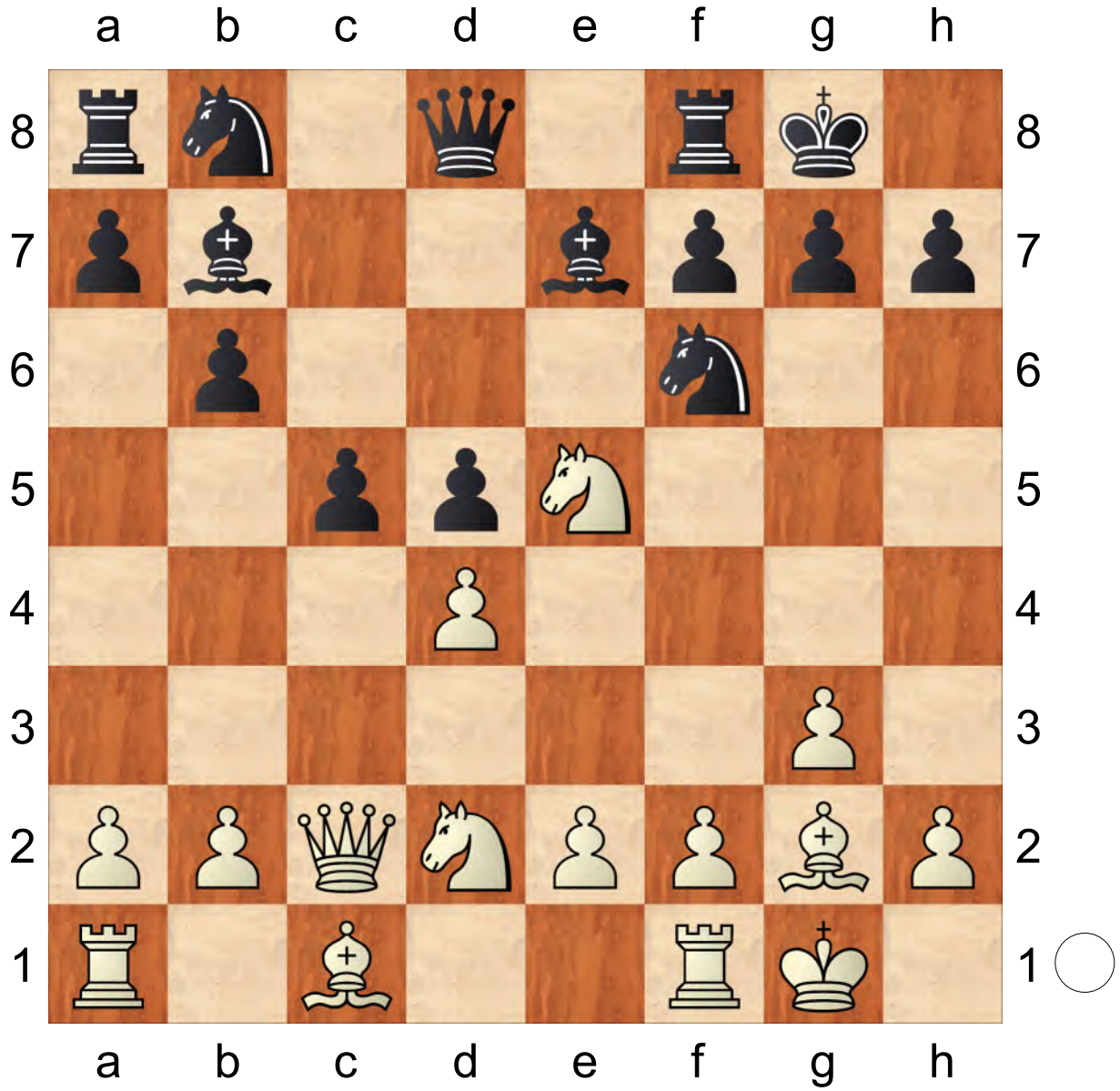


5 hour time control - so in the beginning everyone had 2,5 hours for 40 moves) - I had every reason to be happy. **11.b3**

[The following year I tried myself to get an advantage with White by playing 11.Ndf3 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Ne4 13.Rfd1 Ndf6 14.dxc5!? Bxc5 15.Nd3 Qe7 16.Ng5!? Bd6! 17.Bxd6 Qxd6= but without big success - Black has enough counter-play]

[White has nothing also after 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Ndc4 Qc7 13.Bf4 g5! 14.Bxg5 dxc4 15.Qf5 Bxg2 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxf6 Bxf1 18.Qg5+ Kh8 19.Qf6+ ½-½ Yusupov,A-Dolmatov,S/Hastings 1989 (19)]

11...Nbd7 12.Bb2 Rc8 This kind of position was not very well known 30 years ago - so we had to spend a lot of time. **13.Qd3**

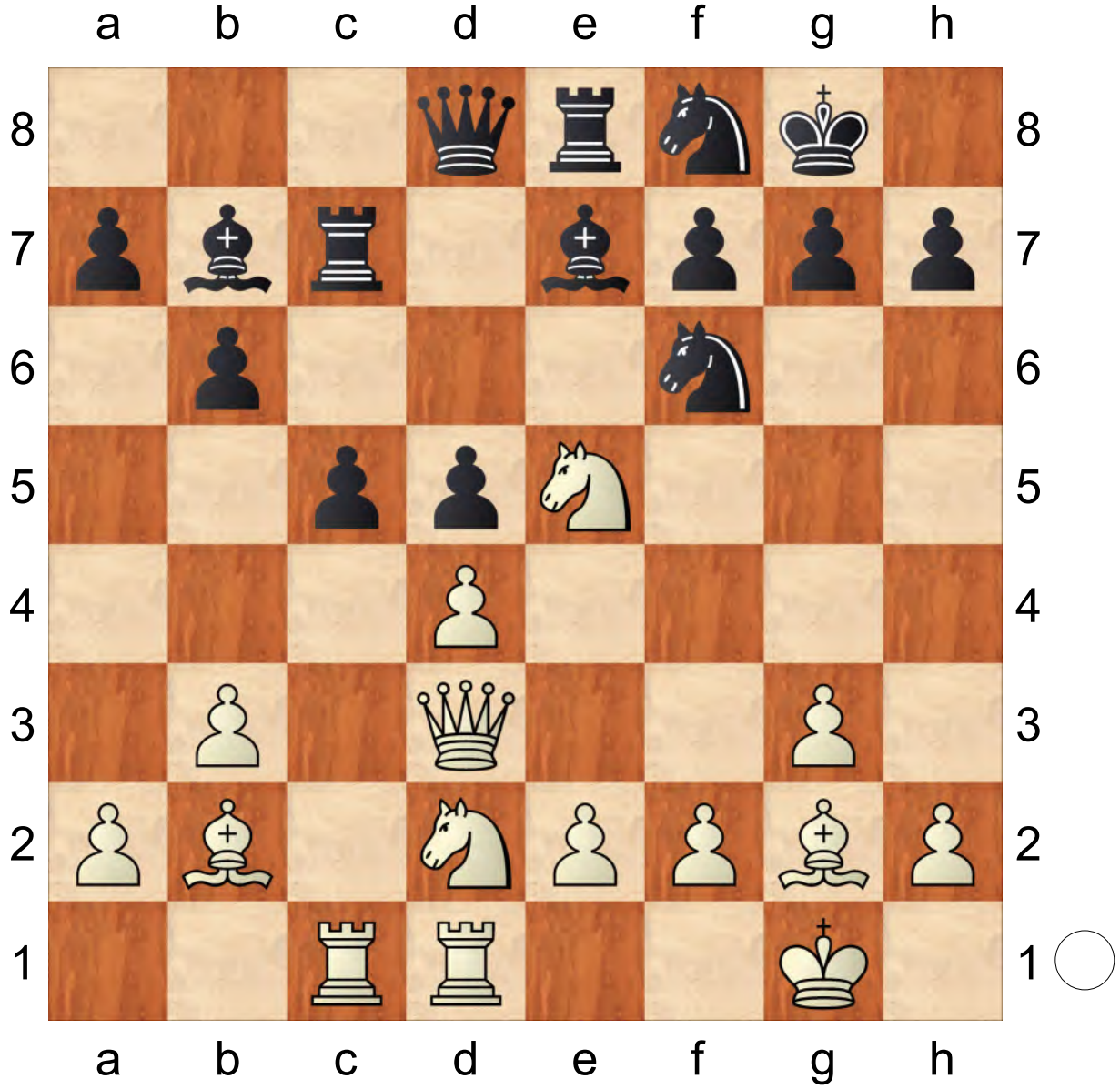
[In modern chess White would play without much hesitation ⩲13.Qf5!? g6 *(13...Re8 14.Rfd1; Δ13...Nxe5?! 14.dxe5 Qd7 15.Bh3!)* 14.Qd3 and the bishop

on b2 can become very dangerous.]

13...Re8 14.Rac1 Rc7 I was careful about the dangerous knight on e5 and White's time - Sasha Beliavsky had now 20-25 minutes left. **15.Rfd1**

[White could take on c5 - 15.dxc5 I was planning to continue Nxc5!? 16.Qf5 Nce4 *(≤16...Bd6 17.Ng4 Nxg4 18.Qxg4±)* 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Rxc7 Qxc7 19.Rc1 Qd8 with a tough position.]

15...Nf8



My plan at this moment was quite simple - to play ... ♗d6 then ... ♖ce7 with a complicated game. **16.e3?!**

[It was the last chance for White to fight for an advantage. He had to play 16.dxc5!

A) maybe 16...bxc5 is possible , but I was worry about 17.Qb5!? *(Black is doing well after 17.e4 dxe4! 18.Nxe4 Qxd3 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Nxd3 Bxb2 21.Nxb2 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Re2 23.Rb1 Ne6=)*

A1) after 17...Ne6 18.e4! White has an interesting tactical idea Nd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 21.Ng4! *(21.exd5 a6 22.Qe2 Bd6)* 21...Bc6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qc5 with some advantage;
A2) 17...N6d7!?;
A3) 17...Qc8!? Δ18.e4 Bd6 with a very complicated game.;
B) 16...Bxc5 17.e3! with a small initiative.]

16...Bd6!= 17.h3 Ne6 18.f4

[White also needs to be careful! The slack 18.dxc5? loses material after the very simple Nxc5! 19.Qf5 Bc8 20.Qg5 *(20.Qf4 Nd3 21.Nxd3 Bxf4 22.Nxf4 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Ne4)* 20...h6]
[18.Qb1 cxd4 19.Rxc7 Bxc7 20.exd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Rxe5 23.Nc4 Re6]
[18.Ndf3 Ne4]

18...Qc8 A good idea especially when your opponent has less than 10 minutes left! I want to fight for the c-file. **19.Kh2⊕**

[19.dxc5!?]

19...h5!? Great idea. I want to play ...h4 at a propitious moment, and White must always think now what to do with the f4-pawn, the c-file and the diagonal h2-b8.

20.Qf1?!

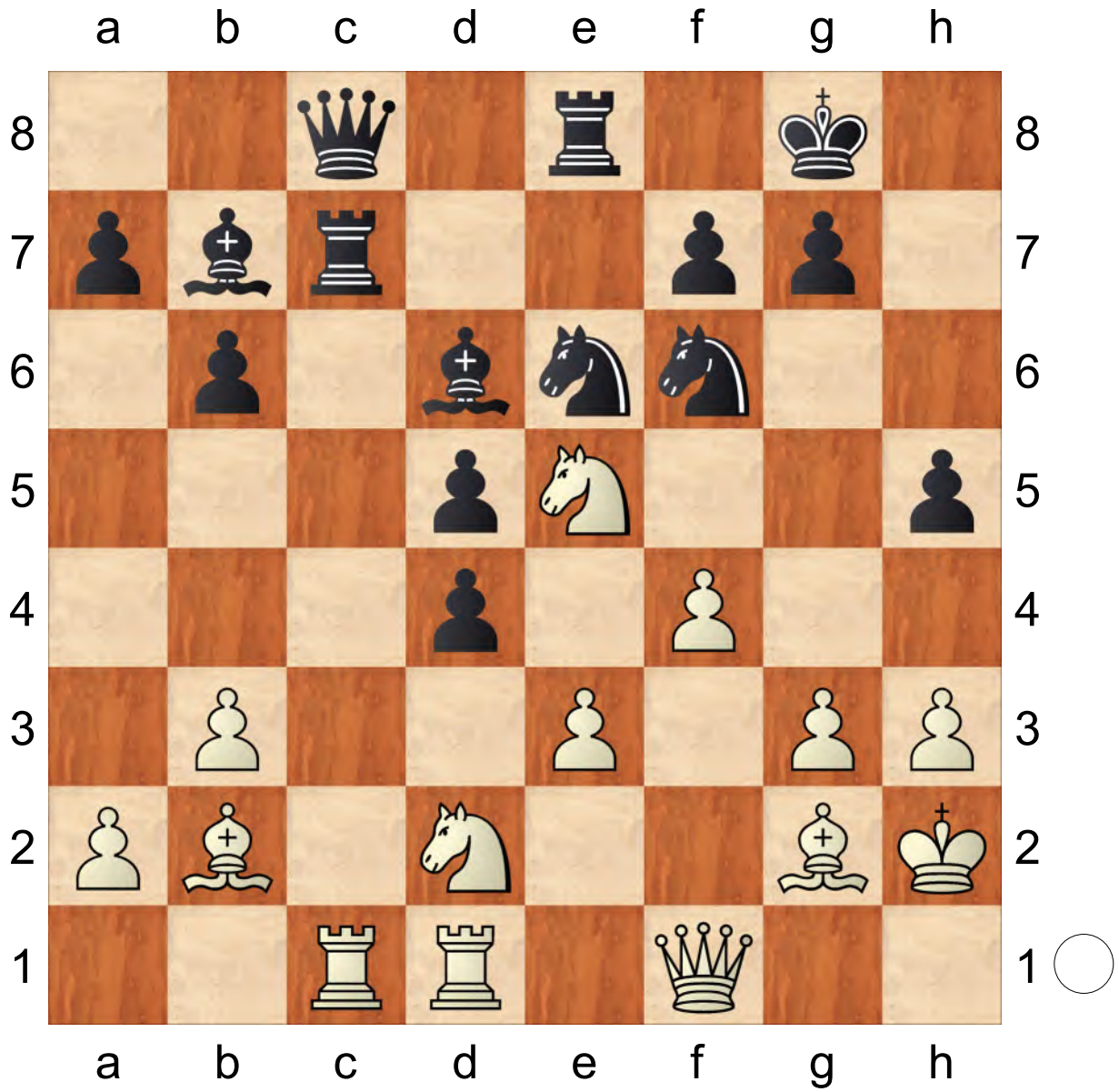
[Interesting complications could start after ⌓20.dxc5! but Black has a good choice
A) His simplest move would be 20...Nxc5!? 21.Qe2 *(21.Qd4 Bxe5 22.fxe5 Nfe4)* 21...h4 22.g4 Ba6↑ with a nice game, but White would have some counter chances for sure.;
B) 20...bxc5 is also worth considering, for example
B1) 21.Nec4? dxc4 22.Qxd6 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 c3! 24.Bxc3 *(24.Rxc3 Rd7-+)* 24...Rd7 25.Qe5 Rd5;
B2) 21.Ndc4? dxc4 22.Qxd6 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rd8;
B3) 21.Kg1!?;
B4) 21.e4
B4a) ≤21...h4 22.exd5 hxg3+ 23.Qxg3 Nh5 24.Qg4 Nexf4
B4a1) 25.Qxc8⇄ Rcxc8 26.Ndc4 *(26.Nec4? Re2)* 26...Bb8;
B4a2) 25.Ndc4 Qd8⇄;
B4b) 21...Rd8! to be honest I didn't see this great move during the game. 22.exd5 *(22.Qe2 h4 23.exd5 hxg3+ 24.Kxg3 Bxd5 25.Ndc4 Bxg2↑)* 22...Nxd5 Δ23.Bxd5 Bxe5 24.Bxe5 Rxd5 and Black is better.]

20...cxd4!

(Diagram)

21.exd4

[Possibly, White had to exchange rooks - after 21.Rxc7 Qxc7 *(21...Nxc7 22.exd4 Qf5)* 22.Rc1 Qe7 23.Bxd4 *(23.exd4 h4 24.g4 Ba3↑)* 23...h4 24.g4 Nxd4 25.exd4 Ne4↑ Black is just slightly better, and, I almost forget, would also



have 1 hour more on the clock.]

21...Ba6

[⩲21...h4! 22.g4 Ree7! was better - Black wants to exchange all the rooks and it is a good question how White will protect all the weak central pawns afterwards.]

22.Qf2

[⩲22.Rxc7]

22...h4

[⩲22...Rc2! was stronger. I couldn't evaluate the position after 23.Nec4 but Black has an advantage in all lines, for example *(Δ23.Qe3)* 23...Rxc4! *(*also a very strong move, but I had to find *23...Rxc1 24.Nxd6 Rxd1 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Bf3 Ne4 27.Nxe4 Rf1!∓* now. And try to do it when my opponent one of the strongest grandmaster in the world had 1-2 minutes left!*; 23...dxc4!? 24.Rxc2 h4)* 24.Nxc4 *(24.bxc4 h4! 25.cxd5 hxg3+ 26.Qxg3 Qb8!∓)* 24...dxc4 25.d5

Nc5 26.Bxf6 gxf6∓ with a big, practically decisive advantage]

23.g4?!

[⌓23.Rxc7 hxg3+ 24.Qxg3 Qxc7 *(24...Nxc7)* 25.Rc1 Qe7]

[23.gxh4 Rc2]

23...Rc2! 24.Qe3

[From a practical point of view ⌓24.g5!? is better, but

A) 24...Ne4 25.Nxe4 Rxf2 26.Rxc8 Rxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Rxc8 28.Nxd6 Rc2+ 29.Kh1 Rxb2∓;

B) 24...Bxe5

B1) 25.dxe5 Ne4 26.Qe3 *(26.Nxe4 Rxf2 27.Nxf2 Qb8)* 26...Ng3∓;

B2) 25.fxe5 Nxg5 *(25...Ne4!?)* 26.Ba3 *(26.Qxh4 Nfe4∓; 26.exf6 Qb8+!)* 26...Nge4;

C) 24...Nh5!

C1) 25.Bxd5 Nexf4! *(25...Nhxf4 26.g6! Bxe5 27.gxf7+ Kxf7 28.dxe5 g5)* 26.Bxf7+ Kh8 27.Qf3 *(27.Qxh4 Qb7; 27.Qe3 Qa8 28.Rg1 Rxb2-+)* 27...Bb7 28.Qe3 Rf8-+;

C2) 25.g6!? fxg6 26.Bxd5 Kh7 27.Be4 Nexf4! 28.Qf3 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Qd7∓ doesn't promise too many chances for defence. But in these complicated lines Black could at least make a mistake]

24...Bb4! 25.Ndf3

[25.Rb1!? Ne4!? *(25...Bc3 26.Bxc3 Qxc3 27.Qxc3 Rxc3∓)* 26.Nxe4 Re2∓]

[Possibly 25.f5 Nf8!? was the best chance for White, but the bishop soon will come back to d6 and in any case White has enough troubles here]

25...Be2!

[≤25...Rxb2 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rc1□ Rxc1 28.Qxc1 Rxa2 29.f5⇄]

(Diagram)

More and more of Black's pieces are coming into White's camp **26.Rg1?⊕** The final mistake, but in huge time trouble Beliavsky missed my 27th move. He had to play

[26.Ne1□ Bxd1 27.Nxc2 Bxc2 28.Qf2 Ne4! 29.Qxc2 *(29.Bxe4 Bxe4 30.Rxc8 Rxc8-+)* 29...Qxc2 30.Rxc2 Nxf4∓]

26...Bxf3 27.Nxf3?!

[27.Qxf3

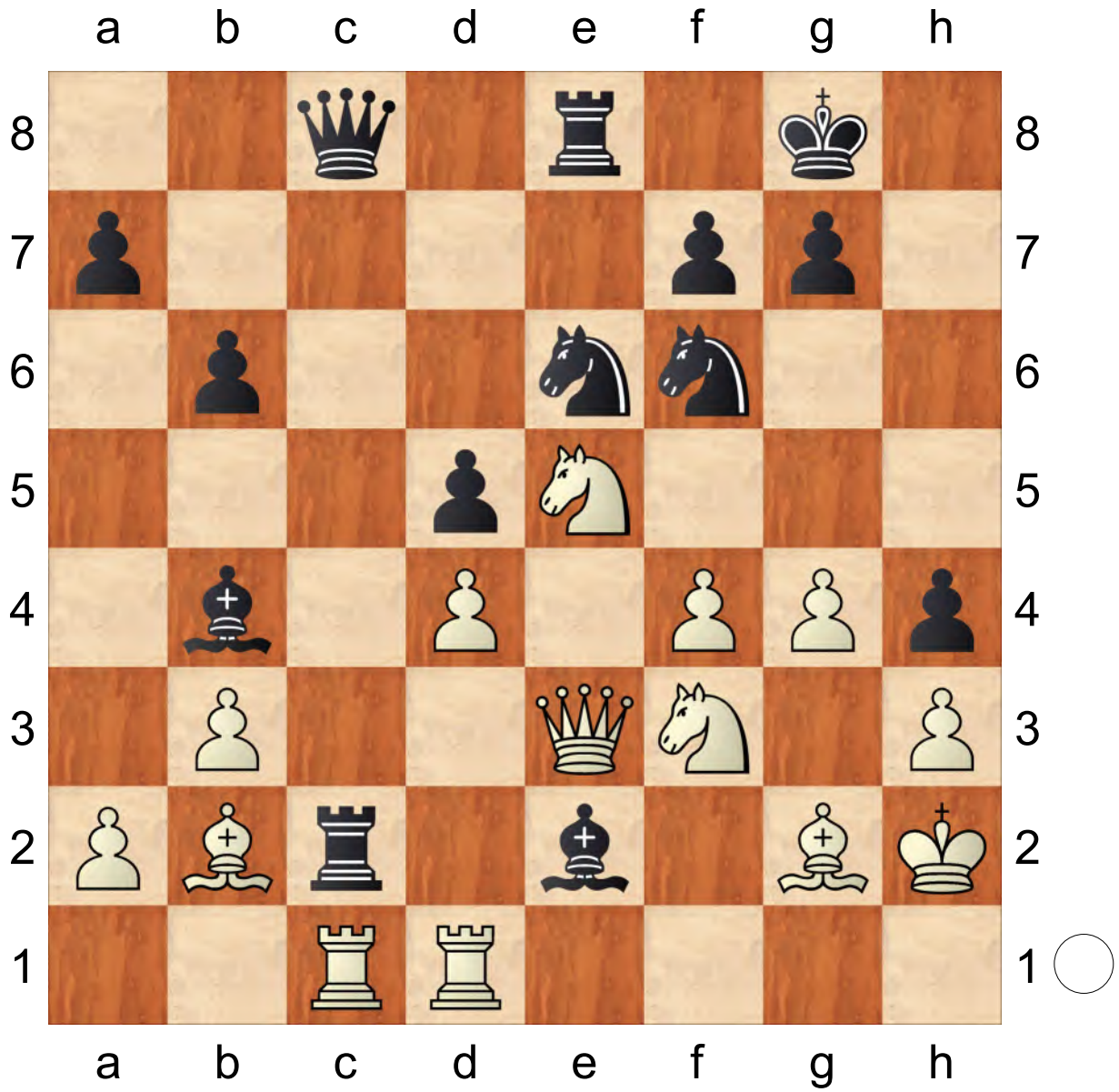
A) 27...Nxd4 28.Qd3 Bd2! 29.Qxd4 *(29.Rxc2 Bxf4+ 30.Kh1 Nxc2-+)* 29...Bxc1 30.Rxc1! Rxc1 31.g5 Nh5∓;

B) 27...Bd2 28.Rxc2 Qxc2 29.Nd3

B1) 29...Nxf4 30.Nxf4

B1a) 30...Bxf4+ 31.Qxf4 Qxb2 32.g5 Nh5 *(32...Ne4 33.Rf1 Re7 34.g6!)* 33.Qxh4 g6;

B1b) 30...Qc7!;



B2) 29...Nc7!? 30.g5 Re3 31.Qf1 Nh5;
B3) 29...Ne4!?-+]

27...Nc7!!-+ Great move! Black temporarily closes the c-file and White can't protect his b2-bishop. The move is not difficult at all - but it was a big pleasure to make it! Now the game is over. **28.Ne5 Rxb2 29.Rc6 Bd2 30.Qf3 Re6**

(Diagram)

31.g5 Ne4 32.Rf1 Rxc6 33.Nxc6 Qe8 34.Ne5 Ne6 35.Qg4 Nxd4

(Diagram)

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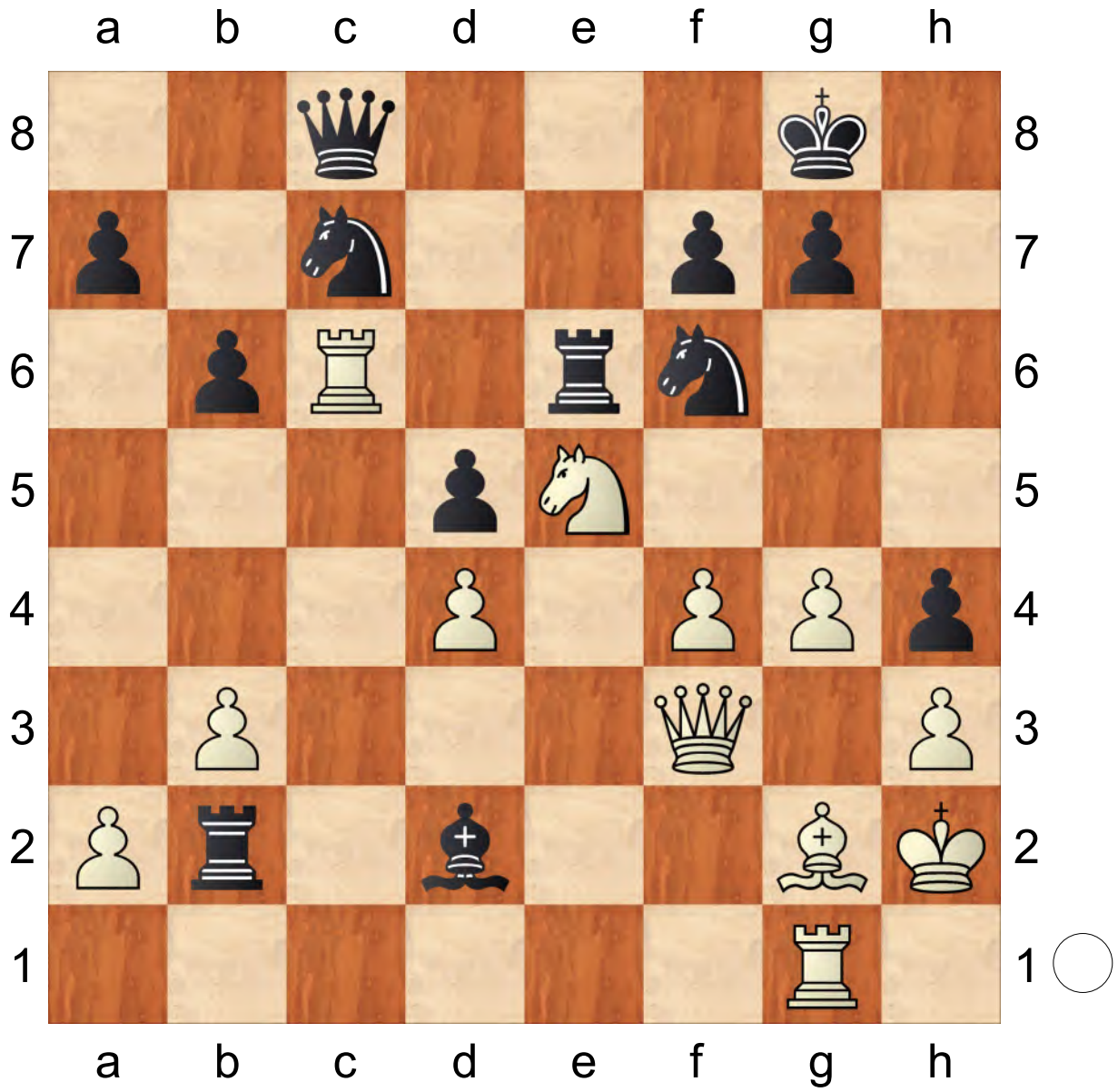
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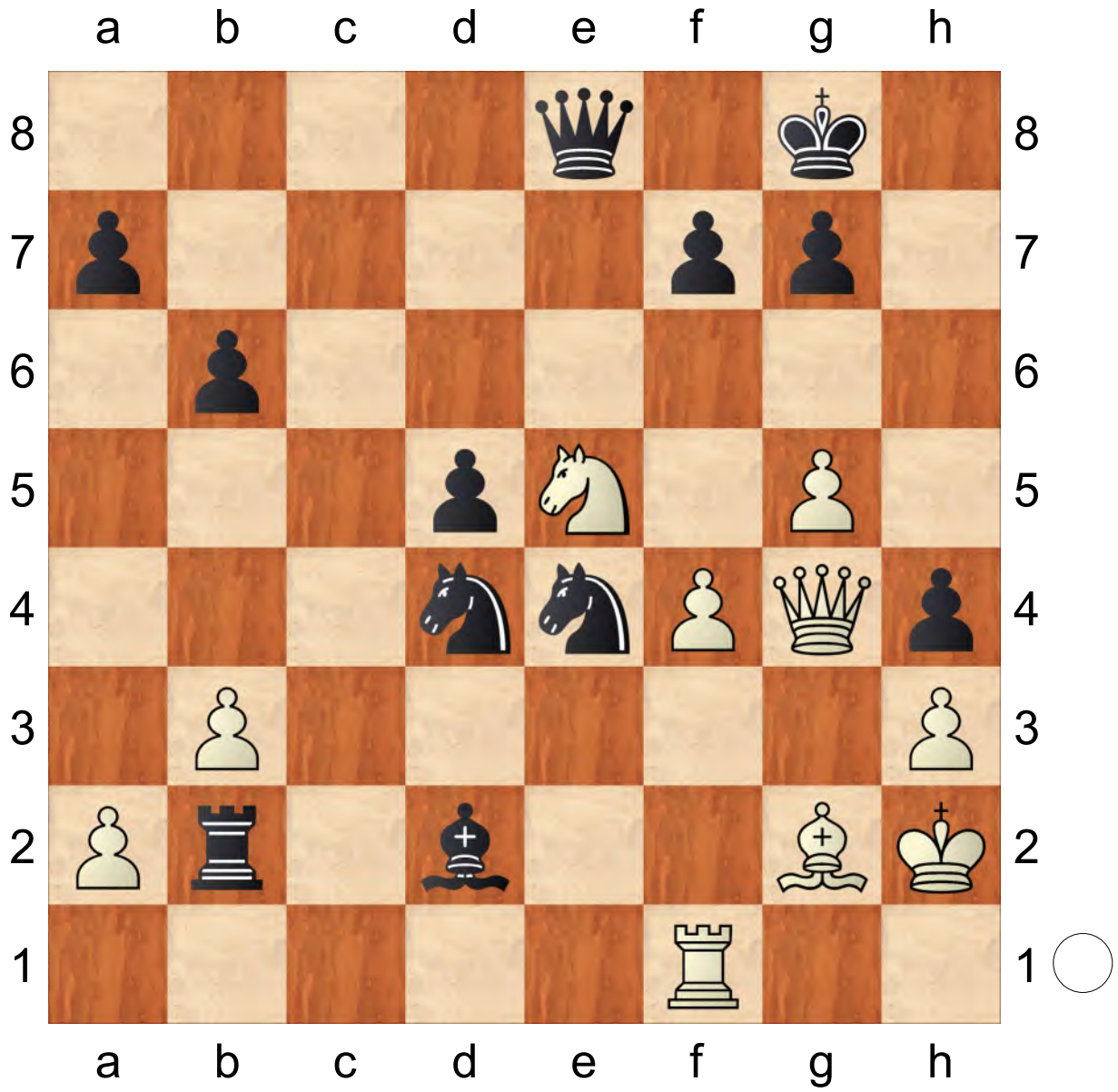
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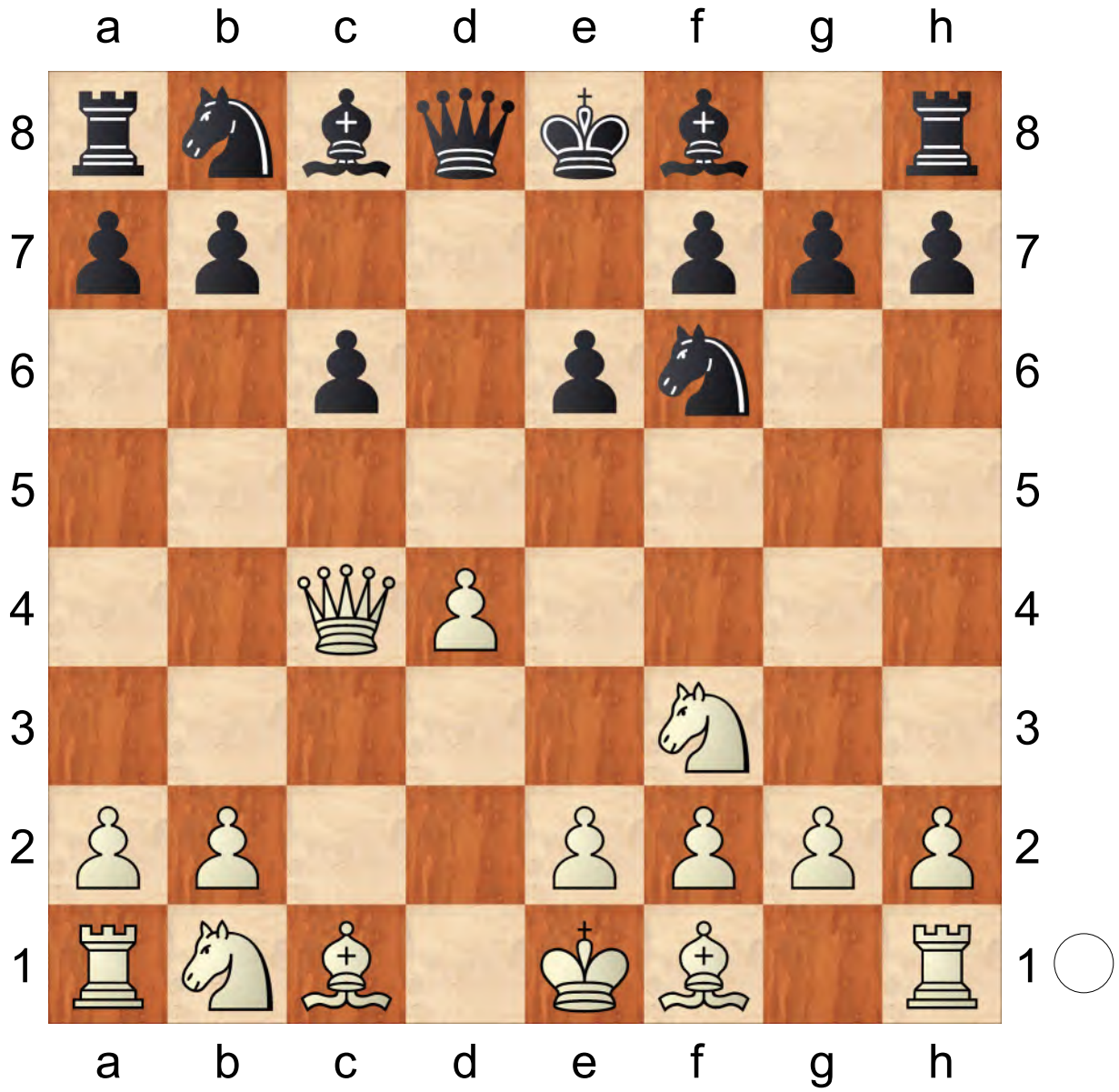
1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Qc2 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Nf6**



6.Bg5 Be7
[6...Qb6
A) 7.Qc2
A1) 7...Nbd7 8.Nc3 c5 9.0-0-0 Bd6 10.e4 *(10.Na4 Qa5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.e3 Qxc2+ 15.Kxc2 Ke7=)* 10...cxd4

11.Nxd4 0-0 12.f4 Bxf4+ *(12...e5 13.Nf5 Bb4 14.Nd5!±)* 13.Bxf4 e5 14.Be3 Ng4⇄;

A2) 7...Ne4!? 8.Bf4 Bb4+ *(8...Nd7 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3±; 8...c5 9.e3 Nc6 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bb5±)* 9.Nc3 Qa5 10.Rc1 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 0-0 13.e4±;

A3) 7...c5 8.Nbd2 Qa5 9.e3 Nc6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Qxc5 Bxc5 13.Bb5 Bd7= ½-½ Danner,G-Hoelzl,F/Budapest Elekes Mem 1994 (50);

B) 7.Nbd2!? Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e4 b6≅ 1-0 Sakaev,K-Tregubov,P/ch-RUS, St Petersburg RUS 1998 (29).]

[6...b5 7.Qc2 Bb7

A) 8.Bxf6 gxf6 *(8...Qxf6 9.Nc3 Nd7 10.e3 a6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Be4 Bxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd8 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bc5=)* 9.e3 Nd7 10.Be2 a6 11.a4 b4 12.Nbd2 c5 13.0-0 Rc8= 0-1 Ivanov,S-Kharlov,A/Russian Club Cup, Maikop RUS 1998 (35);

B) 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Qb6 10.Be2 *(10.a4 bxa4 11.Rxa4 c5 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nce5 Bd6 15.Bb5+ Ke7∓)* 10...c5 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Rac1= 1-0 Ibragimov,I-Lugo,B/New York 1998/CBM 64/ (20) *(12.Qb3 c4 13.Qc2 Nd5⇄)*;

C) 8.e4 a6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.e5 h6 11.Bd2 b4 12.exf6 bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxf6 14.Rb1 Rb8 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Be2 ½-½ Ionov,S-Solovjov,S/St.Petersburg (Russia) 1998 (16);

D) 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.e3 a6 10.Be2 *(10.a4 c5⇄)* 10...c5= ½-½ Brunner,L-Stangl,M/BL 1995 (23)]

[6...h6?! 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e4 Nd7 9.Nc3 a5 10.Be2 Qd8 11.0-0± 1-0 Krasenkow,M-Volkov,S/Polish TV KO, Swidnica POL 1997 (49)]

7.e3

[7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 h6 9.Bh4 Qb6 10.0-0-0± *(10.b3 Qa5 11.e5 Bb4∓* 0-1 Tepperman,D-Kirshner,M/Palo Alto 1992 (14) *)*]

7...0-0

[7...b6 8.Nc3 Ba6 9.Qa4 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 0-0 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ke2 c5 13.Rfd1 cxd4 14.Ne4 e5 15.exd4 exd4 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Qxd4 Qg6 18.Kf1= ½-½ Atalik,S-Krasenkow,M/Elista RUS 1998 (19)]

8.Bd3

[8.Be2 Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.0-0 e5

A) 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne4 exd4 *(12...Be7 13.Rfd1 Nb6 14.Qc2 f5 15.Ned2 e4 16.Nc4±)* 13.Nxd4 *(13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Nxd4=)* 13...Be5 14.Rfd1=;

B) 11.Rfd1 exd4 12.Qxd4 Rd8 13.Rac1 *(13.e4 Nc5⇄)* 13...Nc5 14.Qh4 Be6 15.Nd4= *(15.b4 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Qa3 17.bxc5 Qxc3 18.Bd3 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Qe4 g6∓)*;

C) 11.Ne4 exd4 *(11...Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Re8 13.Bb4 Qb6 14.Rad1)* 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Rfd1 Re8= ½-½ Ivanchuk,V-Anand,V/Las Palmas sp 1996/ (29) *(13...h6 14.Bh4 c5=)*]

8...Na6±

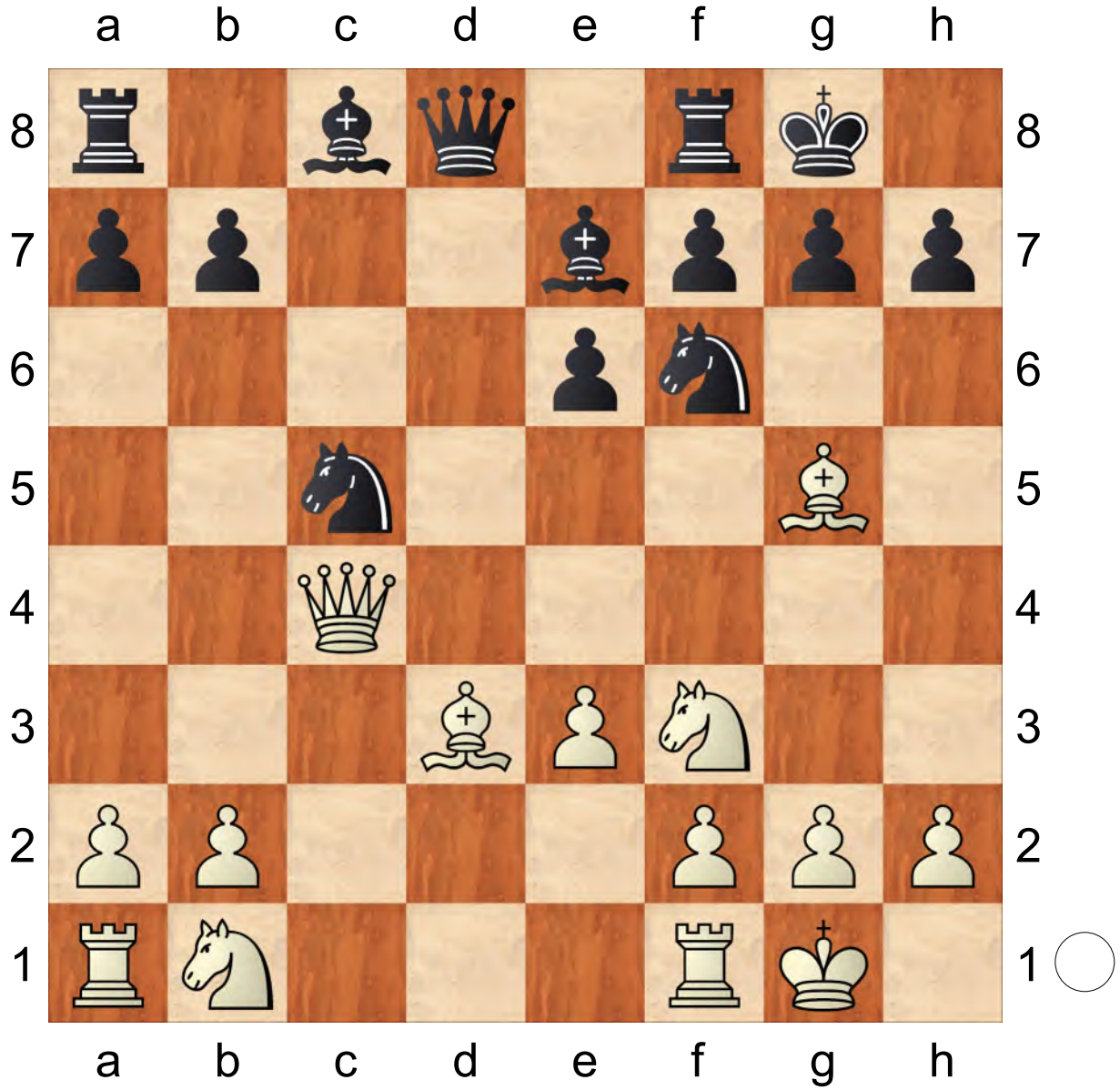
[8...h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nc3 Nd7 11.Rd1± 1-0 Kramnik,V-Lautier,J/Tilburg NED 1998 (24)]

[8...Nbd7 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4±]

9.0-0 c5

[9...Qb6 10.Nbd2 *(10.Nc3 Qxb2∓)* 10...Qxb2 *(10...c5)* 11.Bxh7+ Kxh7 12.Rab1 Qa3 13.Qc2+ Kg8 14.Nc4 Nb4 15.Rxb4 Qxb4 16.Rb1 Nd5 17.Rxb4 Nxb4 18.Qb3±]

10.dxc5 Nxc5



11.Bxf6 gxf6

[11...Bxf6? 12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 *(12...Kh8 13.Qxc5 Bxb2 14.Qh5+-)* 13.Qxc5 Bd7 *(13...Bxb2 14.Qc2++-)* 14.Nc3 Bc6 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Rab1±]

12.Bc2 f5?±

[12...Bd7
A) 13.Qg4+ Kh8 14.Rd1 f5 15.Qd4+ Kg8 16.Ne5 Be8
A1) 17.Qf4 Qb8 *(17...Qb6 18.Nc4 Qa6 19.Nc3 Bf6 20.Rd6±)* 18.Nc3 f6 19.Nd3 Bh5 20.Rd2 Nxd3 21.Rxd3 Qxf4 22.exf4 Rfd8 23.Re1 Kf7 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bb3 Rd6 26.Nb5 Rd2 27.Rxe6 Rxb2 28.Re1+ Kf8 29.Nd4 Bf7 30.Nxf5 Bc5≅;
A2) 17.Nc3 Qxd4 18.exd4 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.d5 Rfd8⇄;
B) 13.Nc3 Rc8 14.Rfd1 f5
B1) 15.Qf4 Bf6 *(15...Qc7 16.Qh6±)* 16.Ne5 *(16.Rd6 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rfd8 18.Qg3+ Kf8 19.Ne5 Be8=)* 16...Qc7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Qf3±;
B2) 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Rab1 Bf6 17.Qf4 Qc7 18.Qg3+ Kh8 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Qf3±]

13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Nc3 a5
[14...Bd7 15.b4+-]
[14...Na6 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rac1 *(16.e4±)* 16...Rfd8 17.e4±]

15.e4 fxe4

(Diagram)

16.Nxe4 b5
[16...Qf4 17.Qe2 b6 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qd3 f5 20.Qe2 Ra7 21.Bb3 Qe4 22.Rd2 a4 23.Bc4±]

17.Qe2 Bb7 18.Nxc5 Bxc5?+-
[18...Qxc5 19.Ne5 Rac8 20.Rac1 Qb4
A) 21.Rd7 Be4 22.Nd3 Qc4 *(22...Bxd3 23.Qxd3 f5 24.Rd1±)* 23.b3 *(23.Qd2 Rfd8 24.Rxe7 Bxd3 25.Qg5+ Bg6-+)* 23...Bxd3□ 24.Rxd3 Qf4 25.Rcd1 Rfd8 26.Rg3+ Kh8 27.Bd3 Qf6 *(27...Rc1 28.Qb2++-)* 28.Qh5 h6 29.Rh3 Kg7 30.Qxb5±;
B) 21.Qh5 Qh4 22.Bxh7+ Kg7 23.Qxh4 Bxh4 24.Bd3 Rfd8±]

19.Ne5?±
[19.Ng5 Kg7 *(19...Bd6 20.Bxh7+ Kg7 21.g3+-)* 20.Nxh7+-]

19...Rfd8 20.Qg4+??∓
[20.Rac1 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Bd5 *(21...Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Qh5+-)*
A) 22.Bb1 f5!
A1) 23.g4 Bd6∓;
A2) 23.Bd3 Bd6 24.f4 Bxe5 *(24...b4 25.Bxf5±)* 25.fxe5 Bxa2 26.Bxb5=;
A3) 23.Rd3 Kh8=;
B) 22.Bd3!
B1) 22...Bxa2 23.Qe4+-;
B2) 22...b4 23.Qg4+ Kf8 24.Qg5 Bd6 *(24...f5 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Bxf5 Bxf2+ 27.Kf1 exf5 28.Rxd5±)*
B2a) 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Rc1 Qd8
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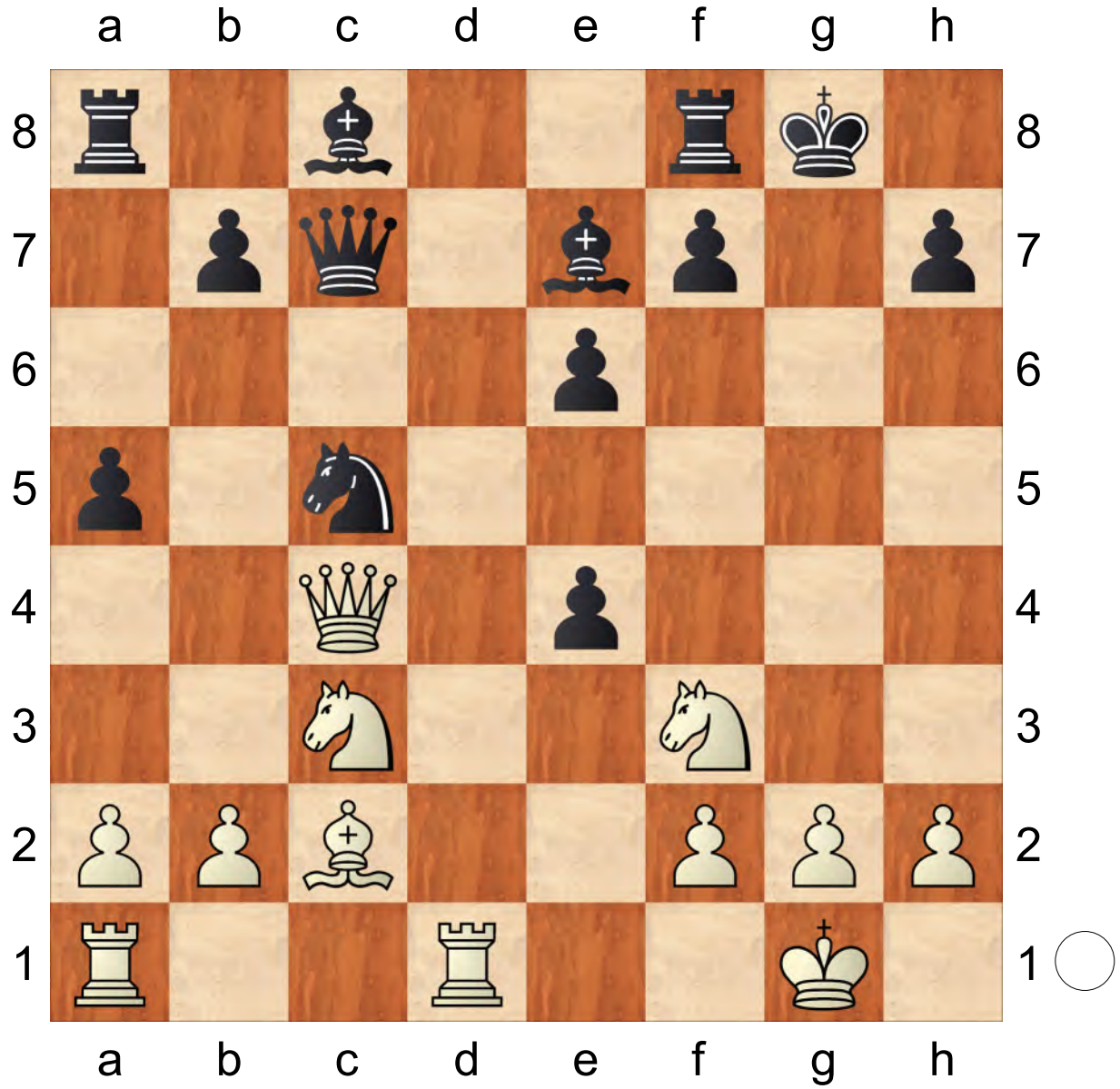


B2a2) 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Qh5±;

B2b) 25.Rc1 Qd8 26.Qh5 Tsesarsky: '±' Bxe5 27.Qxe5±;

B3) 22...Bd6 23.Ng4 *(23.Qg4+ Kf8 24.Nf3=)* 23...Kh8 24.Nf6 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Qe5 26.Nxd5 exd5 27.g3+-;

C) 22.Be4!? Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Rd8

C1) 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.g3 *(25.Nd3 Qd4=)* 25...Qd2 26.Nd3 Bf8 27.h4 h6⇄;

C2) 24.Qg4+ Kf8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Qh5 Qc7 27.Nd3 Bd6 28.Qxh7 Qc2 29.g3 Qb1+ 30.Kg2 Qxa2 31.h4⇄]

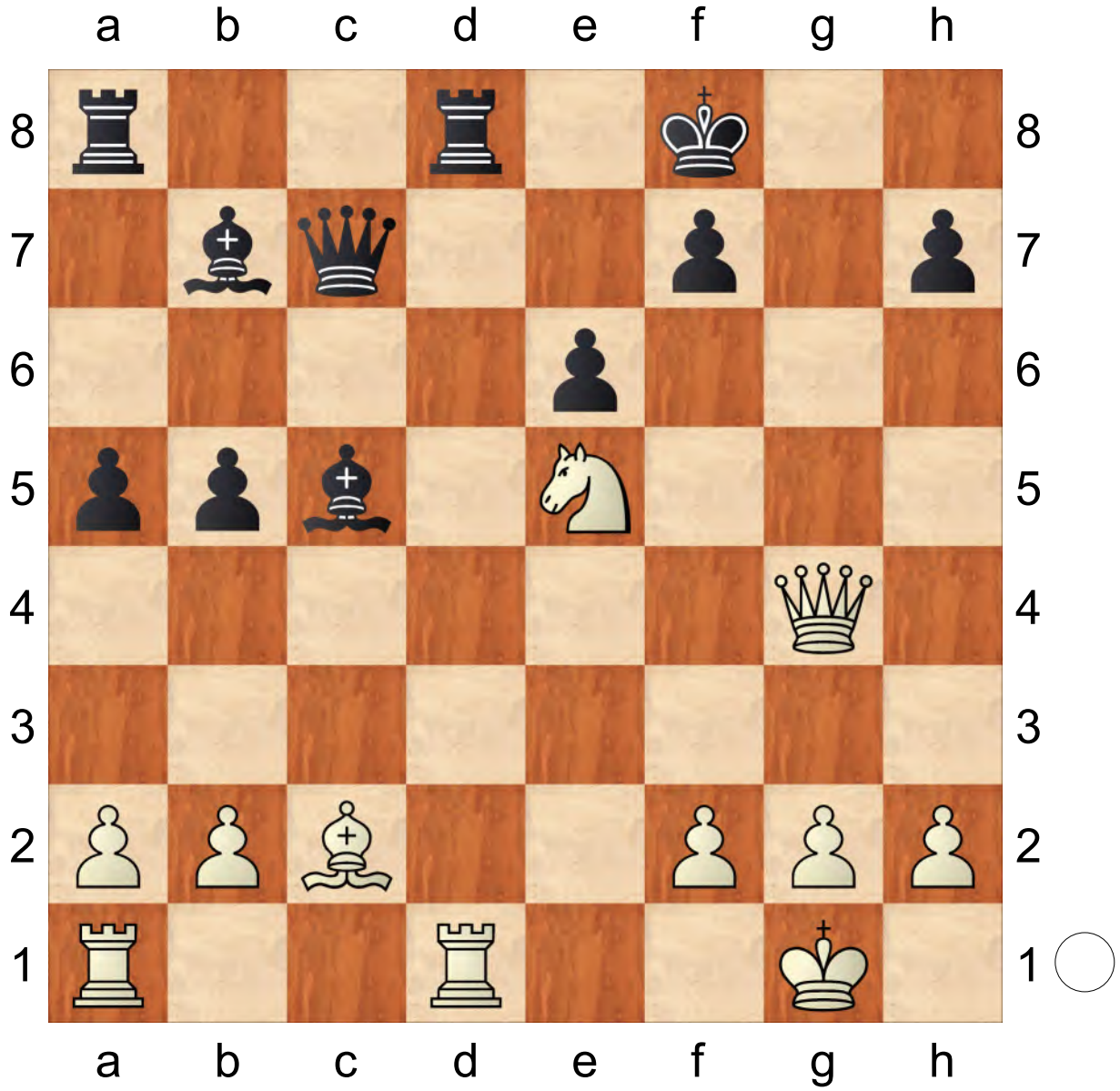
20...Kf8

[20...Kh8?+- 21.Qf4 Bxf2+ 22.Kf1!

A) 22...Bb6

A1) 23.Qf6+! Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kf8 *(24...Kh8 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.Qxd8++-)*

25.Bxh7+- And now Black can't play ♖d2.;
A2) 23.Rxd8+? Rxd8 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Qg5+ Kf8! *(25...Kh8 26.Qxd8+!+-* Tsesarsky: '+-' *)* 26.Bxh7 Rd2! 27.Qxd2 Qxe5♕;
B) 22...Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Qxc2 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Qxf7+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Kg7 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.Qf6++-;
C) 22...Qxc2 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Rxd8++-]



21.Qf4
[21.Be4 Qxe5 *(21...f5 22.Qf4!+-)* 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Bc6 Qxb2∓ *(23...Bxf2+∓)*]
21...Bd6
[21...Bxf2+? 22.Kh1 Bb6 23.Qh6+ Ke8 24.Qg7 Bc5 25.Bd3 Bc6 *(25...Rxd3 26.Rxd3 Bf8 27.Qg5+-)* 26.Rac1+-]
22.Rxd6□

[22.Qh6+ Ke8 23.Rxd6 Qxd6∓]

22...Rxd6 23.Bxh7 Rad8?=

[23...f5! This paradoxal move was provide to Black an advantage. 24.Qh6+ *(24.Qh4 Qg7 25.Ng6+ Ke8 26.Re1 Rad8∓; 24.Bg6 Rad8 25.h4 Rd4∓)* 24...Qg7 25.Ng6+ Kf7 26.Qh5 Rc8 *(26...Kf6 27.Qh4+ Kf7 28.Qe7#)* 27.Re1 Rc4 28.g3 Re4 29.Rc1 Rd2 30.h4 Ke8 31.Ne5+ Ke7 32.Nf3 Rc4∓]

24.h4

[24.Qh6+ Ke8 25.Bd3! Rxd3 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Qh4+ Kf8 28.Qh8+=]

[24.Qg4 Rd5 25.Qg8+ Ke7 26.Qg5+ *(26.Qxf7+ Kd6-+)* 26...Ke8 27.Qg8+=]

24...Kg7

[24...f5 25.Qh6+ Qg7 26.Ng6+ Kf7 27.Ne5+ Kf8 *(27...Qxe5 28.Bg6+ Kf6 29.Bh5+ Ke7 30.Qh7+ Kf6 31.Qf7#)* 28.Ng6+=]

25.Bc2

[25.Bd3 Qe7 26.Qg3+ Kf8 27.Qf4=]

25...f6

[25...Qe7⇄]

(Diagram)

26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.Ng6+ Kf7 28.Qh5 Rg8??+-

[28...Kg7 29.Ne5 Kg8 30.Ng6 Qg7 31.Qxb5⇄]

29.Ne7+! Kf8

[29...Kxe7 30.Qh7+ Kd8 31.Qxg8+ Kd7 32.Qf7+ Kc8 33.Qe8++-]

30.Qh6+ Rg7

(Diagram)

31.Qxf6+ Ke8 32.Qxg7 Qxc2

[32...Qxe7 33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Qb8+-]

33.Ng6 Rd1+ 34.Kh2

(Diagram)

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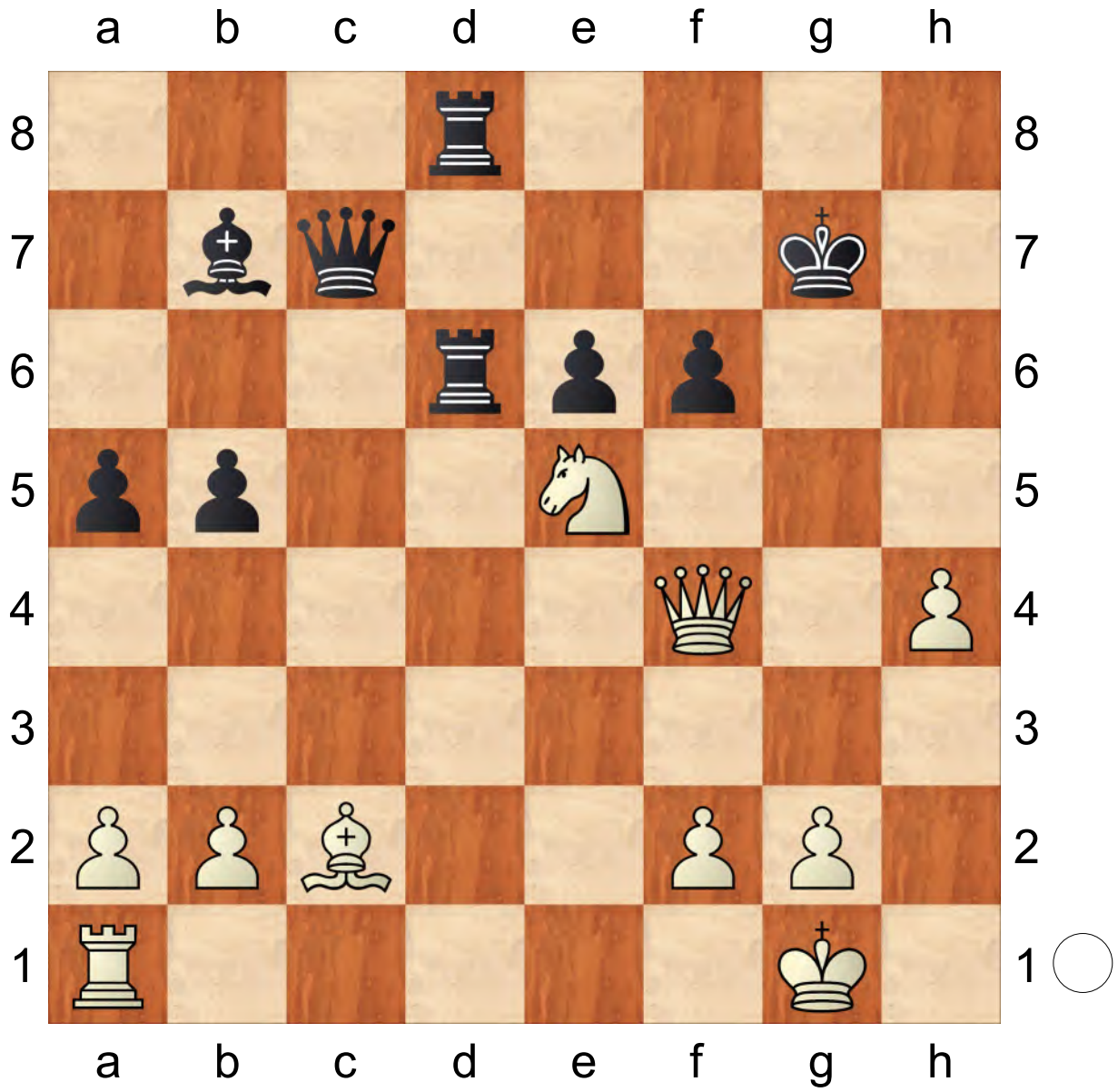
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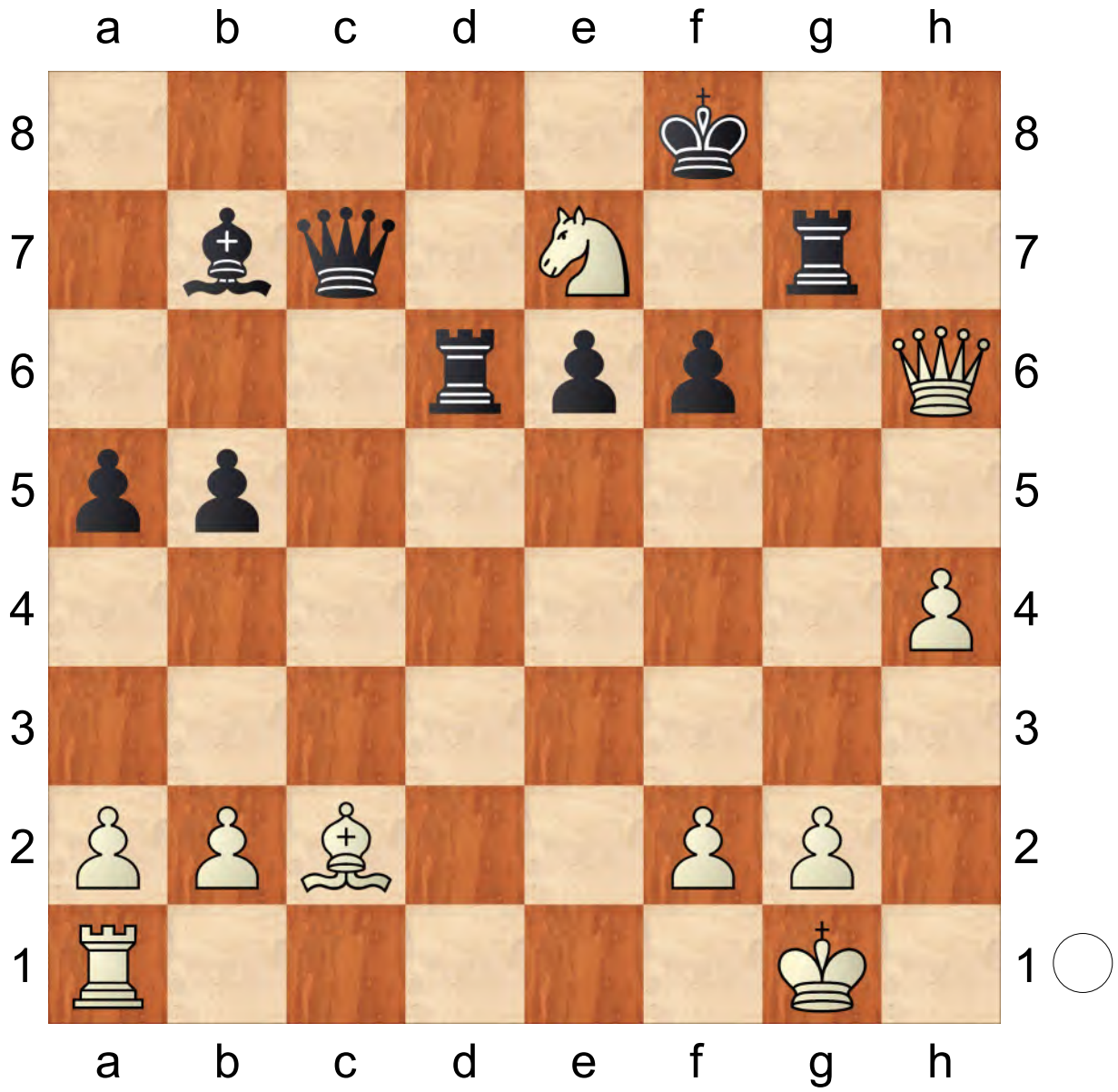
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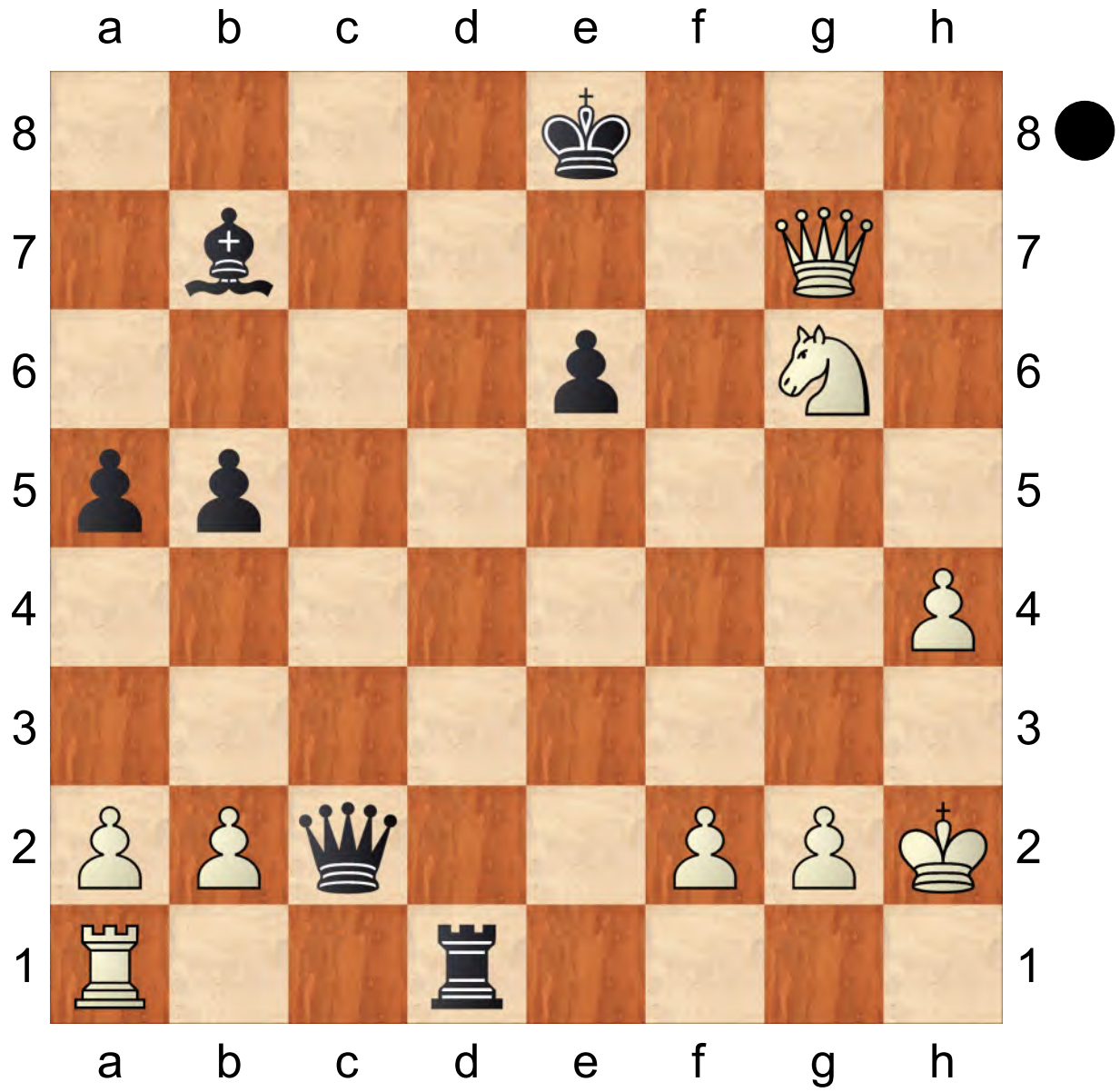
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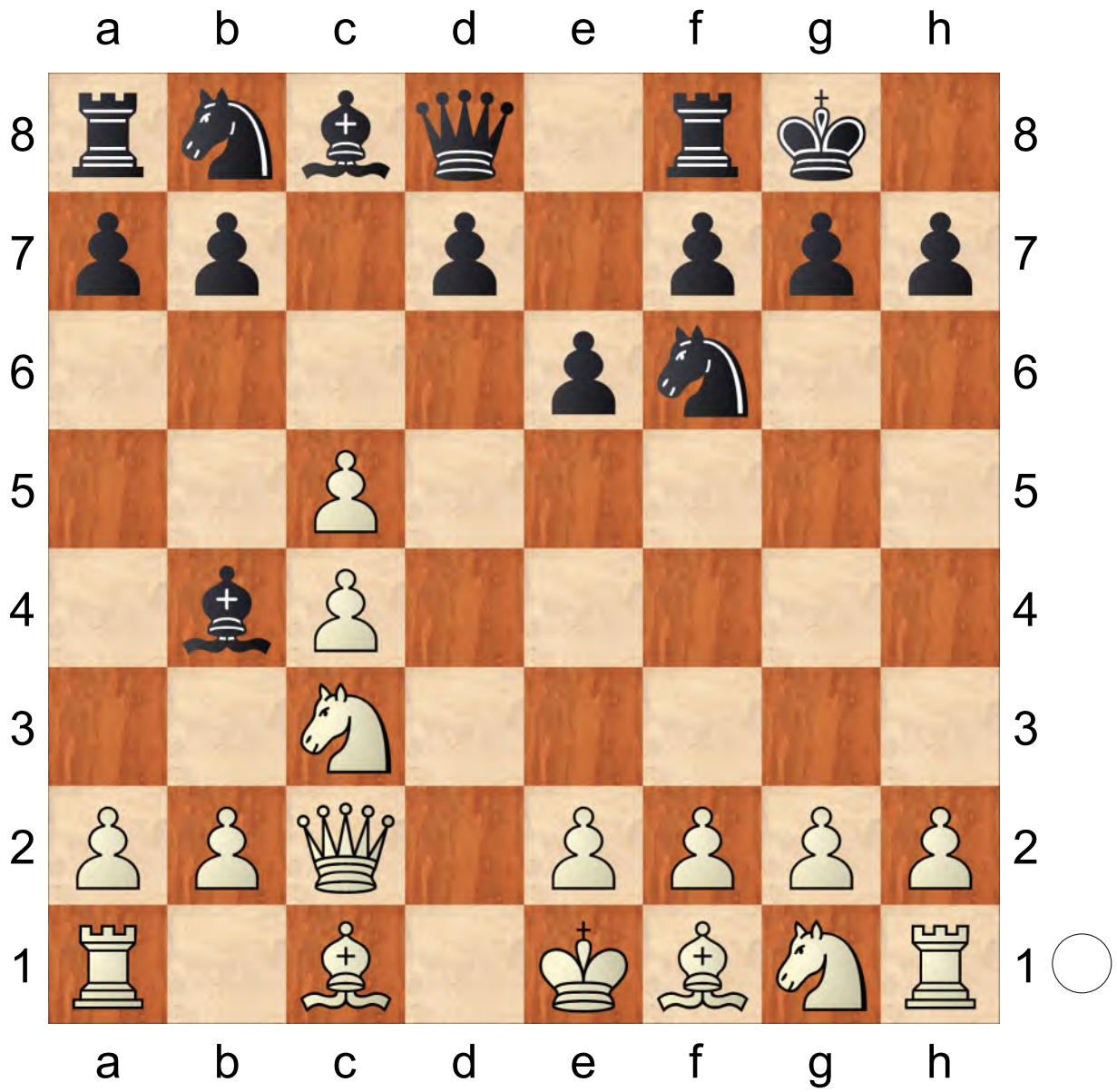
□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2632**
■ **Macieja,Bartlomiej** **2618**
Bermuda (4) 02.02.2005
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 0-0

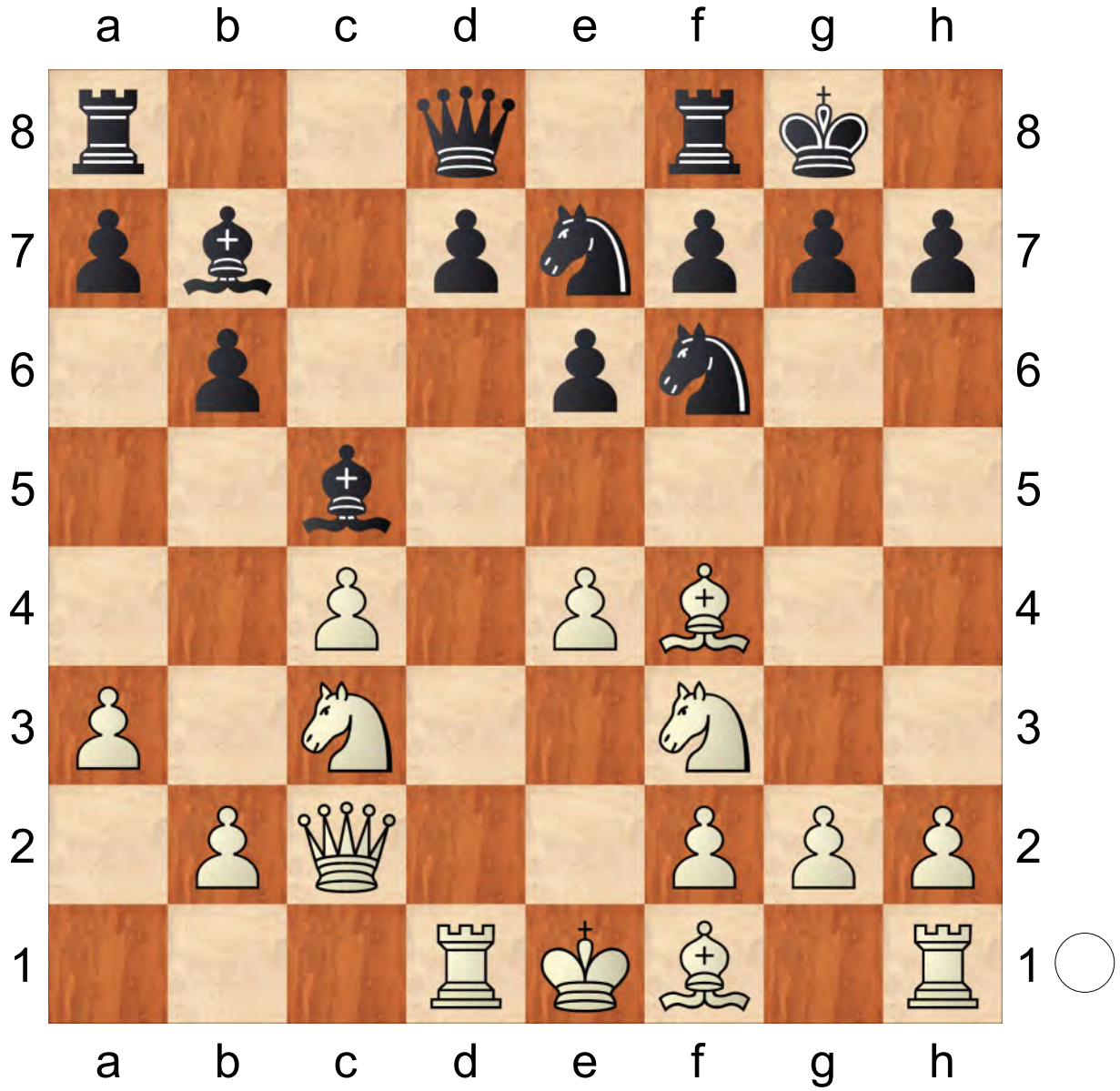


6.a3 Bxc5 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bf4 Nc6 This move became very popular in the last five years.

[The main alternative continuations are: 8...Nh5]

[and 8...Bb7]

9.Rd1 Bb7 10.e4 Ne7



11.h3 Ng6 12.Bh2 Nh5 13.Qd2 f5!?N All of Black's pieces are looking at the white's kingside, that's why this move looks quite logical. It is also tactically sound. Comments to this part of the game and also to:

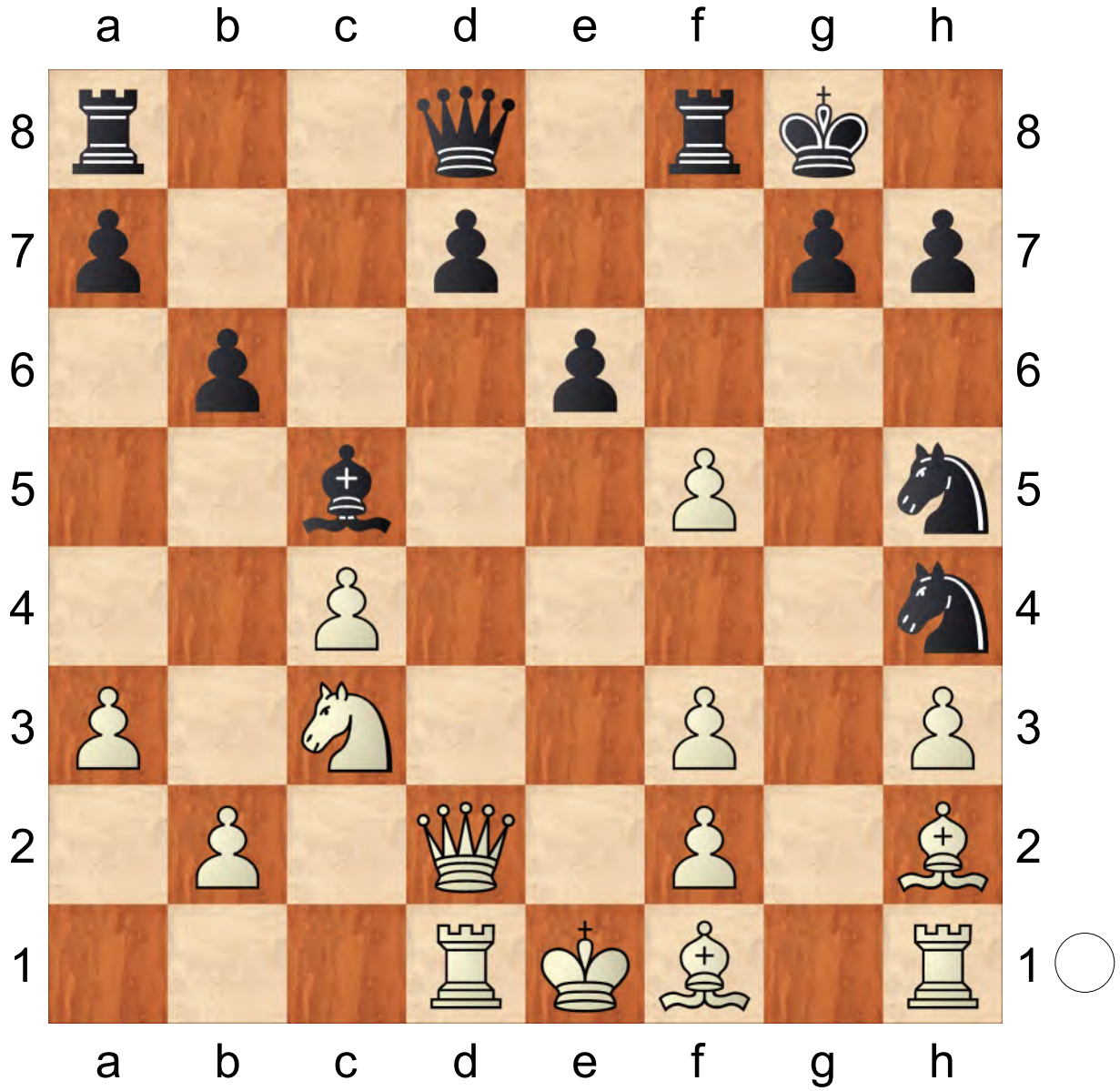
[13...Nf6!? 14.Qc2 Nh5 15.Qd2 Nf6 16.b4 You can find in my annotations to game: Bareev,E-Ivanchuk,V/Rethymnon,2003/CBM 98(0-1)(41)]

14.exf5? White couldn't see the nuances of the position. Exchanging the queens was a necessary, to prevent black's attack:

[14.Qxd7!? Qxd7 15.Rxd7 Bc6 *(15...fxe4!? 16.Rxb7 exf3 17.Ne4 fxg2 18.Bxg2 Nhf4 19.0-0 Bd4=)* 16.Rd2 fxe4 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Nhf4!∞]

[Of course this couldn't be good for White: 14.e5 in view of: Bxf3 15.gxf3 a5 Δ16.Qxd7 Qxd7 17.Rxd7 f4! Δ♘xe5↑]

14...Bxf3! Black immediately disassembles white's pawn structure and begins attacking it. **Δ15.gxf3 Nh4**



16.Be2 Qf6! Black brings out the heavy artillery! After a long analysis, I realized, that this was stronger, than an obvious continuation:

[≤16...Rxf5 17.b4 *(17.Qxd7 Qf6 18.Ne4 Qxb2 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Nxc5 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Qc3+! 22.Rd2 Qxf3 23.Qe4 bxc5 24.Qxf3 Rxf3* at minimum, Black is not standing worse! *)*

A) ≤17...Rxf3 18.bxc5 Ng2+ 19.Kf1 Ne3+ 20.Ke1! *(20.Qxe3? Rxe3 21.fxe3 Qf6+ 22.Kg2 Qxc3 23.Bxh5 Qb2+ 24.Kg1 Qxa3∓)* 20...Ng2+ 21.Kf1 Ne3+=;

B) 17...Bf8 Δ18.Qxd7 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Qxd7 20.Rxd7 Rxf3 21.Be5 a5∓]

17.Qd3 White is preparing a way out for his king.

[Leads to immediate disaster: 17.b4? Be7 18.Rg1 Qxf5 Δ19.Qxd7 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 Qxf3∓]

17...Ng2+ 18.Kd2

[Hardly it was better: 18.Kf1 Nhf4 19.Qxd7 Qxf5∓]

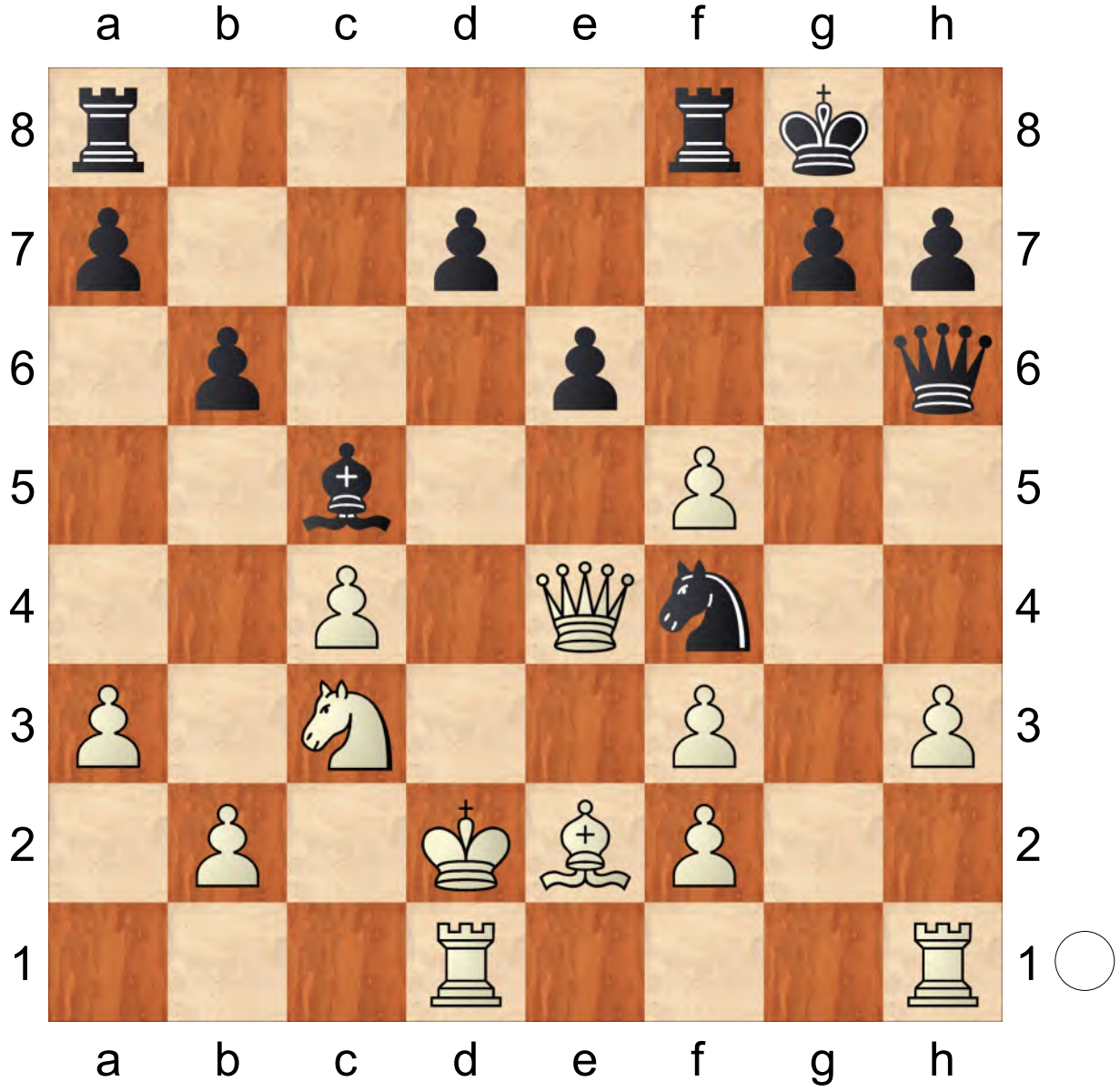
18...Nhf4 Black got everything he possibly could in this position. All of pieces are ideally placed. **19.Bxf4** White can't stand black's knights on "g2" and "f4". **19...Nxf4** **20.Qe4**

[≤20.Qc2 Rad8∓ Δ21.Kc1? Bxa3! 22.fxe6 *(22.bxa3 Qxc3! 23.Qxc3 Nxe2+ 24.Kb2 Nxc3 25.Kxc3 Rxf5-+)* 22...Qxc3! 23.Qxc3 Nxe2+ 24.Kc2 Nxc3 25.bxa3 Nxd1 26.e7 Nxf2 27.exd8Q Rxd8 28.Rh2 Rc8 29.Rxf2 Rxc4+-+]

20...Qh6

[20...Qxf5! 21.Qxf5 *(21.Kc1 d5! 22.Qxf5 Rxf5∓)* 21...Rxf5 22.b4 *(≤22.Rdf1 Bd4)* 22...Bxf2 23.Ne4 Bd4∓]

[or 20...Qh4!? 21.Kc1 *(Δ21.fxe6? Rae8 22.Kc1 Rxe6 23.Qc2 Nxe2+ 24.Nxe2 Rxf3-+)* 21...exf5 22.Qc2 Rae8∓]



Black had more interesting continuations: **21.Kc2 Rae8 22.Kb1** White has managed to hide his king, but if you look closely at the position, you can see that Harikrishna is long from solving all of his problems: the white pawn structure on the king side resembles the ruins of a old city, the black pieces are more actively standing. **22...exf5?!** A dull choice. Black gained an advantage with this continuation:

[22...d5! 23.Qc2 *(23.cxd5 exd5 24.Qc2 Qh5∓)* 23...Nxe2 24.Qxe2 exf5 25.Qd3 dxc4 26.Qxc4+ Kh8 27.Rd7 Bxf2∓]

23.Qc2 Bxf2 These two continuations also lead to a small advantage:

[23...Nxe2 24.Nxe2 Qc6 25.Rd5 Bxf2 26.Rhd1∓]

[23...Qc6!? 24.Bd3 g6 25.Nd5 Nxd5 26.cxd5 Qd6 27.h4∓]

24.Bd3∓ Nxd3

[I don't believe it was good to immediately give away his extra pawn: 24...Bd4?! 25.Nb5 Be5 26.Nxa7 Qh5 27.Nb5∓]

25.Rxd3 Re1+?

[25...Be3! Δ26.Rxd7 Qc6 27.Qd1 *(27.Qd3?! Qxf3 28.Rg1 g6 29.Nd5 Qe4! 30.Qxe4 Rxe4∓)* 27...Qxc4 28.Rxa7∓]

(Diagram)

Black has obviously lost the edge in this game. After this exchange, Black can't even consider any advantage here. **26.Rxe1 Bxe1 27.Rxd7 Qxh3?!** It was the last straw. Black needed to think about how to equalize this position.

[27...Qc6! 28.Re7 *(28.Rxa7!? Qxf3∞)* 28...Bxc3 29.Qxc3 Rf7=]

28.Qd1 Qh4

[28...Bxc3?? 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Rd8+-]

29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Nb5!± White puts his knight back in the game. And the picture has instantly changed from the last 10 moves. Nothing left from Black's advantage. Now he needs to defend himself. **30...h5?**

[30...Qf6!? 31.Nd4 h6 32.Ne6

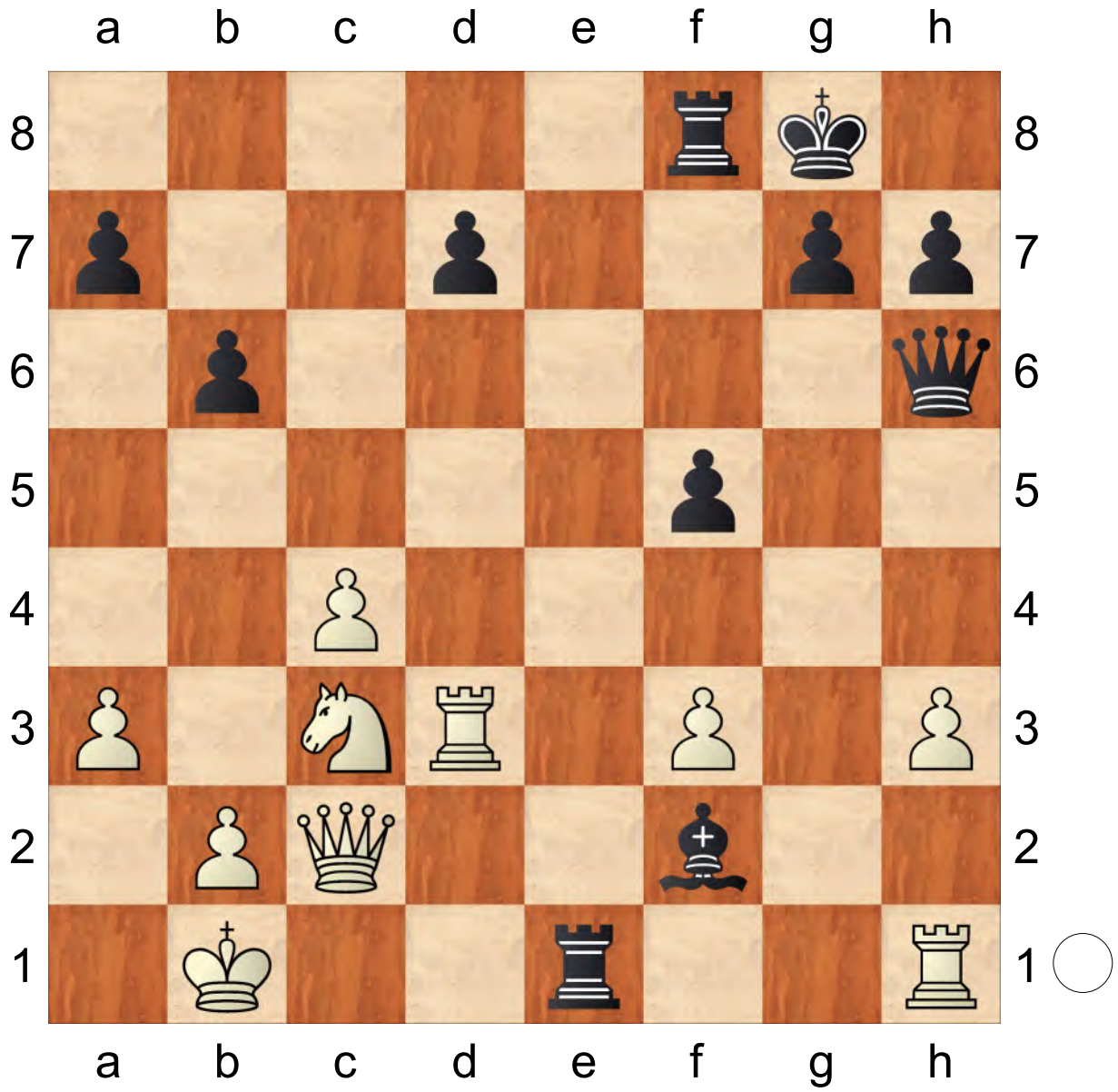
A) 32...Rf7? 33.Rd6! Qe7 *(33...Bg3 34.Nd8! Bxd6 35.Nxf7+ Kh7 36.Nxd6+-)* 34.Nf4 Kh7 35.Re6 Qh4 36.Ng2+-;

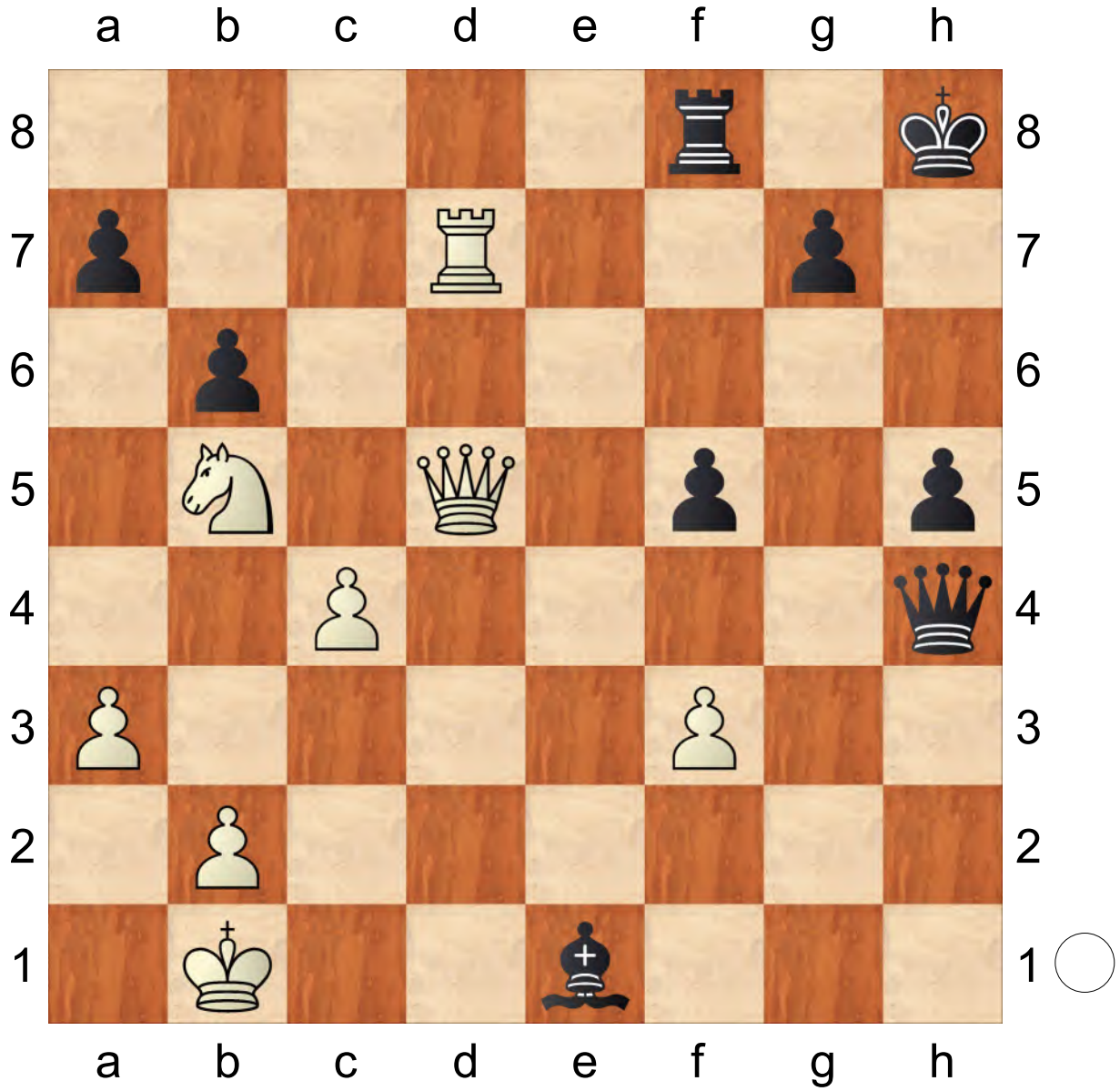
B) 32...Rg8 33.Rxa7 Bf2±]

(Diagram)

31.Nd6? White doesn't utilise his opponent's decisive mistake. This won on the spot:

[31.Qe5! Qg3 *(31...Rf6 32.Nd6 Bg3 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Nf7+-; 31...Rg8 32.Nd6+-)* 32.Qe7 Kg8□ *(32...Rg8? 33.Nd6 Bf2 34.Nf7+ Kh7 35.Ng5+* with an easy win in all variations!*)* 33.Nd4 Bf2 34.Ne6 Bc5 35.Qxg7+ Qxg7 36.Rxg7+ Kh8 37.Rg5 Rf6 38.Rxh5+ Kg8 39.Nxc5 bxc5 40.Kc2+-]





31...Qf4? I think that Bartlomiej Macieja became very upset with the circumstances of his game, which changed the advantage of the game from black to white. That's the only way I can explain his next serious error.

[31...Qf6 32.Nf7+ Kh7 33.f4 Bh4 34.Rxa7 Re8±]

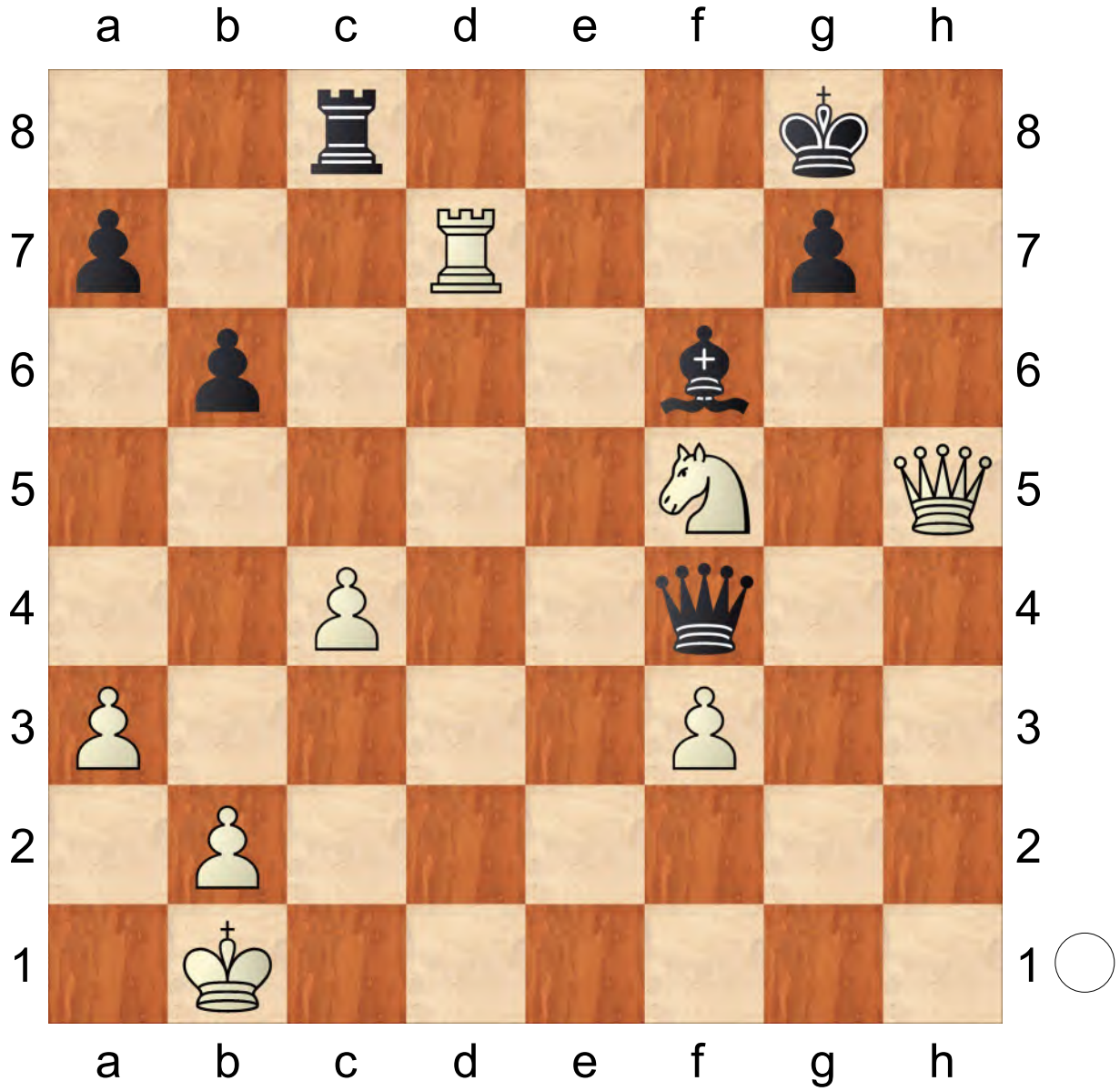
32.Qe6+- That's it! All of white's pieces have invaded black's side. **32...Bh4 33.Qg6!** This time White doesn't miss any chance given to him. He develops a very strong attack, which immediately ends the game in his favour. **33...Bf6**

[⌓33...Qg5 34.Nf7+ Rxf7 35.Qxf7 Kh7 36.Rxa7 Qg6 37.Qd5 Bf6 38.Ka2 h4 39.Ra8+-]

34.Qxh5+ Kg8 35.Nxf5 Black doesn't have any more defense against white's direct threats. **35...Rc8?**

[⌓35...Qe5 36.Ne7+ Qxe7 37.Rxe7 Bxe7 38.Qd5+ Rf7 39.b4+-]

[35...Qg5? 36.Qxg5 Bxg5 37.Rxg7+ Kh8 38.Rxg5]



36.Qg6
[36.Rxg7+! Bxg7 37.Ne7+ Kf8 38.Ng6+]
36...Qe5
[36...Rc7 37.Nxg7 Rxd7 38.Ne6+ Rg7 39.Qe8+]
[36...Kh8 37.Rxg7]
37.Nh6+

(Diagram)

Now Black gets mated in one move, or will have to give up his queen. This game was quite interesting, despite the amount of errors the players made.
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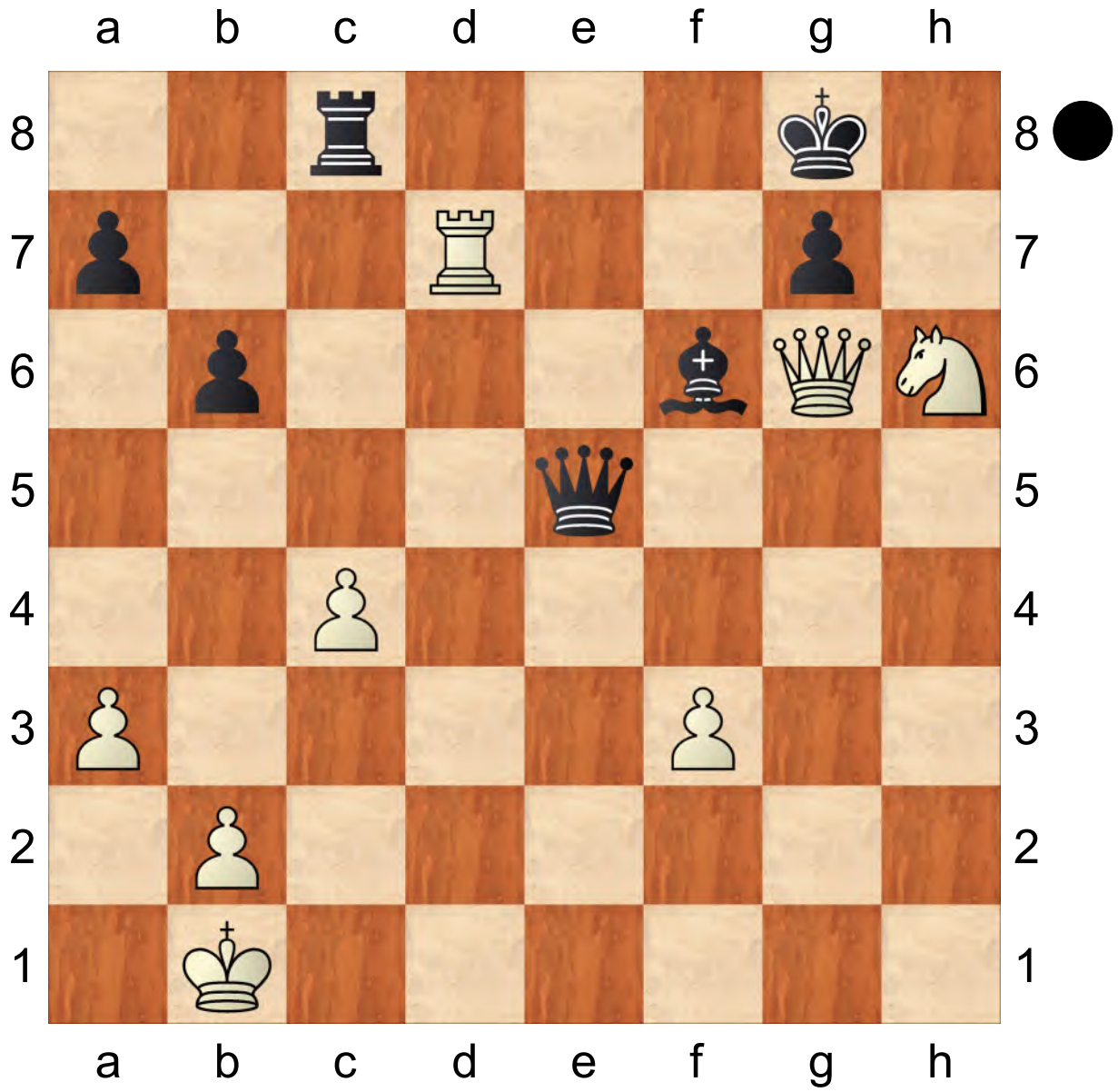
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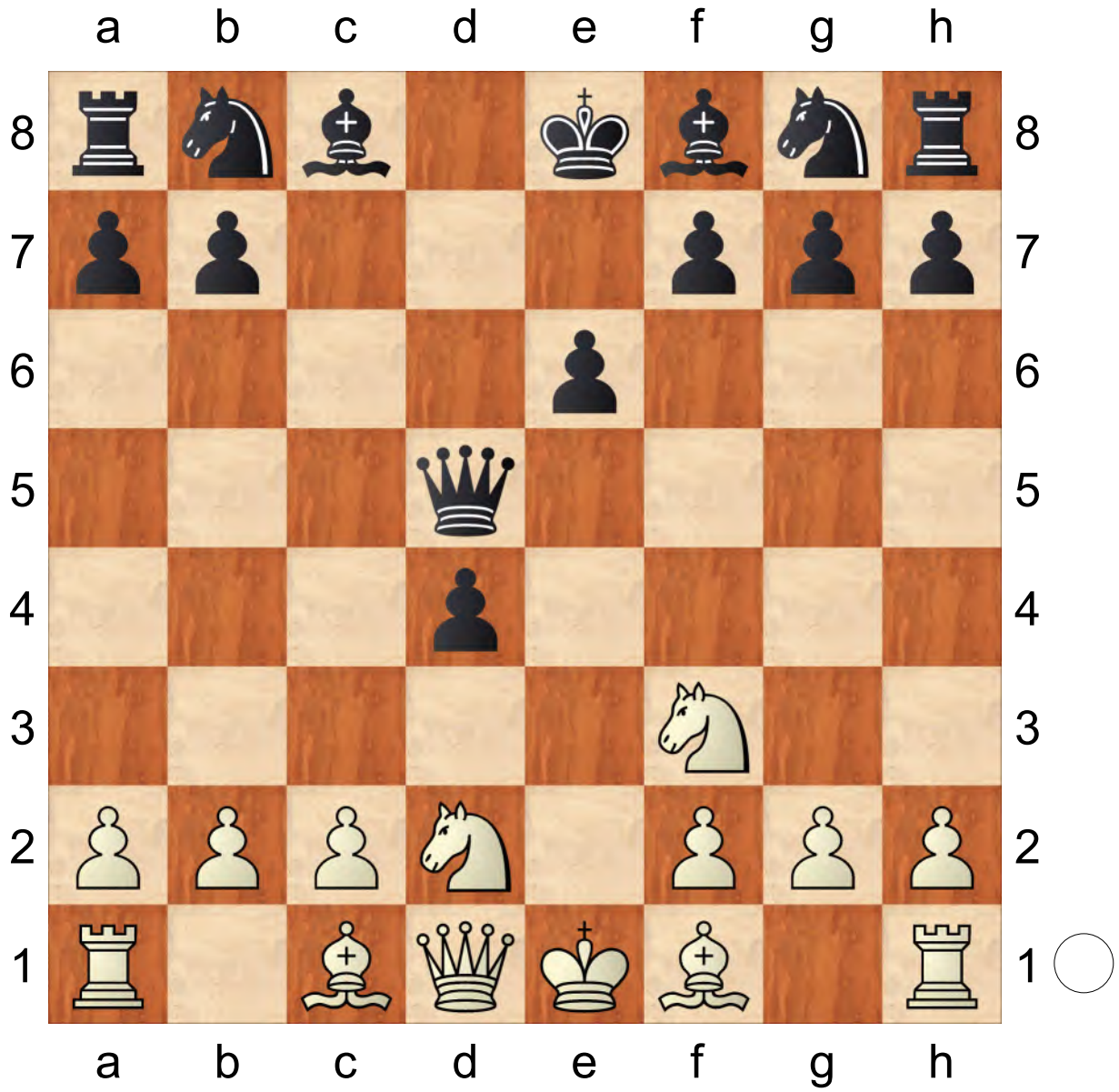
□ **Nijboer,Friso** **2529**
■ **Ernst,Sipke** **2457**
NED-ch60 Leeuwarden (5) 12.09.2005
[Psakhis,Lev]

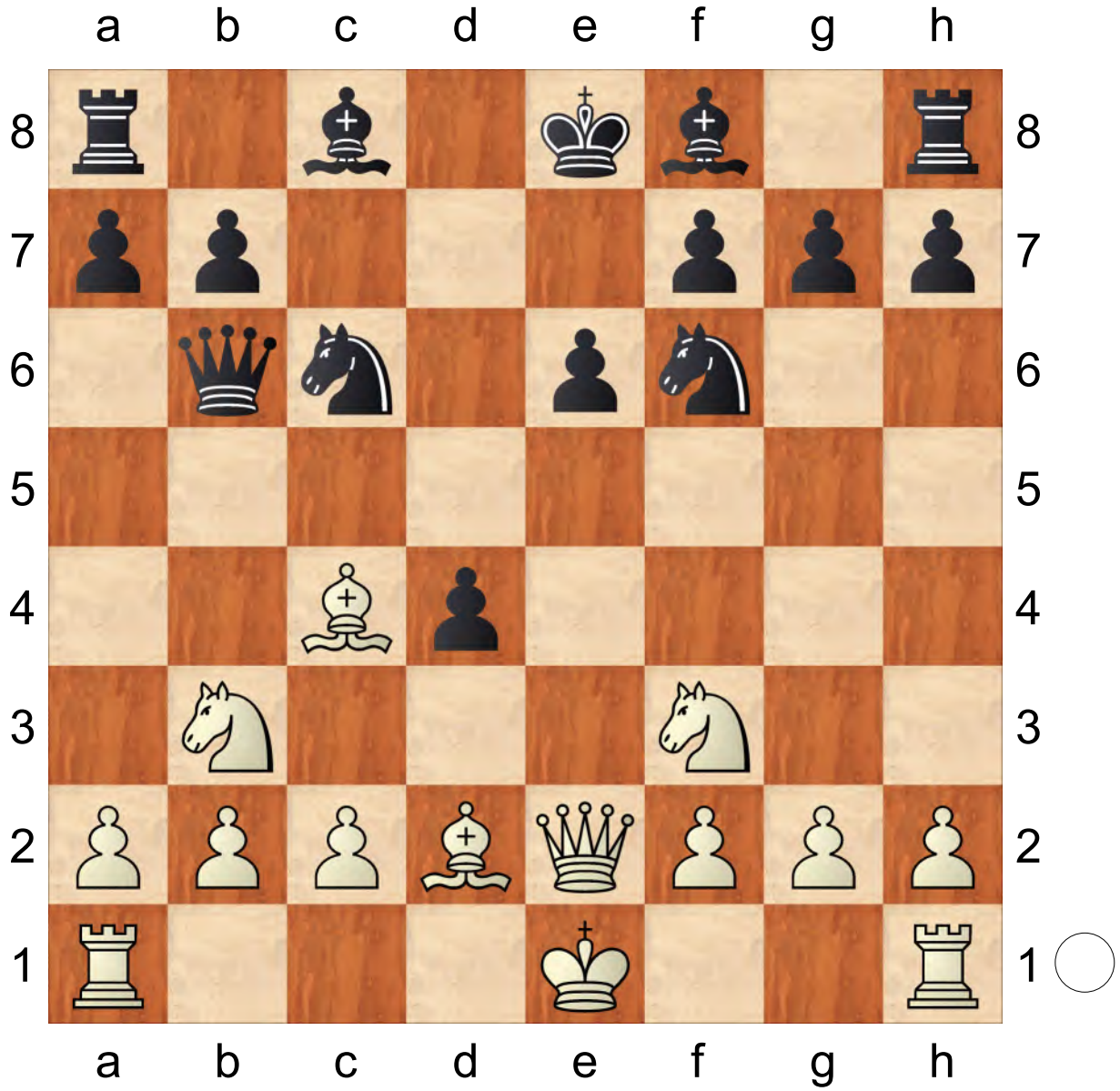
1.e4 Psakhis **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4**



6.Bc4 Qd6 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 Qb4+
[9...Be7 10.0-0-0 e5 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Qxe5 Qxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxd1 14.Nxc6 Be2 15.Nxe7+ Bxb5 16.Nf5 0-0 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nbxd4 Bd7 19.Rd1 Bxf5 20.Nxf5 Rfd8 21.Nd4 Rac8 22.c3 Rc5 23.Kc2 Rg5 ½-½ Zaw Win Lay-Villamayor,B/ Asean GM Bangkok 2004/ChessBase (32)]

[RR 9...a6!?]

10.Bd2 Qb6



11.0-0-0 Bd7

[11...Be7 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Be5 0-0 14.Nbxd4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Nf4 16.Qe4 Ng6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.h4 Qc5 19.Nb3 Qxf2 20.h5 Qf5 21.Qe2 Bf6 22.Rdf1 Qe5 1-0 Berg,E-Nygren,D/Stockholm RC 2005/ (60)]

12.Bg5

[12.Bf4 Bc5 13.Ne5 0-0 14.g4 Rfd8 15.Rhg1 Be8 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Be5 Be7 18.g5 Nd7 19.Bxd4 Rac8 20.Bd3 Nc5 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Nxc5 Qxc5 0-1 Koscielski,J-Malakhatko,V/Bad Zwesten op 2005 (53)]

12...Rc8

[12...h6!? 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nbxd4 0-0-0 15.Kb1 Bc5 16.Nb3 Be7 17.Rhe1 Kb8 18.Nfd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Ba4 20.Nb3 Qc7∓ Todorevic,G (2511)-Nogueiras,J

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[12...Bc5 13.Kb1!? *(13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Bd6 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Bc5 17.Rhe1 0-0-0 18.f3 Rhe8* ½-½ Satyapragyan,S-Lahno,K/Dubai op 2004/ *)* 13...0-0-0 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Qxe5 Bd6 16.Qe2 h6 *(16...e5)* 17.Bd2 Bb4 18.Bxb4 Qxb4 19.Nxd4 Kb8 20.f4 Qc5 21.Nf3 Ng4 22.Rd4 Bc8= Adams,M-Akopian,V/Enghien-les-Bains 88/248 2003/ ½-½ (61)]

13.Nbxd4 This is a new try, but as this game shows, Black has nothing to fear here
[White played few times 13.Nfxd4!? keeping control under c5 square and it is not easy for black to equalize game, for example Be7 14.Bxf6!? *(14.Nb5 Nb4 15.Be3 Qc6 16.Na5 Qe4 17.Nxa7 Ra8 18.Bb5 0-0 19.Bxd7 Rxa7 20.f3 Nxa2+ 21.Kb1 Qb4 22.Nb3 b6 23.Rd4 Qc3⇄* Ginsburg,G-Luther,T/BL2 0001 2001/0-1 (28)*)* 14...Bxf6 *(*Worth considering *14...gxf6 15.Bb5±)* 15.Nb5 Be5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Rxd6 Qc7 18.Rhd1↑]

13...Be7
[13...Nxd4!? is also possible, but after
A) 14.Nxd4 Qc5 15.Bxf6 *(15.Nxe6? fxe6 16.Rxd7 Nxd7! 17.Qxe6+ Be7 18.f4 Kd8-+)* 15...Qxc4 16.Qxc4 Rxc4∓;
B) 14.Rxd4 Bc5 15.Rd2± white keeps initiative: his pieces are more active and king better protected.]

14.Nxc6
[14.Nb5!? Nb4!]

14...Bxc6
[14...bxc6 15.Ne5±]

15.Ne5 0-0
[Another promising possibility was 15...Ba4! 16.Rd2 *(16.b3 0-0! Δ17.Be3 Ba3+ 18.Kb1 Bc5=)* 16...0-0=]

(Diagram)

16.Nxf7?! Looks tempting, but doesn't work properly!
[16.f4!? leads to balanced position.]

16...Bd5!
[16...Rxf7? 17.Qxe6 Rcf8 18.Qxe7+-]

17.Ne5? Another step in wrong direction.
[After simple Δ17.Bxd5! Nxd5 18.Bxe7 Rxf7 19.Bh4 Nb4! 20.Kb1 Nxc2 21.Qd3! white's position is very solid.]

17...Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Qa6 19.Rd4 Rc5
[19...Bc5 20.Rh4 h6! *(20...Qxa2? 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Bxf6 Rc7□ 23.Qe5!+-)* 21.Bxf6 Rxf6∓]

20.Bd2

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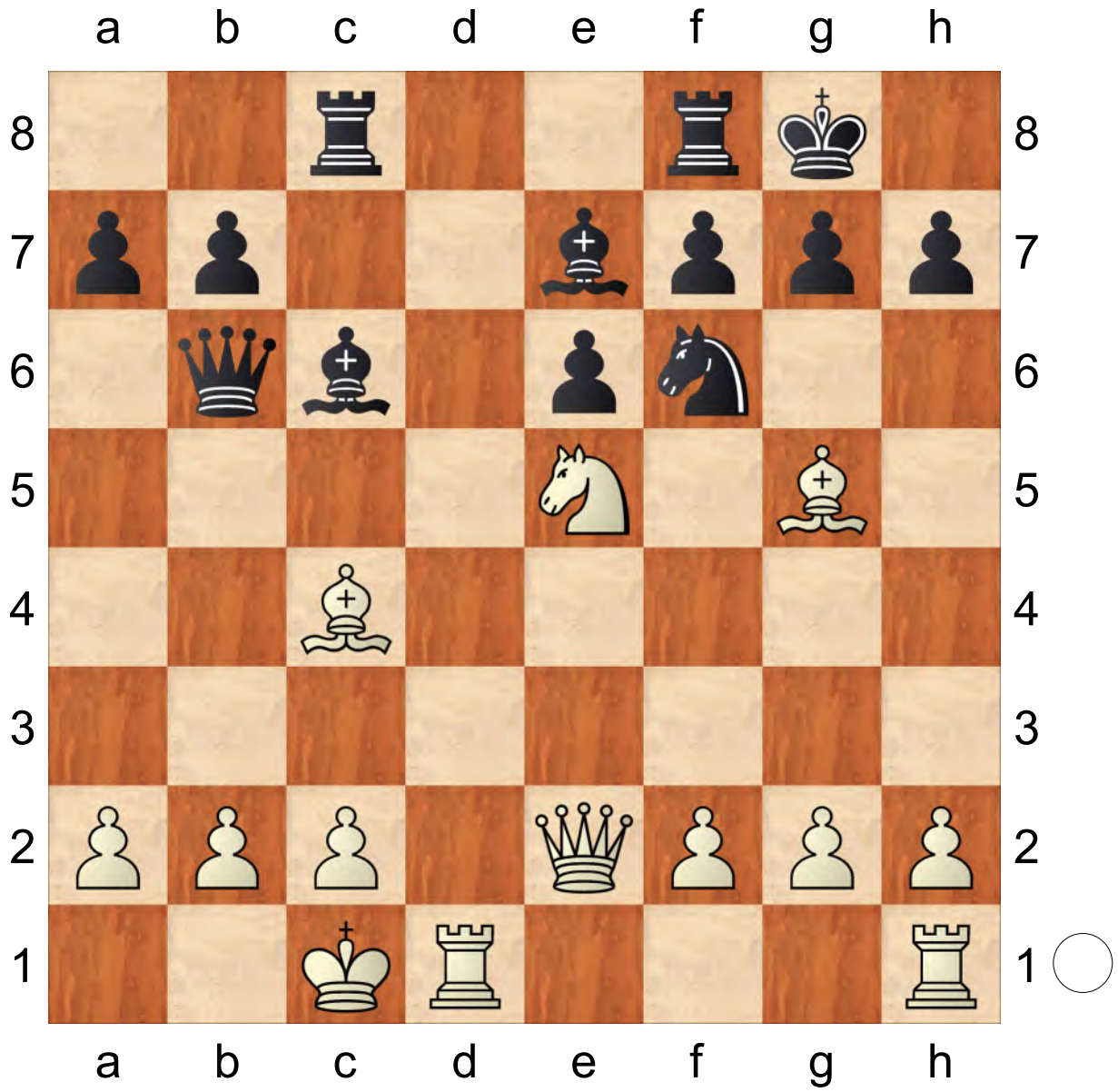
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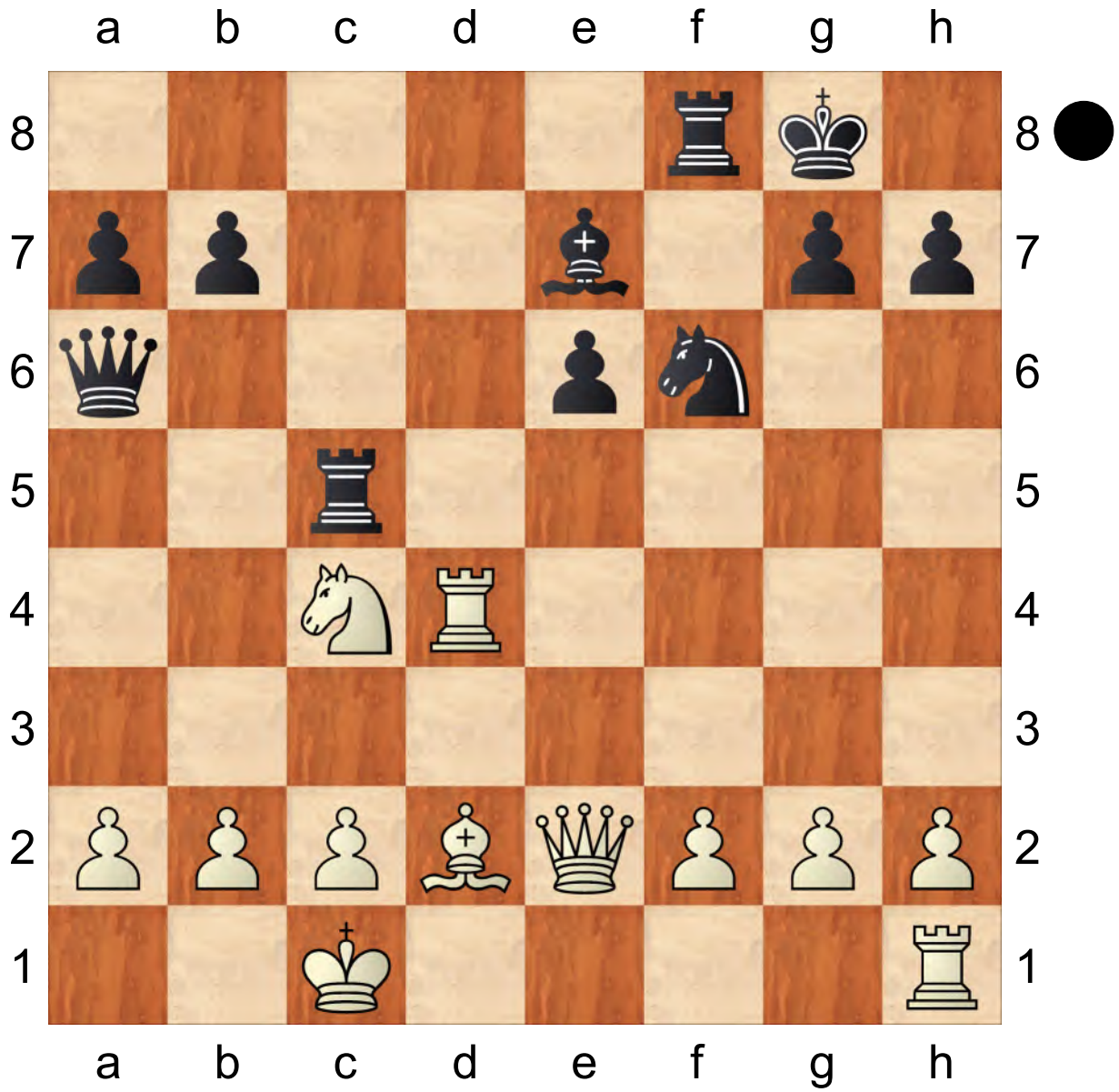

What will be your choice now?

20...Qxa2

[20...e5! was very strong move and White needs already good advice.After almost forced 21.Bb4 *(21.Rh4 Qxa2 22.Na3 Rfc8-+)* 21...exd4 22.Qxe7 Rcc8 Ernst could win game at once. But move in the game also not bad.]

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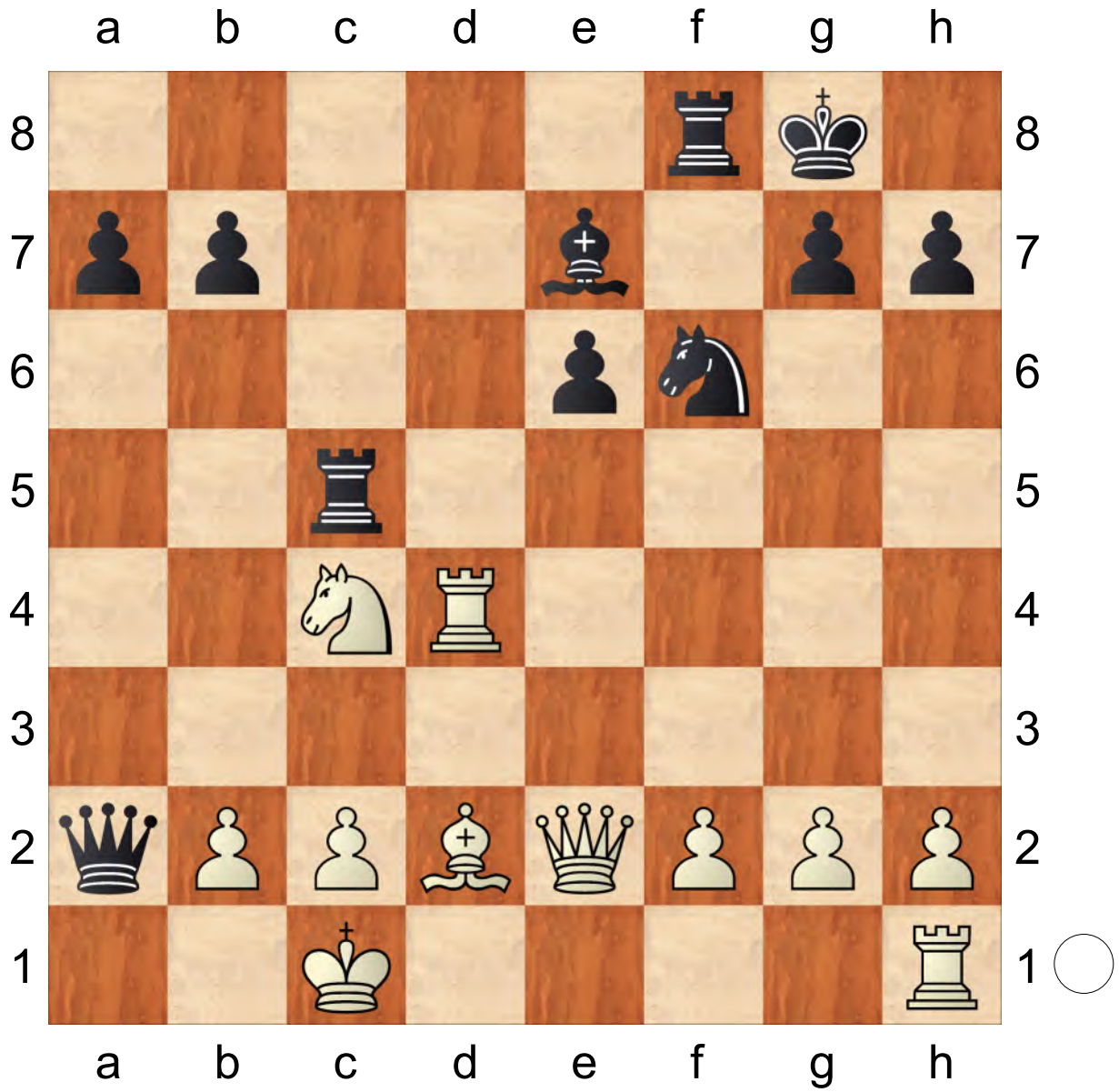
21.Bb4

[21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.c3 *(22.Bb4 Ng8)* 22...Rc7↑]

21...Rd5



[Funny move 21...Re5!? could be interesting alternative to the text, for example
A) 22.Qxe5? Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Bxb4+ 24.c3 Qxh1 25.Qxe6+ Kh8 26.cxb4 *(26.Ne5 Bc5)* 26...Qxg2∓;
B) 22.Nxe5 Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Bxb4+ 24.Rxb4 Qxh1∓]

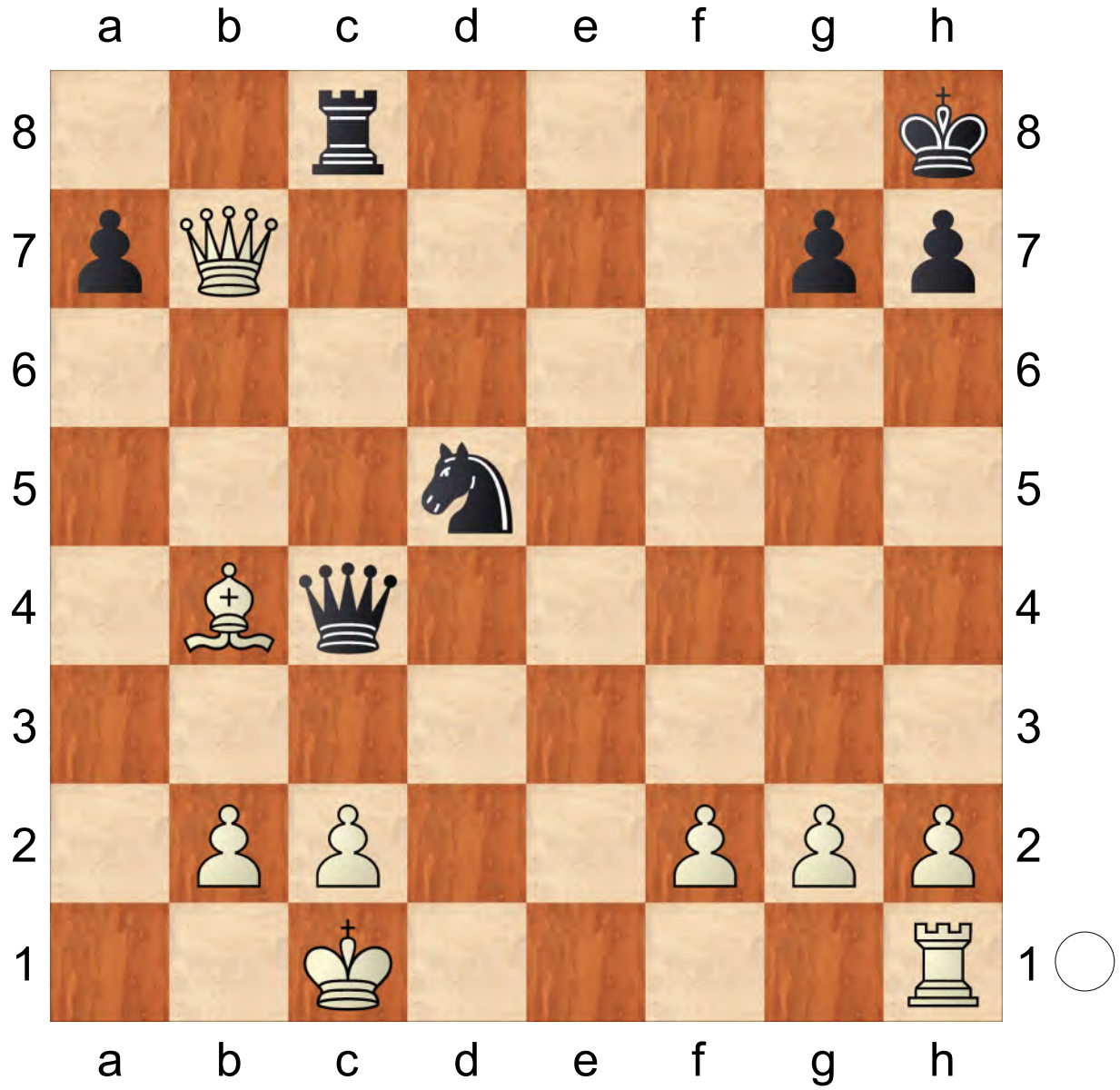
22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Qxe7 Rc8?! Serious mistake!

[It looks that Ernst could get clear advanatage after ⌓23...Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Rxd4+
A) 25.Kc3? Rxc4+! 26.Kb3 *(26.Kxc4 Qa2+ 27.Kd3 Qd5+ 28.Ke2 Re8-+)* 26...Rxb4+;
B) 25.Ke3 Re4+! 26.Kd2 *(26.Qxe4 Qxh1 27.Qxb7 Re8+-+)* 26...Rxe7 27.Rxa1 Rd8+ 28.Kc1 Re2∓ and White hasn't too many chances for survival.]

24.Rxd5? Nijboer has obviously lost the thread.

[⌓24.Bc3! Rxd4□ *(24...Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Rxd4+ 26.Bxd4 Qxh1 27.Nd6+-)* 25.Bxd4 Qxc4 26.Bc3±]

24...Nxd5 25.Qxb7?? This terrible move reverses the outcome of the game.
[25.Qe6! Qxc4□ 26.Bc3□ Qf4+ 27.Bd2 *(27.Kb1 Nxc3+ 28.bxc3 Rf8∓)* 27...Rxc2+! 28.Kb1□ *(28.Kxc2 Qc4+-+)* 28...Rxb2+! 29.Ka1 Ra2+! 30.Kb1 Rb2+= This nice variation resembles famous game Steinitz-Fon Bardeleben Hastings 1895. It will be nice end of interesting game.]
25...Qxc4



26.Bc3
[26.c3 Nxb4]
26...Nxc3 27.bxc3 Qf4+!
[27...Qf4+ 28.Kb1 Rb8]

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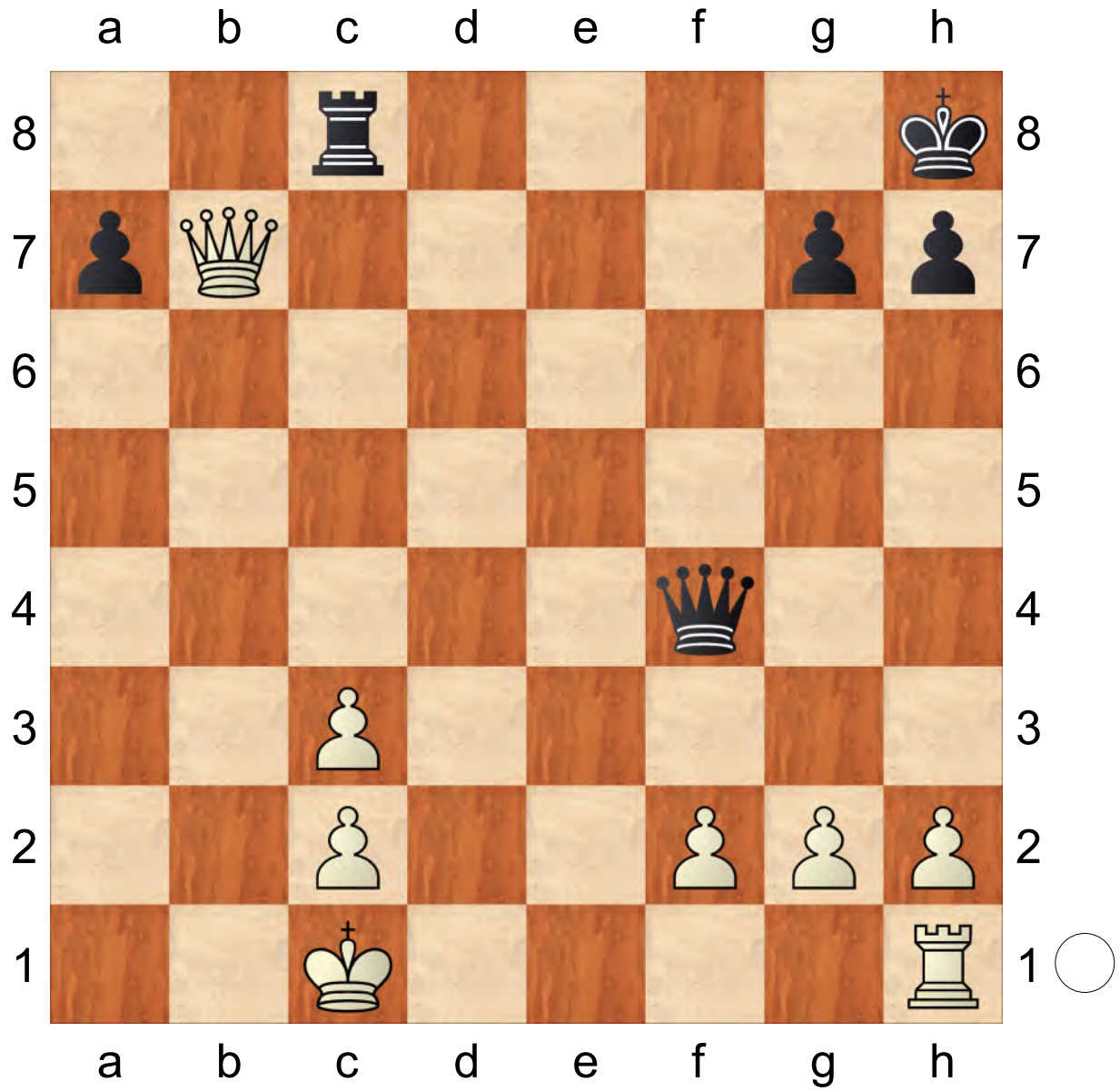

Possibly Friso forget about this check. Pity, but it is could happen with everyone!
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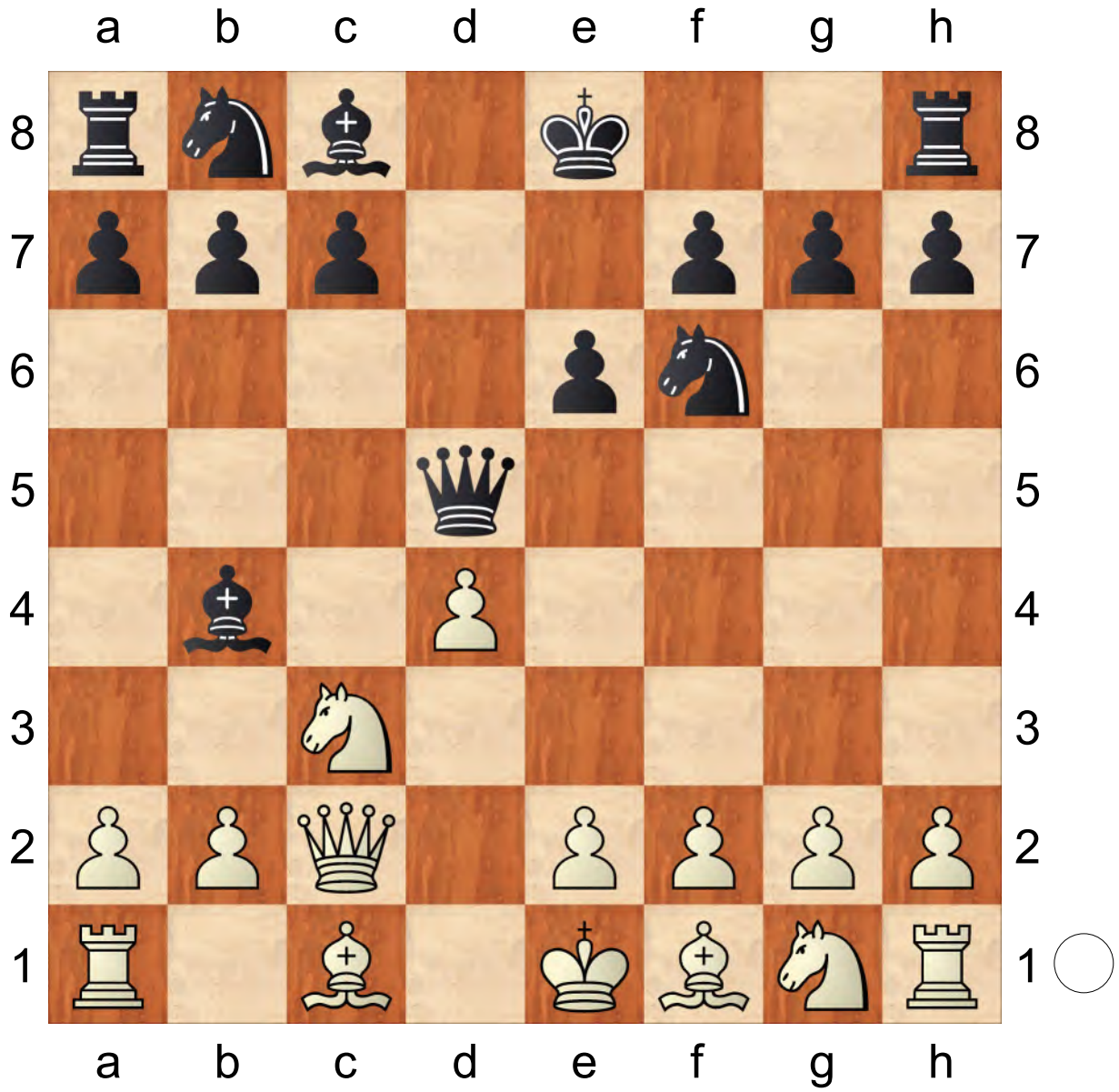
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5**

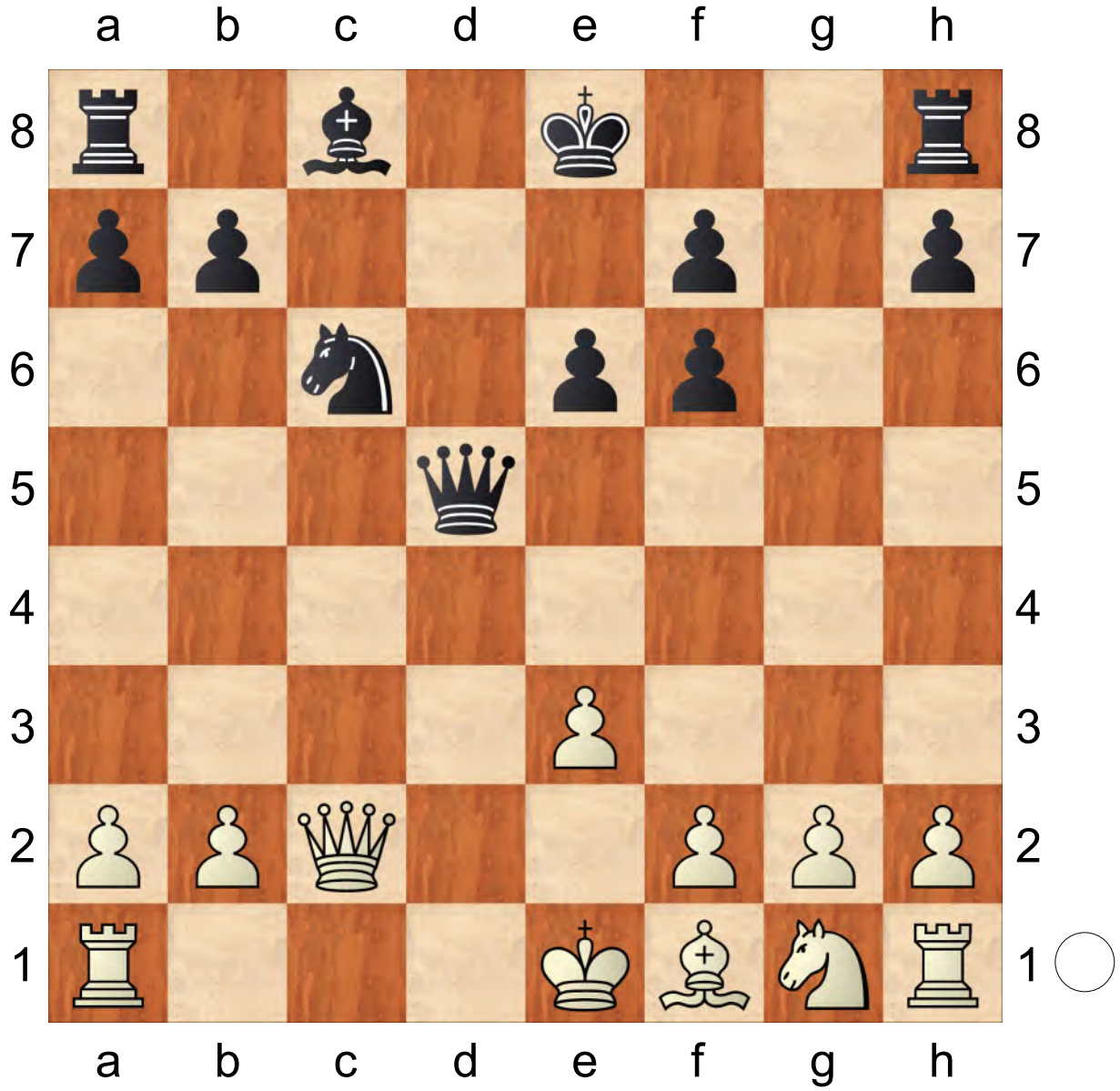


6.e3 c5 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 cxd4 9.Bxd4 Edward Dearing: '!?' Edward Dearing: 'In the last few years this line has emerged as a serious challenge to Black's set-up, and it is only very recently that Black has found the correct paths to a comfortable game.' **9...Nc6 10.Bxf6** Edward Dearing: '!?' Edward Dearing: 'The text compromises Black's kingside structure and is consequently a logical continuation of

White's play so far. However, practice has shown that this line of play promises White no advantage whatsoever,' After this exchange White can't claim on getting serious advantage.

[Edward Dearing: 'so most exponents of 8 Bxc3 prefer to preserve the bishop pair with' 10.Bc3!? Edward Dearing: ', hoping for a slight but enduring advantage. This line is considered in Shipov-Short and the subsequent game.' It's main line.See comments to Marcelin,C-David,A/France,2003/CBM 94(1-0)(Golod,V)(31)]

10...gxf6



11.Ne2 Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: 'Given the freshly weakened position of Black's kingside it makes sense to develop the knight to e2, thereby preserving the option of playing Ng3/f4-h5, or Nc3-e4, in either case with a view to harassing the f6-pawn.'

[11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Be2 *(12.a3 Rc8 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne5 15.Be2 Rg8*

16.f4 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Rxg4 18.g3 Rc2 19.Rb1 Bb5 20.b4 Ke7 21.Rg1 Rg8 22.Rg2 Rd8 0-1 K.Allen-A.Jackson, Port Erin 2001*)* 12...Rc8 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Ke7 15.Rac1 Rhd8 16.Rhd1 Nb4 was equal in E.Ibanez-S.B.Hansen, Badalona 1995.]

11...Bd7 Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: 'The text is best according to Anand,'

[but recently some players have been experimenting with 11...Qe5!? , after which play has continued 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Be2 f5 *(*or *13...Rd8 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfd1 Bc8 16.Qa4 a6 17.Qh4* ½-½ R.Leitao-G.Milos, Brazil 2004 *)* 14.Rd1 Ne7 15.Bf3 Bc6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Rd7 Rab8 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Qa4 Rxd7 21.Rxd7 b5 22.Qh4 b4 23.Na4 Rc8 24.Qg5+?! Qg7 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Nc5 Kf6 27.Nb3 Na5! 28.g4 Nxb3 29.axb3 fxg4 30.Rxa7 Rc2 31.Rb7 Rxb2 32.Rxb4 h5 , A.Belozerov-E.Solozhenkin, Sochi 2004. Black eventually won this ending, although at this stage a draw looks like a more probable result. In any case I think this game is more a case of White pressing too hard for an edge that isn't really there and ending up worse as a consequence.]

12.a3

[White takes a precaution to prevent 12...Nb4, as 12.Nc3 Nb4! is very comfortable for Black, e.g. 13.Qc1 Qg5 14.a3 Nc6 15.Ne4 Qe5 16.Bd3 0-0-0 17.f4 Qd5 18.Qc2 f5 19.Nc5 Rhg8 20.Rg1 Qd6 21.Kf2 Kb8 22.Rgd1 Qe7 23.Bb5 Ne5 24.Nxd7+ ½-½ E.Bareev-V.Anand, Monaco (blindfold) 2003.]

12...Qe5

[12...Na5!? 13.Rd1 Qe5 14.b4 Rc8 15.Qd2 Ba4 16.f4 Qc7 17.Rc1 Nc4 18.Qa2 b5 19.Nd4 0-0 20.Qf2 Qd6 21.Bd3 Nxe3 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Qh4+ Kg7 24.Qg3+ Kh7 25.Qh4+ ½-½ was Zhu Chen/Yasser Seirawan-Zhao Xue/Nigel Short, Yong Chuan 2003.]

13.Nc3 Golod,V: 'Leads to quieter game: ' **13...Nd4** Edward Dearing: '!?'

[13...f5!? 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.g3 Kb8 ±/= You can see annotations to game: Kasparov,G-Anand,V/New York,1995/CBM 49(½-½)(De Firmian,N)(29)

A) 16.Qa4 Qa5 17.Qf4+ Qe5 maintains the balance for Black,;

B) and 16.Bg2 should be met by Ne7! 17.Qd3 *(17.Rd4 Bc6* is equal *)* 17...Qc7 18.Qd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Bc6 again with a level position;

C) 16.Be2 Ne7 17.Qd3 Qc7 *(17...Bc6? 18.Qxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rxd8+ Kc7 20.Rhd1 Nd5 21.R8xd5 exd5 22.Rd4* is actually very awkward for Black on account of his weak pawn structure, despite the fact that he is a queen for rook and bishop up!*)* 18.Qd6 Bc6 19.Qxc7+ Kxc7 20.Rhe1 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Kxd8 23.Kd2 and White was a tiny bit better in G.Kasparov-V.Anand, PCA World Ch., New York 1995, on account of the fact that Black's kingside pawns are doubled and on light squares. Nevertheless, Black should hold a draw here without too much trouble, and indeed the players soon agreed to split the point.]

14.Qd1N

[Edward Dearing: 'The other games to have reached this position continued' Were checked in the preceding game: 14.Qd3!? Nf5 *(14...Nb3 15.Rd1 Bc6 16.Nb5*

Nc5 is an interesting alternative, assessed by Tsesarsky as giving rise to a level position *)* 15.Be2 *(15.e4!? Ne7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qe3 Kb8 18.f4 Qc7 19.Bd3 h5* Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: '. It is important for Black to make use of his semi-open file on the kingside to create some pressure.' *20.Rd2 h4 21.Rhd1 Bc6 22.Kb1 a6 23.Bc2* Edward Dearing: '½-½ E.Bareev-M.Adams, Enghien les Bains 2003.' ½-½ Bareev,E-Adams,M/Enghien les Bains,2003(23) *)* 15...0-0-0= Edward Dearing: 'was also pretty balanced in E.Bareev-B.Gelfand, Novgorod 1997' You can see comments to Bareev,E-Gelfand,B/Novgorod,1997/CBM 60(½-½)(Tsesarsky,I)(30)]

14...Nf5 Golod,V: '=' **15.Qc2**

[15.Bd3 Bc6]

[and 15.Be2 Nh4 16.g3 Bc6 17.0-0 Rd8! are both very comfortable for Black.]

15...0-0-0

[Leads to quieter game: 15...Nd4 16.Qd1 *(16.Qd3!?)* 16...Nf5=]

[≤15...Bc6 16.0-0-0 Nd6 *(≤16...0-0 17.Bd3!±)* 17.Kb1 0-0-0=]

(Diagram)

16.Bb5?! Edward Dearing: 'Exchanging bishops is time consuming and promptly lands White in a heap of trouble.'

[Edward Dearing: 'It would be more sensible to find some shelter for the white king via' Looks more trivial: 16.0-0-0!? Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: 'after which Golod gives the continuation' Bc6 17.Bd3

A) 17...Nd6 18.Kb1 Kb8 *(*Of course not: *18...Bxg2?? 19.f4+-)* 19.Qe2= Edward Dearing: 'is equal';

B) 17...Bxg2!? More complicated continuation is accepting the pawn sacrifice. 18.Rhg1

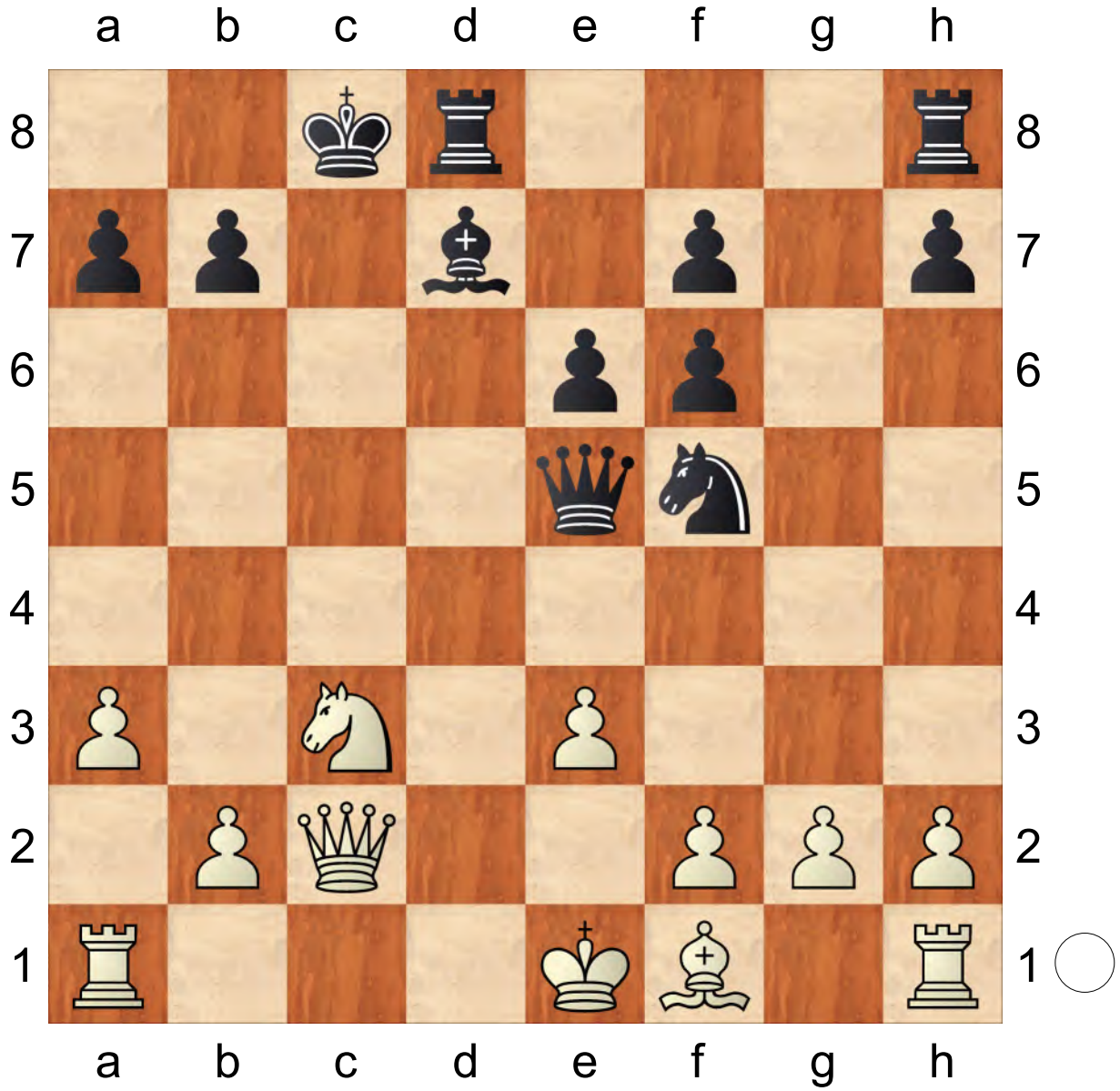
B1) 18...Bc6 19.Bxf5 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 exf5 21.Rd4⩲;

B2) 18...Bf3!? 19.Bxf5 exf5 *(≤19...Bxd1 20.Nxd1+ Kb8 21.Be4 Rc8 22.Nc3 f5 23.Bf3 Qxh2 24.Rh1 Qc7 25.Kb1± ±/=* White has two pieces for a rook,however Black has only one weakness,though the position is almost equal. *)* 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rg3 Bc6 22.Qe2 Be4 23.Rh3 Bd3 24.Qf3 Be4 25.Qe2= Edward Dearing: 'is again equal';

B3) 18...Bh3 19.Ne4+ Kb8 20.Kb1 h5 *(20...Nd6?! 21.f4 Qa5 22.Nxf6±)* 21.Qe2! Rh6 22.Bc2!

B3a) 22...Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rh8 *(23...Qc7 24.Qb5 a6 25.Qe8+ Ka7 26.Rd7 Qc6 27.Qxf7±)* 24.Rd7 Rc8 25.Rxf7**±**;

B3b) 22...Rc8 23.Rd7 a6! *(23...Qxh2?? 24.Qb5 Qxg1+ 25.Ka2 Rc7 26.Rd8+ Rc8 27.Nc5+- ΔNd6 28.Qxb7+ Nxb7 29.Na6+ Ka8 30.Rxc8#; 23...Rg6 24.Rxg6 fxg6 25.f4 Qa5 26.Nxf6±)* 24.f4 Qa5 25.Rxf7 Qb6! **Δ**26.Nxf6 Rxf6!! 27.Rxf6 Nxe3 28.Bd3 Bg4 29.Rxg4 *(29.Qf2? Qd4 30.Bh7 Rh8! 31.h3 Qxf6 32.Qxe3 Rxh7 33.hxg4 hxg4∓*



Edward Dearing: 'is clearly better for Black') 29...hxg4= Edward Dearing: 'with a big mess which he considers to be objectively level.']

16...Bxb5 17.Nxb5+ Kb8 18.Nc3 Rhg8 19.g3?! Edward Dearing: 'This protects the g-pawn but also gives rise to a chronic weakening of the light squares.' By making this move White has weakens all of his white squares.

[Edward Dearing: 'White's last chance to hold the balance lay in' ⌓19.Rd1! Edward Dearing: '!'

A) 19...Nh4 Edward Dearing: '!?' Edward Dearing: 'is also interesting' 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qe4! Ng6 *(21...Qxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxg2+ 23.Ke2 f5 24.Ng5 Nh4=; 21...Qg5 22.g3 Ng6 23.0-0=)* 22.Qxe5+ Nxe5 23.Ke2 Nc4 24.Rd1 Rxd1 *(24...Rf8 25.Rd7 ΔNxb2 26.Ne4↑)* 25.Nxd1=;

B) 19...Nd6 20.0-0=;

C) 19...Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 a6 *(20...Qc5 21.0-0=)* 21.0-0 Nh4 22.g3 Qf5 23.f3

Edward Dearing: 'when the reduced material means that White can hold on.' Qe5 24.Qe2 Nf5 25.Ne4 Nd6=]

19...Nd4↑ 20.Qd1

[20.Qa4? Nf3+ 21.Ke2 Qh5 22.Qf4+ Ne5+ *(22...e5!?)*

A) 23.f3 Ka8 Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: 'frees the e5-knight to cause White problems' 24.h3 *(24.Raf1 Nd3→)* 24...Nd3 25.Qxf6 Qc5! 26.Qh4 Nxb2 27.Qb4 Qxb4 28.axb4 Rxg3 29.Rag1 Rg6∓;

B) 23.Kf1 Rg5 Edward Dearing: '!' 24.Qxf6 Rc8 25.Qe7 Qh3+ 26.Ke2 *(26.Ke1 Rf5→)* 26...Qf5 27.Qd6+ Ka8 28.Rhc1 Rgg8→ Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: 'with the threat of 29...Qh5+ gives Black a dangerous attack according to Golod.']

20...Nb5

[=20...h5 Edward Dearing: '!?' 21.0-0 Nb5 22.Qb3 *(22.Qc2 Nxc3 23.bxc3 h4* transfers to the game.*)* 22...Nxc3 23.bxc3 h4! Edward Dearing: 'enhances Black's pressure on the kingside.' By exchanging "h" pawns Black makes new threats on white's king. 24.Rab1 b6 25.Rfd1 hxg3 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.hxg3 Rc8∓ *(27...Rh8∓)*]

(Diagram)

21.Qc2 Nxc3 22.bxc3 h5

[Edward Dearing: 'Now that White's queenside structure has been weakened it makes sense to go after the c3-pawn with' ⌓22...Rc8!? Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: ', for example' 23.0-0 *(23.Rc1 h5* Edward Dearing: 'and' *24.0-0 h4 25.Rfd1 hxg3 26.hxg3* Golod,V: 'and White has no time to the exchange operation that happened in the game.' *Rh8∓* Golod,V: '↑' Edward Dearing: 'are both good for Black' Edward Dearing: 'give Black a big plus' *)*

A) 23...h5 24.c4! *(*Edward Dearing: 'Golod notes that' *24.Rad1?! Rxc3 25.Qh7 Rgc8 26.Qxf7 Rxa3 27.Rc1 Rac3 28.Rxc3 Rxc3 29.Rb1 b6∓; 24.Rac1 h4 25.Rfd1 hxg3 26.hxg3* and White has no time to the exchange operation that happened in the game. *Rh8↑)* 24...Rg4 25.Rac1 h4 when White is in some trouble.;

B) 23...f5 Edward Dearing: '!?' 24.Rac1 h5 *(24...Rc4 25.Rfd1 Rgc8 26.Rd4∞)* 25.Rfd1 h4 26.Rd7 Rc7 27.Qd3 hxg3 28.hxg3 Rgc8∓ Edward Dearing: 'is slightly better for Black according to Golod']

23.0-0 h4 Golod,V: 'transfers to the game.'

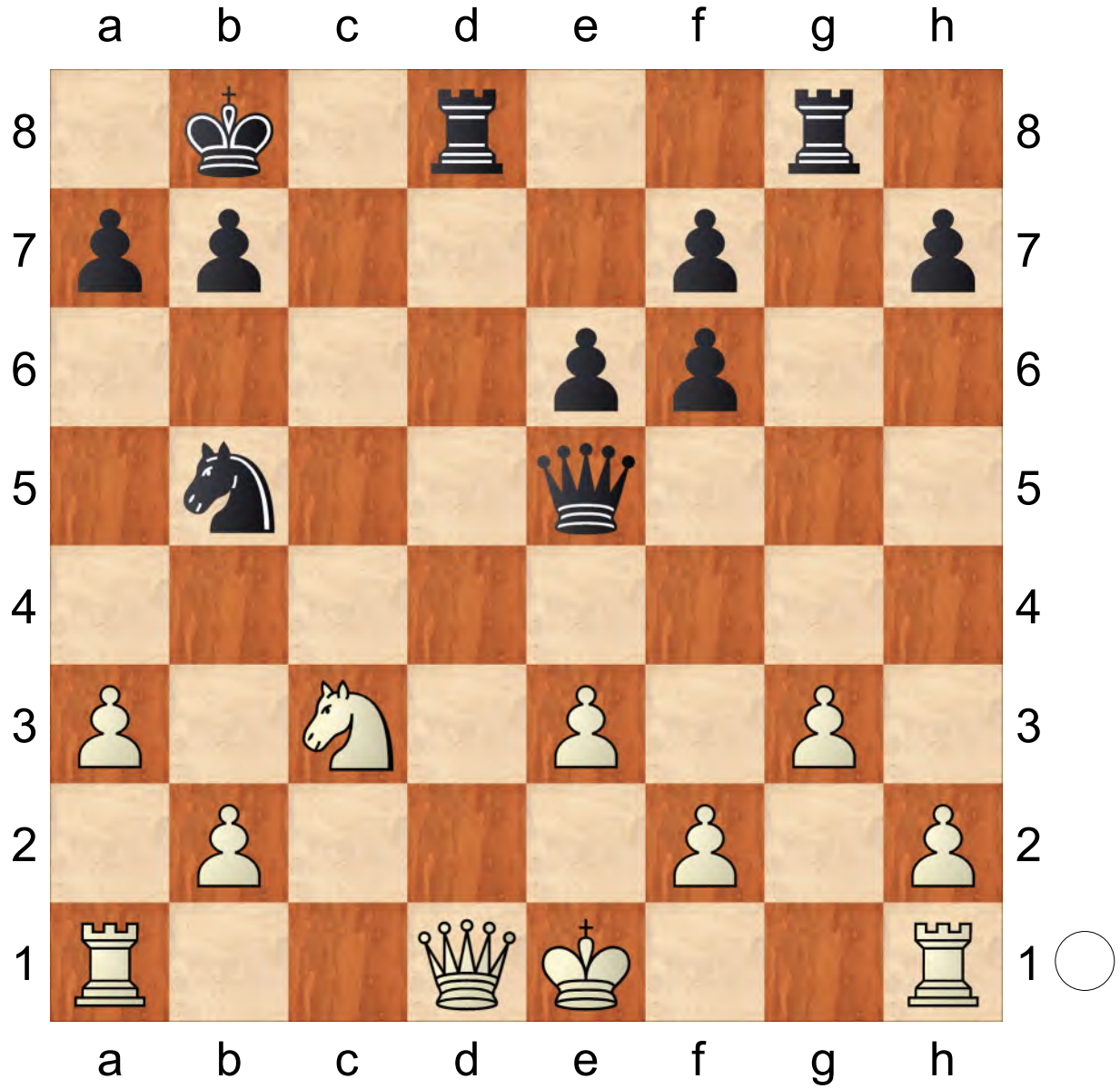
[23...Rc8!? you can see comments to 22...Rc8]

24.Rfd1! Rc8

[24...hxg3 25.hxg3 Qh5 26.Kg2 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rh8 28.Qd3⇄]

25.c4!?

[It was interestingly: 25.Rd7!? hxg3 26.hxg3 ΔRxc3?! 27.Qh7! *(* dubious is: *27.Qb2?* in view of *Rc7∓)*

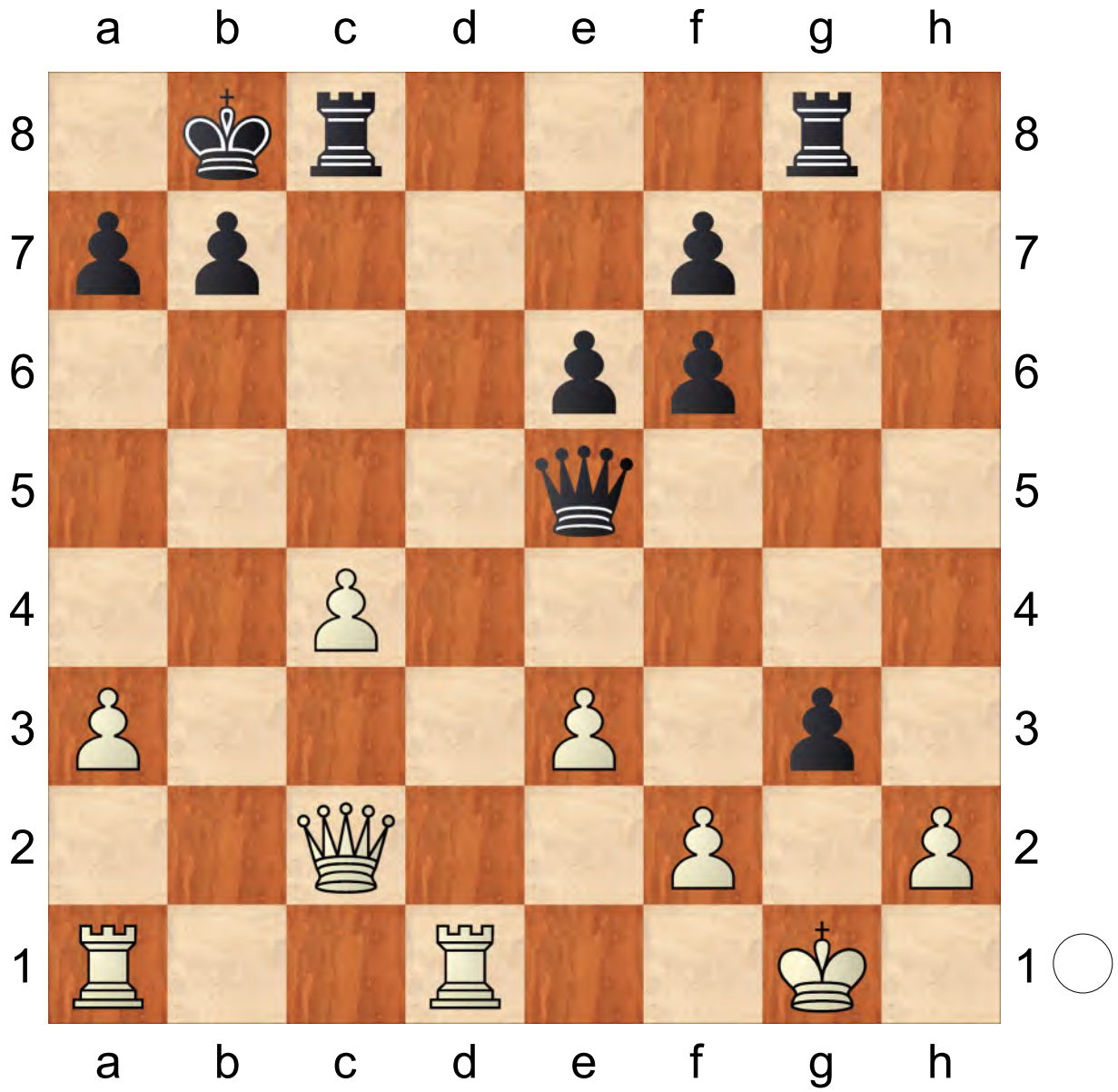


A) 27...Rf8 28.Rad1 *(*Of course not: *28.Rxf7?? Rxf7 29.Qxf7 Rc7-+)* 28...a6 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Qxf7 Ka7 31.Qe7 f5 32.Qb4=;
B) 27...Rxg3+! 28.fxg3 Qxe3+ 29.Kg2 Qf3+ *(=29...Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+=)* 30.Kh2 Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qf3+ 32.Kh2=;
C) 27...Rgc8 28.Rxf7 Qd5 29.e4 Qb5
C1) 30.Rxf6?! Qe5 31.Qh6 *(31.Qg6? Rf3!! 32.Rxf3 Qxa1+ 33.Kg2 Rh8-+)* 31...Rxg3+! 32.fxg3 Qxa1+ 33.Kg2 Qxa3 34.Rxe6 *(34.Qf4+ Ka8 35.Rxe6?? Qa2+)* 34...Qb2+! 35.Kf3 a5∓ White's king is too weak and White can't protect his pawns, because of it.;
C2) 30.Qh6! Qe5 31.Qxf6 Rxg3+! 32.fxg3 Qxg3+ 33.Kh1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1 Qg3+ 35.Kh1= *(35.Kf1 Qh3+=)*]

[Edward Dearing: 'Vitoli Golod has pointed out that it would have been easier to hold the balance with' Another way to equal the position was: 25.Rd4

Edward Dearing: '!' hxg3 26.hxg3 Rh8 27.Rb1 Qh5 *(Edward Dearing: 'or' 27...b6 28.Qd3 Qh5 29.Rh4 Qf3 30.Rbb4=* Edward Dearing: '!') 28.Rxb7+! Edward Dearing: '.' *(28.Rh4 Qd5∓)* 28...Kxb7 29.Qb1+ Kc7 30.Rc4+ Kd8 31.Rh4 Qxh4 32.gxh4 Rxh4 33.f4 Rh5 34.Qb7 Rc7 35.Qb8+ Kd7 36.Qf8 Kc6 37.Qa8+ Kd7 38.Qf8=]

25...hxg3



26.hxg3 Rg4

[26...Rh8 27.Rab1 Qh5 28.Qe4 Rc7∓]

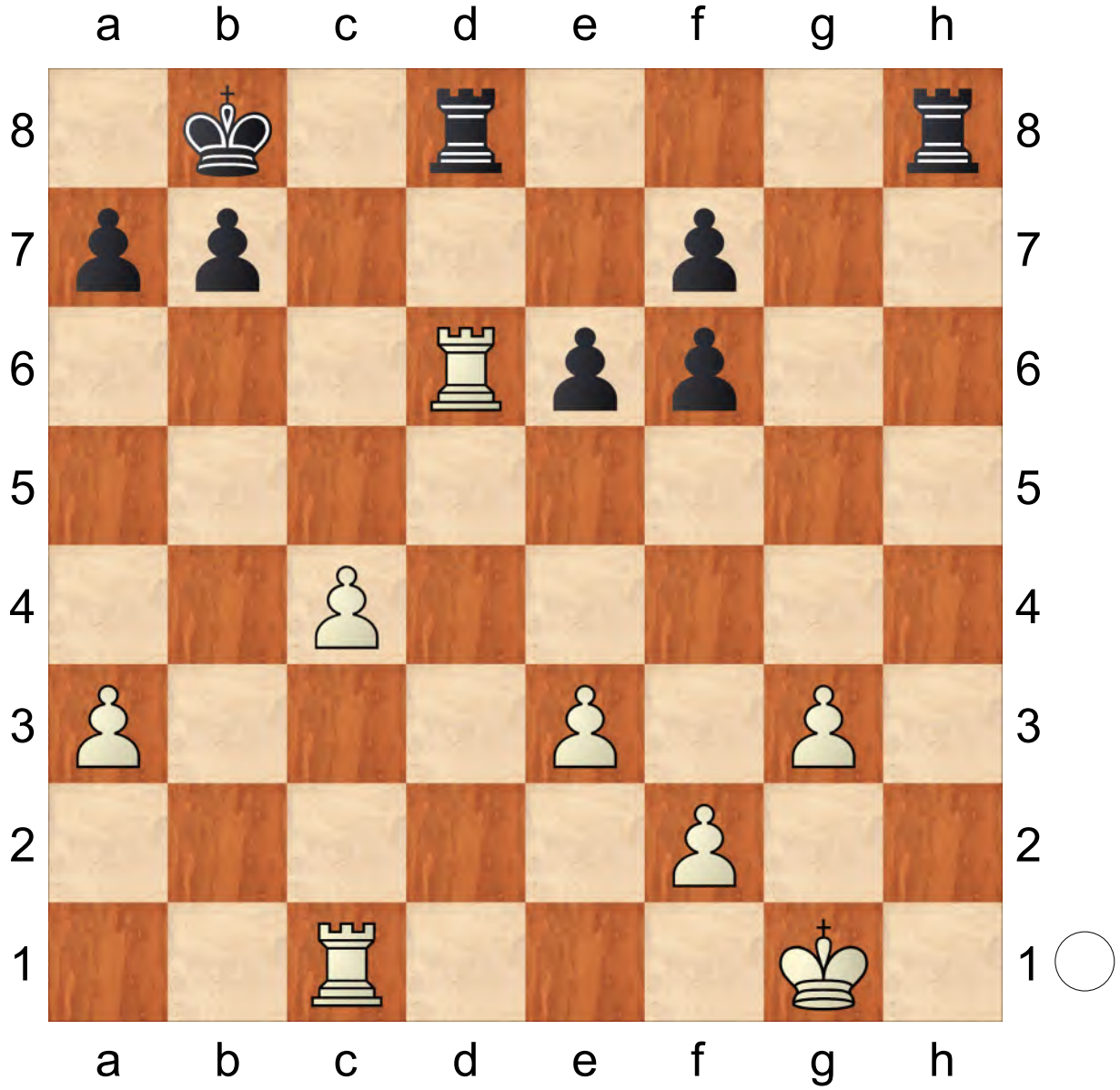
27.Rac1 Rh8

[Hardly it was better: 27...Qh5 28.Qd3 Rh8 29.Qd6+ Kc8 30.Qd7+ Kb8 31.Qd6+=]

[or 27...Qc5 28.Rd7 Qxa3 29.c5!

A) 29...Rg5? 30.c6! bxc6 *(30...Rxc6?? 31.Rxb7+ Kxb7 32.Qxc6+ Kb8*

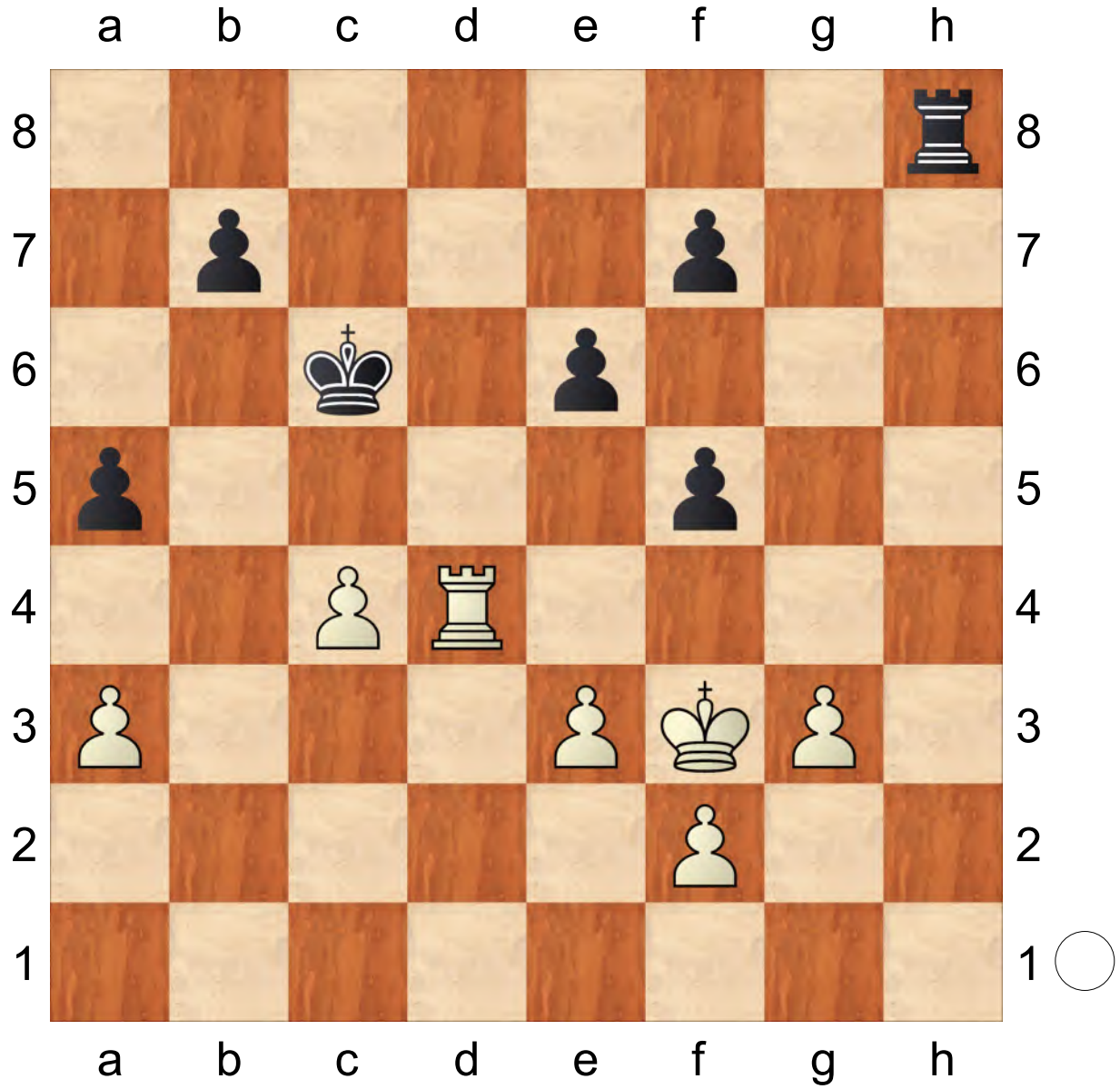
33.Qc8#) 31.Rxf7±;
B) 29...Rxg3+! 30.fxg3 Qxe3+ 31.Kg2 *(=31.Kh2 Rh8+ 32.Kg2 Rg8)* 31...Rg8 32.Rd2 Qxg3+ 33.Kh1 Qf3+ 34.Rg2 Qh3+ 35.Rh2 *(35.Kg1? Rxg2+ 36.Qxg2 Qe3+-+)* 35...Qf3+=]
28.Qd2 Rgg8 29.Qd6+ Qxd6 30.Rxd6= Rd8



⇔d **31.Rcd1 Rxd6 32.Rxd6** Edward Dearing: 'With best play this rook ending should obviously be drawn; however, White's shattered queenside pawns give Black slightly better chances of pulling something out of the hat.' **32...Kc7 33.Rd4 Kc6 34.Kg2 f5 35.Kf3 a5**

(Diagram)

Black's only idea to create the free pawn on line "a" . White's rook has to wait ,until



Black's rook wiil leave the last line, and White will attack the "f" pawn, or exchange pawns on the king side. **36.g4!?**

[Deserves attention: 36.Ke2 Rh1 *(If black waites, for example: 36...a4* then White has a new idea: *37.Rh4! Rd8 38.Rd4 Rh8 39.Rh4=)* 37.Rd8 Ra1 38.Rc8+ Kb6 39.c5+ Kb5 40.Rc7 Rxa3 41.Rxb7+ Kxc5 42.Rxf7 Rb3 43.Re7 Rb6 44.Kd3 Kb4 45.Kc2 Ka3 46.f3 a4 47.g4=]

[36.Rh4?! Rd8 37.Ke2 *(37.Rd4?? Rxd4 38.exd4 b5 Δ39.c5 b4 40.axb4 a4!-+)* 37...Kc5∓]

36...Rh3+ 37.Kg2?!

[37.Kf4?! f6 38.Rd8 Rh4 39.f3 fxg4 40.fxg4 *(≤40.Kg3 Rh1 41.Kxg4 Rc1∓)* 40...f5 41.Ke5 fxg4 42.Rc8+ Kd7 43.Rg8 Rh3 44.Ke4 g3∓]

[Edward Dearing: 'Moving the king toward the centre with' ⌓37.Ke2 Edward Dearing: 'was better' fxg4 38.Rxg4 Kc5 39.Rg5+ f5 40.Rg6 Kxc4

41.Rxe6=]

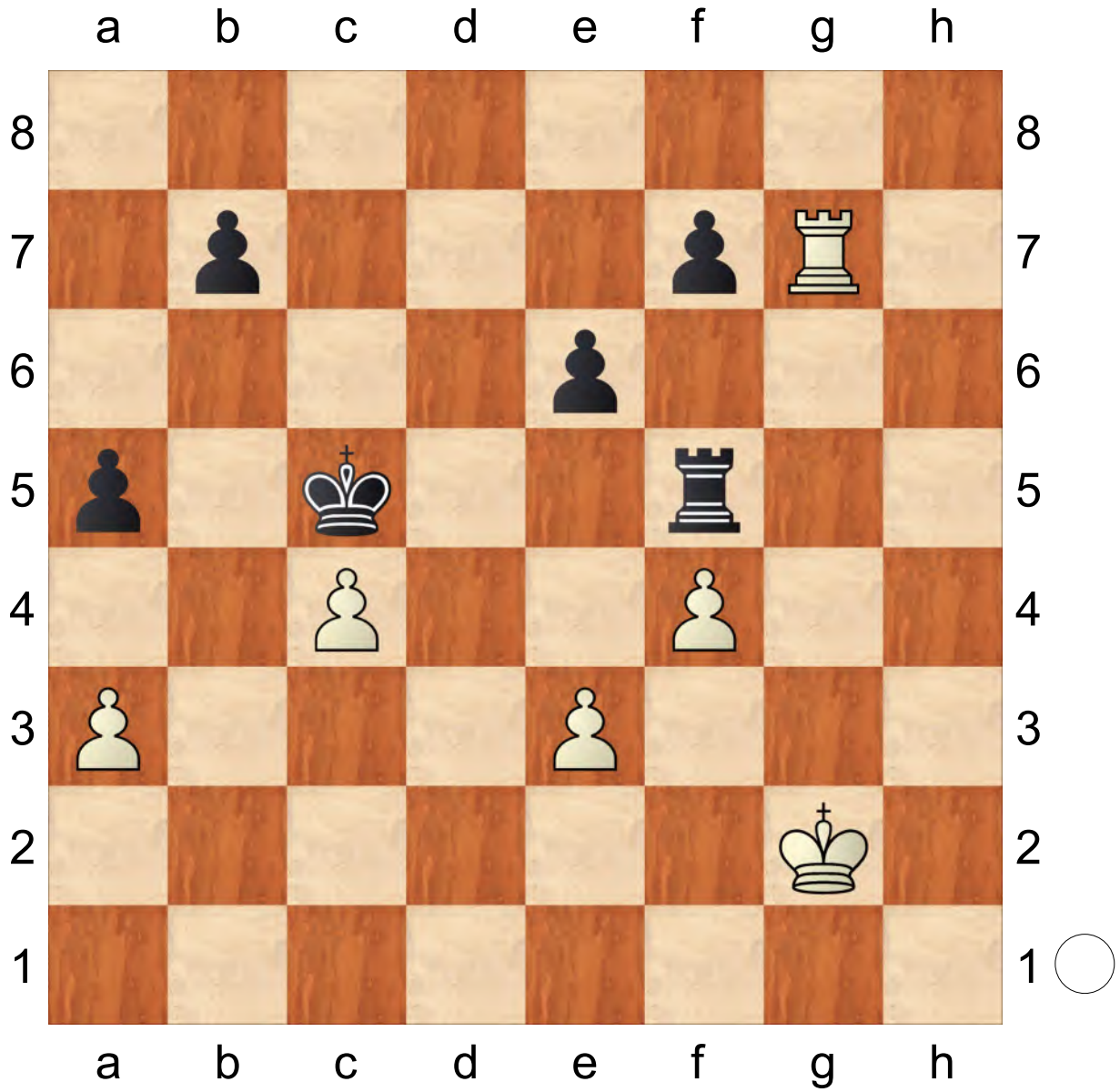
37...fxg4 38.Rxg4 Rh5 39.Rg7

[It was better immediately: 39.Rg8]

39...Rf5 40.f4?? Edward Dearing: '?' Edward Dearing: 'This drops the c4-pawn and consequently loses.' Painful blunder leading to immediate loss.

[Edward Dearing: 'In fact White could probably have held on with' Still enough for a drawn game was: 40.Rg8 b5 41.cxb5+ Kxb5 42.Rg4 Edward Dearing: '!' Edward Dearing: '.' Rd5 43.Kf3 Rd2 44.Rf4 f5 45.e4! Rd3+ 46.Ke2 Rd4 47.Ke3 Rxe4+ 48.Rxe4 fxe4 49.Kxe4 Ka4 50.Ke5 Kxa3 51.Kxe6 a4 52.f4 Kb2 53.f5 a3 54.f6 a2 55.f7 a1Q 56.f8Q=]

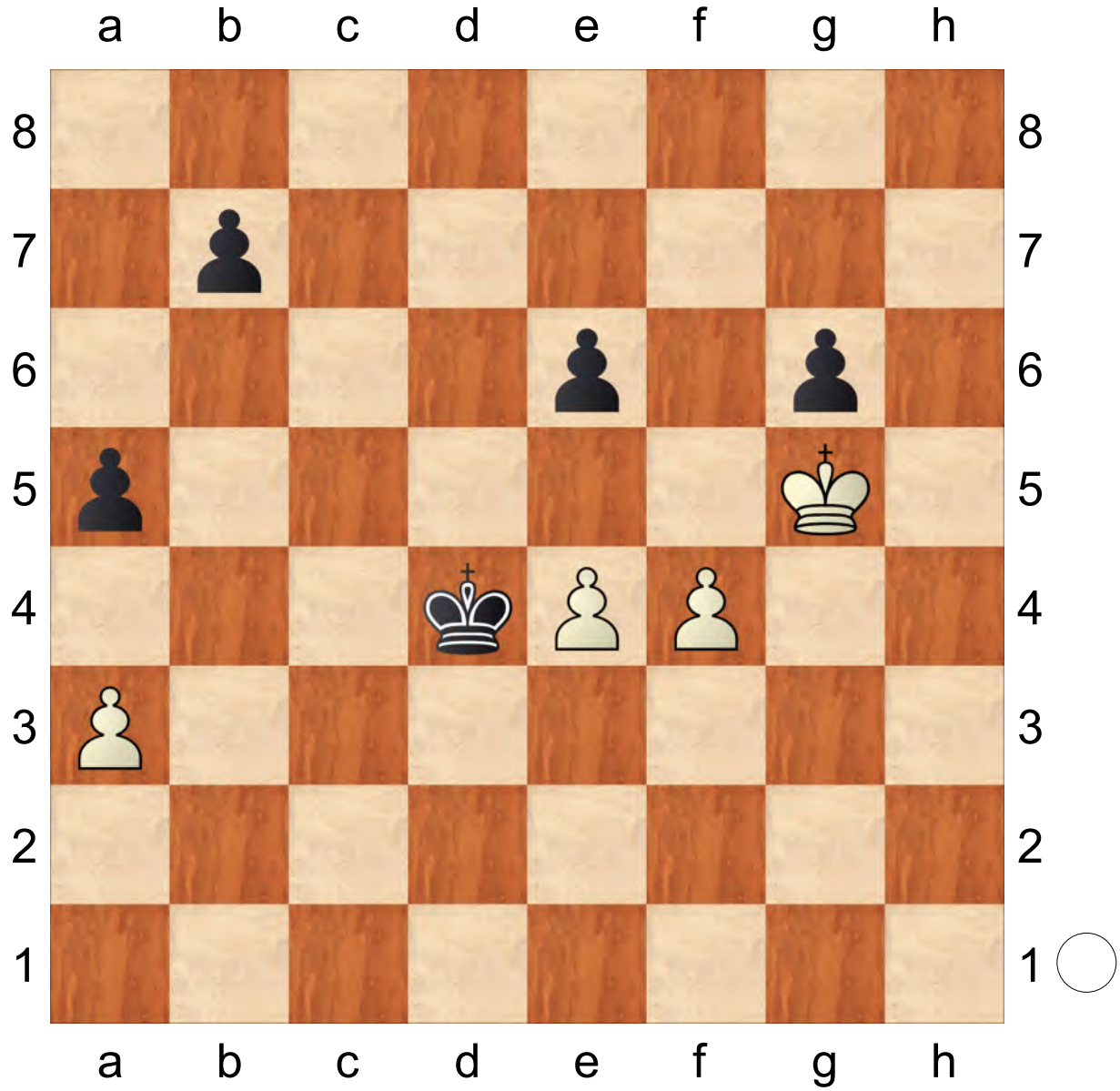
40...Kc5



41.Kf3 Kxc4 42.e4 Rf6 43.Kg4

[43.e5 Rf5 44.Ke4 Kb3! 45.Rg3+ Ka4 46.Rf3 Rh5-+]

43...Kd4 44.Kg5 Rg6+! The rest is just a matter of technique. **45.Rxg6 fxg6**



46.e5 b5 47.Kxg6 b4 48.axb4
[48.f5 b3! 49.fxe6 b2 50.e7 b1Q+-+]
48...axb4 49.f5 b3 50.fxe6 b2

(Diagram)

51.e7 b1Q+ 52.Kg7 Qg1+ 53.Kf7 Qf1+ 54.Kg7 Qg2+ 55.Kf7 Qf3+

(Diagram)

56.Kg7 Qh5 57.Kf8 Qf5+

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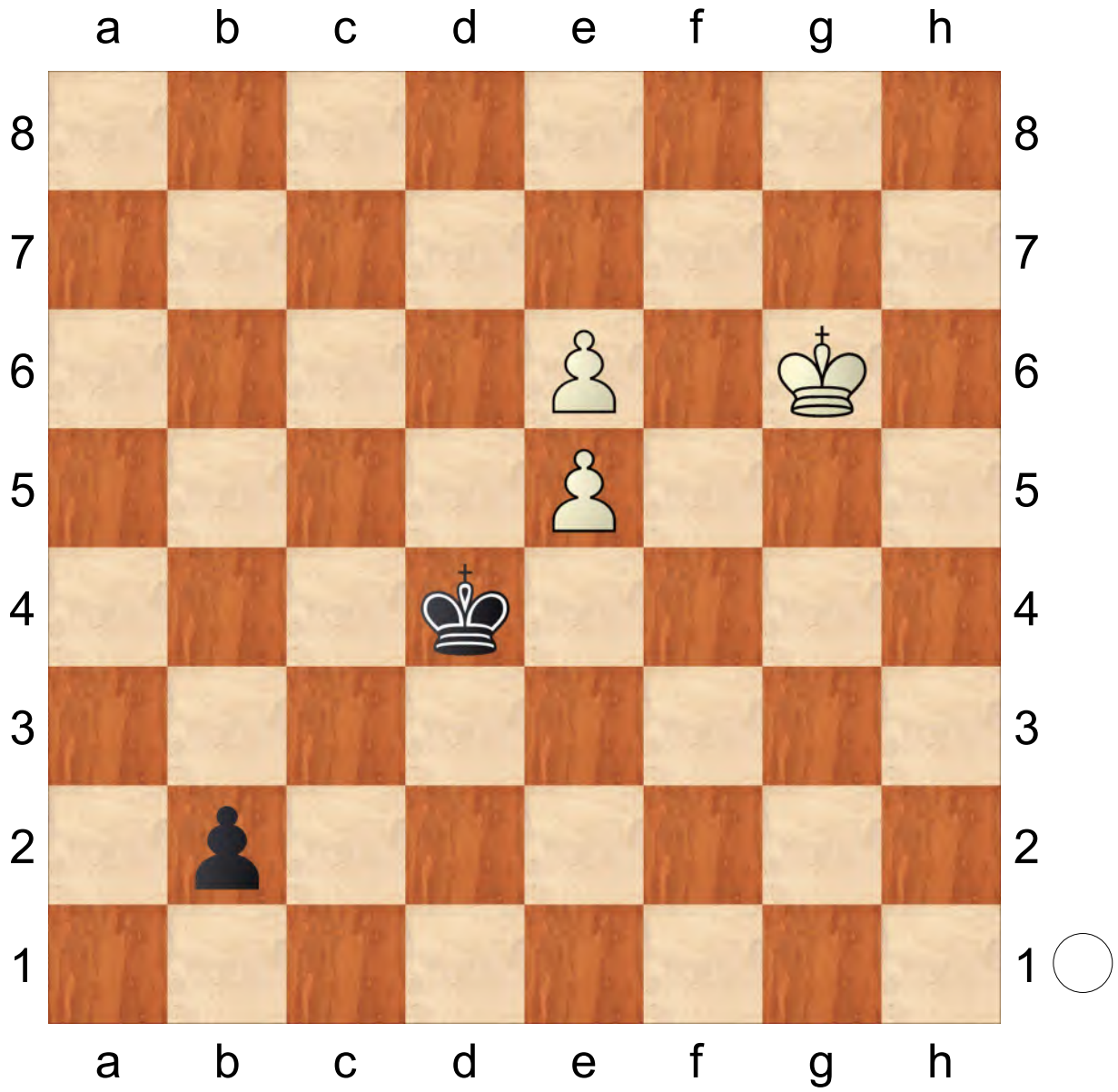
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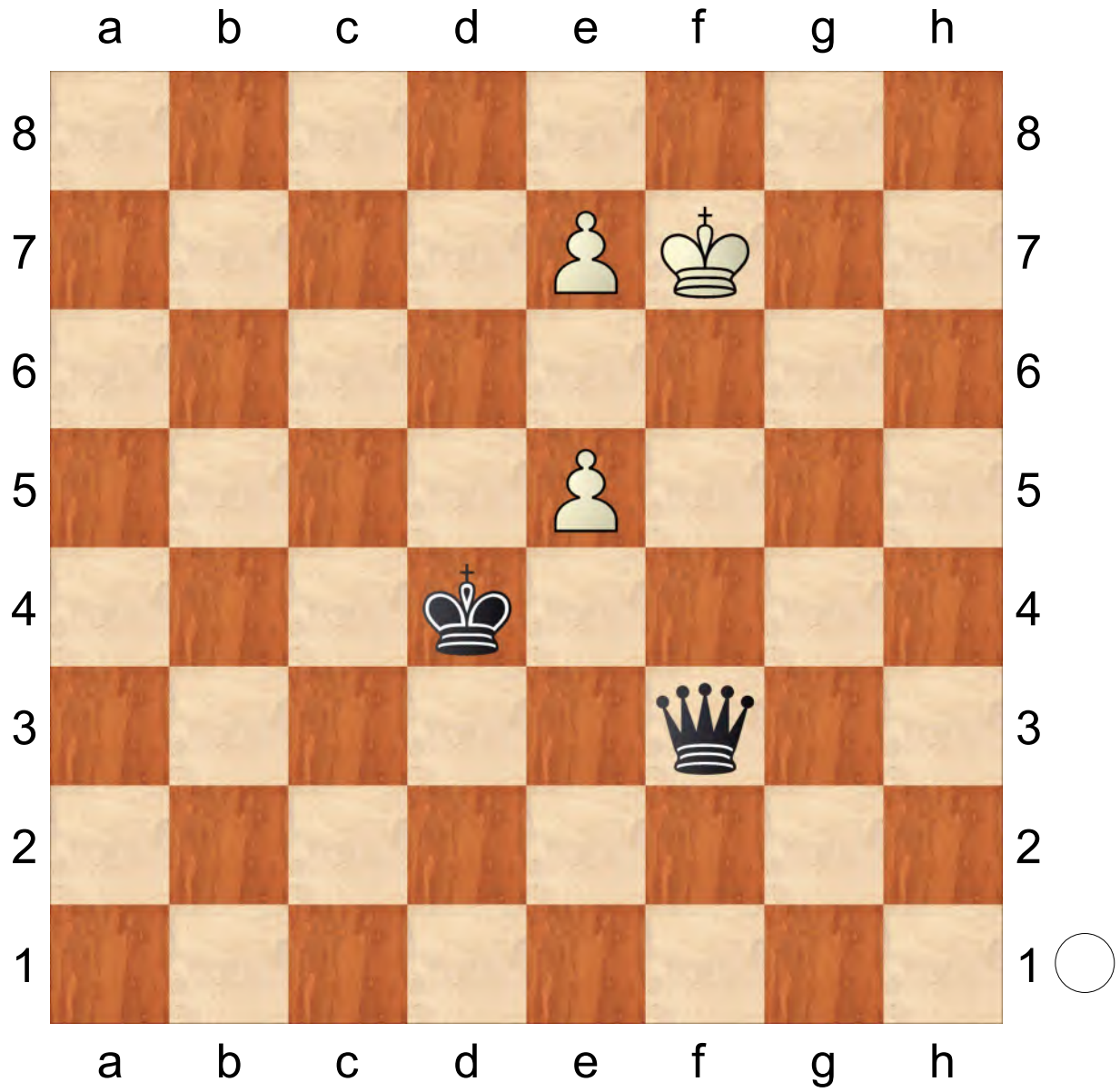
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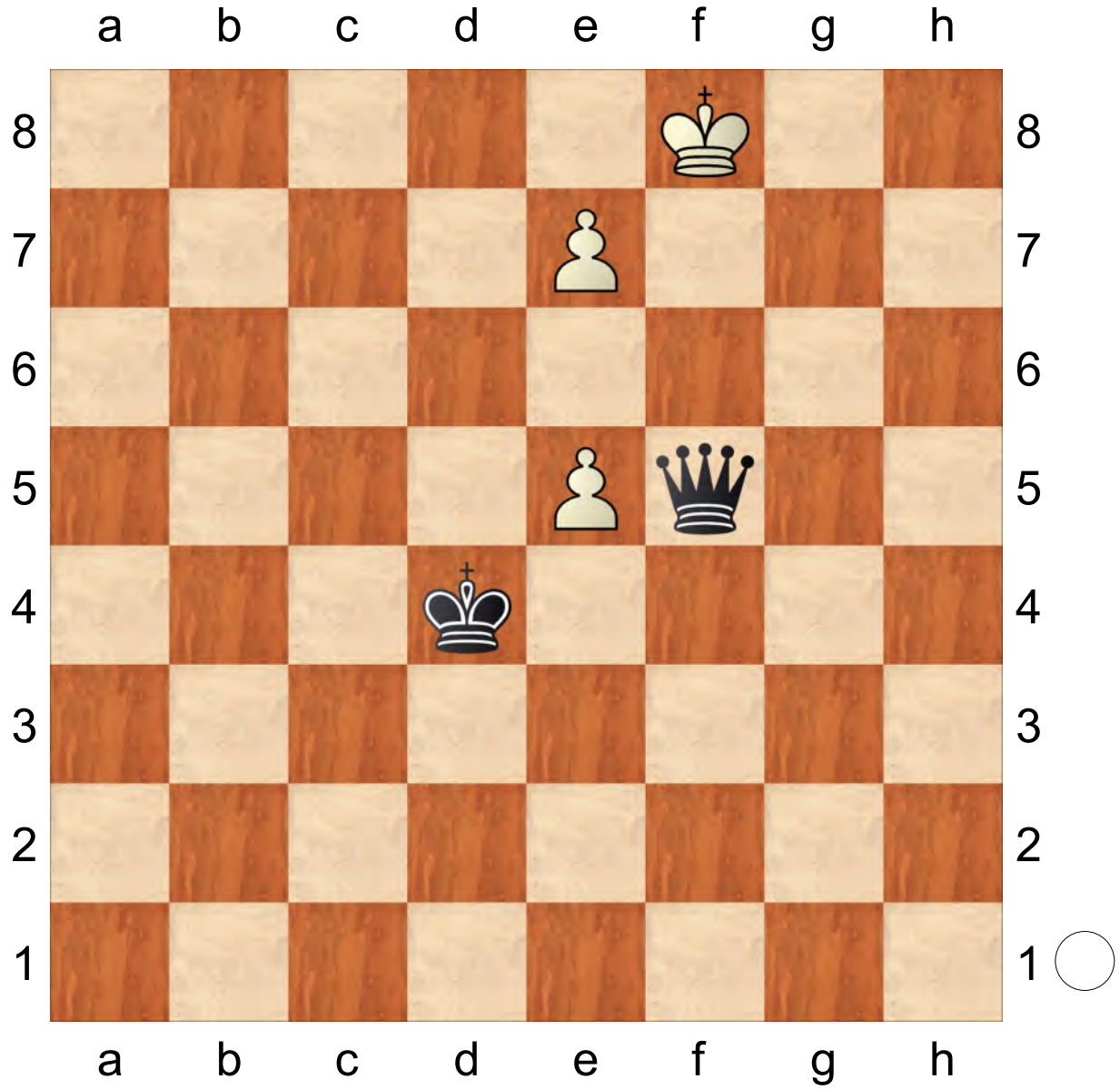

Edward Dearing: '. Game 9 Conclusions: The line with 6 e3 c5 7 Bd2 Bxc3 8 Bxc3 cxd4 9 Bxd4!? has proven very popular in practice; however, meeting 9...Nc6 with 10 Bxf6!? is definitely not the way for White to strive for an advantage. Although 10 Bxf6!? gxf6 compromises Black's pawn structure, this is of only very limited significance. The black king has a comfortable home on the queenside, the g-file can be made use of by a rook, and the doubled f-pawns can in some cases be used to control the e4-square via ...f6-f5. --- If White is really going to play for an edge in this system then 10 Bc3!, preserving the bishop pair, is the way to challenge Black's set-up, and this is examined in Shipov-Short.'

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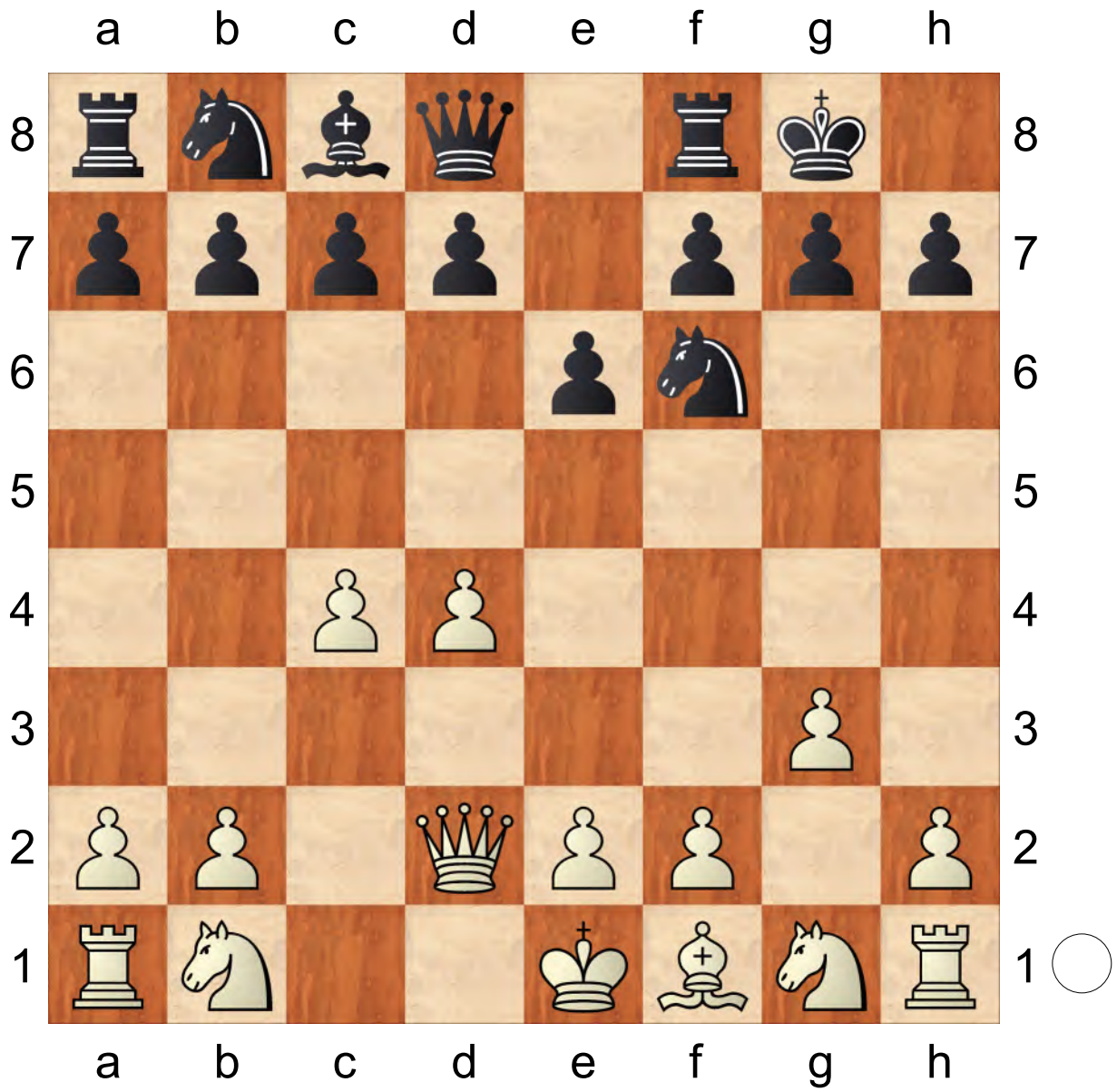
[Postny,Evgeny]

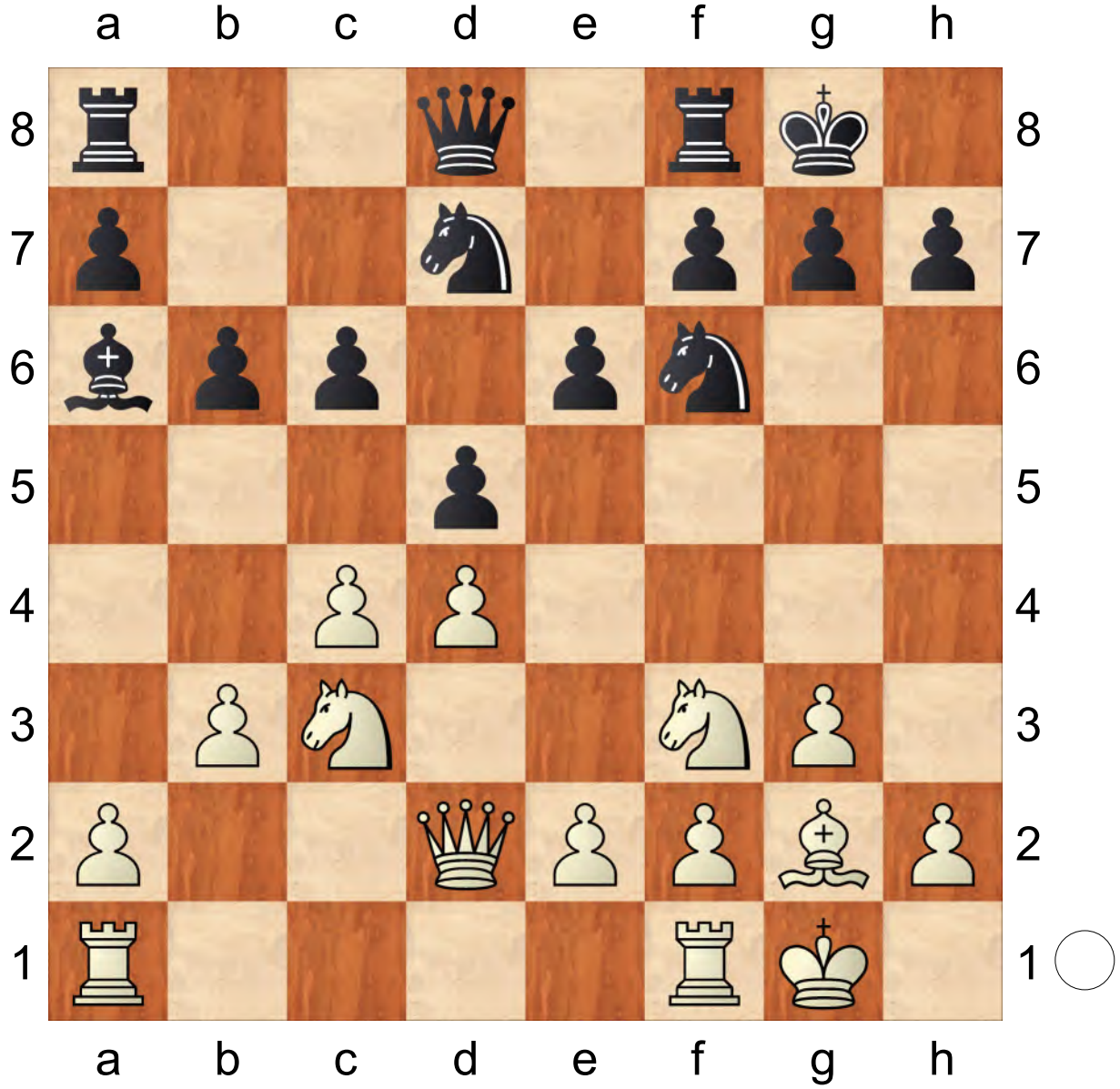
1.d4 Postny,E **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Bxd2+ 5.Qxd2 0-0**



6.Bg2 d5 7.Nf3 c6 We have reached a Closed Catalan structure, but without the dark-squared bishops. White has a slight advantage in space, but Black is very solid.
8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.b3 b6
[9...b5!? seems to be a good option. 10.cxb5 cxb5 11.0-0 *(The pawn is taboo: 11.Nxb5?? Ne4 12.Qd3 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 a6-+)* 11...Qb6=]

10.0-0 Ba6

[10...Bb7 is more accurate. 11.Rfd1 *(11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ng5 Nf6 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7* followed by one of the rooks to d8, then c6-c5 at some point, equalising.*)* 11...Qe7 12.Rac1 Rfd8 13.Qf4 Rac8 14.e4 Ba6?! It's preferable to exchange everything on e4. 15.e5 Ne8 16.Bf1± ½-½ (37) Xiong, J (2652)-Bruzon Batista,L (2652) Saint Louis 2017]



11.Qc2

[11.Ne5! Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.f4 Qe7 14.Rfd1 Rad8 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Rac1 f6 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.e3 and White is marginally better.]

11...Rc8 I declined the challenge and didn't grab the pawn.

[11...dxc4 12.bxc4 *(12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.bxc4 Bxc4 15.Ne4* Postny,E: ' ⩲' *Ba6 16.Nd6⩱)* 12...Bxc4 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 *(14...Nd5*

15.Ne4⩲) 15.Rfd1⩲]

12.Rfd1 b5!? Changing the structure.

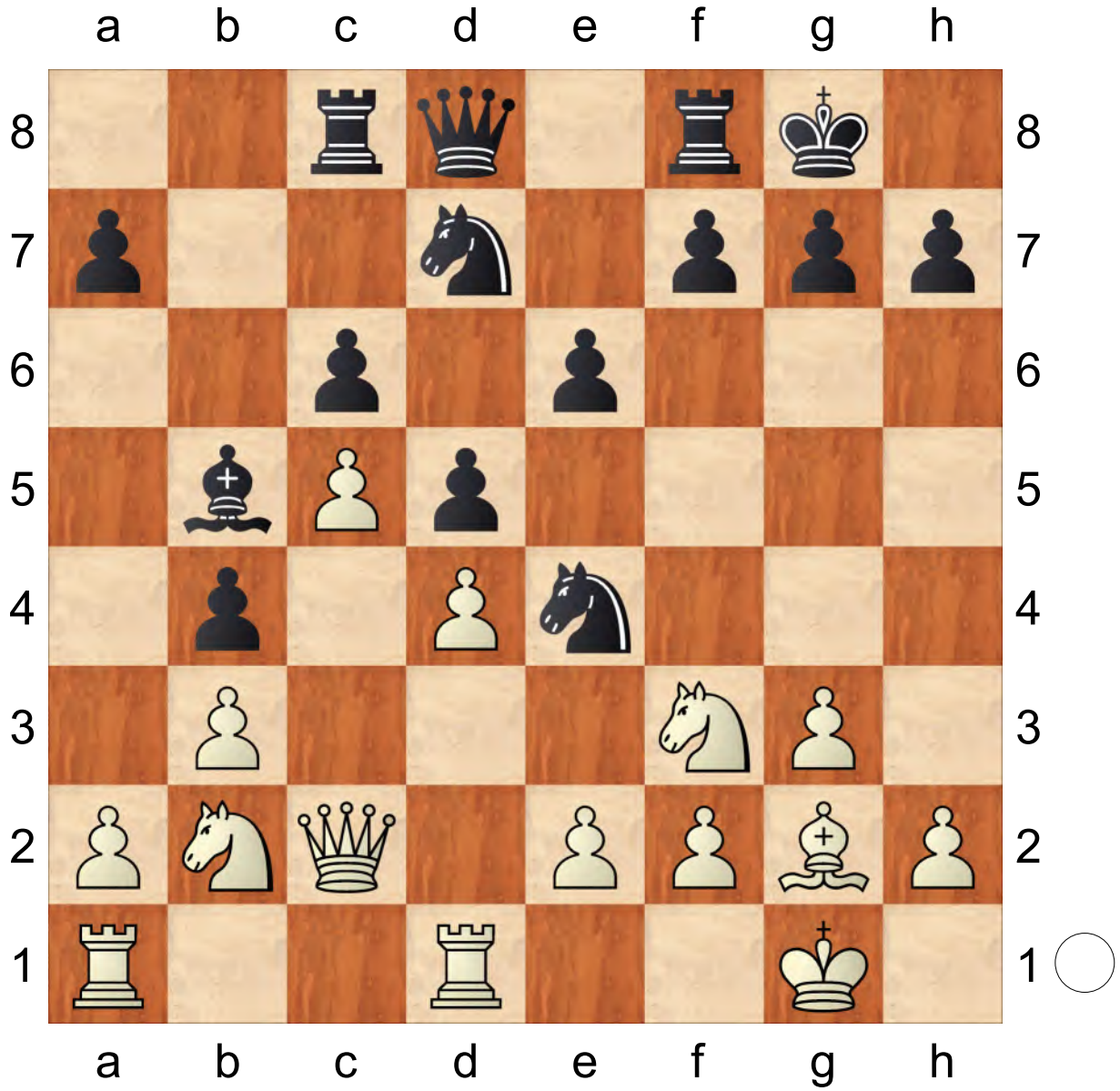
[12...dxc4?! Now it's worse than on the previous move since White's rook is already on d1. 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd5?! *(14...Nd7 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.f4±)* 15.bxc4 *(15.e4? Nb4∓)* 15...Bxc4 16.Ne4±]

[There was nothing wrong with a useful move, like 12...Qe7 If now 13.e4 then dxc4 14.e5 Nd5 15.bxc4 Bxc4 16.Ne4 Ba6 17.Nd6 Rc7 White still has to prove his compensation, even though his knight on d6 is quite annoying.]

13.c5 b4 This is forced, otherwise my position will be cramped. **14.Na4** I would prefer to transfer the knight to d2 via b1.

[14.Nb1 Bb5 15.a3 a5 16.e3 Ra8 17.Nbd2 Qc7 with decent play.]

14...Bb5 15.Nb2 Ne4



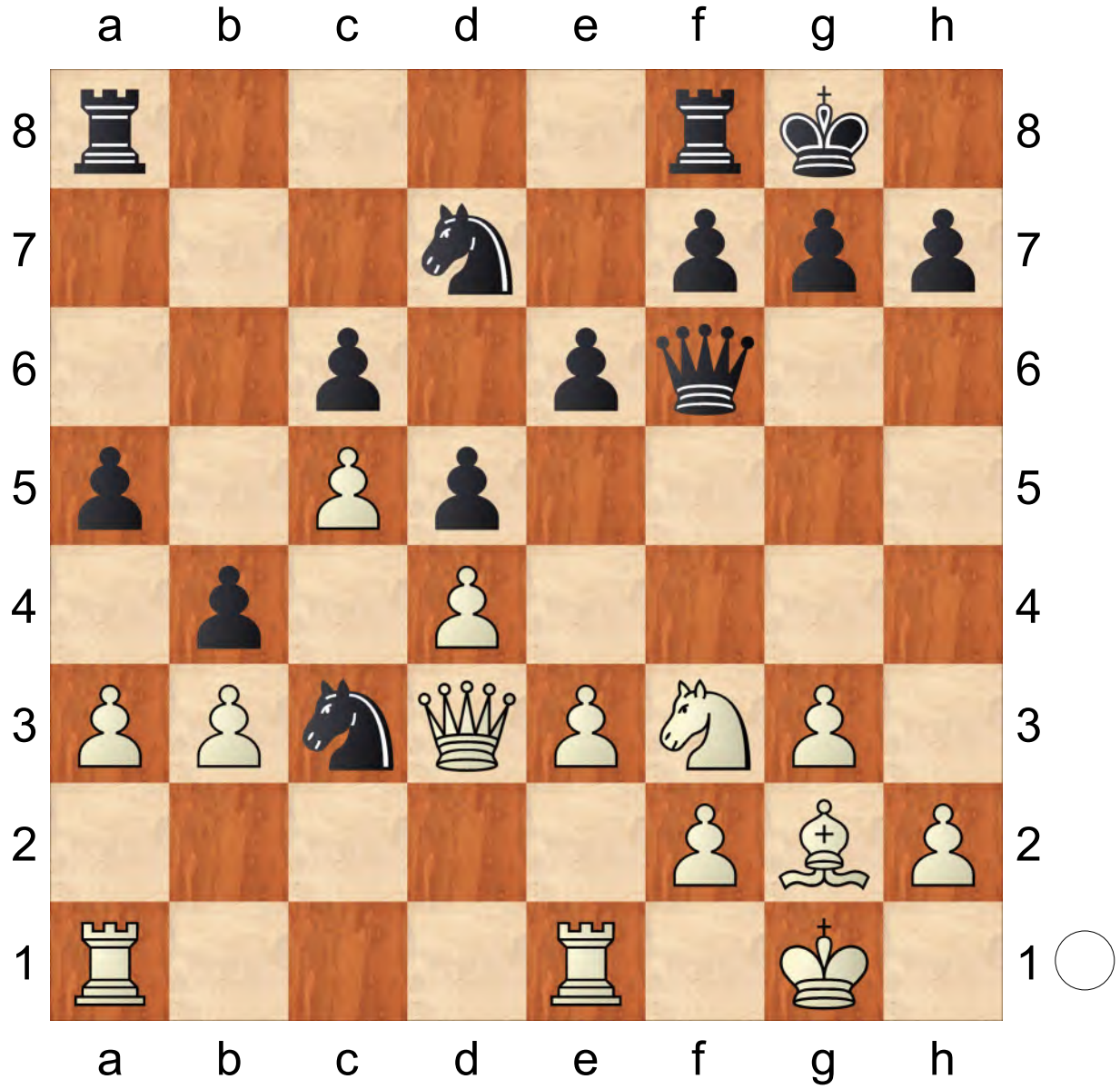
The position is balanced. Black has some active pieces and his plan is the advance

e6-e5. The b4-pawn is a potential target, but it's not easy for White to attack it. **16.a3 a5 17.e3 Ra8 18.Nd3**

[18.Ne5 Nc3 *(18...Nxe5? 19.Bxe4* is a small trick*)* 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Re1 e5=]

18...Nc3 19.Re1 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qf6?

[20...Qc7 preparing e6-e5 at certain point. Black will have no problems.]



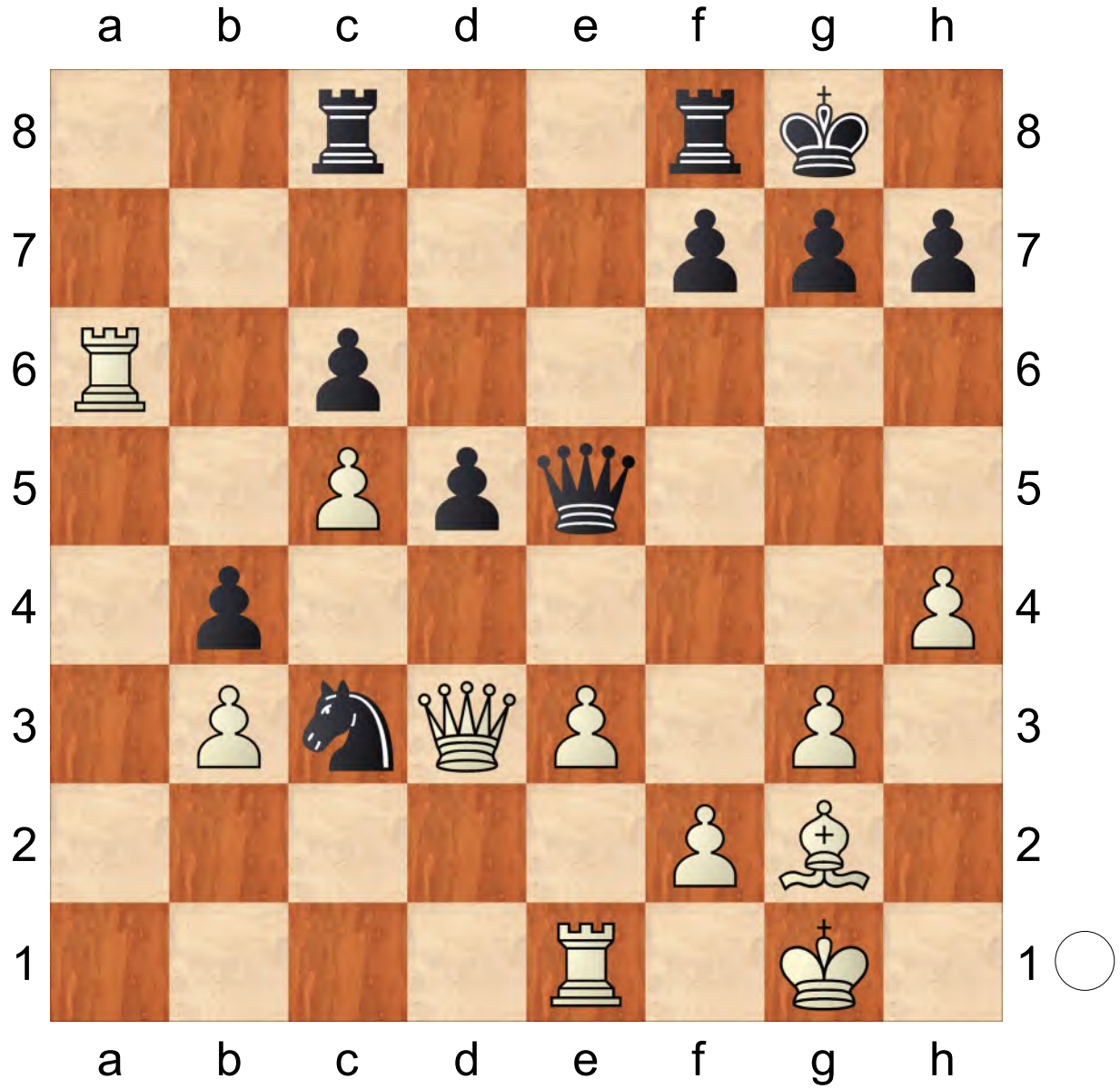
That's an oversight. **21.axb4 axb4 22.Ra6!±** Simply forgot about this move. Now I have to put my rook in a passive position. **22...Rac8**

[22...Rfc8 23.Rea1 Qd8 24.Ne1±]

23.h4!?

[23.Ra7 e5 24.Qa6! e4 25.Bh3 Nb5 26.Bxd7 Nxa7 27.Bxc8 Rxc8 28.Ne5 Qe7 29.Ra1 Rc7 30.Qb6±]

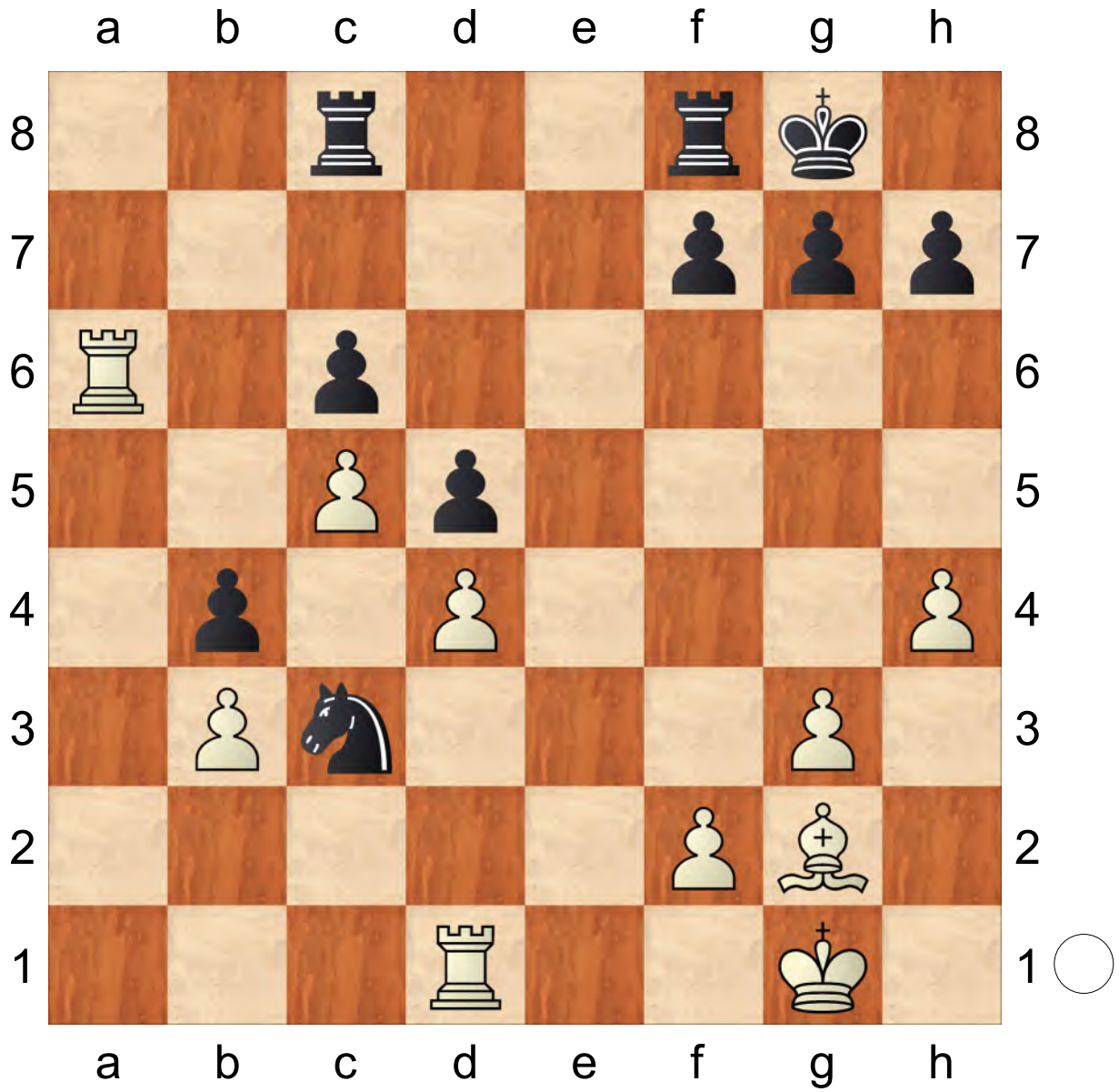
23...e5 There is no other way to create counterplay. **24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.dxe5 Qxe5**



26.Qd4
[26.Rb6 Nb5 27.Bh3 f5 28.Qd2 White is going to win a pawn, basically for nothing.]
26...Qxd4 27.exd4 Nb5 28.Rd1 Nc3 29.Re1 Nb5 30.Rd1 Nc3

(Diagram)

31.Rd2 Obviously, White has every reason to continue as he is going to win a pawn soon.
[31.Rd3! was more precise Rfe8 32.Rb6 *(32.Bh3 Rc7 33.Rb6* winning a pawn in both cases. *)*]
31...Rfe8 32.Bh3



[32.Rb6 Re2 reveals the slight drawback of 31.♖d2.]

32...Rc7 33.Rb6 Re1+ 34.Bf1? The worst of the three options White had.

[34.Kg2 g6 35.Rxb4 f5 and here the best move seems to be 36.♔h2, so it's better to play it immediately.]

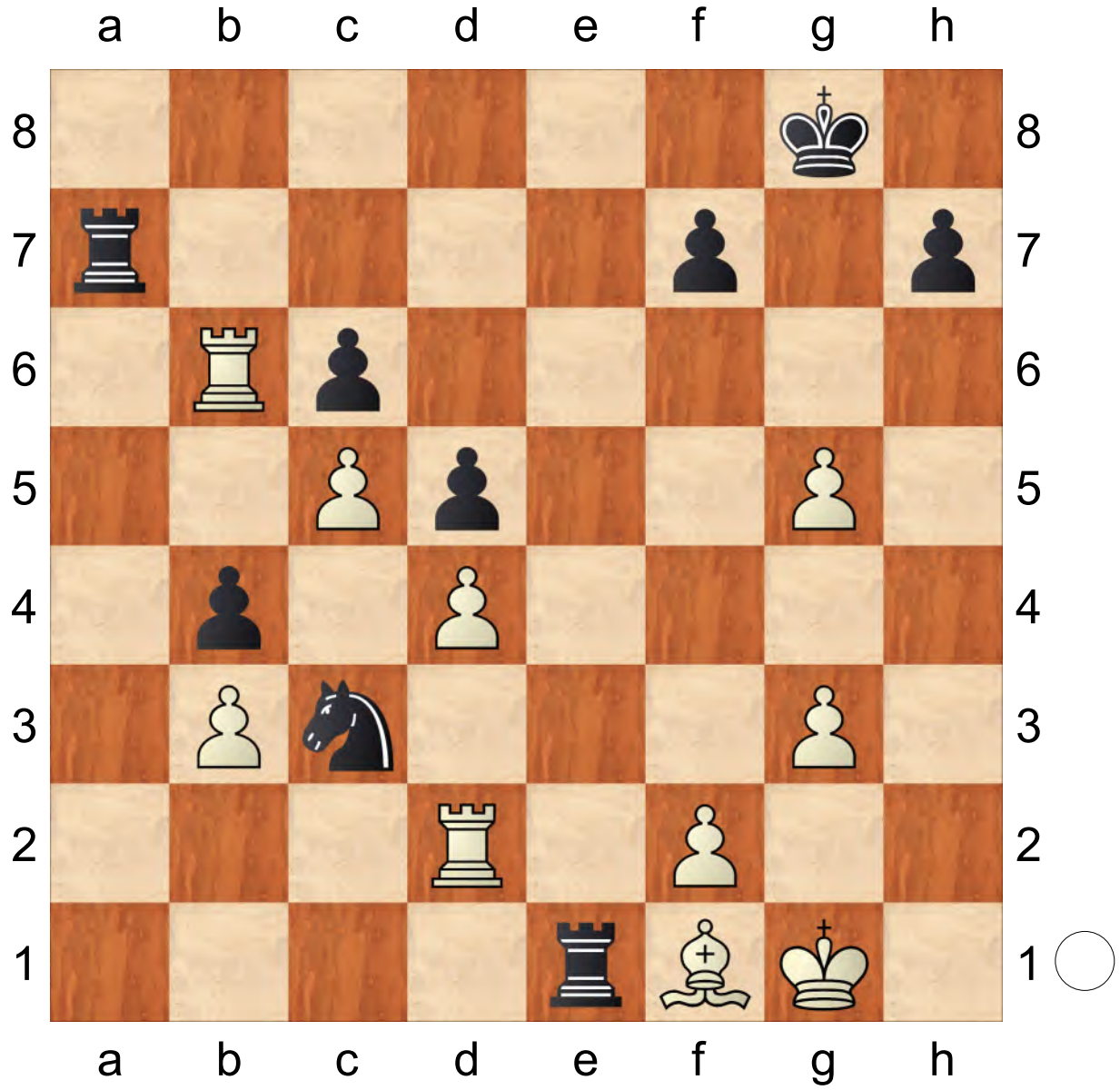
[34.Kh2! g6 35.Rxb4 f5 36.Bg2 bringing the bishop back into play. Here I would face a tough task, fighting for a draw.]

34...g5! The endgame suddenly becomes quite dynamic. My king now has a safe square on g7, while its vis-à-vis might be in danger. **35.hxg5**

[35.Rxb4 Ra7 36.Kg2 Raa1 37.Rc2 Rxf1 38.Rxc3 g4 39.f3 Rg1+ 40.Kf2 Raf1+ 41.Ke2 Re1+ and Black gives a perpetual check.]

35...Ra7

[35...Ne4 36.Rc2! *(36.Ra2?! Rd1 37.Rxb4 Nd2∓)* 36...Rd1 37.Kg2 Rxd4 38.f4 Nd2 39.Rb2 Ne4 40.Rc2=]

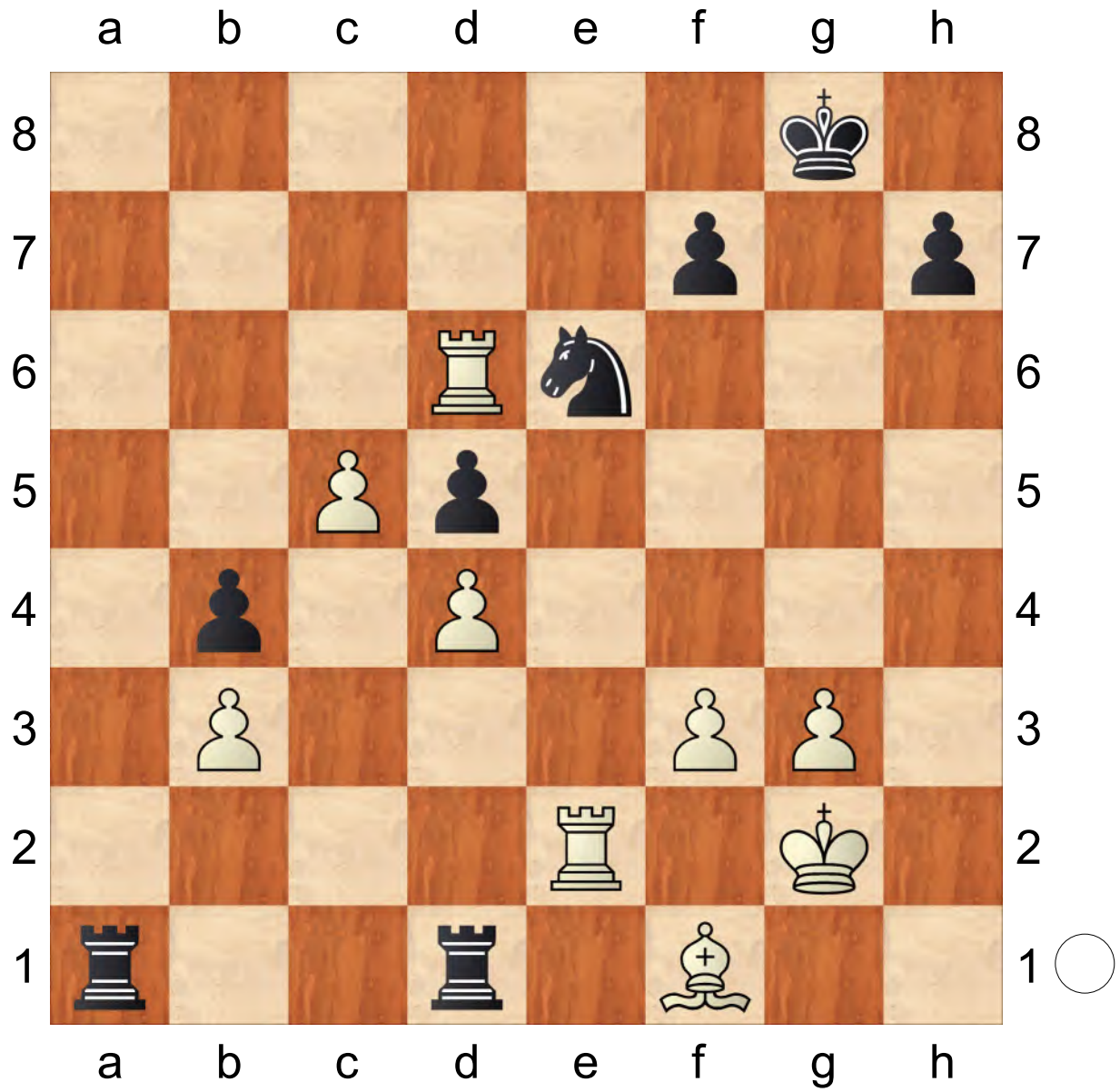


36.Kg2 Ne4 37.Re2 Rd1? Attacking the wrong pawn.
[37...Rb1! 38.Rxc6 Kg7! *(38...Rxb3? 39.Rc8+ Kg7 40.Rd8±)* 39.f3 Nxg5 40.Rd6 Rxb3 41.Rxd5 Nxf3 42.c6 Rc3 43.Rd7 Ra1 44.d5 Ne1+ 45.Kh2 Nf3+=]
38.f3?
[38.Rxc6! Raa1 39.Rd6!! This move is difficult to spot in advance. *(39.Rxe4? dxe4 40.Bc4 Rxd4 41.Rc7 Rxc4 42.bxc4 Rc1=)* 39...Rxd4 *(39...Rxf1 40.Rxd5 Nc3 41.Rd8+ Kg7 42.Ree8 h5 43.c6+-; 39...Nxg5 40.Rxd5 Ne6 41.Rxe6! fxe6 42.Rd8+ Kf7 43.Rd7+ Kf6 44.Bc4+-; 39...Nxd6? 40.cxd6 Ra8 41.d7 Kf8 42.Re5 Rxd4 43.f3!+-)* 40.Rc2 Rdd1 41.f3 Rxf1 42.fxe4 and White should win.]
38...Nxg5 39.Rxc6 Ne6?! It was better to double the rooks on the first rank and

keep the knight on g5 for a while.

[39...Raa1 40.Rf2 Rac1 Now White can't play 41.f4 in view of ...♘e4, so he has basically only one piece that can move. 41.Rd6 Rxd4 42.c6 Kg7∓]

40.Rd6 Raa1



41.Rf2 Rxd4 42.c6 Rdd1

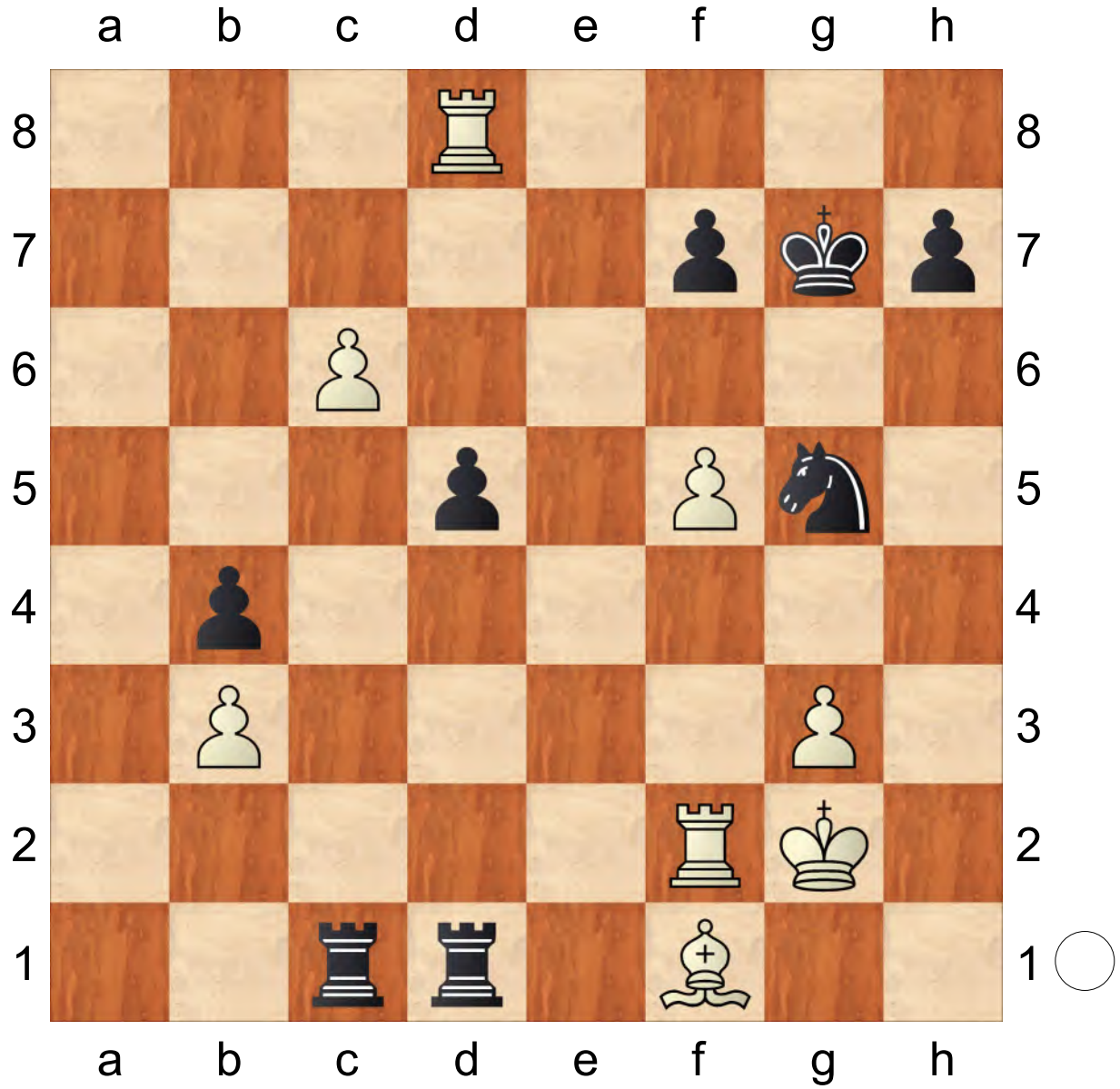
[42...Rc1 was also possible, but wouldn't change the evaluation. The position is balanced.]

43.f4 The pawn is running all the way to f6, so my king can't feel too safe anymore.

43...Rac1 44.f5 Ng5 45.Rd8+ Kg7

(Diagram)

46.f6+ Kh6 47.Rg8! Re1! 48.Rf4



[48.Rf5 Rc2+ 49.Kh1 Ne4 50.c7 d4 51.Kg1! Rxc7 52.Rf4 Rc5 53.Re8 d3! 54.Rfxe4 Rxf1+! 55.Kxf1 Rc1+ 56.Kf2 d2 57.Rd8 d1Q 58.Rxd1 Rxd1 59.Rxb4 Kg5=]

48...Rc2+ 49.Kh1 Re4 50.Bg2

[50.Bd3 Rc1+ 51.Kg2 Rxf4 52.gxf4 Ne4 53.Rg7 Rxc6 54.Rxf7 Rxf6 55.Rd7 Rxf4 56.Rxd5 and this will result in a draw.]

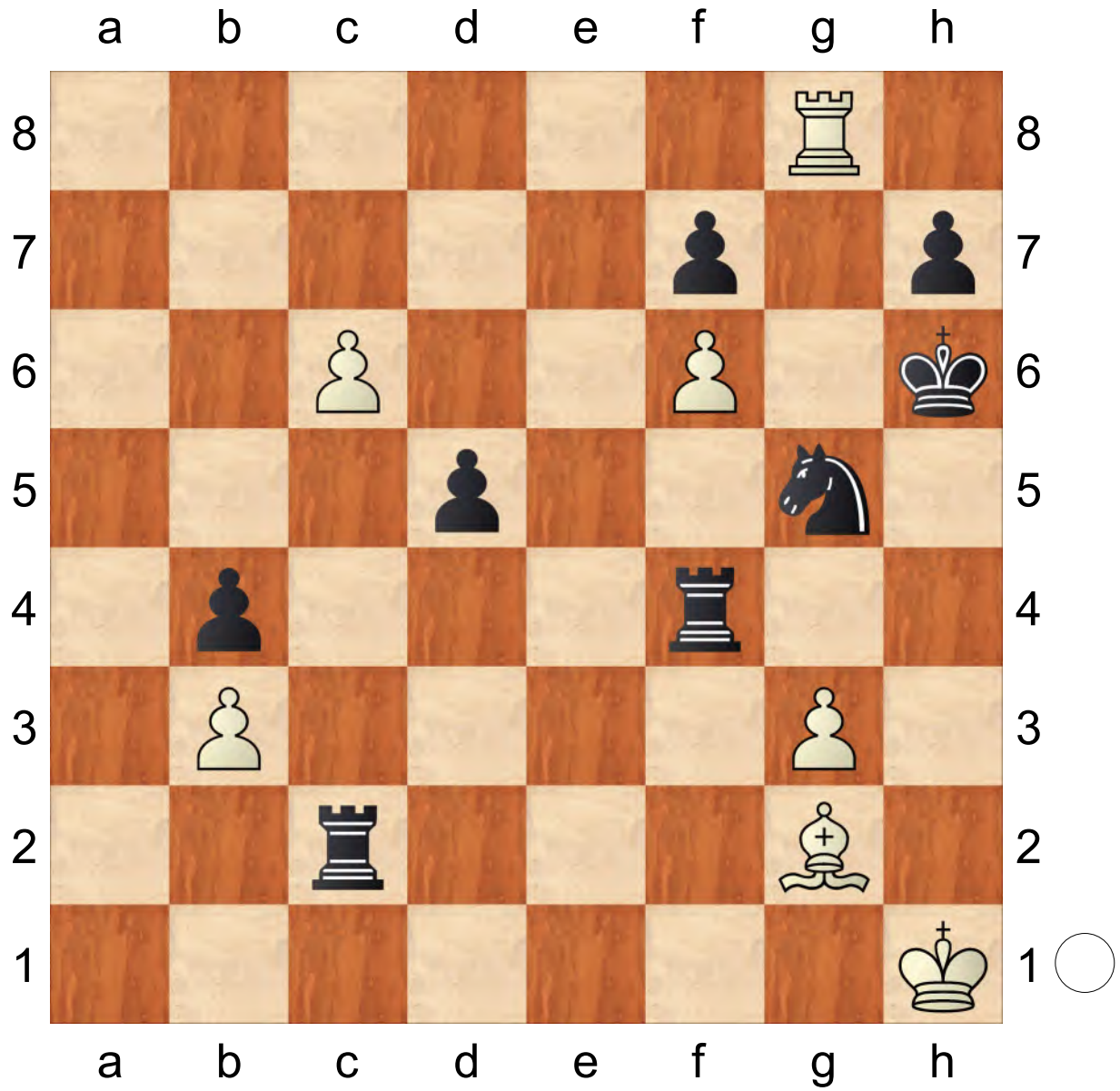
50...Rxf4

(Diagram)

51.gxf4 Ne4 52.Rc8? He should have eliminated the knight straight away.

[52.Bxe4 dxe4 53.Re8 and this rook ending will end in a draw.]

52...Nxf6?



[52...Ng3+! 53.Kh2 *(53.Kg1 Ne2+ 54.Kf1 Nxf4-+)* 53...Nh5! was the winning manoeuvre, getting both White's f-pawns.]

53.c7 Kg7 54.Bf1 Rc5?!

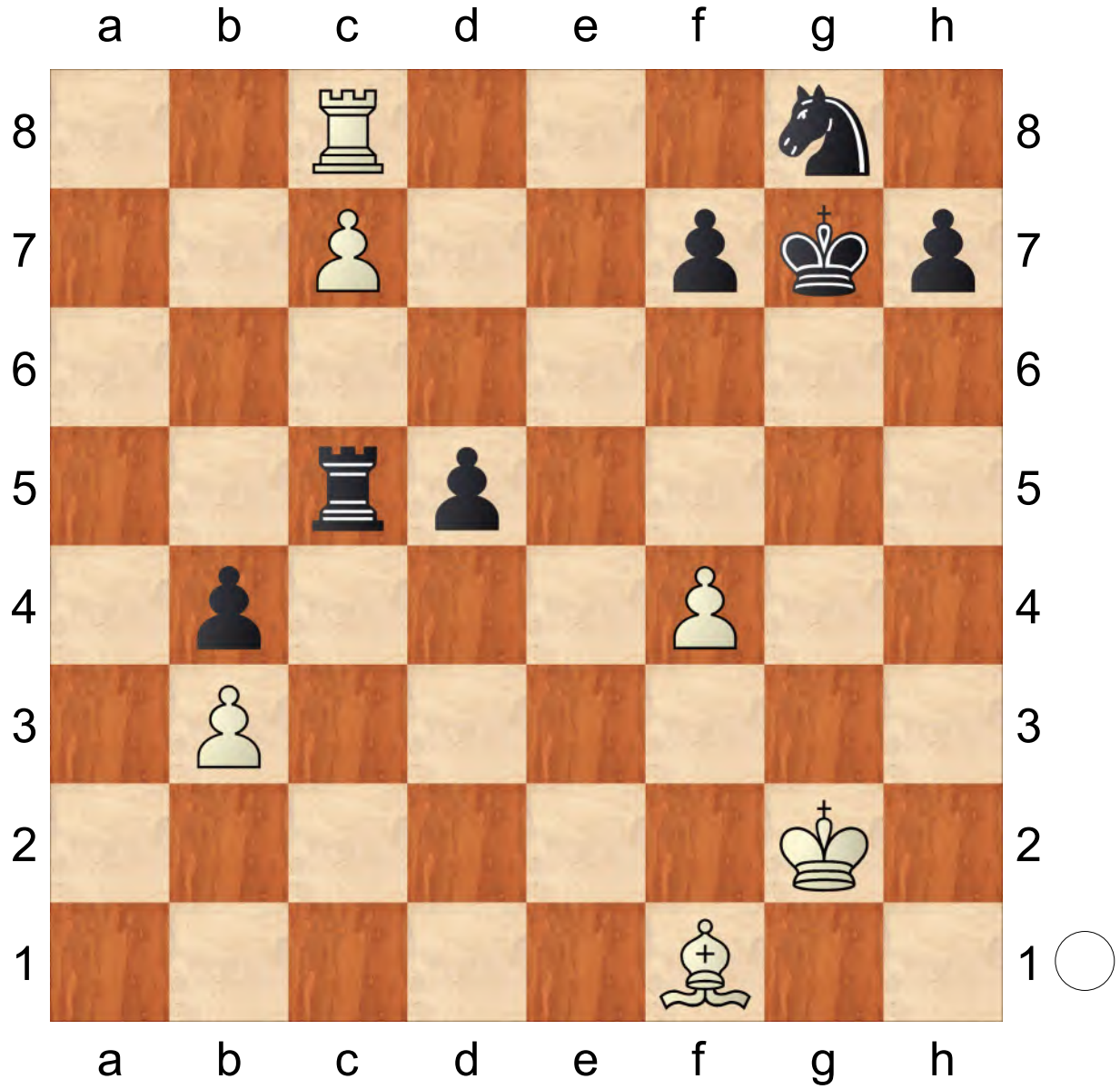
[54...Ne4 55.Kg1 Rc5 would be far more challenging for White. In some cases the knight can go to d2, attacking the b3-pawn. White should save himself by 56.Bg2! Kf6 57.Bxe4 dxe4 58.Re8 Rxc7 59.Rxe4 going into a rook endgame.]

55.Kg2 Ng8?!

[55...h6 would be useful.]

(Diagram)

I was eager to get the c7-pawn, but there was no reason to hurry. **56.Rd8 Rxc7**



57.Rxd5 I eliminated the dangerous passed pawn, but my knight is passive, so the extra pawn is not sufficient for a win. **57...Rc2+ 58.Kg1 Nf6 59.Rg5+** 55...h6 would have been useful indeed. **59...Kf8 60.Bc4 Ne4**

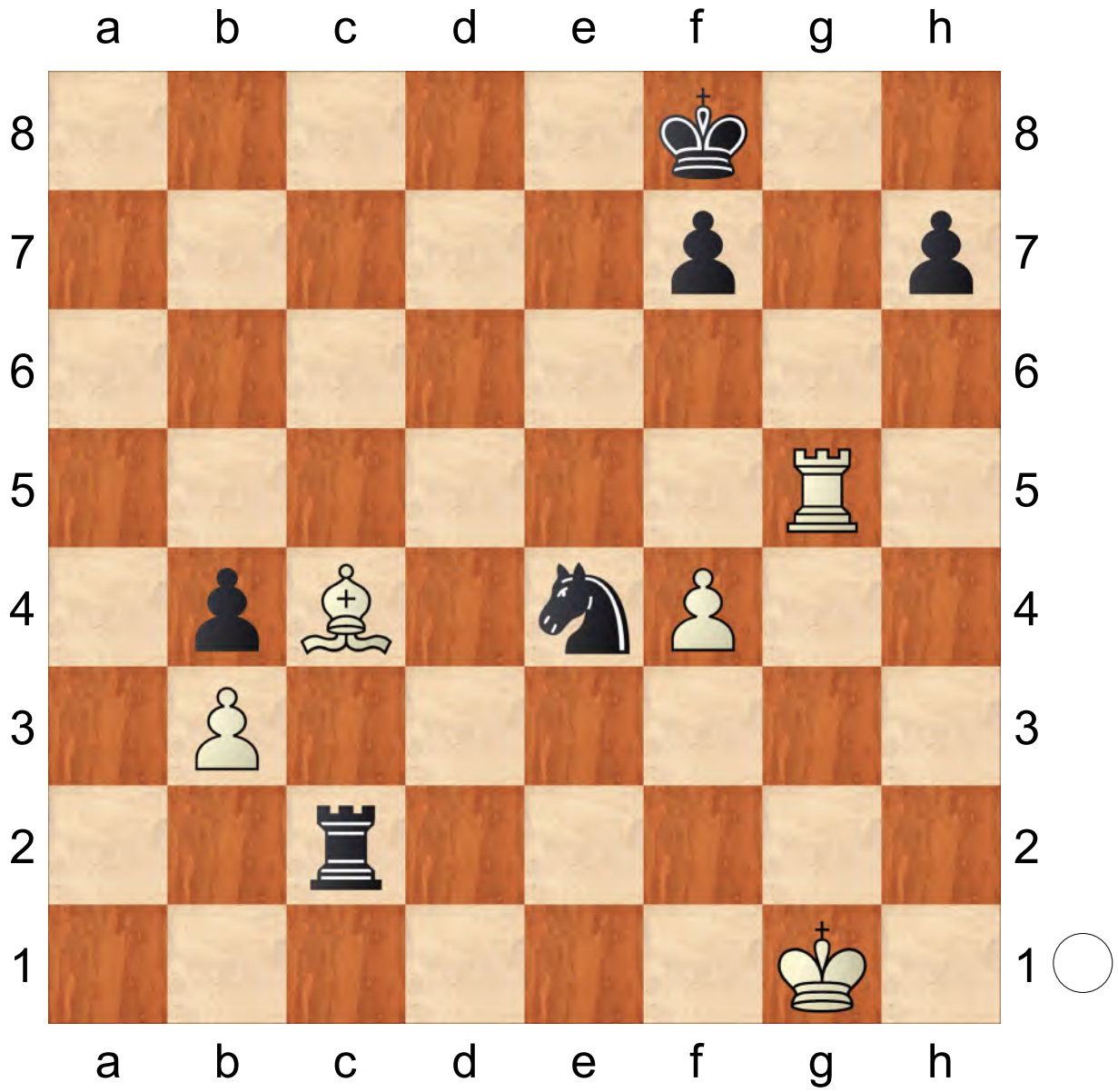
(Diagram)

61.Rb5 Nd6 62.Rxb4 Nxc4 63.bxc4 Kg7 This endgame is drawish, of course, but I kept trying till the end. **64.Ra4 Kg6 65.Ra6+ f6**

(Diagram)

66.Rc6 Kf5 67.c5 h5 68.Rc8?! Kxf4 69.c6 Kg3 70.Rg8+ Kf3

(Diagram)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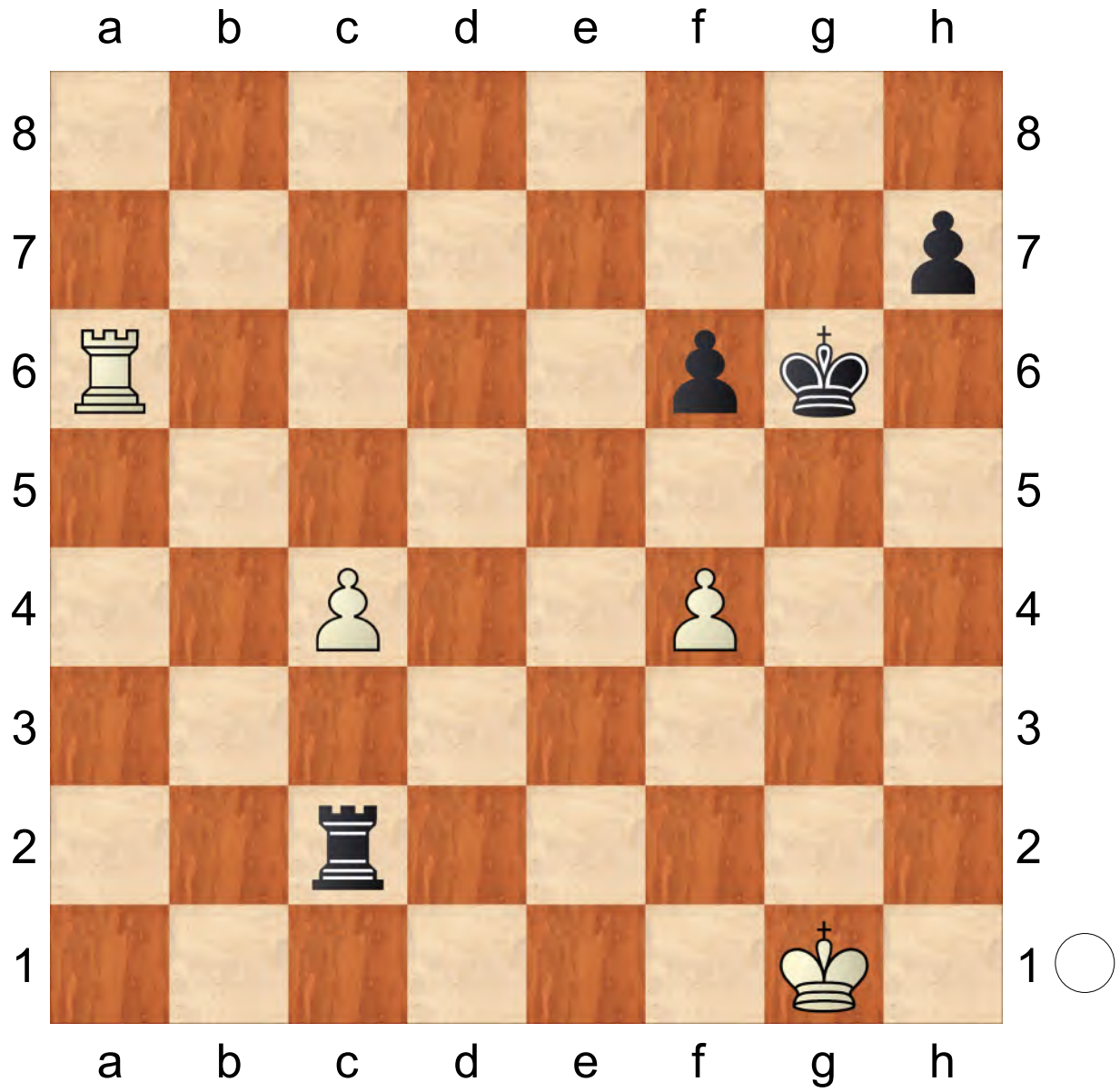
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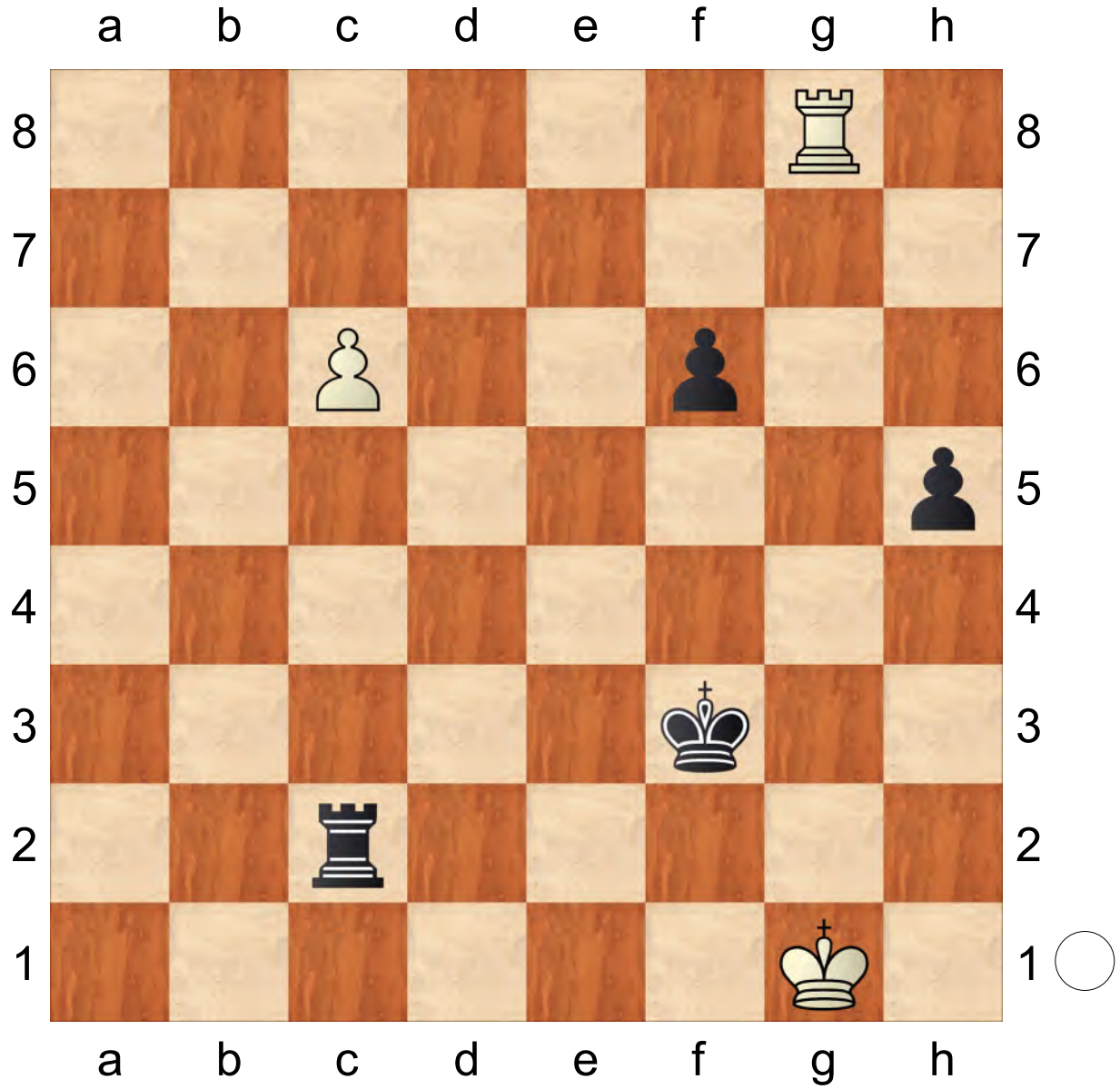


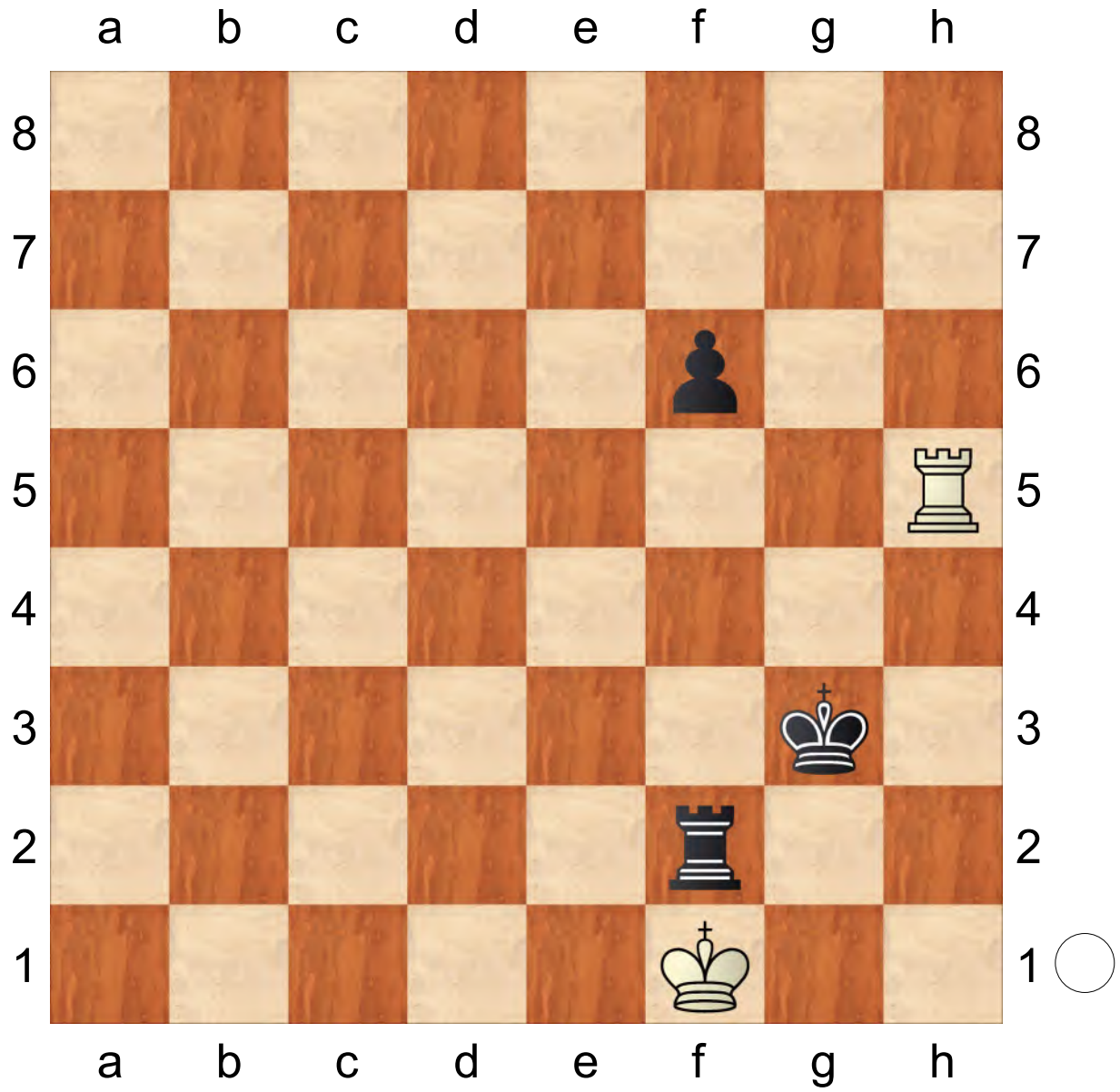
71.Rh8 Rxc6?!
[71...h4! was a better try, forcing the white rook to go back. Still it's a draw after 72.Rc8 f5 73.Rc7 f4 74.Rc8]
72.Rxh5 Kg3 73.Kf1 Rc1+ 74.Ke2 Rc2+ 75.Kf1 Rf2+

(Diagram)

76.Kg1 Rg2+ 77.Kf1 Rf2+ 78.Kg1 Ra2 79.Kf1 Ra1+ 80.Ke2 Kg4

(Diagram)

81.Rb5 f5 82.Rb3 f4 83.Kf2 Ra2+ 84.Kf1 f3 85.Rb8 Ra1+
(Diagram)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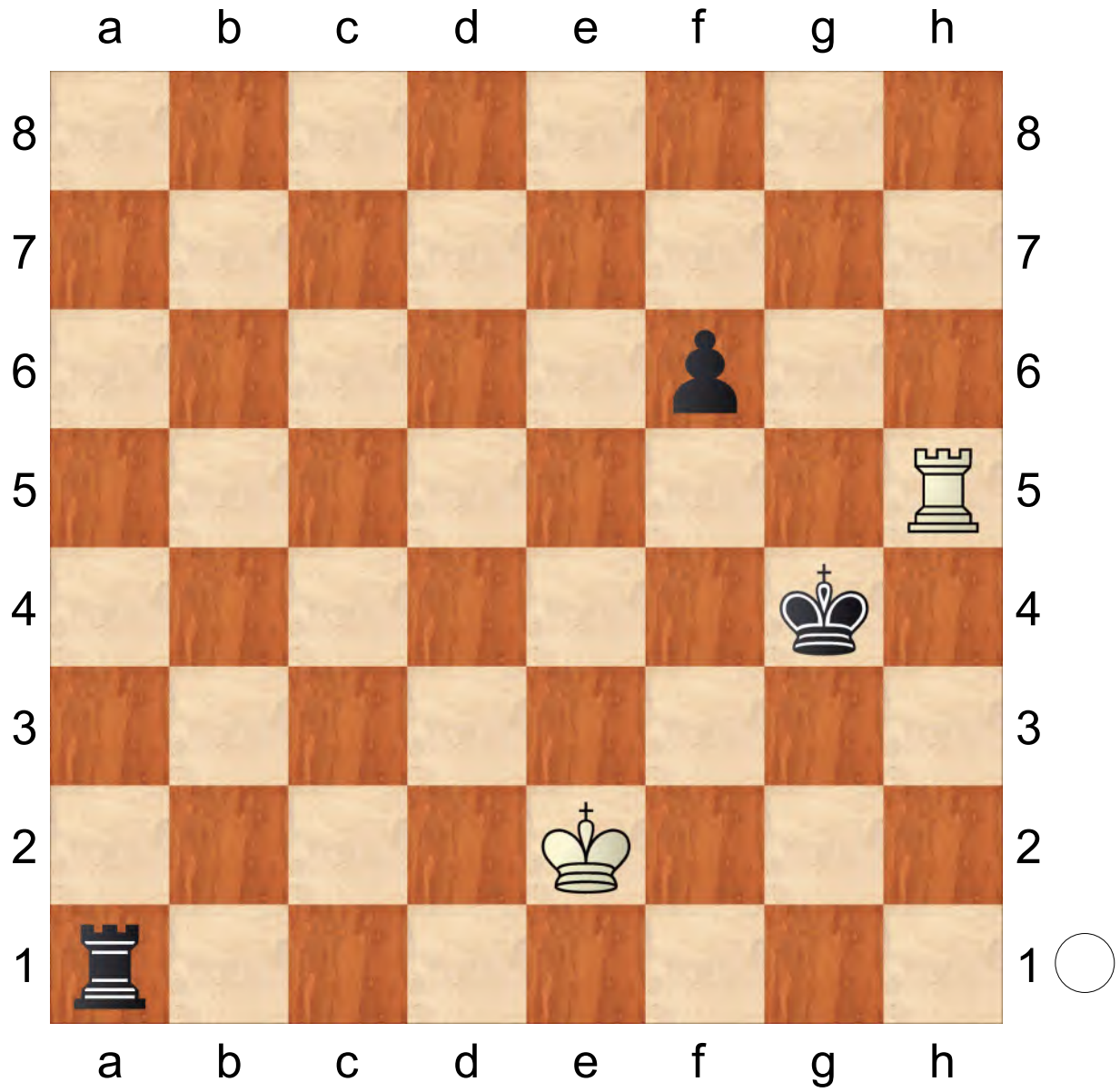
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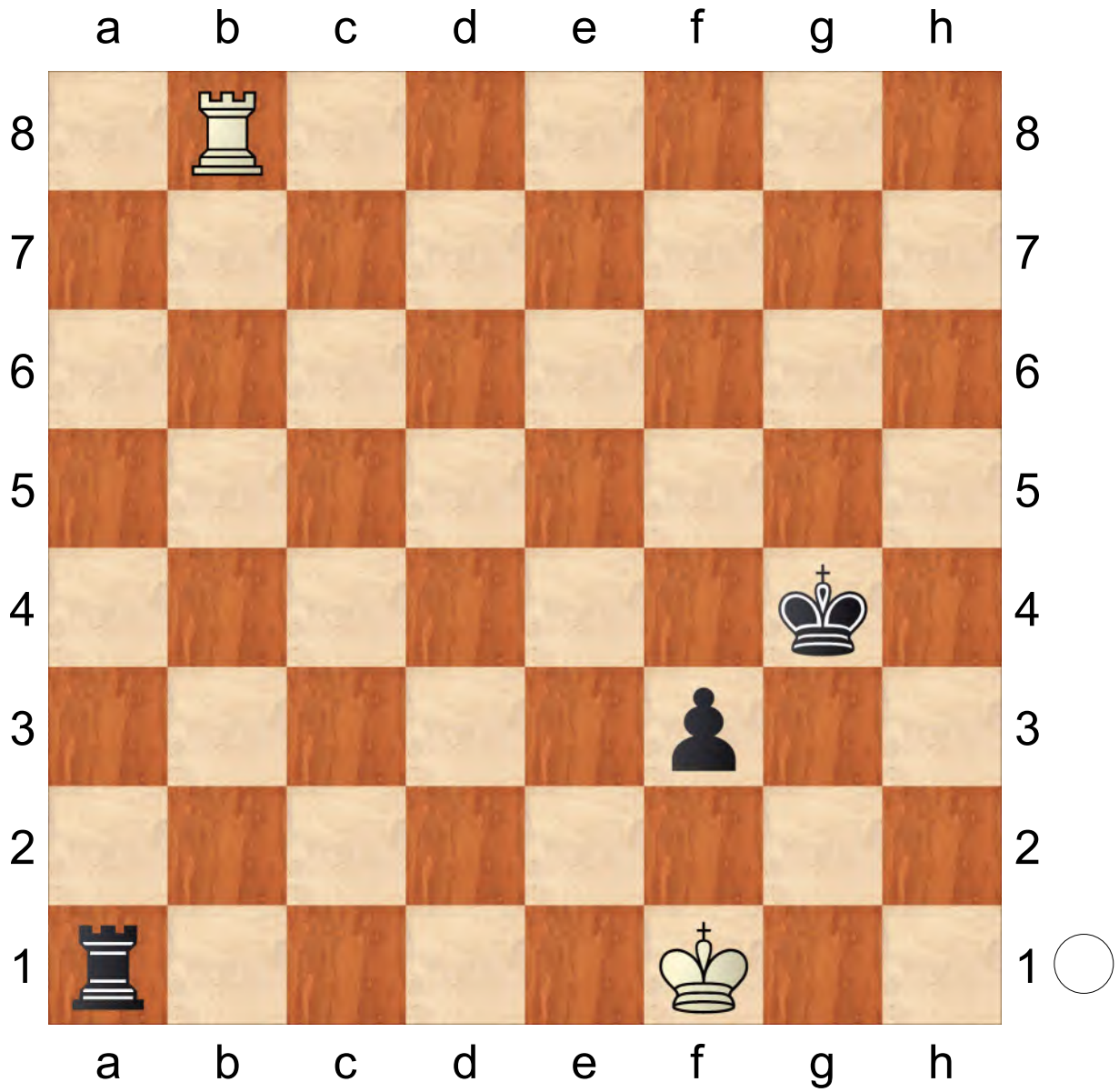

86.Kf2 Ra2+ 87.Kf1

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Our team won the match by a minimal margin and completed a very successful weekend with 7 points out of a possible 8!

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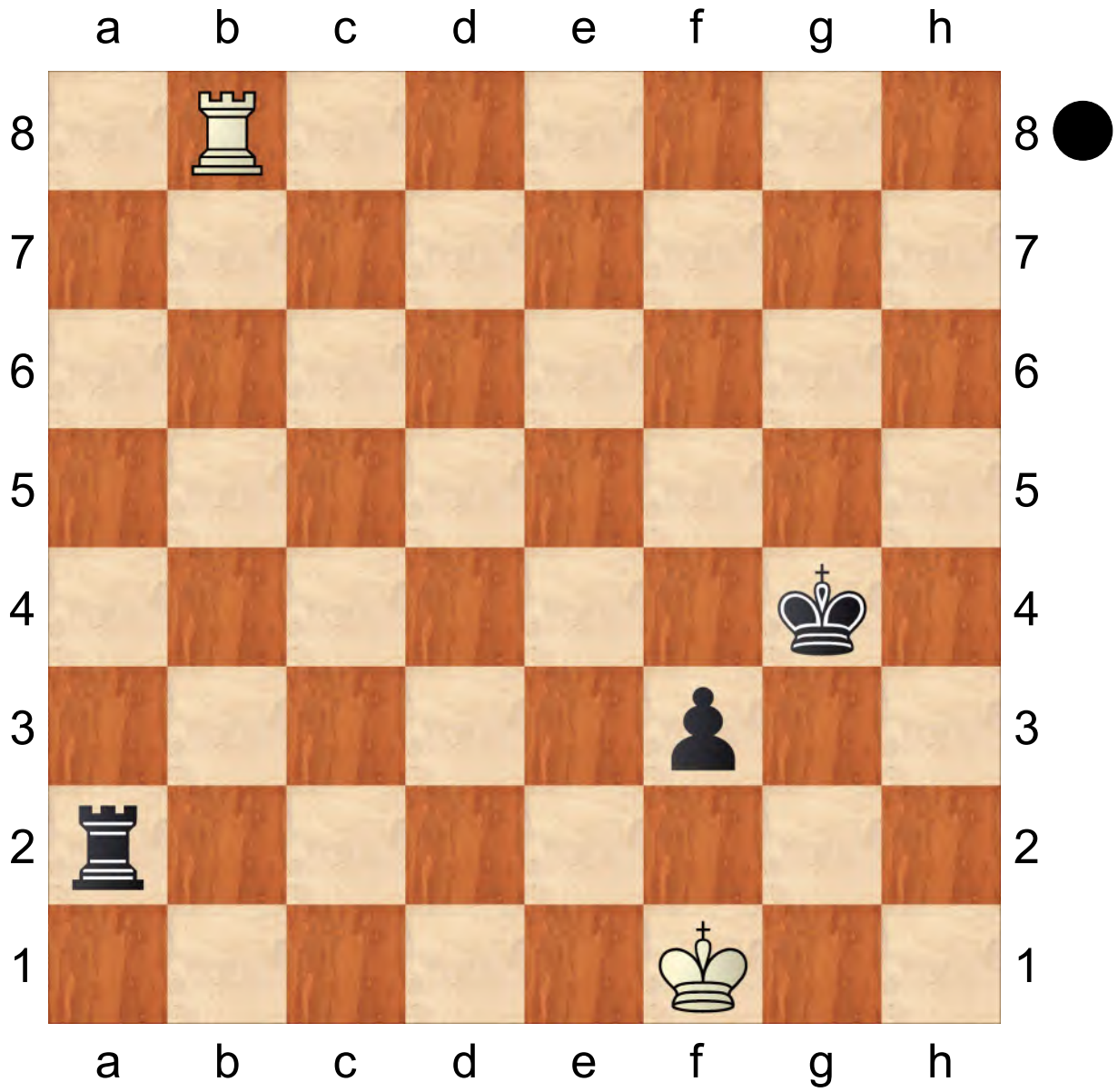
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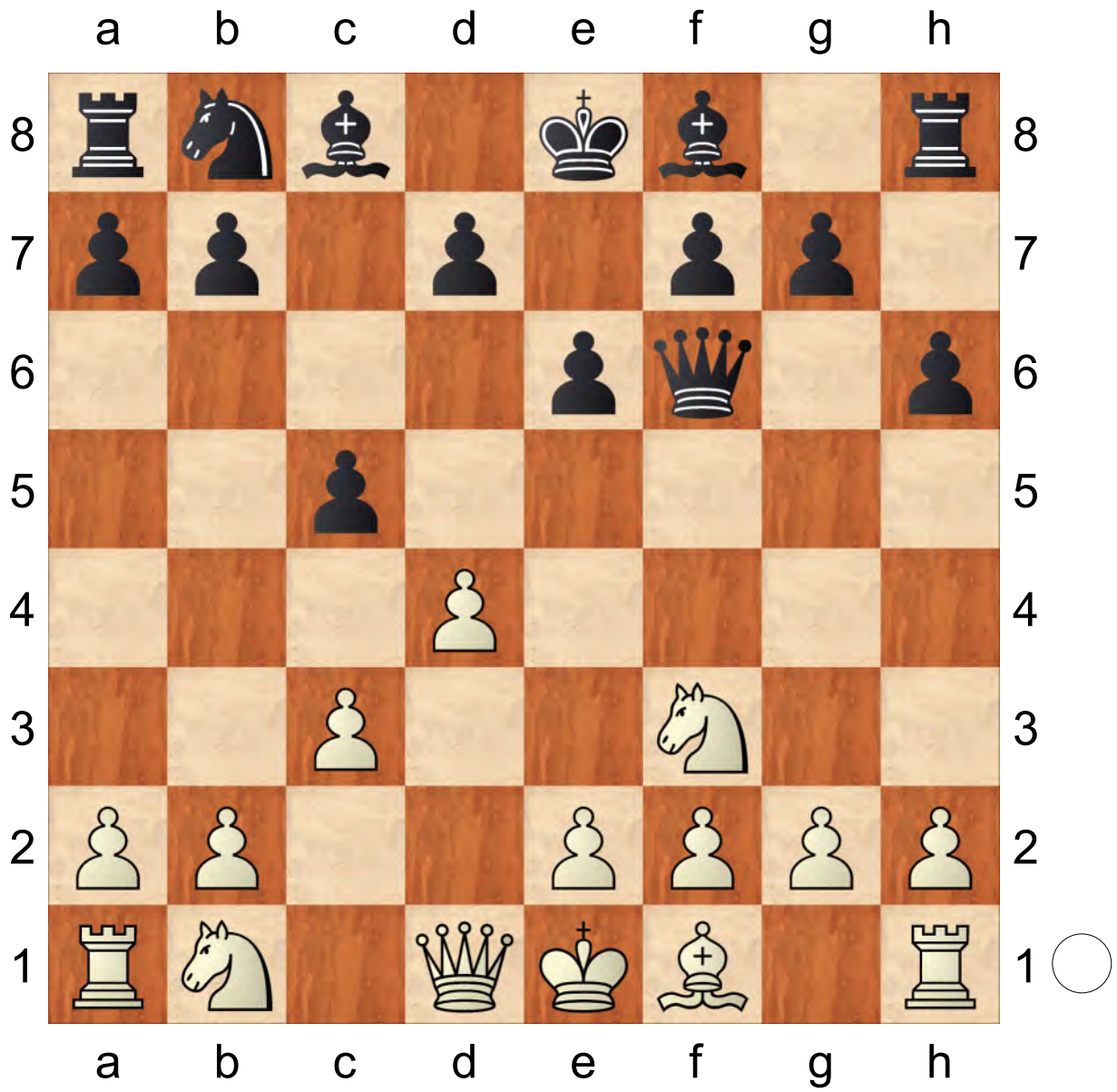
Olympiad-34 Istanbul (8.3) 05.11.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6



6.e3?! This modest move can't justify ♗c1 for ♘f6 exchange.
[6.e4 -mainline. This variation, of course, more active than 6.e3, but Black equalizes without problems also.]
6...Nc6
[6...cxd4 7.exd4 b6 8.Nbd2 Bb7 9.Bd3 g6 10.Qe2 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.a4=

½-½ Ignatescu,R-Bojkovic,N/Mamaia 1991/EXT 97 (28)]
[6...Qd8 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Nbd2 Qc7= ½-½ Wehe,M-Bethe,S/Germany 1994/EXT 99 (21)]
[6...b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Nbd2 Qd8 9.Be4 Bxe4 10.Nxe4 d5 11.Ned2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bd6 13.Qa4+= 0-1 Horakova,D-Ptacnikova,L/Prerov 1995/EXT 98 (29)]

7.Nbd2

[7.Bd3 d5 Tsesarsky: 'White can equalize after' 8.Nbd2 Bd6 9.dxc5 *(9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 g5 11.Qe2 g4 12.Ne1 Qg5 13.g3 Bd7 14.f4 gxf3 15.Nexf3 Qg7 16.Rae1 0-0-0∓* 0-1 Peisser,M-Balinov,I/Graz 1997/EXT 2000 (52)*)* 9...Bxc5 10.e4 Tsesarsky: '=' 0-0 11.0-0 Bd7 *(11...Bb6 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Rfe1 dxe4 15.Qxe4 g6 16.Nc4 Bc7 17.Nce5=* ½-½ Koenig,D-Dautov,R/Bad Wiessee 1997/CBM 61 ext (52)*)* 12.Qe2 Qf4 13.e5 f6 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.exf6 Rxf6∓ 0-1 Riis,S-Crawley,G/Copenhagen 1987/EXT 97 (31)]

7...d5 8.Be2?!∓ Passive move.

[Or 8.Bb5?! Bd6 9.e4 cxd4 10.cxd4 dxe4 11.Qa4 *(11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qa4 exf3 13.Qxc6+ Ke7 14.Qxa8 Qxd4 15.Qxf3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qc3 Bf4∓)* 11...exf3 12.Bxc6+ Ke7 13.Ne4 *(13.Bxf3 Bd7 14.Qb3 Qxd4∓)* 13...Qg6! *(13...fxg2 14.Nxf6 gxh1Q+ 15.Bxh1 gxf6 16.Rc1 Rg8 17.Ke2 Bd7 18.Qb3 Rab8⩱* 0-1 Sandor,J-Kiselev,S/Budapest 1990/CBM 17 ext (32)*)* 14.Nxd6 bxc6 15.Qxc6 *(15.Nxc8+ Rhxc8 16.gxf3 Kf8∓)* 15...Qxg2 16.Rf1 Bd7 17.Qc5 Qxh2! 18.Nf5+ Kf6 19.Ng3 Kg6 20.Rh1 Qg2 21.Qh5+ Kf6 22.Rh4 Ke7 23.Rf4 f5∓]

[White can equalize after 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.e4=]

8...Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1

[10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.e4 Rd8∓]

10...Rd8

(Diagram)

11.Qc2 b6 Black delays activity in the centre.

[In couple of games I played here in the same positions 11...e5!?∓ with stable space advantage and pair of ♗♗.]

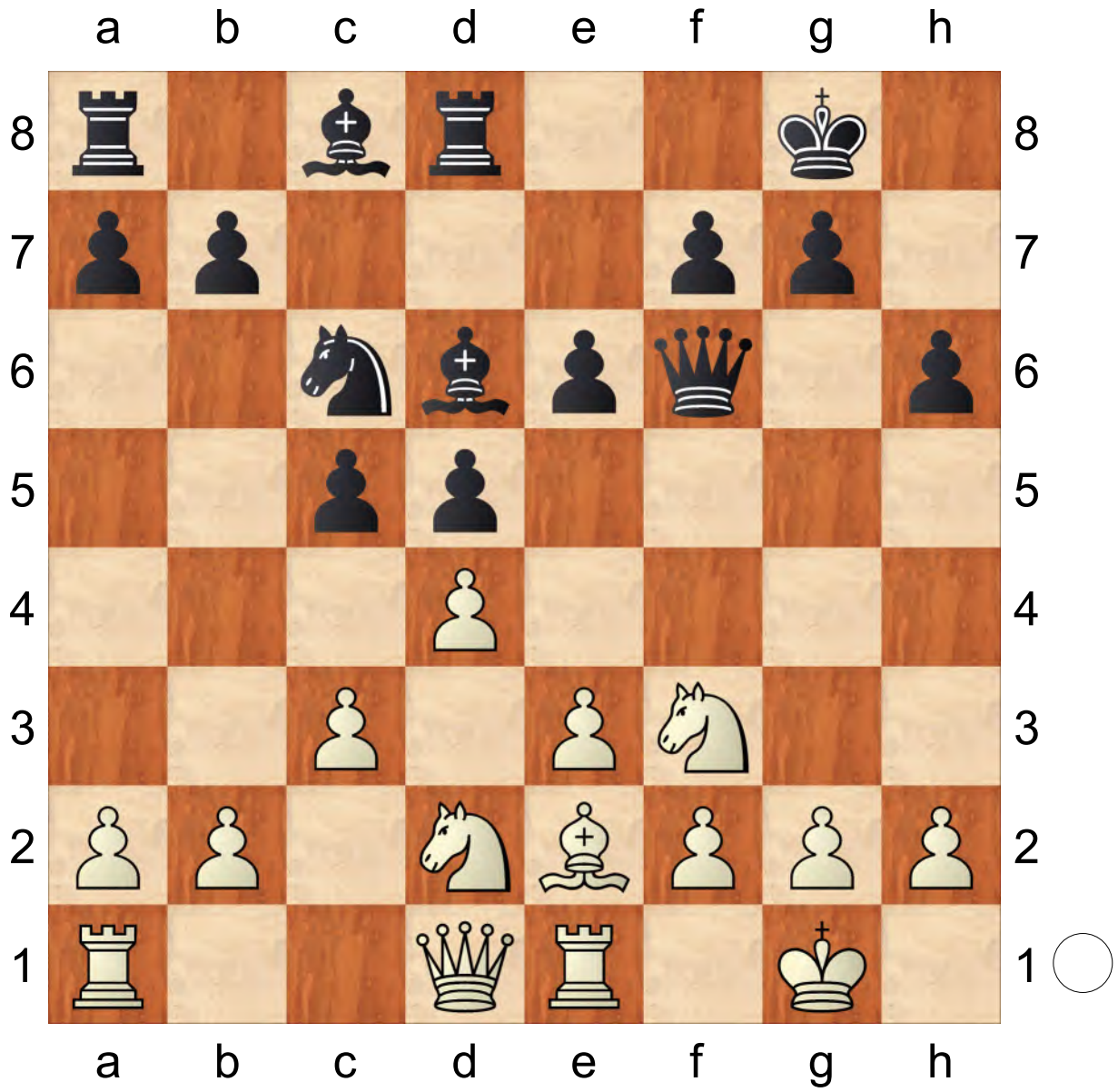
12.Rad1 Bb7 13.Qb1 Rac8 14.Bf1 Bb8 15.g3 Bd6

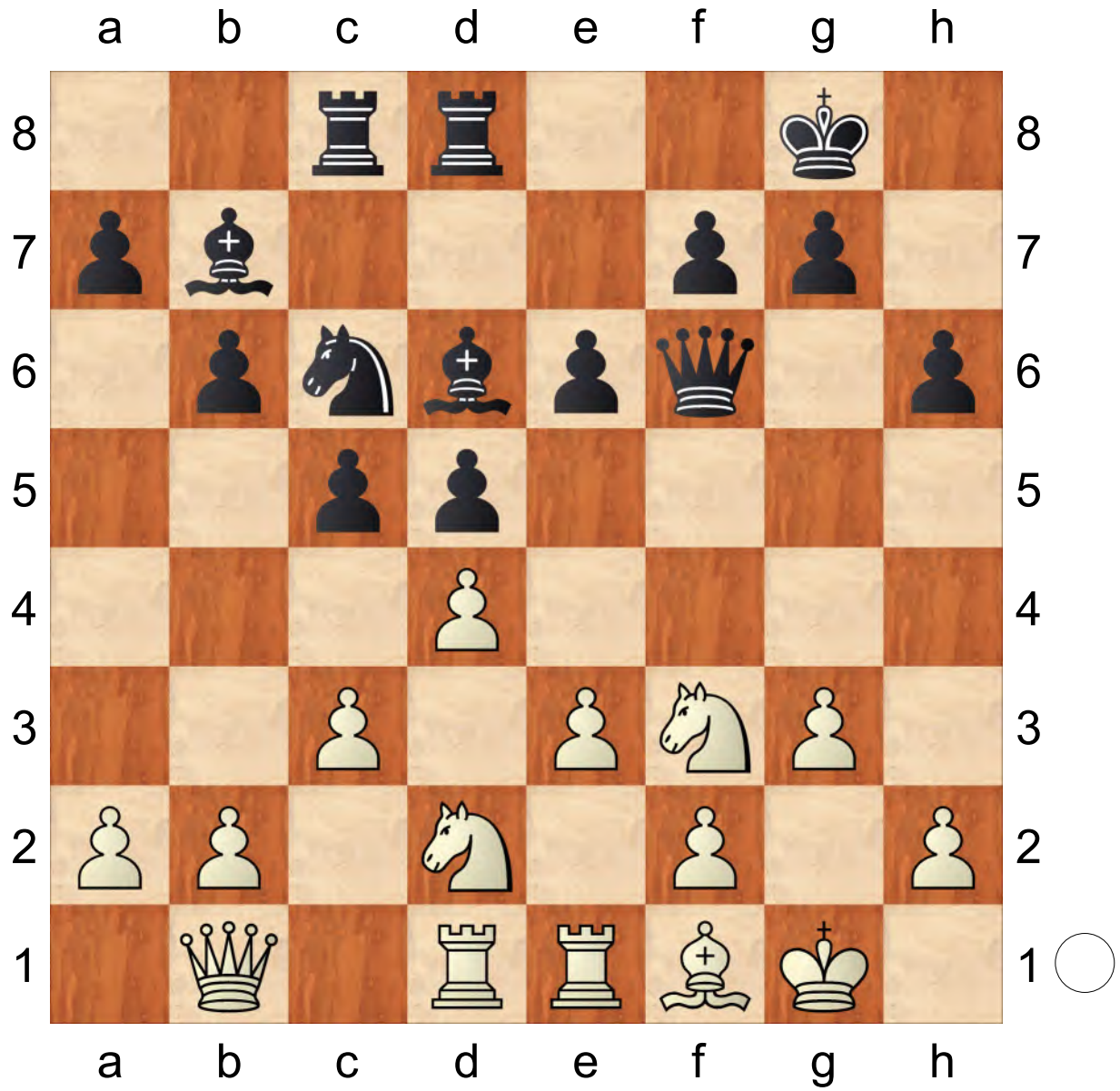
(Diagram)

2 tempi here are not important. **16.Bg2 a5 17.a3**

[Release try after 17.e4!? cxd4 wouldn't successful: 18.cxd4 *(18.exd5 exd5 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Qxd4 21.Ne4 Qb4 22.a3 Qb3 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Re7∓)* 18...dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qg6 20.Nh4 Qh7 21.Nxd6 Qxb1 22.Rxb1 Rxd6∓]

17...Bf8 Black doesn't know now, how to increase his small advantage. **18.Bf1 Rc7 19.Bg2 Ba6** Black prepares activity on the queenside, e6-e5 promotion is delayed





again. **20.a4!? Rb8**

(Diagram)

21.Bf1 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 b5 After b-file opening Black will double ♖♖ on this file with pressure on ♙b2. **23.axb5 Rxb5 24.Qa2 c4**

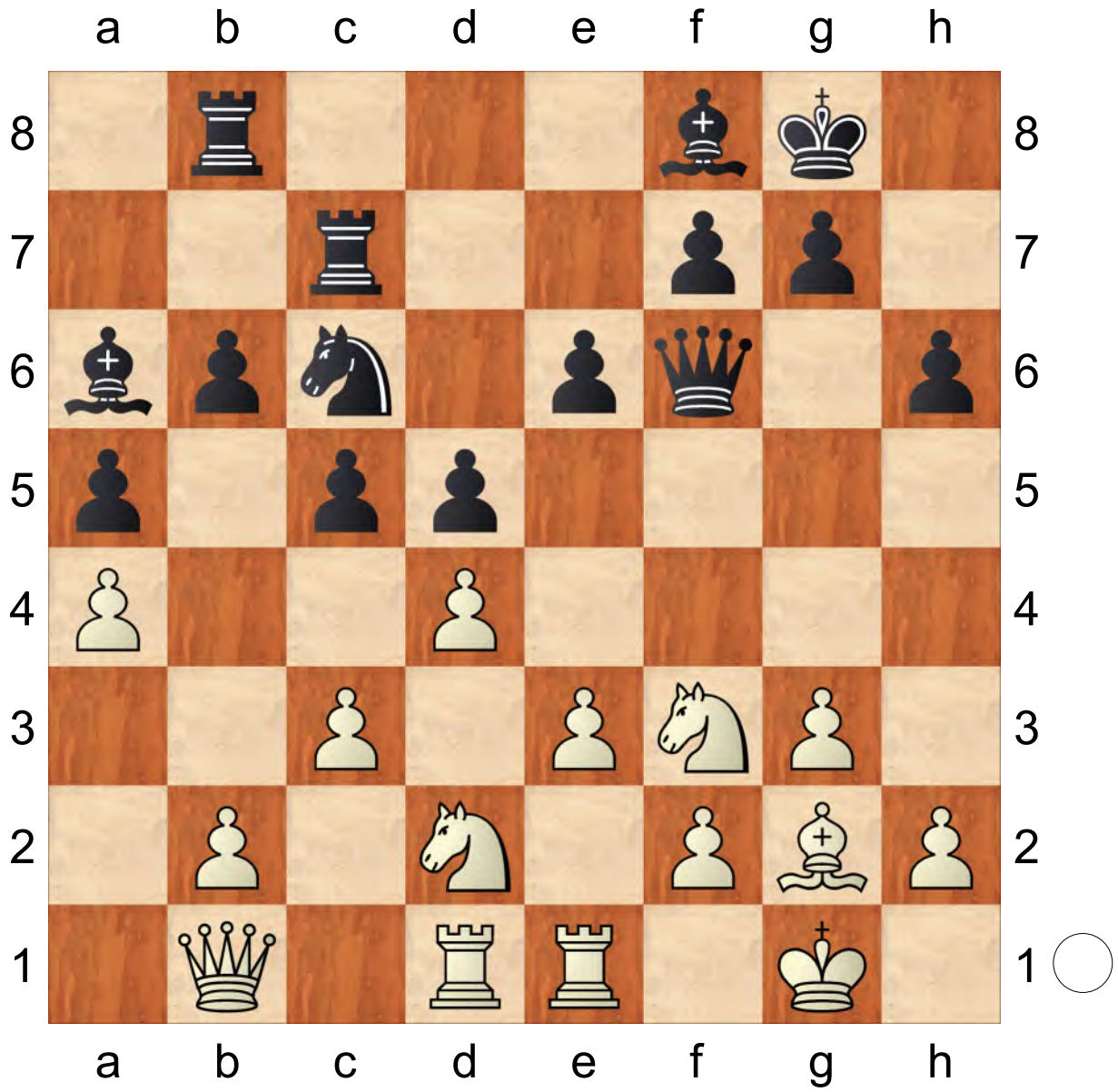
[24...Rcb7∓]

25.Rb1 Rcb7

(Diagram)

26.Qa4?!∓

[Much better was 26.e4! Qg6 27.exd5 exd5 28.b3 cxb3 29.Rxb3 Rxb3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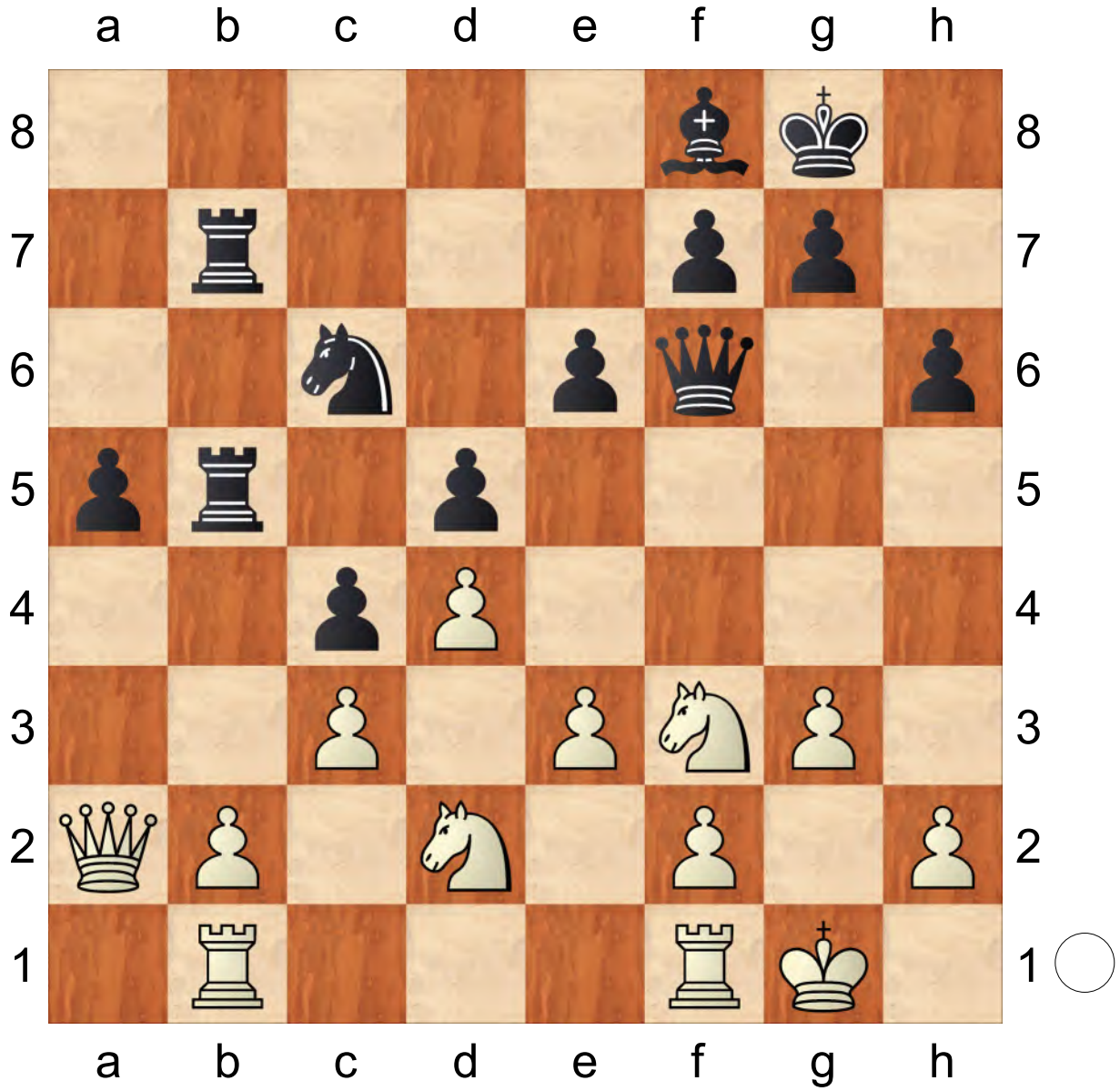


30.Nxb3 Qd3 31.Nbd2 Rb5 *(31...Qxc3 32.Qxd5 Rb4 33.Kg2∓)* 32.Rc1 Bd6∓]

26...Qf5 27.Rfc1

[27.e4 dxe4 28.Nh4 Qd5∓]

27...Qd3! 28.Nf1

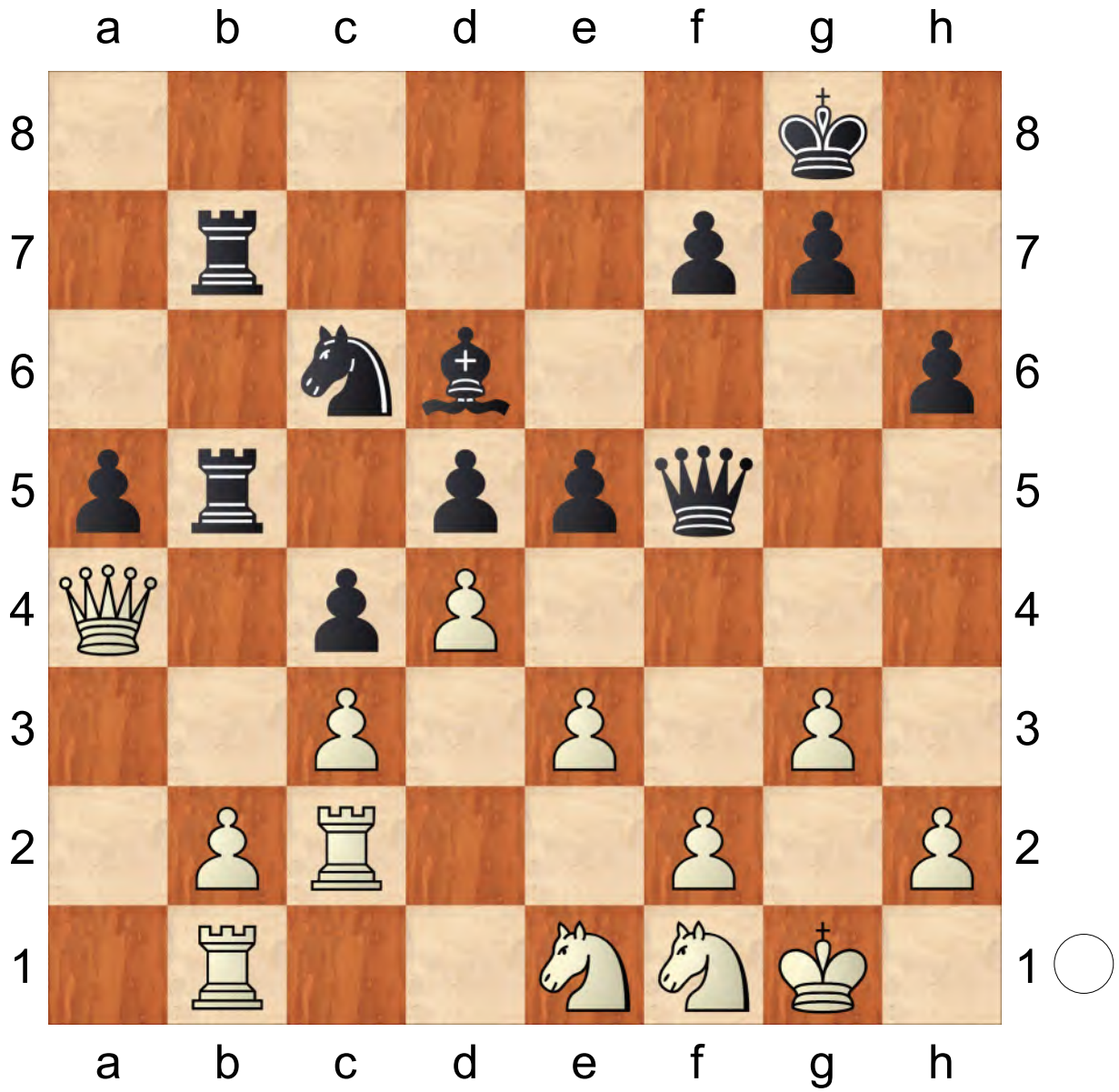
[28.Re1 Ne7 *(28...g5 29.e4 Rxb2 30.Rxb2 Rxb2 31.exd5 exd5 32.Qxc6 g4 33.Re3 Qf5 34.Re5 Qd3 35.Re3 Qf5=)* 29.Qa2 *(29.e4 Rxb2 30.Rxb2 Rxb2 31.Re3 Qc2-+)* 29...g5 30.h3 h5∓]

28...Bd6 29.Ne1

[29.N3d2 Nb8 30.Qa2 f5∓]

29...Qf5 30.Rc2 e5!

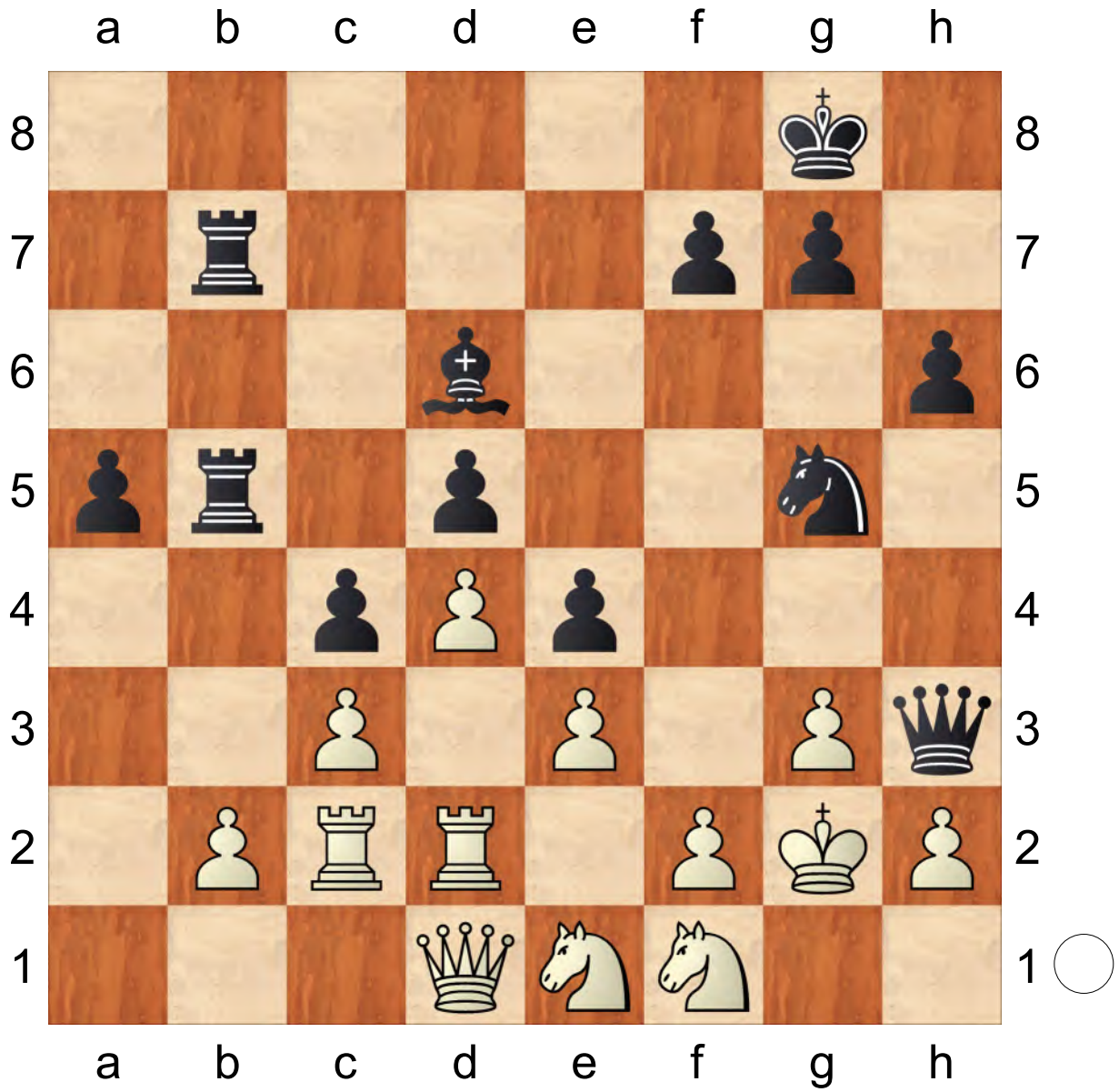
(Diagram)



Delayed move played after a long time. Black increases space advantage. **31.Rd1?-+**
[The only chance of resistance was 31.dxe5 Nxe5
A) 32.Qa1 d4!! *(32...Nf3+ 33.Nxf3 Qxc2 34.Nd4 Qg6 35.Nxb5 Rxb5 36.Qa4!⇄)* 33.exd4 Nf3+ 34.Nxf3 Qxc2-+;
B) 32.Kg2 Qe4+ 33.f3 Qf5∓]
31...e4 32.Rdd2 White had to choke in vacuum space. **32...Nd8!** good manoeuvre!
33.Kg2 Ne6 34.Qa1 Ng5 35.Qd1 Qh3+

(Diagram)

36.Kg1 a4 White in zugzvang. **37.f4**
[37.Qe2 a3! 38.bxa3 Rb1! 39.Rd1 Rxd1 40.Qxd1 Rb1 41.Qxb1 *(41.Qe2 Rxe1-+)* 41...Nf3+ 42.Nxf3 exf3-+]



37...exf3 38.Nxf3 Ne4 39.Rg2 a3! We already saw this break. **40.bxa3 Rb1**

(Diagram)

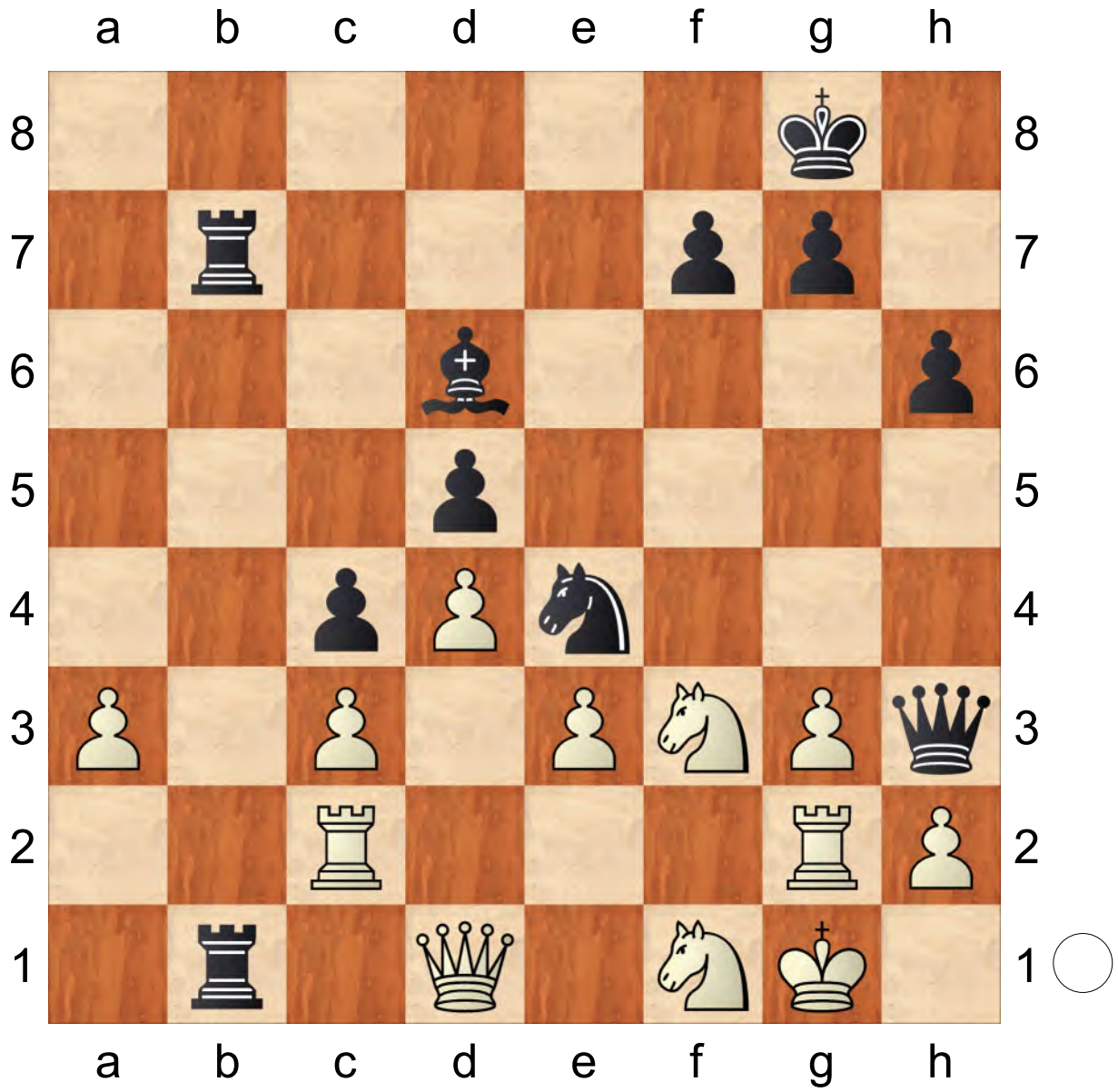
41.Qe2 Ra1

[Or 41...Bxa3 42.N3d2 Nxd2 43.Rxd2 *(43.Qxd2 Rxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Rb1+ 45.Kf2 Qf5+ 46.Ke2 Qf1#!)* 43...Bb2 *(43...R7b3 44.e4 Rxc3 45.exd5 Qf5 46.Qe8+ Kh7 47.Rgf2 Qxd5∓)* 44.Rxb2 R7xb2 45.Qxb2 Rxb2 46.Rxb2 Qf5-+]

42.N3d2 Nxd2 43.Rxd2 Rbb1 44.Rf2 Bxg3

[44...Bxg3 45.hxg3 Qxg3+ 46.Kh1 *(46.Rg2 Rxf1+ 47.Qxf1 Qxe3+-+)* 46...Re1-+]

(Diagram)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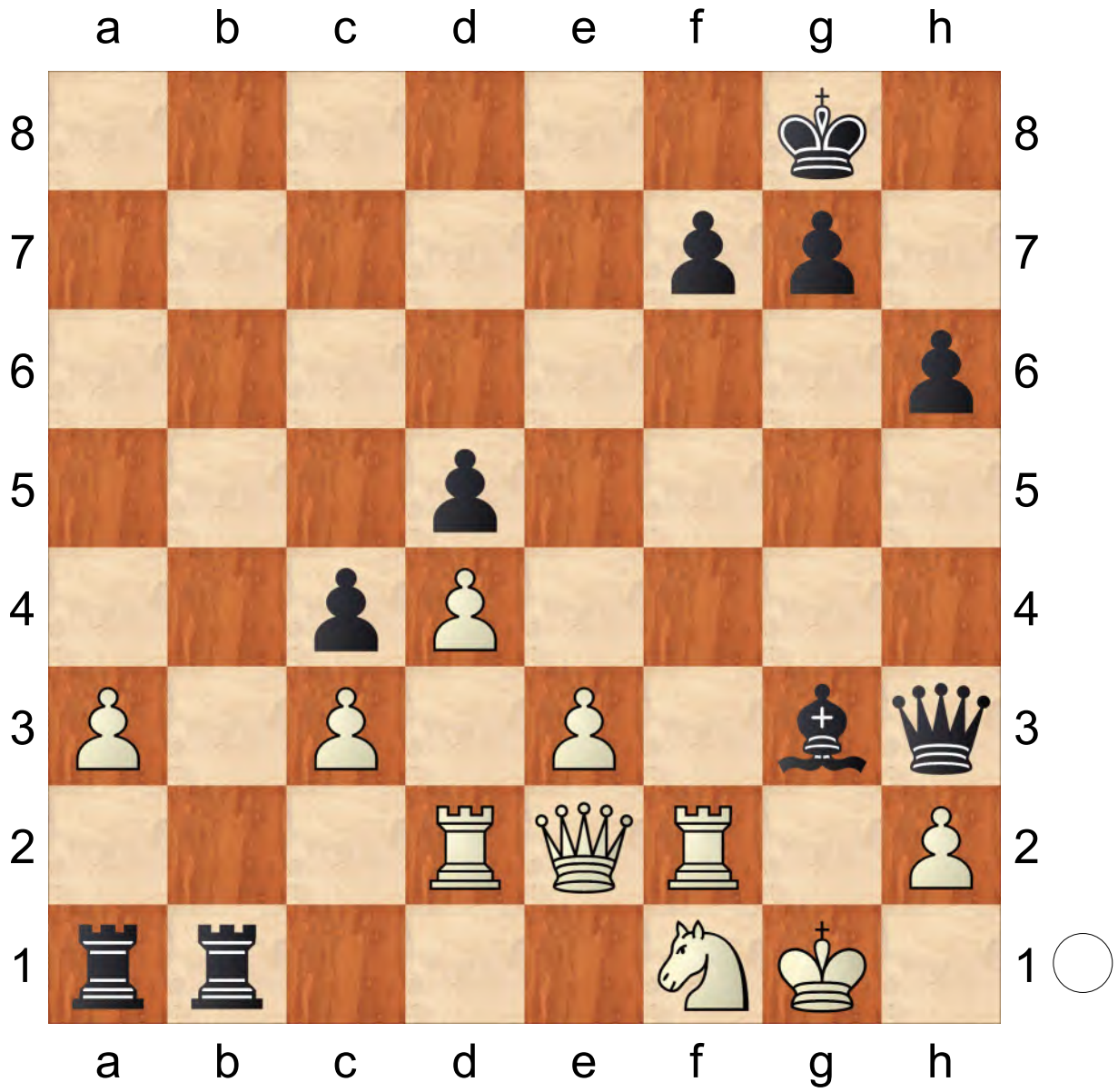

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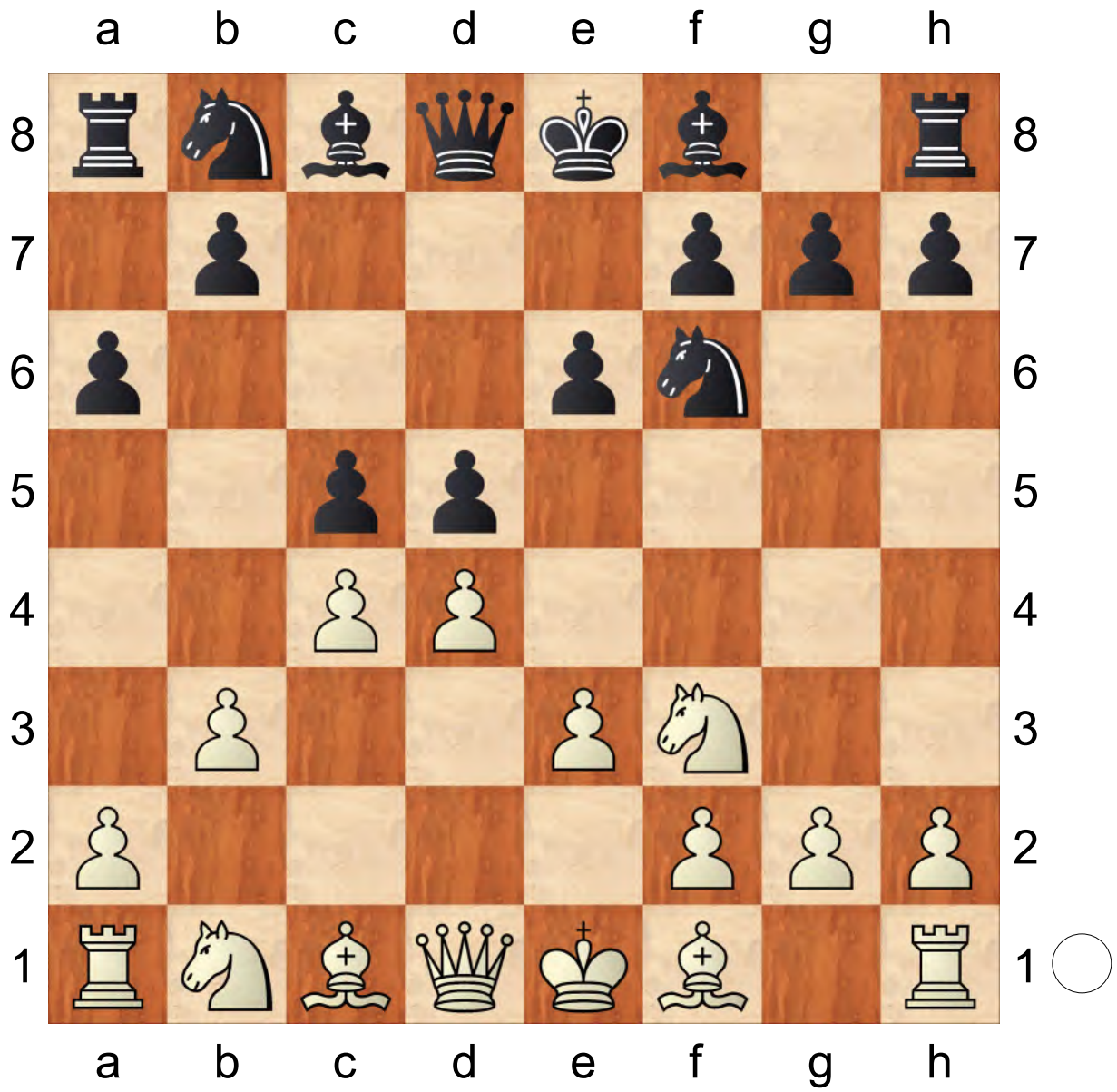
□ **Fominyh,Alexander** **2545**
■ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2595**
RUS-ch m1-2 Elista (3.2) 26.05.1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.e3 a6 5.b3 c5**



6.cxd5

[6.Be2 cxd4 7.exd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Be7 9.0-0 b6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Rc1 0-0 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5∓ Kurajica,B-Sokolov,I/JUG-chT Cetinje 1991/½-½ (60)]

[6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.Be2 *(8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Nxc4 b5 11.Nce5*

Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4± ½-½ Matthaei,A-Morawietz,D/Porz op 1993 (53)*)* 8...0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Re1 Bf8 11.Bf1 cxd4 12.exd4 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Ndf3 Ne4 15.Rc1 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Rc8 17.Bd3 g6 18.Qe2 Bh6 19.Rcd1 f6 20.Ng4 Bg7= Tibensky,R-Certek,P/Pila 1992/1-0 (55)]
[6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 b6 10.Rc1 cxd4 11.exd4 Bf4 12.Ra1 Bb7 13.Qe2 Re8= 1-0 Bezgodov,A-Ivanov,S/ch-RUS KO, Elista RUS 1997 (33)]

6...Nxd5N

[6...Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qd8 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 e5 10.Nc2 Nbd7 11.Bb2 Nc5 12.Be2 Bf5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rc1 Be7= Vospernik,Z-Orel,O/Portoroz op 1994/ 1-0 (55)]

7.a3

[7.e4!? Nf6 8.e5 *(8.Nc3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bb4∓)* 8...Nd5 9.Be2 Nc6 10.dxc5 Qc7 11.Bb2 Bxc5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bd3 *(13.Nbd2 Nf4 14.Rc1 b6 15.Rc4 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 a5∓)* 13...Ndb4 14.Be4 Rd8 15.Qe2 b6 16.a3 Nd5 17.b4 Be7

A) 18.Bc2 Bb7 19.Qe4 g6 20.Rc1 *(20.Nbd2 Ndxb4!-+)*;

B) 18.Qc2 h6 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Bb7 21.Rac1 Rac8 22.h4±]

7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Be7= 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 e5

(Diagram)

11.Nf3 Nc6

[11...e4 12.Nfd2 Bf5 13.Bb2=]

12.Bb2 Bf6

[12...e4 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 *(14.Qxd4 Bf6 15.Qd2 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Qg5=)* 14...b5 15.Qc2 f5 16.Qc6 Rb8 17.Rc1 Nf4!=]

13.Nfd2

[13.Nbd2 e4

A) 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.exd4

A1) 15...Nf4 16.Nxe4 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4 18.Bf3± *(18.Qxd4 Nxe2+-+)*;

A2) 15...Re8 16.Nc4 b5 17.Ne3 Be6=;

B) 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Qc2 Bf5 17.Bc4 h6 18.Ngf3 Rfd8∓]

13...e4!?

[13...Be6 14.Nc3=]

14.Qc2

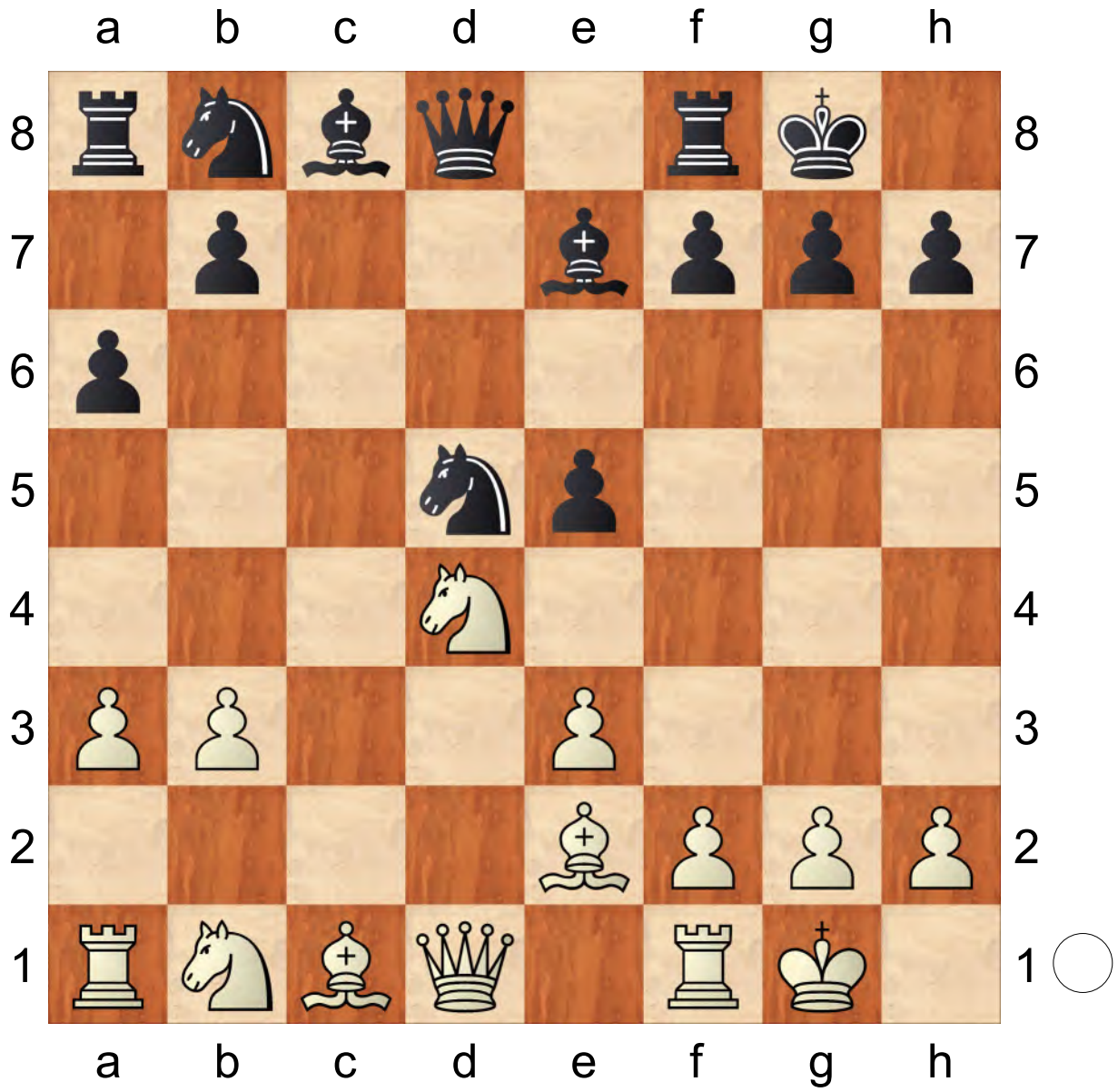
[14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Ra2 Bf5 16.Qc2 Rfe8 17.Bc4 Rad8 18.Rc1 Qg6 19.Nc3 Bh3 20.Bf1 *(20.g3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 Ne5∓)* 20...Nxc3 21.Qxc3 Re5∓]

14...Bf5 15.Nc3

[15.Rd1 Rc8]

15...Bxc3?!

[15...Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Rc8 18.Rac1 Qe7= *(18...Qh4 19.Qc5±)*]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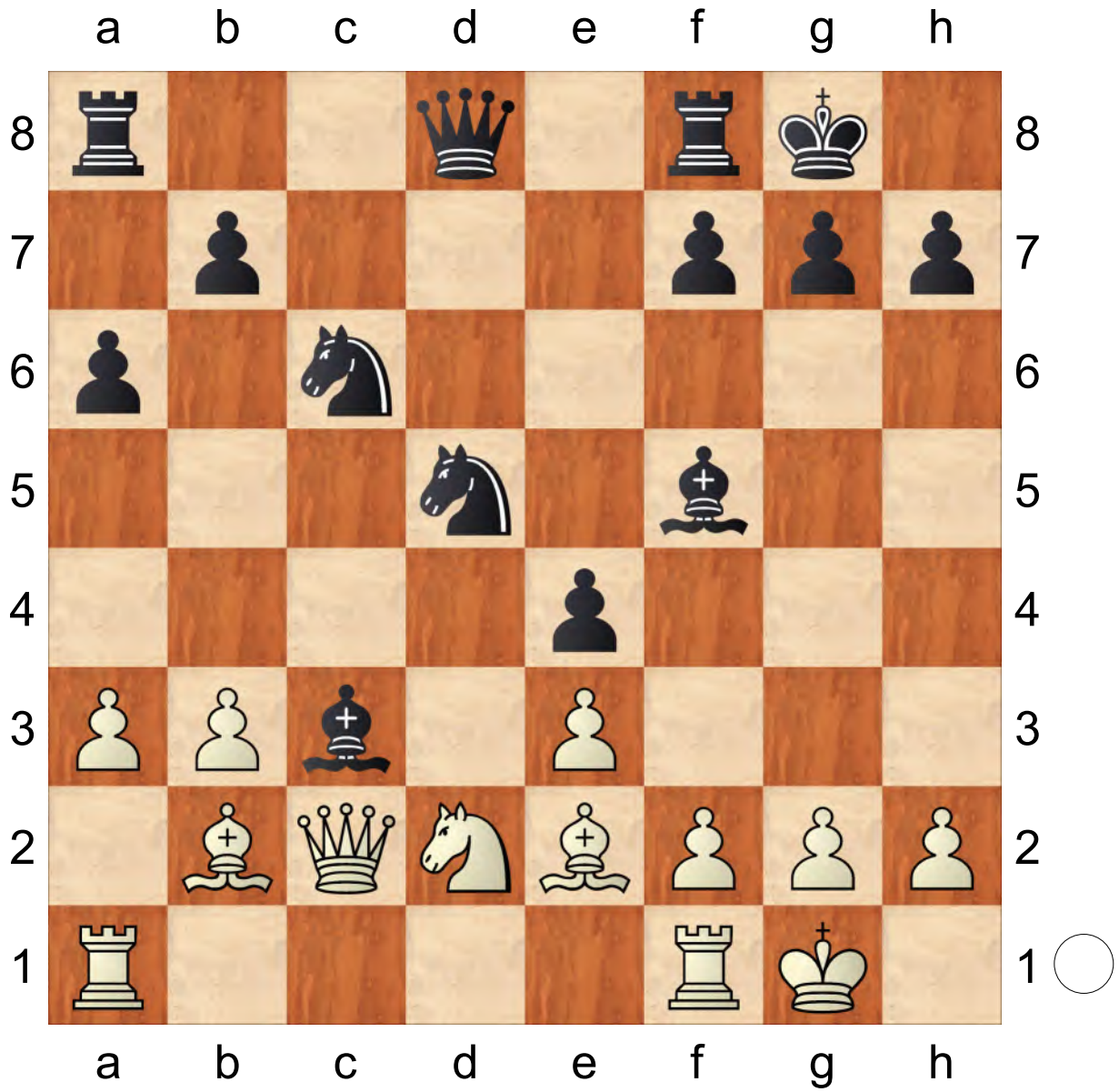
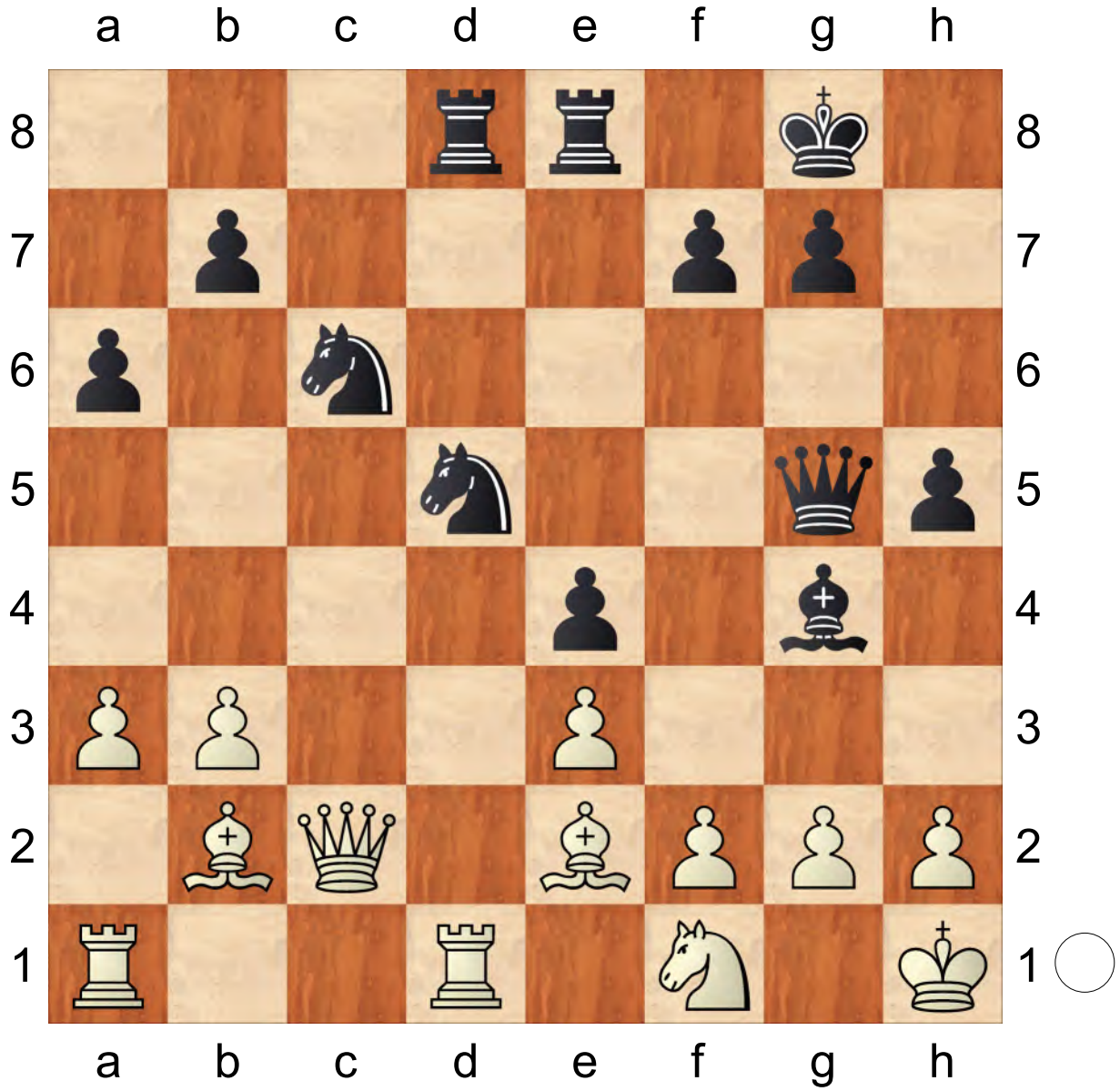


16.Bxc3 Qg5
[16...Rc8 17.Qb2 Qg5!?⇄]
[16...Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Qe7=]
17.Kh1 Rad8 18.Rfd1
[18.Bb2
A) 18...Rd6?! 19.Nxe4! Qg6 20.Bd3 Ndb4!? 21.Nxd6 *(21.axb4 Rxd3 22.Ng3 Be6 23.Bc3 Rc8 24.Qb2±)* 21...Nxc2 22.Nxf5 Nxa1 23.Ne7+ Nxe7 24.Bxg6 Nxb3 25.Bc2±;
B) 18...Rfe8 19.Rac1 Re6!⇄;
C) 18...Qg6 19.Rfd1 Rfe8 20.Rac1 Bg4 21.Bxg4 Qxg4 22.Nf1 Ne5 23.Rd4 Nc6 24.Rc4 Nb6 25.Rc5 Rd3 26.Ng3 Red8 27.h3±]
18...Rfe8 19.Bb2 Bg4 20.Nf1
[20.Bxg4 Qxg4 21.Rac1±]

20...h5



21.Bxg4 Qxg4 22.Rd2?!
[22.Rac1±]
22...h4 23.Rad1 Qe6 24.h3= Rd6 25.b4
[25.Nh2
A) 25...Rc8 26.Ba1 *(26.Qc4 Rcd8 27.Ng4 b5 28.Qe2 f5 29.Nh2 Na5∓)* 26...Rcd8;
B) 25...Red8 26.Ng4 f5 27.Nh2 Ne5 28.Bxe5 *(28.Ba1 Nd3∓)* 28...Qxe5 29.Nf1=]
25...Red8

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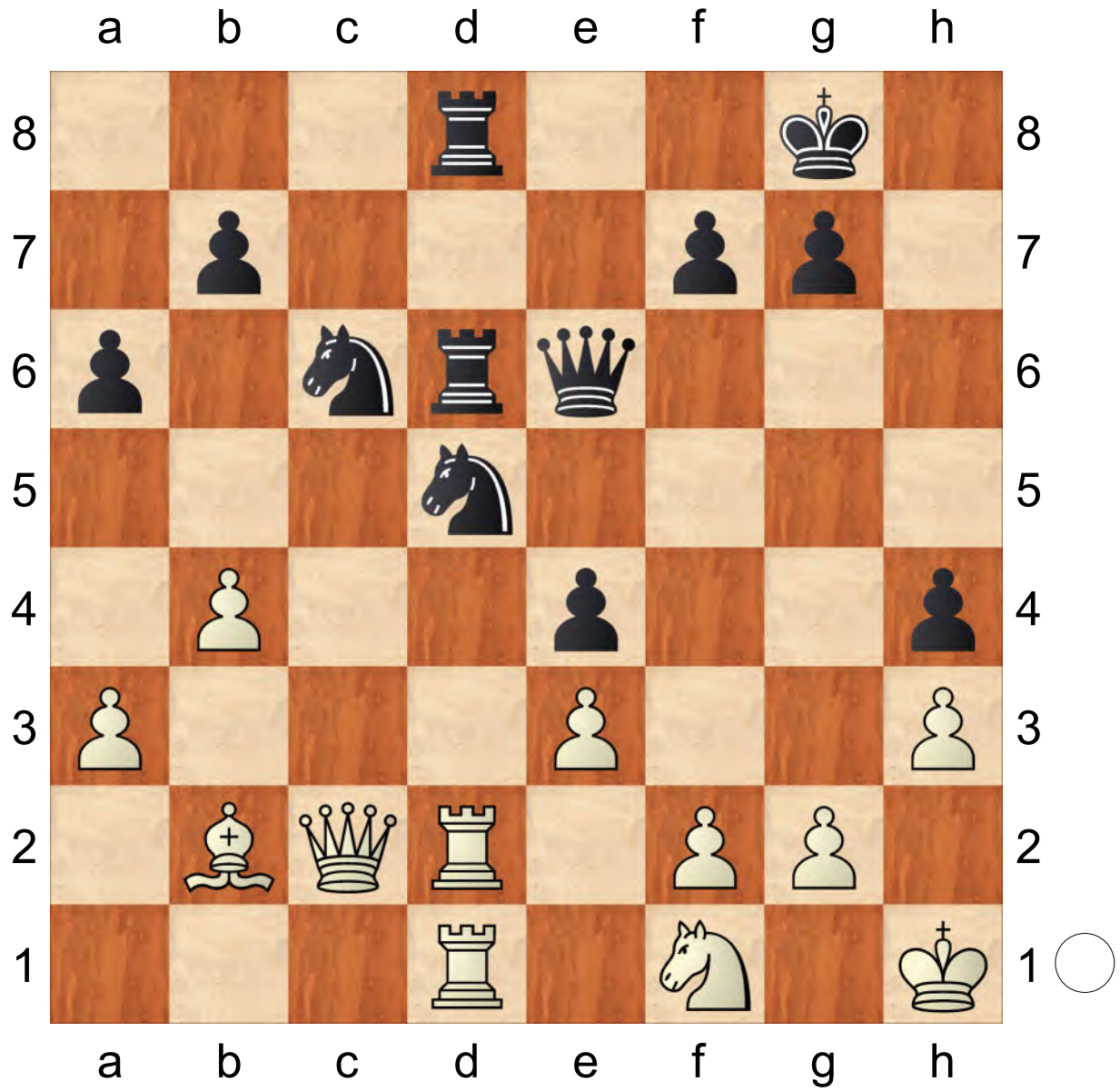
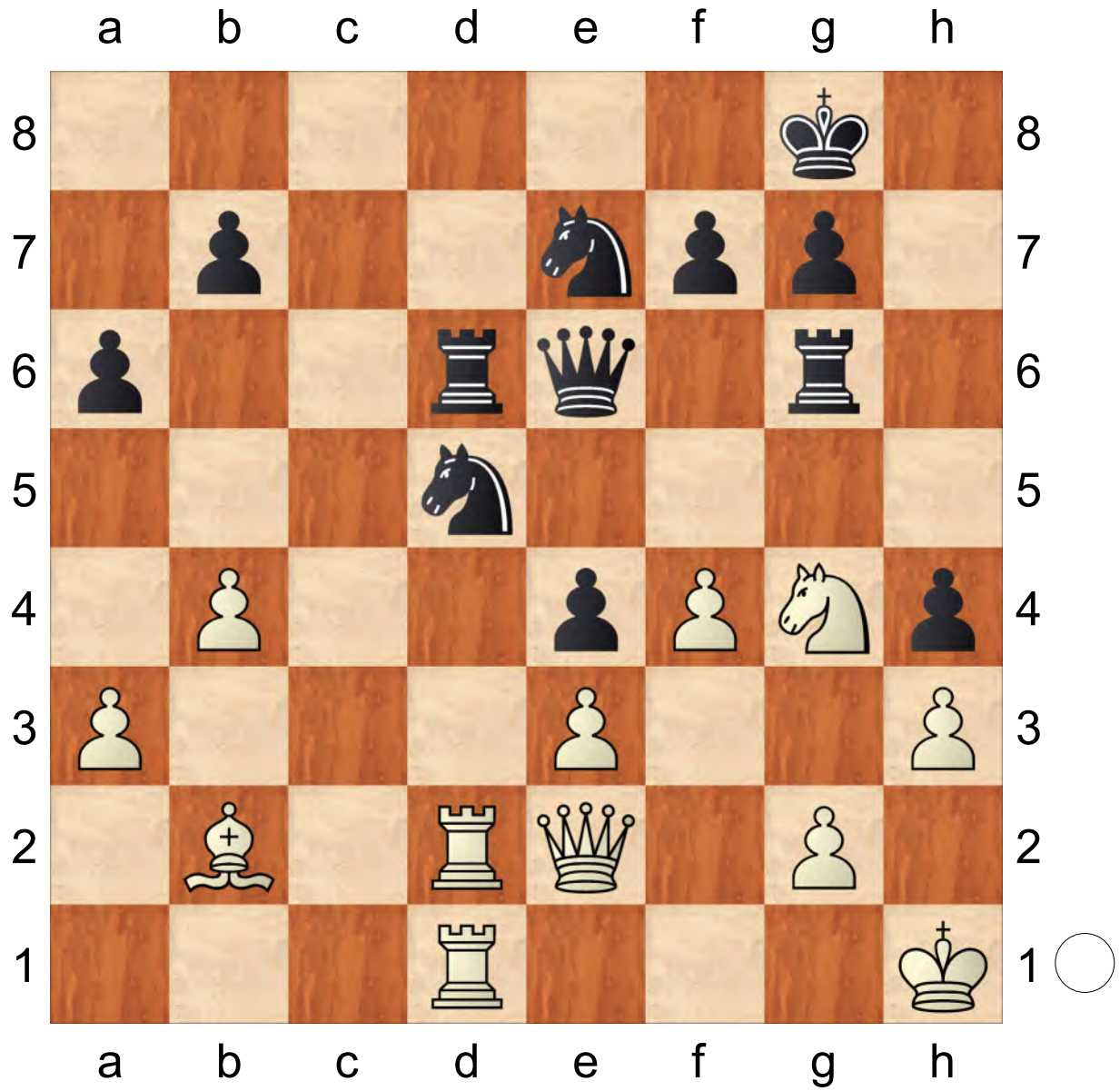


26.Qc4 Qf5
[26...b5=]
27.Qe2 Rg6?!
[27...R8d7]
28.Nh2 Rdd6
[28...b5 29.Ng4 Rgd6=]
29.Ng4± Qe6□
[29...b5? 30.Be5! Nxe5 31.Rxd5±]
30.f4?!
[30.b5! Nce7 *(30...axb5 31.Qxb5±)* 31.a4±]
30...Nce7
[30...exf3 31.Qxf3 f5 32.Nf6+! gxf6 33.Rxd5±]



31.Qc4
[31.Be5? Nf5! 32.Qc4 Nfxe3 33.Nxe3 Nxe3 34.Qxe6 Rdxe6 35.Re1 Nf5∓]
31...f5
[31...b5 32.Qc5±]
32.Ne5 Rg3 33.Qd4
[33.Qe2 Rxe3 34.Qh5 Rd8 35.Qxh4 b5⇄]
33...Kh7 34.Nc4
[34.a4 Rd8 *(34...Rxe3 35.Nc4 Rg3 36.Nxd6 Qxd6±)* 35.Re1 b5 36.axb5 axb5 37.Ra1⇄]
34...Rc6 35.Ne5 Rc7

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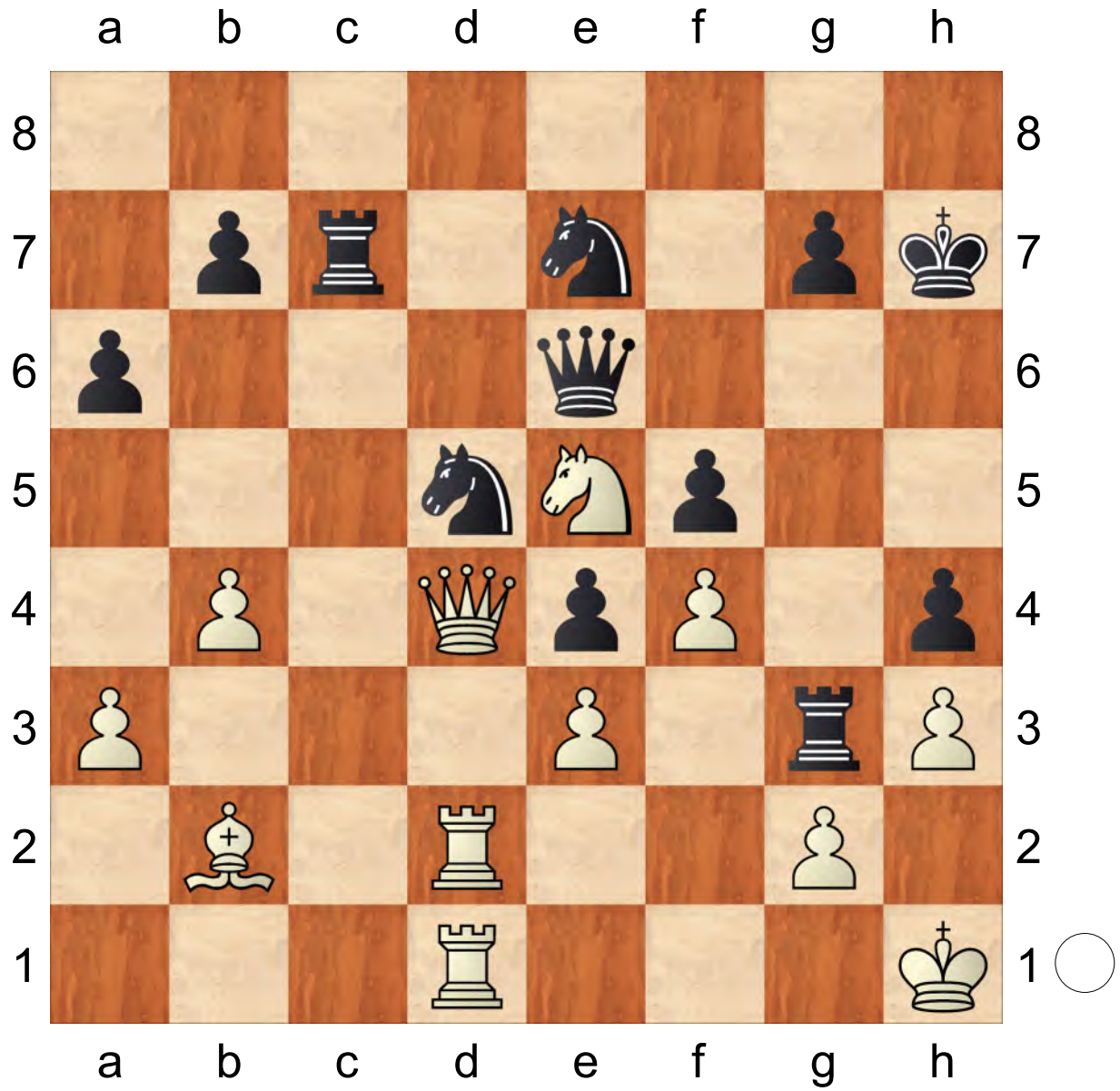


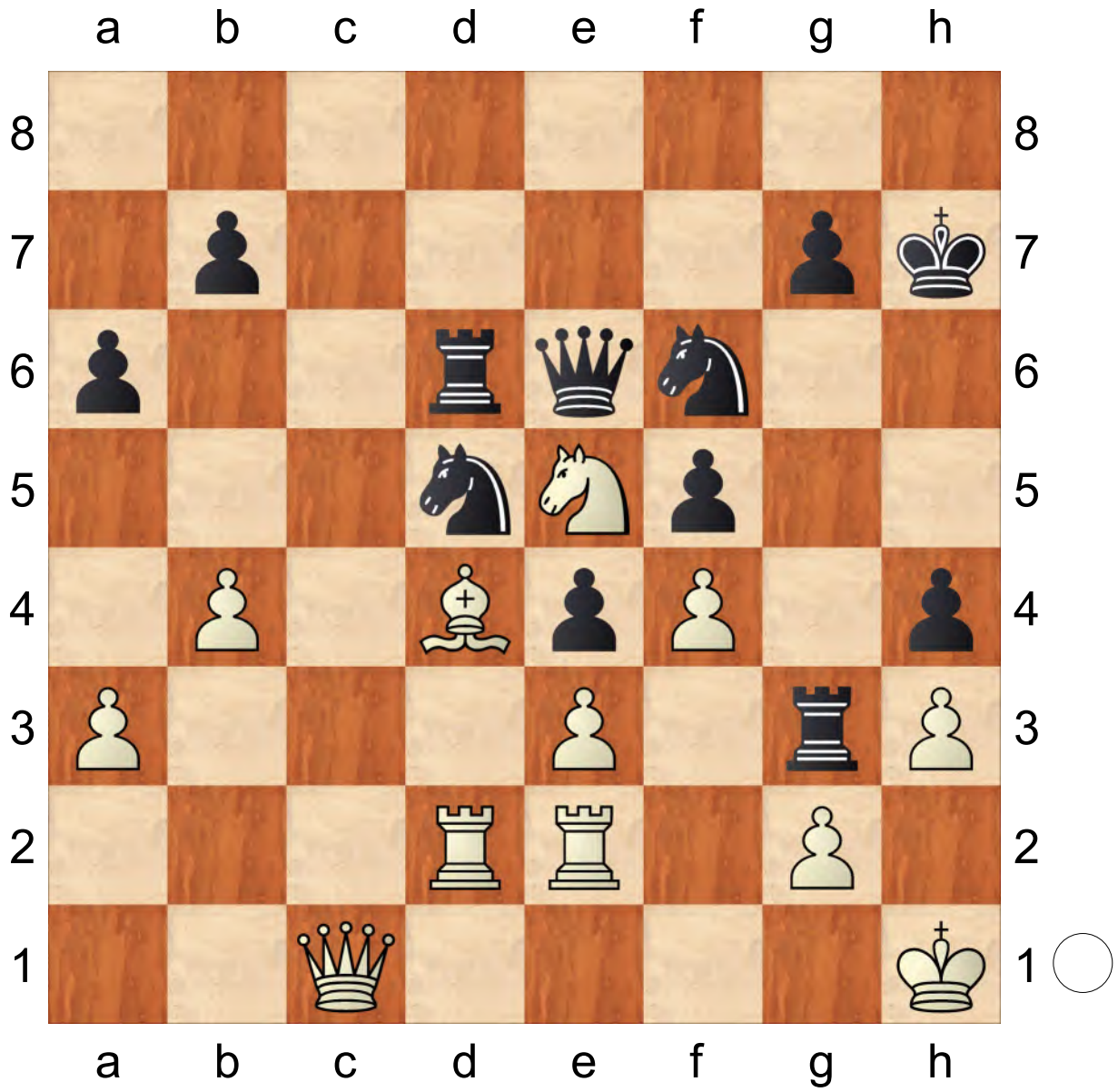
36.Re2
[36.Ng4 Qg6 37.Ne5 Qf6 38.Re2=]
36...Rc8 37.Qd2 Rd8 38.Qc1 Rd6 39.Rdd2 Ng8 40.Bd4 Ngf6

(Diagram)

41.Qc2 Rd8 42.Re1 Qe8 43.Kg1 Nh5 44.Kh2?
[44.Qc4=]
44...Ndxf4!!∓ 45.exf4 Rxd4!

(Diagram)

46.Rf1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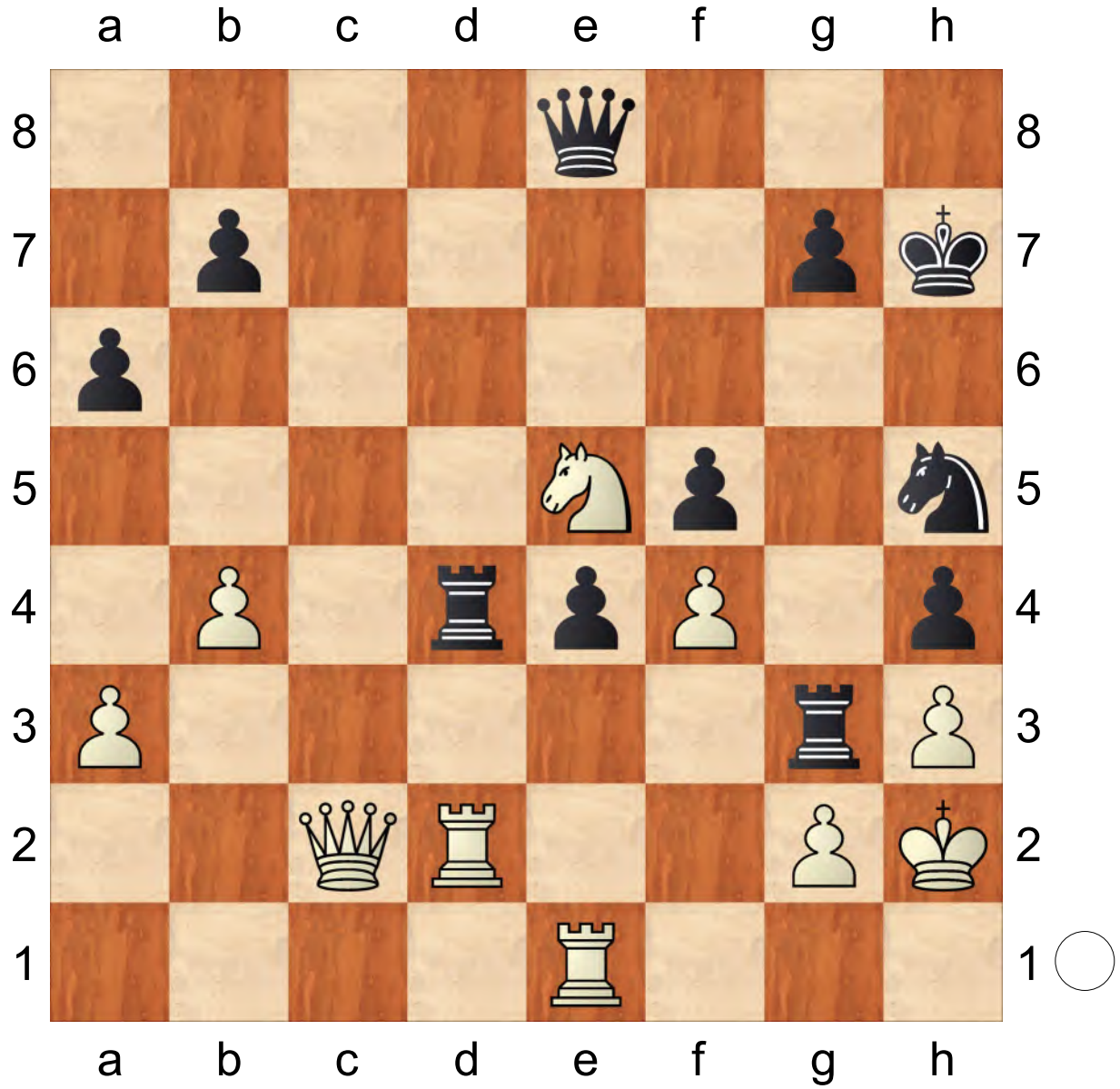

[46.Rxd4 Nxf4!

A) 47.Qc5 Rxg2+ 48.Kh1

A1) 48...Qh5!

A1a) 49.Rd7 Qg5 50.Ng4 Nxh3 51.Nf6+ Kg6 52.Nxe4 fxe4 53.Qxg5+ Rxg5 54.Rxb7 Nf2+ 55.Kh2 h3 56.Rg1 Rxg1 57.Kxg1 e3

A1a1) 58.Ra7 Ne4 59.Rxa6+ Kf5 60.Rc6 g5 61.Kh2 g4

A1a11) 62.b5 e2 63.Rc1 g3+ *(63...Nf2 64.b6 Nd1 65.Rc5+ Kf6 66.Re5 Kxe5 67.b7 e1Q 68.b8Q+ Kd4 69.Qd6+ Ke3 70.Qe6+ Kd2 71.Qxg4 Nf2 72.Qb4+ Ke2 73.Qxe1+ Kxe1 74.a4=)* 64.Kxh3 Nf2+ 65.Kh4 Nd1 66.Rc5+ Kf6 67.Rc6+ Ke7-+;

A1a12) 62.Rc1 Kf4 63.b5 Nf2-+;

A1a2) 58.a4 Ng4 59.b5 axb5 60.a5 Ne5!-+;

A1b) 49.Qe7 Rg3 50.Rd2 Rxa3! 51.Rh2 Rxh3 52.Rxh3 Nxh3 53.Rf1

e3 54.Qxb7 Nf2+ 55.Kh2 f4 56.Rxf2

A1b1) 56...exf2 57.Qe4+ g6 58.Kg2 h3+ 59.Kxf2 h2 60.Qb7+ Kh8 61.Qc8+ Kg7 62.Qb7+ Kf6 63.Nd7+ Kg7 *(63...Kg5 64.Qd5+ Kh6 65.Qxh5+ Kxh5 66.Kg2 g5 67.Kxh2 g4 68.Nc5 Kh4 69.Nxa6 f3 70.Nc5 g3+ 71.Kg1+-)* 64.Ne5+=;

A1b2) 56...Qxe5!-+;

A2) 48...Rg3? 49.Rd2 Rxh3+ *(49...b6 50.Qd6 Rxa3 51.Nd3!±)* 50.Rh2 Rxh2+ 51.Kxh2 Qe6 52.Rg1 Qa2+ 53.Kh1∞;

B) 47.Qc7 Rxg2+ 48.Kh1

B1) 48...Qh5

B1a) 49.Re3 Qg5 50.Ng4□ fxg4 51.Qxb7□ Rg1+! 52.Kh2 *(52.Kxg1 gxh3+ 53.Kf2 Qg2+ 54.Ke1 h2 55.Qxe4+ Qxe4 56.Rdxe4 h1Q+-+)* 52...Rf1! 53.Qxe4+ Kh6 54.hxg4 Qxg4 55.Qe6+ Qxe6 56.Rxe6+ Nxe6 57.Rxh4+ Kg5-+;

B1b) 49.Ng4 Rxg4 *(49...Qg5? 50.Rf1 Rxg4 51.hxg4 Ne6 52.Qe5 Nxd4 53.Qxd4 Qxg4 54.Qe3±)* 50.hxg4 Qxg4 51.Rd2 Qf3+ 52.Kg1 *(52.Kh2 Qg3+ 53.Kh1 Qxe1+-+)* 52...e3 53.Rb2 *(53.Qxf4 Qxf4-+)* 53...Nh3+ 54.Kh2 Nf2 55.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 56.Kh3 Qxe1-+;

B2) 48...Rg3 49.Nf7 Rxh3+ 50.Kg1 Ne6 *(50...Rg3+ 51.Kh2)* 51.Qd7 Qb8! 52.Qd6 *(52.Rd6 Qa7+-+)* 52...Qa7 53.Red1 Rd3! *(53...Rg3+ 54.Kh2 Nxd4 55.Rxd4∞)* 54.R1xd3 exd3 55.Qxe6 Qxd4+ 56.Kh1 Qf6-+]

46...Rxd2 47.Qxd2 Qe6 48.Nd7 Qf7 49.Qd6?

[49.Ne5∓]

49...Rd3 1:00 (**50.Ne5 Rxd6**

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51.Nxf7 Rd3 52.a4 Rd4-+

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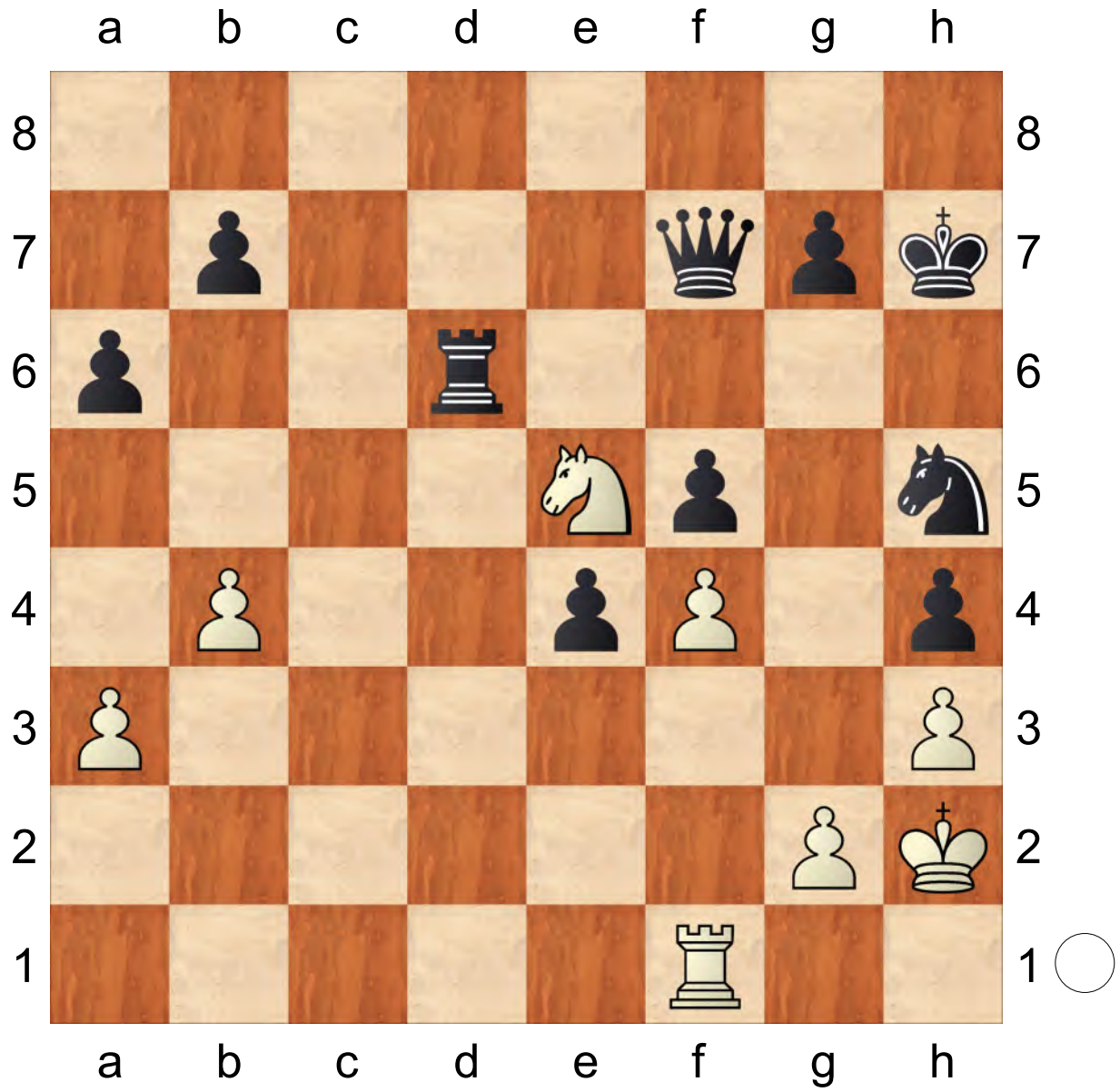
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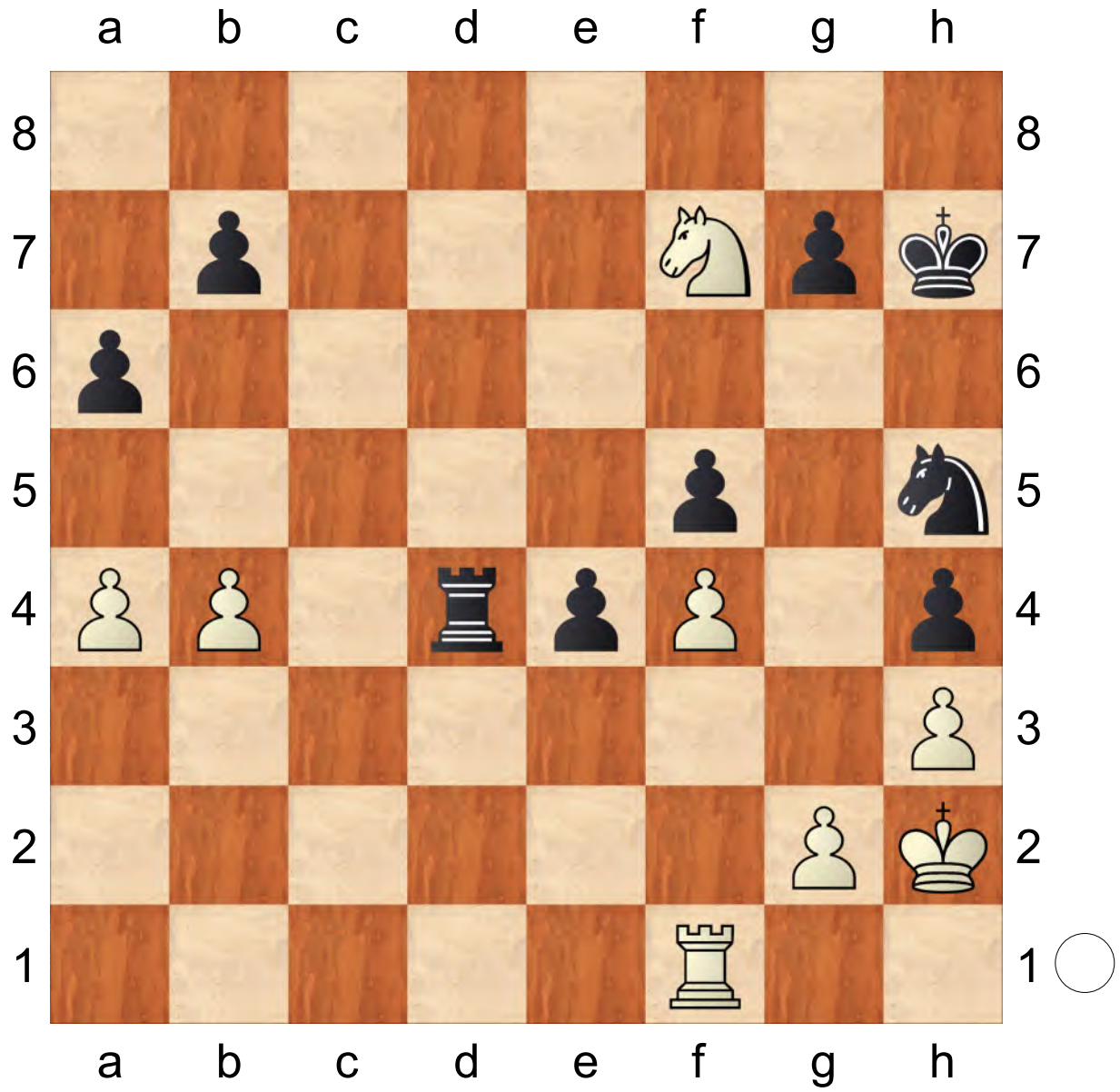
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□ **Kortschnoj,Viktor Lvovich** **2620**
■ **Zhu,Chen** **2535**
Schuhplattler Veterans-Ladies (4) 07.07.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Very rare move. Kortschnoj very often plays secondary variations - without theoretical discussions. **5...Ne4?!±**

[Another continuation is 5...Nbd7

A) 6.Bb2 Bd6 *(6...Be7 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.Nbd2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a3 0-0 11.Rc1 Rfe8 12.Re1 Rad8=* Kruck,M-Benndorf,H/Chemnitz op (5) ;EXT 99 1997/1-0 (50)*)* 7.Nbd2 Qe7 8.Ne5 0-0 9.Bd3 Ba3 10.Bxa3 Qxa3 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.c5 Qa5 13.a3 e5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.h3 Nxe5= Szmacinska,Grazyna-Misanovic,Vesna/Thessaloniki ol (Women) ;EXT 97 1988/½-½ (46);

B) 6.Bd3 Bd6

B1) 7.Bb2

B1a) 7...Qc7?! 8.c5!? Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Rd8 11.b4 b6 12.a3 a5 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.e4± *(14.Rfc1 Rdb8 15.Bc3±* Raffalt,Manfred-Singer, Richard/AUT-ch qual (6) ;EXT 97 1991/1-0 (42) *)*;

B1b) 7...0-0

B1b1) 8.Ne5 dxc4 9.bxc4 Bb4+ 10.Kf1 Qc7 *(10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.Qh5 h6∓)* 11.f4 Rd8 12.g4 Nxe5 *(12...b5!∓)* 13.fxe5 Nd7∓ Times,Lawyer-Escobedo Tinajero,Alberto/World op Philadelphia (4) ; EXT 2000 1999/0-1 (48);

B1b2) 8.0-0 Qe7 9.Ne5 a5 10.a3 c5 11.Nd2 b6 12.Qc2 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb7⇄ 0-1 Hodgson,Julian M-Martinez,Marce/Saitek US Masters (4) ;EXT 99 1998 (40);

B2) 7.Nbd2 e5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.dxe5 Nxe5

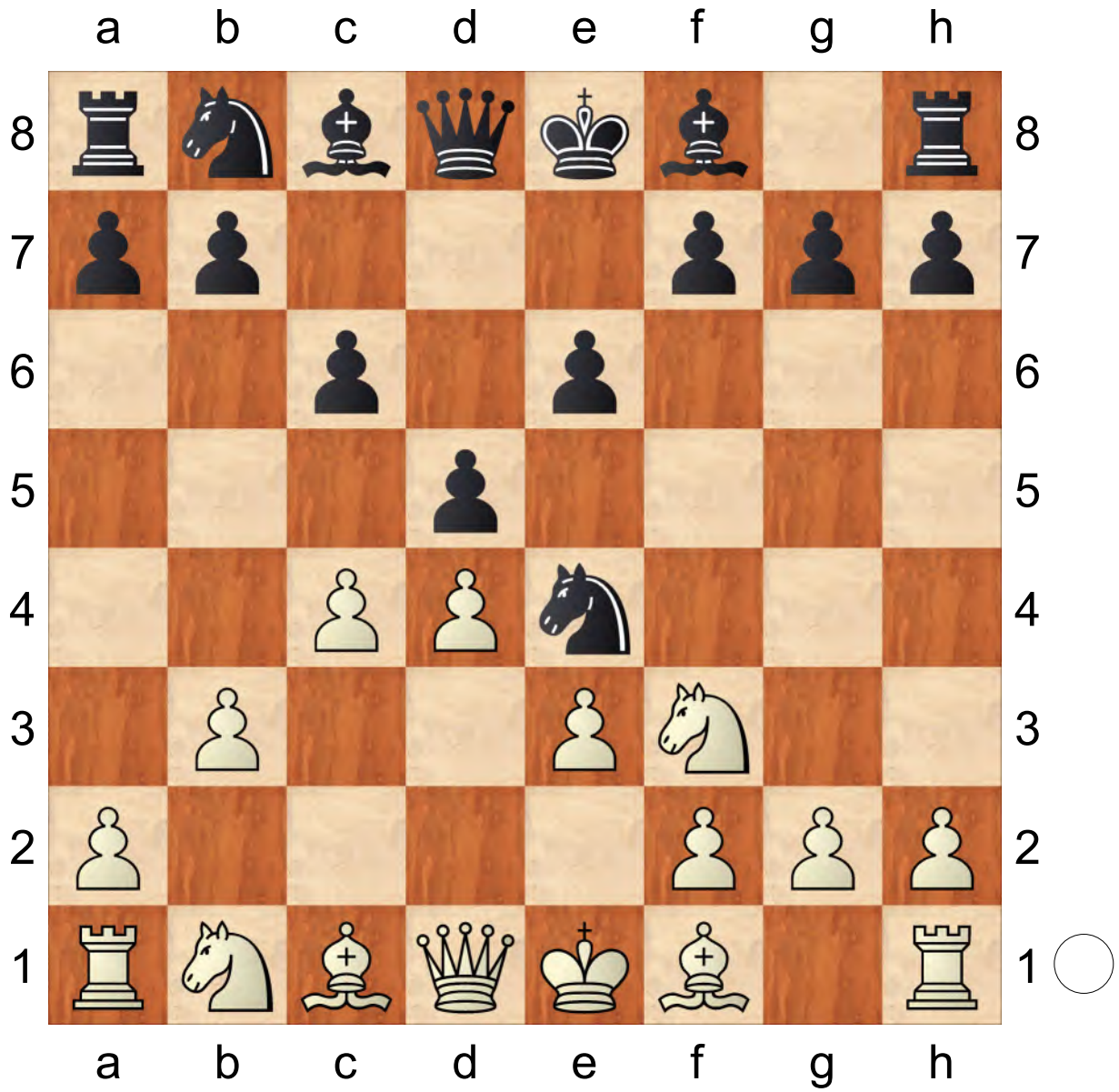
B2a) 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.0-0 Qc7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 d4 16.exd4 *(16.Bb2 dxe3 17.Rbc1 exf2+ 18.Rxf2 Qb8 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Qxb7=)* 16...Bxd4 17.Bf4±;

B2b) 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Rc1 Ng6 *(12...Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Bg4⇄)* 13.Nd4 *(13.Bxg6 hxg6⇄)* 13...Nf4 14.Qf1 Ng4→ Miniati,NT-Lasker,Emanuel (4)/Manchester m ;EXT 99 1890/0-1 (50)]

(Diagram)

Interesting but wrong reaction. Black prepare useless check on b4. **6.Bd3 Bb4+**
7.Kf1?!⇄ Interesting, but not the best move.

[In my opinion, better is standard 7.Nbd2 Bc3 *(7...Qa5 8.Qc2±* *)* 8.Rb1 Qa5 9.Qc2 Na6 *(9...f5 10.a3 Nd7 11.b4 Qc7 12.0-0 Nxd2 13.Bxd2 Bxd2*



14.Qxd2±) 10.a3 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 c5 *(11...dxc4 12.bxc4 e5 13.0-0 exd4 14.Nb3 Qd8 15.exd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Bb2±)* 12.0-0 cxd4 13.cxd5 exd5 14.b4 Qb6 15.Nf3 Bd7 16.exd4±]

7...Qe7

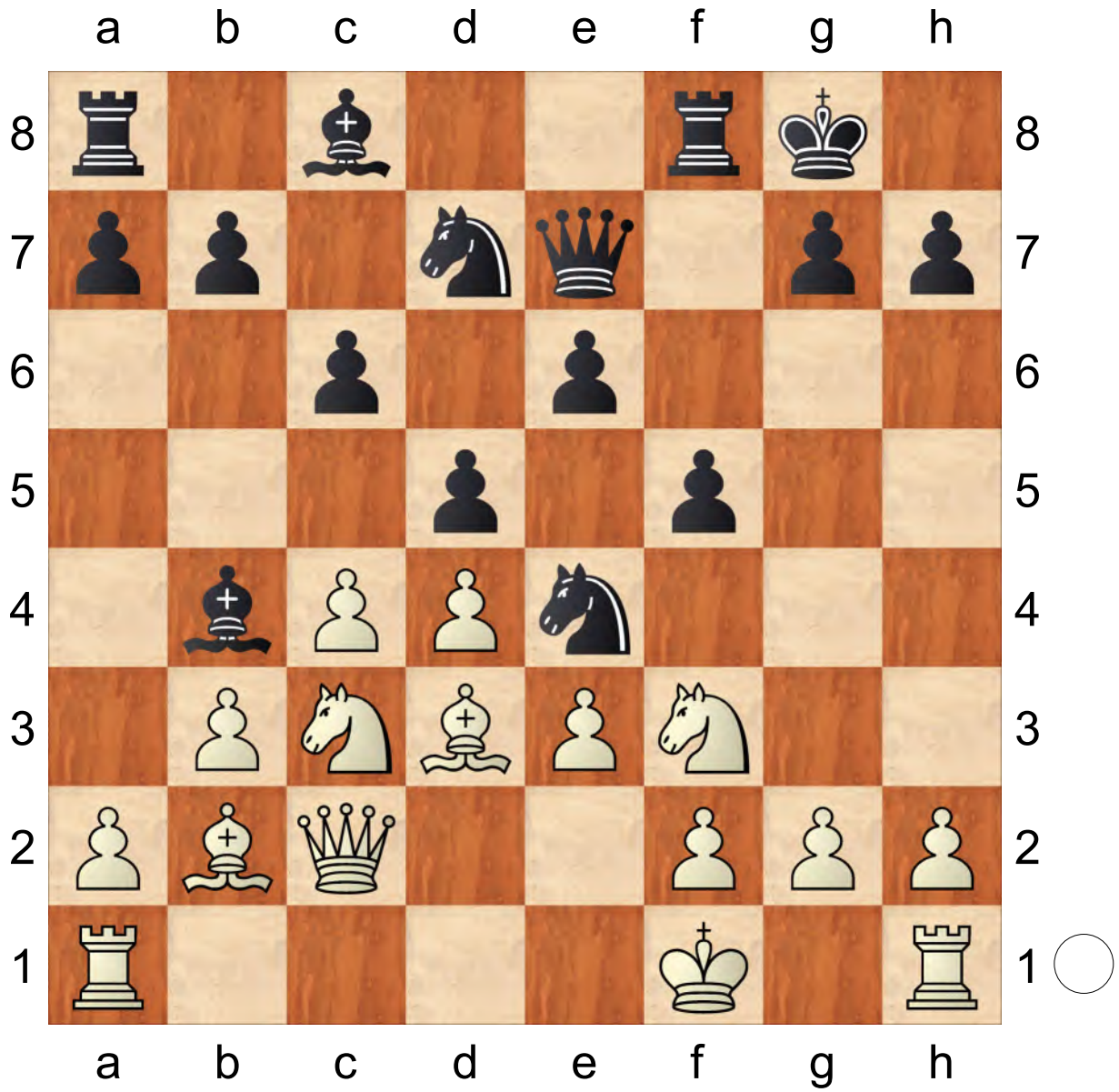
[7...Nd7 8.Ba3 a5 9.Bxb4 axb4 10.Nbd2 Nc3 11.Qc2 Nf6 12.a3 *(12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nfxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 0-0 16.h4 f6⇄)* 12...Qa5 13.a4⇄]

8.Qc2 f5 Black recieved stonewall variation with ♔f1. **9.Bb2 Nd7 10.Nc3**

[10.a3 Bd6 11.Nbd2 0-0⇄]

10...0-0

(Diagram)



11.Ne2 Bd6 ♗b4 have fulfilled it't mission - ♗ can return. **12.g3**
[Better was with the same idea g2-g4, but what to do with ♔f1? 12.h3]
12...Ndf6 13.h3 dxc4 Black desided to open position.
[Another plans of ♗c8 development are 13...Bd7⇄]
[13...b6⇄]
14.bxc4 c5 15.g4!? Sharp continuation
[15.Kg2 b6⇄]
15...b5?±
[Another possibility is 15...b6 16.Rg1 *(16.g5 Ne8 17.h4 Bb7 18.Rg1⇄)*
16...Bb7 17.gxf5 exf5 18.a4 Rae8 19.d5⇄]

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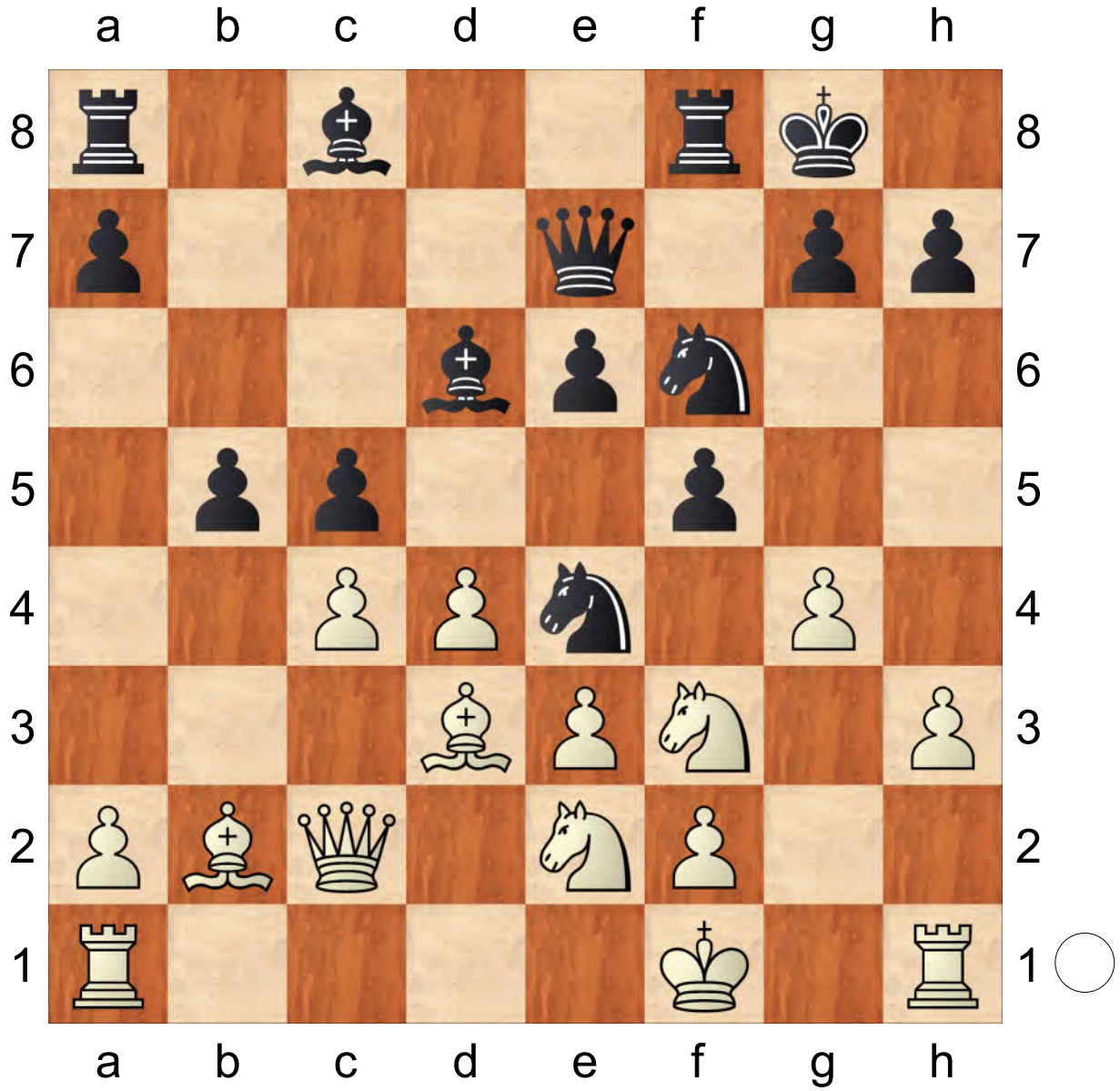


Black sacrifice ♙ with hope to open the game and try to disturb ♔f1 **16.gxf5**

[16.cxb5! The best way to fight against gambit is to accept it!

A) 16...cxd4 17.Nexd4 Bb7 18.gxf5 Rac8 19.Nc6 *(19.Qb3 Nc5∓)* 19...Bxc6 20.bxc6 exf5 21.Rc1±;

B) 16...Bb7 17.gxf5

B1) 17...exf5 18.Bc4+ Kh8 *(18...Bd5 19.Rc1±)* 19.Rg1±;

B2) 17...Rac8 18.Bc4 Bd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Qd3±]

16...exf5 17.d5

[17.cxb5 Bb7 18.Rg1 Rac8 19.Rc1 cxd4 20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.Nexd4 f4 22.Ne6 Bd5 23.Bxd5 Rxc2 24.Rxc2 Qd7∞ *(24...fxe3 25.Rxg7+-)*]

17...Bb7 18.Rg1 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Qe8

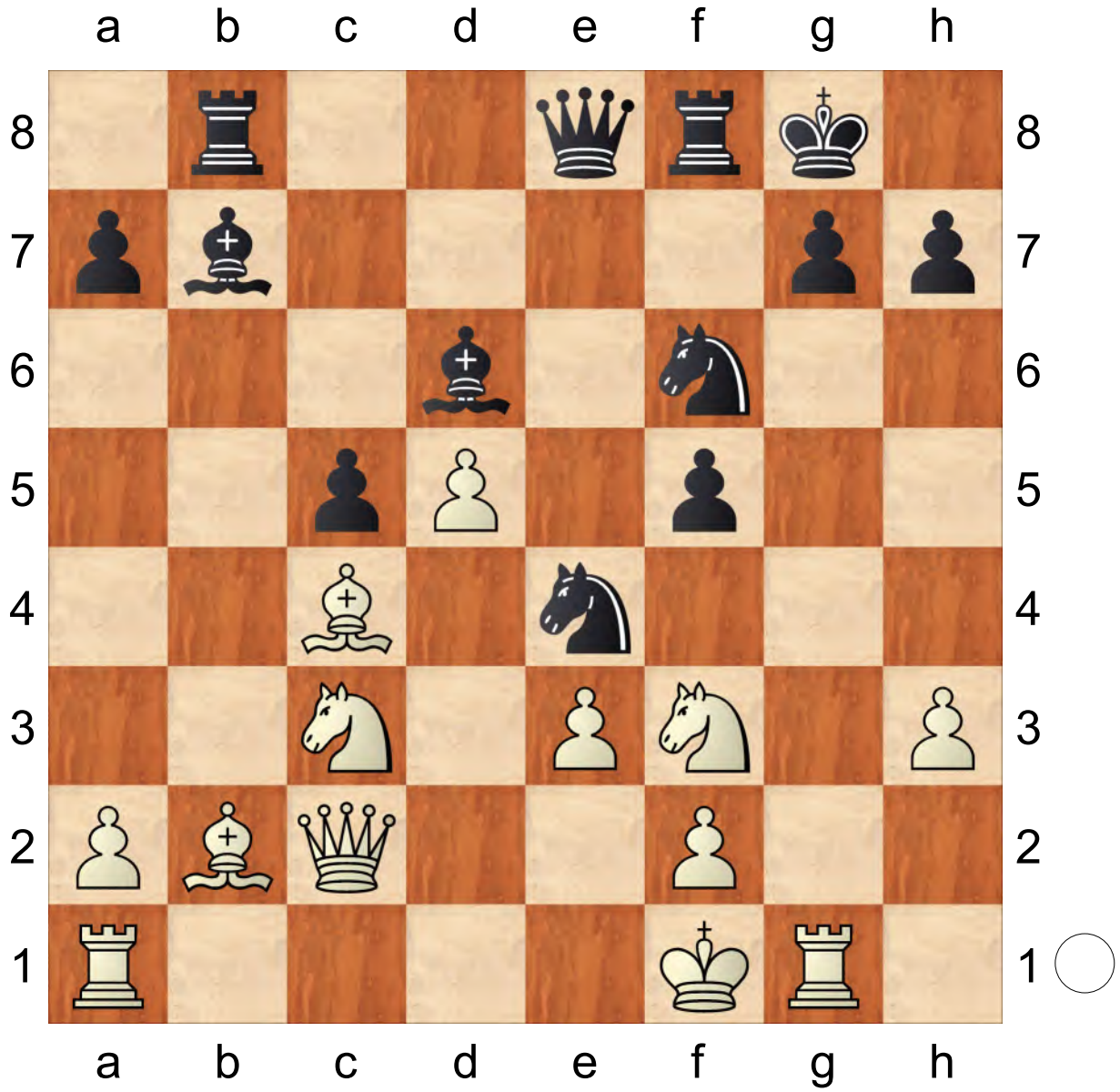
[19...g6 20.Rd1⇄]

20.Nc3

[20.Rd1 Qh5∓]

20...Rb8

[20...Qh5!? 21.Nxe4 Qxh3+ 22.Rg2 fxe4 23.Ng5 Qh1+ 24.Rg1 Qh6 *(24...Ng4!? 25.Rxh1 Nxe3+ 26.Ke2 Nxc2 27.Rxh7+-)* 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.Qxe4 Rae8 27.Qg2 g6 28.Ke2 Qh5+ 29.Qg4 Qxg4+ 30.Rxg4 Bc8⇄]



21.Nxe4

[21.Ng5 Nxg5 22.Rxg5 Bc8 23.Bd3 Be5 24.Rb1 *(24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 Rxb2 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8-+)* 24...g6∓]

21...fxe4

[21...Qxe4?! 22.Qxe4 fxe4 23.Nd2±]

22.Bxf6

[22.Ng5 Be5 23.d6+ Kh8 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Rd1 Bd5∓]

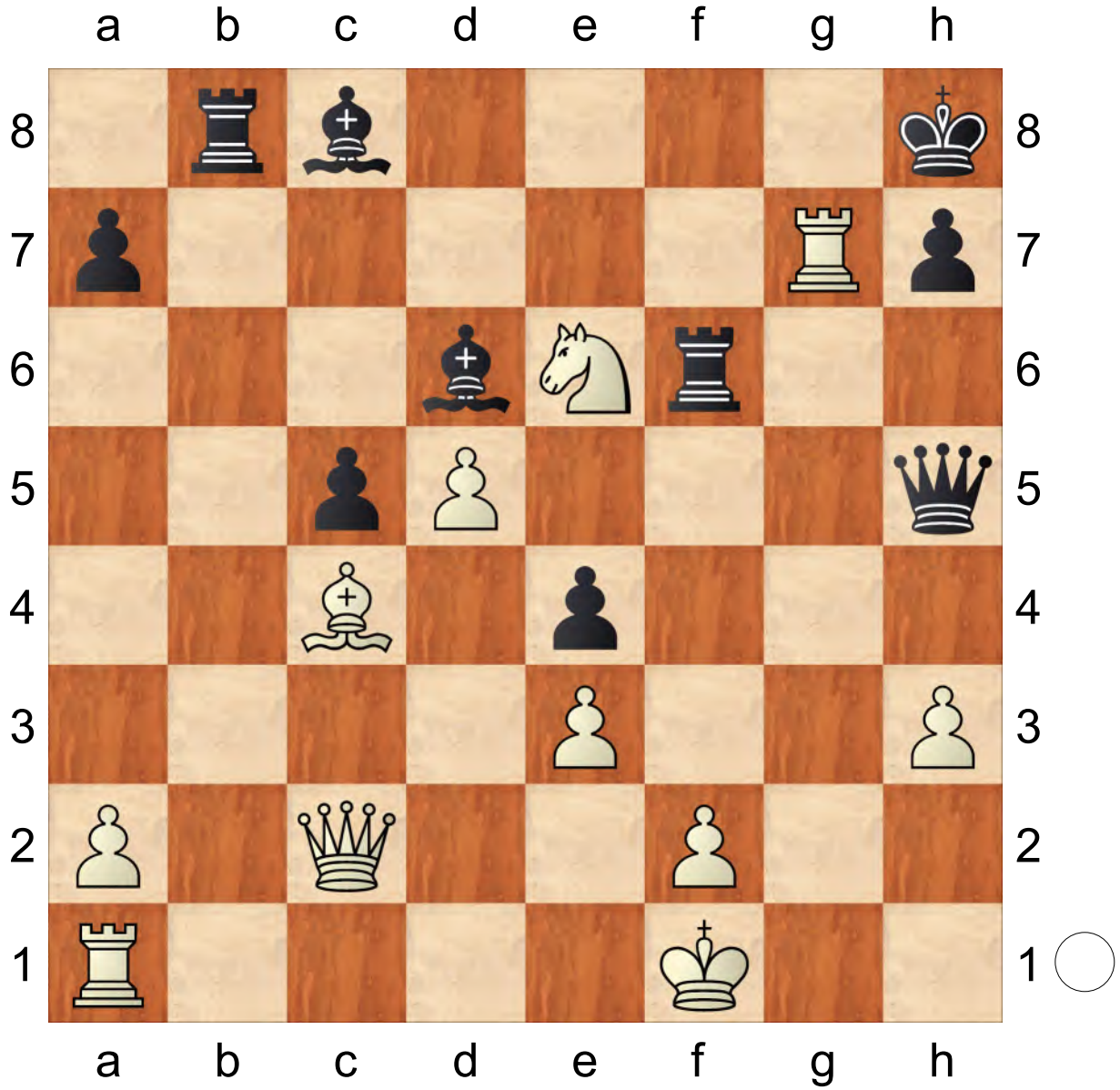
22...Rxf6 23.Ng5 Bc8! 24.Ne6

[Maybe at the last moment Kortschnoj noted 24.Nxe4? Bxh3+ 25.Ke1 next very strong move: Rxf2!! *(25...Rg6 26.Rxg6 Qxg6 27.Rc1 Bf5 28.Bd3 Be5 29.Nf6+ Qxf6 30.Bxf5 Rb2 31.Qe4 g6 32.Be6+ Kh8 33.Rc2=)* 26.Kxf2 *(26.Qxf2 Qxe4-+)* 26...Qe5-+]

24...Qh5 25.Rxg7+

[25.Qxe4 Qxh3+ 26.Ke1 g6 27.Rh1 Qf5 28.Qxf5 Rxf5 29.Rc1 *(29.f4 Rb4 30.Rc1 Bb7∓)* 29...Rb2 30.f4⇄]

25...Kh8



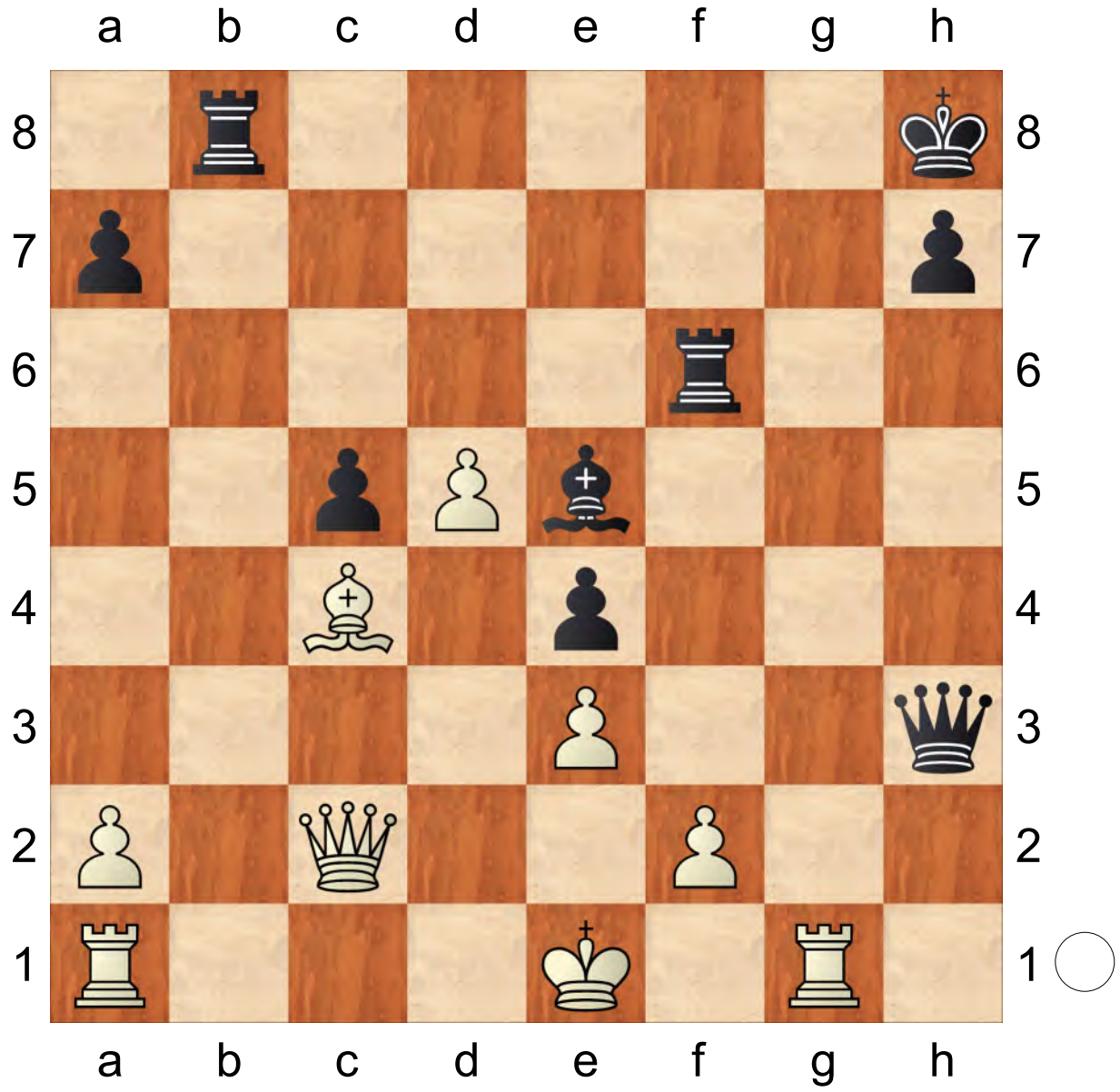
26.Rg2

[26.Rxa7? Bg3! *(26...Qxh3+ 27.Ke1 Qh1+ 28.Bf1 Bg3 29.Qc3 Bxf2+ 30.Kd2 Qh6∓)* 27.Nf4 Qf3-+]

26...Qxh3 27.Ng5??-+

[The only move was natural 27.Qc3! Tsesarsky: '=' Qh1+ 28.Rg1 Qh4 *(28...Qh3+ 29.Rg2=)* 29.Rg2=]

27...Qh1+ 28.Rg1 Bh3+ 29.Nxh3 Qxh3+ 30.Ke1 Be5



...and Black occupied important big diagonal. **31.Rb1**

[31.Rc1 Bb2! 32.Rb1 Rxf2! *(32...Bc3+ 33.Kd1)* 33.Kxf2 Qf3+ 34.Ke1 Qxe3+-+]

[31.Rd1 Rxf2!-+]

31...Rbf8??±

[Immediately win 31...Rxb1+ 32.Qxb1 Qf3 33.Qc2 Bc3+-+]

32.Qxe4□

[32.Rb3 Rxf2 33.Qxe4 Bg3 34.Kd1□ Rxa2 35.Rb8! *(35.Kc1 Qh2-+)* 35...Qh5+ 36.Kc1 Rxb8 37.Bxa2 Re8-+]

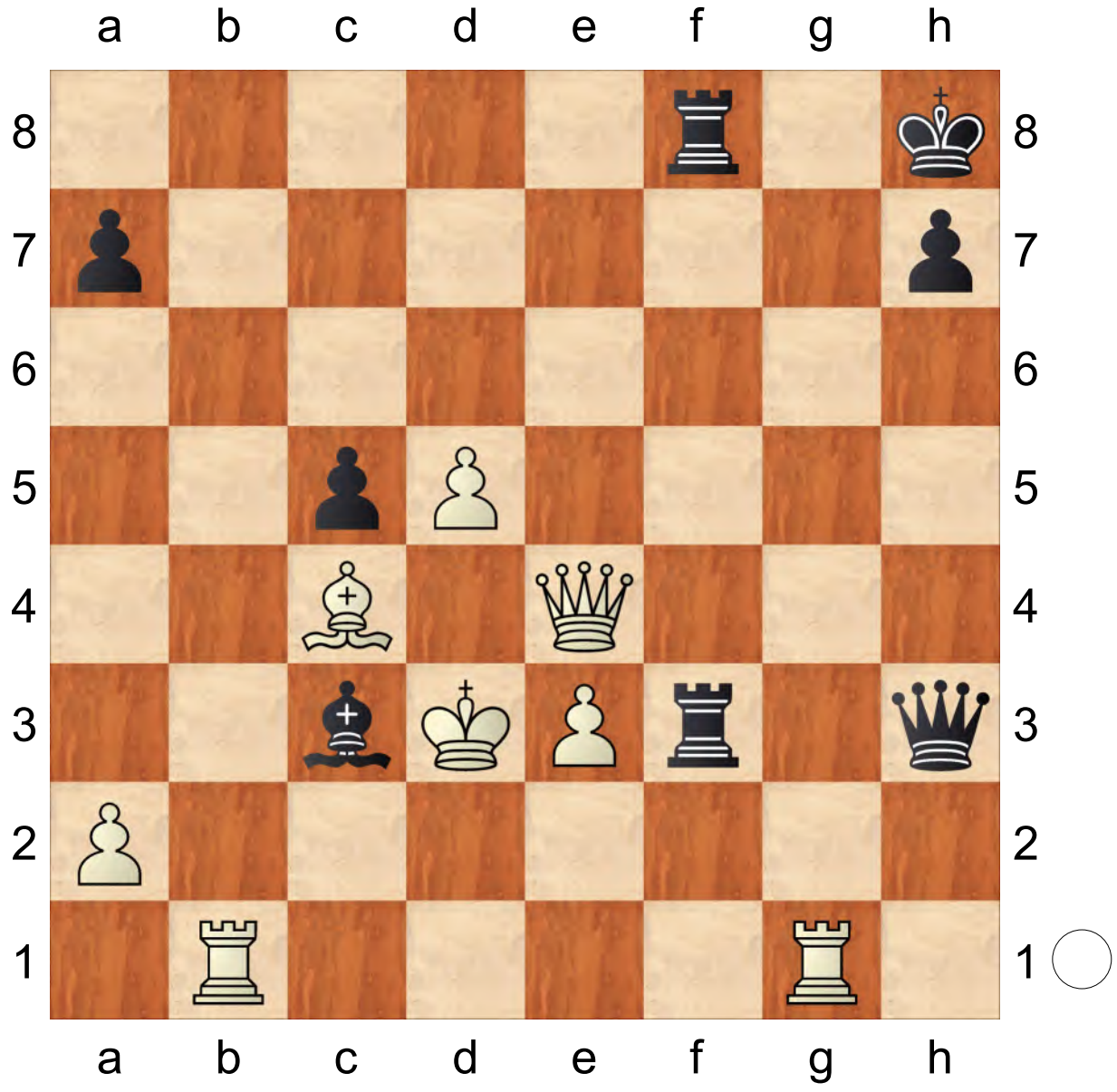
32...Bc3+ 33.Ke2

[33.Kd1 Rxf2 34.Be2 Qh2 35.Rh1 Rf1+! 36.Kc2! Qxh1 37.Qxh1 Rxh1 38.Rxh1±]

33...Rxf2+ 34.Kd3 R2f3?

[34...R2f3⊕ ? 35.Rh1+-]

[34...Bf6 35.Rb7±]



I support, both sides were in time pressure, it is the only explanation of lot of mistakes in the end of the game.

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D27

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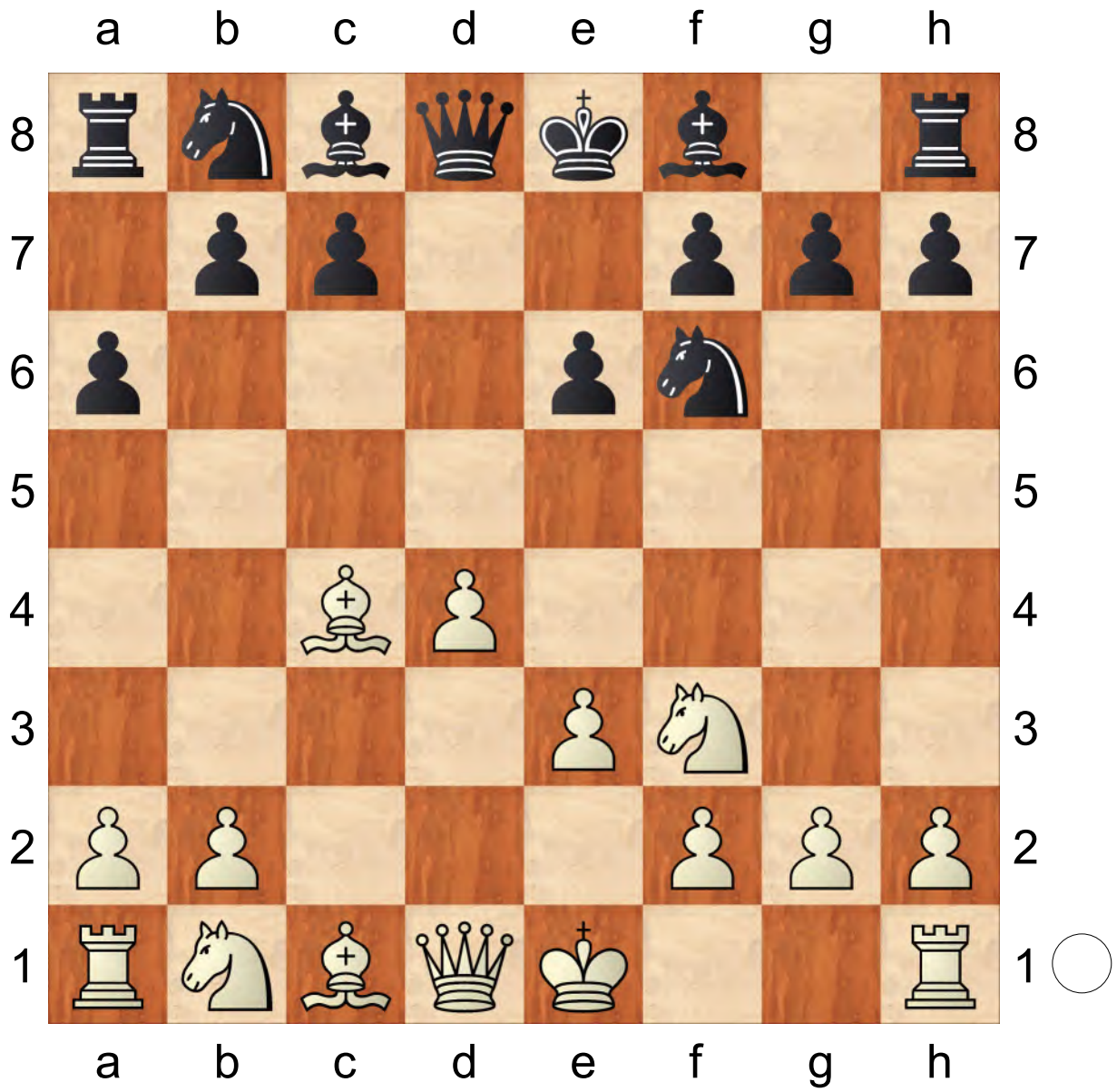
1.d4 Huzman Huzman Hecht **1...d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bxc4 e6 5.Nf3 a6**



6.0-0 c5 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.exd4 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nc3 b5

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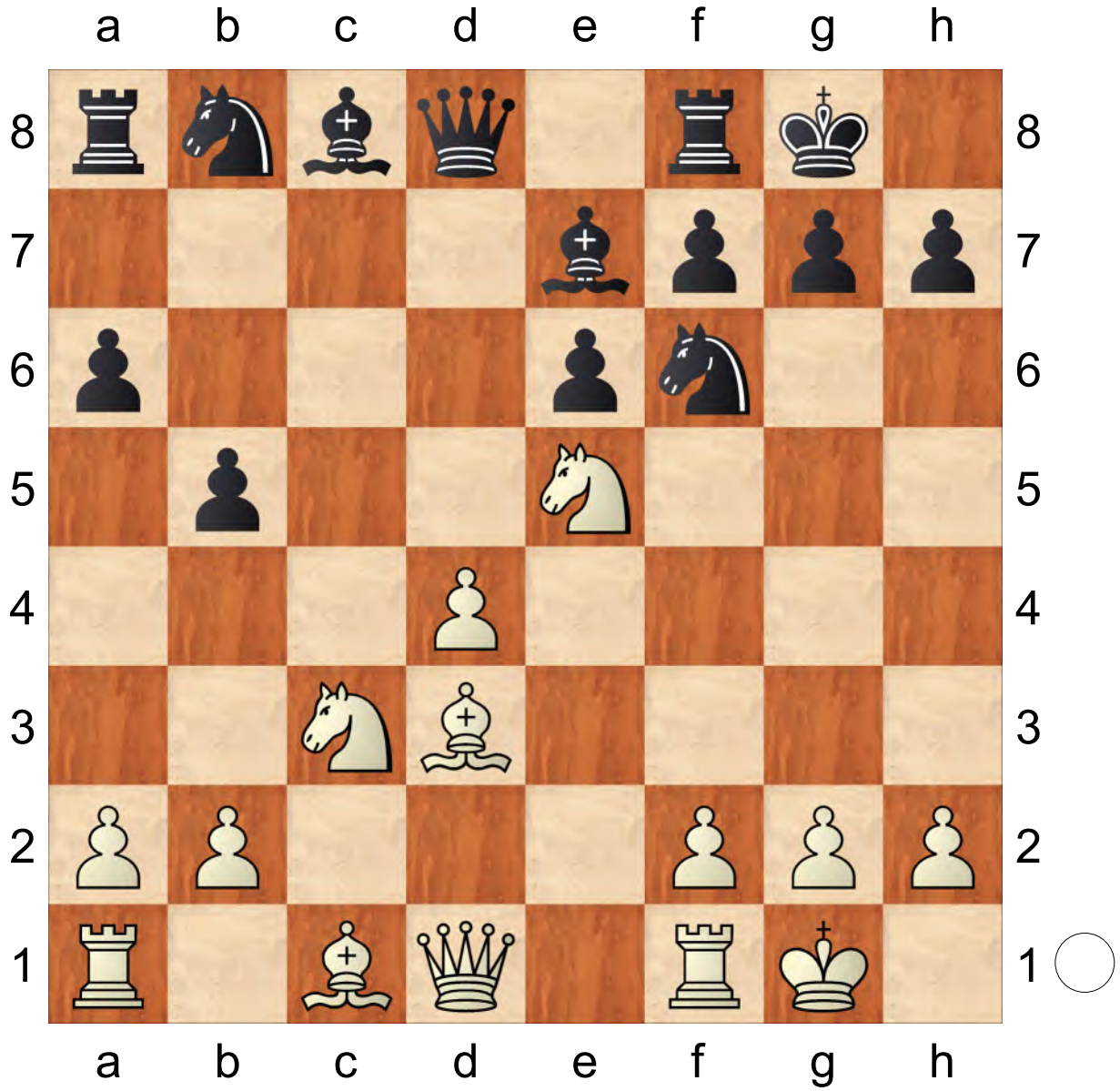
11.Qf3 Ra7 12.a3?!



[12.Qh3 b4 13.Bg5 g6 14.Na4 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Ne4 Bg7∓)* 14...Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Rfd1±]

[12.Bg5 Rc7 13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Qh3 g6 15.Rfe1 b4 16.Na4 Bd5 17.Nc5 Nbd7 18.Nxa6± 1-0 Gelfand,B-Lautier,J/Cap d'Agde 1994/CBM 43 ext/[Gelfand] (38)]

12...Rc7

[12...Bb7 13.Qh3 Nc6

A) 14.Bg5 g6 15.Bh6 *(15.Qh4 Nd5)* 15...Re8 16.Rad1 Nxd4 17.Be3 Bc5 18.Bb1 Qd6∞;

B) 14.Be3 Ra8 *(14...Nxd4 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Qh4!±)* 15.Rad1↑]

[12...Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Be4! *(14.Qxd5 exd5 15.Bf4 f6 16.Nf3 Nc6 17.Rac1 Bd7 18.Bb1 Na5!=)* 14...Qd8 15.Be3 *(15.Qd3!? h6 16.Be3±)* 15...f5 16.Bc6 Rc7 *(16...f4 17.Bd2 Qxd4 18.Bc3⩱)* 17.d5 Bf6! *(17...Bd6 18.Bd4±)* 18.Qg3 *(18.Bd4 Nxc6 19.Nxc6 Rxc6 20.Bxf6 Qxd5=)* 18...Bxe5 *(18...exd5*

19.Bb6±) 19.Qxe5 Nxc6 20.dxc6 Rxc6 21.Rac1⩲]

13.Qh3?

[13.Qg3 Bb7 *(13...Nc6 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.Bh6 Ne8 16.Be3± /=)* 14.Bh6 Ne8 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Rad1 b4⇄]

13...g6?

[13...Qxd4! 14.Bg5

A) 14...g6 15.Rfe1 Ng4! 16.Nxg4 *(Δ16.Bxe7 Qxf2+ 17.Kh1 Qxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Nf2+ 19.Kg1 Nxh3+ 20.gxh3 Rxe7-+)* 16...Bxg5 17.Rad1 Qg7 18.Qg3 Bd8;

B) 14...h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Ng4 Bg5∓]

14.Bh6 Re8 15.Rad1 Nd5

[15...Bb7 16.Rfe1 ΔNc6 17.Nxf7!+-]

[15...Nc6 16.Bb1]

(Diagram)

16.Qf3! Bg5

[16...f6? 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Nxd5 exd5 *(18...Qxd5 19.Qg3+-)* 19.Bxg6 Bf8 20.Bf4±]

17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Nxd5

[18.Ne4 Qe7]

18...exd5 19.Qxd5

[19.Bb1 Nc6! Δ20.Qc3? Nxe5! 21.Qxc7 Bh3 22.g3 Nf3+ 23.Kh1 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Qg4-+]

19...Bb7

[19...Rd8 20.Qe4 Bb7

A) 21.Qg4 Qxg4 22.Nxg4 Rxd4 23.Nf6+ Kf8□= *(23...Kh8 24.Bxb5+-)*;

B) 21.f4 Qe7! *(21...Bxe4 22.fxg5 Rxd4 23.Rf4 Re7 24.Rxe4 Rxe4 25.Bxe4 Rxe5 26.Bb7±; 21...Qf6 22.Qe3 Qb6 23.Be4±)* 22.Qe3 f6 23.Ng4 Qxe3+ 24.Nxe3 Rcd7 *(24...Rxd4 25.Bc4+! Rcxc4 26.Nxc4 Rxc4 27.Rd8++-)* 25.Nc2 Nc6 26.Be4±]

20.f4 Qxf4

(Diagram)

21.Qd6 Qg5

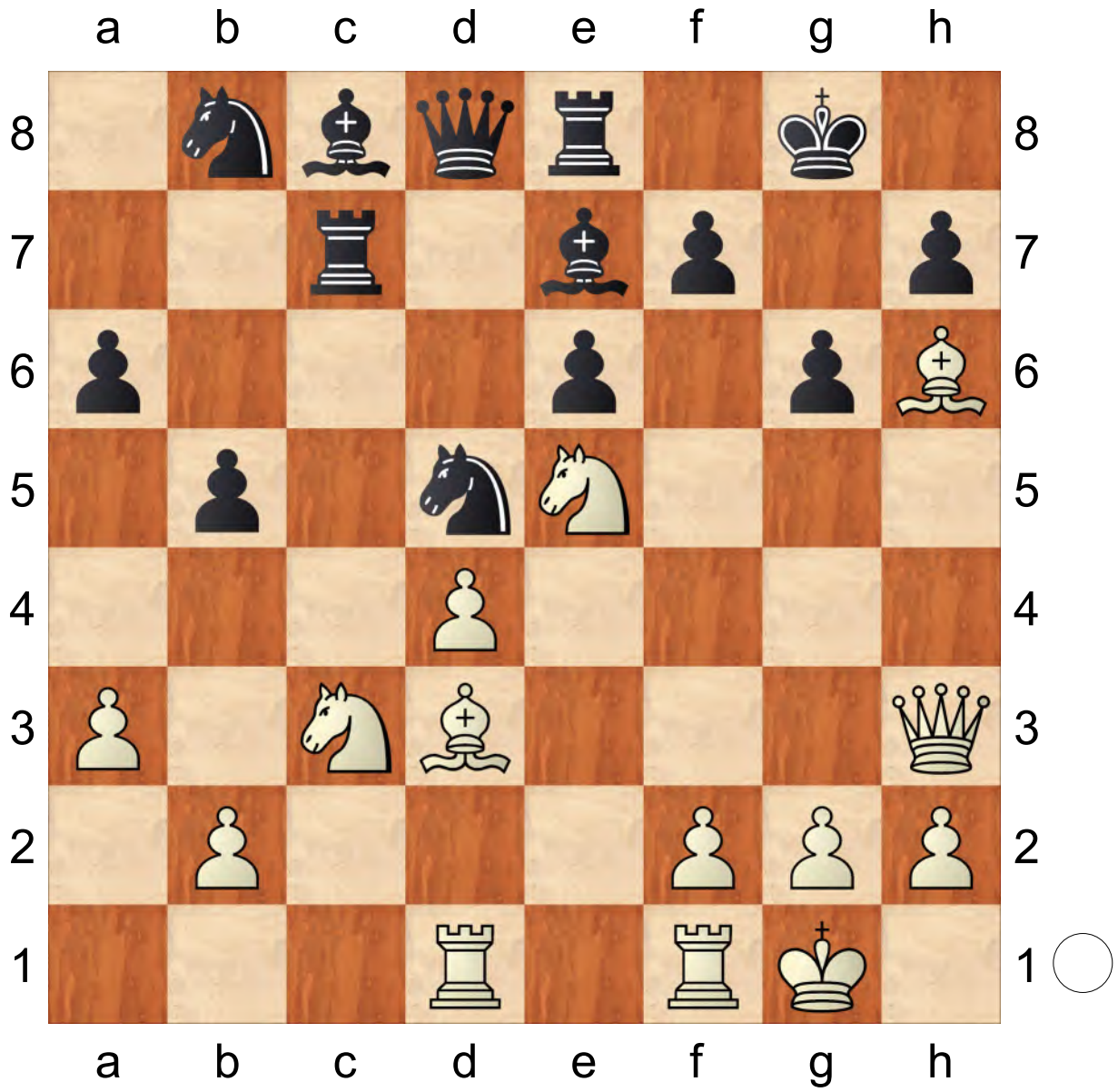
[21...Qe3+ 22.Rf2±]

22.Rf2 Qd8

[22...Rc1! 23.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 24.Bf1±]

[22...Rce7 23.Bb1!? Re6 *(23...Nd7 24.Ba2 Nxe5 25.dxe5↑; 23...Kg7 24.Rdf1)* 24.Qc7 R6e7 25.Qc1 Qxc1 26.Rxc1 Nd7=]

23.Rf6! Qxd6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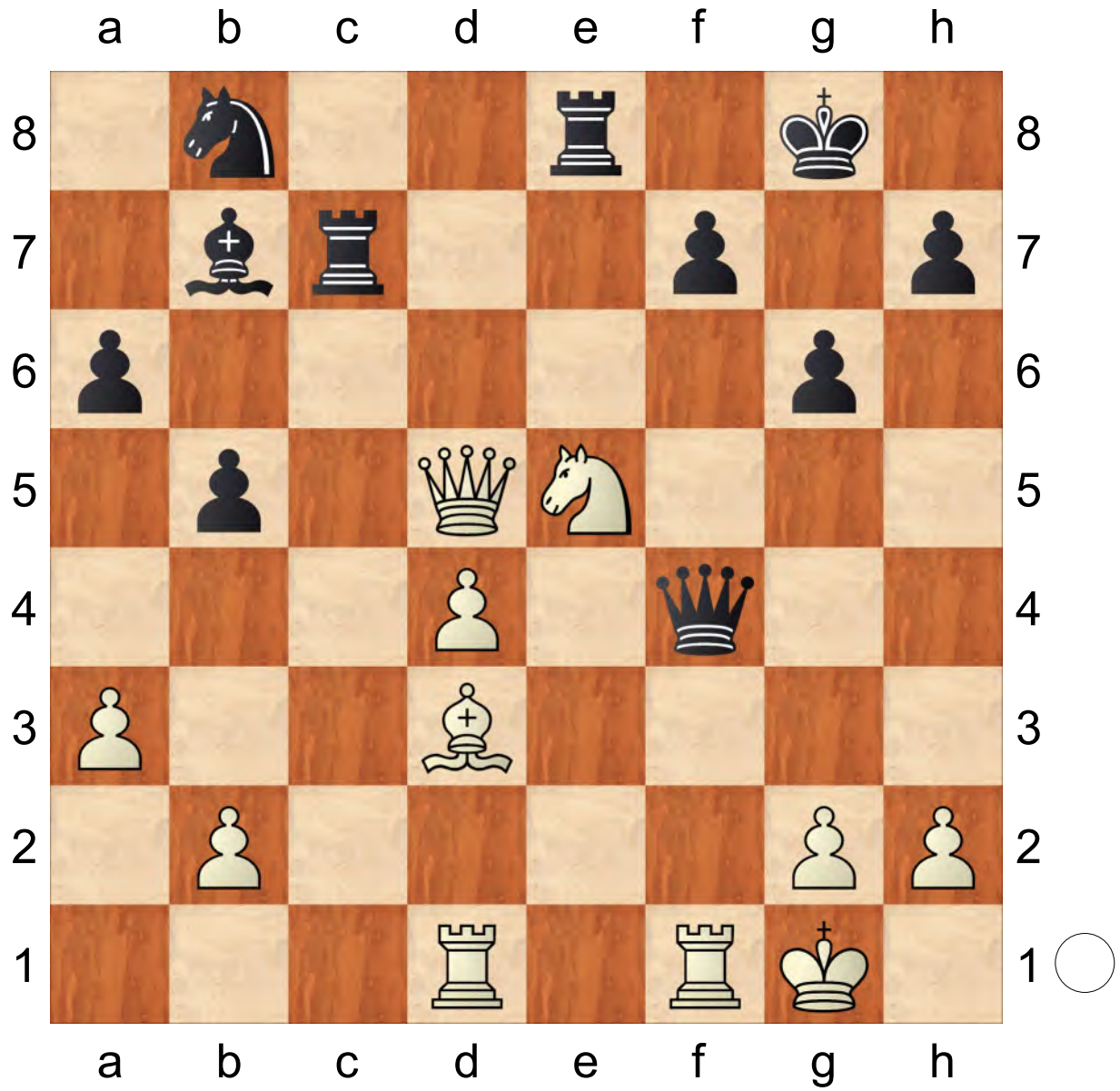


[23...Kg7 24.Rdf1↑]

24.Rxd6 Nc6 25.Nd7 Kg7

(Diagram)

26.Nc5!

[26.Nf6 Rh8 27.Rc1 Rcc8=]

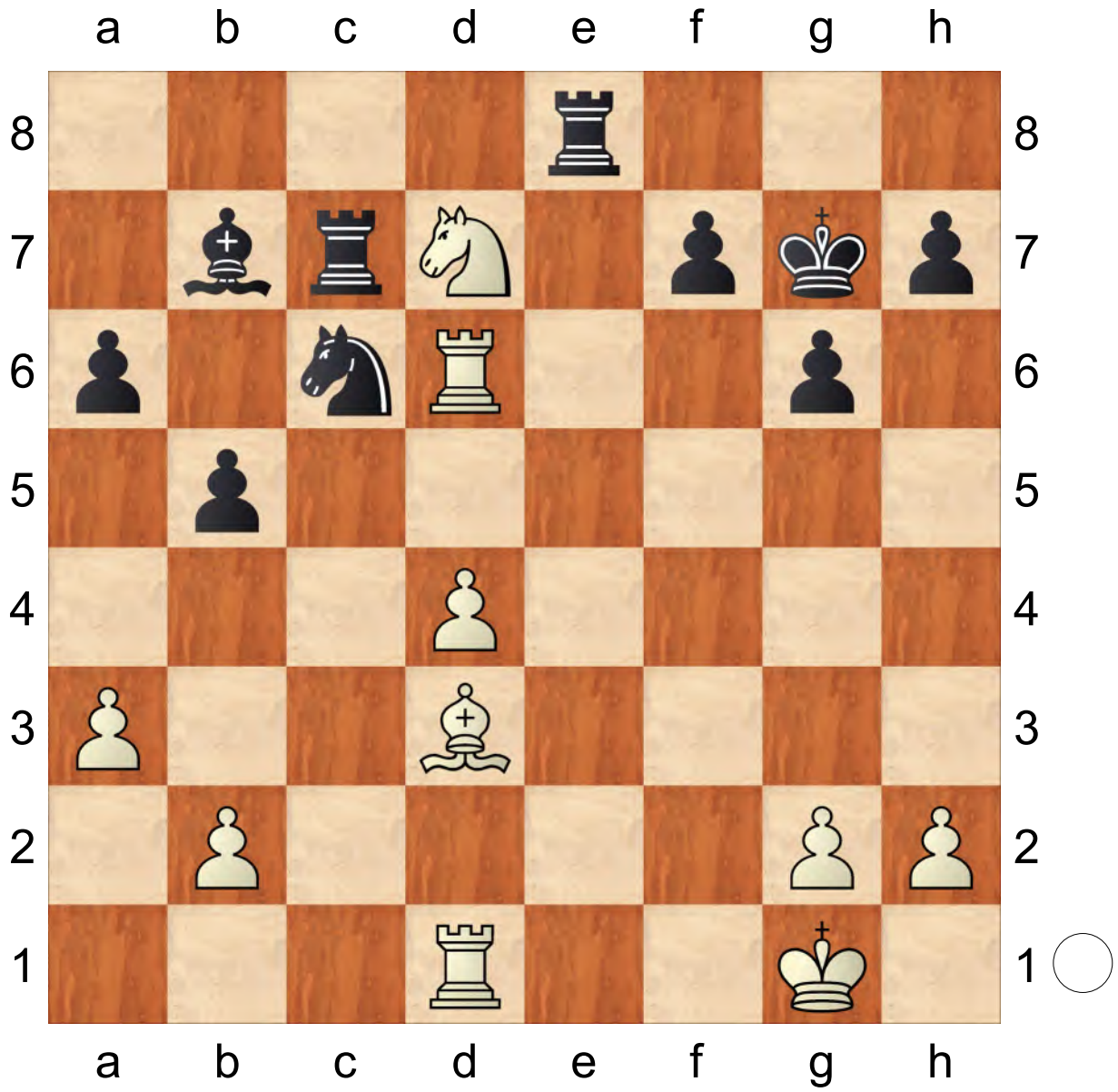
26...Bc8 27.b4± Kf8 28.Rc1 Nd8

[28...Ke7? 29.Ne4 f5 30.Nf6 Rf8 31.Rdxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6+-]

29.d5 Nb7 30.Rb6 Nxc5?

[30...Re5! 31.Ne6+ Rxe6 32.Rxc7 Rxb6 33.Rxc8+ Ke7 34.Rc7+ Kf6±]

(Diagram)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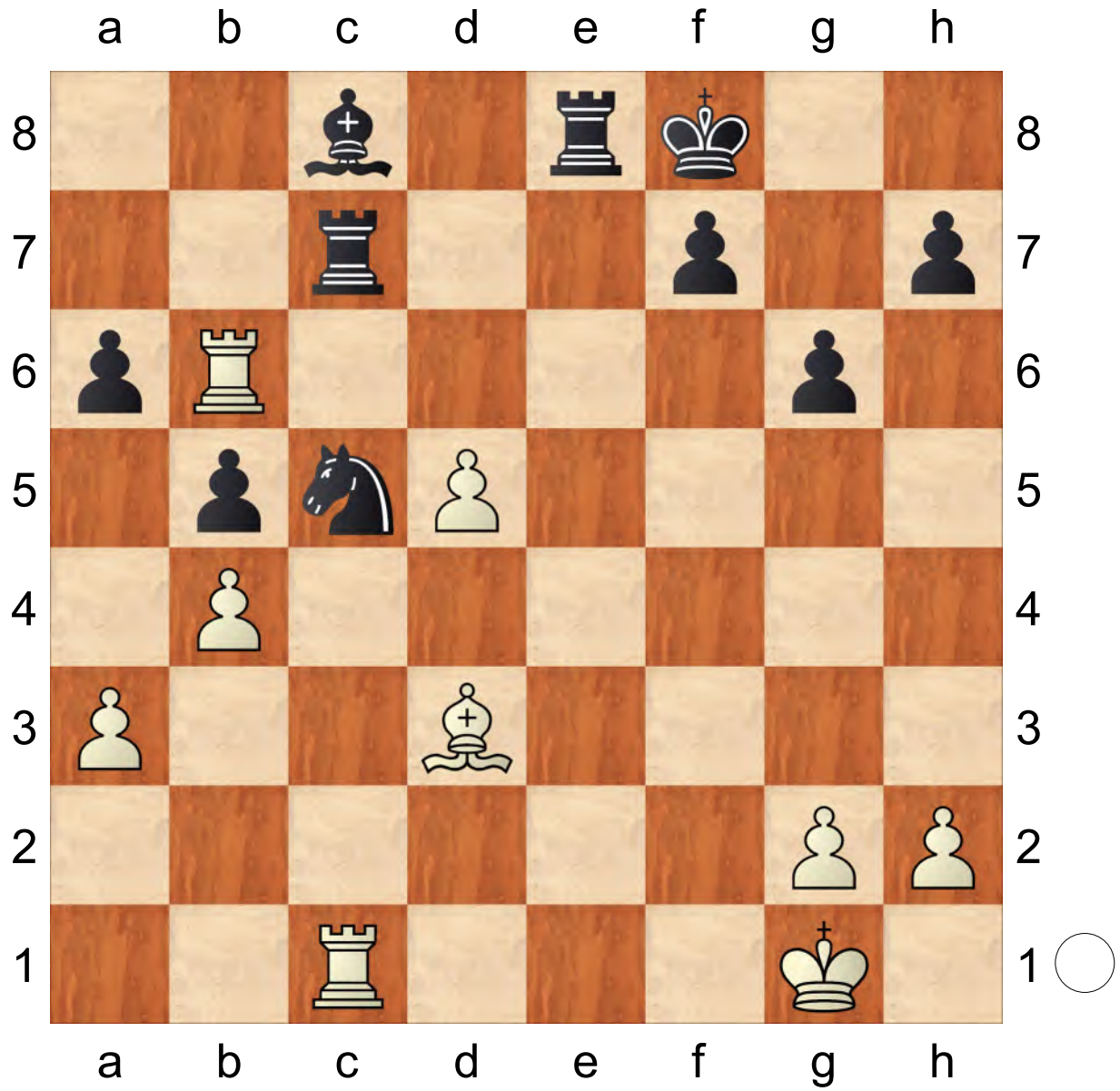
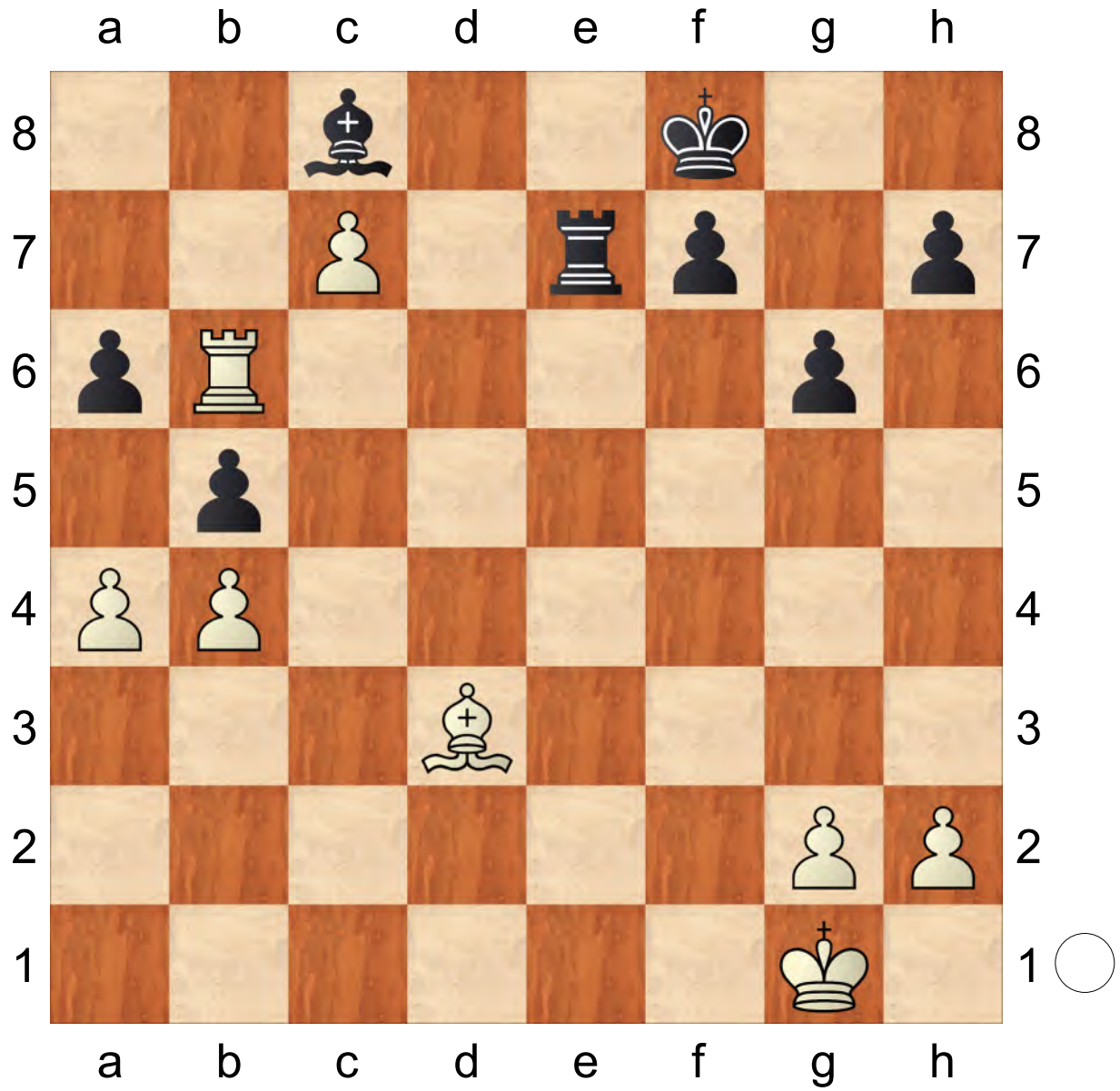


31.Rxc5
[31.bxc5 Re5 32.Rd6 Ke7]
31...Rd7 32.d6 Bb7 33.Rc7 Rxc7 34.dxc7 Bc8 35.a4 Re7?
[35...bxa4 36.Bxa6 a3! *(36...Ke7 37.Bb5 a3 38.Rb8 a2 39.Ra8 Bd7 40.Ra7 Rc8=)*
A) 37.Bc4 Re7 38.Rc6 Re1+ *(38...Ke8 39.b5 Kd7 40.Kf2 Re5=)* 39.Kf2 Rc1∓;
B) 37.Bxc8 a2 38.Ra6 Rxc8=]

(Diagram)

36.axb5 axb5 37.Rc6± Rd7



[37...Re5 38.Rd6]

38.Bxb5 Rd1+ 39.Kf2 Ke7 40.Be2 Rd6

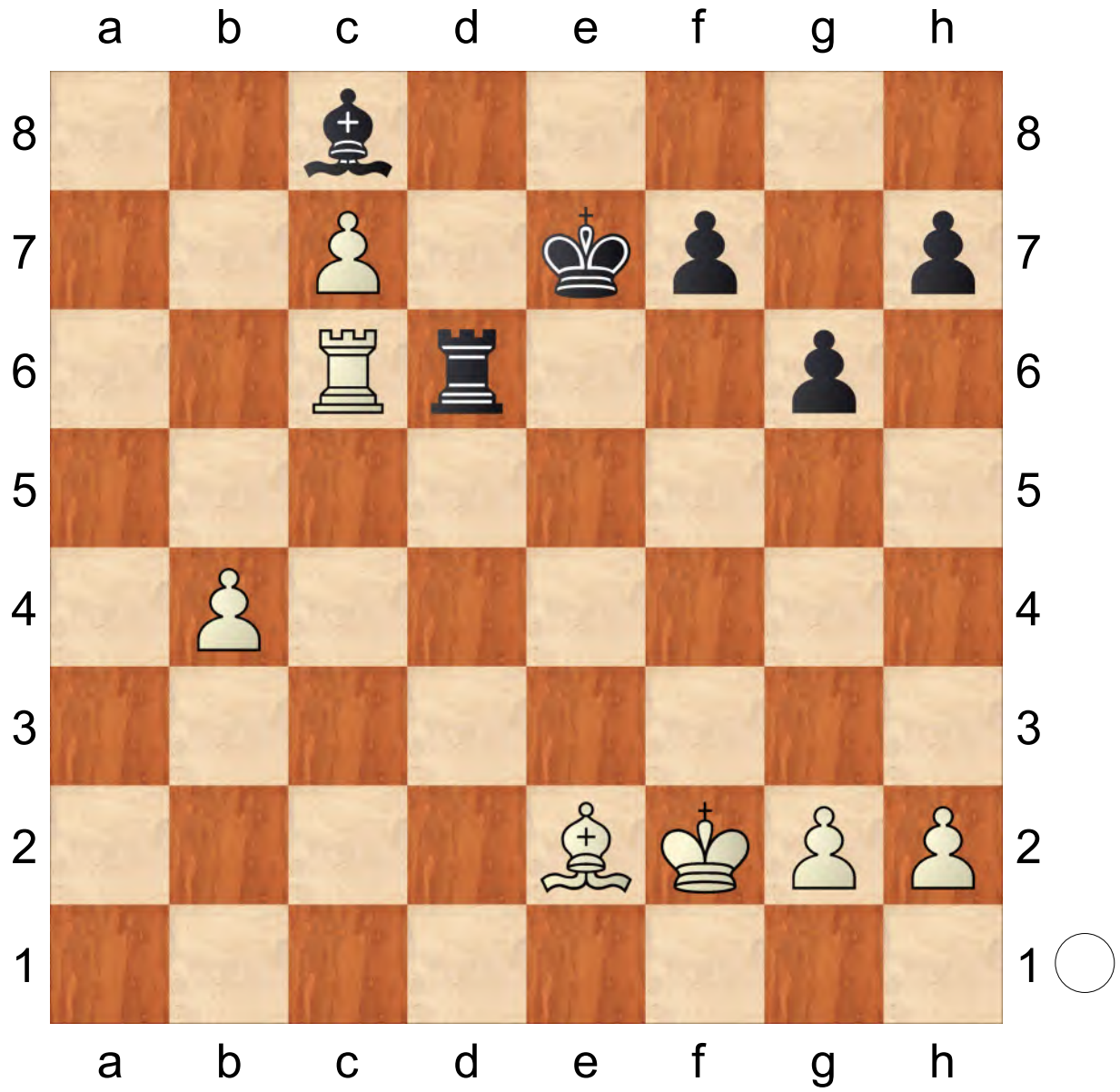
(Diagram)

41.Rc2+- Rb6 42.b5 Kd6 43.Ke3 Rb7 44.Rc6+ Kd7 45.Bc4 Rxc7

(Diagram)

46.Rxc7+ Kxc7 47.Bxf7 Bd7 48.Bc4 g5 49.Kd4 Kd6 50.Bd3 h5

(Diagram)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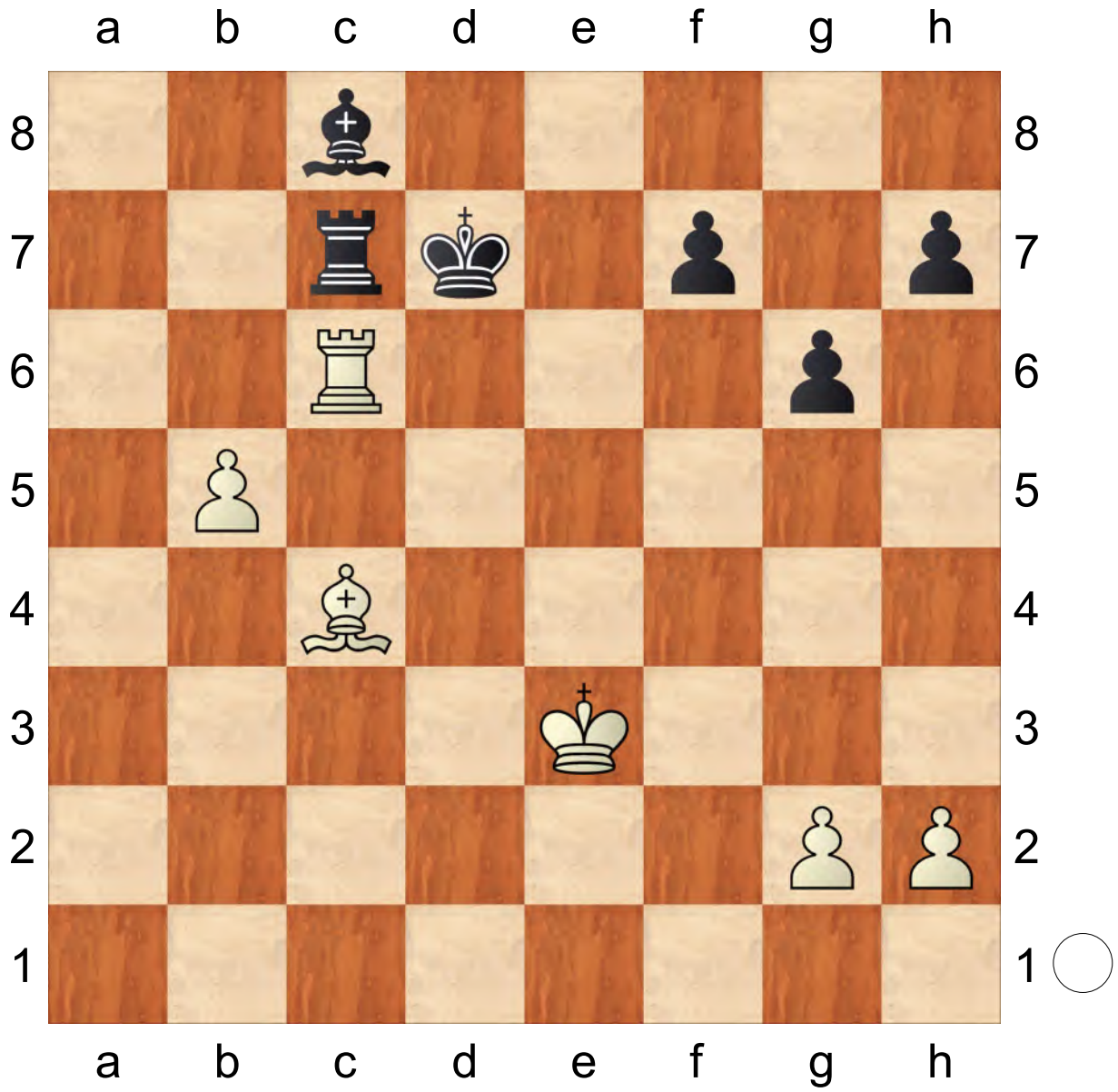
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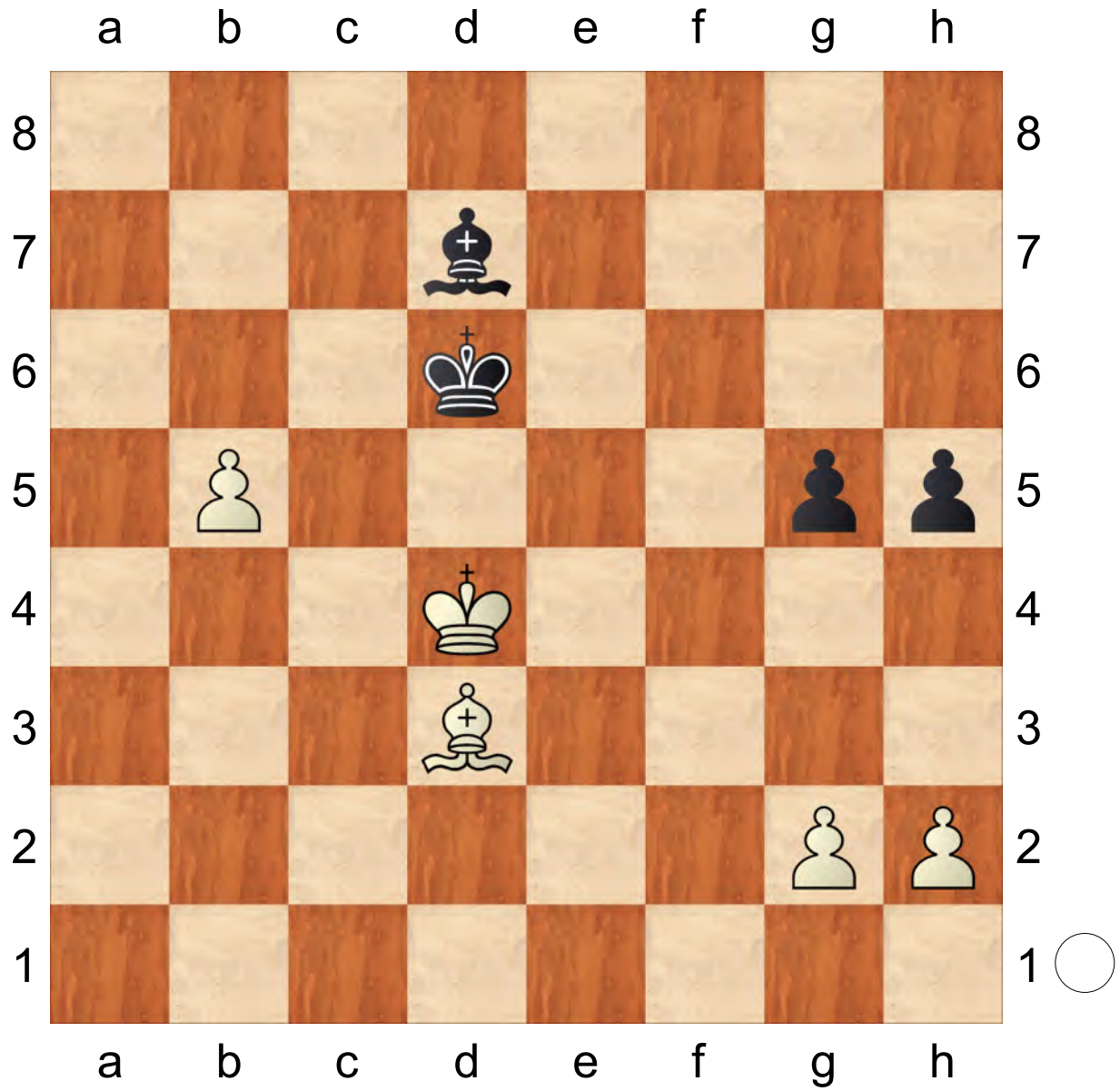


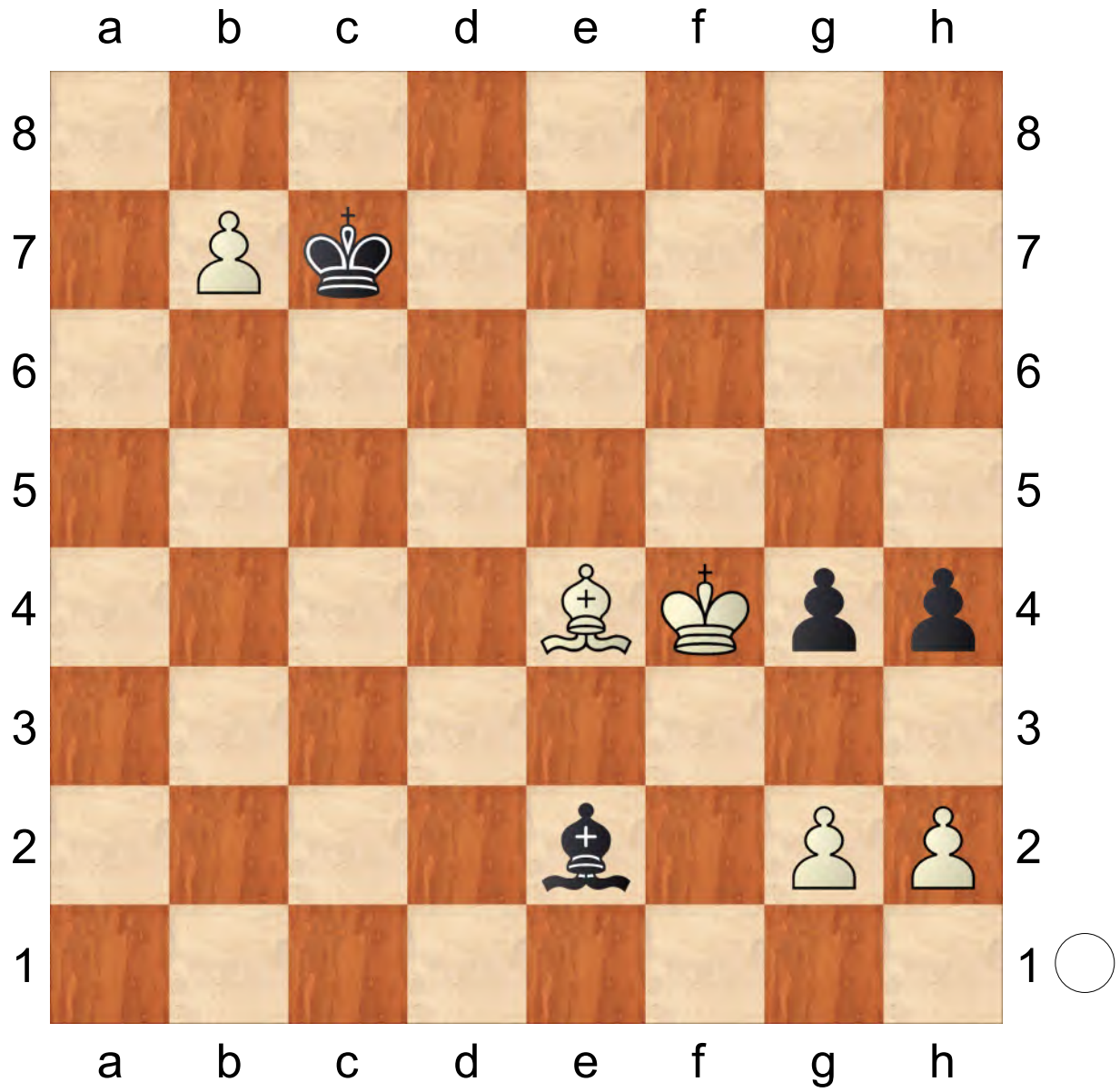
51.b6 h4
[51...Kc6? 52.Bb5+]
52.b7 Kc7 53.Be4 g4 54.Ke5 Bb5 55.Kf4 Be2

(Diagram)

56.h3??
[56.Kg5 h3 57.g3 Kb8 58.Kh4 Kc7 59.Bf5+-]
56...gxh3 57.gxh3 Ba6 58.Kg5

(Diagram)

Can Black save a game?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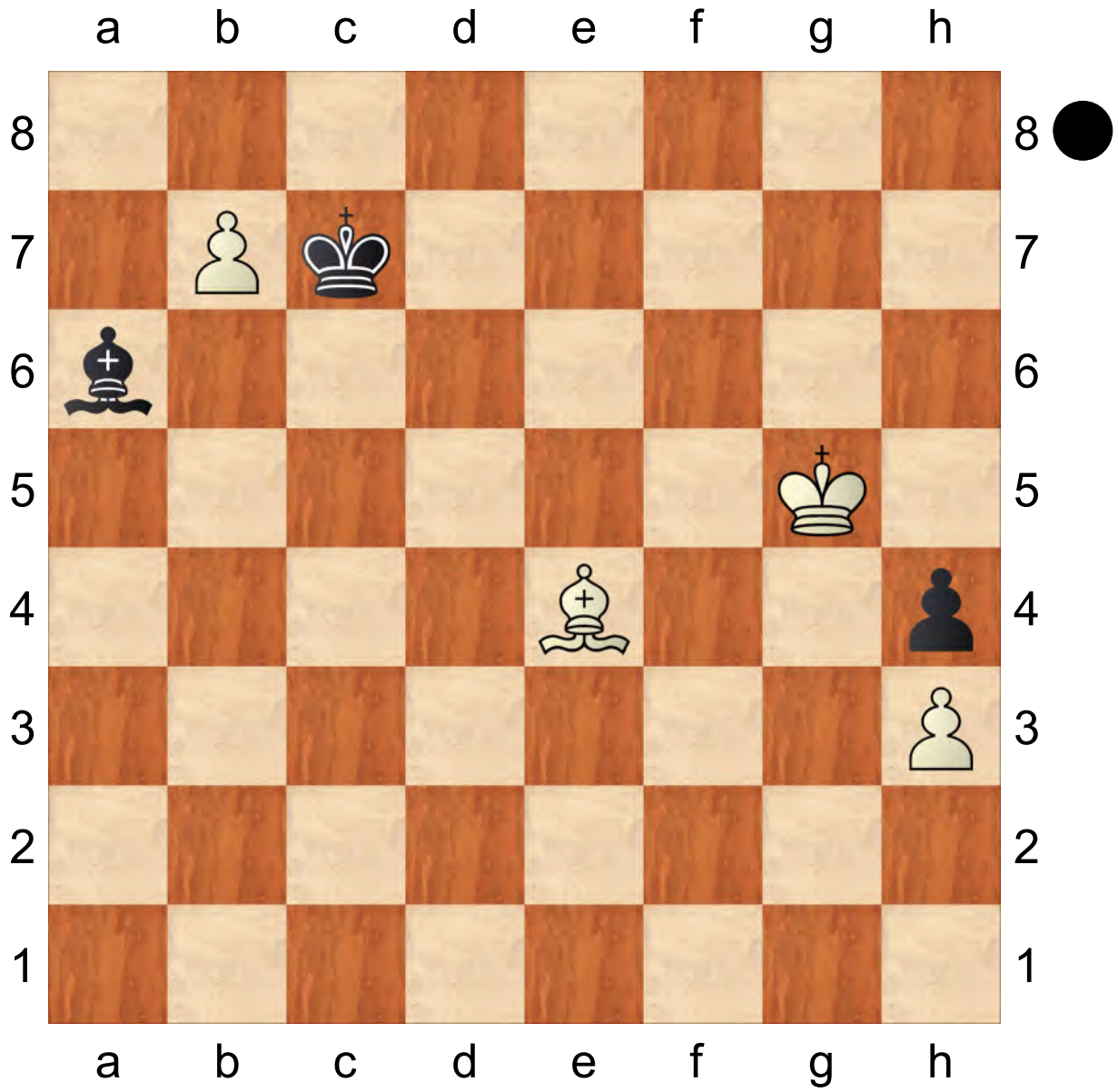
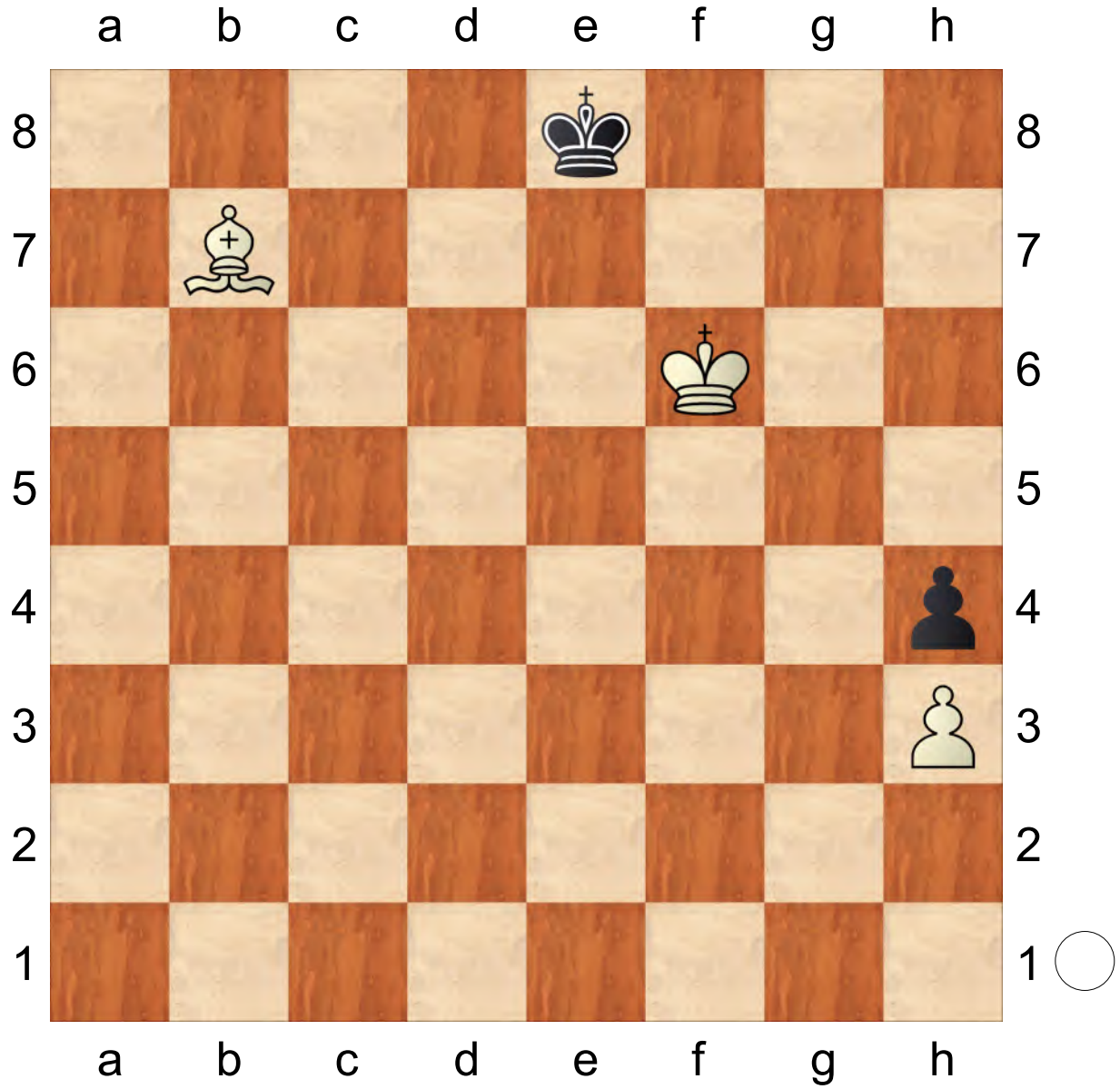


58...Bxb7 59.Bxb7 Hecht: '(Siehe auch Short,N-Yermolinsky,A, Wijk aan Zee 1997) Wenn der schwarze König nicht unmittelbar die Ecke h8 erreichen kann, so muß er sich innerhalb der gelb markierten Zone aufhalten, um das Remis zu erreichen. Insbesondere muß er nach e7 gehen können, sobald der Bh4 geschlagen wird, wobei der Läufer nicht auf der Diagonalen a2-g8 stehen darf. Die Remiszone darf nur kurzfristig verlassen werden, um sofort dorthin zurückzukehren. Die Abdrängung in südliche Gefilde ist also strikt zu vermeiden.' **59...Kd7!=**

[59...Kxb7?? 60.Kxh4+-]

60.Kf6 Ke8

(Diagram)



61.Kg7
[61.Kg7]
61...Ke7 62.Bd5 Ke8 63.Be6 Ke7 64.Bf7 Kd8 65.Kf6 Kd7

(Diagram)

66.Bg6 Kd8 67.Ke6 Kc7 68.Be8 Kd8 69.Ba4 Kc7 70.Ke7 Kc8

(Diagram)

71.Bb5 Kc7 72.Bd7 Kb8 73.Kd6 Kb7 74.Be6 Kb8 75.Kc6 Ka7

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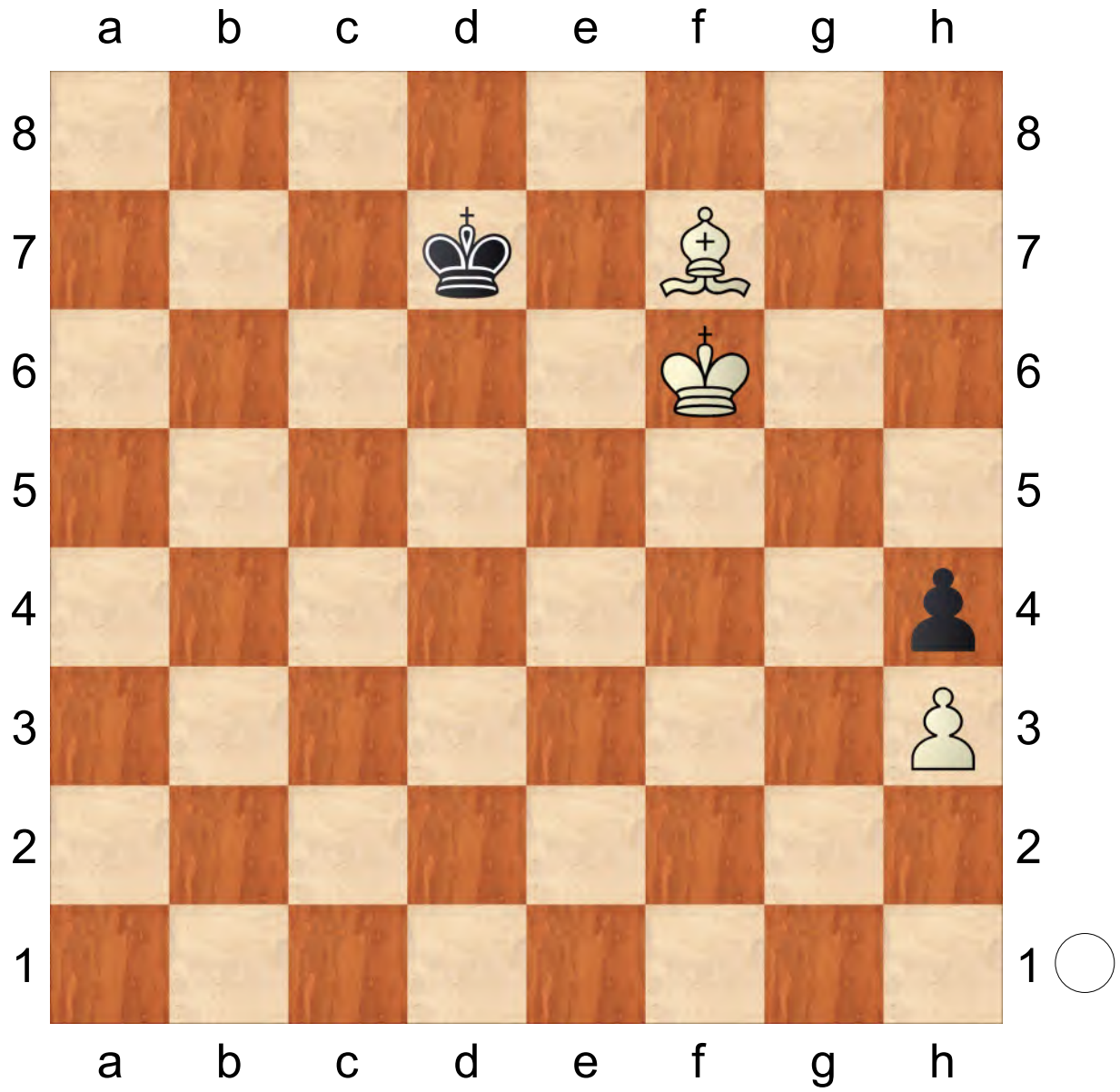
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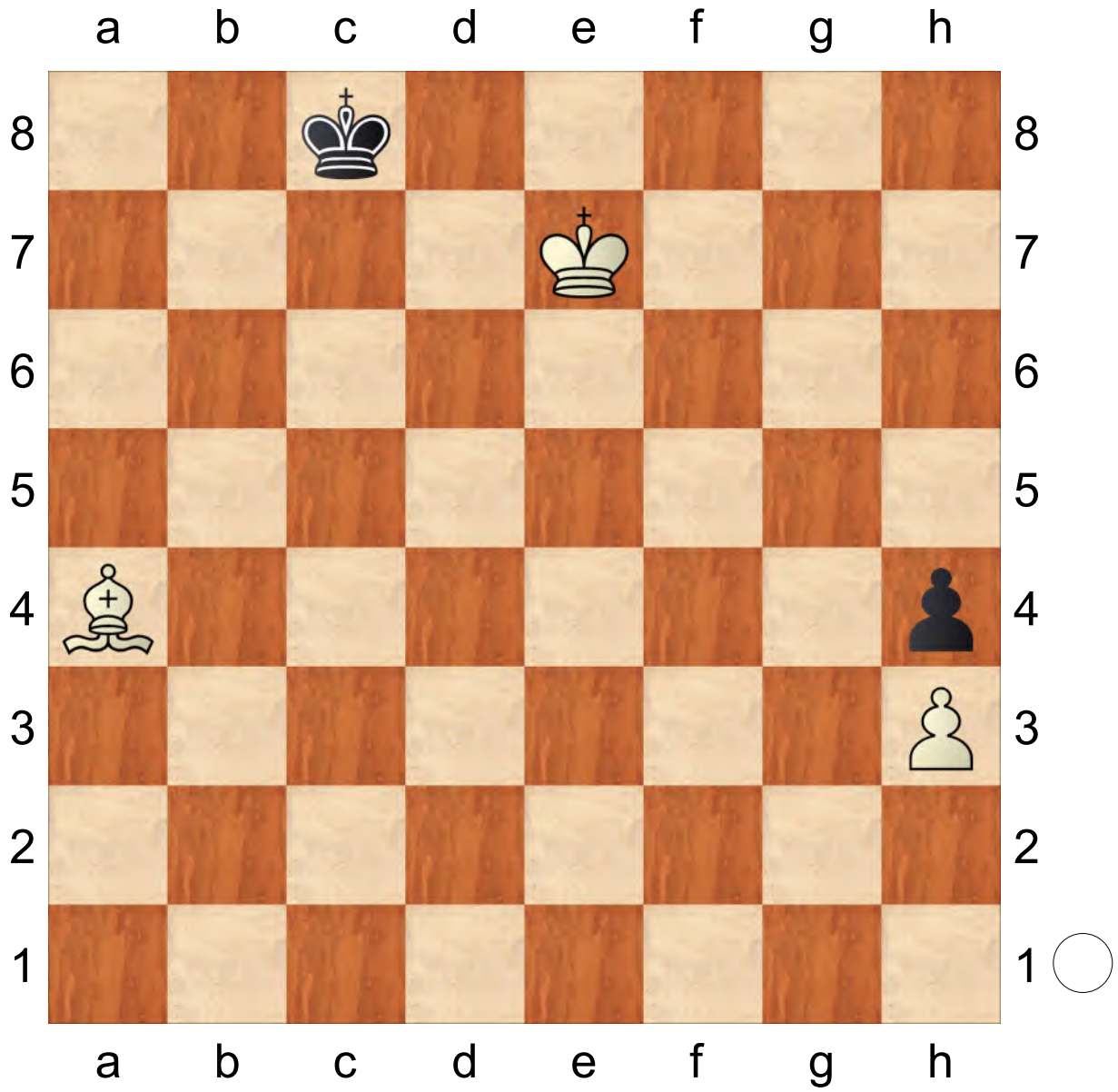
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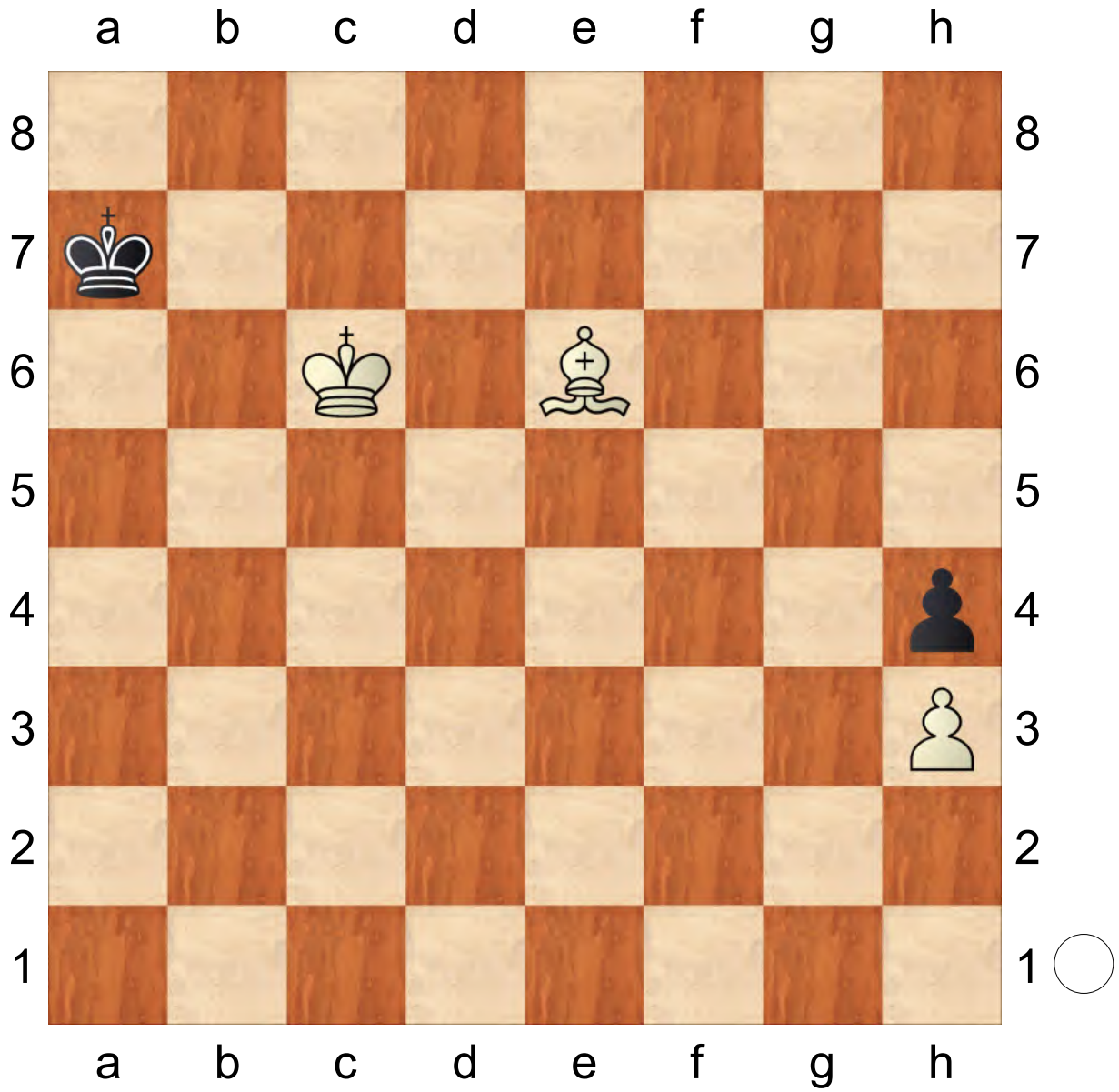


76.Kc7 Ka8 77.Bd5+ Ka7 78.Bh1 Ka6 79.Kb8 Kb6 80.Bb7 Kc5

(Diagram)

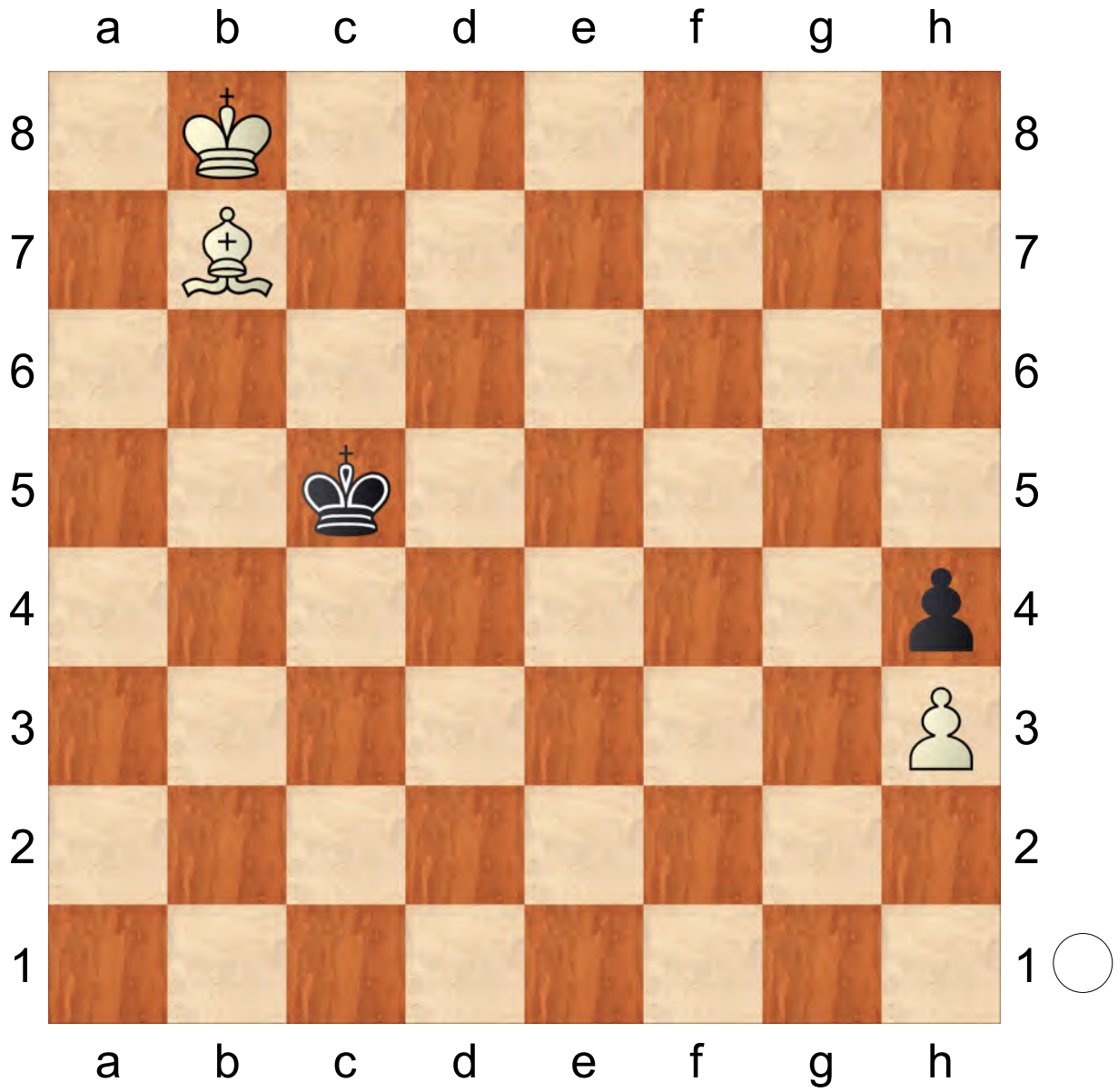
81.Kc7 Kb5 82.Bc8 Kc5 83.Bg4 Kb5 84.Be2+ Kc5 85.Bf3 Kb5

(Diagram)

86.Bb7 Kc5 87.Bc6 Kb4 88.Kd6 Ka5 89.Bd5 Kb6 90.Kd7 Kc5

(Diagram)

91.Ke6 Kb6 '!' Hecht. Hecht: 'Schwarz behandelt das Endspiel mit der gebotenen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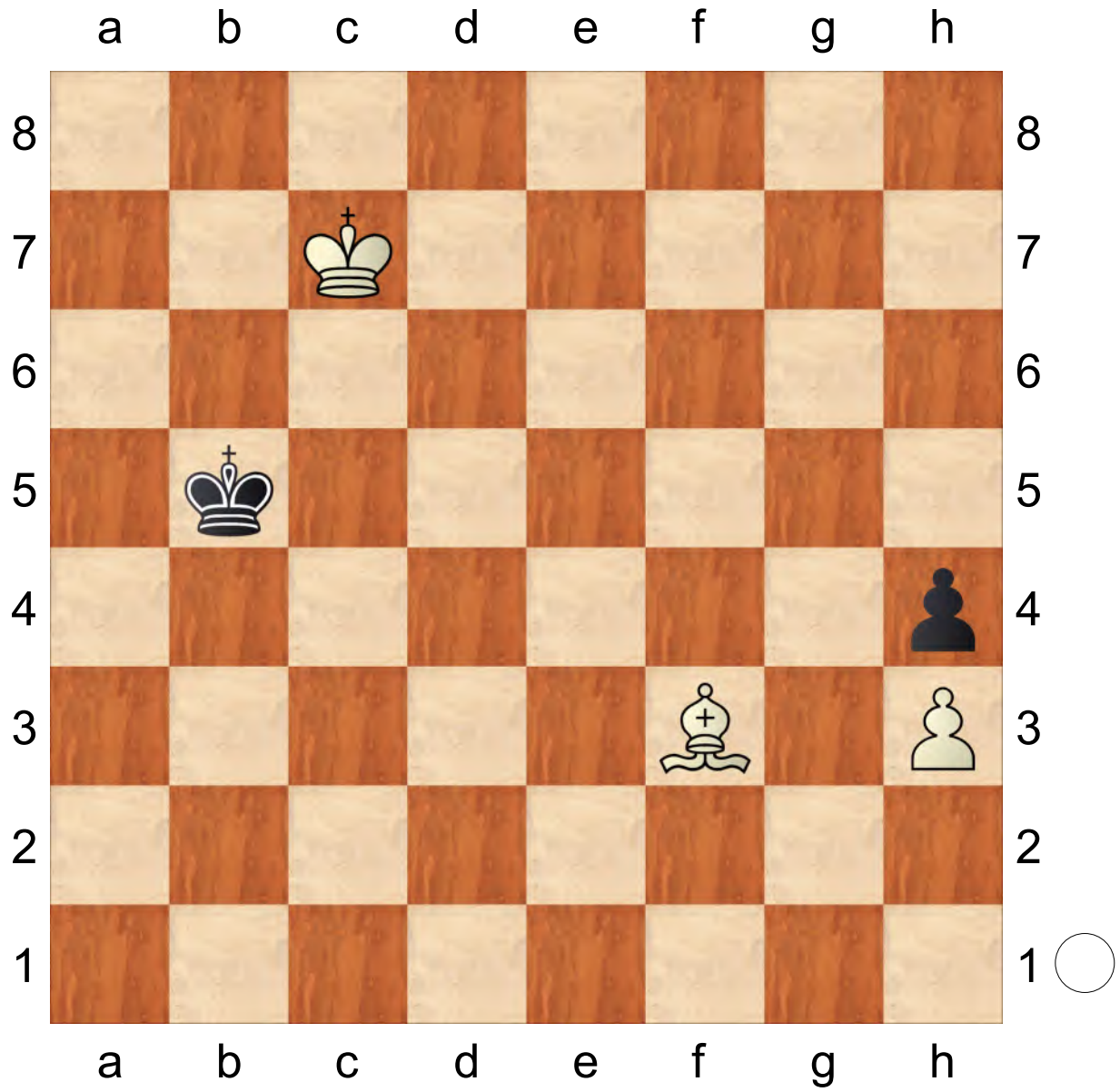
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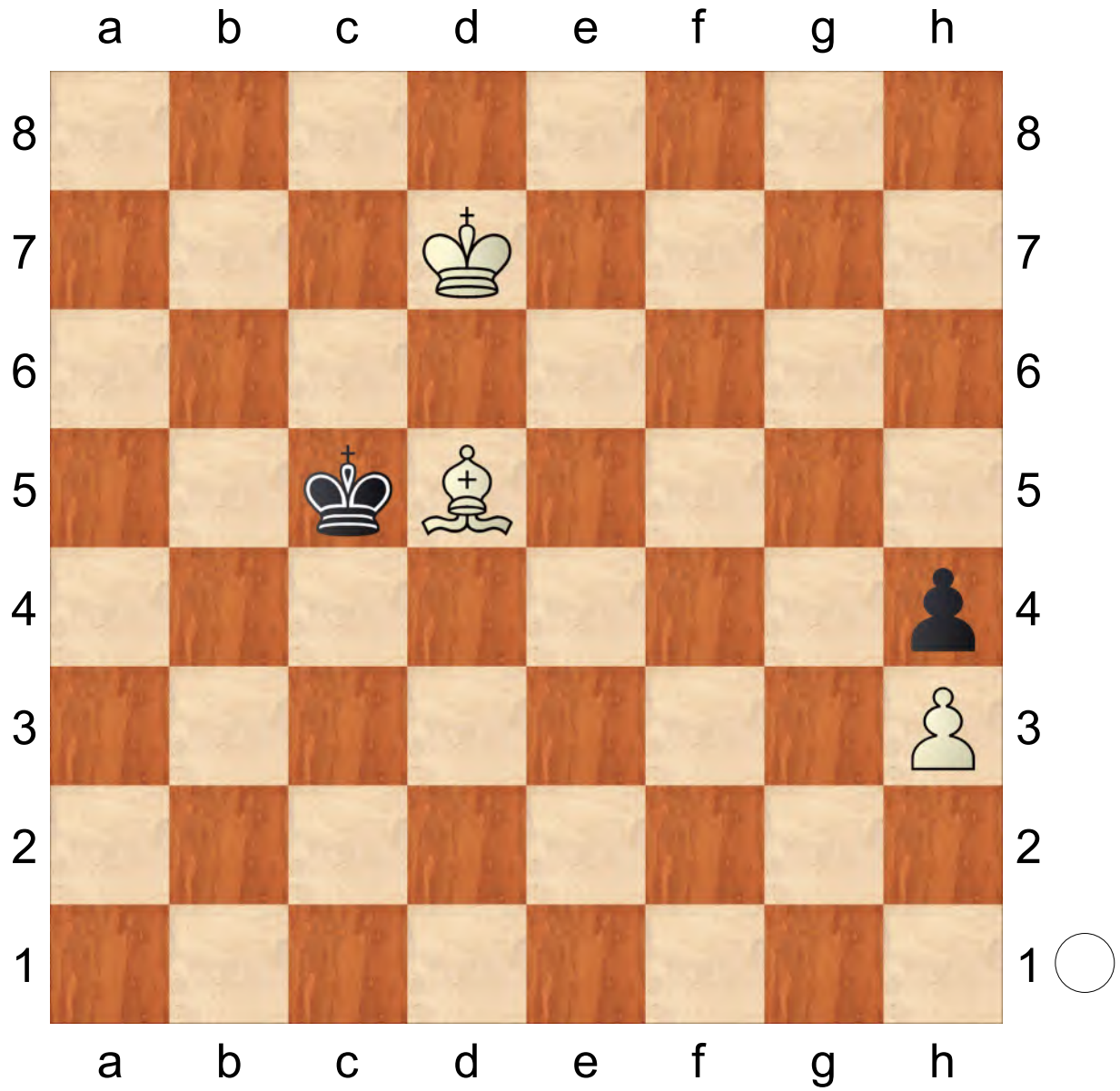

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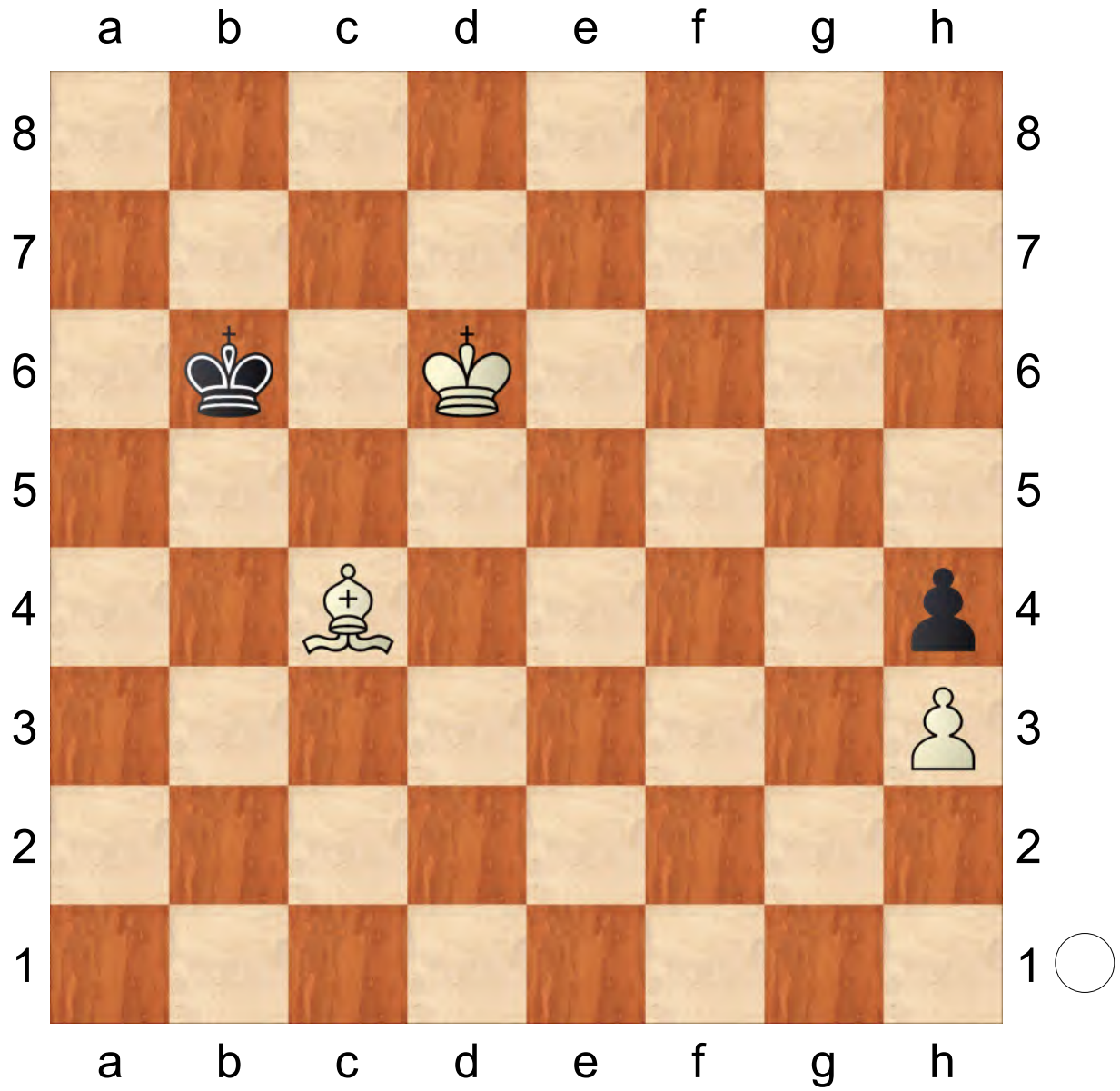
[91...Kd4? Hecht 92.Kd6 Kc3 bewegt sich außerhalb der Remiszone und kann auch via h6 nicht dorthin zurückkehren! 93.Kc5 Kd3 94.Bb7 Ke3 95.Kd5 Kf4 96.Ke6 Kg5 Der schwarze König wird zunächst am Betreten von h8 gehindert und anschließend längs der Diagonalen h6-g5-f4-e3, die nicht zur Remiszone gehört, zurückgedrängt. 97.Be4 Kh6 98.Kf6 Kh5 99.Kg7 Kg5 100.Bg6 Kf4 101.Kf6 Kg3 102.Bf5 Kf4 103.Be6 Ke4 104.Kg5 Ke5 105.Ba2 Kd6 106.Kxh4 Ke7 107.Kg5 Kf8 108.Kf6+-]

92.Kd6 Ka7 93.Ke5 Kb6 94.Kd6 Ka7 95.Bc4 Kb6

(Diagram)



96.Bb3 Kb7

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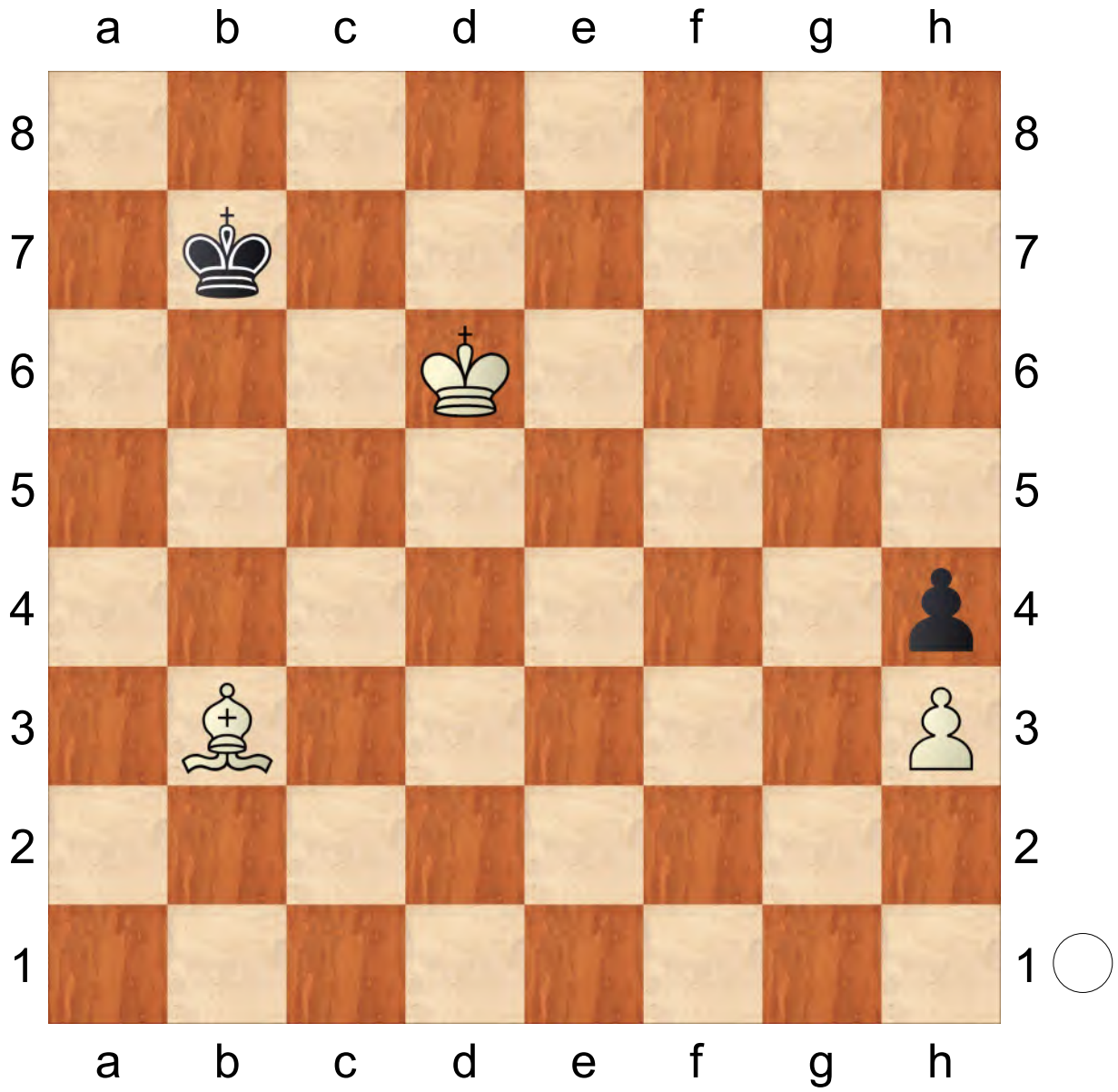
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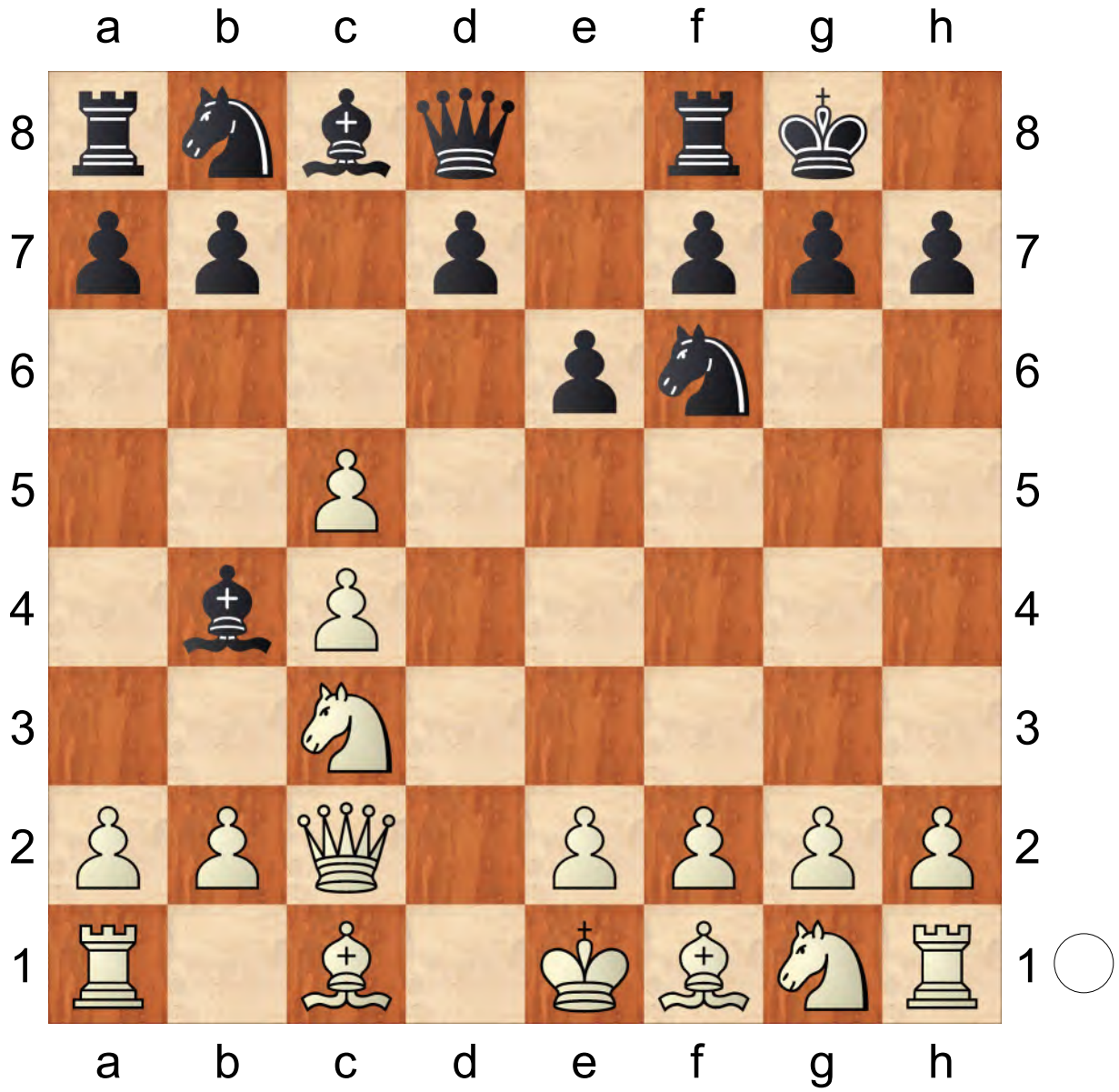
□ **Zhu,Chen** **2495**
■ **Lobron,Eric** **2497**
Corus-B Wijk aan Zee (8) 19.01.2004
[Golod,Vitali]

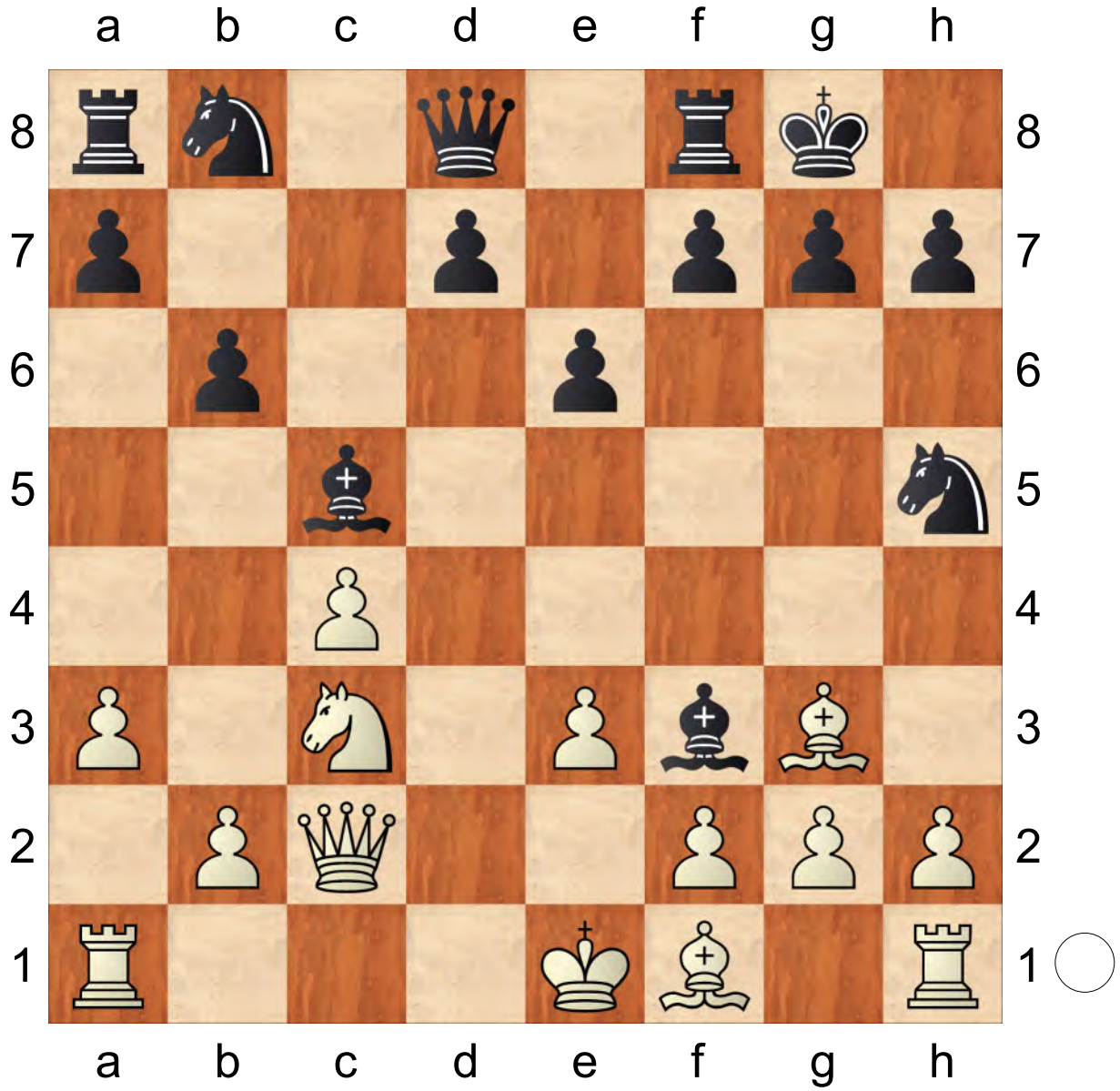
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 0-0



6.a3 Bxc5 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bf4 Bb7 9.e3 Nh5 10.Bg3 Bxf3!?

[10...Be7!? You can see my annotations to game: Sasikiran,K-Barsov,A/Hastings, 2003/CBM 93(½-½)(27) and Gershon,A-Macieja,B/Bermuda,2003/CBM 94(1-0)(62)]

[On: 10...h6!? you can find six games in Mega DataBase 2004.]



From my point of view, it's a correct positional step, can be a next games in this variation will change my opinion! Besides Black has two main alternatives: **Δ11.gxf3 f5 12.f4** I am sure in correctness of a choice. Also there were three alternatives:

[12.Bd3]

[12.0-0-0]

[and 12.Rd1]

12...Nc6 13.Be2 Nf6

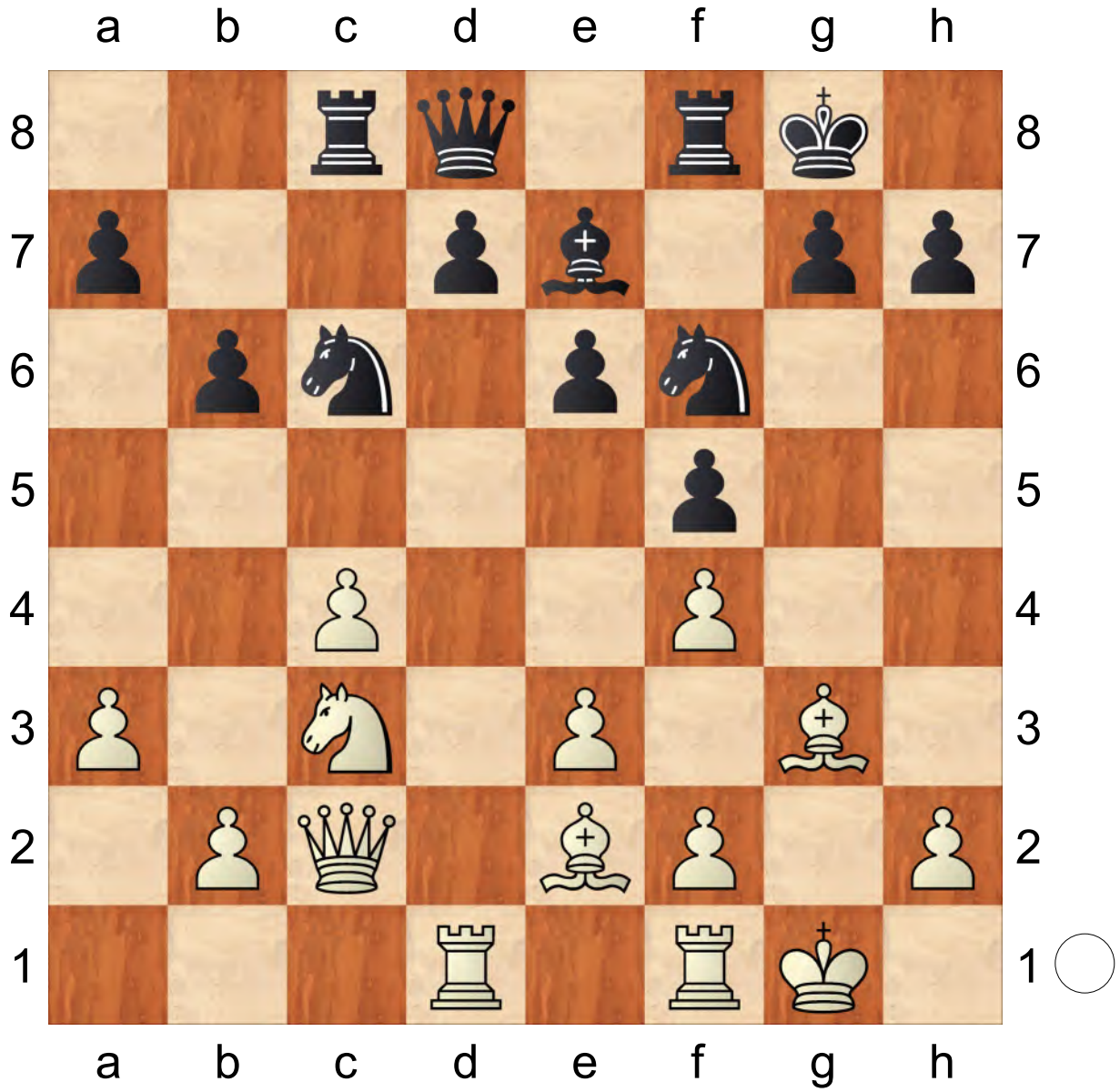
[Certainly, illogically: 13...Nxg3 14.hxg3±]

14.Rd1N

[In this position also once were checked the following moves: ⌓14.0-0 ΔRc8 15.Rfd1 You can see annotations to Gurevich,M-Rogozenko,D/Moscow,2001/CBM 86(1-0)(Rogozenko,D)(44)]

[≤14.Bh4 Be7 15.0-0-0 Rc8 16.Kb1 Ne8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7= You can see my comments to Agrest,E-Onischuk,A/New Delhi,2000/CBM 80(0-1)(38)]

14...Rc8 **15.0-0** White have hidden the king and now can quietly begin game on centre and queen side. **15...Be7**



Black's bishop already has executed the his work on point "c5". **16.Qa4** **Na5=** This move is directed against progress "b4".

[≤16...Qe8 Δ17.b4 a5 18.Rb1 ±/=]

17.Bh4 **Qe8** The game of Black corresponds to the requirements of a position.

18.Bxf6 **Bxf6**

[It was very badly: 18...Rxf6? in view of: 19.Rxd7 ΔNxc4 20.Rxe7 Qxe7 21.Bxc4 Rg6+ *(21...Rh6 22.Rd1±)* 22.Kh1 Qh4 23.Qd7 Rd8 24.Qc6±]

19.Qxd7 This move is much better than:

[19.Rxd7?! Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nb7! 21.Qd1 Rf7 22.Rxf7 Qxf7 =/∓]

19...Bxc3
[Can be recommended: 19...Nxc4!? 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Qxa7
A) ≤21...Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxc3 23.Rd7 Rf7 *(23...Qg6+?! 24.Kh1→ ΔQg4? 25.Qb7+-)* 24.Rxf7 Qxf7 25.Qb8+! Qf8 26.Qxb6± Rxa3 27.Qxe6+ Qf7±;
B) 21...b5! 22.Rd3 Qc6∞]
20.bxc3 Qf7
[≤20...Nxc4 21.Qxa7 Rf7 22.Qa6□ Rfc7 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.Qxb6 Rxc3 25.Rd6 *(25.Qb4!?)* 25...Rxa3 26.Rxe6 Qh5 27.Qb7±]
[≤20...Rf7 21.Qxe8+ Rxe8 22.c5! Δbxc5 23.Rd6±]
[Leads to absolutely equality: 20...Qxd7 21.Rxd7 Rf7 Golod,V: 'we can receive the same position as in the previous variation: 20... ♕xd7' 22.Rfd1 *(22.Rd4 Rfc7)* 22...Nxc4! Δ23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Rd7+ Kf6 25.Rxa7 Na5! 26.Ra6 Rxc3 27.a4 Nc4=]

(Diagram)

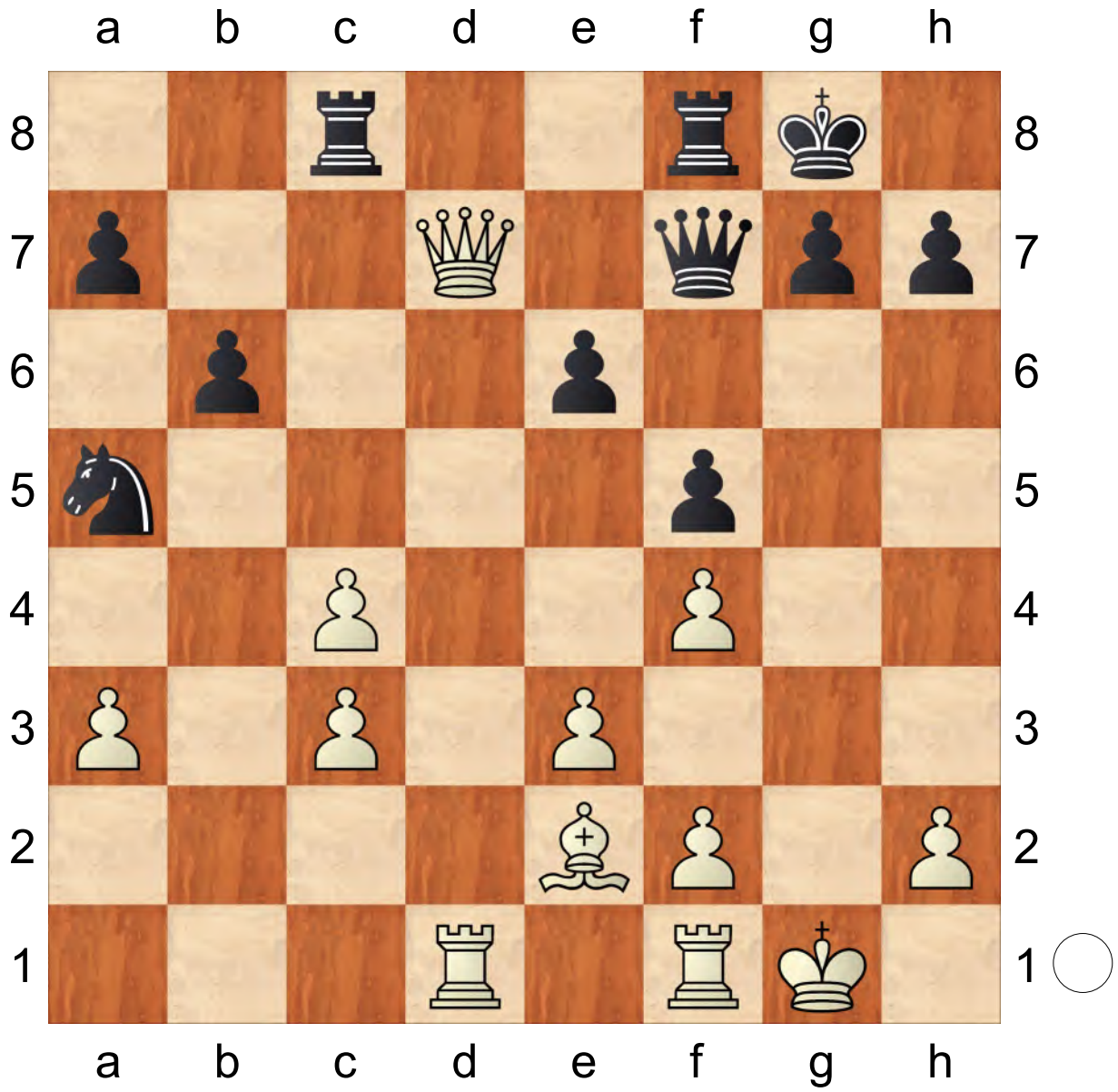
21.Rd6 Rfe8
[21...Nxc4!? 22.Qxf7+ Rxf7 *(22...Kxf7? 23.Rd7+ Kf6 24.Rxa7±)* 23.Rxe6 Nxa3 24.Ra1 Nc4 *(≤24...Nc2 25.Ra2 Rxc3 26.Re8+ Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rxa7 ±/=)* 25.Bxc4 Rxc4 26.Re8+ Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rxa7 Rxc3=]
[After: 21...Qxd7 22.Rxd7 Rf7 we can receive the same position as in the previous variation: 20...♕xd7]
22.Qa4!? Δ23.♖d7 ♖e7 24.♖fd1 ⇔d **22...Nb7 23.Rd4**
[23.Rd7? is refuted by: Qg6+ 24.Kh1 Nc5∓]
23...Nc5 24.Qb5 Kh8
[24...e5!? 25.fxe5 Rxe5 26.Bf3 Kh8 27.Rfd1 Rce8 28.Rd8 h6=]
25.Bf3= Rg8

(Diagram)

26.Kh1 g5 The rather interesting plan, but now is weakened ♔ of Black. **27.Qb1 g4**
[27...gxf4!? 28.exf4=]
28.Bg2 Rg6 29.Qd1 The White's queen has finished the travel and has returned on the "d1". **29...Qe7 30.Rd6 Rh6?!**
[30...Qh4!? 31.Qd4+ Kg8 32.Rd1 Qxf2 *(*after: *32...Rh6?* with rearrangement of moves we receive a position from a game.*)* 33.Rd8+ Rxd8 34.Qxd8+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kh6∞]

(Diagram)

31.Qd4+ Kg8 32.Rd1 Golod,V: 'after:' **32...Qh4?** Still it was possible to change the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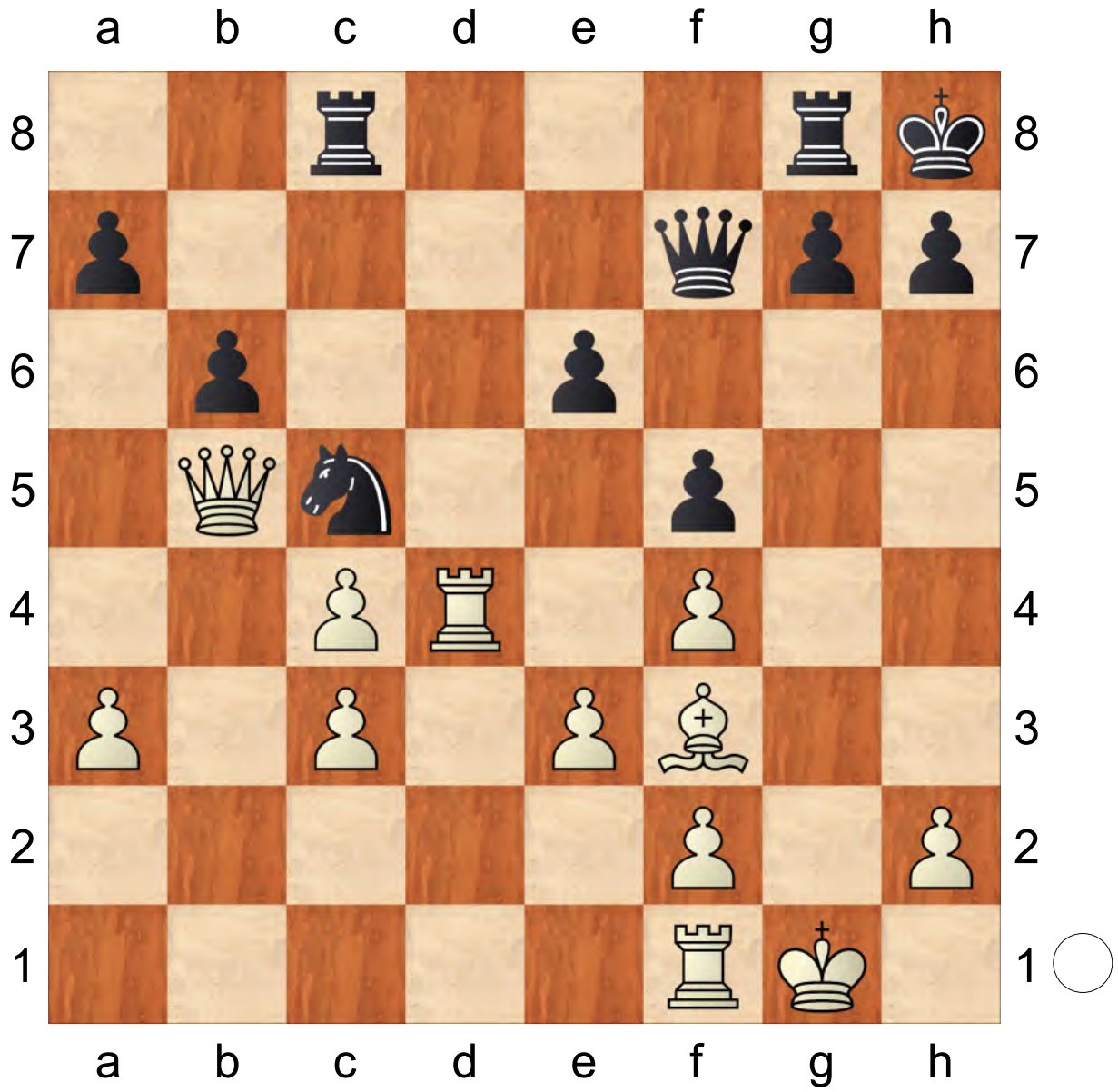
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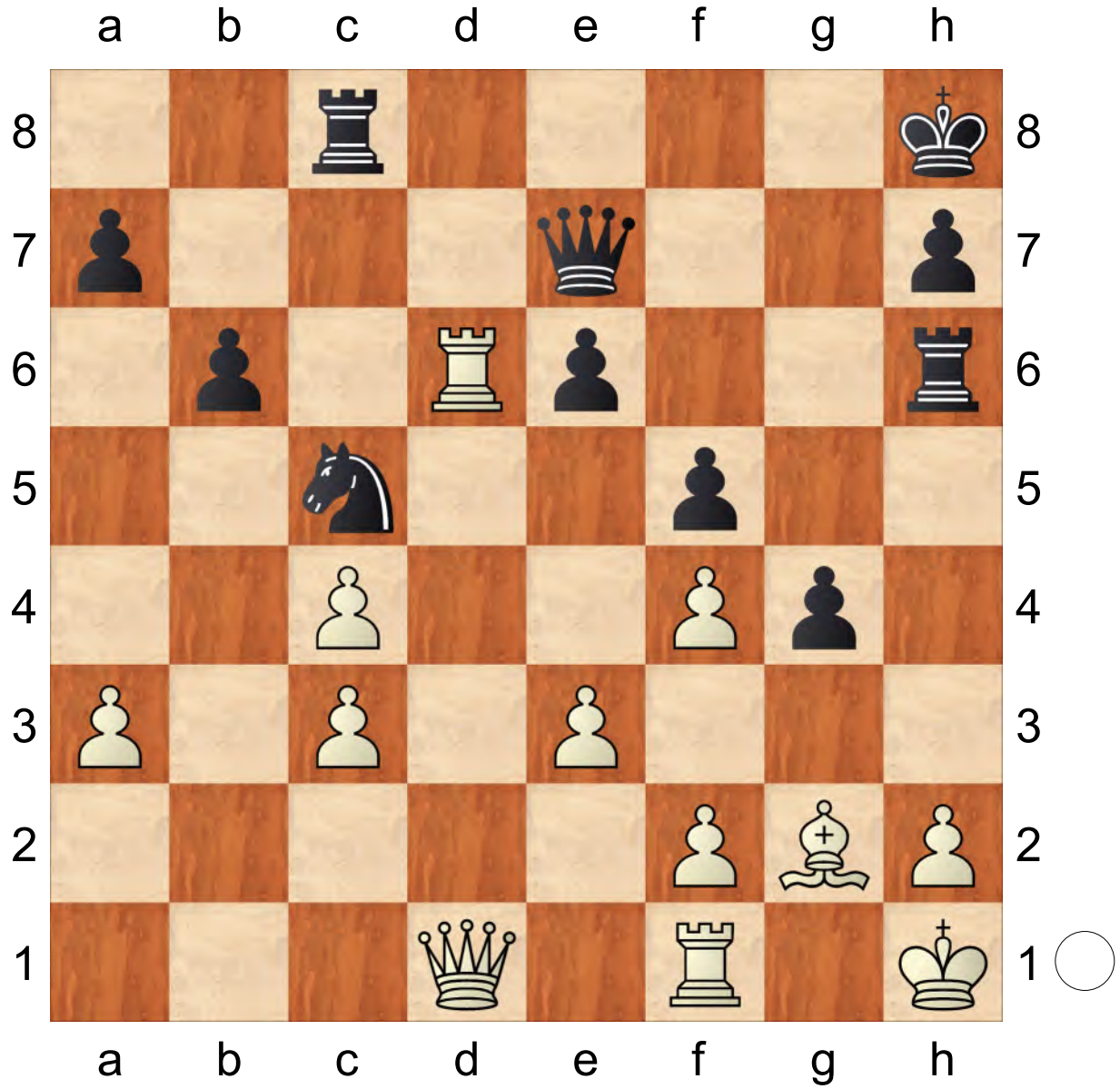


previous dubious decision: Golod,V: 'with rearrangement of moves we receive a position from a game. '

[32...Rf8 33.Rd8 ±/=]

33.Rd8+ Kf7

[It was necessary: 33...Rxd8 34.Qxd8+ Kf7 *(≤34...Qxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kg7 36.Ra8±)* 35.Qxh4 Rxh4 36.Rd8 Ke7 37.Ra8 a6 38.Rb8 Nd7 39.Rb7 Kd6 40.c5+! bxc5 41.Ra7 ±/±]

34.Rd7+!! Nxd7□

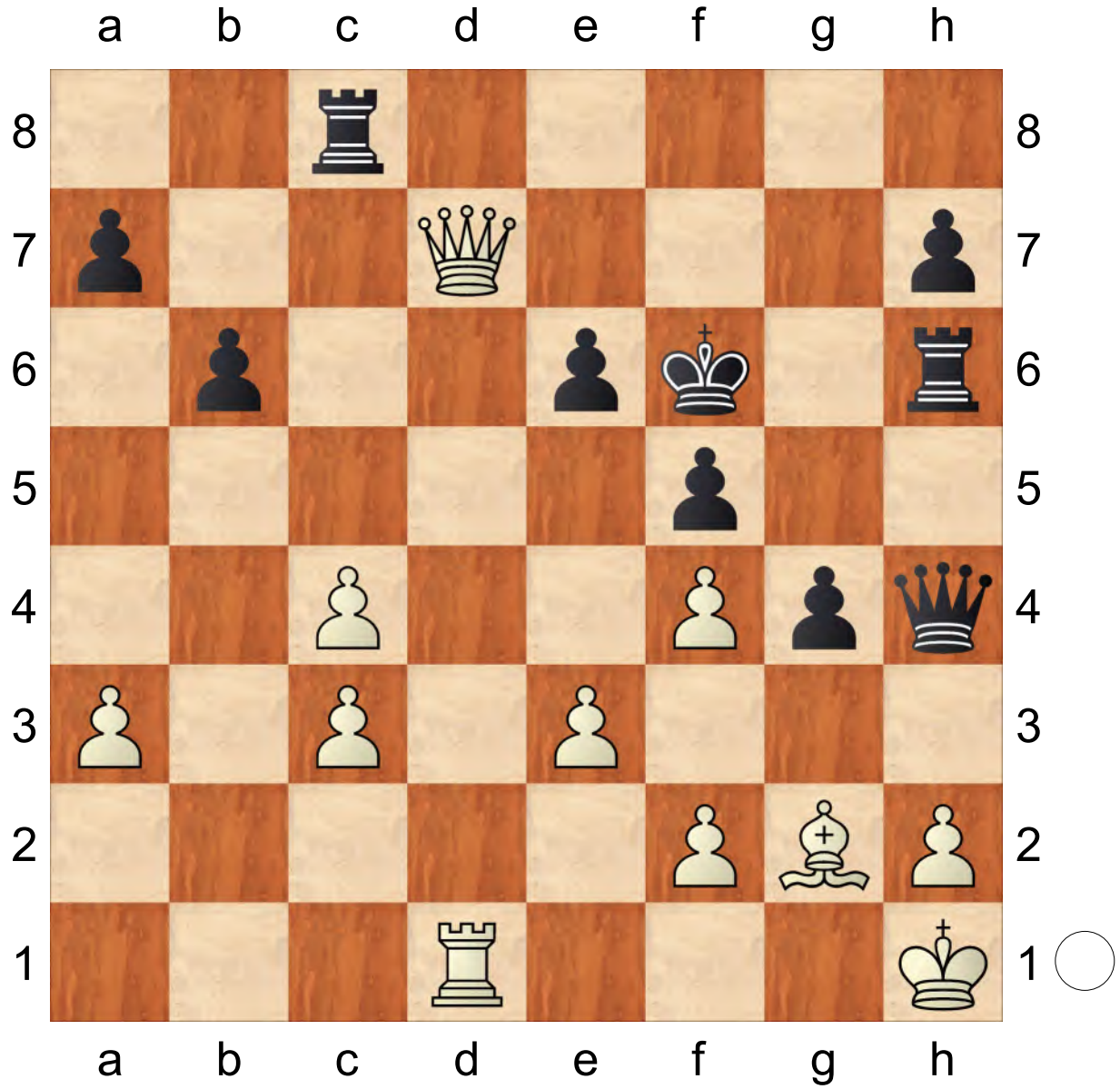
[34...Ke8?? 35.Qh8#]

[34...Kg8?? 35.Qg7#]

[34...Kg6?? 35.Rg7+ Kh5 36.Rg5+ Qxg5 37.fxg5+-]

35.Qxd7+ Kf6□

[35...Kg6?? 36.Qxe6+ Kg7 37.Qd7+! Kg6 38.Rd6+]



36.Kg1 Rf8

[Unexpectedly at once loses a game: 36...Qxh2+? 37.Kf1 Rf8□ Δ38.Rd6 Rf7 Golod,V: 'we can receive the same position as in the previous variation: 36...♕xh2?' 39.Rxe6+ Kg7 40.Re7 Rhf6 *(≤40...Rxe7 41.Qxe7+ Kg6□ 42.Bd5+-)* 41.Bd5

A) ≤41...Rxe7 42.Qxe7+ Kg6 43.Bf7+!! Kg7 *(43...Rxf7 44.Qg5#)* 44.Be8+;

B) 41...Qh5 42.Bxf7 Rxf7 43.Qxa7! Kf8 44.Rxf7+ Qxf7 45.Qxf7+ Kxf7 46.Kg2+-]

37.Rd6 Kg6

[After: 37...Qxh2+? 38.Kf1 Rf7 we can receive the same position as in the previous variation: 36...♕xh2?]

38.Qxa7± White have decided to get rid from contender's pawns on the queen side.

[Can it was necessary to involve the bishop in attack: 38.Bd5!?]

38...Qf6

[38...Qxh2+? 39.Kf1 Rf6 40.Qe7

A) ≤40...Qh4 41.Qe8+ Rf7□ 42.Qg8+! Kf6 *(42...Rg7 43.Qxe6+ Kh5 44.Qxh6#)* 43.Bd5 Qh3+ 44.Ke1 Re7 *(44...Ke7 45.Qd8#)* 45.Rxe6+ Rxe6 46.Qxe6+ Kg7 47.Qf7+ Kh8 48.Qg8#;

B) 40...Kh5 41.Rxe6 Qh4 *(41...Rfg6 42.Rxg6 Kxg6□ 43.Bd5)* 42.Re5⊙ A nice example of zugzwang: Kg6 *(42...Qh2 43.Qg7 Qh4 44.Bc6!)* 43.Qe8+ Rf7 *(43...Kg7 44.Re7+)* 44.Qg8+ Kf6 *(44...Rg7 45.Re6+ Kh5 46.Qxg7 Rxe6 47.Qxh7+ Rh6 48.Qxf5+)* 45.Rxf5+ Kxf5 46.Qxf7+ Qf6 *(46...Rf6 47.Be4+! Kxe4 48.Qd5#)* 47.Be4+! Kxe4 48.Qd5#]

39.Qxb6 Qxc3?!

[More stubborn resistance after: 39...Re8!?]

40.Rxe6+ Rf6□

(Diagram)

41.Rxf6+ Qxf6 42.c5+- Qxb6□

[≤42...Kh5 43.Qxf6 Rxf6 44.Bb7 Rf7 45.c6+-]

[≤42...Kg7 43.Qb7+ Kf8 44.Bd5!+-]

43.cxb6 Kf7 44.b7 Rb6 45.h3! It's necessary to open a road to the king. **45...gxh3**

(Diagram)

46.Bxh3!

[46.Bf3? Ke7 *(46...Rb2? 47.a4 Ke7 48.a5 Kd7 49.a6 Kc7 50.a7)* 47.Kh2 *(47.a4? Kd8 Δ48.a5 Rg6+□ 49.Kh2 Kc7 50.Kxh3 Ra6±)* 47...Kd6 48.Kxh3 Kc7 49.Kh4 Rb2 50.Kg5 Rxf2 51.Bd5 Rd2! 52.Be6 Re2 with good chances to drawn game.]

46...Rxb7 47.Bxf5 White has an absolutely winning position, but for realisation of material advantage is required certain time. **47...h5 48.a4 Kf6 49.Bd3 Rb3 50.Bb5 Rb2**

(Diagram)

51.Kg2 h4 52.Bd7 Rd2 53.Bg4 Ra2 54.a5 Ke7

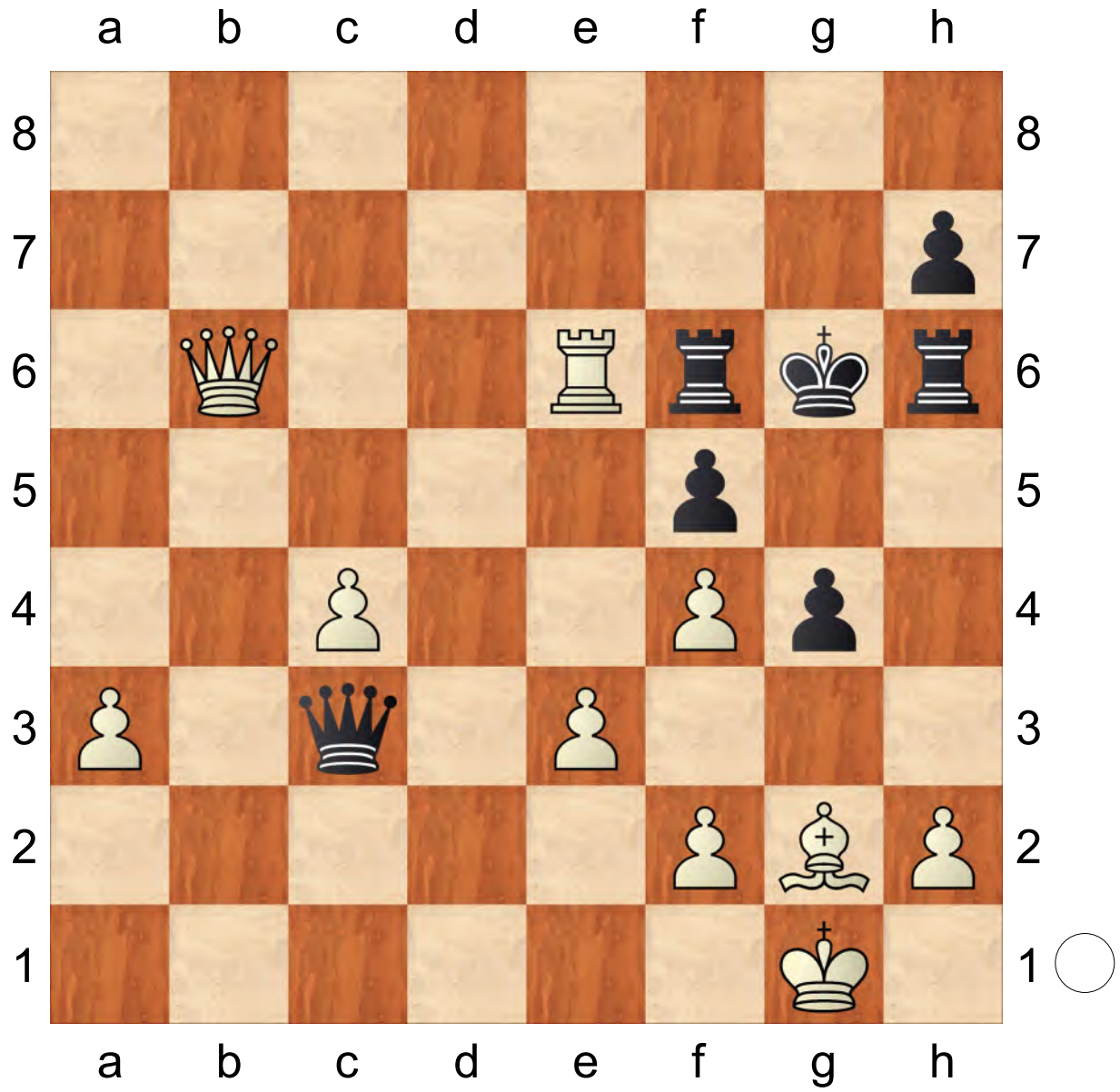
[54...Rxa5 55.Kh3 Ra2 56.f3 Ra3 57.e4]

55.e4 Kd6

(Diagram)

56.a6 Kc7 57.a7 Ra3

[57...Kb7 58.f5]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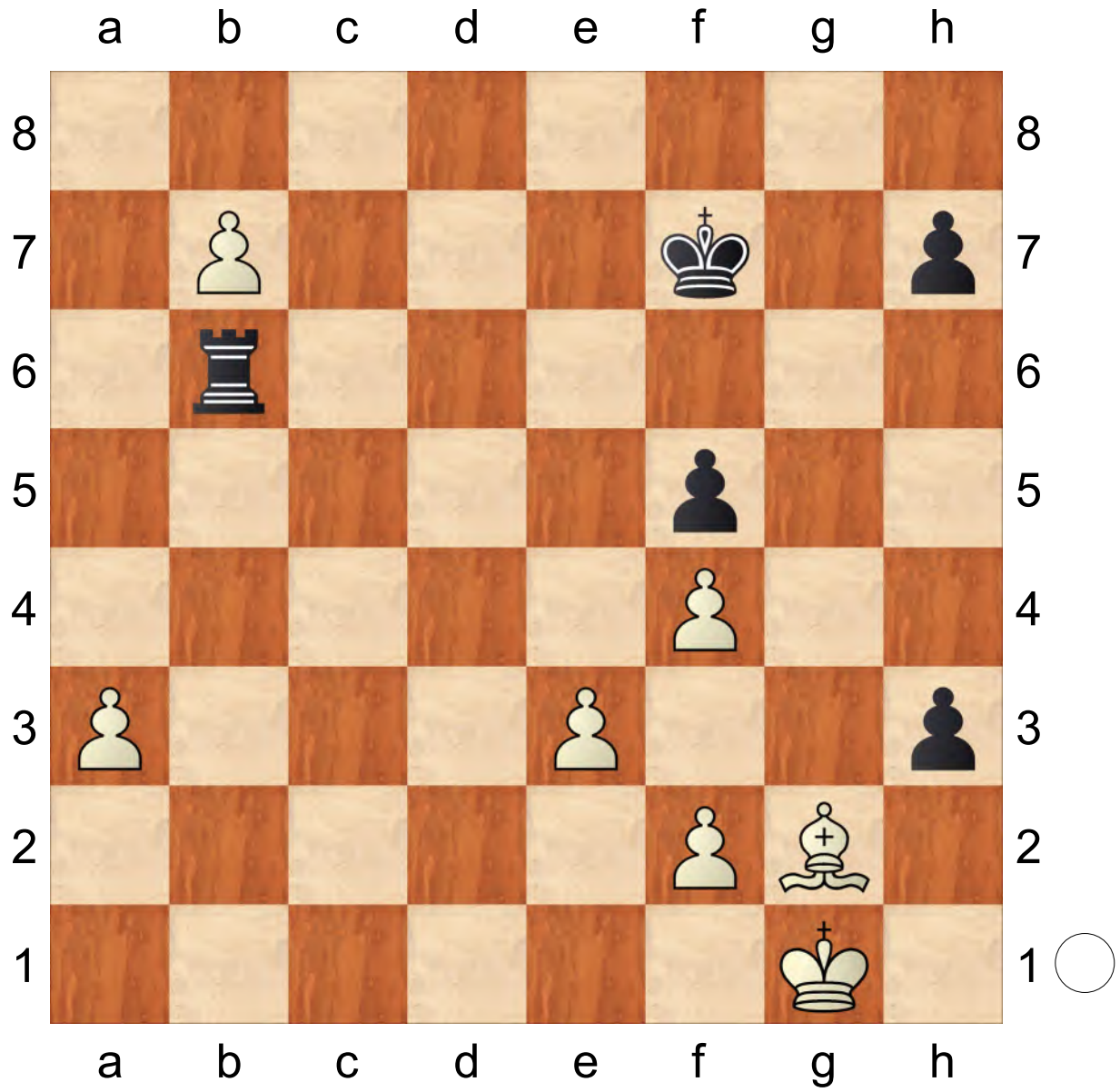
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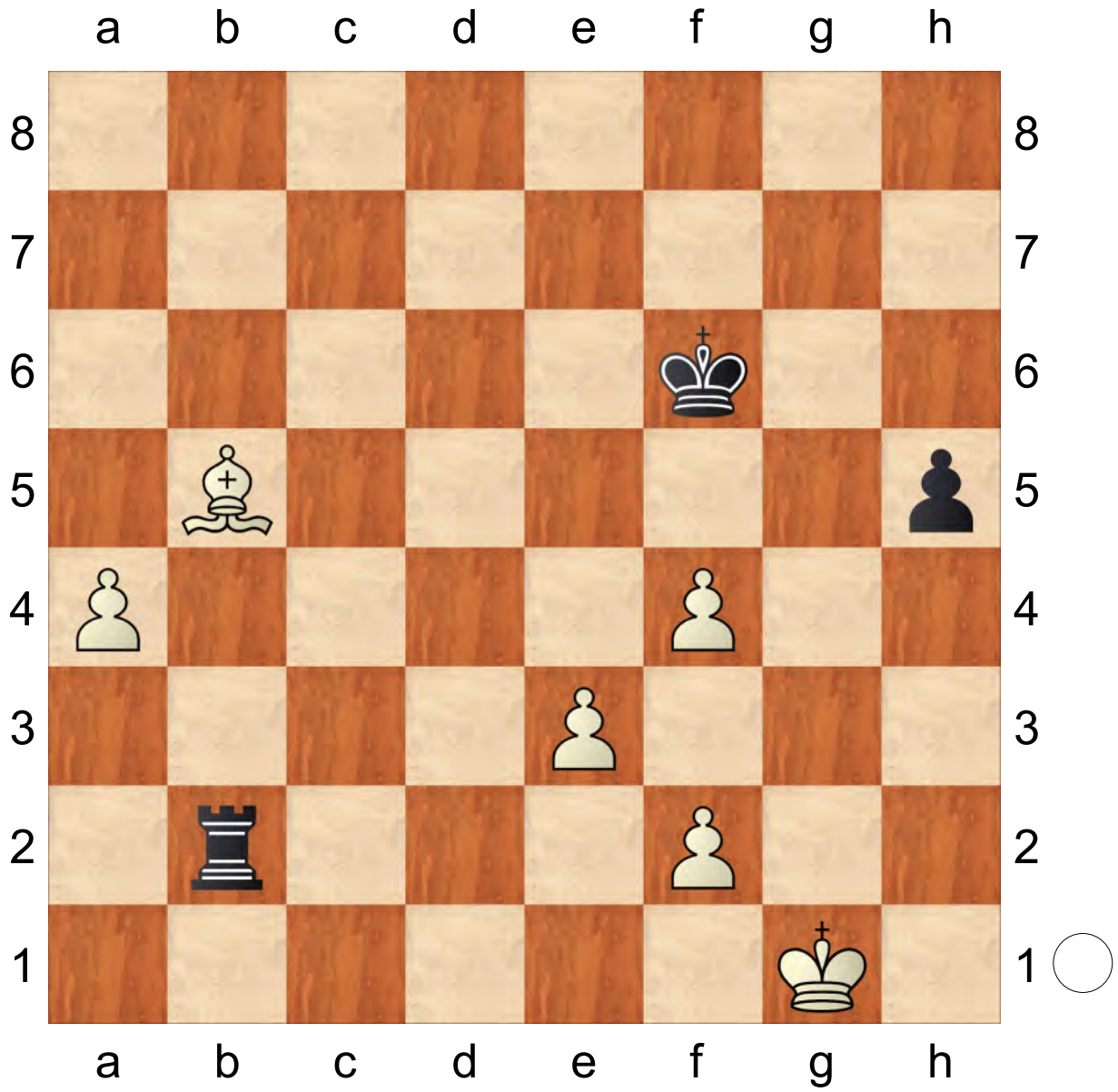
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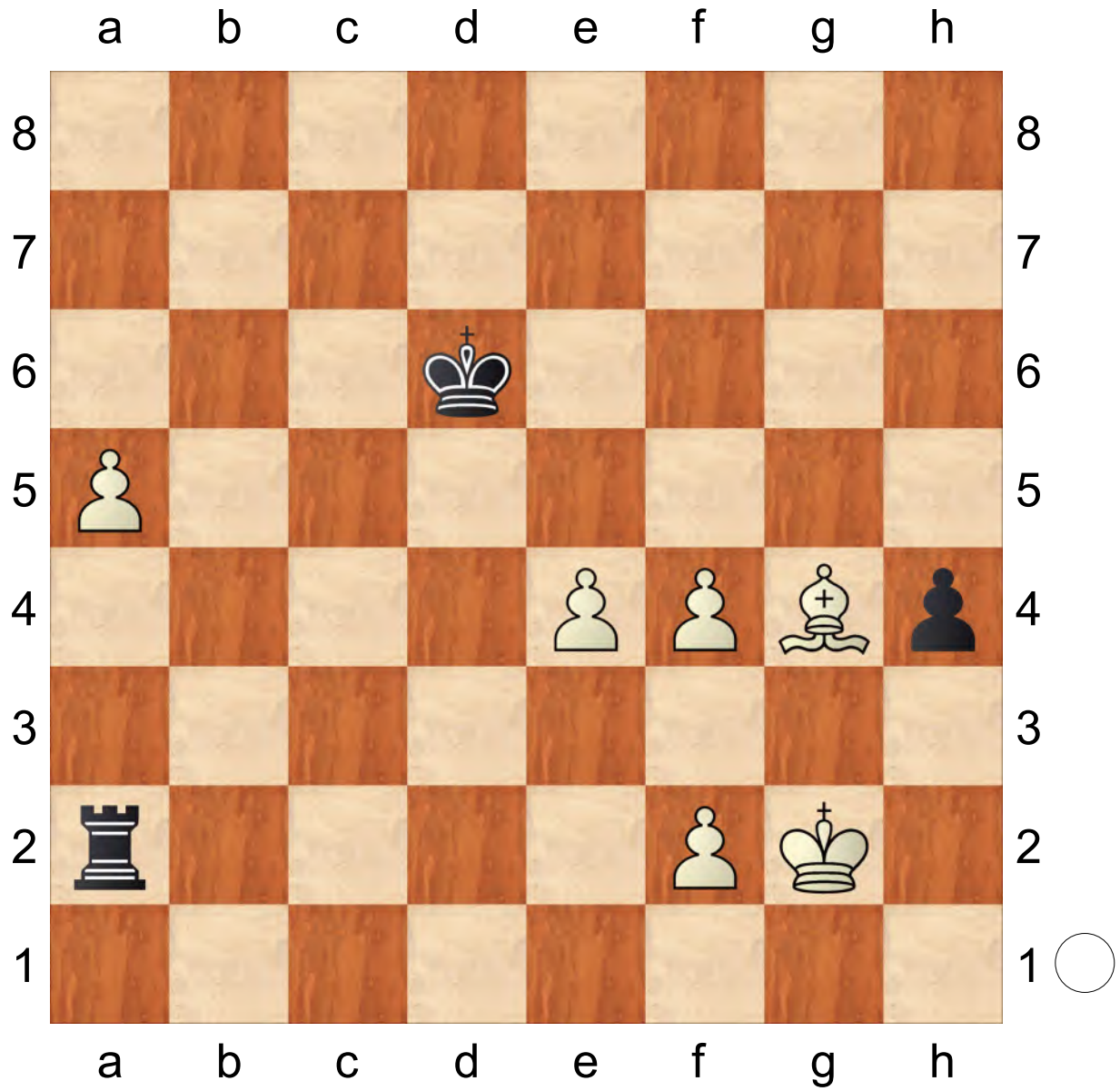


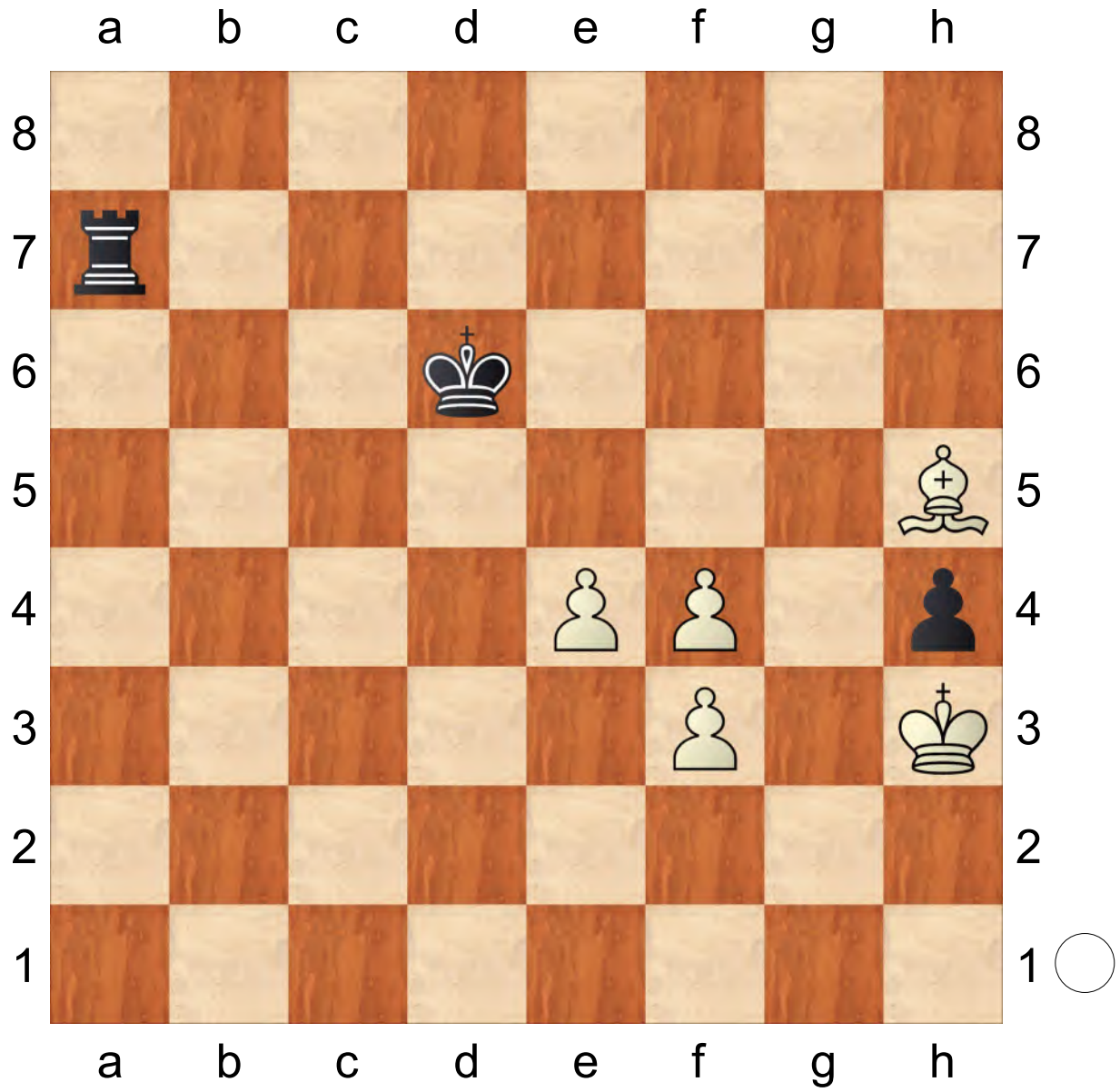
58.f3 Ra1 59.Bh5 Rxa7
[59...Kb7 60.f5 Kxa7 61.f6 Kb6 62.e5+-]
60.Kh3 Kd6

(Diagram)

61.Kxh4 The further resistance is senseless. **61...Rg7 62.Bg4 Rg8 63.Kh5 Rf8 64.Kg5 Rg8+ 65.Kh6 Rf8**

(Diagram)

66.f5
[66.f5 After this move Black resigns, because of next variatinion: Ke5 67.Kg7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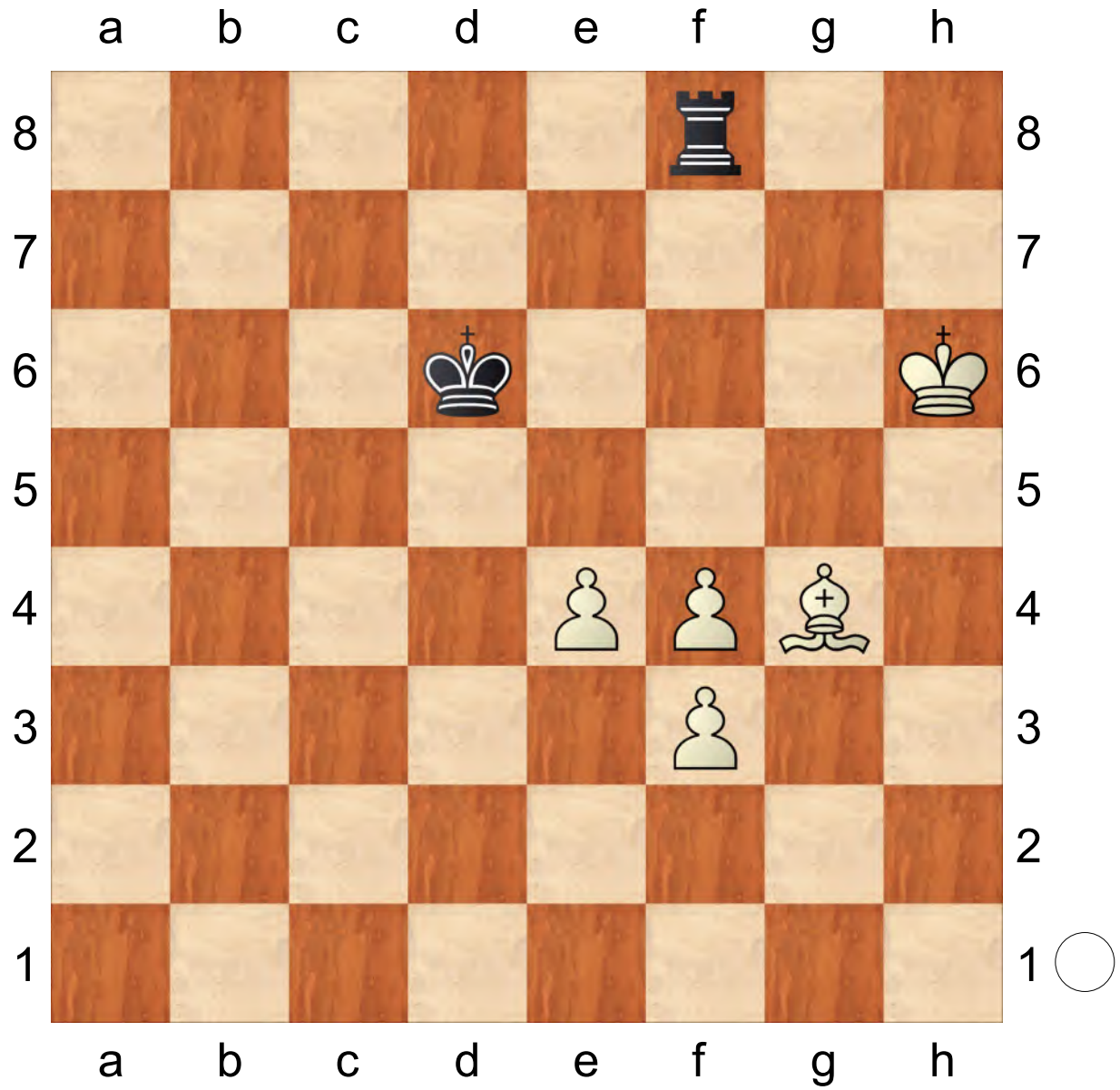

ΔRf6 68.f4+]

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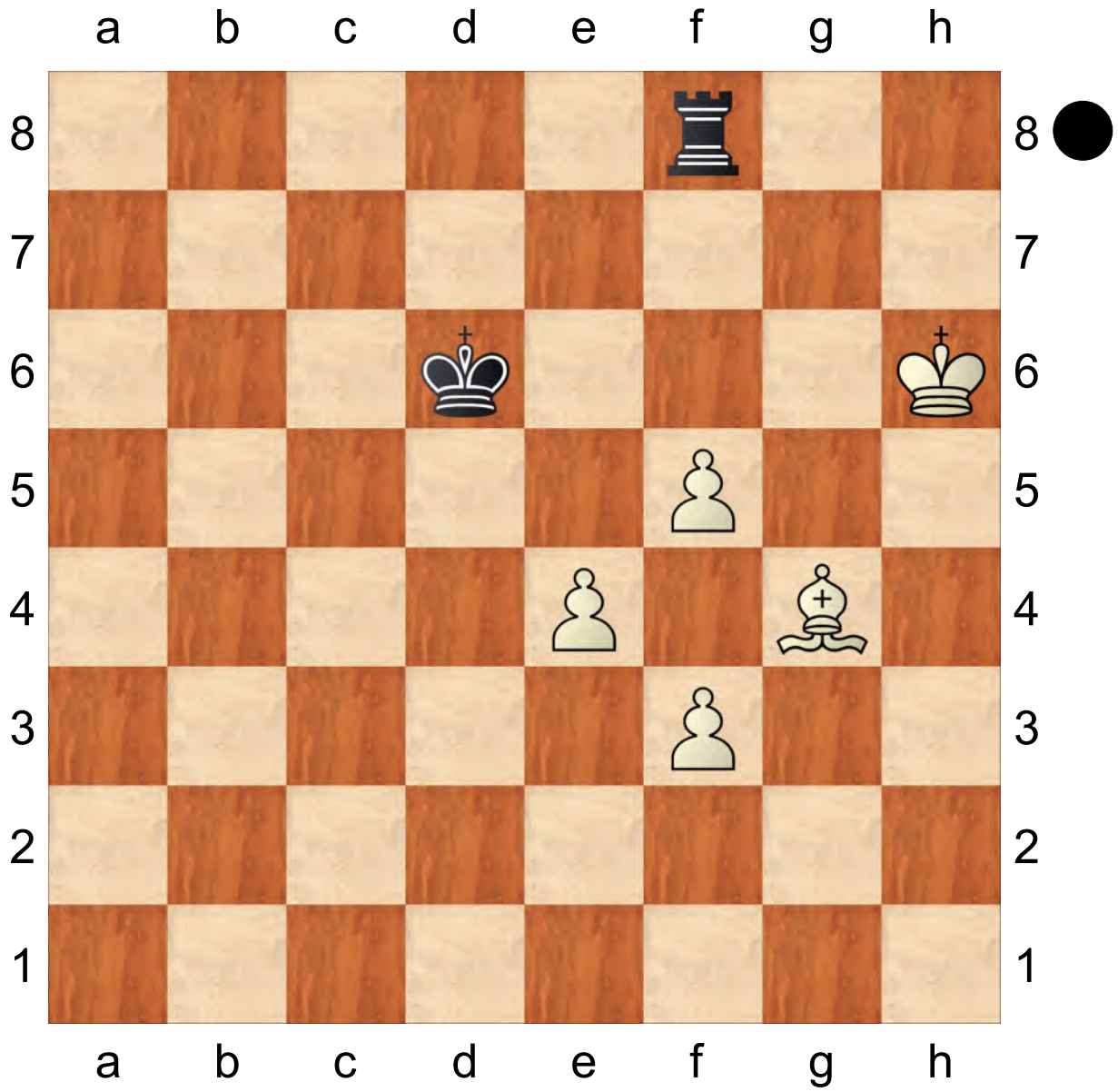
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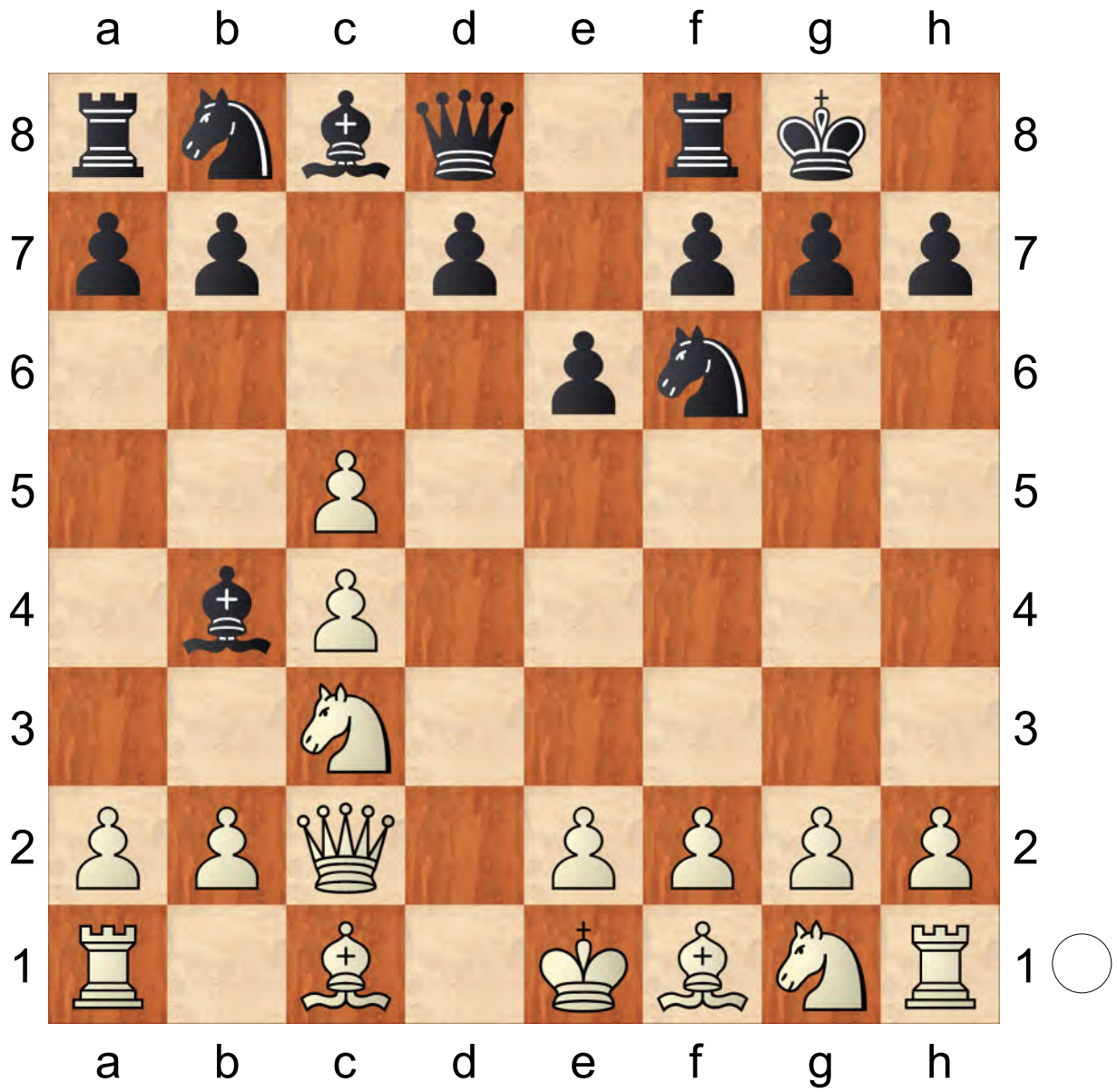
□ **Golod,Vitali** **2582**
■ **Nyback,Tomi** **2571**
EU-Cup 21st Saint Vincent (5.5) 22.09.2005
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 0-0**



6.a3 Bxc5 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bf4 Bb7 9.e3
[The main alternative is: 9.Rd1]
9...Nh5 A novelty, from the point of view of my games. Before, this was played against me:
[9...Be7]

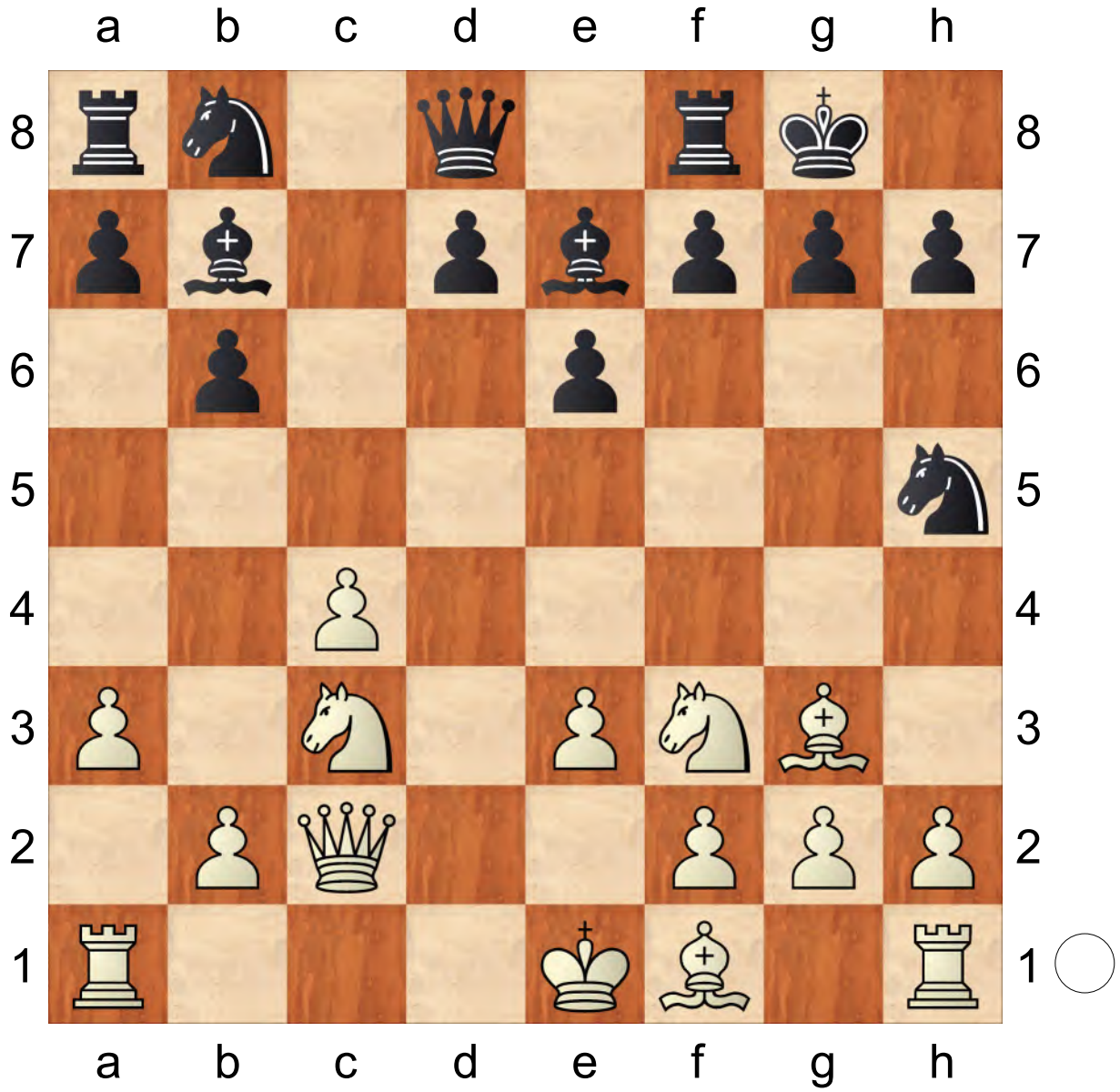
[and 9...Bxf3]

10.Bg3 Be7!?

[This was checked up in previous games: 10...Bxf3?!]

[10...f5]

[and 10...h6!?]



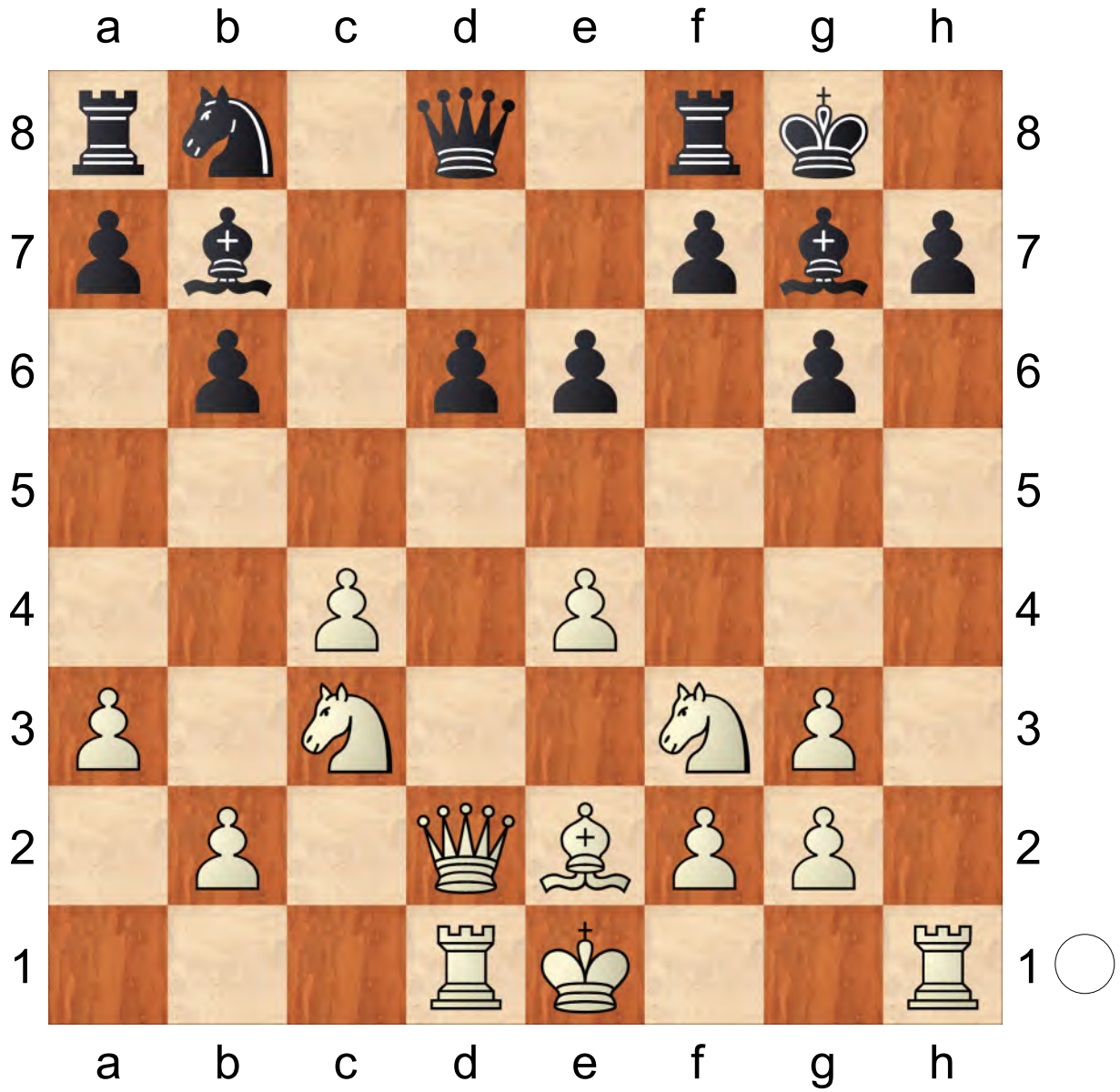
11.Be2

[11.Rd1 was twice tested in preceding games.]

11...g6?!N An unsuccessful novelty. Black irrevocably weakens his king. His dark squared bishop cannot defend both the weak squares around his king, and the weak square "d6".

[11...h6 12.Rd1 a6 13.Rd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 d6 *(⌓14...f5)* 15.Ne4! ¡d6; Δg4-g5 Bxe4 *(15...Qc7? 16.Neg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 Rc8 18.Qh7+ Kf8 19.Nf3±)*

16.Qxe4± Gershon,A-Macieja,B/Bermuda,2003/CBM 094(1-0)(Golod,V)(61)]
12.Rd1 Δ♗ d6 (×d6) **12...Nxg3** **13.hxg3±** I created a very nasty threat for my opponent: ♕d2,e4 and ♕h6→ **13...d6** **14.Qd2** **Bf6**
[≤14...Nd7 15.Nb5 ┌d6]
15.e4! I made this move in the most suitable moment.
[15.Qxd6? Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Na6≅]
Δ15...Bg7
[15...Bxc3? Δ16.Qxc3 Bxe4? 17.Qe3! Δf5 18.Ng5+-]



16.e5! **d5**
[≤16...Nc6 17.exd6 e5 Δ♘d4 18.Kf1 Qd7 *(18...Nd4? 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Nb5±)* 19.Qe3±]
17.cxd5 **exd5** **18.Nxd5**

[=18.Qf4 Nd7 *(18...d4? 19.Rxd4 Qe7 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Nc6 22.Bb5±)* 19.Nxd5 Re8 and we get the position from the game.]

18...Re8

[18...Qxd5? 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Nc6 21.Bb5±]

19.Qf4! It seems that Black's position is falling apart like a house of cards, but for that I had to make my next move very accurately. **19...Nd7** Golod,V: 'and we get the position from the game.'

[19...Bxd5? 20.Bc4 Δg5 *(20...Nc6? 21.Bxd5 Nxe5 22.0-0+-)*

A) 21.Qf5? Bxc4 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Nxg5 Nd7 ɣe1 ⇄;

B) 21.Qd4? Nc6 22.Qxd5 Nxe5 *(22...Qxd5? 23.Bxd5 Nxe5 24.Bxa8 Nxf3+ 25.Kf1 Rxa8 26.gxf3 Bxb2 27.a4±)* 23.0-0=;

C) 21.Qg4! Qd7 22.Qxd7 Nxd7 23.Bxd5 Rad8 24.Bc6±]

20.Ne3? This move does not create big problems for Black. I rather spent a lot of time choosing between this and the other three continuations:

[20.Rxh7? is refuted by: Nxe5! *(20...Kxh7?? 21.Ng5+ Kg8 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Qxg6 Nf8 24.Nf6!+-)* 21.Nxe5 Bxd5 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Bf3 g5 24.Qe3 Qf6 25.Rxd5 Rad8 26.Rxd8 *(≤26.Rb5 a6 27.Rxb6 Rxe5 28.Rxf6 Rxe3+ 29.fxe3 Kxf6∓)* 26...Rxe5 27.Rd2 Rxe3+ 28.fxe3 ∓/=]

[20.Nf6+! Bxf6 21.exf6

A) 21...Rxe2+?! 22.Kxe2 Ba6+

A1) 23.Kd2? Nc5+ *(23...Rc8? ɣd2 24.Qd6!±)* 24.Ke3 Qe8+ 25.Qe5 *(25.Ne5? Qb5→)* 25...Qa4↑;

A2) 23.Ke3! Qe8+ 24.Qe4 *(24.Kd2?? Qe2+ 25.Kc1 Bd3 26.Qc7 Nc5-+)* 24...Nxf6 25.Qxe8+ Rxe8+ 26.Kd4 Ng4 27.Rd2 Rd8+ 28.Kc3 Rxd2 29.Kxd2 Nxf2 30.Rc1±;

B) 21...Qc8 22.0-0!

B1) ≤22...Rxe2 23.Rxd7 Δ♕h6 and ♕g7# Bxf3 *(23...Qxd7?? 24.Qh6)* 24.gxf3±;

B2) ≤22...Re4 23.Qg5 Rxe2 24.Rxd7 Δ♕h6 and ♕g7# Bxf3 25.gxf3±;

B3) 22...Nxf6 23.Bc4±]

[20.e6! Rxe6 21.Ng5 Rxe2+ 22.Kxe2 I choose White, here!]

20...Qe7∞

(Diagram)

21.Bc4

[21.Bb5 leads to an unclear position: Red8!

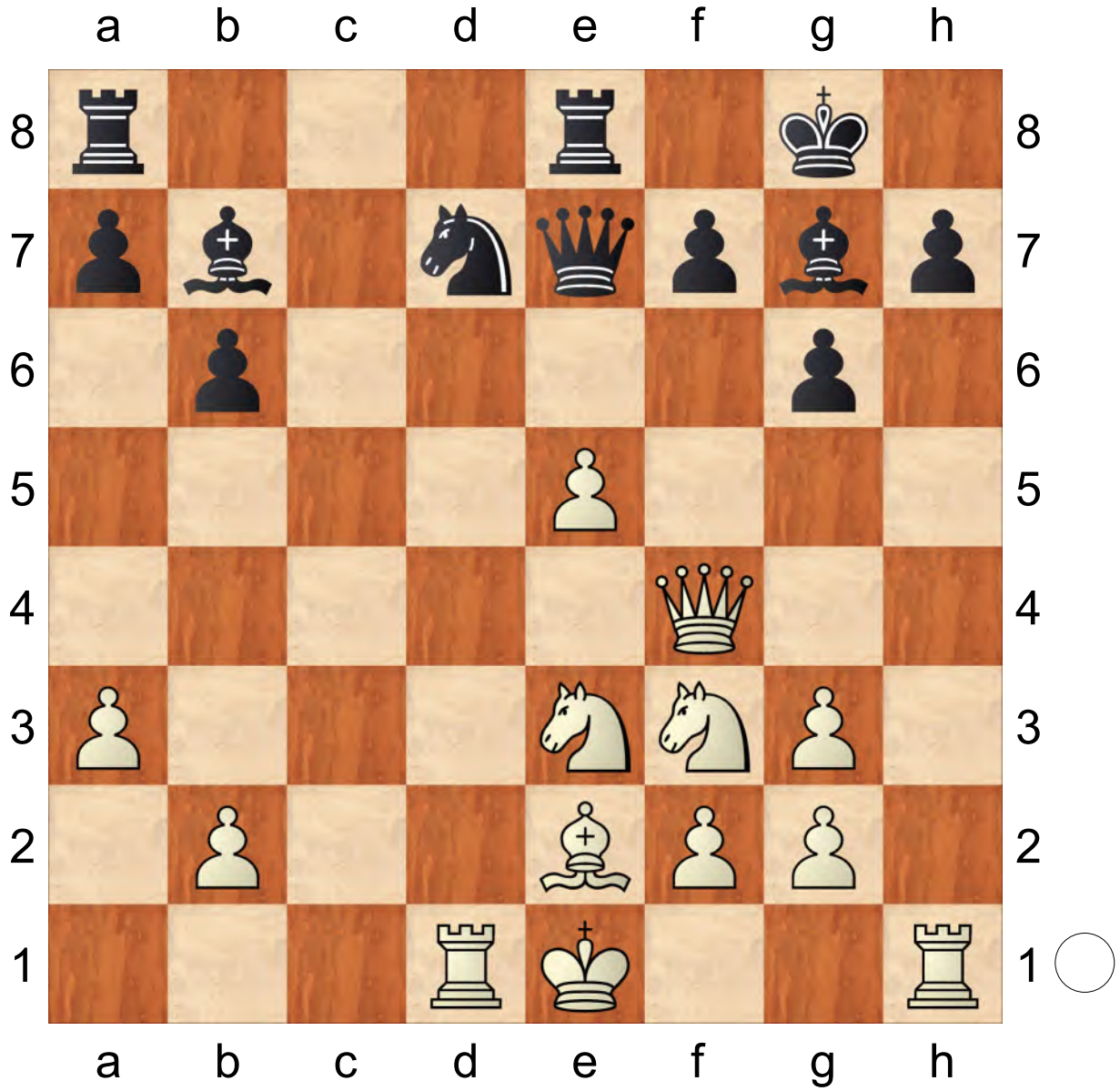
A) 22.Nd5? Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Nxe5!

A1) 24.Rxe5? Bxe5 25.Nxe5 *(25.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 26.Nxe5 Rd5-+)* 25...Rd5 26.Qxf7+ Qxf7 27.Nxf7 Rxb5-+;

A2) 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.0-0 Nxf3+ 26.Qxf3 Bxb2∓;

B) 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7⩲]

21...Rad8! It was bad to grab the "♙e5" right away:



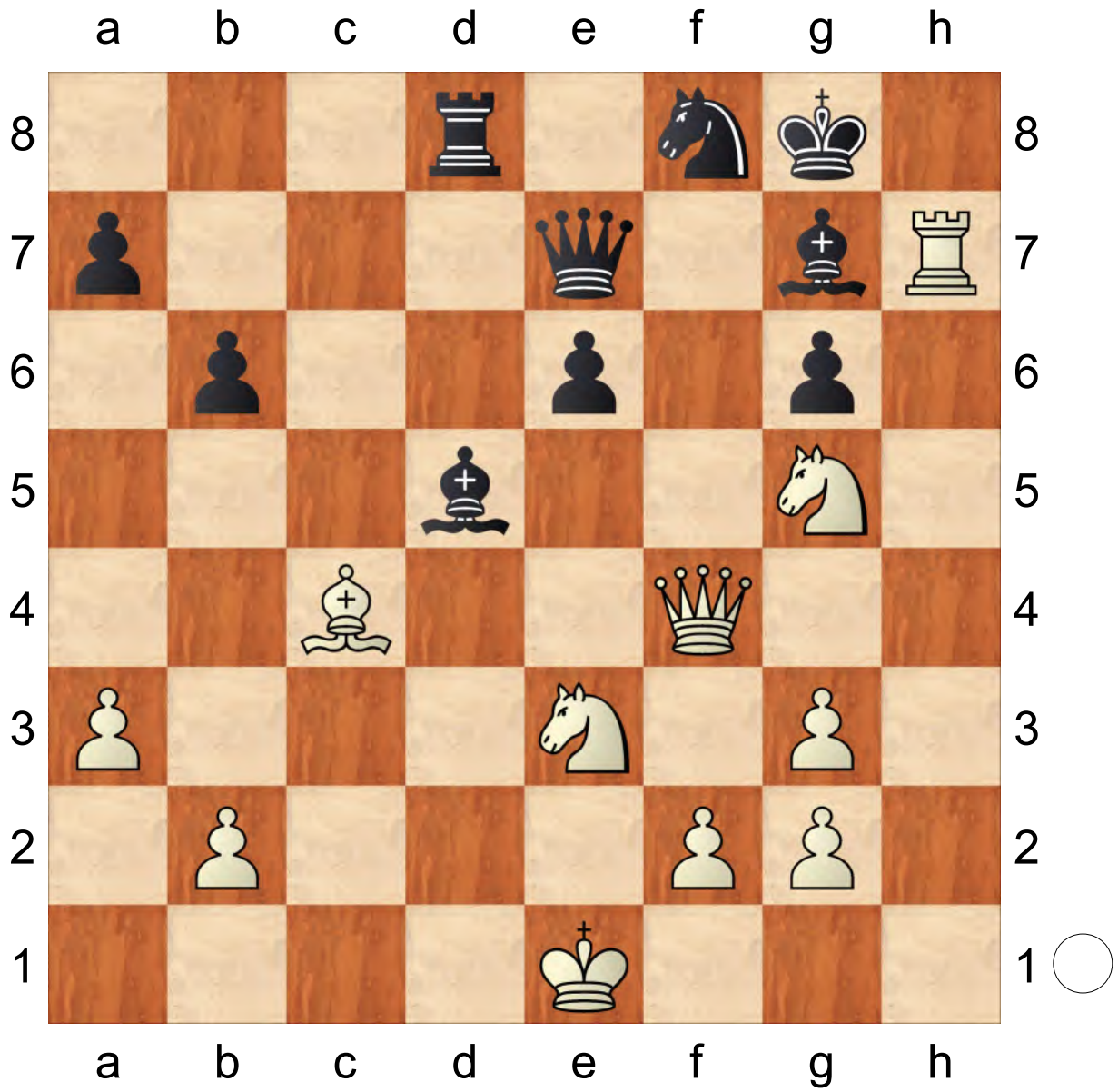
[21...Nxe5? 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Qxf7+! Qxf7 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Rxh7+ Kf6 *(≤25...Bg7 26.Rd7+)* 26.Rxb7 Bxb2 27.Rd3±]
[21...Bxf3? 22.Qxf7+! Qxf7 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rxd7+ Kg8 25.gxf3 Rxe5 26.Ke2±]

22.e6 I was very close to sacrifice my rook:
[22.Rxh7?? but I then figured out, that Black has a strong intermezzo: Bxf3! *(22...Kxh7?? 23.Ng5+ Kh8 24.Nxf7+ Kh7 25.Ke2!+- Δ♖h1+)* 23.Rxg7+□ Kxg7 24.gxf3 Nxe5 ∓/-+]
[This was also very weak: 22.Ng5? Nxe5 23.Rxd8 Rxd8∓]

22...fxe6 23.Ng5? After this mistake, the picture suddenly changes, and not in my favor :(
[23.Qc7!?∞]

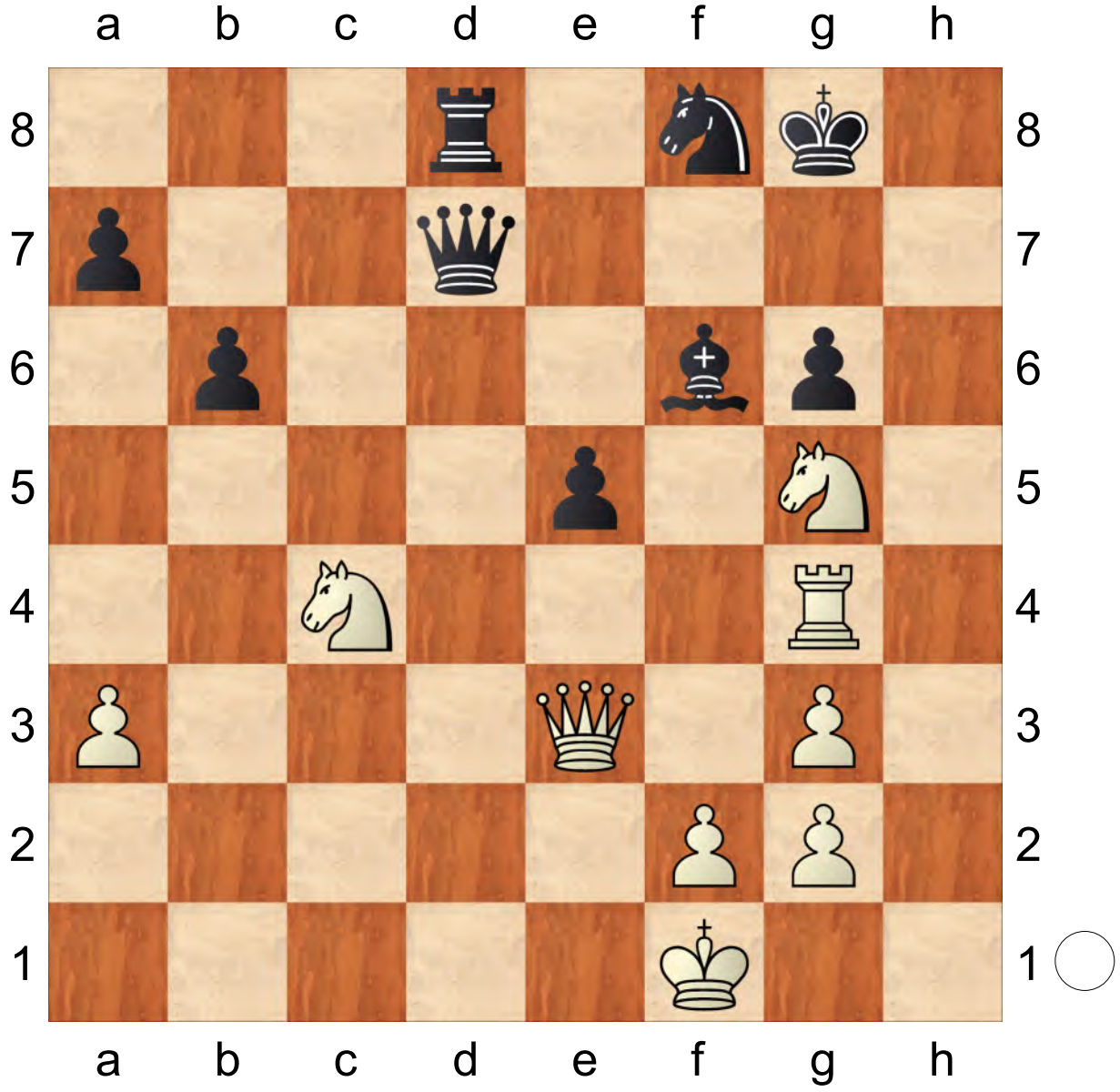
23...Nf8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8∓ 25.Rxh7! White had no other worthy alternative. **25...Bd5!**

[25...Rd4?? unexpectedly loses the game at once: 26.Qxd4! *(26.Rxg7+!? Qxg7 27.Qb8± ΔQe7 28.Bxe6+ Kh8 29.g4)* 26...Nxh7 27.Bxe6+! Kh8 28.Qd8+! *(28.Nf7+?? Qxf7-+)* 28...Bf8 *(28...Qxd8? 29.Nf7+ Kg8 30.Nxd8+ Kf8 31.Nxb7)* 29.Qxe7 Bxe7 30.Nxh7 Kxh7 31.Bd5+-]
[25...Nxh7?? 26.Bxe6+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.Nxd8+ Kh8 29.Qd6!+-]

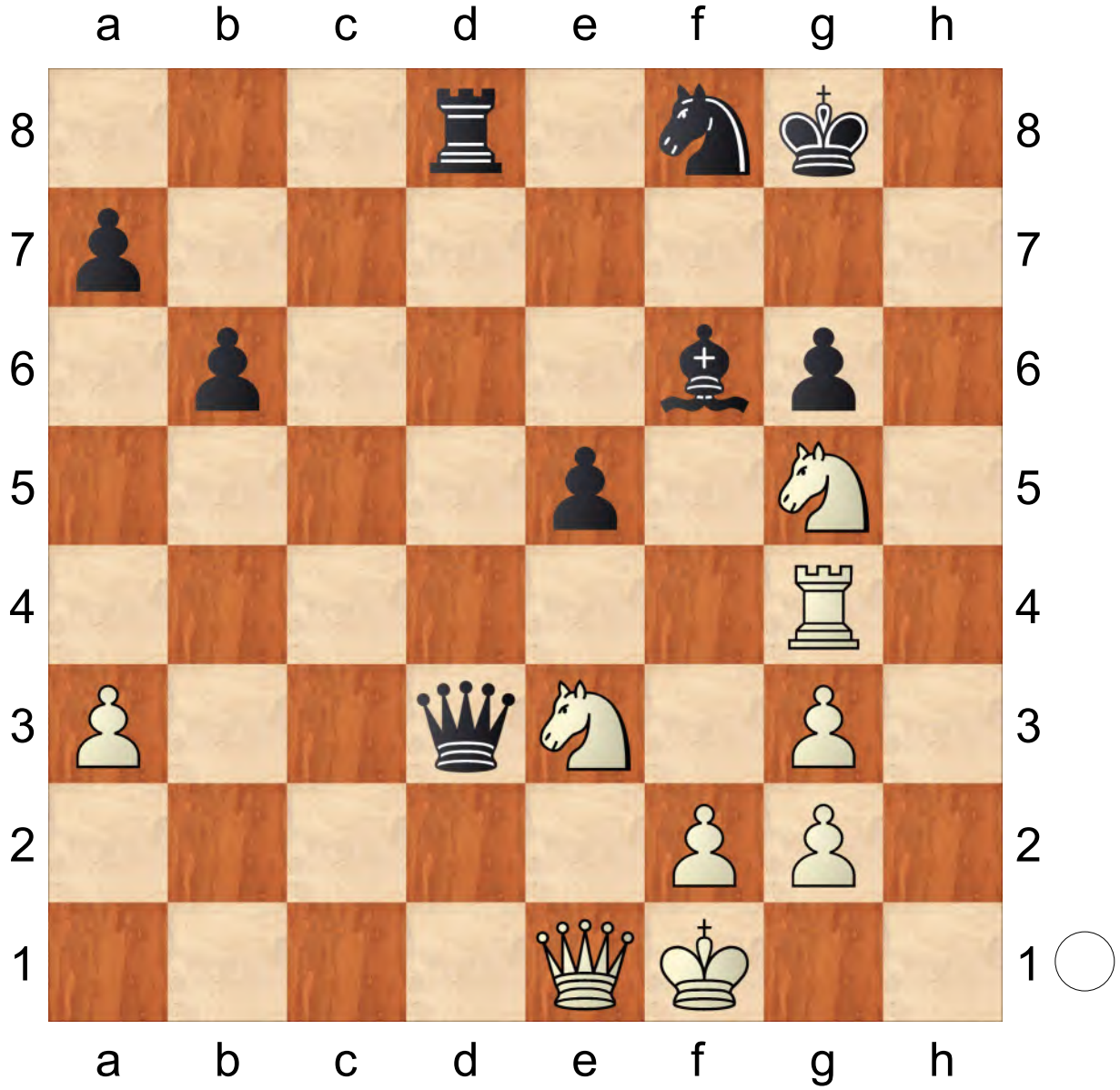


Nyback Tomi continues a series of excellent moves. **26.Rh4**
[26.Bxd5?! was hardly better: exd5
A) ≤27.Rh3 d4 28.Kf1
A1) 28...dxe3? 29.Qc4+ Ne6 30.Qxe6+□ *(30.Nxe6? Qf7 31.f4 Re8-+)* 30...Qxe6 31.Nxe6 Rd1+ 32.Ke2 exf2 33.Kxf2 Bxb2∓;
A2) 28...Be5! 29.Qe4 Qxg5 30.f4 Bxf4 31.gxf4 Qb5+ 32.Ke1 dxe3-+;
B) 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Kd2 d4∓]

26...Bxb2
[≤26...Bxc4 Δ27.Nxc4 Rd5! *(27...Rd4 28.Qe3)* 28.Rg4□ Rd4 29.Qf3 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 Qxg5 ∓/∓]
27.Kf1 Bf6 The bishop did his job, and returned to the defence.
[27...Bxc4+!? 28.Nxc4 Bf6 29.Rg4 Rd1+ Golod,V: '!?' Golod,V: 'transfers to 27...♗xc4' 30.Ke2 Qd8 31.Nd2 Ra1∓]
28.Rg4 Bxc4+ 29.Nxc4 e5? By this mistake Black lost all of his advantage.
[29...Rd4!? 30.Ne4 Bg7 31.Ne5 Qc7∓]
[29...Rd1+!? transfers to 27...♗xc4]
30.Qe3 Qd7
[30...Rd1+ 31.Ke2 Qd7 32.Ne4! Bg7 *(32...Qxg4+ 33.f3 Qe6 34.Nxf6+ Kg7 35.Kxd1 Kxf6 36.Nd2=)* 33.Qb3! ΔQxg4+ 34.f3 Qe6 35.Kxd1=]



31.Qe2 Qb5 32.Ne3
[32.Kg1?? Qb1+ Fish,G Δ33.Kh2 Rd1-+]
32...Qb1+
[32...Qxe2+ 33.Kxe2 b5=]
33.Qe1 Qd3+ 34.Qe2 Qb1+ 35.Qe1 Qd3+



36.Qe2 I didn't have the strength to keep fighting, as we lost the match anyway.
[36.Kg1!? Qxa3 37.Ne4 Bg7 38.Qb1≅]
36...Qb1+ 37.Qe1

(Diagram)

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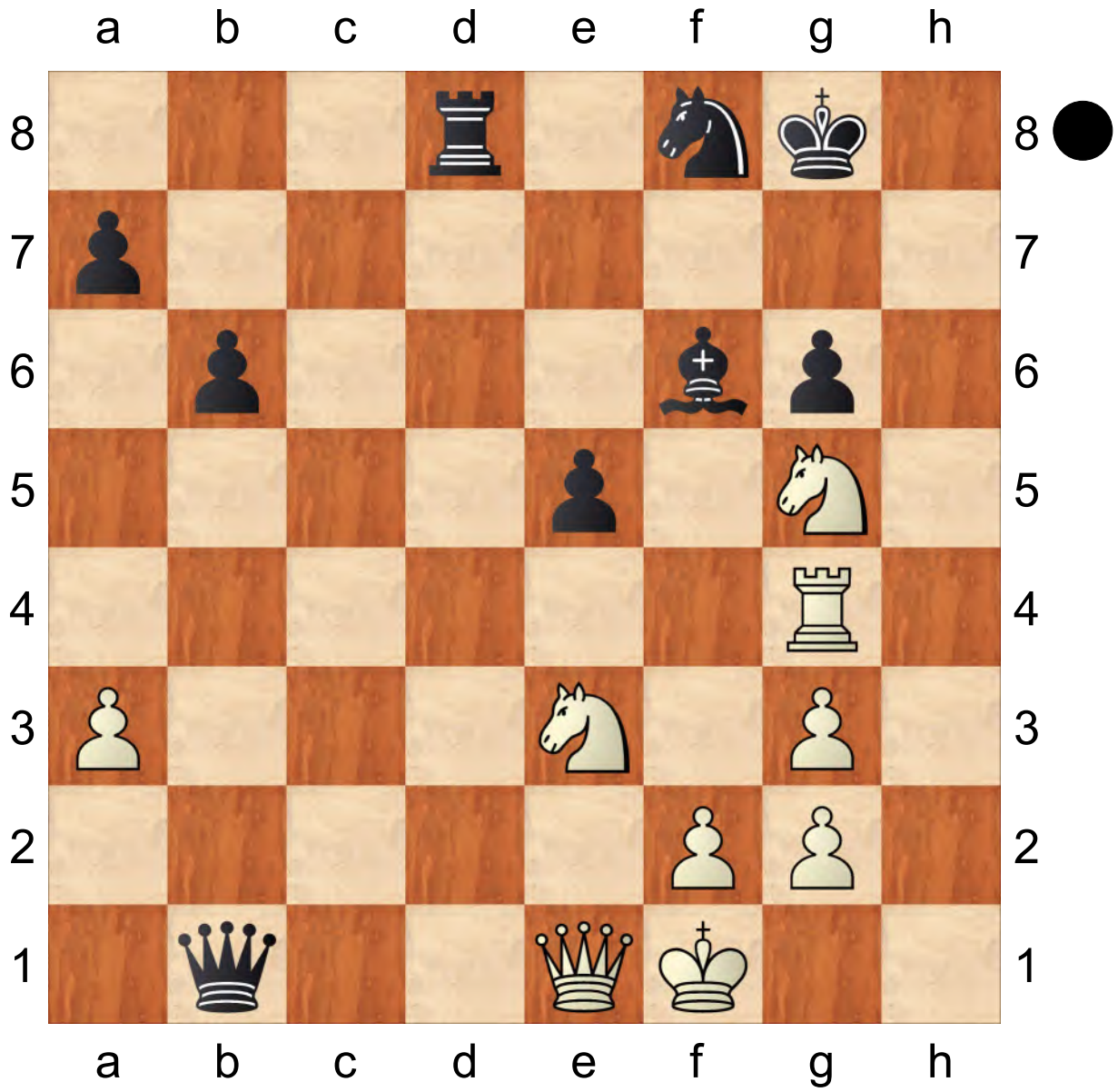
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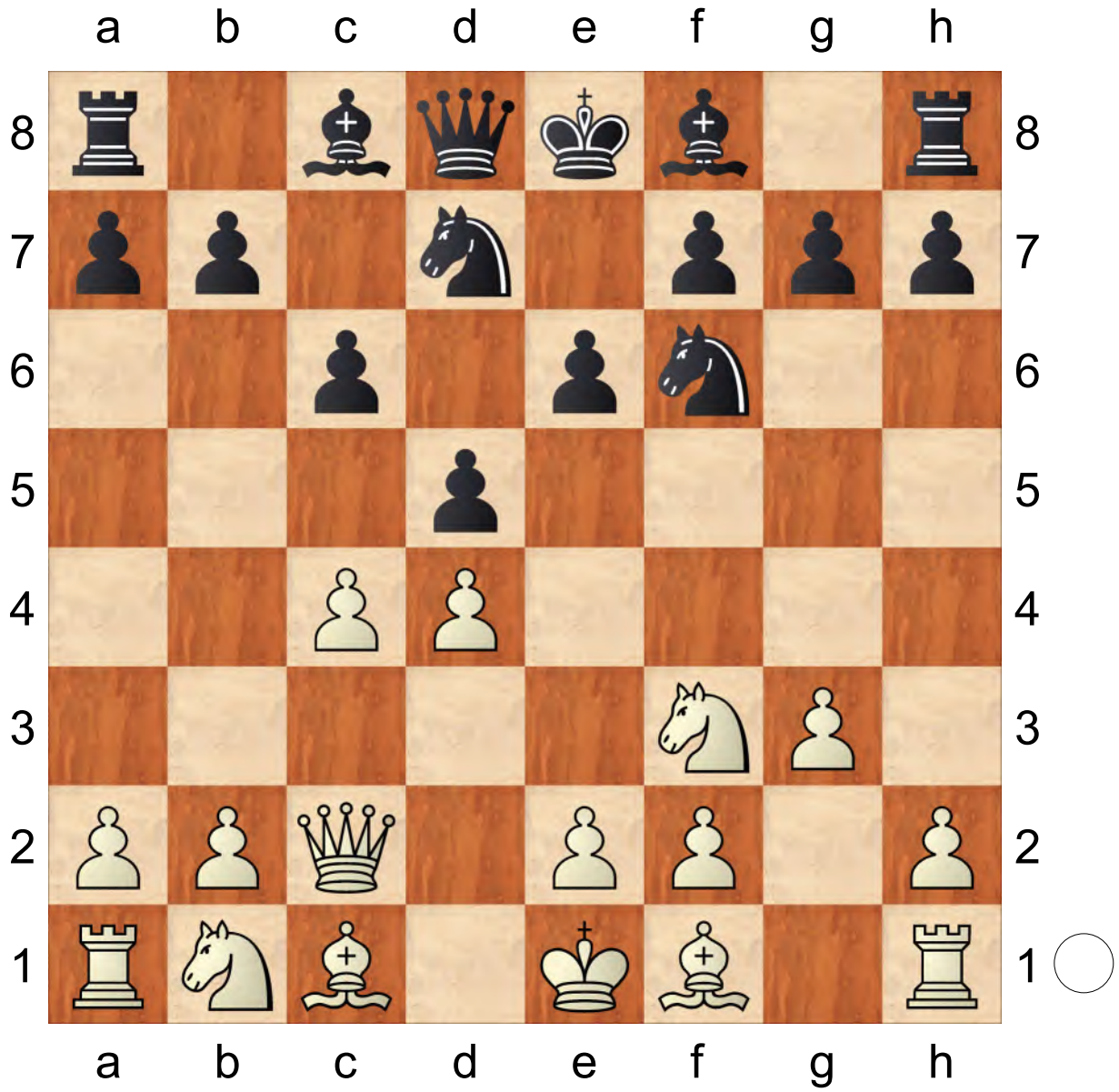
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.Qc2 Nf6 5.g3 Nbd7



6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rd1 Qe7 9.Nc3

[9.Nh4 Re8 10.Nd2 Nf8 11.e4 dxe4 12.c5 Bc7 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 h6 15.f4 Nd7 16.Nf3 Nf6 17.Bd3 b6 18.Ne5± 1-0 Kiseleva,N-Nill,J/Buehlertal 2000/CBM 75 ext (41). (40)]

[9.b3

A) 9...Re8 10.Nc3 h6 11.Bb2 dxc4 12.bxc4 e5 13.e3 a6 14.a4 *(14.c5±)* 14...c5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5± 0-1 Zendilovska,K-Zarkovic,D/Herceg Novi YUG 2001/The Week in Chess 344 (40);
B) 9...e5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.e4 Nb4 12.Qe2 exd4 13.Nxd4 Be5 14.Bb2 c5 15.Nf5 Qf6 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Nc3 Bxf5 18.exf5 Nec6 *(18...Qxf5 19.Bxb7 Rae8=)* 19.Ne4 Qxf5 20.Qc4 b6 *(20...Nd4? 21.Rxd4 cxd4 22.Qxb4± 1-0 Stohl,I-Hernando Rodrigo,J/Lisbon POR 2001/The Week in Chess 356 (31))* 21.a3 Na5 22.Qc3 Nbc6 23.b4 Nd4∓]

9...dxc4

[9...Rd8 10.e4 *(10.b3 b6 11.a4 a5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.e4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Bb7 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Rac1 Rc7 19.c5 bxc5 20.dxc5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Rcd7 22.Rd6 Rxd6 23.cxd6 Qxd6 24.Qxa5± 1-0 Ilincic,Z-Lajthajm,B/Vrsac 2000/EXT 2001 (40))* 10...Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4 c5 -see commented game 1-0 Tkachiev,V-Hoffman,A/Las Vegas 1999/CBM 72[Tsesarsky,I] (25)]

10.Bg5

[10.Nd2 Nb6 11.Nde4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bc7 13.a4 Worth of attention a5!? *(13...e5 14.a5 Nd5 15.Qxc4 exd4 16.Rxd4 Be5= 1-0 Lopez Martinez,J-Valero Fernandez,M/Mondariz Balneario 2000/EXT 2001 (28))* 14.Be3 *(14.Nd2?! Qb4)* 14...f5 15.Bg5 Qf7 16.Nd2 f4 *(16...e5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Be3 Bc7 19.Bxb6 Bxb6 20.Nxc4 Bc7 21.e3=)* 17.Nxc4 fxg3 18.fxg3 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 e5=]

10...h6

(Diagram)

11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nd2 e5 Black comletes his development and equalizes position - like in most of games played with this variation... **13.d5!?** White tries to complicate position.

[Equality after 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nxc4 Bc7 15.Rd4 Be6 16.Rad1 Rad8=]

13...Bc5 14.Nde4

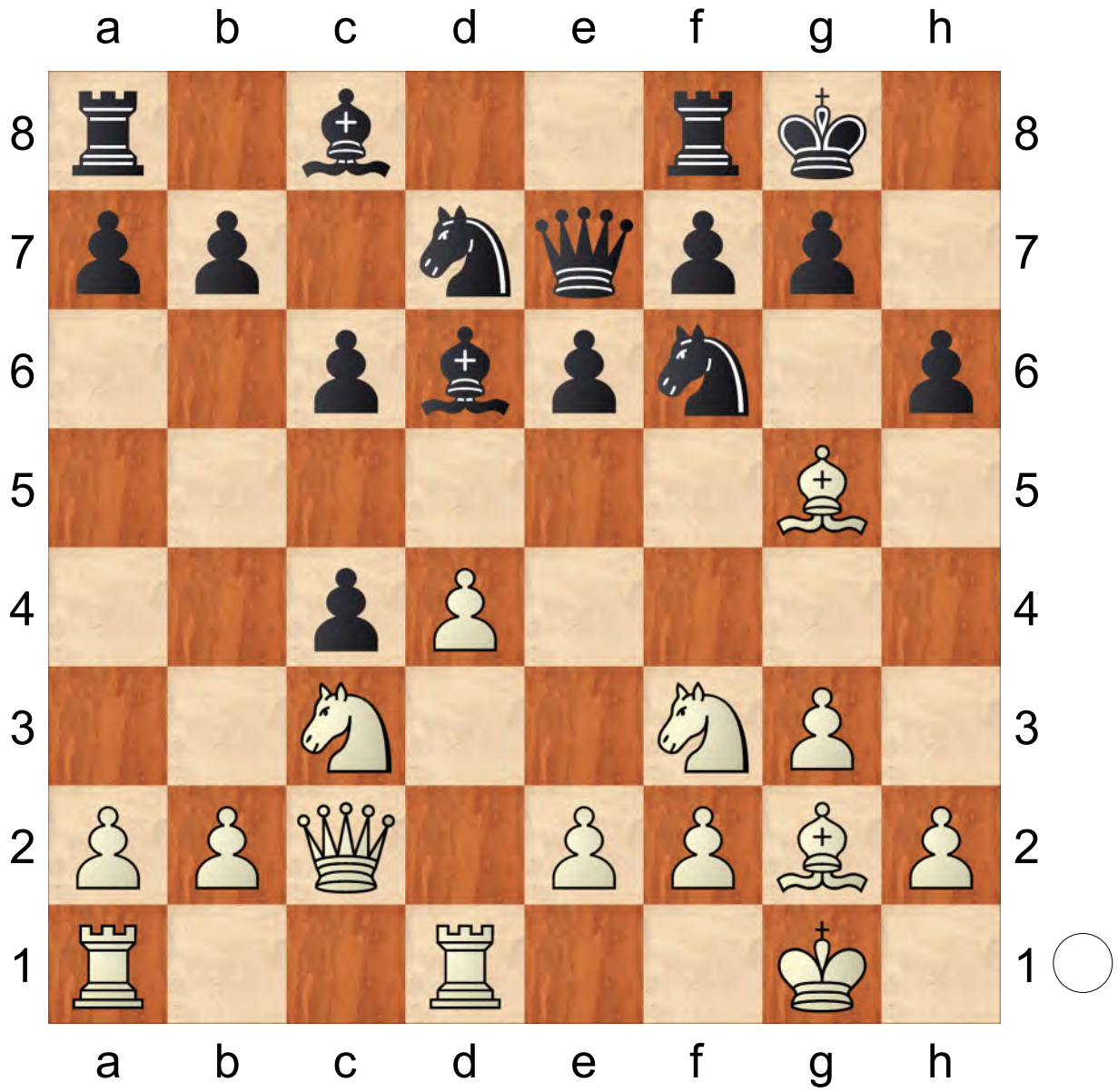
[Badly is 14.dxc6? in view of Bxf2+! 15.Kxf2 Ng4+ 16.Ke1 Qc5
A) 17.Nde4 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 *(18.Bf1 Ne3-+)* 18...Qxg2-+;
B) 17.Nxc4 Qf2+ 18.Kd2 Qxg2∓]

14...Nxd5?± Missing next strong impact:

[Right was 14...Bf5 15.dxc6 bxc6
A) 16.Qa4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rab8 19.Qxc4 Rxb2 20.Rab1 *(20.Bxc6 Rc8∓)* 20...Rfb8 21.Rxb2 Rxb2 22.Bxc6=;
B) 16.e3]

15.Rxd5! cxd5

(Diagram)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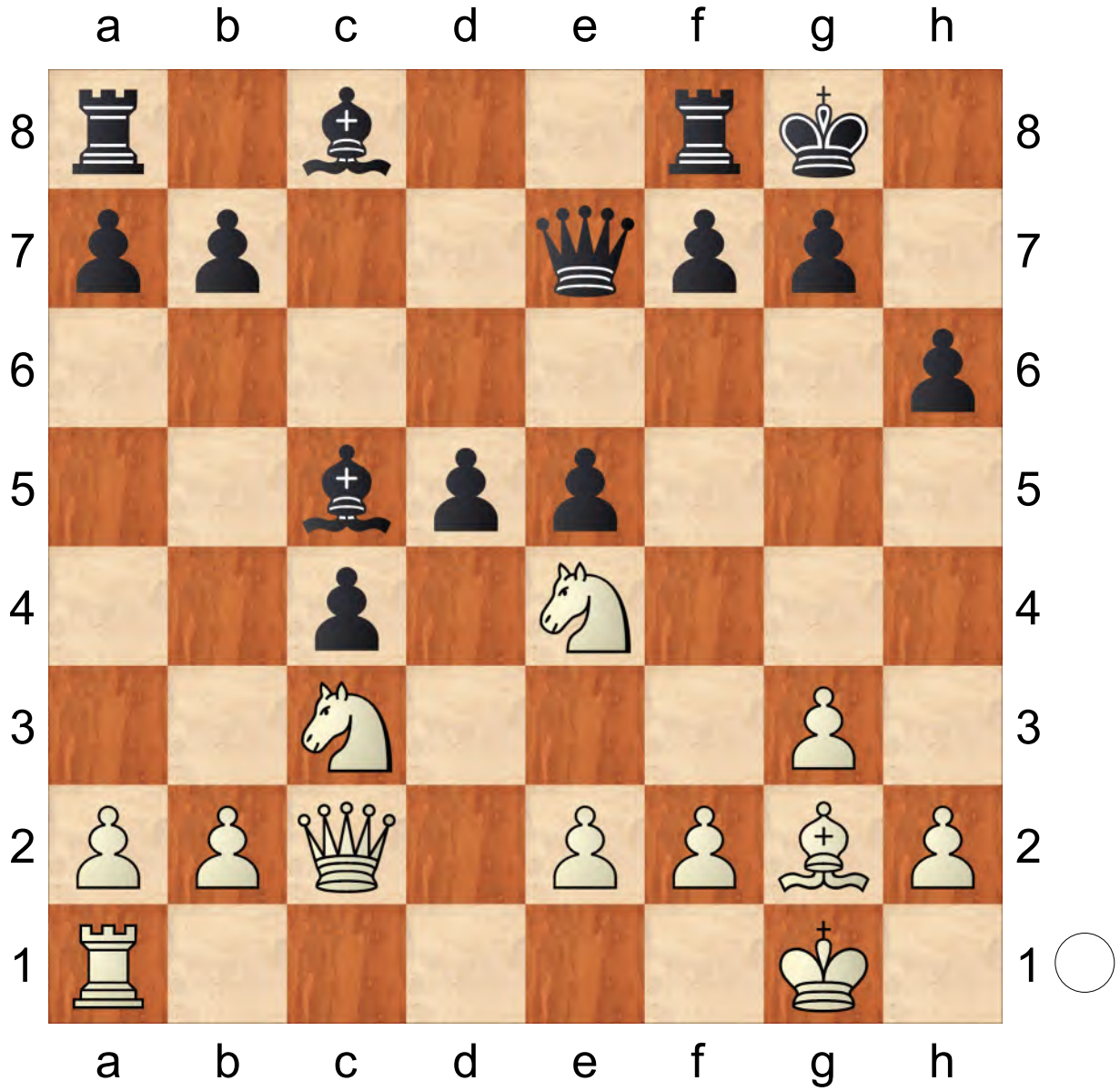
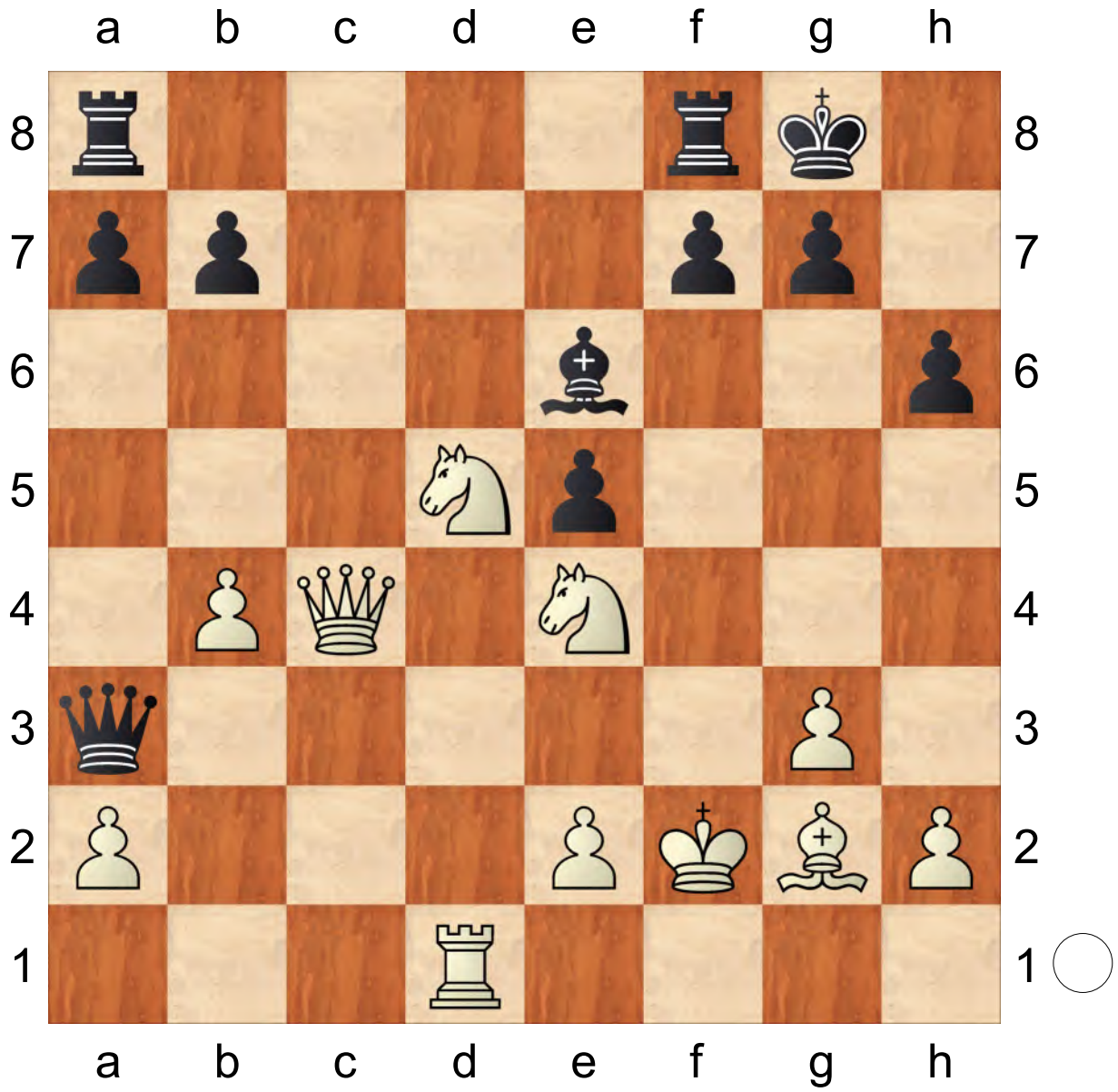


16.Nxd5 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2
[17.Nxf2±]
17...Qd8 18.Rd1 Qa5 19.Qxc4 Be6 20.b4
[Or 20.Nd6 Rab8 *(20...Bxd5? 21.Bxd5 Qb6+ 22.Kg2 Rad8 23.Nxb7+-)* 21.Qc3 Qxc3 22.bxc3±]
20...Qa3

(Diagram)

21.Nc5 a5 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Nxe6 fxe6+ 24.Bf3 Rf6 25.Rd7
[White gets winning position after 25.Qe4 Qxb4 26.Ng6+ Kh7 *(26...Kg8 27.Kg2 Qxe4 28.Bxe4+-)* 27.Nf8+ Kg8 28.Qh7+ Kf7 29.Nd7 Rf5 30.g4+-]
25...Qxb4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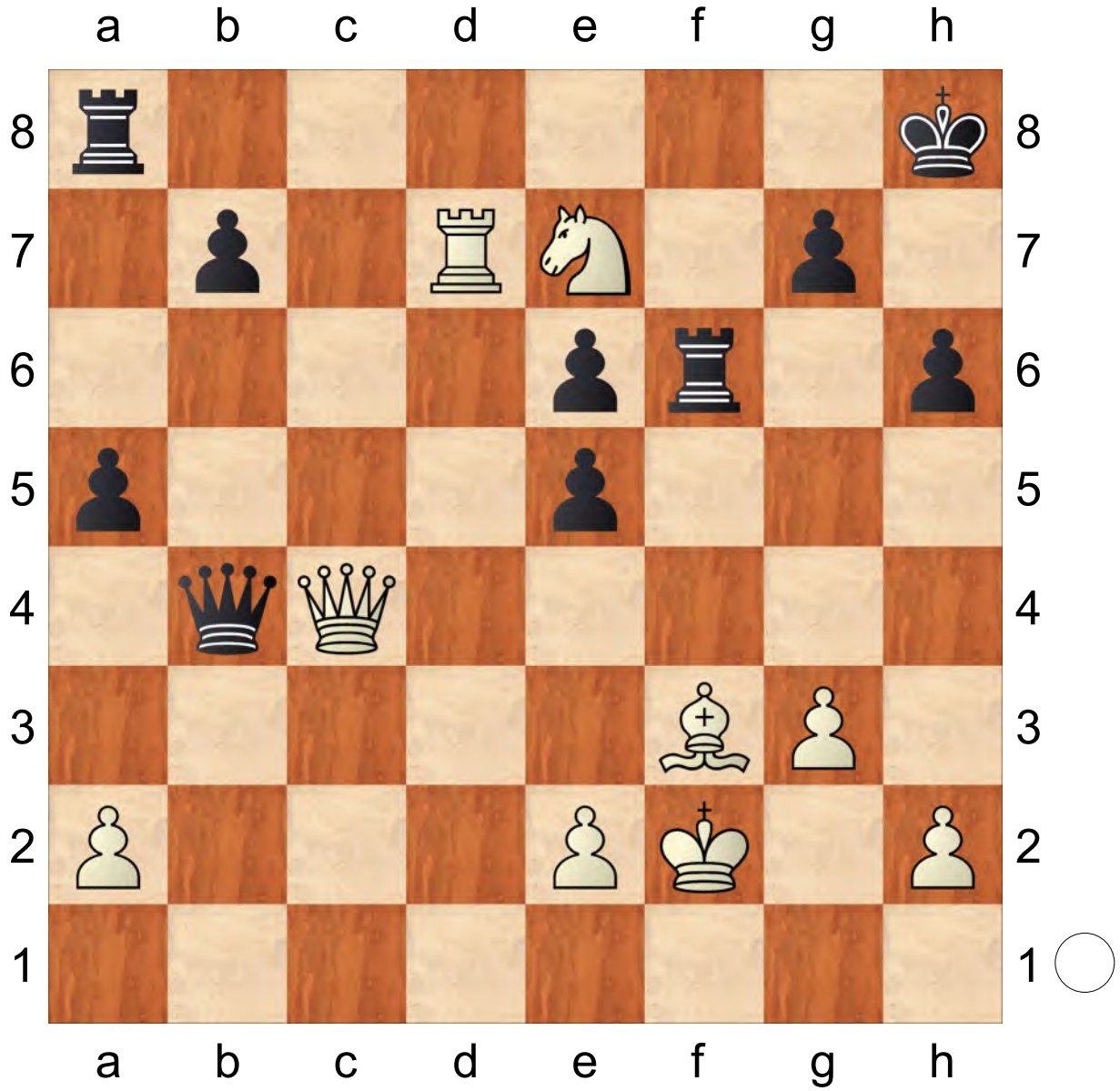

26.Qxb4 axb4 27.Kg2?!
[⌓27.Ke3 Rxa2 28.Rxb7 Rb2 29.Nc6 b3 30.Nxe5+-]
27...Rxa2 28.Rxb7 Rb2 29.h4??⇄
[⌓29.Nc6! b3 *(29...e4 30.Rb8+ Kh7 31.Bxe4++-)* 30.Nxe5 g5 31.Nd3 Rb1 32.Nc5 b2 33.Nd3+-]
29...g5! 30.h5
[30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Nc6 e4 32.Bg4 b3 33.Nd4 e3 34.Nxb3 Rb1=]
30...Rf7??+-
[Right was 30...e4! 31.Bg4 e3 32.Ng6+ Kg8 33.Bf3 Rf7 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Ne5 Rc7 36.Nd3 Rb1 37.Rxb4 Rxb4 38.Nxb4 g4 39.Bc6 Kf8
A) 40.Kh2 Kg7= *(40...Ke7 41.Bg2 Rc5)*;
B) 40.Kf1 Ke7 41.Ke1 Kd6 42.Kd1 Rxc6 43.Nxc6 Kxc6 44.Kc2 Kd5 45.Kd3 Ke5 46.Kxe3 Kf5 47.Kd4 Kg5 48.Ke5 Kxh5 49.Kf6 e5 50.Kxe5

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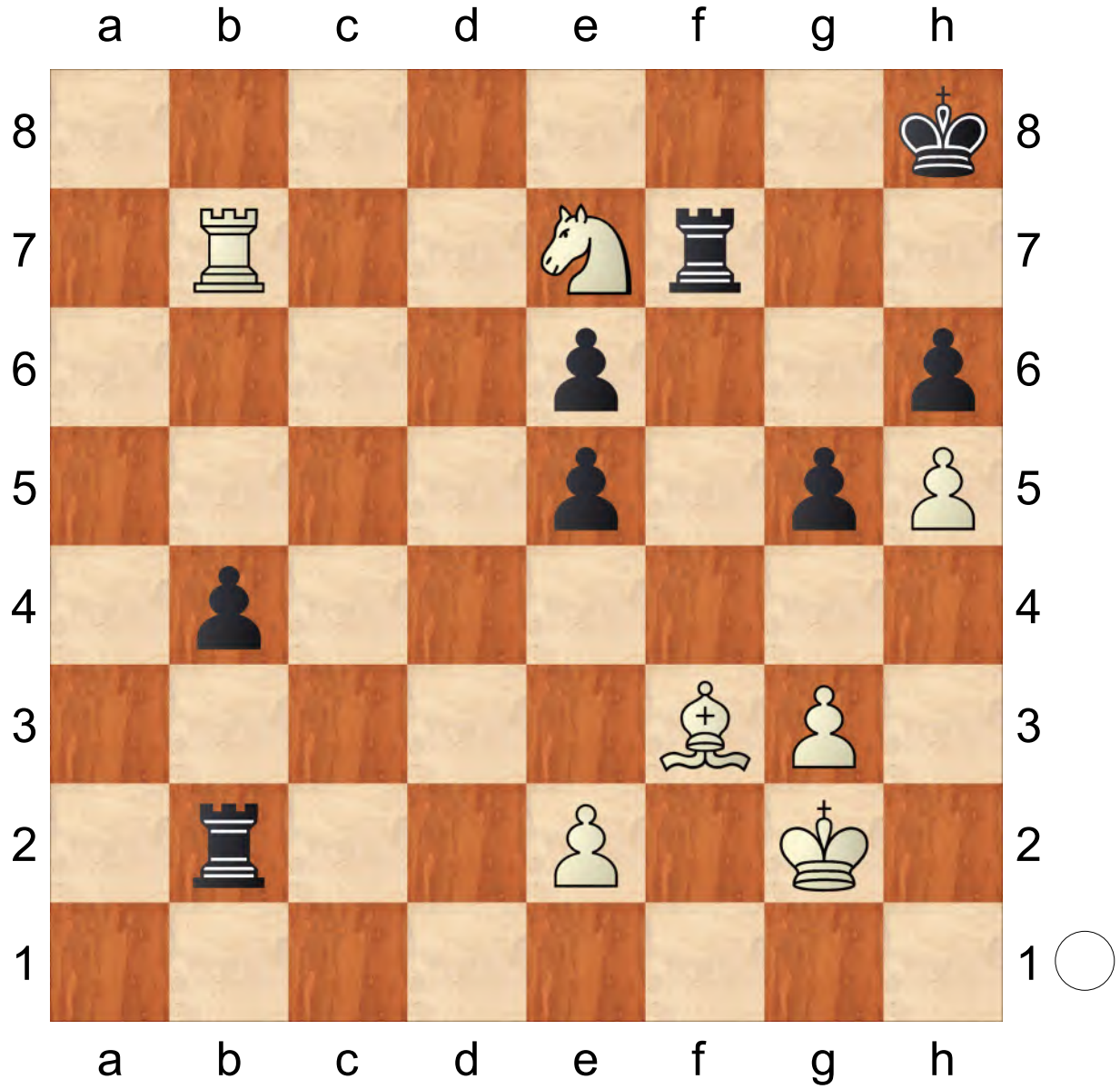
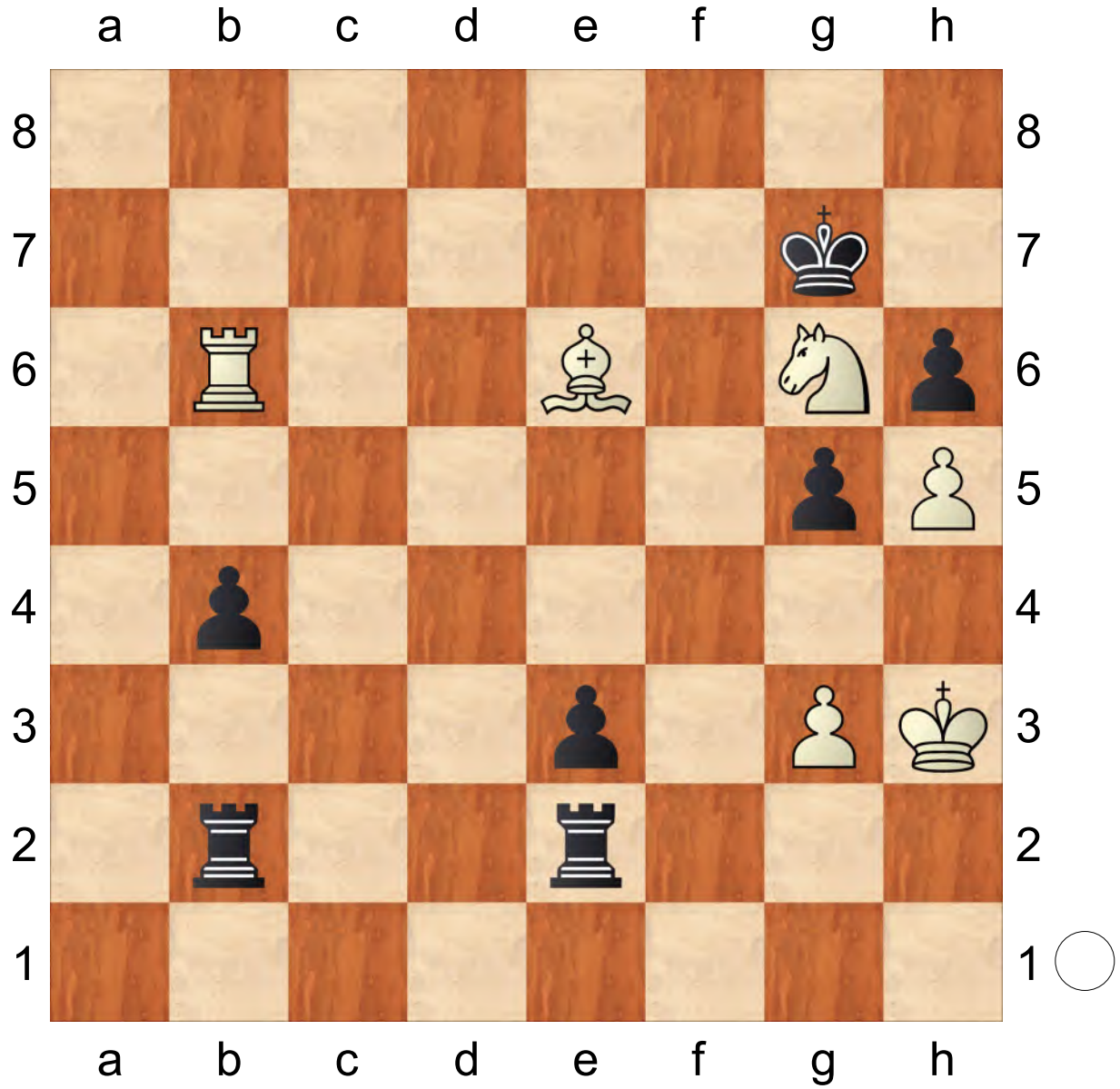


31.Ng6+ Kg7 32.Rb6 e4 33.Bg4 e3 34.Kh3 Rf2
[Or 34...Rb1 35.Bxe6 Ra7 36.Ne5 Raa1 37.Nc4 b3 38.Nxe3 b2 39.Nf5+ Kf6 40.Kg4+-]

35.Bxe6 Rfxe2
[35...Rd2 36.Rb7+ Kf6 37.Bb3+- *(*Not *37.Bc4??* in view of *g4+)*]

(Diagram)

36.Bc4
[Wins immediately 36.Rb7+ Kf6 37.Bd5 Rh2+ 38.Kg4 Rxh5 39.Rb6+ Kg7



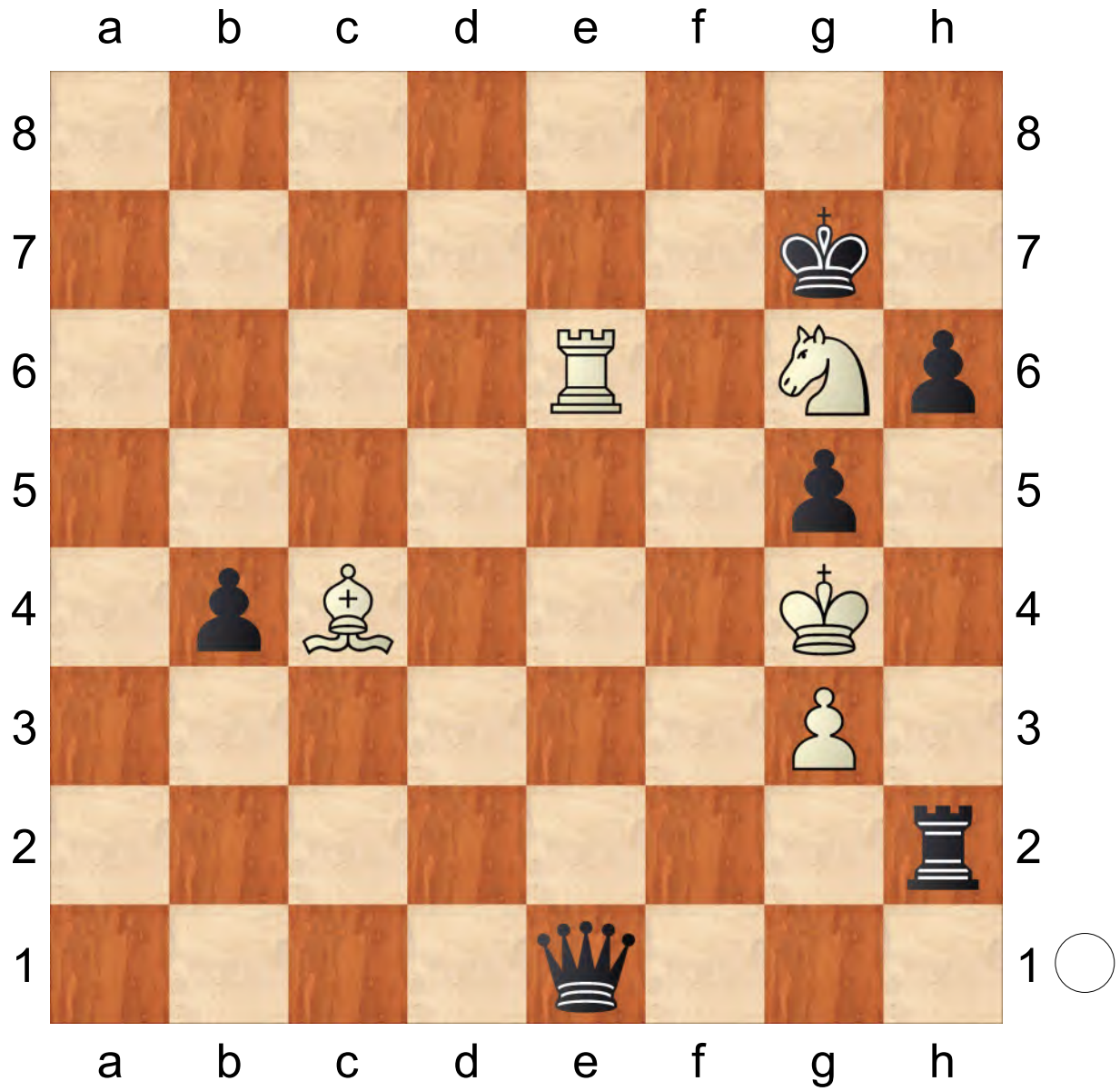
40.Kxh5 Rh2+ 41.Kg4 e2 42.Re6 e1Q 43.Rxe1 Kxg6 44.Re6+ Kg7 45.Rb6 Rb2 46.Be4+-]

36...Rh2+ 37.Kg4 Rxh5 38.Kxh5 Rh2+ 39.Kg4 e2 40.Re6 e1Q

(Diagram)

41.Rxe1 Kxg6 42.Re6+ Kg7 43.Re2?±

[Wins 43.Rb6! Rb2 *(*If Black tries to get rid from the last white ♙g3 *43...h5+ 44.Kxg5 Rh3 45.Rb7+ Kf8* Black ♔ is in mate net: *46.Kf6 Ke8 47.Be6+-)* 44.Bd3 Rb3 45.Rd6 *(45.Be4 h5+* and White loses his only ♙ and had to play endgame ♗+♖ vs ♖.*)* 45...Rc3 46.Kf5 Kf7 *(46...Rc5+ 47.Ke4 Rc1 48.Rb6 Rg1 49.Kf3 Rd1 50.Be4 Rd4 51.Rg6++-)* 47.g4 Ke7 48.Re6+ Kf7 49.Rf6+ *(49.Be4 Rc5+ 50.Re5 Rxe5+ 51.Kxe5 h5=)* 49...Ke7 50.Be4 Rh3 51.Kg6+-]



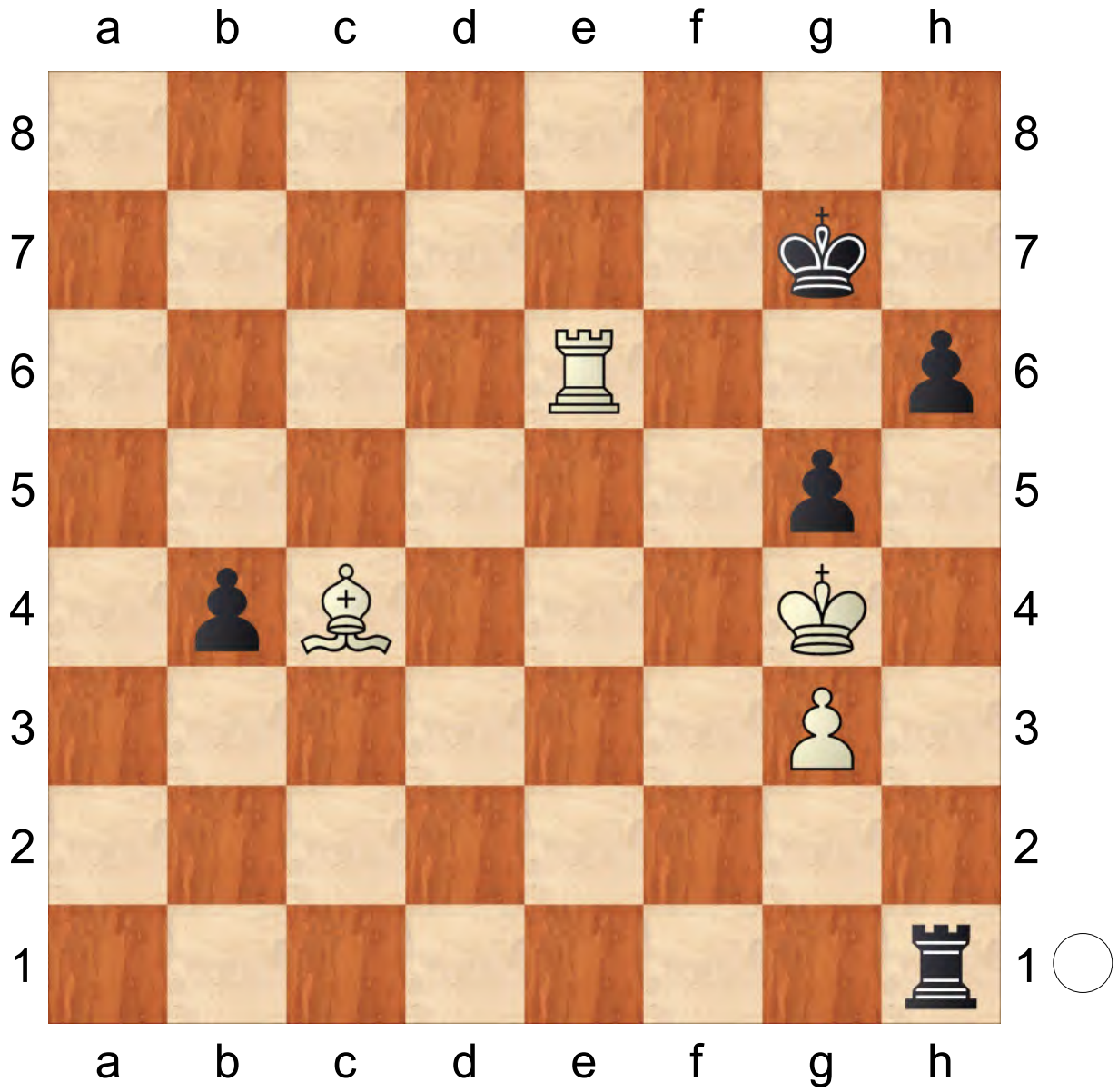
43...Rh1 44.Re7+ Kg6 45.Re6+ Kg7

(Diagram)

46.Rb6 Rg1 47.Kf3 h5 48.Kf2 Rb1 49.Bd3 Rb2+
[Worth of attention 49...Rb3 50.Ke3 h4 51.g4 Kf7 52.Kd4±]
50.Ke3 g4

(Diagram)

51.Rg6+ Kf8 52.Be2
[52.Rh6 Rh2 53.Be4 *(53.Bf5 b3)* 53...b3 54.Rh7 Kg8 55.Rb7 h4±]
52...Rb3+ 53.Kf2 h4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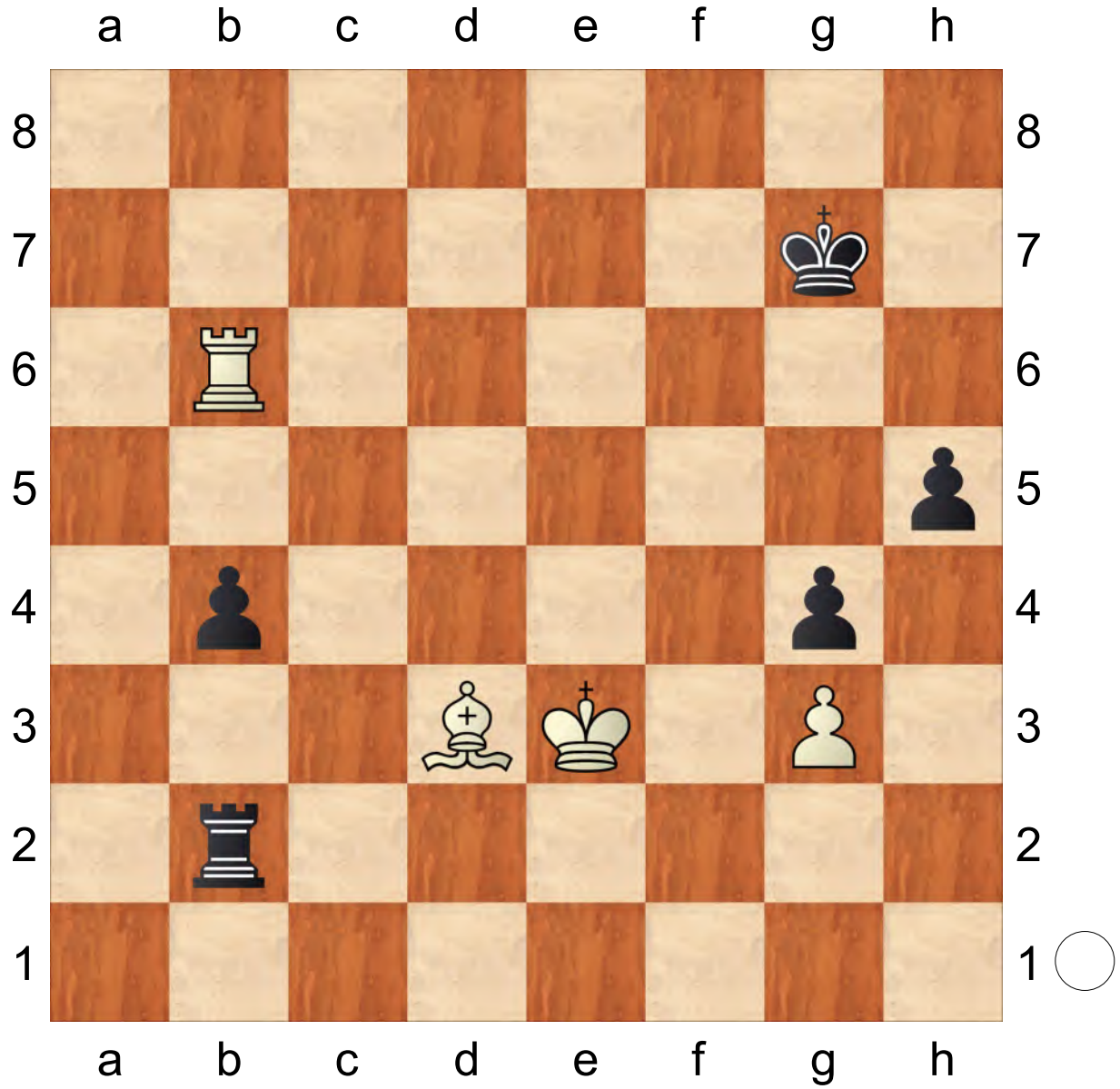


[53...Rc3 54.Rg5 b3 55.Rxh5 Rc2 56.Rb5 b2 57.Ke3+-]

54.gxh4 g3+ 55.Kg2 Re3

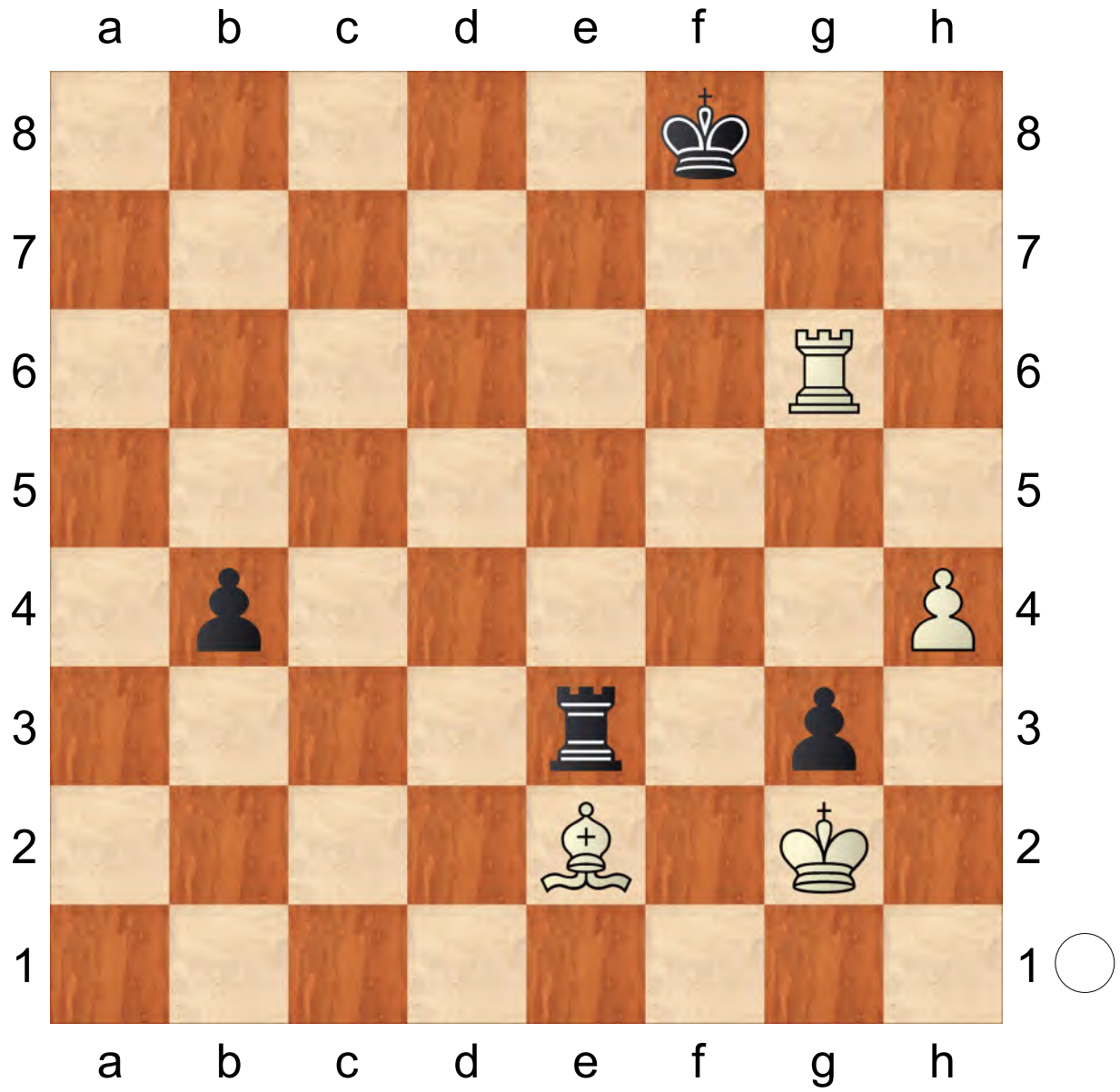
(Diagram)

56.Bf3 b3 57.Rb6 Kg7 58.Kxg3 Rc3 59.Kf4 Rc4+ 60.Be4 Ra4

(Diagram)

61.h5 Ra2 62.h6+ Kf7 63.Bg6+ Kf8 64.Rb8+

(Diagram)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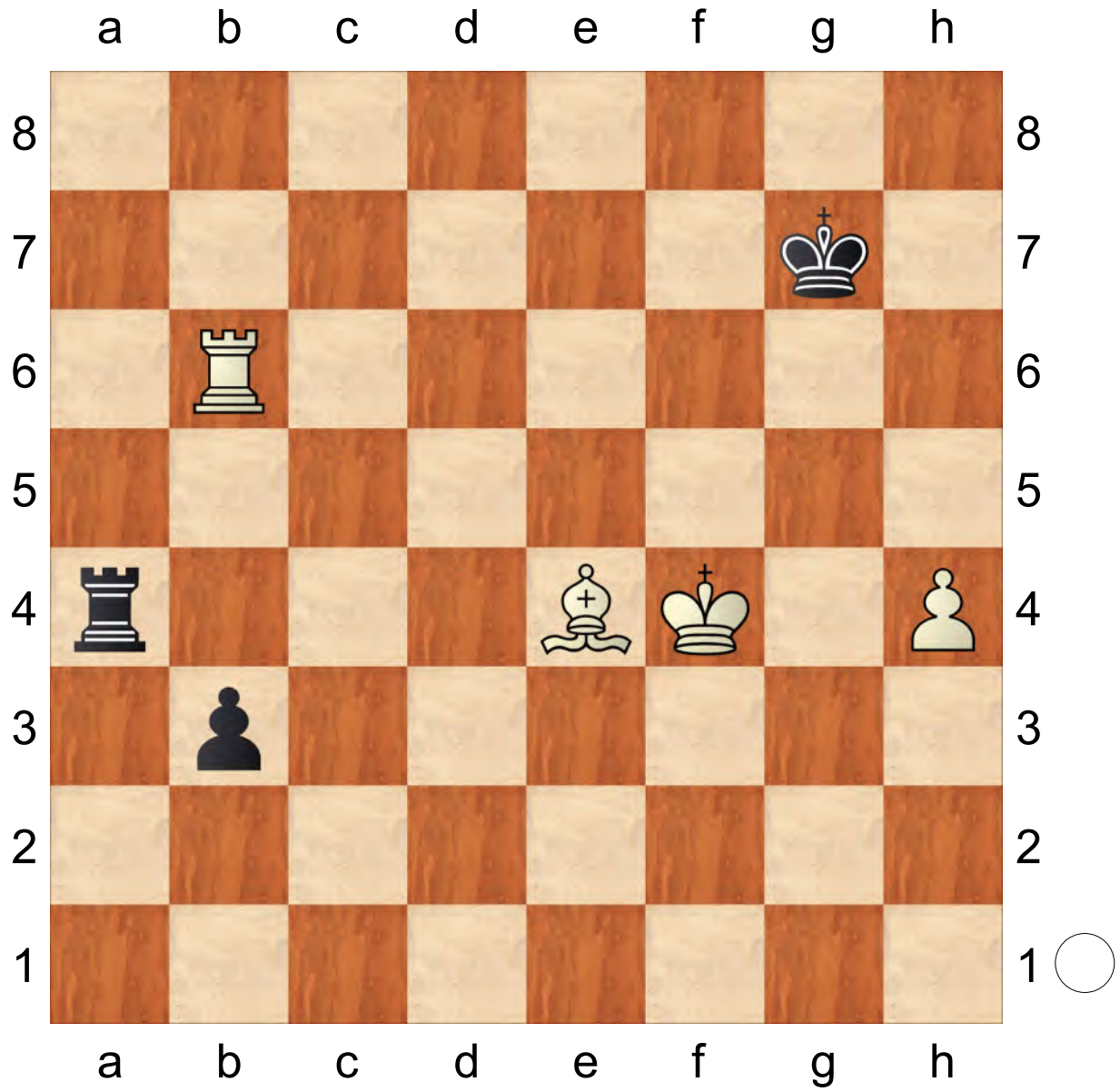
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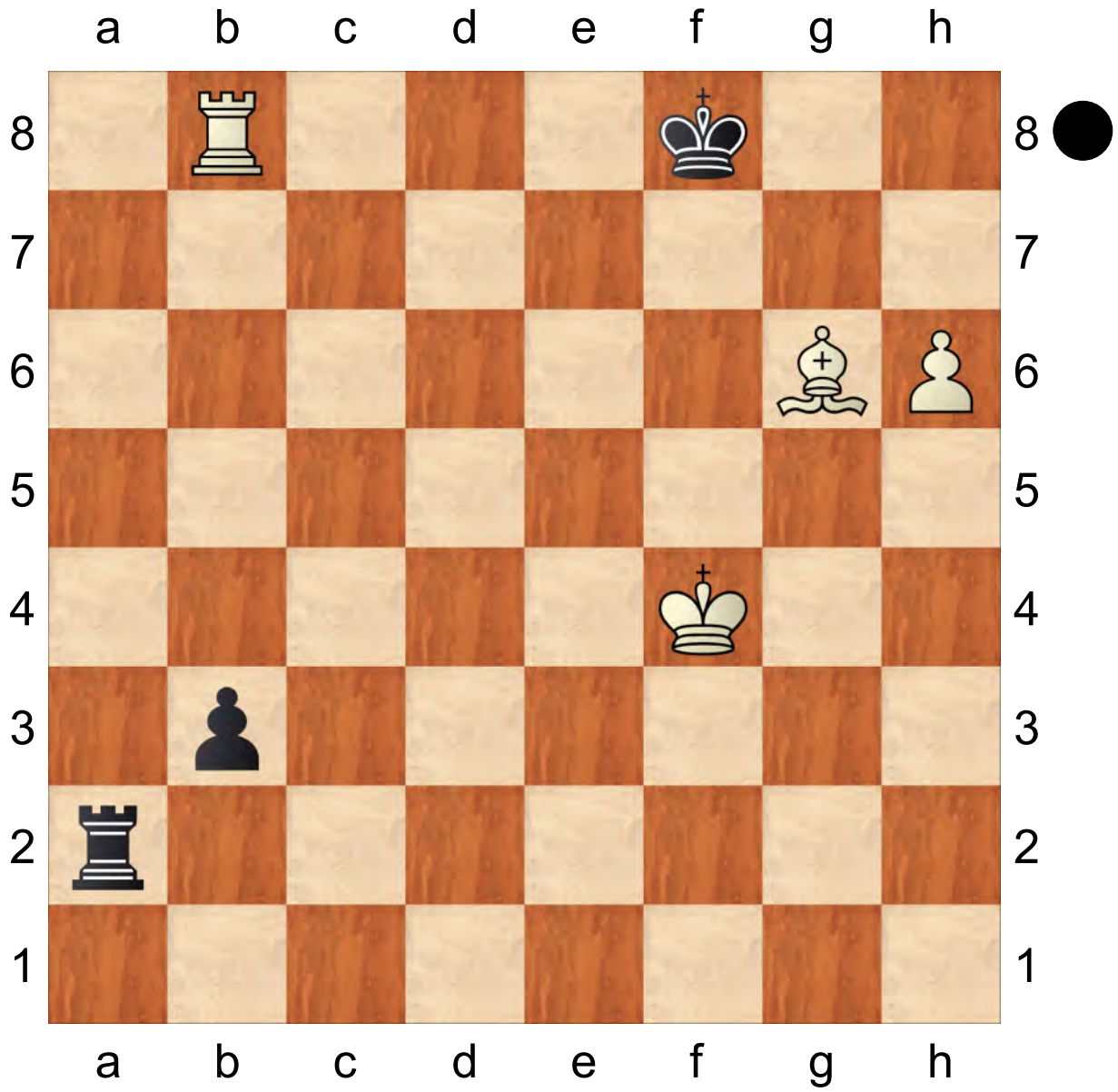

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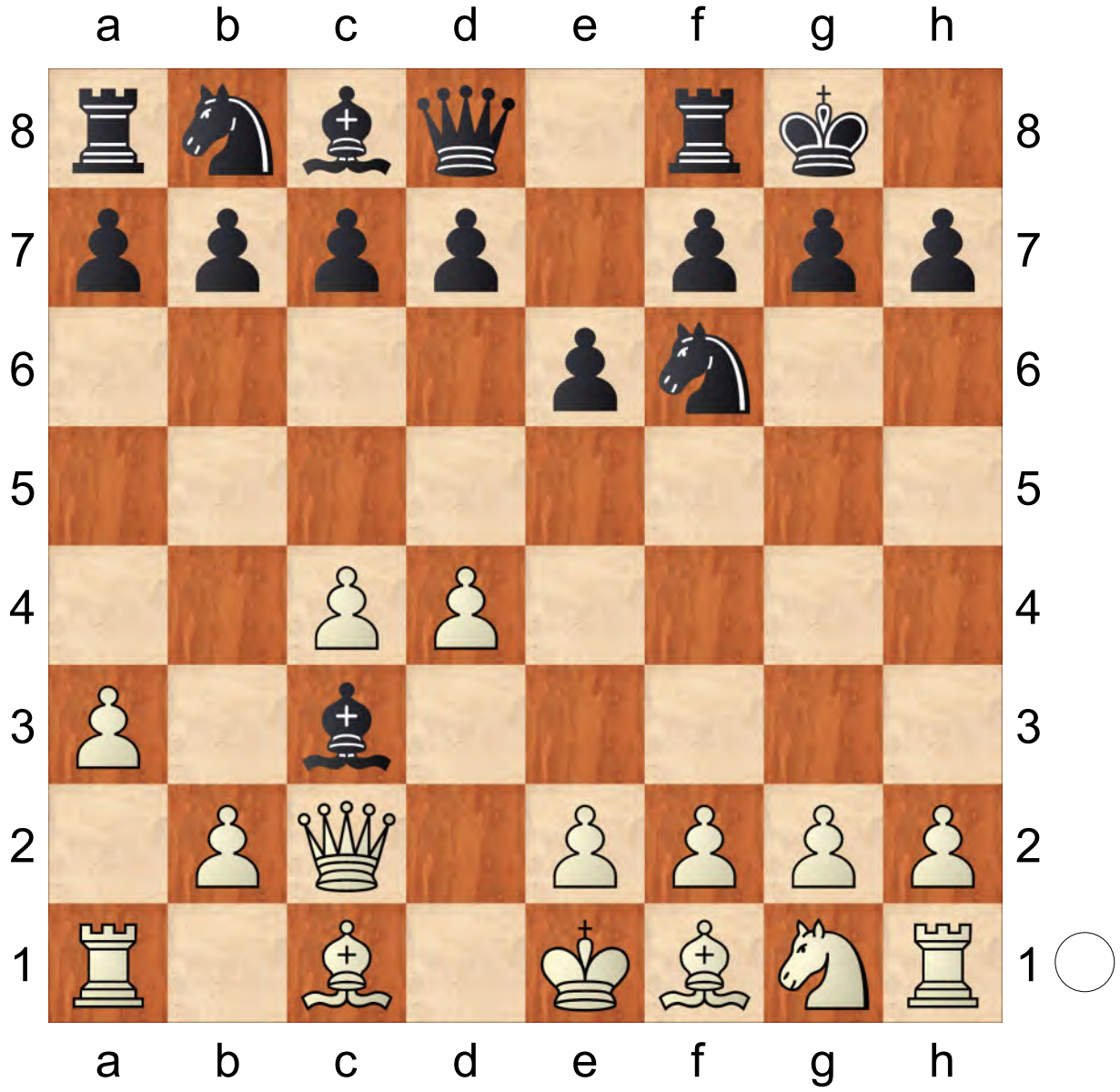
Olympiad-36 Mallorca (7) 22.10.2004
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V Golod,V Golod,V: 'Gershon' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.Qd3 Ba6

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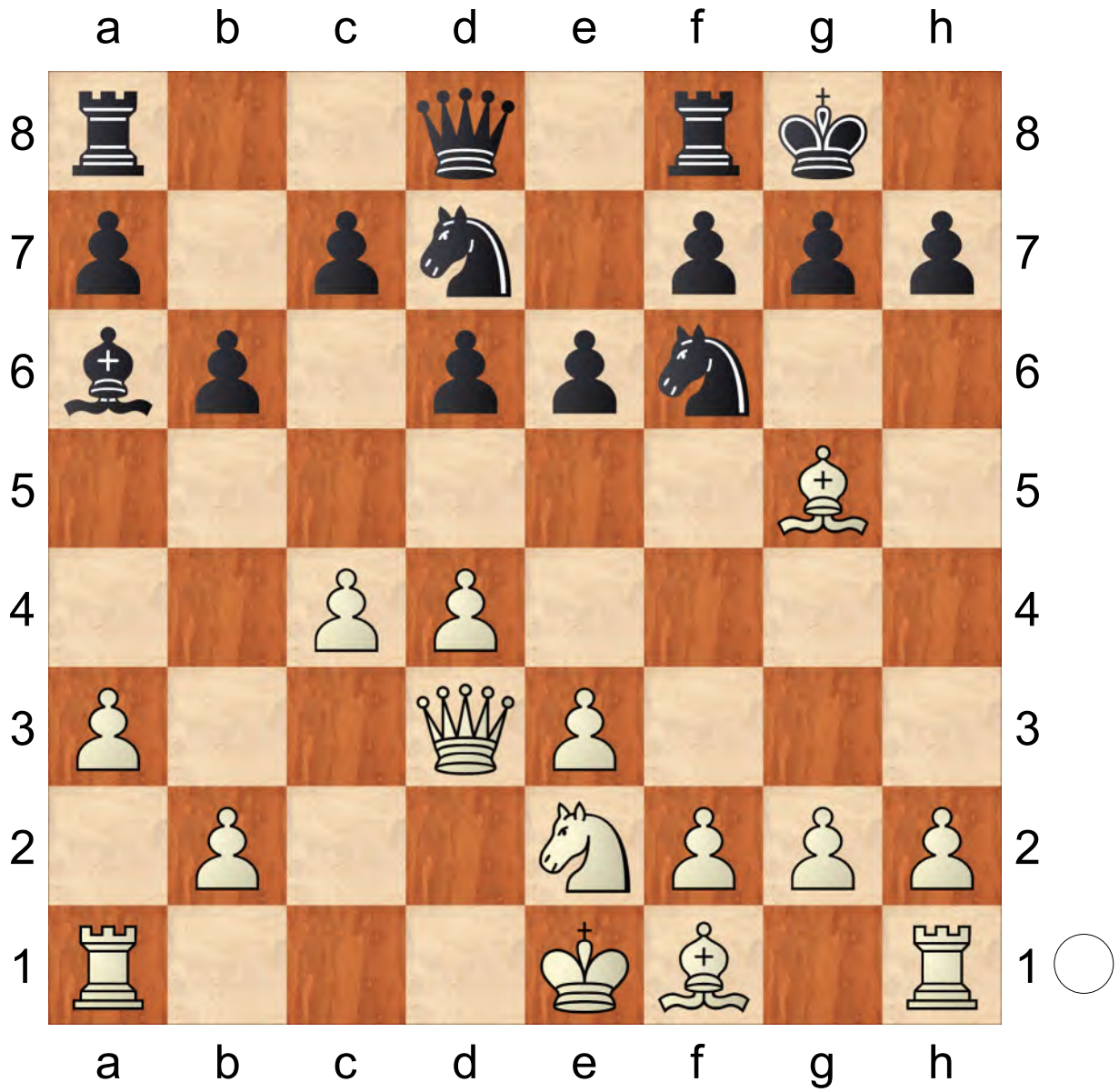


11.b4

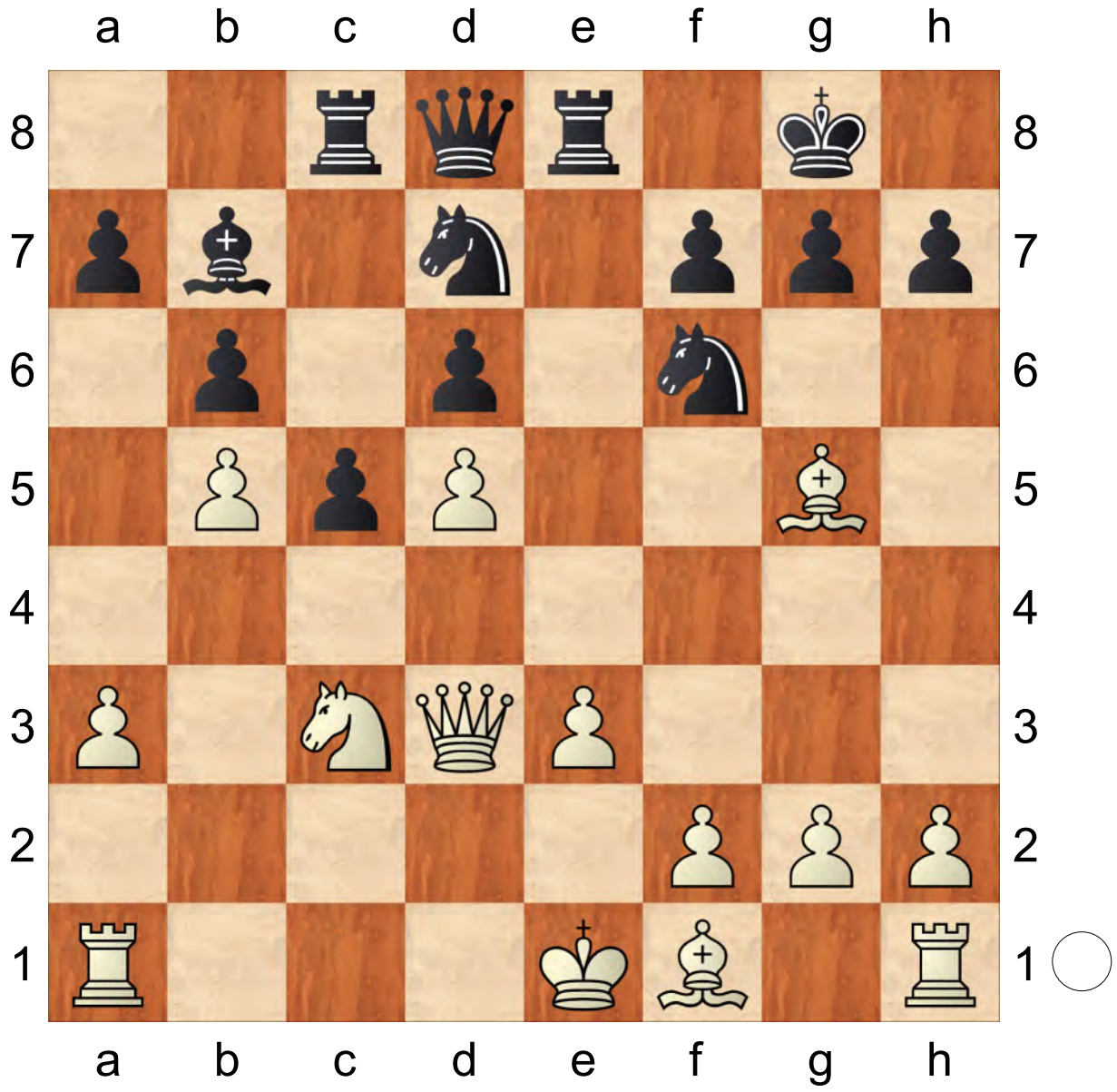
[Leads to quieter game: 11.Nc3 You can see my annotations to Berkes,F-Beliavsky,A/Paks,2004/CBM 102(½-½)(28)]

11...c5

[Recently was checked up another interesting continuation: 11...d5 12.b5 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Bb7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Qa4 e5!∞ Sasikiran,K-Beliavsky,A/Pune, 2004(0-1)(64)]

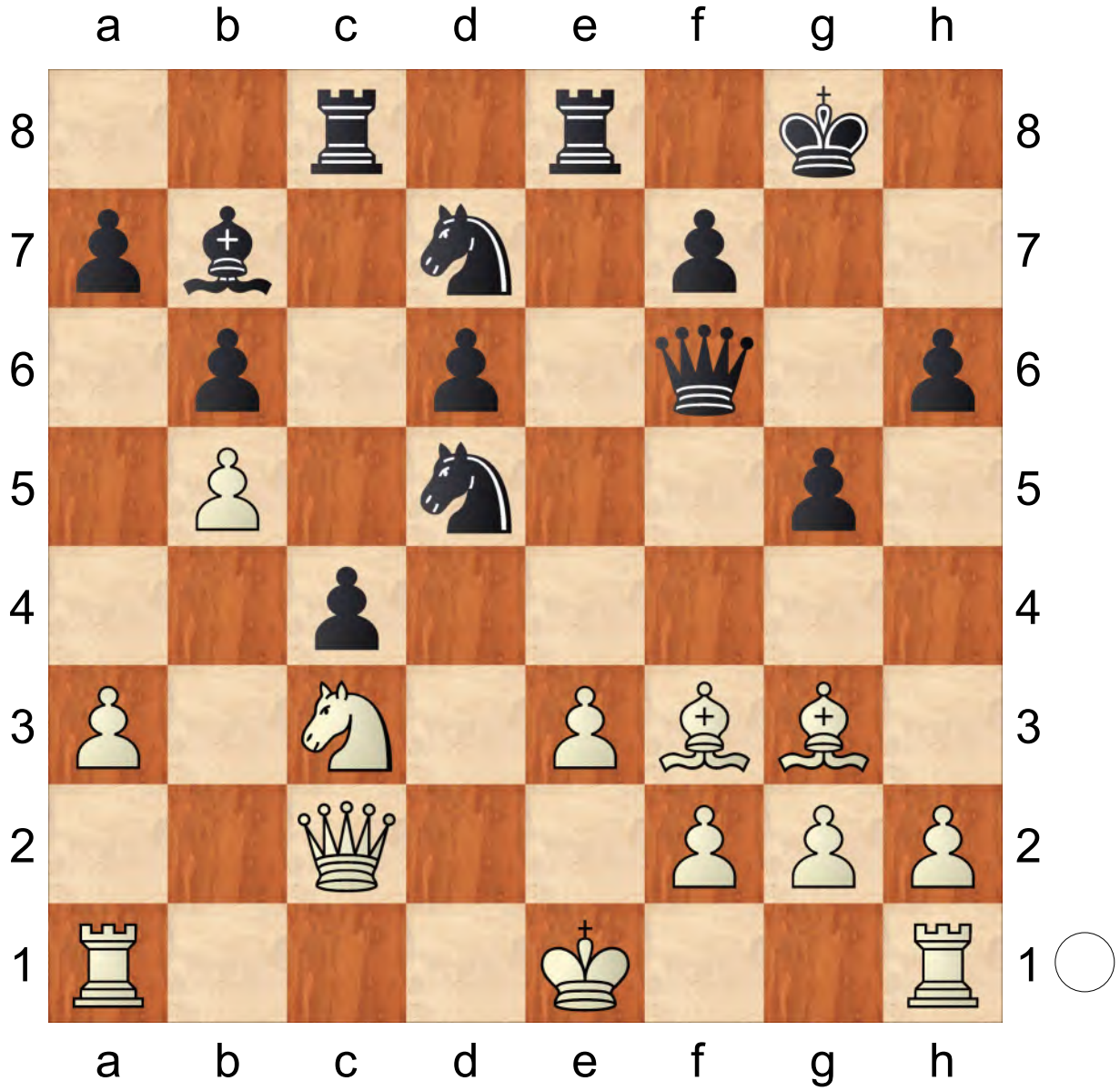
12.b5 Bb7 13.Nc3 Rc8!?N Golod,V: 'Gershon: '!?' Gershon: 'This looks like Black's most precise move order so far. Grischuk's 13...a6 although interesting, seems to have more drawbacks than plusses. Black's last move increases pressure on White's shaky center, thus forcing White to determine the pawn formation. '' This move is directed against progress "d5",which now slightly loses in force. Comments to this part of the game,and also to:

[13...a6!? You can find in my annotations to game Kasparov,G-Grischuk,A/ Rethymnon,2003/CBM 98(1-0)(63)]
[On: 13...h6 I have found only one game]
[and after: 13...Qe7 I have found two games in my database.]
14.d5 All the same,Jonathan Rowson had no other worthy alternative.For an example, after:
[14.Rd1 Qc7 ¡ŗc4 Black has a easy and convenient game. *(14...Re8* (Golod,V) (Gershon) Black is already threatening d5 *)*]
14...exd5 15.cxd5
[Hardly it was better: 15.Nxd5?! Bxd5 16.cxd5 h6 17.Bh4 Ne5⇄]
15...Re8



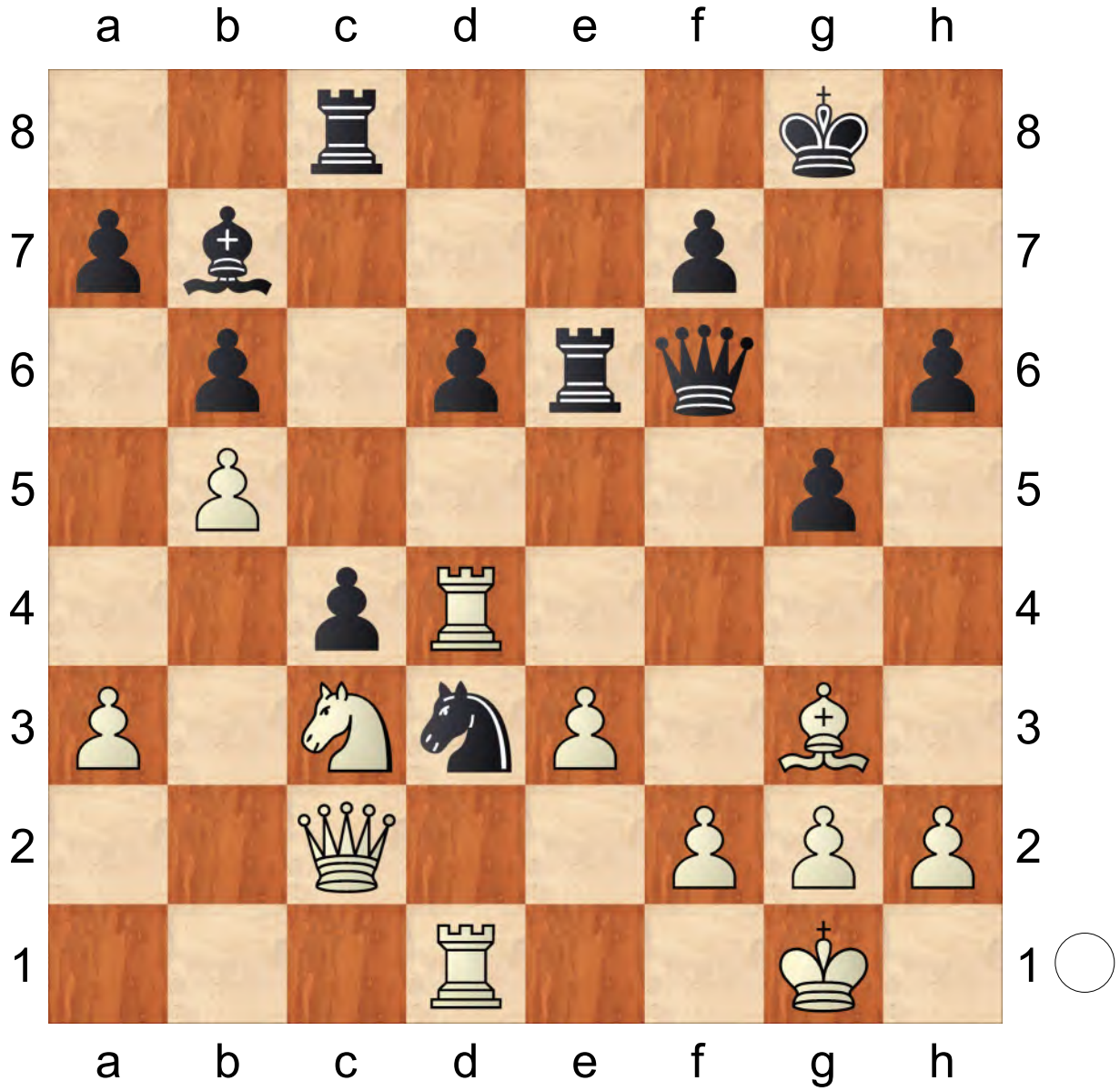
⇔e **16.Be2 h6 17.Bh4 c4!** The game of Black corresponds to the requirements of a position.My former countryman,surrounds ♙d5 from different directions. **18.Qc2**

[≤18.Qd2 Nc5 with threats 19...♘b3 or 19...g5 20.♗g3 ♘fe4↑]
[18.Qd4 (Golod,V) Gershon g5! 19.Bg3 Nc5 Δ20.Bxc4 Nce4 21.Ne2 Nxf2 Fritz :) 22.Bxf2 Re4∓]
18...g5 19.Bg3 Nxd5 Golod,V: 'Gershon: '!'' **20.Bf3**
[Leads to hopeless position: 20.Bxd6?? Qf6 21.Bb4□ Nxb4 22.axb4 Bxg2 23.Rg1 Be4! ɤa1]
20...Qf6



Golod,V: 'Gershon: 'white's lack of development begins to tell now.'' **21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.0-0 Bb7** The bishop should remain on a ⇗a8-h1. **23.Rad1 Ne5** Golod,V: 'Gershon: '=' Gershon: 'Black is perfectly OK here.'' **24.Rd4⩲** White strengthen a pressure on a weak part of the contender - ♙d6. **24...Re6 25.Rfd1 Nd3**

(Diagram)



26.h3 Qf5 27.Qa4 This move is the "harbinger" of active actions in this game.
[27.Bxd6?? is refuted by: Bxg2!-+ Δ28.Kxg2? Nf4+]
27...Nb2 Black accept a call and we become the witnesses of interesting fight!
28.Qxa7□
[28.e4?? Bxe4]
28...Nxd1 29.Qxb7!? Besides White has two alternatives:
[29.Nxd1? Be4 Δc3 30.Nc3 d5∓]
[and 29.Rxd1!? Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Qc2 31.Rxd6 Rxd6 *(31...Qxc3? 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.Qe7↑)* 32.Bxd6 Qxc3 33.Qd7 Ra8 34.Qc6! Rd8 35.Be7 Rb8 *(35...Rd1 36.Qxh6 Qg7 37.Qxb6∞)* 36.Bd6 Rd8 37.Be7=]
29...Rxe3!? Black have calculated precisely all consequences of this move.
[Leads to absolute equality: 29...Re7 30.Qxe7 Nxc3 31.e4 Qxb5 *(≤31...Ne2+ 32.Kh2 Qxb5 33.Rxd6↑)* 32.Rxd6 Qe8 33.Qxe8+ Rxe8 34.Rxh6 Ne2+

(≤34...Nxe4 35.Rxb6 c3 36.Rc6) 35.Kf1 Nxg3+ 36.fxg3 b5 37.Rc6 Rxe4 *(37...Re5?! 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.Kf3 Δh4)* 38.Rc5 f6 39.Rxb5 Re3=]

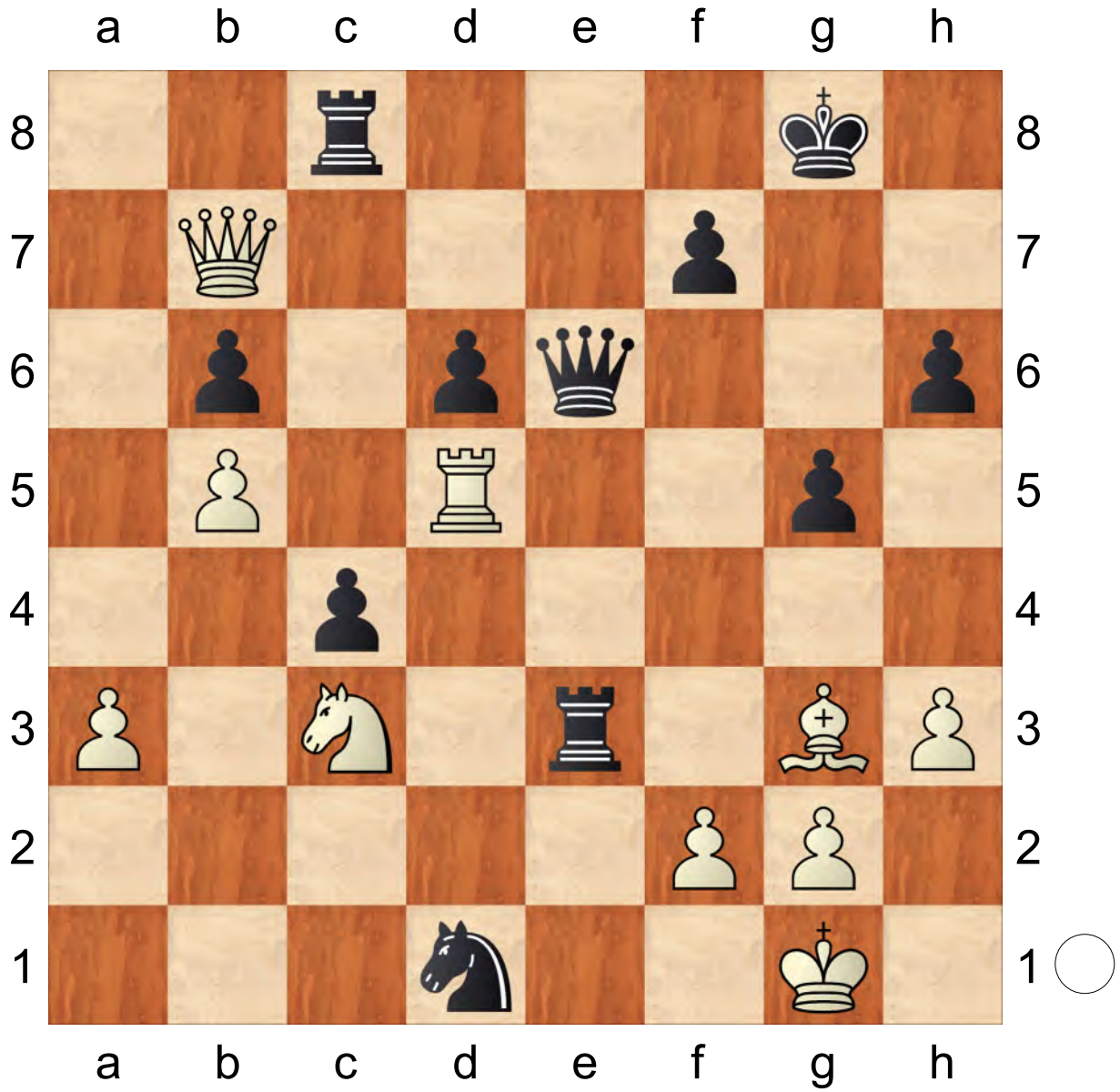
30.Rd5?? Painful blunder leading to immediate loss.

[30.Nxd1!? Re1+ 31.Kh2 c3 32.Rd5 Qe6 33.Rxd6 Qe8∞]

[30.fxe3 Nxc3 31.Rxd6 Re8 32.Kh2∞]

30...Qe6?

[30...Re1+! Δ31.Kh2 Nxf2! 32.Bxf2□ *(32.Rxf5?? Rh1#)* 32...Qxf2 33.Qxc8+ Kg7 34.Ne2 *(34.Qg4? Qg1+ 35.Kg3 Re3+)* 34...Qxe2 *(≤34...Rxe2 35.Qg4 Δ♕d4+)* 35.Rf5 Qe6-+]



It's incredible,but Black did not use a roughest mistake of the contender. **31.Rxd6?** Again mistake.Now it was rather difficult to estimate a position,which has turned after 36-th move.

[Also it was weakly: 31.Nxd1? because of: Rxg3! *(31...Re1+? 32.Kh2 c3 33.Rxd6 Qe8 34.Nxc3 Rxc3 35.Rc6 Rec1 36.Rxc3 Rxc3 37.Qxb6 Rxa3=)*

A) 32.fxg3? c3 33.Rxd6 *(=33.Nxc3 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Rxc3 35.Qb8+ Kh7 36.Qxd6 Rc1 37.g4 Qg1+ 38.Kg3 Rc2!-+ Δ39.Rd2 Qe3+)* 33...c2 34.Rxe6 cxd1Q+ 35.Kh2 Rc1 36.Qb8+ *(≤36.Re8+ Kg7 37.g4 Qg1+ 38.Kg3 Rc3+)* 36...Kh7 37.Rxh6+ Kxh6 38.Qh8+ Kg6 39.Qg8+ Kf6 40.Qh8+ Ke6 41.Qe8+ Kd5 42.Qxf7+ Kc5-+;

B) 32.Rxd6 Qxd6 33.Qxc8+ Kg7 34.Ne3 *(34.fxg3 Qxd1+ 35.Kh2 Qd4∓)* 34...Rxe3 35.fxe3 Qd3∓]

[Can be recommended: 31.fxe3! Nxc3 32.Rxd6 Qxe3+

A) 33.Bf2? Ne2+

A1) 34.Kf1?? Qc1+ 35.Be1 *(35.Kxe2 Re8+ 36.Kf3 Qf4#)* 35...Ng3+ 36.Kf2 Qf4+ 37.Qf3 *(37.Kg1 Ne2+ 38.Kh1 Qf1+ 39.Kh2 Qg1#)* 37...Ne4+;

A2) 34.Kh2 Qxf2! 35.Qxc8+ Kg7 36.Rd1 c3∓;

B) 33.Kh2! Re8 34.Qxb6 with equal chances.]

31...Re1+ 32.Kh2 Nxf2! 33.Bxf2□ Qxd6+ 34.Bg3 All black's pieces simultaneously have appeared under threat of destruction. **34...Rb8!**

[Leads to benefit of the contender: 34...Qe6? 35.Bxe1 Rd8 36.Bg3 Rd3 37.Na4 *(37.Ne4!?)* 37...Rxa3 38.Nxb6 Rxg3! 39.Qb8+ Kg7 40.Kxg3 c3⯐]

35.Qf3

[≤35.Qxb8+ Qxb8 36.Bxb8 Re3 Golod,V: 'transfers to 35. ♕xb8' 37.Nd5 Rxa3 38.Be5 Rd3∓]

35...Qe6

(Diagram)

36.Bxb8 Qe3! For Black it's certainly favourable to exchange ♕♕.

[36...Re3? 37.Qa8 Kh7 *(37...Kg7 38.Qc6!)* 38.Nd5∞ the white's pieces are consolidated and now it will be complex to ram their position.]

37.Nd5

[≤37.Qxe3 Rxe3 transfers to 35.♕xb8]

37...Qxf3 38.gxf3 Rd1 39.Nc3

[39.Nxb6?? c3 and now it will be impossible to stop this pawn: 40.Be5 c2 41.Bb2 Rb1 42.Na4 Rxb2 43.Nxb2 c1Q]

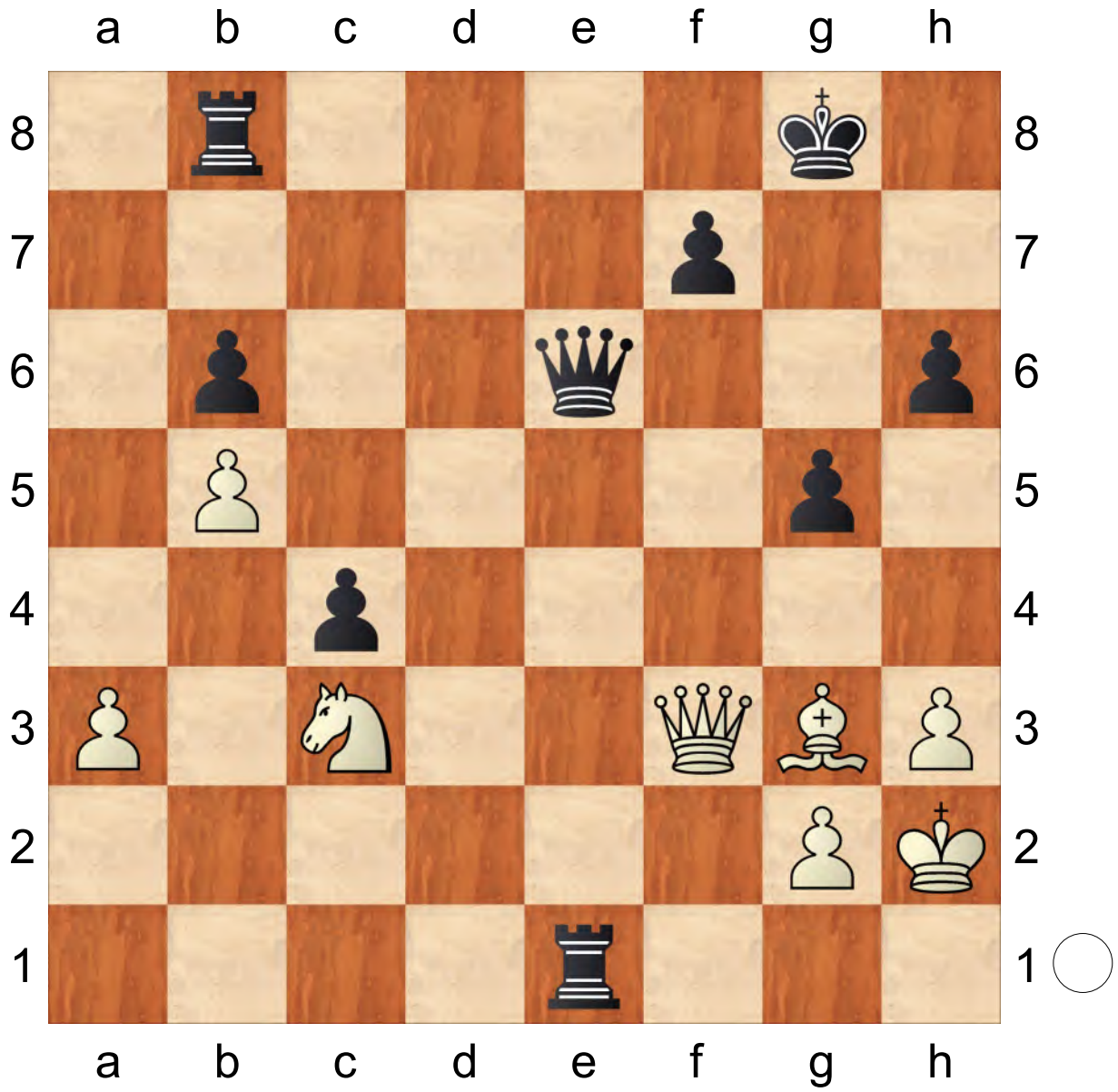
[39.Nb4 Rd2+ 40.Kg3 c3 41.Bc7 c2 42.Nxc2 Rxc2 43.Bxb6 Rb2 44.a4 Rb4 45.Bc5 Rxa4 46.b6 Ra1∓]

[39.Ne3? c3! 40.Bc7 f5! Δ41.Bxb6 f4-+]

39...Rd3 40.Be5 Rxf3∓

(Diagram)

41.a4 Re3 42.Bd4 Rd3 Good example of the superiority of the ♖ above ♗♘.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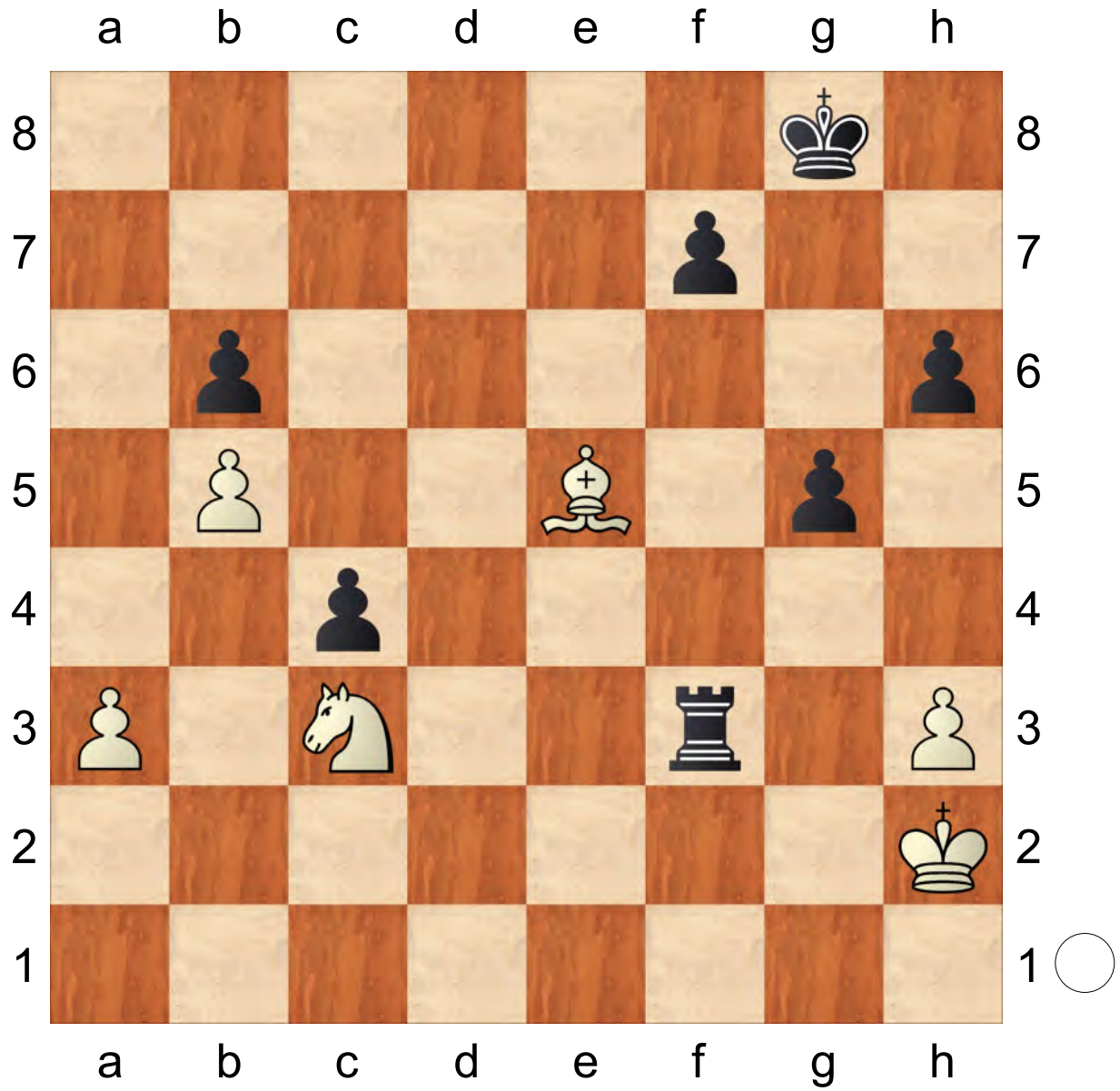
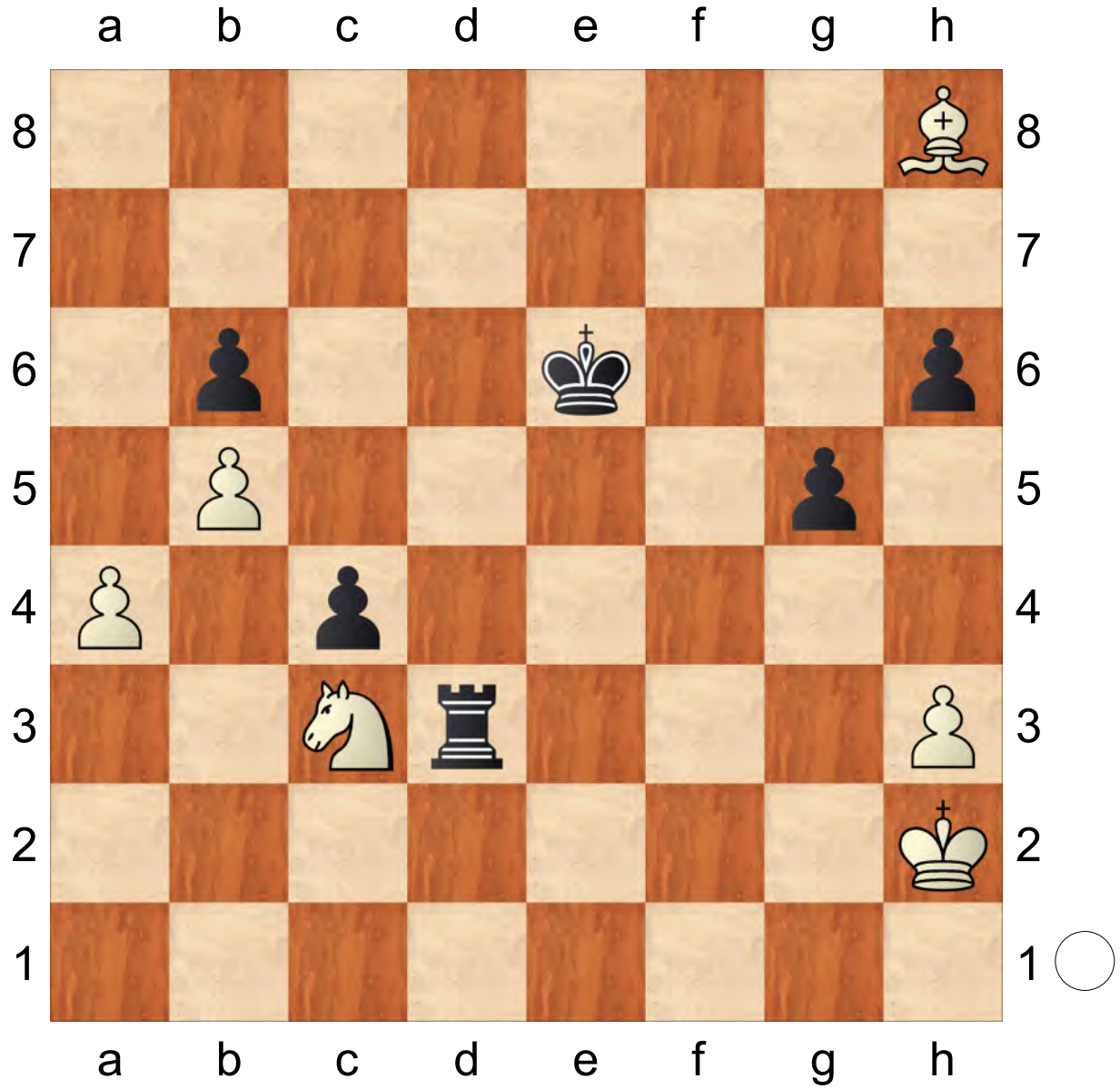


43.Be5
[43.Bxb6? Rxc3 44.a5 and Black have time to stop of both pawns: Rb3 45.a6 Rxb5 46.a7 Rb2+ 47.Kg3 Ra2]
43...f6!? Alexander Beliavsky sacrifice of the pawn for activation of the his king.
[Also good enough: 43...f5!? ∆f4 or ♔f7-e6]
44.Bxf6 Kf7 45.Bh8?!
[45.Ne4!? ∆Re3 46.Nc3 Ke6 *(46...Kxf6?? 47.Nd5+)* 47.Kg2 Rd3 48.Bg7 h5∓]
45...Ke6

(Diagram)

46.Kg2 h5 47.a5? Absolutely unjustified sacrifice of the pawn.



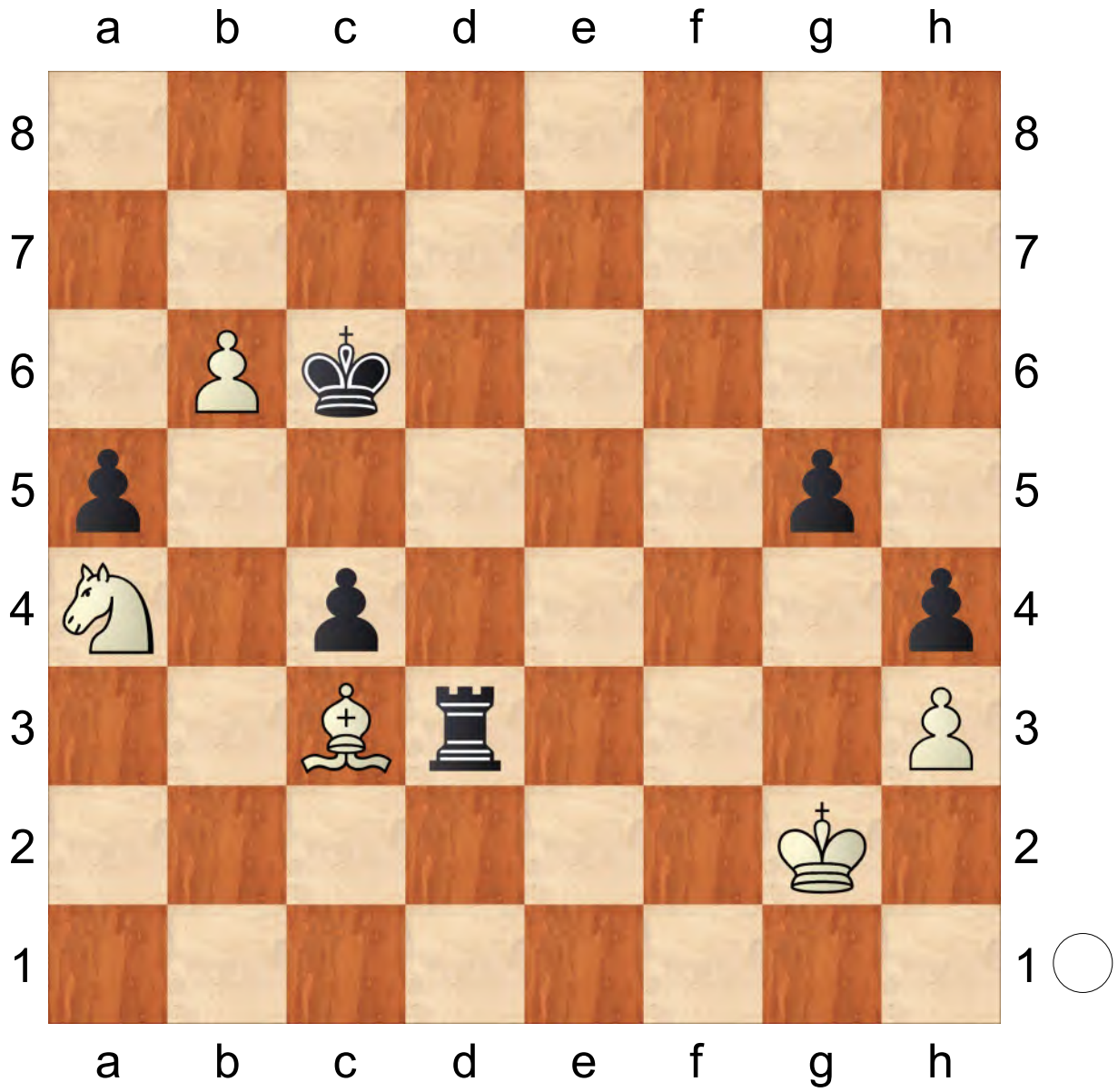
[White could render more stubborn resistance: 47.Ne4 Kd5 48.Nf2 *(48.Nf6+ Kc5 49.Nxh5 c3∓; 48.Nxg5 c3∓)* 48...Rb3 49.Nd1 Kc5 50.Bc3 Ra3∓]
[or 47.Bg7 Kf5 48.Ne2 g4 49.hxg4+ Kxg4 50.Bd4 h4!?∓ Δ51.Bxb6 h3+ 52.Kh1 *(52.Kf1? Rd1+ 53.Kf2 h2; ≤52.Kf2 h2 53.Kg2 Rd2)* 52...Rd1+ 53.Bg1 h2! Δ54.Kxh2 Rd2 55.Kg2 Rxe2+ 56.Kf1 Kf3-+]

47...bxa5 48.b6 Kd7 49.Na4 Kc6 50.Bc3 h4

(Diagram)

The accuracy is necessary up to the end. **51.b7**
[51.Kh2 Re3 52.Kg2 Re2+! 53.Kg1 *(53.Kf3 Ra2 54.Nb2 Ra3)* 53...Ra2 54.Nb2 Ra3-+]

51...Rg3+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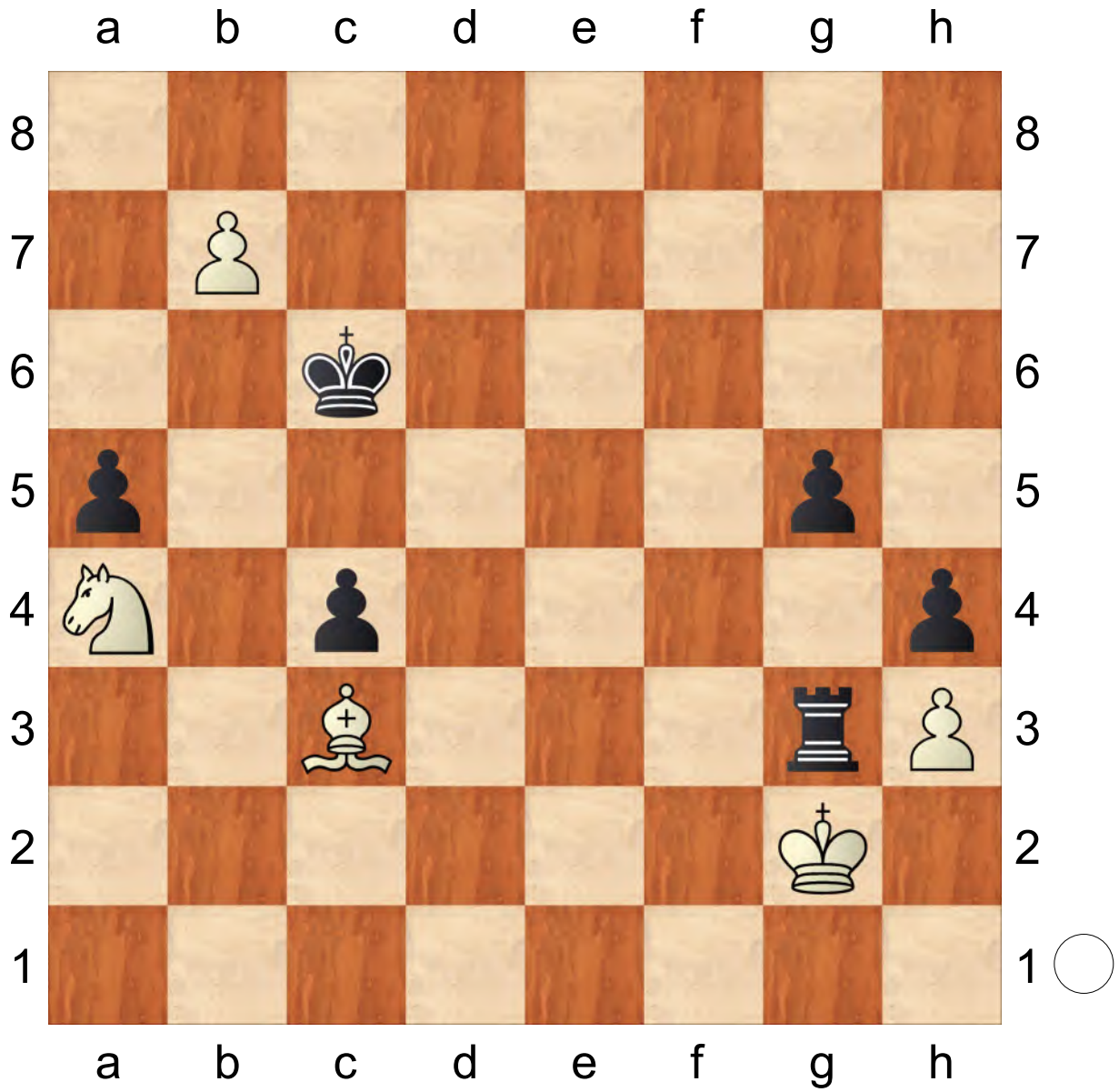

Alexander Beliavsky perfectly carried out a final part of a game.

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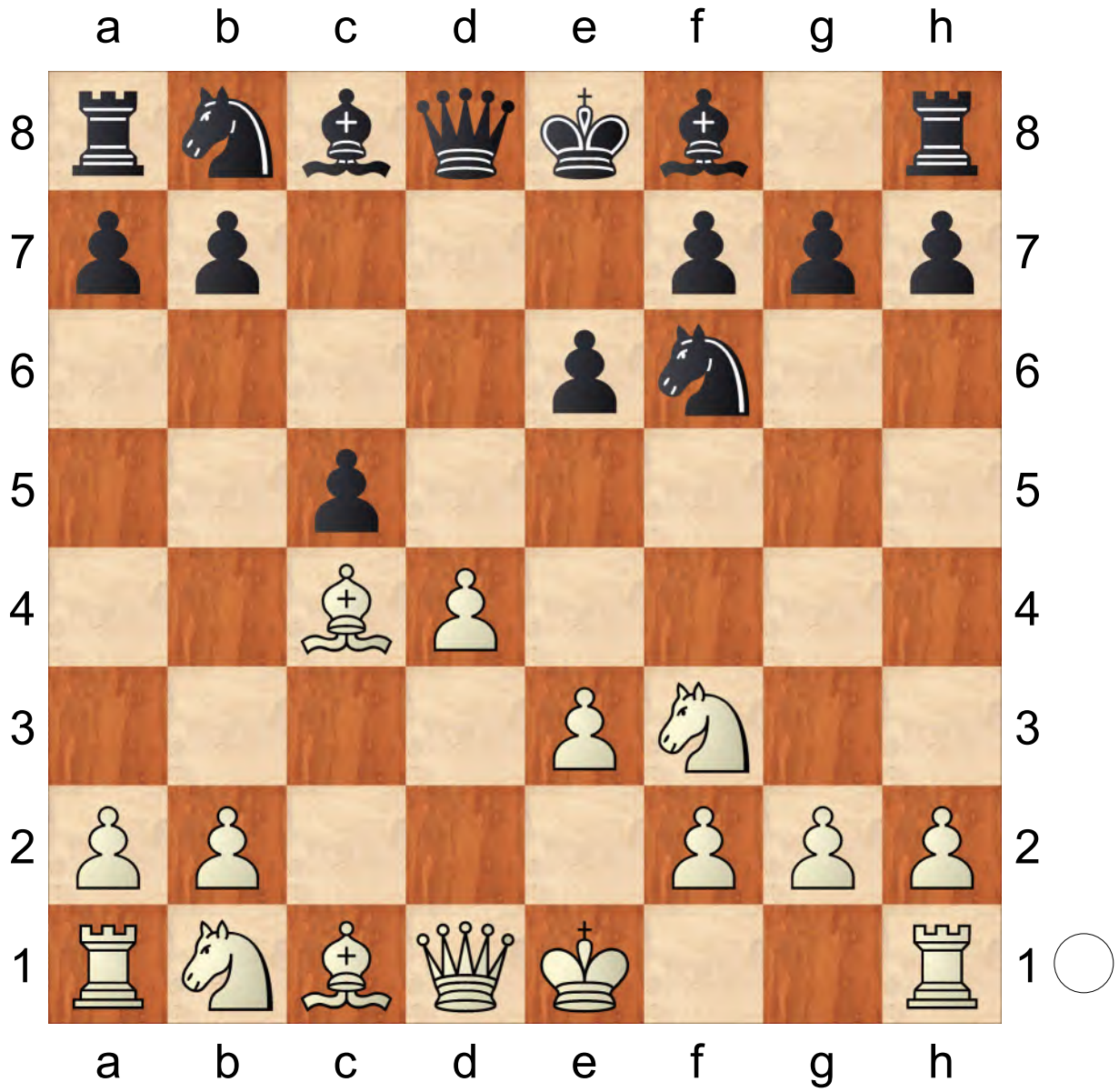
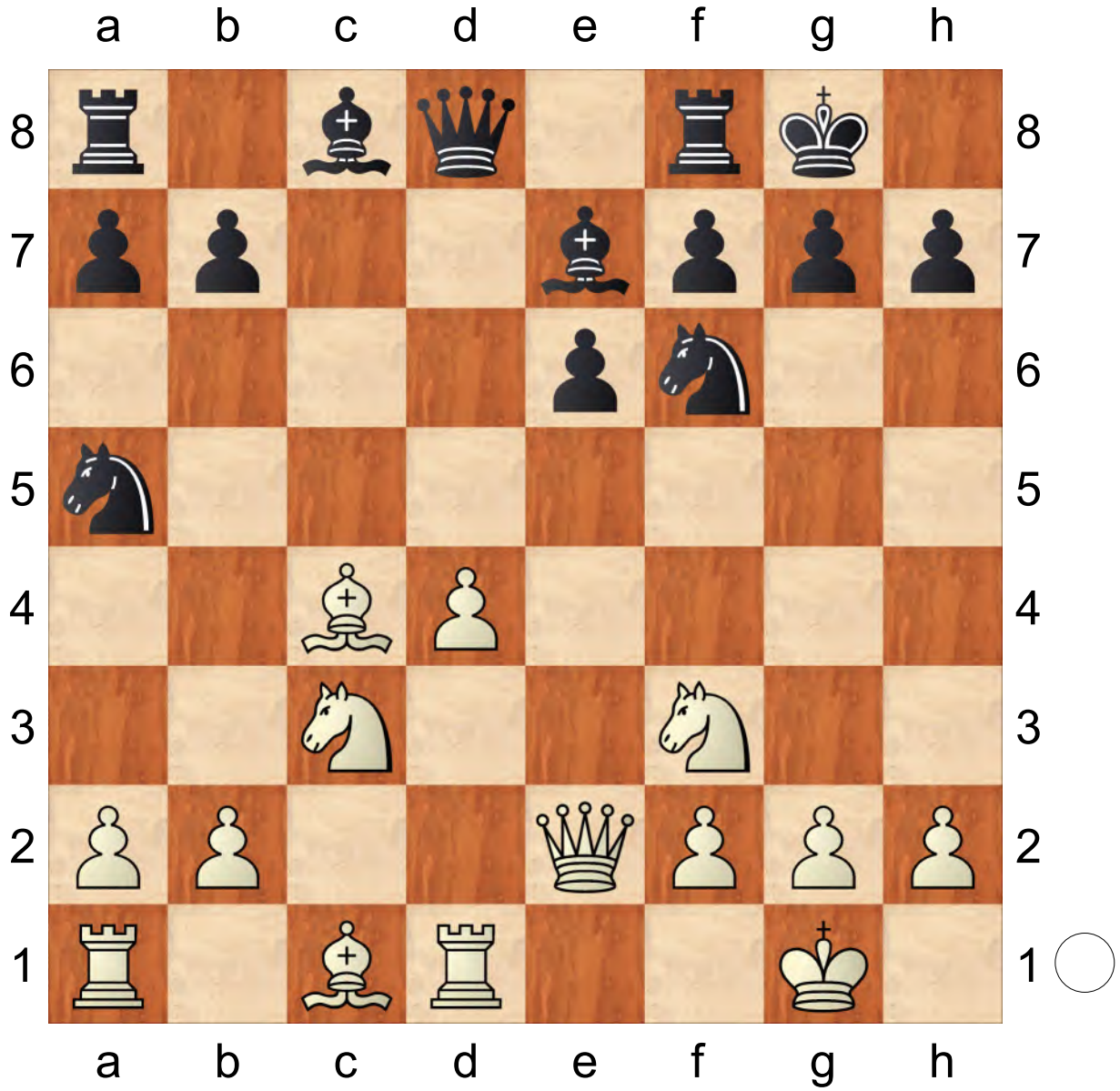
1.d4 Huzman Huzman **1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5**



6.Qe2 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Rd1 Na5

(Diagram)

11.Bd3 b6 12.Bg5



[12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Qe3 Nd5 14.Qh3 f5 15.Bb5 Qd6 16.Qg3 Rad8∞ Lengyel-Van Scheltinga,T/ Beverwijk 1965]

[12.Be3 Bb7 13.Ne5 Rc8 14.Rac1 Nd5 15.Qh5 f5 16.Qe2 Bf6= 0-1 Kiselev,S-Legky,N/Sevastopol 1997 (33)]

[12.Qe5 Nc6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg4 Nf6 15.Qh4 Nb4 16.Bb1 Bb7 17.Bg5 g6 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Nbd5 20.Nc3 Rc8 21.Rac1± ½-½ Atalik,S-Komarov,D/JUG Cup 1998 (52)]

12...Bb7 13.Ne5

[13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne5 *(14.Be4 Bxe4 15.Nxe4 Rc8 16.Ne5 Rc7 17.Qb5 Be7 18.d5 exd5 19.Rxd5 Qc8 20.Rad1 Qe6=* 0-1 Sukharisingh,R-Legky,N/Budapest FS09 GM 1996 (57)*)* 14...g6 15.Be4 Qe7 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.Qf3 Bg7 19.d5 Bxc3 20.Qxc3↑ ½-½ Lukacs,P-Niklasson,C/Makarczyk mem+ 1978 (28)]

[13.Bc2 Nd5 14.Bd2 Rc8 15.Ne5 Nc6 16.Qe4 Nf6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Qh4 g6 19.Qh3 Qd7= ½-½ Zaltsman,V-Bjarnason,S/Reykjavik op 1982 (45)]
[13.h4 Rc8 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.h5 Re8 17.b4 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Nc6 19.Nb5 Nxd4 20.Qe4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1⩲ ½-½ Lputian,S-Komarov,D/Reggio Emilia 9798 1997 (40)]
[13.Re1!? Rc8?! *(13...Bxf3!?)* 14.Rad1± 1-0 Mikhalevski,V-Lev,R/ISR-chT 1998 (57)]
[13.Rac1 Nd5 14.Qe4 g6 15.Qh4 f6 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.Qh3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ba3 19.Rc2 Qd7 20.Re1 Re8 21.Rce2 Bd5 22.Nd2 b5⇄ ½-½ Donner,J-Van Scheltinga,T/IBM 1964 (40)]
[13.Rd2 Nd5 14.Qe4 g6 15.Qh4 f6 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qg3 Bd6 19.Ne5 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Qc7 21.Bf1 Rc8 22.Rad1 Nc6 23.f4↑ 1-0 Brinck Claussen,B-Van Scheltinga,T/Hoogovens-B 1971 (33)]
[13.Ba6 Bxa6 14.Qxa6 Qc8 15.Qe2 Qb7 16.d5 exd5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxd5± 1-0 Kunsztowicz,U-Hermann,M/GER-ch Bad Neuenahr 1982 (27)]

13...Rc8

[13...Nd5 14.Bd2 Bg5 15.Be4 Bxd2 16.Rxd2 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Rc8 19.Rd3 Qd5∓ ½-½ Jelen,I-Barle,J/Ljubljana 1981 (34)]

14.Rac1

[14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be4 Qe7 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.Ng4 Nd6 ½-½ Valdes,L-Baron Rodriguez,J/Capablanca mem Masters I 1998]

14...Nd5 15.Qh5

[15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Rc3 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Rc8 19.c4 Bb7 20.h3± Djuric,L-Mascarinas,Rico/Subotica (Yugoslavia) 1984]

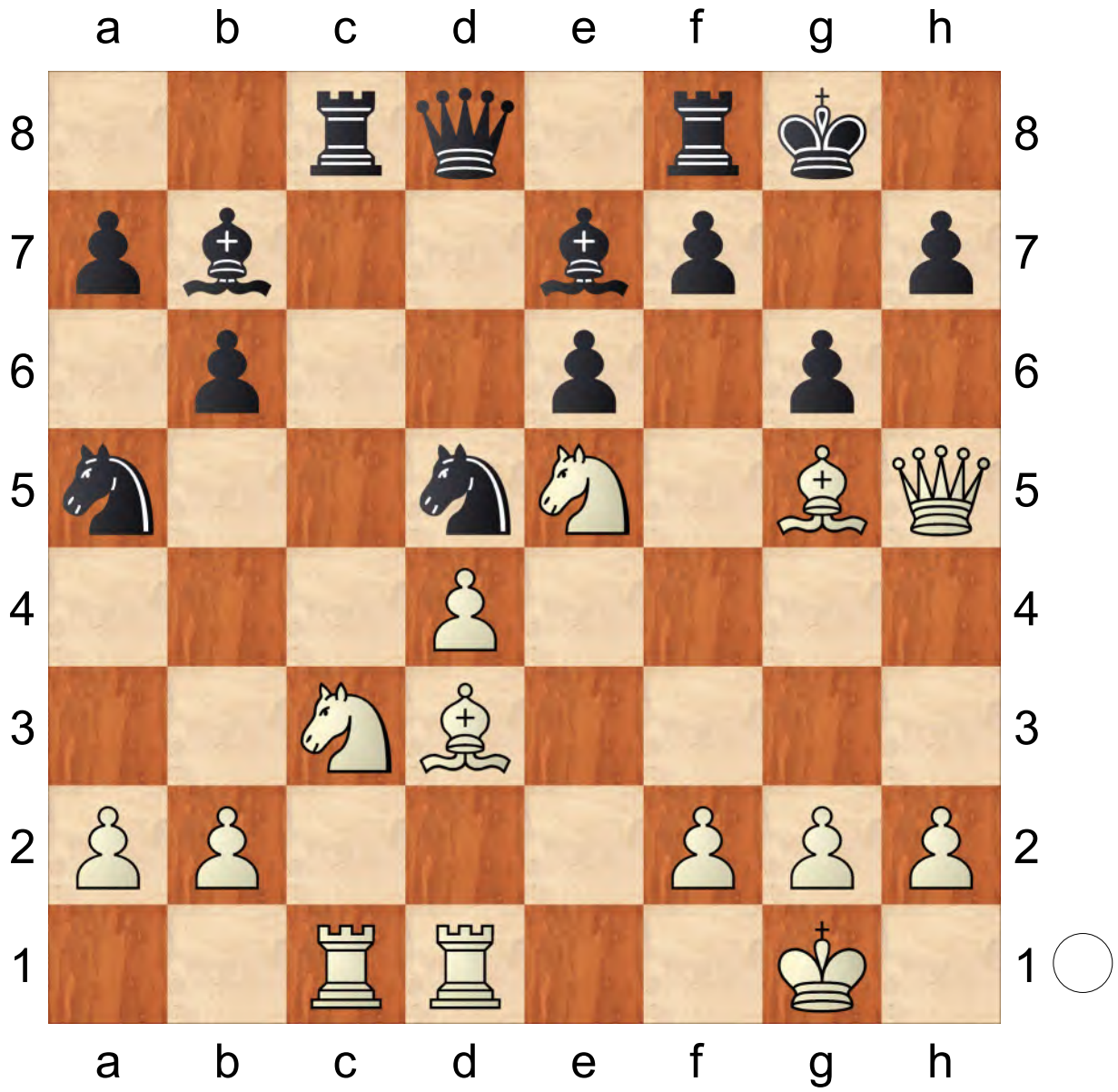
15...g6

[15...f5!? 16.Bd2 *(16.Bxe7 Qxe7=)*
A) 16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 Qd5 18.Qh3 Bd6!? *(18...Bf6 19.c4! Qxd4 20.Bc3 Qh4 21.Qxh4 Bxh4 22.Bxa5 bxa5 23.c5⩲)*
A1) 19.c4 Qxd4 20.Nd7 *(20.Bc3)* 20...Bc5! *(20...Bxh2+ 21.Qxh2 Qxd7 22.Bxa5 bxa5 23.Bxf5 Qxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rxf5 25.Qd6+-)* 21.Nxf8 Qxf2+ 22.Kh1 Rxf8⩱;
A2) 19.Re1 Qxa2 20.Bf4 Qd5∞;
A3) 19.Bf4 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Nc4=;
B) 16...Nf6]

(Diagram)

16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Qg6+ Huzman: '=' '=' **20...Kh8**

(Diagram)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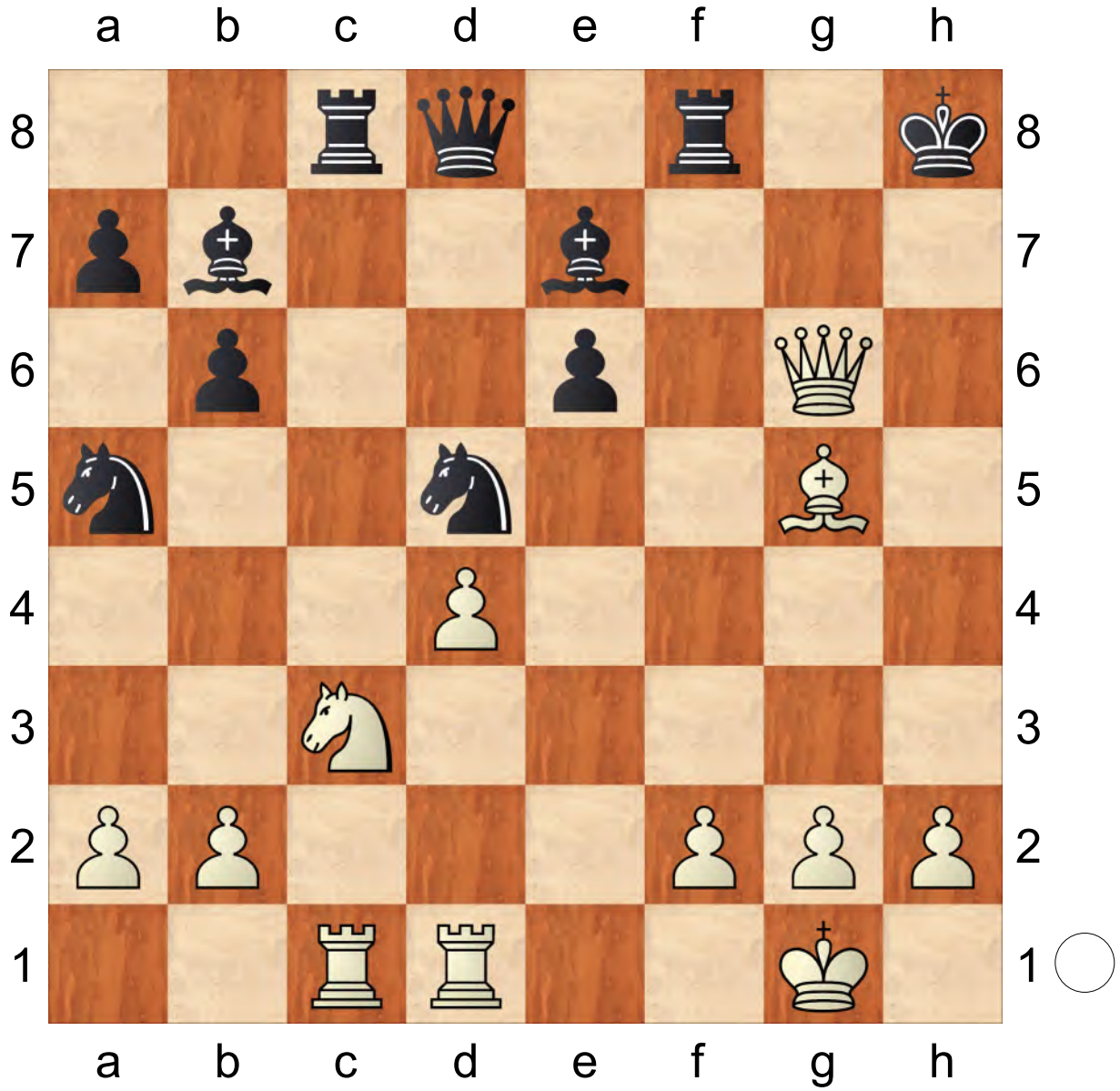


21.Qh5+

[21.Rd3 Bxg5 22.Rh3+ Bh4 23.Qh6+ *(23.Qh5+ Kg7 24.Rxh4 Nf6∓; 23.g3 Rc7! 24.Rxh4+ Qxh4-+)* 23...Kg8 24.Rxh4 Kf7 25.Qh7+ Ke8 26.Re1 *(26.Qg6+ Kd7-+)* 26...Qe7 27.Rxe6 Qxe6 28.Re4 Qxe4 29.Qxe4+ Ne7-+]

21...Kg8

[21...Kg7? 22.Bh6+ Kh7 *(22...Kf6 23.Ne4#)* 23.Bxf8+ Kg8 24.Bh6 Bf8 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Nxd5 exd5 *(26...Bxd5 27.Bg5+-)* 27.Rd3!+-]

22.Bh6?! It was objectively better rto give perpetual check, but to win a game You need to take a risk!

[22.Qg6+=]

22...Bf6

[22...Rf6!

A) 23.Rd3 Qe8! 24.Rg3+ Kh7 25.Rg7+ Kh8 26.Qg5 *(26.Qh3 Bf8-+)*

26...Qf8-+ 27.Rh7+ *(27.Re1 Rf7-+)* 27...Kxh7 28.Bxf8 Bxf8-+;

B) 23.Ne4

B1) 23...Rxc1

B1a) 24.Qg5+ Kf7 25.Qg7+ Ke8 26.Nxf6+ *(26.Rxc1 Rf5-+)* 26...Bxf6 27.Qg6+ Kd7∓;

B1b) 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Bxc1 *(26.Rxc1 Qg8-+)* 26...Ba6 27.Re1 Qe7 28.Re4⩲;

B1c) 24.Rxc1 Rxh6 25.Qxh6 Bf6 *(25...Qf8 26.Qxe6+ Qf7 27.Qg4+⩲; 25...Bc8!? 26.b4 Nb7∞)* 26.Rc3! Kf7 *(26...Nxc3 27.Nxf6+ Kf7 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qg8+ Ke7 30.Qg7+ Kd6 31.bxc3±)* 27.Rf3→;

B2) 23...Rxh6! 24.Qxh6 Bf6 *(24...Rxc1 25.Qxe6+ Kg7 26.Rxc1↑)* 25.Rxc8 Bxc8 26.Rd3 Bg7 27.Rg3 Qe7∓]

23.Nxd5 Rxc1

[23...exd5!? 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Bxf8 Qxf8 26.Rxc8 Bxc8 27.Rd3

A) 27...Qe7?! 28.Re3 Be6 29.g4!+-;

B) 27...Bg7?! 28.Rf3 *(28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Qxd5+ Qf7 30.Qd8+ Qf8=)* 28...Qg8 29.g4! Qe6 30.Rh3+ Kg8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Rf3+ Bf6 33.Qg6 Qxg4+ 34.Qxg4 Bxg4 35.Rxf6+±;

C) 27...Qg7 28.Qe8+ Qg8 Huzman: '=' '=' 29.Re3! *(29.Qh5+ Qh7 30.Qe8+ Qg8=)* 29...Nc4 30.Qxg8+ *(30.Qh5+ Qh7 31.Re8+ Kg7 32.Qxh7+ Kxh7 33.Rxc8 Nxb2⇄)* 30...Kxg8 31.Re8+ Kf7 32.Rxc8 Nxb2⇄]

24.Rxc1 Bxd5

[24...exd5? 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Bxf8 Qxf8 27.Rc3 Bc8 28.Rf3+-]

25.Qg6+ Kh8

(Diagram)

26.Bxf8 Qxf8 27.Rc7 Bg7 28.Rf7 Qg8

(Diagram)

Try to find a winning idea for White

29.Rf4

[29.Re7! Bc6 30.b4 Nc4 31.b5! Bxb5 32.Qh5+ Qh7 33.Qxb5±]

29...Qd8 30.Rf7 Qg8

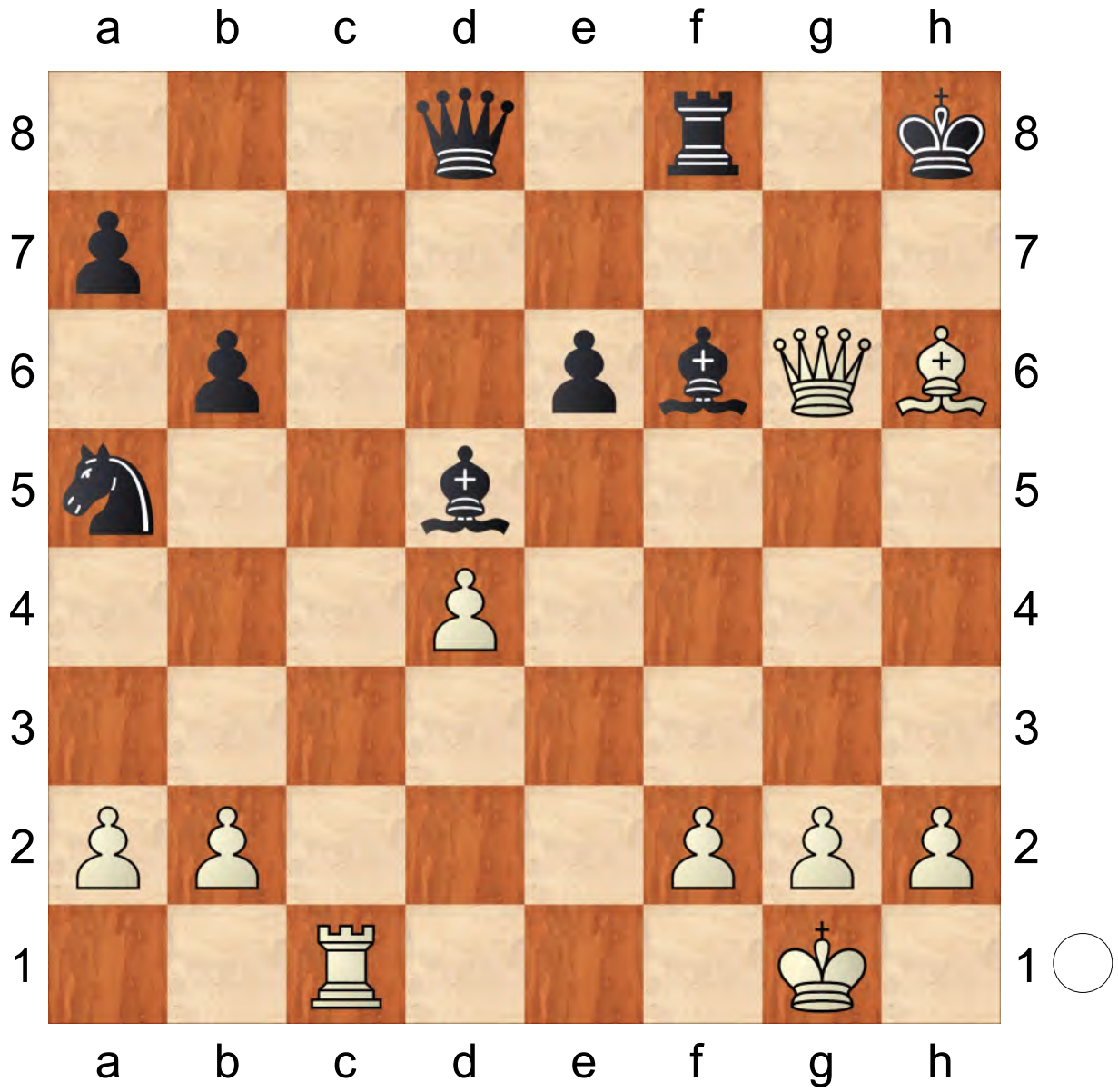
(Diagram)

31.Rf4 Qd8 32.g3

[32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.g3 Qg5!=]

32...Nc6?

[32...e5! 33.dxe5 *(33.Rh4+ Kg8 34.Qh7+ Kf8∓; 33.Rg4 Qd7)* 33...Bxa2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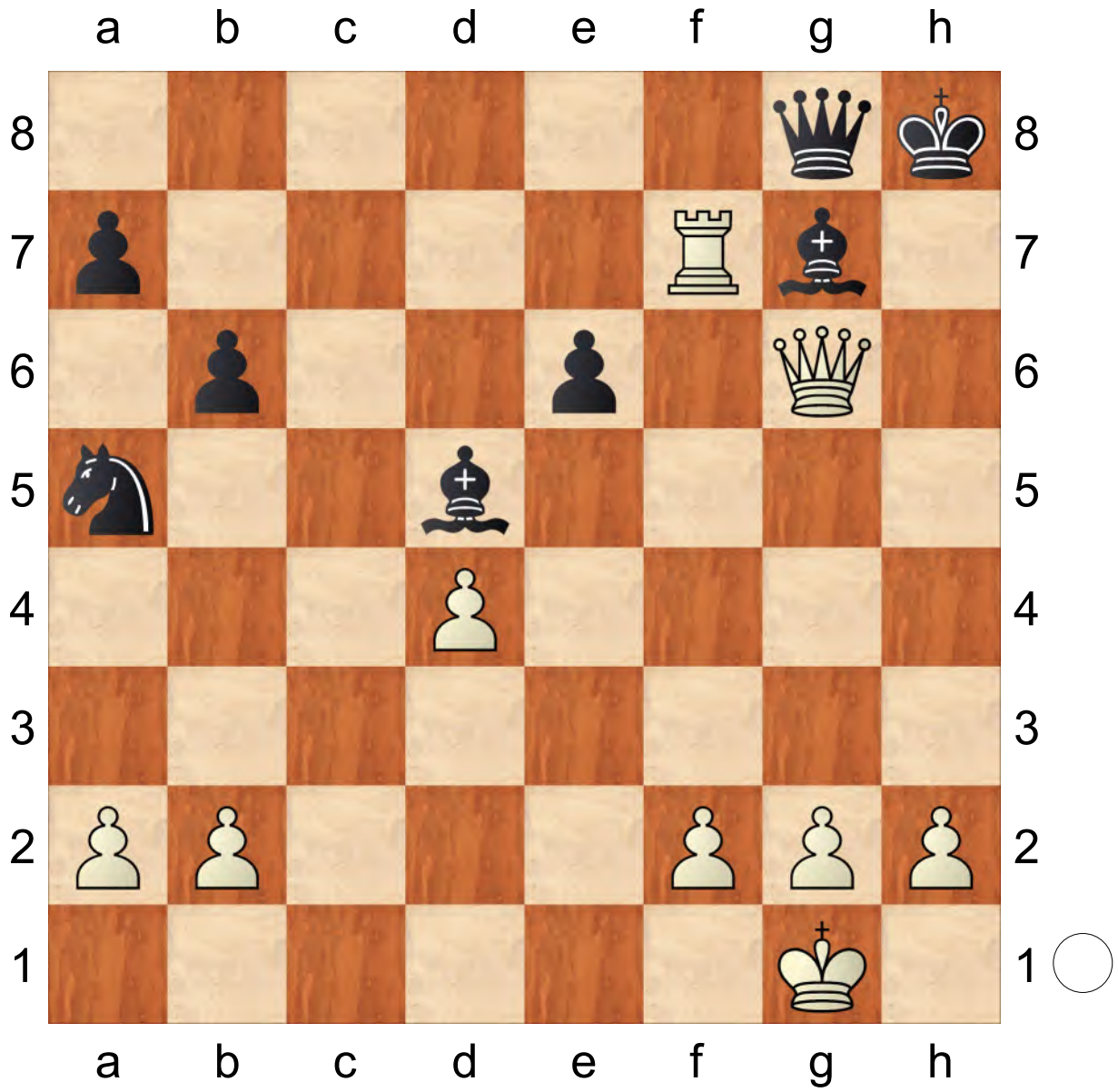
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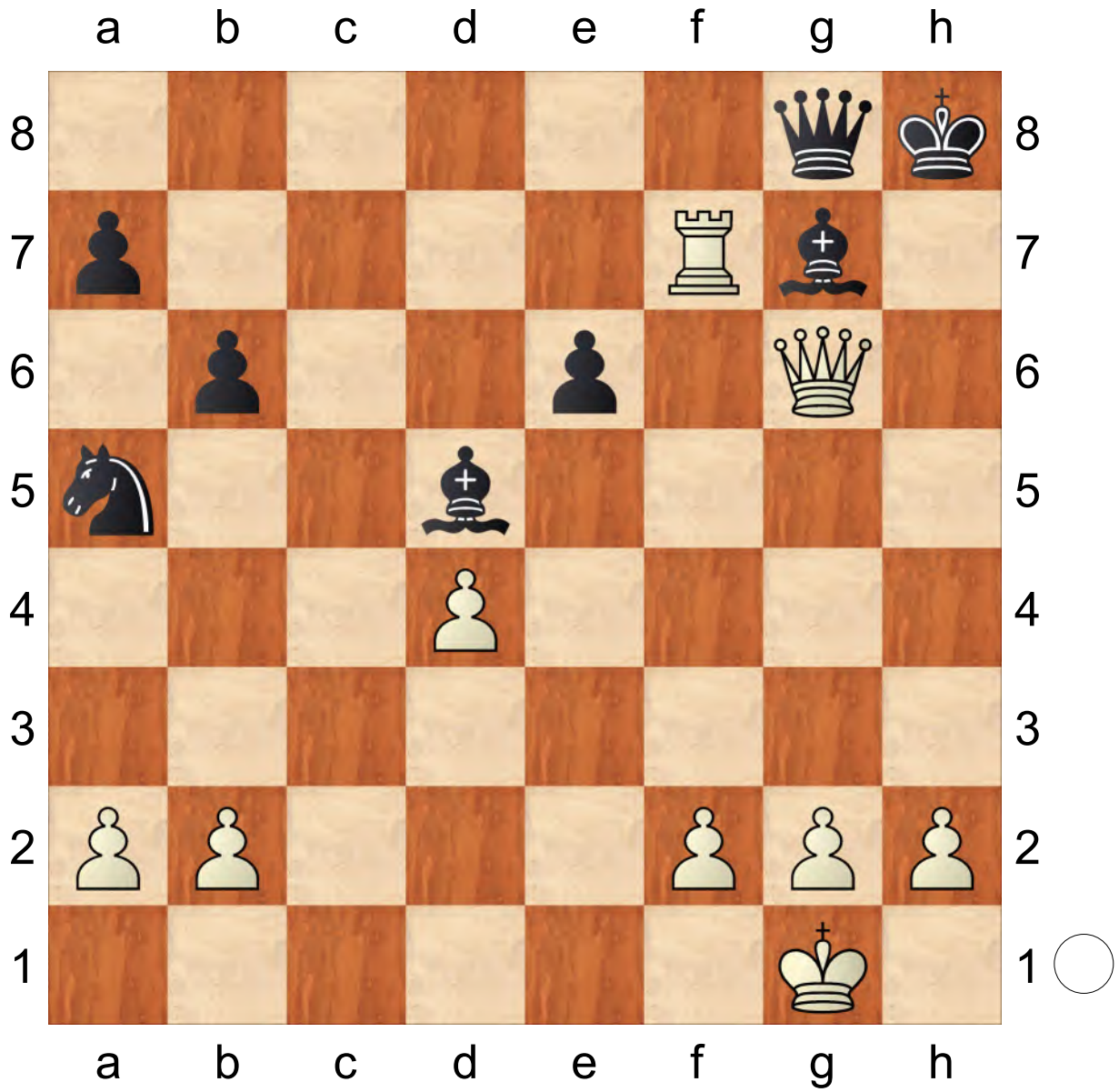

(33...Nc6? 34.e6) 34.Rh4+ *(34.e6? Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Qd5+ 36.f3 Qxe6∓)*
34...Kg8 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Qf5+=]
33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.Qh5+ Kg8

(Diagram)

36.Qf7+ Kh8 37.Rg4 Qf6 38.Rh4+ Qxh4 39.gxh4± a5
[39...Bxd4 40.h5 Bxb2 41.h6+-]
40.h5 Nxd4

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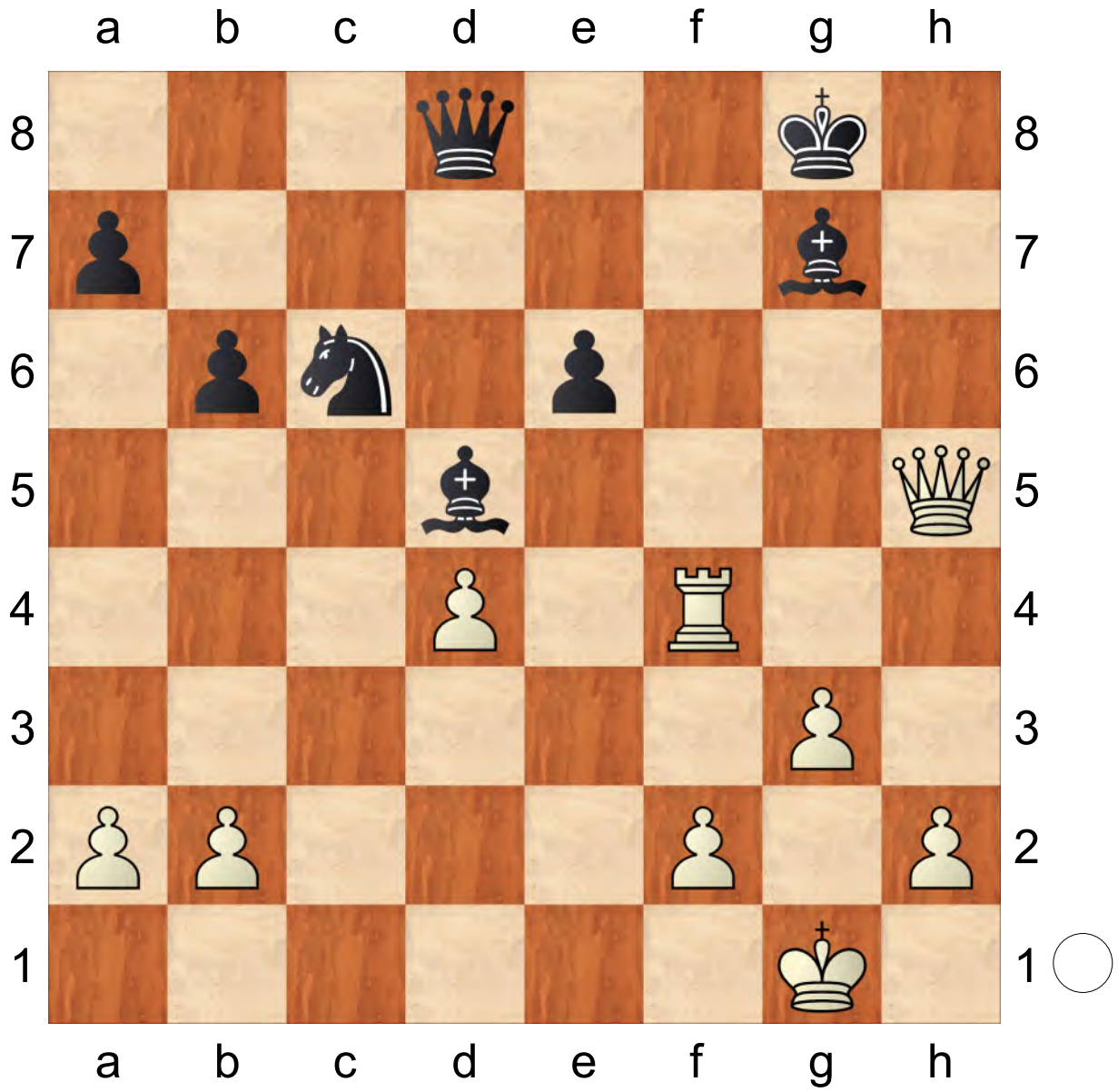
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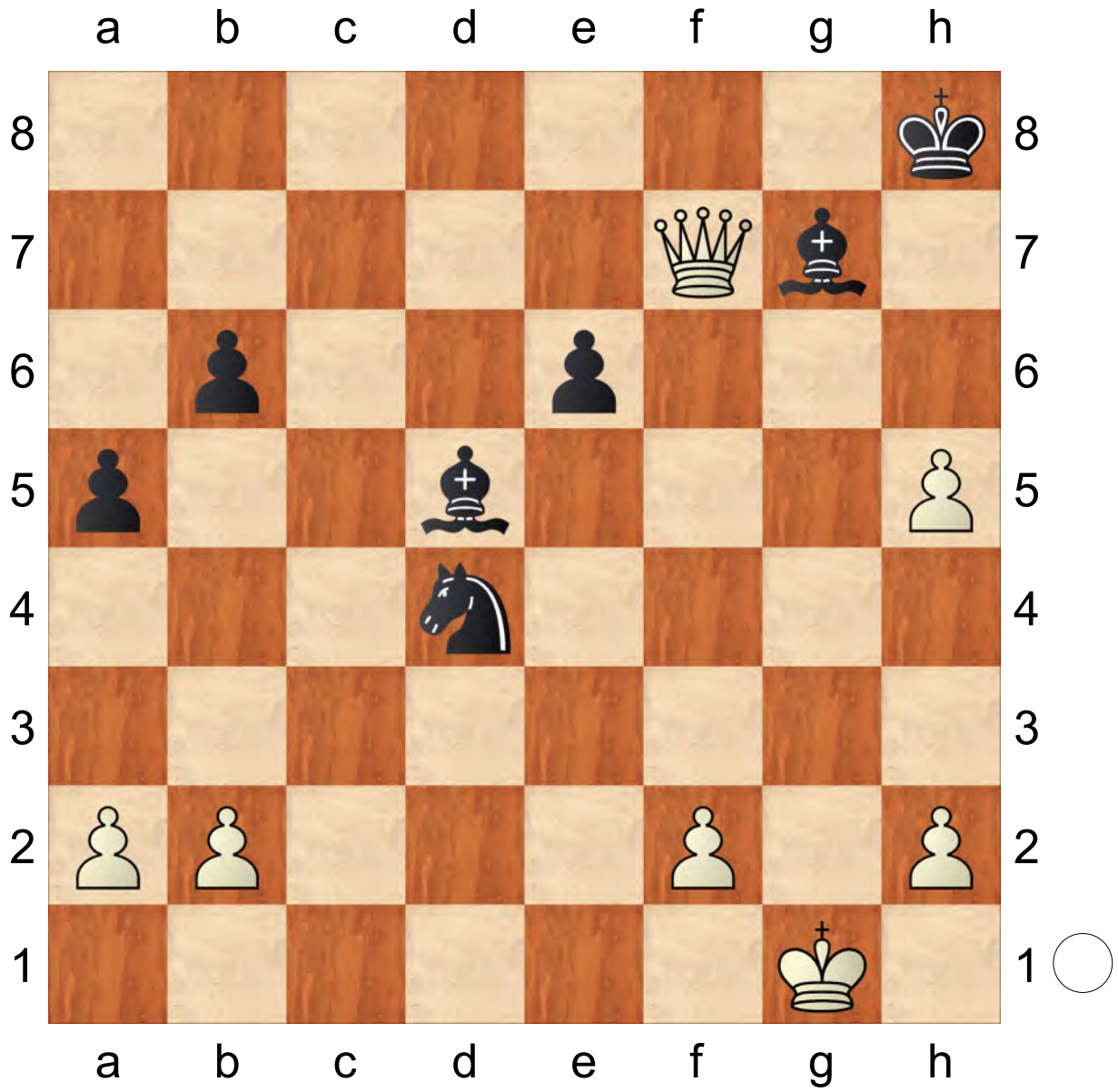
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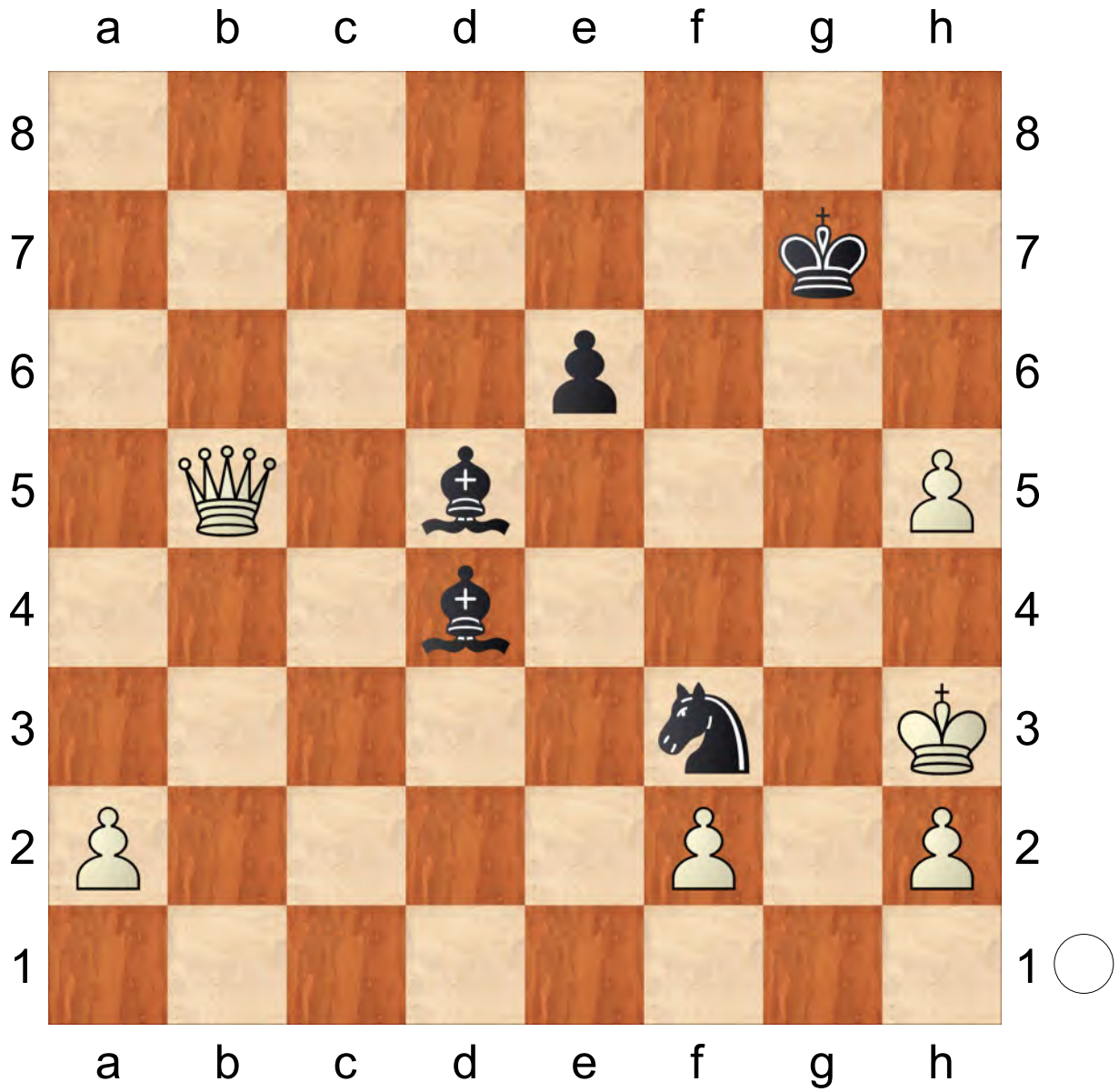
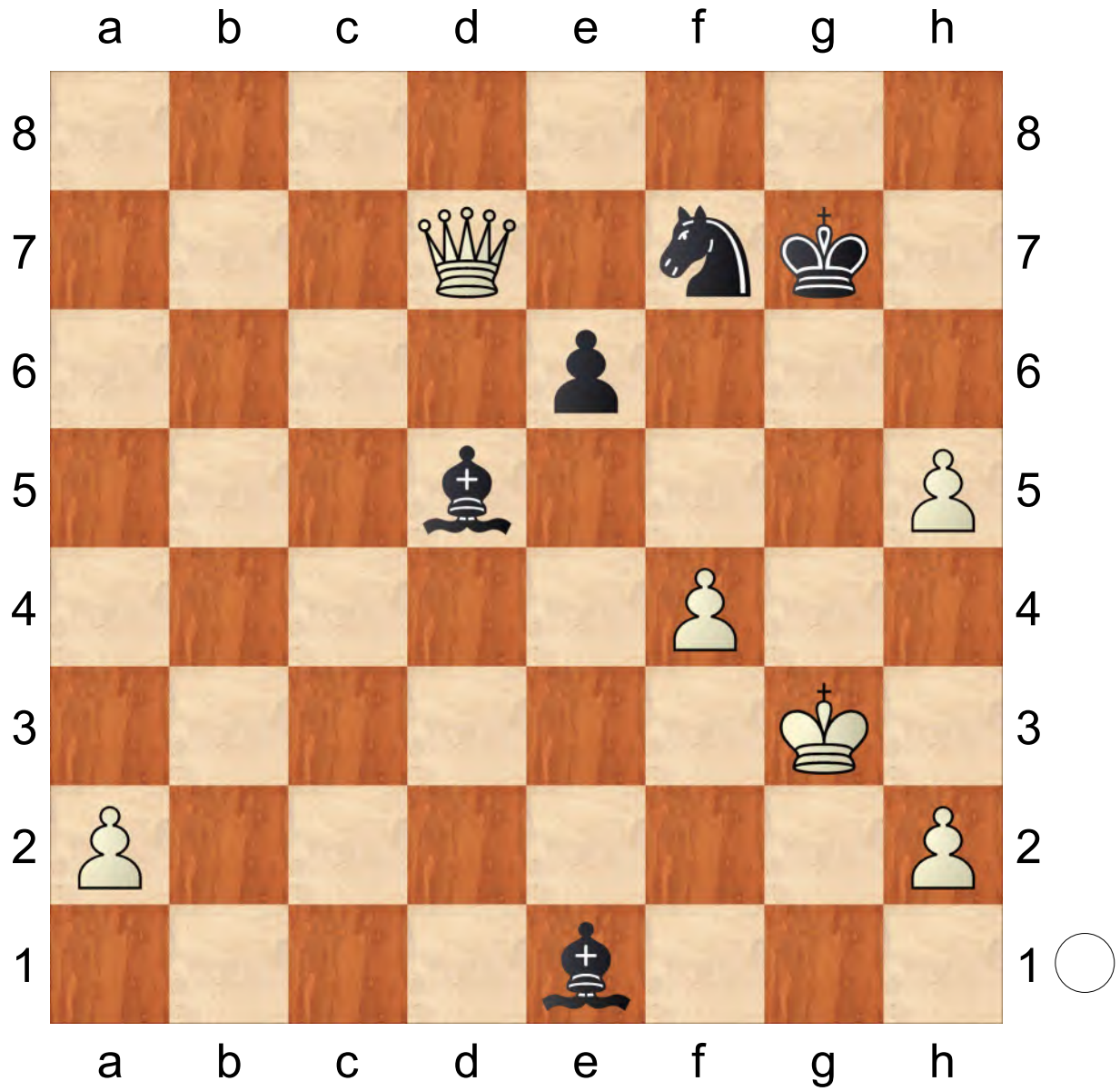


46.Qe8!
[46.a4 Bxf2 47.Qe8+-]
46...Ng5+
[46...Bxf2 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.h6 Bd4 49.a4+-]
47.Kg4 Nf7
[47...Ne4 48.Qg6+ Kh8 *(48...Kf8 49.f3 Nf6+ 50.Kh4 Bxa2 51.Qh6+! Kf7 52.Qd2+-)* 49.a4 Nxf2+ 50.Kh4+-]
48.Kg3 Be5+ 49.f4 Bc3 50.Qd7
[50.Qe7!? Bf6 51.Qc7+-]
50...Be1+

(Diagram)



51.Kh3 Bxa2?
[⌓51...Kf6 52.a4+-]
52.Qd1!

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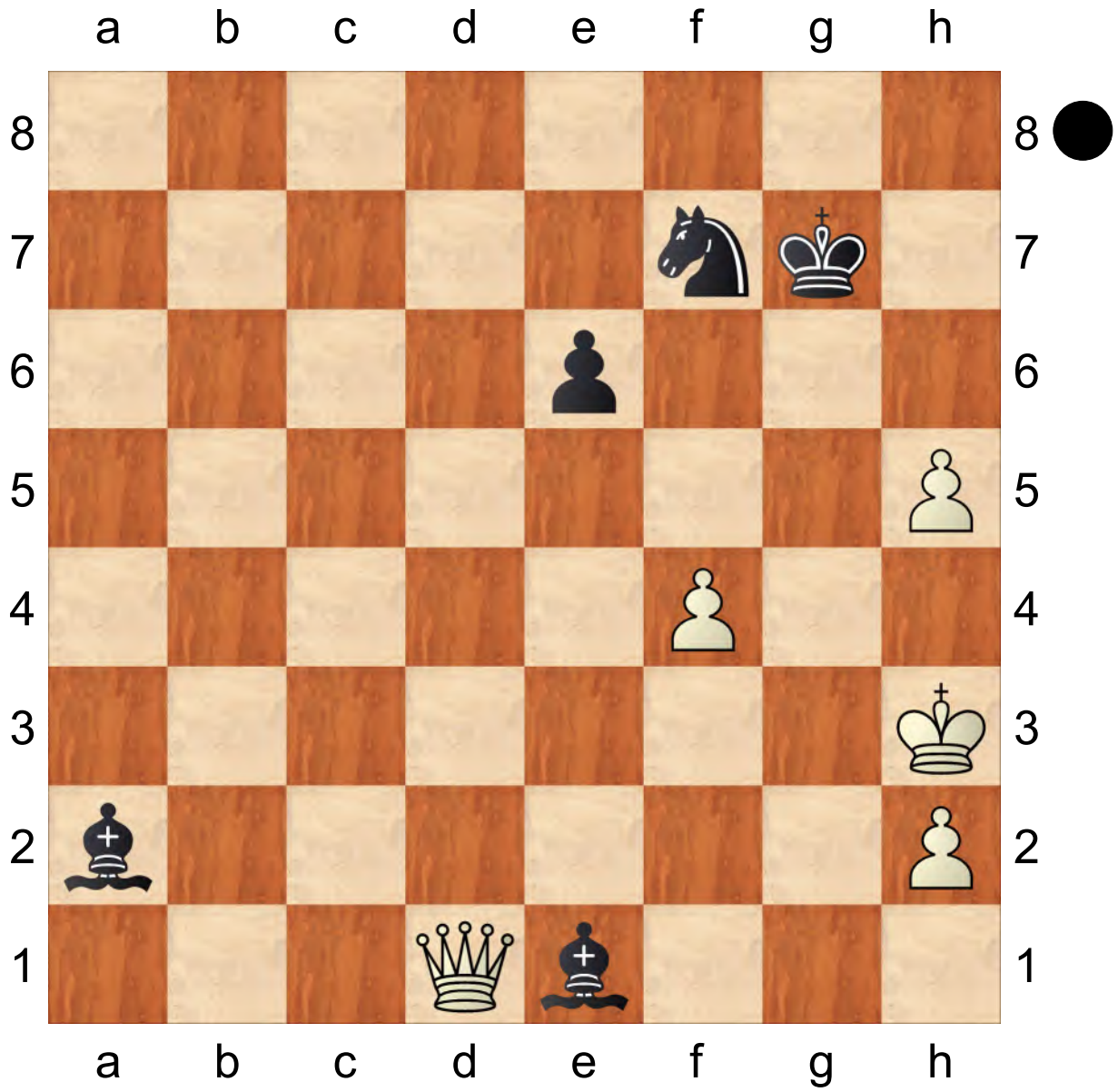
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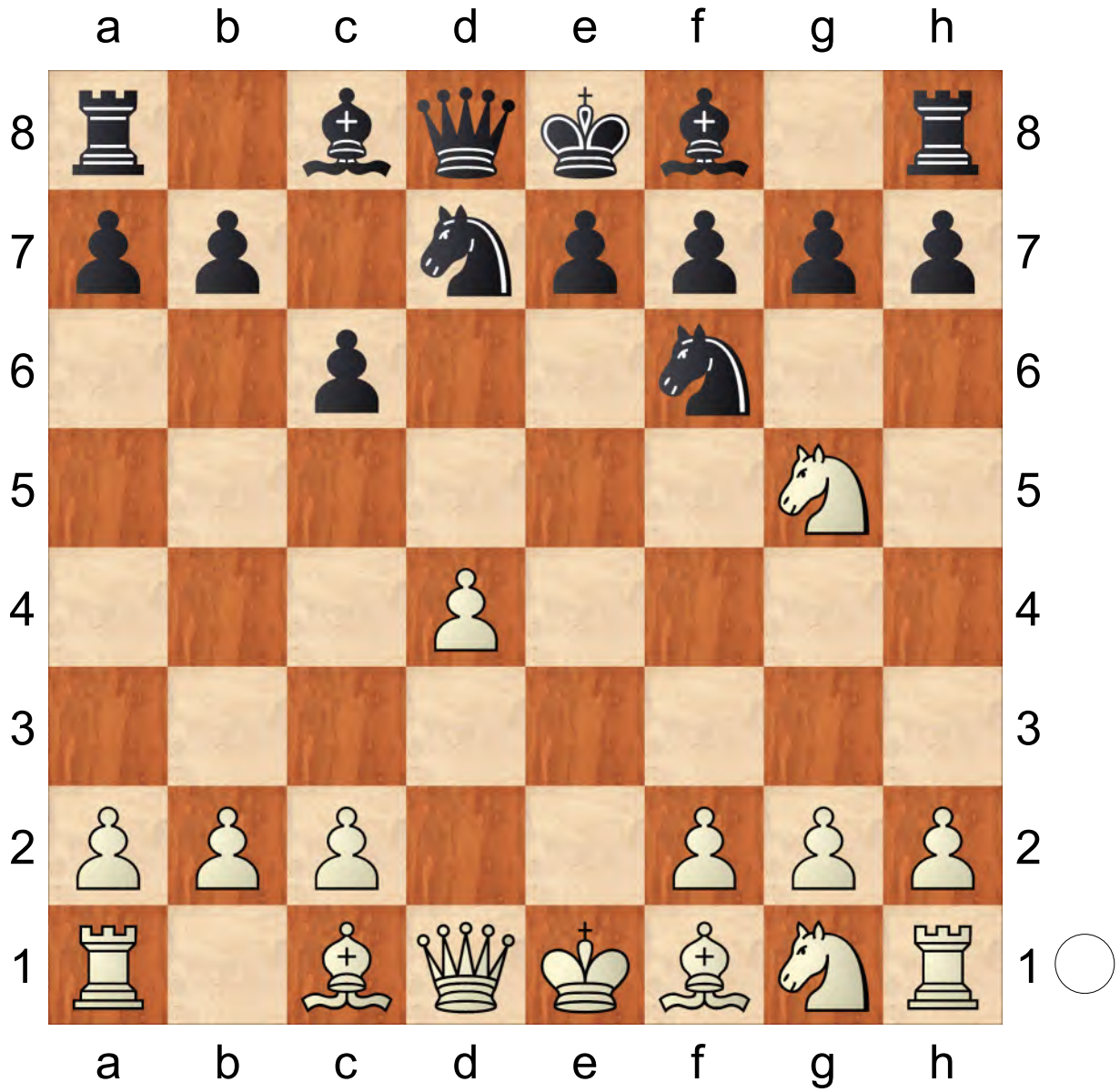
[Erenburg,Sergey]

1.e4 Erenburg **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng5** This is the most principled line to fight for an opening advantage. **5...Ngf6**
[5...h6? 6.Ne6! is the point of 5.♘g5.]



6.Bd3
[6.Bc4 e6 7.Qe2 Nb6 is another theoretical line.]

6...e6

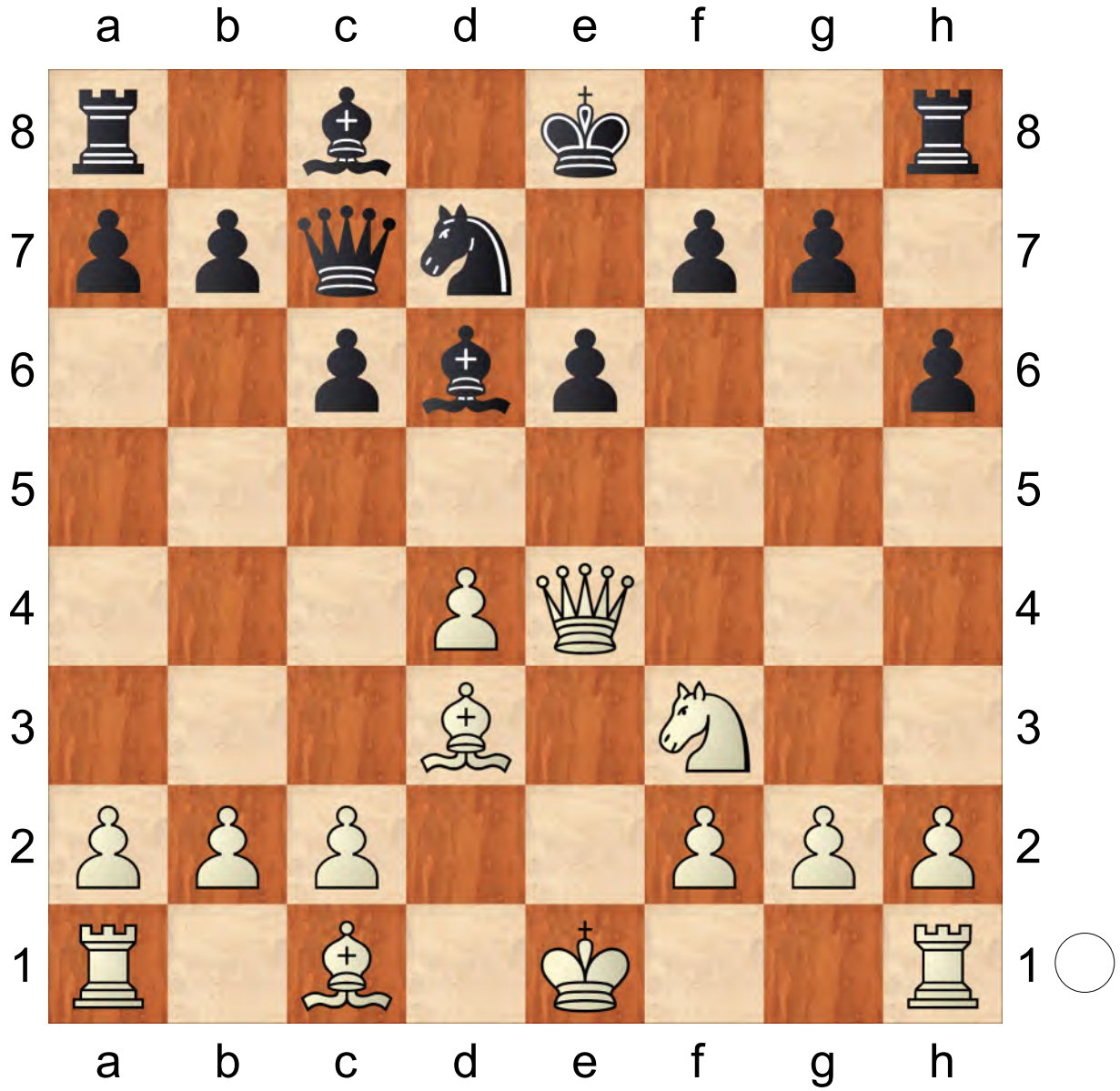
[Again 6...h6? is met by 7.Ne6!]

7.N1f3 Bd6

[7...h6? allows White to sacrifice a piece for a very strong and long-lasting initiative. We all remember the historical defeat of Garry Kasparov: 8.Nxe6 Qe7 9.0-0 fxe6 10.Bg6+ Kd8 11.Bf4 b5 12.a4 Bb7 13.Re1 Nd5 14.Bg3 Kc8 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Qd3 Bc6 17.Bf5 exf5 18.Rxe7 Bxe7 19.c4 1-0 Comp Deep Blue-Kasparov,G (2785)/New York 1997/EXT 1998]

8.Qe2 h6 Now, this move is ok! **9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Qc7**

[The move 10...Nf6 is tempting, but loses control over the important e5 square, which becomes apparent after 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Bd2 b6 13.0-0-0 Bb7 14.Ne5±]



11.0-0 b6 12.Qg4 Forcing Black to make a concession, either to weaken his

kingside, or to lose the right to castle. **12...Kf8** Black loses his right to castle, but, on the other hand White can't make use of it immediatly. Meanwhile, Black is going to complete his queenside development and push c6-c5. The alternative 12...g5 disappeared from top tournaments after following brilliant win of Vishy Anand:

[12...g5 13.Qh3 Rg8 14.Re1 Bf8 15.Qf5! Bg7 16.h4 Kf8 17.Qh3 Rh8 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Qg4 c5 20.Bxg5 cxd4 21.Rad1 Bb7 22.Rxe6!! fxe6 23.Be7+! Kxe7 24.Qxg7+ Kd6 25.Nxd4 Qc5 26.Bf5! Qe5 27.Nf3++- 1-0 Anand,V (2774)-Bologan,V (2650)/Dortmund 2003/CBM 097 (36)]

13.Bd2?! In my opinion, this way of development is not the best one. The main alternative is 13.b3 developing the dark-squared to b2, where it can press Black's vulnerable ♙g7. Recently, White successfully employed also the move 13. ♕h4. Here, few recent examples:

[13.Qh4 Bb7 *(13...c5 14.Be4 Rb8 15.Rd1 Ba6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.b3 f5 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Rxd3 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Rb1± 1-0* Jakovenko,D (2708)-Sasikiran,K (2690)/Foros UKR 2007/The Week in Chess 659 (69)*)* 14.Re1 Kg8 *(14...c5!? 15.Be4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Rd8 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Qh4 Kg8 19.b3 Be7 20.Qc4 Bf6 21.Bf4 Qb7 22.Be5 Nd7 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.Rad1 Kh7= ½-½* Nisipeanu,L (2693)-Sasikiran,K (2690)/Foros UKR 2007/The Week in Chess 660 (33) *)* 15.Qh3 Re8 *(15...c5? 16.Rxe6! fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kf8 18.Nh4+-)* 16.c4 Nf6 17.Bd2 c5 18.d5 e5 19.Bc3 g6 20.Qh4 Kg7 21.Nd2± 1-0 Leko,P (2738)-Bareev,E (2643)/Elista RUS 2007/The Week in Chess 657 (41)]

[13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 Nf6 15.Qh4 Nd5 16.Rfe1 Nf4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Qg4 Rg8 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Rad1 c5 21.Be4 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Bxe4 24.Qxe4± ½-½ Anand,V (2779)-Wojtaszek,R (2637)/Baden Baden GER 2007/The Week in Chess 647 (35)]

13...Bb7 14.Rfe1

[Deserves further investigation: 14.c4]

14...Rd8 15.Rad1 c5!N

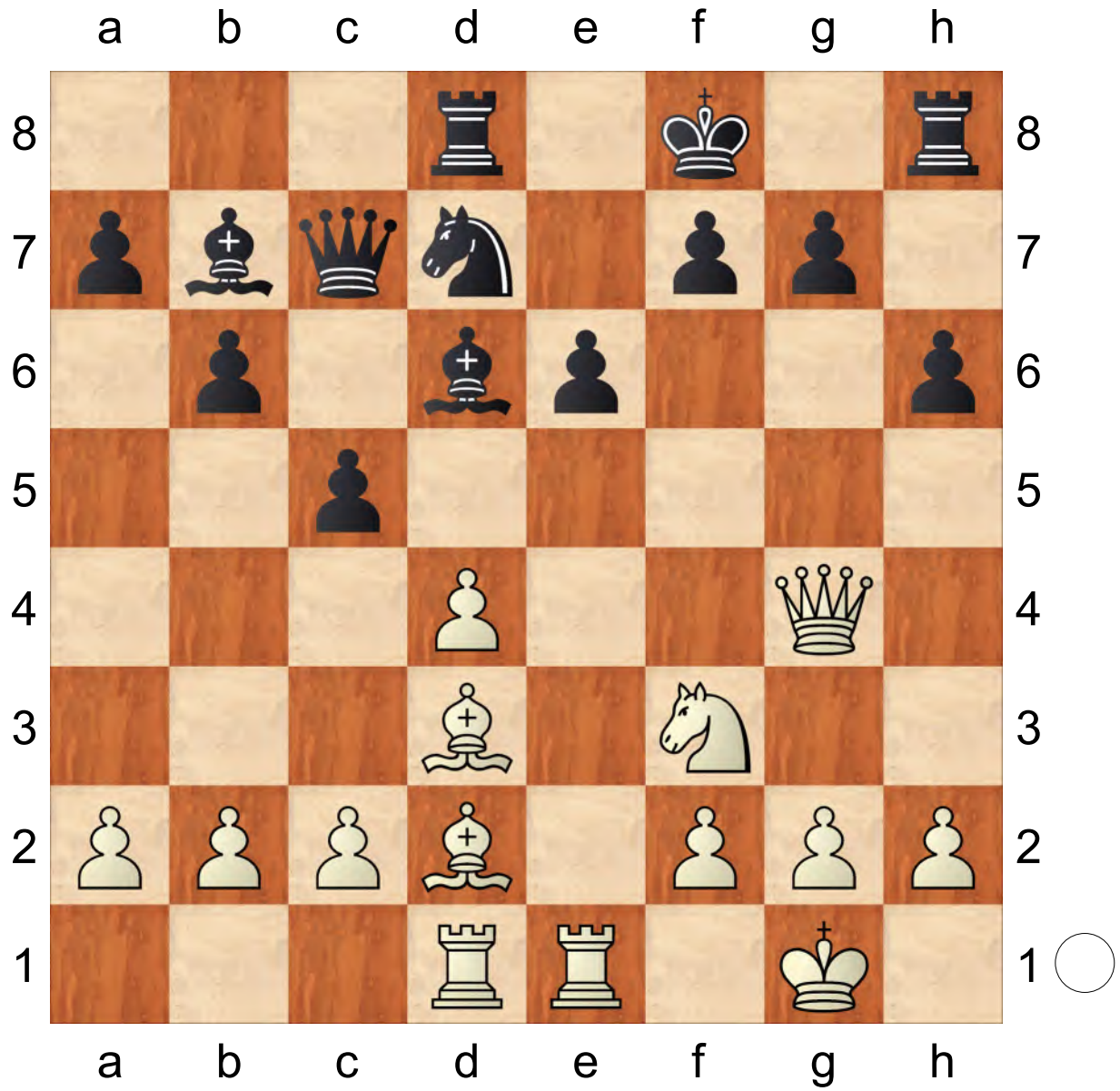
[15...Nf6 16.Qh4 *(16.Qh3 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5=)* 16...c5 17.Ne5 *(⌓17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Be2=)* 17...cxd4 18.Bf4 Kg8 19.c3 dxc3 20.bxc3 Qe7 21.Qh3 Nd5∓ ½-½ Jakovenko,D (2596)-Adams,M (2738)/playchess.com INT 2004/EXT 2005 (53)]

(Diagram)

Black successfully completed his queenside development and opened diagonals for his bishops. White's kingside is under pressure. Meanwhile, White didn't create any threats against the black monarch, while his queen is actually misplaced. White should already fight for equality. **16.dxc5 bxc5** Black is now threatening to take on f3, so White's reply is understandable. **17.h4** Now, the "h" pawn is not hanging.

[17.Bc3 Nf6 18.Qh3

A) 18...Nd5 19.Be5 Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Nf4 21.Qg3 g5 *(21...Nxg2??*



22.Ng6++-) 22.f3=;

B) 18...Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Bxh2+ *(19...Nd5? 20.Rxe6 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Bxh2+ 22.Kh1 Qf4 23.Bg6!! Rb8 24.Re3! fxg6 25.Qd5 Qg5 26.Kxh2 Qxd5 27.Rxd5±)* 20.Kh1 Bf4 21.Bc4 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Ke7 White's compensation for a pawn is rather murky.]

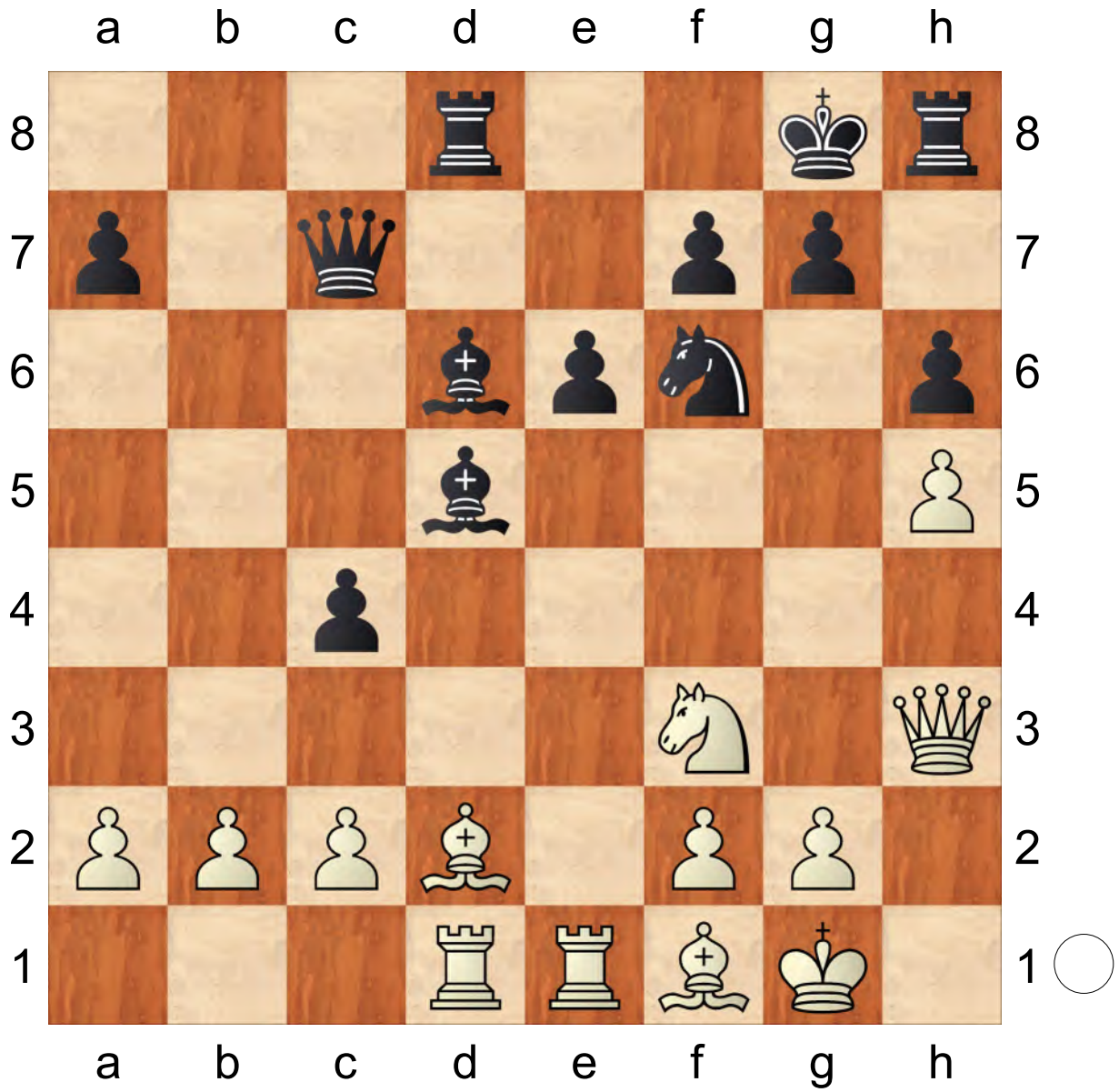
[17.Qh3? Bxf3 18.gxf3 This is strategically bad for White.]

17...Nf6 18.Qh3 c4?!

[Black could win an exchange nearly by force! 18...e5! 19.Bc3 e4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Bh2+ 23.Nxh2 Rxd1+ 24.Nf1 Qc6∓]

19.Bf1 Bd5 Black is at least not worse, as he is very solid in the center. **20.h5 Kg8**

(Diagram)



21.Be3

[21.Bc3 Kh7 22.Ne5 Ne4 *(22...Rhf8!?=)*

A) 23.Rxd5? is parried by Ng5! *(*but not *23...exd5? 24.Qf5+ Kg8 25.Ba5! Qxa5 26.Qxf7+ Kh7 27.Qf5+ Kg8 28.Rxe4! Bxe5 29.Qxe5±)*;

B) 23.Nxc4 Nxc3 *(23...Bc5?? 24.Rxe4! Bxe4 25.Qg4+-; 23...Bxc4? 24.Rxe4 Bxf1 25.Kxf1±)* 24.Qxc3 Bh2+ 25.Kh1 Rhe8 Black's pair of bishops compensates the lack of pawn.]

21...Kh7 Black has completed an artificial castling. **22.Bd4 Rhe8 23.b3** The exchange on f6 at any time favours Black. So, Svidler is trying to get rid of the ♙c4 in order to make his light-squared bishop more active. **23...cxb3?!** This exchange helps White, because it opens the diagonal for the white light-squared bishop and also opens the "a" file.

[23...Bc5 24.Bxf6 *(24.Be5 Qb6∓)* 24...gxf6 25.Bxc4 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Qf4∓]

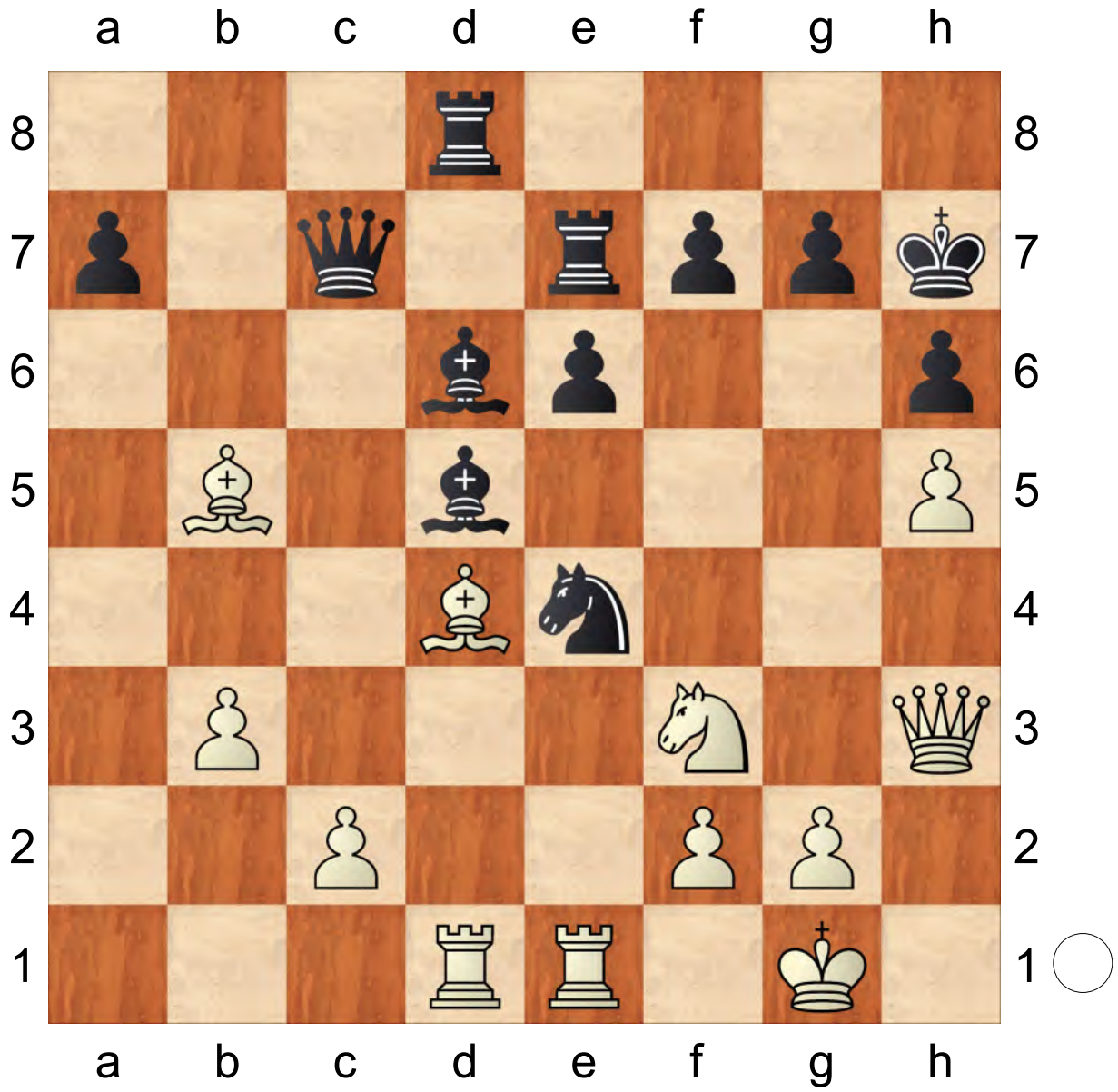
24.axb3 Ne4? This is too optimistic.
[Again, solid 24...Bc5 was perfectly playable.]
25.Bb5?
[25.Bd3? f5 gives White nothing.]
[But, 25.Qg4! could punish Black for his mistake.
A) 25...e5 26.Bxe5! Bxe5 27.Rxd5 Nf6 *(27...Nxf2 28.Qf5+ g6 29.Rxd8 gxf5 30.Rxe8 Bc3 31.Kxf2 Bxe1+ 32.Kxe1 Qxc2 33.Re3±)* 28.Rxd8 Bh2+! 29.Nxh2 Nxg4 30.Bd3+ g6 31.hxg6+ Kg7 32.Rdxe8 Qxh2+ 33.Kf1 Qh4 34.Ke2 Qxf2+ 35.Kd1±;
B) 25...Nf6 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Rxd5! exd5 28.Bd3+ Kh8 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qf5 and so on.;
C) 25...f5 26.Qg6+ Kg8 27.c4 Ba8 28.c5! Nxc5 *(28...Bxc5 29.Rc1 Qe7 30.Rxe4+-)* 29.Bf6 winning an exchange.]
25...Re7

(Diagram)

26.Qg4 f5
[26...e5? 27.Rxe4 Be6 28.Qh4 exd4 29.Rexd4±]
27.Qg6+ Kg8 28.c4 Ba8 Erenburg: '=' **29.Be3?** Attacking ♙h6, but missing a simple reply.
[I don't see any better option for White than the repetition of moves after 29.Be5 Qb6 30.Bd4 Qc7=]
29...Rf8! 30.Bd4 White is forced to admit the mistake and come back with the bishop, not to lose his queen. **30...a6?**
[30...e5? 31.c5! Bxc5 *(31...Nxc5 32.Bxc5 Bxc5 33.Bc4+ Kh8 34.Nh4* with strong play on the light squares.*)* 32.Bxe5 Bxf2+ 33.Kh1 *(33.Kf1? Rxe5 34.Rd7 Nd2+! 35.Kxf2 Qc5+ 36.Nd4 Ne4+ 37.Kg1 Re7 38.Rxe7 Qxe7∓)* 33...Rxe5 34.Rd7 Qxd7 35.Bxd7 Ng3+ 36.Kh2 Bxf3! 37.Rxe5 Nf1+ 38.Kh1 *(38.Kh3?? Bg4+-+)* 38...Ng3+ with nice perpetual check.]
[30...Bc5! was as simple as strong! 31.b4 *(31.Bxc5 Qxc5-+)* 31...Bxd4 32.Rxd4 e5 33.Rd3 Rf6 34.Red1 Rxg6 35.hxg6 Bc6□ 36.Rd8+ Re8 37.Rxe8+ Bxe8 38.Bxe8 Kf8 39.Bf7 Nf6∓]

(Diagram)

At this stage of the game, both players were short on time, so, it was obviously extremely difficult to calculate everything in such a messy position. White's queen is actually stuck on g6, all Black needs to do is to remove the ♗d4 and then to trap the queen by ♖f6. **31.c5**
[31.Bxa6!? Looks very risky, but actually possible.
A) 31...e5 32.c5! Nxc5 *(32...Bxc5 33.Bxc5 Qxc5 34.Re2∞)* 33.Bxc5 Bxc5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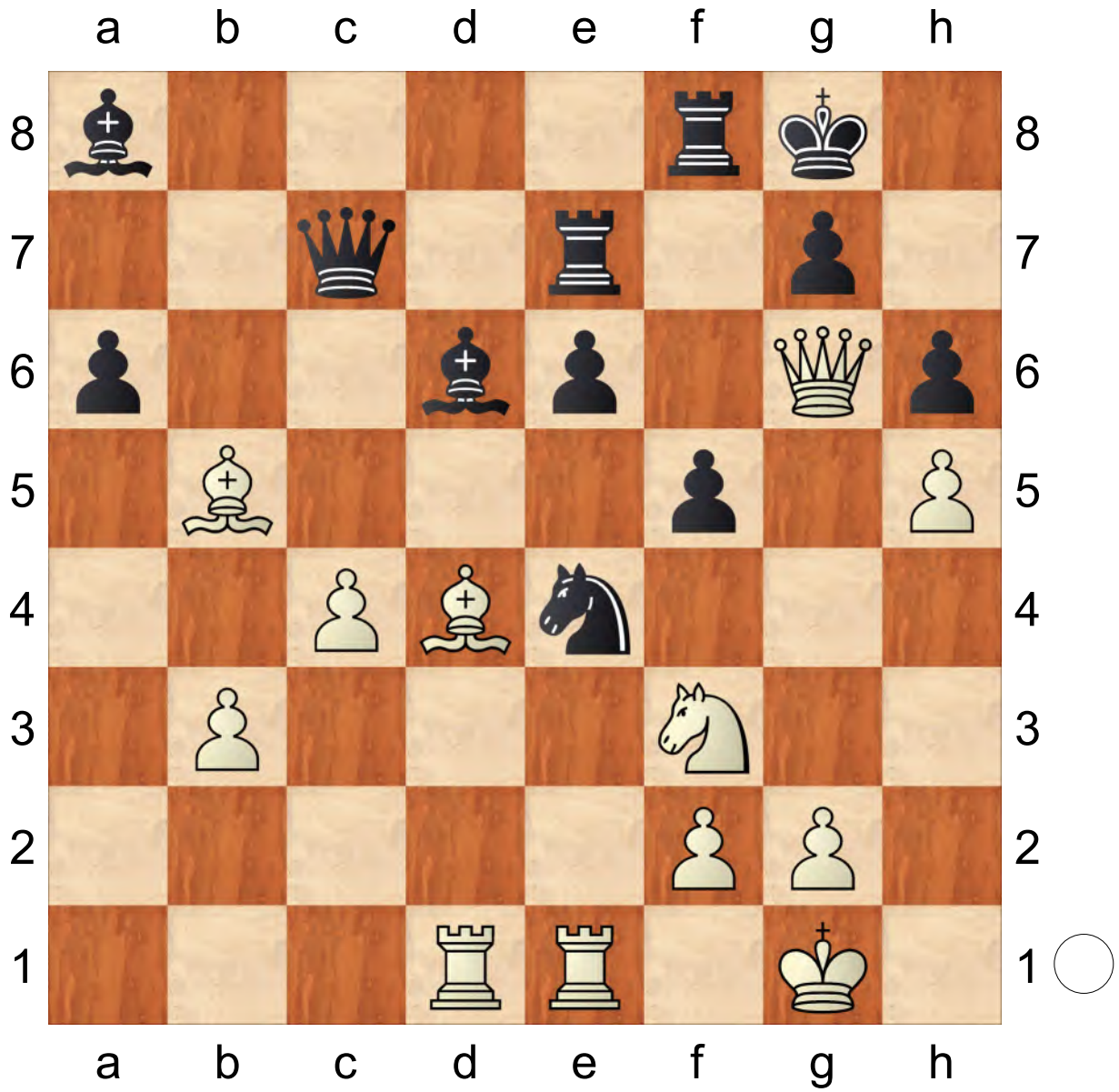


34.Bc4+ Kh8 35.Nh4 is annoying for Black.;
B) 31...Bc5 32.Bb5 Bxd4 33.Rxd4 e5 *(33...Rf6? 34.Red1! Rxg6 35.hxg6+-* The threat 36.♖d8+ forces Black to give another piece. *)* 34.Rdd1 Rf6 35.Rd7□ Qxd7 36.Bxd7 Rxg6 37.Bxf5 Rxg2+! 38.Kxg2 Nd2 39.Bg4 Rf7 40.Be6 *(40.Re3 Kh7 41.Kg3 Nf1+ 42.Kg2 Nxe3+ 43.fxe3 g6* with slight winning chances for Black.*)* 40...Nxf3 41.Ra1 Be4 42.Bxf7+ Kxf7 43.Kg3 This complicated endgame should end in a draw.]

31...Bxc5

[31...Bh2+!? 32.Nxh2 axb5 33.Nf3 Bd5 was another playable option for Black.]

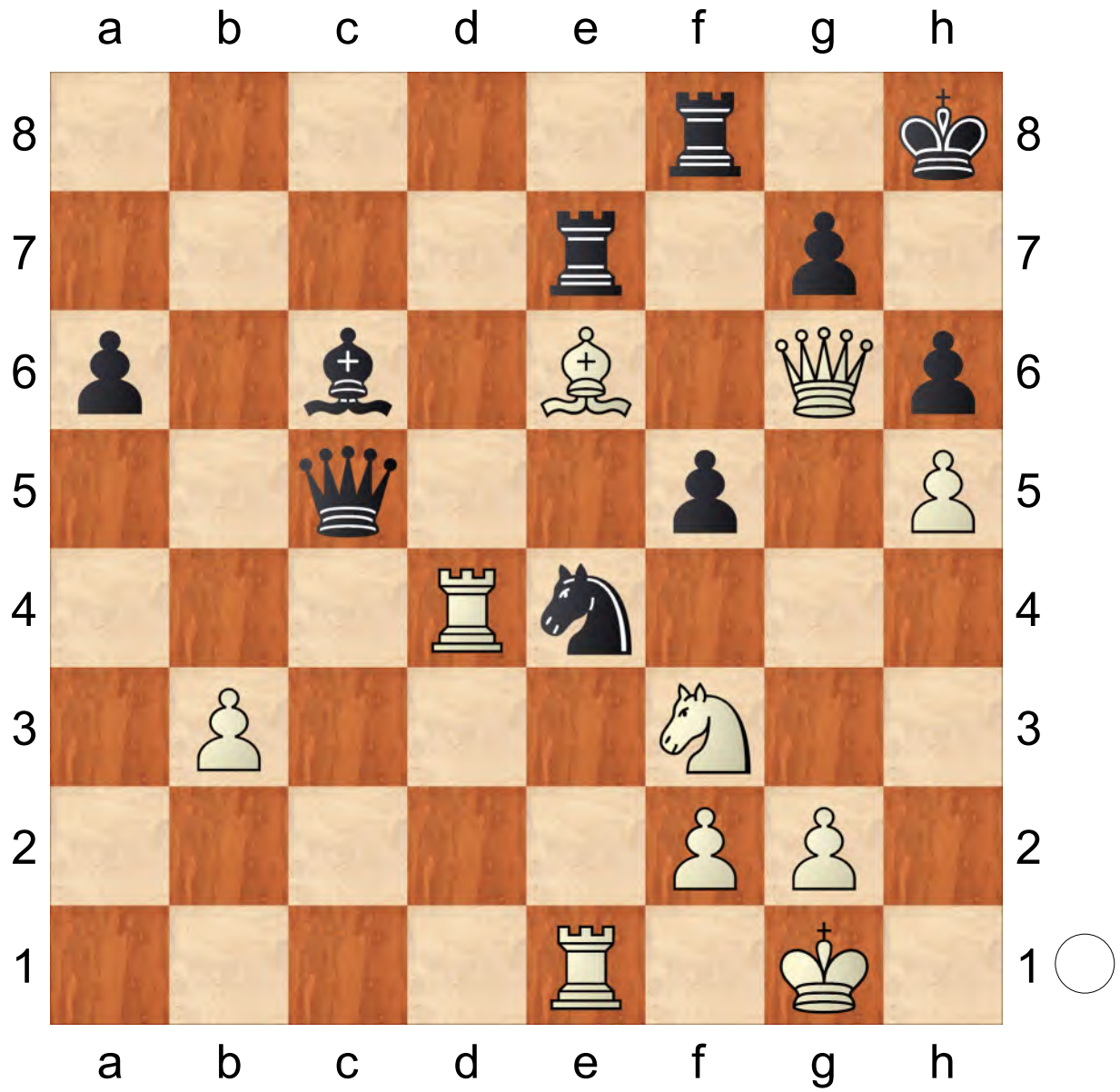
32.Bc4 Qb6?? This move is just a tactical oversight.

[Necessary was 32...Bd5 33.Bxd5 exd5 34.Qxa6 with approximate equality.]

33.Bxc5?? Wrong moves order!

[By 33.Bxe6+! Qxe6 *(33...Kh8?? 34.Qxh6#)* 34.Bxc5 White could win an

exchange without any compensation.]
33...Qxc5?! It's not clear why Morozevich gave his ♙e6.
[After 33...Nxc5 White still has to prove his compensation.]
34.Bxe6+ Kh8 35.Rd4 Bc6



36.Bxf5 Nf6 37.Rc4
[37.Rxe7 Qxe7 followed by 38...♗e8, Black will equalize.]
37...Rxe1+ 38.Nxe1 Qe7 39.Nd3 Be8 40.Qg3 Nxh5

(Diagram)

41.Qg4 After a tense time-trouble a totally equal position arised. **41...Bf7 42.Rc5 Qd6 43.Qb4 Bg8 44.Ra5 Qxb4**

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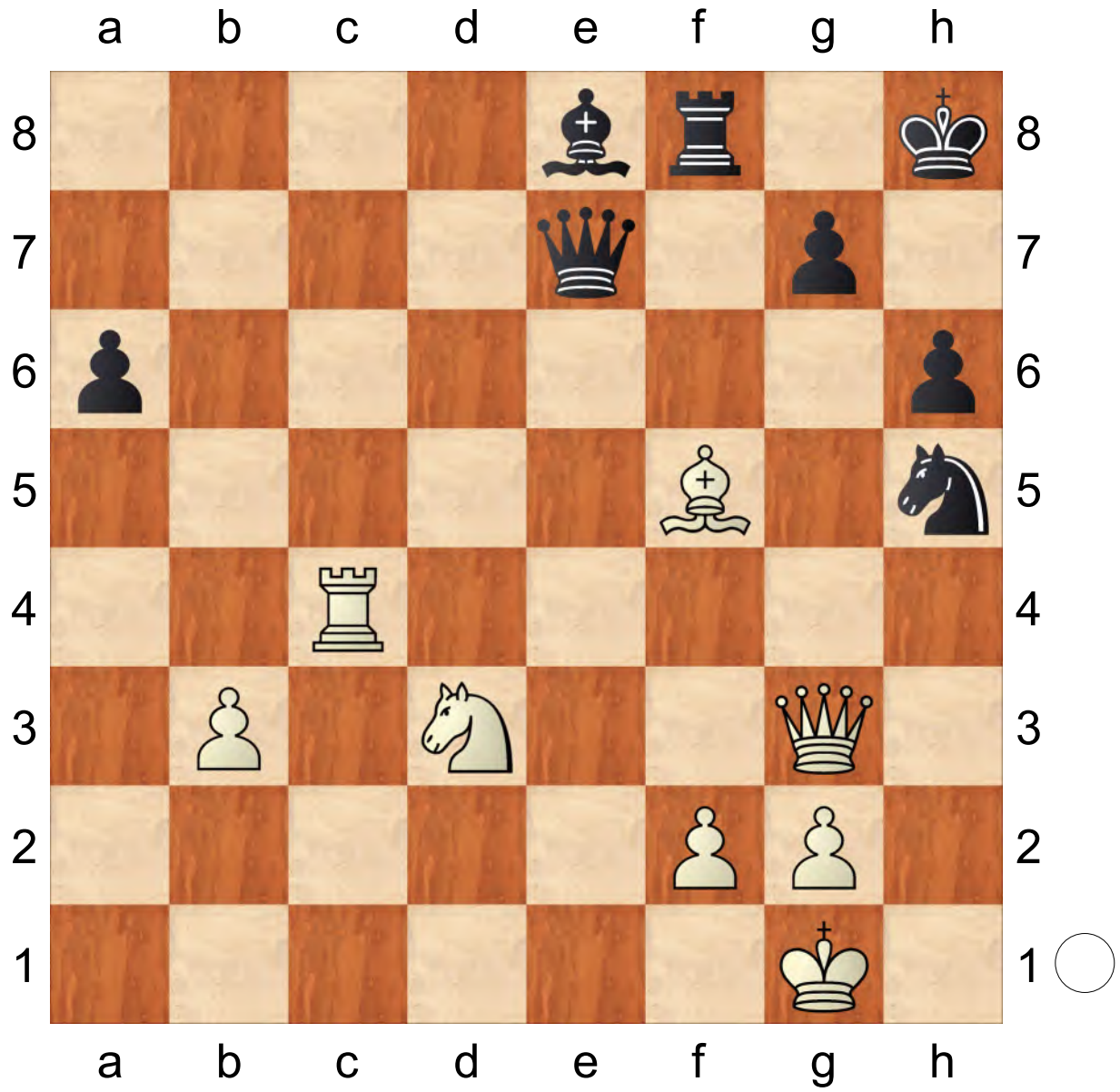

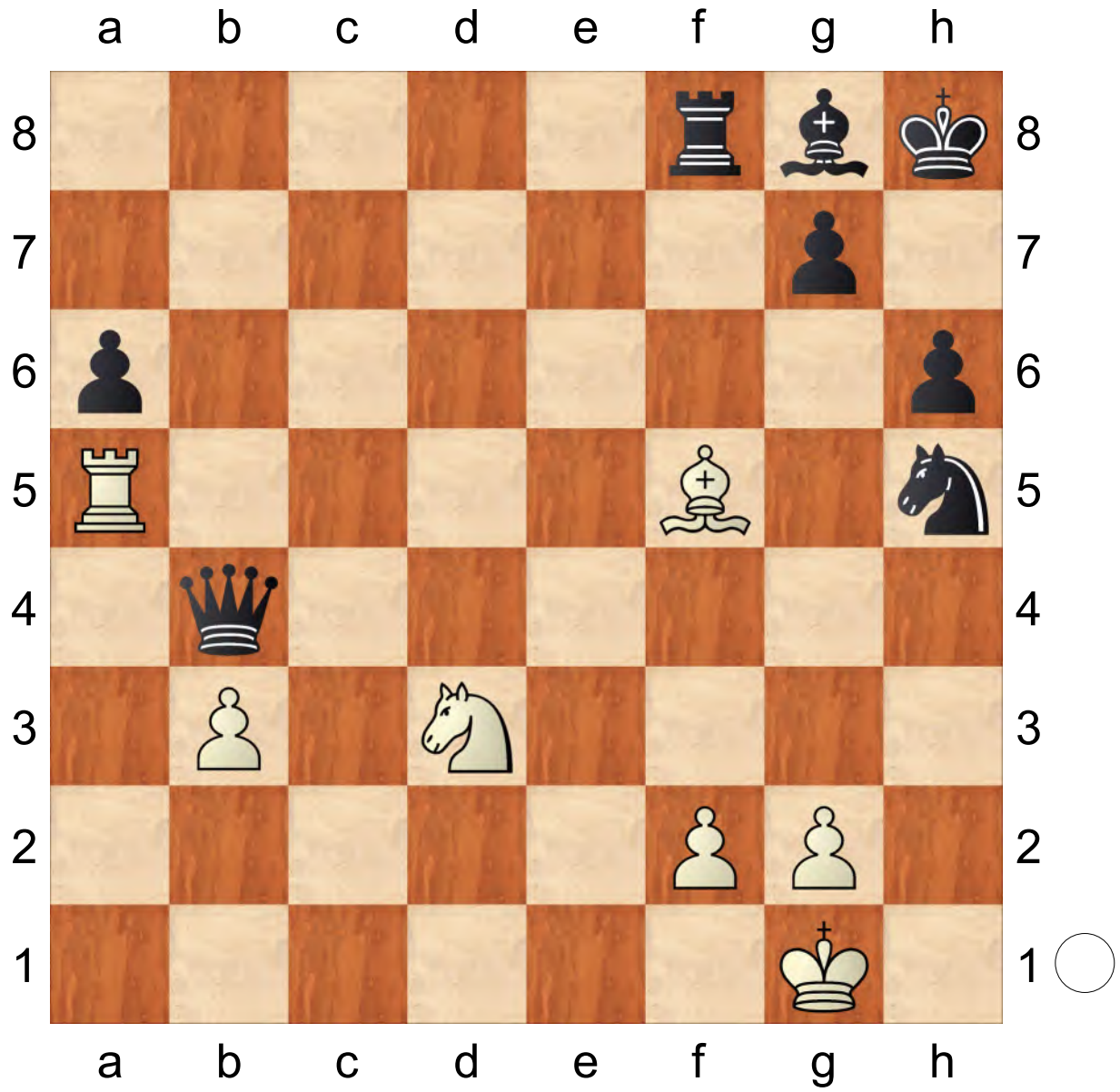

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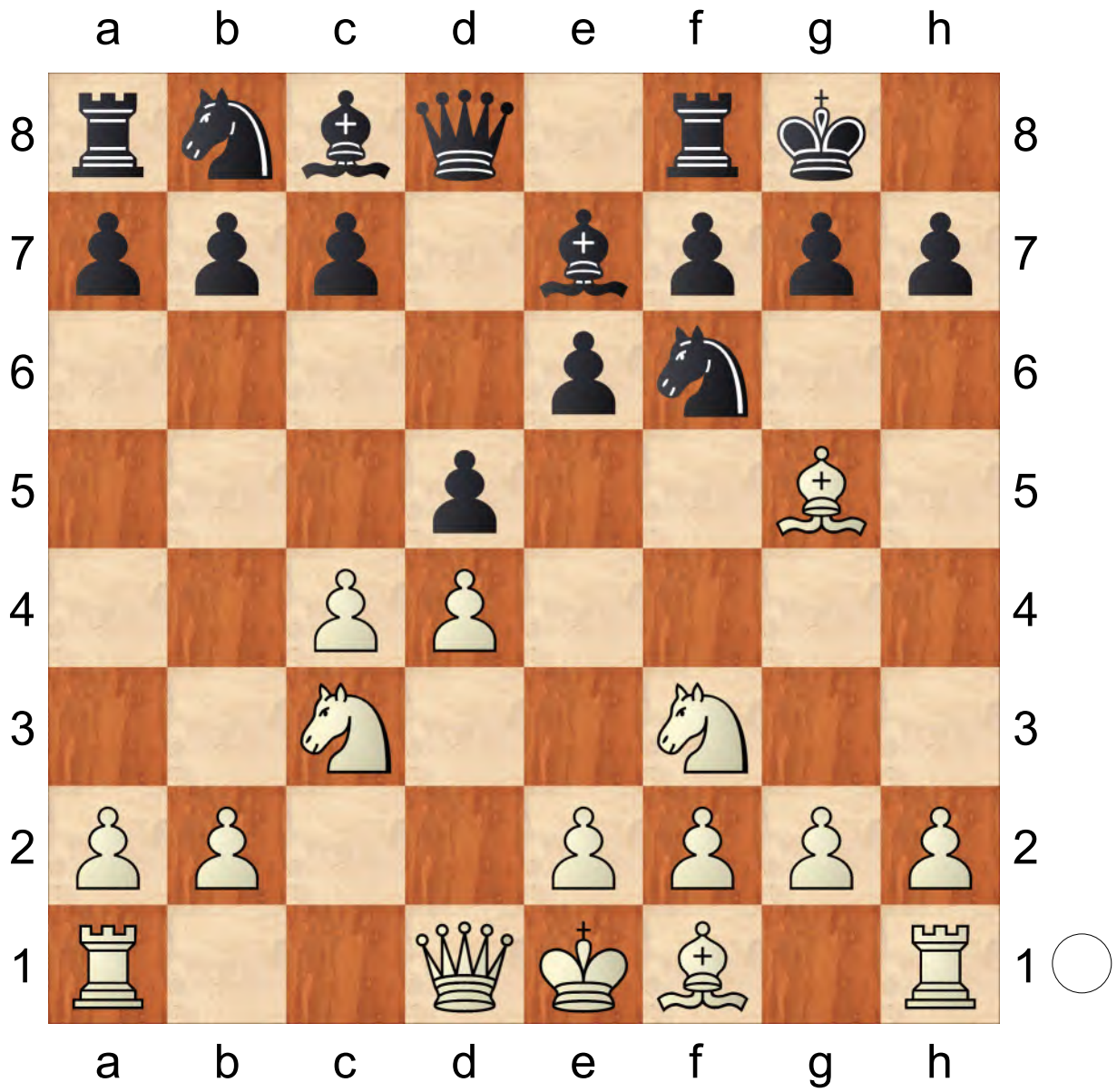
■ **Hansen,Curt** **2618**
DEN-ch Aalborg (3) 17.04.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0**



6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 a6 8.c5 c6 9.Bd3 e5 10.Bxf6
[10.dxe5 -another continuation]
10...Bxf6

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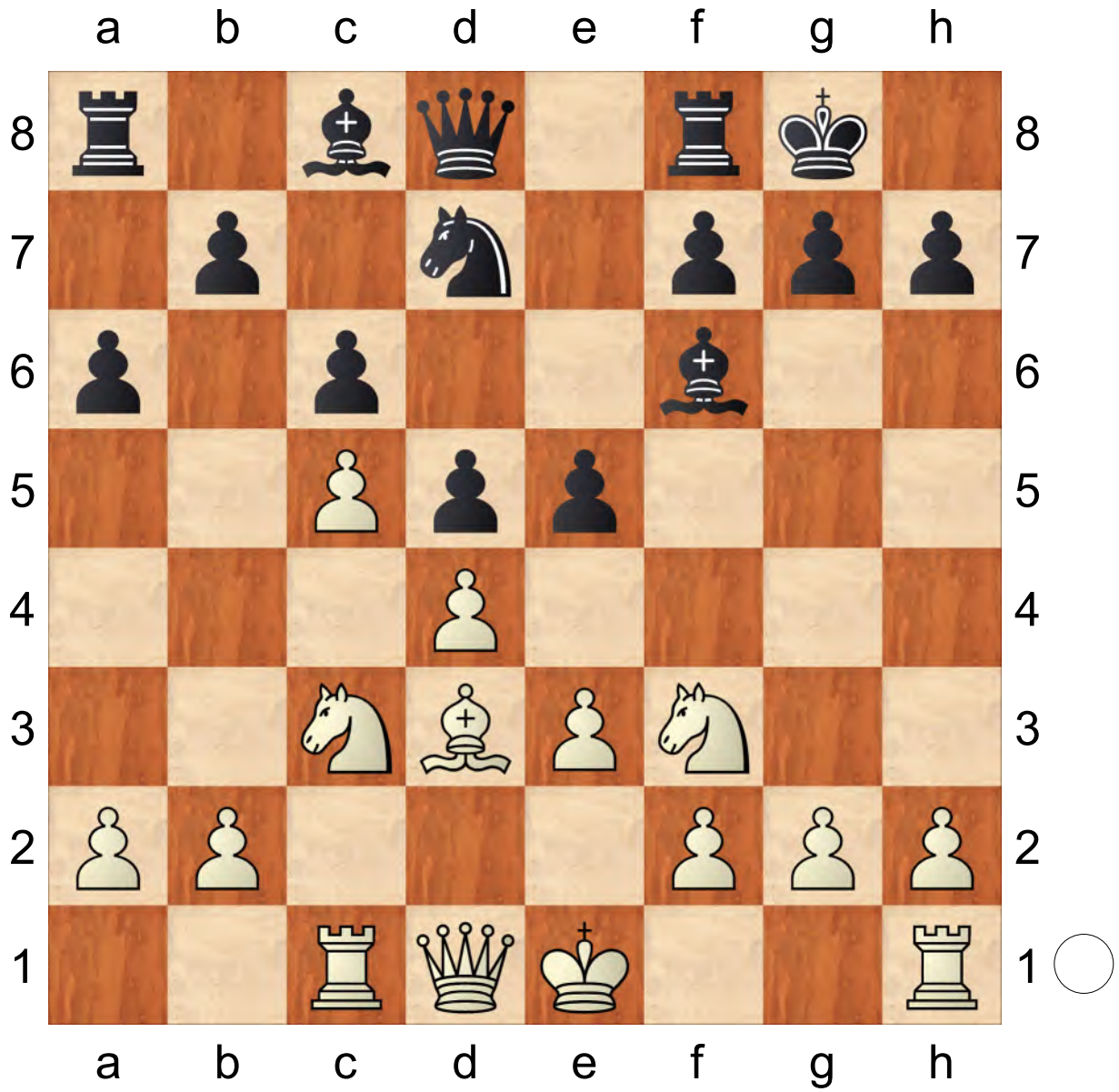


11.dxe5

[11.Nxe5 Bxe5 *(11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Be7 13.Na4 Qa5+ 14.Rc3 Be6 15.0-0±)* 12.dxe5 Nxc5 13.Bb1⇄ 1-0 Boyd-Spitzenberger/cr 1978/[5] (25)]

11...Be7

[11...Nxe5? 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qh5+ Kg8 15.Qxe5±]

12.Qc2

[12.b4 Qc7 13.Qc2 *(13.0-0 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qc2 f5 16.Ne2 g6=* 1-0 Brinck Claussen,B-Van Voorthuijsen,P/Lyngby op 1988/[5] (40)*)* 13...g6 14.0-0 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4= ½-½ Schulien,C-Kogan,B/ Atlanta 1988/[5] (33)]

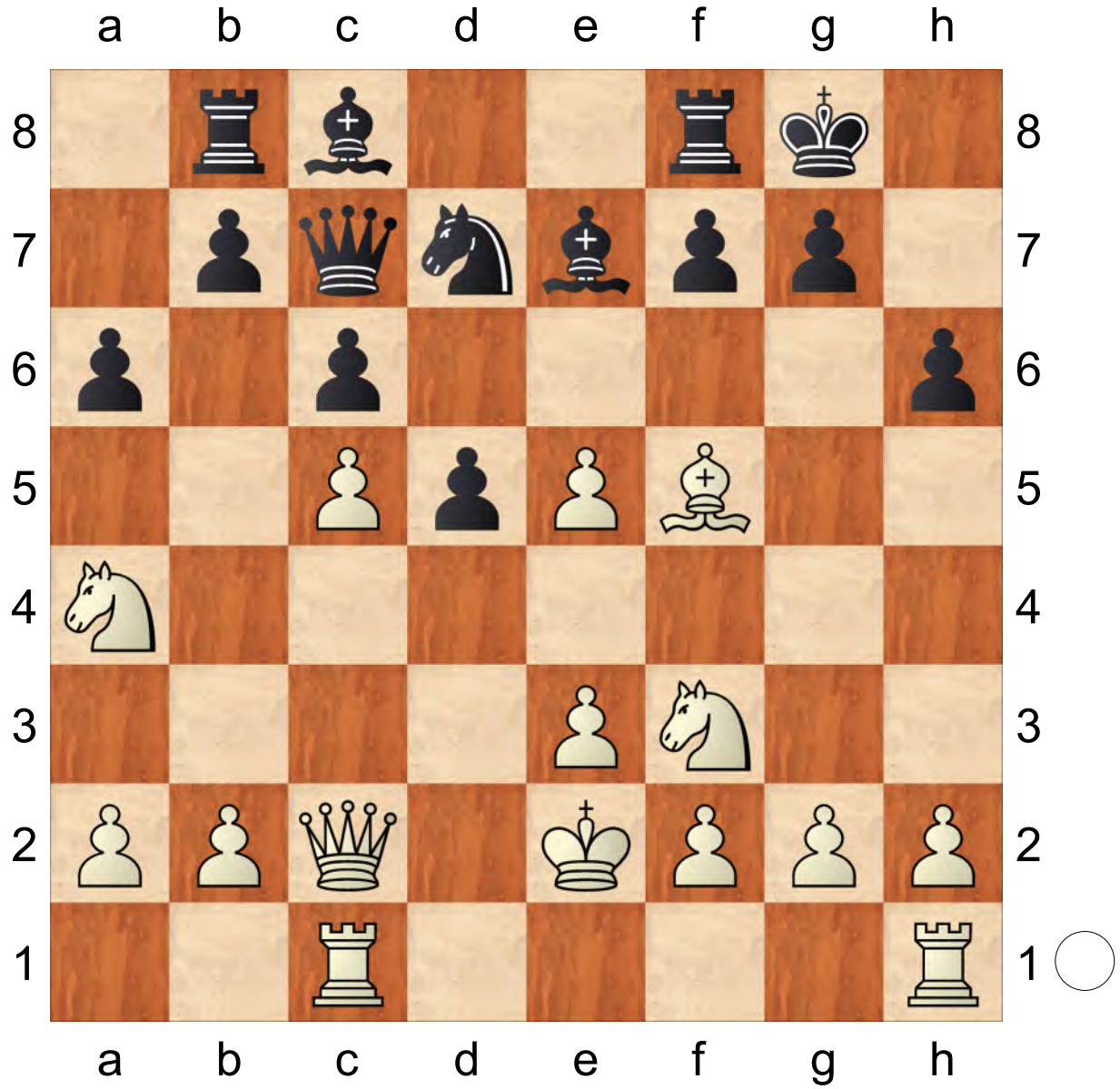
[12.0-0 Nxc5 13.Bb1 Bg4=]

[12.Na4 Qa5+ 13.Ke2 Re8 14.Qc2 h6 15.h4 Bd8 16.e6 Rxe6 17.Nd4 Rf6⇄ 1-0 Fatalibekova,E-Ovchinikova,J/Moscow RUS 1999/[5] (34)]

12...h6
[12...g6 13.Na4 Qa5+ *(13...Qc7 14.e6 fxe6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qxe6+ Rf7)* 14.Ke2 Qc7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6+ Kh8 18.Qh6+ Kg8 19.Qg6+ ½-½ Schmidt,W-Davidovic,A/Dortmund II 1988/[5] (19)]
13.Na4⇄
[Another possibilities didn't promise for White any advantage: 13.0-0 Nxc5 14.Bh7+ Kh8 15.Bf5 Bxf5 16.Qxf5
A) 16...Qd7 17.Nd4 Rae8 18.Rfd1 Qxf5 19.Nxf5 Nd7 20.Nxd5!? *(20.f4⇄)* 20...cxd5 21.Rc7 g6 22.Rxd7 gxf5 23.Rxb7 Bd8 24.Rxd5⩲ ½-½ Christiansen,L-Seul,G/BL 1991/[5] (54);
B) 16...Qb6 17.Rc2 Rae8 18.Rd1⇄]
[13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.0-0 *(16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Qxc5 Kxh7 18.0-0=)* 16...Ba7 17.Rcd1 Qe7 18.Qc4!?⇄ ½-½ Romanishin,O-Bellini,F/Reggio Emilia 1998/CBM 63/(41) *(18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Bf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Rad8 21.h4=)*]
13...Qa5+?± This move is bad! See comments to 15 move of Black
[Right is 13...Qc7! 14.Qc3 *(14.Bf5 Nxe5 15.Nb6 Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Rad8 18.b4 d4∓)* 14...Re8
A) 15.e6 fxe6 16.0-0 Bf6 17.Qc2 Rb8 18.b3 ½-½ Kharitonov-Sokolov/Moscu URS ch 1988/[5] (18) *(18.e4 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.g3=; 18.b3 e5 19.e4 Nf8 20.Nb6 Be6 21.Rfd1 Kh8=)*;
B) 15.Bb1 Bd8! 16.Qc2 *(16.0-0⇄)* 16...g6 17.0-0⇄ *(17.Nb6?! Nxb6 18.cxb6 Qxb6∓; 17.h4?! h5 18.Nd4 Qxe5 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.Qc3 Ne5∓* 0-1 Wiedenkeller,M-Thorsteinsson,T/Saltsjobaden 1988/Inf 47/ (35) *)*;
C) 15.0-0 Bf8 16.e4 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Qxe5= ½-½ Loginov,V-Balashov,Y/URS-FL Sverdlovsk 1987/[5] (24)]
14.Ke2 Qc7 15.Bf5
[15.Qc3 Re8 16.Rhe1 Bf8 17.Kf1 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Nxc8 Rxc8= 0-1 Visier Segovia,F-Lombardy,W/Nice 1974/[5] (78)]
15...Rb8
[Here 15...Nxe5 is bad because after 16.Nb6 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Nxf3 without check! 18.Nxa8± Therefore 13...♕a5+ is mistake!]

(Diagram)

16.e6 fxe6 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.h3?⩲ Ununderstandable move without any idea.
[Why not 18.h4!±
A) 18...Ne5 19.Bxc8 Rbxc8
A1) 20.Nb6 Rce8
A1a) 21.Ng5? Bxg5 22.hxg5 Ng4 23.Rcf1 Qf4! 24.Kd1 *(24.Kd2 Qxf2+!∓)* 24...Nxf2+∓;



A1b) 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Nd7 Qh5+ 23.f3±;

A2) 20.Ng5 hxg5 21.hxg5+ Kg8 22.f4 g6!? *(22...Nc4 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qh7+ Ke8 26.Qxg6++-)* 23.fxe5 Rf5 24.Rh6 Qxe5 25.Nb6 Rd8 26.g4 Rxg5 27.Rxg6+±;

B) 18...b5

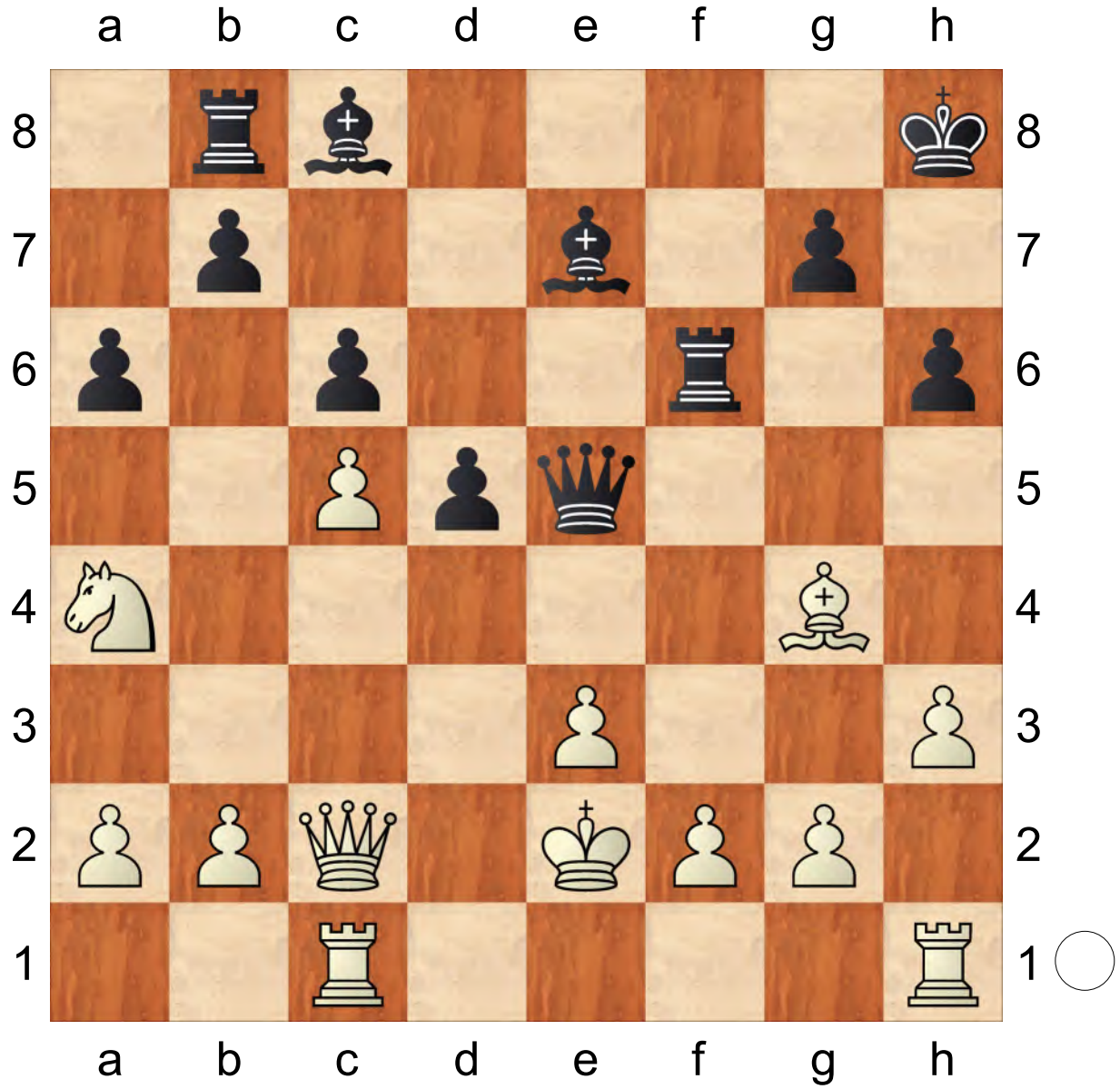
B1) 19.Nb6? Nxb6 20.cxb6 Qd6 21.Bxc8 Rfxc8 22.Ng5 hxg5 23.hxg5+ Kg8 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.b7 Rd8 26.Qf5+ Kg8 27.Qh7+= *(27.g6 Bf6 28.Rh5 Rxb7 29.Rch1 Kf8∓)*;

B2) 19.cxb6!? Nxb6 20.Bxc8 Nxa4 21.Qxa4 Rxb2+ 22.Rc2 Rxc2+ 23.Qxc2 Rxc8 24.Ng5± ½-½ Morrison,G-Speelman/Brighton ch-ENG YB/2-234 1984/[5] (36) This game played about 16 years ago, but Hansen didn't know or maybe forgot this important game.]

18...Rf6 19.Bg4?∓ A series of mistakes is continued

[⩲19.Nd4! Ne5 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Nb6 Rcf8 22.Rhf1 Bd8 23.f3⩱]

19...Ne5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5



21.Nb6

[21.Bxc8 Rxc8

A) 22.Nb6 Rcf8 23.Rhf1 *(23.Rcf1 Bxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxf2+!-+* This tactical Impact will take place in this game... *)* 23...d4∓;

B) 22.Rcf1 d4 23.b4 Rd8 24.Nb2 Qd5 25.e4 Re6 26.f3 Qxa2 27.Rc1 a5∓;

C) 22.Qc3 Qe4 23.Nb6 Qxg2 24.Qxf6 Bxf6 25.Nxc8 d4∓;

D) 22.Rhf1 Rcf8 23.Qb3 Qh5+ 24.Ke1 Qg5 25.Rc2 *(25.g4 Rf3 26.Rc3 Qh4 27.Rc2 Qxh3∓; 25.g3 Rxf2-+)* 25...Qxg2 26.Qxb7 Rxf2 27.Rcxf2 Bh4 28.Qxa6 Bxf2+ 29.Kd1 Qe4∓]

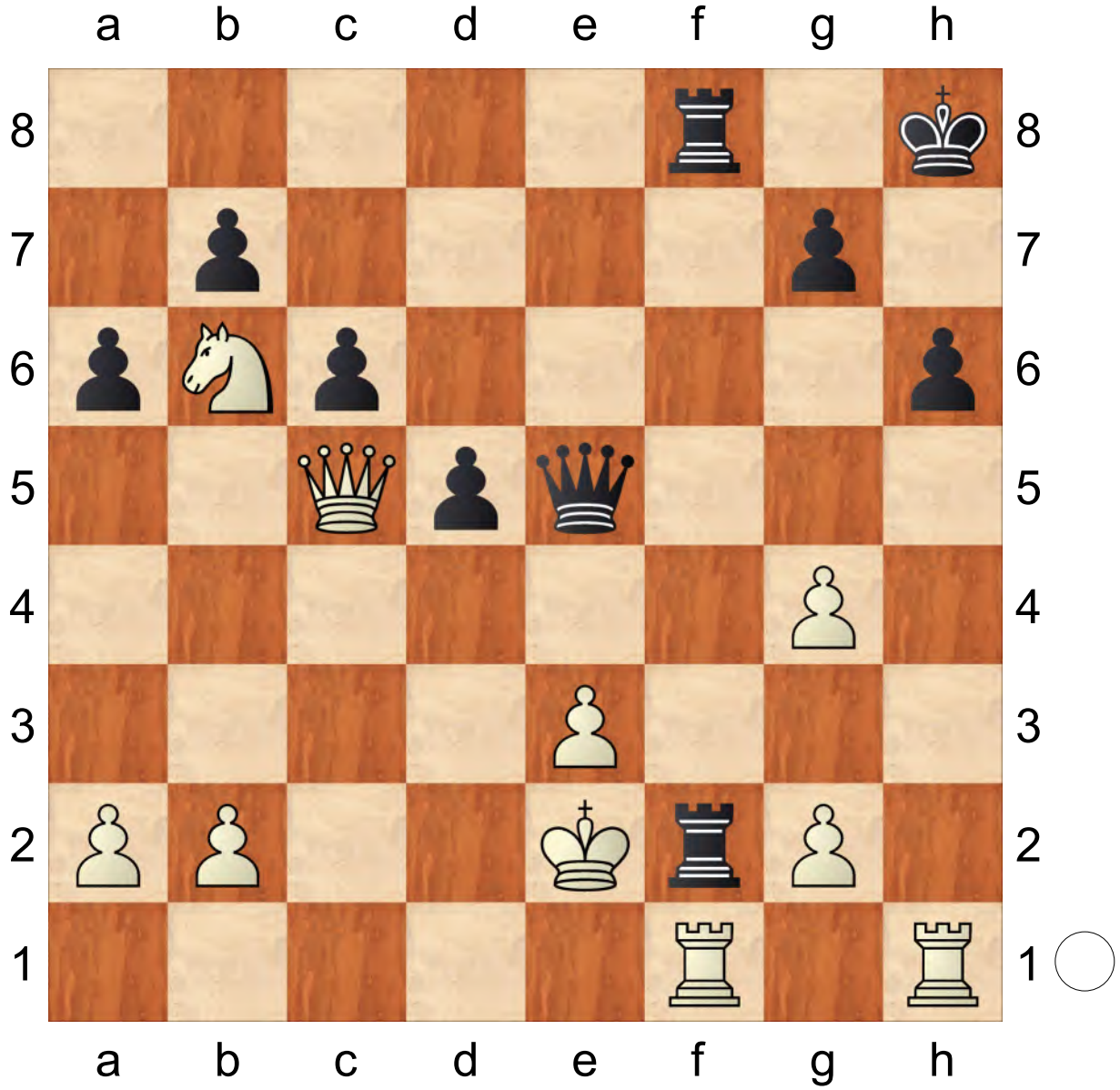
21...Bxg4+ 22.hxg4 Rbf8 23.Rcf1?-+

[23.f3? Re6 24.Qb3 Qg3 25.Rhg1 Bg5-+]
[23.Rhf1! d4 24.Nc4 Qxc5 25.Qe4 dxe3 26.f4 Bd8∓]

23...Bxc5 24.Qxc5

[24.Nd7 Rxf2+-+]

24...Rxf2+!



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□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2778**
■ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2695**
Sofia MTel Masters 1st (9) 21.05.2005
[Tyomkin,Dimitri]

Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Nimzowitsch considered 'his' Queen's Indian Defence to be so strong that he even started to employ it with the white pieces (by playing 1 Nf3 and 2 b3). Nowadays his 4...Ba6 variation is a frequent guest in top-level games, and the theory on it develops at an amazing speed, as shown by the following game.'' **1.d4** Tyomkin,D Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D I believe Ponomariov was prepared for 1.e4 - the move which Topalov used to beat Ruslan in Corus 2005; **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+**

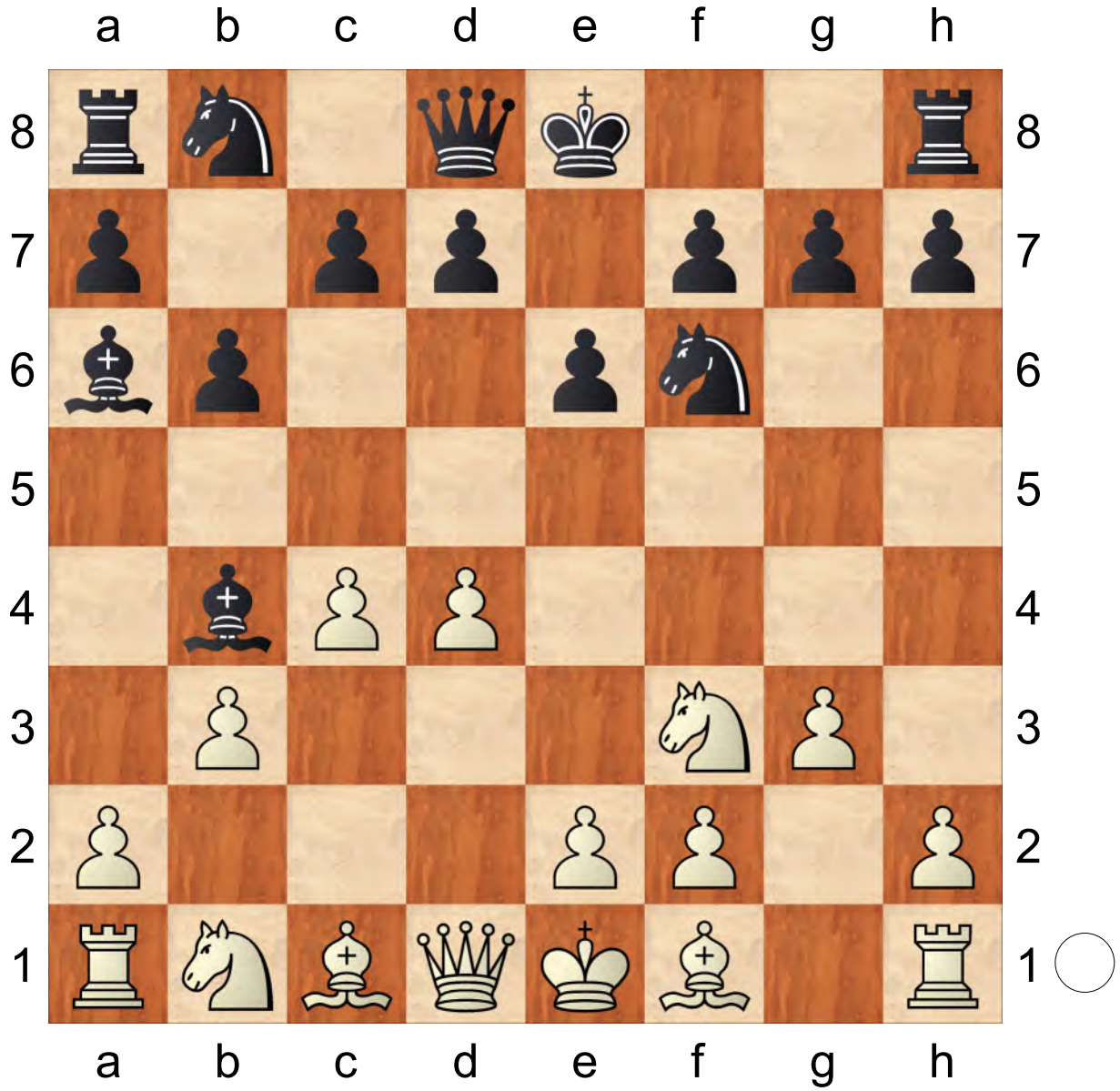
(Diagram)

6.Bd2 Be7 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'This modern way of handling the position just seems to lose a tempo, but are matters so clear? Let's ask Artur Yusupov, a renowned opening expert. This is what he had to say: 'After b2-b3 the natural square for White's bishop would have been b2. Eventually, White will try to put his bishop on the long diagonal all the same, but on c3 it is less securely placed than on b2 and is also depriving the knight of its natural development square. On the other hand, if White brings out his knight to c3, he will still have to remove his bishop from d2. So it turns out that Black's manoeuvre doesn't actually lose a tempo at all.'''
7.Nc3 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!?' John Emms: 'This move has always been overshadowed by 7 Bg2, after which Black erects that solid block of pawns with ...c7-c6 and ...d7-d5 (we've seen this quite a few times on this website). If White wishes to keep his c-pawn on the board after . ..d7-d5, then Nc3 isn't such a great move - Bc3 and Nbd2 is the way to protect c4. On the other hand an early Nc3 introduces the idea of a quick e2-e4."

[7.Bc3 Tyomkin,D c6 8.Bg2 d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 leads to another tabiya of the Queen's Indian Defence. This position has been examined a great deal in the last two decades, resulting in lines that reach well beyond move 20. I'll restrict myself to giving what is considered to be the current main line: Rc8 13.e4 c5 14.exd5 exd5 15.dxc5 dxc4 16.c6 cxb3! 17.Re1 Bb5 *(*also interesting is *17...b2 18.Bxb2 Nc5* which leads to unclear play according to Oleinikov *)* 18.axb3 Bxc6 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Rxa7 Bf6 21.Nc4 and White's more active pieces should offer him a slight edge.]

7...0-0

[7...c6 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'is Black's other main choice.'' 8.e4 d5 9.Qc2 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Neg5 1-0 Topalov,V-Anand,V/Sofia 2005/CBM 107_01/ [Tyomkin,] (52)]



[7...d5 (Tyomkin,D) would be a more direct way to oppose White in the centre, but usually White gets the better of it. After 8.cxd5 we have:

A) 8...exd5 gains firm control over e4, but after 9.Bg2 Black's light-squared bishop is not doing much on the f1-a6 diagonal. There could follow 0-0 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rc1 Na6 12.Ne5 Qc8 13.Bg5 Rd8 14.f4! c5 15.e3 Nc7 16.f5 with a dangerous kingside initiative in E.Magerramov-K.Sakaev, St Petersburg 1992.;

B) 8...Nxd5 is more dynamic, but unfortunately Black is not able to put the white centre under sufficient pressure. After 9.e4 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bb7 *(* exchanging the bishop with *10...Bxf1* exchanging the bishop with *11.Kxf1* carries no weight as the king can be safely moved to g2; in return Black misses his bishop which is a key defender of the light squares*)* 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Bg2 Nd7 13.0-0 c5 14.d5 exd5 15.exd5 Bf6 *(*taking the pawn with *15...Bxd5* is not good at all, as

after *16.Rad1 Be6 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Nc6 Qe8 19.Nxa7* White wins his pawn back and remains with much the better position due to the placement of his two bishops *)* 16.Rad1 Re8 17.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 18.Bxe1 Nf8 19.Bc3 Qd6 20.Nd2 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Rd8 22.Nc4 White safely protected his passed pawn and went on to win in P.Nikolic-A.Sokolov, Reykjavik 1988.;

C) 8...--]

8.Rc1 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '!?' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!?" Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!?' John Emms: '!?' John Emms: 'Topalov's patent. I can't be certain, but I suspect that this is a high-class "semi-waiting" move, trying to induce Black into playing ...c7-c6 before advancing with e2-e4. And of course the rook can become active in many lines." Topalov's variation again! I must notice that it's his first victory in this variation!

[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'This move is Topalov's trademark in place of the more standard'' 8.Bg2 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: 'Ü 92/486' is a move usually played in this position; c6 9.e4 d5 10.Qe2 is another way to play but, despite playing g3, Topalov wants his bishop ond3!]

[and Tyomkin,D: 'and John Emms: 'The immediate" 8.e4 (Tyomkin,D) . d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Bd3 is possible, but then Bb7! has proved to be a good move for Black.]

8...c6 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'This had been recommended by Dimitri Tyomkin in 'ChessBase Magazine 105', but Topalov comes up with a strong improvement." Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'This had been recommended by Dimitri Tyomkin in 'ChessBase Magazine 105', but Topalov comes up with a strong improvement.' John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'This allows White to seize space in the centre.'" I recommended this move in CBM 105, but missed a strong improvement for White in this line on move 10... I'm sorry, Ruslan;

[Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Instead, no-nonsense development of the queenside with" 8...Bb7 9.Bg2 d5

A) 10.cxd5 (Tyomkin,D) leads to positions similar to those from the note to Black's 7th move. After exd5 11.0-0 Nbd7 *(*or *11...Na6 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Ne5 c5 14.Nb5* with a white advantage in L.Van Wely-J.Timman, London 2007*)* 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Bf4 c6 (Black had to prevent 14 Nb5) 14.Qb2 Nf8 15.Rfd1 Ng6 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.b4 Black lacked counterplay in R.Kempinski-G.Schmidt, Dresden 2007.;

B) 10.Ne5 Na6 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'had proved safe enough for Black in a Topalov-Kramnik encounter." 11.cxd5 exd5 12.0-0 c5 13.Be3 Re8 14.Nd3 Qd7 15.Na4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Ne4= ½-½ Topalov,V-Kramnik,V/Monaco 2004/CBM 099 ext (41)]

[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'The best move in this position seems to be the annoying'' 8...Ba3 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!?' Christoph Scheerer: '. Naturally the rook doesn't want to leave the c-file, but after" Finkel

A) 9.Rb1 d5 10.cxd5 *(10.b4 c5 11.bxc5 bxc5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qa4 cxd4 14.Qxa3 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Ne4∞)* 10...exd5 11.Bg2 c5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bg5 Re8⇄;

B) 9.Rc2 Nc6 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'White has to cope with the threat of 10...Nb4. The game I.Ibragimov-A.Ivanov, Stillwater 2007, continued'' 10.Bc1 Bb4 *(10...Bxc1 11.Rxc1 Bb7 12.Bg2 Ne7 13.0-0 d6 14.Qd3 Re8 15.e4±)* 11.Bg2 *(11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Rxc3 Bb7 13.Bg2 Ne7 14.0-0 d6∞)* 11...b5!? Beliavsky is famous for his uncompromising style, that's why he starts a fight for the initiative from the very first moves. *(11...Bxc3+* Tyomkin,D *12.Rxc3 Nb4 13.Ba3 c5 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.0-0 Qc7 16.Bxb4 cxb4 17.Rc2 Bb7 18.f3 a5 19.e4 d6* and Black had a solid position.*)* 12.cxb5 ½-½ Ionov,S-Beliavsky,A/Sochi 2004/CBM 101/[Finkel,A] (81) Bxb5

B1) 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Ne4 *(14...Rb8 15.Re1 Ne4)* 15.Re3 d5 16.a4 Ba6 17.Ba3±;

B2) 13.Bd2 Rb8 14.0-0 a5 Black's play on the queenside is based on the advance of the a-pawn. 15.Nxb5 Rxb5 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qd2 Nb4 19.Rcc1 c6 20.Rfd1 Qa8 21.e3 *(21.e4 d5 22.e5 Be7 23.Rc3 Rb6 24.Rdc1∞)* 21...Rfb8 22.Ne5?! I don't like the idea to give Black a chance to get rid of the knight. Bxe5 23.dxe5 R5b7 24.Rc4 Nd5 ½-½ Ionov,S-Beliavsky,A/Sochi 2004/CBM 101/[Finkel,A] (81)]

[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Naturally, many other moves have been tried here as well: The correct treatment of'' 8...d5 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'should be familiar by now:'' From my annotations in CBM 105: Judit invents a novelty, while it seems like Black got good play in the previous games. I am not sure that Judit prepared this move at her home preparation - she probably more expected 1.e4 from Topalov in this game. 8...c6 followed by d5 looks like the strongest move; 9.cxd5 *(9.Bg2* Tyomkin,D *Re8 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Bf4* and White has a slight advantage.*)* 9...Nxd5 *(9...exd5 10.Bg2±)* 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bg2 Re8 12.Rc2 This rook will serve to protect e2 - White intends to move the bishop d2 and then to castle if possible... but this game got a completely different scenario!

A) 12...c5! 13.0-0 Nc6 (this already looks fine for Black, who is very active) 14.Bc3 *(14.dxc5!? bxc5 15.Re1)* 14...Rc8 15.Bh3 Rc7 16.Re1 cxd4! 17.Bxd4 *(17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bb4)* 17...Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bb4 19.Rf1? Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Bc5! 21.Rd1 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Rxe2 23.Qc1 Qf6! 24.Rf4 Qe7 25.Kg2 Re1 0-1 Leko-Adams, Miskolc (rapid) 2005. Is the answer to 8 Rc1 that straightforward?;

B) 12...Bd6 13.Bg5 Bb4+! This intermediate check prevents white from castling in this game! Topalov definitely expected this move. 14.Kf1 f6 15.Bf4 Nd7?! 0-1 Topalov,V-Polgar,J/Wijk aan Zee 2005/CBM 105_03/[Tyomkin,D] (53) 15... ♗d6 looks safe and logical, while Judit goes for the fast development. *(15...Bd6 16.Ne5! Bb7 17.Nd3 a5!=)*]

[8...c5 (Tyomkin,D) runs into a typical motif in the Queen's Indian with 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.d5 exd5 11.Nh4! . In T.Polak-G.Papp, Brno 2006, Black tried to solve his problems with Ne4 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.cxd5 Nd6 , but after 14.Bf4 f5 (Black couldn't allow the white knight to reach f5) 15.Qd3 g6 16.0-0 White was

much better.]

9.e4 d5 10.e5! Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: 'N!' From Sofia reports: Veselin explained at the press conference in Sofia, he simply forgot to play 10.e5 first (referring it to his game vs Gelfand), and opted for 10.♗d3?! unintentionally!

[Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'An improvement over'' 10.Bd3 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '?!' dxe4 *(10...dxc4!? 11.bxc4 e5* '!' Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov, D: '∓' Tyomkin,D: '!' '!' '!' and black look very good here. Tyomkin,D: 'and black looks great here.'*; 10...dxc4!? 11.bxc4 e5!* and black looks great here.*)* 11.Nxe4 Nbd7 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Bc3 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Qe2 Bb7 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '=' John Emms: 'which gave Black no problems in Topalov-Gelfand, Monaco 2004.'' 16.0-0 h6 *(16...Re8!? 17.b4 e5 18.Ng5?! Bd4 19.Ne4 Rc8 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6∓* 0-1 Bologan,V-Tkachiev,V/Belfort 2004/EXT 2005 (35)*)* 17.b4 Be7 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Be4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 a5!= ½-½ Topalov,V-Gelfand,B/Monaco 2004/CBM 099 ext (50)]

10...Ne4

[10...Ne8 11.Bd3 c5 12.dxc5 with a similar scenario.]

[10...Nfd7!? Δ11.Bd3 *(11.Bf4!?; 11.Be3!?)* 11...c5 Black looks OK here;]

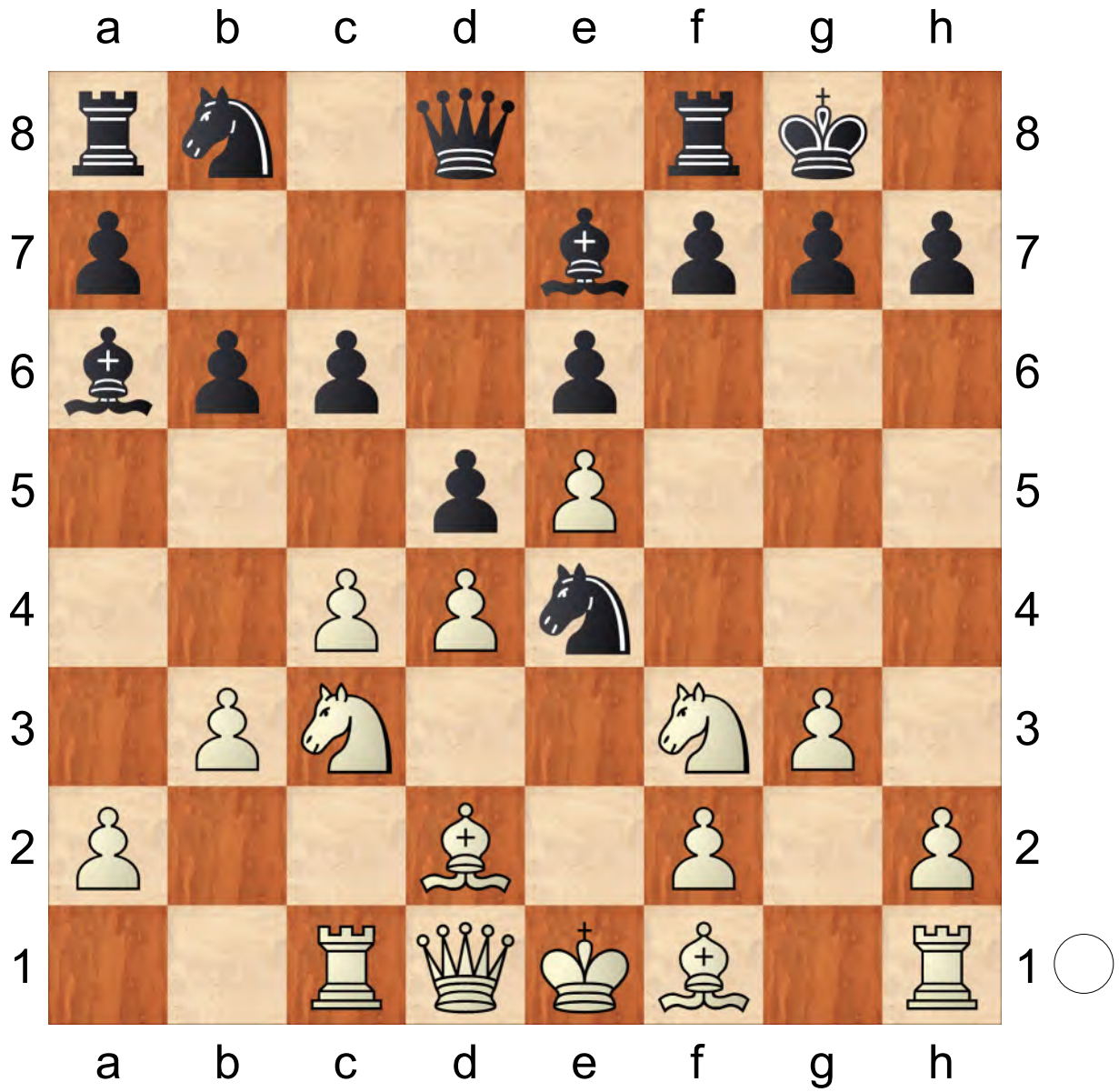
(Diagram)

A good alternative could be 10... ♘fd7. **11.Bd3** Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Now when compared to the 8 e4 line, there is no ...Bb7 available as the pawn is on c6 rather than c7.'' Ruslan definitely saw this position for the first time in his life... **11...Nxc3?!** Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Surprising though it may be, this move could already be the decisive mistake.'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Surprising though it may be, this move could already be the decisive mistake.' John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: '?''' All of Black's problems started from this move;

[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Hardly better is'' 11...f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Qe2± Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'when White has a significant edge due to the weakness of Black's e-pawn'' following with 0-0. White has a clear edge here;]

[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'but'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'but' John Emms: 'Hindsight is a wonderful thing: I can drink my tea and calmly point out that Black should eliminate the more dangerous white piece with '' ⌓11...Nxd2 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: '.'' 12.Qxd2 f6 *(12...dxc4* Ponomariov, Ruslan; Komarov,D *13.bxc4 Nd7 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Qe3 Re8 16.Rfe1± ⊞)* 13.0-0 Nd7 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'is a more critical test.'' and here White must prove that he has something;]

12.Rxc3 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '!' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!' Christoph Scheerer: 'It would seem more natural to recapture with the bishop, but as the game will show, this bishop is needed on the diagonal where it is currently employed.'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!' Christoph Scheerer: 'It would seem more natural to recapture with the bishop, but as the game will show, this bishop is



needed on the diagonal where it is currently employed.' John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'With this recapture White's intentions are becoming clearer - a quickfire attack on the kingside looms. The bishop keeps control of g5 and the rook on c3 might be able to do a swinger to the kingside.'' From Sofia reports: "Both Kramnik and Anand, absolutely independently from each from other, stated that the outcome of the Topalov-Ponomariov game was already pre-determined on move 12 - here!" **12...c5** Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Black needs to get counterplay quickly if he doesn't want to be crushed on the kingside.'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Black needs to get counterplay quickly if he doesn't want to be crushed on the kingside.' John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'Ponomariov plays the standard freeing move. And why not? The white pieces are ill deployed to support their own pawn centre, let alone cause grief to the advancing black pawns. Indeed, there appears to be a distinct clutter in the white camp. The queen has lost influence over the d4-square, as two bishops

block her view. A clumsy-looking rook is sitting on c3 which Black can gain time by attacking with ...c5xd4. And finally, the white bishop has 'stupidly' gone to d3 rather than to g2, where it could put pressure on the long diagonal by attacking d5. Hence we see that the three main enemies of the black pawn centre are either misplaced (the bishop on d3), blocked in (the queen), or off the board (the knight has vanished from c3). It's no wonder that Ponomariov was optimistic under these circumstances. His plan is clear: a quick ...Nc6 will be coupled with the exchange of pawns on the c-file and d-file, when he will have completed his development with the chance to attack the loose pawn on e5. It seems that he is going to emerge with an easy and safe game. The above assessment of the position is completely logical; in most games of this type Black equalizes – or more – when he has avoided trouble down the c-file or the h1-a8 diagonal. But before we jump to conclusions let's see what actually happened in the game: '" Black needs to get any counterplay really fast, otherwise he will lose on the kingside; **13.dxc5 bxc5** Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '?' Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '?' John Emms: 'A natural recapture, but Black after this there is little doubt that Black is already losing - there is simply no time to arrange his defence." Here Ruslan could have received counterplay by 13...d4;

[13...d4 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: ', as suggested by Jonathan Speelman on Chess Today, throws a hefty spanner in the works:" 14.Rc1

A) 14...bxc5 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D 15.Be4 *(15.h4 Bb7)* 15...Nd7

A1) 16.h4 Qc7 17.Bg5 *(17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qh5 Qxe5+ 20.Kf1 Nf6-+)* 17...Rae8;

A2) 16.Qc2 f5 17.exf6 Nxf6;

A3) 16.Bxa8 Qxa8 17.0-0 Qc6⩱;

A4) 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Re1 Bb7∞;

B) 14...Bb7 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!" 15.cxb6 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '?" *(15.0-0 bxc5* and, having been forced to castle, White can no longer attack as Topalov does so effectively in the game.*)* 15...Nd7 Black doesn't look that bad here! *(15...Qxb6!* and White will have massive problems on the long diagonal after ...Qc6 *)*]

14.h4 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '!' Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '[Δ Bh7↑]' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'This move prepares a classic bishop sacrifice on h7. I guess Ponomariov thought that he should prevent the worst, but he was in for a surprise." Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'This move prepares a classic bishop sacrifice on h7. I guess Ponomariov thought that he should prevent the worst, but he was in for a surprise.' John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'The reason why Topalov has delayed castling - the rook is urgently required for attacking purposes down the h-file. First up, White threatens a decisive "Greek gift-style" sacrifice. Neil McDonald: '!!' Neil McDonald: 'Exactly. What Ponomariov has missed is that the white pieces, so ineffectually bunched for a centre struggle, are splendidly placed for an attack on the black king.'" With an obvious threat ♗xh7 and ♘g5 then. I bet, you are familiar with this idea! **14...h6?** Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'Meeting the threat of the Greek Gift, but creating a kingside weakness that Topalov immediately pounces

on. '" Ruslan should've tried 14...♕c7 which is the best defensive move here;

[14...Re8 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'loses after'' 15.Bxh7+! Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '(Golubev)'' Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 *(or 16...Kg6 17.Qc2+ f5 18.exf6+ Kxf6 19.Rf3+ Ke5 20.Bf4+ Kd4 21.Nxe6#)* 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Kf8 19.g6+- *(19.Rf3!* Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '- a wonderful ** of 8 Rc1!." *)*]

[14...Nc6 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: ', Black gets hit by the famous Greek Gift Sacrifice:'' 15.Bxh7+ Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!'' Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'comes to the same thing'" with a mate in few; f5 19.g6 and there is no good way to stop mate on h8. Such is the dynamism in the white set-up that Black never finds a spare moment for the developing ...Nc6 – a quite remarkable fact. Another turnabout in the position is that the black bishop on a6, which looked like it was doing a pretty good job putting pressure on c4, is suddenly shut out of the main battle. The Ukrainian Grandmaster's logic was impeccable, but he was, as it were, fighting the wrong war. Positional factors often compete for attention in a game of chess, and the ones which govern a specific situation can often only be deduced by a sceptical attitude towards 'natural moves'.]

[Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'It's also too late for'' 14...d4 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'due to'' 15.Bxh7+ Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: '(again!)'' Kh8 *(15...Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.Qc2+ f5 18.exf6+ Kxf6 19.Rf3+ Ke5 20.Qe4+ Kd6 21.Qxe6+ Kc7 22.Ba5+)* 16.Rc1 Bb7 17.Bb1+-]

[14...Qc7! Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'would be a more tenacious defence. Now'' Fritzy recommends 15.0-0 but I doubt that Topalov had this move in mind here; Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'instead'' 15.Kf1!? Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'is recommended by Sergey Shipov, but after'' A recommendation of GM Shipov; *(15.Bxh7+?* (Tyomkin,D) , does not work because of *Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qh5 Qxe5+ 18.Kf1 Qf5* when there is no mate.*)* 15...h6 16.Bb1 Nd7 17.Qc2 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Bxh6 Ne4 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'the position is a total mess'' with a big mess on the board;]

15.Bb1± Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '+-!' Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!!' John Emms: 'Ling up Qc2. Apparently this was still all home preparation for Topalov. It couldn't have been much fun for Ponomariov, trying to defend a dodgy position with his opponent bashing out the moves instantly. Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Played according to the golden rule described at move 31 in Topalov-Kamsky above. The Bulgarian Grandmaster loses no time in maximizing the pressure on the black kingside. The threat of 16 Qc2 and then mate on h7 means that Ponomariov has to compromise the structural integrity of his kingside further, as 16...g6 allows 17 Bxh6. '" Ponomariov said on the press conference: "I thought that I made all normal moves, but then I found myself in a bad position". Topalov and his second, young prodigy and a champion of Bulgaria Ivan Cheparinov analysed this line up to this position!

15...f5

[15...Nd7 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'was given as best defence by Topalov, but after the crushing'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'was given as best defence

by Topalov, but after the crushing' John Emms: ', planning to meet 16 Qc2 with 16...f5 17 exf6 Nxf6, looks like a more natural defence , but'' 16.Bxh6! Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '(Speelman) does the business for White:'' *(16.Qc2 f5 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Re3* This line was suggested by Topalov, but it doesn't look very clear; *Bb7 19.Rxe6 dxc4 20.Qxc4 Bxf3 21.Rd6+ Bd5 22.Rxd8 Raxd8∓* and suddenly black is attacking here!*)* 16...gxh6 17.Qc2 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 *(*or *18...Nxf6 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Ng5!)* 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Ng5!+- Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!' Christoph Scheerer: 'Black is busted.'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!' Christoph Scheerer: 'Black is busted.' John Emms: '!'' hxg5 Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D 21.hxg5 Tyomkin,D: 'and Black has no good moves - White's attack is simply too strong' Rf7 22.Qh8# is probably the least painful way to go.]

[15...d4 16.Qc2 g6 17.Rd3 *(17.Bxh6 dxc3 18.h5 Bb7 19.hxg6 f5∓)* 17...h5 18.g4 hxg4 19.h5 It is hard to believe that Black can stand this attack.]

(Diagram)

According to Topalov, the only move was 15...♘d7; **16.exf6+- Bxf6**

[16...Rxf6 17.Qc2+-]

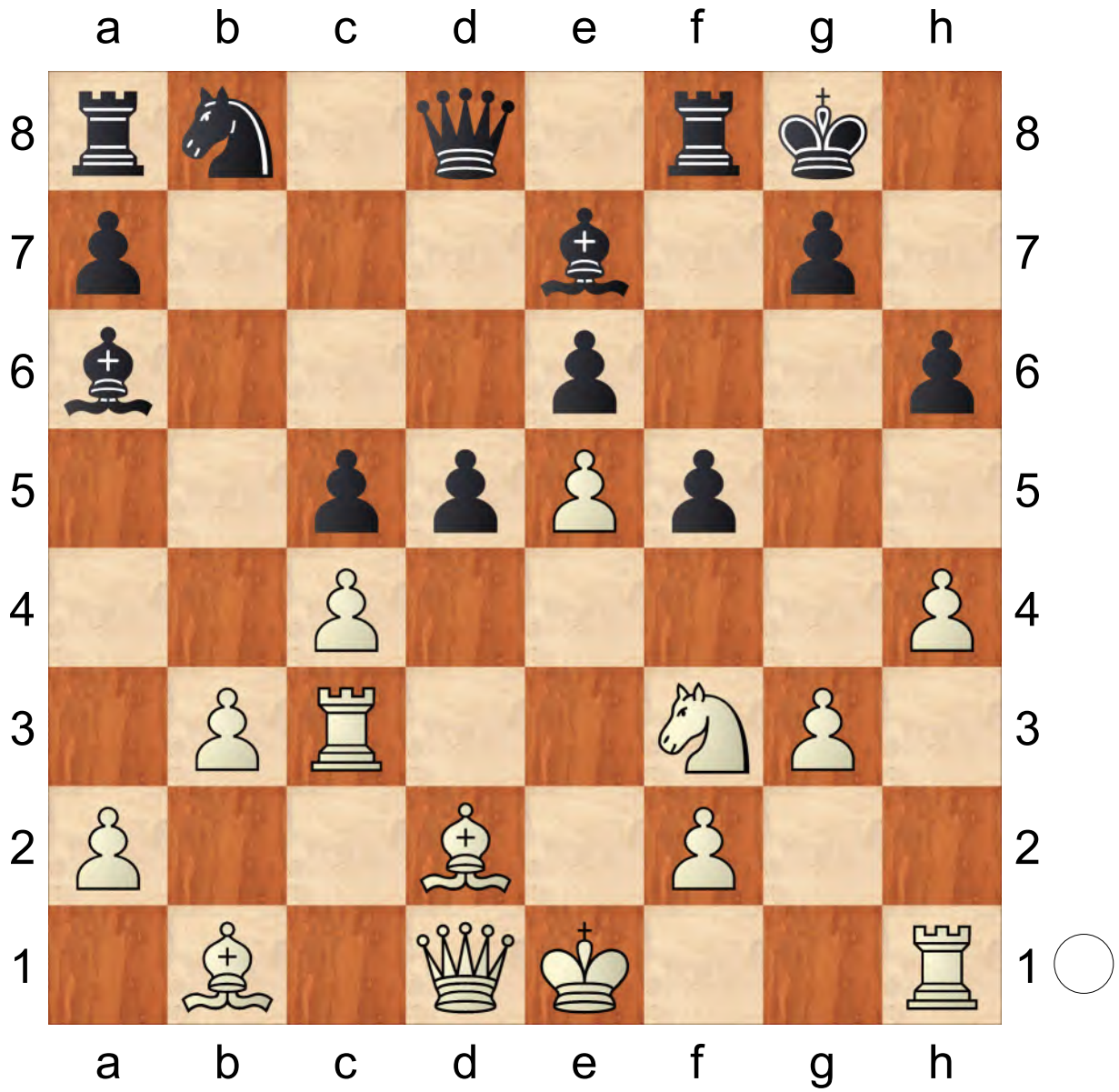
17.Qc2 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Topalov mustn't back off even for a moment, as moving the rook from c3 would allow the vital developing move 17...Nc6. '" **17...d4**

[Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Keeping the bishop on f6 for defence, as'' 17...Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'intending 19 Qh7+ is crushing. One possible finish is'' d4 *(18...Rxf3 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Qxg7+ Ke8 21.Bg6+* and mate next move. *)* 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Qg6+ Ke7 *(* Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'or'' *20...Kg8 21.Ne5)* 21.Nxd4! Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'also gives White a decisive attack.'' with decisive attack;]

Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'Ponomariov hopes his pawn move will either eliminate the rook on c3 and so stop it joining in the attack, or better still persuade his opponent to spend a precious tempo saving it from capture. '" **18.Ng5!** Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Just in time - now the c3 rook is ready to swing. Neil McDonald: 'Power play involves outwitting an opponent in a sharp battle, which requires tactical prowess and courage.'" This combination will appear in many books! You don't need to be Topalov to continue the attack here;

[Tyomkin,D: 'Here White could lose his nerve and save the rook, by' 18.Qh7+ Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D Kf7 19.Rc1 Tyomkin,D: ', for example, whereupon' Bb7⇄ Tyomkin,D: '!' Tyomkin,D: 'pins the white knight and generates counterplay. Topalov realizes he has to strike at once, not giving his opponent any time to bring his queenside pieces into action. With the game move he cuts off the black king's flight to f7 and threatens mate in one on h7, thereby compelling his opponent to take the knight.']

18...hxg5



[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Instead'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Instead' John Emms: 'Or Neil McDonald: 'The rook on c3 shows it isn't just bait for the black pawn after'" 18...Bxg5 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Bxg5! hxg5 21.Rf3++- Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'reveals the merits of 12 Rxc3!.'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'reveals the merits of 12 Rxc3!.' John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: ', when White picks up the rook on f8 and wins on material, e.g.'" Ke8 22.Bg6+ Kd7 23.Qxg7+ (Golubev) and White follows up with Rxf8. Qe7 24.Qxf8 .]

19.hxg5 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!'' **19...dxc3** Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'The rook goes, but White has more than enough pieces left to finish the game off. Neil McDonald: 'As indicated by the variation above, this isn't the wanton capture of irrelevant material while his king's residence is on fire: Black eliminates the rook before it can join the attack, and hopes the threat to d2 will slow down White's initiative. '" **20.Bf4** Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '!?' Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!'

John Emms: 'Absolute calm - White even has time for this quiet move. Neil McDonald: 'Calm and collected.'" Many commentators got excited by ♖h8 check in this position. In fact, 20. ♗f4 is same good as 20. ♖h8, and wins even faster! But 20. ♗f4 move required careful calculation from Veselin, especially the position after 26. ♖h7 where white is down a piece, and black starts checking white king!

[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Equally good would be the forcing" Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'Equally good would be the forcing' John Emms: 'Apparently Topalov couldn't find a clear-cut win with Neil McDonald: 'The flashy'" 20.Rh8+ Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'but with Fritz whirring away it's easy enough to find Neil McDonald: 'would lead to an attack in the style of the game after'" Kf7 *(not 20...Kxh8? 21.Qh7#)* 21.Qg6+ Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: ', but as we soon see, it's better to keep the rook check hanging over Black's head.'" Ke7 22.gxf6+ gxf6 23.Rh7+ Kd6 24.Bf4+ Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: '!" Kc6 *(24...e5 25.Bxe5+! Kxe5 26.Qe4+ Kd6 27.Qd5#)* 25.Qe4+ *(* or *25.Be4*++- and ♗c7 then; *)* 25...Kb6 26.Bc7+ seven checks in a row in this line! Qxc7 27.Rxc7 Kxc7 28.Qxa8+- Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: ', but the text move wins even more quickly." Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: ', but the text move wins even more quickly.' John Emms: '(Golubev)."]

20...Kf7

[Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Or Neil McDonald: 'There is no time for Black to save the bishop on f6, as if'" 20...Bd4 Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'is met by" 21.Qg6! Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'when the mating threat of 22 Rh8+ is hard to meet." Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'when the mating threat of 22 Rh8+ is hard to meet.' John Emms: '(threatening Rh8+!) Neil McDonald: 'denies the king the f7-square, when 22 Rh8+ is a winning threat.'" and ♖h8 next; Bxf2+ Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D *(21...Rf5 22.Qxe6+ Rf7 23.g6)* 22.Ke2+- **Δ** Rh8]

(Diagram)

21.Qg6+ Ke7 22.gxf6+ Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'The black king loses the only minor piece that has tried to protect it. Now the attack from the white queen, two bishops and rook is clearly lethal. '" **22...Rxf6 23.Qxg7+ Rf7 24.Bg5+** Here Veselin was double-checking the consequences of ♗g5+, although White didn't have a good alternative;

[24.Qg5+!? Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D Kd7 25.Qxd8+ Kxd8 26.Be4 Nc6 27.Rh8+ Kd7 28.Rxa8 e5 29.Be3 Bb7 30.Rh8 Kc7 31.Bxc5 Nd4 32.Rh7! Rxh7 33.Bxh7+-]

24...Kd6 25.Qxf7 Qxg5

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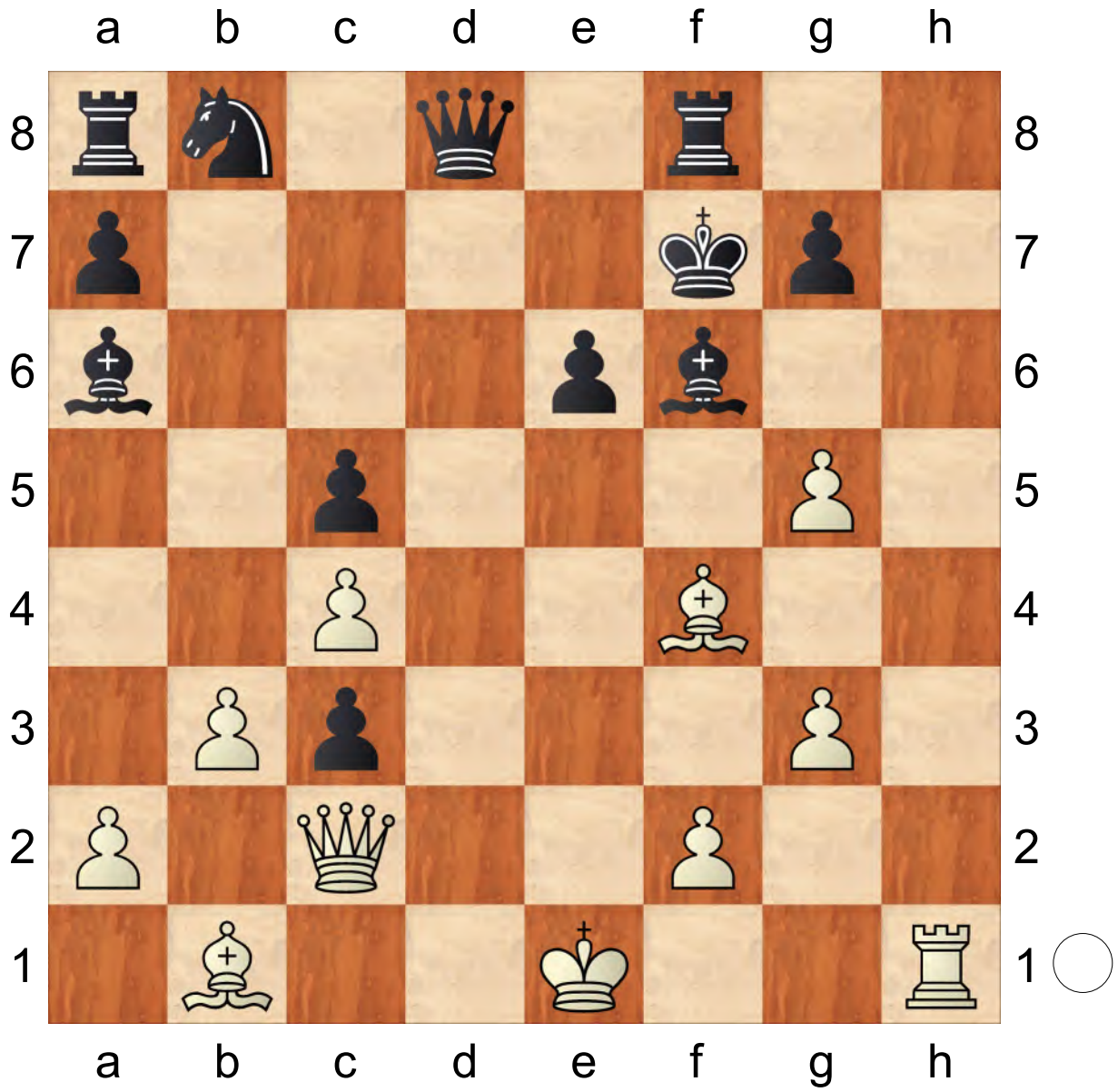
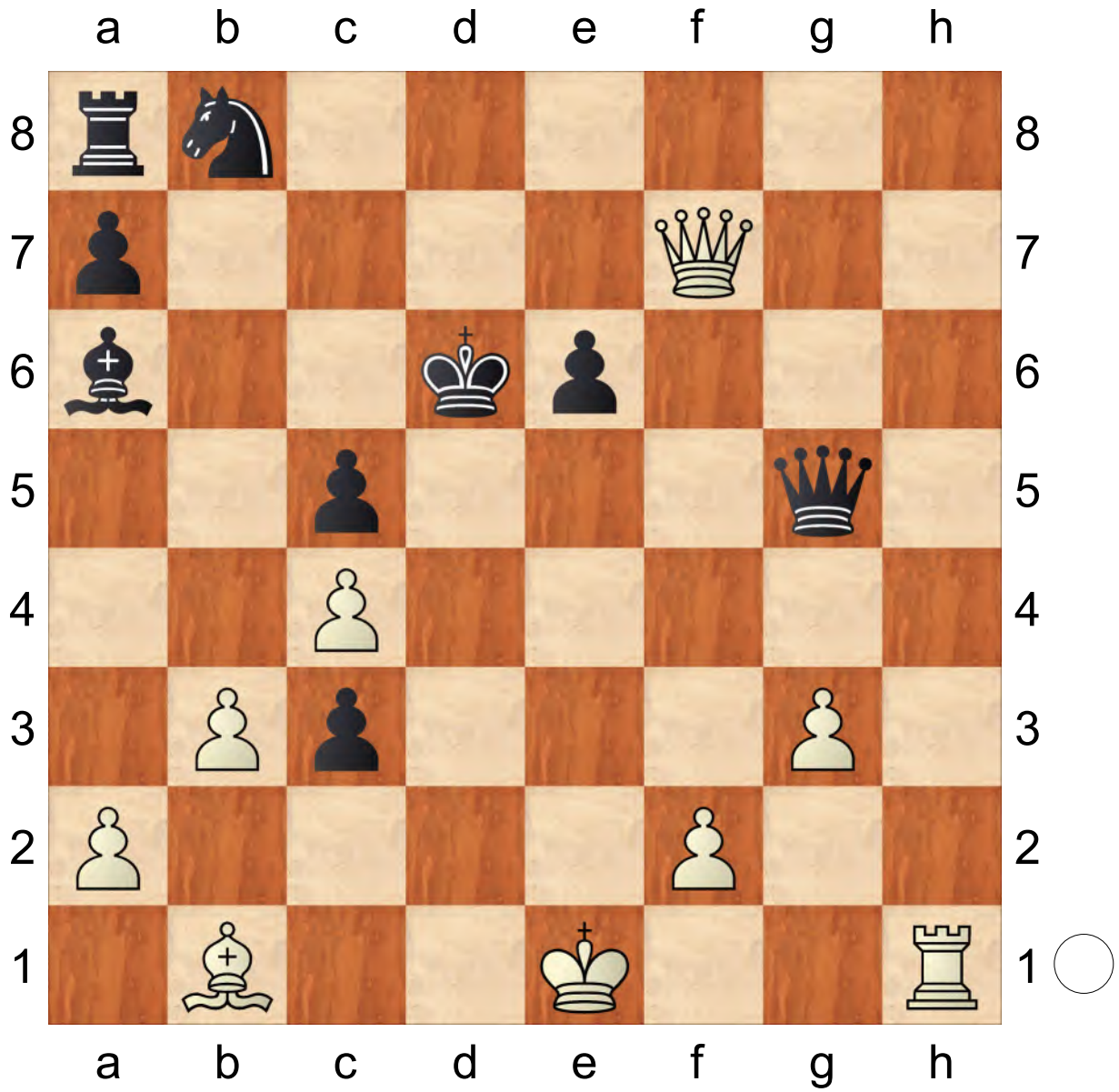




Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'Ponomariov fights to the bitter end. He is a piece up and has a couple of interesting checks looming, so White has to be forceful. '" **26.Rh7** Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '!' Ponomariov,Ruslan; Komarov,D: '[µd6]' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!" Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '!' John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'Threatening mate with Qc7. For the first time in the game White has to calculate some checks for Black, but these come to nothing. Neil McDonald: 'Threatening mate on c7. '" The white king escapes from the checks easily; **26...Qe5+**

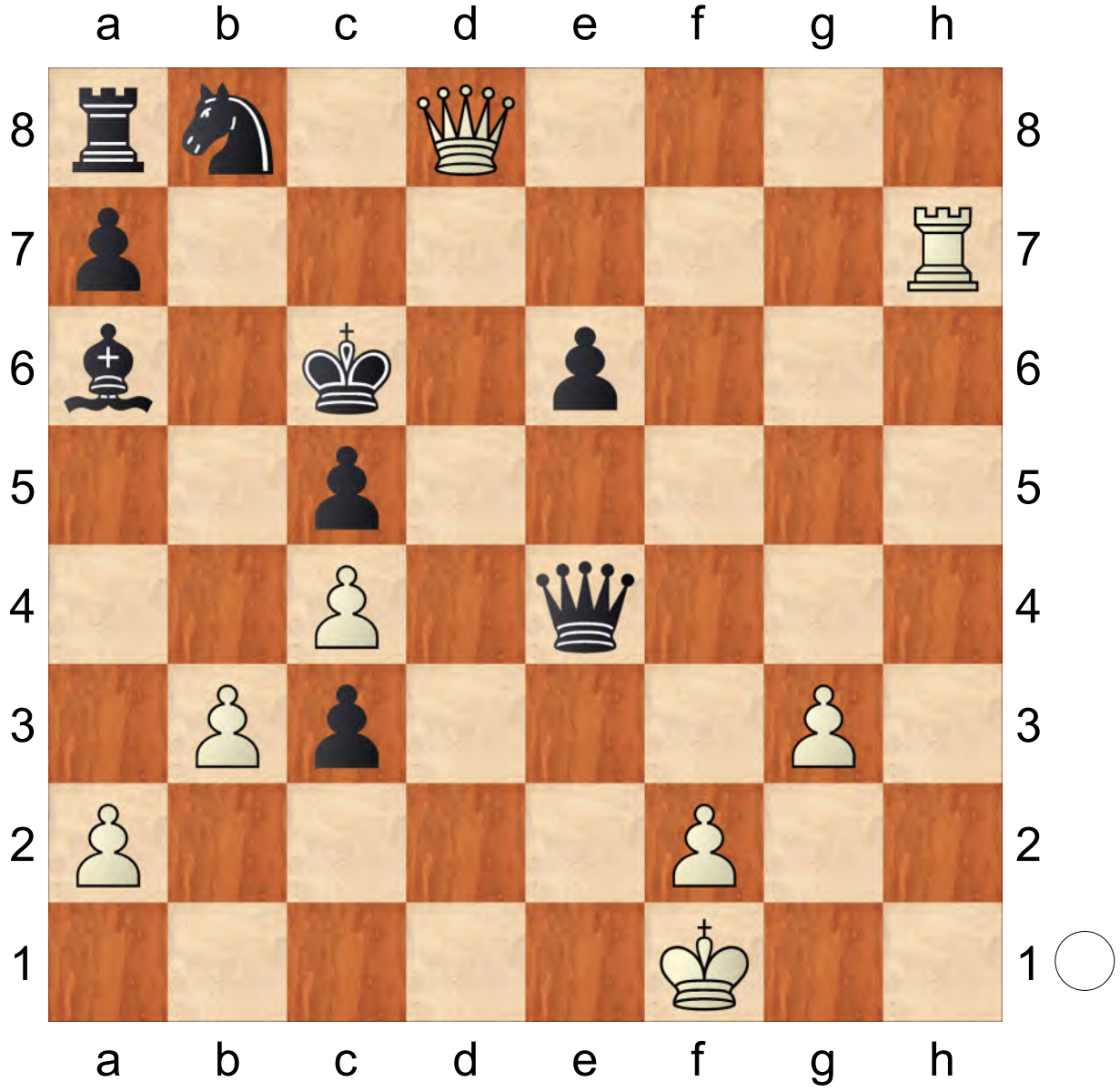
[Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'After'' 26...Qc1+ Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: 'White evades the checks with'' 27.Ke2 Qd2+ 28.Kf3 Qd1+ 29.Kg2+- Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '.'' Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '.' John Emms: 'and the checks run out.'']

[26...Qd8 prevent the mate, but then 27.Be4 is more than sufficient for White, e.g. Nd7 28.Qf4+ Ne5 29.Bxa8 Qxa8 30.Rh5]

27.Kf1 Kc6 28.Qe8+ Kb6 29.Qd8+ Kc6 Tyomkin,D: 'John Emms: 'Neil McDonald: 'It is mate upon'" **30.Be4+!** Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '. Black will be mated by 31 Qc7. A terrific attacking game from Topalov!" Tyomkin,D: 'Christoph Scheerer: '. Black will be mated by 31 Qc7. A terrific attacking game from Topalov!' John Emms: 'It's mate after 30...Qxe4 31 Qc7. A brilliant attack by Topalov, Theory-wise, 8...d5 may well be the way to go for Black." Final accord! 30... ♕xe4 31. ♕c7# ♖a8 and ♘b8 are still on starting positions!

[30.-- (Tyomkin,D) Conclusion: It took a long time, but finally Nimzowitsch's 4... Ba6 has found its place in the annals of chess theory. And not only that, because three-quarters of a century after its invention it remains one of the key battlegrounds of top-level chess. --- Shock value 5/5, Effectiveness Rating 5/5, Longevity Rating 5/5, Creativity Value 4/5.]

30...Qxe4



31.Qc7# [#] . Black was defeated without moving either his queenside rook or knight! Due to their absence from the struggle, Topalov was able to conduct a Morphy-like attack. 1-0 (31) Topalov,V (2778)-Ponomariov,R (2695) Sofia BUL 2005 [John Emms]
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□ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2745**
■ **Pelletier,Yannick** **2465**
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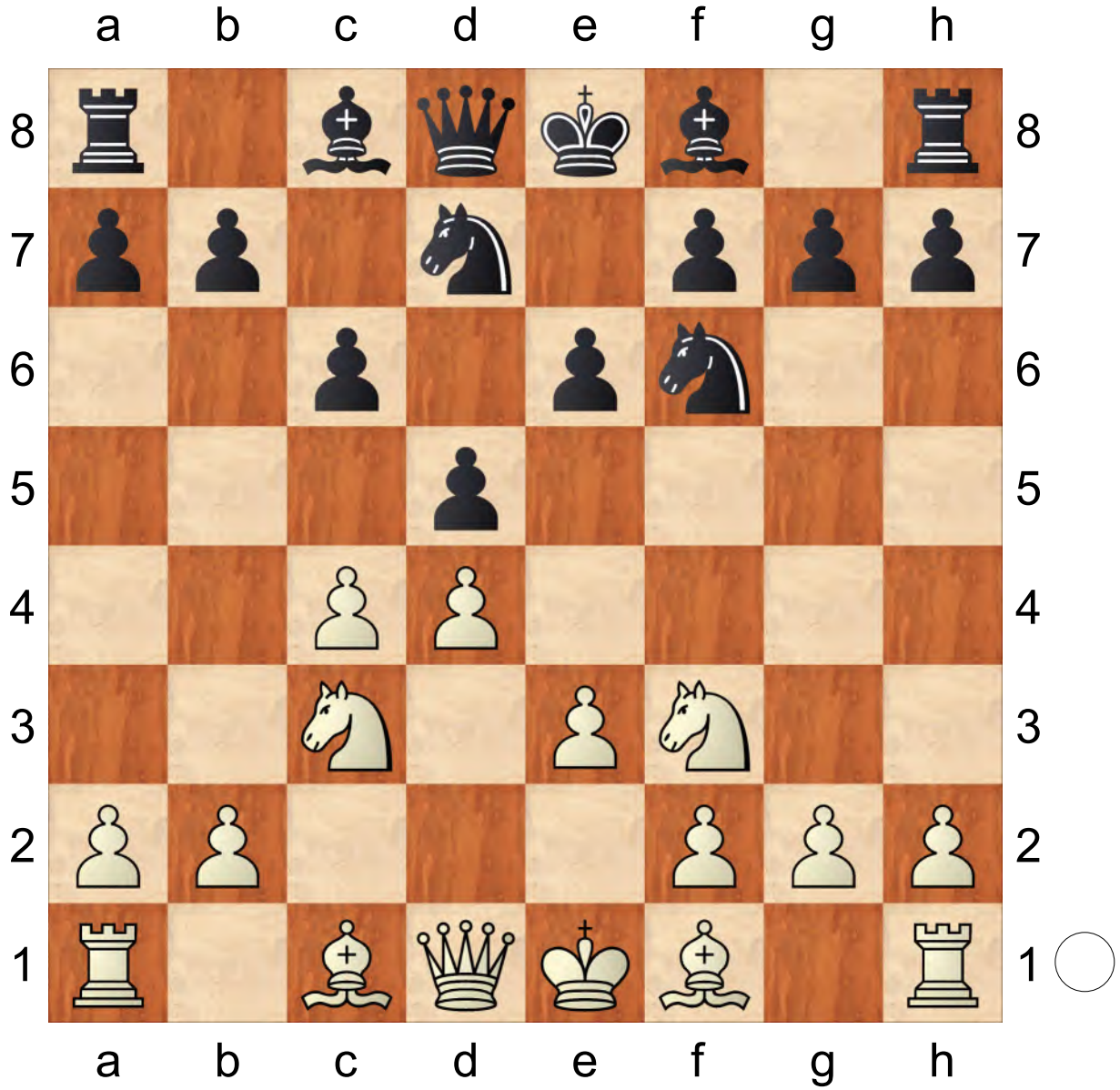
1.d4 Lutz Lutz Fritz5.00 (100s) Lutz: 'Fritz 5.00 (100s) Fritz5.00 (100s)' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7**



6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 h6!? Mit diesem Zug wird ein neueres System eingeleitet. Nach 8...♕e7 und 8...e5 hatte Schwarz zuletzt Probleme gehabt.

[8...dxc4]

[8...Qe7]

[8...e5]

9.Rd1

[9.b3 b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Nb5 Rfc8 14.Qe2 Bb8 15.Ba3 Qd8 16.Rac1 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Ne8 18.g3 a6 19.Nc3 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Nxd6= 0-1 Topalov,V-Ivanchuk,V/Amber-rapid6th 1997/EXP 57 (43) *(20...Nxd6 Fritz5.00 (100s) 21.Ne5 Rc8 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Bxa6 Ne4 24.Bxb7 Nxc3 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Ba6 Qc7 27.Qb5 g6 28.a4 Rc2 29.Qd3 Rb2 30.Qd1 Qc3 31.Bb5 Kg7 32.Qf3 Qc7 33.e4 Qc1+ 34.Kg2 Rb1 35.Kh3 Qc2 36.Be8 f6 37.Qf4 Qc8 38.Bxg6 Kxg6 39.Qg4+ Kf7 40.exd5 Qd7 41.Qh5+ Ke7 42.Qg6 e5+ 43.Kg2 Qxd5+* 57 0-1 Topalov,V-Ivanchuk,V/Amber-rapid6th 1997/EXP *)*]

9...Qe7

[9...b6 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bb7 13.c5!]

10.h3!N 'N' Fritz5.00 (100s). Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Stärkt g4' Lutz: "N' Fritz5.00 (100s). Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Stärkt g4' Fritz 5.00 (100s): 'N"

[10.c5 Bb8 11.e4 e5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bf1 Nxc3 14.bxc3 e4 15.Re1 Nf6∞ Spraggett,K-Bacrot,E/Enghien Les Bains 1997/CBM 58/[Lutz]/0-1 (41) *(15...Nf6* Fritz5.00 (100s) *16.g3 Bf5 17.Bb2 Bh7 18.Qb3 Ng4 19.Re2 e3* Spraggett,K-Bacrot,E/Enghien Les Bains 1997/CBM 58/[Lutz]/0-1 (41) *)*]

[10.e4 Fritz5.00 (100s) dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Re8 13.Re1 Nf6 14.Bd3 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Ne5 b6 17.Bd2 Bb7 18.Rad1 Red8 19.Bc3 a5 Browne,W-Vera,R/Linares MEX 1994/EXT 94/1-0 (53)]

10...b6

(Diagram)

11.cxd5! Karpovs Eröffnungsbehandlung scheint eine gute Methode gegen 8...h6 zu sein.

[11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bb7 Δ ...f5, ...c5]

11...cxd5

[11...exd5!? war eine beachtenswerte Alternative. Allerdings ist durch 8...h6 das Feld g6 geschwächt und somit auch die Kontrolle über f5. 12.Nh4!? *(12.e4!?; 12.b3!?)* 12...g6? 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Qxg6++- Δ ♘f5]

12.Nb5± Nun hat Weiß einen bequemen Vorteil. **12...Ba6?!** × c6

[12...Bb7±]

13.Bd2

[13.Nxd6 Fritz5.00 (100s) Bxd3 14.Rxd3 Qxd6±]

13...Ne4

[13...Rfc8 Fritz5.00 (100s) 14.Qb3 Bxb5 15.Bxb5=]

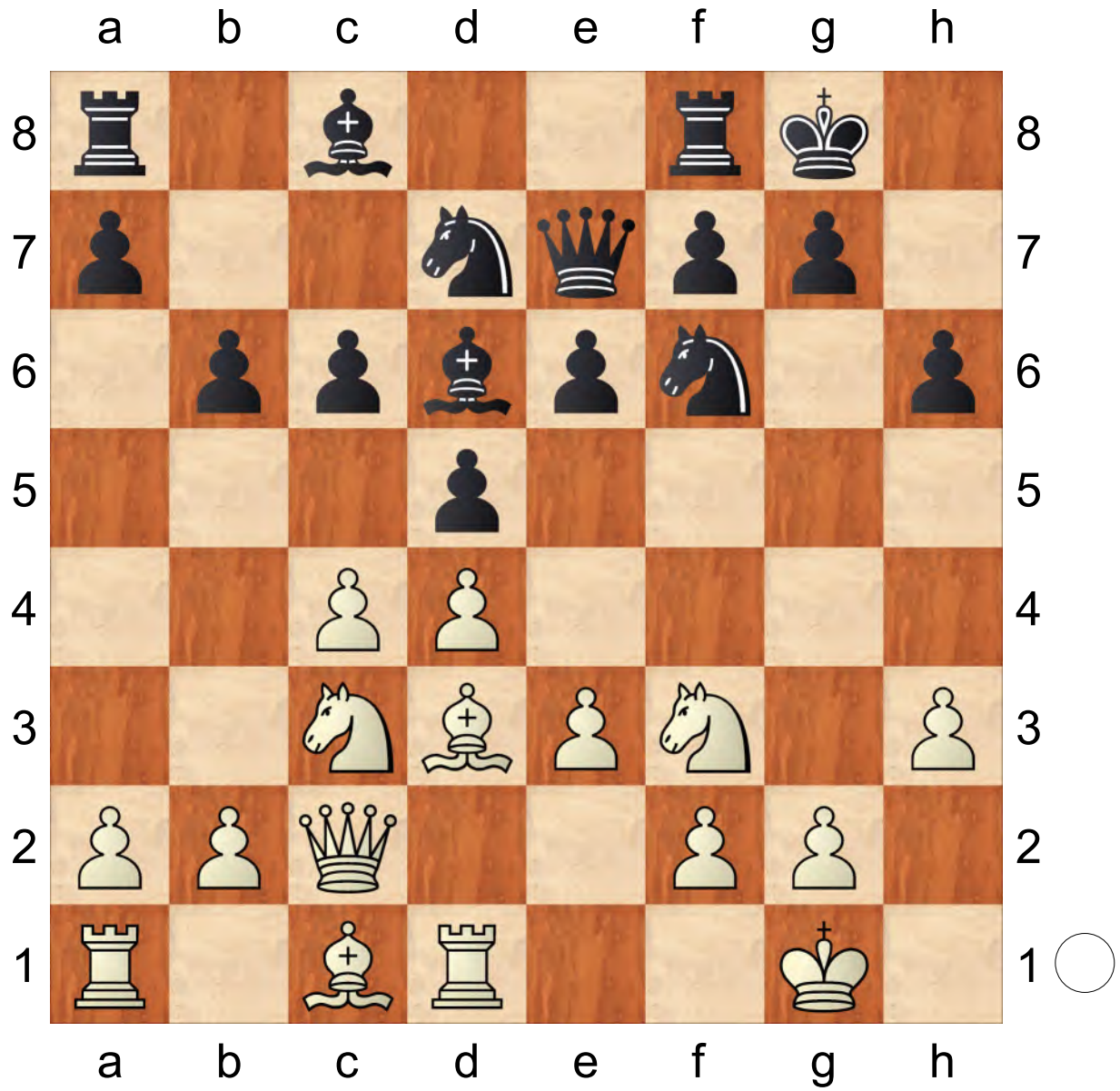
14.Be1 Bb4?! '±' Fritz5.00 (100s). Lutz: "±' Fritz5.00 (100s). Fritz 5.00 (100s): '±"

[14...Ndf6 15.Qa4]

[14...Bxb5 Fritz5.00 (100s) 15.Bxb5 Rfc8 16.Bc3=]

15.Bxb4

[Dagegen 15.Bxe4 Fritz5.00 (100s) dxe4 16.Bxb4 Qxb4∓]



15...Qxb4

(Diagram)

16.a3 Qe7 17.Qa4±
[Schlechter scheint 17.Bxe4 Fritz5.00 (100s) dxe4 18.Nc7 Rfc8∓]
17...Bb7 '±' Fritz5.00 (100s). Lutz: "±' Fritz5.00 (100s). Fritz 5.00 (100s): '±"
[17...Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Nef6 *(18...Rfd8* Fritz5.00 (100s) *19.Rac1±)* 19.Ba6± ⇔ c]
18.Rac1 a6 19.Nc7 b5 20.Qa5 Rac8
[20...Qd8 21.Ne5 Nxe5 *(21...Nef6 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.Rxc6±; 21...Rc8 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Nxa6 Ra8 24.Qc7+-)* 22.dxe5 Δ ♗e4 Ng5 23.Qb6±]

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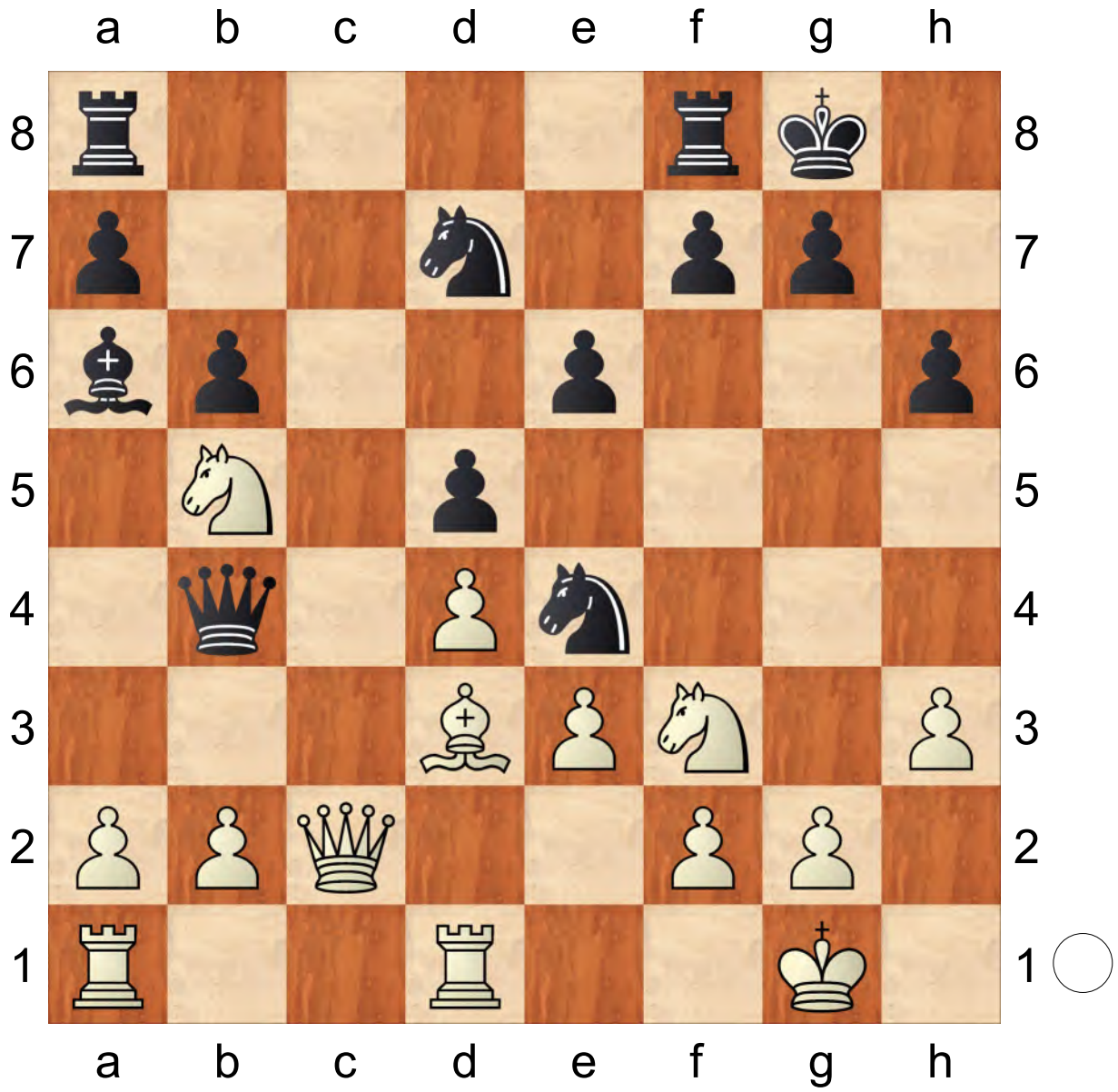
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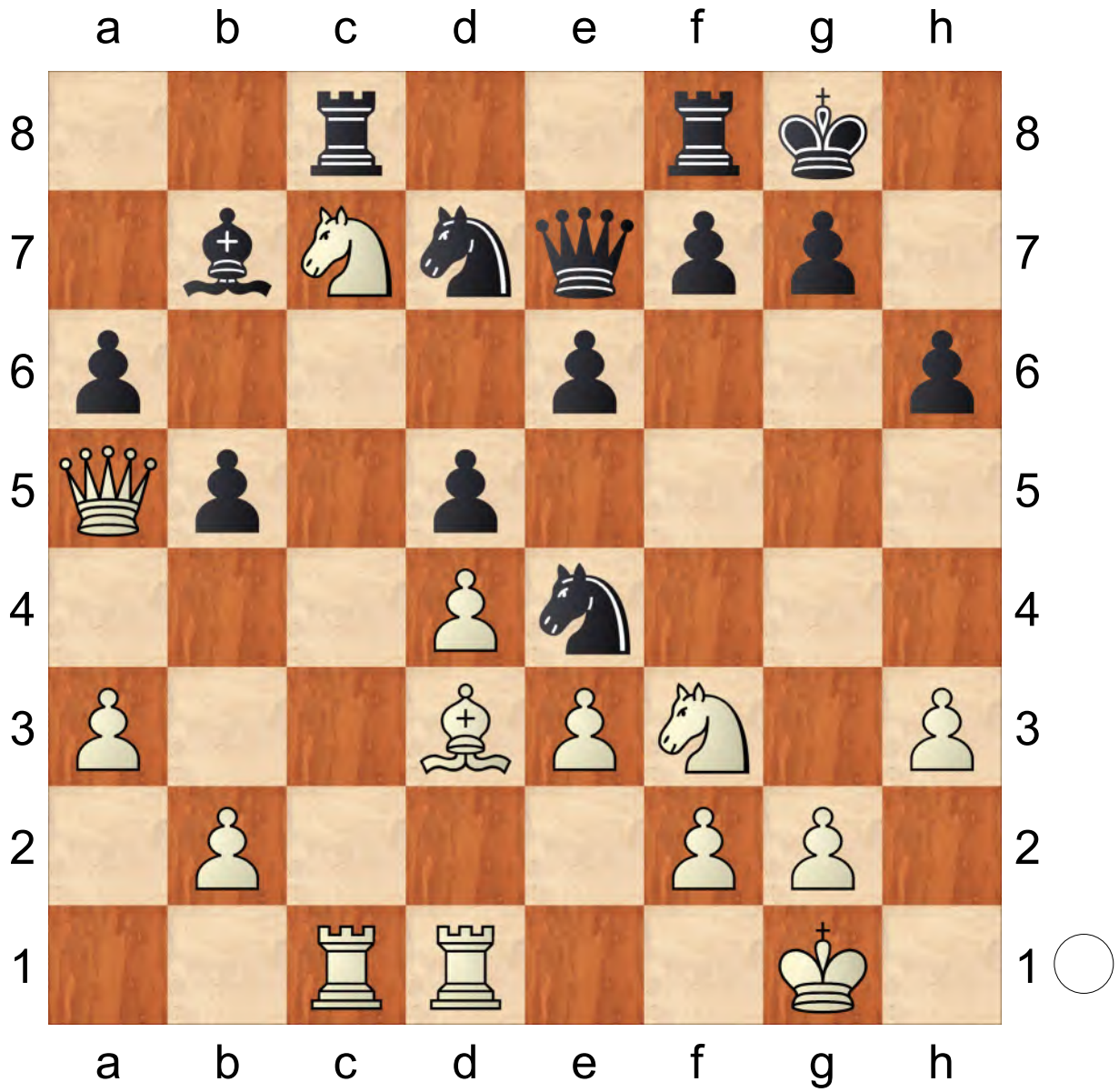

21.Nxa6 Bxa6 22.Qxa6 Ra8 23.Qc6 Nd6 24.Bxb5+- Nf6 25.Ba6 Rfb8

(Diagram)

26.b4 Qd8 Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Weiß darf nun die Drohung Tb6 nicht übersehen' **27.b5 Nc4**

[27...Rb6 Fritz5.00 (100s) 28.Qc7 Nxb5 29.Qxd8+ Rxd8 30.Bxb5 Rxb5 31.Ne5±]

28.Rxc4! dxc4 29.Ne5 Qa5

[29...Nd5 Fritz5.00 (100s) 30.Qxc4 Qd6 31.Qc5 Qxc5 32.dxc5+-]

30.Nxc4 Qc3

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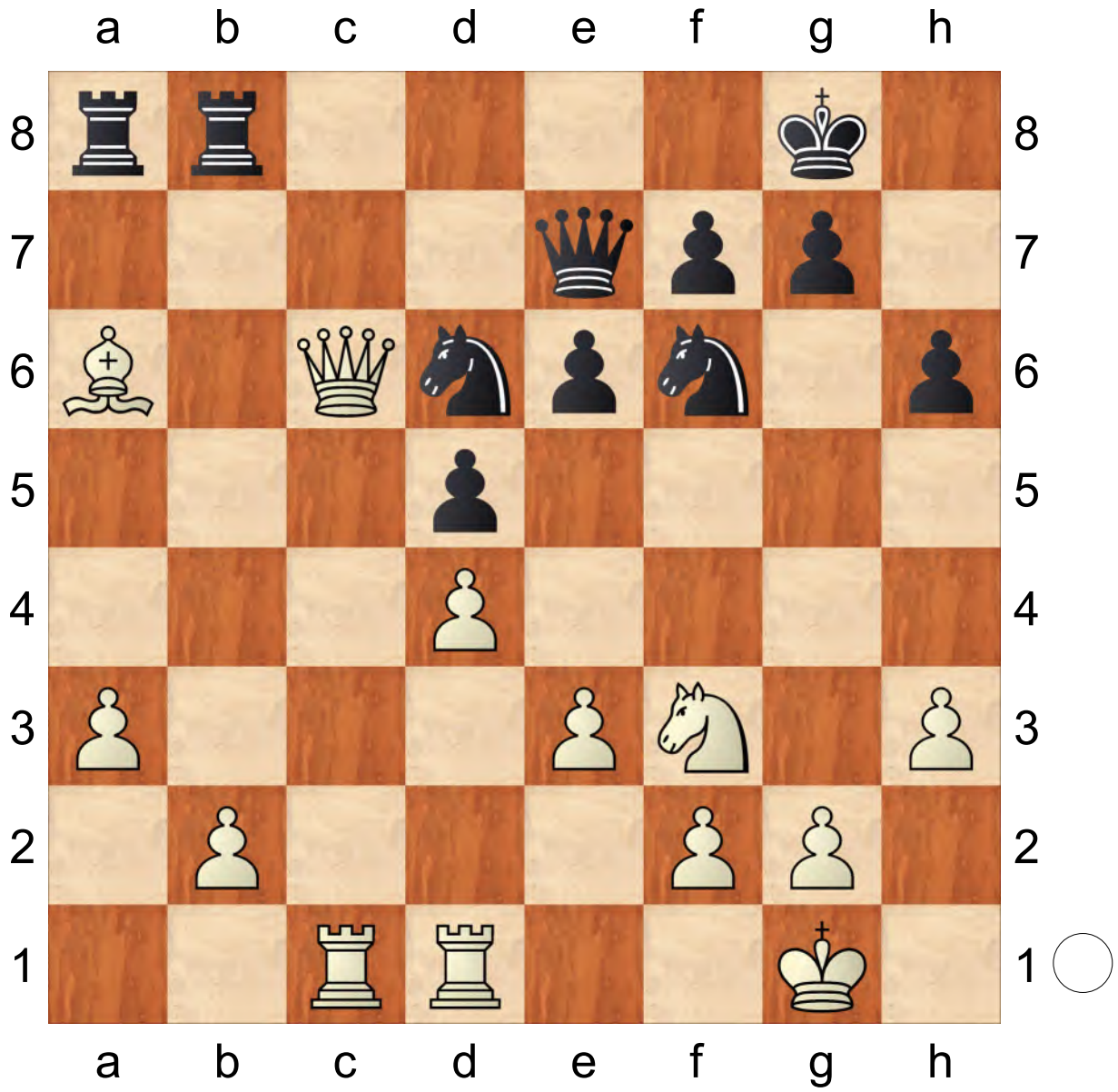
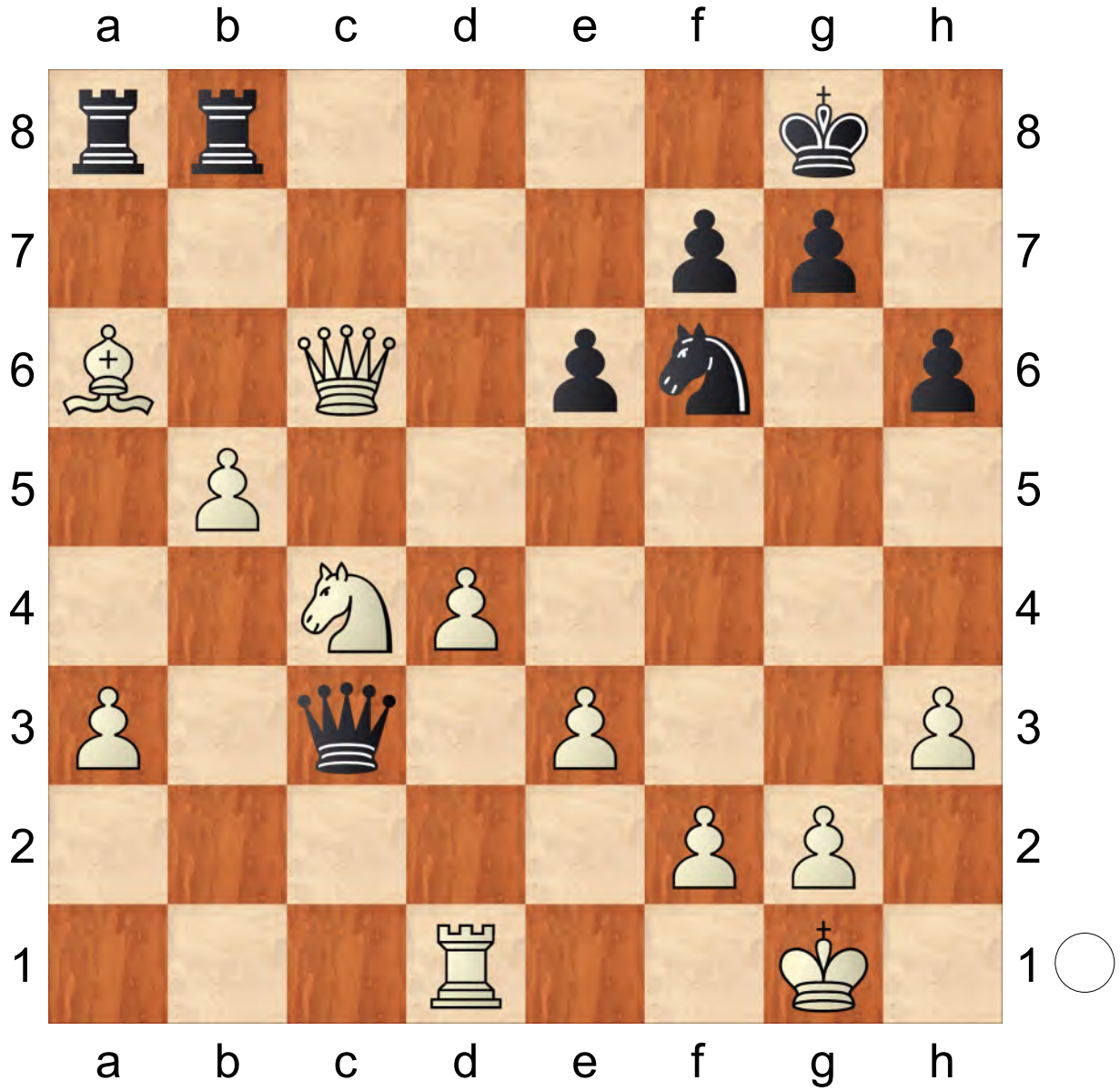
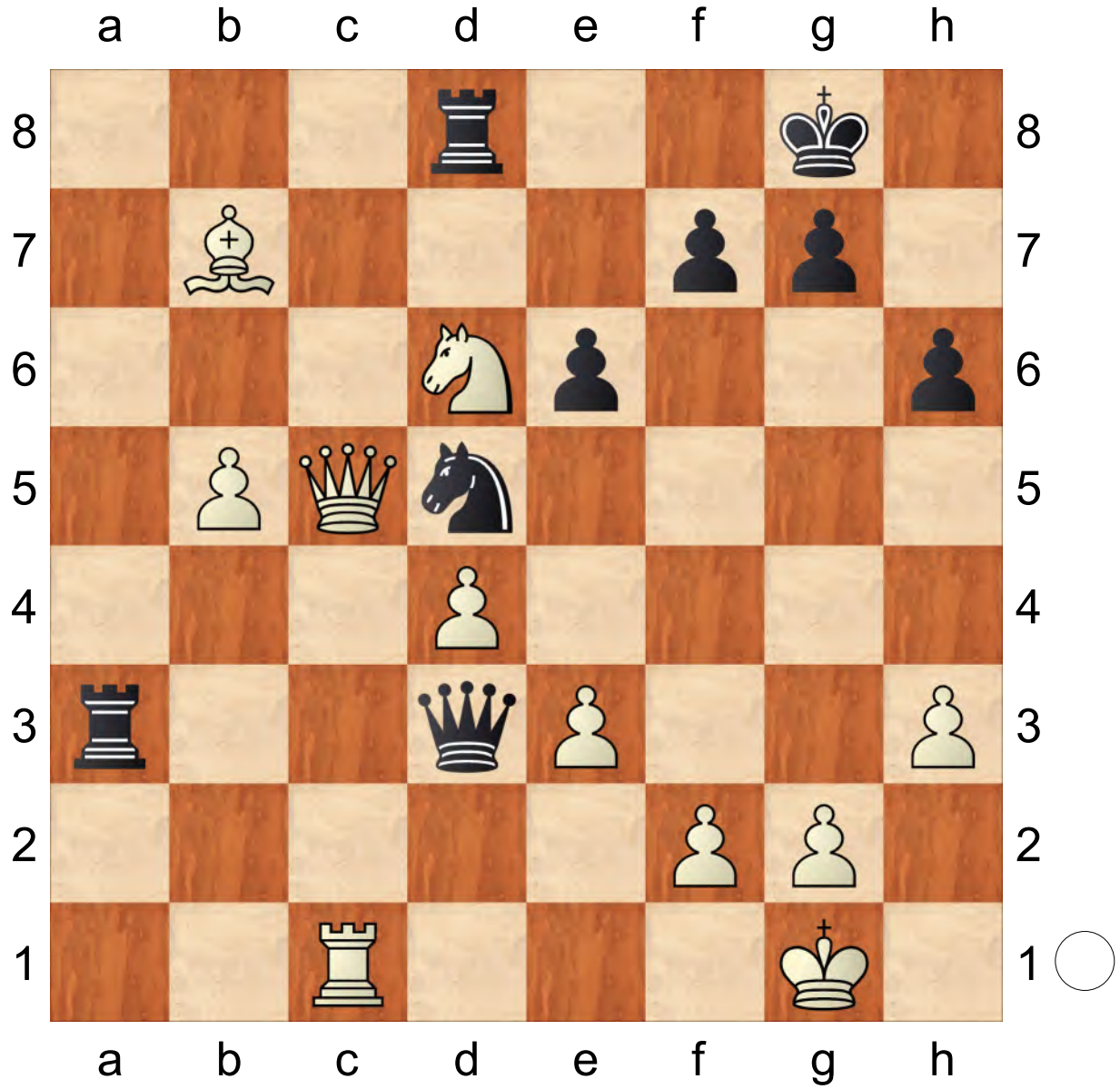




31.Rf1 Nd5 32.Qc5 Qc2 33.Nd6 Qd3
[33...Qxc5 34.dxc5 Nc7 35.c6 Nxa6 36.bxa6 Δ c7 Ra7 37.Rc1 Rc7 38.a7 Ra8 39.Nb5+-]
34.Rc1 Rd8 35.Bb7 Rxa3
[35...Rab8 Fritz5.00 (100s) 36.Bxd5 exd5 37.Qxd5+-]

(Diagram)

36.Bxd5 exd5 37.b6
[⌓37.Nxf7 (Fritz5.00 (100s)) läßt dem Gegner kaum Chancen Rda8 38.Qxd5+-]
37...Rb3
[37...Ra2 Fritz5.00 (100s) 38.Qxd5 Rxf2 39.Kxf2 Qd2+ 40.Kf3 Qxc1 41.Qxf7+



Kh8 42.Nf5 Qc6+ 43.Kf2+-]

38.Nxf7! Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Rückgabe des Materials ist das stärkste' **38...Rf8**

[38...Kxf7 39.Qc7+ Ke8 40.Qe5+ Kf8 41.Rc7 Δ ♕e7, Δ ♕xg7]

[38...Rb8 Fritz5.00 (100s) 39.Nxh6+ Kh7+-]

39.Qxd5

[39.Nxh6+ Fritz5.00 (100s) Kh7 40.Qxf8+-]

39...Kh7

[39...Rb5 Lutz: 'Fritz 5.00 (100s): 'ändert den traurigen Lauf der Dinge nicht"
40.Qe6+- *(40.Qe6* Fritz5.00 (100s) *Qb3 41.Nxh6+ Kh7 42.Qe7+-)*]

40.Ne5 Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Der weiße Springer greift über e5 drohend ein ' **40...Qd2**

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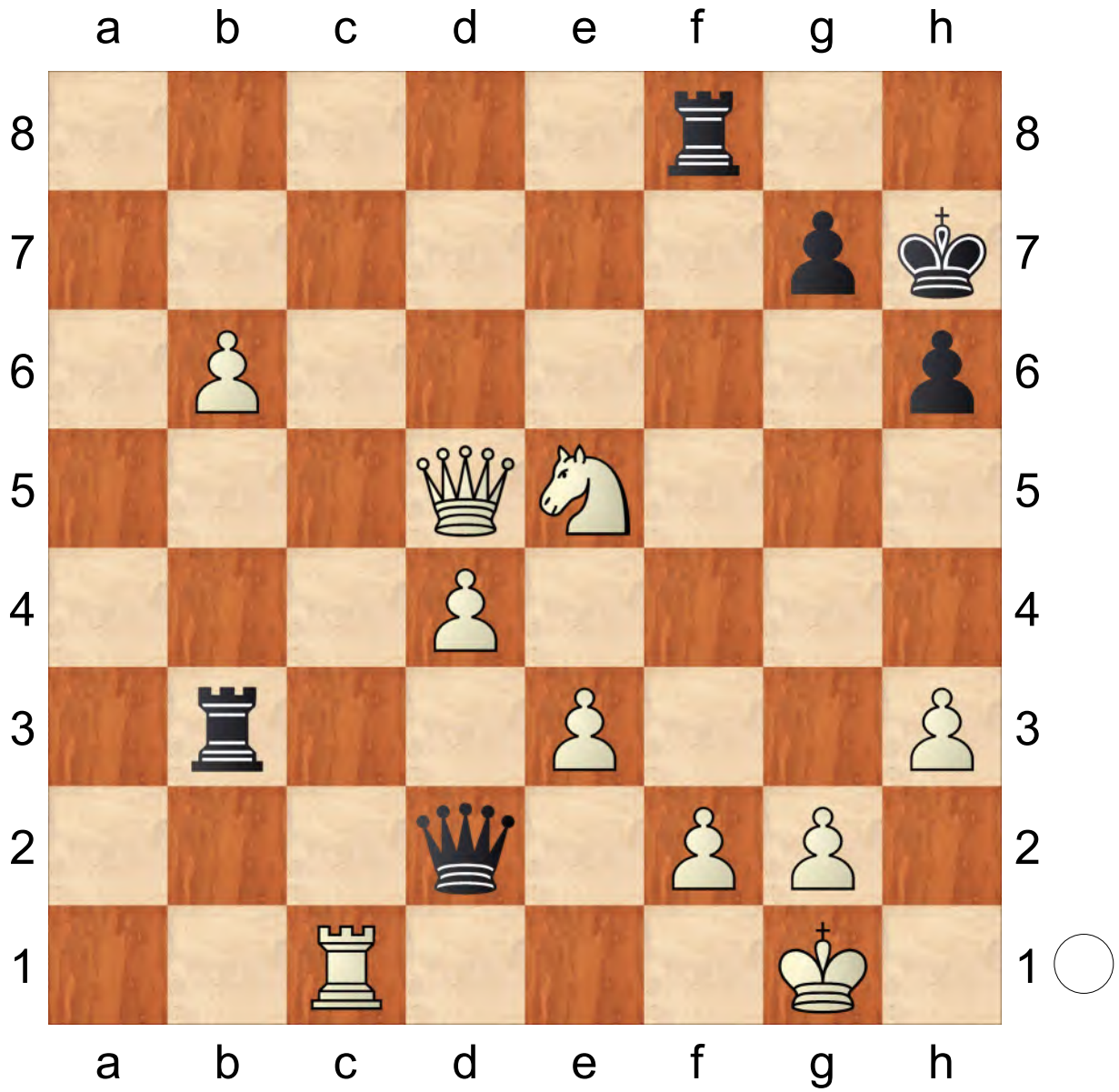
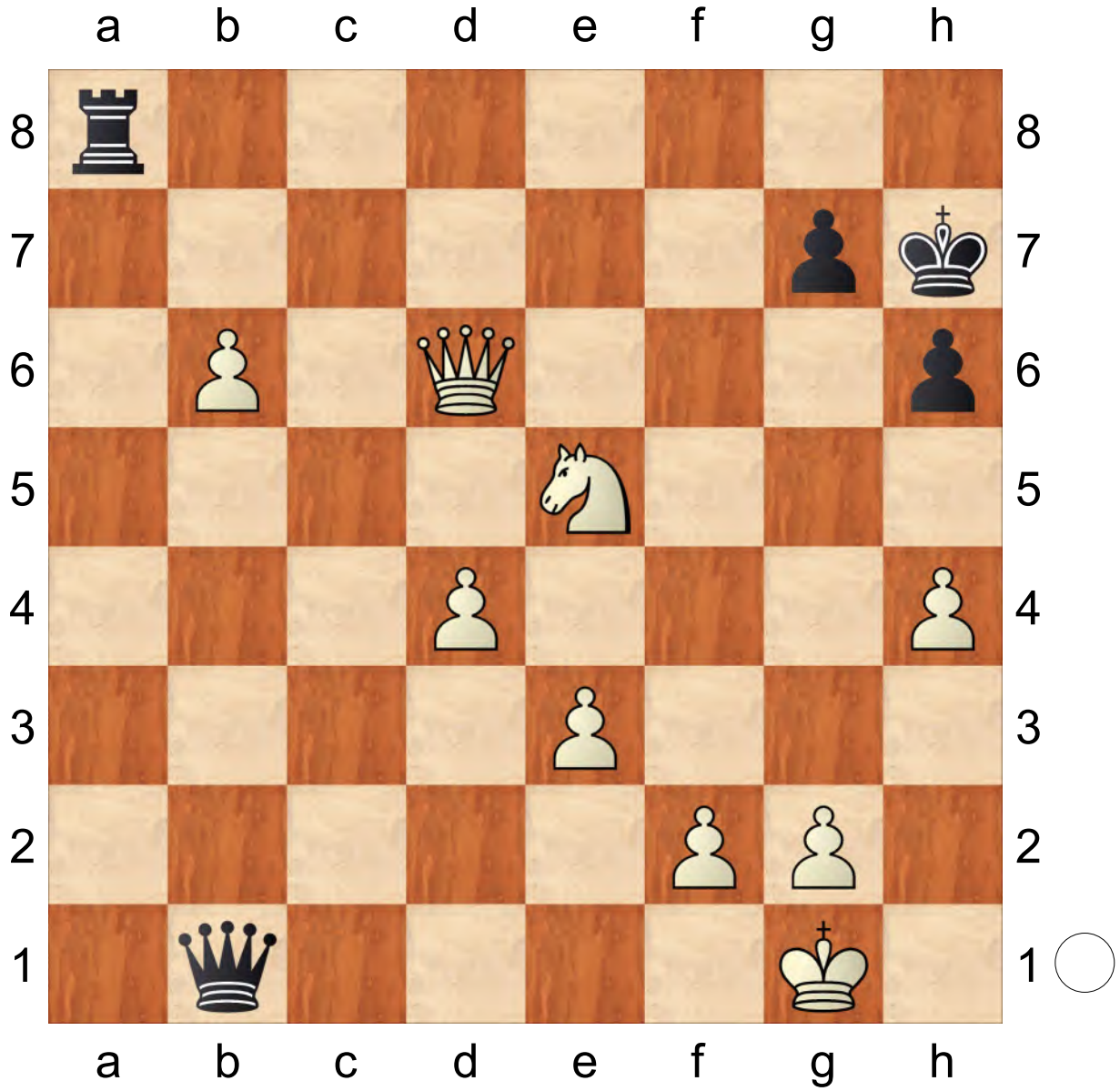


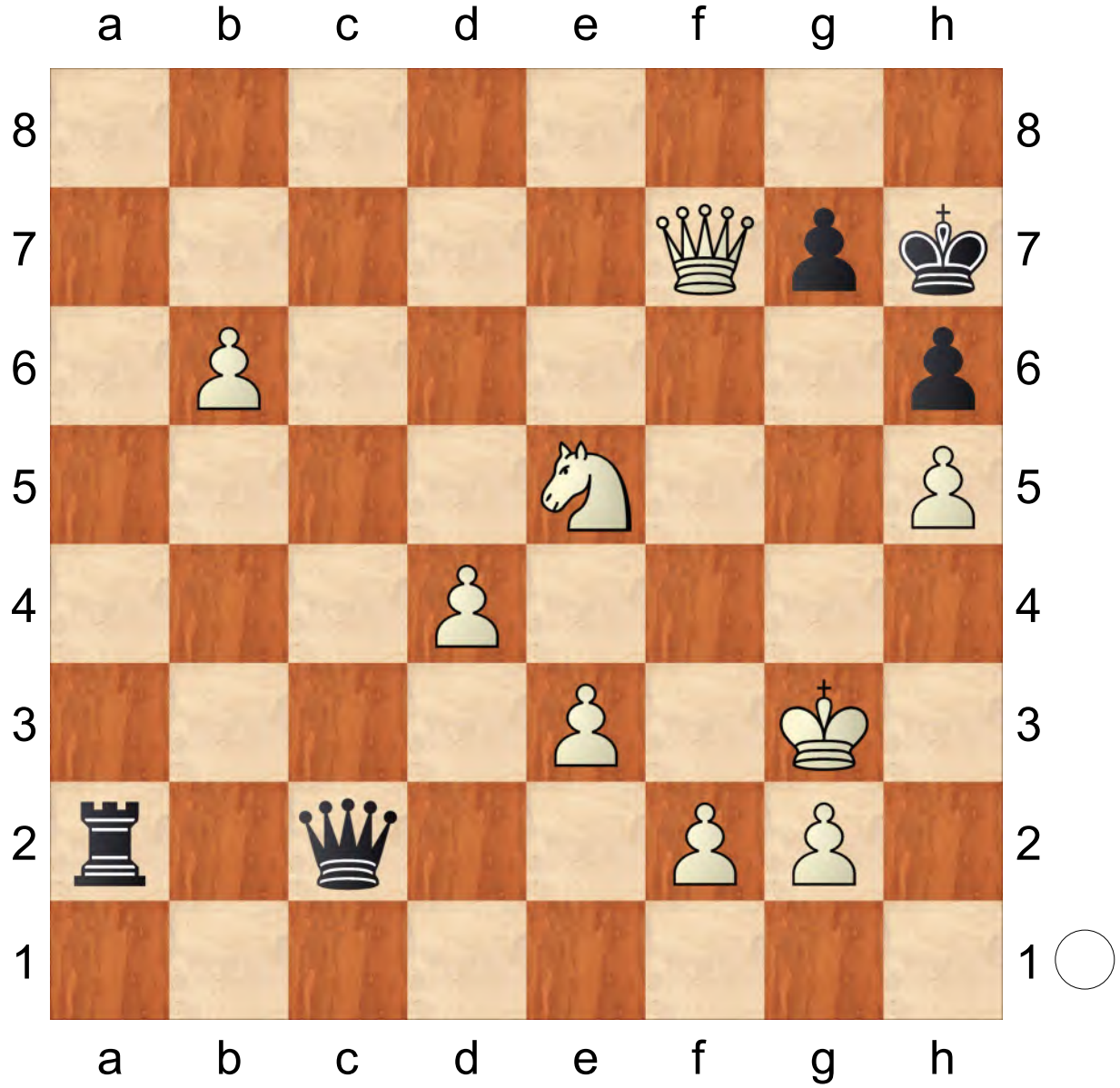
41.Rf1
[41.Qe4+!? (Fritz5.00 (100s)) damit würde Weiß es sich noch erleichtern Kg8 42.Rf1 Rxb6+-]
41...Qc2 42.Qc5
[42.Nd7!? (Fritz5.00 (100s)) wäre im Gewinnsinne präziser Rf5 43.Qa8 Rb2 44.Nf8+ Rxf8 45.Qxf8 Rxb6+-]
42...Rc8 43.Qd6 Ra8
[⌓43...Rb2+- Fritz5.00 (100s)]
44.h4
[44.Nd7 (Fritz5.00 (100s)) ginge schneller Rb2 45.Qd5 Qc8+-]
44...Rb1 45.Rxb1 Qxb1+

(Diagram)



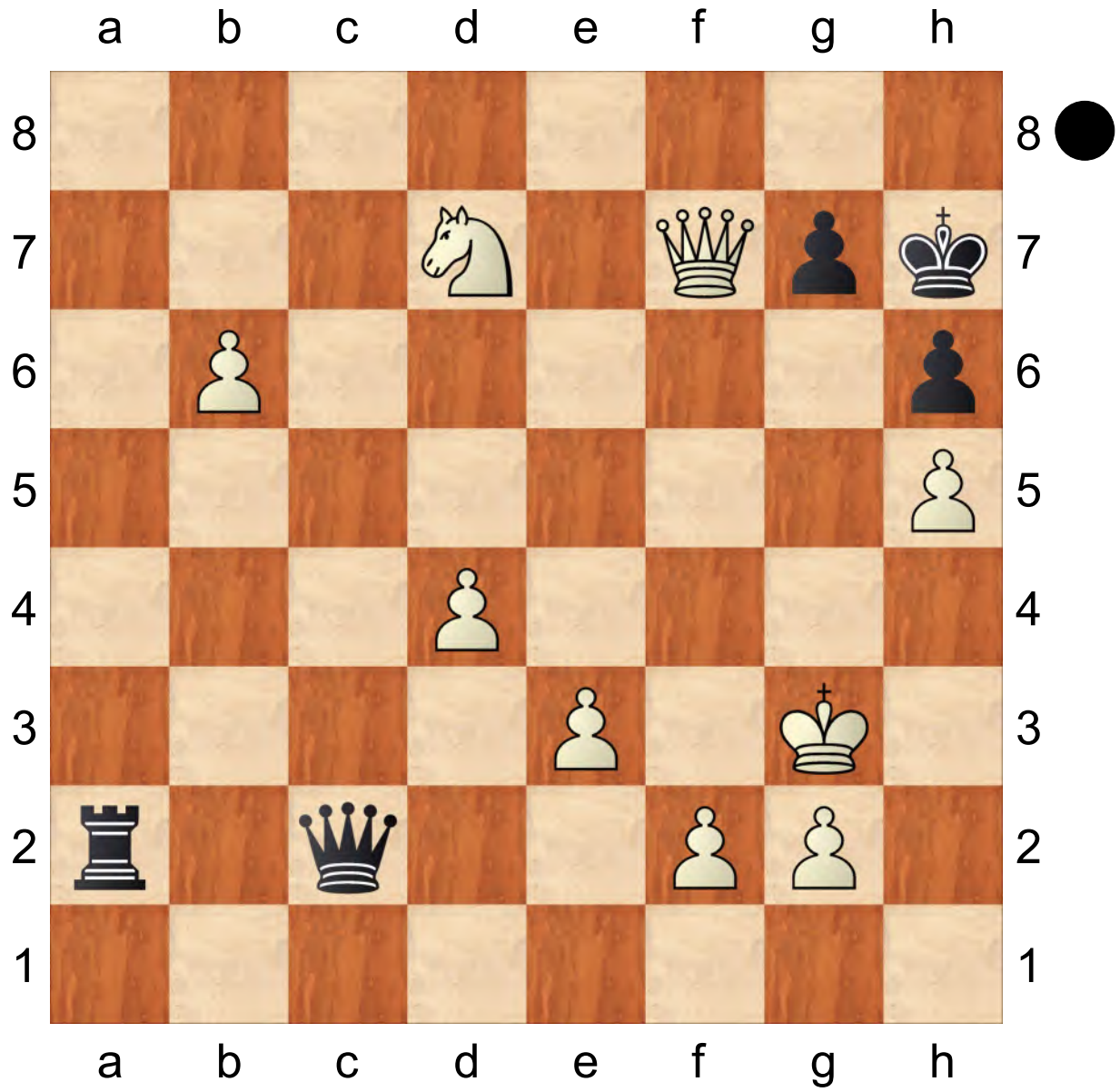
46.Kh2 Qe4
[46...Ra2 Fritz5.00 (100s) 47.Qf8 Qe4 48.Kg3+-]
47.Kg3 Ra2
[47...Qb1+- (Fritz5.00 (100s)) die letzte Gegenchance]
48.h5
[⌓48.b7 (Fritz5.00 (100s)) und Weiß ist direkt am Ziel Qxb7 49.Qg6+ Kh8 50.Nf7+ Kg8 51.Nxh6+ Kf8 52.Qf5+ Ke8 53.Qe6+ Qe7 54.Qxa2 Qd6+ 55.f4 Qxh6 56.Qg8+ Ke7+-]
48...Qc2
[48...Rb2+- Fritz5.00 (100s)]
49.Qg6+
[⌓49.Qf8 (Fritz5.00 (100s)) und Schwarz kann direkt aufgeben Qe4 50.b7 Qxb7 51.Qf5+ Kg8 52.Qe6+ Kh7 53.Qxa2+-]

49...Kg8
[49...Qxg6+ Lutz: 'Fritz 5.00 (100s): 'könnte noch eine geringe Chance darstellen" 50.hxg6+ Kg8 '+-' Fritz5.00 (100s). Lutz: "+-' Fritz5.00 (100s). Fritz 5.00 (100s): '+-" 51.Nd7+-]
50.Qf7+ Kh7



Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Weiß darf Schwarz nun nicht zu Ta8 kommen lassen' **51.Nd7**
[51.Nd7 Fritz5.00 (100s) Ra8 52.b7 Qc7+ 53.f4 Qxb7 54.Nf6+ Kh8 55.Qxb7+-]

(Diagram)



Fritz5.00 (100s): 'Droht Matt: Sf6'

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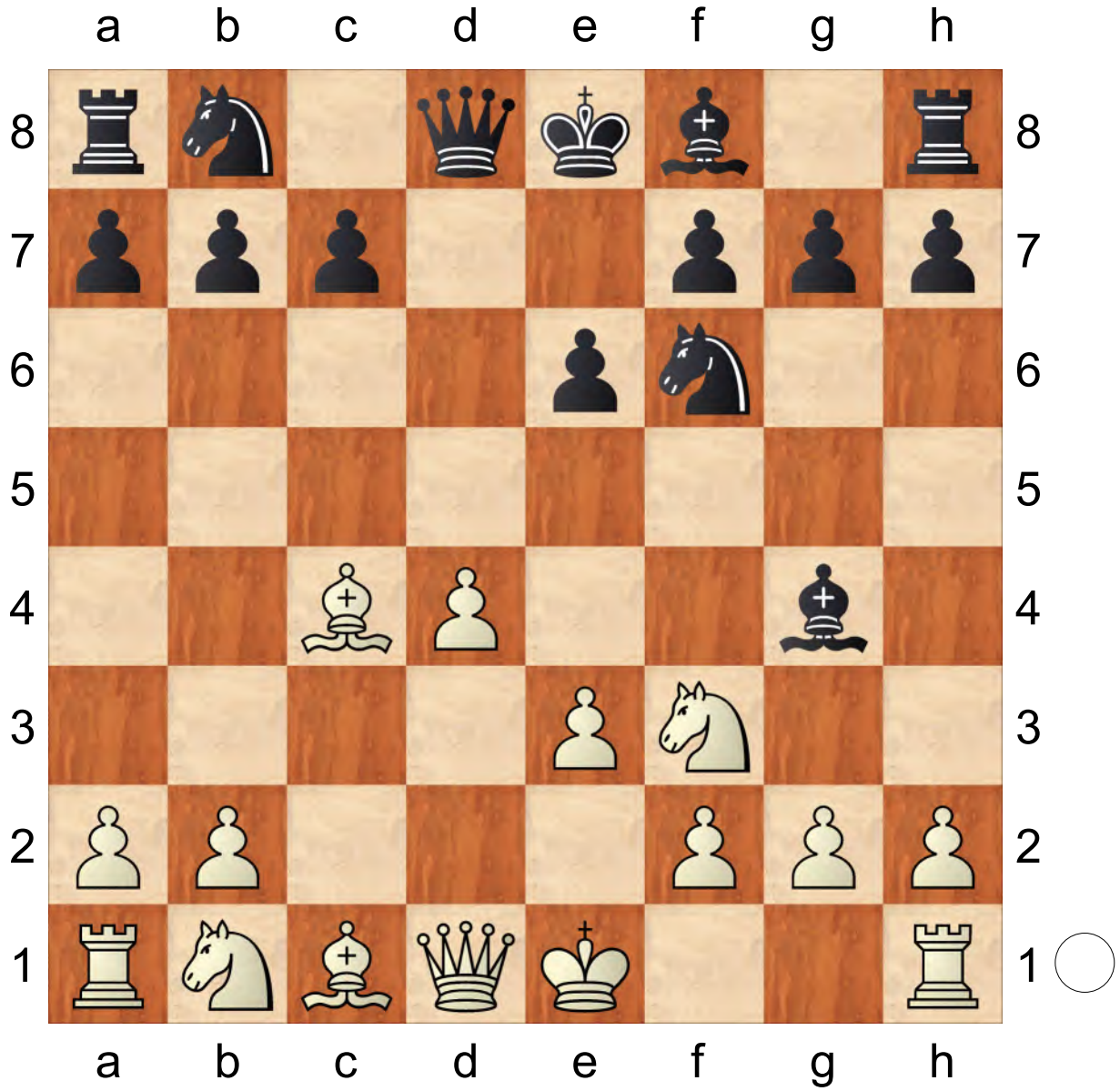
□ **Tsesarsky,Ilya** **2458**
■ **Zifroni,Dov** **2531**
ISR-chT Ramat Aviv (8.2) 31.03.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.Nf3 Tsesarsky Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 Bg4 5.Bxc4**
[5.h3 Bh5 6.Nc3 e6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 Nbd7
A) 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bxc4 Nb6 11.Bf1 c5 12.Bb5+ *(12.Bg2 cxd4 13.exd4 Nfd5 14.Bd2 Bb4 15.a3 Be7 16.Qb3 Bf6 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Be3=)* 12...Nfd7 13.Qf3 a6= ½-½ Van Seters,F-Smyslov,V/Hastings6263 1962/[Modern Classics 01] (62);
B) 9.Nxc4 Bb4 *(9...c5 10.Bg2 cxd4 11.exd4 Rc8∓)* 10.Bg2 Be4 11.0-0 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 h5⇄ 1-0 Dorfman,J-Santos,L/Oviedo rapid45 1992 (32)]
5...e6

(Diagram)

6.h3 Bh5 7.Nc3
[7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5
A) 8...Be4 9.f3 Bd5 10.Be2 Nfd7 11.e4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Bc6 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.Be3±;
B) 8...c5 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.g5 *(11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Ne5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qe2 c4=)* 11...cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.Bb3±;
C) 8...Nbd7 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bf1 c6 11.Bg2 Be7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Rc1 Rd8 ½-½ Tsesarsky,I-Zilberman,Y/Rishon-active 1999 (62) 15.g5 Nh5 *(15...Nd5 16.Bxd5±)* 16.Ne4±]
7...Nbd7 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nh4
[9.h4 Bb4 *(9...h6 10.Rg1 c5⇄* 1-0 Sallay,R-Haag,E/Budapest HUN ch 1964 (52)*; 9...Nxg4 10.h5 Bf5 11.e4±)* 10.Nd2 c5 11.h5 cxd4 12.exd4 Be4 13.Ndxe4 Nxe4∓]
9...c6?!
[9...c5 10.Nxg6 hxg6
A) 11.g5 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.Bb3 *(13.Qe2 Nh7 14.d5 e5 15.f4 Bd6 16.Ne4 Bb4+ 17.Bd2 Qe7 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Bb5+ Kf8∓)* 13...Nh7 14.d5 e5 15.Rg1 Bb4 16.Bd2±;
B) 11.Qf3 Qc8 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5± 1-0 Faanacht,P-Munch,I/SB RHH MAT 1990 (37)]
[9...Bd6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qf3 *(11.g5 Nd5 12.e4 N5b6 13.Bb3 Rh4 14.Be3 Qe7 15.e5 Bb4 16.Qf3 0-0-0 17.Kf1 Bxc3 18.bxc3± ½-½* Dalinger,H-Filgueira, H/Acasusso ,EXT 1991 (41) *)* 11...c6 12.Bd2±]



[9...Bb4 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3± 1-0 Kurajica,B-Martic,Z/Porec CRO 1998 (28)]

[9...Be4!?

A) 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Nf3 *(11.Ng2 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Qf6 13.Nf4 g5 14.Qc2 Nd6 15.Nd3 Qf3 16.Kg1 Ba5 17.Bb3 h5∓* 0-1 Paldanius,P-Helenius,M/Finland Tch 1995 (45)*)* 11...h5 *(11...Nd6 12.Bb3 Qe7 13.Bd2 h5 14.Rg1 hxg4 15.hxg4 0-0-0=* 1-0 COMP Meph Portorose 68030-COMP Deep Thought/Reno ch-n amerika 1989 (64)*)* 12.Bd3 Ng5 13.gxh5 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Ne5 15.Qe4 Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Qd5 17.e4 Qxh5∓ ½-½ Bondarevsky,I-Krogius,N/Sochi(9) 1964 (30);

B) 10.f3

B1) 10...Bd5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Bb3 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 *(13.Kf2±)* 13...c6 14.a3 Bf8 15.Nf5 g6 16.Ng3 Bd6 17.Kf2 h5 18.Bd2± ½-½ Paulsen,D-

Grund,H/Altenkirchen GER 1999 (110);
B2) 10...Bc6 11.Ng2 Be7 12.e4 Nb6 13.Bb3 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.0-0 Qe7 16.Bg5 *(16.Be3 0-0-0 17.Qc2±)* 16...h6 17.Be3 0-0-0 18.Qe2 g5 19.Rfc1 Kb8 20.Na2± 1-0 Schuh,H-Steiger,W/Donaueschingen MA ,GER 1985 (51)]

[9...Nb6 10.Nxg6 *(10.Bb3 c5 11.dxc5 Qxd1+ 12.Bxd1 Bxc5 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Be2 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.a3 0-0-0 17.Bd2 Kb8 18.Bf3=* ½-½ Abramovic,B-Matulovic,M/Cetinje YUG tt 1993 (46) *)* 10...hxg6

A) 11.Be2 c5 *(11...Nbd5 12.Bf3 c5 13.g5 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Nxc3 15.Bxb7 Nd7 16.bxc3±* 1-0 Jasnikowski,Z-Kekki,P/Espoo ,EXT 1989 (28)*)* 12.g5 Nfd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.a4 Moskalenko,V-Matulovic,M/Kastel Stari op 1988/Inf 46 (14) *(14.f4=)* 14...Qxg5∓;

B) 11.Bb3 c5 12.Qf3 cxd4 13.exd4 Nfd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Bd2 Be7 16.a4 0-0 17.0-0 Qd7 18.Rfe1 Rac8 19.Re2 Nc4 20.Bf4 a6 21.Kg2± 1-0 Khomyakov,V-Wichmann,C/Budapest Spring 1992 (48)]

10.Nxg6 hxg6

(Diagram)

11.Qf3! This move with further 0-0-0, in my opinion, bring to White clear advantage.

[11.Bf1 Be7 *(11...Bd6 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.0-0 g5 14.e4 Bf4 15.Re1 Nf8 16.e5 N6d7 17.Ne4±* 1-0 Petkevich,J-Viksna/Riga 1985 (30)*)* 12.Bg2 Nd5 13.e4 N5b6 14.0-0 0-0 15.d5 e5

A) 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qc2 Nc5 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.Be3 Ne6 20.Bf1 *(20.Ne2 Rfd8 21.Rac1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8=)* 20...Rfd8 21.Rac1 Rxd1 22.Qxd1= 0-1 Tsesarsky,I-Zilberman,Y/Grand Prix 1996/ (55);

B) 16.Qe2±]

11...Be7

[11...Bd6

A) 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0

A1) 14.Kb1 Kb8 15.Bb3 Nd5 16.e4 Nxc3+ 17.bxc3 *(17.Bxc3±)* 17...c5 18.g5 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rc8 20.Rc1= *(20.Rhe1⇄* ½-½ Conquest,S-Brynell,S/Nordic GP Torshavn FAI 1997 (56) *)*;

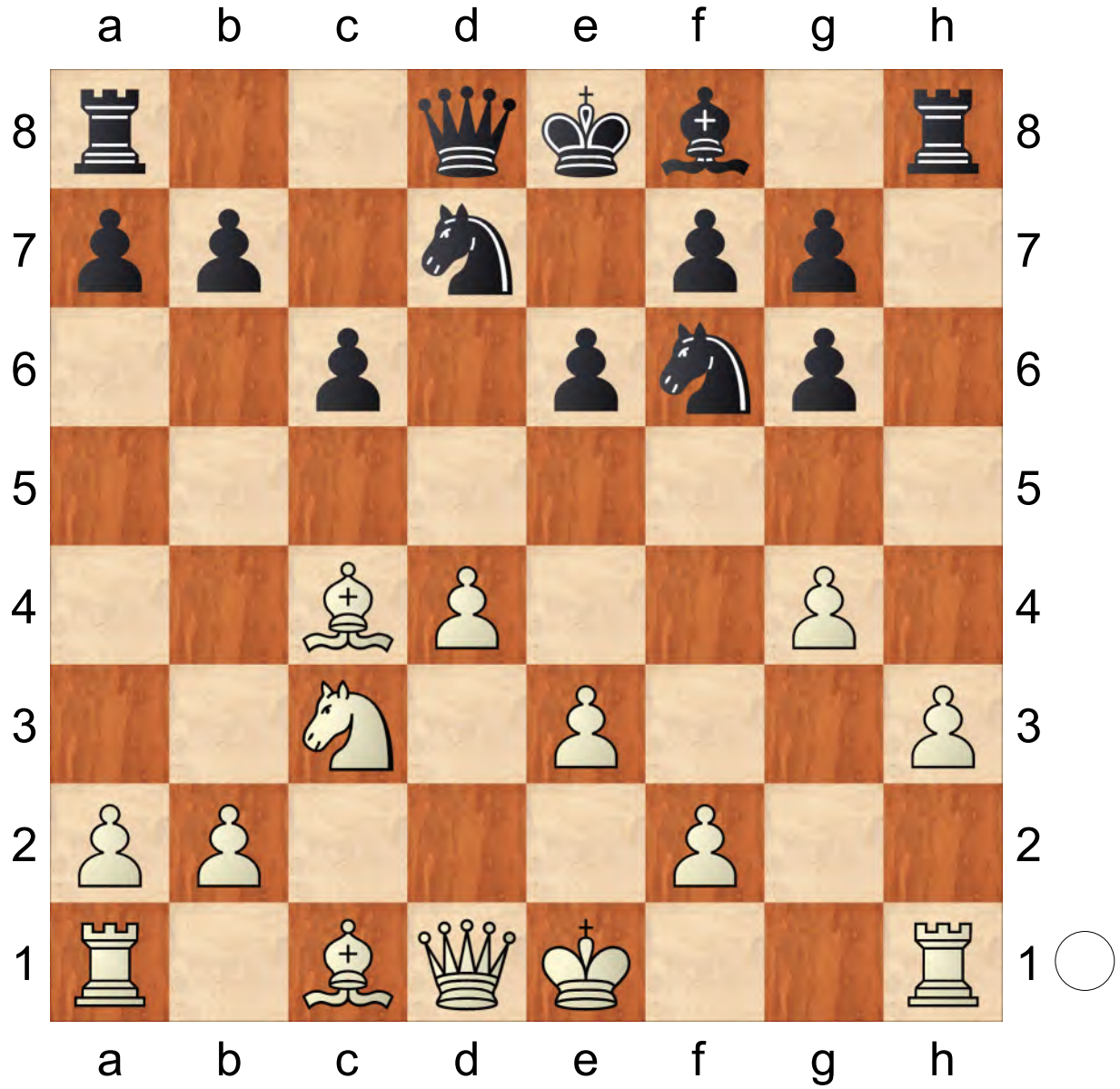
A2) 14.e4 Nb6 15.Bb3±;

B) 12.Bb3 Qe7 13.e4 e5 14.d5 Bc5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 cxd5 17.exd5 e4 18.Qe2 0-0 19.0-0-0 Nc5 20.Bc2 Qe5 21.Qh2± 1-0 Smolej,F-Zieher,H/BL 1985 (40)]

[11...a5 12.a3 Be7 13.h4 Nd5 14.g5 b5 15.Bb3 b4 16.Ne2 a4 17.Bc2 c5 18.h5 b3 19.Bd3 Rxh5 20.Rxh5 gxh5 21.g6 N7f6 22.gxf7+ Kxf7 23.e4 Nc7 24.e5 Qd5 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Qxh5+ Kf8 27.Nf4± 0-1 Khomyakov,V-Fominyh,A/Warsaw 1992 (49)]

12.Bd2

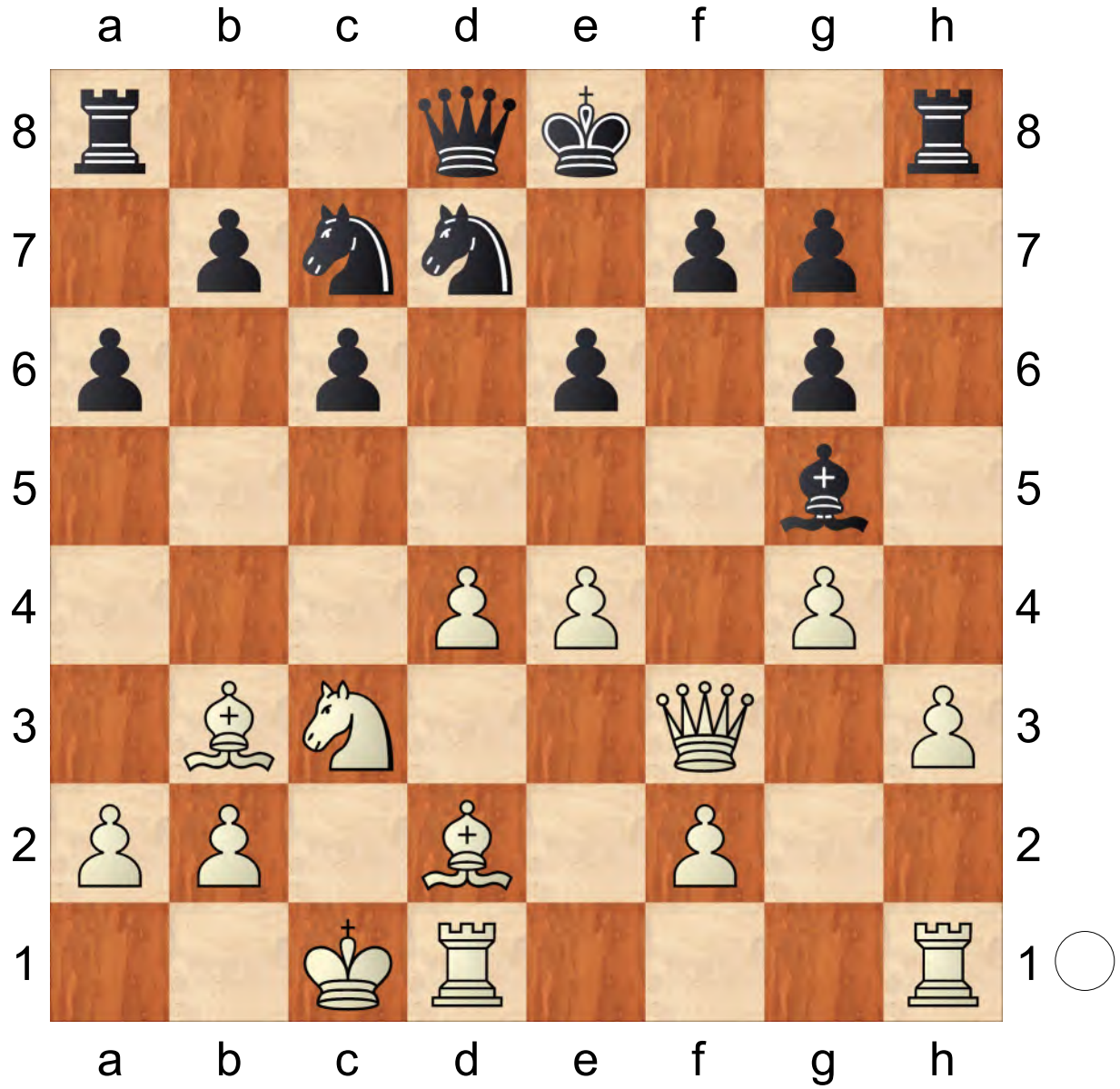
[12.h4!? Nd5 13.g5±]



12...a6 13.Bb3 Nd5 14.e4 Nc7?±
[14...Nxc3 15.Bxc3 *(15.bxc3 Bg5 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.e5±)* 15...Bf6 16.Rd1 *(16.0-0-0 Qb6 17.d5 cxd5 18.exd5 0-0 19.dxe6 fxe6⇄)* 16...Nb6 17.0-0±]
15.0-0-0 Bg5

(Diagram)

16.Qg3!
[16.d5 cxd5 17.exd5 Qf6 18.Qg3 Bxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Re1+ Kf8 22.Nxd5 Qc6+ 23.Kb1 Nc5±]
16...Bxd2+
[16...Nb5 17.f4 Bh4 *(17...Be7 18.Nxb5 axb5 19.f5±)* 18.Qe3±]
17.Rxd2 Qb8!?



[17...Nb5!?
A) 18.d5 Nxc3
A1) 19.bxc3 Nc5 20.Re1 *(20.dxe6 Qxd2+ 21.Kxd2 Nxe4+ 22.Ke3 Nxg3 23.exf7+ Kf8 24.fxg3 g5⩱)*;
A2) 19.Qxc3 cxd5 20.Qxg7 Rc8+ 21.Kb1 Qf6 22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.exd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Rd8 25.Bc6+ *(25.Kc2 exd5 26.h4±)* 25...bxc6 26.Rxd8+ Kxd8 27.h4±;
B) 18.f4 Nf6
B1) 19.e5? Nxc3 20.bxc3 *(20.exf6 Ne4∓)* 20...Ne4∓;
B2) 19.Bc2 Nxd4 20.e5 Nh7 21.Rhd1 c5 22.Ne4 Qa5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxd4 Rc8 25.Qd3±]

18.f4 Nb5 19.e5!?

[Quite well was also 19.d5 Nc5 20.Bc2 *(20.dxe6 Nxb3+ 21.axb3 fxe6 22.e5±)*

20...cxd5 21.exd5 exd5 22.Re1+ Kf8 23.Nxd5±]

19...c5?+-

[19...Nxc3!

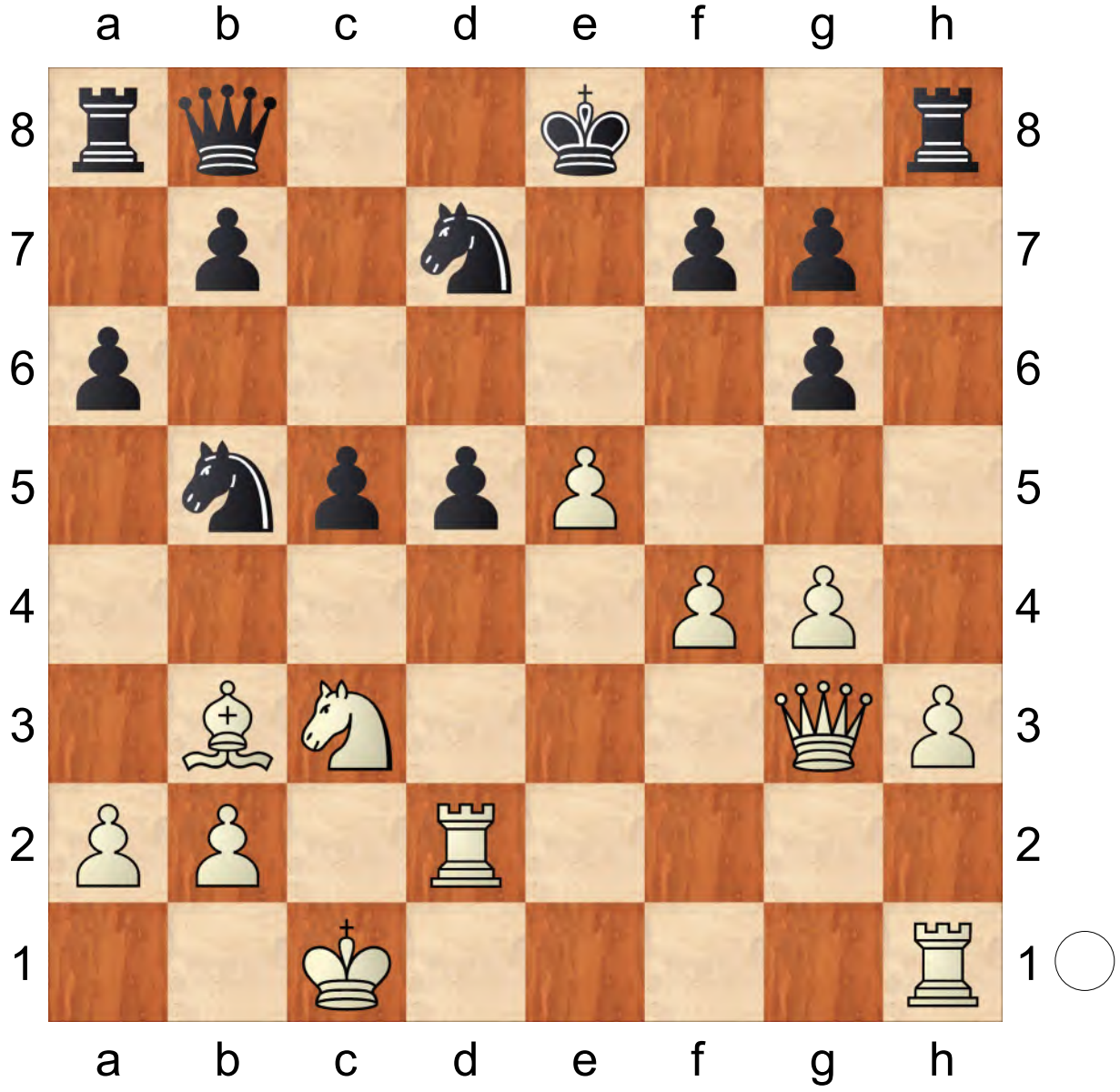
A) 20.bxc3 Qc7 21.f5 Nf8□ 22.fxe6 *(22.fxg6 Nxg6 23.h4 c5 24.Kb2 cxd4 25.cxd4 Rd8⇄)* 22...Nxe6 *(22...fxe6 23.Rf1±)* 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Qd3 *(24.Rf1 0-0-0 25.Rdf2±)* 24...g5 25.Rf2 *(25.Qg6+ Qf7 26.Qxg5 Qf3⇄)* 25...0-0-0 26.Qe3±;

B) 20.Qxc3 Qd8

B1) 21.f5 gxf5 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Rg1 *(23.e6 fxe6 24.Re1 Nf8 25.Bxe6 Nxe6 26.Rxe6+ Kf7∞)* 23...Rh7 24.Rdg2 g6 25.e6 fxe6 26.Rxg6 Nf8 27.Rg8 Kd7 28.Re1 Re7 29.h4±;

B2) 21.Rf1 Nb6 22.f5 Nd5 23.Qf3 *(23.Qg3 g5)* 23...0-0 24.f6!±]

20.d5 exd5



21.Bxd5
[21.Nxd5 Nd4 22.Re1 b5 23.f5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Rh7 25.Qg2±]
21...Nb6□ 22.e6
[22.Ne4!? Nxd5 *(22...0-0 23.Ng5 Nxd5 24.Qh4+-)* 23.Rxd5 b6 *(23...0-0 24.Ng5 Rd8 25.Rdd1 Nd4 26.Qh4+-)* 24.Rhd1 Nd4 25.Kb1±]
22...Nxd5
[22...f6 23.Qd3+-]
23.Nxd5
[23.exf7+ Kxf7 24.Nxd5 Nd4 25.Nb6 Ra7 26.Nd7 Qd6 27.Ne5+ Kg8 28.Re1±]
23...fxe6 24.Re1 Nd4
[24...0-0 25.Ne7+ Kf7 26.Qd3! Nc7 *(26...Kxe7 27.Qd7+ Kf6 28.Qxe6#)* 27.Qd7+-]
25.Rxd4! cxd4

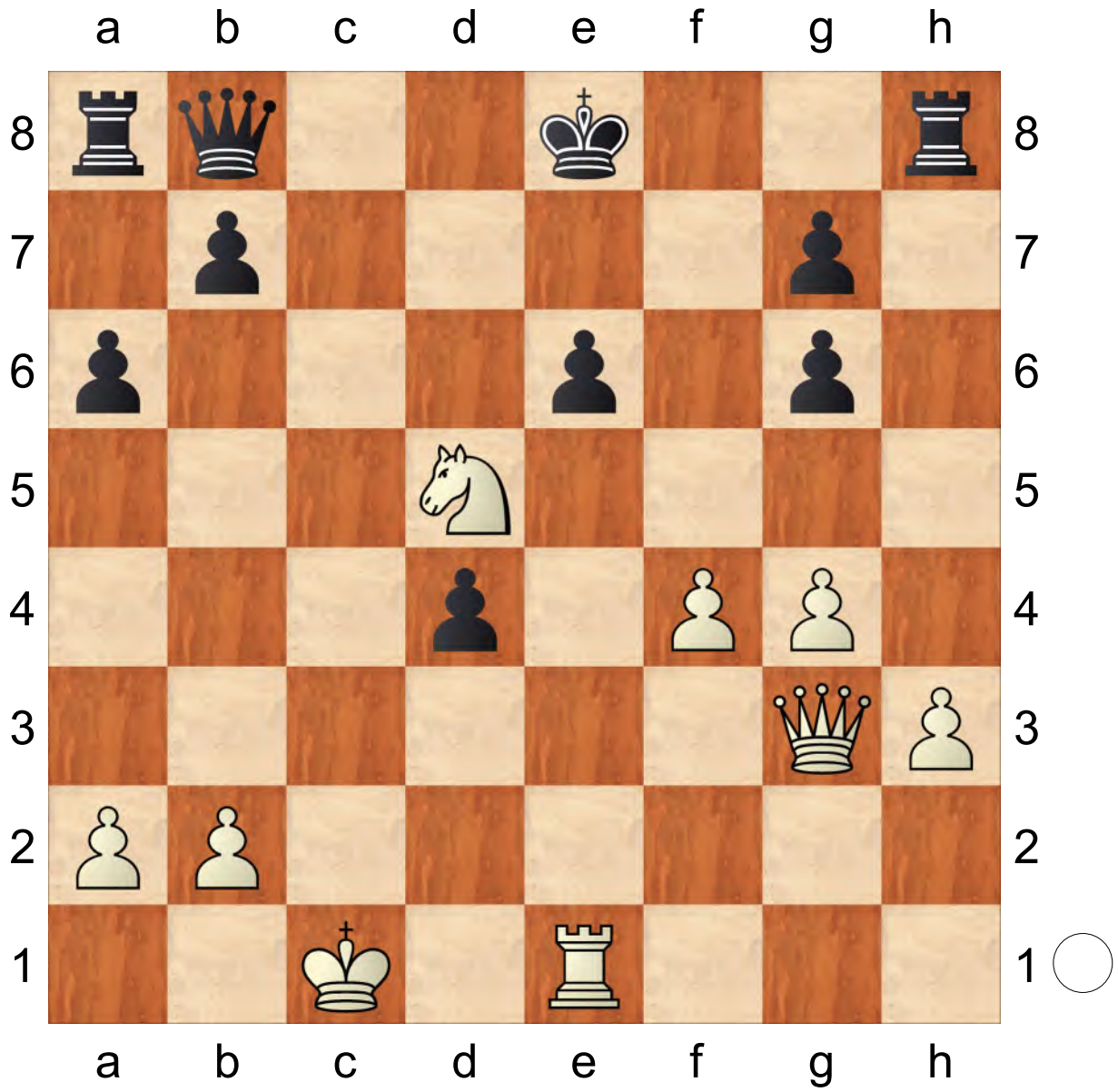
(Diagram)

26.Rxe6+ Kf8
[26...Kd7 27.Qe1+-]
[26...Kd8 27.Kb1 *(27.Qe1±)* 27...Ra7 *(27...b5 28.Qe1+-)* 28.Qa3+-]
[26...Kf7 27.Re7+ Kg8 *(27...Kf8 28.Qa3 Kg8 29.Nf6++-)* 28.Nf6+ gxf6 29.Qb3++-]
27.Qa3+ Kg8 28.Ne7+ Kf7 29.Qb3 Qe8?!
[It was necessary to check me after 29...Qxf4+!? 30.Kb1! *(30.Kd1 Rxh3 31.Re3+ Ke8 32.Qg8+ Kd7 33.Qe6+ Kd8=; 30.Re3+ Ke8 31.Nd5+ Qxe3+ 32.Nxe3 dxe3 33.Qxe3+ Kd7 34.Qd3+ Kc7 35.Qxg6±)* 30...Rxh3 31.Qd5!+- Only after this move white ♕ remain on a2-g8 diagonal. *(31.Re3+ Ke8 32.Qg8+ Kd7 33.Qe6+ Kd8=; 31.Qc4 Rh1+ 32.Re1+ Ke8 33.Qg8+ Qf8 34.Qxf8+ Kxf8 35.Nxg6+ Kf7 36.Ne5+ Ke6∓)*]
[29...Rxh3 30.Re3+ Ke8 *(30...Kf8 31.Qg8#)* 31.Qg8+ Kd7 32.Qd5+ Ke8 33.Nc6+ *(33.Re4+-)* 33...Rxe3 34.Qg8+ Kd7 35.Nxb8+ Kc7 36.Qxg7+ Kxb8 37.Qh8++-]
30.Re5+
[30.Rxa6+! Kxe7 *(30...Kf8 31.Nxg6+ Qxg6 32.Rxg6+-)* 31.Qxb7+ Qd7 32.Qe4+ Kf8 33.Rxa8++-]
30...Kf8

(Diagram)

31.Qe6

(Diagram)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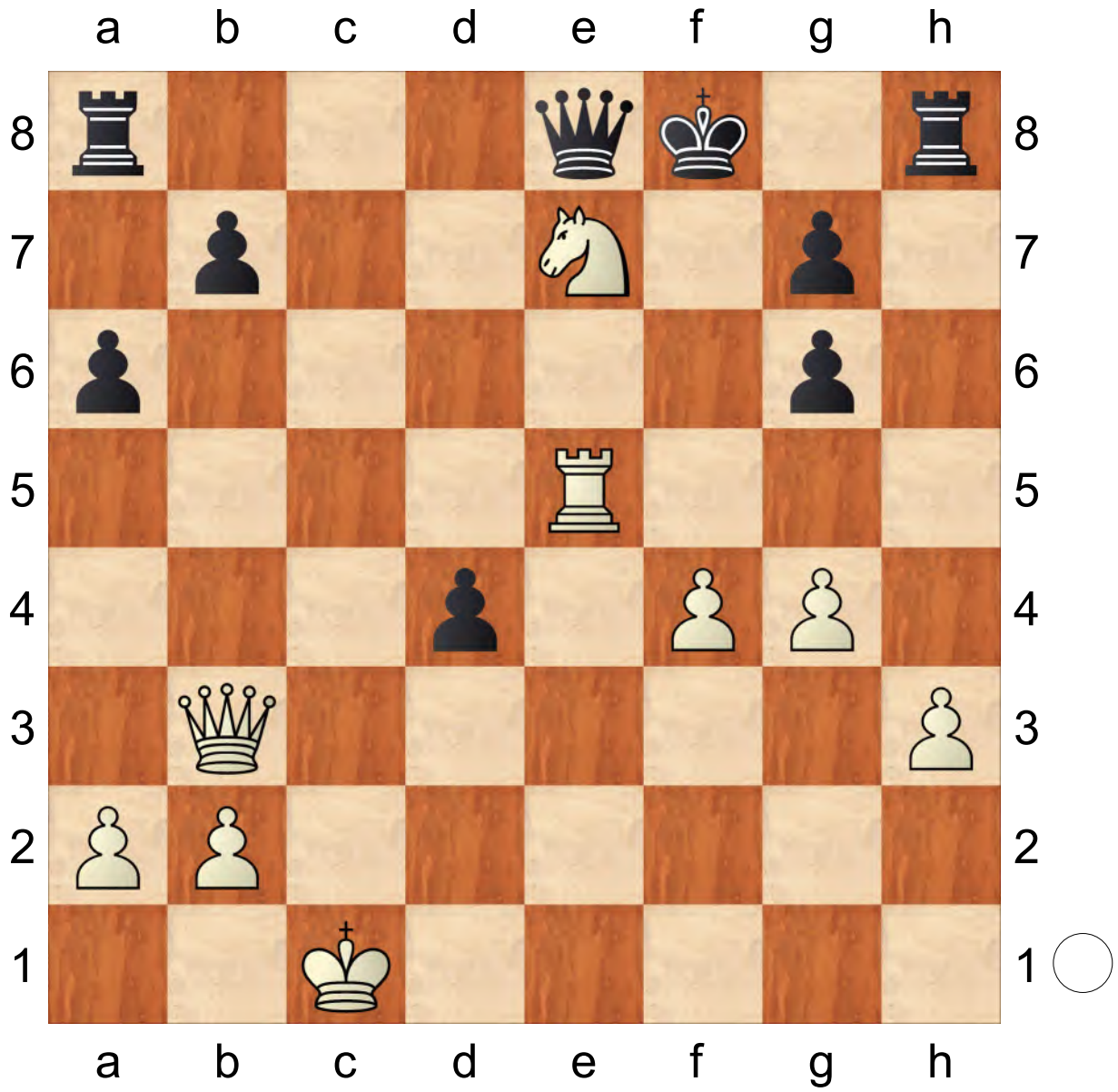
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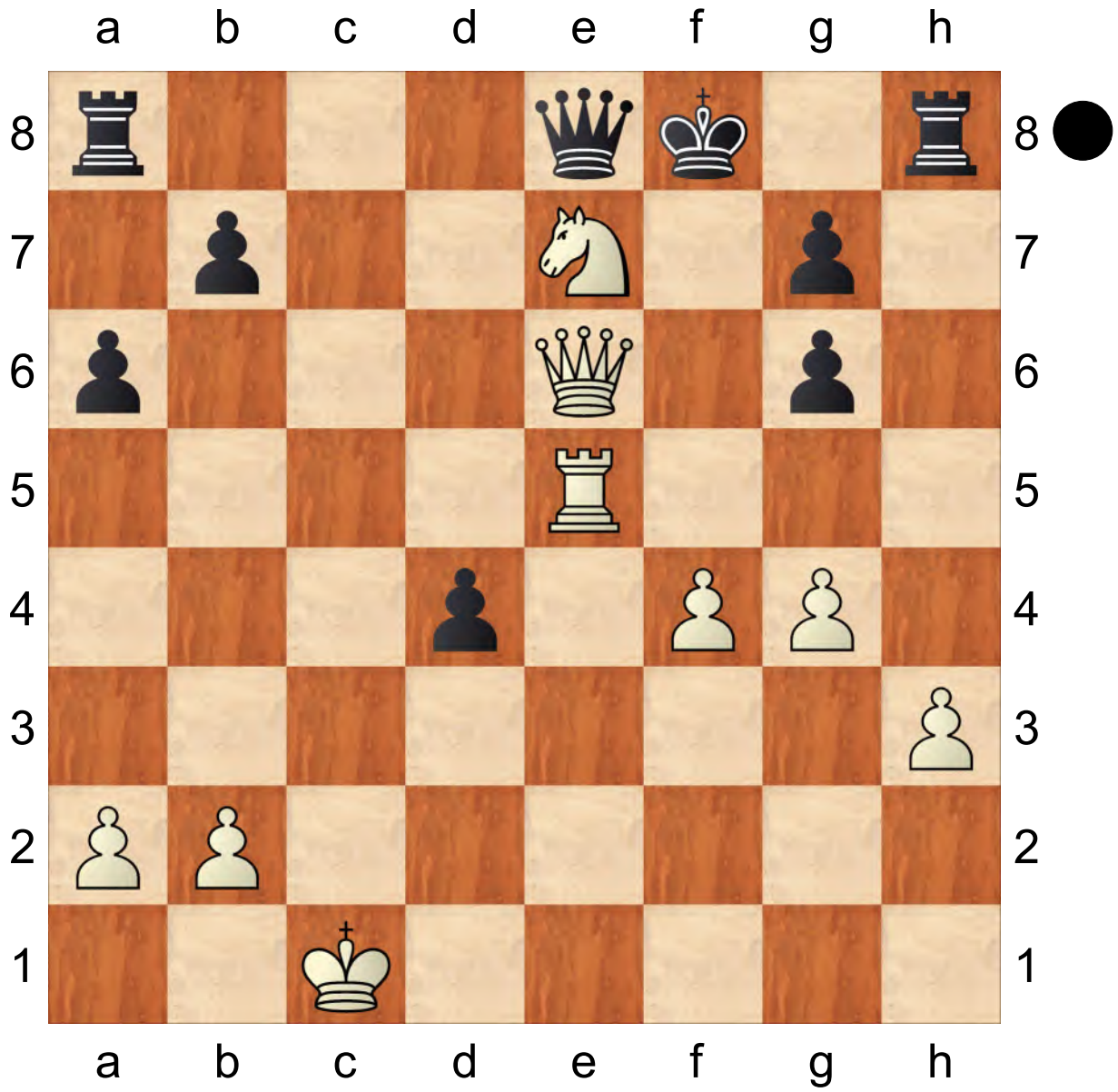

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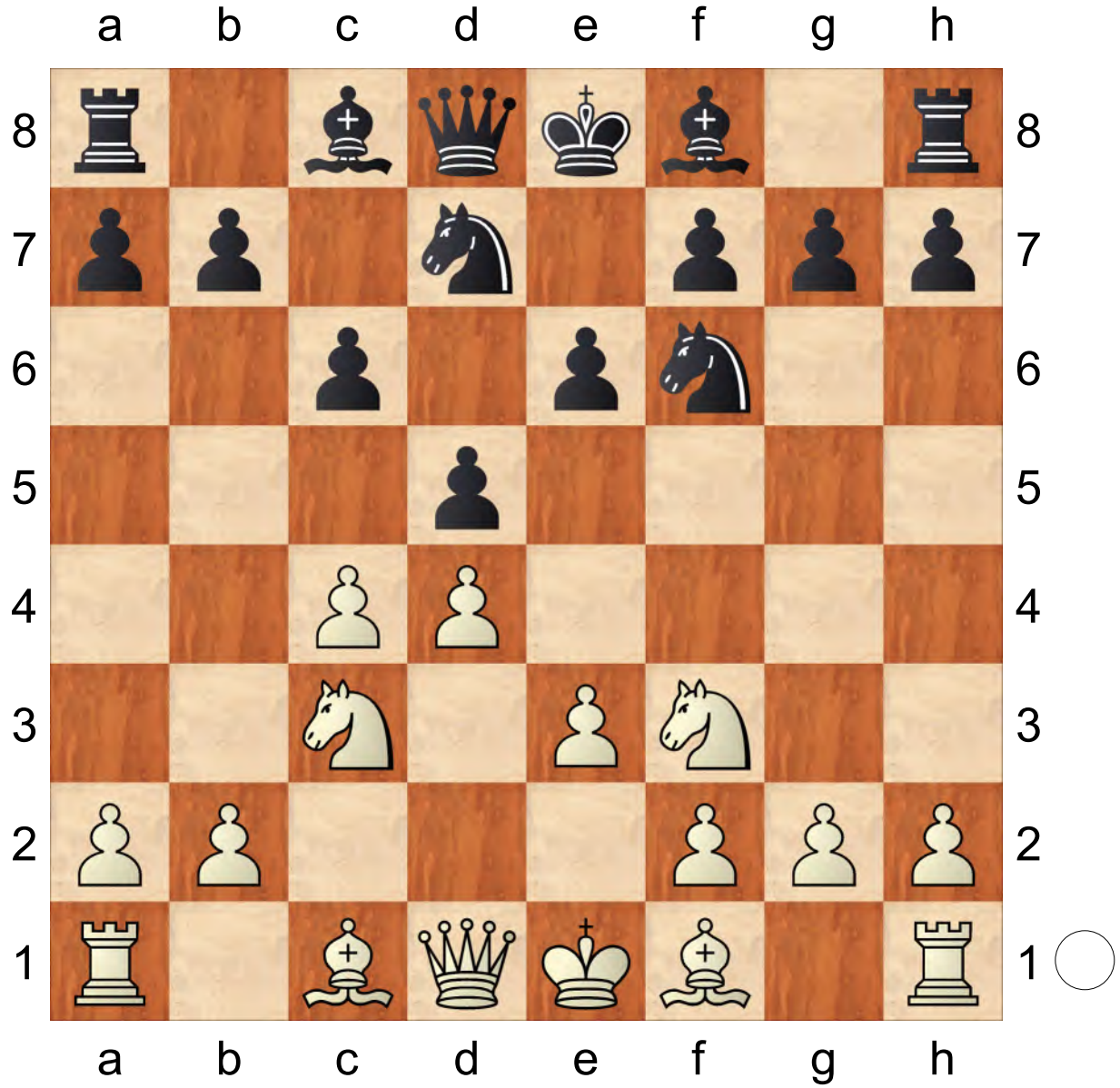
□ **Alterman,Boris** **2615**
■ **Gabriel,Christian** **2575**
Bad Homburg (4) 29.07.1997
[Petursson,Margeir]

1.d4 Alterman,Boris Lutz Petursson Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson Petursson: 'Lutz'' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7**



6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.e4 c5 10.d5 Qc7

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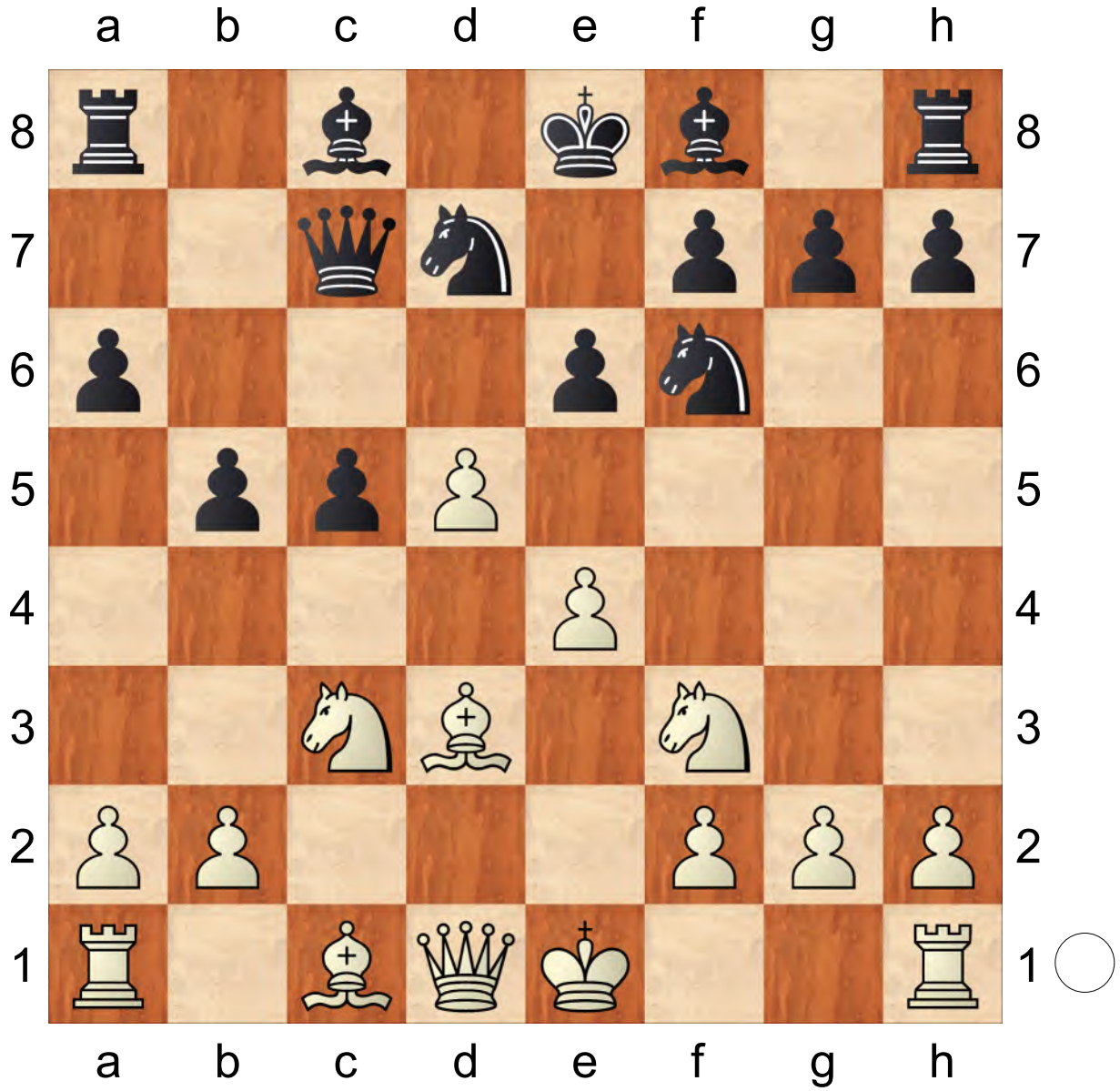

11.dxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Bc2 c4 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Be3

[15.Qe2 Lutz: 'Petursson' Bd6 16.f4 e5 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.Rf5 Qc7 21.Bg5 Nfxe4 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Nxe4 Qe5 24.Nf6+ gxf6 25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ ½-½ Kasparov,G-Akopian,V/Erevan olm 1996/EXT 96ch2]

15...e5

[15...0-0-0 Lutz: 'Petursson' 16.Qe2 e5 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Rad1 Rhe8 19.a4 b4 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 e4 22.Ng5 h6 23.Qg4+ Qd7 24.Qxd7+ Rxd7 25.Bxc5 Schandorff,L-Hansen,C/Nordic Grand Prix 1997/EXP 56/½-½ (39)]

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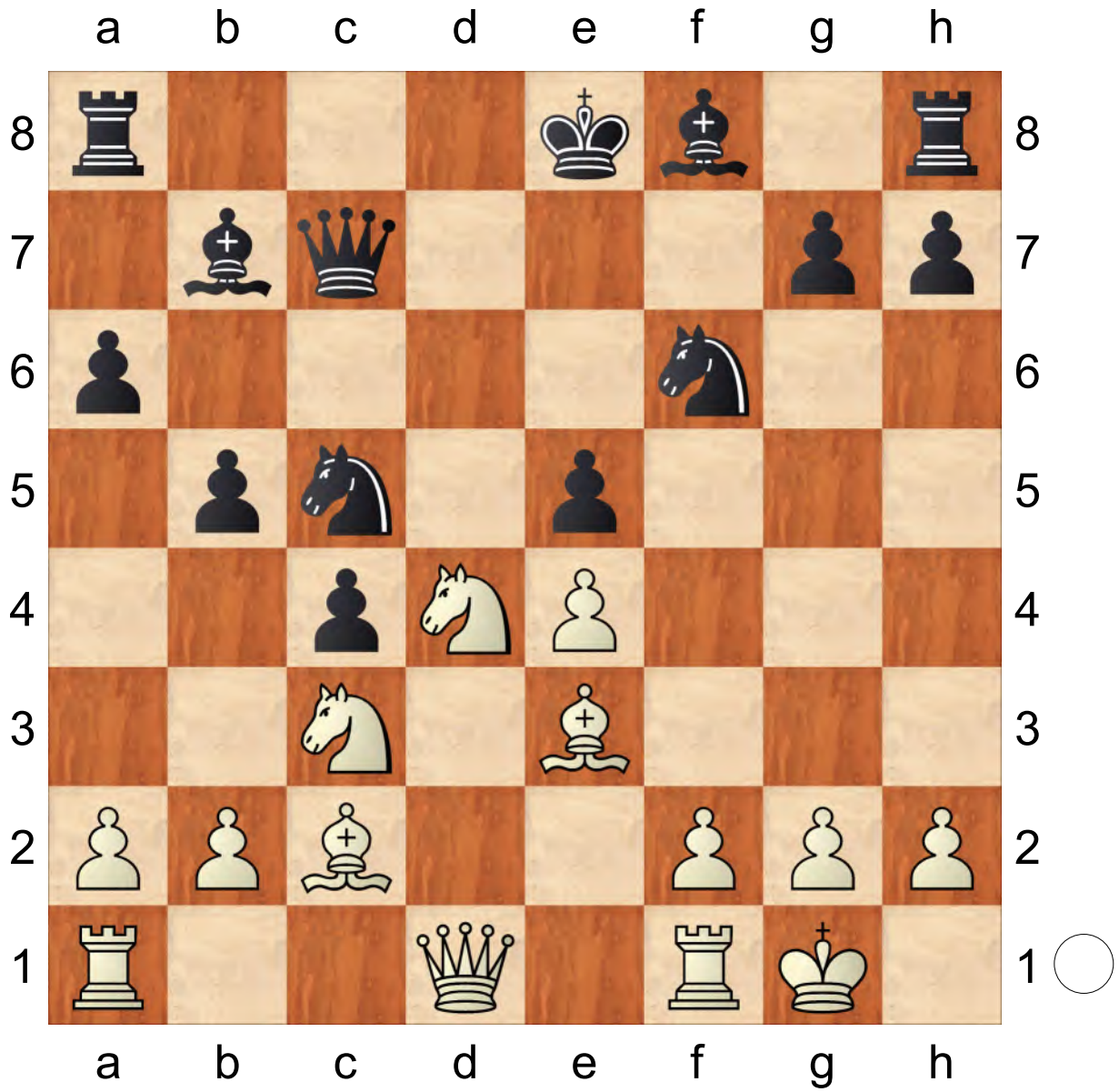


16.Nf3N 'N!' Lutz. Lutz: 'N!' Lutz: 'Petursson: 'N' Petursson: "N!' Lutz. " Alterman, Boris: 'Lutz: 'N!' Petursson: 'N!' Petursson: "N!' Lutz. "

[16.Nf5 Lutz: 'Petursson' Ncxe4 *(16...Rd8 17.Qf3 Bd6 18.Rad1 Bc8 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd6+ Rxd6 21.Qh5+ Rg6 22.exd5 Nd3 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.Rc1 Qb8 25.Ba7* 1-0 Krasenkow,M-Oll,L/Rubinstein mem 1996/CBM 55/[Tyomkin,D]*)* 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.a4 Rd8 *(18...Qc6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8+ Bxa8 21.Qg4 g6 22.Nh6 Nf6 23.Qg3 Bxh6 24.Bxh6 Kf7 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Re8 27.Bg5 Re6 28.h3 Kg7 29.Rf2 Qd6 30.Qc3 h6 31.Bh4 b4 32.Qxc4 Re1+ 33.Rf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 g5 35.Bf2 Qh2* 52 ½-½ Lautier,J-Kramnik,V/Monaco rapid 1996/EXP *)* 19.Qe2 Qc6 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 Rd7 22.Rfa1 g6 23.Qf3 gxf5 24.Rxb7 Qxb7 25.Qxf5 Nf6 26.Qxf6 Bg7 27.Qh4 Rd8 28.Ra7 Qxa7 29.Bxa7 Ra8 30.Qh5+ Ke7 31.Bc5+ Ke6 32.g3 Bf6 33.Be4 Ra2 34.Qf5+ Kf7 35.Qd7+ 54 1-0 Sadler,M-Wilson,J/BCF-ch Nottingham 1996/EXP]

16...Rd8 '!?' Lutz. Lutz: '!?' Lutz: 'Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: 'N' Alterman, Boris: 'Lutz: '!?' Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " Lutz: 'Wegen Alternativen betrachte man die Stammpartie von 16. ♘f3!, B.Gelfand-E.Bareev (Novgorod 1997)."Wegen Alternativen betrachte man die Stammpartie von 16. ♘f3!, B.Gelfand-E.Bareev (Novgorod 1997). Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Wegen Alternativen betrachte man die Stammpartie von 16. ♘f3!, B. Gelfand-E.Bareev (Novgorod 1997).'"

[16...Ncxe4 Lutz: 'Petursson' 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Ng5∞]

17.Qe2 Be7 '=' Lutz. Lutz: '=' Lutz: 'Petursson: "=' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '=' Petursson: "=' Lutz. "

[17...Nd3 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz" 18.Rfd1!?]

18.a4 '!' Lutz. Lutz: '!' Lutz: 'Petursson: "!' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: '!'

[18.Ng5 Alterman,Boris h6 19.Bxc5 hxg5 20.Be3 g4 21.a4 b4 22.Nd5→]

18...Ncxe4 '!?' Lutz. Lutz: '!?' Lutz: 'Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: '□' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!?' Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Black takes the pawn and gets under attack. 18...b4 was no better:'" Lutz: 'Schwarz nimmt den Bauern und gerät in einen Angriffstrudel. 18...b4 war nicht besser :"Schwarz nimmt den Bauern und gerät in einen Angriffstrudel. 18...b4 war nicht besser : Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Schwarz nimmt den Bauern und gerät in einen Angriffstrudel. 18...b4 war nicht besser :'"

[18...b4 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz" 19.Qxc4 bxc3 20.b4 Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'is no pleasure." ist unerfreulich. Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: 'ist unerfreulich. " Nfxe4 Alterman,Boris 21.bxc5 Nxc5 22.Rad1→ ⟳]

19.Nxe4 Bxe4

[19...Nxe4 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz" 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7↑]

20.Bxe4 Nxe4

(Diagram)

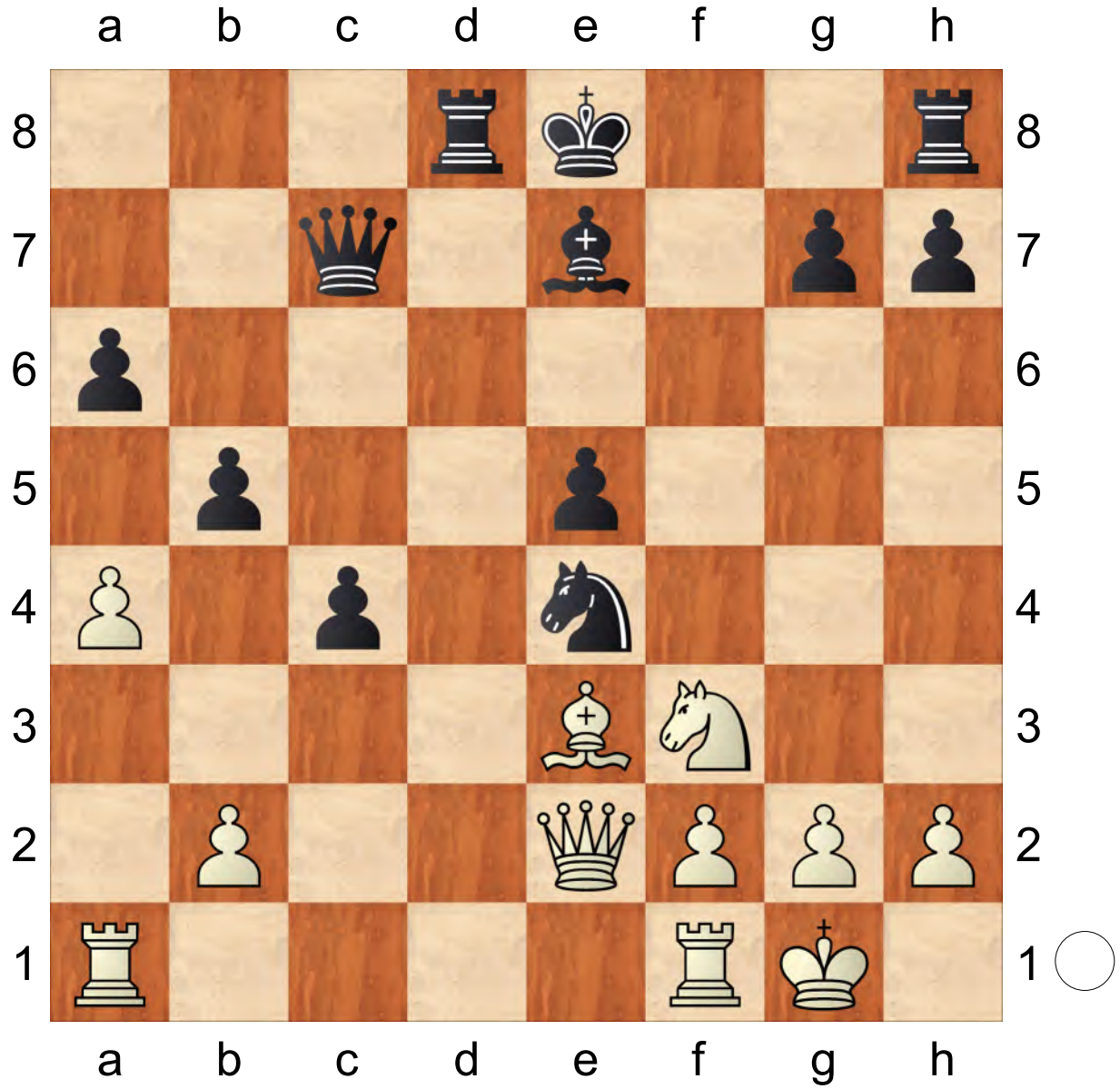
21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7 Qd6

[22...Qb8 Alterman,Boris 23.Nh4!±]

23.Bd4! Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Prevents ...♕d3 which would have been strong after 23.♗h6:'" Lutz: 'Verhindert ... ♕d3, was nach 23.♗h6 stark gewesen wäre :"Verhindert ... ♕d3, was nach 23. ♗h6 stark gewesen wäre : Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Verhindert ...♕d3, was nach 23.♗h6 stark gewesen wäre :'"

[23.Bh6?! Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz" Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '?!' Petursson: '?!" Qd3 Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *(23...gxh6 24.Qxe4±* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '±' Petursson: ' ±" *0-0* Alterman,Boris *25.Nxe5 Qe6!±; 23...Qxh6* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *24.Qxe4±)* 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.Nxe5 *(25.Bxg7 Rg8 26.Bxe5? Rxf3)* 25...Rd6 *(25...Rd5 26.Nc6±; 25...gxh6 26.Nxd3 cxd3 27.Ra8+ Bd8 28.Re1+-)* 26.Ra8+ Bd8 27.Bxg7 Rg8 28.Bh6 Rxh6 29.Rxd8+ Kxd8 30.Nf7+ Kc7 31.Nxh6 Rd8⇄]

[23.Bf4 Alterman,Boris Qd3! *(23...exf4 24.Qxe4+-)* 24.Qxd3 cxd3 25.Bxe5 d2 26.Rd1 Bc5!]



23...Ng5 '!?' Lutz. Lutz: '!?' Lutz: 'Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!?' Petursson: "!?' Lutz. "

[23...exd4 24.Qxe4 Lutz: 'Die Fesselung in der e-Linie ist mehr als lästig.'

A) 24...Qc5 Lutz: 'Petursson' 25.Qb7 Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson' *(25.Rb7* Alterman,Boris *Rf8 26.Re1 Rd7 27.Rb8+ Rd8 28.Rxb5+-)* 25...Rf8 26.Re1 Rf7 27.Ne5 Qb4 28.Re4 *(28.Kf1?? Qxe1+ 29.Kxe1 Bb4+ 30.Kd1 Rxb7 31.Rxb7 Ra8∓)* 28...Qxb2 29.Nd3 Qb1+ 30.Re1 Qxe1+ 31.Nxe1 d3 32.Qxb5+ Kf8 33.Rd7+-;

B) 24...Rd7 Alterman,Boris 25.Ra8+ Rd8 26.Rxd8+ *(26.Re1?? 0-0)* 26...Qxd8 27.Nxd4+-;

C) 24...d3 '!?' Lutz. Lutz: '!?' Lutz: 'Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " Alterman,Boris: '!?' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz Petursson: "!?' Lutz. " 25.Re1 Rd7

C1) 26.Rxd7 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' Kxd7 *(26...Qxd7 27.Ne5±)*

27.Qb7+±;
C2) 26.Qa8+ Lutz: 'Petursson' 26...Kf7 27.Ne5+! Qxe5 28.Qf3+ Qf6 29.Rxd7 Re8 30.Qh5+ Qg6 31.Qxb5+-]
[23...Nd2!? Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!?' Petursson: '!?'' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'was Gabriel's suggested improvement, but in the end this is not too good either: '' wurde von Gabriel als Verbesserungsversuch vorgeschlagen, taugt aber letzlich auch nicht viel : Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: 'wurde von Gabriel als Verbesserungsversuch vorgeschlagen, taugt aber letzlich auch nicht viel :'' 24.Qxd2 *(24.Nxd2?* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *Qxd4; 24.Bxe5?* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Qd3; 24.Nxe5?* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *Nxf1 25.Nc6 Qxh2+! 26.Kxf1 Qh1#)* 24...exd4 25.Re1 Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Better than 25. ♕e2 ♖d7.'' Besser als 25. ♕e2 ♖d7. Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: 'Besser als 25. ♕e2 ♖d7.'' Rd7 26.Ra8+ Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 *(27...Kxd8* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *28.Nxd4±)* 28.Qb4± Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *(28.Qg5* Alterman,Boris *Kf8 29.Qxb5+-)*]

24.Nxe5! Lutz: 'Petursson: '!''
[24.Nxg5? Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' Qxd4 Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'is not clear.'' ist nicht klar.]

24...0-0□ Lutz: 'Petursson: '□''
[24...Qxd4 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26.Nc6++-]
[24...Ne6 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 25.Qh5+]

25.Nc6! Lutz: 'Petursson: '!''

(Diagram)

What is the strongest reply?

25...Nf3+?
[25...Qxc6 Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' 26.Qxe7 Nf7 27.Bc3 Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'and Black cannot move.'' Lutz: 'und Schwarz kann sich nicht rühren''und Schwarz kann sich nicht rühren Petursson: 'Lutz: 'und Schwarz kann sich nicht rühren''' Rde8? '!?' Lutz. Lutz: '!?' Lutz: 'Petursson: '?' Petursson: ''!?' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: '!?' *(27...h6±* Lutz: 'Petursson'*)* 28.Qg5!! '!' Lutz. Lutz: '!' Lutz: 'Petursson: '!!' Petursson: ''!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: '!' Qg6 Lutz: 'Petursson' *(28...Nxg5* Lutz: 'Petursson' *29.Rxg7+ Kh8 30.Rg6+ Qf6 31.Bxf6+ Rxf6 32.Rxf6 Re2 33.Rf5+-)* 29.Qxb5+-]
[25...Nh3+!? Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 26.Kh1!+- *(26.gxh3? Qxc6 27.Qxe7 Qg6+ 28.Kh1 Rxd4 29.Rg1? Qc6+-+)*]

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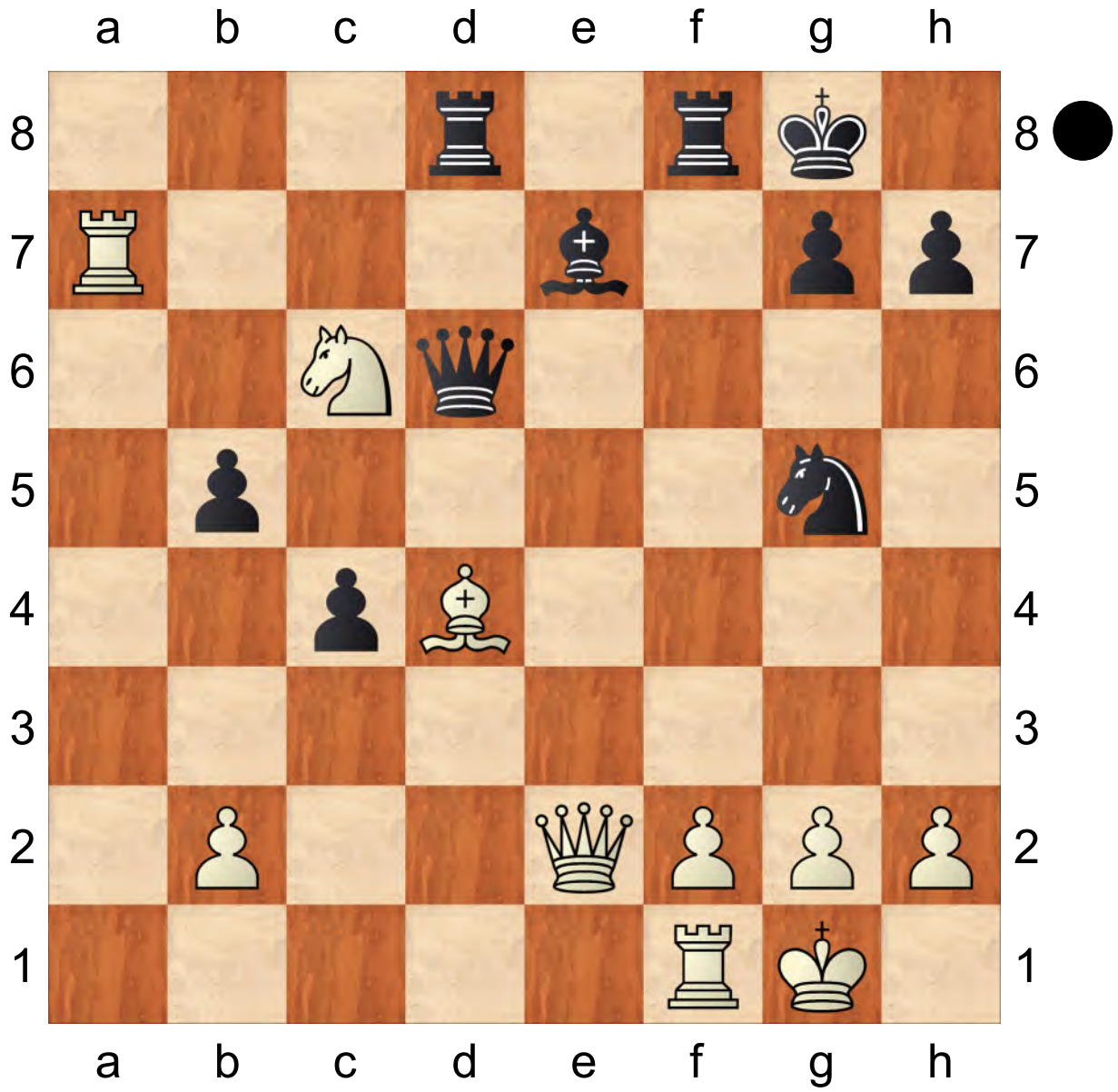
'?!' Lutz. Lutz: '?!' Lutz: 'Petursson: '?' Petursson: ''?!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: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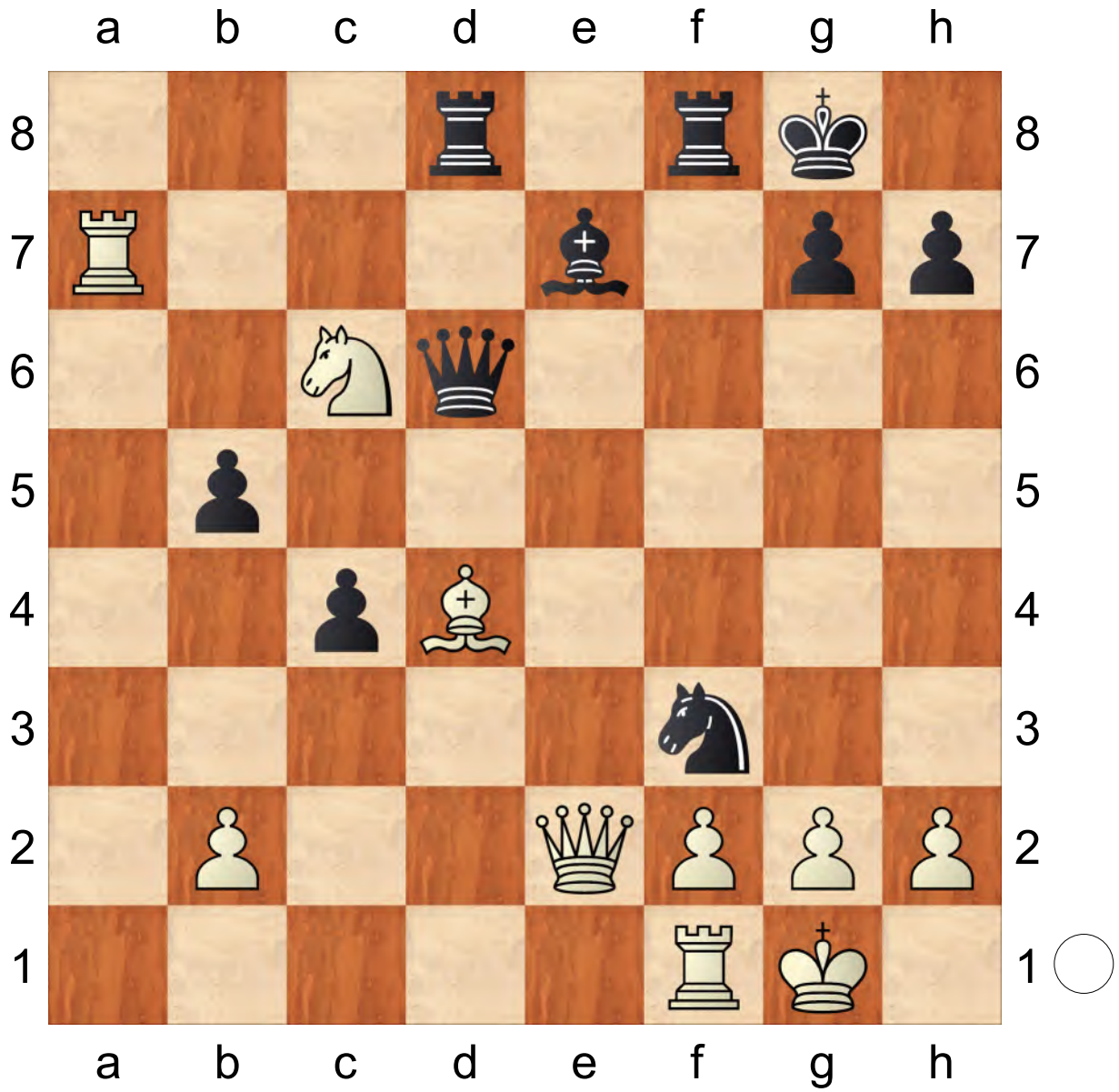

'?!' Petursson: '?' Petursson: "?!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz: 'On this counterblow Black had put his hopes. However, White finds a convincing refutation. But the situation was already difficult anyway."'' Lutz: 'Auf diesen Gegenschlag hat Schwarz gehofft, Weiß findet jedoch eine überzeugende Widerlegung. Allerdings war es sowieso schon schwer."Auf diesen Gegenschlag hat Schwarz gehofft, Weiß findet jedoch eine überzeugende Widerlegung. Allerdings war es sowieso schon schwer. Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Auf diesen Gegenschlag hat Schwarz gehofft, Weiß findet jedoch eine überzeugende Widerlegung. Allerdings war es sowieso schon schwer.'''

26.Qxf3!+- '!' Lutz. Lutz: '!' Lutz: 'Petursson: '+-!' Petursson: "!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!' Petursson: '+-!' Petursson: "!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Winning brilliantly, but 26.gxf3 was not too bad either:'" Lutz: 'Gewinnt brilliant, allerdings war 26.gxf3 auch nicht von der Hand zu weisen :''Gewinnt brilliant, allerdings war 26.gxf3 auch nicht von der Hand zu weisen : Petursson: 'Lutz:

'Gewinnt brilliant, allerdings war 26.gxf3 auch nicht von der Hand zu weisen :'"

[26.gxf3!? This is not as strong, but probably also good enough to win! The variations are quite beautiful! Lutz: 'Petursson: 'This is not as strong, but probably also good enough to win! The variations are quite beautiful!'' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'This is not as strong, but probably also good enough to win! The variations are quite beautiful! This is not as strong, but probably also good enough to win! The variations are quite beautiful!'' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Dies ist nicht so stark, reicht aber vermutlich auch zum Gewinn. Die Varianten sind wunderschön!'' Qg6+! Lutz: 'Petursson: '!'' *(26...Qxc6* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *27.Qxe7 Qg6+ 28.Kh1 Rxd4 29.Rg1* '+-' Lutz. Lutz: '+-' Lutz: 'Petursson: ''+-' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: '+-' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: ''+-' Lutz. +- Lutz. '' *Qf7* Lutz: 'Petursson' *30.Qe6!!+- Qxe6 31.Rgxg7+ Kh8 32.Rxh7+ Kg8 33.Rag7#)* 27.Kh1 Qxc6 28.Rxe7 Rxd4 29.Rxg7+ '!' Lutz. Lutz: '!' Lutz: 'Petursson: ''!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: '!' Kxg7 *(29...Kh8* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *30.Rxh7+)* 30.Qe7+ Kg8 *(30...Kg6* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *31.Rg1++-)* 31.Rg1+ Qg6 32.Qe6+! Lutz: 'Petursson: '!'' Rf7 *(32...Kg7* Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' *33.Qe5++-)* 33.Qe8+ Rf8 34.Rxg6+ hxg6 35.Qxg6+ Kh8 36.Qh5+ Kg8 Lutz: 'Petursson' *(36...Kg7* Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' *37.Qxb5±)* 37.Qxb5 Rdf4**±** Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: '**±**'' 38.Kg2+- Alterman,Boris]

26...Rxf3 27.Nxe7+ Kf8 28.Bxg7+ '!' Lutz. Lutz: '!' Lutz: 'Petursson: ''!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!' Petursson: ''!' Lutz. '' **28...Ke8**

[28...Kxg7 Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz' 29.Nf5+ Lutz: '+-' Alterman,Boris: '+-' Kf6 Lutz: 'Petursson' 30.Nxd6 Rb3 31.Ra6+-]

29.Nc6! Alterman,Boris: '+-!' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!' Petursson: '!'' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz: 'The point: the threat is ♖e1+.'" Lutz: 'Die Pointe : Es droht ♖e1+. ''Die Pointe : Es droht ♖e1+. Petursson: 'Lutz: 'Die Pointe : Es droht ♖e1+.'"

[29.Nd5! Lutz: 'Petursson' was also winning! Alterman,Boris: 'gewann ebenfalls.']

29...Qe6

[Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz showed such lines:'' Alterman,Boris: 'Petursson: 'Lutz zeigte folgende Abspiele:'' 29...Rf6 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 30.Bxf6 Qxf6 31.Re1+ Kf8 32.Nxd8 Qxd8 33.Rxh7+-]

[29...Qxc6 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 30.Re1++-]

[29...Re3 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 30.fxe3 Qxc6 31.Rf8#]

[29...Rd7 Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' 30.Re1+ Kf7 31.Rxd7+ Qxd7 32.Ne5++-]

30.Nxd8 '!' Lutz. Lutz: '!' Lutz: 'Petursson: ''!' Lutz. '' Alterman,Boris: 'Lutz: '!' Petursson: ''!' Lutz. '' **30...Kxd8**

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31.gxf3 Qg6+ 32.Kh1 Qd3 33.Rfa1 Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Qg4+ 35.Kf1 Qh3+

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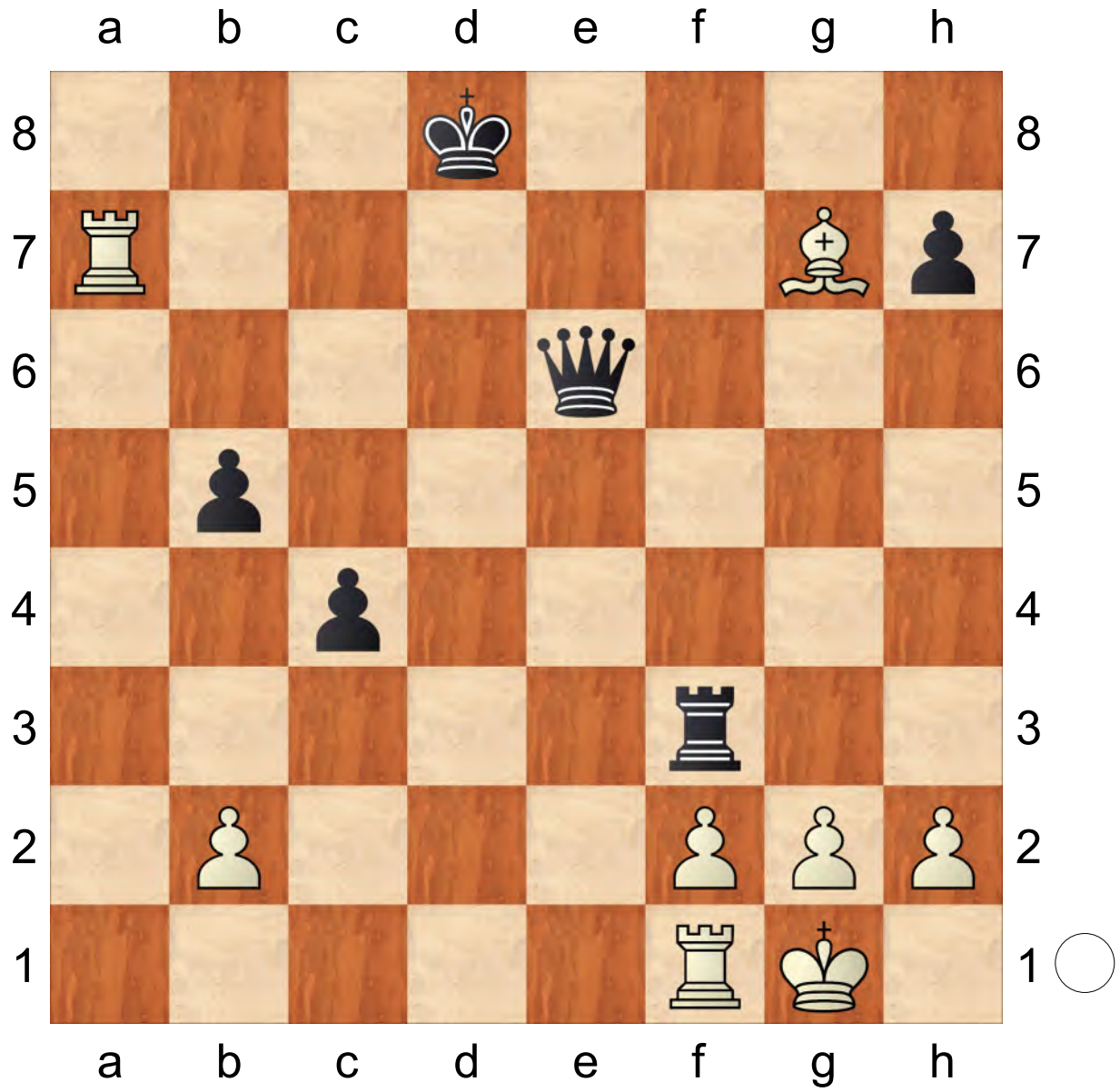
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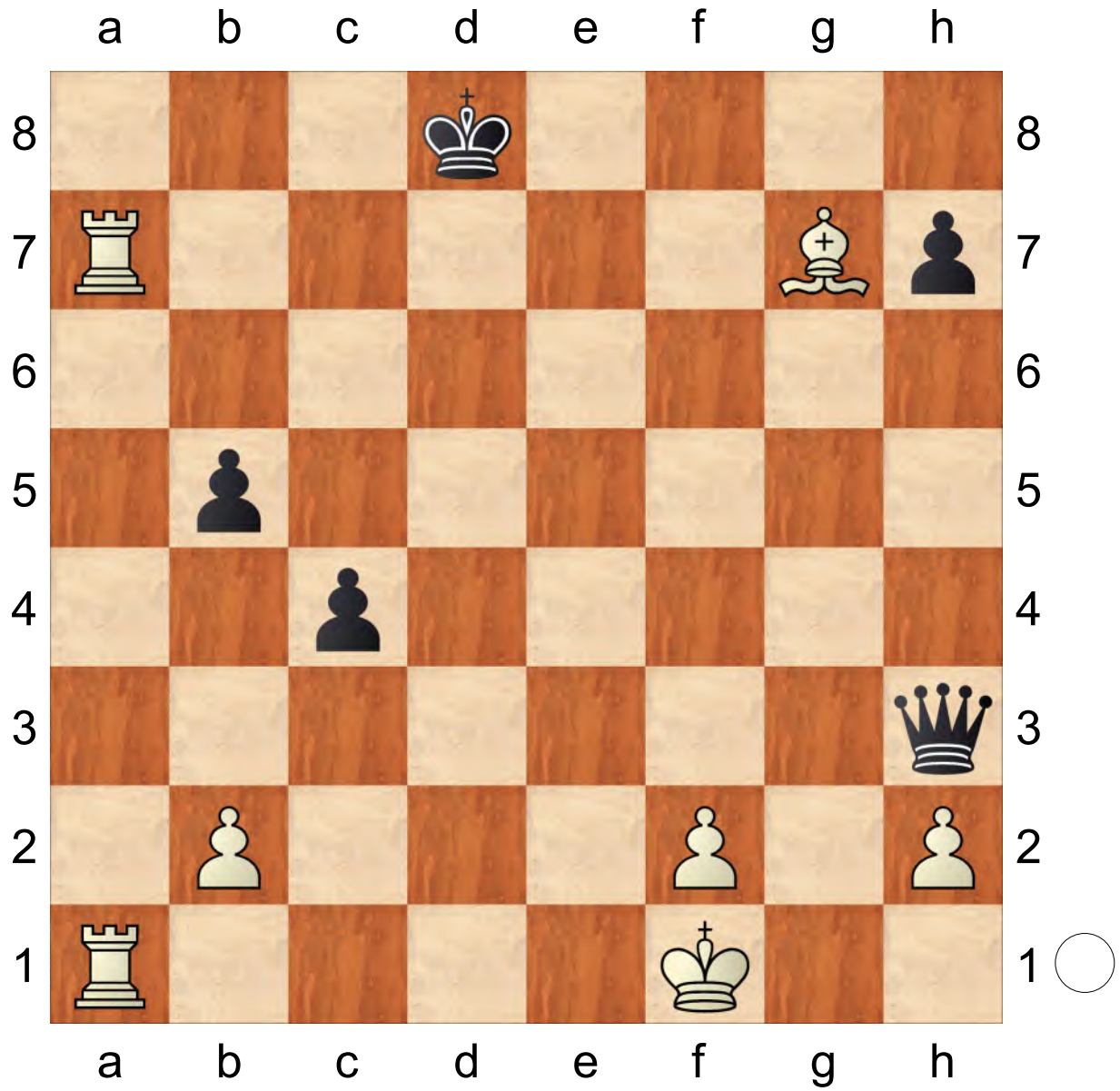
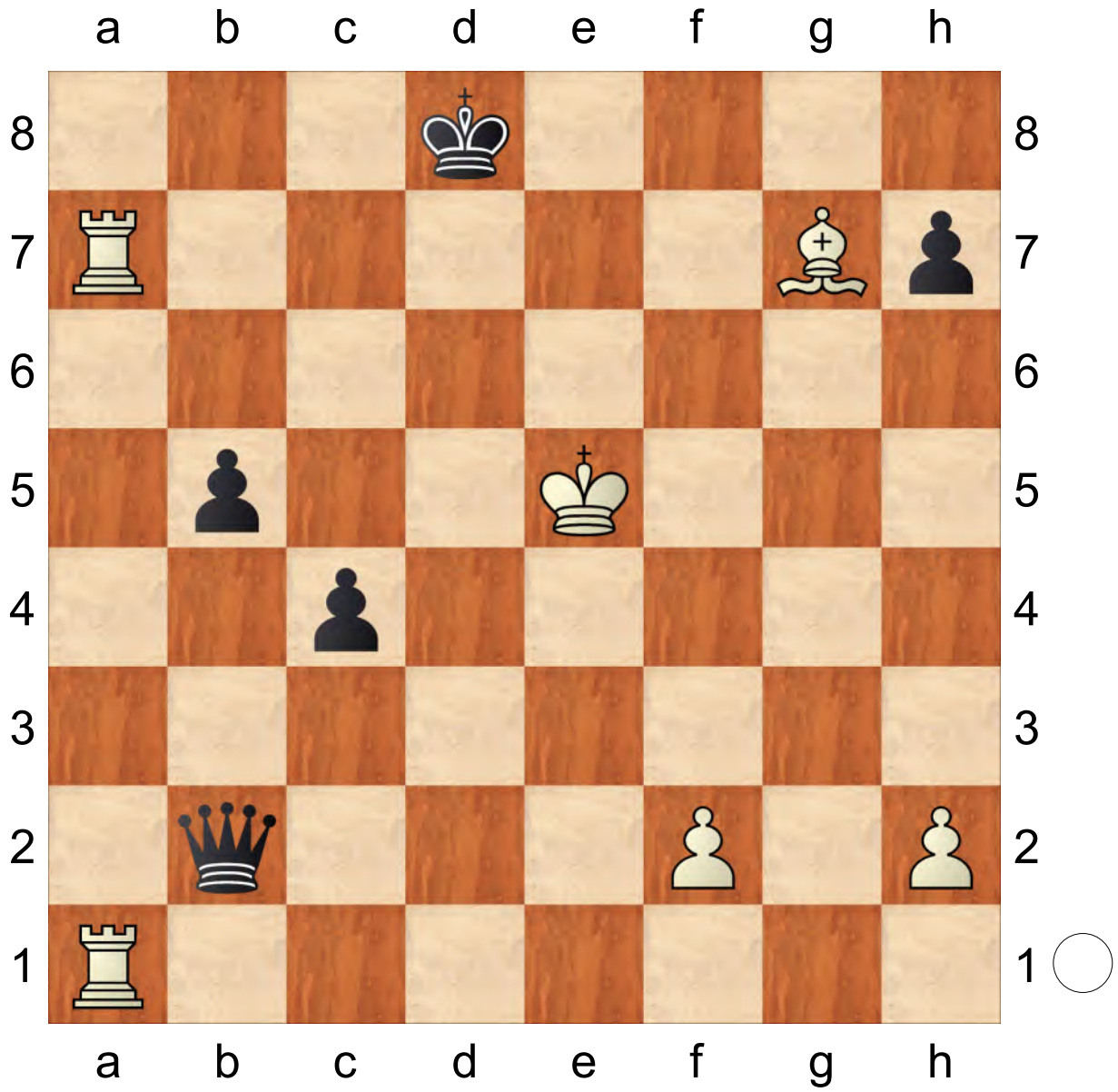


36.Ke1
[36.Ke2? Lutz Lutz: 'Petursson: 'Lutz'' Qd3+ 37.Ke1 Qe4+=]
36...Qe6+ 37.Kd2 Qd5+ 38.Ke3
[38.Kc3 Alterman,Boris Qd3+ 39.Kb4 Qd2+ 40.Kxb5 Qd5+ 41.Kb4 Qd2+ 42.Kxc4 Qc2+ 43.Kd5 Qb3+ 44.Ke4 Qc2+ 45.Ke3 Qc5+ 46.Bd4]
38...Qd3+ 39.Kf4 Qd2+ 40.Ke5 Qxb2+

(Diagram)

41.Kd6 Qd2+ 42.Kc6

(Diagram)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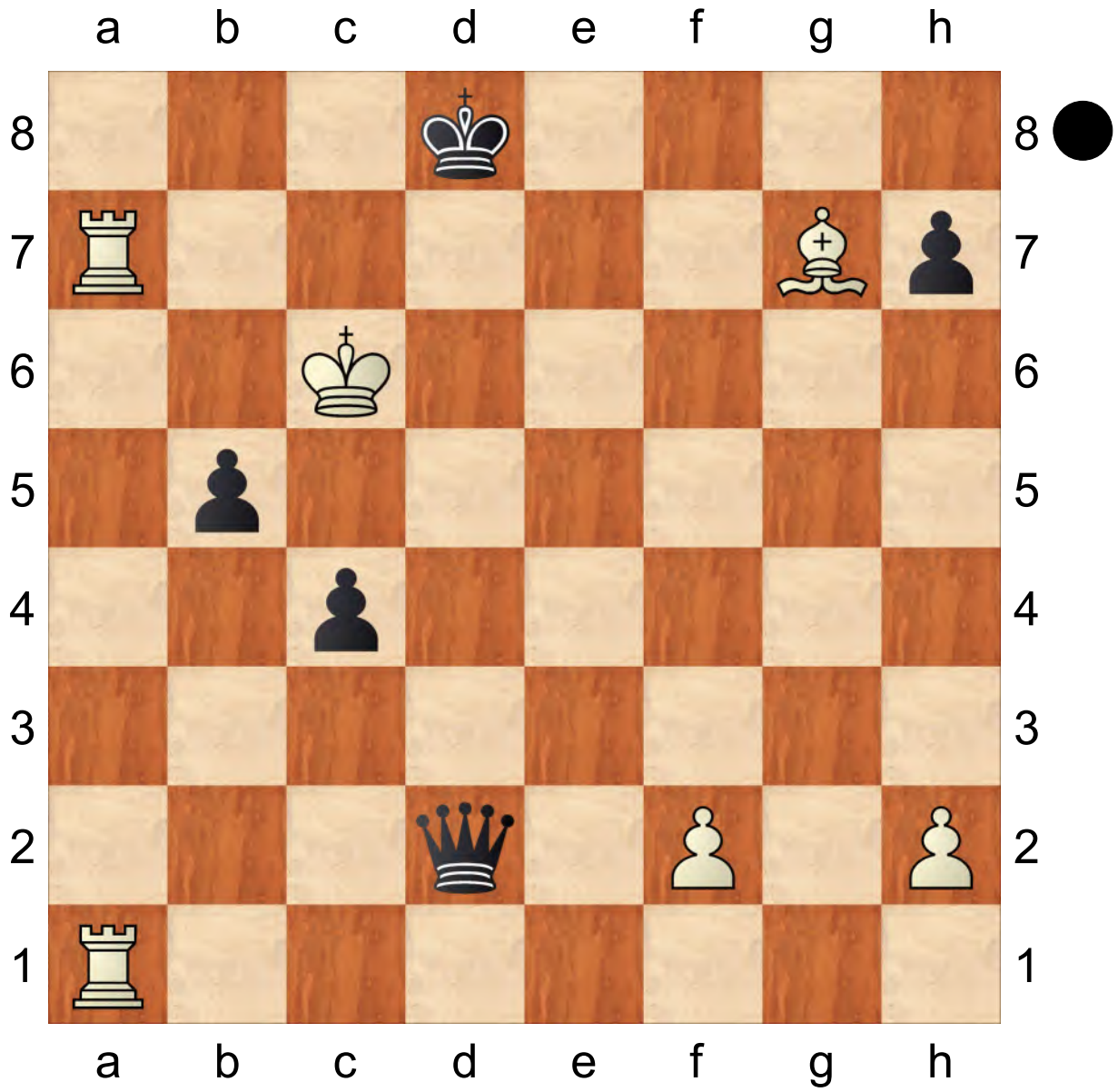

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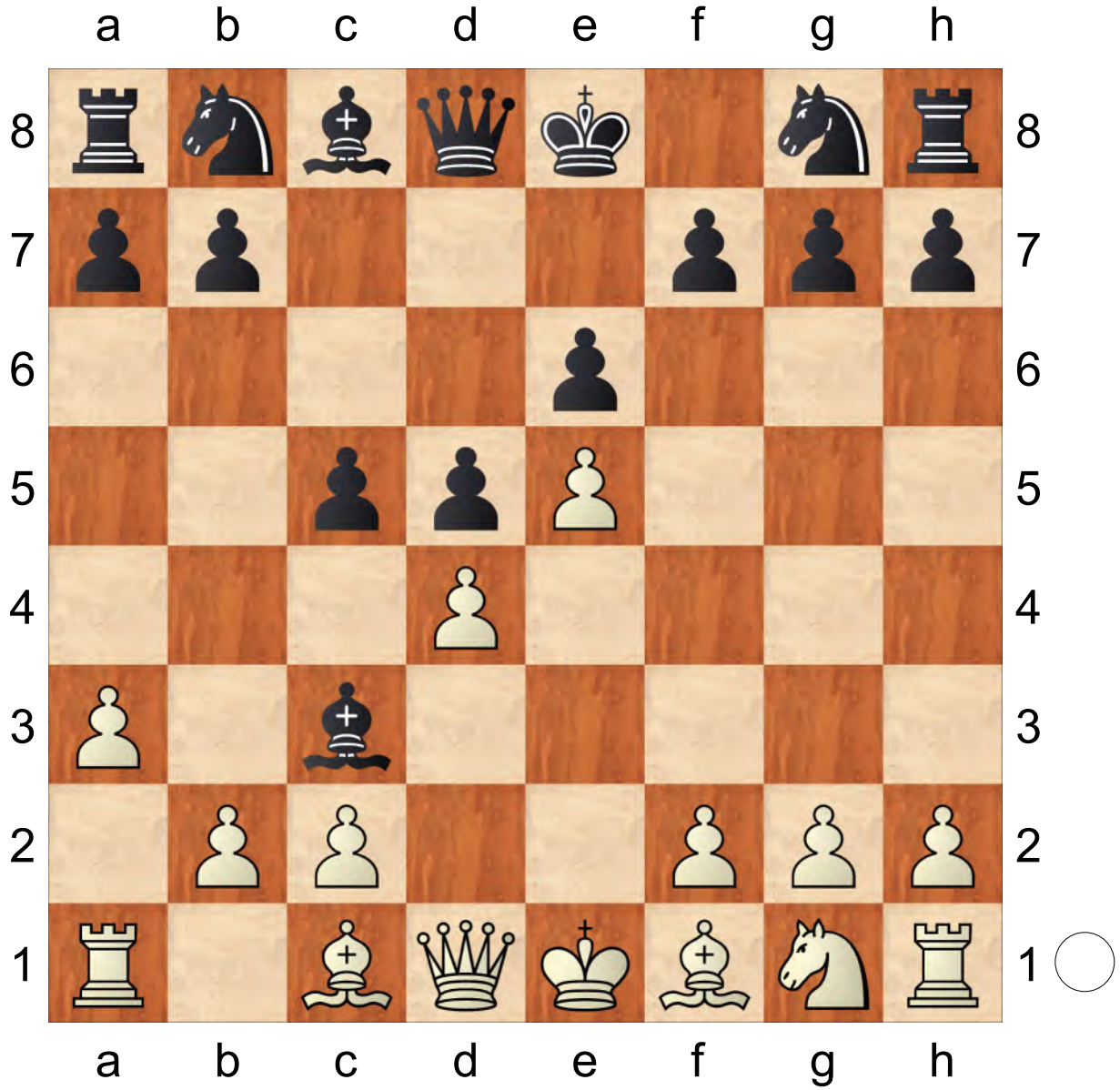
□ **Adamson,Robby** **2373**
■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2238**
USA-ch San Diego (9) 04.12.2004
[Psakhis,Lev]

1.e4 Psakhis Psakhis Psakhis: 'Psakhis,L' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7

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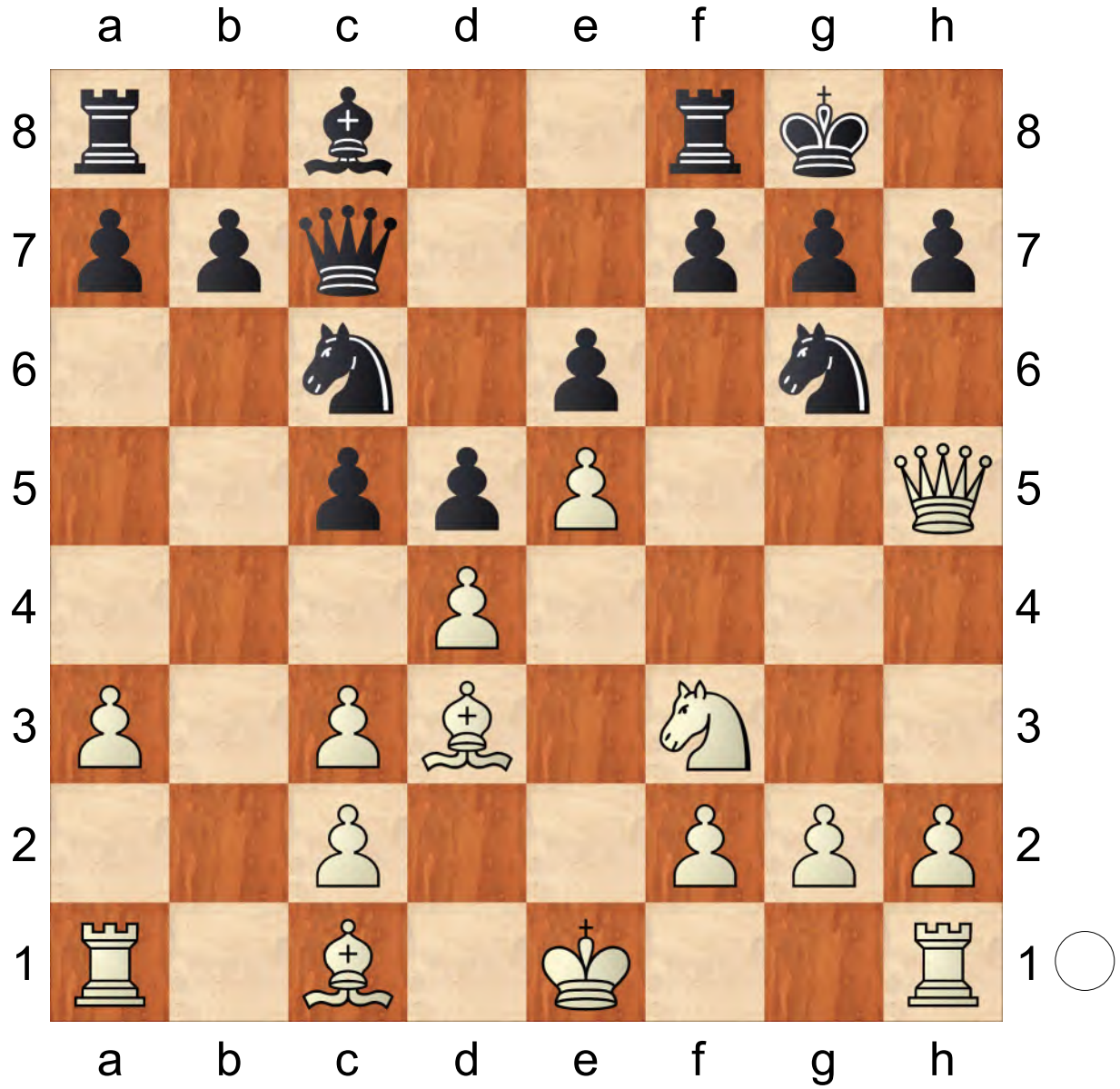
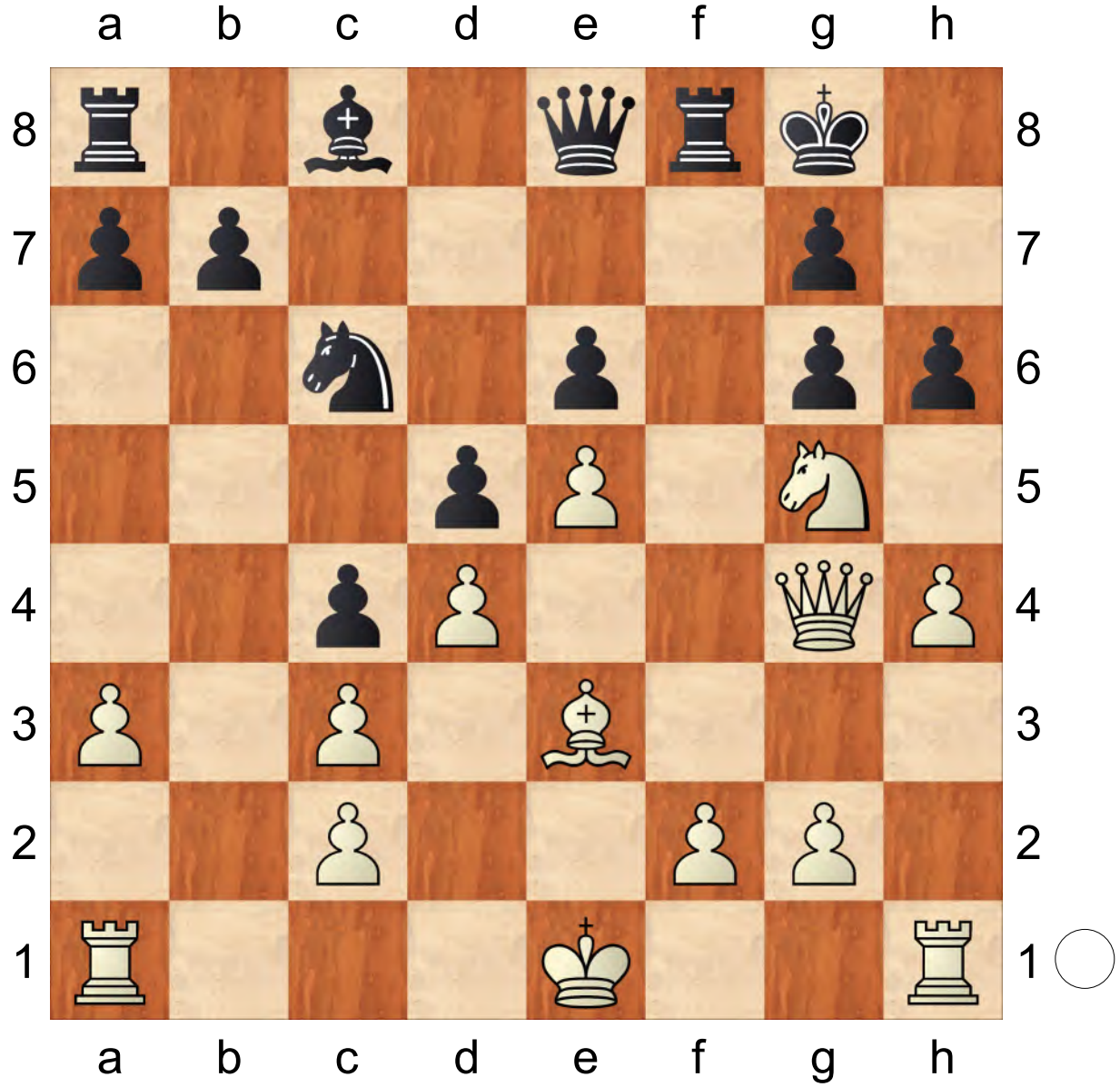


11.Be3 c4 12.Bxg6 fxg6 13.Qg4 Qf7 14.Ng5 Qe8

[14...Qf5 15.Qe2 Rd8 *(15...Nxe5? 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.0-0 h6 19.f4 Qd6 20.Nf3 Rf5 21.Rae1 Raf8 22.Nh4 R5f6 23.Bd4 Rxf4 24.Rxf4 Qxf4 25.Qxf4 Rxf4 26.Nxg6+-* 1-0 Kasparov,G-Short,N/Munich Intel Express 1994 (35) *)* 16.g4 Qf8 17.f4 h6 18.Nf3 Bd7 19.a4 Rdb8 20.0-0 b5 21.axb5 Rxb5 22.Bc1± ½-½ Arakhamia,K-Peng/Tilgurg ct w(7) 1994 (37)]

15.h4 h6

[15...Ne7 16.Qe2 Nf5 17.g4N A quite natural and strong move Nxe3 18.Qxe3 h6 19.Nh3 Qe7 20.Qg3 Bd7 21.f4 White slowly but surely improves his position and Black can't organise any counterplay. Be8 22.Kd2 b5 23.f5! A nice breakthrough! gxf5 *(23...exf5 24.g5!)* 24.g5! 1-0 Nijboer,F-Harikrishna,P/Wijk aan Zee-B 2001/CBM 81/[Psakhis] (33) An excellent move, securing an outpost for the knight.]



16.Nh3 Ne7

[16...Bd7!? 17.Qe2 b5 18.g4 a5

A) 19.h5 gxh5 20.g5! for example: *(20.Rg1 Ne7 21.gxh5 Kh7 22.Qg4 Nf5 23.Kd2 Qe7 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Nf4 Nh4 26.Qg4 Rxf4! 27.Bxf4 Rf8 28.Rh1 Nf5⩱* Leko,P-Almasi,Z/Budapest 2003/CBM 95/[Psakhis]/½-½ (52) *)* 20...hxg5 21.Nxg5 g6 22.0-0-0 *(22.Qf1!? Rf5 23.Qg2 Ne7 24.Ke2 Kh8 25.Nf3 Qf7 26.Nh4 Rf8 27.Raf1 Kh7 28.Bg5 Nc6 29.f4↑* 1-0 Karjakin,S-Papa,S/Biel MTO 2003 (45)*; 22.Kd2 b4 23.Rag1 bxc3+ 24.Kd1 Rf5 25.Rxh5 gxh5 26.Ne4+ Kh8⇄* 0-1 Van den Doel,E-Psakhis,L/Bled Olympiad 2002/CBM 92 (33) *)* 22...Qe7 23.Rdg1 Qxa3+ 24.Kd2 Rf5! *(24...b4? 25.Ne4! dxe4 26.Qxh5 Rxf2+ 27.Bxf2 Qxc3+ 28.Kd1 Qf3+ 29.Qxf3 exf3 30.Rxg6+ Kf7 31.Rf6+ Ke7 32.Rh7+* 1-0 Bacrot,E-Vaisser,A/FRA-ch Aix les Bains 2003/CBM

97/[Psakhis] (32) *)* 25.Nf3 b4⇄;

B) 19.Nf4?!N This is a novelty in this position, although the idea is not new at all. To be honest I don't like this move: a more interesting game raised after

B1) 19...b4!? 20.h5 *(20.axb4 axb4 21.Rxa8 Qxa8 22.0-0 bxc3 23.Nxg6 Rb8⇄)* 20...g5 21.Ng6 Rf7 22.f4!?∞;

B2) 19...Ne7 20.h5 *(20.Kd2!?)* 20...g5 21.Nh3 b4! Black has a more obvious way of developing the initiative on the queenside. 22.f4 *(22.axb4 axb4 23.Rxa8 Qxa8 24.cxb4 Nc6⩲)* 22...gxf4 23.Bxf4 bxc3 *(23...b3!?)* 24.Qe3 Ba4 25.Qxc3 Rb8 0-1 Lahno,K-Smeets,J/Wijk aan Zee-C 2004/CBM 99/[Psakhis] (36)]

[16...Qf7 17.Nf4 Ne7 18.Qe2 Bd7 19.g4 Ba4 20.Rh3 a5 21.Kf1 Ra6 22.Rb1 Bc6 23.Kg1 b5 24.h5 Be8 25.Rf1 Rb6 26.hxg6 Nxg6 27.Nh5 Ne7 28.Qd2 Qg6 29.f3↑ 1-0 Tischbierek,R-Naumkin,I/Porto San Giorgo op 2003 (53)]

17.Qe2 b5

[Improvment compare to 17...Bd7 18.g4 b5 19.h5 a5 20.g5! Rf5 21.gxh6 Rxh5 22.Kd2 gxh6 23.Rag1↑ with strong attack Lutz,C-Jussupow,A /Essen-A 2002 /CBM 90/[Psakhis] (41)]

18.g4 a5 19.h5 g5

[19...gxh5 20.g5!? Typical move *(20.gxh5∞* also worth considering*)* 20...hxg5□ 21.Nxg5 g6

A) Weaker 22.Kd2?! Rf5 23.Rag1 b4 24.Rxh5!? Looks great for White, but his opponent has good defense. *(24.axb4 axb4 25.cxb4 c3+ 26.Kxc3 Ra2→)* 24...bxc3+ 25.Kd1 gxh5□ Only move 26.Ne4+! *(26.Nxe6+ Kf7 27.Nc7 Qc6 28.Nxa8 Qxa8 29.Bg5 Qc6-+* lose without big fight*)* 26...Kh7□ *(26...Kh8 27.Nd6 Qf8 28.Bg5+-)* 27.Nd6 Qf8 28.Nxf5 *(* In the case of *28.Rh1 Rb8! 29.Nxf5 Rb1+ 30.Bc1 Rxc1+! 31.Kxc1 Nxf5 32.Rxh5+ Nh6∓* Black is very close tp victory*)* 28...Qxf5 29.Rg5 Qf7□ 30.Rxh5+ Kg8 ½-½ Stellwagen,D-Dgebuadze,A/Groningen Harmonie 2002/CBM 93/[Psakhis] (35) Black managed to keep material advantage, bur white's attack is still strong and helps them to mantain balance.;

B) 22.Nh3! Nf5 23.Bg5 with great compensation for the pawn]

20.f4 gxf4

(Diagram)

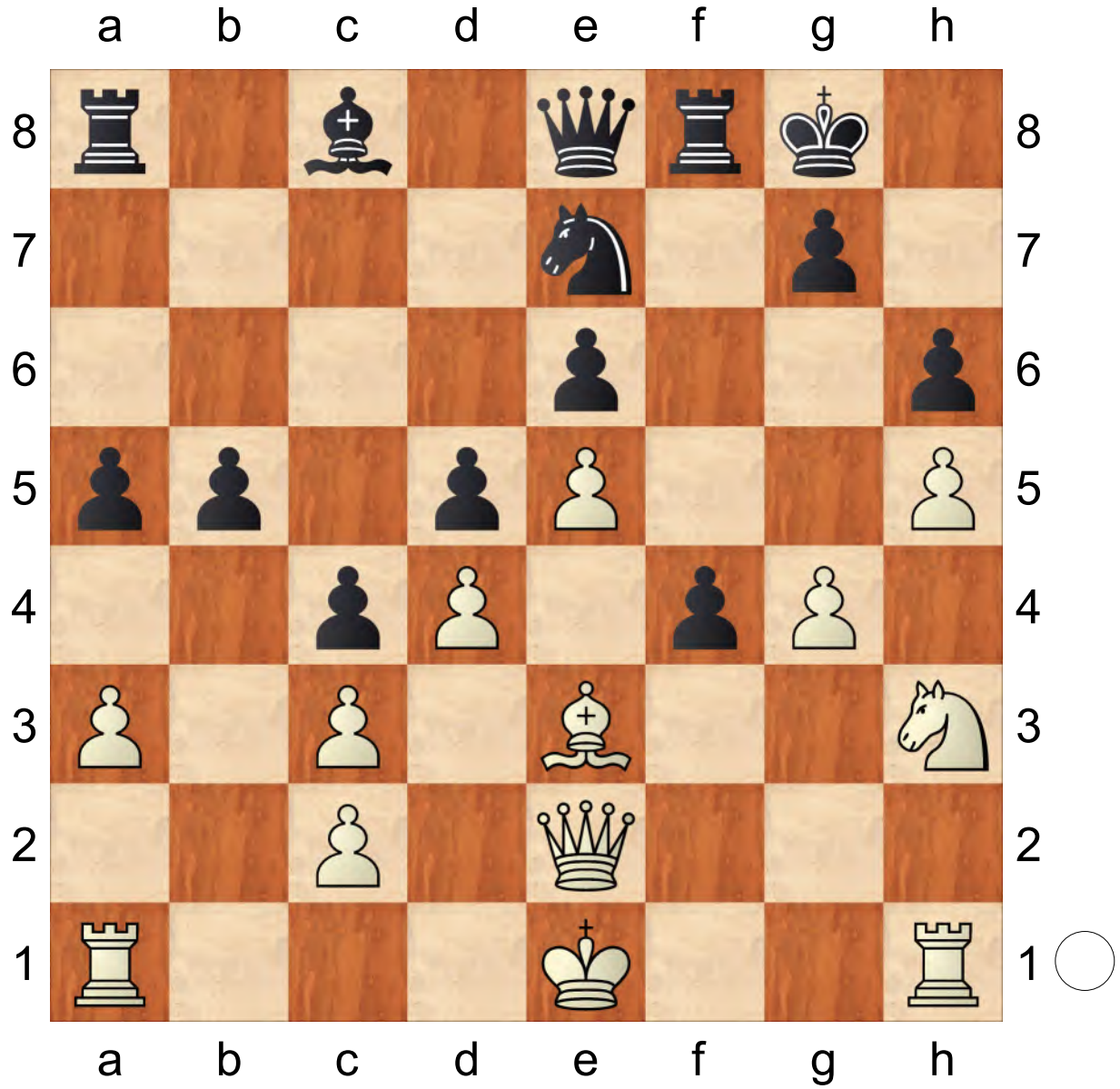
21.Nxf4 Bd7 22.Qg2N

[22.Kd2 b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.cxb4 c3+ 25.Kxc3 Bb5 26.Qd2 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Nc8 28.Kb2 Nb6 29.Kb1 Nc4 30.Qe1 Nxe3 31.Qxe3 Qe7 32.Ra3 Qxb4+ 33.Rb3 Qa5 34.Kc1 Bc4 35.Rb7 Qa1+ 36.Rb1 Qa6⇄ Luther,T-Rychagov,A/GRE t-ch 2001 0-1 (57)]

[22.Rg1]

22...b4 23.Ke2?!

[23.g5!? Kh7!? 24.gxh6 gxh6 25.Ng6 Rg8⇄]



23...bxc3 24.g5 White completely ignores his Q-side and continues King-side actions! **24...Kh7! 25.Ng6**

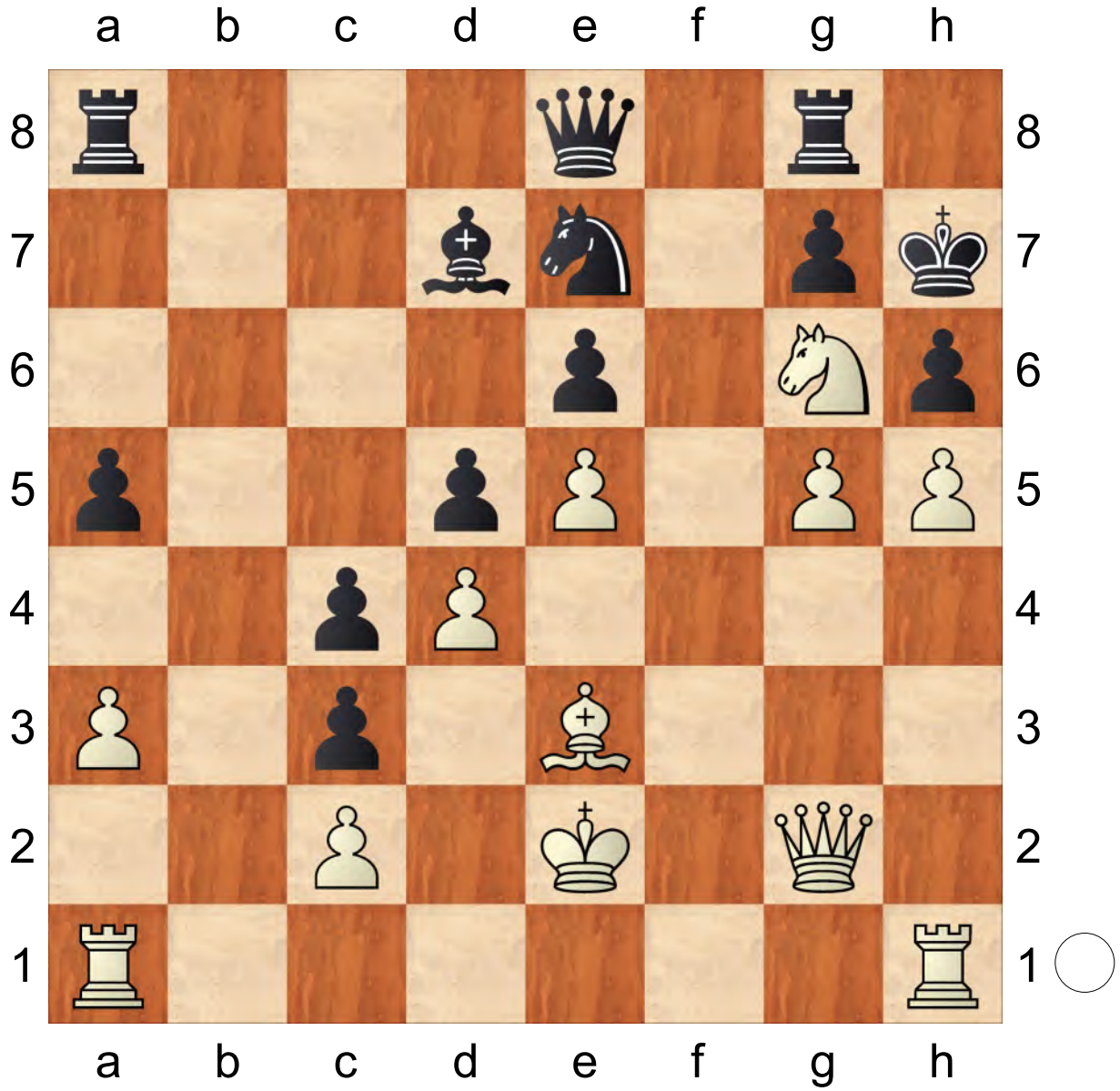
[25.gxh6 gxh6 26.Rag1 Nf5 *(26...Rf7? 27.Qg6+!! Nxg6 28.hxg6+ Kg8 29.gxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rxh6+-)* 27.Qg6+ Kh8∓]

25...Rg8

[25...Nxg6 26.gxh6! Nf4+□ *(26...gxh6 27.hxg6+ Qxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kxg6 29.Rxh6+ Kf7 30.Rf1++-)* 27.Bxf4 gxh6 28.Qg6+ Qxg6 29.hxg6+ Kxg6 30.Bxh6⟶]

(Diagram)

26.Nxe7



[26.gxh6 gxh6 27.Qh3!?]

26...Qxe7 27.Rag1 Ba4! 28.Rc1? Passive and absolutely unnecessary move. White could continue

[⌓28.Kd1! and after, for example ΔQxa3 29.g6+ Kh8 30.Bxh6! Rgb8! 31.Bxg7+!

A) 31...Kxg7 32.h6+ Kf8 *(32...Kg8 33.h7+ Kg7 34.Qg5+-)* 33.Qf3+ Ke7 34.Qf7+ Kd8 35.g7+-;

B) 31...Kg8 32.h6 Qa2⇄ it is not easy to evaluate position.]

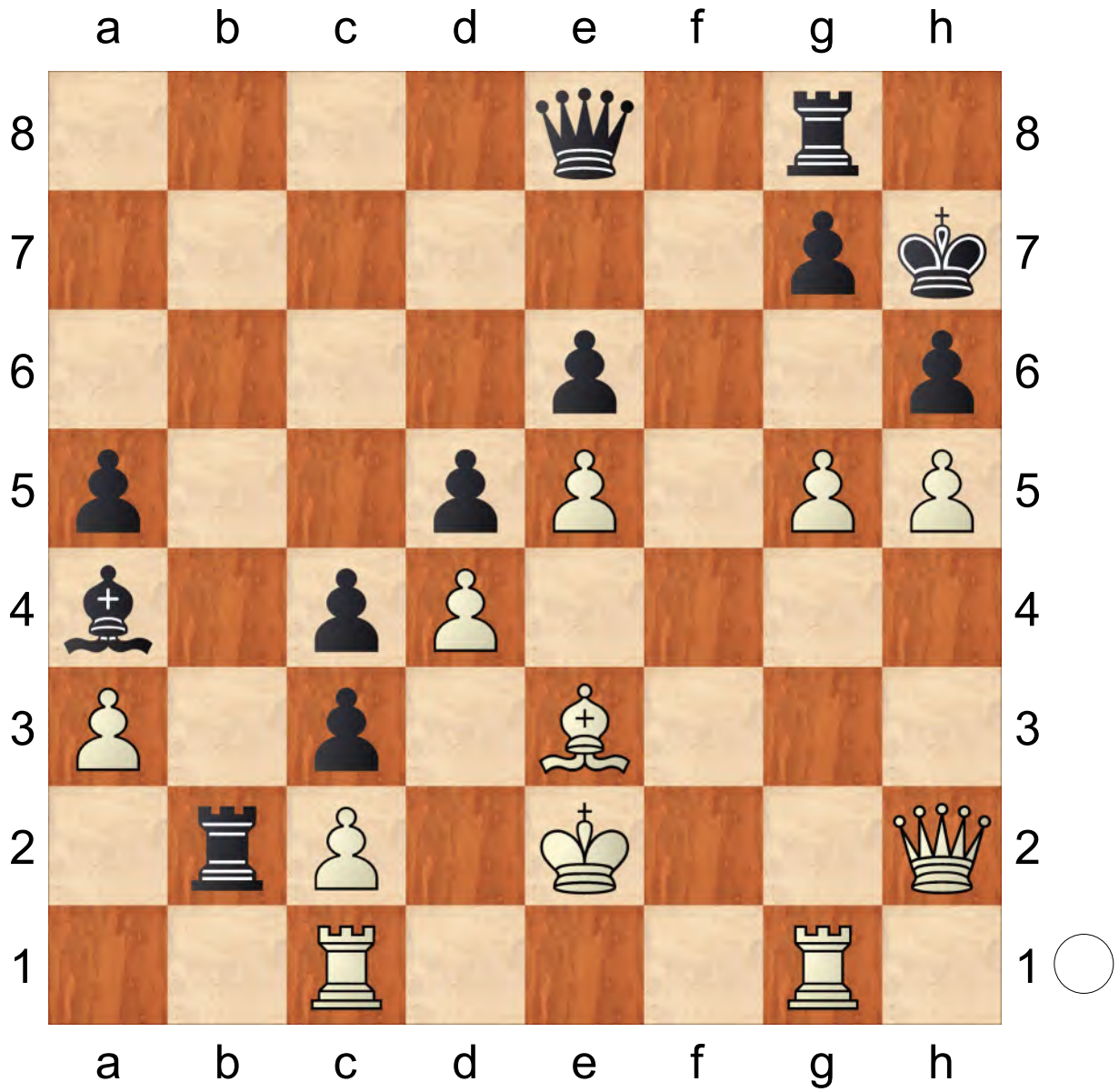
28...Rab8 29.Rhg1 Qe8

[⌓29...Qxa3!?]

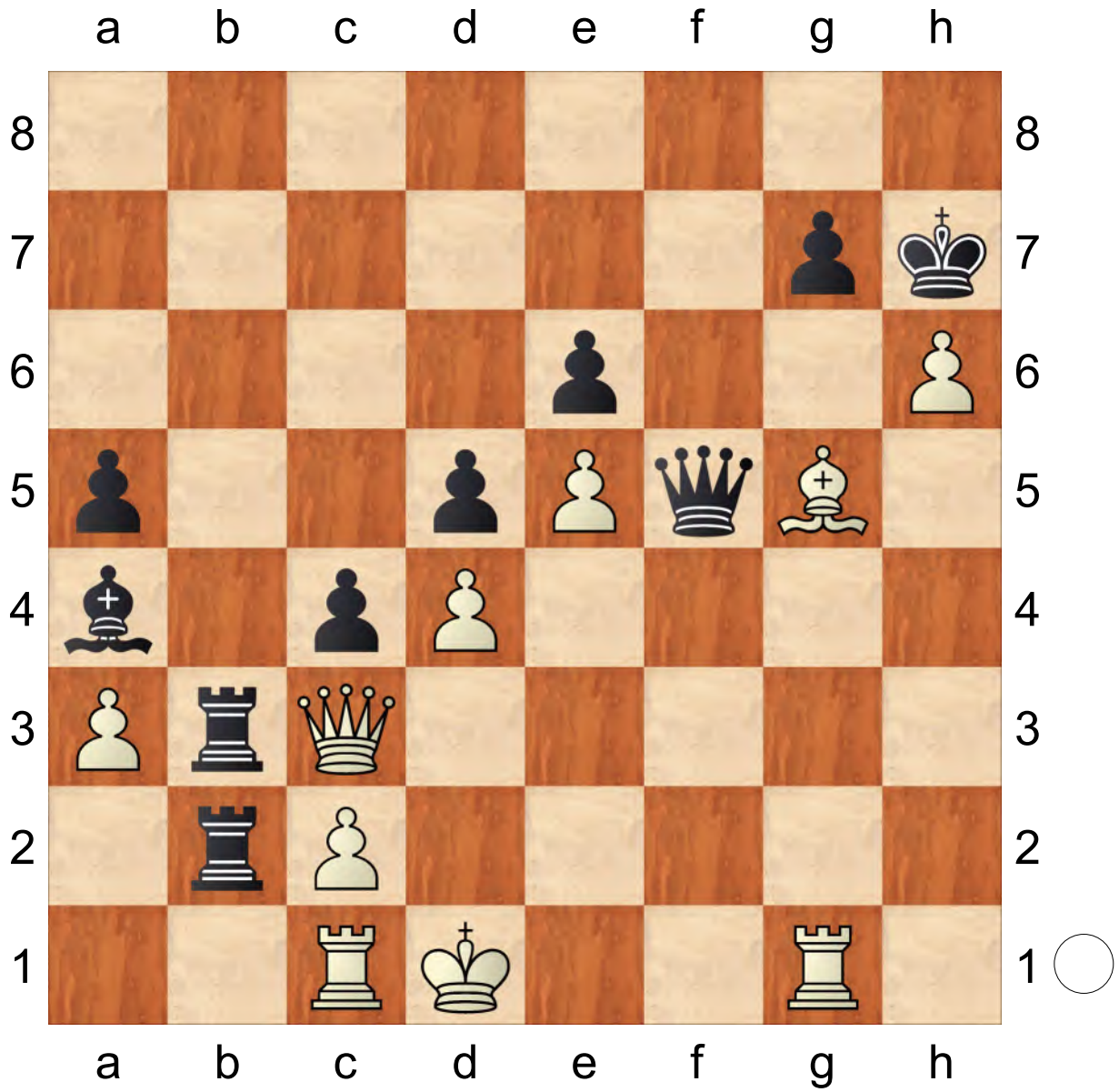
30.Qh2

[30.Qh3!? Rb2 31.Kd1 hxg5 32.Rxg5 Rf8⟶]

30...Rb2



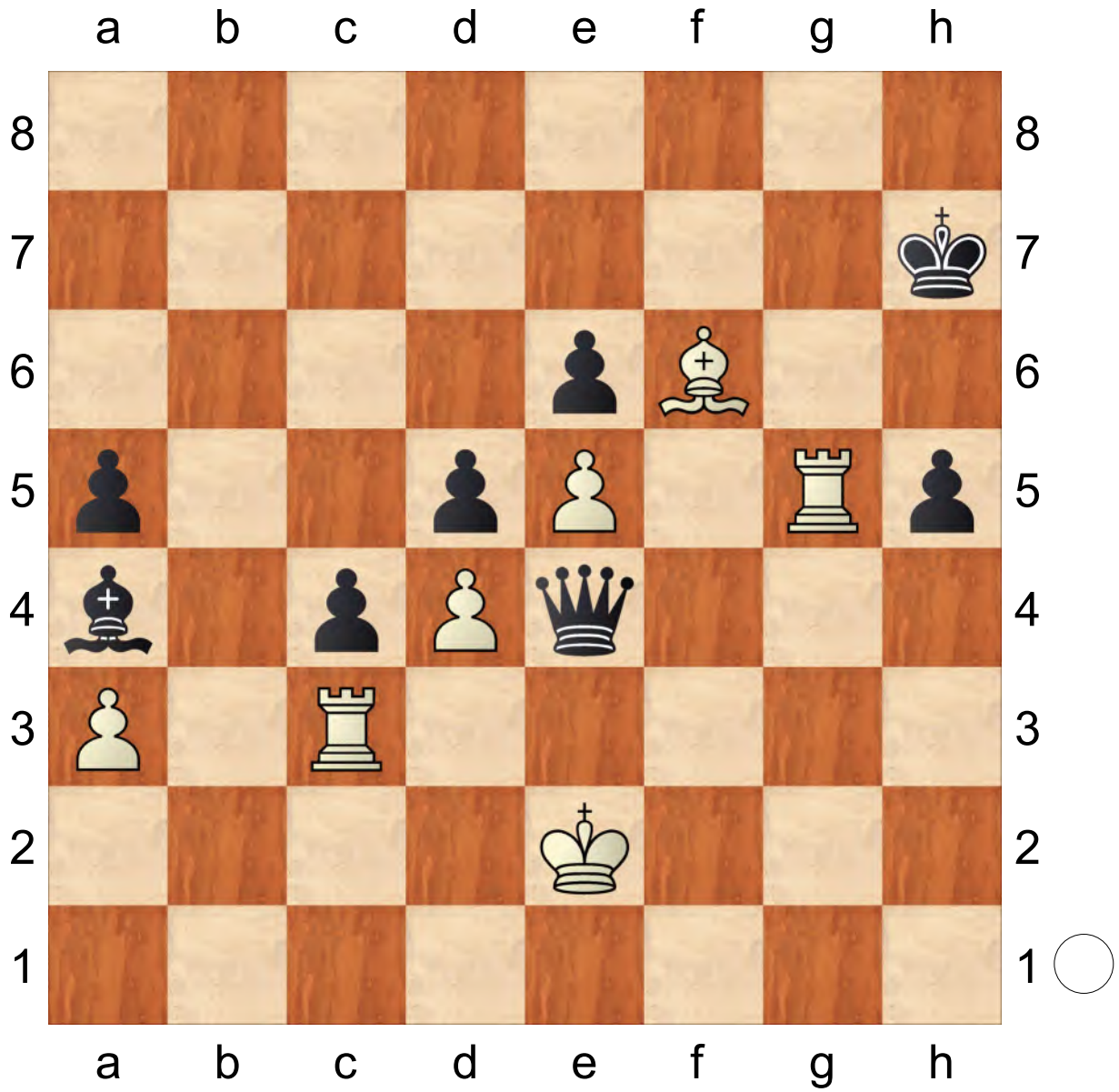
31.Kd1 Qf8
[Black should have preferred 31...hxg5! 32.Bxg5 Qf7 33.Ke1 Qf5-+]
32.Qg3?!
[White could have offered a tough resistance after 32.Qh3! keeping light squares under the control.]
32...hxg5
[Another promising possibility was 32...Qf5! 33.Ke1 Bxc2 34.Rf1 Qe4 35.Qf4 Qd3 36.Rf2 hxg5 37.Qxg5 Ba4-+]
33.Bxg5 Qf5 Black can comfortably place his pieces on light squares.
[33...Qxa3!?]
34.Qxc3 Rgb8 35.h6
[35.Bd2 Qxh5+ 36.Ke1 Rb1 37.Qg3 R8b7-+]
35...R8b3!



36.cxb3 Rxb3
[⌓36...Bxb3+! 37.Qxb3 Rxb3-+]
37.Ke2□ Rxc3 38.Rxc3 gxh6!? 39.Bf6
[≤39.Be3]
39...h5-+ 40.Rg5
[40.Rcg3 Qc2+ 41.Kf1 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+ 43.Kh3 Bc2-+]
40...Qe4+

(Diagram)

41.Kf2
[41.Re3 Bd1+! 42.Kf2 Qf4+]



41...Qxd4+ 42.Re3 Bd1! 43.Rg7+ Kh6 44.Rgg3 Bg4 45.Bd8 c3

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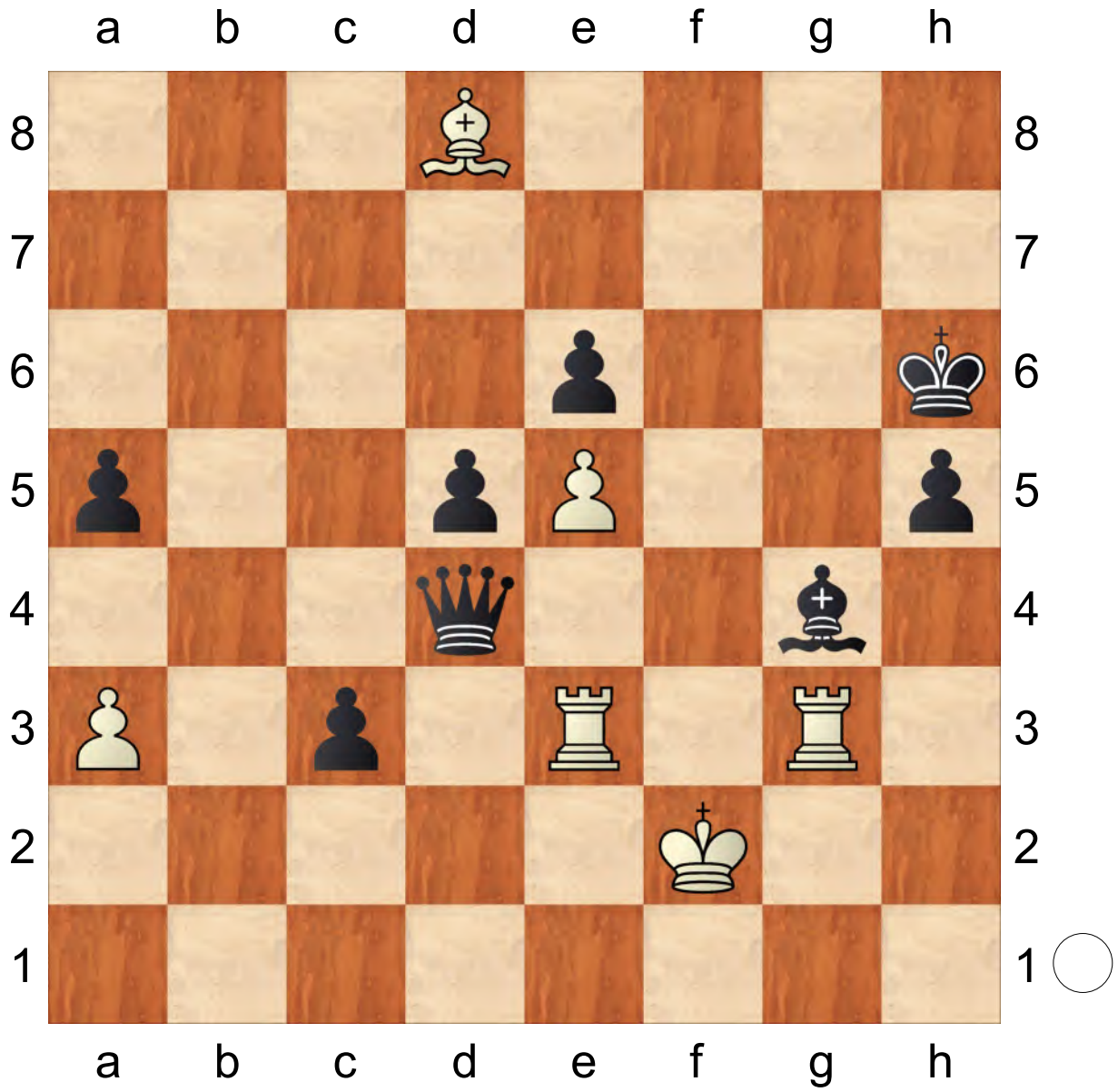
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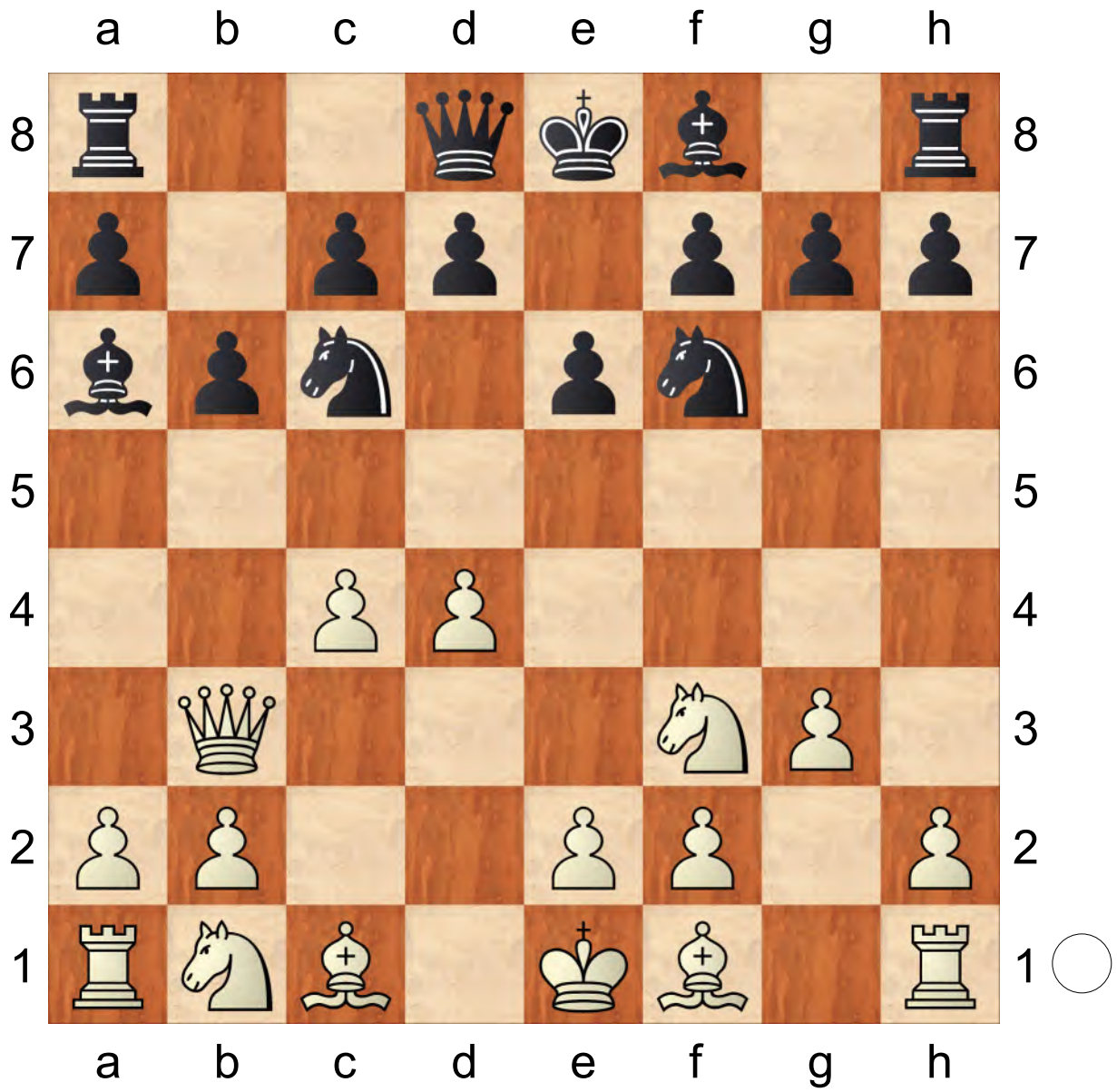
E15

□ **Fominyh,Alexander** **2535**
■ **Sokolov,Andrei** **2585**
RUS-ch Elista (2) 1996
[Avrukh,Boris]

1.d4 Avrukh,B Belov Tyomkin,D **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qb3 Nc6**



6.Bd2!?N N/
[6.Nbd2]
[6.Nbd2 Belov
A) 6...d5 7.Qa4 Bb7 8.Bg2 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.Qc2 a4 12.Re1 Be7?! *(⩲12...e5)* 13.e3 Qd7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Nb1!± Barlov,D-Beliavsky,A/

YUG/1992/0:1/58/;
B) 6...Na5 7.Qa4 Bb7 8.Bg2 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.0-0 Qc7 *(10...Be7 11.Ne5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 0-0 13.Ndf3 d6 14.Bd2 dxe5 15.Bxa5 Qb8 16.Bc3 Bd6=* Sorin,A-Almasi,Z/Buenos Aires/1996/0,5/53/*)* 11.Rd1 Be7 12.Ng5 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 0-0 14.Nde4 Sorin,A-Zarnicki,P/Villa Gesell/1996/1:0/40/ Qb7!?± Dautov,R/]
[6.d5? Belov Na5 7.Qa4 Bxc4 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Nc3 Nd5 10.Bd2 Bb4 11.Ne4 Qe7∓ Czerwonski,A-Stempin,P/POL-ch/1986/0:1/25/]

6...Qc8
[6...Na5!? 7.Qa4! Δ8.b4 *(7.Bxa5?! bxa5 8.Nbd2 Bb4 9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 d5)*
A) 7...Bxc4? 8.Bxa5+-;
B) 7...c5 8.dxc5 *(8.Bg2!?)* 8...Bxc5 9.Bg2! *(9.b4?! Ne4! 10.bxc5 Qf6! 11.Bxa5 bxa5 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Nc3 Qxc3+∓ ⊥)* 9...Ne4 10.0-0±;
C) 7...Qc8!∞]

7.Bg2 Na5
[7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qa4± *(9.Rc1!?)*]
[7...d5!? Belov 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nc3 Na5 11.Qc2 0-0±]

8.Bxa5 bxa5 9.0-0 Be7
[9...c5
A) 10.d5!? Rb8 11.Qc3 *(11.Qc2)*;
B) 10.Nbd2 Rb8 11.Qc2 Avrukh,B: '-9...c5' cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 *(12...Bb4 13.Rac1±)* 13.N4b3±]
[9...Rb8 10.Qc2 c5 11.Nbd2 -9...c5 *(11.e4 cxd4 12.e5 Nd5!⇄)*]
[9...d5 Belov 10.Ne5 Be7 11.Qa4+ c6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qxa5±]

10.Nbd2 0-0

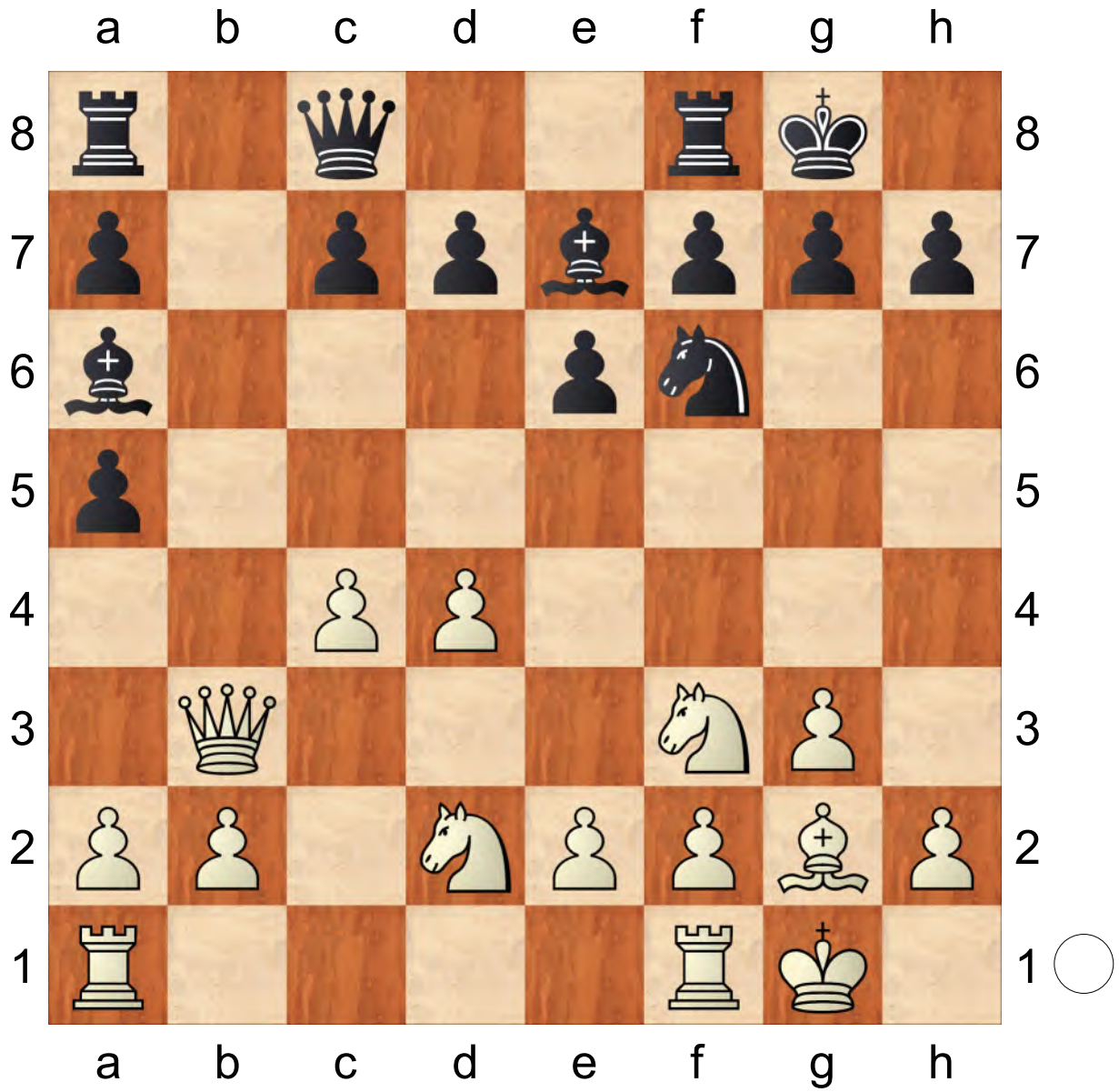
(Diagram)

11.e4 d5 12.exd5
[12.Ne5!? Bb4! *(12...Rb8 13.Qc2 c5!?)* 13.Nc6 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Qb7 16.Nxb4 Qxb4 17.Rfc1!∞ *(17.Qxb4 axb4 18.b3 Bb7 19.Nc5 Bf3∓)*]

12...exd5 13.Rfe1 Bb4
[13...Bxc4 14.Nxc4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 *(15.Qc2!?)* 15...Bd6 16.Ne5 Rb8 17.b3 Rb4 18.Qc3± Δc5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 *(19...Bxc5 20.Rac1+-)* 20.Qxc5 Bxc5 21.Nd3+-]
[13...dxc4
A) 14.Nxc4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Bxc4 16.Rxe7 *(16.Qxc4 Bd6=)* 16...Qd8!±;
B) 14.Qc2! Bb4 *(14...Bd6? 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.Ndxc4±)* 15.Ne5 *(15.Re5!?)* 15...Bb7 *(15...Rb8? 16.Nc6 Rb6 17.a3! Bd6 18.Nxa5±)* 16.Bc6±]

14.c5
[14.cxd5 Bb7!= *(14...Bb7* Belov *15.Re5 Bd6∞)*]

14...c6



[14...Ne4? 15.Nxe4! Bxe1 16.Qxd5 Bb4 17.a3+-]

15.Qc2 h6?

[15...Ne4? 16.Nxe4 Bxe1 17.Nd6+-]

[⌓15...Qc7]

(Diagram)

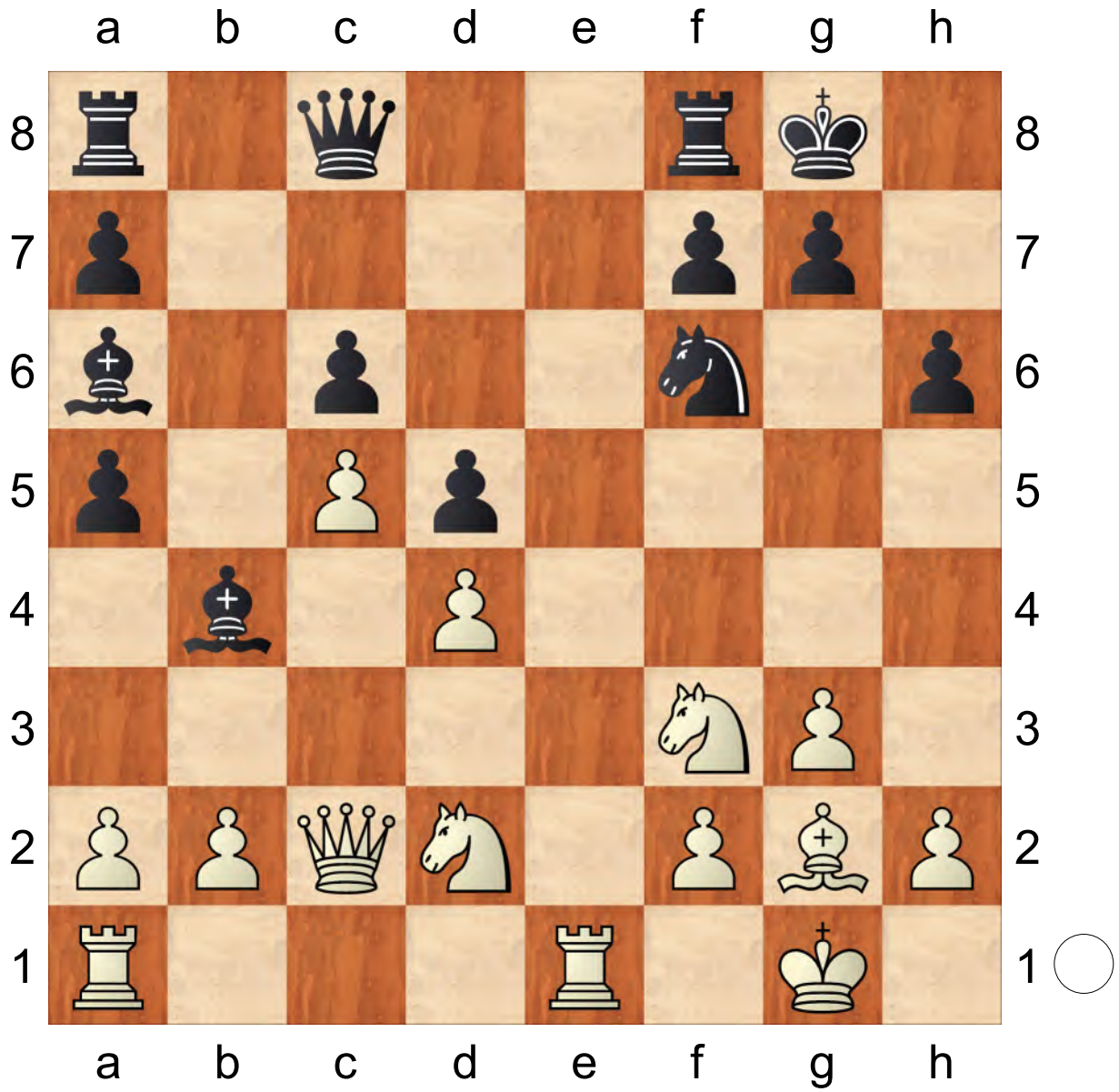
16.Re3!± Bb5

[16...Ng4 17.Re7 with ideas 18♗h3 ,18♘f1 and 19a3]

[16...Qc7? 17.Nf1+-]

[16...Bxd2 Belov 17.Qxd2 Qc7 18.Ra3±]

17.Nh4



[17.Nf1 a4]

17...Qg4?

[17...Bxd2 18.Qxd2 a4

A) 19.Rae1 Belov Qd7 *(19...Qc7 20.Nf5 Rfe8 21.Nd6 Rxe3 22.Qxe3+-)* 20.Nf3 Rfe8 *(20...Ng4 21.Bh3 f5 22.Re7±)* 21.Ne5 Qc7 22.h3**±**;

B) 19.Rae1**±**]

[17...Ng4 18.Re7]

[17...g6? 18.Nxg6 fxg6 *(18...Bxd2 19.Ne7++-)* 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 *(20...Nh7 21.Re7+-)* 21.Bh3+-]

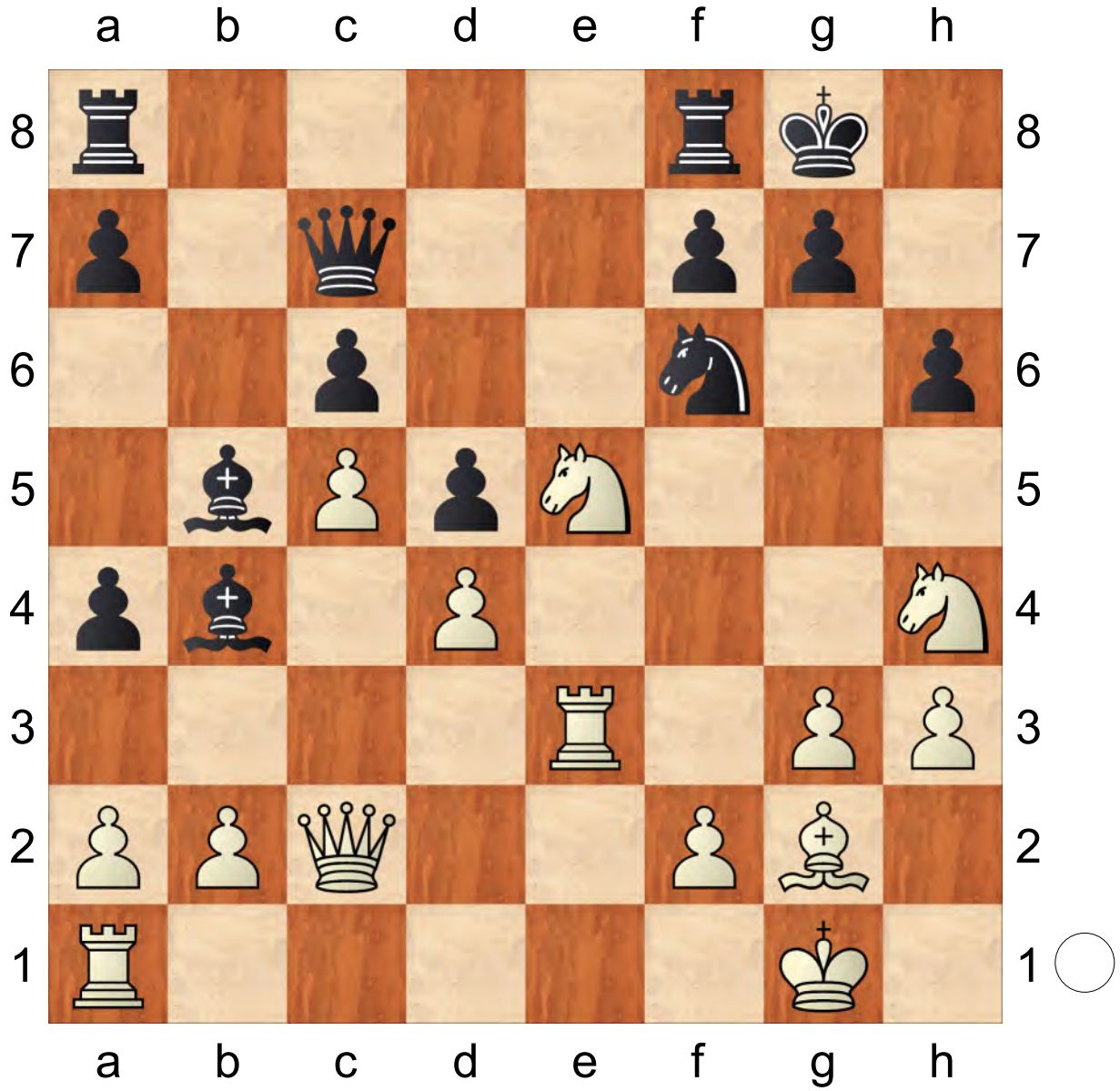
18.Ndf3+- with idea 19a3 **18...a4□ 19.h3**

[19.Nf5 Ne4]

19...Qd7

[19...Qc8 20.Nf5+-]

20.Ne5 Qc7



21.Nf5 Rad8

[21...Nd7 22.Qd1!↑]

22.Bf1! Rfe8?

[22...Bxf1? 23.Rxf1+-]

[22...a6□ 23.Bxb5 *(23.a3* Belov *Ba5 24.Nd6±)* 23...cxb5 *(23...axb5 24.Nxc6!)* 24.Qe2+-]

23.Bxb5 cxb5 24.Qe2 a6

[24...Qb8 25.Nd6+- *(25.Nc6* Belov *Rxe3 26.Nxe3+-)*]

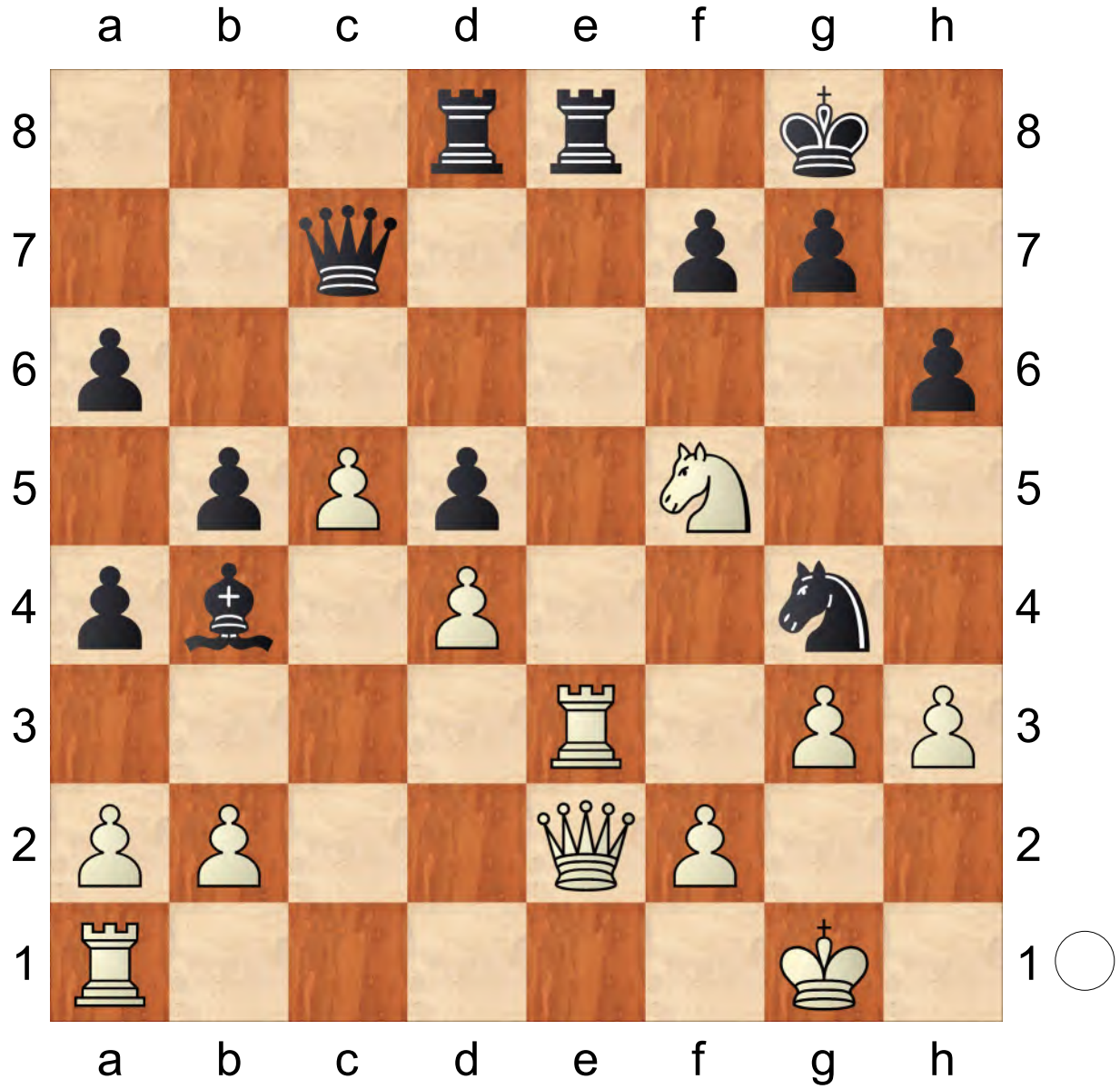
[24...Re6 Belov 25.Qxb5 Ba5 26.Qxa4+-]

25.Ng4! Nxg4

[25...Rxe3 26.Nxf6+ gxf6 27.Qxe3 *(27.fxe3)*]

[25...Ne4 26.Ngxh6+ *(26.f3+- Bd2 27.fxe4 Bxe3+ 28.Qxe3 Rxe4 29.Nf6+!)*

26...gxh6 27.Qg4++-]



26.Rxe8+

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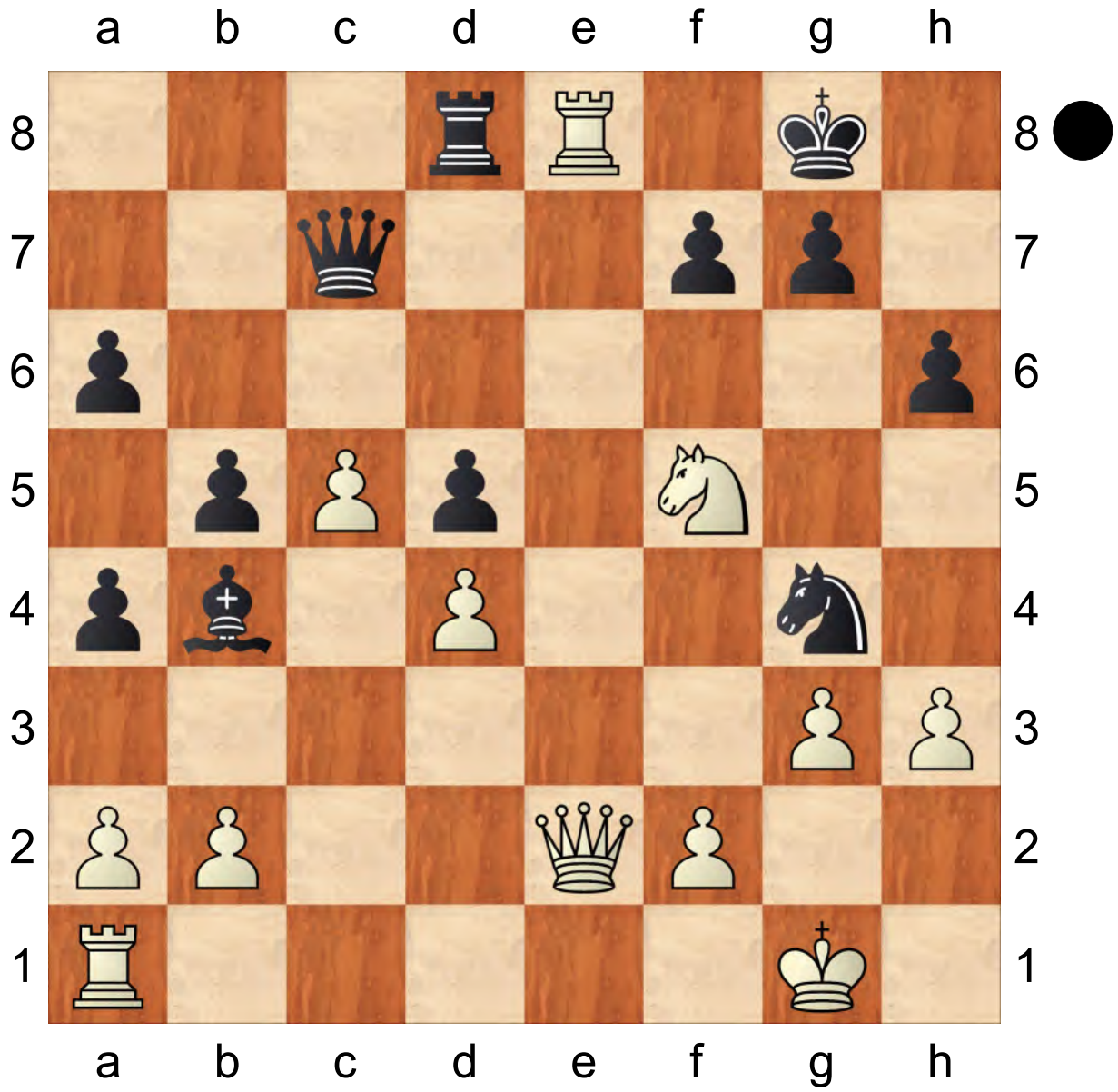
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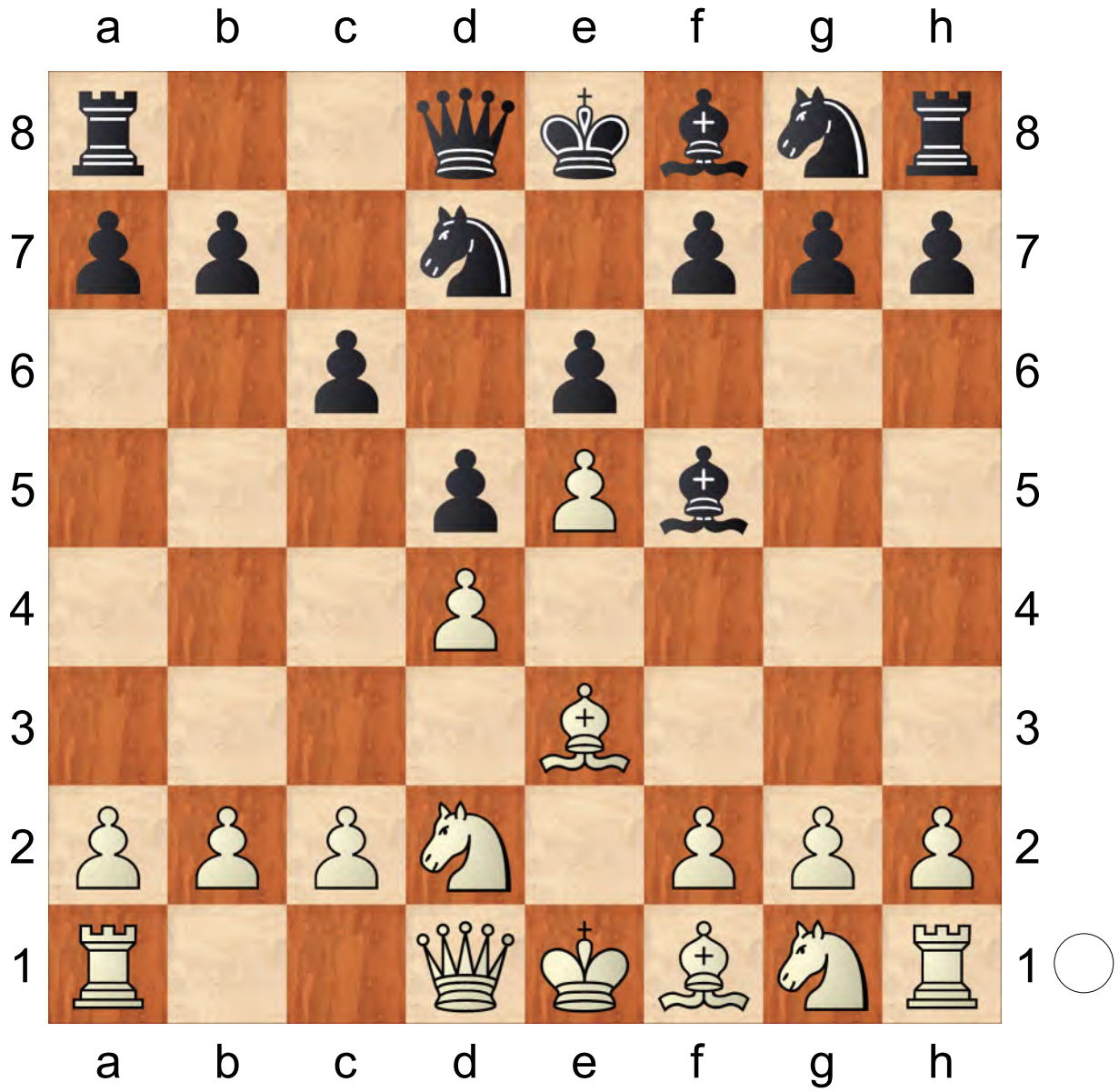
□ **Tyomkin,Dimitri** **2467**
■ **Gaprindashvili,Valeriane** **2433**
EU-Cup 21st Saint Vincent (7.6) 24.09.2005
[Tyomkin,Dimitri]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be3 e6 5.Nd2 Nd7



6.Be2 Qb6 7.Nb3 A large number of games have been played in this line recently, and many of them - by Georgian players, who are big lovers of the Caro-Cann. **7...a5**
[7...Ne7 8.f4
A) 8...Bg6 Lukacs 9.Bf2 h5 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.0-0 Be7 12.g3 Kf8 *(12...0-0-0* White has better attacking chances with opposite castled kings. *13.a4↑)* 13.h3

Qd8 14.Kg2 Kg8 15.c3 *(15.Bd3±* Δ g4 was the other preparatory move before advancing the g ♙.*)* 15...Rc8 16.Rc1 *(16.Bd3)* 16...c5 *(16...h4 17.g4 Ng3 18.Bxg3 hxg3 19.Kxg3* is a positional ♙ sacrifice, but Black still lacks space. *c5 20.c4!?)* 17.c4! 1-0 Shirov,A-Johannessen,L/Drammen 2005/CBM 105/[Lukacs] (40) The opening of the position works for the active white pieces.;

B) 8...Be4N 9.Nf3 h5 10.0-0 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 g6 12.Bf2 Nf5 13.c4 Qd8 *(13...dxc4 14.d5±)* 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Qd2± ½-½ Nohr,F-Nielsen,B/Vanlose 2005/CBM 107 ext (31);

C) 8...a5 9.a4 Be4 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.Bf2 Bb4+! provoking b2-b3 move- white knight b3 loses its guard. 12.c3 Be7 13.0-0 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 h5 15.Rc1 *(15.Bxh5?! Rxh5 16.Qxh5 Qxb3 17.g4 Nh6 18.f5 0-0-0∓)* 15...g5 16.c4 *(16.fxg5 Bxg5 17.Rb1 0-0-0 18.Nc1)* 16...gxf4 17.c5 Qd8 18.Bxh5 Bh4 19.Qg4 Qg5 20.Bxh4 Qxh4 21.Qxh4 Nxh4 22.Bd1± ½-½ Kosintseva,T-Purtseladze,M/Chisinau 2005/CBM 106 ext (46)]

[7...Bb4+ 8.c3 Be7 9.Nf3 Bg6 10.h3 h5 11.Nfd2 h4 12.c4 Nh6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.0-0 Bf8 16.Bg4 ½-½ Socko,B-Izoria,Z/Ermioni Argolidas 2005/CBM 107 ext]

[7...Bg6 8.f4 a5 9.a4 Bb4+ 10.c3 Be7 11.Nf3 h5 12.g3 *(12.Nfd2 h4 13.0-0 Nh6 14.Bf2 Nf5 15.c4 Bb4 16.c5 Qc7 17.Nc1 b6 18.Nd3 bxc5 19.dxc5 Bxd2 20.Qxd2± ½-½* Zhang Pengxiang-Mchedlishvili,M/Dubai 2005/CBM 105 ext (41) *)* 12...Nh6 13.Nfd2 Nf5 14.Bf2 Qc7 15.0-0 f6 16.Nf3 Bf7 17.Qd2 Rg8 18.c4 Bb4 19.Qc2 Nb6 20.c5 Nd7 21.Bd3± ½-½ Timofeev,A-Riazantsev,A/Nojabrsk 2005/CBM 106 (50)]

[7...f6?! Lukacs 8.Nf3 Ne7 9.0-0 Bg6 10.c4 a5 11.Nc5! Nxc5 12.dxc5 Qxb2 13.Nd4 *(13.Bd4 Qc2 14.Qxc2 Bxc2 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Bxf6 Rg8 17.Nd4 Bf5 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.Rab1±* with a strong pressure.*)* 13...Nf5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nxe6 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Qe5 17.cxd5⟶ Shirov-Erenburg, Caleta 2005]

8.a4 Bb4+N Black already played like that many times in similar positions - the idea is to weaken the b3-outpost and to tie white queen to the defence of ♘b3.

[8...Ne7 Lukacs 9.Nf3 Bg6 10.0-0 Nf5 11.c4 Nxe3 *(11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bb4* Δ 0-0-0 *)* 12.fxe3 White is usually happy with this exchange. Be7 *(12...dxc4* gives up the ⊞. *13.Bxc4 Be7 14.Bd3 0-0±)* 13.cxd5 exd5 *(13...cxd5* weakens × b5, see the notes to a5-a4. *14.Bb5±)* 14.Nc1!? ½-½ Gelfand,B-Kacheishvili,G/Rethymnon 2003/CBM 098/[Lukacs] (46) White is not afraid of sacrificing his b ♙. *(14.Bd3 0-0=)*]

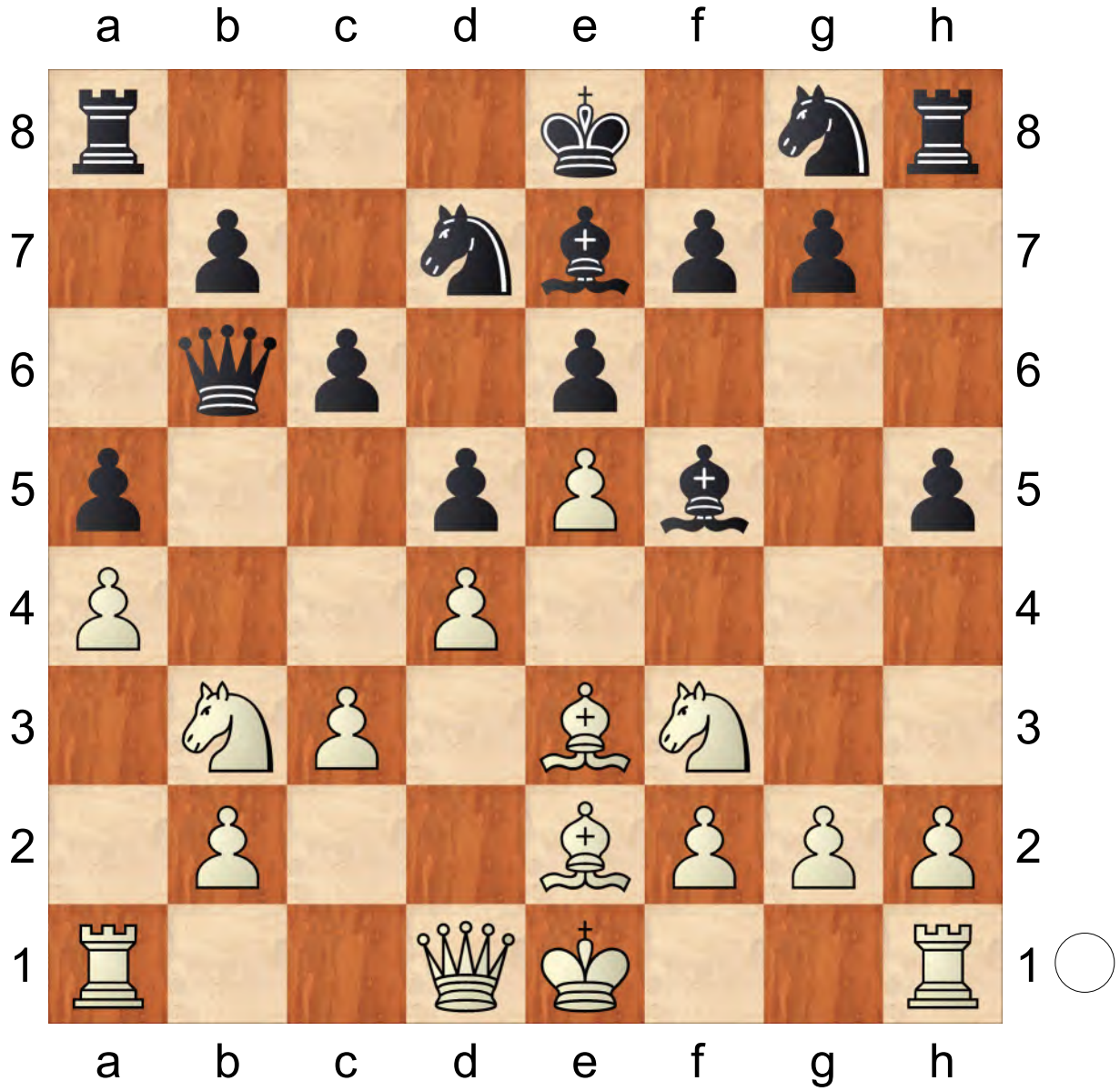
9.c3 Be7 10.Nf3 10.f4 is just weaker in such position. White needs to complete the development fast and to break the centre with c3-c4;

[10.f4 Nh6 11.Nf3 0-0∞]

10...h5

[10...Nh6!? 11.0-0 Bg6 *(11...Bg4!?)* 12.Bxh6 gxh6⇄]

(Diagram)



I don't really get why black needs h5 to play ♘h6, since ♗x♘ is not any dangerous for black. But, perhaps, Georgian players don't think so. See 3 games of them above - all played h5 before developing the ♘g8 to h6; **11.0-0 Nh6 12.c4 dxc4**

[12...Ng4 13.Bd2 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bb4 15.Bg5± Δf6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Bf4±]

13.Bxc4

[13.Nbd2 Qxb2 14.Nxc4 Qc2!]

13...Qc7 14.Bd3

[⩲14.Bd2! to prevent ♘b6! White has a large advantage in that case;]

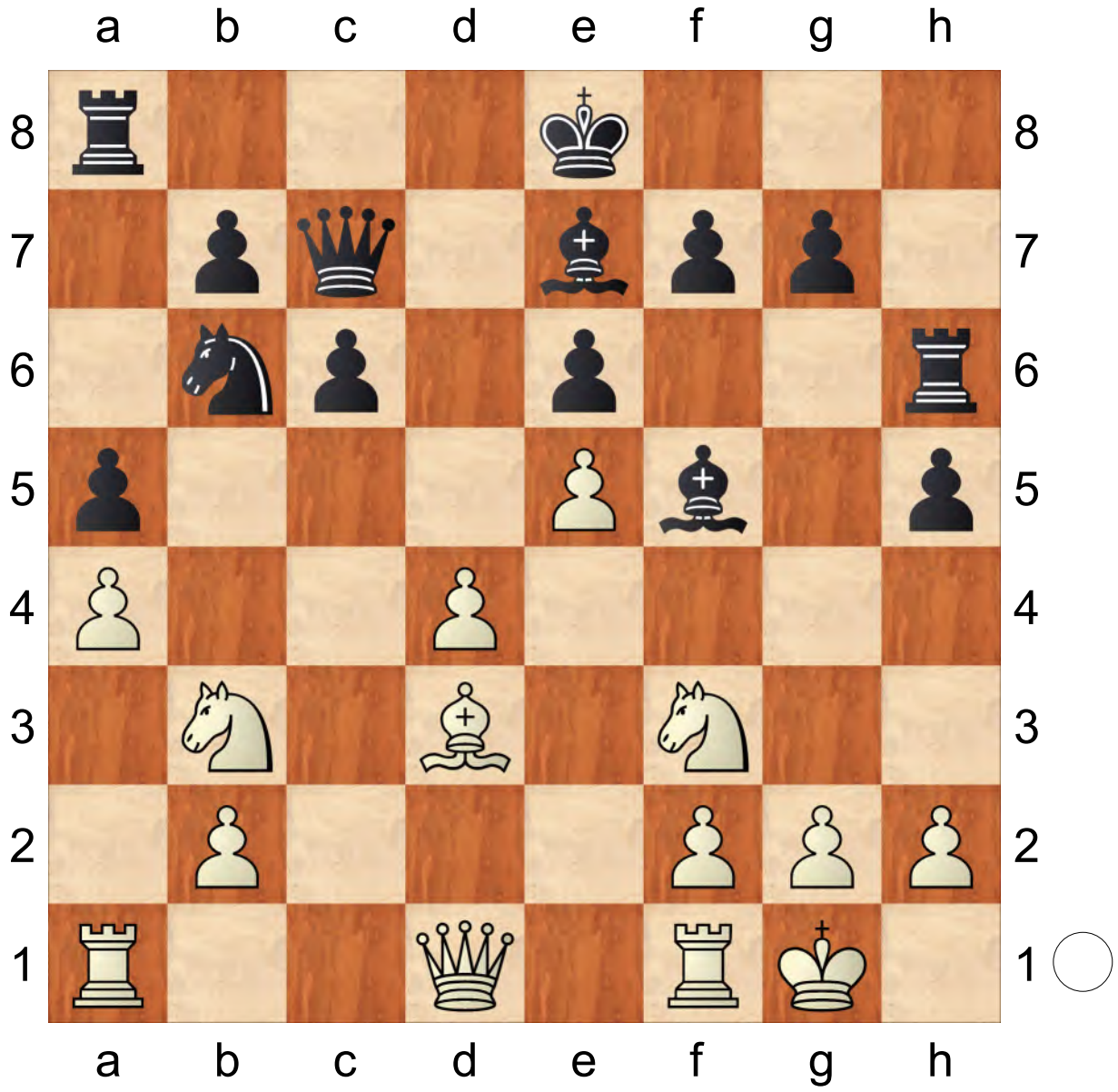
14...Nb6

[14...Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Nf5 16.Bg5±]

15.Bxh6 Rxh6

[15...Bxd3 16.Bxg7 Rg8 17.Qxd3 Rxg7 18.Kh1! That's the only way to keep white's castle position fixed. Otherwise, black plays 0-0-0, then ♖d8-g8, forcing

white to play g3; *(18.Qd2 Nd5 19.Kh1±)* 18...Nd5 19.Qc4 0-0-0 20.Nc5 Rdg8 21.Rg1±]

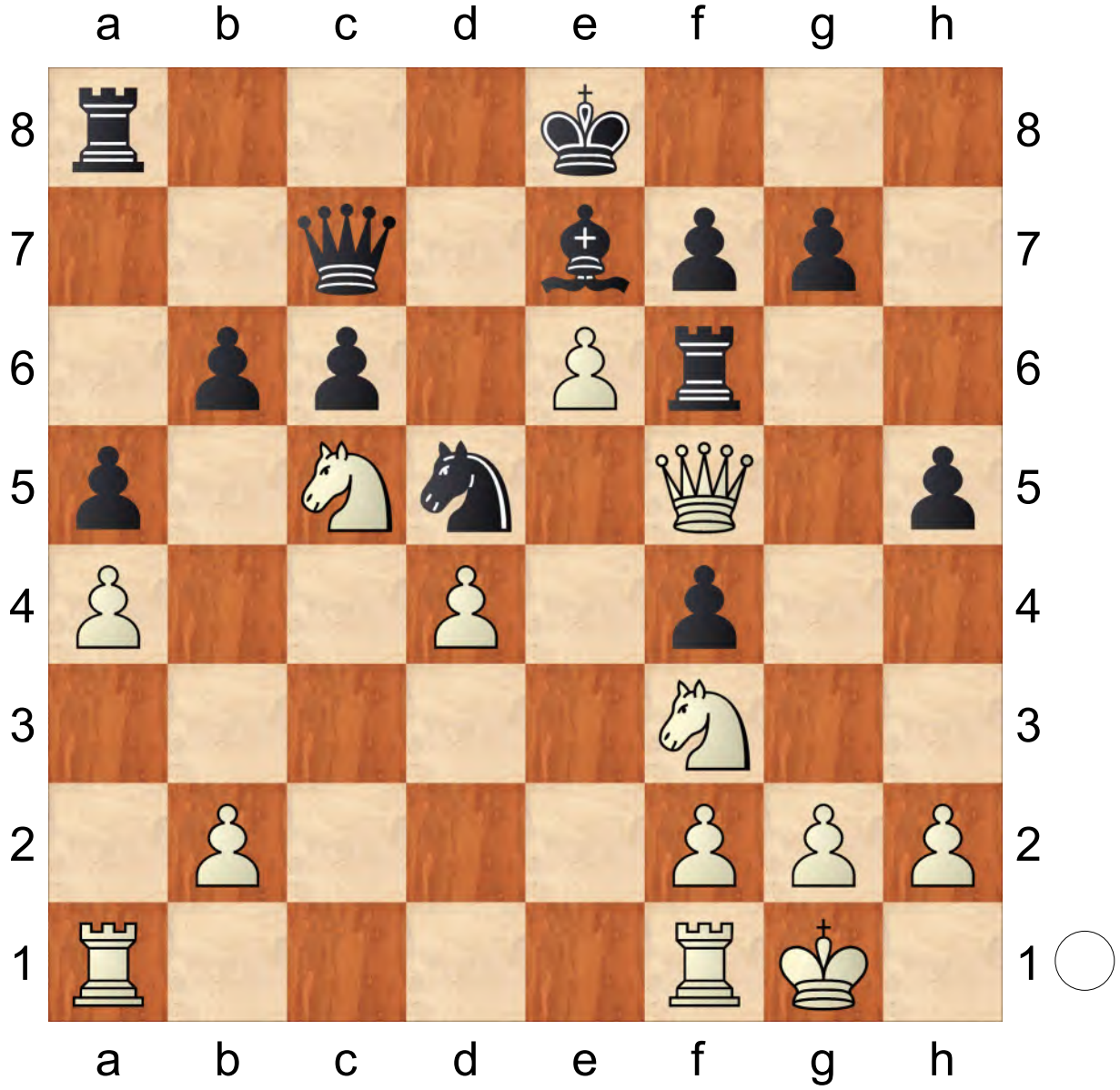


16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Qc2 f4 18.Qf5

[⌓18.Nc5 Nd5 19.Ne4! White should get rid of black's ♘d5 which blocks the centre. *(19.Rfe1 Bxc5 20.dxc5 0-0-0 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.Nf5 Rg6 23.Nd6+ Kb8 24.Qb3 Qe7)* 19...Qd7 20.Nc3 Rg6 21.Nxd5! ΔRxg2+ 22.Kh1 cxd5 23.e6 Qxe6 24.Rfe1+-]

18...Nd5 19.Nc5 b6 20.e6 White sacrifices a piece, hoping to get a strong attack on the black king. In 7 games of this team event, I managed to sacrifice 2 light pieces and at least 5 pawns... **20...Rf6**

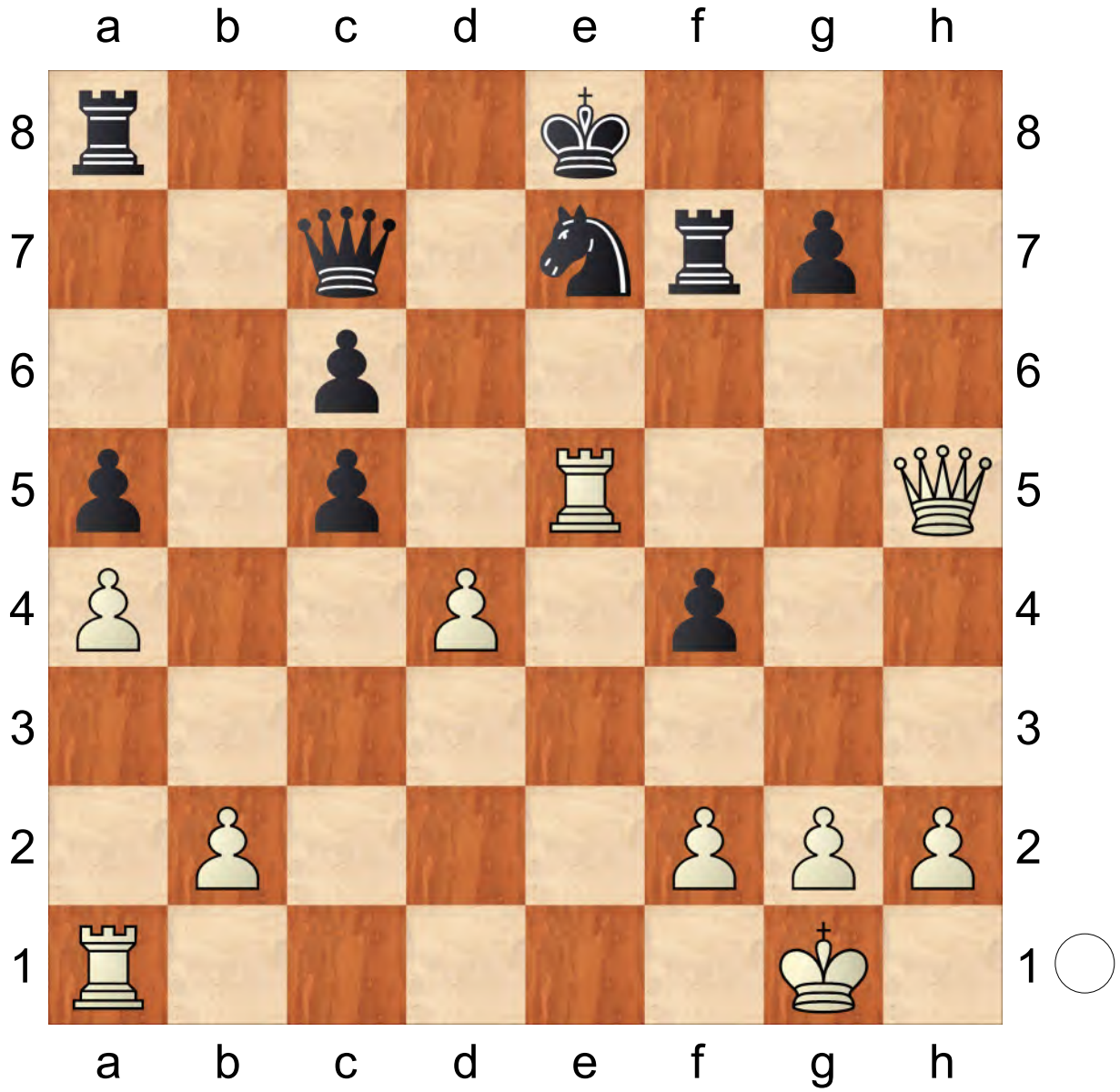
[20...Bxc5 21.dxc5 fxe6 22.Rfe1 Qe7 23.Qe4 bxc5 24.Ne5 Qd6 25.Rac1 Rb8 26.Qd3! Ra8 *(26...Rxb2 27.Nc4)* 27.Re4±]



21.exf7+ Rxf7 22.Qxh5 bxc5
[22...Bxc5 23.Rfe1+ Be7 24.Ne5+-]
23.Ne5 Bf6 After 23..g6 white has no more than a draw;
[23...g6 24.Qxg6 Bf6 25.Qg8+! Black is safe in other cases. *(25.Rfe1 Kf8 26.Nxf7* Tyomkin,D: '- transforms to the 23...g6 24.♕xg6 ♗f6 25.♖fe1 line, in which black is just better;' *Qxf7 27.Qh6+ Qg7∓; 25.Rae1 Kf8 26.Nxf7 Qxf7 27.Qh6+ Qg7 28.Qh3 Bxd4∓; 25.Nxf7 Qxf7 26.Qe4+ Kf8 27.dxc5 Bxb2 28.Rab1 Re8* Black must be doing well here;*)* 25...Rf8 26.Qe6+ Ne7□ 27.Rfe1 cxd4 *(27...Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Qd7 29.Qc4 Qxd4 30.Qe2 Rf7 31.Re1 Ra7 32.Qh5±)* 28.Nxc6 Ra6 29.Rac1 d3 30.Qe4 d2 31.Qg6+ and white has a perpetual;]
24.Rfe1 Bxe5?! After 24...g6 I don't see even a draw for white...
[24...g6! 25.Qxg6 *(25.Nxg6+ Kd8∓; 25.Nxc6+ Ne7 26.Qxc5 Kf8!∓)* 25...Kf8

26.Rac1 *(26.Nxf7* - transforms to the 23...g6 24.♕xg6 ♗f6 25.♖fe1 line, in which black is just better;*)* 26...Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Rf6 28.Qh5 Qg7 29.Rxc5 Qg6 with a better ending for black;]

25.Rxe5+ Ne7



26.Qh8+ Rf8 27.Qxg7 cxd4

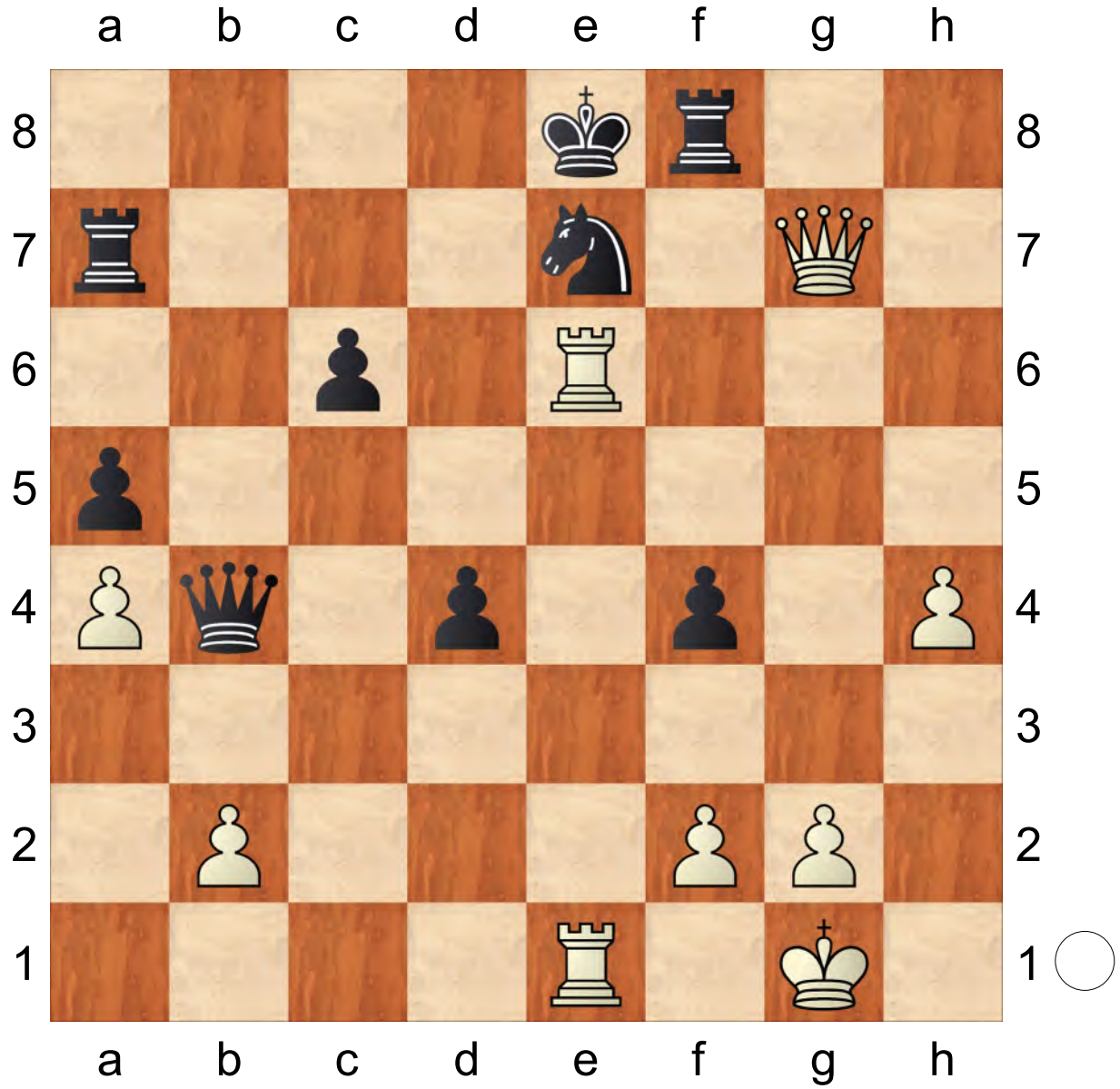
[27...Rf7 28.Qg8+ Rf8 29.Qg5+-]

28.Rae1 Ra7 29.h4 White wins a lot of material in the 29.♕g6 line, but doesn't win the game.

[29.Qg6+ Kd8 30.Rxe7 Qxe7 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.Qd6+ Ke8 33.Qxc6+ Rd7 34.Qe4+ Kd8 35.Qa8+ Ke7 36.Qxa5 White has a queen and three pawns for two rooks of black, but the d-passer saves black the game. d3 37.Qe5+ Kd8 38.Qb8+ Ke7 39.Qb4+ Rd6 40.Qd2 Rc8=]

[29.Rxe7+ Qxe7 30.Qg6+ - transforms to the 29.♕g6 line;]

29...Qd6 30.Re6 Qb4



31.h5 d3

[31...Rf7 32.Qh8+ Rf8 33.Qe5±]

32.Qg6+

[32.R1e4? d2!]

32...Kd8 33.Qxd3+ Rd7 34.Qf3

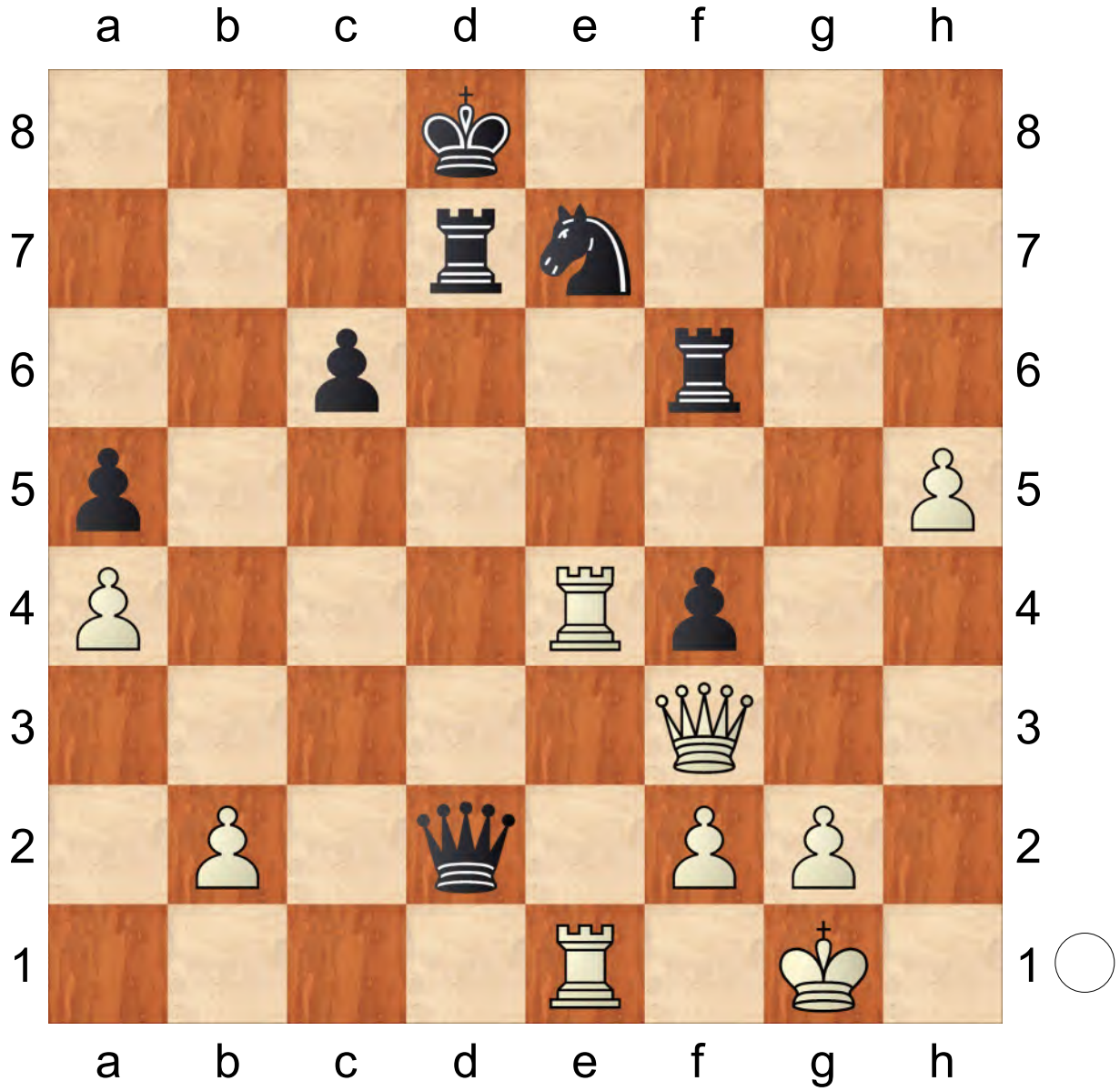
[34.Qa6!? would lead to a perpetual check more likely.]

34...Rf6

[34...Kc7 35.R6e4 Qc5 36.Rxf4 and white has already three pawns for the knight.]

35.R6e4 Qd2

(Diagram)



36.Qb3 Qd6?? Amazing, but my opponent was aware that this move loses (at least that's what he told me in the post-mortem), but did it anyhow, having only few seconds on his clock (time control had 30 sec. increments per move).

[36...Nc8! 37.Qb8 Rf8 38.Qa8! Kc7 39.Re6 Rd6 40.Re7+ Rd7 41.R7e6= would be a fair result for this game;]

37.Qb6+?? I had had the ♖xe7 blow in mind, but simply forgot it at this point.... Time-trouble pressure.

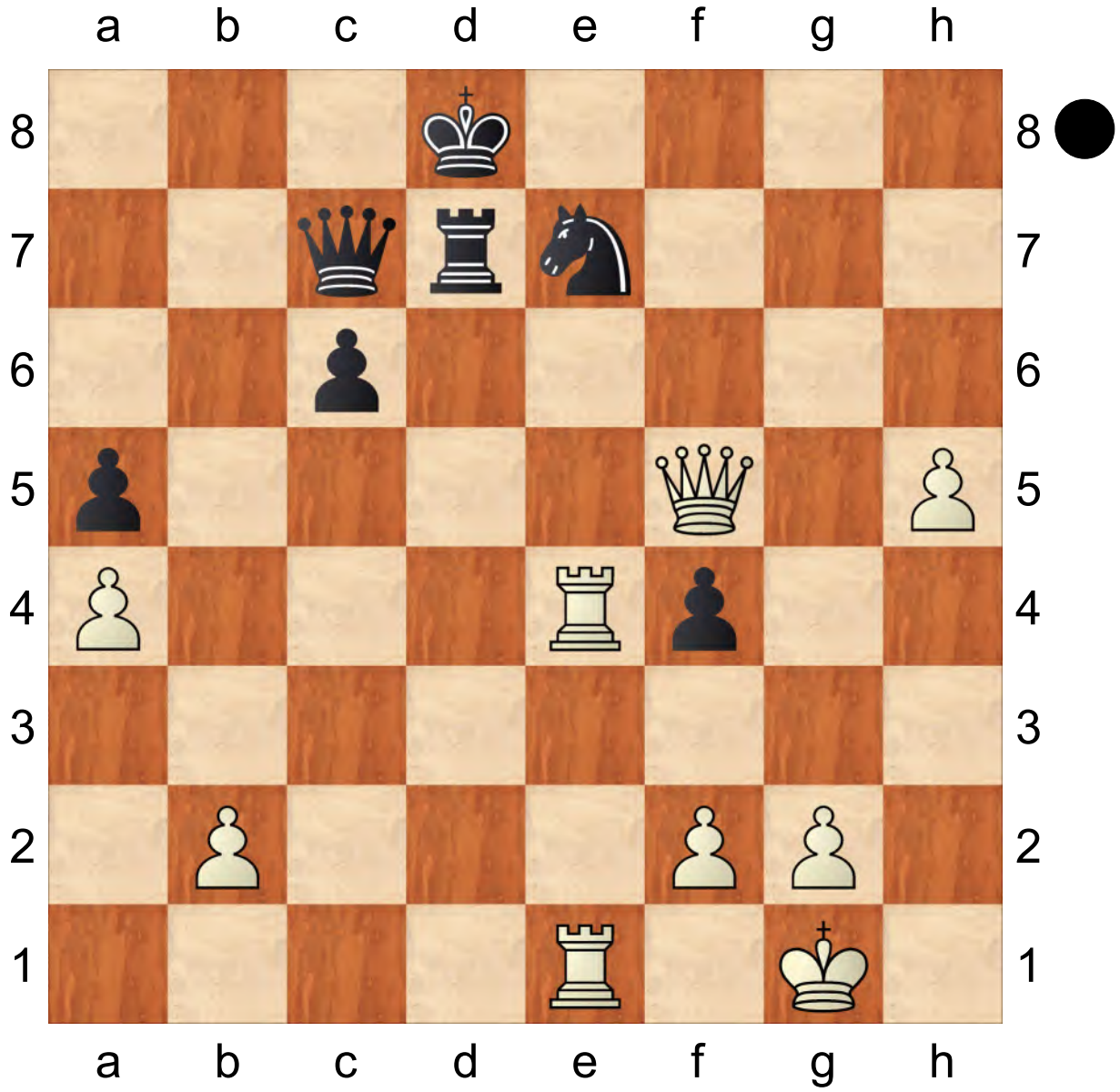
[37.Rxe7!+- Rxe7 38.Rd1]

37...Qc7 38.Qc5 Rf5?? Counterblunder!

[38...Rf7!= following with ♔c8 and ♘d5;]

39.Qxf5!

[39.Qxf5 Nxf5 40.Re8#]



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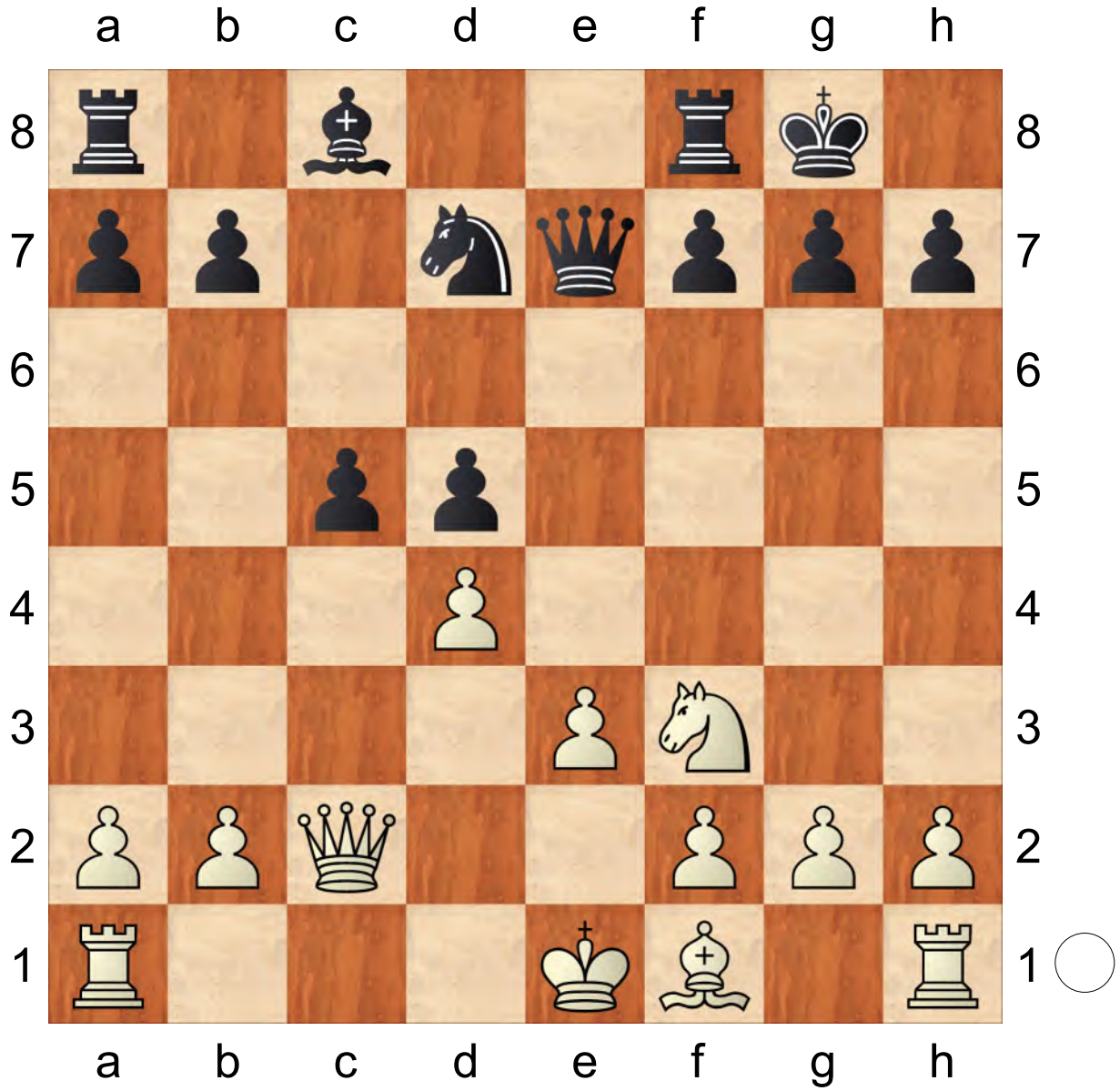
□ **Salov,Valery** **2665**
■ **Piket,Jeroen** **2640**
Madrid Magistral 6th (5) 26.05.1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Piket,Jeroen **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nxd5 exd5

(Diagram)

11.Bd3 g6 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Nd4 Rfc8



[14...Ne6 15.Qa4 Qf6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Qb4 Rfc8 18.Rad1 b6 19.Ba6 Rc5 20.Rd4 Re8 21.a3± ½-½ Chernin,A-Hubner,R/Wijk aan Zee 1986]

15.Qd2

[15.Rac1 Piket,Jeroen: 'Ü 45/534' Bd7 Δ ♘e6= 16.Qd2

A) 16...Ne6 17.Be2 Qf6 18.Nf3 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rd1± Ivanov,I-Morovic Fernandez,I/New York (open) 1988/0-1 (52) *(20.Rxc8+=)*;

B) 16...Qf6 17.Rfd1 Qb6 18.Rc3 a6 19.Rdc1 Ne6 20.Rb3 Qa7 21.Nxe6 Rxc1+ 22.Qxc1 Bxe6

B1) 23.Qc7! Rc8 *(23...b5 24.Qxa7 Rxa7 25.Ra3 Bd7 26.Rc3±)*

B1a) 24.Qe7 Rc1+ 25.Bf1 d4 26.Rxb7 Bc4 *(26...Qa8 27.Qb4+-)*

B1a1) 27.h4 Rxf1+ 28.Kh2 Qa8 29.Qc7 Kg7 30.Qe5+ Kh6 31.Qf4+ Kg7 32.Qxd4+ Kh6 *(32...Kg8 33.Rd7 Qb8+ 34.f4+-)* 33.Qxc4 Qxb7 *(33...Rxf2 34.Qe4±)* 34.Qxf1 Qxb2 35.a4±;

B1a2) 27.Qe8+ Kg7 28.Qe5+ *(28.Qxf7+? Bxf7 29.Rxa7 d3 30.Rd7 d2 31.Rxd2 Bc4∓)* 28...Kh6 29.Qf4+ Kg7 30.Qe5+=;

B1b) 24.Qxb7? Rc1+ 25.Bf1 Qxb7 26.Rxb7 d4 27.Rb4 d3 28.Rd4 d2 29.Rxd2 Bc4-+;

B2) 23.Rb4 Rc8 24.Qd2 Qc5 25.f3 Qa5 26.a3 Rc5= 27.h3 Qc7 28.f4 b6 29.Rd4 Kg7 30.Kh2 a5 31.Qf2 Rc1 32.Qd2 ½-½ Shirov,A-Piket,J/It cat.18, IV-V 1995]

[15.Rfc1 Bd7 16.Qd1 *(16.Qd2 Ne6 17.Be2 Qf6 18.Nf3 Bc6 19.Rc3 d4 20.exd4 Rd8 21.Rd1 Rd6 22.Bc4 Rad8 23.Qc1 Nxd4 24.Nxd4 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4= ½-½ Piket,J-Morovic Fernandez,I/Wijk 1994 (28))* 16...Qf6 17.Rc2 Ne6 18.Nf3 Rxc2 19.Qxc2 d4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.exd4 Qxd4 22.Bf1 Rc8 ½-½ Ribli,Z-Andersson,U/Dortmund-A 1987]

15...Ne4

[15...Ne6 Piket,Jeroen 16.Nb3 *(16.Rac1; 16.Be2 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Qf6=)* 16...Nc5!?]

[15...Qf6!? Piket,Jeroen]

(Diagram)

Piket,Jeroen: 'N' **16.Qe1**

[16.Qa5 Rc5 *(16...Qc5* Piket,Jeroen*)* 17.Qa3 Qg5 18.Rfc1 b6 19.b4 Bh3 20.g3 Qf6 21.f3 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1 Qg5 23.f4 Qg4 24.Be2 Qd7 25.b5± *(25.Bb5 Qg4)*]

[16.Bxe4 Piket,Jeroen dxe4=]

16...Bd7

[16...Qg5 17.f4 Qf6=]

17.Qe2± Rc5 Piket,Jeroen: '!' **18.Rfc1 Rac8 19.Qe1**

[19.Rxc5

A) 19...Nxc5 20.Rc1 Ne6 *(20...Nxd3 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Qxd3±)* 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.Nxe6±;

B) 19...Rxc5 20.Rd1 Rc8±]

19...Qf6 Piket,Jeroen: '!' **20.Rxc5**

[20.f3 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Nc5 22.Bb1 b6± *(22...Qb6 23.b4 Ne6 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Qc3 Bd7 26.Nxe6±)*]

20...Nxc5

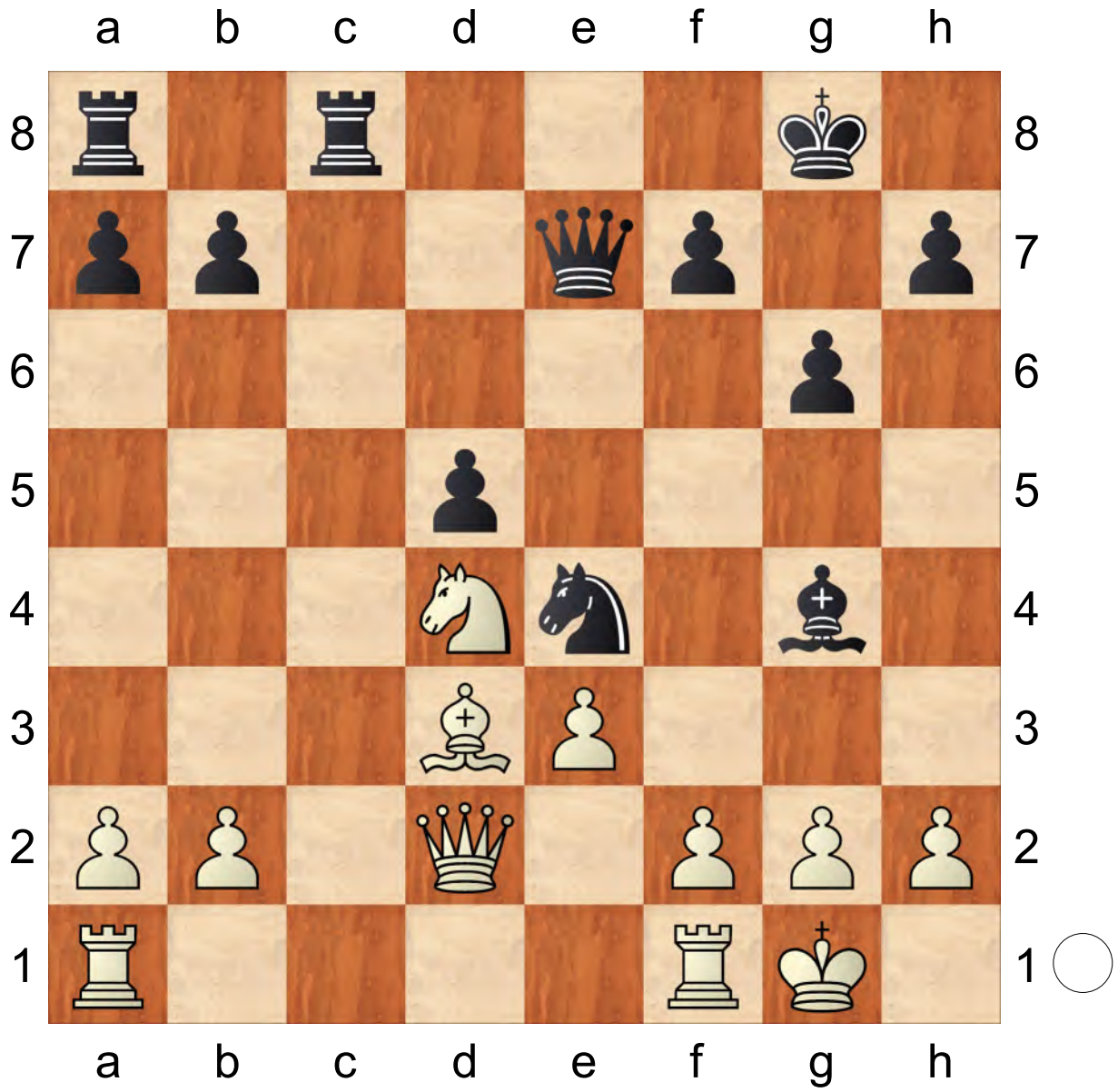
(Diagram)

21.Qd2 Qb6

[21...Ne6= Piket,Jeroen]

22.b3 a5 Piket,Jeroen: '?!'

[22...Ne6 Piket,Jeroen]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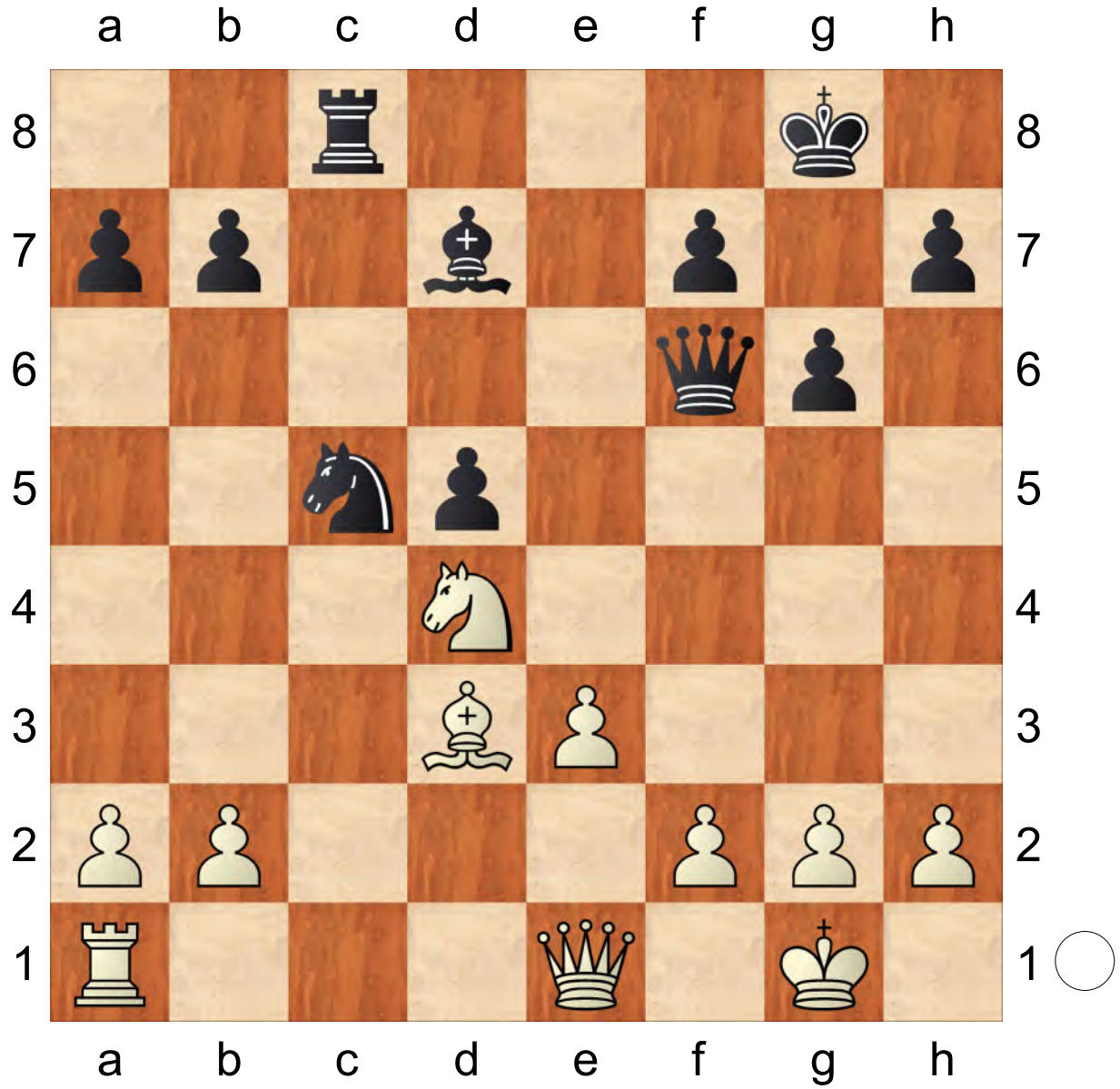


[22...Ne4 Piket,Jeroen]

23.Rc1 Rc7

[23...Qb4!? 24.Qxb4 axb4

A) 25.Be2 Ne4 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Nc2 Nc3 28.Bf3 Nxa2 29.Bxd5 Be6 30.Bxe6 *(30.e4 Bxd5 31.exd5 Kf8∓)* 30...fxe6 31.f4 Nc1 32.Nd4 Kf7 33.Kf2 Kf6 *(33...e5 34.fxe5 Nd3+ 35.Kf3 Nxe5+ 36.Ke4 Kf6 37.h3±)* 34.g4 g5 35.Kf3 e5 36.Nc2 *(36.fxg5+ Kxg5 37.Ne6+ Kh4 38.Nc5 Kh3 39.Ke4 Kxg4 40.Kxe5 Kh3=)* 36...Nxb3 37.Nxb4=;

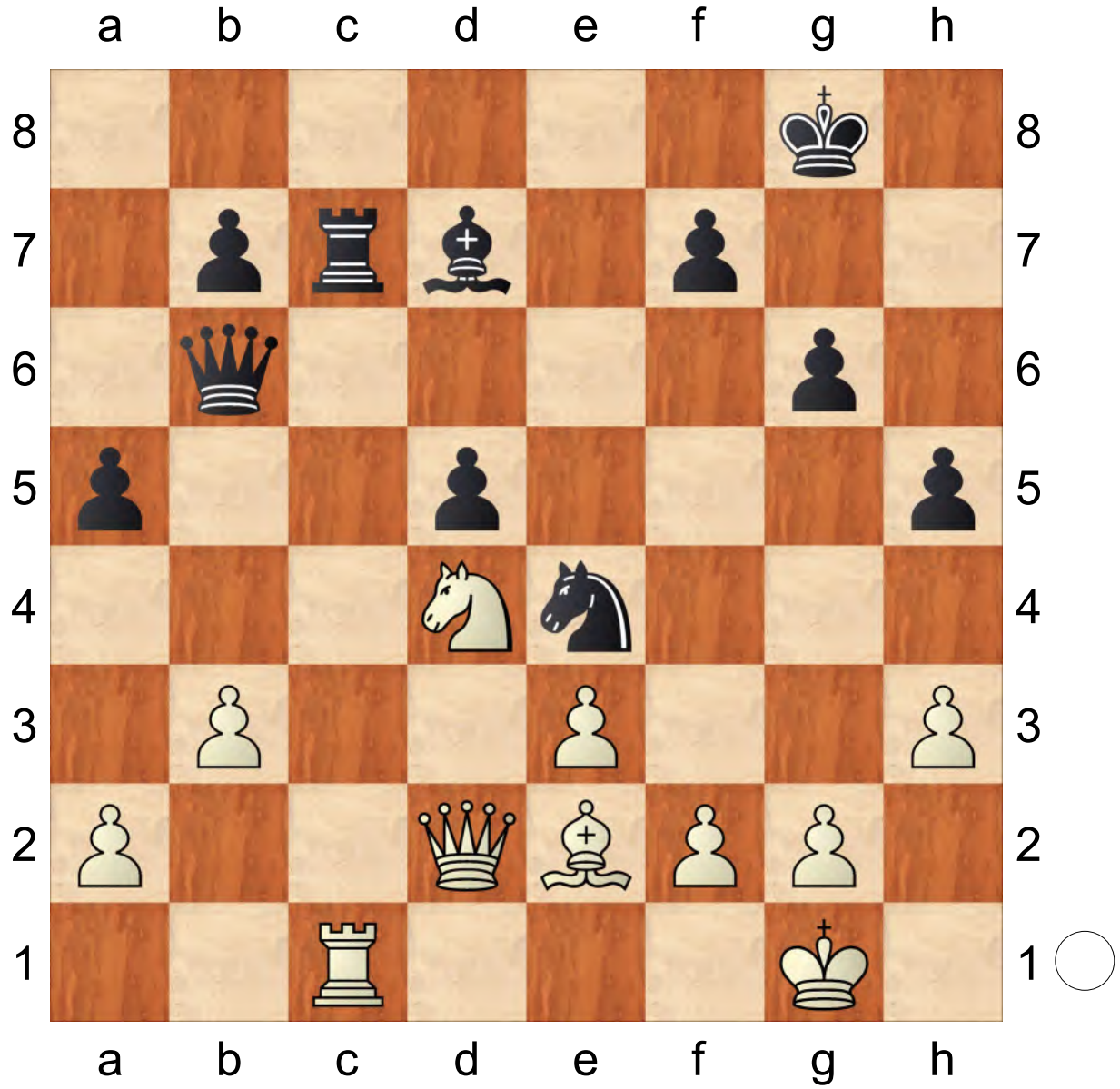
B) 25.Bb1±]

[23...a4 Piket,Jeroen 24.bxa4 Nxd3 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.Qxd3 Qb2 27.h3 Qxa2 28.Qb5±]

24.h3 h5 25.Be2 Ne4

[25...a4!? 26.Qb2 *(26.b4 Ne4∓)* 26...axb3 27.axb3 Na4 28.Qa1 Rxc1+

29.Qxc1 Qc5!?± (=)]



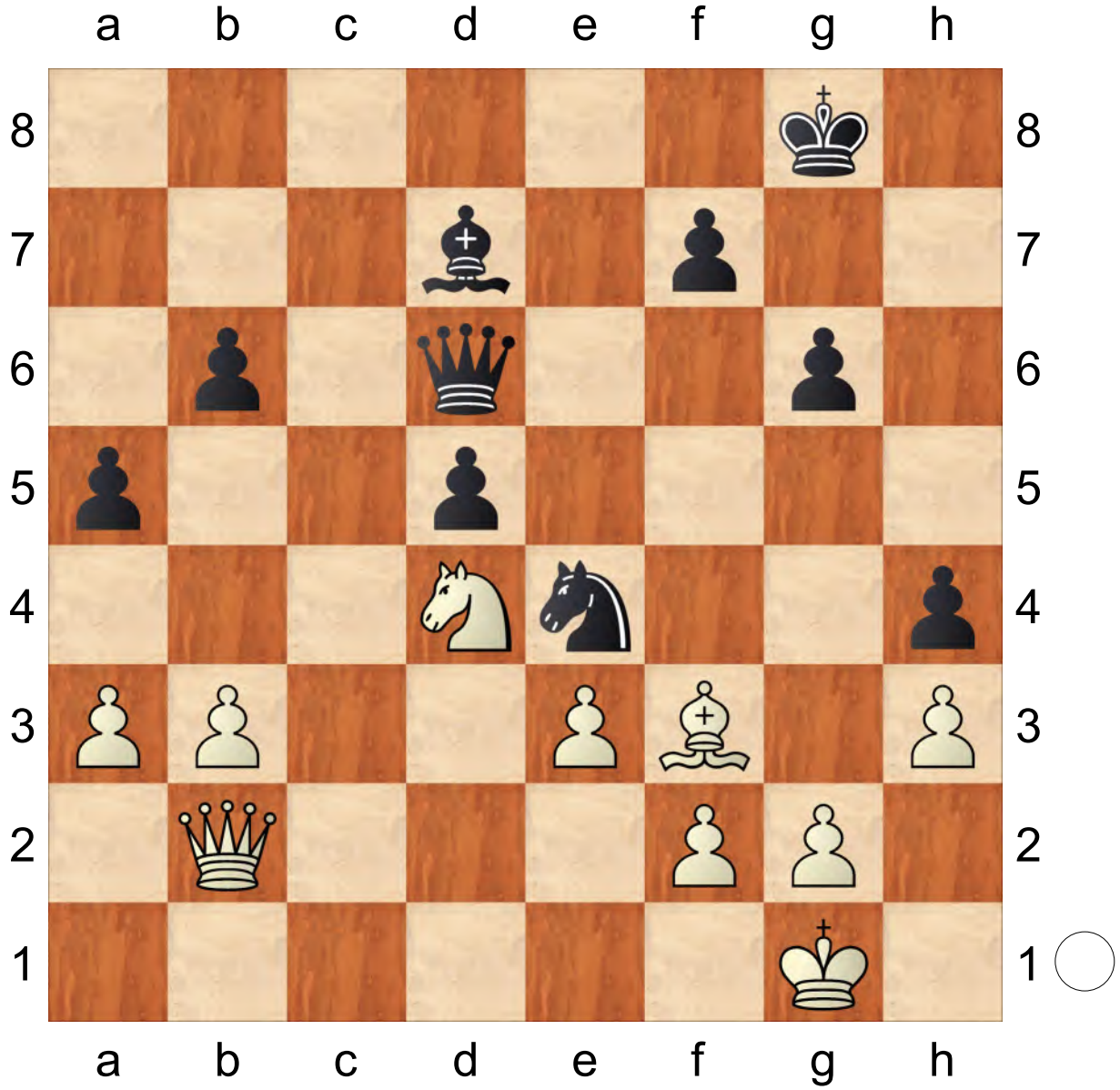
26.Qb2 Rxc1+
[26...Qd6 Piket,Jeroen]
[26...Rc5 Piket,Jeroen]
27.Qxc1 Qb4 Piket,Jeroen: '?!'
[27...a4 28.bxa4 Bxa4 29.Bf3±]
[27...Qd6 Piket,Jeroen]
28.a3 Piket,Jeroen: '!'
[28.Bf3 Piket,Jeroen Nc3 29.a3 Qc5 Δ30.Bxd5?? Qxd4]
28...Qd6
[28...Qc3 Piket,Jeroen 29.Qxc3 Nxc3 30.Bd3]
29.Qb2

[29.f3 Nc5 30.Qc3 b6 31.b4 axb4 32.axb4 Ne6 33.Nxe6±]

29...b6 30.Bf3 h4

[30...f5 Piket,Jeroen]

[30...Nf6± Piket,Jeroen]



31.b4 axb4 32.axb4 f5

[32...g5!?]

33.Qa2 Kg7

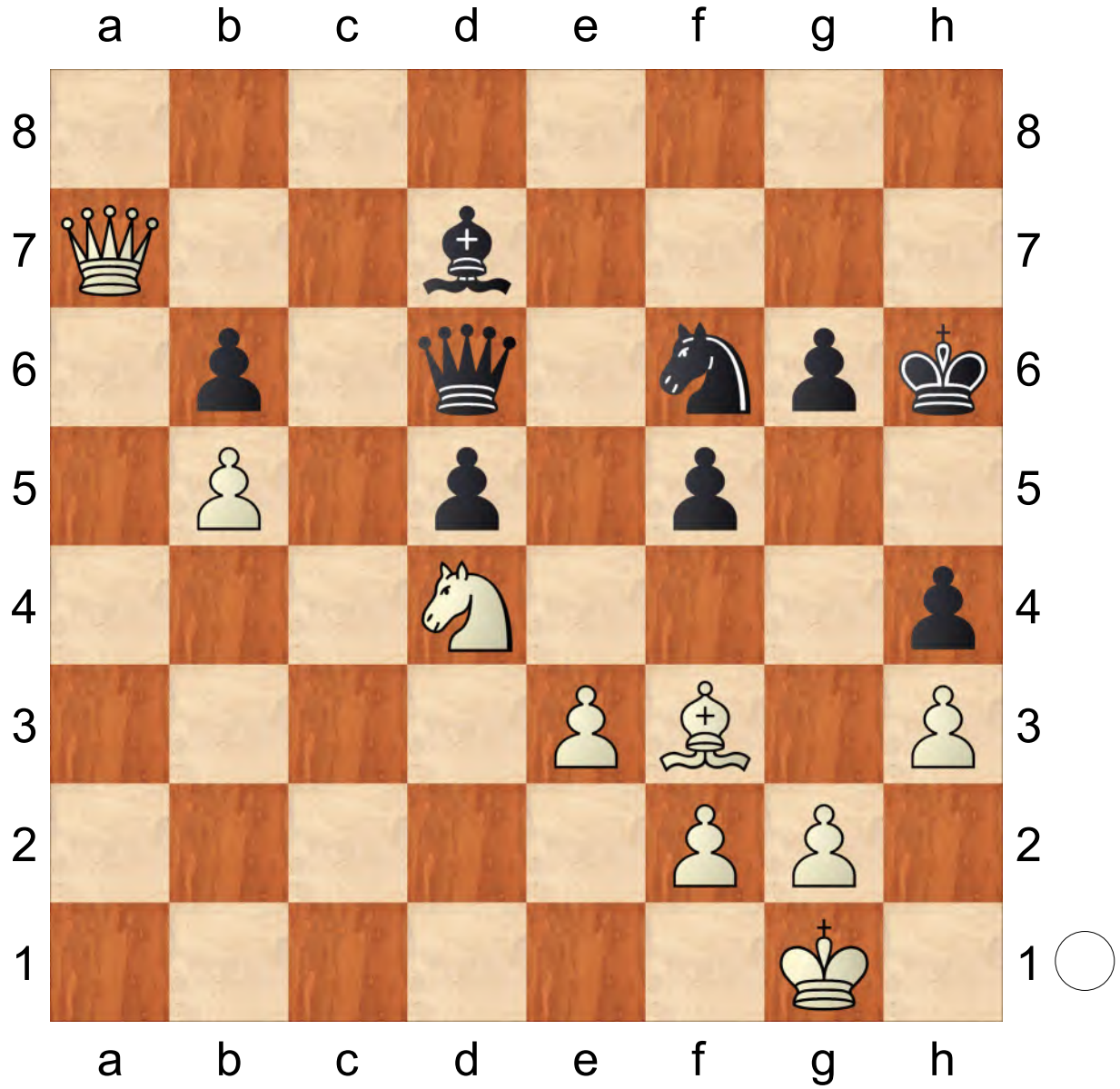
[33...g5? 34.Qa8+ Kf7 35.Qd8 Kg6 36.Qg8+ Kf6 37.Bh5+-]

34.Qa7 Piket,Jeroen: '!' **34...Nf6**

[34...Kf7 35.b5 Nc3±]

35.b5 Kh6

(Diagram)



Piket,Jeroen: '!' **36.Qa8 g5?**

[36...Be8! 37.Qc8 f4

A) 38.exf4 Qxf4 *(38...Qb4 39.Ne6 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qxf2 41.Qc3 Bd7 42.Qxf6 Qg3+ 43.Kg1 Qe1+=)* 39.Qc3 Bd7=;

B) 38.Qc3 Bd7=]

37.Qd8± Kg6□ 38.Nc6

[38.Be2 Qc5 39.Nf3 Be6 *(39...Qc1+ 40.Bf1 Qb2 41.Qxb6+-)* 40.Bd3 Qc1+ 41.Kh2 Qc5 42.Ne5+ Kg7 43.Nc6 Bd7 44.Ne7 Qc3 45.Ng8!? *(45.Bxf5 Qe5+ 46.f4 gxf4 47.Bxd7 fxe3+ 48.Kh1 e2-+)* 45...Qe5+ *(45...Qxd3 46.Qxf6+ Kxg8 47.Qd8++-)* 46.f4 gxf4 47.Qxf6+ Qxf6 48.Nxf6 Kxf6 49.exf4 d4 50.g3 hxg3+ 51.Kxg3±]

38...g4??

[38...f4 39.Qxb6 fxe3 40.fxe3±]

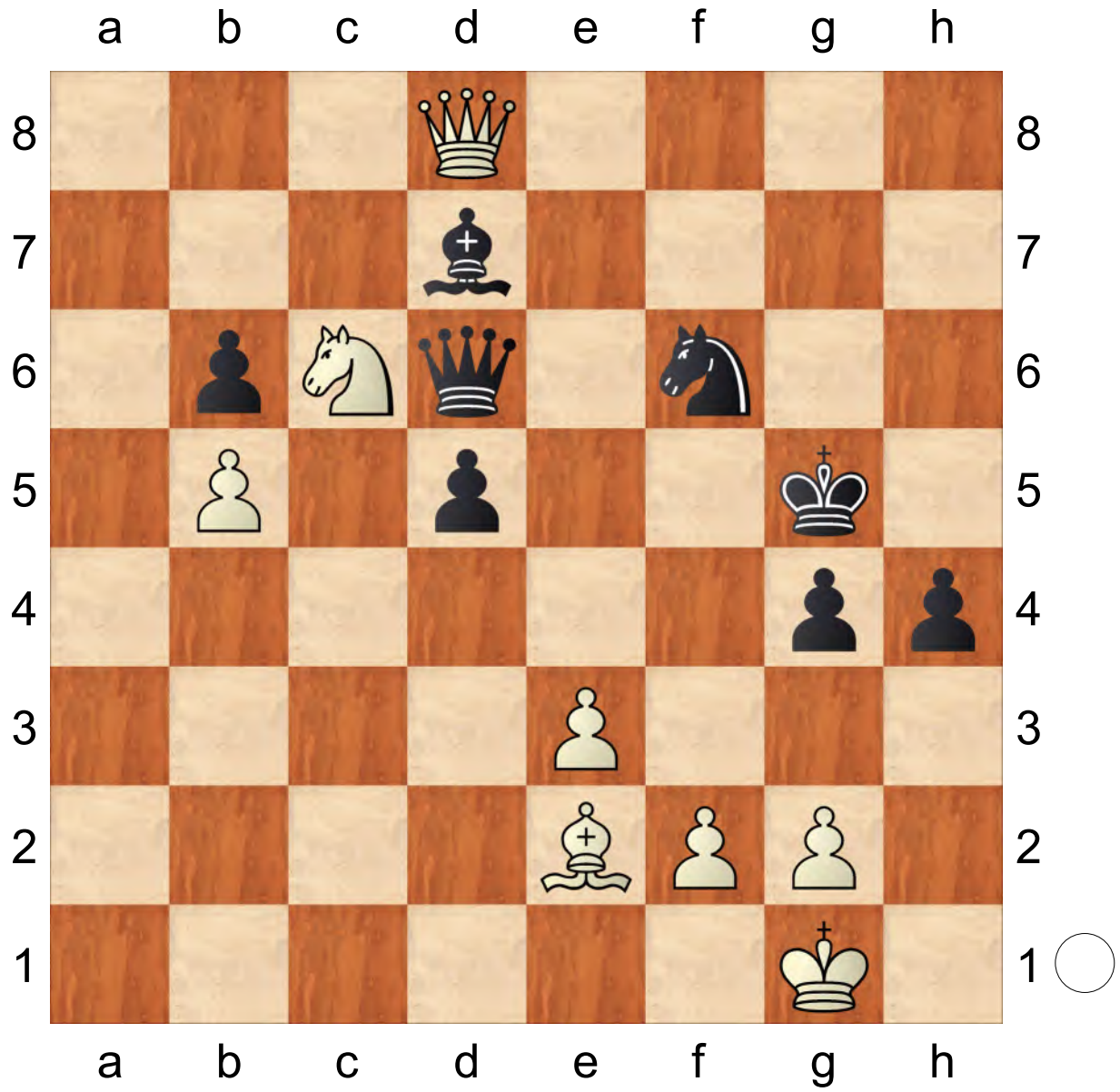
39.hxg4?
[39.Ne7+ Kg5 *(39...Kf7 40.Nxf5+-)* 40.g3!!+-
A) 40...gxf3 41.gxh4+ Kh5 42.Qh8+ Nh7 43.Qxh7+ Qh6 44.Qf7+ Kxh4 45.Ng6+ Kxh3 *(45...Kg5 46.Ne5+-)* 46.Qf6 *(46.Nf4+ Kg4 47.Qg8+ Qg5 48.Qh7+-)* 46...Kg4 47.Ne5++-;
B) 40...hxg3 41.h4+ Kxh4 *(41...Kh5 42.Qh8+ Nh7 43.Qxh7+; 41...Kh6 42.Nxf5+)* 42.Nxf5+]
[39.Be2 Piket,Jeroen g3]
39...fxg4 40.Be2+-
[40.Bxd5? Nxd5 41.Qxd7 Qxd7 42.Ne5+ Kf5 43.Nxd7 Ke6 44.Nf8+ *(44.e4? Kxd7 45.exd5 Kd6-+)* 44...Kf7 45.Nh7 Kg6=]
40...Kg5
[40...h3 41.gxh3 gxh3 42.f4+-]

(Diagram)

41.Qxb6
[41.Ne7!? Piket,Jeroen d4□ 42.Qf8 dxe3 43.Qg7+ Kf4 44.Qh6+ Ke5 45.Qg5+ *(45.Qxe3+ Ne4)* 45...Ke6]
[41.Nd4!± (Piket,Jeroen) Salov,Va]
41...Bxc6 Piket,Jeroen: '!' **42.Qxc6**
[42.bxc6 g3 Piket,Jeroen: '!' 43.f4+ Kh6 Piket,Jeroen: ' ⩲' 44.Bd3 Qa3 45.c7 Qc1+ 46.Bf1 Kg6⊙=]
42...Qb4
[42...Qxc6 43.bxc6 Ne8 44.Kh2+-]
43.Qc7! g3 Piket,Jeroen: '!'
[43...Qe1+ 44.Bf1 g3 45.Qf4+ Kg6 46.fxg3 *(46.b6* Piket,Jeroen*)* 46...hxg3 47.b6+-]
44.Qe5+
[44.Qf4+ Piket,Jeroen Qxf4 45.exf4+ Kxf4 46.b6 Nd7 47.b7 d4 48.Bb5 Nb8 49.Kf1 Ke4]
44...Kg6 45.Bd3+ Kf7

(Diagram)

46.Qf5?!
[46.Qc7+ Ke6 47.Qc1 gxf2+ 48.Kxf2 Ne4+ *(48...Ng4+ 49.Ke2+-)* 49.Ke2 Nc3+ 50.Kf3 Qf8+ 51.Kg4 Nxb5 52.Bxb5 Qb4+ 53.e4! Qxe4+ *(53...Qxb5 54.Qh6+ Kd7 55.Qd2+-)* 54.Kh3+-]
[46.fxg3 Piket,Jeroen Qe1+ 47.Bf1 hxg3 48.Qf4 Ke7 49.b6 Nd7! *(49...Qb1 50.Qxg3 Qxb6±)* 50.b7 Ke6=]
46...Ke7 47.Qe5+ Kf7 48.Qf5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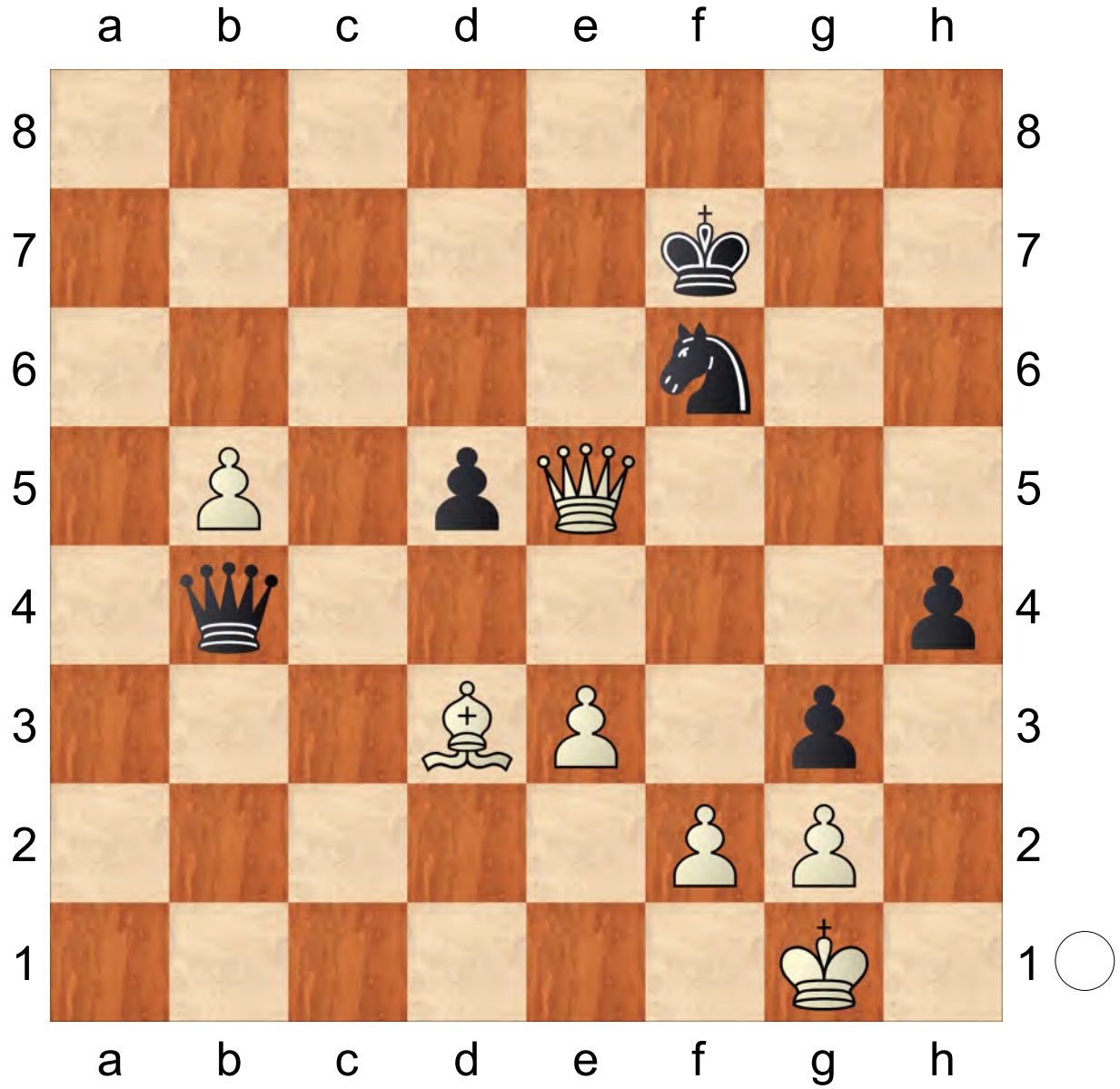


[48.Qc7+±]

48...Ke7 49.Bf1??=

[49.Qe5+ Kf7 50.Qc7+±]

49...Qb2 Piket,Jeroen: '!' **50.Qf4**

[50.Bd3 Ne4 51.Qh7+ Kd6 *(51...Kf8 52.Qh6+ Kf7 53.Qh5+ Kf8=)* 52.Qh6+ Kc5 53.Qf8+ Nd6 54.fxg3 Qc1+ 55.Kh2 Qxe3 56.Qf3 hxg3+=]

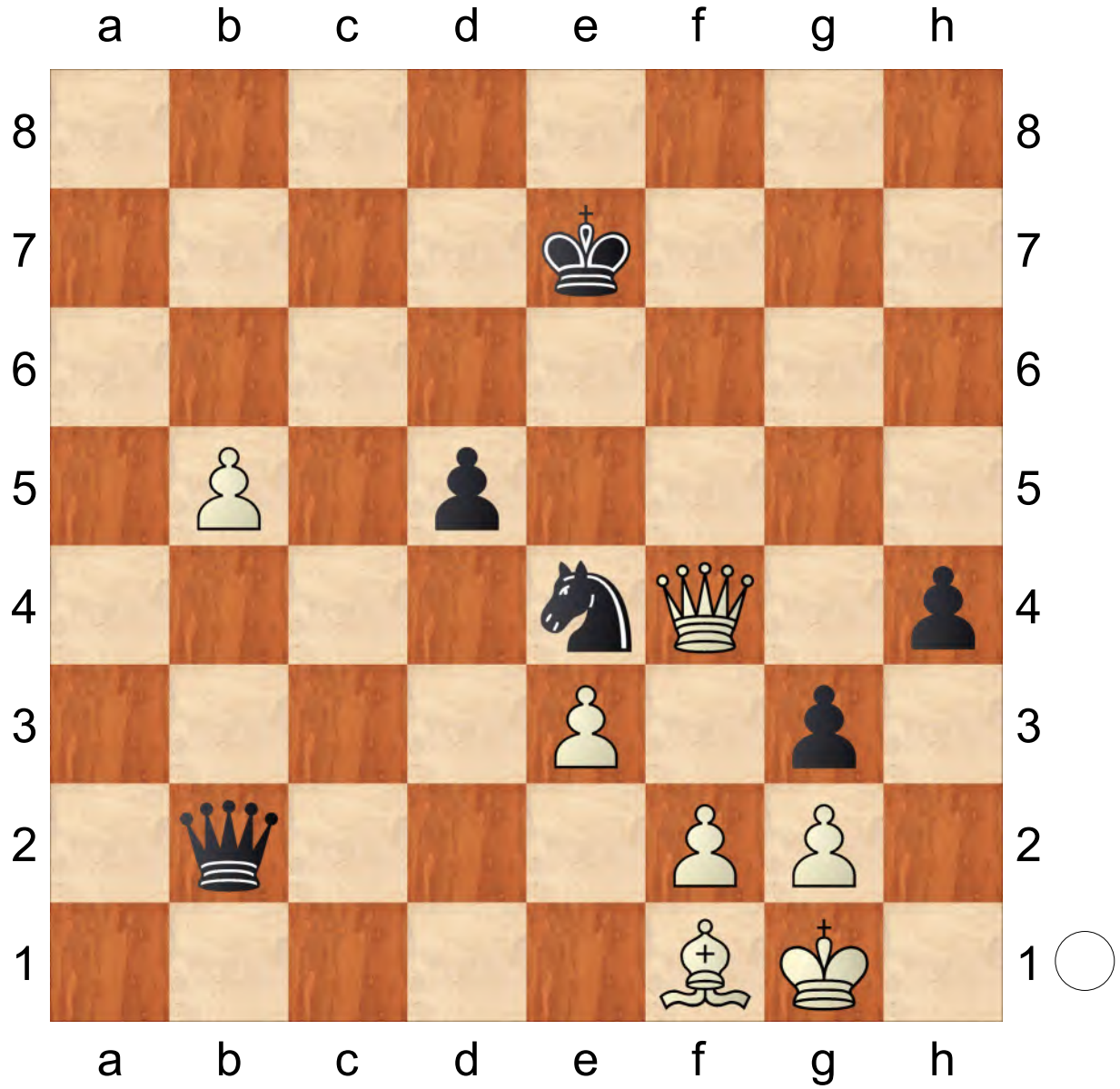
50...Ne4

(Diagram)

51.Qxh4+

[51.fxg3 hxg3=]

51...Ke6 52.Qg4+ Ke7 53.Qh4+ Ke6 54.Qg4+

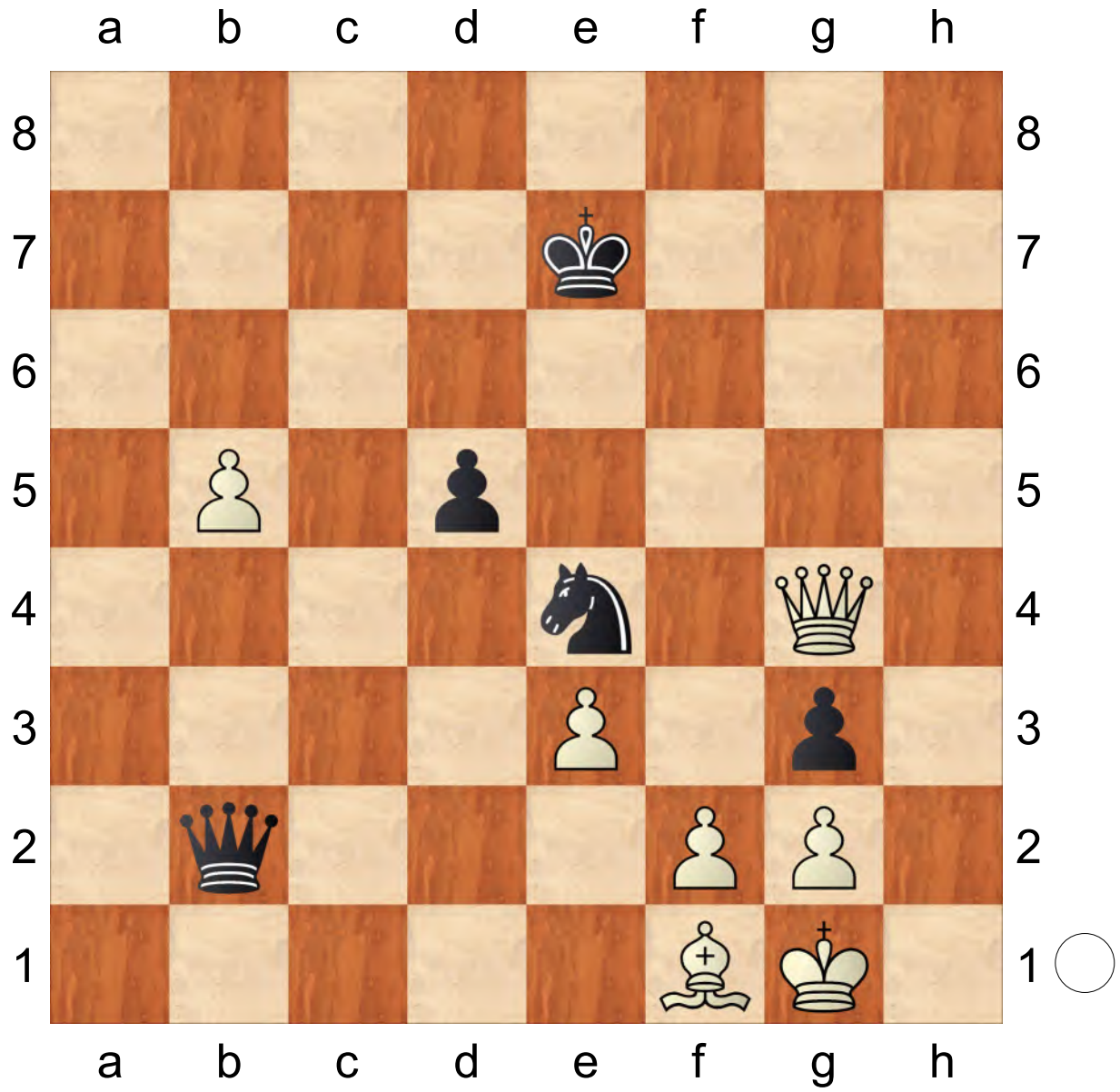


[54.Qh6+ Piket,Jeroen Ke7 55.Qh7+ Kd6!? *(55...Ke6 56.Qg8+ Ke7 57.fxg3 Qf2+ 58.Kh2 Qxf1 59.Qxd5 Nf6⩱)*]

54...Ke7

(Diagram)

½-½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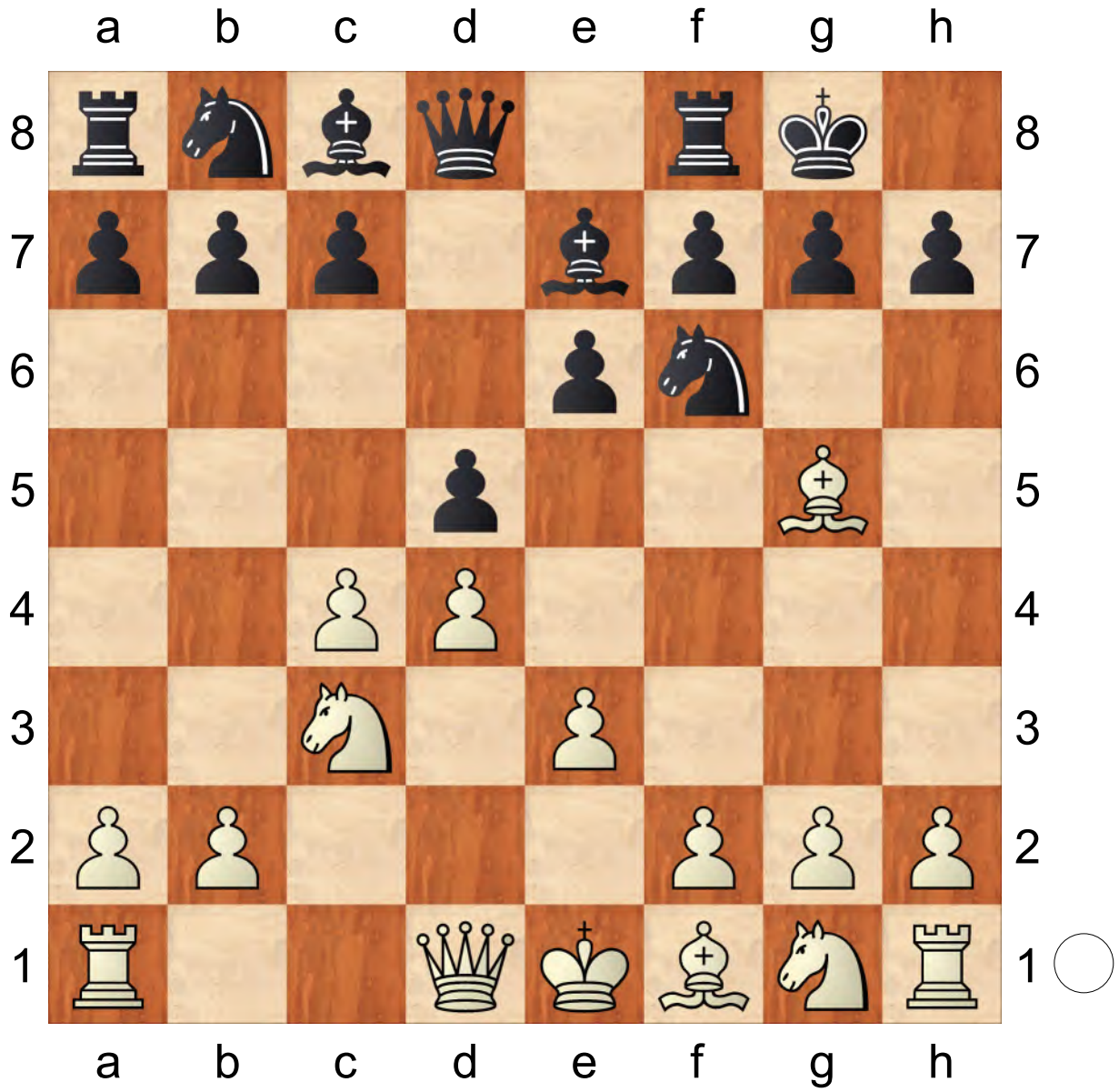
□ **Jelen,Igor** **2389**
■ **Plachetka,Jan** **2395**
Mitropa Cup 19th (9) 10.04.1999
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

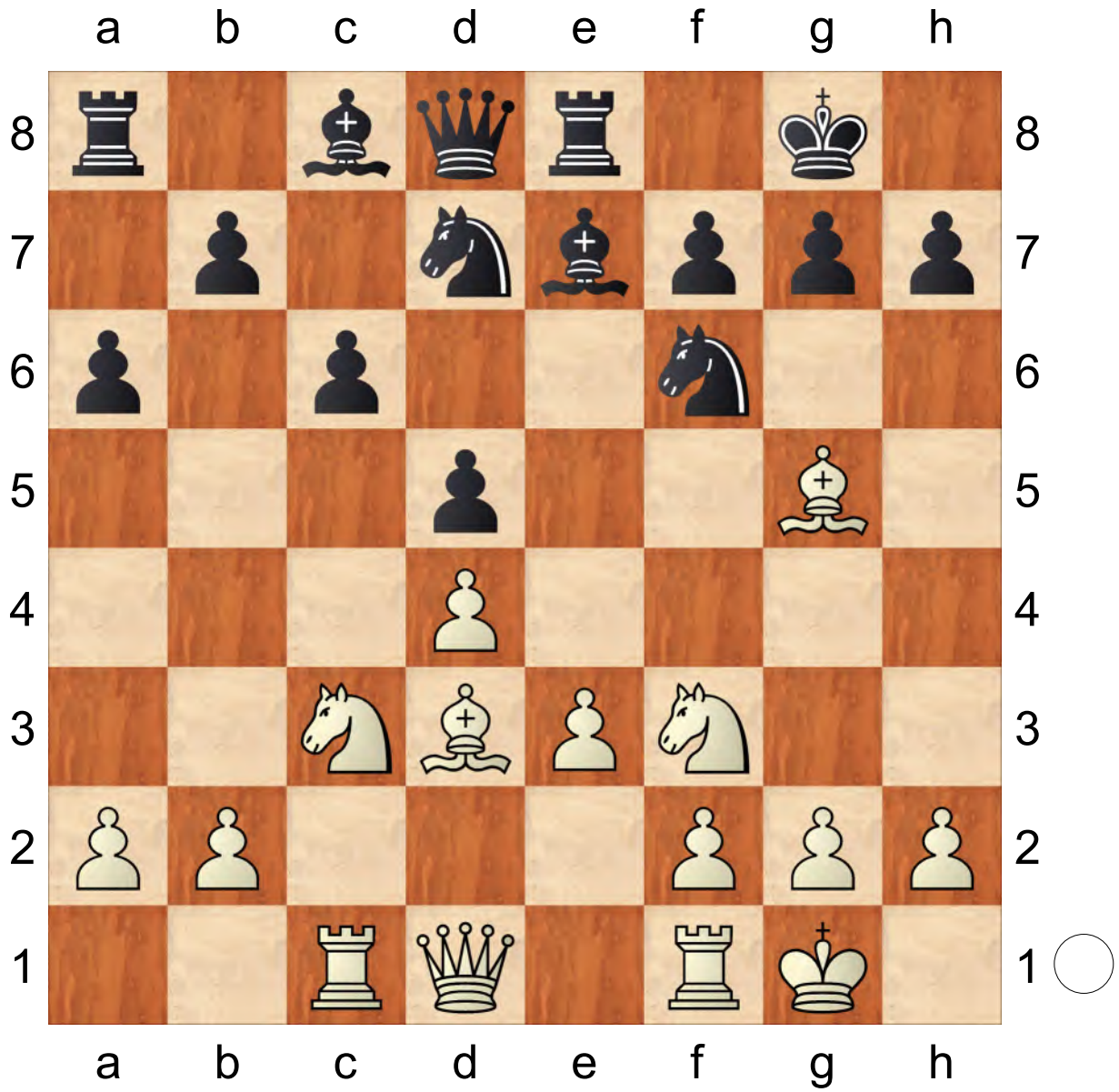
1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0**



6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 a6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 c6

(Diagram)

11.Qc2 Nf8 12.h3 The only difference from Carlsbad variation is the move ♖c1.



12...Ne4

[12...Be6!?]

13.Bf4 f5

[13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.c4 dxc4 *(16...b5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Qc5±)* 1-0 Tarrasch,S-Moritz,B/Breslau 1925 (33) 17.Bxc4 Be6 18.Nd2 Qe7 19.Rb1 Rab8 20.Nb3± 1-0 Gruenfeld,E-Bernstein,O/Carlsbad 1923 (44)]

[13...Nd6 14.Bh2 g5?! 15.Bxd6 *(15.Rfe1±; 15.Ne5±)* 15...Bxd6 16.Bf5 Qf6 17.Bxc8 Raxc8 18.e4 Bf4 19.e5 Qg7 20.Rcd1 g4 21.hxg4 *(21.Nh4 gxh3 22.g3 Bxg3 23.fxg3 Qxg3+ 24.Kh1 Qxh4-+* 1-0 De Lange,D-Lengyel,B/Gausdal AC 1988/EXT 88op (35) 21...Qxg4 22.Rd3 Ne6 23.g3 Bh6 24.Nh2 *(24.Ne2 c5∓)* 24...Qg6 25.Qd1±]

[13...Ng5 14.Bxg5 *(14.Nxg5 Bxg5 15.Bh2 Be7 16.Na4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Nb6±)* 1-0 Benjamin,J-Ziatdinov,R/New York 1995 (35) *; 14.Ne5 f6 15.Ng4 Bd6*

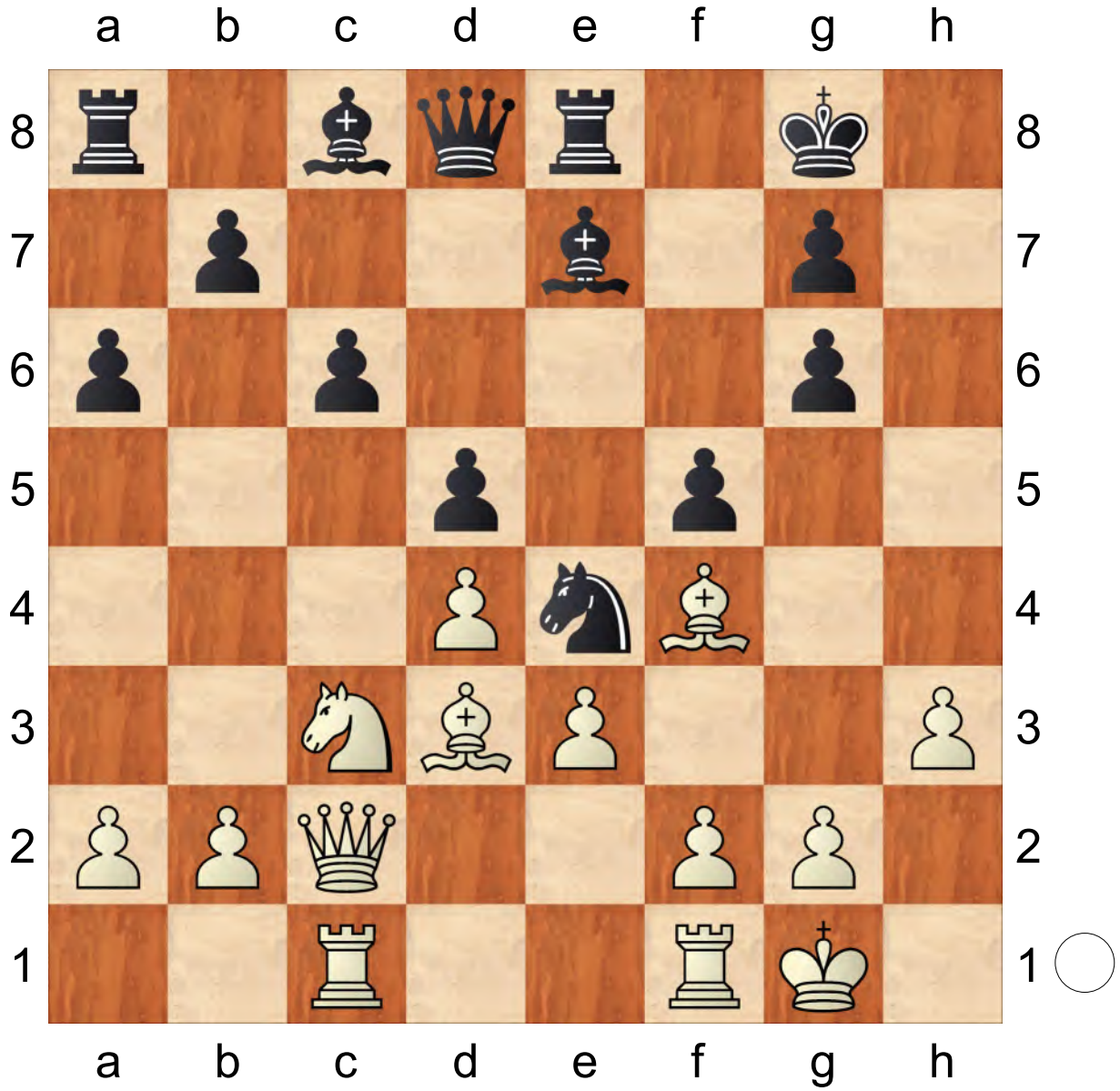
16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.f4 Nf7 18.Rf3 Bxg4 19.hxg4 c5 20.Qf2⇄ 1-0 Fyllingen,R-Ostenstad,B/ch-NOR, Oslo NOR 1998 (55)*)* 14...Bxg5 15.b4 Be7 16.Rb1 Bd6 17.a4 *(17.Na4 Qf6 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nxc8 Rbxc8 20.a4=* 0-1 Alekseev,V-Ziatdinov,R/Berdichev 1990 (62)*)* 17...Qf6 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qf4 20.Rfe1 Be6 ½-½ Sakaev,K-Miladinovic,I/WchJ-U16 Singapore ,EXT 1990 (20)]

14.Ne5 Ng6

[14...Nd7? 15.Nxc6! bxc6 16.Nxd5 cxd5 *(16...Ra7 17.Qxc6 Ndf6 18.Nc7 Rf8 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Qxf5±)* 17.Bc7 Ndf6 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Qe2 a5 20.Rc2 Rb8 21.Rfc1 Bd7 22.f3 Ng5 ½-½ Petrosian,T-Bisguier,A/Stockholm Interzonal 1962 (22) 23.Qe1±]

[14...Bd6 15.f3 Nxc3 16.bxc3±]

15.Nxg6 hxg6



16.f3

[16.Nxe4 fxe4 *(16...dxe4 17.Bc4+ Kh7 18.Rfd1±)* 17.Be2±]

16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bg5 18.Rce1

[18.Rfe1±]

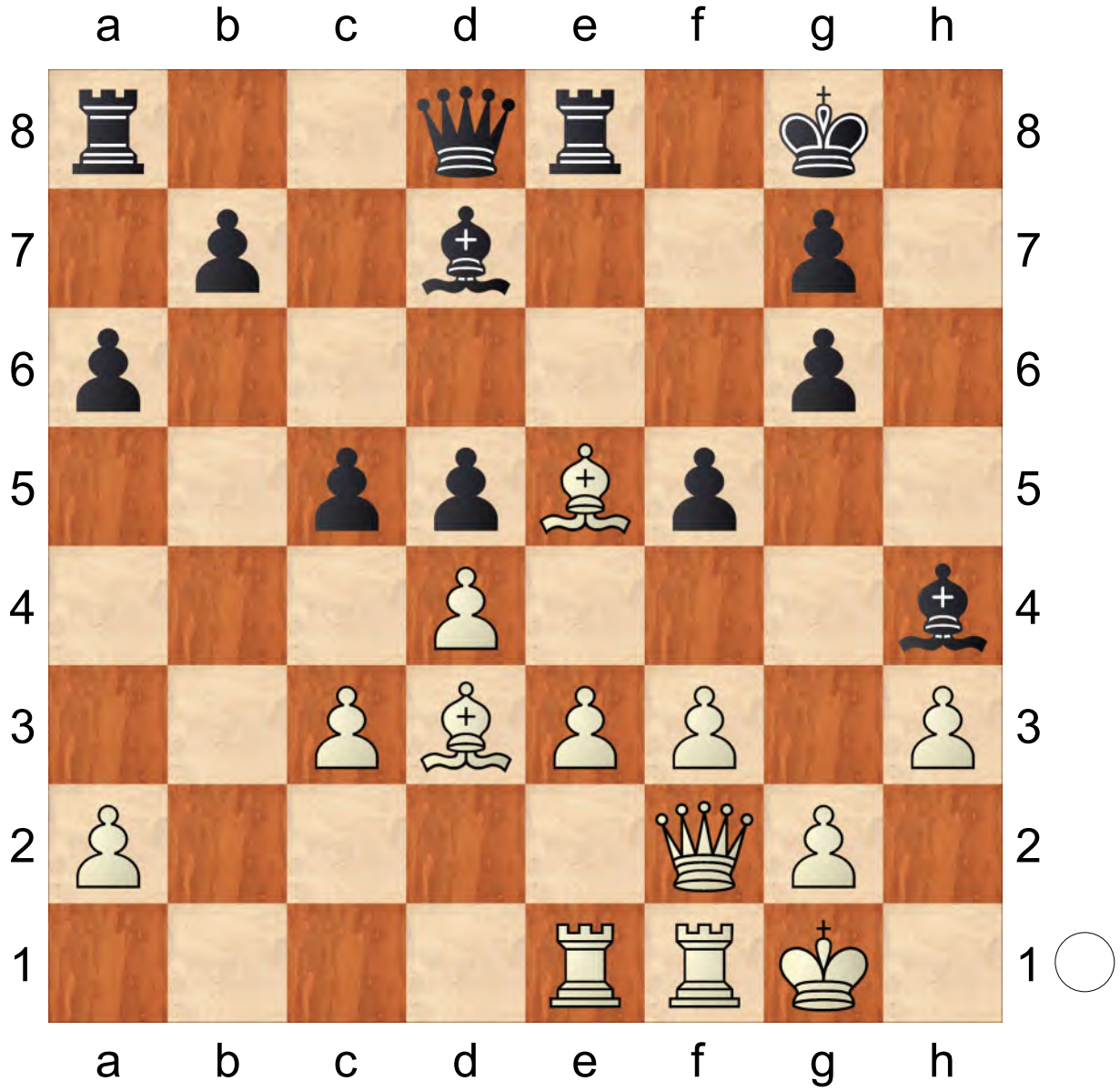
18...Bd7 19.Be5 c5

[19...Bh4 20.Re2 b5 21.e4±]

20.Qf2

[20.e4 c4 21.Be2 Qa5 22.g4±]

20...Bh4



21.g3 Bf6 22.f4

[22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.e4 fxe4 24.fxe4 Qxf2+ 25.Rxf2 cxd4 26.cxd4 dxe4 27.Bxe4 b5 *(27...Bxh3 28.Bd5+ Kh8 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rh2+-)* 28.h4 Bf5 29.Bd5+ Kh7 30.Rfe2 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Rd8=]

22...Qa5

[22...c4 23.Be2 Qa5 24.Bf3 Bc6 25.Qc2 Be7 26.g4 Rf8 27.Kh2±]

23.c4

[23.Qd2 Bb5=]

23...Qc3

[23...Rac8 24.cxd5 c4 25.Bc2 Qxd5 26.e4 Qa5

A) 27.exf5 Bxf5 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.g4⇄ *(29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Qf3 Re4⇄)*;

B) 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.e5↑]

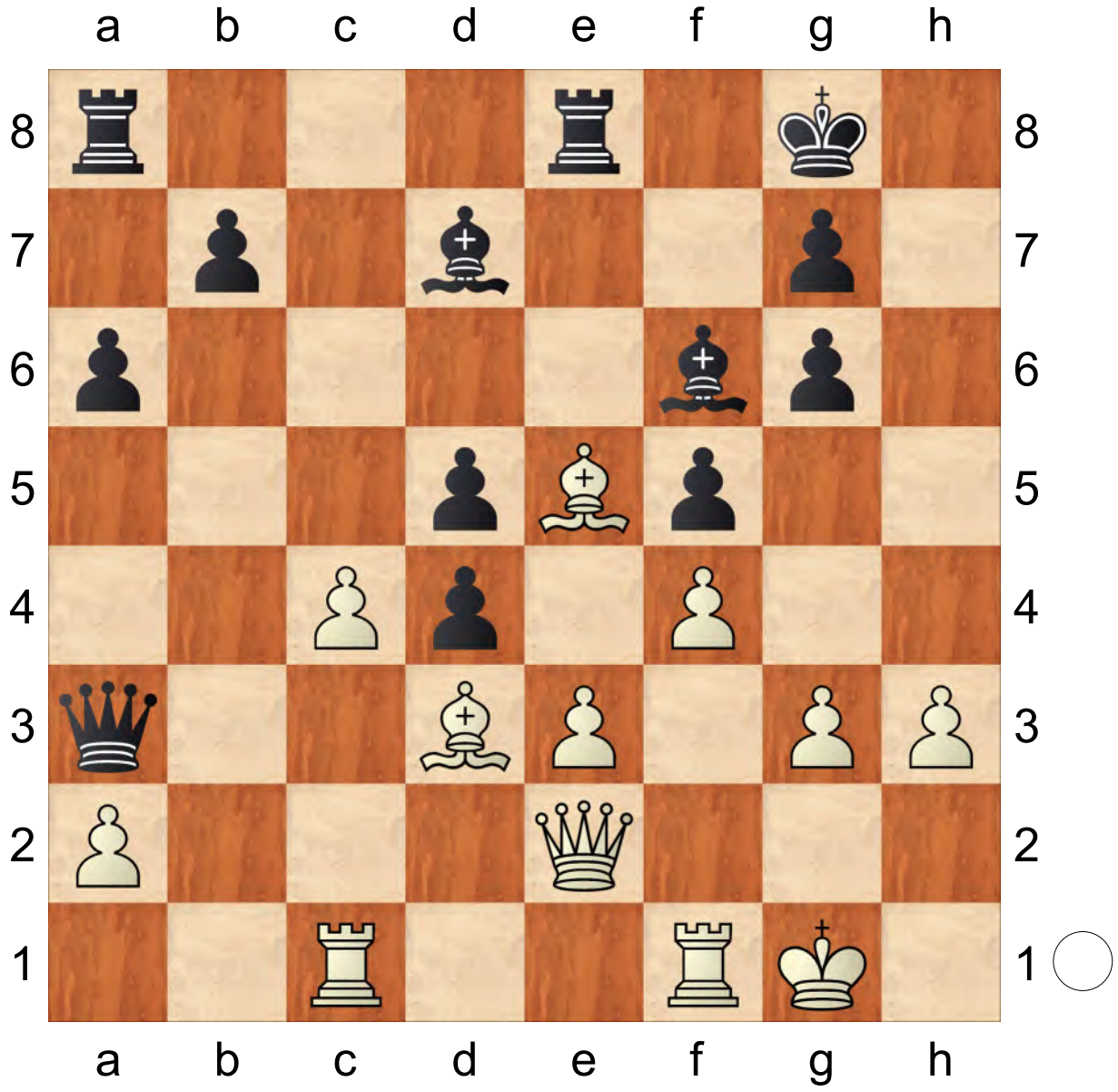
24.Qe2 cxd4

[24...Bc6 25.Rc1±]

25.Rc1

[25.exd4 Be6 26.Rc1 Qa3 27.c5±]

25...Qa3



26.exd4 Rac8

[26...dxc4

A) 27.Bxc4+ Be6 28.Kg2± *(28.d5 Qxg3+ 29.Qg2 Qxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Bf7∓)*;

B) 27.Rxc4 Bb5 28.Rf3 Qe7 29.Rc3 *(29.Rc2 Bxd3 30.Rxd3 Rad8 31.Qd2 Rd5 32.Rc7 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Bxf6 gxf6 35.d5 Qd6=)* 29...Bxd3 30.Rfxd3 Rad8 31.Re3 Qf7 32.Rc7 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Qc4+ Kh7 35.d5±]

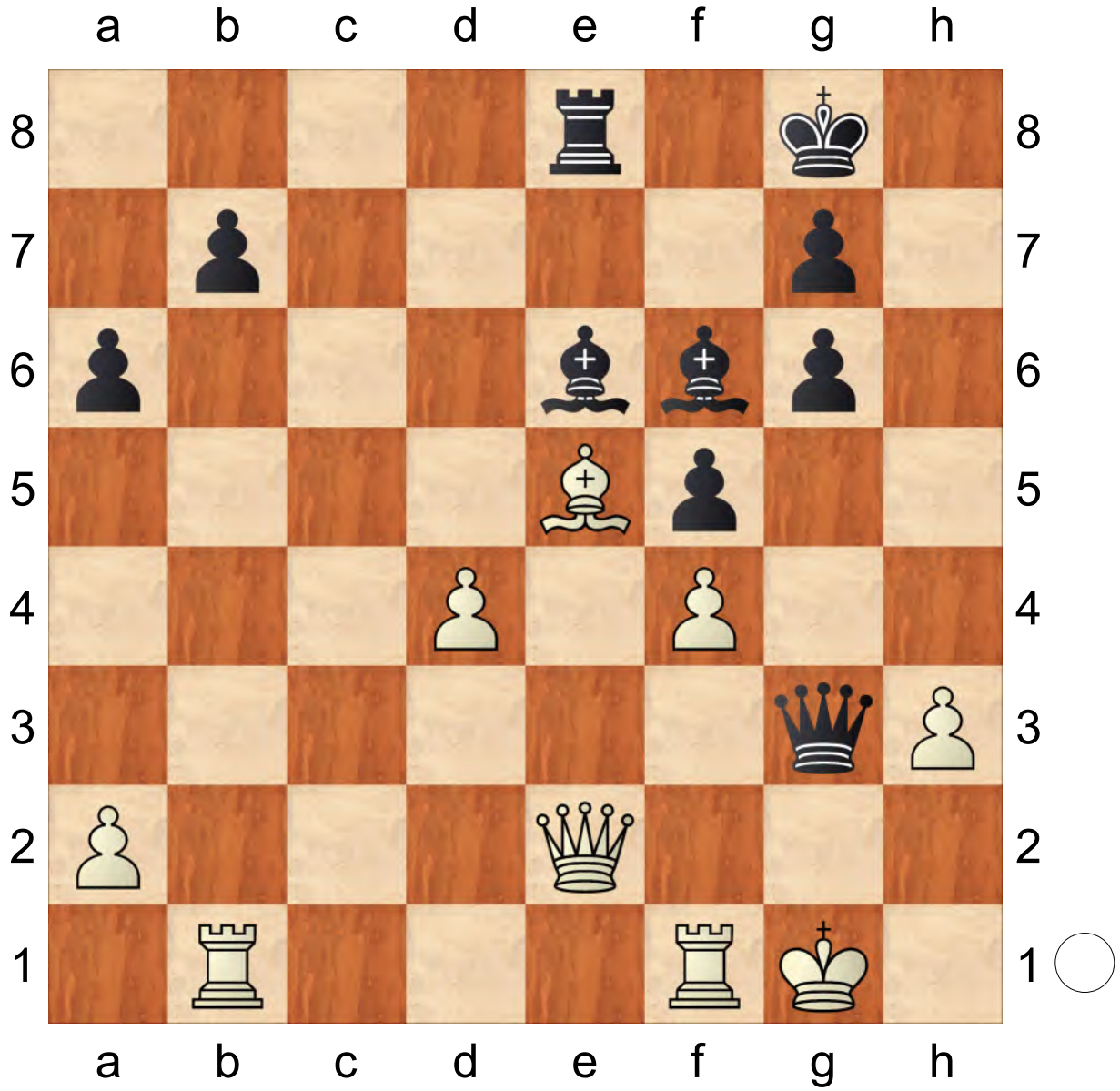
27.Rb1 dxc4 28.Bxc4+ Rxc4!

[28...Be6 29.Bxe6+ Rxe6 30.Rb3 Qe7 31.Re3±]

29.Qxc4+ Be6 30.Qe2

[30.Rb3 Bxc4 31.Rxa3 Bxf1 32.Kxf1 Rc8=]

30...Qxg3+



31.Qg2 Qe3+??+- Brings to nothing all previous persistent defence of black.

[31...Qxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Bxa2 33.Rb6 *(33.Rxb7?? Bd5+)* 33...Bd5+ 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Rc1 Bc6= *(35...Re7 36.Rc5 Be4⇄)*]

32.Kh2 Bxe5

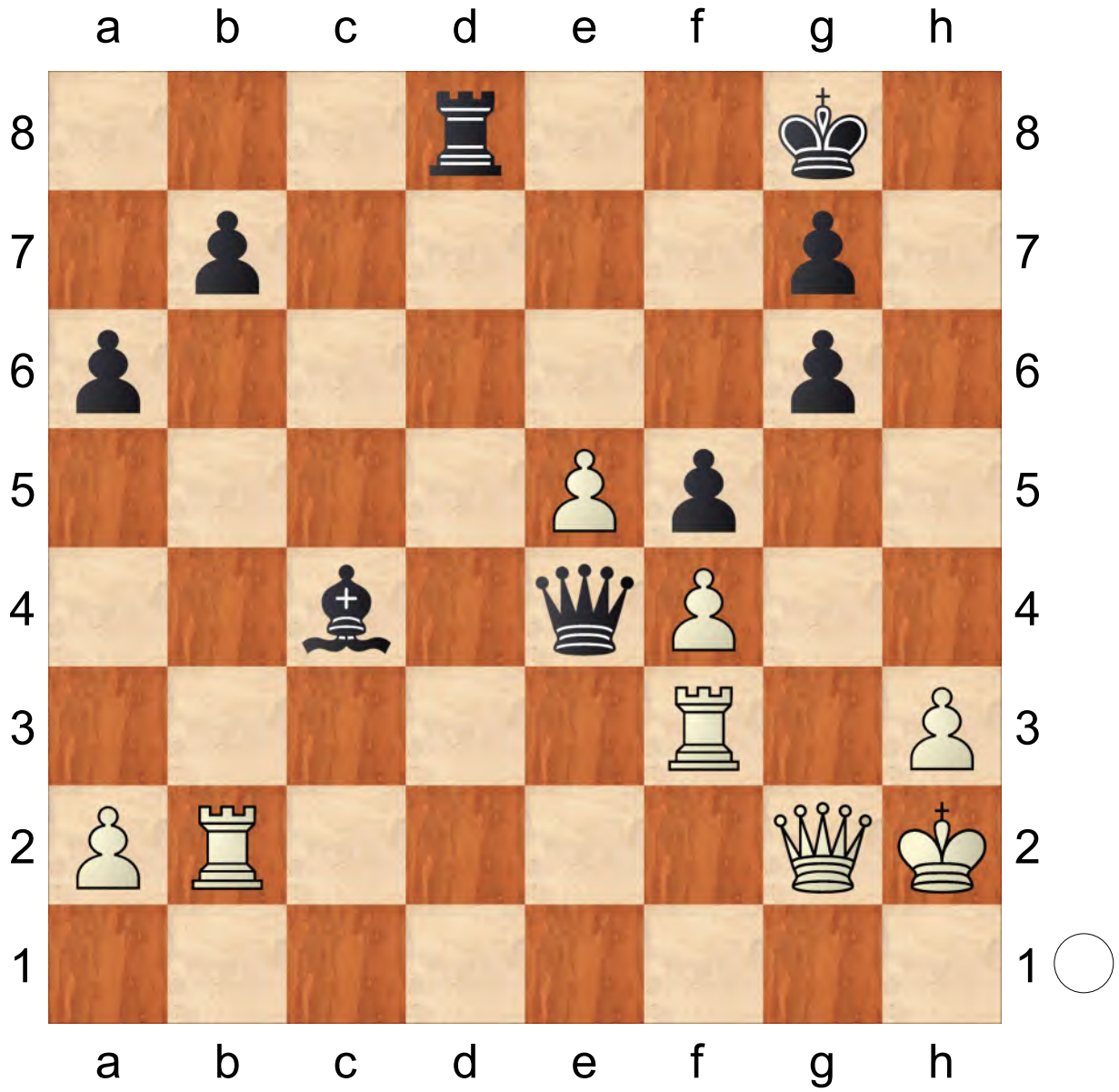
[32...b5?? 33.Rbe1 Qa3 34.Bxf6 gxf6 35.Qxg6++-]

[32...Qe4 33.Qxg6 Rc8 34.Rb2 Rc2+ 35.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 36.Qg2+-]

33.dxe5 Rd8

[33...Bc4 34.Qf2+-]

34.Rb2 Bc4 35.Rf3 Qe4



36.Rff2 b5

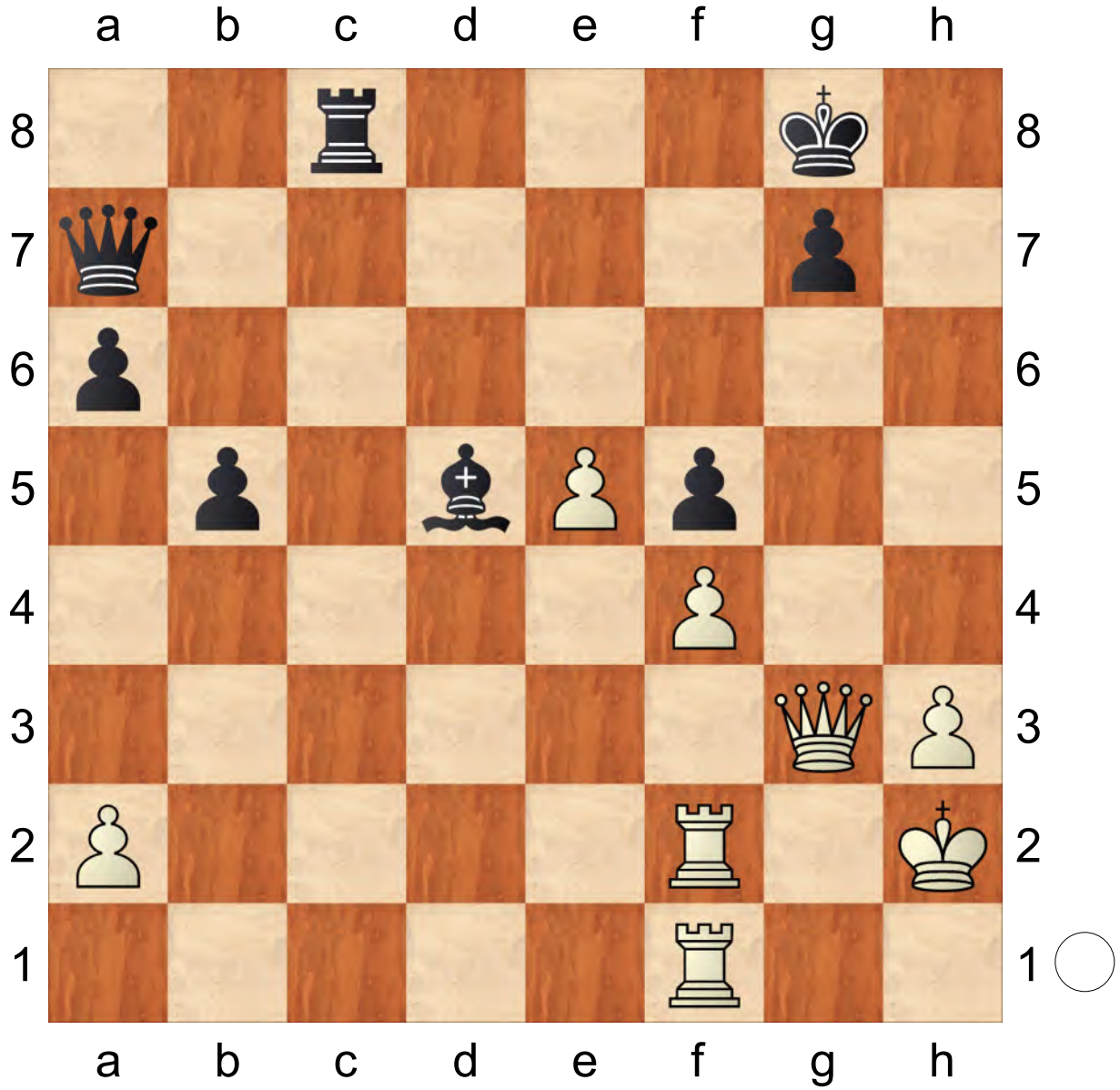
[36...Bb5 37.Qxg6 Rd1 38.Qg2 Bc6 39.Qxe4 Bxe4 40.Rbd2+-]

[36...Bd5 37.Rbd2+-]

37.Qxg6 Bd5 38.Rf1

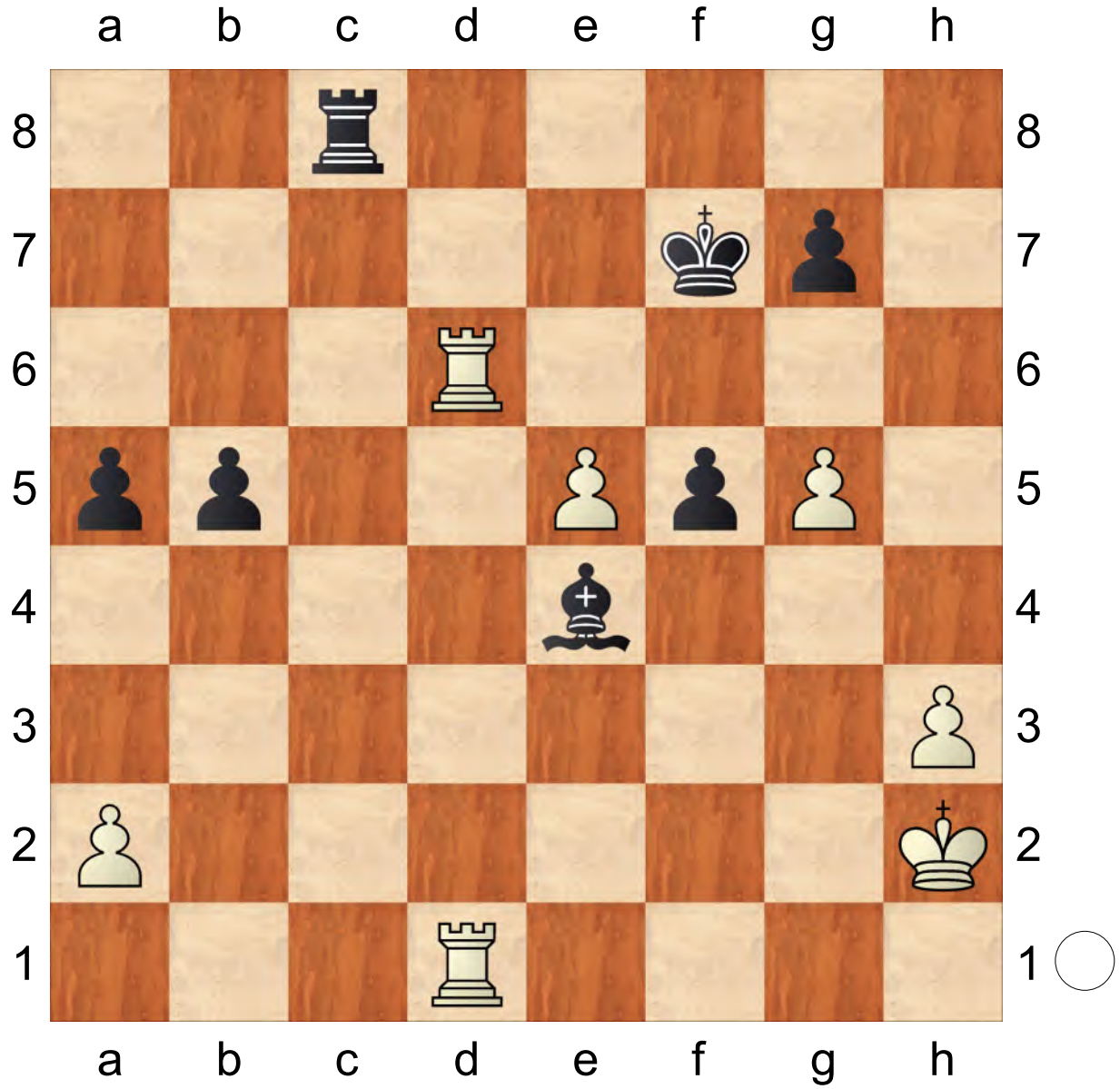
[38.Qg1+-]

38...Rc8 39.Rbf2
[39.Qb6 Qd3 *(39...Rc2+ 40.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 41.Qf2+-)* 40.Rbf2 Rc6 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Rg1+-]
39...Qe3
[39...Rc2 40.Qg3 Rxa2 41.Rxa2 Bxa2 42.Rg1 Qb7 43.Qg6 Qd7 44.Qd6 Qc8 45.Rg2 Bc4 46.Qg6 Qd7 47.Qxa6+-]
40.Qg3
[40.Qxf5 Rc3 41.Qg4+-]
40...Qa7



41.Rd2 Be4 42.Rfd1 Qe7 43.Qg5?!
[43.Qg6+-]
43...Qxg5 44.fxg5 Kf7 45.Rd6 a5
[45...Rc2+ 46.Kg3 Rg2+ 47.Kh4 *(47.Kf4 Rf2+ 48.Ke3 Rxa2 49.e6+ Ke7*

50.Kf4+-) 47...Rxa2 48.Rb6 Ke8 49.Re6+ Kf7 50.Rdd6 f4 51.g6++-]



46.e6+ Ke7
[46...Kg6 47.h4 f4 48.e7+ Kf7 49.Re1 Rc2+ 50.Kg1 Kxe7 51.Rd4+-]
47.Ra6 Rc2+ 48.Kg3 Bc6 49.Re1 Be4 50.Kf4 a4
[50...Rxa2 51.Ke5 Rc2 52.Ra7+ Kf8 53.Rxa5 Rc5+ 54.Kf4 Ke7 55.Ra7++-]

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51.Rd1 Bc6 52.Kxf5 Rc5+ 53.Kg6 Kxe6 54.h4 b4 55.Rd4 b3

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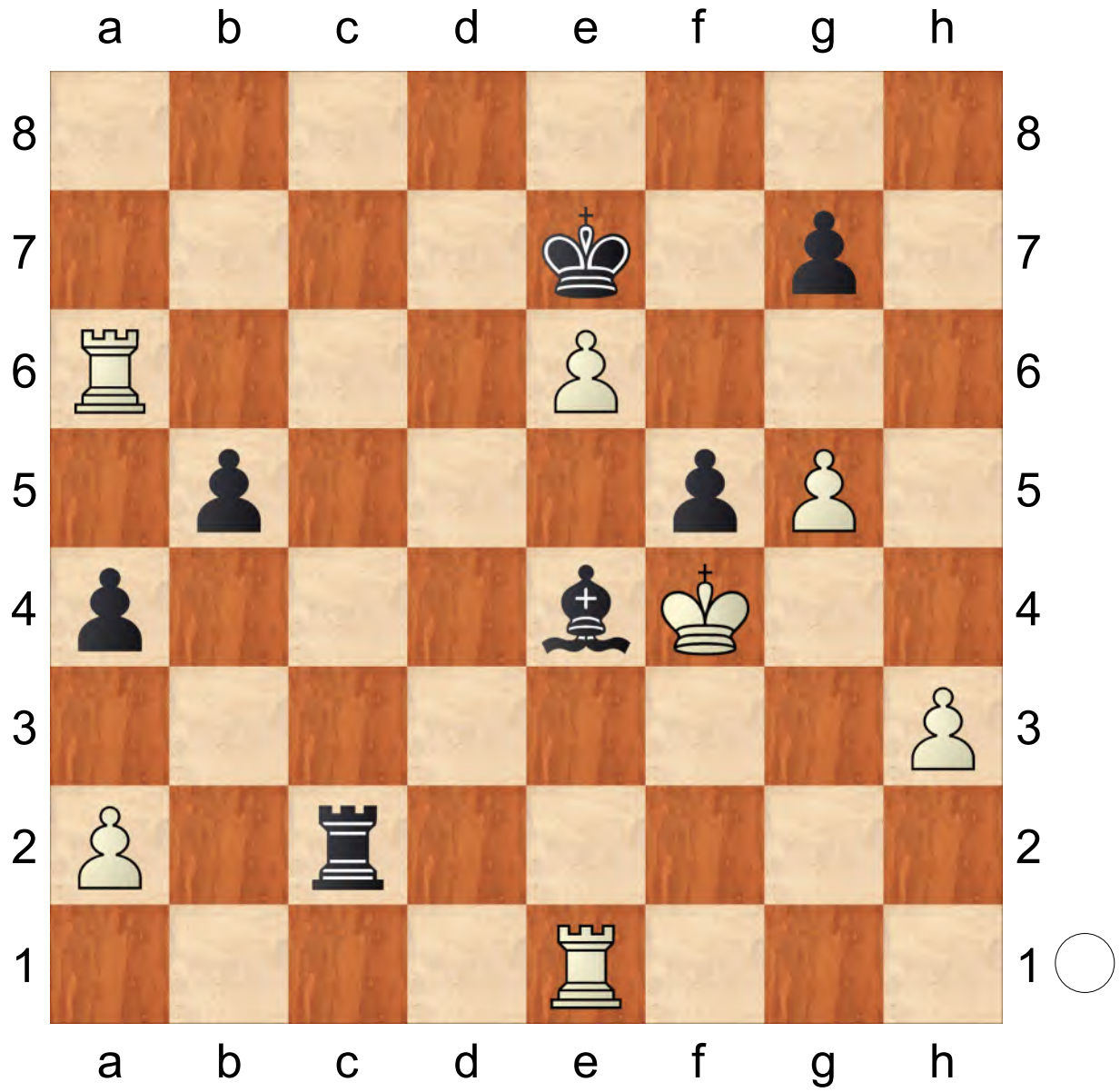
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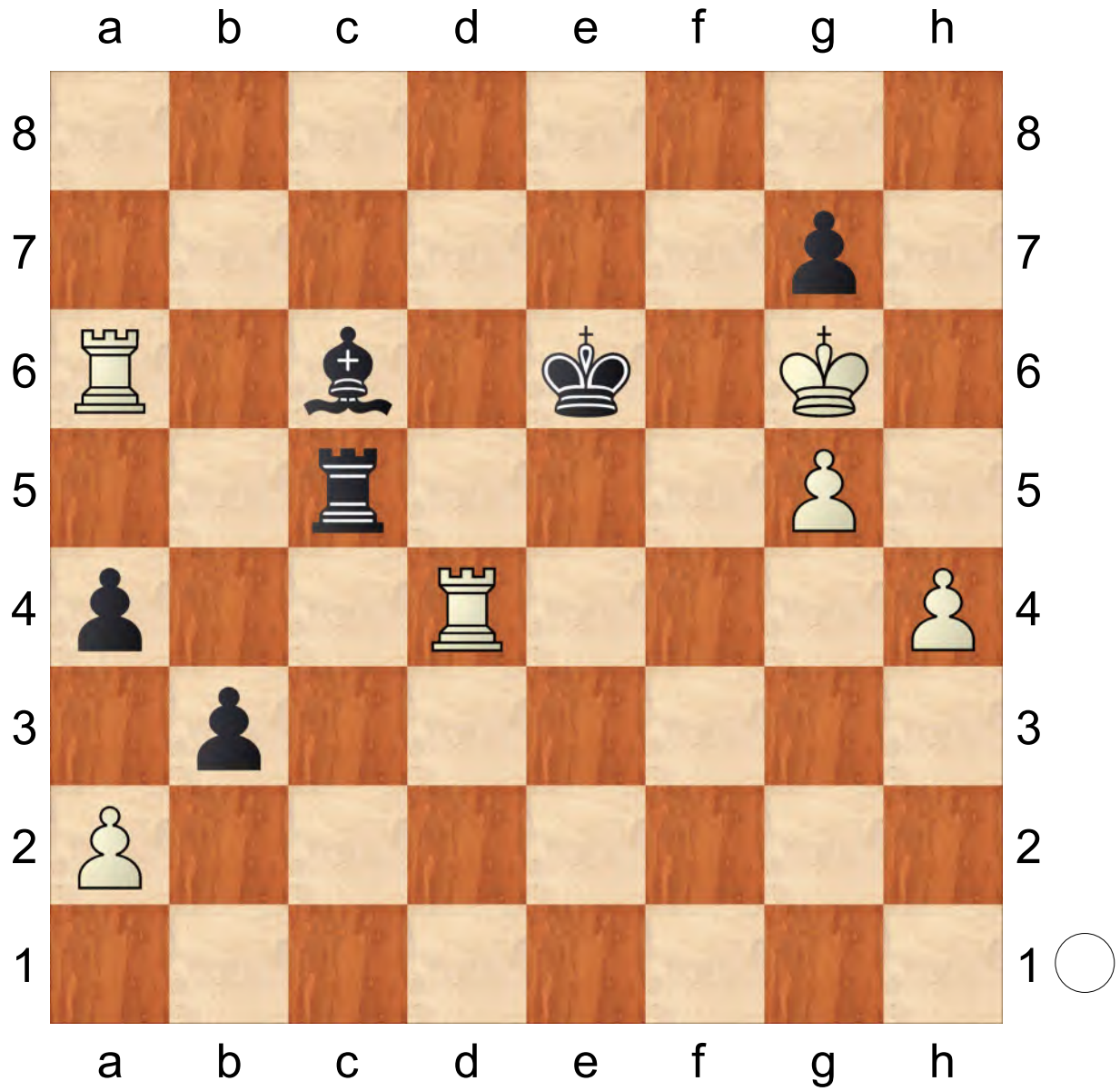

56.Rdxa4 bxa2 57.Rxa2

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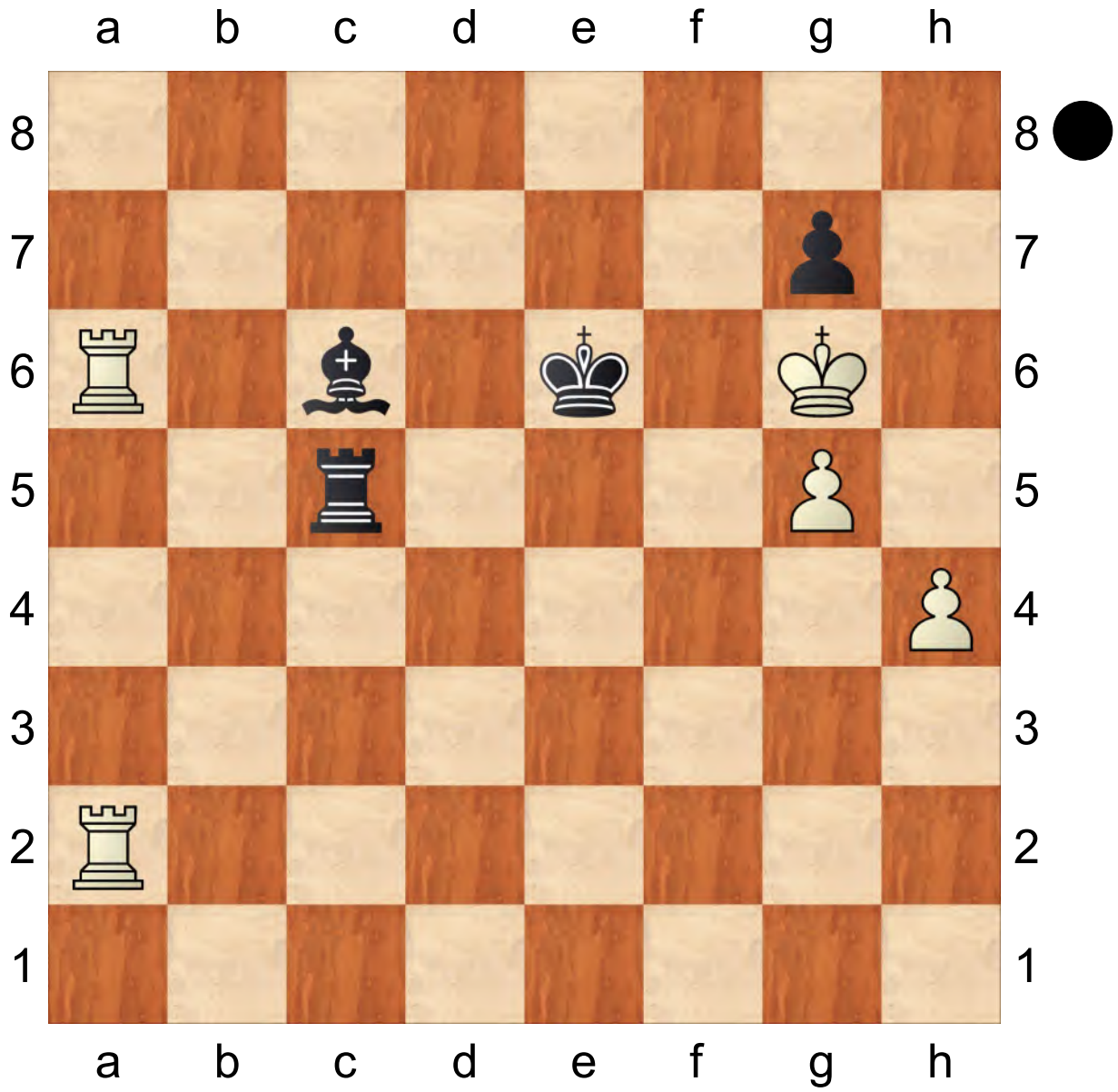
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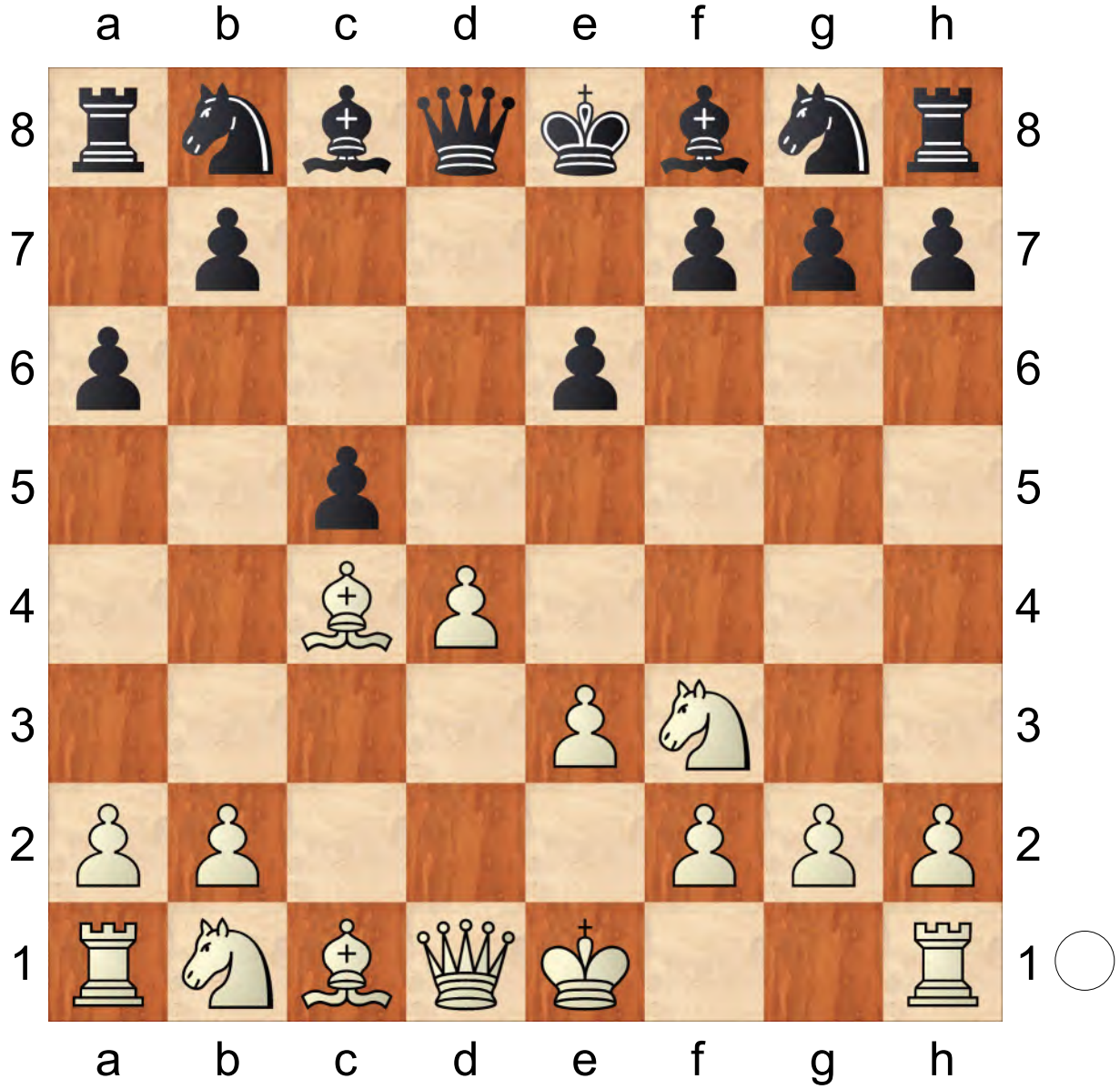
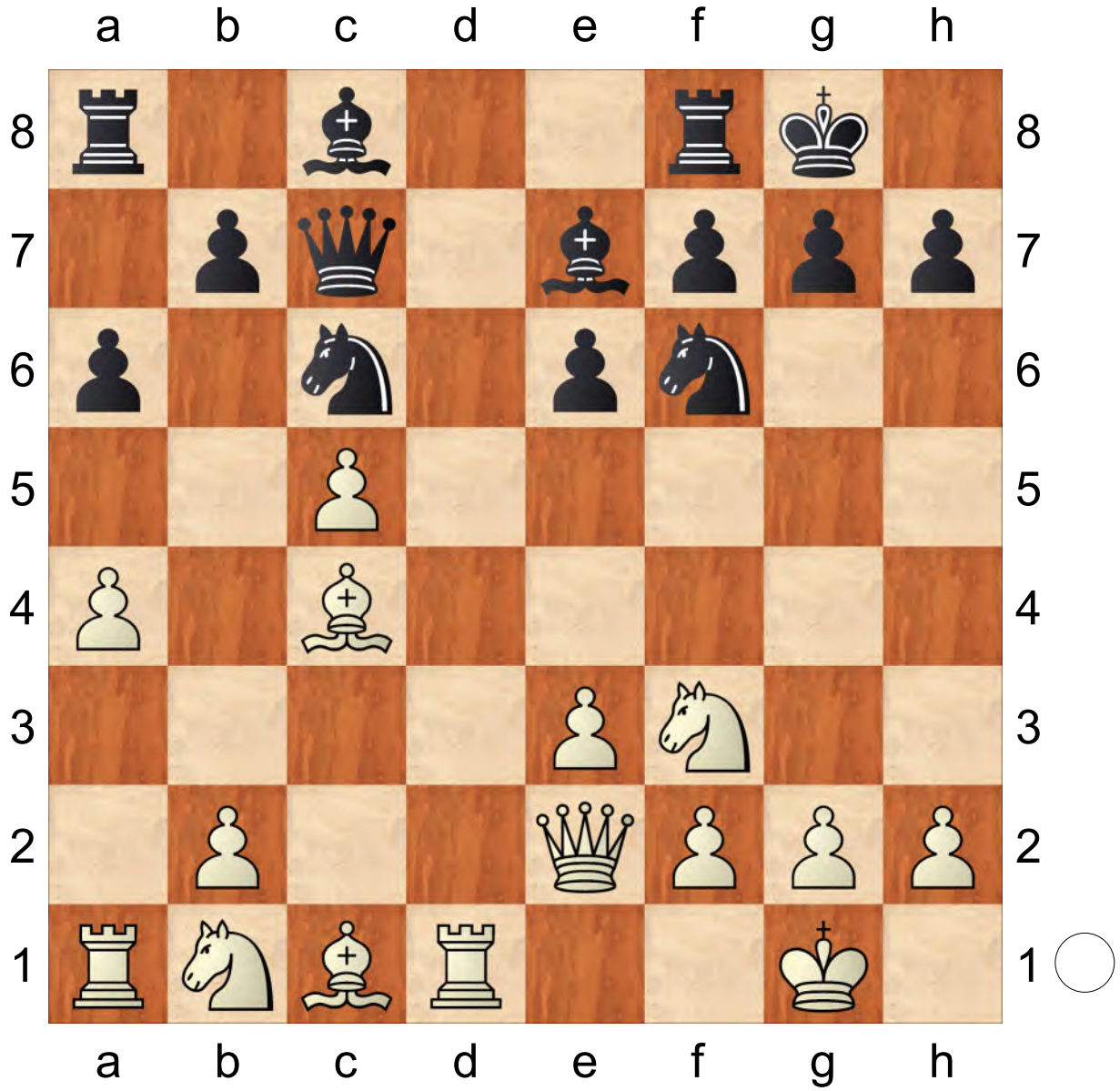
□ **Riazantsev,Alexander** **2608**
■ **Rublevsky,Sergei** **2645**
EU-ch 6th Warsaw (11) 29.06.2005
[Huzman,Alexander]

Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'One of the principal Black reactions to White's set-up with 7. a4. Sergei Rublevsky did not waste time on capturing the pawn on c5 and began active play first. Then a series of beautiful and very deep sacrifices totally crushed White's position - a wonderful game!'' **1.d4** Rublevsky,Sergei Huzman Ftacnik Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' **1...d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Bxc4 a6**



6.0-0 Nf6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Rd1 Be7 10.dxc5 0-0



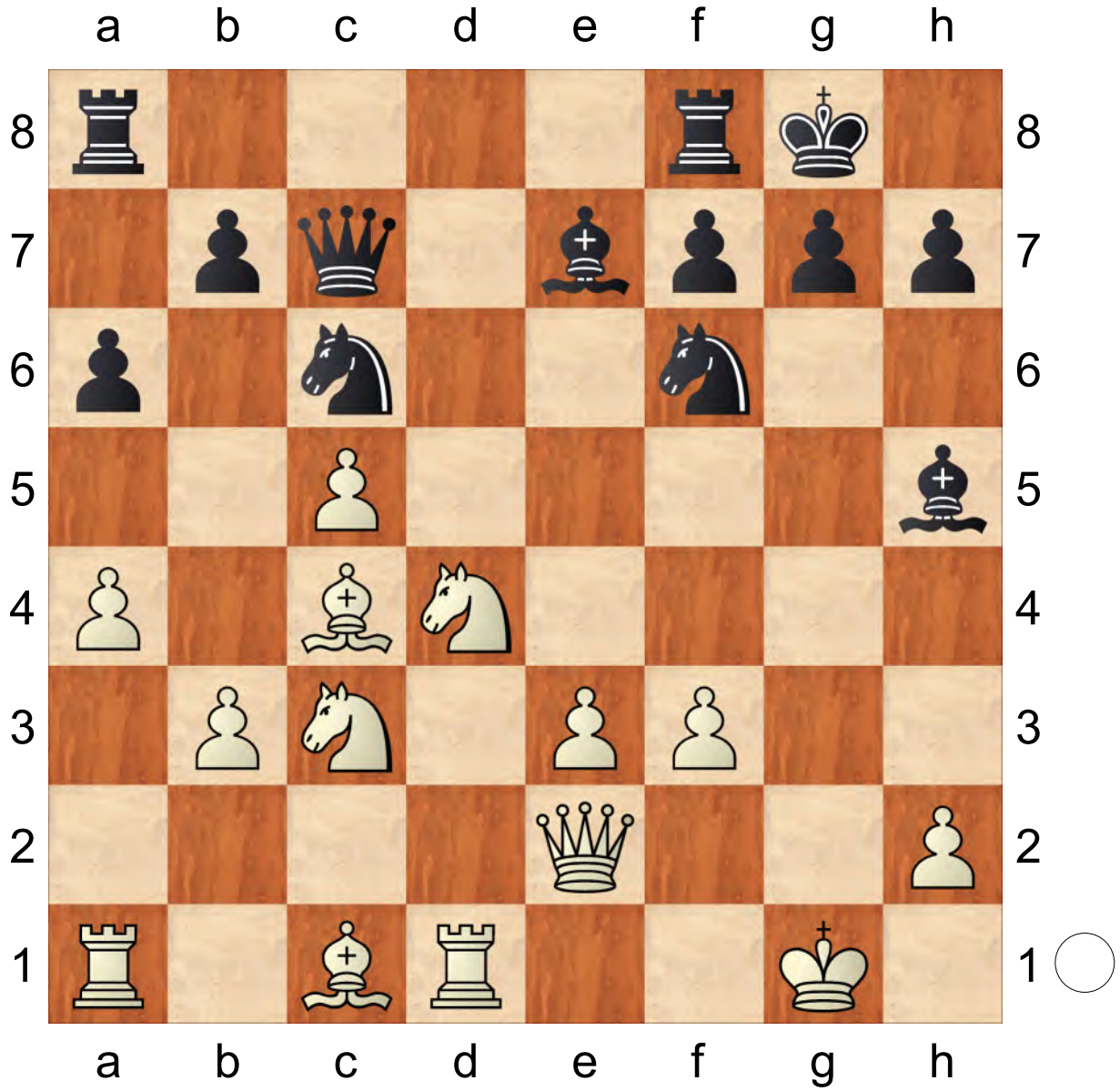
11.b3 e5 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Black begins counter actions without wasting time on capturing the pawn.'' Ftacnik: 'Rublevsky is striving to develop the bishop from c8 and bring the rooks into play. The fate of c5 pawn compared to the coordination of the own pieces is simply secondary.'

[11...Bxc5 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' 12.Bb2 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'might promise somewhat better chances for White - see the games Kramnik - Sadvakasov/Astana 2001 and Anand - Ponomariov/Duel of the Champions, Mainz (rapid) 2002.' b6 *(12...e5 13.Nc3 e4 14.Ng5 Bd6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5±* Kramnik-Sadvakasov Astana 2001*)* 13.Nbd2 Bb7 14.Rac1 Nb4 15.Ng5 *(15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Nd3 Nxd3 17.Bxd3 Qe7=* ½-½ Salai,J-Sakai,K/IECG 2003/(36) *)* 15...Qe7 16.Ndf3 h6 17.Nh3 Rfd8 18.Nf4 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rd8= 1-0 Anand,V-Ponomariov,R/Mainz GER 2002/(46)]

12.Nc3?!
[Rublevsky,Sergei: 'In the game Milov - Karjakin, EU-ch Warsaw 2005 White achieved nothing after' 12.h3 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' e4 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.Bb2 Bxc5 15.Nd2 Qe7 16.Nf1 Bd7 17.Ng3 g6 18.Qc2 Rac8 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'with good play for Black.' 19.a5 Rfe8 20.Nde2 Bc6 21.Nc3 Ned7 22.Nce2 Ne5 23.Nc3 ½-½ Milov,V-Karjakin,S/Warsaw POL 2005/(23)]
12...e4 13.Nd4 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'N'
[Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'In the game Nikolic - Seirawan, Skelleftea 1989 White played'' 13.Nd2 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'Ü 48/(517)' Bg4 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' 14.f3 exf3 15.gxf3 Bh5 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'with excellent counter chances.' 16.Bb2 Rad8∞ Nikolic,P-Seirawan,Y/Skelleftea 1989/Inf 48 (16)]
13...Bg4!? Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'This logical continuation is technically a novelty.''
[Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'In the game Kosyrev - Fritz, playchess.com 2005 the machine preferred'' 13...Bxc5 Rublevsky,Sergei: '=' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'and White achieved a stable advantage by''
A) 14.Nxc6
A1) 14...Qxc6 15.h3 *(15.Nd5 Bg4 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Qxg4 Qxa1 18.Qxe4 Ba3∓)* 15...Be6 16.Bb2 Rfd8=;
A2) 14...bxc6 15.h3 Qe5 16.Bb2 Bd6 17.f4 exf3 18.Qxf3 Be6∓;
B) 14.Nd5 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' 14...Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Qe5 16.Bxc6 *(16.Nxc6 Qxa1 17.Bb2 Bg4 18.f3 exf3 19.gxf3 Qxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Bxe3+ 21.Kg2 bxc6 22.Qd3 cxd5 23.Qxe3 Bc8 24.Bxg7=)* 16...bxc6 17.Bb2 Bd6 *(17...Qg5* Ftacnik *18.Rdc1* Rublevsky,Sergei: '!' *Bh3 19.Qf1* Rublevsky,Sergei: '±' *Bd7 20.Qc4 Bh3 21.Qf1 Bd7 22.Nxc6 Rfc8 23.Nd4 Rd8 24.Rc4* 1-0 Kosyrev,V-Dieb fritz,D/playchess.com 2005/ (66)*)* 18.f4 exf3 19.Nxf3 Qe7 20.Rac1=]
14.f3 exf3 15.gxf3
[15.Nxf3 Ftacnik Bxc5∓]
15...Bh5

(Diagram)

Black has a good compensation for the sacrifised pawn due to the weakened position of ♔g1. **16.Ba3** Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'White has secured his extra pawn but his king is seriously weakened and Black's pieces are very active.''
[16.Nxc6
A) 16...Qxc6 17.Nd5 Bxc5 18.Bb2 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 *(19.Rxd5 Bg6=)* 19...Qh6 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Rae8=;
B) 16...bxc6!? 17.Ba3 *(17.b4 a5=)* 17...Qe5=]
16...Rfe8
[16...Ne5!?]



17.b4
[17.Qf2 Qe5 *(17...Ne5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Rad8 20.Be4 Bg5⩱)* 18.b4 a5 19.f4 *(19.b5 Nb4⩱)* 19...Qb8 20.b5 Nb4∓]
[If White exchanges the knight by 17.Nxc6 (Rublevsky,Sergei) (R.Scherbakov) then Black maintains active play by bxc6! *(17...Qxc6 18.Nd5!)* 18.Rd4 Qe5⇄ and so on.]
17...Ne5 Ftacnik: 'Riazantsev would be right to boast about the distinct success of the consolidation on the queenside, his weak spot is the vulnerability of the king.'
[17...Nxd4 Ftacnik 18.Rxd4 a5 19.Rc1 *(19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 axb4 21.Bxb4 Qc6)* 19...axb4 20.Bxb4±]
18.Bb3?! Rublevsky,Sergei: '?' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'This solid move is actually a waste of important time."
[18.Nd5 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'came into

consideration but it couldn't help White to get a safe position:'' Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Rad8 20.Be4 g6 *(20...Bg6± Ftacnik* Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' *21.Nf5* Rublevsky,Sergei *a5⇄* with good counterplay. Yet, it was probably the better way for White to treat the position. *)* 21.Bb2 Bg5⩲ 22.Nc2 Rublevsky,Sergei a5!⇄]

18...Rad8⩲ 19.Rf1? Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'Protecting the important f3-square. Everything seems protected in White's position. However...'' White underestimates the confrontation ♕e2-♖e8. Ftacnik: 'White was quite correct in sensing, that f3 pawn represents a weakness. The chosen defense is obviously unnatural, since the rook went to d1 from f1 in the first place.'

[19.Qg2 '±!?' Ftacnik. Rxd4

A) 20.exd4 Rublevsky,Sergei: '?' Nxf3+ 21.Kh1 Nh4 22.Qg3 Bf3+ 23.Kg1 Qd7⩲ Rublevsky,Sergei: '!' 24.Qf4 *(24.Qxh4 Nh5 25.Qf2 Qg4+ 26.Kf1 Bh4-+ 27.Qc2* Rublevsky,Sergei *Ng3+! 28.hxg3 Qh3+-+)* 24...Qh3 *(24...Bd8 25.Re1)* 25.Qg3 Qd7=;

B) 20.Rxd4 Rublevsky,Sergei: '!' 20...Nxf3+ 21.Kh1 Nxd4 22.exd4 Qf4 Rublevsky,Sergei: '∓' 23.Rf1 Qxd4 24.Nd5⩲]

[⌓19.Qf2 Rxd4 *(19...b6=)* 20.exd4 Nxf3+ 21.Kh1∞]

19...Bxc5!! Rublevsky,Sergei: '!' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!!' R.Scherbakov: 'A very deep combination!'' **20.bxc5 Rxd4!**

(Diagram)

Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!'' **21.exd4**

[21.Rad1 Rxd1 22.Qxd1 *(22.Bxd1 Rd8 23.Bc2 Bxf3! 24.Rxf3 Rd2-+)* 22...Qc8 23.Kg2 Qf5∓]

21...Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Bxf3 23.Rxf3 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'A rook and two bishops for the queen is a good trade but it is Black turn to play now...'' **23...Ng4!** Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'This wonderful idea had to be foreseen.'' Ftacnik: 'Black is playing very convincingly and with great energy, the whole combination represents a distict creative achievement. White is offered a chance to temporarily get two rooks and two pieces for the queen.' **24.Bxf7+**

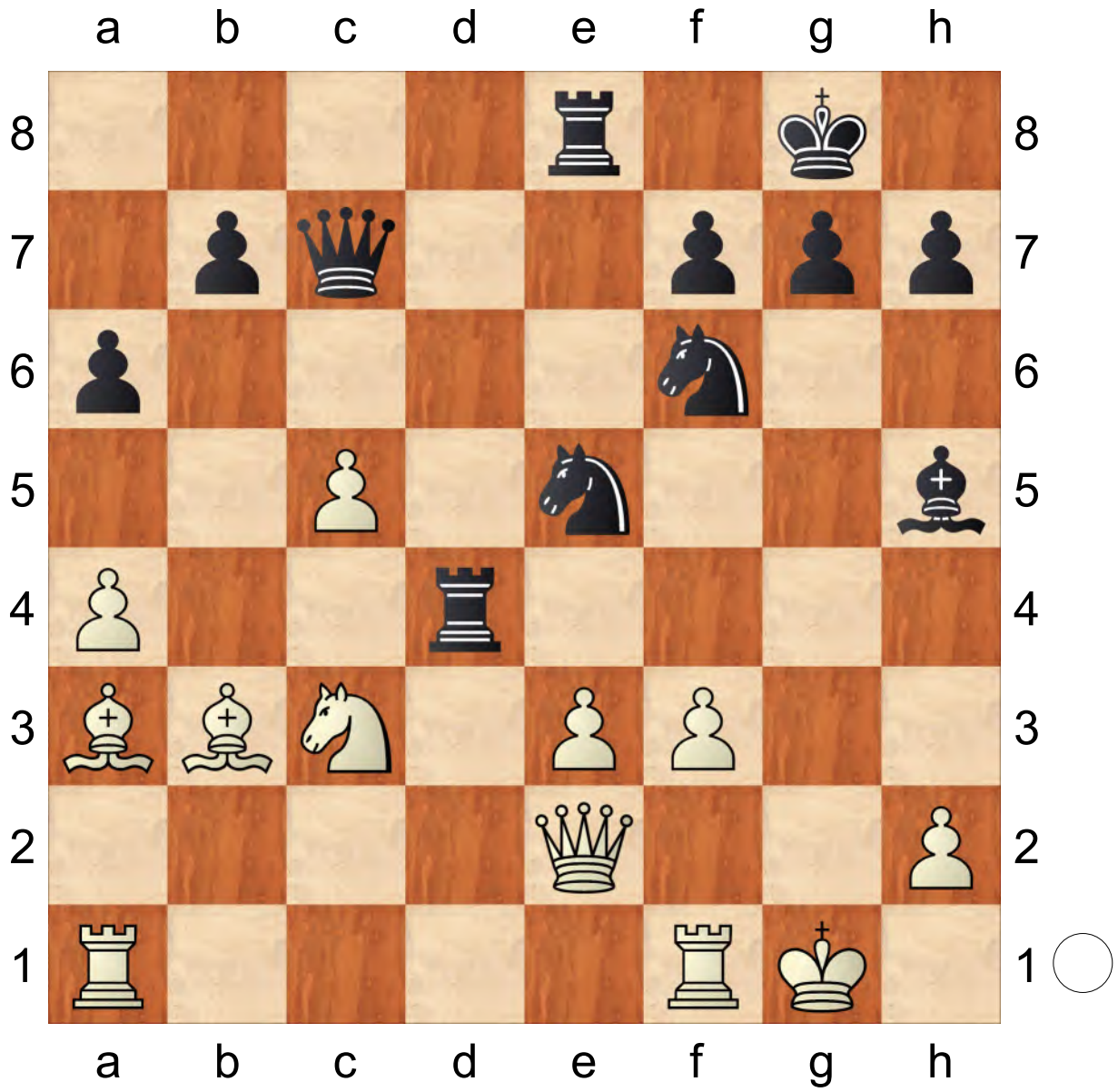
[24.Rg3 Rublevsky,Sergei: '?' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'failed to'' Qf4 25.Kh1 *(25.Rf1* Rublevsky,Sergei *Re1* R.Scherbakov: '-+!' R.Scherbakov: 'with a quick mate.' *26.Bxf7+ Kh8-+)* 25...Re3-+ Rublevsky,Sergei: '-+!' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov' *(25...Qd2* Rublevsky,Sergei *26.Rxg4 Qxc3 27.Rb1 Qf3+ 28.Rg2 Re2-+)*]

[24.Ra2 Rublevsky,Sergei: '?' Re1+ 25.Rf1 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qf4+-+ 27.Ke1 Rublevsky,Sergei Qe3+-+]

24...Kh8 25.Bxe8 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'At the moment White has a huge material advantage but now Black's Q+N duet comes into action.''

[25.Rf2 Rublevsky,Sergei: '?' Nxf2 26.Bxe8 Ng4 27.Ra2 Qf4! *(27...Qd8-+* Rublevsky,Sergei *)* 28.Nd1 Qf3 29.Ra1 Qe4!-+]

25...Qxh2+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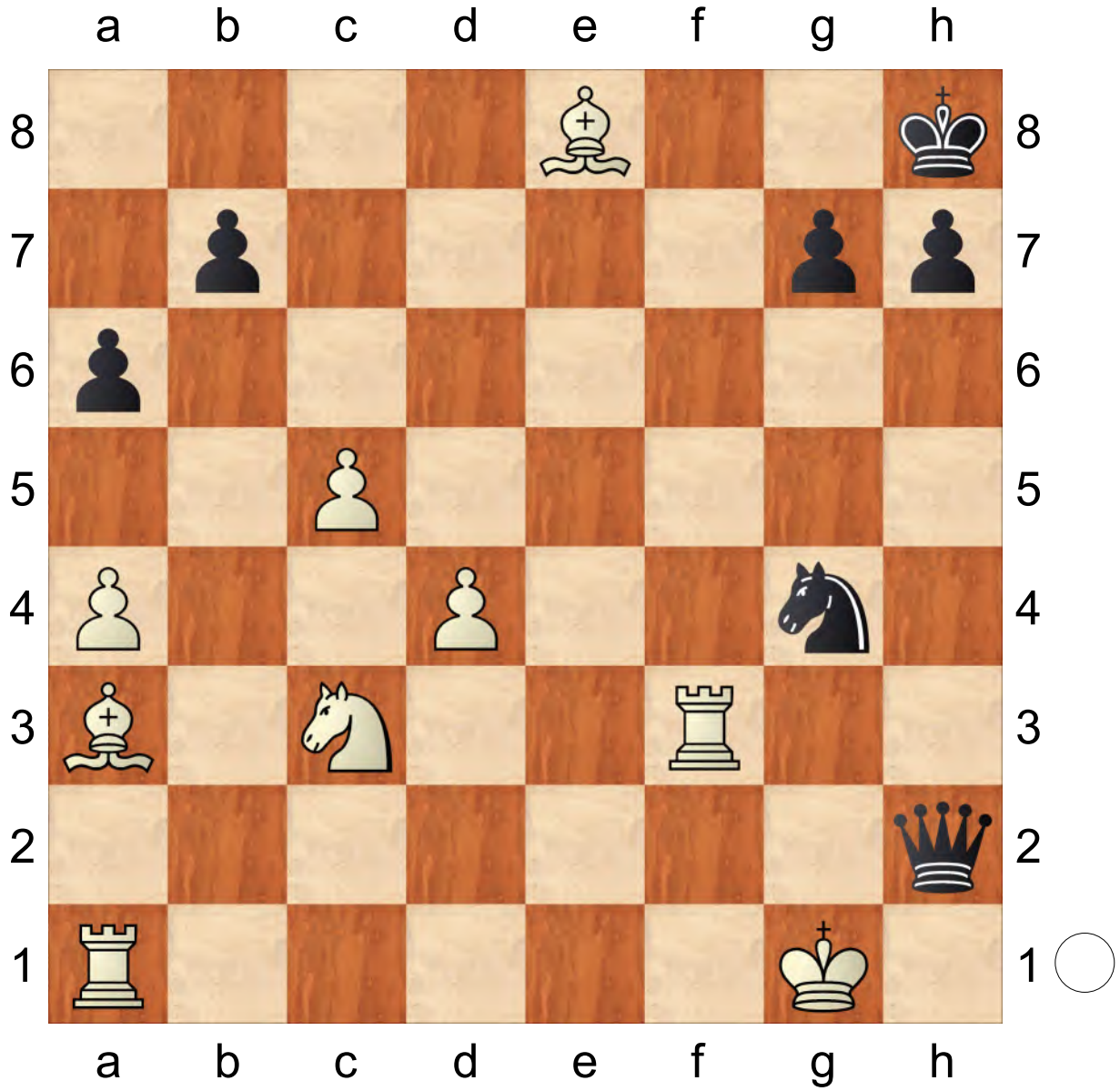


26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qg2+ 28.Kd3 Qxf3+ 29.Kc4

[29.Kc2

A) 29...Qf5+ (Rublevsky,Sergei) R.Scherbakov 30.Kb2 *(30.Kb3 Qe6+)* 30...Ne3-+;

B) 29...Ne3+

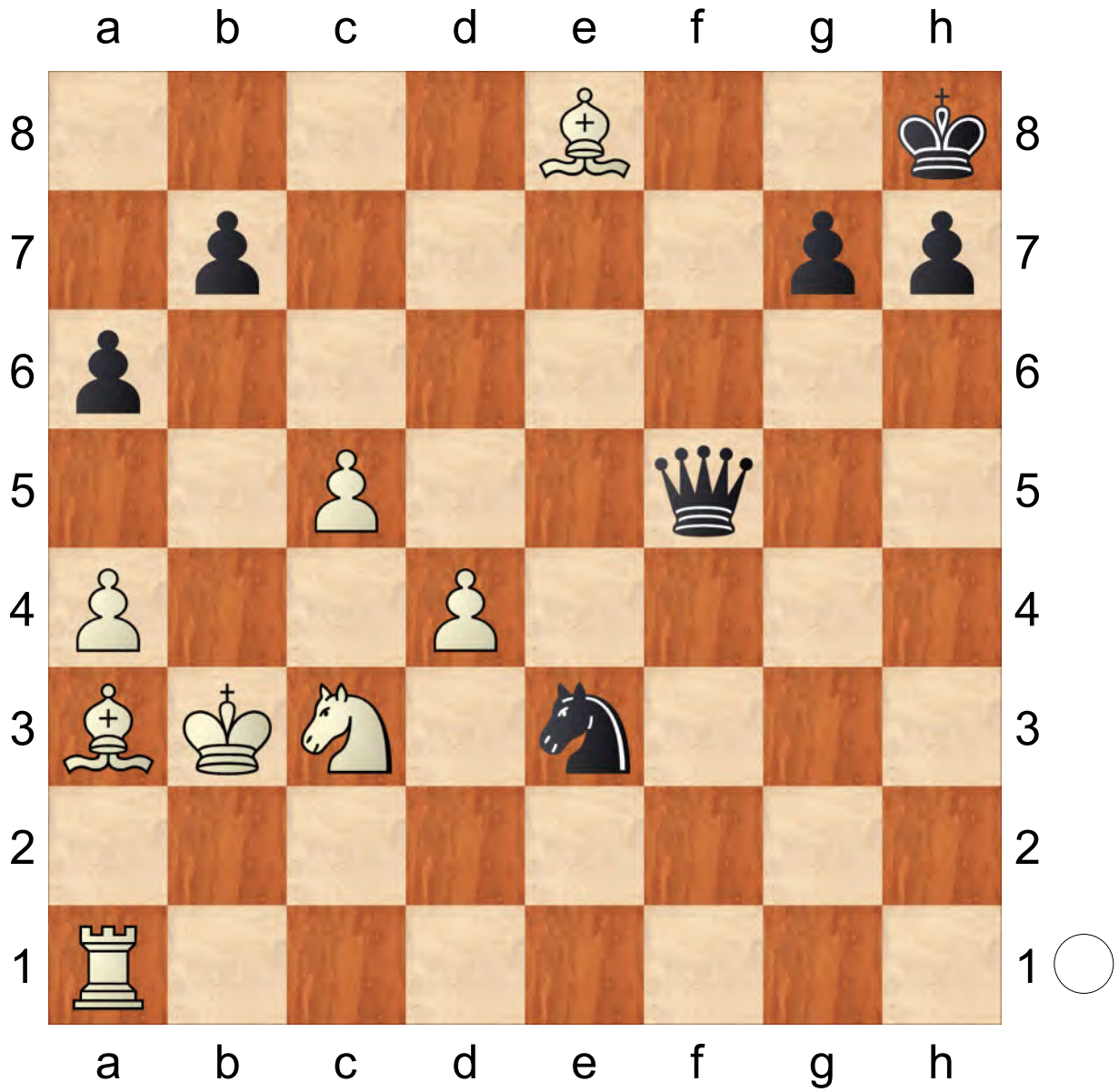
B1) 30.Kb3 Qf5-+;

B2) 30.Kd2? Rublevsky,Sergei Qf2+ 31.Ne2 *(31.Kd3 Qc2+ 32.Kxe3 Qxc3+-+)* 31...Nc4+ 32.Kd3 Nxa3 33.Rxa3 Qf3+-+;

B3) 30.Kb2 Qf2+ 31.Kb3 Qc2+ 32.Kb4 a5+]

29...Ne3+ 30.Kb3 Rublevsky,Sergei: 'Ü 29.♔c4' **30...Qf5!**

(Diagram)



Huzman: '-+' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Again very precise, and the only move to secure the advantage. Now White cannot parry Black's threats." Ftacnik: 'Rublevsky's pieces are completely dominating the board and white stands no chance to keep all of his scaterred material. ' **31.Ra2?**

[31.a5 Rublevsky,Sergei: '?' Qe6+ 32.d5 Nxd5! *(32...Qxe8? 33.Re1±* Rublevsky,Sergei: '!') 33.Bd7 Qe5! *(33...Qf7 34.Be8 Qg8* Rublevsky,Sergei: 'Δ' *35.Ba4∞)* 34.Bb2 Nxc3 35.Rd1 Qe2 36.Bg4 Qb5+ 37.Kxc3 Qxc5+ 38.Kb3 Qb5+ 39.Kc2 h5 40.Bf3 Qc5+ 41.Kd3 Qxa5-+]

[31.Rc1! Rublevsky,Sergei: '!?' Qe6+ 32.d5 Nxd5 33.Nxd5 Qxd5+ *(⌓33...Qxe8∓* Rublevsky,Sergei*)* 34.Rc4 Qe6 35.Bb5!! Rublevsky,Sergei: '!' *(35.c6?* Rublevsky,Sergei *b5-+; 35.Bh5?* Rublevsky,Sergei *Qh3+-+)* 35...axb5 *(35...h5* Rublevsky,Sergei *36.c6=)* 36.axb5 Qf5 37.Kc3=]

[31.Re1? Rublevsky,Sergei Qc2+ 32.Kb4 a5+ 33.Kxa5 Qxc3+ 34.Bb4

Qxd4-+]

31...Qe6+ 32.d5 Nxd5

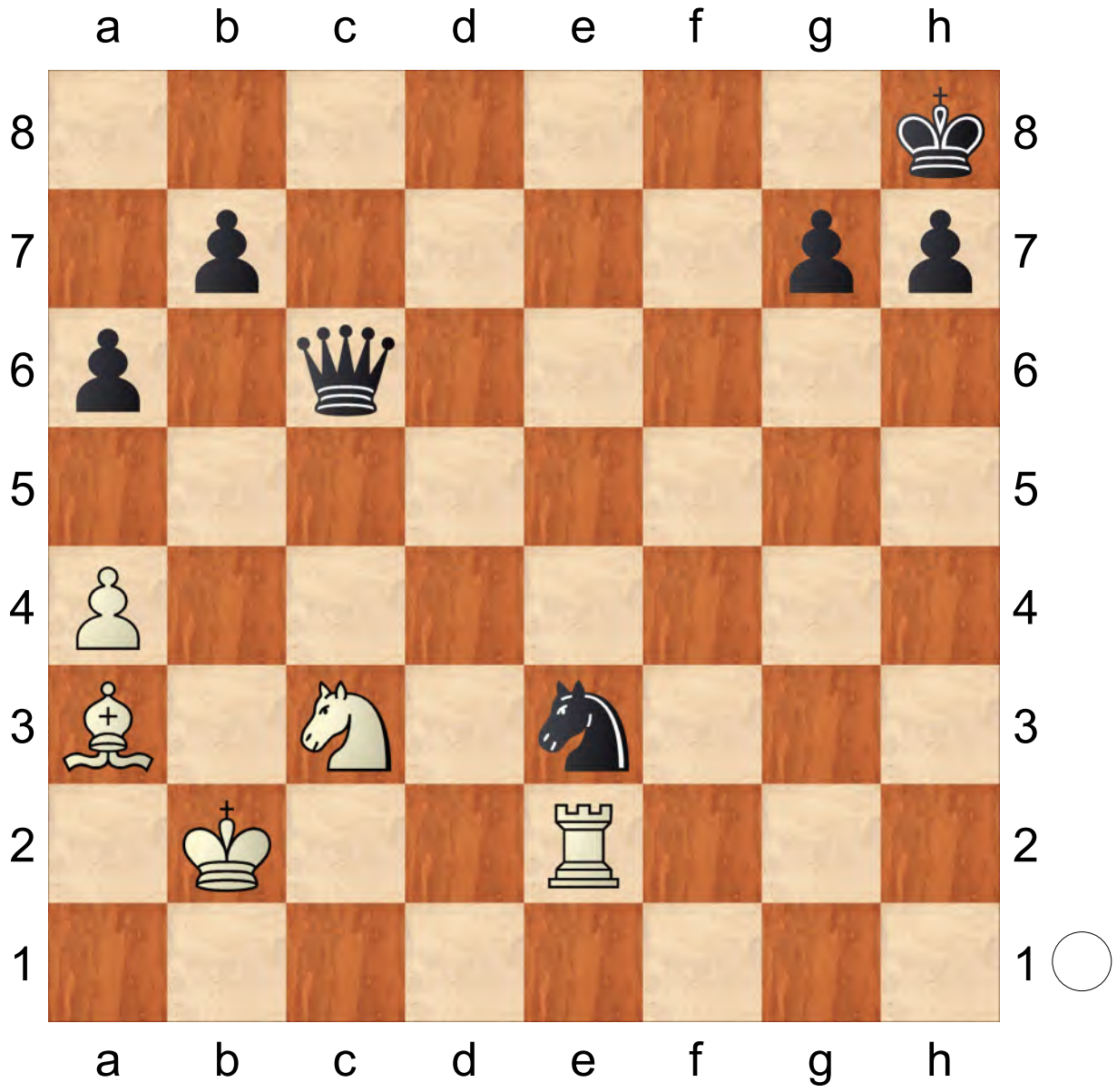
[Surely not 32...Qxe8?? (Rublevsky,Sergei) R.Scherbakov 33.Re2 followed by Ba3-c1.]

33.Re2

[33.Bd7 Qf7 Rublevsky,Sergei: '!' 34.Be8 Qg8-+ Rublevsky,Sergei: '-+!']

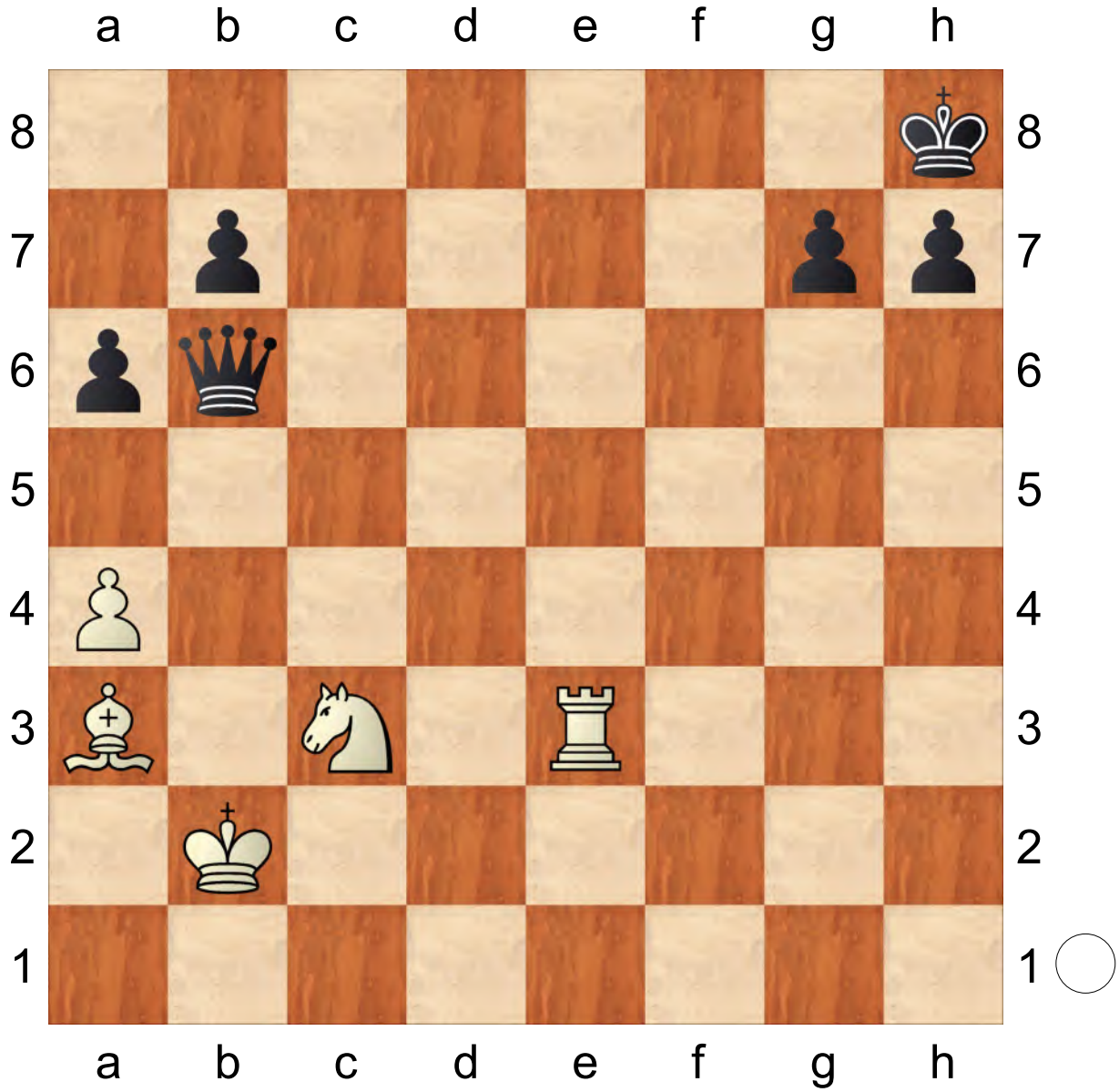
[Or 33.Nxd5 (Rublevsky,Sergei) R.Scherbakov Qxd5+ 34.Kb2 Qe5+ and ...Qe5xe8.]

33...Ne3+ Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!'' **34.Kb2 Qxe8** Rublevsky,Sergei: '-+' Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: 'Now the pin is not dangerous for Black.'' **35.c6 Qxc6**



Rublevsky,Sergei: 'R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'White resigned.'' **36.Rxe3**

Rublevsky,Sergei **36...Qb6+**



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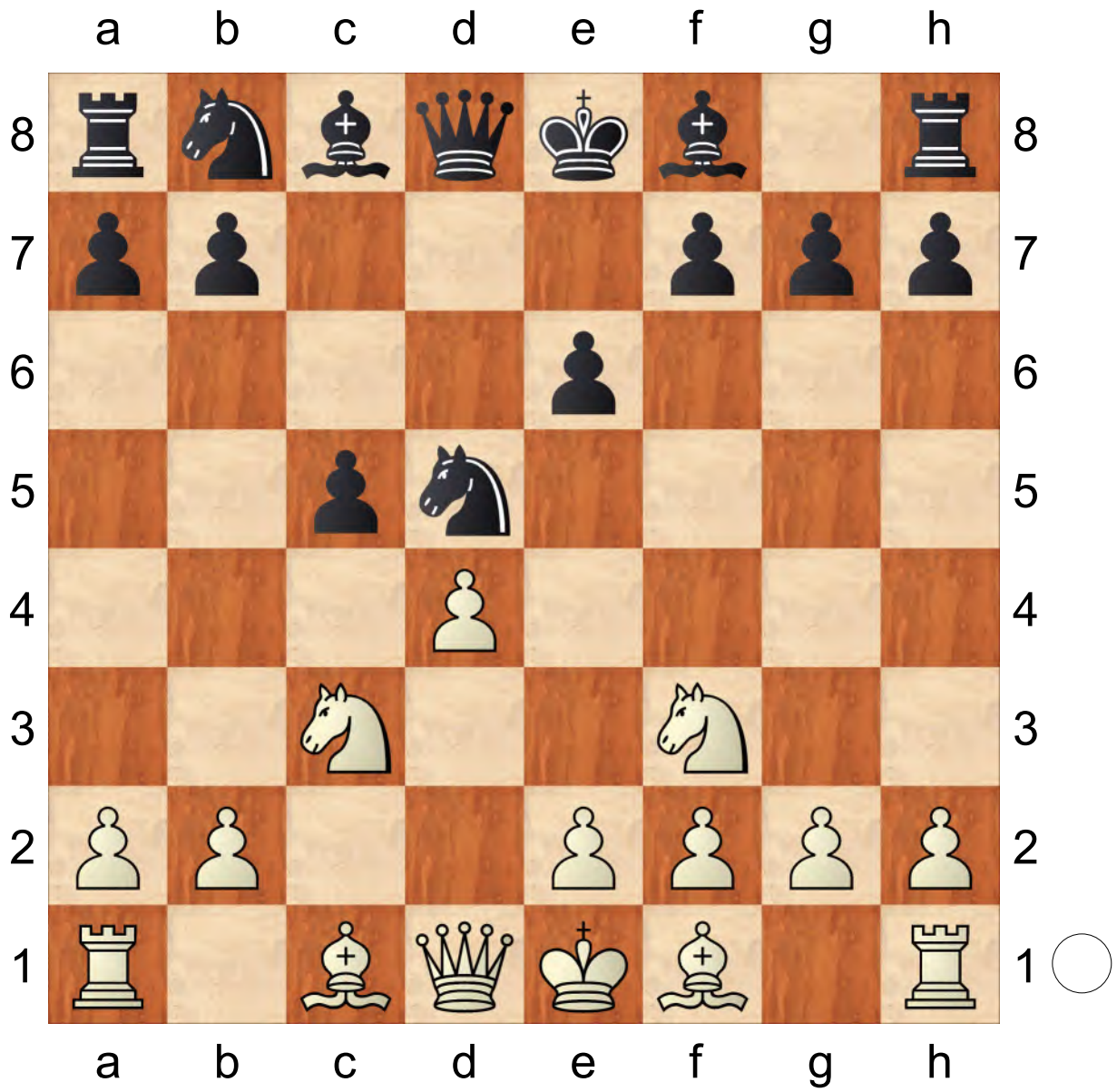
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2809**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2810**
Candidates Tournament (12) 29.03.2013
[Postny,Evgeny]

1.d4 Paunovic,Dragan **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5**



6.e3

[The main line is 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0 White has a space advantage, but Black's position is out of weaknesses and his majority on the queenside might tell in a certain endgame.]

6...Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.Qc2 Levon is trying to gain something by a slightly

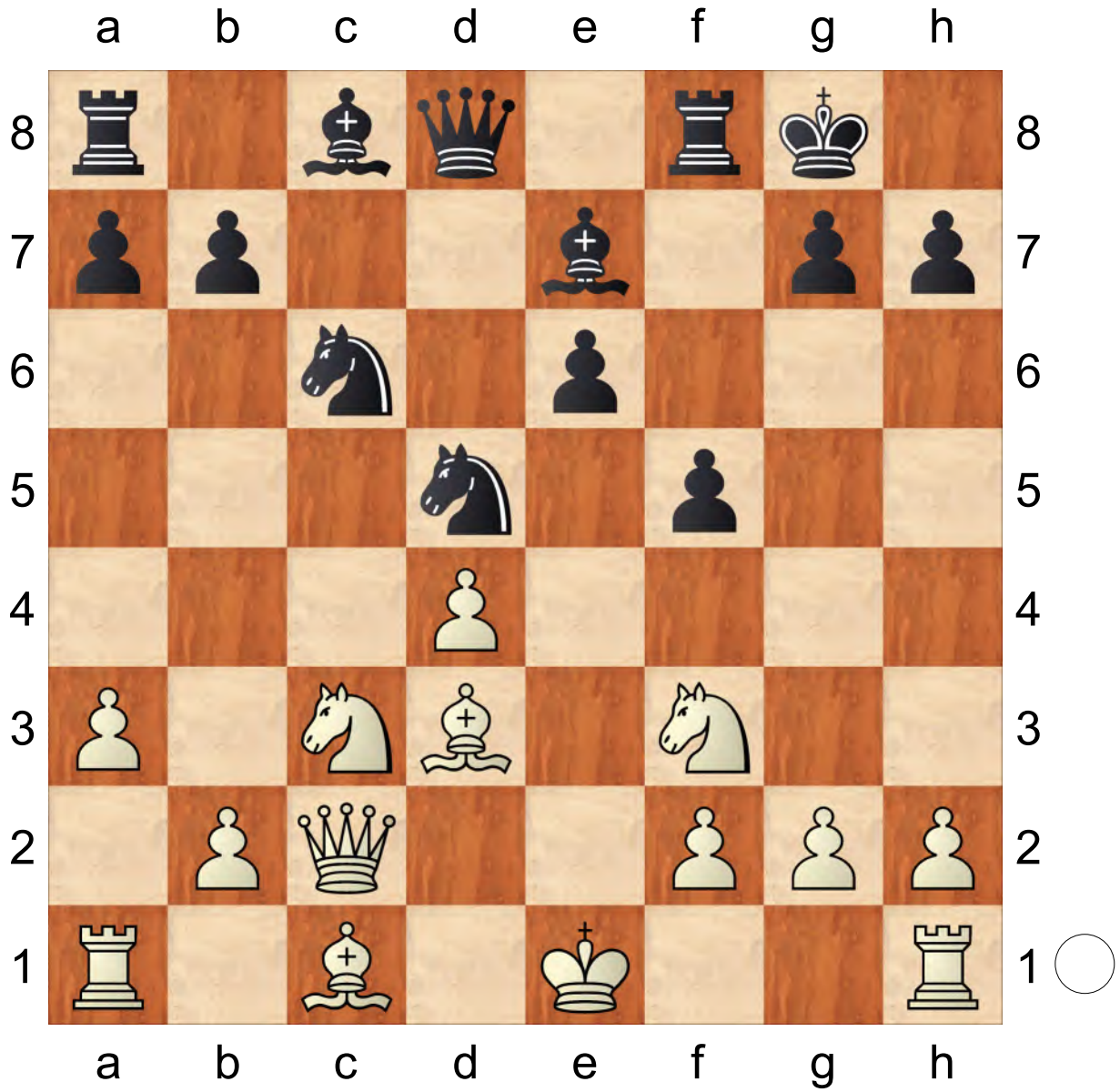
tricky order of moves. Objectively, the main move 9.0-0 is more promising.

[The position after 9.0-0 Paunovic,Dragan: 'Ü 85/374' cxd4 10.exd4 may arise also from the Panov Attack in the Caro-Kann.]

9...cxd4 10.exd4 f5!N

[10...h6 11.0-0 Bf6 12.Rd1 *(12.Be3 Nce7 13.Ne4 b6 14.Rad1 Bb7=)* 12...Qb6 13.Bc4 Rd8 14.Ne2 Bd7 15.Qe4 Nce7 16.Bd3 Ba4 *(⌓16...Ng6)* 17.Qh7+ Kf8 18.Re1 Bb5 19.Bxb5 Qxb5 20.Ng3 Ng6 21.Ne5 Nde7 22.Bxh6!→ 1-0 (41) Smyslov,V (2600)-Ribli,Z (2615) London 1983]

[10...Nf6 Paunovic,Dragan]

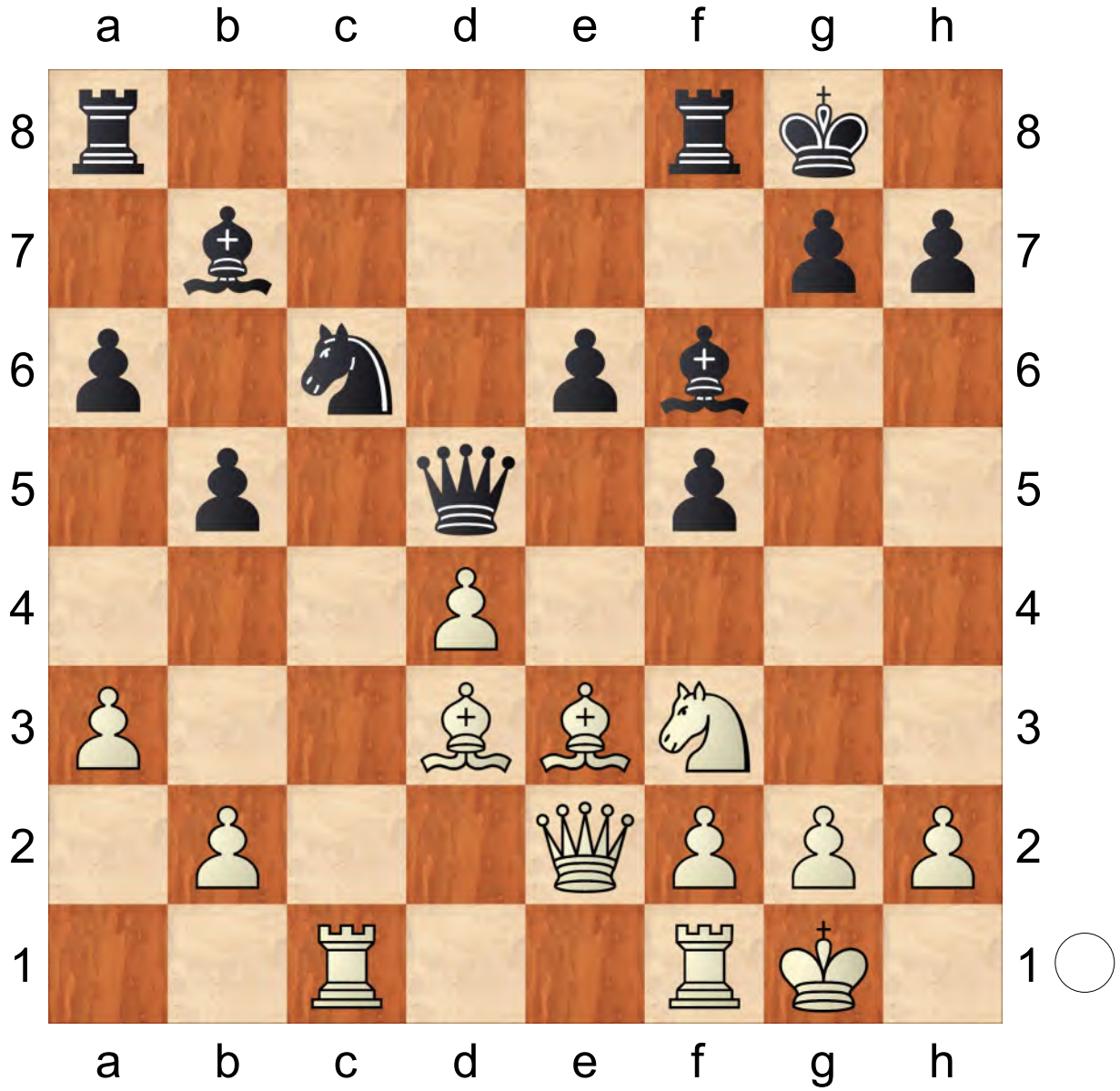


The idea itself is not new, but in this particular position it hasn't appeared beforehand. Black is going to put the bishop on f6, pressing the ♙d4. In a later interview Kramnik said that he figured out this plan over the board. Well done! The previously played

10...h6 is also perfectly playable. **11.0-0 Bf6 12.Nxd5**
[12.Bc4!? Paunovic,Dragan Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Rd1 dxc4 16.Qxc4+ Be6! *(16...Kh8 17.Rxd4 Be6 18.Qb4 Qf6 19.Bf4±)* 17.Qxe6+ Rf7 18.Be3 Qf6! 19.Qxf6 Bxf6 20.Rd2 b6=]
[12.Be3 Paunovic,Dragan Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bd7= Δ ♘e7, ♗c6, ♘d5]
12...Qxd5 13.Be3 Paunovic,Dragan: '[Δ ♗c4]' **13...b5!** Developing the queenside and, at the same time, covering the c4-square.
[13...Nxd4? 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Bc4 Qc5 16.Rad1 The black bishop has nowhere to go as it is tied to protecting the queen. b5□ 17.Rxd4 bxc4 18.Rxc4 and White is clearly better as the knight is going to occupy the commanding e5-outpost.]
14.Qe2
[14.Qc5 Qxc5 15.dxc5 a6 16.a4 b4=]
14...Bb7 Paunovic,Dragan: '!' Paunovic,Dragan: '[⇗a8-h1, ×d4]' **15.Rac1?!** Levon definitely saw the possibility to force a draw after 15. ♗xb5, but decided to play for a win. Objectively speaking his position is not better, but in the current tournament situation only a win could keep him in the race for the first place.
[15.Bxb5 Paunovic,Dragan: ' ⌓' could force a draw by repetition: f4 16.Bc4 Qe4 17.Bd3 Qd5=]
15...a6

(Diagram)

Paunovic,Dragan: '∓' **16.Rfd1**
[16.Rc5 Paunovic,Dragan Qd6 17.Rfc1 Rad8∓]
16...f4!? Paunovic,Dragan: '!' Kramnik decided to force matters.
[16...Rac8 17.Rc5 Qd6 was very good for Black as well. The idea f5-f4 is a potential threat. *(17...Nxd4?! 18.Bxd4 Rxc5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.b4 Qc3 22.Qxf5 g6=)*]
17.Rc5
[17.Bxf4? Nxd4-+]
[17.Rxc6? Qxc6 18.Bxf4 Bxd4-+]
17...Qd6 18.Qc2? Both players had to calculate a lot.
[18.Bxf4! Qxf4 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 *(19...Rf7? 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Bg6 Nd8 22.Qh3±)*
A) 20.Rxc6? Bxc6 21.Qxc6 Bxd4 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Bxe4 Rad8! 24.Nxd4 *(24.Rxd4? Rxd4 25.Nxd4 Rd8-+)* 24...Rf7 Black gains the piece back and remains with an extra exchange in the endgame.;
B) 20.Rh5 h6 21.Nh4! This idea is very difficult to spot in advance. Ne7 *(21...Bxh4?? 22.Qg6 is the point.; 21...Ne5 22.Rxe5 Bxh4 23.Qg6 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Bxg2+ 25.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2* and it should be a draw thanks to the opposite coloured bishops.*)* 22.g3 Qxd4 23.Qxe7! Qxf2+! *(23...Bxe7? 24.Ng6+ Kg8 25.Nxe7+ Kf7 26.Bg6+ Kxe7 27.Rxd4±)* 24.Kxf2 Bxe7+



25.Kg1 Bf6! 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Nxf8 Bf3 28.Rd2 Bxh5 29.Nd7 and White survives somehow.]

[18.Bd2? Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxc5 20.Qxe6+ Rf7 Paunovic,Dragan: '!' *(20...Kh8* Paunovic,Dragan *21.Qh3! h6 22.Ne6 Qd5 23.Nxf4! Qb3□ 24.Re1 Rfd8 25.Qf5 Rxd3 26.Nxd3 Qc2 27.Bb4±)* 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qxf7 Qxd4 23.Qxb7 Rd8 and the pin along the d-file will cost White material. 24.Qf3 Paunovic,Dragan Qd5! 25.Qg4 Kg8∓]

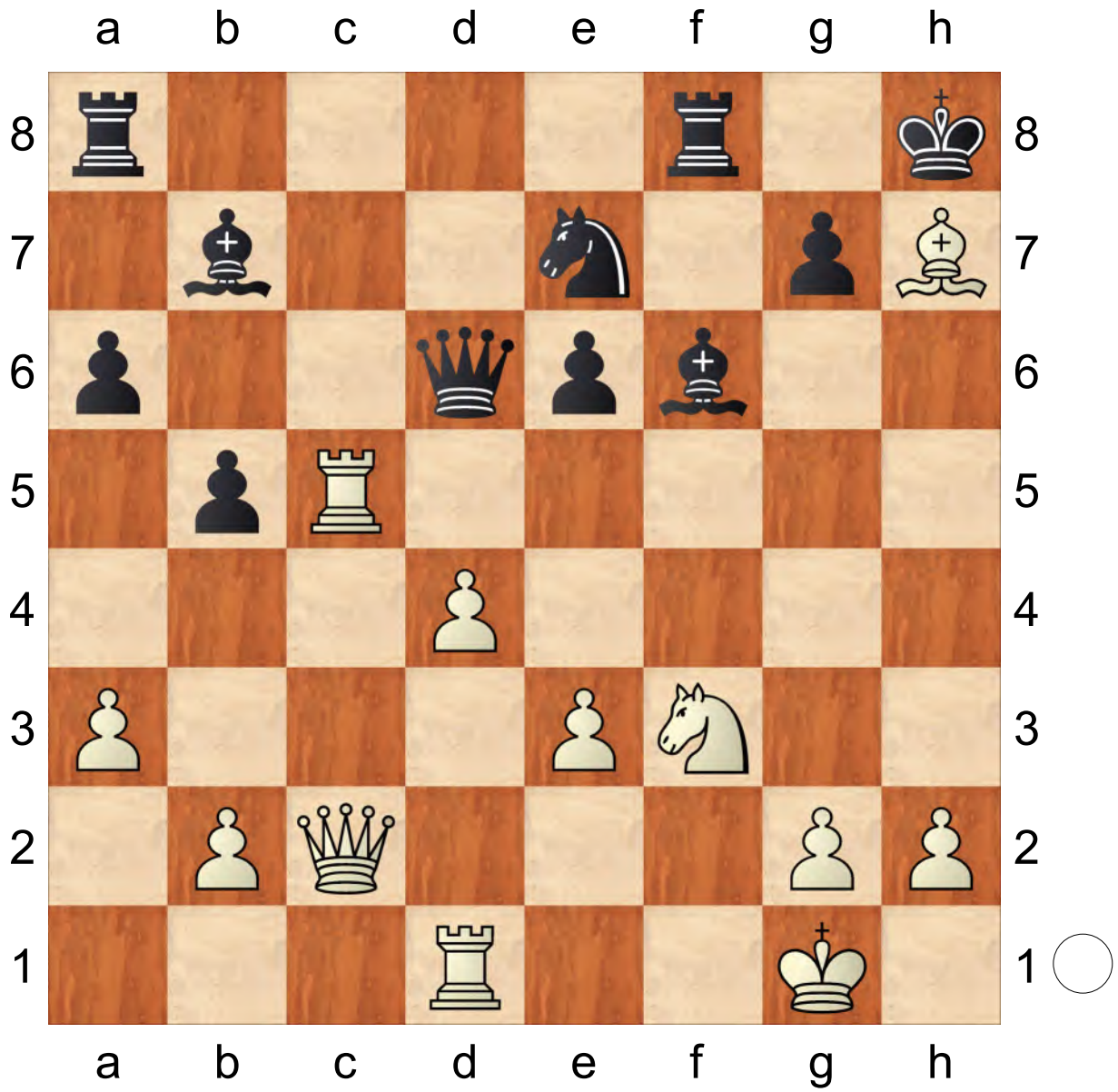
18...fxe3 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.fxe3

[20.Rh5 Paunovic,Dragan Nxd4! 21.Be4+ Kg8 22.Bxb7 Rad8 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.Bf3 exf2+ 25.Kf1 *(25.Kh1 Bxb2! 26.Rf1 Bd4-+)* 25...Qf4∓]

20...Ne7?

[20...Rac8! preparing the counterstrike ... ♘xd4! 21.Rh5 *(21.Qb1* Paunovic, Dragan *Ne7 22.Rh5 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Ng8! 24.Bc2+ Nh6 25.Bb3 Bd8 26.Qe4*

Qc6∓) 21...Nxd4 22.Qd3 *(22.Bg8+? Kxg8 23.Qh7+ Kf7-+)* 22...Bxf3 23.gxf3 Nxf3+ 24.Kg2 Qxd3 25.Bxd3+ Kg8 26.Kxf3 Bxb2+ 27.Ke2 Bxa3 and Black should win.]



Another human move and another mistake. **21.e4?**

[21.Rh5 Paunovic,Dragan: '!' This move is so tempting, I don't know how Levon managed to resist playing it. This position is already in White's favour! Rac8 *(21...Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rac8 23.Qg2→* Paunovic,Dragan: ' →!' *Δg5* Paunovic,Dragan *24.h4!)*

A) 22.Ne5?! Paunovic,Dragan: '!!'

A1) 22...Rxc2?! _____ falls into the classical tactics, like from the old books: 23.Bxc2+ Kg8 24.Bh7+ Kh8 Paunovic,Dragan: '=' 25.Bg6+ Kg8 26.Bf7+! Paunovic,Dragan: '!?' Rxf7 27.Rh8+! Kxh8 28.Nxf7+ Kg8 *(28...Kh7*

Paunovic,Dragan *29.Nxd6 Bd5 30.Kf2 Nf5 31.Nxf5 exf5 32.g3 Kg6=)* 29.Nxd6 This position is still difficult to estimate. White's rook + two pawns should be superior to Black's pair of bishops.;

A2) 22...Bxe5 23.dxe5 Qb6 24.Qd3 *(24.Qe2??* Paunovic,Dragan *Ng8!-+)* 24...Rcd8 *(24...Bd5* Paunovic,Dragan *25.Rh3!→)* 25.Qxd8 Paunovic,Dragan: '!' Qxe3+ *(25...Rxd8?? 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Bf5+* Paunovic,Dragan: '!' *Kg8 28.Bxe6+ Kf8 29.Rh8+ Ng8 30.Rxg8+ Ke7 31.Rxd8+-)* 26.Kh1 Bxg2+! 27.Kxg2 Qf3+ 28.Kg1 Qf2+= 29.Kh1 Paunovic,Dragan Qf3+=;

B) 22.Qe2! g6 *(22...Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Bg5 24.Bb1+ Bh6 25.Qe4 Nf5 26.g4 Rce8 27.Kh1!±)* 23.Bxg6+ Kg7 24.Bb1 Kf7 25.Ne5+ Ke8 26.Rh7→]

21...Rac8? Paunovic,Dragan: '?!'

[21...Qf4 Paunovic,Dragan: '!' was far more convincing 22.Rh5 *(22.e5* Paunovic,Dragan *Qe3+ 23.Kh1 Bxf3-+)* 22...g6! is the most precise way to defuse White's attack *(22...Ng8* Paunovic,Dragan: '!' is a good defensive move. *23.Bg6+* Paunovic,Dragan *Nh6-+)* 23.Bxg6+ Kg7-+]

22.e5 The next five-six moves are pretty forced. **22...Bxe5 23.Nxe5**

[23.Rxc8? Rxc8 24.dxe5 Qb6+ 25.Qf2 Qxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Kxh7-+]

23...Rxc5 24.Ng6+! Paunovic,Dragan: '!?'

[24.Qxc5 Qxc5 25.dxc5 Kxh7 26.Rd7 Nc6 Paunovic,Dragan: '-+' and Black keeps the extra piece.]

24...Nxg6 25.dxc5

(Diagram)

A lot of pieces are hanging. What should be done?

25...Be4!

(Diagram)

26.Rxd6 Bxc2 27.Bxg6 Bxg6 28.Rxe6

[28.Rxa6 Bd3 29.h4 e5-+]

28...Bd3 29.h4 a5 30.c6 Paunovic,Dragan: '?!'

[30.Rd6 Paunovic,Dragan Bc4 31.b4 a4 32.Kh2 Kg8∓]

30...Rf1+?

[30...Rc8! 31.Kf2 *(31.Kh2* Paunovic,Dragan *Bc4 32.Rd6 Kg8-+)* 31...Bc4 32.Rd6 Bf7 Black wins the annoying pawn and rest is a matter of technique. 33.Rd7 Paunovic,Dragan Be8 34.Ra7 Rxc6 35.Ra8 Rf6+ 36.Kg3 Re6 37.Rxa5 Kh7-+]

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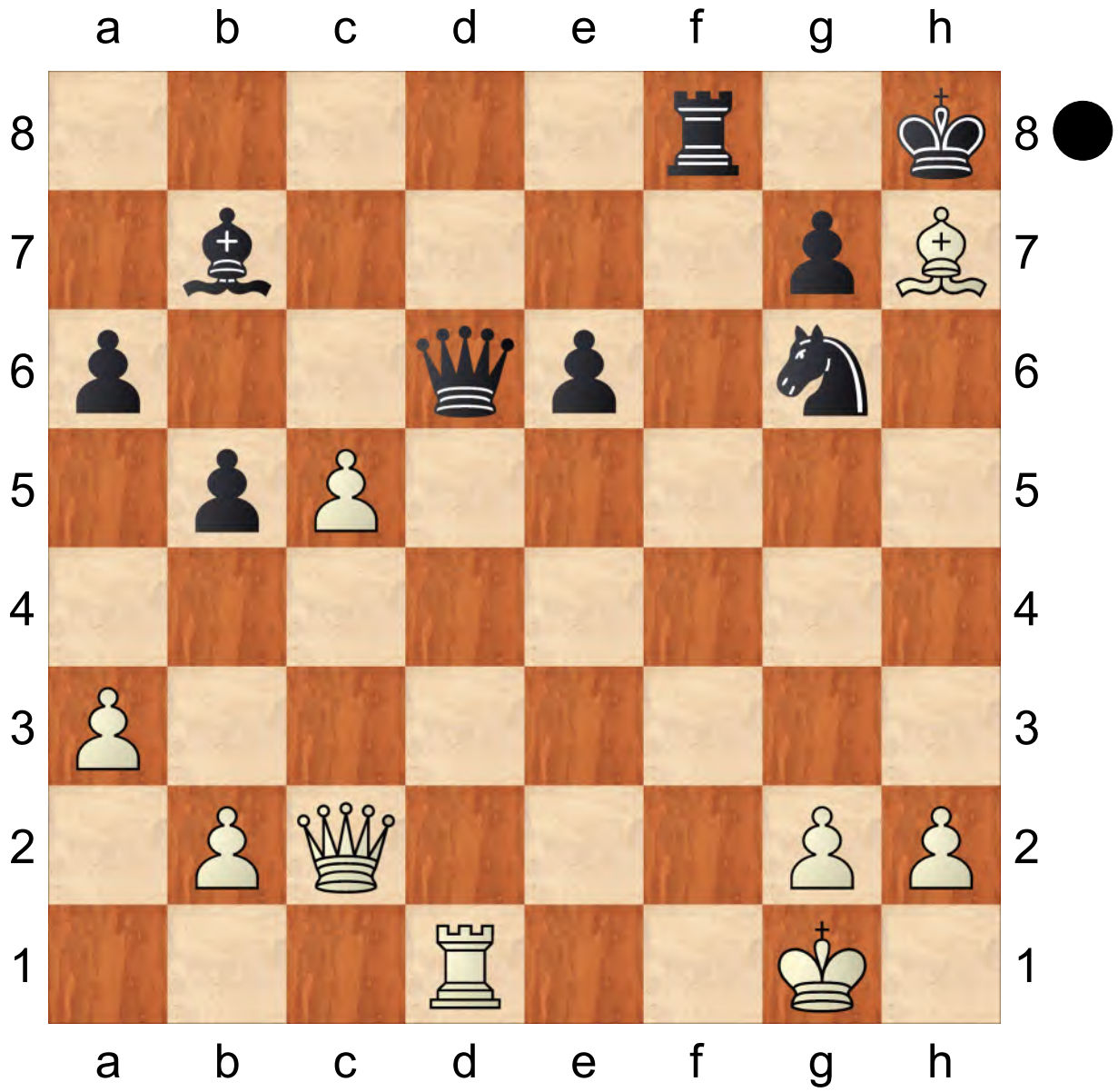
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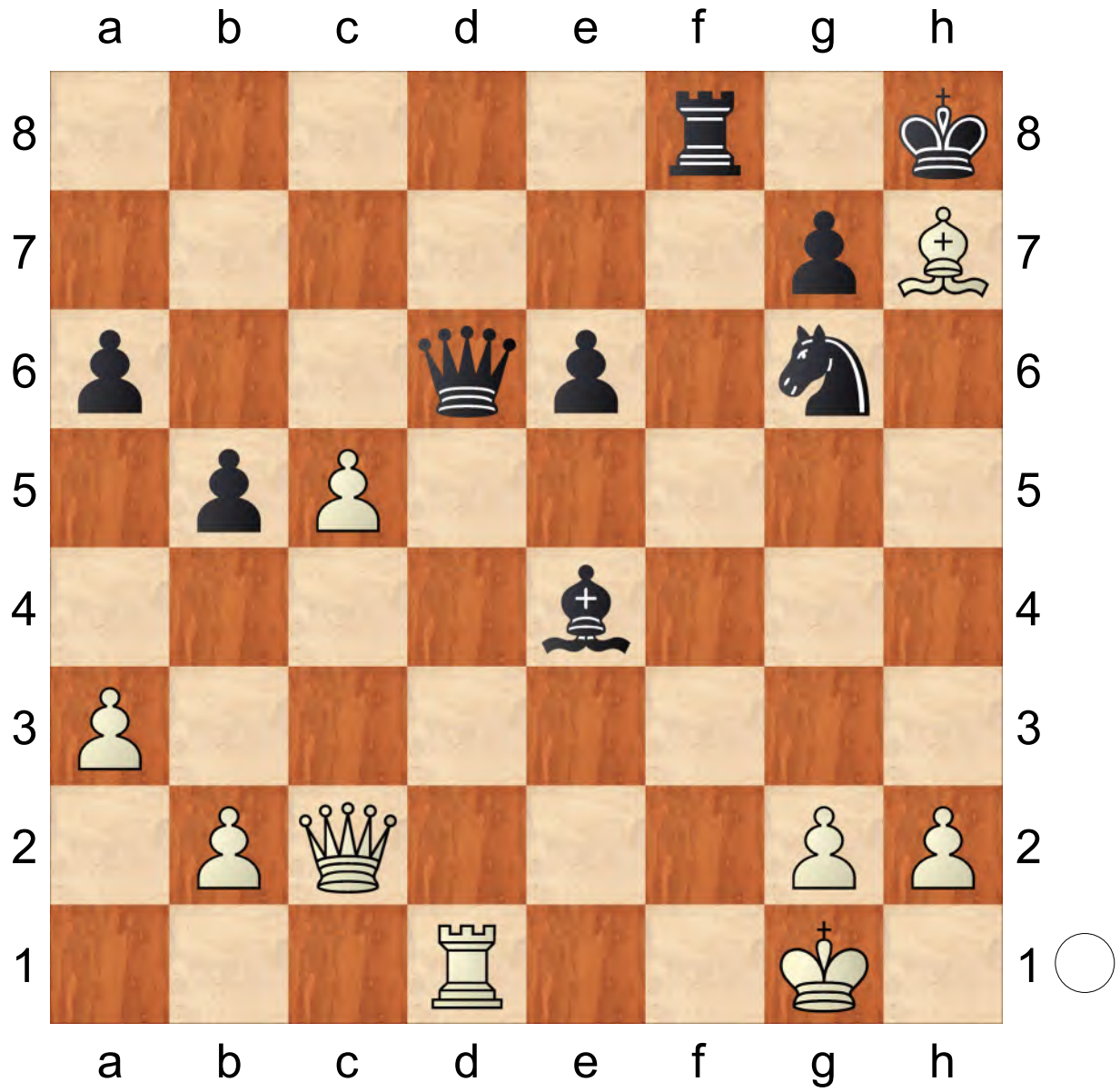
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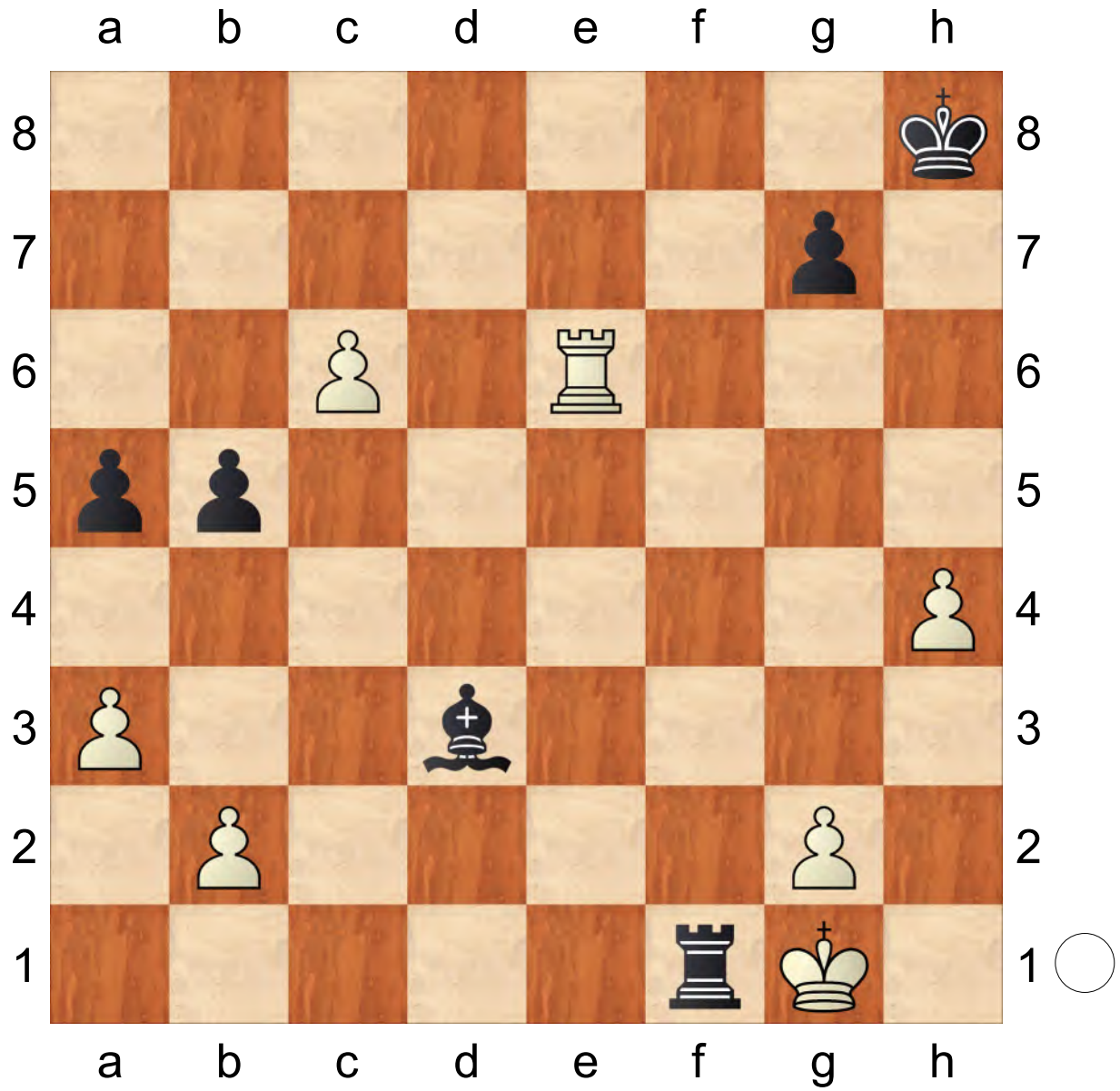

This is according to the rule to put the rook behind the pawn, but here this was the case for an exception! **31.Kh2 Rc1 32.Re3! Bb1 33.Rc3** Paunovic,Dragan: '!' The point. White saves the important c-pawn. **33...Rxc3 34.bxc3** Black's extra piece is not enough for a win. White has a strong passed pawn and another potential passer on the kingside. **34...Kg8 35.c7 Bf5**

(Diagram)

36.Kg3 Kf7 37.Kf4 Bc8 38.Kg5 Paunovic,Dragan: '=' **38...Bd7** Black has to wait with the bishop until White runs out of useful moves. **39.h5 Be6 40.g3 a4**
[40...Ke7 41.Kg6 Kf8 42.Kg5=]

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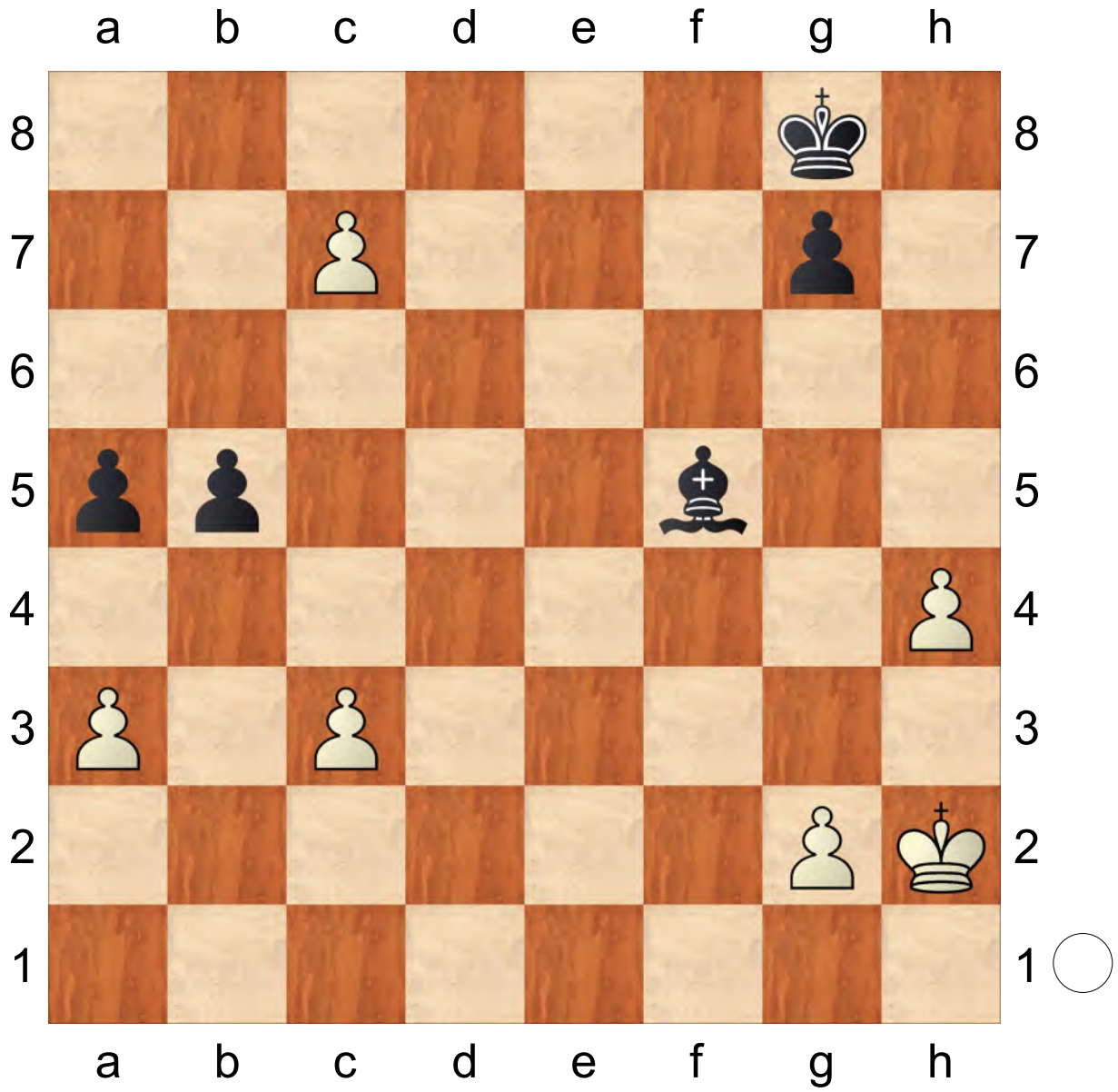
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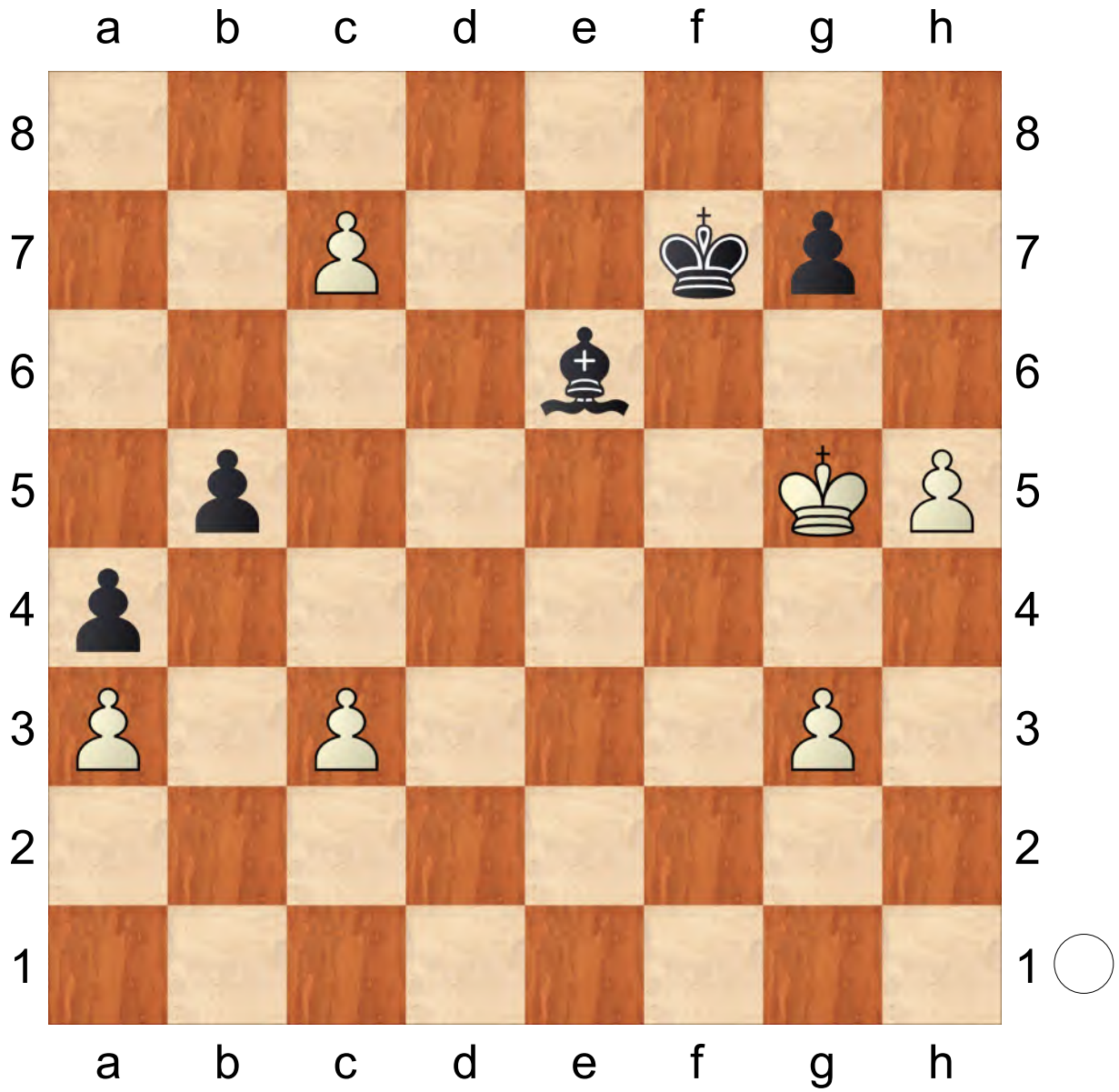


41.g4 Kf8 42.Kf4 Ke7 Now the king can go to pick up the pawn, but it's not enough for a win. **43.g5 Kd7 44.Ke5 Bg8 45.c8Q+** Not a mistake, but requires precise calculation.

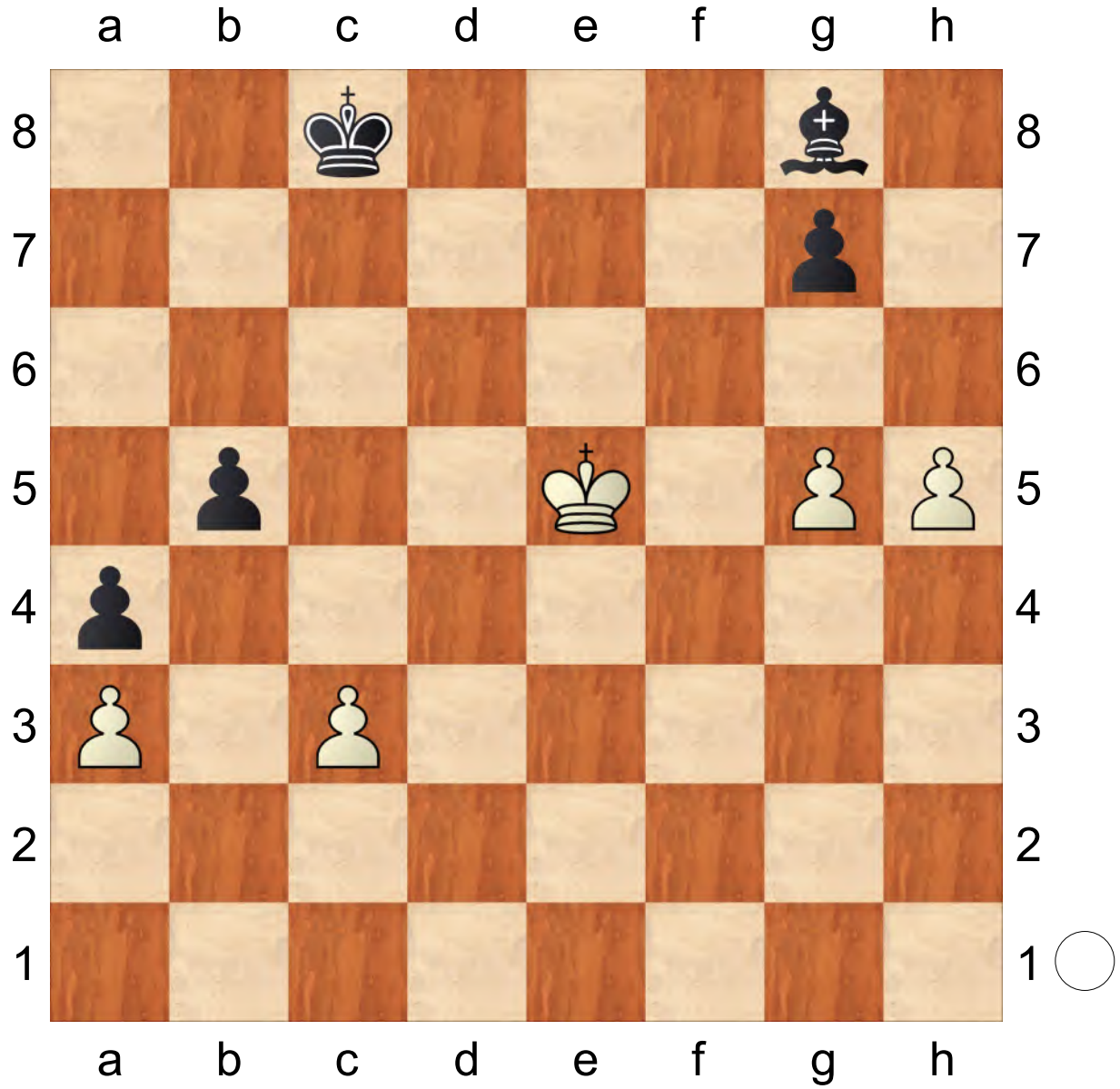
[45.Kd4 was the easiest way: Kxc7 46.Kc5 Bc4 47.h6 gxh6 48.gxh6 Bd3 49.Kd4 Bh7 50.c4 exchanging the b-pawn and then White's king reaches the safe a1 corner. Just a draw.]

45...Kxc8

(Diagram)

46.Kd6 Kd8 47.Kc6 Ke7 48.Kxb5 Ke6 49.Kxa4 Kf5 50.g6?? Choosing between 50.g6 and 50.h6 Levon didn't manage to calculate well.

[50.h6 g6 51.Kb5 Kxg5 52.a4 Kxh6 53.a5 g5 54.a6 g4 *(54...Bd5 55.c4 Be4*



56.c5 g4 57.c6 g3 58.a7 g2 59.a8Q g1Q=) 55.c4 g3 56.a7 g2 57.a8Q g1Q=]

50...Kg5

(Diagram)

Paunovic,Dragan: '-+' **51.Kb5 Kxh5 52.a4 Kxg6 53.a5 Kf6 54.a6**

[54.c4 Ke5 55.c5 *(55.a6* Paunovic,Dragan *Kd4! 56.c5 Bc4+ 57.Kb6 Bxa6!)* 55...g5 56.a6 Bd5 57.Kb6 g4 58.a7 Ba8! 59.c6 Kd6 60.c7 Kd7-+]

54...Bd5 55.c4 Ba8

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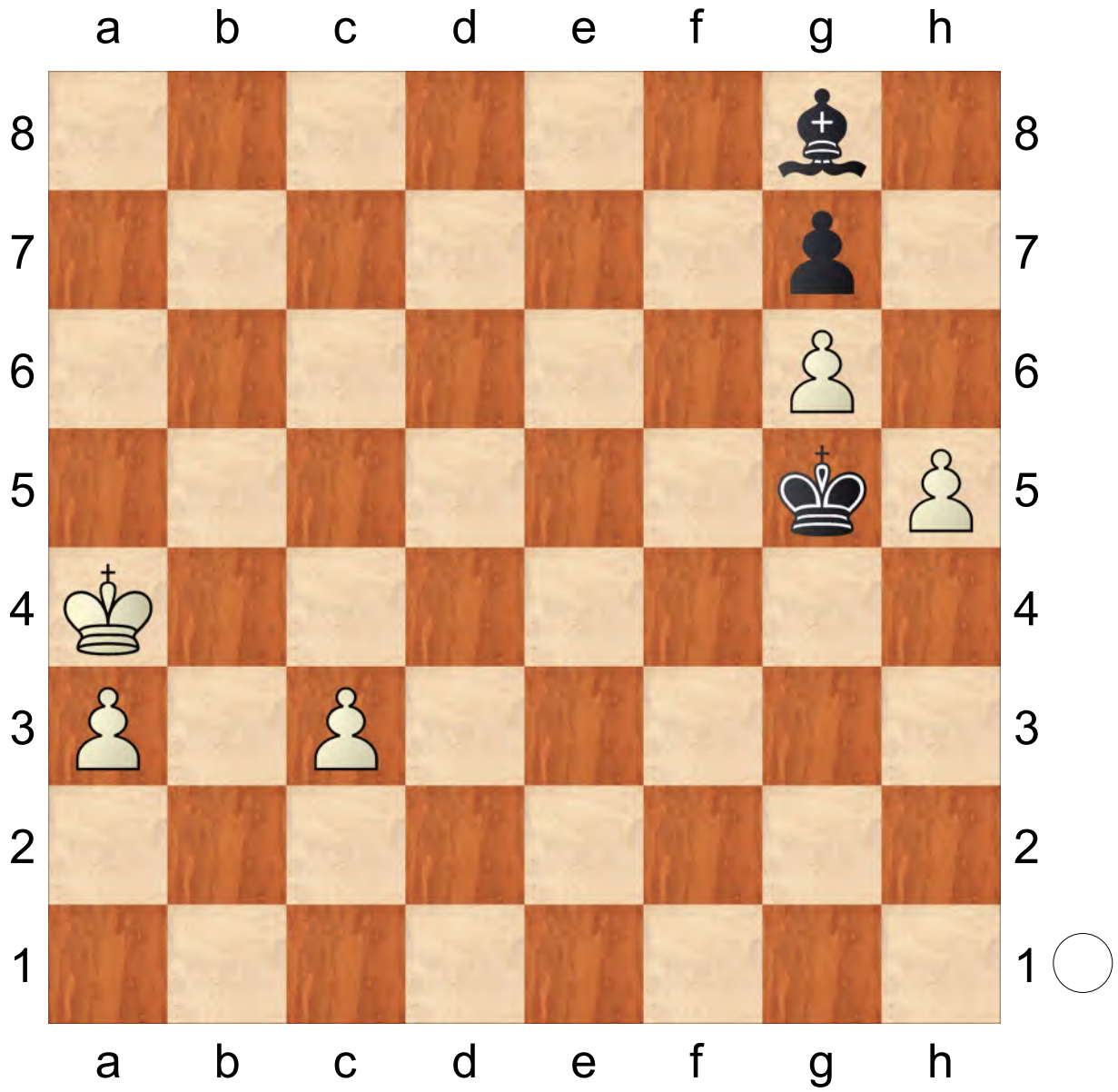
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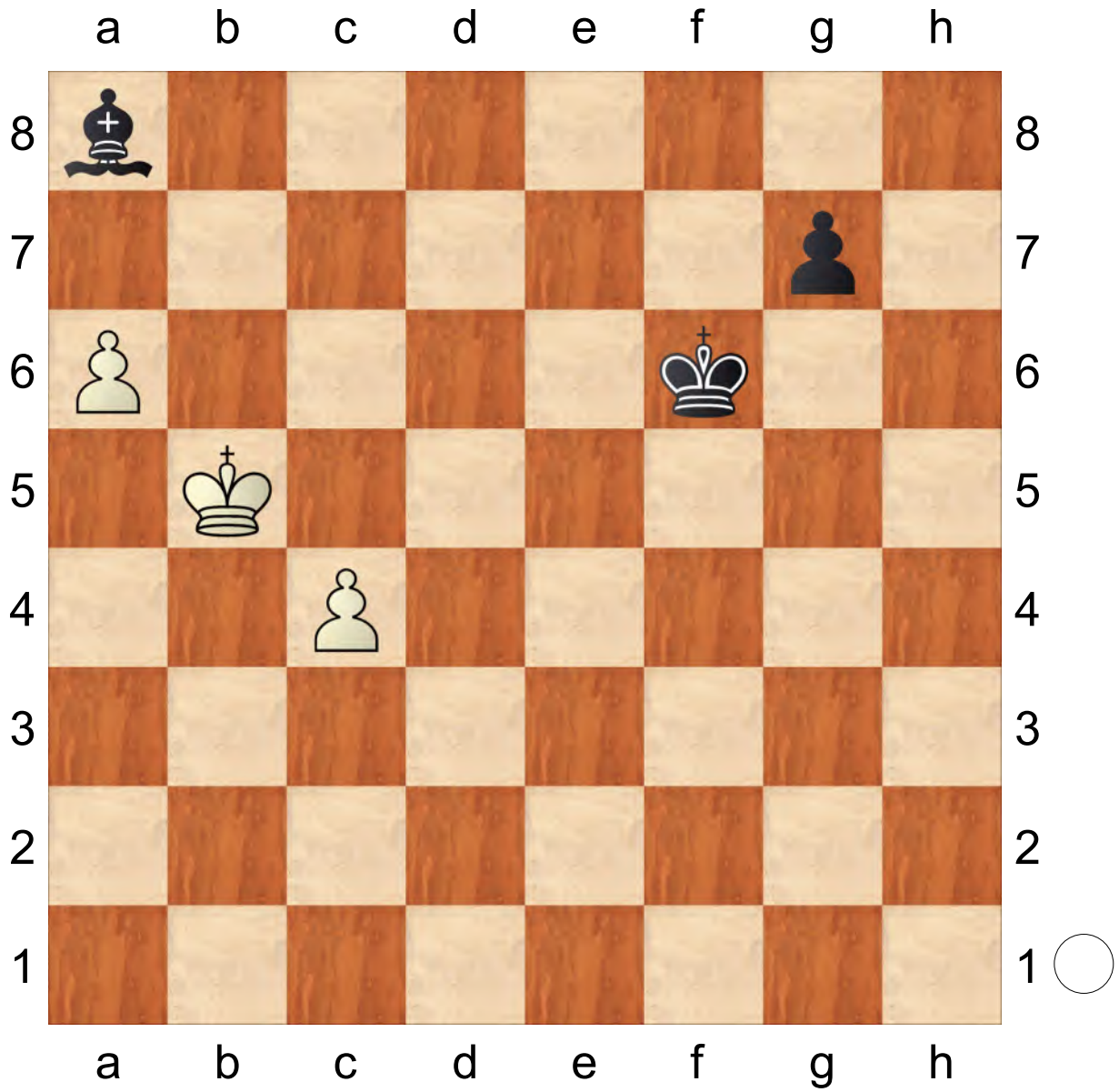


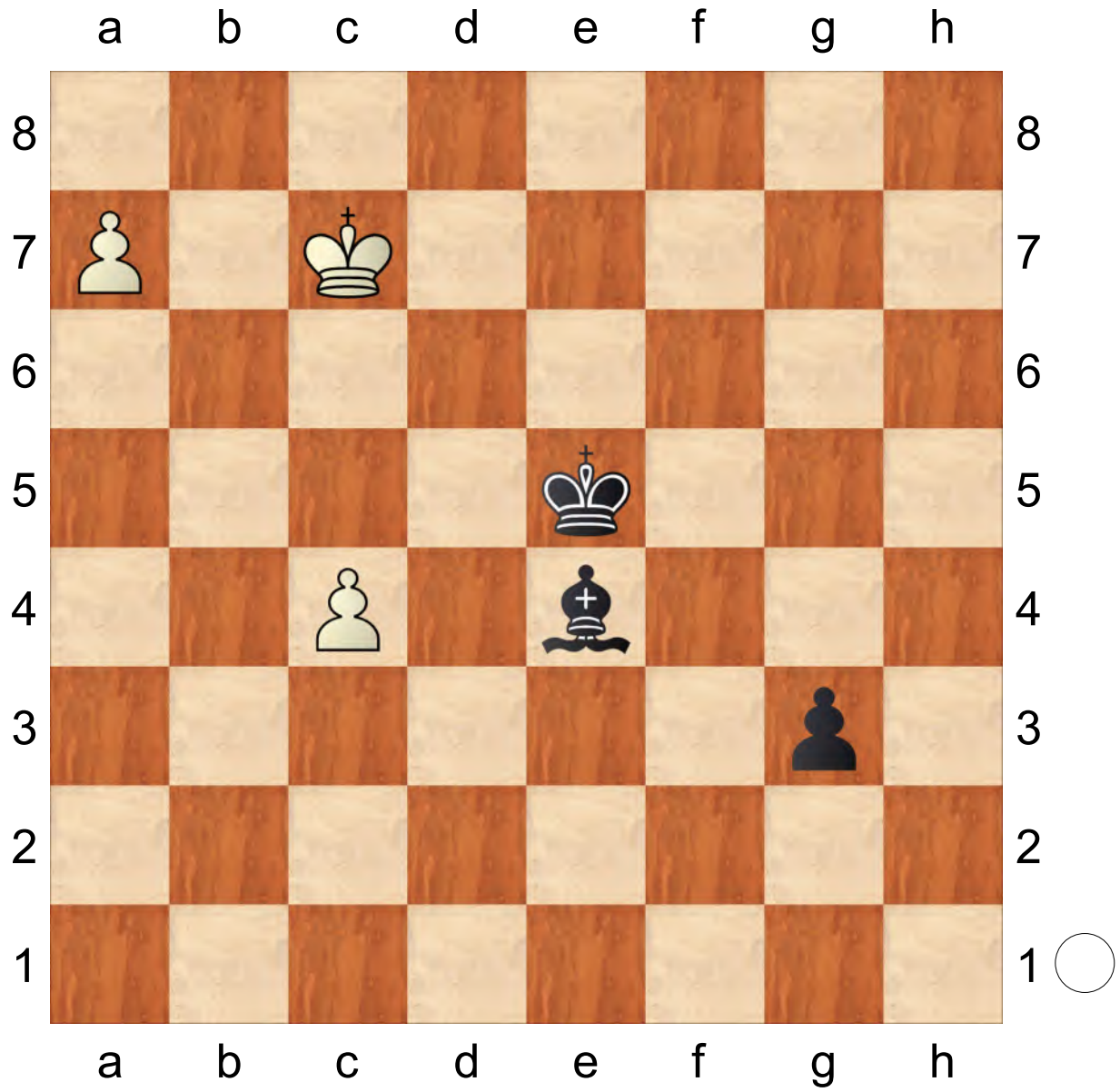
56.Kb6
[56.c5 Paunovic,Dragan Ke5 57.c6 Kd6]
56...Ke5 Black's pieces are just in time to stop the white pawns. **57.Kc7 g5 58.Kb8 Be4 59.Kc7 g4 60.a7 g3**

(Diagram)

61.c5 Ba8 62.Kb8 Bc6

(Diagram)

An epic fight. There were many mistakes which are not typical for these two great players. However, let's not forget that this was already round twelve of the very tense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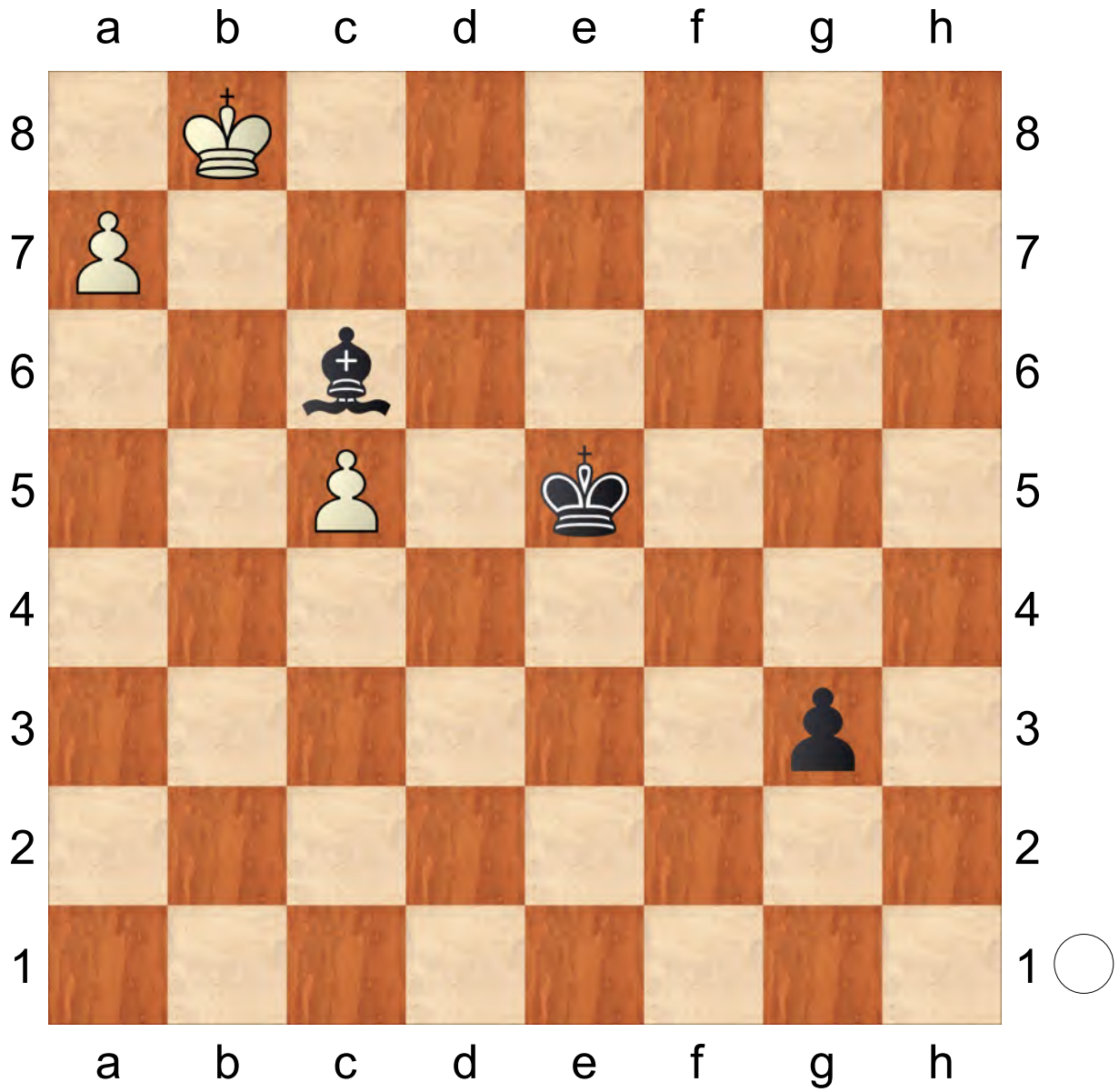

tournament with a lot at stake. At the press conference after the battle both grandmasters looked completely exhausted.

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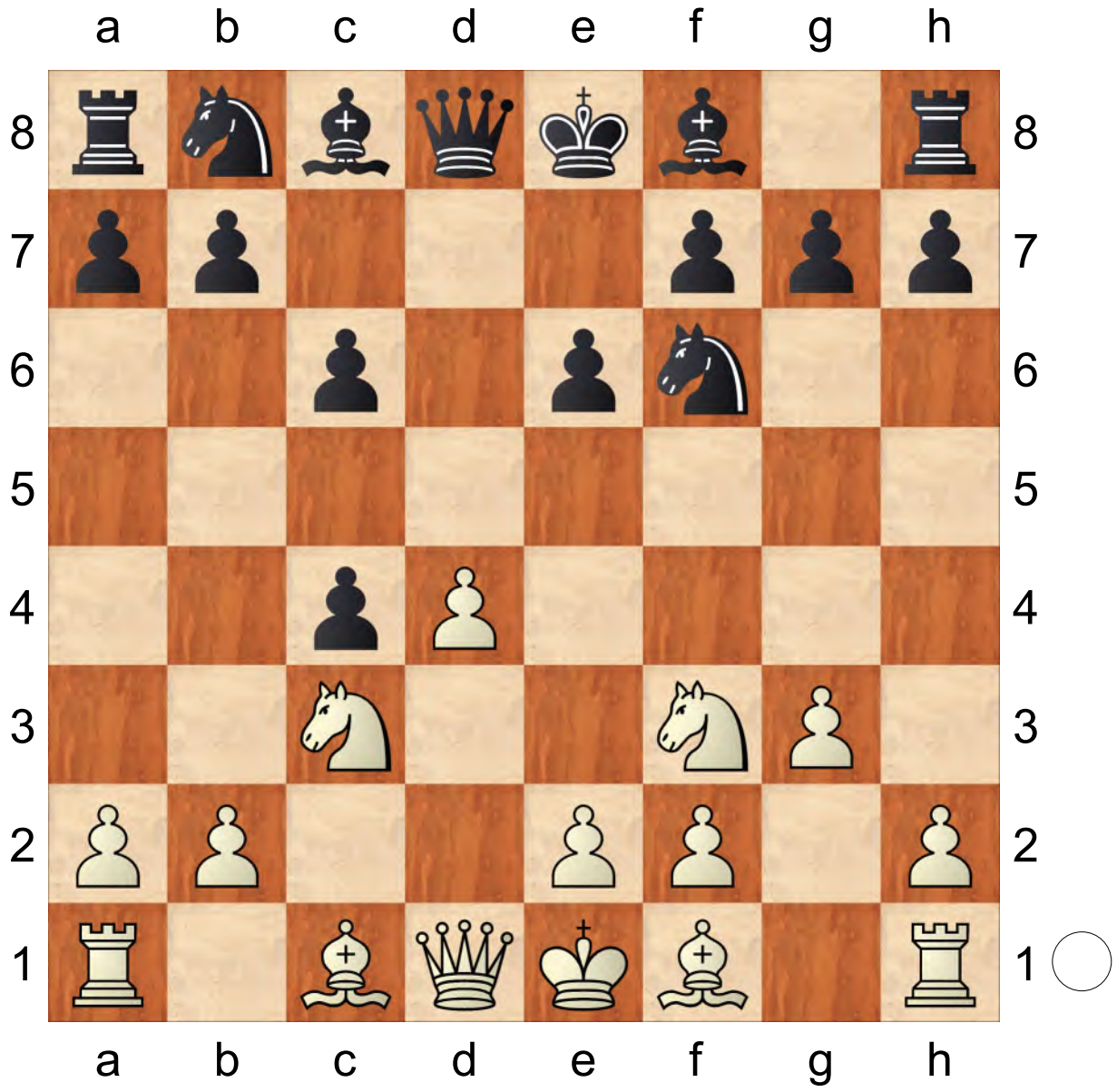
E04

□ **Postny,Evgeny** **2598**
■ **Berczes,David** **2430**
Bundesliga 0708 (4.3) 25.11.2007
[Postny,Evgeny]

1.d4 Postny,E **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.g3** My opponent surprised me with his opening choice. Therefore, I decided to deviate from the common 5. ♗g5 or 5.e3, which I usually play here. The move in the text switches the game into a Catalan-like setup. **5...dxc4**



The most principled continuation. White can't get the pawn back but, has to play for an initative. **6.Bg2 b5 7.a4 Qb6** I was rather surprised when I found almost no

games in the database played with this move. However, an automatically played 7... b4 seems to yield Black sufficient counterplay.

[7...b4 8.Nb1 Nbd7 9.0-0 Ba6 10.Bg5 Rc8 11.Qc2 *(11.Nbd2 c3 12.bxc3 bxc3 13.Nb3 Bb4 14.Qc2 h6 15.Bc1 Qe7 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nd5 18.Nd4 0-0 19.Qe4 c5 20.Nb5 Rfd8∓* 1-0 Granda Zuniga,J (2610)-Piket,J (2580)/Amsterdam 1996/CBM 055 (39)*)* 11...Be7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.e4 h6 14.Bf4 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 Nh5 *(⌓16...Re8 Δ17.d6 Bf8 18.Nbd2 c3! 19.bxc3 Nd5∓)* 17.Be3 Bd6 18.Nbd2 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nxc4 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Be5 23.Bh3± 1-0 Yudasin,L (2575)-Moroz,A (2385)/Podolsk 1990/TD (49)]

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[Black is fine after 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.Be3 Nd5]

8...Bb7 9.e4N The exchange on b5 followed by b2-b3 was a serious alternative. However, during the game I tried not to open the long diagonal for the black light-squared bishop.

[9.axb5 cxb5 10.b3 Bb4 11.Qc2 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 cxb3 13.Qxb3 Nbd7 14.Rb1⩲ ½-½ Pellus Ruiz,J (2235)-Rueda Marquez,D (2085)/Barcelona 2003/EXT 2004 (18)]

9...b4!? I was provoking this but, it is not necessarily bad.

[In case of 9...Nbd7 I intended to continue by 10.a5 Qa6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ng5 with a good compensation for the pawn.]

10.a5 A useful intermezzo, driving the queen to a less fortunate square. **10...Qa6**

[10...Qd8 11.Na4! Qxa5 *(11...Nxe4 12.Ne5 Nf6 13.Qe2* with great compensation.*)* 12.Ne5 Qb5 13.Re1 Nbd7 14.Nxc4 Qxc4 15.Bf1 trapping the queen.]

(Diagram)

11.e5 Nfd7?! This move looks unnatural and passive.

[11...bxc3 12.exf6 cxb2 13.fxg7 Bxg7 *(13...bxa1Q? 14.gxh8Q+-* This curious position with four queens on the board is won for White because of the weakness of Black's monarch. *)* 14.Bxb2 Nd7 15.Ng5↑]

[11...Nd5 This is what I was expecting. 12.Ne4 Nd7 *(12...Be7 13.Re1±)* 13.Re1 c5 14.Bf1 Rc8 15.Ned2 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Black's queen is vulnerable, though I am not sure that White is actually better here.]

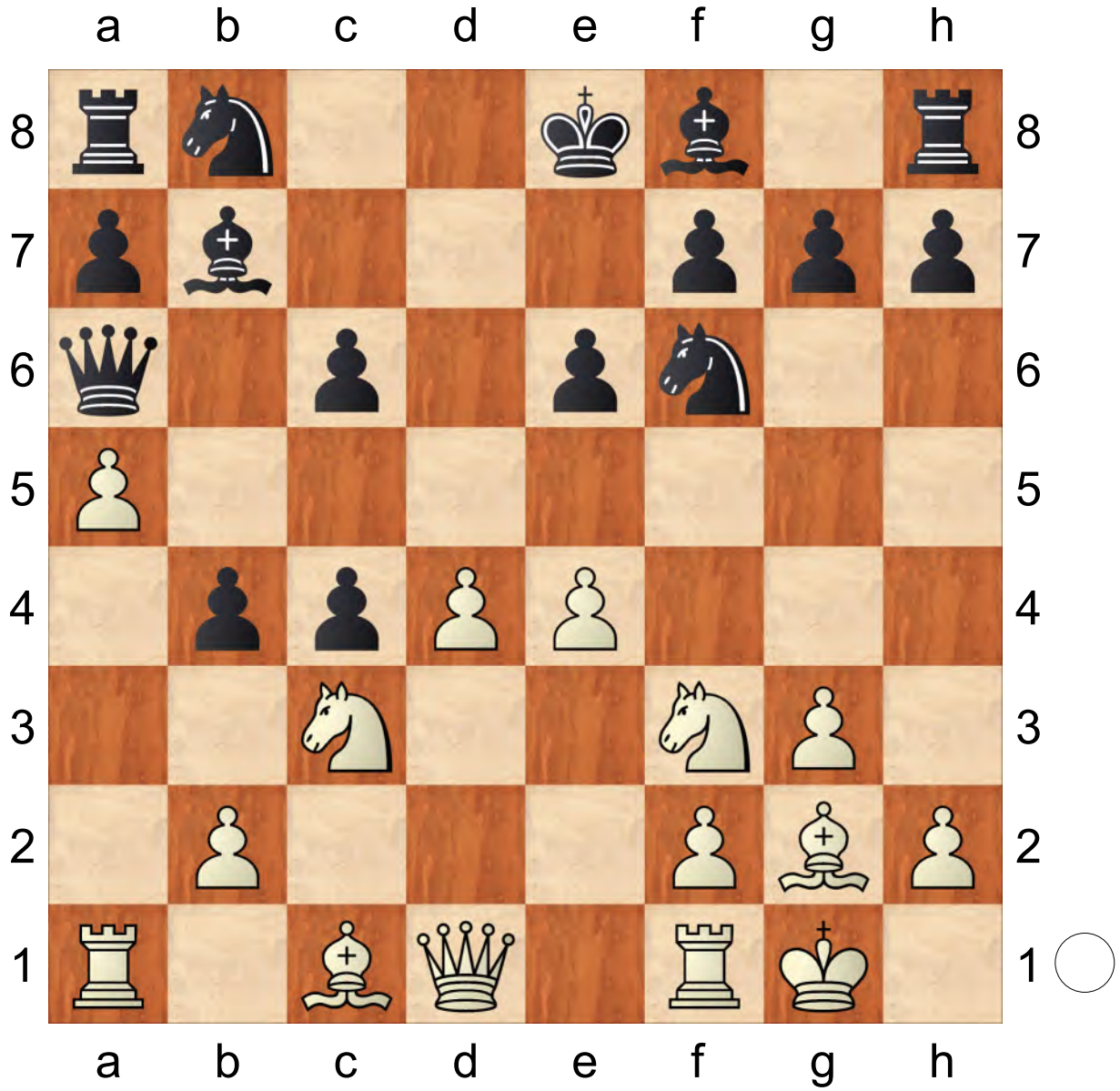
12.Ne4 c5 Black must play this, otherwise his position will be totally cramped.

13.Nfg5 I spent a lot of time here. The move in the text allows White to win an exchange by force. However, I wasn't sure about the consequences.

[13.Re1 cxd4 *(13...Nc6? 14.d5! exd5 15.Neg5±)* 14.Nxd4 Nc5∞ I could not find any clear way for the advantage here.]

13...h6

[13...cxd4? 14.Qf3 Nxe5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Qxb7+-]



14.Qf3? Selling out the initiative nearly for nothing.

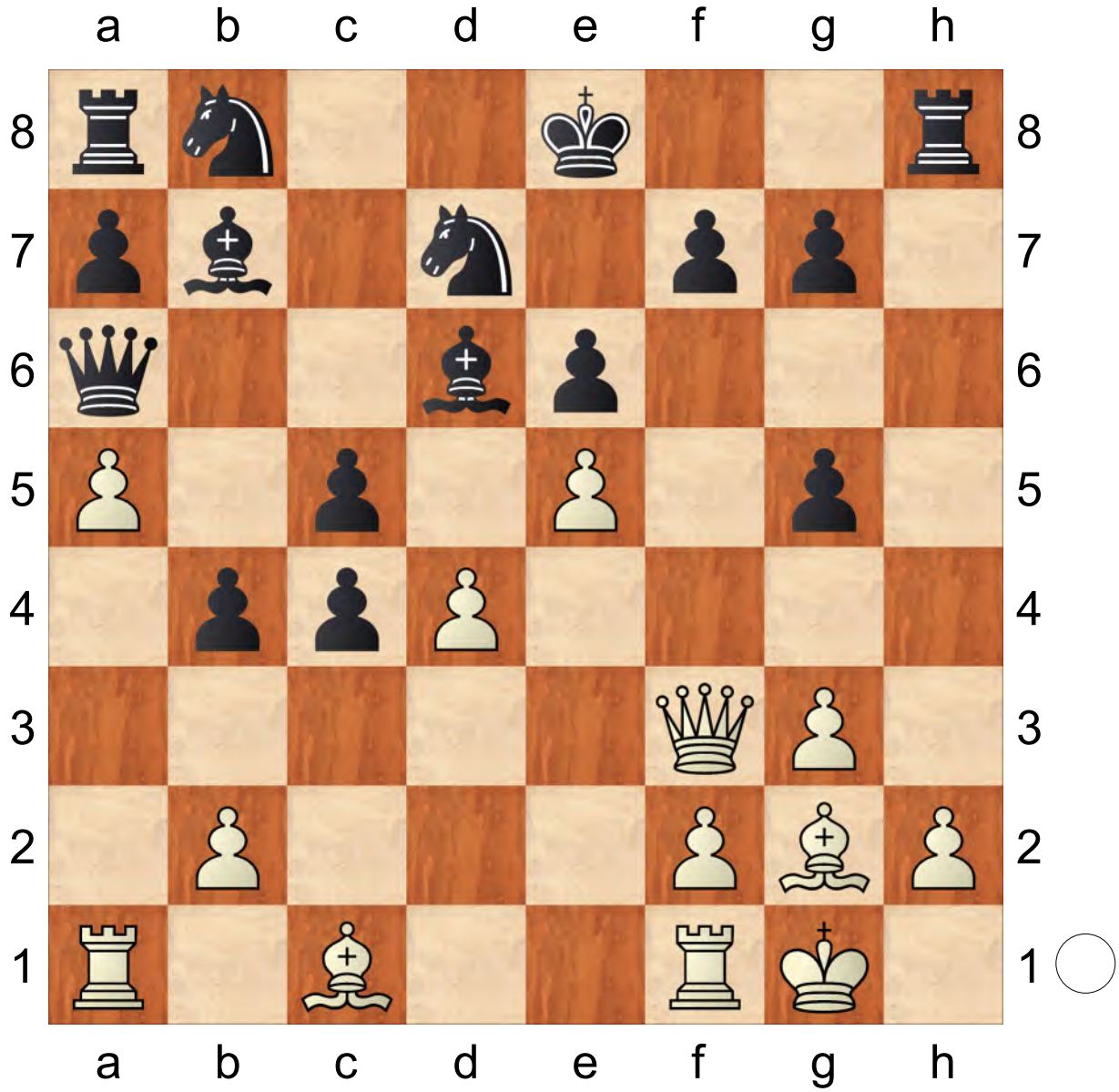
[14.Qh5! g6 15.Qh4! *(15.Qf3* This would lead to the same position as in the game but, with an inclusion of the move g7-g6 which actually favours White as it weakens the dark squares. However, 15.Qh4 is a way stronger. *)*

A) 15...cxd4 16.Nd6+! Bxd6 17.exd6 Nc6 *(17...Kf8 18.Nxe6+! fxe6 19.Qe7+ Kg8 20.Qxe6+ Kg7 21.Be3!!* The most elegant solution. *dxe3 22.Qe7+ Kg8 23.fxe3* with inevitable mate.*)* 18.Re1!→ *(* Less clear is *18.Nxe6?! fxe6 19.Bxc6 0-0 20.Bxd7 Qxd6)*;

B) 15...Be7 16.Nd6+! Bxd6 17.exd6 Bxg2 18.Nxe6! g5 19.Nc7+ Kf8 20.Bxg5 Qxd6 21.Bf4 Qc6 22.Rfe1+-;

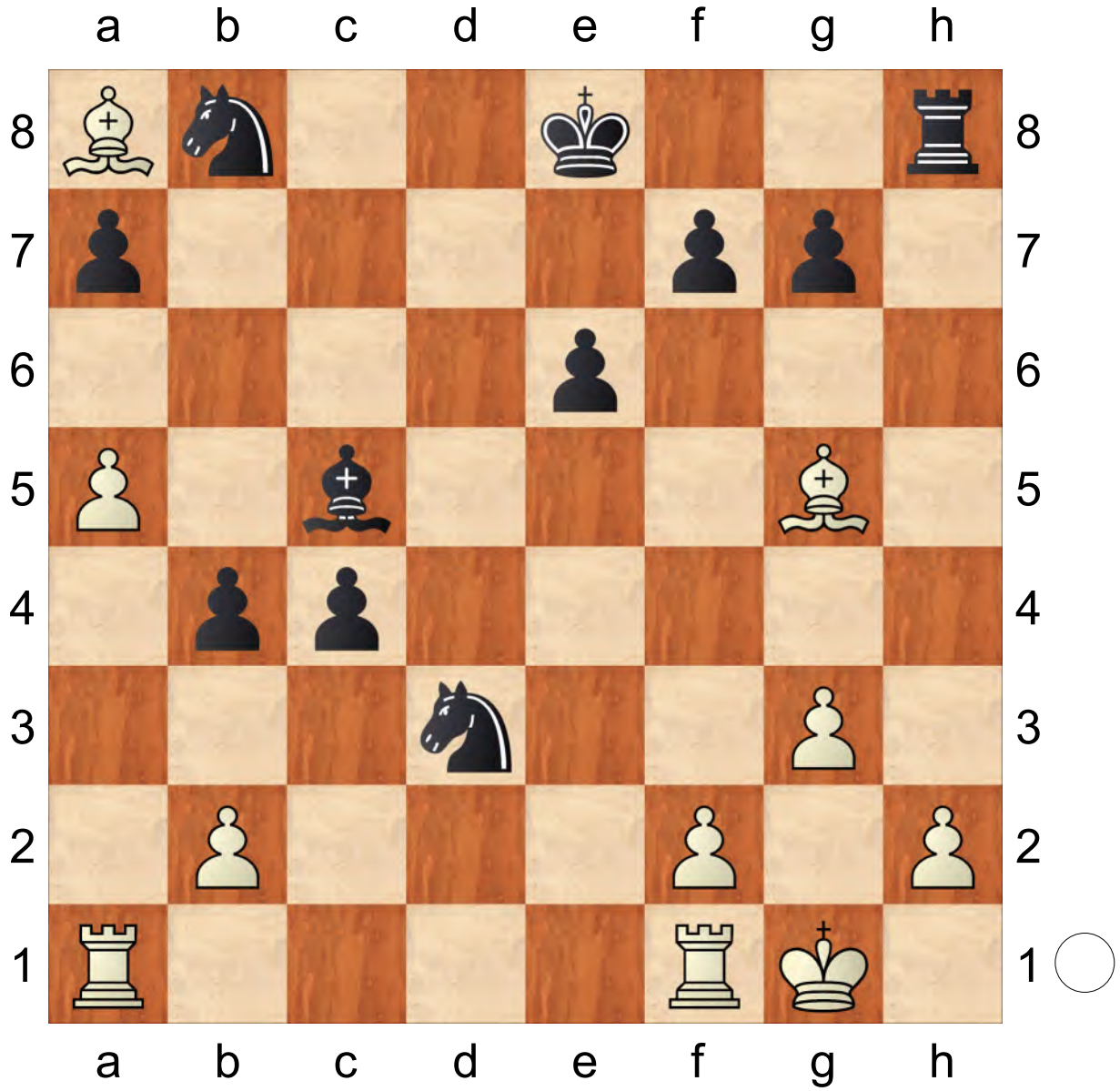
C) 15...Nc6! 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0-0! *(17...Nxd4 18.Nxe6 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Bxg2+ 20.Kxg2 Qxd6 21.Qe4+-)* 18.Nxf7 Nxd4 This would be Black's best chance but, the position is in White's favour anyway.]

14...hxg5 15.Nd6+ Bxd6



16.Qxb7 Qxb7 17.Bxb7 Be7
[17...Bc7 18.Rd1 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Nxe5 20.Bxa8 Na6 21.Bxg5 Nc5 22.Rdd1 0-0 23.Bg2±]
18.dxc5 Nxe5
[18...0-0 19.Bxa8 Nxc5⩱ was a worthy alternative. *(19...Na6?! 20.c6±)*]
19.Bxa8 Bxc5 Black can't both keep the ♙g5 and capture the ♙c5, has to make a choice.
[19...g4 20.Be3 Nbd7 21.f4 Nd3 22.Bc6±]
20.Bxg5 Nd3

(Diagram)



Black has certain compensation for the exchange. The knight on d3 is powerful. White's initiative was sold for a cheap price. **21.Rad1 f6 22.Bc1 f5**

[22...Nd7 23.Be4 N7e5⩲]

23.Bg5?!

[23.Bf3 Nd7 24.Be2 N7e5 25.h4 Bd4 26.Bg5 Bxb2 27.f4 Nc6 28.Bxd3 cxd3 29.Rxd3±]

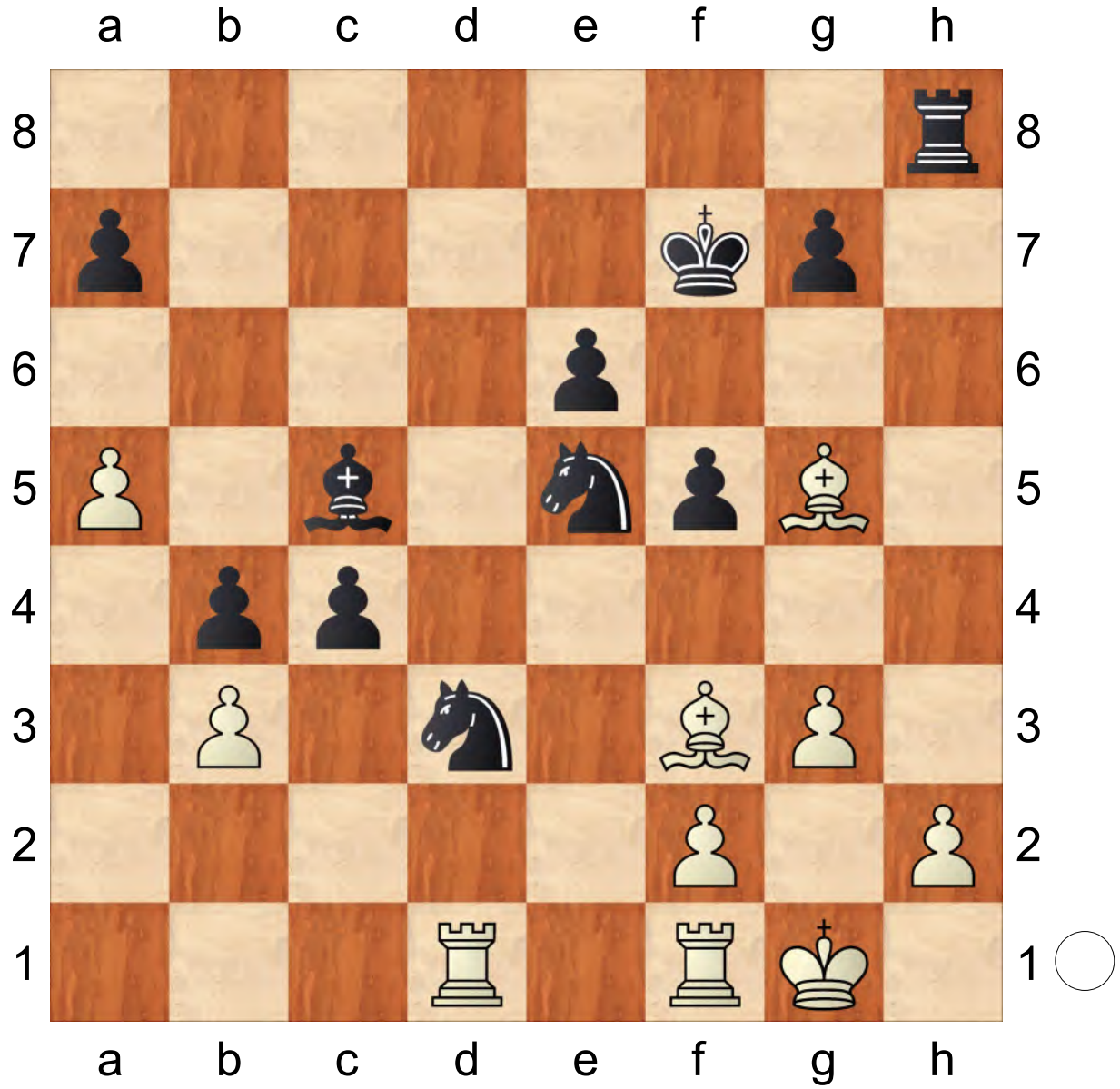
[23.Rxd3 cxd3 24.Rd1 Nd7 25.Rxd3 Ne5=]

23...Kf7 24.b3 Nd7 25.Bf3 I have to put my bishop on e2 in order to cover the g4 square against possible knight moves.

[25.Bg2? N7e5 26.bxc4 Nxf2 27.Rxf2 Ng4 and Black wins.]

25...N7e5

(Diagram)



26.Be2 Nxf2! Sacrificing a piece, but gaining a lot of pawns. **27.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Rxh2+ 29.Ke3** One engine suggests going with the king to the 1st rank, which I didn't even consider... **29...cxb3 30.Rb1?!**

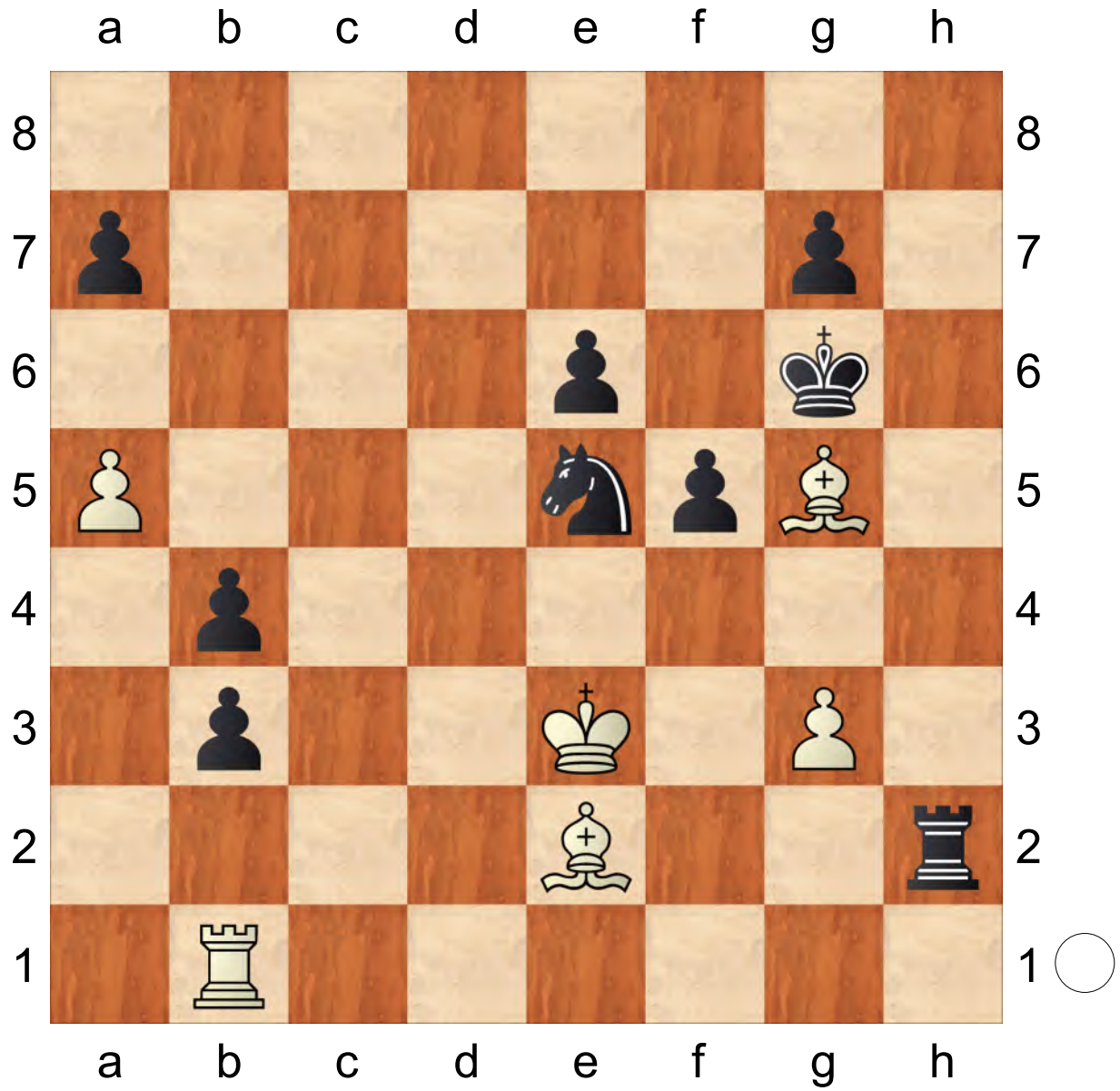
[30.Bf4 Kf6 31.Rb1 g5 32.Bxe5+ Kxe5 33.Rxb3 f4+ 34.gxf4+ gxf4+ 35.Kd2 Kd5 and White has to play accurately to assure a draw.]

[30.Rc1 b2 31.Rb1 Nc6 32.Rxb2 Kg6 The bishop is actually trapped. 33.Bh4 Kh6 34.Rd2 g5 35.Rd6 gxh4 36.Rxe6+ Kg7 37.Rxc6 hxg3 38.Bd3 g2 39.Kf2 Rh3 40.Bxf5 Rf3+ 41.Kxg2 Rxf5 42.Rc7+ Rf7 43.Rc4=]

30...Kg6

(Diagram)

31.Bf4 Nc6 32.Bc7 I was rather more concerned about losing the a-pawn than



taking the risk of giving my opponent winning chances. **32...e5 33.Bd3 Kf6 34.a6?** As usual for mutual time-trouble the quality of moves drastically decreases.

[34.Rxb3 Rg2 35.Kf3 Ra2 36.Ke3 Ra3 37.Bc4 Ke7 38.Rxa3 bxa3 39.Bd5 Kd7 40.Bxc6+ Kxc7 41.Bd5 Kd6 42.Bf7 Kc5-+]

[34.Rc1! The rook had to be activated. Still, even here Black is not worse after Ne7 35.Rc5 e4 36.Be5+ Kg5 37.Be2 Rg2]

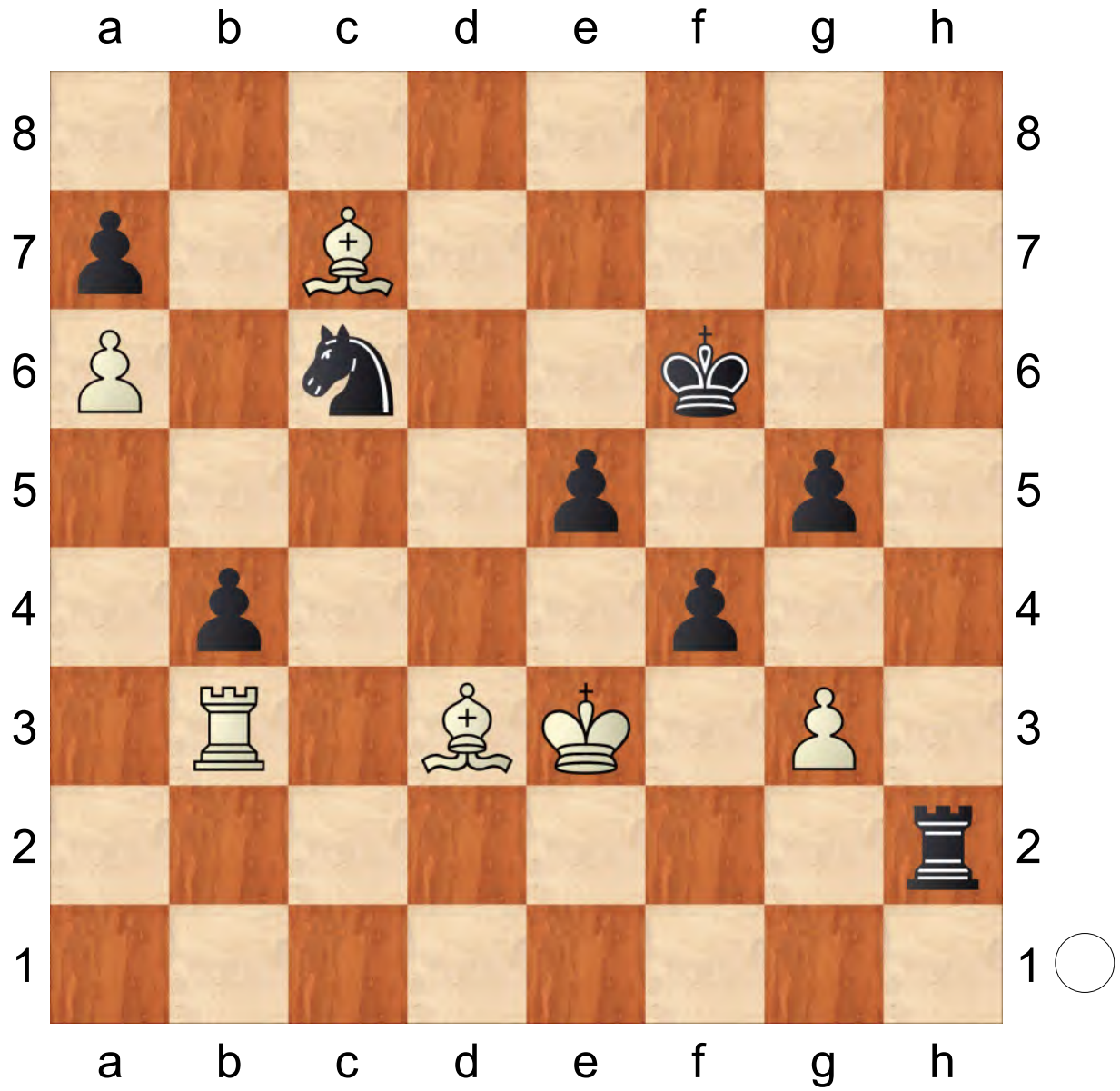
34...g5

[34...Rg2! 35.Kf3 Rc2! Both players missed this idea. 36.Ke3 Rc3 37.Kd2 Ke6 White is in deep trouble.]

35.Rxb3 f4+?

[35...g4!]

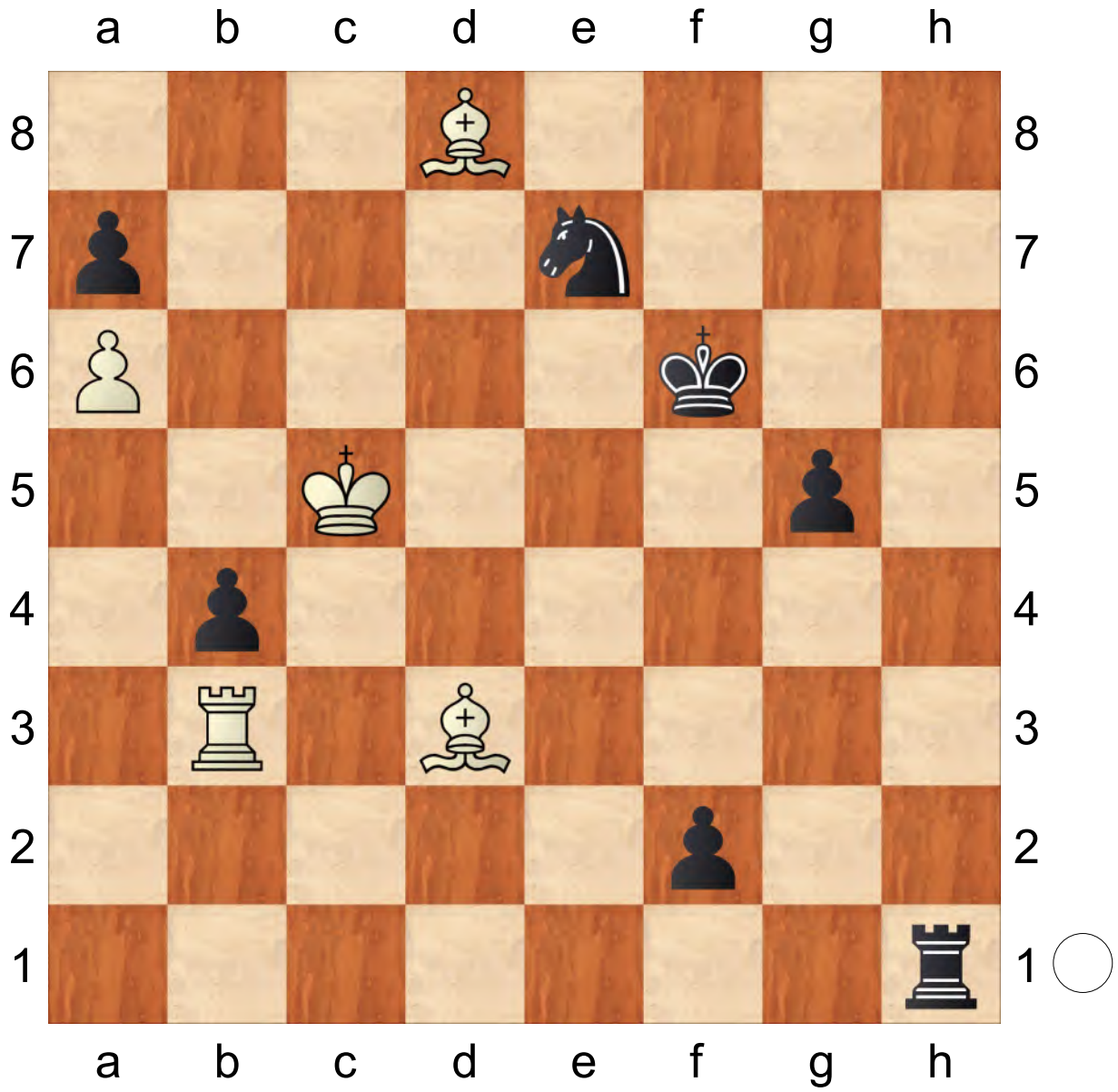
(Diagram)



Wrong push. **36.gxf4 exf4+ 37.Ke4 Rh1 38.Kd5 Ne7+ 39.Kc5 f3?**
[39...Rc1+ 40.Bc4 Nf5 41.Kxb4 Ne3 42.Rc3 Rxc3 43.Kxc3 Nxc4 44.Kxc4 f3 45.Bg3 Ke6 leads to a drawn endgame.]
40.Bd8?
[40.Bg3 g4 41.Bf2 Rh2 42.Bd4+ Kf7 43.Kb5 Rh5+ 44.Bc5 f2 45.Rxb4 Rf5 46.Bf1 Nd5 *(46...g3 47.Rg4 Nc8 48.Rxg3 Nd6+ 49.Kc6 Rxc5+ 50.Kxd6 Rc1 51.Rf3++-)* 47.Rxg4 Ne3 48.Rf4 Rxf4 49.Bxe3 Rf5+ 50.Kb4+-]
40...f2

(Diagram)

41.Rb2 f1Q 42.Bxf1 Rxf1 43.Re2 This was the point of 40.♗d8. Unfortunately, there is a fault in my idea. **43...b3 44.Bxe7+ Kf7! 45.Bd6 Rf5+!**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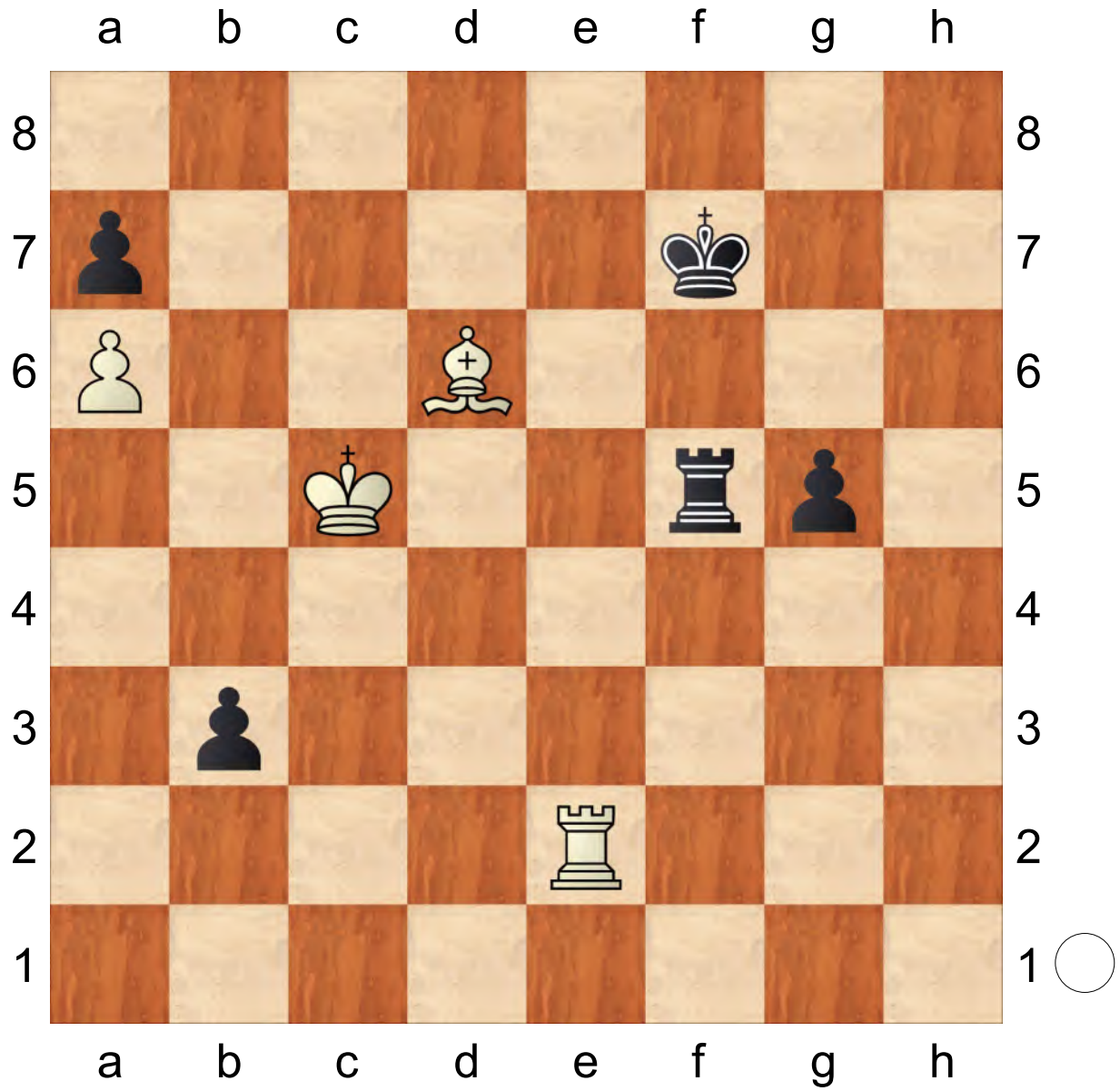

A very annoying check. It appears that White can't hold the ♙a6. **46.Kb4 Rf6 47.Kc5 Rf5+ 48.Kc4**

[48.Kc6 Ra5=]

48...Ra5 49.Re7+ Kg6 50.Rxa7 b2

(Diagram)

51.Rb7 Rxa6 52.Be5 Kf5 53.Bxb2 g4?! Black would do better to keep his pawn on g5 and simply play with his rook. Moving the pawn forward makes White's task easier, as the pawn will be blocked and captured. **54.Kd3 g3 55.Ke2 Rg6**

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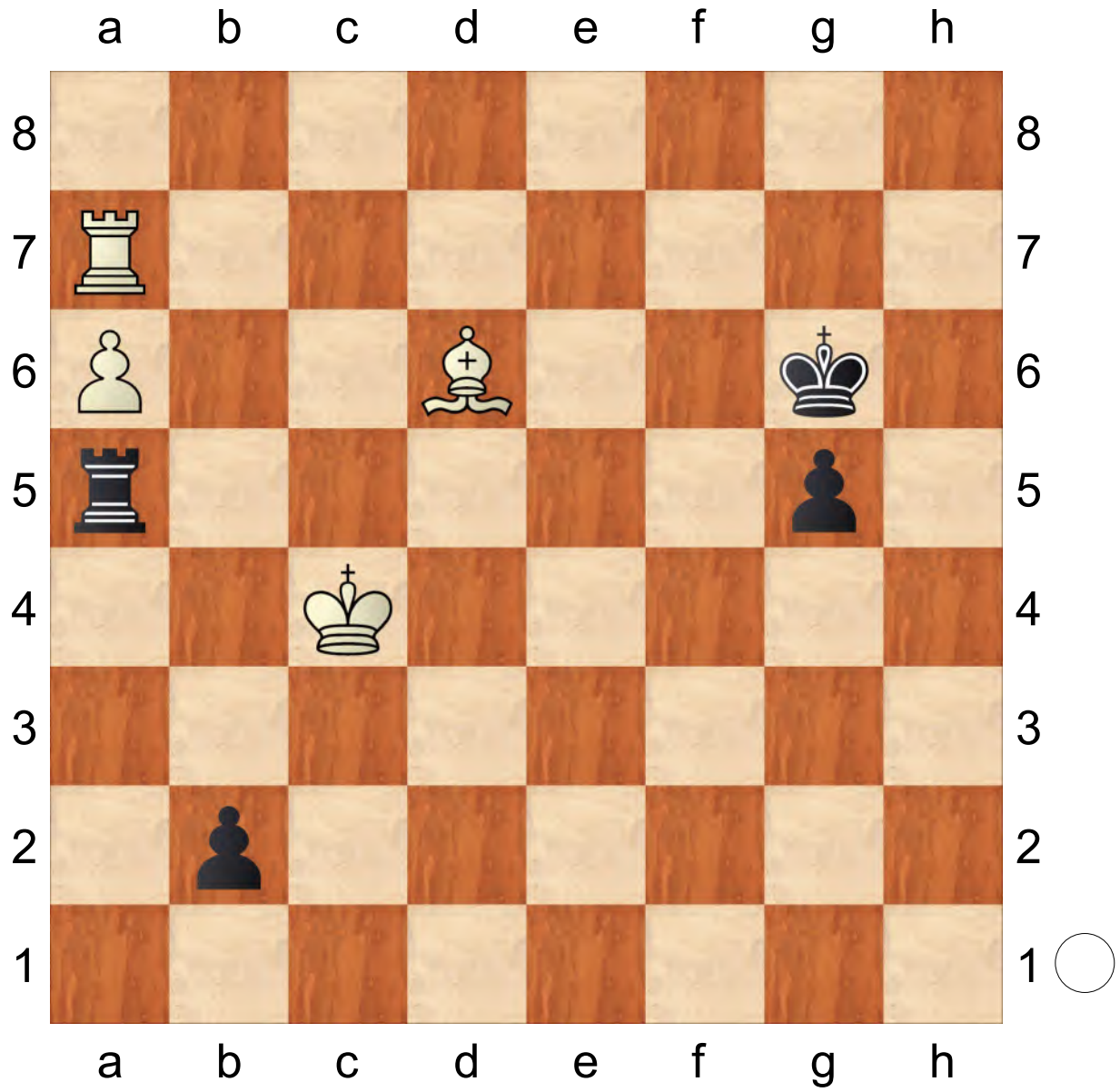
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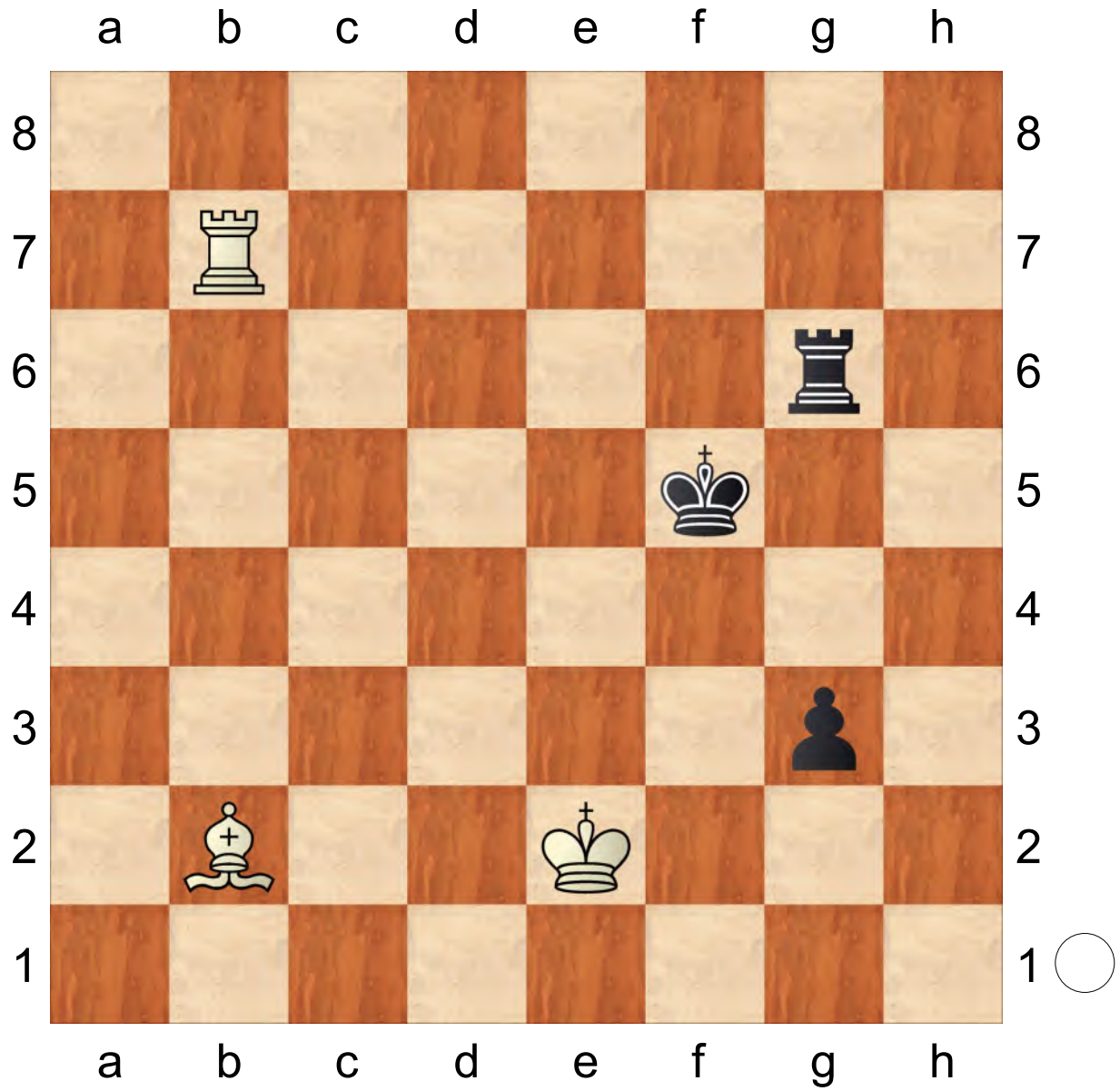


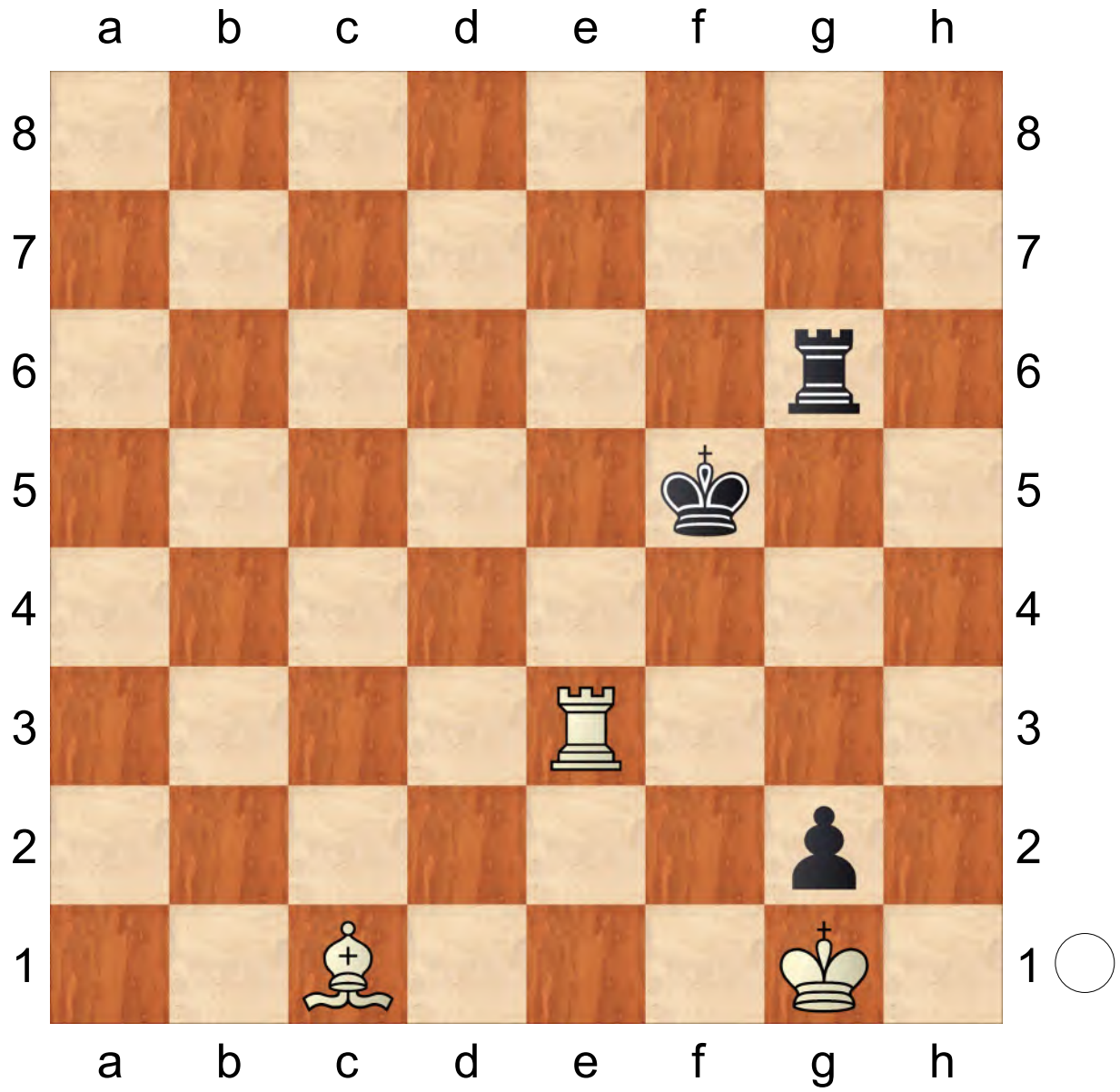
56.Kf1 g2+ 57.Kg1 Rg4 58.Rb3 Ke4 59.Bc1 Sooner or later White will capture the ♙g2 without the exchange of rooks. **59...Rg6 60.Re3+ Kf5**

(Diagram)

61.Bd2 Rg4 62.Ra3 Rg8 63.Be1 Kf4 64.Bf2 Rg6 65.Kh2 Ke4

(Diagram)

66.Bg3 Rg8 67.Kxg2 From now on Black should count on the fifty moves rule. However, my opponent had already less than 1 minute remaining on the clock without any increment. In such conditions it is impossible to hold this endgame since Black has to find numerous precise defensive moves. **67...Rc8 68.Ra4+ Kf5 69.Bf2**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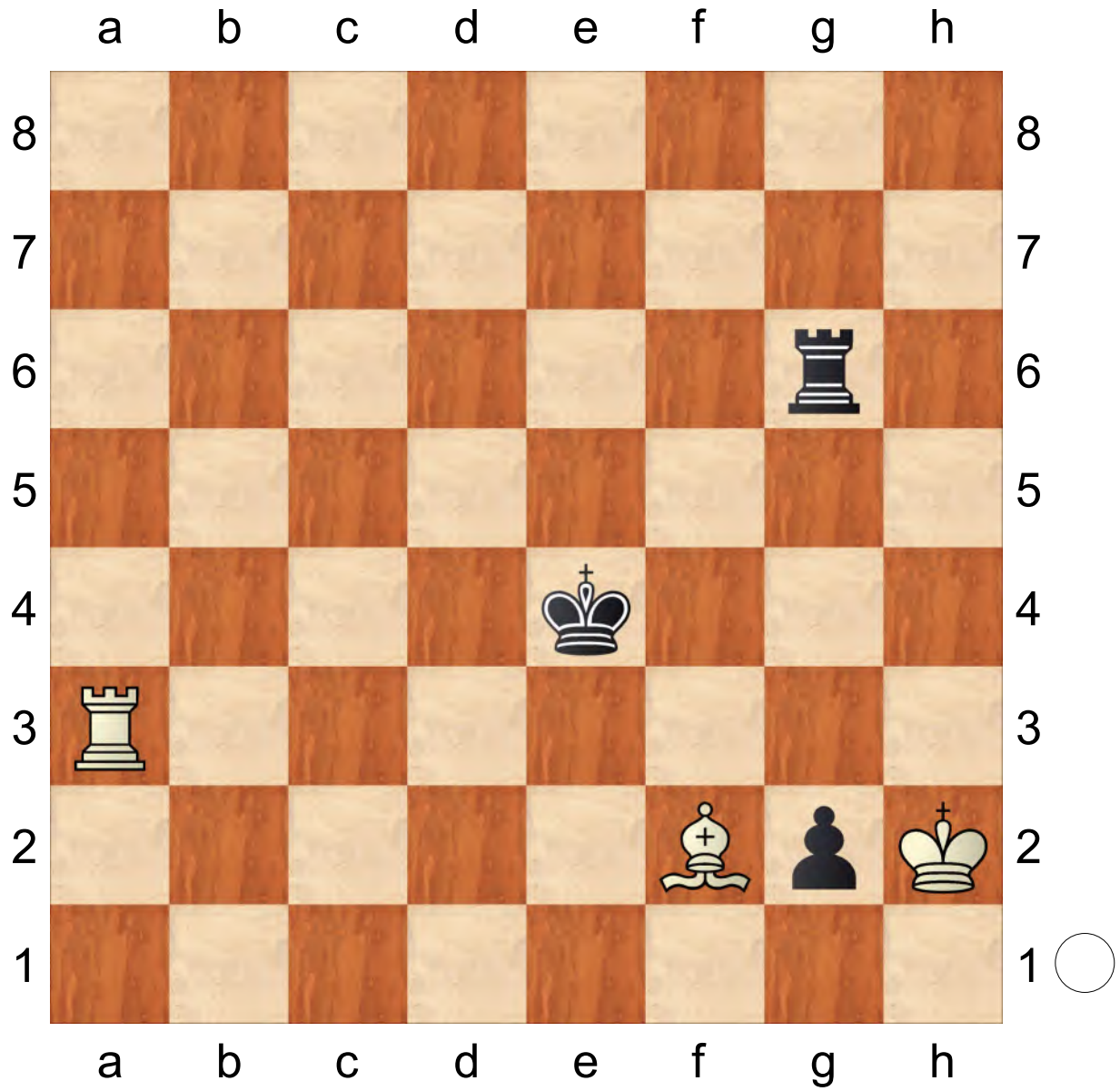


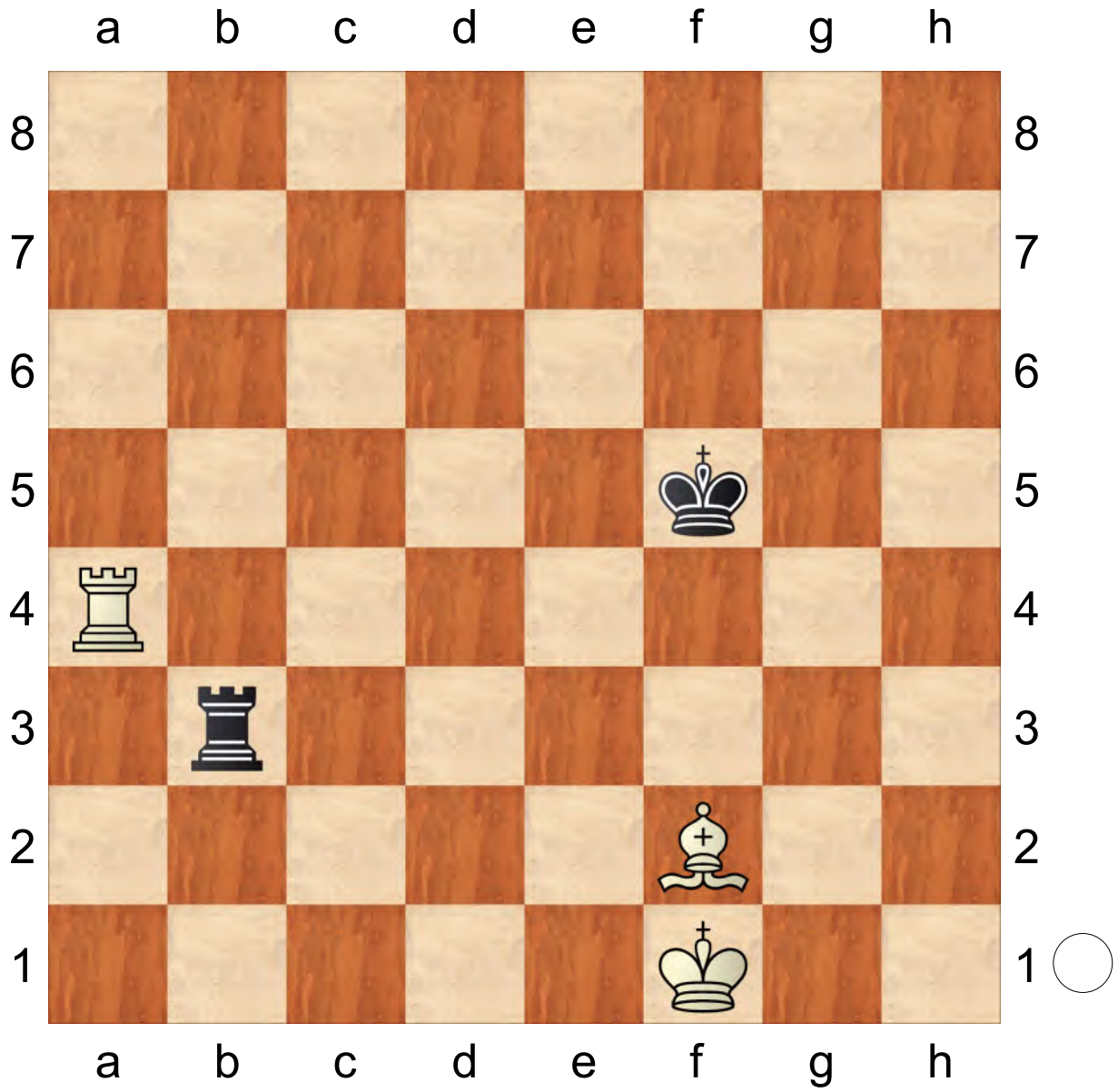
Rc3 70.Kf1 Rb3
[⌓70...Rc2]

(Diagram)

71.Ke2 Ke6 72.Be3 Kf5 73.Kf3 Ke5 74.Ra5+ Ke6 75.Ke4 Rb1

(Diagram)

76.Ra6+ Kd7 77.Kd5 Rd1+ 78.Bd4 Rd2 79.Ra7+ Kd8 With the king on the back rank Black has to be very careful. **80.Kc5 Ke8**
(Diagram)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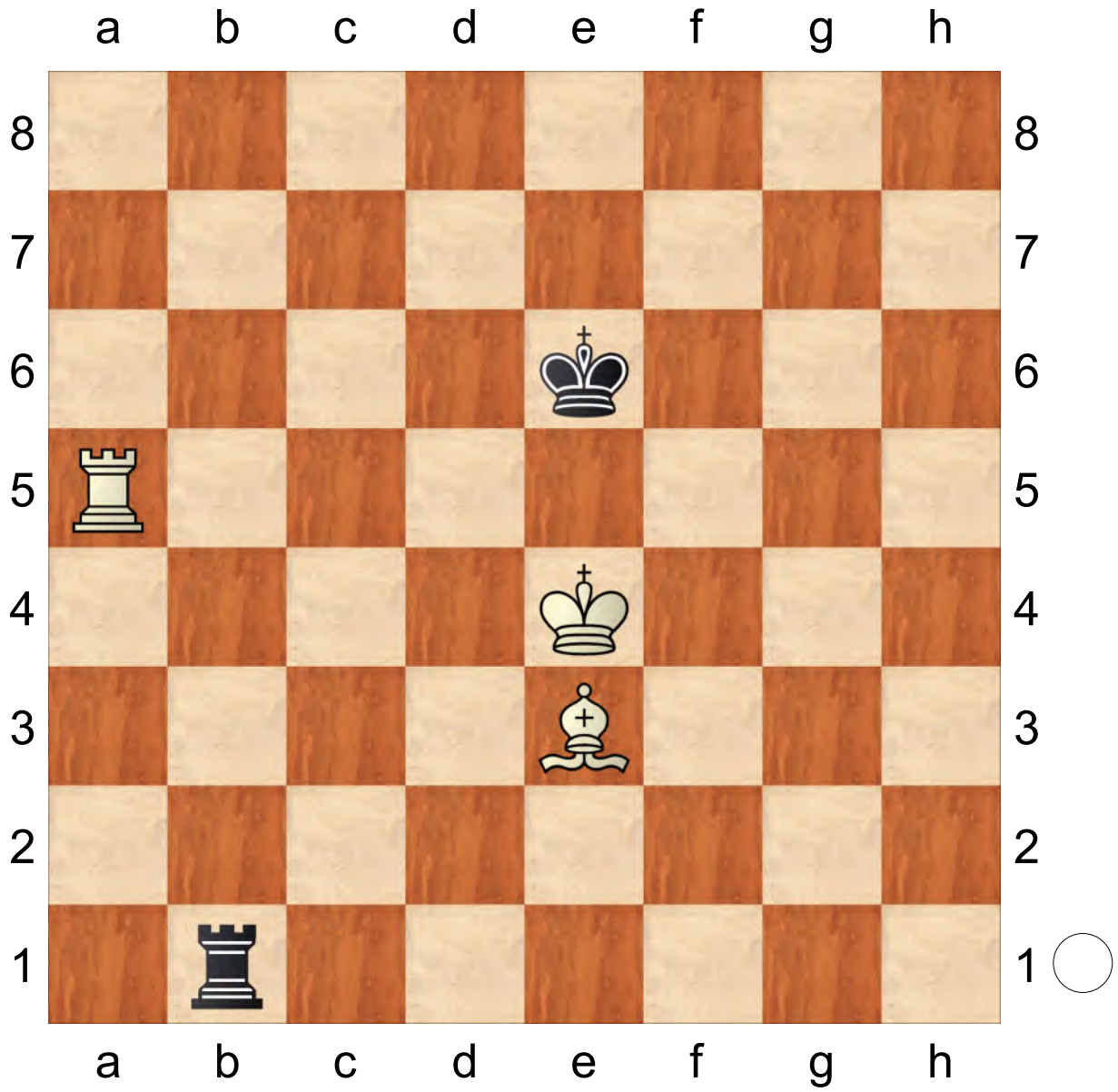
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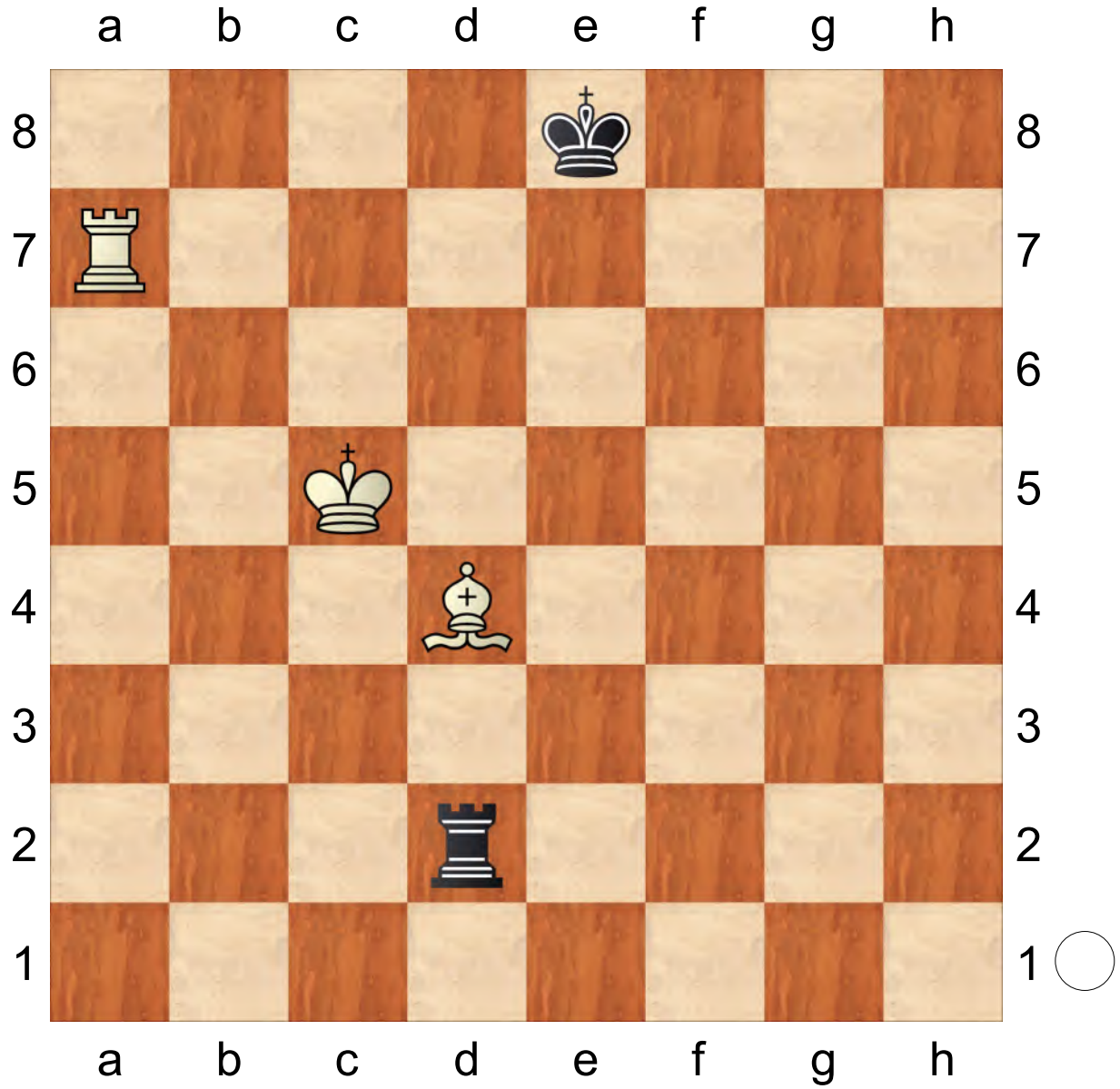

81.Rh7 Rd1 82.Be5 Rc1+ 83.Kd6 Kf8 84.Ke6 Rc6+ 85.Bd6+ Kg8

(Diagram)

86.Rh2 Rc1?

[86...Rc1? 87.Be5 Rc6+ 88.Ke7 Rh6 89.Rg2+ Kh7 90.Rg7+ Kh8 91.Rf7+! Kg8 92.Rf8+ Kh7 93.Kf7+-]

[86...Kg7]

[or 86...Ra6 were the correct moves.]

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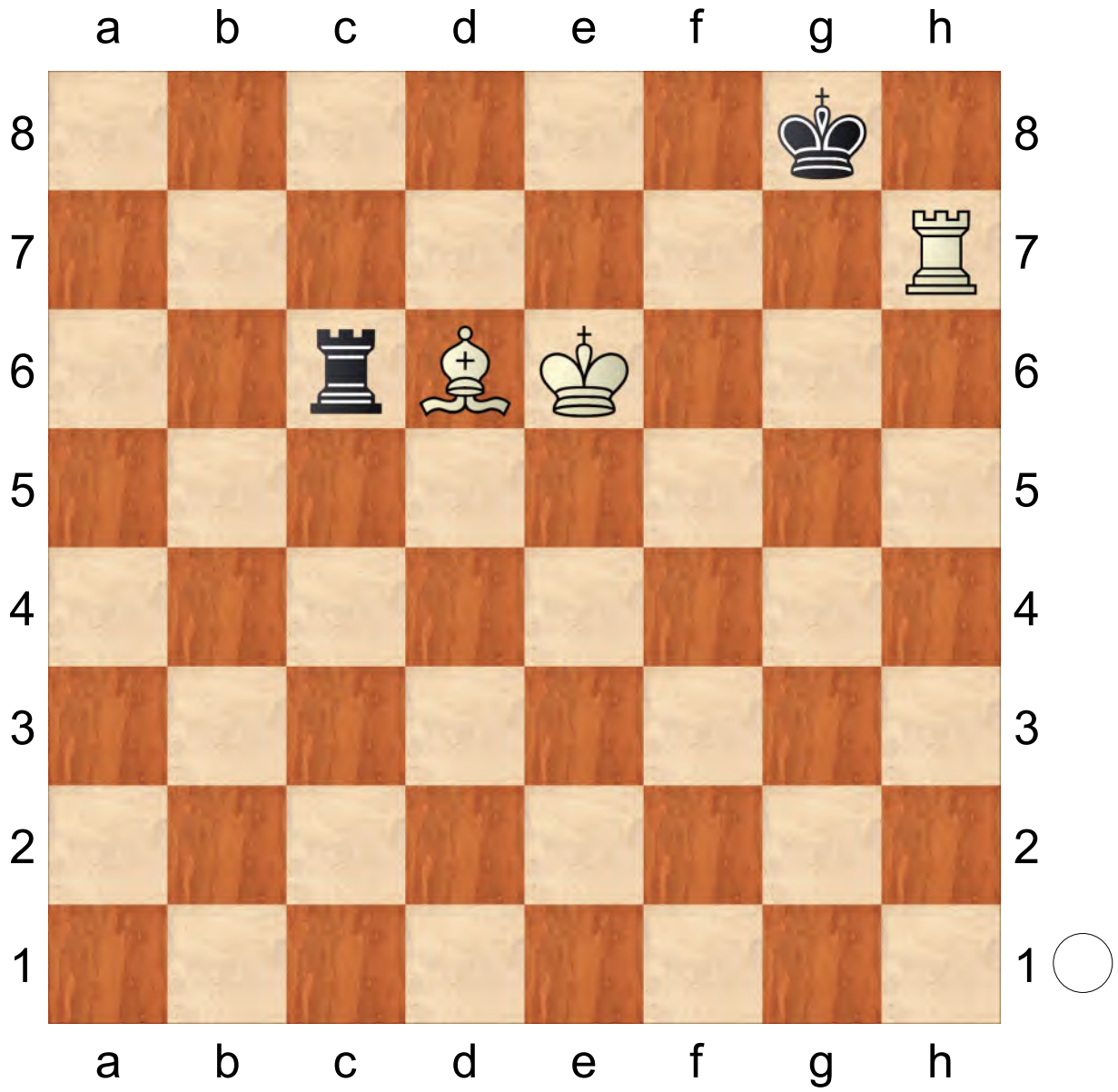
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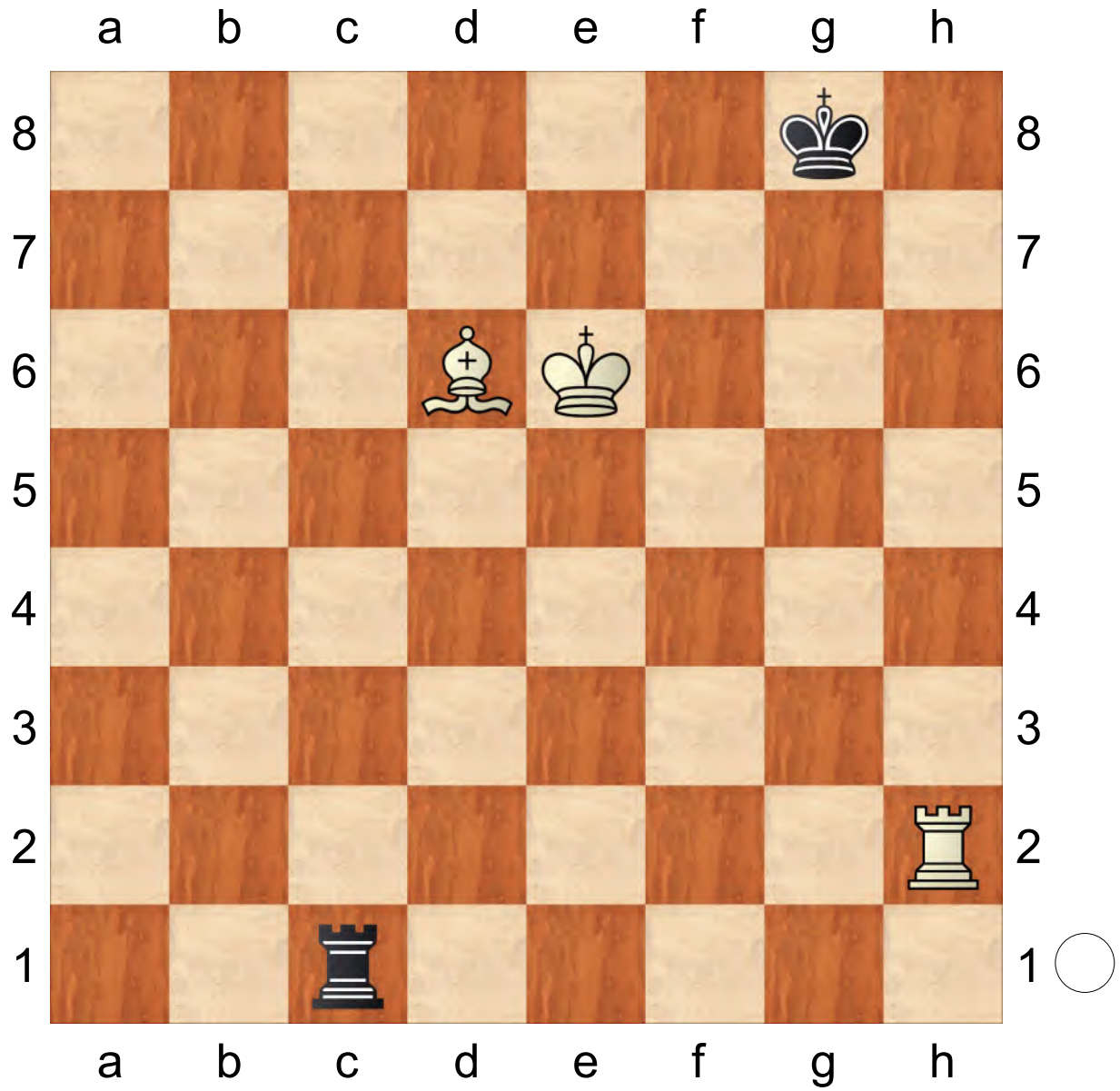

Black resigned with only one second left on the clock.

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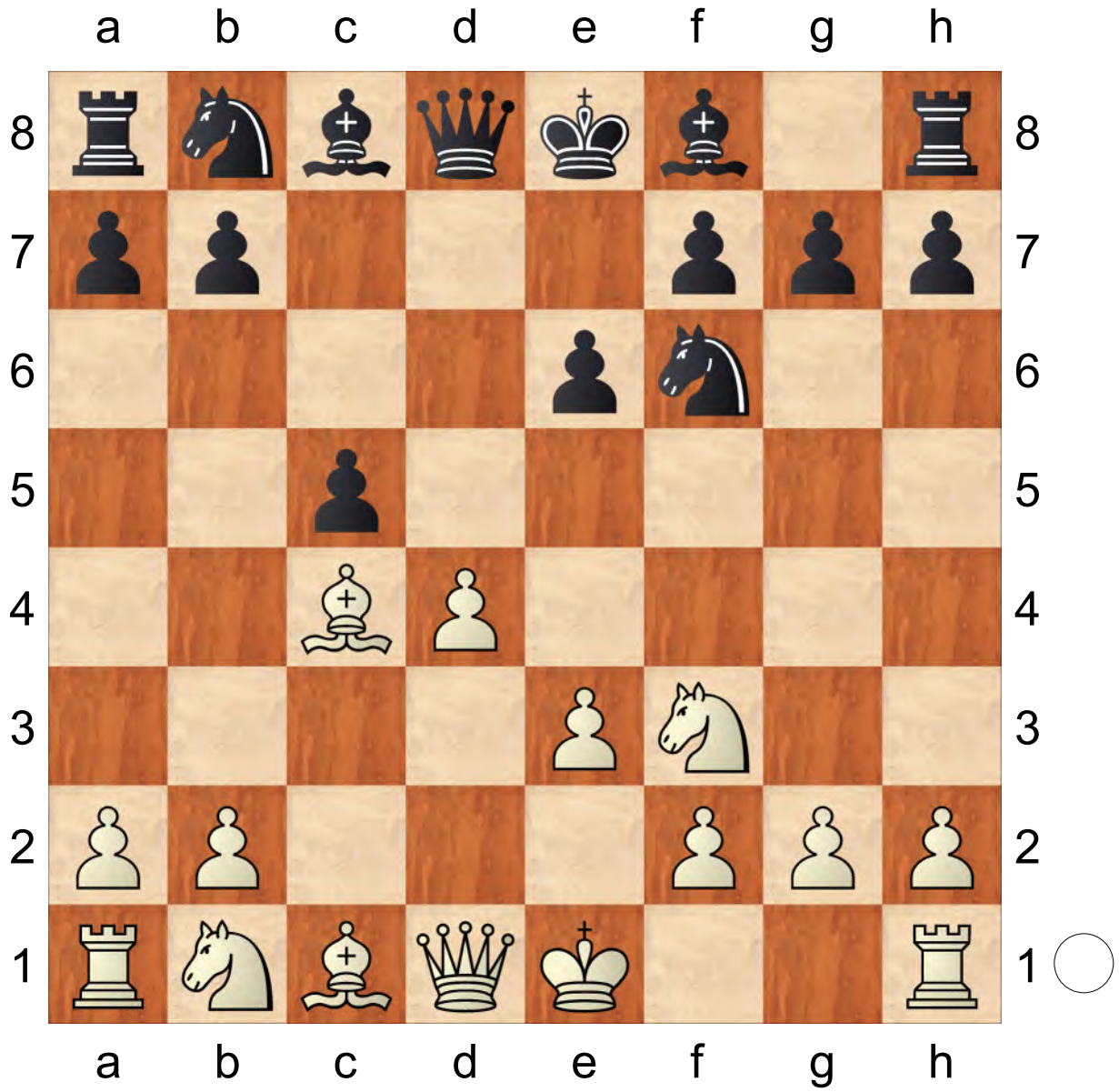
1.d4 Huzman Huzman **1...d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Bxc4 Nf6**



6.0-0 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Qe2 cxd4 9.Rd1 Be7 10.exd4 0-0

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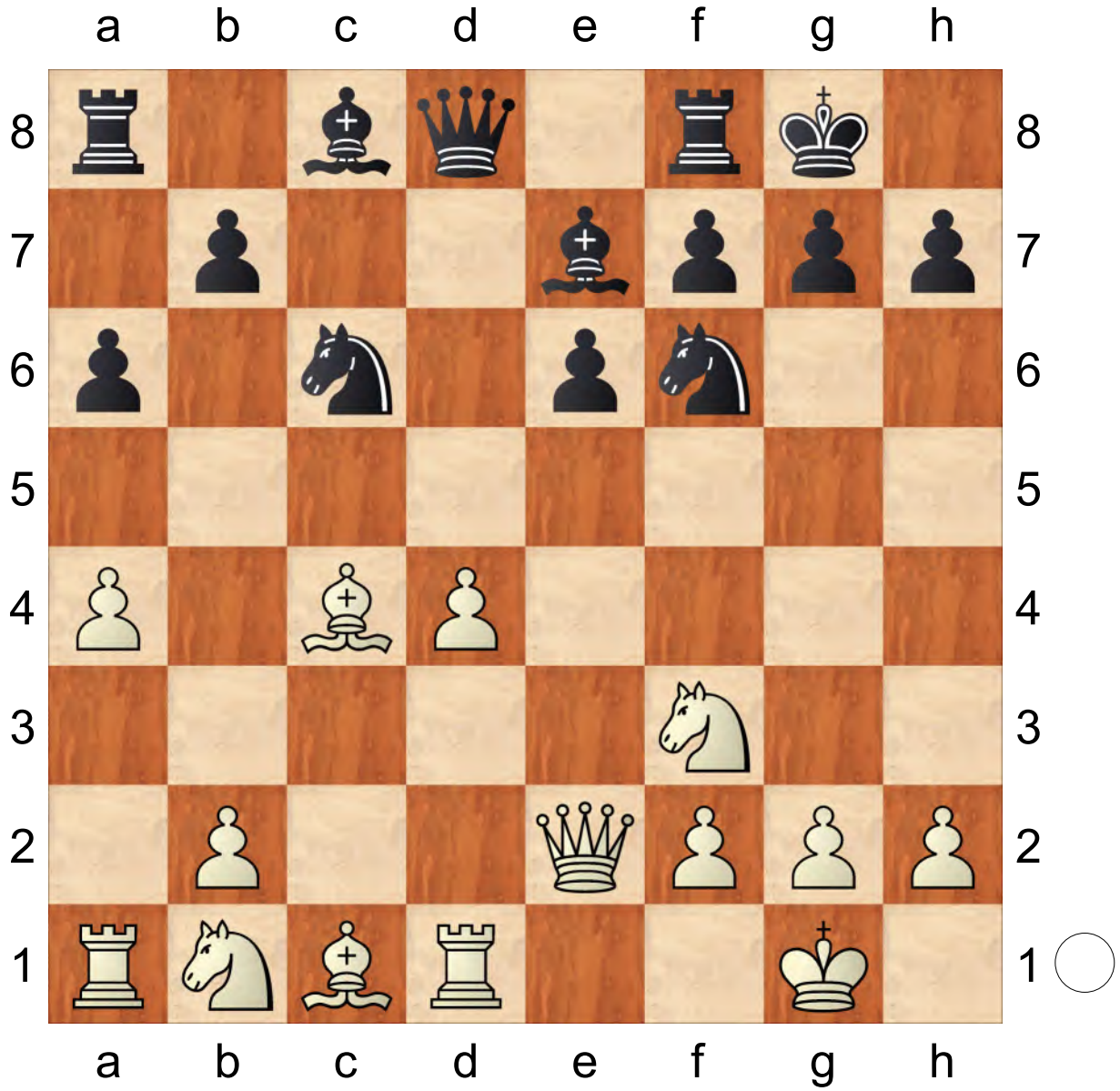
11.Nc3 Nd5 12.Bb3



[12.Qe4 Ncb4 13.Ne5 Qd6 14.Qg4 f5 15.Qe2 b6 16.Bxd5! Nxd5 17.Nc4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Qc7 19.Ba3± Marin,M-Garcia Palermo,C Andorra 1991/]

[12.Bd3 Ncb4 13.Bb1 b6 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.Ne4 Rc8 16.Ra3 f5 17.Ng3 Rxc1! 18.Rxc1 Nf4 19.Qc4 Bxg2 20.f3 b5!∓ Naumkin,I- Sadler,M London 1991/]

12...Ncb4

[12...Re8 was tried in Kramnik -Kasparov match in London.]

13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Nxd5

[14.Qg4 Nf6 15.Qg3 Bc6 *(15...Kh8 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nbxd5 18.Bxd5 Be6 19.Bh6 gxh6 20.Bxe6 Qe8 21.Bb3 Ne4 22.Qf3 Ng5 23.Qf5 Rd8 24.h4 Ne6 25.Bc2* 1-0 Rogozenko,D-Vaulin,A/Pardubice 1997/CBM 59 ext (25)*)* 16.Bh6 Ne8 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bf4 ½-½ De Groot,A-Bratholm,P/ICCF EM/TT/D/03 1997/ 74 telechess (38) *(18.Ne4±)*]

[14.Bd2 Bc6 15.Rac1 a5 16.Ne4 Qe8 *(16...Rc8 17.Nc5 Qd6 18.Nc4 Qd8*

19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Qe1 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Qxa4 23.Bxb4 Qc6 24.f3 Ra8 25.Qe3 f6 ½-½ Gruenberg,R-Bischoff,K/BL8485 1985/GER-chT (25) *)*
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[14.h3!? Be8 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.Bd2 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Nc6 18.Bf4 Bd6 19.Qg3± Vyzmanavin,A-Ehlvest,J Tilburg 1992/]
[14.Qf3 Be8 15.Qh3 Rc8 16.Bd2 Qd6 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Qxc8 Bxa4 20.Qc3 1-0 Hansen,C-Sorensen,T/Hinnerup 1979/EXT 98 (20)]

14...exd5

[More ambitious was 14...Nxd5 15.Rd3 Bc6 *(15...Rc8 16.Bd2 Bc6 17.Re1 Bf6 18.Ng4 Bg5 19.Ne5 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 Nf6 21.Rc1 Bd5=* ½-½ Hort,V-Chandler,M/ Biel 1987/CBM 03 (33)*)* 16.Rg3?! Bf6 17.Bc2 g6□ 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Re1 Qb6 20.Rg4 Ne7 21.h4 Nf5 22.Bg5 Bg7 23.h5 Qxb2∓ 1-0 Magerramov,E-Raetsky, A/Rostov 1993/CBM 36/ (40)]

15.Qf3 Be6

(Diagram)

16.Bd2± White have small,but long-lasting advantage.
[16.Bf4 Re8 *(16...f6 17.Nd3 Nxd3 18.Rxd3 Rc8 19.Re3 Bf7 20.h4 Bb4)* 17.Rac1 Qb6]

16...Nc6

[16...Rc8 17.Bc3]

17.Bc3 Rc8 18.a5

[18.Nd3 Bd6 19.Nf4 Qh4 20.g3 Qf6]

18...Qd6

[18...Rc7 19.g3 Qd6 20.Nd3 Qd7 21.Re1↑]

19.Nd3 Qd7 20.h3 Bd6

(Diagram)

21.Rd2!

[21.Nf4 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Bf5=]

21...Rfd8 22.Bc2! g6

[22...Qc7 23.Re2↑]

23.Nf4 Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Re8 25.f3 Qc7

(Diagram)

26.Qxc7 Rxc7 27.g4!± Black are doomed to passive defence and Aseev demonstrates exellent technique. / **± 27...f6 28.Re1 Rce7 29.Kf2 Bf7 30.Rxe7 Rxe7**

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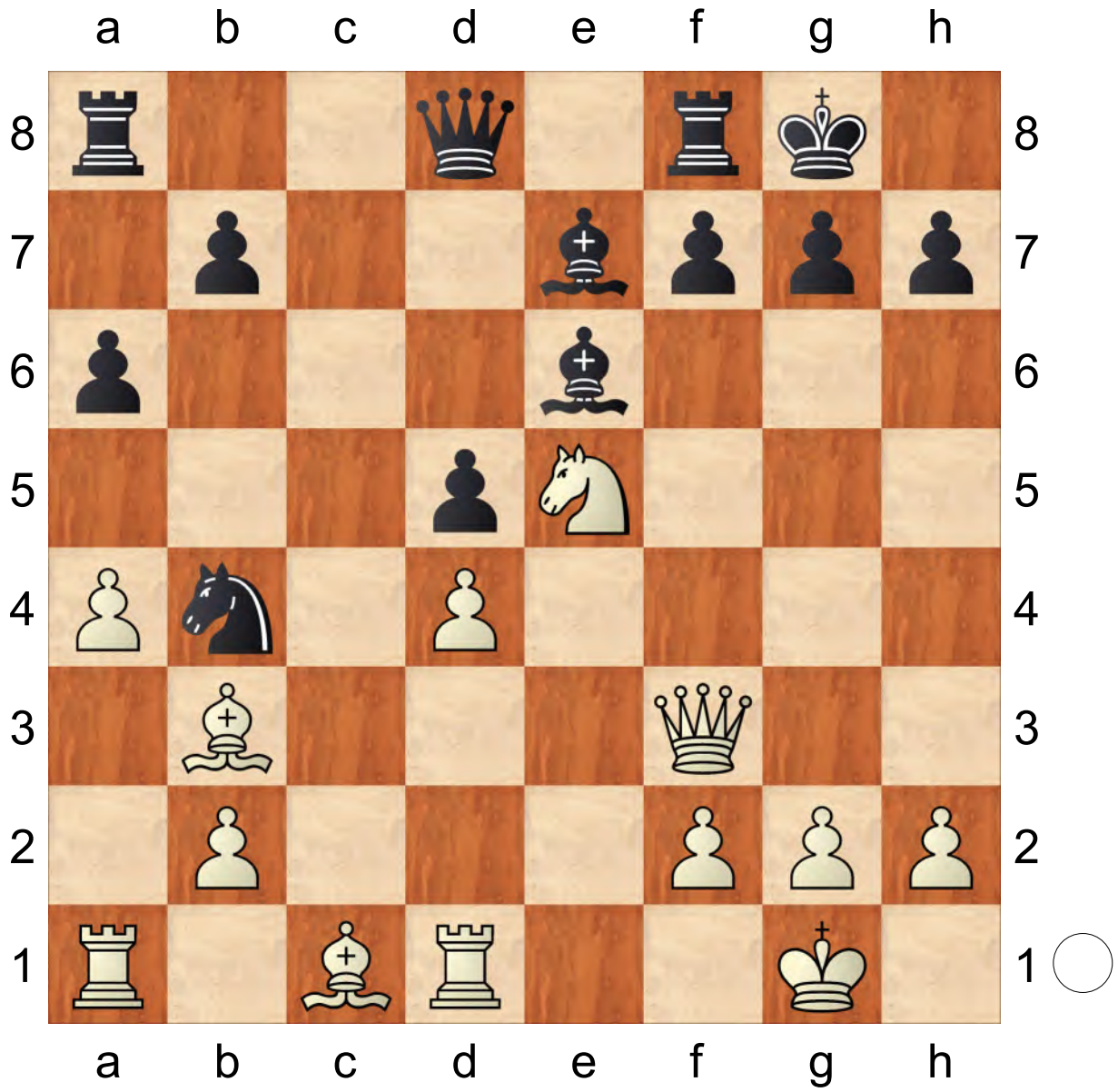
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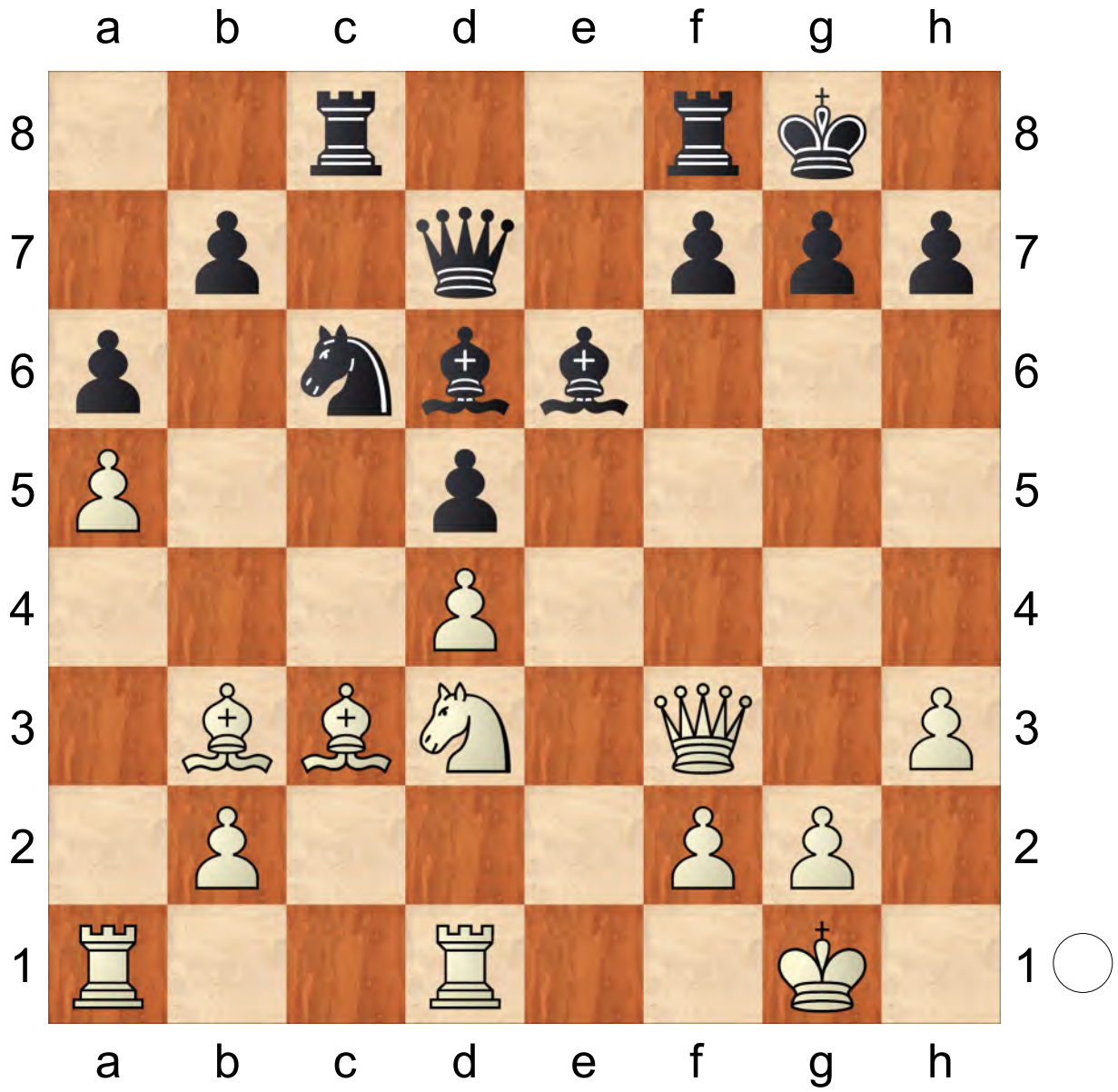
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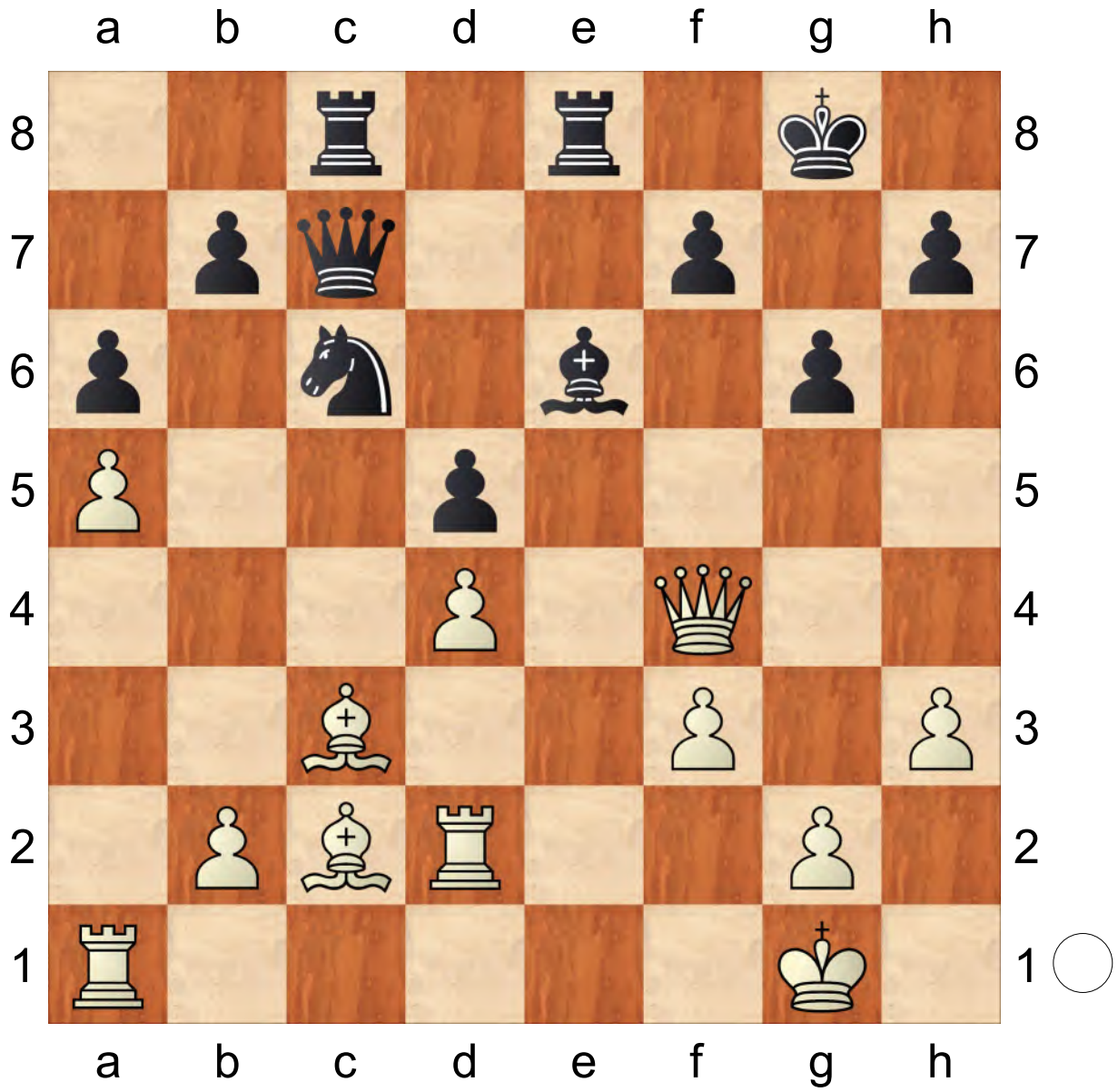
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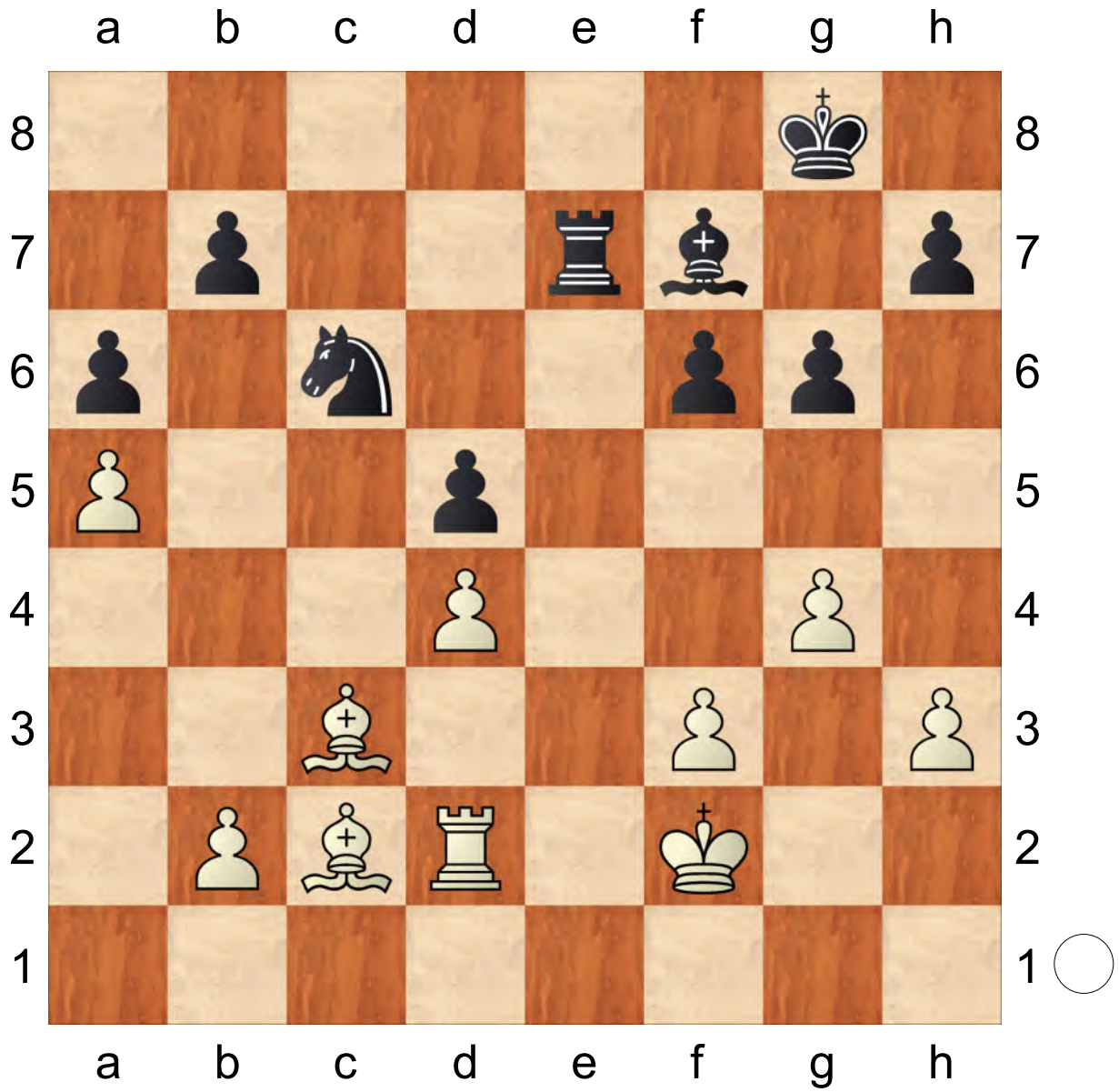


31.h4 Kg7 32.Bb3 h5?! Now pawn on h5 is becoming a permanent weakness.
33.gxh5 gxh5 34.Rd1 Rd7 35.Rg1+ Bg6

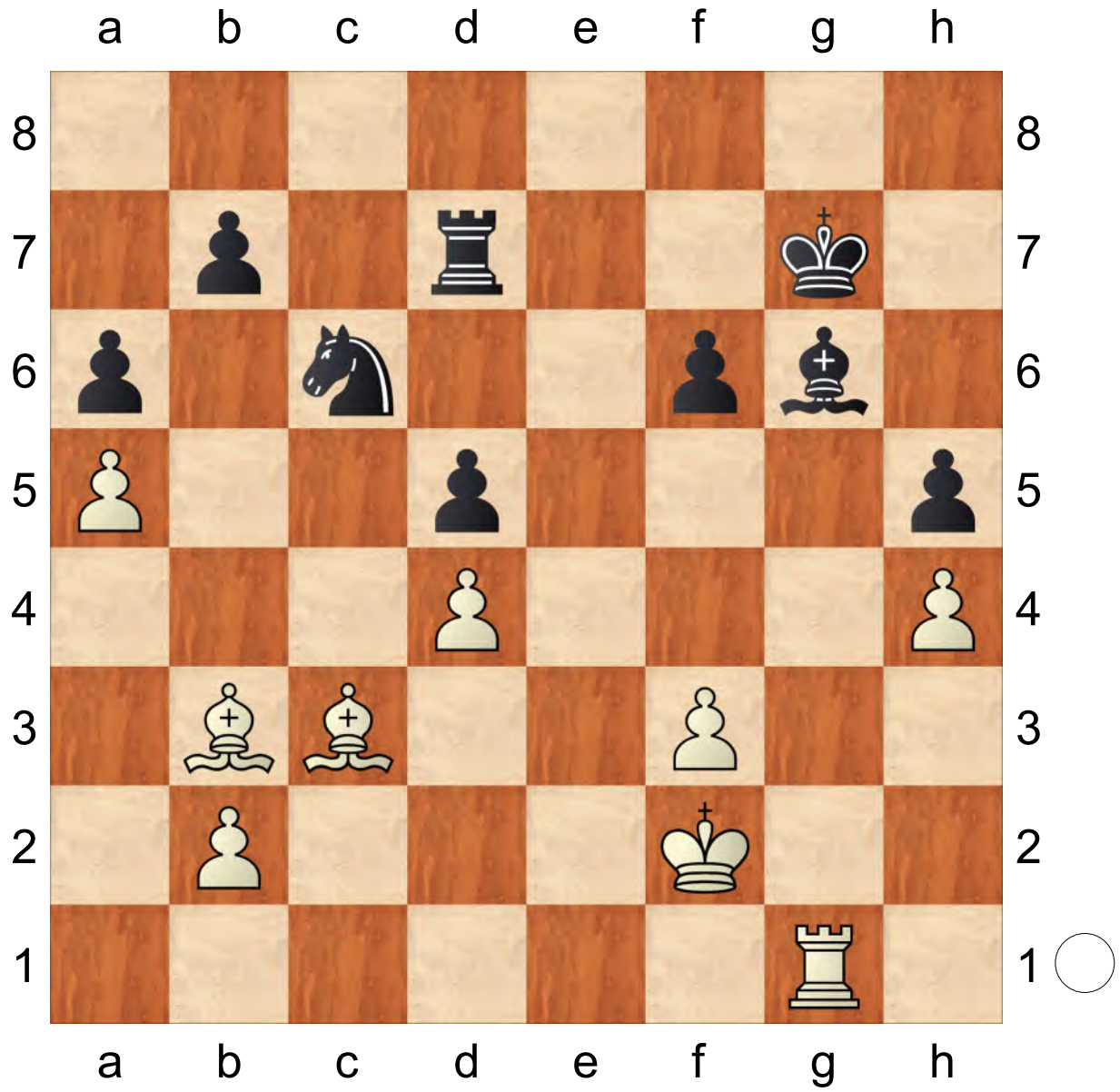
(Diagram)

36.Ba4 Rc7 37.Bb3 Rd7 38.Ke3 Kf7 39.Kf4 Ne7 40.Bb4 Nc6

(Diagram)

41.Ba4 Bd3 42.Bc5 Rc7 43.Rd1 Bh7 44.Re1 Bg6 45.Re3 Bb1

(Diagram)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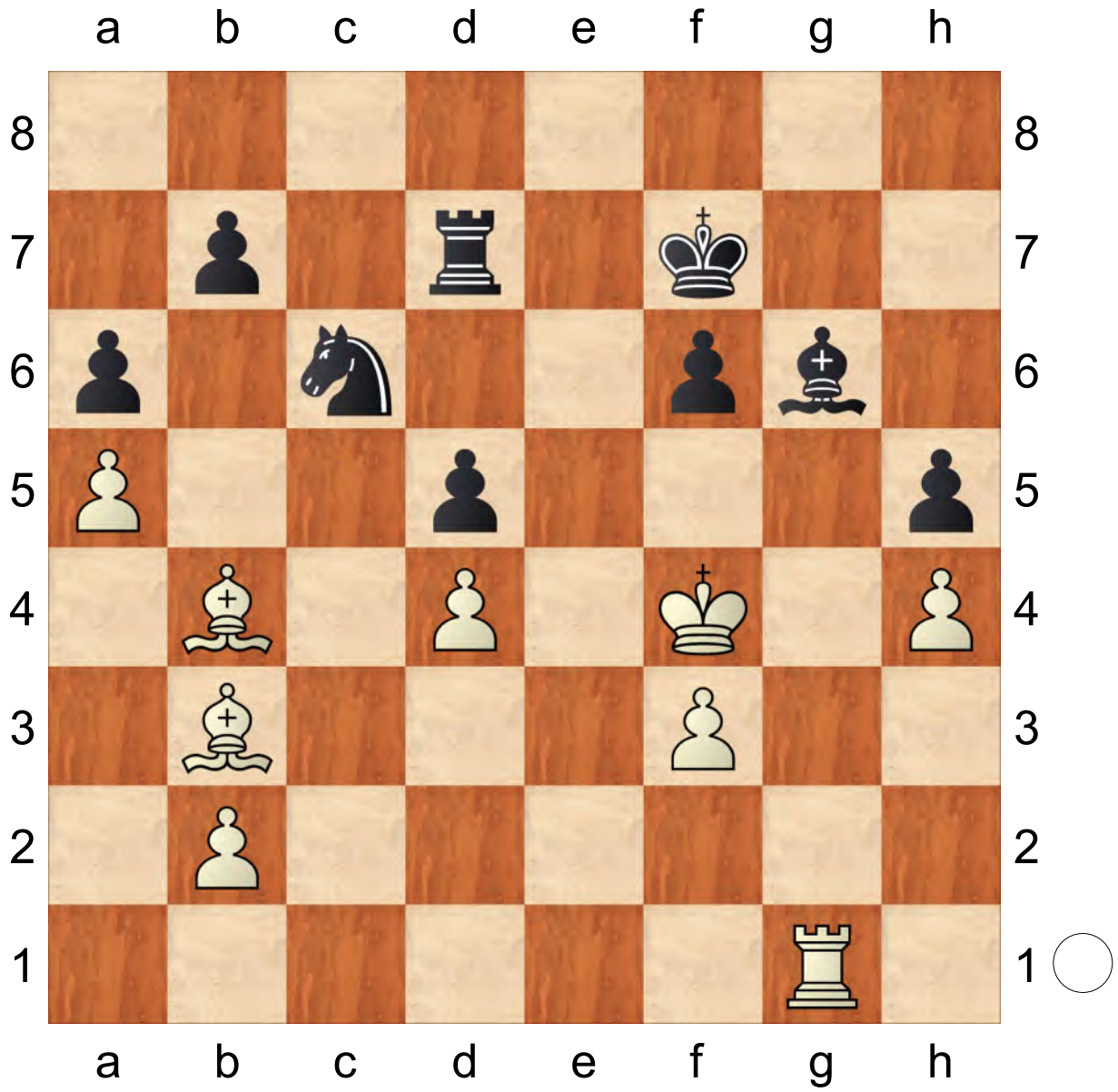
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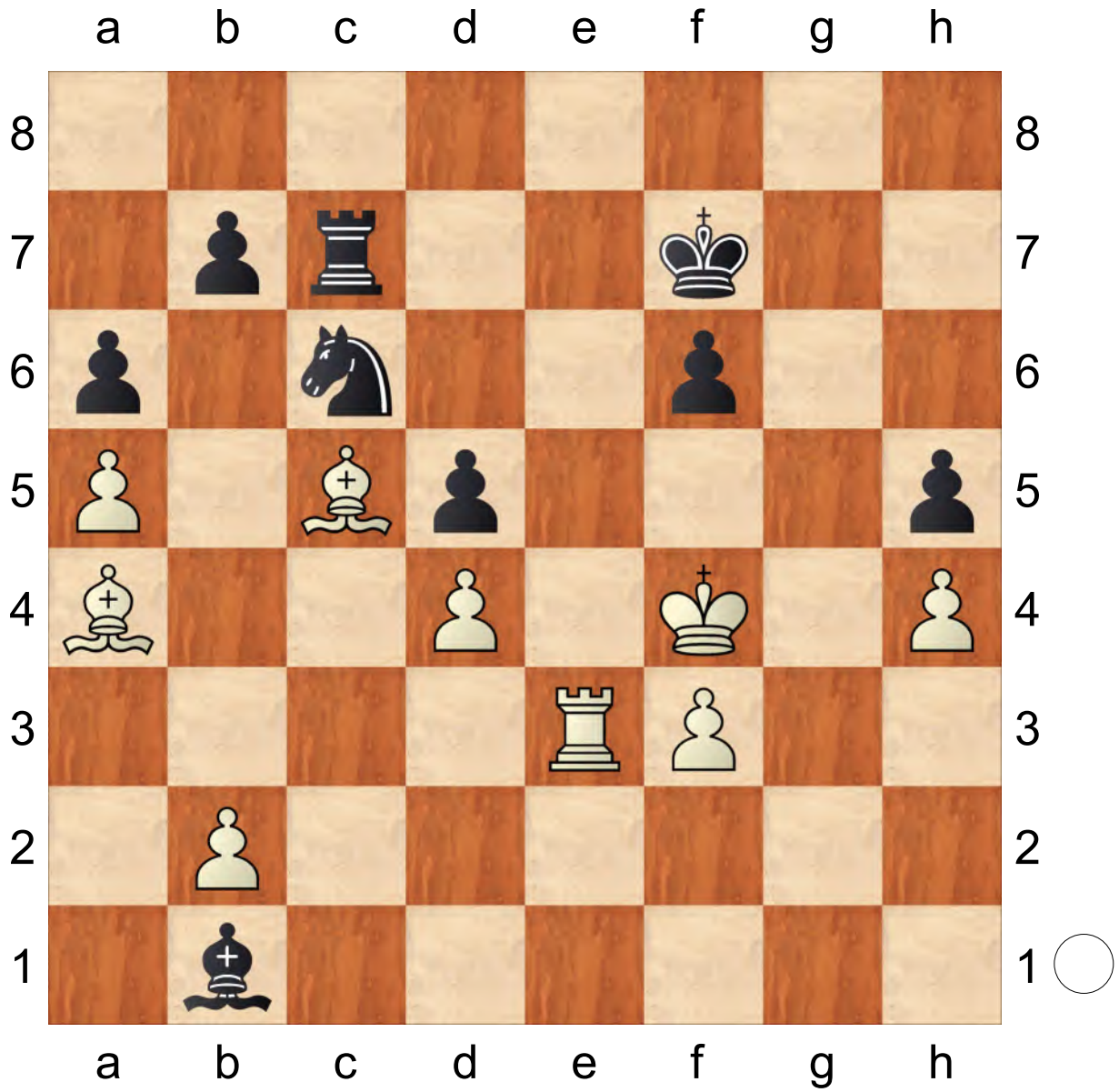


46.b4 Bg6 47.Kg3 Ne7?

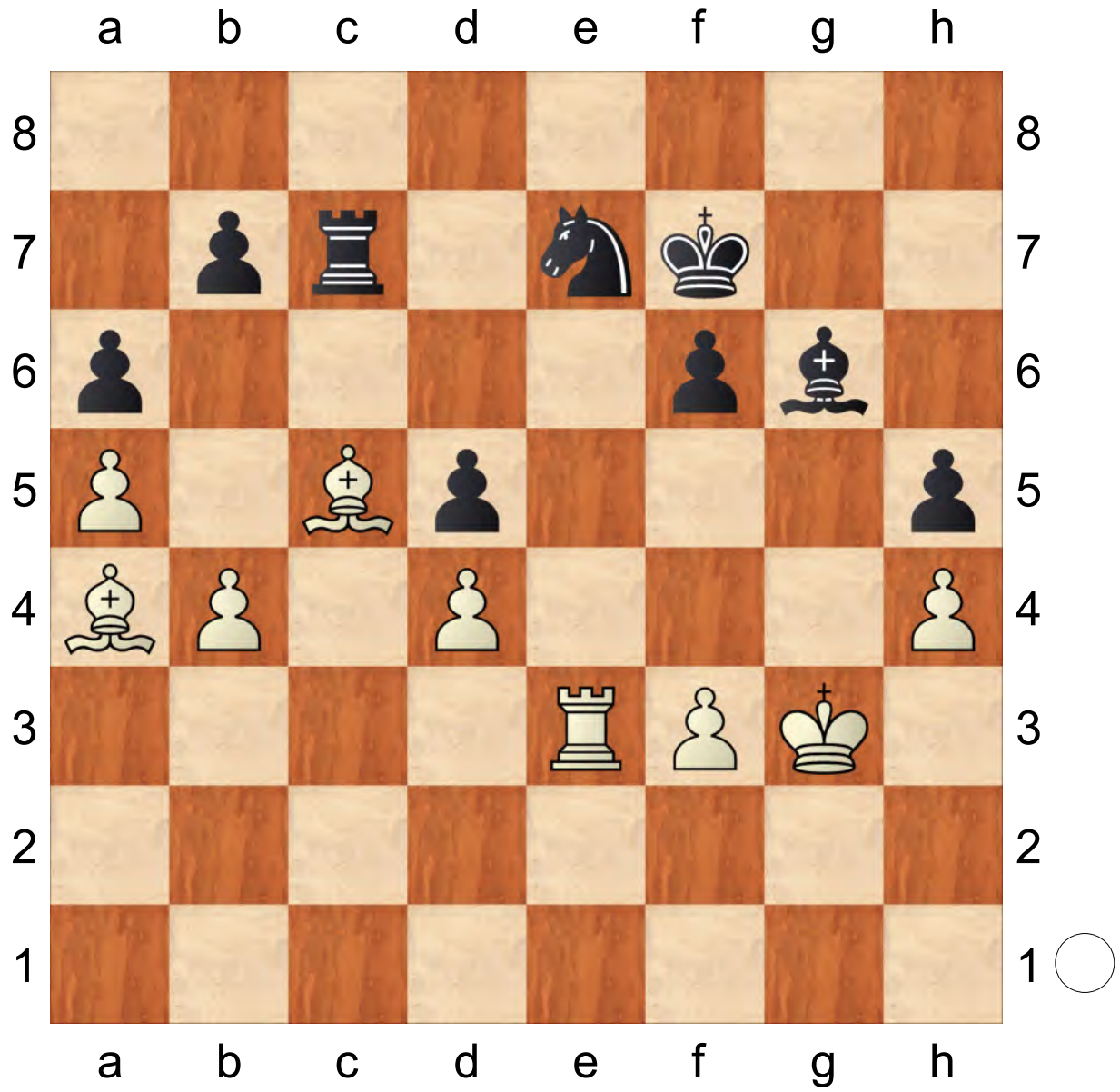
(Diagram)

Should White take an opportunity and transpose to Bishop ending?

48.Bxe7! Rxe7 49.Rxe7+ Kxe7 50.b5! axb5
[50...Be8 51.bxa6 bxa6 52.Bxe8 Kxe8 53.Kf4 Ke7 54.Kf5 Kf7 55.f4+-]

(Diagram)

51.Bxb5± Kd6 52.Kf4 Kc7 53.Ba4 Kd6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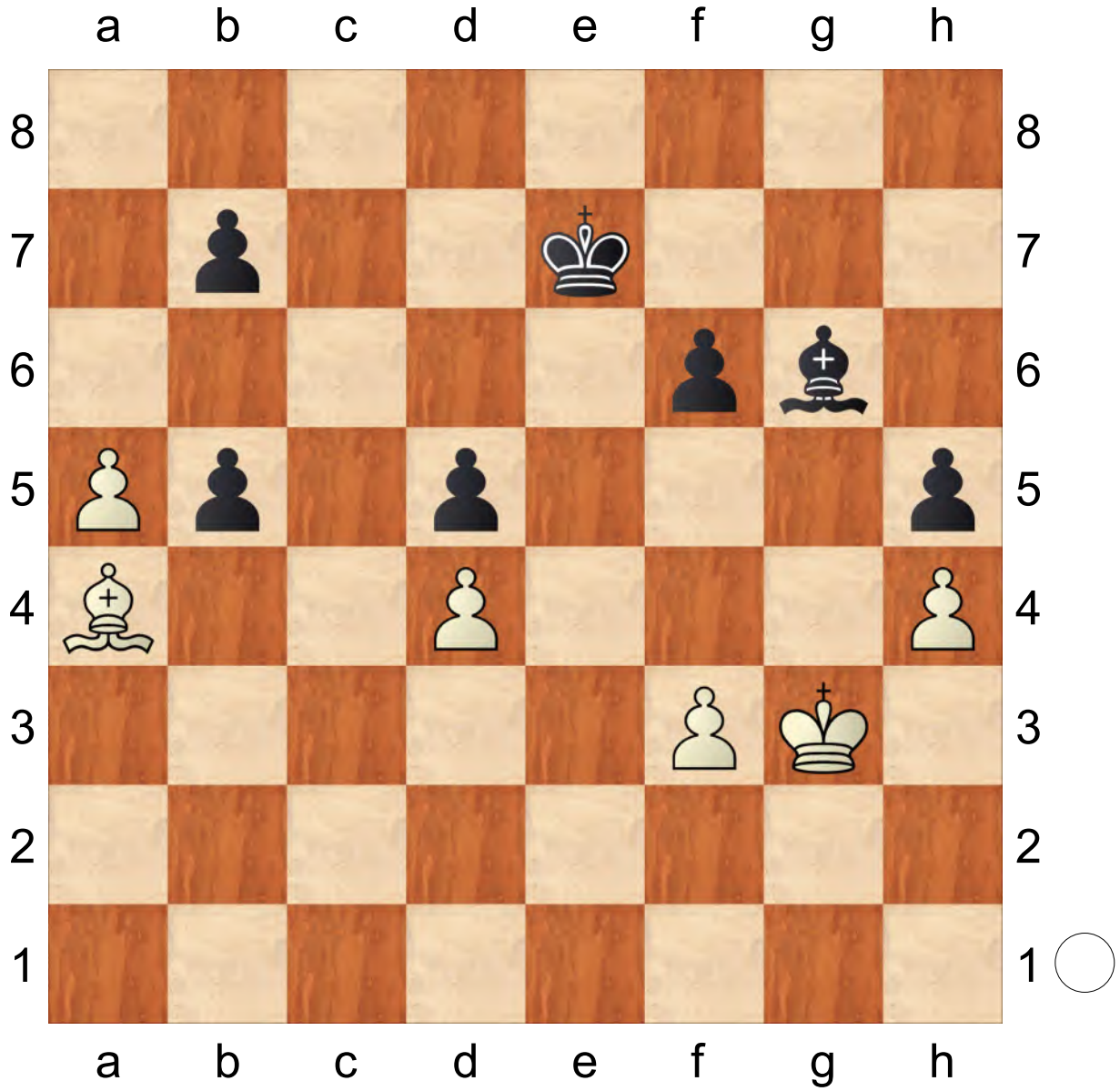


[53...b6 54.a6 Bd3 55.a7 Kb7 56.Bc6+ Kxa7 57.Bxd5 b5 58.Bf7 b4 59.Ke3 Bh7 60.Kd2±]

54.Ke3 Kc7 55.Kd2 Kd6

(Diagram)

56.Kc3 Bf7

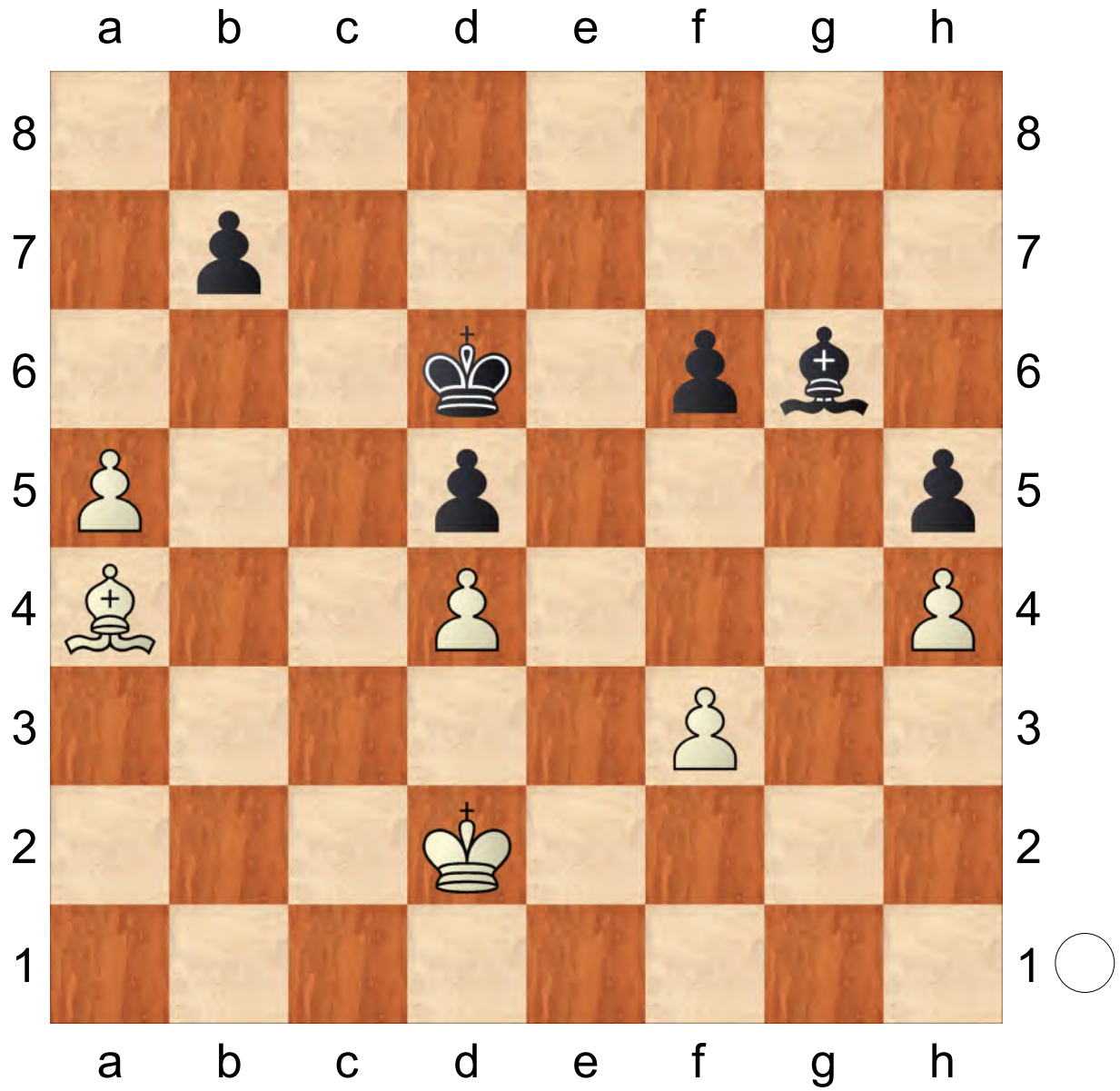
[56...Kc7 57.Kb4 Kd6 58.Bb5 Bf7 59.Be2 Be8 60.Bd3⊙+-]

57.Bc2

[57.Kb4 Bg6 58.Bb5 Bf7 59.Bd3 Kc6 60.f4 Be6 61.f5 Bc8 62.Ka4! b6 63.a6 Kc7 64.a7 Bb7 *(64...Kb7 65.Ba6++-)*]

57...Kc7 58.Kb4 b6

[58...Kc6 59.Bd3⊙ b6 60.a6]



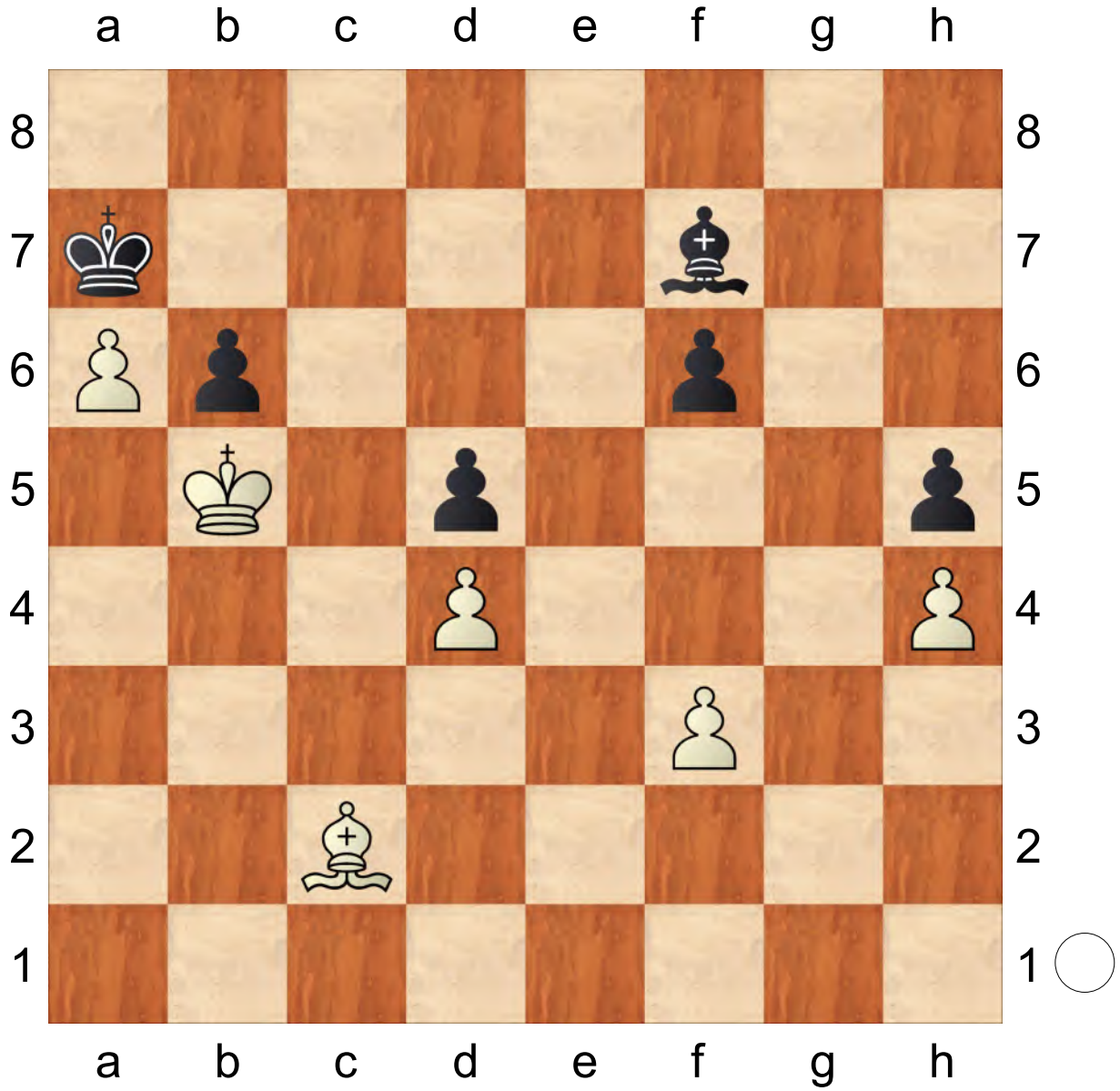
59.a6 Kb8

[59...Be8! 60.Ba4 *(60.Bb3 Bf7)* 60...Bg6 *(60...Bxa4 61.Kxa4 Kb8 62.Kb5 Ka7 63.f4 f5 64.Kc6 Kxa6 65.Kxd5 Kb7 66.Kd6+-)* 61.Bd7 Kb8 62.Kb5 *(62.Be6 Ka7 63.Bxd5 Kxa6 64.Bc6 Ka7 65.d5 Kb8 66.d6 Bd3 67.Kc3 Be2 68.Kd4 Bd1)* 62...Kc7 *(62...Ka7 63.Kc6 Kxa6 64.Kxd5 Bf7+ 65.Kd6 b5 66.Kc5+-)* 63.a7 Bd3+ 64.Kb4 Kb7 65.Be8 Kxa7 66.Bxh5 Kb7 67.Bf7 Kc6 68.h5 Kd6 69.Bg6+-]

60.Kb5 Ka7

[60...Kc7 61.a7 Kb7 62.a8Q+ Kxa8 63.Kxb6+-]

(Diagram)

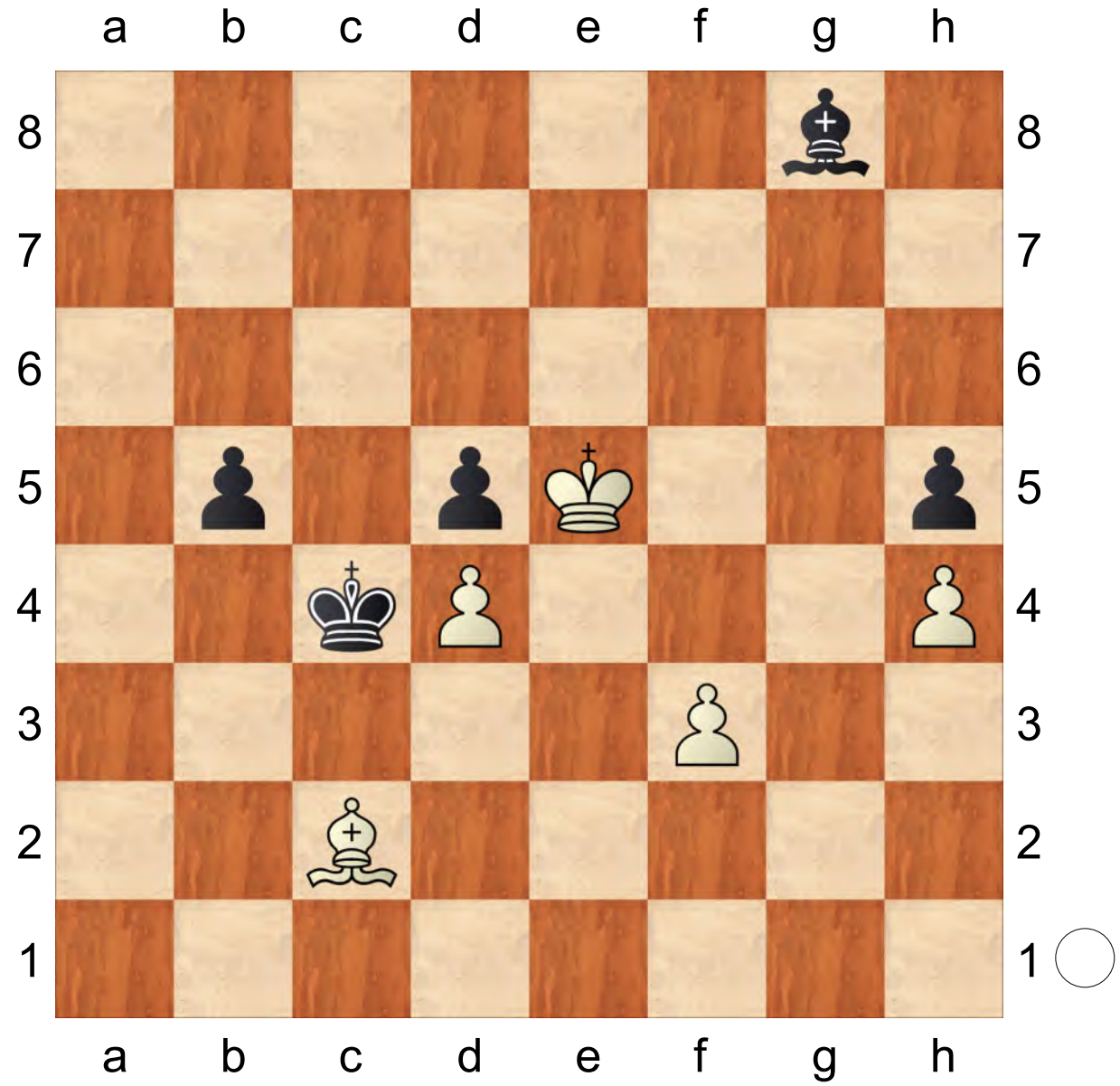


61.Kc6! Kxa6 62.Kd7
[62.Bh7! Be6 *(62...b5 63.Kd7 b4 64.Ke7+-)* 63.Kd6 Bc8 64.Bg8±]
62...Kb5 63.Ke7
[63.Bh7! Kc4 64.Ke7 Kxd4 65.Kxf7 Ke5 66.Kg6 Kf4 67.Kxh5 d4 68.Bb1 Kg3 69.f4 b5 70.f5 b4 71.Kg6+-]
63...Bg8 64.Kxf6
[64.Bf5 Kc4 65.Kf8 Kxd4 66.Kxg8 Ke3 67.Kf7 Kxf3 68.Kxf6 Kf4 69.Kg6 b5=]
64...Kc4 65.Ke5 b5?
[⌓65...Bf7 66.Bd1!
A) 66...b5 67.Be2+ Kb4 68.f4 Ka4 69.f5 b4 70.Kf6 Be8 71.Ke7+-;
B) 66...Kc3 67.f4 b5 68.f5 b4 69.Kf6 Kd2
B1) 70.Ba4 Be8! 71.Bxe8 b3 72.Kg7 b2 73.f6 b1Q 74.f7 *(74.Bg6 Qg1*

75.f7 Qxd4+ 76.Kg8 Qf6 77.Bxh5 Qxh4 78.Bg6 Qf6∓) 74...Qg1+ 75.Kh7 Qf2 76.Kg8 Qg3+ 77.Kh7=;

B2) 70.Bb3 Kc3 71.Kxf7 Kxb3 72.f6 Kc4 73.Kg7 b3 74.f7 b2 75.f8Q b1Q 76.Qc5+ Kd3 77.Qxd5**±**;

C) 66...Kd3 67.f4 b5 68.f5 b4 69.Kf6 Be8 *(69...Bg8 70.Kg7 Kxd4 71.Kxg8 Ke5 72.Bc2 b3 73.Bb1+-)* 70.Ke7 Kxd4 71.Kxe8 Ke5 72.Bc2 b3 73.Bb1 Kf6 74.Kd7+-]

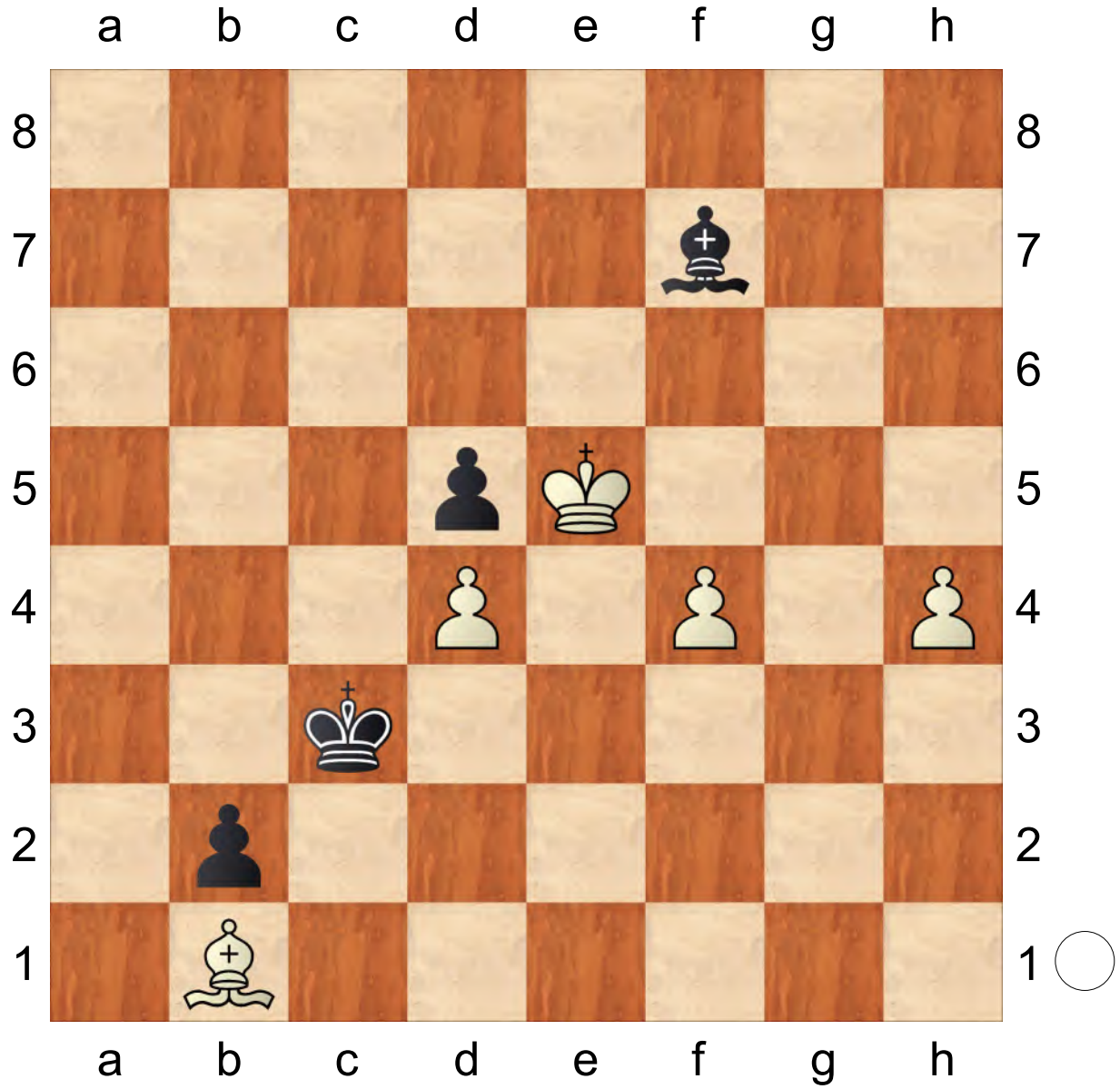


66.Bg6+- b4 67.Bxh5 b3

[67...Bh7 68.Bf7+-]

68.Bg6 b2 69.Bb1 Bf7 70.f4 Kc3

(Diagram)

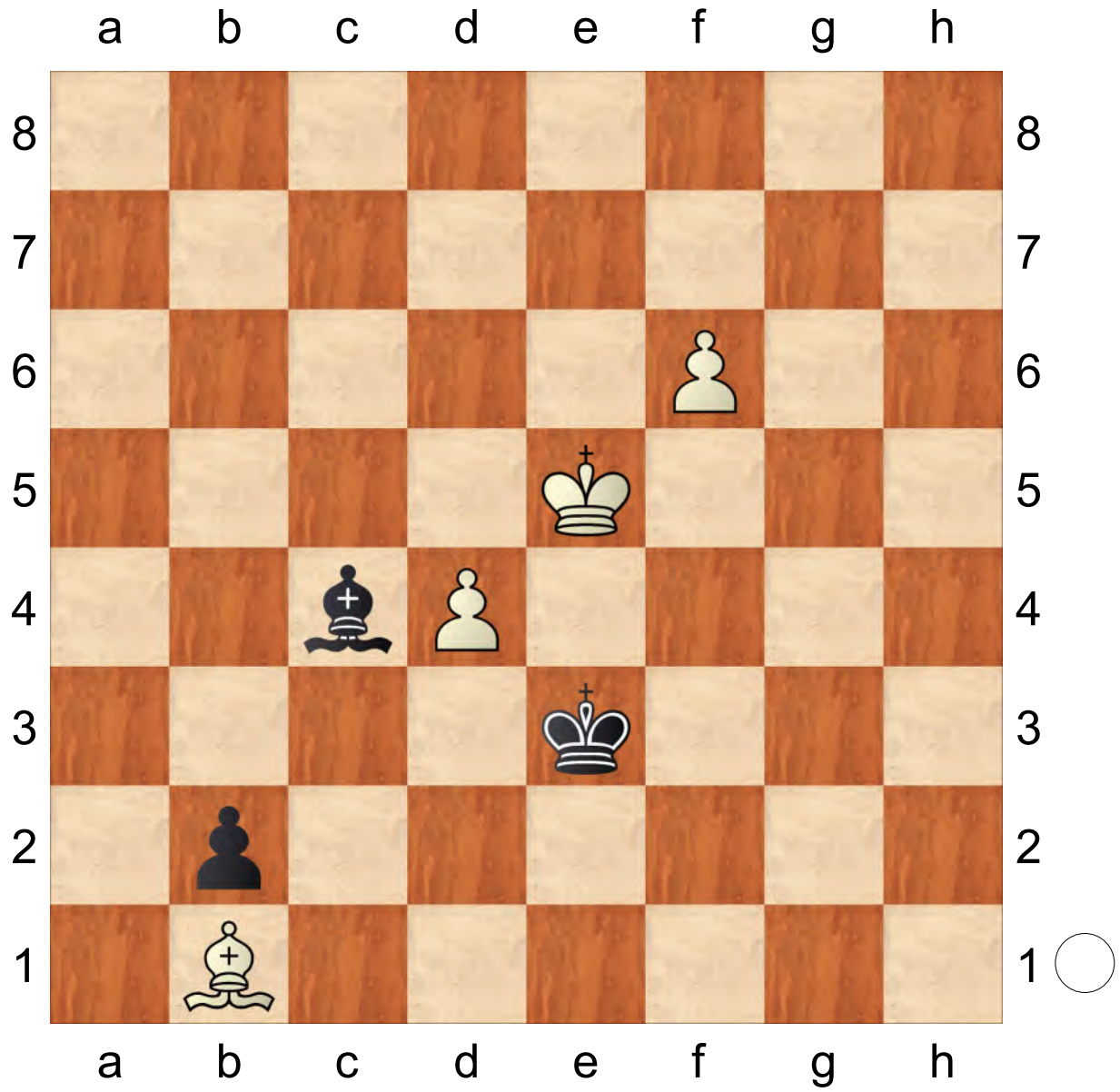


71.f5 Kd2 72.f6 Ke3
[72...Kc1 73.Bf5 b1Q 74.Bxb1 Kxb1 75.Kd6+-]
73.h5 Bxh5 74.Kxd5 Bf7+
[74...Kf4 75.Ke6+-]
75.Ke5 Bc4

(Diagram)

76.d5 Bd3 77.f7! Bxb1 78.f8Q Bc2
[78...Bd3 79.Qf4+ Ke2 80.Qh2++-]
[78...Kd2 79.Qb4+ Kc2 80.Qa3+-]
79.Qa3+

(Diagram)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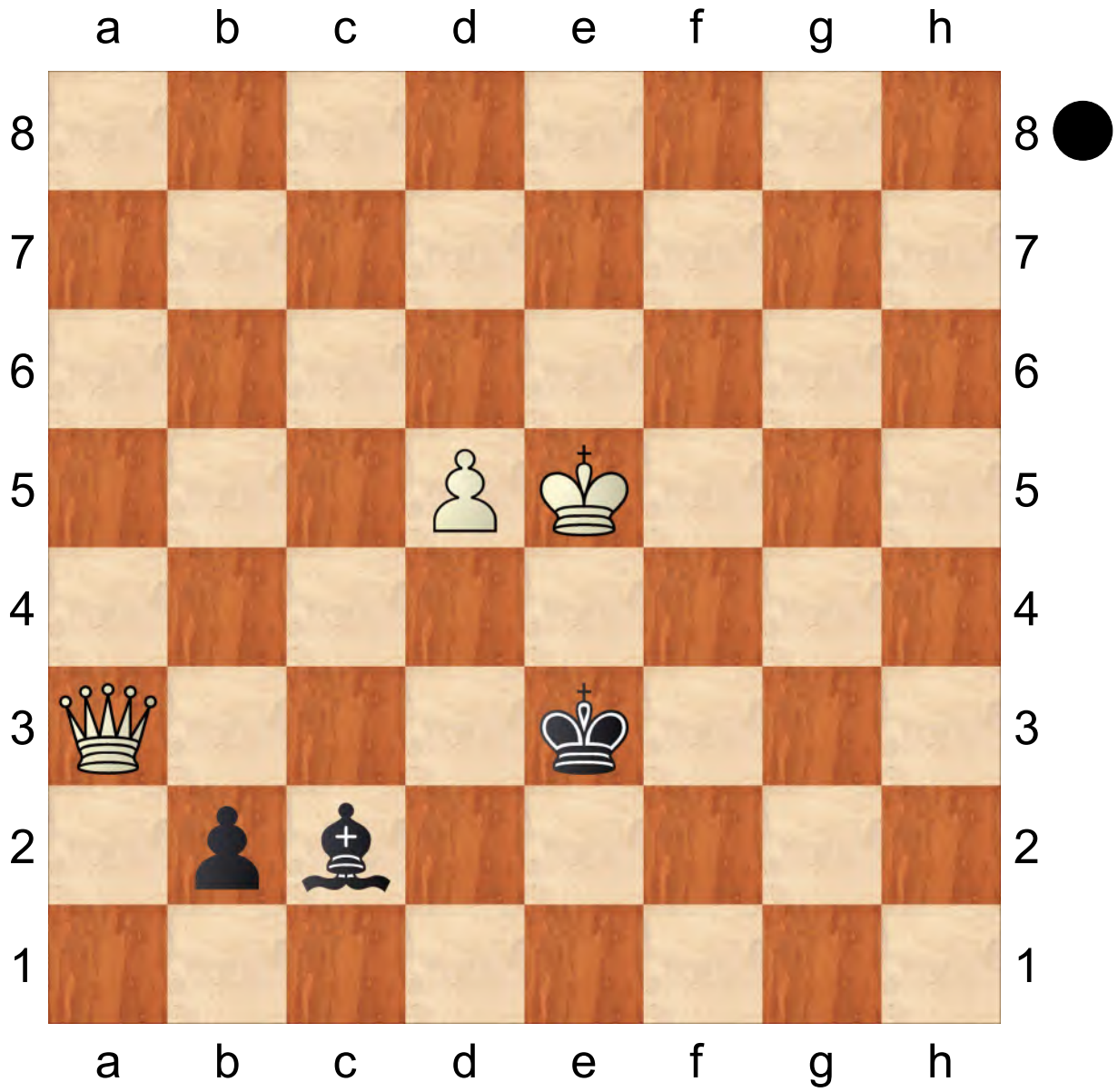

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□ **Sulskis,Sarunas** **2510**
■ **Hjartarson,Johann** **2605**
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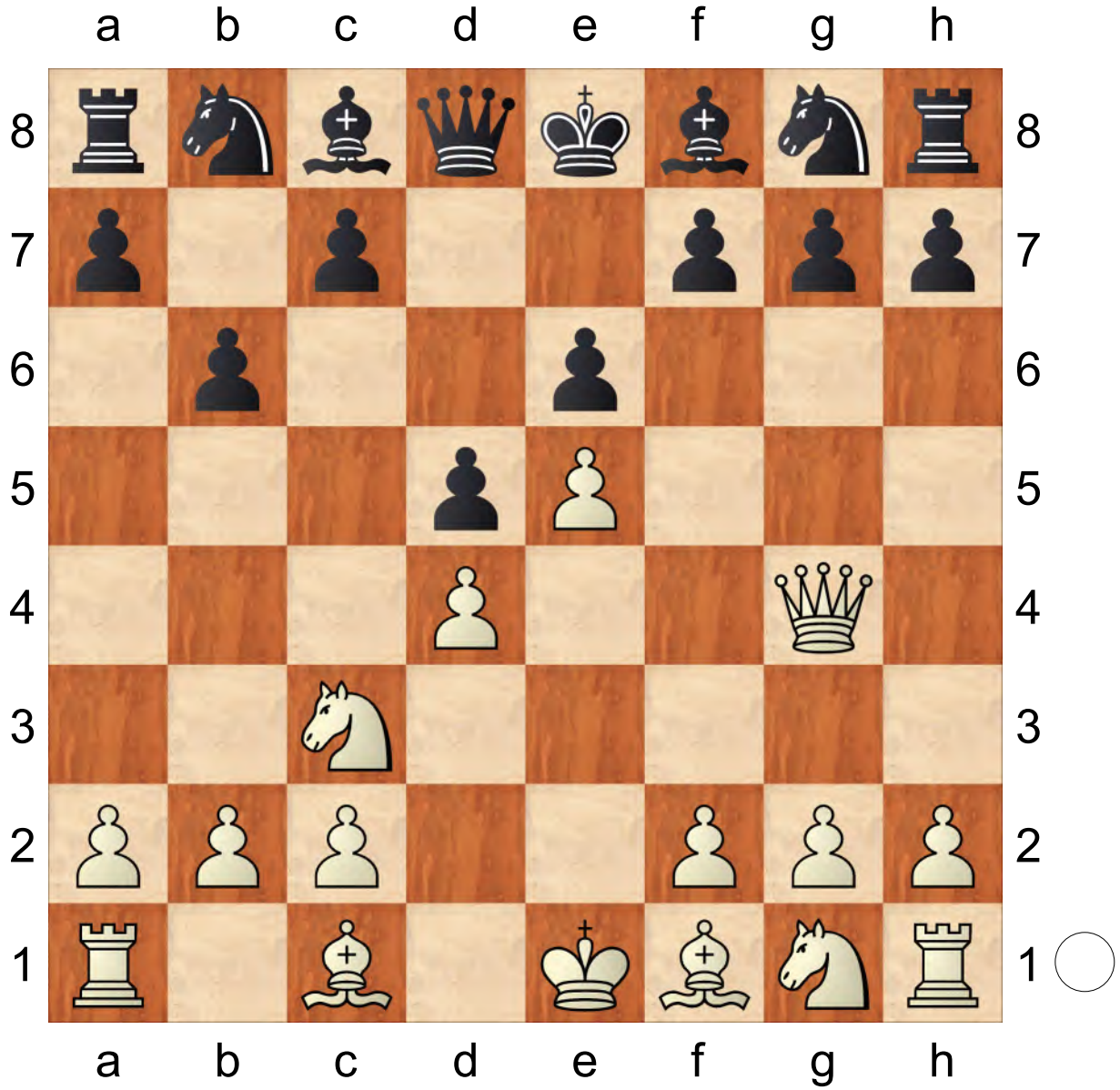
[Finkel,Alexander]

Finkel,A Oratovsky,M **1.e4** Finkel,A Finkel,A **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bb4+ 4.Nc3 b6 5.Qg4 Bf8**



6.Bg5 Qd7 7.Bb5 Nc6
[7...c6 8.Be2 Ba6 9.Nf3!? *(9.f4?! Ne7 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qe2 Nc7 12.Nf3 Ng6 13.Nh4 Be7 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7=* Moreno,J-Panno,O/Open, Buenos Aires ARG 1997 (18)*)* 9...Ne7 10.a4 Nf5 11.0-0 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 c5

13.c3 Nc6 14.Qh3!↑ Cseshkovsky,V-Erendzhenov,S/RUS-ch Elista (09) ,CBM 50 1995 (22)]

8.Nf3

[8.Nce2

A) 8...a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bb3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Qh4 Ne7!? Meulders kommentiert deutsch. Eine interessante Idee: statt sich nach etwa 12... ♗e7 mit einer etwas schlechteren Stellung zufrieden zu geben, investiert Timman einen Bauern. *(12...Be7±)* 13.Bxf6 Ng6 14.Qg5 gxf6 15.Qxf6 Bh6! Verhindert 0-0-0 und droht Damengewinn mittels ... ♖f8. *(15...Bg7 16.Qg5±)* 16.Qf3 Qg7 17.Qg3?! *(17.c3!? Bb7 18.Bc2 0-0-0 19.Qg4 Qf6 20.Nf3 Rhg8 21.Qh5!±)* 17...Bb7 18.Nf3 0-0-0↑ Shirov,A-Timman,J/Koop Tjuchem Groningen 1996 (39);

B) 8...Bb7 9.c3 a6 10.Bd3 *(10.Ba4!?±)* 10...f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Bh4 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Kb8 14.Nf4 Bc8 15.Kb1 e5∞ McGettigan,A-Bronstein,D/London Lloyds 1992 (51)]

8...h6

[8...a6 9.Be2 *(9.Ba4 Bb7 10.0-0 h6 11.Qh3!? Nge7 12.Ne2 Rg8 13.Bd2 0-0-0 14.Rae1 Kb8!?∞* Topalov,V-Hamdouchi,H/Biel izt 1993 (40)*)* 9...Nb4!? 10.Rc1 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Rfd1 Nf5 14.Bf1 h6 15.Bd2↑ Milos,G-Panno,O/Buenos Aires 1992/1-0 (52)]

9.Bd2!?

[9.Be3!? Nge7 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qh5 a6 12.Be2 Nf5 13.g4!± Sax,G-Hodgson,J/ Bruxelles 1985 (17)]

9...Bb7 10.0-0 a6

(Diagram)

11.Ba4 Nge7 12.Ne2 g6 Serious alternative was

[12...0-0-0!? 13.c3 f5?!

A) 14.Qg3 g5 15.h4

A1) 15...g4 16.Ne1 Kb8 17.Nd3 a5 18.Bb5 Qc8 19.Ndf4 Na7 20.Bd3± Ba6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.c4!? *(22.Nxe6?! Qxe2 23.Nxd8 Qxd2⇄; 22.b3!?±)* 22...Qxc4 23.Qc3 Qxc3 24.bxc3±;

A2) 15...f4 16.Qg4

A2a) 16...Rg8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Nxg5 Bh6 19.Bxf4 Nf5 *(19...Rdf8 20.Bd2±)* 20.Bd2 Qe7 21.f4±;

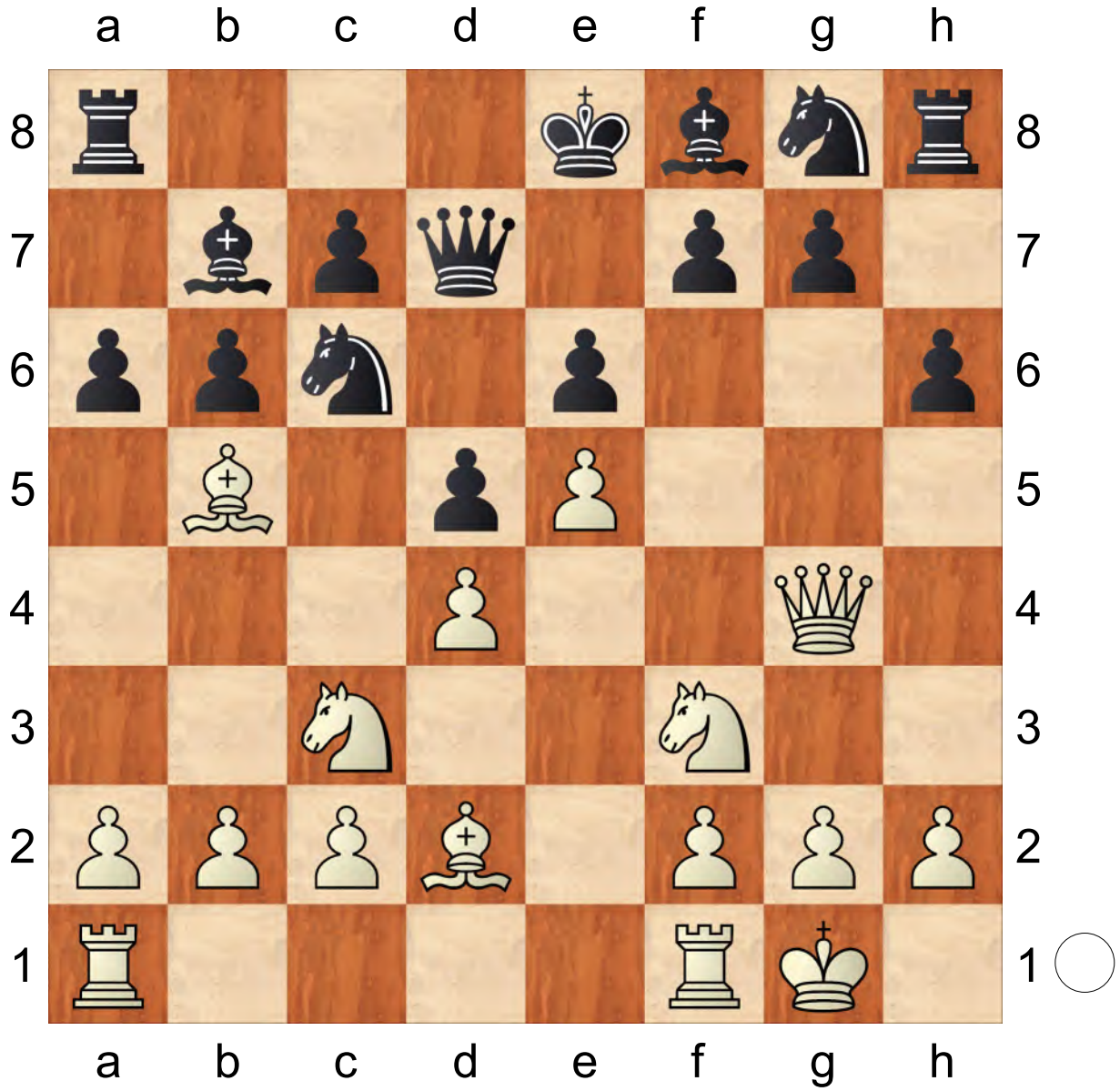
A2b) 16...Nf5 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Nxg5 *(18.Qxg5?? Qh7!-+)* 18...Rh4 19.Qf3 Be7 20.Nh3±;

B) 14.exf6! gxf6 15.Nf4

B1) 15...b5 16.Bc2 e5 17.Qxd7+ Rxd7 18.Ne6 e4 19.Nh4±;

B2) 15...Nf5 16.Rae1! Re8 17.Qg6! *(17.Nxe6?! Ng7 18.Nxg7 Qxg4∓)* 17...Bg7 18.Nxe6 Rxe6 19.Qxf5±;

B3) 15...e5 16.Qxd7+ Rxd7 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.Bxc6 Nxc6 19.Ng6 Rg8



20.Ngxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 d4 22.g3 Rd8 23.cxd4 Rxd4 24.Bc3±]

13.c3± Nf5 14.h4 h5 15.Qf4 Bh6

(Diagram)

16.Ng5!

[16.Qh2!? Bxd2 *(16...Bg7 17.Bg5±)* 17.Nxd2 0-0-0 18.Nf3 Qe7 19.Qf4±]

16...0-0-0 17.Rfe1

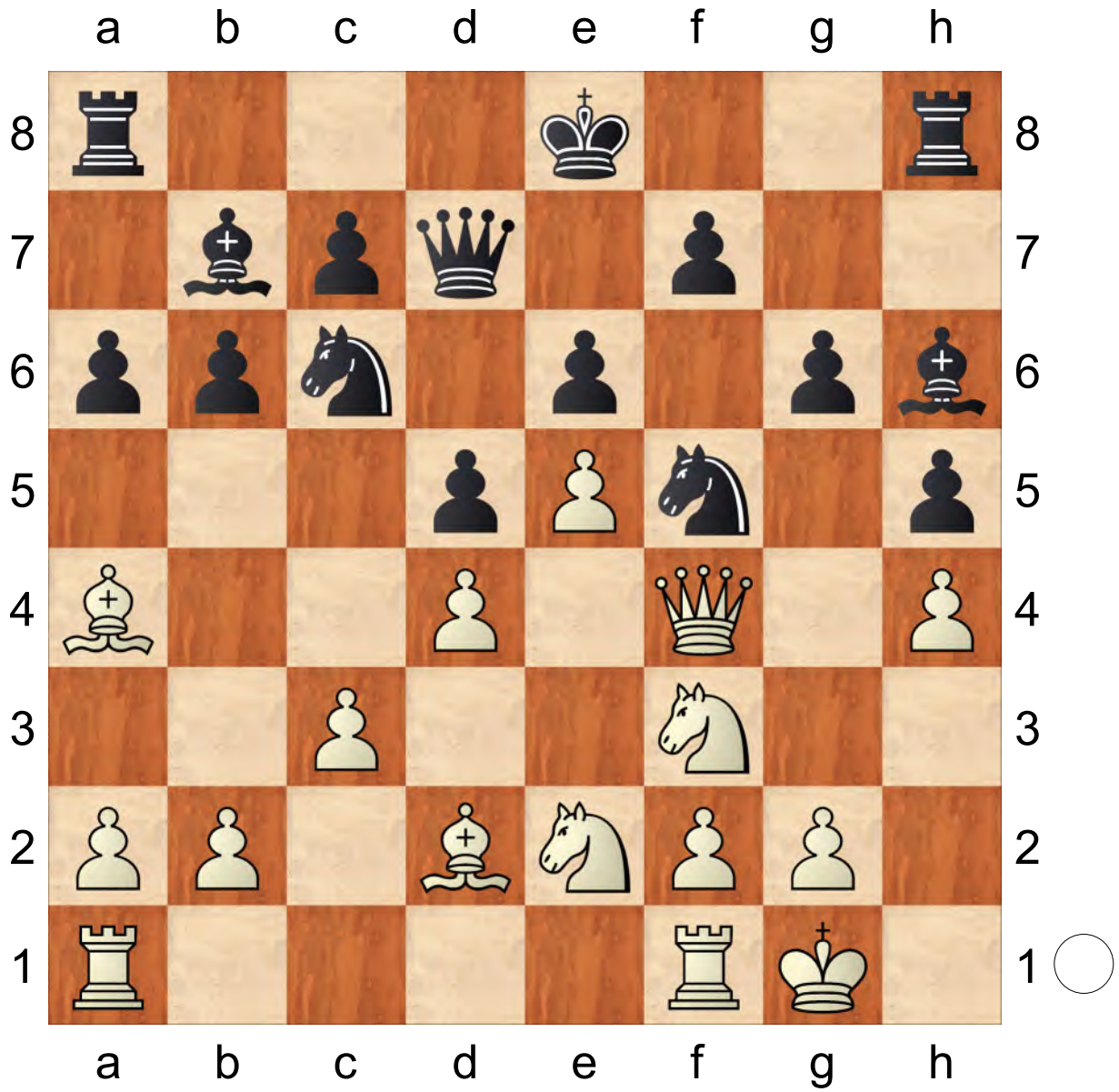
[17.Ng3!?]

17...Kb8 18.Ng3! Inviting black to open f-file. **18...Qe7**

[18...Nxg3 19.fxg3!±]

19.Nxf5! gxf5

[19...exf5 20.Qg3 Rc8 21.e6 f6□ 22.Nf3 Bxd2 23.Nxd2 Rhg8 24.Re2±]

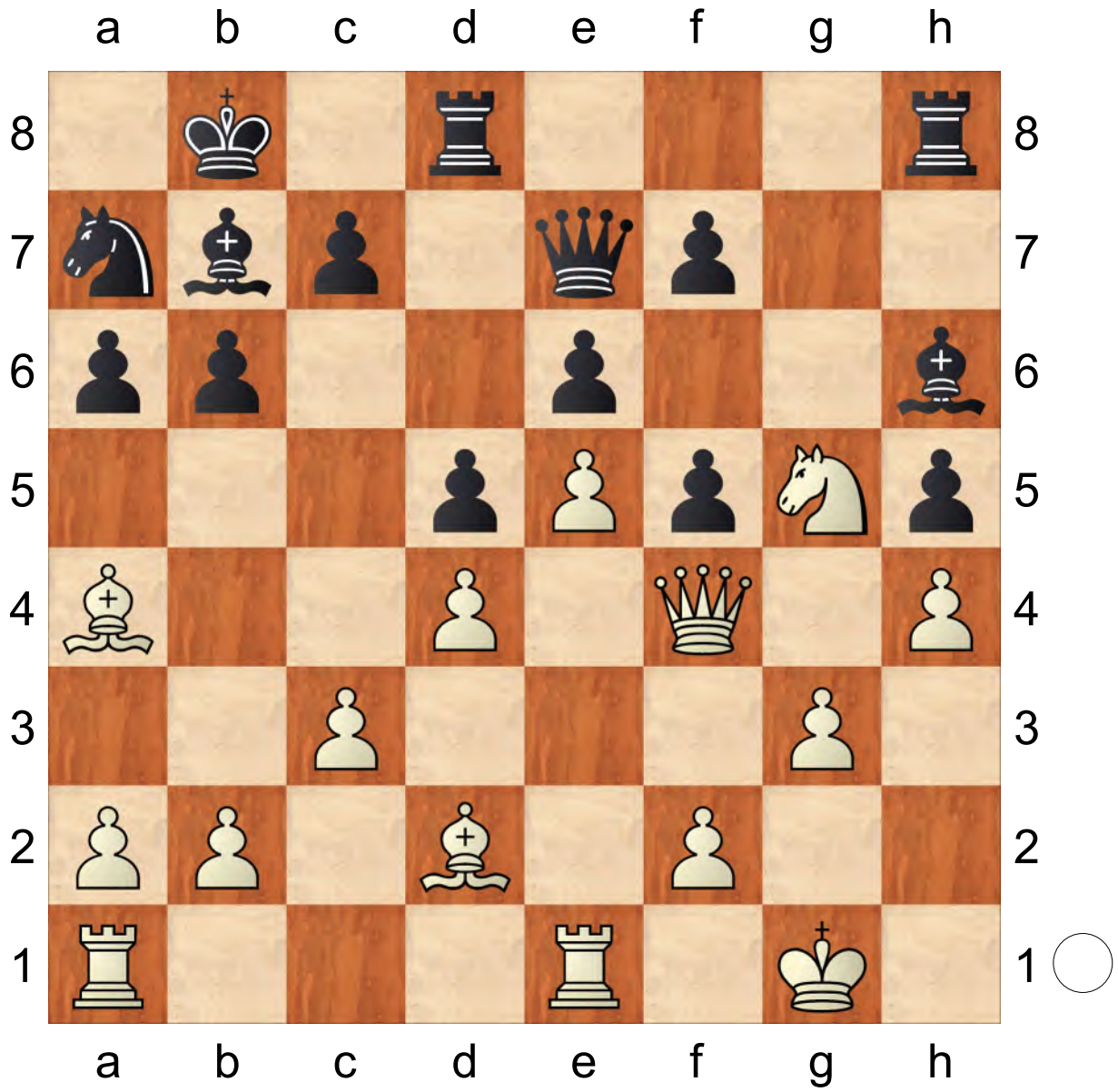


20.g3 Na7

(Diagram)

21.Rad1
[21.Bc2!? a5 22.Bd3±]
21...a5 22.Qf3!± White's play till one moment is simply perfect! **22...Rdg8**
[22...Bg7?! 23.Nh3!±]
23.Qxh5 Rg6
[23...Bxg5? 24.Bxg5 Rxh5 25.Bxe7 f4 26.Bg5+-]
24.Qf3 c5 25.Bf4 Ka8

(Diagram)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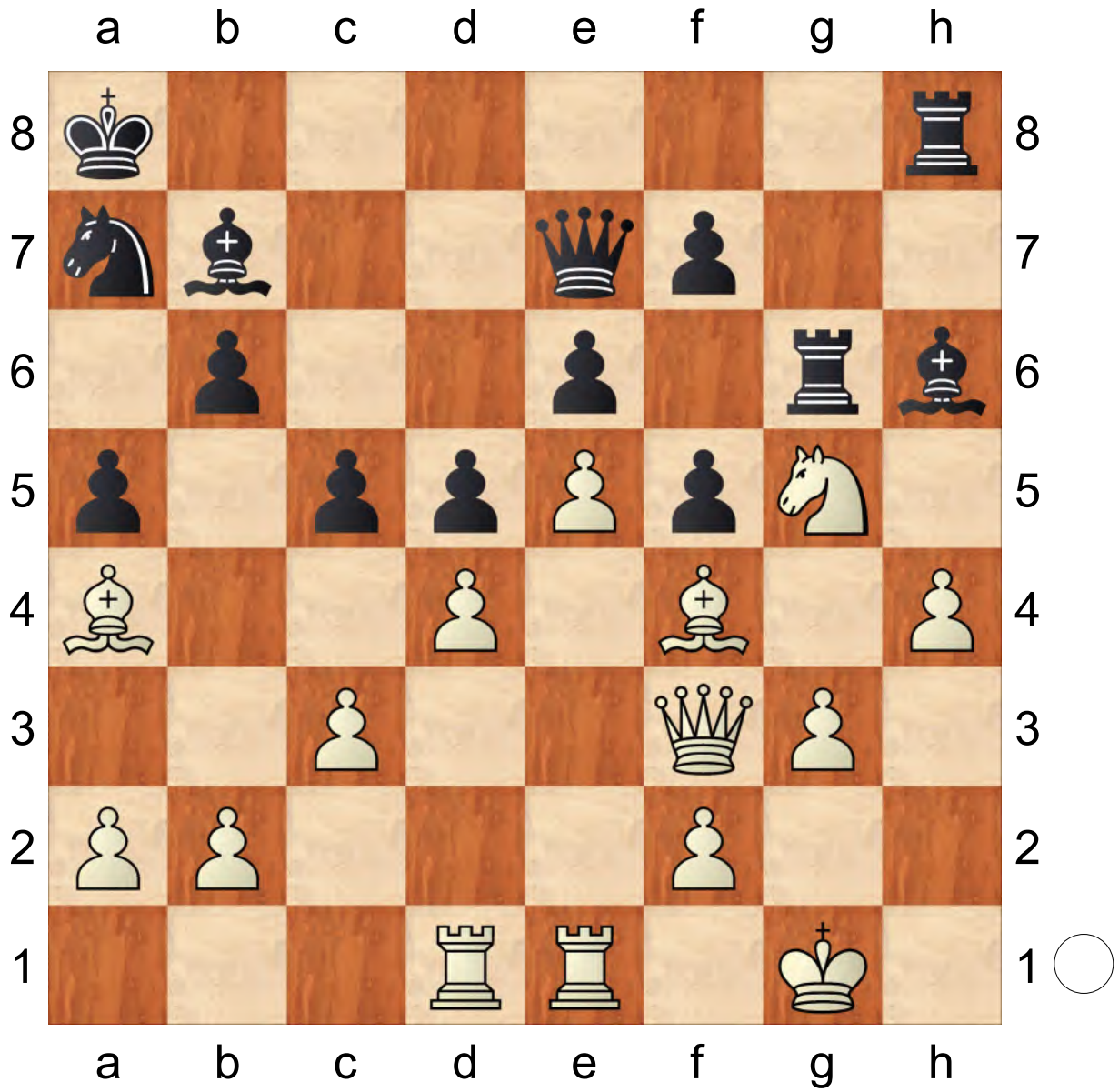
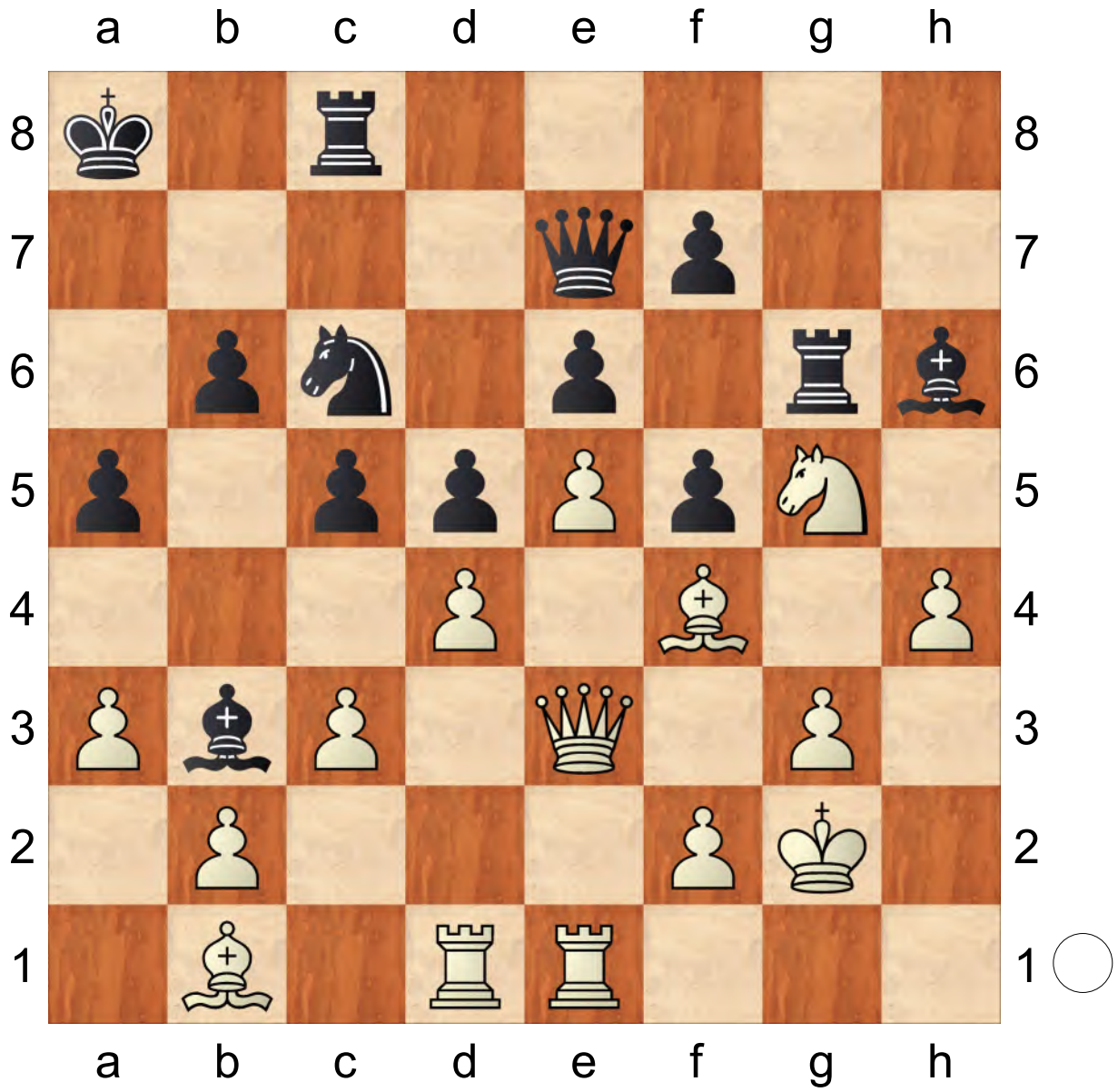


26.Bc2
[26.Qe2!?]
26...Nc6 27.a3 Rc8 28.Bb1?! Losing a control for a while.Very promising possibility was
[28.Bd3± cxd4 29.cxd4 Nxd4?! 30.Qe3 Nc2 31.Bxc2 Rxc2 32.Qxb6+-]
28...Ba6 29.Kg2 Bc4 30.Qe3?! Bb3

(Diagram)

31.Rd2 a4 32.Bd3 Na5 33.Qf3 Admitting mistake! **33...Ka7 34.Rh1 cxd4 35.cxd4 Nc4**

(Diagram)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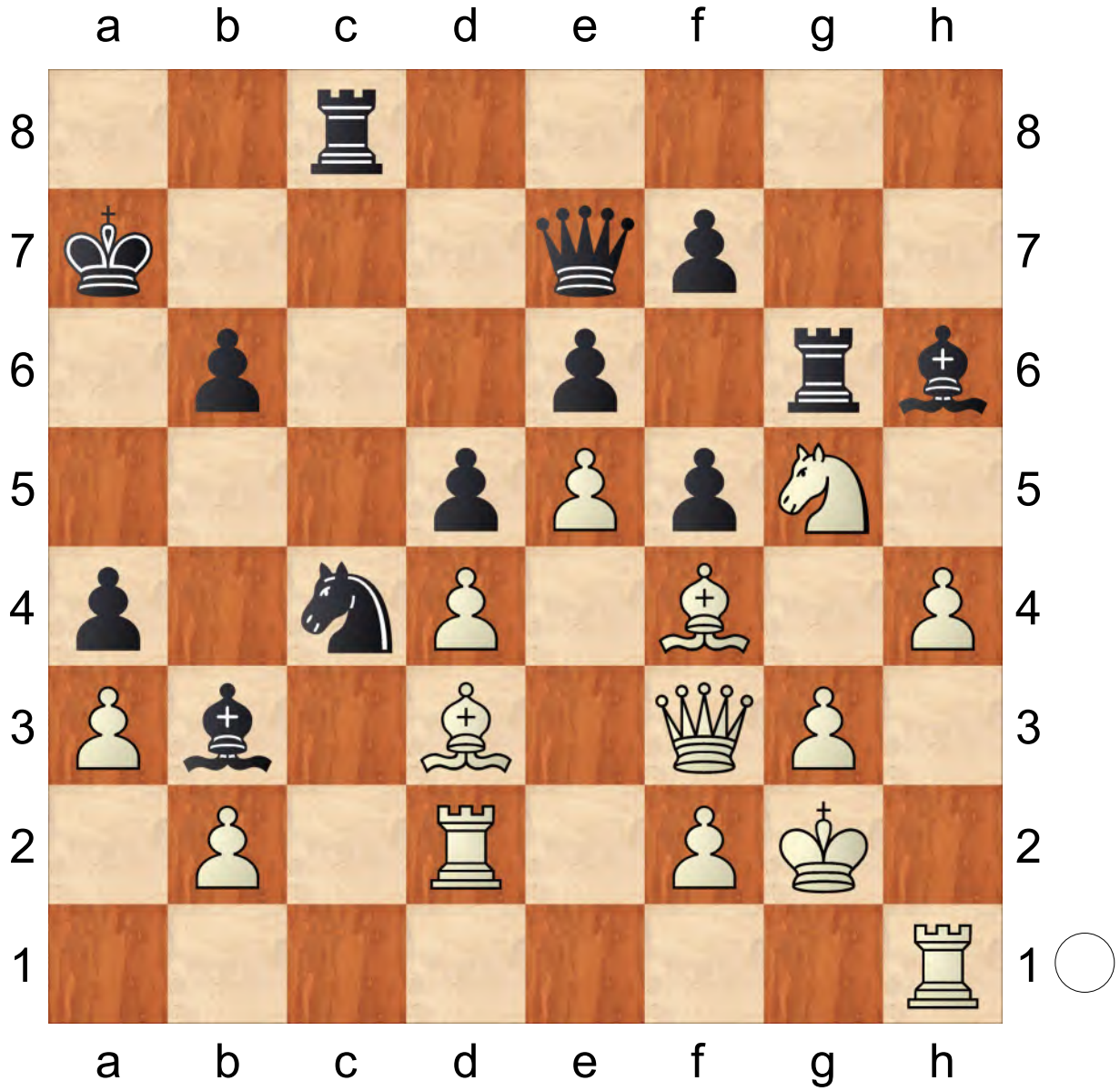
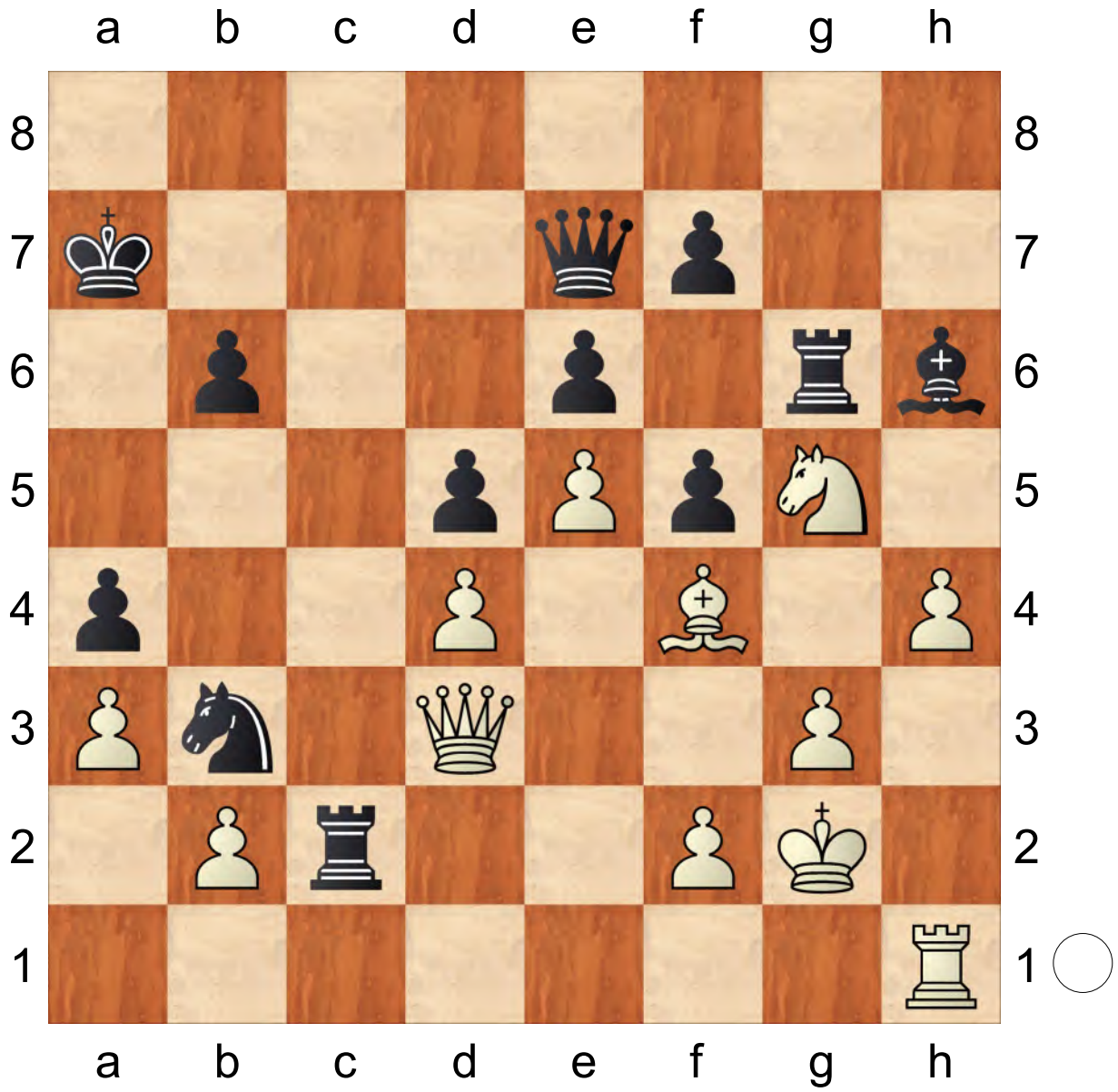


36.Re2 Rh8 37.Bc2! Good positional decision. **37...Na5**
[37...Bxc2 38.Rxc2 Qd7 39.Nh3 Bxf4 40.Nxf4 Rg4 41.b3±]
38.Bxb3 Nxb3 39.Qd3 Rc8 40.Rc2 Rxc2

(Diagram)

41.Qxc2 Kb7 42.Rd1 Rg8 43.Rd3 Rc8 44.Qd1!
[44.Rc3!? Rxc3 45.Qxc3±]
44...f6 45.exf6!
[45.Nxe6?! Qxe6 46.Bxh6 fxe5 47.Bg5 *(47.Bg7 e4 48.Re3 f4 49.gxf4 Qe7⇄)* 47...exd4 48.h5±]
[45.Nf7!? Qxf7 46.Bxh6 fxe5 47.dxe5±]
45...Qxf6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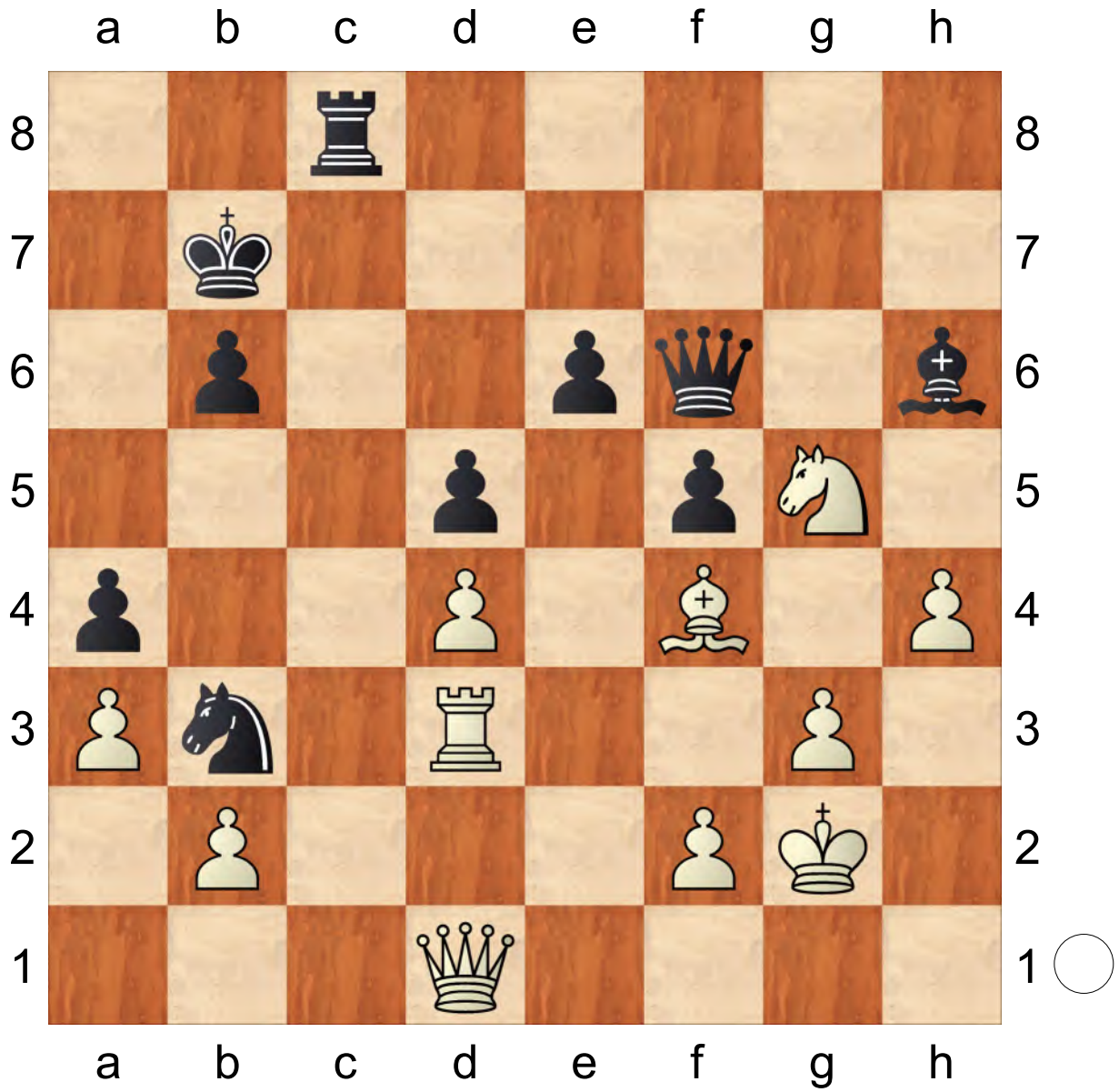

46.Re3! Rc6
[46...Bxg5 47.Bxg5 Qxd4 48.Qxd4 Nxd4 49.Bf6±]
47.Re5 Qg6 48.Re2 Bxg5
[48...Bg7 49.Be5±]
49.Bxg5 Rc4 50.Be3 f4!

(Diagram)

Hoping to find some chanses aginst white king. **51.Bxf4 Nxd4 52.Re5 Nf5 53.h5 Qg7 54.Rxe6!+-** Not being afraid of the ghosts. **54...Rxf4 55.Qxd5+ Ka7**

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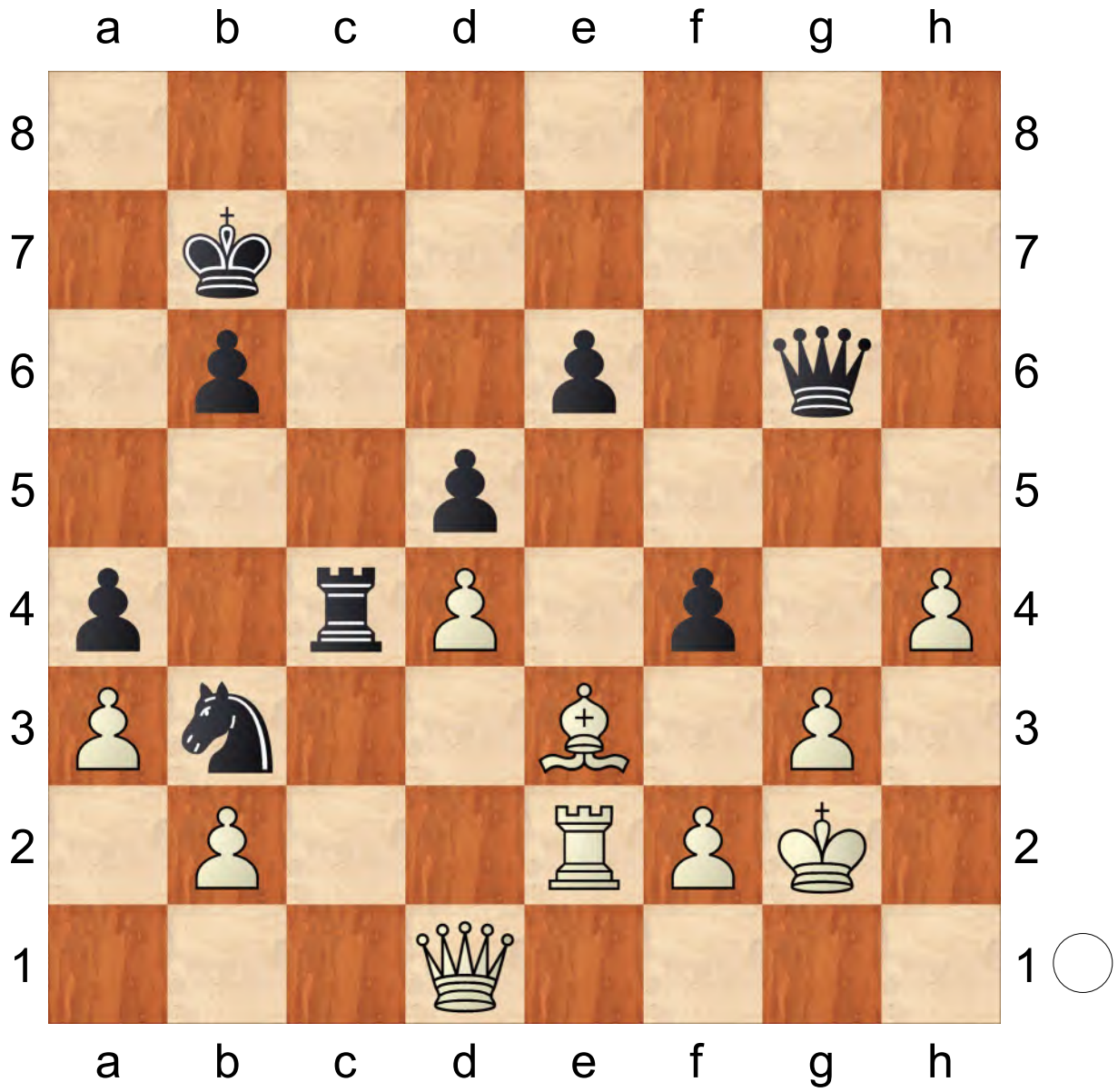
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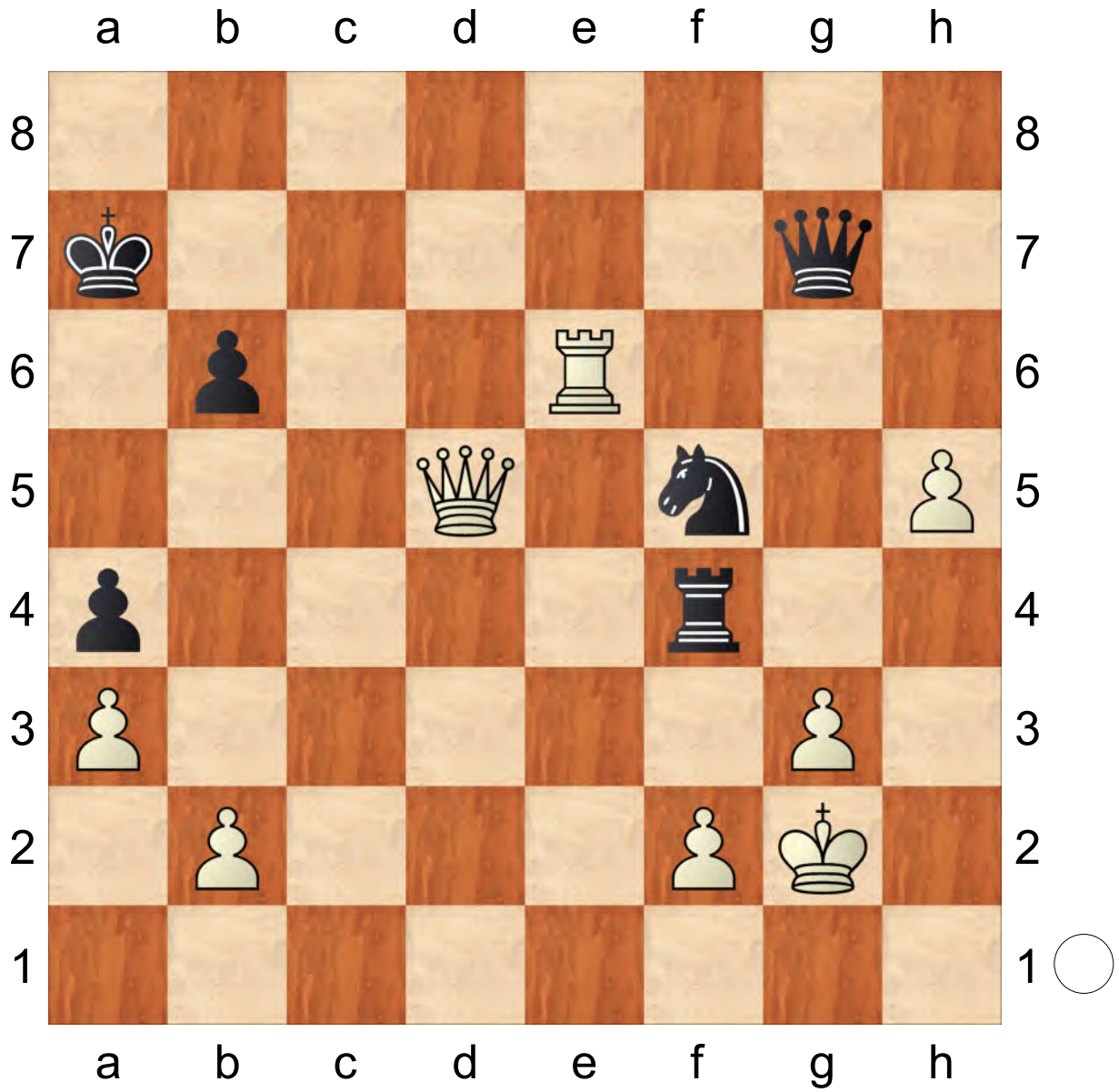
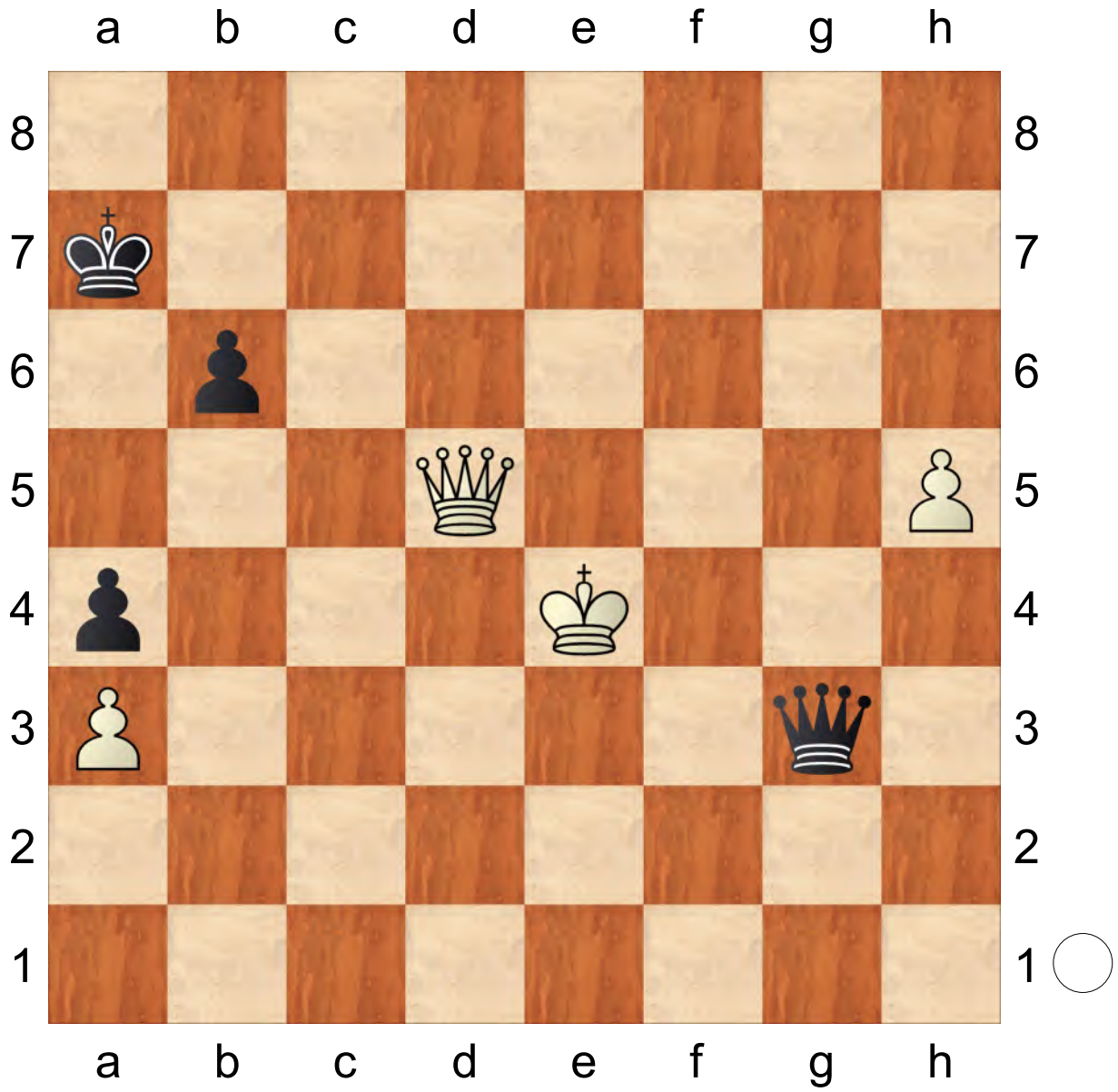


56.Rg6! Rxf2+□ 57.Kxf2 Qxb2+ 58.Kf3
[58.Kg1 Qb1+ 59.Kh2 Qc2+ 60.Kh3 Qc8 61.Rc6+-]
58...Qb3+ 59.Ke4?? Spoiling such a nice game in one move!After
[59.Qxb3 Nd4+ *(59...axb3 60.Rg4+-)* 60.Ke4 axb3 61.Rf6 b2 62.Rf1+- black can resign.]
59...Nxg3+ 60.Rxg3?!
[60.Ke5 Nxh5 *(60...Qxd5+ 61.Kxd5 Nxh5 62.Ke5+-)* 61.Qc6→ *(61.Qxb3 axb3 62.Rg2 Kb7 63.Rb2 Ng7 64.Rxb3 Ne8±)*]
60...Qxg3

(Diagram)

61.Qd7+ Kb8 62.Qe8+ Kb7 63.Qe7+ Ka6= 64.Kf5 Qf3+ 65.Kg6 Qd3+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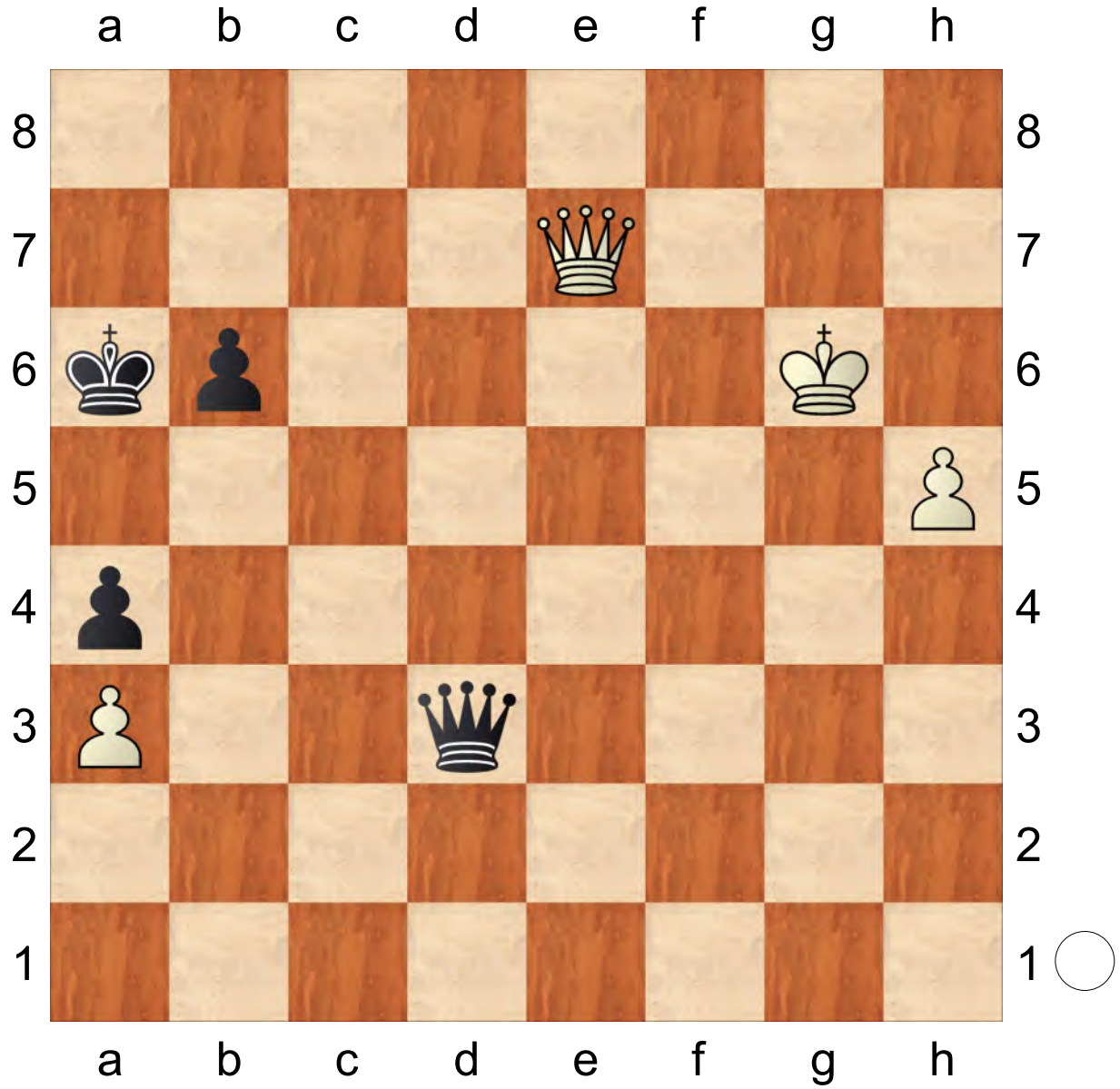

66.Kg7 Qc3+ 67.Kf7 Qf3+ 68.Kg6 Qd3+ 69.Kh6 Qd2+ 70.Kg7 Qc3+

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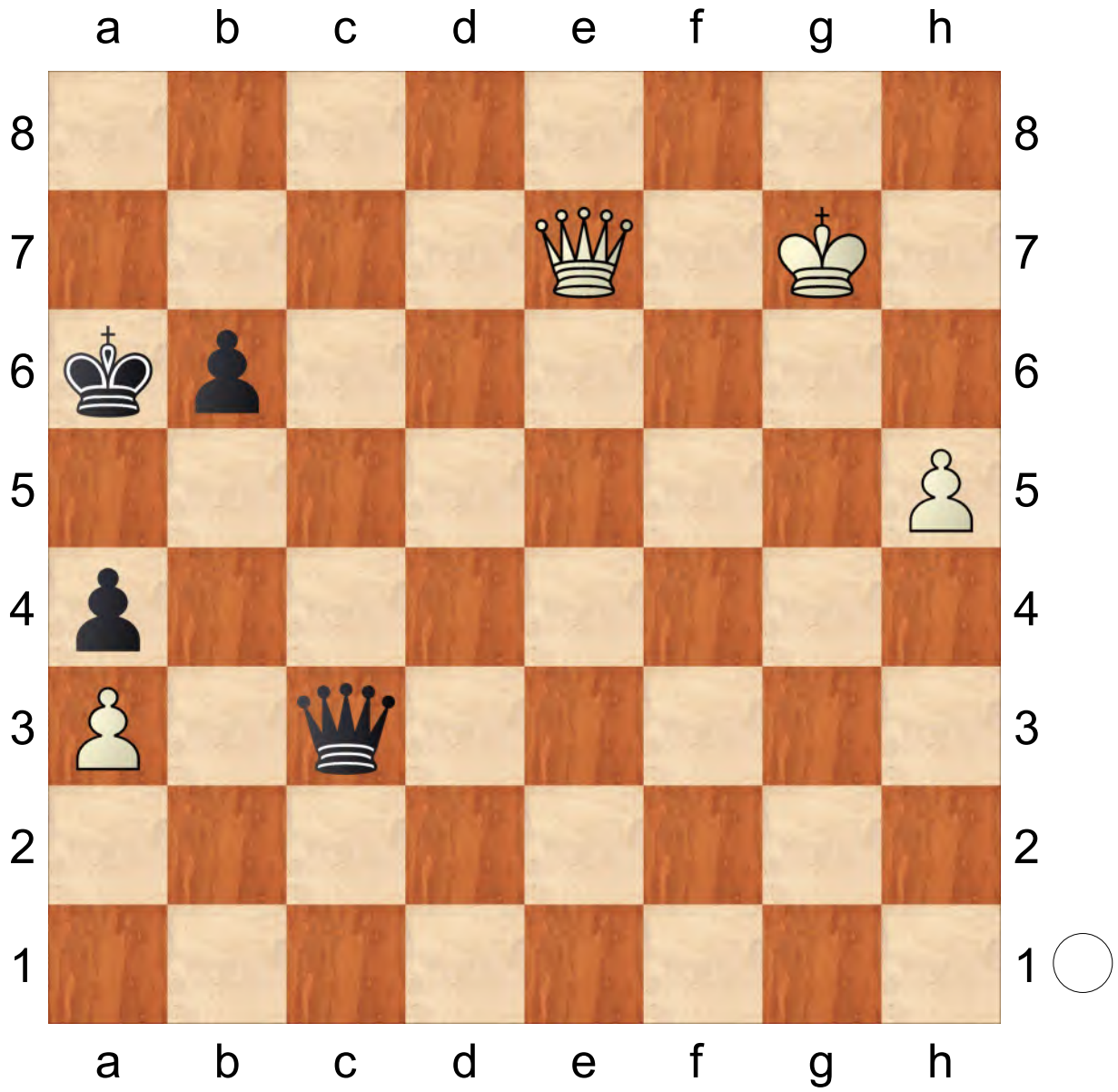
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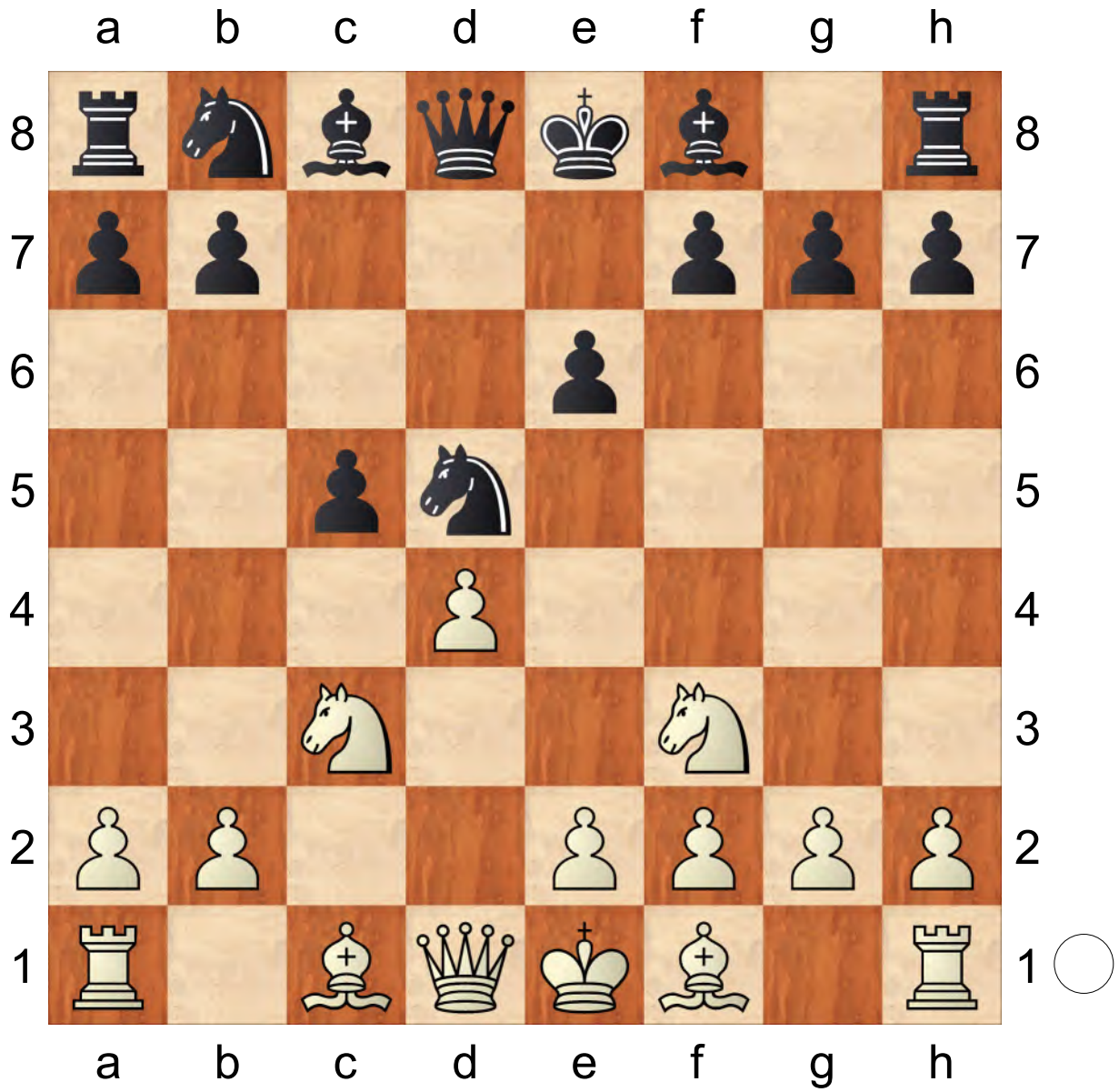
□ **Kempinski,Robert** **2525**
■ **Hnydiuk,Aleksander** **2350**
POL-ch 57th Plock (4) 01.05.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky Konikowski **1...Nf6**
[1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 c5 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 Be7 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Ne4 0-0 11.Bd3
A) 11...Nf6 12.Be3 Nb4 13.Nxf6+ *(13.Bb1* was in the game ½-½ Kuznetsova, Elena-Epshtein/Petrosian mem-J ;EXT 99 1998 on 12-th move.*)* 13...Bxf6 14.Be4 Nd5 15.Qd3 h6 16.Ne5 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bxe5 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.dxe5 Bd7 20.Be4 Bc6 21.Qxd8 Raxd8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Rfd1= ½-½ Lisik,Valery-Kandyba,L/URS-sf Voronezh ;CBM 22 ext 1991 (32);
B) 11...b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.Qe2 Exactly this position played in our game after 12-th move of White. Nf6 *(*In our game was *13...Qc7)* 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8∓ Maksimov,D-Zakharov,Vladimir/UKR-ch U18 Dnepropetrovsk (8) ;EXT 2000 1999/½-½ (66)]
2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5

(Diagram)

6.e3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne4?!∓ Rare move.More popular are
[9.a3!?]
[9.Re1!? cxd4 10.exd4 -mainline]
[9.Qe2 Konikowski b6 10.Rd1 Bb7 *(10...cxd4 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.exd4 Bb7 13.Be4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Rad8 15.Be3 Ba8 16.Nc4 Qb8 17.a3 b5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxa8 Ng4 20.Qxg4 Qxa8 21.Rac1 Qb7 22.h4 Rd5 23.Qg3 Bd6 24.Qf3 Qd7∓* Kallai,G-Farago,I/HUN-chT 1994*)* 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Bd2 Qe7 14.Bc3 Rfe8 15.Ba6 Rad8 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.Qc2 f6 18.Qb3 Qf7 19.Rd3 Rd7 20.Rad1 Red8 21.Qa4 Qe6 22.b4 Bd6 23.Qb3 Ne7 24.Nd4± Szabo,L-Donner,J/Amsterdam 1973/MCL/1-0 (64)]
[9.dxc5 Konikowski Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc5=]
9...cxd4 10.exd4 This position can be created from several openings. **10...b6!∓**
[10...Nf6!? Black wants to change pair of ♘♘. 11.Ng3 *(11.Be3 Nb4 12.Bb1* Tsesarsky: 'was in the game ½-½ Kuznetsova,Elena-Epshtein/Petrosian mem-J ; EXT 99 1998 on 12-th move.' *Nbd5 13.Qd3 b6 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Bg5 g6 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Bh6 Re8∓* Chemin,V-Pelikian,J/ch-BRA Brasilia BRA 2000/½-½ (48) *)* 11...Nb4 12.Bb1 b6 13.a3 Nbd5 14.Ne5 *(14.Re1!?)* 14...Bb7 15.Bg5 *(15.Re1!?⇄)* 15...Rc8 16.Qd3 *(16.Re1!?⇄)* 16...g6 17.Ba2⇄ *(17.h4? Nd7!* Forcing 2 pair of pieces change *18.Bh6 Re8 19.h5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bg5 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Bxg5 Qxg5∓* ½-½ Kuznetsova,Elena-Epshtein/Petrosian mem-J ;EXT 99



1998 (42) (Tsesarsky))]

(Diagram)

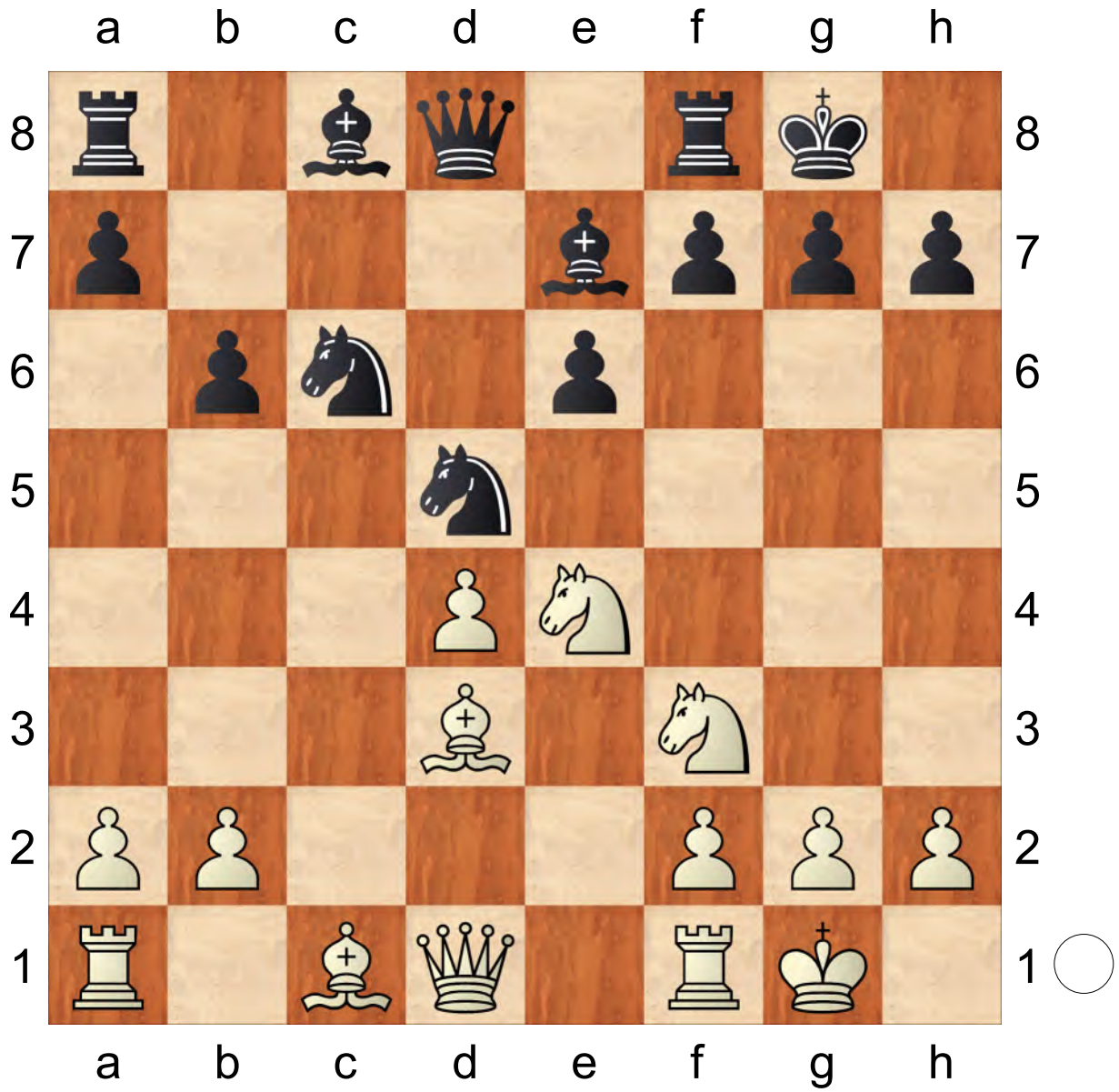
Black wants to develop ♗c8 on b7 and to play against isolated ♙d4. White's plan, in other side is to prepare Attack on the Kingside. **11.a3!?**

[11.Qe2? Ndb4! 12.Bb5 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Rd1 Qe5 15.f4 Qc7∓ ½-½ Turna,Dusan-Cenker,Milan/SVK-chT2 9697 (5) ;EXT 98 1997 (45)]

[11.Bg5!? This move also don't bring to White more than ∓: Bb7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.Bb5 Na5 *(14...Rac8∓)* 15.a3 Rac8 16.Qd3

A) 16...Nf4?! 17.Qe3 Nd5=;

B) 16...Nc7 17.Neg5 g6 18.Ba4∓ *(18.Rfe1 Nxb5 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Qxb5*



h6∓ Nikanorov,Andrej-Astashov,Gleb/Chigorin mem (7) ;CBM 74 no vc 1999/0-1 (46) *)*;

C) 16...Nf6∓]

11...Bb7 12.Qe2

[12.Re1 Rc8∓]

Tsesarsky: 'In our game was' **12...Qc7**

[12...Rc8∓]

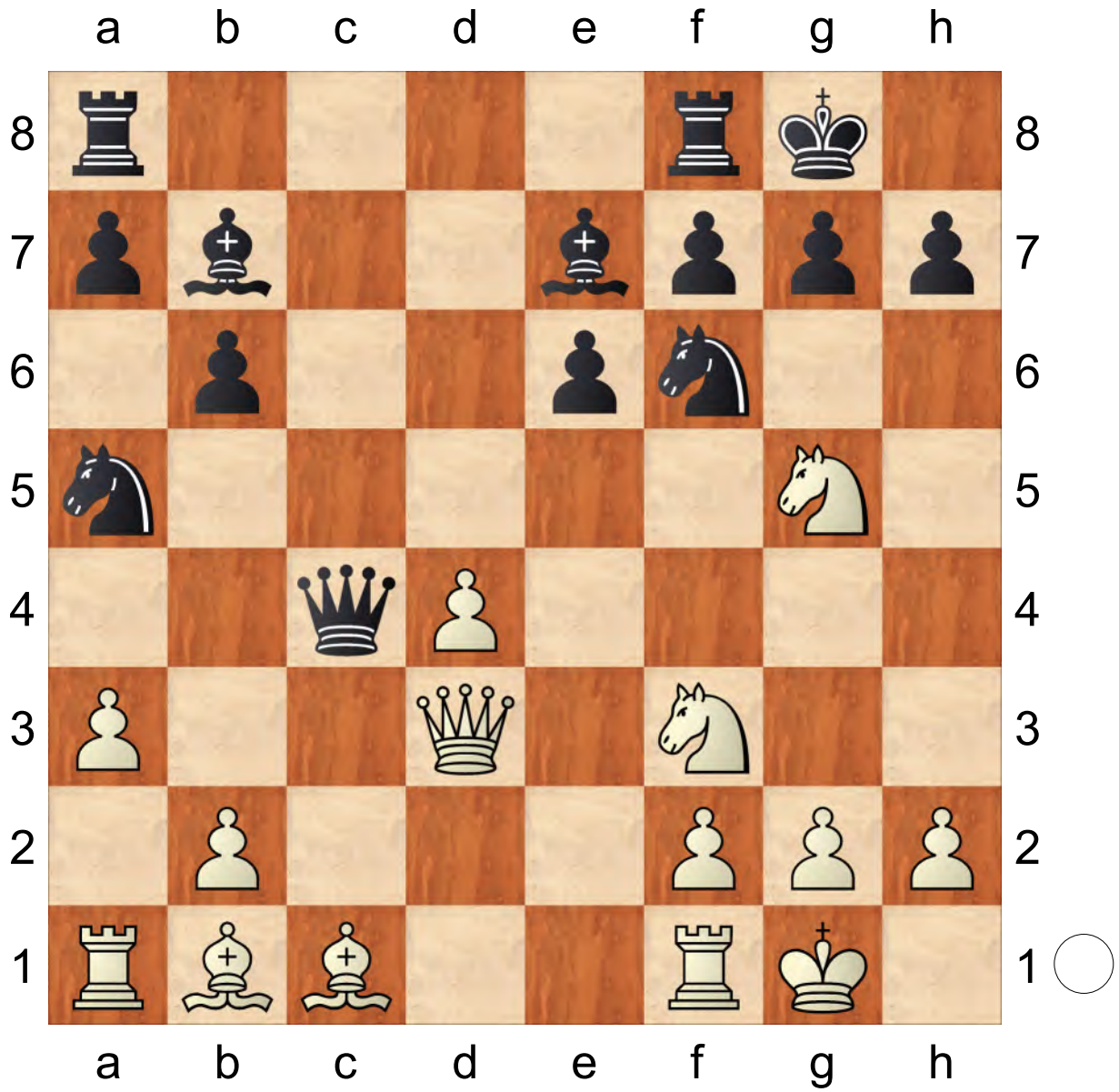
13.Bb1

[13.Neg5 Konikowski Nf6∞]

13...Na5

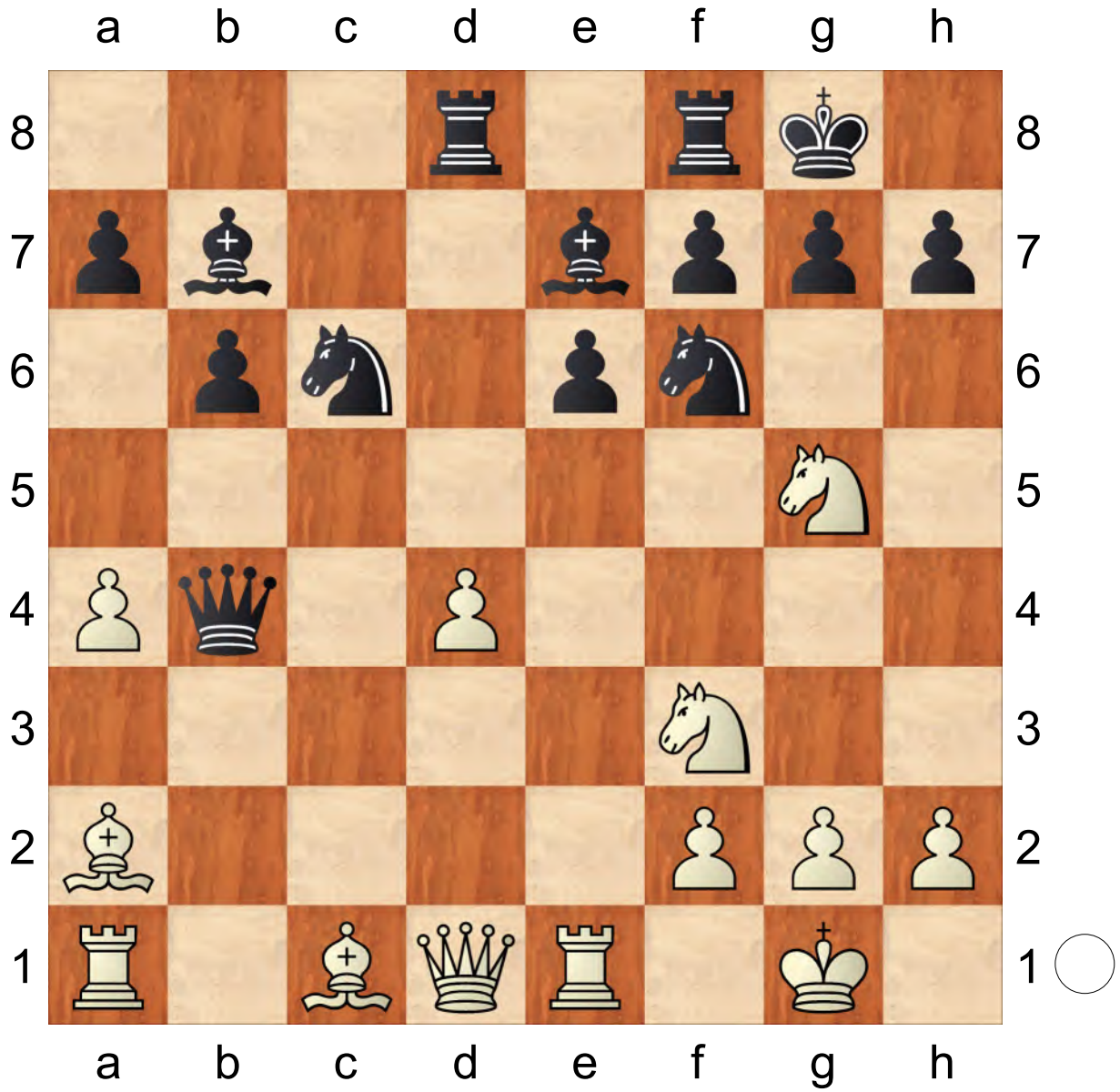
[13...Rac8!? 14.Qd3 f5 *(14...g6 15.Bh6 Rfd8 16.Ba2 Nf6∓)* 15.Neg5 Nd8 16.Bd2 h6 17.Nh3 Bf6∓]

14.Neg5 Nf6 15.Qd3 Qc4



16.Qd1
[16.b4 Ba6 *(16...Qxd3 17.Bxd3 Nc6∓)* 17.Qxc4 Nxc4 18.Bd3 Rac8 19.Ne5 Bb5∓]
16...Rac8 17.b4 Nc6
[17...Nb3?! 18.Ba2□ *(18.Bd3 Qd5 19.Rb1 Nxd4-+)* 18...Qxf1+!? *(18...Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Qxc1 20.Rxc1 Nxc1 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Qd2+-)* 19.Kxf1 Nxa1 20.Bb2 Nc2 21.Bb3 h6 *(21...Ne4 22.Nxh7 Kxh7 23.Bxc2 Kg8 24.Ne5±)* 22.Bxc2 hxg5 23.Nxg5 Rfd8⇄]
18.Ba2 Qb5 Black retain better position
[Also well was 18...Qc3 19.Rb1 Nd8 20.Bb2 Qc7 21.Rc1 Qb8 22.Qe2 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 h6∓]
19.Re1
[19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxe6+ Kh8 21.Bxc8 Bxc8∓]

19...Rcd8? Black doesn't feel a danger
[Right was 19...Nd8! 20.Ne5 Bd5 21.Bb1 h6 22.Bd3 Qe8 23.Ngf3 Nc6 24.Bb2 Rc7∓]
20.a4?⇄ Wrong variation calculation
[For White is not enough 20.Nxf7! Tsesarsky: '⩲↑!?' Tsesarsky: 'Konikowski' Rxf7 21.Bxe6 Re8 22.Ng5 *(22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qb3+ Kf8 26.Qh3 Bc8 27.Qg3±; 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+ Qd5 24.Qxd5+ Nxd5 25.Bg5±)* 22...Nd8 23.Re5 Bd5 24.Bxf7+ Nxf7 25.Nxf7 Kxf7 26.Bg5±]
[⩲20.Nxf7!?↑ Konikowski]
20...Qxb4□



21.Bd2 Qb2?± Missing the next strong tactical impact. '?' Konikowski.
[Good enough was 21...Rxd4!
A) 22.Bxb4 Rxd1 23.Raxd1 Nxb4

A1) 24.Bc4 Nfd5 *(24...h6? 25.Nxe6!±)* 25.Ne4 Rc8∓;
A2) 24.Bb3 h6 25.Nxe6 Bxf3 26.gxf3 fxe6 27.Rxe6 Kf7! 28.Re3+ *(28.Rxb6+ Kg6 29.Rb7 Bc5∓)* 28...Ke8 29.a5 bxa5 30.Ba4+ Kf7 31.Bb3+=;

B) 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 '∓' Konikowski. 23.Be3⩱]

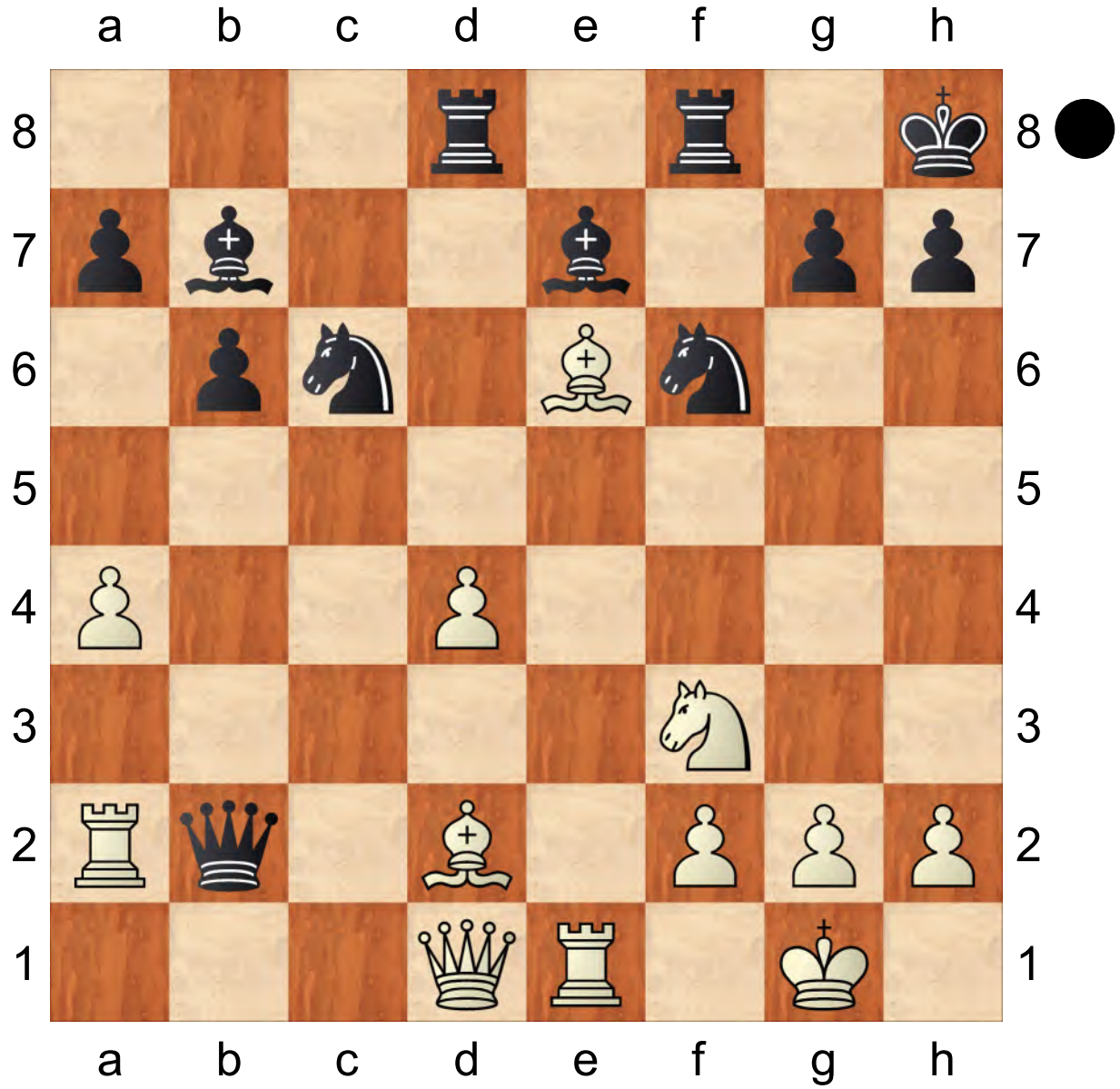
22.Nxe6! fxe6?+-

[The only possibility for resistance was 22...Nxd4! 23.Nexd4 Bc5 '±' Konikowski. 24.Nb3 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Rxd2 26.Nxd2 Qxd2 27.Bb3±]

[22...Rfe8 23.Nxd8 Nxd8+-]

23.Bxe6+ Kh8 24.Ra2

[24.Ra2 Qxa2 25.Bxa2+-]



Suddenly Black ♕ is catched!
1-0

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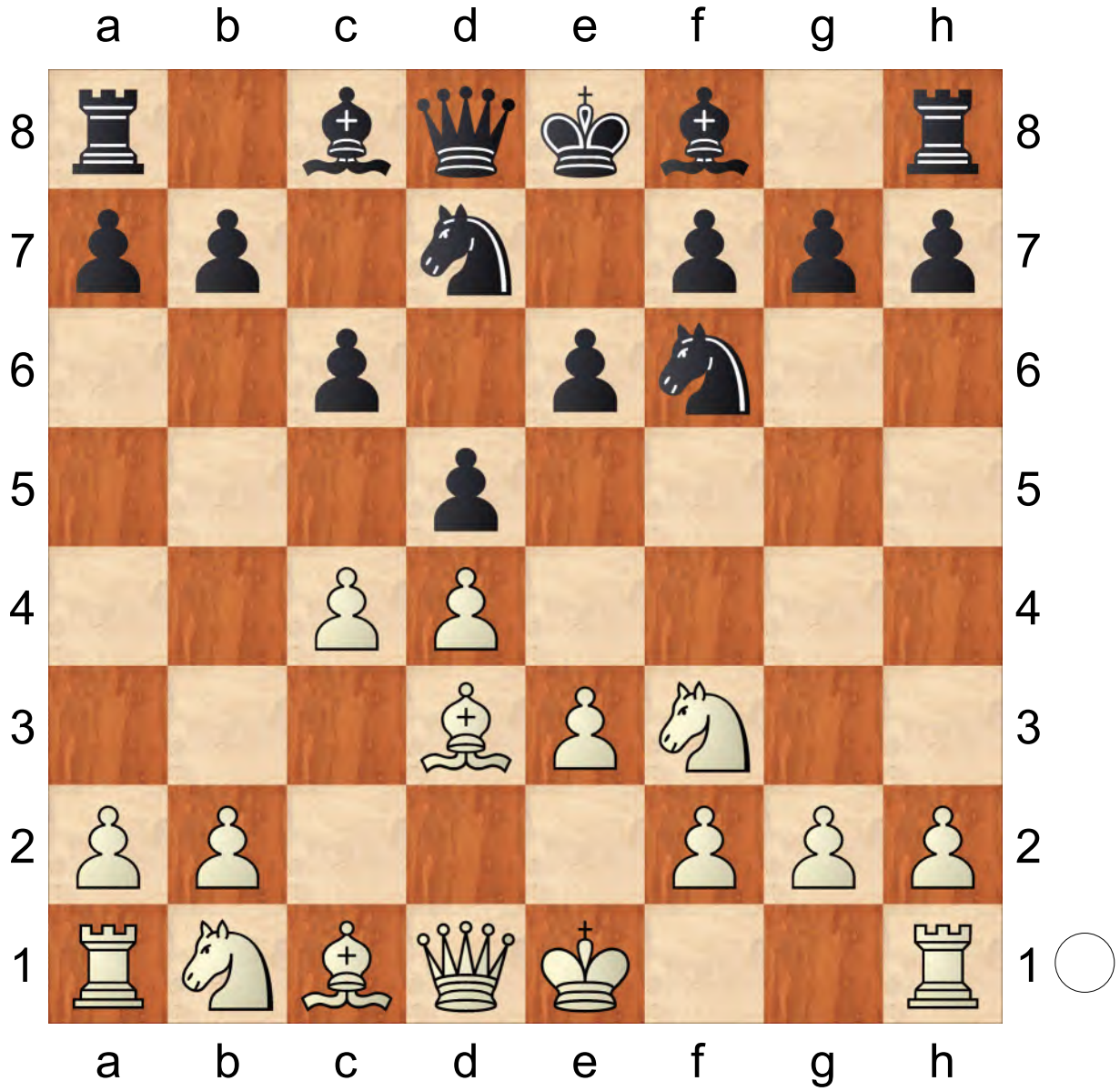
□ **Volkov,Sergey** **2558**
■ **Grabarczyk,Miroslaw** **2506**
EU-ch 2nd Ohrid (7) 07.06.2001
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 c6**
[This section of commentaries please see after 7-th move... 2...e6 3.Nf3 dxc4 4.e3 c5 5.Bxc4 Nf6 6.0-0 Nbd7
A) 7.Nc3
A1) 7...Be7
A1a) 8.Qe2 a6 9.a4 *(9.Bb3 b5 10.d5 exd5 11.Nxd5 c4 12.Nxe7 Qxe7 13.Bc2 0-0 14.a3 Bb7 15.Bd2 Rfe8=* 1-0 Yu Mingyuan-Hu Yi/Budapest 1999/CBM 73 ext (43)*)* 9...b6 10.d5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Rb8 13.e4 Qc7 14.e5 Nf8 15.Bc4 Qb7 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Ne6 18.Bd2⇄ 1-0 Komljenovic,D-Josenhans,D/Andorra 1997/CBM 58 ext (26);
A1b) 8.e4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.Be3 Ne5 11.Be2 b6 12.f4 Ng6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Nc6± ½-½ Olivera,A-Balparda,J/Carrasco 1938/HCL (44);
A2) 7...a6 8.a4!? *(8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3=* 1-0 Janssen,L-Wagner Michel,A/Freiberg 1970/EXT 2000 (34) *)*;
B) 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.a3= 1-0 Smolka,A-Volkhausen,T/GER 1997/EXT 2001 (26);
C) 7.Qe2! a6 Tsesarsky: '!?' 8.Rd1 Qc7 9.a4 b6 10.e4 cxd4 11.e5 Ng8 12.Bf4± 1-0 Meskanen,V-Korhonen,E/Espoo 1996/EXT 99 (30)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6
[4...Bf5!?]
5.Bd3 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.0-0 This moves order purpose is to avoid complicated Meran variation. **6...dxc4**
[6...Bd6 -mainline]
[Worth of attention 6...b6!? This defence method is popular in position with ♘b1-c3 and ♗f8-d6 move including. This variation plays Galkin quite successfully: 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.e4 *(8.Qe2 Be7 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 Rd8 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Rfd1 Qb8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 c5 ½-½* Roiz,M-Galkin,A/Biel 2000/CBM 77 ext (14) *)* 8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Be7 10.Qe2 *(10.Bf4 0-0 11.Nd6 Qc7 12.c5 bxc5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxb7 Qxb7∓* 0-1 Zasukhin,V-Galkin,A/Ekaterinburg 1997/CBM 57 ext (99) *)* 10...0-0 11.b3 c5 12.Bb2 Qc7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Rfe1 *(14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Rfe1 h6 16.h3 Rfe8 17.Bc3 Ba8 18.Bc2 Bb7 19.Rd2 ½-½* Bauer,C-Galkin,



A/Metz 2000/CBM 75 ext (19)) 14...cxd4 15.Bxd4 Bb4 16.Rf1 Qf4 17.Nfg5 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 ½-½ Kochyev,A-Galkin,A/St Petersburg 1997/CBM 61 ext (18)]

7.Bxc4 c5 This move transform the game to Accepted Queen Gambit position. Black lost tempo on c7-c6-c5, White lost tempo on ♗f1-d3xc4

[7...Be7

A) 8.Qc2 0-0 9.e4 c5 *(9...Re8 10.Bg5± 1-0 Rethy,P-Sterk,K/Budapest 1937/EXT 99 (32))* 10.Rd1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qa5 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.Bb3 Bd7⇄;

B) 8.b3 b5 9.Be2 *(9.Bd3 a6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Nbd2 c5= ½-½ Mustelin,J-Linqvist,G/Tampere 1989/EXT 97 (42))* 9...Bb7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Nbd2 a6 12.a4 Qb8⇄ ½-½ Hansen,S-Hansen,L/Copenhagen 1994/EXT 99 (60);

C) 8.Nc3 b5 *(8...0-0 9.Qe2 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Rd1 a6 12.e4 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.e5± 0-1 Koenig,I-Steiner,L/Vienna 1931/EXT 99 (29))* 9.Bd3 b4

10.Na4 Bb7 11.e4 Rc8 12.Qe2 c5 13.dxc5 0-0 14.b3 Bxc5 15.Bb2 Be7= 1-0 Krasenkow,M-Rahman,Z/Dhaka 1995/CBM 48 (45)]

[7...a6 8.Re1 b5 9.Bb3 Be7 10.e4 0-0 11.Nc3 b4 12.Na4± 0-1 Efimov,I-Antunes,A/Andorra 1993/TD (86)]

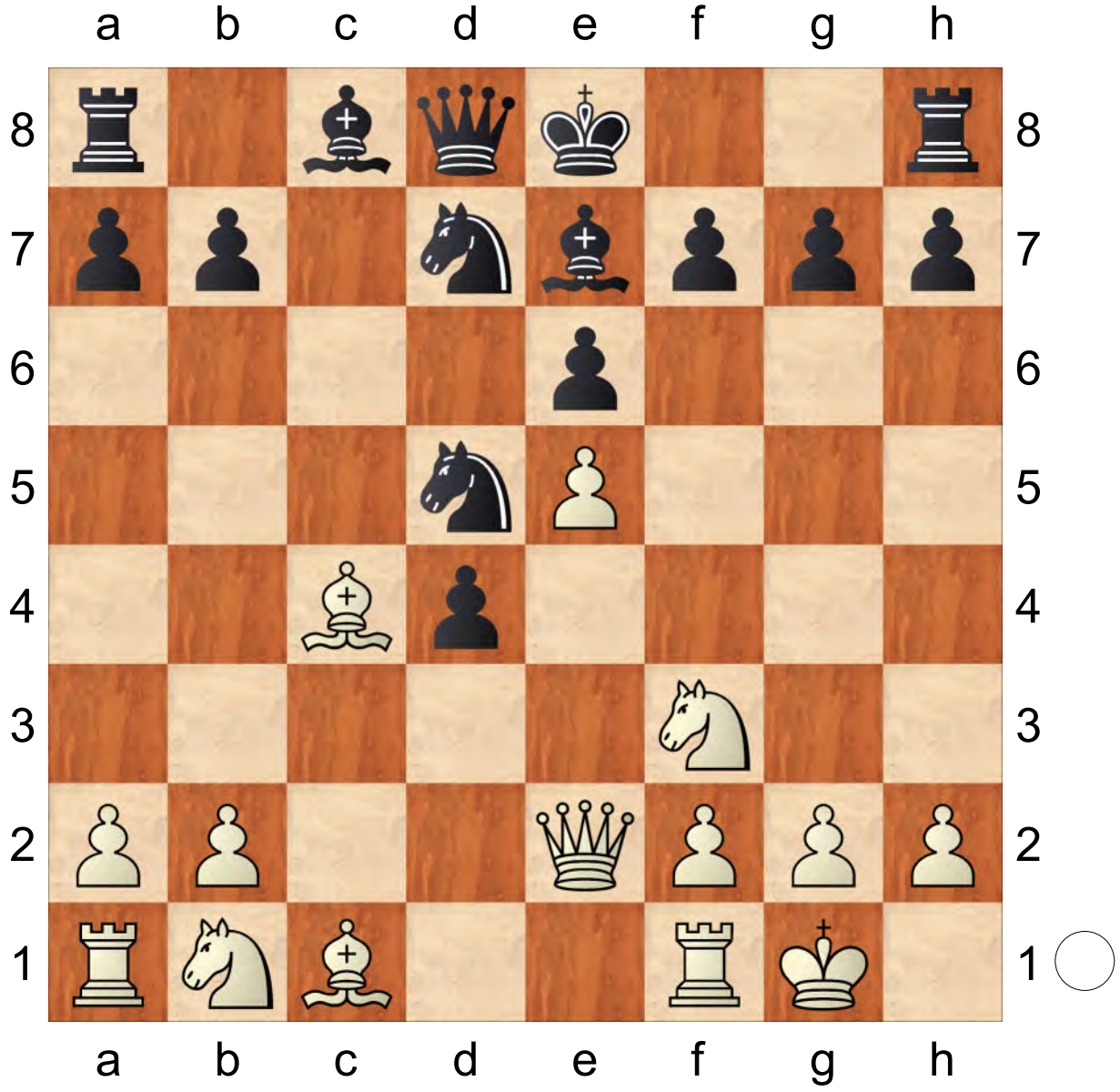
8.Qe2

[See commentaries to the 2-move - above. The same position was created after 6 moves, not after 7… 8.Nc3 cxd4 *(8...a6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.e4 Qc7 11.Qe2 b5 12.Bb3 Bd6⇄* 0-1 Soto Larrea,M-Alekhine,A/Mexico 1932/HCL (29)*)* 9.exd4 Nb6 10.Bb3 Be7 11.Ne5 0-0 12.Re1 Nbd5 13.Qf3± 1-0 Zilberstein,D-Wolski,T/San Francisco 1998/CBM 63 ext (21)]

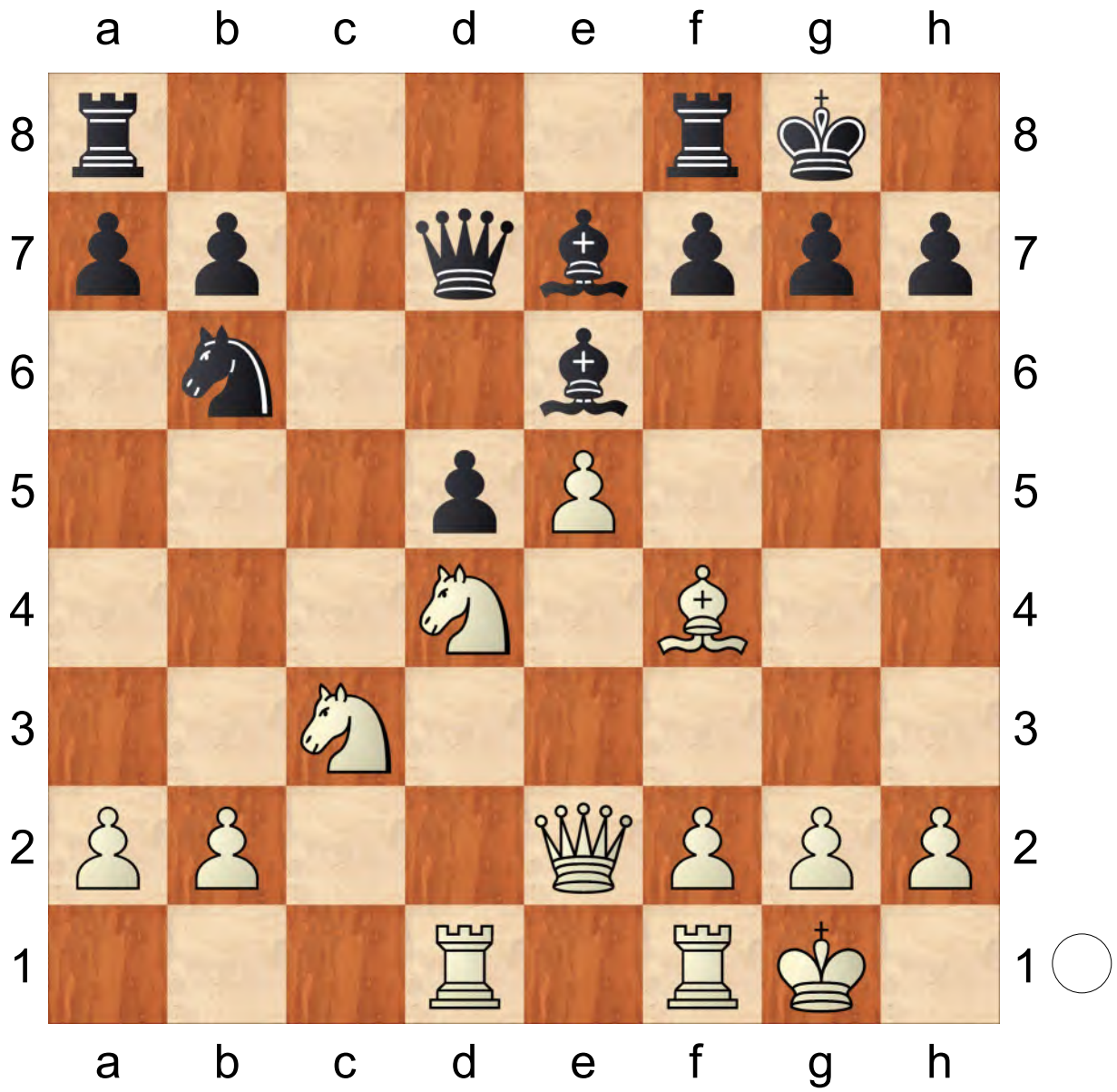
8...Be7

[8...a6!? 9.Rd1]

9.e4! cxd4 10.e5 Nd5

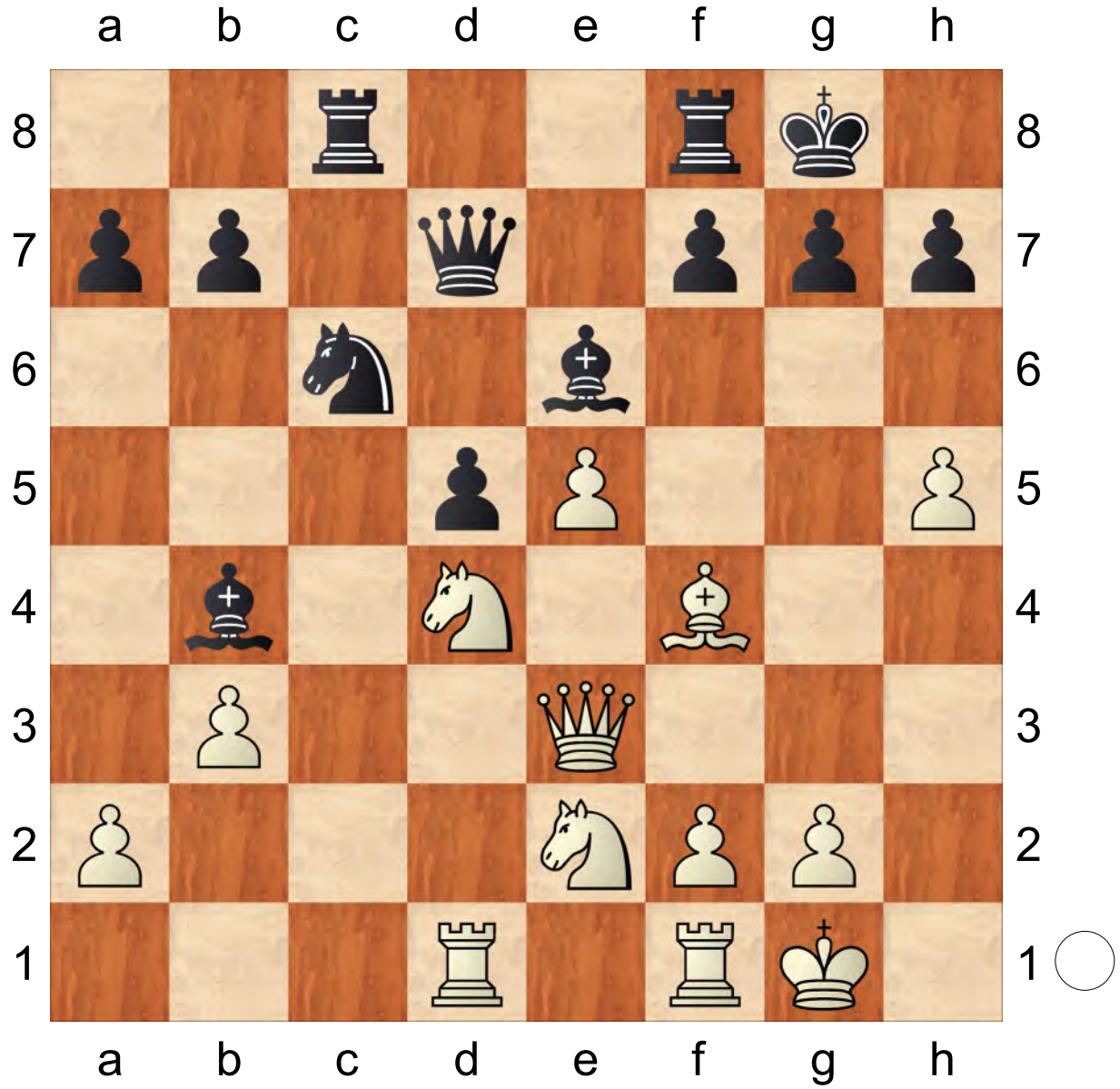


11.Bxd5
[11.Nxd4 0-0
A) 12.Nd2?! N7b6 13.Rd1 *(13.Bb3 Nf4∓)* 13...Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Bd7=;
B) 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Bxd5 exd5 14.Nc3 Qxe5 15.Qxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxd5 Bd6 17.Bf4 f6 18.Nb5 Bb8 19.Rac1±]
11...exd5 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Nc3 Nb6 14.Bf4
[14.Rd1 Be6⇄]
14...Be6 15.Rad1 Qd7



16.b3
[16.h3 Rac8⇄]
16...Bb4!? 17.Qe3
[17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bd2 Bc5⇄]
17...Nc8 18.Nce2 Ne7 19.h4 Nc6 20.h5 Rac8

[20...Bg4 21.h6 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Bc5 23.hxg7 Rfe8 24.Ng3⩱]



21.Qg3 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Rc3 23.Be3

[23.f3 Bc5 24.Bh6 f5 25.exf6 Rxf6 26.Bg5 Rf8 27.Rfe1⇄]

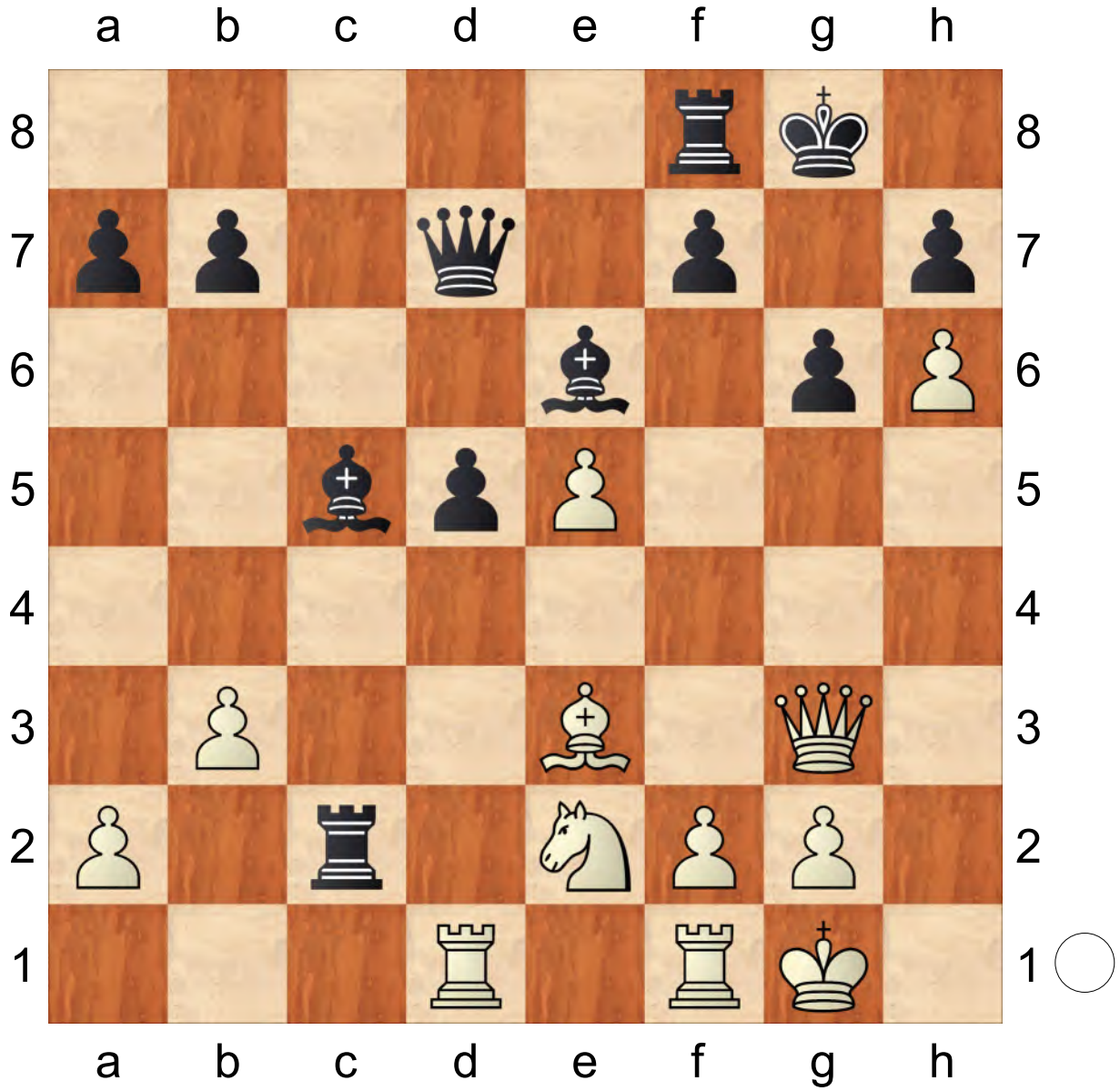
23...Bc5??+- Serious positional mistake. Now White can force dark-squares ♗♗ exchange.

[⌓23...Rfc8 24.h6 g6⇄]

24.h6 Weakening black squares near opponent ♔. **24...g6 25.Ne2! Rc2**

(Diagram)

26.Bxc5 Rxc5 27.Nf4! This move disadvantage is clear: Black can push forward his weakness -♙d5. But dominant ♘ allocation on f6 will paralyse Black forces.



[Not 27.Nd4?! with excellent blockade ♘ position. But this "slow method" is not so effective like another one. Rfc8 28.f4 Rc3 29.Qg5 *(29.Rd3 Rxd3 30.Qxd3±)* 29...Qd8 30.Qxd8+ Rxd8 31.Nb5 Rc2 32.Rf2±]

27...d4 28.Nh5 Kh8 29.Nf6 Qc7 30.Rfe1

[After 30.Rxd4!? Black also loses by force:

A) 30...Qxe5 31.Qxe5 Rxe5 32.Rfd1 Rc5 *(32...Rf5 33.Rd8+-)* 33.Nd7 Bxd7 34.Rxd7 Kg8 *(34...Rb5 35.Rxf7!+-)* 35.Rxb7+-;

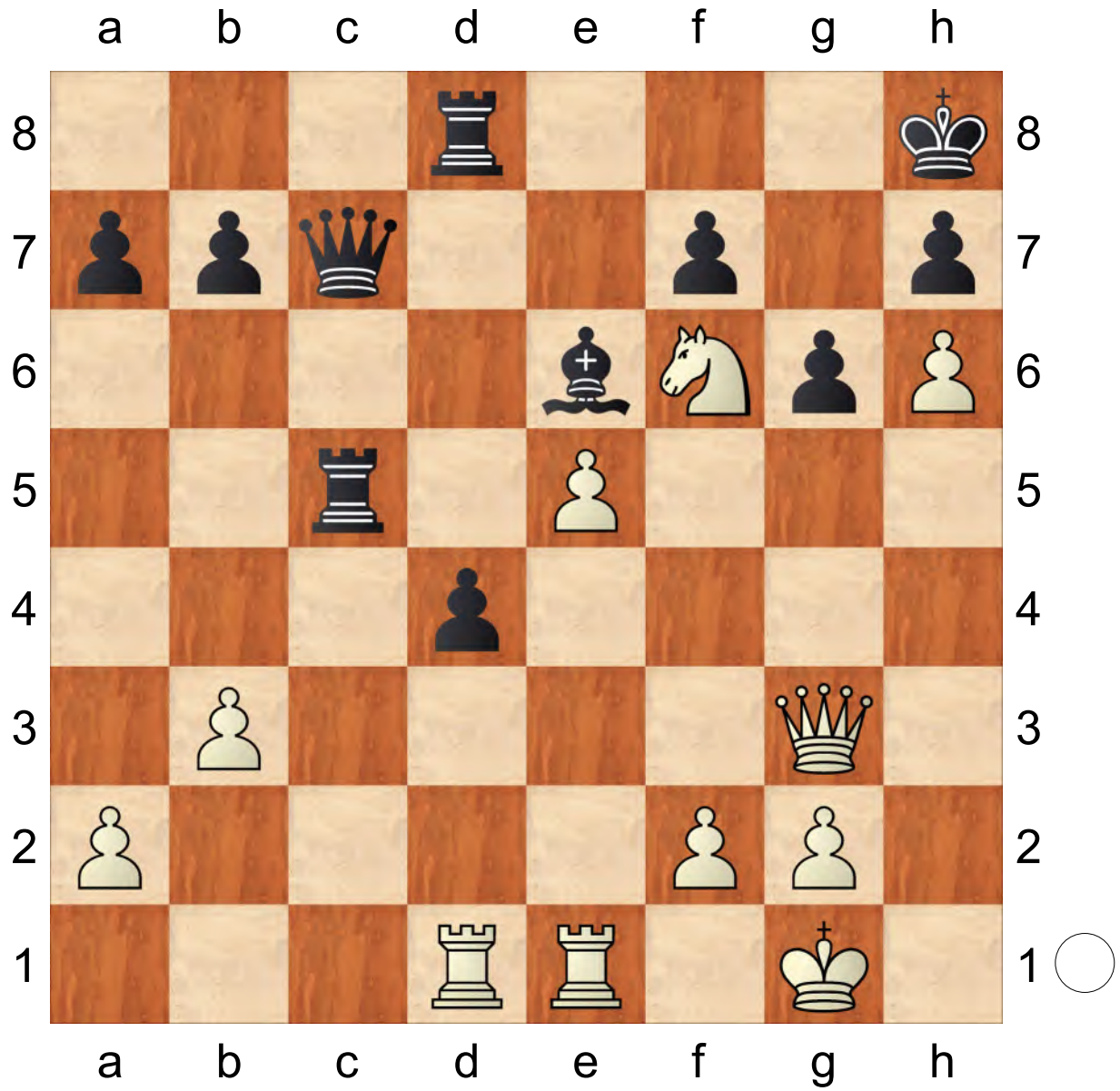
B) 30...Rxe5 31.Rfd1

B1) 31...Rc5 32.Nd7! Bxd7 *(32...Qxg3 33.Nxf8!!+-)* 33.Rxd7 Qxg3 34.fxg3 Kg8 35.Rxb7+-;

B2) 31...Bf5 32.Rd8! Rxd8 33.Rxd8+ Qxd8 34.Qxe5+-]

30...Rd8

(Diagram)



31.Qf4 d3

[Or 31...Qe7 32.Rxd4 Rc2 33.Red1 Rdc8 34.Qg5+-]

32.Nd5

(Diagram)

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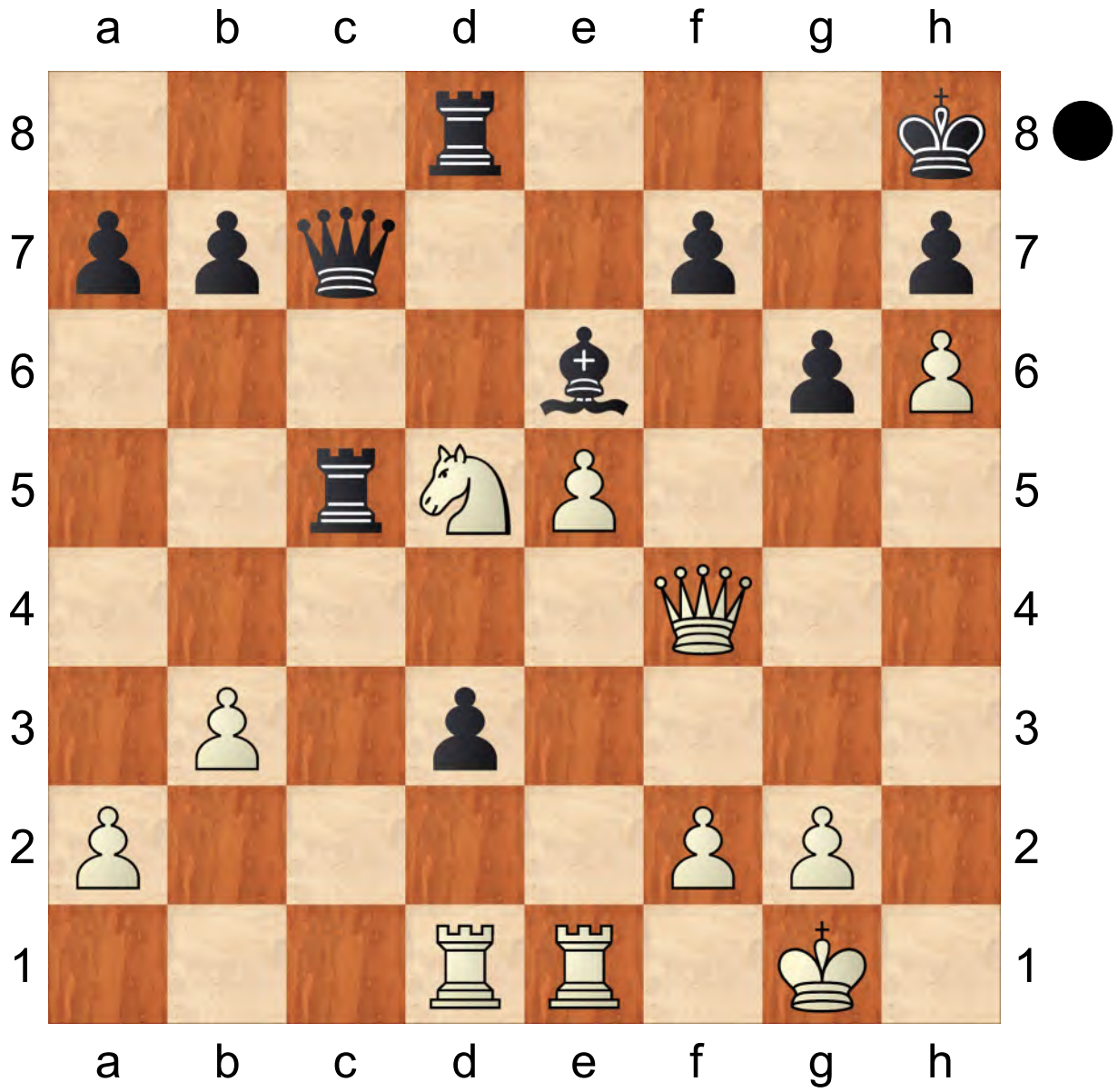
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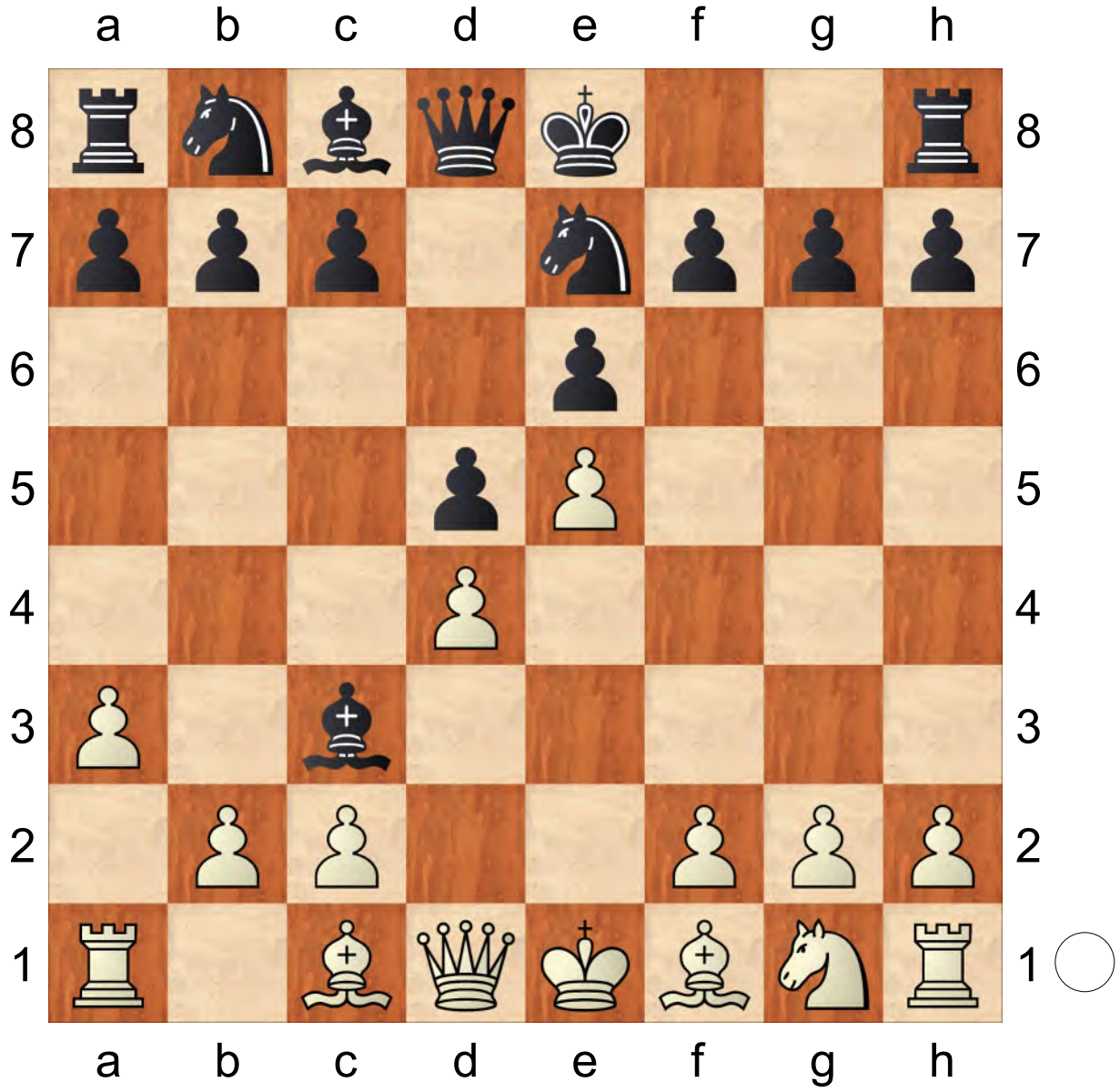
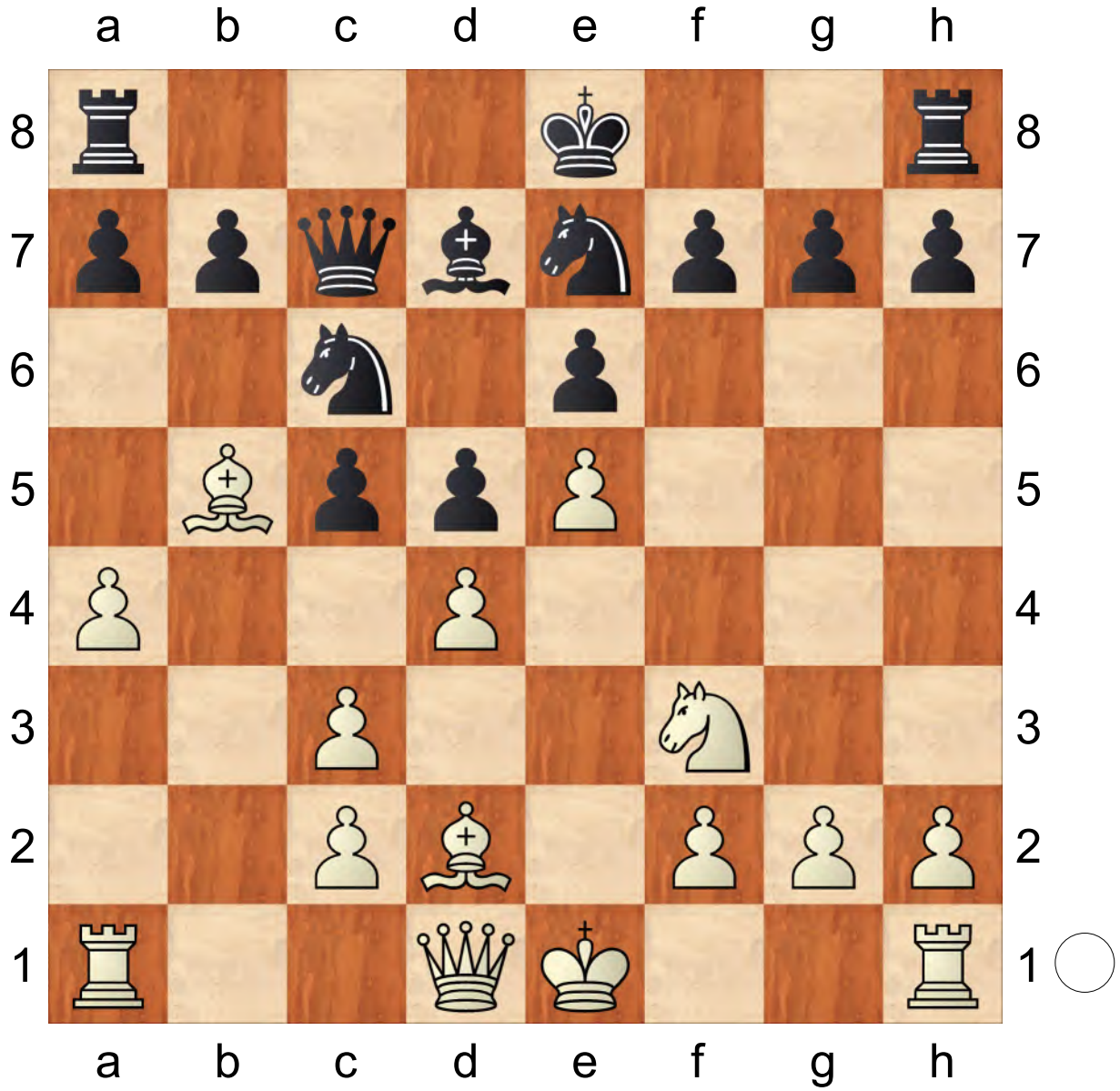
□ **Galstian,Beniamin** **2474**
■ **Lopez Martinez,Josep Manuel** **2505**
Stepanakert-B (3) 04.10.2005
[Psakhis,Lev]

1.e4 Psakhis Psakhis Psakhis: 'Psakhis,L' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.bxc3 c5 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Bd2 Bd7 9.a4 Nbc6 10.Bb5 Qc7

(Diagram)



11.0-0 h6 I don't this that this is obligatory move.

[It is not easy to equalize game after 11...Na5 12.Bd3 Nc4 13.Bc1 h6 14.Re1

A) 14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Rc8 16.Nh4 *(16.Nd2!?)* 16...Qa5 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Ba3 Rxa4 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.Rb1 Rc8 21.Re3 Rcc4 22.Rd3 Rc3 0-1 Bratovic,B (2240)-Bartel,M (2415)/EUR t-ch B18 Balatonlelle 2002/(35)

B) 14...0-0-0 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Ba3 Nd5 17.Bxc5 Nxc3 18.Qd2 Nd5 19.a5↑ ½-½ Bobras,P (2435)-Bartel,M (2417)/POL-ch Warsaw 2002/ (23)]

[but it will be interesting to see how White can pretend even for slight advantage after 11...0-0! 12.Bc1 *(12.Re1 f6 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Bg3 f5 15.h4 f4 16.Bh2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Qd8 18.h5 Nh4 19.Be2 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 Na5 21.h6 g6 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Qb4 b6 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.e6 a5 26.Qb3 Rf6* ½-½ Gongora,M (2417)-Pecorelli Garcia,H (2430)/Havana Capablanca-B 2001/ (40)*; 12.dxc5 Nxe5 13.Bf4 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Qc8 15.Bd6 Re8 16.Bd3 Nf5 17.Bxf5* ½-½ Zelcic,R (2554)-

Psakhis,L (2588) Bled ol) 12...b6 13.Ba3 *(13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Ba3 Na5⩱)* 13...Na5 14.dxc5 Bxb5 15.cxb6 axb6 16.axb5 Rfc8⩲

A) 17.Bd6 Qd7 18.Qd4? *(18.Nd4 Rxc3 19.Bb4 Rc4=)* 18...Nf5 19.Qxb6 Nc4-+;

B) 17.Bb4 Nc4 18.Rxa8 *(18.Qd4 Ng6 19.Rae1∞)* 18...Rxa8 19.Re1 Ng6∓ 20.Bd6! *(20.Qd4 Ngxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Qxe5 Nxe5 23.f4 Nc4 24.g4∓)* 20...Nxd6 21.exd6 Qxd6 22.c4 Qc5!= 1-0 Nunn,J (2610)-Jussupow,A/ Belgrade 1991/ChessBase/[(39)]

12.Bc1

[12.Re1 b6 13.Bd3 White provokes his opponent to close the center. *(13.Bc1 Na5 14.Bd3 0-0 15.h3 Kh8 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Nh2 Ng8 18.Ng4 Qd8 19.c4 dxc4 20.Be4 Bc6 21.Qe2 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qd5⇄* Pinkas,K-Socko,B/Lubniewice 2003 *)* 13...c4 14.Bf1 0-0-0!? 15.g3! Rdf8 16.Bc1 Rd8 *(16...f6?!* only weaks Black's structure in the center and on the kingside. So Black has to stay and wait.*)* 17.Ba3 Be8 18.Bg2 Kb8 19.Nd2 Nc8 20.Nf1 a5 21.Ne3 N6e7± ½-½ Bruzon,L (2669)-Timman,J (2607)/Curacao m 2005/]

12...b6

[12...Na5 13.Ba3 Bxb5 *(13...b6!? 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.Bxc5 0-0⩱)* 14.axb5

A) 14...b6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Rxa5 Nc6 *(17...Qxc3 18.Qa1!±)* 18.Ra4 Qxb5 19.Rg4!→ »;

B) 14...cxd4 15.Bd6 Qb6 *(15...Qxc3? 16.Ra3+-)* 16.Nxd4! Nc4! *(16...Ng6? 17.Qh5 □e6)* 17.Qg4 *(17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qg4 g6∞)* 17...g6 18.Rfe1!? *(18.Nxe6? fxe6 19.Qxe6 Rh7!; 18.Bxe7!?)* 18...Kd7!∞ 19.Qf4 Rh7 20.Bb4 ½-½ Savon,V (2460)-Naumkin,I (2490)/Moskva (op) i52 1991/ChessBase]

13.Ba3 Na5 14.Nd2 Bxb5 15.axb5 0-0

(Diagram)

16.Qe2N

[16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.cxb3 Ng6 19.f4 Qb6 20.c4 Rfd8 21.Qf3 a6 22.Qf2 d4 23.bxa6 Rdc8 24.f5 Nxe5 25.Qg3 f6 26.fxe6 Qxe6 27.Bc1 Kh7 28.Bf4 Ng6 29.a7 Nxf4 30.Rxf4 Qe3+ Arias,G-Ayas,A/Catalynia t-ch 1996/ ChessBase/1-0 (45)]

16...Nb7

[16...a6 17.bxa6 Rfc8!?]

17.f4

[17.c4 Rfd8∞]

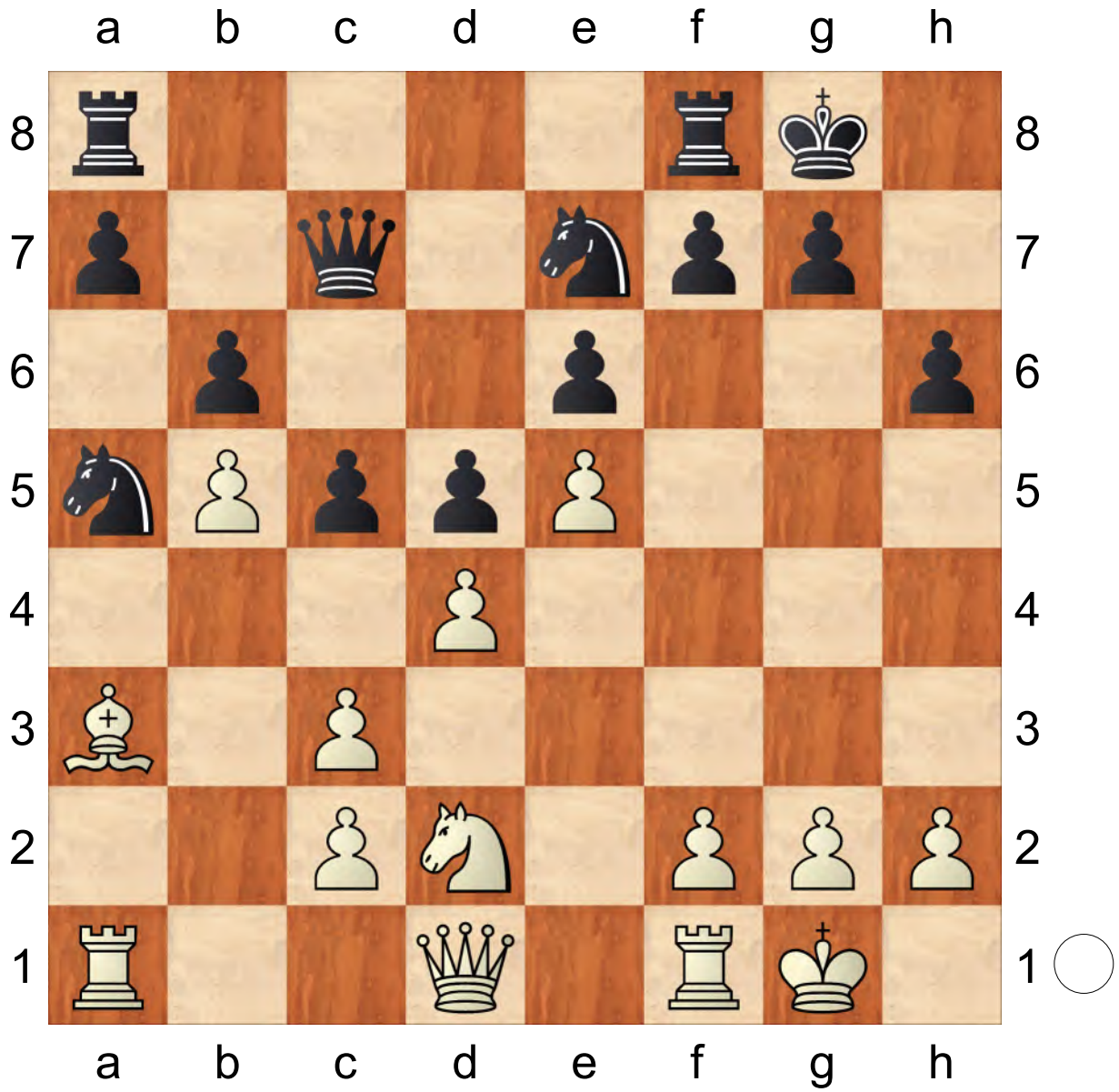
17...Rfc8

[17...f5 18.c4!?↑ *(18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Nf3±)*]

[17...Rac8!?]

18.g4 It's possible to consider that the opening has taken a favorable turn for White.

18...Qd7 19.Qd3 Rc7



[19...a6 20.bxa6 c4 21.Qh3! Rxa6 22.Bxe7 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Qxe7 24.Nf3±]

20.f5 White is ideally developed, now it is time for action! **20...cxd4**

(Diagram)

21.cxd4 Rac8 22.Bb4! Rxc2 23.Rxa7 R2c7

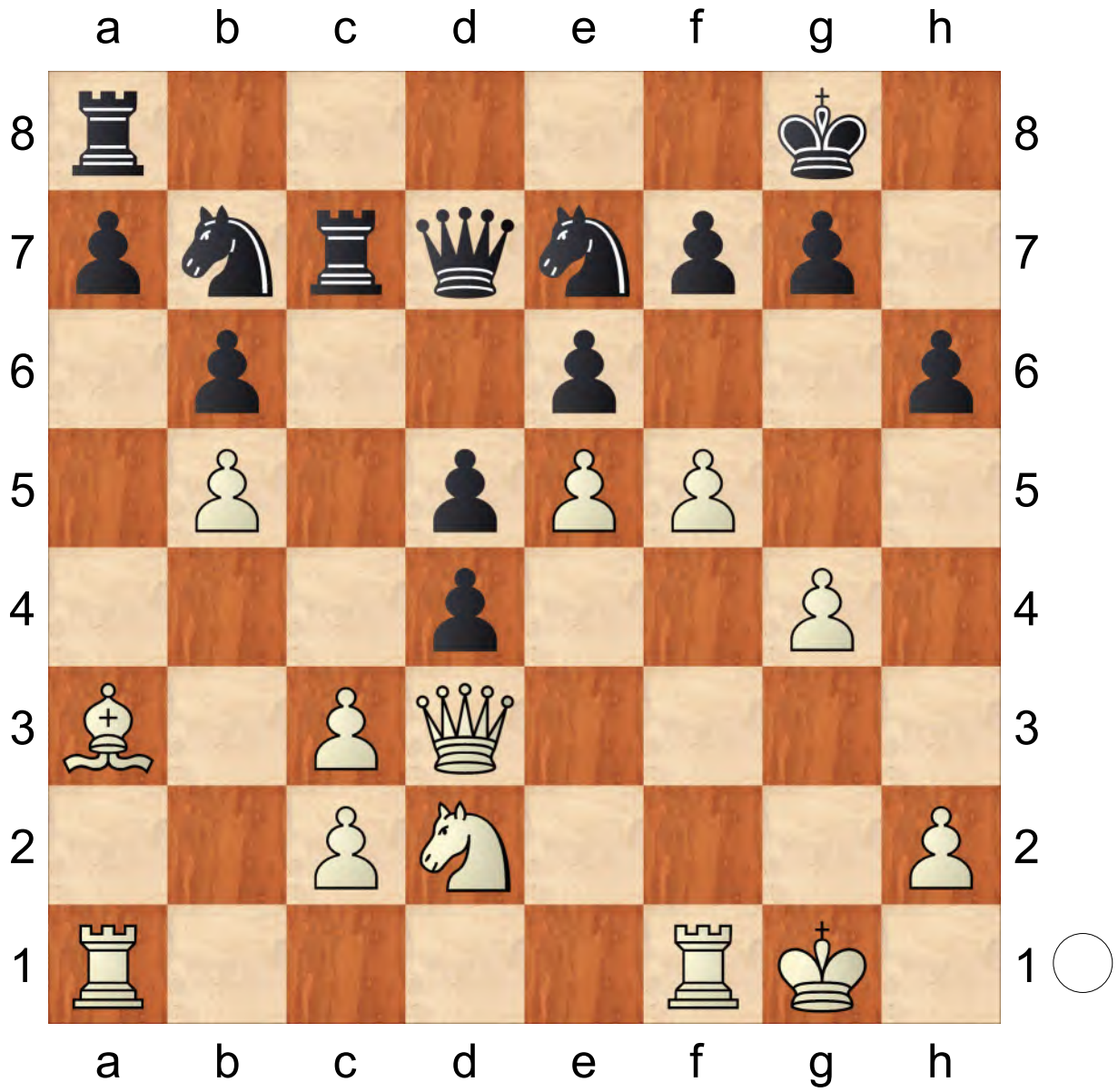
[23...Rb2? 24.Bc3! ΔRxb5 25.Rxb7 Qxb7 26.Qxb5 Rxc3 27.Qe8+ Kh7 28.Qxf7+-]

24.h4?!

[Why not simple Δ24.f6!? Ng6 25.fxg7± with clear advantage?]

24...exf5 25.gxf5 Rc1

[25...Na5 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.Kh1±]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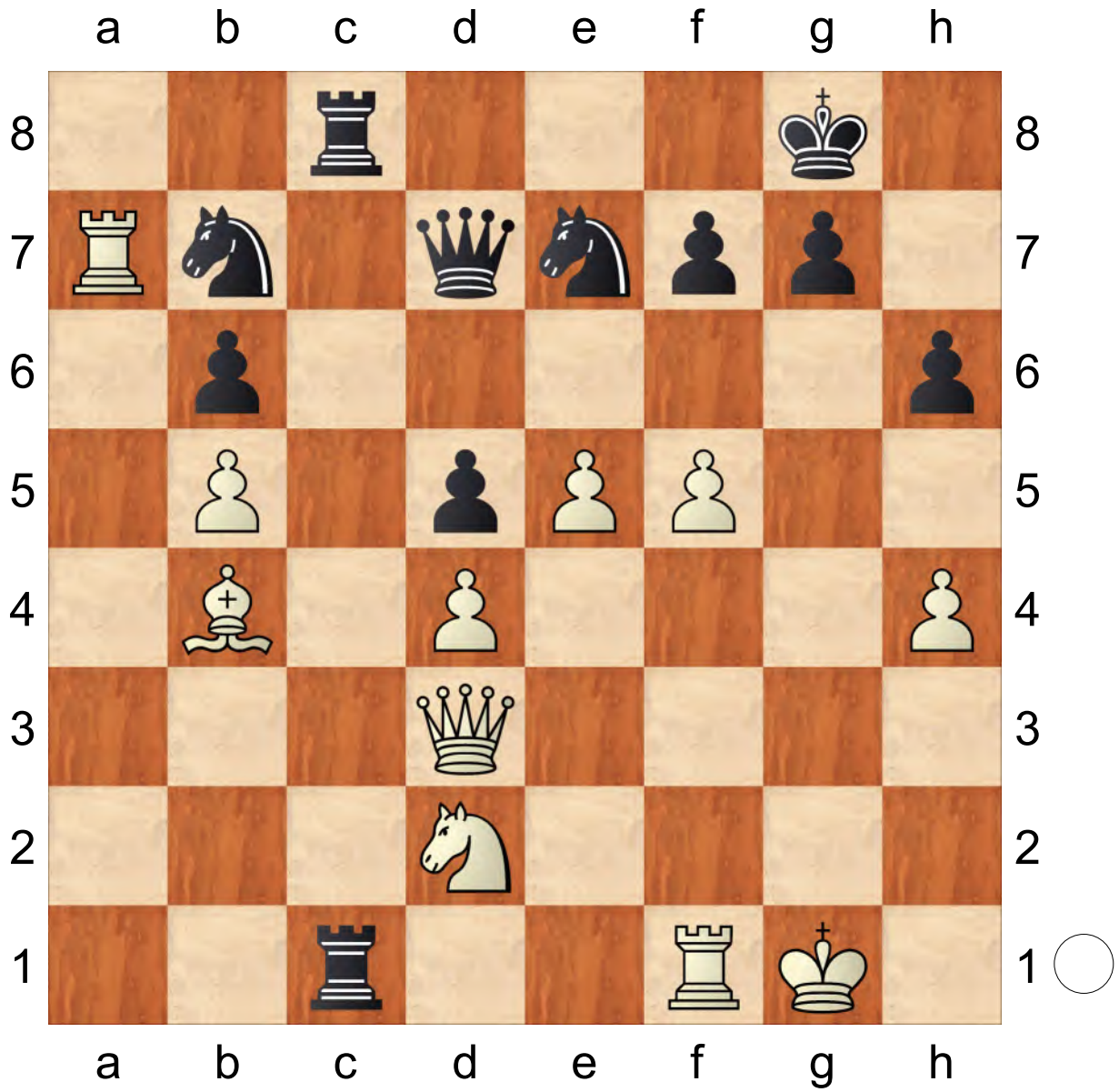


26.Bxe7 Unfortunately for Galstian, he cannot now keep his strong bishop on the board, which greatly reduces White's attacking potential.

[26.e6? fxe6 27.fxe6 Qxe6 28.Rxb7 Qg4+ 29.Kh2 Rxf1 30.Qxf1 Qxh4+=]

26...Qxe7 27.f6 gxf6

[27...Qd7 28.Qg3]

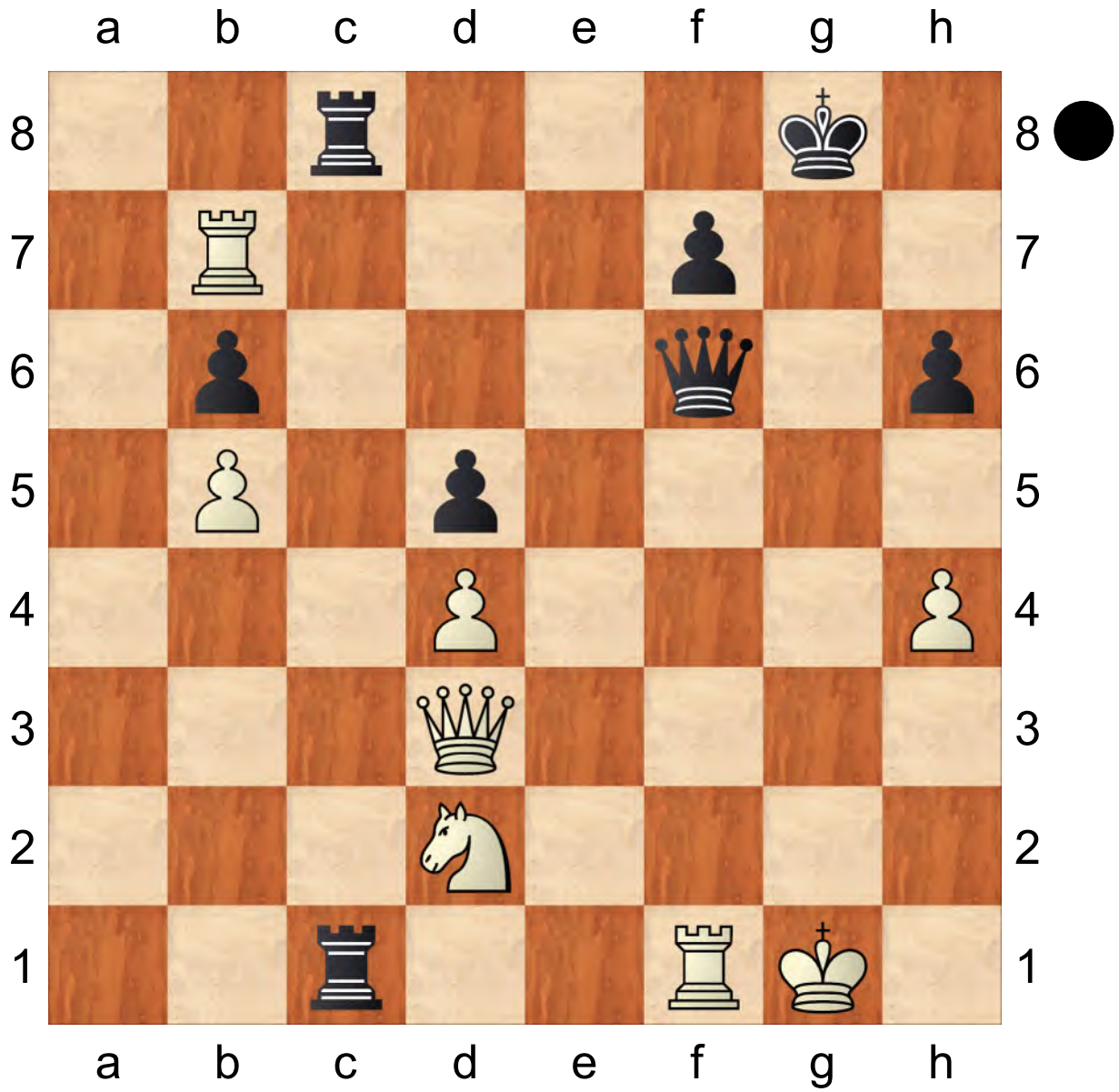
28.exf6

[28.Qf3!? fxe5 29.Qxd5 Qxh4 30.Rxb7 Kh8!⇄]

28...Qxf6 29.Rxb7

(Diagram)

White spoiled part of his advantage. What you will do now, how you can prove it?

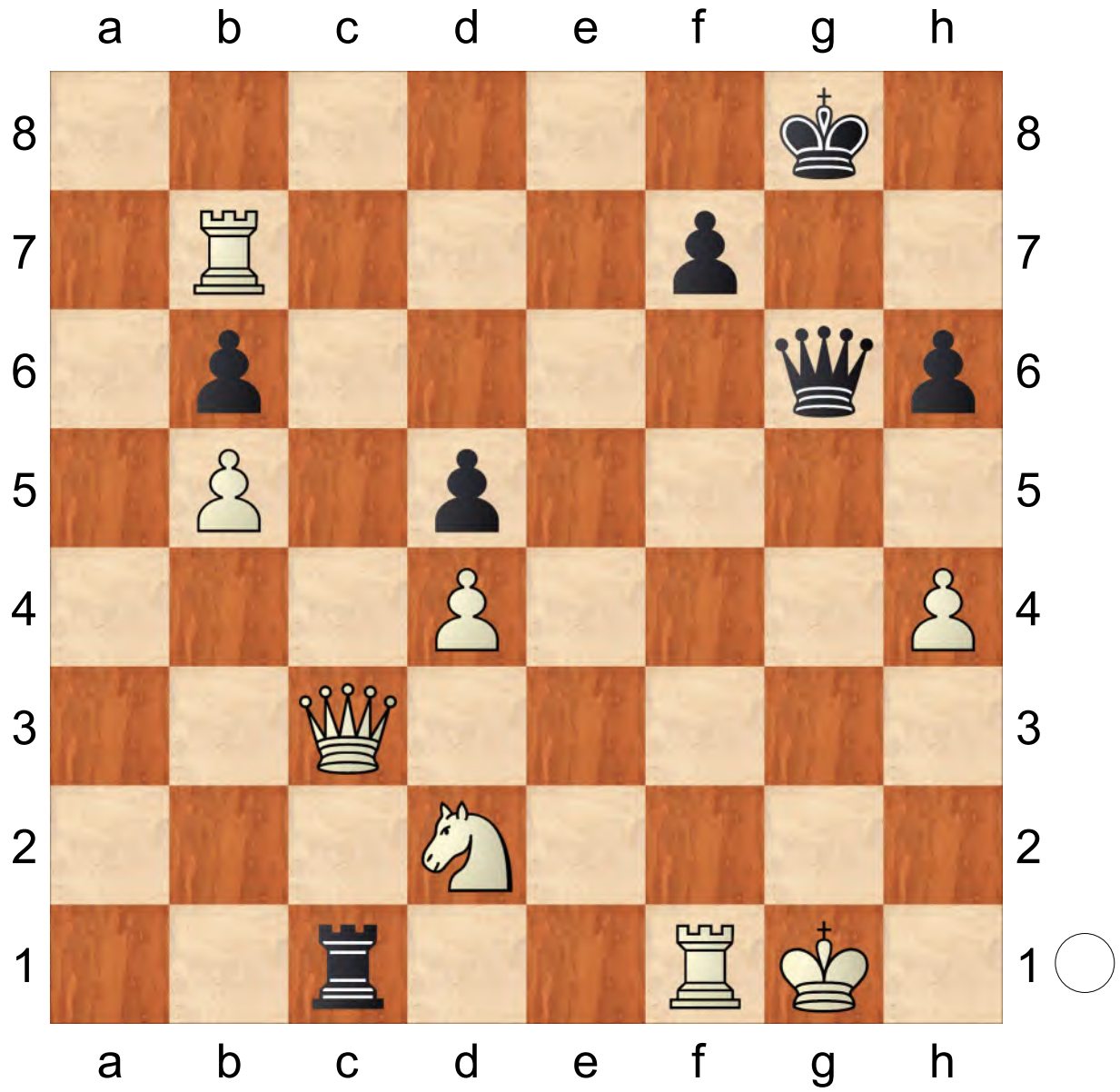


29...R8c3? It seems that this move is just bad. After
[Δ29...Kh8! 30.Qg3 Qxd4+ 31.Qf2 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 *(32.Nxf1? Rg8+-+)* 32...Rc1+ 33.Kg2 Qg7+ 34.Kh2 Qe5+ 35.Kg2 Qg7+= Lopez Martinez could secure draw.]
30.Qxc3 Qg6+

(Diagram)

31.Kf2 Rxc3 32.Rg1+- Qxg1+ 33.Kxg1 Rd3 34.Nf1 Rxd4 35.h5 Rest is very simple, black pawns are weak and Galstian easy brings game to the victory. **35...Rb4**

(Diagram)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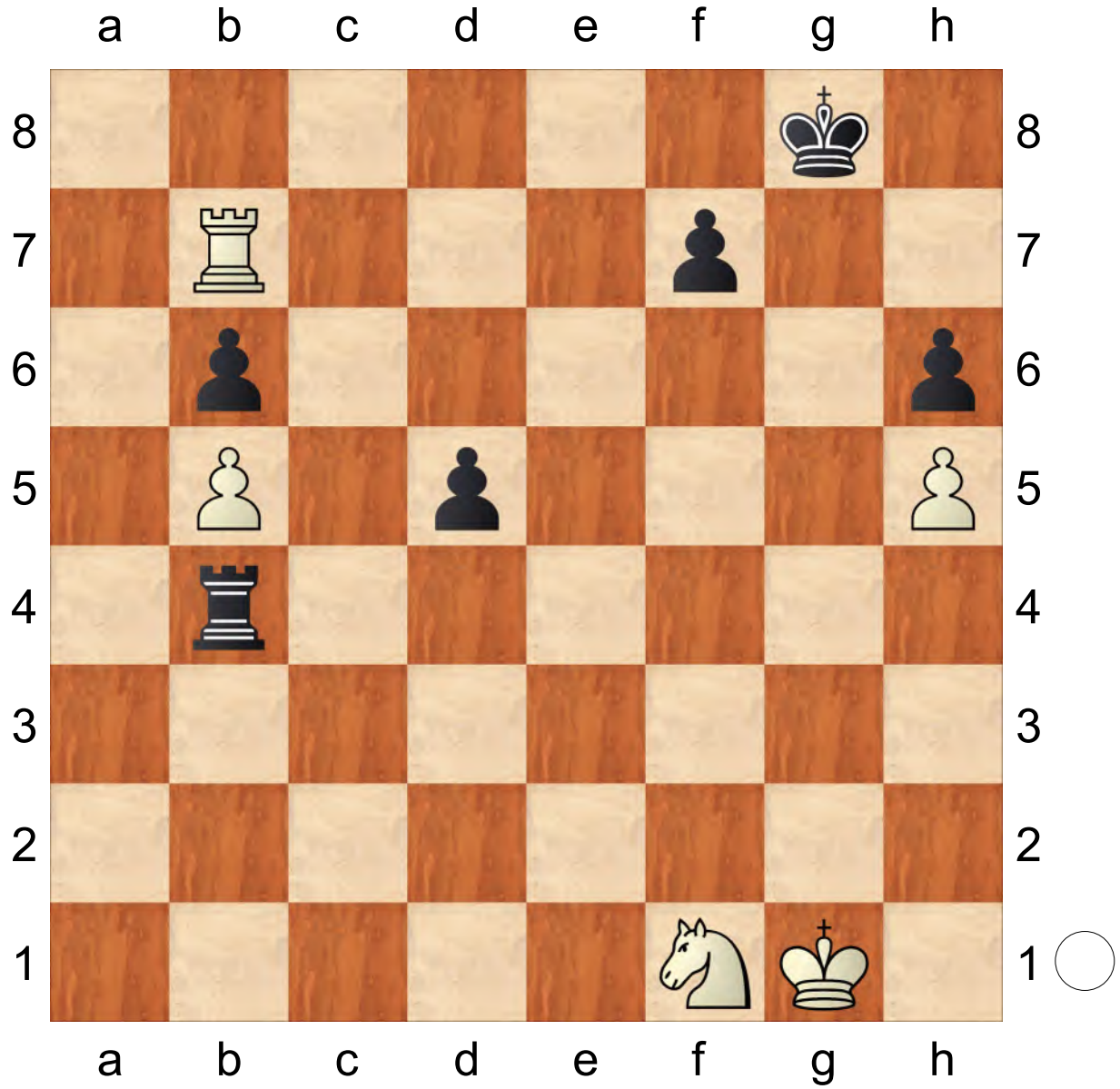

36.Rxb6 d4 37.Kf2 Rb2+ 38.Kf3 Rb3+ 39.Ke4 Rh3 40.Rxh6 Kg7

(Diagram)

41.Rd6 Rxh5 42.Rd5 Rh1 43.Nd2 Kf6 44.b6

(Diagram)

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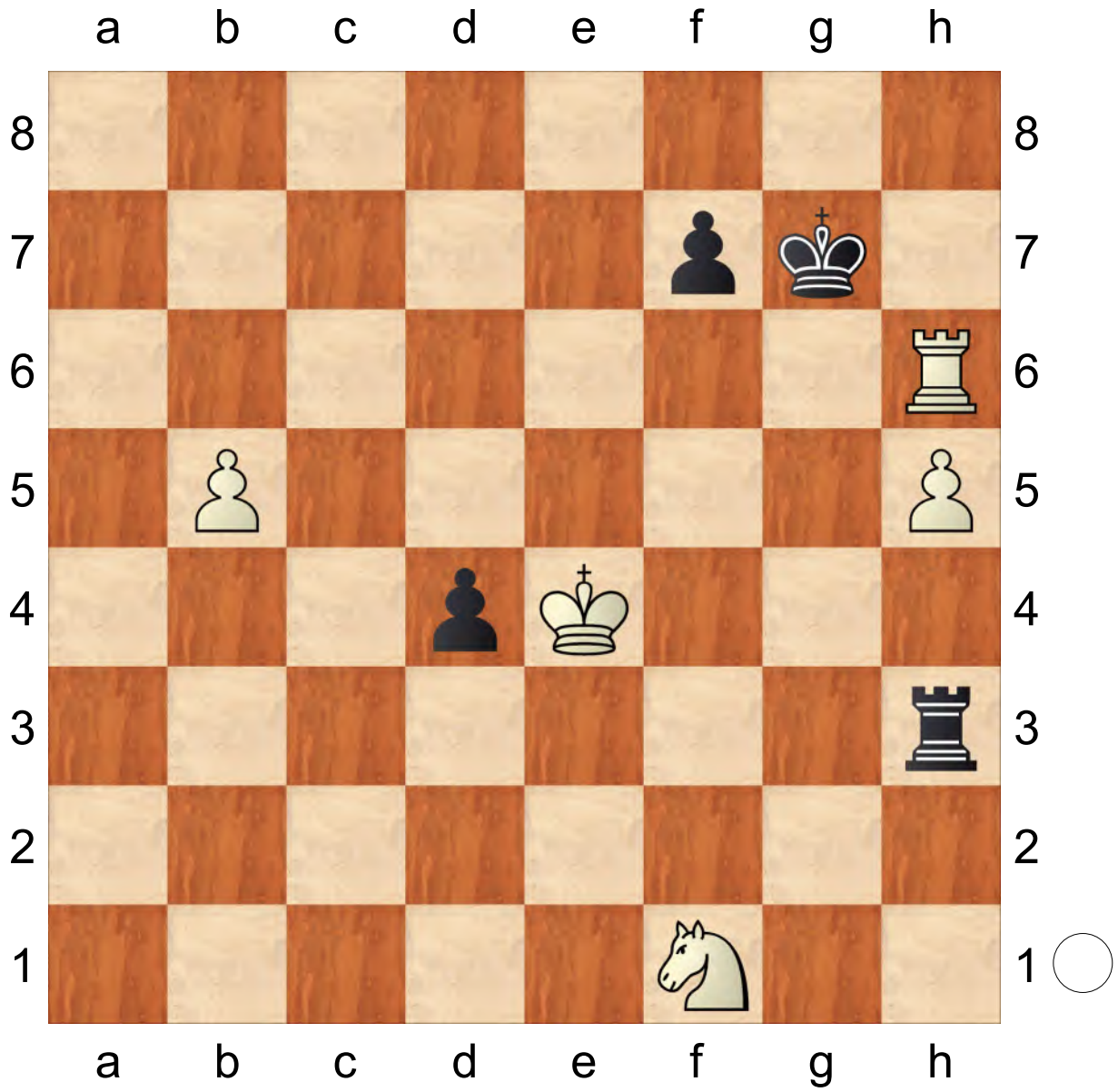
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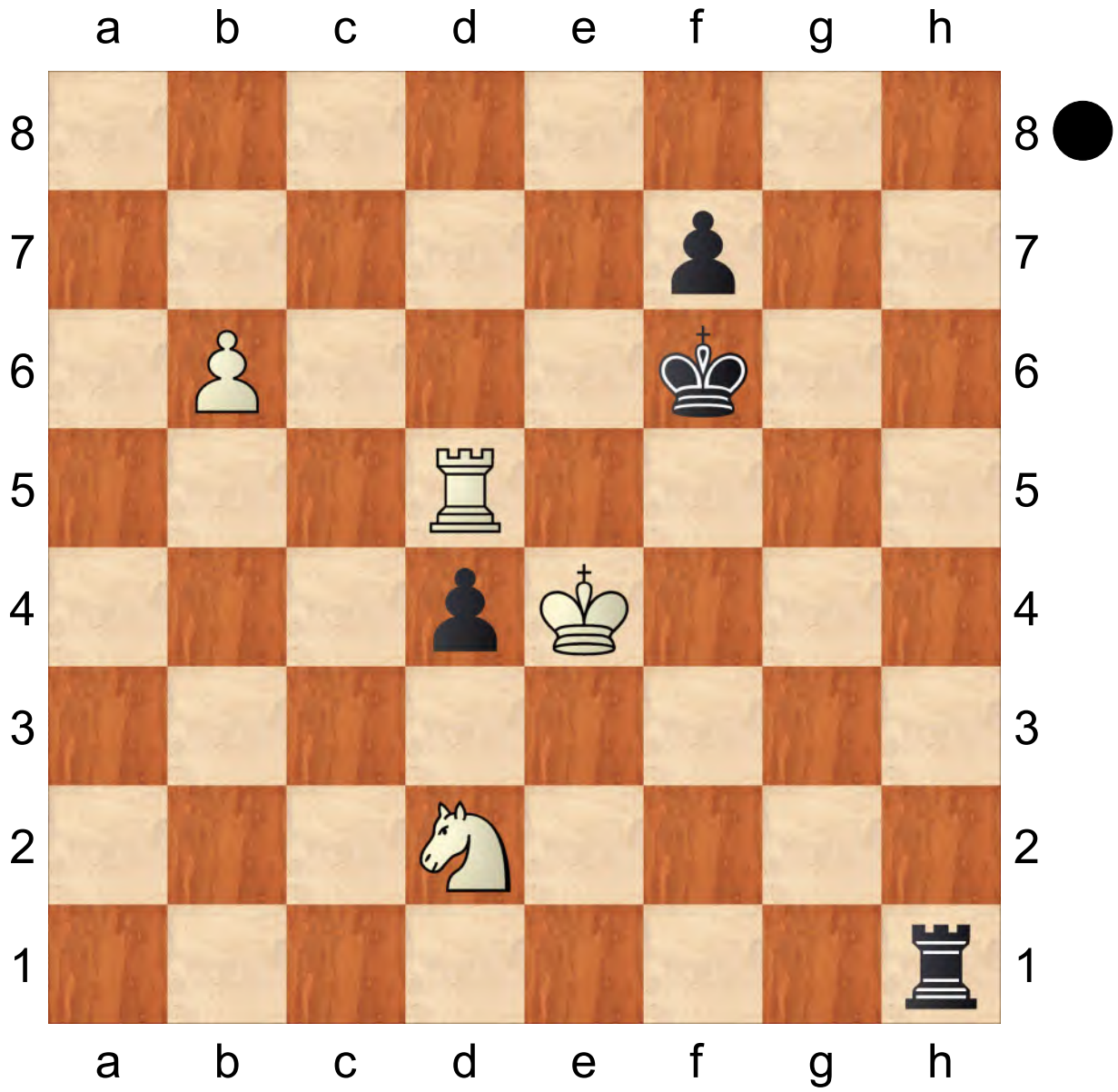
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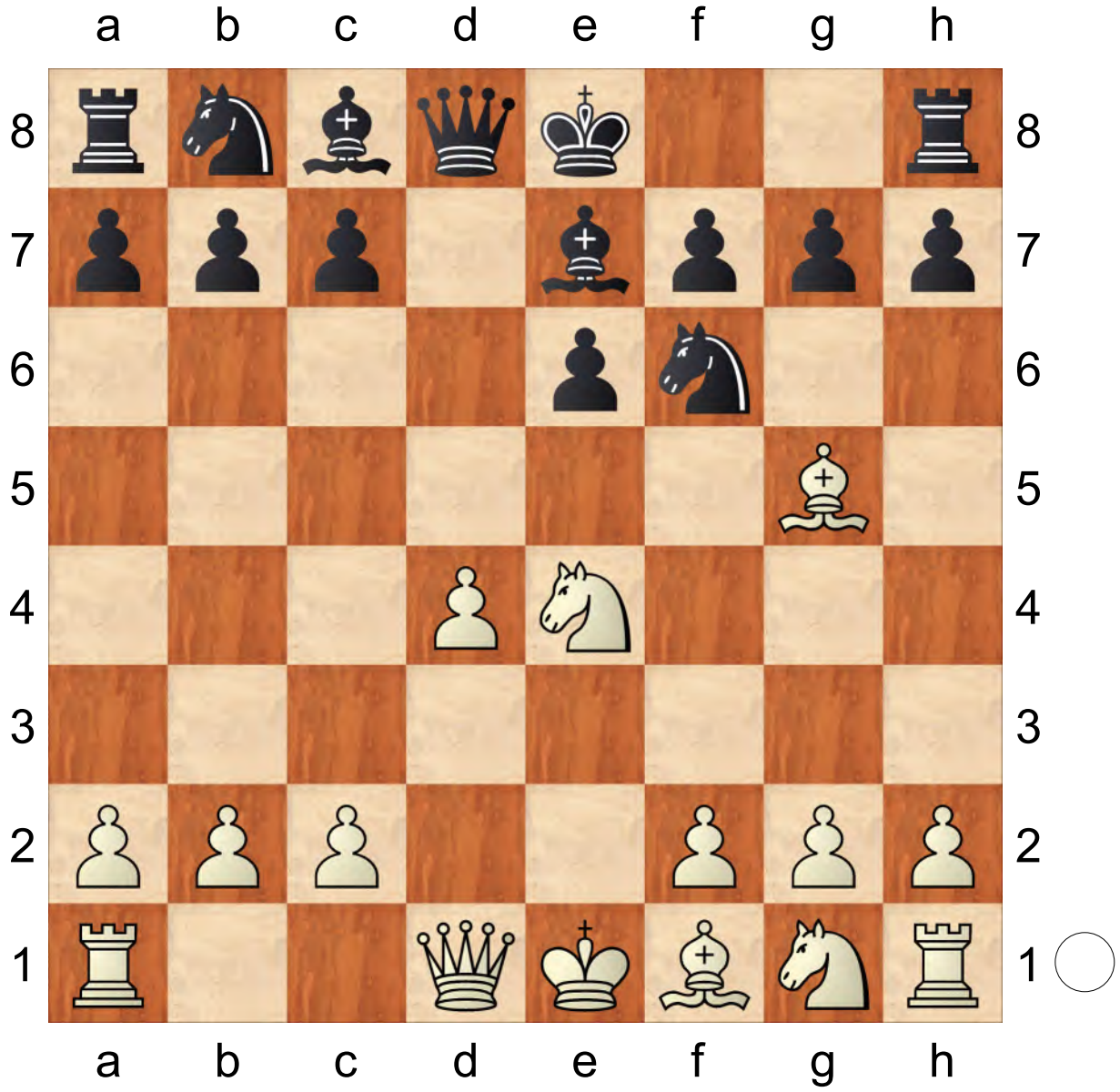
C13

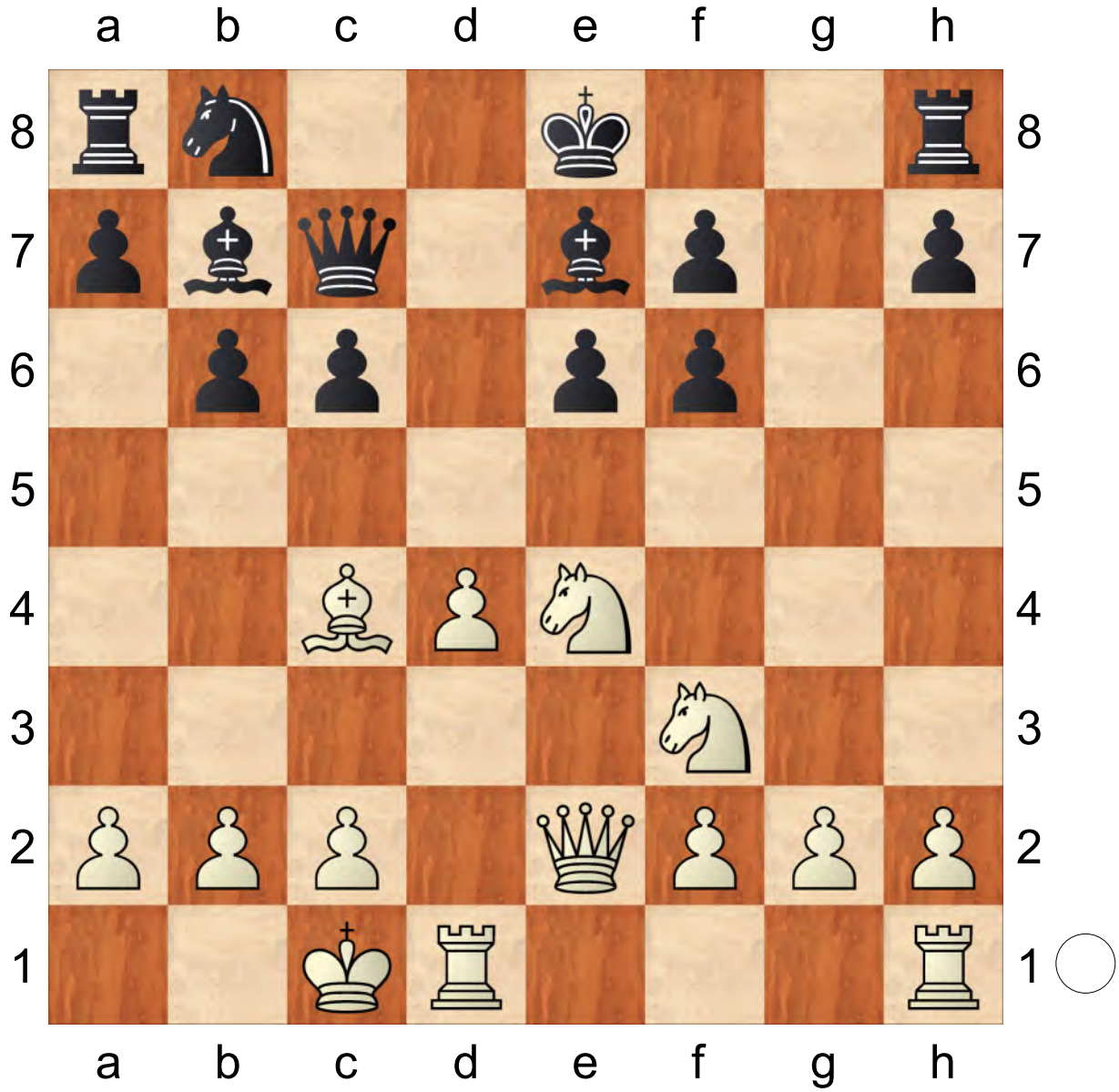
□ **Christiansen,Larry Mark** **2550**
■ **Andersson,Ulf** **2640**
FIDE-Wch k.o. (1.7) 10.12.1997
[Finkel,Alexander]

1.e4 Finkel,A Finkel,A Oratovsky,M **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7**



6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bc4
[8.g3!? Finkel,A Bb7 9.Qe2 Qd5 10.Ned2 Nc6 11.c3 0-0-0 12.Bg2 Qh5 13.0-0 e5⇄ Heller,F-Andersson,U/Haninge/1989/ (18)]
[8.c4!? Finkel,A]

8...Bb7 9.Qe2 c6 10.0-0-0 Qc7



11.Kb1

[11.Rhe1 Finkel,A Nd7 12.Nc3!? Δ 13.d5!?]

11...Nd7 12.Rhe1 0-0-0 13.Ba6 Bxa6

[13...Rhe8!? Finkel,A 14.Bxb7+ Kxb7 15.c4?! Nf8 16.Qc2 f5 17.Nc3 Bf6 18.Re3 Re7= 0,5/Kortchnoj,V-Andersson,U/Reykjavik/1988/ (25)]

14.Qxa6+ Kb8 15.Qe2

[15.g3 Finkel,A f5 16.Ned2 Bf6 *(16...h5 Finkel,A 17.Qe2 h4 18.Nc4!? hxg3 19.hxg3 Bf6 20.Rd3 b5 21.Ncd2 Nb6 22.Rc1!⩲* Almasi,Z-Andersson,U/Ubeda 1997 (81) *)* 17.Qe2 c5 18.c3!? cxd4 19.cxd4! Rc8 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Nc4 Qd5 22.Nfe5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Be7 24.Red1↑ Sokolov,A-Andersson,U/Bar 1997 (52)]

[15.a3!? Finkel,A Rhg8 16.g3 f5 17.Ned2 h5 18.Qe2 h4 19.Nc4 hxg3 20.hxg3 f4!?∞ Pritchett,C-Berg,K/BL 1986 (39)]

15...Rhg8

[15...Rhe8 Finkel,A

A) 16.a3!? Bf8 17.c4 h6 18.Nc3 f5 19.d5! Bg7 20.Nd4± Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Nf6 22.Qd2 cxd5 23.cxd5 e5 24.Rh4 h5 *(24...Qc5 25.Rxh6 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 Rxd5 27.Qc2!±)* 25.Qg5 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 Rxd5 27.Qxf5± Hellers,F-Andersson,U/Eksjo m 1993 (46);

B) 16.c3 Bf8 17.g3 h6 18.Ned2 Bg7 19.Nc4 f5 20.a4!? Nf6 21.Nfe5 Re7⇄ Christiansen,L-Andersson,U/FIDE WCh KO 1997/½-½ (64);

C) 16.g3 Nf8 17.c3 f5 18.Ned2 Ng6 19.Nc4 Bf6 ½-½ De la Riva,O-Magem Badals,J/ch-ESP, Torrevieja 1997 *(19...c5?! 20.Rd2 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Rc8 22.Ne3 Qb7 23.Nec2 a6 24.Red1±* Leko,P-Andersson,U/It, Ubeda ESP 1997 (41) *)*;

D) 16.Qe3 f5 17.Neg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Re7 19.Qh3?! Qf4 20.Nf3 Qg4!= Isaev-Zueger/32nd Chess Olympiad, Yerevan 1996 (30);

E) 16.c4?! Nf8 17.g3 Ng6 18.Nc3 Bb4 19.Qc2 Re7 20.a3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Red7= Gallagher,J-Zueger,B/Biel Credis 1996 (28)]

[15...Rdg8!? 16.g3 f5 17.Ned2 h5 18.Nc4 h4 19.Nfe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bf6= Kraut,R-Knaak,R/BL 1996 (41)]

(Diagram)

16.g3 f5 17.Ned2 Bf6

[17...h5 Finkel,A 18.Nc4 h4 19.Rd3 *(19.Nfe5?! Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bf6 21.Qf3 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Rd5 23.Rxd5 cxd5 24.Qd3 Rh8∓* 0-1 Ravinsky,G-Chistiakov,A/Moscow sf 1955 (40)*)* 19...hxg3 20.hxg3 Rh8 21.a3 Bf6 22.Red1 b5 23.Ne3± Klovans,J-Chistiakov,A/URS-ch35 Kharkov 1967/0-1 (51)]

[17...Rg4!? 18.Nc4 Bf6 19.Ne3 Rgg8 20.Ng2!? Nf8 21.Nf4 Ng6 22.Nh5 Bh8 23.Qe3± Polgar,J-Pytel,K/Royan op 1988/0-1 (64)]

18.Nc4

[18.c3 c5 19.Nc4 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.f3 a6 22.Ne3 b5 23.Nec2 Kb7∞ Christiansen,L-Andersson,U/FIDE WCh KO, Groningen NED (1.5) 1997/½-½ (61)]

18...b5!?

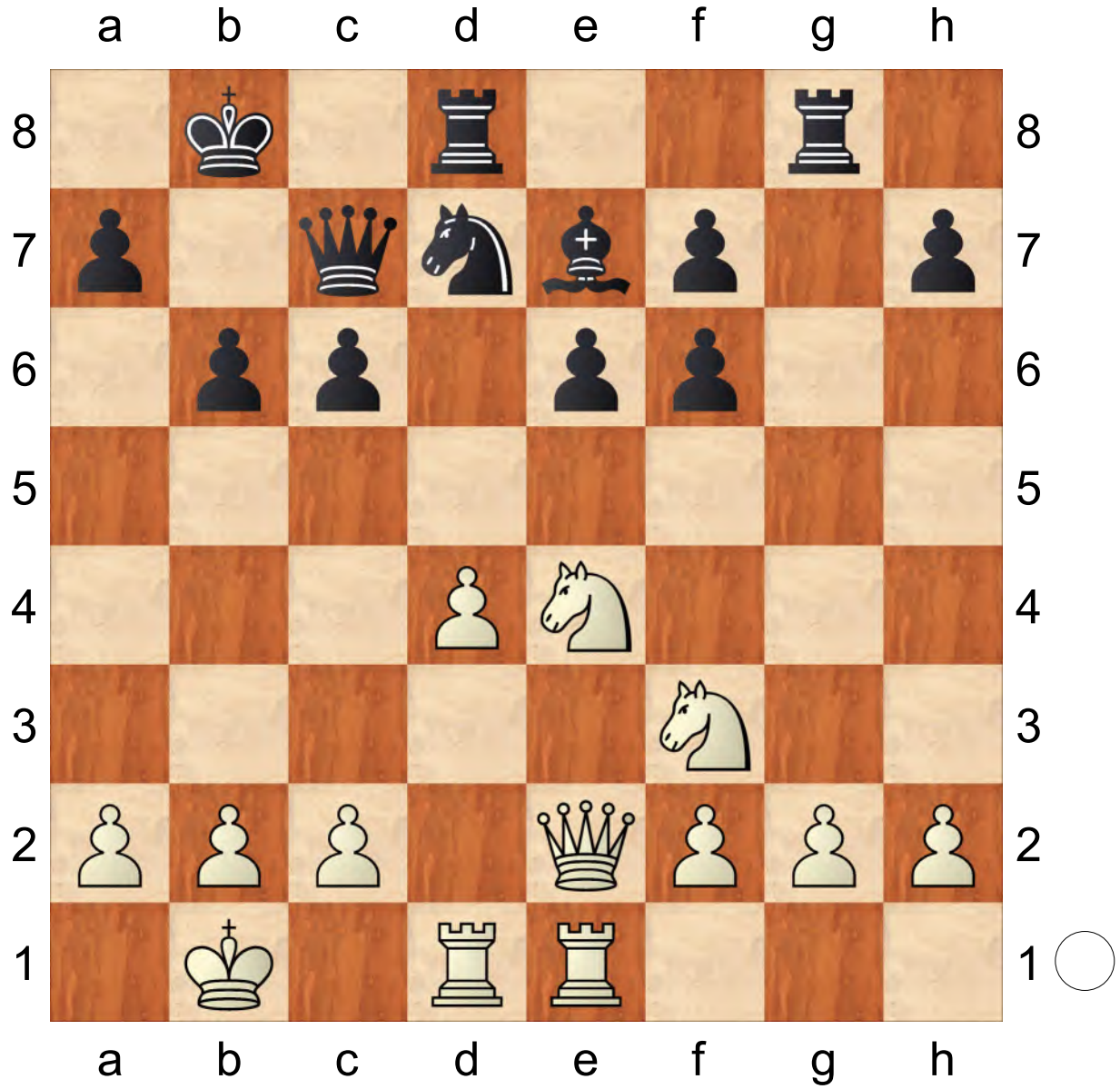
[18...Bh8!? 19.Nfe5 Nf6 20.Rd3 Ka8 21.Red1± Ovetchkin,R-Volkov,S/Russian Cup Stage 1998/0-1 (67)]

19.Ncd2 Deserved attention

[19.Nce5!?

A) 19...Nxe5

A1) 20.Nxe5 Rd5 21.c4 bxc4 22.Qxc4 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Qb6 *(23...Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.Qxc6 Rc8 26.Qf3± Qe4+? 27.Qxe4 fxe4 28.Rd7 Rc7 29.Rxc7 Kxc7 30.Kc2 Kd6 31.Kc3±; 23...Rgd8 24.Rxd5 cxd5 25.Qxc7+ Kxc7 26.Rd1 d4 27.Kc2 Kc6 28.Kd3 Kd5 29.Rc1! Kxe5 30.Rc7 Kf6 31.f4!±)* 24.f4 Rgd8=;



A2) 20.dxe5;

B) 19...Bxe5 20.dxe5 *(20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.dxe5±)* 20...Nb6=;

C) 19...Nb6 20.c4 bxc4 21.Nxc4

C1) 21...c5 22.dxc5 *(22.Nce5!?)* 22...Qxc5 23.Nce5±;

C2) 21...Rd5 22.Nce5 Rgd8 23.Rc1 R8d6 24.Rc2±]

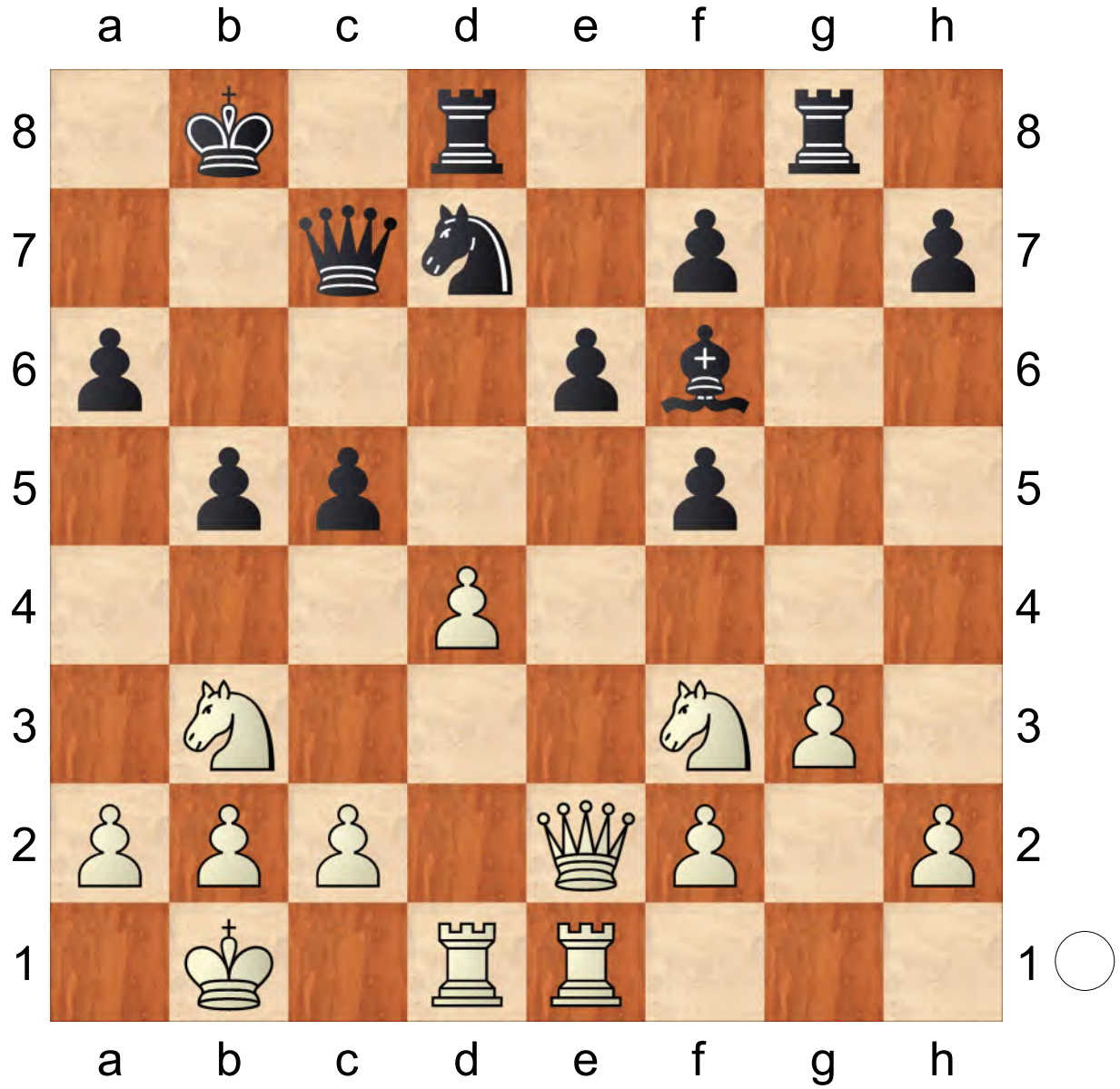
19...a6 20.Nb3 c5

(Diagram)

21.c4!↑ Forcing interesting complications. **21...cxd4 22.cxb5 e5**

[22...d3?! 23.Rxd3 *(23.Qxd3 Ne5 24.Qe2 Nxf3 25.Qxf3 axb5 26.Rc1±)* 23...axb5 24.Rc1 Qb6 25.Rcd1±]

23.bxa6 Qb6 24.Qc2 d3□ 25.Rxd3



[25.Qc4 e4 26.Nfd4 Bxd4 27.Nxd4 Ne5!⇄]

25...e4

(Diagram)

26.Rd5 exf3 27.Red1!

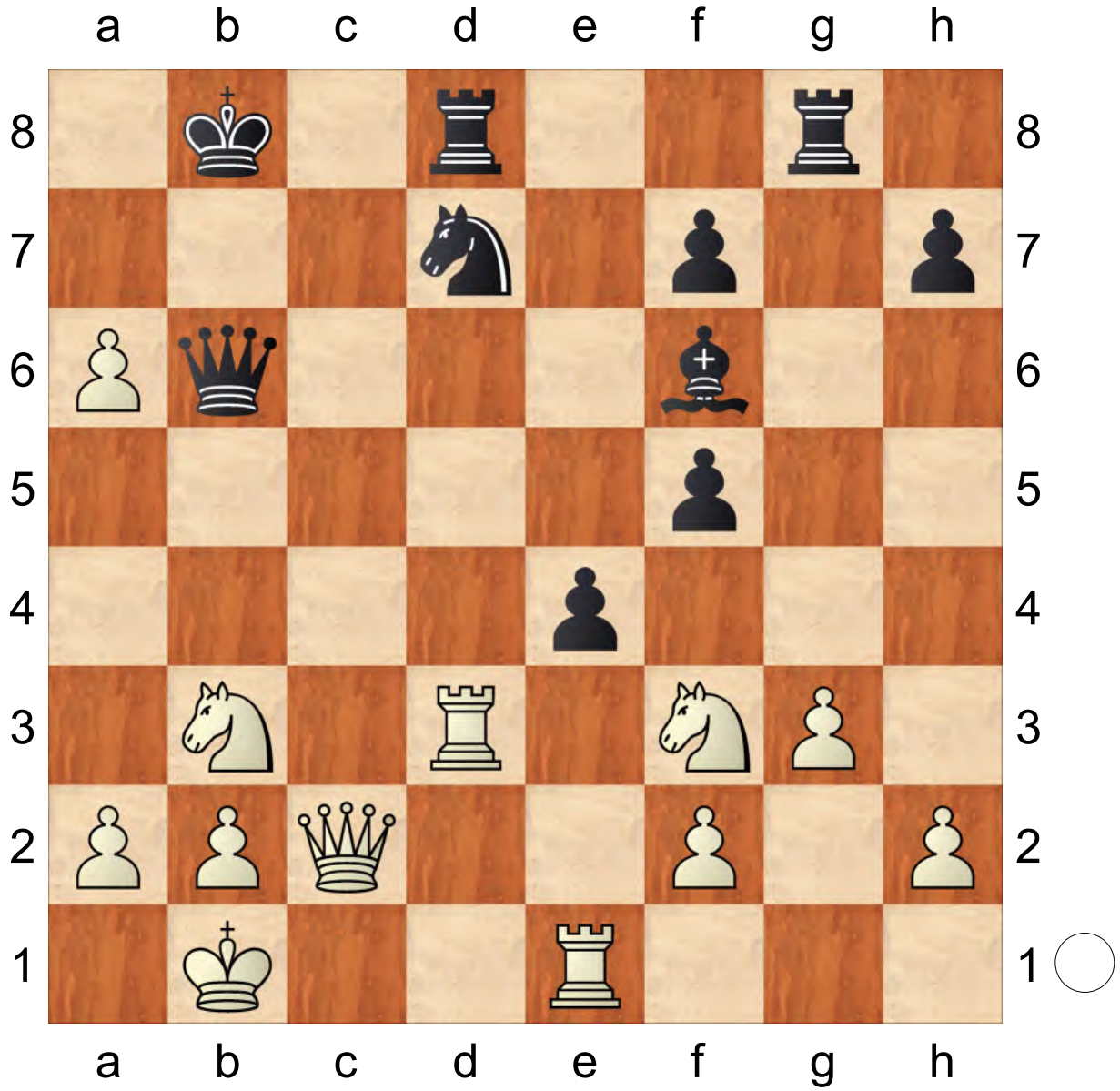
[27.Qxf5? Qxf2 28.Rb5+ Ka7! 29.Rb7+ Ka8-+]

[27.a7+!?

A) 27...Kxa7 28.Qxf5 Nb8□ *(28...Ne5 29.Rexe5 Bxe5 30.Ra5+! Kb7 31.Nc5+ Kc6 32.Qe4+ Kc7 33.Qxe5+→ Qd6 34.Ra7+ Kb8 35.Qxd6+ Rxd6 36.Rxf7+-)* 29.Qxf3 Rxd5 30.Qxd5 Rd8 31.Qxf7+ Rd7∞;

B) 27...Ka8! 28.Rxf5 Rge8⇄]

27...Ne5 28.Qxf5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Rd8□



[29...Rg5 30.a7+! Kxa7 31.Qc8+-]
[29...Re8 30.Nc5→]

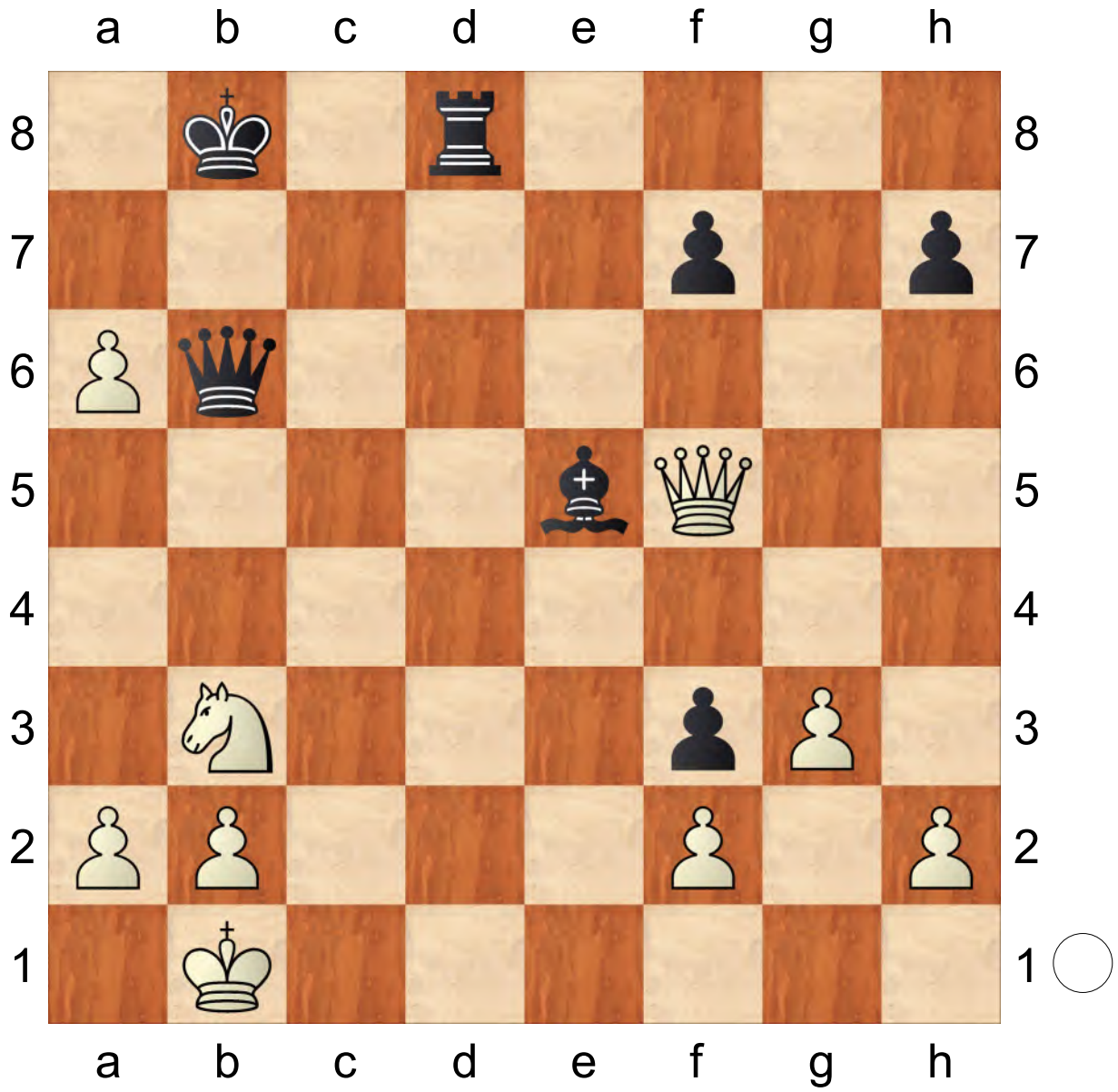
30.Rxe5 Bxe5

(Diagram)

31.Qxe5+ Qc7
[31...Ka7 32.Qe7+ *(32.Qe4? Qg6; 32.Nc5 Qg6+ 33.Kc1 Qh6+= 34.Kb1 Qg6+)* 32...Kxa6 33.Qxf7±]

32.a7+ Kb7 33.Nc5+? Choosing a wrong place for a knight.
[33.Na5+! Kb6 34.Qe3+ Kb5 35.Qb3+ Kxa5 *(35...Ka6 36.Qxf3+-)* 36.a8Q+ Rxa8 37.Qa3+ Kb5 38.Qxa8+- was wining.]

33...Kb6 34.Na4+ Kb7 35.Nc5+ Kb6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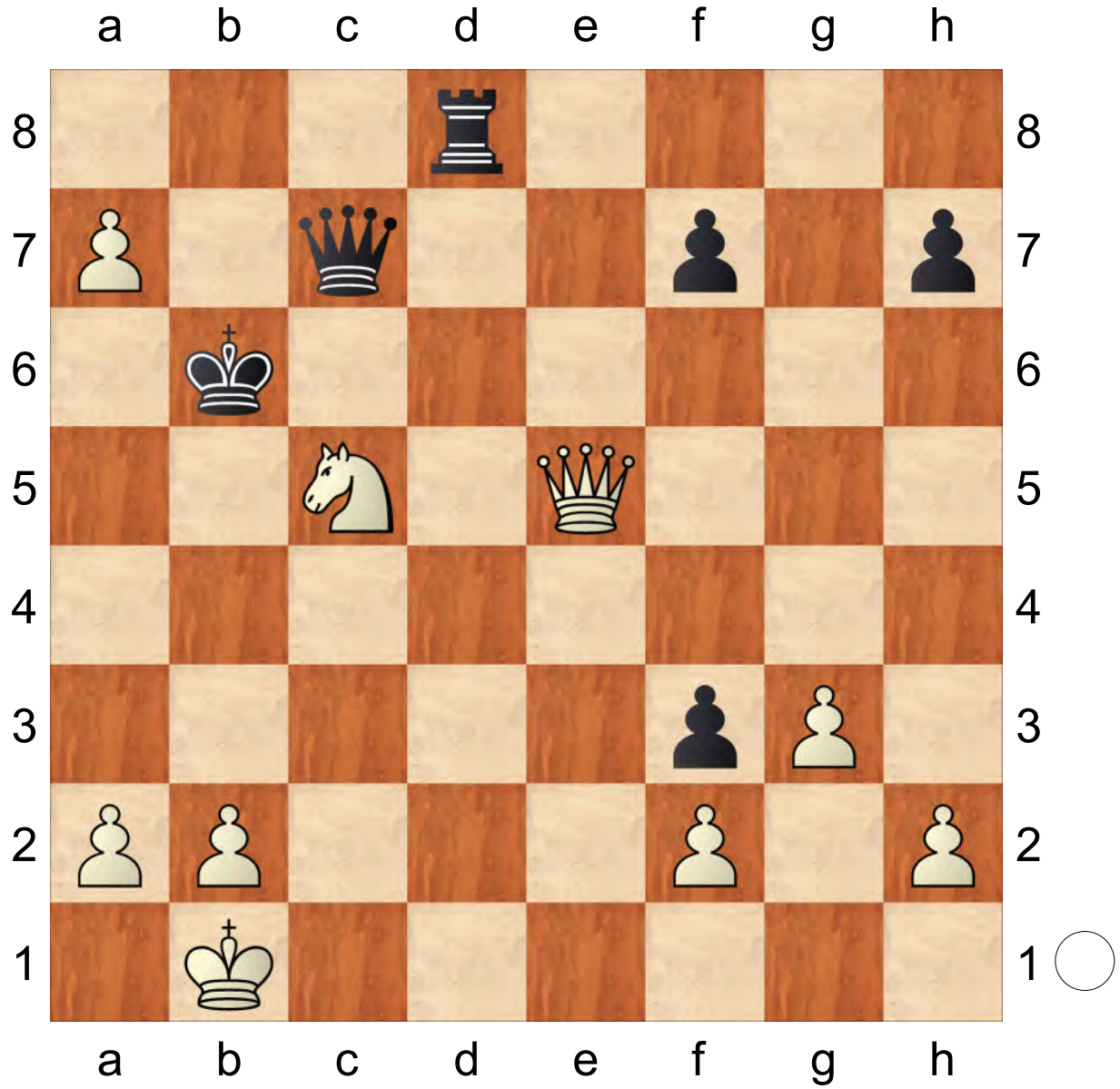

36.Na4+ Kb7 37.Nc5+ Kb6 38.Nd7+ Qxd7 39.Qb8+
[39.Qb8+ Kc5 40.b4+ Kc4 41.Qf4+ Qd4 42.Qxf7+ Kxb4 43.Qb7+ Kc3∓]

(Diagram)

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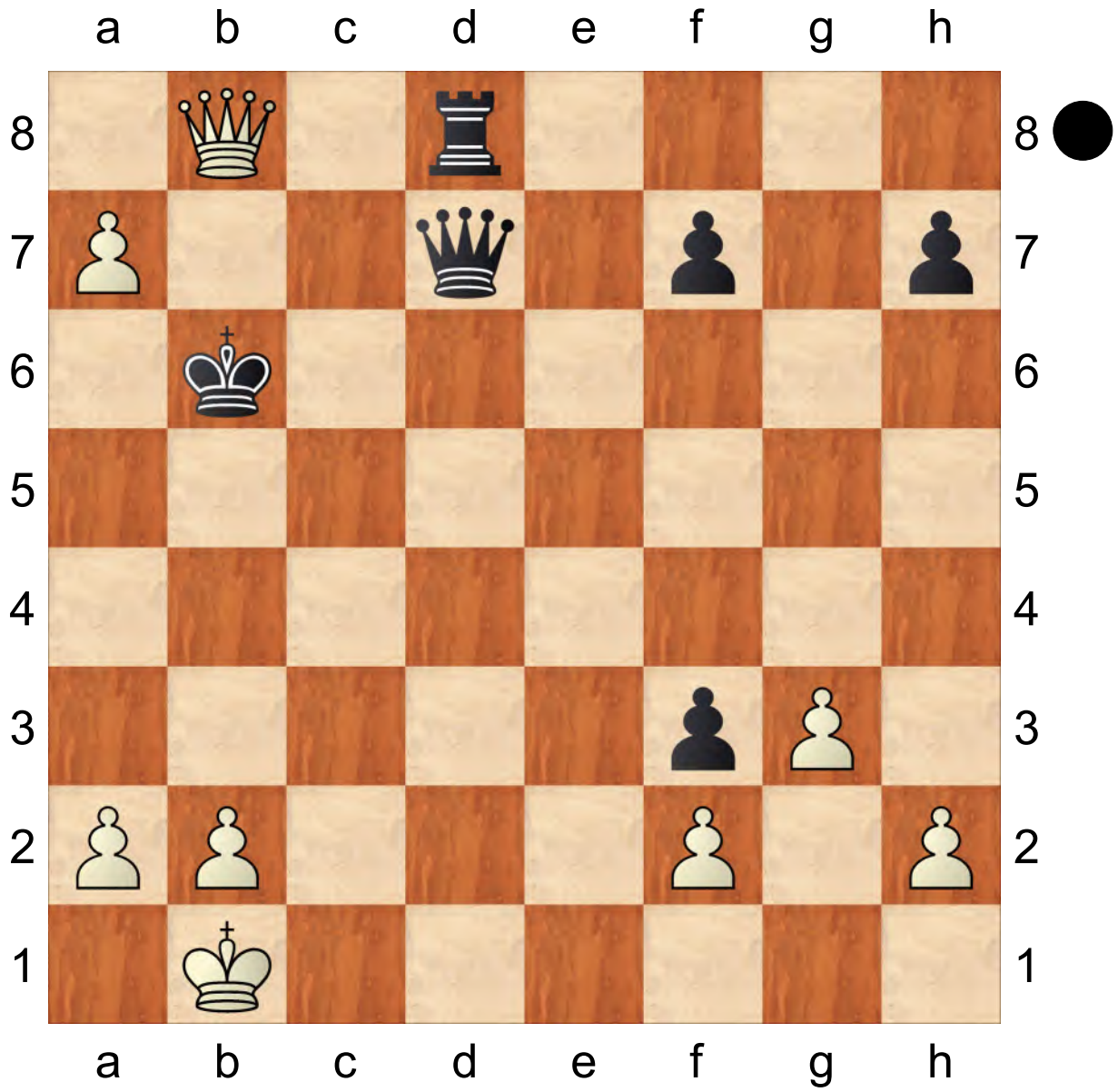
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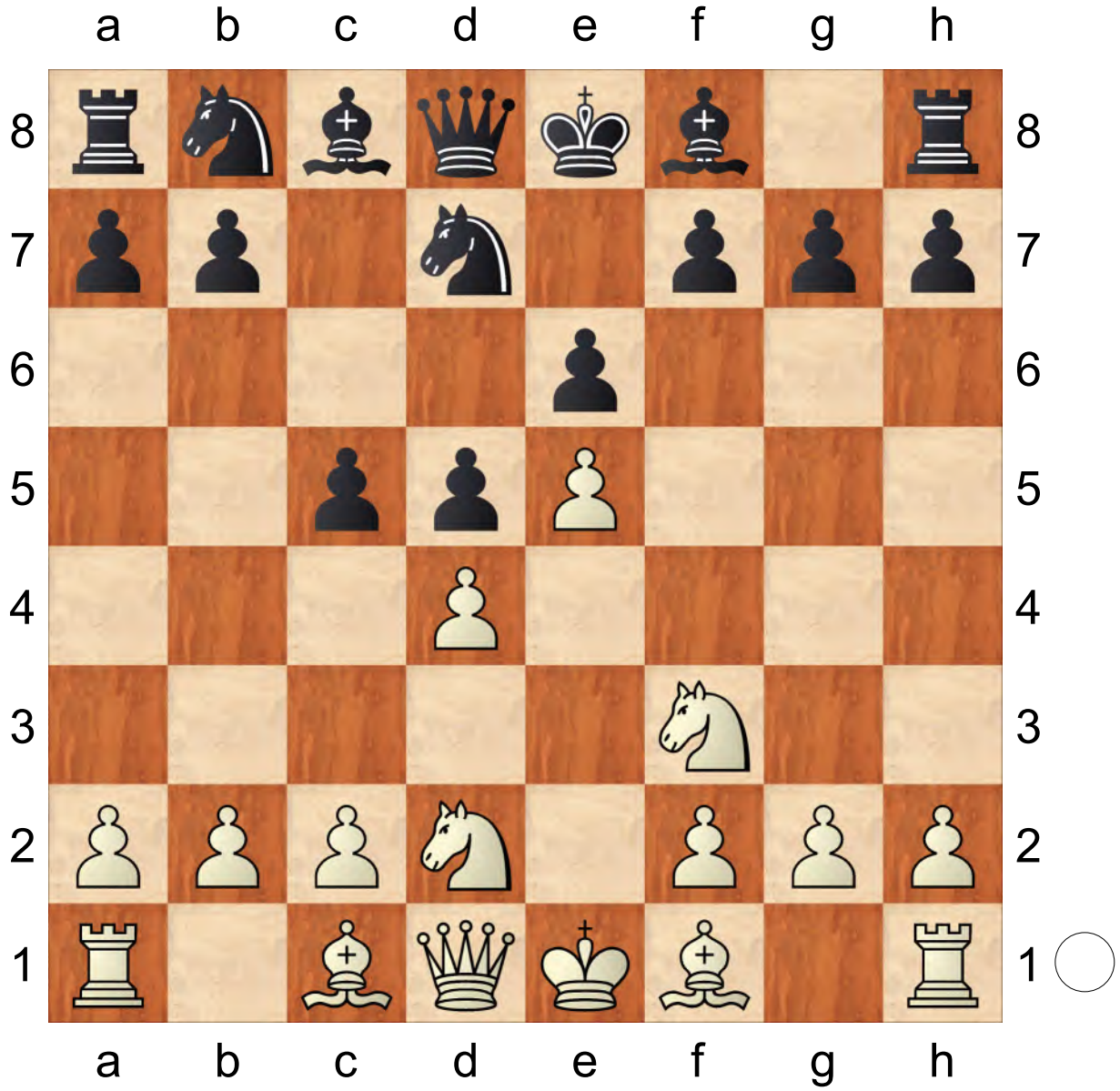
□ **Beshukov,Sergei** **2475**
■ **Potkin,Vladimir** **2485**
RUS-ch Krasnodar (8) 03.09.2002
[Mueller,Karsten]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 g5!? 9.b3!?N
[9.h3?! h5 10.g4 Qb6 11.Qb3 *(11.c4? hxg4 12.hxg4 cxd4 13.cxd5 Ncxe5-+ 14.Nc4 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 e5 16.Kg2 Qh6 17.Rh1 Qxh1+ 18.Qxh1 Rxh1 19.Kxh1 f6* 0-1 Lipecki,A-Dolmatov,S/Bern 1994/TD 94\02 (19)*)* 11...Qc7 12.Qd1 b6∓ 0-1 Barlow,B-Williams,S/London 1999/CBM 70 ext (24). (24)]

[9.dxc5

A) 9...Nxc5 10.Bb5 *(10.Bc2 g4 11.Nd4 Nxe5 12.Qe2 Bf6 13.b4 Ncd7 14.f4 Nc6 15.N2b3 h5 16.Be3⩱* 1-0 Degraeve,J-Renet,O/Montpellier 1993/EXT 93 (35)*)* 10...Bd7 11.Qe2 a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.c4= /± ½-½ Rachels,S-Arencibia,W/Manila 1990/CBM 19/[Knaak] (58);

B) 9...Ndxe5 10.Bb5 Bd7 *(10...Ng6 11.c4 0-0 12.cxd5 Qxd5 13.Nb3 g4 14.Qxd5 exd5 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nfd4 Bd7=* 0-1 Zalkind,K-Williams,S/Witley ENG 1999 (121)*)* 11.Re1 *(11.Qe2 Qc7 12.b4 Bf6⇄* 0-1 Haase,W-Rechel,R/Kassel 1994/GER 08 (41)*; 11.b4!?)* 11...Bf6 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qe7 16.Be3± 1-0 Pachow,J-Schneppensieper,T/BL2-O 1995/BL2 (28);

C) 9...g4 10.Nd4 Ndxe5 *(10...Ncxe5 11.Bb5 Bxc5 12.Re1 Bd6 13.f4 gxf3 14.N2xf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1⩱* 1-0 Hebden,M-Summerscale,A/Bradford ENG 2001/The Week in Chess 364 (38)*)* 11.Bb5 *(11.N2b3!? Nxd3 12.Qxd3 e5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bh6↑* 0-1 Gasanov,E-Izoria,Z/Baku AZE 2002/The Week in Chess 403 (45) *)*

C1) 11...Bxc5?! 12.f4! gxf3 *(12...Qb6?! 13.fxe5 Qxb5 14.Qxg4 Rf8 15.N2f3 Bd7 16.Bh6↑; 12...Nd7!?)* 13.N2xf3 Bd7 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Ng5 Qb6 16.Nxf7 Rg8 17.Qh5 Bxd4+ 18.cxd4 Qxd4+ 19.Rf2→ Qg4?! 20.Qxh7 Qd1+ 21.Rf1 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qg7 23.Bg5+- Ne7 *(23...Qxh7 24.Nd6#)* 24.Nd6+ Kd8 25.Bxe7+ Kc7 26.Qxg7 Rxg7 27.Bf6 Rh7 28.Be5 Rh5 29.Nf7+ 1-0 Gerigk,E-Martin,T/BL2-S 1994/BL2 (29);

C2) 11...Bd7 12.b4 *(12.f4 Nxd4 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.cxd4 Nc6⇄* 0-1 Pachow,J-Dietz,J/OLNN 1993/BIG 90 (36)*)* 12...h5 13.N2b3 Ng6 14.f4 gxf3 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Qxf3 Rh7 17.c4 e5 18.cxd5 Bg4 19.Qf2 Qxd5 20.Nf5 Bxf5 ½-½ Ramaswamy,A-Buckley,S/Torquay ENG 2002/The Week in Chess 405 (20)]

[9.Bb5 cxd4 *(9...Qb6 10.Bxc6 bxc6* 0-1 Krug,S-Rupp,M/2.BLO 9899 Würzburg-Bamberg 1999/BL2 (20) *11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd3 13.Nb3 Ba6 14.Bxg5 Nb2 15.Qc2 Bxf1 16.Bxe7 Kxe7 17.Qxb2⩱; 9...g4!?)* 10.Nxd4 Ndxe5 11.Qh5⩲ Gipslis-Ulybin/URS/1988/i46/(349)]

[9.b4 cxd4 10.cxd4

A) 10...Bxb4?! 11.Nb3 g4?! *(11...h6!?)* 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nxe6! fxe6 14.Bg6+ Ke7 15.Qxg4 Nb6 16.a3 Bc3 17.Nc5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bd2→ Rasik,V-Borovikov,V/EU-chJ Sas van Gent/1992/;

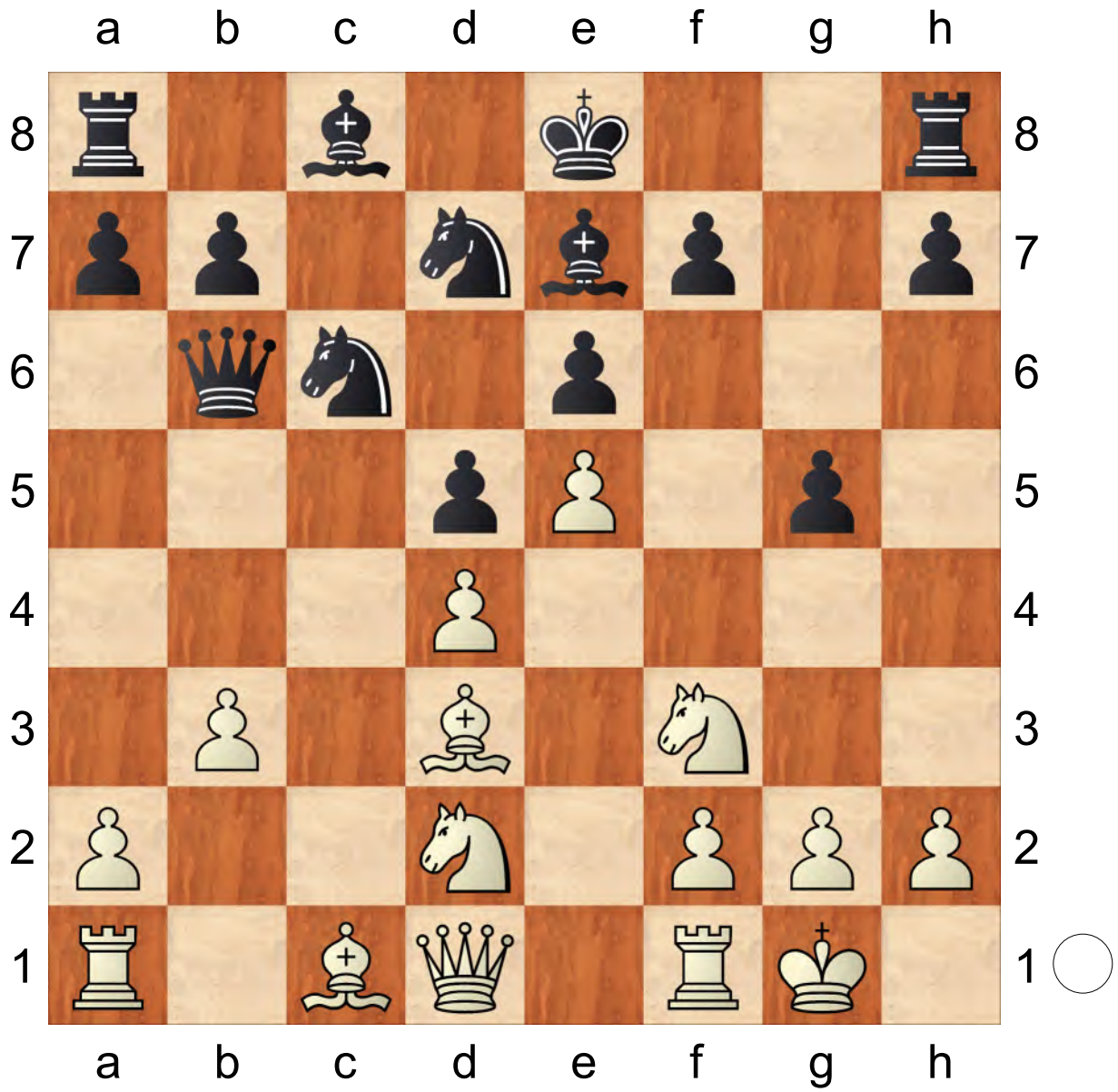
B) 10...Nxb4 11.Be2

B1) 11...Nc6 12.Nb3 Nb6 13.h4 *(13.Rb1!?)* 13...gxh4 14.Ne1 Bf8 15.Bh5 Rg8 16.Qd3∞ 1-0 Schmidt,K-Lamoureux,C/Paris 1990/EXT 90ch2 (28);

B2) 11...Nf8 12.Nb3 b6 *(12...Ng6 13.Be3 Kf8 14.Qd2 h6 15.h4⩲* Gipslis,E-Ulibin,M/Moscow Alekhine op/1992/ (16)*)* 13.Bd2 h6 14.h4!? gxh4 15.Nh2 a5 16.Ng4 h5 17.Nh2 Ng6 18.Bxh5∞ ½-½ Gipslis,A-Savchenko,S/Alushta 1993/CBM 36/[Knaak] (57)]

[9.Kh1 h5 *(9...Qb6!?)* 10.dxc5 g4 11.Nd4 Ndxe5 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.b4⇄ ½-½ Deev,A-Beckhuis,G/Berlin 1994/EXT 94op (47)]
[9.a3?! 1-0 Eismont,O-Netolitzky,G/Biel 1994/TD 94\02 (26) cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6↑]

9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6



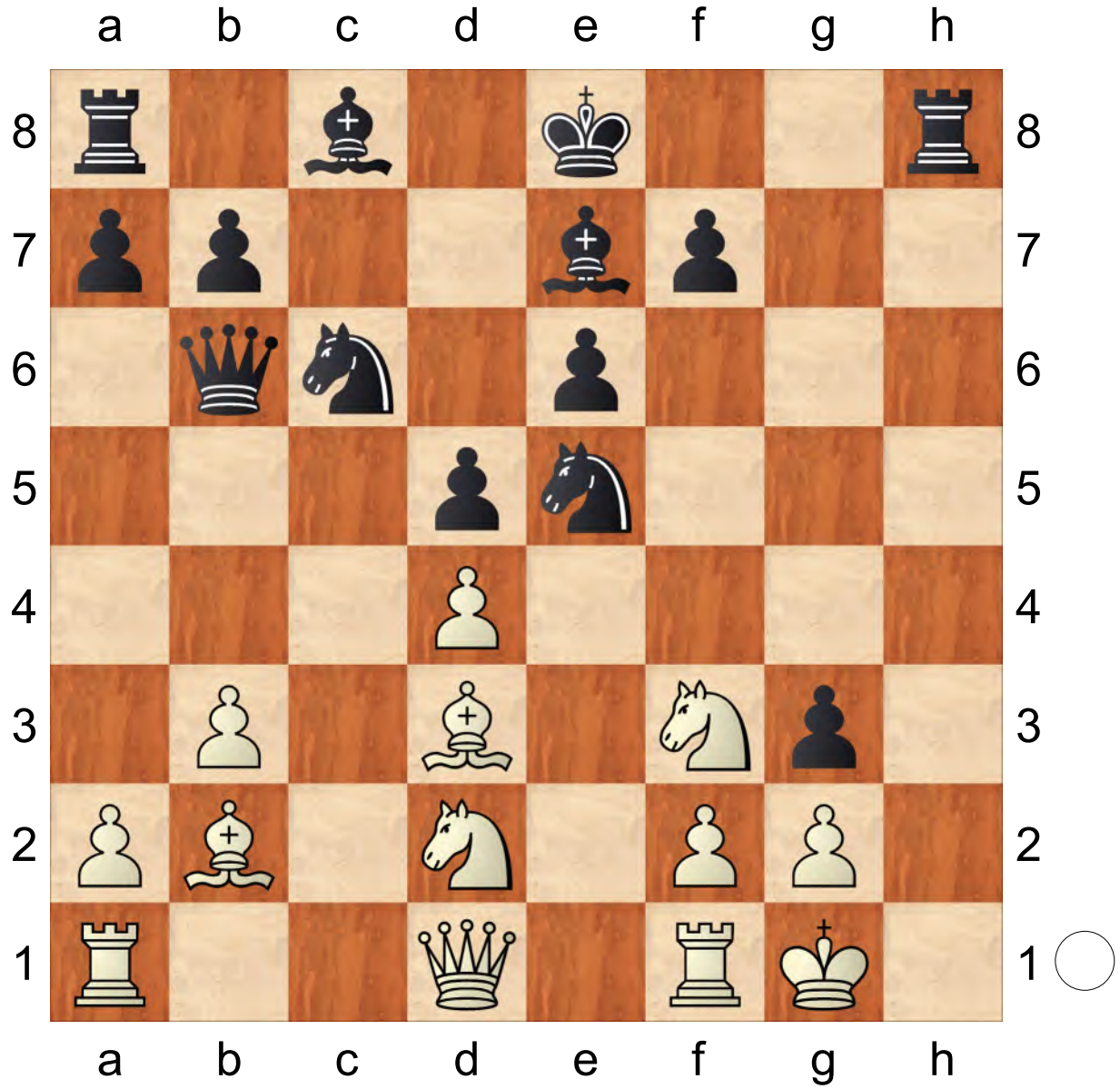
11.Bb2 h5
[11...g4?! 12.Ne1 Nxd4?! 13.Qxg4↑]

12.h3? die folgende Öffnung der h-Linie spielt Schwarz in die Karten.
[12.a4!?∞ e.g. z.B. g4 *(12...a5 13.Bb5 g4 14.Ne1 Nxd4 15.Nc4 dxc4 16.Bxd4↑)* 13.Ne1 Nxd4? 14.a5 Qc5 15.Rc1 Qb4 16.Bc3+-]

12...g4∓ 13.hxg4 hxg4 14.Nh2 g3 15.Nhf3?
[15.Ng4! gxf2+ 16.Rxf2 *(16.Nxf2?! Nxd4 17.Nf3 Bc5 18.Rc1 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Bd4 20.Bxd4 Qxd4 21.Rc7 Qxe5 22.Rfc1 Ke7∓)* 16...Nxd4 17.g3 Bc5 18.Kg2 und Weiß hat mehr Gegenspiel als in der Partie.]

[15.fxg3? Nxd4 16.Kh1 Nxe5-+]

15...Ndxe5!-+



ein mächtiger taktischer Schlag, der auf die Schwäche der Diagonale a7-g1 setzt, von dem sich Weiß nicht mehr erholt, weil seine Königsstellung zu unsicher ist.

16.Nxe5

[16.dxe5 Bc5-+]

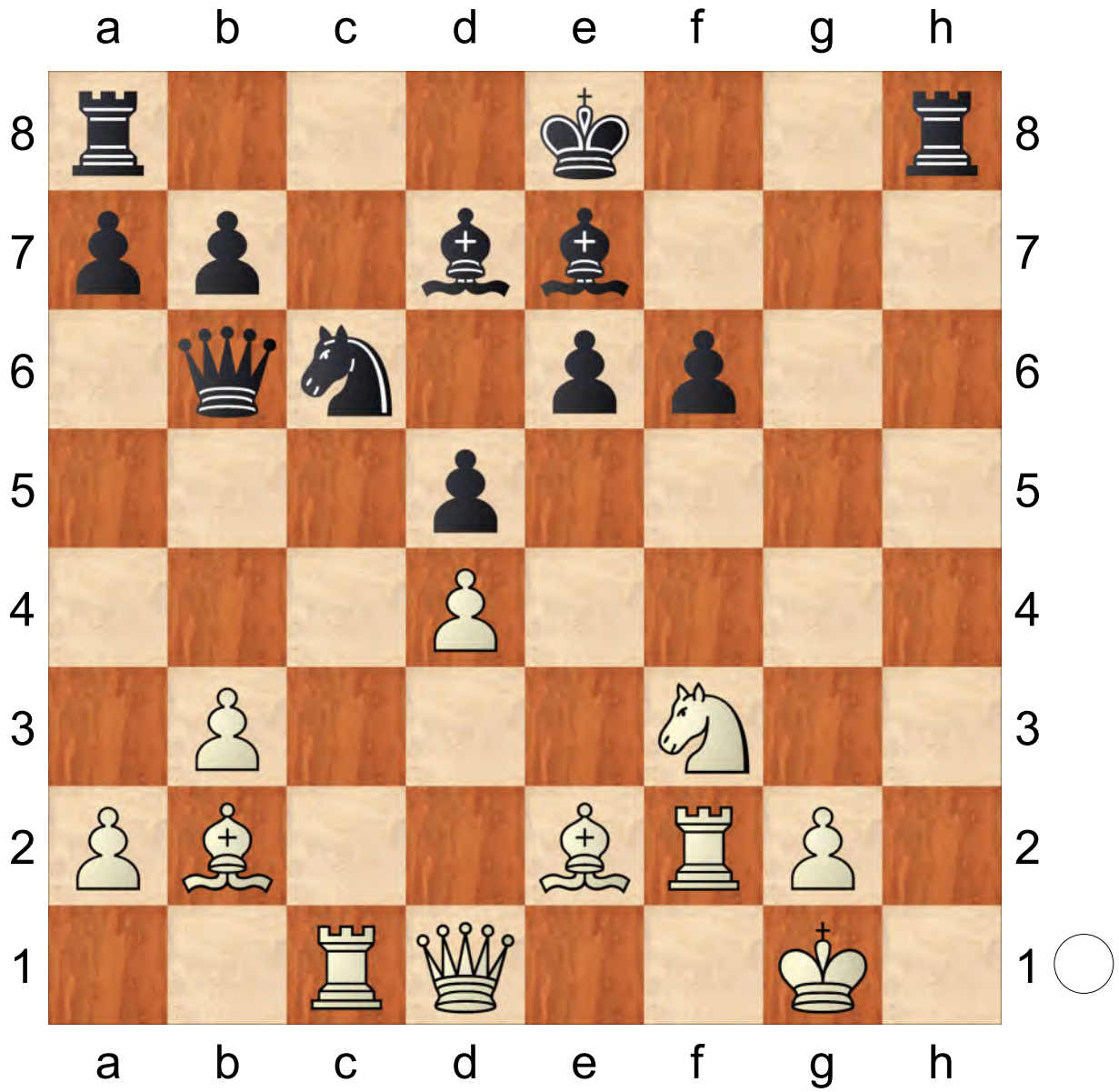
[16.Qe2 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 gxf2+ 18.Rxf2 e5-+]

16...Nxe5 17.Be2

[17.dxe5 Bc5 18.Qf3 gxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 20.Kf1 *(20.Qxf2? Rh1+ 21.Kxh1 Qxf2-+)* 20...Bc5-+]

17...Nc6 18.Nf3 gxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Bd7 20.Rc1 f6

(Diagram)



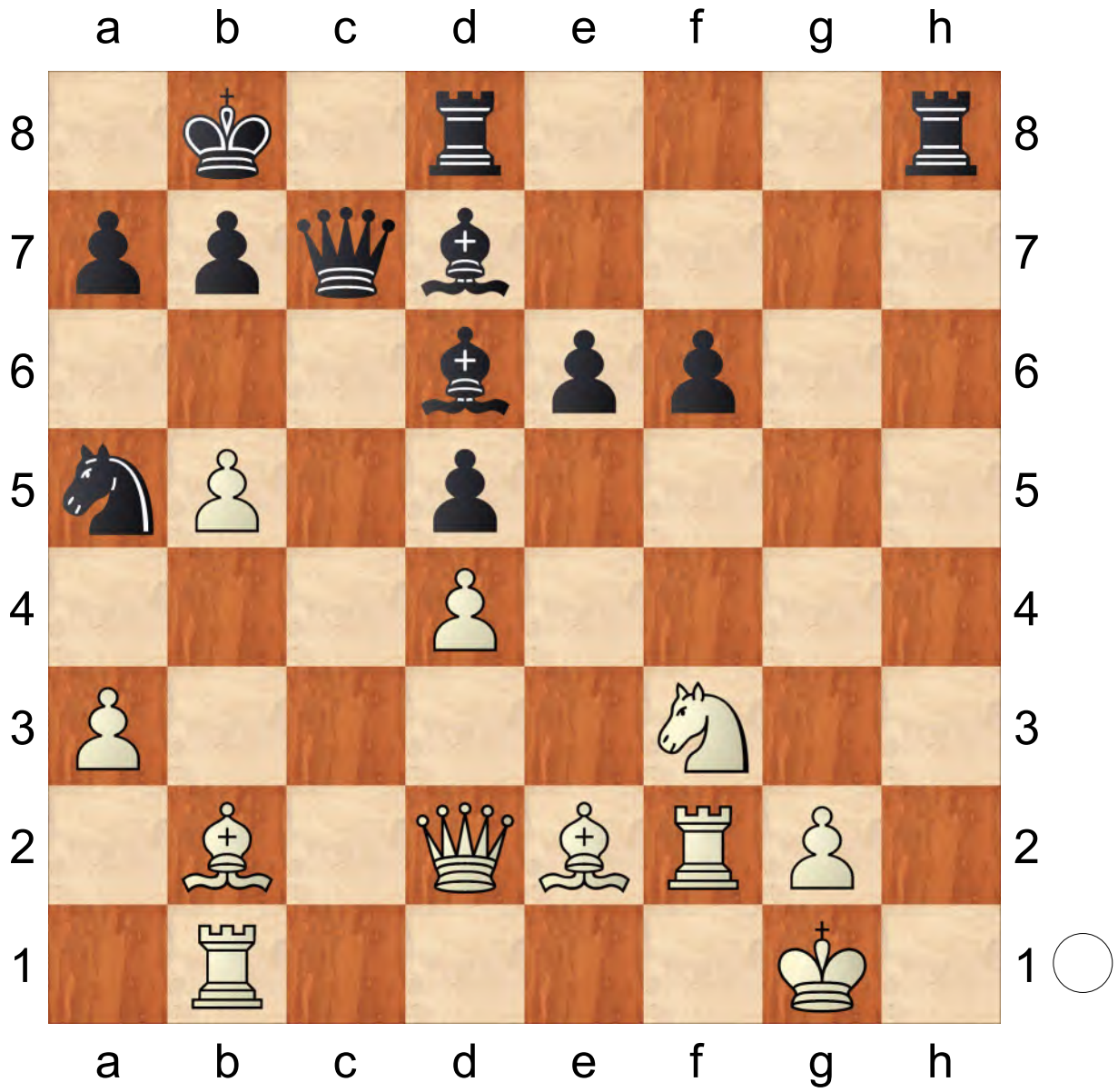
21.a3 0-0-0 22.b4 Kb8 23.Qd2 Bd6 24.b5?! Na5 25.Rb1 Qc7

(Diagram)

26.Bc3 Nc4 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.g4
[28.d5 Bh2+ 29.Kf1 Bg3 30.Bxf6 Rh1+ 31.Ng1 *(31.Ke2 Rxb1 32.Bxd8 Qc5 33.Rf1 c3-+)* 31...Bxf2 32.Qxf2 c3 33.Bxd8 Qc4+ 34.Ke1 *(34.Qe2 Rxg1+ 35.Kxg1 Qxe2-+)* 34...Qe4+-+]
28...Rhg8 29.Rg2 e5 30.g5 e4

(Diagram)

31.Ne1 Bh3 32.a4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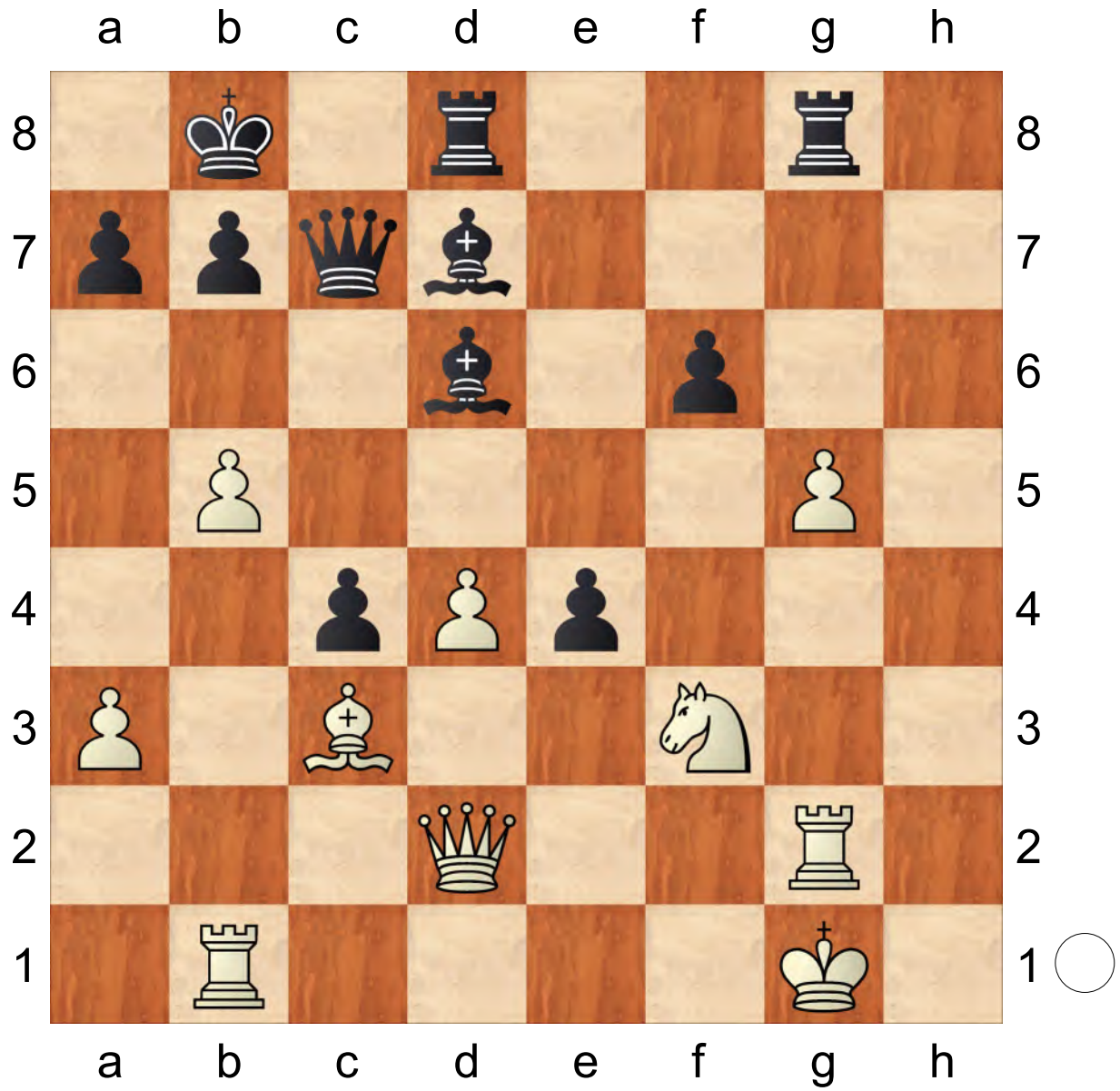

[32.Rf2 Rxg5+ 33.Ng2 Rdg8-+]

32...Bxg2 33.Nxg2 Rxg5 34.Rb2 Rdg8

(Diagram)

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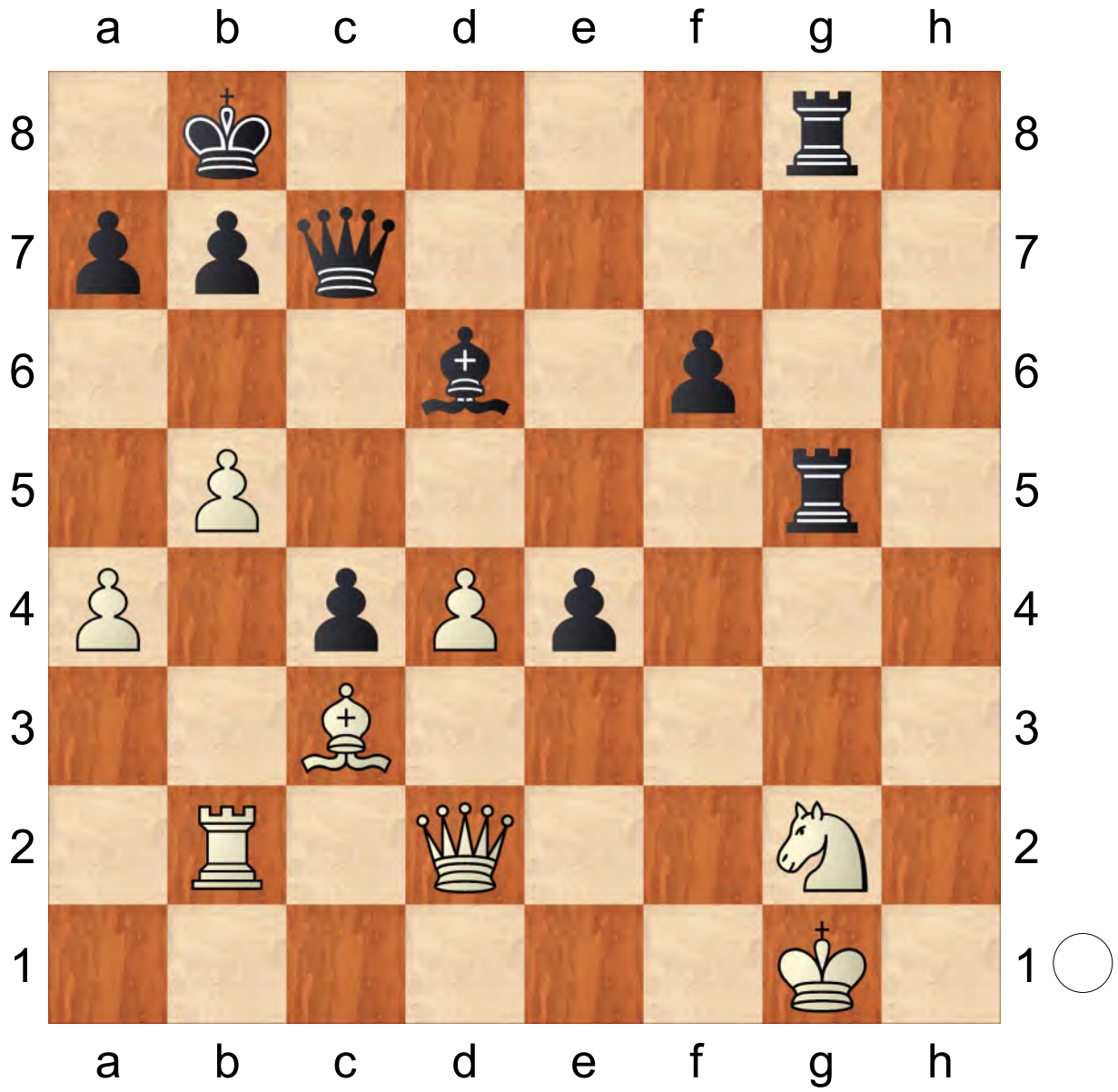
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■ **Kundin,Alexander** **2425**
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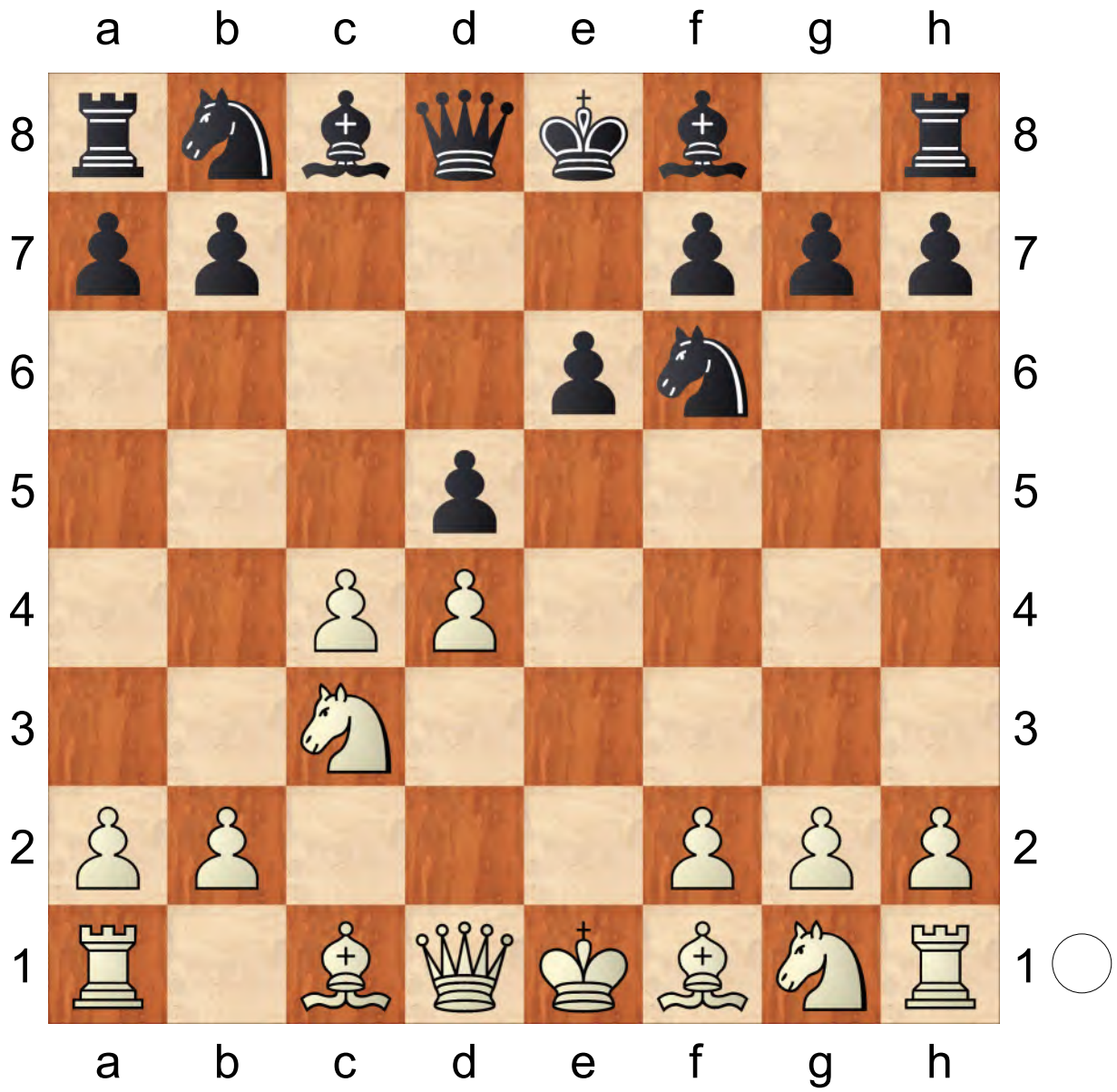
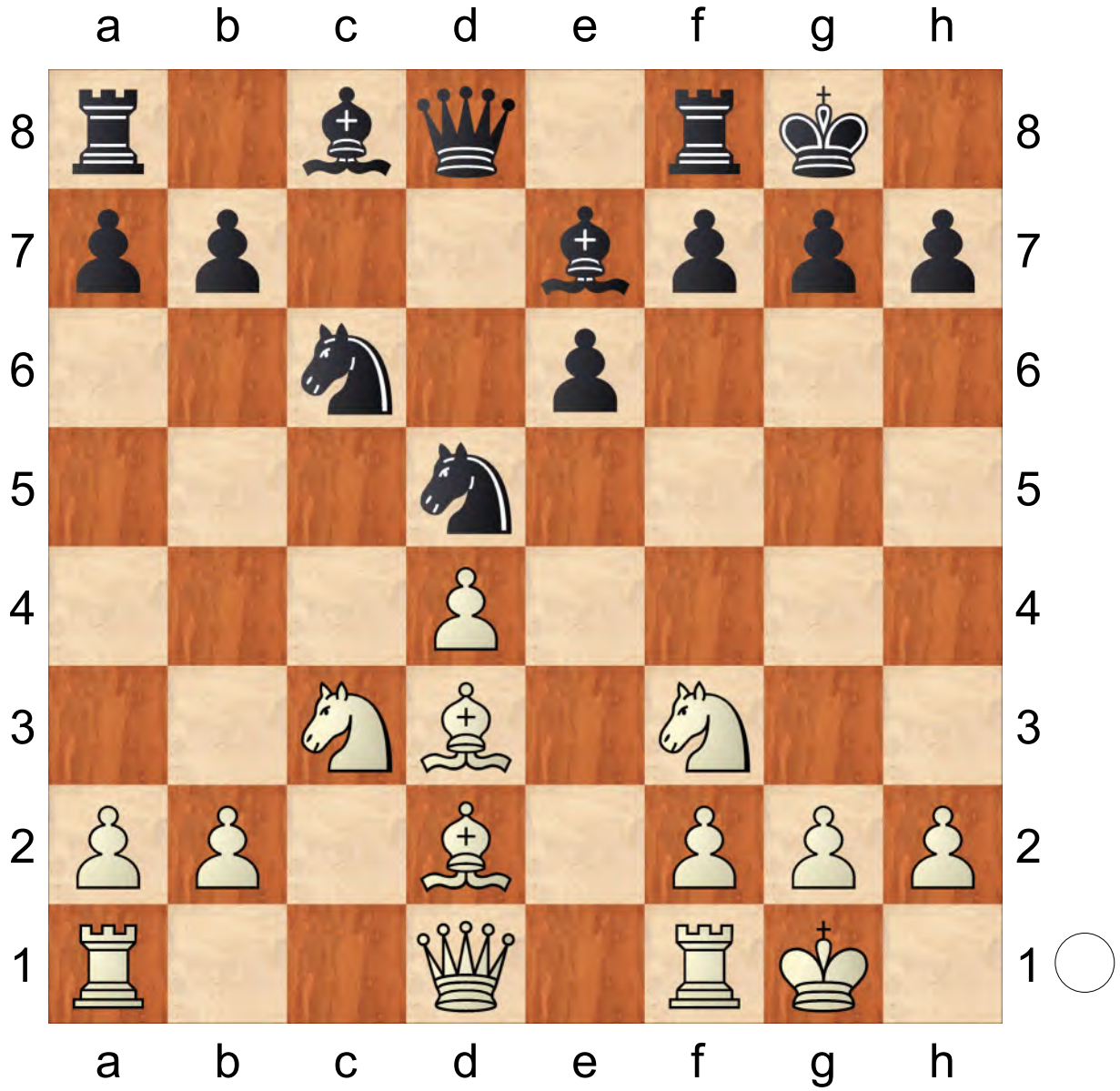
1.c4 Kundin Kundin **1...c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6**



6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)

11.Rc1 '!?' Kundin. Kundin: '!?' **11...Nf6** '?!' Kundin. Kundin: '?!' The knight should



stay in the centre. '?!' Kundin. Kundin: The knight should stay in the centre.

[11...Ndb4 (Kundin) I was afraid to take such a dangerous pawn.However,this central pawn is so important that black can suffer a little. 12.Bb1 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Nb5 Qd8□ *(14...Qxb2?? 15.Bc3+-)* 15.Nc7 Rb8 Δ ♘c6,♘d5 16.Bf4 Bd7! And white has not more than compensation for the pawn. *(16...Qxd1 17.Rfxd1⩲)*]

[11...Bf6 Kundin

A) 12.Nxd5 exd5=;

B) 12.Be3 Nce7 *(12...Bd7? 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qb3±; 12...b6? 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Qc2; 12...Nxe3 13.fxe3±)* 13.Ne4 *(13.Qc2 Nf5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Be4±)* 13...Nf5∞;

C) 12.Ne4 Nxd4 *(12...Bxd4? 13.Rxc6+-)*

C1) 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Rc4

C1a) 14...Nf6? 15.Rxd4! *(15.Nxf6+ Qxf6∞)* 15...Qxd4 16.Bc3+-;
C1b) 14...e5!∞;
C2) 13.Nxf6+
C2a) 13...Nxf6 14.Bb4 *(14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bc3⩱)* 14...Nxf3+ *(14...Re8 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Rc4→)* 15.Qxf3↑;
C2b) 13...Qxf6 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Be3 *(15.Bc3? Nxc3 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qxd4 Ne2+ 18.Kh1 Nxd4-+)*
C2b1) 15...Qxb2? 16.Bd4+-;
C2b2) 15...Qf6 16.Bd4
C2b21) 16...e5 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Bxe5±;
C2b22) 16...Qd8
C2b221) 17.Bxh7+? Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Bxg7! Kxg7 20.Qg4+ *(20.Rc4 Rg8-+)* 20...Kf6 21.Qh4+ Kg6 22.Qg4+ Qg5-+;
C2b222) 17.Qh5 Nf6 18.Qh4⩱ *(18.Bxf6 Qxd3=)*;
C2b23) 16...Qg5 See main line;
C2b3) 15...Qe5 16.Bd4 Qg5 The queen must defend black's kingside in order to prevent the two bishops sacrifice on h7 and g7. Kundin: 'See main line' 17.h4!?
C2b31) 17...Qxh4 18.Rc4⩱;
C2b32) 17...Qd8 18.h5 h6 *(18...Qg5* Kundin *)* 19.Bb1⩱ Δ ♕d3;
C2b33) 17...Qh6⩱]

12.Bg5 '!' Kundin. Kundin: '!' Now white has an advantage. '!' Kundin. Kundin: Now white has an advantage. **12...b6** '?' Kundin. Kundin: '?' Weakens the white squares in black's position. '?' Kundin. Kundin: Weakens the white squares in black's position.

[12...Nb4 13.Bb1 Bd7 *(13...b6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be4 Nd5 16.Nxd5* ½-½ Huebner,R-Seirawan,Y/Wijk 1986/TD 86\01 *)* 14.a3 Nbd5 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Ne5↑ 1-0 Garcia,G-Polyakin,V/New York op 1994/EXP 40 (37)]

[12...h6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.Qd2 Re8 17.f3 Rc8 18.Ne4 Rxc1 19.Qxc1 Nbd5= ½-½ Podgaets,M-Vaisser,A/URS-FL Sverdlovsk 1984/MCL 06 (29)]

[12...Bd7 Kundin: 'This is the best move'
A) 13.a3! Kundin Rc8 14.Qe2 Nd5
A1) 15.Nxd5 Bxg5=;
A2) 15.Ne4 Bxg5 16.Nexg5 h6=;
A3) 15.h4!? Bxg5 *(15...h6 16.Bd2∞)* 16.hxg5 *(16.Nxg5 h6=)* 16...Nf4 17.Qe3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3±;
A4) 15.Qe4
A4a) 15...g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.h4 *(17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Qxd5 Bg4=)* 17...Nxc3 18.Rxc3 *(18.bxc3 Bxa3∞* Δ ♗f8 *)* 18...Bf6 Δ e5 19.Bg5 Kg7∞;
A4b) 15...f5! 16.Qh4 *(16.Bxe7 fxe4 17.Bxd8 exd3∓)* 16...Bxg5 17.Nxg5 h6∓;
A5) 15.Bd2

A5a) 15...Nxc3
A5a1) 16.bxc3 Bxa3 17.Bxh7+ *(17.Ra1 Be7)* 17...Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Kg6□ 19.Qg4 f5□ 20.Qg3 Kf6 21.Qh4 *(21.Ne4+ Kf7 22.Ng5+ Kg8)* 21...Rh8 22.Ne4+ *(22.Nh7+ Kg6!-+)* 22...Kf7 23.Ng5+ Kg8-+;
A5a2) 16.Bxc3! Bf6 17.Ne5 *(17.Rfd1 Qe7=)* 17...Bxe5 *(17...Qe7 18.Nxc6±)* 18.dxe5±;
A5b) 15...Bf6
A5b1) 16.Qe4 g6 17.Nxd5 *(17.Bh6 Re8* Δ ♘xc3 bc e5 *18.Rfd1 Nce7=* Δ ♗c6 *)* 17...exd5 18.Qxd5 Bg4=;
A5b2) 16.Ne4 Nxd4 17.Nxf6+ *(17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Nd6 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Qf6=)* 17...Qxf6 18.Nxd4 Qxd4∓;
A6) 15.Bxe7 Ncxe7=;
B) 13.Qb3 Na5 *(13...Rc8* Kundin*; 13...Qb6* Kundin *)*;
C) 13.Ne5 Rc8 *(13...Nxd4 14.Bxh7+ Nxh7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qxd4 Rfd8=)* 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.d5 Nd4 *(16...exd5 17.Nxd5±)* 17.Ne4 Qxd5 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Rxc8 *(20.Qh4 Nf3+ 21.gxf3 Rg8+)* 20...Rxc8 21.Qh4 Nf3+-+;
D) 13.Qe2 Nb4
D1) 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 *(14...Nxd3=* Kundin *)* 15.Be4 Bc6=;
D2) 14.Bb1 Nbd5 15.Rfd1 Rc8∞;
E) 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.d5 exd5 15.Nxd5 Be6=;
F) 13.Bb1 Nd5 14.Qd3 g6 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Ne4= /± Mueller,K-Lobron,E/Hamburg SKA 1991/CBM 24/[Blatny,P]/0-1 (47)]

13.Ne5 '!?' Kundin. Kundin: '!?'
[13.Bxf6 Kundin: '!' Kundin: 'This was the write move,giving white almost a winning position.' Bxf6
A) 14.Be4
A1) 14...Bd7 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Bxb2 *(16...Be8 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rfd1)* 17.Rc2 Ba3 18.Qd3+-;
A2) 14...Bb7
A2a) 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Δ ♘×f6 ♕×f6 ♕d7; Δ ♕c2 Rc8□ 17.b4! *(17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Qd7 Ba8=)* 17...g6 18.Qb3 Bg7 19.Rfd1±;
A2b) 15.Qa4 Rc8 16.Rfd1= Appolonov,S-Skrobek,R/Wisla BES 1992/TD 92\04/0-1 (51);
B) 14.d5 Kundin exd5 *(14...Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxh7+; 14...Ne7 15.d6)* 15.Nxd5±;
C) 14.Ne4! Bb7 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Be4 Rac8 17.Rc3↑ 1-0 Djuric,S-Tarjan,J/Vrsac 1983/MCD-r8 (30)]

13...Nxd4 Kundin: Black has to accept the sacrifice if he wants to have counter chances.
[13...Bb7 Kundin 14.Ba6!±]
[13...Bd7 Kundin 14.Bb1±]
[13...Nxe5 Kundin 14.dxe5 Nd5 *(14...Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Be4 Rb8*

17.Qd6±) 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 *(15...Qxe7 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.f4±)* 16.Be4 Rb8 *(16...Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Rb8 18.f4±)* 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Nd5±]

14.Be3

[14.Ne4 Kundin Bb7 *(14...Nd5* Kundin *)* 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qxd4 Rfd8=]

14...Nf5 '□' Kundin. Kundin: '□' **15.Bxf5**

[15.Nc6!? Kundin Nxe3 16.fxe3⩲]

[15.Qf3 Kundin Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bd7]

15...exf5

[15...Qxd1 (Kundin) Not the best move. 16.Rfxd1 exf5 17.Nc6 *(17.Nb5! Be6 18.Nc6±)*

A) 17...Bc5 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Na4± *(19.Nd5±* Kundin *)*;

B) 17...Re8! 18.Nb5 Bb7 *(18...Bd7 19.Nbxa7 Bxc6 20.Nxc6 Rxa2 21.b4!±)* 19.Nbxa7± *(19.Nc7 Bxc6 20.Rxc6 Rac8; 19.Ncxa7 Nd5)*]

(Diagram)

16.Nc6

[16.Qf3! Kundin Be6 17.Rfd1 *(17.Nc6 Qe8 18.Nb5 Bd5=; 17.Nb5 Qd5=)* 17...Qe8 18.Nc6 Δ ♗f4,♘b5 Bd7 19.Nb5 Bxc6 20.Rxc6±]

[16.Nb5 Kundin Bb7 *(16...Nd5? 17.Nc6 Nxe3 18.fxe3+-; 16...Be6? 17.Nc6 Qe8 18.Nc7+-; 16...Bd7 17.Nxd7± Δ* ♖c7 *)* 17.Nc6 Bxc6 18.Rxc6±]

16...Qc7

[16...Qxd1?? 17.Nxe7++-]

17.Nb5 '⩲' Kundin. Kundin: '⩲' **17...Qb7 18.Nd6**

[18.b4 Kundin Be6 19.Nbd4 Nd5 20.b5∞]

[18.Nbd4 Kundin Nd5 *(18...Be6 19.Qf3±)* 19.Qf3 Nxe3 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Qxa8 Bb7! *(21...Nxf1 22.Rxc8 Nd2 23.Rxf8+ Qxf8 24.Qxa7±)* 22.Qxa7 Qe4 23.Nf3 Nxg2-+]

[18.Qf3 Kundin Be6∞]

[18.Bf4!? Kundin Bc5□ 19.Qf3

A) 19...Be6 20.Nd6 *(20.Nc7 Rac8 21.b4±)* 20...Bxd6 21.Bxd6 Bd5 22.Ne7+±;

B) 19...Ne4!∓]

18...Bxd6

[18...Qc7?! 19.Bf4 Be6 20.Be5↑]

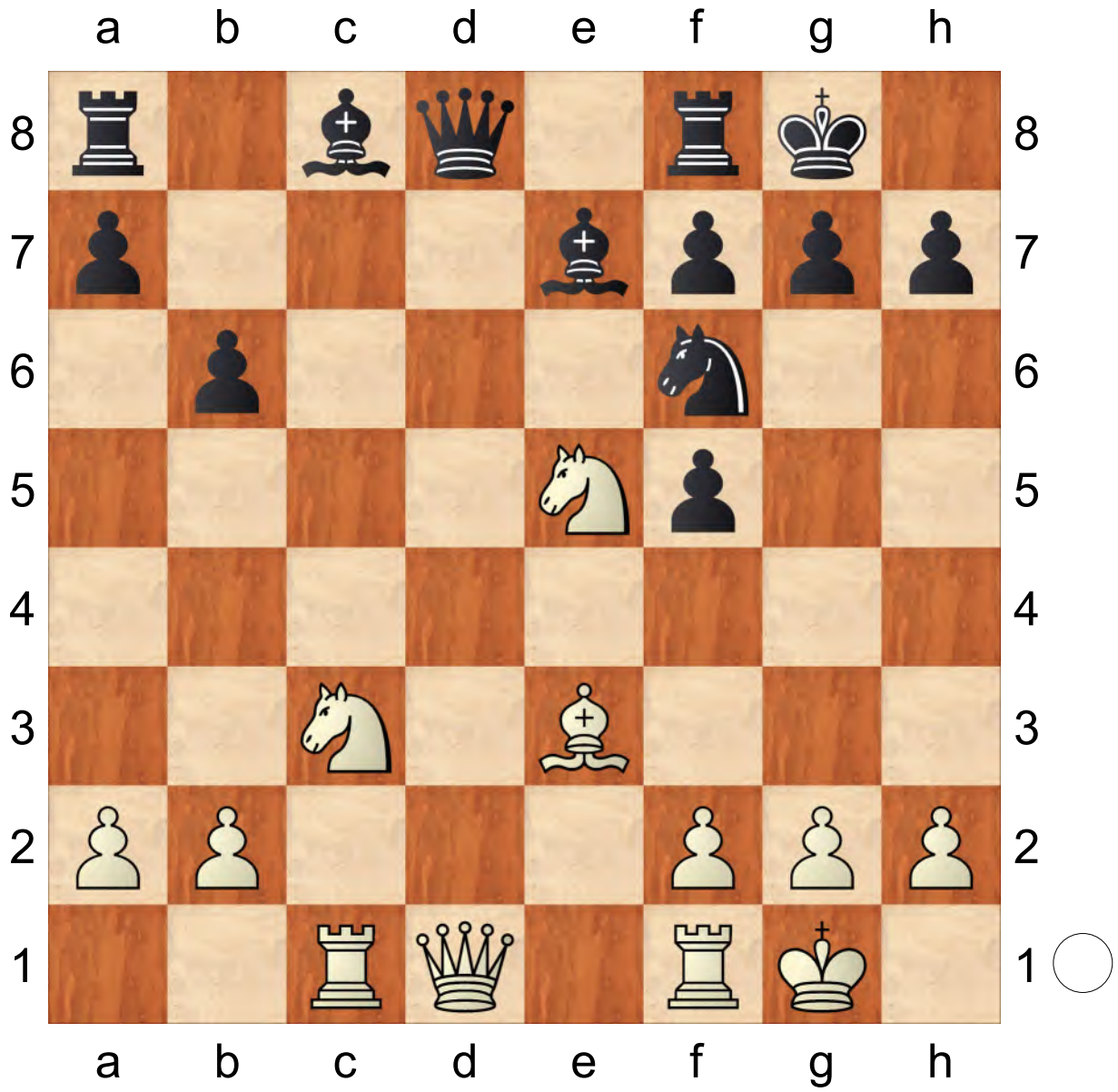
19.Qxd6 Be6

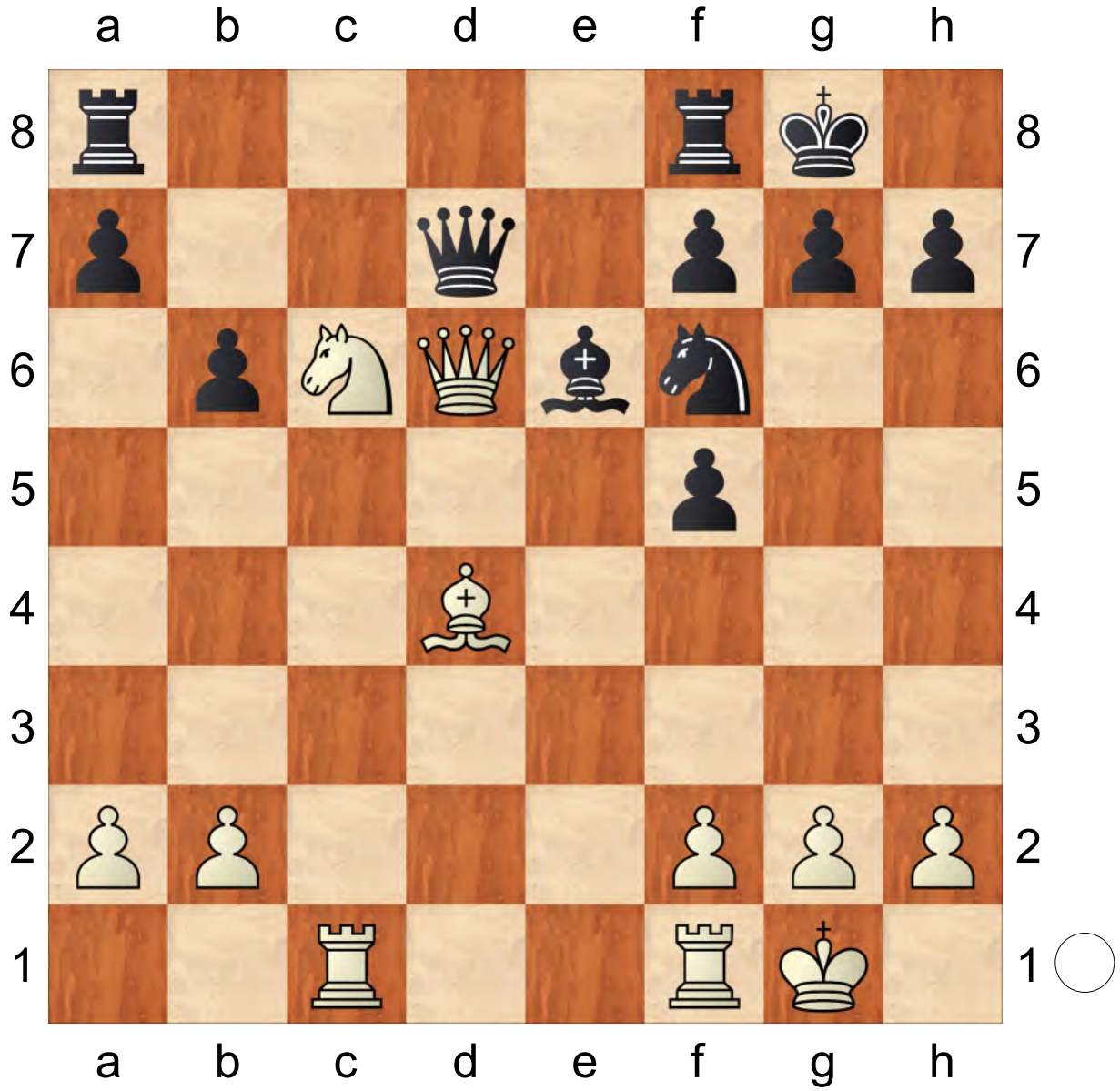
[19...Re8!?]

[19...Re8 (Kundin) Possible. 20.Rfd1 *(20.Bd4 Ne4)* 20...Ne4= Δ ♗e6]

20.Bd4 Qd7

(Diagram)





'□' Kundin. Kundin: ' □' **21.Qg3 f4** '!' Kundin. Kundin: '!' **22.Qg5** '?!' Kundin. Kundin: '?!' provoziert h6 **22...h6** Kundin: H6 is good for black. **23.Qxf4 Nd5!=** '=' Kundin. Kundin: '=' **24.Qh4**

[⌓24.Qd2 Kundin]

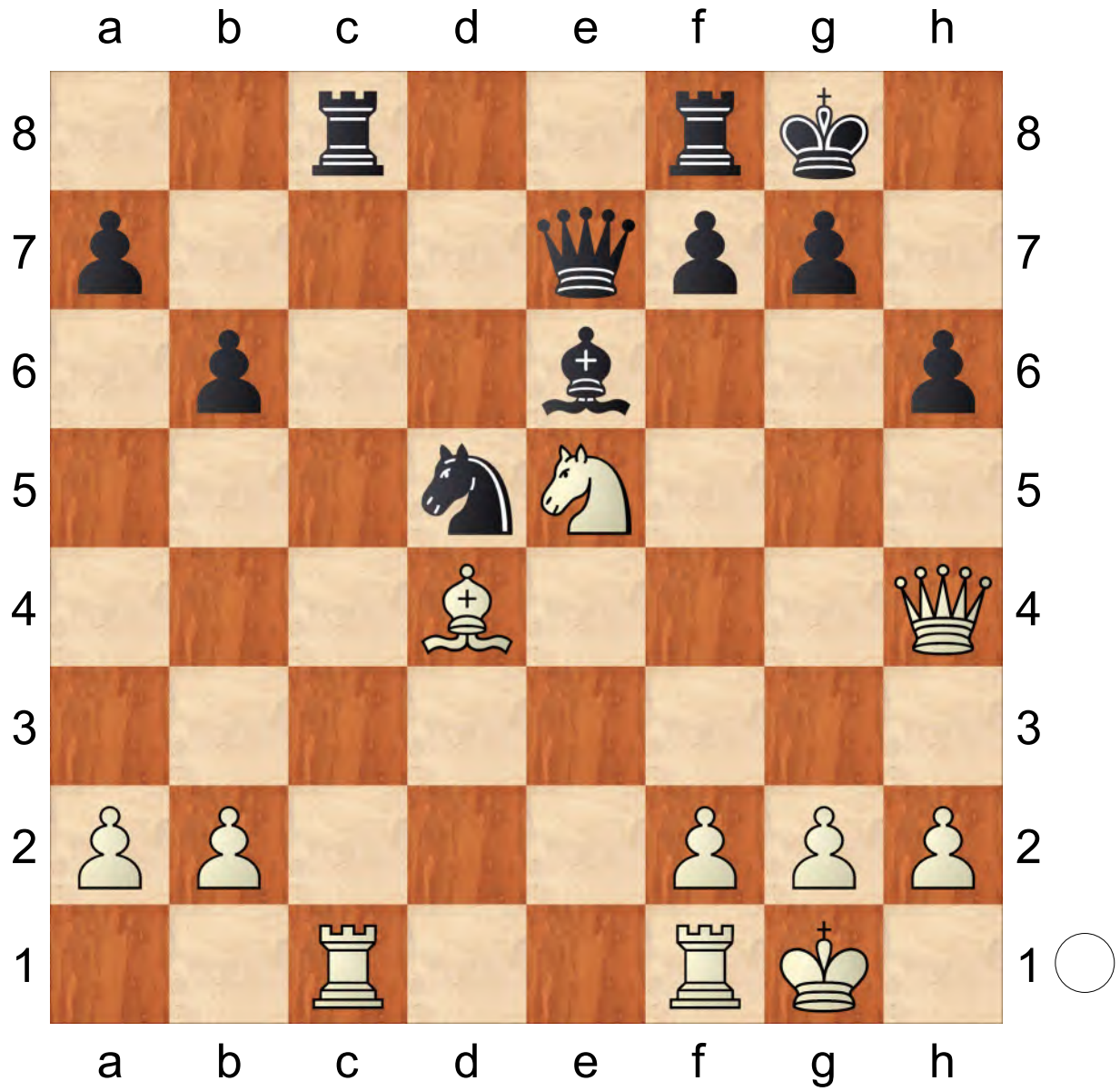
24...Rac8

[24...f6 Kundin 25.b4!]

25.Ne5 Qe7

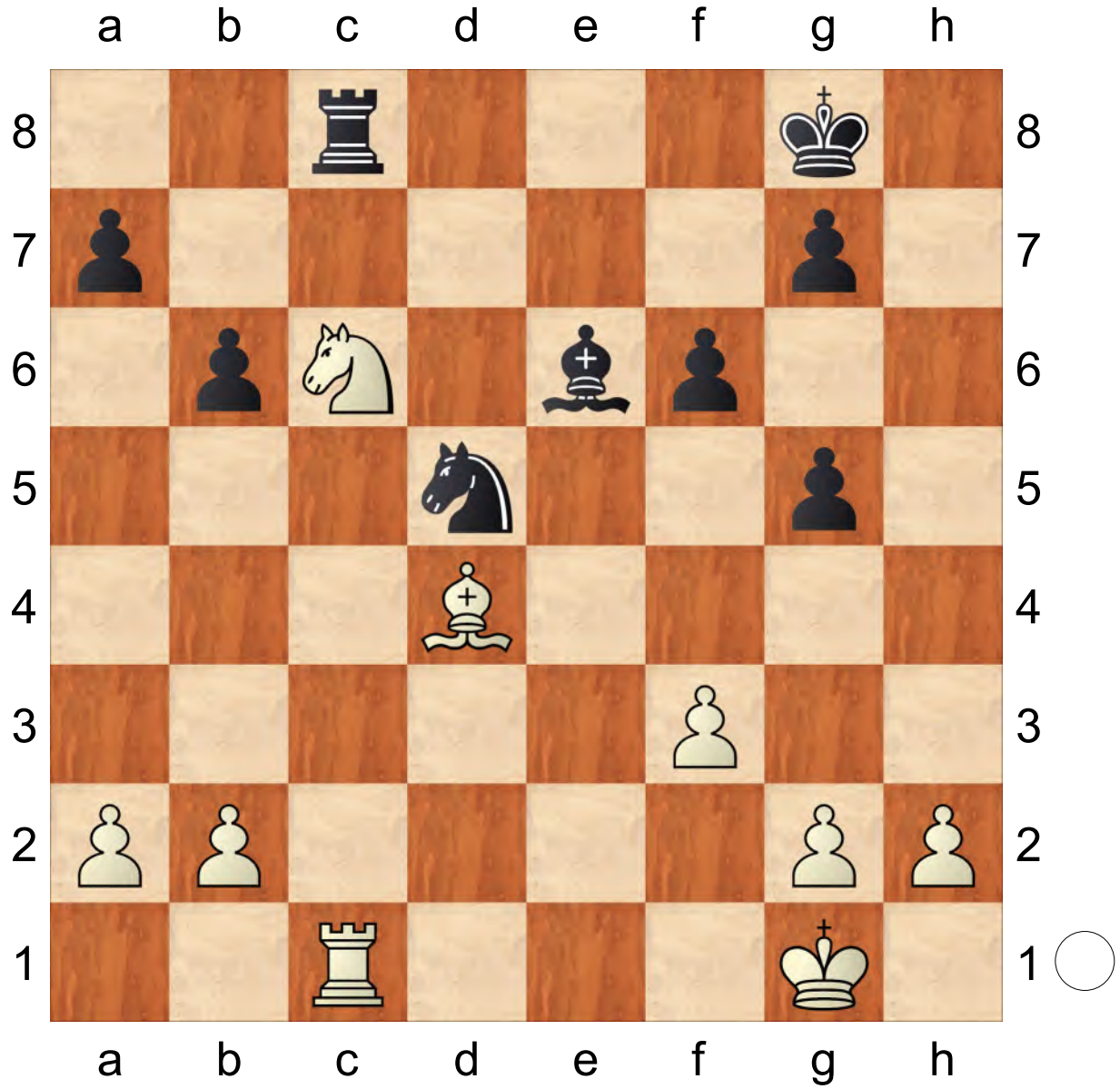
[25...Qa4! (Kundin) Considering my opponent's time pressure,this was the most reasonable move. 26.Ng4 f6 27.Rxc8 Rxc8∓]

(Diagram)



26.Qg3
[26.Qxe7 Kundin Nxe7∓]
26...Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Qg5 28.Qxg5 hxg5 '∓' Kundin. Kundin: '∓' **29.f3**
[⩲29.g3 Kundin]
29...f6
[29...Nf4 Kundin 30.Kf1∓]
[29...Rd8∓ Kundin]
30.Nc6 '?!' Kundin. Kundin: '?!'
[30.Nd3 Kundin Rd8∓]
30...Rc8

(Diagram)

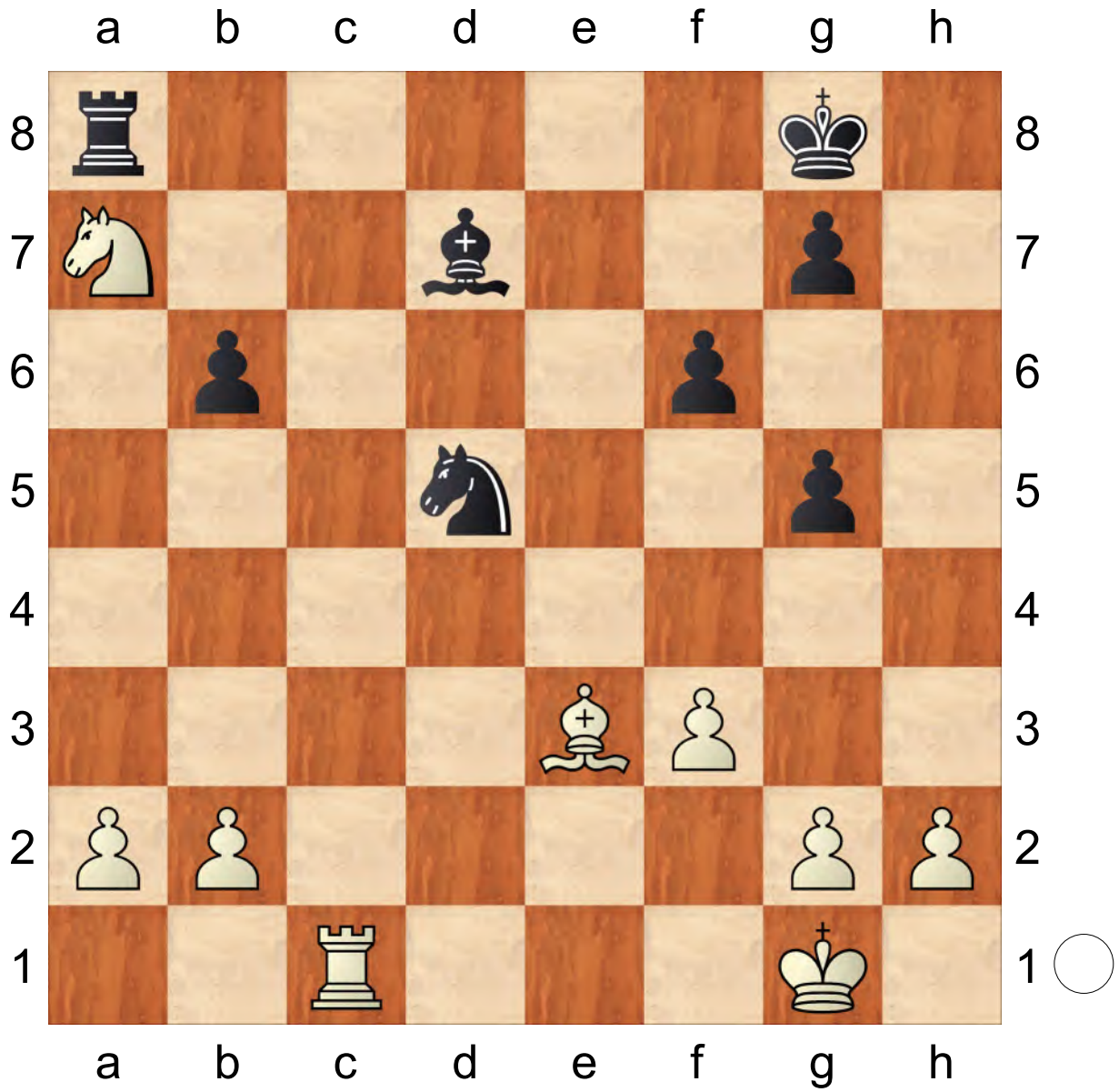


31.Be3 '!?' Kundin. Kundin: '!?'
[31.b4 Kundin Bd7 32.b5 Bxc6∓]
31...Bd7
[31...Nxe3?? 32.Ne7++-]
[31...Kf7 Kundin 32.Bd2 Nf4 33.Kf1 Bxa2∓]
32.Nxa7 '□' Kundin. Kundin: '□' **32...Ra8**

(Diagram)

Hat WeiÃŸ sich verkalkuliert ?

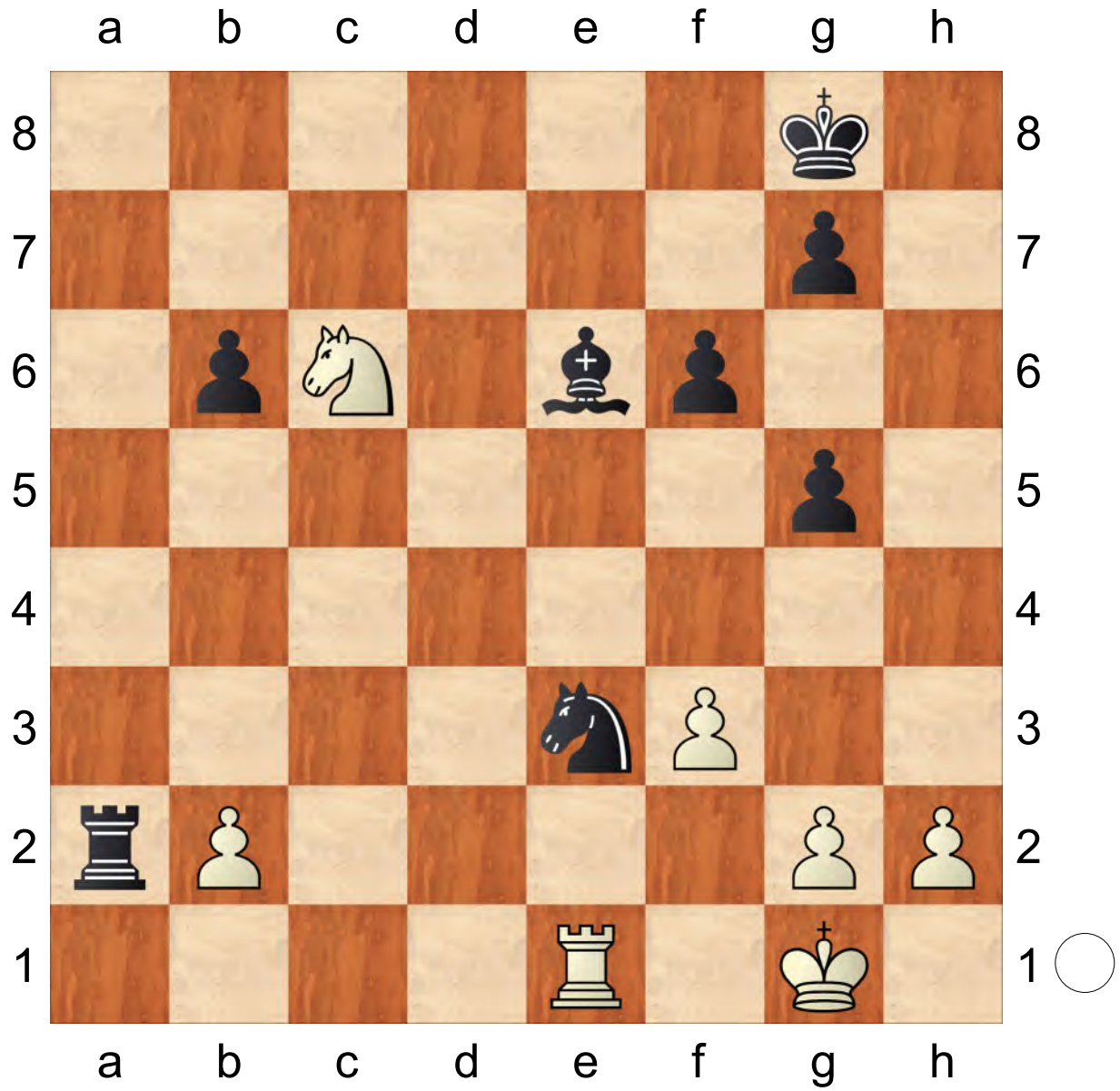
33.Rd1□ Be6□
[33...Nxe3 34.Rxd7 Nc4 35.b3 Ne5 36.Rc7±]



34.Nc6!
[34.Rxd5?! Bxd5 35.Bxb6 Bxa2∓ /∓]
34...Nxe3 35.Re1 Rxa2
[35...Nxg2!?]
[35...Nxg2! Kundin 36.Rxe6 *(36.Kxg2 Bxa2∓)* 36...Nf4∓]

(Diagram)

'?' Kundin. Kundin: '?' An error in a time pressure. '?' Kundin. Kundin: An error in a time pressure. **36.Rxe3 Bf7**
[36...Bd7 Kundin 37.Nb8 Δ ♖b3]
37.b4 Kf8 '?!' Kundin. Kundin: '?!'



[37...Rb2∓ Kundin]

38.Rd3 Bc4 39.Rd6 '?!' Kundin. Kundin: '?!'

[39.Rd8+! Kundin Kf7 40.Rb8 b5 41.Nd4 Ra1+=]

39...Ra1+ '?!' Kundin. Kundin: '?!'

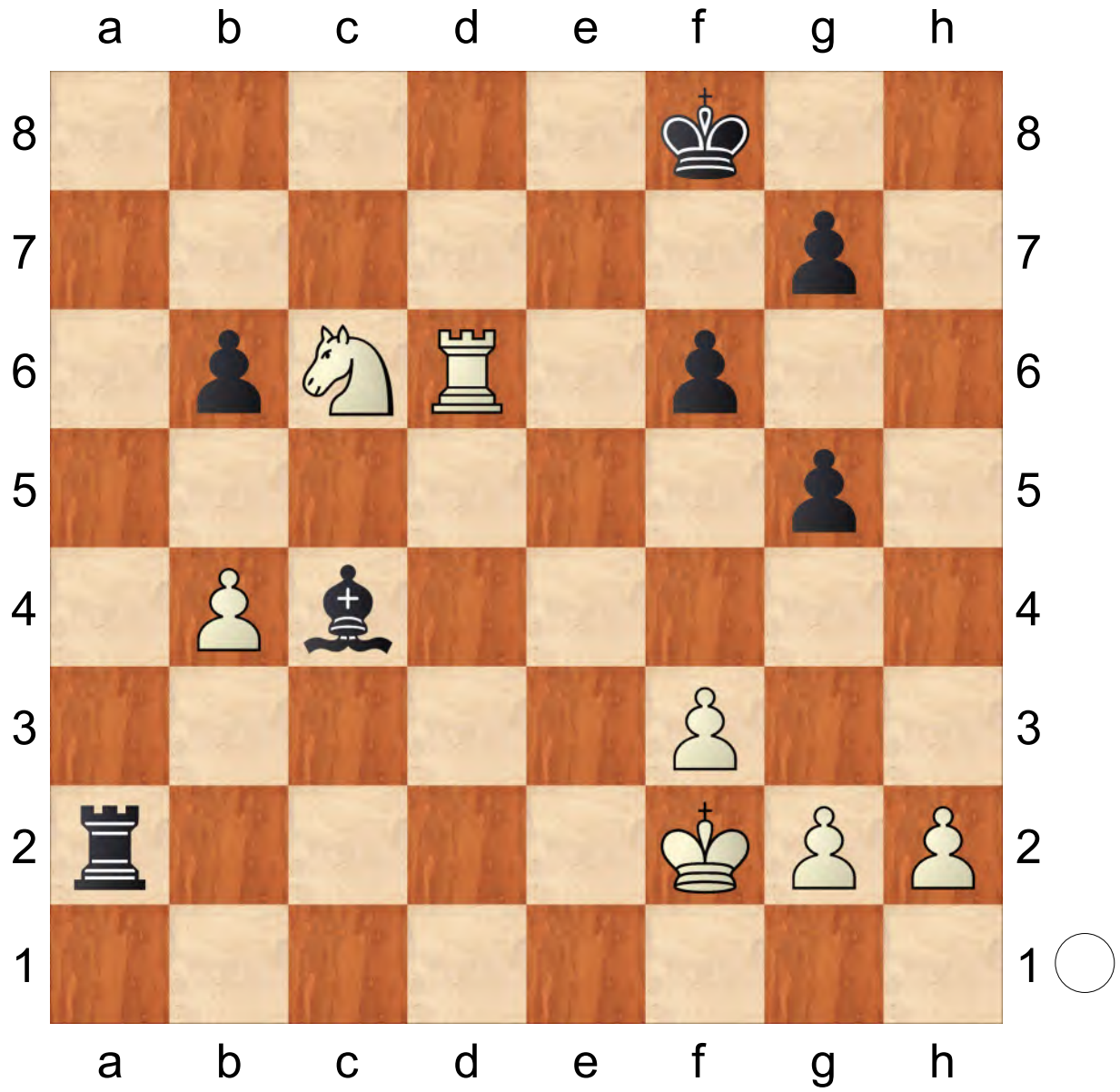
[39...Rb2 Kundin 40.Nb8 b5 41.Nc6 Kf7∓ This endgame is difficult to win,but black can try.]

40.Kf2 Ra2+

(Diagram)

41.Kg1 Ra1+ 42.Kf2

(Diagram)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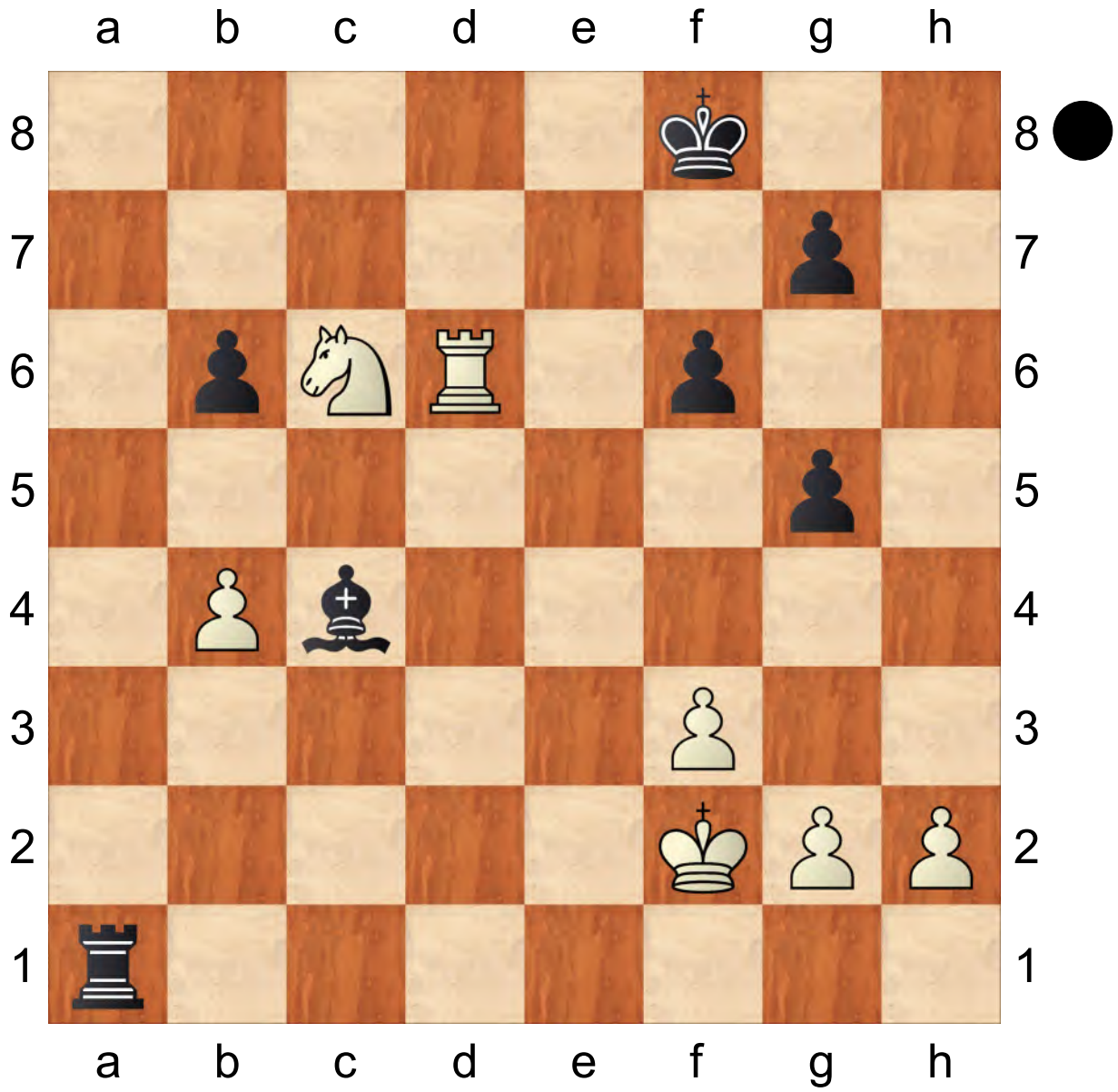

½-½

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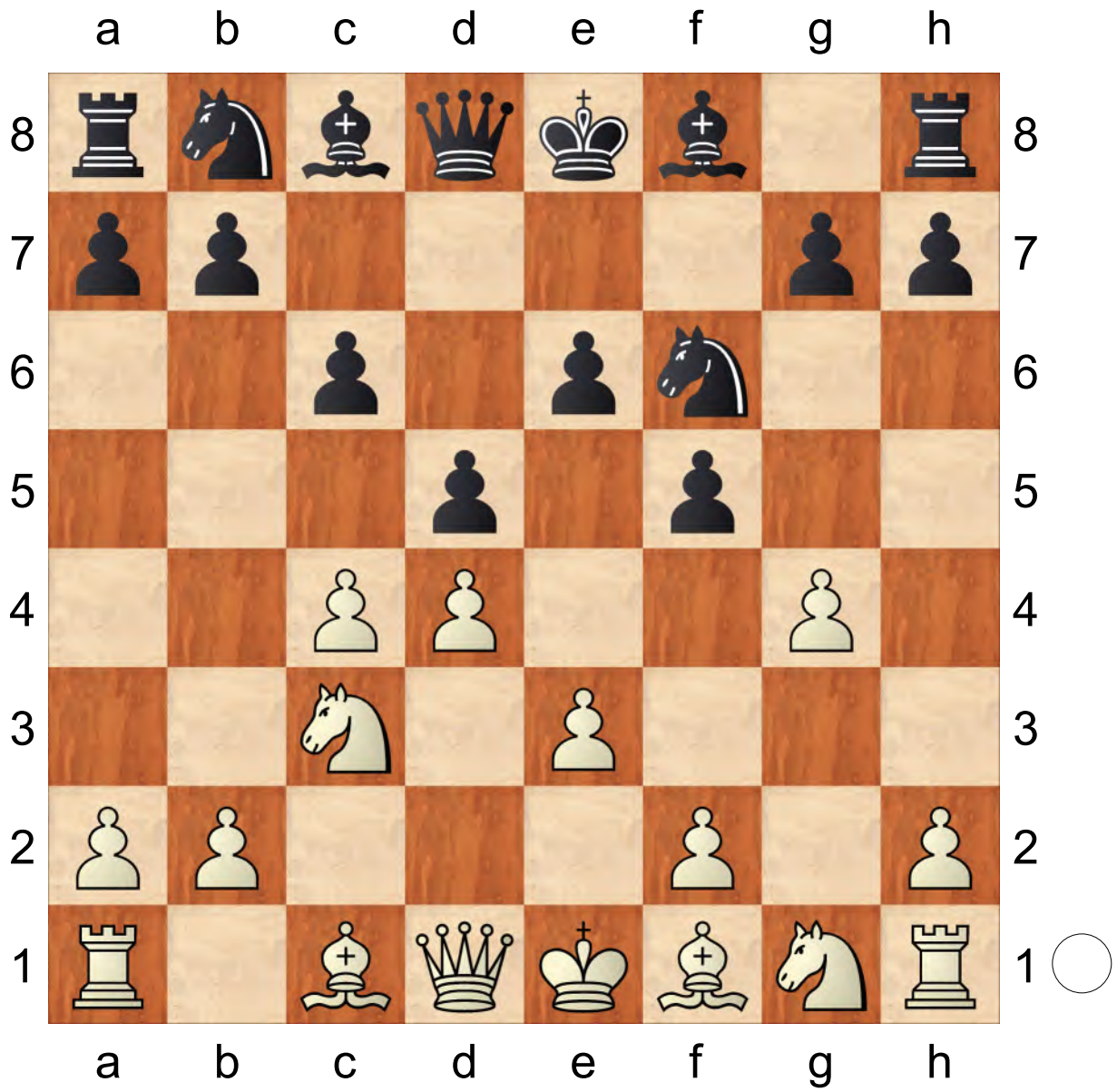
□ **Nadanian,Ashot S** **2410**
■ **Lputian,Smbat G** **2625**
ARM-ch Yerevan (2) 17.10.1999
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 f5 5.g4 Nf6



6.gxf5 exf5 7.Nf3
[7.cxd5?!
A) 7...Nxd5
A1) 8.Bc4 Be6
A1a) 9.Qb3 Bb4

A1a1) 10.Nge2?! b5 11.Bd3 *(11.Bxd5 Bxd5 12.Qxb4 a5!-+* 0-1 Lalev,D-Semkov,S/BUL ch Bankja 1992 (19)*)* 11...Nf4 12.Qc2 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qd7∓;

A1a2) 10.Bd2 b5 11.Be2 Qd7 12.Qc2 Bd6⇄;

A1b) 9.Qf3 Bb4 10.Bd2 Qa5 11.Nge2 Nxc3 12.Bxe6 Ne4 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Ke2 Qb2+ 17.Kd3 Na6 *(17...Qa3+ 18.Ke2 g6∓)* 18.Rhc1 *(18.Qxf5 Rf8 19.Qh5+ Ke7 20.Bb3 Nb4+-+)* 18...Nb4+ 19.Kc4 b5+-+ 0-1 Lindsay,F-Kuczynski,R/St John CAN 1988 (25);

A2) 8.Nf3 Bb4 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Bg2 Bd6= *(10...Nd7 11.Nxd5 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 cxd5 14.Qf3 Nf6 15.Qxf5± ½-½* Carstensen,J-Hellstrom,A/Copenhagen Politiken 1996 (34) *)*;

A3) 8.Nge2 Be6 9.Rg1 g6 10.Bg2 Na6 11.Bd2 Nac7= 0-1 Dorfman,I-Popchev,M/Capablanca Mem-A 1988 (32);

B) 7...cxd5 8.Nh3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Nc6 10.Bb5 *(10.Nf4 Nb4 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.0-0 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Qd7=)* 10...Be6 11.Rg1 0-0 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.Qg2 Rae8 14.Bd2⇄ 1-0 Portisch,L-Koberl,F/HUN-ch 1963 (43)]

[7.Bd2 Be6 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.c5 Qxb3 10.axb3 Be7 11.b4 0-0 12.Nh3 Ne4 13.Nf4 Bf7 14.h4 g6 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.b5± ½-½ Jensen,J-Pedersen,B/Aarhus 1991 (63)]

[7.Nh3 Nbd7 *(7...Ne4 8.Qb3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Bd2 Nf6 13.f3⇄ ½-½* Tolstikh,N-Moroz,A/Pardubice ,EXT 1995 (56) *)* 8.Nf4 Nb6 9.c5 Nc4 10.Bxc4 dxc4 11.Qe2 b5 12.cxb6 axb6 13.Qxc4 Qd7 14.Bd2 Bd6± ½-½ Loeffler,S-Stangl,M/BL 1994 (73)]

[7.Bd3 Bb4 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Qb3 Qe7 10.Bd2 Be6⇄ *(10...a5 11.cxd5±* 0-1 O'Donnell,R-Ochkoos,J/North Bay CAN 1999 (35) *)*]

[7.Qb3 dxc4 *(7...Be7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Qxd5 cxd5 11.Bg2 Be6 12.Ne2 Kf7 13.Nf4 Rd8 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.Rc1± ½-½* Sosnicki,M-Markowski,T/ Polanica Zdroj POL 1999 (59)*; 7...Qb6 8.Bg2 Be6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Ke2 Kd7 16.Bd2± ½-½* Erdos,V-Tishyn,D/Litohoto GRE 1999 (60) *)* 8.Bxc4

A) 8...Qe7?! 9.Nh3! b5 10.Bd3 g6 *(10...Be6 11.Qc2 g6 12.Nf4 Bf7 13.Bd2±)* 11.Nf4 Bh6 12.Nce2 g5 13.Ng2 Be6 14.Qc2 Bd5 *(14...Qd7 15.Ng3±)* 15.0-0± 1-0 Portisch,L-Haba,P/Erevan 1996/CBM 55/ (28);

B) 8...Bd6 9.Bf7+ Ke7 10.Bc4 *(10.Nf3 b5 11.Ng5±)* 10...b5 11.Be2 Be6⇄]

7...Bd6

[7...Be6

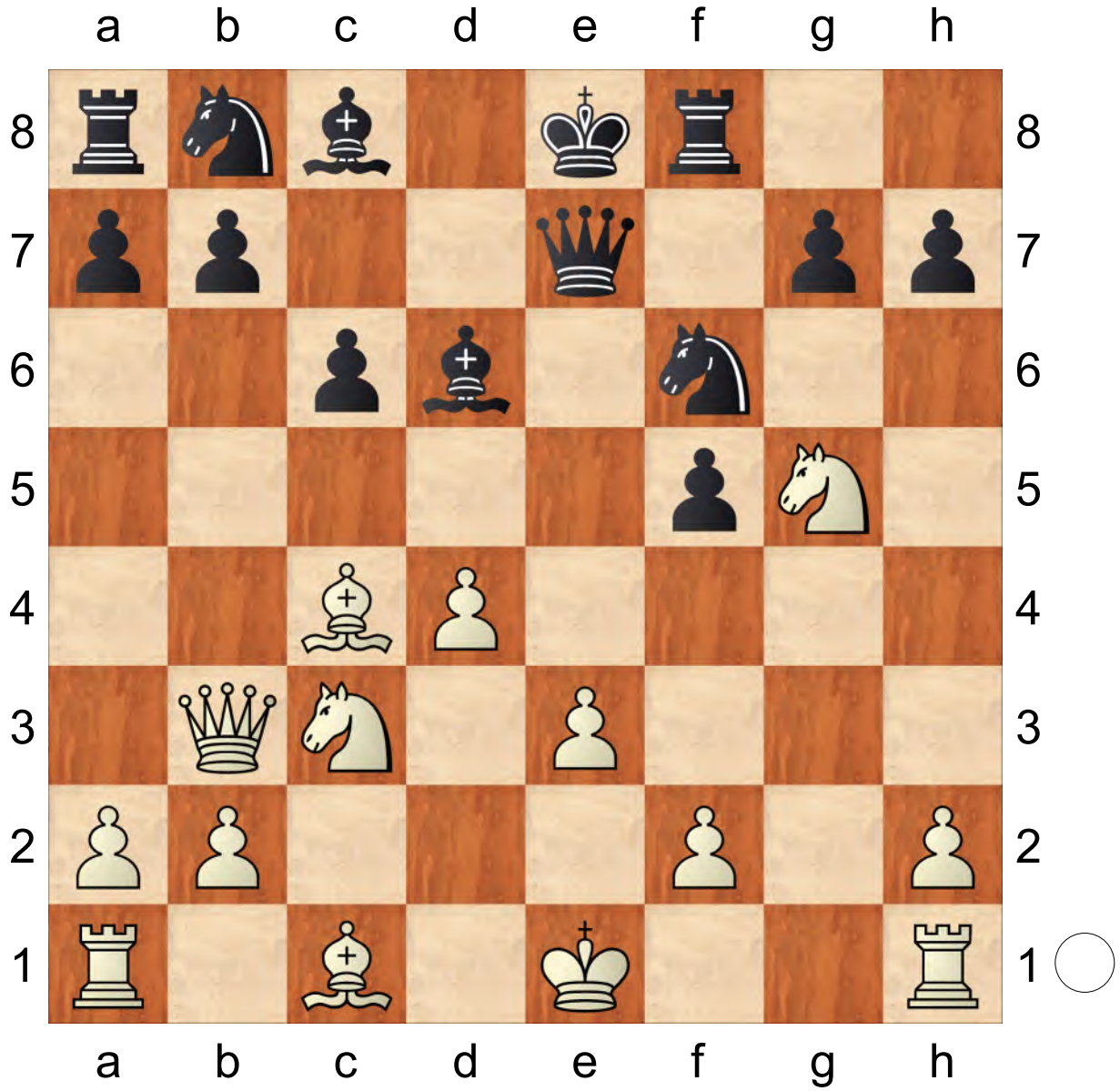
A) 8.Rg1?! dxc4 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.h3 *(10.Qf3 Nbd7 11.Nxc4 Qxh2 12.Rh1 Qc7 13.Bd2 Nb6∓* 0-1 Smagin,S-Ruban,V/URS ch select Norilsk RUS 1987 (42) *)* 10...b5 11.Bg2 b4 12.Ne2 Bd6 13.Nf4 Bf7∓;

B) 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.c5 Qc7 *(9...Qxb3 10.axb3 Nbd7 11.b4±)* 10.Ng5 *(10.Bd2 Nbd7⇄)* 10...Bg8 11.Qc2 Ne4 12.Ngxe4 fxe4 13.Bh3 Be7 14.0-0 Bf7 15.f3⇄ 0-1 Loebler,H-Plank,F/Austria 1996/EXP 57 (57)]

8.Qb3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Qe7 10.Ng5
[10.Bd2
A) 10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 *(13...Qxe5 14.Bc3±)* 14.Bb4 c5 *(14...Qxe5 15.Bf7+ Kd8 16.Bc3 Qg5 17.0-0-0 Kc7 18.Rhg1+-)* 15.e6
A1) 15...Ne5 16.Bc3 Nf3+ 17.Ke2 0-0 18.Bd5 Rb8 19.Rag1! Nxg1+ 20.Rxg1 g6 21.Be5 b6 22.Bxb8 Ba6+ 23.Ke1 Rxb8 24.Bxe4**±**;
A2) 15...cxb4 16.Bb5 a6 17.Bxd7+ Bxd7 18.exd7+ Qxd7 19.Rd1 *(19.Qxb4 Qe7 20.Qxe7+ Kxe7 21.Rg1 Kf6 22.Rg4 Rhe8 23.Rd1 Re7 24.Rf4+ Kg6 25.Rd6+±)* 19...Qe7 20.Rg1 g6 21.Rg4 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Qd5+**±**;
A3) 15...Nb6 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Ba3 Bxe6 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Qxe4 Bd5 20.Qxe7+ Kxe7 21.Rg1 g6 22.Rc1**±**;
B) 10...b5
B1) 11.Bd3?! Be6 12.Qc2 b4 13.Na4 Bd5 14.Be2 Ne4 15.Rg1 *(15.Rf1 Nd7 16.0-0-0 Nb6 17.Kb1 0-0∓* 0-1 Ovsejevitsch,S-Guliev,S/Nikolaev zt 1995/CBM 47/[Huebner] (33) *)* 15...Nd7=;
B2) 11.Be2 Be6 12.Qc2 b4 13.Na4 Ne4 *(13...Bd5 14.Qxf5)* 14.Rg1 Bd5 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Rf8 17.Rc1 f4 18.Rf1 g5 19.h3 h5 20.Qd3 g4 21.Ne5 *(21.hxg4 fxe3 22.fxe3 hxg4 23.Ne5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qh4+ 25.Kd1 Nf2+ 26.Rxf2 Rxf2 27.Qg6+ Kd8 28.Be1 Qh1 29.Qxg4⇄)* 21...Nxd2 22.Qg6+ Kd8 23.Kxd2 Bxe5 *(23...gxh3 24.Nc4 Bc7 25.Nc5±)* 24.dxe5 Qxe5 25.hxg4 fxe3+ 26.fxe3 Qd5+ 27.Qd3 Rxf1 28.Rxf1 hxg4 29.Qxd5+ cxd5 30.Rf8+ Kc7 31.Rg8 a5 32.Nc5 Kd6 33.Nd3 Kc7 34.Nf4 Kd6 35.Rxg4 Nd7 36.Rg6+**±**]
10...Rf8

(Diagram)

11.Bd2?∓
[11.h4 b5 12.Bd3 h6 13.Nf3 Be6 14.Qc2 b4 15.Nb1 Bd5 16.Nbd2**⇄**]
11...h6?⇄
[11...b5!
A) 12.Bd3 b4
A1) 13.Ne2 h6 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Qe4 17.Neg1 Nd5 18.0-0-0 g5 19.h3 Rf7**∓** *(19...g4? 20.hxg4 fxg4 21.Rxh6)*;
A2) 13.Na4 h6 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Qc2 Bd5 16.Be2 g5 17.Rg1 Ne4**∓**;
B) 12.Be6 Bd7! *(12...Bxe6 13.Qxe6 Qxe6 14.Nxe6 Rf7=)* 13.Rc1 h6 *(13...a5 14.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 15.a4±)* 14.Bxd7+ Nbxd7
B1) 15.Nf3 b4
B1a) 16.Nb1 Qe4 17.Qd1 g5**∓**;
B1b) 16.Na4 Qe4 17.Rg1 Rf7 *(17...Qxf3 18.Qe6+ Be7 19.Rxg7 Nd5 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.Qxc6++-)* 18.Ke2 Nd5 19.Qc4 Nf4+ 20.Kf1 Nh3



21.Qxc6 Nxg1 22.Nxg1 Qxc6 23.Rxc6 Rf6∓;

B1c) 16.Ne2 Qe4 17.Neg1 g5 *(17...c5∓)* 18.Qa4 Rc8 19.h3 g4 20.hxg4 fxg4∓;

B2) 15.Ne6 Rf7 16.Ne2 *(16.a3 a5 17.h3 a4 18.Qa2 Nb6∓; 16.a4 b4 17.Ne2 Nd5 18.N6f4 Bxf4 19.exf4 Rf6∓)* 16...Nd5 17.N6f4 Bxf4 18.exf4 Rf6∓]

12.Ne6 b5?!±

[12...Bxe6 13.Bxe6 Ne4 14.Nxe4 fxe4 15.Rc1 *(15.Bc8 Rf7 16.Be6 Rf6 17.Bc8 Rf7 18.Be6=)* 15...Na6 16.Bc4 Rc8 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.Rg1±]

[12...Rh8

A) 13.h4 g6 14.Rg1 Ng4 15.h5 gxh5 *(15...Qh4 16.Nd1±)* 16.Rg2⇄;

B) 13.0-0-0 Nbd7 14.Nf4 Nf8 15.h4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 fxe4 17.h5 Bf5⇄]

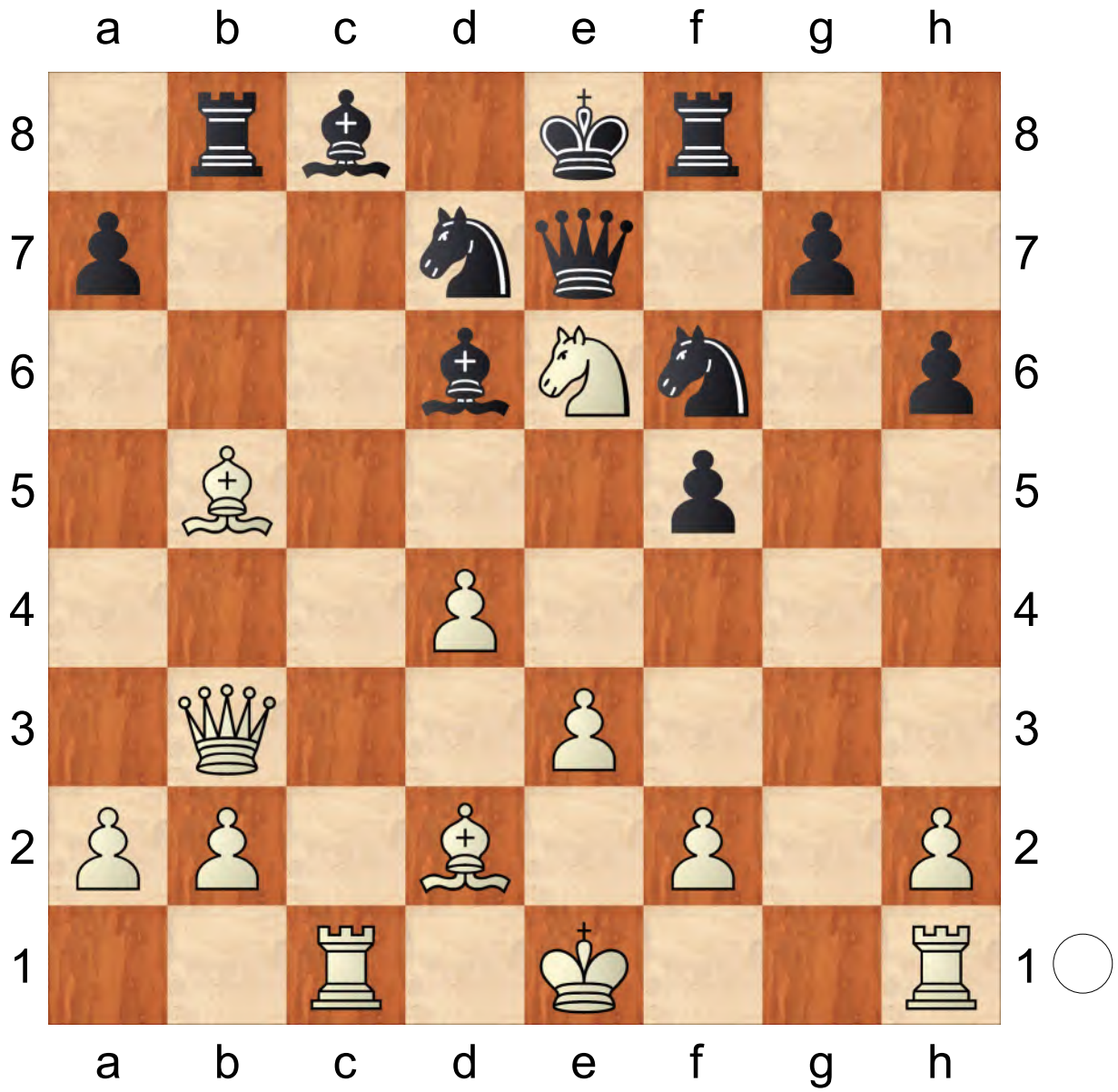
13.Nxb5! cxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nbd7

[14...Bd7 15.Rc1 Qf7 16.Bc4+-]

15.Rc1!

[15.Nxf8 Kxf8≅ *(15...Qxf8 16.Qe6+ Qe7 17.Qxf5+-)*]

15...Rb8



16.Rg1?!

[16.Nxf8! Kxf8 17.Qa4±]

16...g5!

[16...Rf7

A) 17.Nc7+ Kf8 18.Ne6+ Ke8 *(18...Kg8 19.Nxg7+-)*;

B) 17.Ba5!

B1) 17...a6 18.Ba4!! Rxb3 19.Rxc8+;

B2) 17...Bxh2 18.Bc7 Bxc7 *(18...Bxg1 19.Bxb8+-)* 19.Nxc7+ Kf8 20.Ne6+ Ke8 *(20...Kg8 21.Nxg7 Kh7 22.Nxf5+-)* 21.Ba4!!

B2a) 21...Ra8 22.Nc7++-;
B2b) 21...Qd6 22.Nxg7+! Rxg7 23.Rxg7 Kd8 *(23...Rxb3 24.Rxc8#)* 24.Qc3 Qb4 25.Bb3+-;
B2c) 21...Qb4+;
B3) 17...Bb7 18.Rc7! Bd5 19.Bxd7+ Nxd7 20.Qxd5 Bxc7 21.Nxc7+ Kf8 22.Ne6+ Ke8 23.Qc6 Rf6 24.d5±]

17.Nc7+ Actually draw proposal Tatsächlich den Vorschlag Remis
[17.Nxf8 Kxf8 Tsesarsky: '⇄' 18.Qd3
A) 18...Bxh2 19.Rh1 Bd6 20.Rxh6 Kg7 21.Rh1 Bb7 22.Bc6 Bxc6 23.Rxc6 Qe6 *(23...Rxb2 24.Qxf5+-)* 24.Rg1 g4 25.Bc3±;
B) 18...Ne4 19.h3 Ndf6⇄]

17...Bxc7 Lputian decides to realize a "difference in a rating" Lputian entscheidet, die "Differenz im Rating" zu verwirklichen
[17...Kd8 18.Ne6+ *(18.Ba5 Nb6 19.Na6 Bxa6 20.Bxa6∓)* 18...Ke8 19.Nc7+ *(19.Nxf8 Kxf8⇄)* 19...Kd8 20.Ne6+=]

18.Rxc7 Qf7??+- Desire to conquer at any cost it is stronger than common sense... Den Wunsch, um jeden Preis zu besiegen ist stärker den gesunden Menschenverstand...
[⌓18...Qe4! 19.Bb4 *(19.Bd3 Rxb3 20.Bxe4 Rb8 21.Bxf5 Nd5 22.Bg6+ Ke7 23.Rxa7 Rxb2 24.Bc1 Rfxf2 25.Bxb2 Rxb2 26.h4⇄)* 19...Nd5 *(19...Qb1+ 20.Kd2 Qxg1 21.Qe6+ Kd8 22.Be7+ Kxc7 23.Qc6#)* 20.Bxf8 Nxc7 21.Qg8 Qb1+ 22.Kd2 Qxb2+ 23.Kd1 Qb1+=]

19.Qc3!
[19.Bc4?!±
A) 19...Rxb3 20.Rxc8+ Ke7 21.Bxf7 Rxb2 *(21...Rxe3+ 22.fxe3 Rxc8 23.Bb3±)* 22.Rxf8 Nxf8 23.Bb3 Rb1+ 24.Bd1 Ne6 25.a3 Nd5 26.h3 Kd6 27.Ke2 h5 28.Kd3 h4 29.Kc2 Rb8 30.Be2±;
B) 19...Qe7 20.Qxb8! Nxb8 21.Rxe7+ Kxe7 22.Bb4+ Ke8 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.h4±]

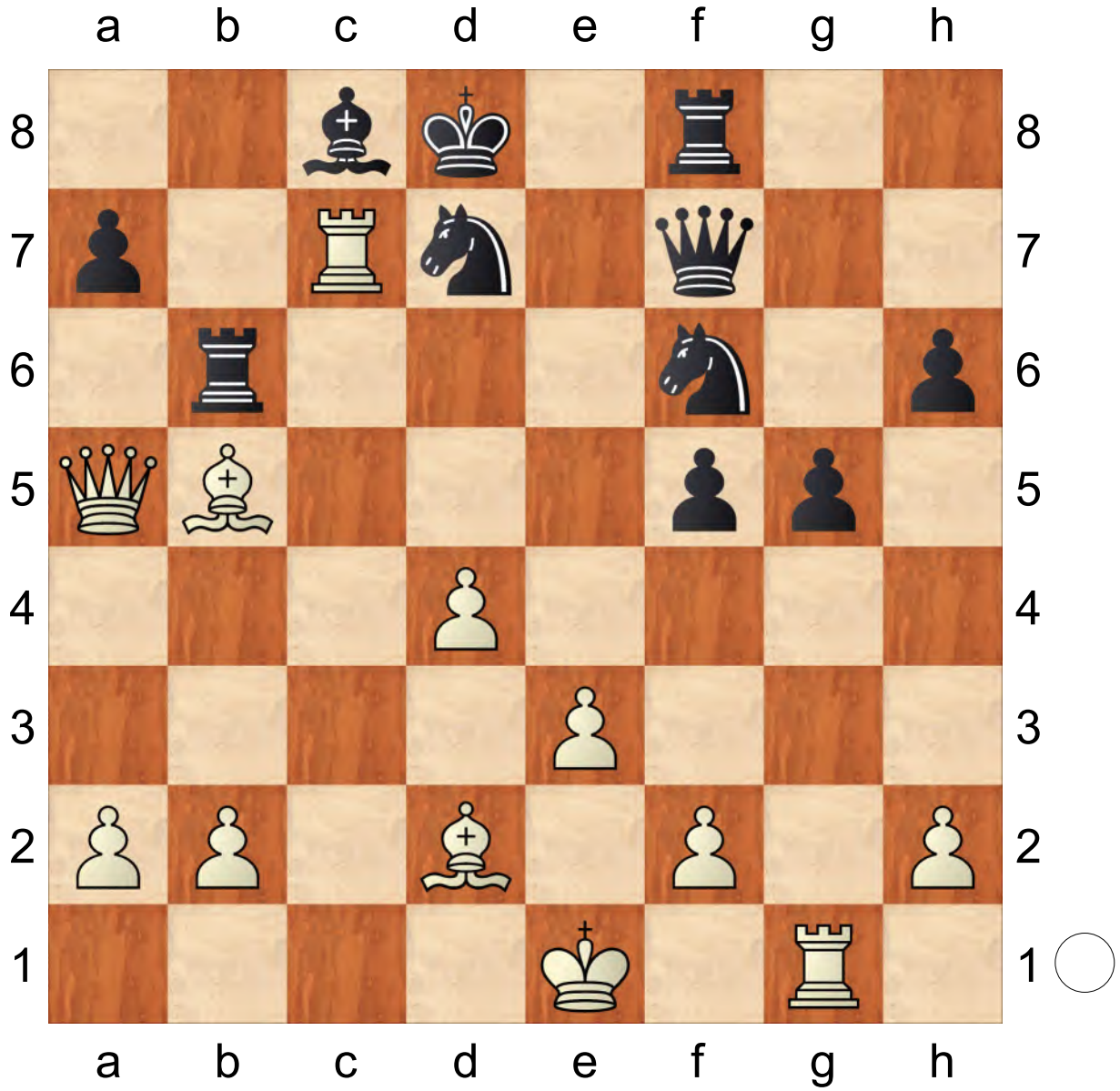
19...Kd8
[19...Rxb5 20.Rxc8+ Ke7 21.Qa3++-]

20.Qa5 Rb6
[20...Rxb5 21.Rxd7+ Kxd7 22.Qxb5++-]

(Diagram)

21.Rxa7 Qe6 22.Bb4! Rf7 23.Ra8
[23.Bc5? Nxc5 24.Rxf7 Nb7 25.Rf8+ Ke7 26.Qa3+ Nd6 27.d5 Qxd5 *(27...Nxd5 28.Re8++-)* 28.Rxc8 Qxb5 29.Qa7+ Ke6 30.Rc7 Nd5∓]

23...Nd5
[23...Qe4 24.Kd2!+- Qxa8 *(24...f4 25.Rc1 fxe3+ 26.fxe3 Qg2+ 27.Kd1 Qh1+ 28.Be1 Qf3+ 29.Be2+-)* 25.Qxa8 Rxb5 26.Qa4 *(26.Ba5+ Nb6 27.Bxb6+ Rxb6*



28.Qa5 Ne4+ 29.Ke2 Ba6+ 30.Kf3 Rff6 31.Rc1 Rfd6 32.Rc5!+-) 26...Ne4+ 27.Ke2 Rf6 28.Rc1 Ba6 29.Ke1+-]

24.Bc4! N7f6 25.Rb8! Nadanian perfectly plays a final part of the game Nadanian spielt den abschliessenden Teil des Spieles ausgezeichnet **25...Rc7**

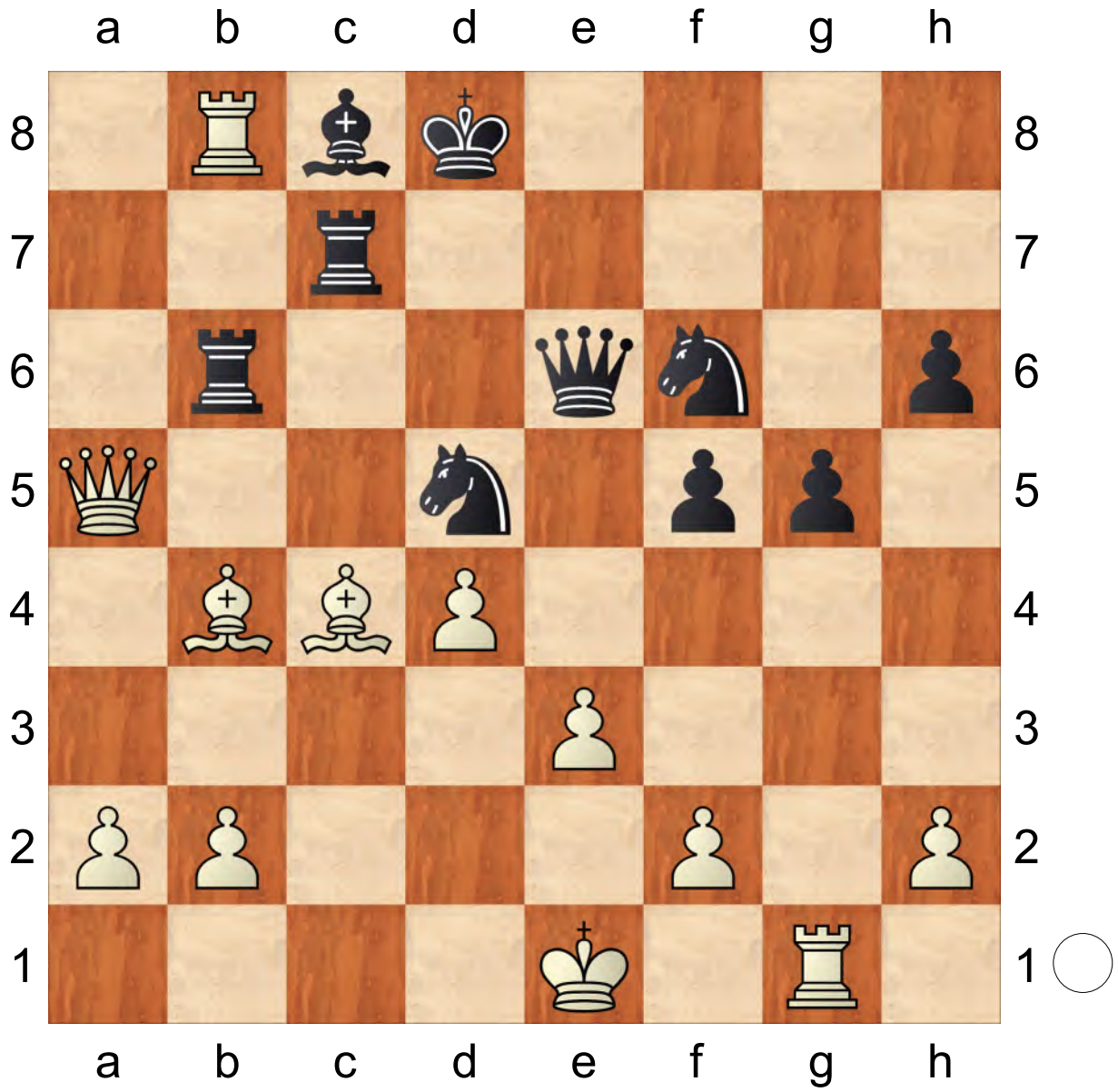
(Diagram)

26.Rxb6 Qxb6 27.Bxd5 Qxa5 28.Bxa5 Nxd5 29.Kd2 Kd7 30.Bxc7 Nxc7

(Diagram)

31.b4 Nd5 32.b5 Bb7 33.a4 Nb6 34.a5 Nc4+ 35.Kc3 Nd6

(Diagram)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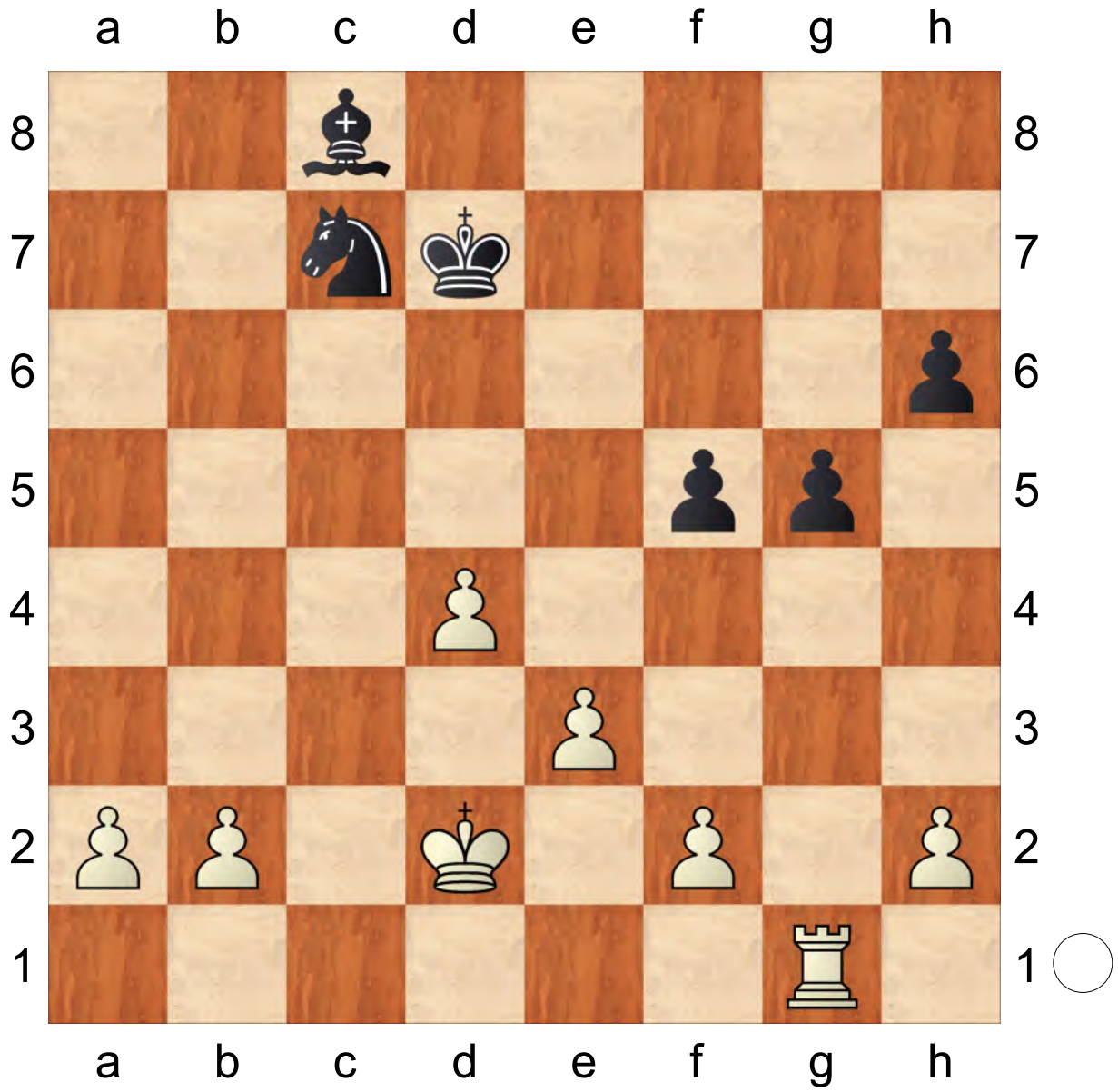
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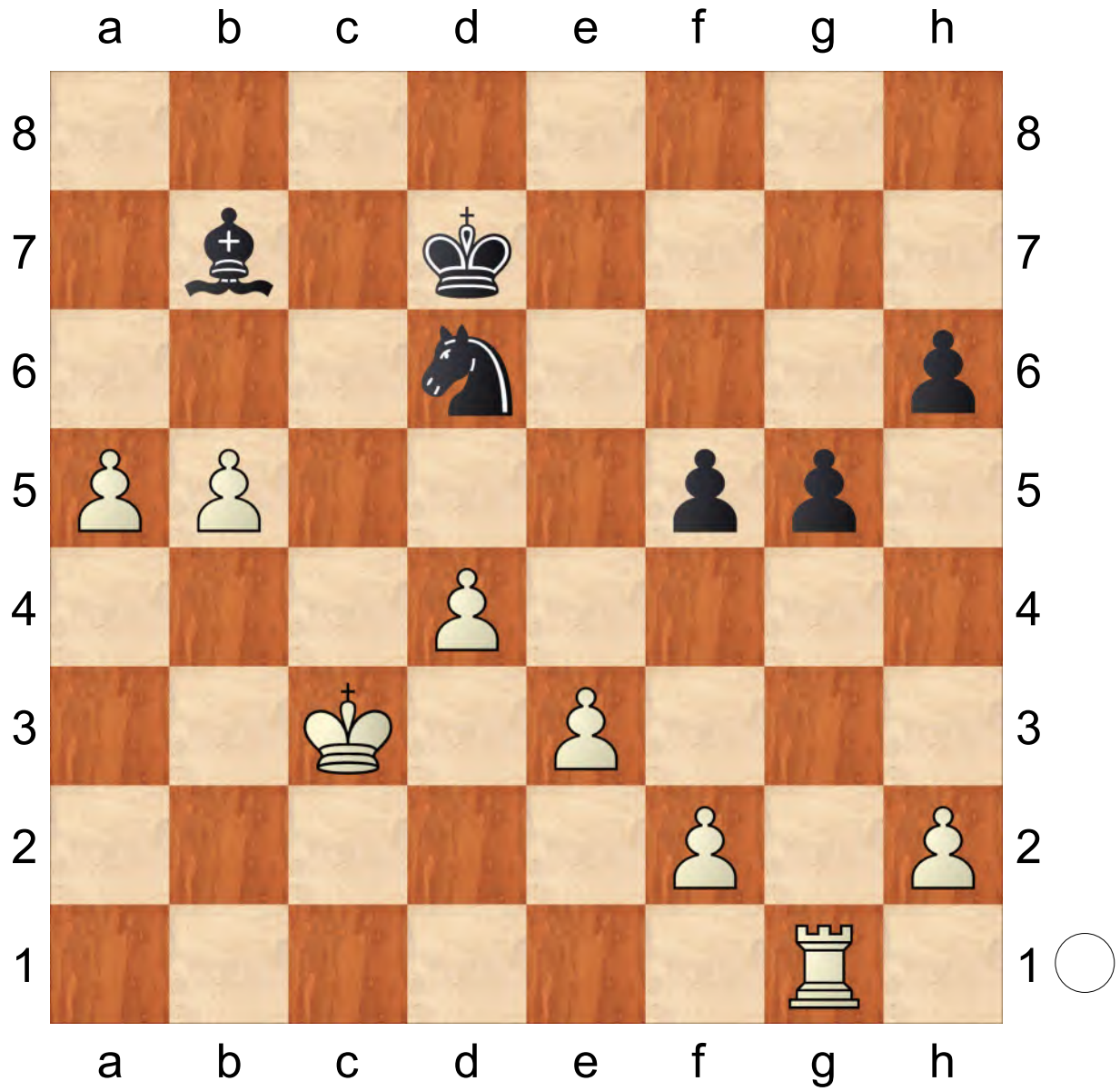

36.Kb4 Bf3 37.Rc1 g4 38.b6

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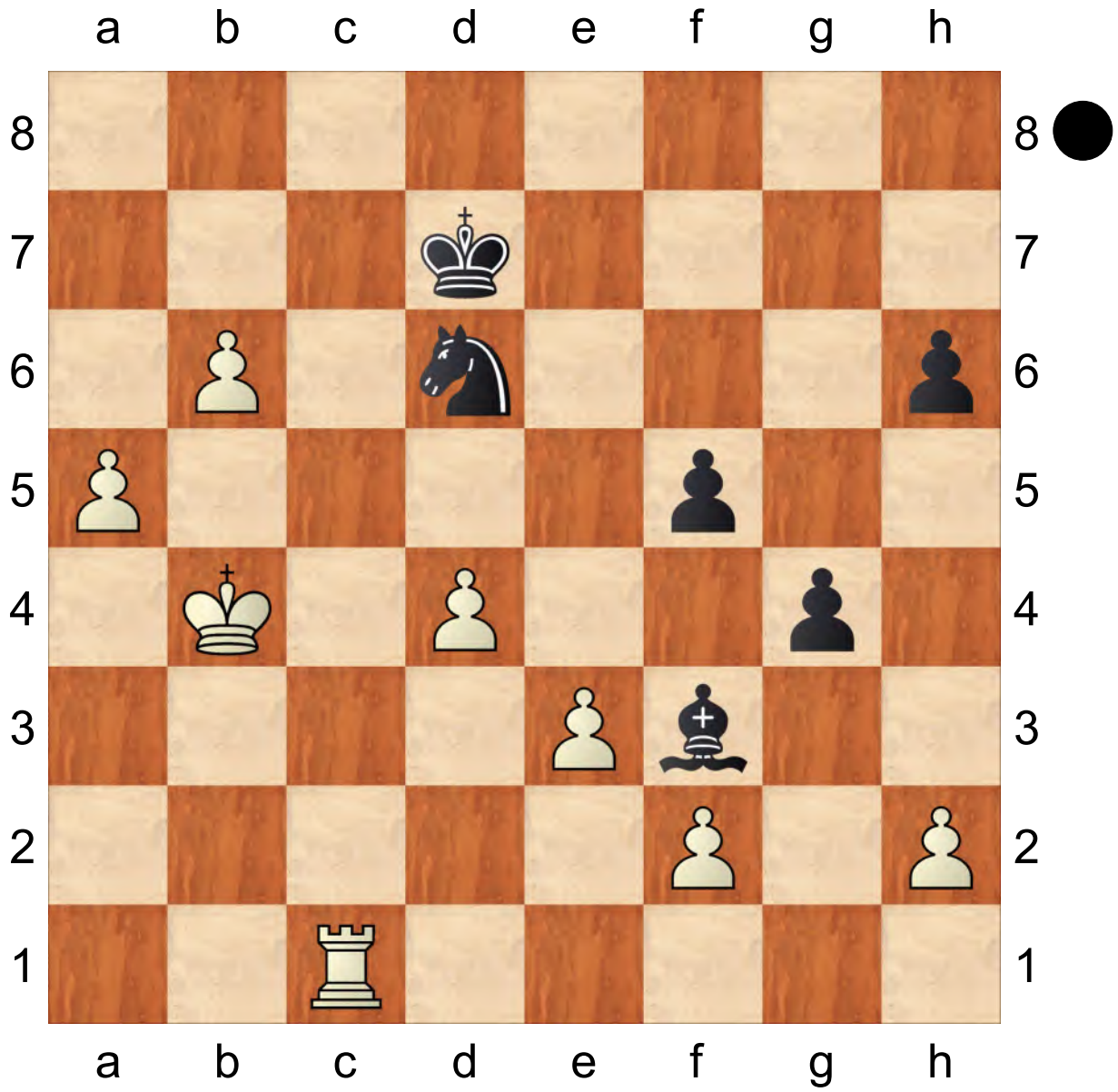
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□ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2577**
■ **Jacimovic,Dragoljub** **2438**
EU-chT (Men) 15th (7.3) 05.08.2005
[Roiz,Michael]

1.d4 Roiz,M **1...e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e4** Ivan Ivanisevic has an agressive style of play,so he chooses that double-edged sacrifice. **4...fxe4 5.f3?!** That fresh idea can hardly promise white equality!

[5.Qg4 Qe7 6.Bg5 Nf6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qxe4 c5 *(8...0-0 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 d6 13.Rae1± 1-0 Alekhine,A-Hallegua,B/Paris 1914/EXT 2001 (44))* 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.0-0-0 0-0⇄ 0-1 Longer,M-Tot,B/Sarajevo 1951/EXT 2002 (45)]

5...Nc6

[5...exf3 6.Nxf3 Nf6 7.Bd3⩲]

[I can recommend another principal way: 5...Nf6!? 6.fxe4 *(6.Bg5)* 6...Nxe4 7.Qg4 *(7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qe5 Nf6∓)* 7...Nxc3 8.a3 Ba5 9.Bd2 0-0 10.bxc3 d6∓ and White has hardly sufficient attacking possibilities here.]

(Diagram)

Black prefers to give the pawn back to complete his development. **6.d5**

[After 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d5∓ Black is better.]

6...Ne5 7.f4 Pushing Black's knight away from the centre, but leaving the ♙e4 alive.

[7.Qd4 d6 8.f4 Nd3+ 9.Bxd3 exd3 10.Qxd3 *(10.Qxg7 Qf6 11.Qxf6 Nxf6∓)* 10...Nf6∓]

7...Ng6 It's not the most active place for the knight.

[7...Nd3+ 8.Bxd3 exd3 9.Qxd3 exd5 10.cxd5 Nf6 11.Nge2 0-0 12.0-0⇄]

[7...Nf7!? also deserves attention: 8.dxe6 *(8.Nge2 exd5 9.cxd5 Nf6 10.a3 Bc5↑)* 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 dxe6 10.Qxd8+ Nxd8∓ with a somewhat better endgame for black.]

8.Nge2 Nf6 Black completes his development without special problems keeping the extra pawn.

[But maybe 8...exd5!? was even better: 9.cxd5 *(9.a3? Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nf6 12.Qd4 Ne7-+)* 9...Nf6 10.a3 Bc5 11.b4 Bb6∓]

9.a3 Bxc3+ I am not sure about that exchange.

[The following alternatives: 9...Bd6!?]

[and 9...Be7!? were quite reasonable.]

10.Nxc3 0-0

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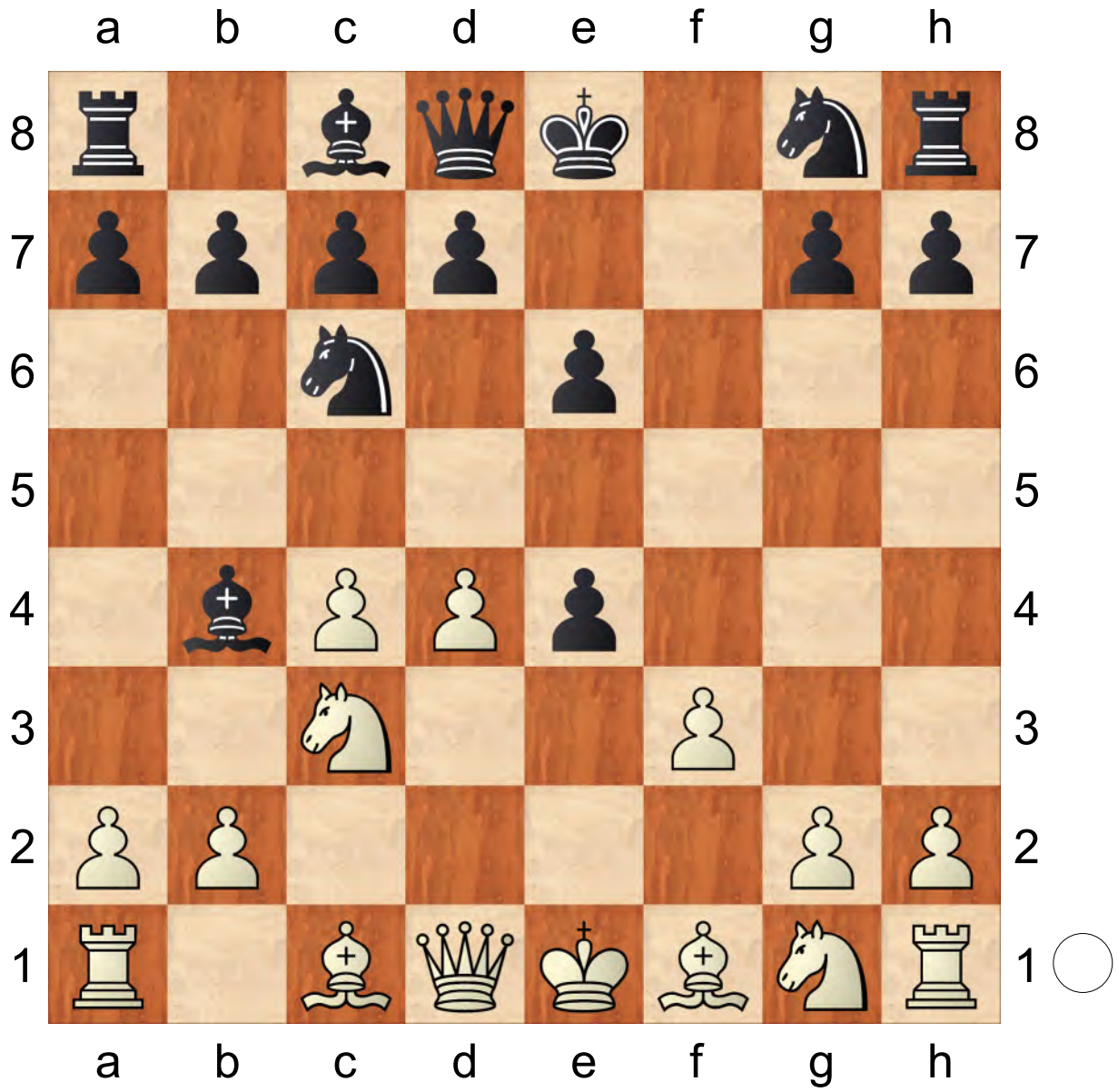
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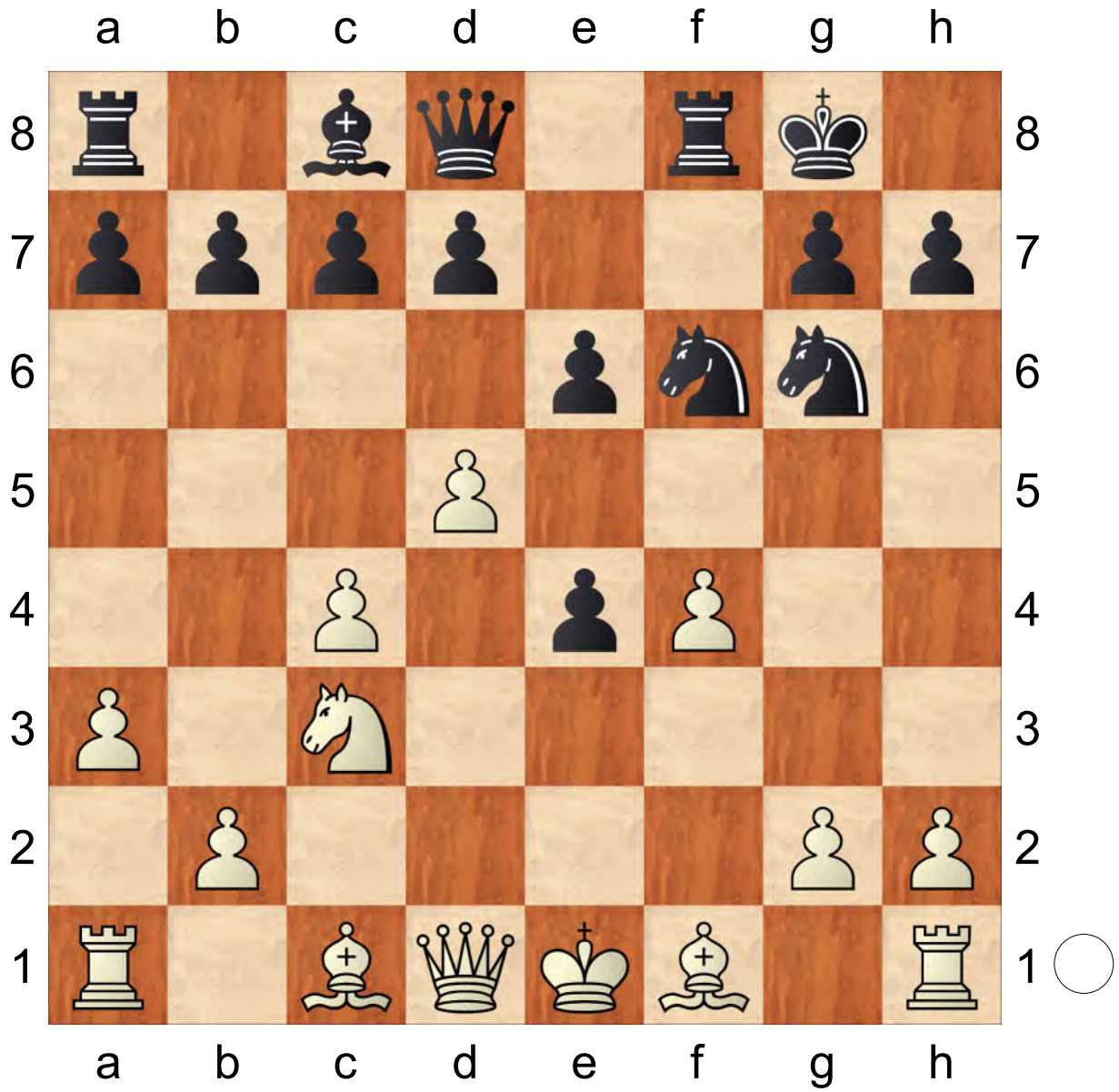
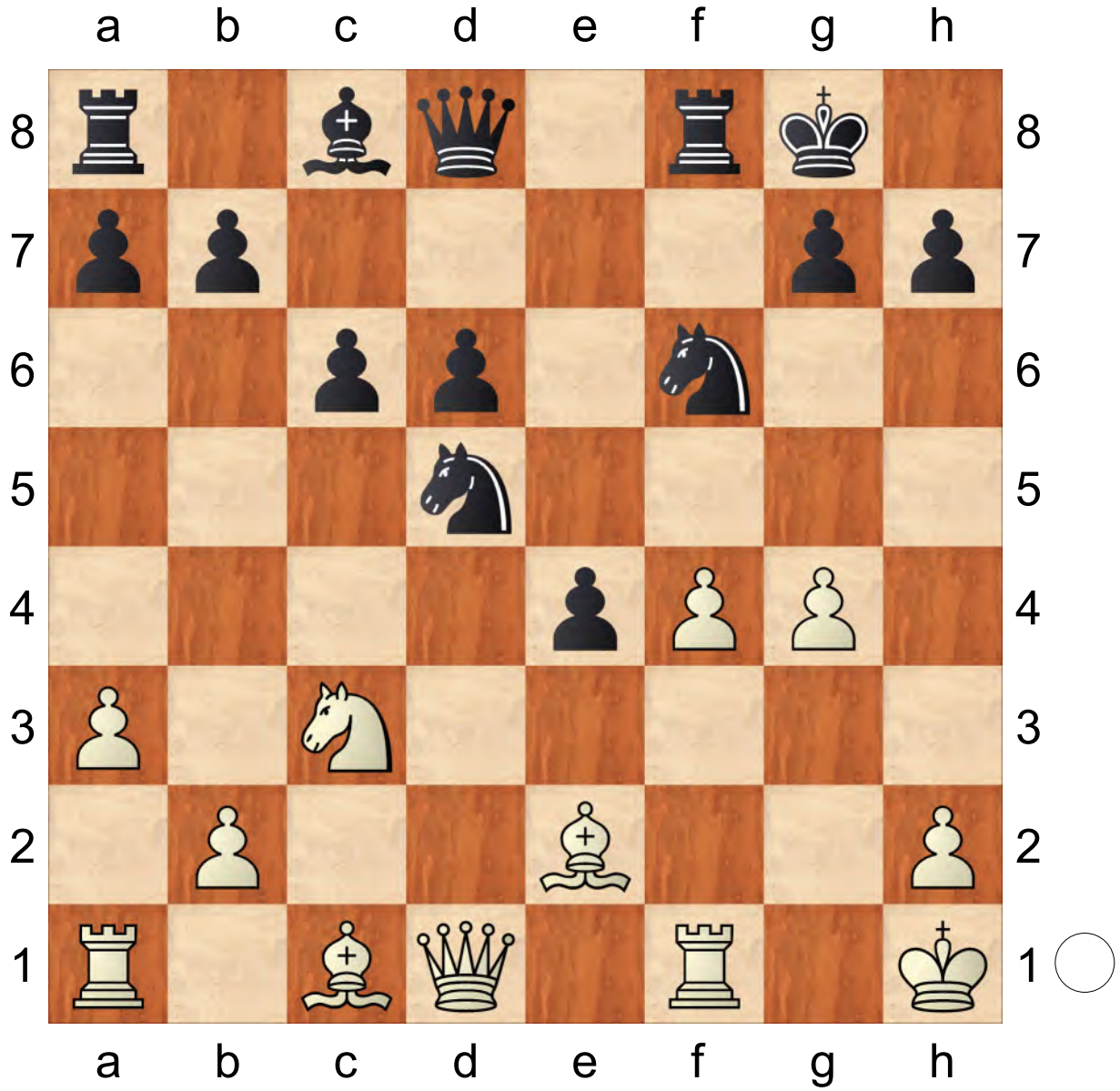


11.Be2 exd5 Black can hardly do without that exchange.
[For instance, 11...d6 12.0-0 Ne7?! 13.g4 exd5 14.cxd5⩲]
12.cxd5 d6 13.0-0 c6 14.Kh1 Ne7 So, Black is trying to find some job for his knight!
[14...cxd5 15.Be3 *(15.Nxd5!?)* 15...Ne7 16.g4⩲]
15.g4?! A very risky play! Which gives up a second pawn, hoping to develop his initiative on the king-side.
[Even worse would be: 15.dxc6? bxc6 16.b4 d5∓]
[But I would recommend: ⩲15.Bc4 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Nexd5 *(16...Be6 17.Nxf6+ Rxf6 18.Bxe6+ Rxe6 19.f5⇄)* 17.Bxd5+ Kh8 18.Be3∓ and White has some compensation here.]
15...Nexd5

(Diagram)



16.f5 Restricting the mobility of the ♗c8 and seizing space on the king-side. Of course, the position is in Black's favour anyway. **16...Nxc3** This exchange is by no means not bad, but now Black's central pawns are less dangerous.

[I would prefer: 16...Kh8!? 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qd4 Re8∓]

17.bxc3 Nd5?! A very strange move which makes Black's life much more difficult !

[Why not the natural 17...d5 18.Be3 b6∓ and Black has a very solid position with 2 extra pawns?!]

18.Bc4 Of course! The pin is quite unpleasant. **18...Kh8?** As it usually happens, one mistake leads to the next. Black allows White to double the pawns and to reach the ideal square d4 for the dark-squared bishop!

[At the same time,he could still maintain some advantage after the correct:

⌓18...Qa5 19.Re1 Kh8 *(19...Qxc3 20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Be3⩲)*

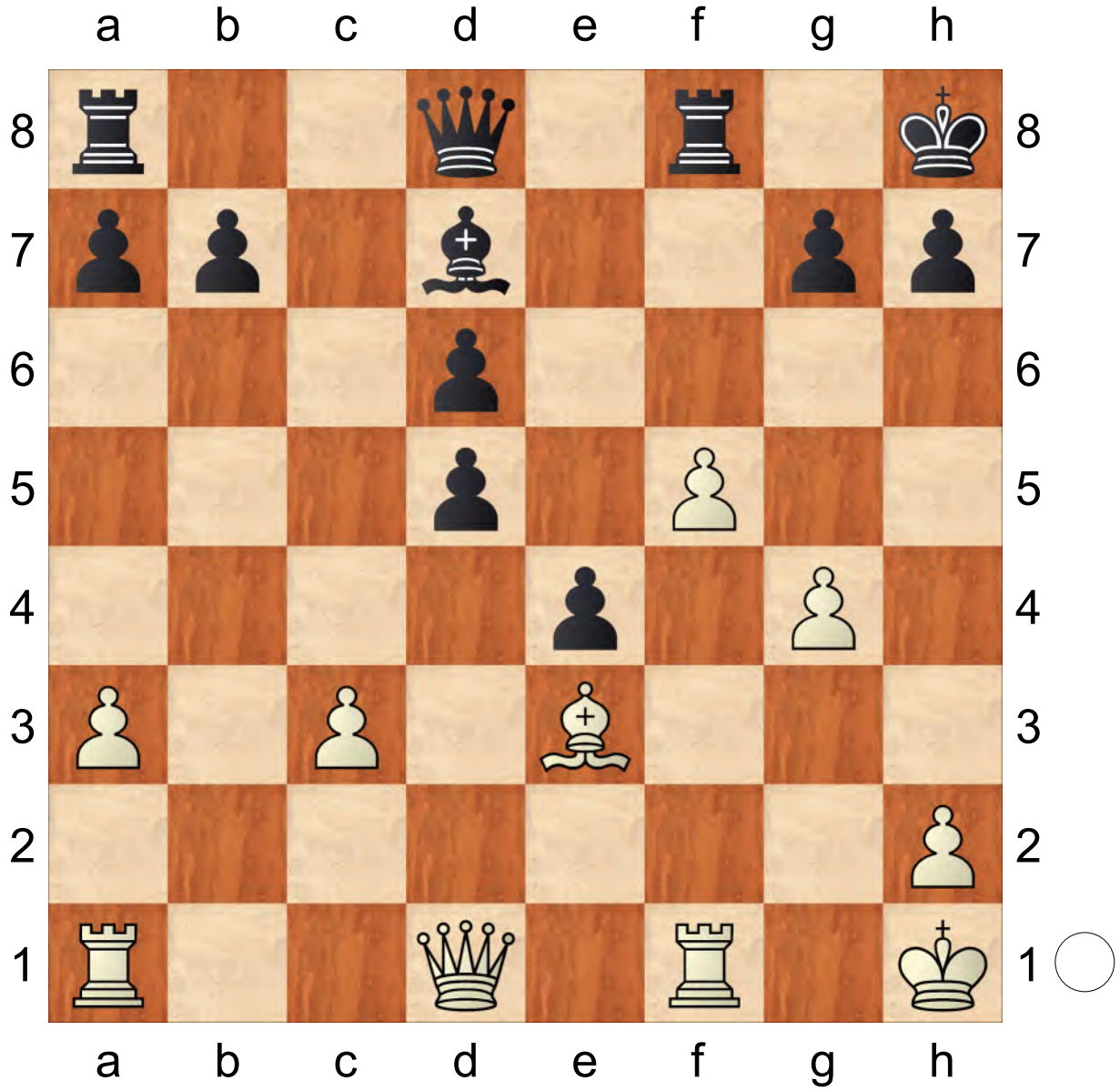
A) 20.Rxe4 Nf6! *(20...Nxc3? 21.Qe1 d5 22.Re5 Qa4 23.Qxc3 Qxc4*

24.Qxc4 dxc4 25.Bb2⩲) 21.Re3 d5 22.Be2 Bd7∓;
B) 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Qxd5 cxd5 22.Bf4∓ although white has an excellent drawish chances here.]

19.Bxd5 cxd5 Now there are bishops of opposite colors on the board, so White has reasonable attacking possibilities. **20.Be3!** Of course, White shouldn't take care of material balance in such positions!

[Dubious would be: 20.Qxd5? Bd7↑]

20...Bd7



21.Rf4 Rc8 22.Bd4⩱ White has full compensation for 2 pawns. Black has no clear counterplay, so he should take care of his kingside. The difference between the ♗d4 and the ♗d7 is obvious! **22...Qg5 23.Qd2 Bb5** Black doesn't feel the danger of his "waiting" strategy!

[i can recommend: 23...e3!? (getting some counterplay at cost of the pawn!)

24.Qxe3 *(24.Bxe3 d4 25.cxd4 Qh4⇄)* 24...Rfe8 25.Qg3 Re4⇄]

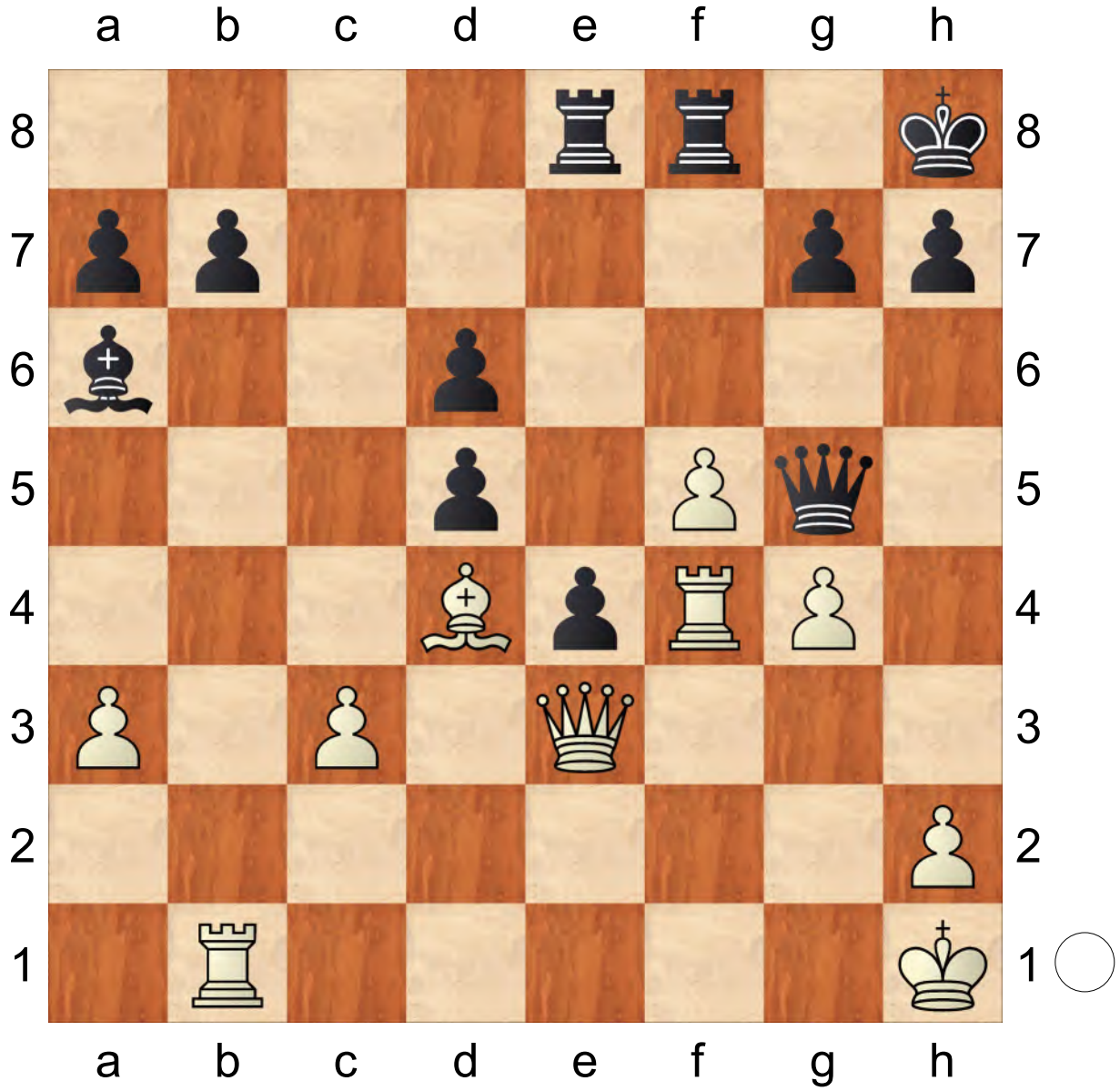
24.Rb1

[The immediate 24.Qe3!? was also possible.]

24...Ba6

[Now 24...e3?! was pointless,since the ♗b5 is hanging,so Black has no time for activating his pieces: 25.Qxe3 Rce8 26.Qg3 Bc6 27.h4↑ *(27.f6!?)*]

25.Qe3 Rce8



26.Rb2

[After 26.Qg3 e3 27.Bxe3 Re5⇄ Black shouldn't be worse here, as the ♔h1 is also weak. *(27...d4!? 28.Bxd4 b6)*]

26...b6?! Missing a very strong reply!

[Black should be more accurate: ⌓26...Kg8 27.Bxa7 *(* after *27.Rbf2 Bd3* i don't see how White can make progress*;* while *27.Qg3 e3 28.Bxe3 Re5⇄*

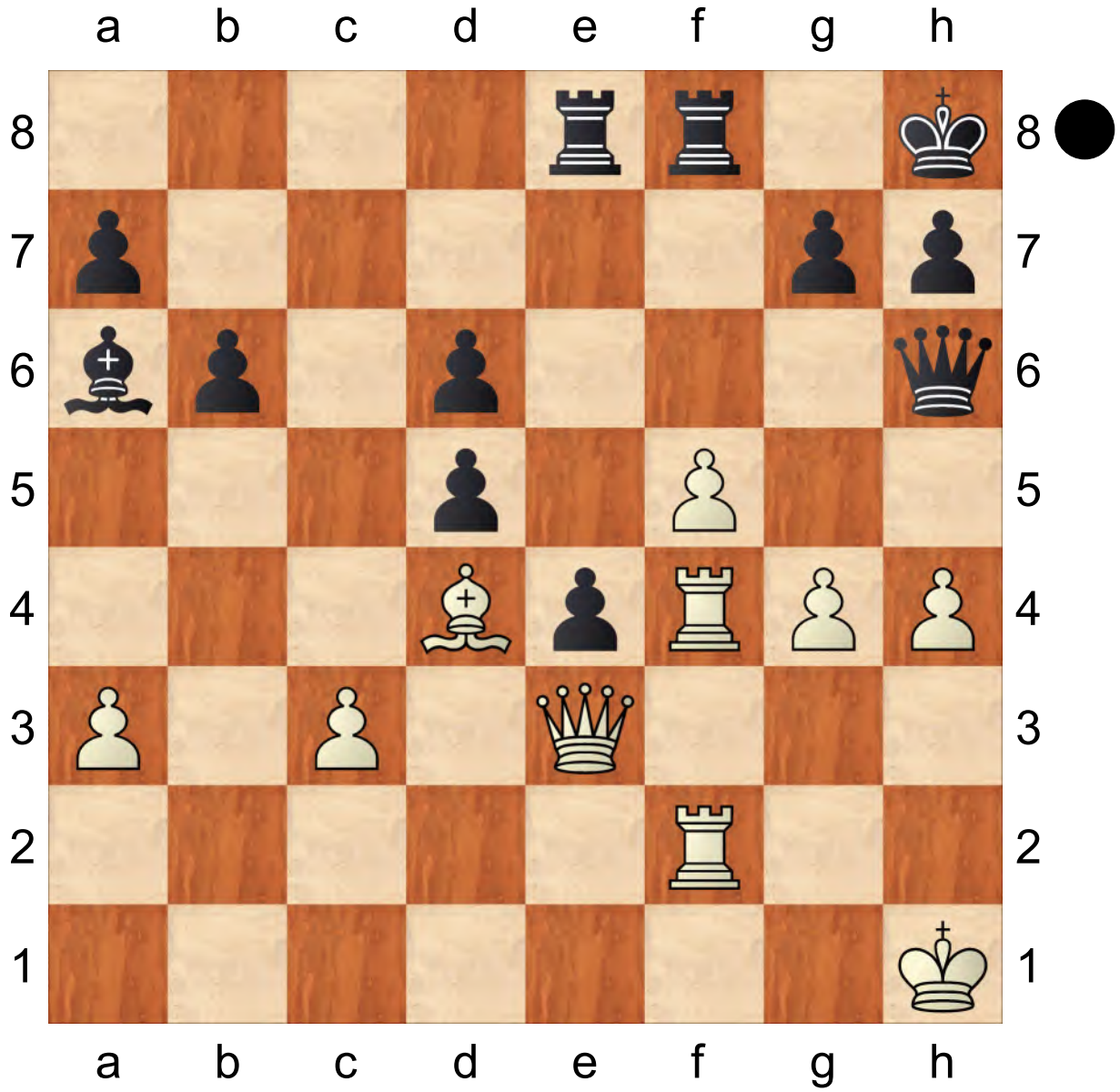
leads to a double-edged play.*)* 27...h6 and white hardly has more than sufficient compensation for a pawn.]

27.h4! Qh6 The queen is misplaced here, but at least it takes part in defending!

[Hopeless was: 27...Qxh4+? 28.Rh2 Qg5 29.Rh5 Qd8 30.Qh3+-]

[or 27...Qd8? 28.f6 gxf6 29.Rbf2+-]

28.Rbf2



Please,find the best defence.

28...Re5! An excellent defensive resource which allows Black to keep the ballance-it's important to neutralize white's pressure along the diagonal a1-h8.

[The alternatives were just hopeless: 28...Rf7 29.g5 Qh5 30.g6 *(30.f6 g6=)* 30...hxg6 *(30...Rff8 31.f6+-)* 31.fxg6 Rxf4 32.Qxf4 Rg8 33.Qf7 Qh6 34.Qf5!+-]

[28...Bc8 29.g5 Qh5 30.f6 gxf6 31.Qg3! Rf7 32.Rxf6 Rxf6 33.gxf6 Qf7 34.Rg2+-]
[28...Kg8 29.g5 Qh5 30.f6 gxf6 31.gxf6 Kf7 32.Rg2 Rg8 33.Rg7+ Rxg7 34.fxg7+ Ke7 35.Qh3
A) 35...Bb5 36.Bf6+ Kf7 37.g8Q+
A1) 37...Kxg8 38.Qg3+ Kf7 *(38...Qg6 39.Rg4+-)* 39.Bd8+ Ke6 40.Rf6+ Kd7 41.Qxd6+ Kc8 42.Qc7#;
A2) 37...Rxg8 38.Bg5+ Kg7 39.Qf5 Qg6 40.Qxd5 Rf8 41.Rxf8 Kxf8 42.Qxb5+-;
B) 35...Qd1+ 36.Kh2 Bc8 37.Bf6+ Kf7 38.Bg5+ Kg8 *(38...Kxg7 39.Bf6+ Kh6 40.Qg2+-)* 39.Bh6 Qd2+ 40.Qg2+-;
C) 35...Bc8 36.Bf6+ Kf7 37.Bd8+ Kxg7 38.Qxc8 Qd1+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Rf2+-]

29.g5 Qh5 30.f6 gxf6?!
[30...g6 looks much better,while after 31.f7 Black should find the one correct move h6! (securing a nice spot "h7" for the king) which leads to a very complicated position with mutual chances. For instance,
A) 32.Rg2 Kh7 33.Bxe5 dxe5 34.Rff2 *(34.Rf6 Bb7⇄)* 34...Bc8⇄ *(34...Bb7!?)*;
B) 32.Rf6 Kh7 33.Bxe5 dxe5 34.Qg3 d4⇄ *(34...Be2!?)*]

(Diagram)

Opening the g-file compromises Black's king. **31.gxf6 Rg8??** And that is already a decisive mistake!
[Hopeless was also: 31...Rf7 32.Qg3! *(32.Bxe5 dxe5 33.Rf5 Qxh4+ 34.Rh2 Qg4 35.Rxe5 Qd1+ 36.Qg1 Qf3+ 37.Qg2 Qd1+=)* 32...Qd1+ *(32...Re8 33.Qg7+!! Rxg7 34.fxg7+ Kg8 35.Rf8+ Rxf8 36.Rxf8#)* 33.Kh2 Qd3 34.Qg4+-]
[But black had a brilliant defensive resource: 31...Bc8! 32.Rg2 Qd1+ and Black prevents White from doubling along the g-file: 33.Rg1 *(33.Kh2?! Qd3 34.Qxd3 exd3 35.f7 h6 36.Rf6 Kh7 37.Bxe5 dxe5 38.h5 e4 39.Rgg6 d2 40.Rxh6+ Kg7 41.Rhg6+=)* 33...Qd3 34.Qxd3 exd3 35.f7 h5! and the ♙d3 forces White to play accurately: 36.Rf3 d2 *(36...Bg4 37.Rxd3 Rxf7 38.Kh2±)* 37.Rf2 Bg4 38.Rxd2 Rxf7 39.Kh2! Rfe7 40.Re1 Kg7 41.Bxe5+ dxe5 42.Rxd5 Kf6± In this endgame Black has good chances to draw.]

32.f7 Rf8 33.Qg3+- The threat of 34.Rg2 is unavoidable. **33...e3 34.Rg2 Qg6**
[Black resigns in view of: 34...Qg6 35.Rg4+-]

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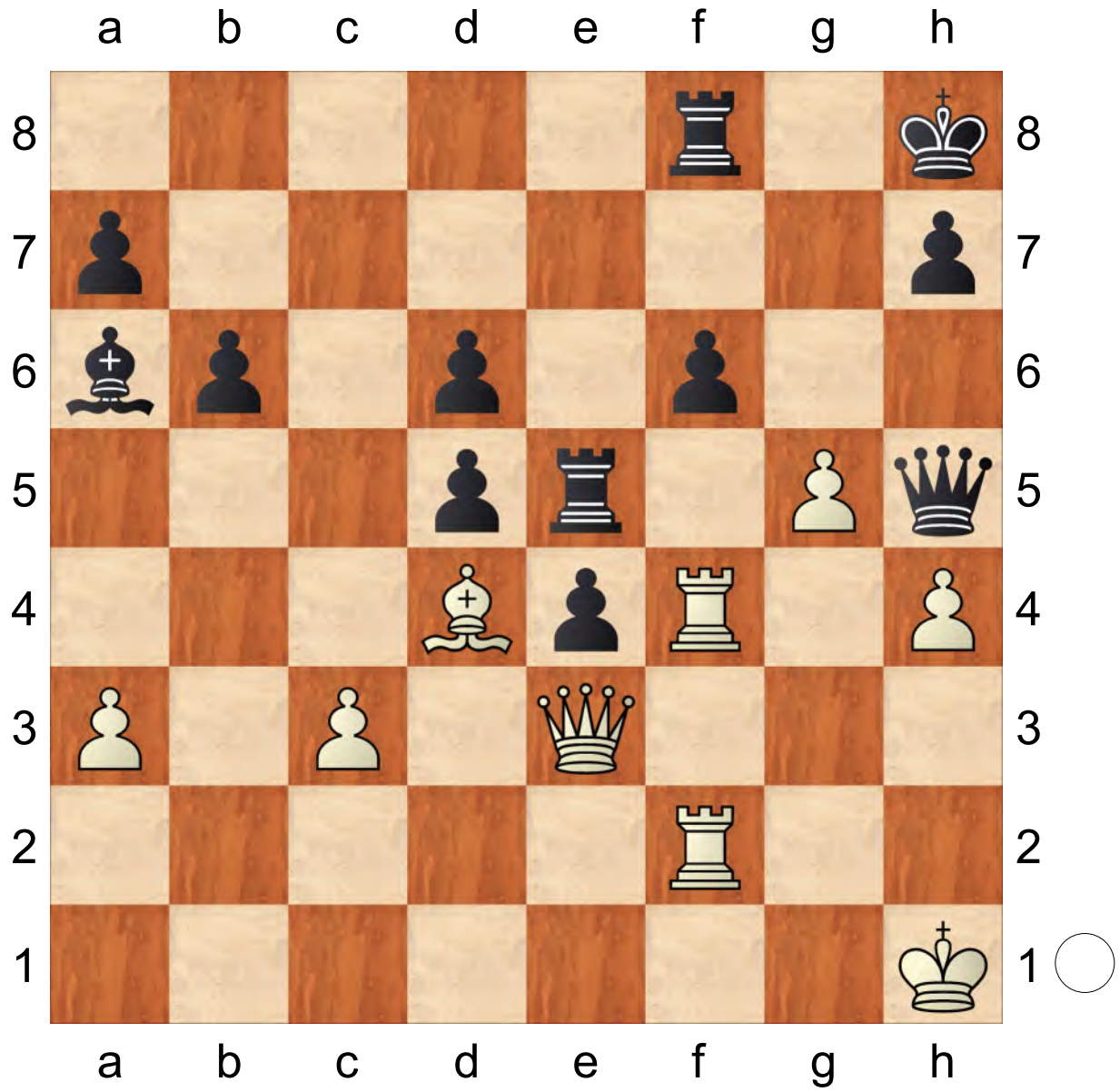
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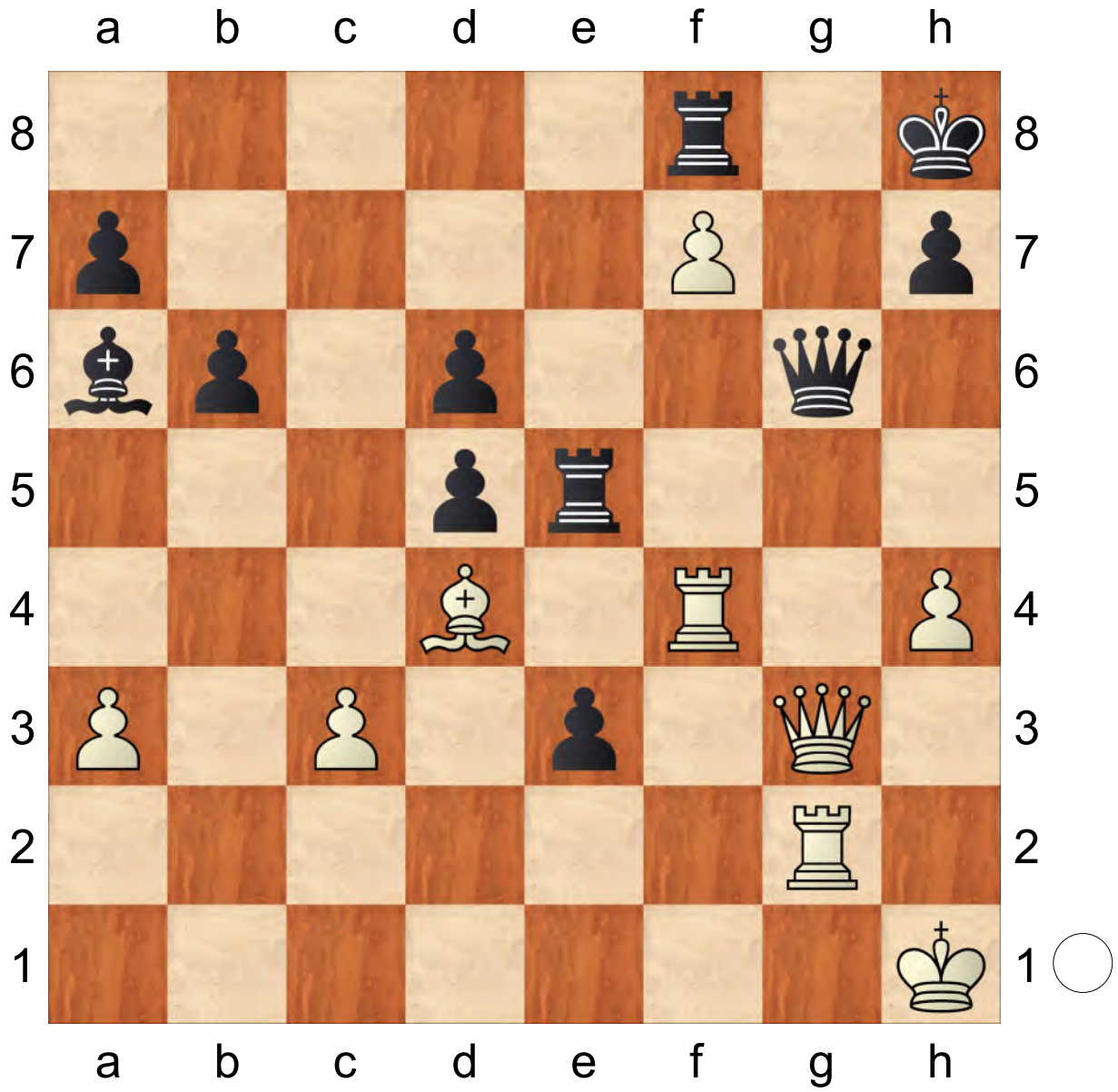

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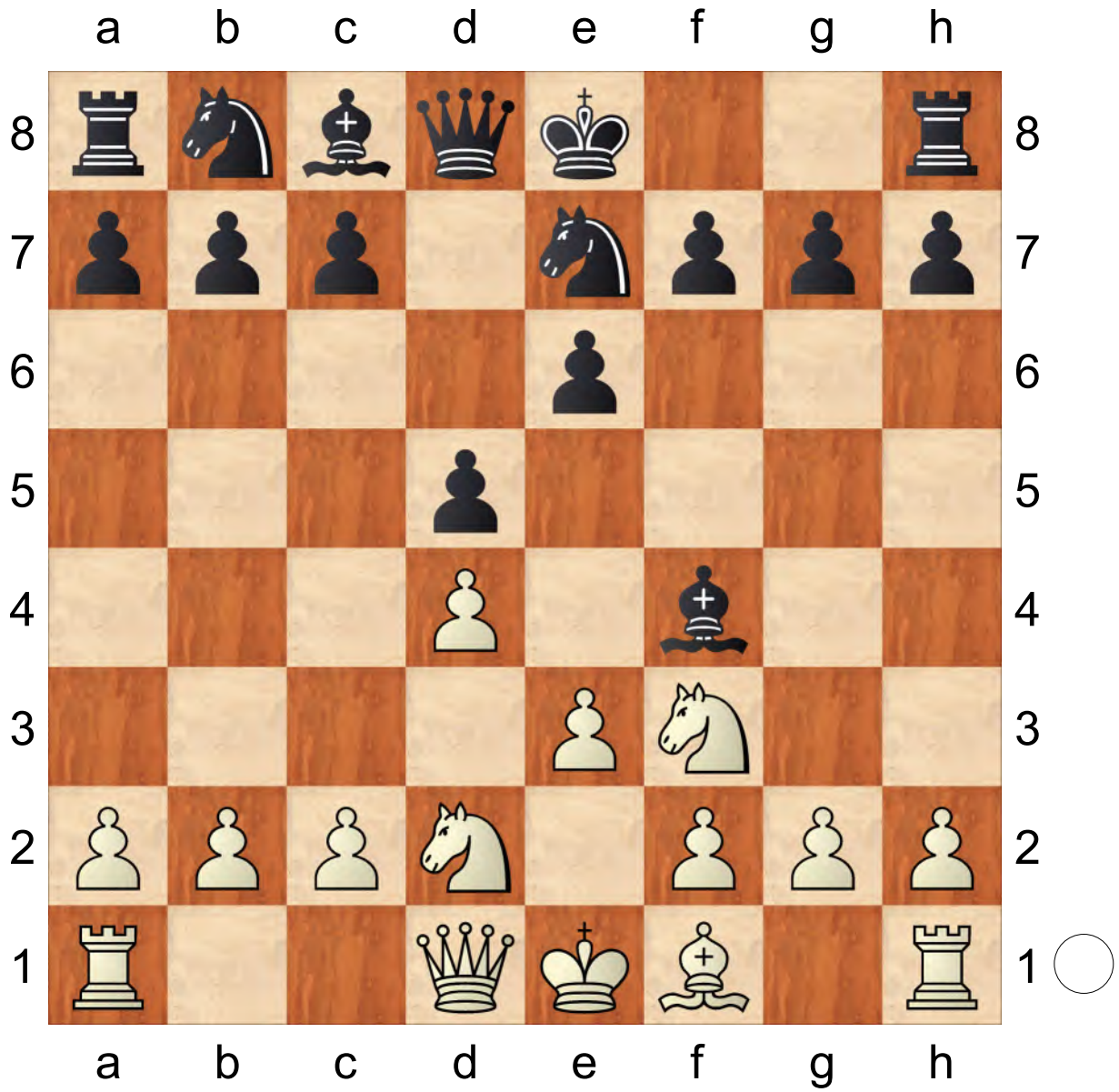
□ **Chuprikov,Dmitry** **2365**
■ **Karpov,Alexander** **2423**
RUS-chT 07th (6) 20.04.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.Nf3 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.d4 e6 3.Bf4 Bd6 4.e3**
[4.Bg3= -mainline]
4...Ne7
[4...Bxf4 5.exf4 Qd6 6.Qd2
A) 6...b6 Right plan 7.Nc3 a5 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.f5 exf5 10.Bxf5 Ne7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0= 1-0 Storm,R-Blatny,P/BL2N 1991/ (30);
B) 6...Ne7
B1) 7.Bd3 b6! *(7...c5 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.Nc3 Nbc6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Rhe1 0-0-0 12.a3± ½-½ Del Bosco,R-Marques,V/Sao Paulo BRA 1999/ (62))* 8.0-0 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Nc3 c6 11.Ne2 0-0= 1-0 Soppe,G-Markeluk,S/Buenos Aires Najdorf qual ,EXT 1992/ (50);
B2) 7.Nc3 b6! Right plan *(7...a6 8.Bd3 c5 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Rfe1 Nf6 12.Ne5* 0-1 Calvo,J-Bellon,J/Spain tch 1994/ (46) Tsesarsky: This pawn structure give to White slight advantage.*)* 8.a4 a5 9.Bd3 Ba6 10.Nb5 Qd8 11.f5 Nxf5 12.Bxf5 Bxb5 13.axb5 exf5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1± ½-½ Bulcourf,C-Cranbourne,C/(58);
C) 6...Nf6 7.Nc3 a6!? How ♗c8 will appear on a6? *(=7...b6⇄)* 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rfe1 c5 11.Ne5 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qe3 Bb7= 0-1 Kovacevic-Vaganian,R/Hastings 1982/(67) ♗ appear on b7!]
5.Nbd2
[5.c3 Ng6 6.Bg3 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nd7 *(7...b6=)* 8.0-0 c6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.c4 b6 11.Qc2± 1-0 Salmon,N-Spears,N/Vancouver 1990/ (50)]
[5.Bd3 Ng6 6.Bg3 Nd7 7.Nbd2 Qe7 8.c4 0-0 9.Qc2± ½-½ Lematchko,T-Garcia,N/Debrecen EU ttW (7) 1992/ (61)]
5...Bxf4
[5...c5 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.0-0 e5!⇄ *(8...f5 9.c4!±* 1-0 Hvenekilde,J-Hjortshoj,M/Copenhagen op ,EXT 1993/ (18) *)*]

(Diagram)

6.exf4 Qd6 7.g3 c5?!
[We noted that right plan is 7...b6 and ♗a6 or c7-c7 - as played in noted game Kovacevic-Vaganian.]
8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.c3± Nbc6 10.Bd3 b6
[10...0-0 11.0-0±]



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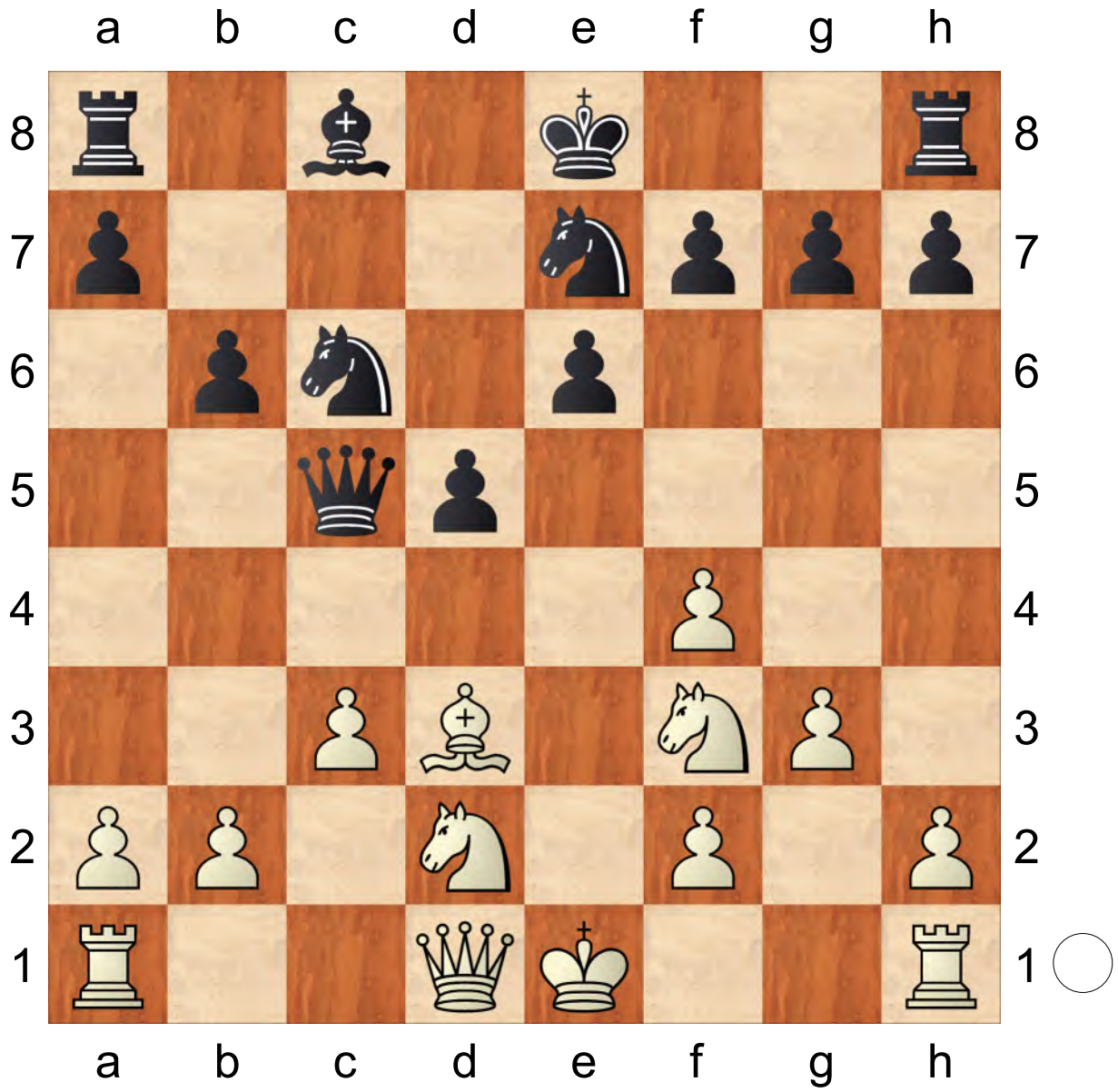
11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 g6!
[Wrong was 12...0-0?? Because of 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Ng5+ Kg6 *(14...Kg8 15.Qh5+-; 14...Kh6 15.Qg4+-)* 15.Qg4 f5 16.Qh4 Bc8 17.g4 fxg4 18.Qh7+ Kf6 19.b4!+-]
[12...h6? 13.f5!±]
13.Qe2 0-0 14.Nb3 Qd6 15.Rad1 a6
[15...Qc7 16.h4±]
[15...a5!?±]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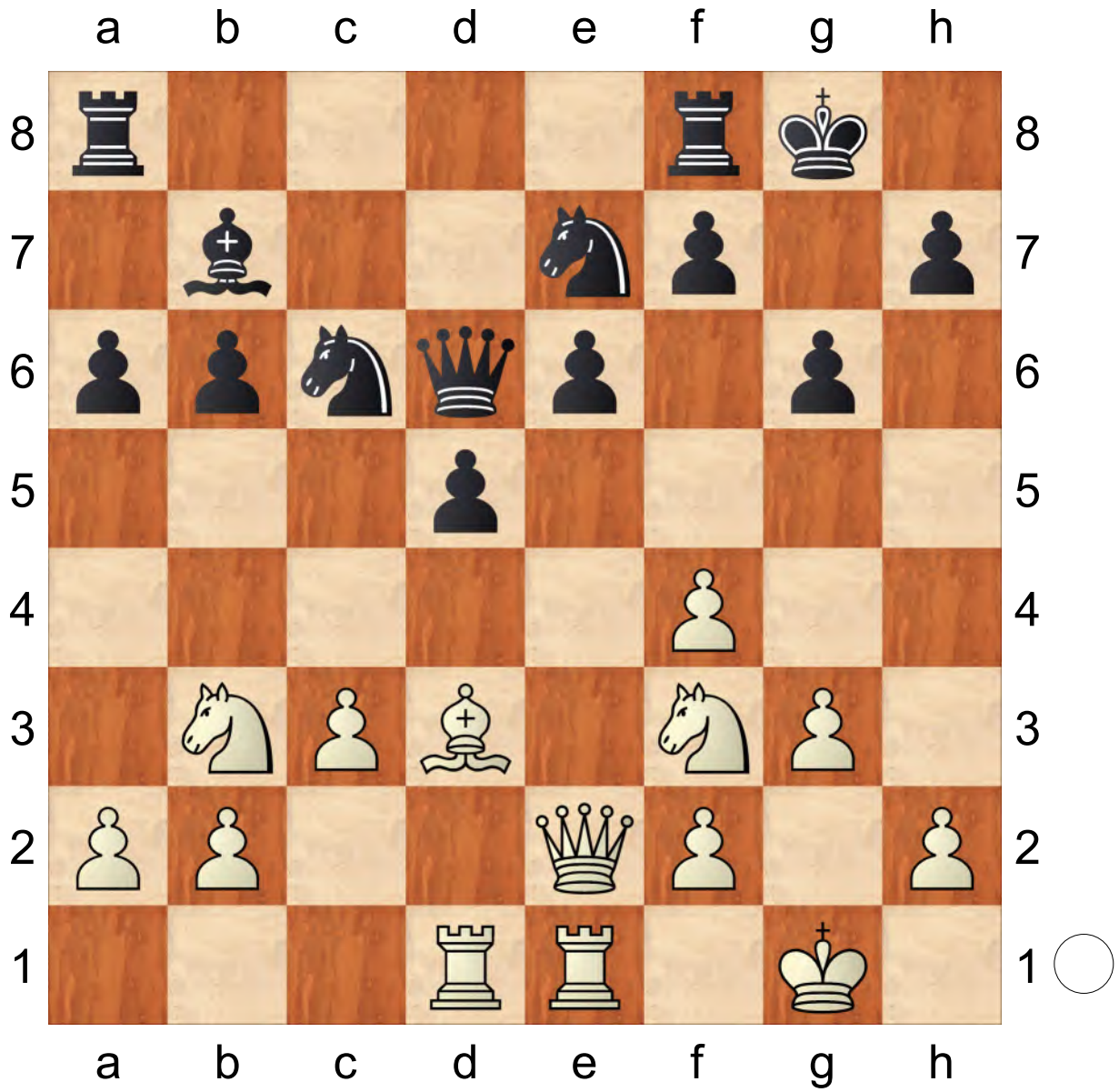
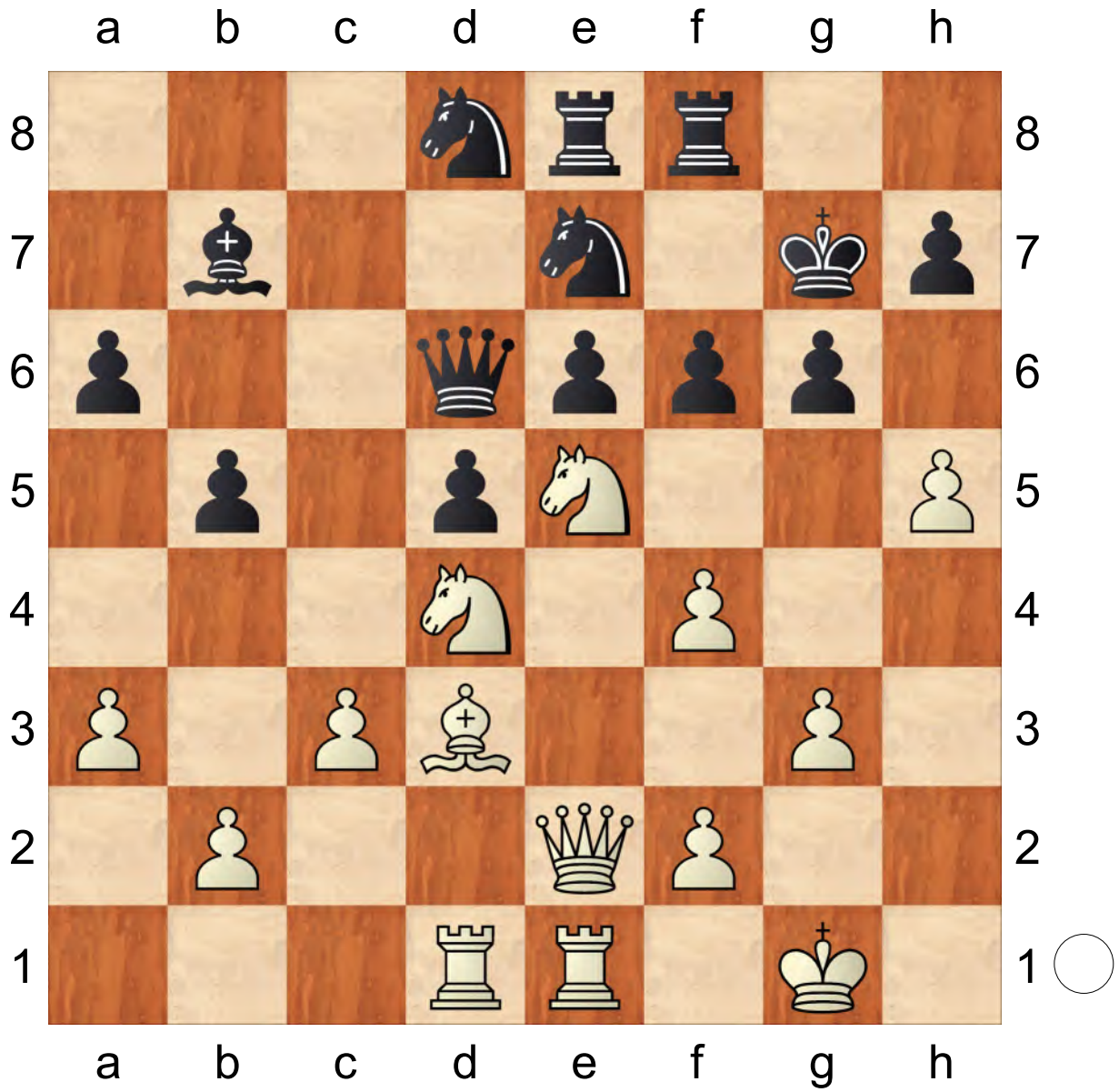


16.h4 Kg7 17.Ne5 b5?!± Weaken black squares.
[17...Qc7±]
18.a3 Rae8 19.Nd4 Nd8
[19...Nxd4 was not solve problems: 20.cxd4 Rc8 21.h5! White Attack is very unpleasant for Black, without any counterplay. f6 22.Nf3 *(22.h6+ Kxh6 23.Ng4+ Kg7 24.Qxe6 Qxe6 25.Rxe6 Nc6 26.Bf1 Rfe8 27.Rd6 Red8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bg2 Bc8 30.Ne3 Be6=)* 22...Rc6 23.Nh4 Rh8 24.Qg4
A) 24...f5 25.Qg5 Rc7 *(25...h6 26.Nxf5+!+-)* 26.h6+ Kf7 27.Nf3 Nc6 28.Re3±;
B) 24...Bc8 25.hxg6 f5 26.Qg5 *(26.Qe2 hxg6 27.Kg2±)* 26...hxg6 27.g4 Rc7 28.Rc1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rh6 30.Kg2 *(30.gxf5 exf5 31.Rxc8 Rxh4! 32.Qxh4 Nxc8∓; 30.b4±)* 30...b4 31.Rh1!±]
20.h5 f6



21.Nef3
[≤21.Ng4?! Nec6 *(21...gxh5 22.Ne3±)* 22.hxg6 hxg6
A) 23.Kg2 Nxd4 24.cxd4 Nc6
A1) 25.Bb1 Rh8 26.Qd3 Ne7 27.Rc1± *(27.Rh1±)*;
A2) 25.Bc2 Rh8 26.Qd3 Ne7;
B) 23.Nf3 Rh8 24.Kg2 Nf7±]
21...Bc8 ♗ joined to defence... **22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Kg2 Rh8 24.Rh1 Nf7 25.Rxh8 Rxh8**

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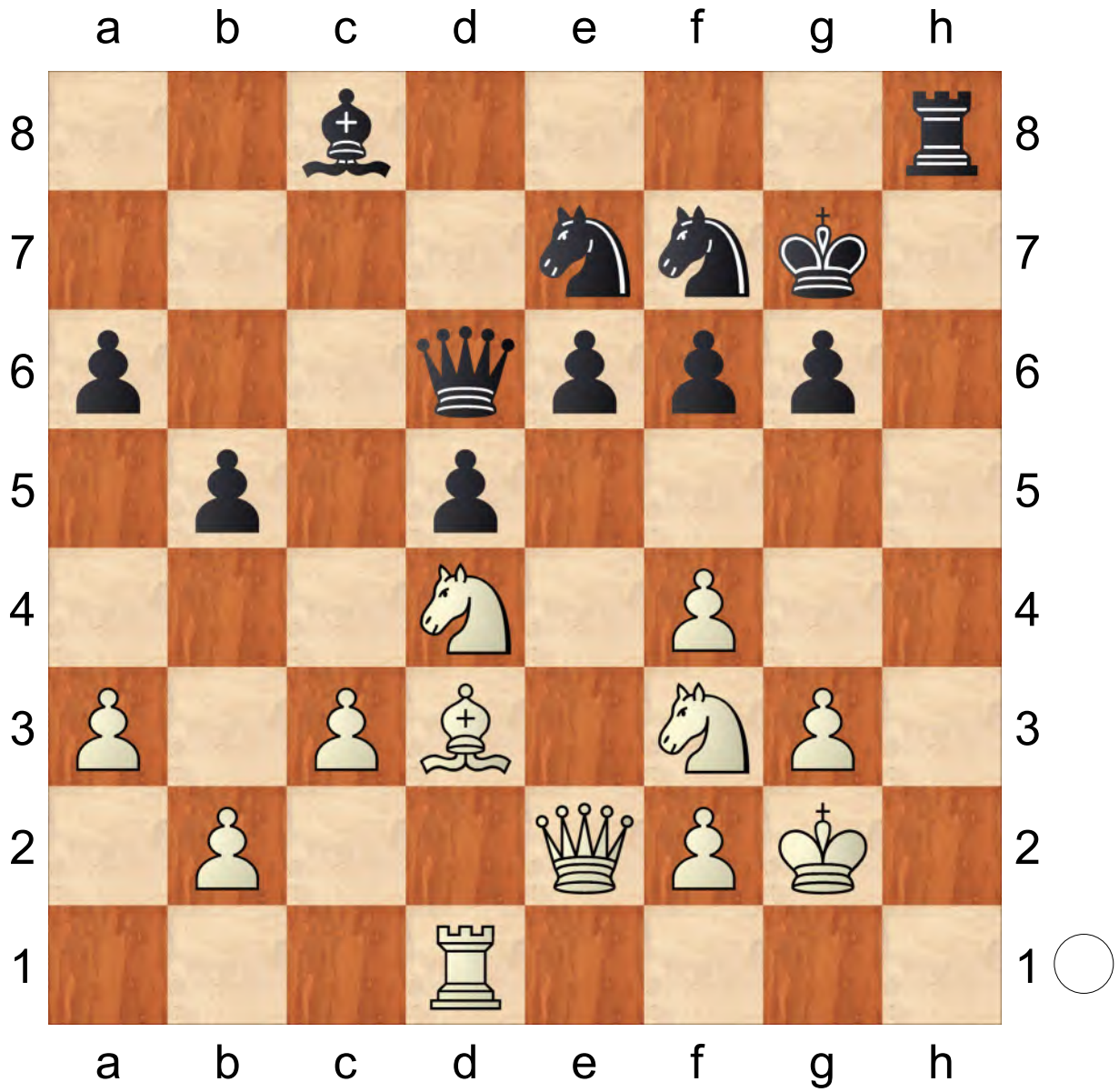
26.Re1 Nd8□ Black is lucky to stop White Attack. But pay attaention on the big difference in pieces allocation! **27.Bb1 Rh6 28.Qe3** White quite free in



manoeuvres. **28...Qd7**
[28...Nec6 29.g4± *(29.Qd3!? e5 30.fxe5 fxe5 31.Nxc6 Nxc6 32.Ba2 Bh3+ 33.Kg1 Be6 34.Ng5 Bg8 35.a4 bxa4 36.Qxa6±)*]
29.Nh4 Nec6 30.Rh1 Nf7
[30...Nxd4 31.cxd4 Nf7 32.Nxg6! Rxg6 33.Bxg6 Kxg6 34.Qf3± -similar this game continuation]

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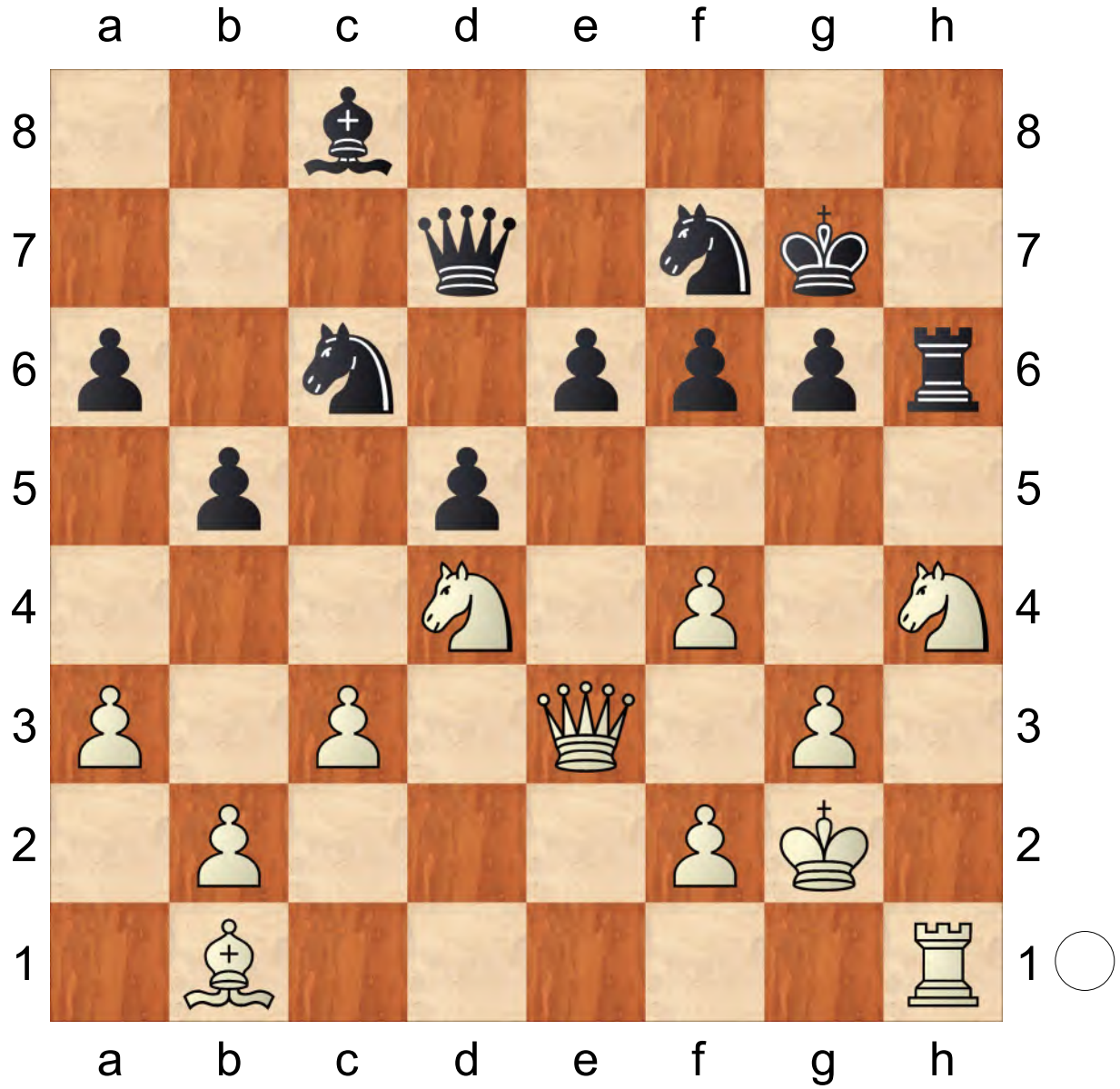
31.Bxg6!
[Or 31.Nxg6!±]
31...Rxg6



[31...Rxh4 32.Rxh4 Kxg6 33.Qf3±]

32.Nxg6 Kxg6 33.Qe2

[=33.Qf3±]

33...Kg7 34.Qg4+ Kf8 35.Qg6?⇄

[Strong was 35.Rh7! Ncd8 *(35...Ke7 36.Nxc6+ Qxc6 37.Qg8 d4+ 38.Kg1 Qe8 39.Rxf7+ Qxf7 40.Qxc8 d3 41.Qb7+ Kf8 42.Qxf7+ Kxf7 43.Kf1+-)* 36.Qg7+ Ke7 and here is White's move!

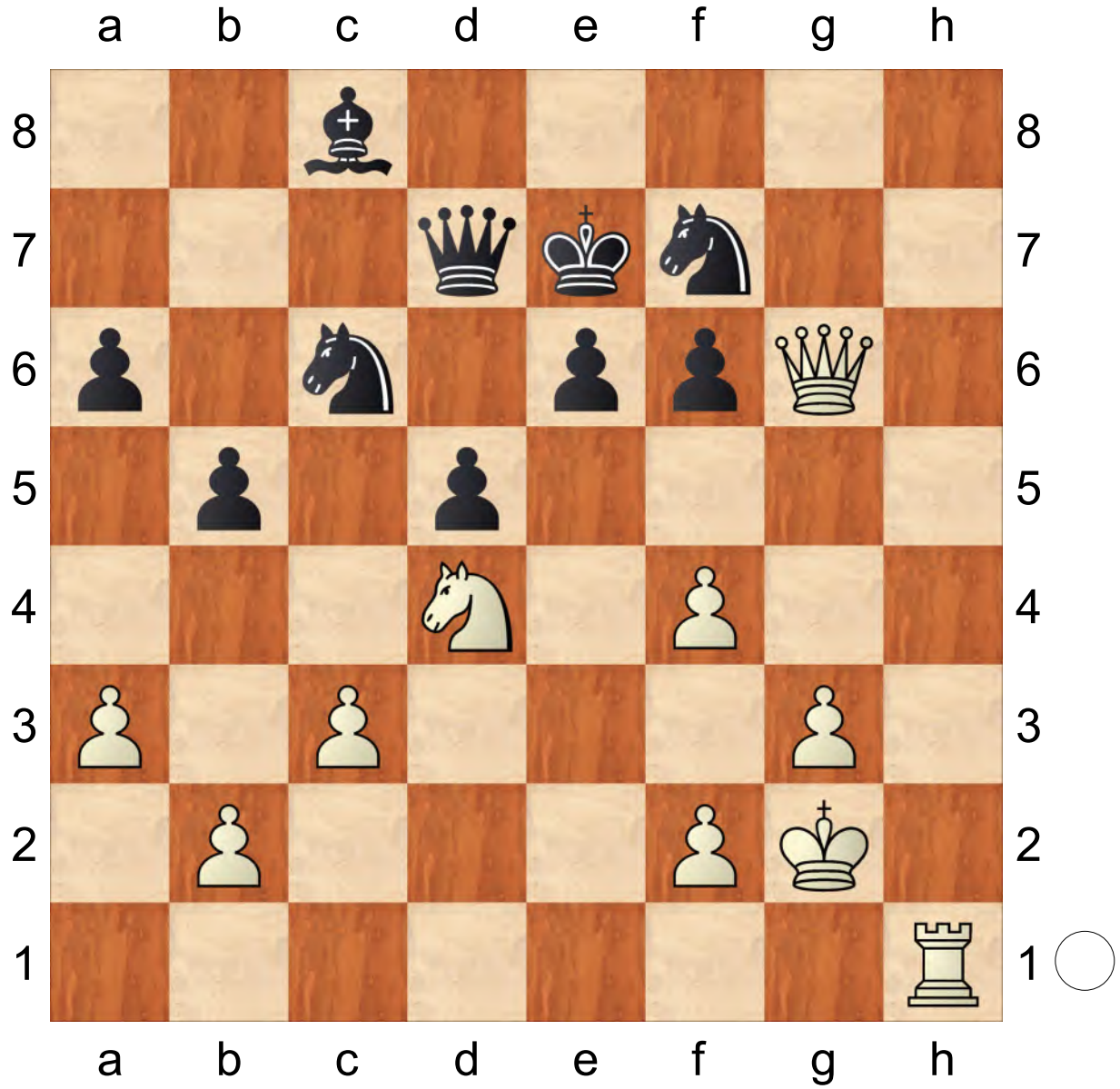
A) 37.g4? Qd6 38.g5 Qxf4 39.Nc6+ Kd6 40.Nxd8 Qg4+=;

B) 37.Rh6? e5! 38.Qxf6+ *(38.Nf3 Qf5∓)* 38...Ke8 39.Rh8+ *(39.fxe5 Nxh6 40.Qxh6 Ne6 41.Qh8+ Kf7 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qh6+ Kf7 44.Nf5 Nf4+ 45.Qxf4 Qxf5 46.Qxf5+ Bxf5 47.f3 Bc2 48.g4 Ke6 49.f4 Bd1 50.Kg3 a5 51.Kh4 Be2 52.Kg5 Bd1=)* 39...Nxh8 40.Qxh8+ Kf7 41.fxe5 Ne6⇄;

C) 37.Rh8 Kd6!;

D) 37.f5! exf5 38.Rh8 Kd6 39.Qxf6+ Kc7 40.Rh7±]

35...Ke7



36.Rh7 Ncd8 37.Qg7 Here Black's move! **37...Qd6**

[37...Qe8 38.Rh6 f5 39.Nf3 Qf8 40.Qf6+ Ke8 41.Rh7±]

38.Rh6 e5 39.fxe5 Qxe5 40.Rh7 Kd6??+-

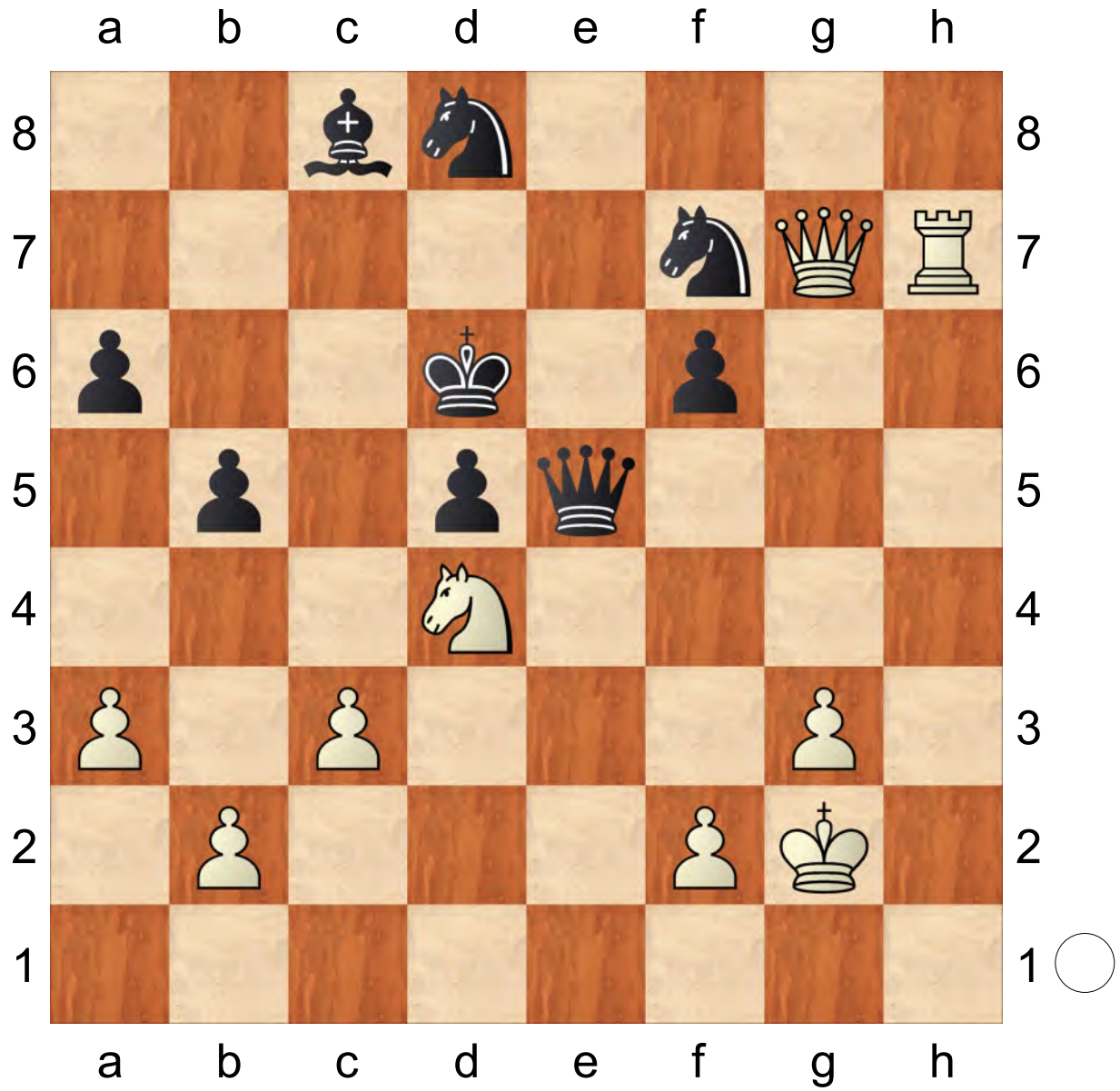
[40...Bd7⇄ was keep approximately equal position]

(Diagram)

Black put mistake,probably in time pressure. **41.Qf8+ Kc7**

[41...Qe7 42.Rxf7+-]

42.Rxf7+ Nxf7 43.Qxf7+ Bd7 44.g4 This forced turned out endgame is absolutely



lost **44...Qe4+ 45.f3 Qb1**

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46.b3 Qb2+ 47.Kg3 Qxc3 48.Qxf6 Qe1+ 49.Kf4 Qc1+ 50.Ke5 Qxa3

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51.g5 Qa1 52.g6 Bc8 53.Qd6+ Kb7 54.Qxd5+ Kb8 55.g7 Qe1+

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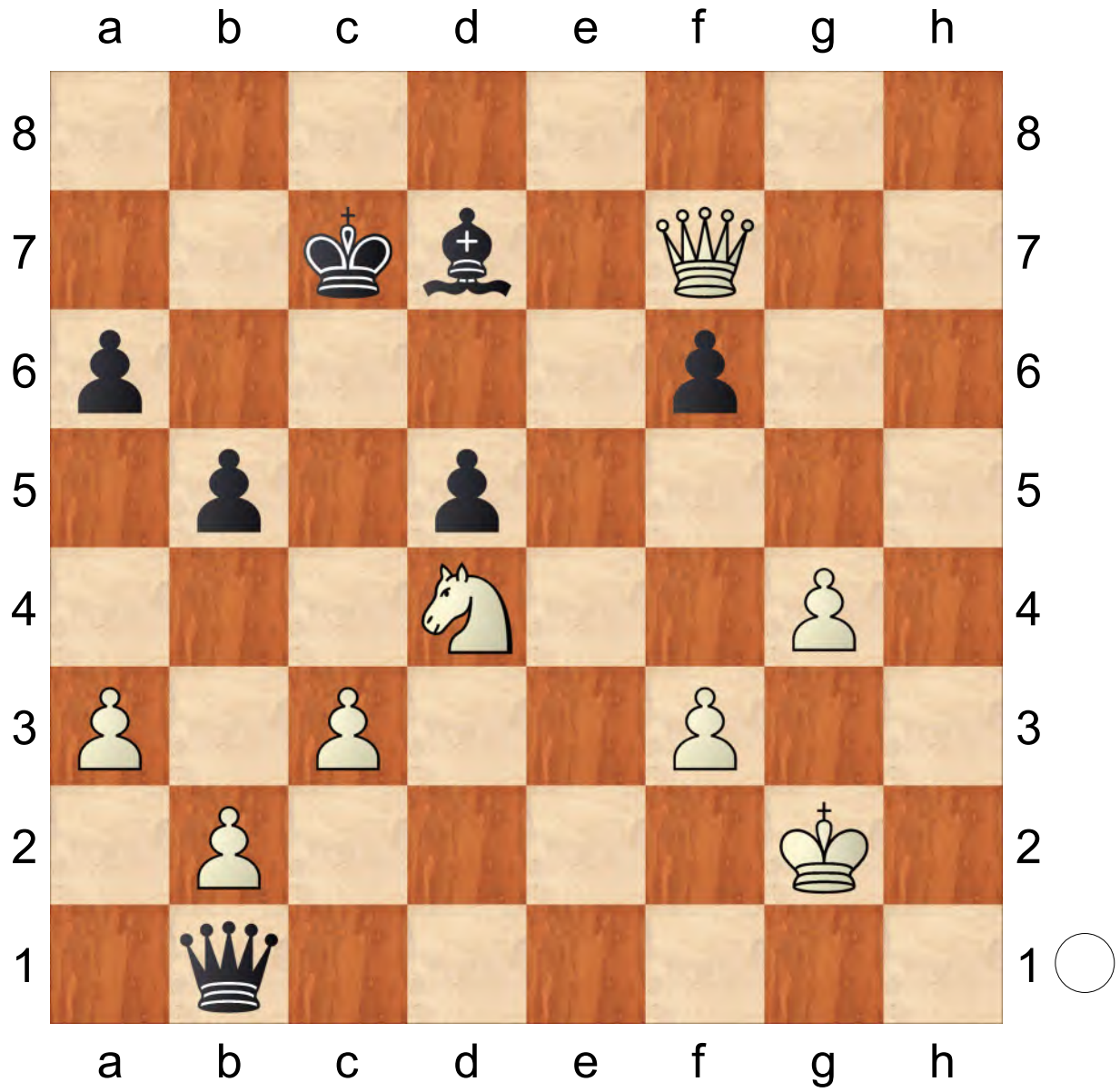
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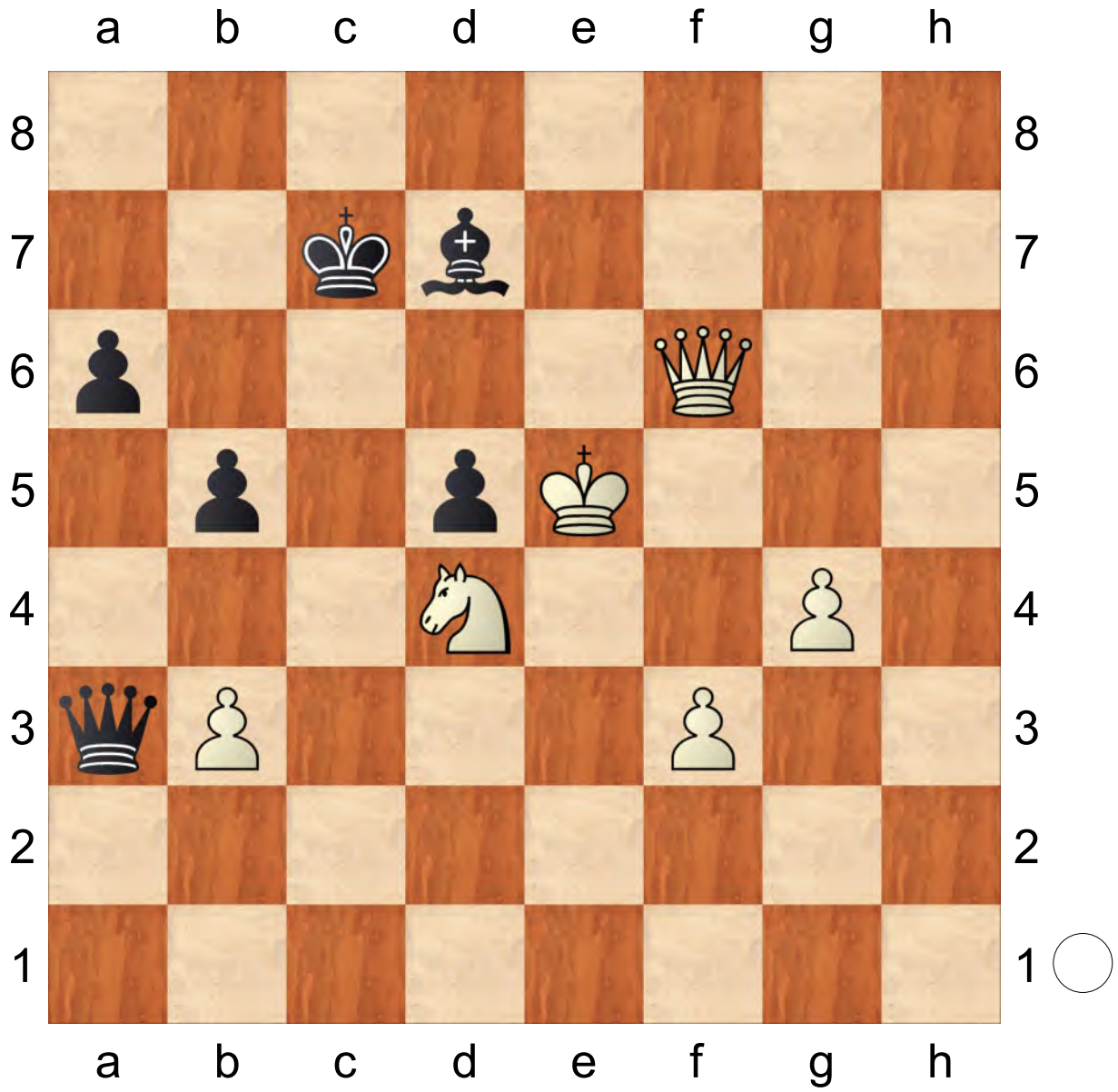
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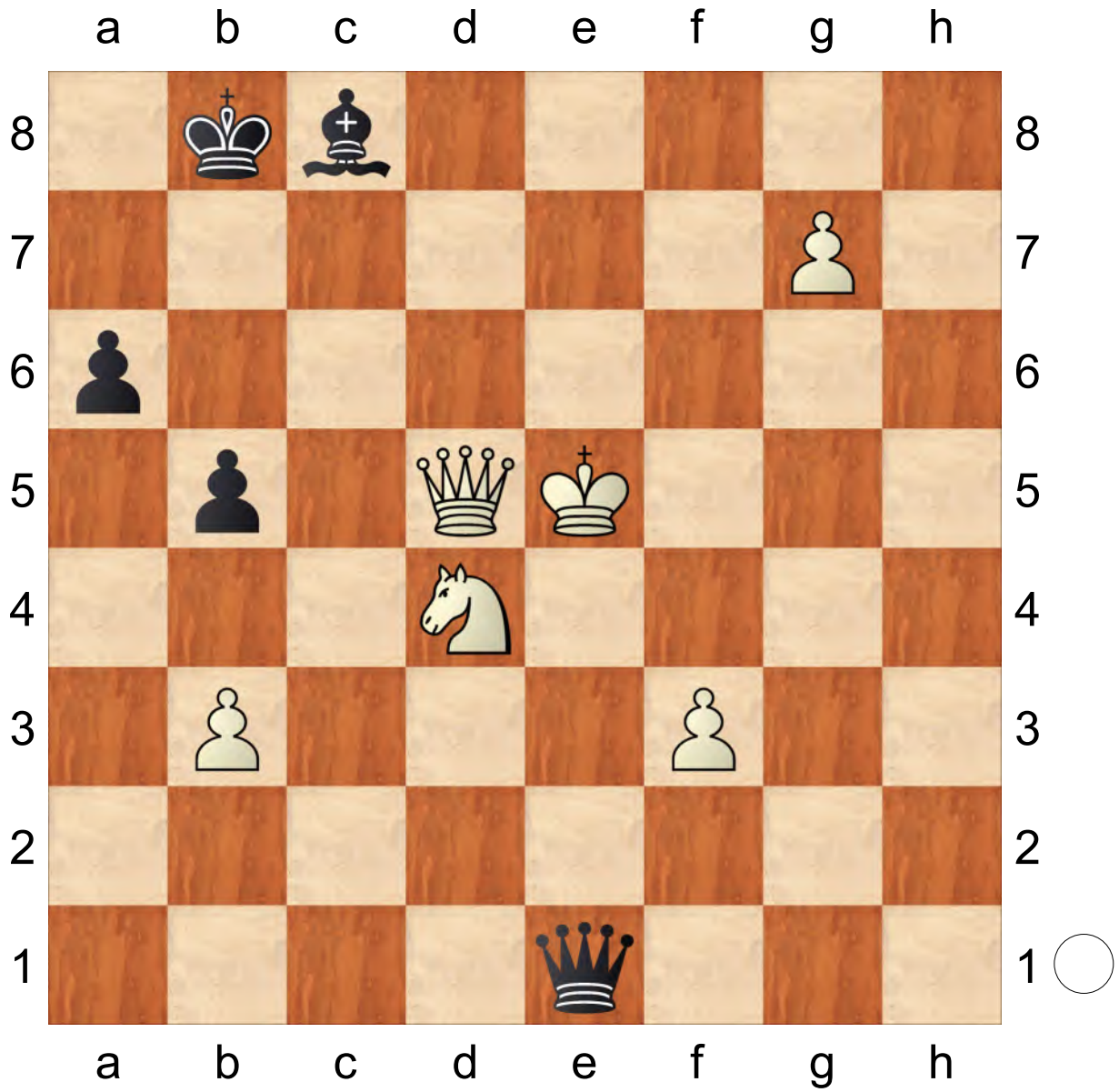

56.Kd6 Qg3+ 57.Qe5 Qg6+ 58.Kc5+

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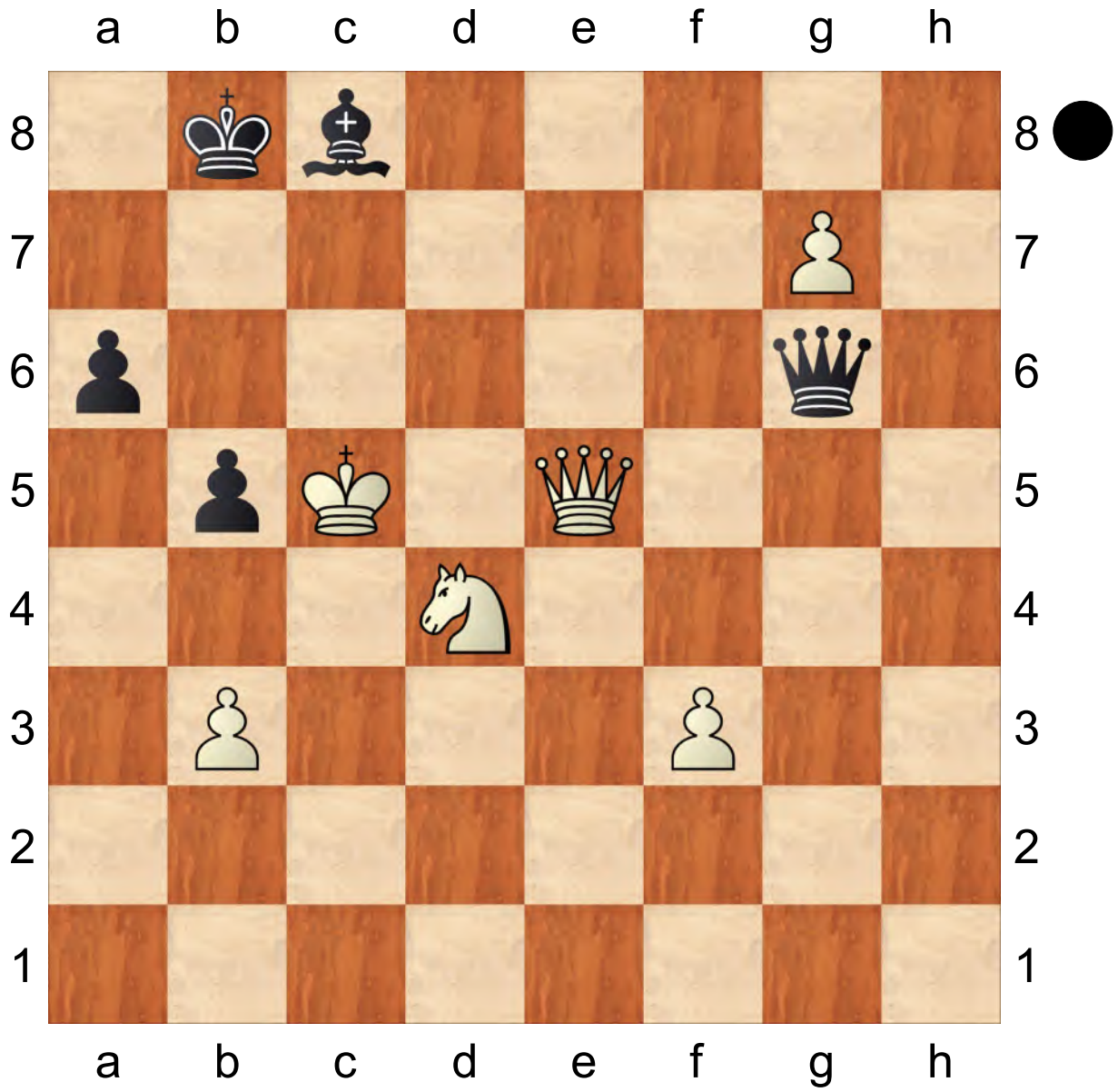
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□ **Benitah,Yohan** **2381**
■ **Bricard,Emmanuel** **2506**
FRA-ch Prelim Gr-A (1) 16.08.1999
[Tyomkin,Dimitri]

1.d4 Tyomkin,D Meulders **1...e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Bb4** Meulders: 'Eine alte Variante, eine Kreuzung zwischen Holländisch und Nimzo-Indisch.' **4.e3**

[4.Qb3 Meulders a5 5.e3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 b6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Nxc3 d6 11.Qc2 Qd7 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Ne7 14.b3 Rae8 15.Bc1 Ng6 16.f3 Qf7 17.Rde1 Qd7 18.h3 Nh5= Maksimenko,A-Moskalenko,V/Nikolaev 1993/CBM 35/1-0 (41)]

[4.a3 Meulders Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Nf6 6.e3 b6 7.Nf3 Ba6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Qe2 Ne4 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.Nd2 Nxd2 14.Rxd2 c5 15.e4 f4 16.e5 f3 17.Qe4 Qg5 18.g3 Qh6 Maniocha,M-Keitlinghaus,L/Dortmund 1998/EXT 99/0-1 (28)]

4...Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Nf6

[5...Nc6 Meulders 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.h3 0-0 10.Ba3 Ne7 11.Rb1 Re8 12.c5 Ng6 13.Qe2 Ne4= 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Rb3 Qf6 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.c4 Bb7 18.Bb2 Qg5 19.f4 Qe7 20.Qf2 Bc6= 0-1 Loewenthal,J-Buckle,H/London 1851/HCL (58)]

[5...b6 Meulders 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.Qg3 Qe7 8.Qxc7 Ba6 9.c5 Rc8 10.Qd6 Bxf1 11.Kxf1 Qxd6 12.cxd6 Na5 13.Bd2 Nf6 14.f3 Nc4 15.Ke2 Nxd6 16.Nh3 Ke7 17.Nf2 Nb5 18.Rhc1 d5∓ ½-½ John,W-Mieses,J/Leipzig 1917/EXT 99 (63) *(RR 18...d5 19.c4 dxc4 20.Bb4+ Kd7 21.a4 Nd6 22.Bxd6 Kxd6 23.e4 fxe4 24.fxe4 e5 25.d5 Rc7 26.Ra3 Nh5 27.g3 Nf6 28.Rac3 Rhc8 29.g4 Nd7 30.Rb1 Rc5 31.g5 a6 32.Ng4 b5 33.Ne3* John,W-Mieses,J/Leipzig 1917/EXT 99/½-½ (63) *)*]

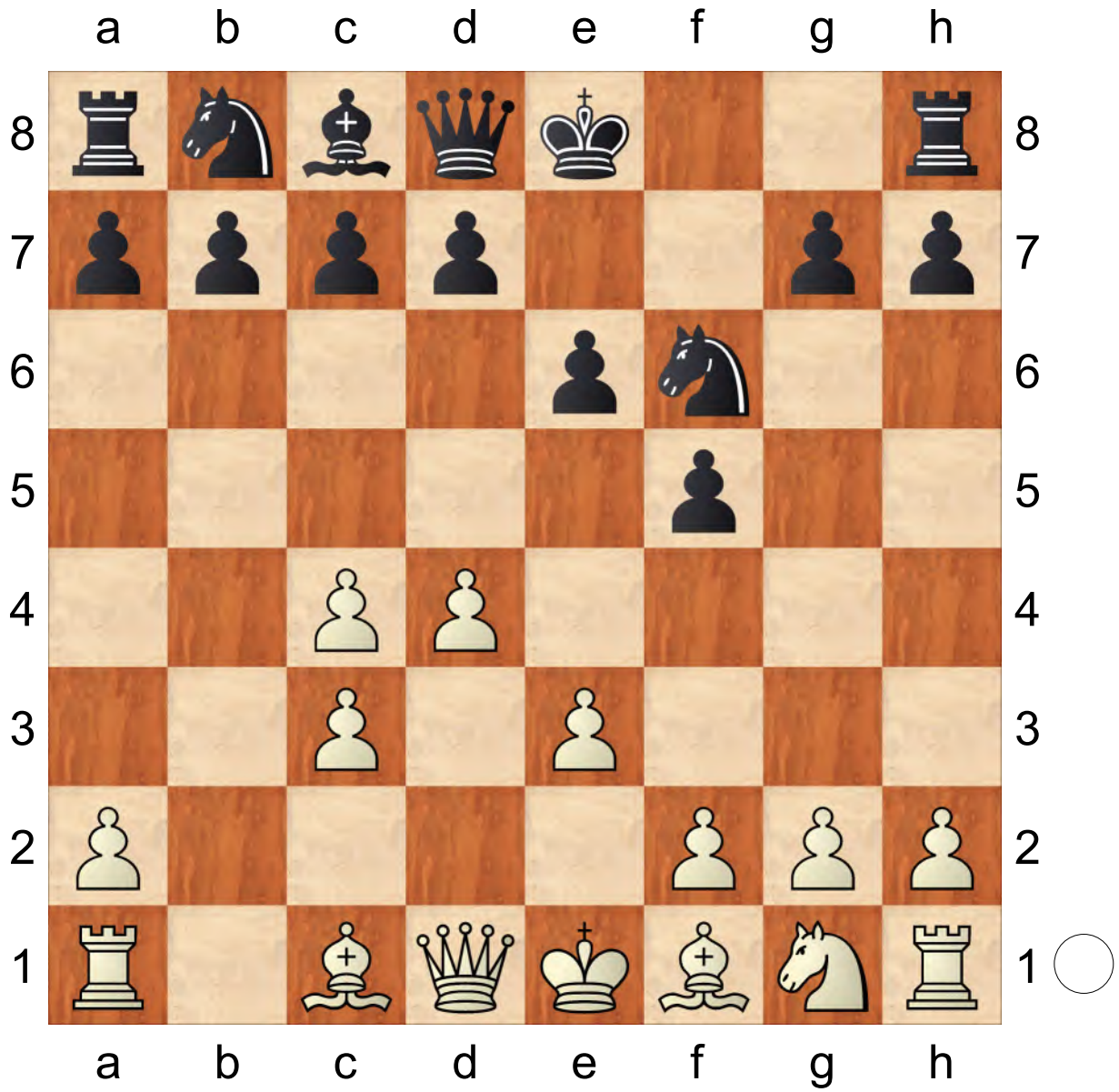
(Diagram)

6.Bd3

[6.Ba3 Meulders b6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nh3 Ba6 9.f3 Nh5 10.0-0 Qh4 11.c5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Ne7 13.c4 0-0 14.d5 Rf7 15.d6 cxd6 16.cxb6! axb6 17.Bxd6 Nc8 18.Be5± 1-0 Chernin,A-Horvath,G/HUN-chT1 1995/EXT 97 (73)]

6...d6

[6...0-0 7.Ne2 b6 8.f3 *(8.0-0* Meulders *Bb7 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Ng3 Ne7 11.f3 g6 12.e4 Kg7 13.e5 Nfg8 14.Ba3 Rf7 15.f4 Nh6 16.h3 Kh8 17.Be2 Neg8 18.Bf3± ½-½* Tarrasch,S-Marotti,D/Trieste 1923/EXT 99 (41) *)* 8...Nc6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.e4 fxe4 11.fxe4 e5 12.Ng3 d6 *(12...exd4? 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.e5+-)* 13.d5 Na5 *(13...Ne7 14.Bg5)* 14.Nf5 Bc8 15.Bg5± ½-½ Seirawan,Y-Gurevich,D/USA



1989 (59)]

7.Qc2

[7.Ba3 Meulders Qe7 8.c5 0-0 9.cxd6 cxd6 10.Ne2 b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.c4 Rc8 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Bxd6! Qxd6 15.c5 bxc5 16.Bxa6± 1-0 Lengyel,L-Szilagyi, P/Budapest 1963/MCL (28)]

7...0-0 8.Ne2 '!?' Meulders.

[8.Nf3 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.e4 cxd4 11.exf5 *(11.cxd4? Nb4 12.Qe2 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 fxe4-+)* 11...e5 12.Bd2 *(12.cxd4??* Meulders *Nb4 13.Qc3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 e4-+)* 12...Qe8 13.Rfe1 e4 '!?' Meulders. *(13...dxc3* Meulders *14.Bxc3 Qh5 15.c5)* 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Qf7 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Bxf5 18.Qd1 '±' Meulders. Meulders: '½-½ Knaak,R-Keitlinghaus,L/Dortmund 1990/CBM 18/ [Schussler] (39)' Be6 19.Be3 Bxc4 20.Rxd6 ½-½ Knaak,R-Keitlinghaus,L/ Dortmund 1990/CBM 18/[Schussler] (39)]

8...Qe7N The lack of this move becomes clear later on.The whites plan is to push f2-f3 and e3-e4.Black will reply on it with c7-c5, ♘c6 and on e3-e4- f5xe4;f3xe4 e6-e5. But then,after d4-d5 black has no place on-e7 for the knight.In old game(see-8...c5)Pachman had shown the right plan. Meulders: 'Durch den Abtausch des ♗f8 sind die schwarze Felder bei Schwarz ernsthaft geschwächt. Schwarz will vorgehen mit ...e5. Er muss dafür aber oft erst ...g6 spielen, wass eine weitere Schwächung der schwarze Felder mittbringt.'

[8...c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.f3 Bd7 *(10...Qc7* Meulders *11.Bd2 b6 12.e4 Na5 13.Nf4 Qf7 14.exf5 exf5 15.d5 Ne8 16.Rae1 Nc7 17.Rf2 Bd7=* 0-1 Rubinstein,A-Bohatirchuk,F/Moscow 1925/HCL (39)*)* 11.Bd2 Qe8 12.e4 fxe4 13.fxe4 e5 14.d5 Ne7 15.Ng3 Kh8 16.Bg5 Qg6 17.Qd2 h6 18.Bh4 Nfg8 19.Qb2 b6 20.Qa3 Rf4 21.Bxe7 Nxe7 ½-½ Geller,E-Pachman,L/Interzonal Goteborg 1955 (21)]

9.0-0 c5 Meulders: 'Wie im Nimzo-Indisch: die Schwäche c4 wird immobilisiert.' **10.f3 Nc6**

(Diagram)

11.Bd2 b6

[11...g6 Meulders 12.e4 e5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Bxf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 exd4 16.Rae1±]

12.e4 fxe4 13.fxe4 e5 '∞' Meulders. Meulders: 'Schwarz hat seinen Ziel erreicht: die Bauer e4 und c4 sind festgelegt und im Zentrum sind die schwarze Felder OK. Der ♗d3 ist nur ein veredelter Bauer und wegen der weisse c-Doppelbauer wäre ein Endspiel für Schwarz vorteilhaft. Leider fûr ihn gibt es noch ein Mittelspiel, mit Druck von Schwerfiguren entlang der f-Linie, die schreckliche Schwäche auf f5 und das Fehlen des ♗f8.' **14.d5 Na5** That is what I had talking about in my note to 8th move of black.Black is going to gain c4-pawn,but white is creating a strong pressure over f6-point in same time.

[14...Nd8 Meulders 15.Bg5 Nf7 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Ng3 Nh6 18.Be2±]

15.Ng3 Ba6

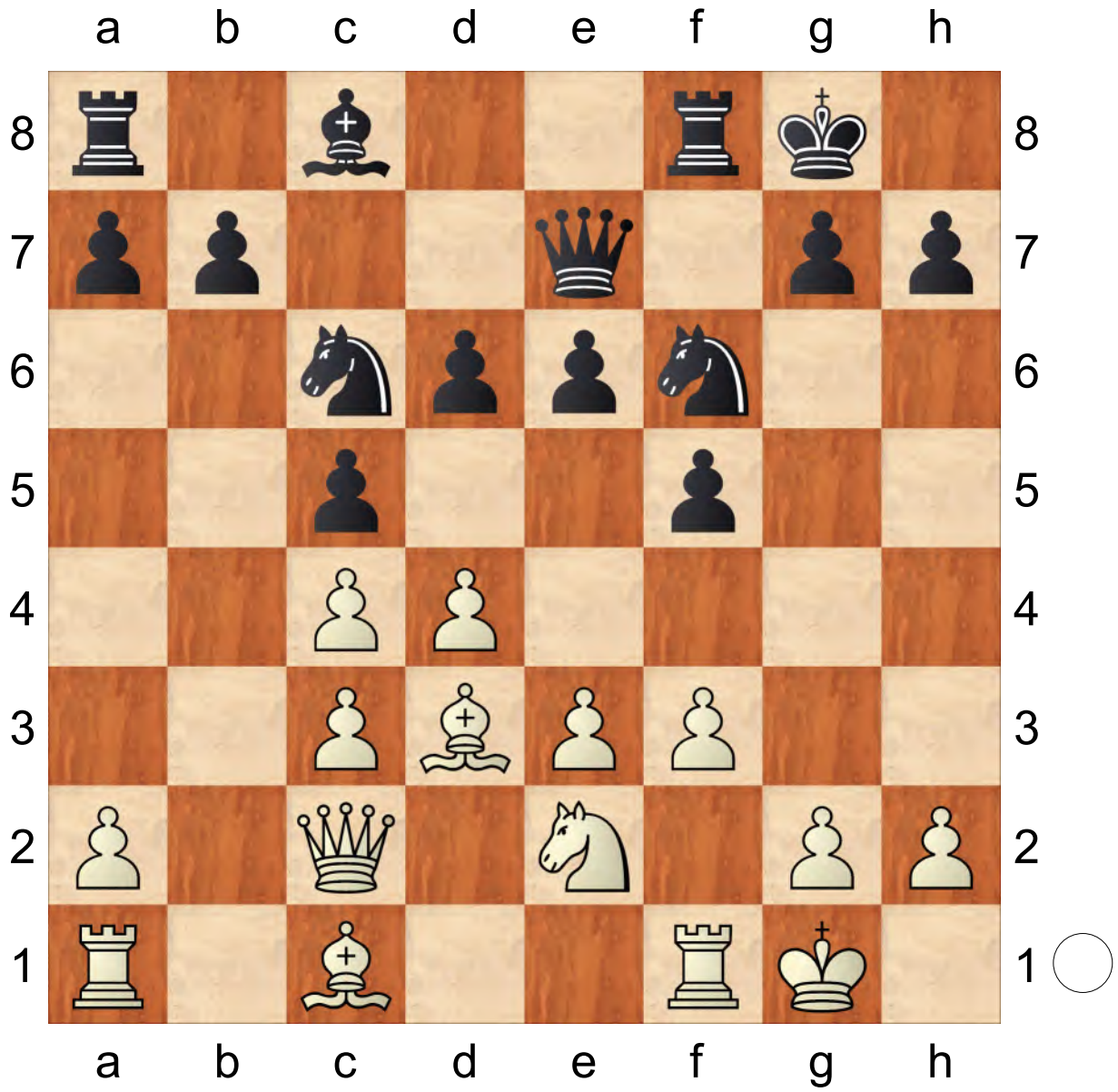
[15...Ng4 Meulders 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8 17.Rf1 Qe7 18.h3 Nh6 *(18...Qh4 19.Rf3 Nh6 20.Qc1 Nf7 21.Qf1 Qe7 22.Nh5 Bd7 23.Rg3 g6 24.Qf6!+-)* 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Nh5 Bd7 21.Qd2 Rf8 22.Qxh6 Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Kh8 24.g4+-]

[15...Bd7! Meulders 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Ng4 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.Raf1 h6 20.Bc1 Rxf5 21.Rxf5 Rf8=]

(Diagram)

'?' Meulders. Meulders: 'Konsequent, aber der ♗c8 hätte für die Verteidigung des Königsflügels noch gute Dienste leisten können.' **16.Bg5** '!' Meulders. **16...g6**

[16...Bxc4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Qe2 Na5 19.Nh5±]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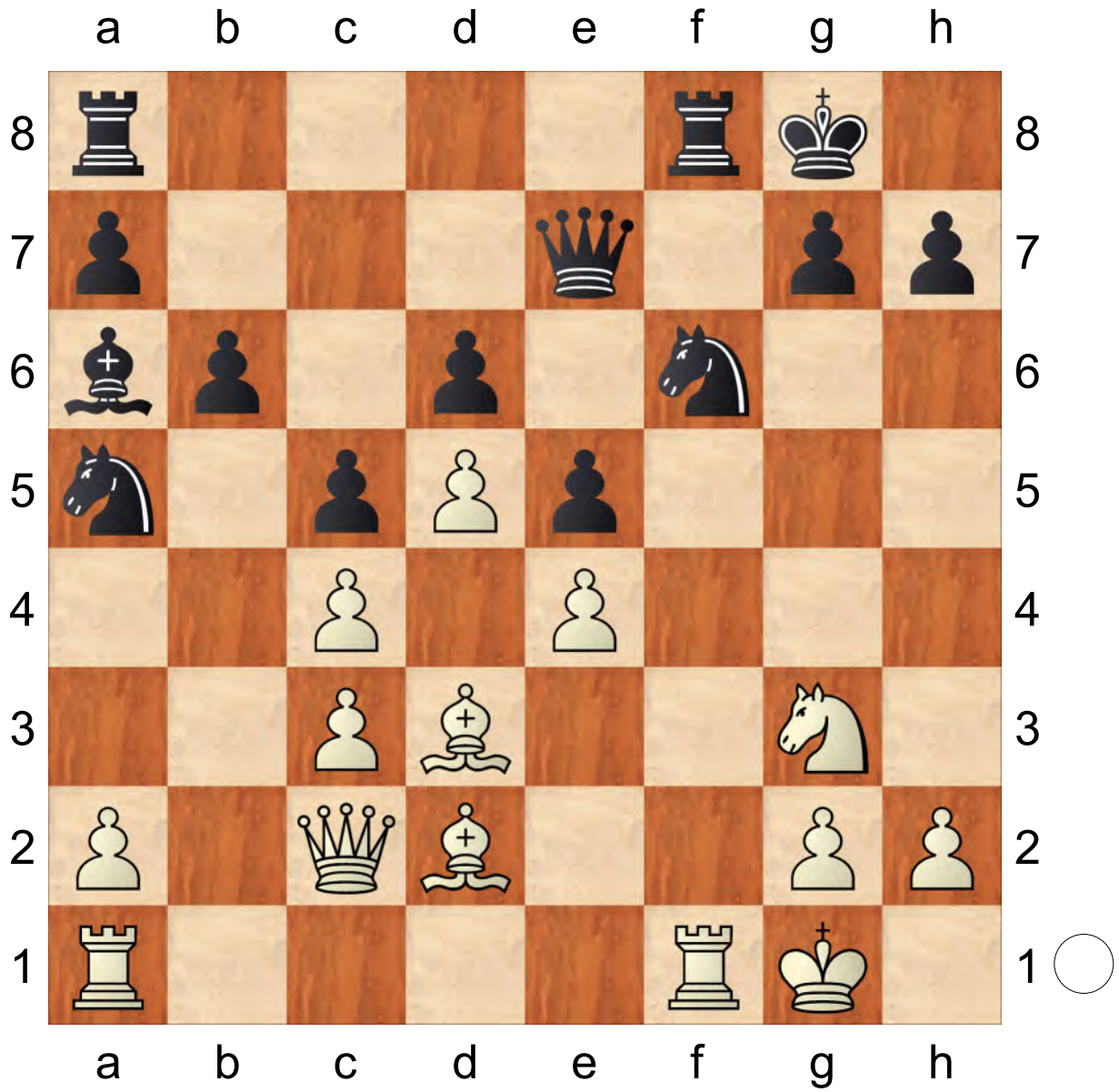


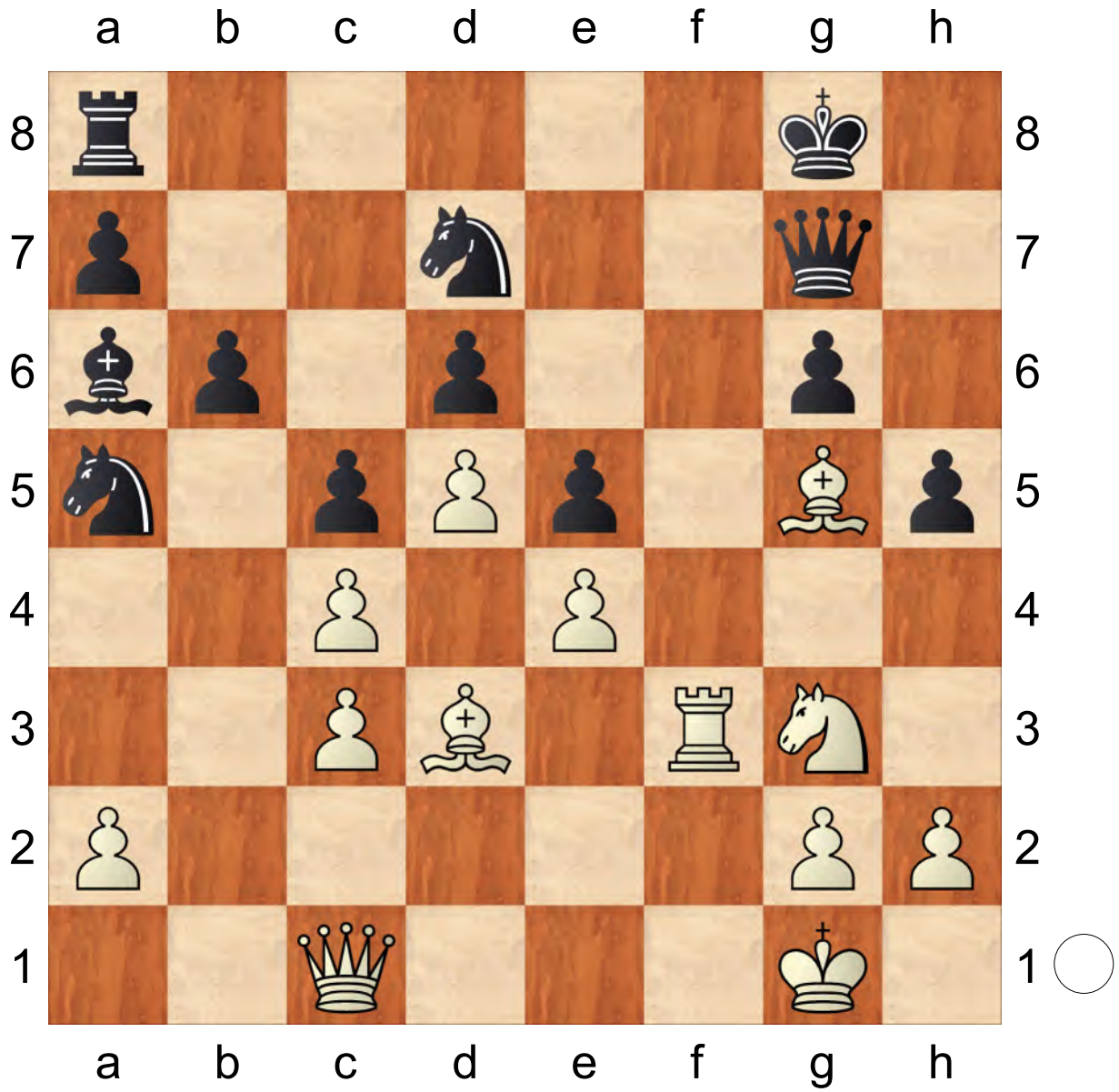
[16...h6 Meulders 17.Nf5 Qd8 18.Bh4 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Qd3 b5 21.a4 a6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qg3+-]

17.Rf3 '!' Meulders. **17...Qg7 18.Raf1 Nd7** Black gets rid of the pressure on f6,but now the weakness of black squares on the kingside has an effect: **19.Qc1** '!' Meulders. **19...Rxf3 20.Rxf3 h5??**

[20...Bxc4

A) 21.Bb1≅ Meulders Nb7! *(21...h5? 22.Nxh5 gxh5 23.Bh6 Qe7 24.Rg3+ Kh7 25.Rg7+ Qxg7 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qg5+* cf. die Partie.) 22.Bh6 Qe7 23.Bg5 Qe8 24.h4 Nd8 25.h5 Nf7 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Bh4 Qf8 und Schwarz lebt.;

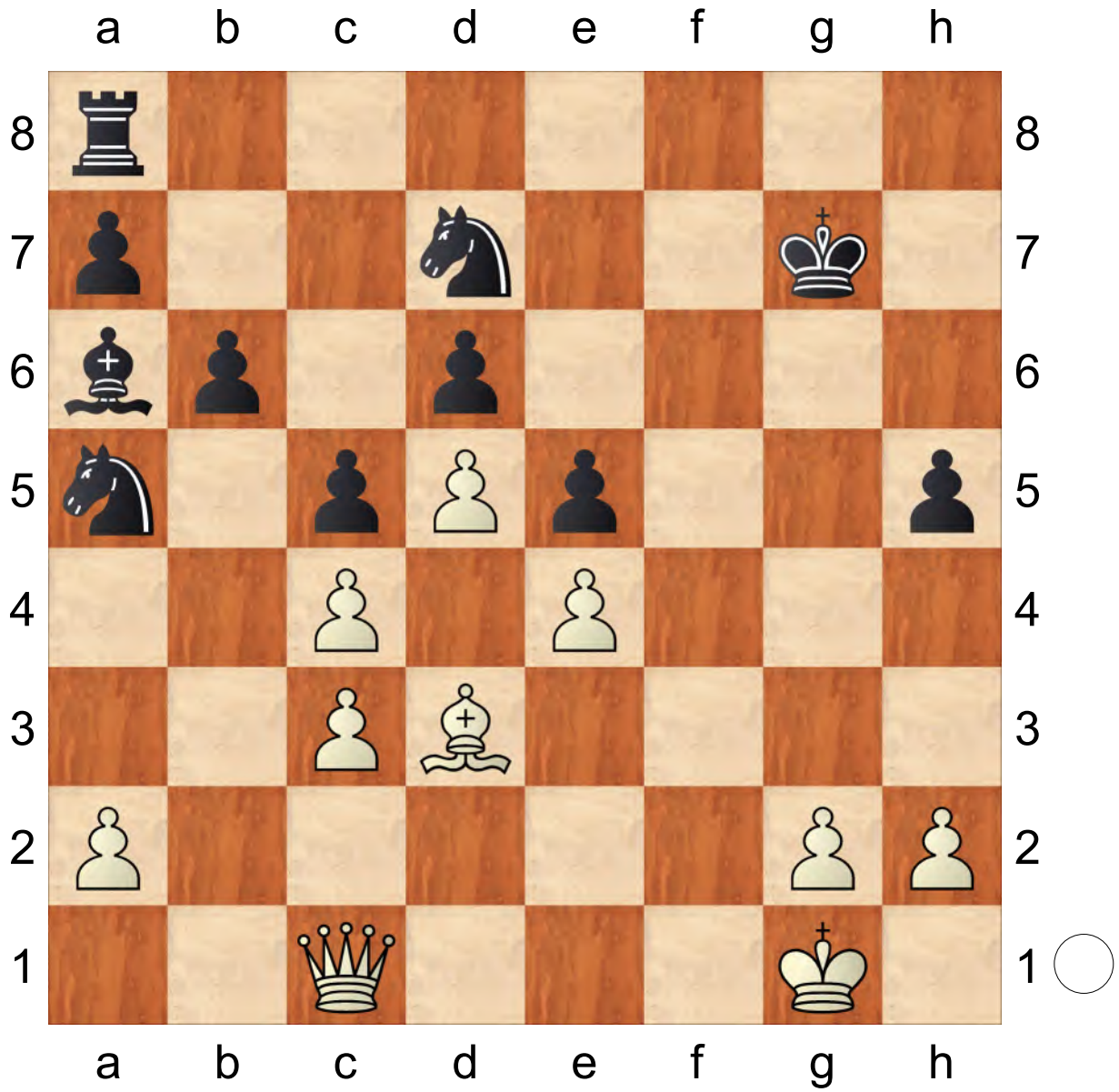
B) 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.h4! after h4-h5 white will threat h5-h6 forcing black to trap his queen to-h8.Despite of pawn up,black is in serious trouble.]



'?' Meulders. Meulders: 'Verliert sofort; der kombinierten Kraft von ♘, ♗, ♖ und ♕ sind zwei ♙ und eine ♕ nicht gewachsen.' **21.Nxh5!!** '!' Meulders. **21...gxh5**
[21...Qh7 22.Nf6+ Nxf6 23.Bxf6 Rf8 24.Rh3 Qxh3 25.gxh3 Rxf6 26.Qg5 Kg7 27.h4! Bxc4 28.Bxc4 Nxc4 29.h5 Kf7 30.h6+-]
22.Bh6 Qe7 23.Rg3+ Kh7
[23...Kh8 24.Bg7+ leads to the same.]
24.Rg7+ Qxg7 25.Bxg7 Kxg7

(Diagram)

26.Qg5+ Meulders: 'Materiell ist Schwarz im Vorteil, aber der ungedeckte ♖a8 macht ihn fertig.' **26...Kf8 27.Qf5+ Ke8**
[27...Ke7 Meulders 28.Qe6+ Kd8 *(28...Kf8 29.Qxd6+ Ke8 30.Qe6+ Kf8*



31.Qxd7+-) 29.Qg8+]

28.Qxh5+ Ke7 29.Qh7+ Ke8 30.Qg6+

[30.Qg6+ Ke7 31.Qe6+ Kd8 32.Qg8+]

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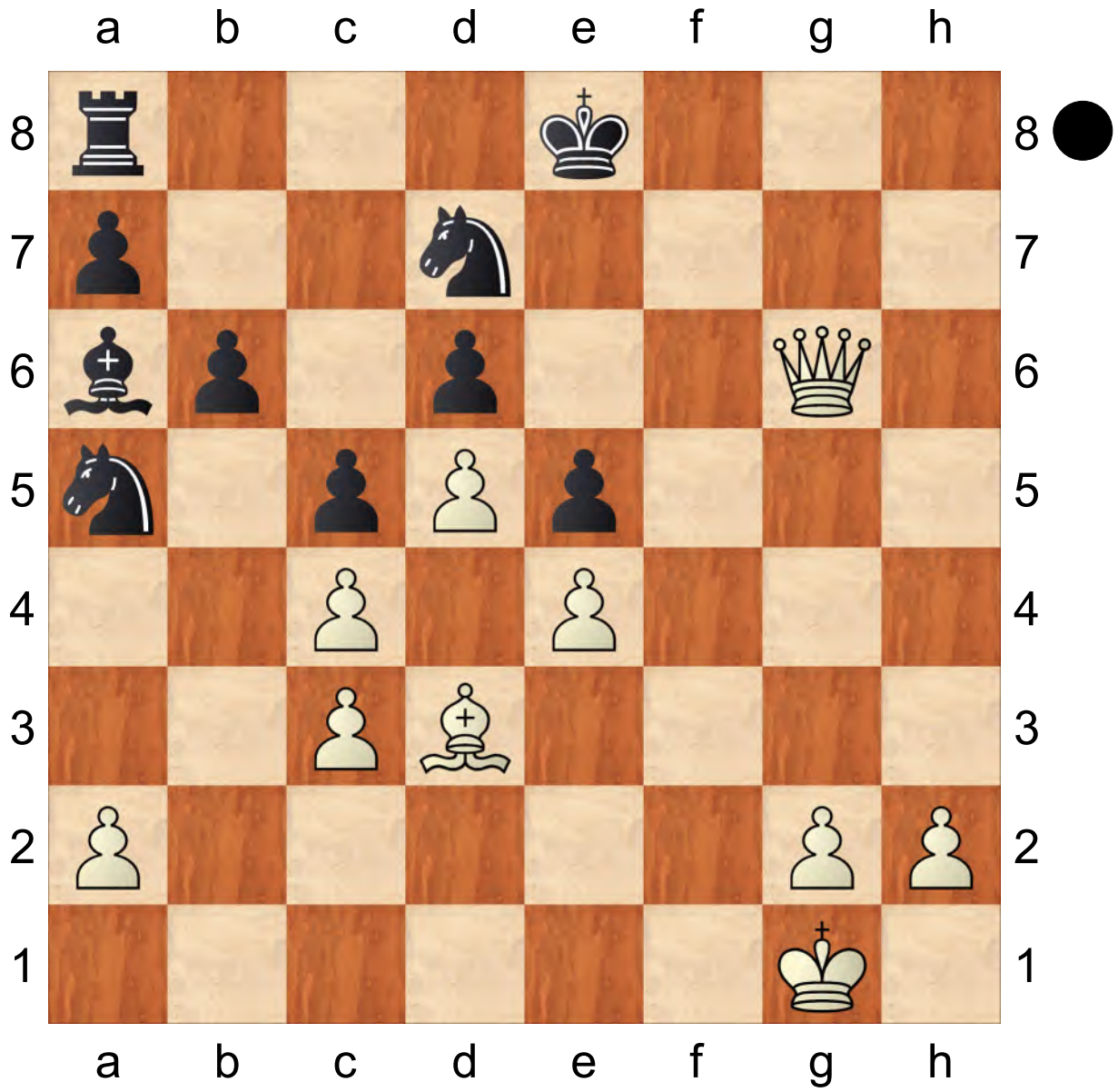
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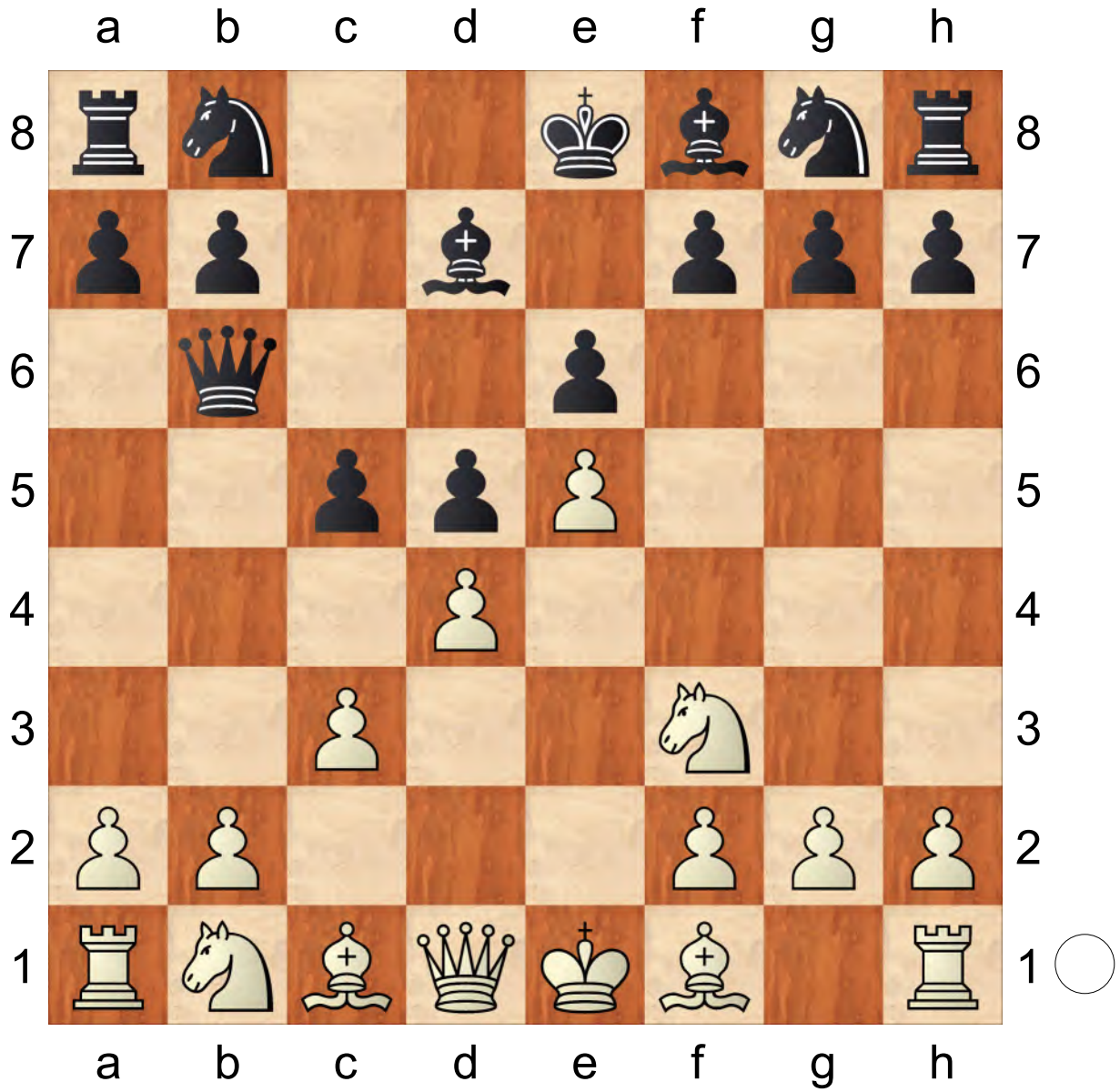
1.e4 Psakhis Psakhis Psakhis: 'Psakhis,L' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7**



6.a3
[6.Be2]
6...a5
[In the case of the standard moves 6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb5 8.Bxb5+ Qxb5 9.Nc3

Qa6 10.Ne2∞ *(10.Qb3?! Nc6 11.Nb5? Bb4+! 12.Qxb4 Nxb4 13.Nc7+ Kf8 14.Nxa6 Nc2+ 15.Ke2 Nxa1 16.Nc5 b6 17.Nb7 Nb3-+* Yagupov,I-Totsky,L/Orel/1994*)* 10...Ne7 11.0-0 Nbc6 12.Nf4 Nf5 13.g4 Nfe7 14.Nh5↑ 1-0 Thipsay,P-Pert,N/BCF-ch Scarbouough 1999 (38) the initiative belongs to White.]

7.c4!? This move does not have a great reputation, but it is certainly more dangerous than it seems.

[7.Nbd2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.N2f3 Nxd4 10.cxd4 a4 11.Qd3 Ne7 12.Be2 Nc6 13.Rb1 Na5 14.0-0 Qa6 15.b4 axb3 16.Qxa6 bxa6 17.Bd2 Nc4 18.Rxb3 Bb5 19.Ra1 Be7 20.Bb4 f6 21.exf6 gxf6 Ehlvest,J-Vaisser,A/EUR-ch Ohrid 2001/The Week in Chess 344/1-0 (90)]

[7.Bd3 Bb5 8.0-0 *(8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Bxb5+ Qxb5 11.a4 Qb6 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.Nb3 Be7 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Nc6 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Bd4 f6 19.Rad1 Rac8 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Rfe1 e5* 1-0 Kupreichik,V-Senff,M/Bad Woerishofen op 2000/ChessBase (38)*; 8.Bxb5+ Qxb5 9.a4 Qb6 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Na3 cxd4 12.Nb5 dxc3 13.bxc3 Nh6 14.Rb1 Qd8 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.c4 Nb4 17.Qd4 Bg7 18.Qc5 Bf8 19.Qe3 Rc8 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Qe4 Be7* ½-½ Minasian,A-Galstian,B/ARM-ch Yerevan 2005/The Week in Chess 548 (61) *)* 8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.c4 Qa6 12.Nc3?!N dxc4 13.Qc2 Δ 14.♘e4≅ Nd4! 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Qa4+ *(15.Bf4 Ne7 16.Ne2 Ba7)* 15...Qc6 16.Nb5 Bxe5 17.Re1 Bb8□ 18.Bg5! *(18.Re4?! Ne7 19.Rxc4 Qd7 20.Be3 0-0 21.Rd1 Nd5∓)* 18...Nf6 *(18...h6 19.Bh4∞)* 19.Rac1 0-0 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rxc4 Qd5 0-1 Haba,P-Kortchnoi,V/Ostrava 1994/ChessBase/[Knaak] (39)]

[7.Be2

A) 7...Bb5 8.c4 Bxc4 9.Bxc4 dxc4 10.d5 exd5 11.Qxd5 Ne7 12.Qxc4 Qa6 13.Nbd2 *(13.Qe4 Nd7 14.Nc3 h6 15.Bf4 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 g5 17.Bg3 Bg7 18.Rd6 Nc6 19.Rhd1 Rhe8 20.Qf5 Re7 21.Nd5 Qc4+ 22.Kb1 Qb3 23.Rd3 Qb5 24.Nxe7+ Nxe7 25.Qxf7 c4 26.Rc3 g4 27.Nd4 Nxe5 28.Nxb5 Nxf7 29.Rxc4+ Nc6 30.Na7+* 1-0 Andruet,G-Villeneuve,A/Angers 1990/ChessBase*)* 13...Nbc6 14.0-0 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 Nf5 16.a4± 1-0 Garbisu,U-Gamez,A/Pamplona-B 1997 (29);

B) 7...a4 8.0-0 Nc6 *(8...Ne7 9.Qd3 Nbc6 10.Rd1 Rc8 11.Nbd2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nf5 13.Nf1 Be7=* Mukhametov,E-Legky,N/Orel/1994/ *)*

B1) 9.Qd3 Rc8 10.Nbd2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Na7! 12.b4 Bb5 13.Qe3 Ne7 14.Bxb5+ Qxb5 15.g4 h5 16.h3 hxg4 17.hxg4 Qc6∓ 0-1 Kravtsov,S-Volkov,S/Tomsk op 1999 (33);

B2) 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.c4!? *(10.Nbd2 Na5 11.c4 Ne7 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.Rb1 Qa7 14.Qd3 dxc4 15.Qe4 b5 16.Qg4 Nf5 17.Ne4 Nb3∓* 0-1 Jap Tjoen San,L-Peng Zhaoqin/NED-chW Rotterdam 2000/The Week in Chess 304 (45) *)* 10...Nge7 *(*Black's position is not bad and after *10...dxc4 11.Nc3 Nd4 12.Bxc4 Ne7* for example *13.Bf4 Bc6 14.Ng5 Ng6 15.Bg3 h6 16.Nge4 0-0 17.Qg4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Nf5 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 20.Bxe6 Nxg3 21.Qxg3 fxe6* ½-½ Vysochin,S-Moroz,A/Ordzhonikidze zt 2000/ (21) but I like

Kaidanov's move.*; 10...d4 11.Bd3 Nge7 12.Re1 Na5 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Rb1 Bc6 15.Ne4 Nb3 16.Bf4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nc6 18.Nd2 Nca5 19.Re1* ½-½ Reshetnikov,A-Lysyj,I/RUS-ch B18 Nojabrsk 2005/The Week in Chess 549 *)* 11.Nc3 Nd4! 12.cxd5N This new move doesn't change the estimation of the position as more or less equal, *(12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Kh1* ½-½ Videki,S-Varga,P/Paks-9 GM 1999 (15) *)* 12...Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Nxd5 *(*In case of *13...exd5 14.Bg5 Bc6 15.Bxe7 Bxe7 16.e6↑* White's initiative could become dangerous.*)* 14.Nxd5 *(14.Rd1 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bc6∞)* 14...exd5 15.Rd1 Bb5 16.Qe1 Bc4 *(*Worth considering was *16...d4!? 17.Ng5 Bc4* with a promising position for Black *)* 17.Be3! Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Qxe3 19.fxe3 0-0= ½-½ Peng Xiaomin-Kaidanov,G/USA-China Summit Seattle 2001/CBM 82/[Psakhis] (25);

B3) 9.Bd3 Na5 10.Bc2 Nc4 11.Ra2 *(11.Ng5!? Be7!? 12.Nxh7 g6 13.Ng5 Nh6 14.Ra2 Nf5 15.Nf3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Nh4 17.Ne1 Nf5* '∞' Psakhis. Psakhis: '½-½ Shirov,A-Volkov,S/EU-Cup Halkidiki 2002/CBM 92 (41)' *18.Nf3 Nh4 19.Ne1 Nf5∞* ½-½ Shirov,A-Volkov,S/EU-Cup Halkidiki 2002/CBM 92 (41) *)* 11...Ne7

B3a) 12.Nbd2 Nxd2 13.Bxd2 Bb5 14.Re1 Nc6 15.Be3 h6 16.Ra1 Qa7 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 *(18.Nd4!?)* 18...Qxc5 19.Qd2 0-0∞ Afek,Y-Legky,N/FRA t-ch 2003/CBM 94/[Psakhis]/0-1 (38);

B3b) 12.Re1 Nc6

B3b1) 13.Bxa4 N6xe5 14.Bxd7+ *(14.Bc2 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Be7 16.b3 Nd6 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd4 f6 20.Qh5+ Nf7 21.f4 g6 22.Qf3 0-0 23.Qg3 Rfe8∞* Belikov,V-Legky,N/Sevastopol 1997/½-½ (50) *)* 14...Nxd7 15.b3

B3b11) 15...Na5 16.b4 cxb4? *(⌓16...cxd4! 17.Nxd4 Nc6)* 17.axb4 Ra7 18.Rxa5 Rxa5 19.bxa5 Qxb1 20.Qa4 Bd6 21.Bf4 Qxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Bxf4 23.Qb4 Bc7 24.Nd3 f6 25.g3 Rf8 26.Nf4 1-0 Jonkman,H-Peng Zhaoqin/Wijk aan Zee-B 2002/CBM 87/[Psakhis] (26);

B3b12) 15...Nd6 16.c4 dxc4 17.d5 Qxb3 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Rxe6+ Kd8 20.Rc2 Ra6 21.Nc3↑ Grischuk,A-Gurevich,M/Cannes World Cup of Rapid Chess 2001/CBM 82/[Hecht]/1-0 (86);

B3b2) 13.Kh1N Be7 14.Nbd2

B3b21) 14...Qa6 15.Nxc4 *(15.Nf1!?)* 15...Qxc4 16.Ra1 Qb5 17.Rb1±;

B3b22) 14...Nxd2 15.Bxd2 cxd4 16.cxd4 *(* Worth considering was *16.Nxd4!? ΔNxd4 17.Be3↑* with a nice game*)* 16...0-0 17.Bc3 *(17.Be3!?)* 17...Qa7 A space advantage gives White slightly better chances, nevertheless Black's position is still fairly solid. 18.h4 The players have completed their development and now White is rushing the attack. *(18.Qd3 g6 19.Qe3)* 18...b5 19.Qd3 g6 20.Qd2 Rfb8 21.Raa1 b4 22.axb4 Nxb4 *(22...Bxb4? 23.Bxa4)*

23.Bb1 1-0 Charbonneau,P-Shulman,Y/Buenos Aires American Continental 2003/CBM 97/[Psakhis] (44)]

7...cxd4

[7...dxc4 8.d5 exd5 9.Qxd5 Be6 10.Qe4 Qc6 11.Nc3 Qxe4+ 12.Nxe4 h6 13.Be3 Nd7 14.a4 g5 15.h3 Rc8 16.Be2 Be7 17.0-0 f5 18.exf6 Ngxf6 19.Nfd2 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 0-0 21.Rfd1 Ne5 22.Nd6 Rc7 Djokic,V-Peric,S/Serbia 2nd league Pozarevac 2004/1-0 (58)]

[7...Bc6!?]

8.cxd5 exd5 9.Qxd4N

[9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 Nge7 11.Re1 h6 12.Nbd2 g6 13.Nf1 Bg7 14.h3 Bf5 15.N1h2 a4 16.Ng4 Qb3 17.Qxb3 axb3 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.exf6+ Kd7 21.Bf4 Rhe8 22.g4 Nd6 23.Bxh6 Nc4 Bouvier,B-Legky,N/Sautron op 2001/ ChessBase/0-1 (33)]

9...Bc5

[9...Qxd4!? 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.Nb5 0-0-0 12.Bf4 f6∞]

10.Qd2 Ne7

(Diagram)

11.Nc3 a4

[11...0-0 12.Bd3 f6 *(12...Bg4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Nxc5 Bxf3 15.Qe3!?↑)* 13.0-0 fxe5 14.Nxe5±]

12.Bd3 Na6 A strange development of the knight. Perhaps Black should have considered

[⌓12...Nbc6!? 13.0-0 Bg4⇄]

13.0-0 Nc7 14.Qd1

[14.Qc2!?]

14...0-0 15.Bc2 Qa6

[⌓15...Qc6!? protecting the d5 pawn.]

[15...f6 16.Bxa4]

(Diagram)

Black underestimates the danger. **16.Bg5↑** A very strong move, which gives White an advantage.

[Another promising possibility was 16.Ng5!? ∆h6 17.Nge4!]

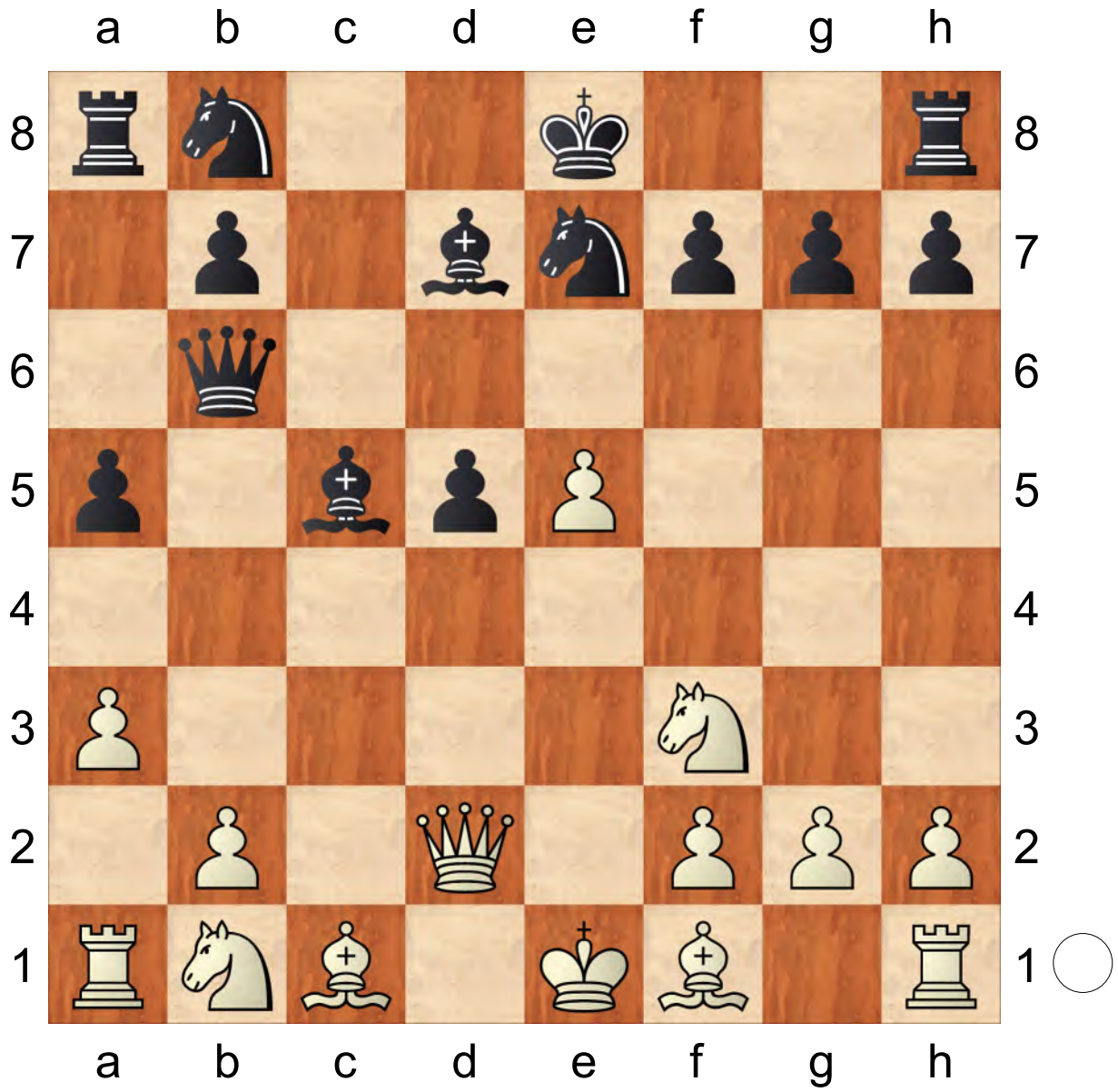
16...Bc6

[16...b5 17.Bxe7 *(17.Rc1!?)* 17...Bxe7 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qe4]

17.Rc1 Ne6

[17...h6 18.Bxe7 Bxe7 19.Bxa4!±]

18.Bxe7 Bxe7 19.Nxd5 Bc5?! Obviously overlooking White's next move. More tenacious was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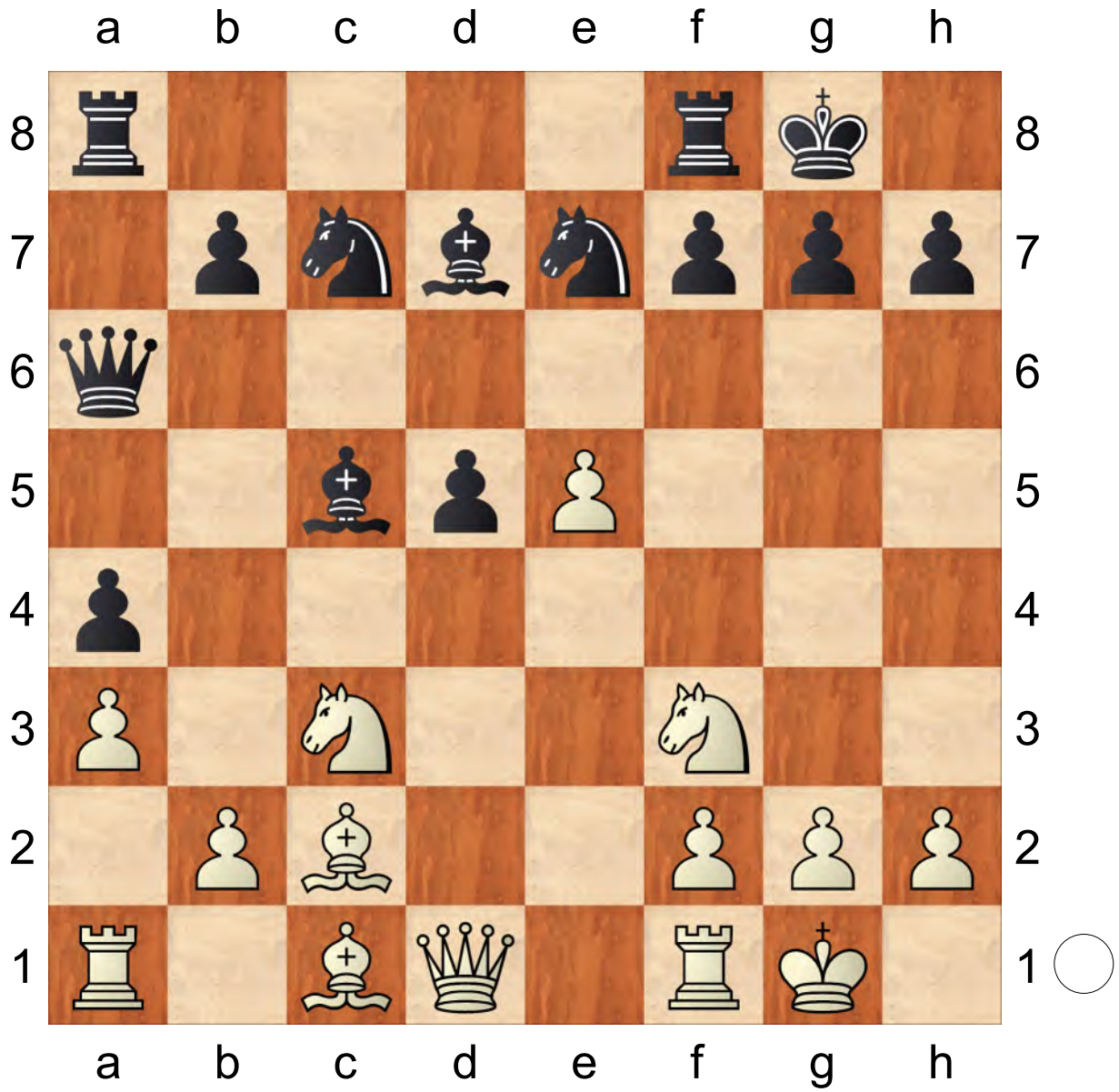


[The lesser evil for Black was 19...Rfe8!?]

20.Bxh7+! This nice move yields White a decisive advantage. Now Black is helpless against the combined threats to his king and to the under-protected pieces on c-file.

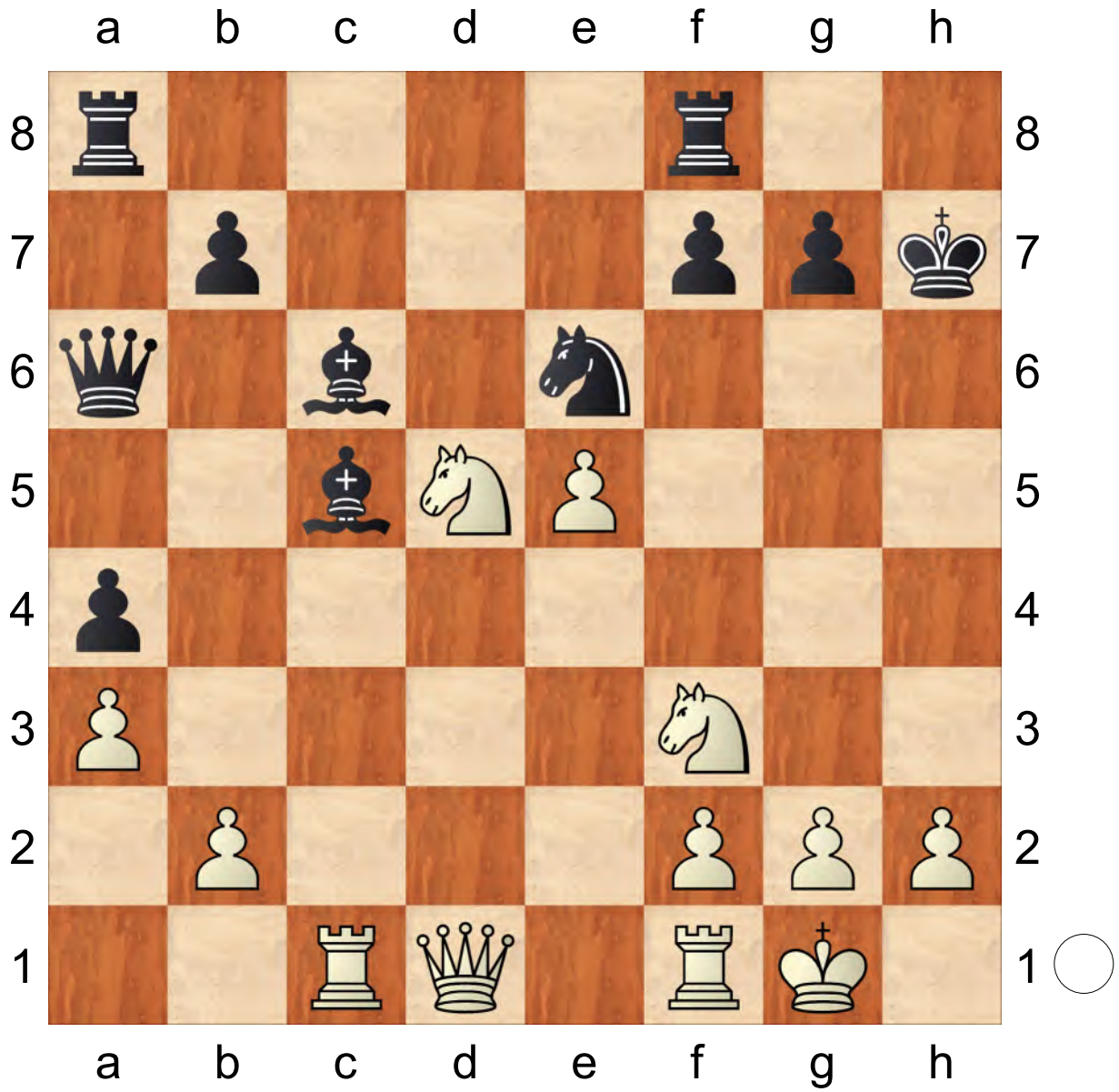
20...Kxh7

(Diagram)

21.Rxc5! Rfd8

[21...Nxc5 22.Ng5+ Kh6☐ *(22...Kg6 23.Qg4+-; 22...Kg8 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Qh5#)*

A) 23.Qd4 Qe2 *(23...Kxg5 24.Qf4+ Kh5 25.Qf5+ Kh6 26.Qh3+ Kg5 27.f4+ Kg6 28.Ne7#; 23...Qxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Kxg5 26.Qxc5+-)* 24.f3!? Ne4☐ 25.Nxe4 Bxd5 26.Nc3 Qc4⇄;



B) <u>23.Qg4!</u> Qxf1+□ 24.Kxf1 Bxd5 25.f4 Bc4+ *(25...Rh8 26.f5+-)* 26.Kg1+-]
[21...Bxd5 22.Rxd5+-]

22.Ng5+! Kg8
[22...Nxg5 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Ne7+ Kf8 25.Nf5+-]

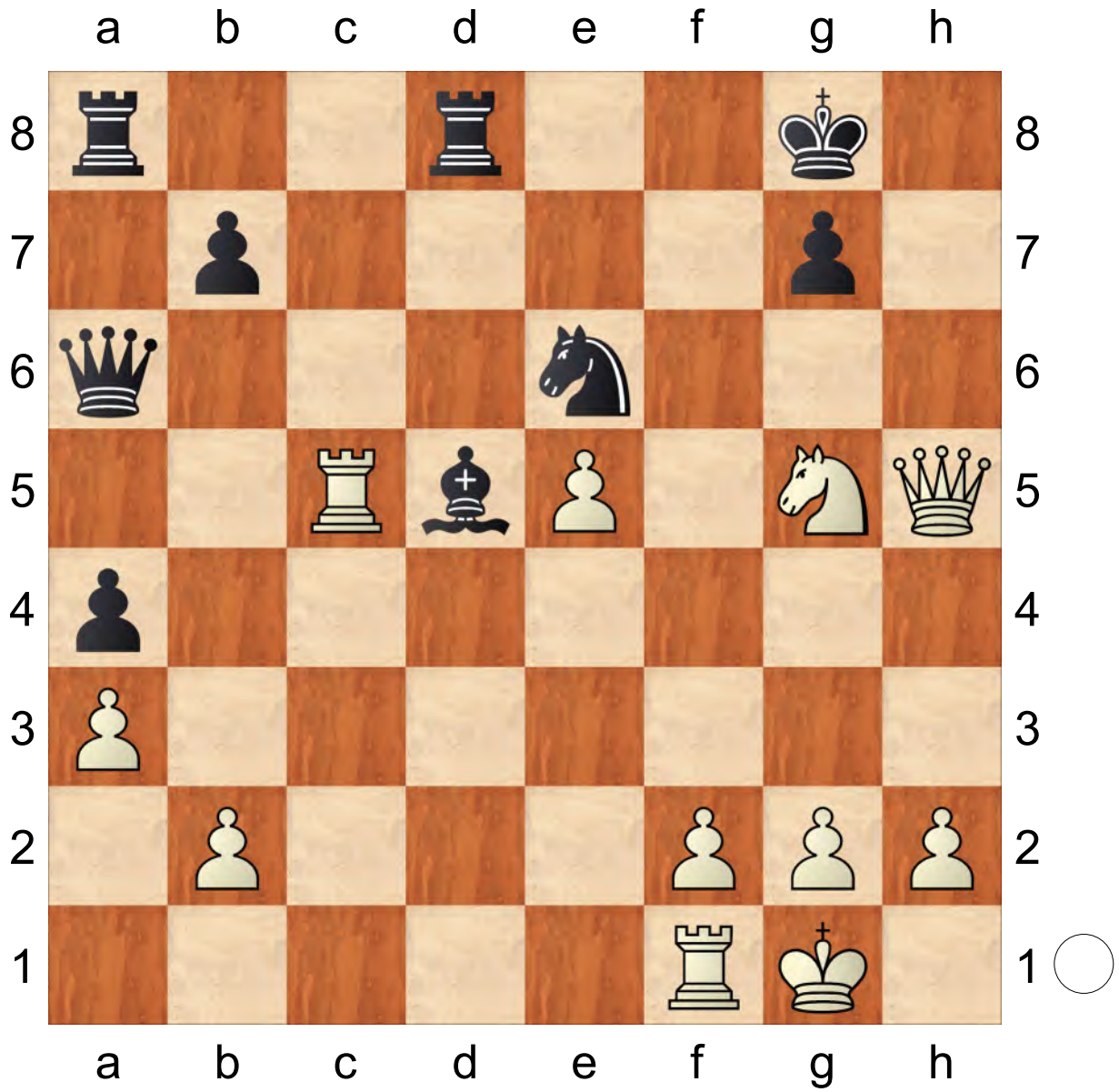
23.Qh5
[23.Ne7+!? Kf8 24.Qh5 Nxg5 25.Nf5+-]

23...Bxd5 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qh5+ Kg8

(Diagram)

26.Rxd5! Nxg5
[26...Rxd5 27.Qf7+ Kh8 28.Nxe6]

27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxg5 Black simply lost his pawns without getting anything for



them ! The rest is simple. **28...Qb6 29.Re1 Rf8 30.Qd2 Rd8**

(Diagram)

31.Qc3

(Diagram)

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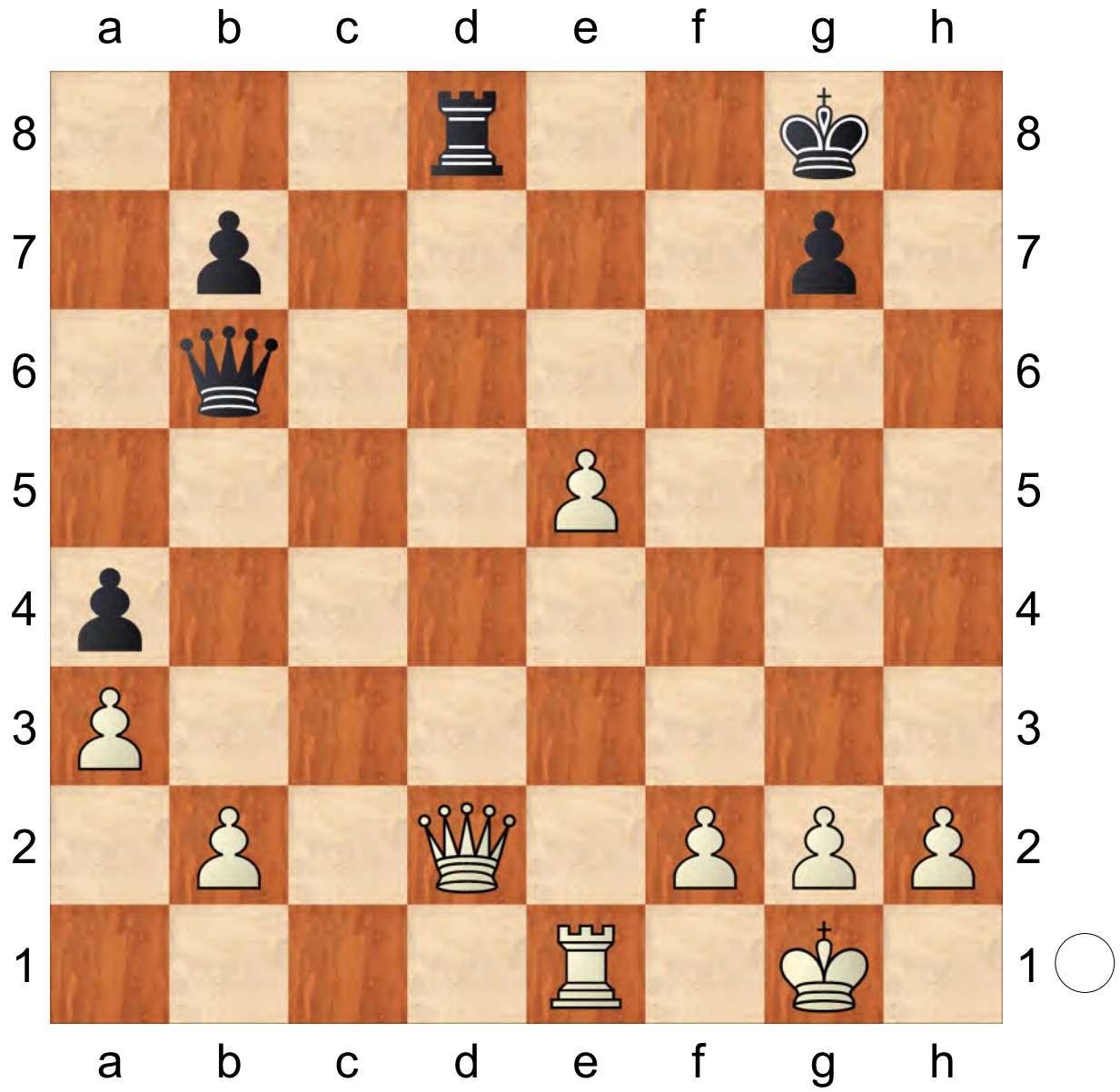
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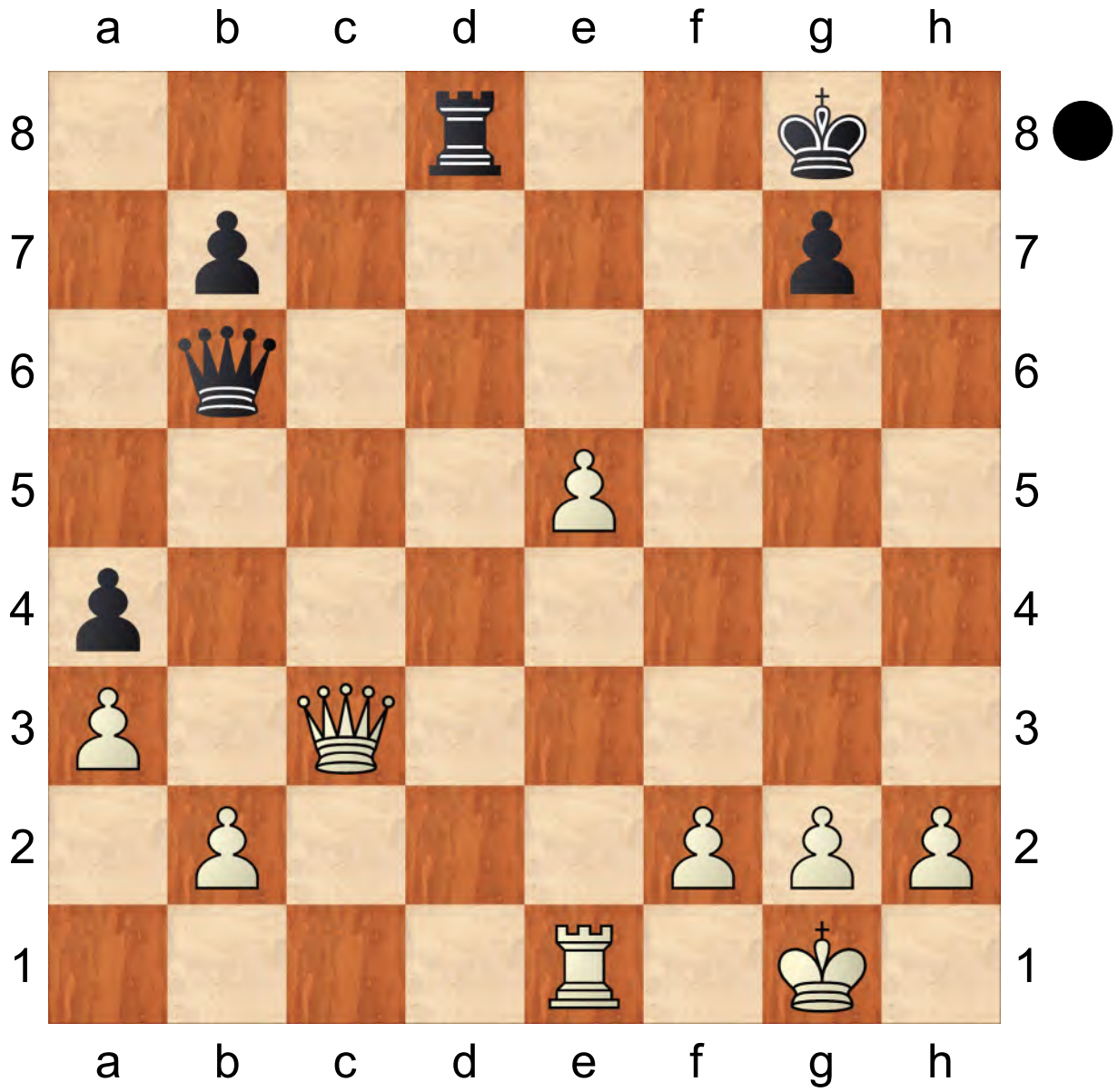
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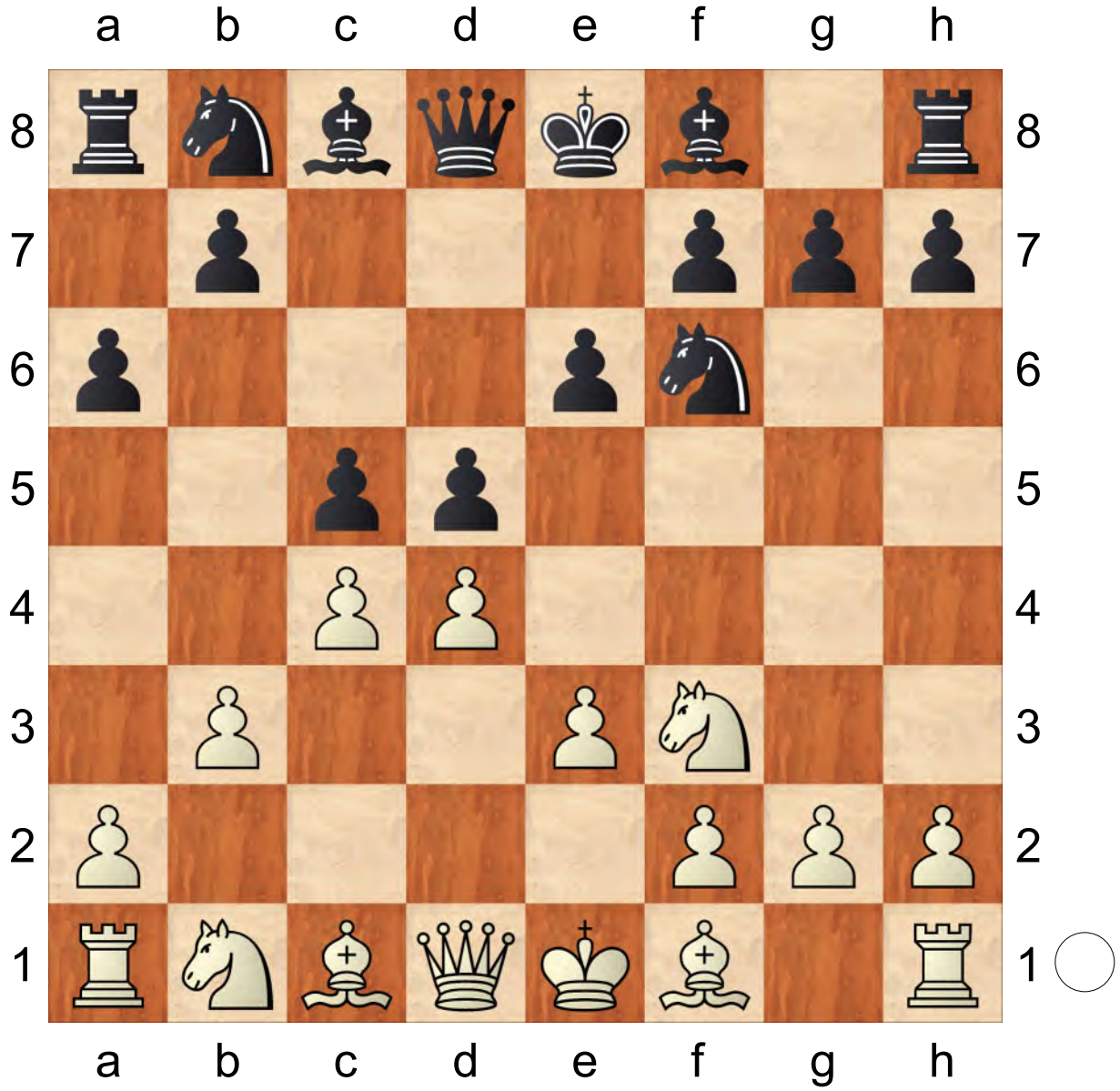
□ **Bezgodov,Alexei** **2570**
■ **Ivanov,Sergey** **2515**
RUS-ch m1-2 Elista (1.1) 19.05.1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky Petursson **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3?!= a6!? 5.b3 c5**



6.Bd3

[6.cxd5 Nxd5 *(6...Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qd8 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 e5 10.Nc2 Nbd7 11.Bb2 Nc5 12.Be2 Bf5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8=* Vospernik,Z-Orel,O/Portoroz op 1994/ 1-0 (55) *)* 7.a3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bb2 Bf6 13.Nfd2 e4!⇄ Fominyh,A-Morozevich,A/ch-RUS KO, Elista RUS 1997/0-1 (49)]

[6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.Bd3 *(8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Re1 Bf8 11.Bf1 cxd4 12.exd4 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7*= Tibensky,R-Certek,P/Pila 1992/1-0 (55)*)* 8...0-0 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Nxc4 b5 11.Nce5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4± ½-½ Matthaei,A-Morawietz,D/Porz op 1993 (53)]
[6.Be2 cxd4 7.exd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Be7 9.0-0 b6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Rc1 0-0 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qd2 Qd6∓ Kurajica,B-Sokolov,I/JUG-chT Cetinje 1991/½-½ (60)]

6...Nc6 7.Bb2 Bd6?!

[7...cxd4 8.exd4 Bb4+=]

8.0-0?!

[8.cxd5!

A) 8...Nxd5 9.dxc5 *(9.0-0 cxd4=)* 9...Bxc5 10.0-0 Bxe3!? *(10...0-0? 11.Qc2+-)*

A1) 11.Bxg7 Rg8 12.Bb2 *(12.Bc3 Nf4 13.fxe3 Nxd3 14.Na3±)* 12...Nf4 *(12...Rxg2+ 13.Kxg2 Nf4+ 14.Kg1 Nxd3 15.fxe3 Nxb2 16.Qxd8+ Nxd8□ 17.Nc3±)* 13.fxe3 Nxd3 14.Bc3±;

A2) 11.fxe3 Nxe3 12.Qe2 Nxf1 13.Kxf1±;

B) 8...exd5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0±]

8...0-0?!

[8...cxd4! 9.exd4 0-0 10.Nbd2 b6 11.Re1 Bb7⇄]

9.Nc3?!

[9.cxd5!

A) 9...Nxd5 10.dxc5± *(10.Qc2 Ncb4∓)*;

B) 9...exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qc2±]

9...b6

[9...cxd4 10.exd4 b6=]

10.Rc1?!

[10.cxd5 exd5 11.Rc1⇄]

10...cxd4

[10...Bb7 11.a3 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8=]

(Diagram)

11.exd4 Bf4!? 12.Ra1 Bb7

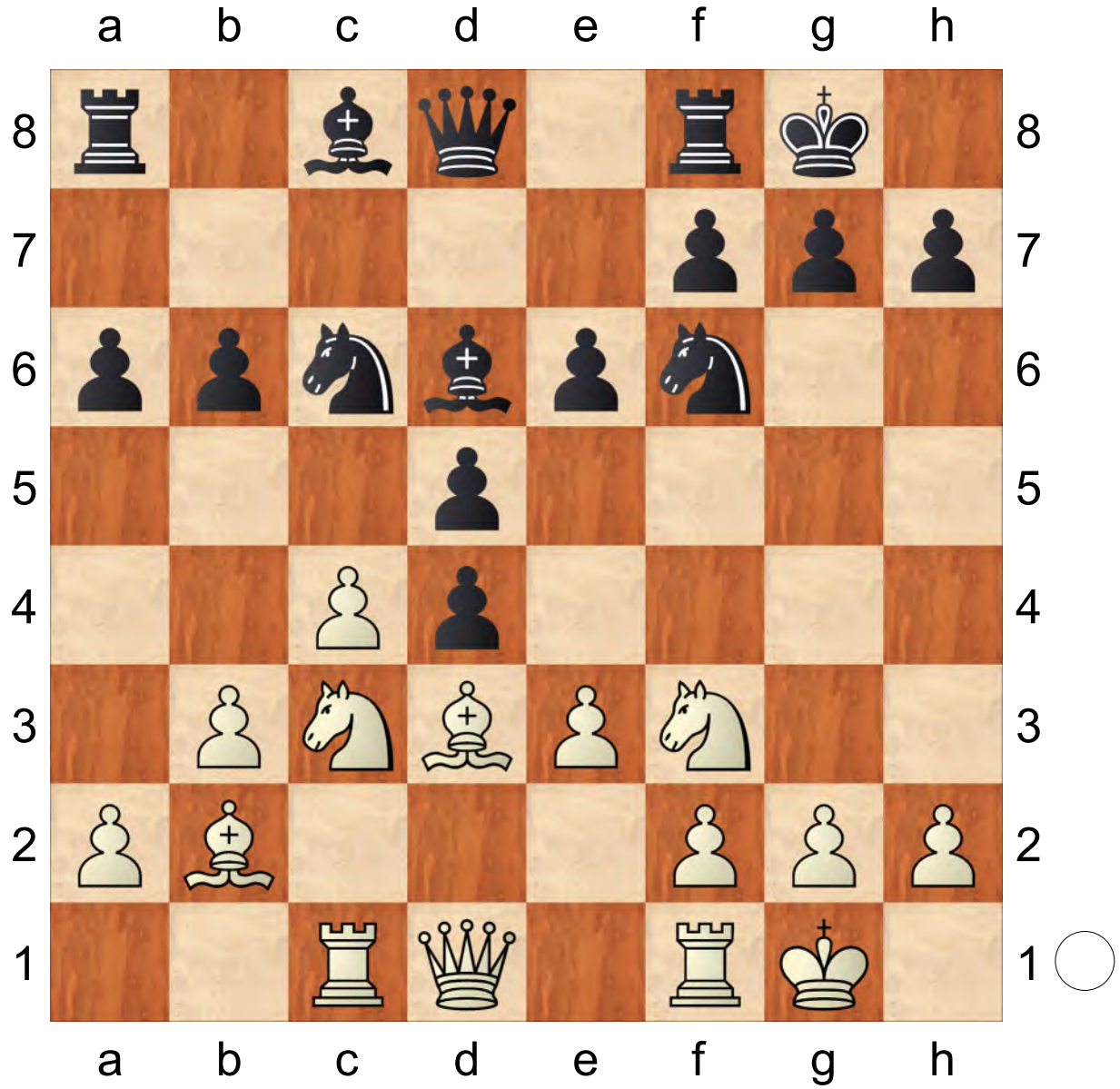
[12...Nb4 13.Be2 Bb7=]

13.Qe2 Re8

[13...dxc4?! 14.bxc4

A) 14...Nxd4? 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Ne4 *(16.Nd5 Bxh2+! 17.Kh1 Qh4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qh5 Qxh5 20.Nxf6+ Kh8 21.Nxh5 Be5-+)* 16...Qd8 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Qg4+ Bg5 19.Rad1 f5 *(19...Qe7 20.f4+-)* 20.Qg3 f6 *(20...f4 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qh3+ Bh6 23.Rxd8 Raxd8 24.Bf6+-)* 21.Bxf5+-;

B) 14...e5? 15.dxe5 Re8 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Ne4 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5



19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qh5±]

14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Rfe1 Nb4

[15...Rad8 16.h3⇄]

(Diagram)

16.Bb1 dxc4?

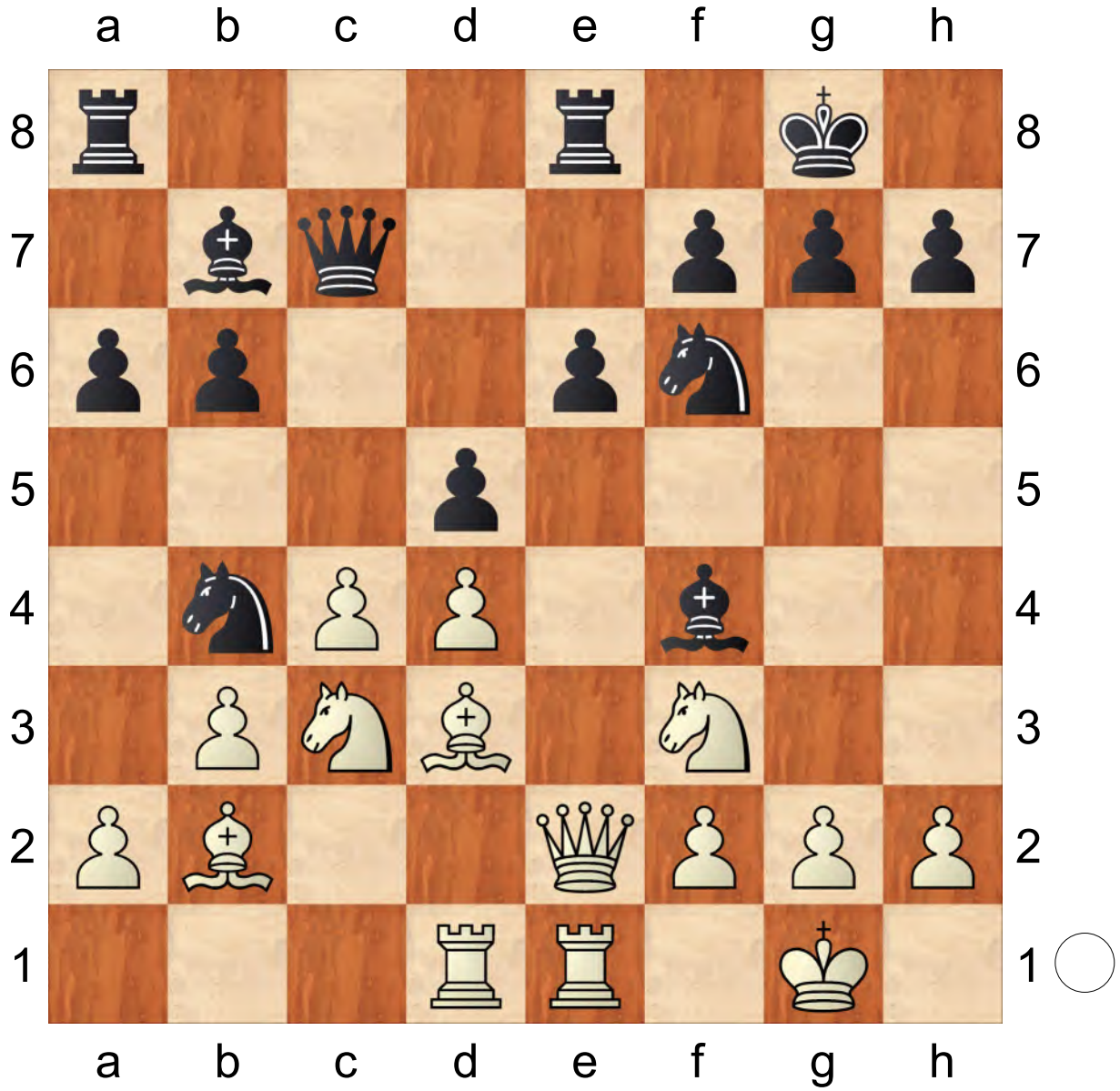
[16...Rac8 17.a3 Nc6 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qd3 Ne7=]

17.bxc4 Bxf3!?

[17...Rac8 18.a3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Nc6 20.g3 Bh6 21.Ne4±]

18.Qxf3 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Bd6?!

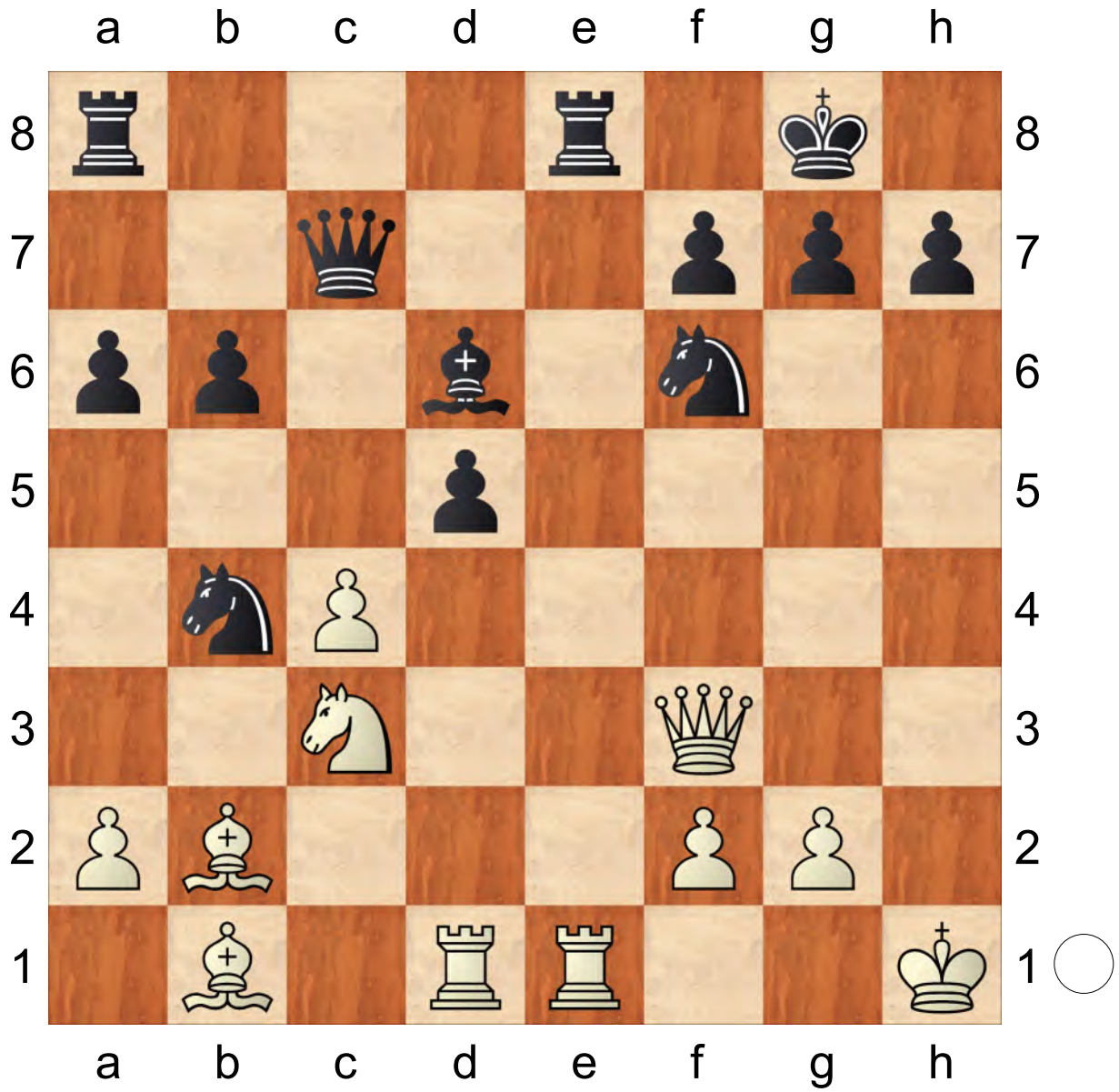
[19...Bf4 20.Ne4 *(20.a3 Nc6 21.Ne4 Na5 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.d5 f5 24.dxe6±)*]



20.d5→ (+ -) **20...exd5**
[20...Qxc4 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Rxe4 Qc5 23.dxe6 f6 24.Bxf6! Ra7 25.Bd4+-]

(Diagram)

21.cxd5!
[21.Nxd5? Nbxd5 22.cxd5 Nd7≅]
21...Qc4
[21...Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qc4 23.Ne4! Nxe4 24.Bxe4
A) 24...Re8 25.Qf5 Rxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxa2 *(26...Qxe4 27.Rxe4+-)* 27.Qe8+ Bf8 28.d6 Nc6 29.d7!+- Qxb2 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8 31.Re8#;
B) 24...Qxa2 25.Qf5 Qxb2 26.Qxh7+ Kf8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Bf3+ Be5



29.d6+ Kd7 30.Qxa8+-]

22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Qxa2

(Diagram)

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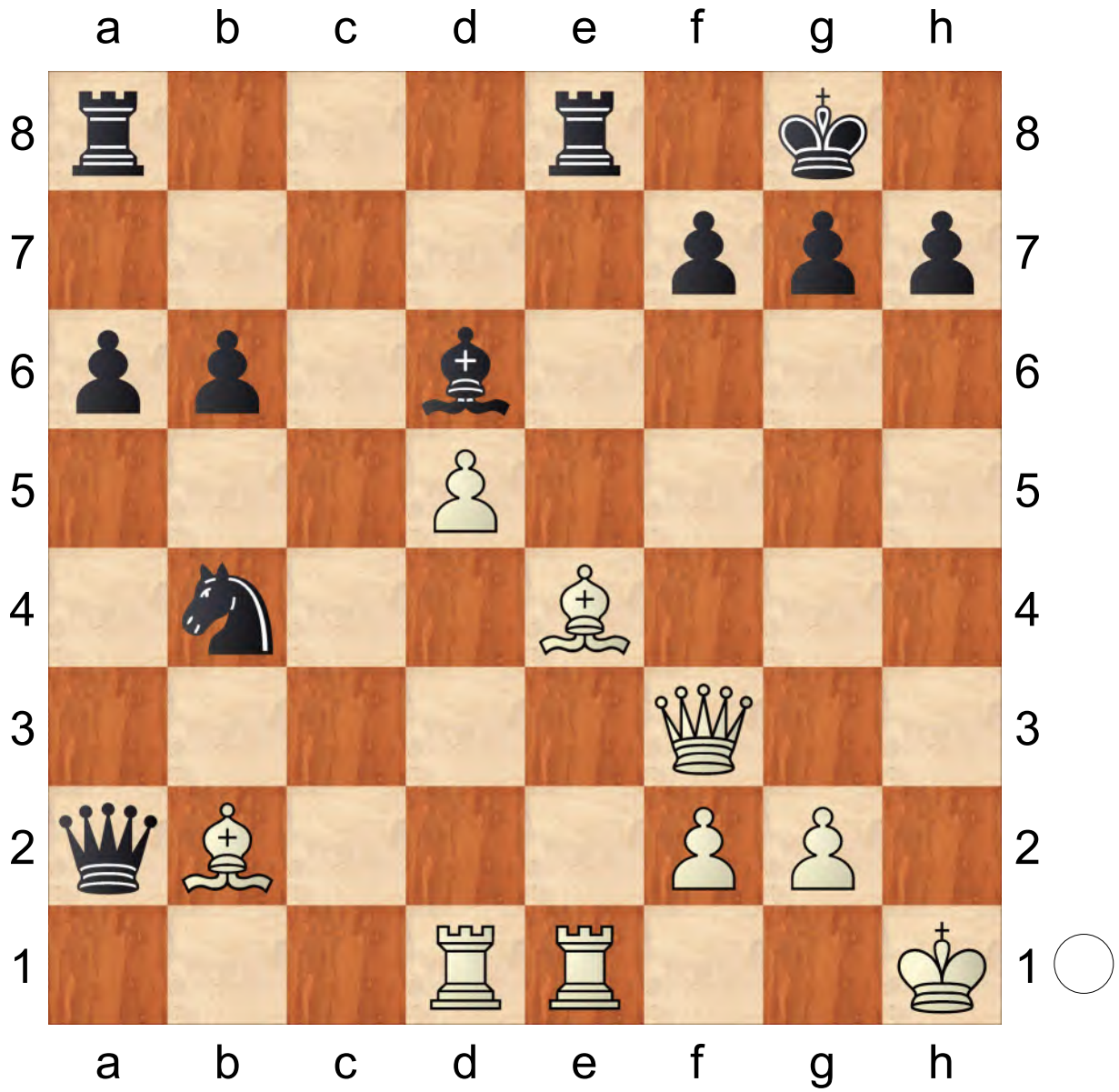
24.Bxg7!

[24.Rd2 Qc4 *(24...Be5 25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qxf7 Rad8 27.Rxe5 Rxe5 28.Bxe5 Qb1+ 29.Kh2 Qg6 30.Qxg6+ Kxg6∞)* 25.Qf5 Rxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxe4 27.Rxe4⩲]

24...Kxg7

[24...Rxe4 Petursson 25.Rxe4 Kxg7 26.Rg4+ Kf8 27.Qf6+-]



25.Qg4+ Kf8
[25...Kh8 26.Qf5 Rxe4 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Rxe4+- *(28.Rxe4* Petursson *h5 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.Qxh5+-)*]

(Diagram)

26.Bxh7 Re5 27.f4
[27.Qg8+ Ke7 28.Qxa8 *(28.Qg5++-* Petursson *)* 28...Qxf2 29.Rxe5+ Bxe5 30.d6+ Bxd6 31.Qe4++-]
27...Nd3□ 28.Qg8+ Ke7 29.Qg5+ Kd7□ 30.fxe5 Nf2+

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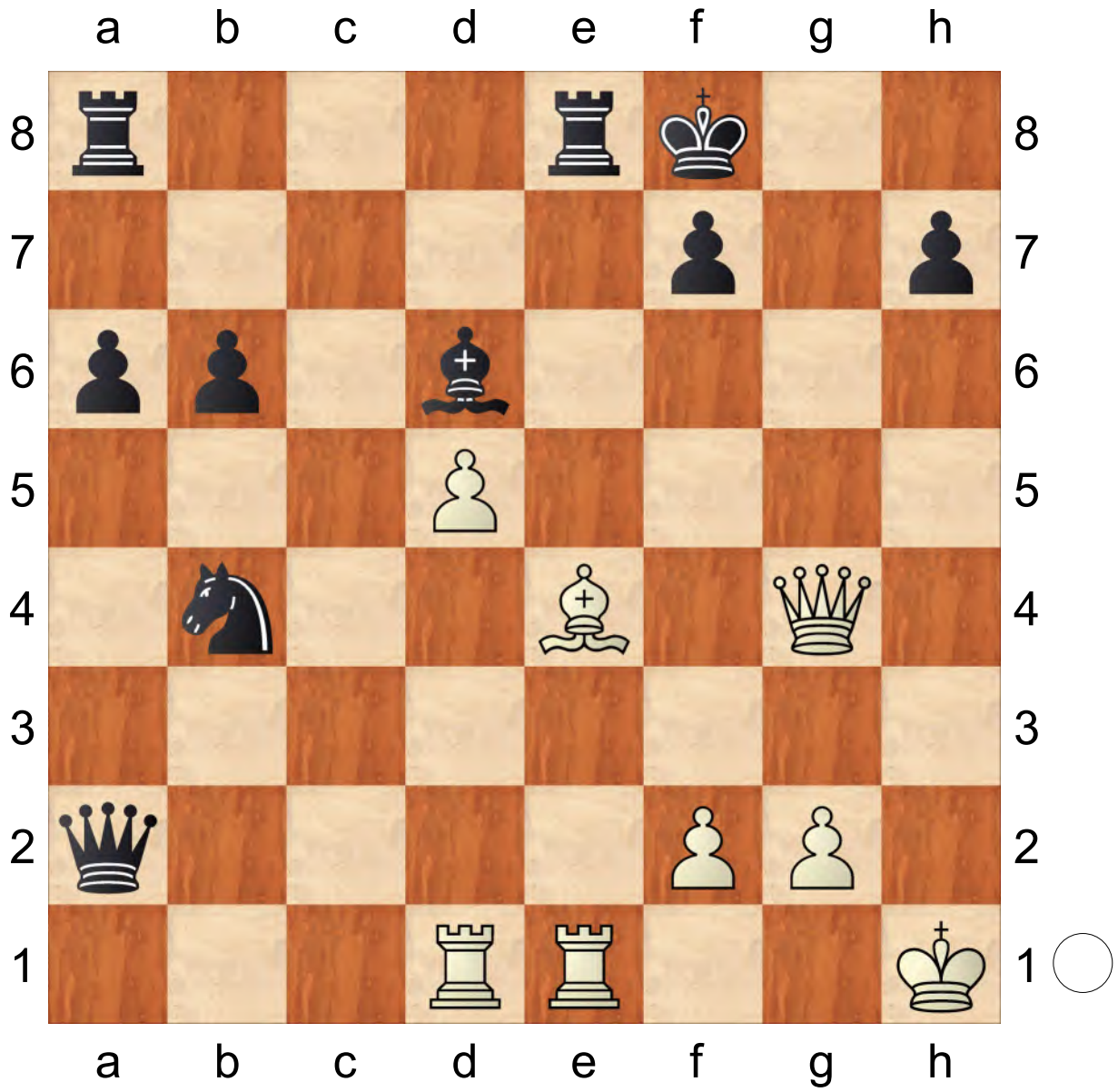
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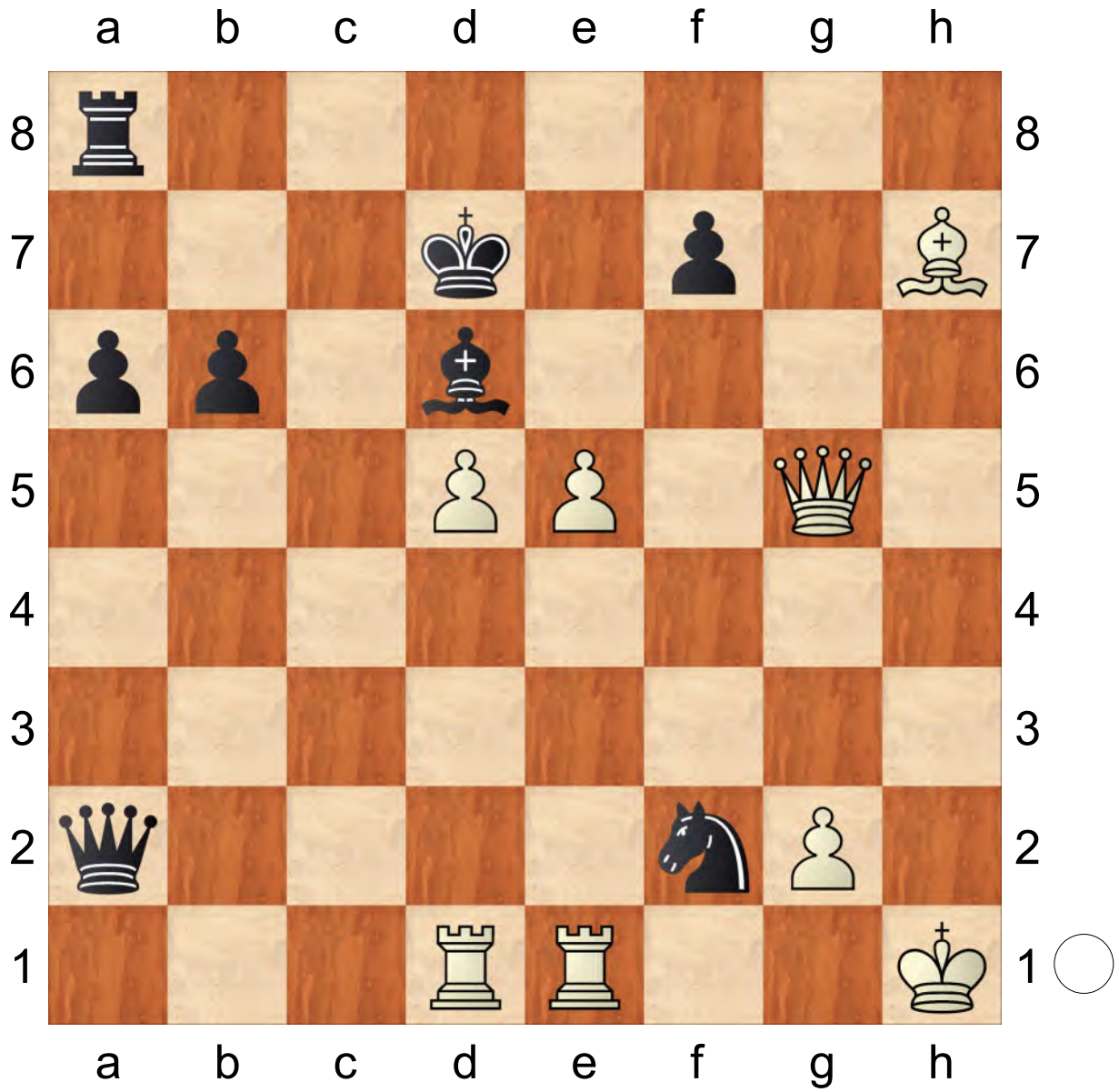

31.Kh2 Bc5
[31...Bxe5+ 32.Rxe5+-]
32.Qf5+ Ke7 33.Qf6+ Ke8 34.Qc6+

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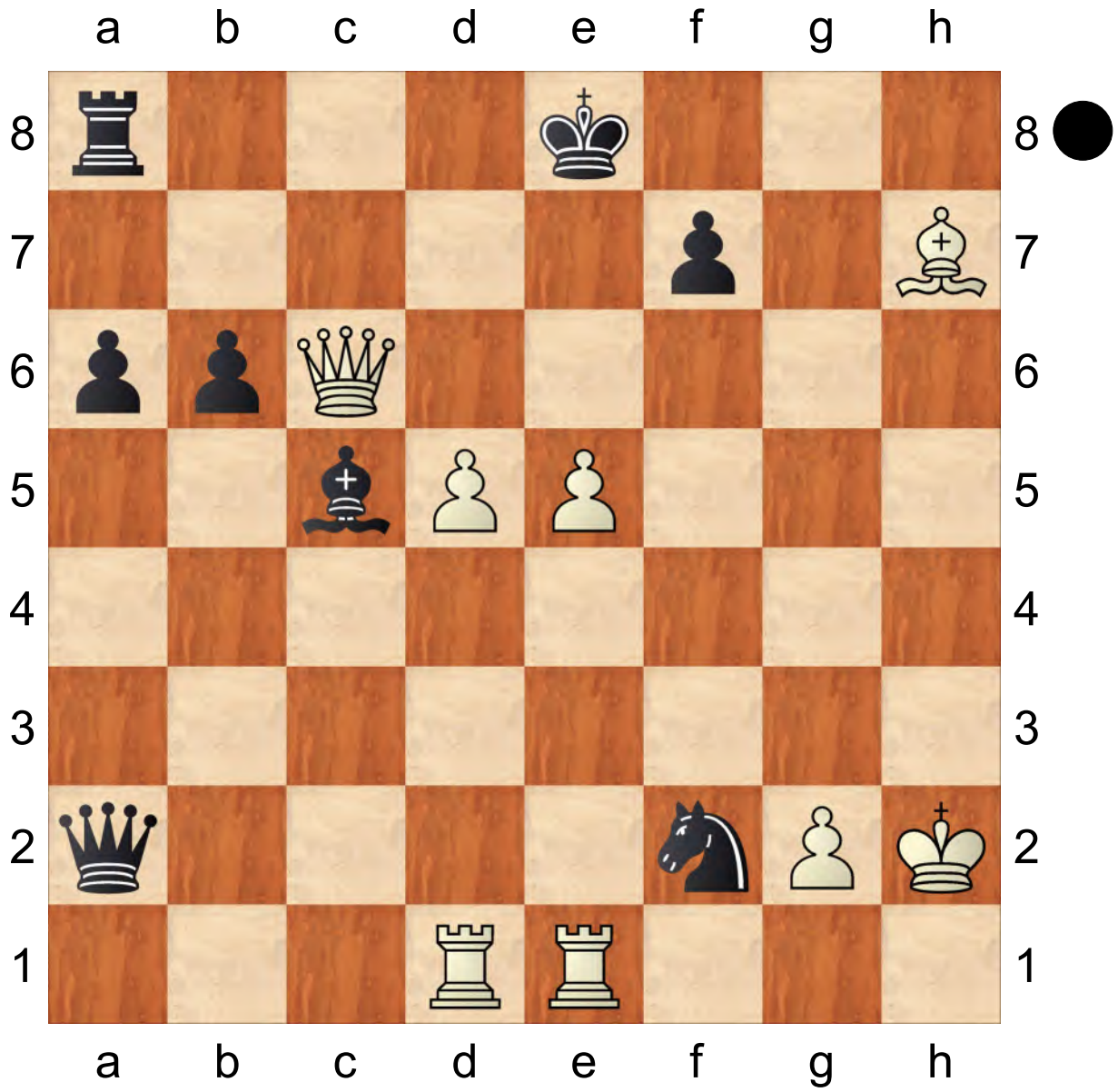
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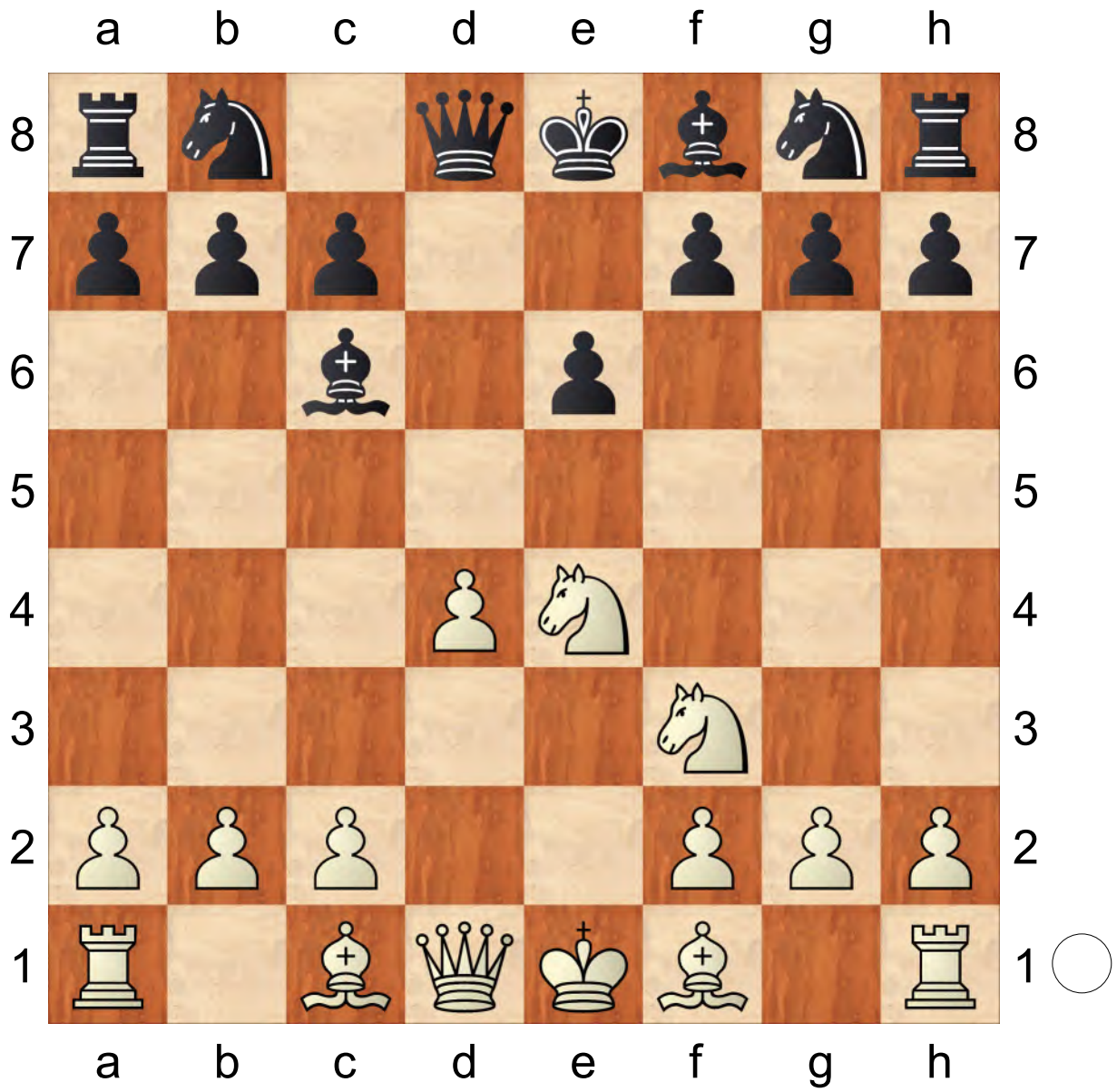
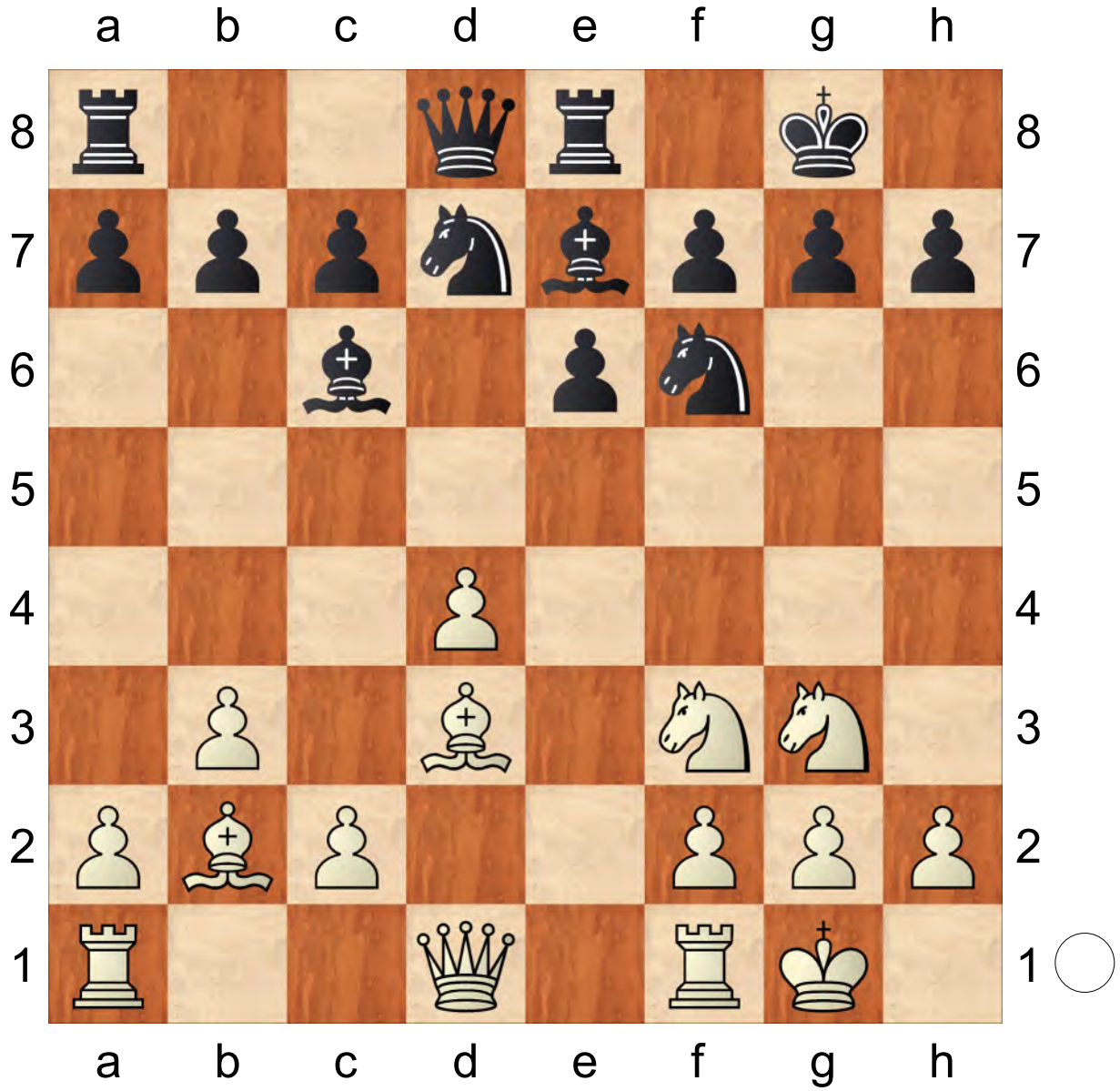
□ **Mueller,Karsten** **2550**
■ **Telljohann,Sven** **2410**
GER-ch 70th Bremen (7) 12.11.1998
[Mueller,Karsten]

1.e4 Finkel,A **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6**



6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Re8
[10...b5 11.c4 bxc4 12.bxc4 Rb8 13.Rb1 Re8 *(13...Rb6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.f4± ½-½* Rodriguez,A-Elizart Cardenas,H/CUB-ch 1993/TD 93\10 (42)*)* 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qc2 h6 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Be4± ½-½ Sulskis,S-Rustemov,A/Minsk 1996/CBM 54 (50)]

[10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.Rfe1 *(12.c4 Qa5 13.a3 Rfe8 14.Rfd1 Rad8 15.Rac1 Nf8 16.b4 Qg5 17.Re1 Ng6 18.h3* ½-½ Ernst,T-Lyrberg,P/Stockholm 1995/EXP 49 (18)*)* 12...Re8 13.Ne4 Qc7 14.c4 Rad8 15.Rad1± 1-0 Videki,S-Gastgofer,V/Harkany op 1993/EXT 93op (59)]
[10...a5 11.a3 *(11.c4 a4 12.Ne5±* 0-1 Bologan,V-Kramnik,V/Chalkidiki 1992/CBM 32 (40)*)* 11...b5 12.Re1 b4 13.a4 Bb7 14.Nd2 c5 15.Nc4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Qc7± 1-0 Adams,M-Dreev,A/Manila 1992/TD 92\02 (60)]
[10...b6 11.c4 *(11.Qe2 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 c5 13.Rad1 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Qc7 15.Rfe1 Bb4 16.c3±* Polgar,S-Lyrberg,P/Kecskemet2 1992/½-½ (77) *)* 11...Bb7 12.Qe2 c5 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Bb1 Rad8 15.Rfe1± ½-½ Schmaltz,R-Gaerths,R/GER-chJ U20 1992/EXT 92ch (45)]



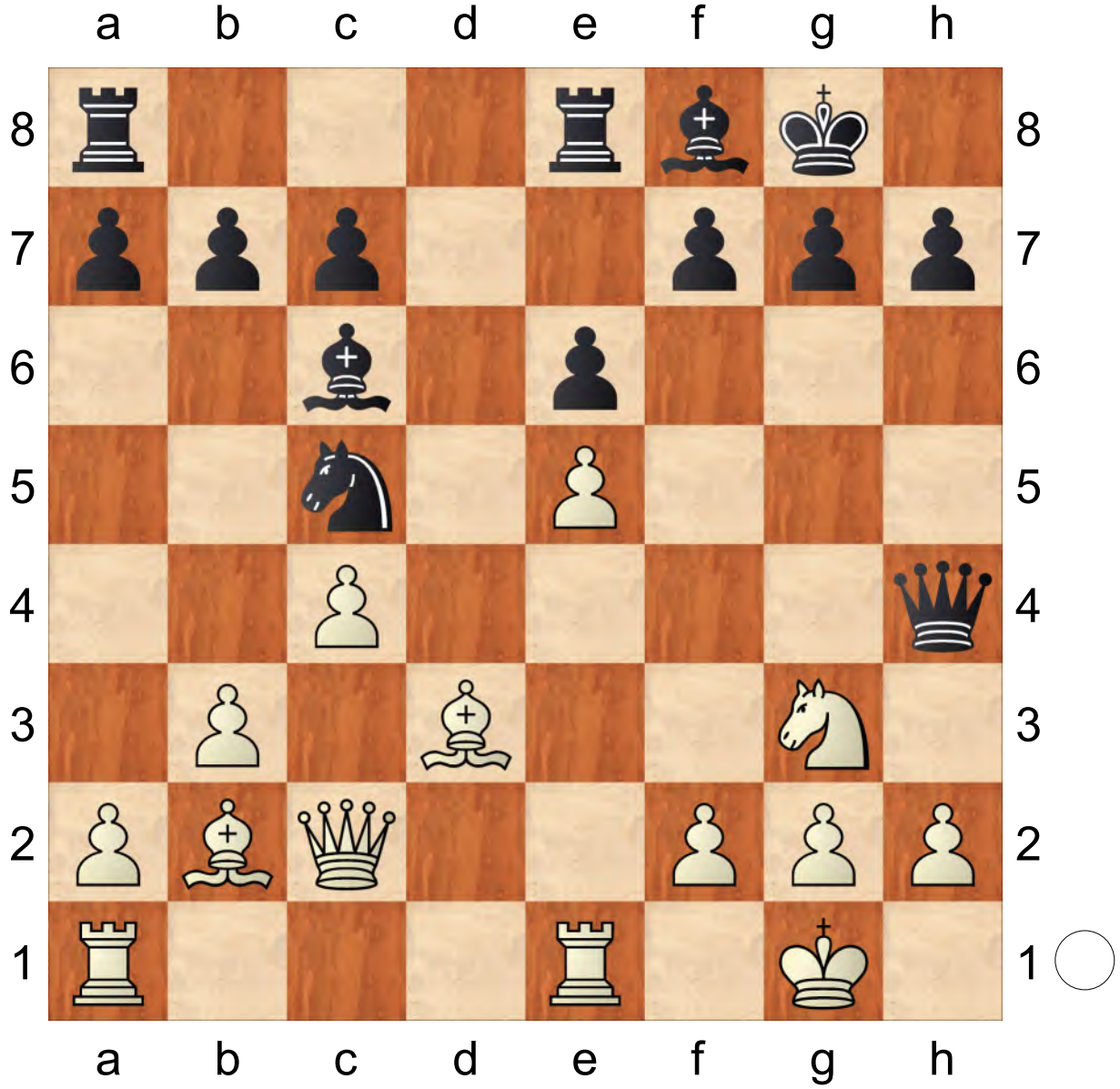
11.c4 Bf8 '!?' Finkel,A.

[11...b6 12.Qe2 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 c5 14.Rad1± ½-½ Kapengut,A-Kholmov,R/URS-ch sf Daugavpils 1978/MCD-ch (40)]
[11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3 c6 13.Rfe1± 1-0 Shirov,A-Huebner,R/Muenchen 1993/Inf 57/[Shirov,A] (51)]

12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Qc2

[14.Qh5!? g6 15.Qe2 Qh4 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Bg7 18.f4±]

14...Qh4!? 15.Rfe1 Nc5



16.Bf1 a5 17.a3! mit der Idee b3-b4-b5, was den schwarzen Figuren die Felder c5 und c6 streitig macht, wodurch vor allem der Springer Probleme bekommt. **17...b6 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1**

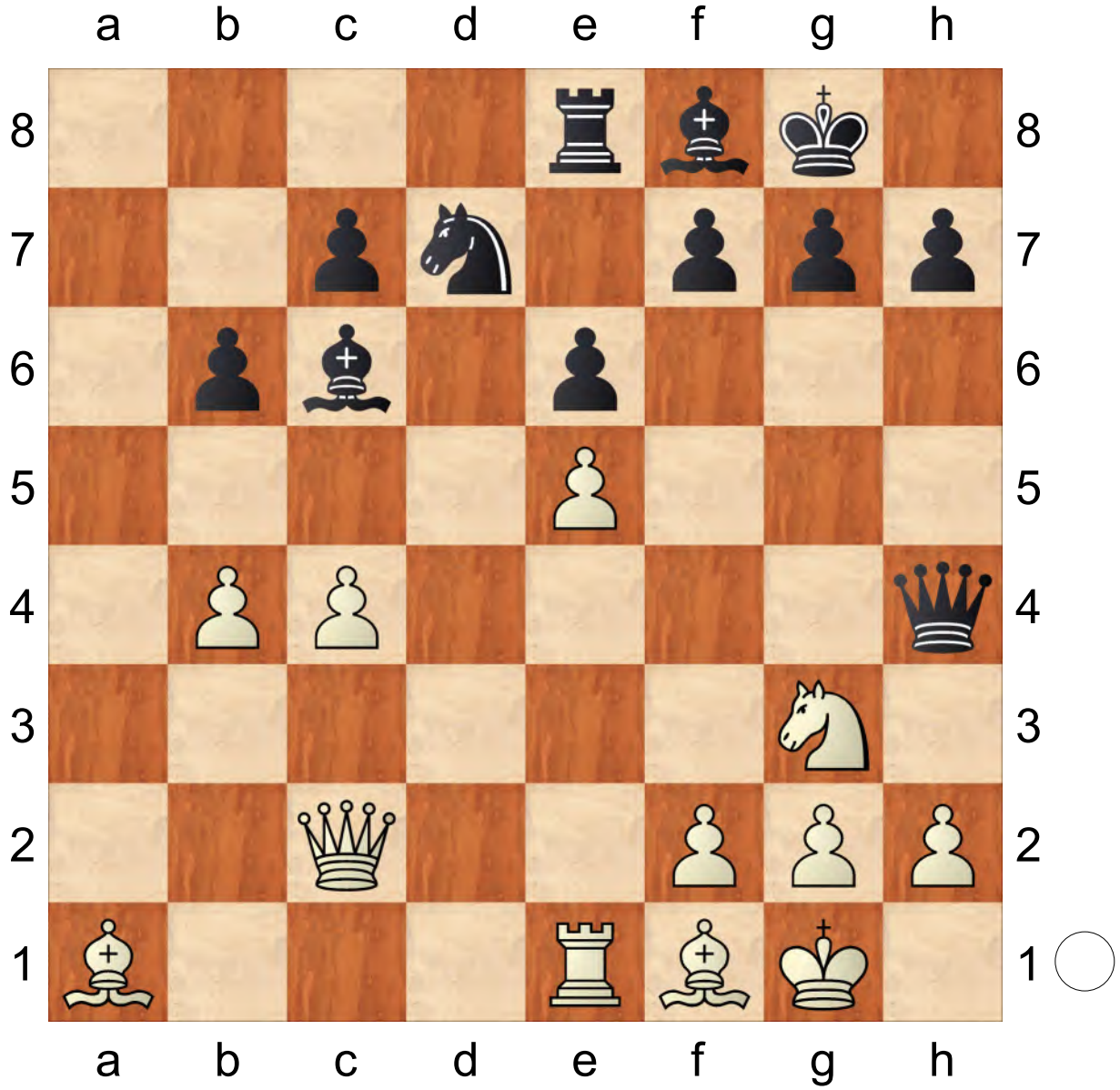
[19...Na4? 20.b5 Nxb2 21.bxc6 Rxa1 *(21...Ba3 22.Re3 Qe7 23.Ne4+-)* 22.Rxa1 Qd4 23.Ne2 Qxe5 24.Ra2+-]

20.Bxa1

[20.Rxa1 Nd7 21.Ra7 Bxb4 22.Rxc7 Nb8±]

20...Nd7

[20...Na6? Finkel,A 21.b5 Nb4 22.Qb3 Bb7 23.Bc3 c5 24.bxc6 Nxc6 25.Qxb6±]



21.Bc3 f6?! schafft zwar dem Springer Felder, schwächt aber die Bauernstruktur beträchtlich.

[21...Ra8 22.Rd1 Ba4 23.Qa2 Bc6 24.Qb1±]

[21...Bb7?! Finkel,A

A) 22.Rd1?! Rd8 23.Qa4 Nb8! *(23...Bc8?! 24.Qa7! c5 25.b5 Be7 26.Qc7!±)* 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.Qa7 Qc8=;

B) 22.Qa4! c6 23.Qa7 Bc8 24.Ne4 c5 25.b5±]

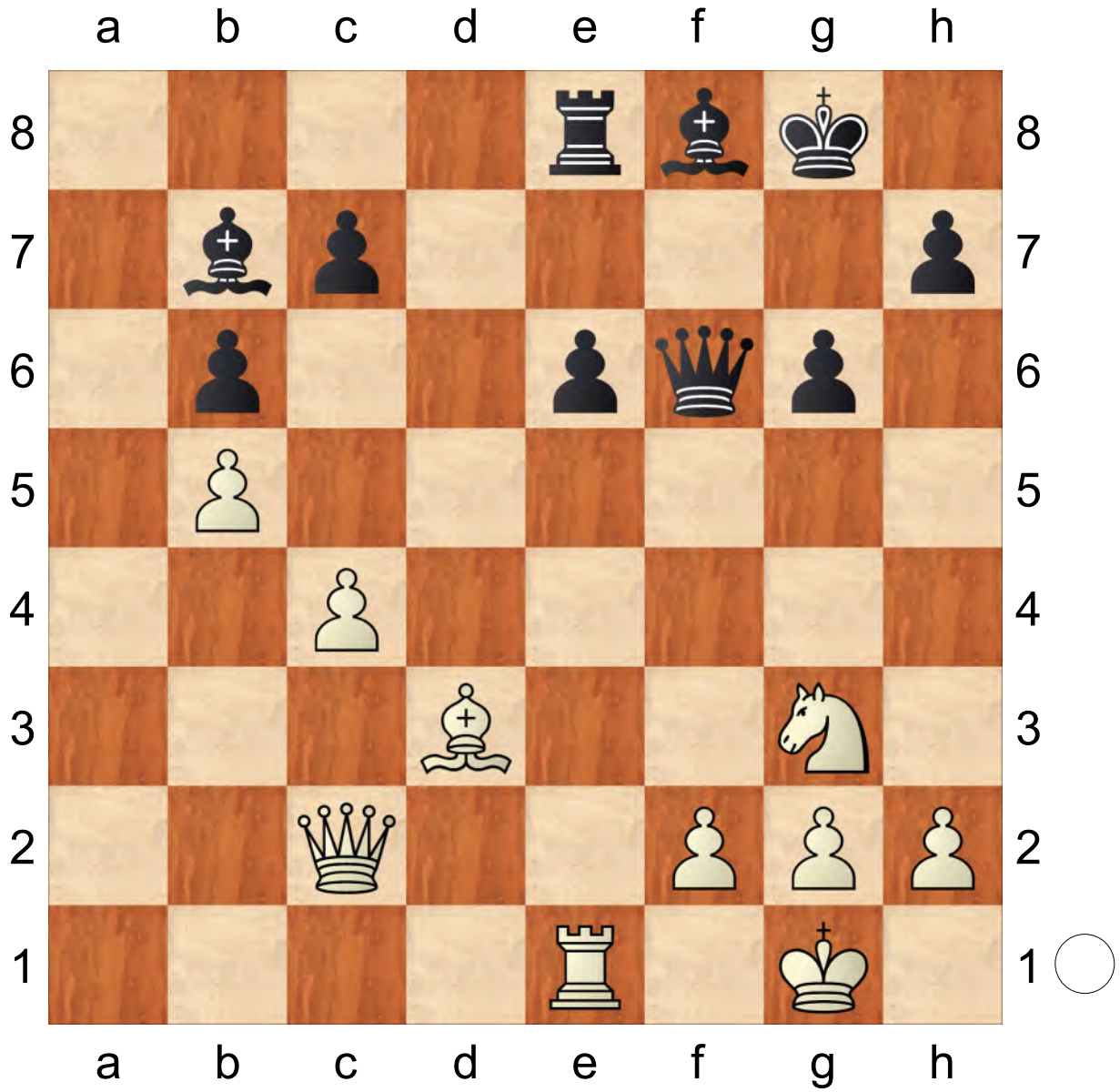
22.b5 Bb7 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Bxf6

[24.Bd3?! Ng4 25.h3 Nxf2 26.Qxf2 Bc5 27.Re3 gefiel mir wegen der vielen Abhängigkeiten im weißen Lager nicht. Es scheint aber spielbar zu sein, z.B. Rd8 *(27...Rf8?! 28.Qe1 Qf4 29.Bd2 Rd8 30.Kh2 Qd6?! 31.Rxe6 Qxd3 32.Re8+ Bf8 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Bb4+-)* 28.Ne4 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxd3 30.Nxc5 Rxe3 31.Kxe3 bxc5±]

24...Qxf6 '?!' Finkel,A.

[24...gxf6!? 25.Bd3 *(25.Nf5 Qh5 26.Nd4 Bd6 27.g3 Be5 28.Be2 Qh3 29.Bf3 Bxd4 30.Bxb7 Bc5=)* 25...Bd6 26.Be4 *(26.Bf5)* 26...Bc8± *(26...Bxe4* Finkel,A *27.Rxe4 Qg5⇄; 26...Bxg3?! 27.hxg3 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Qg5 29.Qd1 Qc5 30.Rd4↑)*]

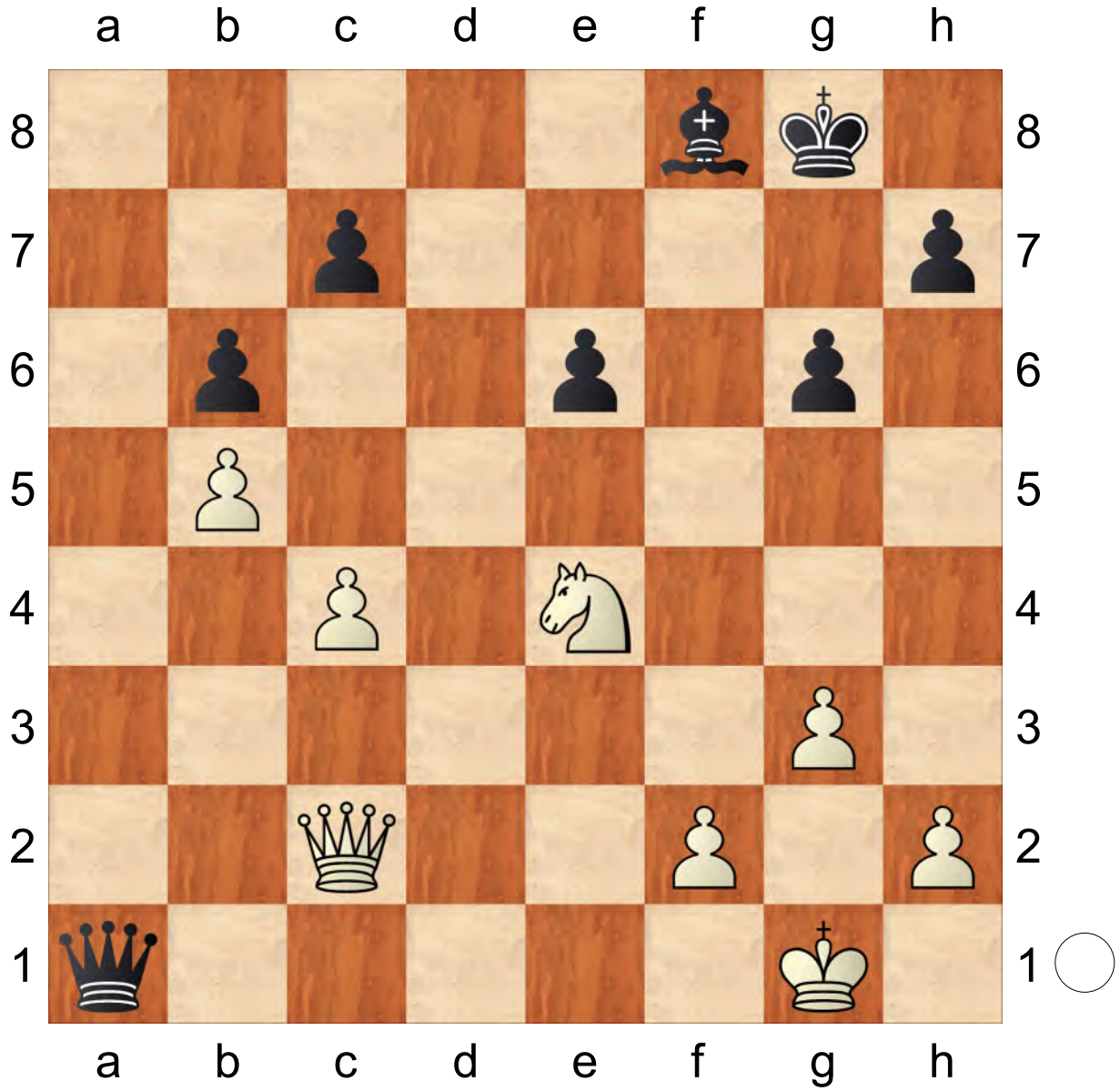
25.Bd3 g6



26.Be4 Bxe4 '?!' Finkel,A.

[26...Bc8!⇄ Finkel,A]

27.Nxe4 '±' Finkel,A. **27...Qe5 28.Rd1 Ra8 29.g3 Ra1 30.Rxa1 Qxa1+**



31.Kg2 Qd4 32.Qe2 Be7 33.Qg4 Qe5

[33...Qxc4?? 34.Nf6++-]

34.h4 Weiß versucht Drohungen gegen den König zu schaffen, damit die Stärken von Dame und Springer gegenüber Dame+Läufer besser zur Geltung kommen.

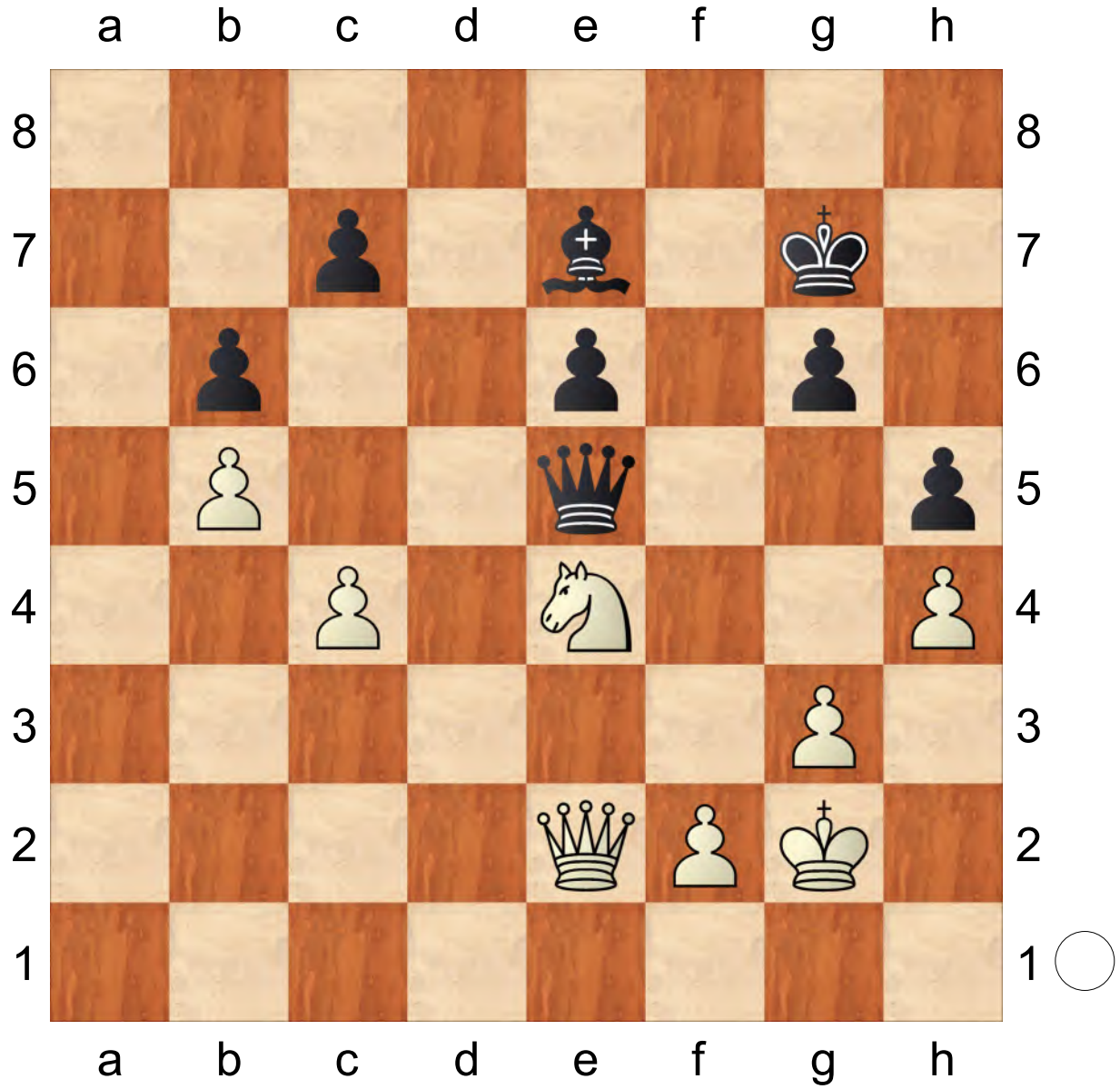
34...Kg7 35.Qe2

[35.h5?! Qf5 ist nicht im Sinne von Weiß.]

35...h5

[35...h6! Finkel,A 36.Qd3 Bd6 37.f3 Qb2+ 38.Kh3 Qe5=]

(Diagram)



'?!' Finkel,A. Finkel,A: 'It would be better to put a pawn to h6 and to cover square g5 in case if bishop moves from e7.' **36.Qd3 Bd6?!⊕**

[⌓36...Kf7]

37.Ng5 Kf6

[37...Be7? 38.Qd7 Qd6 39.Qxc7 Qxc7 40.Nxe6+ Kf6 41.Nxc7+-]

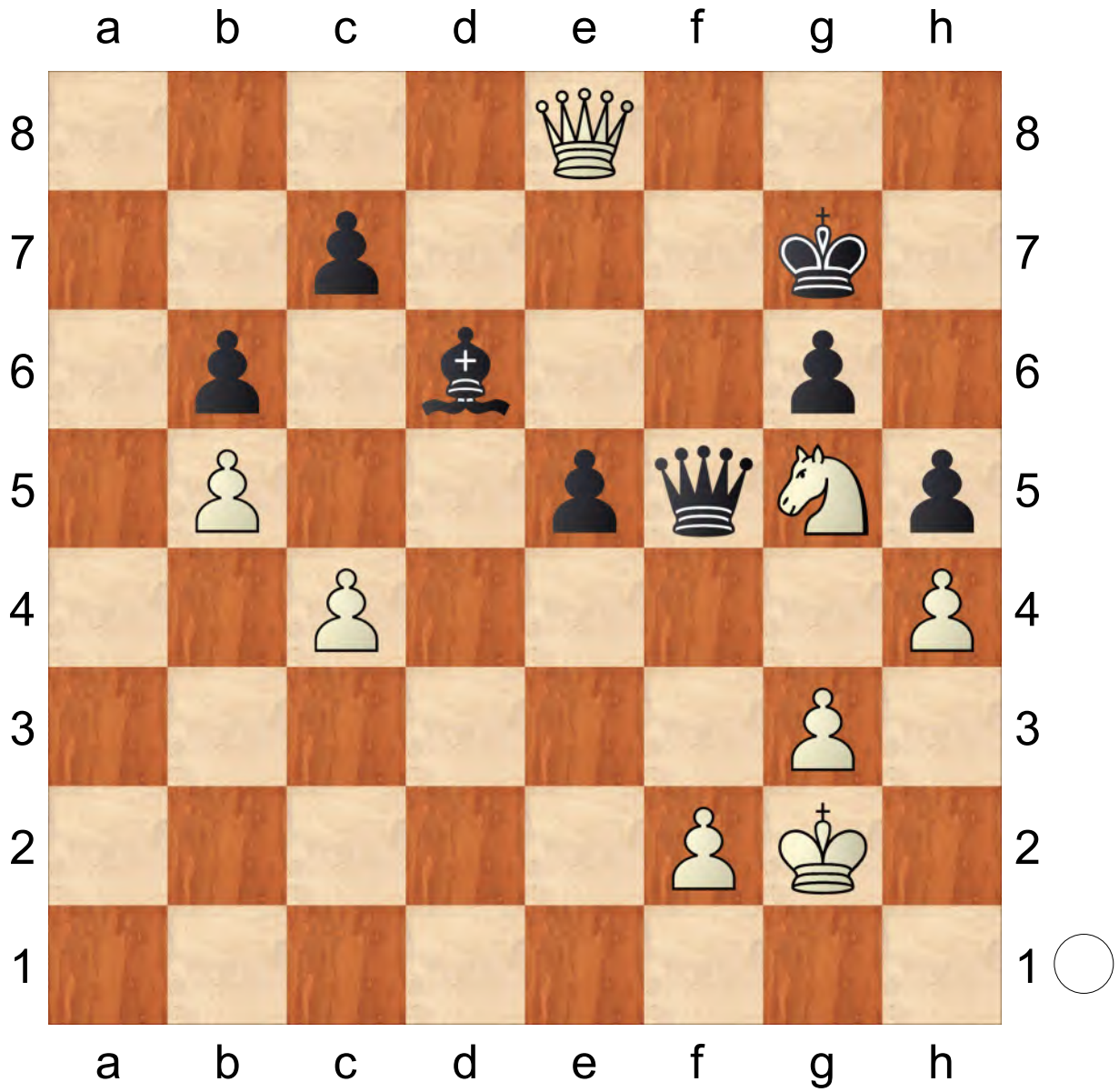
[37...Qf5 38.Qd4+ *(38.Qd1* Finkel,A *Kf6 39.Qa1+ Qe5 40.Qa8 Ke7 41.Qg8 Qf5±)* 38...Kf8 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Qa8±]

38.Qf3+ Qf5 39.Qa8 Kg7?

[39...Ke7 40.Ne4 Qe5 41.Qc6 Qd4±]

40.Qe8 '±!' Finkel,A. **40...e5**

[40...Kf6? 41.Qf7+ Ke5 42.Qg7+ Qf6 43.Nf7+ *(43.Nf3+* Finkel,A *Kf5 44.Nd4+ Ke5 45.f4+)* 43...Kf5 44.Nh6+ Ke5 45.f4++-]



41.Ne6+ Kf6 42.Ng5 Kg7 43.Qc6 Kf8 '?!' Finkel,A.

(Diagram)

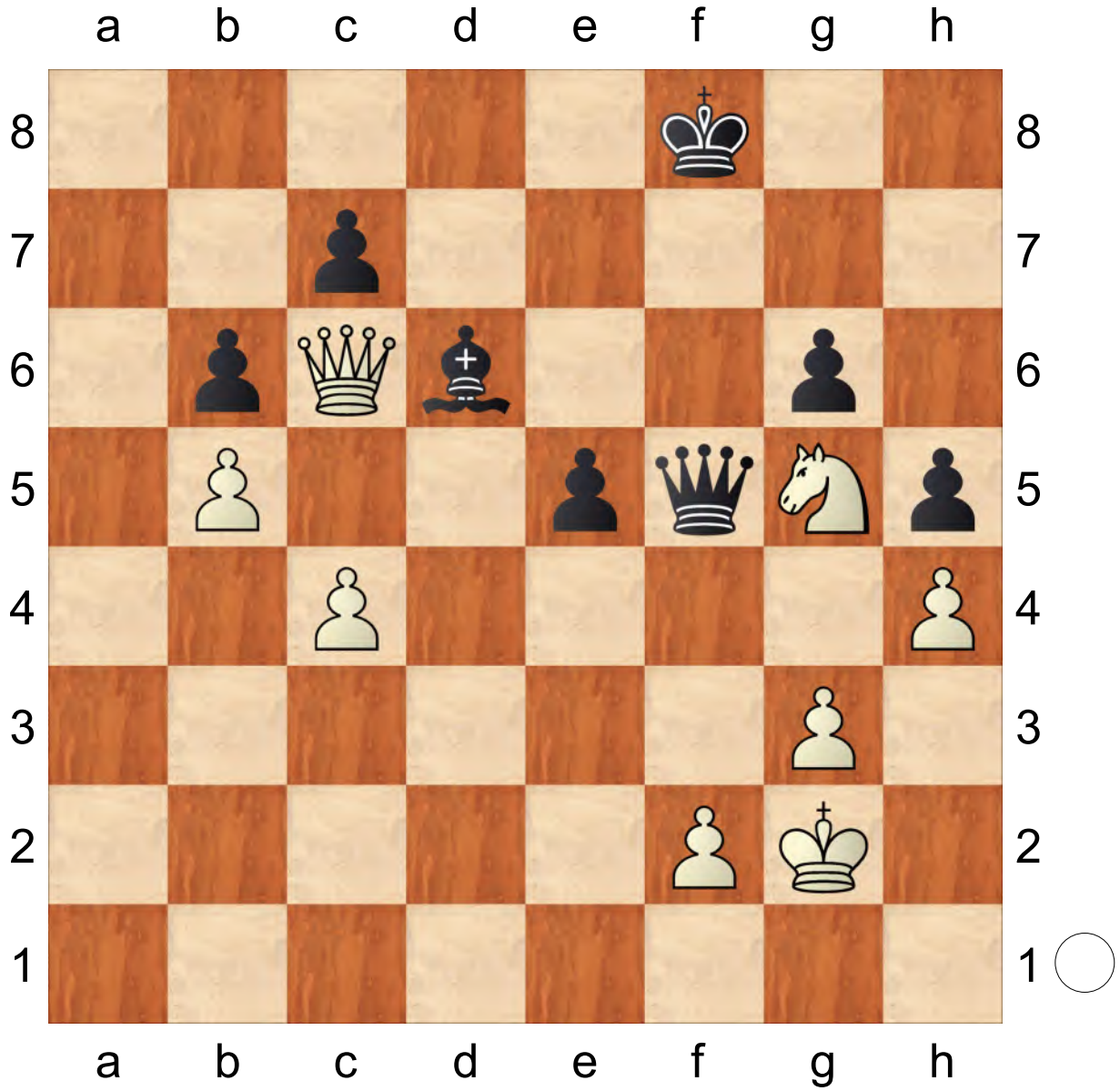
Wie kann die schwarze Verteidigung ausgehoben werden ?

44.Ne4? Finkel,A: 'White has made all the preparations for the 44.c5,but for some reason didn't play it,although it was winning immideatly: '

[44.c5!

A) 44...bxc5 45.b6 cxb6 *(45...Ke7 46.Ne4!+-)* 46.Qxd6++-;

B) 44...Bxc5 45.Ne6+ Kg8 *(45...Ke7 46.Nxc5 bxc5 47.Qxc7++-; 45...Kf7 46.Nxc5 bxc5 47.Qxc7+ Kg8 48.Qxc5+-)* 46.Qe8+ Bf8 *(46...Kh7 47.Qd7+!+-)* 47.Nxf8 Qxf8 48.Qxg6+ Qg7 49.Qxg7+ '+-' Finkel,A. Finkel,A:

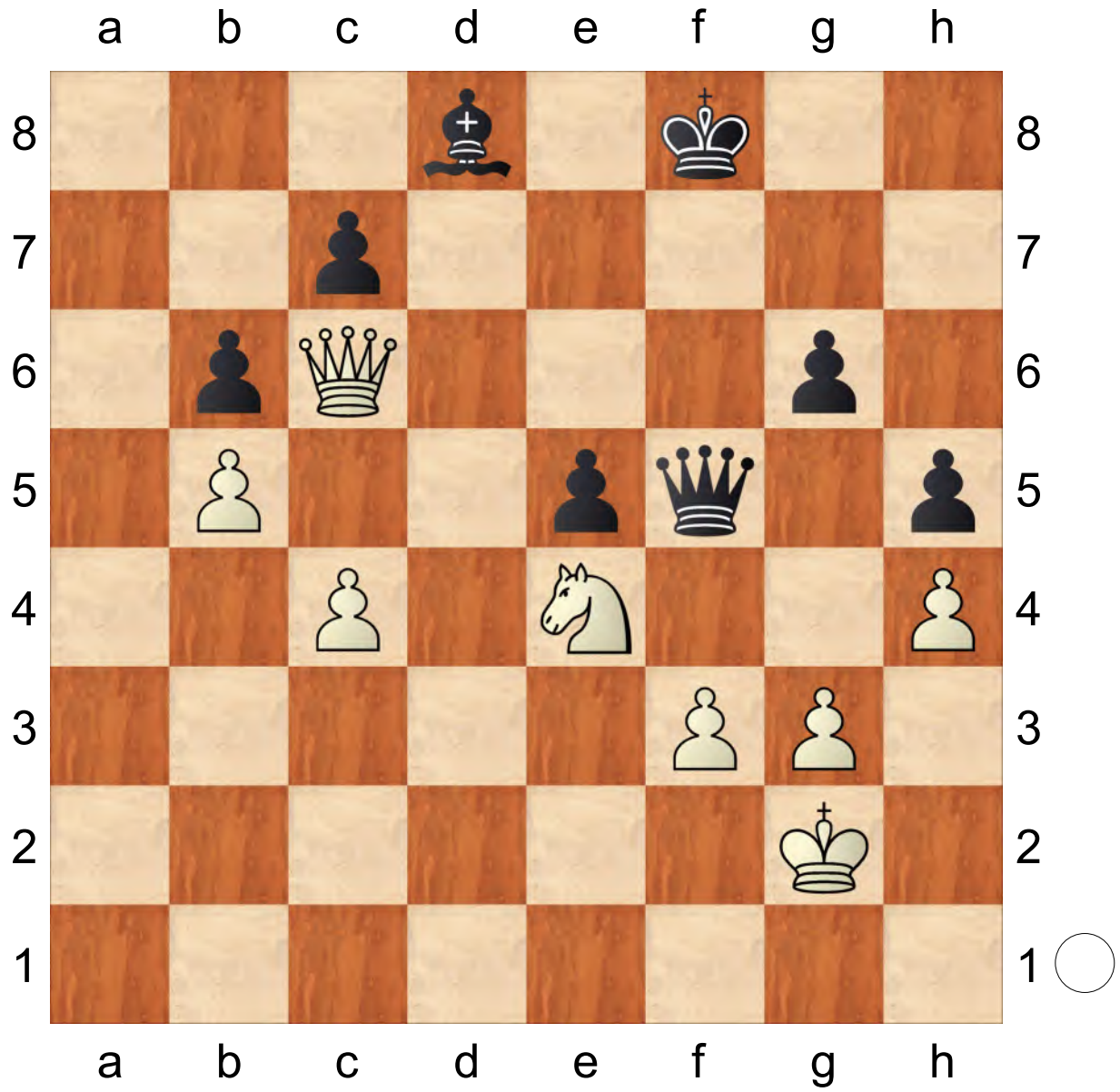


'with easily winning endgame.' *(49.Qxh5+-* (Finkel,A) with easily winning endgame. *)* 49...Kxg7 50.g4 hxg4 51.Kg3+-;
C) 44...Be7 45.cxb6 cxb6 46.Qxb6 Bxg5 47.hxg5 Qe4+ 48.Kh2+-]

44...Be7 Finkel,A: 'Now the fight is still not over.' **45.f3 Bd8**

(Diagram)

46.Kf2 '?!' Finkel,A.
[46.Qd5!? Finkel,A]
46...Ke7 47.Ke2?!
[⩲47.Ke3!?]
47...Qe6 '=!' Finkel,A. Finkel,A: 'Now the position is almost equal,but the game is stil full of surprises!' **48.Ng5** '!?' Finkel,A. **48...Qxc6 49.bxc6 Kf6 50.Kd3 Kf5**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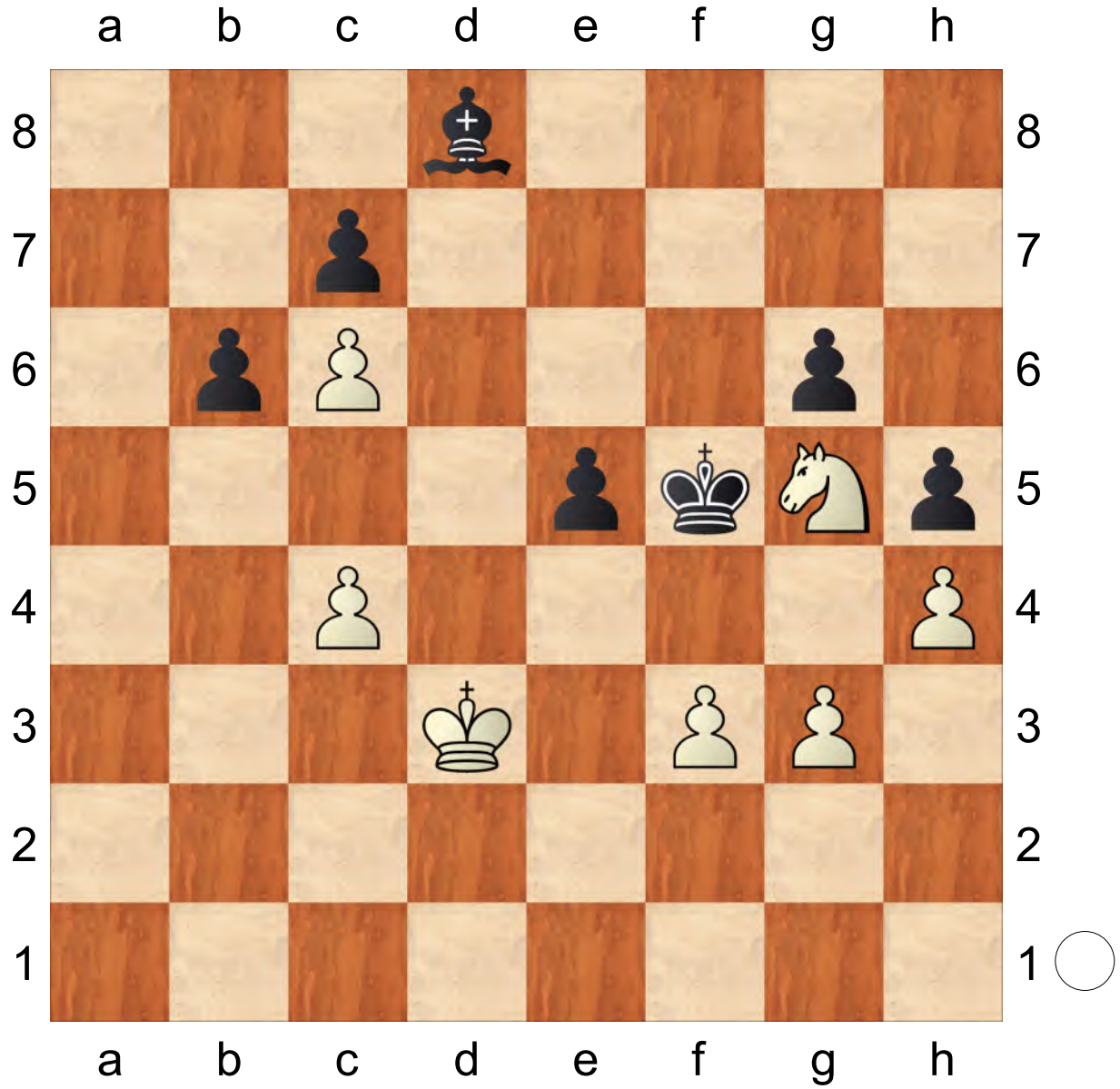
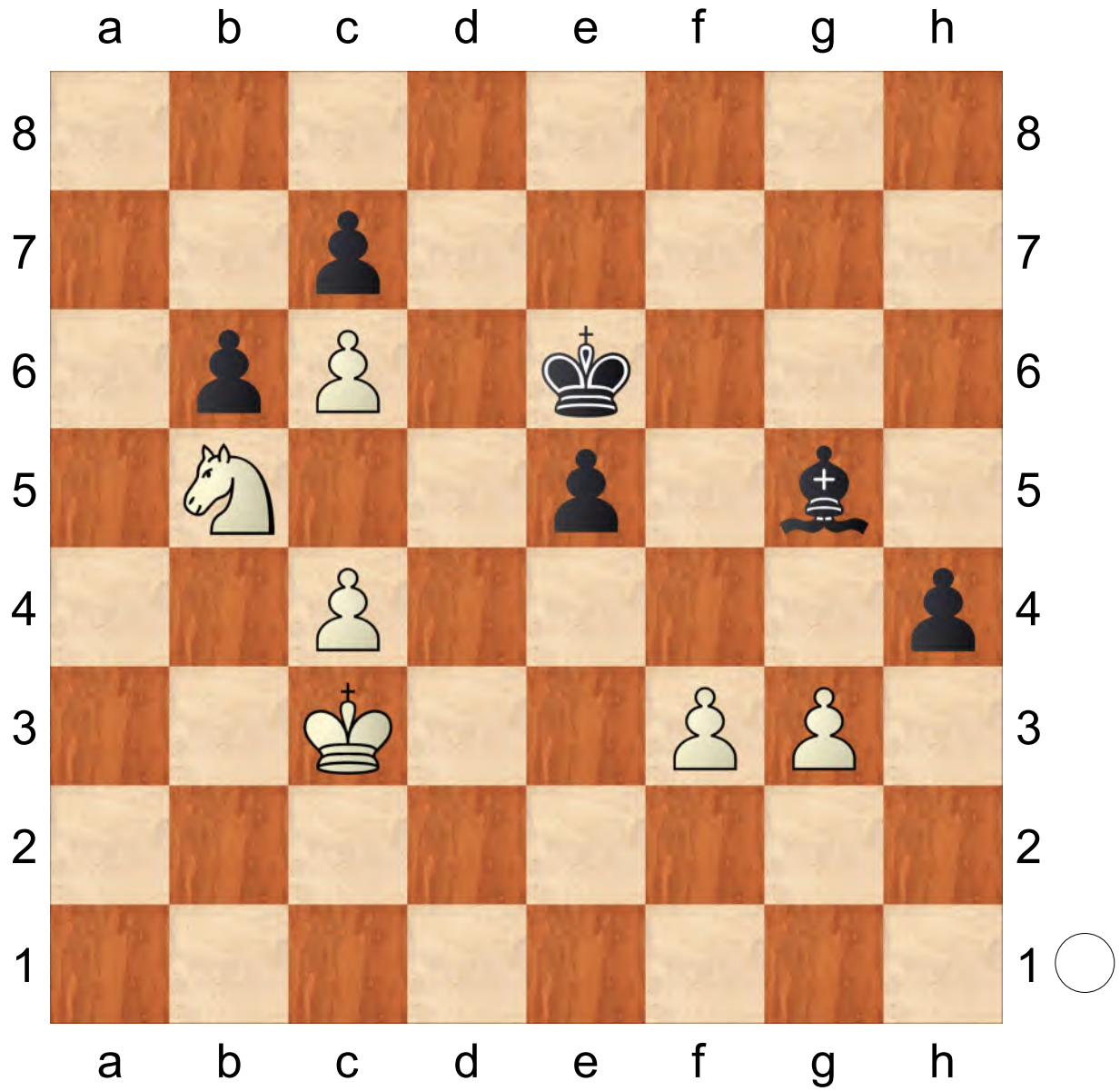


51.Ne4 Be7
[51...g5 Finkel,A 52.hxg5 Bxg5 53.Nd6+ Ke6 54.Nb5 h4 55.gxh4 Bxh4 56.Ke4 Bd8=]
52.Kc3 g5 '!?' Finkel,A. **53.hxg5 Bxg5 54.Nd6+**
[Das Bauernendspiel nach 54.Nxg5 ist remis: Kxg5 55.Kb4 h4 56.gxh4+ Kxh4 57.Kb5 Kg3 58.Ka6 Kxf3 59.Kb7 e4 60.Kxc7 e3 61.Kxb6 e2 62.c7 e1Q 63.c8Q Qb4+□ 64.Ka7 Qa5+ 65.Kb8 Ke4=]
54...Ke6 55.Nb5 h4

(Diagram)

56.gxh4 Bxh4 57.Kd3 Bg3 '!?' Finkel,A.
[57...Bg5 Finkel,A 58.Nxc7+ Kd6 59.Nd5 Kxc6 60.Ke4 b5=]



58.Ke4 Bh2 59.Kd3 Bg3 60.Nc3=

(Diagram)

time und Sven Telljohann war wegen der nach Kd6 möglichen Gabel so perplex, daß er die letzten 4 Sekunden ablaufen ließ und die Zeit überschritt.

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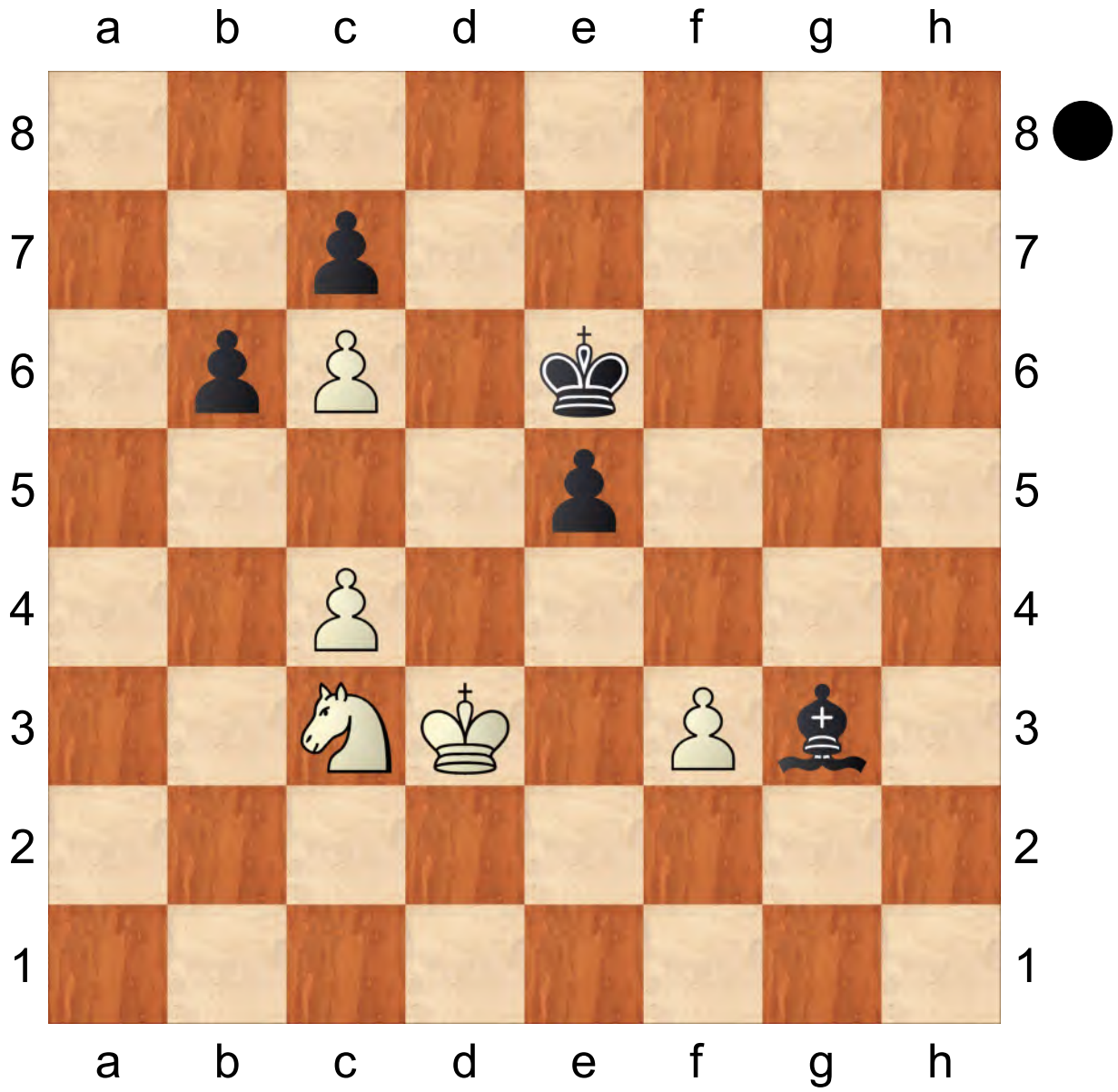
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□ **Efimov,Igor** **2445**
■ **Van Wely,Loek** **2629**
EU-chT (Men) 12th (8.2) 06.12.1999
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

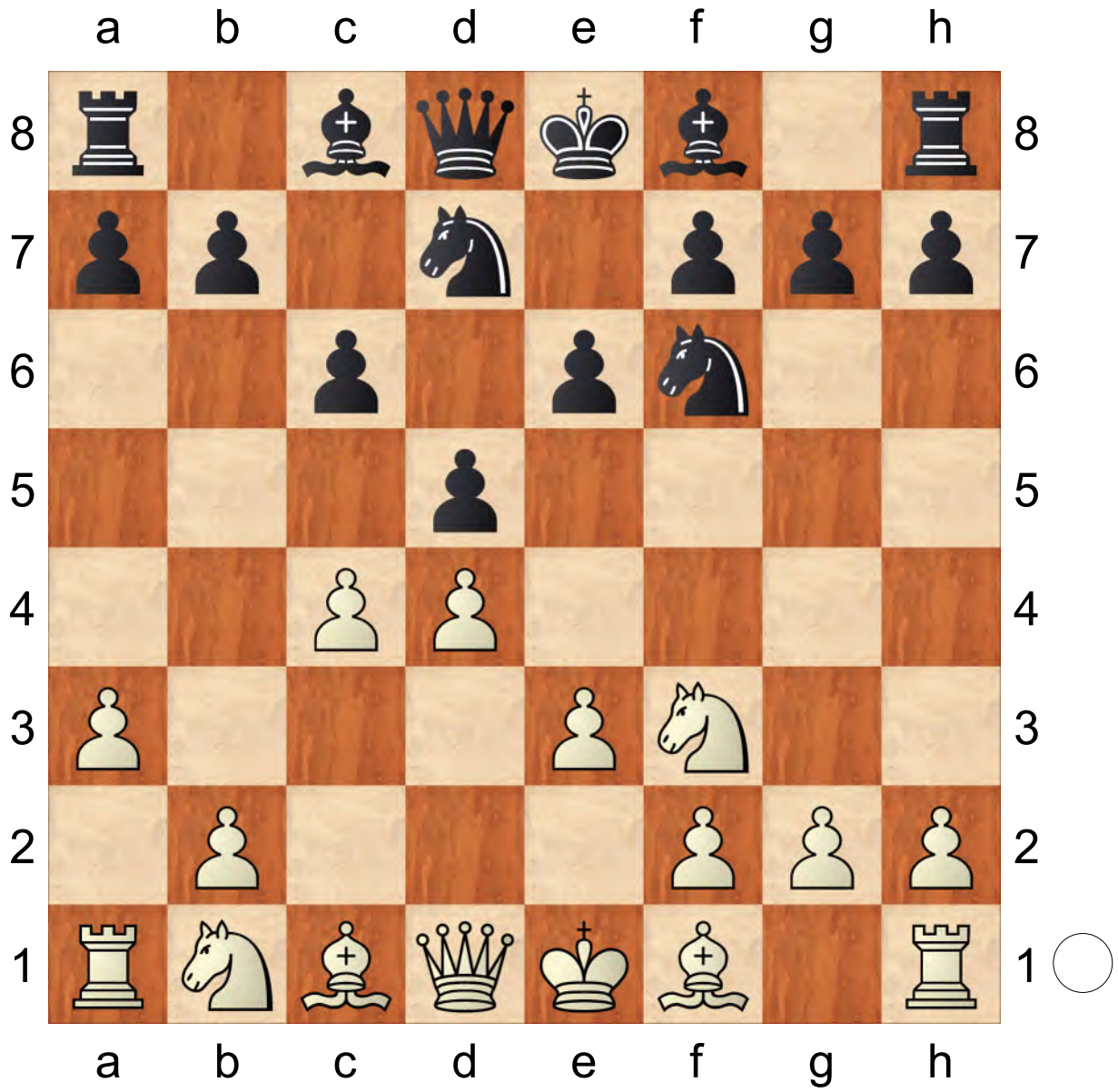
1.d4 Van Wely,Loek **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.a3** Van Wely,Loek: '!?'
[5.Bd3 (Van Wely,Loek) Ü 71/409]
5...c6!?
[5...c5!?
A) 6.b4?!
A1) 6...cxd4 7.Qxd4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bb2 Nb6= *(10...Qb6 11.Qh4 Nd5 12.Qg3 Bf6 13.Bd4 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 N7f6 15.Nd2 Bd7=* 1-0 Kirby,J-Simpson,J/Mission City 1993 (26) *)*;
A2) 6...cxb4!?∓;
B) 6.Nc3⇄]
[5...g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.Qe2 a6 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bd2 b5 14.Ba2 Bb7= 1-0 Hotari,J-Siponen,E/Tampere Hervanta A 1992 (60)]
[5...Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Nc3 a6 *(9...b6 10.Bd2 Bb7=)* 10.e4 b5 11.Be2 *(11.Bd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bb7 13.Bc2=)* 11...b4∓ *(11...c4?⇄* 1-0 Schmitt,M-Elliott,J/APCT Knight 0 (52) *)*]

(Diagram)

Black avoid simplifications after promoting c5 Schwarz meiden die Vereinfachungen nach dem Fortschritt ß5 **6.Nbd2 Bd6= 7.Bd3**
[7.b4 0-0 8.Bb2 b6 9.c5= *(9.Bd3=)*]
7...0-0 8.0-0 e5!? 9.cxd5 Van Wely,Loek: 'N'
[9.dxe5 Van Wely,Loek]
9...cxd5
[9...exd4 10.dxc6±]
10.dxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)

11.Nxe5
[11.Be2=]
11...Bxe5 12.Nf3 Bc7
[12...Bg4?! Van Wely,Loek 13.h3 Bxf3± *(13...Bh5 14.g4 Nxg4 15.Nxe5 Nxe5*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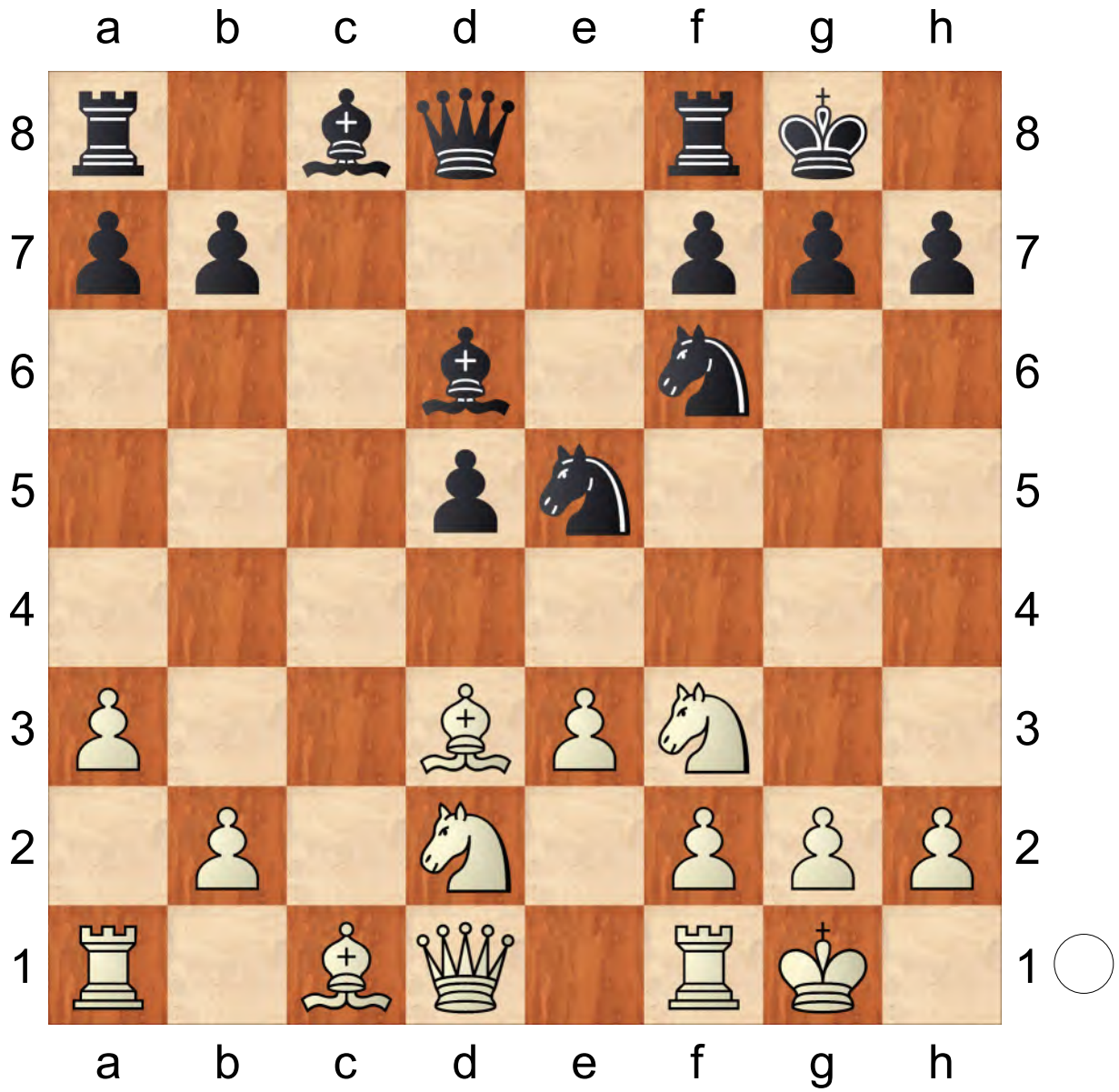


16.Bxh7+!+-)]

13.h3?!∓ Van Wely,Loek: '?!'

[13.Bd2 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Be2 Re8 *(15...Qd6 16.Bb4+-)*

A) 16.Nd4 Qd6 17.g3 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Ne4

A1) 19.Bb4 Qh6 20.Qg4 *(20.Kh2 Nxg3 21.fxg3 Rxe3-+)* 20...a5 21.Be1 Nf6∓;

A2) 19.Nb5 Qd7 20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.Rac1=;

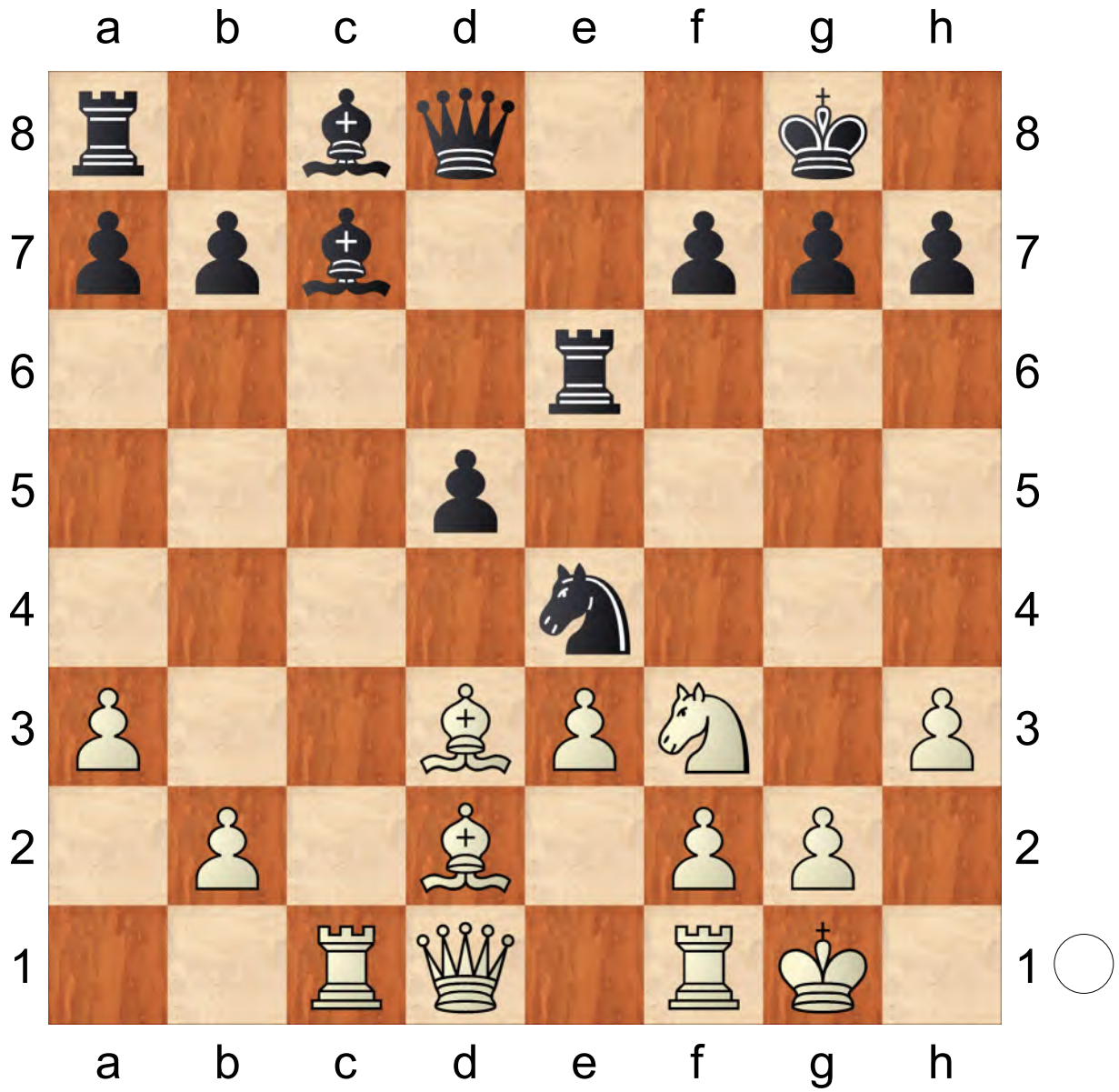
B) 16.Bc3 Ne4 17.Bd4 Qd6 18.Re1 *(18.g4 Ng5!-+)* 18...Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Qh2+ 20.Kf1⇄]

[13.b4 Van Wely,Loek Ne4 14.Bb2 Bg4 15.Be2∞ Δ Qd4]

13...Ne4 14.Bd2 Re8 15.Rc1?

[15.Nd4 Qd6 16.f4 Qg6 17.Rf3 Bd7 18.Rc1 Rac8∓]

15...Re6!∓



16.Bc3
[16.Nd4 Rg6∓]
16...Bd7
[16...Rg6 Van Wely,Loek 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qxd8+ Bxd8 19.Ne5 Rg5±]
17.Bb1
[17.Nd4 Rg6! *(17...Re8=)* 18.Qh5
A) 18...Rg5 19.Qf3 Qe7 20.Ne2 Bc6 *(20...Qd6 21.Nf4±)* 21.Bb4 Qe5 22.Qf4±;
B) 18...Bxh3!!
B1) 19.Qxh3 Rh6 20.Qxh6 *(20.Qf5 Bh2+ 21.Kh1 g6-+)* 20...gxh6-+;
B2) 19.Bxe4! dxe4 20.Qxh3 Rh6 21.Qg4 *(21.Qf5 g6 22.Qg4 Rh4-+)*
B2a) 21...Rh4? 22.Qxg7+! *(22.Qf5 g6 23.Ne6 Qd6!-+)* 22...Kxg7 23.Ne6+ Kg6 24.Nxd8 Bh2+ 25.Kh1 Rxd8 26.Rfd1=;

B2b) 21...Bh2+! 22.Kh1 Be5+ 23.Kg1 Rh4 24.Qf5 Bh2+ 25.Kh1 Bc7+ 26.Kg1 g6-+ 27.Qb5 Rh1+ 28.Kxh1 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Qh2#]

17...Rg6 18.Be5??-+ Enabling the opponent to execute of crushing attacks Ermöglichend dem Gegner den vernichtenden Sturmangriff zu verwirklichen

[18.Kh1 Bxh3! Theme impact Den thematischen Schlag *(18...Bb5 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc6 21.Qd4 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Bb6 23.Qd3 Rxc3 24.Qxc3=)* 19.gxh3 Qd7 20.Ng1 Rxg1+ 21.Kxg1 Qxh3 22.f4 Qxe3+ 23.Kg2 Qg3+ 24.Kh1 Qh3+ 25.Kg1 Nxc3 26.Rxc3 Bb6+ 27.Rf2 Bxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Re8+ 31.Kd2 Qh2+ 32.Kc1 Qxf4+ Van Wely,Loek: '∓' 33.Kc2∓]

[18.Qxd5?? Van Wely,Loek Rxg2+!-+]

18...Bxh3! 19.Bxc7

[19.Rxc7 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1 Nxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Rxf2-+]

19...Bxg2! Offensive surprise Die unangenehme Überraschung

[19...Rxg2+? 20.Kh1 Qf6 21.Bxe4 *(21.Be5 Qe6 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Bf4 exf3 24.Qxf3 Rg6 25.Rg1 Bf5-+; 21.Rc2 Qg6 22.Rg1 Qg4 23.Nd4 Qxd1 24.Rxd1 Nxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Rxf2∓)* 21...dxe4 22.Ne1 *(22.Ng1 Qh6 23.Bf4 g5 24.Qd6 Qh5 25.Bh2 Rg4 26.Nxh3 Qxh3 27.Qg3 Rxg3-+)* 22...Rxf2 *(22...Rg6 23.Rg1 Rh6 24.Bh2 Qxf2 25.Qc2⇄)* 23.Rxf2 Qxf2 24.Qd4 Qf1+ 25.Kh2 Bf5∓]

20.Bg3

[20.Bxd8? Bxf3+ 21.Kh2 Rh6+ 22.Kg1 Rh1#]

20...Bxf1

(Diagram)

21.Kxf1 Nxg3+ 22.fxg3 Rxg3 23.Kf2 Rh3 24.Qd4 Qd6

[24...Rh5!? 25.Ba2 Rf5 26.Rd1 *(26.Rh1 h6 27.Rd1 Qc7 28.Kg2 Rd8∓)* 26...Qc7 27.Kg2 Rd8∓]

25.Rg1 Van Wely,Loek: '∓' **25...g6**

(Diagram)

26.Qg4 Van Wely,Loek: '?!'

[26.Bf5

A) 26...Rh5 27.Bg4 Rh6 28.e4 Rd8 29.exd5 Qxd5 30.Qe3 Kg7 31.Qc3+ f6 32.Qc7+ Kh8 33.Re1 Rf8 34.Re7 Qb3 35.Qc1 *(35.Qxb7 Qxb7 36.Rxb7 f5-+)* 35...g5 36.Bf5 Qb6+ 37.Kg2 Rg8 38.Qc7 Qxc7 39.Rxc7 g4 40.Nd4⩲;

B) 26...Rh6 27.e4 Rd8 28.exd5 Qxd5 *(28...Rh5 29.Bb1 Rxd5 30.Qxa7 Qf4-+)* 29.Qe3 Kg7 30.Qc3+ f6 31.Qe3 Rf8 32.Be6 Qb5∓]

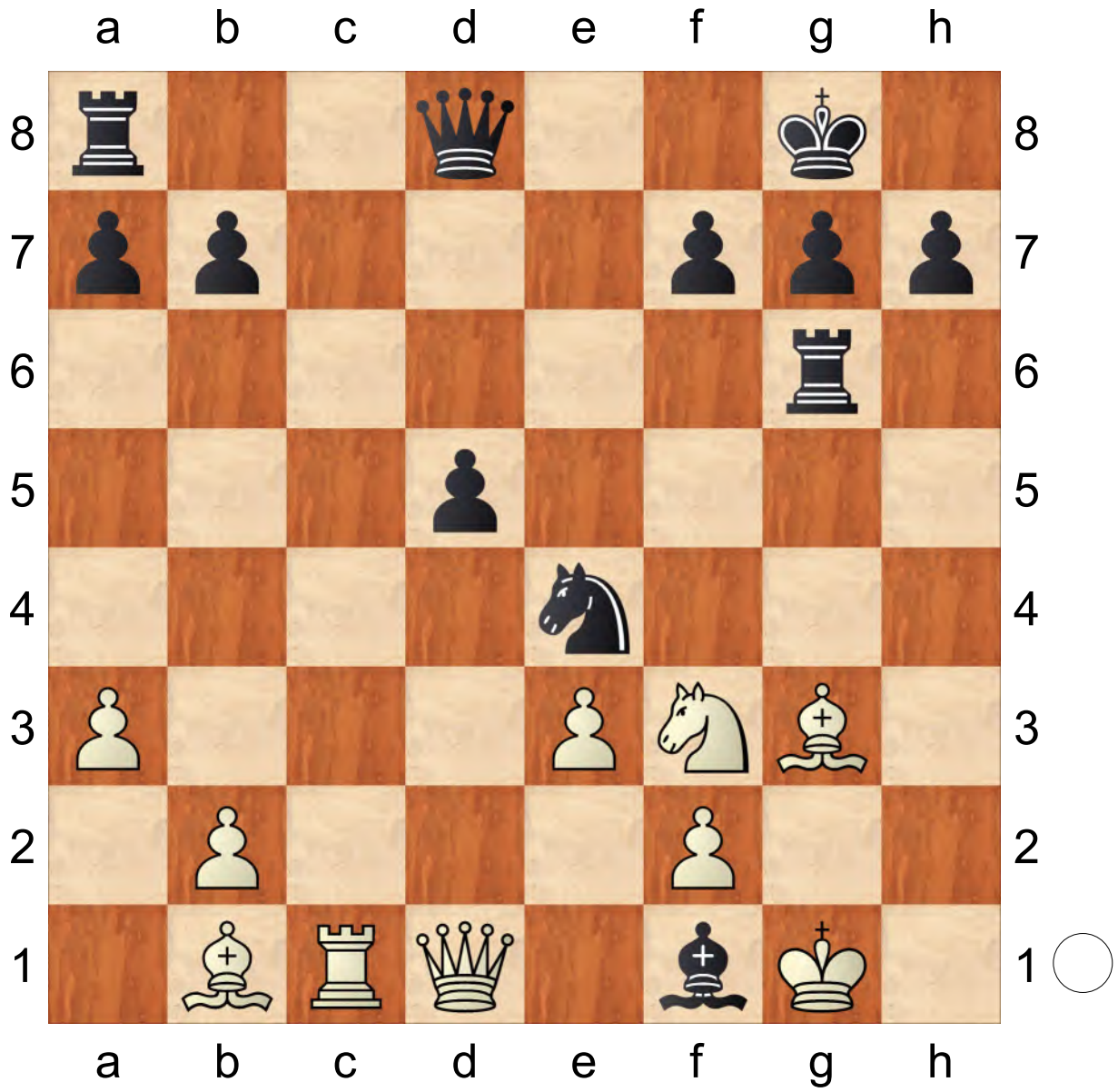
26...Rh6 27.Qg5 Kg7 28.Rd1

[28.Nd4 Rh2+ 29.Rg2 Rxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Kh8-+]

28...Rh5 29.Qf4 Qb6 Van Wely,Loek: '!'

[29...Qxf4 30.exf4 Van Wely,Loek: '∞' Rd8-+]

30.Qd4+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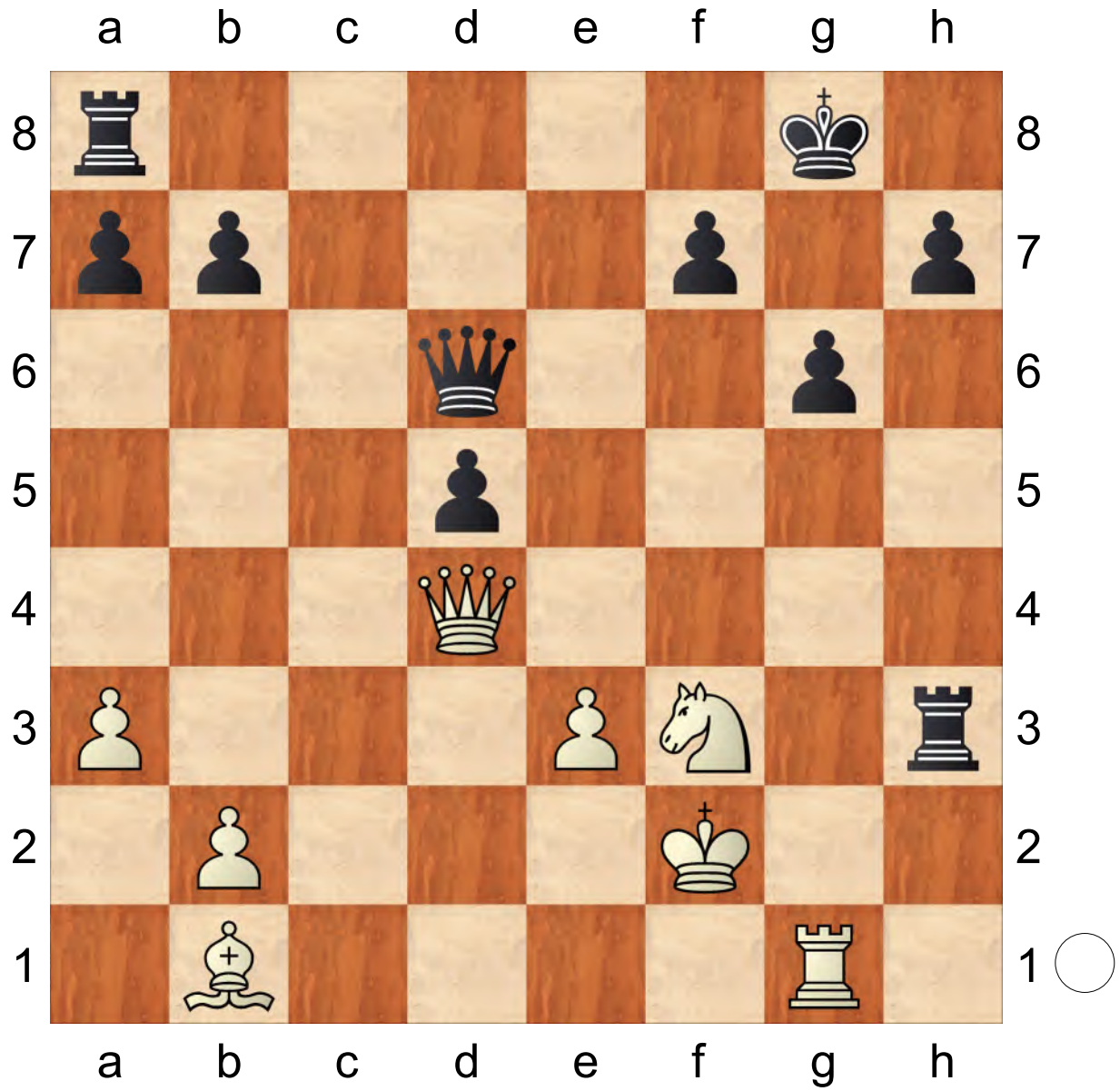
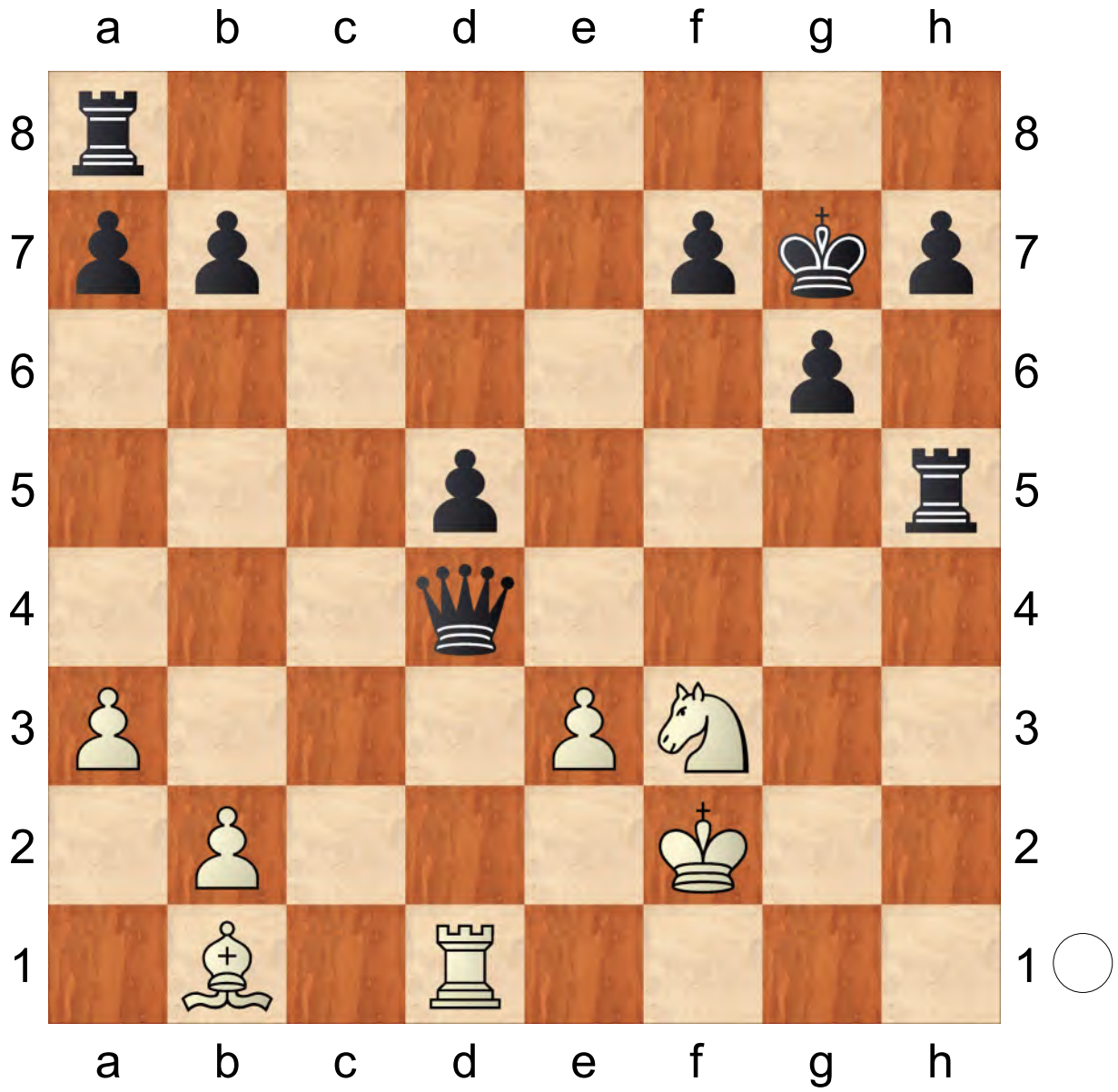


[30.Ba2 Qxb2+ 31.Rd2 Qxa3 32.Bxd5 Qe7-+]
[30.b4 a5∓]
30...Qxd4

(Diagram)

31.Rxd4
[31.exd4 Rc8-+]
31...Rc8 Van Wely,Loek: ' ∓' **32.Rd2** **Rc5** Black have the won position. Implementation of advantage - matter of time Schwarz haben die gewonnene Position. Die Realisation des Vorteiles - die Frage der Zeit **33.Kg2 Kf6 34.Ba2 Ke7 35.Bb3 Rf5**

(Diagram)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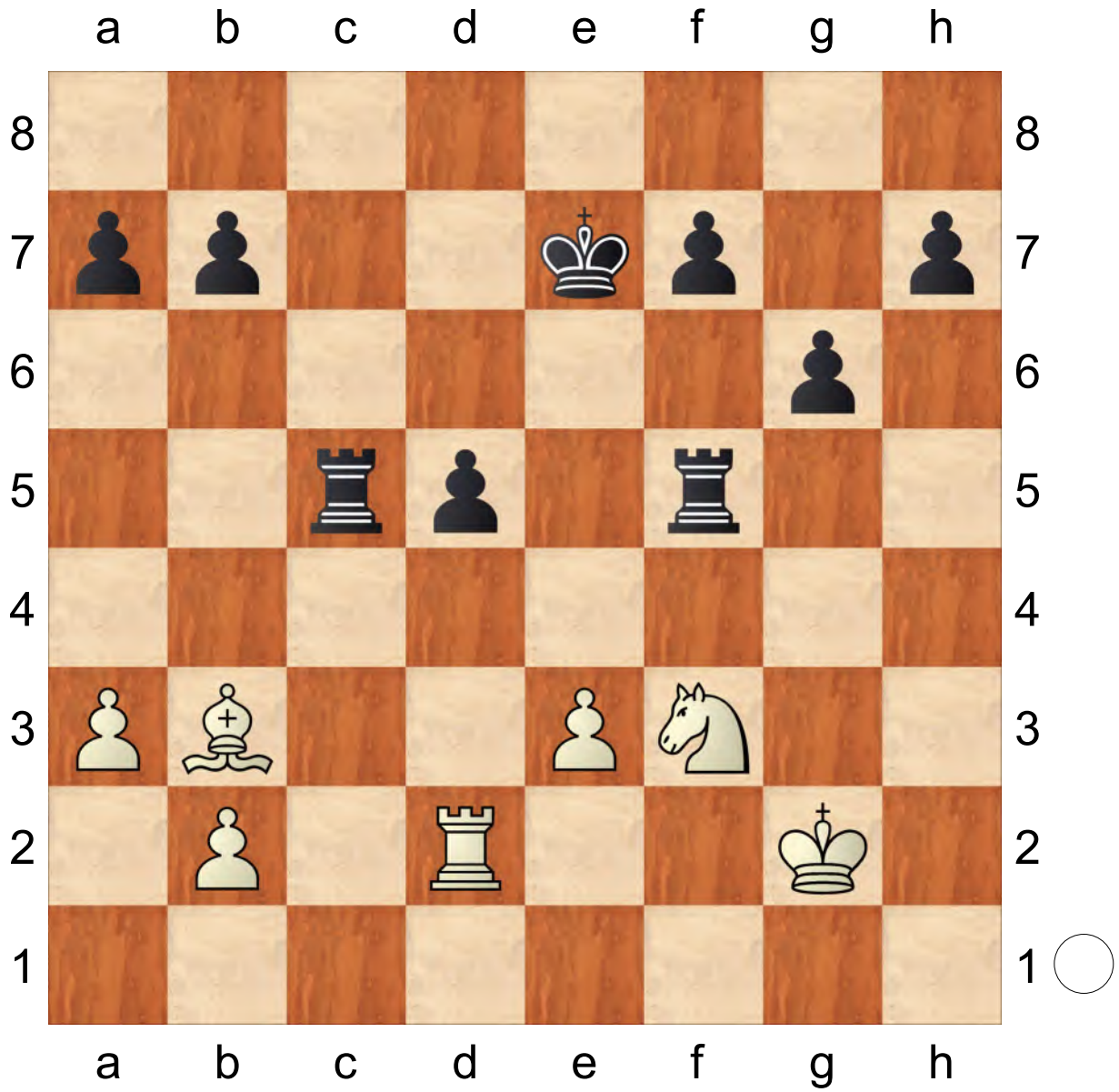
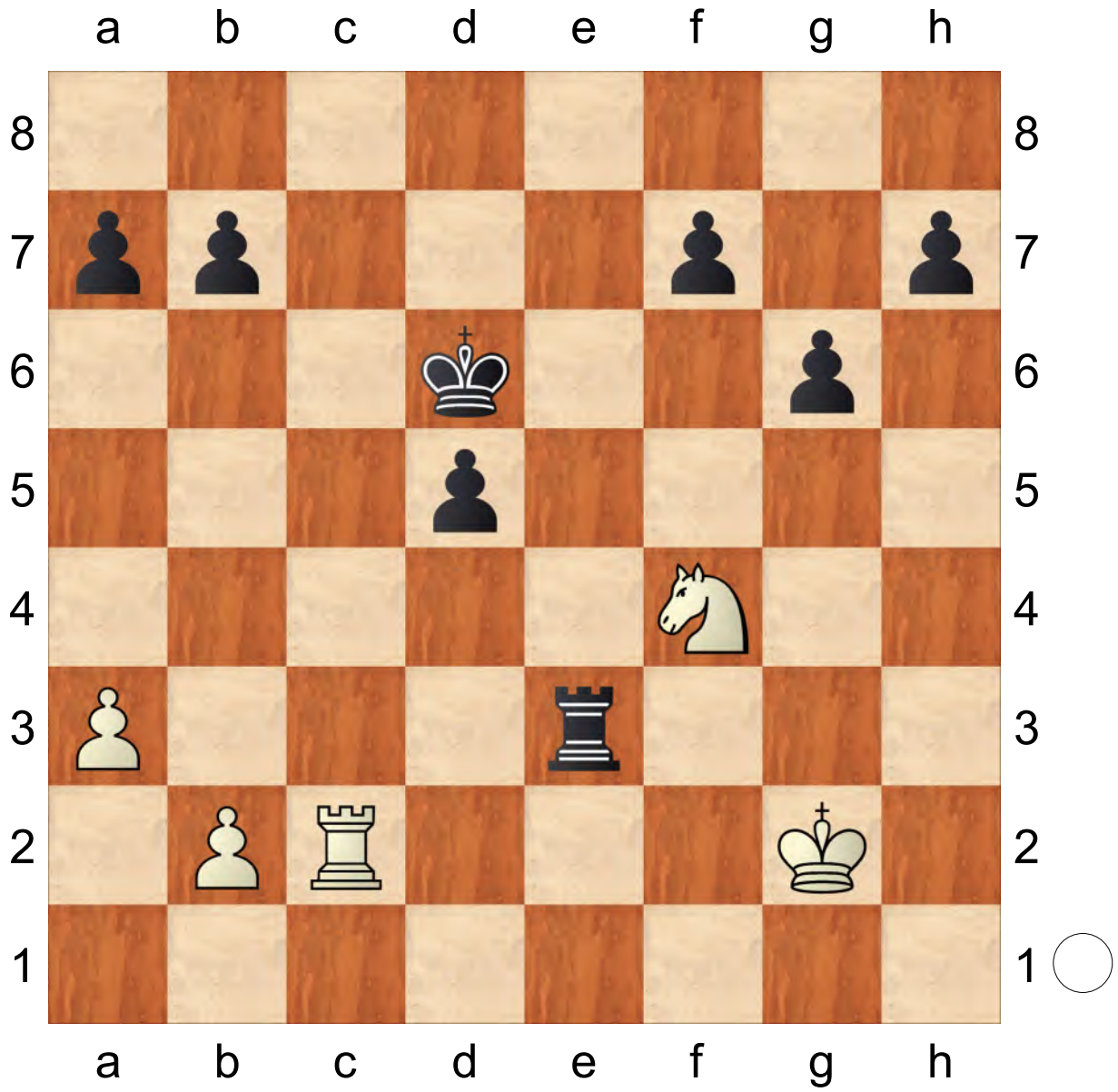


36.Bc2 Van Wely,Loek: '?!'
[36.Nd4 (Van Wely,Loek) Δ 37.Ne2, Δ 38.Nc3, 38.Nf4]
36...Rf6 37.Ne5 Van Wely,Loek: '?!'
[37.Ne1 (Van Wely,Loek) Δ Nd3-f4]
37...Re6 38.Nd3 Rxc2 39.Rxc2 Rxe3 Transformation of advantage Die Transformation des Vorteiles Van Wely,Loek: '[R 8/f6]' **40.Nf4 Kd6**

(Diagram)

Van Wely,Loek: '-+' **41.Rd2 Re5 42.Kf3 h5 43.b4**
[43.Nd3 Rf5+ 44.Kg3 Rg5+ *(44...f6-+)* 45.Kf3 h4-+]
43...Rf5 44.Kg3 Rg5+ 45.Kf3 Rf5
(Diagram)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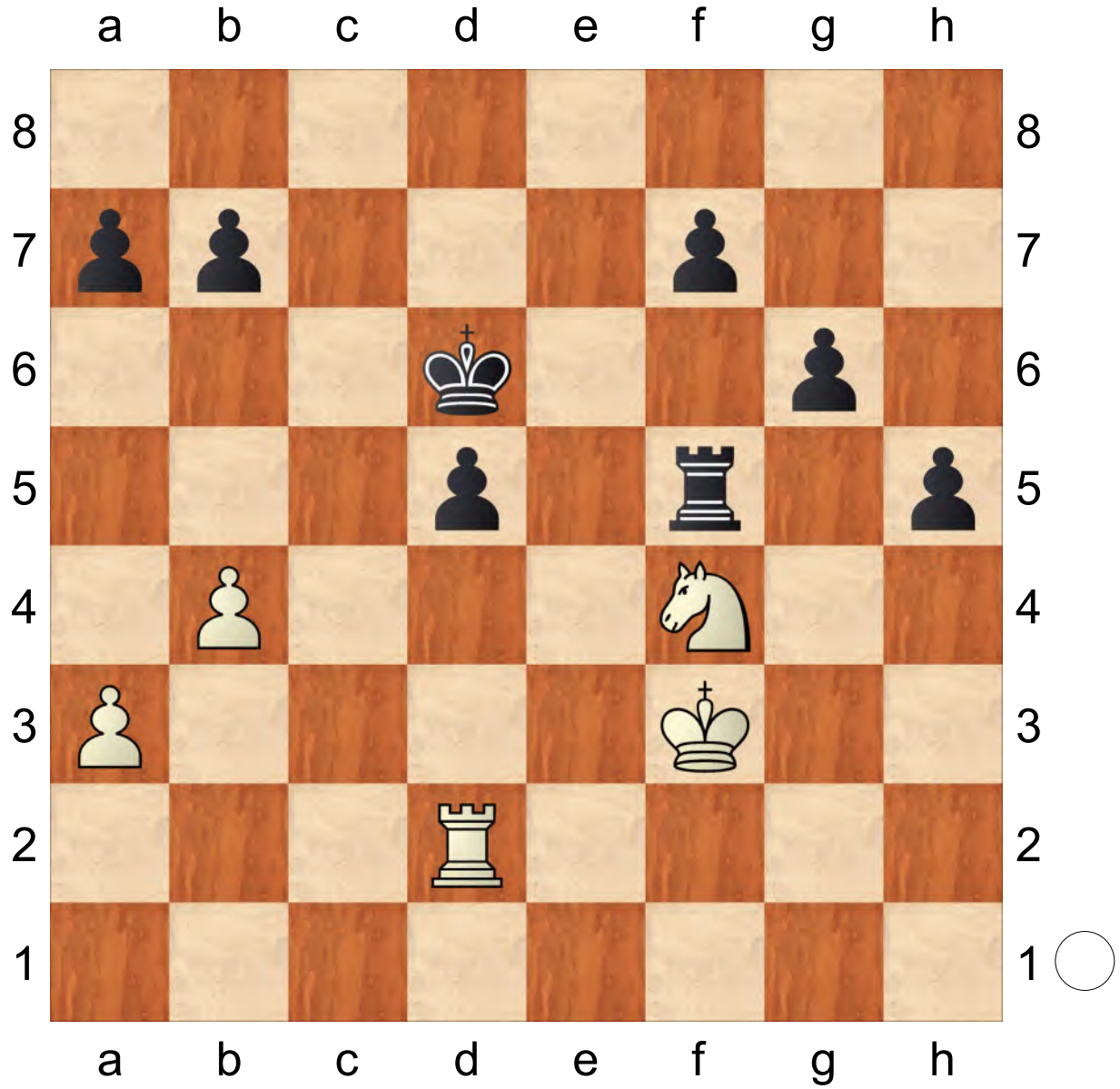


46.Kg3 Re5 47.Kf3 h4 48.Nd3

[48.Kg4 Van Wely,Loek f6 Δ Re4]

48...Rg5 49.a4?!

[49.Nc5!?

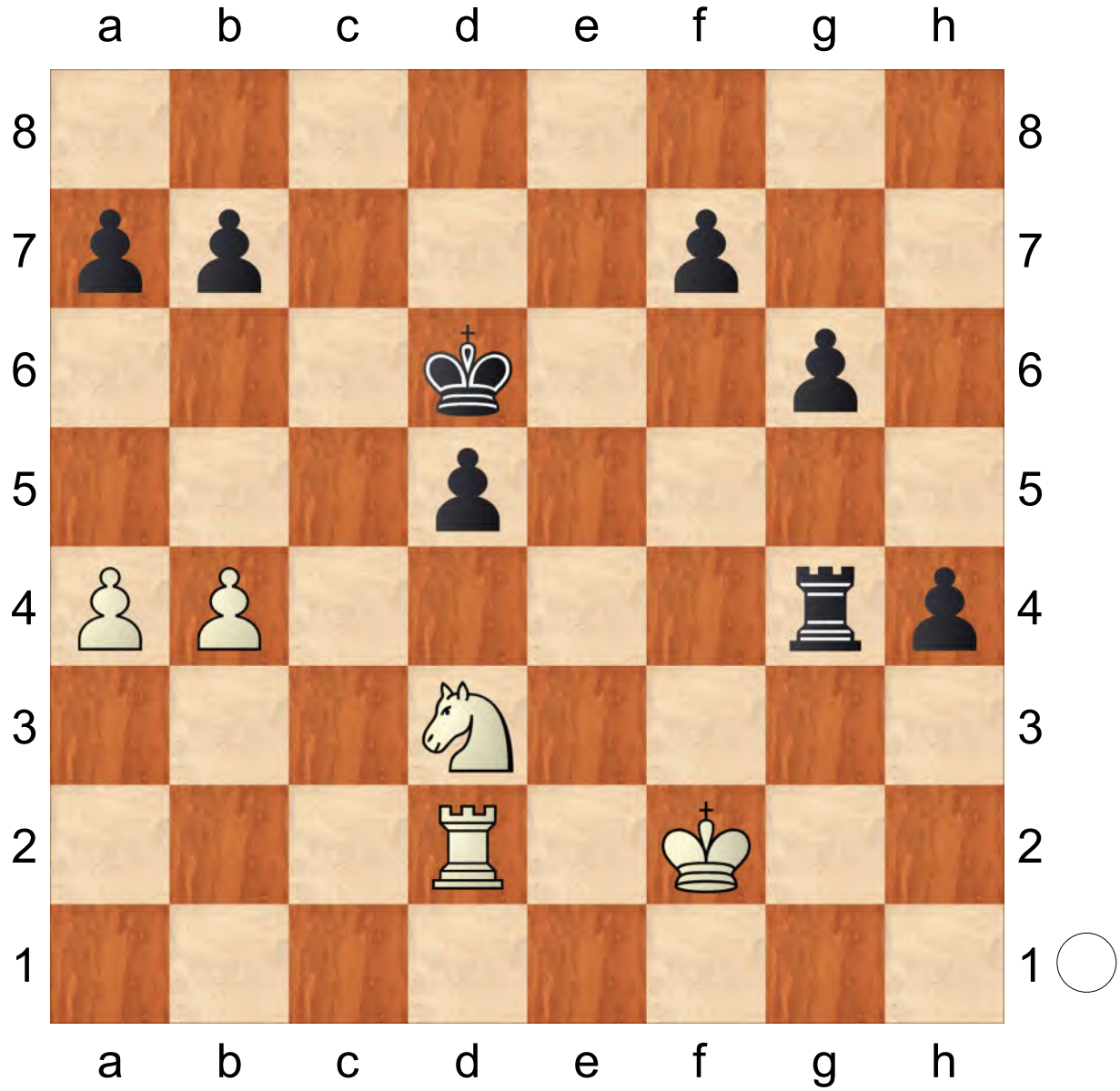
A) 49...Rf5+ 50.Kg4 b6 51.Ne4+ Ke5 52.Nc3 Rf4+ 53.Kg5 Rf3 54.Nxd5 h3 55.Nc7 *(55.a4 h2-+)* 55...Rg3+ *(55...Rxa3 56.Re2+ Kd4 57.Nb5+ Kd3 58.Rh2 Ra4 59.Rxh3+ Kc4 60.Nd6+ Kxb4 61.Nxf7⩲)* 56.Kh4 Rxa3 57.Nb5∓;

B) 49...Kc6 50.Nd3

B1) 50...Rg3+ 51.Kf2 f6 *(51...f5 52.Nf4 g5 53.Nxd5 Rxa3 54.Ne7+ Kb5 55.Nxf5 Kxb4 56.Rd4+ Kc5 57.Rg4∓)* 52.Nf4 Rg5 53.Ne6 Re5 54.Nd4+ Kd7-+;

B2) 50...f6-+]

49...Rg3+ 50.Kf2 Rg4



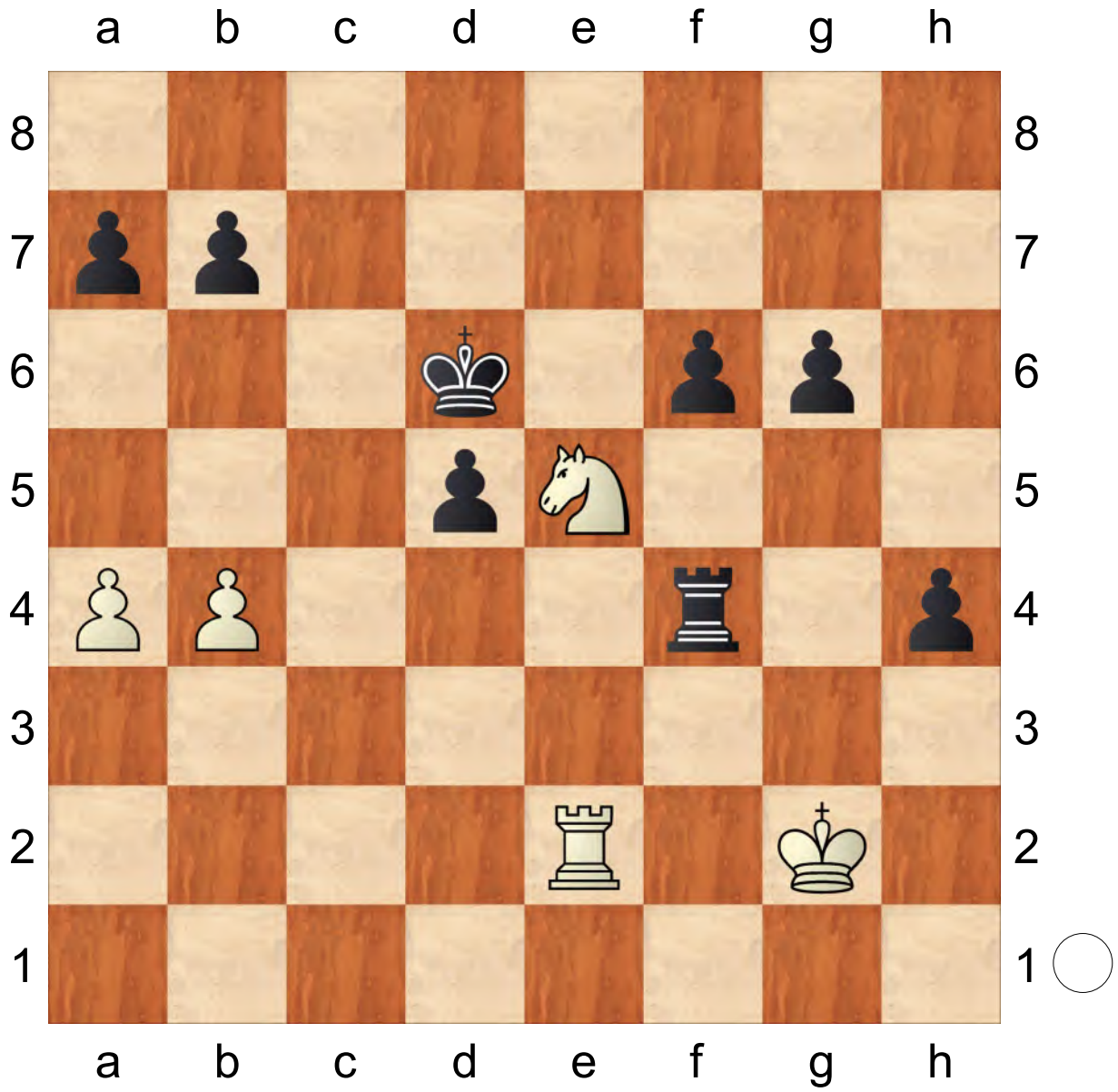
51.Re2 Re4 52.Rc2 Rc4 53.Re2 Rd4 54.Ne5
[54.Ke3 Re4+ 55.Kf3 Rxe2 56.Kxe2 g5 57.Kf3 f5-+]
54...Rf4+ 55.Kg2 f6

(Diagram)

56.Nd3 Rd4 57.Re3 g5 58.a5 g4 59.Kf2 f5 60.Ne5 Rf4+

(Diagram)

61.Kg2 Rxb4 62.Nf7+ Kc5 63.Re2 f4 64.Rc2+ Rc4 65.Rb2 f3+
(Diagram)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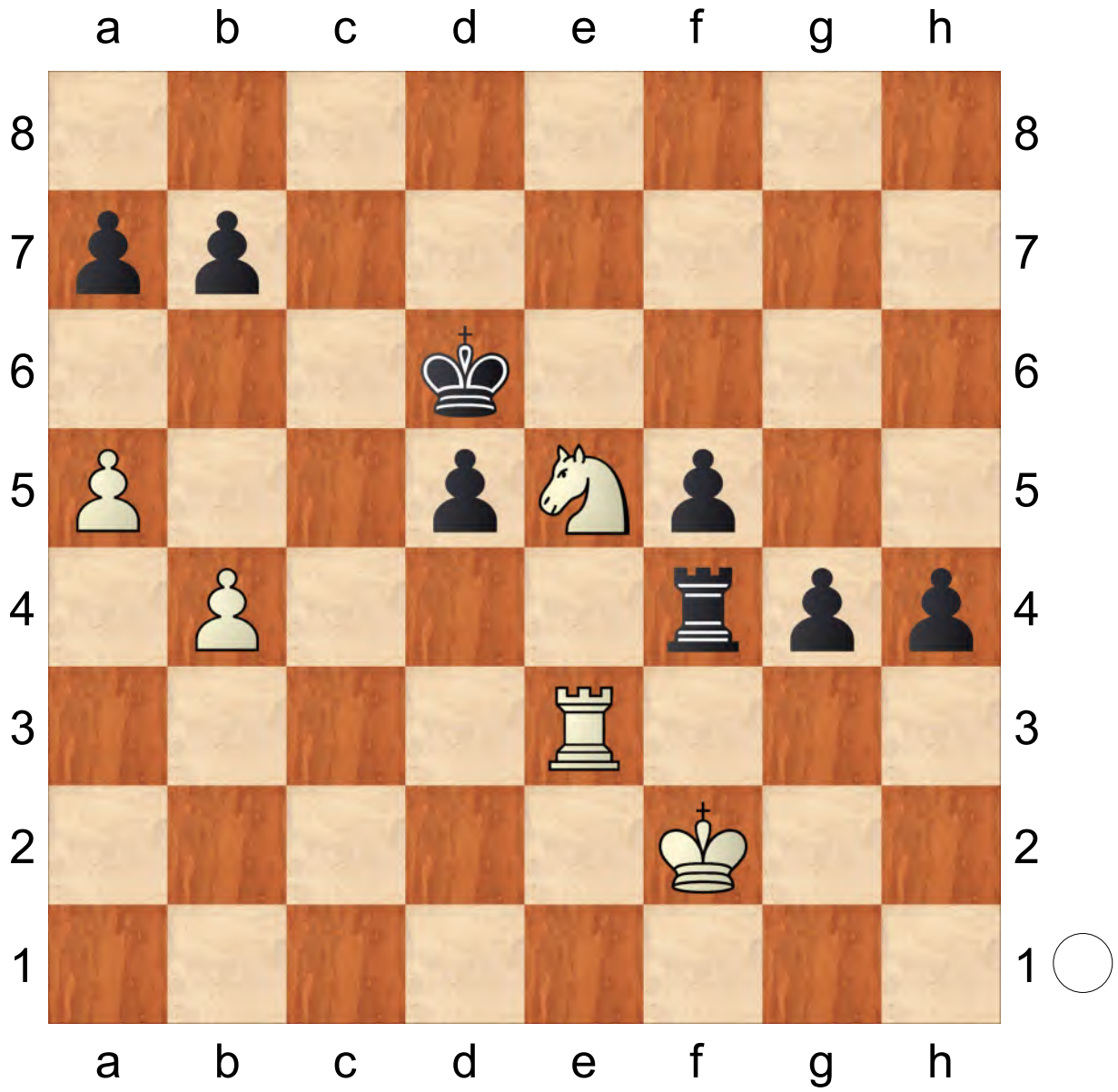
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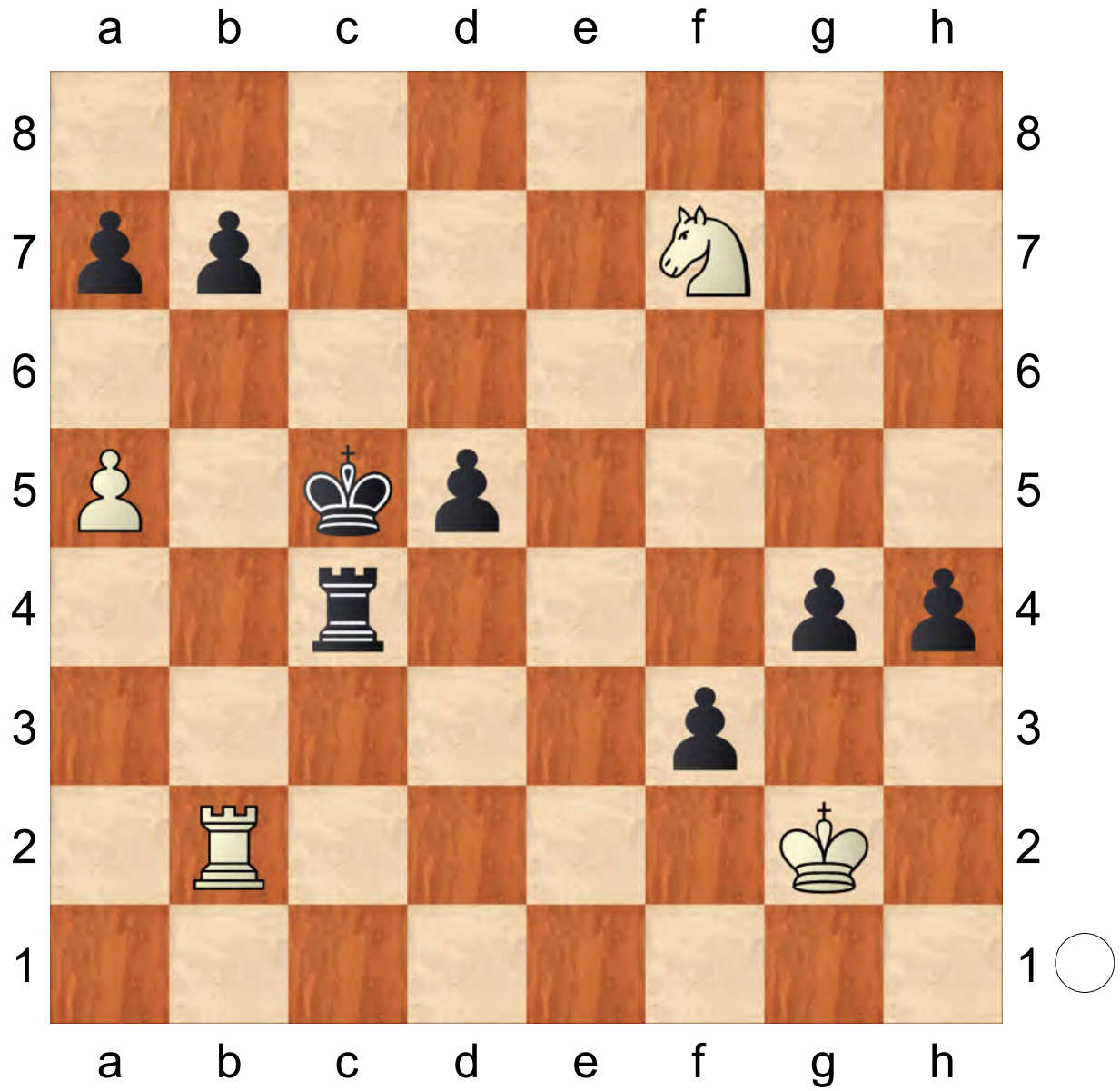

66.Kf2 Rc3

(Diagram)

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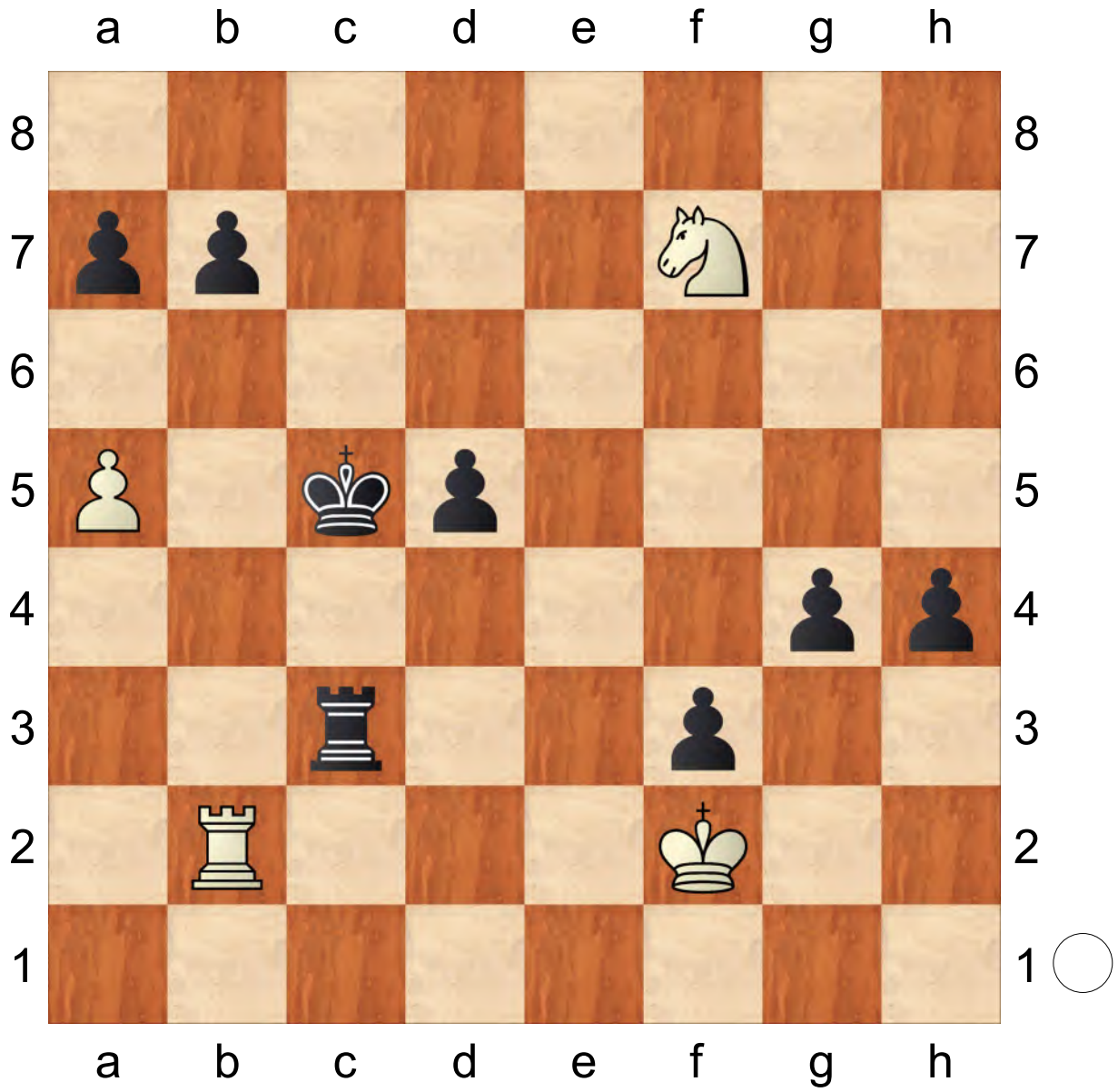
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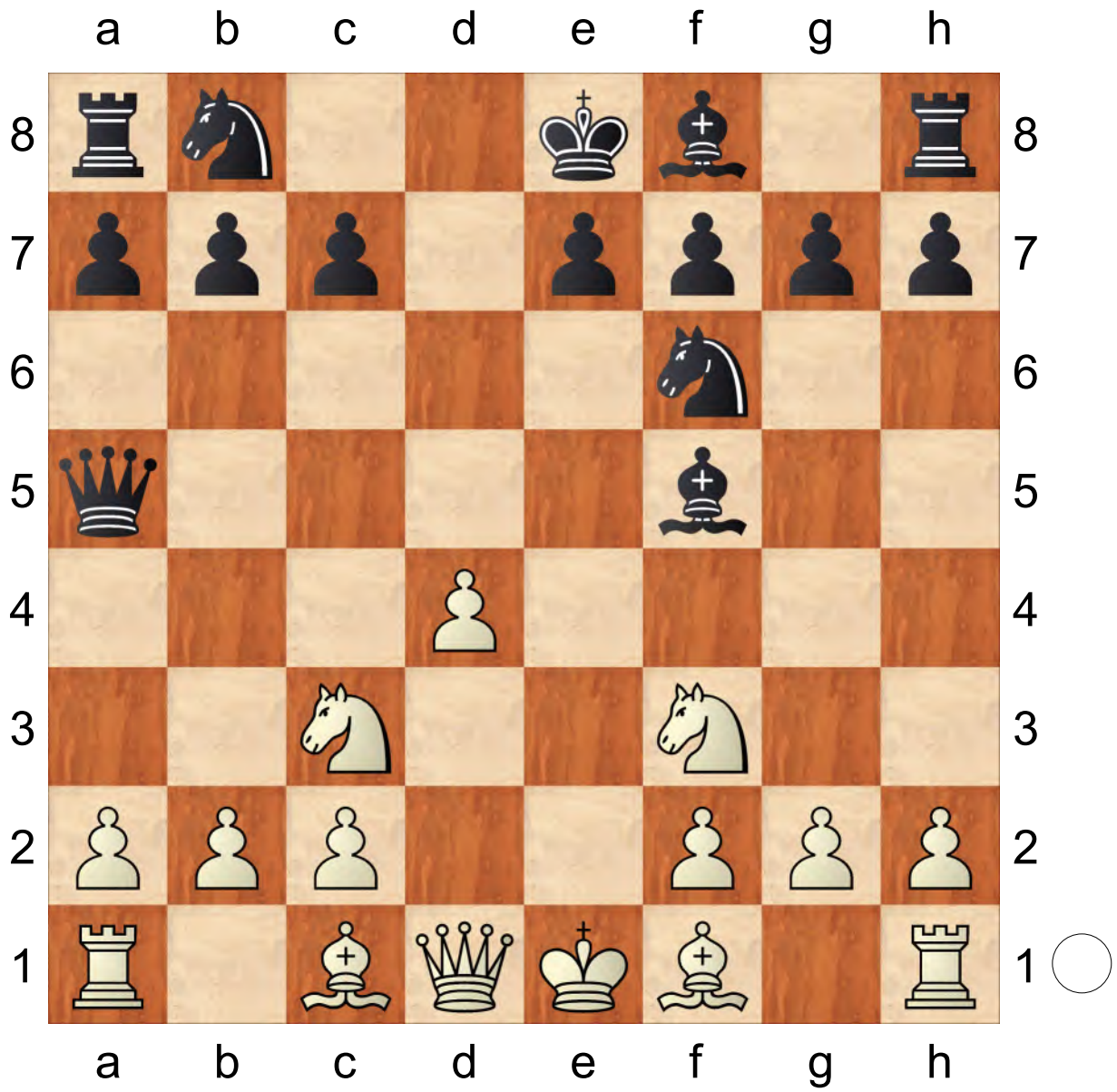
□ **Seminara,Juan Pablo** **2320**
■ **Soppe,Guillermo** **2455**
ARG-ch Buenos Aires (7) 22.04.1998
[Mueller,Karsten]

1.e4 Hecht **1...d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bf5**



6.Bc4 e6 7.Bd2 c6 8.Ne4 Qc7

[8...Qd8?! 9.Ng3 "Hiernach erweist sich der Rückzug 8..Dd8?! als entwicklungstechnisch kontraproduktiv. Schwarz hat nun die Wahl, sich entweder mit 9..Lg4 von seinem Läuferpaar zu trennen oder nach 9..Lg6 eine gefährliche Initiative zuzulassen."(Wahls in CBM 57) Zum Beispiel Bg6 10.h4 Nh5 11.Qe2

Nd7 12.0-0-0 Bd6 13.Ne5 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Bxe5 15.dxe5 h5 16.Bb4± P.Svidler-Oll,Ter Apel 1996.]

[8...Qb6!? 9.Ng3 *(9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Bc3?! Nd7 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.g3 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4?! Bg6*= Erler,R-Ochs,H/BL2-O 1995/BL2/0-1 (46)*)* 9...Bg4 10.Bb3 a5 *(10...Bxf3!? 11.Qxf3 Qxd4 12.0-0-0 Nbd7*⩱ *)* 11.c3 a4 *(11...Bxf3!? 12.gxf3 Nbd7*⇄ *)* 12.Bxa4 Qxb2?! 13.Rb1± Benjamin,J-Waitzkin,J/NY op 1998/CBM 64/[Mueller,Karsten]/1-0 (45)]

9.Nxf6+

[9.Ng3 "Im Vergleich zu 8..Dd8?! 9.Sg3 besitzt Schwarz nun ein wertvolles Mehrtempo."(Wahls) Bg6 10.h4 Nh5 11.Ne5 Nxg3 12.fxg3 Nd7 13.Bf4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd6 15.Qe2 h5 16.0-0-0 Bf5 17.Qe3 soweit I.Glek-M.Wahls, Bundesliga 1997 und nun hätte laut Wahls "am allereinfachsten einer jener sogenannten "Häßlichen Turmzüge" den Ausgleich herbeigeführt": Rg8! 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Be2 g6 20.Kb1 0-0-0=]

9...gxf6 10.c3

[10.Nh4 Bg6 11.f4 *(11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.g3 Bd6 13.Qf3 Nd7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0*= 1-0 Spielmann,V-Nunheim,F/PF-op Bellheim 1994/GER 09 (30)*)* 11...Be4 12.f5 exf5 13.Qh5⩲ 1-0 Jukic,B-Marinsek,T/Ljubljana op 1996/EXP 53 (28)]

[10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nh4 Bg6 12.g3 0-0-0 13.c3 Bd6 14.Qf3 Rdg8⇄ 1-0 Comp Mephisto Portorose-Becher,H/Porz op23 1989/EXT 89op (30)]

[10.Qe2!? Nd7 *(10...Bxc2?! 11.Rc1 Bg6 12.d5 cxd5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.Nd4±* (Nunn in Informator 68) *)* 11.0-0-0 *(11.Bb3!?)* 11...0-0-0 12.Nh4 Bg6 13.Bb3

A) 13...Bd6?! 14.g3! Rhe8 15.Rhe1 f5? 16.Ng2 Kb8? *(16...c5 17.d5! e5 18.Ba4 f6 19.c4±* (Nunn) *)* 17.Bf4 f6 18.Bxe6!+- 1-0 Nunn-Conquest/Hastings9697/32/;

B) 13...Nb6?! 14.Qf3 Bg7 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Rhe1 Nd5 17.Bg3±;

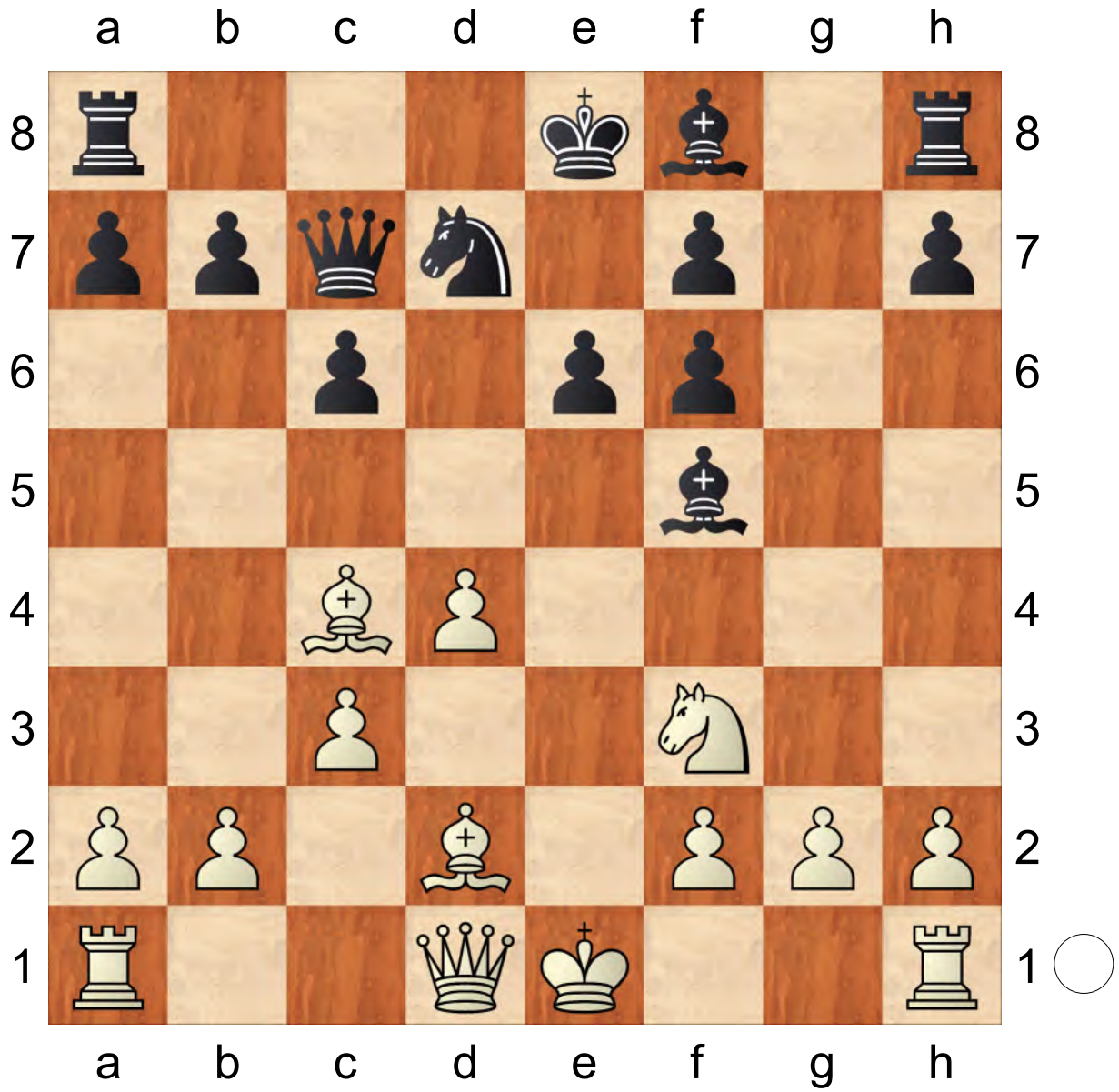
C) 13...c5! (Wahls in CBM 57) 14.d5 *(14.Be3 cxd4 15.Rxd4 Bc5 16.Rdd1 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Nc5 18.Bc4!? Bh5!?* "und Schwarz spielt munter mit. "(Wahls) *)* 14...Nb6! 15.Nxg6 *(15.dxe6? c4*∓*; 15.Ba5?? Qf4+*∓ *)* 15...hxg6 16.Ba5 e5 17.c4 Bd6 18.h4 *(18.Bc2 Rh4)* 18...f5 CBM 57- 8.Se4/ Survey 1997/CBM 57/[Wahls] "und Schwarz kann mit dem Erreichten zufrieden sein. "(Wahls)]

10...Nd7

(Diagram)

11.Nh4 Bg6 12.0-0

[12.Qe2 0-0-0 13.g3 *(13.f4 f5 14.g3 Be7 15.Ng2 Nf6*⇄ Feigin,M-Zvara,P/Ceske Budejovice op 1995/EXT 95op/1-0 (52)*)* 13...c5! "ist mit Abstand die aktivste Fortsetzung und zwingt Weiß zu umsichtigem Spiel" (Wahls) *(13...Nb6 14.Bb3 c5 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.h4 Nd5 18.0-0-0*± Psakhis,L-Mellado,J/Manresa Terres Catalanes (8) 1996/CBM 56/1-0 (68)*; 13...e5 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bd6 16.0-0*± Bologan,V-Von Gleich,A/Riga op 1995/EXT 95op/1-0 (56)*)*



14.Be3 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Ne5 16.Bxe5 fxe5=]

12...Bd6 13.f4 0-0-0 14.Qe2 f5 15.Bd3 Nf6

(Diagram)

16.c4?! ein äußerst verpflichtender Zug **16...Kb8 17.Kh1 Ka8 18.Rac1 Rhg8 19.Qe1 Bh5 20.d5?**

[20.c5 Be7 21.Ba5 b6 22.cxb6 axb6 23.Bb4 Nd5 24.Bxe7 Nxe7 25.Qb4 ist nicht so klar besser für Schwarz wie die Partie.]

20...exd5

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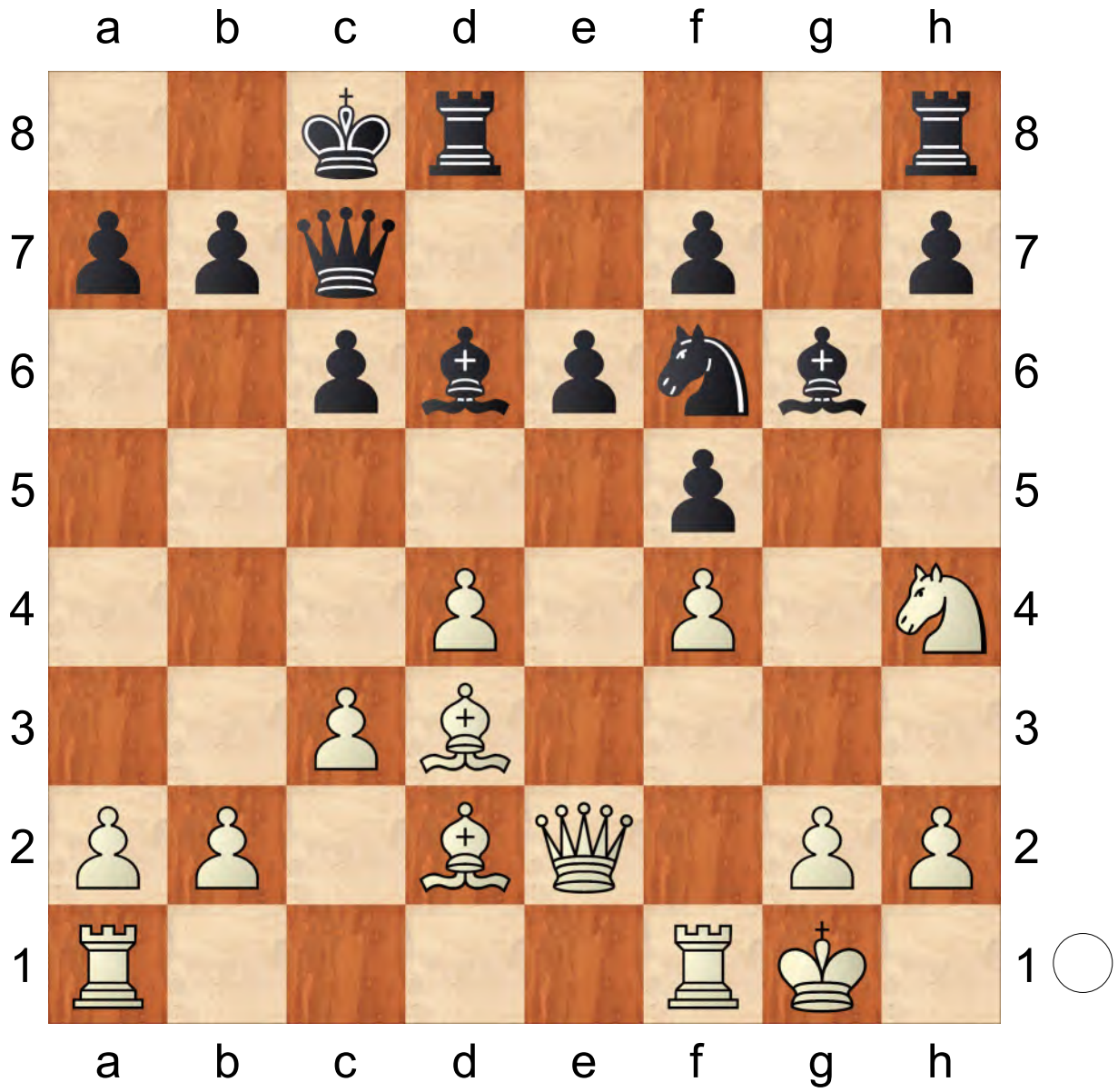
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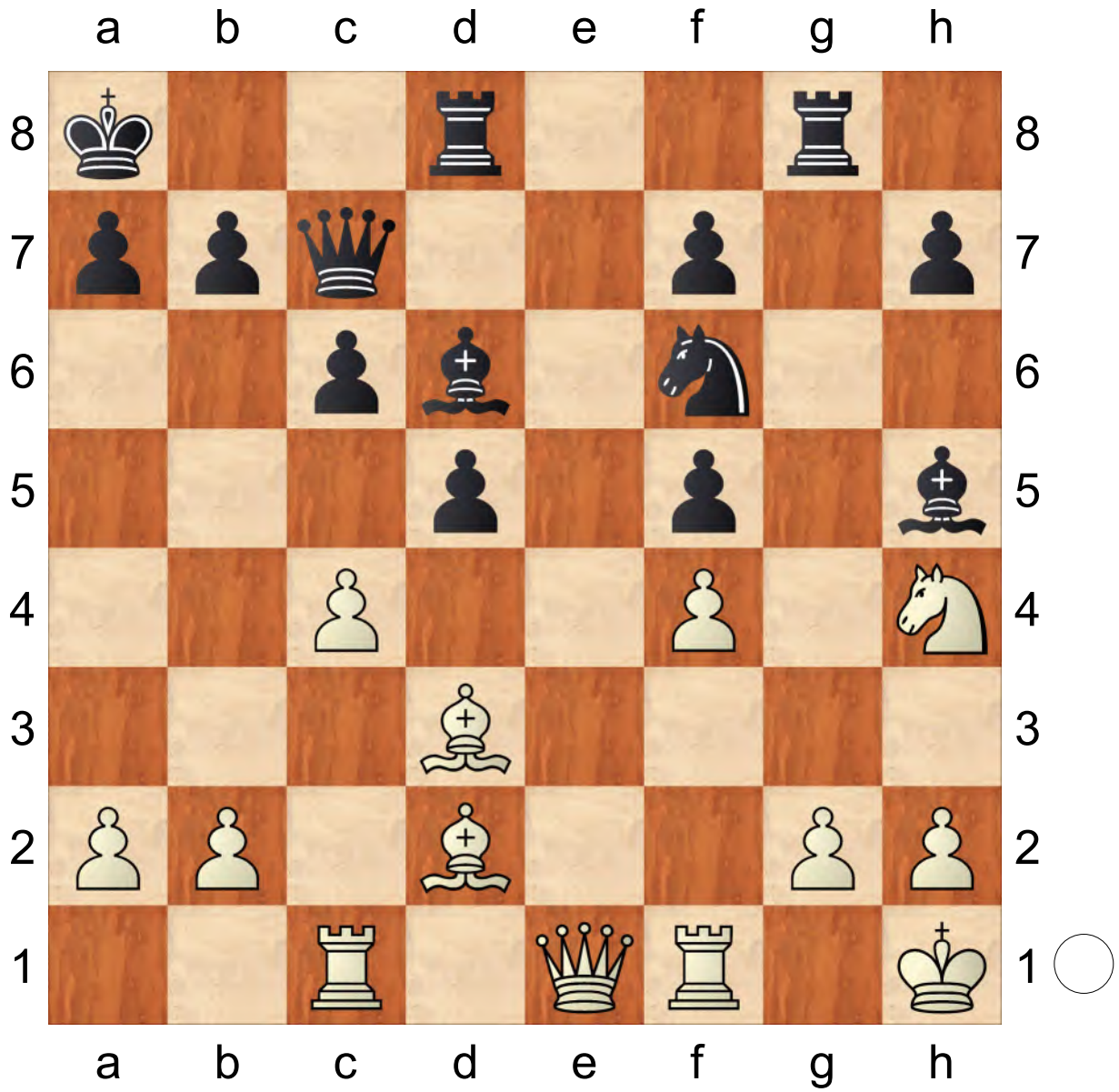

21.Nxf5 Bg6 22.c5?
[22.cxd5 war angesagt.]
22...Qd7! 23.Ba5?!
[23.Nxd6!? Bxd3 24.Rg1 Rg6∓]
[23.cxd6? Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Qxf5 25.Qe5 Qg4 26.g3 Ne4-+]
23...Rde8 24.Qc3 Bxf5 25.Bxf5 Qxf5

(Diagram)

26.cxd6 Ne4-+ 27.Qc2 Nxd6 28.Bc7 Ne4 29.b4 Qd7
[Auf 29...Qh5 kann noch 30.f5 folgen.]
30.Be5 Re6

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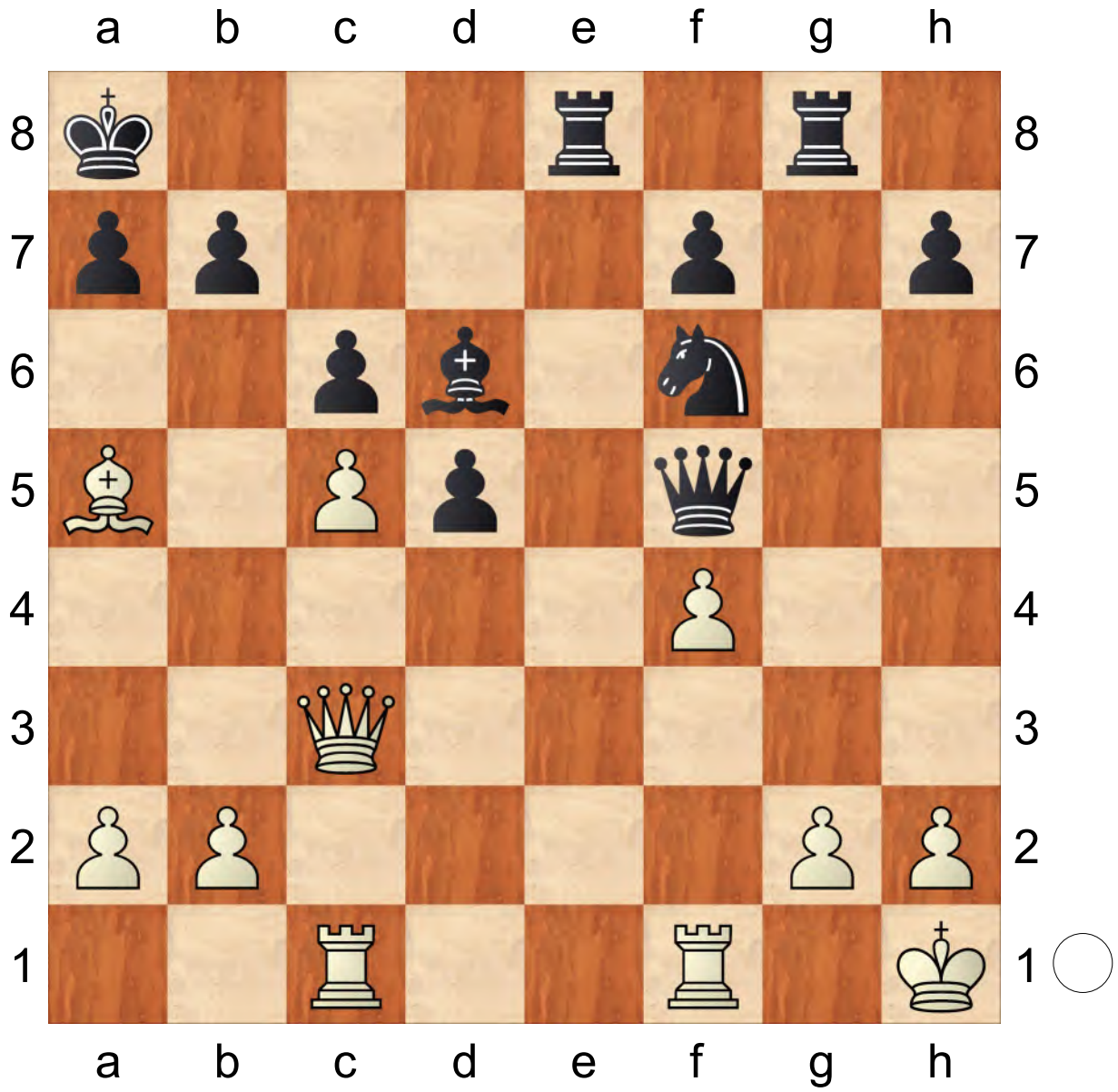
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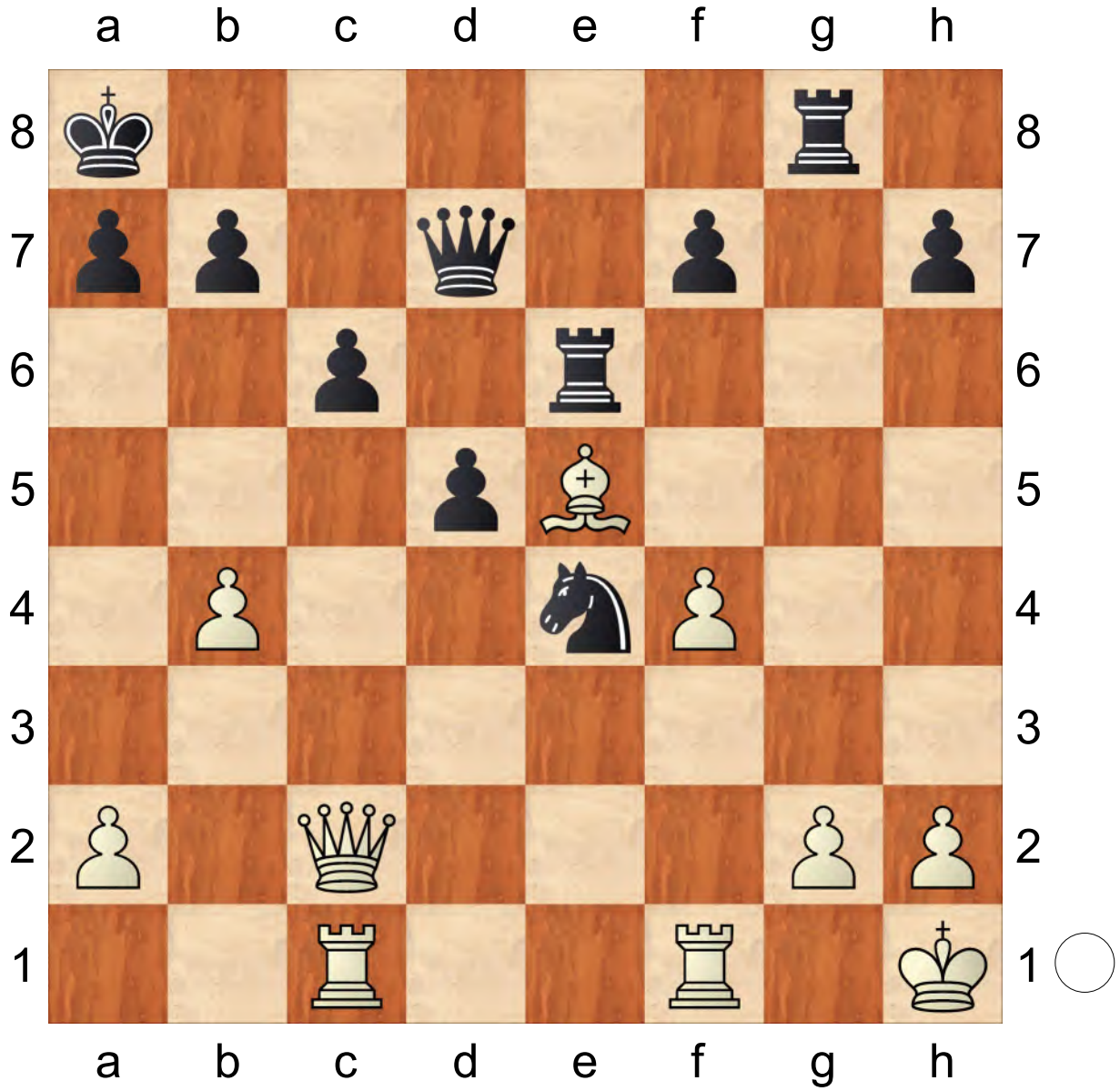
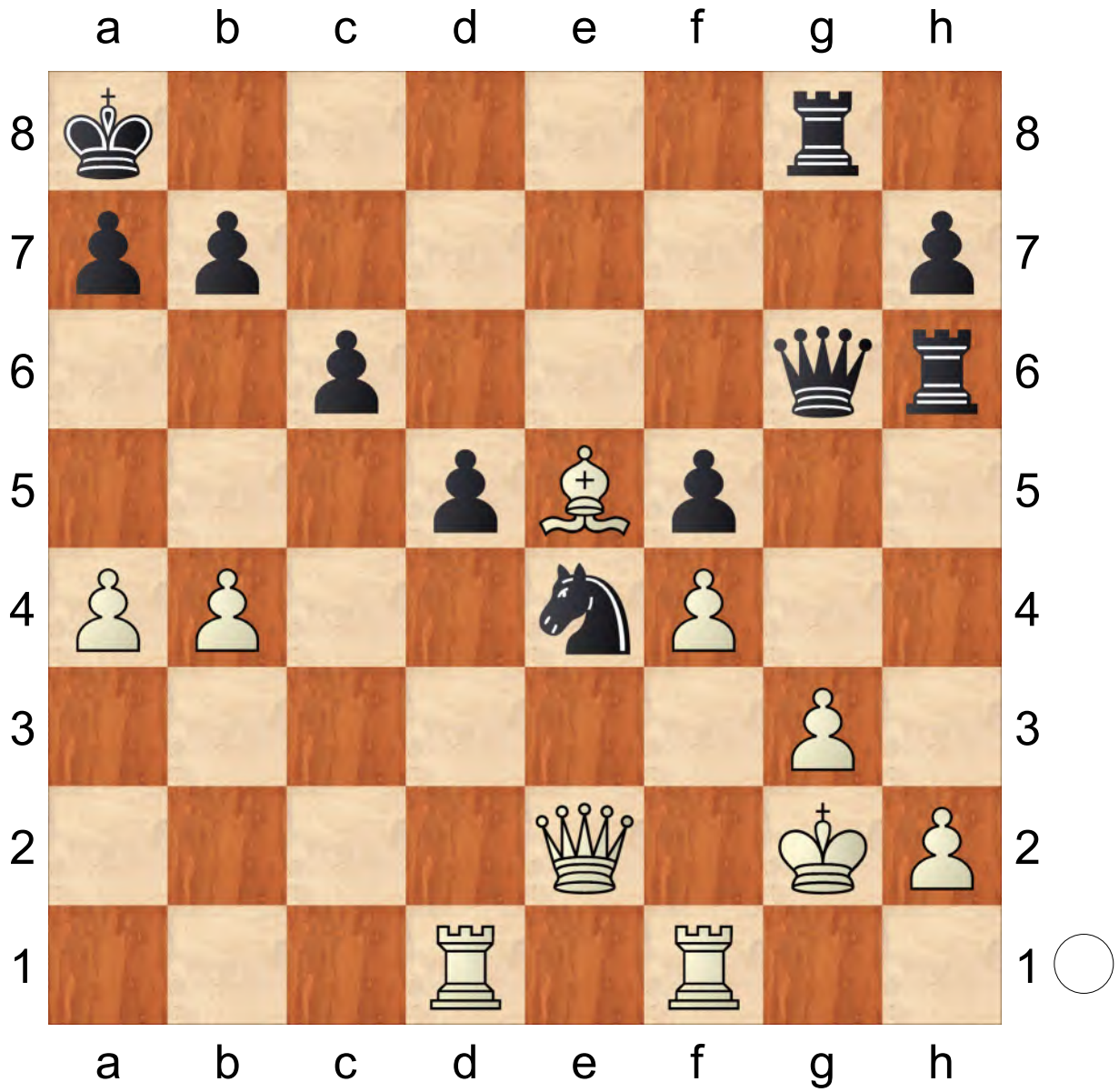


31.Rcd1 f5 32.a4 Reg6 33.g3 Rh6 34.Kg2 Qf7 35.Qe2 Qg6
[sofortiges 35...Rxh2+? schlägt nicht durch: 36.Kxh2 Nxg3 *(36...Rxg3 37.Qxe4)*
A) 37.Qg2? Qh5+ 38.Kg1 *(38.Qh3 Qe2+-+)* 38...Ne2+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+-+;
B) 37.Qf3! Qg6 *(37...Nxf1+ 38.Rxf1 Rg4 39.Qh3)* 38.Rf2 Qh6+ 39.Kg1 Ne2+ 40.Kf1 Ng3+ 41.Kg1 und die Verteidigung hält jeweils stand.]

(Diagram)

36.Rd3?
[36.Qf3!]
36...Rh4



[Nun hätte 36...Rxh2+! allerdings zum Erfolg geführt: 37.Kxh2 Nxg3 38.Qf3 *(38.Rxg3? Qxg3+ 39.Kh1 Qh3+ 40.Qh2 Qxf1+ 41.Qg1 Qxg1#)* 38...Qh6+ 39.Kg1 *(39.Kg2 Ne4+-+)* 39...Qh3-+]

37.b5 c5?!

[37...Rxh2+-+]

38.a5! Auf einmal hat sich auch um den schwarzen König ein Netz gebildet, das nicht so leicht zu durchtrennen ist. Daher ist nun große Umsicht geboten. **38...Rg4?**

[38...Rxh2+! 39.Kxh2 Nxg3 40.Qf3 Qh6+ 41.Kg1 Qh3 42.Bf6 *(42.Rd2 Nxf1+-+)* 42...Nxf1+ 43.Bg5 Qxf3 44.Rxf3 h6-+]

39.Rff3 d4 40.Ra3 h5

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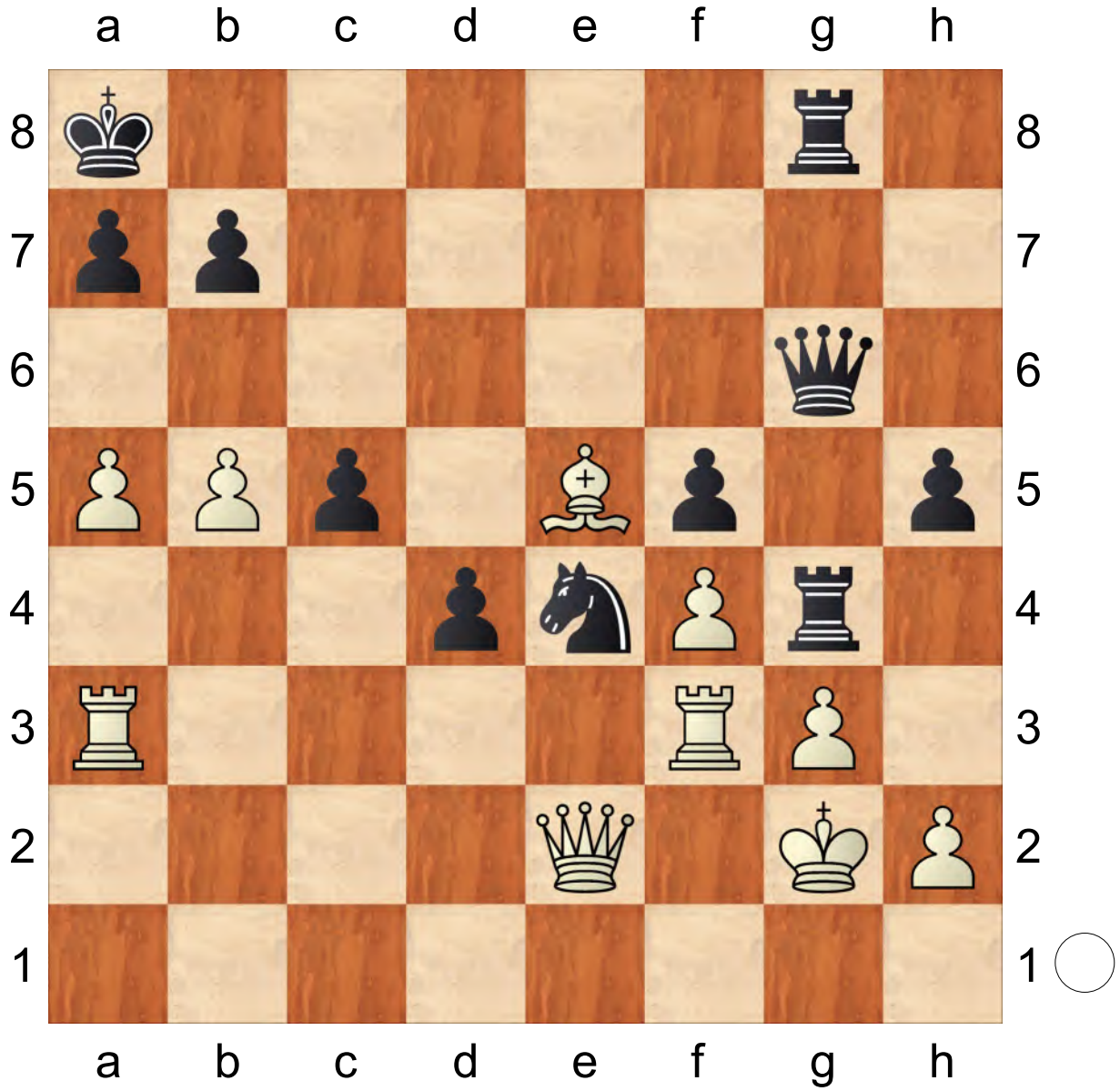
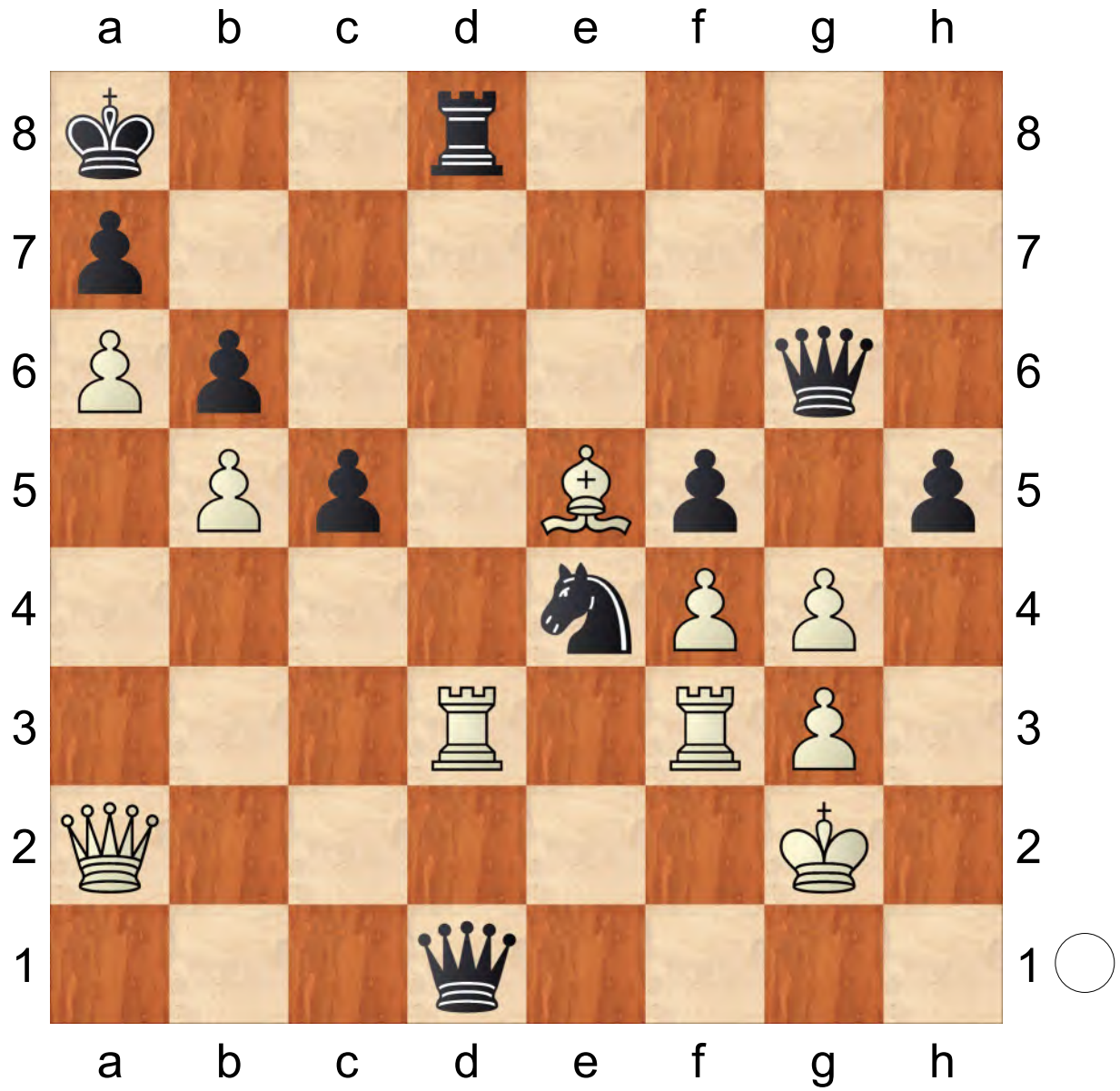


41.a6 b6 42.Qa2 Rd8□ 43.h3! d3 44.hxg4 d2 45.Rad3!?
[45.gxf5 d1Q 46.fxg6 Rd2+ 47.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 48.Kh3 Qd1 49.Kg2 Qd2+=]
45...d1Q

(Diagram)

46.Rxd1 Rxd1 47.gxf5!?
[47.gxh5 Qg4 48.Qe6 Rd2+ 49.Kg1 Rd1+=]
47...Qg4 48.Re3 Rd2+
[48...h4? 49.Bc3!! Nd6 *(49...h3+ 50.Kh2 Nd6 51.Qe6+-)* 50.Qe6 Kb8 51.Qd7 h3+ 52.Kh2 Qg8 53.Kxh3+-]
49.Qxd2 Nxd2 50.Bc7 Qg8?
[Fritz3 gibt 50...Ne4!! als zum Remis führend an: 51.Rxe4 Qg8! 52.Kf2 Qf7



53.f6 Qd7 54.Re7 Qd2+=]

(Diagram)

51.Rd3! Plötzlich ist es wegen der prekären Lage des schwarzen Monarchen schwer geworden, die Stellung zu halten. **51...c4**

[51...Nc4 52.Rd8+ Qxd8 53.Bxd8 Ne3+ 54.Kh3 Nxf5 55.Bc7!+-]

52.Rd8++-

[52.Rxd2? c3 53.Re2 h4∓]

52...Qxd8 53.Bxd8 Hecht

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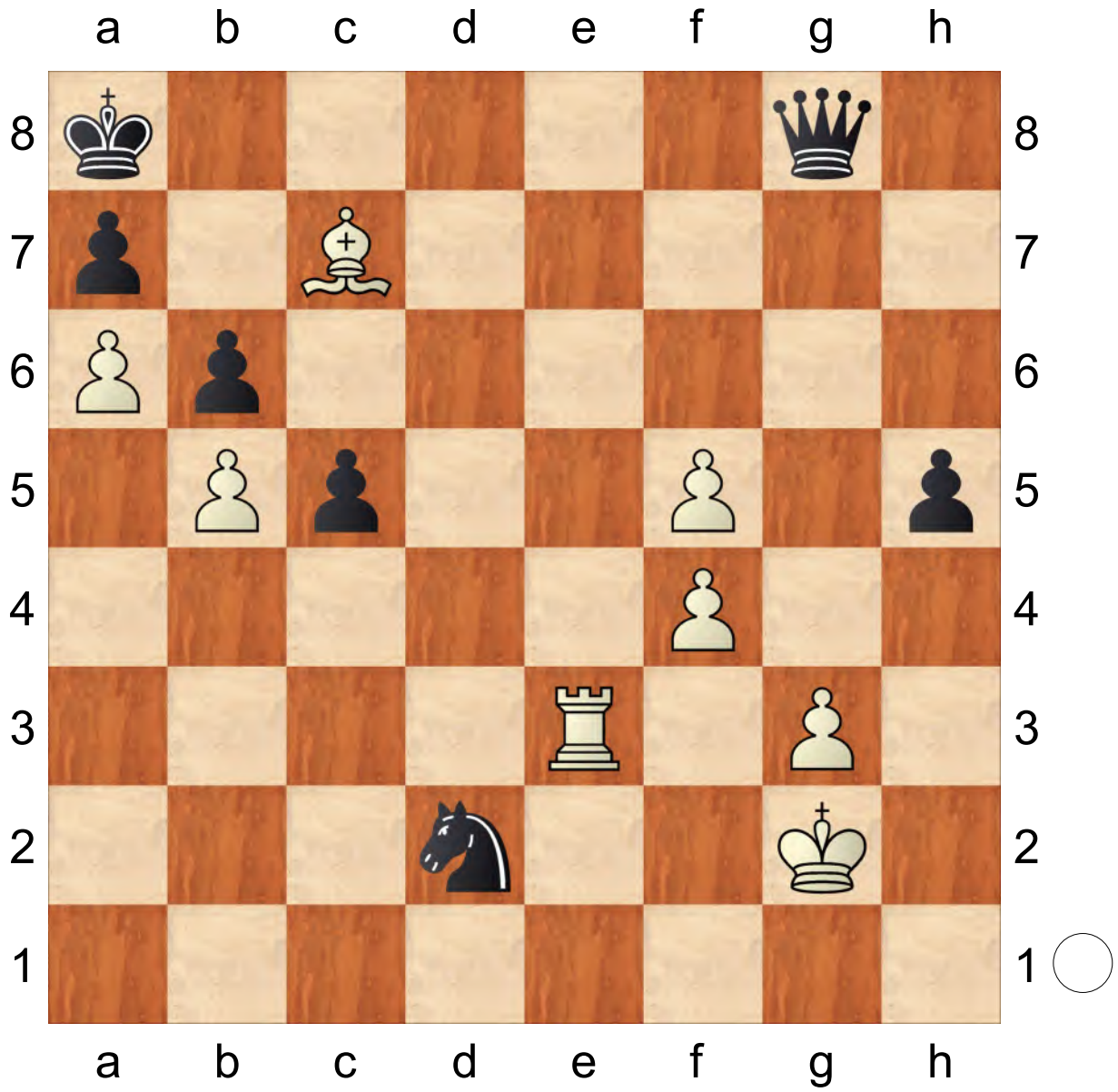
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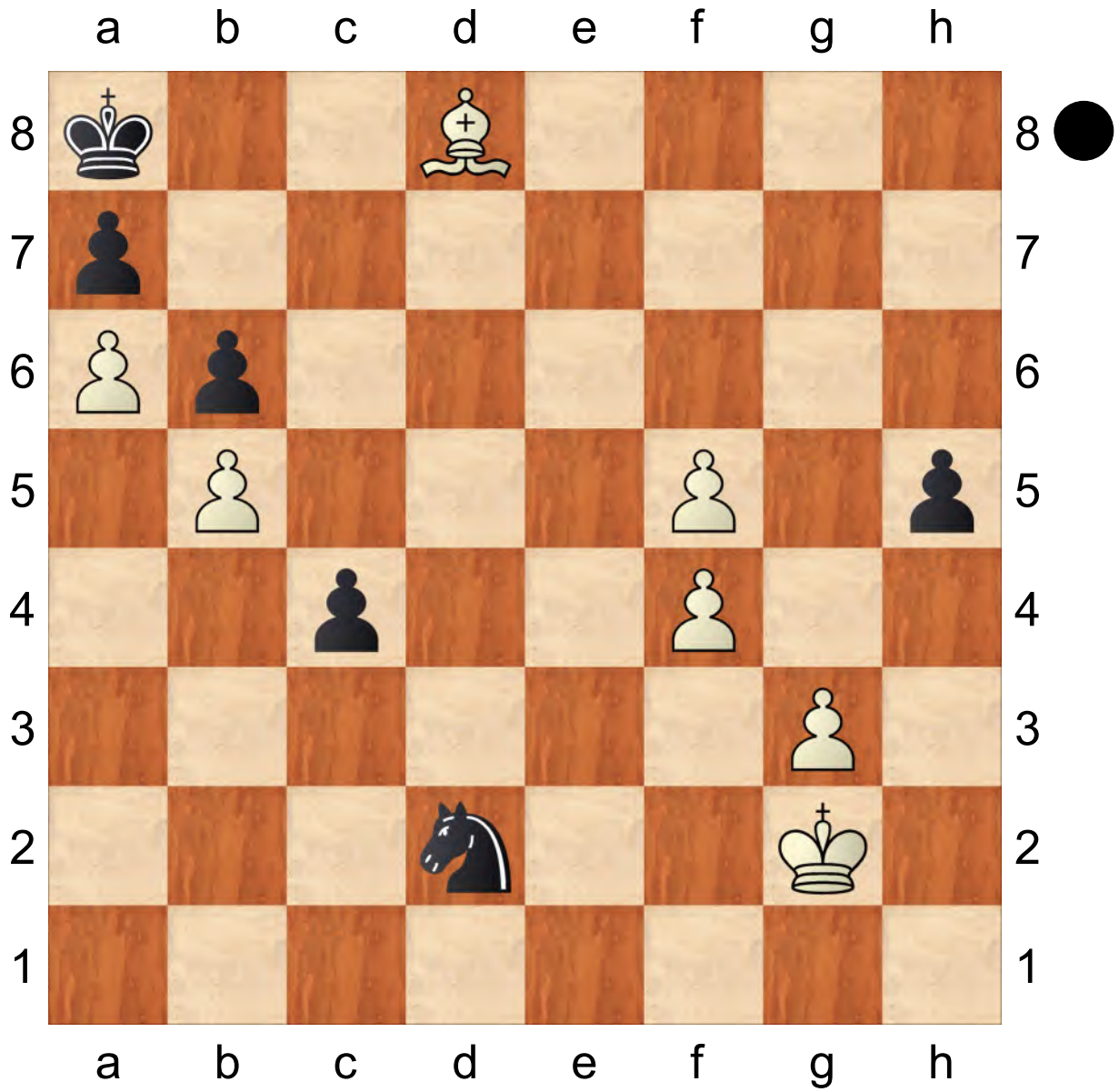

In a position characterized by passed pawns, the very poor position of Black's king decides in favor of White. \ Bei der von Freibauern geprägten Position entscheidet die sehr schlechte schwarze Königsstellung zugunsten von Weiß. **53...c3 54.Bf6 c2 55.Bb2 Nc4**

(Diagram)

56.Bc1 Nd6 57.f6 Kb8 58.Kh3 Kc8 59.Kh4 Kd7 60.Kxh5 Ke6

(Diagram)

61.Kg6 Nf5 62.g4 Nh4+ 63.Kg7

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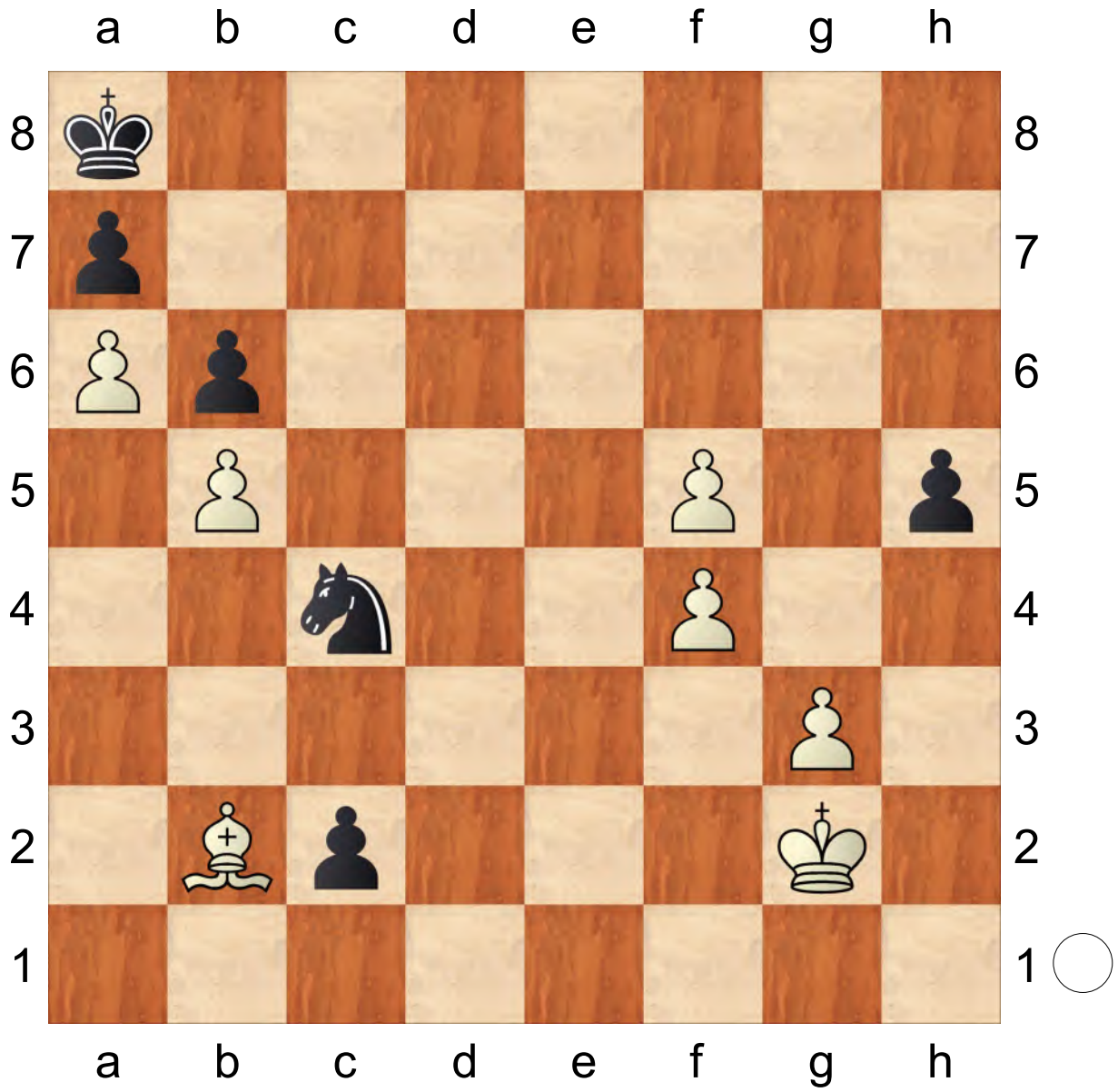
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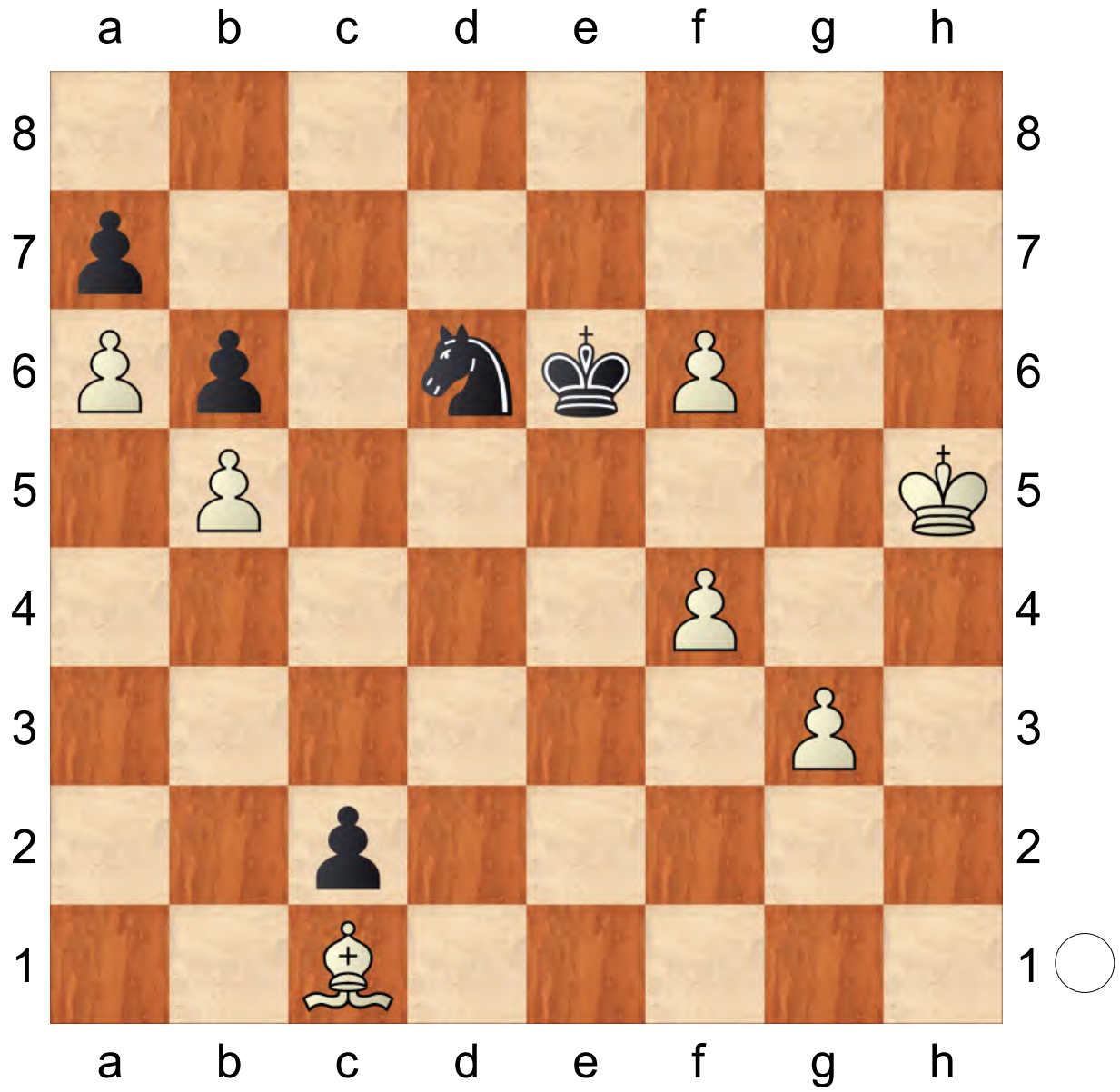
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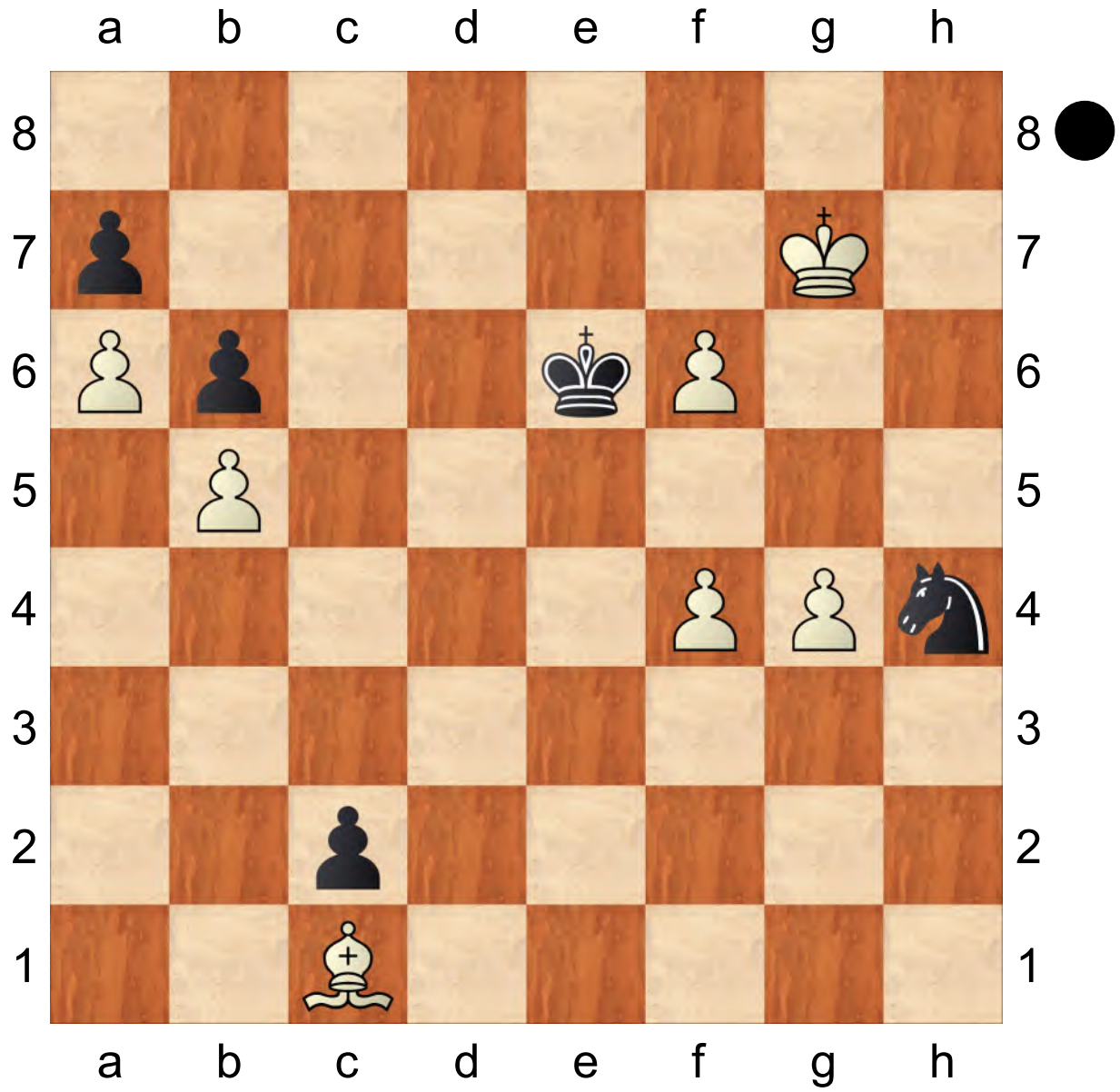

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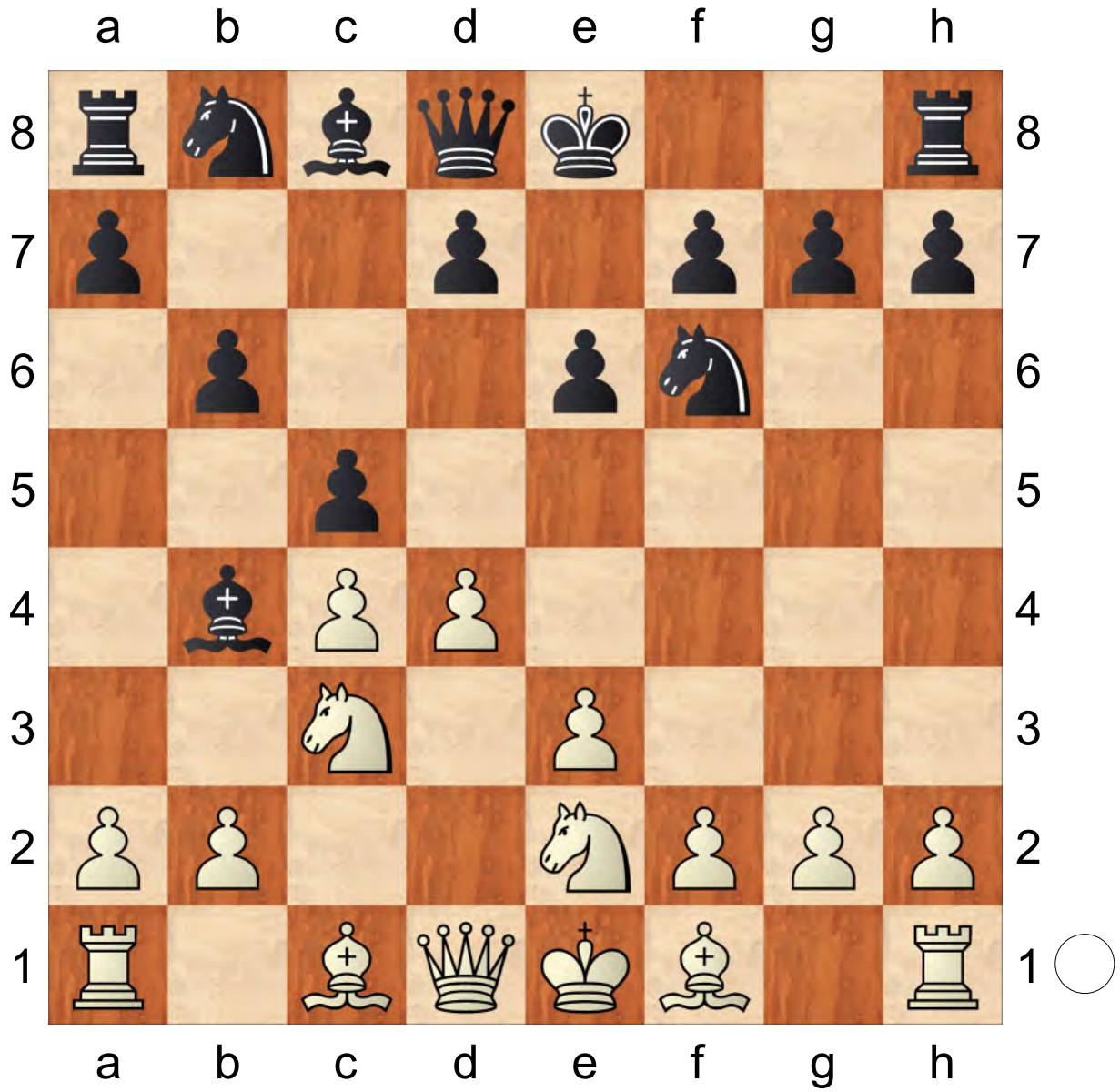
□ **Vaisser,Anatoli** **2513**
■ **Postny,Evgeny** **2652**
FRA-chT Top 16 GpB (2) 21.03.2009
[Postny,Evgeny]

This was my second encounter with the experienced grandmaster Anatoli Vaisser. The first one took place in a simultaneous exhibition which he gave back to the 80's in my home town in Russia. The current game proved to be far more exciting! **1.d4** Postny,E **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 c5**



6.a3 Ba5 7.Rb1 Na6

[Another way to defend against b2-b4 is 7...Qe7]

8.Ng3 Bb7 9.Bd3!? The most principled continuation. White is ready to sacrifice the ♙g2 for an initiative. The whole line is very sharp. **9...h5!?** Before the game I looked at, very briefly, a couple of games with this move and I liked it.

[9...Bxg2 10.Rg1 Bb7 11.Bd2 0-0 12.d5 Ne8 13.Qh5 f5 14.e4 Qe7 15.Kf1⩲ ½-½ Peralta,F (2524)-Vallejo Pons,F (2666)/Turin 2006/CBM 113 (46)]

10.h4 After a long thought. Vaisser already played this position before, so my previous move couldn't surprise him. In fact, he didn't know that my preparation ended around this point...

[10.d5 This is another critical line. exd5 *(10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 h4 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4±)*

A) 11.Nf5 Qb8! 12.cxd5 *(12.0-0!* is the improvement that was found later.*)* 12...g6 13.Ng3 Nxd5 14.Bd2 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qe5 16.f4 Qe7 17.Qe2 h4!∓ ½-½ Vaisser,A (2555)-Serper,G (2590)/Novosibirsk 1993/CBM 036/[Hansen,Cu] (67);

B) 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nc7 14.e4 Nxe4 15.Re1 d5 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qa4+ Kf8 18.Rd1 Qe8 19.Qd7 Ba6 20.Bxa6 Qxd7 21.Rxd7 Nxa6 22.Bf4 c4 23.Bd6+ Kg8 24.Re1 Re8 25.Rxa7 Rh6= ½-½ Illescas Cordoba,M (2608)-Gyimesi,Z (2614)/Turin 2006/CBM 113 (28)]

[10.0-0?! Bxc3 11.bxc3 h4 12.Ne2 h3 13.g3 Bf3 is annoying for White, this is the point of 9...h5.]

10...Bxg2

(Diagram)

11.Rg1 Bb7 12.d5 Here I sank into a long period of thought. As I mentioned before, my preparation for the game wasn't deep at all, so the forthcoming novelty I figured out over the board. **12...Ng4!?N** I tried to figure out if the inclusion of moves h2-h4 and h7-h5 is useful for me, and I found an interesting idea, though a risky one.

[12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.e4 0-0-0 15.Bg5?! *(15.Qf3 Ng4 16.Be2 Ne5 17.Qe3⩲)* 15...Rde8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qf3 f5!∓ 0-1 Rosmuller,A (2114)-D'Costa,L (2384)/Vlissingen 2007/CBM 119 ext (29)]

13.Nxh5 Ne5!

[13...Rxh5 14.Qxg4 Qxh4 15.Qxg7±]

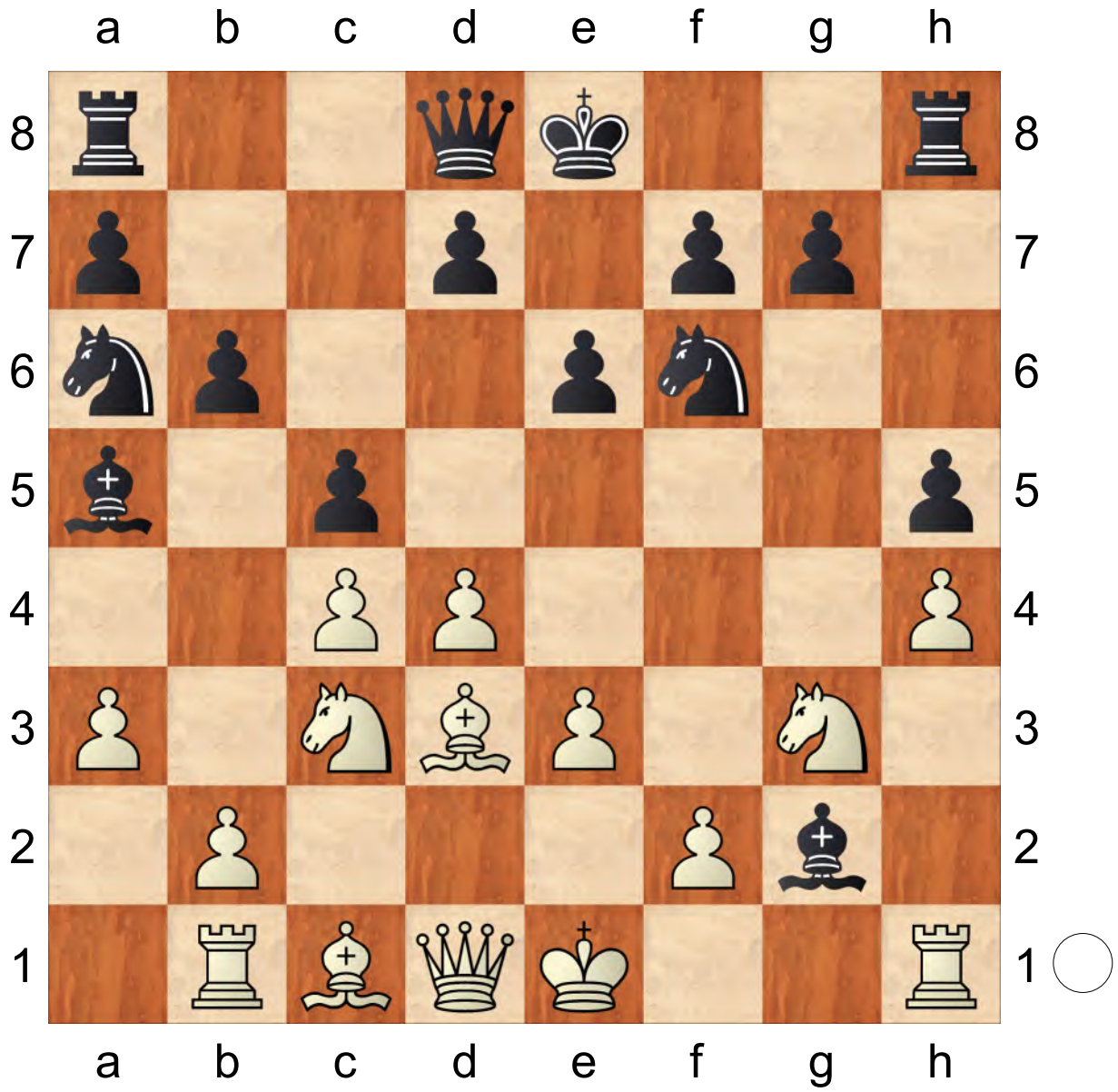
14.Nxg7+ Kf8 Now White is already a pawn up, but the h-pawn will be captured in one of the next moves and the knight is stuck on g7. **15.Be2**

[15.Rg5!? Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Rxh4 18.Rg1 Qf6 19.dxe6 Rh1 20.e7+ Kxe7 21.Nf5+ Kf8 22.Rxh1 Bxh1⩾]

[15.h5? Qf6 16.Be2 Rg8 17.f4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Rxg7∓]

15...exd5

[15...Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Rg8?! *(16...exd5* could lead to the same position as in the game, but I didn't want to exchange on c3 so early.*)* 17.e4 Qxh4 18.dxe6 Rxg7 19.Qd6+ Qe7 20.Qxe7+ Kxe7 21.Rxg7±]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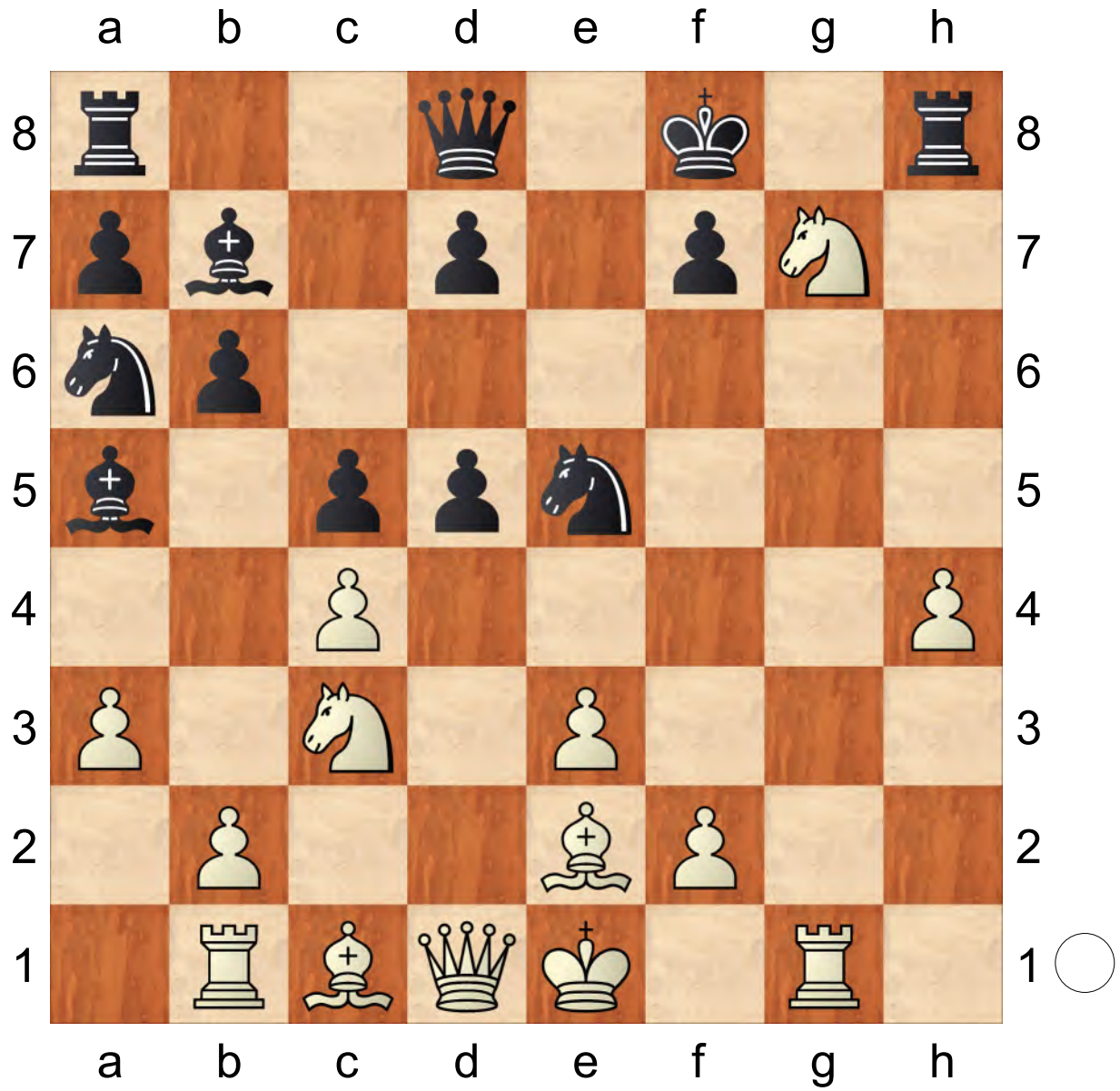


16.cxd5

[16.Nf5 Qf6 17.e4

A) 17...dxe4?! 18.Qd6+! *(18.Bg5 Qxf5 19.Qd6+ Kg8 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Bf6+ Kh7 22.Rg7+ Kh6 23.Bxe5 Rae8 24.Rg5 Rhg8 25.Rh5+ Kg6 26.Rg5+=)* 18...Qxd6 19.Nxd6 Bxc3+ 20.bxc3 Bc6 21.Bg5 Rg8 22.Kd2;

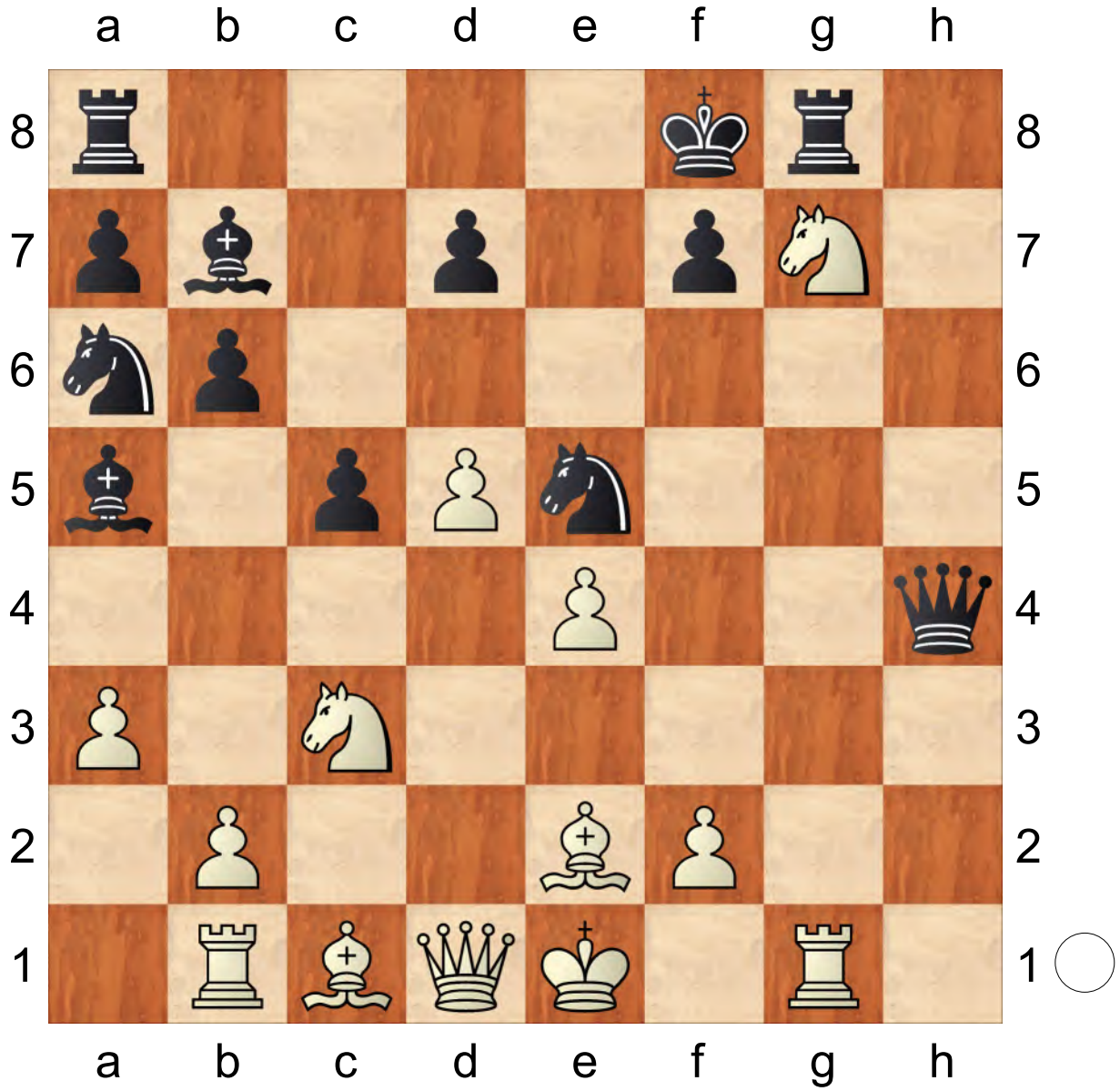
B) 17...d4 18.Bg5 Qe6 19.b4 *(19.Be7+ Qxe7 20.Nxe7 dxc3 21.b4 c2 22.Qxc2 cxb4* is a transposition.*)* 19...dxc3 20.Be7+ Qxe7 21.Nxe7 c2 22.Qxc2 cxb4 Postny,E: 'is a transposition.' 23.axb4 Nxb4 24.Qd1 Kxe7 25.Kf1∓]

16...Rg8 It seems that Black jas simply trapped the knight, but it's not so easy. **17.e4**

[17.Rg5 Rxg7 18.Rxe5 Rg1+ 19.Bf1 Qxh4 20.Qh5 Qh1 21.Qxh1 Rxh1 22.Ke2 d6∓]

[17.f4 Qxh4+ 18.Kd2 Rxg7 19.Rxg7 Kxg7 20.fxe5 Re8∓]

17...Qxh4



White is going to lose the knight, isn't he?

18.Qd2! This trick keeps the ♘g7 alive. **18...Bxc3** **19.bxc3!** White has to keep his queen on d2 for the manoeuvre ♕d2-h6.

[19.Qxc3? f6 is bad for White.]

19...Qh7

[19...Rxg7? 20.Qh6 Qxh6 21.Bxh6 Ng6 22.f4± followed by 23.♗xg7 and 24.f5 and White will be an exchange up.]

[19...f6!? 20.Qf4!! A very difficult move to find over the board. *(20.Qh6 Qxh6 21.Bxh6 Nf7* The point of 19…f6. *22.Nf5+* The only way to save a piece. *Nxh6 23.Rxg8+ Nxg8 24.Nd6 Bc8 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Bxa6 Re8 27.f3 f5 28.Bd3 Nf6∓)* 20...Qxf4 21.Bxf4 Nf7 22.Ne6+ dxe6 23.Rxg8+ Kxg8 24.dxe6 Ng5

25.Bxg5 fxg5 26.Rd1 Re8 27.Rd7 Bxe4 28.Bxa6 Rxe6 29.Rxa7=]

20.f4

[20.Qh6?? Rxg7-+]

20...Rxg7?

[20...Nc4! I had to play this "desperado" move. 21.Bxc4 Qxe4+ 22.Qe3 *(22.Kf2? Qxc4∓)*

A) 22...Qxb1? 23.f5! Rxg7 24.Rxg7 Qxf5 *(24...Kxg7 25.f6+!+-; 24...Re8 25.Rg8+ Kxg8 26.Qxe8+ Kg7 27.Qe5+ Kg8 28.Kd2+-)* 25.Rg5 Qh7 26.Qg3 Re8+ 27.Kd1→;

B) 22...Qxc4 23.Rb2 Qxd5 24.f5! Qe4 25.Qxe4 Bxe4 26.f6 Black is two pawns up and has exchanged queens, but even in the endgame White's attack is very strong.;

C) 22...Qxe3+! 23.Bxe3 Rxg7 24.Rh1 Ke7 Black is safe, White should look for equality.]

(Diagram)

21.Rxg7 Qxg7 22.fxe5 Re8

[22...Qxe5 23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.c4+-]

[22...Qg1+ 23.Bf1 Qg3+ 24.Kd1 The king escapes and White is going to enjoy his free initiative.]

23.Qh6 Rxe5

[23...c4 24.Kf2! Nc5 25.Qh4+-]

24.Qxg7+?? In serious time trouble Vaisser exchanges queens which cane as a big relief for me. If the queens remained on board, Black would be unlikely to able to resist the attack on the dark squares.

[24.Qh4! Qg1+ 25.Bf1 was crushing. Black is just defenceless against the forthcoming assault on the dark squares. The difference between White's and Black's minor pieces is amazing!]

24...Kxg7 25.c4 Rxe4

(Diagram)

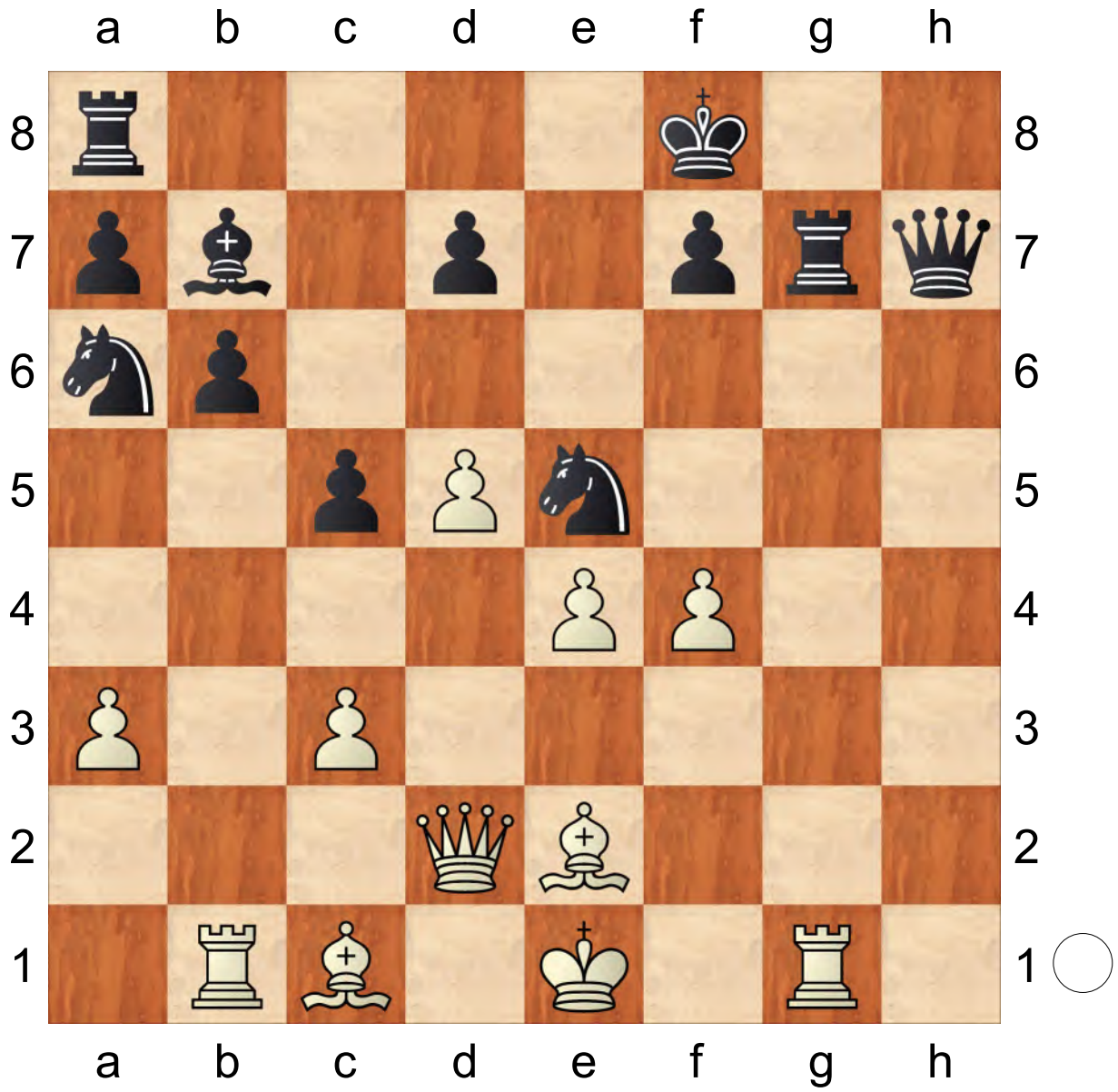
26.Bb2+ White is two pawns down, still, his pair of strong bishops give him partial compensation. **26...Kf8 27.Kd2 Nc7 28.Rf1**

[28.Rh1 Ne8 The knight arrives just in time to prevent ♗b2-f6. 29.Rh8+ Ke7∓]

28...Ne8 29.Bd3 Rg4 30.Be5 b5?!

[30...d6 31.Bf4 Bc8 would have been a more solid way. Sooner or later Black's extra material will tell.]

(Diagram)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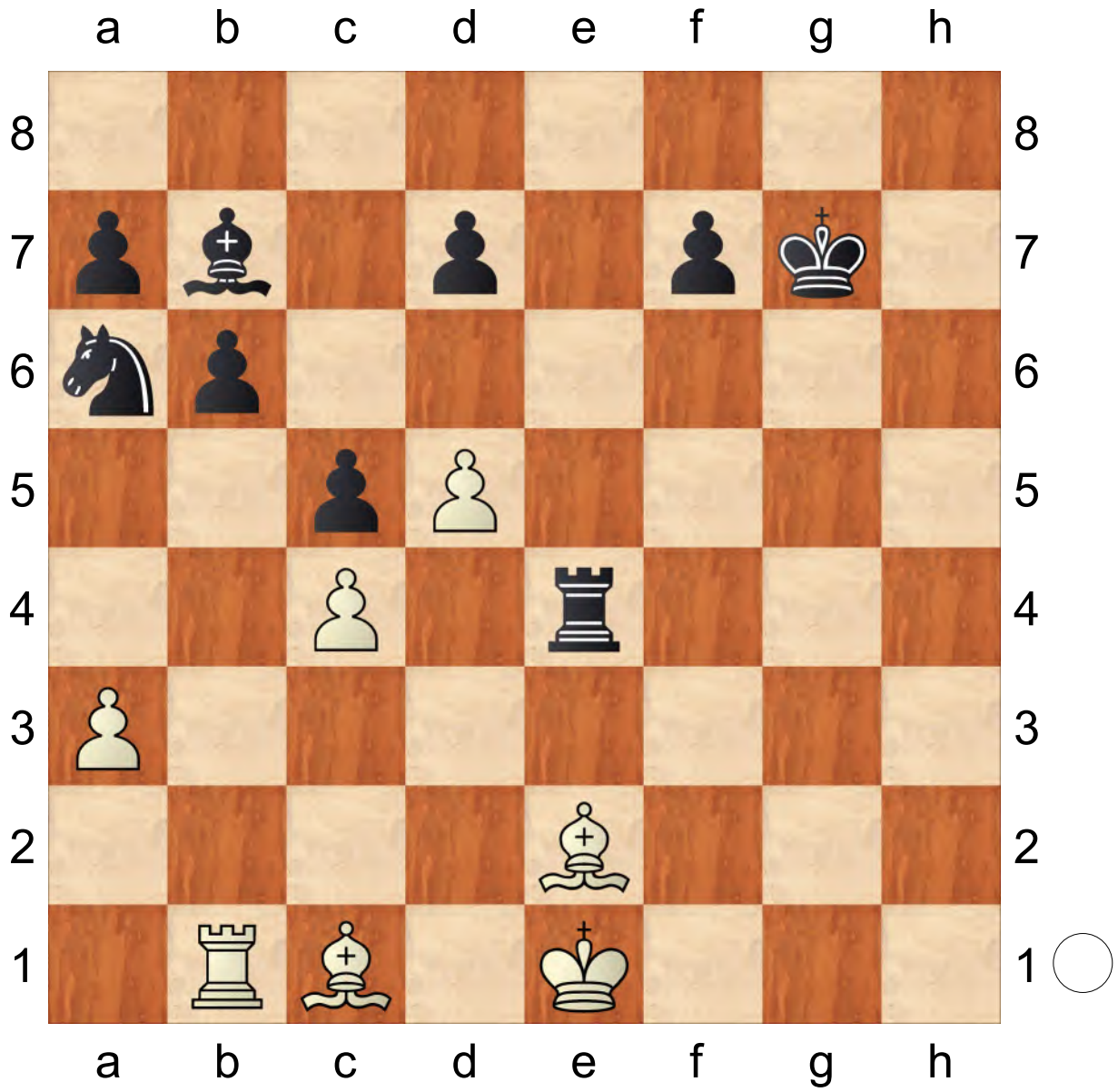
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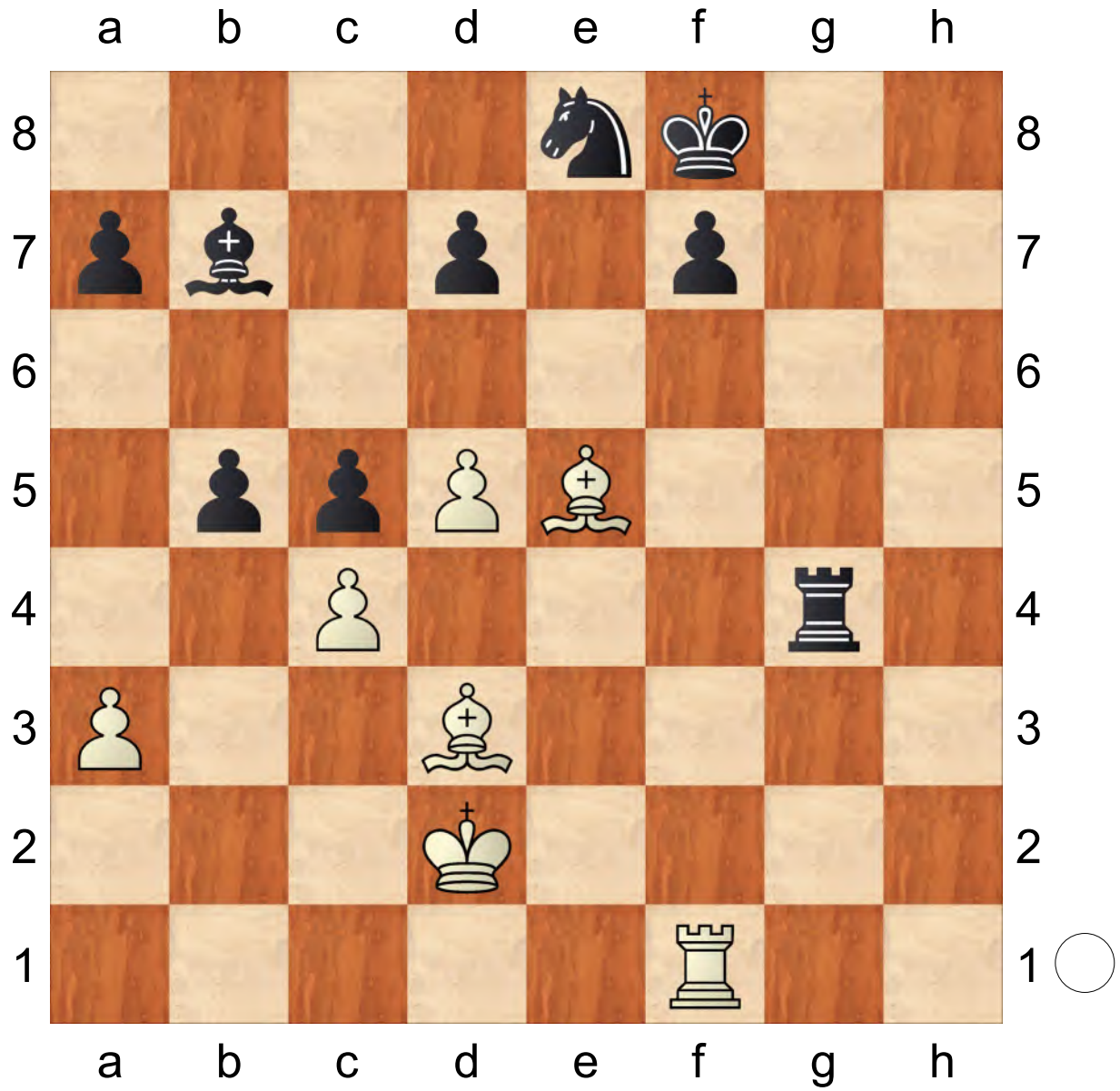


This is a natural move, especially in a time scramble. However, it gives White some unnecessary chances. **31.Bf5 Rxc4 32.d6?**

[32.Bxd7 Bxd5 33.Bxb5 Re4 34.Bb8 could probably still save the game. White's bishops are extremely active.]

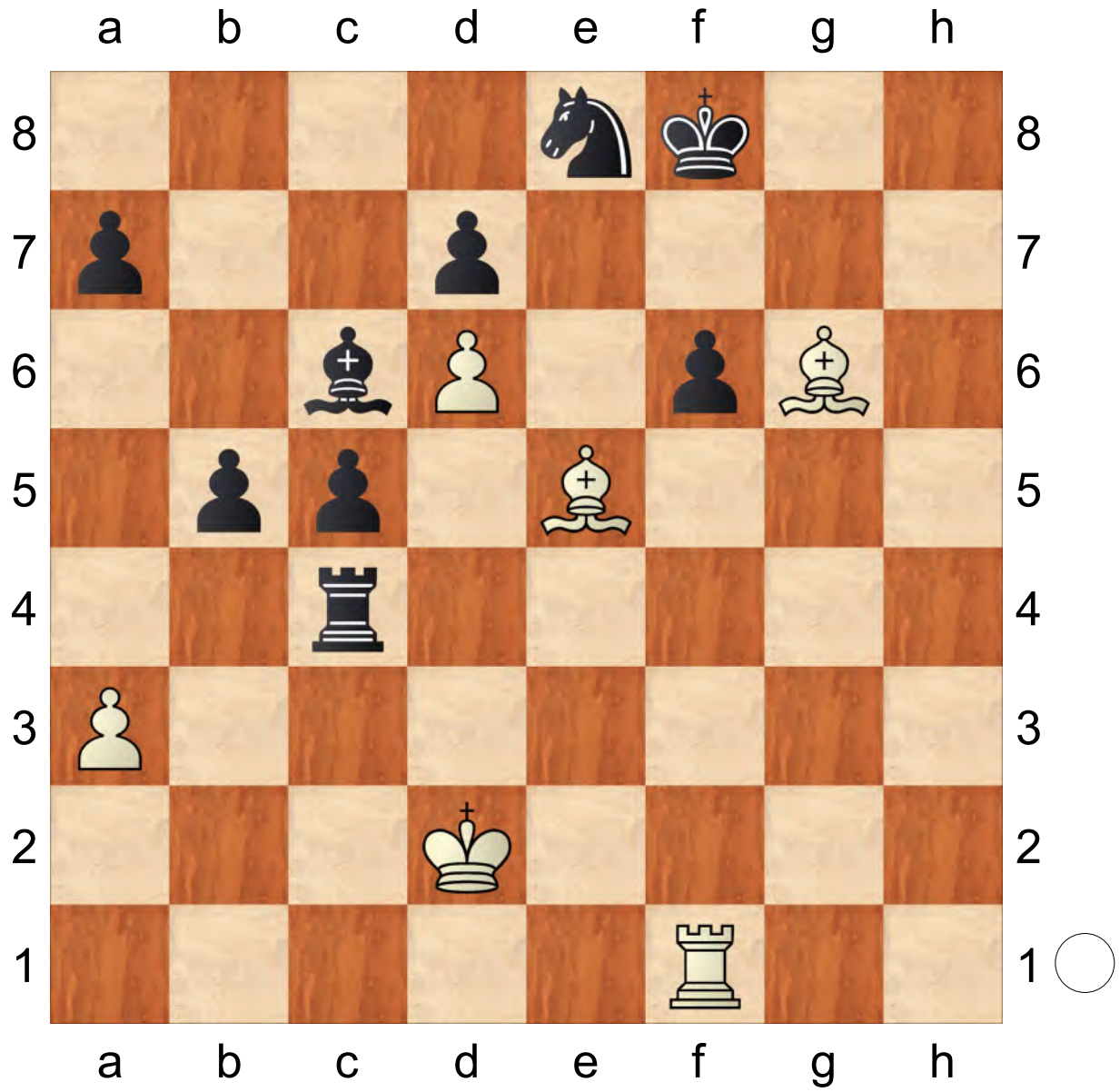
32...Bc6 33.Bg6 Bd5 34.Bf5 Bc6 35.Bg6 f6!

(Diagram)

36.Bf4

[An attempt to get an endgame with opposite coloured bishops would not save White: 36.Bxe8 Kxe8 37.Rxf6 Rg4 Two connected passed pawns will decide the outcome slowly but surely.]

36...Rxf4! Finally eliminating the nasty bishop. **37.Rxf4 Nxd6**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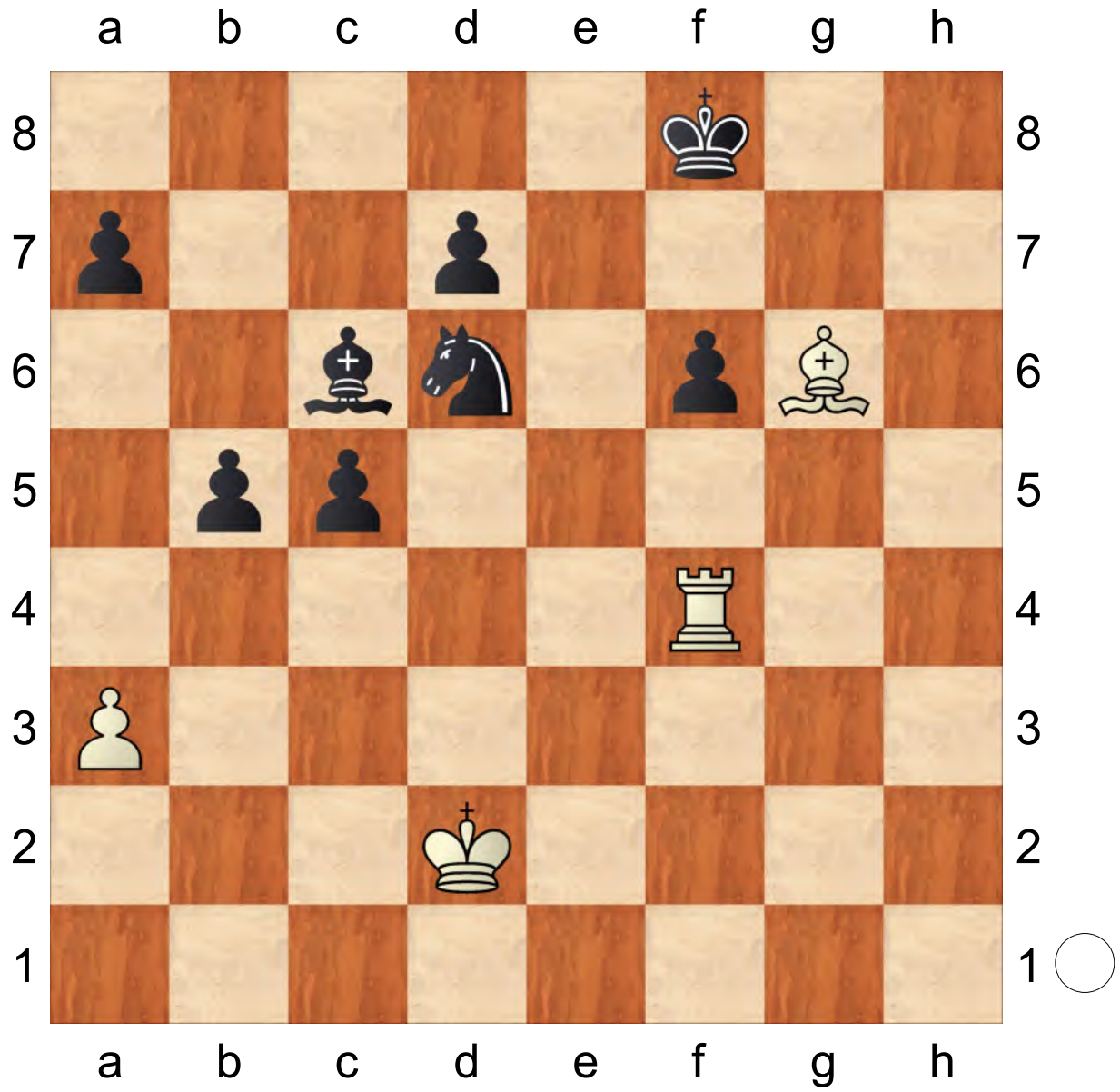

Here my opponent lost on time in a hopeless position.

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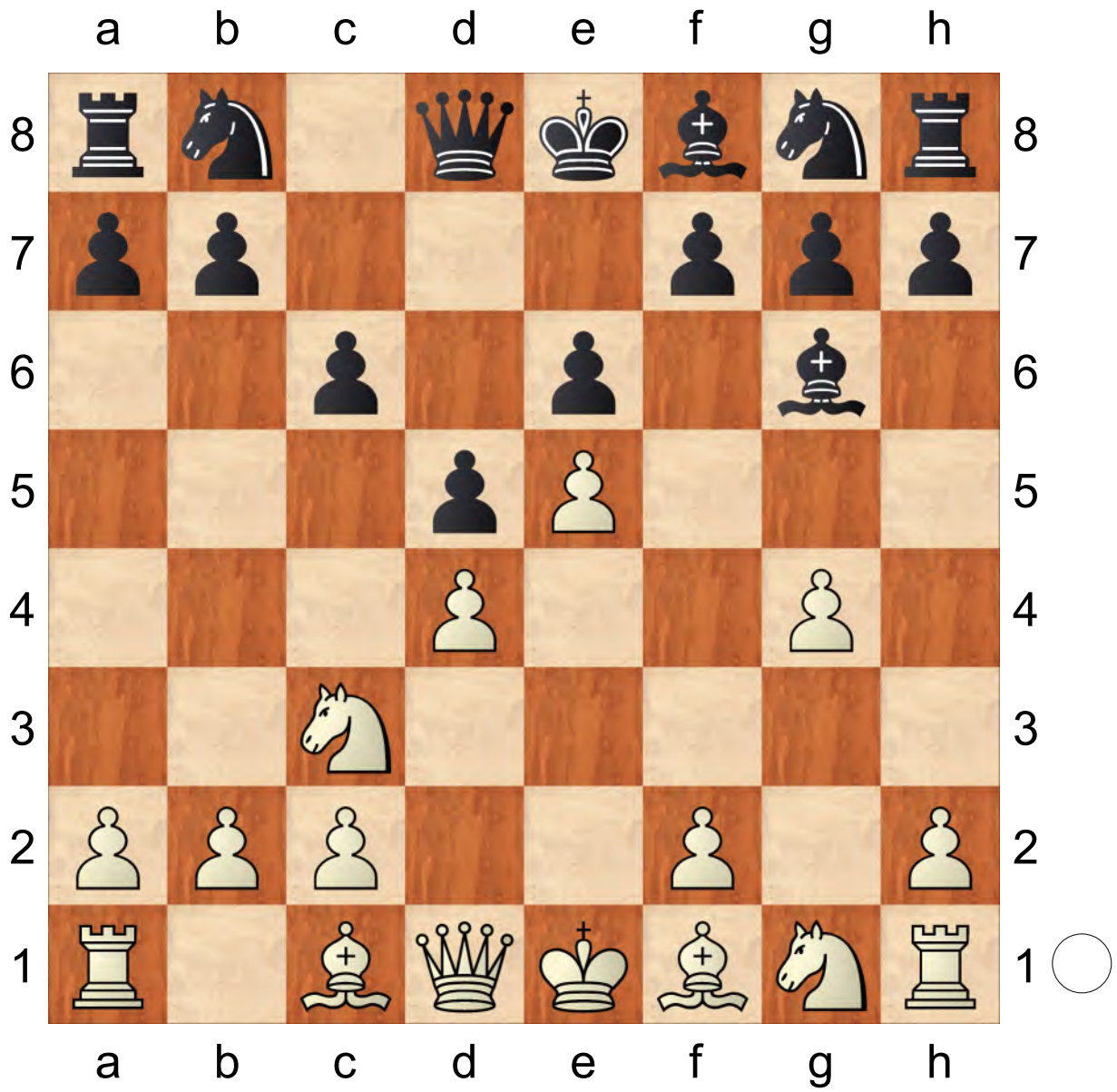
□ **Arizmendi Martinez,Julen Luis** **2445**
■ **Piankov,Evgenij** **2375**
Ubeda op 5th (10) 28.01.2000
[Bangiev,Alexander J]

1.e4 Bangiev Lukacs,P **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6**



6.Nge2 c5 7.h4 h5 8.Nf4 Bh7 9.g5!? Ein seltener, aber logischer Zug. Es droht 10.g6!

[häufiger anzutreffen ist 9.Nxh5 Bangiev: 'Lukacs,P' cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nc6 11.Bb5 Nge7 und nun werden 12.♗g5 bzw. 12.♗h6 in die Diskussion gebracht.]

[9.Nxh5 Lukacs,P]

9...Bf5?! Schwarz versucht damit der weißen Drohung entgehen, verliert allerdings damit ein weiteres Tempo.

[9...cxd4 10.Nb5

A) 10...Be4 11.f3 Bf5 12.Nxd4 Ne7

A1) 13.Nxf5?! Nxf5 solves only Black's problem of development. 14.Bd3 *(14.g6?! Nc6 15.gxf7+ Kxf7∓)* 14...g6 *(14...Qc7!?)* 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.g6? White pushes too hard. *(*Safer was *16.Nd3 Bg7 17.f4 Nc6 18.0-0 Qb6+ 19.Kh1=* and the » is more or less closed. *)* 16...Nc6! 17.gxf7+ Kxf7 18.Nd3 Be7 19.Bf4 Bxh4+ 20.Kd2 Bg5∓ Engstrom-Vernersson, SVE-chT 1997;

A2) 13.Bb5+ Nbc6

A2a) 14.Bd2 Qc7 In case of slow play White's weaknesses on the light squares begin to tell. 15.Qe2 a6 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.b4 *(17.Nb3 c5 18.0-0-0 Nc6∓ × f5)* 17...g6 18.Nb3 Bxc2 19.Nd4 Bf5 20.Kf2 Bg7 *(*or simply *20...c5!? 21.bxc5 Nc6⇄)* 21.Rhe1 c5 22.bxc5 Qxc5 23.Qe3 Qa7 24.Bb4 0-0 25.Nxf5 Nxf5 26.Qxa7 Rxa7 27.Bxf8 Bxf8⩲ Votava-Kozak, CZE-ch 1994;

A2b) 14.g6 '!?' Lukacs,P. Lukacs,P: 'White has to continue his invasion.' 14...Qc7 *(14...fxg6 15.Nfxe6; 14...Nxg6? 15.Nxc6)* 15.Bxc6+ *(15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Bxc6* is strongly met by *Qxe5+!)* 15...Nxc6 16.Nxc6 *(16.gxf7+ Qxf7)* 16...bxc6 17.gxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qe2↑ Siehe Kotronias,V-Arlandi,E/ Yerevan 1996/1-0 (33)EXT 97 *(18.Qe2* Lukacs,P *Be7 19.Kf1 c5* Black has fully consolidated his position. *20.Bd2 Rab8 21.c4 dxc4 22.Bc3 g5 23.hxg5 Bxg5 24.Qxc4 Qd8 25.Rh2∞* Kotronias-Arlandi, Yerevan ol 1996 *)*;

B) 10...Nc6 '!' Lukacs,P. Lukacs,P: 'provoking the weakening move' 11.g6! *(11.Qxh5)* 11...Bxg6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 '!?' Lukacs,P. *(13...Qc7!? 14.Nxe6 Qxe5+ 15.Qe2 Bd6 16.Bg2 Nf6 17.c3 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Kf7 19.Ng5+ Kg8 20.Rd1±* because of Black's weaknesses in his ♙ structure. *)* 14.Qxd4 Qa5+ 15.Bd2 Qc5 16.Qa4+ Lukacs,P: 'White has to avoid the exchange of queens in an attacking position like that.' Kf7 17.Qf4+ Ke8 18.Rh3↑ Siehe Gaso,R-Pauli,A/Bayern 1998/ 1-0(27) Lukacs,P: 'The ♖ comes into the battle via the third rank.' *(18.Rh3* The ♖ comes into the battle via the third rank. *d4 19.Rf3 Ne7 20.Qf7+ Kd7 21.0-0-0+-* Gaso-Paoli, Oberliga Bayern 1997 *)*]

10.g6! '?!' Lukacs,P.

[10.dxc5 Lukacs,P was the consistent answer in order to weaken × g7.

A) 10...Bxc5 11.Nxh5 is already threatening with ♘g7. Bg6 12.Nxg7+ Kf8 13.Nxe6+ fxe6 14.h5 Bf5 15.Bd3⩲;

B) 10...Nc6 11.Nxh5 Nxe5 12.Bf4 Nd7 *(12...Bg4?* is met by the unpleasent zwischenzug *13.Bb5+!* and only after *Ke7 14.Be2±)* 13.Nb5 Suddenly White has threats on both flanks! Rc8 *(13...e5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Nxg7+ Kf8 16.Nxf5 Bxc5 17.Bg3 Qb6 18.Bg2±)* 14.Nxg7+! Bxg7 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Nxb7 Qe8 17.Nd6 Qd8 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Bd6+ Ne7 20.Bd3±;

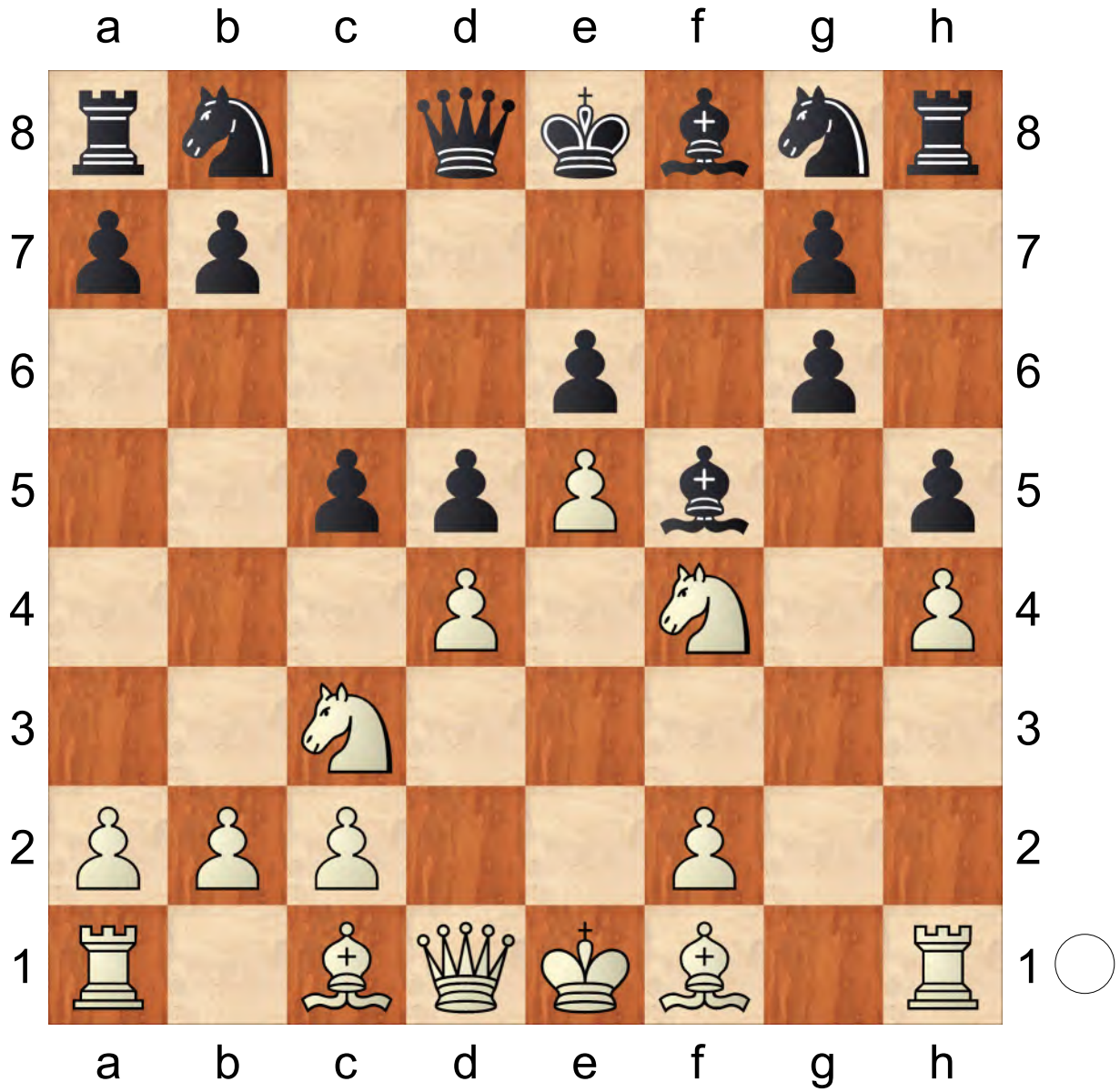
C) 10...Qc7! 11.Nb5 Qxe5+ *(11...Qxc5 12.Be3→)* 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ 13.Bxe2 Na6 *(13...Kd7 14.Nd4 Be4 15.f3 Bh7 16.g6 Bxg6 17.Ndxe6!±)* 14.Nd4±]

10...fxg6

[10...cxd4 11.Nb5]

[10...Nc6!? Lukacs,P 11.gxf7+ Kxf7 12.Be3 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Ne7∞ *(14...Bxc2? hunting for pawns without developing the pieces is against the principles. 15.Bh3 Rh6 16.Rc1 Bh7 17.Nxe6 Rxe6 18.Qf4+±)*]

[10...Bxg6?! Lukacs,P creates a serious weakness on g6. 11.Nxg6 fxg6 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Bg5 Δ ♗xg6]

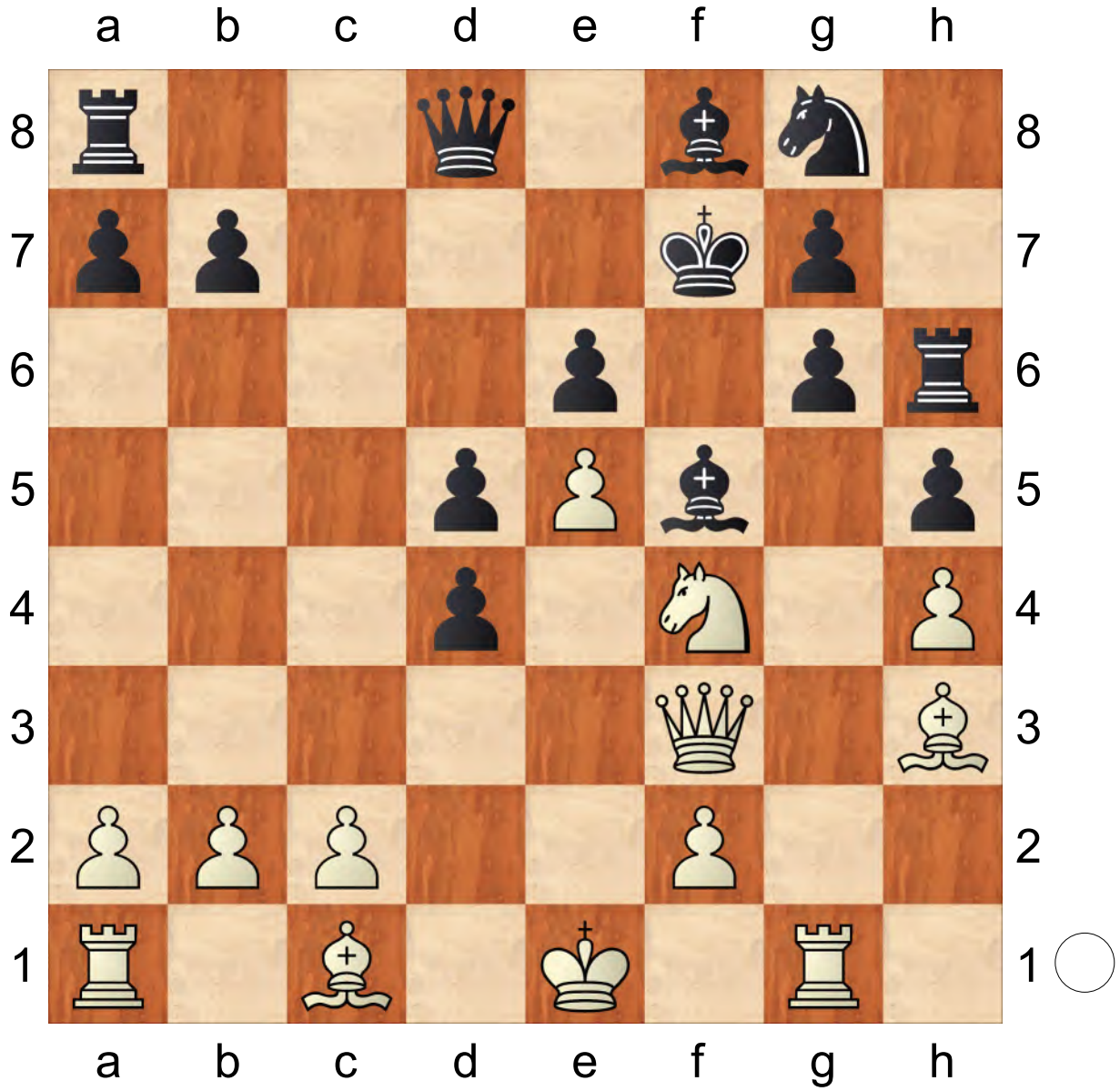


11.Bh3!

[11.Bd3 Kf7 *(11...cxd4 12.Nxg6!)* 12.Rg1]

11...Kf7

[11...Qc8 12.Bxf5 gxf5 13.Nb5 *(13.Ng6 Rh7 14.Nb5 Nc6)* 13...Kf7 14.Rg1 Nc6]
[11...Qxh4 Lukacs,P 12.Qf3!±]
12.Qf3 Weiß macht einen starken Druck auf den Feldern d5,e6,f5,g6. **12...Nc6**
[12...cxd4? 13.Ncxd5! exd5 *(13...Nc6 14.Nxe6!; 13...Qd7* Lukacs,P *14.Rg1! Rh6 15.Rxg6!! Rxg6 16.Bxf5 Rg1+ 17.Ke2+-)* 14.Nxg6! Zwei starke Züge und die schwarze Stellung bricht zusammen.]
13.Nce2!?
[13.Nxg6 Kxg6 14.Bxf5+ exf5 15.Rg1+ Kf7 16.Qxf5+ Ke8 17.Qg6+ Kd7 Lukacs,P: 'The ♔ marches towards the safe 《.' 18.Qf7+ '!' Lukacs,P. *(18.dxc5 Qe8 19.Qf5+ Qe6-+* was simple.*)* 18...Kc8 '!' Lukacs,P. Lukacs,P: 'Black has to defence himself carefully.' *(18...Qe7!* Lukacs,P Black has to defence himself carefully. *19.Qxd5+ Kc8 20.Ne4 Nxd4 21.Nd6+ Kb8* and the ♔ has reached a safe heaven.*;* Alternatives are inferior: *18...Nge7 19.Rg6 Kc7 20.Rd6)* 19.Bg5 *(19.dxc5 Nd4 20.Bg5 Nh6 21.Bxh6 Rxh6 22.0-0-0±)* 19...Nh6!∓]
[13.Ncxd5? Nxd4]
13...Nxd4?! '?' Lukacs,P. Lukacs,P: 'In a complex position like that it is easy to miscalculate.'
[13...cxd4!? Wegen der Drohung 14...♘xe5 hat Weiß hier keine Zeit um seinen Angriff vorzubereiten, muß also schnell reagieren. 14.Nxe6 *(14.Rg1 Nxe5)*
A) 14...Kxe6?! 15.Nf4+ Ke7 *(15...Kd7 16.Nxg6; 15...Kf7 16.Nxg6)* 16.Bxf5 *(16.Nxg6+ Bxg6 17.Bg5+ Ke8 18.Bxd8±* and it is a question whether Black has enough compensation for the ♕*.)* 16...Nxe5 17.Nxg6+ *(17.Qe2 Kd6)* 17...Nxg6 18.Bg5+ Nf6 19.Bxg6↑;
B) 14...Qa5+! Lukacs,P: 'The cool-blooded answer!' 15.Bd2! *(15.Kd1!? Nxe5 16.Qf4∞)* 15...Bb4 16.Ng5+
B1) 16...Ke8 Lukacs,P 17.Qf4 Bxd2+ *(17...d3 18.cxd3 Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 20.Kxd2 Nxe5 21.Rae1±)* 18.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Bxh3 20.Rxh3 Nxe5 21.Nxd4 Kd7⩲;
B2) 16...Kf8 17.c3! Nxe5 18.Qg3↑]
14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Rg1! Ein wichtiger Zug, der den weißen Angriff stark unterstützt. Es droht 16.♘g6 bzw. 16.♘e6 **15...Rh6** Lukacs,P: '
[15...Bb4+
A) 16.Kd1!? Qc8 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Qg3±;
B) 16.Kf1!?;
C) 16.Kf1 Lukacs,P Ne7 17.Nxe6! The same old motif again! Qb6 *(17...Kxe6* is again met by the witty *18.Rxg6+!+-)* 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nf4 Qb5+ 20.Nd3⩲;
D) 16.c3! dxc3 17.bxc3 Qc7 18.cxb4 Qxe5+ 19.Qe3± Qxa1? 20.Bxf5+-]
[15...Ne7 16.Nxe6!
A) 16...Qb6 Lukacs,P 17.Nf4 Be4 *(17...Kg8 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nxh5±)* 18.Qe2→;
B) 16...Kxe6 17.Rxg6+! Kf7 *(17...Nxg6 18.Qxf5+ Ke7 19.Qe6#)* 18.Bxf5+- *(18.Bxf5 Nxg6 19.e6+ Kg8 20.Bxg6+-)*]



' **16.Nxe6!+-** Lukacs,P: 'This is the typical sacrifice against the ♔ in the middle.' Nun ist der weiße Angriff nicht zu stoppen. **16...Qa5+**
[accepting the sacrifice 16...Kxe6 Lukacs,P is met by the standard 17.Rxg6+!+-]
17.Kd1 Ne7
[17...d3 Lukacs,P 18.Bxf5 dxc2+ 19.Kxc2 gxf5 20.Qxf5++-]
18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Nxd4 Lukacs,P: 'Now White has material advantage and a fierce →.' **19...Qb4 20.Nxf5 gxf5**
[20...Nxf5 Lukacs,P 21.Bxf5+-]

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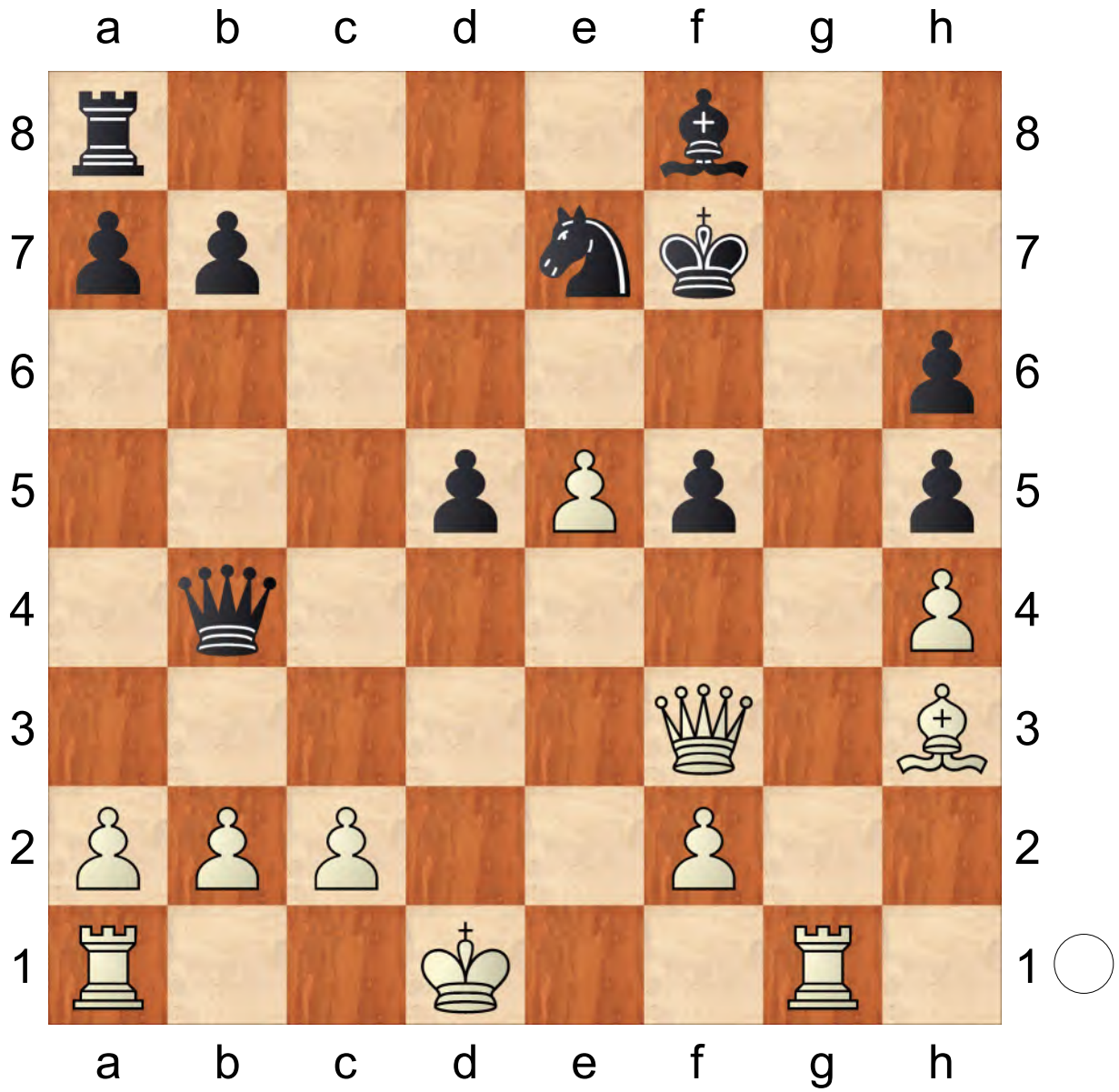

21.Bxf5 Ke8 22.Be6 Qxb2 23.Qf7+ Kd8 24.Qxf8+ Kc7 25.Qxe7+ Kb6

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26.Qd6+ Ka5 27.Qxd5+

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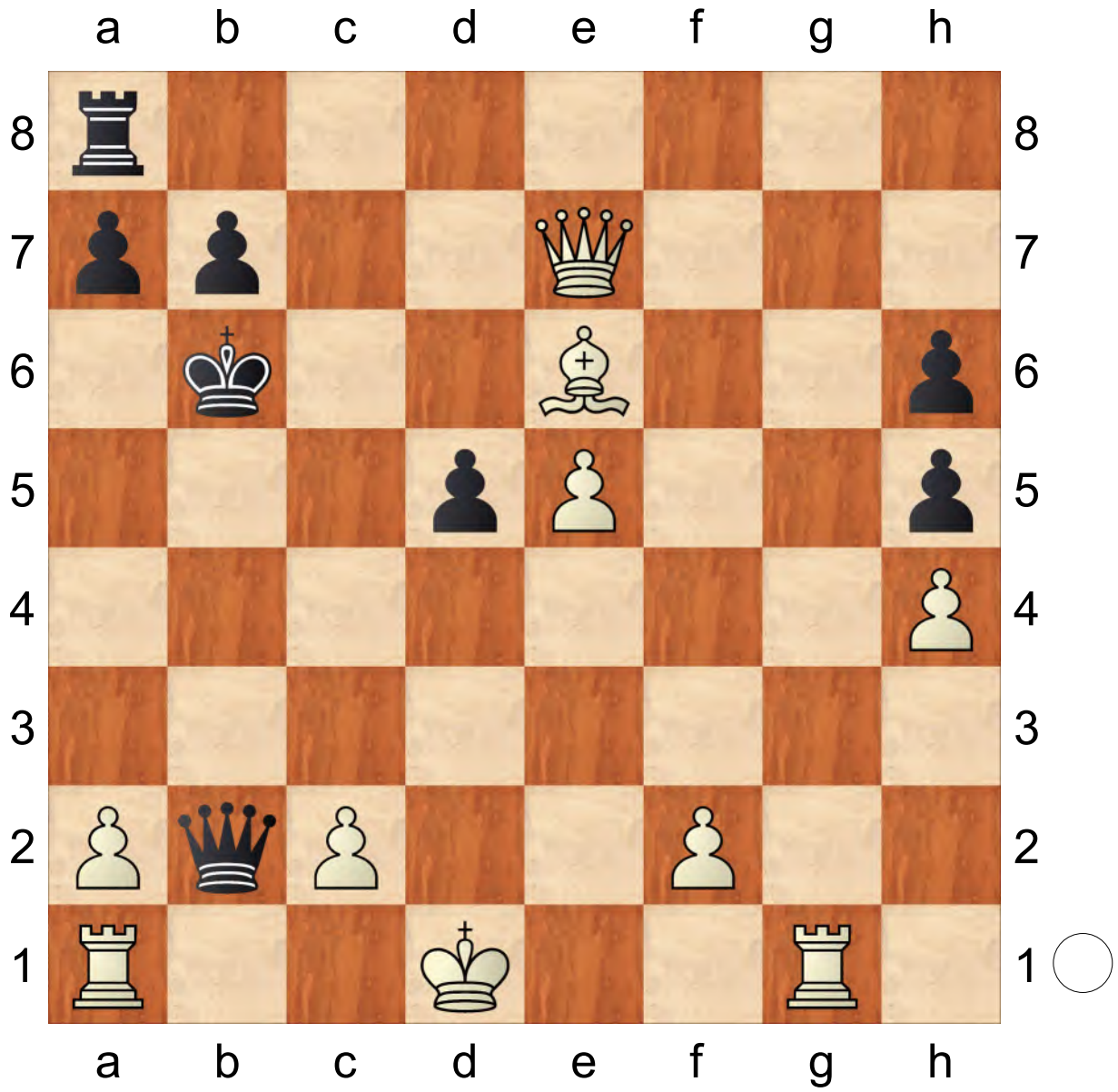
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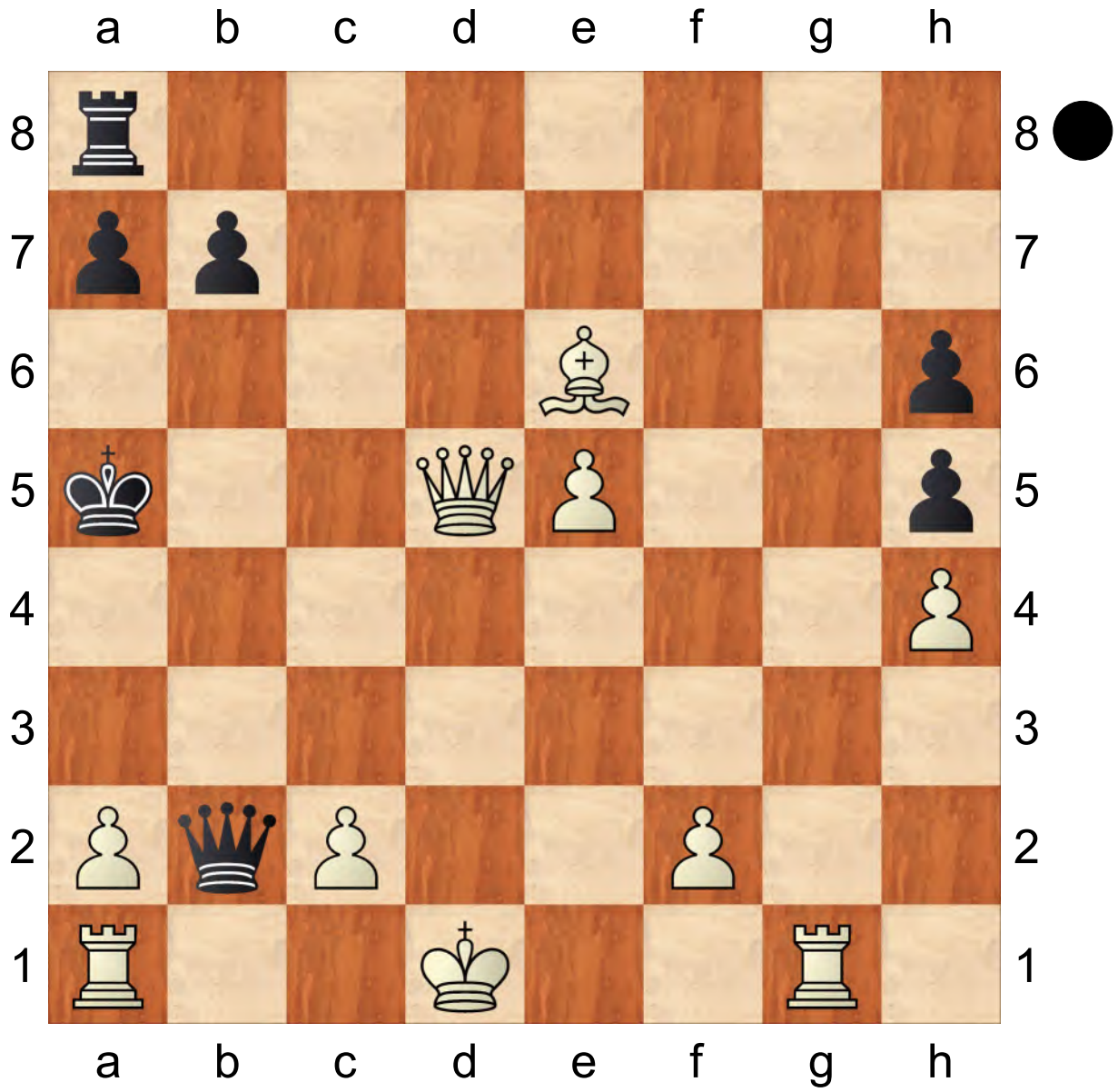
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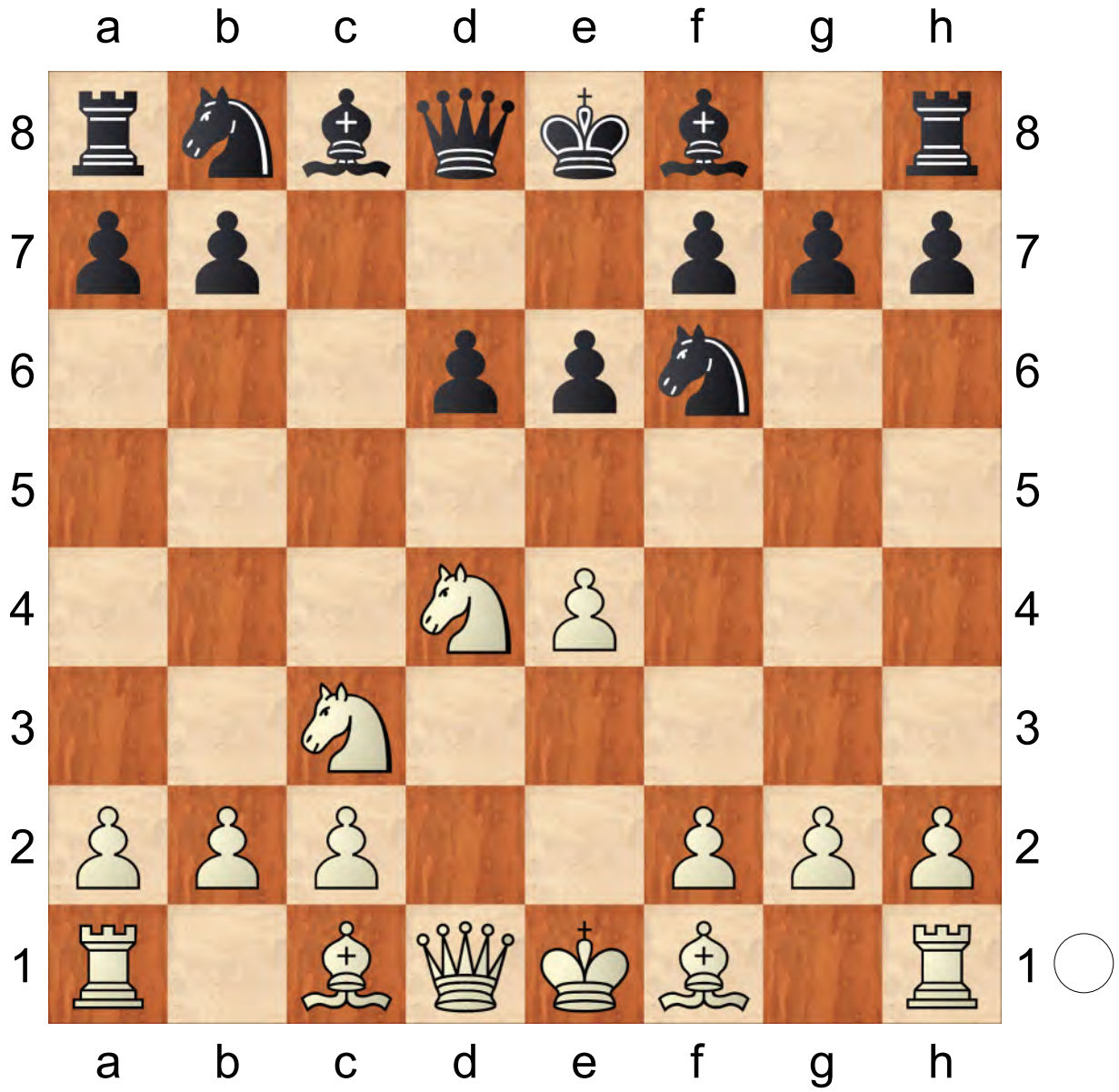
□ **Bernard,Christophe** **2310**
■ **Grizou,Regis** **0**
FRA-ch60 Championnat (11) 28.08.1985
[Villeneuve,A/Primel,D]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6



6.f4 a6 7.Bd3
[7.Qf3 plus agressif Qb6 8.Nb3 Qc7 9.g4↑]
7...Nbd7 8.0-0
[8.Qf3]
8...b5

[RR 8...Qb6 9.Be3
A) RR 9...e5 10.Nf5 Qxb2 11.Qd2 Qa3 *(RR 11...Qb4 12.Nb5 Qxd2 13.Nbxd6+ Bxd6 14.Nxd6+ Ke7 15.Nf5+ Kf8 16.Bxd2)* 12.Bc4;
B) 9...Qxb2 10.Ndb5 axb5 11.Nxb5
B1) RR 11...Qb4 12.Nc7+
B1a) RR 12...Kd8 13.Nxa8 Qa5 14.Nb6 Nxb6 15.Qe1 Qa7 16.a4 Ng4 *(RR 16...Nfd7 17.a5 Nc5 18.axb6 Qxb6 19.Qc3 h5 20.Rfd1 Qc7 21.Bd4 Rg8 22.Bb5 Nd7 23.Qe3 g5 24.Bxd7 gxf4 25.Qxf4 Qxd7 26.Bf6+ Ke8 27.Ra8 Qc6 28.g3 Rg4 29.Qe3 Kd7 30.Rd4 Be7 31.Bxe7* Thesing,M (2393)-Parligras,M (2553)/Predeal 2007/EXT 2008/ ½-½ (38) *)* 17.a5;
B1b) 12...Ke7 13.Nxa8 Qa5 14.e5 Ne8 15.exd6+ Nxd6 16.c4 Qxa8 17.c5 Ne8 18.f5 RR f6 *(RR 18...Ne5)* 19.Bd4 Ne5 *(RR 19...e5 20.Qb3 Nc7)* 20.Bxe5 fxe5 21.Bc4;
B2) RR 11...Kd8 12.a3 Ra4 *(RR 12...d5 13.Rb1 Qa2 14.Rb3)* 13.c4;
B3) RR 11...Rb8 12.Rb1 Qxa2 13.Ra1 Qb2 14.Bd4 Qb4 15.c3;
B4) 11...Ra5 12.Rb1 Rxb5 *(RR 12...Qxa2 13.Nc3 Qa3 14.Rb3)* 13.Rxb2 Rxb2 14.Qa1 Rb6 *(RR 14...Rb4 15.Qc3)* 15.Bxb6 Nxb6 16.Qc3
B4a) RR 16...Kd8 17.Qa5 Nfd7 18.Rb1
B4a1) RR 18...Kc7 19.Bb5 Kb8 *(RR 19...Nc5 20.Be8)* 20.Bxd7 Nxd7 21.Qd8 g6 *(RR 21...d5 22.Kf1 dxe4 23.Rb3 Nc5 24.Rc3)* 22.Kh1 Bg7 23.Qe7 Kc7 24.Rd1;
B4a2) 18...d5 19.exd5 exd5 20.Bf5 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 Ke7 22.Bxd7 Nxd7 23.Qc7 f6 24.Rd1 d4 25.c3;
B4b) 16...Be7 17.Rb1 Nfd7 *(RR 17...Bd8 18.Qd4 Nbd7 19.Qxd6 Be7 20.Qc7 0-0 21.Kf1)* 18.Qxg7 *(RR 18.Qc7 0-0 19.Rxb6 Bd8 20.Qxc8 Bxb6+)* 18...Bf6 19.Qh6
B4b1) RR 19...Rg8 20.e5 dxe5 21.Bxh7 *(RR 21.Rxb6 e4 22.Rxe6+ fxe6 23.Bxe4)* 21...Rh8 22.Rxb6 Nxb6 *(RR 22...e4 23.Rb4 Ke7 24.Rc4)* 23.Qxf6 Rxh7 24.Qxe5 Nd5 25.c4 Ne7 26.a4;
B4b2) 19...Ke7
B4b21) RR 20.g4 Rg8 21.g5 Bg7 *(RR 21...Bd4+ 22.Kf1 Nf8)*
B4b211) RR 22.Qxh7 Bd4+ 23.Kf1 *(RR 23.Kh1 Rh8)* 23...Rh8;
B4b212) 22.Qh4 e5 *(RR 22...h6 23.Kf1 hxg5 24.Qxg5+; RR 22...Na4 23.Kh1 Nac5 24.g6+ Bf6 25.gxh7)* 23.Kh1 exf4 24.e5 Bxe5 25.g6+ Bf6 26.gxh7 Rh8 27.Qh6;
B4b22) 20.Bb5
B4b221) RR 20...e5 21.Rf1 *(RR 21.f5 Nc5)* 21...Rg8 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Qxh7 Rg7 24.Qh4+ Nf6;
B4b222) RR 20...Nc5 21.e5 dxe5 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Qg5+ Kd6 24.Rd1+ Nd5 25.c4;
B4b223) 20...Rg8 21.Rd1
B4b2231) RR 21...Nc5 22.e5 *(RR 22.Rxd6 Rg6)* 22...dxe5

23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Qe3 *(*RR *24.Qh4+ Bf6 25.Qb4)*
B4b22311) RR 24...Bd6 25.Qd4 Rd8 *(*RR *25...Nd5 26.c4)* 26.Qh4+ f6 27.Qxh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qg7#;
B4b22312) 24...Nbd7 25.Bxd7 Nxd7 26.Rxd7+ Bxd7 27.Qxe5 Bc6 28.g3;
B4b2232) RR 21...Rg4 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qh3 Rxf4 24.Qa3+ Ke8 25.Qc5 Bd8 26.a4;
B4b2233) 21...e5 22.f5
B4b22331) RR 22...Rd8 23.g4 Nc5 24.g5 Nxe4 *(* RR *24...Bh8 25.f6+)* 25.gxf6+ Nxf6;
B4b22332) RR 22...Rg4 23.Qd2 d5 24.Bxd7 Nxd7 *(* RR *24...Bxd7 25.Qb4+;* RR *24...Kxd7 25.Qe2)* 25.Qxd5;
B4b22333) RR 22...Na8 23.Bxd7 Bxd7 24.Rxd6 Bg5 *(* RR *24...Kxd6 25.Qxf6+ Kc7 26.Qxf7)* 25.Qxh7;
B4b22334) 22...Nc5 23.Rxd6 Anand,V (2650)-Kasparov,G (2770)/Tilburg 1991/CBM 026/[Lautier]/1-0 RR Kxd6 24.Qxf6+ Kc7 25.Qxf7+ *(*RR *25.Qxe5+)*]

[RR 8...Be7]
[RR 8...g6]

9.Be3N

[RR 9.a3 Bb7 10.Kh1 g6 11.Qe1 Bg7 12.f5 gxf5 13.exf5 e5 14.Bg5 0-0 15.Nb3 d5 16.Na2 Rc8 17.c3 Kh8 18.Qh4 Qb6 19.Rad1 Rg8 20.Bb1 Bf8 21.Rd2 Be7 22.Nb4 Rc4 23.Qh6 Rg7 Smejkal,J (2545)-Adamski,J/Lugano 1968/MCD/0-1]
[RR 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.Qe2 Be7 11.Kh1 Nc5 12.b4 Nxd3 13.cxd3 d5 14.e5 Bxb4 15.Nxb5 axb5 16.exf6 Qxf6 17.Rb1 Bc3 18.Rxb5 Qe7 19.Be3 d4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 0-0 22.f5 Qd7 23.Qg4 e5 Popovych,O (2415)-Kavalek,L (2555)/ New York 1972/MCD/0-1 (40)]

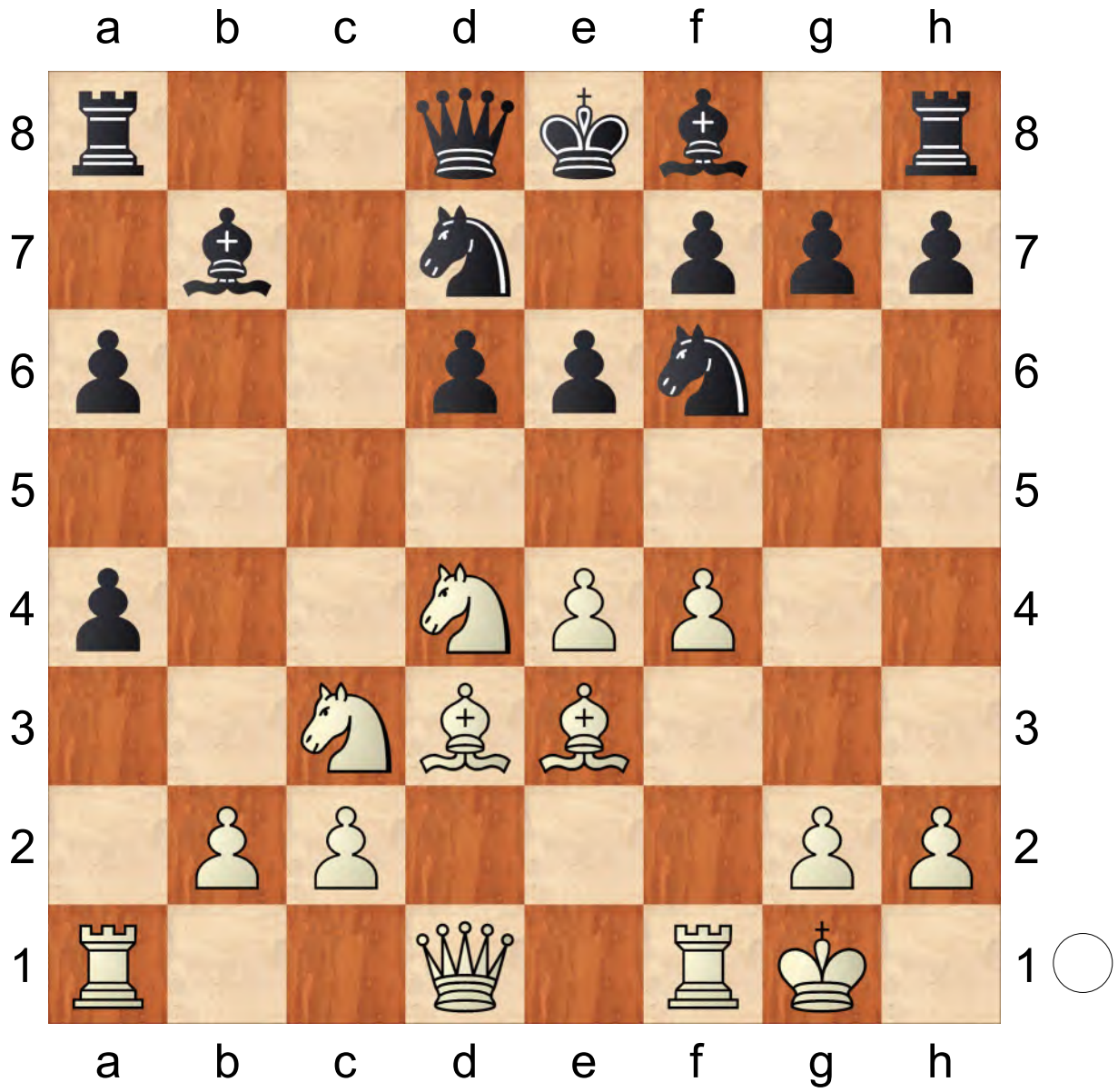
9...Bb7 10.a4! bxa4

[⌓10...b4 11.Na2
A) 11...e5 12.Nf5 g6 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Nh6 Bxh6 15.Bxh6 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Nxe4 17.Qe1! f5
A1) 18.a5 Qd4 19.Nxb4 Qxb2 20.Nxa6! Bxa6 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 *(21...Ng4∞)* 22.Rb1;
A2) 18.Qxb4 Qxb4 19.Nxb4 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Nc5 21.Rfe1+ Kd7∓;
B) 11...Nxe4 12.f5↑]

(Diagram)

11.Rxa4 Nc5 12.Rb4! Cette manoeuvre a4,♖a4,♖b4 rapelle celle de Kasparov jouée contre Shirov en 1994 dans une B33 **12...Qa5?!**

(Diagram)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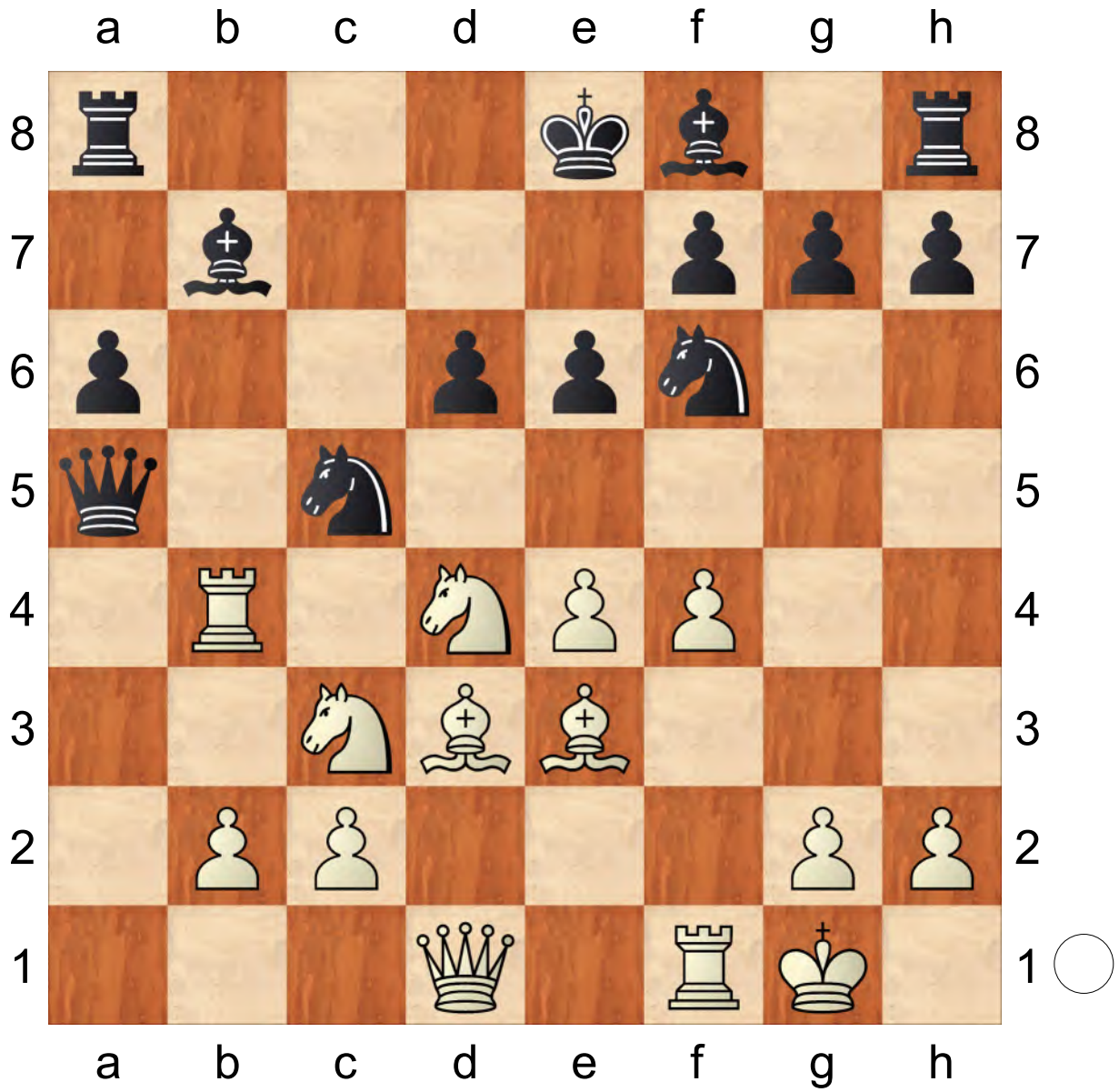


A propos de la partie de Kaspy, qu'avait'il jouÃ¤ dans ce genre de position?

13.Rxb7!! Un joli sacrifice de qualité comme l'avait joué le Champion du Monde obligeant également à reprendre du ♘

[≤13.Rc4 Nxd3 14.Qxd3]

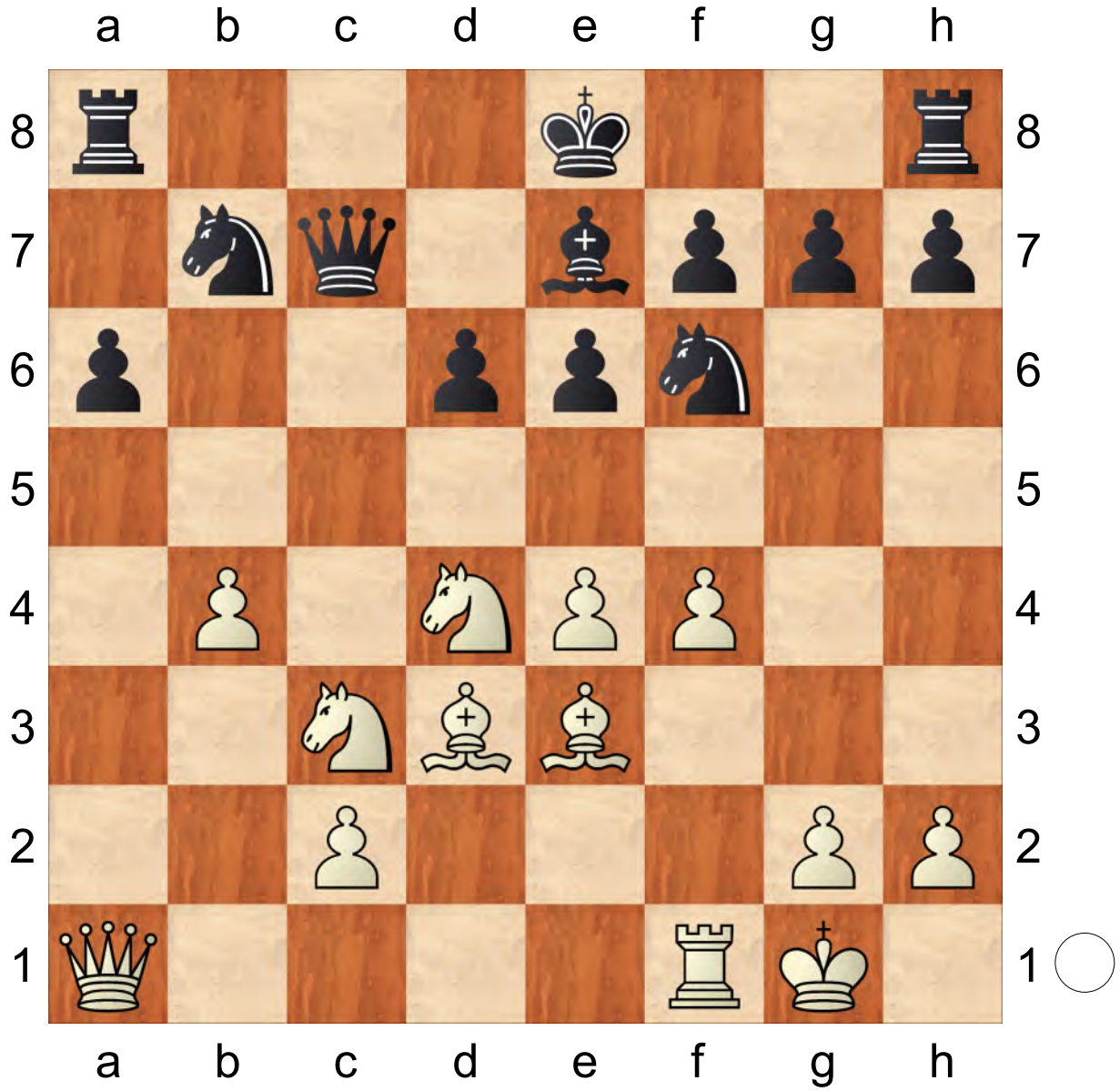
13...Nxb7 14.b4?! Qc7

[14...Qxb4! les compensations des blancs semblent insuffisantes et l'idée du sacrifice de ♙ est assez obscure.

A) 15.Qa1 Qa5 *(15...Be7? 16.Nc6)* 16.Qxa5 *(16.Qb2 Nc5 17.Ra1 Qd8)* 16...Nxa5 17.Ra1 Ng4 *(17...Nb7 18.Bxa6 Kd8! 19.Nb3 Nc5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.Rd1+ Kc7∓)* 18.Bd2 Nb7 19.Bb5+ Kd8;

B) 15.e5 Qxc3 16.exf6 d5 17.Qg4 gxf6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Be7 20.Qxd5 Rb8∓]

15.Qa1 Be7



16.Qa4+

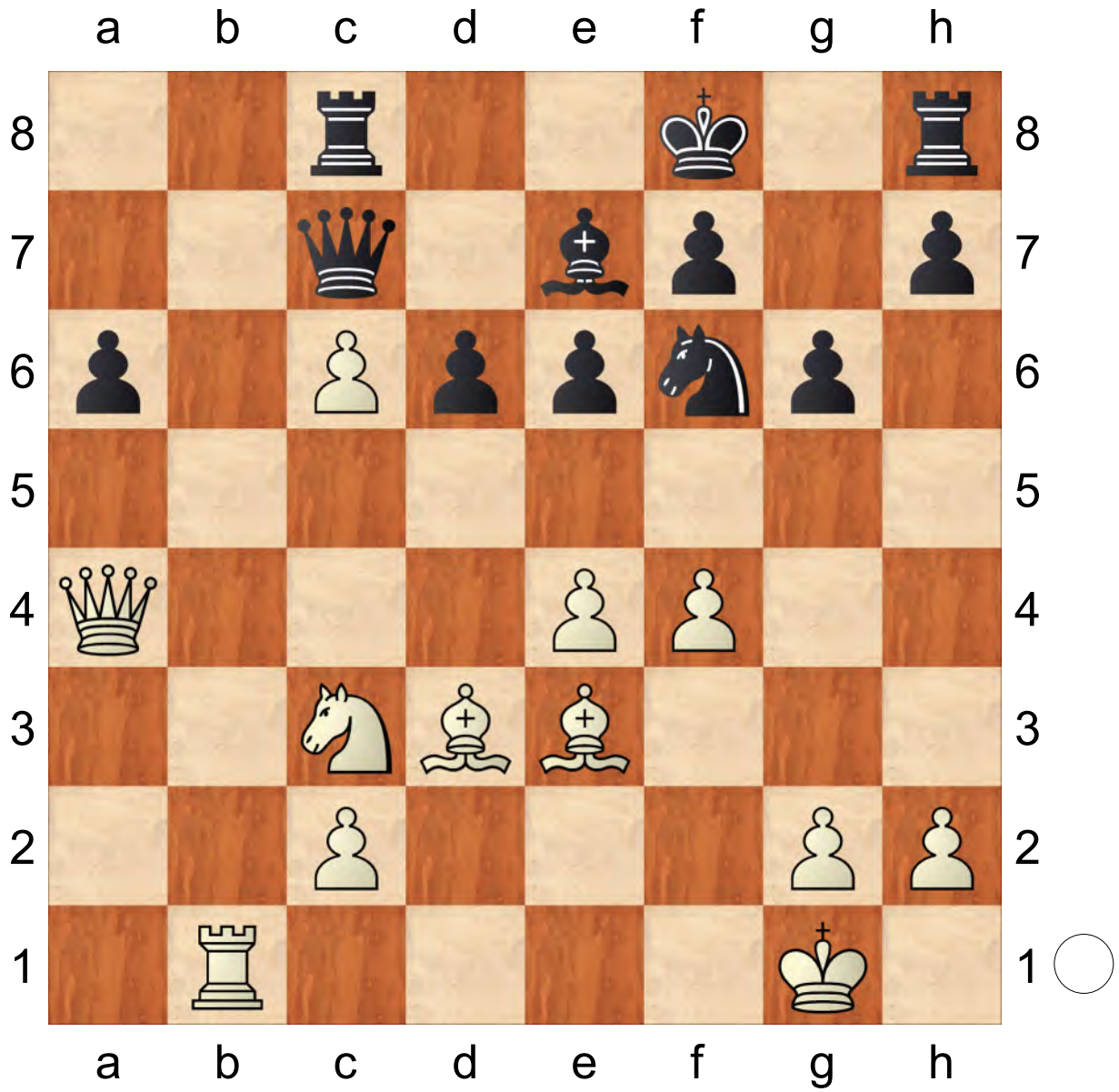
[16.f5!? e5 17.Qa4+ Kf8 18.Nde2]

16...Kf8 17.Nc6 Nd8 18.b5 Nxc6 19.bxc6 Rc8 20.Rb1 g6?!

[20...Qxc6! Les noirs avaient le temps de prendre le ♙ 21.Qxc6 Rxc6 22.Rb8+ Ne8 23.Nb5! d5 *(23...axb5 24.Bxb5)* 24.e5 Bc5 25.Bxc5+ Rxc5 26.Nd6 Ke7 27.Bxa6 f6 28.Nc8+ Kd7 29.Nd6 fxe5 30.fxe5 Rf8 31.Bb5+ Rxb5 32.Nxb5 Rf5]

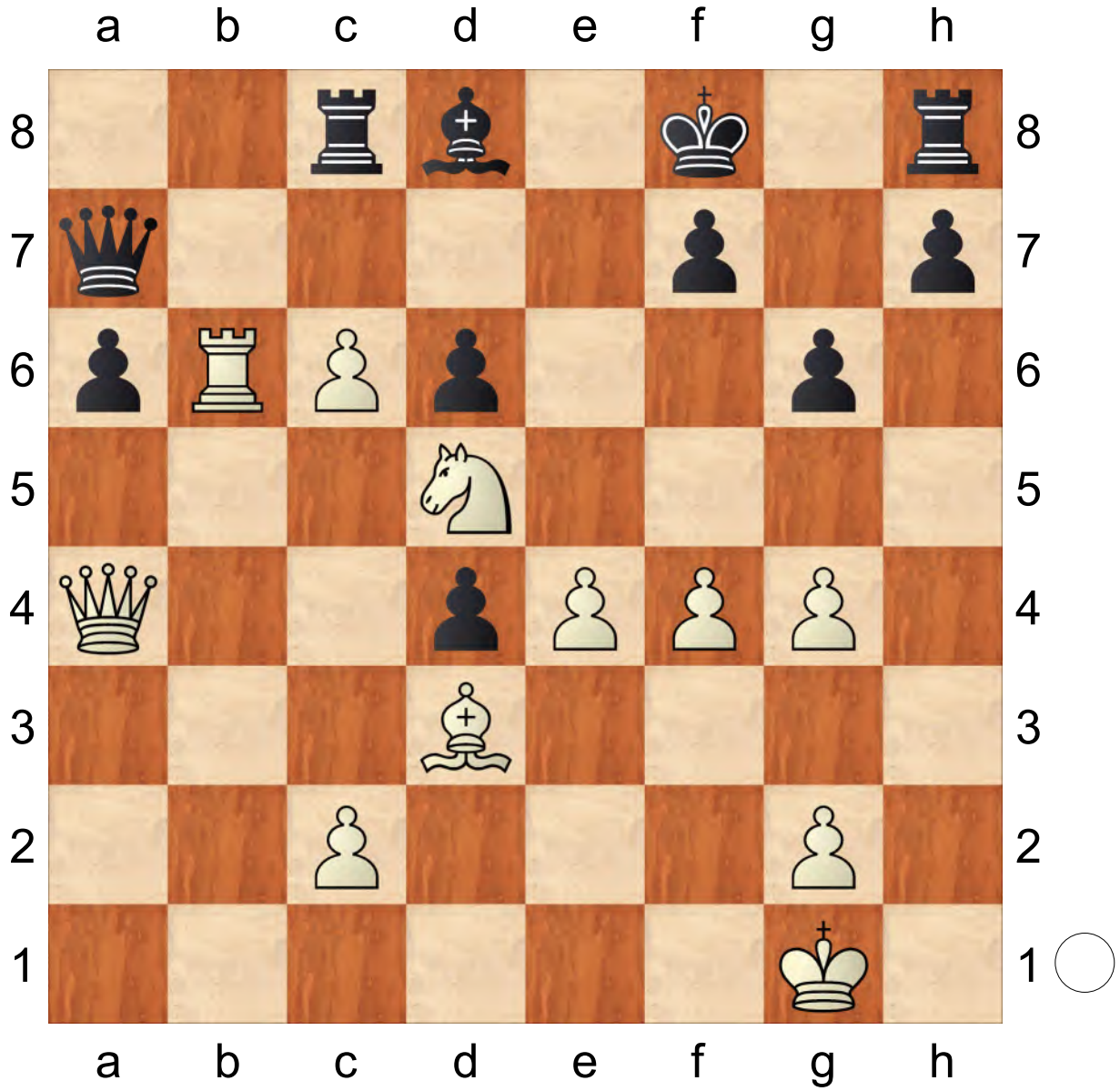
(Diagram)

21.Rb6! Ng4? Tentant mais faux car les blancs ont assez de ressources tactiques



22.Bd4! e5 Espérant gagner la ♖b6
[⌓22...d5]
23.Nd5
[23.Bxa6!! exd4 24.Nd5 Qa7 25.Qxd4 Bf6 26.Nxf6 Nxf6 27.Bxc8+-]
23...Qa7 24.h3?
[24.Qxa6!! Un coup difficile à trouver puisque intuitivement le camp qui attaque souhaite naturellement garder les ♕! Qxa6 25.Bxa6 Ra8 26.c7 Kg7 27.Bc3 Rhe8 28.Bb7 Ra2 29.c8Q]
24...exd4
[⌓24...Nf6 meilleur parceque ed4 ferme la diagonale et la ♖b6 n'est plus clouée!]
25.hxg4 Bd8

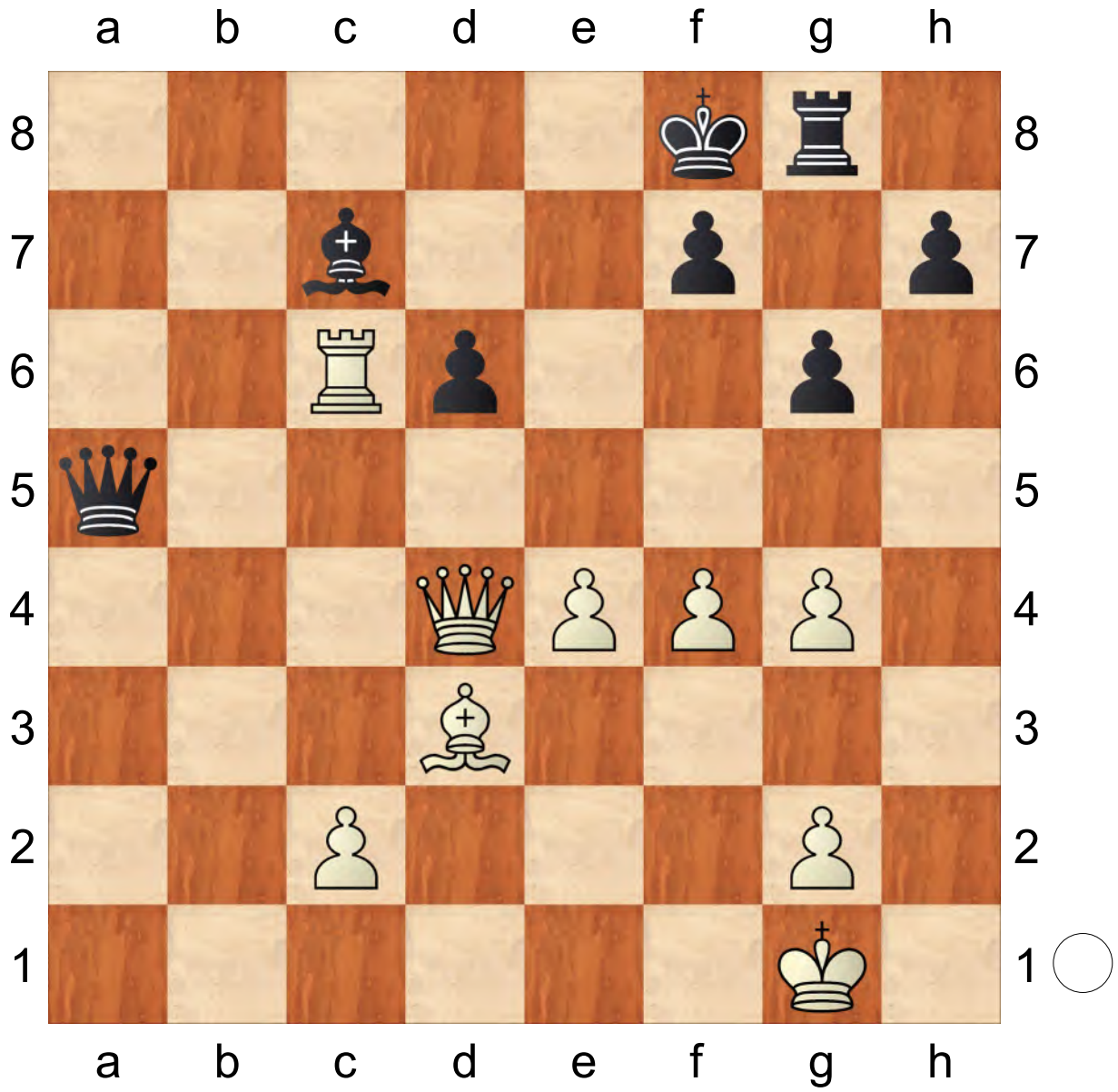
(Diagram)



26.Rxa6 Qc5 27.c7! Rxc7
[27...Bxc7 28.Rc6]
28.Nxc7 Bxc7 29.Rc6 Qa5 30.Qxd4 Rg8

(Diagram)

31.c3
[31.Ra6! Qe1+ 32.Bf1 Ke7 33.e5!]
31...Ke7 32.Kh2
[32.Bc4]
32...Kd7 33.Ra6 Qc5 34.Qf6 Rf8 35.e5?
[35.Ra4]
35...dxe5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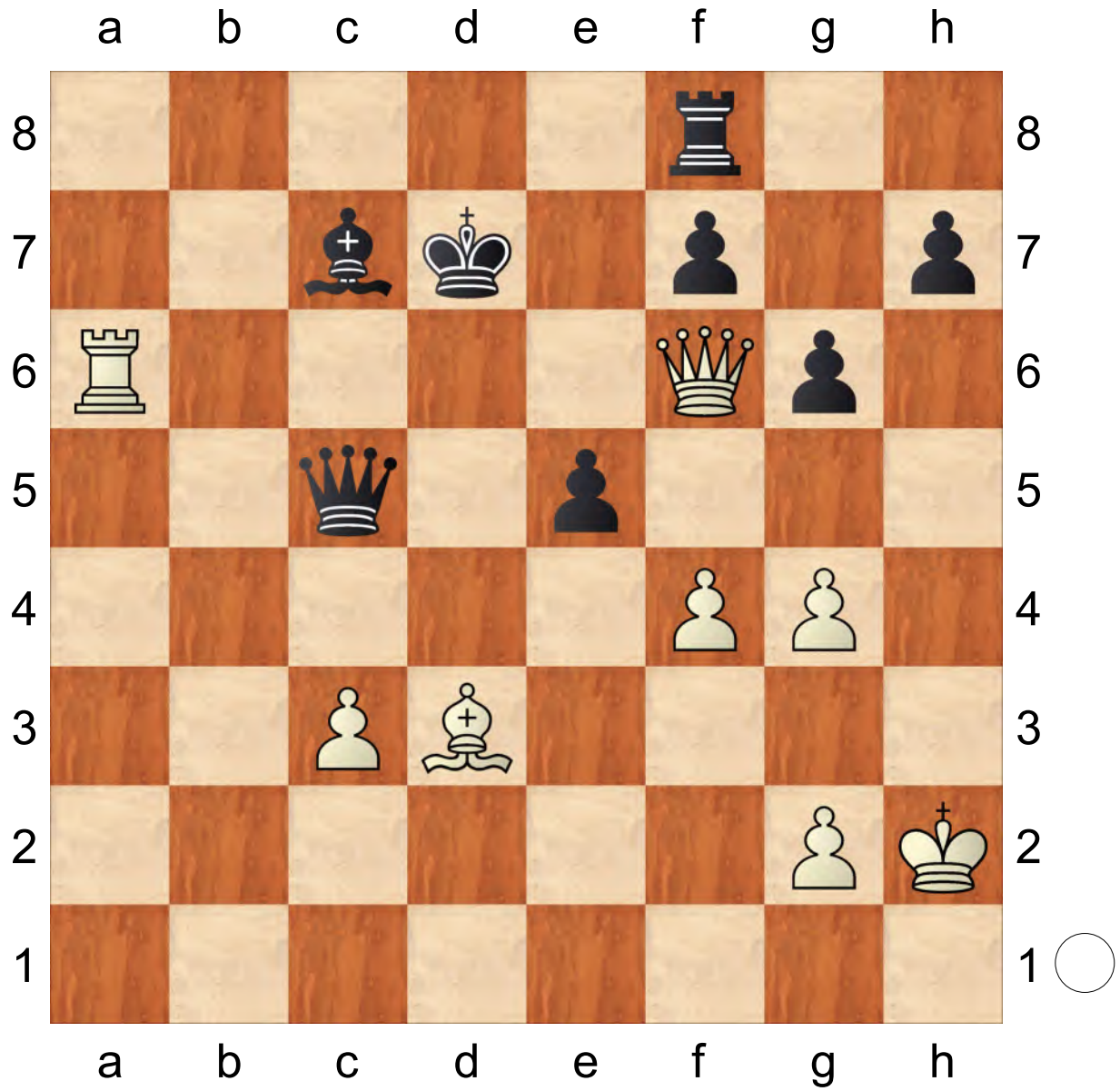

36.Be4 Bd6 37.Rc6 Be7

(Diagram)

Suite illisible et gain blanc au 41ème coup, la partie s'est déjà jouée en zeitnot puisqu'il manque le 40 ème coup des noirs sur la feuille de partie!

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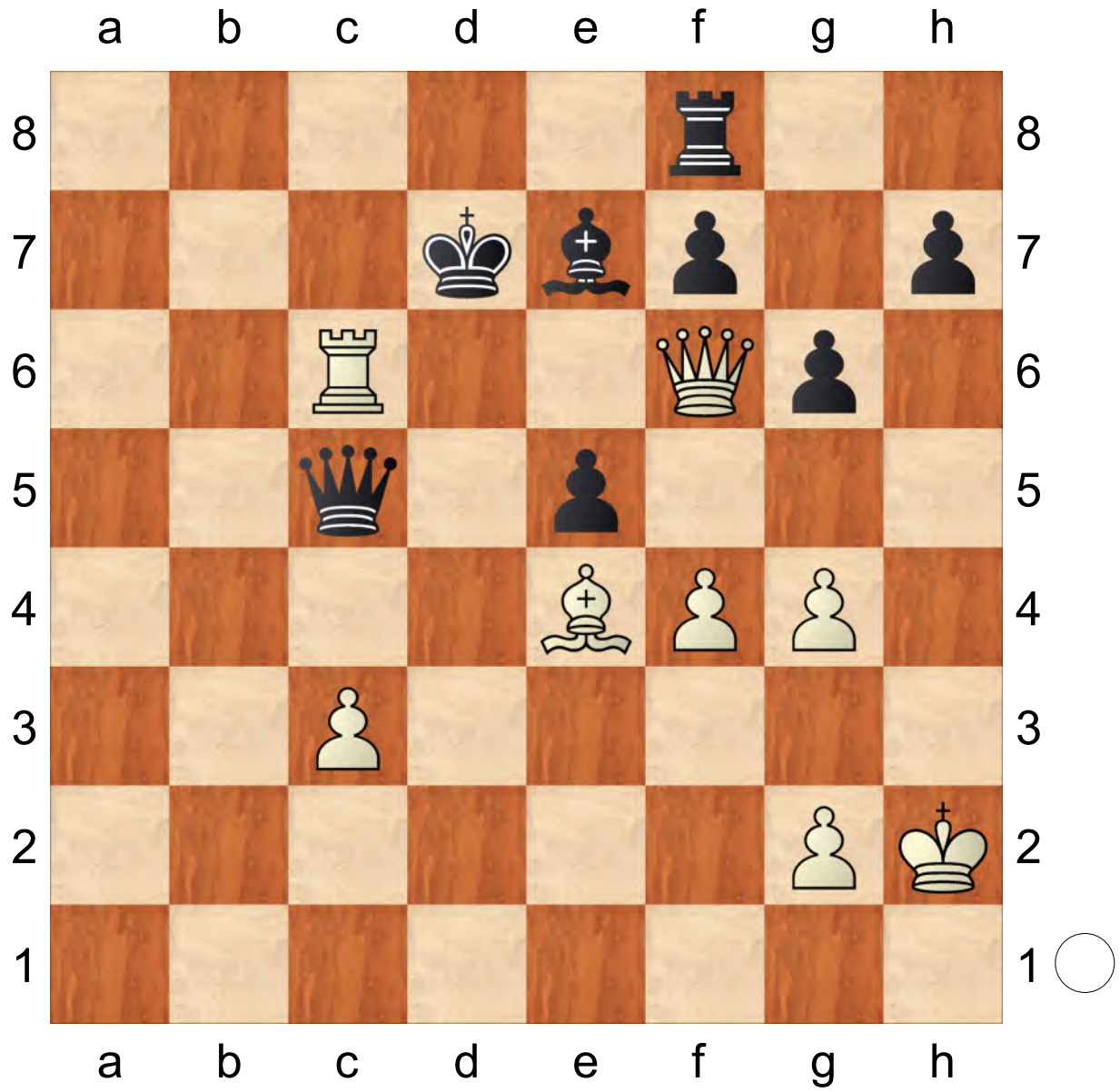
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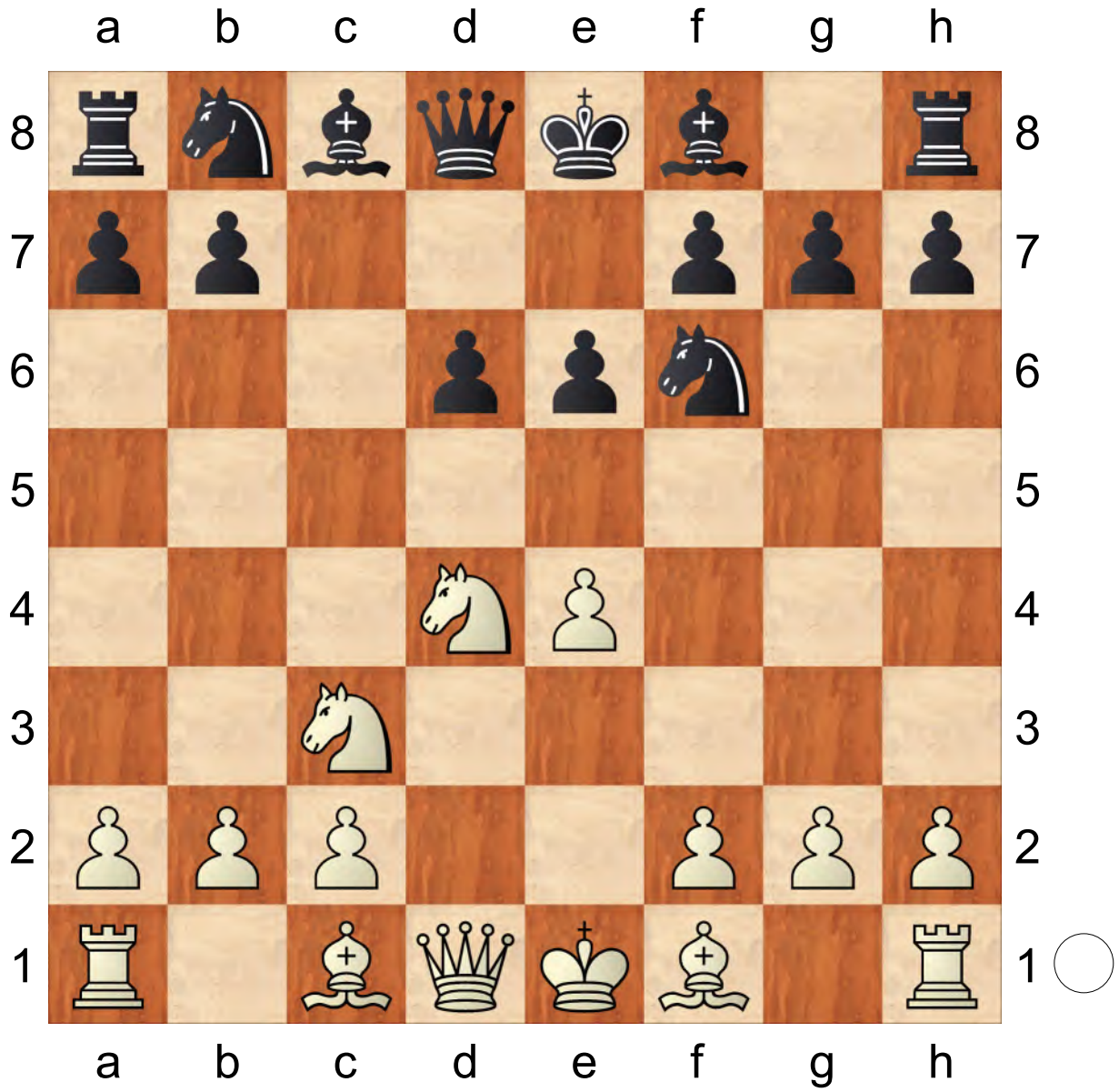
B81

□ **Boudre,Jean Pierre** **2265**
■ **Andruet,Gilles** **2395**
FRA-ch60 Championnat (13) 30.08.1985
[Villeneuve,A/Primel,D]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6



6.g4! JP.BOUDRE ne laisse pas passer l'occasion de jouer la redoutable attaque KERES
[6.Be2 1-0 Kirsch,B (2200)-Andruet,G (2395) FRA-ch 60th Clermont Ferrand 1985 (9.4)]
6...h6 La ligne principale

[6...Nc6]
[6...a6]

7.h4

[≤7.g5 hxg5 8.Bxg5 Nc6 9.Qd2 *(9.h4)* 9...Qb6 10.Nb3 *(10.0-0-0 Nxd4=)* 10...Ne5!⇄]

[7.Rg1!? g5!? Il y a eu peu de parties avec ce coup un peu risqué mais trés intéressant et les noirs ont un trés bon score. La ♖g1 n'est pas forcément bien placée si les blancs n'arrivent pas à jouer g4g5

A) 8.h4!N Toutes les parties connues des bases de données ont continué avec ♗e3 ou ♗g2 mais 8.h4 est une idée nouvelle qui mériterait un essai.

A1) 8...h5? 9.Bxg5 hxg4 10.e5→;

A2) 8...Rg8!? 9.hxg5 hxg5 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Qd2 Nxd4 *(11...d5!?)* 12.Qxd4 Bd7 13.f3 *(≤13.0-0-0 Nxg4!)* 13...Bc6 14.0-0-0 Nd7! Les noirs doivent jouer avec précision afin d'éviter que les blancs ne profitent de l'avantage d'espace et du meilleur développement. *(14...a6 15.e5; 14...Be7* Ce coup naturel donne de l'attaque aux blancs après ♘b5 *15.Nb5!↑ d5 16.Qe5)* 15.Bb5 Qa5;

A3) 8...Nfd7!? 9.Be3! gxh4 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.0-0-0 a6 12.f4⩲ *(12.Be2)*

A3a) 12...Be7 13.Be2 Rg8 14.f5 Nxd4 *(14...Nde5 15.fxe6)* 15.Qxd4 Ne5 16.Bxh6;

A3b) 12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Rg8 14.e5

A3b1) 14...b5?! 15.exd6 b4 *(15...Bxd6 16.Bg2 Rb8 17.Ba7!)* 16.Ne4;

A3b2) 14...d5 15.f5! On a une structure de francaise qui permet une attaque plus rapide des blancs car le centre est stabilisé

A3b21) 15...Bc5 16.Ne4! *(16.fxe6)* 16...Bxd4 *(16...dxe4? 17.Bxc5→)* 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.f6+! *(18.Qxd4 Qb6! 19.f6+ Kf8)* 18...Nxf6 19.Qxd4 Ne8 20.Nf5+! Kd7 *(20...Kf8 21.Qc5+)* 21.Bg2 Kc7 22.Ne3 Kb8 23.c4→ Le ♔ noir a réussi à fuir mais toutes les pièces blanches jouent de manière active et l'attaque est probablement gagnante.;

A3b22) 15...b5 16.Kb1 b4 *(16...Bb7)* 17.Ne2;

A3c) 12...Rg8;

A4) 8...gxh4 9.g5! hxg5 *(≤9...Rg8 10.Nf3 hxg5 11.Bxg5)* 10.Bxg5↻

A4a) 10...h3?! Les noirs ont un ♙ passé mais c'est trop lent 11.Qf3 h2 12.Rh1 Nbd7 *(12...Be7 13.0-0-0)* 13.0-0-0 Be7?! *(13...Rg8 14.Bh4)* 14.Ndb5↑ Qb6 15.Qf4 e5 16.Qf3 Nxe4;

A4b) 10...Be7 11.Qf3 a6 *(11...Nc6 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Qc3! Qd7 18.exd6→)* 12.0-0-0 Nbd7;

B) 8.Be3]

7...Nc6 8.Rg1 h5!

[8...d5!? L'alternative mais 8. h5 était le coup populaire après son utilisation par

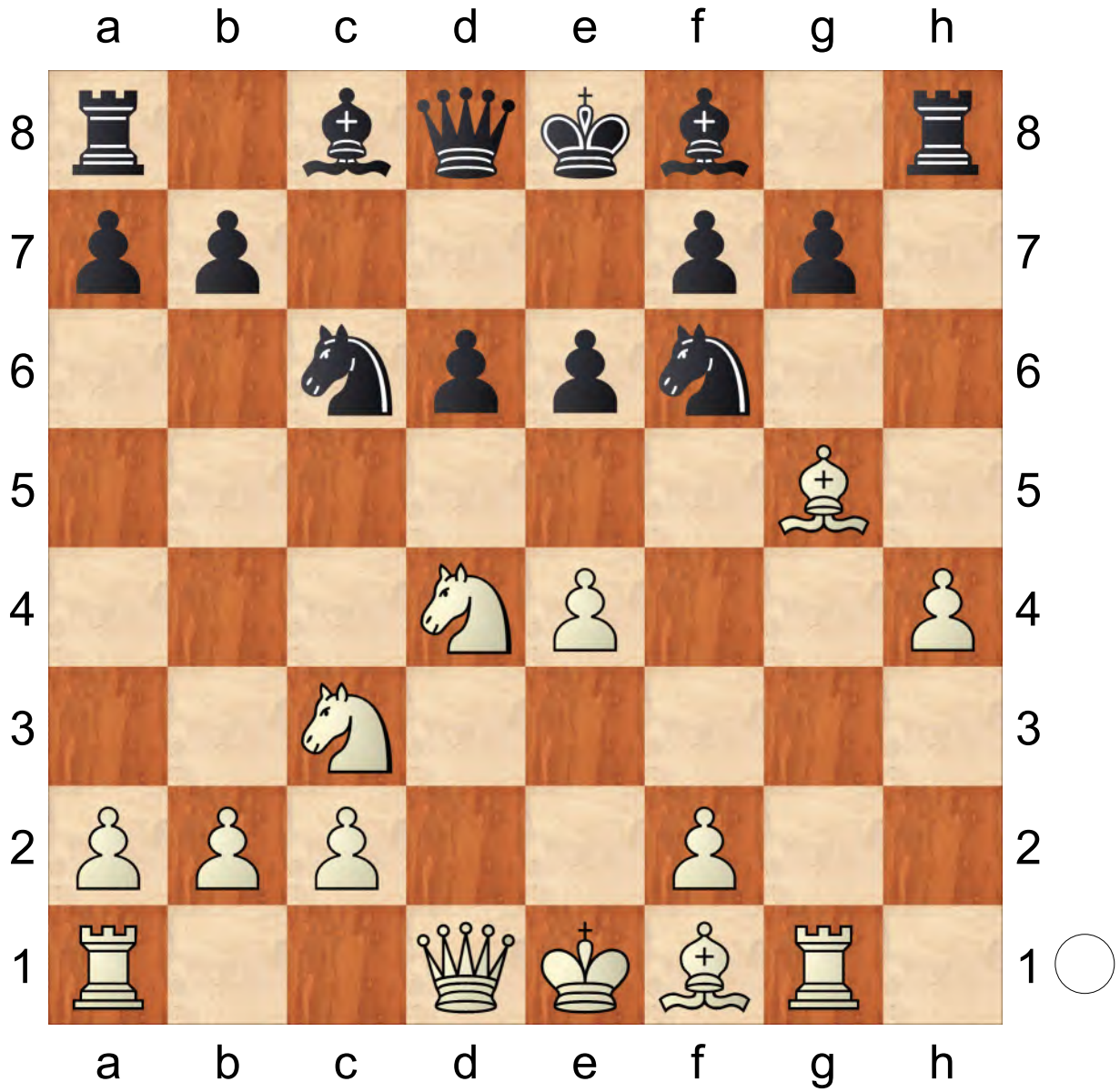
KASPAROV contre KARPOV en 1984 lors du Championnat du Monde.]
[8...Nd7!? Evite le clouage du ♗g5 mais les blancs gagnent de l'espace avec g4g5 9.g5 Nde5! 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.f4 *(11.gxh6 gxh6 12.Qh5 Rb8=)* 11...Nd7 12.Be3 hxg5 13.hxg5 Rb8= 14.Bc4?! *(14.b3 Qa5⇄)*]

9.gxh5 Nxh5

[9...Rxh5 C'est une simple interversion de coup après 10. ♖h8 10.Bg5 Rh8 ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2595)-Adorjan,A (2565) Linares 5th 1985]

10.Bg5 Nf6

[10...Qb6 ½-½ Wahls,M (2285)-Andruet,G (2395) Bundesliga 8586 1985 [4]]



Gilles ANDRUET qui avait beaucoup d'expérience sur cette variante KERES avait choisi l'alternative ♕b6 la même année dans une partie de Bundesliga **11.Be2!?** Une idée nouvelle qui avait été trouvée lors de l'interzonal de Tunis 3 mois plus tôt

[11.Qd2 ½-½ Karpov,A (2705)-Kasparov,G (2715) World Championship 31th-KK1 1984 (1)]

11...Qb6 12.Nb3 Bd7

[12...a6 13.h5±]

[12...a5!N N'a jamais été essayé mais a5 mériterait un essai pratique. Les noirs concèdent un trou en "b5" mais l'idée est bien sur, de gagner des tempi sur le ♘b3 et si les blancs jouent a4 ou a3, le ooo sera risqué. Dans les variantes suivantes, il est difficile de donner un avantage aux blancs car la position noire est trés dynamique et le ♔ blanc reste exposé au centre.

A) 13.a4?!;

B) ⌓13.Nd2! La ligne critique pour la nouveauté a5 Be7 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Bf3 *(15.Nb5 Nxe4!; ≤15.f3 d5!↑)* 15...Ra6 *(15...Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qxd8+ Bxd8 18.0-0-0 Bd7=)*

B1) 16.Qd2 d5! *(≤16...Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Qxd8+ Bxd8 19.0-0-0 Bd7 20.Be2 Ra8)* 17.exd5 exd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Nb4!;

B2) 16.Nb5 d5! 17.exd5 exd5 18.Bxd5 0-0⩲ la position n'est pas claire mais le ♔ blanc est exposé 19.Ne3 Nb4 *(≤19...Nxd5* gagne la paire de ♗ mais les échanges sont dans l'intérêt des blancs *20.Qxd5±)* 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Bh6 Qxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Kh7!! 23.Bxe6 Rxe6 24.Bxg7 Rg8⇄ Un sauvetage étonnant!;

C) 13.a3 Bd7! *(13...a4 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nd4 Rxh4 16.Bg5 Rh7 17.Ndb5±)* 14.Be3 Qd8 15.h5 *(15.Bg5 Qb6* Nulle? *)* 15...a4! 16.Nd4 Qa5!⇄ 17.Qd2 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bc6 19.f3;

D) 13.Be3 Qd8]

13.Qd2N

[13.h5 a6 0-1 Meetei,A (2335)-Morovic Fernandez,I (2470) Lloyds Bank op 09th 1985]

13...a6 14.h5! Cette partie avait un intérêt théorique puisque beaucoup de joueurs titrés ont ensuite repris cette idée.

[14.0-0-0 Qxf2]

14...Nxh5 15.Rh1⩲ g6

(Diagram)

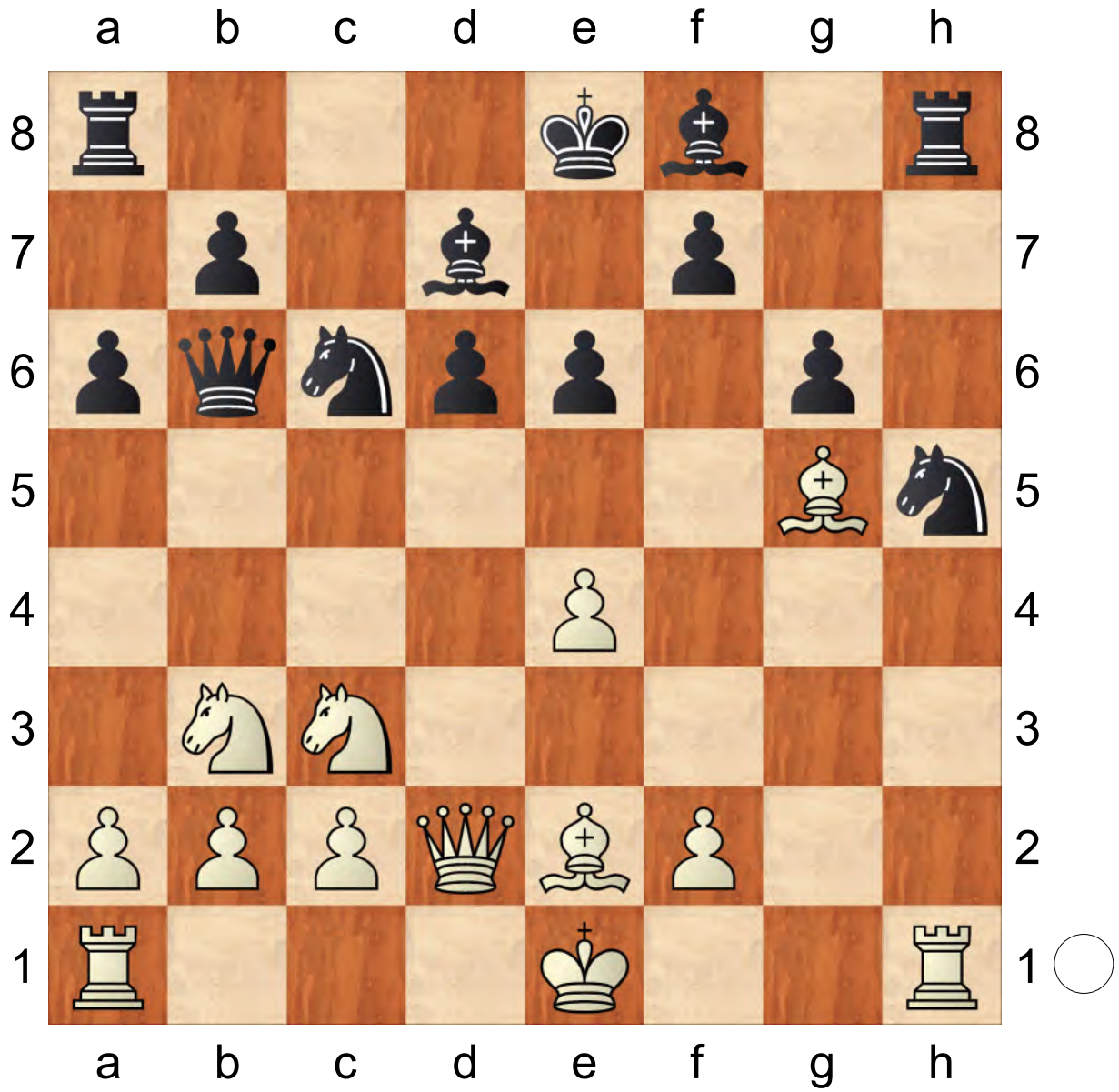
16.Bxh5?! Peu joué et assez douteux car les blancs vont donner la paire de ♗ dans une position ouverte

[16.0-0-0 L'alternative qui est assez risqué puisque les blancs ont sacrifié un 2ème ♙ Qxf2]

[16.Be3!? Bizarrement personne n'a joué ce coup naturel qui protège f2 pour permettre le 000 Qc7 17.0-0-0 b5 18.f4

A) 18...Na5 19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.Qd4;

B) ⌓18...Rb8⇄ 19.Kb1 Be7! *(19...Na7? 20.Qd4; 19...b4 20.Na4; 19...Bg7 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6)*;



C) 18...b4 19.Na4 Nd4]

16...gxh5 17.0-0-0 Be7!?

[17...Ne5↑ 18.Kb1

A) ≤18...Nf3 19.Qf4 Nxg5 20.Qxg5;

B) 18...Nc4 19.Qf4 Rc8 *(19...Bg7 20.Bf6→ e5)* 20.Bf6 Rg8 *(20...Rh6 21.Rhg1 e5 22.Qh4 Rg6!=)*;

C) 18...Rc8 19.Bf6 Nc4 20.Qe2 Rh6 21.Bd4 Qc6 22.Nd5!]

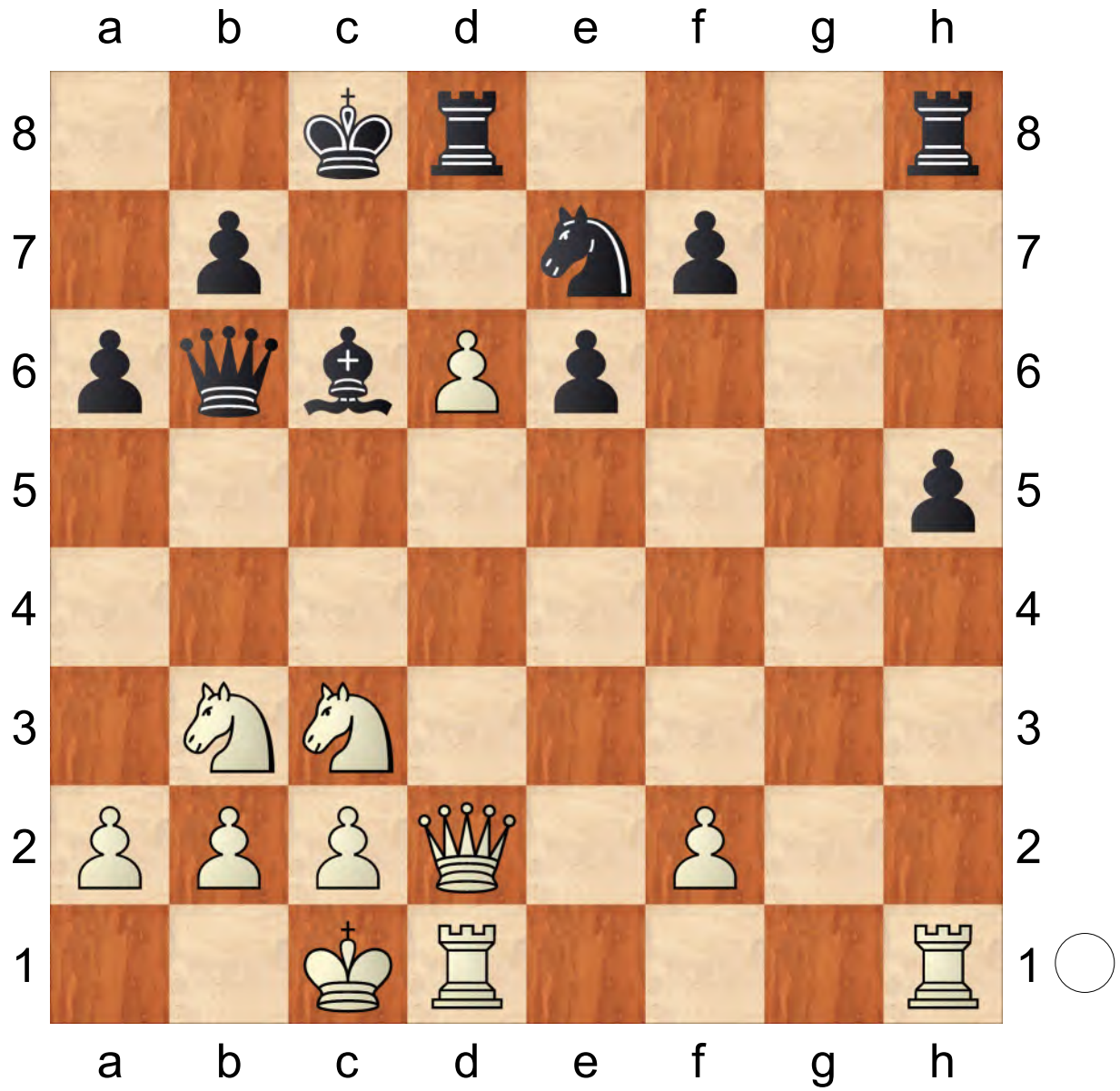
18.Bxe7 Nxe7∓ La position noire est trés solide et l'attaque sur la colonne "c" doit être plus rapide. **19.e5**

[19.Qf4]

19...Bc6

[19...d5 20.Ne4 dxe4 21.Qxd7+ Kf8]

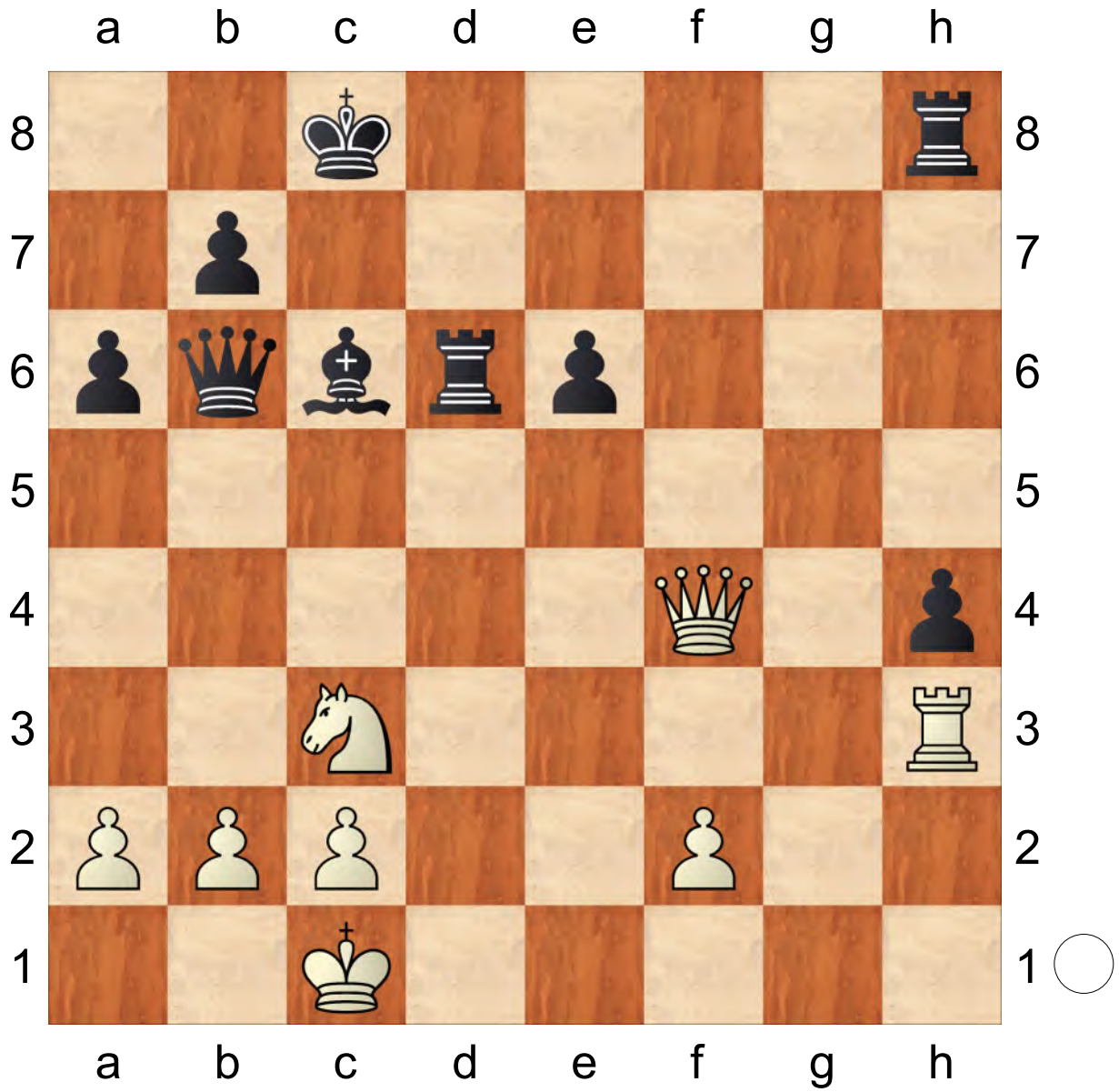
20.exd6 0-0-0!?



21.Rh3 Nf5!∓ Sans ♗ de cases blanches, les blancs peuvent difficilement contester le ♘f5 qui menace de pousser h5h4 **22.Qf4 h4 23.Nd4**
[23.Ne2]
23...Nxd6
[23...Qb4 24.Nxe6 Qxf4+ 25.Nxf4 Rxd6]
24.Nxe6?! fxe6 25.Rxd6 Rxd6

(Diagram)

26.Qxd6 Qxf2 27.Rd3
[27.Qxe6+]
27...Rf8 28.Rd1 Qe3+ 29.Kb1 La partie s'est terminée en zeitnot et il manque d'ailleurs le 28ème coup sur la feuille de partie publiée par le bulletin! **29...h3**



Probablement une erreur de saisie **30.Qh2 e5**

(Diagram)

31.Ne2 Rf5 32.Re1 Bg2 33.b3 Qf2 34.Qg3 Qxg3 35.Nxg3 h2

(Diagram)

36.Nh1 Bxh1 37.Rxh1 Kd7

(Diagram)

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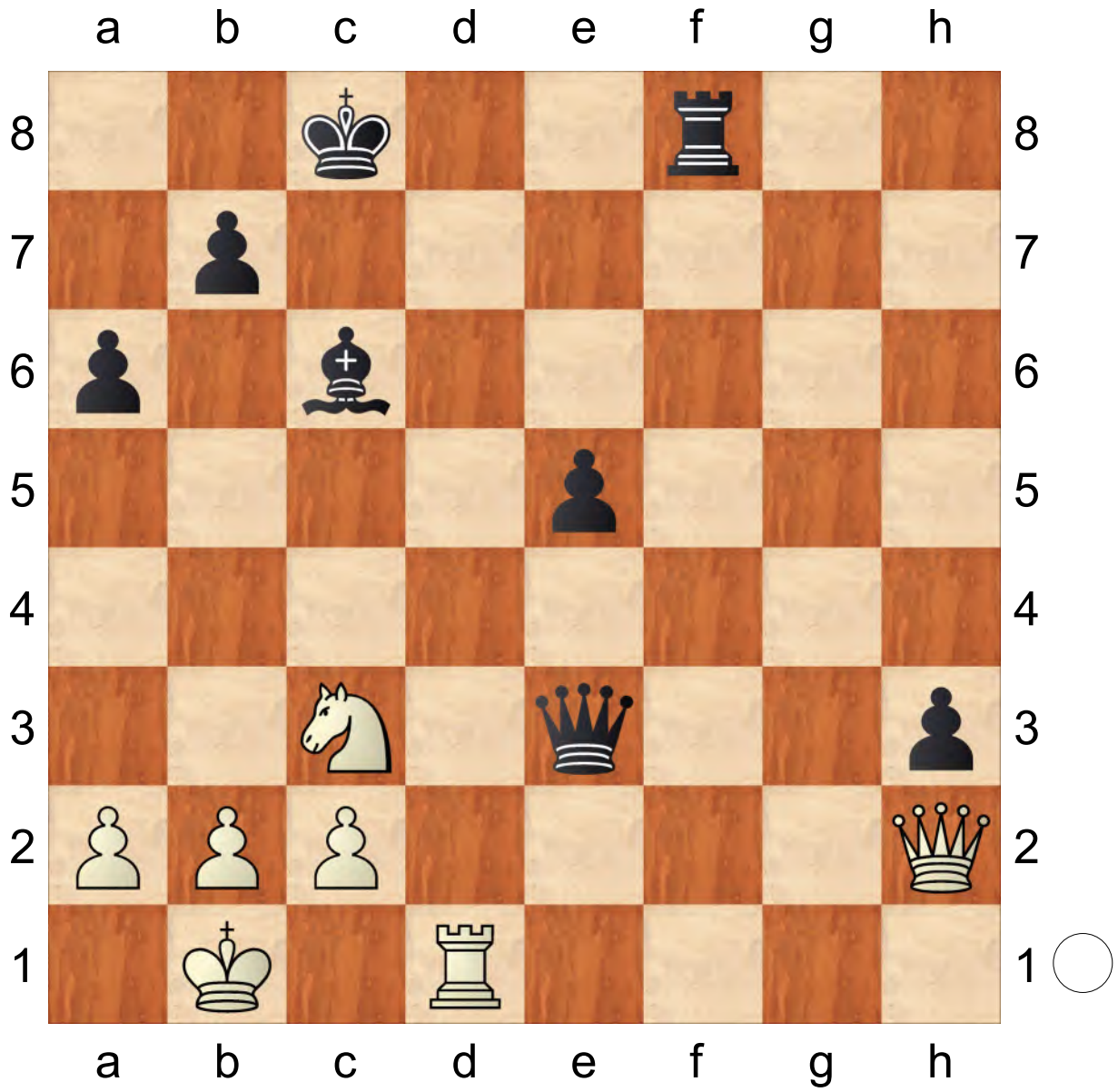
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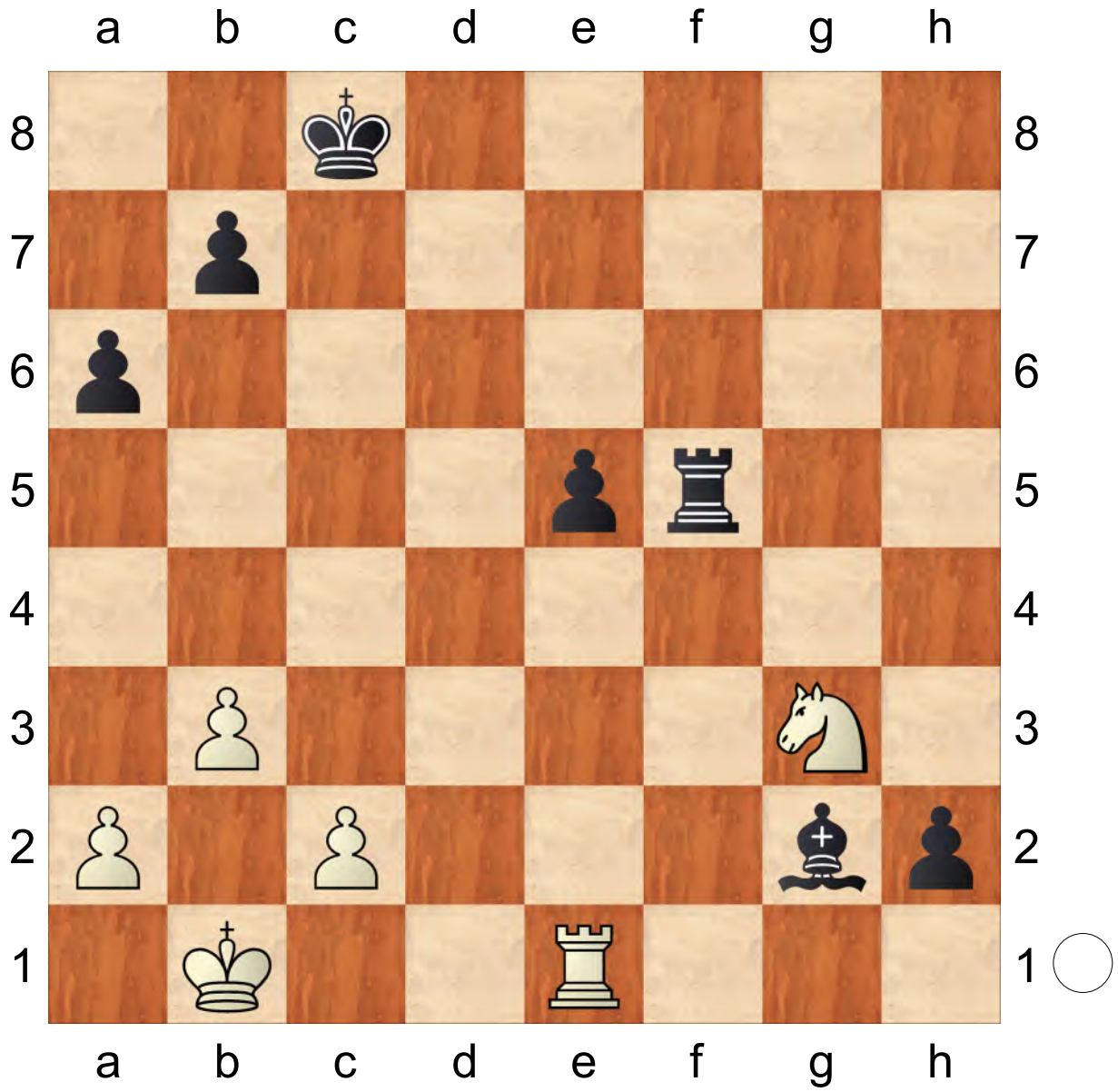
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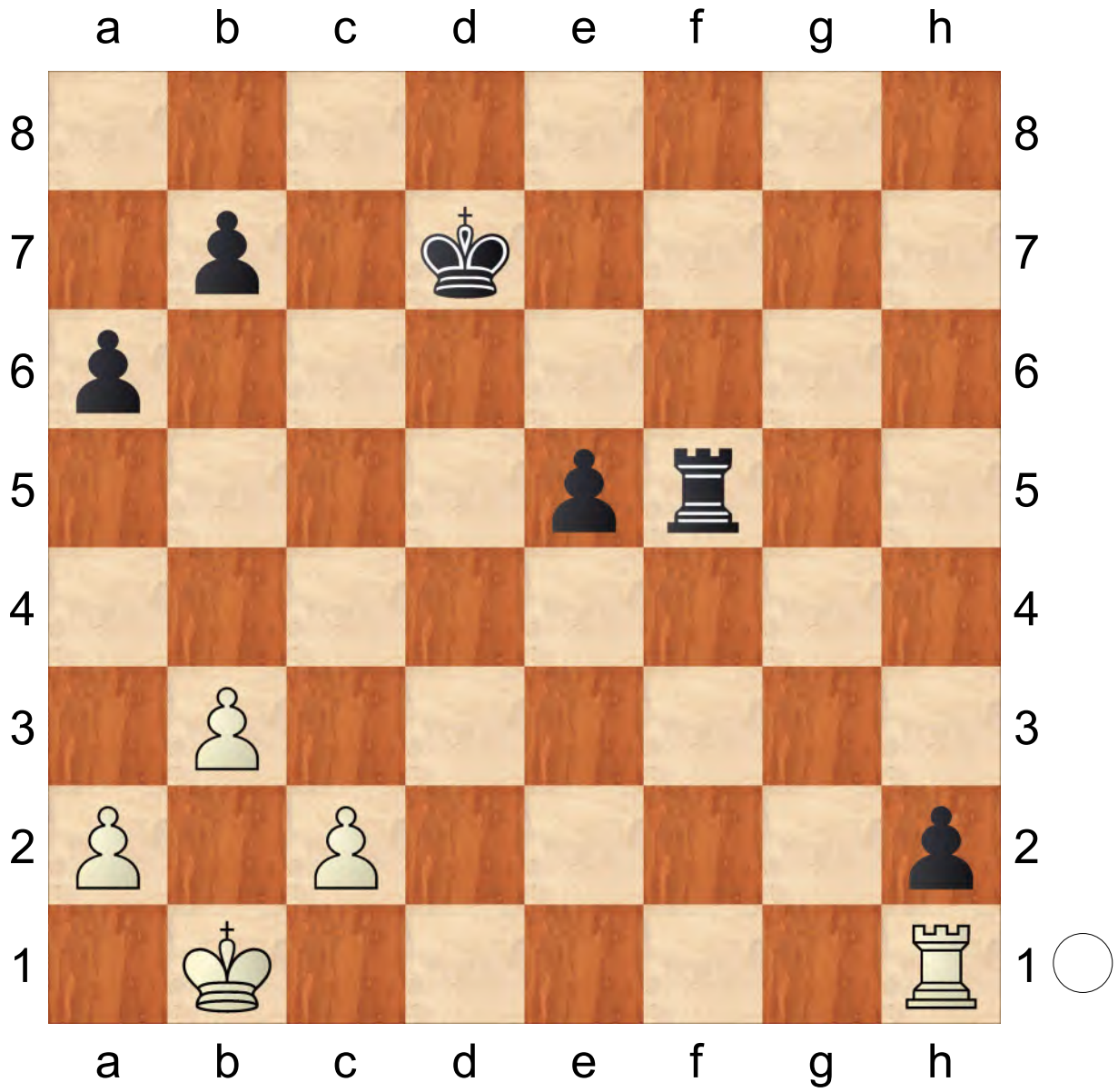
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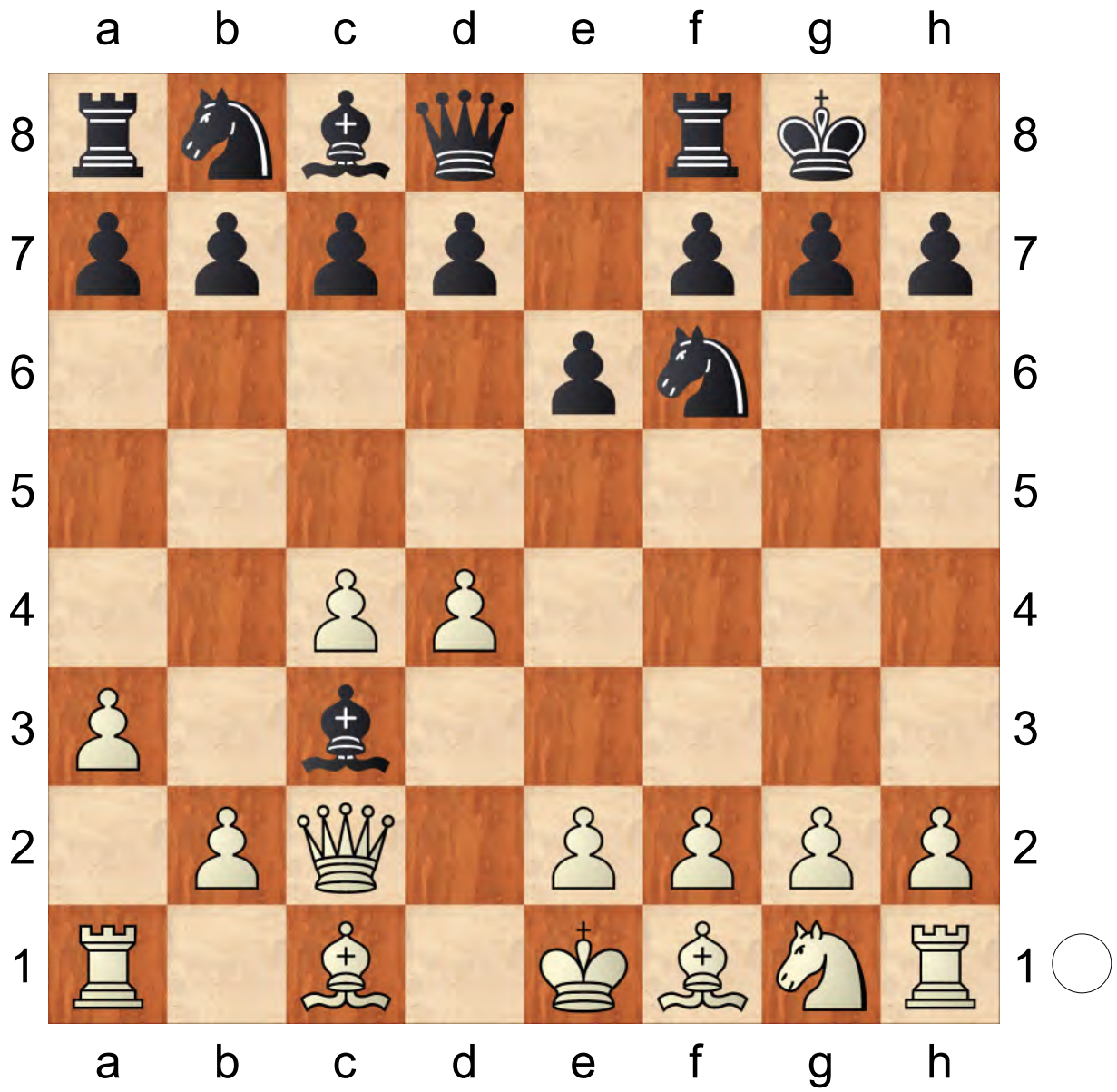
E32

□ **Gagunashvili,Merab** **2582**
■ **Ernst,Sipke** **2474**
Groningen Harmonie (2) 22.12.2003
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+**



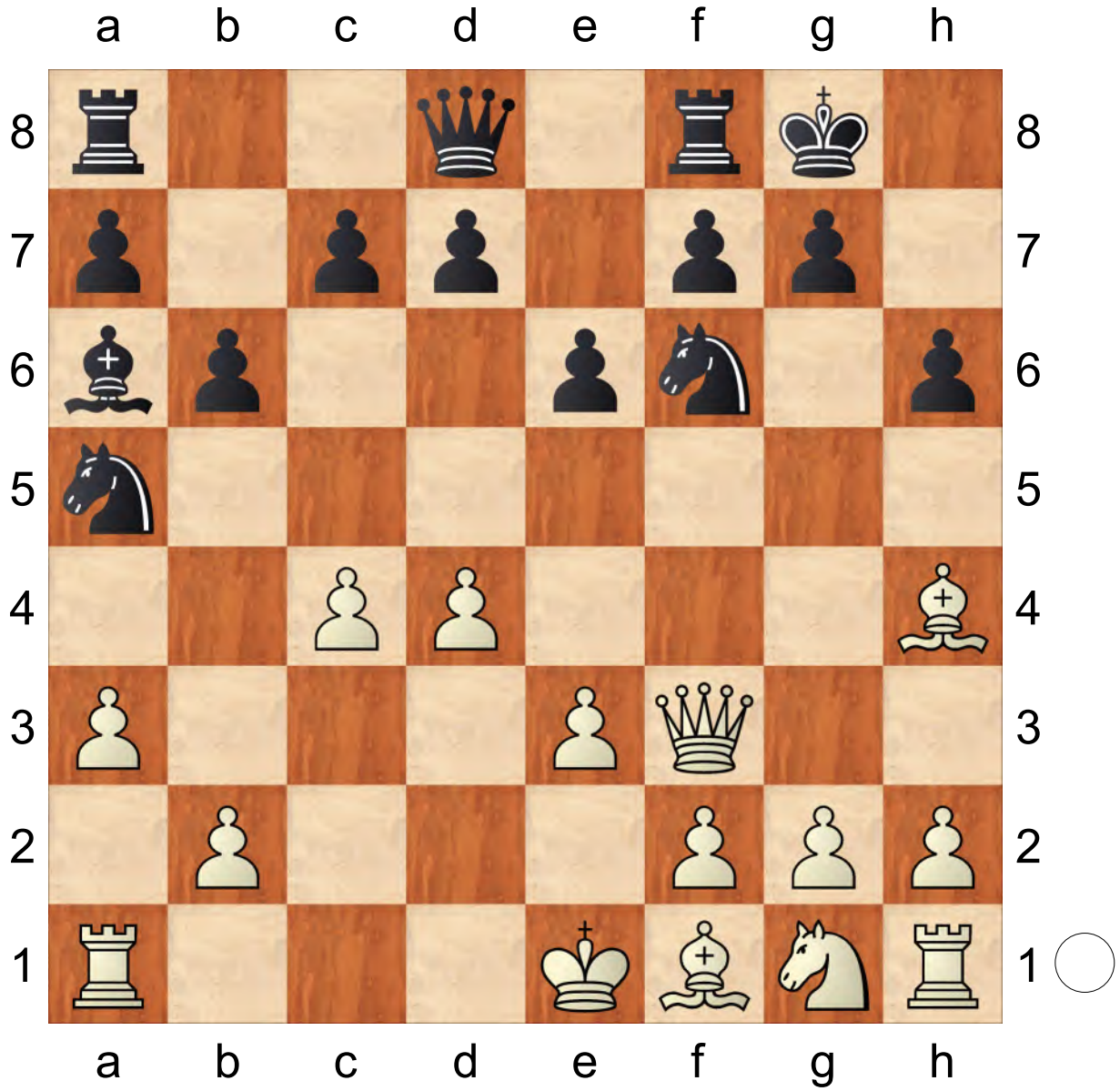
6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Ba6 8.Qf3 After my games against Lev Psakhis in 1999 and Judit Polgar in 2000 this idea became very popular. Probably, White can not expect a big advantage in this variation. **8...Nc6 9.e3 h6 10.Bh4** Besides White has two principales moves:

[10.h4 You can see my comments to game: Golod,V-Polgar,J/ISR,2000/CBM

77(½-½)(19)]
[and 10.Bxf6 You can see my annotations to game: Dautov,R-Gyimesi,Z/Ohrid, 2001/CBM 84(½-½)(24)]

10...Na5!?N

[Also once were checked in the preceding games: 10...Bb7!? You can see my comments to Khalifman,A-Tiviakov,S/Dos Hermanas,2003/CBM 95(1-0)(51)]
[10...Re8 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.b4 a6 13.Qd1 d6 14.Ne2 a5 15.b5 Nb8 16.Nc3 Nbd7 17.f3 e5 18.Be2± Van Wely,L-Milov,V/Bastia,2003(½-½)(rapid)(55)]
[and 10...Qe7 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Qd1 Nb8 13.Ne2 d6 14.Nc3 Nbd7 15.f3 c5 16.Be2 Rfd8 17.0-0 d5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qd2 ±/= Goldin,A-Milos,G/Buenos Aires,2003(1-0)(69)]

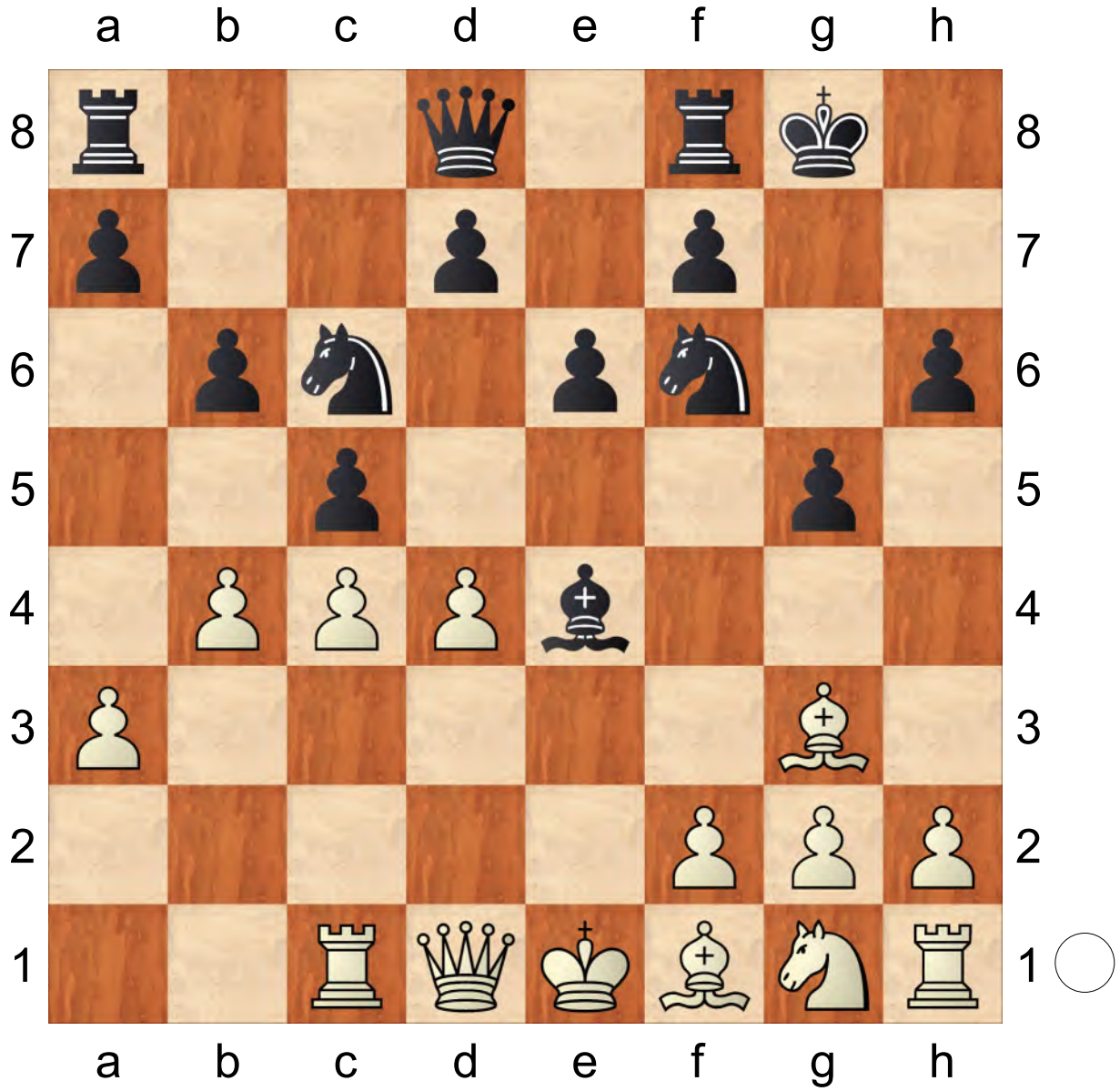


This continuation is the next attempt to bring in a "new word " in theory of this

variation. **11.Rc1 c5** Black wants immediately to begin pressure on the centre.
12.e4!? This move is the "harbinger" of active actions in this game.
[Leads to favourable simplifications for Black: 12.Bxf6?! Qxf6 13.Qxf6 gxf6∞ and now badly: 14.b4 in view of: cxb4 *(14...Nb3?? 15.Rc3 Na1 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Rc1 Nb3 18.Rb1+-)* Δ15.axb4 Nxc4! 16.Bxc4 Rac8 17.Bxa6 Rxc1+ 18.Kd2 Ra1 19.b5 d5 with obvious advantage of Black in the endgame.]
12...g5?! Black "accept a call".
[Can it was necessary to decide on the more reliable continuation: 12...Bb7!? 13.Bxf6 *(13.Bd3? g5 14.Bg3 Nb3)* 13...Qxf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.dxc5 *(15.d5?! exd5 16.exd5 Rfe8+ 17.Kd1 b5↑)* 15...Bxe4 *(15...bxc5!? 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Nc6 18.b5 Ne5∞)* 16.cxb6 axb6 17.f3 Bg6=]
13.Bg3
[Leads to benefit of the contender: 13.e5?! Bb7 *(13...Nh7? 14.Bg3 cxd4 15.h4 Bb7 16.Qd3→)* 14.d5 *(⌓14.Qxf6 Qxf6 15.exf6 gxh4 16.dxc5 bxc5∞)*
A) 14...Nxd5? 15.cxd5 gxh4 16.b4 Qg5 *(≤16...Bxd5 17.Qg4+ Qg5 18.Qxg5+ hxg5 19.bxa5 ±/±)* 17.Qe3 Qxe3+ 18.fxe3 cxb4 19.axb4 Nb3 20.Rb1 Bxd5 21.e4 Bxe4 22.Rxb3 f6±;
B) 14...exd5! Δ15.exf6 dxc4 16.Qf5 *(16.Qg3 Qxf6 17.f4 Qxb2 18.Ne2 f6∓)* 16...Re8+ 17.Ne2 d5↑ Δ18.Bxg5? Bc8! 19.Qf4 Re4 20.Qg3 Rg4∓]
13...Bb7
[It was weakly: 13...d5?! because of: 14.cxd5 *(≤14.exd5 exd5)* 14...Bxf1 15.Kxf1 exd5 16.exd5 cxd4 *(16...Nxd5? 17.dxc5±)* 17.Ne2±]
14.b4 White had no other worthy alternative. **14...Bxe4**
[≤14...cxb4 15.axb4 Bxe4 16.Qe3 Nc6 17.h4→]
15.Qd1
[Now impossibly: 15.Qe3? in view of: cxd4 Δ16.Qxd4 Nb3]
15...Nc6
[It deserves attention: 15...Nb7 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.f3 Bf5 18.h4⩲]

(Diagram)

16.dxc5 e5?
[In this position I would accept the following decision: 16...bxc5 Δ17.Bd6 cxb4 18.axb4 *(18.Bxf8?! Qxf8∓)* 18...Re8 19.f3 Bg6 20.h4⩲]
17.f3?!∞ This move does not put the large problems for Black.
[17.cxb6!? axb6 *(≤17...Qxb6 18.c5 ±/±)* 18.b5±]
[17.h4!?→]
17...Bg6 18.b5 Nd4! Now Black has, as a minimum, equal chances in the subsequent tactical complications.
[≤18...Na5 19.cxb6 axb6 20.h4±]
19.Bxe5 Re8
[Immediately loses a game the following move: 19...Nc2+?? 20.Rxc2 Bxc2



21.Qxc2 Re8 22.Qf5 Qe7 23.f4! Δgxf4 24.Nf3+-]

20.Qxd4 bxc5

[Is more interesting alternative: 20...Qe7 21.Kd2 *(21.f4? bxc5 22.Qd2 d6 23.Nf3 gxf4 24.Qxf4 Kh7∓)* 21...Qxe5□ 22.Qxe5 Rxe5 23.cxb6 axb6⩲]

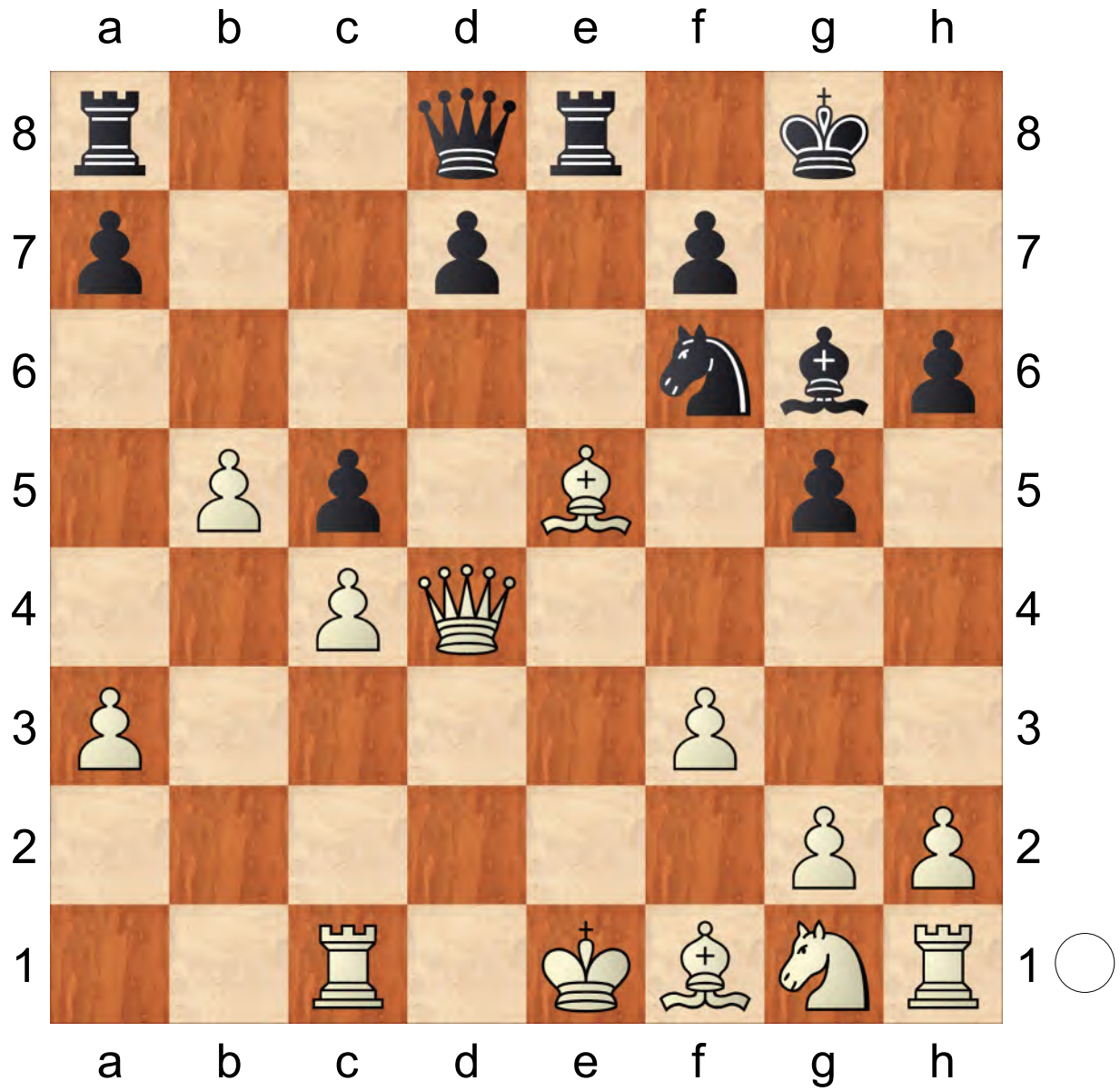
(Diagram)

21.Qxc5

[Senselessly: 21.Qd6? in view of: Qe7!]

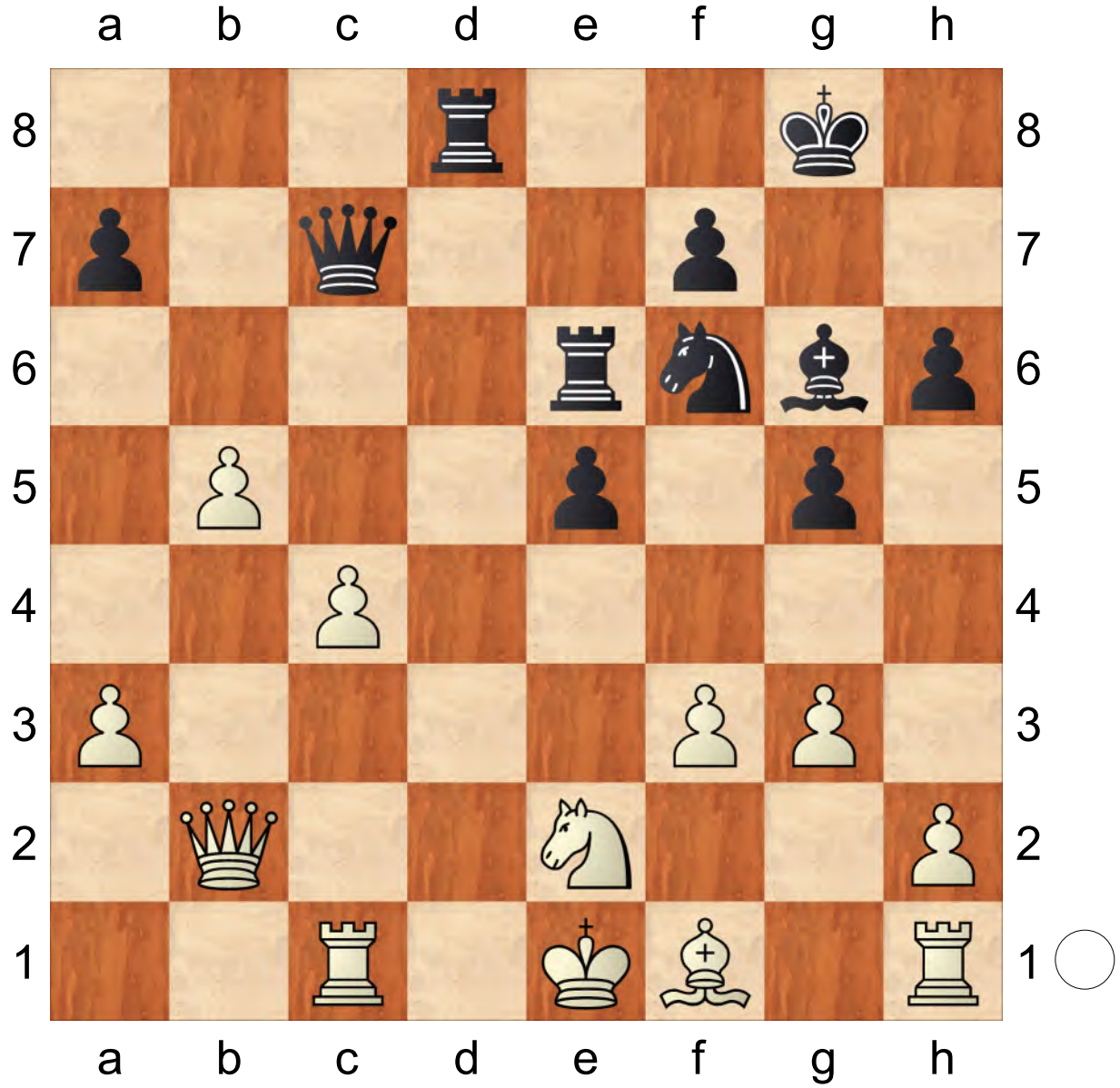
21...d6

[Also good enough: 21...Qb6!? 22.Qxb6 Rxe5+ 23.Qe3 *(≤23.Kd2 axb6 24.Ra1 Rc5⩱)* 23...Rxe3+ 24.Kf2 Rxa3=]



22.Qd4 Qc7
[22...Rxe5+?! 23.Kf2±]
23.Ne2 dxe5
[Hardly it was better: 23...Rxe5?! 24.Kf2 Rae8 25.Ng3 *(⌓25.Nc3 Δ♗e2 and ♖he1 ±)* 25...Rxb5! 26.cxb5 *(26.Qxf6?? Qc5+; ≤26.Rd1 Rbe5 27.Qxd6 Qa5!⩱)* 26...Qxc1 27.Be2 *(27.Qxf6?? Qe3#)* 27...Qc5 28.Qxc5 dxc5 29.Rc1 Nd7 30.a4 ±/=]
24.Qb2
[Too passively, but reliably: 24.Qe3 ΔQb6 25.Rc3 Rac8⩱]
24...Re6
[Can be recommended: 24...Nd7!?]
25.g3
[25.c5!? Rd8⩱]

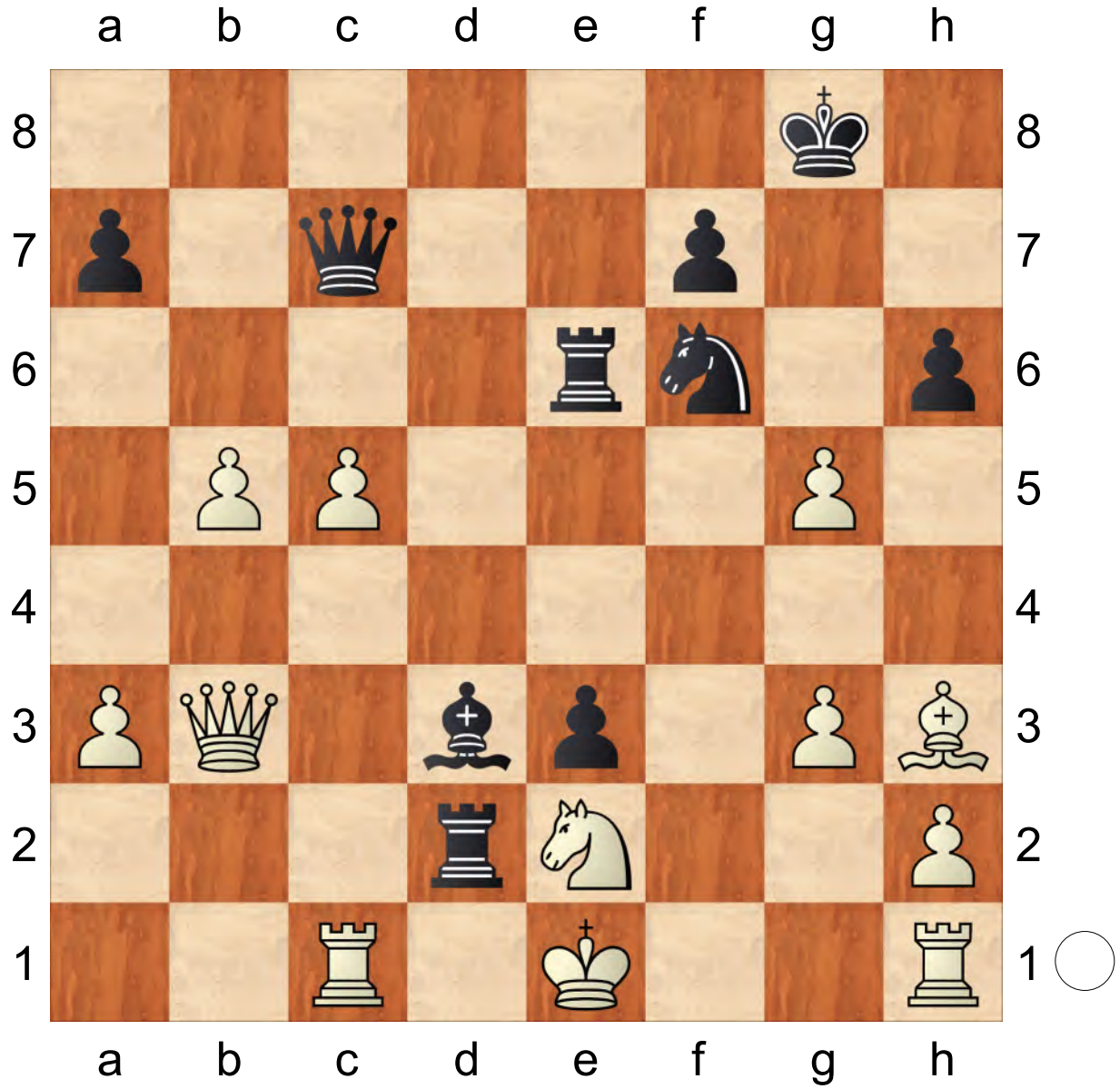
25...Rd8!?
[25...e4? is refuted by: 26.Bh3 Qe5 27.Qxe5 Rxe5 28.f4±]
[25...Qc5!? 26.Bh3 Ree8 Δ27.Qb4 Qe3 28.Qc3 Qc5≅]



⇔d **26.c5** **e4!** All Black's pieces have occupied ideal positions and are ready to opening a position. **27.Bh3** **g4□**
[It was wrong decision: 27...Qa5+? 28.Qc3 Qxc3+ 29.Rxc3 Re5 30.f4±]
28.fxg4 **e3** It is rather difficult to continue a game without this move. **29.g5** **Rd2** **30.Qb3** **Bd3**

(Diagram)

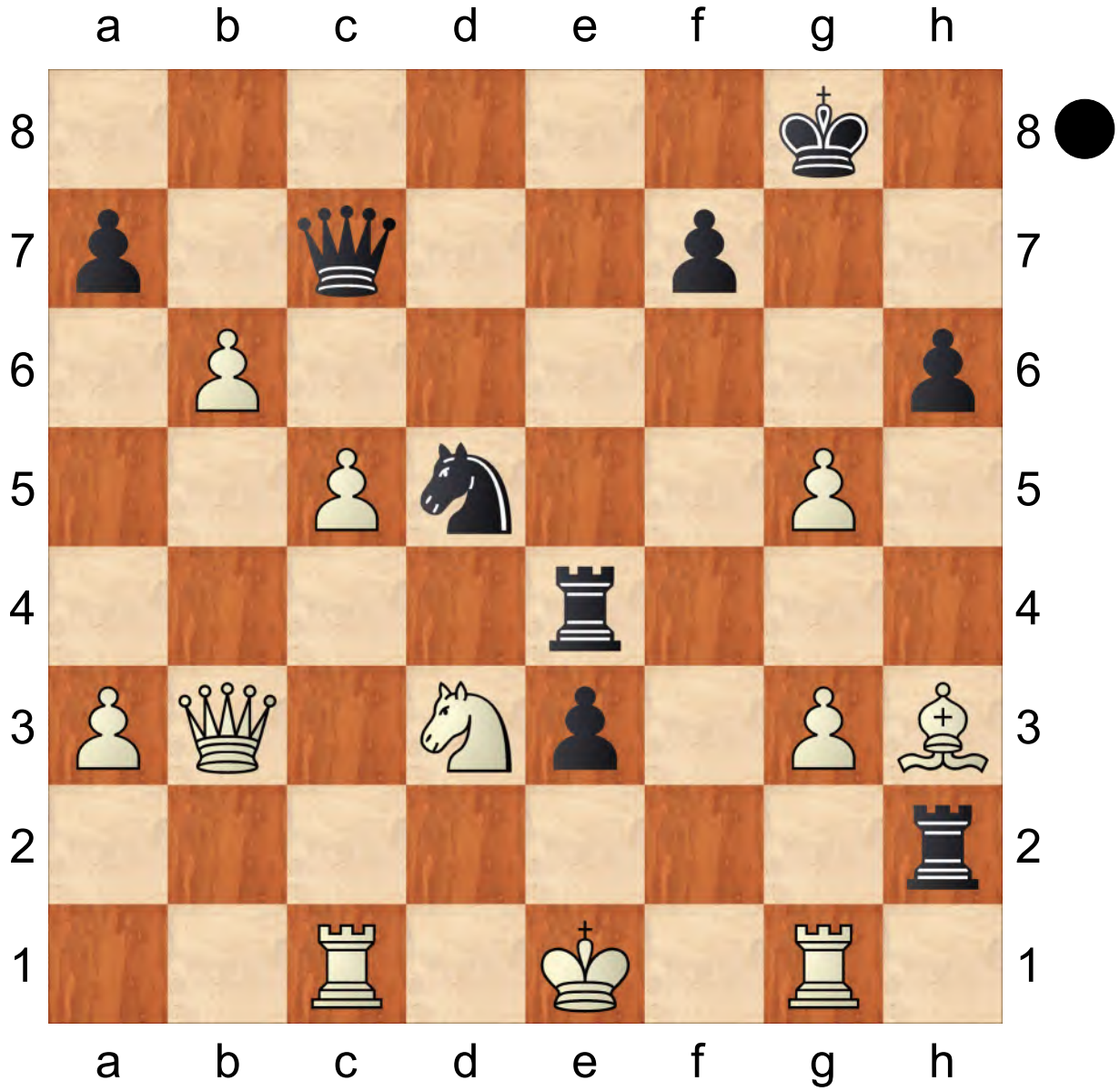
31.Nf4 **Re4??** Painful blunder leading to immediate loss.



[It was necessary: 31...Ne4
A) 32.Bxe6?? Qxf4! 33.Bxf7+ Kf8! 34.gxf4 Re2+ 35.Kf1 *(35.Kd1 Nf2#)* 35...Nd2+ 36.Kg1 Nf3+ 37.Kf1 Rf2#;
B) 32.Nxd3 Nxg3!
B1) 33.Rc2? Nxh1 34.Rxd2 *(34.Bxe6? Qxh2 35.Bxf7+ Kf8-+)* 34...exd2+ 35.Kd1 Re3∓;
B2) 33.Bxe6 Re2+ 34.Kd1 Rd2+ 35.Ke1 Re2+=;
C) 32.Bg4 Rd6!
C1) ≤33.g6 Rxg6! 34.Nxd3 *(34.Nxg6?? Rxh2! 35.Rg1 Qxg3+! 36.Rxg3 Rh1+ 37.Rg1 Rxg1#)* 34...Rxg4↑;
C2) 33.Qb4 Nxg5 34.Nxd3 *(34.Rg1 Bf5∞)* 34...R6xd3 35.Qf4 Qd8∞]

32.Nxd3 Rxh2 33.Rg1+- Nd5
[33...hxg5 34.b6]

34.b6



It's the most logical reaction to the previous move of Black.

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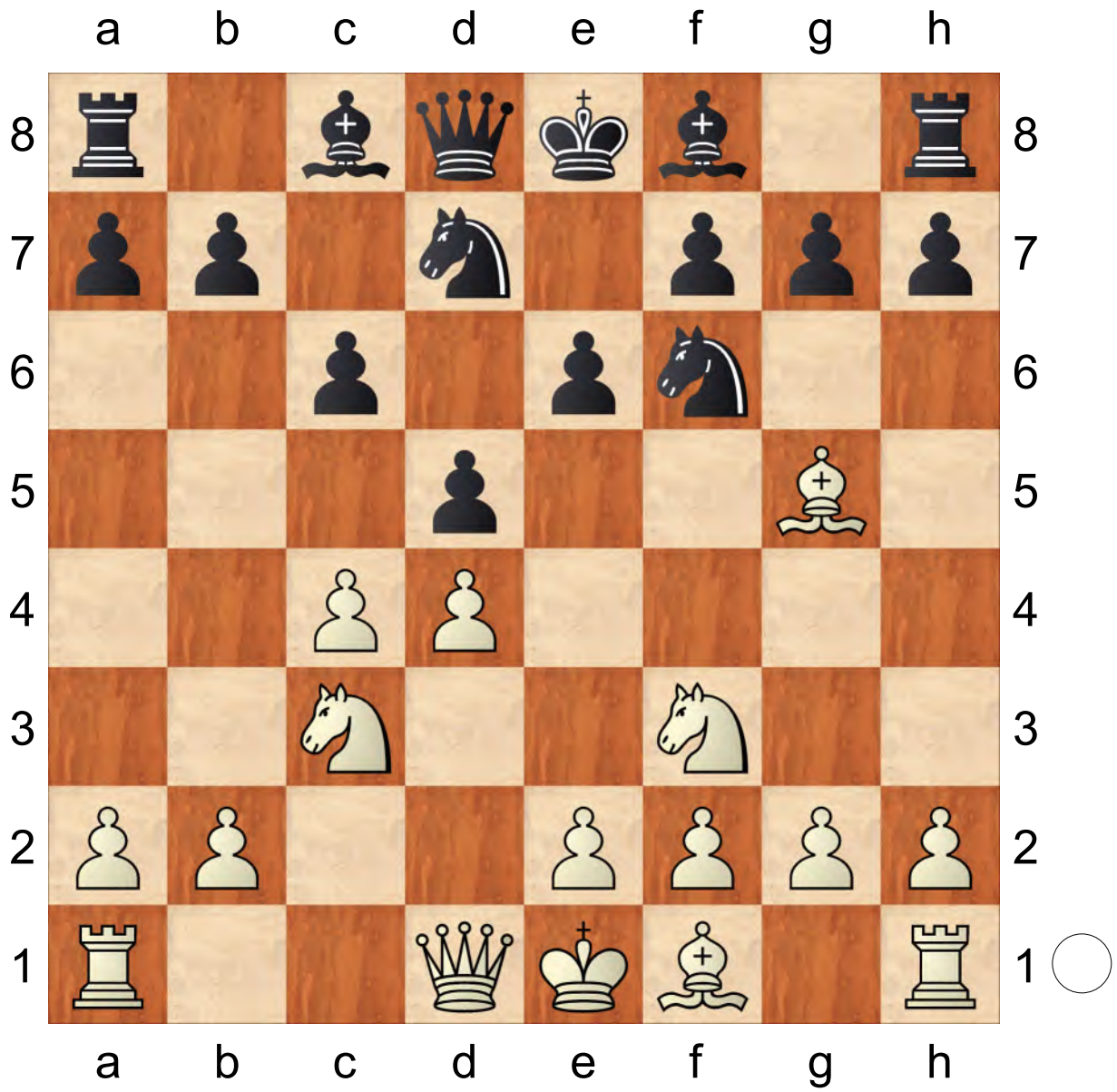
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.c4 Tsesarsky **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0
[8...e5 -mainline]
[8...dxc4 -mainline]
9.Be2 c5
[9...dxc4 -mainline]

[9...e5 -mainline]
[9...b6 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ba6 12.Bf4 *(12.a4 dxc4 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxc4 Qd5 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 c5=)* 12...dxc4 *(12...Rac8 13.Bd6±)*
A) 13.Bd6 Rfd8 14.Bb4 Qg5 15.f4 Qh4 16.Nxc4 *(16.Be7 Re8 17.Rf3 Qh5 18.Bd6 b5 19.a4⩱)* 16...Ng4∓;
B) 13.Nxc4 Qd5 14.Ne5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd7 17.e4 Qa5 18.Bd6±]
[9...Re8 10.0-0 dxc4 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 dxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4±; 10...e5 11.dxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb3 Qd8 13.Bf4 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Re8 15.Rfd1±)* 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Be7 15.Rac1 Bf6 16.Ne5±]

10.0-0

[10.Nb3
A) 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qa4 12.cxd5 c4 13.Qb2 Nxd5 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bh4 b5 16.a3 N7b6 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Nb1⇄ ½-½ Azmayparashvili,Z-Ivanchuk,V/ Moscow PCA blitz 1994/ (43);
B) 10...Qa4 11.Bxf6 *(11.cxd5 c4 12.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Ne4∓)* 11...Nxf6
B1) 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 cxd4 *(13...Ne4 14.Qd3 cxd4 15.Qxd4 Rd8 16.Rfd1 Qe8 17.cxd5 exd5±)* 14.Nxd4 Bd7 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.Nxb3 Rac8= ½-½ Aseev,K-Oll,L/Moscow PCA-Intel qual 1995/ (82);
B2) 12.dxc5
B2a) 12...Ne4 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bd3 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Be6 16.0-0 Rfc8 17.Rab1 h6 18.Rfd1± *(18.h3 Rab8 19.c4 Nxc5 ½-½ Kinsman Andrew P H-Prie,E/Paris ch FRA 1996/ (19))*;
B2b) 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Be2 *(15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe5=; 15.Bb5 Qc7 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Rfd1 e5 18.Be2 Be6 19.Bf3 Qc7 20.Rac1 Rac8=)* 15...Bd6 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.h3 Be5 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Nd4 Qb6=;
C) 10...Qc7 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.N5xd4 Bd6 15.f4 h6 16.Bh4 a6 17.Be2 Nd5⇄ ½-½ Ivanchuk,V-Kasparov,G/Chess Classic Giants m 3rd 4th, Frankfu 1998/ (33)]

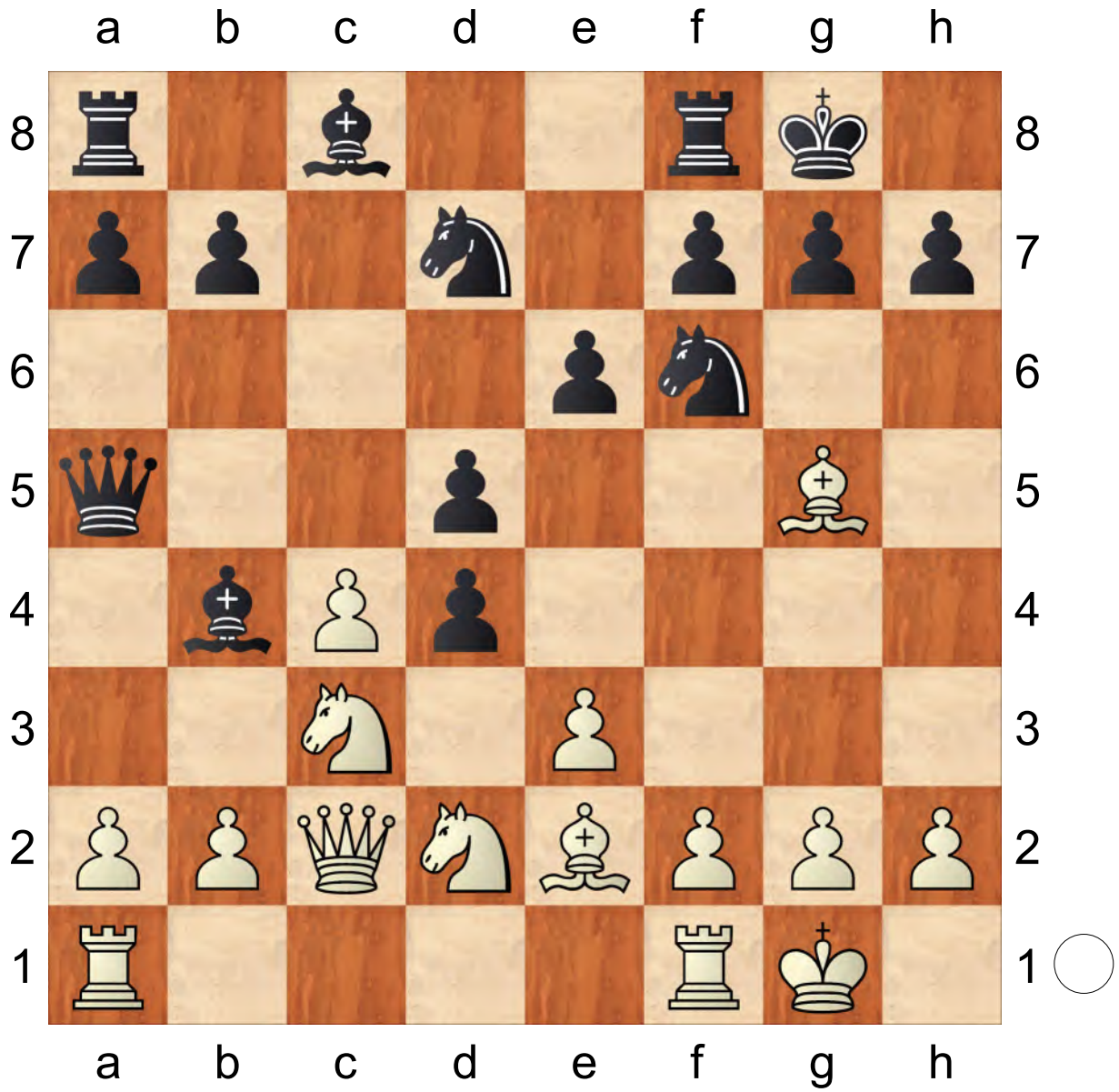
10...cxd4

(Diagram)

11.Nb3

[11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxf6 *(12.Bh4 Nb6 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.d5 Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.bxc3 Rac8⇄; 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7 15.Qb3 Bc6 16.Ne2 Bd5∓* 0-1 Benitah,Y-Payen,A/ Enghien les Bains ,EXT 1995/ (35)*)* 12...Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qd8 14.Rfd1 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nd5 16.Ne3 Qc7 17.Rac1± 1-0 Nikolajevs,D-Kukovec,B/EuYouth U14 Boys, Tallinn EST 1997/ (17)]

11...Qb6



[11...Qd8 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Ne4 *(13.Bxc4 Qa5 14.Ncb5 a6 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.N5d4 Ne5 17.Rfd1 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 e5 19.Nf3 Be6 20.Qh4 Nd7=* ½-½ Bouwmeester,H-Bergraser,V/cr cr NBC-15/Volac-G 1982/Inf 15/ (28) *)* 13...Be7 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qxe4 Nf6=]

[11...Qc7 12.Nb5 Qb6 13.Bxf6 *(13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.e4 Be7 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.N5xd4 e5=)* 13...Nxf6 *(13...gxf6 14.cxd5 dxe3 15.fxe3 Qxe3+ 16.Kh1 Nb6 17.a3 Be7 18.d6 Bd8 19.Bf3±* 1-0 Ionescu,C-Ovsejevitsch,S/Pardubice CZE 1999/(34) *)* 14.c5 Qd8 15.exd4 a6 16.Nd6 Ne8 17.Nxe8 Rxe8 18.a3 Ba5 19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.b4±]

12.exd4

[12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Bh4 *(13.Bxc4 Qc5 14.Qb3 e5=)* 13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Bg3 Nb4 17.Qc3 Nd5 18.Qc1 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc4 Qxc4 21.Bxc4 Bd7 22.Rfd1 Bc6 23.Rd4± ½-½ Alonso,R-Fuentes,M/CUB-ch

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12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc7

[13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 *(14.Qxc3 Ne4 15.Qe3 Nxg5 16.Qxg5 Nf6 17.Rad1 Bd7 18.Rd3 h6 19.Qe5 Rfc8 20.Rg3 Qc7= ½-½* Mrva,M-Gdanski,J/Krynica POL 1998/ (71)*)* 14...Qc7 15.Qe2 b6 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Bd3 Rfe8 18.c4 e5!? Position was transformed to Nimzo opening 19.d5 Qd6 20.Rfe1 ½-½ Bass,L-Lein, A/New York 1983/ (20)]

14.Nb5

[14.Qe2 See comments to the game 1-0 Azmaiparashvili,Z-Ivanchuk,V/Tilburg 1994/Inf 61/[Azmaiparashvili,Z] (33)]

[14.Bd3 b6 15.Qe2 Bxc3 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.bxc3 Rfe8 *(17...Qc6 18.f3 Rac8 19.Rfe1 Qd6 20.c4 Rfe8 21.Qd2± ½-½* GM Novikov,I-IM Landa,K/Open Oberwart (6) 1995/ (24)*)* 18.Rfe1 Nd5 19.Be4 h6 *½-½* Novikov,I-Smagin,S/ Novgorod 1995/(19) 20.c4

A) 20...hxg5 21.cxd5 Qd6 22.dxe6 Rxe6 23.Qd3 Rae8 24.Bh7+ Kh8 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Bf5 Qd5 *(26...Rh6 27.Qg3±)* 27.Qf3 Qxf3 28.gxf3**±**;

B) 20...Nb4 21.Bf4 Qxf4 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Bf3**±**]

14...Qc6 15.a3 Be7

(Diagram)

16.Qe2

[16.Na5 Qb6 17.b4 a6 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Rad1 Qg4 20.f4 Bd8 21.h3 Bb6+ 22.Kh1 Qh5 23.Be2 Qg6 Tsesarsky: '=' 24.Qxg6 *(24.Bd3 Qh5 25.Be2 Qg6=)* 24...hxg6 25.Bf3**⩲**]

16...a6!?

[Another plan is =16...Nb6 17.Bd3

A) 17...Rd8?! 18.Rfc1 Qd7 19.Nc5 bad ♕ position and development advantage make position of White much better: Bxc5 20.Bxf6 gxf6

A1) 21.dxc5 Qxd3 22.Qxd3 Rxd3 23.cxb6 axb6 24.Rd1 Rd7 *(24...Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Kf8 26.Nc7 Ra5 27.Rd8+ Ke7 28.Rxc8 Rc5 29.h4 Kd7 30.Rh8 Rxc7 31.Rxh7 Ke7=)* 25.Nd6 Kf8 26.Rd2**⩲**;

A2) 21.Rxc5! a6 *(21...Nd5 22.Qh5 f5 23.Bc4 a6 24.Bxd5 axb5 25.Qg5+ Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Rc3+-)* 22.Nc7 Rb8 *(22...Qxd4 23.Bxh7+ Kg7 24.Rc3+-)* 23.Qg4+ Kf8 *(23...Kh8 24.Qe4 f5 25.Qe5+ Kg8 26.Nxe6+-)* 24.d5! Nxd5 25.Nxd5 exd5 26.Qh4**±**;

B) 17...Bd7! 18.Nc5 *(18.Rac1? Qd5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6∓)*

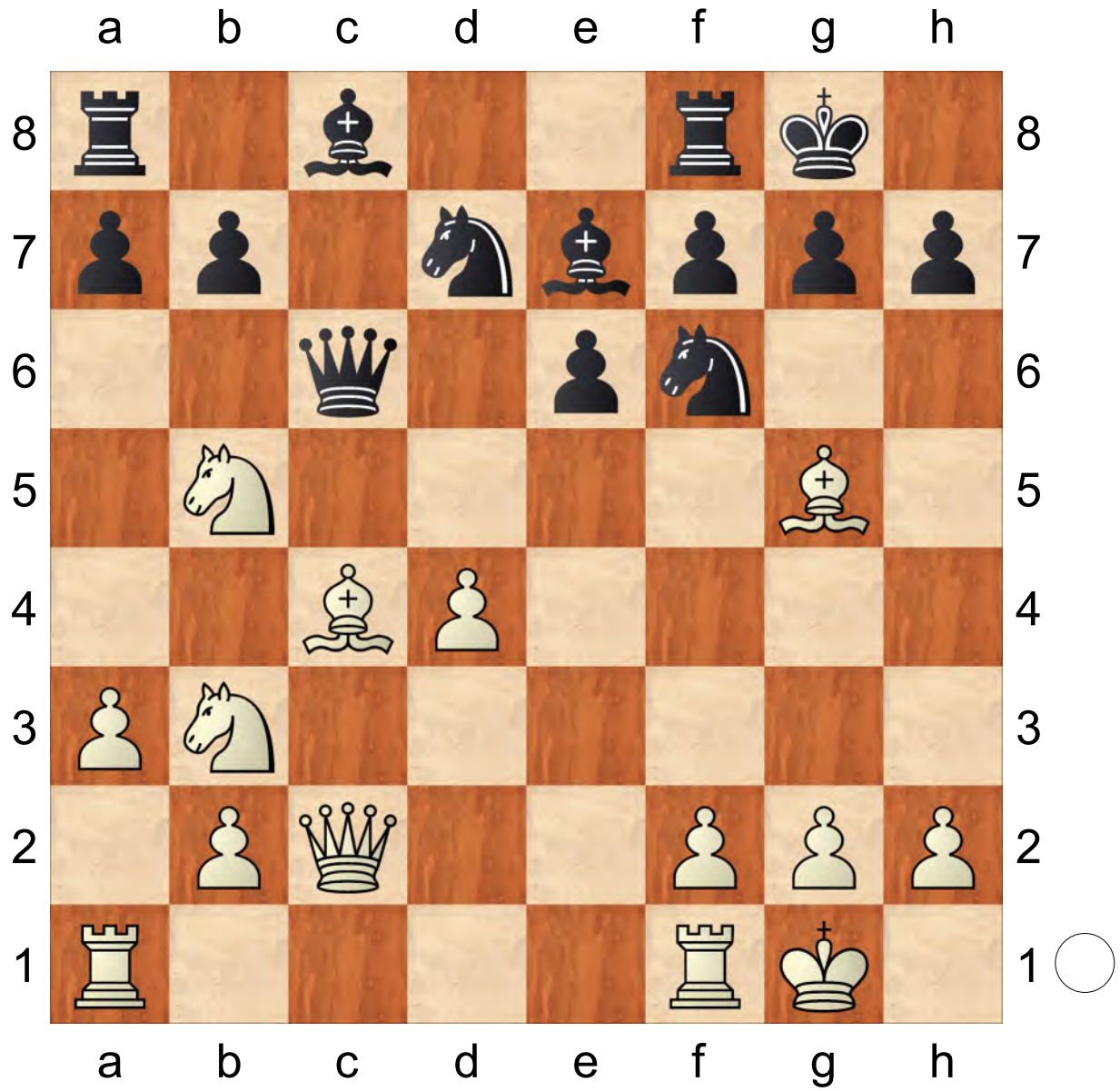
B1) 18...Bxc5 19.Rac1 Nbd5 20.dxc5**±** *(20.Rxc5 Qb6 21.Rfc1 Rac8 22.b4±)*;

B2) 18...Rfc8! 19.Rac1 *(19.b4 Qd5 20.Be3 Bc6 21.f3 Qh5∓)* 19...Qd5**⇄**]

17.Nc3 b5 18.Bd3 Bb7 19.f3 Qb6

[19...Qd6**⇄**]

20.Kh1 Rfe8



[20...Rac8⇄]

(Diagram)

Defending ♗e7 and preparing next move. **21.Rac1 Nd5** This plan have a little lack: weakenen square c5 **22.Bxe7 Nxe7** Avoiding a trap:

[22...Nxc3? 23.Bxh7+! Kxh7 24.Qd3+ Kg8 25.Bc5!±]

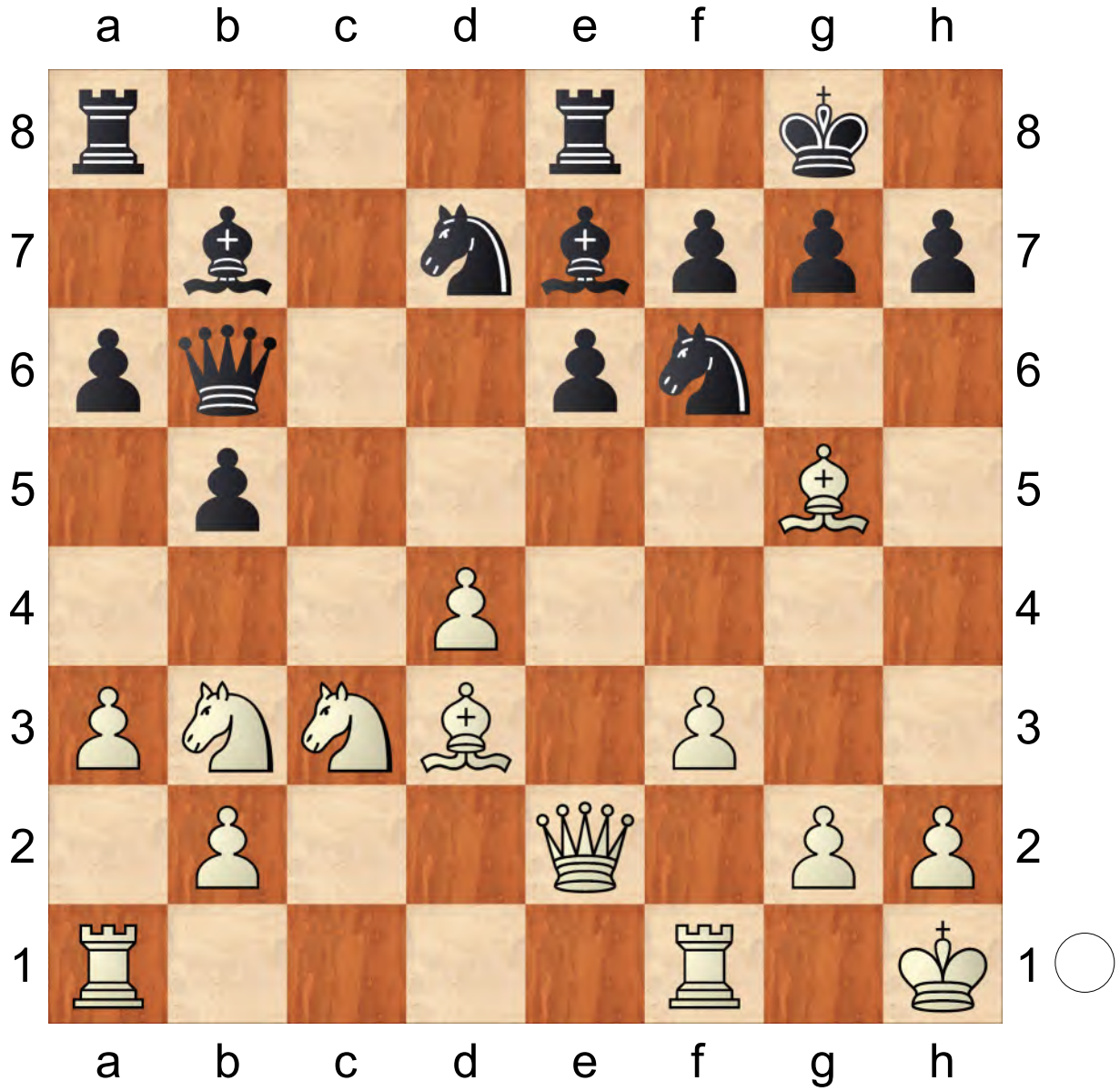
23.Nc5 Rad8

[23...Nxc5? 24.dxc5 Qc6 *(24...Qxc5 25.Nxb5+-)* 25.b4±]

24.N3e4

[24.b4 Nf6 25.Rfd1⇄]

24...Ba8



[24...Nf5 25.Qf2 Bd5 26.b4 Nb8 27.g4 Ne7 *(27...Bxe4 28.fxe4 Nxd4 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.e5+-)* 28.Rfe1⇄ *(28.Qh4 Ng6 29.Qg3 e5∓)*]

25.Qf2 Nb8

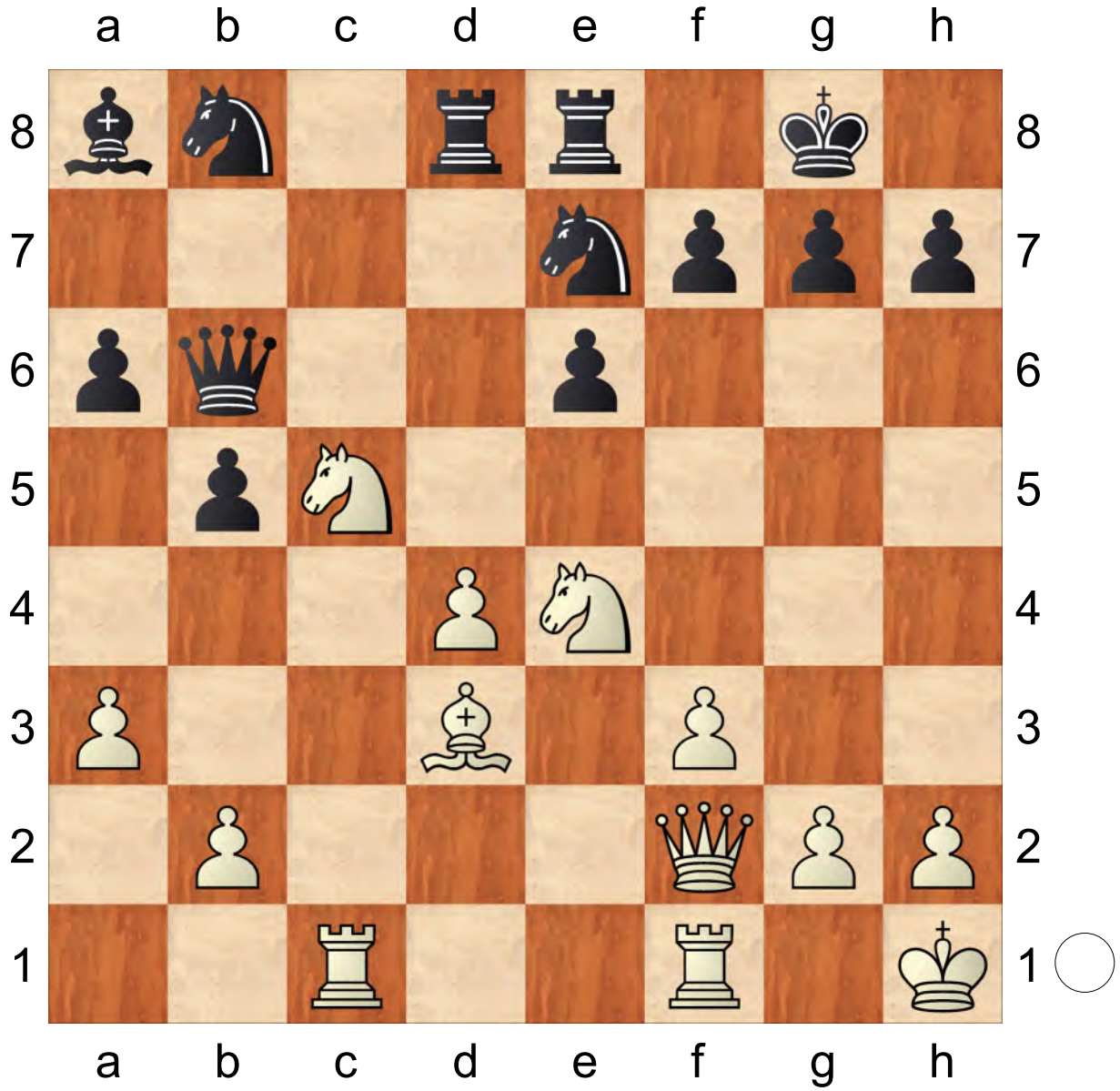
(Diagram)

Black arrange pressure on the isolated ♙d4 **26.Bb1 Nbc6 27.Rfd1 Na5?!±**

[Black desided not to play 27...Nf5 -logical continuation of previous game. maybe because

A) 28.Rd2 Nfxd4 *(28...e5 29.Nf6+ gxf6 30.Bxf5±)* 29.Qg3 Nf5 *(29...Kh8 30.Ng5 Qa7 31.Bxh7±)* 30.Nf6+ Kh8 31.Bxf5 gxf6 32.Qh4 exf5 33.Qxf6+ Kg8 34.Qg5+= *(34.Nd7 Qe3-+)* 34...Kh8 35.Qf6+= *(35.Nd7 Qe3-+)*;

B) 28.d5!? Rxd5 *(28...exd5 29.Nf6+ gxf6 30.Bxf5 Ne7 31.Bd7 Rf8*



32.Qd4±) 29.Rxd5 exd5 30.Nf6+ gxf6 31.Bxf5

B1) 31...Ne5 32.Re1! *(32.Qh4 Ng6 33.Bxg6 fxg6 34.Nd7 Qd8 35.Nxf6+ Kf7∓; 32.b4 Ng6 33.Qd4 Re5 34.Bd3⩲)* 32...Bc6 33.b4±;

B2) 31...Ne7 32.Re1 Bc6 33.Qg3+ Ng6 34.Rxe8+ Bxe8 35.b4 Kg7 36.Qe1 *(36.h4 h5⩲)* 36...Bc6 37.Qd2⩱]

28.Qg3

[Was not give advantage 28.Ng5 h6! *(28...g6 29.Qh4 h5 30.Qf4±)* 29.Bh7+

A) 29...Kf8 30.d5 Nc8 *(30...hxg5 31.Nxe6++-)* 31.dxe6 hxg5 32.Nd7+ Rxd7 33.exd7!! Qxf2 34.Rxc8+-;

B) 29...Kh8 30.Nxf7+ Kxh7 31.Qc2+ *(31.Nxd8 Rxd8 32.Re1 Bd5∓)* 31...Nf5 32.Nxd8 Rxd8 33.Re1 Bd5∓]

28...Bxe4

[Better was 28...Nd5!

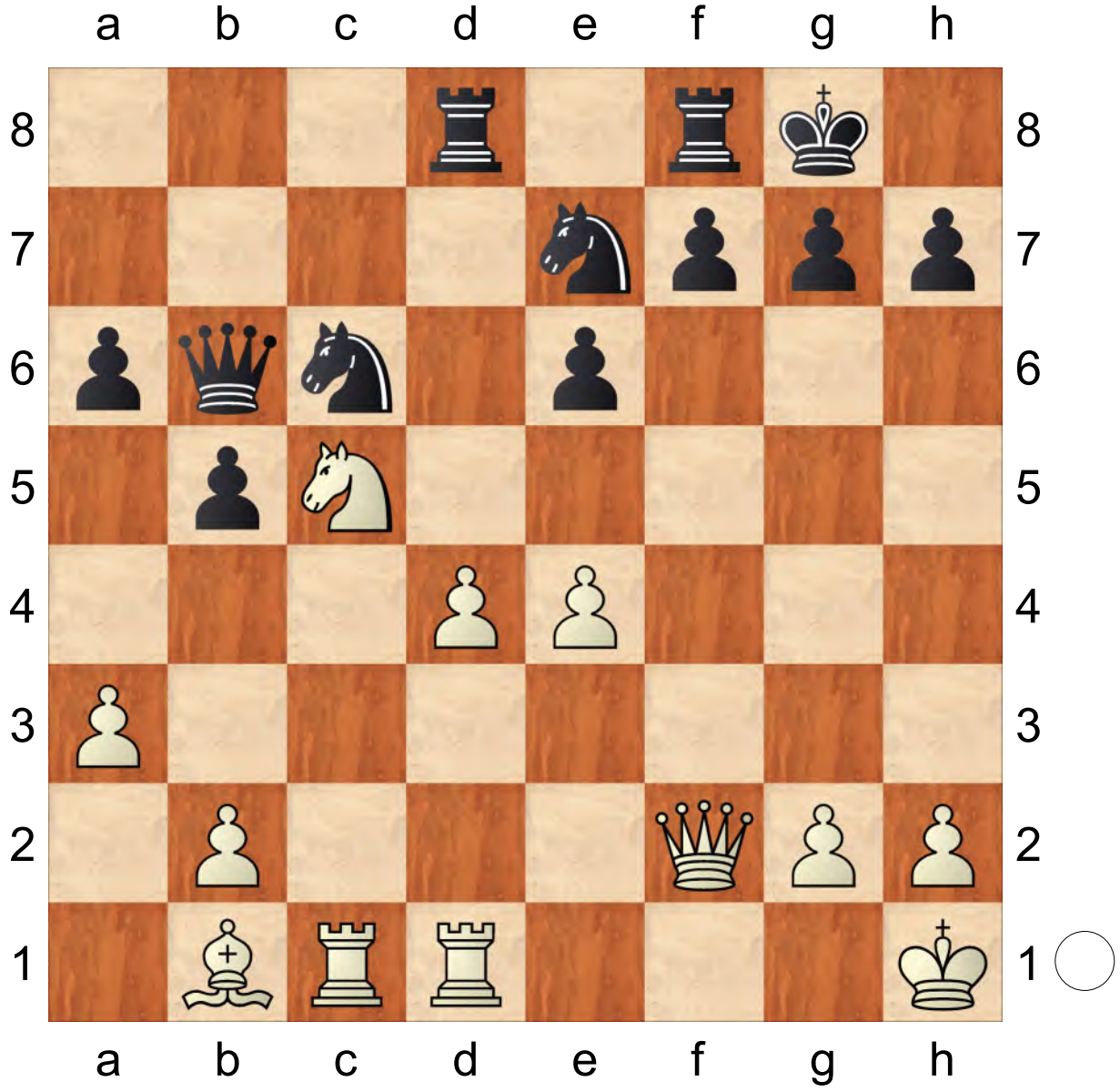
A) 29.Ng5 Nf6 30.b3 Nc6 31.Nge4 Nd5 32.Ng5 *(32.b4 e5=)* 32...Nf6=;
B) 29.Ba2! Re7 30.b4 Nc6 31.Bxd5 exd5 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Nh5±]

29.fxe4 Nac6

[29...Nc4
A) 30.b4 Nc6 31.d5 exd5 32.exd5 N6e5 33.Qh3 h6 34.Be4± *(34.Qf5 Ng6⇄)*;
B) 30.Qf2! like in the game 30...e5 31.d5±]

30.Qf2! Rf8

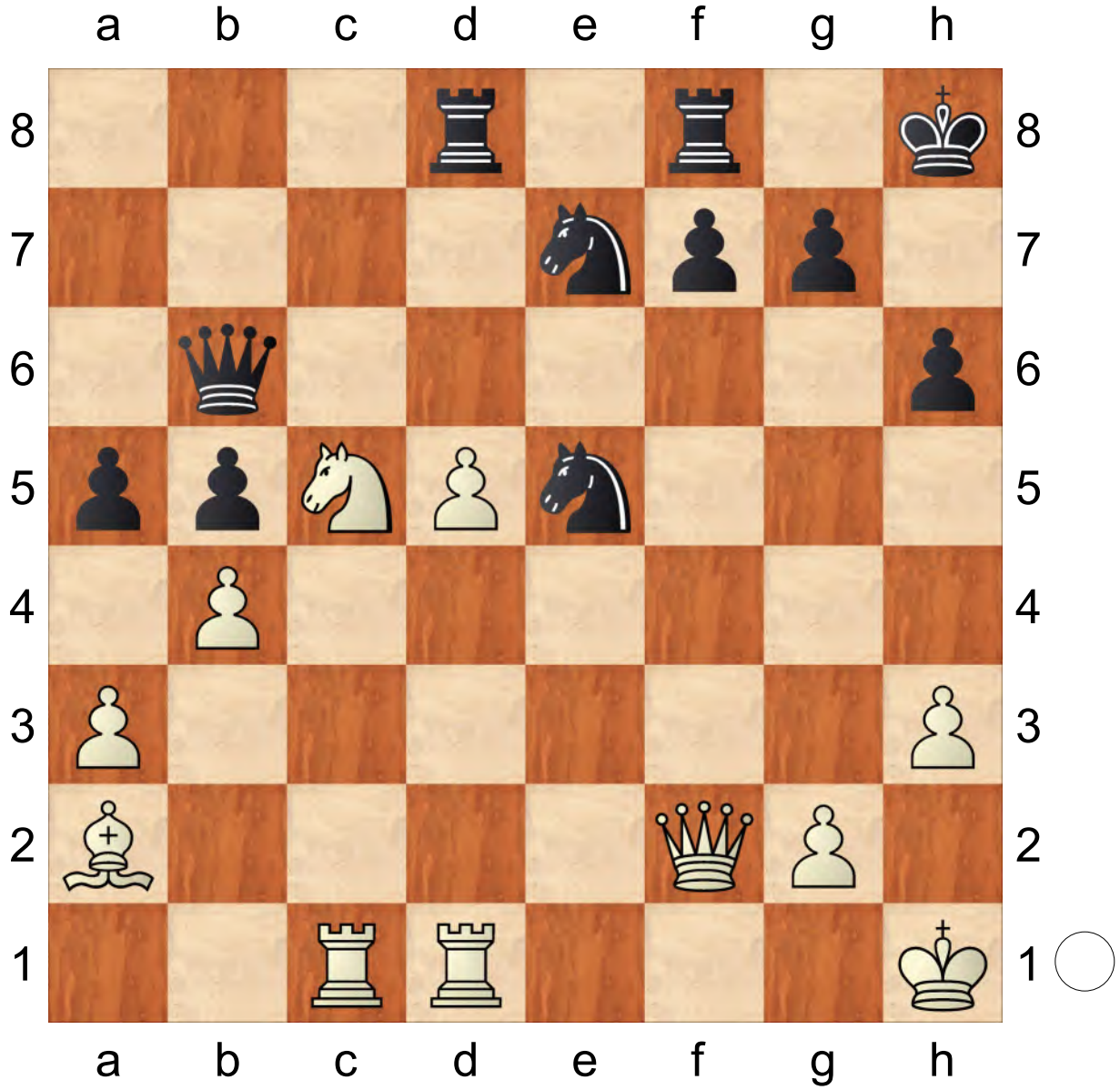
[30...a5 31.Rf1 Rf8 32.Rcd1
A) 32...Rd6 33.e5 Rdd8 34.Be4± *(34.Ba2 Ng6)*;
B) 32...Nxd4? 33.Rxd4 Qxc5 34.Rxd8+-;
C) 32...Qc7 33.Ba2 Ng6 34.d5 exd5 35.exd5 Nce5 36.b4±]



31.Ba2 White's plan is to promote d4-d5 and b2-b4 **± 31...Kh8 32.h3 h6 33.b4 a5?+-**

[⌓33...Ng6 34.d5 Nce5±]

34.d5 exd5 35.exd5 Ne5



36.bxa5! Qa7

[36...Qxa5 37.Nb7+-]

37.d6!

[37.Nd3? Qxf2 38.Nxf2 Ra8 39.d6 N7g6 40.Rd5 Rxa5 41.d7 Raa8 *(41...Rd8 42.Rc8+-)* 42.Rc7 Rfd8 43.Bb1±]

37...N7c6 38.Qf5 g6

[38...Qxa5 39.Bb1 g6 40.Qf6+ Kg8 41.Nb7+-]

39.Qf6+ Kh7 40.a6 Qb6

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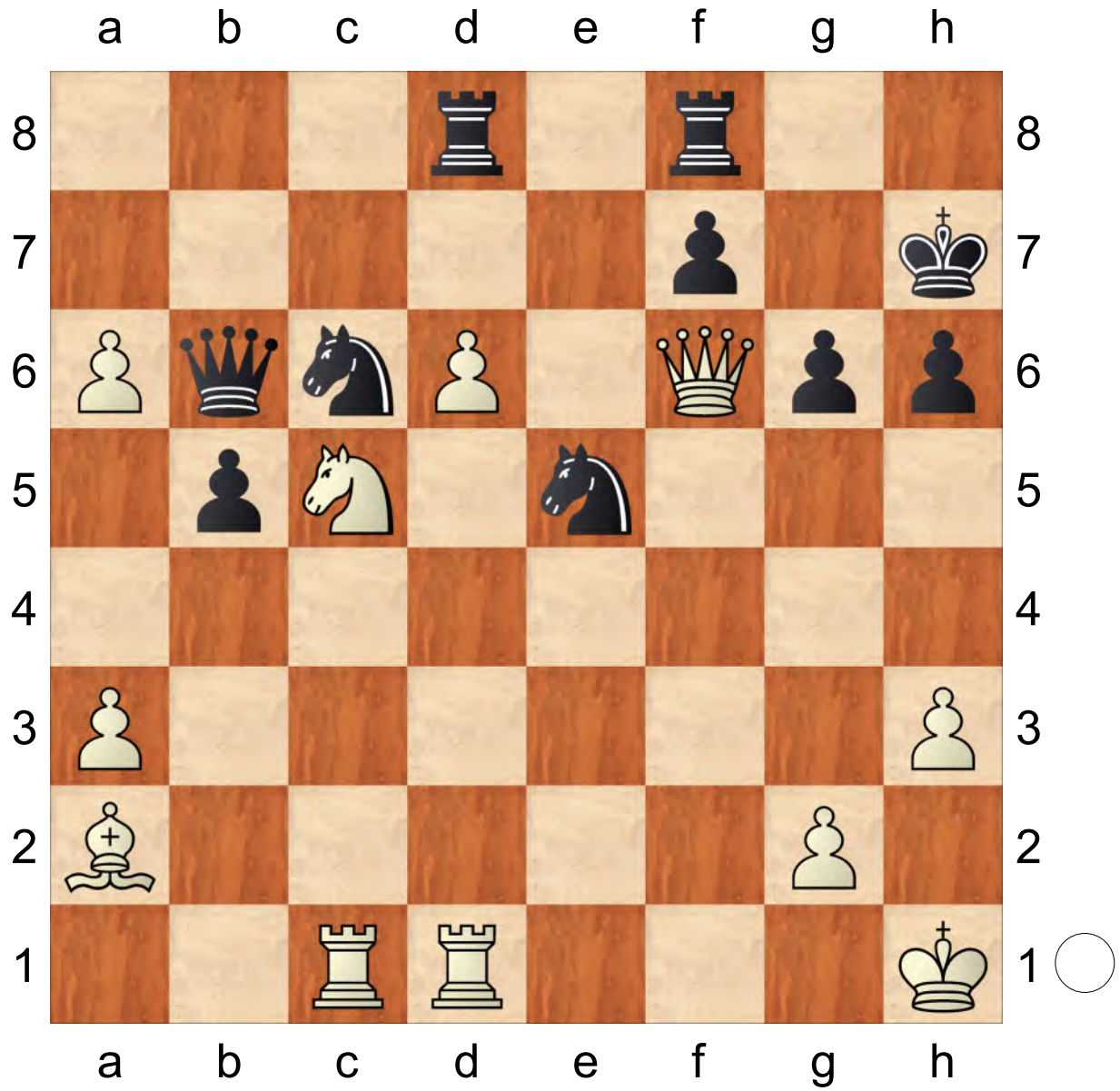

41.d7 Qa5 42.Nb7 Qxa3 43.Nxd8 Rxd8 44.Rxc6

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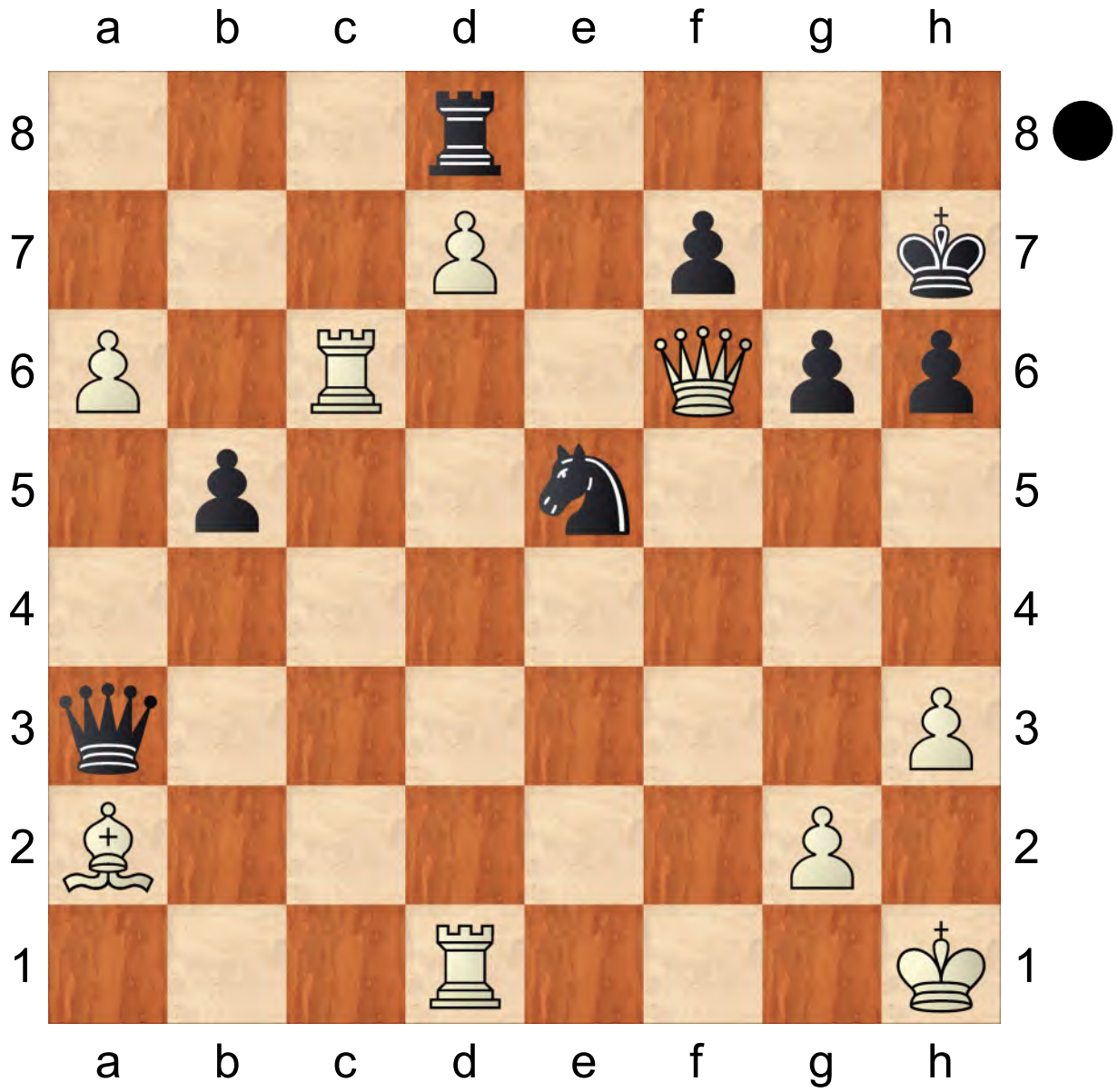
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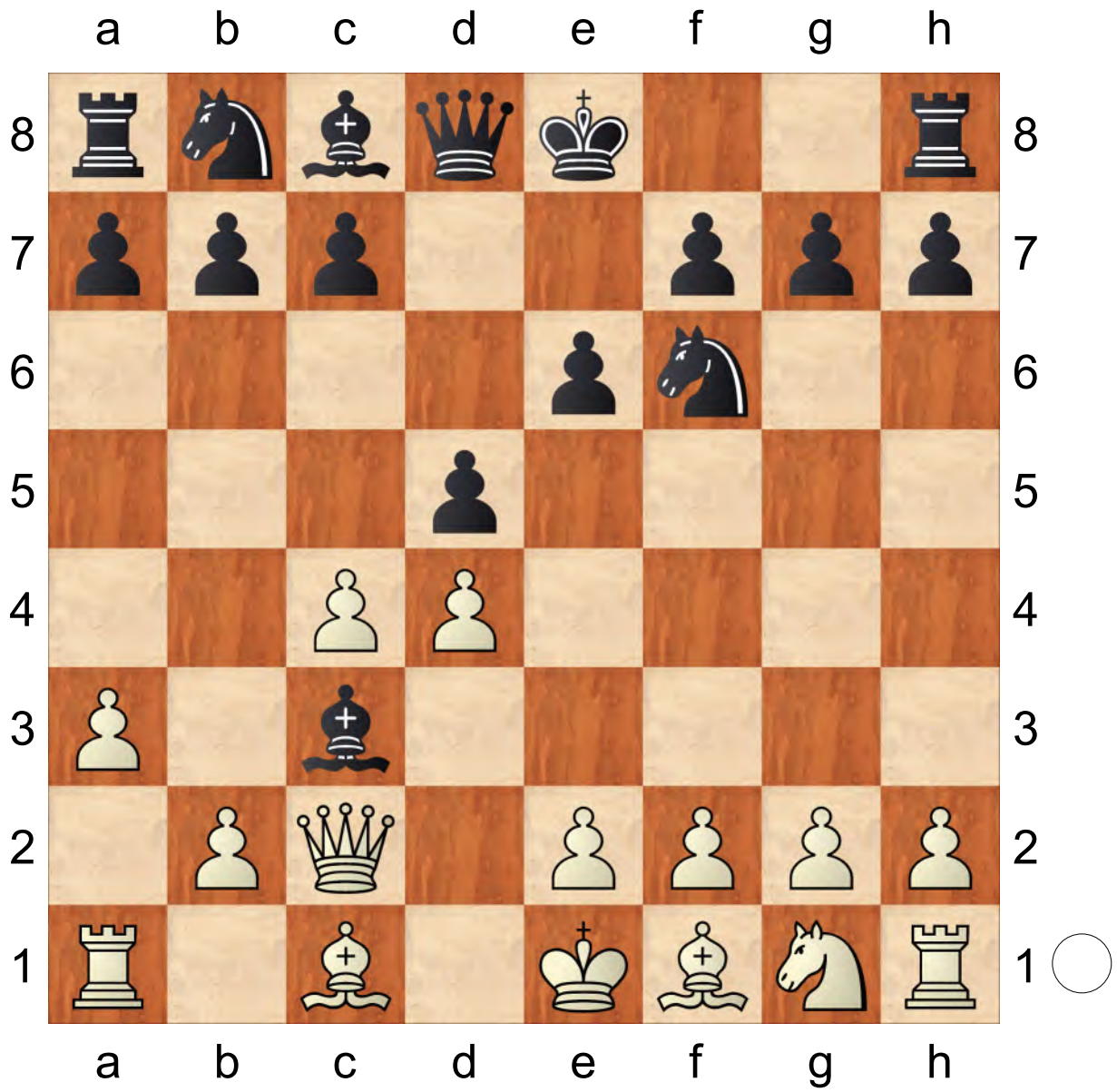
■ **Parligras,Mircea Emilian** **2560**
EU-ch 6th Warsaw (10) 28.06.2005
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Gurevich,M **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.Qxc3 Nc6 Black chose not the most popular continuation.
[6...Ne4!? is the main line.]
7.Bg5!? Good move. In most of the previous games White continued 7.e3, but Mikhail Gurevich, before playing this move, wanted first to free his black-squared bishop.

[≤7.e3
A) 7...e5 8.dxe5 *(8.Nf3 Gurevich,M exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be6 11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 Bxd5 13.f3 0-0-0 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Kf2 Bb3 16.e4 Nd7 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Rc1 Re7 19.Rc3 Ba4 20.b5 Rd1 21.g3 Kb8 22.Rg1 Rb1⇄ 1-0 Grigore,G-Parligras,M/Iasi 1999/CBM 075/ (72))* 8...d4 9.Qd3 Ng4 10.Nf3 dxe3 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.fxe3 Ke7 13.Bd2 Rd8 14.Be2 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bc3 f6 17.Bxe5 fxe5= Yudasin,L-Khalifman,A/Minsk, 1985(½-½)(30);
B) 7...0-0 8.Nf3 Qe7 9.b4 a6 10.Bb2 Bd7 11.Nd2 Rfe8 12.Be2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Qd4 Nf6 16.Nf3 Ng6 17.0-0= Candela Perez,J-Campora,D/Seville,2002(½-½)(60) Bc6⇄ (Gurevich,M) ½-½ Candela Perez,J-Campora,D/Seville 2002/CBM 086 ext (60)]

7...dxc4N Exchange of queens doesn't lead to equality:
[7...Ne4?! 8.Bxd8 Nxc3 9.bxc3 *(9.Bxc7!? Nxd4 10.Rc1 Ne4 11.e3±)* 9...Kxd8 10.e3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Na5 12.Ba2 b6 13.Nf3 Ke7 14.Nd2 Bb7 15.f3 Rac8 16.Rc1 c5= Radic,T-Morawietz,D/Porz,1991(0-1)(49)]

8.e3 h6 9.Bxf6
[Could be recommended: 9.Bh4!?]

9...Qxf6 10.Nf3
[10.Bxc4 Gurevich,M e5 *(10...Qg6!?)* 11.d5 Ne7 12.Nf3±]

10...0-0
[⌓10...Qg6 11.Qxc4 0-0 12.Rc1±]

(Diagram)

11.Bxc4± White's advantage is obvious thanks to the bad position of black's bishop.

11...Re8 Gurevich,M: '[Δ12...e5]' **12.Rd1 a6 13.0-0 Bd7**
[It's not easy for black to free himself from white's pressure: 13...e5 14.dxe5 *(≤14.d5 Nd8 15.Nd2 c6 16.Ne4±)* 14...Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 *(15...Qxe5? 16.Qxe5 Rxe5 17.Rd8+ Kh7 18.Bxf7+-)* 16.Rd8+ Qxd8 17.Qxe5±]

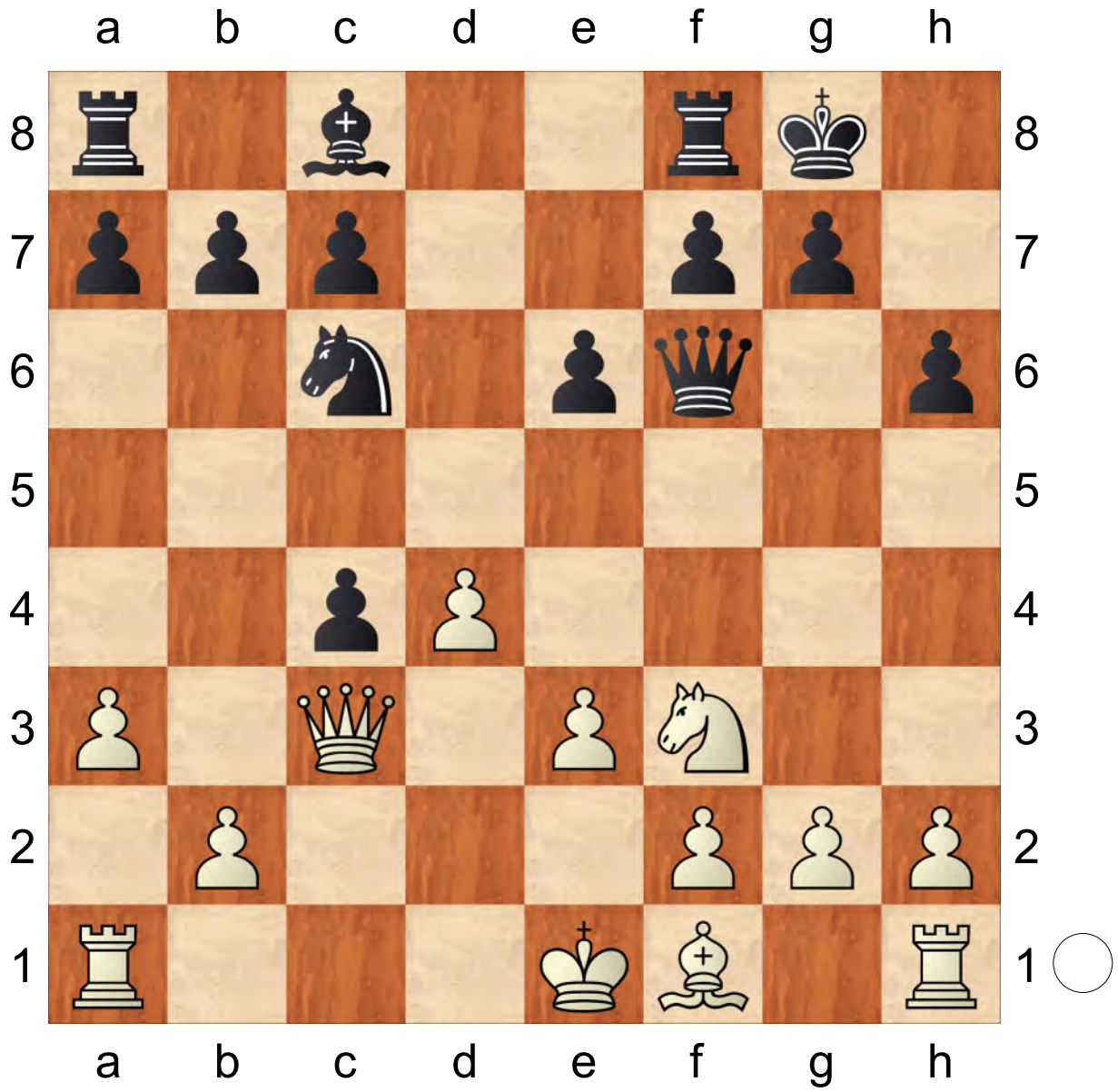
14.Rd2 Gurevich,M: '[Δ15.♖c1]' **14...Qe7 15.Ba2!±** In addition to strong positional pressure, White adds mate attacking ideas against black king. **15...Qd6**

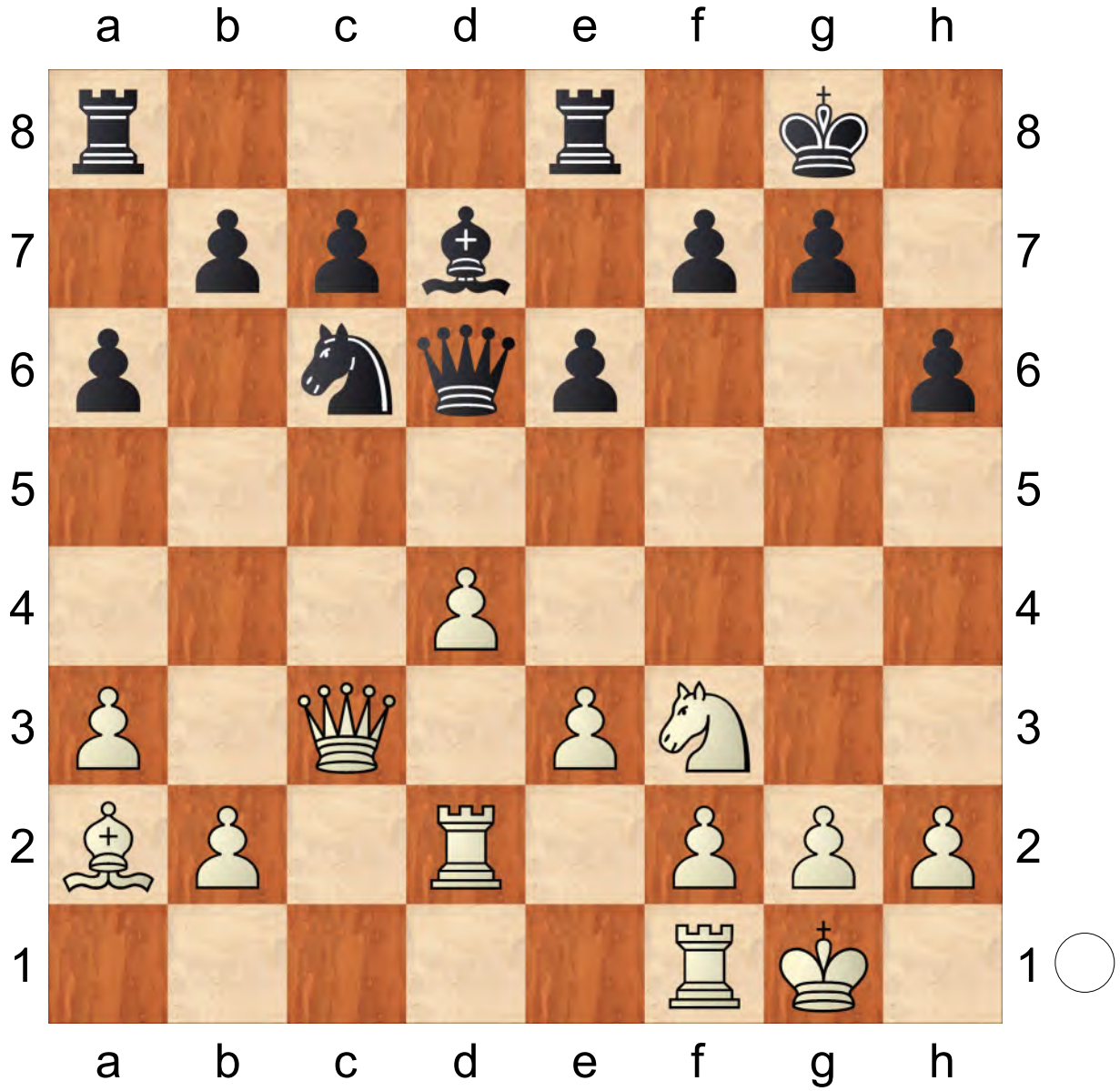
(Diagram)

16.Rc1?! White missed a good chance to increase his advantage:
[16.d5!? exd5 17.Bxd5 Qe7 *(≤17...Qg6 18.Qb3 ±/+-)* 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Qb3 Bc8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qc4±]

16...Rac8?
[⌓16...Rad8]

17.Bb1?! White ignored another chance to play:
[17.d5! exd5 18.Bxd5 ΔQe7 19.Qb3! Rb8 *(≤19...Nd8 20.Bxb7 Nxb7*





21.Qxb7+-) 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Rxd7+ '±' Gurevich,M. Re7 23.Rcd1 ±/+-]

17...Ne7 18.Ne5

[18.Qc2!? Gurevich,M f5 *(18...g6 19.Ne5 Bc6 20.Qd1↑)* 19.Ne5 Bc6 20.Ba2±]

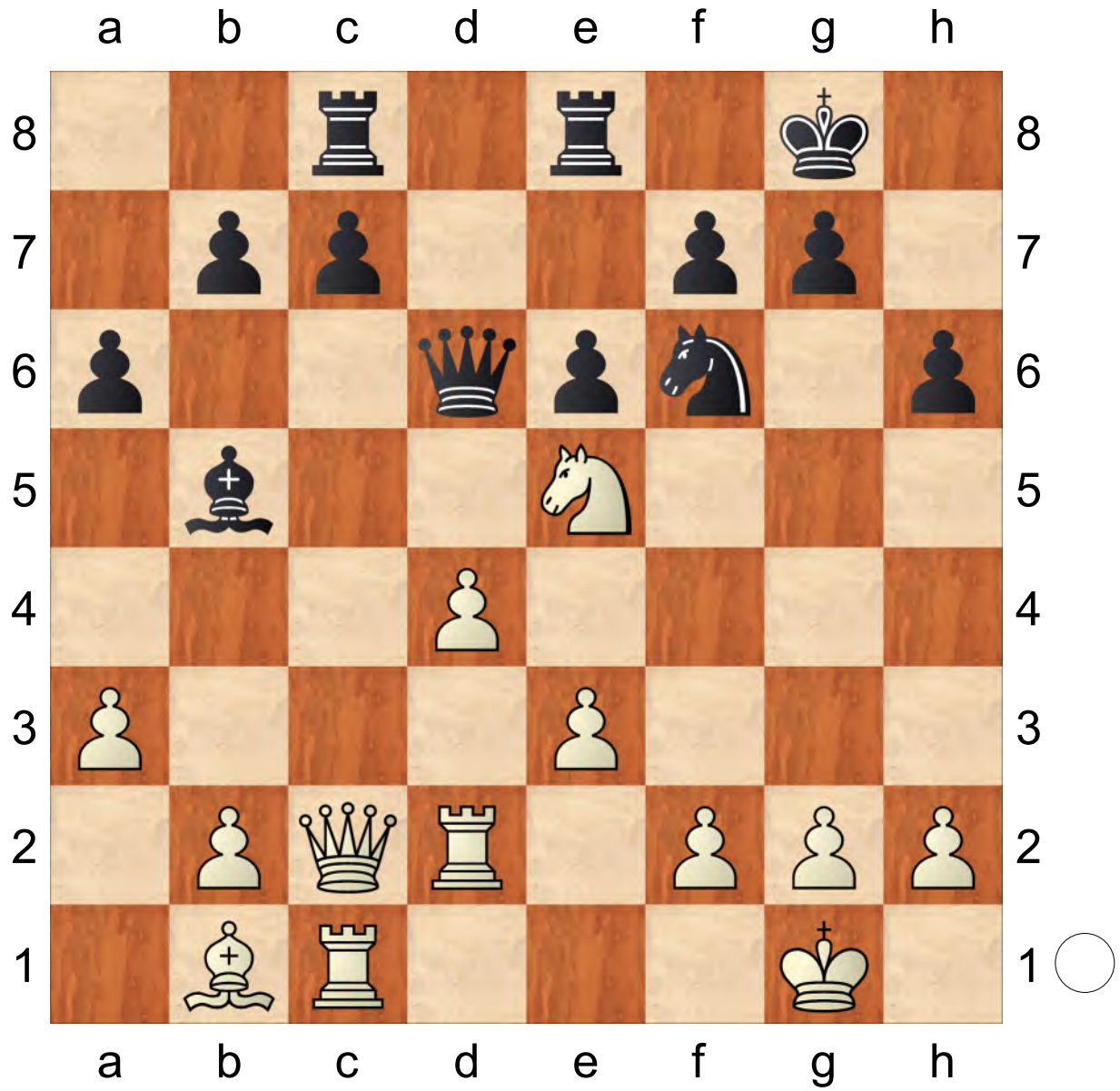
18...Nd5 19.Qb3 Bb5

[⌓19...c5 '!?' Gurevich,M. 20.Nxd7 cxd4 21.Rcd1 Qxd7 *(21...dxe3* Gurevich,M *22.fxe3 Qxd7 23.e4)* 22.Rxd4 '±' Gurevich,M. Qc7 23.Be4±]

20.Qc2 Nf6

(Diagram)

21.h3 Gurevich,M: '[Δ22.♘g4]' Another good move. White ensures a "window" for his



king and plans to play 22. ♘g4 in order to exchange knights and enter with the queen to kingside. **21...Red8**

[Deserves attention: 21...Kf8!?]

22.Ng4 Qe7

[22...Nxg4!? 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.hxg4 '±' Gurevich,M. Bc6 25.Rc5±]

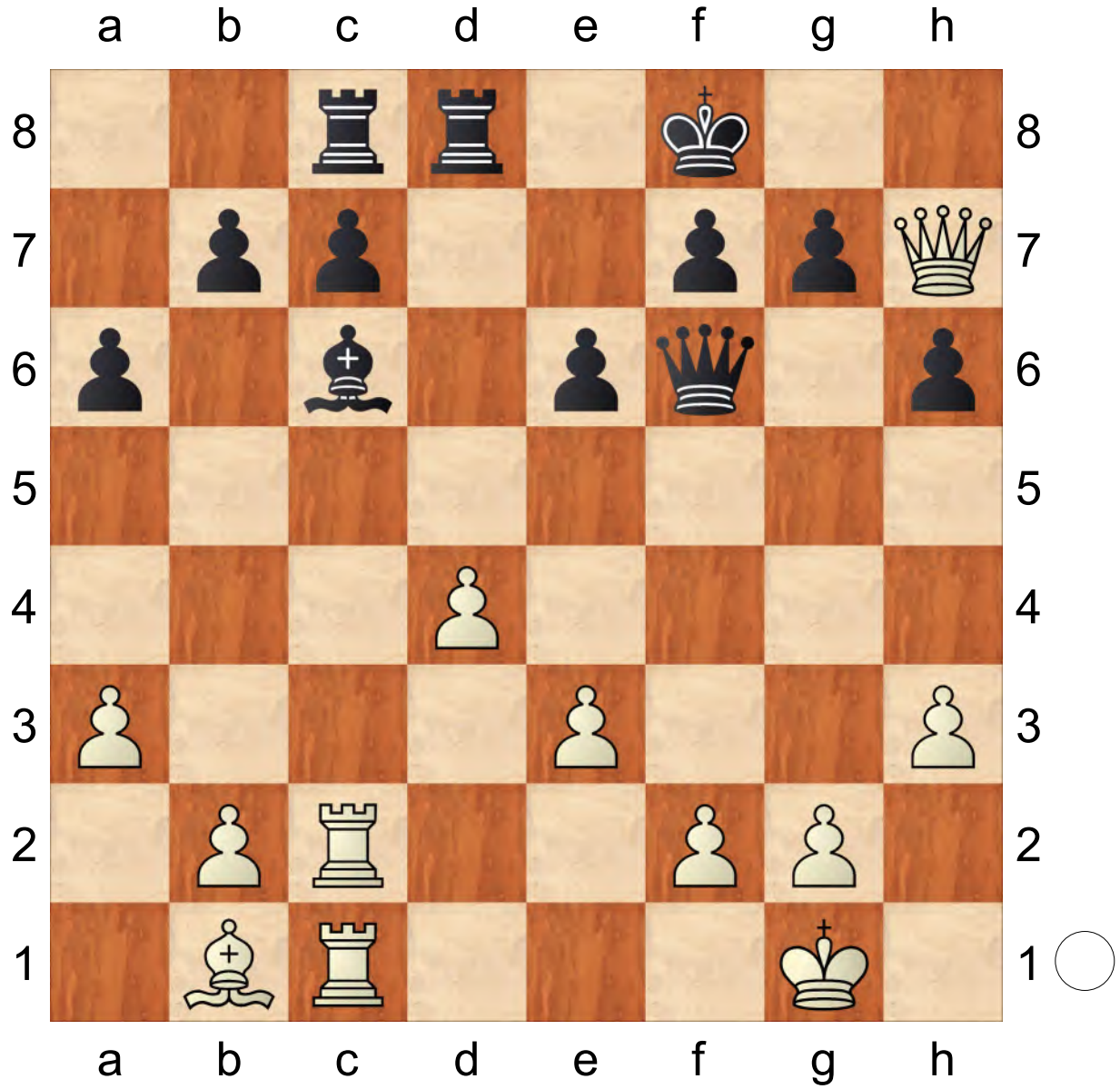
23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Rdc2

[25.Be4!? Gurevich,M c6 26.Rc5±]

25...Bc6

(Diagram)

26.Rc5 Ke7 27.Ba2?! Gurevich,M: '[♗a2-c4-a6]' White planned to transfer his bishop to ⇗a6-f1. Could be recommended:



[27.b4! Rd7 28.Be4 *(28.Rh5!?)* 28...Bxe4 29.Qxe4 c6 30.a4±]

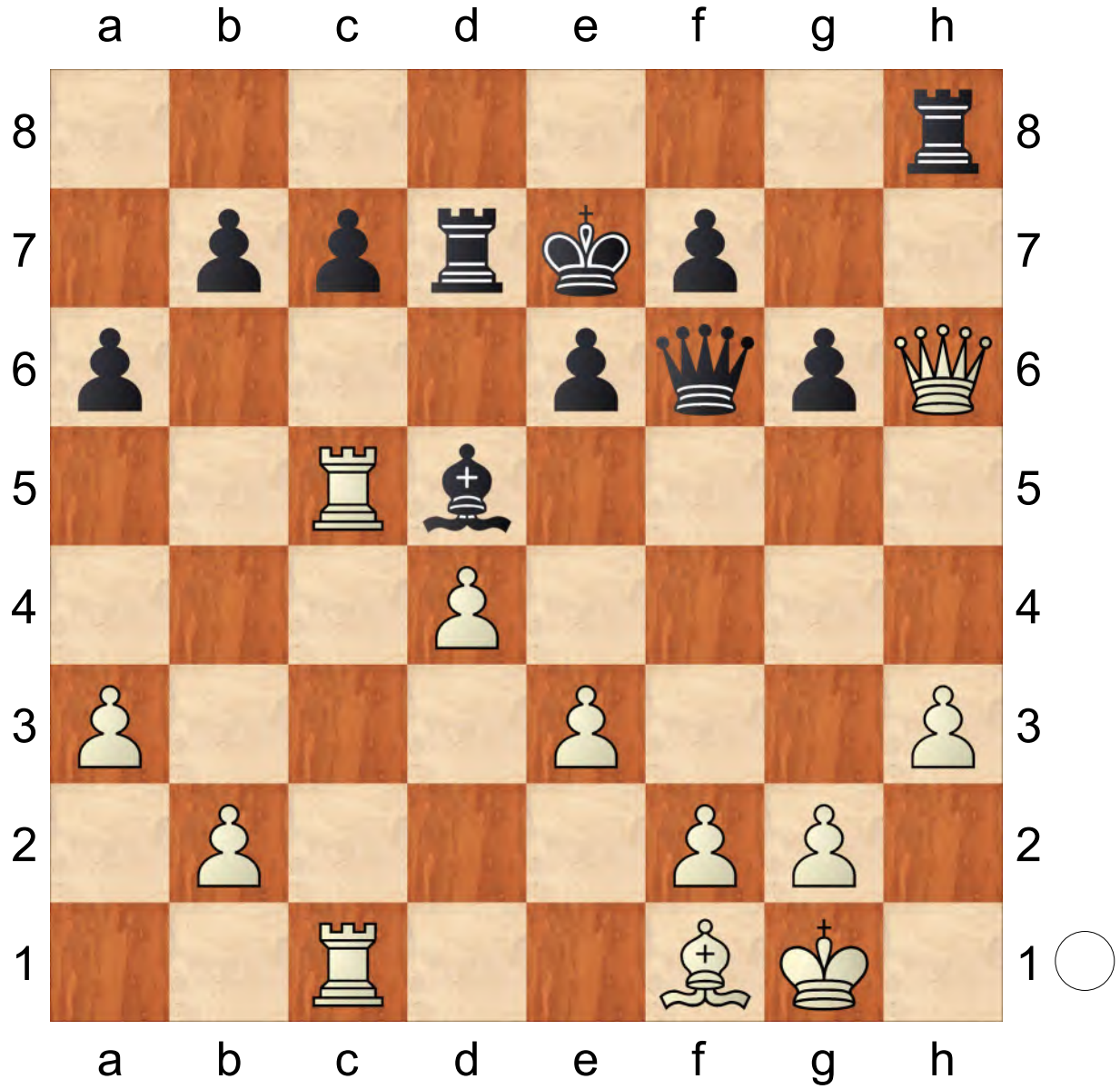
27...Rd7 28.Bc4 Bd5 29.Bf1?! Much better for White was to play the next position:

[29.Bxd5!? exd5 30.Qd3 *(30.e4* Gurevich,M *Qg6 31.Qxg6 fxg6 32.exd5 Kd6≅)* 30...c6 31.b4± After 29.♗f1?! Black forced a transfer to an equal ending.]

29...g6 30.Qxh6 Rh8

(Diagram)

31.Qf4 Qxf4 32.exf4 c6 '≅' Gurevich,M. ±/= The strong bishop and the weak pawn on "d4" compensate white's extra pawn. **33.R5c3 a5** I'm not sure in this plan of Black. He wants to play 34...a4 in order to ensure "b3" square for his bishop and in that way open "d" file for his rooks. But in the future "a4" pawn will be weak and could create problems. Probably better was to wait for white's active operations.



[33...Rhd8!?]

34.f3

[≤34.b3 a4 35.b4 Bb3 36.b5 Rxd4 37.bxc6 bxc6 38.Rxc6 Rxf4=]

34...Rhd8 35.Kf2 a4

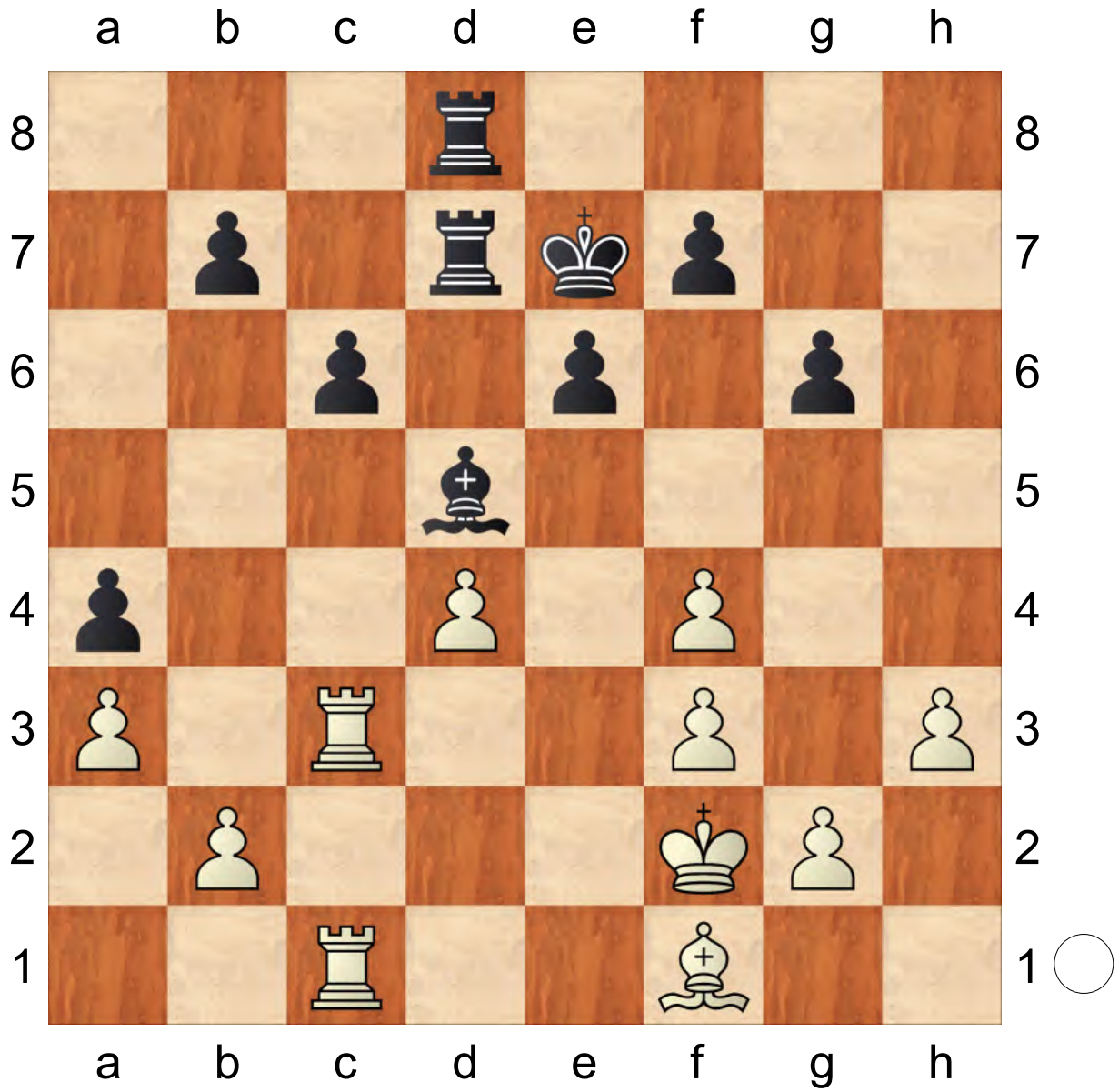
(Diagram)

36.Ke3 Bb3 37.Rd3 '⊕' Gurevich,M.

[Interesting to check a transfer to a rook ending: 37.Bc4!? Rxd4 38.Bxb3 axb3 39.Rxb3 R4d7 *(39...R8d7⩱* Gurevich,M *40.Rxb7?! Rd3+ 41.Ke2 Rd2+ 42.Ke1 Rxg2∞)* 40.h4±]

37...f6 38.Be2 Rd5 39.Rc5

[39.Bd1!? Bxd1 *(≤39...e5 40.fxe5 fxe5 41.Bxb3 exd4+ 42.Kd2 axb3 43.Rxb3*



R8d7 44.f4±) 40.Rcxd1 R8d7 41.Rc1 Rb5 42.Rd2 Kd6 43.Rc4±]

39...R5d6 40.Bd1

[40.h4!? Gurevich,M]

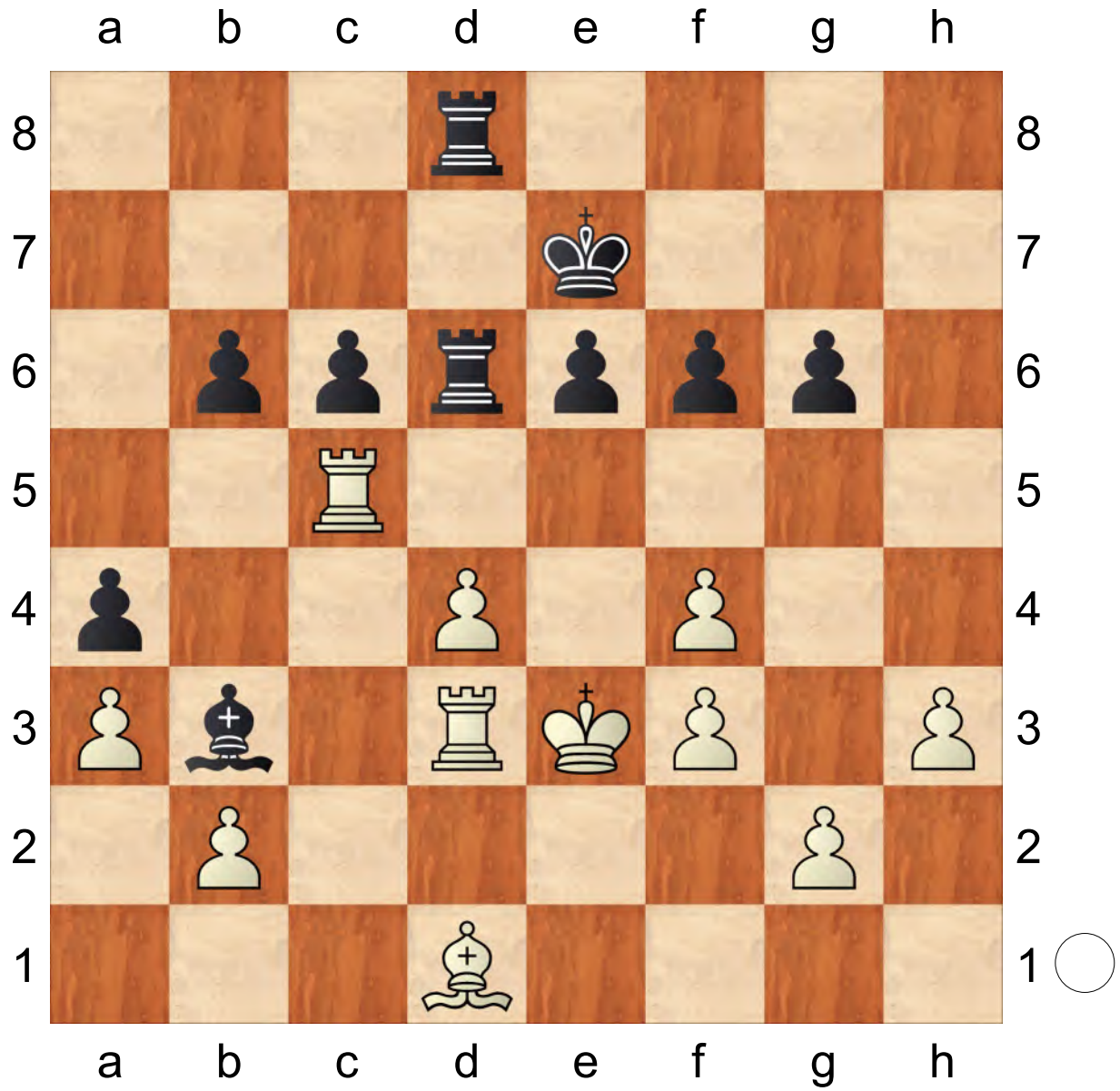
40...b6?!

[⌓40...Bxd1 41.Rxd1 Rd5 42.Rc4±]

(Diagram)

41.Rc1 e5 '!' Gurevich,M. **42.fxe5 fxe5 43.d5?** Only time-trouble can explain this move.

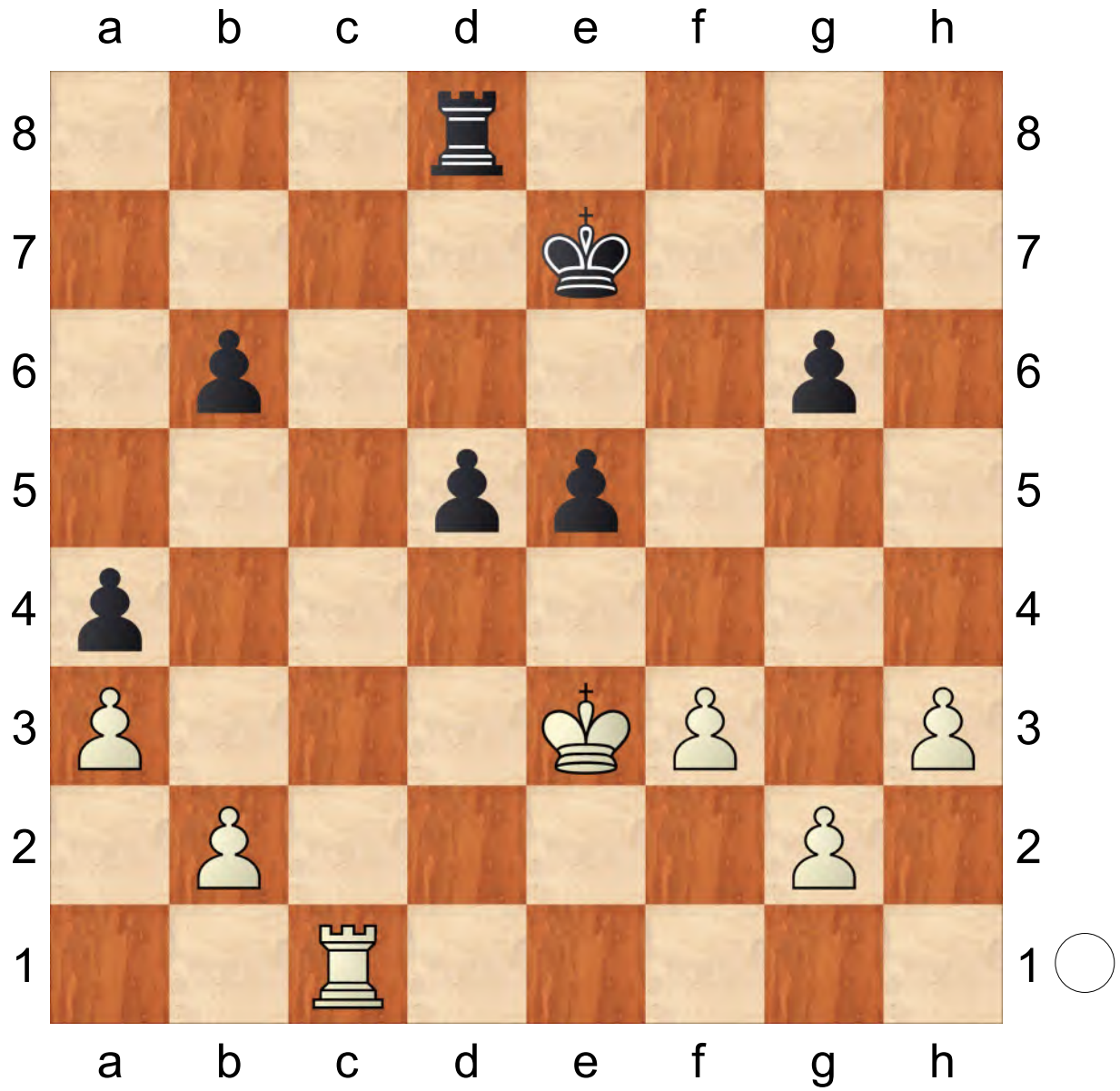
[After: 43.Bxb3 exd4+ 44.Kd2 axb3 45.Rxb3 c5 '⇄' Gurevich,M. 46.a4± White keeps good chances for win.]



43...Bxd1 44.Rdxd1
[Another option was: 44.Rcxd1 cxd5 45.f4 Ke6 46.fxe5 Kxe5 47.Rd4 b5=]
44...Rxd5
[44...cxd5!? 45.Rc7+ Ke6 46.Ra7! Δb5 47.Rb7 d4+ 48.Kd3 Rd5=]
45.Rxd5 cxd5

(Diagram)

46.Rc6 Rd6 47.Rc8 Unfortunately for White, the pawn ending is drawish:
[47.Rxd6!? Kxd6 48.h4 Ke6 49.g4 Kf6 '=' Gurevich,M. 50.Kd3 Ke6 51.Kc3 b5 Golod,V: '=' 52.b3 *(52.Kb4? d4 53.b3* Golod,V: '?' *d3 54.Kc3 b4+* Golod,V: '-+!' *55.Kxd3 bxa3 56.Kc3 a2 57.Kb2 axb3 58.Ka1 Kd5 59.Kb2 Kc4 60.h5 Kd3-+; 52.Kd3 Kd6 53.Kc3 Ke6=)* 52...d4+ 53.Kb2 *(53.Kb4? d3 54.Kc3*



b4+!-+) 53...Kd5

A) 54.b4 e4 55.fxe4+ Kxe4 56.h5 *(56.Kc2?? Kf3-+)* 56...gxh5 57.gxh5 Ke3 58.h6 d3 59.h7 d2 60.h8Q d1Q=;

B) 54.bxa4 bxa4 55.Kc2 e4 *(=55...Kd6 56.Kd3 Kd5 57.h5 gxh5 58.gxh5 Ke6 59.Ke4 Kf6 60.f4 exf4 61.Kxf4 d3 62.Ke3 Kg5 63.Kxd3 Kxh5 64.Kc4 Kg6 65.Kb4 Kf7 66.Kxa4 Ke7 67.Kb5 Kd7 68.Kb6 Kc8 69.Ka7 Kc7=)* 56.fxe4+ Kxe4 57.h5 gxh5 58.gxh5 Kf5 59.Kd3 Kg5 60.Kxd4 Kxh5 61.Kc4 Kg6 62.Kb4 Kf7 63.Kxa4 Ke8 64.Ka5 Kd8 65.Kb6 Kc8=]

47...Rd8

[47...Kd7!?]

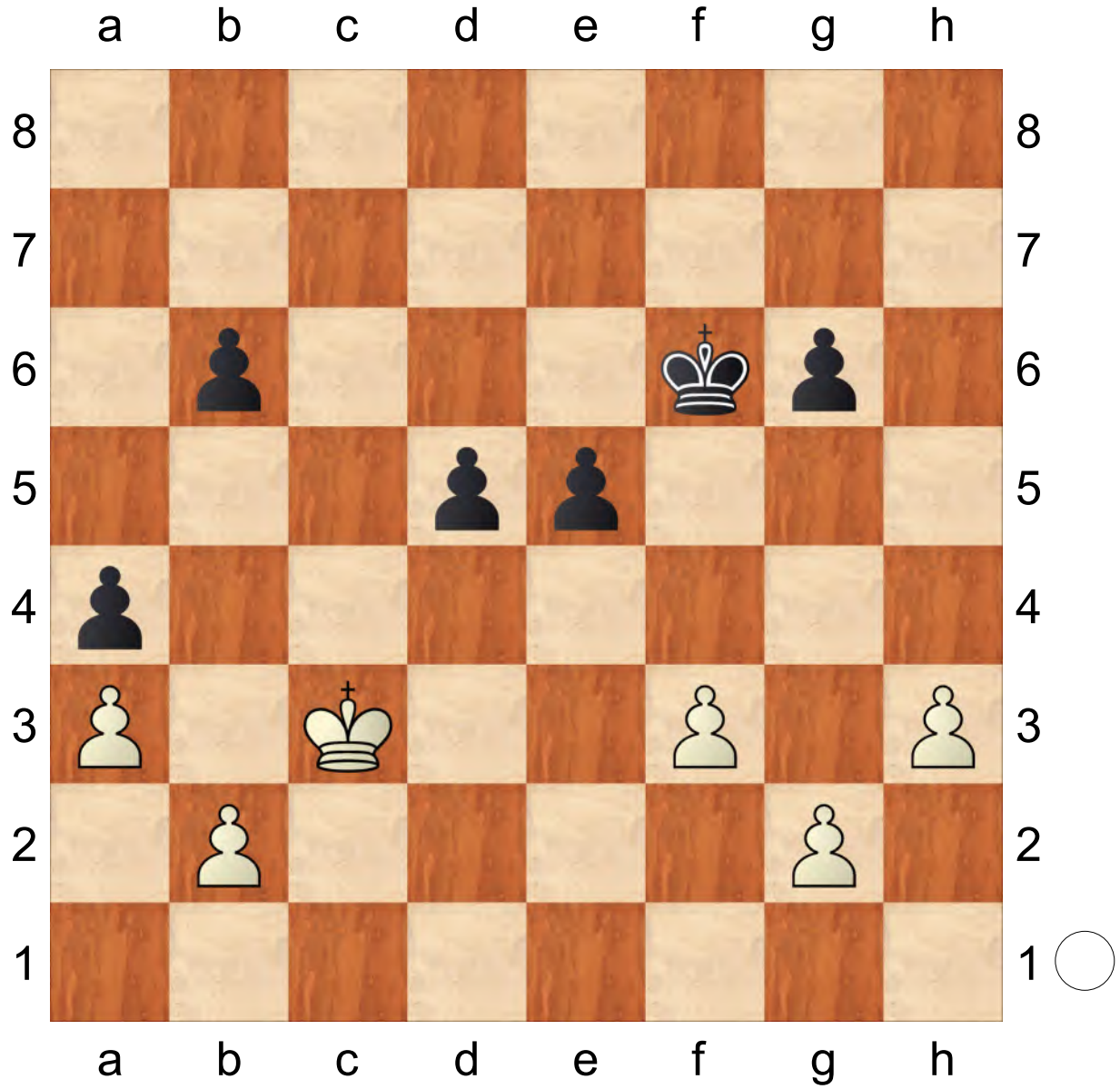
48.Rxd8 Kxd8= 49.Kd3

[For: 49.h4!? see comments to move 47 of White.]

49...Ke7 50.Kc3

[For: 50.h4!? again see comments to move 47 of White.]

50...Kf6



51.Kd3

[Unexpectedly at once loses the game: 51.Kb4?? in view of: Kf5! Δ52.Kxa4 Kf4 53.Kb3 *(53.Kb5 d4 54.Kc4 Ke3-+)* 53...Kg3 54.Kc2 e4 55.fxe4 dxe4 56.Kd2 Kf2-+]

[51.h4!? Kf5 52.g3 e4 53.g4+ Kf4 54.fxe4 dxe4 55.h5 gxh5 56.gxh5 e3 57.h6 Kf3 58.h7 e2 59.h8Q e1Q+=]

(Diagram)

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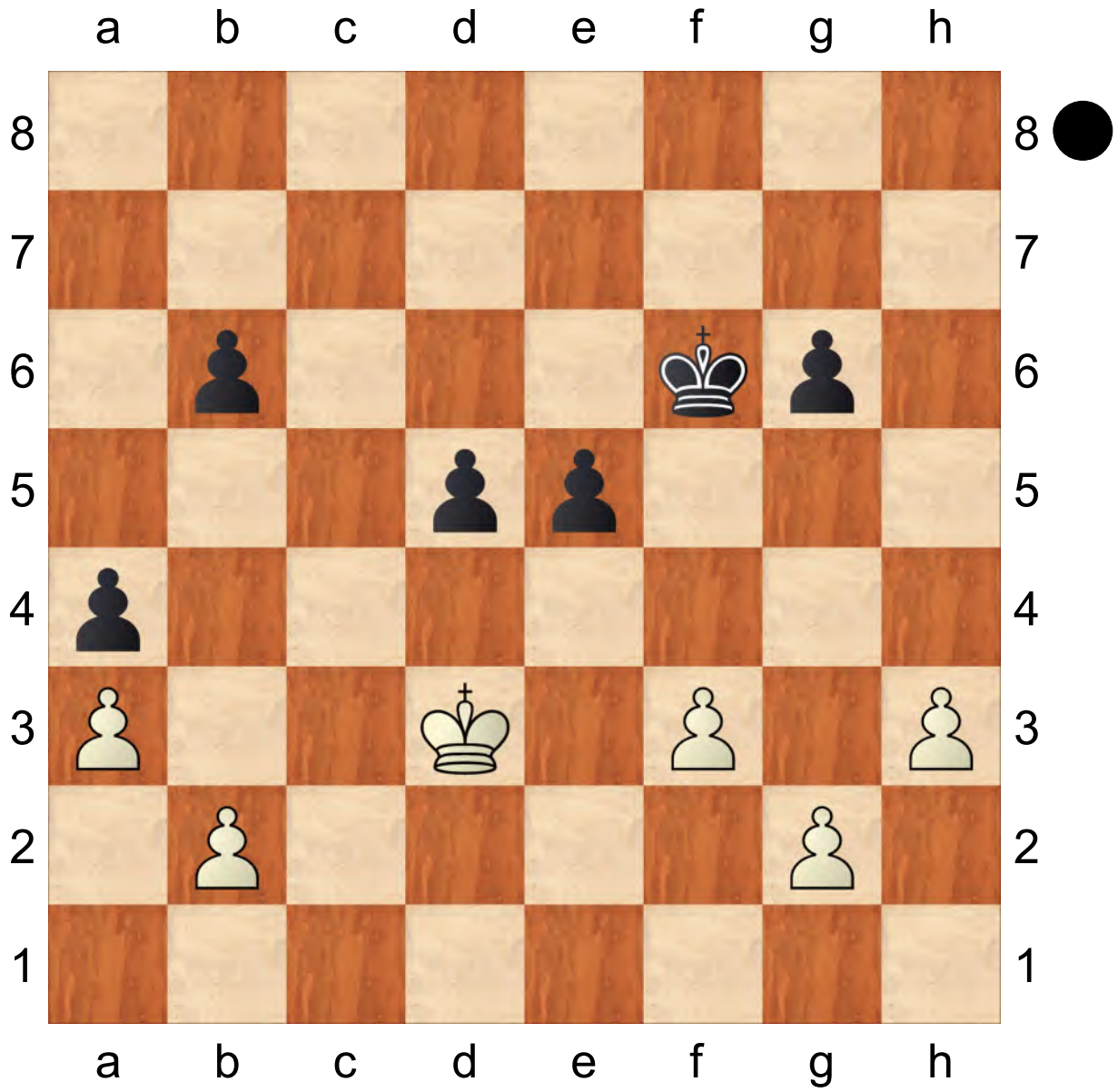
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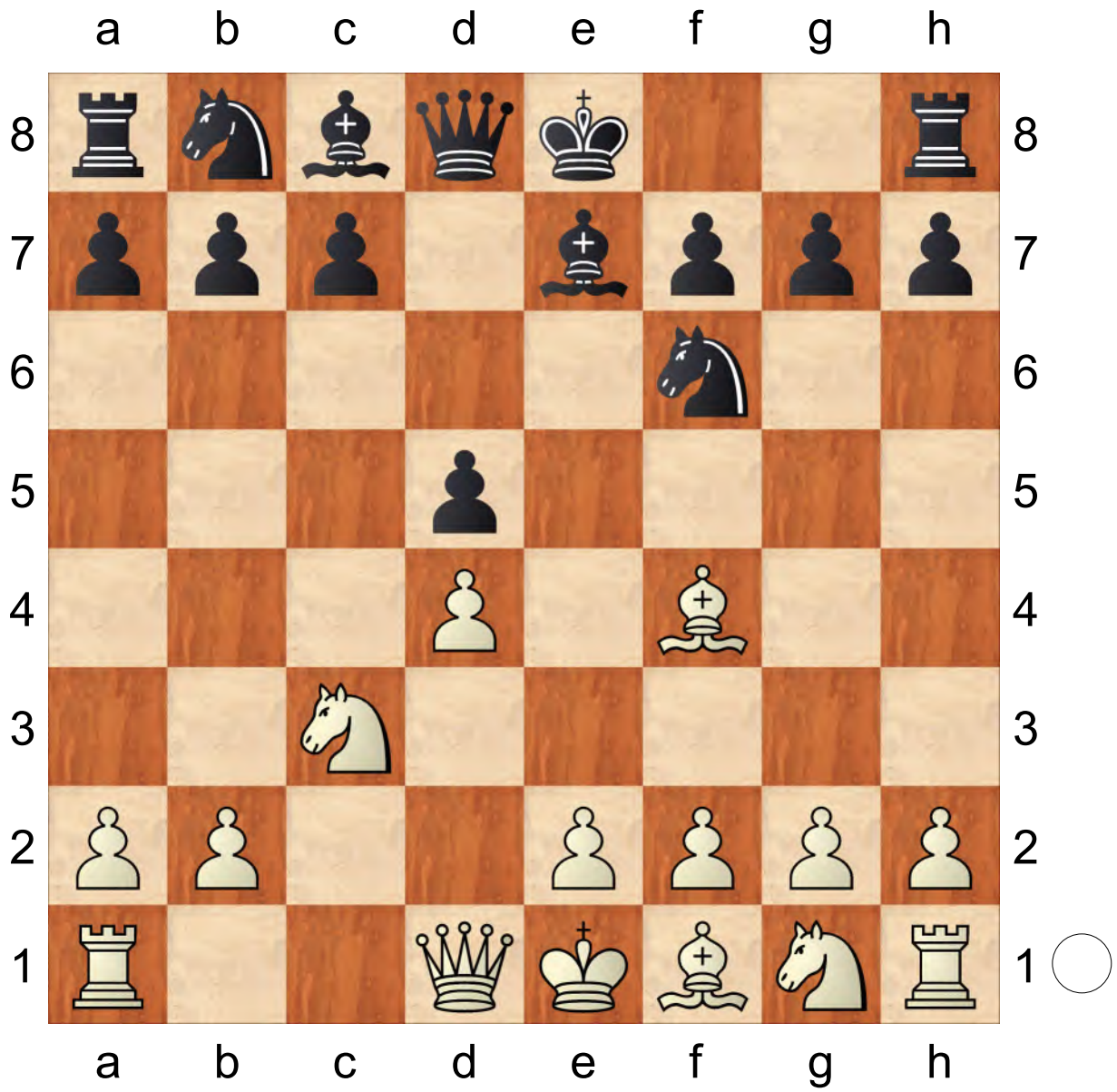
■ **Koniushkov,Igor** **2405**
RUS-Cup7 Kstovo (2) 02.05.1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Nf6**



6.e3 Bf5 7.Qb3 Nc6 (? - Tsesarsky **8.a3**
[8.Qxb7! Nb4 9.Bb5+ *(9.Rc1? 0-0 10.a3 Nc2+ 11.Rxc2 Bxc2 12.Bxc7 Qc8! 13.Ba6 Qxb7 14.Bxb7 Rab8! 15.Bxb8 Rxb8 16.Ba6 Rxb2∓* Ehlvest,J-Yusupov, A/Linares 1991/½-½ (47) *)* 9...Kf8
A) 10.Bxc7? Qc8 11.Qxc8+ Rxc8∓;

B) 10.Kd2!?
B1) 10...a6 11.Ba4 *(11.Be2 c5 12.Nf3 Rc8→)* 11...Nd3 12.Bxc7 Qc8 13.Qxc8+ Rxc8 14.Ba5 Nxb2 *(14...Nxf2 15.Rf1±* Salov,V-Timoshchenko,G/URS-FL Irkutsk 1986/½-½ (66) *)* 15.Bb3 Ba3 *(15...Nc4+ 16.Bxc4 dxc4±)* 16.f3 h5 17.Nge2 Ke7 18.Nf4 Nc4+ 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Nfxd5+ Nxd5 21.Nxd5+**±** 1-0 Karolyi,T-Dutreeuw,M/London Haringey 1989 (40);
B2) 10...Ne4+! 11.Nxe4 *(11.Ke2!?)* 11...Bxe4
B2a) 12.f3?! Rb8! 13.Qxc7 *(13.Qxa7 Rxb5 14.fxe4 c5!⇄* -Еыуыфкылн *)* 13...Qxc7 14.Bxc7 Rxb5 15.fxe4 dxe4**≅**;
B2b) 12.Bxc7 Qc8 13.Qxc8+ Rxc8 14.f3 Rxc7 15.fxe4 dxe4 *(15...Rc2+!? 16.Kd1 Rxb2 17.a3 Na2 18.Ne2∞)* 16.a3 *(16.Ba4!?)* 16...Nd5 17.Nh3 g5!= 18.Ba4 g4 19.Nf2 f5 20.Bb3 Nxe3 21.Kxe3 Rb7 22.Be6 Bg5+ 23.Ke2 Ke7 24.Bxf5 Rxb2+ 25.Ke1 Rf8 26.Nxe4 Rxf5 ½-½ Thorsteins,K-Zaitsev,I/Moscow-B 1988;
B3) 10...Bd6 11.Bxd6+ cxd6
B3a) 12.a3 Rb8 13.Qxa7 Ra8
B3a1) 14.axb4 Rxa7 15.Rxa7 Qb8 16.Ra5
B3a11) 16...Ne4+ 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Ne2 Ke7 *(18...Bd7 19.Nc3±)* 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Rha1**±**;
B3a12) 16...Bd7 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.b5 Nb6 19.b3**±**;
B3a2) 14.Qb7 Rb8=;
B3b) 12.Be8! Kxe8 13.Qxb4**±** Rb8 14.Qa3 Qb6 15.b3 a5 16.f3 Qb4 17.Qa4+ Bd7 18.Qxb4 axb4 19.Nce2 Ra8 20.Nf4 Ke7 21.Nge2**±** 1-0 Volzhin,A-Koniushkov,I/St.Petersburg op 1995 (53);
C) 10.Rd1!?
C1) 10...Ne4 11.Ba4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nd3+ 13.Rxd3 Bxd3 14.Bxc7 Ba6 15.Qxa6 Qxc7 16.Ne2**±** 1-0 Chernin,A-Dutreeuw,M/EUCup Gr6Clichy (Graz-Antwerpen 1993 (31);
C2) 10...a6 11.Ba4 Nd3+ 12.Rxd3 Bxd3 13.Bxc7 Qc8 14.Qb6 *(14.Qxc8+ Rxc8 15.Ba5±* Salov *)* 14...a5 *(14...Bb5 15.Bb3 Qd7 16.Nge2 Rc8 17.Be5 Ne4 18.Qa5 h5 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.0-0 Rh6 21.f3 Nd6 22.Nc3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.Nxb5 Qb7 25.a4 c3 26.Nxc3 Qxb2 27.Nd5 Ba3 28.Qb5±* 0-1 Gofstein,L-Ubilava,E/URS 1983 (41)*)* 15.Be5 *(15.Bd6!?)* 15...Ne4 16.Qc6 Bb4 17.Nge2 h5 *(17...Bxe2 18.Kxe2 Bxc3 19.Qxd5 Bxb2 20.Qxe4 Qc4+ 21.Kf3±)* 18.f3 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bxe2 20.cxb4 Bc4 21.b5**±** Granda Zuniga,J-San Segundo Carrillo,P/Pamplona 1995/½-½ (53);
C3) 10...Rb8? 11.Qxa7 Ra8 12.Qxc7 Qxc7 13.Bxc7 Nxa2 14.Ra1 Rc8 15.Rxa2 Rxc7 16.Ra8++-]

[8.g4?! Nxg4
A) 9.Qxb7 Nb4 10.Bb5+ Kf8⇄;
B) 9.Qxd5 Qxd5 10.Nxd5
B1) 10...0-0-0 11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Ne2 Nd5 *(12...Rhe8 13.Rg1 Ng6*

14.h3 Nf6 15.Bg5 Rd6 16.Ng3±) 13.Rg1 Nxf4 14.Nxf4 g5 15.Bh3 *(15.Bd3 Bd7∓)* 15...gxf4 16.Bxg4 Bxg4 17.Rxg4 fxe3 18.fxe3 Rhg8 19.Rxg8 Rxg8 20.Kf2 Kd7=;

B2) 10...Bb4+∓;

C) 9.Nxd5 0-0 10.Bg2 Bh4 11.Bg3 Be6 12.Kf1 a5 13.Nh3 a4 14.Qc4 Na5 15.Qc5 b6 16.Bxh4 bxc5 17.Bxd8 Raxd8 18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.d5 Bd7 20.Rc1 c4 21.Ng5 *(21.Ke2 Rfe8 22.Nc6 Nxc6 23.dxc6 Bf5∓)* 21...h6 22.Nf3 Rb8 23.h3 Nf6 24.Nd4 Rxb2-+ 0-1 Topalov,V-Kasparov,G/It, Linares ESP 1997 (39)]

8...Na5 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Nf3 0-0!?N

[10...Nh5? 11.Bc7! *(11.Be5 0-0=)* 11...Qxc7 12.Nxd5 Qd8 13.Nxe7 Kxe7 14.b4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 b5 16.Qd1 bxc4 17.Ne5 Qd5 18.Qxh5+- 1-0 Gavrikov,V-Ubilava,E/Tbilisi 1983 (43)]

(Diagram)

11.Ne5± b5 12.Qd1

[12.Qxa5!? Qxa5 13.Nxc6

A) 13...Qb6 14.Nxe7+ Kh8 15.Nxf5 b4□ 16.axb4 Qxb4

A1) 17.0-0-0? Rfc8 18.Bd3 Rxc3+ 19.bxc3 Qxc3+ 20.Kb1 *(20.Bc2 Rc8-+)* 20...Qb3+ 21.Ka1=;

A2) 17.Rb1 Ne4 18.Bd3 Nxc3 19.Bd6! Qa5 20.bxc3 Qxc3+ 21.Ke2±;

B) 13...Bxa3!! 14.Rxa3 *(14.Nxa5 Bxb2 15.Nd1 Bxa1 16.Nb3 a5 17.Nxa1 b4⩱)* 14...Qb6 15.Ne7+ Kh8 16.Nxf5

B1) 16...b4 17.Ra6 bxc3 18.Rxb6 axb6 19.bxc3 Ra1+ 20.Ke2 Ne4 21.Kf3 *(21.g3 Rfa8∓)* 21...Nd2+ 22.Ke2 *(22.Kg4 Rxf1 23.Rxf1 Nxf1 24.Ne7 Rd8 25.Kf5 Nd2∓)* 22...Ne4;

B2) 16...a6⇄]

12...Rc8 13.Bd3

[13.Be2? Nc4 14.Qc1 c5!⇄]

13...Bxd3

[13...Ne4 14.Qc2 f6 15.Nf3 Nc4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Nxb2 19.0-0± *(19.Nd2 c5 20.Qe6+ Kh8 21.Qb3 Nc4 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Qa5+∓)*]

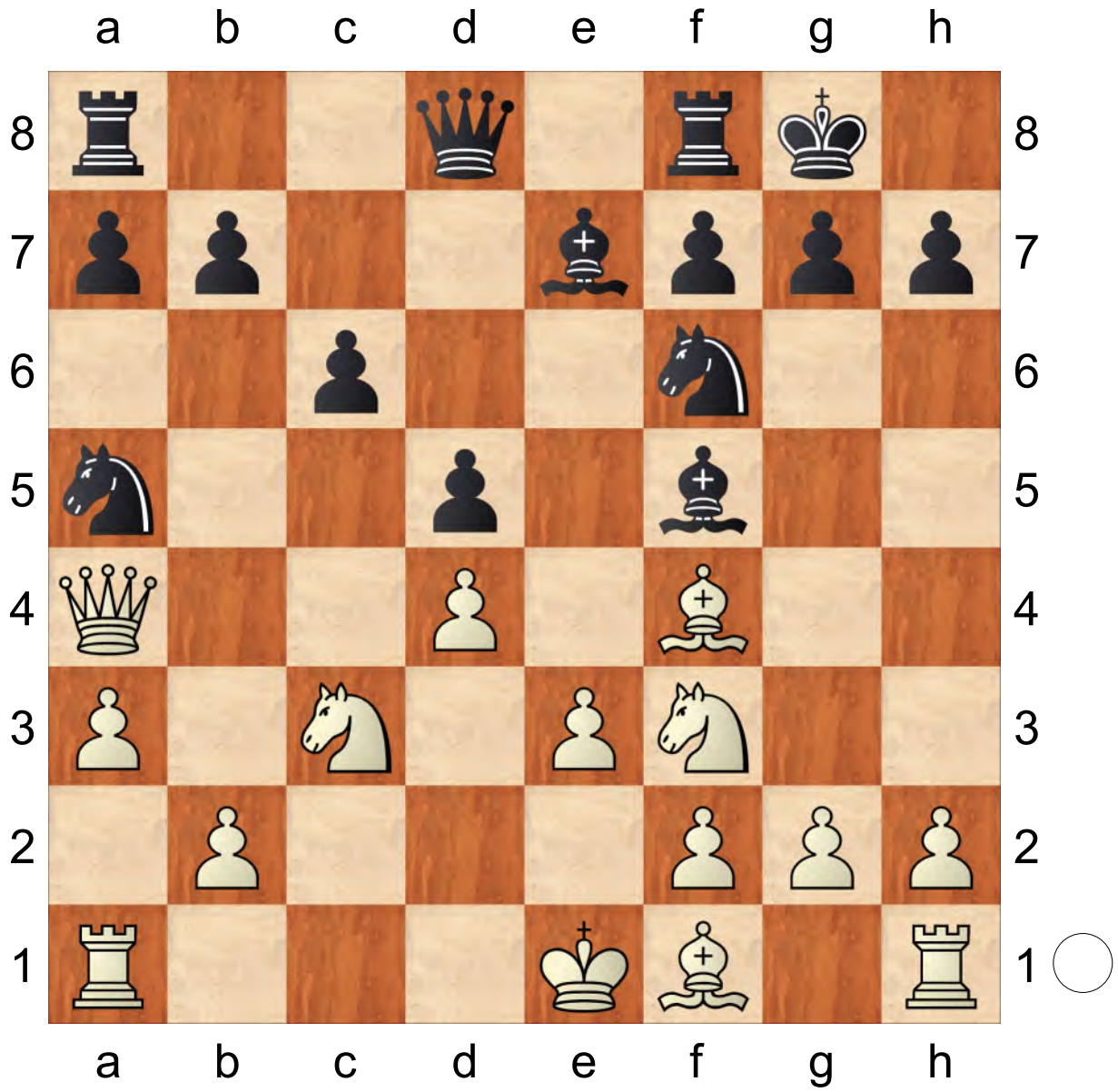
[13...Be6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Qc2±]

14.Nxd3 Nc4 15.0-0 Re8

[15...a5 16.a4! b4 17.Ne2±]

(Diagram)

16.a4! b4 17.Ne2 Nh5? The White wish to change ♘♘♗ and to keep advantage ↑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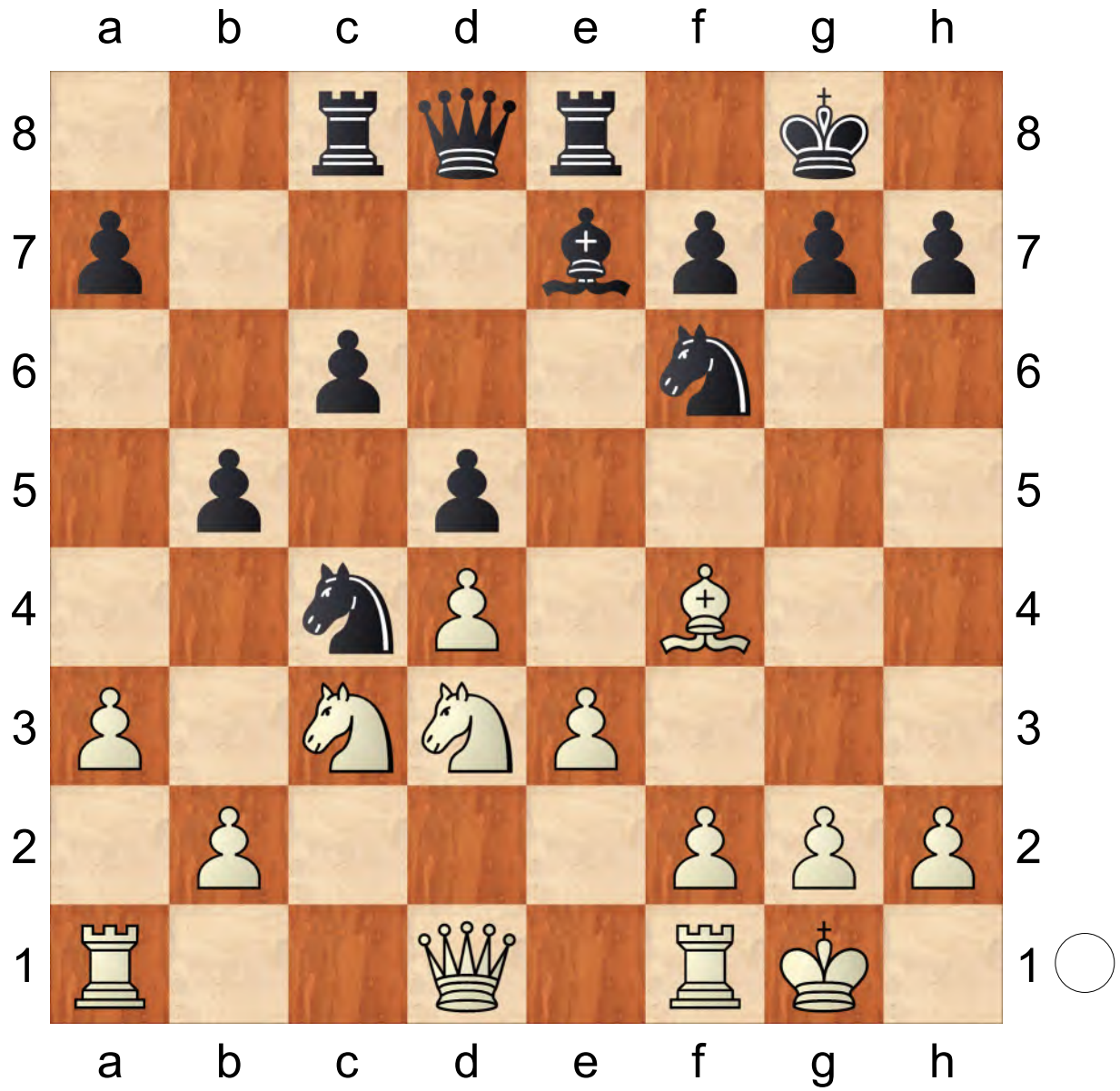

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[17...Ne4 18.b3

A) 18...Ncd2? 19.Re1 c5 20.dxc5 *(20.f3 Nxb3! 21.Qxb3 c4 22.Qd1 cxd3 23.Qxd3 Nc3∓)* 20...Bf6 21.Nd4+-;

B) 18...Nb6 19.Rc1±]

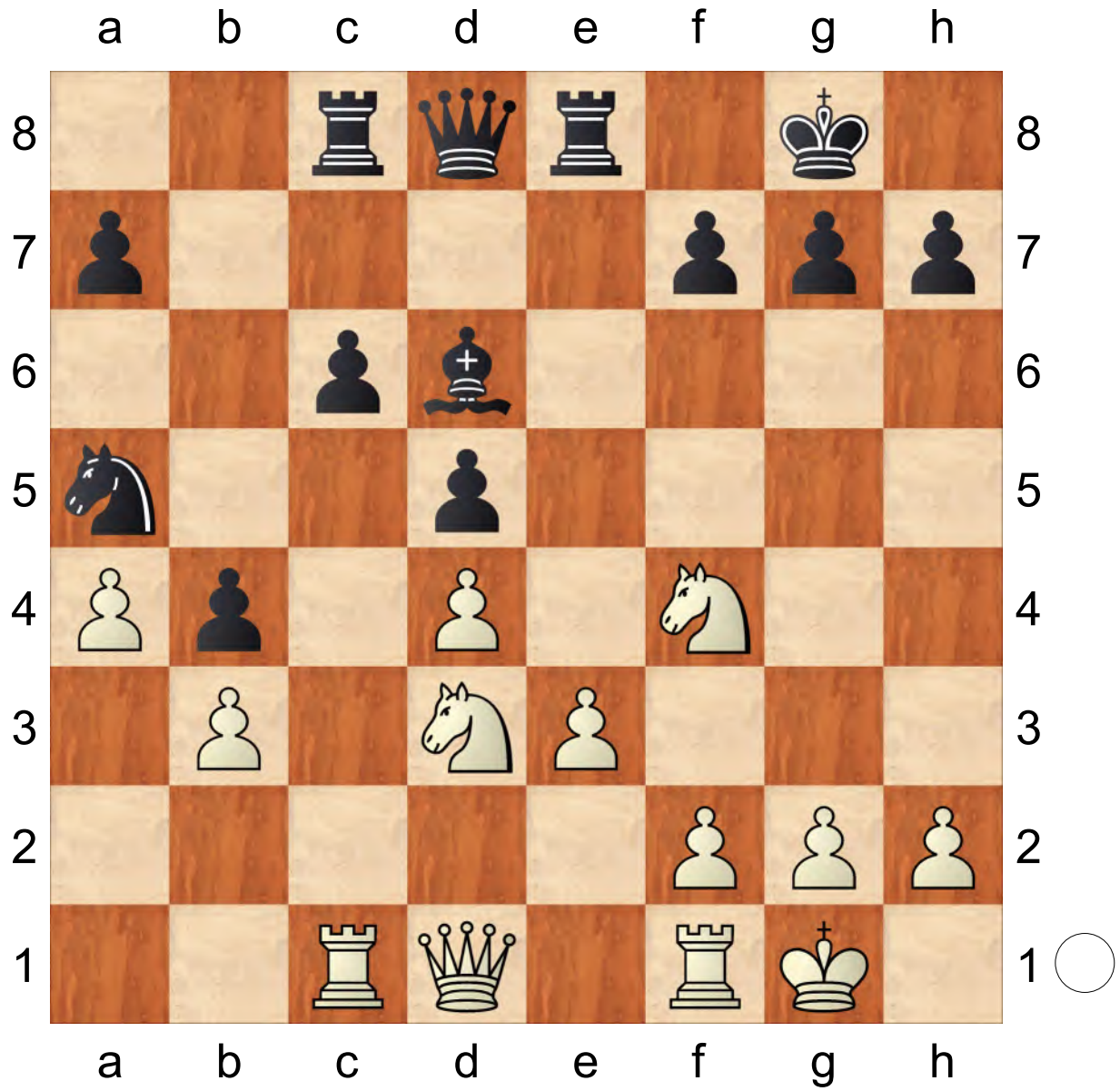
18.b3 Nxf4 19.Nexf4 Na5 20.Rc1± Bd6

(Diagram)

21.g3! g6

[21...Nb7 22.Qd2 *(22.Qg4 Na5)* 22...Qe7 23.Rc2 Na5 24.Rb1 Qe4 25.Qd1 a6 26.Nc5 Bxc5 27.Rxc5 Nb7 28.Rc2±]

22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 Nb7 24.Rc1 Nd6



[24...Qd6 25.Nd3±]

25.Nd3 a5

(Diagram)

26.Nc5 h5 27.Rc2 Ne4?!

[27...Rc7 28.Qd3 Qa8 29.Re1 Rce7 30.Rec1±]

28.Nxe4 Rxe4 29.Rc5± Re6

[29...Re7 30.Qf3]

30.Qf3 Qb6

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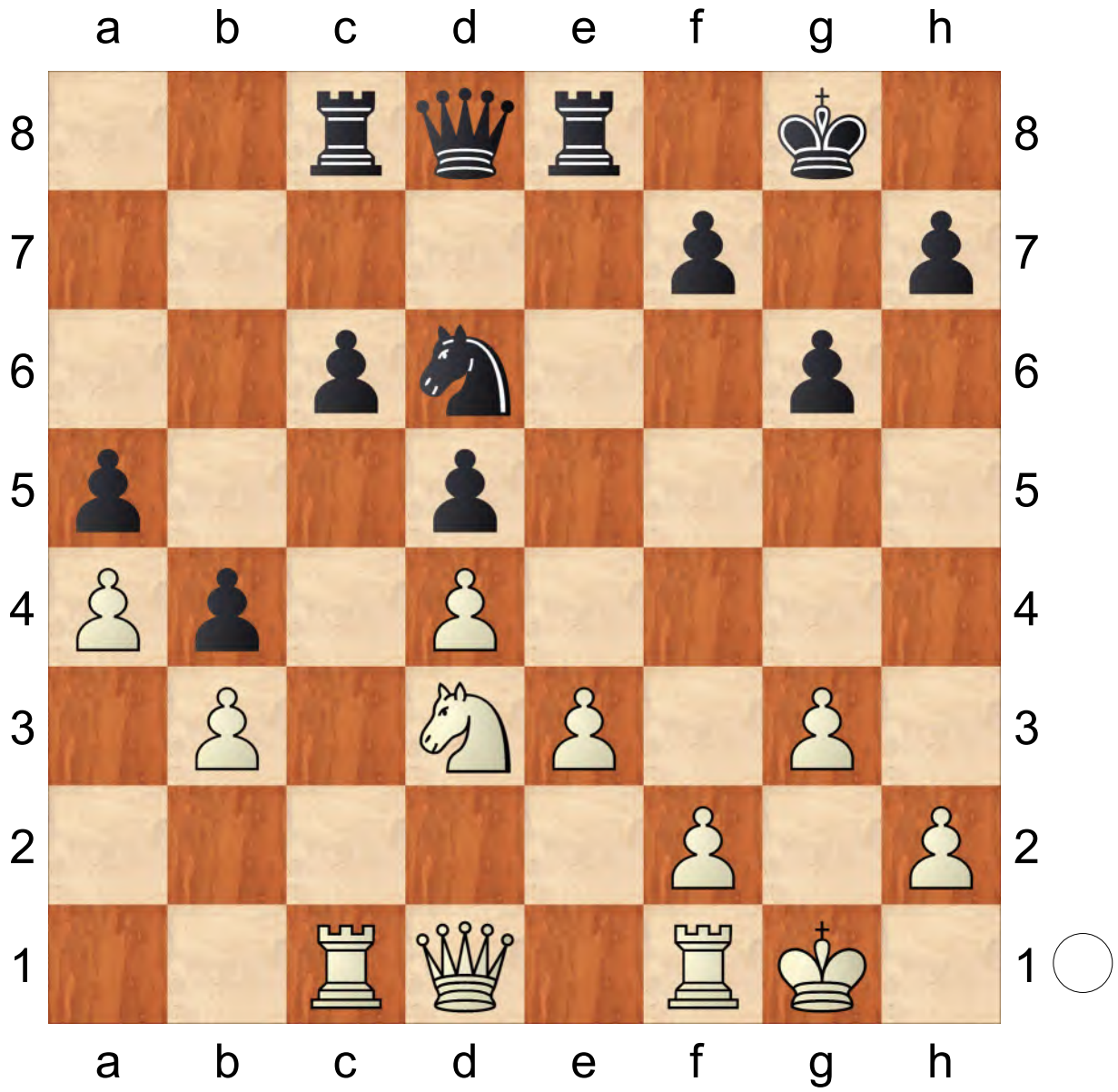
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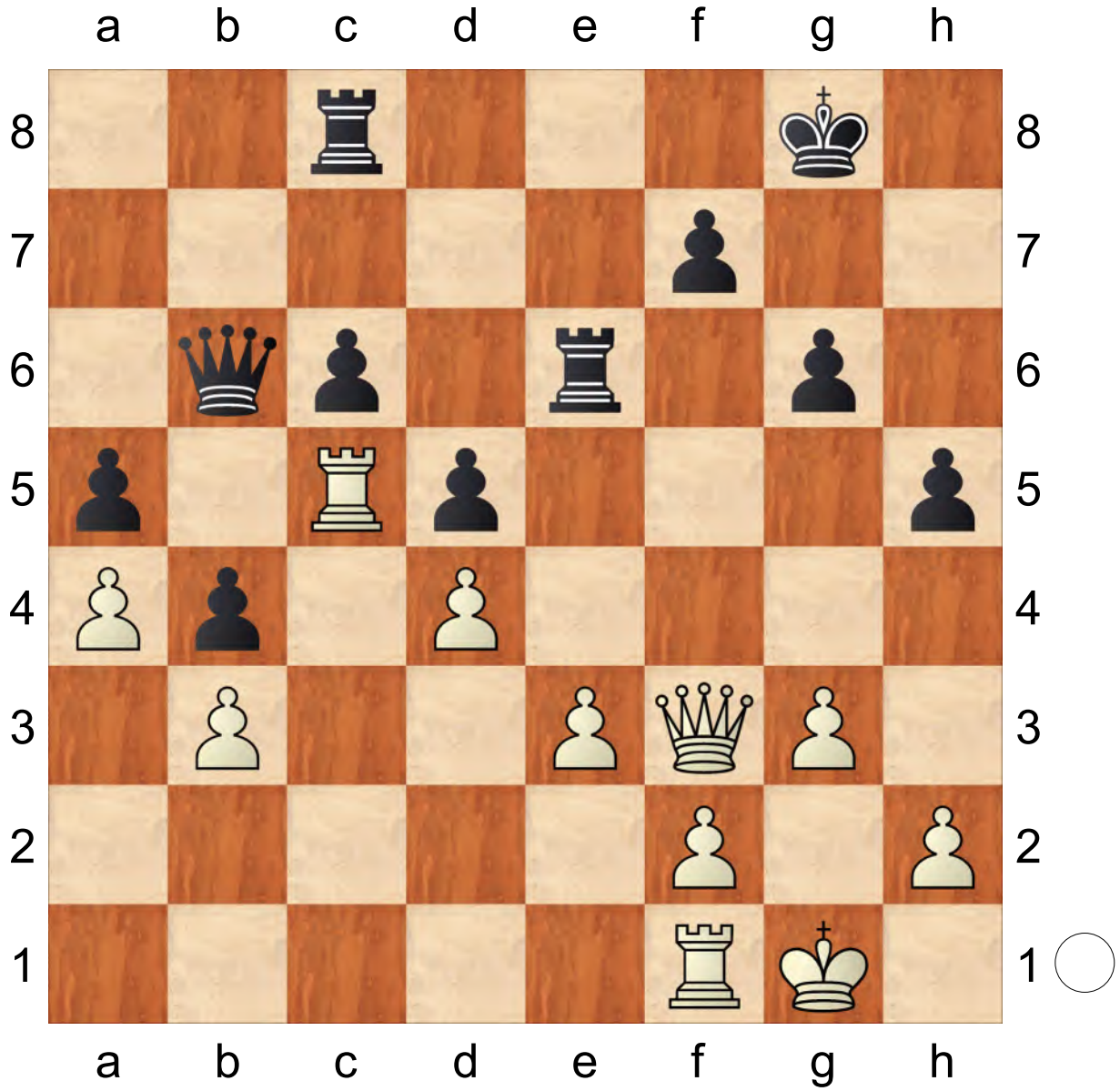


31.Rfc1 Rd8 32.Qe2 Rdd6
[32...Kg7 33.h3 *(33.Qc2 Rdd6)* 33...Rdd6 34.Kg2±]
33.Kg2 Kg7 34.h3 Tsesarsky: '±' '±' **34...Qa7?**
[34...Re4!
A) Δ35.g4?! hxg4 36.hxg4 Rde6 37.Qf3 Qd8
A1) 38.Qh3 Qg5 39.f4
A1a) 39...Qf6 40.Rh1 Kf8 41.Rxa5 Rxe3 42.Qh6+ Qg7 *(42...Ke7 43.Ra7+ Kd8 44.Qh8+ Qxh8 45.Rxh8+ Re8 46.Ra8+ Kd7 47.Rhxe8 Rxe8 48.Rxe8 Kxe8 49.g5 Kd7 50.Kf3 c5 51.dxc5 Kc6 52.Ke2 Kxc5 53.Ke3 Kc6 54.Kd4 Kd6 55.a5 Kc6 56.a6+-)* 43.Ra8+ Re8 44.Qh8+ Qg8 45.Rxe8+ Rxe8 46.Kf2±;
A1b) 39...Qh6 40.Qxh6+ Kxh6 41.Rxa5 Rxe3=;
A2) 38.Rxc6 Qg5 39.Rxe6 *(39.Kg3 Rxe3 40.fxe3 Rxe3∓)* 39...Rxg4+

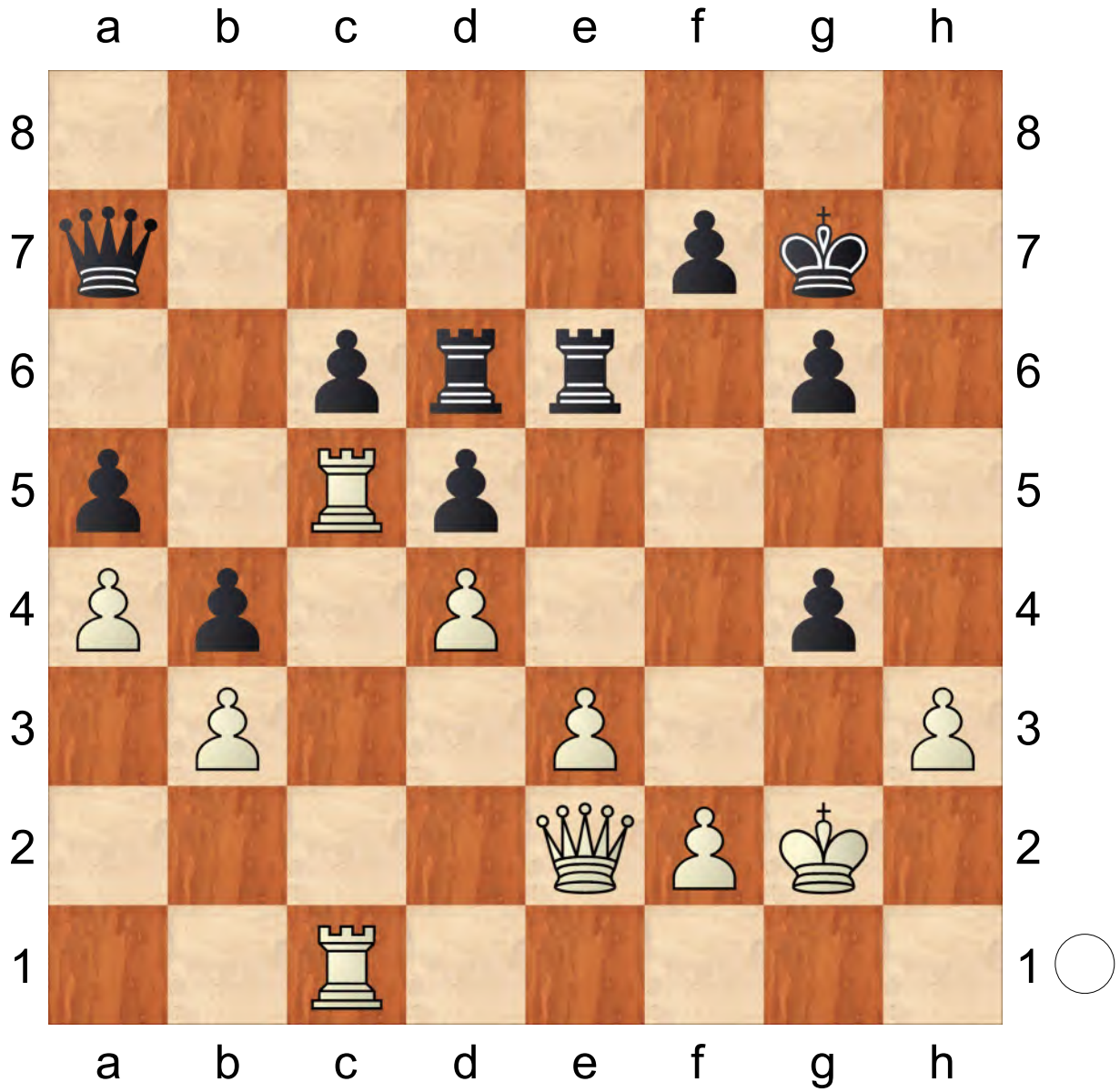
40.Kf1 Rg1+ 41.Ke2 Rxc1□ 42.Rd6 *(42.Re5?? Qg1-+)*

A2a) 42...Rc2+ 43.Kd3 Rc3+ 44.Kd2 Rxb3 45.Rd7 Qf6 46.Qxf6+ Kxf6 47.Rxd5 Rb2+ 48.Kd3 Rxf2 49.Rxa5 Ra2 50.Kc4 Re2 *(50...Ra3 51.e4 b3 52.Kc3+-)* 51.Re5 g5 52.Kxb4 g4 53.a5 *(53.Re8 g3 54.a5 g2 55.Rg8 Kf5 56.a6 Ke4 57.a7 Ra2 58.Rxg2 Rxa7=)* 53...g3 54.Re4 g2 55.Rg4 Kf5 56.Rg3 Ke4 57.a6 Ra2 58.Kb5 f5 59.Kb6 Rb2+ 60.Kc5 Ra2 61.Kb6 Rb2+=;

A2b) 42...Qg1 43.Qf6+ Kh6 44.Qf4+ Kg7=;

B) 35.Qc2 Ree6 36.Kf1 *(36.g4 hxg4 37.hxg4 Re4⇄)* 36...Rf6 37.Ke2 Rfe6 38.Kd1 Rf6 39.Qe2 Rfe6 40.Kc2 Re4 41.Kb2 Ree6 42.g4±]

35.g4 hxg4



36.hxg4 Qb6

[36...Re4 37.Rh1

A) 37...Qe7 38.Rxa5 Qe6 39.Qf3 Rxg4+ 40.Kf1 Qe4 41.Qxe4 *(41.Rh7+ Kxh7 42.Qxf7+ Kh6 43.Qf8+ Kg5 44.Qxd6 Qd3+ 45.Ke1 Rg1#)* 41...Rxe4 42.Ra7 Rf6 43.Rh3 g5 44.Rg3 Kg6 45.Rb7 Rh4 46.Rxb4 *(46.a5 Rh1+ 47.Rg1 Rh2 48.Rg2 Rh1+ 49.Ke2 Ra1=)* 46...c5 47.Rb8 cxd4 48.Rg8+ Kh7 49.R8xg5 dxe3 50.Rxe3 Rh2 51.Rg2+-;

B) 37...Qc7 38.Qf3 Qd7 39.Kf1 Qxg4 *(39...Rxg4 40.Qh3+-)* 40.Qxg4 Rxg4 41.Rxa5±]

37.Rh1 Rd8

[37...Qd8 38.Qf3 Qg5 *(38...Re4 39.Qh3+-)* 39.Rxa5 Re4 40.Qxe4+- *(40.Rh7+ Kxh7 41.Qxf7++-)*]

38.Qf3+- Rd7 39.Qh3 Kf8 40.Qh4?!

[40.Qh8+ Ke7±]

[40.Qh6+! Ke8 41.Qg7 Rde7 42.Rh8+ Kd7 43.Qf8 Re8 *(43...Qc7 44.Qa8+-)* 44.Qxf7+ R6e7 45.Qf6 Re6 46.Rh7++-]

40...Qc7

(Diagram)

41.Qg3±

[41.Qg3± Qxg3+ *(41...Kg7 42.Qxc7 Rxc7 43.Rxa5+-)* 42.Kxg3 Ra7 43.Rh8+ Ke7 44.Rb8 *(44.g5 Kd6 45.Kf4 Re4+)* 44...f6 45.Rb6 Kd7 46.Kf3⊙ Rd6 *(46...Kc7 47.Rbb5+-; 46...Ra8 47.Rb7+ Kd6 48.Rg7 g5 49.Ke2 Re4 50.Rf7 Re6 51.Kd3 Ra6 52.f4 gxf4 53.exf4+-)* 47.g5 fxg5 48.Kg4 Rf6 49.Kxg5 Rxf2

A) 50.Rbxc6?! Rg2+

A1) 51.Kh6?! Ra8 52.Rxg6 Rxg6+ 53.Kxg6 Kd6 54.Kf5 Rf8+ 55.Kg4 Rf2 56.Rxa5 Rb2 57.Ra6+ Kc7 58.a5 Rxb3 59.Kf4 Ra3 60.Ke5 *(60.Rb6 Rxa5 61.Rxb4 Ra3 62.Rb1 Kd6 63.Rh1 Kd7 64.Rh7+ Kd6=)* 60...Rxe3+ *(60...b3 61.Rb6 Rxa5 62.Rxb3 Kc6 63.Rc3+ Kb6 64.Kd6+-)* 61.Kxd5 Ra3 62.Rc6+ Kd7 63.Rc5 b3 64.Rb5 b2 65.Rb7+ Kc8 66.Rxb2 Rxa5+ 67.Kc6 Ra6+=;

A2) 51.Kf6 Rg3 52.Rb6 Rxe3 53.Rxd5+ Kc7 54.Re6 Rxe6+ 55.Kxe6 Ra6+ 56.Ke7±;

B) 50.Rcxc6 Rg2+ 51.Kf6 Rg3 52.Re6 Kc8 53.Rb5 Rf3+ 54.Kg5 Rg3+ 55.Kf4 Rh3 56.Rc5+

B1) 56...Rc7 57.Rxd5 *(57.Rxg6 Rxc5 58.dxc5 Kc7±)* 57...Rh4+ 58.Kg3 Rh5 59.Rxh5 gxh5+-;

B2) 56...Kd7 57.Rxg6+-]

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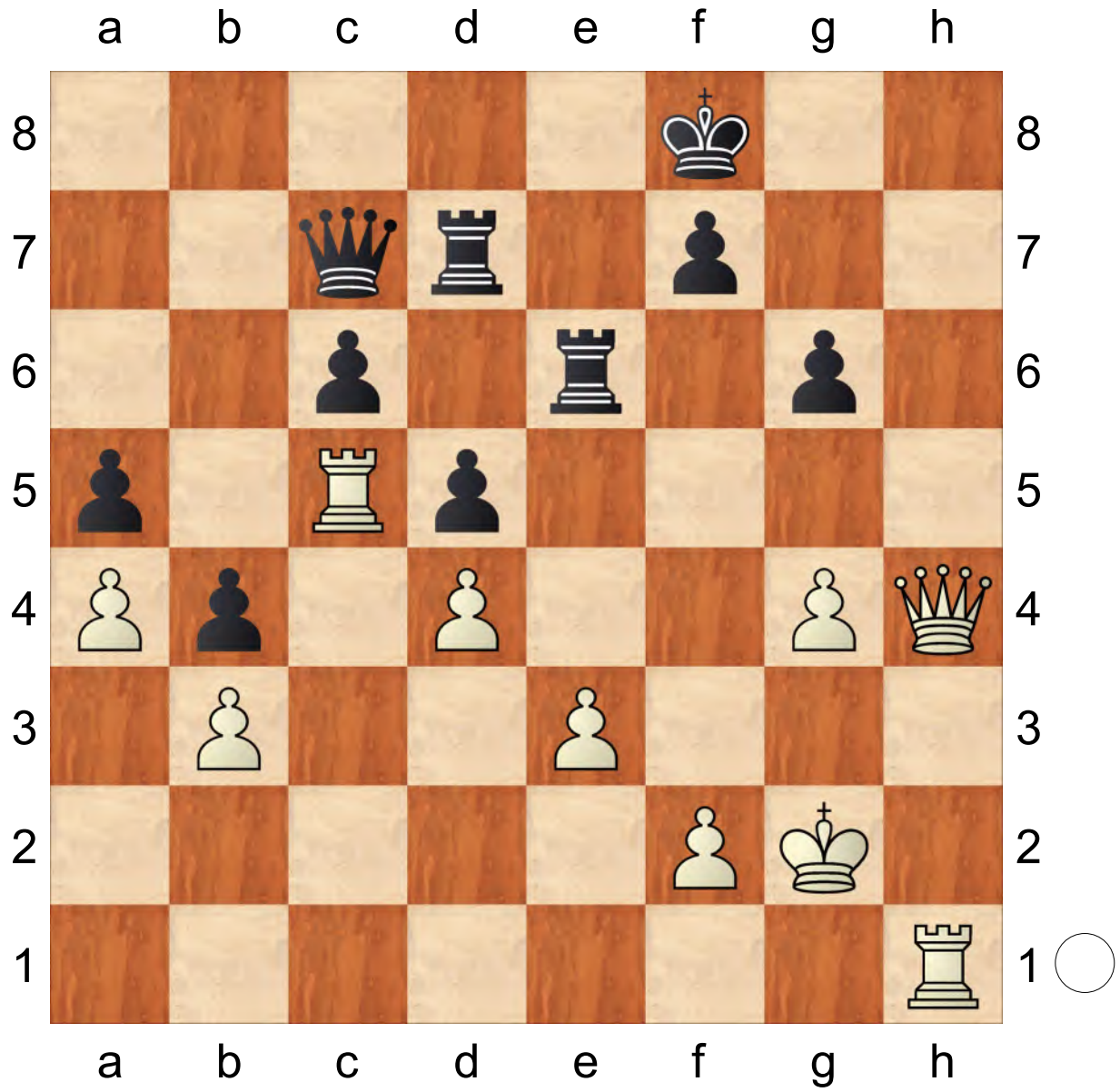
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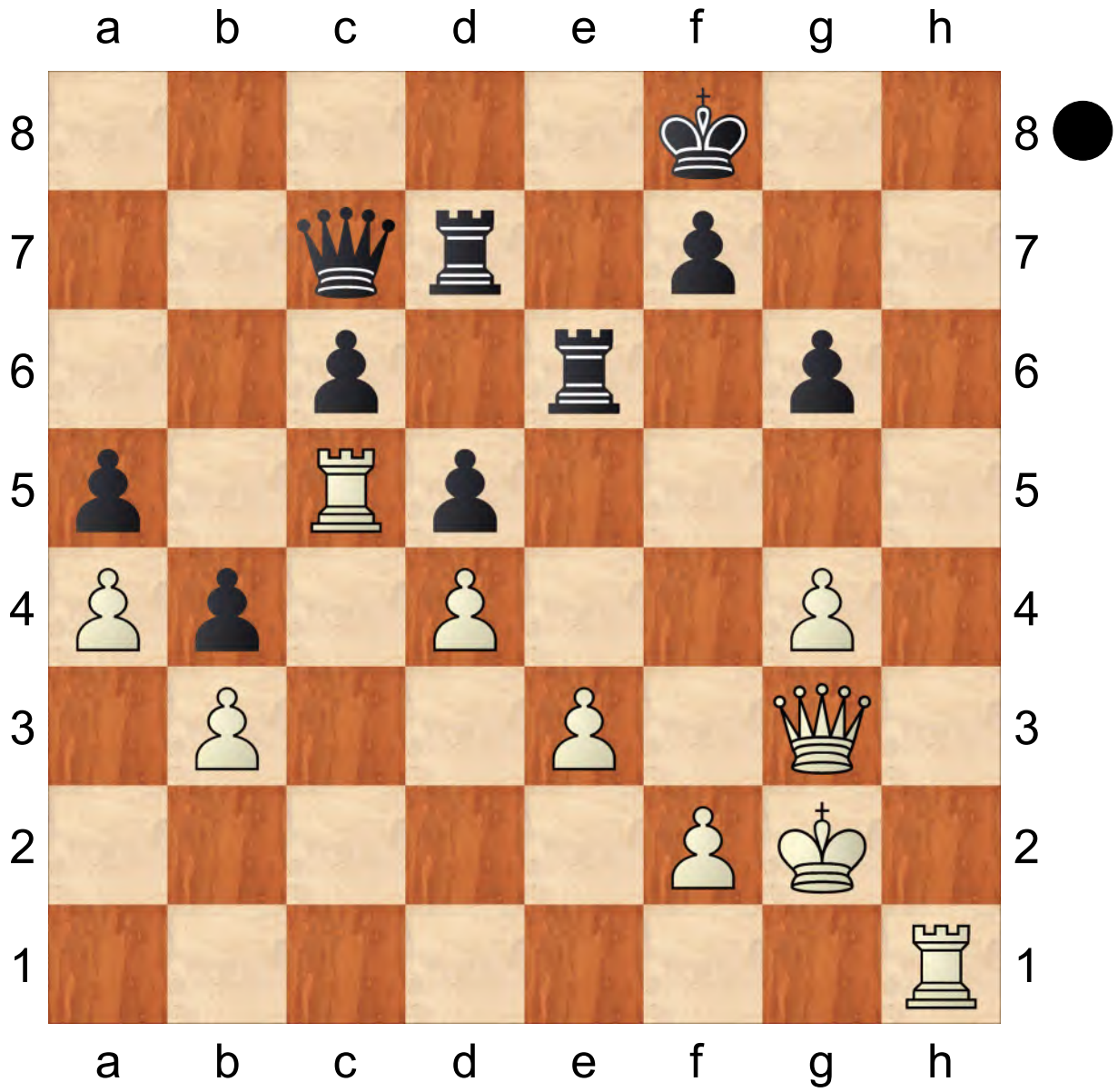
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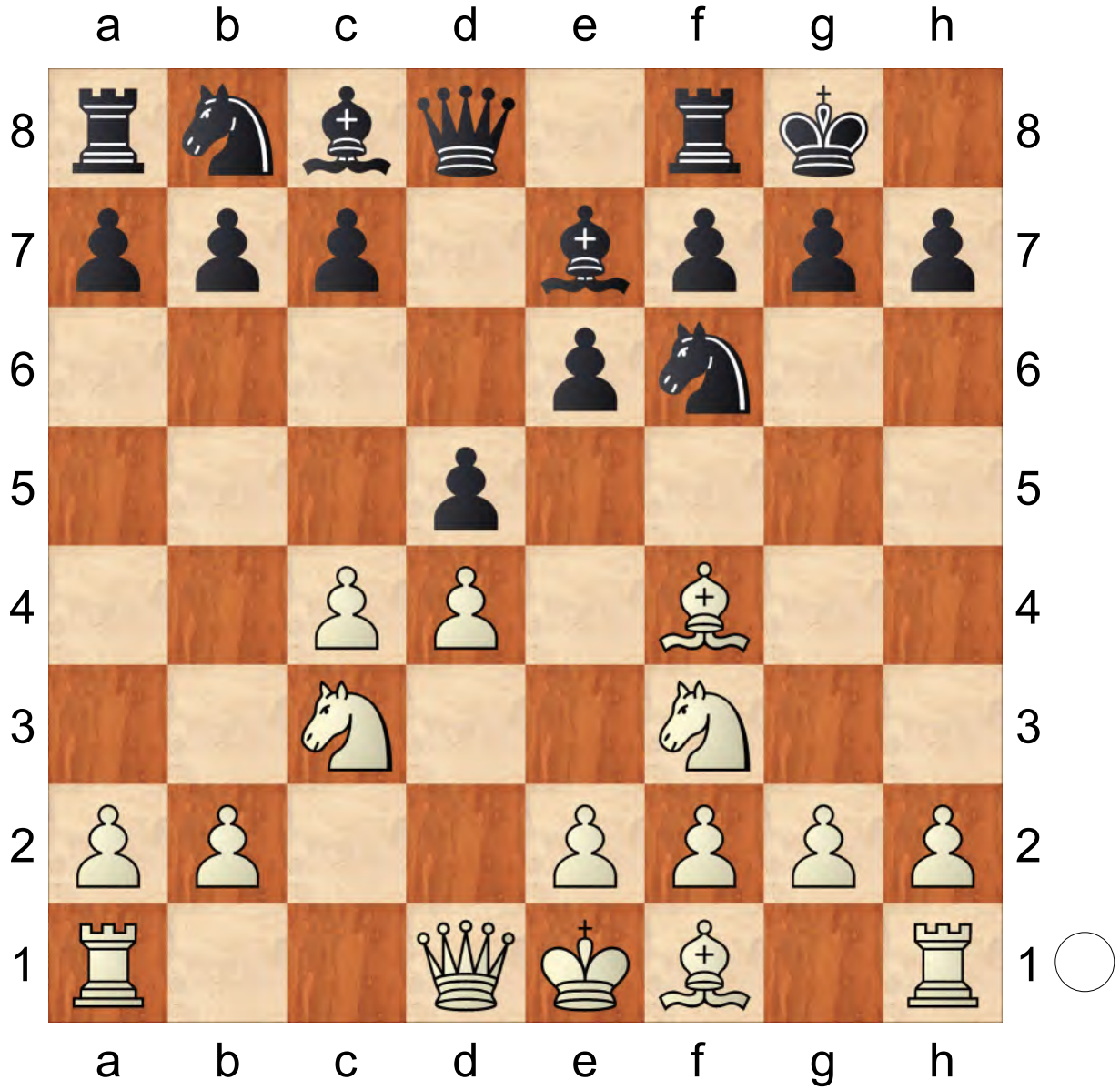
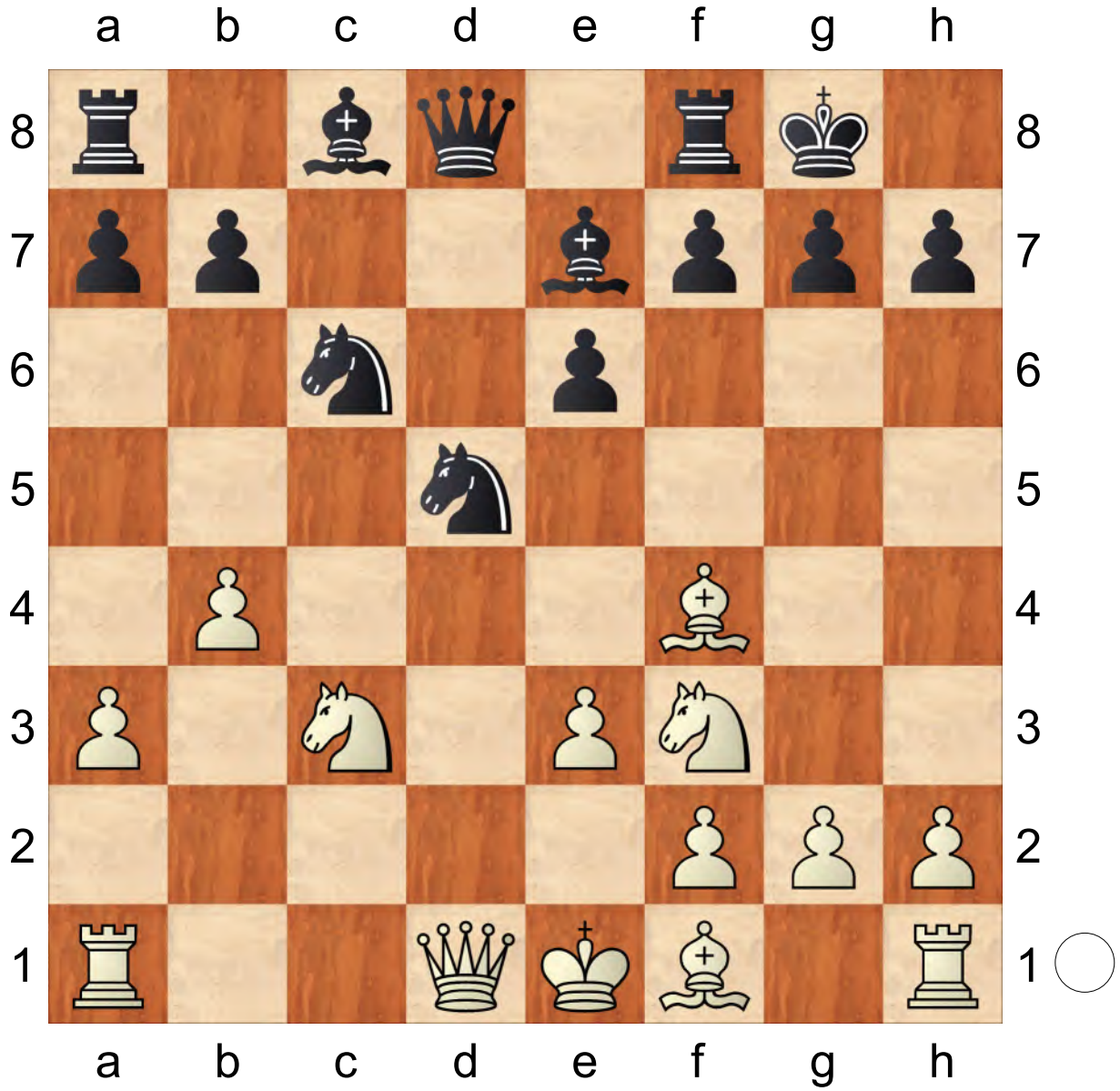
□ **Krasenkow,Michal** **2655**
■ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2725**
Rubinstein Memorial 35th (1) 17.08.1998
[Donev,Ivo Hristov]

1.d4 Krasenkow (Schach 10/98). Ftacnik **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0**



6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.b4 Matthew Sadler: 'A very simple and thematic system. White plays for a small edge based on his queenside space and the isolated queen's pawn that he will create in Black's position. ' **9...Be7 10.cxd5 Nxd5!?**

[The other recapture 10...exd5!? is the subject of the next main game.]



Räumt das Feld f6 für den Läufer. **11.Nxd5 exd5** Auf dem Brett ensteht eine von den populärsten Mittelspiel Bauernstrukturen - Der isolierte Damenbauer! Es ist bemerkennswert zu sehen wie der Anziehende seine Figuren umgruppiert um die schwäche des Isolani auszunützen. **12.Bd3 Bf6**

[12...Bg4 Ftacnik 13.0-0 Bf6 14.Ra2 Re8 15.Rd2 Qb6 16.Be2 Ne7 17.Nd4 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Ng6 19.Qd3 Nxf4 20.exf4 a5 21.g3 axb4 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Rb1 Qe7 24.Nf5 Halldorsson,B-Schmidt Schaeffer,S/Hellir op/1997/1-0 (61)]

13.Rc1 Bg4!

[13...Re8 Ftacnik 14.0-0 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Ne5 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Rfd1 Qd6 19.Bc4 Rd8 20.Bb3 b6 21.Rd3 a5 22.Rcd1 Qf8 23.Bxd5 1-0 Mikhalchishin,A-Nielsen,P/Copenhagen op/1991/ (29)]

[13...a6 Ftacnik Matthew Sadler: 'had been thought necessary to prevent b4-b5,

when ' 14.0-0

A) 14...Be6 Matthew Sadler: 'transposes to the game M.Gurevich-Peelen. Holland 1998, in which the very typical manoeuvre ' 15.Bb1 *(15.Rc5! g6 16.Qb1 Qe7 17.Rfc1 Rfd8 18.h3 Kg7 19.a4!* led to a considerable advantage for White.*)* 15...Qe7 16.e4 Qd7 *(16...Qd8 17.Qd3 dxe4 18.Qxe4 g6 19.Rfd1 Qb6 20.Be3 Qc7 21.Ng5 Rfe8 22.Qh4 h5 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Qc4 Qe7 25.Ba2* 1-0 Krasenkow,M-Van der Sterren,P/WCh FIDE k.o./1997 (43) *)* 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 d4 19.Rc5 f6 20.Bf4 b6 21.Rc1 Ne5 22.Bxe5 fxe5 23.Qh5 Qd6 24.Bd3 Bf7 0-1 Dreev,A-Lutz,C/Dortmund/1994/ (42);

B) 14...Re8 15.Bb1 g6 16.Ba2 Be6 17.Qd3 d4 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.e4 Qe7 20.Nd2 Be5 21.Bg3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Ne5 23.Qb3 Rd8 24.Rc5 d3 Beliavsky,A-Short,N/WCh FIDE k.o./1997/0-1 (53);

C) 14...g6 15.h3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Rc2 Qd7 18.Rd1 d4 19.Rcc1 dxe3 20.Qxe3 Rfd8 21.Bg5 Qe7 22.Be4 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Qf4 1-0 Nielsen,P-Barkhagen,J/WchJM-U18/1991/ (37)]

14.0-0

[14.b5 Qa5+ 15.Qd2 *(15.Ke2 Ne5; 15.Kf1 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxa3)* 15...Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 *(16.Nxd2 Ne5)* 16...Na5⇄ Matthew Sadler: 'gives Black sufficient counterplay according to Krasenkov.']

14...Qe7 Der Nachziehende will einen Turm auf d8 plazieren. **15.h3 Bxf3**

[15...Bh5 Ftacnik 16.g4 Bg6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qxd5±]

(Diagram)

16.Qxf3 Ftacnik: 'White enjoys pleasant plus with bishops pair and only one weakness of his own-a3 pawn.' **16...Rfd8 17.Rfd1**

[Instead Van Wely-Van der Sterren, Andorra Zonal 1998, saw 17.Rc5 a5 18.Bb5 axb4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Rc7 Qe6 21.Rxb7 Na2 22.Bc7 Rdc8 23.Qg4 Qxg4 24.hxg4 Nc3 which should be fine for Black.]

17...g6

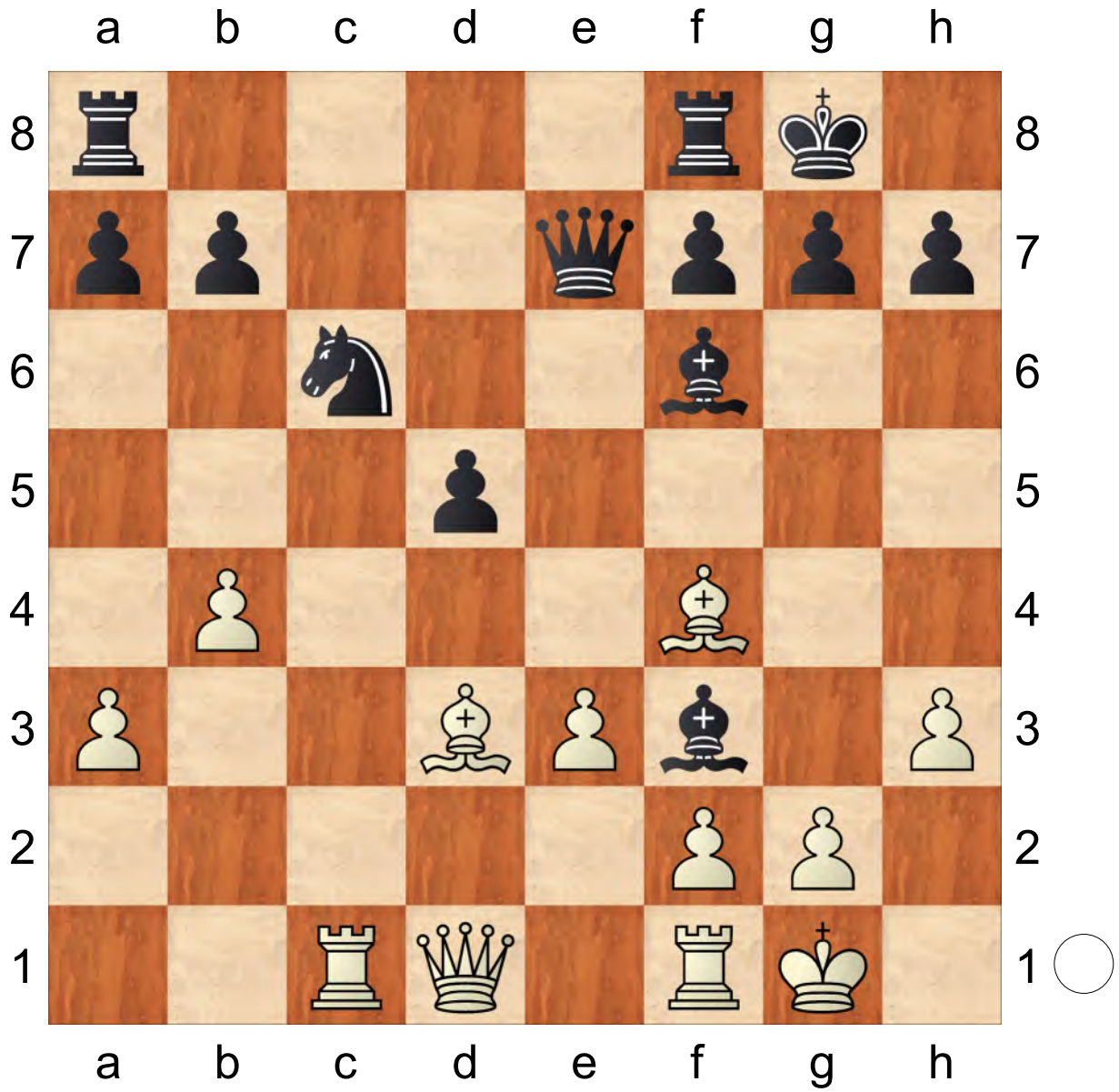
[17...Bb2? 18.Rc2 Bxa3 19.b5 Nb4 *(19...Ne5 20.Bxh7+! Kxh7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Bxe5±* Matthew Sadler: 'is clearly better for White according to Krasenkov.'*)* 20.Rc7 Qf6 *(20...Rd7* Ftacnik *21.Bg5 Qe6 22.Bf5 Rxc7 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.e4±)* 21.Rxb7±]

18.Bb1! Ftacnik: 'There is no satisfactory solution for the weak d5 pawn.' **18...Ne5?!**

[Matthew Sadler: 'Krasenkov suggests that ' ⌓18...Bb2 Matthew Sadler: '!' 19.Rc2 Bxa3 20.b5 Ne5 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Ba2 Qe7 *(22...Qe4* Ftacnik *23.Rc7 Qxf3 24.gxf3±)* 23.Bxd5 Rd7= Matthew Sadler: 'would have given White only a negligible advantage, although White did manage to win from this position in the recent game Nielsen-Van der Sterren, German Bundesliga 1998.' Δ♖ad8]

[18...d4 Ftacnik 19.Be4 dxe3 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qxe3±]

19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Ba2 Die schwarze Stellung hat sich nachdem



Leichtfigurenabtausch im Mittelspiel verschlechtert. Jetzt kann Schwarz seinen schwachen Zentralbauer nicht mehr retten. **20...a5**

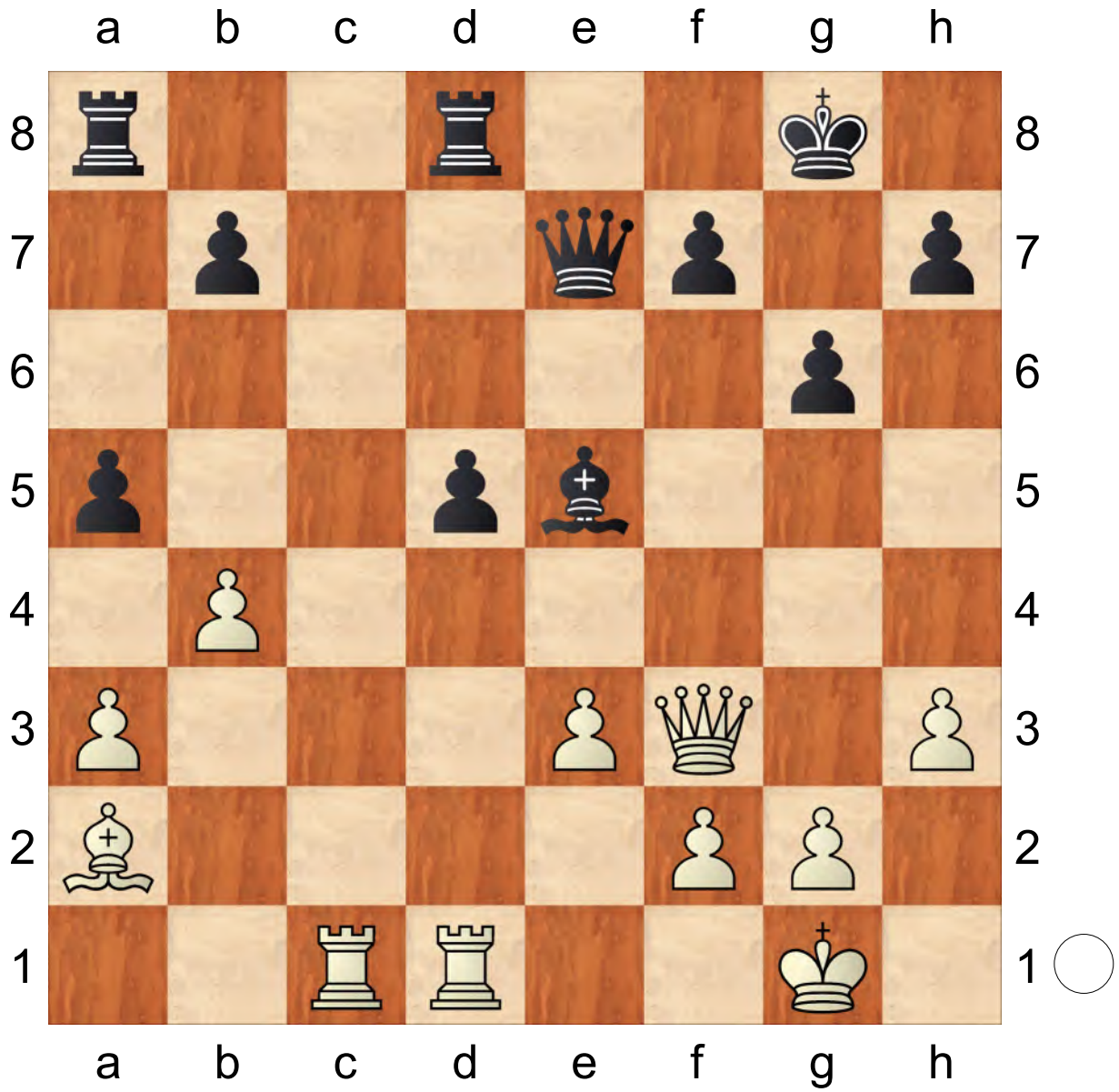
[20...Bb2 21.Rb1 Bxa3 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Qxd5 Rc8 *(23...Bxb4? 24.Rxb4 Qxb4 25.Qxf7+ Kh8 26.Qf6#)* 24.Qa5 Rc1+ 25.Rxc1 Bxc1 26.Qxa7 Qxb4 27.Qb8+ Qf8±]

[20...d4 21.exd4

A) 21...Bxd4 22.Bd5± ×b7 *(22.Bd5* Ftacnik *Bb2 23.Re1 Qf6 24.Qxf6 Bxf6 25.Bxb7±)*;

B) 21...Rxd4 22.Re1 Rf8 23.Rc5!±]

(Diagram)



Karpov entschließt sich den isolierte ♙d5 kampflos preiszugeben und öffnet dem Nachziehenden die a-Linie, um Gegenspiel aufziehen zu können. **21.Bxd5**
Der Verlust eines Bauern hätte bei Karpov in früheren Jahren wegen der ungleichfarbigen Läufer und der Möglichkeit von Gegenspiel kaum Probleme ausgelöst. **21...Rd7**

[21...axb4 Ftacnik 22.axb4 Rd7 23.Rc4±]

22.Rc4 Ftacnik: 'Krasenkow has won a pawn and the bishop on d5 is a dominating piece.'

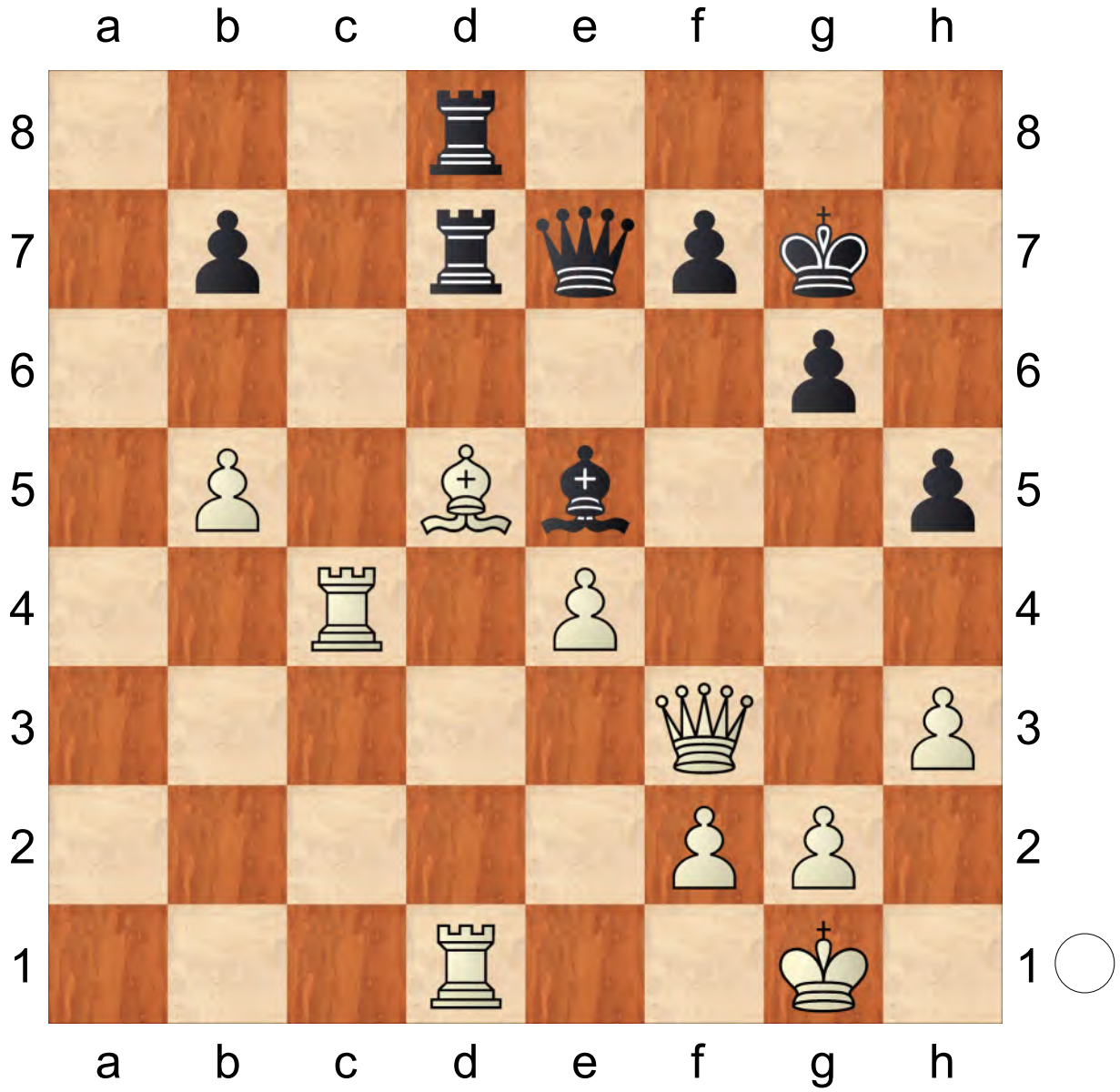
[22.bxa5

A) 22...Rxa5? 23.Bxf7+! Kg7± *(23...Qxf7 24.Rc8+ Kg7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Qf8#)*;

B) 22...Qxa3 Ftacnik 23.Bxb7 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rxa5±;

C) 22...Kg7!±]

22...axb4 23.axb4 Kg7
[23...b5? Ftacnik 24.Bxf7++-]
24.b5 Rad8 25.e4
[25.Rd3 Bb8 26.g3 f5 27.e4 Qe5! die Fesselung auf der d-Linie ist unangenehm für Weiß.]
25...h5!



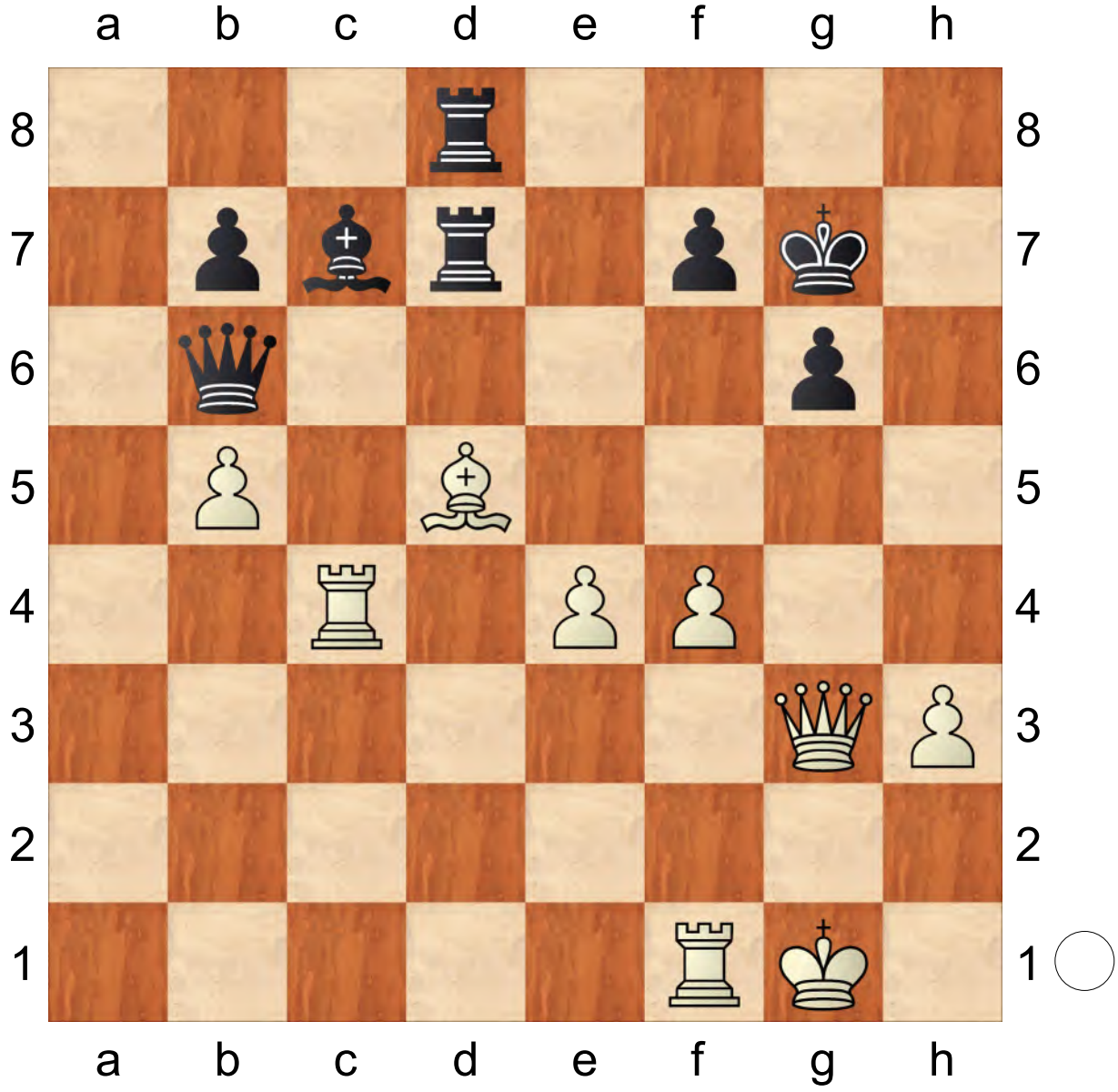
Die Idee dieses Zuges ist einfach. Nach h5-h4 will Karpov die Stellung schwarzfeldrig blockieren. **26.Qe3**
[26.Rdc1 Ftacnik Ra8±]
26...Qf6
[26...Qh4!? Ftacnik 27.b6±]
27.g3 h4! Ftacnik: 'Karpov has to fight against the march of white pawns along the dark squares.' Karpov versucht die weiße Königsstellung abzuschwächen um

Gegenspiel am Königsflügel zu bekommen.
[27...g5 Ftacnik 28.Rf1 Qg6 29.Kh1 g4 30.Kg2±]

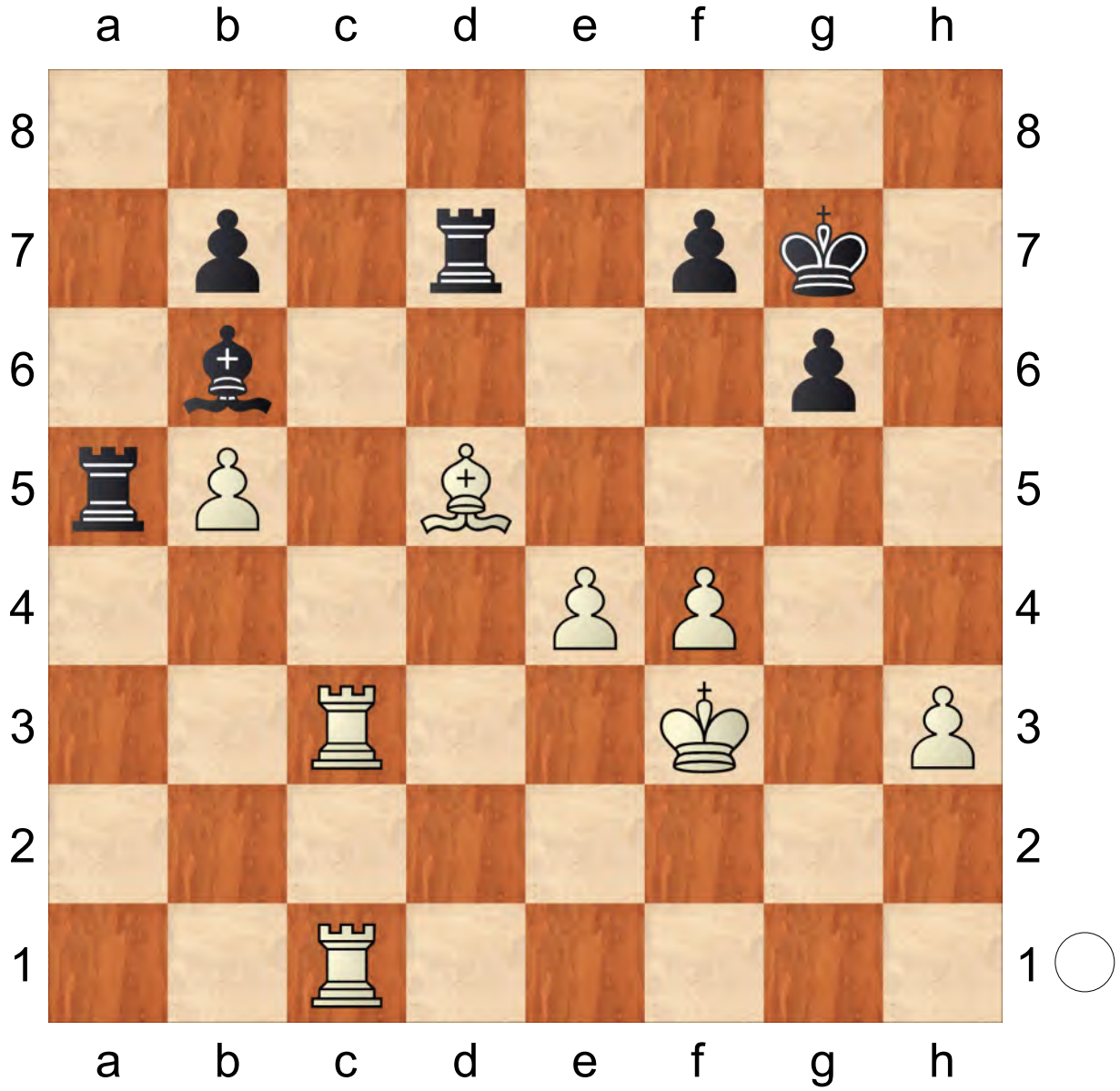
28.Rf1 hxg3
[28...g5 Ftacnik 29.f4 Bb8 *(29...gxf4 30.gxf4 Bc7 31.Kh1±)* 30.fxg5 Qe5 31.Rf3 hxg3 32.Rc3 *(32.Rc1? Rxd5 33.exd5 Qxe3+ 34.Rxe3 Ba7-+)* 32...Re8 33.h4±]

29.f4
[29.fxg3 Ftacnik Qd6±]

29...Bc7 30.Qxg3 Qb6+?!
[⌓30...Bb6+ 31.Kh1 Rxd5! 32.exd5 Rxd5 33.Rb4 Qf5 Schwarz hat gute Remis Chancen.]
[30...Rh8!? Ftacnik]



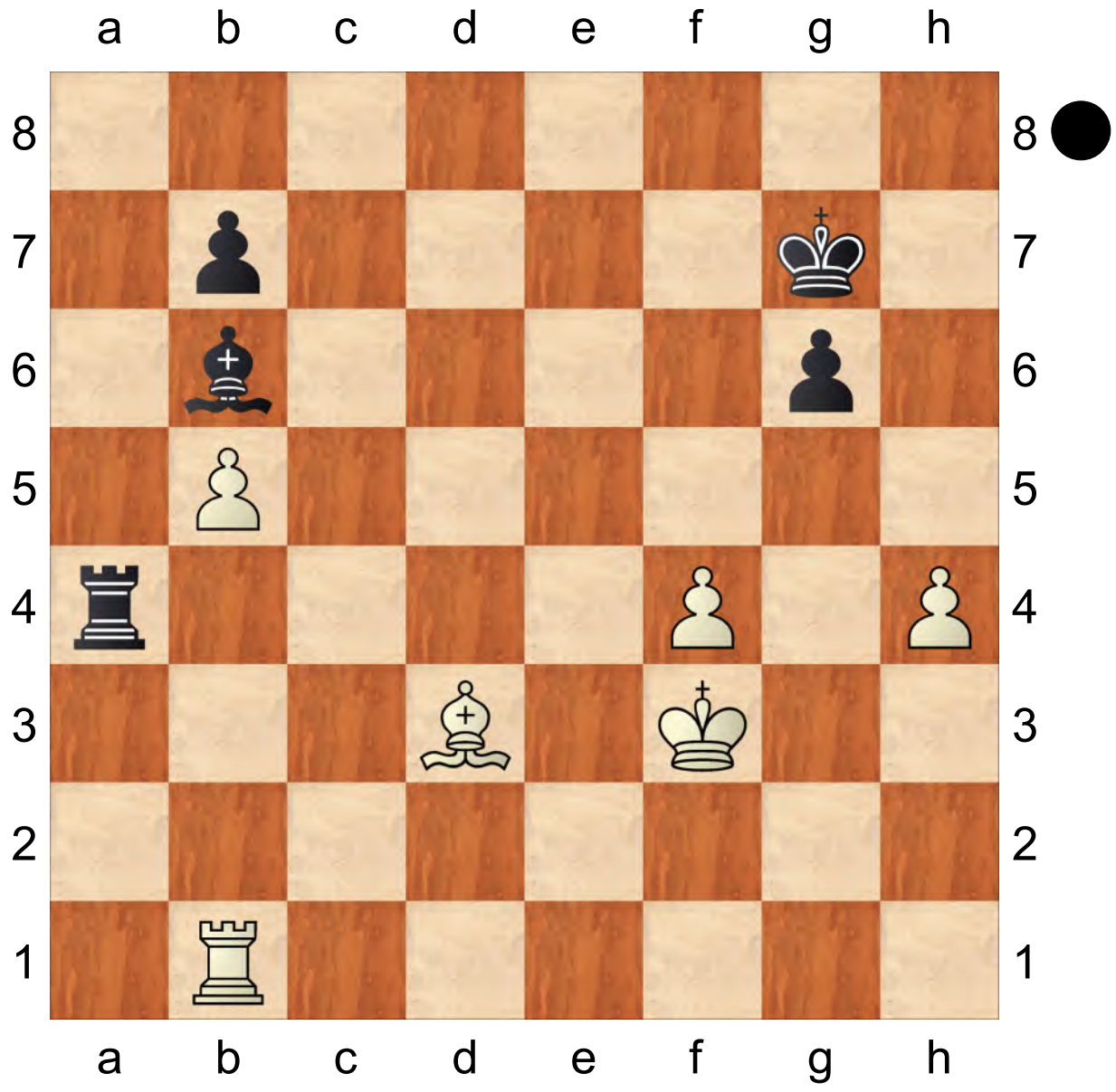
31.Kg2 Qf6 32.Qc3 Nach dem Damentausch hat Schwarz keine Drohungen mehr gegen den weißen Monarchen, sondern ein schwer zu verteidigendes Endspiel.
[32.Bxb7? Ftacnik Rd2+ 33.Kh1 R8d3-+]
32...Qxc3 33.Rxc3 Ftacnik: 'The endgame is very unpleasant for black, but opposite coloured bishops are an important drawing factor.' **33...Bb6 34.Rfc1 Ra8 35.Kf3**
[35.Rc8 Ftacnik Ra5 36.Rb1 f5±]
35...Ra5



36.Rb1 Ra4 37.h4 f5 '?!' Ftacnik.
[37...Bd8 Ftacnik 38.Kg3 Kh6 39.Rd3±]
38.Rd3
[38.Rbc1 Ftacnik Bd8 39.Rh1 Bf6 40.Re3±]
38...fxe4+ 39.Bxe4 Rxd3+? Ein Zeitnotfehler, der die schlechte Verfassung des Fide-Weltmeisters zeigt. Gut genug für den halben Punkt war:

[39...Re7! 40.Re1 *(40.Bxg6 Kxg6 41.Rd6+ Kf5 42.Rxb6 Rxf4+ 43.Kg3 Rg7+ 44.Kh3 Rh7* Und nach dem unvermeidlichen Th4 ist das Remis gesichert.*)* 40...Bc7 Δ♖f7 *(40...Bc5* Ftacnik *41.Re2 Rb4 42.Rd5 Rxb5 43.Rg5±)* 41.b6 Bxb6 42.Rd6 Ra3+ 43.Kg2 Ra2+ 44.Kf3 *(44.Kh1 Bf2 45.Rxg6+ Kf8 46.Rf6+ Kg7 47.Rg6+=)* 44...Ra3+=]

40.Bxd3 Krasenkow (Schach 10/98): '



' **40...Bc7?!**

[40...Ra3 41.Rd1 Kf6 42.Kg4 Bf2 43.h5 gxh5+ 44.Kxh5 Rc3± Krasenkow (Schach 10/98): 'und Weiß kommt nicht weiter.']

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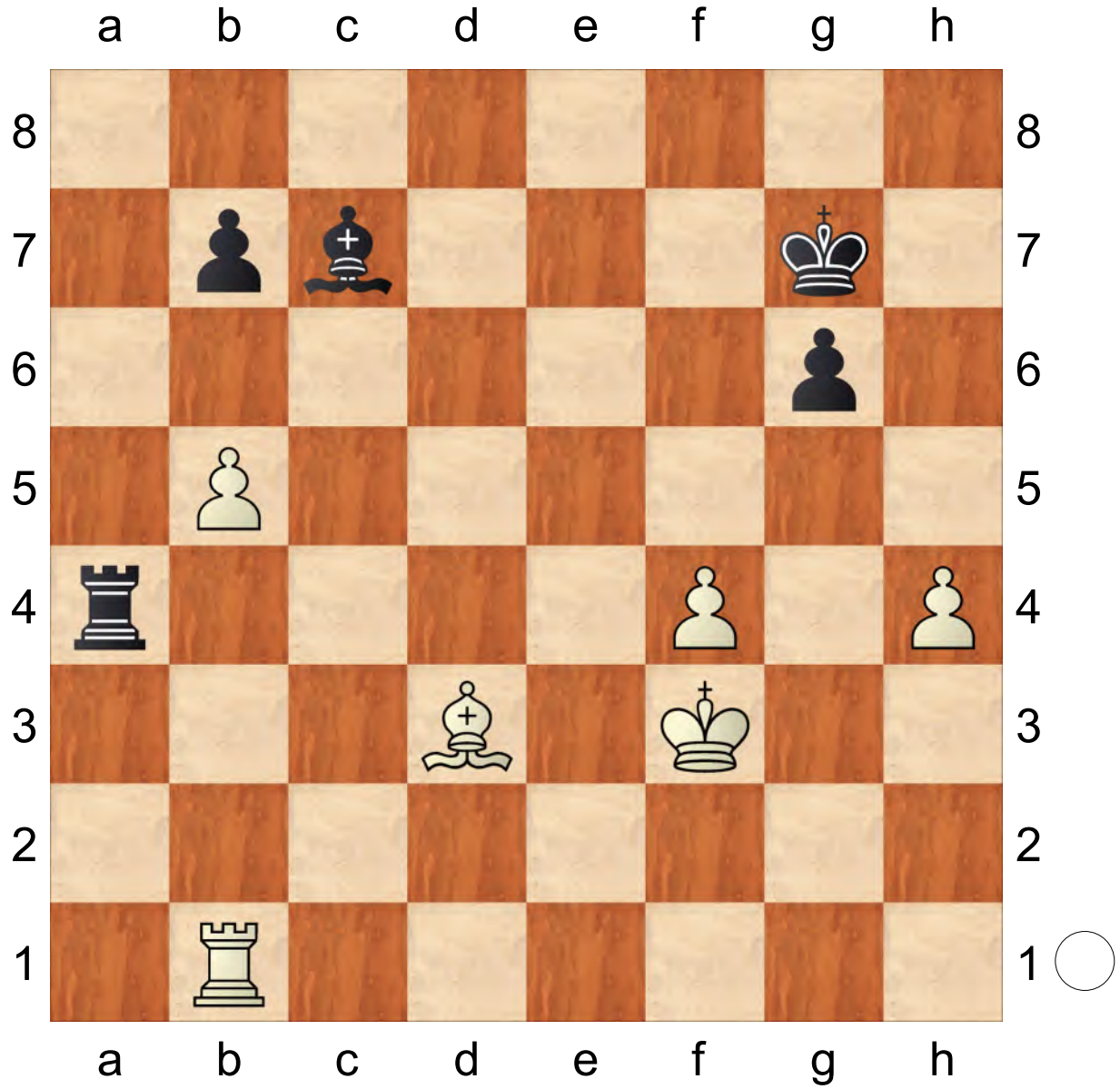


'?' Krasenkow (Schach 10/98). Krasenkow (Schach 10/98): 'Erlaubt es Weiß, seinen Läufer zu aktivieren. Richtig war:' **41.Be4 Ra3+?** Krasenkow (Schach 10/98): 'Ein zu schneller Zug in vermeintlicher Zeitnot, der den weißen König zum Leben verhilft und Schwarz auf Verlust stellt. '

[41...Kf6 42.Rd1 *(42.b6 Bd6 43.Rd1* '±' Ftacnik. *Ke7)* 42...Ke6 43.Rg1 Ra3+ 44.Kg4 Ra4± Krasenkow (Schach 10/98): 'war vermutlich immer noch remis.']

42.Kg4 Ra4 43.Rd1! '+-!' Krasenkow (Schach 10/98). Ftacnik: 'At long last white rook can penetrate into black's camp with a decisive effect.'

[43.Rc1 Ba5! 44.Bxb7 Rxf4+! '=!' Krasenkow (Schach 10/98). 45.Kxf4 Bd2+=]

43...Rc4

[43...Kf6 44.Rd7 Bb8 45.Rxb7 Bd6 46.Rb6 Ke6 47.Bxg6+- *(47.Bxg6* Krasenkow (Schach 10/98) *Rxf4+ 48.Kg5 Rf8 49.h5 Rb8 50.Rxb8 Bxb8 51.h6 Be5 52.h7 -- 53.Bh5 -- 54.Kg6 -- 55.b6 -- 56.b7+-)*]

[auch 43...Kh6 rettet die Partie nicht, wegen: 44.Rd7! Be5 45.Kf3 Ra3+ 46.Bd3 Bg7 47.Kg4!+-]
[43...Rxe4 Ftacnik 44.Rd7+ Kf6 45.Rxc7 Re1 46.Rxb7 Rg1+ 47.Kf3+-]

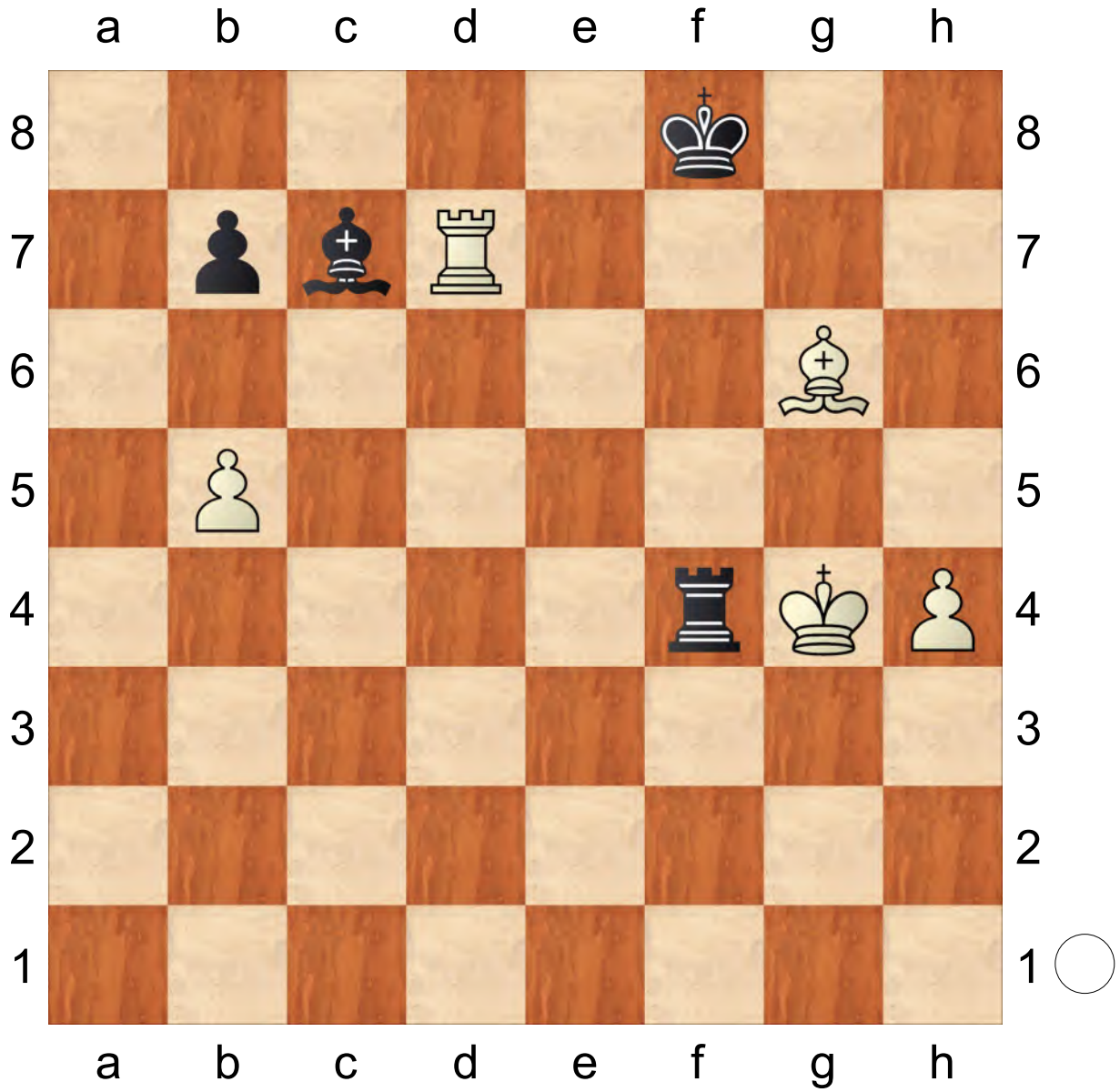
44.Rd7+ Kf8

[44...Kf6 45.b6! Bb8 *(45...Bxb6 46.Bd5! Rc7 47.Rd6+* '+-' Krasenkow (Schach 10/98).*; 45...Rxe4 46.Rxc7+-)*

A) 46.Rxb7 Ftacnik Bd6 47.Rf7+ Kxf7 48.Bd5+ Kf6 49.Bxc4 Bc5 50.b7 Bd6 51.Bd3 Bc7 52.Bxg6 Kxg6 53.h5+ Kf6 54.f5 Kg7 55.Kg5 Kf7 *(55...Bd8+ 56.f6+ Bxf6+ 57.Kf5+-)* 56.h6+-;

B) 46.Rd8! Rxe4 47.Rf8+! Kg7 48.Rxb8 Re7 49.Rc8+- Δ50.♖c7]

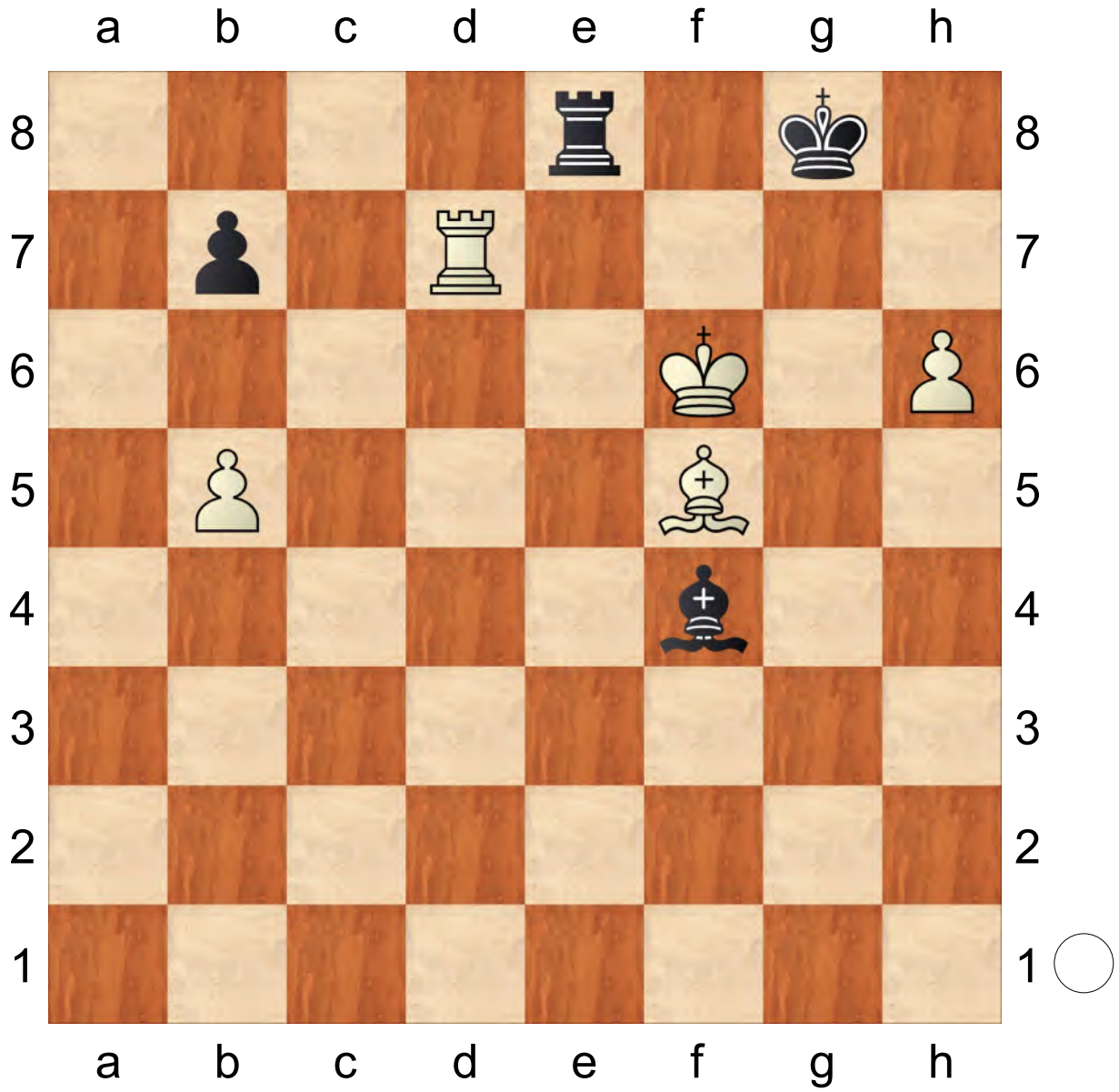
45.Bxg6 Rxf4+



46.Kg5 Rc4

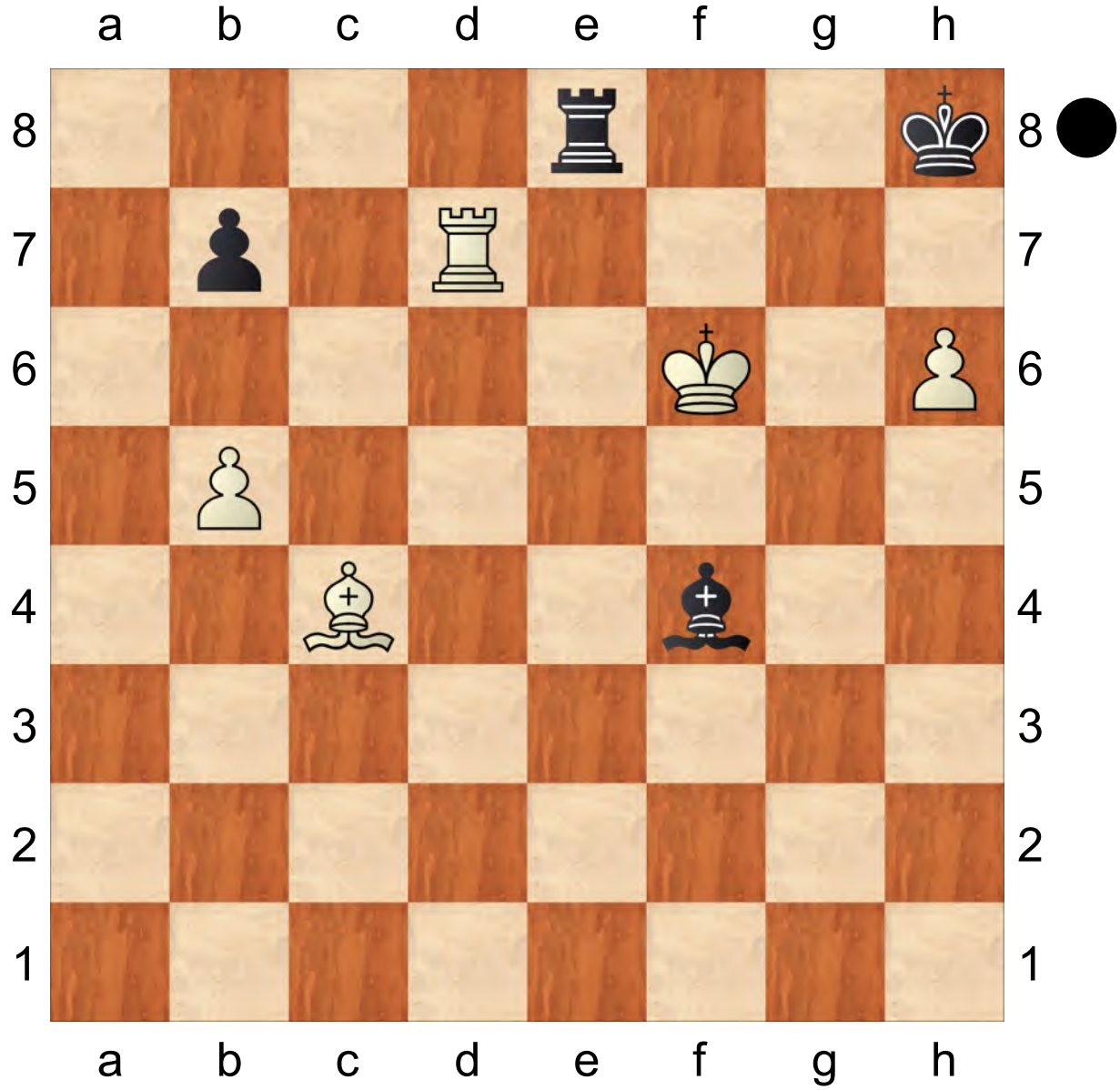
[46...Be5 Ftacnik 47.Rd5 Bc7 48.b6+-]

47.h5 Bf4+
[47...Rc5+ Krasenkow (Schach 10/98) 48.Kf6 Be5+ 49.Ke6 Rxb5 50.h6 Rb6+ 51.Kxe5 Rxg6 52.Rd8+ Ke7 53.h7+-]
48.Kf6 Rc8 49.h6! Kg8
[49...Bxh6 50.Rh7+- *(50.Rh7* Ftacnik *Kg8 51.Rxh6+-)*]
50.Bf5! Re8
[50...Bxh6 Ftacnik 51.Be6+ Kh8 52.Kg6+-]



51.Be6+ Krasenkow (Schach 10/98): 'komplizierter und mit Fallenspiel verbunden wäre:'
[51.Rg7+ Kh8 52.Kf7 Rf8+! 53.Kg6! Rg8 54.Be6!+-]
51...Kh8 52.Bc4
[52.Bc4

A) 52...Bxh6 53.Kg6+-;
B) 52...Re3 Ftacnik 53.Rd8+ Kh7 54.Bd3+ Rxd3 *(54...Kxh6* Krasenkow (Schach 10/98) *55.Rh8#)* 55.Rxd3+-;
C) 52...Re4 53.Be6+-]



Δ53.♔g6
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□ **Karaklajic,Nikola** **2380**
■ **Zhang,Zhong** **2475**
Lee Cup 4th Beijing (5) 28.08.1997
[Har Zvi,Ronen]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Be3 c4

[5...cxd4 6.Bxd4

A) 6...Nh6 7.Nf3 Nf5 8.Bd3 *(8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Ne5 Bd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Qd3 Nfxd4 13.cxd4 0-0=* 0-1 Kos,T-Cvitan,O/Nova Gorica 1996/EXP 51 (35)*)* 8...Nc6 9.Bxf5!? Bxf5 10.0-0 Be7!? 11.Bxg7 Rg8 12.Bd4 Qd6 13.Re1 Be4 14.Nbd2 0-0-0 15.g3 f5⩱ Stripunsky,A-Hansen,SuB/ Copenhagen op (08) ;EXT 94op 1994;

B) 6...Be6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.h3 h6 12.Re1 Nh5 13.Nb3 Nf4 14.Bc5 Bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qf6 16.Bf1 Rad8 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 b6 20.Nd3 Nxd3= 47 Janovsky,S-Fish,G/Moscow3 ; EXP 1995;

C) 6...Nc6 7.Bb5 *(7.Be3 Nf6 8.Be2 Bd6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd3 Ng4 12.Bd4 Re8 13.Nbd2 g6 14.Rae1 Bf5 15.Qb5 Qc7 16.h3 Nh2 17.Nxh2 Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bf4∓* 40 🗗 Vajda,A-Dao Thien Hai/Budapest FS02 GM (08) ;CBM 1994 *)*

C1) 7...a6!? 8.Ba4

C1a) 8...Bd7 9.Ne2 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Bxa4 11.Qxa4+ Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Rd1 Kc7 15.Nf4 Rd8 16.Nd3 Bd6 17.Nd2 Rhe8 18.Nf3⩲ 47 Zulfugarli,M-Izhnin,A/Nikolaev zt (11) ;CBM 1995 *(18.Nf3 Rd7 19.a4 Re4 20.a5 Rde7 21.Nd4 g6 22.b4⩲* Zulfugarli,M-Izhnin,A/ Nikolaev-zt/1995/1:0/36/ *)*;

C1b) 8...Qg5?! 9.Nf3! Qxg2 10.Qe2+ Nge7 11.Rg1 Qh3 12.Bxg7 Rg8 37 Rabiega,R-Afek,Y/Budapest FS09 GM (06) ;EXP 1993 13.Bxf8 *(13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Rxg8+ Kxg8 16.Nbd2 Bg4 17.0-0-0 Ng6 18.Qe3∞* Rabiega,R-Afek,Y/Budapest/1993/0:1/73/*)* 13...Kxf8! *(13...Rxg1+?? 14.Nxg1+-; 13...Rxf8 14.Nbd2 Bg4 15.Rg3 Qh5 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.h3⩲)* 14.Rxg8+ Nxg8 15.Nbd2 Bg4 16.0-0-0⩲ ΔQxh2?! 17.Qe3⟶ ♔c1>♔f8;

C1c) 8...b5 9.Bb3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nf6 11.Ne2 Bb7 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Ng3 0-0 14.Nf5 Bc7 15.Nd2 g6 16.Nh6+ Kg7 17.Ng4 Bb6 18.Qxf6+ Qxf6 19.Nxf6 Kxf6 20.Nf3 Rfe8 21.Rfe1 Re6= 47 🗗:♙d5 Lima,D-Mecking,H/ Sao Paulo zt (02) ;EXP 1995 *(21...Re6 22.Rad1=)*;

C2) 7...Bd7 8.Ne2 *(8.Qe2+!?)* 8...Nxd4 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Nxd4 Bd6 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Re1 Rae8= Hargens,T-Rahls,P/BL2-N 9293 (1993) ;BL2 1993;

C3) 7...Be6 8.Ne2 *(8.Nf3!?)* 8...Qd7 9.0-0 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 Nxd4

12.Qxd4?! *(12.Nxd4 Δa4 →«)* 12...Nf6 13.Nf4 Rc8! 14.Nd3 Bd6 15.Nd2 0-0 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Rad1 Be4!↑ Sidorenko,A-Quinn,M/WchJM-U18 Szeged (05) ;TD 94\01 1994;

C4) 7...Nge7 8.Qe2 Be6 *(8...a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nd2 Δ♘b3 ×c5)* 9.Nf3 Nf5 *(⌓9...a6)*

C4a) 10.0-0 Bd6 *(10...Nfxd4 11.Nxd4; 10...a6 11.Bd3!?)* 11.Be5 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Rd1±;

C4b) 10.g4!?

C4b1) 10...Nfxd4?! 11.Nxd4 → ⇔e *(11.Nxd4 Qd7 12.f4+-)*;

C4b2) 10...Nd6

C4b21) 11.Ne5 Nxb5 12.Qxb5 Qc7 13.f4 Bd6∓;

C4b22) 11.Ba4 Qa5 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Ng5 0-0-0 *(13...Qb5 14.Qxb5 Nxb5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Be5 Bd6!=)* 14.Nxe6 Re8 15.b4 Qa4 16.0-0 Rxe6∓;

C4b23) 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Ne5! *(12.0-0 h5 13.g5 Ne4 14.Qa6 Qc8 15.Qxc8+ Bxc8 16.Re1 c5 17.Be5 Bf5 18.Nbd2 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 Kd7=)* 12...Qc7 *(12...Qc8)*

C4b231) 13.Qa6 Rc8 14.0-0 Nb5 *(14...c5 15.Qa4+ Kd8 16.Be3∞)* 15.Re1 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bd6 17.h3 h5∓;

C4b232) 13.f4

C4b2321) 13...c5

C4b23211) 14.Bf2 Be7 15.f5 Bc8 16.Qd1 0-0∓ *(16...Bb7)*;

C4b23212) 14.f5 cxd4 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.0-0 dxc3 17.Nxc3 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Be7 19.Rae1⩲ Δd4?! 20.Nd5!! exd5 21.Ng6! Ne4□ 22.Nxh8 d3 23.Qxd3 Rd8 *(23...Nf2+ 24.Rxf2 Qxf2 25.Qb5++-)* 24.Nf7+-;

C4b2322) 13...Be7 14.f5 Bc8∞ 0-1 Blatny,P-Zueger,B/Prague Kottnauer 1996/CBM 54/[Blatny,P] (37)]

(Diagram)

6.b3 cxb3 7.axb3 Bd6 8.Bd3 Ne7

[8...Nc6 9.Nd2 *(9.Qf3 Be6 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.Bf4 Bxf4 12.Nxf4 Nf6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh5 Nxh5 15.Qxh5* 53 ½-½ Kuijf,M-Psakhis,L/Benasque op 1996/EXP *)*

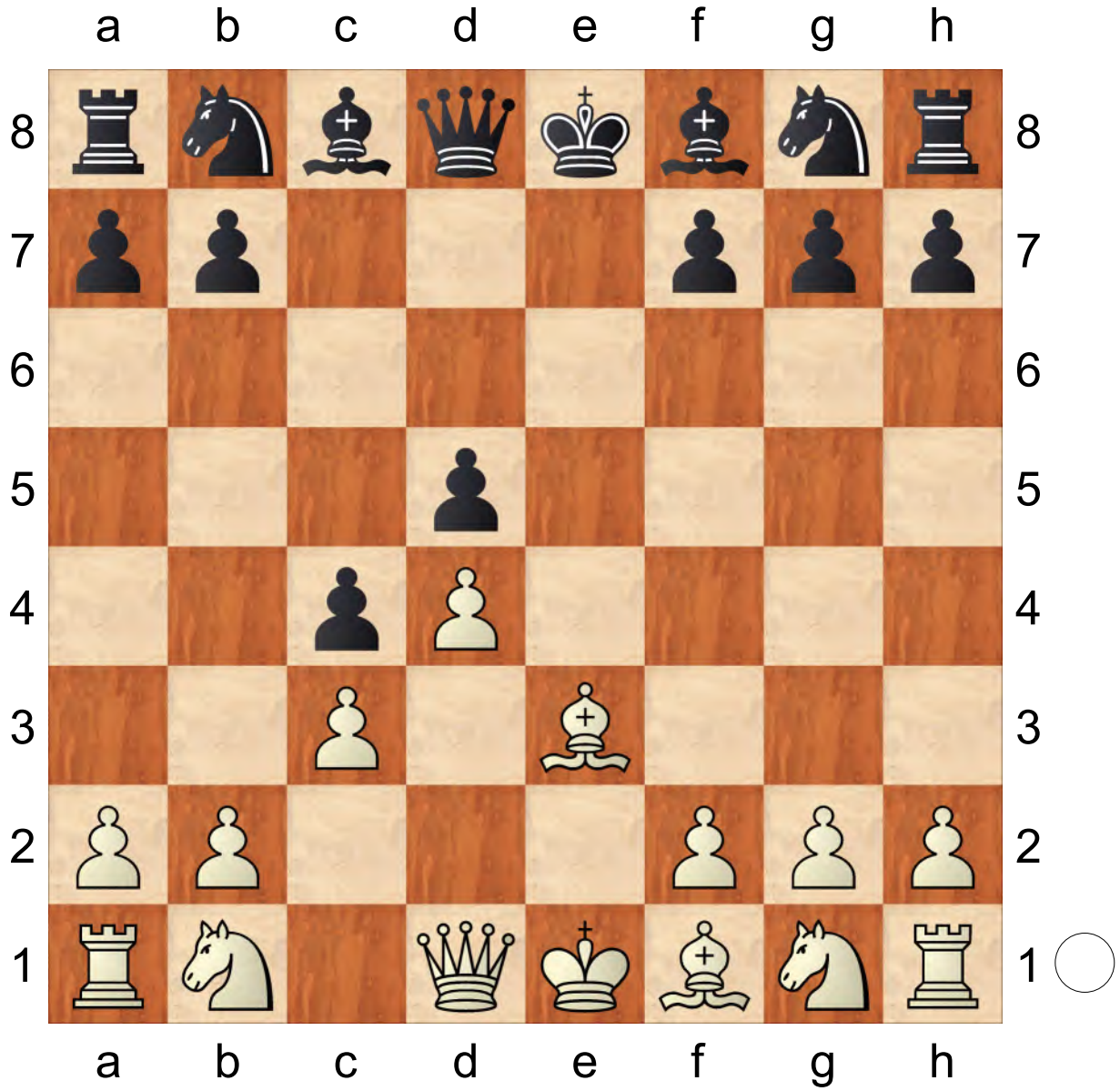
A) 9...Be6 10.Qf3!? Nge7 11.Bf4= *(11.Ne2 Ng6 Δ♘h4, ϥf3)* 11...Bxf4 12.Qxf4 Ng6 13.Qg3 0-0 14.h4! *(14.Ne2 Nce7! Δ ♘f5 ↑)* 14...Qf6 *(14...Nce7? 15.h5 Nh8 16.h6!→ g6?? 17.Qe5+-)* 15.Ne2 Bf5 16.Bxf5 Qxf5

A1) ⌓17.Qf3

A1a) 17...Qc2 18.Rc1 *(18.h5 Nge7 19.Rc1±)* 18...Qb2 19.h5 Nge7 *(19...Rae8? 20.Rb1+-)* 20.Qd3±;

A1b) 17...Qxf3 18.Nxf3 Rfe8 19.Kd2 Δh5± ⊞;

A2) 17.h5 Nge7 18.Qf3 Rfe8 *(18...Qxf3 19.Nxf3 Nf5 20.Nf4 Rfe8+*



21.Kd2 Rad8 22.Rhe1± O,×d5) 19.0-0 Qg5 20.Nf4± 1-0 Blatny,P-Kortschnoj,V/Brno 1992/CBM 31/[Blatny,P] (52);

B) 9...Nf6 10.h3 0-0 11.Qf3 Re8 12.Ne2 h6 13.0-0 Blatny,P-Popovic,P/Brno (8)/1992/0.5 (13)]

9.Qc2

[9.Qh5 Nd7 10.Bg5 Nf8 11.Ne2 Ne6 12.Be3 g6 13.Qf3 0-0 14.g4 f5 15.gxf5 Nxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Qg2 Nf4 18.Nxf4 Bxf4 19.Nd2 Qe7 20.Ke2 Rg5 0-1 Cherniaev,A-Oll,L/Antwerpen op 1994/TD 94\02]

[9.Qf3

A) 9...Nd7 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Nd2 Re8 12.0-0 Ng6?!

A1) 13.Qxd5?! Nf6 Δ♘g4≅ *(13...Nc5 14.Bc4□ Be6 15.Qh5±)*;

A2) 13.Ng3! Qc7?! *(13...Nb6±)* 14.Qxd5 Nf6 15.Qc4± 1-0 Motwani,P-Conquest,S/Hafnarfirdi 1992/CBM 29/[Blatny,P] (32);

B) 9...Nbc6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Nd2 Be6 12.0-0 Qd7 13.h3 Bf5 14.Bf4 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 a6 17.b4 Rac8 18.Nb3 Na7 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.dxc5 Qb5 21.Rad1 Ng6 22.Bd6 Re6 23.Qd2 Rce8 Rabiega,R-Rahls,P/Berliner Sommer 1996/EXP 54/½-½ (39)]

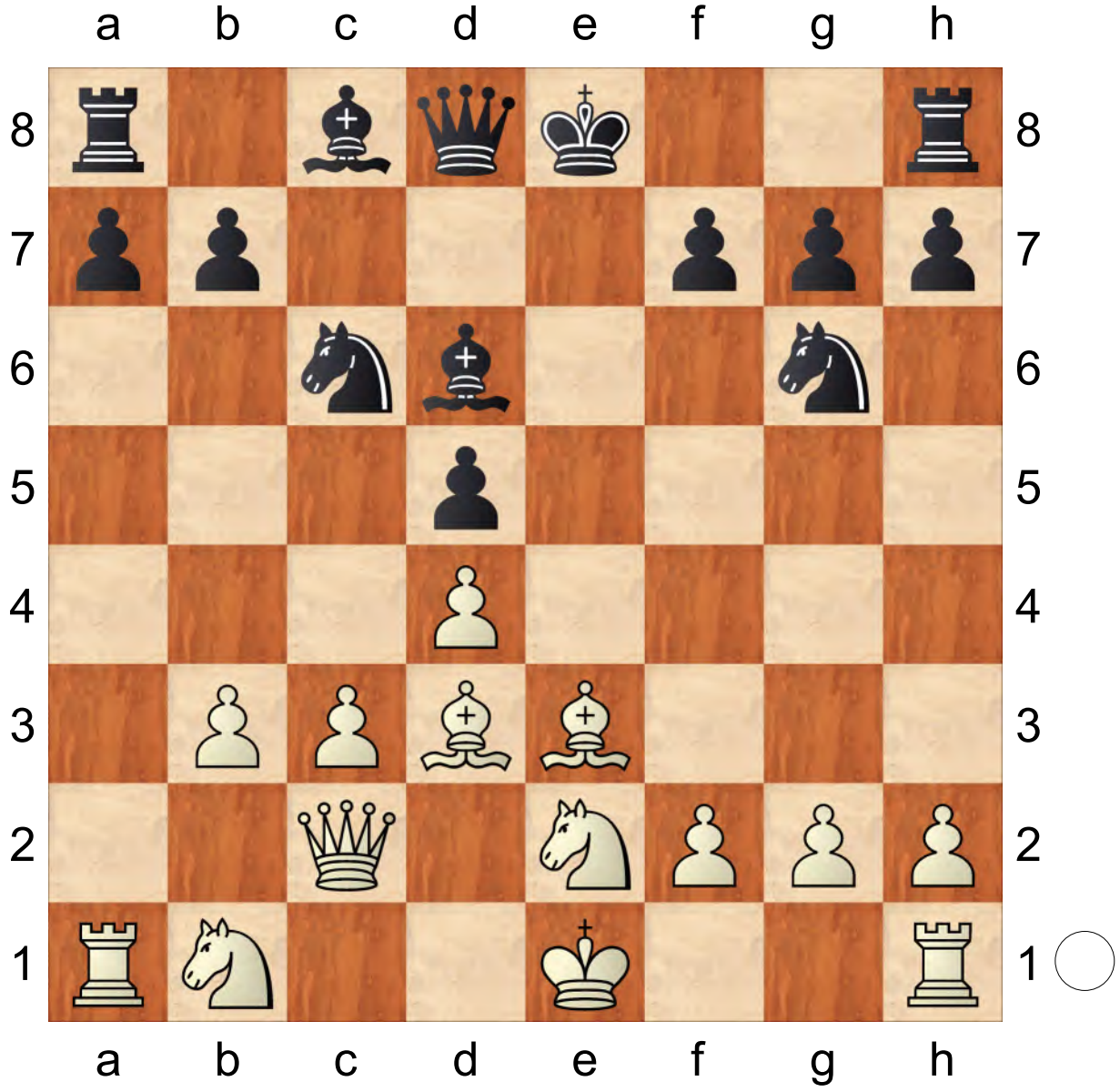
9...Nbc6

[9...h6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.0-0 Nbc6 12.Ng3 Be6 13.Nd2 Rc8 14.Qb1 a5 15.Nf3 f5 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Bc1 f4↑ ½-½ Kotliar,M-Kaidanov,G/New York op 1993/TD 93\03 (45)]

10.Ne2

[10.h3 h6 11.Ne2 0-0 12.0-0 Be6 13.f4 f5 14.Nd2 Rc8 15.Qb1 Bb8 16.Nf3 Qb6 17.Bd2 Rf7 18.Kh1 Rcf8 19.c4± Bibic,J-Frolik,E/Wuert-ch Schramberg 1993/GER 03/½-½ (60)]

10...Ng6



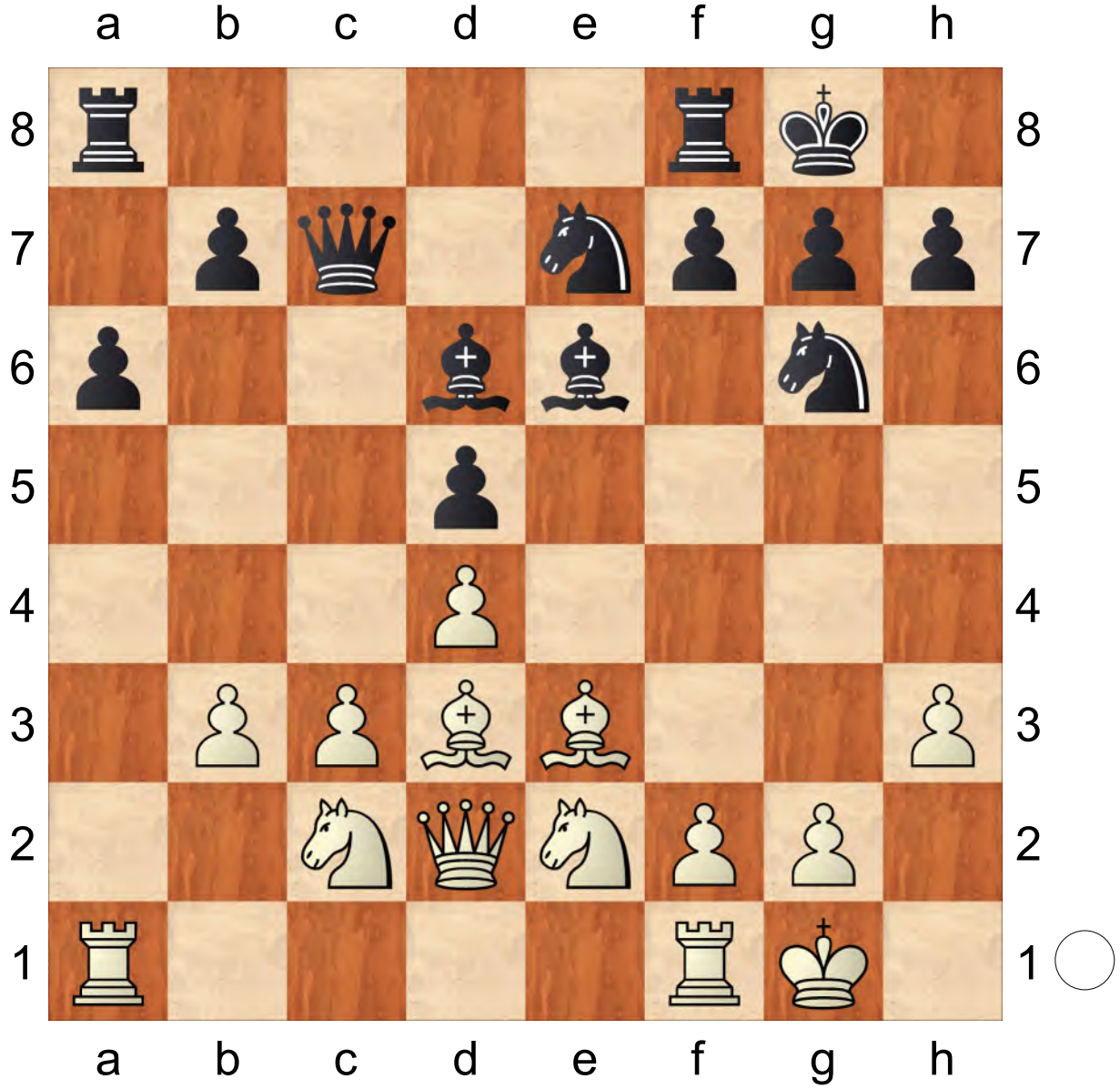
11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd2 I find it somewhat strange to play Qc2 and 3 moves later Qd2 without any special reason

[12.Nd2!? f5 13.Nf3 *(13.f4 Re8 14.Rf3 Qf6∞)* 13...f4 14.Bd2 Qf6 15.h3 *(15.c4!?)* 15...Bf5 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Qxf5 Rxf5±]

12...Qc7 13.h3 Be6 14.Na3

[14.f4!? f5 15.Qc1]

14...a6 15.Nc2 Nce7!?



a move with two targets,the first one and the more important one is the fight for the f5 sqaure,the second one is the open of the "c" file to balck heavy pieces **16.Ne1**

[16.f4 Bf5 *(16...Nf5!?)* 17.Bxf5 *(17.g4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 f5; 17.g4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 f5 19.g5 Rae8)* 17...Nxf5 18.g4 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 f5↑]

16...Nf5∓ it is clear now that balck has achived a very nice position out of the opening, now white has a choice to exchange his dark squares bishops for white's knight or

the light coloured bishop for black's knight,white took now the knight whoch I believe it a mistake since if you have central pawns d4-c3 on dark squares than I want a bishop with the opposite colour! **17.Bxf5?!**

[⩲17.Nf3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 f5∓]

17...Bxf5∓ /∓,black now has full control over the light squares,and as we will see he has the initiative in the king's side,plus it seems he can play first in the open "e" file and has pressure on the half open "c" file on white's "c3" pawn **18.Nd3**

[18.Nf3 f6]

18...Rae8 19.Rfe1

[⩲19.Ndf4 Nh4 *(19...Nxf4 20.Nxf4)* 20.Ng3 Bd7∓ 21.Rfc1?! Rxe3!? 22.fxe3 *(22.Nxd5 Rxg3 23.fxg3 Qc6 24.Nf6+ gxf6 25.gxh4 Qe4∓)* 22...Bxf4 23.exf4 Bxh3→]

19...h6 20.Nef4

[20.Ndf4!?]

20...Nh4

(Diagram)

21.Qd1?? a very strange not only giving a pawn,but black play something even better than Qxc3,it's clear white wants to defend the f3 square but this is not the way

[21.f3 Qd8 22.Rf1∓ when is still alive]

21...Be4!∓ /-+

[21...Qxc3 22.Rc1 Qa5 23.Nc5 when of course black is better,but you can not reallt compare this position with the position black gets after 21...Be4!]

22.f3□

[22.Qh5 Nxg2 23.Nxg2 Bxd3 24.Qxd5 Be4-+]

22...Bxd3 23.Nxd3 Qxc3 24.Rc1 Qa5 25.Bf4

[25.Nc5 Bg3 26.Re2 *(26.Bf2 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rxe1 28.Qxe1 Qa2+ 29.Qe2 Qxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Nxg2)* 26...Nf5 27.Bf2 Qb5]

25...Bxf4

(Diagram)

26.Nxf4 Qa2 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Qc2 Qa5 of course with such weak white king black should even think of exchanging queens **29.Qc3 Qd8 30.g3 Qg5**

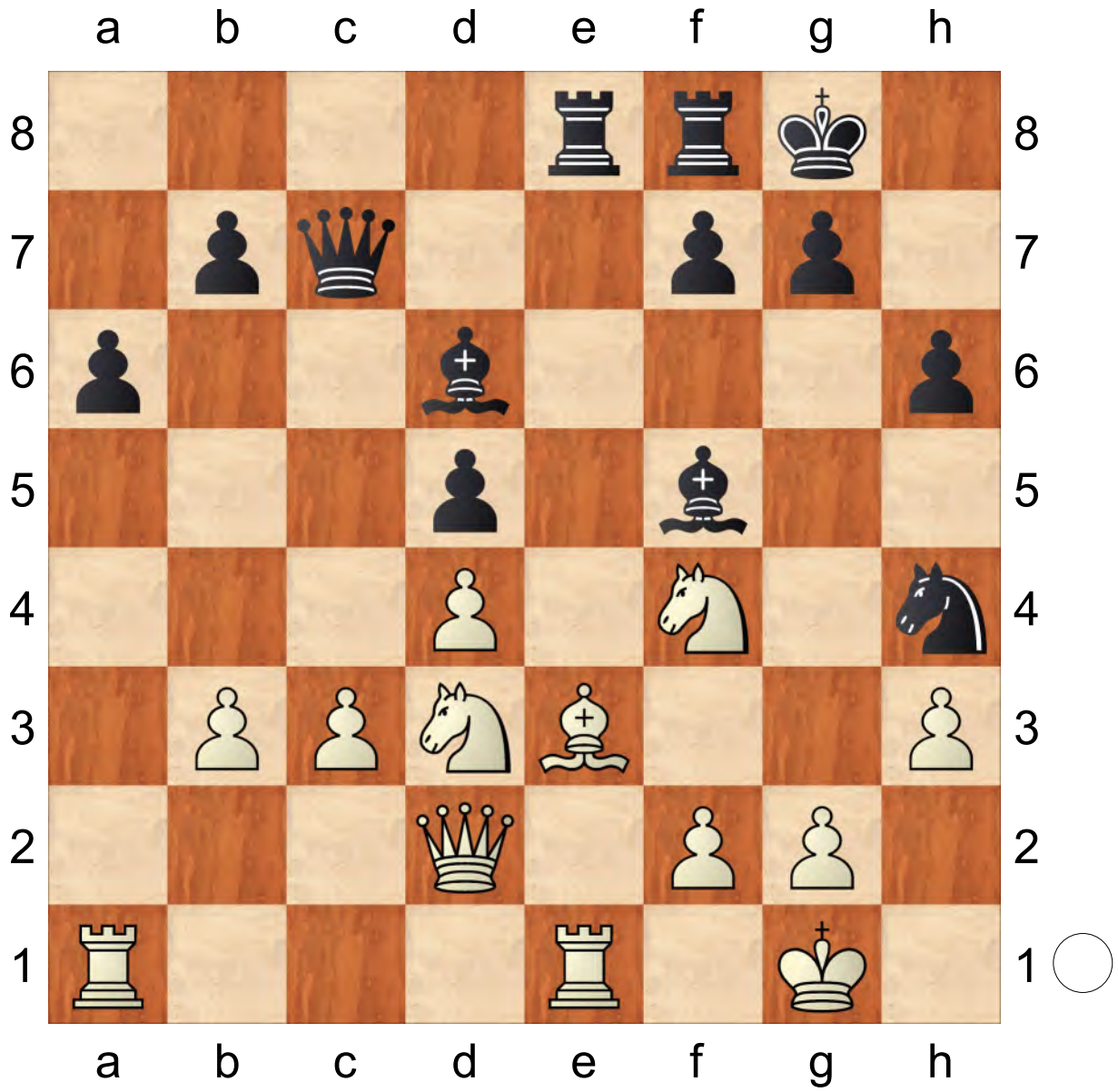
(Diagram)

31.Kf2 Nf5 32.Ne2 Re3 33.Qc8+ Kh7 34.Rc3 Re6

[34...Rxe2+ 35.Kxe2 Nxd4+ 36.Kd3□ *(36.Kf1? Qd2; 36.Kd1 Qxg3 37.Qg4 Qf2)* 36...Nxf3 37.Kc2∓]

35.Rd3□ Qg6

(Diagram)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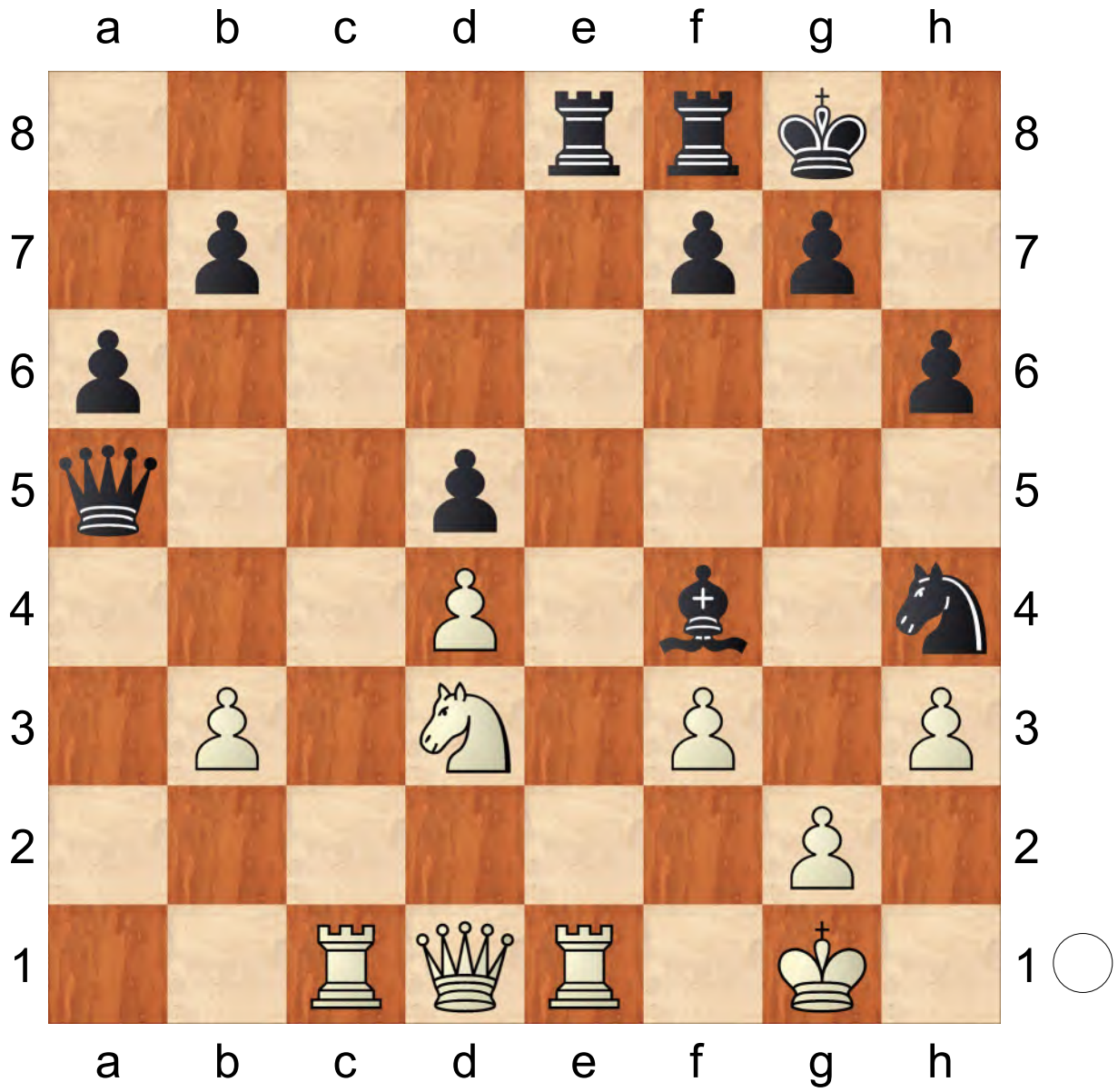
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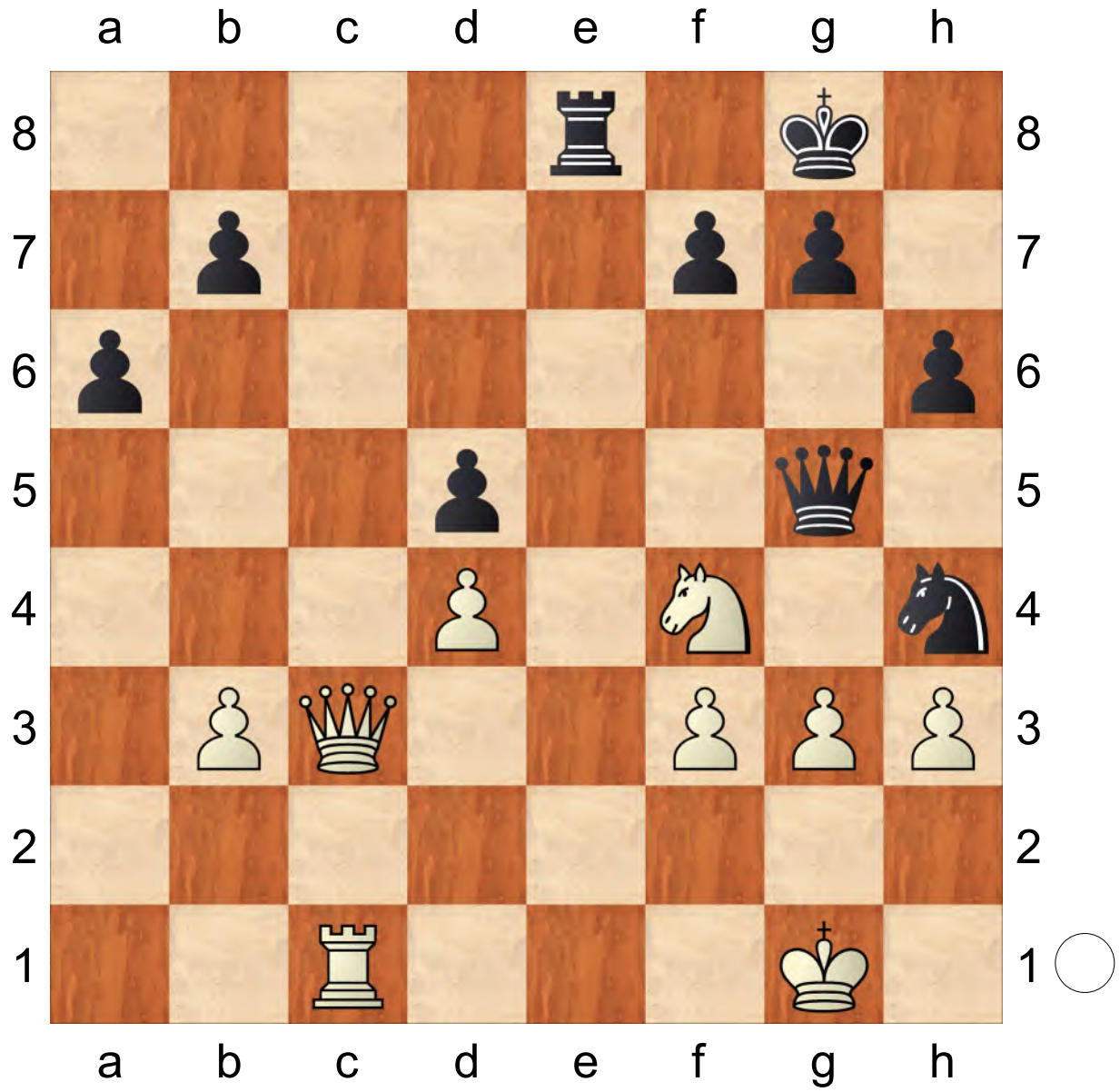
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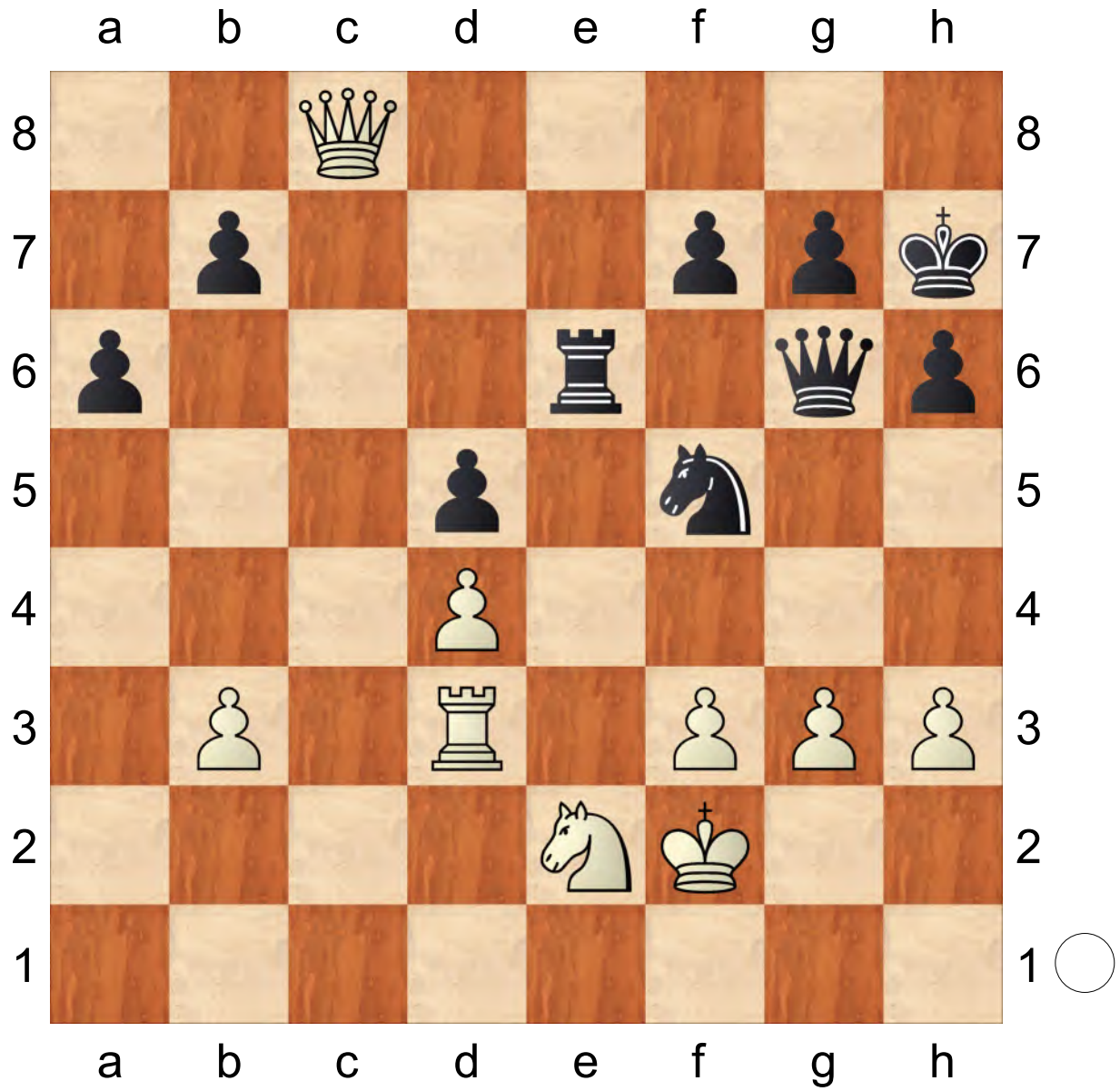

36.Qc2
[36.Rd2 Qh5!]
[⌓36.Qc3]
36...Rxe2+ 37.Kxe2?? I can only guess...time trouble,but QxR would not change the result
[37.Qxe2 Qxg3+ 38.Kf1 Qxh3+-+]
37...Nxd4+

(Diagram)

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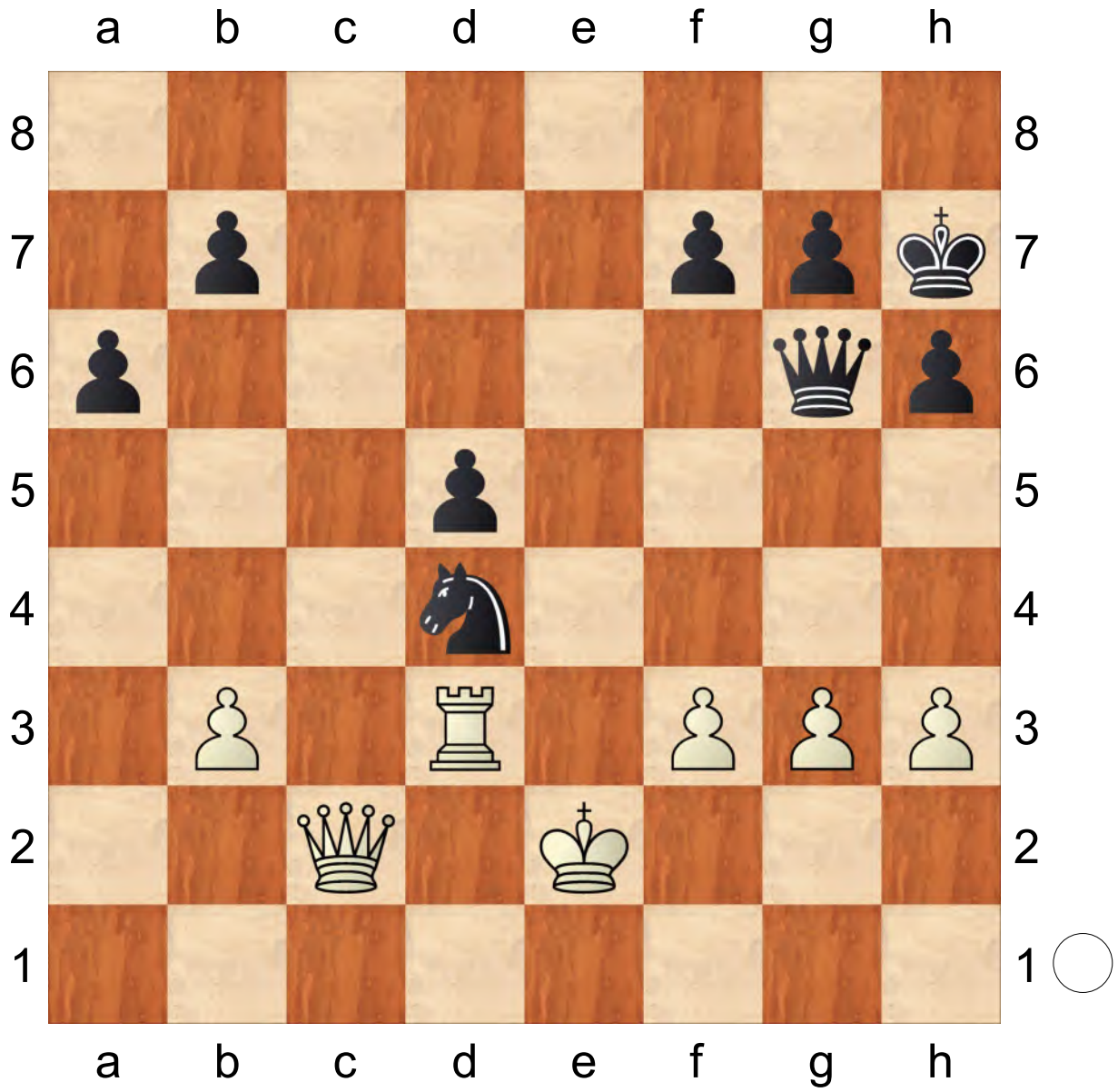
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C03

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■ **Timman,Jan H** **2630**
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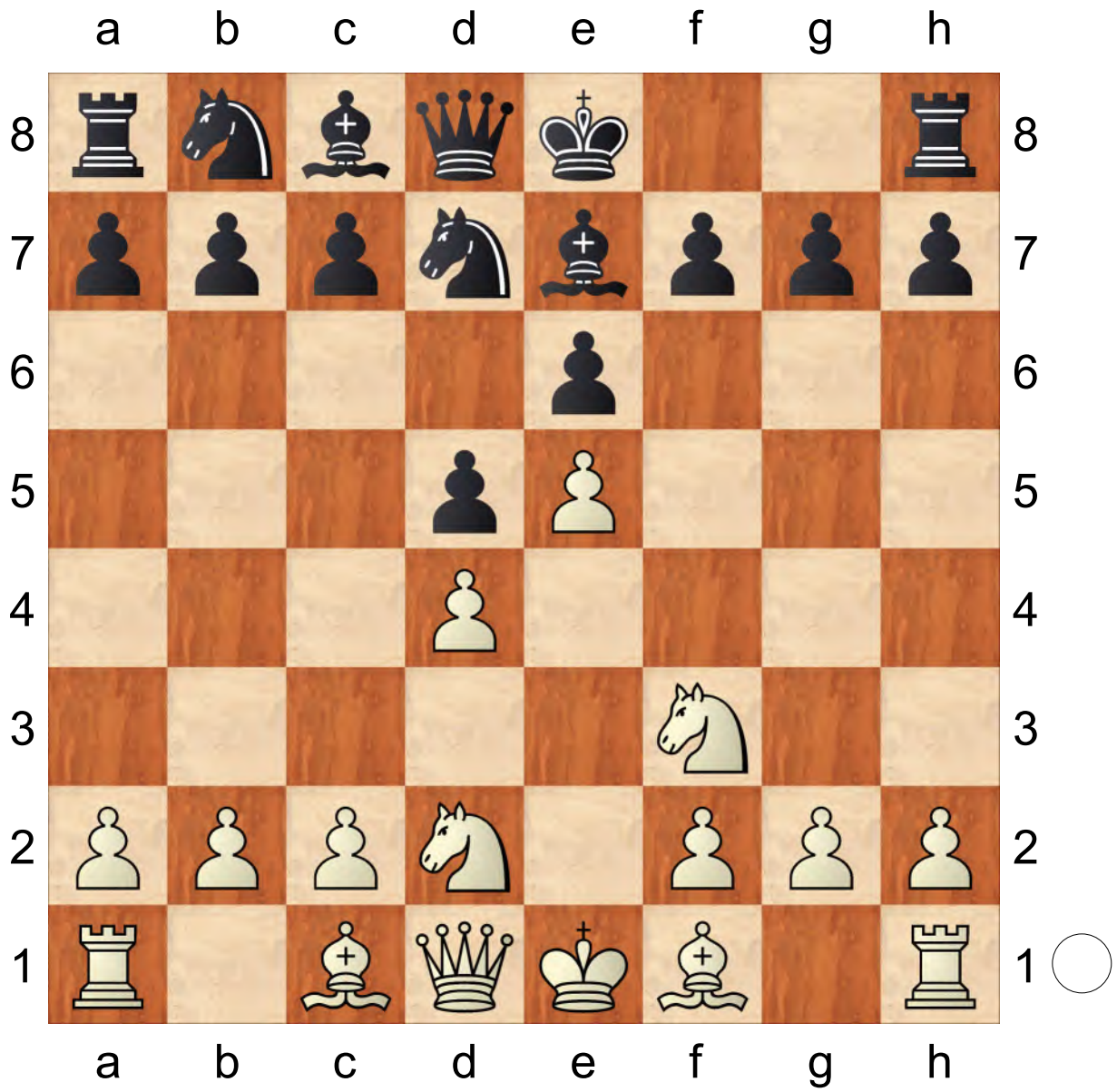
[Erenburg,Sergey]

1.e4 Erenburg **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7**



6.c3 c5 7.Be2 Quite a rare continuation in comparison to 7.♗d3. White's main idea is to keep a stable centre, protecting the d4 pawn with ♘b3. In this case, Black cannot punish White with c5-c4. **7...Nc6 8.0-0 0-0** Black tried also:

[8...a5 9.a4 0-0 10.Nb3 cxd4 11.cxd4 b6 12.Bd2 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Bc3 Ra7 15.Nc1 Qb8 16.Qe2 Qb7 17.Nd2 Qa6 18.Qxa6 Rxa6 19.Nd3 Rb8 20.f4

b5 21.axb5 Rxb5 1-0 Korneev,O-Lempert,I/Werfen 1993/EXT 97 (55).]
[8...Qb6 9.Nb3 cxd4 10.cxd4 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.h3 Nh5 14.Bh2 Nf4 15.Re1 Bb4 16.Rf1 Bd6 17.Rc1 a5 18.a4 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Bxh2+ 20.Nxh2 Qxb3 0-1 Smagin,S-Glek,I/Moscow 1999/EXT 2001 (20)]
[8...cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Bh4 Qe7 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qd2 Bf5 19.Rfe1 Bg6 20.Bf3 1-0 Erenburg,S-Porat,S/Ashdod International Open 2004 (63)]
[8...a6 9.Re1 b5 10.Nf1 Qb6 11.Be3 a5 12.Ng3 Ba6 13.Rc1 h6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Nd4 Nxe5 17.Bh5 Ncd3 18.f4 g6 19.fxe5 Nxc1 20.Qxc1 gxh5 21.Qf4 Rh7 22.Qf6 Kd7 23.Nxh5 Qd8 24.Qf2⩱ 1-0 Sznapik,A-Knaak,R/Zakopane 1980/EXT 2002 (40)]

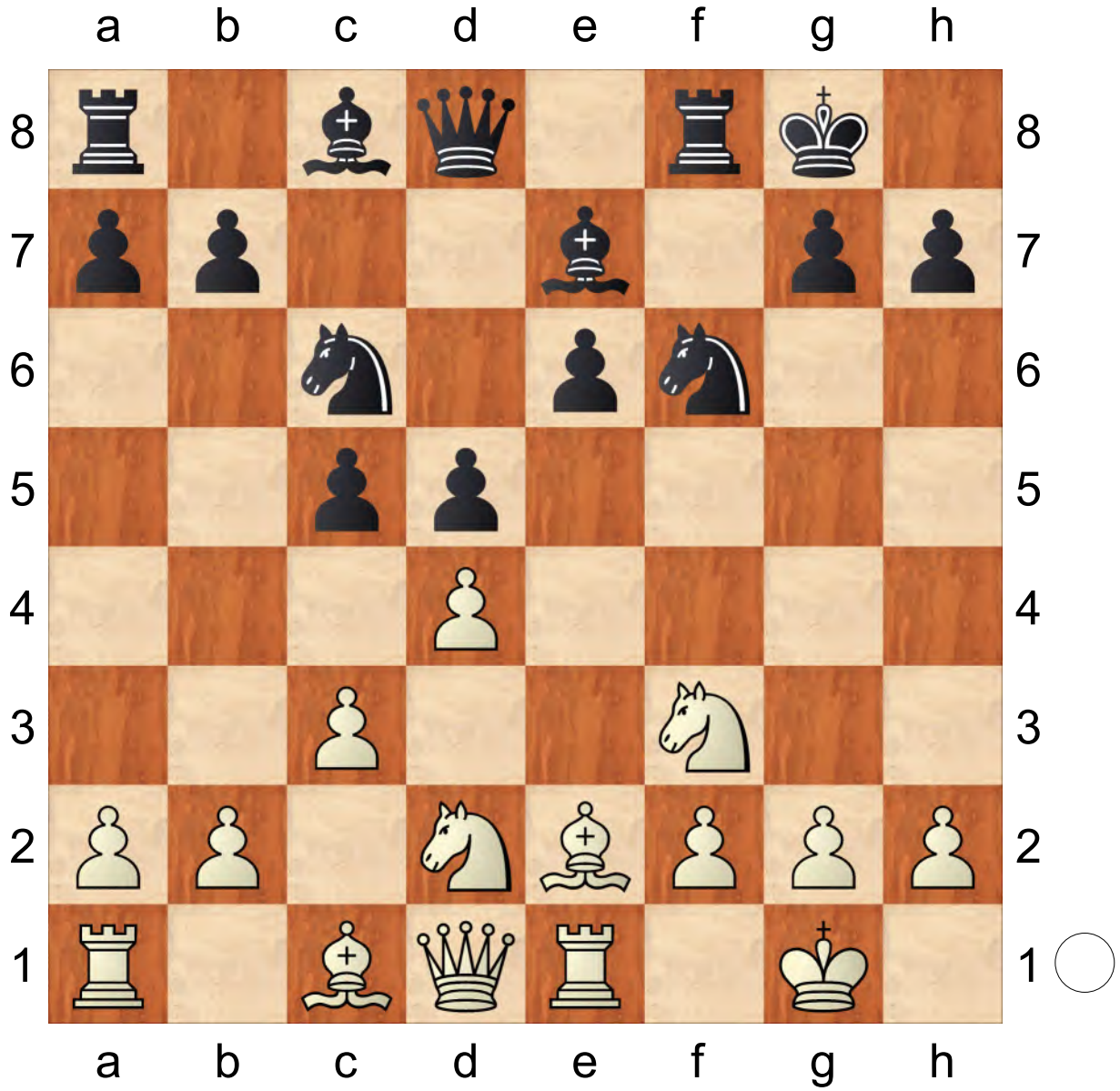
9.Re1 I decided not to hurry with depending the pawn structure in the centre, but first to centralize my pieces.
[9.Nb3 c4 10.Nbd2 b5 11.a3 a5 12.Re1 Nb6 13.Nf1 Bd7 14.Bf4 b4 15.Qc1 bxa3 16.bxa3 a4 17.Bg5 Na5 18.Ra2 Rb8 19.Ng3 Na8 20.Nh5 Kh8 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Bd1 Rb3⇄ 0-1 Erenburg,S-Kuraszkiewicz,M/Warsaw POL 2005/The Week in Chess 555 (62)]

9...f6
[Another possibility is to attack white's centre with 9...Qb6 10.Nb3 cxd4 11.cxd4 f6 12.Bd3 fxe5 13.dxe5 Rf7 14.Qc2 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Ndxe5 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Kg2 Qb4 18.Bd2 Qh4 19.Bd3 Bd7 20.Be3 Rf8 21.f4 Qg4+⟶ 0-1 Agouridis,A-Dvoirys,S/Ano Liosia op 2000 (30)]
[9...cxd4 gives White an opportunity to develop the queenside knight to b3: 10.cxd4 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Nb3 e5 13.dxe5 Ndxe5 14.Nfd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qb6 16.Be3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.Qa4 Bxd4 19.Qxc4+ Be6 20.Qxd4± 1-0 Ramos,A-Ribeiro,J/Manila 1992/TD (70)]

10.exf6 Nxf6

(Diagram)

11.Nf1 Transfering the knight to the kingside.
[The alternative was to define the structure in the centre with the following transfer of the queenside knight to b3: 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nb3 Bd6∞ , but, it looks like the centre promises the second player good chances.]
[11.Bd3 Qb6 12.Qa4 Bd7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Qh4 e5 15.b4 Be7 16.Nxe5 Ne4 17.Nxd7 Bxh4 18.Nxb6 Bxf2+ 19.Kh1 Bxe1 20.Nxa8 Nf2+ 21.Kg1 Nxd3 22.Nc7 Nxc1 23.Nf3 Ne2+ 24.Kf1 Bxc3 25.Rd1 Ned4 26.Nxd5 Nxf3 27.gxf3 Bxb4 28.Rb1 a5 0-1 Koniuh,S-Jasny,S/Moravia 1996/EXT 98 (28)]
[Of course, 11.Nb3 makes white's centre more stable, but after c5-c4 White has lost two tempi a5?! *(More logical is 11...c4 12.Nbd2 Bd6* following with the breakthrough in the centre.*)* 12.a4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qb6 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.h3 Bb4 16.Re2 Rae8 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Rc1 Qd6 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Bc5 Qf4 22.Bxf8 Bxf8 23.Nxa5 Qb4 24.Nb3 Bxa4 25.Bc2 e5 26.Nd4 Bd7 27.Nf3



Qf4 28.Bb3 Bc6 29.Qd2 Qf5 30.Rce1 e4 31.Nd4 Qe5 32.Nxc6 bxc6 33.Qc3 Qb8 34.Rd1 Qb6 35.Ba2 Kh8 36.Rc2 e3 37.fxe3 Rxe3 38.Qd4 Re1+ 39.Kh2 1-0 Tiede,A-Kotarski,M/Germany 2005/EXT 2006 (39)]

11...cxd4N After White moved the knight from the centre to f1, there is no point for Black to wait with the capture on d4. According to my database, this position appeared for the first time.

[11...Ne4 Is met by 12.Bd3]

[In the preceding game Black continued 11...Qc7 12.Bg5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb4 14.Bd2 Bd6 15.Ng3 Qb6 16.Bc3 Ng4 ½-½ Bernai Tinajero,J-Redondo Arguelles,G/Asturias Preferente op 1998 (44)]

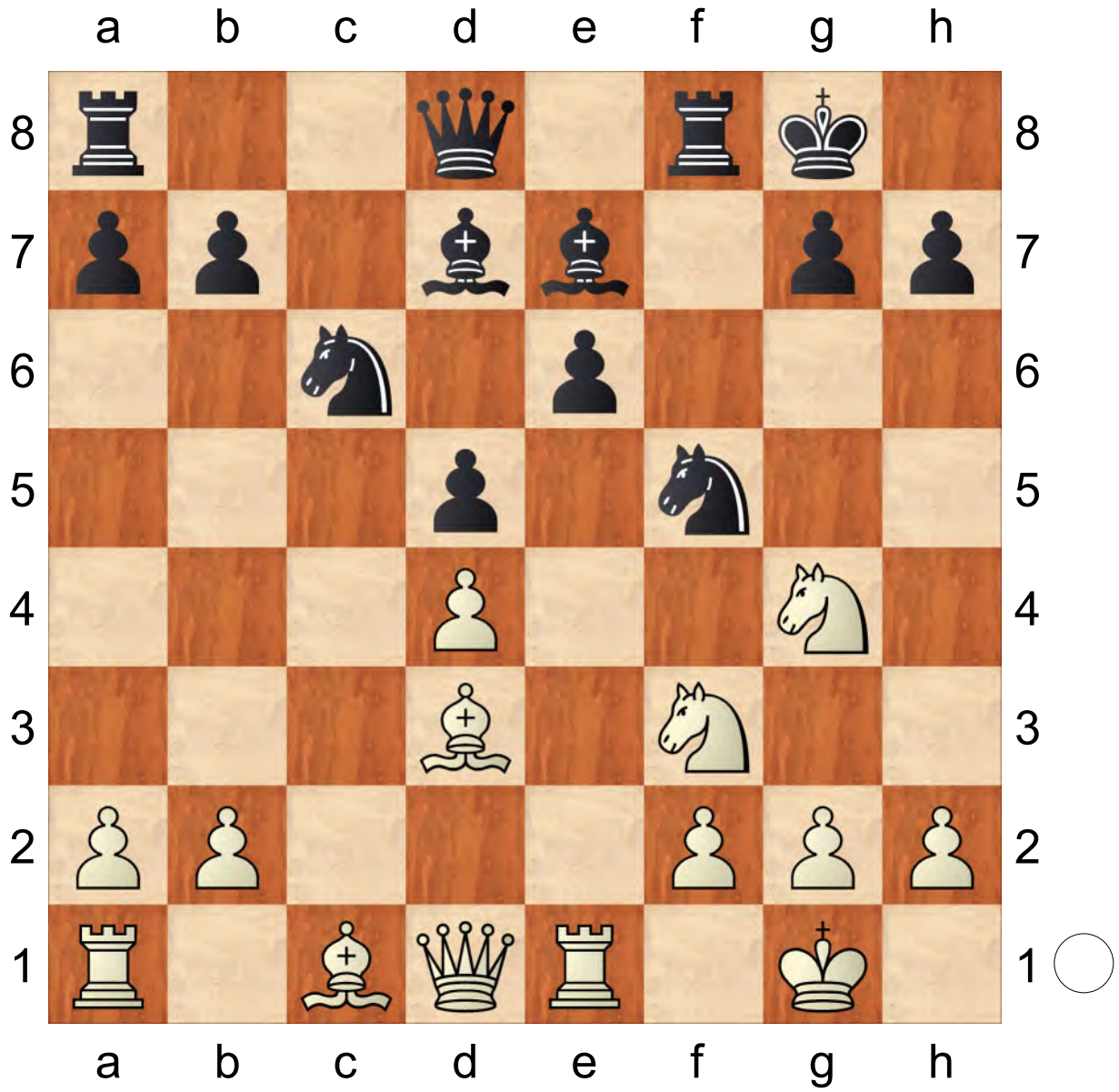
12.cxd4 White's prospects are better, due to the passive black light-squared bishop. That's why Black should play aggressively against white's central pawn. **12...Ne4 13.Bd3! Nd6** Intending to transfer the knight to f5.

[13...Bb4 Doesn't lead to equality: 14.Re2 *(14.Rxe4!? dxe4 15.Bxe4 Bd7 16.Qd3 h6 17.d5⩱)* 14...Nd6 *(14...Rxf3 15.gxf3 Ng5 16.Kg2 Qf6 17.f4 Nf7 18.Be3 Bd6 19.Ng3 Bxf4 20.Rc1±)* 15.a3 Ba5 16.Bg5±]

14.Ne3! Covering the f5 spot, and at the same time, intending to occupy the e5 stronghold via the g4 square. **14...Bd7** Black's plan could be transfering the light-squared bishop to h5 via e8.

[14...Nf5? 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Bf4±]

15.Ng4 Nf5



16.Nge5± After White has succeeded to occupy the e5 stronghold, his position became better. **16...Rc8**

[White is better also after 16...Nfxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qxd4±]

17.Bf4

[Worth of consideration: 17.Nxc6!? bxc6 18.Bf4±]

17...Nfxd4?
[Better was 17...Nh4!
A) 18.Be3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Bb4 20.Bxh7+!? *(20.Rf1!?; 20.Bd2!?)* 20...Kxh7 21.Ng5+ Kg8 22.Qh5 Rf5 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxg7+ Kd6 26.Nf7+ Rxf7 27.Qxf7 Kc7 28.Bf4+ Kb6 29.Red1 Qe7∞;
B) 18.Nxc6 Rxc6 19.Nxh4 Rxf4 20.Nf3 *(20.Bxh7+? Kxh7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Ng6 Rh4!∓)* 20...Bb4 21.Re3 Bd6=;
C) 18.Bg3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Qb6 20.Ne5 *(20.Qb1 h6)* 20...Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Qxb2 22.f4 *(22.Qh5 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qh4∓)* 22...Qa3 23.Re3 Rc3 24.Rh3 h6 *(24...g6 25.Rxh7+-)*
C1) 25.Rxh6? gxh6 *(25...Rxd3 26.Qh5+-)* 26.Qg4+ Bg5 27.fxg5 Rc1+-+;
C2) 25.Rg3 Bf6;
C3) 25.Qd2 Rfc8 *(25...Bb4 26.Rg3 Rf7 27.Rb1⩱)* 26.Rf1⩲]
18.Nxd4 Rxf4? Black is allowing White to win the game with a simple combination.
[It was not too late to prevent white's attack on the kingside with 18...Nxd4 19.Bxh7+ *(19.Qh5? Nf5 20.g4?* Is refuted by *Be8∓)* 19...Kxh7 20.Qxd4 Bc5 21.Qd3+ Kg8 22.Be3± but, the position favours White anyway, thanks to some strongholds in the centre.]
19.Ndxc6! Rxc6
[19...Bxc6 20.Qh5 h6 21.Qg6 Kf8 22.Qxe6 *(22.Qh7 Bg5 23.h4+-)* 22...Be8 23.Bh7+-]
20.Qh5! g6
[20...h6 loses as well: 21.Qg6 Bg5 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.g3 Rf6 24.f4+-]
[20...Rh4 21.Bxh7++-]

(Diagram)

21.Bxg6!
[21.Nxg6?! Rf7]
[21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.Qxf4+-]

(Diagram)

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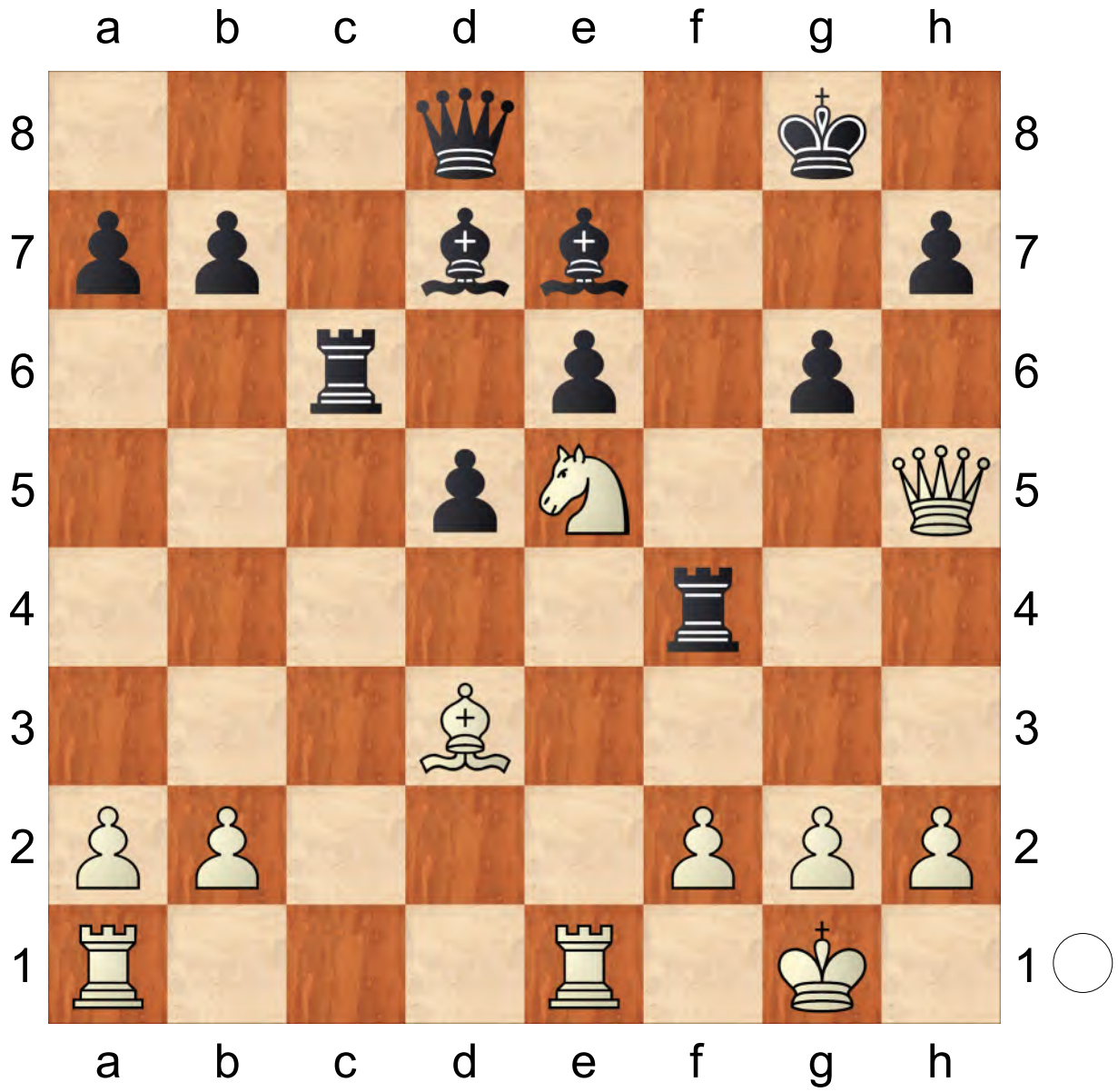
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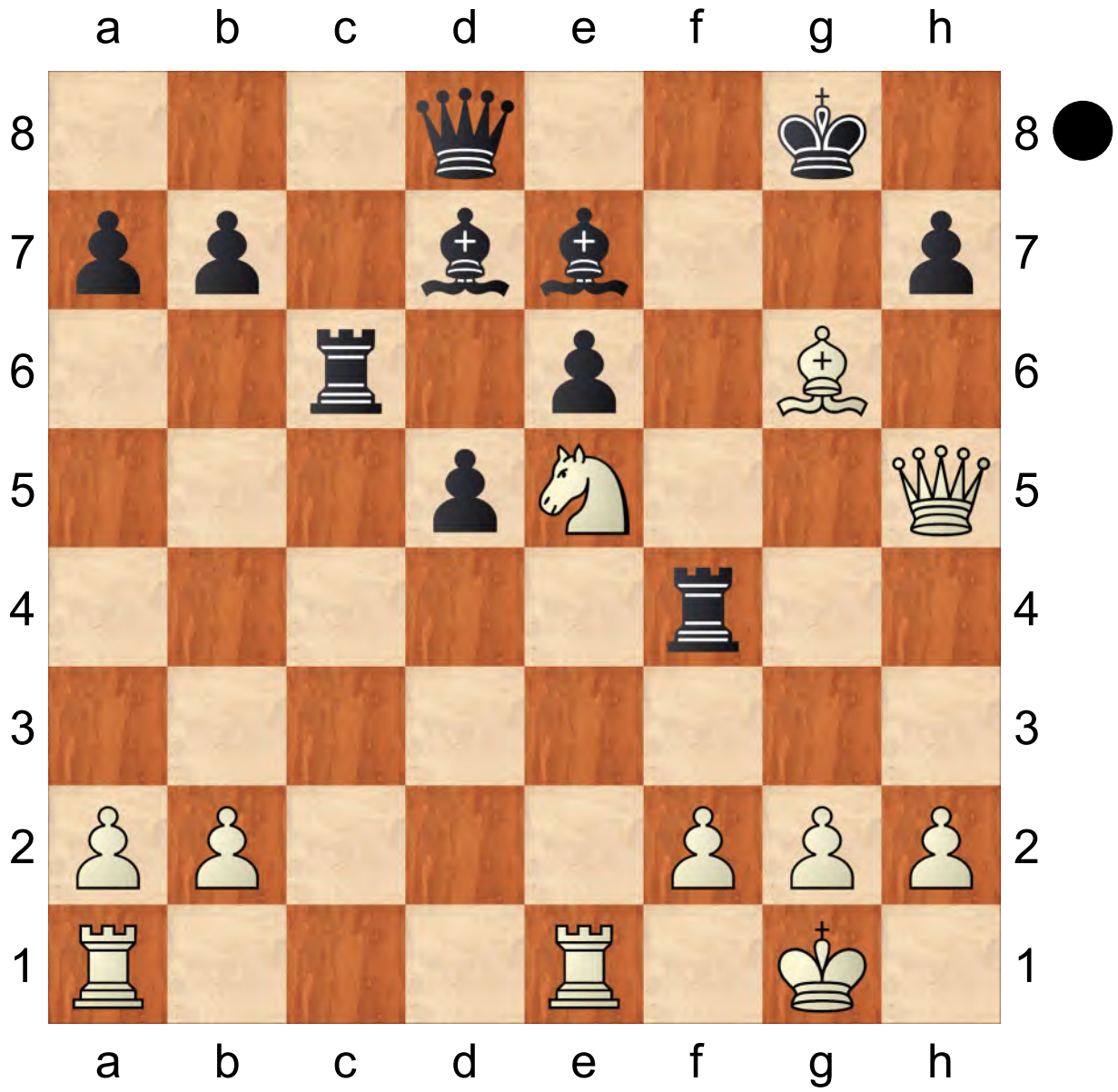
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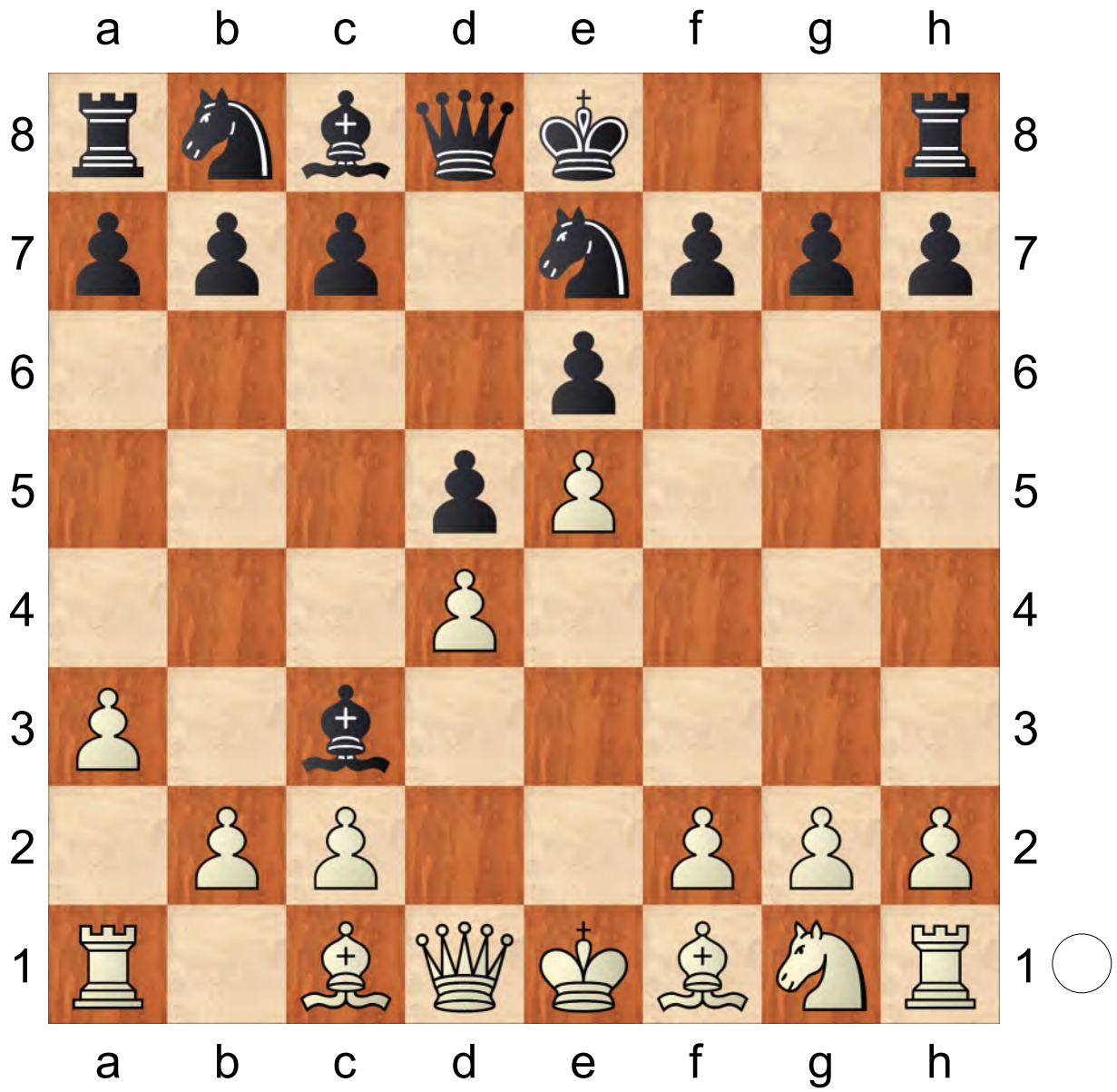
□ **Brueggemann,Joachim** **2404**
■ **Hertneck,Gerald** **2552**
Bundesliga 0405 (9.5) 30.01.2005
[Psakhis,Lev]

1.e4 Psakhis **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.bxc3 c5 7.a4
[7.Qg4!]
7...Qc7 8.Nf3 h6!?
[8...b6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bd3∞]
9.Bd3

[9.h4 b6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bd3 Nbc6 12.Bd2 c4 13.Be2 f6 14.Bf4 0-0 15.Qd2 Ng6 16.Bxh6 fxe5 17.Qg5 Be8 18.h5 Nf4 19.Qg4 exd4 20.cxd4 e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 0-1 Konguvel,P-Rustemov,A/Biel MTO 2004/ (41)]

[9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6

A) 12.Qd3 Nb8 13.Nh4 *(13.dxc5 bxc5 14.c4 0-0 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qc4 Nd7 17.Re1 Ne7 18.Qg4 Nf5 19.c3 Rfd8 20.Qh3 Nf8 21.g4 Ne7* 1-0 Hernandez,G-Dimitrov,V/Barcelona Spanische MM 2000 (39)*)* 13...Nbc6 14.f4 0-0 15.Ba3 Na5 16.Rae1 Qc6 17.g4 Qxa4 18.Bc1 cxd4 19.f5→ 1-0 Hellers,F-Hansen,C/Malmo 1997 (25);

B) 12.Qe2 Nb8 *(12...Qb7 13.Qb5+ Nc6 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.a5 0-0 16.c4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Ne7 18.Be3 Rac8 19.axb6 axb6 20.Qb5 Nf5 21.Ra3 Rfd8 22.h3 Nxe3 23.fxe3* 0-1 Mariano,N-Kruppa,Y/Dubai op 2004/*)* 13.a5 bxa5 14.Qb5+ *(14.dxc5 Nd7 15.Nd4 0-0 16.f4 Nxc5 17.Qb5 Ne4 18.Qxa5 Qxa5 19.Rxa5 Nxc3 20.Ba3 Rfe8 21.Ra1 Rac8 22.Rxa7 Nc6∓* Tan,K-L'Ami,E/NED-ch B20 Schagen 2003/EXT 2004/0-1 (49)*)* 14...Nd7 15.Qxa5 Qxa5 16.Rxa5 cxd4 *(16...a6!?)* 17.cxd4 Nc6 18.Ra1 Nb6 19.Ba3 Nc4 20.Rfb1 Nxa3 21.Rxa3 0-0= ½-½ Serper,G-Yermolinsky,A/USA-ch Seattle 2000/ (22)]

9...b6 10.0-0

[10.a5

A) 10...Ba6!? 11.Bxa6 *(11.axb6 axb6 12.Bb5+ Bxb5! 13.Rxa8 Ba6 14.Rxa6 Nxa6 15.Qd3 Nb8 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Nh4 0-0 18.f4 f5∓* 0-1 Gashimov,V-Hertneck,G/Leon Mannschafts-EM m 2001 (43)*)* 11...Nxa6 12.Qd3 c4 *(a) 12...Qb7 13.Qb5+ Nc6 14.axb6 axb6 15.dxc5 Nc7 16.Rxa8+ Qxa8)*;

B) 10...bxa5 11.0-0 c4 *(* Black experiences much more difficulties after *11...Ba6 12.Ba3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 Nd7 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.c4! dxc4 16.Rc1 Nb7 17.Rxc4 Qd7 18.Qc2↑* 1-0 McDonald,N-Shaked,T/London GM 1997 (47)*)* 12.Be2 0-0 13.Re1 *(13.Ba3! Nbc6 14.Bd6 Qd8 15.Nh4±)* 13...Nbc6 14.Bf1 *(14.Ba3 f6 15.Bd6 Qd7⇄)* 14...f6 15.Ba3 *(15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Ba3 Bd7)* 15...fxe5

B1) 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Rf7= *(17...Rf6 18.g3 Nf5 19.Qe2 Bd7 20.Bh3⩲)*;

B2) 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Qc7 19.g3 *(19.Be2!?)* 19...Bd7 20.Bh3 Rf6∞ 0-1 Topalov,V-Bareev,E/Wijk aan Zee-A 2004/CBM 99/[Psakhis,Bareev] (49)]

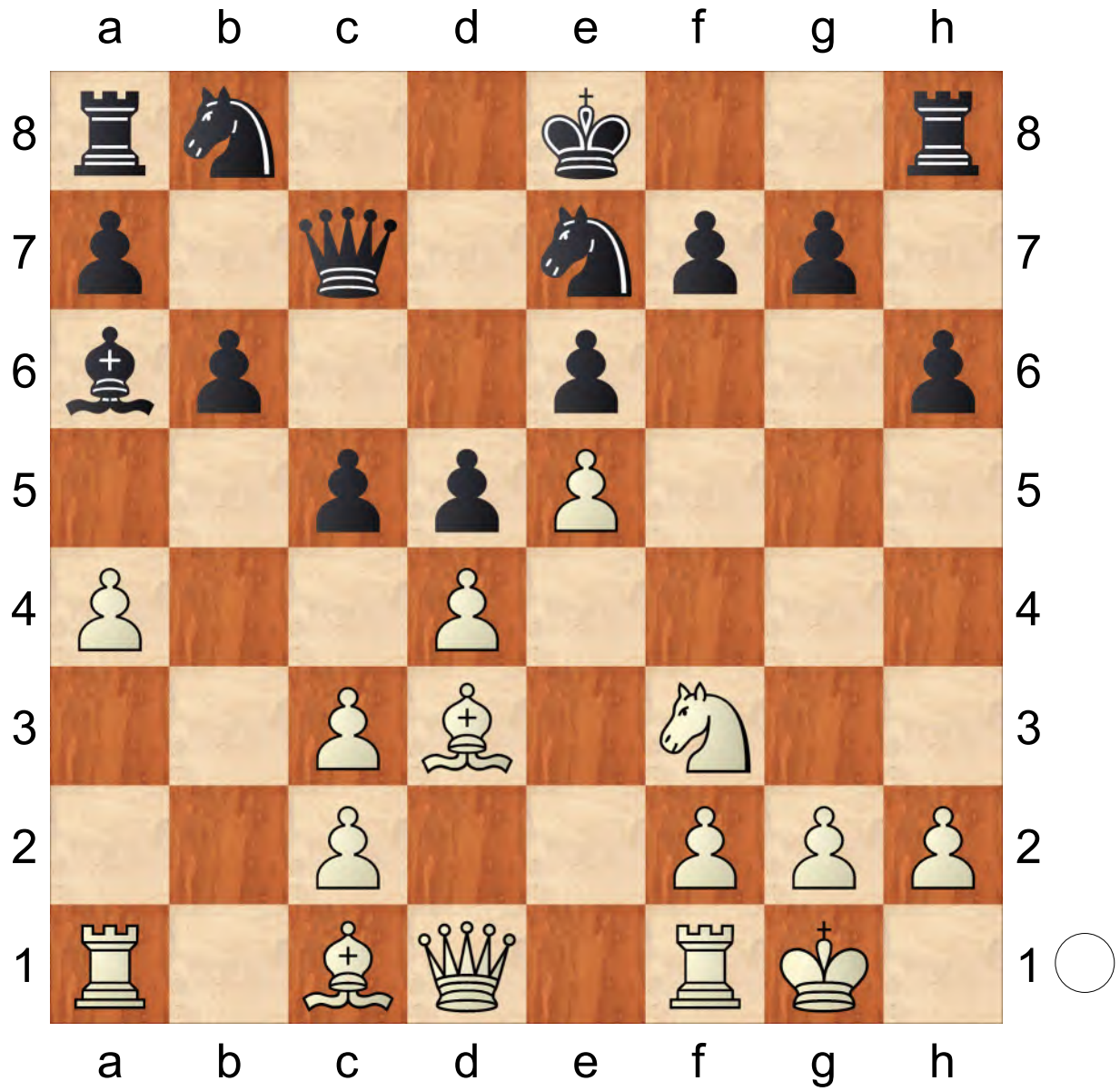
10...Ba6

(Diagram)

11.dxc5N

[11.a5

A) 11...Qc6!? 12.Re1 *(12.Ba3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 Nd7 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.d4 Rc8 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Rfb1 Rfe8 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nd4 Qa8 20.a6 Ne4 21.Rb7*



Ng6 1-0 Arakhamia,K-Sedina,E/EUR-chW Dresden 2004/ (33)*)* 12...0-0 13.Ba3 *(13.h3 Bxd3 14.cxd3 Nd7 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Nh2 f5 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Ng4 Rf5 19.d4 Ng6 20.Ra2 Nf6 21.Rae2 Ne4± 1-0 Nijboer,F-Romero Holmes,A/ Wijk aan Zee 1995 (30))* 13...Rc8 14.Qd2 Bxd3 15.cxd3 Nd7 16.h4 bxa5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Rab1 Na4 20.Rbc1 Rab8 Garcia Martinez,S-Rodriguez Guerrero,E/Mancha Real 2002//0-1 (34);

B) 11...Bxd3 12.cxd3 Qc6 13.Nh4 0-0 14.Qg4 Kh7 15.f4 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Qe2 Nd7 21.Nf3 Qa6 22.c4 d4 23.Bd2 Ng6 24.Qe4 Rf7 25.Re1 Ndf8 Chandler,M-Casper,T/BL9394 1994/½-½ (35)]

[11.Ba3 Bxd3 12.cxd3 Nd7 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.d4 0-0 15.c4 Rfc8 16.Rc1 Qa5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nd4 a6 19.Bxc5 ½-½ Escobar Forero,A-Zlotnik,B/Los Reyes 2004/ChessBase]

[11.Nh4!? Bxd3 12.cxd3 0-0 13.Qg4 Kh7 14.dxc5 Qxe5 15.cxb6 *(15.Ba3 Nbc6 16.d4 Qf6∞)* 15...axb6 16.Rb1 *(16.Ba3* war besser, wenngleich mir auch hier die schwarze Position wegen der besseren Bauernstruktur sehr gut gefaellt *Nbc6)* 16...Nd7 17.Nf3 Qf5∓ ½-½ Borriss-Kindermann,S/BL 0102 2002 (40)]
[11.Re1 Bxd3 12.cxd3 Nd7 13.Ba3 0-0 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Nh4 Rfe8 16.f4 Ng6 17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.c4 Qc6 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Qb3 d4 21.Qb5 Qc7= ½-½ De Vreugt,D-L'Ami,E/Dieren op 2003 (24)]

11...bxc5 12.Re1
[12.Bb5+ Bxb5 13.axb5 Nd7 14.Re1 0-0∞]

12...0-0 13.Qd2
[13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qe2 Qc6]

13...Bxd3 14.cxd3 Nd7= 15.a5?! This pseudo-active move creates just problems for White.
[15.Ba3 Qa5 16.d4 Rfc8∞]

15...Rab8

(Diagram)

16.c4 Rfd8 17.Qf4
[17.cxd5 Nxd5∓]

17...Nf8 A good prophylactic move.
[17...Ng6!? 18.Qg3 dxc4 19.dxc4 Rb4 20.h4 h5!?∓]

18.Qg4 Nf5 19.Ra3 Rb1 20.h4
[20.Nd2 Rb4]

20...Qb7
[20...dxc4 21.dxc4 *(21.Qxc4 Rb4)* 21...Nd4↑ could be an interesting alternative to the text.]

(Diagram)

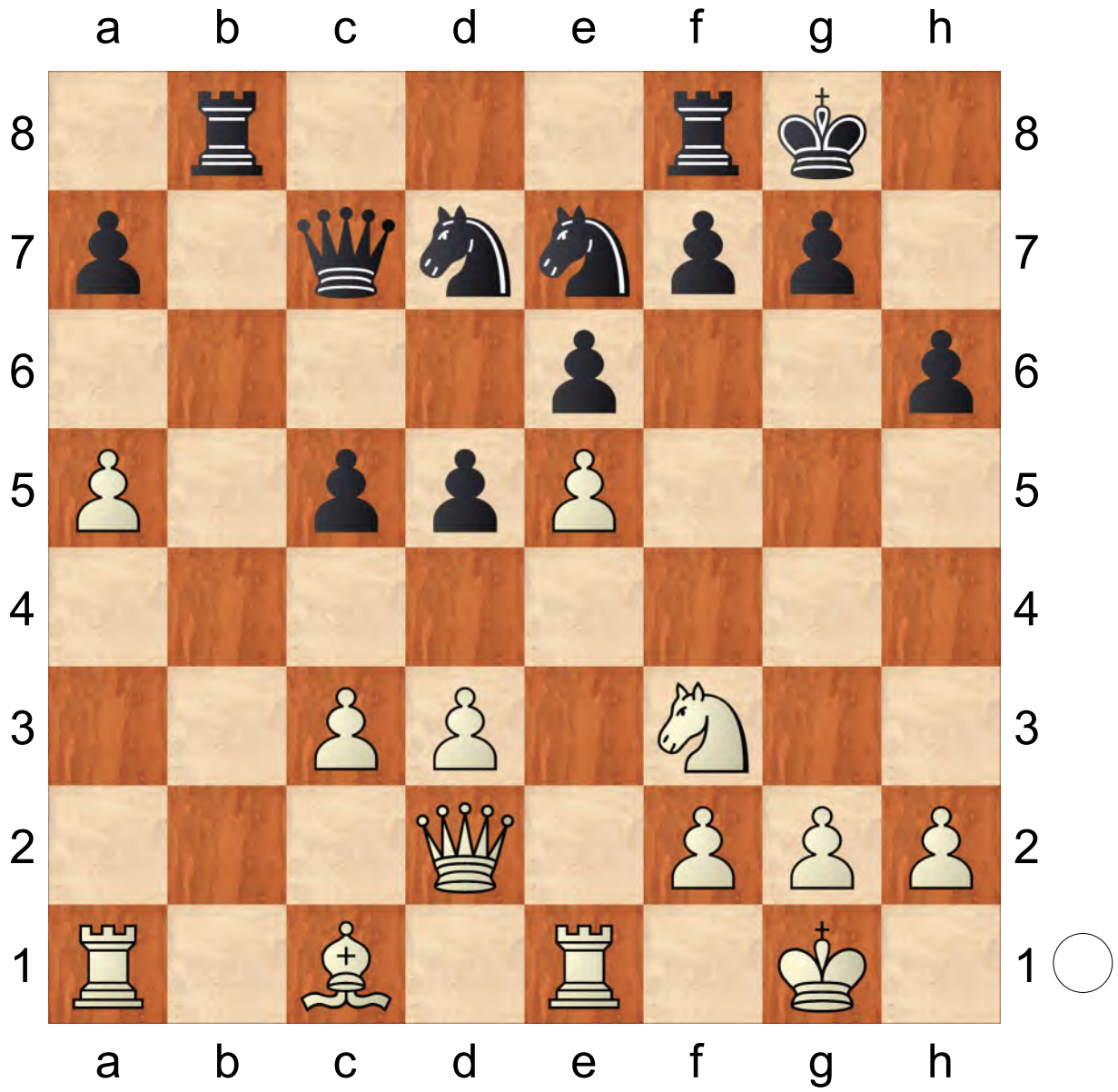
21.cxd5 Rxd5 22.h5 Qb4! It is not so easy to neutralize Black's initiaitve after this strong move. **23.Qc4**
[23.Qxb4 cxb4 24.Ra4 Rxd3-+]

23...Nd4 24.Nd2
[24.Qxb4 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 cxb4]

24...Rxe5! I guess White overlooked this nice and simple blow, since after the move Black gets the decisive advantage. **25.Rxe5 Qxd2-+**

(Diagram)

Hertneck's positional and material advantage is decisive now. **26.Rc3**
[26.Rxc5 Rxc1+ 27.Qxc1 Ne2+]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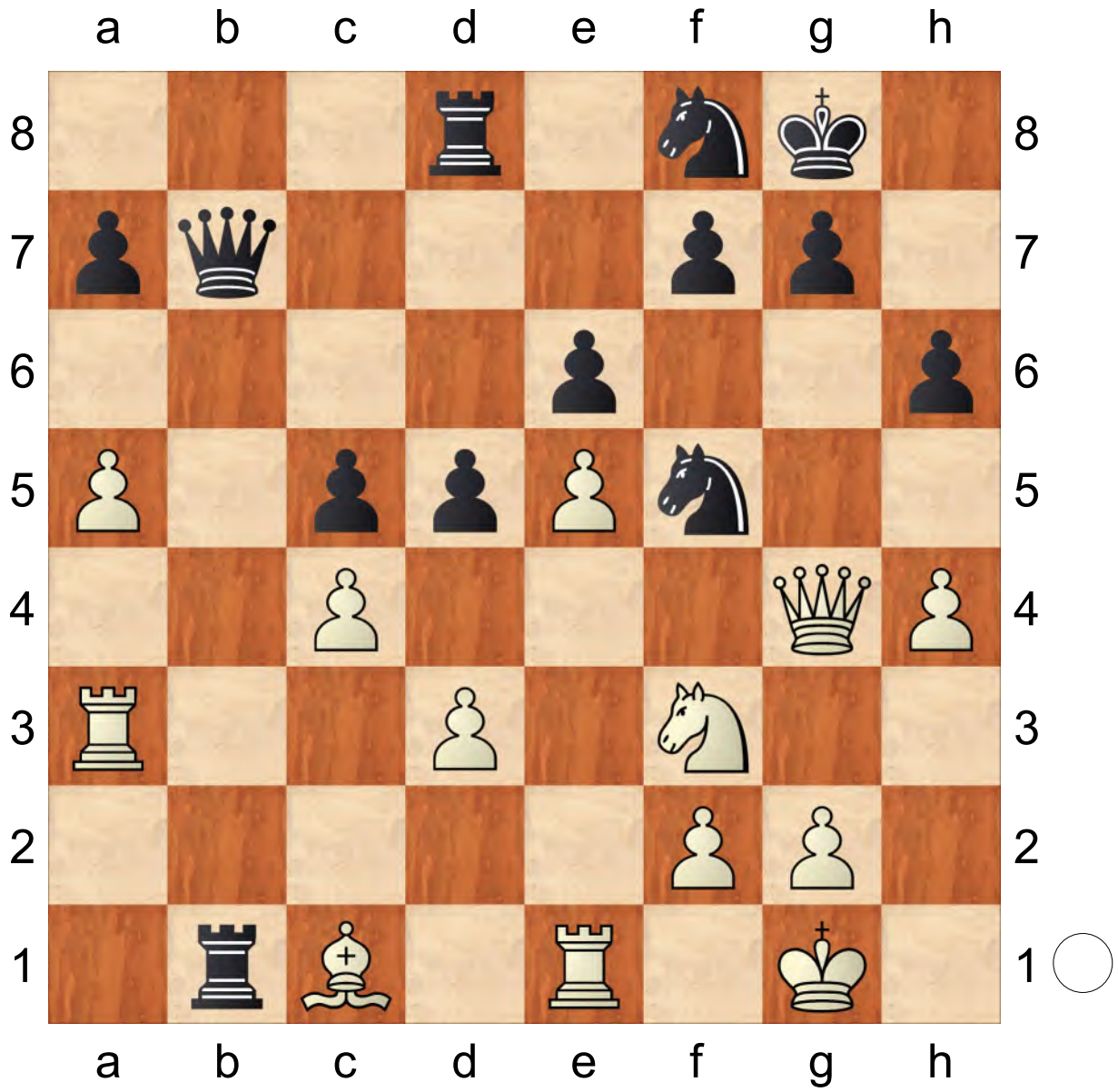
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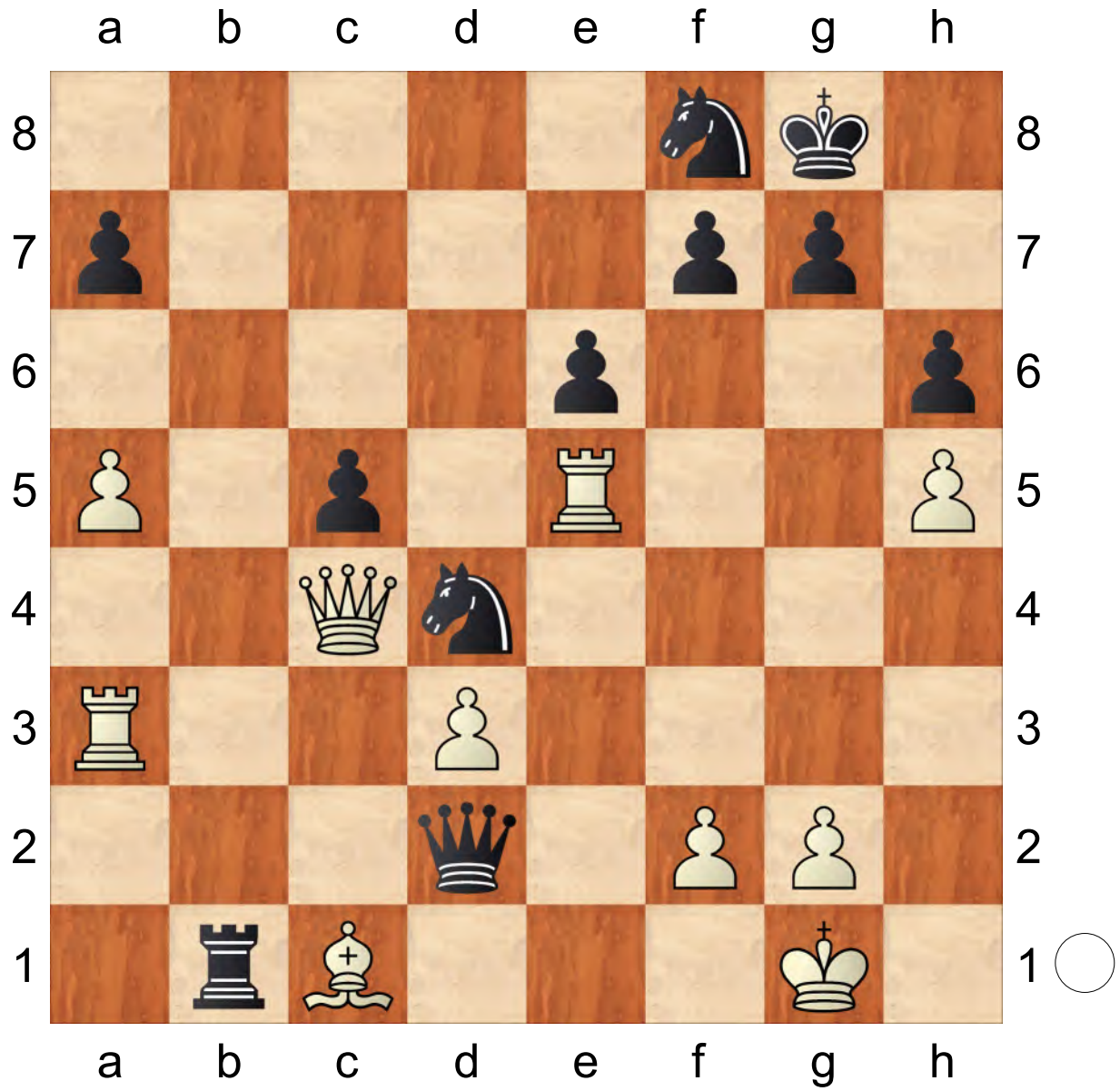
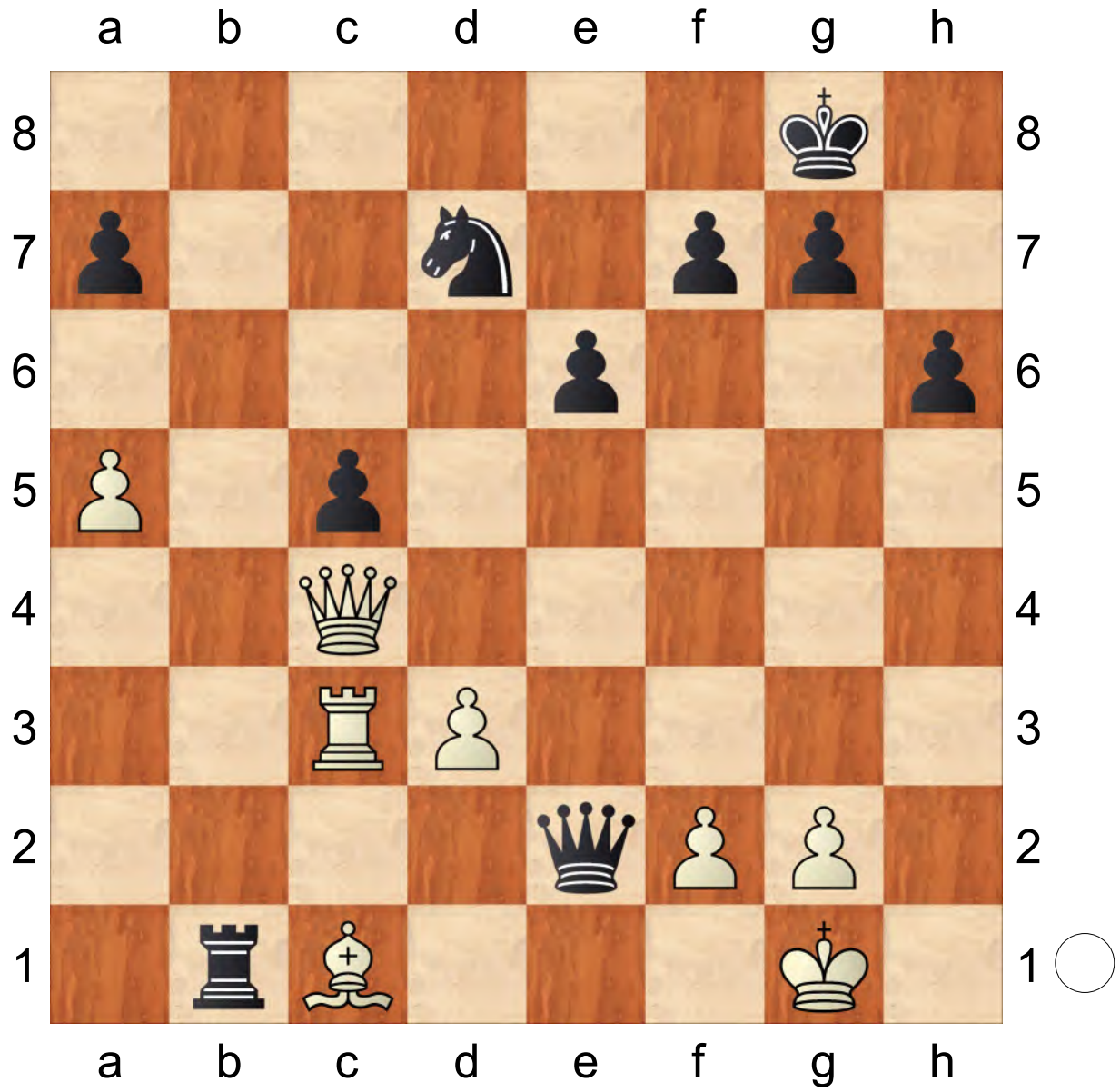


26...Nd7 27.Re4
[27.Rxc5 Qd1+ 28.Kh2 Ne2 29.Rc8+ Kh7 30.Qe4+ f5-+]
27...Qd1+ 28.Kh2 Qxh5+ 29.Kg1
[29.Kg3 Nf5+ 30.Kf4 g5#]
29...Ne2+
[29...Qd1+ 30.Kh2 Nb5 was also good enough]
30.Rxe2 Qxe2

(Diagram)

31.g3 Rb4 32.Qa6 Qe1+

(Diagram)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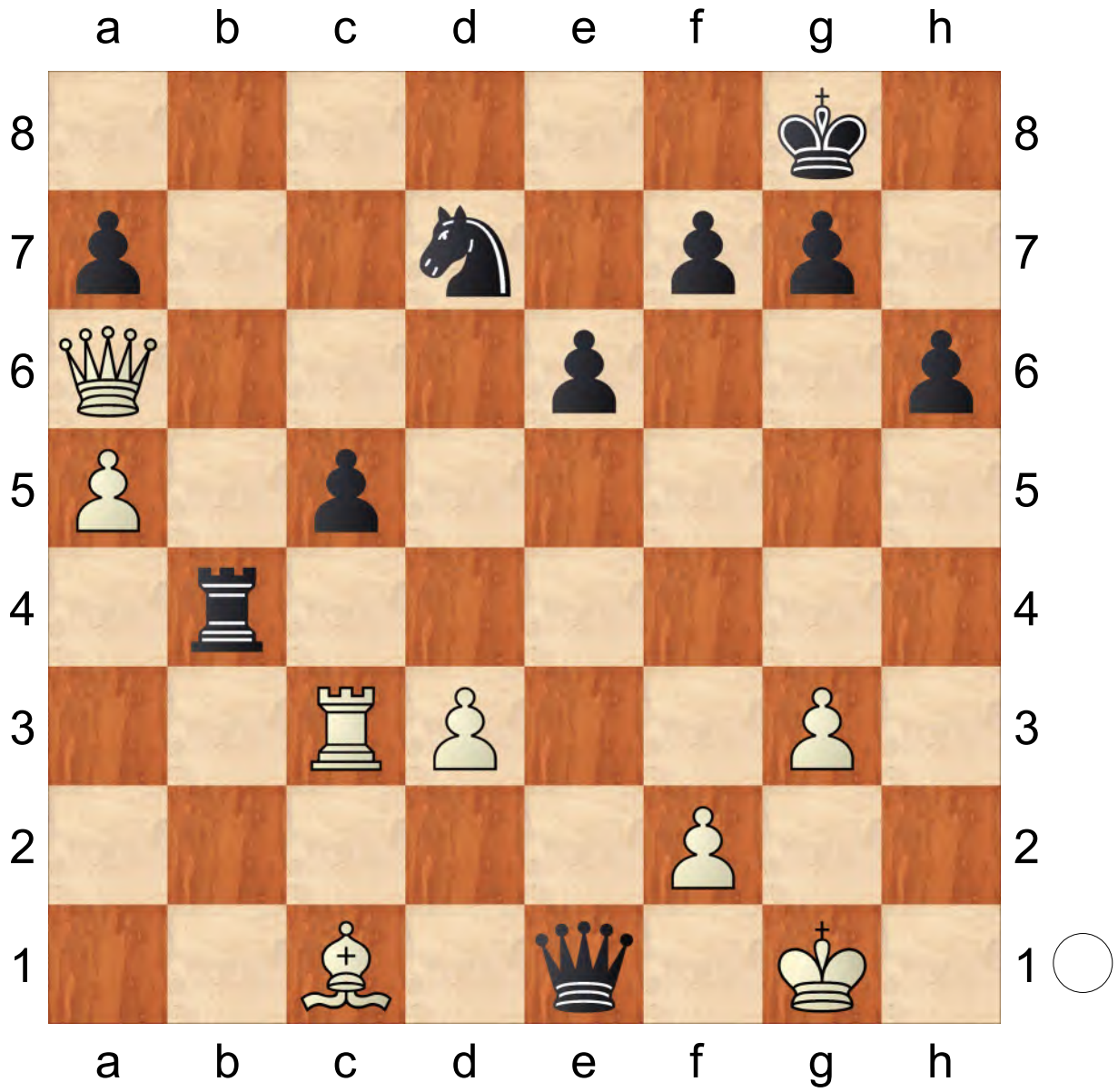

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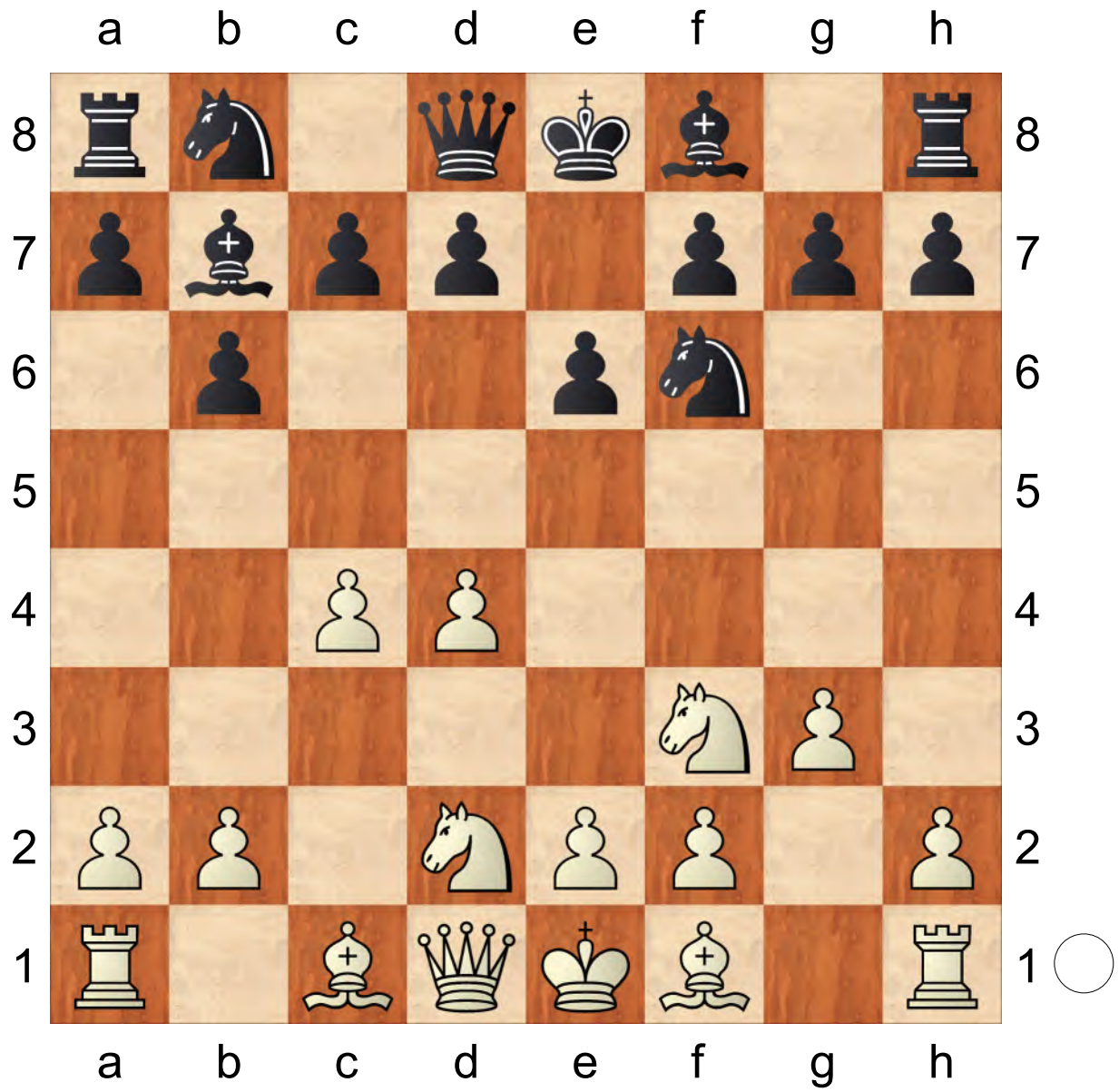
□ **Dorfman,Josif D** **2585**
■ **Hauchard,Arnaud** **2500**
FRA-ch Meribel (3) 16.08.1998
[Avrukh,Boris]

1.d4 Avrukh,B Avrukh,B **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb7**



6.Bg2 c5 7.e4
[7.d5!? exd5 8.Nh4 g6!? *(8...Be7 9.cxd5 Bxd5 10.e4 Bc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nf5⩱)* 9.cxd5 Bg7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.Nd6 *(11.0-0 d6 12.Bf4 Ba6! 13.Rc1 Bxc4 14.Rxc4 b5=)* 11...Ba6 12.a4 Ne8 13.Ne4 d6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Rb1 Ndf6= Van Wely,L-Psakhis,L/Leenwarden/1993/0:1/45/]

7...cxd4

[7...Nxe4 8.Ne5 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd2 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.Bxd2 Bxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.0-0 f6 14.Rfe1 *(14.Nc6 Qc7 15.Rfe1+ Kf7)* 14...fxe5 15.Rxe5+ Be7 16.Bg5 b5 17.Qxb5 Rb8 18.Qc6 Rb6 19.Qa4 Rb4 20.Qc6 Rb6 0,5/ Goldin,A 2535-Smirin,I 2490-Moskva (GMA) 1989]

8.0-0 Salov: Khalifman: Ein seit längerem bekannte Verbesserung gegenüber anderen Zügen.

[8.Nxd4 Bc5! *(8...Bb4 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.N2b3 Rc8 12.Rd1 a6 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Rd2 Bb4 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Rd4 Ne8 17.Rad1± Agdestein,S-Wedberg,T/Haninge 45/(665) 1988)*

A) 9.N2b3 Bxe4;

B) 9.N4b3 Be7= *(9...Be7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 d6 12.Nd4 0-0 13.b3 a6 14.Bb2 Nbd7=* Piket,J-Salov,V/Wijk/1992/ + Ftacnik,L-Chernin,A/Praha/1989/ *)*;

C) 9.Nc2 N Qc7 10.0-0 Be7 *(10...0-0 11.b3 Be7 12.e5!?; 10...Nc6 11.b3 h5!? 12.Rb1 h4 13.b4 Be7 14.Bb2 hxg3 15.hxg3 a5 16.a3 axb4 17.axb4±* Browne,W-Ivanov,AV/USA-ch/1989/*)* 11.e5?! *(11.b3 d6=)* 11...Bxg2 12.exf6 Bxf1 13.fxe7 Bd3 *(13...Bxc4 14.Qg4 Bd5 15.Ne3!? Rg8* **Δ** ♘c6-e7 *)* 14.Qf3 *(14.Qg4? Bg6)* 14...Bxc2 15.Qxa8 Kxe7 16.b3 Rd8! 17.Ba3+ Ke8 18.Qf3 *(18.Ne4 d5 19.Nd6+ Rxd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Rc1 Bf5-+)* 18...Qe5! 19.Rc1 Bg6**∓** Agdestein,S-Hjartarson,J/Beograd 48/692/1989/;

D) 9.Nb5 a6 10.Nc3 Qc7

D1) 11.Qe2 Be7! 12.0-0 d6 13.a4 **Δ** a5 Nc6! 14.b3 0-0 15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Rac1 Nc5 17.Qe3 Rfe8! 18.Ba3 Bf6! 19.b4?! *(19.Ne2 Rac8∓)* 19...Bd4 20.Qe2 Bxc3! 21.Rxc3 *(21.bxc5!? Bxd2! 22.cxb6 Bxc1 23.bxc7 Bxa3 24.Rb1 Ra7! 25.e5 Ba8!∓)* 21...Nxa4 22.Rcc1 a5**∓** Welin,T-Chernin,A/Lugano 47/642/1989/;

D2) 11.0-0 Be7=]

8...d6

[8...Nc6 9.e5 Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Ne4**±**]

9.Nxd4 Salov: Khalifman: Diese Stellung hatte Karpov schon auf dem Brett. Fürchtete er nun eine Verbesserung gegenüber der Spielweise von Ivantschuk?

9...Qc8

[9...Nbd7

A) 10.b3 Qc7 11.Bb2 Be7 12.f4 *(12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rae1* ½-½ Shvidler,E-Csom,I/Tel Aviv 1989/EXT 89 (13)*)* 12...0-0 13.f5 e5 14.Nb5 Qc5+ 15.Kh1 a6 16.Nc3 b5 17.g4 h6 18.Qe2 bxc4 19.Nxc4 Nb6 20.Ne3 d5 21.Nexd5 Nbxd5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 ½-½ Shulman,Y-Budnikov,A/Vladivostok 1994/;

B) 10.Re1 Qc7 *(10...Be7 11.e5 Bxg2 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Kxg2 Nc5 15.Ne4±; 10...e5 11.Nb5 a6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Nf1 Rc8 14.Ne3 0-0 15.a4 g6 16.b3 Nc5 17.Qc2 Re8 18.Ba3 Ne6 19.Qb1 Bf8 20.Rd1* ½-½ Cramling,P-Chiburdanidze,M/Groningen ctW 1997 (35) *)*

B1) 11.Nb5! Qb8 12.c5!! dxc5 *(12...Nxc5 13.Nc4±)* 13.Nc4 e5 14.f4!

Bc6 15.Nc3! b5 16.fxe5± Browne,W-Bradford,J/Dallas 1996/Inf 70/ [Yermolinsky,A] (16);

B2) 11.a4 a6 12.a5 Be7 13.N2b3 Rc8 14.axb6 Nxb6 15.Na5 Ba8 16.b3± 1-0 Huzman,A-Har Zvi,R/ISR-chT 1996/EXP 52 (36)]

[9...Qd7

A) 10.a4! Nc6 *(10...Be7 11.a5 0-0 12.Re1 Na6 13.b3 bxa5 14.Rxa5 Nc5 15.Qc2 Bd8 16.Ra2 Bb6∞* 1-0 Yermolinsky,A-Ivanov,A/USA-ch G1 1997/ (30) *)* 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.b4! *(12.Re1)*

A1) 12...a5!? 13.b5 Bb7 14.Bb2 Rc8 *(14...Be7?! 15.e5 Bxg2 16.exf6 Bxf1 17.fxe7 Bh3 18.Bxg7 Rg8 19.Ne4+-)* 15.e5±;

A2) 12...Be7 13.b5 Bb7 14.a5± 1-0 Browne,W-Ivanov,A/USA (ch) 1997/Inf 70/[Browne,W] (32);

B) 10.Re1 Be7

B1) 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Nc6 13.N2f3 *(13.f4?! Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5! 15.Bb2 exf4 16.gxf4 b5⇄)* 13...a6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6! 15.Nd4 Qc7=;

B2) 11.Nb1 Nc6 12.Nc3 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 0-0 14.b3 *(14.h3 Rab8 15.Be3 a6 16.a4 Ba8⇄* **Δ**♕*c7)* 14...Rfd8 15.Bb2 Rab8 16.h3 Ba8= 0-1 Ivanchuk, V-Karpov,A/Linares 1994/ (30)]

[9...a6!? 10.Re1

A) 10...Nbd7 11.e5! Bxg2 12.exf6 Bb7 *(12...Qxf6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Kxg2 Nc5 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 Be7 17.Rf4 Qe5 18.Be3 Rf8 19.Bd4 Qa5 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qg4* 1-0 Browne,W-Burger,K/World op 1990/ (34)*)* 13.fxg7 Bxg7 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 0-0 16.Rg4±;

B) 10...Qc7 11.a4!± Khalifman: Wenn Weiß zu a4-a5 kommt steht er gut. *(11.b3 Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rc1 Nbd7 14.Nf1 Rfe8 15.Rc2 Rac8 16.f3 Qb8 17.Bh3 Bf8 18.Ne3 Ba8 19.Bf1 Qb7 20.Rd2* ½-½ Nemet,I-Summermatter,D/Biel SWZ-ch (05)/1989 *)*

B1) 11...Nbd7 Ftacnik 12.a5 Be7 13.N2b3 Rd8 14.axb6 Nxb6 15.Na5 Ba8 Then White started an interesting attack: 16.Nac6 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.e5 Qxc4 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Be3 Nc8 21.Rc1 Qb4 22.Bd2 Qd4 23.Bc6+ Ke7 24.Re4 Avrukh,B Qd3 25.Rc3! *(25.Rb4* Boensch,U-Chuchelov,V/ Berliner Sommer sp 1996/1-0(32) *)* 25...Bxc3 26.Bg5+ f6 27.Qxd3+-;

B2) 11...Nc6 12.Nxc6 Khalifman: Logisch Bxc6 *(12...Qxc6 13.b4 Be7 14.Bb2±)* 13.a5

B2a) ⏢13...bxa5 14.Nb3 Rb8 *(14...a4 15.Nd4±)* 15.Nxa5 Ba8±;

B2b) ⏢13...Be7 14.Nb3 *(14.axb6 Qxb6 15.Re3 0-0)* 14...Rb8∞ *(14...0-0 15.axb6 Qxb6 16.Na5)*;

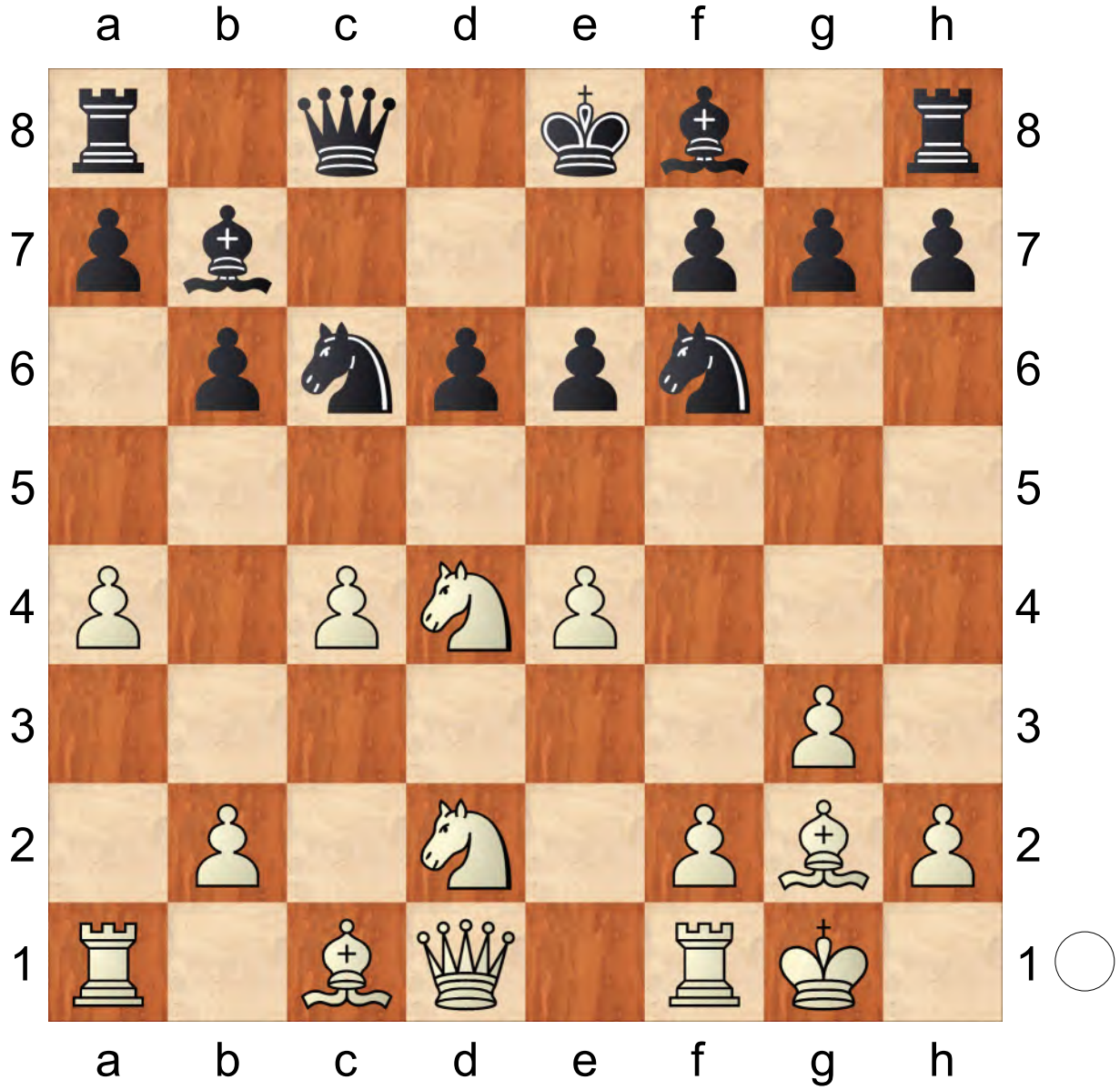
B2c) 13...Rb8?! Khalifman: Vermutlich hat Karpov bei der ganzen Sache das starke Turmmanöver im 15.Zug übersehen. 14.axb6

B2c1) 14...Rxb6 15.b3 *(15.c5 dxc5 16.Nc4 Rb4 17.Bf4 Qd7∞)* 15...Be7 16.Bb2±;

B2c2) 14...Qxb6 15.Re3!± 1-0 Salov,V-Karpov,A/Wijk aan Zee 1998/ CBM 63/[Salov] (32) Khalifman: Sehr stark gespielt.]

[9...Be7 10.Qa4+!? Qd7 *(10...Nbd7 11.Nc6±)* 11.Qxd7+ Nbxd7? *(⌓11...Kxd7±)* 12.Nb5 0-0 13.e5 Bxg2 14.exf6 Bxf1 15.fxe7±]
[9...Qc7 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.f4 a6 13.g4 Nc6 14.Nc2 Nd7 15.g5→ 1-0 Ftacnik,L-Van den Doel,E/Sonnevanck 1995/ (40)]

10.a4 Nc6



11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.b4 Be7 13.Qe2 a5

[13...0-0 14.b5 Bb7 15.a5 bxa5 16.Nb3 a6 17.b6! with advantage.]

14.c5!? bxc5?

[14...dxc5 15.b5! *(Δ15.Nc4?? axb4 16.Nxb6 Qa6!-+; 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Nc4 Ra6 17.Bf4 Qb7∓)* 15...Bb7 16.Nc4 Nd7□ *(16...Qc7? 17.Bf4+-)* 17.Rd1 0-0 18.Rxd7 Qxd7 19.Nxb6 Qd4 20.Bb2 Qb4 21.Nxa8 Rxa8=]

15.b5 Bb7

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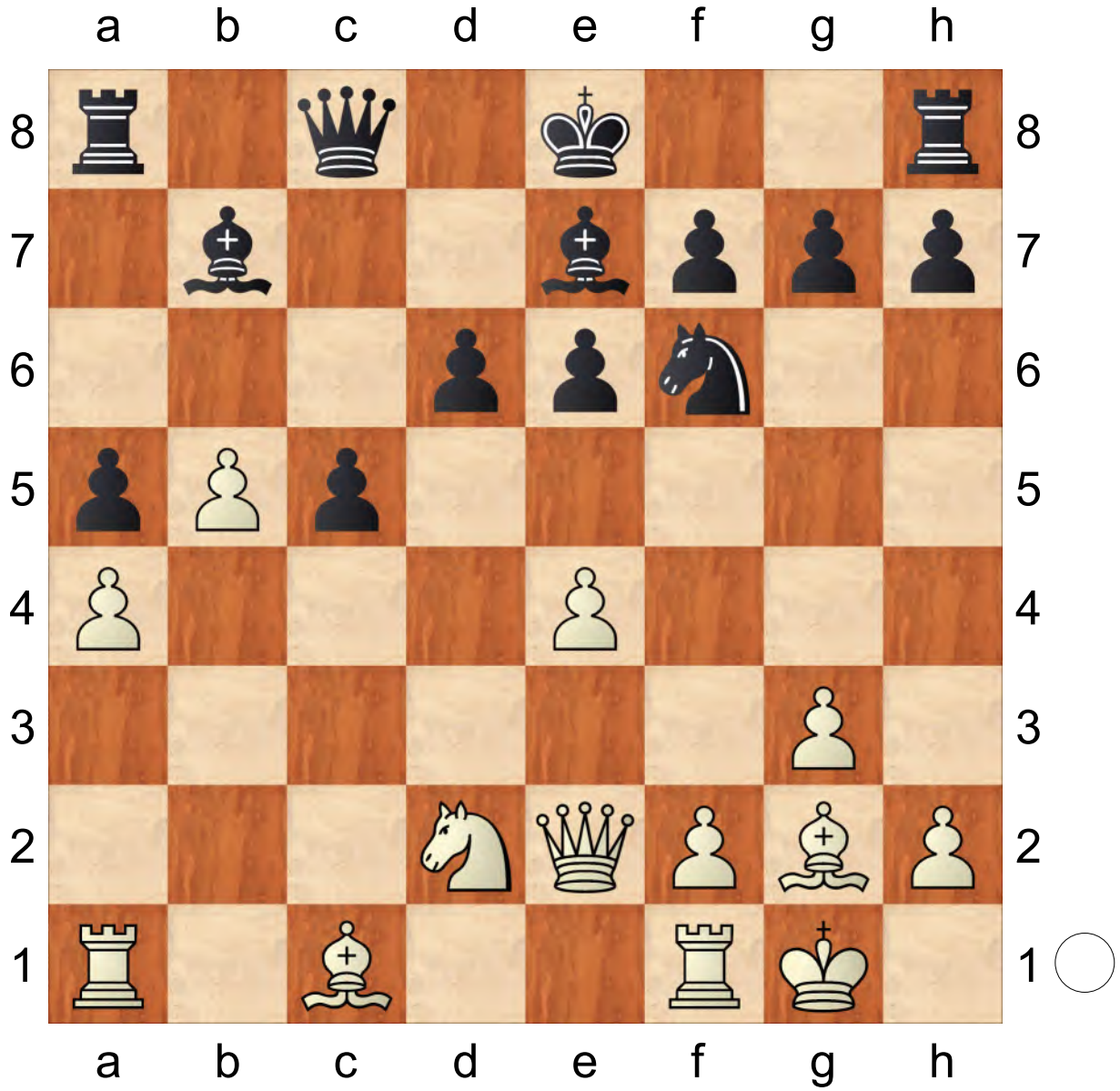
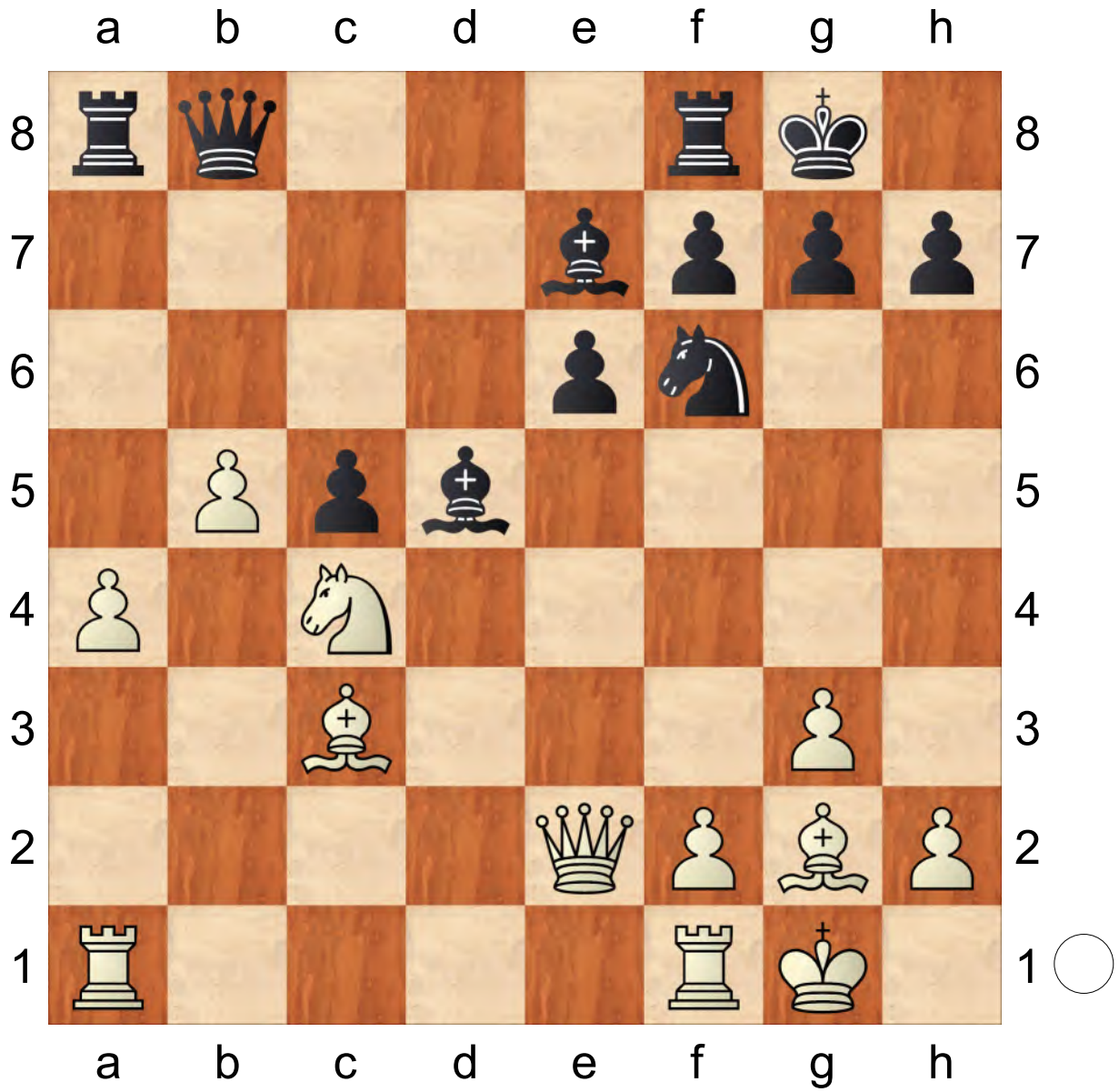


16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Bd2! 0-0
[17...d5 18.Bxa5 Qb8 19.exd5 Bxd5 *(19...exd5? 20.Rfe1 Ne4 21.Bc3! 0-0 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Nb6 Ra7 24.Nd7+-)* 20.Bc3±]
18.Bxa5 Qb8 19.Bc3± d5
[19...Re8 20.a5 d5 21.exd5 Bxd5±]
[19...Nxe4!? 20.Bxe4 d5 21.Qg4 *(21.Be5 Qa7 22.Qg4 g6 23.Bxg6 hxg6 24.Qh3 f6 25.Qxe6+ Rf7 26.Nd6 Bxd6 27.Bxd6±)* 21...g6 22.Bg2 *(22.Bxg6)* 22...dxc4 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qxc4±]
20.exd5 Bxd5
[20...Nxd5? 21.Be5 Qd8 22.a5+-]

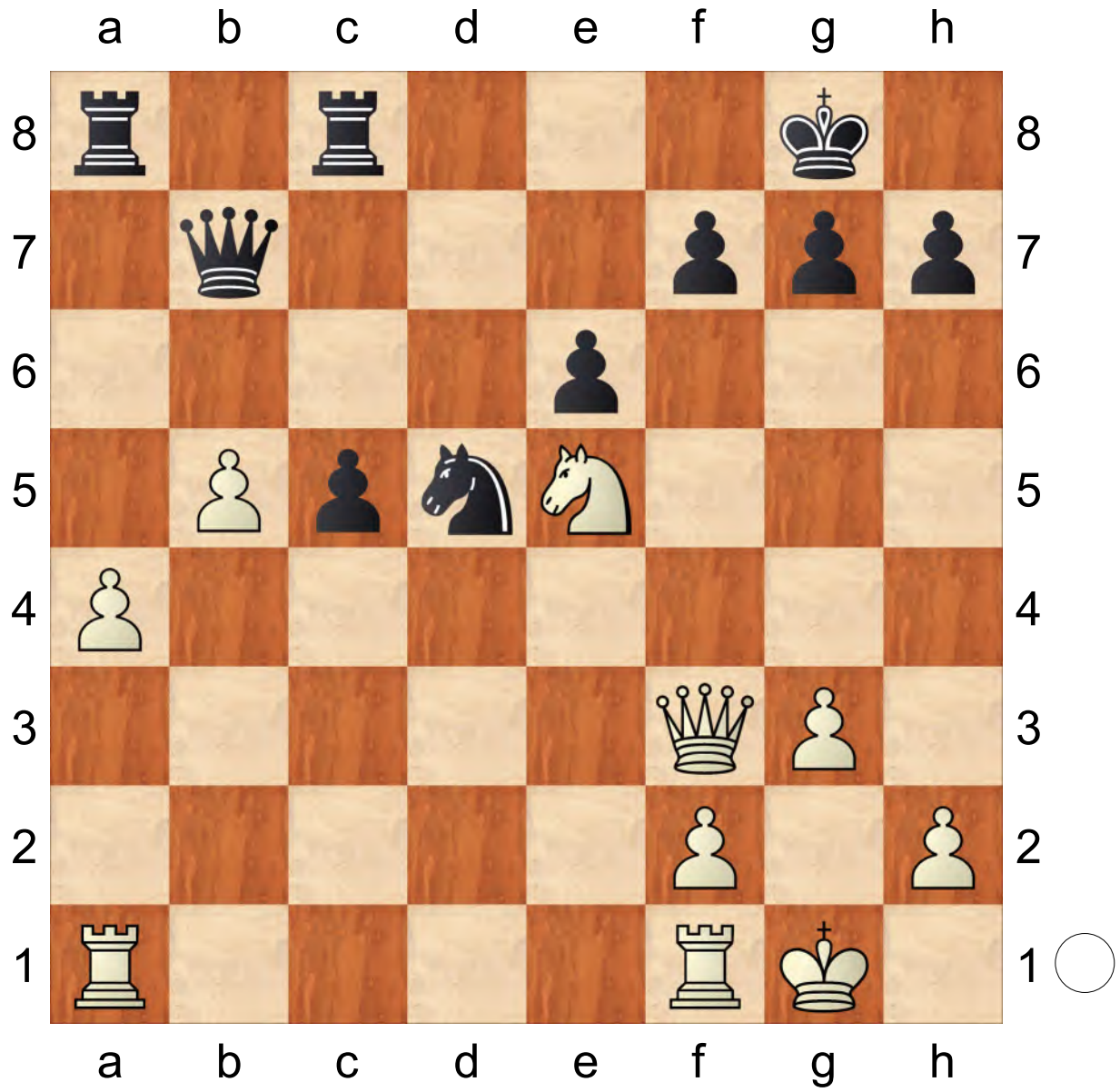
(Diagram)



21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Be5 Qb7 23.Qg4?!
[⌓23.Rfb1 f6 24.Bd6 e5 25.Qf3 Rfd8 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.a5±]
23...Bf6 24.Qf3
[=24.Qe4]
24...Bxe5 25.Nxe5 Rfc8
[25...f6? 26.Nc4 Δe5?? 27.Nd6!+-]

(Diagram)

26.Rfc1 Qc7
[26...Rc7!? 27.Nc6 Qb6 28.Rcb1 c4 29.a5 Qc5⇄]
27.Nc4 Nb6 28.Nxb6 Qxb6 29.Rc4! h6



[29...Ra5]

30.Rd1 Ra7?

[30...Rd8 31.Rxd8+ *(=31.Rd7!? Rxd7 32.Qxa8+ Rd8)* 31...Rxd8 32.Qc6 Qa5 33.Kg2!± *(33.Qxc5 Qe1+ 34.Kg2 Rd1↑)*]

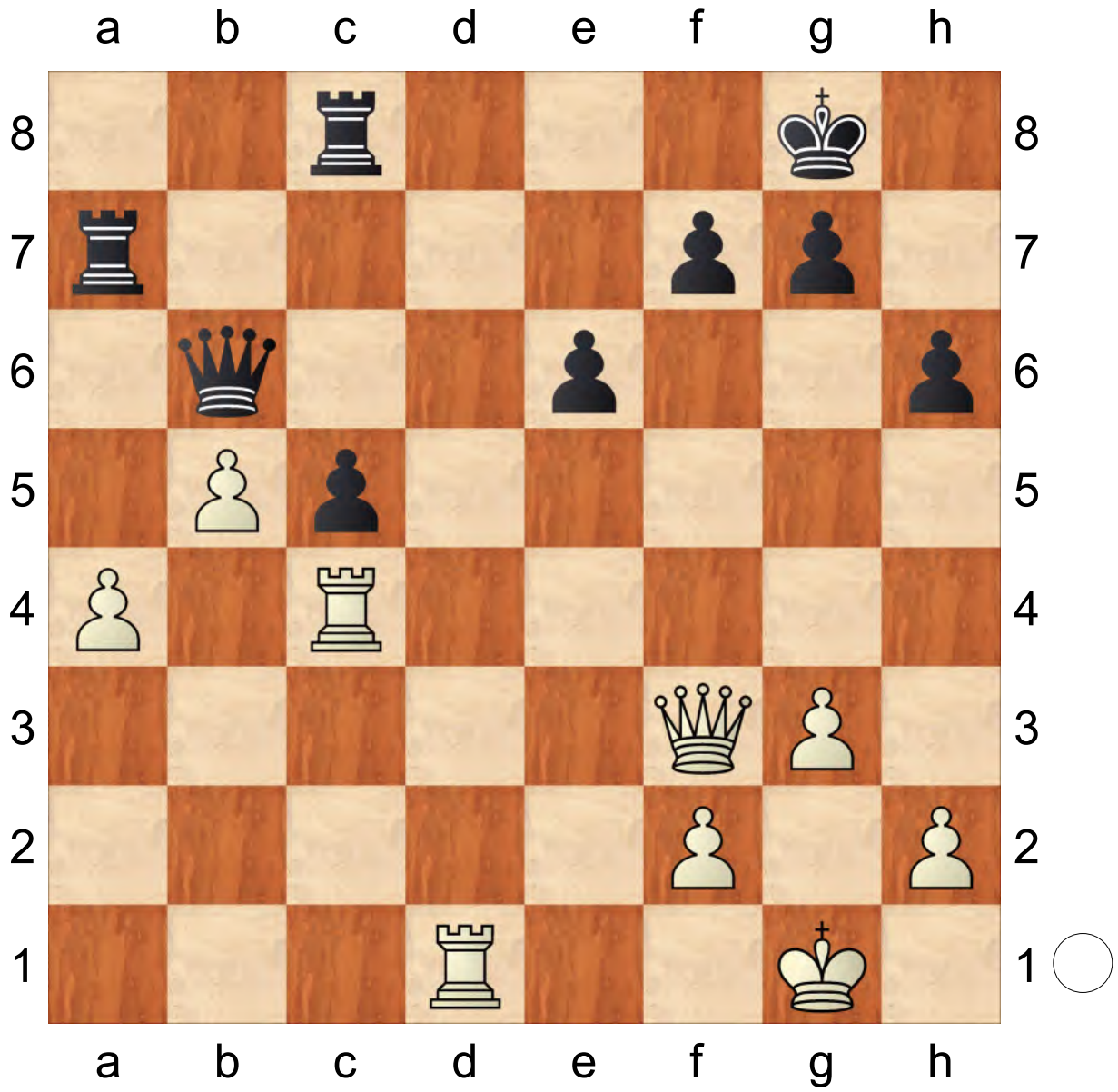
(Diagram)

31.Rd3!± Qb8

[31...Rca8 32.Qd1!±]

32.Qd1 Qe5 33.b6+- Rb7 34.a5 Kh7 35.Kg2 Ra8?

[35...Qf5+-]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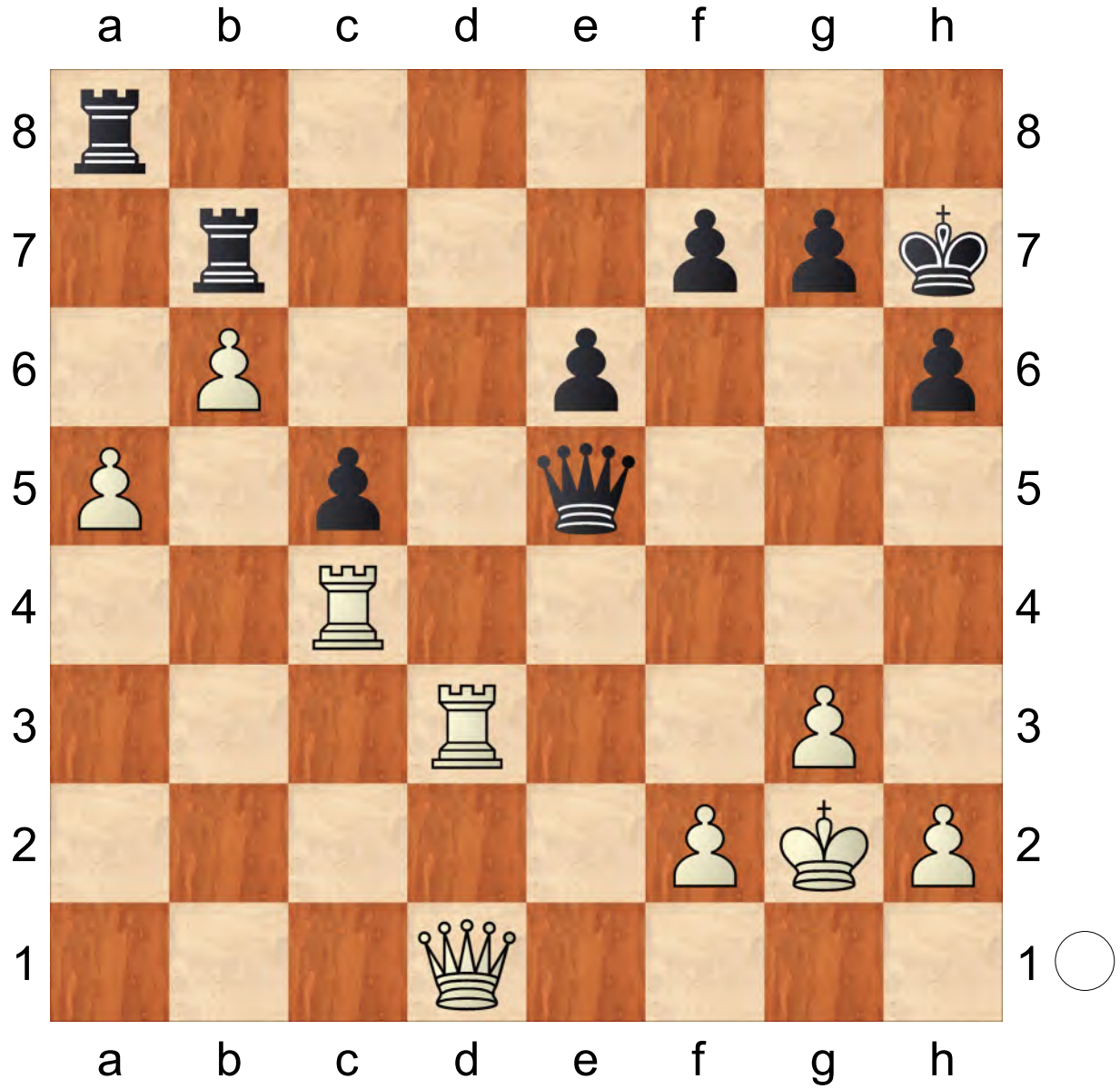

36.Qc2 g6 37.Rxc5 Qe4+ 38.f3 Qe1 39.Qd2 Qa1 40.h4 h5

(Diagram)

41.Qc3

(Diagram)

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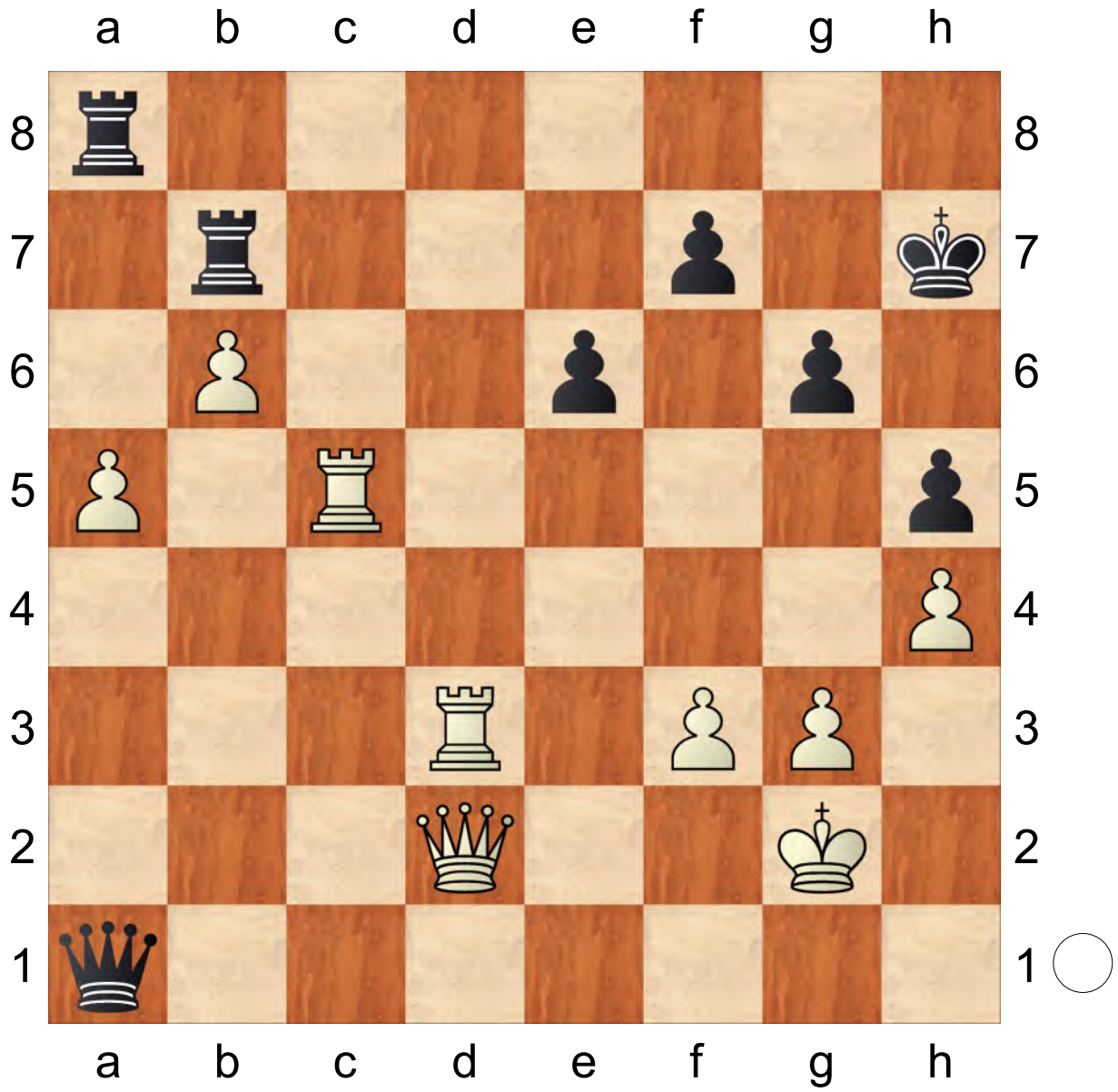
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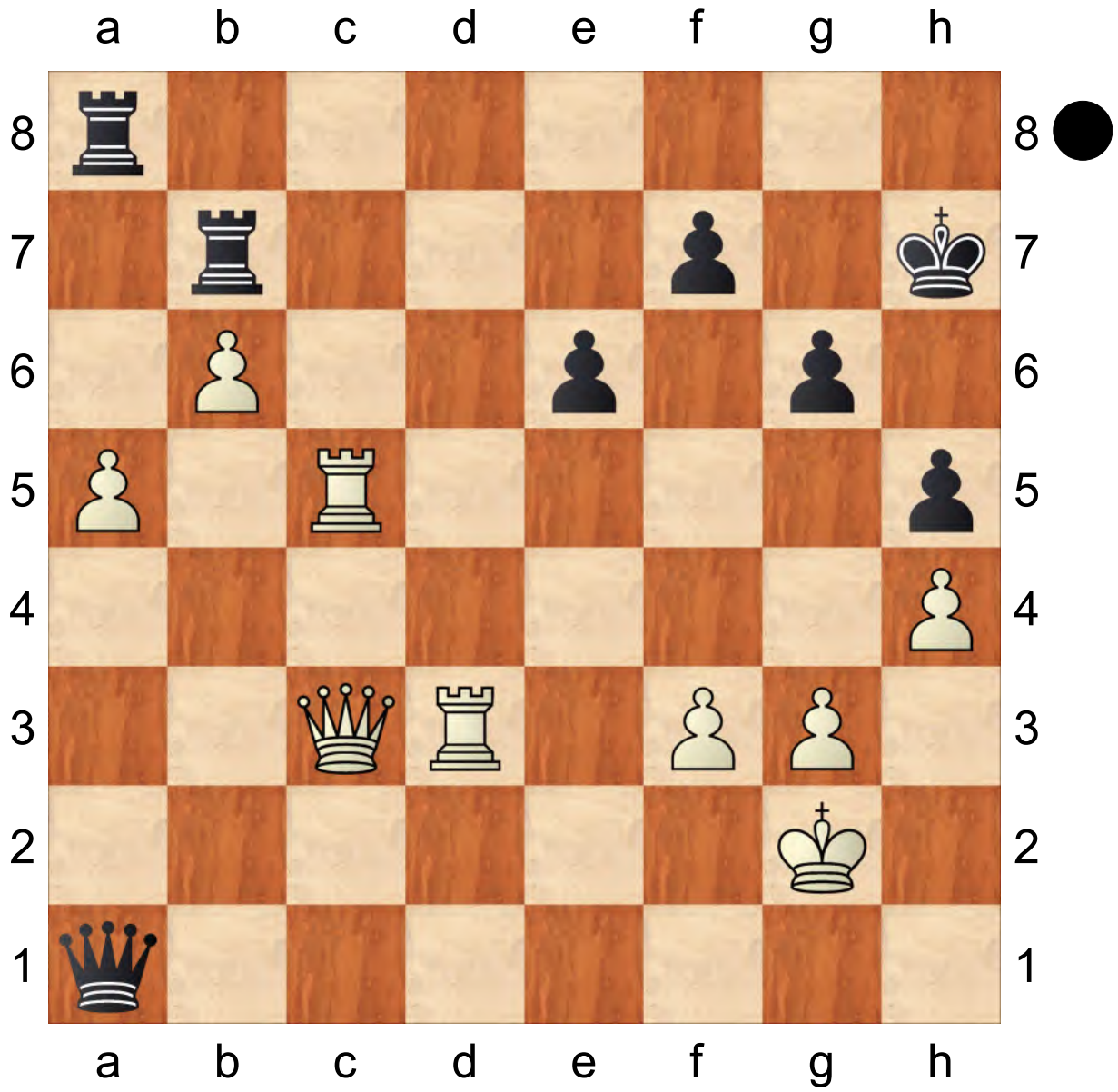
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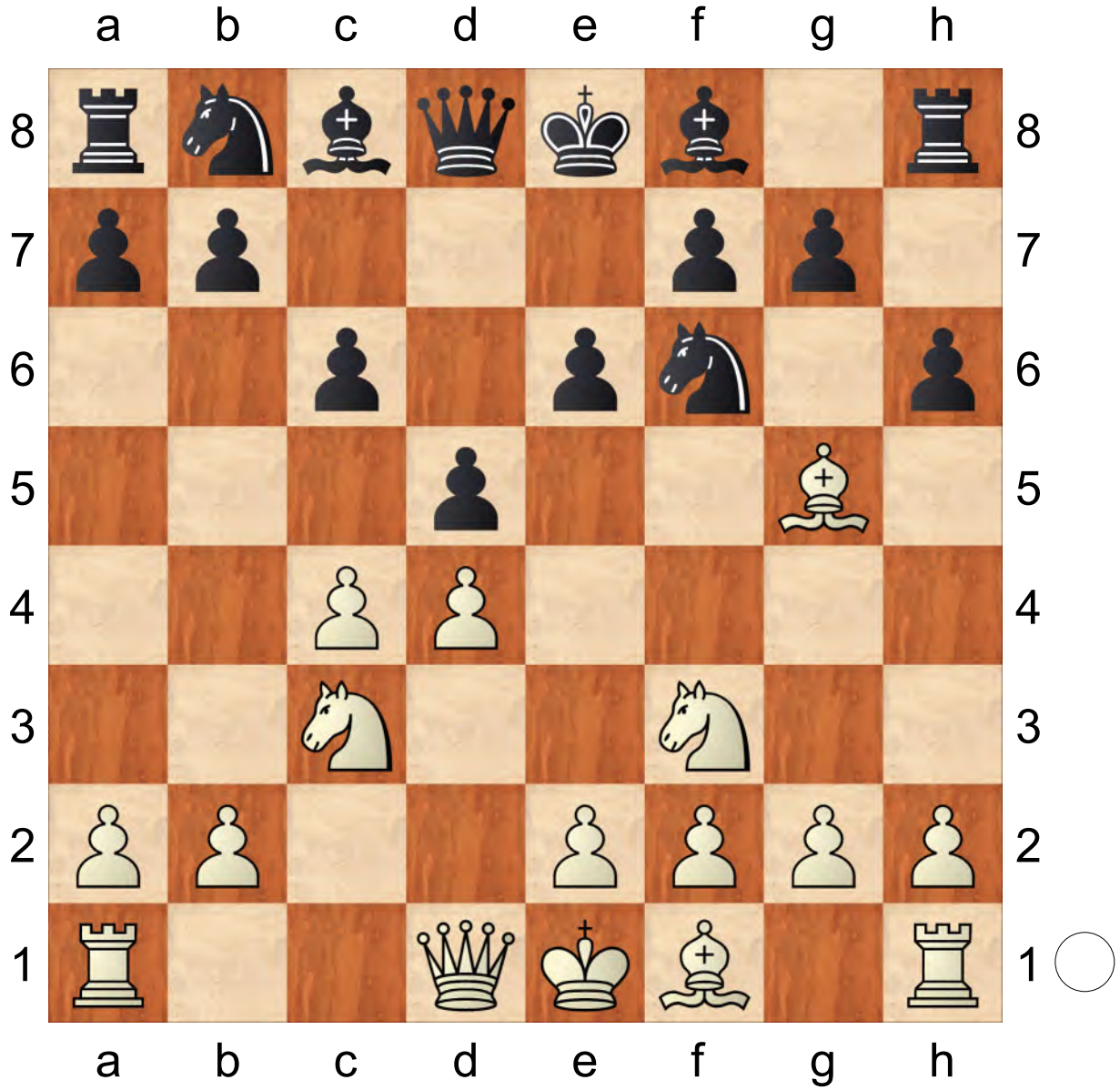
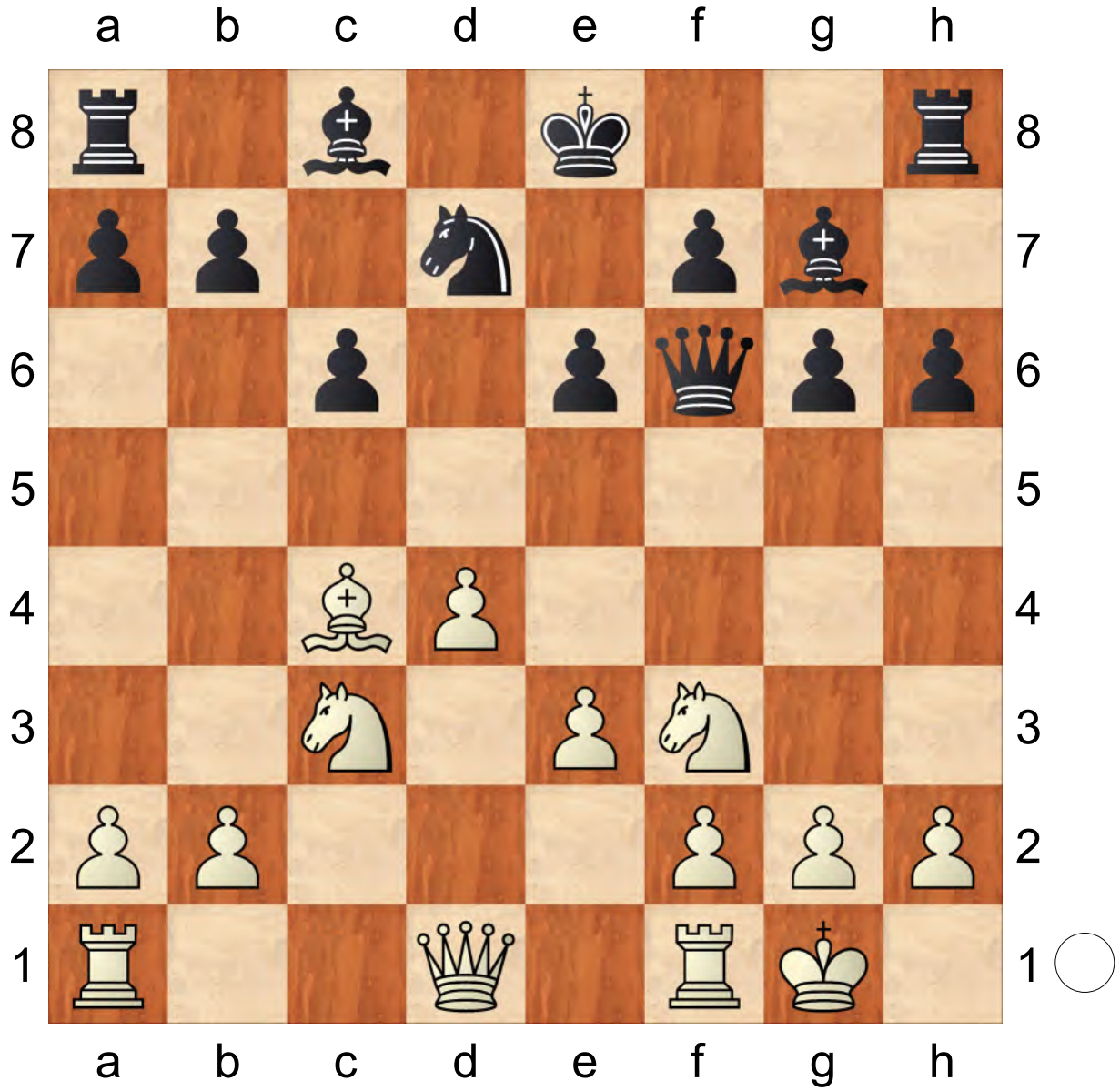
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2752**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2787**
Moscow Tal Memorial 2nd (3) 12.11.2007
[Krasenkow,Michal]

1.d4 Ivanchuk,Vassily Ivanchuk,Vassily Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 g6 10.0-0 Bg7

(Diagram)



11.Qc2 0-0 12.Bb3 Qe7 13.Ne4 This is one of the main positions of the Moscow variation. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'This is one of the main positions of the Moscow variation.'' **13...e5**

[13...Rd8 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' is too passive:

A) ≤14.Rad1 a5 15.a3 Ra6 *(15...Nf8 16.Ne5 Bd7 17.f4 Be8 18.g4 Kh8 19.Rde1± ½-½* San Segundo Carrillo,P-Zvjaginsev,V/Pamplona 1996/CBM 052 (28) *)* 16.Rd2 *(16.h3!? Dreev; 16.h4!?)* 16...Nf6 17.Nc5 Ra7 18.Ne5 Bd7 19.Rfd1 Be8 20.Na4 Raa8 21.e4 Qc7 22.Nf3 Rac8 23.e5 Nd7 24.Rc1?! *(24.Qe4=)* 24...c5 25.Qe4 b6 26.g3 Qb8 27.d5 Nxe5 28.Nxe5 Qxe5 29.Qxe5 Bxe5 30.Nxb6 *(30.Re2 Bxa4 31.Bxa4 Rxd5)* 30...Rb8 31.Nc4 Bd4∓ 0-1 Bareev,E-Dreev,A/Wijk aan Zee 1995/CBM 045 (54);

B) 14.Rfd1! Nf8 15.Ne5 *(15.Rac1!? Bd7 16.a3 Be8 17.Ne5 f5?! 18.Nd2 Rac8 19.Nd3 g5 20.Qc5 Rc7 21.Qxa7 Bh5 22.Re1 Kh8 23.Qa5 b5*

24.Rc5± 1-0 Goldin,A-Bykhovsky,A/Israel 1996/CBM 052 ext (34)*)* 15...f6 16.Nf3 Bd7 17.Qc5 Qxc5 18.dxc5 f5 19.Nd6 Bxb2 20.Rab1 Bf6 21.Nxb7 Re8 22.e4 fxe4 23.Nd2 e3 24.fxe3 Bg5 25.Kf2 Reb8 26.Nd6 a5 27.N2c4 a4 28.Bc2 a3 29.Rxb8 Rxb8 30.Rb1 Rxb1 31.Bxb1± ½-½ Biriukov,O-Ivanov,S/St Petersburg 1998/CBM 065/[Hecht] (51)]

14.Nc3 An interesting move. After provoking ...e6-e5 the knight comes back to support d4-d5. White has a lot of other options seen in practice: Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'An interesting move. After provoking ...e6-e5 the knight comes back to support d4-d5. White has a lot of other options seen in practice:"

[14.Rfe1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' Kh8 15.Ned2 *(15.Rad1 f5 16.Nc5 e4 17.Nd2 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Qe5 19.Rb1 Bd7 20.Red1 Rad8 21.Qc4 b5 22.cxb6 axb6 23.a4 b5∓* ½-½ Guliev,S-Yagupov,I/Moscow 1997/EXT 2000 (46) *; ⌓15.Nc3!)* 15...Re8! 16.Nc4 e4 17.Nfe5?! *(17.Nfd2 Nf8 18.h3 Bf5 19.Rac1 Rad8∓ Dreev)* 17...Nxe5 18.dxe5 *(18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Bf5∓)* 18...Bf5 19.Rad1 Rf8 20.Nd6 Bxe5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Rd2 Rad8 23.Red1 Kg7∓ 0-1 Dautov,R-Dreev,A/Yerevan (ol) 1996/Inf 68/[Dreev,A] (75)]

[14.Rfd1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' exd4 15.Nxd4 Nf6 16.Nc5 b6 17.Nd3 c5 18.Nf4 Kh7 19.Nde6 Bxe6 20.Bxe6 b5 21.Bd5 Rad8 22.a4 a6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 Kh8 25.Bf3 ½-½ Tukmakov,V-Korotylev,A/Biel 2003/CBM 095 ext]

[14.Rad1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' exd4 15.exd4 *(15.Rfe1 d3 16.Qxd3 Kh7 17.Nd6 Nc5 18.Qc2 Nxb3 19.Nxc8 Rfxc8 20.Qxb3 a5 21.Qc2 Rd8 22.b3 Qb4* ½-½ Litvinenko,N-Wilczek,T/Chessfriend.com 2003/Telechess CBM 101 (43) *)* 15...Nf6 *(15...Nb6 16.Rfe1 Bg4 17.Ned2 Qd6 18.h3 Bf5 19.Ne4 Qf4 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qxe5 22.Qc5 Qxb2 23.Ng3 Nd5 24.Nxf5 gxf5 25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.Qxd5⩱* ½-½ Dautov,R-Godena,M/Vienna 1996/CBM 053 ext/[Chekhov] (42)*)* 16.Nc5 Bf5 17.Qc1 Rad8 *(17...b6 18.Nd3 Qd6 19.Nde5 Be4 20.Rfe1 Bd5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.h3 Ne4 23.Qe3 Rac8 24.Rc1 b5=* 0-1 Shipov,S-Dreev,A/Internet ICC 2002/EXT 2003 (74)*)* 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.h3 Nd5 20.Nd3 Qd6 21.Nfe5 Rfe8 22.Nf4 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Rxe5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxh6 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 d4⩲ 1-0 Sokolov,I-Savchenko,S/Lyon 1994/CBM 045 (88)]

[14.Ng3!? Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Ü 84/355' Ivanchuk,Vassily: '- 84/355' Kh8 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow'

A) 15.Rad1 Re8 *(15...f5!?; 15...a5)* 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.f4

A1) ≤18...Bc7 19.Qc3+ *(19.f5 g5 20.Qc4 Qxe3+ 21.Kh1 Qe7 22.Qxf7 Qxf7 23.Bxf7 Rf8 24.Bg6 b6 25.Nh5 Be5⇄* ½-½ Gallo,L-Busch,K/IECG 2003/Telechess 117 (53)*)* 19...Kg8? *(⌓19...f6 20.e4↑* Kaidanov,G.*)* 20.f5 g5 21.Kh1 Be5 22.Qc4 Bxg3 23.hxg3 Rf8 24.Qc3 c5 25.f6 Qc7 26.Qd3 c4 27.Bxc4 Bf5 28.Rxf5 Rad8 29.Rd5 1-0 Kaidanov,G-Ippolito,D/Connecticut 2002/CBM 087 ext;

A2) 18...Bg7 19.f5 *(19.e4 Bg4* ½-½ Castaneda,G-Yagupov,I/Tula 2007/CBM 119 ext*)* 19...Bxf5 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.Qxf5 Qxe3+ 22.Kh1 Qe4 23.Qxf7 Re7 24.Qf2 ½-½ Ruck,R-Goloshchapov,A/Topola 2004/CBM 101;

B) 15.h4 f5 *(15...Re8!? 16.Qc4 Rf8)* 16.h5 e4 17.Nd2 g5 18.Rac1 c5

19.Qc4 Qf6 20.dxc5 Ne5 21.Qb5 a6 22.Qa5 Nd3 23.Rc2 Nxb2 24.Rb1 Nd3 25.Nc4± 0-1 Bacrot,E-Filippov,V/Corsica 1997/EXT 1999 (49)]

14...a5N

[14...Kh8 15.Rad1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow'

A) 15...b6 16.d5 Bb7 17.h4 Nc5 18.d6 Qd7 19.h5 Nxb3 20.axb3 g5 21.e4 Rad8 22.Ne2 Qe6 23.Ng3 *(23.Qd3!?)* 23...Rxd6 24.Nf5 Rdd8 25.Nh2 c5 26.Ng4 a5 27.Nge3⩱ 1-0 Kramnik,V-Piket,J/Monte Carlo 2002/CBM 087 ext (38);

B) 15...f5 16.d5 *(16.Ne2 a5 17.Rfe1 Kh7 18.a3 e4 19.Nd2 c5 20.Nc3 Nb6 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 cxd4 23.exd4 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.d5 Qd7 26.a4 Rac8 27.Qb3∞* 1-0 Epiney,F-Mauro,L/Chessfriend.com 2003/Telechess CBM 95 (49)*; 16.e4 f4 17.d5 g5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Na4 g4 20.Nd2 Ba6 21.Bc4 Bb5 22.Nc3 Bxc4 23.Nxc4 Nc5 24.Nd6↑* 1-0 Pozo Vera,S-Rasmussen,K/Havana CUB 2007/The Week in Chess 655 (66)*)* 16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Nce2 Bd7 *(⌓18...cxd5)* 19.Nf4 Rfc8 20.d6 Qf6 21.Nde6 Rab8 22.Qc5 Kh7 23.Qxa7± 1-0 Makarov,M-Lastin,A/Krasnoyarsk RUS 2007/The Week in Chess 670 (40)]

[⌓14...Kh7!

A) ≤15.Rfe1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' Re8 *(15...b6 16.Rad1 Bb7= 17.h4?! Rae8 18.h5 e4 19.Nd2 Nf6 20.hxg6+ fxg6 21.f3 exf3 22.Nxf3 Ng4 23.Qd3 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Nxe3∓* 0-1 Graf,A-Goloshchapov,A/Dubai 2003/CBM 093 ext (51)*)* 16.Rad1 e4 17.Nd2 f5 18.Nc4 Nb6 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.a3 Bd7 21.Rd2 b5 22.d5 Qc5 23.dxc6 Bxc6 24.Ne2 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 Red8= ½-½ Mamedyarov,S-Gelfand,B/Moscow RUS 2007/The Week in Chess 681 (82);

B) 15.Rad1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow'

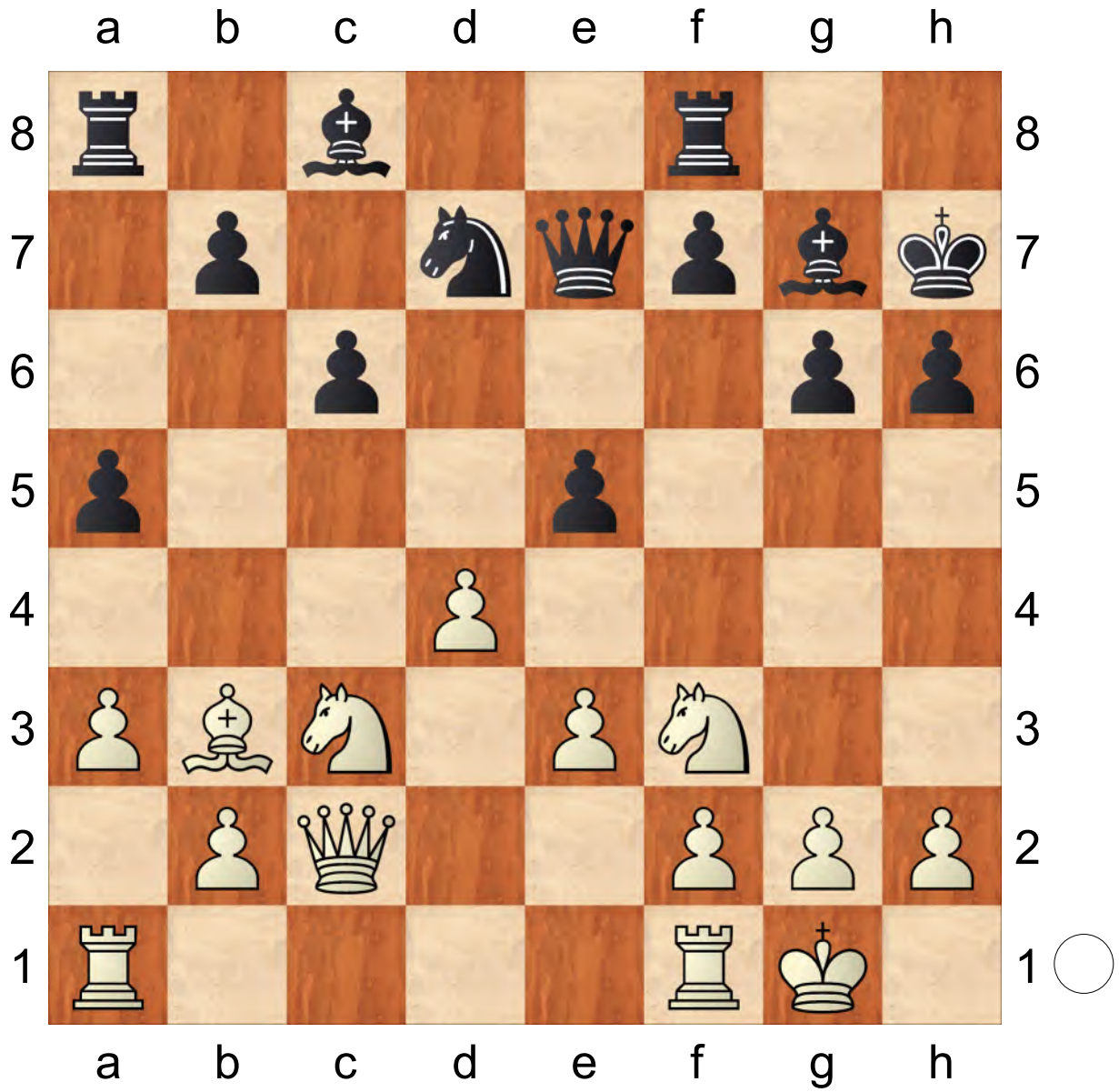
B1) 15...Re8 16.d5 Nc5 17.d6 Qd7 18.Nd5 *(⌓18.Ne4)* 18...e4 19.Ne1 cxd5 20.Qxc5 d4 21.exd4 Rd8 22.Nc2 f5 23.Ne3 b6 24.Qd5?! Bb7 25.Qe6 Qxe6 26.Bxe6 Rxd6∓ 0-1 Halkias,S-Potkin,V/Katernberg GER 2007/ The Week in Chess 682 (54);

B2) 15...f5 16.d5 *(16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Rd3 f4 19.exf4 Qxf4 20.Re3 Bf5 21.Qe2 Rad8 22.Bc2= ½-½* Oms Pallise,J-Perez Candelario,M/ Lorca 2005/CBM 111 (29)*)* 16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Nce2 Nd3! 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Qxc6 Bb7 The g6 pawn is protected! 21.Qe6 Rfe8 22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.Nc1 Bxd4 24.exd4 Nxb2 25.Rd2 Nd3 26.Nxd3 exd3 27.Bc4 Rd8 28.Rxd3 Rc7 29.Re3 Rxd4 ½-½ Bu Xiangzhi-Motylev,A/Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007/The Week in Chess 682]

15.a3 An obvious reply. The insertion of ...a7-a5 and a2-a3 must be favorable for White as Black's queenside is now weakened. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'An obvious reply. The insertion of ...a7-a5 and a2-a3 must be favorable for White as Black's queenside is now weakened."

[15.Qxg6? Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' a4]

15...Kh7



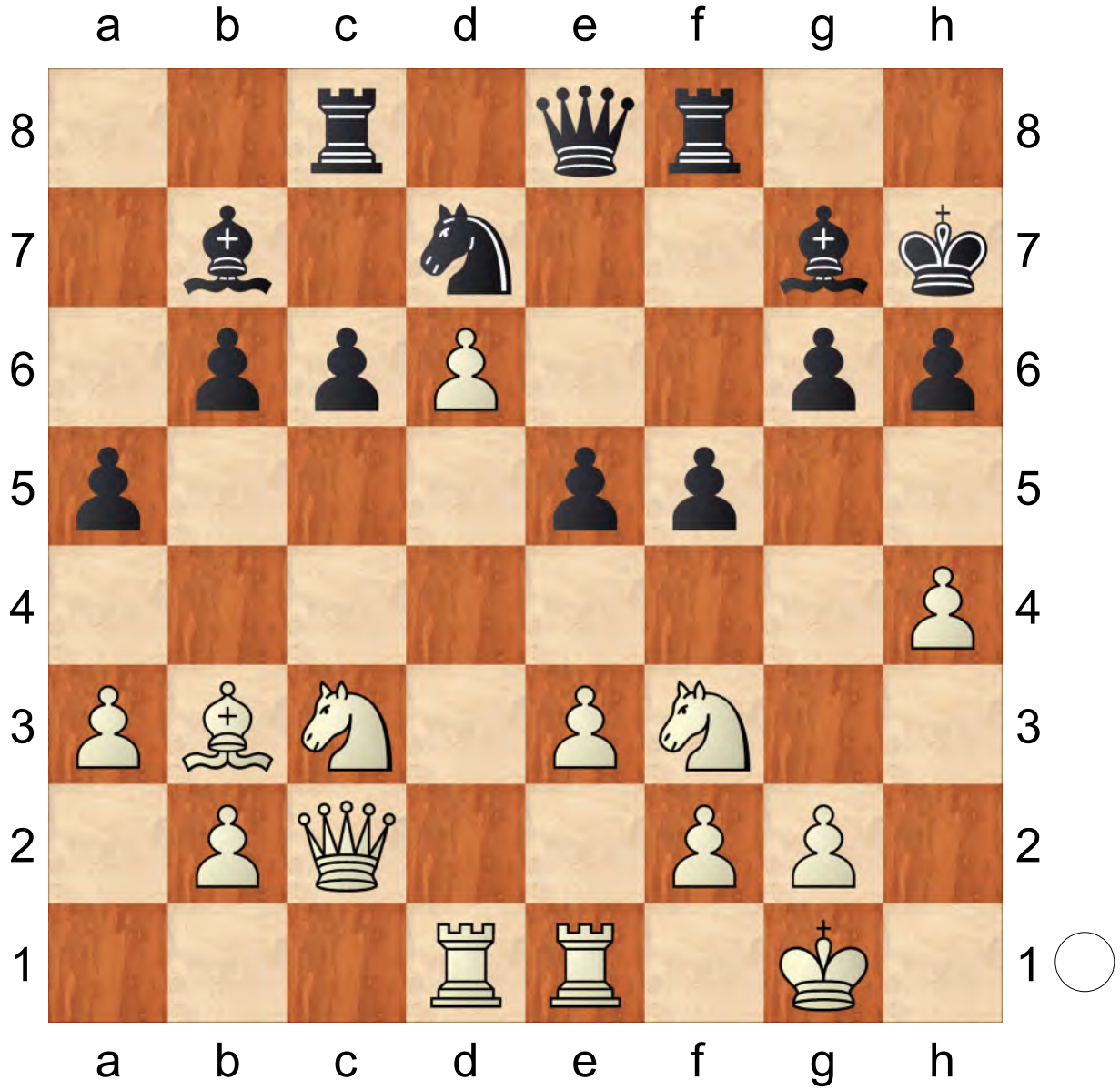
16.Rfe1
[16.Rad1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' needs testing.]
16...b6
[16...Re8!? Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow']
[16...f5 Ivanchuk,Vassily 17.e4 f4 18.d5 Nc5 19.h3 Bd7 20.dxc6 Nxb3 21.Qxb3 bxc6!? *(21...Bxc6 22.Nd5 Qe6 23.Red1 Rfd8 24.Rd3±)* 22.Na4 c5 *(22...Rab8 23.Qc3 Rb5 24.Rac1 Rfb8 25.Red1 Be8±)* 23.Qc2 Rab8 24.Qxc5
A) 24...Rfe8 25.Qxe7 *(25.Qc2 Be6 26.Nc3 Qb7 27.Rab1 Bb3 28.Qe2 Rec8 29.Rec1 Bc4⩲)* 25...Rxe7 26.Nc5 Rxb2 27.Rab1 Rxb1 28.Rxb1 Be8 29.Rb6±;
B) 24...Qe6 25.Qc2 Rfc8 26.Nc3 Qc6! 27.Rad1 Be6⩱]
17.Rad1 Bb7 18.d5! Of course! Instead of anti-positional plans with h2-h4 (see 14...♔h7), White breaks in the centre. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'Of course! Instead

of anti-positional plans with h2-h4 (see 14... ♔h7), White breaks in the centre."

18...Rac8

[18...cxd5 deserved attention although the weakness of the b6 pawn was now quite annoying. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'deserved attention although the weakness of the b6 pawn was now quite annoying.'' 19.Bxd5 Nc5 20.Bxb7 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' *(20.Nd2± Ivanchuk,Vassily)* 20...Qxb7 21.e4±]

19.d6 Qe8 20.h4! Now, after gaining space in the centre, it's time to switch to the kingside! Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'Now, after gaining space in the centre, it's time to switch to the kingside!'' **20...f5**

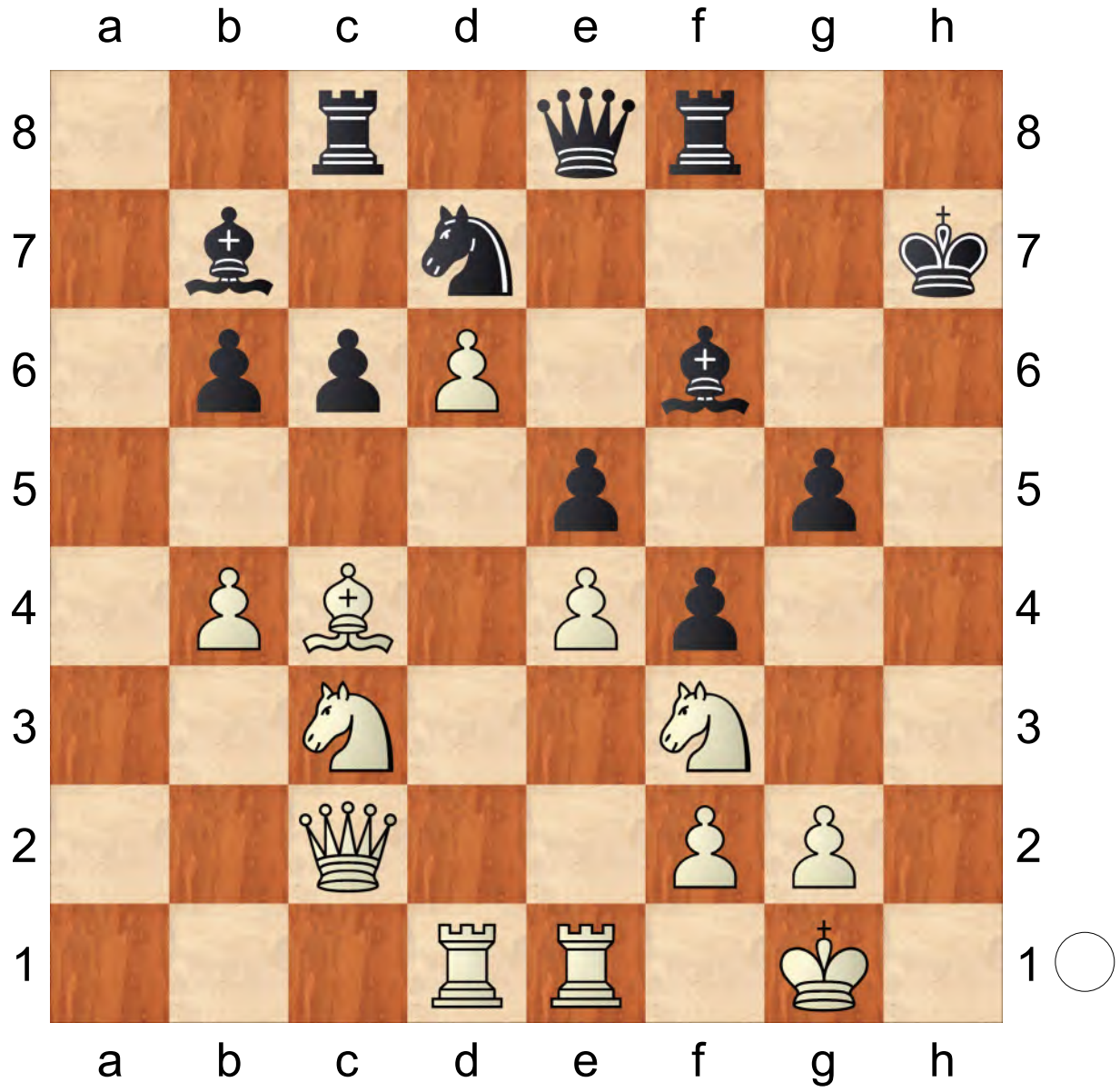


21.e4! Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '!'' **21...f4 22.Na4!** Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '!'' The consequences of 14...a5? will now make Black worry during the whole game. However, his position is still very solid. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'The consequences of 14...a5? will now make Black worry during the whole game.

However, his position is still very solid."

[22.Bc4!? Ivanchuk,Vassily

A) 22...Bf6 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 g5 25.hxg5 hxg5 Ivanchuk,Vassily: '



' 26.Nd4!! c5 *(26...exd4 27.e5+* Ivanchuk,Vassily: '+-'*)* 27.Ne6 cxb4 28.Nxf8+ Qxf8 *(28...Nxf8 29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Qc6 31.Rc1+-)* 29.Qa4 Rxc4 30.Qxd7++-;

B) 22...b5 23.Ba2 Nb6 24.h5 g5 25.Nd4! Nd7! Ivanchuk,Vassily: '=' '=' *(25...exd4 26.e5+ Kh8 27.Bb1+-)*

B1) 26.Ne6 Rf6 27.Nd4 *(27.Nc7 Qxh5 28.Be6 Rxe6! 29.Nxe6 Qg4∓)* 27...Rf8=;

B2) 26.Nf5!? Rd8! 27.Ne2 *(27.f3 Qxh5 28.Kf2 Qg6 29.Rh1 g4∞)* 27...Qxh5 28.Qc3 a4 29.Qa5± Δ ♕c7 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Δ Qc7']

22...Bf6 23.g3 Bd8

[23...Bg7 Ivanchuk,Vassily Δ24.Kg2 Ba6 25.Rh1 fxg3 26.Ng5+ Kh8 27.fxg3 Rf6!⇄]

24.Kg2 Rf6

[24...Kg7 Ivanchuk,Vassily 25.g4 *(25.Nc3 b5 26.Ne2 fxg3 27.fxg3 Bb6 28.Rf1 Rd8⇄; 25.Ba2 Ba6 26.b4 axb4 27.axb4 fxg3 28.fxg3 c5! 29.bxc5 Nxc5 30.Nxc5 Rxc5 31.Qb2 Bc8⇄)* 25...Ba6 26.g5 h5 *(26...hxg5 27.hxg5 c5 28.Bd5 b5 29.Nc3 b4 30.Na4 Rh8 31.Rh1±)* 27.Qc3±]

25.g4 Ivanchuk,Vassily: '!' '!' **25...Ba6**

[Alas, 25...Qf8 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' doesn't work due to 26.g5! Rxd6 27.Rxd6 Qxd6 28.Qc4 Qf8 29.Rd1 Rc7 30.Qe6 Bc8 31.Rd6+-]

[25...Rf8!? Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '!?" deserved attention but I guess, Black intentionally allowed White to open up the kingside, in order to get some counterplay in future. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'deserved attention but I guess, Black intentionally allowed White to open up the kingside, in order to get some counterplay in future. '' 26.g5 Ivanchuk,Vassily Kg7 27.gxh6+ Kxh6 28.Kg1±]

(Diagram)

26.g5 Rf8 27.gxh6?! Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '?!" This turns out to be good for Black. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'This turns out to be good for Black."

[⌓27.Rh1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' c5 *(in case of 27...h5* White will prepare an invasion to e6*)* 28.Bd5 b5 29.Nc3 b4 *(29...c4 30.a4! b4 31.Nb5)* 30.Na4 c4 31.axb4 axb4 32.Ra1 keeping initiative.]

27...Kxh6 28.Rg1 Ivanchuk,Vassily: '!' '!' **28...c5** Ivanchuk,Vassily: '?' '?'

[28...Kg7 Ivanchuk,Vassily 29.Kh2 Rh8 30.Rg4

A) 30...Rh5 31.Kg1 *(31.Rdg1 Rh6 32.Qc3 Kf8∞)* 31...Nf6 *(31...c5!?)* 32.Rg5↑;

B) 30...Rh6! 31.Rdg1 c5 32.Bd5 b5

B1) 33.Nc3 b4 34.Na4

B1a) 34...Nf6 35.Rg5 Nxd5 36.Rxg6+ *(36.Rxe5 Qh8 37.Rxd5 Rxh4+ 38.Nxh4 Qxh4+ 39.Kg2 Bg5-+ Δ f3* Ivanchuk,Vassily: *' Δ f3')* 36...Rxg6 37.d7! Qh8 38.Rxg6+ Kxg6 39.exd5+ Kg7 40.Qf5!! *(40.dxc8Q Bxc8 41.Nxc5 Bxh4 42.Kg1=)* 40...Rc7 41.Qxe5+ Kg8 42.Qe6+ Kg7 43.Qe5+=;

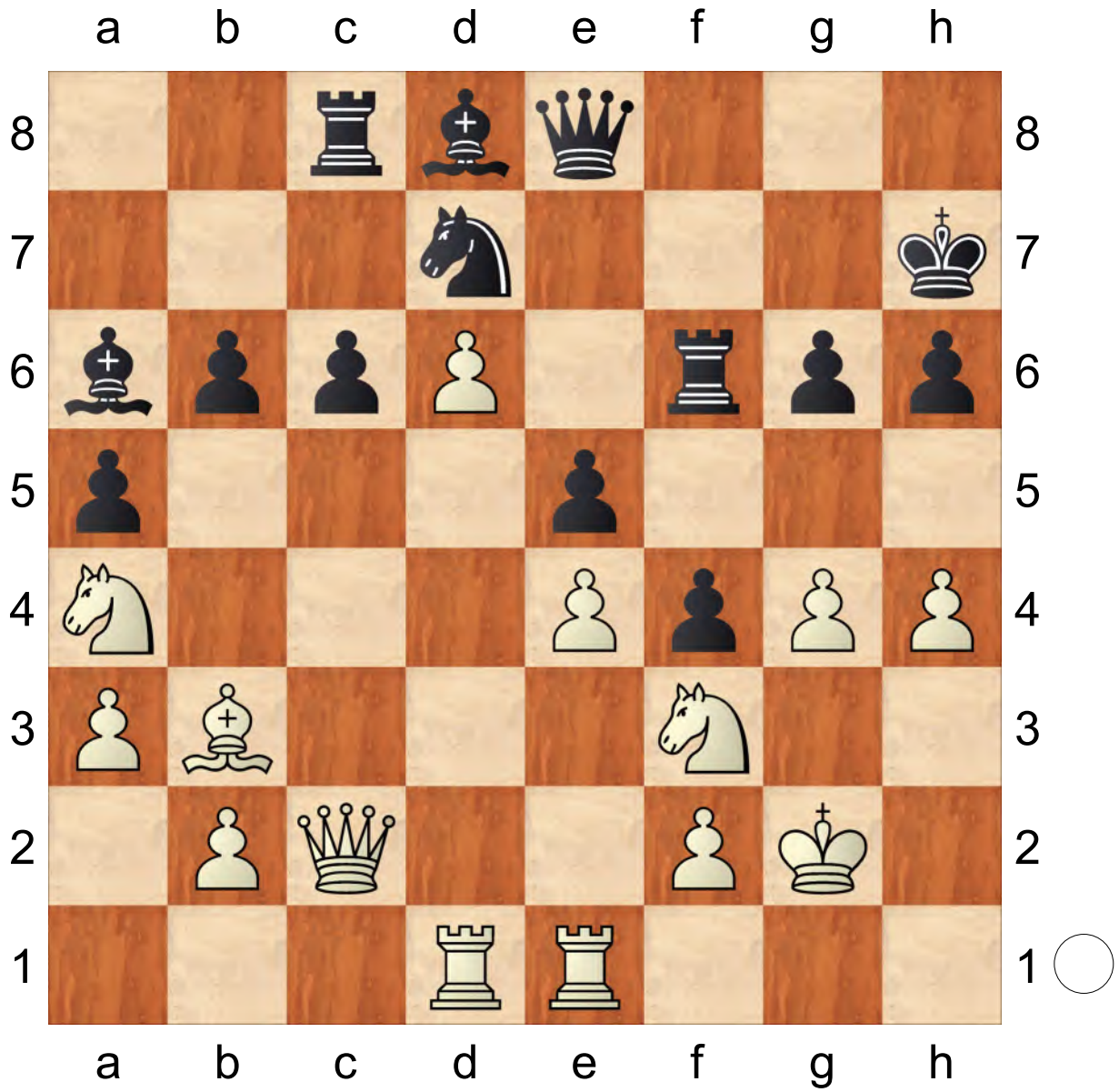
B1b) 34...c4! 35.axb4 axb4 36.Qd1 Bb5∓;

B2) 33.Qe2 Nf6 *(33...Qf8 34.Be6 Qxd6 35.Bxd7 bxa4 36.Qe1 Qxd7 37.Rxg6+ Rxg6 38.Rxg6+→)* 34.Rg5

B2a) 34...Nxd5 35.Rxe5 Qf8 36.exd5 Bxh4 37.Kg2 Qxd6 38.Qe4 Rd8∞ *(38...bxa4? 39.Re6→)*;

B2b) 34...Nd7 35.R5g4 Nf6=]

29.Bd5 b5



[29...Kg7! Ivanchuk,Vassily]

30.Nc3 The knight has fulfilled its mission. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'The knight has fulfilled its mission.'' **30...b4**

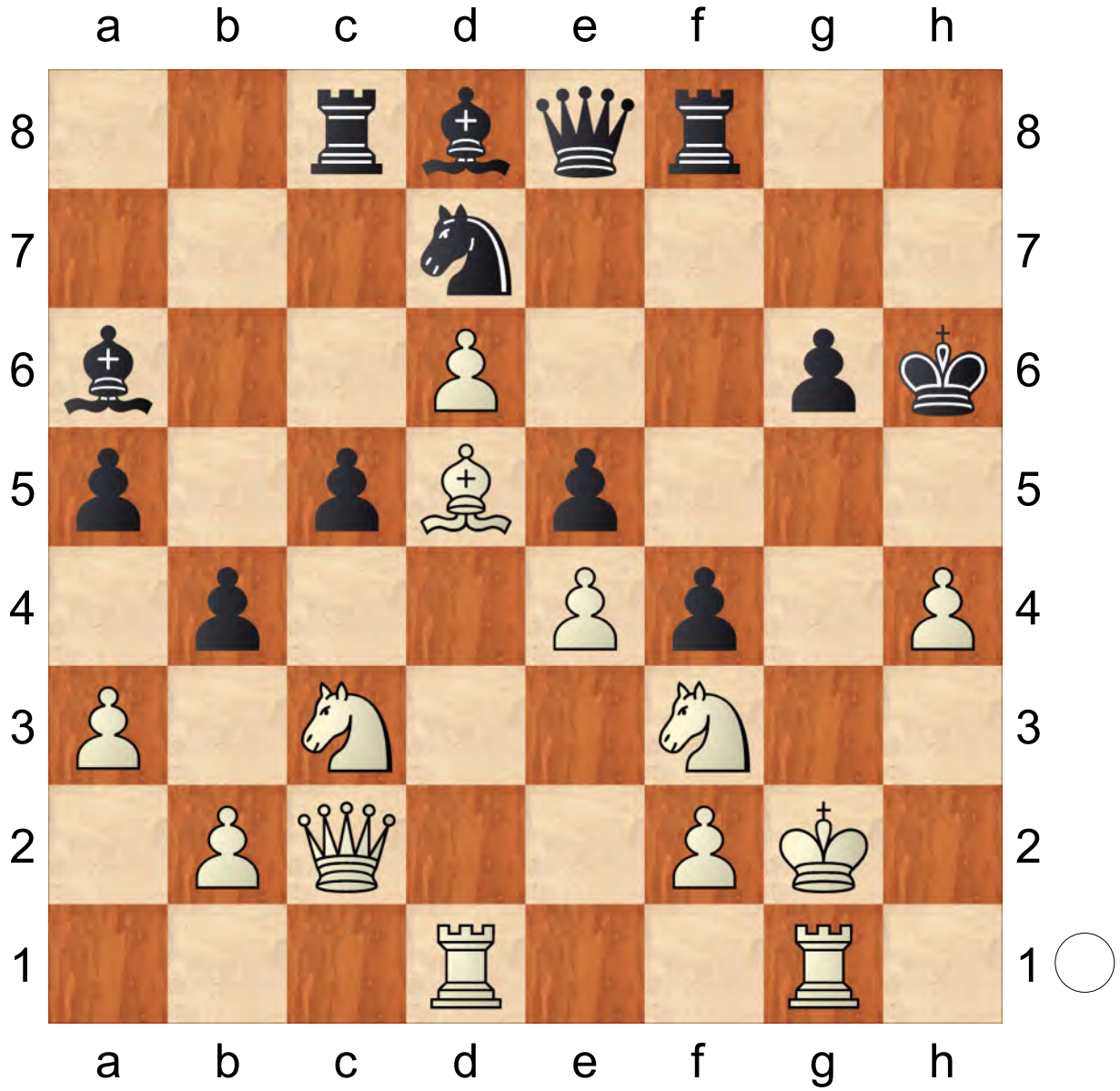
(Diagram)

31.Ne2?! Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '?!''

[31.Na4 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow' c4 32.axb4 axb4 33.Ra1 Bb5 34.Qd2 Nf6⇄]

31...Nb6 32.Kh2 Rh8? Ivanchuk,Vassily: '??' '??' Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Diagram

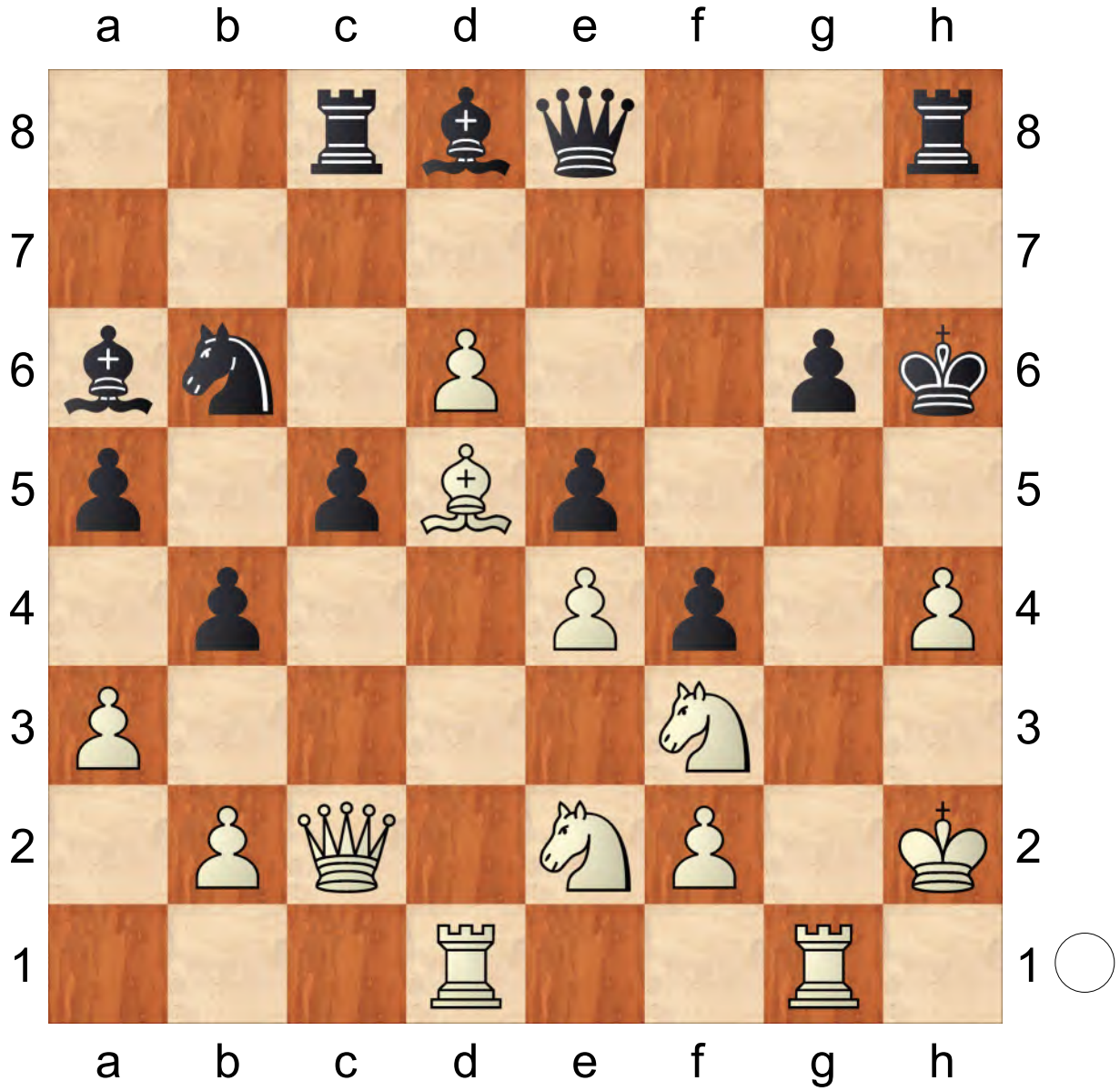
[32...Kg7 Ivanchuk,Vassily: '!' '!' 33.Rg4 Rh8 the position remained tense. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'the position remained tense.'' 34.Qd2 Ivanchuk,Vassily *(34.axb4* Ivanchuk,Vassily *cxb4 35.Qd2 Bf6)* 34...Bf6



A) 35.Rdg1 Rh6 36.Nxf4 *(36.axb4 axb4 37.Ra1 Qd7!∓)* 36...exf4 37.e5 Bxe5 38.Re1 Nd7∞;
B) 35.Nxf4 exf4 36.e5 Bxe5 37.Be4 Rh6 38.d7 Nxd7 39.Qxd7+ Qxd7 40.Rxd7+ Kf6 41.Rh7 Rxh7 42.Rxg6+ Ke7 43.Rxa6 Rh5 44.Bg6 Rxh4+ 45.Nxh4 Bxb2 46.axb4 axb4 47.Kg2±]

(Diagram)

Krasenkow: '?'' Overlooking a tactical blow. After Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'Overlooking a tactical blow. After'' **33.Bf7!** Ivanchuk,Vassily: '!!' '!!' Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '!'' **33...Qxf7 34.Nxe5 Qe8 35.Nxg6** and the black king is helpless. Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: 'and the black king is helpless.''



[35.Rxg6+! Ivanchuk,Vassily Kh7 36.d7 Qxe5 Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Diagram

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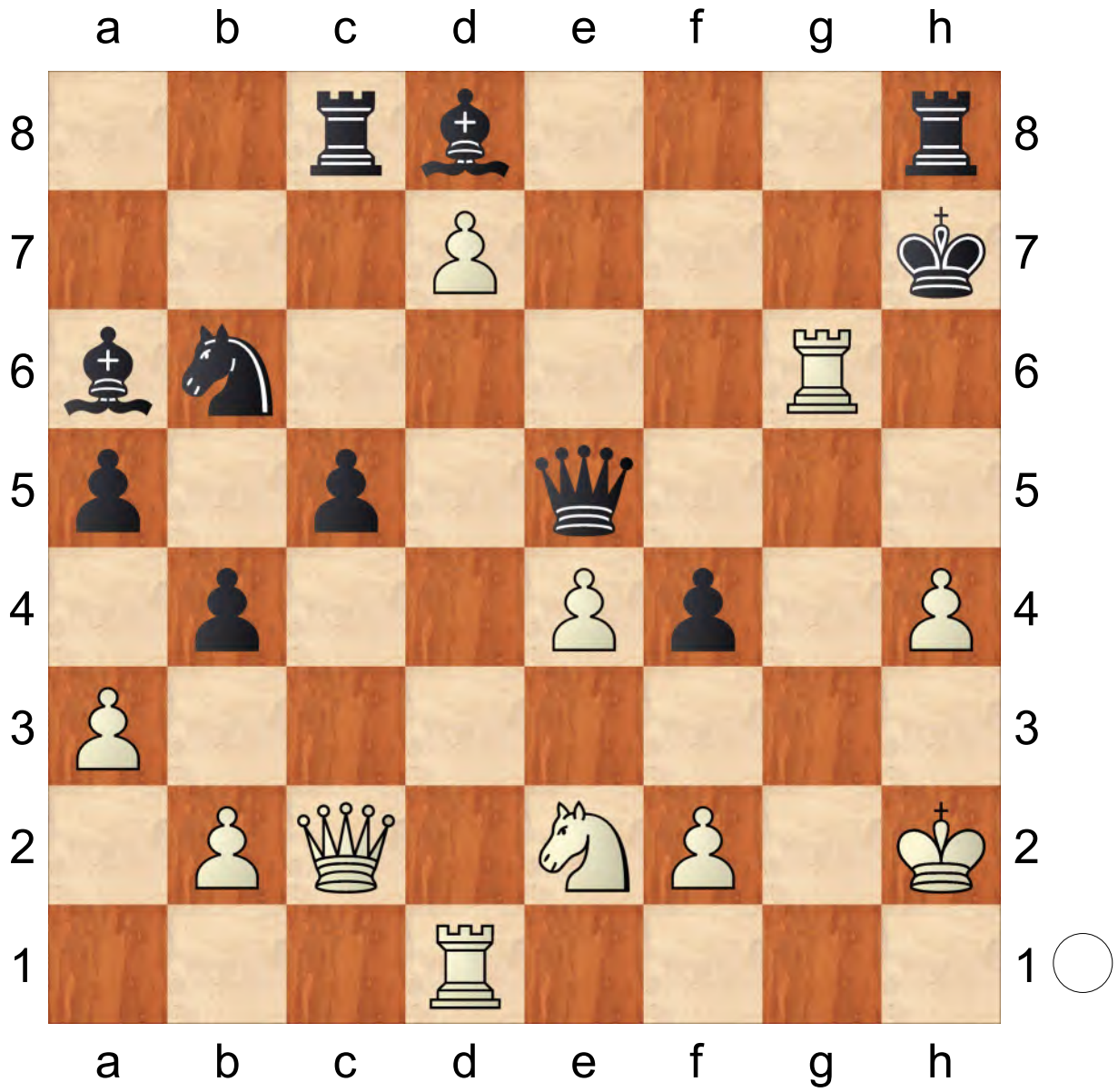
' 37.Rd5!! Nxd5 *(37...Nxd7 38.Rxe5 Nxe5 39.Rxa6 Rg8 40.f3 Nxf3+ 41.Kh3* Ivanchuk,Vassily: '+-' *)* 38.exd5+- ΔQxe2 39.Qf5 Qxf2+ 40.Rg2+]

35...Nd7

[35...Rg8 Ivanchuk,Vassily 36.Nexf4]

(Diagram)

36.Nexf4 Ne5 37.d7! Ivanchuk,Vassily: 'Krasenkow: '!'' **37...Nxd7**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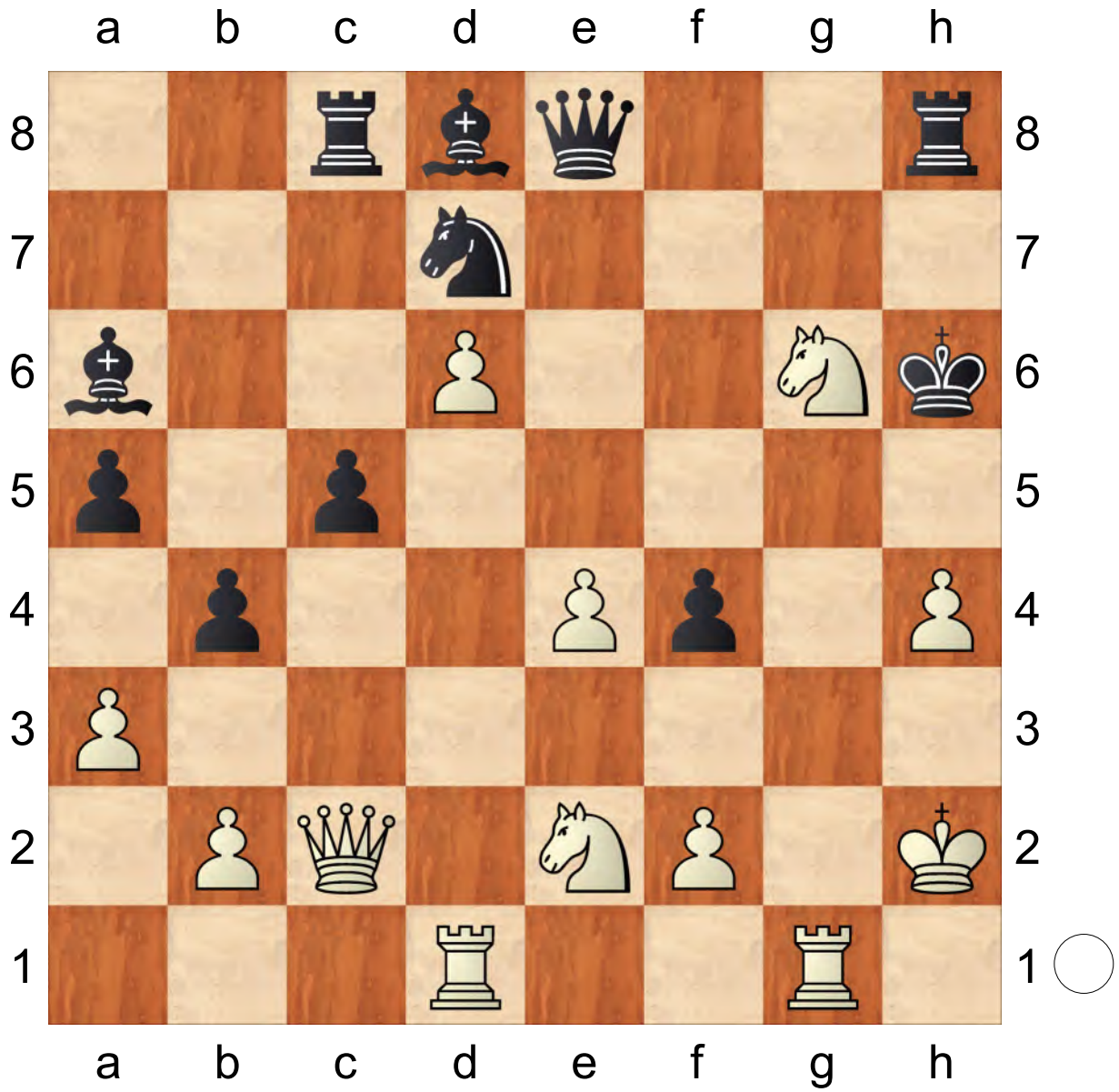

[37...Nf3+ Ivanchuk,Vassily 38.Kg3]

38.e5 Qxe5 39.Nxe5

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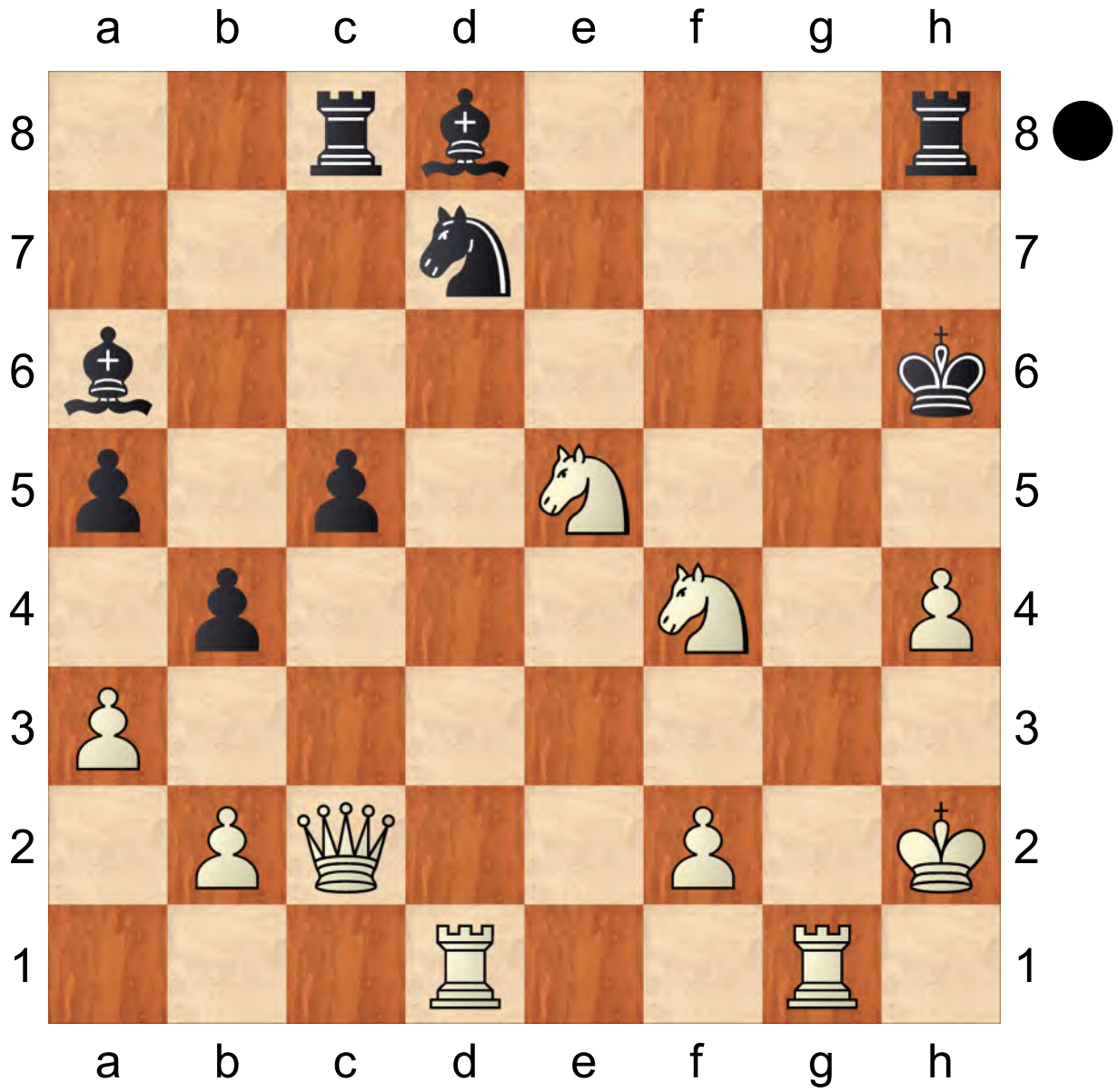
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■ **Nikitin,Andrey** **2400**
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[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qc2?! Be7?!** Nonflexible move.
[4...dxc4! 5.Qxc4 a6 6.g3 *(6.Nc3 b5 7.Qd3 Bb7 8.e4 c5=)* 6...b5 7.Qc2 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nbd7=]
[4...a6!?]
5.g3
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Na6 8.a3 Nc7 9.e3 Ne6 10.Bh2 0-0 11.Nbd2 *(11.Nc3±)* 11...g6 12.Rb1 Ng7 13.Bd3 Bf5= 1-0 Ortega,A-Radomskyj,P/US Amateur Team East, Parsippany USA 1998 (45)]
5...Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 c6?!±
[6...dxc4!? 7.Qxc4 a6 8.Qc2 c5=]
7.Nbd2 b6 8.e4 0-0 9.e5 White was lucky to promote e4-e5 instead of 0-0, and White position is better
[After 9.0-0 it is wellknown theoretical position]
9...Ne8 10.h4
[10.0-0 c5 *(10...Bb7 11.h4±)* 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nb3 Ba6 13.Rd1±]
10...h6

(Diagram)

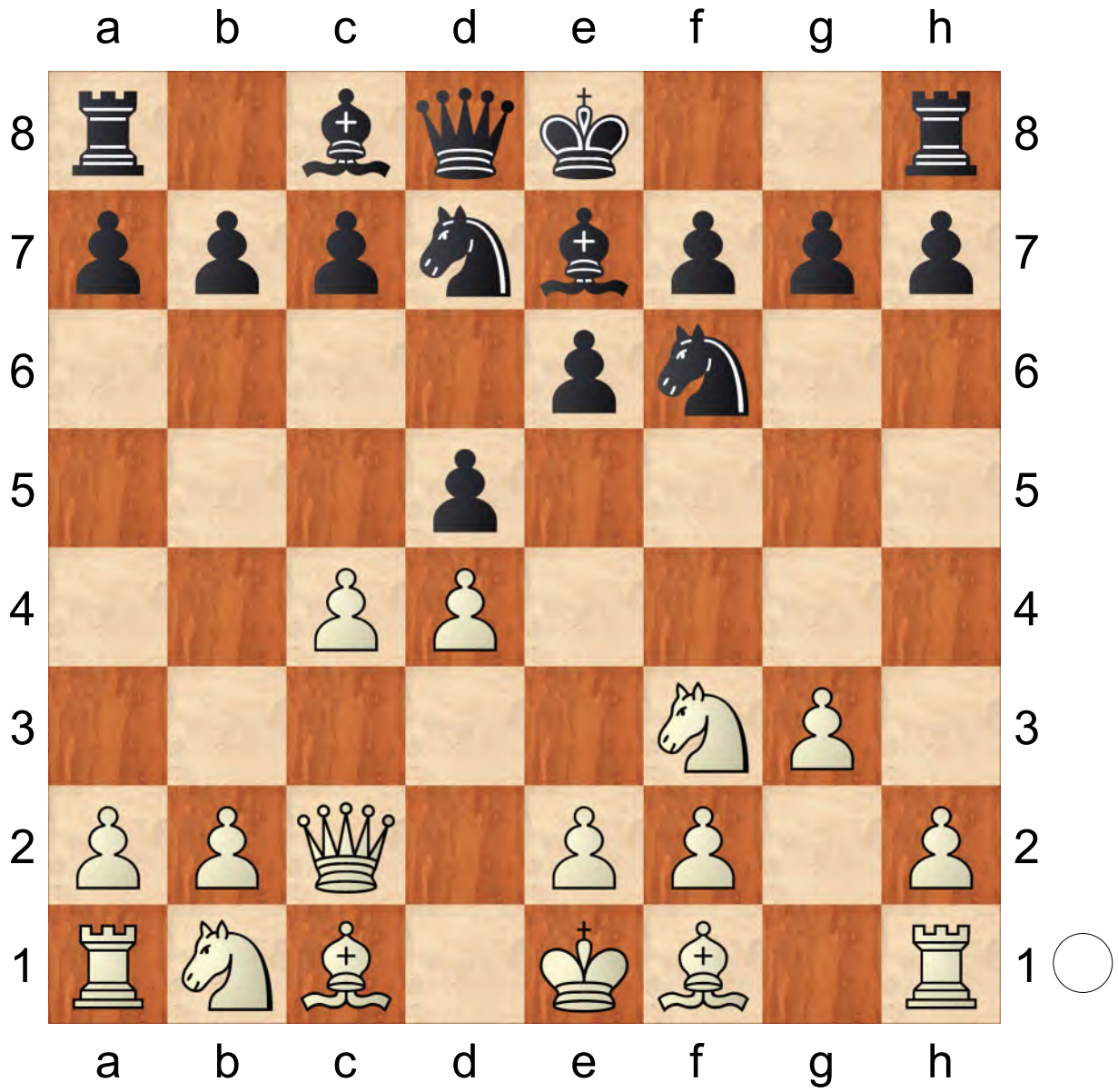
11.0-0 Bb7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Qa4?! Not necessary move. **14...a5 15.Nf1**
[15.Bf1 Bc6 16.Qd1± ○]
15...Ba6

(Diagram)

16.Qd1 Nb8 17.Ne3 Bb4 18.Bd2 Nc6 19.a3 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 f5

(Diagram)

21.Rac1 White didn't open position, space advantage remain, ♘e8 placed quite bad
[21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Rac1 *(22.b4 Ne4 23.Qb2 axb4 24.axb4 Bb5=)* 22...Ne4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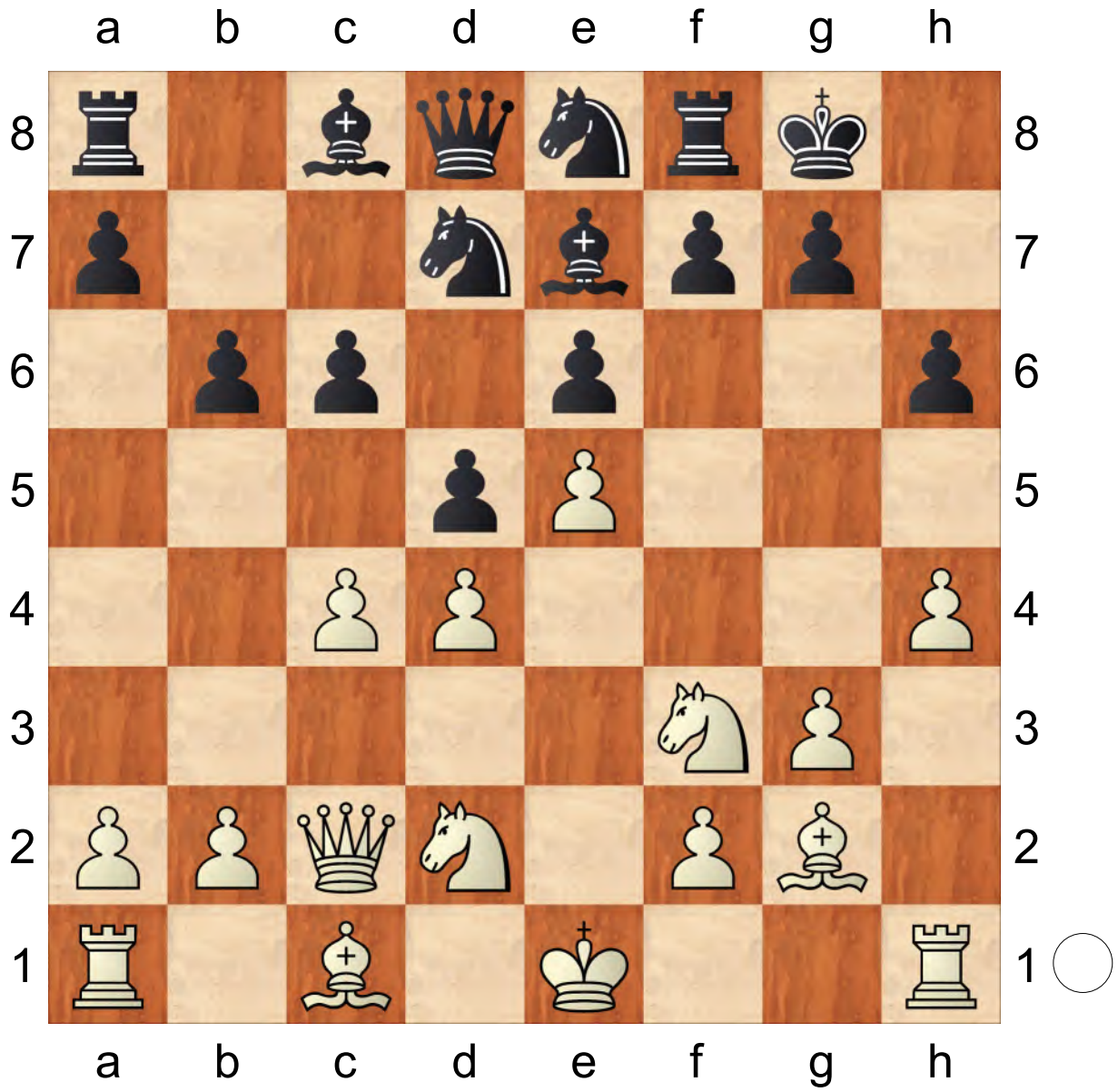
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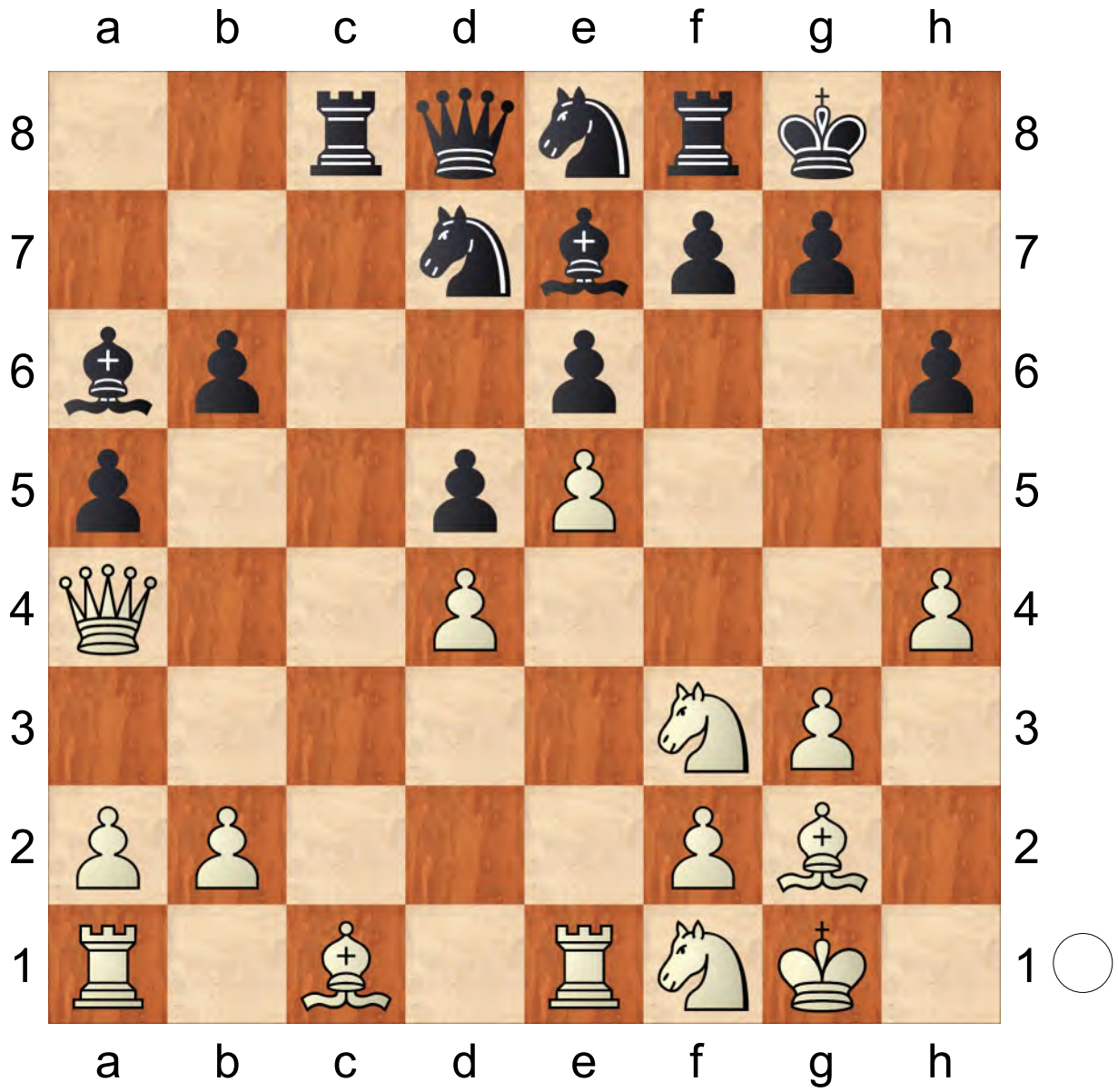
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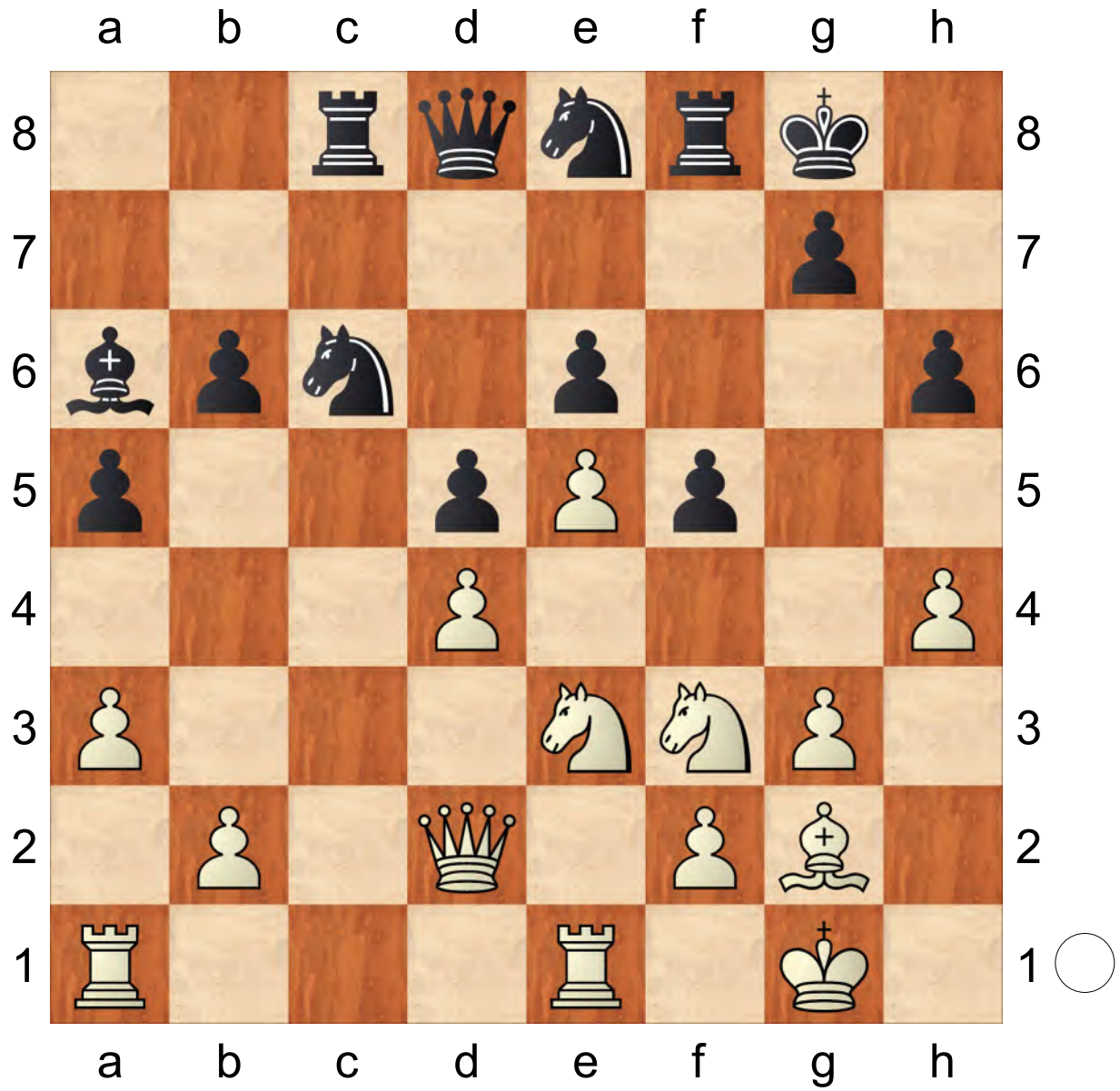


23.Qd1±]

21...Rf7

[21...f4 22.gxf4 Rxf4 23.Nxd5 Rxf3 24.Bxf3 exd5 25.Qf4 *(25.Bg4 Rc7 26.Be6+ Kh7 27.Rc3 Bc8⇄)* 25...Rc7 26.Rc3 Bc8 27.Bh5±]

22.Rc3 Rfc7 23.h5

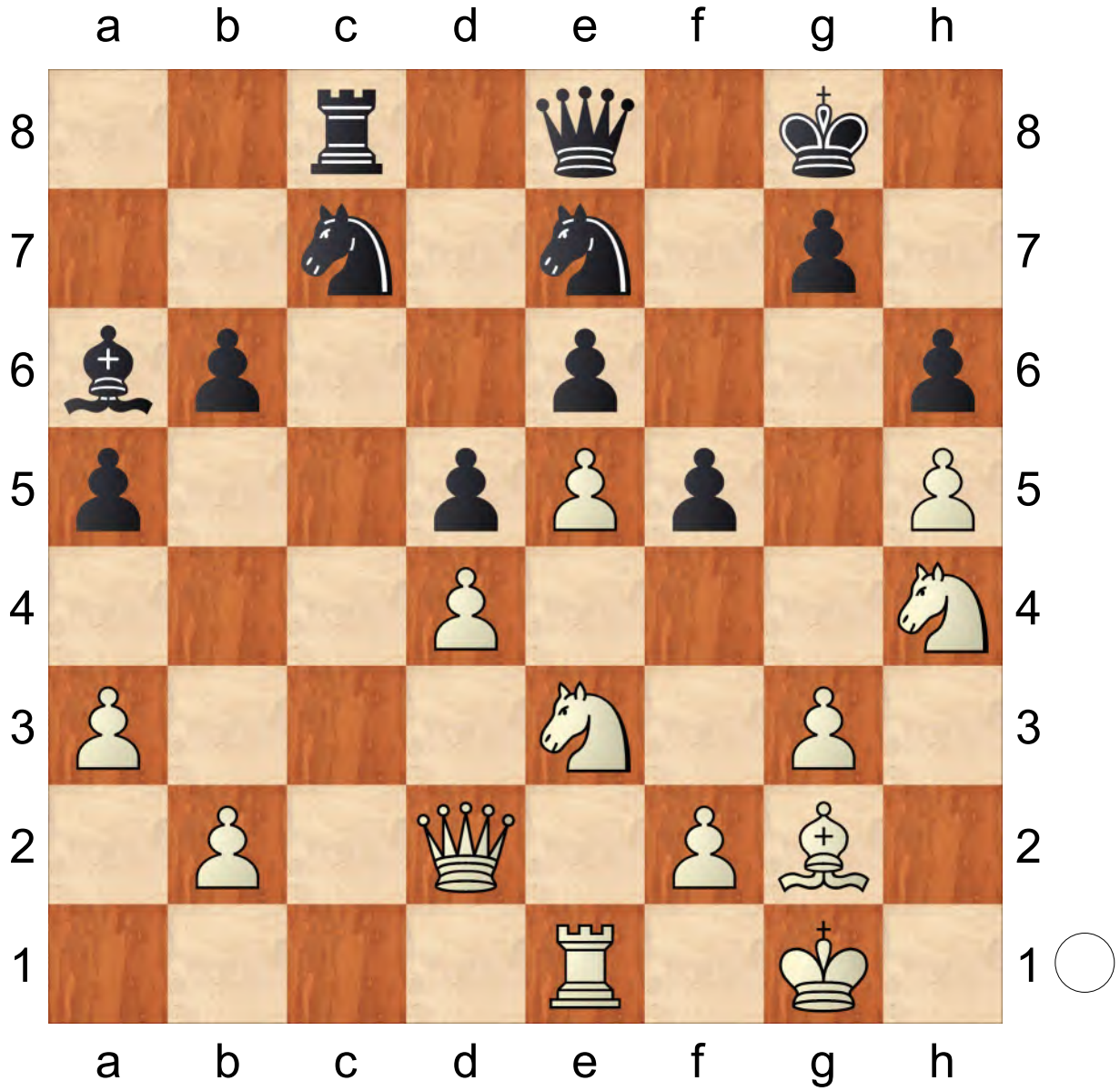
[23.Rec1 Ne7±]

23...Ne7 24.Rxc7 Nxc7 25.Nh4 Qe8

(Diagram)

26.Bf3 Qb5 27.Rd1

[27.Neg2 Qd3 28.Qxd3 Bxd3 29.Nf4 Be4 30.Bd1 Nc6 31.Nhg6 Kf7 32.f3 Bb1 33.Ba4 b5 34.Rxb1 bxa4 35.Ne2±]



27...Qb3 28.Nhg2 Nc6 29.Nf4 Nd8?!±

[29...Bc4 30.Rc1 b5±]

30.Kg2

[30.Ng6!±

A) 30...Kf7 31.Rc1 Bb7 *(31...Ne8 32.Rxc8 Bxc8 33.Bd1 Qb5 34.g4!±)* 32.g4! *(32.Bd1 Qb5 33.g4 fxg4 34.Nc4!! dxc4 35.Qf4++-)* 32...fxg4 33.Bd1+-;

B) 30...Kh7 31.Rc1 Nb5 32.Nf8+ Kh8 *(32...Kg8 33.Nxe6!+-)* 33.Rxc8 Bxc8 34.Bd1 Qa2 35.Ng6+ *(35.a4? Na3 36.Ng6+ Kh7 37.Qc3 Nc4 38.b3 Nxe3 39.fxe3 Qb1=)* 35...Kh7 36.Qc2 Ba6 37.Nxf5 Qc4 *(37...exf5 38.Qxf5+-)* 38.Qxc4 dxc4 39.a4 exf5 40.axb5 Bxb5 41.d5+-]

30...Nf7!?

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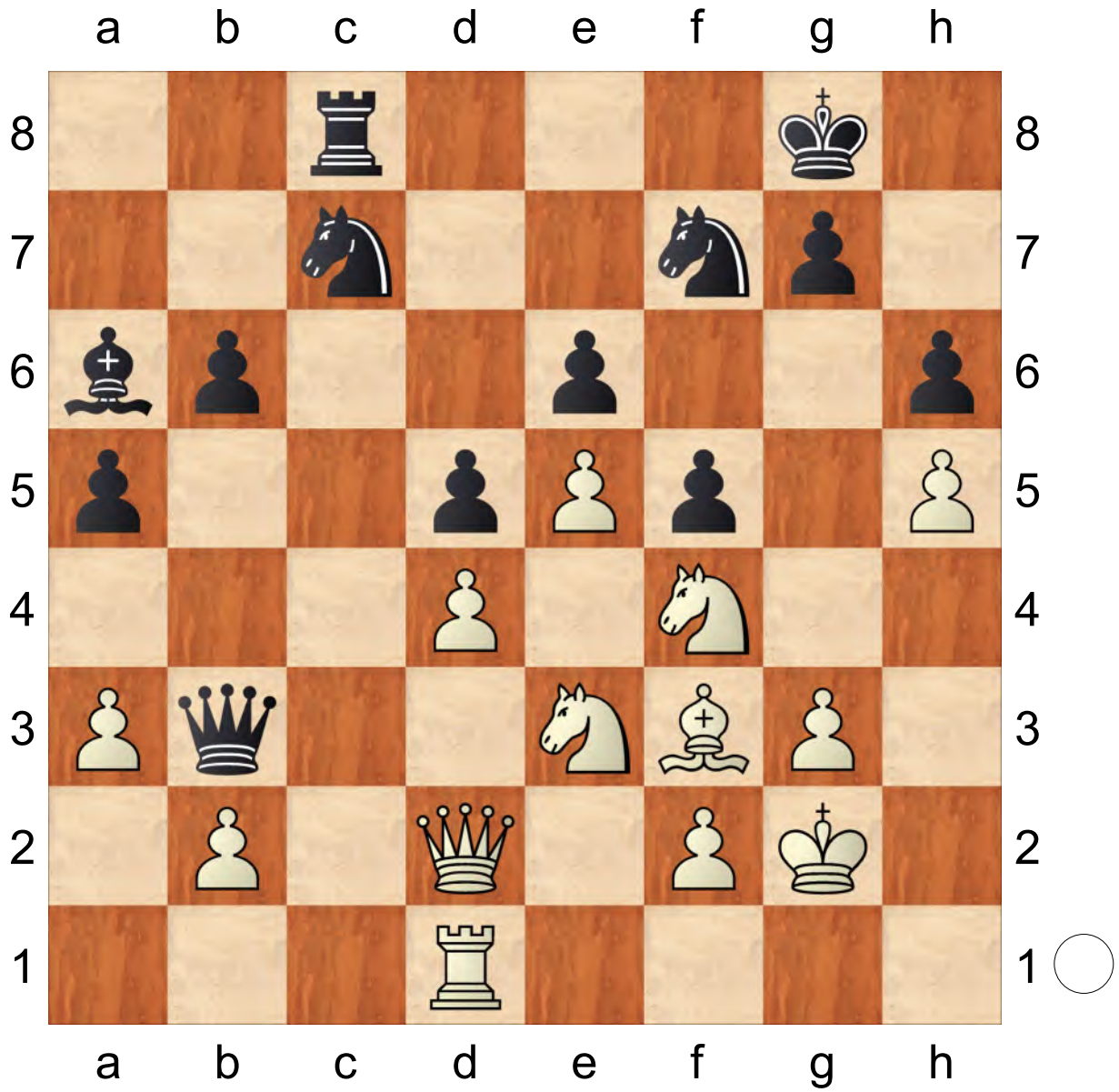

31.Rc1
[31.Nxe6!? Nxe6 32.Bxd5 Qxd5+ 33.Nxd5 Bb7 34.f3 Bxd5 35.Rc1 Rd8!⩱
(35...Rxc1? 36.Qxc1 Nfg5 37.Qc8+ Kh7 38.Kf2 Bxf3 39.Ke3 Bxh5 40.d5+-)]
31...Ng5 32.Bd1
[32.Ng6 Nxf3 33.Kxf3 Kf7 34.Kg2±]
32...Qa2??+-
[32...Qb5±]
33.Rc6 Nb5
[33...Na8 34.Qc1+-]
34.Rxc8+??=
[34.Rxb6 Ne4 35.Qxa5 Qxb2 36.Be2+-]
34...Bxc8 35.a4 Na3

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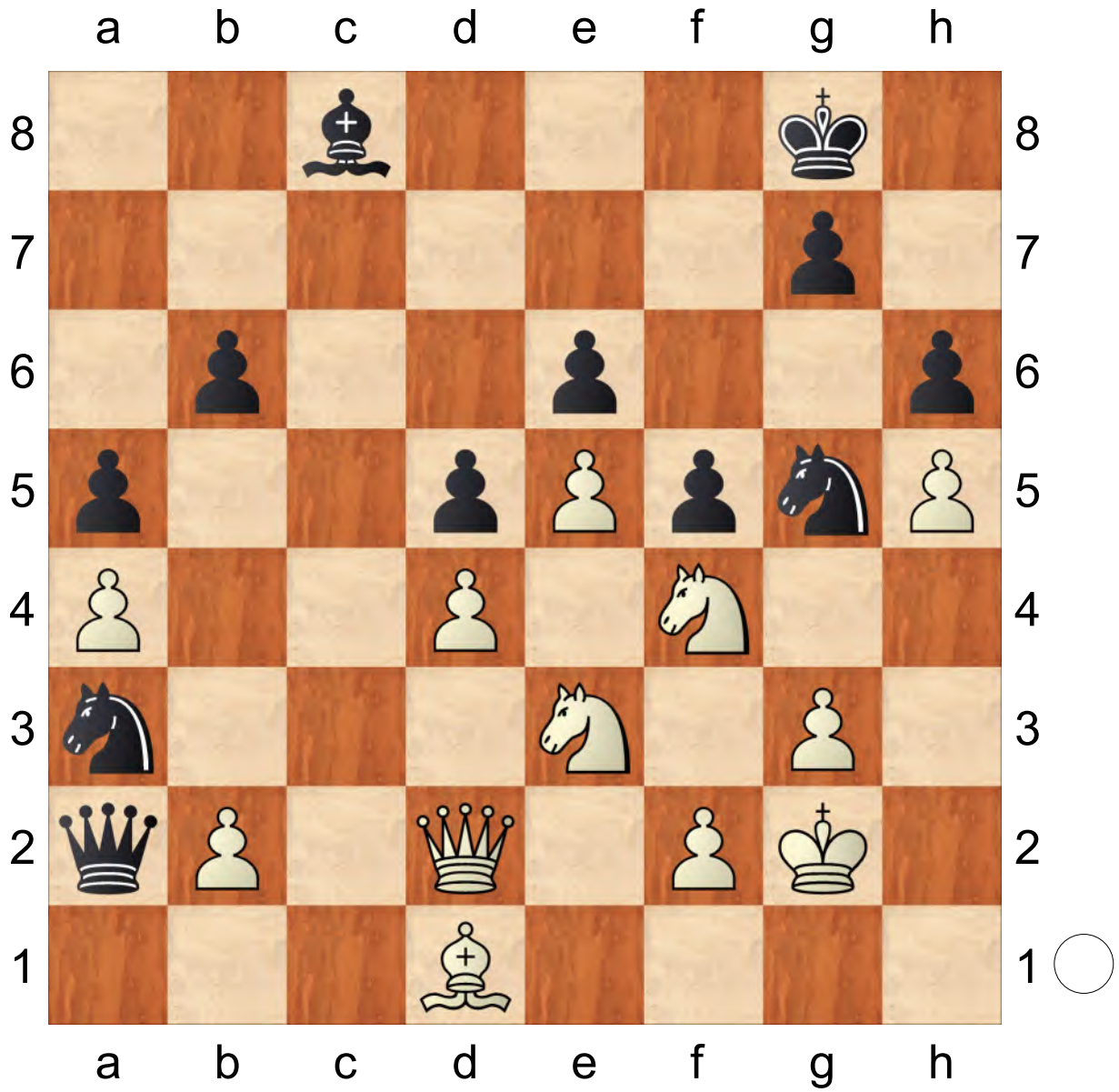

36.Qc3
[36.Qc1 Nc4 37.b3 Nxe3+ 38.Qxe3 Qb1 39.Qd3 Qxd3 40.Nxd3 Ba6 41.Nf4 Kf7 42.f3=]
36...Nc4 37.Bb3?∓ Maybe Zeitnot is a reason ot too many mistakes?
[37.b3 Ne4 38.Qc2 Nxe3+ 39.fxe3 Qxc2+ 40.Bxc2 Ng5=]
37...Qxb2 38.Qxb2 Nxb2 39.Ng6 Bd7 40.f4 Nf7

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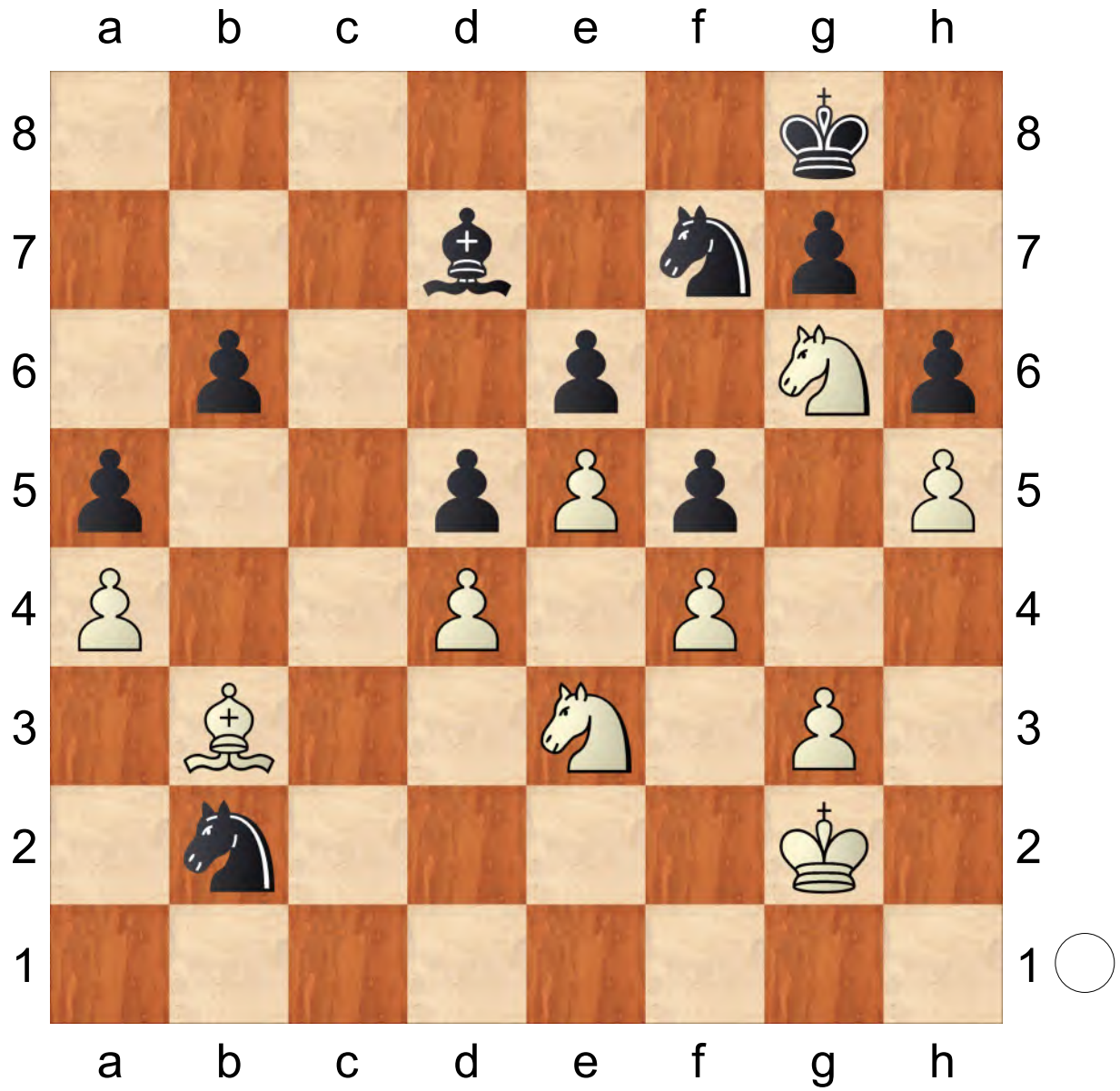
41.g4 Bxa4
[41...fxg4 42.f5 Ng5 *(42...Bxa4 43.Bxa4 Nxa4 44.fxe6 Nxe5 45.dxe5 Nc5 46.e7 Kf7 47.Nf5+-)* 43.fxe6 Nxe6 44.Bxd5 Nxa4 45.Bxe6+ Bxe6 46.d5 Bf7 47.e6 Bxg6 48.hxg6 Kf8 49.d6+-]



42.Bxa4 Nxa4 43.gxf5 Nd8!

[43...exf5

A) 44.Nxd5 Nd8 45.Nde7+ Kf7 46.d5 *(46.Nxf5 Nc3 47.Nd6+ Ke6 48.f5+ Kd5 49.Ne8 Kxd4 50.Nxg7 Nd5 51.e6 a4 52.e7 Nxe7 53.Nxe7 a3-+)* 46...Nc3 47.e6+ Nxe6 48.dxe6+ Kxe6 49.Nc6 a4**∓**;

B) 44.Ne7+ Kf8 45.N3xd5 b5 46.Ng6+

B1) 46...Kg8 47.Nde7+ Kh7 48.d5 Nb6 49.Nf8+ Kh8 50.d6 a4 51.Nfg6+ Kh7 52.Nxf5 Nd8 *(52...a3 53.e6 Nxd6 54.Nxd6 a2 55.e7 a1Q 56.e8Q+-)* 53.Nf8+ Kg8 54.e6 Nxe6 55.Nxe6 a3 56.Nc5 a2 57.Nb3 Kf7 58.Kf3**±**;

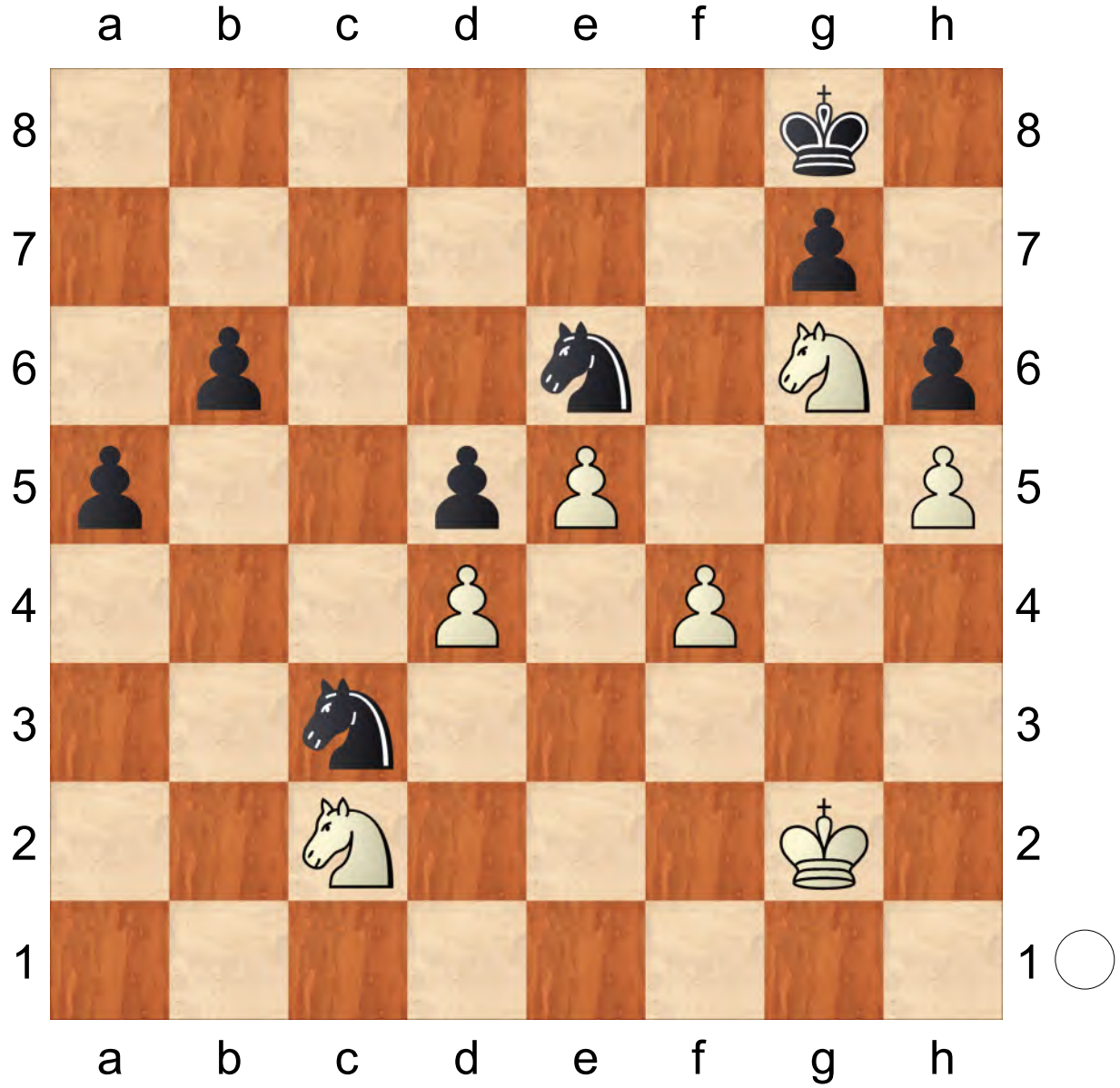
B2) 46...Ke8 47.Nc7+**±**]

44.fxe6 Nxe6 45.Nc2

[45.Nxd5 Nxd4 46.Kf2 Kf7 47.Ke3 Nf5+ 48.Ke4 Ng3+ 49.Kf3 Ke6 50.Ne3

(50.Nxb6 Nxb6 51.Kxg3 a4 52.Kg4 a3 53.f5+ Kf7-+)
A) 50...Nxh5 51.f5+ Kd7 52.Nd5 *(52.Kg4 Nf6+ 53.exf6 gxf6 54.Nd5 Kd6 55.Nxf6 Nc5 56.Kf4 a4 57.Ne5 b5⇄)* 52...Kc6 53.Nde7+ Kc5 54.Kg4±;
B) 50...Nf5 51.Nf8+ Kf7 52.Nxf5 Kxf8∓]

45...Nc3



46.f5 Nc7 47.e6
[47.Kf3 b5∓]
47...b5 48.Ne7+ Kf8 49.Nc6 Ne4
[49...a4 50.Kf3 Ne8∓]
50.Kf3?!-+
[50.Nxa5 Nf6 51.Kf3 Nxh5 52.Nc6 Nf6∓]
50...Nd2+

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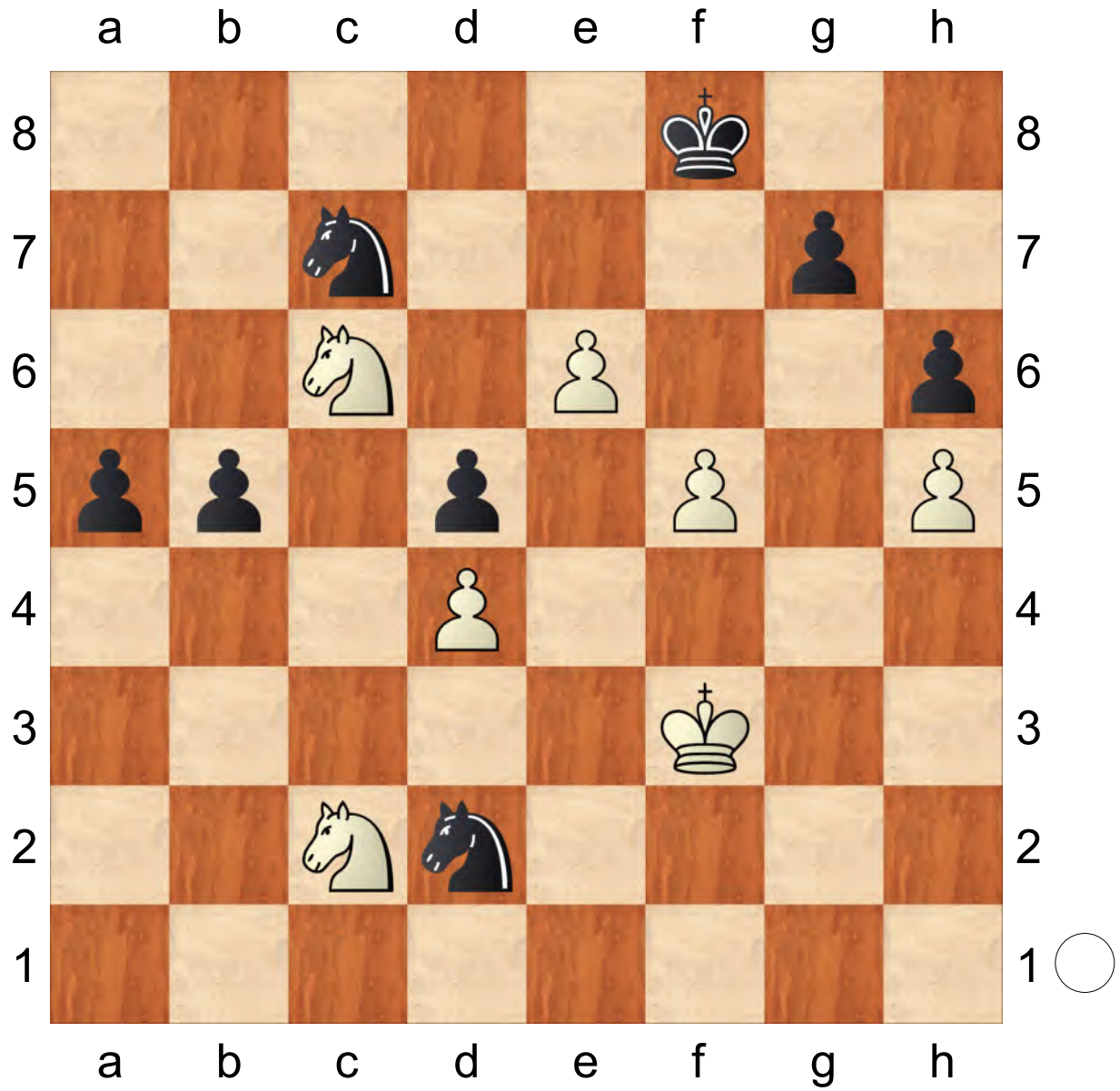

51.Kf4 Nc4 52.Ne3 Nxe3
[52...a4-+]
53.Kxe3 a4 54.Kf4 a3 55.Nb4 Na6

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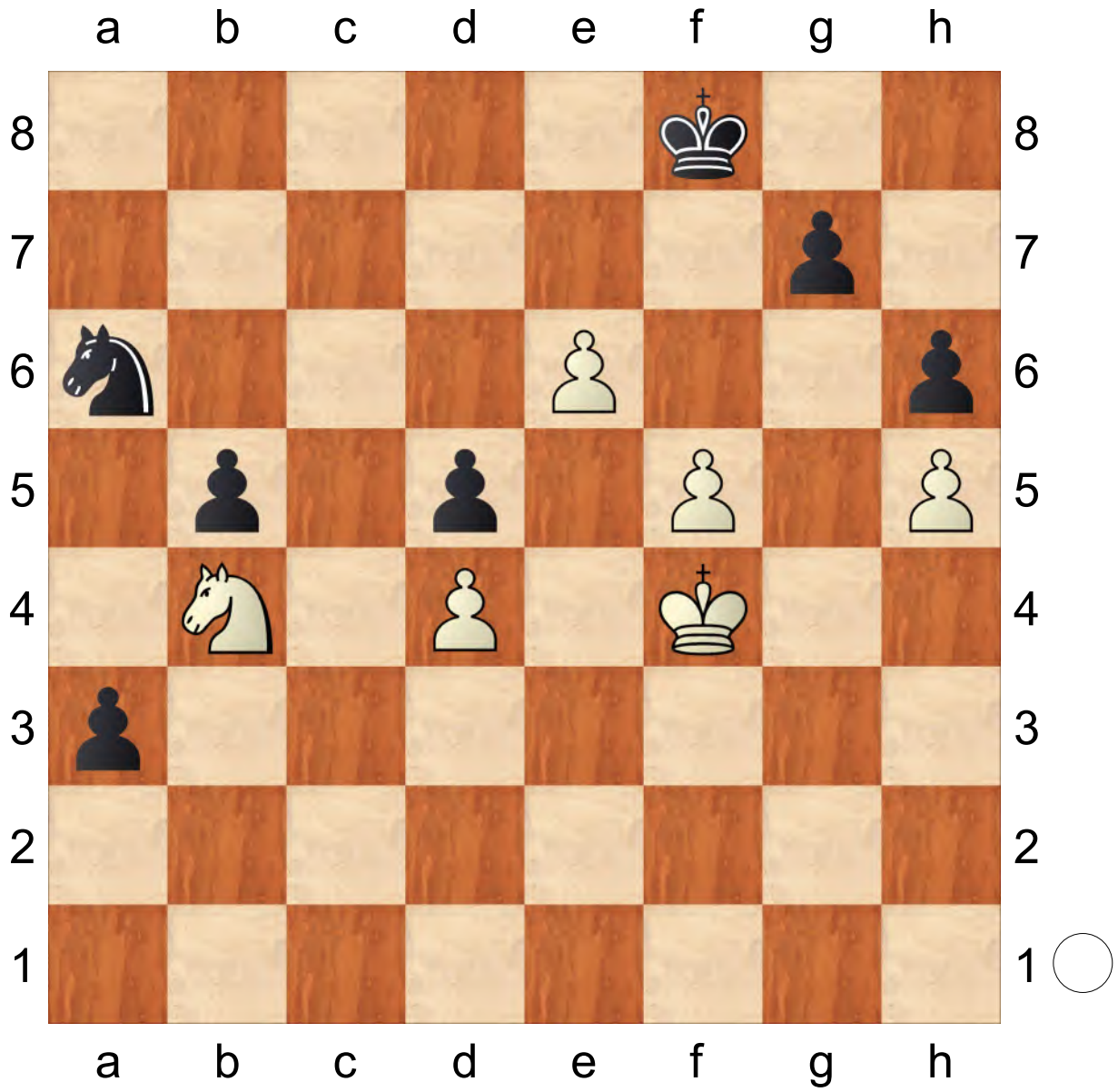
56.Na2 b4 57.Nc1 Ke7 58.Ke5 Nc7 59.Nb3 a2 60.Na1 Ne8

(Diagram)

61.Kxd5 Nd6 62.Kc5 Nxf5 63.d5 g5
[63...Kf6!? 64.Kxb4 Ng3 65.Kc5 Nxh5 66.Kd6 g5-+]
64.hxg6 h5 65.Nb3 h4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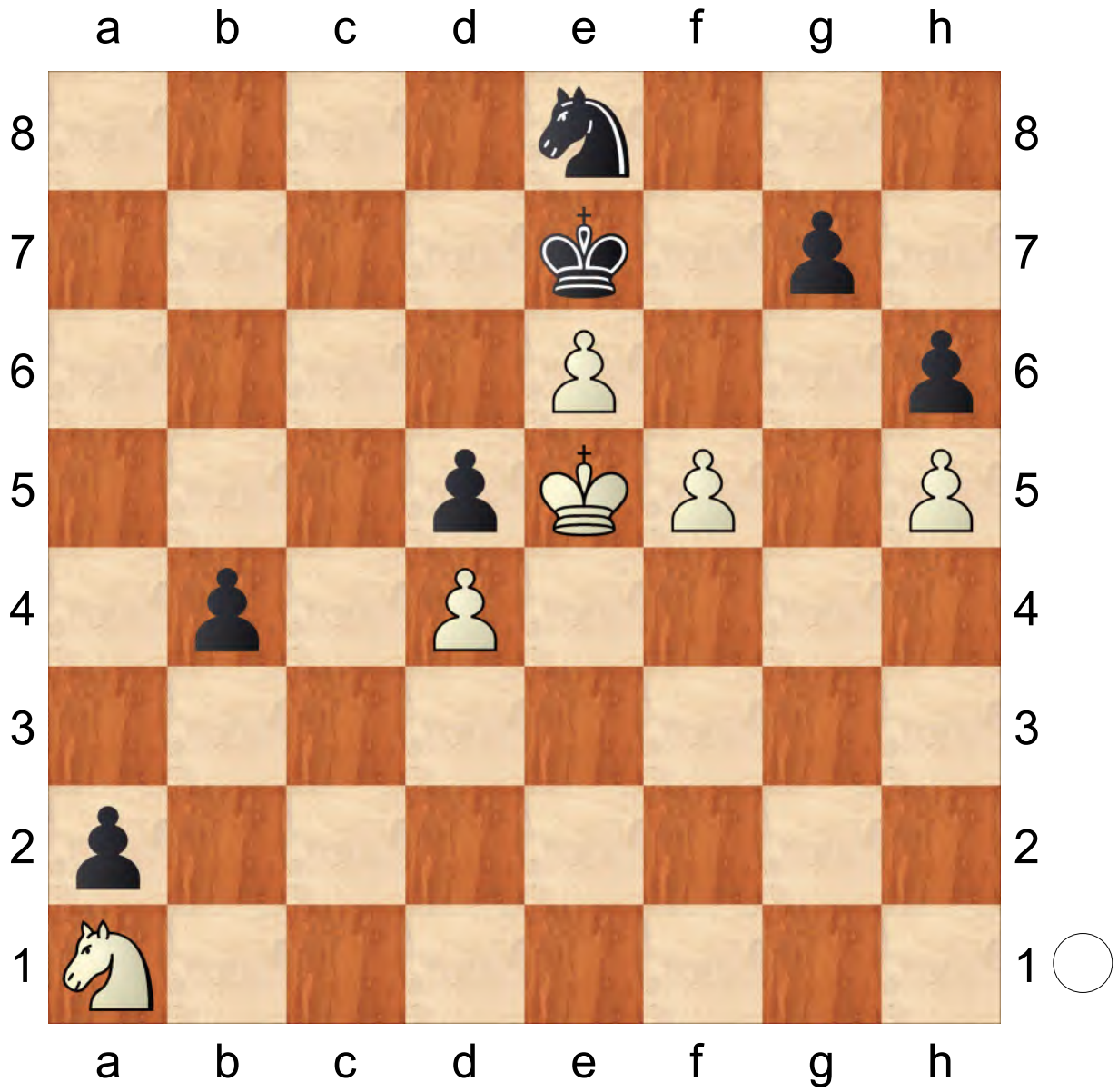
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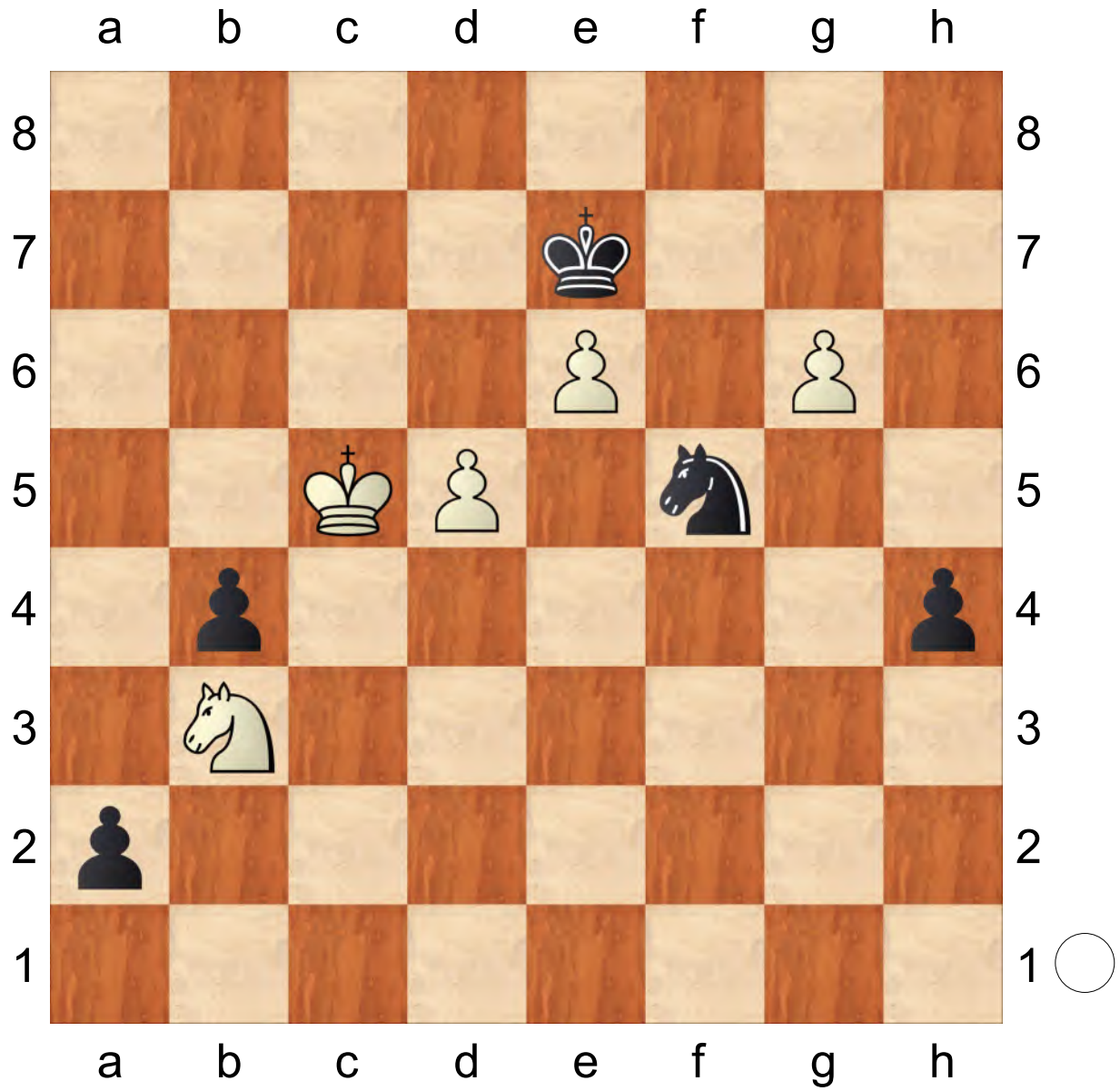

66.Kc6 a1Q!
[66...Nd4+ 67.Nxd4 a1Q 68.d6+ Kf6 *(68...Kd8 69.g7 Qa6+ 70.Kd5=)* 69.e7 Qa8+ 70.Kd7 Qa7+ 71.Kc6 *(71.Kd8 Qxd4 72.e8Q Qxd6+ 73.Kc8 Qe6+-+)* 71...Qxe7 72.dxe7 Kxe7 73.Nf5+ Kf6 74.Nxh4 b3 75.Nf3 b2 76.Nd2=]
[66...h3 67.d6+ Nxd6 68.g7 h2 69.g8Q h1Q+ 70.Kc5 a1Q 71.Nxa1 Qc1+ 72.Kxb4 Qxa1 Tsesarsky: '=' *(72...Qc4+ 73.Ka3 Nb5+ 74.Kb2 Qc3+ 75.Kb1=)* 73.Qh7+ Kxe6 74.Qh3+=]
67.Nxa1 Nd4+
[67...h3! 68.d6+ Kd8! *(68...Nxd6? 69.g7 h2 70.g8Q h1Q+ 71.Kc5 Qc1+ 72.Kxb4 Qxa1=)* 69.e7+ *(69.g7 Nxg7 70.e7+ Ke8 71.Kc7 Ne6+-+)* 69...Nxe7+ 70.dxe7+ Kxe7-+]
68.Kc5 Nxe6+ 69.dxe6 Kxe6 70.Nb3 h3
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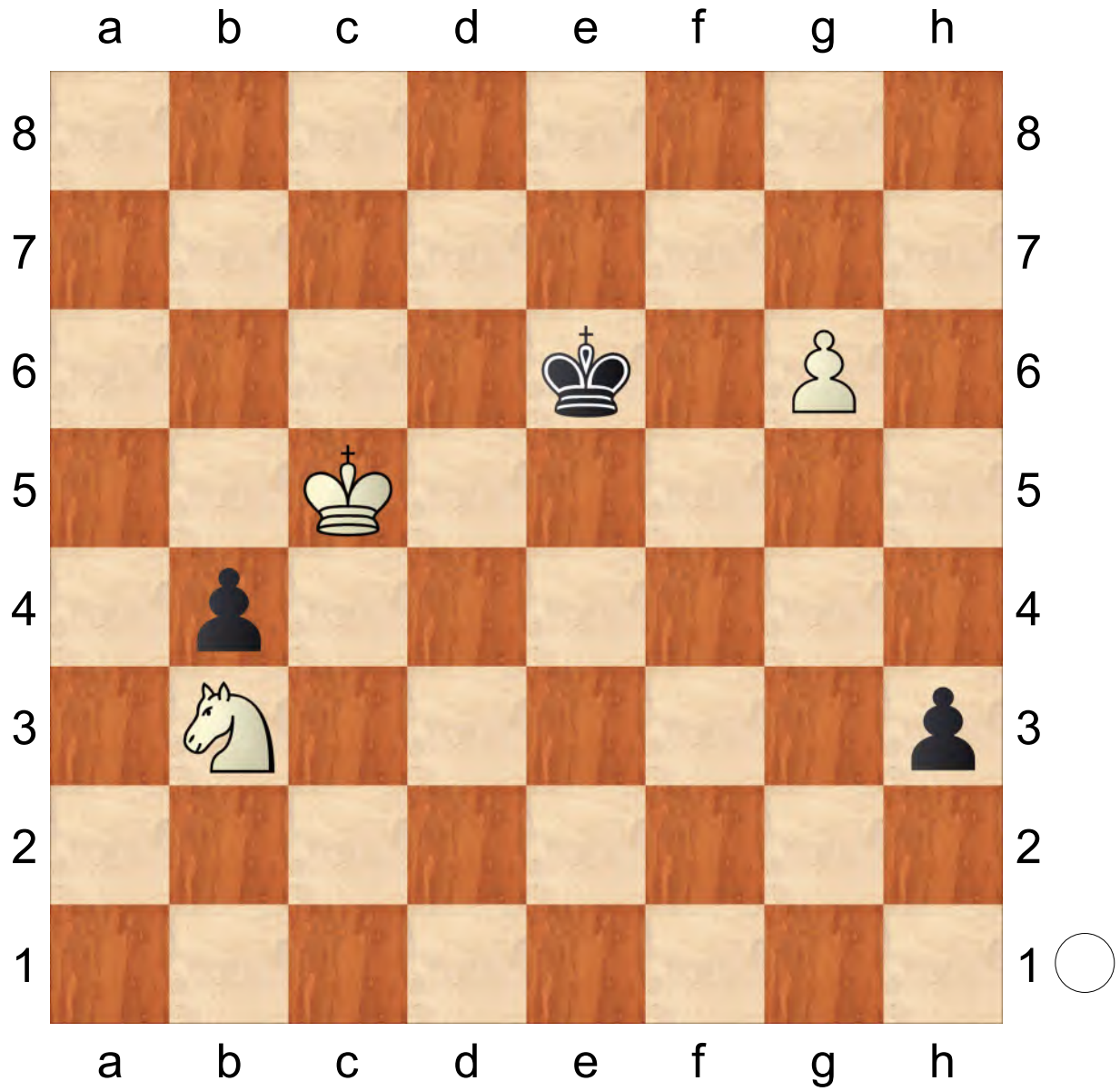

71.Nd4+ Kf6 72.g7 Kxg7??= Black give to White very expensive tempo...
[72...Kf7!-+]
73.Kxb4 h2 74.Nf5+ Kf6 75.Ng3 Ke5

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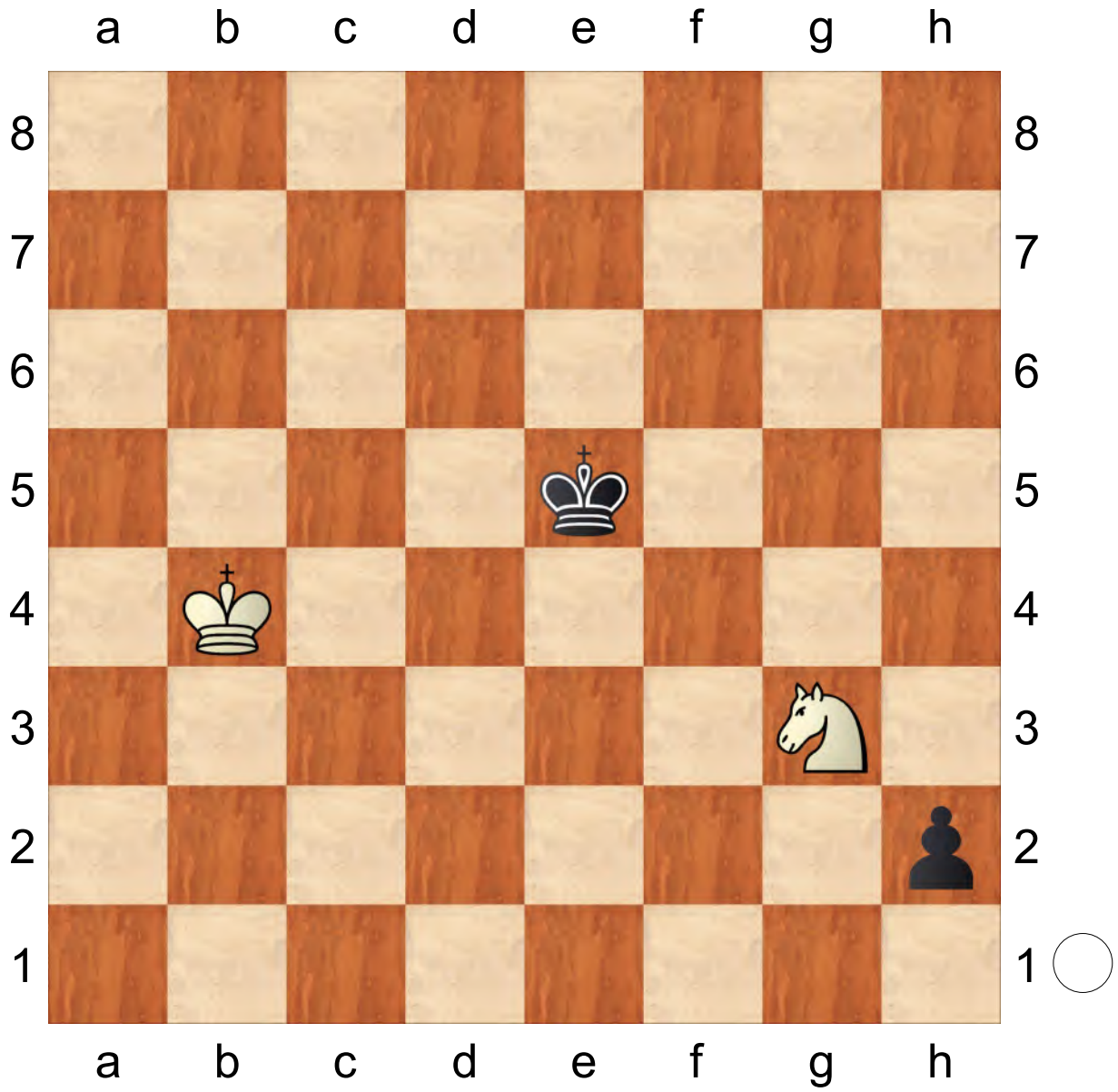
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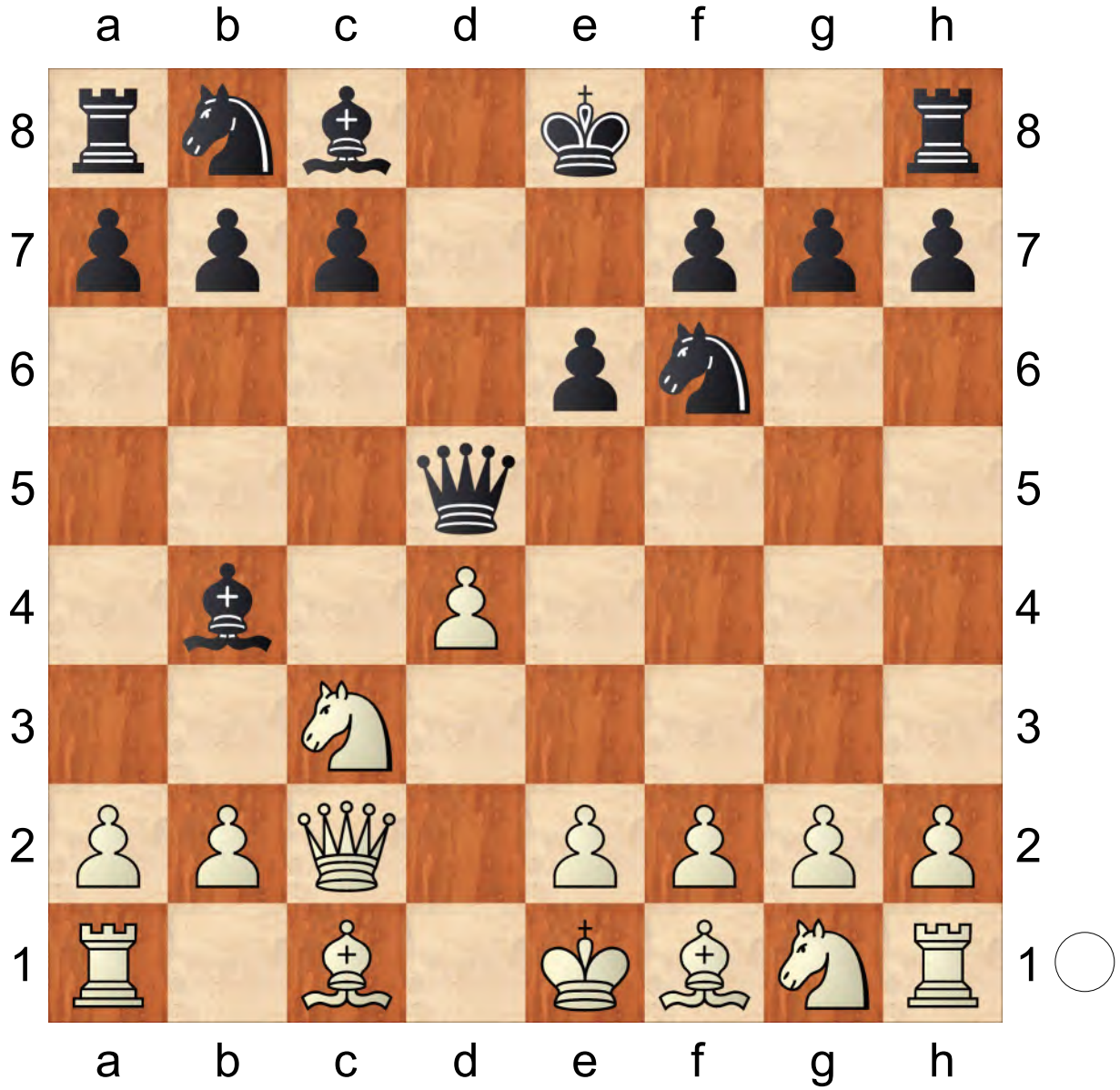
□ **Dreev,Alexey** **2704**
■ **Sadvakasov,Darmen** **2635**
Poikovsky Karpov 06th (1) 26.02.2005
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Dreev,Alexey Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5**



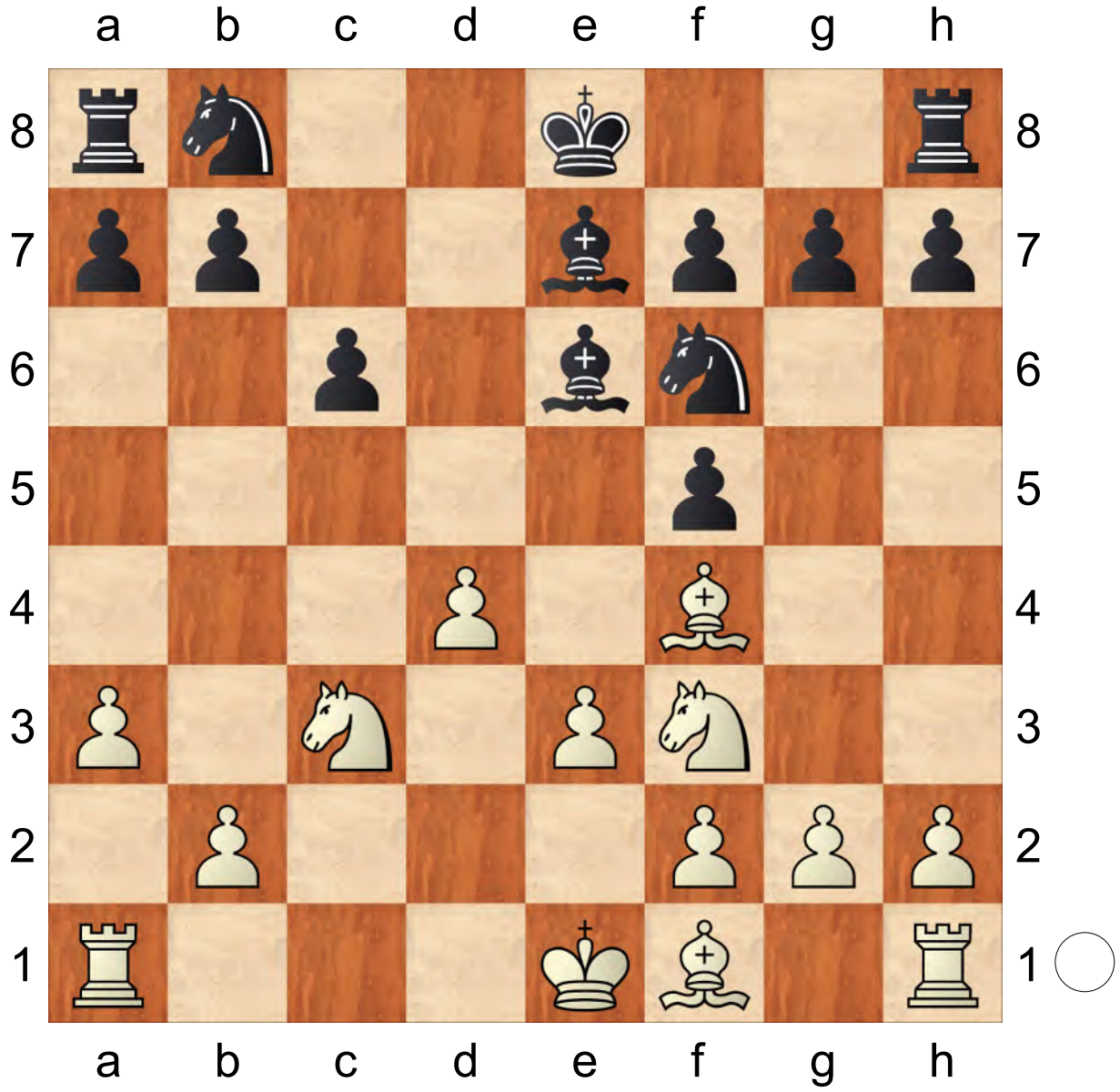
6.Nf3 Qf5 7.Qxf5 exf5 8.a3 Be7 9.Bf4

[This deserves more attention: 9.Bg5!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' For further information you can see my annotations to Seirawan,Y-Adams,M/Bermuda,2000/CBM 76(½-½)(43)]

9...c6 10.e3 Be6!?

[10...Nbd7!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Ü 91/(458)' Dreev,Alexey: 'Ü 91/(458)' 11.Nd2 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Nb6 12.Nb3 Δ♘a5(¡b7) Ne4!? See my comments to Shipov,S-Khalifman,A/Sochi,2004/CBM 101(½-½)(49) *(12...Nfd5* The further comments you can find in my next game: Golod,V-Psakhis,L/Tel-Aviv,1999/CBM 71(1-0)(67) *)*]

[Leads to favourable simplifications for White: 10...Nh5 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Δ11.Bc7 Kd7 12.Be5 *(12.Ba5!?)* 12...f6 13.Bg3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 ±/=]



Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!?'' This is fourth game where Darmen Sadvakasov made this move, but you have to consider that the previous ones were played on the internet! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'This is fourth game where Darmen Sadvakasov made this move, but you have to consider that the previous ones were played on the

internet!'' **11.Nd2!?** Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!?" A standard move in this type of position. White transfers his knight to the "c4" square , where he will threaten to go to "a5" attacking the black queen side (♙b7) and a jump to the center of the board (×d6). Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'A standard move in this type of position. White transfers his knight to the "c4" square , where he will threaten to go to "a5" attacking the black queen side (♙b7) and a jump to the center of the board (×d6)."

[Before this game, in this position this was tried 7 times: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Before this game, in this position this was tried 7 times:" 11.Bd3!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!?"]

[and this only twice 11.h3 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V']

11...Nbd7 Black finishes his development, he develops his last light piece. Now Black has the possibility of castling to either side. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Black finishes his development, he develops his last light piece. Now Black has the possibility of castling to either side.'' **12.Nc4 Nb6!?N** Dreev,Alexey: 'N!' 'N!' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod, V: 'N!?'' This seems like a successful novelty. Before that, two other alternatives were explored: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'This seems like a successful novelty. Before that, two other alternatives were explored:"

[≤12...0-0 13.Be2 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Bxc4?! *(13...a5!?)* 14.Bxc4 Nh5 15.Bc7 *(15.Be5!?)* 15...Rac8 16.Be5 Nxe5 17.dxe5± Lomineishvili,M-Matnadze, A/Tbilisi,2002(1-0)(30)]

[≤12...b6 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: ' ≤" 13.Nd6+ Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Kf8 14.Nc4 Nh5 15.Be5 Nhf6 16.Rc1 c5 17.h3 Nd5 18.dxc5 Nxc3 19.Bxc3 Nxc5 20.Ne5 Rc8 21.Bb5 f6 22.Nc6 a6 23.Nxe7 Kxe7 24.Be2 a5 25.0-0 Nb3 26.Rcd1 Rhd8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Re1± Harikrishna,P-Safin,S/Abu Dhabi, 2004(1-0)(73)]

Δ13.Na5 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Δ" A better continuation. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'A better continuation."

[≤13.Nd6+ Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: ' ≤" Bxd6 14.Bxd6 Ne4 Dreev,Alexey: '=' '=' and White creates a blockade on the white squares. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'and White creates a blockade on the white squares."]

13...0-0-0 14.Be5 White doesn't allow the black knight to go to "h5" or "d5", but probably Alexey obviously didn't appreciate black's next move. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod, V: 'White doesn't allow the black knight to go to "h5" or "d5", but probably Alexey obviously didn't appreciate black's next move."

[14.Be2?! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '?!" Nfd5 and Black isn't worse! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'and Black isn't worse!" 15.Bg3 Dreev,Alexey *(15.Be5* Dreev,Alexey *Nxc3 16.bxc3 Rd5-+)* 15...f4 16.exf4 Rhe8 17.0-0 Bf6 18.Rad1 Ne7∓]

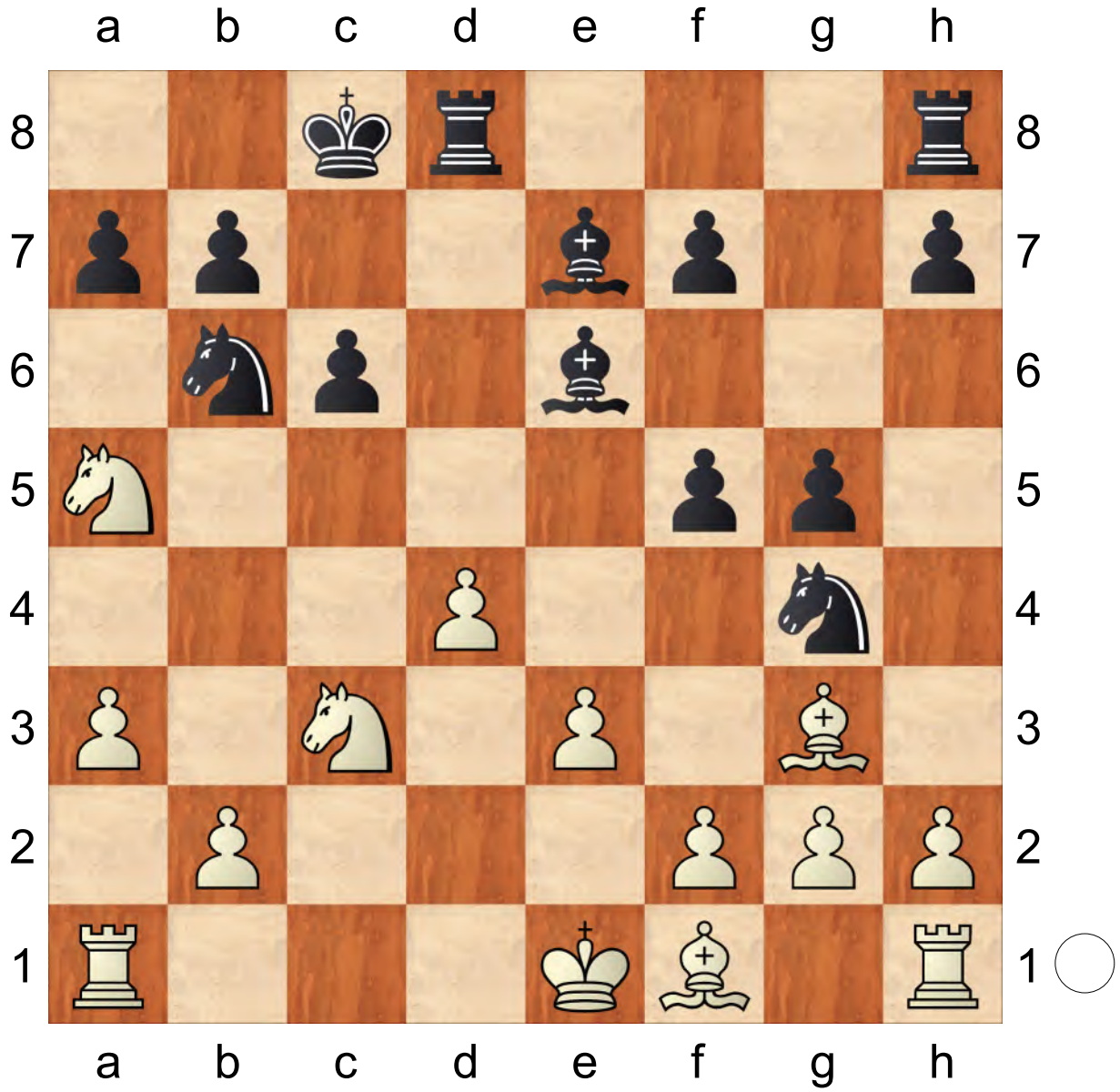
14...Ng4! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!" **15.Bg3** But maybe Alexey Dreev considered everything and expected exactly this simple bishop retreat. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'But maybe Alexey Dreev considered everything and expected exactly this simple bishop retreat."

[15.Bxg7?! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Rhg8 16.Be5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nd7 18.f4 *(18.Nc4 b5 19.Nd6+ Kc7 20.f4 f6↑ Δ21.Ncxb5+ cxb5 22.Nxb5+ Kb6 23.Nd4*

Nf8∓ Δ24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Bc4 fxe5! 26.Bxe6 Rxg2→) 18...f6 19.exf6 Nxf6 Black gets a very strong initiative for a pawn, all of his pieces are on very good squares!]

15...g5!

[15...h5 Dreev,Alexey 16.h4]



Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!" Black has created two threats: f4 (♘d4) or h5-h4 (♀g3).
Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Black has created two threats: f4 (♘d4) or h5-h4 (♀g3)."

Δ16.h3 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Δ" **16...f4**

[16...Nf6 Dreev,Alexey 17.Be5 ΔRhe8? 18.Nb5!]

17.exf4

[17.hxg4?! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' fxg3 18.f3 c5!↑ Black gets to square "e3".]

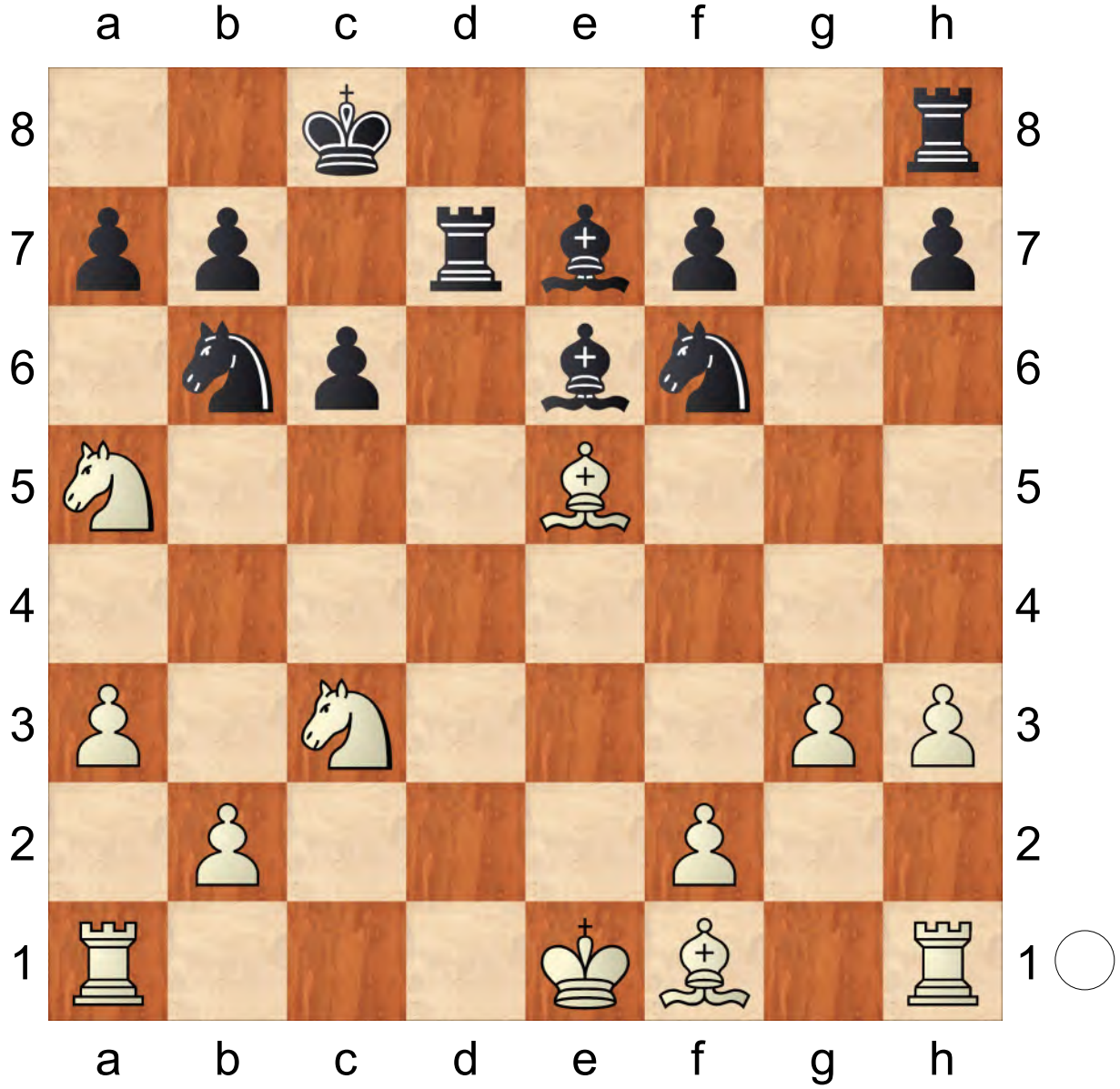
17...gxf4

[17...Nh6?! Dreev,Alexey 18.fxg5 Nf5 19.Be5 Rhe8 20.f4 Nxd4 21.0-0-0]

18.Bxf4 Rxd4 19.g3

[This was quite risky: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'This was quite risky:" 19.Ne2 Ra4 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.hxg4 Bf6↑ Dreev,Alexey: '=' '=' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '↑"]

19...Nf6□ Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: ' □" **20.Be5** Too many moves with the same piece this early in the game. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Too many moves with the same piece this early in the game." **20...Rd7**



21.Rc1 Re8 White, and then Black, puts his rooks on the same file with the opponent's king. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'White, and then Black, puts his rooks on the same file with the opponent's king."

[21...Rhd8 Dreev,Alexey

A) 22.Nb5 Rd5;

B) 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Ba6+ Rb7 24.Nb5 Bd5 25.Nxa7+ Kd7 26.Bxb7 Bxh1

27.Ke2 Bd5 28.Bxc6+ Bxc6 29.Nxc6 Re8 30.Nxe7 *(30.Kd3)* 30...Kxe7 31.Kd3±;

C) 22.Be2±]

22.Be2

[22.Nb5? Dreev,Alexey Bd5]

22...a6 Black prepares "♘fd5", which was bad at first: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Black prepares "♘fd5", which was bad at first:"

[22...Nfd5 Dreev,Alexey: '?' '?' in view of: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'in view of:" 23.Nb5! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!" Rg8 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' *(23...f6?? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 24.Nxa7+ Kd8 25.N5xc6+ bxc6 26.Nxc6+ Kc8 27.Ba6+ Rb7 28.Na5+ Kd7 29.Bb5+ Kd8 30.Nxb7#)* 24.Nxa7+ Kd8 25.b4± despite the fact that the white knight is stuck on "a7", he has the advantage.]

23.0-0!?

[23.b4 Dreev,Alexey Nfd5 Δ24.Ne4 Bf5 25.Rxc6+ Kd8∓]

23...Nfd5

[After a computer's continuation: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'After a computer's continuation:" 23...Bxh3?! Dreev,Alexey: '!?' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '?!" 24.Rfe1 White's pressure is quite noticeable! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'White's pressure is quite noticeable!" Be6 Dreev,Alexey 25.Ne4 *(25.b4!? ΔNg4 26.Na4! Nxa4 27.Rxc6+ Kd8 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Bxg4⩲)* 25...Nxe4 26.Rxc6+ Kd8 27.Rxb6 Bc5 28.Rxb7 Bxf2+ 29.Kg2 Bd5 30.Rb8+ Ke7 31.Rxe8+ Kxe8 32.Rc1∞]

24.Ne4 Dreev,Alexey: '?!' '?!'

[24.Rfe1!? Dreev,Alexey

A) 24...Bxh3 Ü 23... ♗h3 Dreev,Alexey: 'Ü 23... Bh3' 25.Nxd5 Dreev,Alexey Rxd5 *(25...Nxd5 26.Rxc6+±)* 26.Bxa6 Rxa5 27.Rxc6+ Kd7

A1) 28.Rxb6 Rxa6 29.Rd1+ Kc8 30.Rc1+ Kd7 31.Rd1+ *(31.Rc7+ Kd8 32.Rbxb7 Ra8 33.Rc3∞)* 31...Kc8=;

A2) 28.Bxb7 Bf8 *(28...Nd5 29.Rc4)* 29.Rd1+ Nd5 30.Bf4±;

B) 24...Nxc3 25.Rxc3∞]

24...Nc7 Dreev,Alexey: '!' '!' Black defends against all of his opponent's threats and now thinks about taking on ♙h3, which was impossible at first: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod, V: 'Black defends against all of his opponent's threats and now thinks about taking on ♙h3, which was impossible at first:"

[24...Bxh3?? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 25.Rxc6+! bxc6 *(⌓25...Kd8 26.Rd1±)* 26.Bxa6+ Rb7 *(26...Kd8?? 27.Nxc6#)* 27.Bxb7+ Kd8 28.Rd1 Bg4 29.Rd4+-]

[24...Bf5 Dreev,Alexey 25.f3!?∞ *(25.Rxc6+ Kd8 26.Nf6 Bxf6 27.Bxf6+ Nxf6 28.Rxf6 Bxh3 29.Rxb6 Rxe2 30.Rc1 Ke7 31.Nxb7 Rdd2 32.Rc7+ Kf8 33.Rf6 Be6 34.Nc5 Bd5 35.g4 Rxb2=)*]

25.h4

[25.Rfd1 Dreev,Alexey]

25...Rd5

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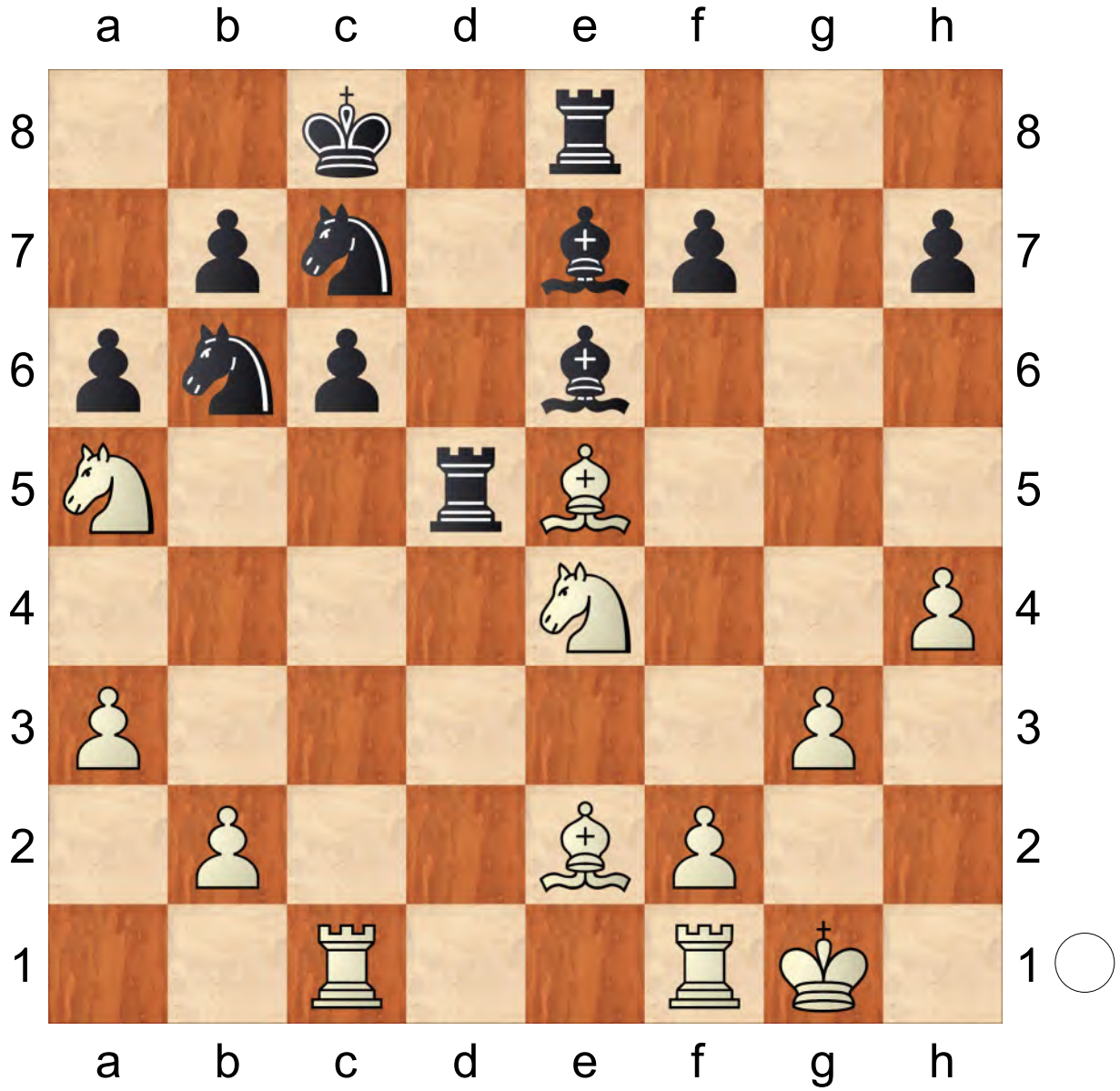


26.Bc3?! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '?!" As my analysis showed, this wasn't the best decision. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'As my analysis showed, this wasn't the best decision."

[⌓26.Bxc7 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Kxc7 27.b4 Rd4 *(27...Bd7!? 28.Nc3 Rd6 29.Nc4 Rd4=)* 28.Bxa6! bxa6 *(≤28...Rxe4 29.Bxb7* Δ♗xc6 ±*)* 29.Rxc6+ Kd7 30.Rxb6 Rxe4 31.Rd1+ Dreev,Alexey: '=' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '=" Kc8 32.Rxa6 *(32.Rc1+!? Kd7 33.Rd1+=)* 32...Kb8∞]

26...Na4 27.b4

[⌓27.Nc4 Dreev,Alexey]

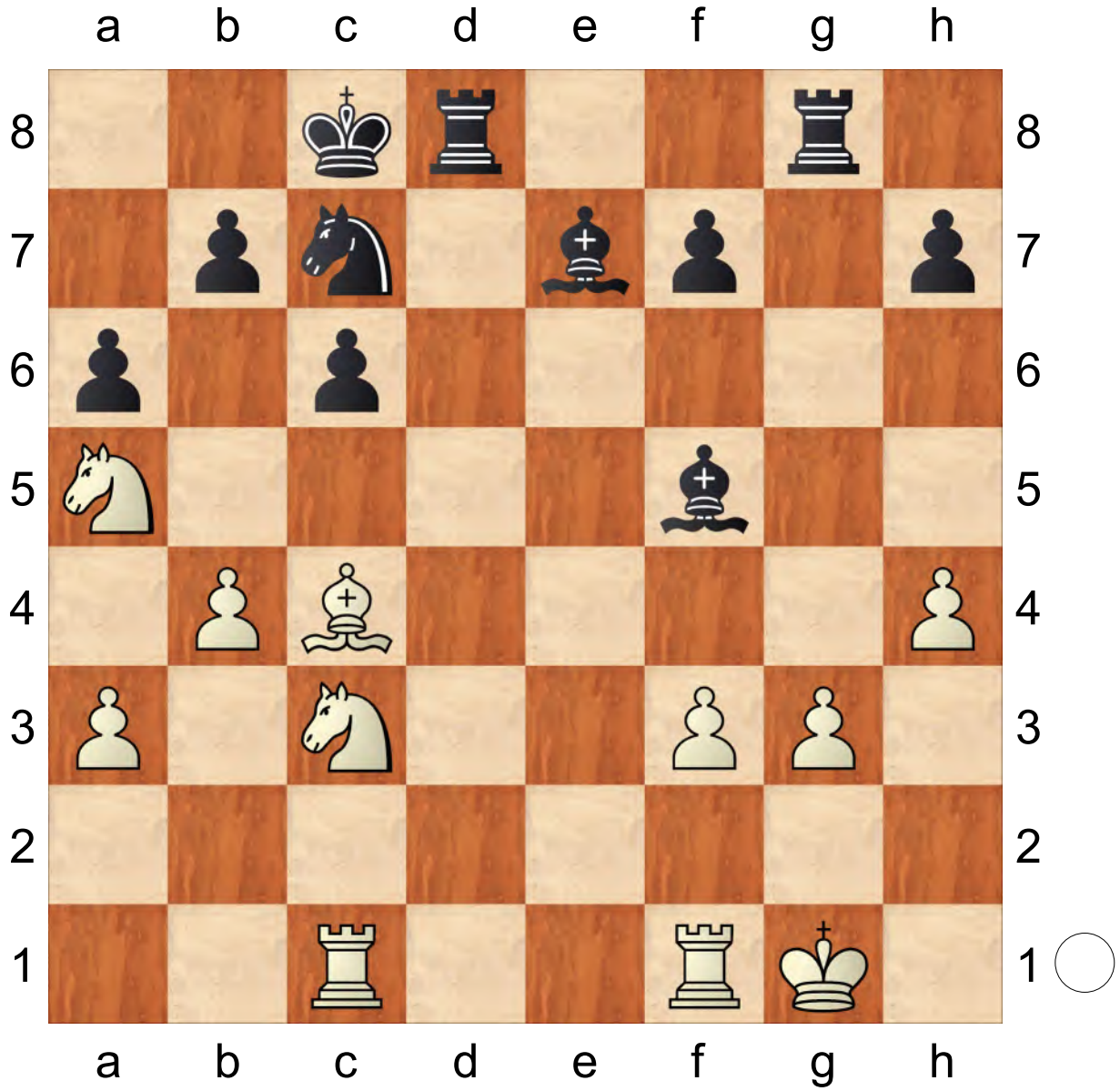
27...Bf5 It was necessary to use an unsuccessful place for the white's knight. Dreev, Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'It was necessary to use an unsuccessful place for the white's knight. "

[27...f5!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 28.Ng5 *(28.Nf6?? Nxc3-+)* 28...Nxc3 29.Rxc3

Bxg5 30.hxg5 Rd2 31.Re1 Bf7 32.Kf1 Nd5↑]
28.f3 Nxc3! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!'' Why not exchange the knight for a very strong dark squared bishop. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Why not exchange the knight for a very strong dark squared bishop.'' **29.Nxc3**
[29.Rxc3 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Bg6 Δf5 =/∓]
29...Rdd8∓ Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '∓'' Darmen Sadvakasov with good reason, he didn't agreed to the temporary exchange sacrifice: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Darmen Sadvakasov with good reason, he didn't agreed to the temporary exchange sacrifice:''
[≤29...Rxa5 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 30.bxa5 Bxa3 31.g4 *(31.Rcd1 Re3)* 31...Bxc1 32.Rxc1 Be6 33.Ne4 Rd8 34.Kf2⩲]
30.Bc4 Rg8!
[This also wasn't bad: 30...Bg6!? Dreev,Alexey: '∓' '∓'
A) 31.f4? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Bf6∓;
B) 31.Rfd1 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1 c5∓ Δ33.Nd5?! Nxd5 34.Bxd5 cxb4 35.Rc1+ *(35.Bxb7+? Kc7∓)* 35...Kb8 36.axb4 Bxb4 37.Nxb7 Re1+ 38.Rxe1 Bxe1 ∓/∓;
C) 31.Ne4 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 31...Nb5 *(≤31...f5 32.Nc5 Bxc5+ 33.bxc5 Nb5 34.a4⇄)* 32.Rfe1 f5∓]

(Diagram)

Dreev,Alexey: '?!' '?!' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!'' Up to this point, Black moves very strong. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Up to this point, Black moves very strong.'' **31.Kf2 Bf6**
[31...Rd2+ Dreev,Alexey 32.Ne2 Bg6 33.Rfd1 Rgd8 34.Rxd2 Rxd2 35.Ke3]
32.Ne2 Dreev,Alexey: '⊕?' '⊕?'
[This was hardly better: 32.Bxf7 Dreev,Alexey: '!' '!'
A) 32...Rg7 Dreev,Alexey 33.Bc4 Bh3 34.Rfd1 Bd4+ 35.Ke1 Bxc3+ *(35...Rxg3? 36.Ne2)* 36.Rxc3 Rxd1+ 37.Kxd1 Rxg3 38.Re3∞;
B) 32...Rgf8 33.Bc4 *(33.Bh5* Dreev,Alexey *Bd4+ 34.Kg2 Bxc3 35.Rxc3 Nd5 36.Rb3 Bc2)*
B1) ≤33...Rd2+ Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 34.Ke3 *(34.Ne2? Bb2∓)* 34...Rg2↑;
B2) 33...Bh3! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' Δ34.Rfd1 Bd4+ 35.Ke2 Rde8+ 36.Ne4 Bb2 37.Rb1 Bg2! 38.Kd2 Be5 39.Be2 Bxf3 40.Bxf3 Rxf3 41.Nc4 Nb5∓]
32...Ne6? Dreev,Alexey: '⊕?' '⊕?' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '?'' After this unecessary error, White slowly gets the initiative.Black had a better alternative, which lead to a big advantage: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'After this unecessary error, White slowly gets the initiative.Black had a better alternative, which lead to a big advantage:''
[32...Bb2! Dreev,Alexey: '∓!' '∓!' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!'' 33.Rb1 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' *(≤33.Rcd1* Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' *Bxa3 34.Bxf7 Rgf8 35.Rxd8+*



Rxd8 36.g4 Bd3 37.Rd1 Bxb4 ∓/-+) 33...Bxb1 34.Rxb1 Bf6 35.Bxf7 Rg7 36.Bb3 Re7∓]

33.Bxa6! After this little combination White gets Rook + two pawns against two Bishops of his opponent. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'After this little combination White gets Rook + two pawns against two Bishops of his opponent.'' **33...bxa6 34.Nxc6 Kb7**

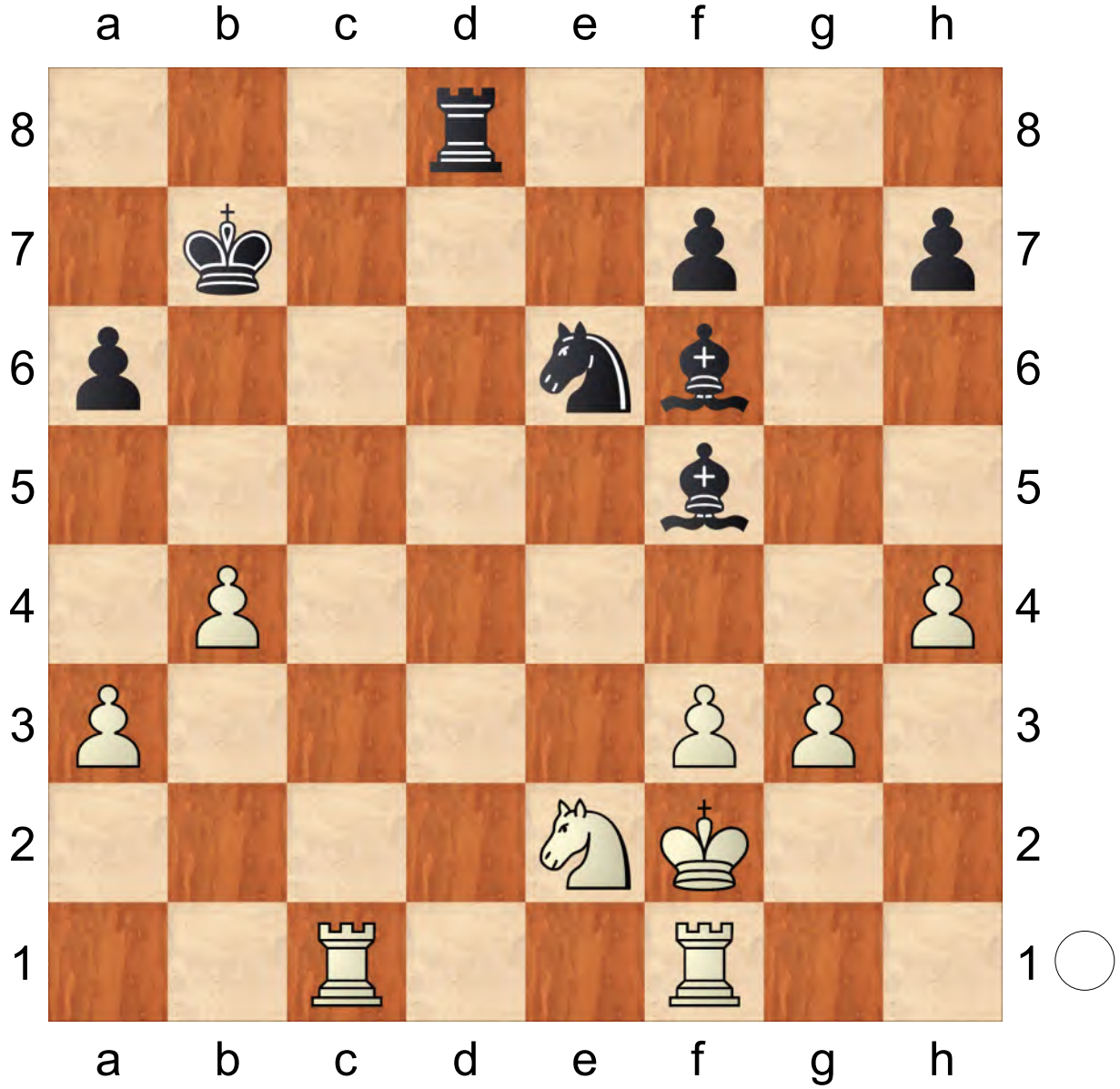
[34...Bb2?! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V'

A) 35.g4? Rd2! *(35...Bxc1? 36.Rxc1 Bg6 37.h5!±)* 36.Ne7+ Kb7 37.Rcd1 Rxd1 38.Rxd1 Rd8 39.Rxd8 Nxd8 40.Nxf5 Bxa3=;

B) 35.Nxd8+ Bxc1 36.Nxf7! ΔBxa3 37.Nd6+ Kc7 38.Nxf5 Bxb4 39.g4 a5± and the passed "a" pawn gives Black a good counterchance.]

35.Nxd8+ Rxd8

[35...Bxd8 Dreev,Alexey 36.Rfd1 Bb6+ 37.Kg2±]



36.Rfd1! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!" White not only wants to capture the ⇔ "d" file, but also exchange the rooks. That will be good for White, because Black will be left without his last rook, and it will be easier for White to fight against black's light pieces. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'White not only wants to capture the ⇔ "d" file, but also exchange the rooks. That will be good for White, because Black will be left without his last rook, and it will be easier for White to fight against black's light pieces.''

36...Rxd1?! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '?!"

[36...h5!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 37.Rxd8 Bxd8 Δ♗b6+ ∞]

[36...Nd4 Dreev,Alexey 37.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 38.Kg2 Rd7 39.Rd2±]

37.Rxd1± Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '±" **37...Kc6**

[37...Bg6!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' with the idea to play "h5" on the next move,to stop his opponent's kingside pawns, but here, my friend - Fritz 8 :) found an

interesting idea: 38.h5! Bxh5 39.g4 Bg6 40.f4 Bc2 41.Rd7+ Kc6 42.Rxf7 Bb2 43.f5 Ng5 44.Re7 h6±]

38.h5! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!'' **38...Nc7?** Probably this mistake was made in zeitnot. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Probably this mistake was made in zeitnot.''

[38...h6!? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!?'' 39.g4 Bh7 40.f4 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' *(40.Ke3± Dreev,Alexey)* 40...Be4 and it will be very hard to get through black's position.]

39.Nd4+! Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '!'' Now White will exchange one of black's dangerous bishops, after which his endgame advantage will become more clear. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Now White will exchange one of black's dangerous bishops, after which his endgame advantage will become more clear.'' **39...Bxd4+ 40.Rxd4±** Dreev,Alexey: '+-' '+-' Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '±'' **40...Kb5?**

[⌓40...Nb5 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 41.Rc4+ Kd6 42.g4 Be6 43.Rc1 ∆Nxa3 *(43...f6 44.Kg3±; 43...Nd4 44.Ke3 Nb5 45.Kf4±)* 44.Ra1 Nc2 45.Rxa6+ Kd5 46.b5±]

(Diagram)

Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '?'' Last move in zeitnot. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Last move in zeitnot.'' **41.g4 Be6 42.Rd8** White slowly gets to the "h7" pawn. Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'White slowly gets to the "h7" pawn.'' **42...Ba2**

[42...Ka4? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 43.Rh8 Kxa3 44.Rxh7 Kxb4 45.h6 Nd5 46.Rxf7! Bxf7 47.h7+-]

[42...Nd5? Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 43.Rh8 Nf6 44.h6 ∆g5(¡ٯh7) +-]

43.Rh8 Bb1 44.f4+- Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: '+-'' **44...Ne6**

[This doesn't change anything: 44...Nd5 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 45.f5 Nf6 46.Kf3 Ka4 47.h6 Kxa3 48.Kf4 Nd5+ *(48...Kxb4? 49.Rb8+)* 49.Ke5 Ne3 50.Rxh7 Nxg4+ 51.Kf4 Nxh6 52.Rxh6+-]

45.Ke3

[After: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'After:'' 45.Ke3 Black doesn't have any defenses: Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V: 'Black doesn't have any defenses:'' Nc7 Dreev,Alexey: 'Golod,V' 46.f5 Nd5+ 47.Kf3 Nf6 48.h6 ∆♔f4 and g5 +-]

(Diagram)

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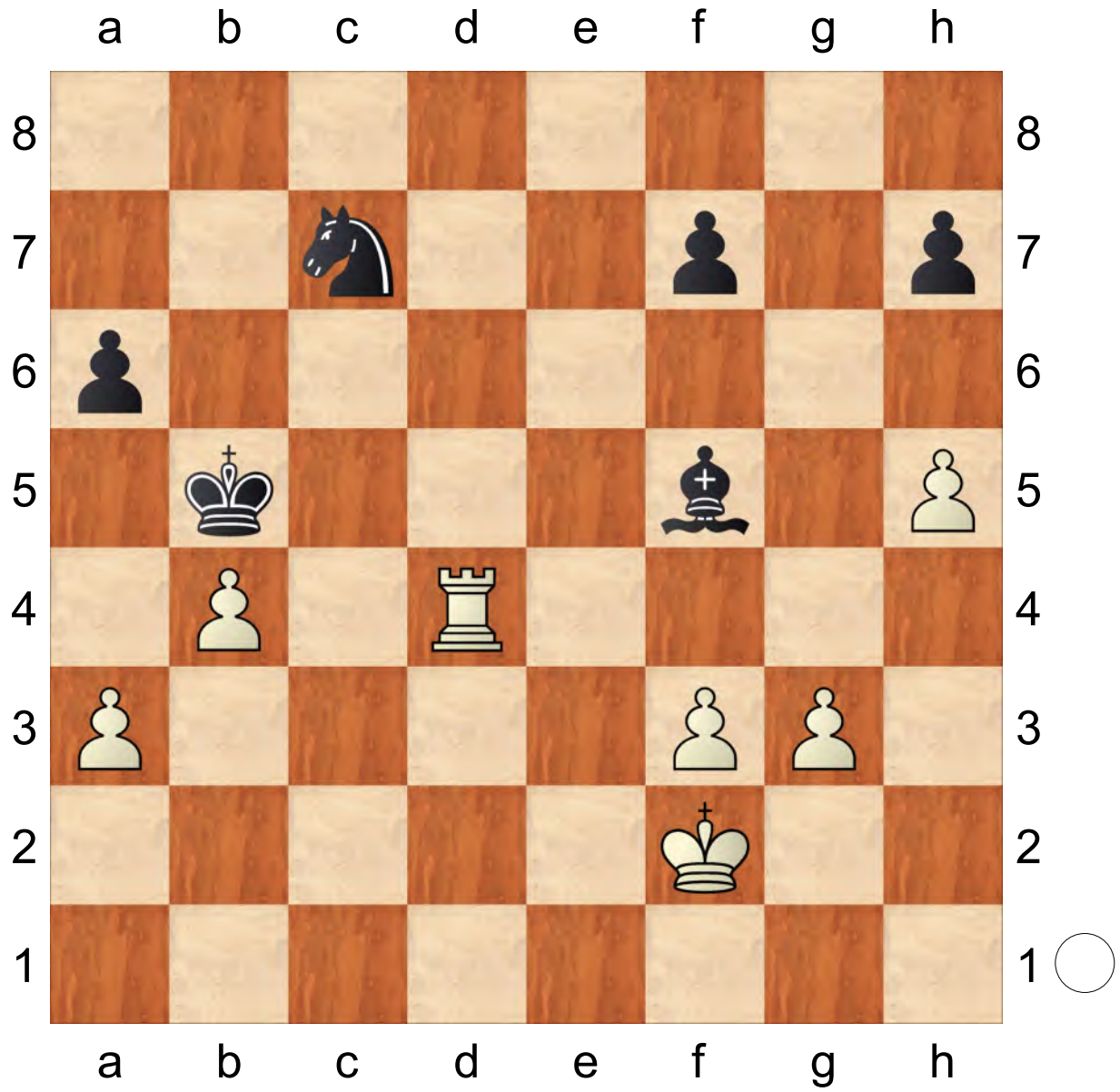
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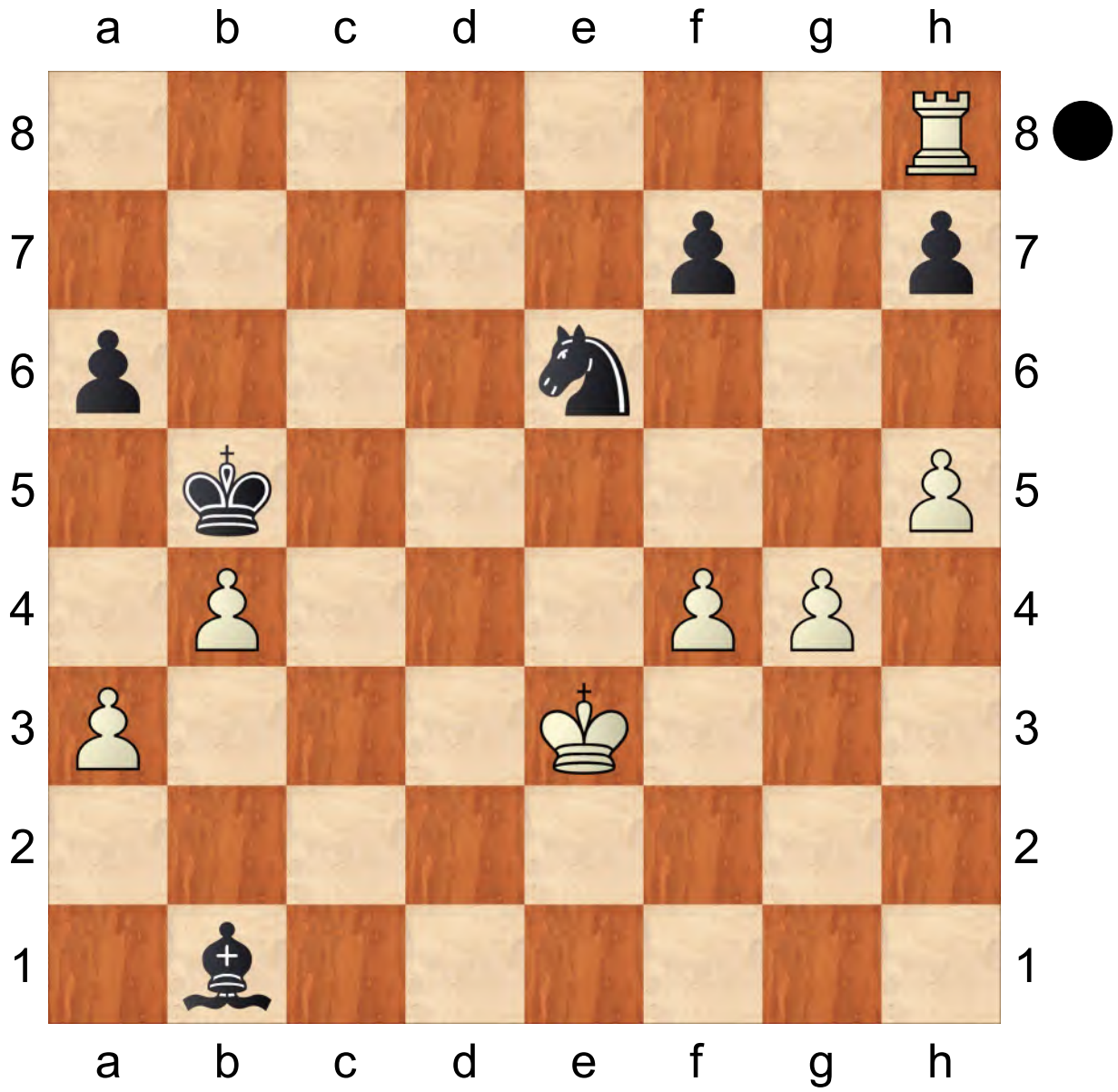
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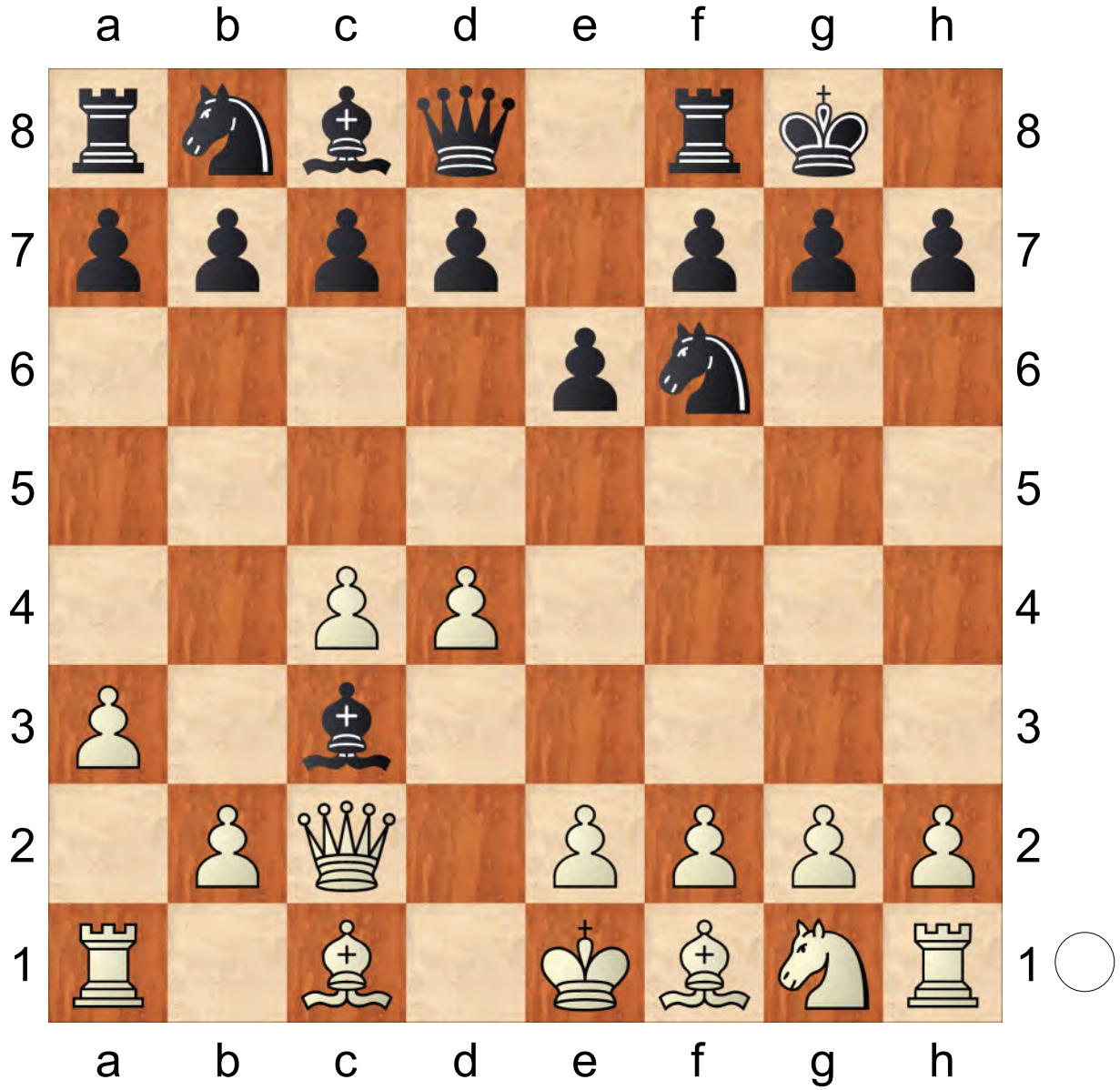
□ **Sokolov,Ivan** **2625**
■ **De Firmian,Nick E** **2590**
VISA GP Reykjavik (6) 15.03.1998
[Finkel,Alexander]

1.d4 Finkel,A Ftacnik Gershon **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.Qxc3 h6 Gershon: A rare move .Its purpose is obvious : black wants to prevent white from playing variations with Bg5,but along with it he wastes a tempi and weakens his pawn structure.

[6...b6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Qe7 *(10...Ne4!? 11.Qc2 f5*

12.Bd3 Qe7 13.0-0 Ng5 14.Nxg5 Qxg5 15.f4 Qg6 16.d5!± Vidarte_Morales,A-Solozhenkin,E/L'Hospitalet op (8)/1993/0-1 (40)*; 10...a6 11.Be2 Ne4 12.Qc2 f5 13.0-0 Ng5 14.Ne1 f4∞* Hulak,K-Van der Wiel,J/Wijk aan Zee/1983/*)* 11.Be2 c5 *(11...Ne4!? 12.Qc2 f5 13.0-0 Rae8 14.Ne1?! Qh4 15.d5 Ndf6 16.Rd1 Qh6!⇄* Savon,V-Gurevich,V/URS-OT56 Uzhgorod/1988/0-1 (42)*)* 12.0-0 Rac8 13.Rad1 d5! 14.dxc5 *(14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Qd2 Rfd8)* 14...Nxc5 15.Qe5 Rfd8 *(15...Ncd7 16.Qg3 Rfd8 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.Nd4±)* 16.Nd4 Qf8 *(16...Nfd7? 17.Nf5! Qf8 18.Nh6+ Kh8 19.Qh5±; 16...Ncd7 17.Qg3 Ne4 18.Nf5!)* 17.f3 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Bd5! 19.Bxd5 Timman,J-Karpov,A/FIDE-Wch (Jakarta) 1993]

7.Nf3

[7.g3 Gershon d6 8.Nf3 a5 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.Bg2 e5 12.d5 Ne7 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Nd2 Qc8 15.Rfc1 Bh3 16.Bh1 Qg4 17.e4 Ng6 18.Qe3 Qh5 19.f3 Nd7 20.b4 f5 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ne4 Nf6 23.Bc3 Rf8 24.Bd2 axb4 25.axb4 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 b5!⇄ Alterman,B-Kosashvili,Y/Rishon le Zion 1994/0-1 (56)]

7...b6

[7...d5 Ftacnik 8.e3 Nbd7 9.b4 c6 10.Bb2 Ne4 11.Qc2 a5 12.Bd3 f5 13.0-0 Qe7 14.b5 g5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.a4 Qg7 17.Kh1 Rf7 18.Nd2 Dias,A-Nagashima,C/Sao Paulo op 1995/EXT 95op2/1-0 (50)]

[7...d6 Ftacnik 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Bg2 Qe7 10.0-0 Re8 11.b4 c5 12.Bb2 Rb8 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Ne5 Nb6 15.Qb3 Bd7 16.b5 Rbd8 17.Bxb7 Bxb5 18.Bc6 Ba6 19.Bxe8 Nxe8 20.Nc6 1-0 Botsari Miladinovic,A-Nikolaou,G/Aegina op 1996/EXT 96op2 (28)]

[7...Nc6 Ftacnik 8.e3 b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.b4 d5 11.c5 Ne7 12.Ne5 c6 13.0-0 b5 14.f3 Qc7 15.e4 Rad8 16.Bf4 Qc8 17.Rad1 a6 18.Bb1 1-0 Sisaettoe,O-Kangasmaa,M/FIN-chJ U14 1996 (23)]

8.e3 Bb7 9.Be2

[9.Bd3!? d6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.b4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Bf5 e4 14.Nd2 Re8 15.Bb2 Ne5 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a5!∞ Sieglen,J-Kveinys,A/Bonn GSK 1993 (32)]

9...a5

[9...d6 Ftacnik 10.b4 a5 11.Bb2 Ne4 12.Qc2 axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1+ 14.Bxa1 Nd7=]

10.b3 d6

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Nbd7

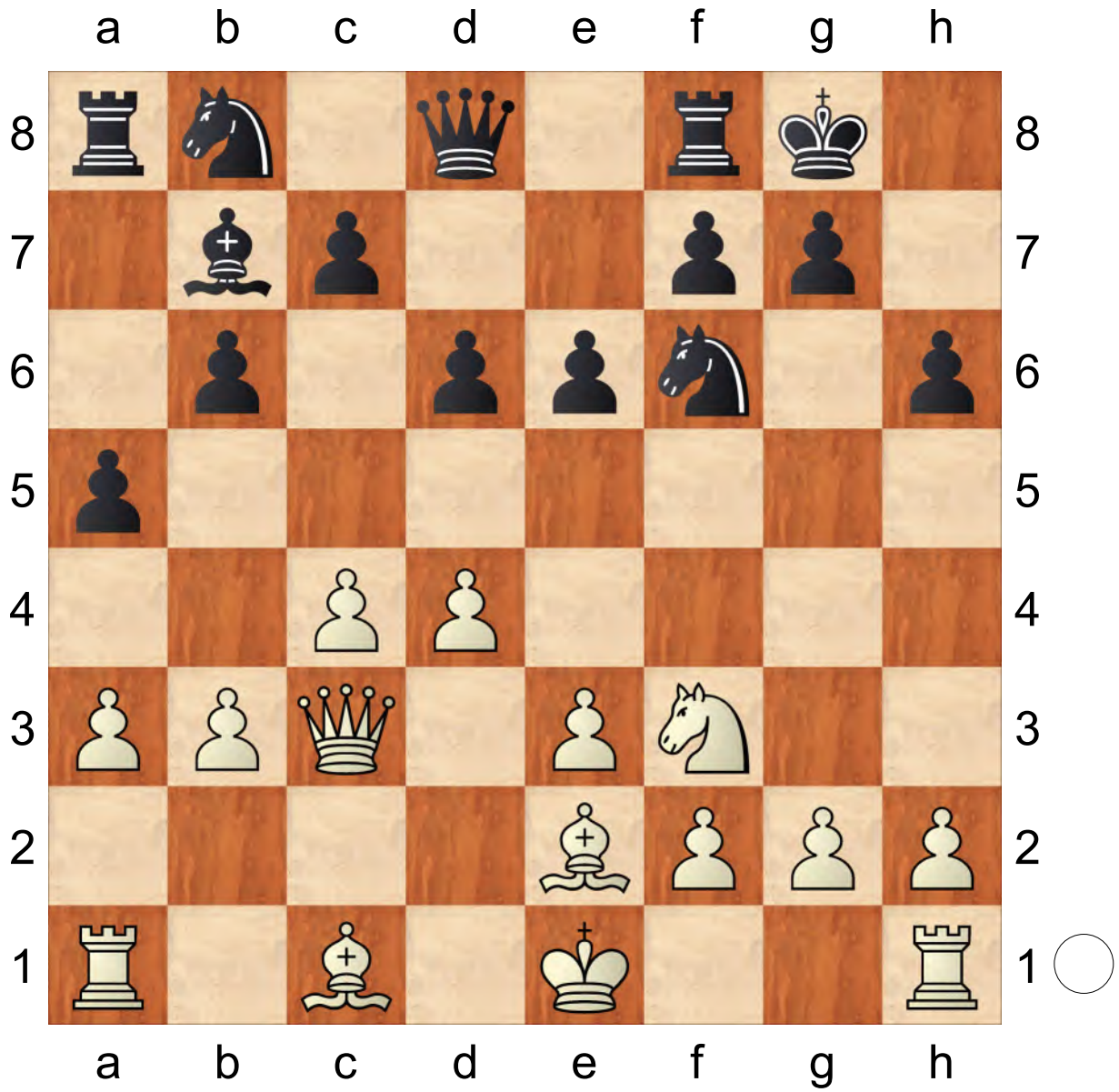
[11...Ne4!? 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Bb2 f5∞]

12.Nd2

[12.Rd1!? Gershon]

12...c5

[12...e5 Gershon 13.d5 Nc5 14.Qc2 e4 *(14...c6 15.e4±* And black ends up



with no counterplay.*)* 15.Bb2 Re8 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Na6 19.Bc3±]

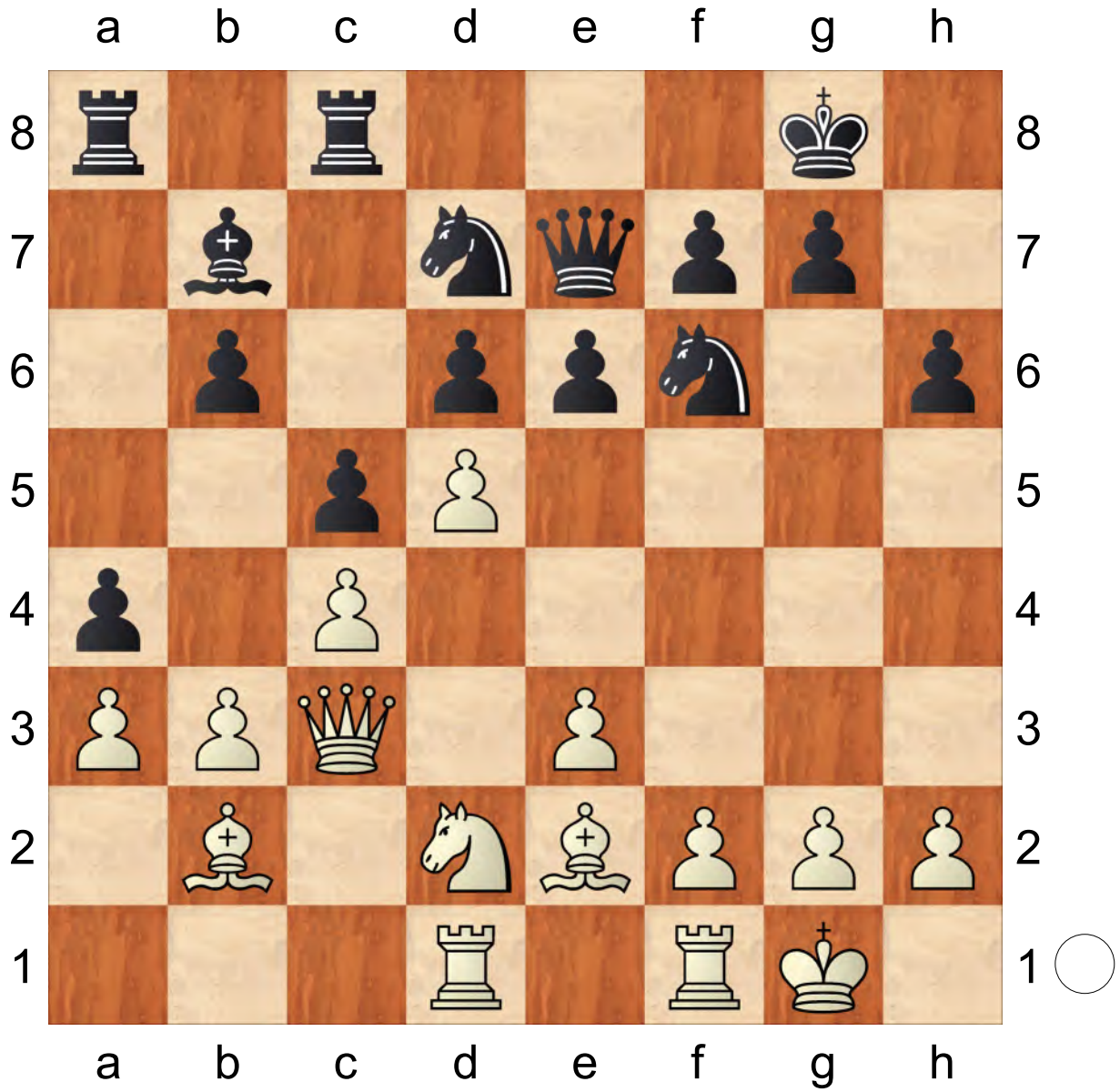
13.Bb2 Qe7 14.Rad1 Rfc8 Gershon: Each side has now finished placing his pieces, preparing for the battle.White now advances his d pawn gaining some space advantage, opening the lines for his bishops, and closing(at least temporarely) the h1-a8 diagonal. This move, however, has its drawbacks: it gives black the e5 and c5 squares for his knight. **15.d5!?±**

[Deserved attention 15.Bf3!? Bxf3 16.Nxf3 a4 17.b4 d5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5 Nb6 20.Ne5±]

[≤15.Qd3 Gershon In order to move the queen from the c file and put some pressure on black's weakened d file. d5 16.Qb1 *(16.cxd5?? Ba6∓)* 16...Ba6 Allows black to get a fine counterplay]

15...a4

[15...exd5
A) 16.Bf3 Ne5 17.Bxd5 *(17.cxd5 Bxd5∓)* 17...Nxd5 18.cxd5 b5! 19.f4 *(19.e4 b4 20.Qc2 Ba6 21.Nc4 a4 22.Bxe5 axb3! 23.Qxb3 dxe5 24.Nb6 Bxf1 25.Rxf1 Rxa3 26.Nxc8 Qd8 27.Qb2 Qxc8 28.Qxe5 c4∓)* 19...b4∓;
B) 16.cxd5! Bxd5
B1) 17.e4!? Ftacnik Bb7 18.Bb5 *(18.Nc4? d5!)* 18...Re8 19.Nc4=;
B2) 17.Nc4
B2a) 17...Qe6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.e4± *(19.Bc4±)*;
B2b) 17...Bxc4 18.bxc4⩲ *(18.bxc4 Ne5 19.f4⩱)*]

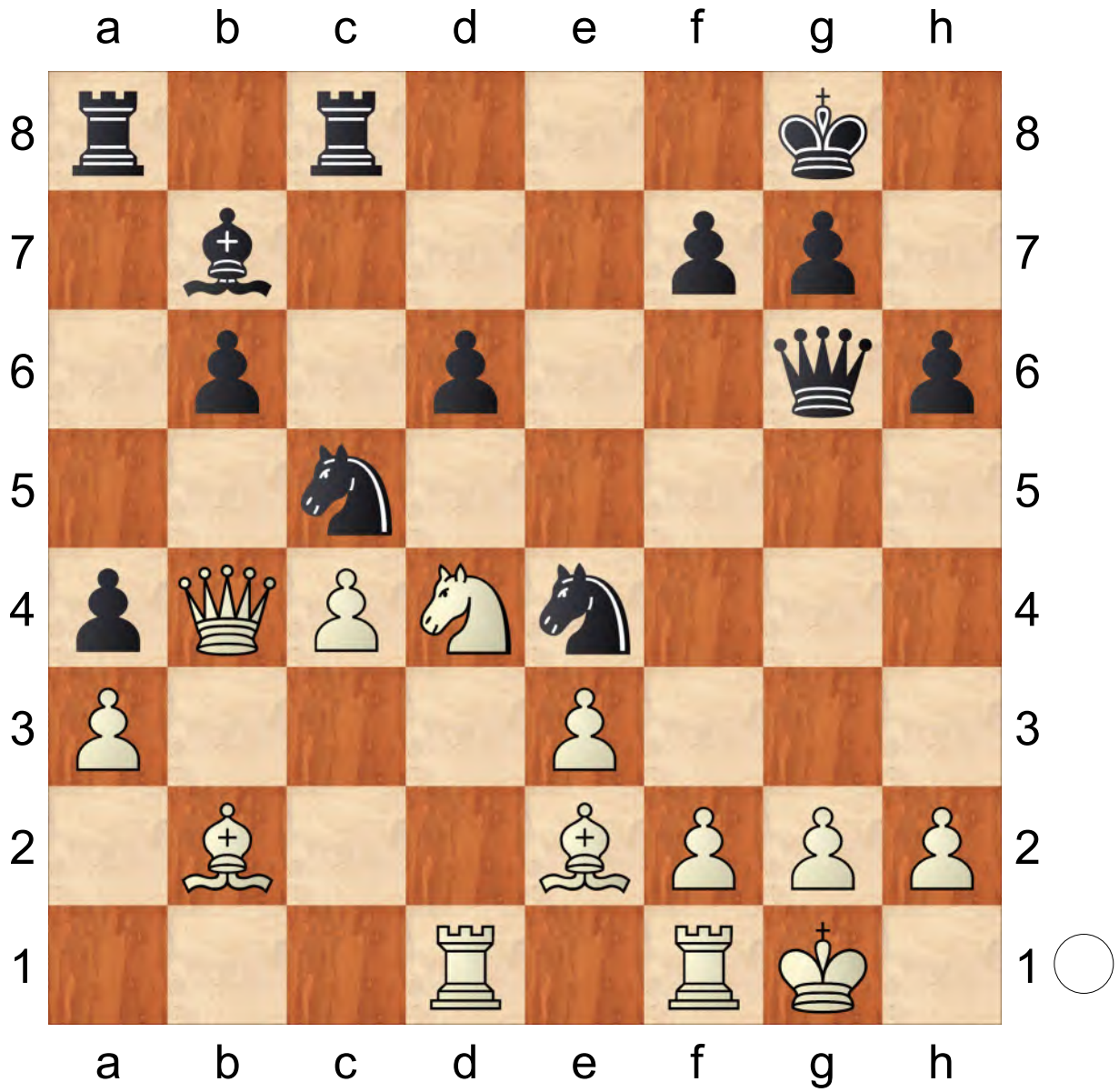


Gershon: Now white has to decide whether to play b4 and give up on the c5 square or let black take on b3 which would leave the c4 pawn defenseless. Ftacnik: The fight takes very strategical character, black must be careful with opening the position.

White's bishop pair waits for the unleashing on open diagonals. **16.dxe6**
[16.Ne4!? Gershon
A) 16...e5 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.b4±;
B) 16...axb3 17.dxe6 Bxe4 18.exd7 Qxd7 19.Qxb3+-;
C) 16...Ne5 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.dxe6 Qxe6 19.f4 Qg6 20.g3 Qe4 *(20...Nd7 21.Rxd6+-)* 21.Kf2 Qg2+ 22.Ke1 Qxh2 23.fxe5 Qxg3+ 24.Rf2±;
D) 16...exd5 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.cxd5±]
16...Qxe6
[16...fxe6 17.b4 cxb4 *(17...Rf8* Ftacnik *18.b5 e5 19.f4±; 17...d5 18.b5 e5 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.e4±)* 18.Qxb4±]
17.b4
[17.Bf3 Gershon Bxf3 18.Nxf3 b5! 19.cxb5 axb3∓]
17...cxb4
[17...d5 Ftacnik 18.Bf3 Re8 19.Rc1±]
18.Qxb4 Gershon: White's got a pair of good bishops, his pieces placed pretty well for attacking blacks weak pawns and it seems that he should not have any prblem to neutrolize black's play (by playing f3,e4 for example).
[18.axb4 Gershon d5 *(18...b5=* Ftacnik *)* 19.Bf3 Rab8∓ *(19...Ba6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.cxd5 Rxc3 22.Bxc3 Bxf1 23.Nxf1±)*]
18...Nc5 19.Nf3
[19.Qxb6? Rcb8∓ *(19...Rab8* Gershon *20.Qa5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Rxb2∓)*]
[19.Bxf6? Ftacnik Qxf6 20.Qxb6 Rcb8 21.Rb1 Nb3! 22.Qc7 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rc8∓]
19...Nfe4 20.Nd4± White's advantage is beyond any doubt:the pair of strong bishops and full control in the center give him much better prospects.
[20.Qxb6 Ftacnik Rcb8 21.Ba1 Nxf2 22.Qb2 f6 23.Rxf2 Bxf3=]
20...Qg6

(Diagram)

21.f3
[21.Bf3 Ftacnik d5∞]
[21.Qxb6? Ftacnik Nd2∓]
21...Ng5 Ftacnik: De Firmian tries for counterplay and b6 pawn is tactically defended in many variations. Sokolov had to understand, that the bigger problem lays in the weak pawn d6. **22.Kh1**
[22.Qc3! Re8 23.Nf5 Nge6 24.Nxd6 Nf4 25.exf4 Rxe2 26.Rf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Rd8 28.Nf5!!+-]
[22.e4!? Gershon Nh3+ *(22...Ncxe4 23.fxe4 Bxe4 24.Bg4+-)* 23.Kh1 Nf4 24.Rf2 Re8 25.Nf5±]
[22.Nb5! Ftacnik Rd8 23.Qc3±]
22...Re8 23.e4 Nge6
[23...Bc8 Ftacnik 24.Nb5±]



24.Nxe6

[24.Nf5!?

A) 24...Nf4 25.Rf2 Nxe4 *(25...Nh3 26.gxh3 Nxe4 27.fxe4 Bxe4+ 28.Bf3 Qxf5 29.Qc3+-)* 26.fxe4 Bxe4 27.Ng3 Bxg2+ 28.Rxg2 Nxg2 29.Rxd6+-;

B) 24...Nxe4 Gershon 25.fxe4 Bxe4 26.Ng3;

C) 24...d5!? 25.cxd5 Nf4 26.Rf2 Nxd5 27.Nxh6+ Qxh6 28.exd5+-]

24...Rxe6 Gershon: Now, although white takes a pawn on his next move black has a very lively piece play.

[24...Qxe6 Ftacnik 25.Qxb6 Ra6 26.Qb4±]

25.Qxb6 Rc8

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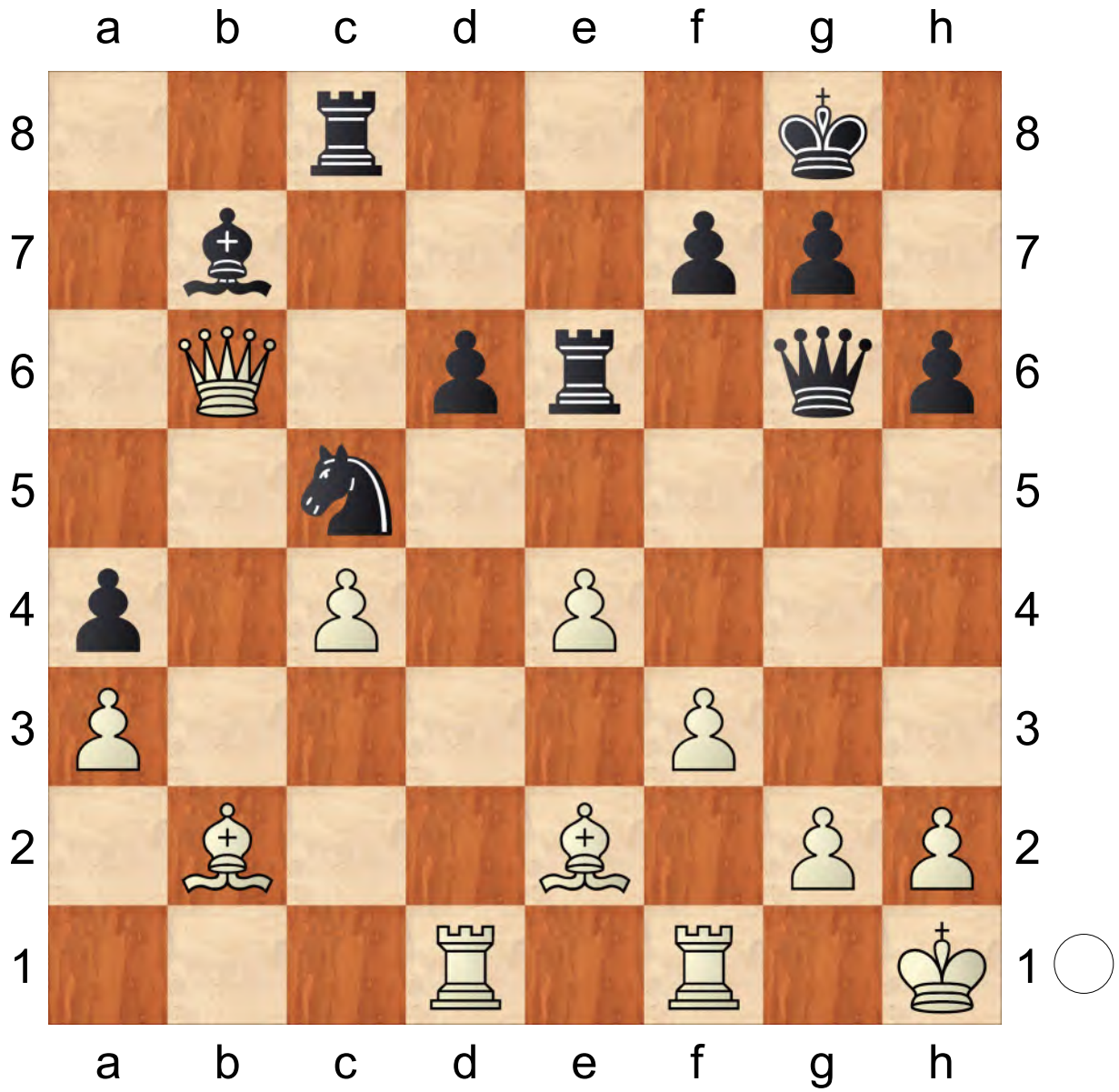


26.Qb4
[26.Bd4? Ftacnik d5 27.Qa5 Ra6 28.Qb4 Rb6=]
26...f5 Gains the control over the e file. White has to play very carefully here. **27.exf5**
[27.Bd4 Ftacnik Bc6 28.exf5 Qxf5 29.Rfe1 Rce8 30.Bf1±]
27...Qxf5 28.Qc3 Ftacnik: White is still much better, since the pressure along a1-h8 diagonal is very unpleasant.
[28.Bd3!? Gershon Qg5 29.Rfe1 Rce8 30.Rxe6 Rxe6 31.Bd4 Nxd3 32.Qxb7±]
28...Qg5
[28...Rc7! Ftacnik 29.Rde1! *(29.Rf2? Ne4; 29.Rfe1 Rce7 30.Bf1 Nd3! 31.Bxd3 Qxd3 32.Qxd3 Rxe1+ 33.Qf1 Rxf1+ 34.Rxf1 Ba6=; 29.Rd2 Nb3 30.Rc2 Rce7 31.Bd3 Qg5±)* 29...Rce7 30.Bd1±]
29.Rf2

[29.Rfe1 Ftacnik Rce8 30.Bf1 Re5 31.Qb4±]

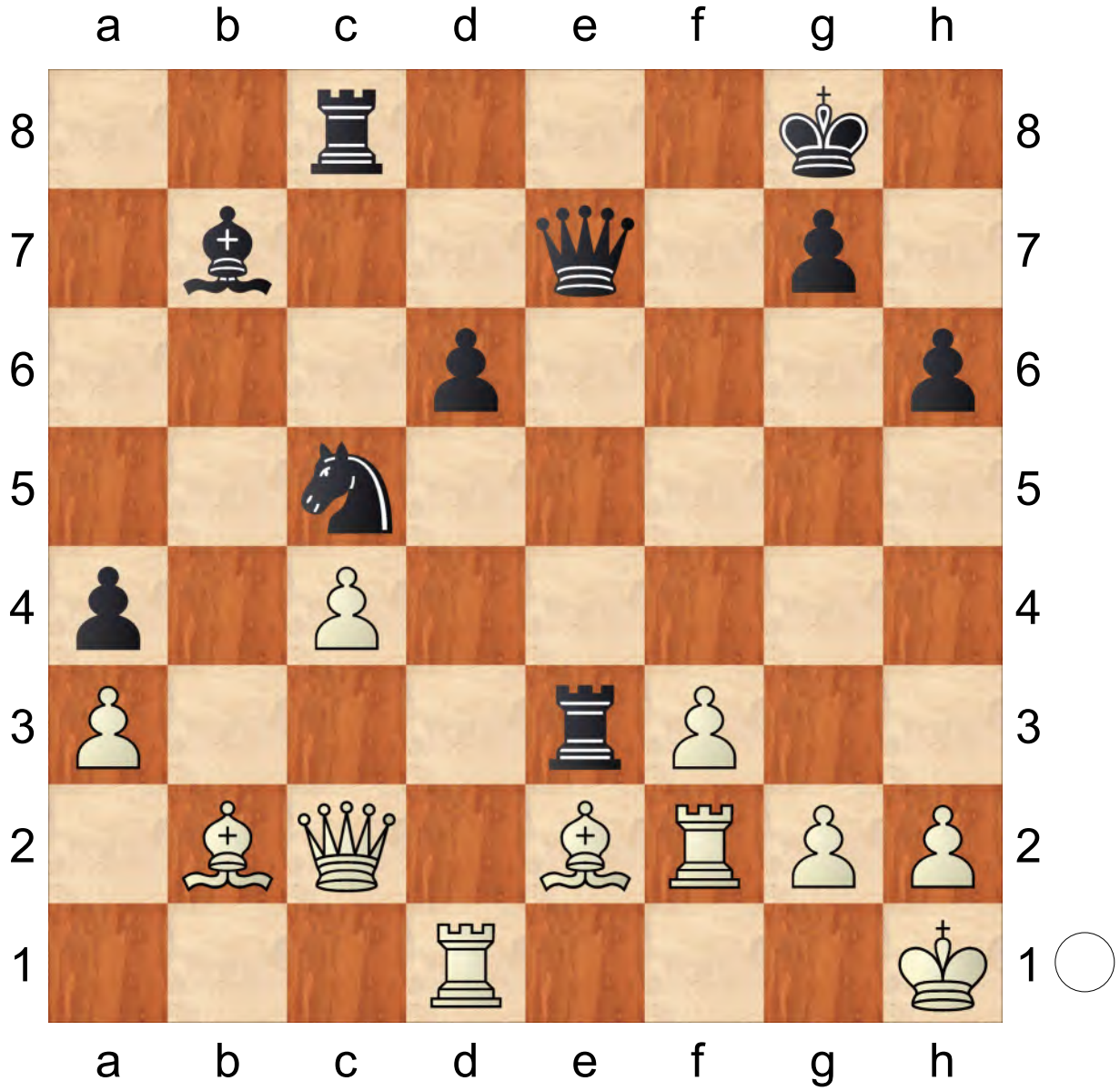
29...Re3 30.Qc2

[30.Qd4!?±]

[30.Qd4 Ftacnik Ree8±]

30...Qe7

[30...Rce8? Ftacnik 31.Bc1+-]



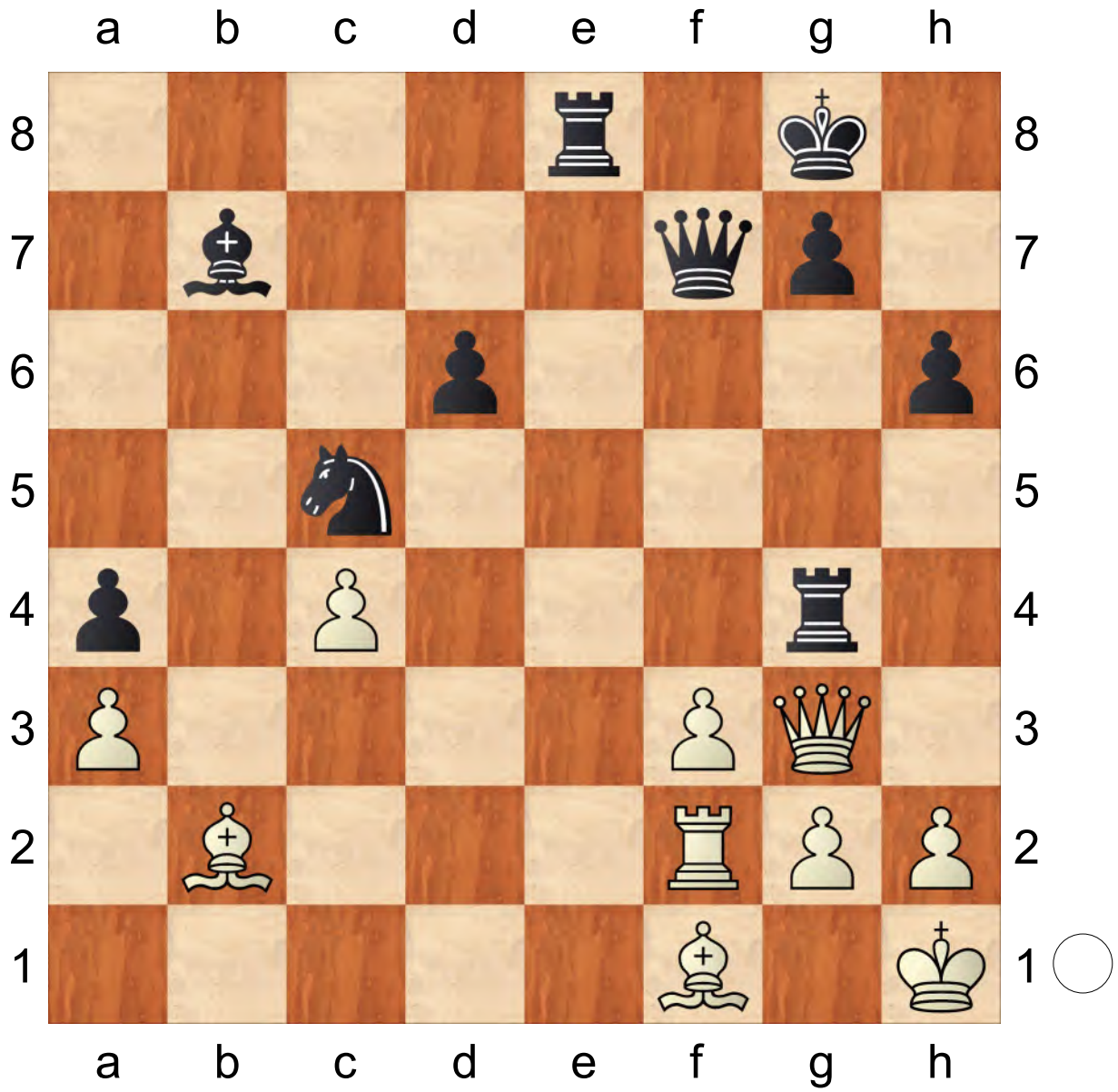
31.Bf1 Re8 32.Qg6

[32.Rfd2 Gershon Re6∞]

32...Re6 33.Qg3 Qf7 34.Rd4?! Gershon: For the last five moves white has weakend too much his king trying to exploit his b2 bishop and the punishment comes very quickly. Dubious decision.Much better was

[34.Rfd2!? Rg6 35.Qh3 *(35.Qf2± Ftacnik)* 35...Re3 36.Bd4 *(36.Rxd6? Rxf3!*

37.Rd8+ Kh7 38.gxf3 Bxf3+ 39.Bg2 Bxg2+ 40.Qxg2 Rxg2 41.Kxg2 Qb7+-+)
36...Rb3 37.Bxc5 dxc5 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Bd3+- with wining position.]
[⌓34.Bc3 Gershon]
34...Rg6 35.Rg4
[35.Qh4 Ftacnik Re1 36.Kg1±]
35...Rxg4



36.Qxg4
[36.fxg4?? Ftacnik Ne4 37.Rxf7 Nxg3+ 38.hxg3 Kxf7-+]
36...Re1 37.Kg1 Ba6 Ftacnik: White has not realized his advantage in a best way and opponent already claims solid counterplay. In a time trouble Sokolov manages to go completely under.
[37...Nd3 Ftacnik 38.Rd2 Nxb2 39.Rxb2 Ra1 40.Qd4±]
38.Rc2

[38.Bc3 Gershon Rb1 *(38...Rd1* Ftacnik *39.Rd2 Rc1 40.Bb2 Rb1 41.Rc2±)* 39.Rb2 Rc1 40.Bd2 Rd1 41.Kf2 d5!∓]

38...Ne4!⇄ After this unexpected blow black gets good counterplay. **39.Rc1??** Terrible blunder after which white loses on the spot.

[39.Bd4 Bxc4 40.Qc8+ Kh7 41.Rxc4 *(41.Qxc4 Qxc4 42.Rxc4 Nd2 43.Kf2 Rxf1+ 44.Ke2 Nxc4 45.Kxf1 Nxa3-+)* 41...Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1 Qxc4+ 43.Qxc4 Nd2+ 44.Ke2 Nxc4∓ *(44...Nxc4* Ftacnik *45.Kd3 Nxa3 46.Bb2 Nb5 47.Kc4=)*]

[39.Qxg7+!? Qxg7 40.Bxg7 Bxc4 41.Rxc4 Nd2 42.Rc8+ Kxg7 43.Kf2 Rxf1+ 44.Ke2 Rg1= 45.Kxd2 Ftacnik Rxg2+ 46.Ke3 Rxh2 47.Rc4=]

39...Qa7+-+ 40.c5

[40.Kh1 Ftacnik Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nh3+ 42.Kh1 Qg1#]

40...Qxc5+!

[40...Qxc5+ Ftacnik 41.Rxc5 Rxf1#]

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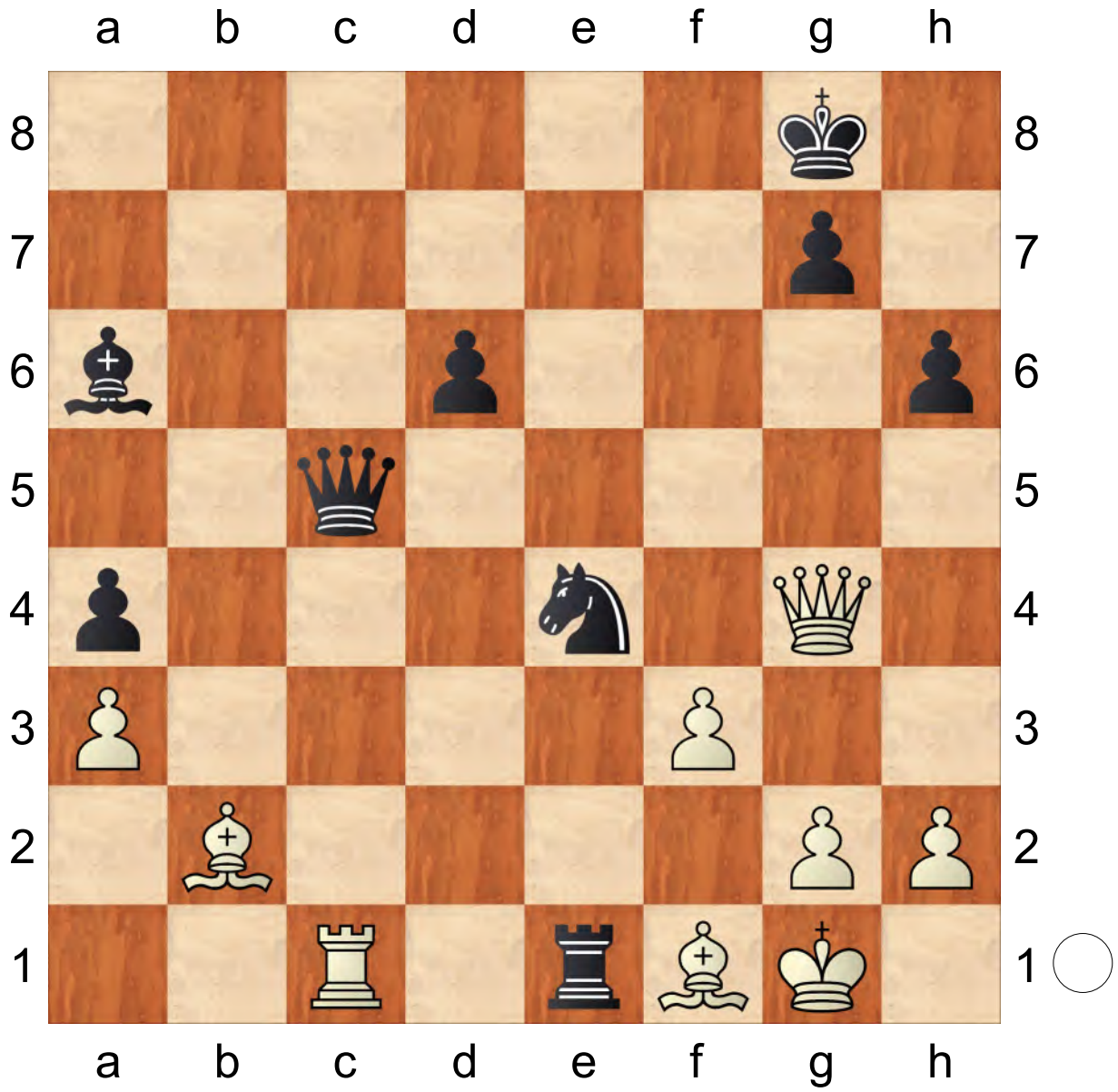
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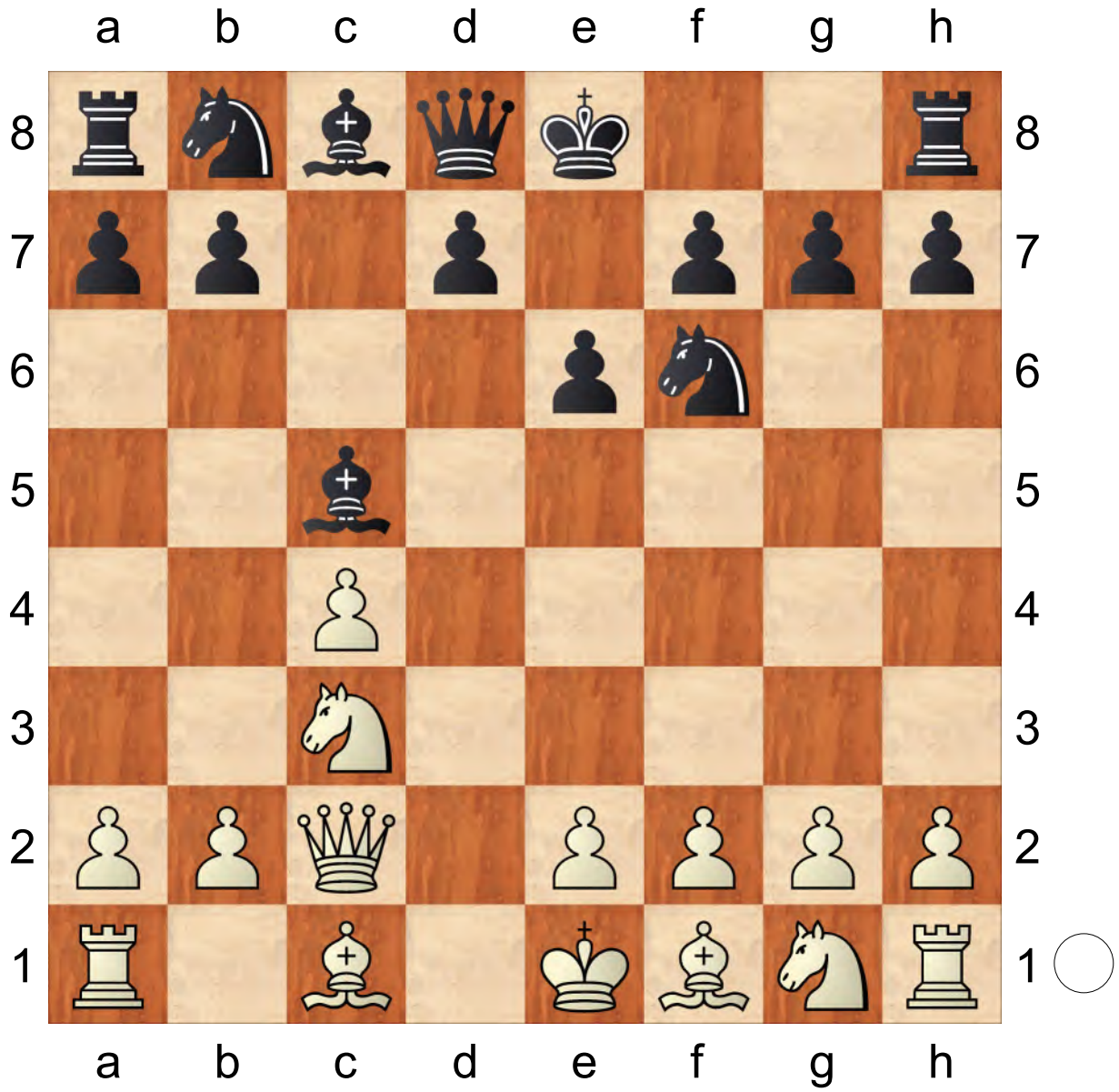
E38

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2484**
■ **Shaposhnikov,Evgeny** **2573**
Moscow Aeroflot op-A (4) 20.02.2004
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5**



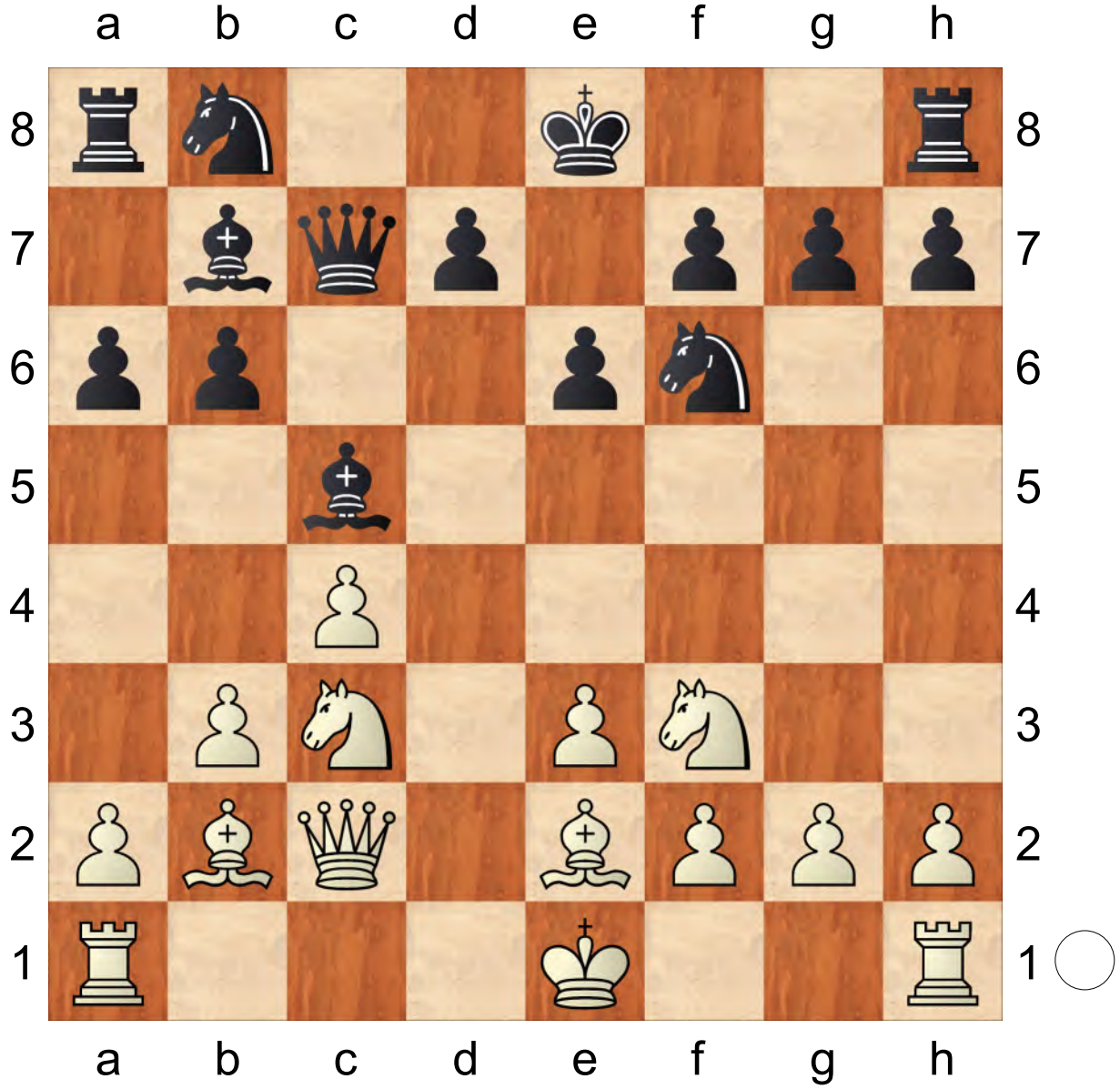
John Emms: 'With this move Black signals his intentions to adopt a solid 'hedgehog' formation. More popular are 5...Na6, intending to recapture on c5 with the knight, and the flexible 5... 0-0.' **6.Nf3 Qb6** John Emms: 'Forcing e2-e3. Black knows that both his queen and bishop will have to move again soon, but sees this as a fair trade for keeping White's bishop within its own pawn structure.' **7.e3**

[7.e4?! Ng4! is rather embarrassing.]

7...a6 8.b3 Qc7 Same position with rearrangement of moves also it is possible to receive,after 7... ♕c7 8.b3 a6. John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Same position with rearrangement of moves also it is possible to receive,after 7...♕c7 8.b3 a6." **9.Bb2**

[9.g4!? You can see my annotations to game: Bareev,E-Sakaev,K/Moscow,2001/CBM 86(1-0)(26)]

9...b6 10.Be2 Bb7



11.g4!? John Emms: 'Typically aggressive play from the youngster. This lunge on the kingside has been seen before in similar positions, but this is the first time it has appeared here in a high-level game. White's idea is simply to attack on the kingside (his king will probably end up on the other wing).' Typical move in this pawn structure. Besides White has several options: John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Typical move in this pawn structure.Besides White has several options:"

[11.Rd1!? John Emms: 'was played in Kiriakov-Tiviakov, Port Erin 1999 (see ChessPub - ECO code E38). Golod,V: '!?'' You can see comments to Kiriakov,P-Tiviakov,S/Port Erin,1999/CBM 74(1-0)(Golod,V)(34) John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'You can see comments to Kiriakov,P-Tiviakov,S/Port Erin,1999/CBM 74(1-0)(Golod,V)(34)'']

[11.h3?!]

[and John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'and'' 11.0-0 John Emms: 'is the super-solid way of playing the position:' Be7 12.Rfd1 d6 13.Rd2 Nbd7 was roughly level in the game Thorsteins-M.Gurevich, Akureyri 1988.]

11...Nxg4?!N John Emms: 'Black boldly accepts the pawn sacrifice, but is he being too brave? A more prudent way to play is 11...h6, discouraging g4-g4, and following up with ...Nc6 and ...0-0-0. Golod,V: 'N?!'' Honestly,I have to confess that accepting the pawn sacrifice is a very brave decision.However the game has shown a clear estimate... John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Honestly,I have to confess that accepting the pawn sacrifice is a very brave decision.However the game has shown a clear estimate...''

[The games,which have reached this position were continued as follows: 11...h6!? 12.Rg1 Nc6

A) 13.a3 Rc8 14.h4 h5!?⇄ Foisor,S-Hernandez,R/Balaguer,2003(0-1)(31);

B) It deserves serious attention: 13.h4!? d5! *(Δ13...0-0-0 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 Ne8 16.a3± White has a clear advantage because of a bad position of ♘e8; 13...d6? 14.a3)* 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 Nd7! *(≤15...Nh5 16.cxd5 Nb4 17.Qc1! Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Ba3 Bd6 20.Qxc7 Bxc7 21.Rc1±)* 16.cxd5 Nb4 17.Qd1!? Protecting the knight on f3. *(17.Qd2 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxg7 Rh3 20.Nd4 Qh2 21.Rg4∞)* 17...Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxg7 Rg8 20.Bb2 Bb4+ 21.Kf1 Qb7⩲;

C) 13.0-0-0!? 0-0-0

C1) 14.h4?! d5! 15.g5 *(15.a3 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Rxd1+ 17.Nxd1 Na5∓)* 15...hxg5 16.hxg5 Nb4 17.Qb1 Ne4∓;

C2) 14.a3 Be7 15.h4 d6∞ Margvelashvili,G-Zhumabaev,R/Halkidiki, 2003(½-½)(81)]

12.Rg1 Nxh2 John Emms: 'Black goes 'all in'. Alternatives suggest that this is probably the right decision.'

[12...Ne5?! John Emms: 'Golod,V: '?!'' 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.0-0-0↑ John Emms: 'with obvious compensation for the pawn. Golod,V: '↑'']

[12...f5!? The idea is to keep White's king in the center. 13.h3 *(13.Ng5?? Qxh2-+;* Not enough for equality is: *13.a3? 0-0 14.Na4 Be7 15.Bd4 Nc6! 16.Bxb6 Qb8∓)* 13...Nh2?! John Emms: '!?' *(13...Ne5!?)*

A) ≤14.Nxh2 Qxh2 15.Rxg7 Bf8 *(15...Qxh3 16.0-0-0* and again White is very active. *)*

A1) 16.Rg5 Be7 17.Rg7= *(17.Na4 Bxg5 18.Bxh8 Qh1+ 19.Kd2 Qh2∞)*;

A2) 16.Rg3 Bd6 17.Bh5+ Kd8 18.Rg7 Qh1+ 19.Kd2 Qxh3∓;

B) ≤14.Ng5 Similar continuation was in the game,but here the pawn on h2

remained on the board. Nc6 15.Na4 Bb4+ 16.Bc3 Qe5!

B1) 17.0-0-0 Bxc3

B1a) Dubious is: 18.Nxc3? in view of: Nb4 19.Qd2 Qxc3+! 20.Qxc3 Nxa2+ 21.Kb2 Nxc3 22.Kxc3 Bc6!∓ *(22...h6?* Look's so trivial but also so bad... *23.Nf7!!)*;

B1b) 18.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 19.Nxc3 Ne7∓;

B2) 17.Rh1 Bxc3+ *(17...b5!?)* 18.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 19.Nxc3 Nd4! 20.Rxh2 Nc2+ 21.Kd2 Nxa1 22.Kc1 ∓/∓;

C) 14.Nd5!!

C1) ≤14...Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 Bxd5 *(*Also loses a game: *16...exd5 17.Bxg7 Rf8 18.Bh5+ Kd8 19.Bxf8 Bxf8 20.Qxf5+-)* 17.Bxd5

C1a) 17...exd5? 18.Bxg7 Rg8 19.Qxf5 Qd6 20.Qxh7 Qe6 *(20...Rxg7 21.Rxg7 Kd8 22.Rd1+-)* 21.cxd5 Qxd5 22.Rg5! Qf7 *(22...Rxg7 23.Qxg7+-; 22...Qxg5 23.Qxg8+ Ke7 24.Bf8+ Kf6 25.Qxg5+ Kxg5 26.Bxb4+-)* 23.Qe4+ Be7 24.Rc1! Nc6 25.Rxc6 Rxg7 26.Rxg7 Qxg7 27.Rg6 Qa1+ *(27...d5 28.Qe6 Qa1+ 29.Kg2+-)* 28.Kg2 Kf7 29.Rg4+-;

C1b) 17...Nc6 18.Rxg7 Be7 19.Bf3 0-0-0 20.Rd1±;

C2) Even worse is: 14...exd5 15.Bxg7 Rg8 *(15...dxc4 16.Bxh8 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 Bxf3 19.Qxf5+-)* 16.Qxf5 Qd6 *(16...Bb4+ 17.Nd2)* 17.Qxh7 Bb4+ 18.Nd2 *(18.Kd1 dxc4+ 19.Nd4 Rxg7 20.Rxg7 Kd8±)*

C2a) 18...Rxg7 19.Qxg7 Bxd2+ *(19...Kd8 20.Rg6 Qe7 21.Qd4+-)* 20.Kxd2 dxc4+ 21.Kc3 Kd8 22.Rad1+-;

C2b) 18...Bxd2+ 19.Kxd2 dxc4+ 20.Kc3 Rf8 *(20...Rxg7 21.Qh8+! Qf8 22.Bh5+ Rg6 23.Bxg6+ Ke7 24.Qe5+ Kd8 25.Qxh2+-)* 21.Qh5+ Kd8 22.Rg6 Qe7 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Qg5+ Kc7 25.Qg3+ d6 26.Rd1+-;

C3) 14...Bb4+!? Calm reaction.

C3a) 15.Kd1? exd5 16.Bxg7 *(16.Qxf5? Rf8 17.Qh5+ g6 18.Qxh7 Nxf3 19.Qxg6+ Kd8-+)* 16...dxc4 17.Bxh8 *(17.Qxf5? Nxf3 18.Bxf3 Bxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Qd6+ 20.Bd4 Nc6-+)* 17...Be4 18.Qxc4 Qxc4 19.Bxc4 Bxf3+ 20.Be2 Nc6∓ Δ21.Rg8+?! Bf8;

C3b) 15.Nxb4 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Bxf3 17.Rxg7 *(≤17.Qc3 Nc6 18.Rxg7 0-0-0 19.Nxa6 Qh2 20.Rg3 Bh5∞)*

C3b1) 17...Rf8 18.Qc3 Qh2 *(≤18...Nc6 19.Ba3! Ne5 20.Nc2+-)* 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.Bxe5±;

C3b2) 17...Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 *(18...Qxc6 19.Bf6 ±/+-)* 19.Bf6 White has a very strong attack because Black's king didn't escape from the center.White threaten to transfer the queen to "f6" or to "h5". For example,if: Rf8 then: 20.Qd1!! ΔRxf6 21.Qh5+ Kd8 22.Rg8+ Ke7 23.Qxh7+

C3b21) 23...Kd6 24.Rd1+ Bd5 *(24...Kc5 25.Qe7+)* 25.Rxa8+-;

C3b22) 23...Rf7 24.Qh4+ Kd6 25.0-0-0+ Bd5 26.Qf4+ Kc6 27.cxd5+ exd5 28.Qxc7+ Kxc7 29.Rxa8+-]

[12...Nf6 13.Rxg7 and all Black has achieved is to activate White's rook. That

said, this line may not be too bad for Black, who can follow up with ... Bf8, ...Nc6 and ... 0-0-0.]

13.Ng5! John Emms: 'Leaving the knight on h2 out on a limb and potentially vulnerable. Black is never really able to address this problem successfully.'

[⩽13.Nxh2 Qxh2 14.Rxg7 Nc6 15.Na4 *(15.Ne4? Bb4+ 16.Nd2∓)* 15...0-0-0 *(15...Bf8?! 16.Rg3 Bb4+ 17.Bc3 Bxc3+ 18.Qxc3 0-0-0 19.Nxb6+ Kc7 20.c5±)* 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Bf3⩲]

13...Nc6 John Emms: 'Alternatively:'

[Of course not: John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Of course not: '' 13...h6? John Emms: 'Golod,V: '?'' 14.Nxf7! John Emms: '(the point!)' with decisive attack. John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'with decisive attack.'' Rf8 *(14...Kxf7 15.Qg6+ and White wins)* 15.Rxg7 and now Rxf7 fails to 16.Qg6 , for example d6 17.Rg8+ Ke7 18.Nd5+!! exd5 19.Bf6+! Rxf6 20.Qe8#]

[13...f5 14.0-0-0 Nc6 John Emms: '!' John Emms: ', preventing White's next move and giving Black the option of ...Ng4 if necessary, looks much stronger. After 14.. . Ne5? Black is already in some trouble.' Golod,V: 'transfers to 13...f5' 15.Na4 Rg8 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Bh5+ g6 18.f4 0-0-0 *(18...gxh5?? 19.Nxe6+-)* 19.Qxh2 gxh5 20.Bf6 Rde8 21.Qxh5 Kb8 22.Qxh7±]

14.0-0-0 Ne5?! John Emms: '?' John Emms: 'Golod,V: '?!'' Black had a uneasy choice, and he did not manage to find the best continuation. John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Black had a uneasy choice, and he did not manage to find the best continuation. ''

[14...f5 transfers to 13...f5]

[Deserves more attention: 14...d5! 15.Bh5 *(⩽15.cxd5 Nb4 16.Qe4 0-0-0 17.Kb1 h6 18.Nxe6! fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Rg2 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxh2∞)* 15...g6 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Bxh8 Nb4⇄]

[⩽14...Be7 15.Nxf7! Nb4 *(15...Kxf7? 16.Nd5! exd5 17.Bh5+ g6 18.Bxg6++-)* 16.Qb1 Kxf7 17.Rxg7+!! Ke8 18.Rxh7 Rxh7 19.Qxh7 d5 20.a3 Bd6 21.Qh6+-]

[14...h6? is still losing because of: 15.Nxf7!]

15.Nce4!± John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'Black's knight on h2 is cut off from the rest of its army and he is in serious danger of losing material. Golod,V: ' ±!'' Black's position already very difficult. John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Black's position already very difficult.''

15...0-0-0

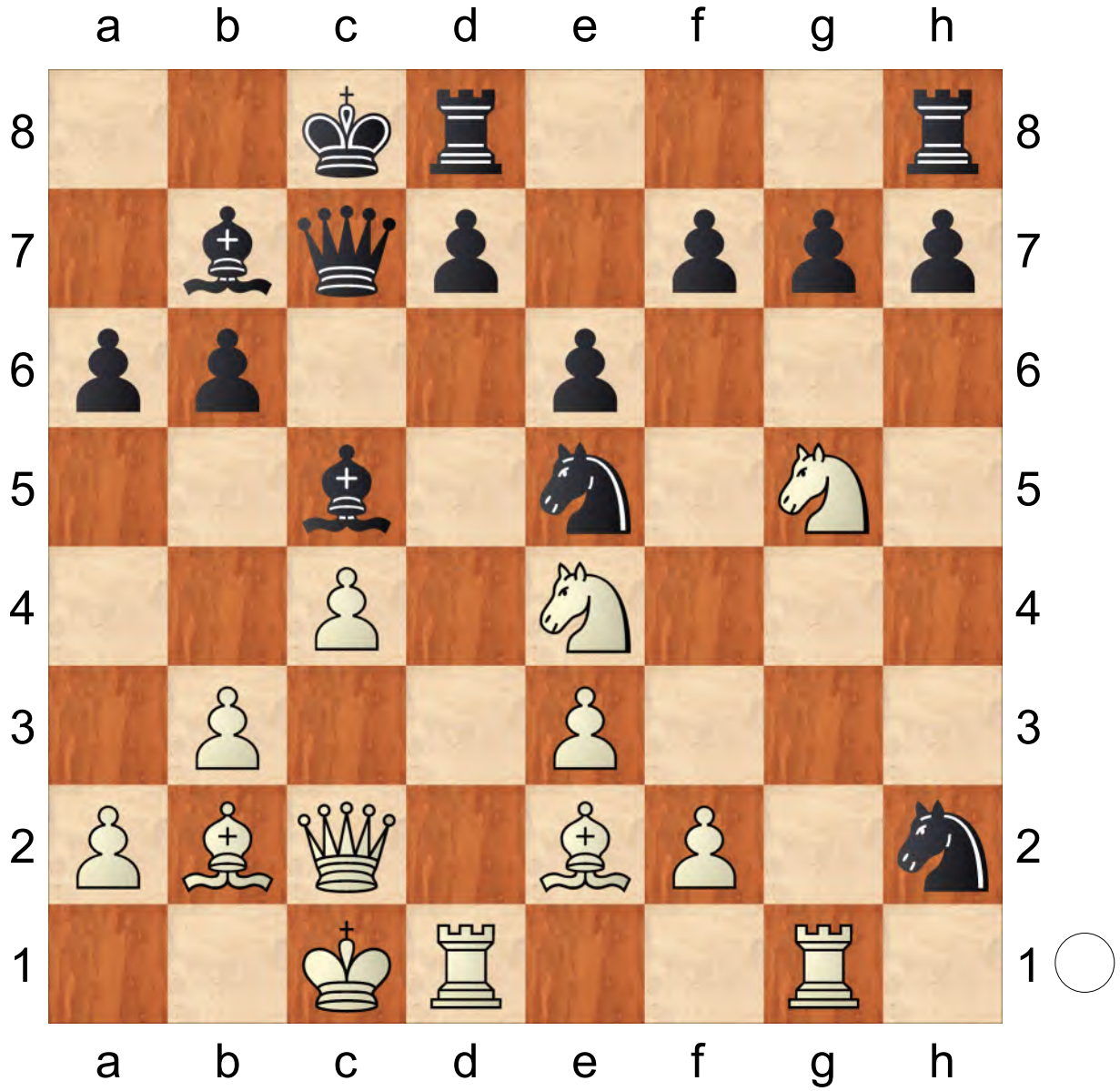
[Not better is: 15...h5 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.f4 Nhg4 *(=17...Neg4 18.Bxg7 Rg8 19.Qh7)* 18.Bxg4 Nxg4 19.Bxg7 Rg8 20.Qh7±]

[or 15...h6?! 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Ne4± Δd5? 18.Nxc5 Nhf3 *(18...Qxc5? 19.Bxe5 dxc4 20.Bxh2+-)* 19.Bxf3 Nxf3 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Rxg7+-]

(Diagram)

16.Nxc5 bxc5

[John Emms: 'Or' 16...Qxc5? John Emms: 'Golod,V: '?'' 17.Ne4 John Emms: '!'



Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Nc6 19.Qh4+- John Emms: 'and White picks up the loose knight. Golod,V: '+-"]

17.f4 John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'Powerful play.'

[Perhaps Black was hoping for 17.Bxe5? Qxe5 18.Nxf7 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qf6 20.Nxh8 Rxh8 , when he has good compensation for the small material deficit (the knight can re-enter the game via f3).]

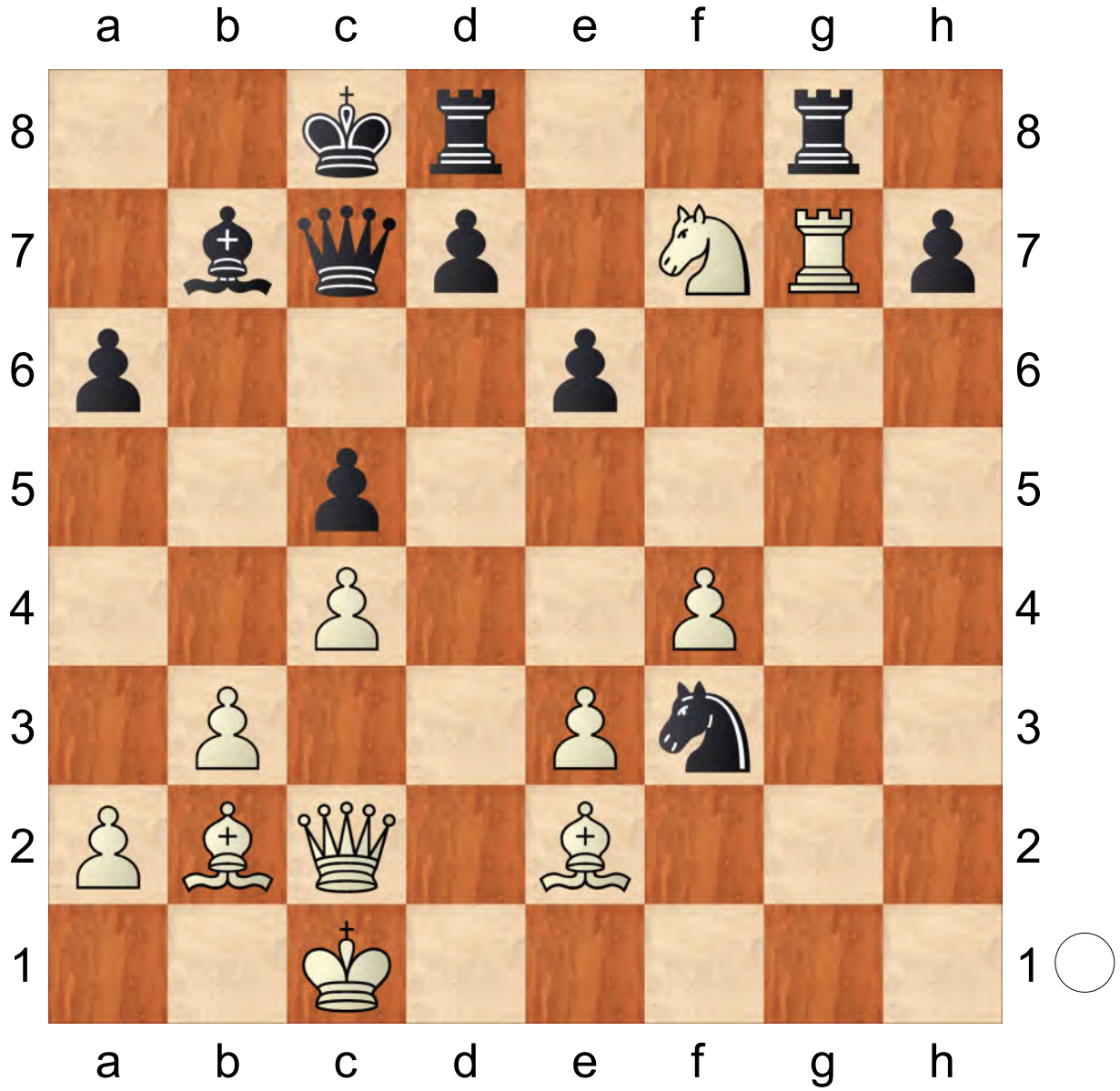
17...Nef3

[≤17...f6 John Emms: 'Golod,V: ' ≤" 18.Ne4 Ng6 *(18...Nef3 19.Rxg7* and the Black knights on f3 and h2 look rather comical!*)* 19.Rh1 Nxf4 20.Nd6+ Kb8 21.Rxh2+-]

18.Nxf7 Nxg1

[18...Rhg8? is refuted by: 19.Nxd8 Nxg1 *(19...Qxd8 20.Rg3+-)* 20.Nxb7 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qxb7 22.Qxh2+-]

19.Rxg1 Nf3 20.Rxg7 Rhg8



21.Nxd8 Qxd8 22.Bf6?! John Emms: '!' John Emms: 'Golod,V: '?!"
[Looks more convincing: ⌓22.Qxh7 but Black still can defends with: Rh8! *(≤22...Rxg7 23.Qxg7 Bc6 24.Bc3±)* 23.Qd3 Rh1+ 24.Bd1 Ne1 25.Qd6 Nd3+! 26.Qxd3 Bf3 27.Bf6 Qc7 28.Rg8+ Kb7 29.Be5 Qc6 30.Qg6! Rxd1+ 31.Kb2 Rd2+ 32.Ka3 Ka7 33.Qe8 Qb7 34.Bc3 Rd3 35.Rg7! Bc6 36.Ba5±]
22...Qf8 23.Qxh7 John Emms: 'Now it's Whit e who is a pawn ahead, and Black still has major problems safeguarding his pieces.' **23...Rh8!** John Emms: 'Golod,V: '!"
[≤23...Rxg7 24.Bxg7 Qe8 25.Bc3 Kc7 26.a3 ±/+-]
[23...Qxf6? 24.Rxg8+ Kc7 25.Qh8+-]
24.Qg6 Rh1+ 25.Kb2 Rg1

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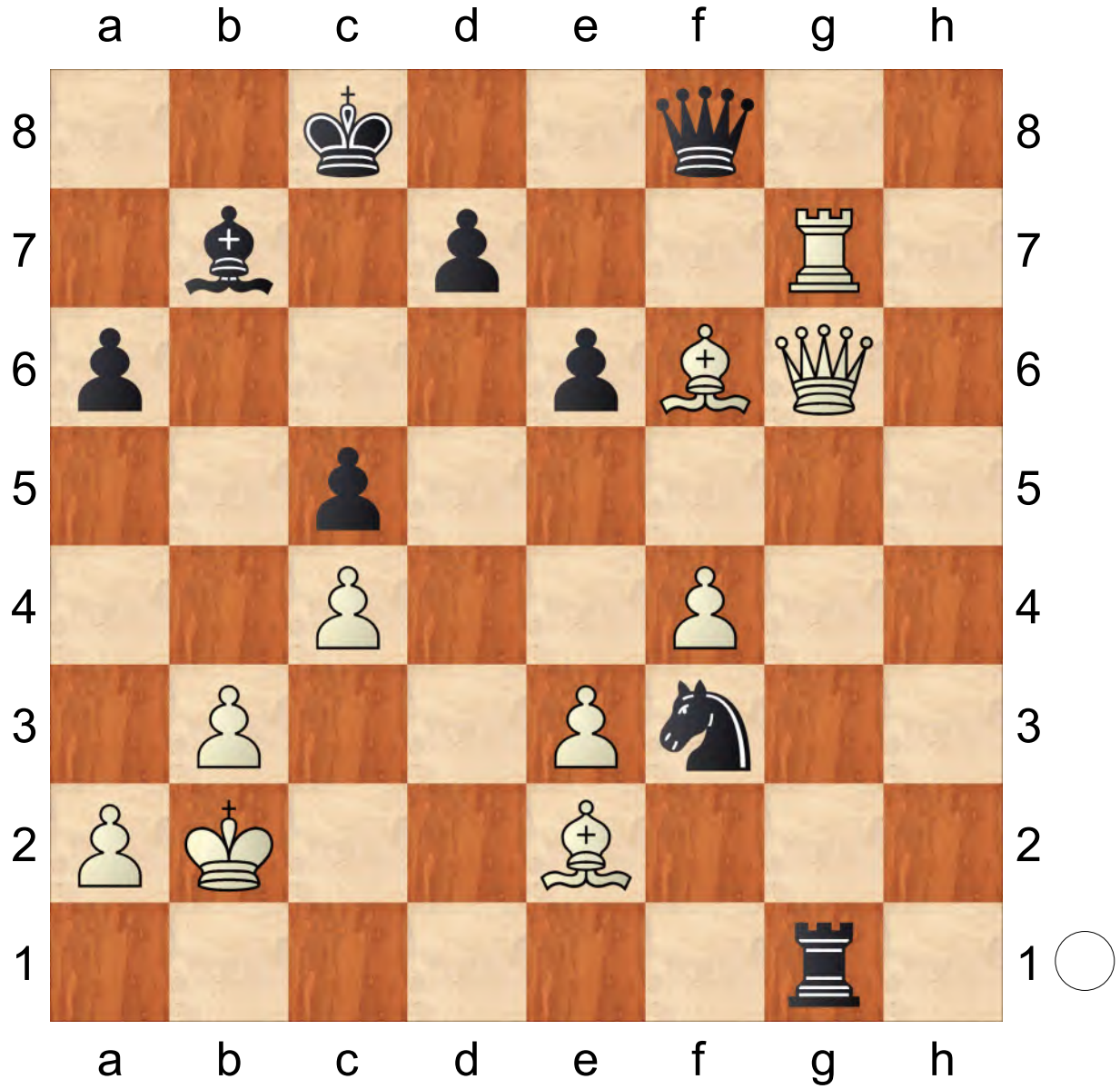

26.Bg5 John Emms: 'Threatening Rg8.' **26...Rxg5?** John Emms: 'Alternatives also lose, for example: Golod,V: '?" Black throws the game just a few moves before it has been really started: John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'Black throws the game just a few moves before it has been really started:"

[26...Nh4! Δ27.Qh7 Be4! 28.Rg8 Bxh7 29.Rxf8+ Kc7 30.Ka3 Bb1! 31.Bd8+ Kd6 32.Bxh4 Rg2 33.Re8 Rxe2 34.Be7+ Kc7 35.Bxc5 Rxa2+ 36.Kb4 ±/±]

[26...Qd6 27.Qe8+ Kc7 28.Qd8+ Kc6 29.Bxf3+]

[26...Kc7 27.Rg8 Qf5 28.Qxf5 exf5 29.Bxf3 Bxf3 30.Bd8+!]

27.fxg5+- John Emms: 'Golod,V: '+-" The further resistance is senseless. John Emms: 'Golod,V: 'The further resistance is senseless. '' **27...Ne5 28.Qf6 Qd6 29.Rg8+ Kc7 30.Kc3**

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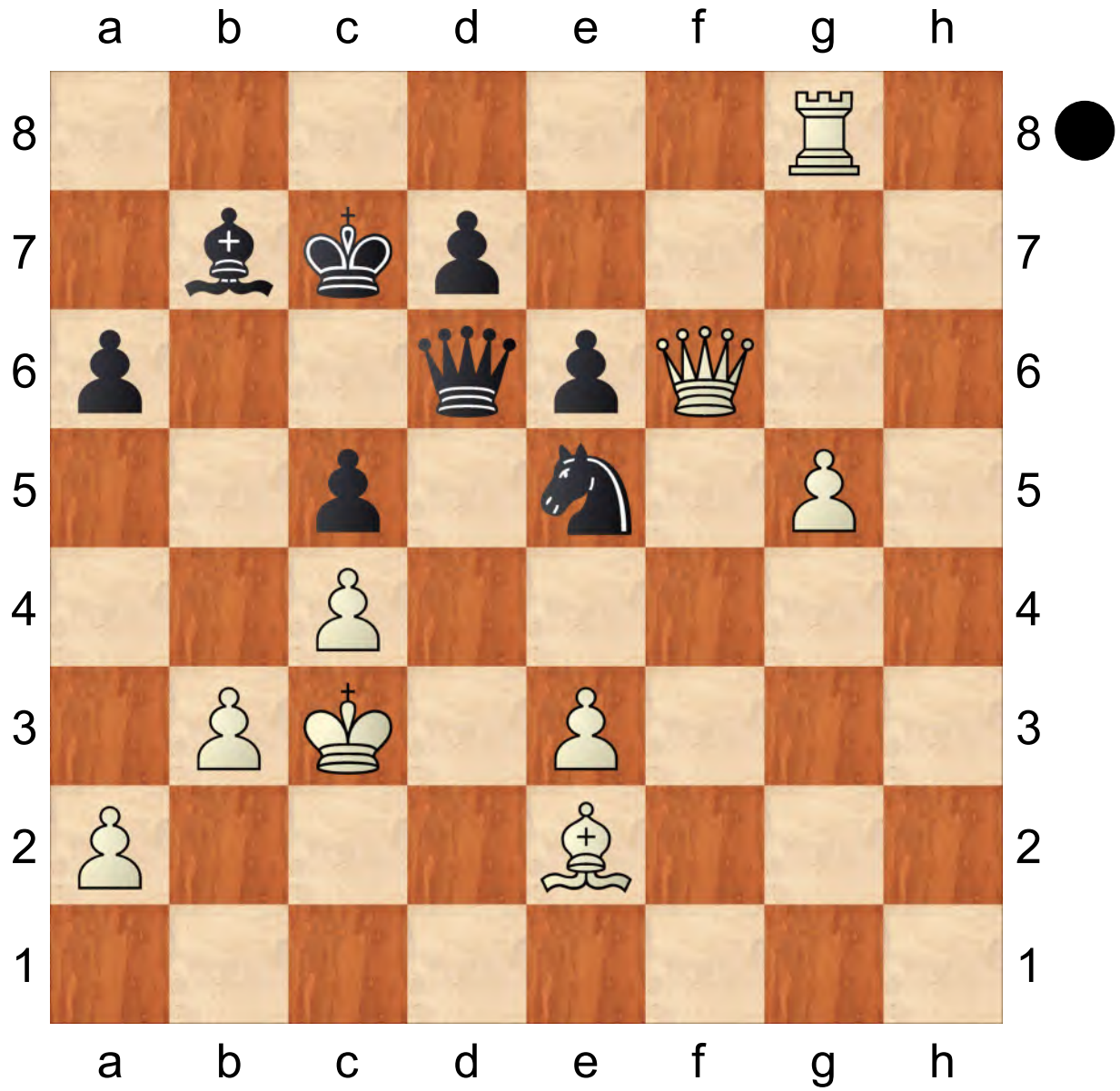

John Emms: 'White is now well ahead on material and has a simple plan of pushing the g-pawn to promotion. A powerful attacking display from the Norwegian youngster.'
1-0

B14

□ **Zifroni,Dov** **2501**
■ **Karolyi,Tibor Jr** **2432**
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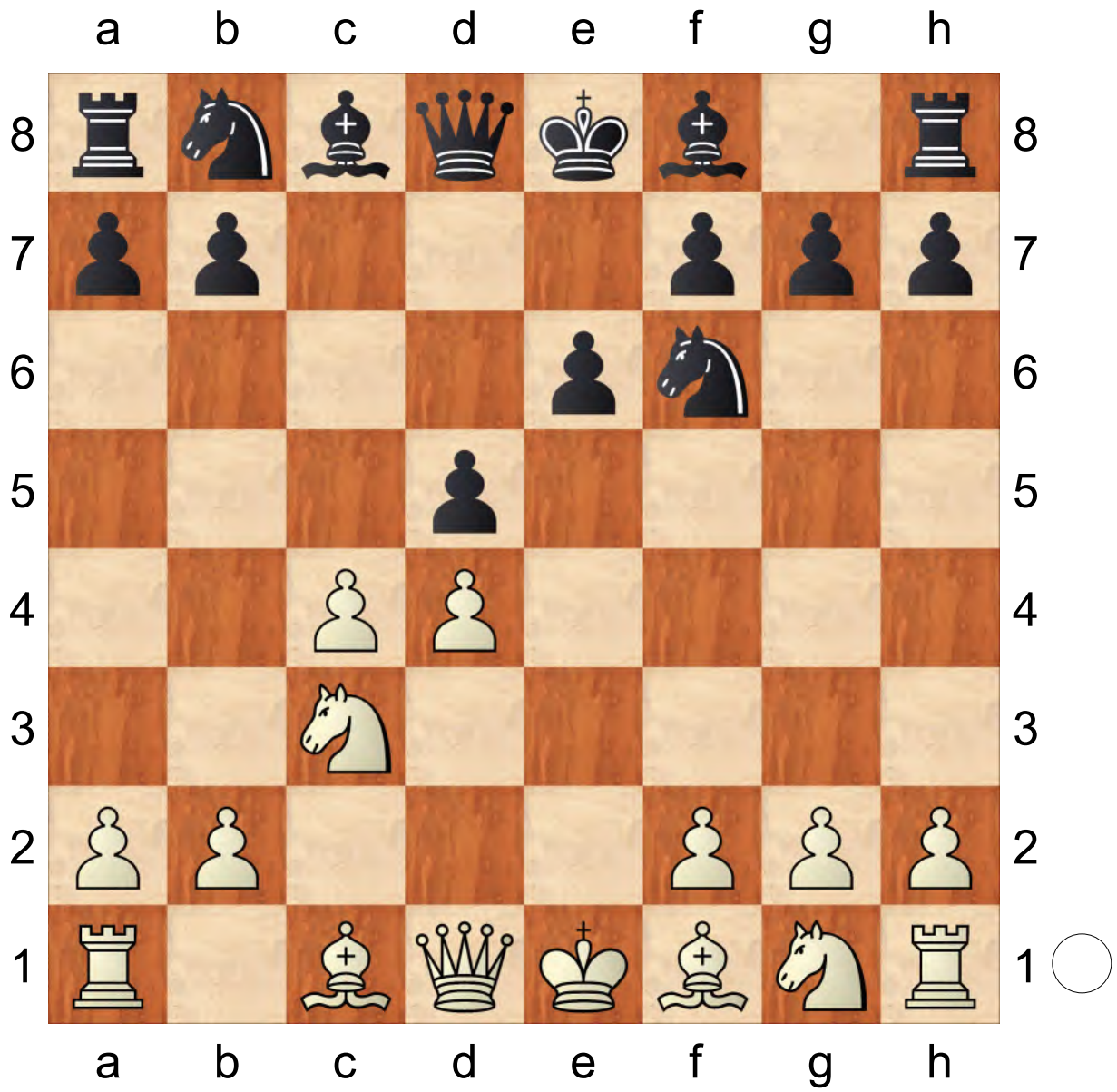
1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6



6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Qc2 Lorin D'Costa: 'QUESTION: What is the usefulness of the queen on c2? Won't it just be attacked down the c-file by a future rook move to c8? ANSWER: Well, yes, that is true, but Black is a number of moves away from that particular move. White's queen lends support to the knight on c3 and looks towards h7. There are various other ideas too which be seen in the coming games. '

7...dxc4?! Lorin D'Costa: 'In principle, Black should be avoiding this move. He should wait until White plays Be2 or Bd3, and only then play ...dxc4. That way gains Black an important tempo, because in this game White was able to play Bf1xc4 in one go, rather than Bf1-d3xc4 in two moves. Such tempi can be crucial in such an open position, as the Israeli Grandmaster will show us.' danach kann sich der weiße Läufer ohne Tempoverlust entwickeln. Logischer erscheinen 7...Sc6 und 7...0-0 z.B.

[7...Nc6

A) 8.a3 Be7 9.c5 a5 10.Bb5± ½-½ Garcia,G-Kumaran,D/Oviedo 1993/EXP 38 (34);

B) 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rad1 Nd5 13.Bg3 a6 14.Rfe1 Ncb4 15.Qe2 *(15.Qb3!* would have placed Black under some pressure: for example, *b5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Rc1 Be6 19.Bc7* is awkward to meet*)* 15...b5 16.Bb3 Bb7 17.Ne5 Rc8 was suddenly somewhat acceptable for Black since he had developed harmoniously.;

C) 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bd3 und nun gibt es neben den Standardplänen gegen den Isolani auch noch folgende forcierende Variante (die Anmerkungen stammen von Dautov aus CBM 57): Ba5 10.a3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.0-0 Qd5 15.c4 Qf5 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7

C1) 17.Qb2 b6 18.Rd1+ *(18.Be3!?)* 18...Ke7 19.Be3 f6 *(⌓19...Rhd8!)* 20.c5 Rhd8 21.h3 Kf7 22.Qb5 a6? 23.Qa4± Topalov,V-Tukmakov,V/Groningen 59/157 1993;

C2) 17.Qa4+≅ ½-½ Wahls,M-Dautov,R/BL9697 1997/CBM 57/[Dautov] (23)]

[Lorin D'Costa: 'Two alternatives:' 7...0-0 8.Bg5 *(8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b6 10.a3 Be7 11.Be3 Bb7=* ½-½ Tirard,H-Zelcic,R/Cannes 1997/EXP 57 (43) *)* 8...h6 *(8...Nc6 9.a3 Be7 10.Rd1=* /± 1-0 Naiditsch,A-Huber,W/Oberwart 1998/EXP 65 (29) *)* 9.Bh4 Nc6 10.Rd1 Be7 11.a3 b6 Lorin D'Costa: '(note the cat and mouse game both sides are playing; White is waiting for ...dxc4 and Black is trying to avoid it) ' 12.Bd3 Lorin D'Costa: '(finally!) ' Bb7= 1-0 Smirin,I-Zifroni,D/Tel Aviv ISR 1999 (37) 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.0-0 Re8 16.b4! prevents ...Na5-c4 ideas and this d4 vs. d5 structure is something we will encounter sporadically in the Panov. Moreover, this was all seen in I.Smirin-D.Zifroni, Israeli League 1999, which is interesting because our main game here was played just three months later. Clearly Zifroni was inspired by his game with Smirin.]

8.Bxc4 a6?!N dieser Plan kostet zuviel Zeit, so daß der weiße Entwicklungsvorsprung bedrohliche Formen annimmt

[8...0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7 11.Qe2 Nd5?! 12.Bg5 Qc8 13.Rac1± 1-0 Potkin,V-Andreev,V/St Petersburg RUS 1998 (58)]

9.0-0 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7

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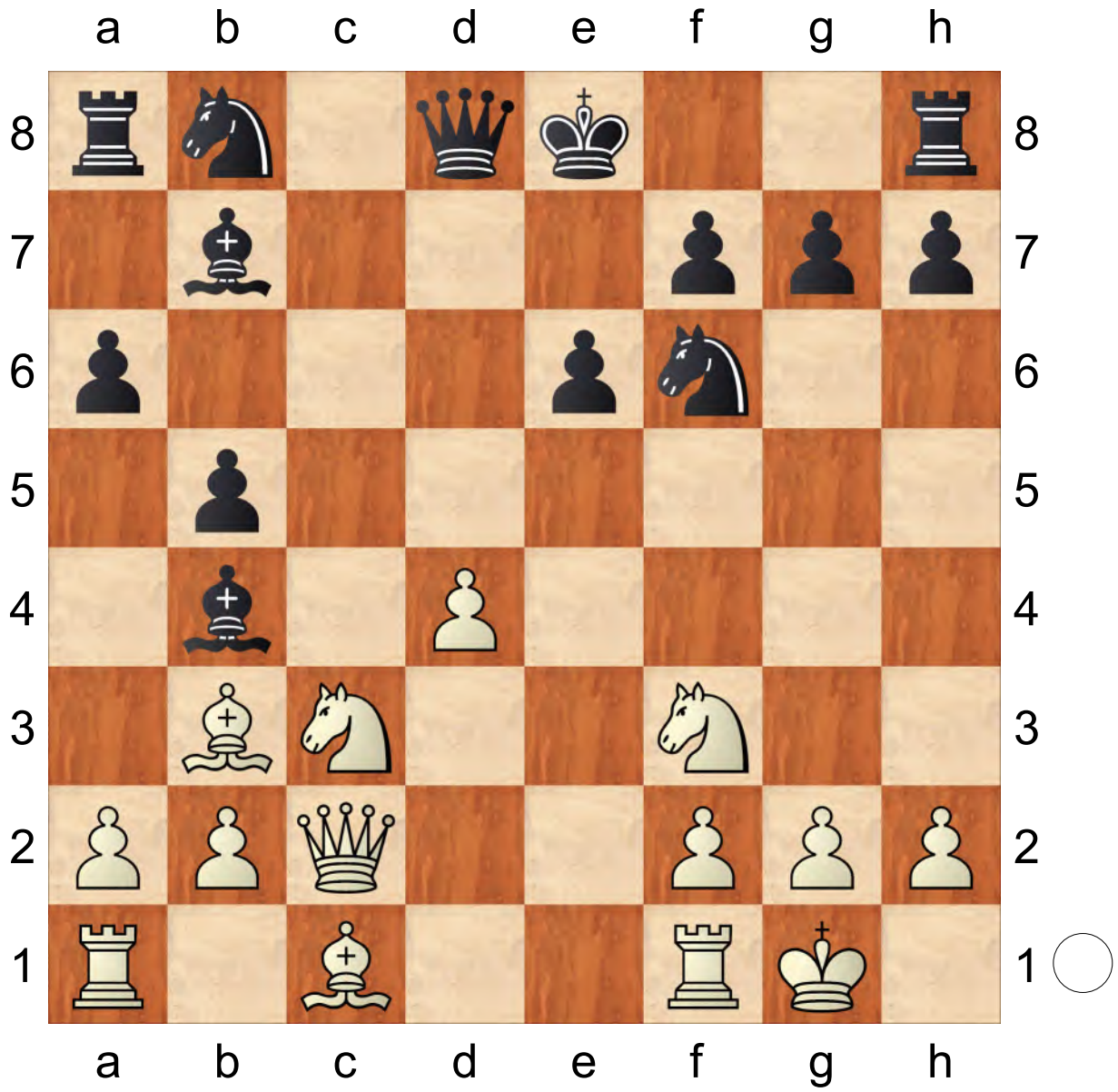
Lorin D'Costa: 'EXERCISE: Now ...Bxf3 is in the air. What should White do here? ANSWER:'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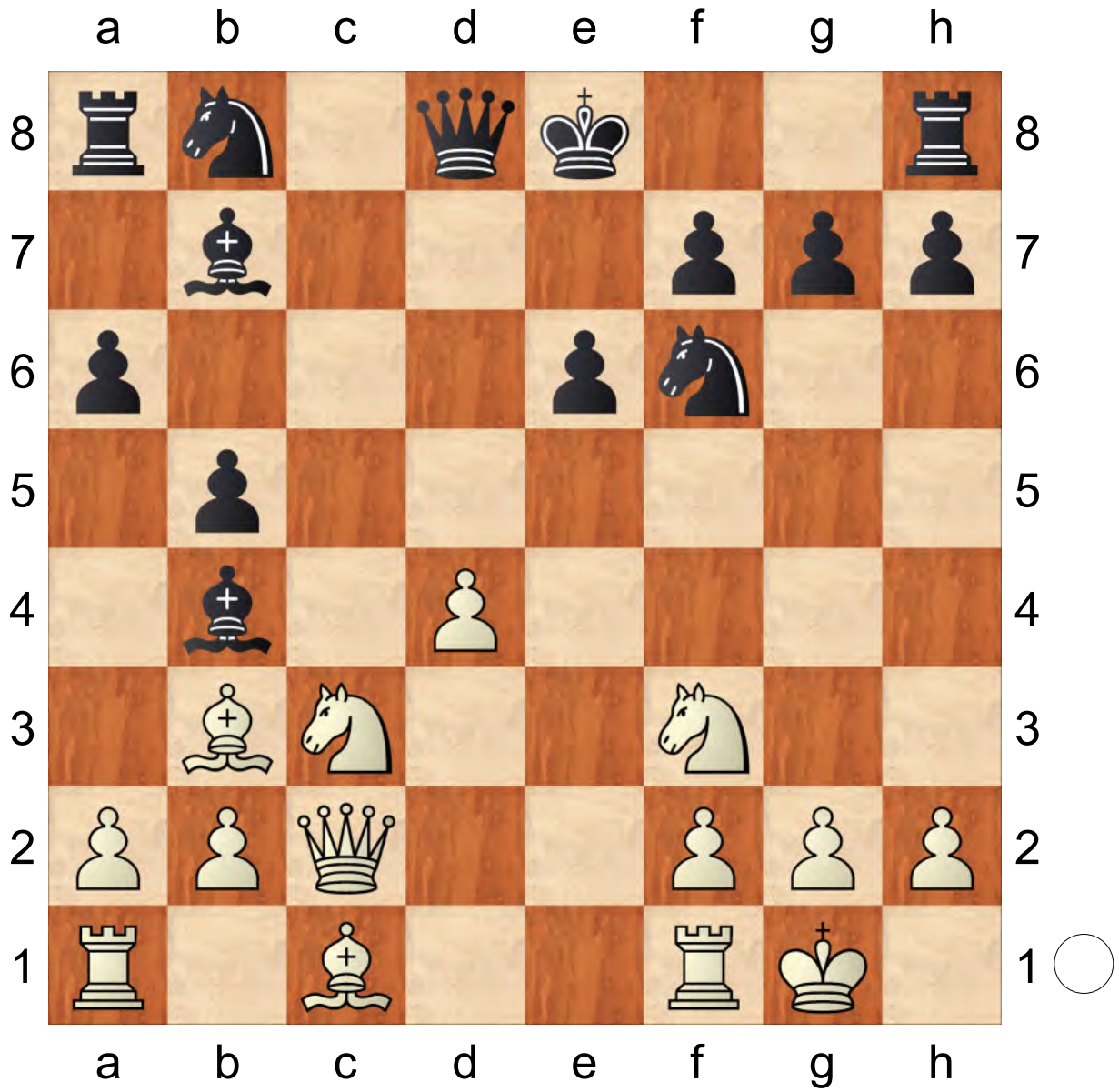


Wie kann WeiÃŸ seinen Entwicklungsvorsprung in gefÃ♘hrliche Initiative umsetzen ?

11.d5!! Lorin D'Costa: 'If you managed to work this one out, a true Panov player has just been born! QUESTION: How can White get away with a pawn move when no fewer than four(!) black pieces can capture it, added to the fact that ...Bxc3 will remove another defender of this pawn? ANSWER: As Black has not castled, ...exd5 isn't really on because Re1+ will cause panic. The king will hardly want to run to f8 and then there is definite compensation.' dieser typische Vorstoß des d4-Isolani bringt Schwarz in große Probleme (bei der folgenden Analyse der hochtaktischen Varianten erwies sich Fritz 5.32 einmal mehr als sehr leistungsstarkes Hilfsmittel):

[11.Qe2 is the only other decent alternative, defending f3. Play can continue 0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Nbd7 14.Rad1 with a roughly level position, but Black again has a harmonious position and cannot complain.]

11...Nxd5?!

[Lorin D'Costa: 'Instead,' 11...Bxc3? 12.dxe6 Lorin D'Costa: '!' Lorin D'Costa: 'reveals another key point. A piece is thrown into the fire for a raging attack on the uncastled king: '

A) 12...Bb4 13.exf7+

A1) 13...Kf8 14.Ng5 Lorin D'Costa: 'is completely crushing, as ' Qc8 *(14...Bc8 15.Rd1* loses immediately.*)* 15.Ne6+ Kxf7 *(15...Ke7 16.Qe2 Kxf7 17.Qe5+-)* 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Bd2 Bd6 18.Rae1+-;

A2) 13...Ke7 14.Ng5 Qb6 15.Qe2+ Kd8 16.Ne6+ Kc8 17.Be3+-;

B) 12...Ba5 13.exf7+ Kf8 *(13...Ke7 14.Ng5+-)* 14.Ng5 Qe7 *(14...Qc8 15.Bf4 Bb4 16.Qd2 Be7 17.Rae1 Nc6 18.Ne6+ Kxf7 19.Nxg7+ Kg6 20.Bh6 Qg4 21.Qc2+ Kxh6 22.Nf5++-)* 15.Be3 Bb4 16.Rae1+-;

C) 12...fxe6 13.Qxc3 Bd5 14.Ng5±;

D) 12...Bxf3 13.exf7+ Kf8 *(13...Ke7 14.Qxc3 Bd5 15.Rd1 Kxf7 16.Bg5+-)* 14.bxc3 Bd5 15.Rd1±]

[Lorin D'Costa: 'After ' 11...exd5 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Bg5

A) 13...d4? 14.Bxf6 *(14.Rxe7+!?)* 14...gxf6 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Nd5 Nc6 17.Rad1+-;

B) 13...0-0 14.Rad1↑ Lorin D'Costa: 'White is fully developed and d5 is under attack. Indeed, Black is under heavy pressure. Here' Re8 15.Qf5 Nbd7 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 is one sample line showing the power in the white position.]

[11...Bxd5!? 12.Nxd5 exd5 *(12...Nxd5 13.Bg5↑)* 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Rad1↑]

12.Nxd5 Bxd5

[12...exd5!? 13.Bg5

A) 13...Qd7? 14.Rfe1+ Kf8 *(14...Bxe1 15.Rxe1+ Kf8 16.Qc5+ Kg8 17.Re7 h6 18.Rxd7 Nxd7 19.Qc7+-)* 15.Ne5 Qc8 16.Qxc8+ Bxc8 17.Rec1 Nd7 18.Bxd5+-;

B) 13...f6 14.Rfe1+ *(14.Bd2!?)* 14...Bxe1 15.Rxe1+ Kf7

B1) 16.Qf5? Re8! *(16...Kf8? 17.Nd4 Bc8 18.Re6 Ra7 19.Bxf6 Rf7 20.Bxg7+ Kg8 21.Qe5 Bxe6 22.Nxe6+-)* 17.Rxe8

B1a) 17...Qxe8 18.Bxd5+ Bxd5 19.Qxd5+ Kf8 20.Qxa8 *(20.Be3!?)* 20...fxg5 21.h3±;

B1b) 17...Kxe8 18.Qe6+ Qe7 19.Qg8+=;

B2) 16.Ne5+! Kg8 *(16...Kf8? 17.Qc5+ Kg8 18.Rd1+-)* 17.Rd1 Kf8 *(17...Nd7 18.Nc6+-)* 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Qc5+ Qe7 *(19...Kg8 20.Rxd5 Qe8 21.Rd6 Qxe5 22.Qxe5 fxe5 23.Rd8++-)* 20.Qxd5 fxg5 *(20...Qxe5 21.Qxe5 fxe5 22.Rd8+ Kf7 23.Rxh8+-)* 21.Qxa8 Qxe5 22.Qb7 Qe8 23.Rc1 Nc6 24.Qxc6 Qxc6 25.Rxc6±]

13.Bg5! Lorin D'Costa: 'Each move comes with tempo, not allowing Black time for development.' **13...Bxb3**

[Lorin D'Costa: 'If' 13...f6 Lorin D'Costa: 'then again ' 14.Bxd5 *(14.Rad1!* when another piece gets sacrificed for quick play: *fxg5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Rfe1+*

Be7 17.Nxg5 Nd7 18.Rxd5 Qa5 19.Qe4 with tremendous pressure.*)* 14...exd5 15.Be3 Qd7 *(15...0-0 16.Qb3 Nc6 17.Rfd1↑)* 16.Rac1 0-0 17.Qb3↑]

14.axb3 Be7?

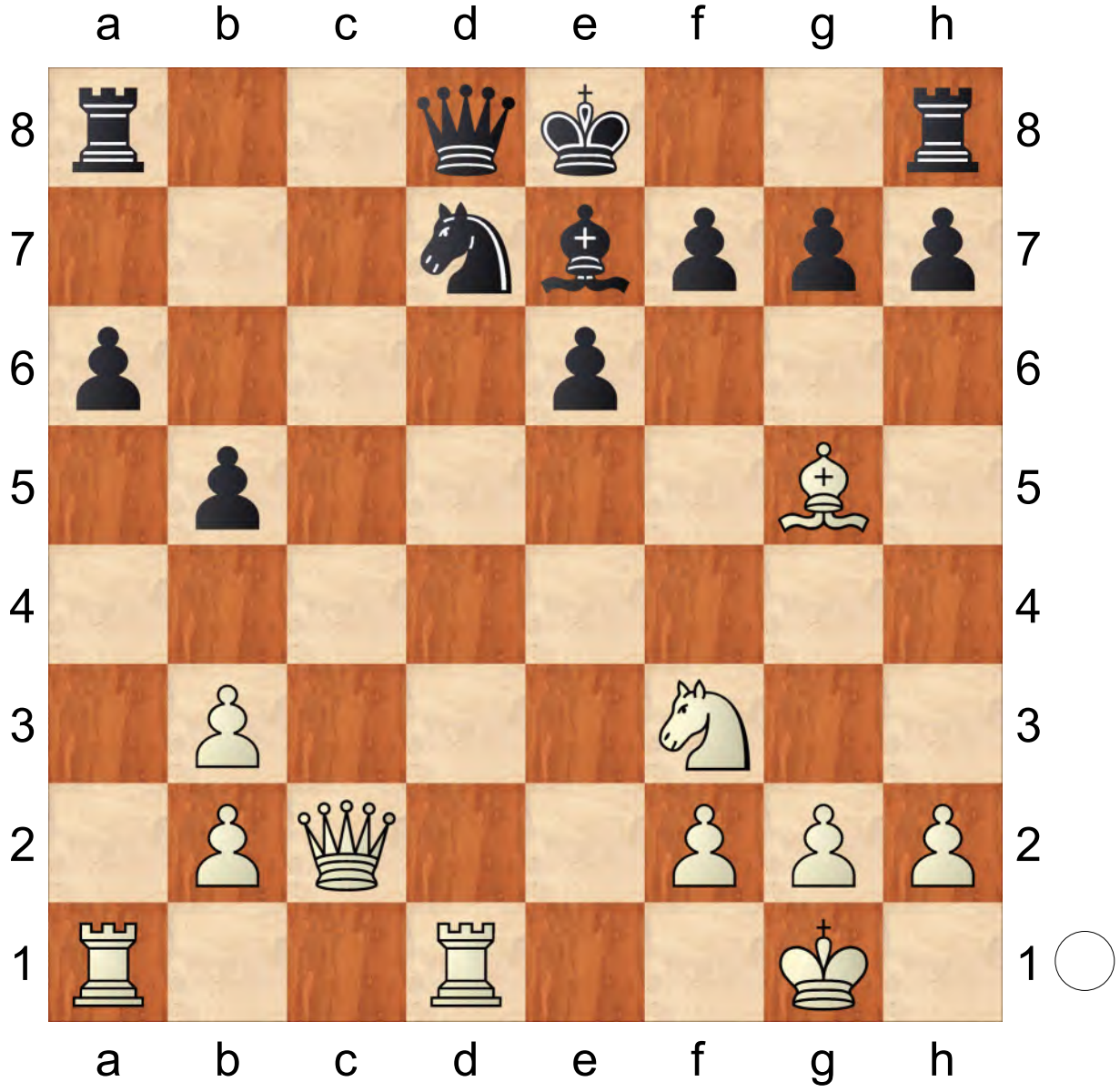
[14...f6! 15.Rfd1 *(15.Qe4!* hits three pieces and that normally spells serious danger. *)* 15...Nd7 *(15...Bd6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qe4 Ra7 18.Qxe6+ Qe7 19.Qc8+ Qd8 20.Qxd8+ Kxd8 21.Rxd6+±)* 16.Qc6 fxg5 17.Rxd7 *(17.Ne5!?)* 17...Qxd7 18.Qxa8+±]

15.Rfd1+-

[15.Rad1 gewinnt auch: Nd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qc6 Ra7 18.Ne5 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Rc1+-]

15...Nd7

[15...Bxg5?! 16.Rxd8+ Bxd8 17.Qc8+-]



16.Bxe7 Kxe7 Lorin D'Costa: 'Thus the king has been kept in the centre, and therefore there is good long-term compensation for the pawn. However, if given time, Black may begin to unravel, so in these types of positions, continuing to attack is the best idea (as if you needed any more encouragement!).'

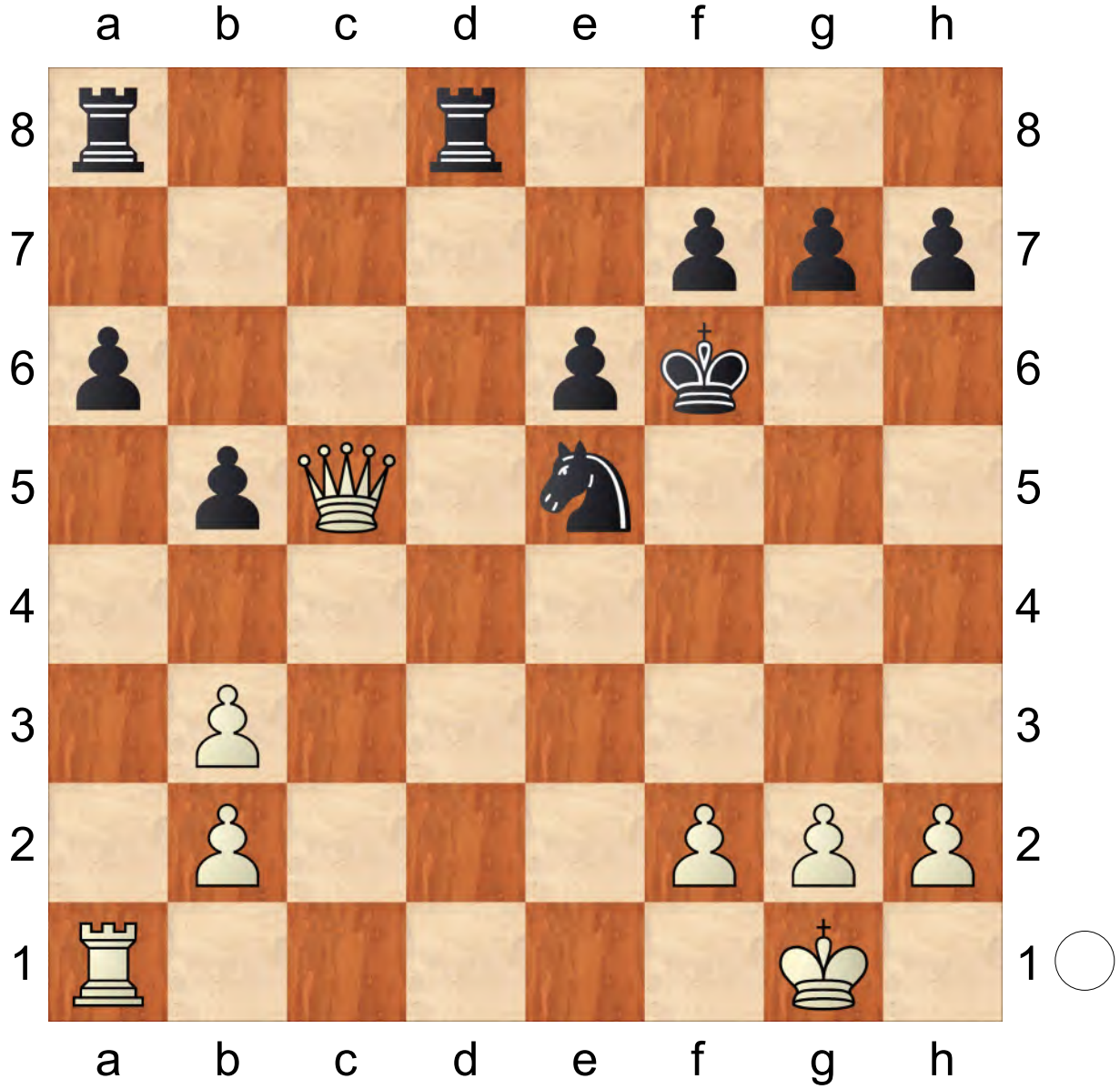
[Lorin D'Costa: 'Instead if ' 16...Qxe7 Lorin D'Costa: ', White can use his lead in development to his advantage: ' 17.Qc6 Lorin D'Costa: '!' Ra7 *(17...Rd8 18.Ne5* Lorin D'Costa: 'and the knight on d7 is lost.' *f6 19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Rxa6+-)* 18.Ne5 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Rac1 Rc7 21.b4 f6 22.Nd3+-]

Lorin D'Costa: 'EXERCISE What is the best way to step up the pressure? ANSWER: Use the pin on the d-file. ' **17.Ne5 Nxe5**

[17...Rc8 18.Qe2 Rc7 19.Rxd7+ Rxd7 20.Nc6++-]

[17...Ra7 18.Nc6+ is no better.]

18.Qc5+ Kf6 19.Rxd8 Rhxd8



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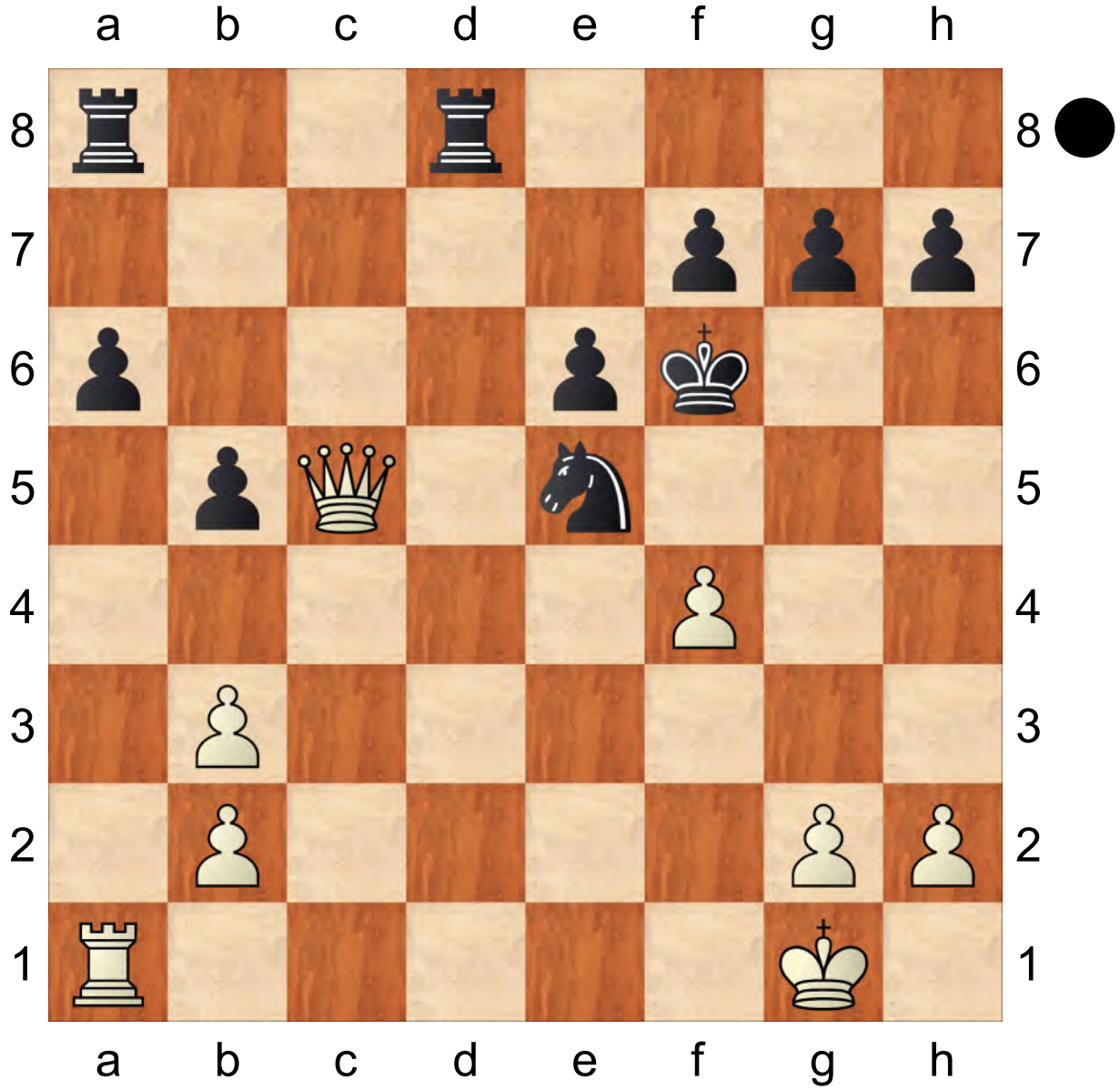
20.f4!
[20.f4! Nd3? *(20...Rd5 21.fxe5++-)* 21.Qg5#]



Lorin D'Costa: '. Black loses the knight on e5 because wherever it moves, 21 Qg5 will be checkmate. The black king did not make it out alive in this instructive game on the theme of the d5 push and attacking when ahead in development.'
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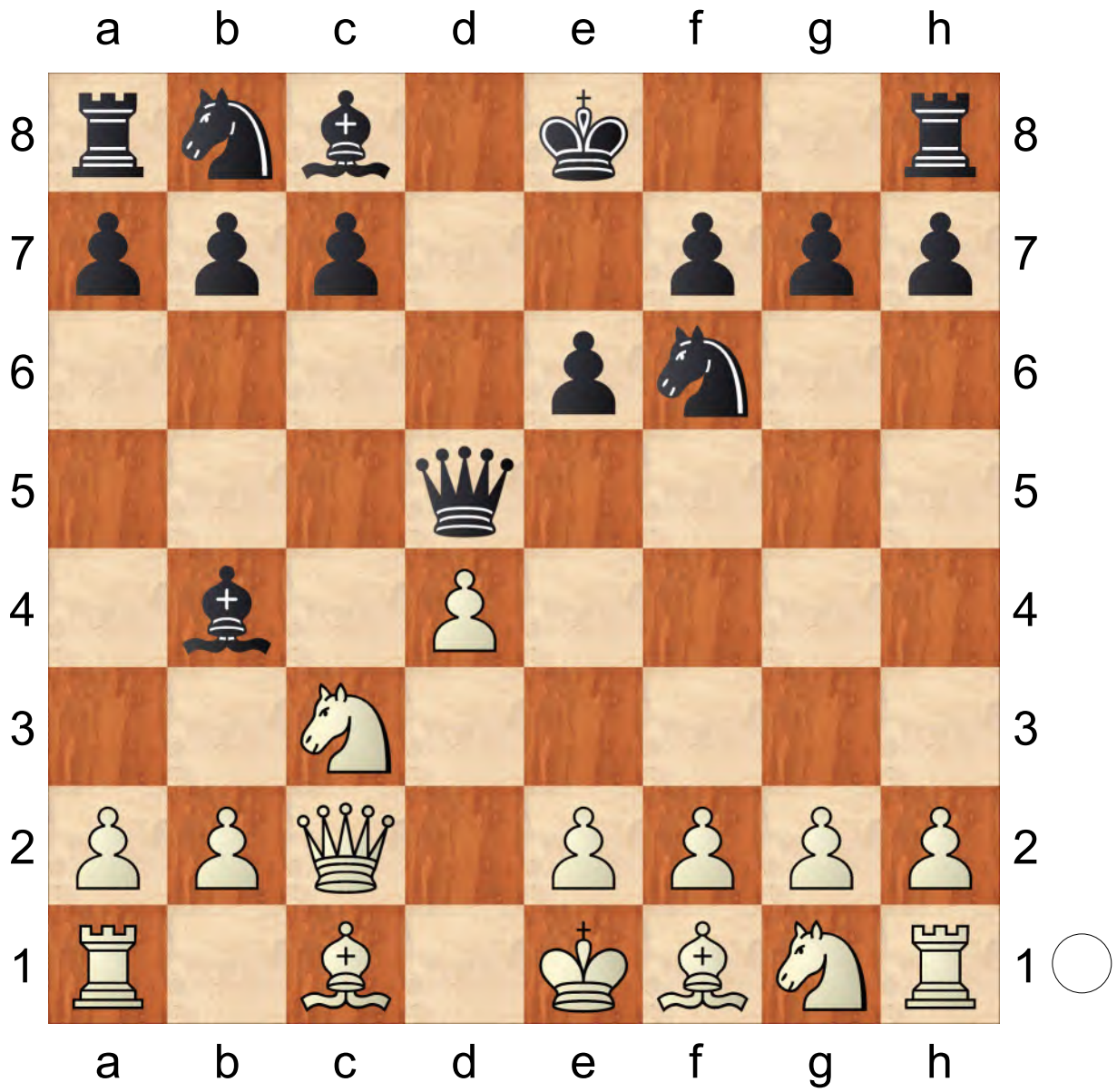
E34

□ **Onischuk,Alexander** **2657**
■ **Romanishin,Oleg M** **2561**
Montreal 4th (6) 28.07.2003
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5**



6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3!? Interesting idea of Vassily Ivanchuk.Before,always played: 8.bxc3 **8...c5** This continuation is the next attempt to bring in a "new word " in theory of this variant.From my point of view, is more expedient to make "c5" on the 6-th move. Five days ago in the same tournament Oleg Romanishin checked another line in this variant:

[8...Nbd7 See comments to Legky,N-Romanishin,O/Montreal,2003/CBM 97(½-½)(Golod,V)(27)]
[Besides Black has two alternatives: 8...a5 You can see comments to Gurevich,M-Romanishin,O/Essen,2001/CBM 83(1-0)(Golod,V)(37)]
[and 8...b6 You can see annotations to game: Ivanchuk,V-Short,N/Shenyang,2000/CBM 79(½-½)(Golod,V)(34)]

9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Rc1N

[The same position,with rearrangement of moves,has met in one more game: 10.Bd3?! Nc6 11.Nf3 *(11.Bxf6 Qxc2 12.Bxc2 gxf6 ±/=)* 11...Nb4 12.Qd2 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qd5 14.Qc2 Qe4= Steger,J-Herzog,F/Regensburg,1946(1-0)(36)]

10...a5

[10...Nc6!? 11.Nf3 An interesting nuance- this position can arise after: 6...c5 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 cxd4 9.Bxd4 Nc6 10.Bc3 0-0 11.Nf3 Qc5 12.Rc1]

(Diagram)

×b4 Unessential move.Now Black has a weak point on queen side. **11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Be2**

[Leads to quieter game: 12.a3!? Nd5 13.Bd2±]

12...Nd5 13.Ng5! Already here White have planned not an absolutely correct, but very interesting sacrifice. From this move I shall use also comments of Grandmaster Igor Glek to this game in the site : www.worldchessrating.ru/ This game was chosen "the best game of week" on this site! Further I shall designate comments of grandmaster Igor Glek - G.I.

[13.Bd2?! G.I. Qxc2 14.Rxc2 Ndb4 15.Bxb4 Nxb4 16.Rc7 Nxa2 17.Bc4 Nb4 18.Ke2⩲]
[≤13.0-0 G.I. Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.Rxc3 Rd8 ±/=]

13...f5 14.0-0

[After: 14.a3!? Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Rxc3 position of White more preferably at the expense of the best pawn chain.]

14...Nxe3!

[≤14...h6 G.I. 15.Nf3 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Qxc3 17.Rxc3±]

15.Qd3

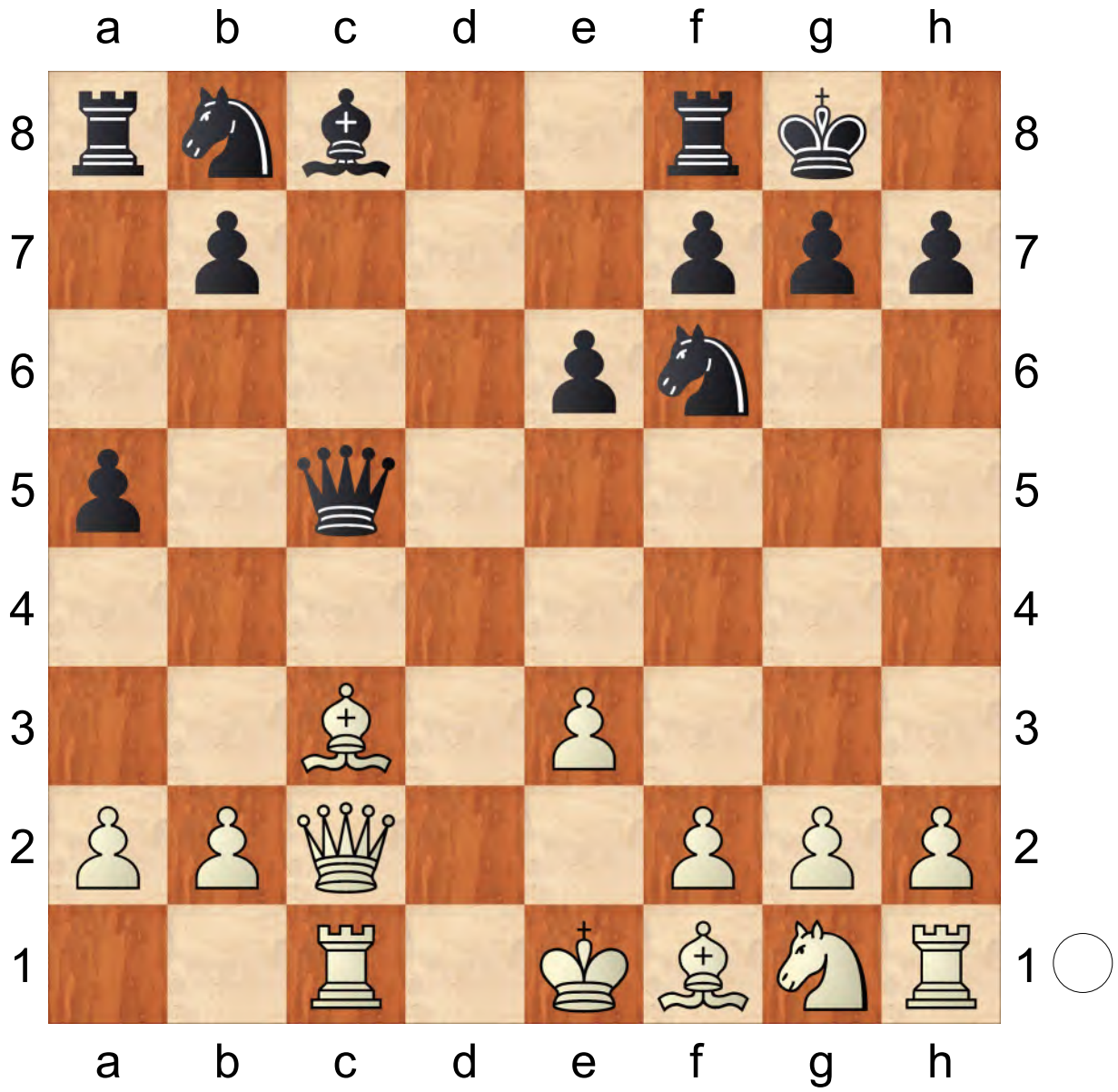
[15.fxe3? Qxe3+ 16.Kh1 Qxg5 17.Bc4∓]

15...Nxf1

(Diagram)

16.Nxh7! □ I believe,that Alexander Onischuk saw this resource,when he played 13.♘g5

[16.Bxf1? h6-+]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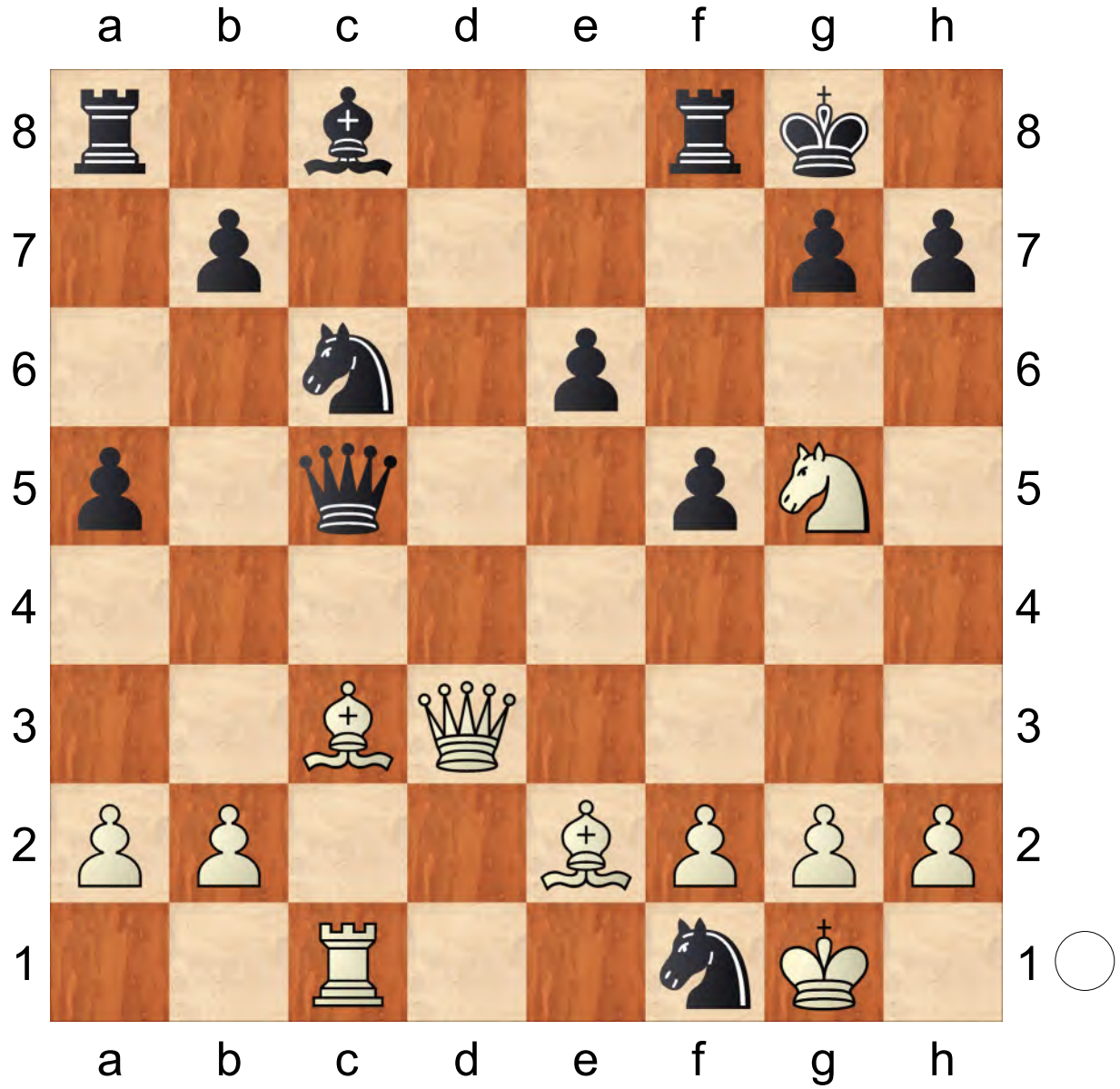


16...Ne5? G.I: "Black had a uneasy choice, and he did not manage to find the best continuation":

[16...Kxh7! 17.Qh3+ Kg8 *(17...Kg6?? 18.Qh5#)* 18.Bxg7

A) 18...Qxc1?? 19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.Qxf8+ Kg6 21.Bh5+! Kxh5 *(21...Kg5? 22.Bh6+ Kxh5 23.Bxc1* with mate in 5 moves *)* 22.Qf7+

A1) 22...Kg4 23.f3+

A1a) ≤23...Kg5 24.h4+ Kxh4? *(⌓24...Kf4 25.Bh6+ Ke5 26.Bxc1+-)* 25.Bf6+ Qg5 *(25...Kg3 26.Qg7+ Kf4 27.Qg5#)* 26.Qh7+ Kg3 27.Bxg5;

A1b) 23...Kf4 24.Bh6+ Ke5 25.Bxc1+-;

A2) 22...Kh4 23.Bf6+ Kg4 24.Qg6+ Kf4 25.Qh6+ Ke4 26.Qxc1;

A3) 22...Kg5 23.h4+! Kf4 *(≤23...Kxh4 24.Bf6+ Kg4 25.Qg6+ Kf4 26.Qg5+ Ke4 27.Qxc1+-)* 24.Bh6+ Ke4 25.Bxc1 Ng3 26.fxg3+-;

B) 18...Ng3!! Now Black has,as a minimum,an equal position: 19.Rxc5

(≤19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.Bh5+ Nxh5 21.Qxh5+ Kxg7 22.Rxc5 Rh8∓) 19...Nxe2+ 20.Kf1 Kxg7 21.Kxe2∞ G.I. Bd7 22.Rc3 Rh8 23.Qg3+ Kf6 24.Qc7∞]

[Also it was badly: 16...Rd8? G.I. 17.Qh3 Qd6 *(17...Qe7 18.f4 Nd4 19.Bxf1→)* 18.Rxf1! *(18.Ng5?? Qxh2+ 19.Qxh2 Nxh2 20.Kxh2 Rd6-+; 18.Bxf1?! e5 19.Ng5 Qh6 20.Bc4+ Kf8 21.Qxh6 gxh6 22.Nf7 Re8∞; 18.Nf6+?? gxf6 19.Bxf1 Qf4-+)* 18...e5 19.Ng5 Δ Qh6 20.Bc4+ Kf8

A) 21.Qxh6?! gxh6 22.Nf7 Re8 23.Nxh6 *(≤23.Nd6 Be6!∓)* 23...f4∞;

B) 21.Qe3! Δ f4 22.Qc5+ Qd6 23.Qb5↑]

17.Qh3± Ng4

[Can be recommended: 17...Ng3!? G.I. 18.hxg3 Ng4 19.Rf1→ Rd8 20.Bxg4 fxg4 21.Qxg4 e5 22.Qg5±]

18.Rxf1 Rd8

[I do not think that it was much better: 18...Bd7 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.Bxg4 fxg4 21.Qxg4 Rf7 22.Qh4 ±/+-]

19.Ng5 In opinion of Igor Glek,it was a little better:

[19.Bxg4 G.I. fxg4 20.Qxg4 Qc7 *(≤20...Qe7 21.Bf6)* 21.Ng5! Rd5 *(≤21...e5 22.Qe4+-)* 22.Qh5 Rxg5 23.Qxg5 ±/+-]

19...Nh6 20.Qh5 e5

[Also right away loses a game: 20...b5 21.Qg6

A) ≤21...Ra7 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Ng8 *(23...Ke7 24.Qxg7+)* 24.Nh7+ Ke7 25.Bf3!+-;

B) 21...e5 22.Bh5 Kf8 23.Qe6! Bxe6 24.Nxe6+ Ke7 25.Nxc5+-]

(Diagram)

21.Qg6+- Black can not simultaneously protect all weaknesses. **21...Ra6**

[21...Kf8 G.I. 22.Nh7+ Kg8 23.Bxe5! Δ Qxe5 24.Bc4+ Be6□ *(24...Kh8 25.Ng5)* 25.Bxe6+ Qxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kxh7 27.Qb6 Rd7 28.Re1+-]

[≤21...f4 G.I. 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Ng8□ 24.Nh7+ Kf7 25.Bh5+! Δ g6 26.Ng5+ Kf8 27.Bxe5]

22.Bxa6 G.I: "The computer shows more effective way of a win":

[22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Ng8□ 24.Nh7+ Kf7 25.Bh5+ g6 26.Bxe5! gxh5 27.Qg7+

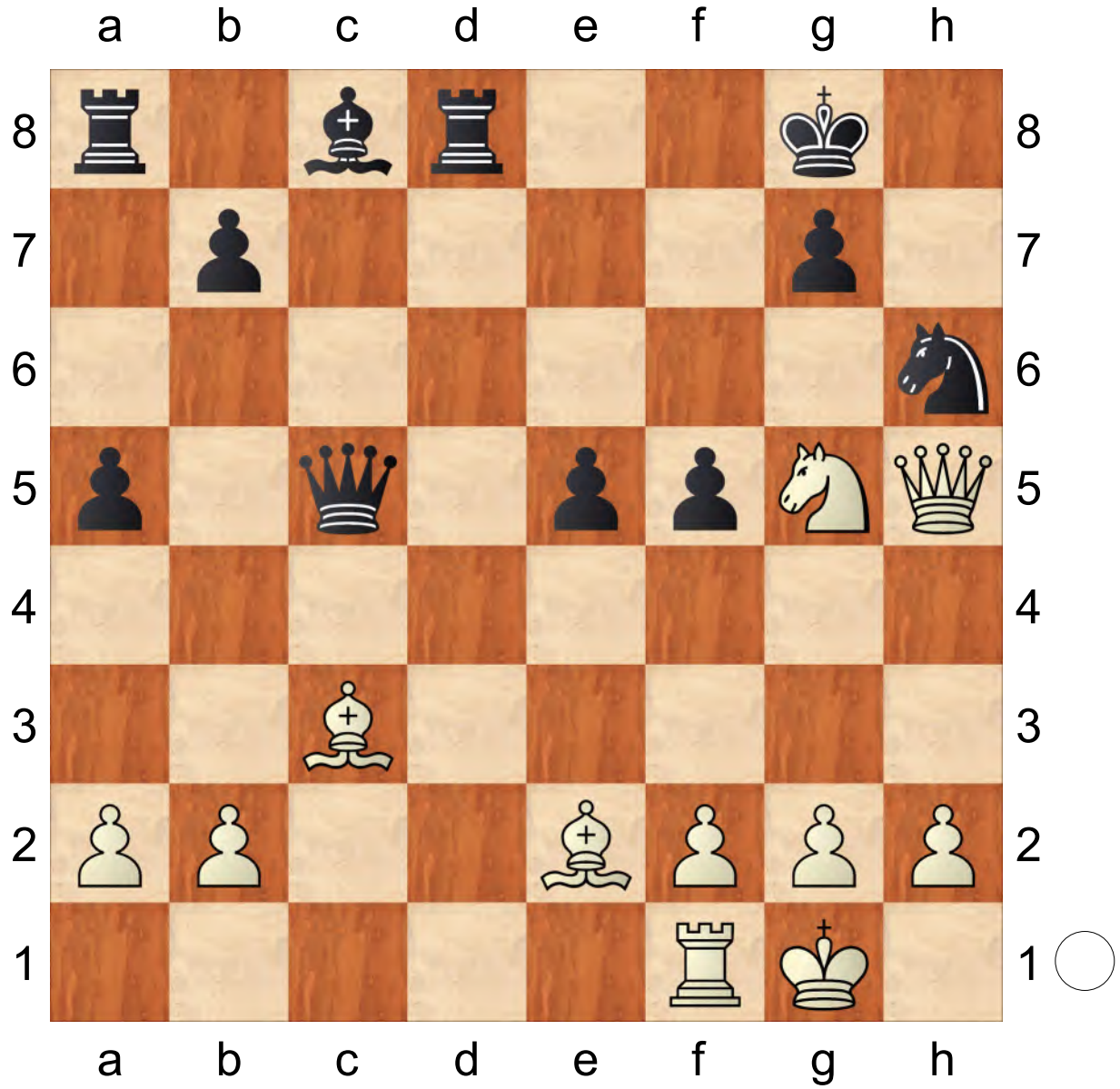
A) 27...Ke8 28.Qxg8+ Ke7 *(28...Kd7 29.Rd1+ Rd6 30.Rxd6+ Qxd6 31.Qxd8+ Kxd8 32.Bxd6)* 29.Qg7+ Ke8 *(29...Ke6 30.Qf6+)* 30.Nf6+ Rxf6 31.Bxf6+-;

B) 27...Ke6 28.Bf4 Ne7 *(28...Qd4 29.Ng5+ Kd5 30.Qxd4+! Kxd4 31.Rd1+ Kc4 32.Rxd8 Be6 33.g4!?+-)* 29.Nf6! I.G. Rd4 *(29...Qb4 30.a3+-)* 30.Re1+ Re4 31.Nxe4 fxe4 32.Rxe4+ Kd7 33.Be3 Rg6 34.Qh7 Qd6 35.Rd4+-]

22...bxa6 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ng8□ 25.Nf3

[25.Re1!?]

25...Bb7?



[G.I. 25...Rd5□ Δ26.Re1 Qd6 27.Nxe5 Qh6 28.Qxh6 Nxh6 29.f3+-]

(Diagram)

It's last mistake in a hopeless position. **26.Nxe5 Rd6 27.Qh5 Nh6 28.Qg5 Qb6 29.Re1**

(Diagram)

Further resistance is impossible. Good achievement of Grandmaster Alexander Onischuk.

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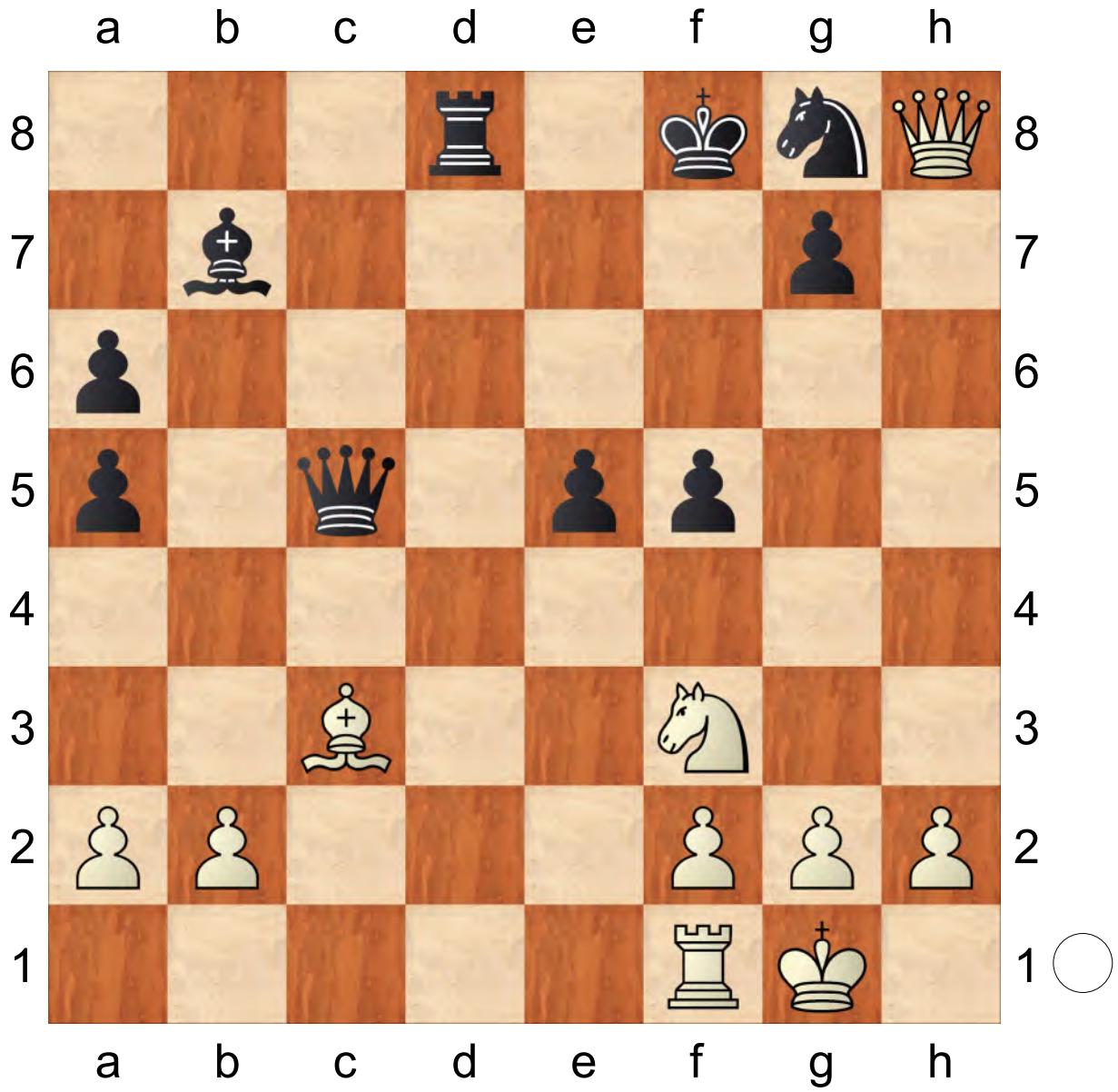
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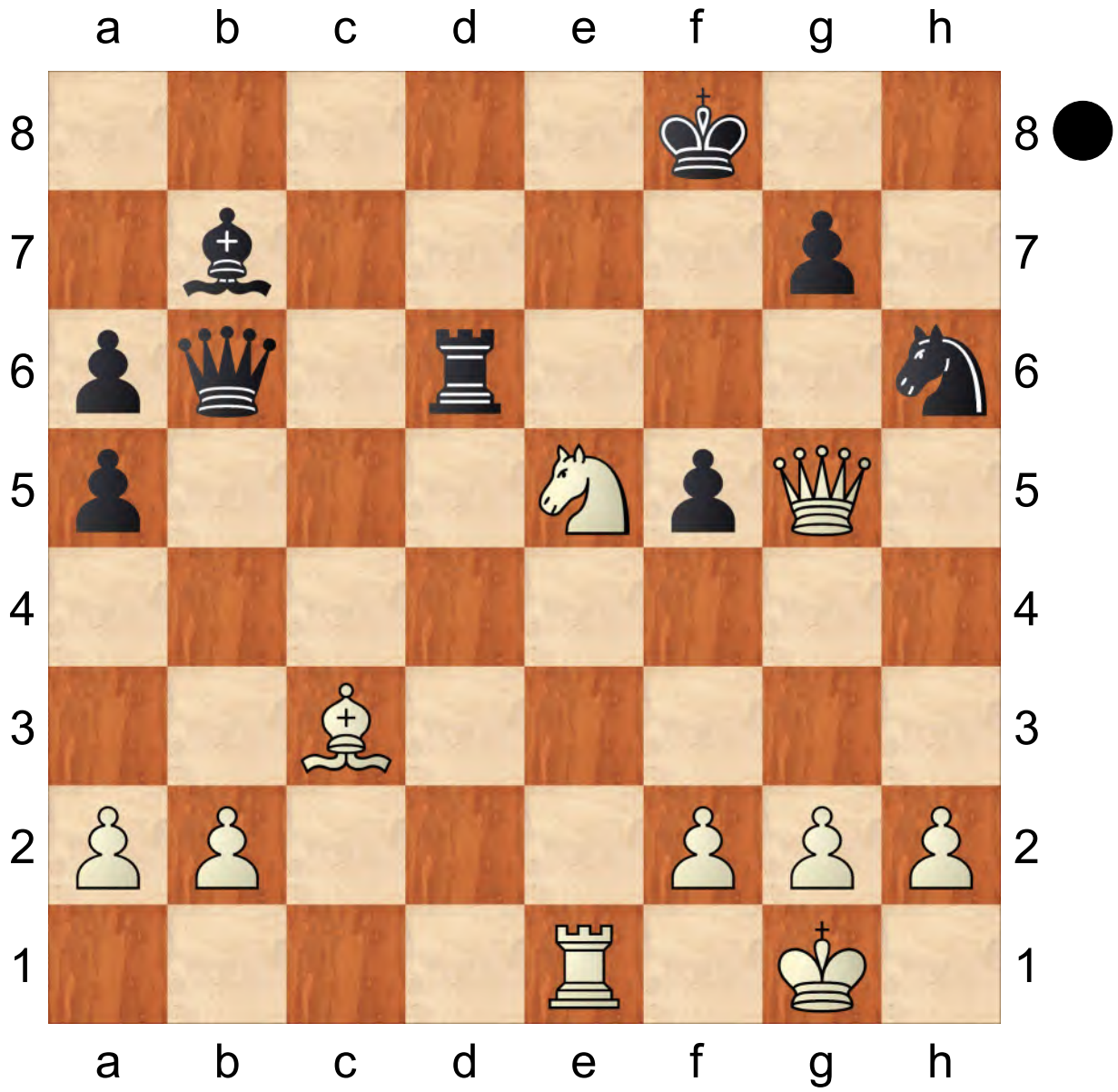
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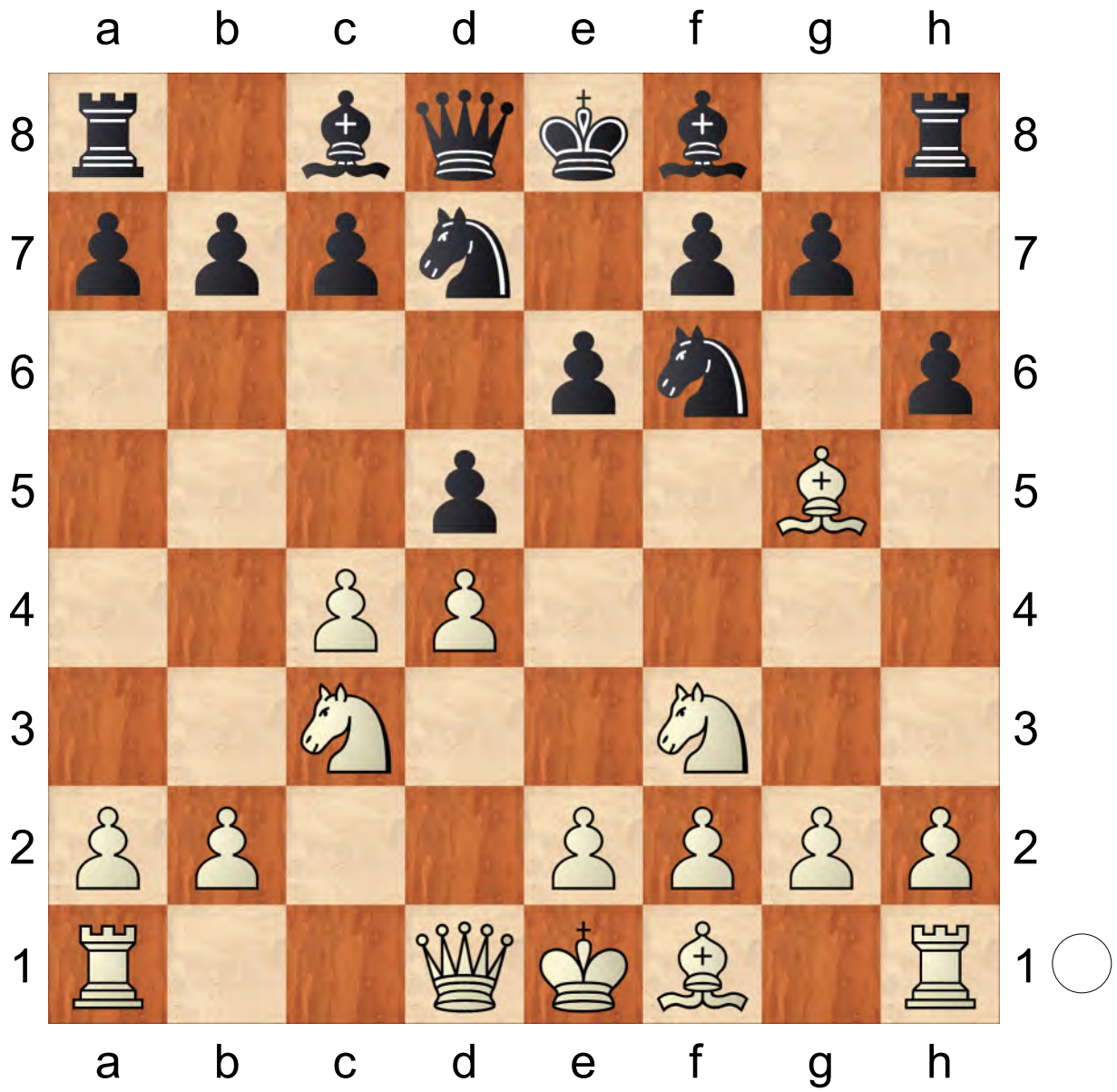
□ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2630**
■ **Sokolov,Ivan** **2658**
Mondariz GEMA m (7) 04.01.2002
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.c4 Tsesarsky **1...e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Nbd7 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4
[7.e3
A) 7...Nb6
A1) 8.Ne5 Be7 *(8...c5 9.Bxc4 Nxc4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qxc4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.Ke2±*

½-½ Schara,A-Becker,A/Vienna 1925/EXT 99 (45) *)* 9.Nxc4 0-0 10.Ne5 c5 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nfd5 13.Bg3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nd5 15.Qb3 Bh4 16.0-0± ½-½ Farago,I-Taimanov,M/Budapest 1982/MCD (55);

A2) 8.Bxc4 Nxc4 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qxc4

A2a) 10...Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rac1 Bc6 *(12...Rc8 13.Rfd1 c6 14.Ne5± ½-½ Moritz,B-Becker,A/Frankfurt 1923/HCL (25) - this position is similar to position from the game ½-½ Illescas Cordoba,M-Nikolic,P/Yerevan 1996/ EXT 97 (26) - see below.)* 13.Ne5 Bd5 14.Qd3 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.f4 Rfd8 17.Rf2 Rac8 18.e4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Bc6 20.Rcf1 Be8 21.Qe3 c5 22.d5 b5 23.d6± 0-1 Alekhine,A-Wolf,H/Vienna 1922/HCL (76). (76);

A2b) 10...Rc8 11.Ne5 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfd1 c6 14.Qb3 b6 15.Rac1± ½-½ Illescas Cordoba,M-Nikolic,P/Yerevan 1996/EXT 97 (26);

B) 7...c5 8.Bxc4

B1) 8...cxd4 9.exd4 Bb4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 *(12...Qc7!?)* 13.Rac1 b6 14.Ne5

B1a) 14...Nxe5? 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.f4 Nc5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Rf3 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.Rh3 *(20.c4=)* 20...Qc4 21.Bf6! *(21.Re1?* 0-1 Malich,B-Moehring,G/Leipzig 1975/MCL/[Bulletin] (31)*)* 21...Rg8 *(21...gxf6 22.Qh4+-)* 22.Bxg7 Rxg7 23.Rxh6+ Kxh6 24.Qh4+ Kg6 25.f5+ exf5 26.Qxc4+-;

B1b) 14...Bb7 15.f4±;

B2) 8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 a6 11.Rad1 b5 12.Bb3 Qb6 13.Ne5 c4 14.Bc2 Re8 15.f4 Bb7 16.Bb1→ 1-0 Bogoljubow,E-Steiner,L/Berlin 1928/ EXT 99 (26);

C) 7...a6

C1) 8.Bxc4

C1a) 8...c5 9.dxc5?!= *(9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4* with standard position with isolated central ♙d4.*)* 9...Bxc5 10.0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Bb7 Time forfeit. 1-0 Shainswit,G-Denker,A/New York 1940/HCL (36);

C1b) 8...b5 9.Bd3 c5 10.a4 cxd4 11.exd4 bxa4 12.Qxa4 Rb8 *(12...Be7 13.Ne5±)* 13.0-0 Be7 14.Qc2 0-0 *(14...Qb6 15.Bg3 Qxb2 16.Bxb8 Qxc2 17.Bxc2 Nxb8 18.Rfb1±)* 15.Bxa6 Qb6 16.Bb5 Bb4 *(16...Bd6±)* 17.Bg3 Bd6 18.Na4 Qxb5 19.Bxd6 Bb7 20.Bxb8 Rxb8 21.Ra3 *(21.Nc3+-)* 21...Qh5 22.Qc7 Qb5 23.Nc5+- 1-0 Epishin,V-Ivanov,I/New York 1991/CBM 23 (30);

C2) 8.a4 c5 9.Bxc4 cxd4 *(9...b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Bg3 Bd6 14.Rc1 Bxg3 15.hxg3 e5⇄* 1-0 Saemisch,F-Sapira,E/Spa 1926/EXT 99 (34) *)*

C2a) 10.exd4

C2a1) 10...Nb6 11.Bb3 Be7 12.0-0 Nbd5 *(12...0-0 13.Re1 Bd7 14.a5 Nc8 15.Qd3 Nh5 16.Bc2 g6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.d5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Qxd5 Bc6 21.Qb3 Nf4 22.Be4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Qd3=* ½-½ Arsovic,G-Raicevic,V/Belgrade 1989/EXT 97 (35) *)* 13.Re1

0-0 14.Ne5 Nd7 *(14...Bd7 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Nxf7! Rxf7 19.Qxd5 Qe8 20.Qxb7 Rd8 21.Re3 Kf8 22.Bxf7 Qxf7 23.Rd1 Be8 24.Rxd8 Bxd8 25.Qxa6± 1-0 Andersson,U-Kierzek,M/Dortmund 1978/MCL (56))* 15.Bg3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bd6 18.Qf3 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Bd7 20.Bc2 g6 21.Qg3 Qf6 22.h4 b5 23.h5± 1-0 Khalifman,A-Vaganian,R/Germany 1993/GER-chT (36);

C2a2) 10...Bb4 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 Qa5 13.Rfd1 b6 14.Bg3 Bb7 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd7= ½-½ Hernandez,R-Moehring,G/Leipzig 1975/MCL (35);

C2b) 10.Nxd4 Ne5 -see detailed commented game ½-½ Pelletier,Y-Piket,J/Biel 1999/CBM 72 [Tsesarsky,I](29)]

[7.Qa4 Be7 8.Rd1 0-0 9.Qxc4 a6 10.Bg3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.b4 Be7 13.Bc7 Qe8 14.e4 b5 15.Qb3 Bb7 16.Bd3 Rc8 17.Ba5 Ng4∓ 1-0 Shaboian,V-Meister,Y/Barnaul 1984/MCD (74)]

7...Be7

[7...Bb4 8.Qc2 c5 9.Bxc4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nc5 13.0-0 a6 14.f4 Bd7 15.Rae1 Rc8 16.Rf3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Qc4 18.Qd2 Bc6 19.Rfe3 Nh5 20.Qf2 Kf8 21.Qf3 Nf6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qh5± 1-0 Vaganian,R-Taimanov,M/Leningrad 1974/URS-ch (34)]

8.Bxf6

[8.Qc2 Nb6 9.Rd1 *(9.0-0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nxc4 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Nb6 14.Bb3 c5 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Kb1 Bd7 17.h4 Rfd8 18.g4⇄ ½-½ Van Wely,L-Ivanov,I/New York 1994/CBM 40 ext (45). (45))* 9...0-0 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nxc4 c5 -see detailed commented game 0-1 Riemersma,L-Sokolov,I/Rotterdam 1997/CBM 60[Tsesarsky,I] (36)]

[8.Qe2 Nb6 9.Bg3 0-0 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Nd2 Na4 12.Nxc4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Ba4 14.Rd2 b5 -see commented game 1-0 Epishin,V-Sokolov,I/Groningen 1997/CBM 63(Tsesarsky,I] (41)]

[Avoiding standard trap: 8.Bxc4?! Nxe4! 9.Bxe7 Nxc3 10.Bxd8 Nxd1 11.Bxc7 Nxb2 12.Be2 Na4∓]

8...Nxf6 9.Bxc4± We can try evaluate position here: White has strong ♙♙ center, but Black, however, has pair of ♗♗.The first factor, in my opinion, is more important.

9...a6 Preparing b7-b5 and ♗c8-b7. **10.0-0**

[10.a4]

10...b5

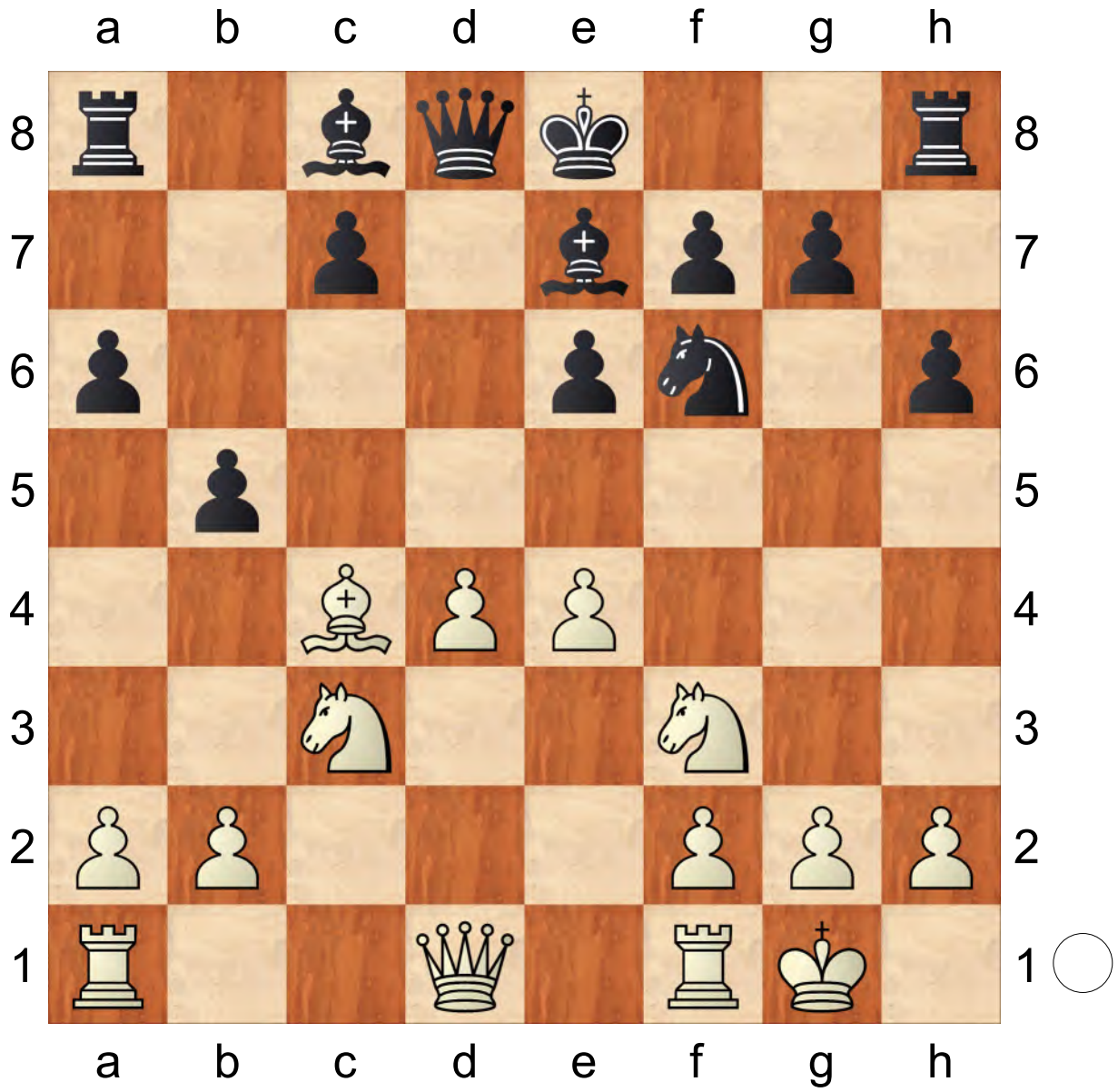
(Diagram)

11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Qe2 c5 13.dxc5 b4

[13...Bxc5? 14.Bxb5+!±]

14.Na4 Nd7 15.Rac1 Bc6

(Diagram)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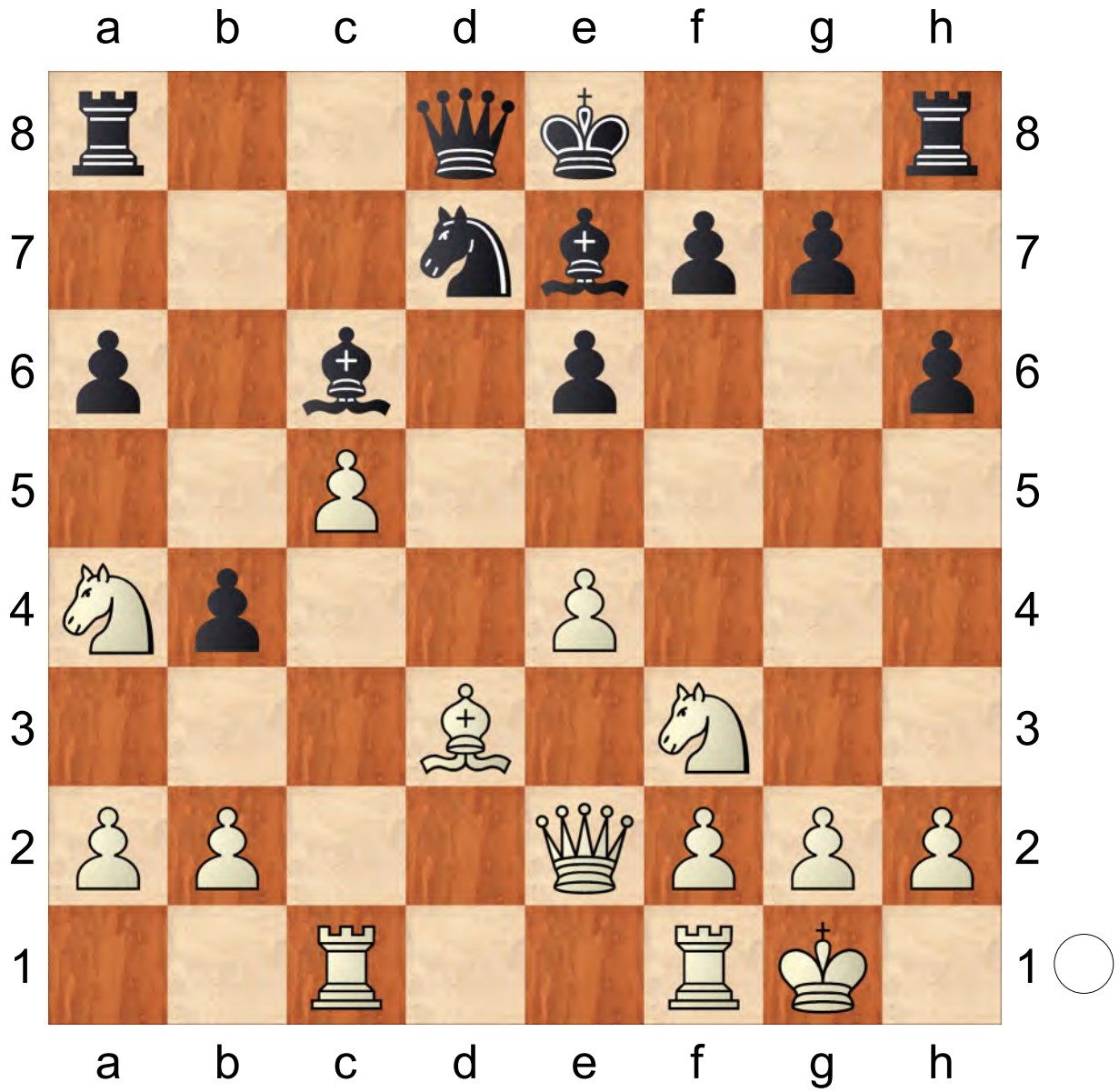
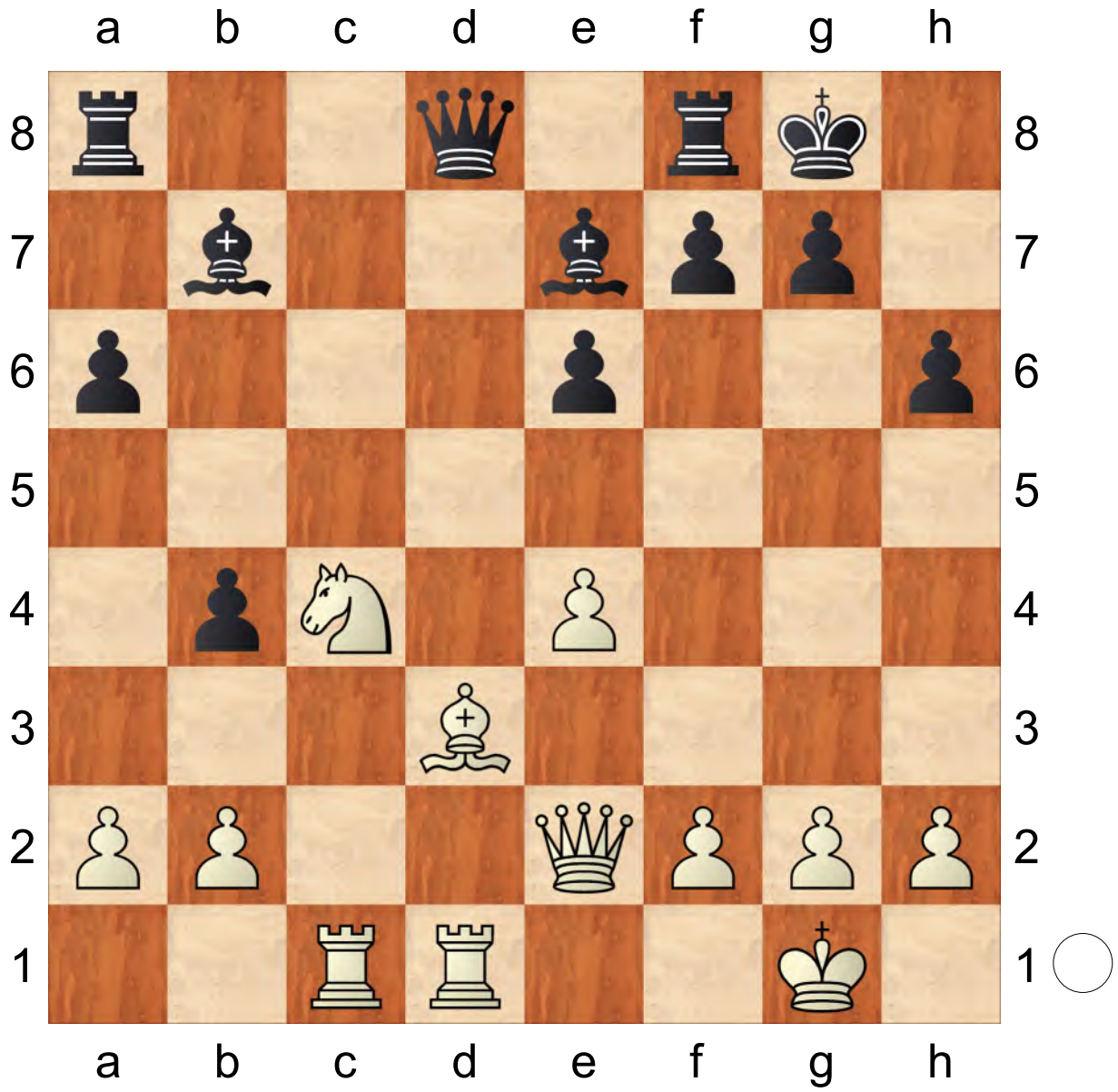


16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.Ne5
[17.cxb6 Qxb6 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.Nc4 -like in this game.]
17...Bb7 18.cxb6 Qxb6 19.Nc4 Tsesarsky: '-like in this game.' **19...Qd8 20.Rfd1 0-0**

(Diagram)

21.e5 Position has changed. Black keeps his pair of ♗♗, but now White has space advantage and convenient place for ♘c4. Black ♙♙ on the queenside are weak.
21...Qb8 22.Be4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4± Bg5 24.Rc2
[24.f4 Be7±]
24...Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8

(Diagram)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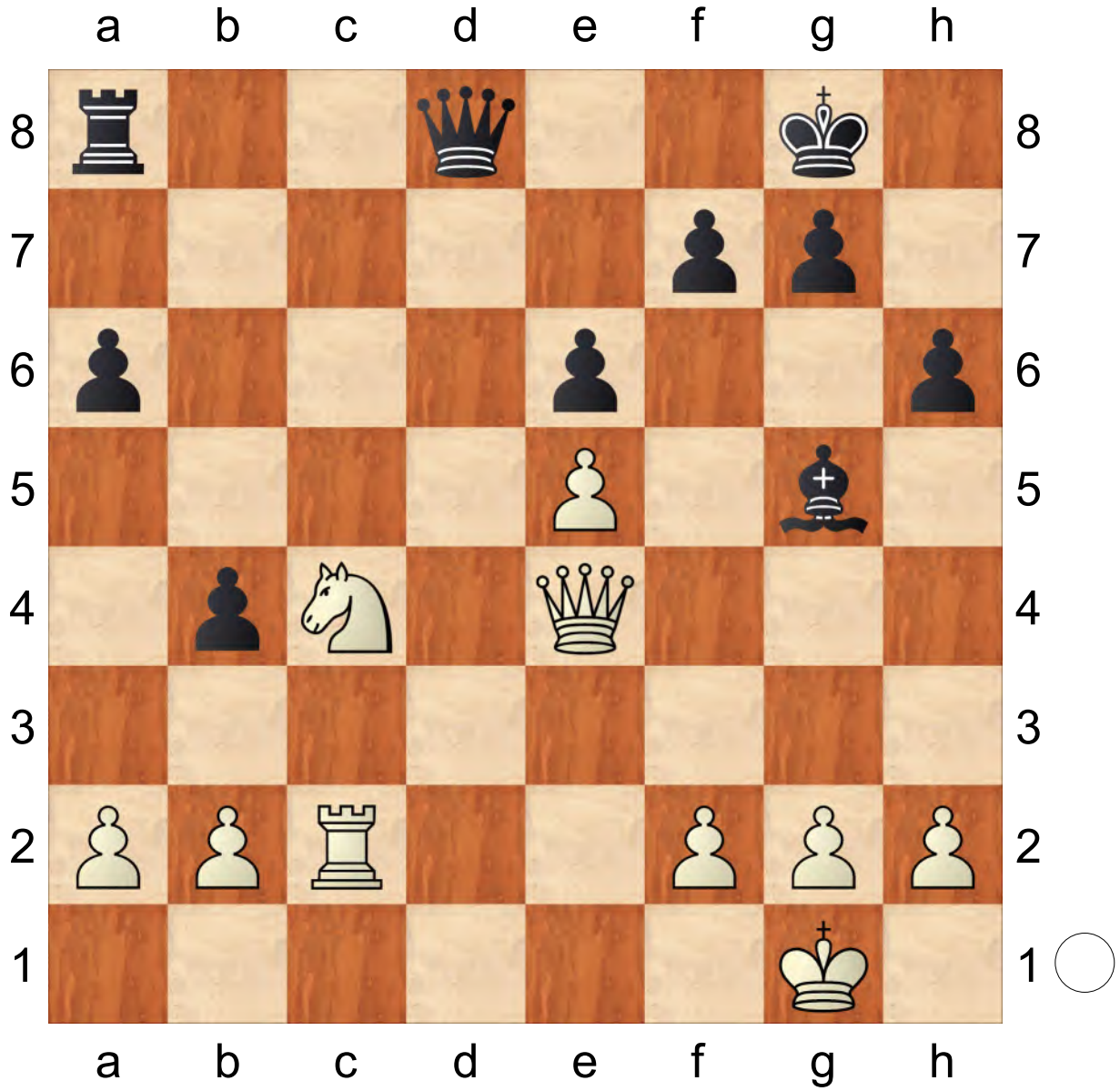
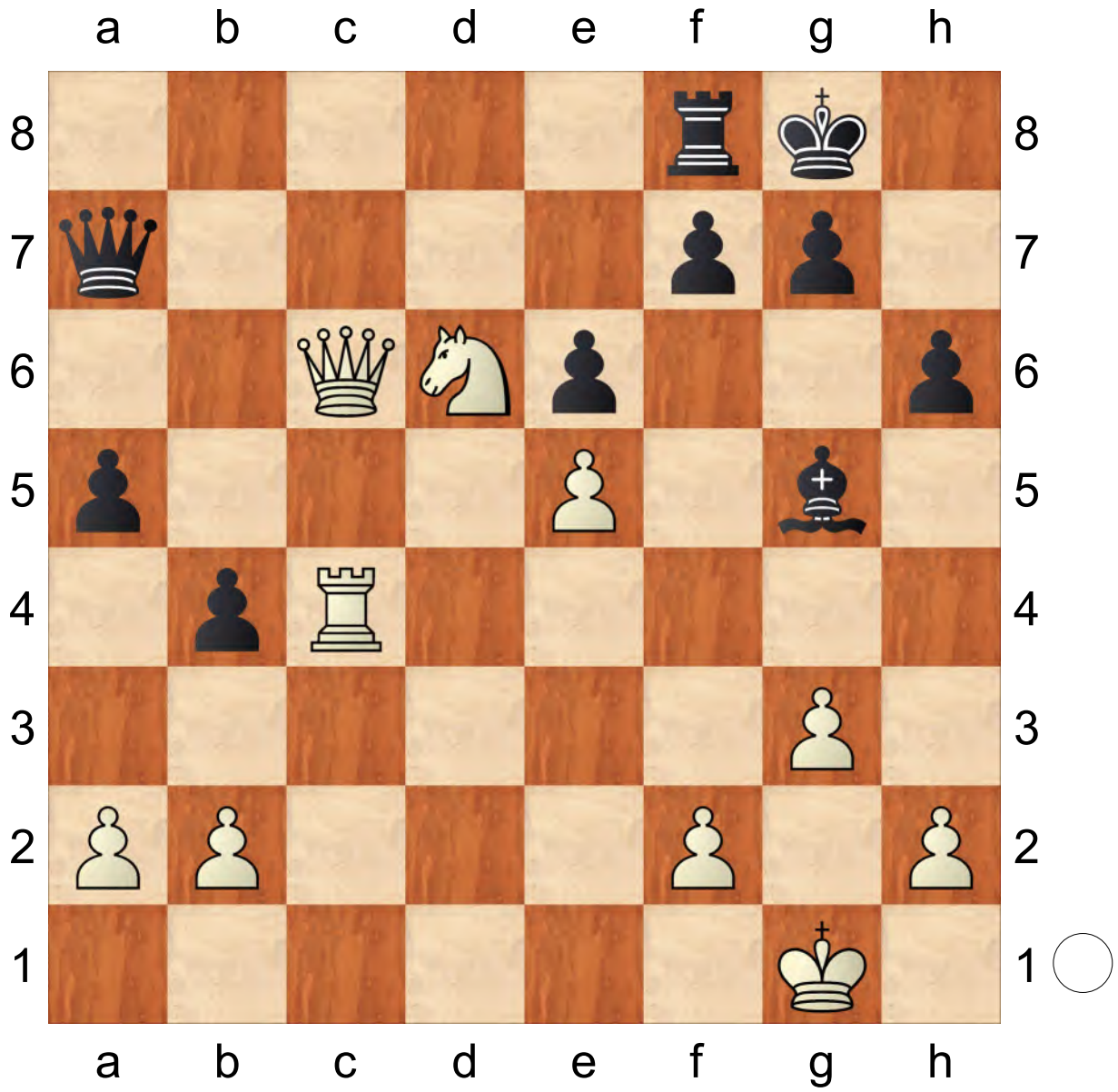


26.Nd6 Rb8 27.Qf3 Qd7 28.g3
[28.Rc4 f6 29.h4 fxe5 30.hxg5 Qxd6 31.gxh6±]
28...Rf8 29.Qc6 Qa7 30.Rc4 Domination! White pieces control all the board.
30...a5

(Diagram)

31.Kg2 Rd8 32.h4 Be7 33.Nc8 Qd7 34.Qxd7?! This exchange action is premature! Black will survive in ♖♖ endgame without ♙.
[Rihjt was 34.h5⊙ Bf8 35.Qxd7 Rxd7 36.Nb6 Rd2 37.Rc8 f6 38.Kf3 fxe5 39.Ke3 Rd6 40.Nc4 Rd5 41.Ke4±]
34...Rxd7 35.Nxe7+ Rxe7

(Diagram)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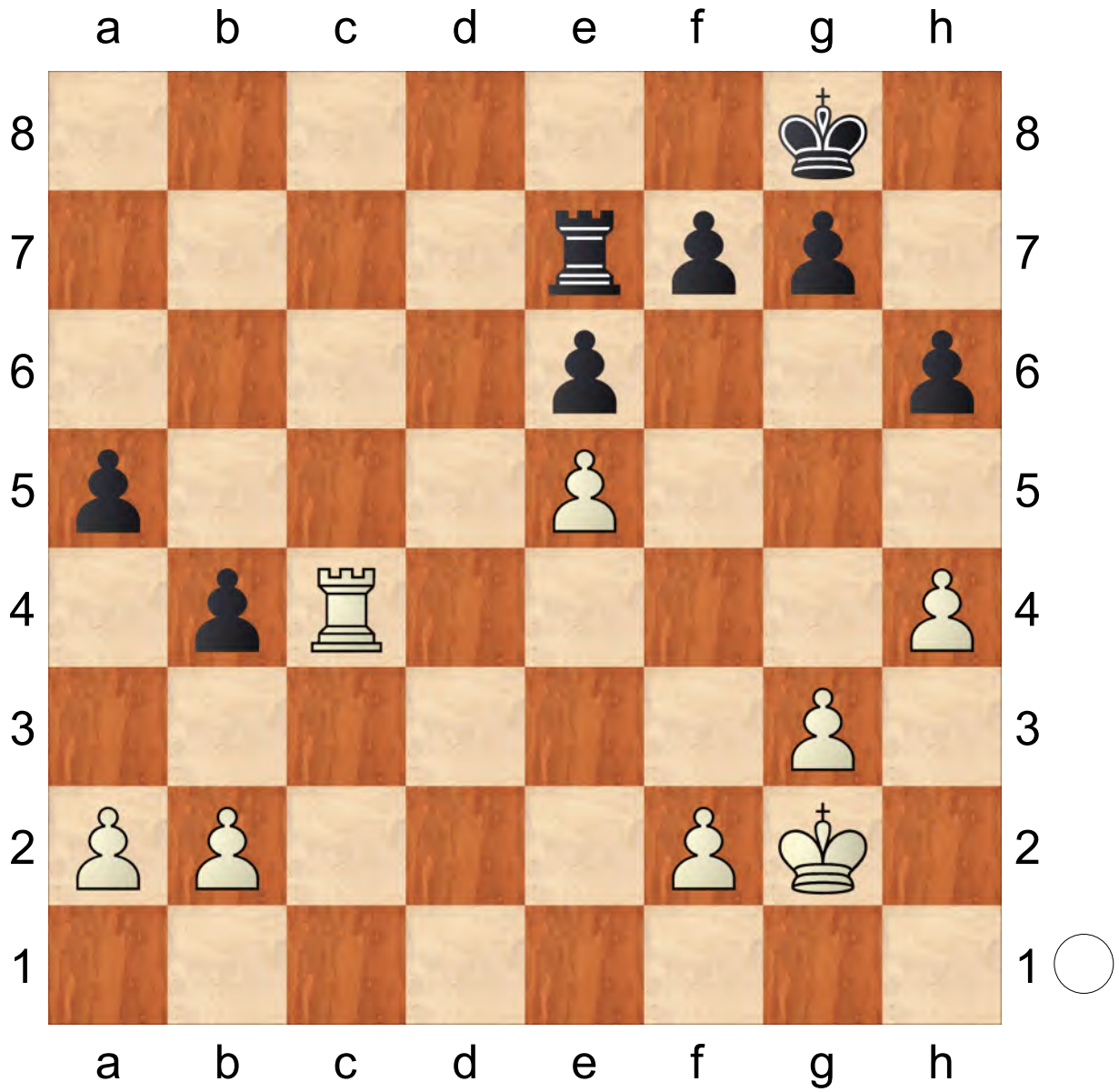


36.Rc8+?!⩲

[Certain chances White would recieve in case of 36.Rc5 Ra7 *(36...Rd7 37.Rxa5 Rd2 38.b3±)* 37.a4 bxa3 38.bxa3 a4 39.h5±]

36...Kh7 37.Ra8 b3 38.Rxa5

[38.axb3 Rb7 39.Rxa5 Rxb3 40.Ra2 Kg6 41.g4 h5⩱]

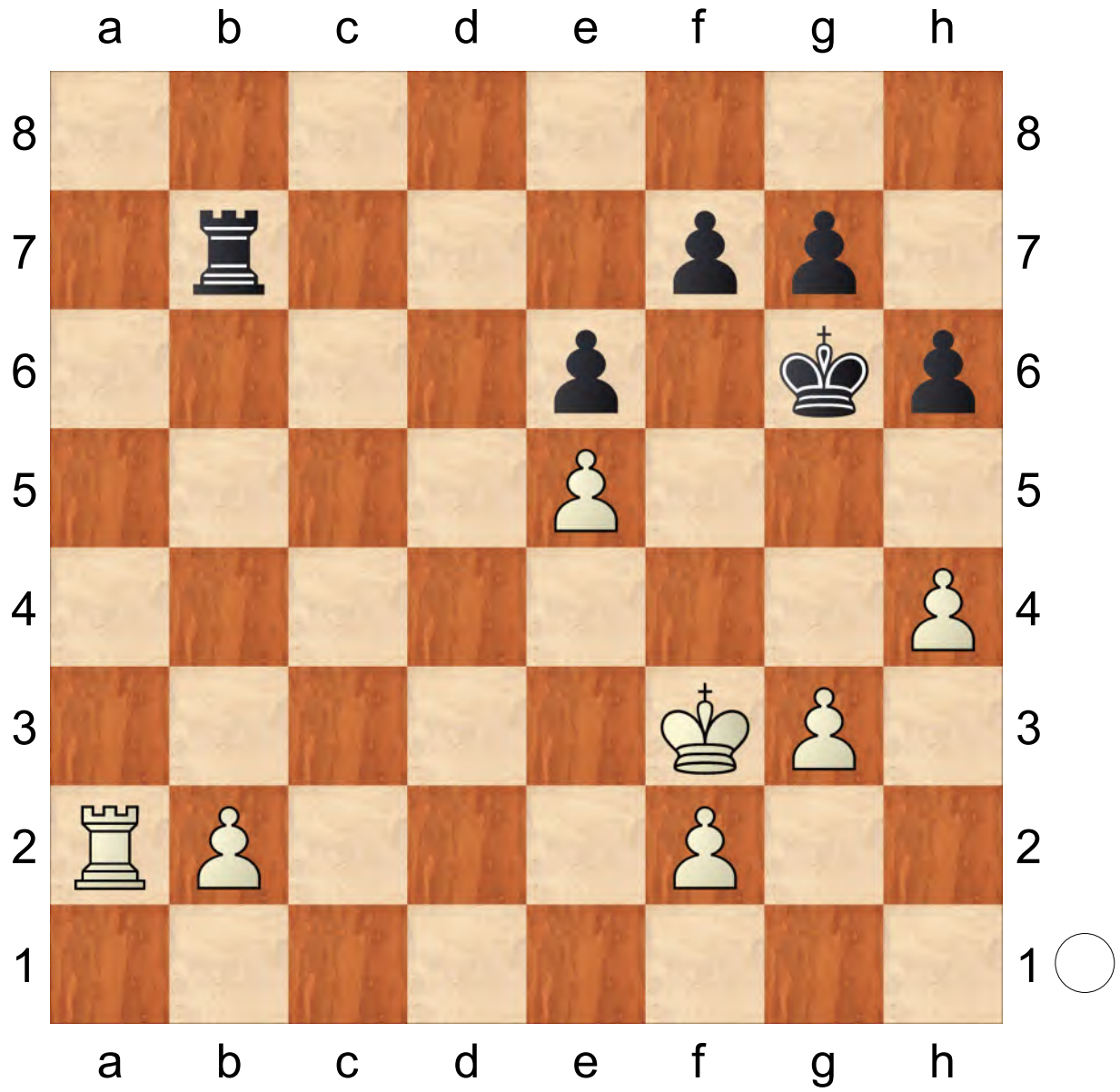
[38.a3 Rd7 39.Rxa5 Rd2=]

38...bxa2 39.Rxa2 Rb7 40.Kf3 Kg6

(Diagram)

41.Ke4 h5 42.f4 Rb3 43.Ra3

(Diagram)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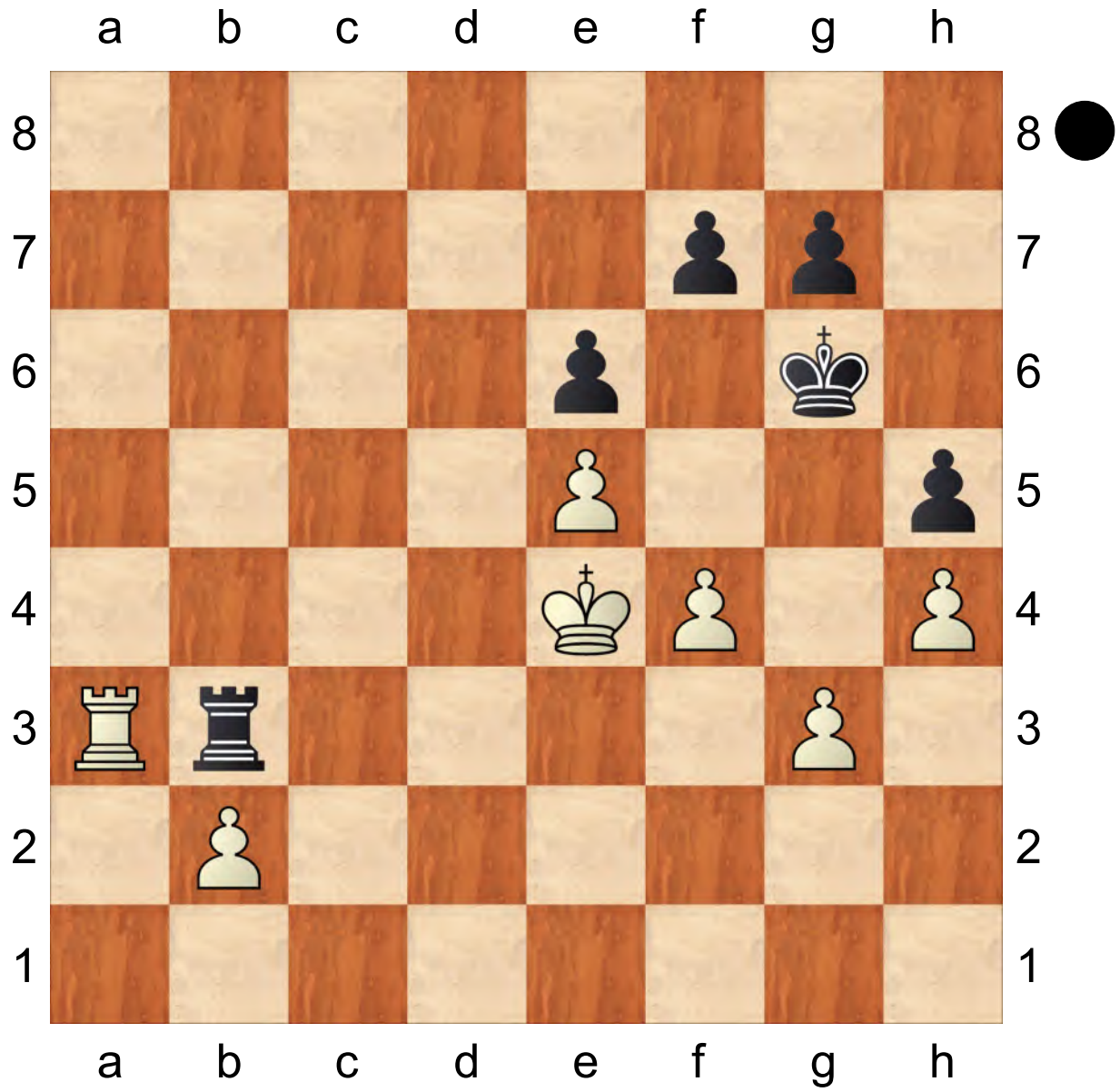
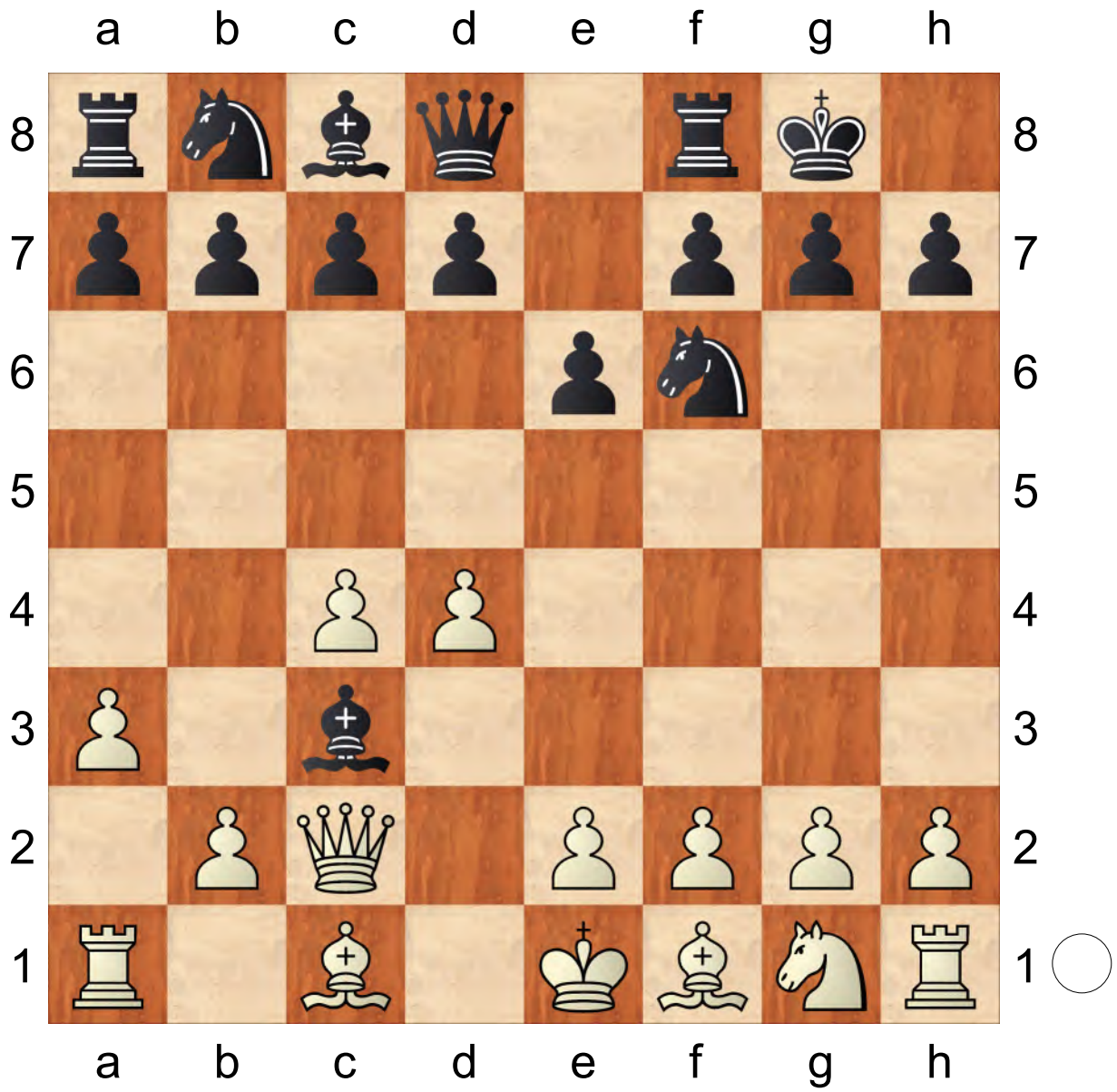


½-½

E32

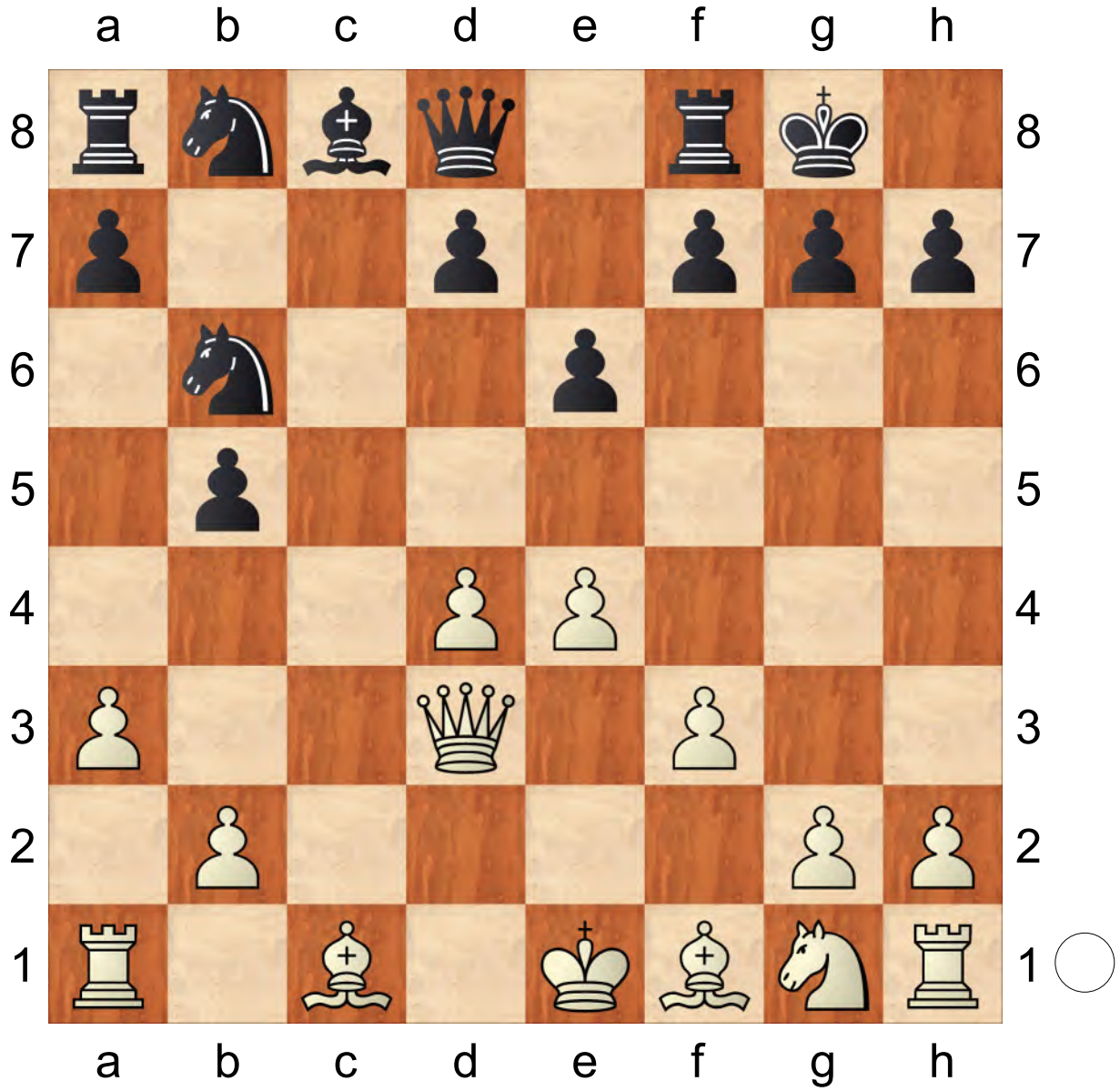
□ **Bu,Xiangzhi** **2620**
■ **Motylev,Alexander** **2658**
RUS-CHN Summit Men 2nd (1) 10.08.2004
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+



6.Qxc3 b5 7.cxb5 c6 8.f3 Nd5 9.Qd3 cxb5
[Leads to more interesting game: 9...f5!? You can see my annotations to game: Kiriakov,P-Wells,P/Hastings,2002/CBM 87(½-½)(44)]
10.e4 Nb6
[Another playable opportunity is: 10...Ne7!? You can see my commnets to Kruppa,

Y-Ibragimov,I/Koszalin,1999/CBM 73(½-½)(28)]

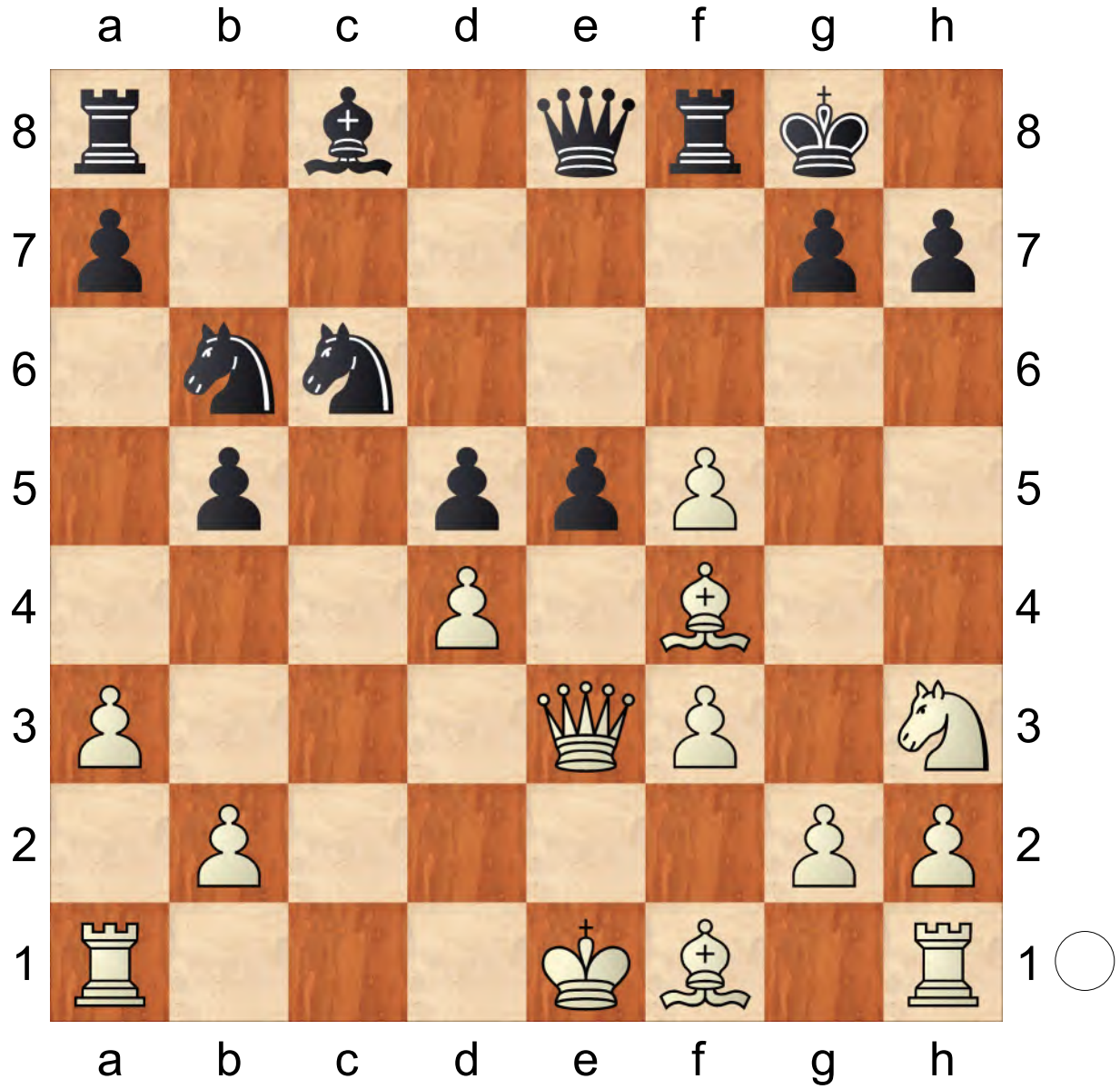


11.Nh3 f5!? Very agressive and sharp continuation.
[It deserves more attention: 11...Nc6!? 12.Bg5 *(12.b3!? ɔb6 a5 13.Bf4∞)* 12...f6 13.Bh4 Nc4 Δ♕a5+ *(13...Bb7!? Δd5)* 14.Qc3 a5?! *(14...d5!?)* 15.Bf2 Ba6 16.Nf4 Nb6?? *(16...Rc8 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.d5!?∞)* 17.Nxe6! 1-0 Neverov,V-Johansson,J/Pardubice,2000]
12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Bf4!N
[Too dangerous is: 13.Qxb5?! fxe4 *(13...Ba6!?)* 14.fxe4 Qg6! *(14...Bb7?! 15.Bd3± Eriksson,J-Nilssen,J/Stockholm,2000(1-0)(47); 14...Ba6!?⩲)* 15.Qe2 *(15.Qd3 Bb7↑)* 15...Bb7 16.e5 h6 17.Bc1 Ba6 18.Qd2 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Nc6↑ Δ♕e4+]
13...d5! Obligatory move.Otherwise,White will destroy black's developing by putting

his bishop on "d6". **14.exf5!?**
[Can't lead to advantage: 14.Bd6 Rf7 15.Qxb5?! Qd8! 16.e5 Ba6
A) 17.Qc5 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 Nc4! and suddenly white's queen almost trapped: 19.Ng5 Qe8! Δ♘a6
A1) 20.Bxb8? Rb7! 21.Bd6 *(≤21.b3 Nd2+ 22.Kf2 Nxb3-+)* 21...Rc8∓ Δ22.b4 Nd2+ 23.Kf2 Nb3!;
A2) 20.Qb4 a5 21.Qe1 Rb7 22.Rb1 h6 23.Nh3 Nc6↑;
B) 17.Qa5 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 *(18.Rxf1? Qh4+∓)* 18...Nc6 19.Qc3 Rc8↑]
[and also can't be suggested: 14.Qxb5 Bd7 It's clear that black has a powerful counterplay for the pawn: *(≤14...Qxb5 15.Bxb5 dxe4 16.fxe4 fxe4 17.Rc1 Bd7 18.Be2 Nc6±)* 15.Qe2 fxe4 16.fxe4 e5!! Powerful break! 17.Bxe5 Bxh3 18.gxh3 Nc6 19.exd5 Nxe5! 20.dxe5 *(20.Qxe5? Qa4!→)* 20...Rf5! 21.e6 Nxd5 22.Qe4□ It's really difficult to suggest something else. Qh5 23.Be2 Re5 24.Bxh5 Rxe4+ 25.Kd2 Rxe6⩱]
14...Nc6
[14...e5!? 15.Bxe5 Bxf5 16.Qc3 *(Now the accepting of sacrifice ♙b5 might be a serious mistake: 16.Qxb5? Nc6 17.Qe2 Nc4∓)* 16...Bxh3 17.gxh3 Δ♗g2,0-0∞]
15.Qe3 e5!?∞
[15...Nc4!? 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.0-0=]

(Diagram)

Black decides to open the position completely,though he could play in more solid way: **16.Bxe5**
[Sharp and not clear continuation: 16.dxe5 Bxf5 17.Bxb5 d4! *(≤17...Bxh3 18.gxh3 a6 19.Be2 Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.0-0-0 Δ♕e4 ±)* 18.Qb3+ *(18.Qd2? Bxh3 19.gxh3 Nxe5! 20.Bxe8 Nxf3+ 21.Ke2 Nxd2 22.Bxd2 Raxe8+ 23.Kd3 Na4→)* 18...Be6 19.Qc2 Nb4! 20.axb4 Qxb5⩱]
16...Bxf5 17.Bxb5 Nxe5!? Nice tactical bomb.
[But black also could hack in another way: 17...Nxd4!? 18.Qxd4 *(18.Bxe8 Nc2+ 19.Kf2 Nxe3 20.Bc6 Rac8 21.Kxe3 Rxc6 Δ♘c4∞)* 18...Qxb5 19.Bxg7!? *(19.a4 Qd7 20.Nf2 Nc4∞)* 19...Rae8+! *(≤19...Rfe8+ 20.Kf2 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Re2+ 22.Kg3±)* 20.Kf2 Qe2+ 21.Kg3! *(21.Kg1?? Bxh3 22.gxh3 Rf7 23.Bh6 Re6-+)* 21...Bxh3
A) 22.Kxh3?? Rxf3+! 23.g3 *(23.gxf3 Qxf3+ 24.Kh4 Re4+)* 23...Re4-+;
B) 22.Bxf8 Qxg2+ 23.Kh4 *(23.Kf4?? Rxf8+)* 23...Re4+! 24.Qxe4□ *(24.fxe4?? Qg4#)* 24...dxe4 *(≤24...Qf2+ 25.Kxh3 dxe4 26.Rhf1±)* 25.Rhg1 Kxf8 26.Rxg2 Bxg2 27.fxe4 Bxe4=]
18.Bxe8 Nd3+ 19.Qxd3□
[Lead to a terrible consequences: 19.Kf1? Raxe8
A) also badly: 20.Qg5 because of: Bxh3 21.gxh3 *(21.Qg3 Bc8! Δ♗a6 ∓)* 21...Rxf3+ 22.Kg2 Rf6! 23.Rhc1 *(≤23.Qd2 Nf4+ 24.Kf3 Ne2+ 25.Kg2*



Nc4!-+ bringing another knight to the attack.*)* 23...Rg6 24.Qxg6 Nf4+ 25.Kf2 Nxg6∓;

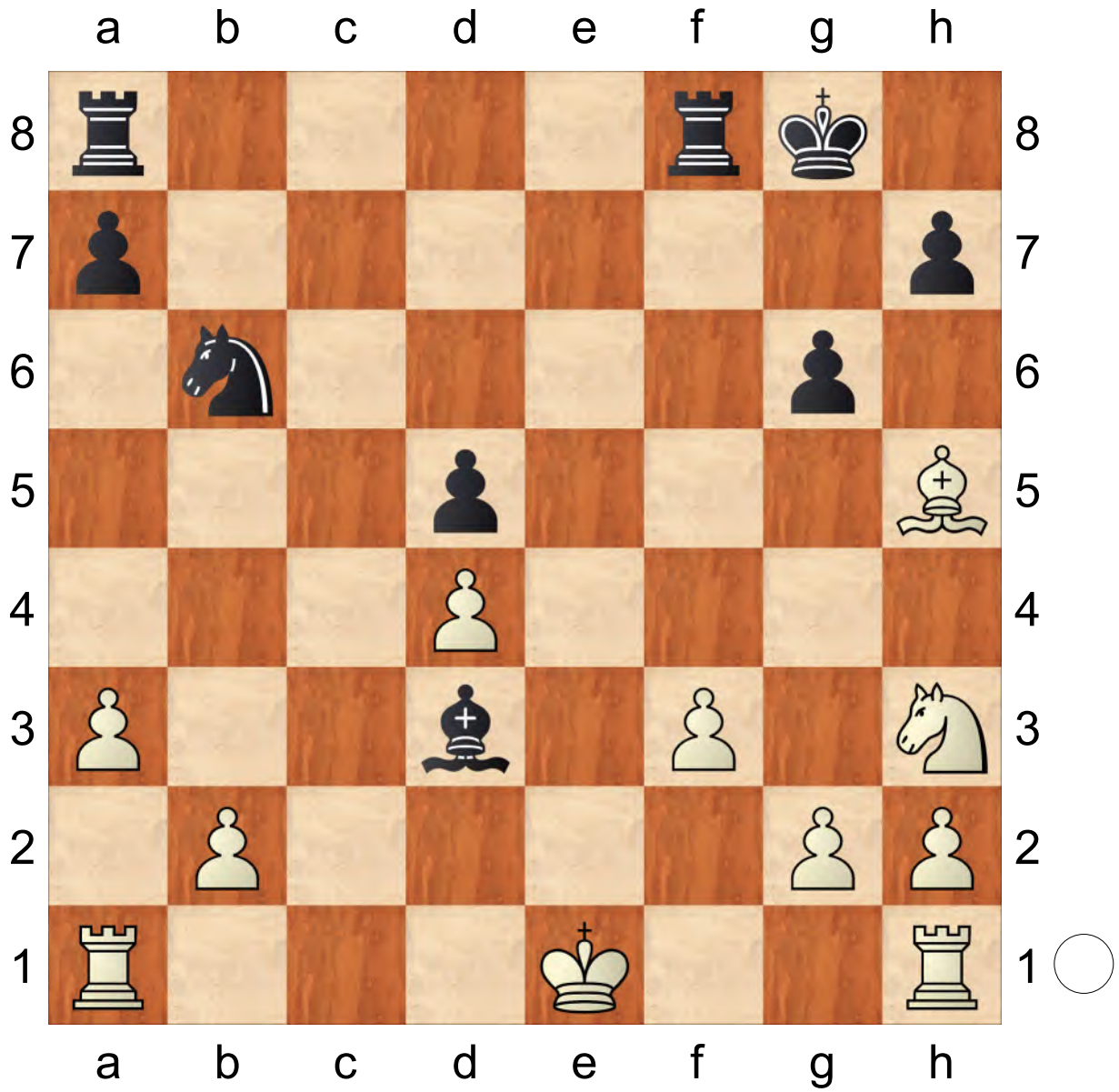
B) 20.Qd2 Nc4 21.Qc3 Ne3+ 22.Ke2 *(22.Kg1? Rc8! 23.Qd2 Rfe8-+* Nothing can protect White from deciding ♖c2.*)* 22...Re7! with such a magnificent knights, it is just difficult to suggest something to White: 23.Ng5 *(23.Qxd3?? Nc4+-+; 23.g4 Nxg4+ 24.Kd2 Ne3→ Δ25.b3 Rc8 26.Qxd3 Bxd3 27.Kxd3 Nf5 28.Rhe1 Rec7∓)* 23...Nxg2+ 24.Kd2 *(24.Kf1 Ngf4* Δh6 *)* 24...Rfe8 25.Ne4 dxe4 26.fxe4 Bxe4∓]

19...Bxd3 20.Bh5

[It was weakly: 20.Bc6? in view of: Rac8 and white's bishop is trapped: 21.Kd2 Ba6 22.Rac1 Rf6 23.Bxd5+ Nxd5 ∓/∓]

20...g6

(Diagram)



21.Bg4 Rae8+ 22.Kd2

(Diagram)

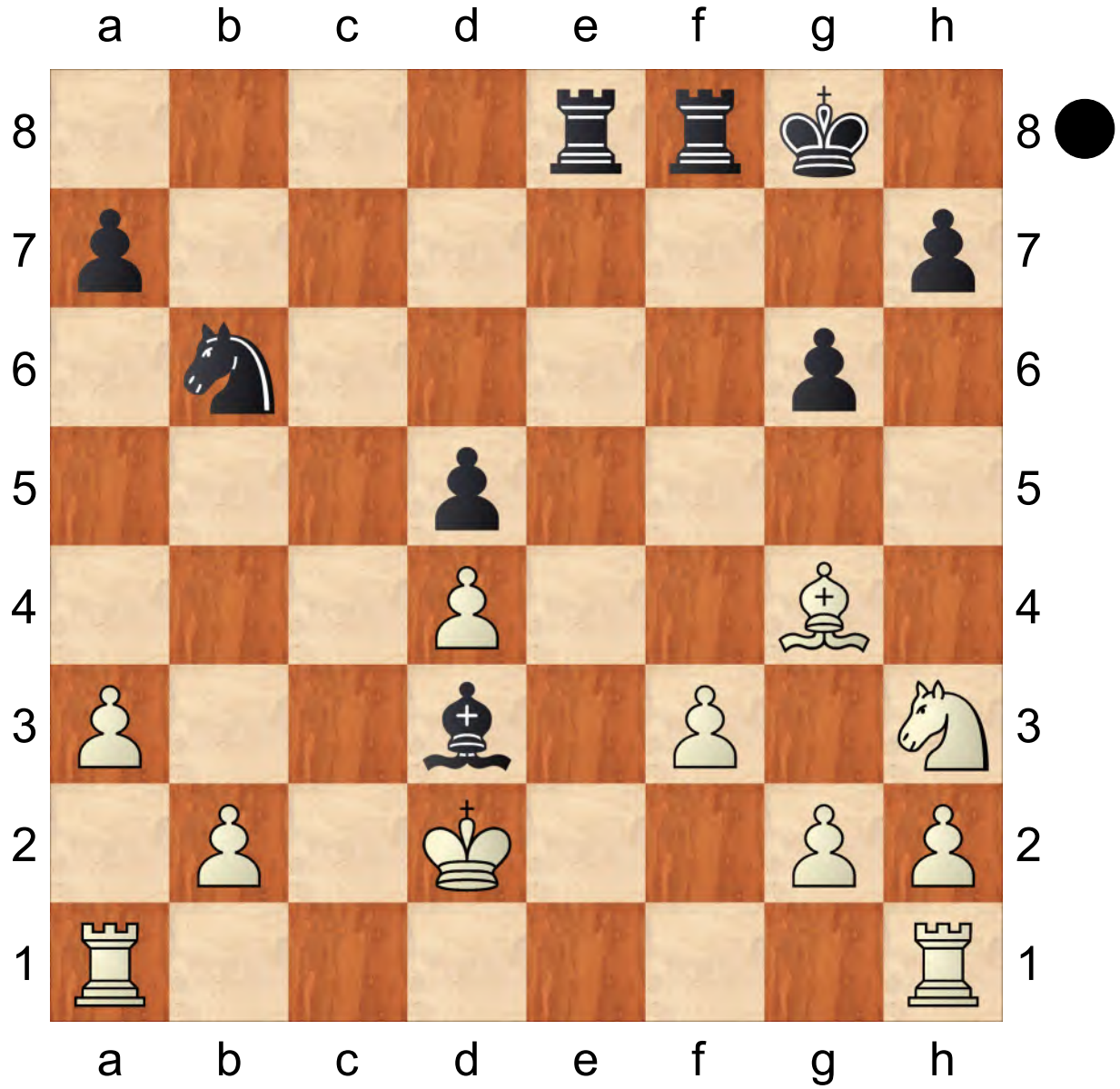
Find the best continuation for Black?

22...Re2+! Only and perfect move! After every other move, white remains with an extra pawn without any compensation:

[22...Bb5? 23.Rhe1 Nc4+ 24.Kc3 Ne3 25.a4!

A) 25...Ba6? 26.Bd7 Δ♗b5±/+-;

B) 25...Nxg2 26.Re5 Ba6 27.Rg1 Nh4 *(even worse: 27...Ne3? 28.Be6+ Rxe6 29.Rxe6 Rc8+ 30.Kb4 Nc2+ 31.Ka5 Bd3 32.Rc1+-)* 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Nf4±;



C) 25...Bc6 26.Nf2 Nxg2 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Nd3!? Re3 29.Kd2 h5 30.Rg1 hxg4 31.Rxg2 Rxf3 32.Rxg4 Bxa4 33.Rxg6+±]

[22...Bf5? 23.Bxf5 Nc4+ *(23...Rxf5 24.b3 ×c4 +-)* 24.Kc3 Rxf5 25.Rhe1 Rc8 26.Rac1 Δb3 Ne3+ 27.Kd2 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Nxg2 29.Ng1±]

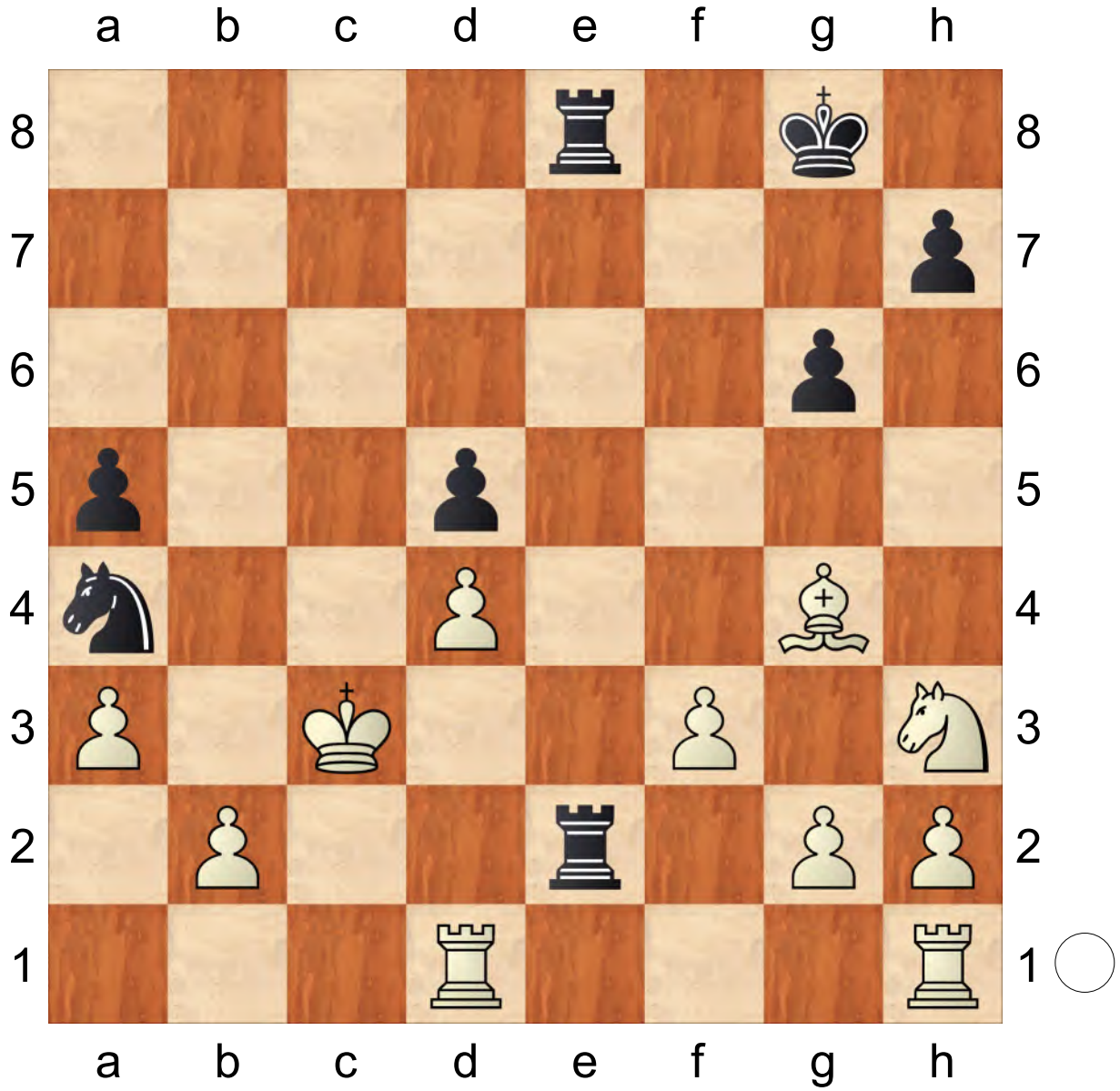
23.Kxd3 Rfe8≅ Δ♖8e3# **24.Kc3 a5!** Δ♖8e3# **25.Rad1**

[Hardly it was better: 25.Rhd1 Na4+ 26.Kb3 Nxb2 27.Rdc1 Rb8+ 28.Kc3 *(28.Ka2?? Nc4+ 29.Rc2 Rxc2#)* 28...a4 Δ♖b3# 29.Be6+□ Rxe6 30.Nf4 Ree8≅]

25...Na4+

(Diagram)

26.Kb3 Nxb2 27.Nf4



[27.Rc1? is refuted by: Rb8+ 28.Kc3 a4 Δ♖b3# 29.Be6+□ Rxe6 30.Nf4 Re3+ 31.Kd2 Rxa3 Δ♘c4 ∓/∓]

27...R8e3+ 28.Rd3!?

[Doesn't give any advantage: 28.Ka2?! Nxd1+ 29.Nxe2 Rxe2+ 30.Kb3 Ne3 and Black at least not worse.]

28...Nxd3 29.Nxe2 Nf2+ 30.Ka4 Nxh1

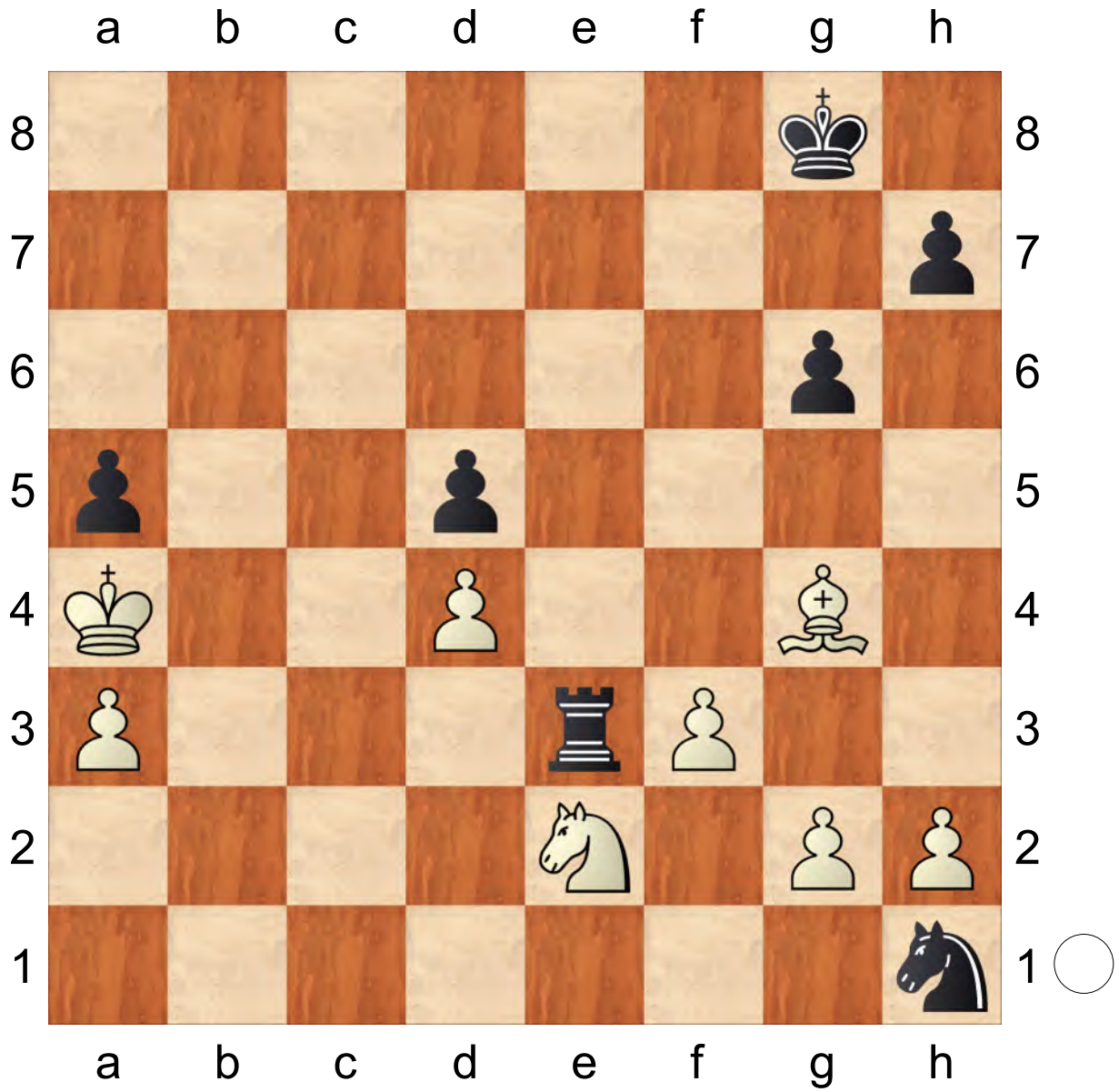
(Diagram)

31.Nf4 Nf2 32.Be6+ Kg7

[In my opinion a little bit better was: 32...Kf8 33.Bxd5 Nd3

A) ≤34.Ne6+ Ke7 35.Ng5 *(35.Nc7?? Kd6-+)* 35...Nf4∓;

B) 34.Nxd3 Rxd3 35.Kxa5 Rxa3+=]



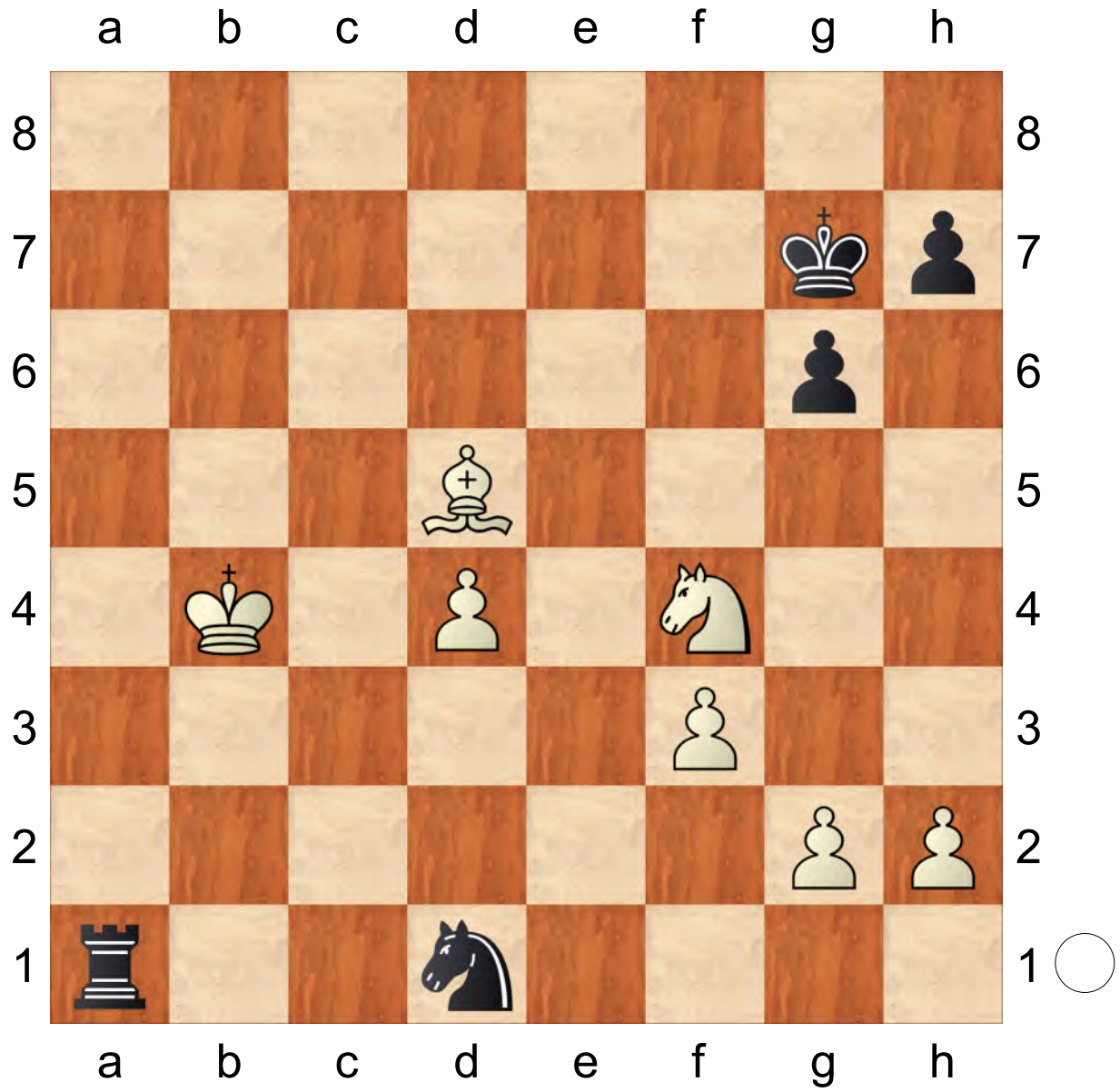
33.Bxd5 Nd1
[33...Nd3!? 34.Ne6+ Kf6=]
34.Kxa5 Rxa3+ 35.Kb4 Ra1=

(Diagram)

Now,the draw agreement - its just a matter of time. **36.Bb3 Ne3 37.d5 Nf5 38.Ne6+ Kf6 39.g4 Nd6 40.Kc5 Ke7**

(Diagram)

Black,in turn,prevent progress "d6". **41.Nd4 Rc1+**
[Leads to absolutely equality: 41...Rh1 42.Ba4 Rxh2 43.Nc6+ Kd7 44.Nd4+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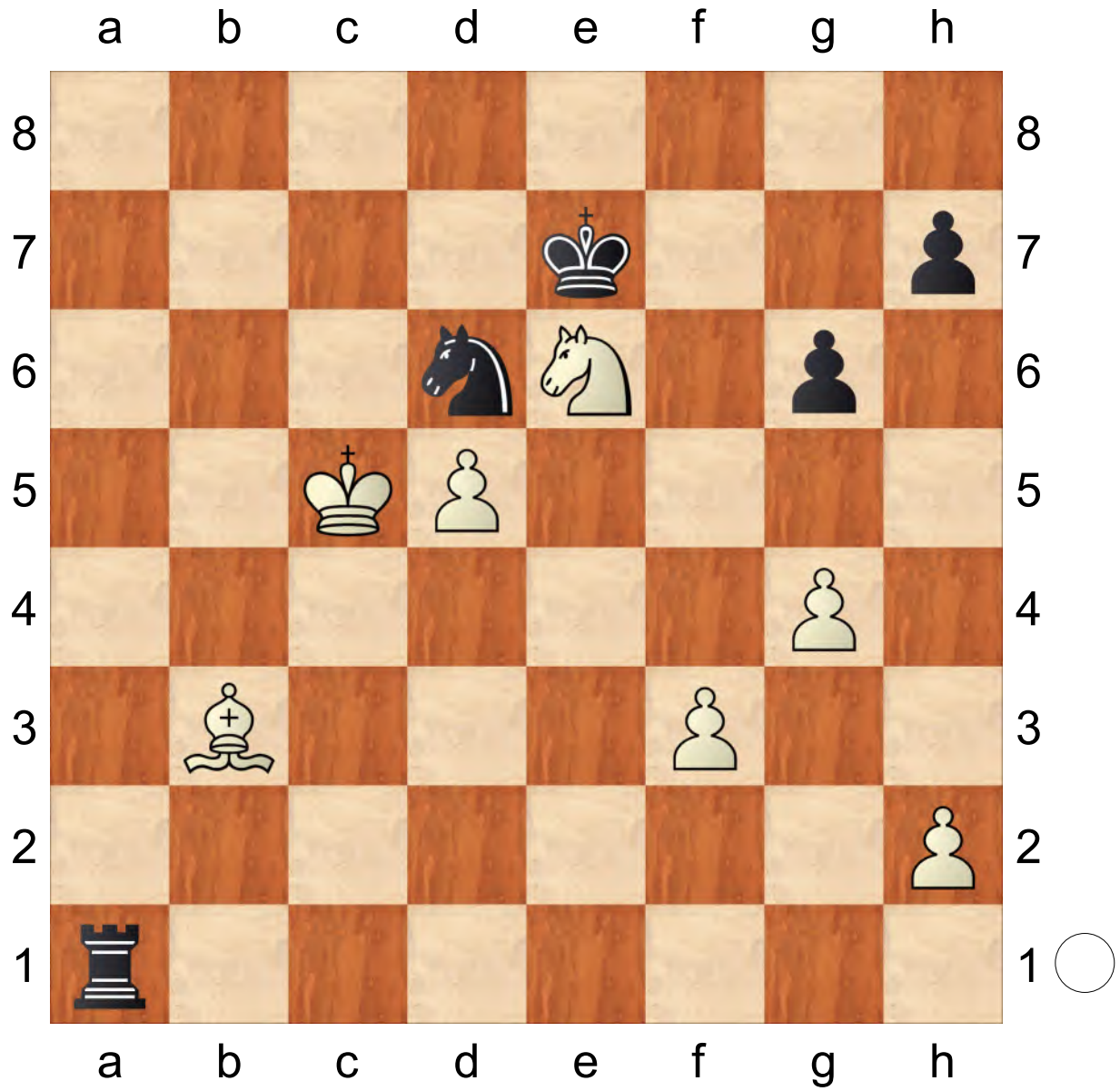


Ke7 *(44...Kc7?? 45.Ne6++-)* 45.Nc6+ Kd7=]

42.Bc2 g5 Capture of space and restriction of the white pawns on the king side.

43.Kc6 h6 44.h3 Ra1

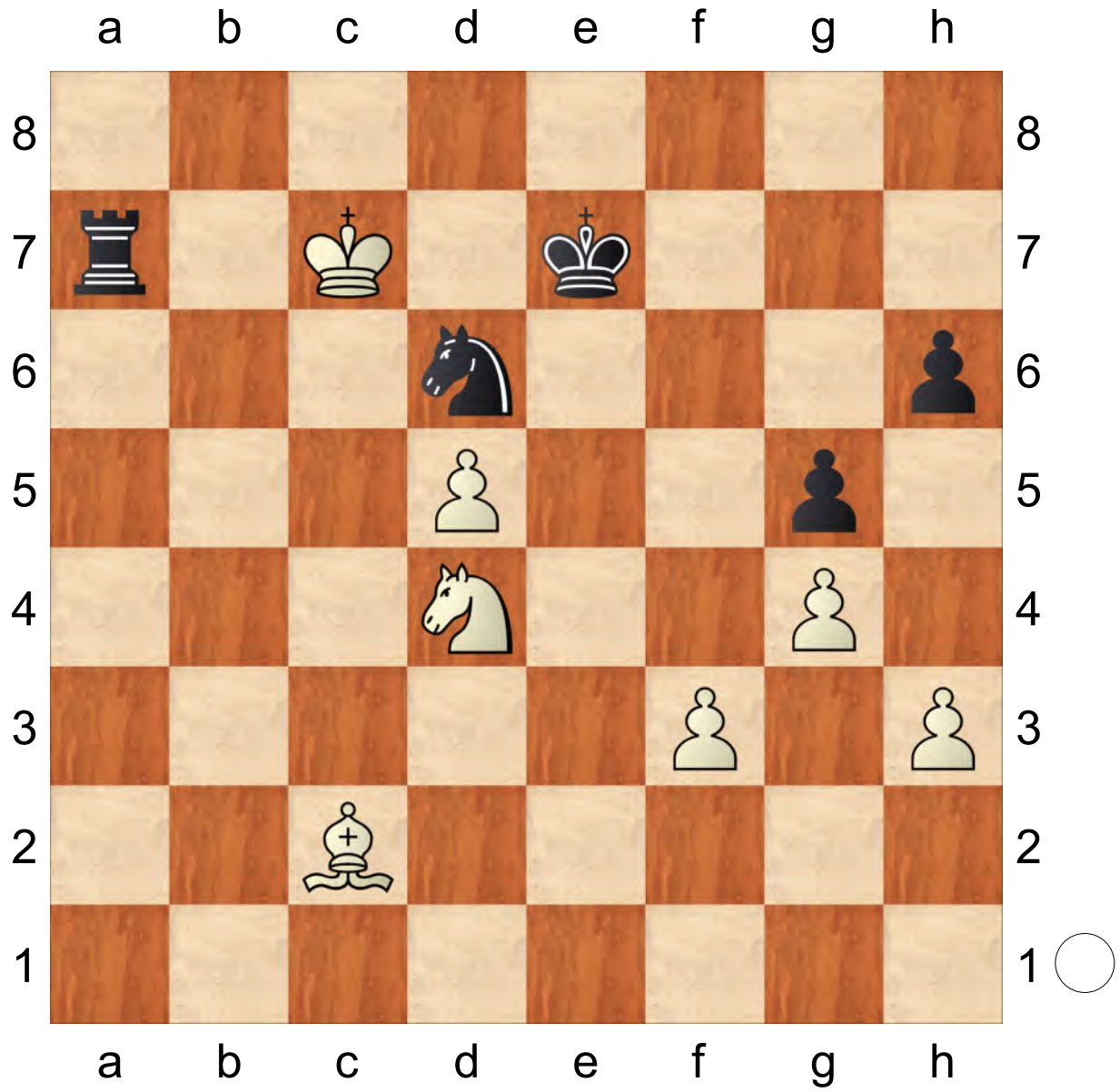
[=44...Rh1 45.Kc7 Δ♘c6+ Ne8+ *(45...Rc1 46.Kc6=)* 46.Kc6 Rxh3 *(46...Nd6 47.Kc7=)* 47.Nf5+ Kd8 *(47...Kf6? 48.d6 Nxd6 49.Kxd6 Rxf3 50.Nxh6* with some chances to win. *)* 48.Be4=]

45.Kc7 Ra7+

(Diagram)

46.Kb6 Ra3 47.Nc6+ Kd7 48.Ne5+ White are obliged to repeat moves. **48...Ke7 49.Nc6+ Kd7 50.Ne5+ Ke7**

(Diagram)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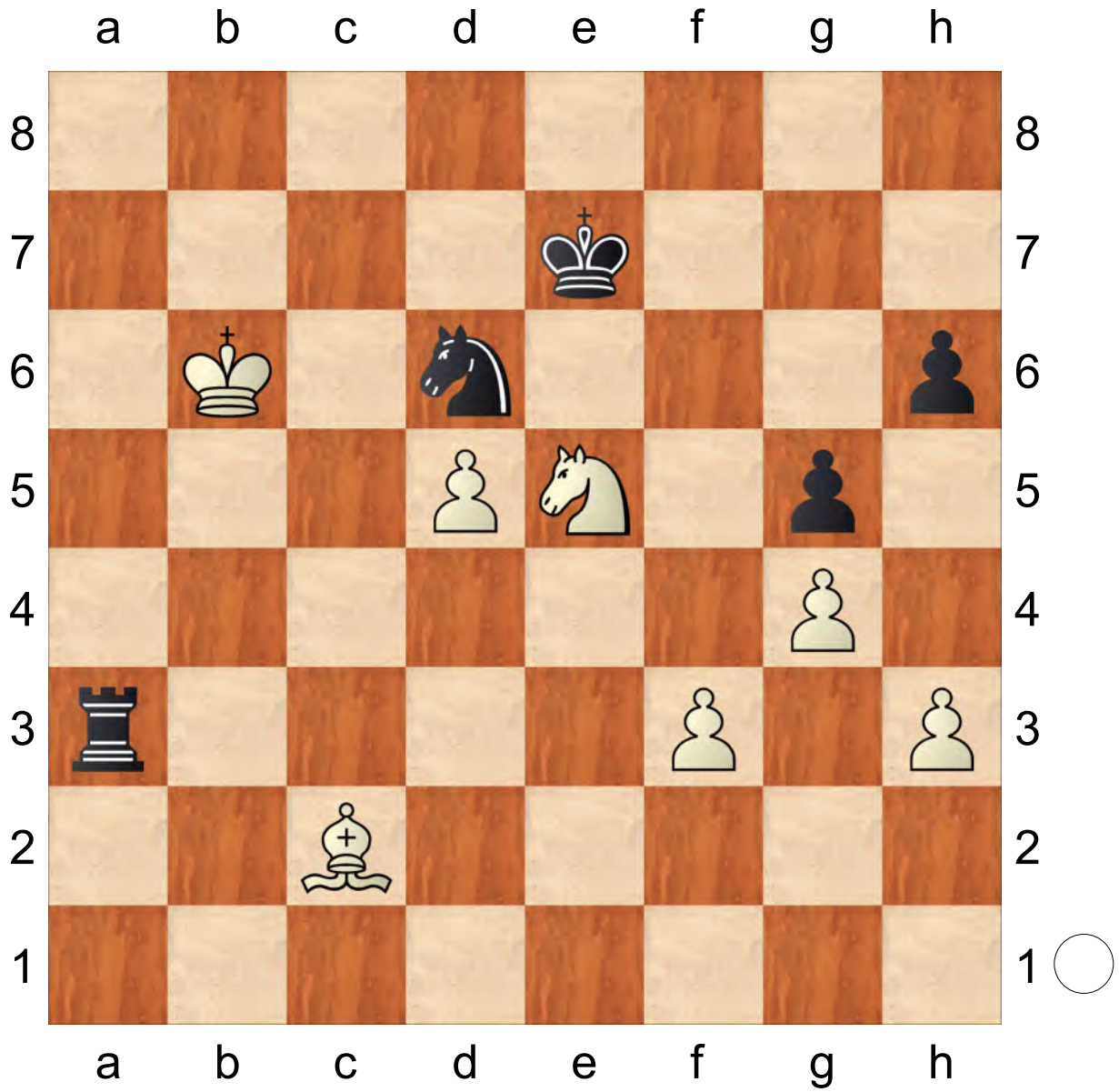
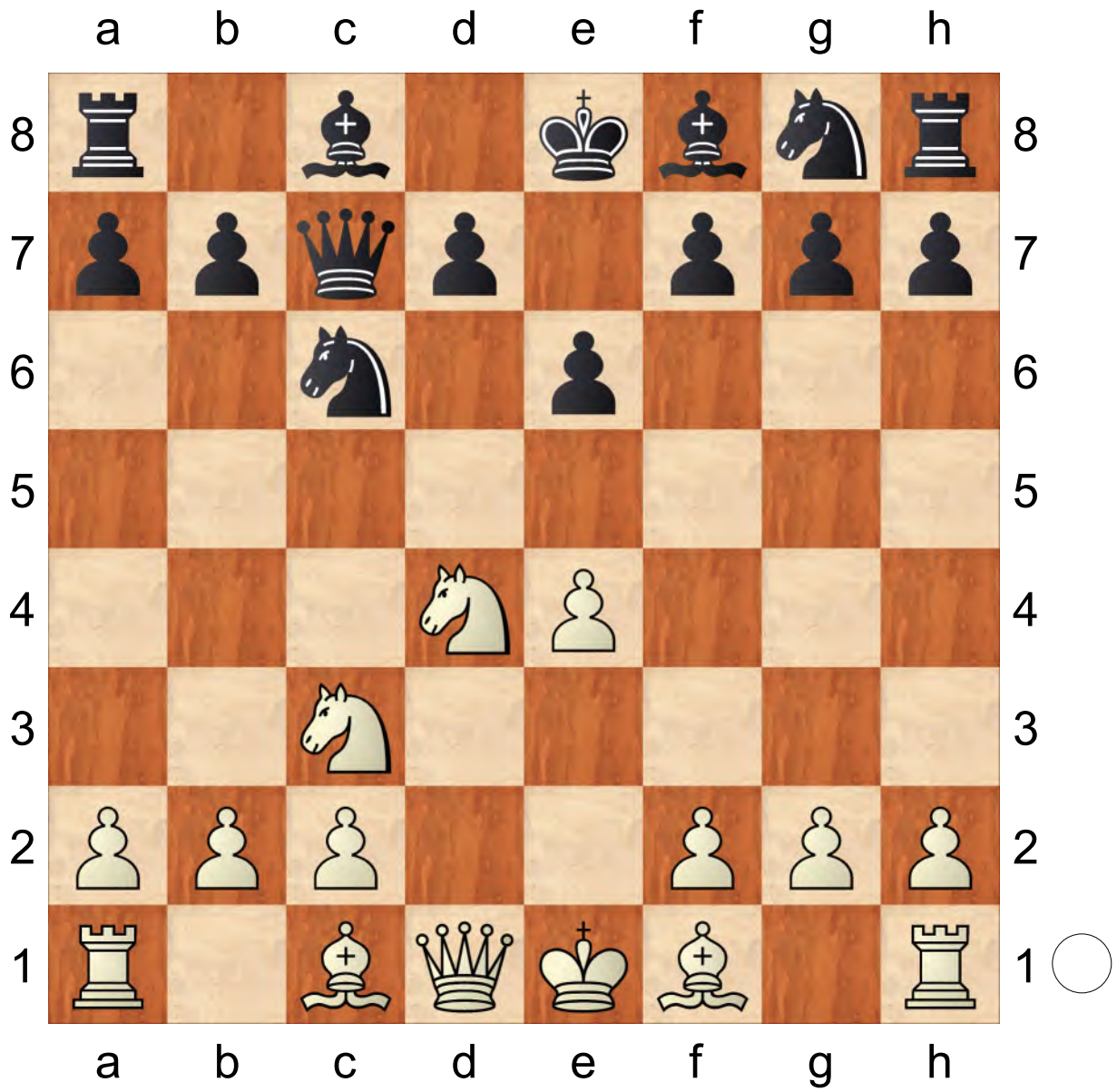


This game was very interesting and important for the theory of this variant.
½-½

B47

□ **Liss,Eran** **2540**
■ **Rechlis,Gad** **2520**
ISR Big Prize 30' rapid (1.2) 26.05.1998
[Har Zvi,Ronen]

1.e4 Har Zvi **1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7**



6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.Re1 played rarly,the main move is Nxc6

[8.Nxc6

A) 8...Qxc6?! 9.Bf3 Bb7 10.Bf4!? d6 11.Re1 e5 12.a4 bxa4 *(12...exf4 13.e5±)* 13.Rxa4**±**;

B) 8...dxc6

B1) 9.Bg5 Bb7 *(9...Bd6!? 10.f4 e5 11.f5 Nf6∞)* 10.Qd2 Nf6 11.Rad1 *(11.Rfd1 c5* ½-½ Kuczynski,R-Ribli,Z/MK Cafe op 1997 *)* 11...b4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Na4∞ Anand,V-Leko,P/Dortmund 1996/CBM 54/1-0 (39);

B2) 9.a4

B2a) 9...b4 10.Nb1 Nf6 11.Bd3 *(11.Nd2 Bb7 12.Bc4 Be7 13.a5 0-0 14.Qe2 c5 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Nc4 Bf6 17.f4 e5 18.f5 Bc6 19.Rf3 Qb7 20.Bd2 Rfd8 21.Rh3 Nf8 22.g4→* 1-0 Vehi Bach,V-De la Fuente,A/Alicante op2 1989 (33)*)* 11...Bc5!? *(11...Bb7 12.Nd2 Bd6 13.f4 Bxf4 14.Rxf4 Qxf4 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.e5 Nd5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qh5→* 1-0 Jukic,M-Brajovic,R/Jugoslavija 1984 (31)*)* 12.c3 bxc3 13.Nxc3 a5 14.Qe2 e5 15.Bg5 Bg4! 16.Qc2 Nd7∞ Waitzkin,J-Benjamin,J/New York CITS 1996/½-½ (63);

B2b) 9...Bb7? 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5+ Ke7 13.Rxa8 Bxa8 14.Qd4+- Wang Zili-Mortensen,E/Copenhagen K41/1995/CBM48/;

B2c) 9...Rb8

B2c1) 10.f4 Bb7 11.Kh1 *(11.Bf3 b4 12.Ne2 Rd8 13.Qe1 Nf6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Kh1 Be7 16.c4* ½-½ Watson,W-Cramling,P/Brussels mix 1987/EXT 87*)* 11...Rd8 12.Qe1 Be7 13.Be3 b4 14.Nb1 c5 15.Nd2 Nf6 16.Bd3± Braga,F-Karpov,A/Dubai olm 1986/TD 86\02/0-1 (39);

B2c2) 10.Be3 Be7 *(10...Nf6 11.axb5 cxb5 12.e5 Qxe5 13.Ba7 Ra8 14.Bd4 Qb8 15.Bf3 Bb7 16.Be5 Qc8* ½-½ Jukic,B-Dizdarevic,E/Osijek 1993 (19)*)* 11.axb5 cxb5 12.Qd4 Nf6 13.Qa7 Qxa7 14.Bxa7 Ra8 15.Bd4 Bb7 16.Bf3 b4 17.Na4 Rd8 18.c3 Nxe4 52 ½-½ Asrian,K-Razuvaev,Y/Erevan op 1996/EXP;

B2c3) 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Bd3 Bb7

B2c31) 12.Qg4 Nf6;

B2c32) 12.f4 Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Nf6 *(13...Ne7)* 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qg4 *(16.Rxa6? Qb7-+)* 16...0-0 17.Rxa6±;

B2c33) 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.f4 Ne7 *(13...e5? 14.Nd5±)* 14.e5 *(14.Kh1!?)* 14...Bc5+ 15.Be3 *(15.Kh1* Ribli *0-0)*

B2c331) 15...0-0 16.Ne4 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Nf5 18.Qc5 Rfc8 *(18...Qxc5+ 19.Nxc5±)*;

B2c332) 15...Nf5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 17.Qf2

B2c3321) ⌓17...Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Ke7= 19.g4 Nd4 20.Be4 Rhc8 21.Bxb7 *(21.Rfd1 Bxe4 22.Rxd4 Bxc2 23.Rxa6=)* 21...Rxb7 22.Rxa6 b4;

B2c3322) 17...Qb4?! 18.Ne4 Bxe4 *(18...0-0 19.c3 Qe7 20.Nc5±)* 19.c3 Qb3 *(19...Bxd3? 20.cxb4 Bxf1 21.Kxf1±)* 20.Bxe4± ½-½ Koch,J-Marciano,D/FRA-ch 1997/CBM 61/[Ribli] (29)]

8...Bd6!?N an interesting move,with a correct idea,after Re1 white can not play take on "c6" and play "f4" when for black the best place for his bishop is probably on this

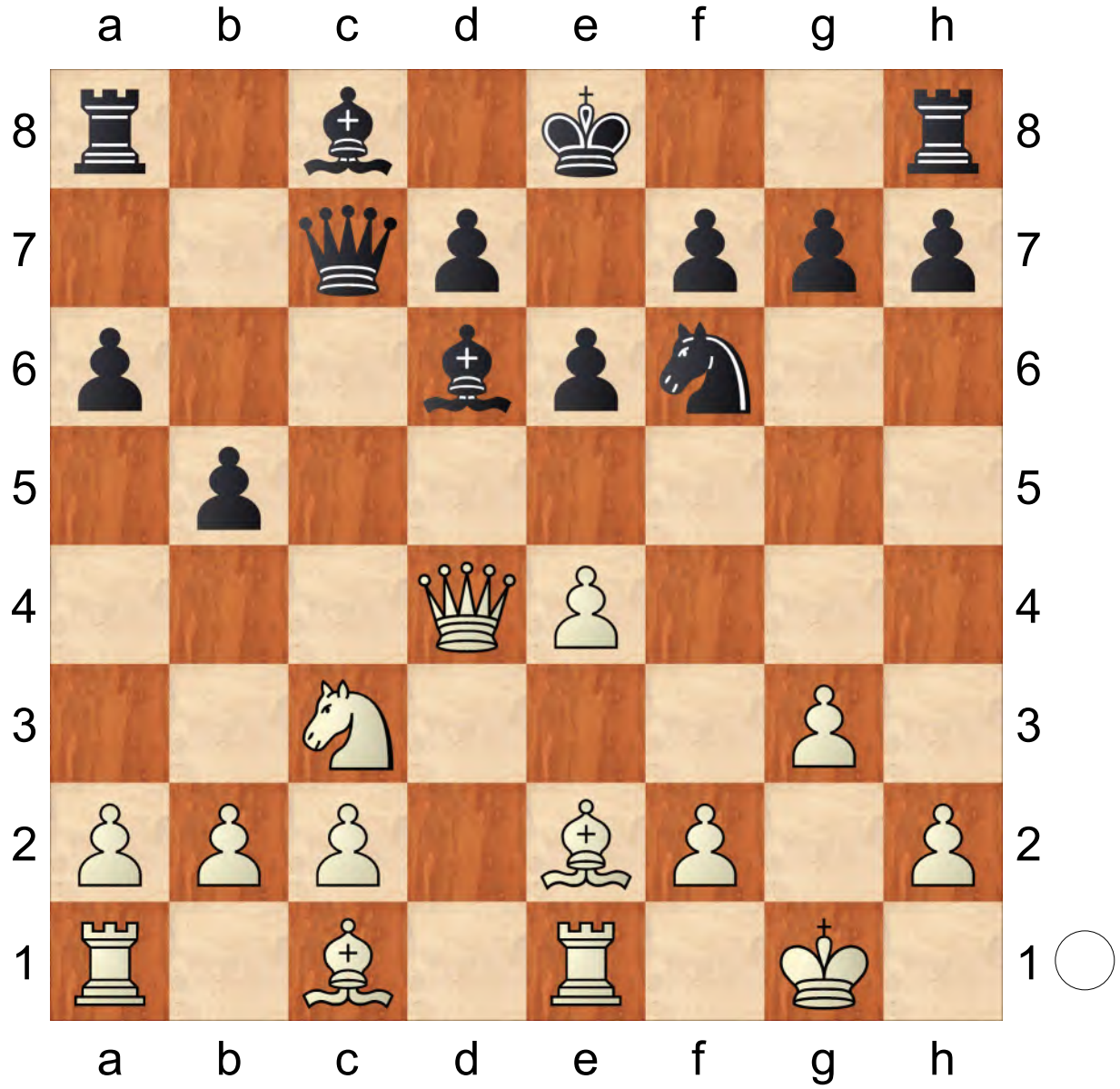
diagonal

[8...Bb7 9.Bf1 *(9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Nf6 12.a4 b4 13.Bf3 Rc8 14.Qd3↑* 1-0 Barua,D-Kulaots,K/Benasque op 1997/EXT 97 (28)*)* 9...Nf6 10.Nxc6 dxc6 11.e5 Rd8 12.Qf3 Nd5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Qh5 Ng6 16.Bd3 ½-½ Rogers,I-Ye Jiangchuan/Asia zt 1990/EXT 90b]

9.g3

[9.Nf3 b4 10.Nb1 Nf6]

9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nf6



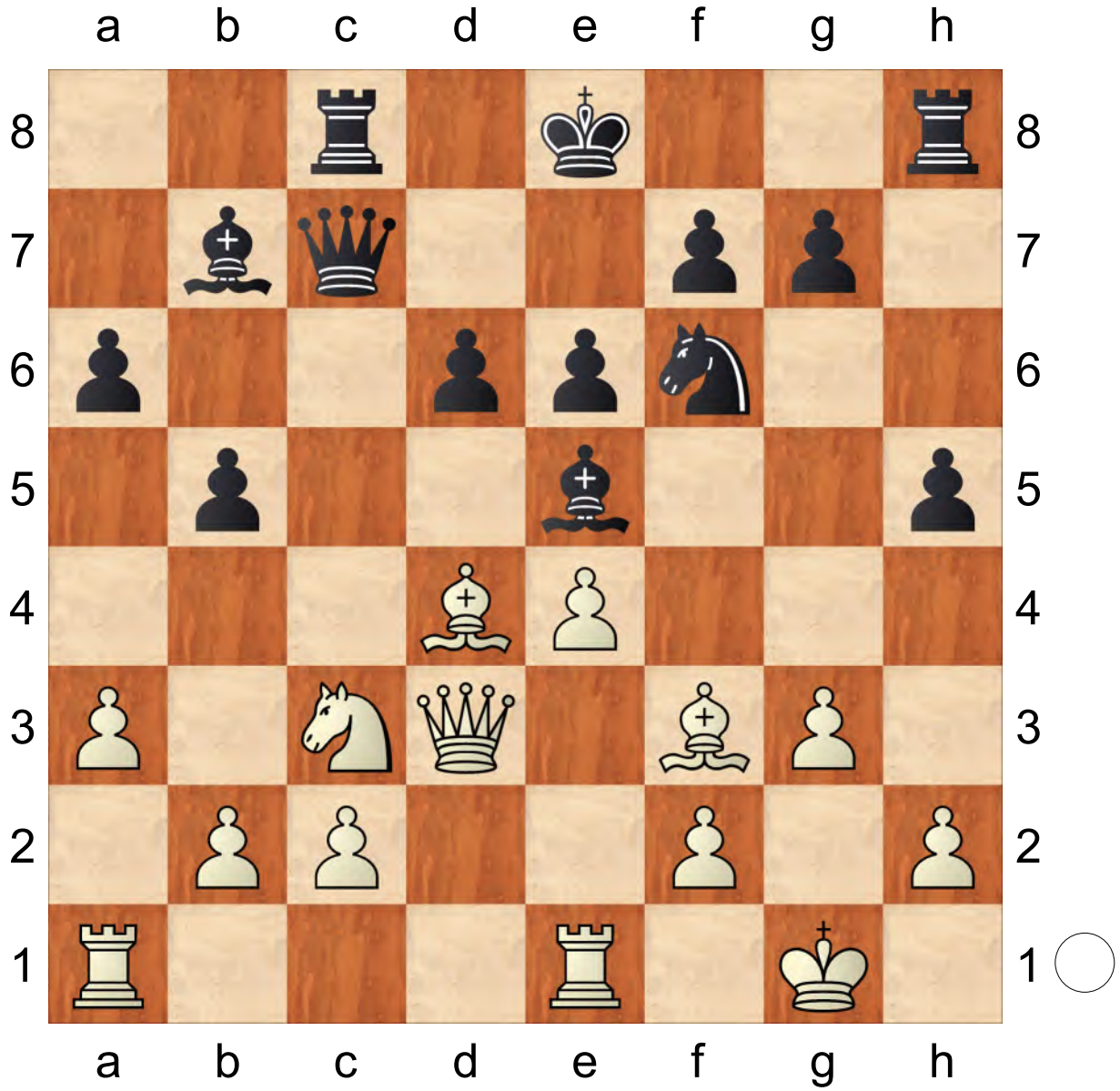
11.Bf3

[11.a4?! b4 12.Na2 Bc5! 13.Qd3 Nxe4!! 14.Qxe4 Bb7 15.Bf4 d6∓]

11...Bb7 12.Qd3 Be5 13.Be3 Rc8

[13...Bxc3!? 14.bxc3 d5 15.Bf4 *(15.exd5 Nxd5∓)* 15...Qc5 and black has atleast equal position]

14.Bd4 d6 15.a3 h5!?



Gadi's style,it was possible of course to play 15...0-0 when black has a fine position, but Gadi prefers a more interesting and active game **16.Rad1 h4 17.Bg2**

[17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Qd6 hxg3 19.hxg3 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Ke7 21.Red1 Rc6∓]

17...hxg3 18.hxg3 Ke7! after h5-h4 it's clear Gadi wants to use the "h" file,but any way the king on "e7" is not bad at all,and it gives black ideas to go to an endgame with a very active king in the center **19.Rd2**

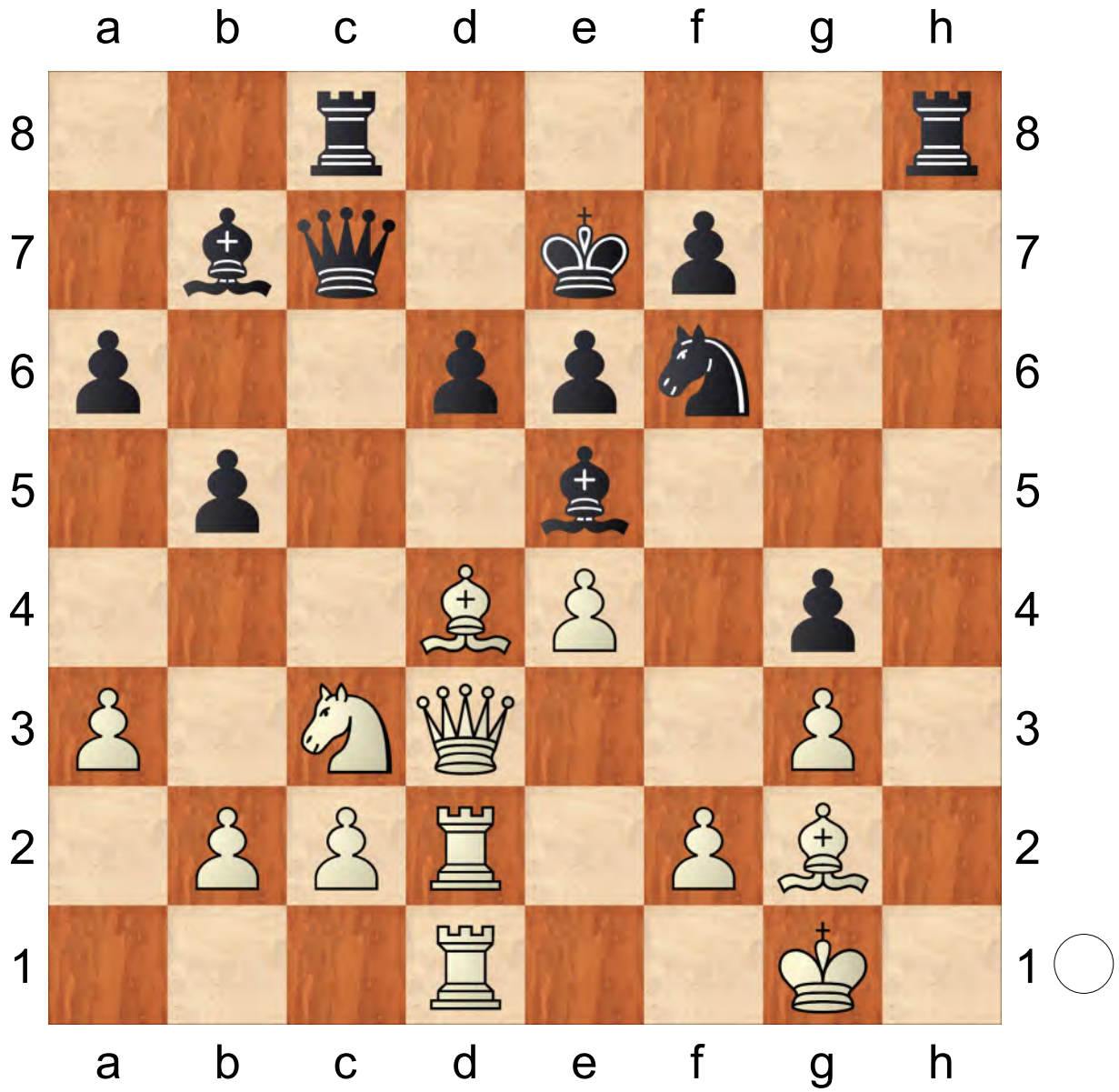
[19.f4 Bxd4+ 20.Qxd4

A) 20...Qc5? 21.Qxc5! dxc5 *(21...Rxc5 22.e5 Nd5 23.exd6+±)* 22.e5 Nd5 23.Nxd5+ exd5 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5±;

B) 20...e5 21.Qa7 Qc5+ 22.Qxc5 Rxc5∓]

19...g5!? 20.Red1 g4

(Diagram)



21.Qe3 Rh5 22.Bb6
[22.Bxe5!? dxe5 23.a4 b4 24.Na2 a5 25.c3↑]
[22.a4!? b4 23.Na2⇄]
22...Qc4 23.Ba5 Rch8 24.Qa7?! the Queen has nothing to do there
[24.Bb4!?
A) 24...Bxc3? 25.Bxc3+-;
B) 24...Rh2 25.Bxd6+ Bxd6 26.Rxd6 Nxe4 27.Rd7++- *(27.Bxe4?? Rh1+ 28.Bxh1 Rxh1#; 27.Nxe4?? Rxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Bxe4+)*;
C) 24...Ne8]
24...Qc6 25.Rxd6?
[25.Bb4 Nxe4!! 26.Nxe4
A) 26...Qxe4??
A1) 27.Bxe4?? Rh1+ 28.Bxh1 *(28.Kg2 R8h2#)* 28...Rxh1#;

A2) 27.Qxb7++-;

B) 26...Rh1+ 27.Bxh1 Rxh1+ 28.Kxh1 Qxe4+ 29.f3 Qxf3+ 30.Kg1

B1) 30...Qxg3+ 31.Kf1 Qh3+ when I understand black has atleast a draw, maybe he has more but after I found Kf8!! which leasds to big advantage for black I do not want to analyse anything else unless I see mate!! which I can not see here;

B2) 30...Bxg3 31.Rd5 exd5 *(31...Kf8 32.R1d3)* 32.Qxb7+ Kf8 33.Qb8+ Kg7 34.Bc3+ f6 35.Qa7+;

B3) 30...Kf8!!∓ a fantastic move,no hurry I just want to take my king from the pin of white's Queen so that I can play with my ♗ on b7 the threat now is Bxg3 which was not possible before Kf8 because white has Rd5

B3a) 31.Qb6 Qh1+ 32.Kf2 Qg2+ 33.Ke1 Bxg3+ 34.Rf2 Qg1+ 35.Kd2 *(35.Ke2 Bf3+)* 35...Qxf2+ 36.Qxf2 Bxf2 37.Bxd6+ Ke8∓ *(37...Kg7 Δ38.Rf1 g3?? 39.Bxg3 Bxg3 40.Rg1)*;

B3b) 31.Qxb7 Qxb7 32.Bxd6+ Bxd6 33.Rxd6 Ke7∓ /-+]

[25.Qe3!? probably going back was the best move Rh2? *(25...Nd7∞)* 26.Rxd6!!

A) 26...Rxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Bxd6 28.Rxd6 Qxe4+ *(28...Qxd6 29.Bb4; 28...Kxd6 29.Qd4++- Ke7 30.Bb4+ Ke8 31.Qxf6)* 29.Nxe4 Bxe4+ 30.Kf1 *(30.Qxe4 Nxe4 31.Rxa6)* 30...Bf3 31.Rxe6+ fxe6 32.Qa7+ Kf8 33.Bb4+ Kg8 34.Ke1 Ne4 35.Qb8+ Kh7 36.Qe5+-;

B) 26...Bxd6 27.Rxd6 Qc8 28.Rd1↑]

25...Bxd6

(Diagram)

26.Rxd6

[26.Rxd6 Kxd6 *(26...Qxd6?? 27.Bb4)*

A) 27.e5+ Kxe5 28.Qe3+ *(28.Bxc6?? Rh1+ 29.Bxh1 Bxh1)* 28...Kf5 *(28...Kd6-+)*;

B) 27.Qd4+ Ke7 28.Bb4+ Ke8 29.Qxf6 Qd7-+ white can still make few problems,and in active chess maybe more than a few since without time in such position anything can happan,but any way in just speaking about the position white is lost]

(Diagram)

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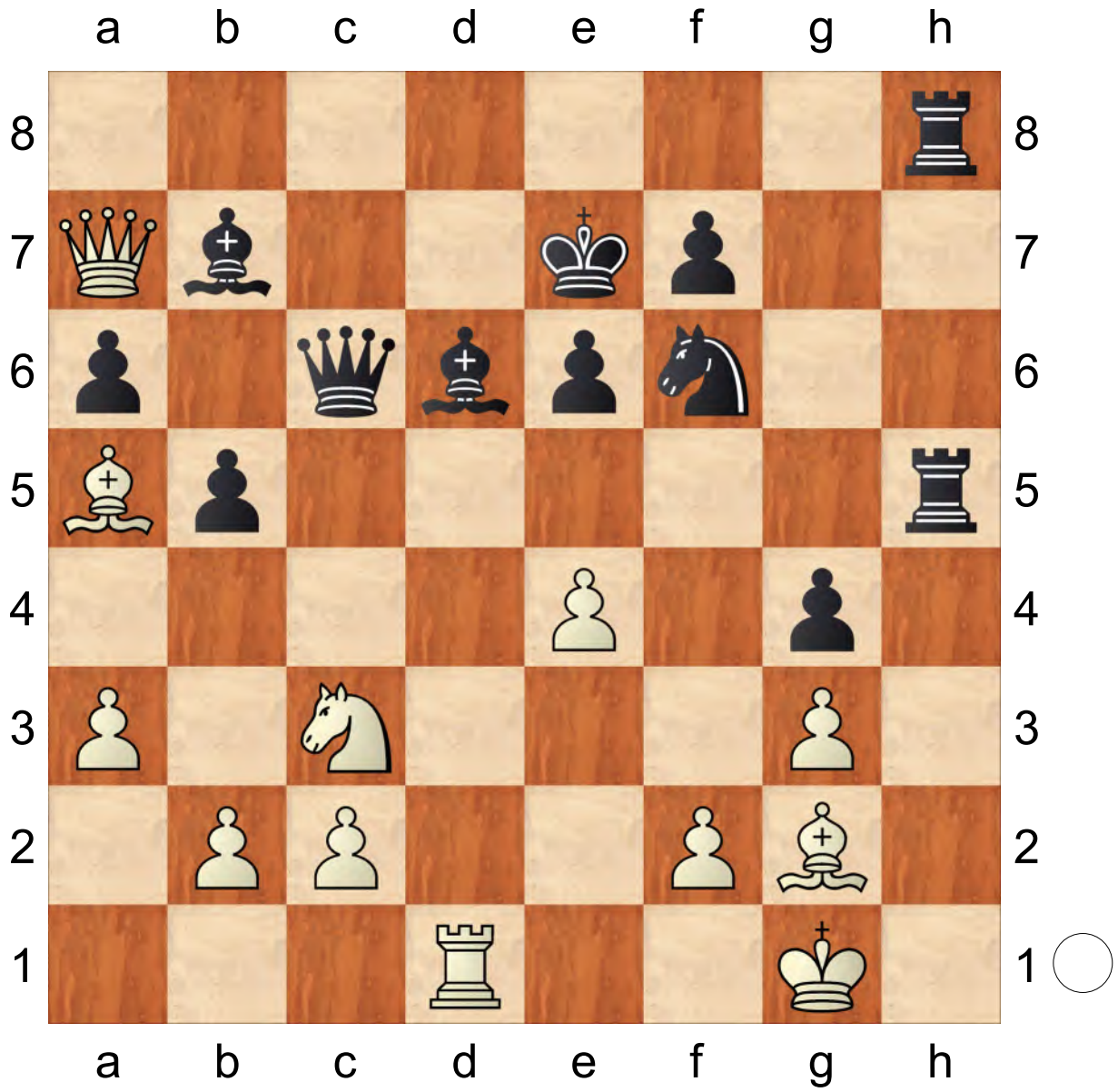
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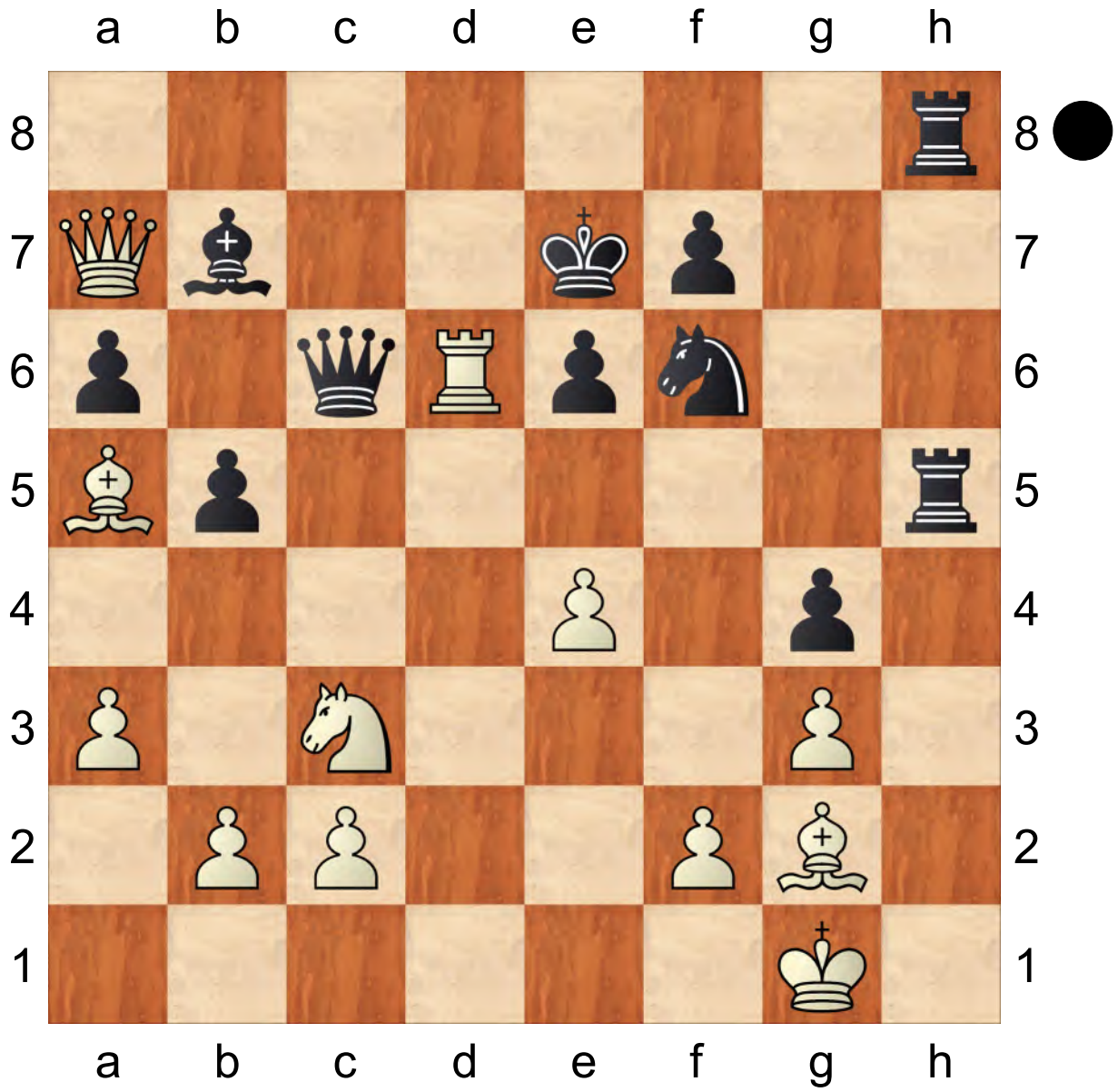
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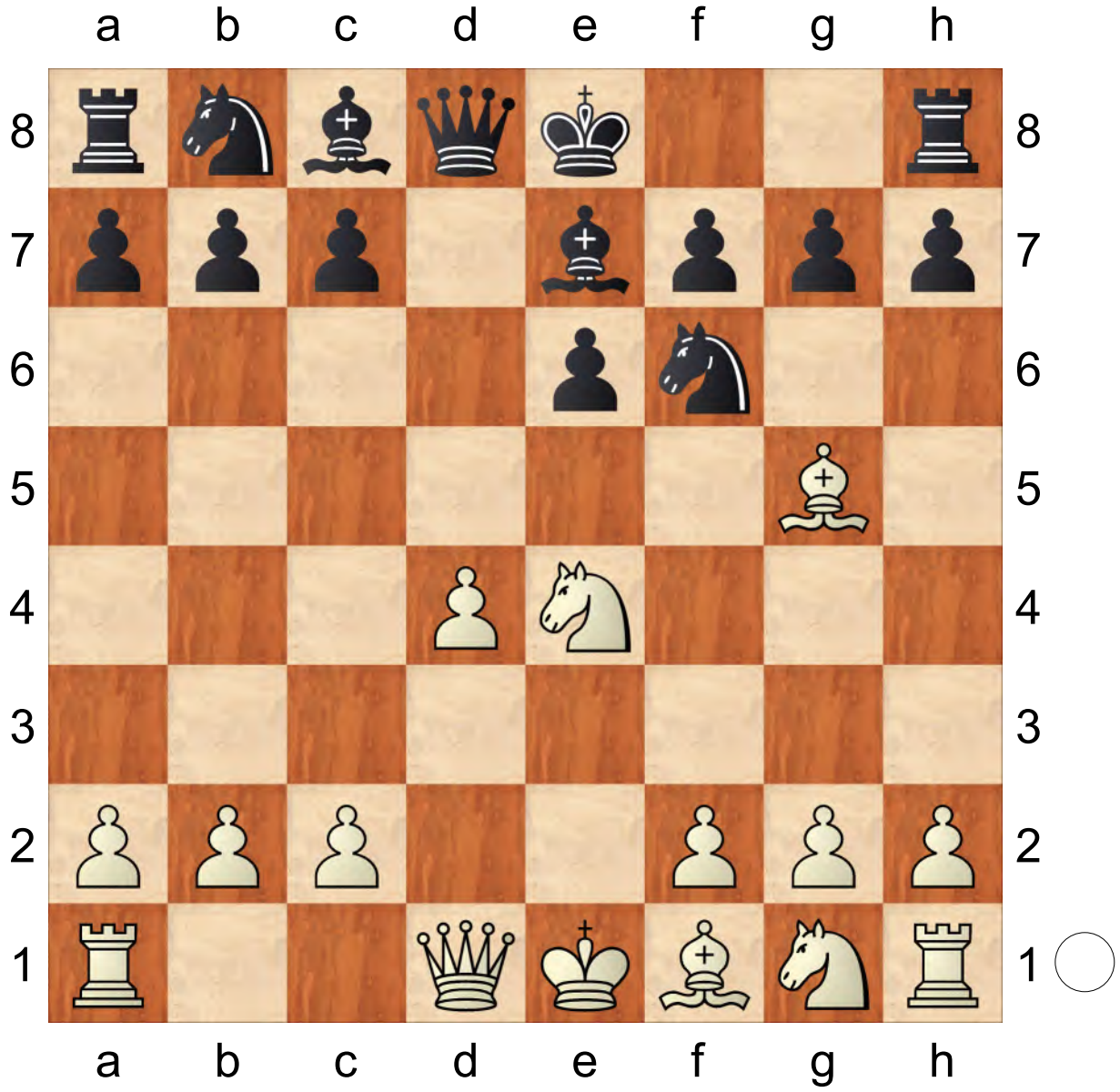
□ **Yermolinsky,Alex** **2650**
■ **Bareev,Evgeny** **2670**
WchT 4th Luzern (8.1) 01.11.1997
[Finkel,Alexander]

1.e4 Finkel,A Finkel,A Yermolinsky **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7**



6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Be7 N **10.Bc4**

[10.Qf4!? Nf6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd3 c5? 13.dxc5 Qa5 14.Qc4 e5 15.Be4!± Galkin,A-Pushkov,N/Azov 1995/½-½ (69)]

[10.Kb1 b6 11.Bc4 Nf6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Rhe1 *(13.Qe3 Bb7 14.Rhe1 Qe7*

15.g4 Rad8 16.Ne5 c5= 17.dxc5 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ ½-½ Stefansson-Bareev/32nd Chess Olympiad, Yerevan 1996 *)* 13...Bb7 14.Qf4 Bxf3 ½-½ Morovic Fernandez,I-Dizdar,G/New York op 1997]

10...Nf6

[10...c5!?

A) 11.d5 Yermolinsky exd5 *(11...Nb6? 12.dxe6 Nxc4 13.exf7+ Kh8 14.Qc3)* 12.Bxd5 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Rhe1 Qb6 15.Ne5 Be6! 16.Nc4 Qa6 17.Qa5±;

B) 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Rhe1 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.Bd3 Bf6 15.Qe2 g6 16.h4 Rd8 17.Bb5 Bxb2+= 18.Kxb2 ½-½ Almasi Zoltan-Dizdar Goran/Ch Croatia (team) st league), Makarska 1995]

[10...a6!? 11.Bb3 c6 12.Qf4 b5 13.h4 *(13.Ne5!?)* 13...Ra7 14.Neg5 Nf6 15.c3 Qc7! 16.Ne5 c5 17.Bc2 cxd4 18.Rxd4 *(18.cxd4 Nd5!=; 18.Qxd4!)* 18...h6 19.Rh3 *(19.Ngf3=)* 19...Bc5! ×f7 20.Rd2?! *(20.Rd1! Nd5 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Qe4 Nf6 23.Ngxf7+ Rxf7 24.Nxf7+ Qxf7 25.Rd8+ Bf8 26.Bg6 Nxe4 27.Bxf7 Rxf7 28.Rf3 Rxf3 29.gxf3 Kg8∞)* 20...Nd5∓ Khalifman,A-Bareev,E/ Beograd 1993/0-1 (45)]

[10...b6 11.d5!]

(Diagram)

11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Rhe1 Rb8

[12...Bd7 Yermolinsky 13.d5! exd5 14.Qxd5 Bc6 15.Qh5 Qc8 16.Ne5±]

13.Ne5

[13.Bb3 Yermolinsky b6 14.d5 exd5 15.Bxd5 Bg4 16.Qf4 Qc8=]

13...b5 14.Bd3

[14.Nc6

A) 14...Bg5

A1) 15.Re3 Bxe3 *(15...Qd6 16.Nxb8 Bxe3 17.fxe3=)* 16.fxe3 Qd6 17.Nxb8 Finkel,A: '=' '=' bxc4 18.Qa5 Bb7 19.Qxa7 Bxg2∓;

A2) 15.f4 Qd6 16.fxg5 Qxc6 17.Bb3 Rd8 18.d5 Qe8 19.Qf4 Qe7 20.dxe6 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Bxe6 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Qe5±;

B) 14...Qd6! 15.Nxb8 bxc4 16.Qa5

B1) 16...c3! Yermolinsky

B1a) 17.bxc3 Bb7 18.Qxa7 Bg5+ 19.Re3 *(19.Kb2 c5→; 19.Kb1 c5→)* 19...Bxg2∓;

B1b) 17.Qxa7 cxb2+ 18.Kb1 Qxh2∞;

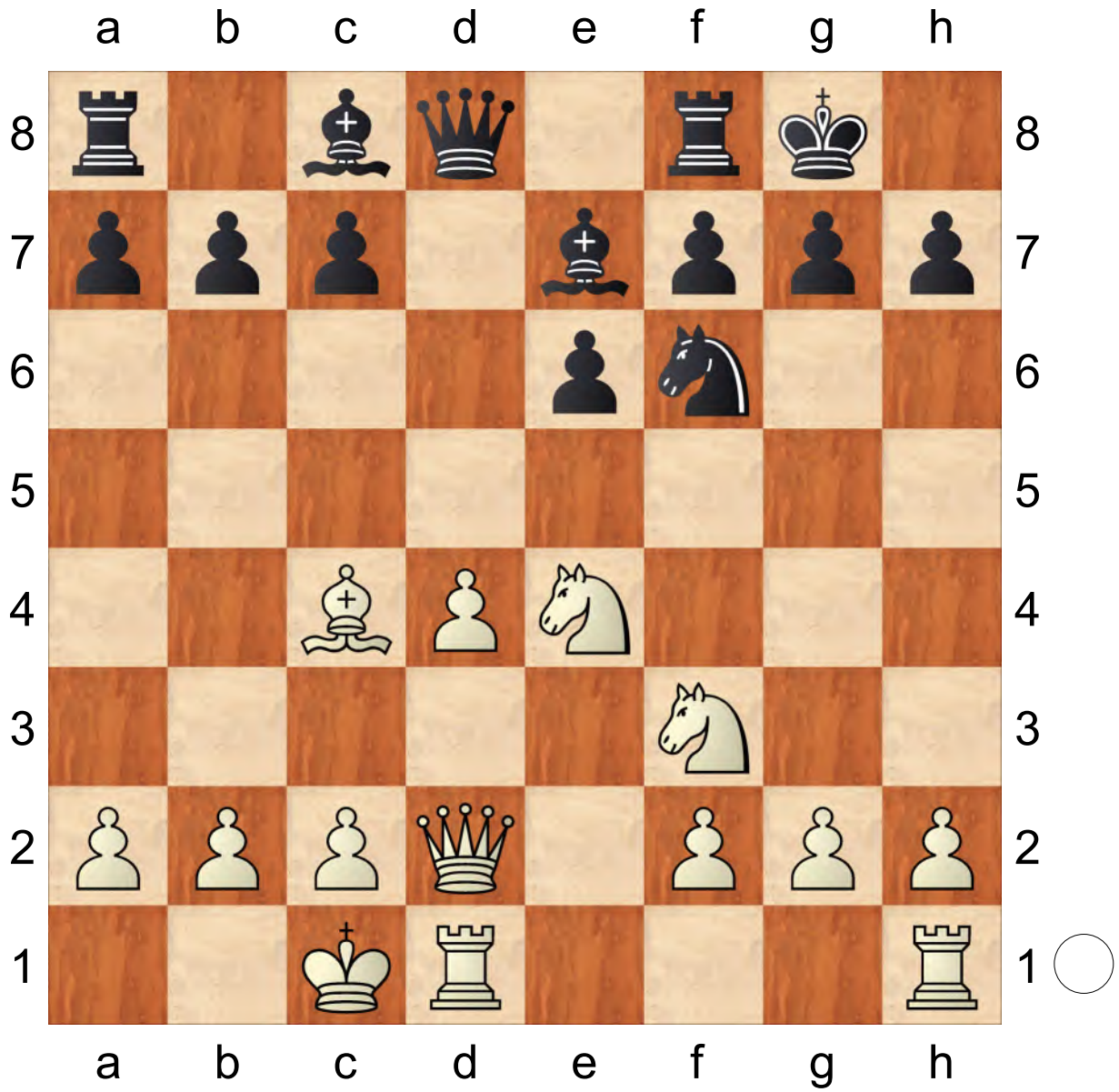
B2) 16...c5! 17.Qxa7 cxd4 18.g3 e5∓]

14...Rb6!?

[14...Bb7!? 15.f4 b4 16.g4±]

15.Qe3±

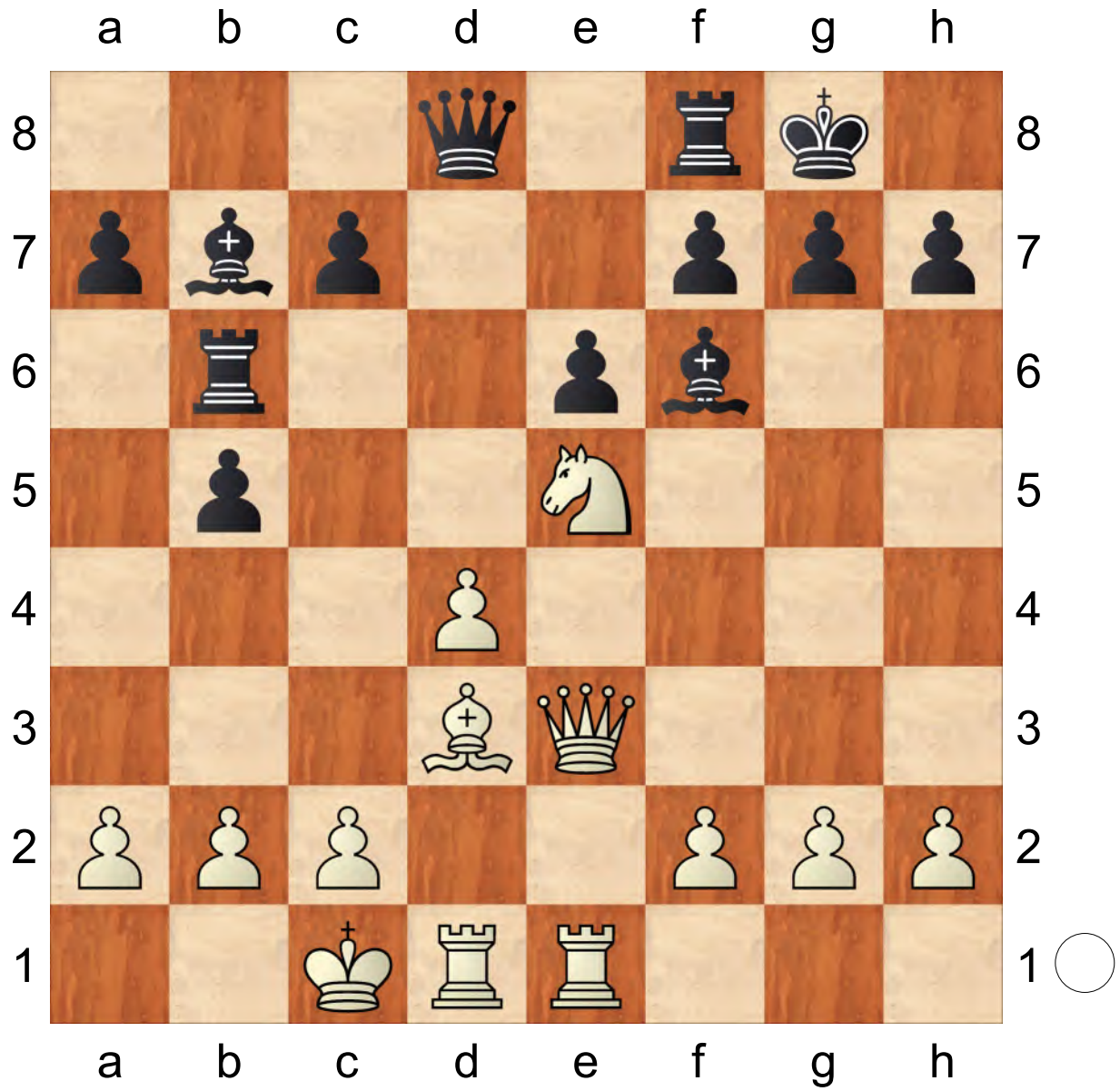
[15.f4 Yermolinsky Rd6 16.Bxb5 c5↑]



15...Bb7
[15...Qd5 Yermolinsky 16.Kb1 Qxg2? 17.Rg1 Qd5 18.Qh6+-]

(Diagram)

16.g4 a6 17.f4 g6 18.g5 Bg7 19.h4 Qd5 20.Kb1 Rd6
[20...Rd8
A) 21.Be2 Qe4
A1) 22.Qxe4 Bxe4 23.Bg4 Bb7 24.h5 Rbd6 25.c3= *(25.hxg6 hxg6 26.c3=)*;
A2) 22.Qc3 Rc8 23.Bxb5 Qxf4 24.Bd7 Rb8 25.Nc4±;
B) 21.c3 a5 *(21...b4 22.c4 Qxd4 23.Bc2+-)* 22.h5±;



C) 21.h5 Yermolinsky 21...Qxd4? 22.Be2! Qxe3 23.Rxd8+ Bf8 24.Nd7! gxh5 25.Rxf8+ Kg7 26.Rxf7+! Kxf7 27.Bxh5+ Ke7 28.Rxe3 Kxd7 29.Bg4±]

(Diagram)

21.c3 b4 22.Bc4 Qa5 23.cxb4 Qxb4 24.a3 Qb6 25.Rd3!± a5
[25...Bd5 Yermolinsky 26.Rc1]
[25...Rfd8 Yermolinsky 26.Rb3 Qa7 27.Nxf7!→]

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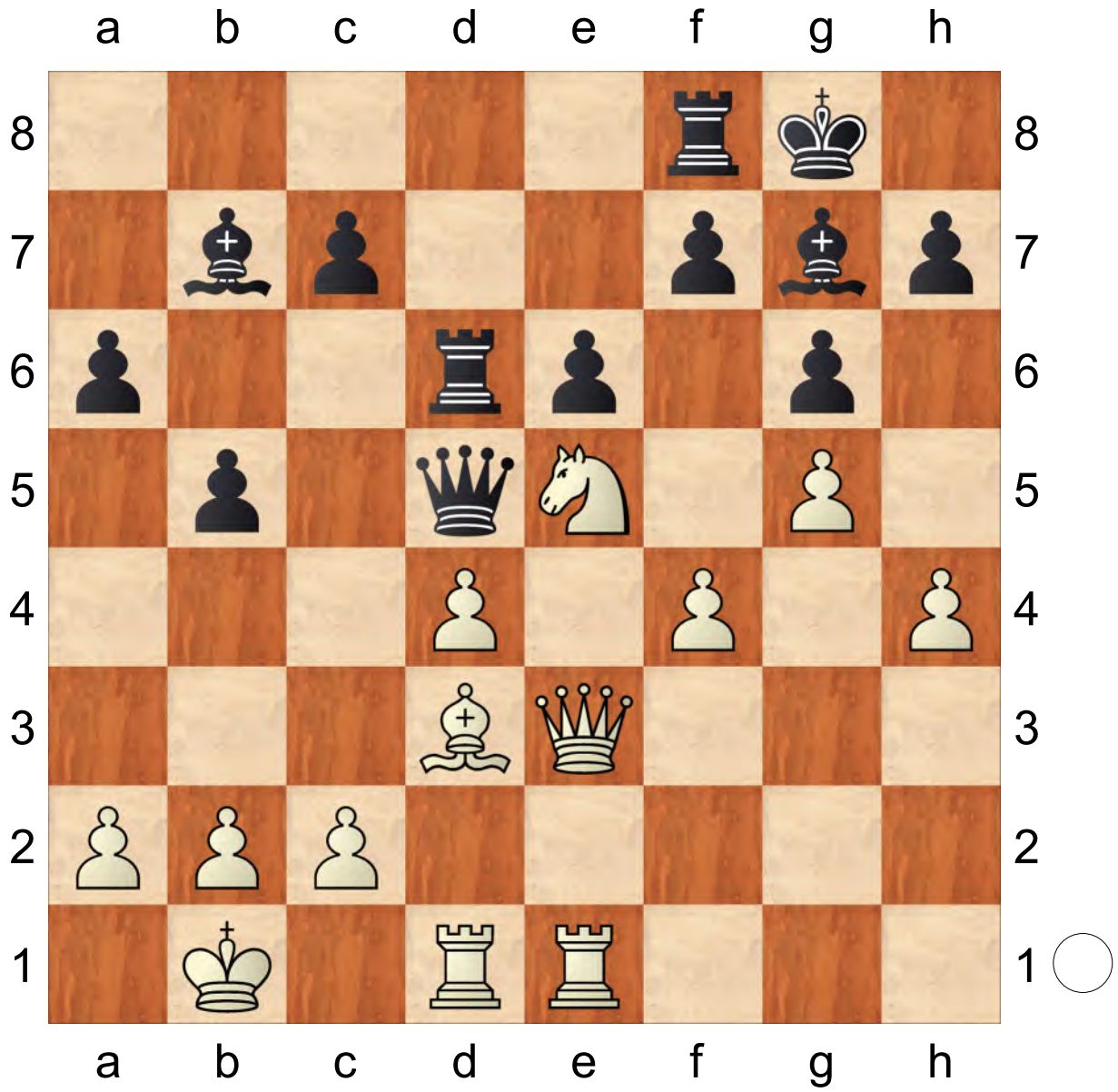
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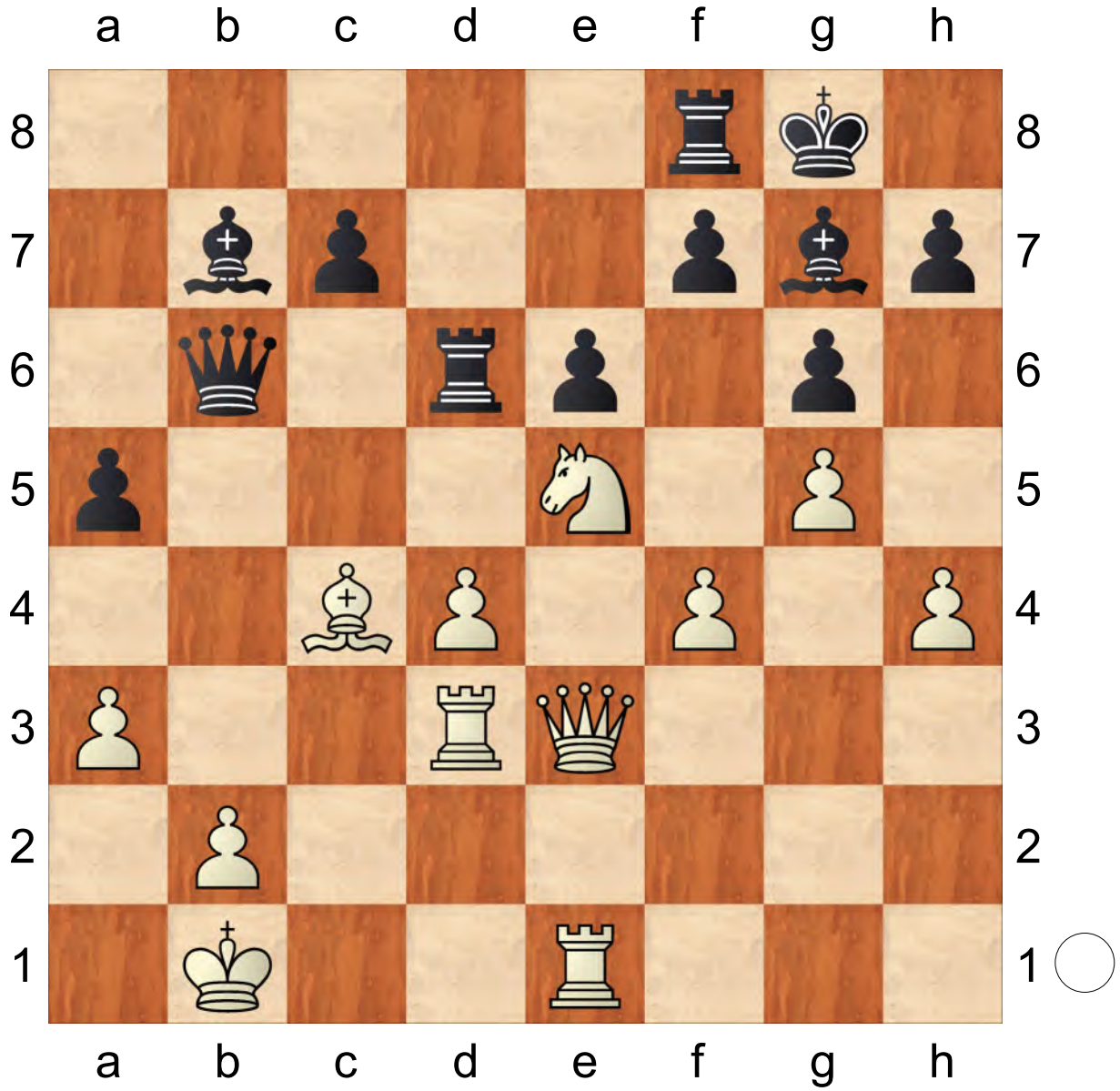
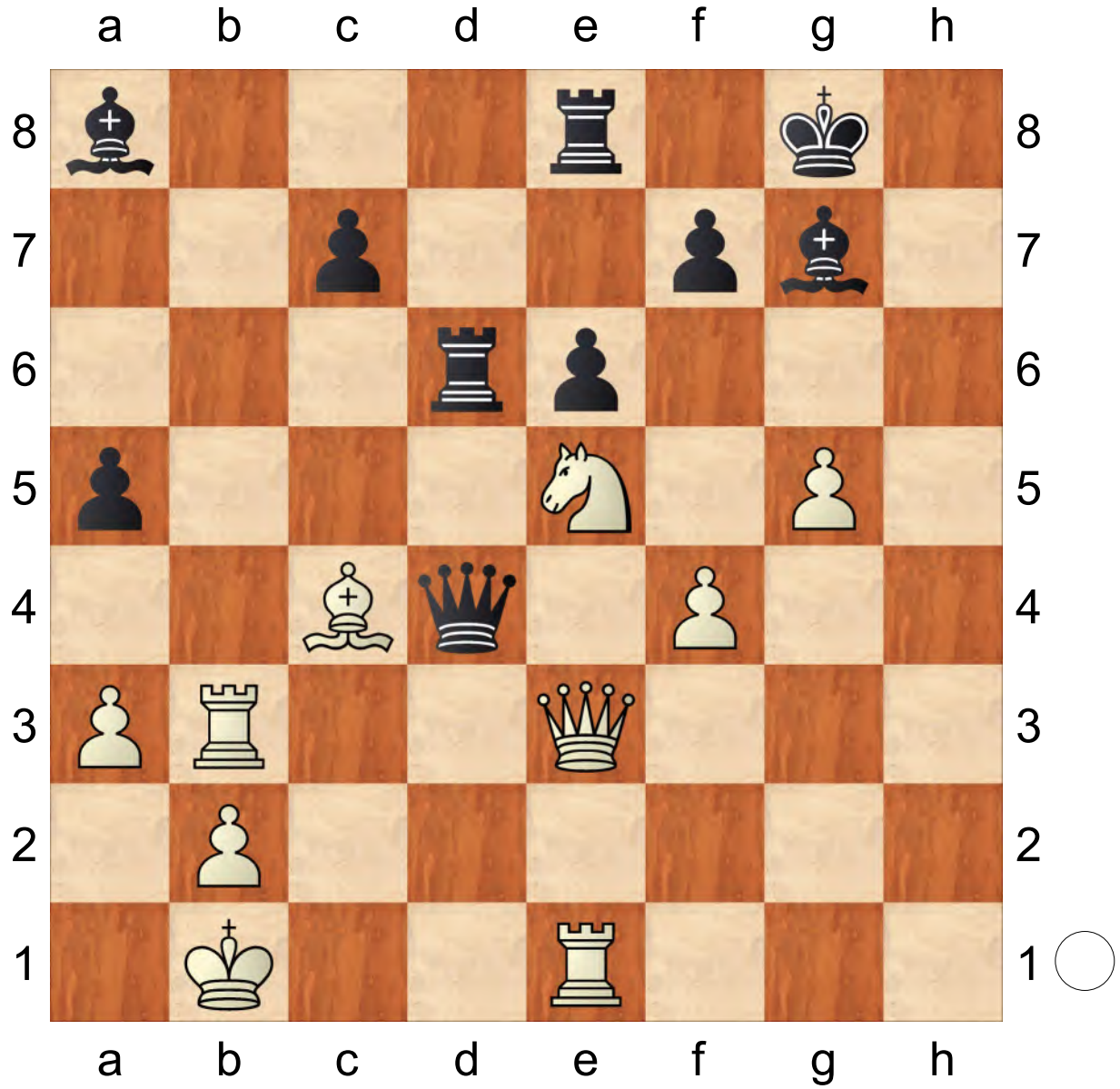


26.Rb3 Qa7 27.h5 Ba8
[27...Re8 Yermolinsky Bareev 28.Rb5! Δ ♖b5-c5 Gulko]
28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Nxg6 Re8
[29...Bxd4!? 30.Qh3 Rfd8 31.f5! fxg6
A) 32.f6 Bd5 *(32...c5 33.Rxe6 Bd5 34.Rxd6 Rxd6 35.Bxd5+ Rxd5 36.Qe6+ Kf8 37.Qxd5+-)* 33.Qh6+-;
B) 32.fxg6 c5 33.Bxe6+ Rxe6 34.Qxe6+ Kg7 35.Rh3+-]
30.Ne5 Qxd4

(Diagram)

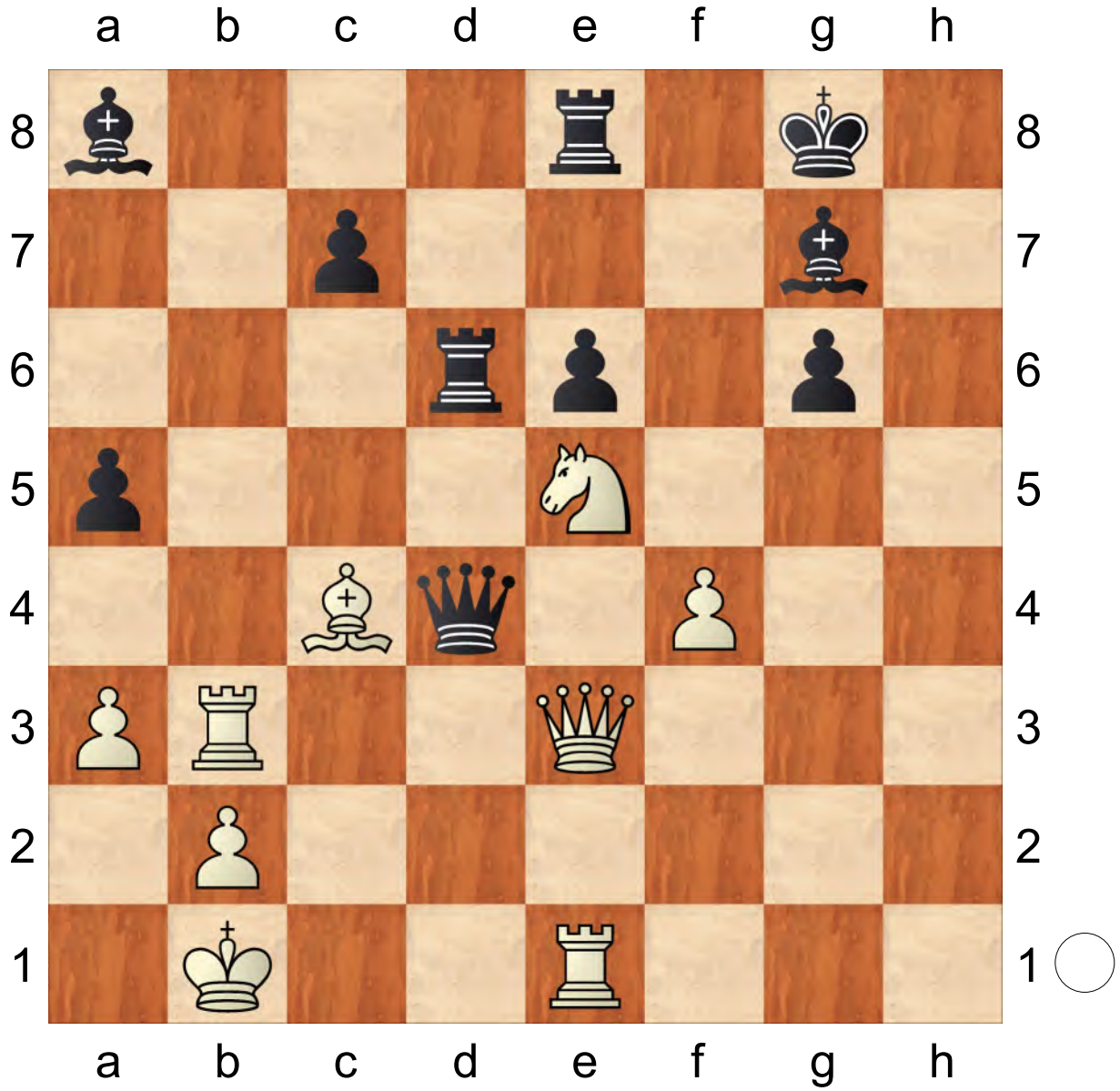
31.g6 fxg6
[31...f6 32.Bxe6+!! Rexe6 33.Rb8+ Bf8 34.g7! Be4+ 35.Ka1 Qd1+ 36.Rxd1



Rxd1+ 37.Ka2 Bb1+ 38.Kb3+-]
[31...Bxe5 Yermolinsky 32.fxe5 Qxe3 33.gxf7+ Kxf7 34.Rf1+!! Kg8 35.Rxe3 Rd7 36.Bb5 c6 37.Bc4±]

(Diagram)

32.Bxe6+! Rexe6
[32...Kh7? Yermolinsky 33.Nf7!+-]
33.Rb8+ Bf8
[33...Kh7 Yermolinsky 34.Qxd4 *(34.Qh3+ Bh6 35.Rxa8 Rb6!↑; 34.Rxa8 Qxe3 35.Rxe3 g5! 36.Rh3+ Rh6 37.Nf7 Rxh3 38.Nxg5+ Kg6 39.Nxh3 Rb6=)*
34...Rxd4 35.Rxa8 Rxf4 36.Rh1+ Bh6 37.Rxa5=]



34.Rxa8 Qa4

[34...Qxe3 35.Rxe3 Rf6 36.Re4 Rd2 37.Rxa5 Bd6 38.Nc4 Rf2 39.Nxd6 cxd6 40.Rd5± \+-]

[34...Qd5? Yermolinsky 35.Rc8 Qb7 36.Rxf8+! Kxf8 37.Qh3 Δ ♖h3+-]

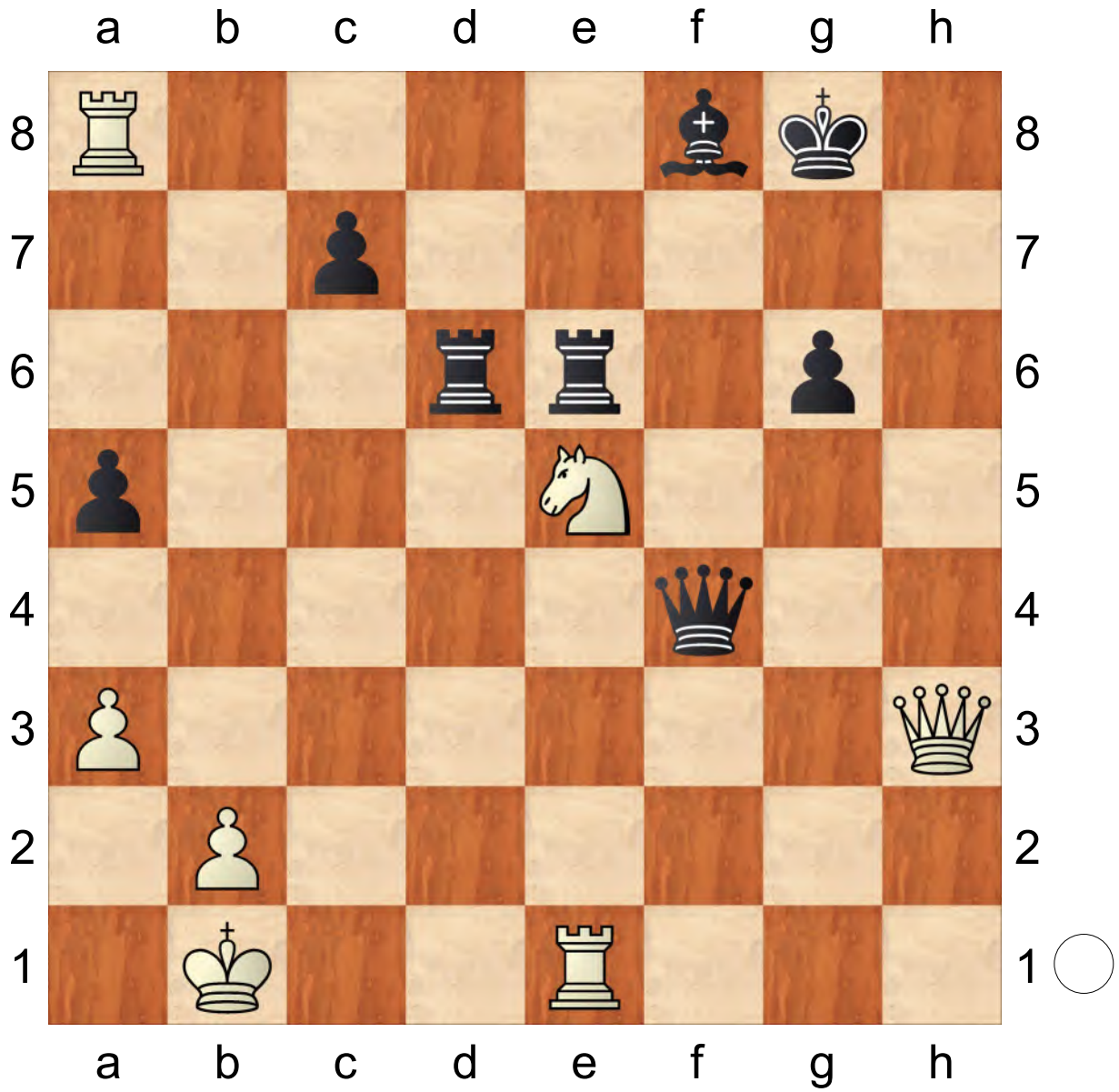
35.Qh3 Qxf4

[35...Rd1+ Yermolinsky 36.Ka2 Rxe5 37.Rxd1 *(37.Rxf8+=)* 37...Qxd1 38.fxe5 Qd5+ 39.Qb3+- Bareev]

(Diagram)

36.Rh1 Qf5+

[36...Qe4+ 37.Ka1 Rd1+ 38.Rxd1 Qxe5 39.Rd7 Re7 40.Qb3+ Qe6 41.Qxe6+



Rxe6 42.Rxc7+-]

37.Qxf5 gxf5 38.Rg1+ Kh7 39.Nf7+- Rg6 40.Rh1+ Kg7

(Diagram)

41.Nxd6 Bxd6 42.Rxa5 Kf6 43.Rb5 f4 44.a4?! White choosed the wrong plan. The best was first to move his king in the center and then to push a2 pawn

[44.Kc2 Rg2+ 45.Kd3 Rg3+ 46.Kc4 Rg2 47.Rb3+-]

44...Ke6 45.a5 Kd7?!

[⌓45...Rg8 Yermolinsky]

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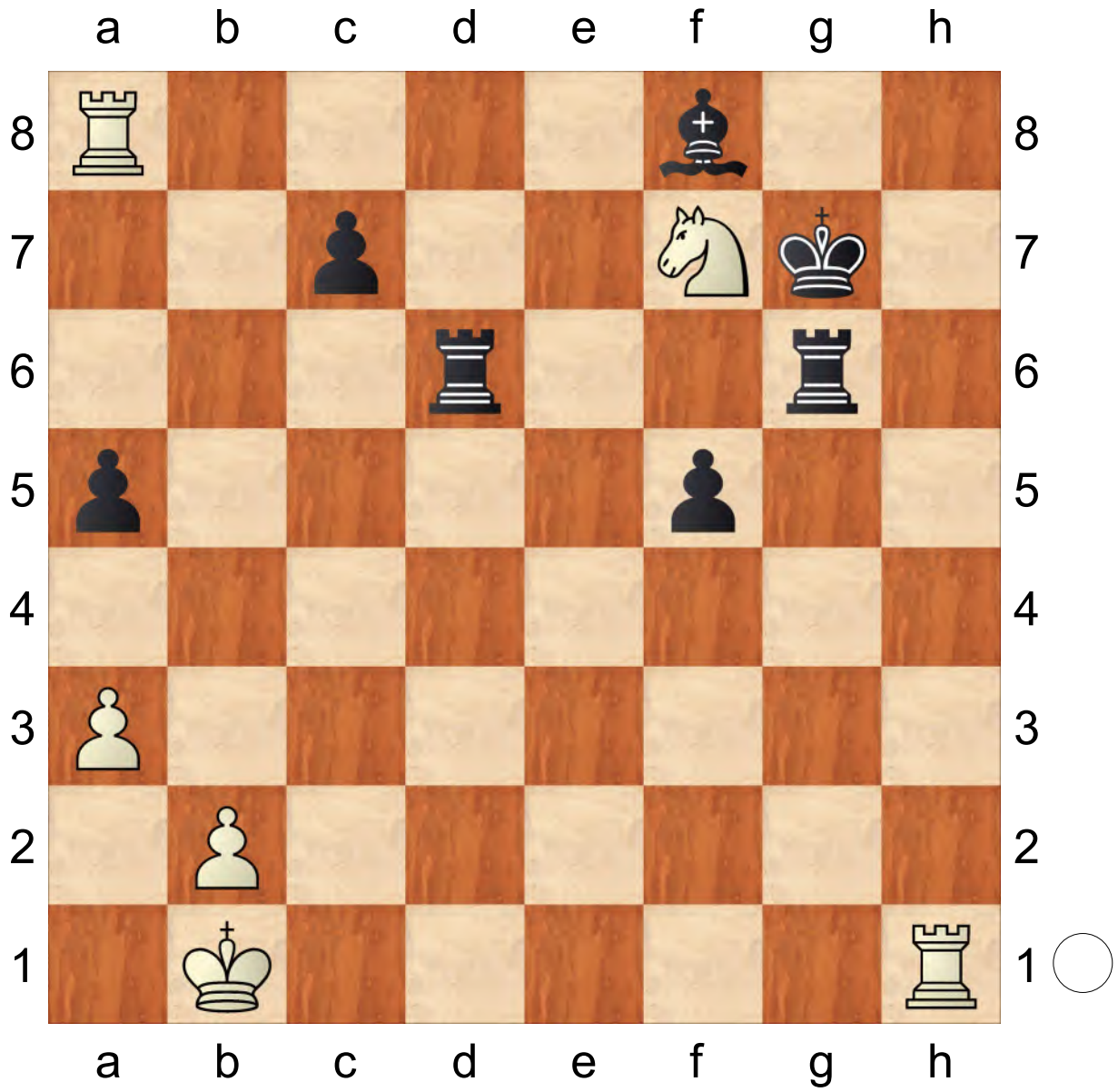
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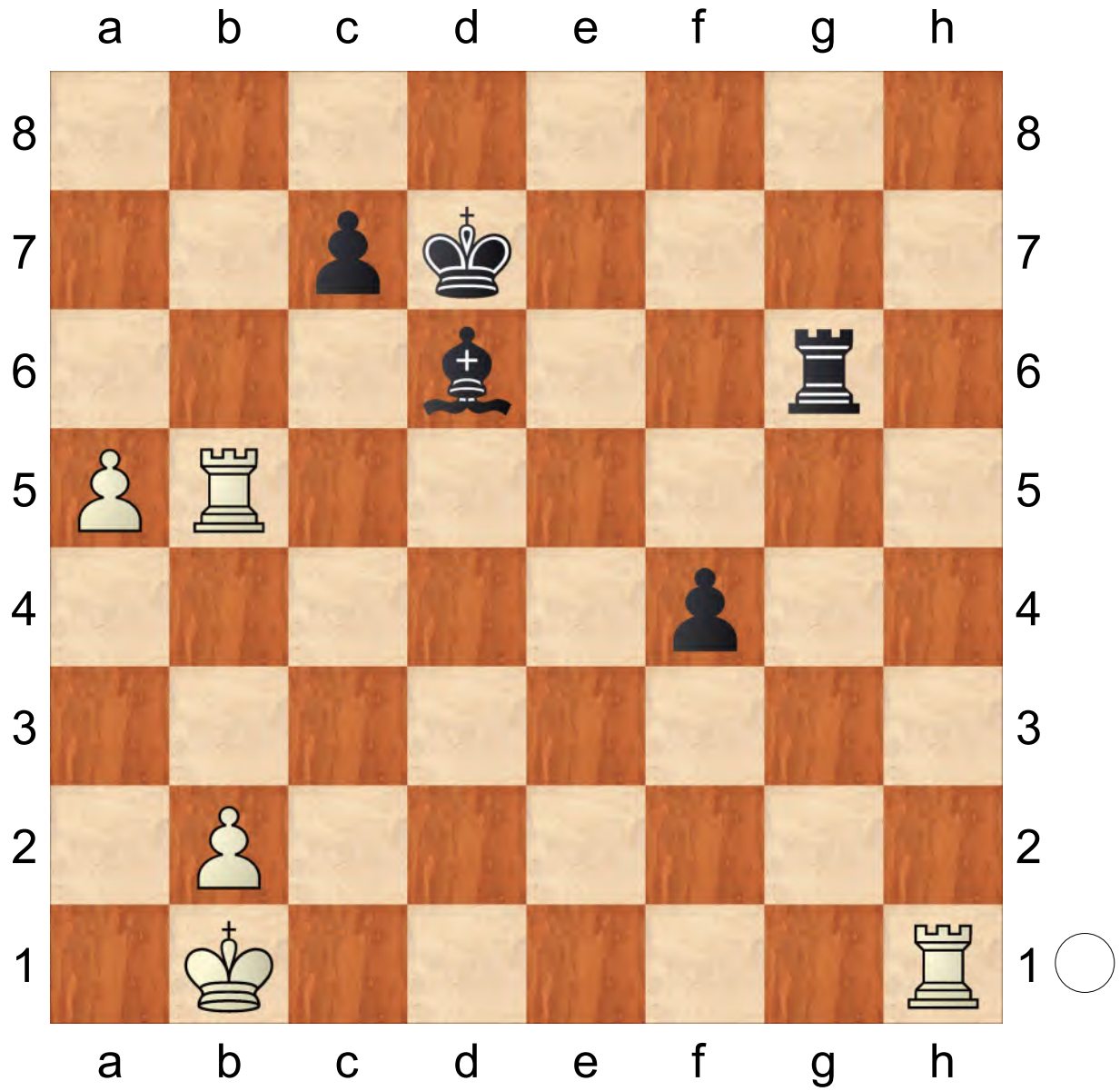

46.Rb8
[46.Rh8! f3 *(46...Rf6 47.a6 f3 48.a7 f2 49.Rh1+-)* 47.Rf5 Rg1+ 48.Ka2 Rg4 49.Rh3! f2 50.Rhf3 c5 51.a6+-]
46...f3 47.Rf1 Rf6 48.b4 c6 49.Rg8 Kc7 50.Rg7+ Kb8

(Diagram)

51.Rg4 Kb7 52.Kc2 Now is to late.The black king is already on the queenside and rook f1 is placed not in the best position. **52...Ka6**

(Diagram)

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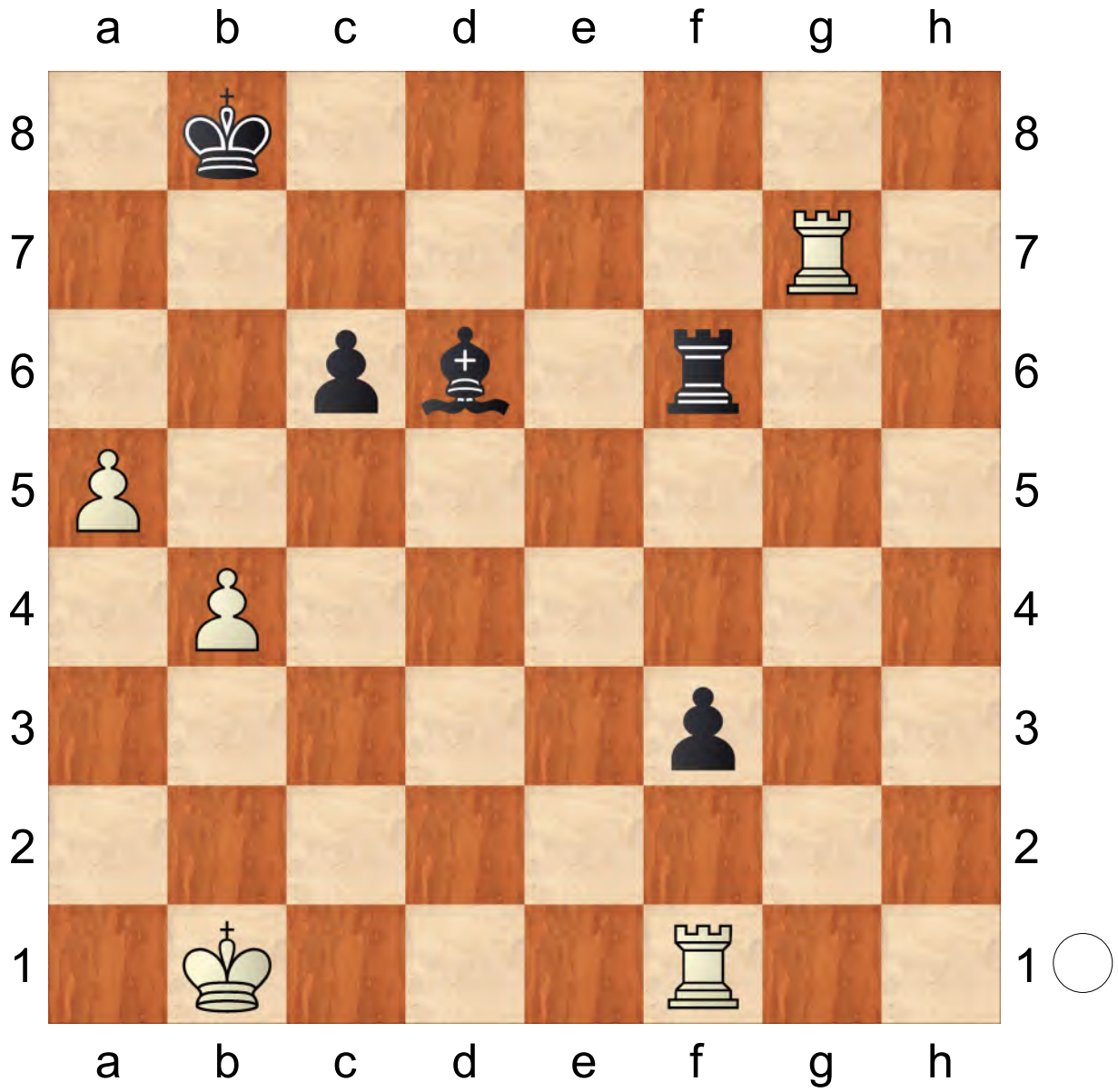
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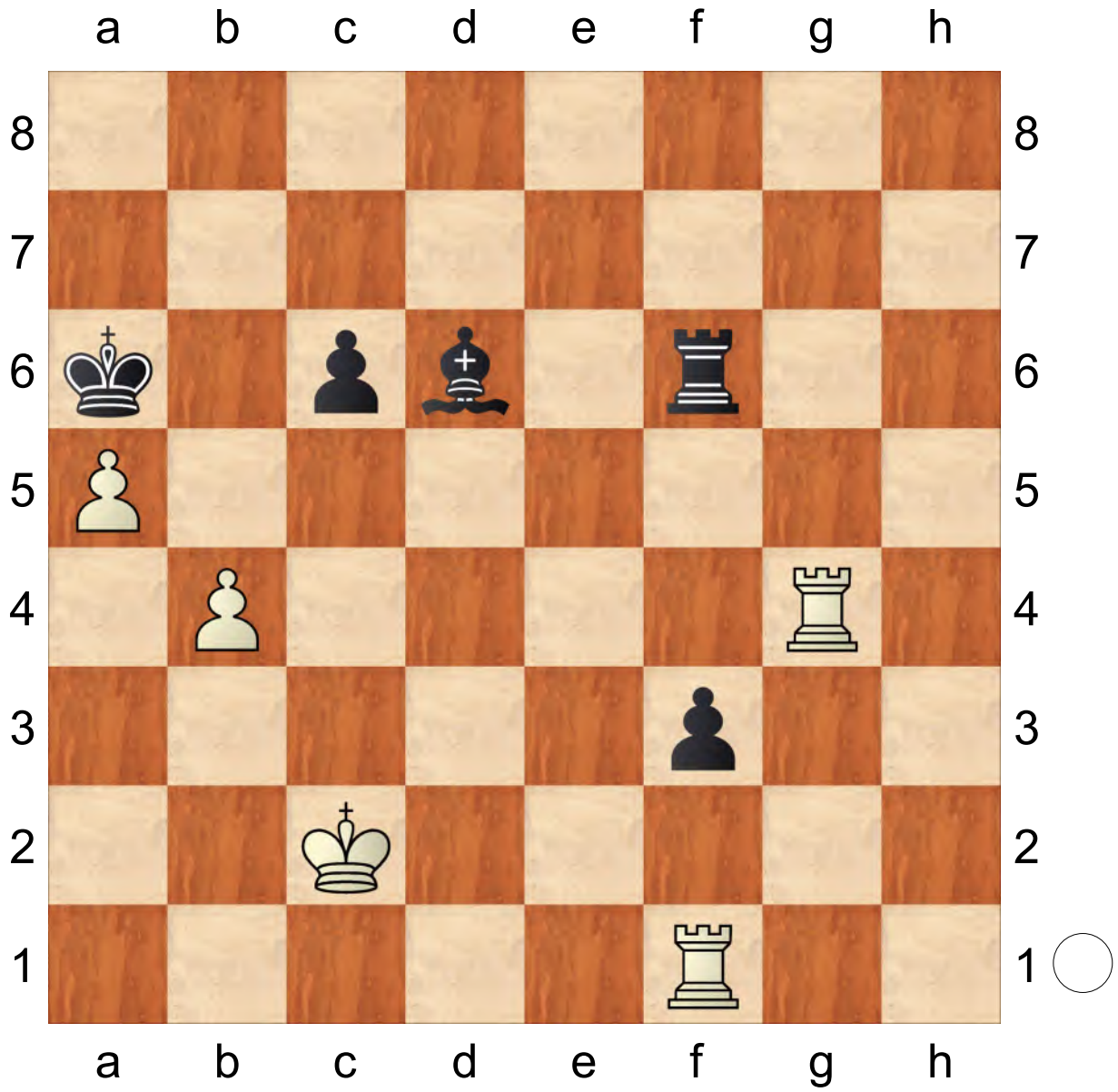
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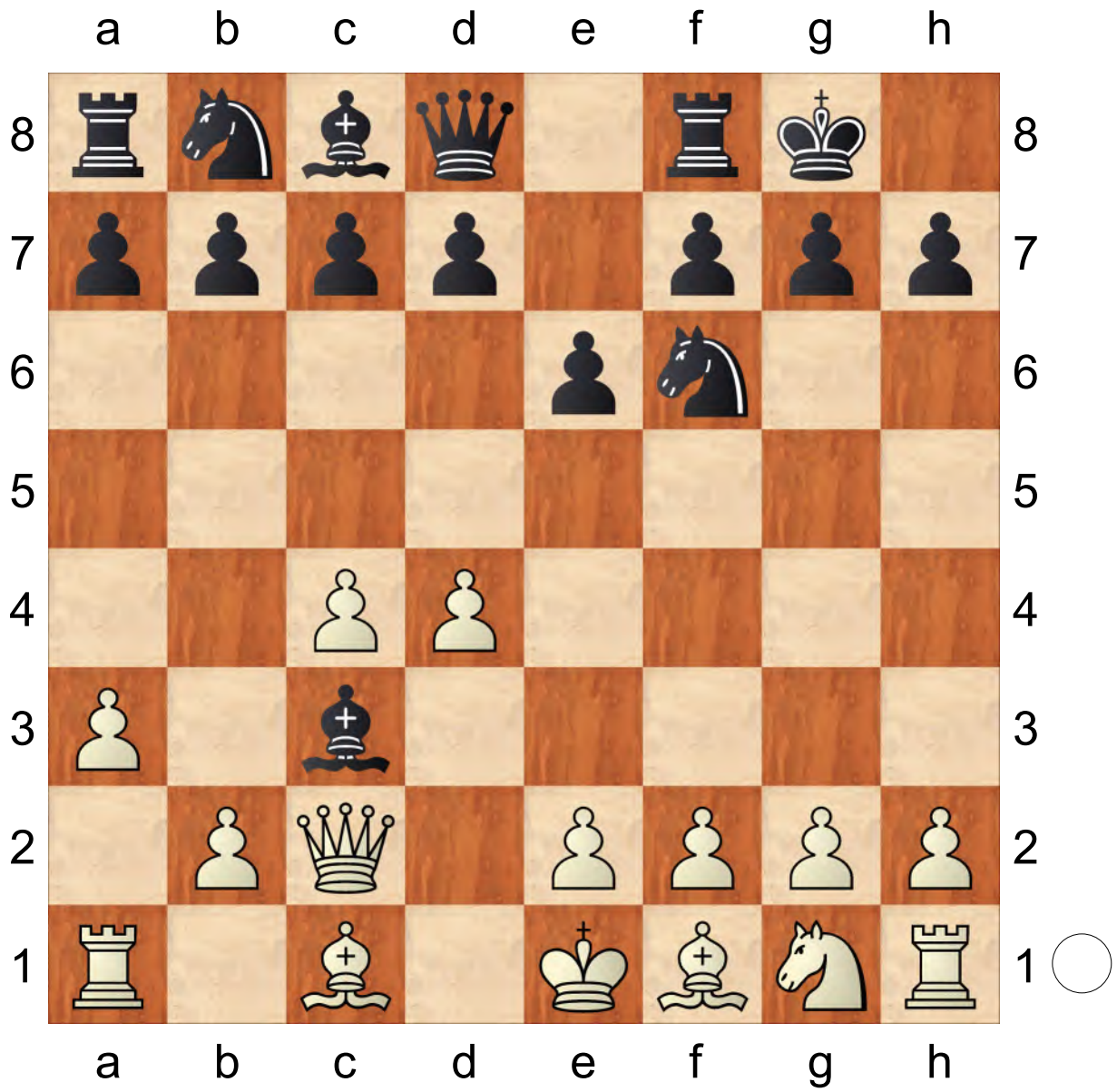
EU-ch 4th Istanbul (2) 31.05.2003
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+

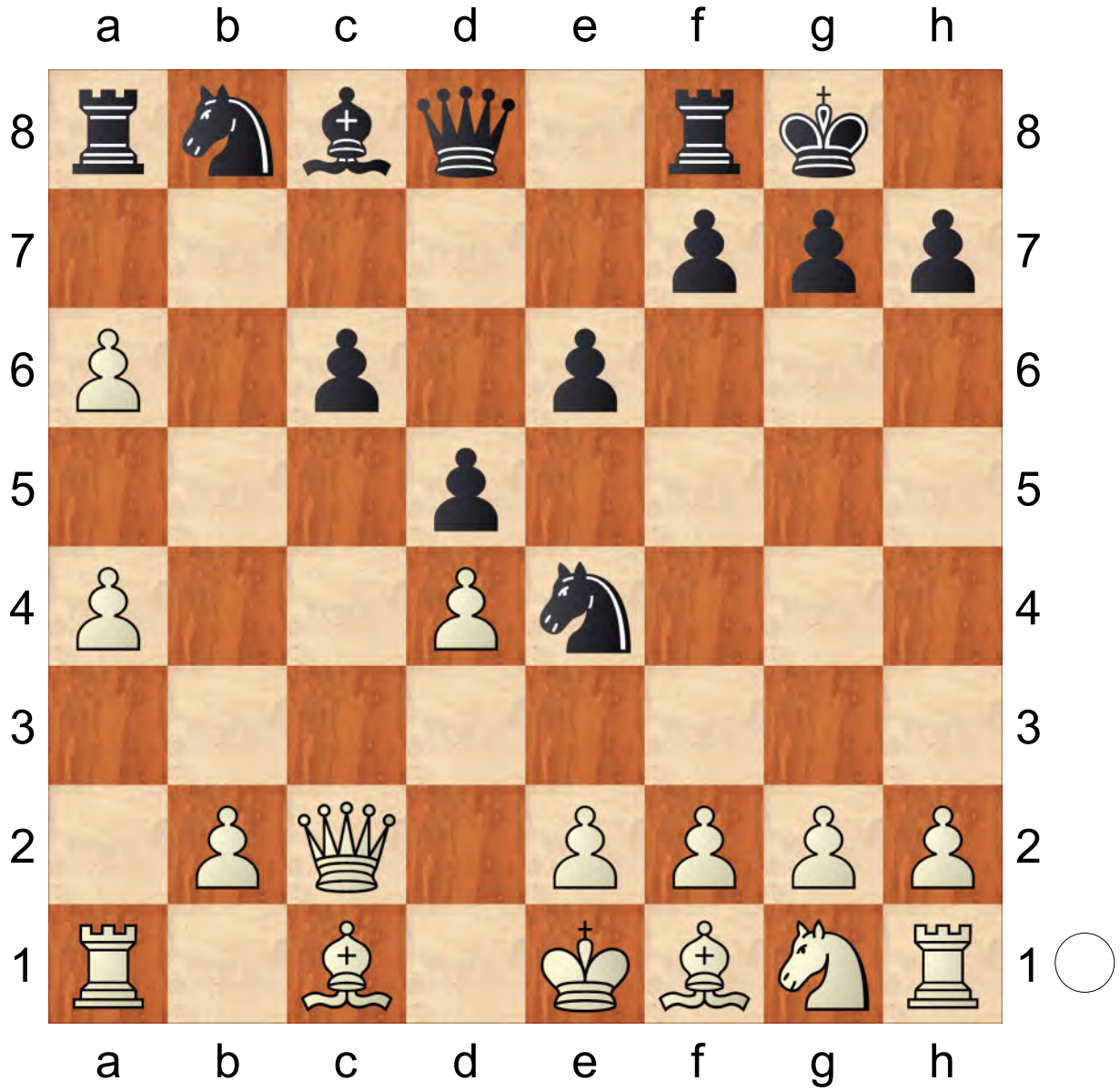


6.Qxc3 b5 John Emms: 'An enticing pawn sacrifice is a refreshing change from 6... b6 and is reminiscent of the Benko Gambit. Black give up a pawn in order to open up files on the queenside.' **7.cxb5 c6 8.a4!?** John Emms: 'This is a very double-edged way of hanging onto the extra pawn because White incurs obvious queenside weaknesses.' Rare and not so successful continuation.In this line you can find only

four games in Mega Database 2003.Besides this move,White has few options:
[8.Bg5 John Emms: 'is probably White's most common reply - see Kramnik-Adams, Dortmund 1998 (both ECO codes E32).' It's main line.You can see my comments to games: Kramnik,V-Adams,M/Dortmund,1998/CBM 66 (½-½)(41) and Georgiev,K-Nikolic,P/Sarajevo,1998/CBM 66 (½-½)(31)]
[8.f3!? See comments to Kiriakov,P-Wells,P/Hastings,2002/CBM 87(½-½)(Golod, V)(44)]
[and 8.e3 John Emms: 'can be seen in Van Wely-Nikolic, Wijk aan Zee 2000, while' See comments to Ostenstad,B-Tisdall,J/Ostlandsserien,1994/CBM68(0-1)(Tisdall,J)(28)]
8...a6! John Emms: 'This move makes a lot sense - Black wants to open the queenside as soon as possible.' ×b4; ⇔b. Black wants immediately to begin pressure on the quuen side.
[It was checked up in previous games: 8...Bb7 9.Nf3 cxb5 *(9...a6?! 10.bxa6 Nxa6 11.Bg5* ±/± Botsari,A-Amura,C/Jakarta,1993(0-1)(38) *)* 10.axb5 Ne4 11.Qd3 Qf6 12.e3± Rajkovic,D-Milanovic,D/Cetinje,1992(0-1)(32)]
9.bxa6
[I can not recommended in this position: 9.b6?! a5 10.Qb3 Na6 11.Bf4 Nb4 12.Bc7 *(12.Bd6 Re8)* 12...Qe7 13.Nf3 Nfd5∞ Guliev,S-Yevseev,D/Koszalin, 1999(½-½)(21)]
9...Ne4!N
[John Emms: 'The immediate' The game,which have reached this position were continued as follows: ≤9...Bxa6 John Emms: 'is also possible, for example' 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.e3?! *(12.b4!?)* 12...Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qa5 14.Bd2 Qa6+ 15.Kg1 Qe2⇄ John Emms: 'with good compensation for the sacrificed pawn in Botsari-Gavrilakis, Athens 1994.' Botsari,A-Gavrilakis,N/Athens,1994(0-1)(26)]
10.Qc2 d5
[Is a possibly contination of the play: 10...f5!? Δ11.Nh3 Δf3 Nxa6∞]

(Diagram)

11.e3 Nxa6 It became already clear, that Black have decided all opening problems.
[It deserves attention: 11...Bxa6!?⩱]
12.Bxa6!? John Emms: 'White feels obliged to give up his light-squared bishop for the knight because the threat of ...Nb4 was looming.' This move is much better,than:
[12.Bd2?! c5!⩱ Δ13.Bxa6?! Bxa6 14.dxc5 Bc4↑ and now impossibly: 15.b3?? in view of: *(=15.b4?? Qf6)* 15...Qf6]
Δ12...Bxa6 13.Ne2 c5!?⩱ Viorel Iordachescu had a rather uneasy choice between it and another continuation:
[13...Bxe2!? 14.Qxe2 *(≤14.Kxe2 Qh4 15.Ke1 Rfb8⩱)* 14...Qa5+ *(14...c5!?)* 15.Bd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Rfb8=]
14.dxc5



[Less essentially next continuation: 14.f3 cxd4 15.exd4 *(15.Nxd4? Rc8* Δ♕h4;ɣe1. *)* 15...Rc8 *(15...Qa5+?! 16.Bd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Rfb8 19.Rhb1 Rb4 20.b3* ⩲/± *)* 16.Qd1 Nd6 17.0-0 Qf6⩱]

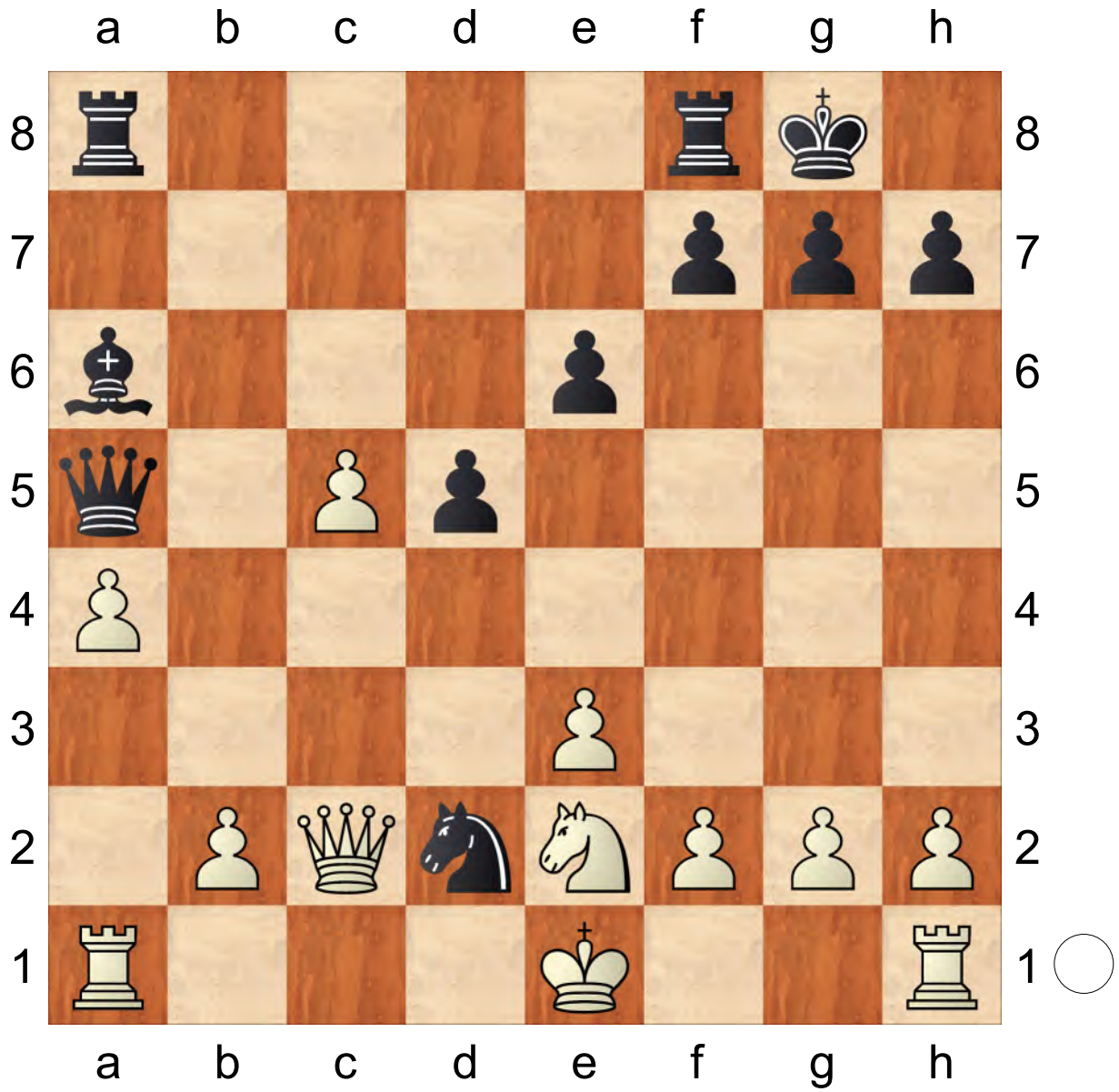
14...Qa5+

[Can it was necessary to decide on the more active continuation: 14...Bxe2 15.Kxe2 *(15.Qxe2?! Qb8 16.0-0 Nxc5=)* 15...Rc8 16.f3 *(16.b4? Qf6 17.Ra3 Qxf2+ 18.Kd1 Qh4 19.Rf1 Qxh2*∓ *)* 16...Rxc5! *(≤16...Nxc5 17.b4 Ne4 18.Qb2 Nd6 19.a5*⩲ *)* 17.Qd3 Qg5∞]

15.Bd2 Nxd2

(Diagram)

16.Qxd2 Qxc5 17.0-0 At last,White have removed the ♔ from the centre.



[Pretty dubiously: 17.Nd4 Rfb8 *(17...Qd6!?)* 18.Rc1 Qd6]
[or: 17.b4
A) 17...Qc4 18.Nd4 *(18.b5? Bxb5)* 18...Rfb8 19.f4! (preventing ...e5) Qxb4 20.Qxb4 Rxb4 21.Kf2 with a level ending.;
B) 17...Qd6 18.Nd4 Rfb8 19.Nc2 *(19.Rb1? Bc4)* 19...Bc4↑]

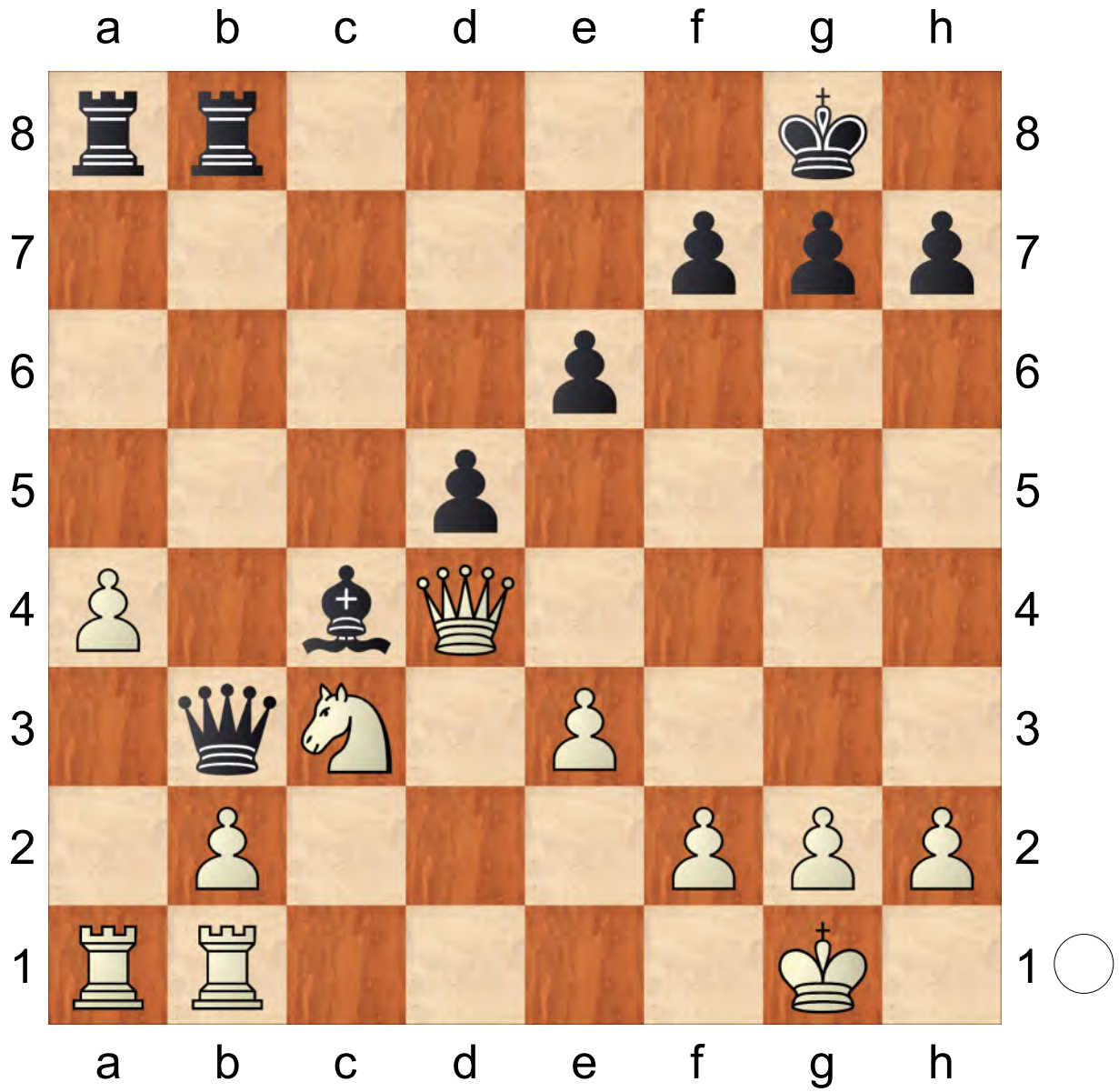
17...Rfb8 18.Rfb1 Qb4

[Leads to favourable simplifications for White: 18...Bxe2?! 19.Qxe2 Qb4 20.b3 Rc8 21.Qe1!±]

19.Nc3

[19.Qxb4 Rxb4 20.Nc3 Rab8 21.Nd1 leaves White a pawn ahead but in a completely passive state. Van Wely prefers to takes his chances in a middlegame, but the position remains difficult to play for White.]

19...Bc4≅ 20.Qd4 White had no other worthy alternative. **20...Qb3**



21.h3 h6 22.a5 f6 John Emms: 'Black begins to push his pawn majority in the centre.' Last moves were made according to the standard chess norms. John Emms: 'Probably White should repeat moves with' **23.Ra3 Qb4 24.Ra4 Qb3 25.Qc5** White have decided to continue the game and to not repeat moves:

[25.Ra3 Qb4 26.Ra4 Qb3=]

25...e5?!

[It was necessary: 25...Bd3! 26.Rba1 *(26.Ra3 Qc4)* 26...Qxb2= Δ27.Nxd5?! Bb5! *(27...exd5? 28.Qxd5+)* 28.Ne7+ *(28.R4a2? Qe5 29.Ne7+ Kf7)* 28...Kf7 29.Nc6 Bxa4 30.Rxa4⩲]

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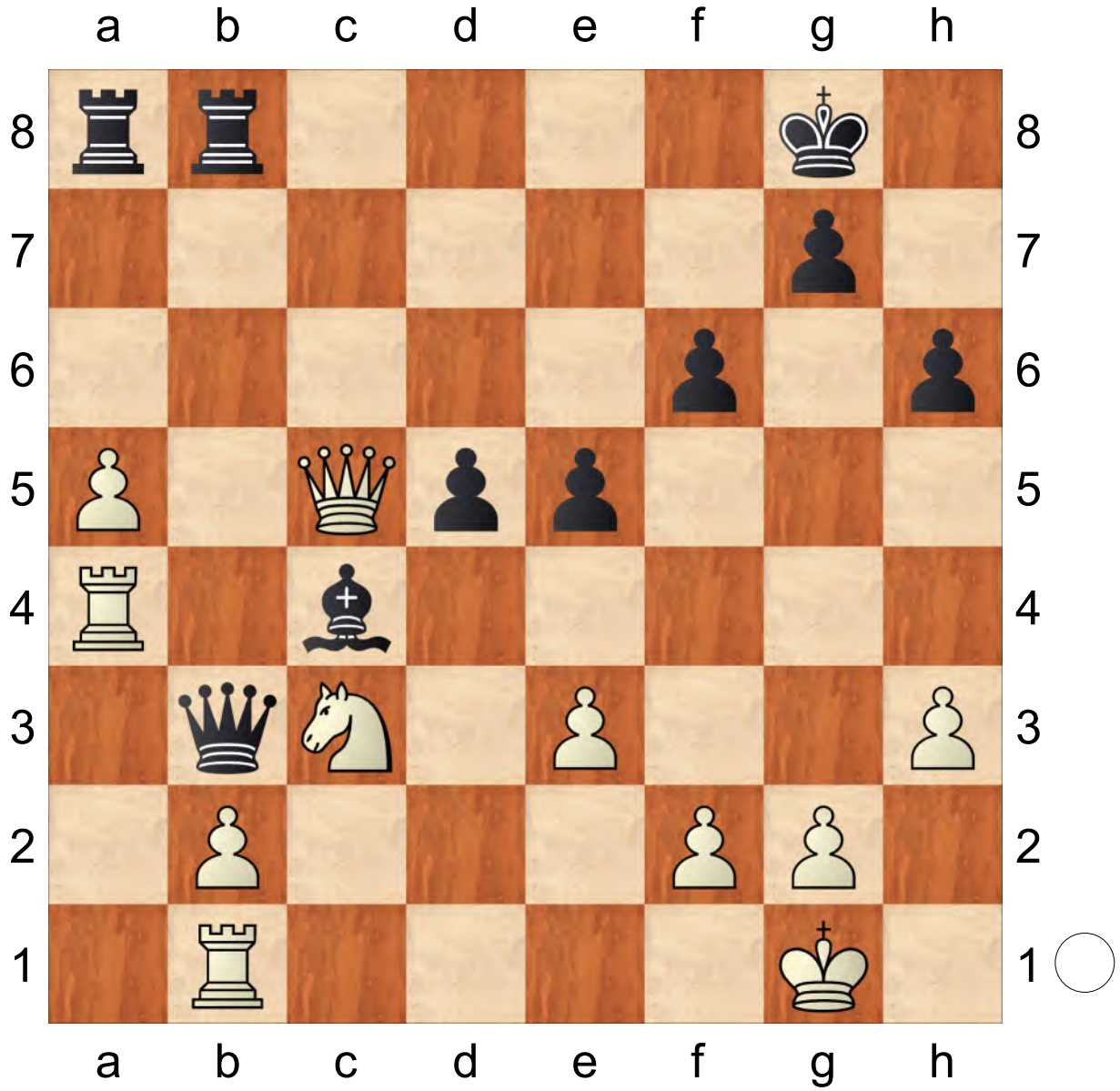


John Emms: '!' It's discrepancy, which allows to receive a material advantage for contender. **26.Ra3** White did not use discrepancy of the contender:

[26.a6! Rxa6 *(26...Bxa6 27.Qxd5+ Qxd5 28.Nxd5 Bd3 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Rd1 e4±)* 27.Rxa6 Bxa6 28.Nxd5 *(28.Qxd5+? Qxd5 29.Nxd5 Bd3 30.Rd1 Bc4=)* 28...Bd3 29.Ra1

A) 29...Be4?! 30.Nc3 Qxb2 31.Ra7 Bb7 *(31...Kh7? 32.Nxe4 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Qxe4 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7 35.Qc7+±)* 32.Kh2↑;

B) 29...Bc4 30.Nc3 Bf7 31.Rd1±]

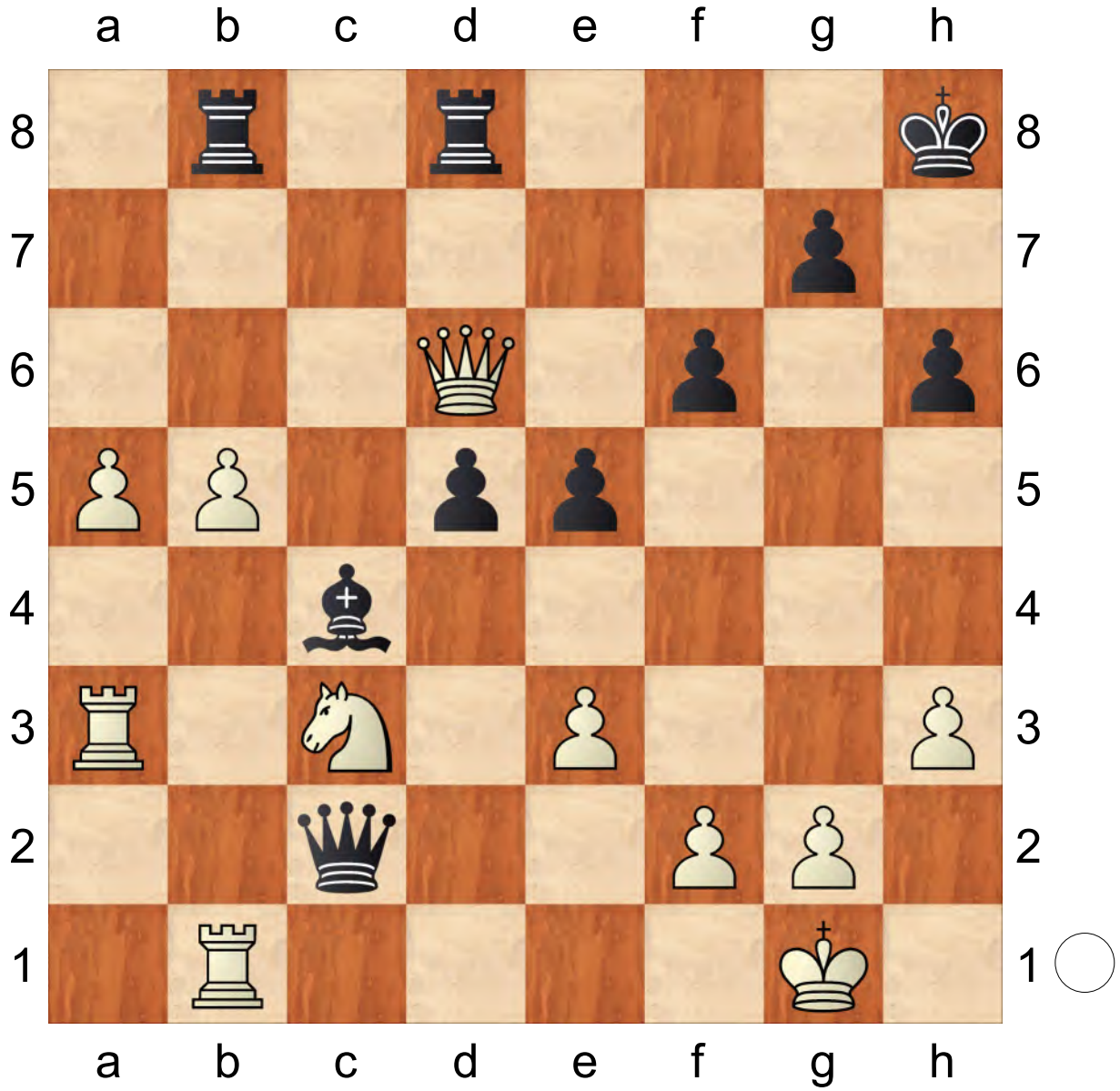
26...Qc2

[Hardly it was better: 26...Qb7 27.Rd1]

27.b4?!

[Leads to equality: 27.Rba1 Rxb2! Δ28.e4 d4 29.Qxc4+ Kh7 30.Rf1 dxc3 31.Rxc3 Qd2]

27...Rc8 28.Qb6
[28.Qd6 looks stronger]
28...Kh8?!
[John Emms: 'One possible line is' Leads to favourable complications for Black: 28...d4! Δ29.exd4 Bf7 30.Qb7 exd4 31.Qe4 Rxc3 32.Qxa8+ Rc8 33.Qxc8+ Qxc8 34.b5 John Emms: 'and who knows what's happening?' Bg6∓]
29.b5?! John Emms: 'is a draw.'
[It was much better: 29.Rba1 -this move is directed against progress "d4".]
29...Rab8? John Emms: '?!' Again Voirel Iordachescu missed an excellent opportunity to receive a material advantage:
[29...d4! Δ30.exd4 Bg8]
30.Qd6 Rd8



John Emms: '?' **31.Qc5?** The mistake follows a mistake.

[It was necessary to protect a rook: 31.Qb4± John Emms: 'leaves Black in trouble as the bishop is unprotected after ...d5-d4. Now, however, the advantage switches back to Black.']

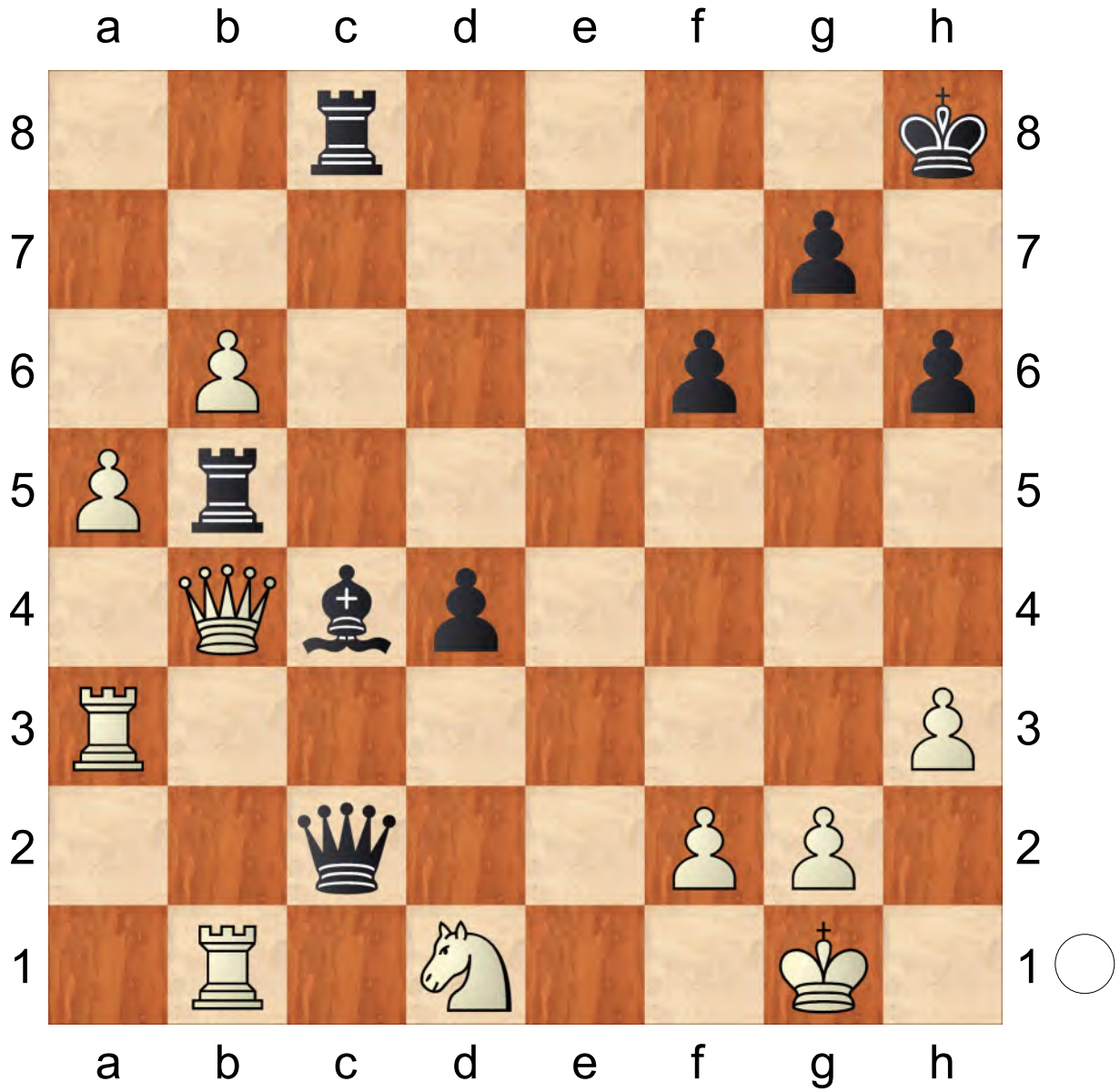
31...Rbc8 32.Qb4 d4 John Emms: '!' **33.exd4 exd4 34.Nd1**

[34.Na4 Rd5 35.Qb2 Qxb2 36.Nxb2 Bxb5=]

34...Rd5 John Emms: '!' Black have calculated precisely all consequences of this move. **35.b6?!** The pleased doubtful decision,but White still has a equality.

[35.Qb2!? Qf5= 36.Rba1 Bxb5 and Black's d-pawn is stronger than White's a-pawn.]

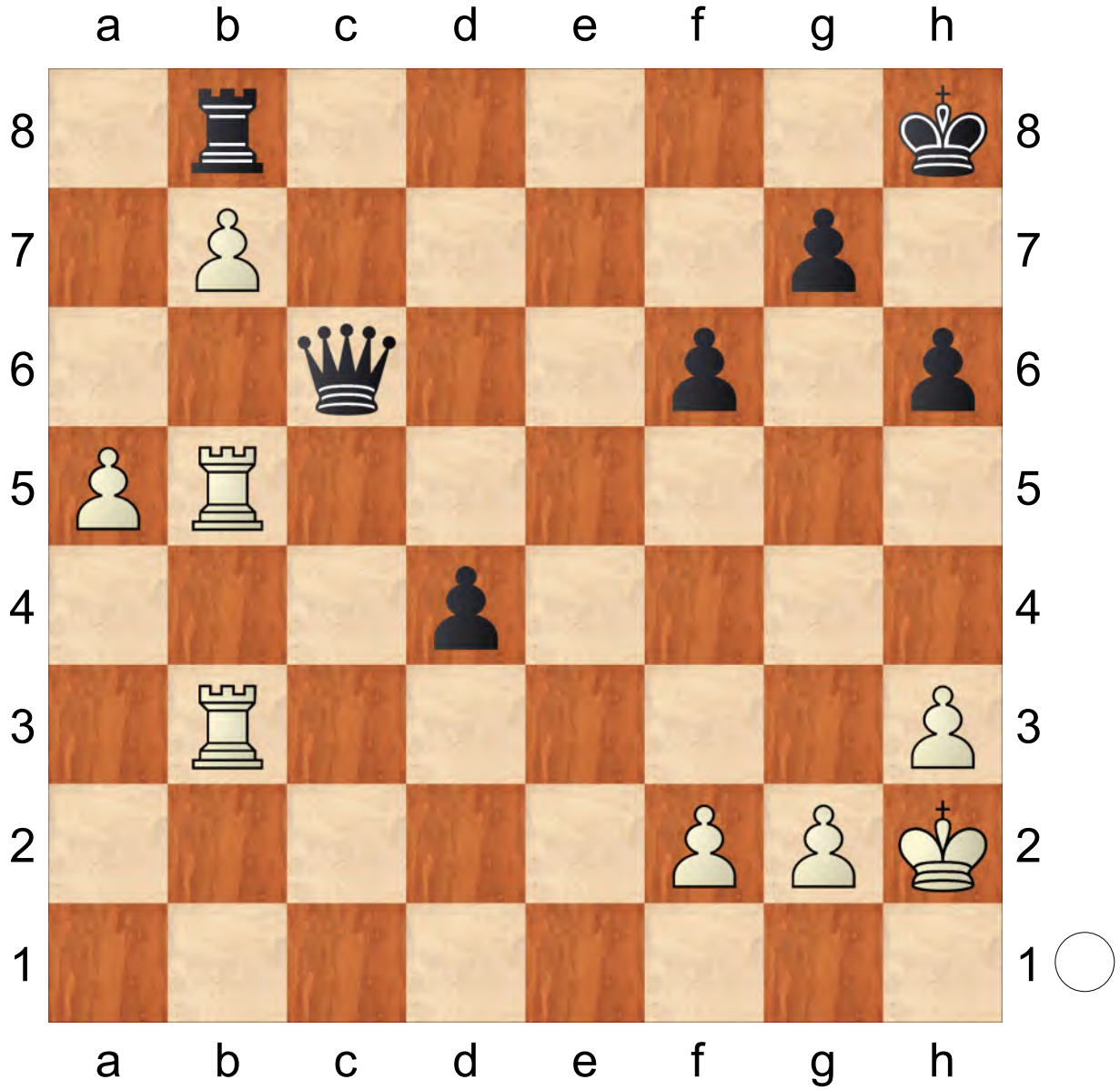
35...Rb5



36.b7□ Rb8

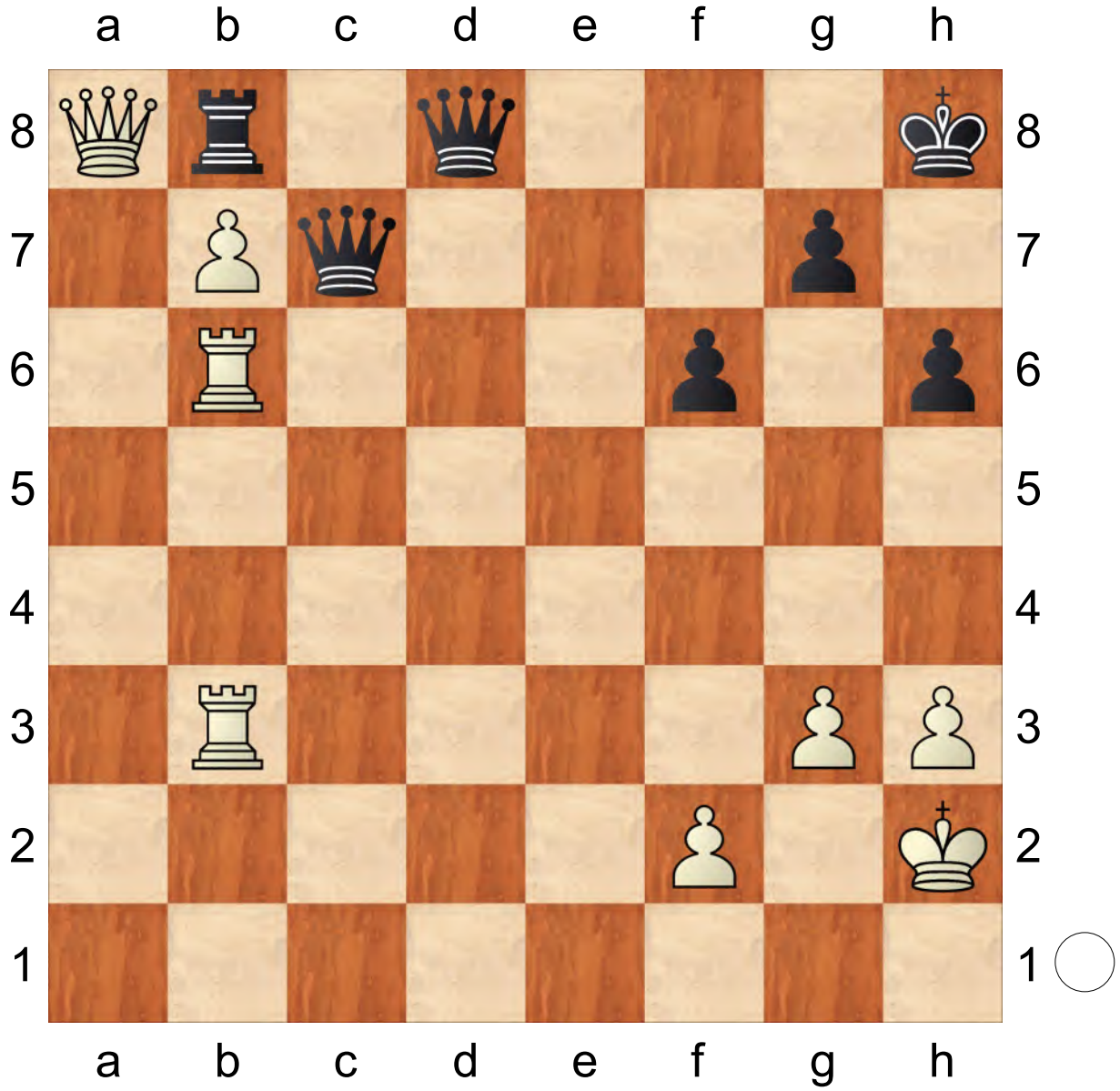
[36...Re8? is refuted by: 37.Qxb5 Bxb5 38.Rxb5 Qxd1+ 39.Kh2 Qc1 *(39...Rb8?? 40.a6)* 40.b8Q Rxb8 41.Rxb8+ Kh7 42.Rbb3 Qf4+ 43.Rg3±]

37.Qxb5?? John Emms: 'This just loses.' It already decisive mistake.
[37.Qd6! Rxb1 *(37...Qxb1 38.Qxb8+ Kh7 39.Qc7 Rxb7 40.Qxc4 Qxd1+ 41.Kh2 Qd2=; 37...R8xb7 38.Rba1* and Black has a clear plus but White can still fight on. *)* 38.Qxb8+ Kh7 39.Qc8 Qxd1+ 40.Kh2 Qg1+! Δ41.Kg3 Qc1 42.Qf5+=]
37...Bxb5 38.Rxb5 Qxd1+ 39.Kh2 Qc1-+ John Emms: '!' **40.Rab3 Qc6?!**
[It at once wins a game: 40...d3! 41.Rxd3 *(≤41.a6 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qa4)* 41...Qc7+ 42.g3 Rxb7 43.Rxb7 Qxb7-+]



41.Rb6 Qc7+
[41...Qa4? 42.a6 Kh7 43.R3b4 Qa5 44.R4b5 Qa2 45.Rb2=]
42.g3 d3 43.a6□
[43.Rxd3? Rxb7-+]

43...d2 44.a7 d1Q 45.a8Q! It is sole practical chance of rescue.
[After: 45.axb8Q+ Qxb8 the king approaches to ♙b7 and Black gradually win this position.]
45...Qdd8?!
[John Emms: 'After' Immediately wins a game the following move: 45...Qcc1!! John Emms: '!' 46.Qxb8+ Kh7-+ John Emms: 'White will be mated by the two queens.' 47.Qh8+□ Kxh8 48.b8Q+ Kh7 with mate in 5 moves.]



John Emms: '?' John Emms: 'Incredible! I suspect that both players were affected by FIDE's dodgy time control.' **46.Qa6 Qc5 47.Rb2**
[⌓47.Kg2 Qd1 48.Qf1 *(48.Qa8? Qcd5+)* 48...Qxf1+ 49.Kxf1 ∓/-+]
47...Qcd4?! John Emms: '?' John Emms: 'Missing another win.'
[Can it was necessary to decide on the more active move: 47...Qd1!-+ 48.Rc6

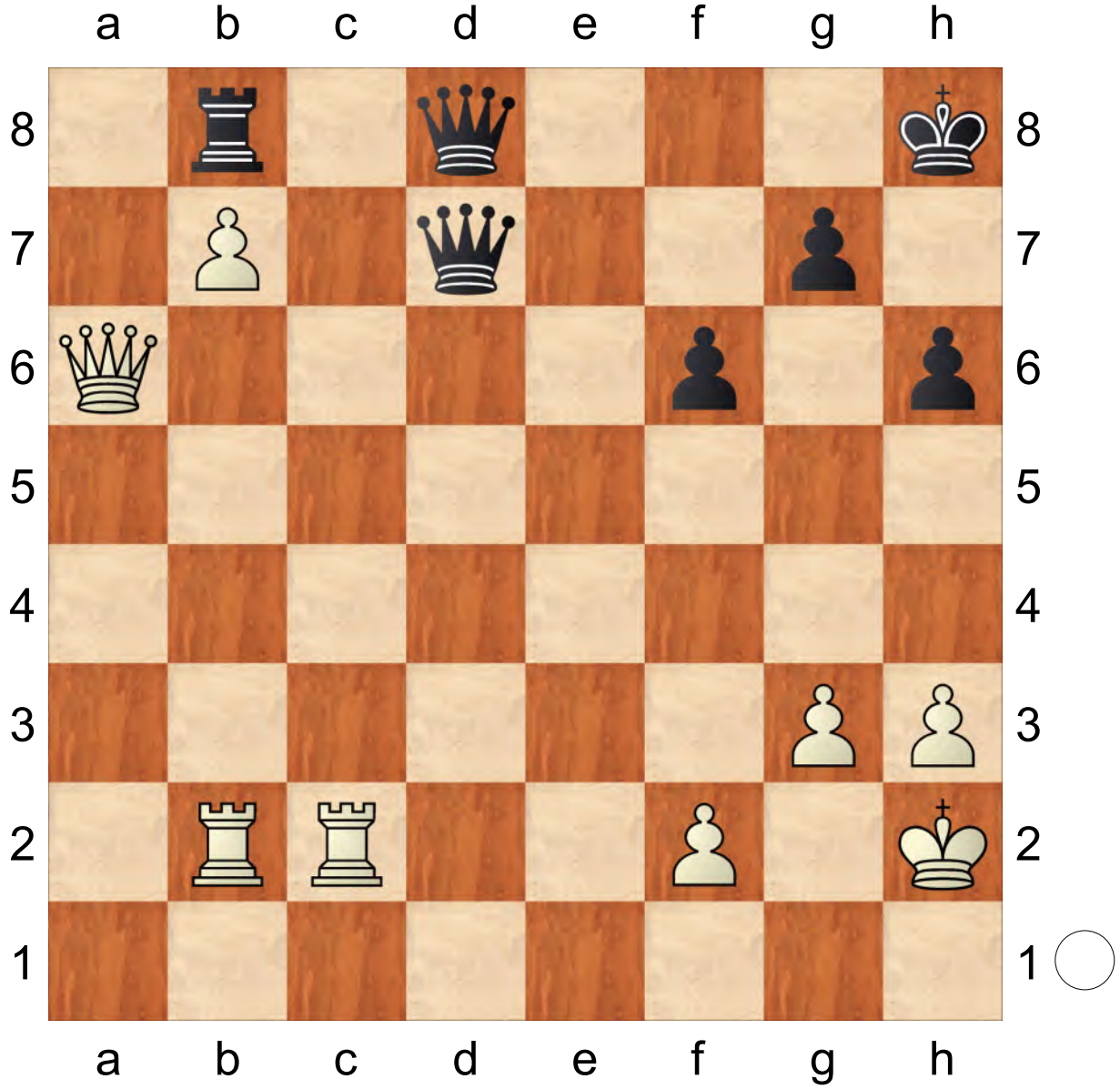
Qcd5 and White can resign.]

48.R6b4 Qe5

[48...Qd1!]

49.Rc2 Qee7 50.Rbb2 The White's parts are consolidated and now it will be complex to ram their position. **50...Qed7**

[⩲50...Qd5]



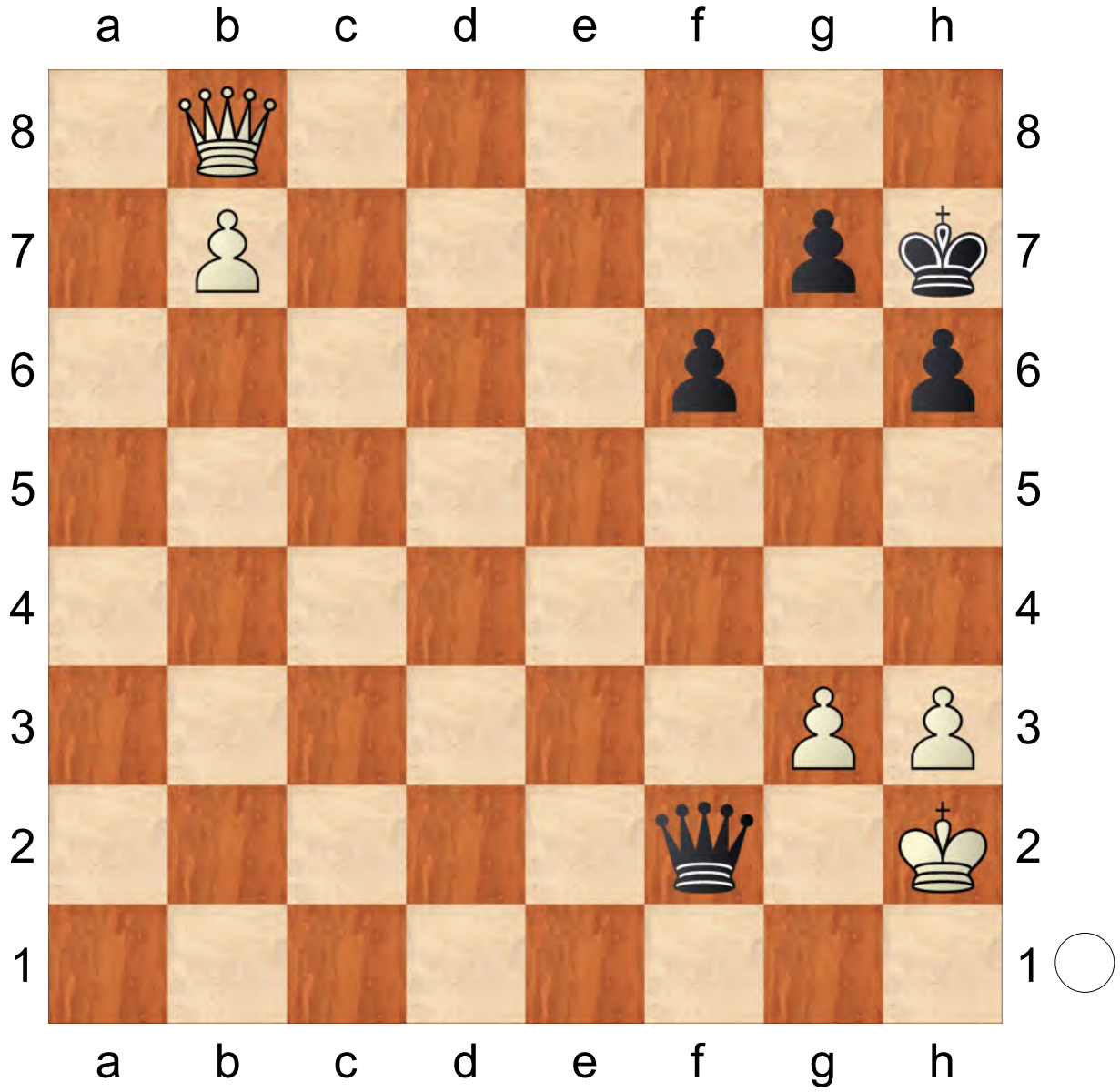
51.Qa7! Kh7?? John Emms: '?' John Emms: 'The final mistake that allows White to escape with an unlikely draw.' "Final chord".

[After: 51...Qf8 52.Rd2 Qf5 Black keeps a good chances to win.]

52.Rd2! John Emms: 'I think this is the first time I've seen a rook skewer two queens!' Drawn game is inevitable. **52...Qxd2**

[=52...Rxb7 53.Rxd7 Rxd7=]

53.Rxd2 Qxd2 54.Qxb8 Qxf2+=



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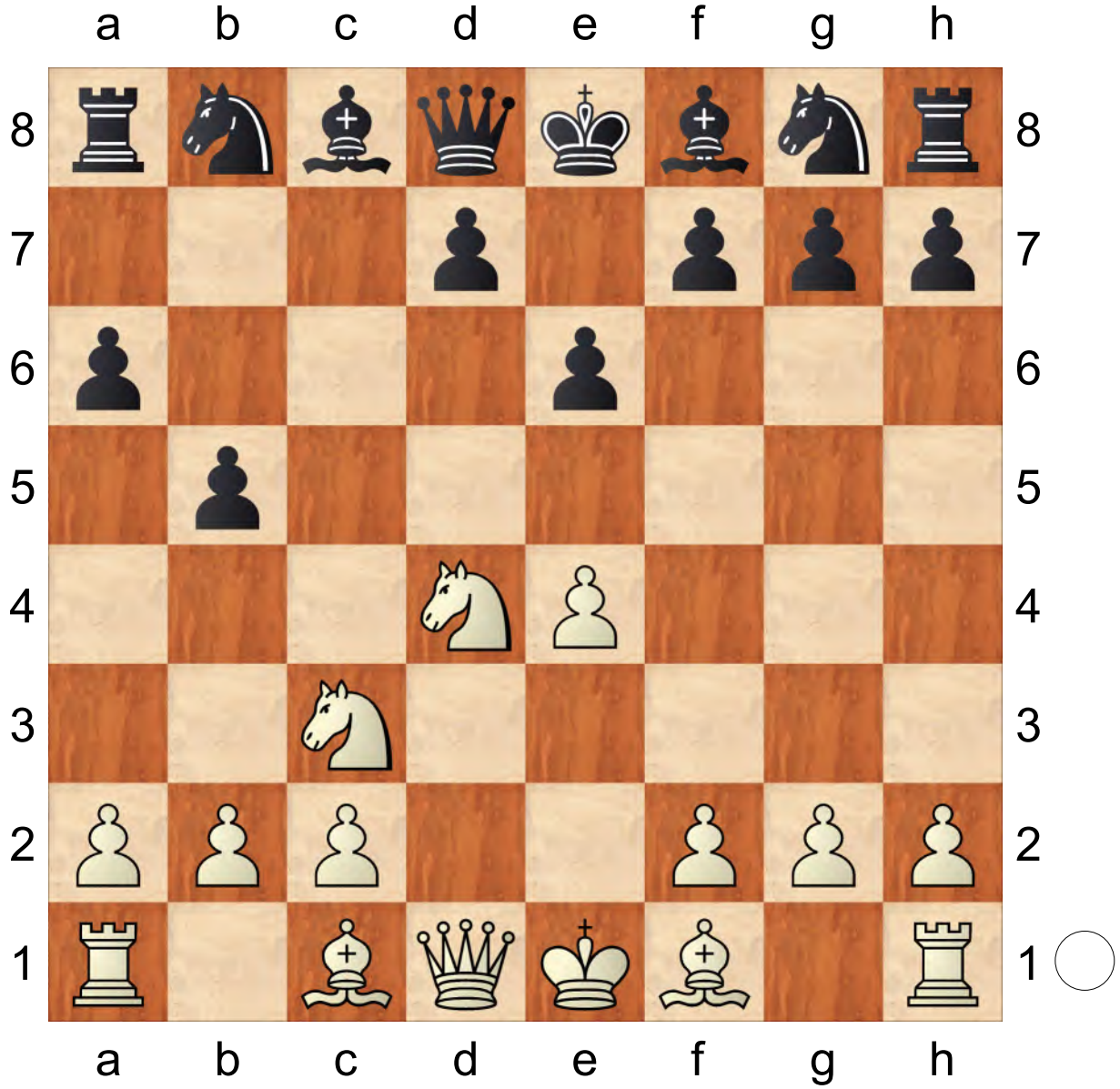

6.Bd3 Qb6 7.Nb3
[7.Be3?! Bc5]
7...Qc7 8.0-0
[8.a4 b4 9.Ne2 Bb7 10.Ned4 Nf6 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.e5 Ng8 14.0-0 Ne7 15.Bg5 Ng6 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.Rad1 h6 18.Bd2 Be7 19.Qg4 h5 20.Qc4 Rc8↑ Svidler,P-Ehlvest,J/EU-chTM 1997/EXP 57/½-½ (47)]
[8.Be3 Bb7 9.0-0 d6 10.a3 Nd7 11.f4 Ngf6 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Rae1 0-0∞ Kaminski,U-Kveinys,A/Dresden op 1996/½-½ (49)]
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A) 11...Be7 12.Rae1 Bb7 *(12...0-0? 13.e5! Bb7 14.Qh3 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.Rxe5 Qxe5 17.Rxf6±)* 13.Qh3±;
B) 11...Bb7 12.a4 b4 13.Nd1 Nc5 14.Nf2±;
C) 11...b4!? 12.Nd1 Bb7 13.Nf2 *(13.Bxb4? Qb6+; 13.Ne3 a5∞)* 13...a5
C1) 14.g4!?
C1a) 14...h6 15.c3!±;
C1b) 14...Nc5 15.Bb5+ *(15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Be3 Qc6 17.g5 Nd7∞ 18.Bd4?! e5 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Be3 Bc5=)* 15...Bc6 *(15...Nfd7 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.c3±)* 16.e5 *(16.Bxc6+ Qxc6 17.g5 Nfd7 18.Nd4 Qb7∞)* 16...Nd5 17.Bxc6+ Qxc6∞;
C1c) 14...Nb6 15.g5 Nfd7∞;
C2) 14.a3!? a4 *(14...d5 15.axb4 Bxb4 16.Bxb4 axb4 17.e5±; 14...bxa3 15.Rxa3 a4 16.Rfa1 Nb6 17.Bb5+±)* 15.Nd4 bxa3 16.Nb5 Qc6±;
C3) 14.c3?! bxc3 15.Bxc3 Be7 16.Rac1 Qb6!
C3a) 17.Bd4 Qd8∞ **Δ** 18...e5, 18...a4 *(17...Nc5 18.Rc4 a4 19.Nxc5 dxc5 20.Be5 0-0±)*;
C3b) 17.g4?! a4 18.Bd4 *(18.Nd4 Nc5 19.Bb5+ Nfd7∞ 20.b4?! axb3 21.axb3 Bf6 22.b4? Nxe4!∓)* 18...Qd8 *(18...Nc5 19.Nxc5 dxc5 20.Bc3 0-0 21.g5 Nd7±)* 19.Nd2 0-0 20.g5 Ne8∞ 0-1 Shirov,A-Svidler,P/Fontys 1997/CBM 61/[Svidler] (35)]
[8.Qe2 Bb7 9.Bd2 b4 10.Nd1 Nf6 11.f4 Nc6 12.Nf2 d6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Rae1± ½-½ Mortensen,E-Kengis,E/Koge op 1997/CBM 60/[Mortensen,E] (41)]
8...Nf6
[8...Bb7
A) 9.f4 d6 10.Qe2
A1) 10...Nf6∞ 11.e5 dxe5 *(11...b4)* 12.fxe5→;
A2) 10...Nd7 11.Bd2 Ngf6= 0-1 Wang Zili-Yakovich,Y/ST Lee Cup 4th 1997/CBM 61/[Ribli] (46);
B) 9.a4 b4 10.Ne2 Nf6 11.Bf4 e5 12.Be3 d5 13.f3 Nbd7 14.Ng3 g6∓ 0-1 Leiber,B-Kengis,E/Bad Zwesten op 1997/EXP 57 (30);
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D) 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Qe2 h5 11.h3 b4 12.Nd1 Nc6 13.c3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Be4 Nf6 16.Bf3 a5∞ 0-1 Dimitrov,V-Georgiev,V/BUL-ch rapid 1995/EXT 95ch (41)]

9.Re1

[9.f4 Bb7

A) 10.e5 b4 *(10...Nd5 11.Ne4±)* 11.Ne2 *(11.exf6 bxc3 12.Qe1 gxf6 13.bxc3 Rg8⇄)* 11...Nd5 *(11...Qc6 12.Rf3)* 12.Ng3 Be7 *(12...Qb6+?! 13.Kh1 Ne3 14.Bxe3 Qxe3 15.Nh5±; 12...d6!? 13.Qe2* Δ f5 *)* 13.Qe2± Δ 14.f5;

B) 10.Qf3 d6 11.a4 b4 12.Ne2 Nbd7 13.Kh1 Be7 14.Bd2 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Be3 0-0 17.Qh3 Rae8! 18.Nbd4 *(18.Ned4* Chuchelov *Ndc5 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.a5 Bc8!* and 21..f5*)* 18...Ndc5 19.Rf3?! Bc8∓ 0-1 Van de Plassche,B-Chuchelov,V/BEL-chT 1997/CBM 62/[Chuchelov] (34)]

[9.Qe2 Ribli Nc6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.a4 b4 12.Nd1 0-0 13.f4 d6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.a5 Nd7 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Qh5 Nf6 18.Qh4 ½-½ Michalek,J-Berezjuk,S/CZE-chT9495 1995 (30)]

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[10...h5?? 11.e5! Bxe5 12.Rxe5 Qxe5 13.Bf4]

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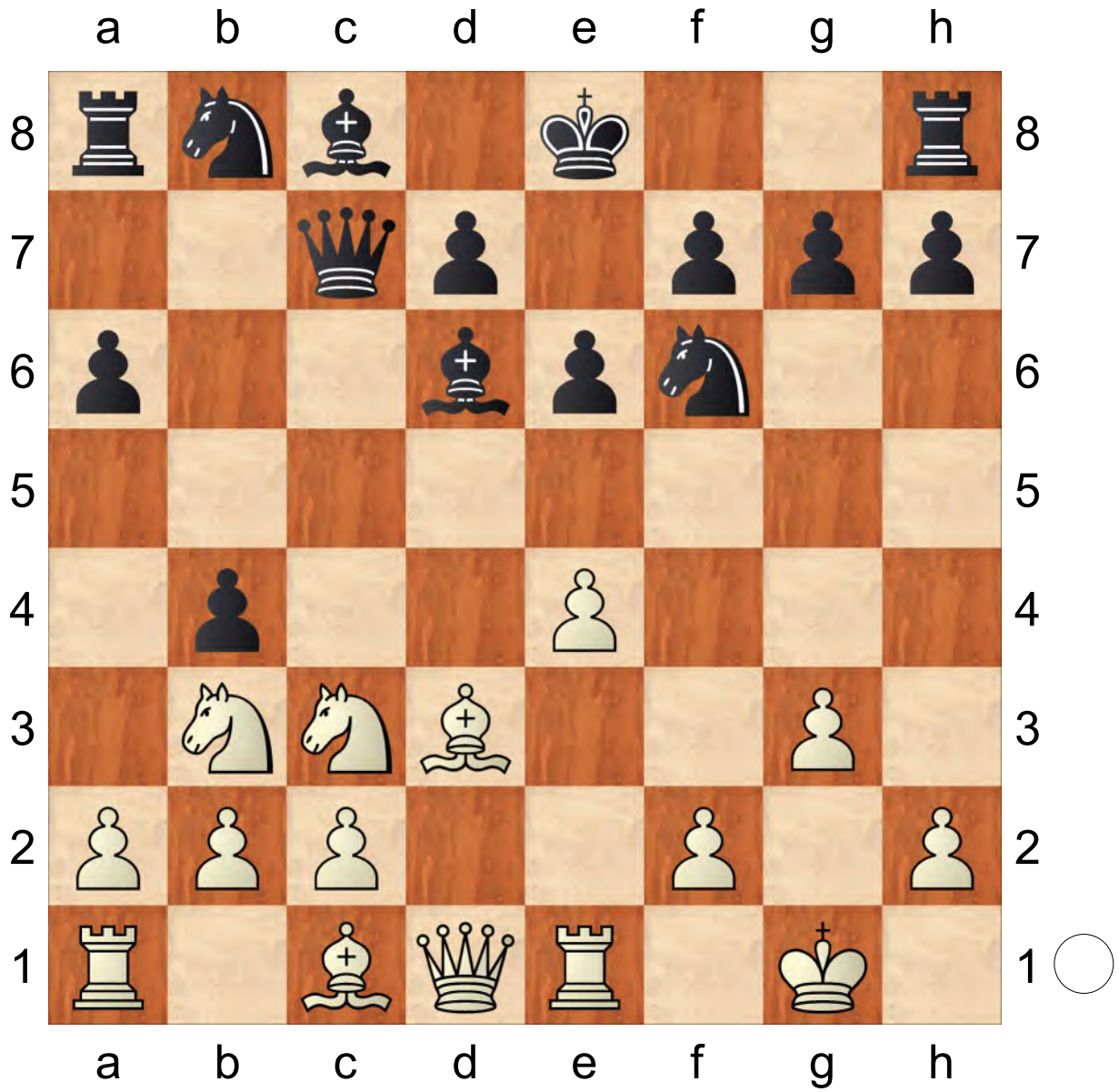

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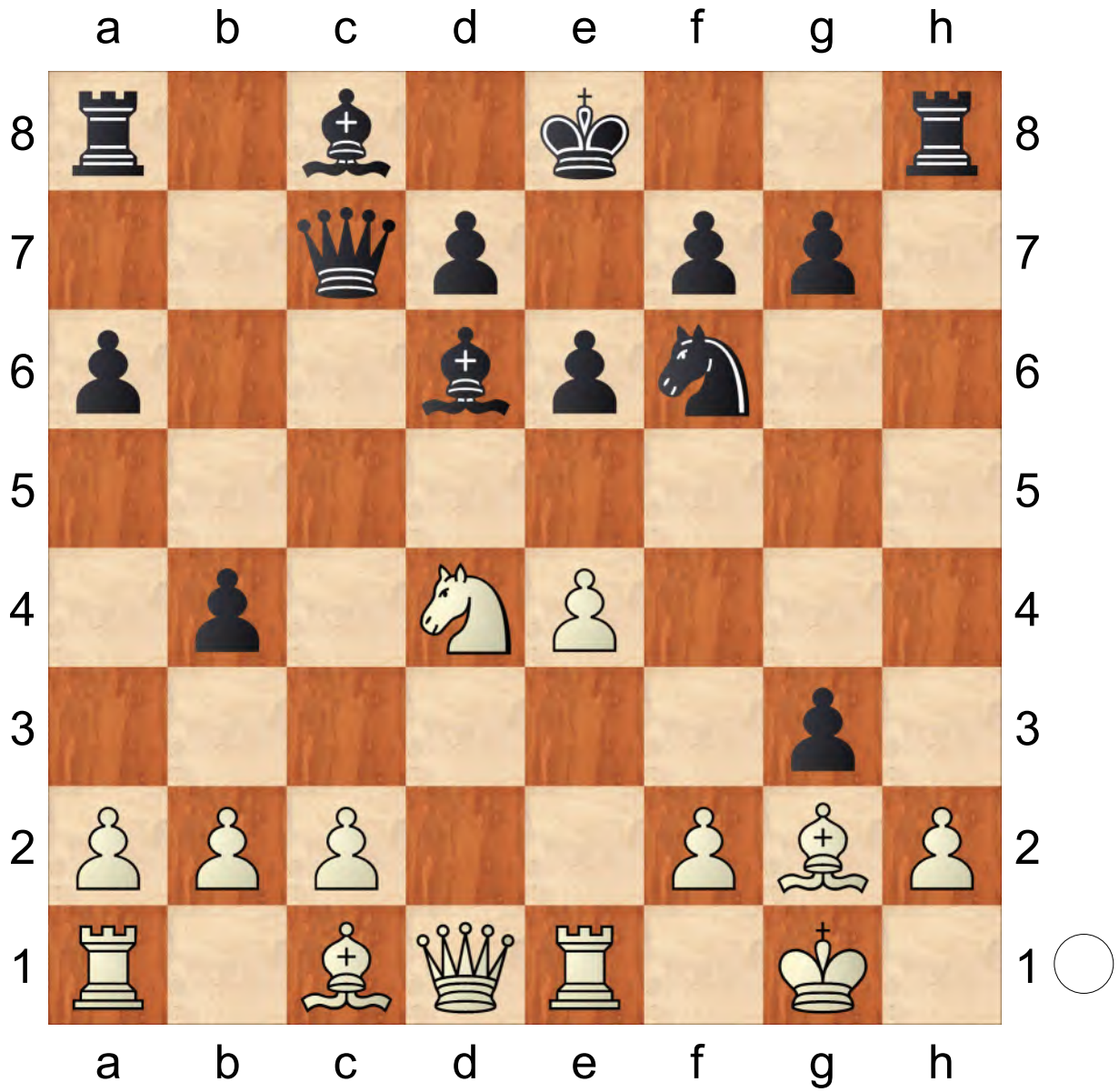

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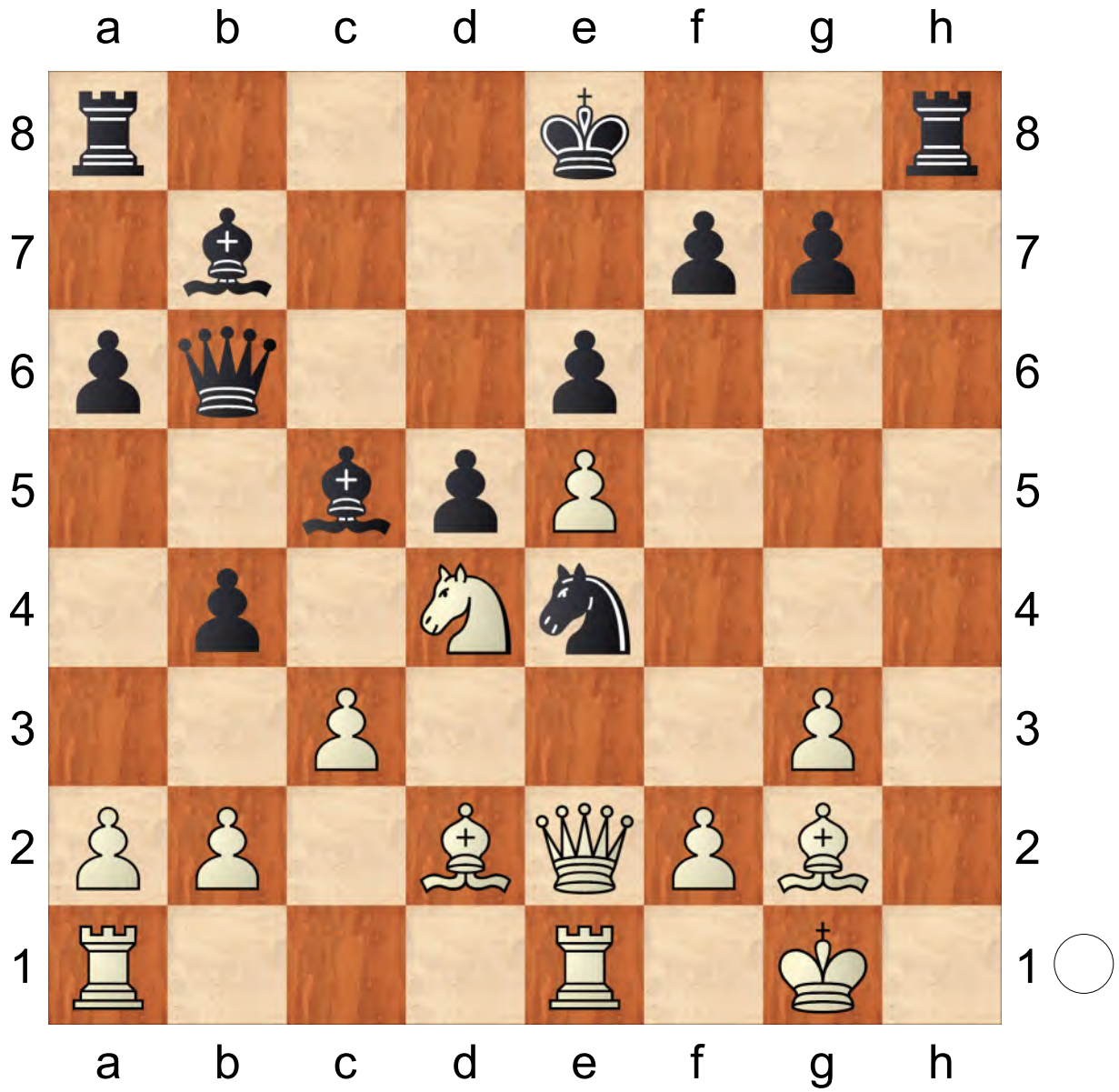
[18.Nb3 Nxe4! 19.Nxc5 *(19.Bxe4?? Qxg3+)* 19...Nxc5∞]

18...Qb6 19.Qe2 d5

[19...Bxd4?! 20.cxd4 Qxd4 21.Bf4!↑ with strong initiative for white]

20.e5 Ne4

(Diagram)



21.Be3 Qc7

[21...bxc3?! 22.bxc3 Nxc3 23.Qg4!→ this is a very dangerous line for black here are few examples

A) 23...g6!?

A1) 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 *(24...fxe6 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Qxe6+ Qe7 27.Qxg6+; 24...Bxe3 25.Rxe3 Qb2 26.Rae1)* 25.Qxe6+ fxe6 26.Bxc5±;

A2) 24.Rac1 Qb4 25.a3!?;

B) 23...Bf8!?]

22.c4! Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: '!'' **22...Qxe5 23.Nb3?** Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: '?''

[23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.Bxc5±]

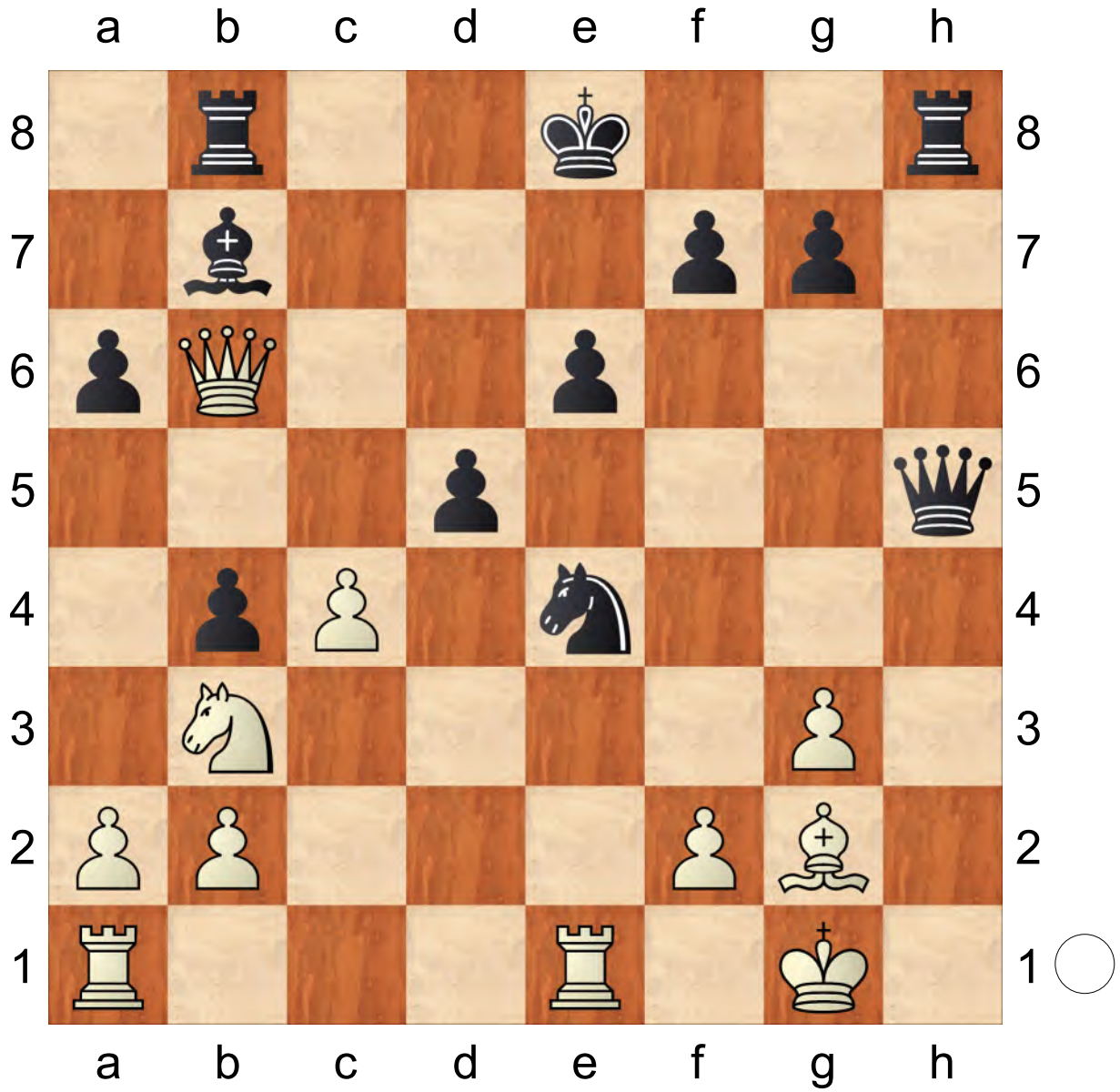
[23.cxd5

A) 23...Nxg3?! 24.Qg4±;

B) 23...Bxd4?! 24.Bxd4 Qxd4 25.Qxe4 Qxe4 *(25...Qxb2 26.Rab1+-)* 26.Bxe4±;
C) 23...exd5 24.Nc6 Bxc6 *(24...Qd6 25.Na5±)* 25.Bxc5±]

23...Bxe3 24.Qxe3 Qh5!? Sumets, Andrey: 'Smirin tried to get more than a draw.'
[24...dxc4
A) 25.Nd2?? Nxd2 26.Qxe5 Nf3+ 27.Kf1 *(27.Bxf3 Bxf3)* 27...Nxe5 28.Bxb7 Ra7-+;
B) 25.Nd4 Qh5!-+;
C) 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxe4 27.Rxe4 cxb3 28.axb3=]

25.Qb6 Rb8



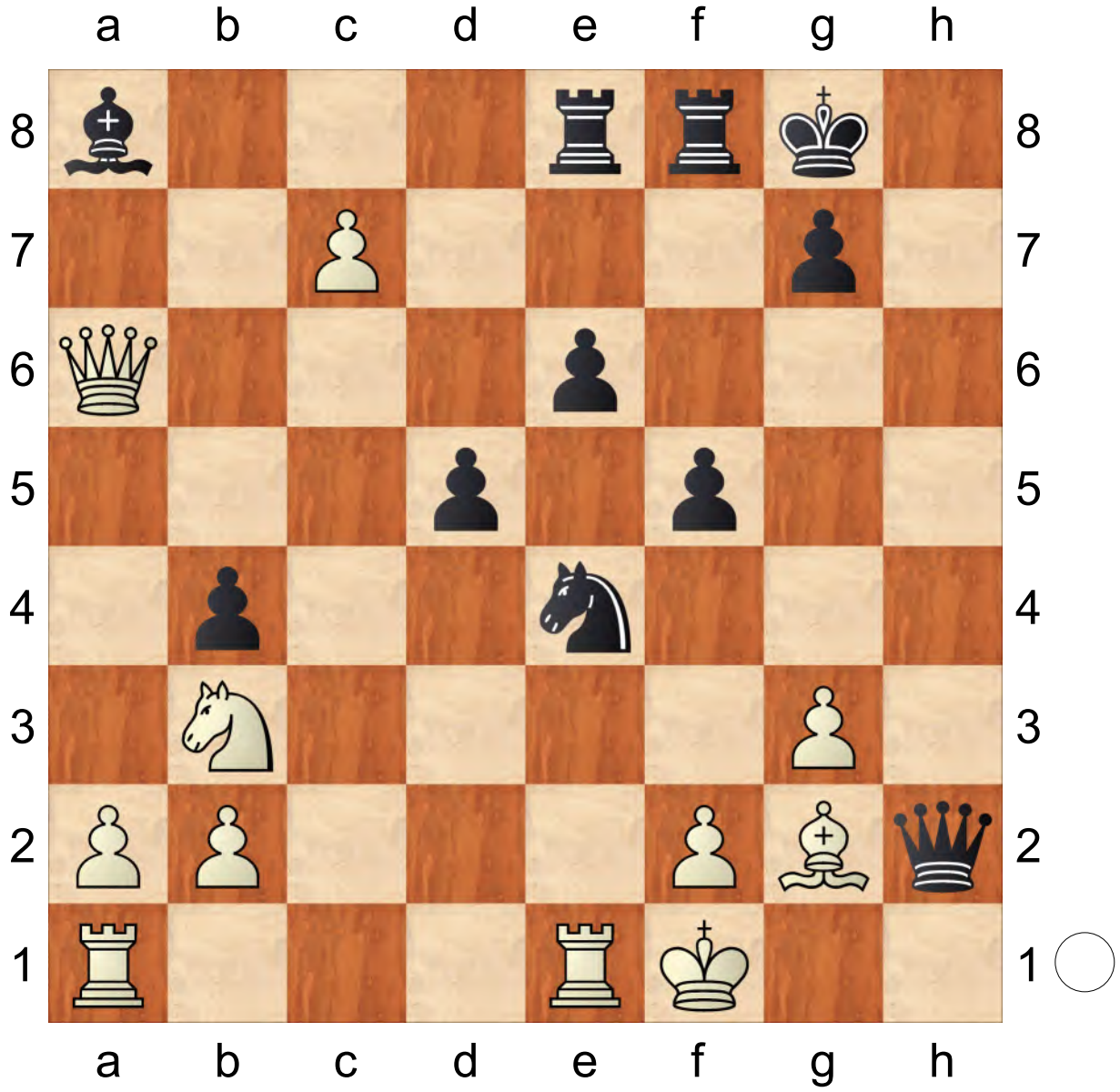
26.c5 Sumets, Andrey: '?!'
[26.cxd5 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 Nxg3+ 28.fxg3 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Bxd5+-+]

26...Qh2+ 27.Kf1 0-0

[27...Nxg3+!? 28.fxg3 Qxg3
A) 29.Qxb4? Rh4 30.Qd2 *(30.Qc3? Rf4+ 31.Kg1 Qf2+-+)* 30...a5!-+;
B) 29.c6 Qf4+ 30.Kg1 Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Rh6⟶]

28.c6 Ba8 29.Qxa6 f5! Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: '!" this is really nice,black rook which should have attacked white's king along the "h" file is doing now the same job on the "f" file Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: 'this is really nice,black rook which should have attacked white's king along the "h" file is doing now the same job on the "f" file"

30.c7 Rbe8



31.Nd4

[31.Rac1 f4! 32.c8Q Nxg3+ *(32...fxg3 33.Qxe8! Rxe8 34.Rc8+-)* 33.fxg3 fxg3+ 34.Ke2 Qxg2+ 35.Kd1 *(35.Kd3 Qf3+ 36.Re3 Qf5+ 37.Kd2 Qf2+ 38.Re2 Qf4+=)* 35...Qf3+ 36.Kd2 Qf4+ 37.Re3 Qf2+ 38.Re2 *(38.Kd1? Qxe3 39.Qc5 d4-+)* 38...Qf4+=]

[31.Rec1]

31...Nd2+! Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: '!"

[31...f4 this was the move everyone was talking during and also after the game,it seems as a very good chance for Smirin to beat Kasparov but it was a right decision from Smirin who did not see the next variation but I am sure felt it's very dangerous for him 32.Nf3 Nxg3+ 33.fxg3 fxg3 34.Re2 d4 35.Ke1!! *(35.c8Q Bxf3 36.Qaxe6+ Rxe6 37.Qxe6+ Kh8 38.Qh3+ Qxh3 39.Bxh3 Bg4+-+)* 35...Bxf3 36.Bxf3 Qg1+ 37.Kd2 Qxa1 38.c8Q Rxc8 *(38...Qxb2+ 39.Qc2)* 39.Qxe6+ Kh8 40.Qh3++-]

32.Ke2 Qxg2 33.c8Q! Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: '!" **33...Qe4+**

[33...Rxc8 34.Qxe6+]

34.Kd1

[34.Kxd2 Qxd4+ 35.Ke2 Qe4+ 36.Kd2 *(36.Kf1 Qh1+ 37.Ke2 Qe4+)* 36...Qd4+=]

34...Qxd4 35.Qaxe6+! a right decision by Kasparov,maybe in a normal game he would have thought about playing 35.Qc2 [although I think anyway it's very dangaerous for white] but in a simul game he is playing for a victory over a team and if I am not mistaken at this moment he was completely winning against Sutovski and better against huzman so why he should try and win here?? Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi: 'a right decision by Kasparov,maybe in a normal game he would have thought about playing 35.Qc2 [although I think anyway it's very dangaerous for white] but in a simul game he is playing for a victory over a team and if I am not mistaken at this moment he was completely winning against Sutovski and better against huzman so why he should try and win here??"

[35.Qc2 Ne4+ *(35...Nb3+!? 36.Qcd3 Qxd3+ 37.Qxd3 Nxa1 38.Kd2)* 36.Kc1 f4→]

35...Rxe6

(Diagram)

36.Qxe6+ Rf7 37.Qe8+ Rf8 38.Qe6+ Rf7 39.Qe8+

[39.Qe8+ Kh7 Sumets, Andrey: 'Har Zvi' 40.Rh1+ Kg6 41.Qe6+ Rf6 *(41...Kg5? 42.f4+ Kg4 43.Qg6+ Kf3 44.Qh5++-)* 42.Qe8+ Rf7=]

(Diagram)

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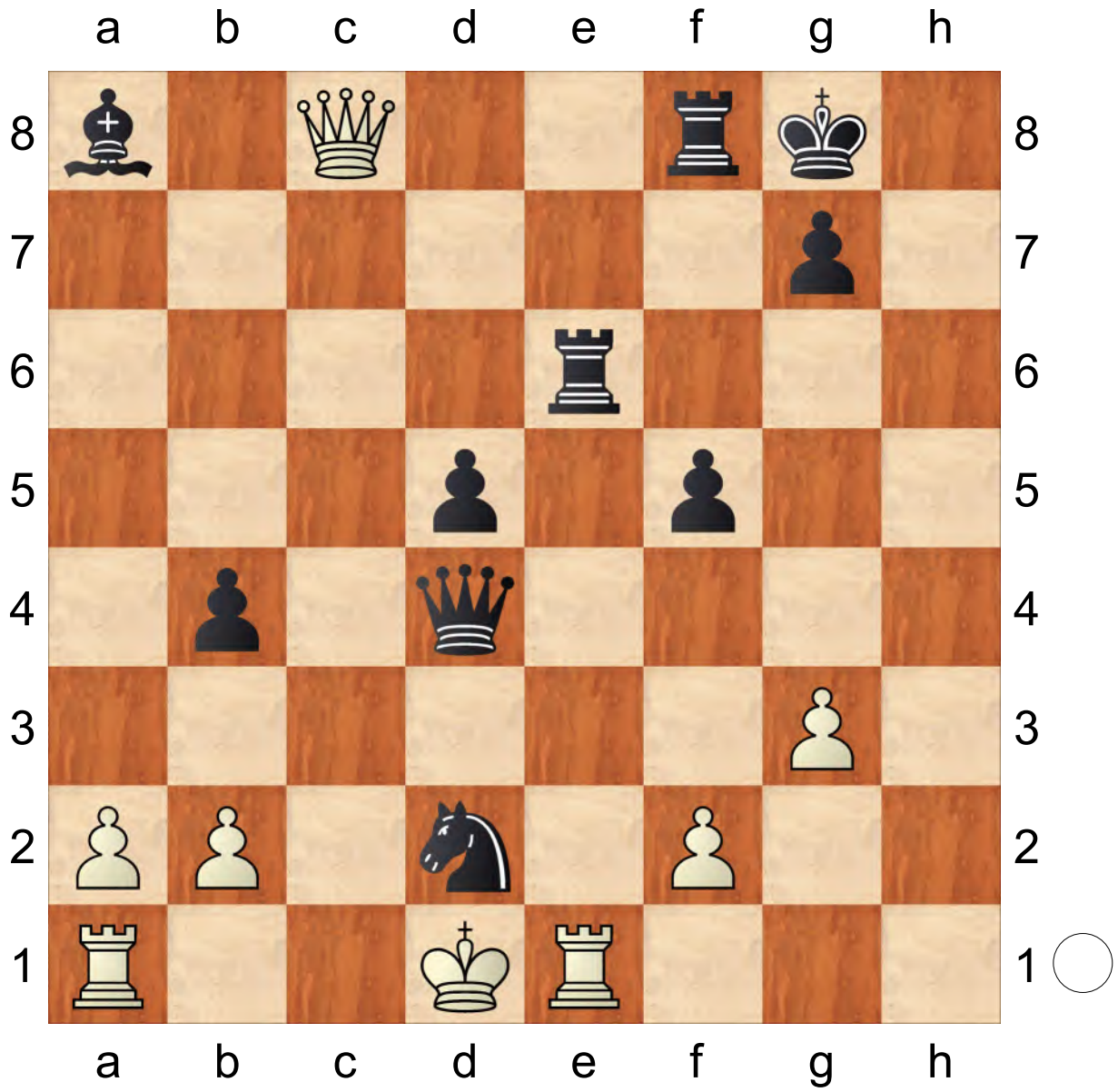
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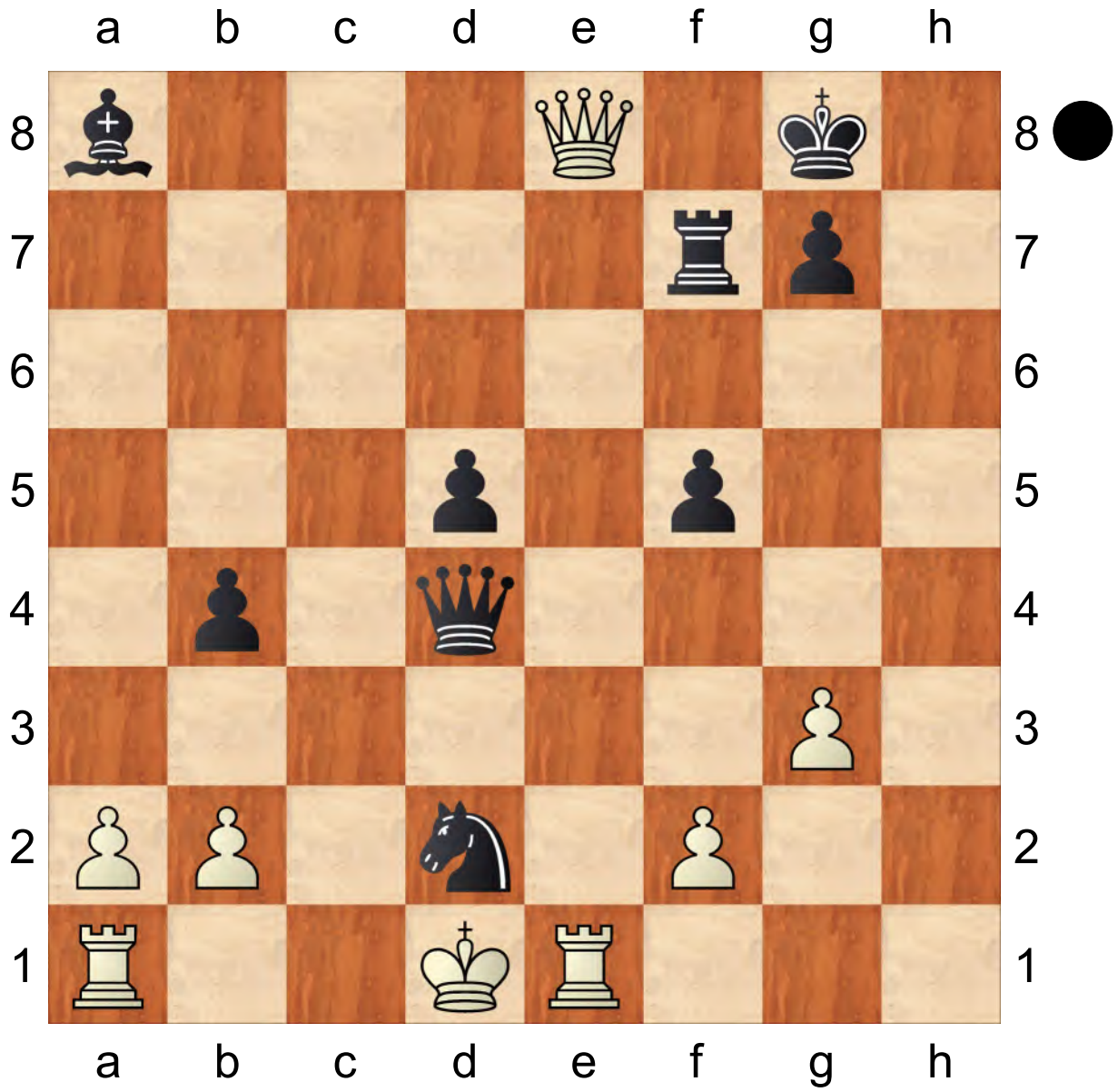
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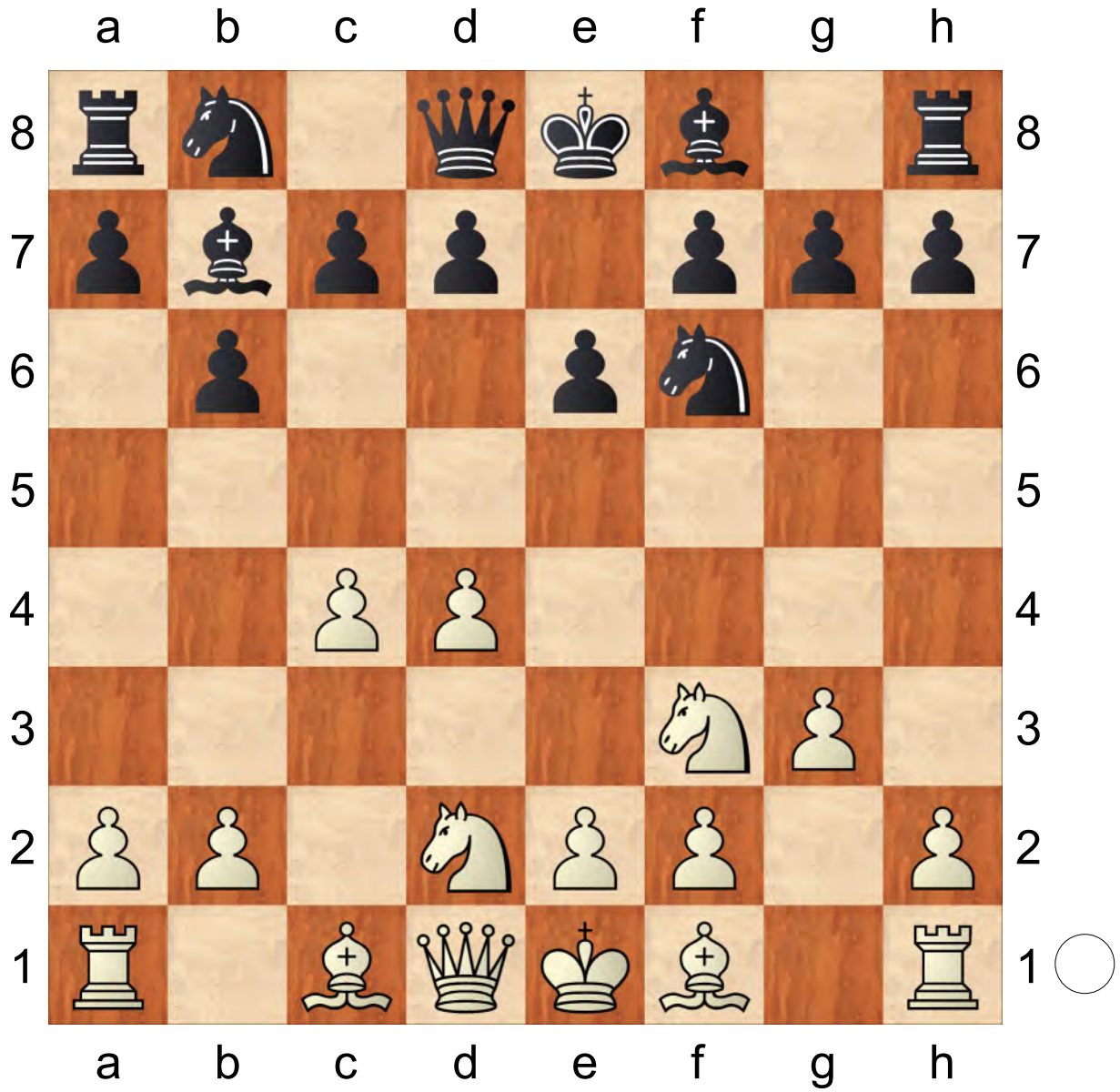
1.d4 Salov Salov Salov Baburin Avrukh,B Khalifman Ftacnik Salov: 'Salov,V Baburin Avrukh,B Khalifman Ftacnik' Tyomkin,D **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb7**



6.Bg2 c5 7.e4 cxd4 8.0-0 Baburin: A modern move. In the early 90s White relied on 8 e5 here but with mixed results. Khalifman: Ein seit längerem bekannte Verbesserung gegenüber anderen Zügen.

[8.e5 Ftacnik Ne4! 9.0-0 Nxd2 10.Bxd2 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nc6 12.Qxc6 dxc6 13.Bxc6+ Qd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7=]
[8.Nxd4 Ftacnik Bc5! 9.Nb5 a6 10.Nc3 Qc7 11.0-0 Be7=]

8...d6

[8...Nxe4?! Ftacnik 9.Ne5 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Qa4+ Nd7 12.Re1↑]
[8...Nc6?! Ftacnik 9.e5 Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Ne4±]
[8...Bc5?! Ftacnik 9.e5 Ne4 10.Ng5! Nc3 11.bxc3 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qxg5 13.Nf3±]

9.Nxd4 Khalifman: Diese Stellung hatte Karpov schon auf dem Brett. Fürchtete er nun eine Verbesserung gegenüber der Spielweise von Ivantschuk? **9...a6!?N**

[9...Qd7

A) 10.Re1 Ftacnik Be7 11.Nb1 *(11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Nc6 13.N2f3 a6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6! 15.Nd4 Qc7=)* 11...Nc6 12.Nc3 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 0-0 14.b3 *(14.h3 Rab8 15.Be3 a6 16.a4 Ba8⇄ Δ♕c7)* 14...Rfd8 15.Bb2 Rab8 16.h3 Ba8= 17.g4?! ×f4 h6 18.a4 *(18.f4? d5∓ Δ♗c5)* 18...a6 19.Ba3 Qc8 0-1 Ivanchuk,V-Karpov,A/Linares 1994/ (30);

B) 10.b3 Be7 *(10...Nc6 11.Nb5 Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Re1 Rad8 14.Nf1 Qc8 15.Ne3 Qb8 16.Nc3 Rfe8 17.Qe2 a6 18.Rad1 Na7 19.a4 Qa8 20.Rd2 Nc6 21.Qd1 Ne5 22.Nc2 Ned7* Piket,J-Lautier,J/Tilburg Fontys 1997/0-1 (47) *)* 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.f4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6 15.a4 Rfd8 16.Kh1 Qe8 17.Rae1 Nd7 18.Ba1 Rac8 19.Nf3 Ba8 20.g4 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Nd4 e5 (59) 0-1 Ivanov,M-Tunik,G/Vladivostok Zaitsev 1995/ (28);

C) 10.a4! Nc6 *(10...Be7 11.a5 0-0 12.Re1 Na6 13.b3 bxa5 14.Rxa5 Nc5 15.Qc2 Bd8 16.Ra2 Bb6 17.Bb2 a5 18.Raa1 e5 19.Nf5 Nfxe4 20.Bh3 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 Qd8* 1-0 Yermolinsky,A-Ivanov,A/USA-ch G1 1997/ (30)*)* 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.b4 Be7 13.b5± Browne-Ivanov,A, USA(ch)1997]

[9...Nbd7 Ftacnik

A) 10.Re1

A1) 10...Be7 11.e5 Bxg2 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Kxg2 Nc5 15.Ne4±;

A2) 10...Qc7!? 11.a4 *(11.Nb5 Qb8)* 11...a6 12.a5 Be7 13.N2b3 Rc8 14.axb6 Nxb6 15.Na5 Ba8 16.b3 Nfd7 17.Be3 0-0 18.Rc1 Rfe8 19.Re2 1-0 Huzman,A-Har Zvi,R/ISR-chT 1996/ (35);

A3) 10...e5 11.Nb5 a6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Nf1 Rc8 14.Ne3 0-0 15.a4 g6 16.b3 Nc5 17.Qc2 Re8 18.Ba3 Ne6 19.Qb1 Bf8 20.Rd1 ½-½ Cramling,P-Chiburdanidze,M/Groningen ctW 1997 (35);

A4) 10...Qc8 11.a4! a6 *(11...Be7 12.a5 bxa5 13.N2b3 Qxc4? 14.Nxa5 Qa6 15.e5 Bxg2 16.exf6±)* 12.a5 e5 *(12...bxa5 13.N2b3 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Nb3! Qxc4? 16.Nxa5 Qb5 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.e5 Nd5 19.exd6+-)* 13.Nf5 *(13.N4b3 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nb1!? Be7 16.Nc3 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5±)* 13...g6 14.Ne3 Be7 15.axb6 0-0 16.b4 Bd8 1-0 Oll,L-Kengis,E/Riga zt 1995/ (40);

B) 10.a4 a6 11.a5 bxa5 12.N2b3 a4 13.Rxa4 Rc8 14.Na5 Ba8 15.Re1

Be7 16.Ndc6?! Rxc6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Rxa6 Qc8 19.Rxc6 Qxc6 20.e5 Qxc4 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Bf1 Qc6 Kohler,T-Siegel,G/Berliner Sommer 1997/0-1 (87);

C) 10.b3 Qc7 11.Bb2 Be7 12.f4 *(12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rae1* ½-½ Shvidler,E-Csom,I/Tel Aviv-B 1989/*)* 12...0-0 13.f5 e5 14.Nb5 Qc5+ 15.Kh1 a6 16.Nc3 b5 17.g4 h6 18.Qe2 bxc4 19.Nxc4 Nb6 20.Ne3 d5 21.Nexd5 Nbxd5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 ½-½ Shulman,Y-Budnikov,A/Vladivostok 1994/]

[9...Be7 Ftacnik 10.Qa4+!? Qd7 11.Qxd7+ Nbxd7? 12.Nb5 0-0 13.e5 Bxg2 14.exf6 Bxf1 15.fxe7±]

[9...Qc7 Ftacnik 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.f4 a6 13.g4 Nc6 14.Nc2 Nd7 15.g5 b5 16.Qh5 bxc4 17.Rf3 Rfe8 18.Nxc4 d5 19.Rh3 Nf8 20.f5 exf5 21.exd5 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 Ne7 23.Rd1 Rad8 24.Be5 1-0 Ftacnik,L-Van den Doel,E/ Sonnevanck 1995/ (40)]

10.Re1 Qc7

[10...Nbd7 11.e5! Bxg2 12.exf6 Bb7 *(12...Qxf6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Kxg2 Nc5 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 Be7 17.Rf4 Qe5 18.Be3 Rf8 19.Bd4 Qa5 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qg4* 1-0 Browne,W-Burger,K/World op 1990/ (34)*)* 13.fxg7 Bxg7 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 0-0 16.Rg4±]

(Diagram)

11.a4!± White's plan of advancing a pawn is well known, but usually less effective in similar positions. Black is lagging behind in development and white c4 pawn is safely protected. It's highly desirable for White to exchange the b6-pawn - then the Hedgehog will lose one of its needles. And a hedgehog without some needles is not that safe! Khalifman: Wenn Weiß zu a4-a5 kommt steht er gut.

[11.b3 Ftacnik Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rc1 Nbd7 14.Nf1 Rfe8 15.Rc2 Rac8 16.f3 Qb8 17.Bh3 Bf8 18.Ne3 Ba8 19.Bf1 Qb7 20.Rd2 ½-½ Nemet,I-Summermatter, D/Biel SWZ-ch (05)/1989]

11...Nc6

[11...Nbd7 Ftacnik 12.a5 Be7 13.N2b3 Rd8 14.axb6 Nxb6 15.Na5 Ba8 Then White started an interesting attack: 16.Nac6 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.e5 Qxc4 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Be3 Nc8 21.Rc1 Qb4 22.Bd2 Qd4 23.Bc6+ Ke7 24.Re4 Avrukh,B Qd3 25.Rc3! *(25.Rb4* Boensch,U-Chuchelov,V/Berliner Sommer sp 1996/1-0(32) *)* 25...Bxc3 26.Bg5+ f6 27.Qxd3+-]

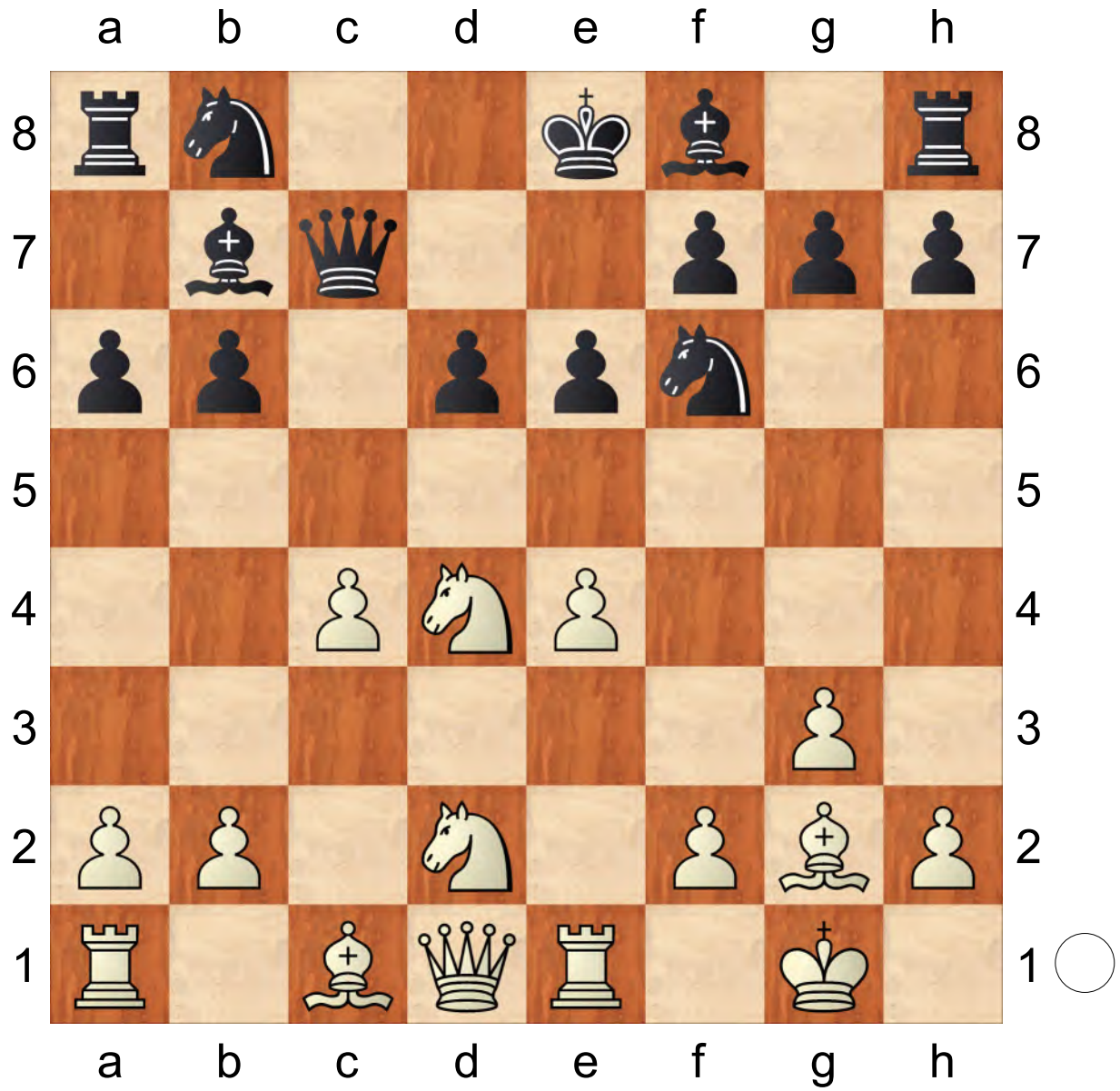
12.Nxc6 Khalifman: Logisch **12...Bxc6**

[12...Qxc6 Ftacnik 13.b4 Be7 14.Bb2±]

13.a5 Rb8?! Avrukh: This move let's white to develop an initiative using his♘. Khalifman: Vermutlich hat Karpov bei der ganzen Sache das starke Turmmanöver im 15.Zug übersehen.

[⌓13...bxa5 14.Nb3 Rb8 *(14...a4* Ftacnik *15.Nd4±)* 15.Nxa5 Ba8±]

[⌓13...Be7 Avrukh,B 14.Nb3 *(14.axb6 Qxb6 15.Re3 0-0)* 14...Rb8∞ *(14...0-0*



15.axb6 Qxb6 16.Na5)]

14.axb6 Qxb6

[14...Rxb6 Ftacnik 15.b3 *(15.c5 dxc5 16.Nc4 Rb4 17.Bf4 Qd7∞)* 15...Be7 16.Bb2±]

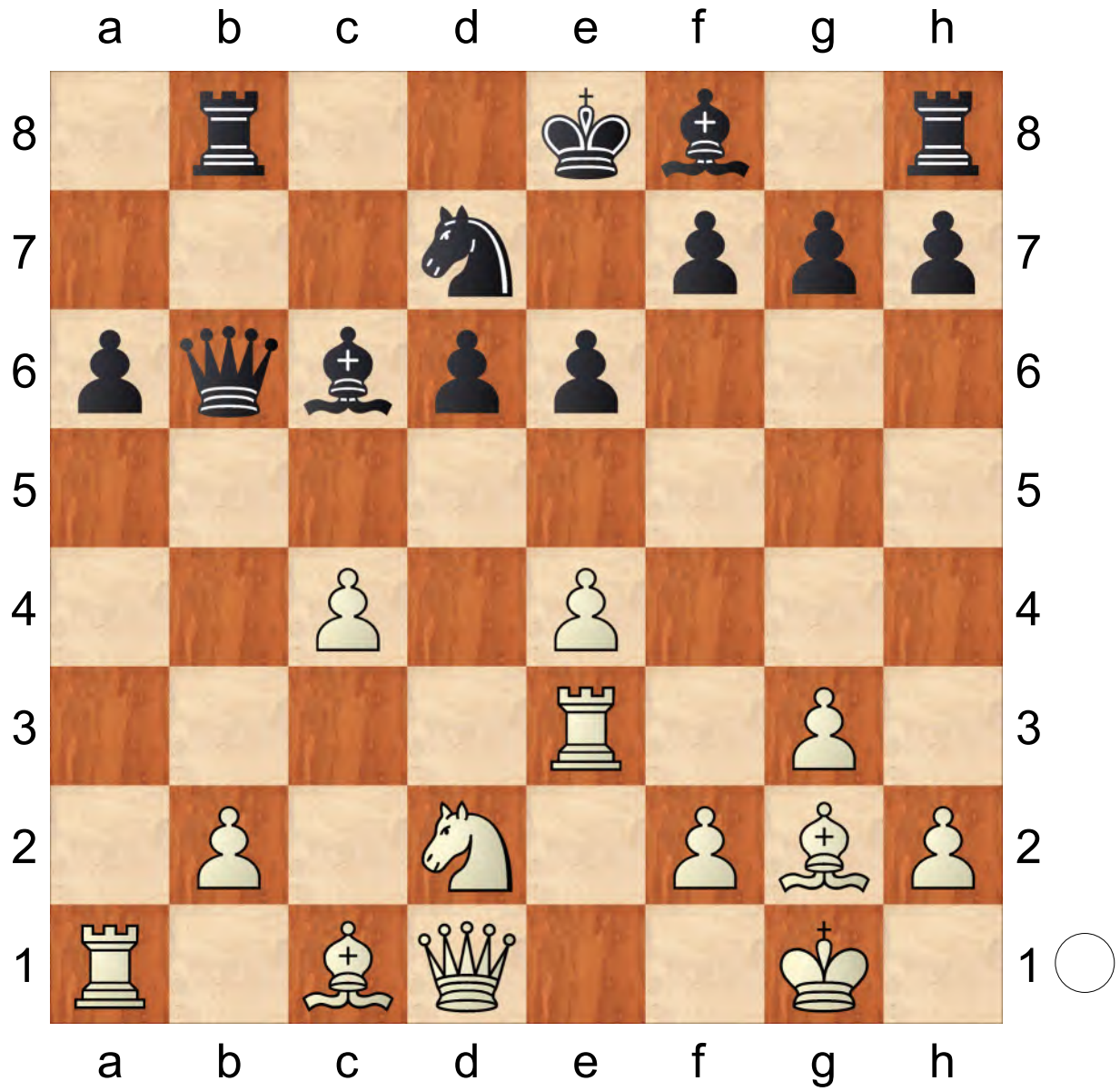
15.Re3!± Baburin: This excellent rook lift highlights the weakness of the a-pawn. Khalifman: Sehr stark gespielt. **15...Nd7□**

[15...Be7? Ftacnik 16.Rb3 Qc7 17.Rxb8+ Qxb8 18.e5 Bxg2 19.exf6+-]

(Diagram)

16.Rb3 Qa7

[16...Qc7 Ftacnik 17.Rxa6 Rxb3 18.Nxb3 Qb7 19.Ra1 Bxe4 20.Na5 Qa8



21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Bf4±]

17.Rba3

[17.Rxb8+ Nxb8 18.b4 Be7 *(18...Qb6* Salov: 'Avrukh,B' Salov: 'Salov,V: 'Avrukh, B" *19.b5±; 18...Qb6* Avrukh,B *)* 19.b5 Bb7 20.Nb3 0-0 21.Be3 Qa8 22.c5±]

17...Bb7

[17...Nc5 Ftacnik 18.Nb3! *(18.Rb1 Rb4)* 18...Nxb3 *(18...Nxe4 19.Qe2 f5 20.Rxa6±)* 19.Rxb3 Rxb3 20.Qxb3 Be7 21.Qa2± *(21.Qa2!* Avrukh,B *ΔBb7 22.Qa4+)*]

18.b4 Qb6

[18...Be7 Ftacnik 19.Bb2 *(19.Qa4 Bf6 20.R1a2 Qb6±; 19.b5 Bc8 20.Bb2±)* 19...0-0 20.Nb3±]

19.Qa4! Weiß steht auf Gewinn.

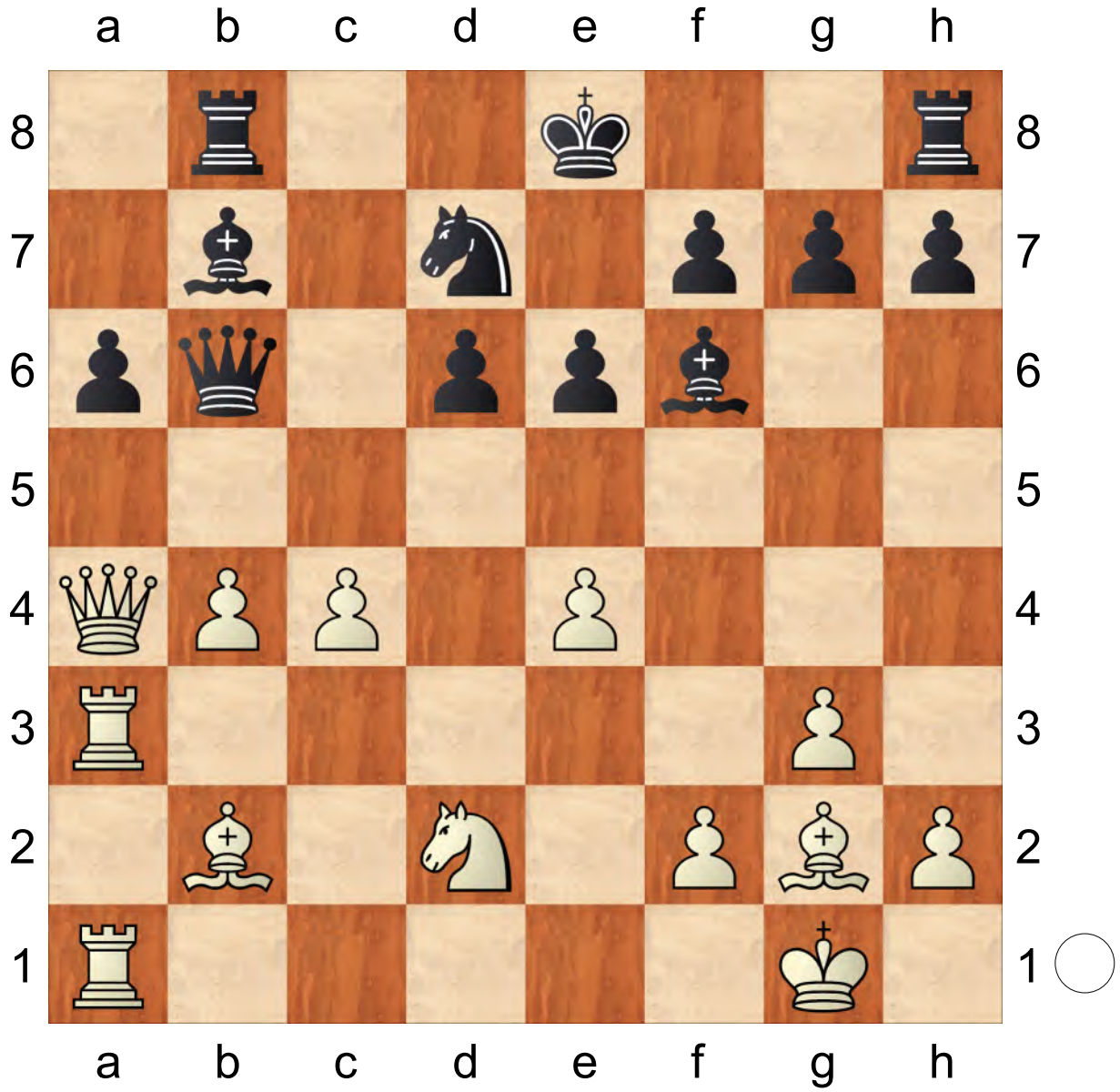
[19.b5!? axb5 20.cxb5 Qxb5 *(20...d5? 21.exd5 Bxa3 22.Bxa3 Bxd5*

23.Qg4→) 21.Rb1 Qc6 *(21...Qc5!? 22.Rab3 Qc7 23.Ba3 Be7 24.Nc4 Qxc4 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Rxb7 Qa6 27.Qb3⩲)* 22.Bf1 Be7 23.Bb5 Qc7∞]

19...Be7 20.Bb2 Bf6?

[20...e5±]

[20...Rg8 Ftacnik 21.Rd3±]



21.e5! Avrukh: decisive breakthrough.

[Baburin: Also interesting is 21.Bxf6 Baburin gxf6 22.Rd3 but 21 e5! is even more energetic.]

21...Bxe5

[21...dxe5 22.c5 *(22.Rd3+-* Avrukh,B *)* 22...Qc7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.c6 Nb6 25.Qxa6 Qxc6 26.Nc4 Rb8 27.Nxb6 Rxb6 28.Qa8+ Bd8 *(28...Qxa8* Baburin *29.Rxa8+ Bd8 30.Rxd8+ Kxd8 31.Ra8+ Kd7 32.Rxh8+-)* 29.Rd1+-]

[21...Bxg2 Ftacnik 22.exf6 Bc6 23.fxg7 Rg8 24.Qxa6 Qxb4 25.Qxc6 Qxb2 26.Rb1+-]

22.c5 Qc7

[22...Qb5 23.Qxb5 axb5 24.Bxe5+-]

[22...dxc5 Ftacnik 23.Bxe5+-]

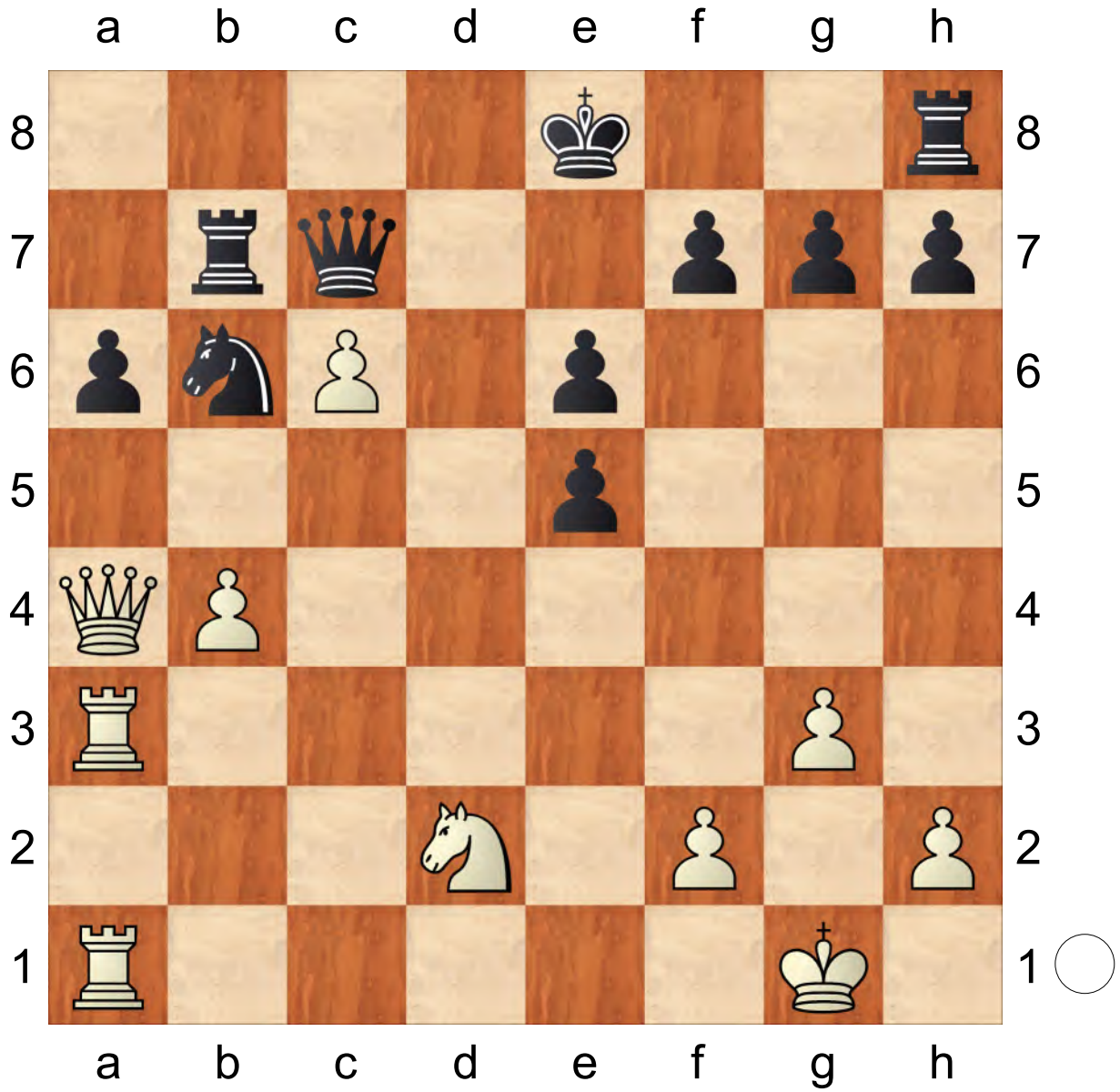
23.Bxe5 dxe5

[23...Bxg2 Ftacnik 24.Bxd6 Qb7 25.Bxb8+-]

24.Bxb7 Rxb7

[24...Qxb7 Ftacnik 25.c6+-]

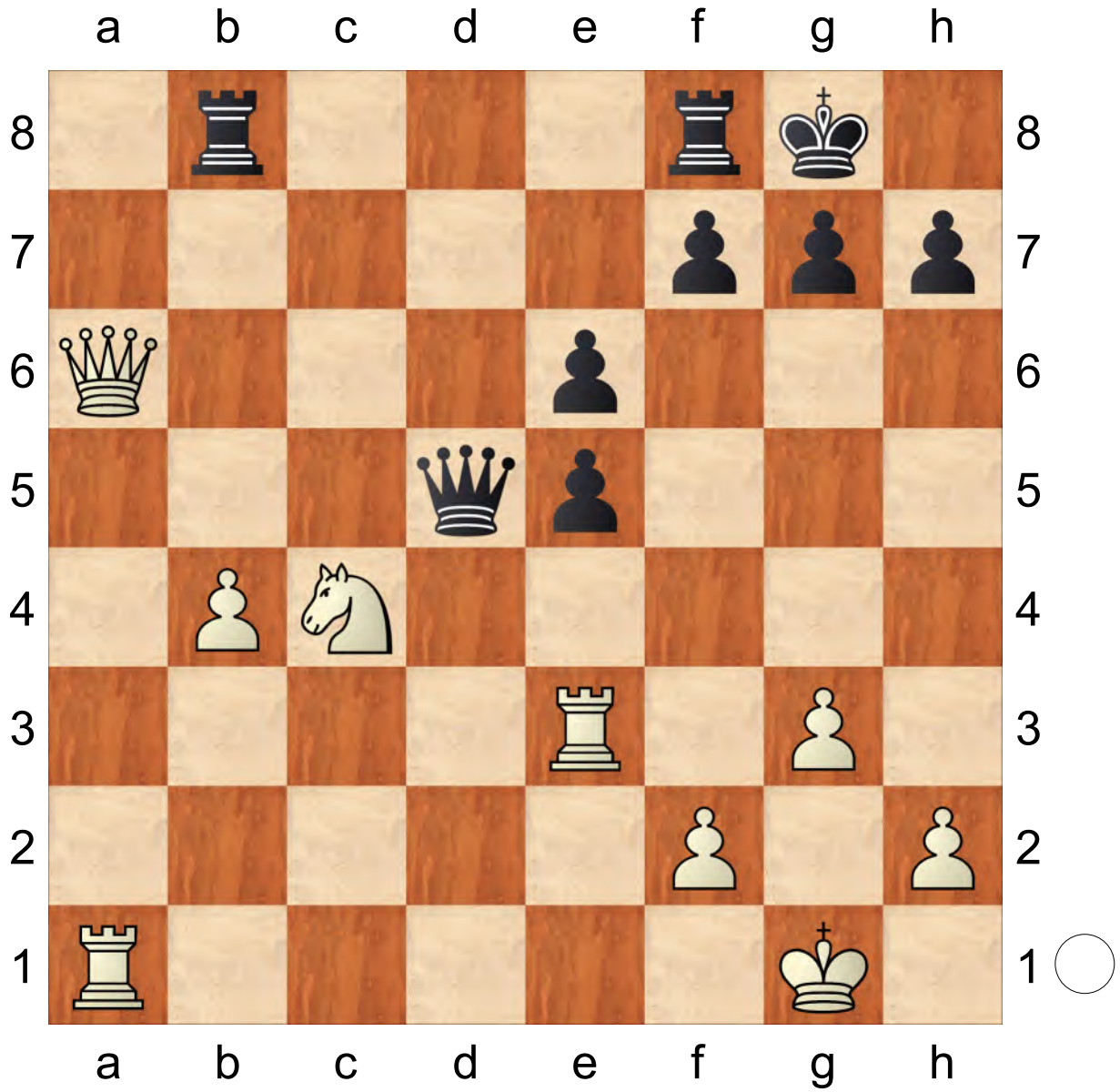
25.c6 Nb6



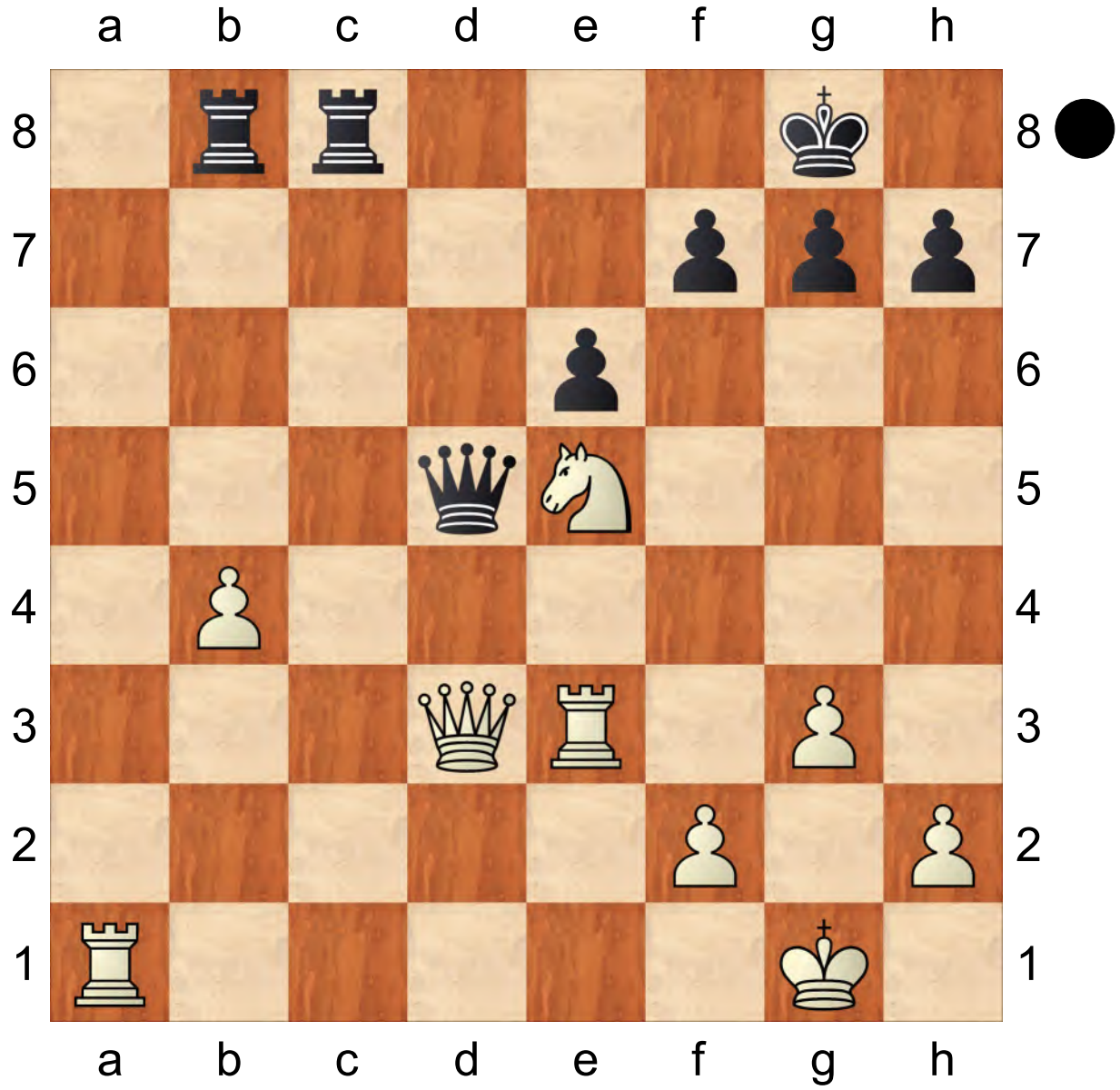
26.Qxa6 Qxc6

[26...Rb8 27.Qa7+- *(27.Qa7* Ftacnik *Qc8 28.Ne4 0-0 29.c7 Rb7 30.Nd6! Rxa7 31.Rxa7 Qd7 32.c8Q+-)*]

27.Nc4!+- Avrukh: winning ♘b6. **27...Rb8**
[27...Qc7 28.Qxb7+-]
[27...Qxc4 Ftacnik 28.Qxb7 Nc8 29.Rd3 0-0 30.Rd7+-]
[27...0-0 Ftacnik 28.Na5+-]
28.Nxb6 0-0
[28...Qxb6 Ftacnik 29.Qxb6 Rxb6 30.Ra8++-]
[28...Rxb6 Avrukh,B 29.Qa8+]
29.Nc4 Qe4
[29...Qxa6 Ftacnik 30.Rxa6 Rxb4 31.Nxe5+-]
30.Re3 Qd5



31.Nxe5 Rfc8 32.Qd3
[32.Qd3 Ftacnik Rxb4 33.Qxd5 exd5 34.Nc6!+-]



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EU-chT (Men) 17th (6) 27.10.2009
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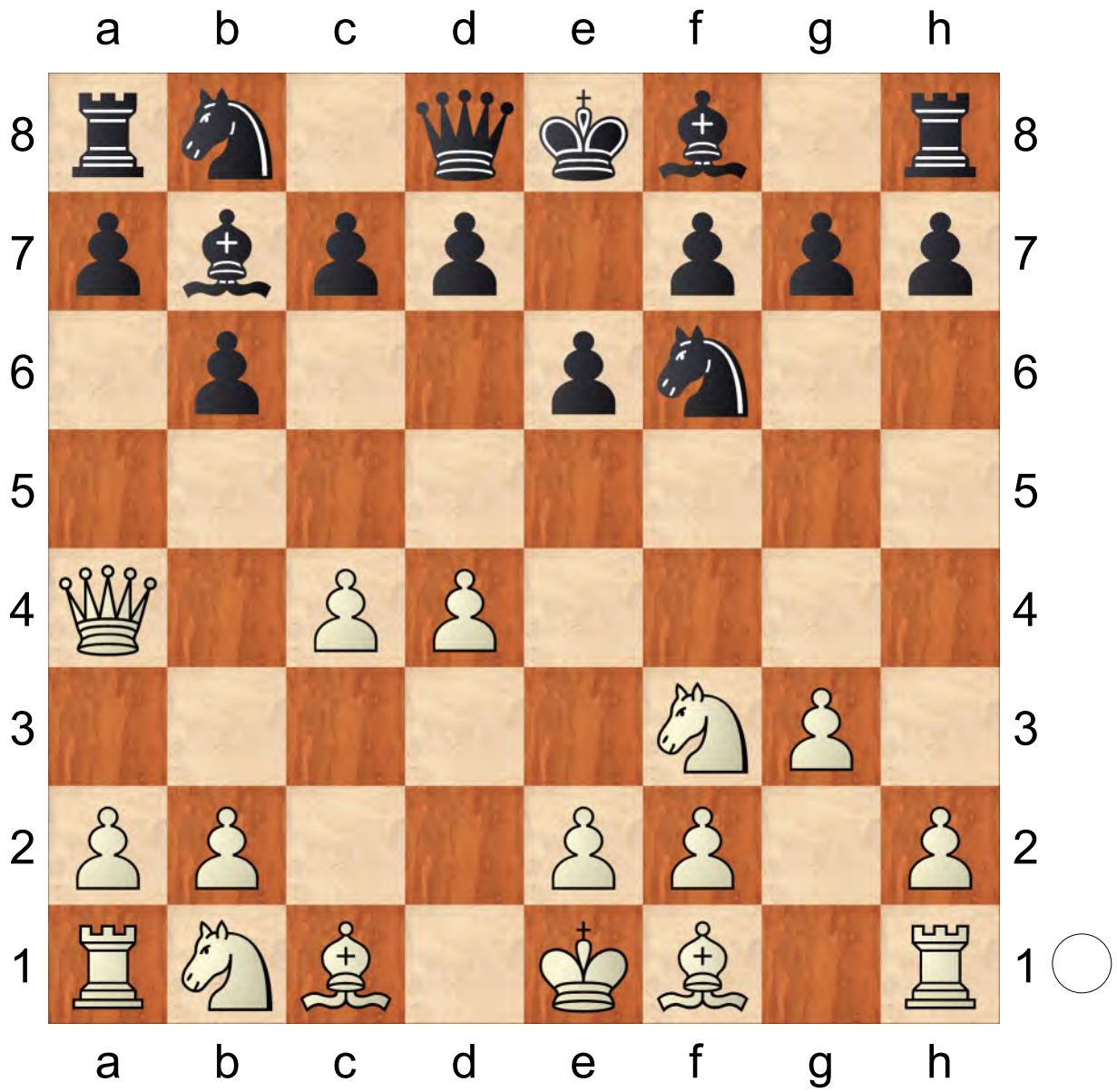
1.d4 Postny **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qa4 Bb7**



6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 bxc5
[7...Bxc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Be7 is the main alternative. The move in the text is slightly more ambitious.]
8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1 Qb6
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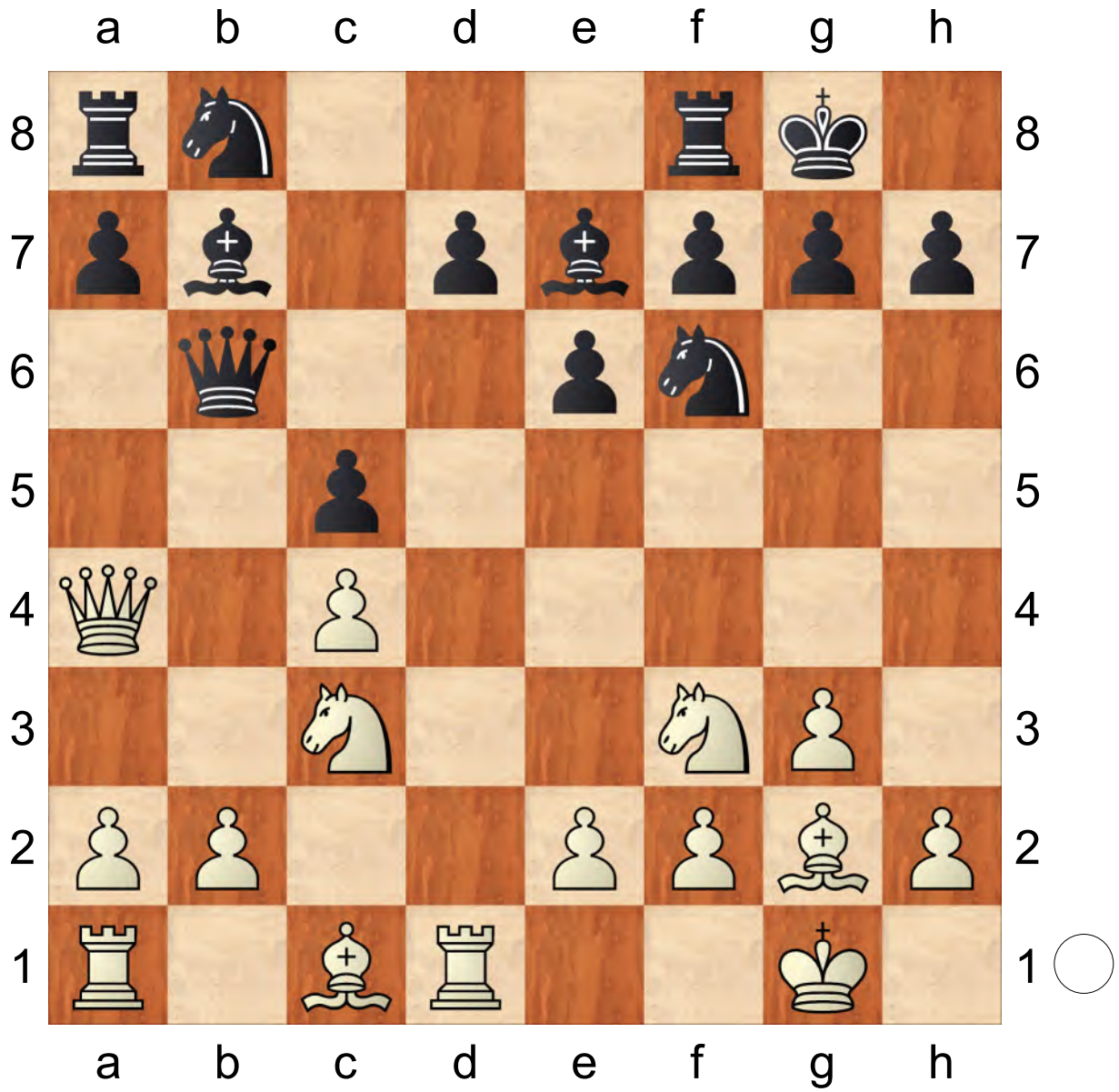


11.Bf4 Rd8 I don't have a lot of experience in this line. I've noticed this year Bacrot neutralising several top players with Black, so I wanted to try this line as well. **12.Rd2**
[12.Rab1 h6 13.a3 a5 14.Qb5 Qxb5 15.cxb5 d5 16.Ne5 g5 17.Be3 Nbd7 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.bxc6 Ne5 20.Na4 Nxc6 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Nxc5 Rab8= ½-½ Kramnik,V (2759)-Bacrot,E (2721)/Dortmund GER 2009/The Week in Chess 765 (30)]
12...d6 13.Rad1 a6?!
[In my preparation for the game I, obviously, noticed the following game, but still decided to play 13...a6. Now I think it's just a waste of tempi. 13...Ne8 14.e4 Bc6 15.Qc2 Qb7 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 f6! 18.Ne1 Nd7= 0-1 Gustafsson,J (2603)-Leko,P (2741)/Dortmund 2008/CBM 125 (45)]
14.Ng5! The knight is heading to e4 where it will exert pressure on Black's main weakness ♙d6.

[14.g4!? Nxg4 15.Bxd6 Rxd6 16.Qe8+ Bf8 17.Ng5 Ne5 18.Bxb7 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 Qxb7 20.Rd8 Ng6 21.Na4 Qe7 22.Qxe7 Nxe7 23.Nxh7 Kxh7 24.Rxf8 Nec6 *(24...a5! 25.Nb6 Ra6 26.Rxb8 Nc6 27.Rb7 Nd8=)* 25.Rxf7 Kg8 26.Rc7± ½-½ Gelfand,B (2733)-Bacrot,E (2728)/Nalchik RUS 2009/The Week in Chess 754 (51)]

14...Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Ne8?!

[15...h6? 16.Nge4 Ne8 17.Nxd6! Amazingly, I found three games in Mega Database, and in all of them White played 17.g4. Nxd6 18.Bxd6 Bxd6 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Rxd8+ Bxd8 21.Qe8++-]

[15...e5 16.Be3 Qb7+

A) 17.f3! looks like an improvement.

A1) 17...Ng4? 18.Bxc5! Nd7 *(18...Bxg5 19.Rxd6 Rf8 20.R6d3+-)* 19.Bg1 Bxg5 20.Rxd6 Ngf6 21.c5+-;

A2) 17...Nc6 18.Nge4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Nd4 20.Nc3±;

B) 17.Kg1?! h6 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb4 21.R5d2 Nc6 22.Rd5 Nb4 23.R5d2 Nc6 ½-½ Leko,P (2751)-Bacrot,E (2728)/Nalchik RUS 2009/The Week in Chess 755]

(Diagram)

This is too passive. Bacrot's choice would have been still better. **16.Nge4 Kf8!** Covering the e8-square so as not to get mated. **17.g4!** A good move, setting free both the g3-square for the minor pieces, and the 3rd rank for a possible transfer of major pieces to the kingside. White is clearly better.

[17.a3?! Nc6! 18.Nxd6 *(18.Bxd6? Nxd6 19.Nxd6 Nd4 20.Nde4 f5∓)* 18...g5! The point. 19.Nxe8 gxf4 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Rxd8 Bxd8 22.Nd6 Be7 23.Nde4 f5 24.Nd2 Qxb2 25.Qxc6 Qxd2=]

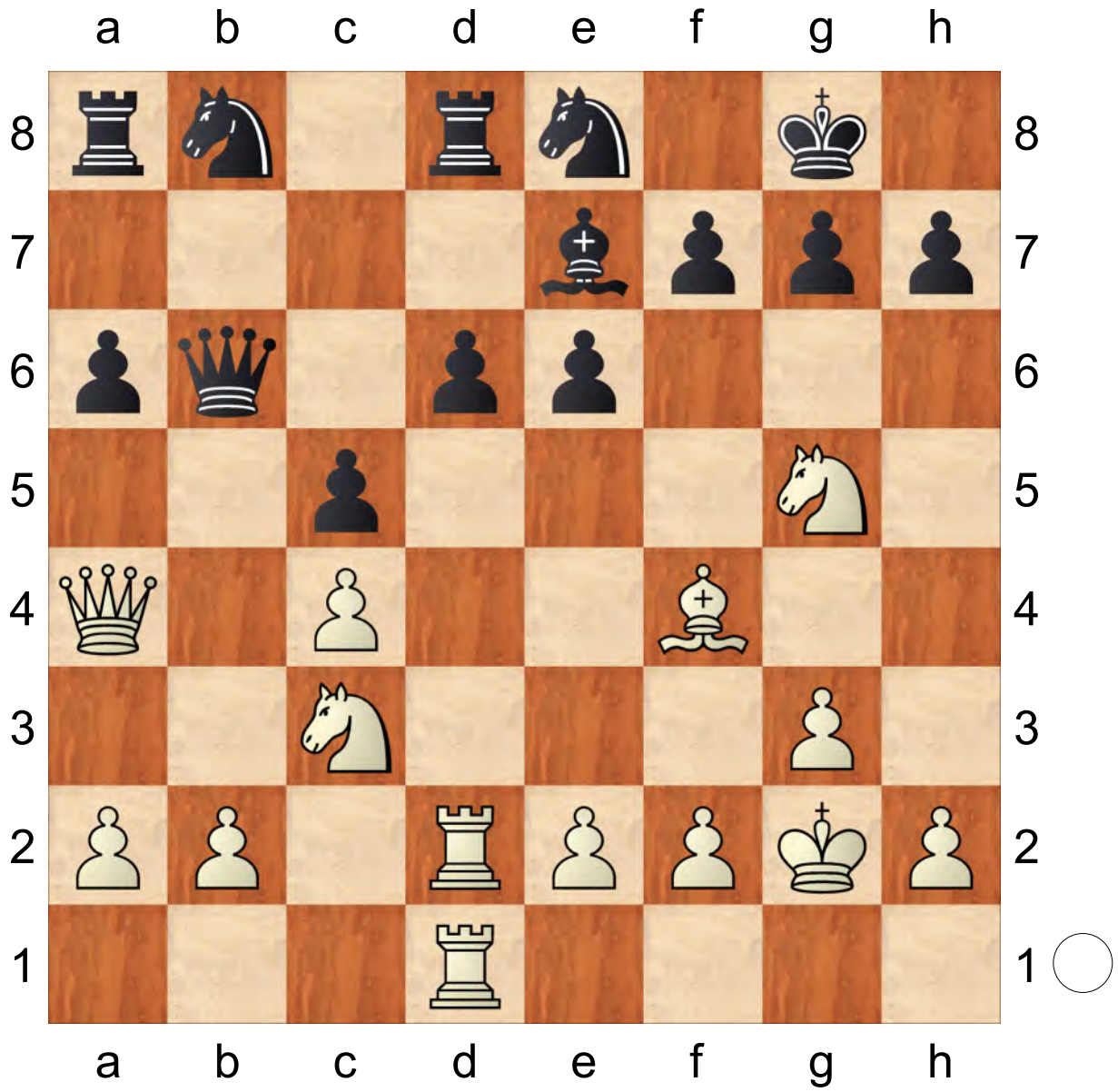
17...Ra7 18.a3 Rb7 I have to prevent b2-b4, otherwise my position would simply collapse. **19.Kg1** Probably White should have played g4-g5 here, or on the next move. Black, for his part, could play ...h7-h6, but it's not easy to decide. **19...Qc7 20.Qc2 Qc6**

(Diagram)

21.Qd3 h6 22.Qg3?!

[22.h4! would have been more consistent **Δ**Bxh4 23.Qh3 Be7 24.g5 Bxg5 25.Bxg5! hxg5 26.Nxg5 Nd7 27.e4! *(27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Qg8 Ne5 29.f4 Nf6 30.Qxd8+ Kxd8 31.fxe5 Nd7 32.Nxf7+ Ke7 33.Rxd6 Qc8 34.Ng5 Nxe5 35.Rxe6+ Qxe6 36.Nxe6 Kxe6 37.Na4±)* 27...Ne5 28.f4 Nxc4 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qg8±]

22...Rbd7 Now White does not have enough time for a kingside offensive; he has to watch out for ...d6-d5 punch. Postny: 'Now White does not have enough time for a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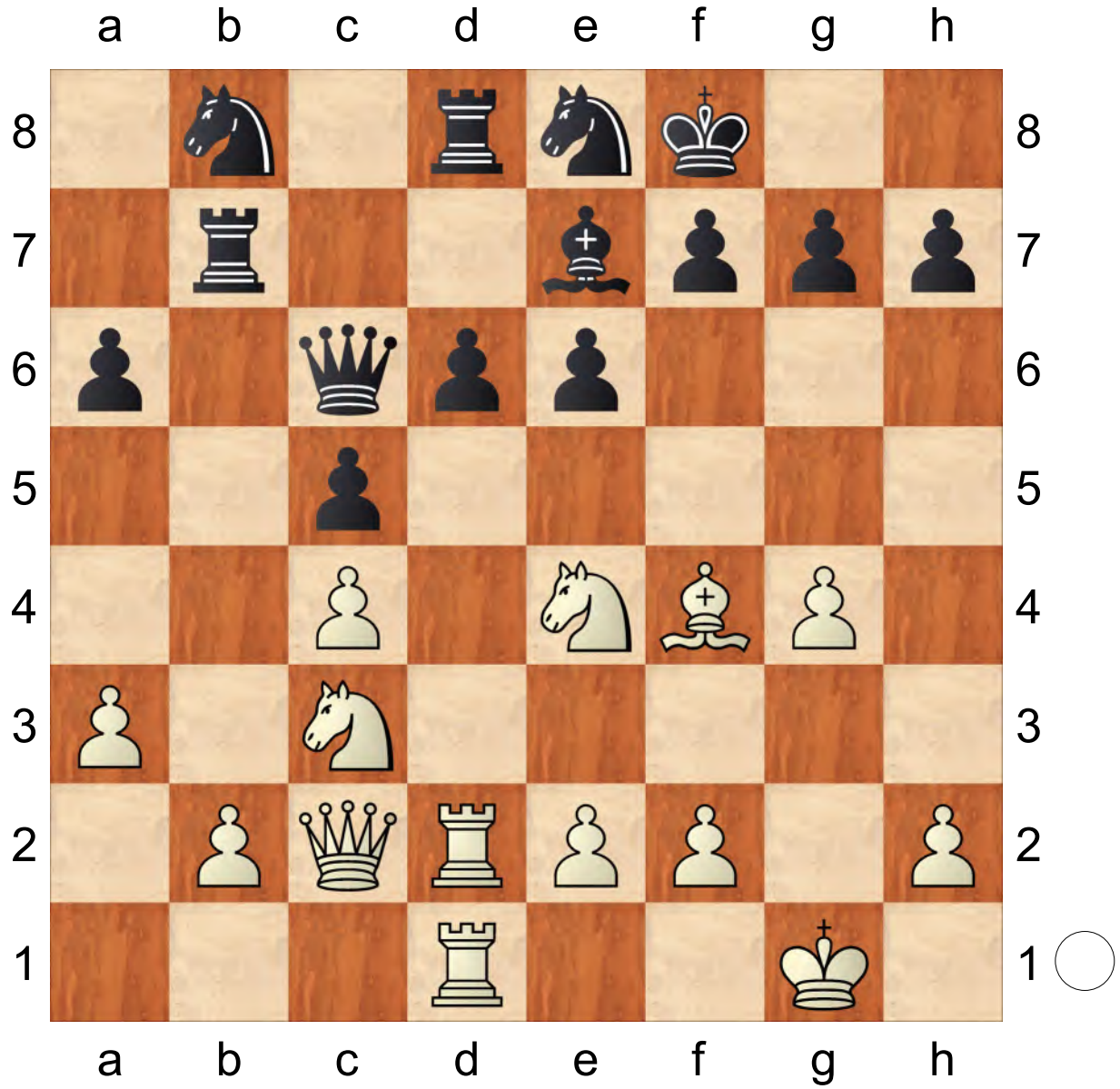
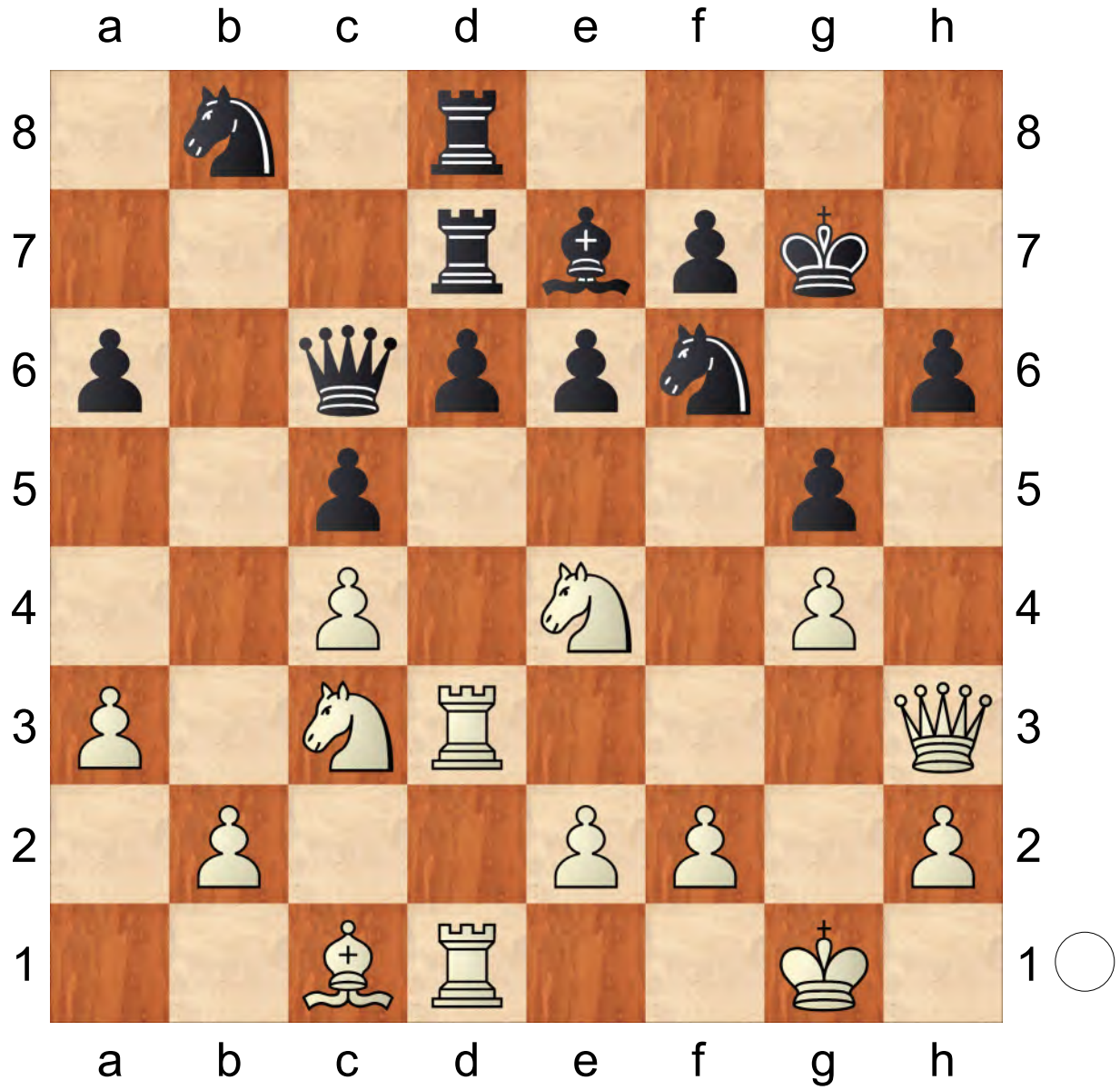


kingside offensive; he has to watch out for the ...d6-d5 punch. ' **23.Rd3**
[23.g5 hxg5 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.Bxg5 f6 26.Be3 Qb7!=]
23...g5? My first really active move in this game appears to be a huge mistake. I had a feeling that this was risky: my idea was to drive away the white bishop from f4 in order to execute the ...d6-d5 thrust. In fact, it was possible to play it right now.
[23...d5! 24.cxd5 exd5 25.Nxc5 *(25.Bxb8 dxe4 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Qxd7= 28.Nxe4? Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qxe2∓)* 25...Bxc5 26.Bxb8 d4 27.Nb1 Re7⩱]
24.Qh3!
[24.Bc1? d5 and White's pieces are getting kicked away.]
24...Kg7 25.Bc1? Poor calculation from both players.
[25.Bxg5!! This crushing sacrifice could just finish the game in style. Bxg5 *(25...hxg5 26.Qh5+-)* 26.Nxg5 hxg5 27.Qh5 f6 28.Rh3 d5 29.cxd5 exd5 30.Qh8+ Kf7 31.Rh7+ Kg6 32.Qg8+ Ng7 33.Rxg7+ Rxg7 34.Qxd8+-]

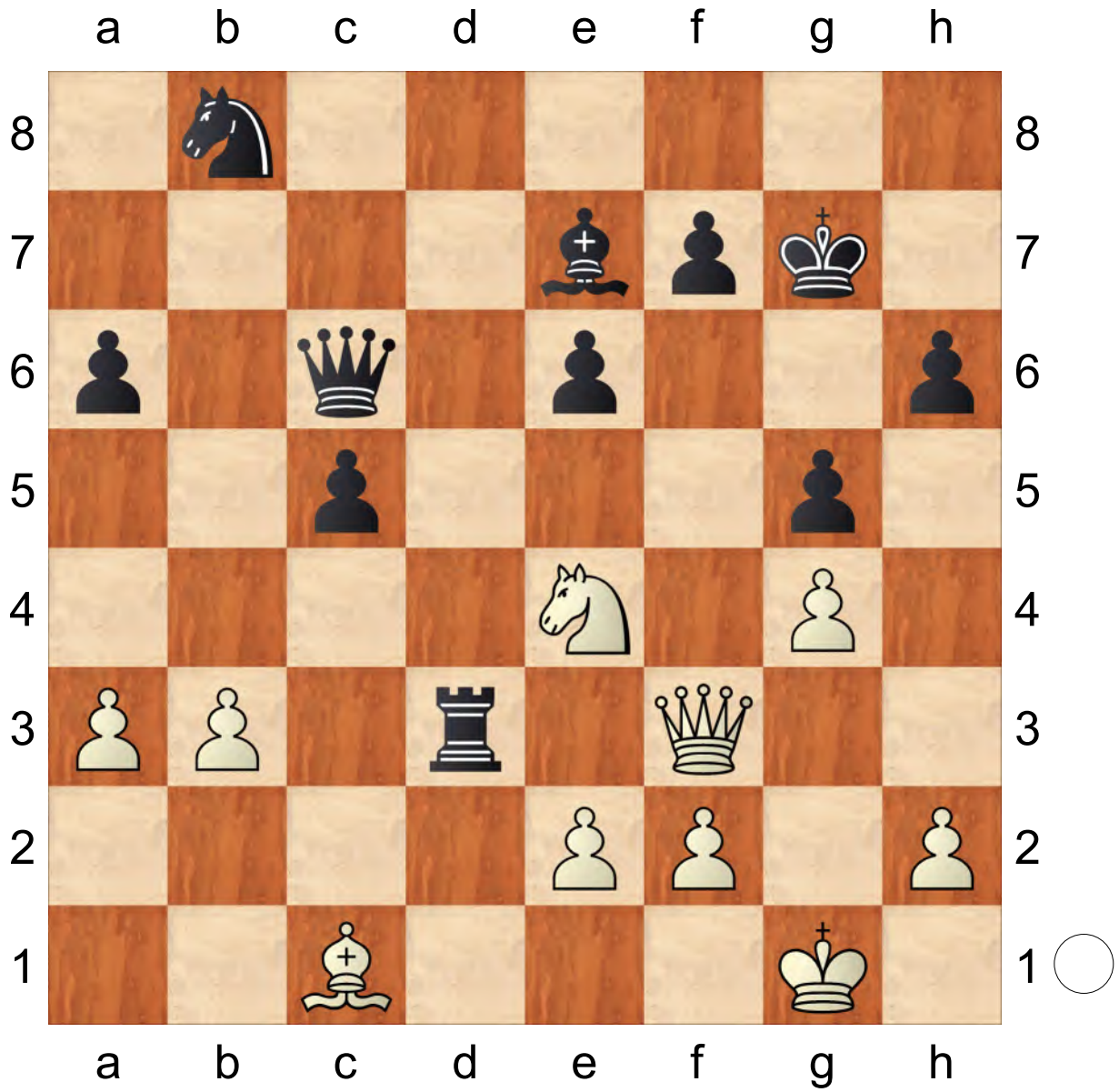
25...Nf6
[25...d5?! 26.cxd5 exd5 27.Ng3 and the knight gets to the f5-outpost.]



26.Qf3 Nxe4 27.Nxe4 d5 28.cxd5 Rxd5 29.b3
[29.b4 Rxd3 30.Rxd3 Rxd3 31.Qxd3 cxb4 32.Bb2+ f6 33.axb4 Qb5=]
29...Rxd3 30.Rxd3 Rxd3

(Diagram)

31.Qxd3 Qd5 32.Bb2+ f6 33.Qc2 Nd7 I was concerned about the manoeuvre ♘e4-g3-h5, but, in fact it's not so dangerous.
[33...Nc6 34.Ng3 Nd4 35.Nh5+ Kf8 36.Bxd4 Qxd4 37.h3 Qa1+ 38.Kg2 Qxa3 39.Qg6 Qxb3 and White must give a perpetual check.]



34.Ng3 Nf8 35.Qc4? A terrible move, mainly from the psychological point of view. This gave me a clear indication that Jan would accept the draw. Almost any other move would keep a marginal edge for White. **35...Qxc4**

(Diagram)

36.bxc4 Kg6 37.Nf1 Here my opponent offered a draw. The endgame is objectively equal, but Black is the only side that can try to squeeze something out of the position thanks to his more active king. The score in the match for the moment was 1.5-1.5, our game was the last one. **37...f5 38.f3 Bf6 39.Bxf6 Kxf6 40.Kf2 Nd7**

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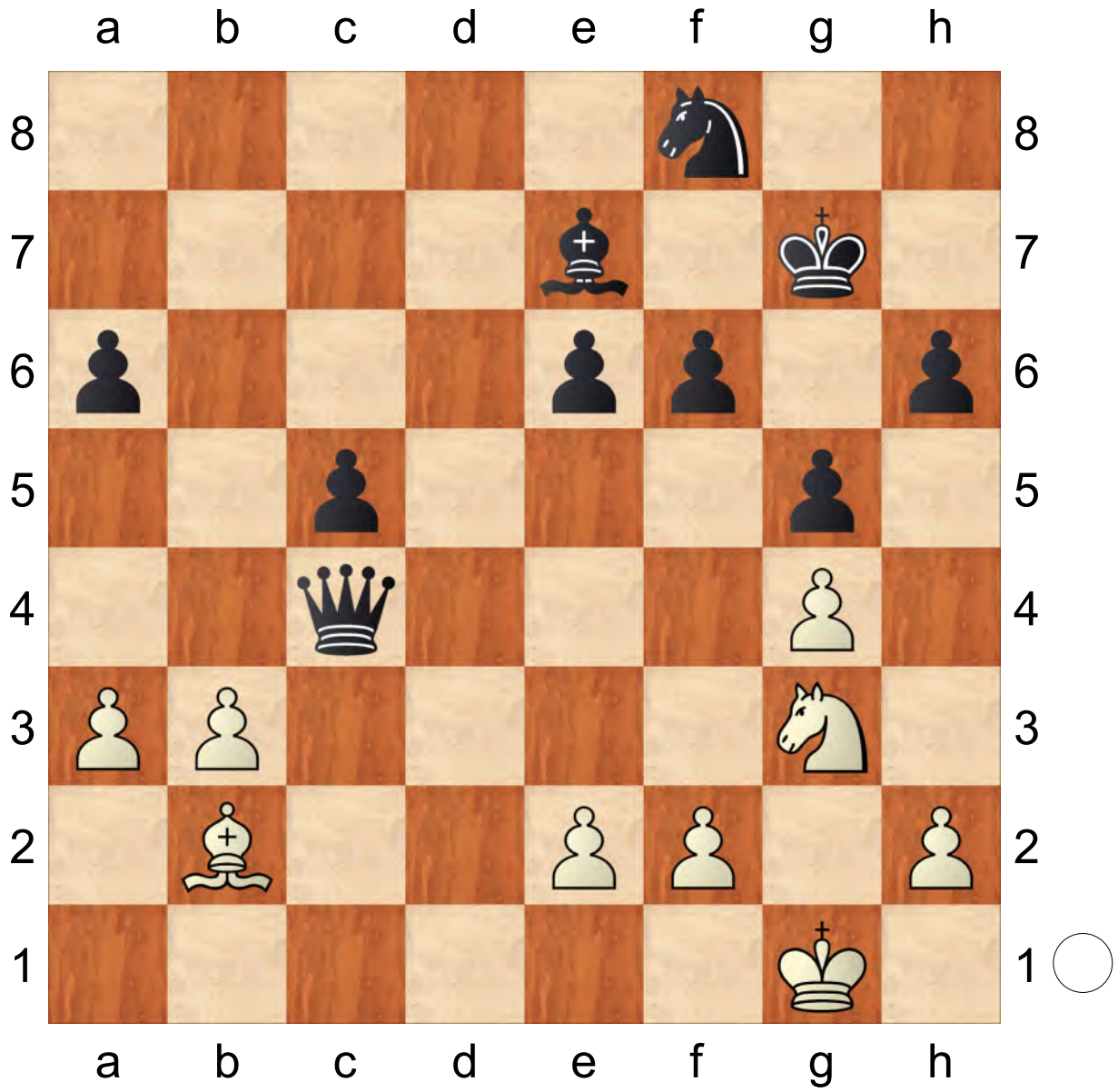
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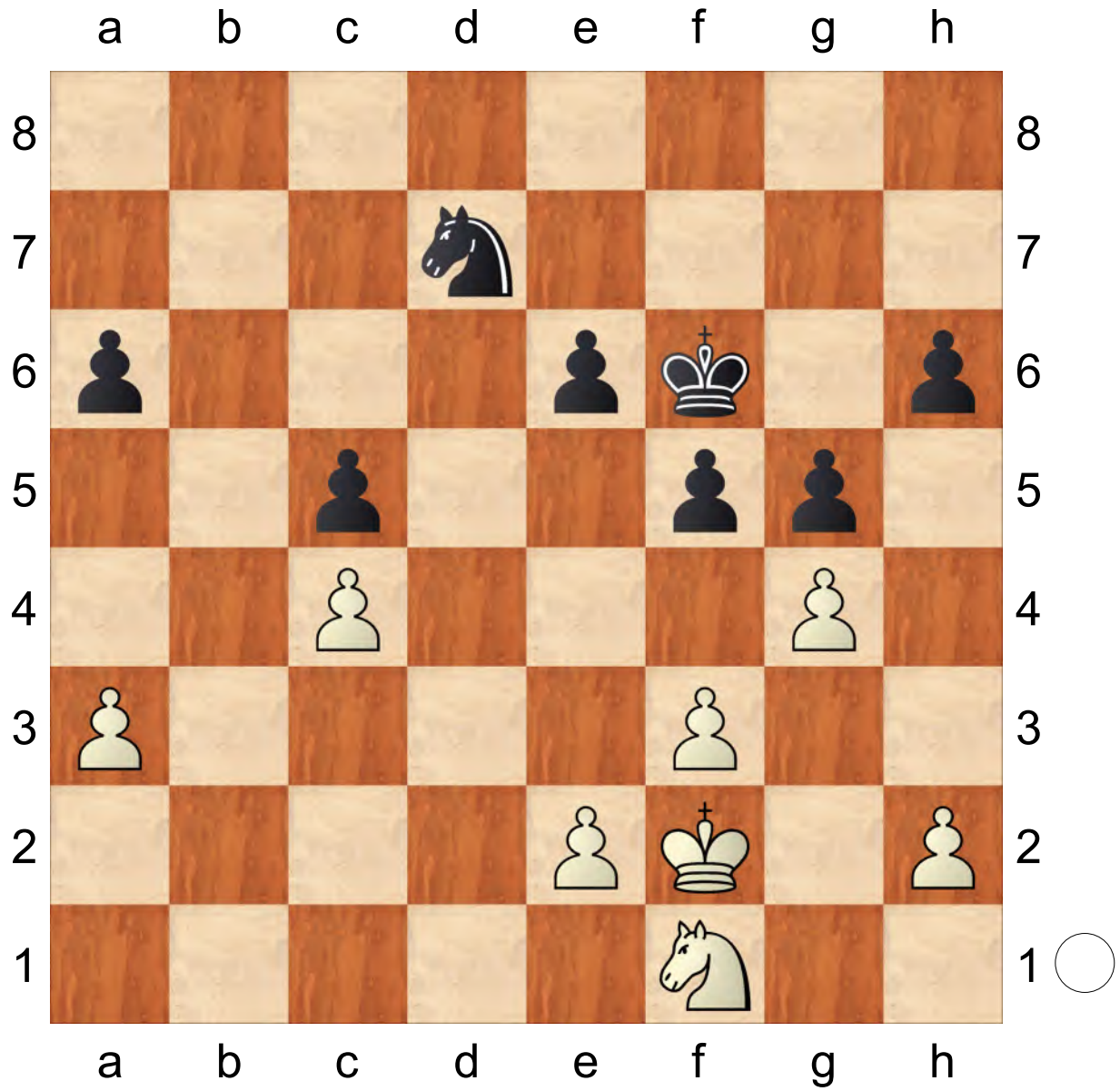

41.gxf5?! I did not even consider playing this move. It just gives Black an opportunity to create a passed pawn on the kingside. Still, the position remains objectively drawish, but now White has to play it very accurately. Postny: 'I did not even consider this move. It just gives Black an opportunity to create a passed pawn on the kingside. Still, the position remains objectively drawish, but now White has to play it very accurately.'

[41.Nd2 Ke5 42.Ke3 Nf6 43.h3 h5 44.gxh5 Nxh5 45.Nb3 Kd6 46.Na5 Nf4 47.h4 Ng2+ 48.Kf2 Nxh4 49.Nb7+ Kc6 50.Nd8+ Kd7 51.Nb7=]

41...exf5 42.Nd2 Nb6 43.Ke3 Ke5 44.Kd3 h5 45.e3 g4

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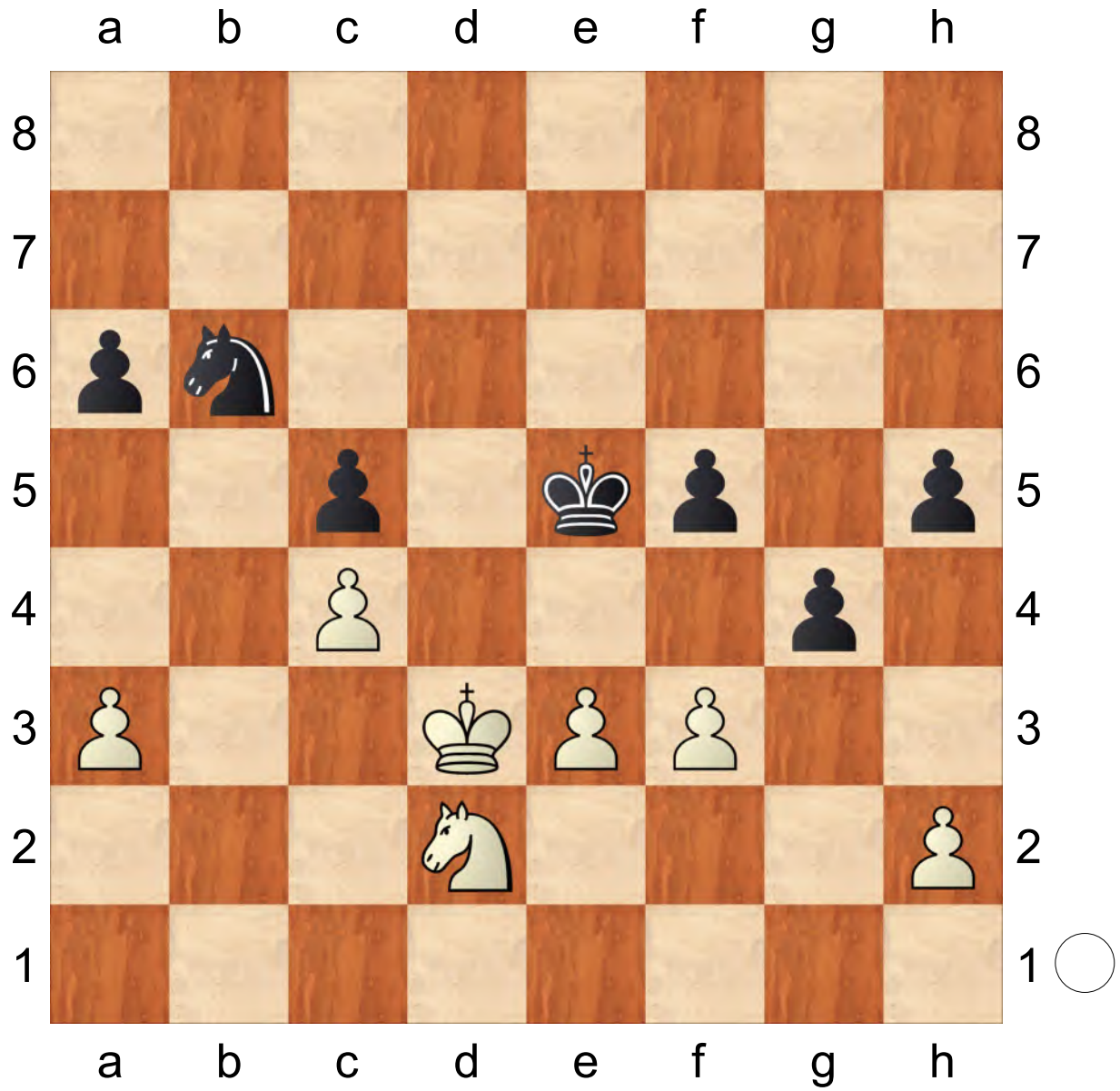
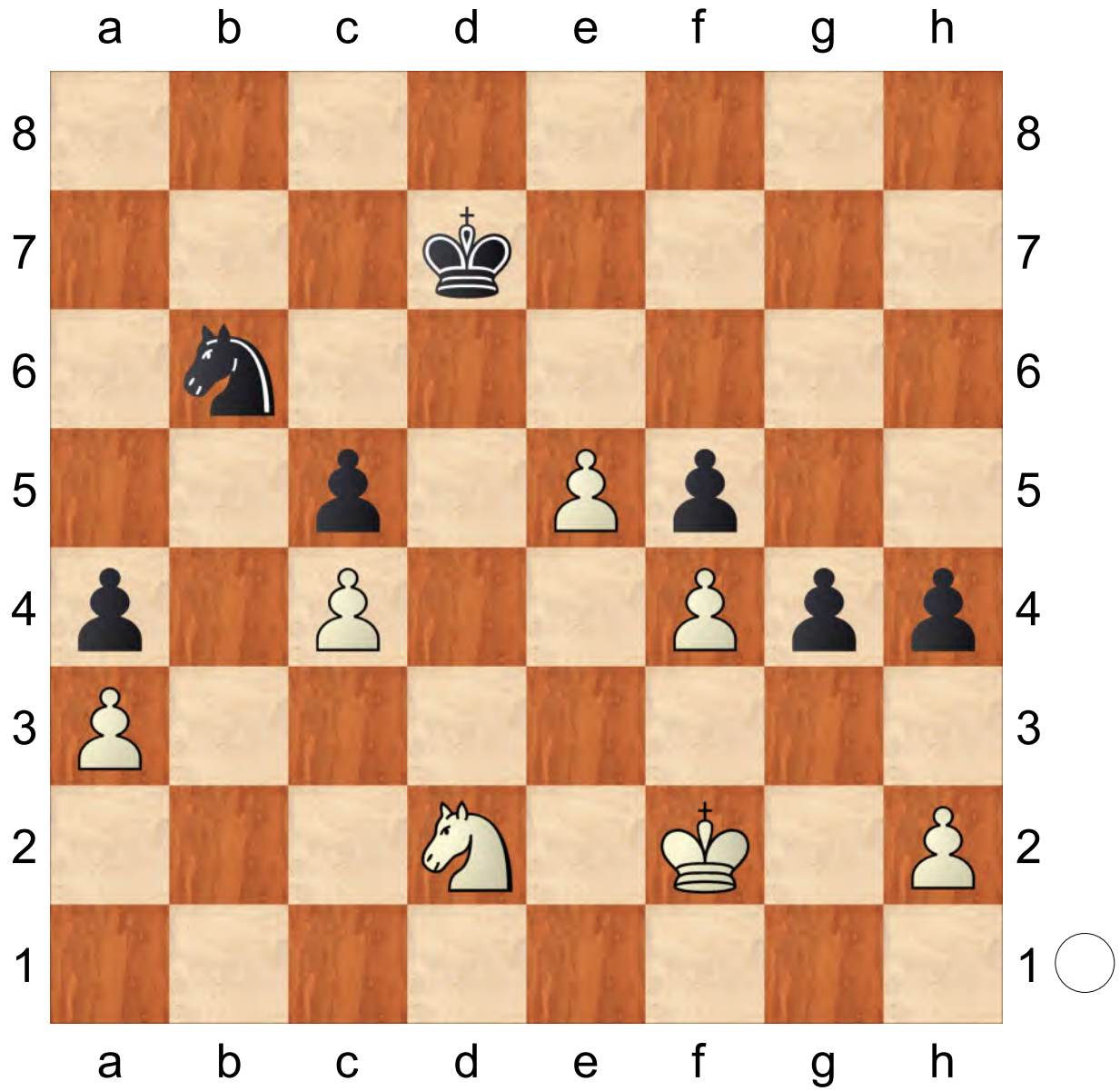
46.f4+ Ke6 47.e4 h4 48.Ke3 a5! After a long thought I found the best chance for a



win - to push the pawn up to a4. **49.e5 a4 50.Kf2 Kd7**

(Diagram)

51.h3 Ke6 52.Kg2 Nd7 53.Nf1? This loses. The only way was to go for ♙a4.
[53.Nb1! Nxe5 *(53...Nf8 54.Nc3 Ng6 55.Nd5 Nxf4+ 56.Nxf4+ Kxe5 57.Nd3+ Kd4 58.Nb2 Kc3 59.Nxa4+ Kxc4 60.hxg4 fxg4* would lead to the same position as after 53... ♘xe5.*)* 54.fxe5 Kxe5 55.hxg4 fxg4 56.Nc3 Kd4 57.Nxa4 Kxc4 Postny: 'would lead to the same position as after 53... ♘xe5.' 58.Nb6+ Kd4 *(58...Kb5 59.Nd5 Ka4 60.Ne3=)* 59.a4 c4 60.a5 c3 61.a6 c2 62.a7 c1Q 63.a8Q and Black has no more than a perpetual check.]
53...Nxe5! 54.fxe5 Kxe5-+ 55.Ne3
[55.hxg4 fxg4 56.Ne3 Kd4 57.Nxg4 Kxc4-+]



55...gxh3+

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56.Kxh3 Kd4 57.Nxf5+ Kxc4 58.Nd6+ Kb3 59.Nb7 c4 60.Na5+ Kc3

(Diagram)

61.Kxh4 Kd3 62.Nc6 c3 63.Kg3 c2 64.Nb4+ Kd2
[64...Kd2 65.Na2 c1Q 66.Nxc1 Kxc1 67.Kf2 Kb2 68.Ke2 Kxa3 69.Kd2 Kb2-+ Just in time!]

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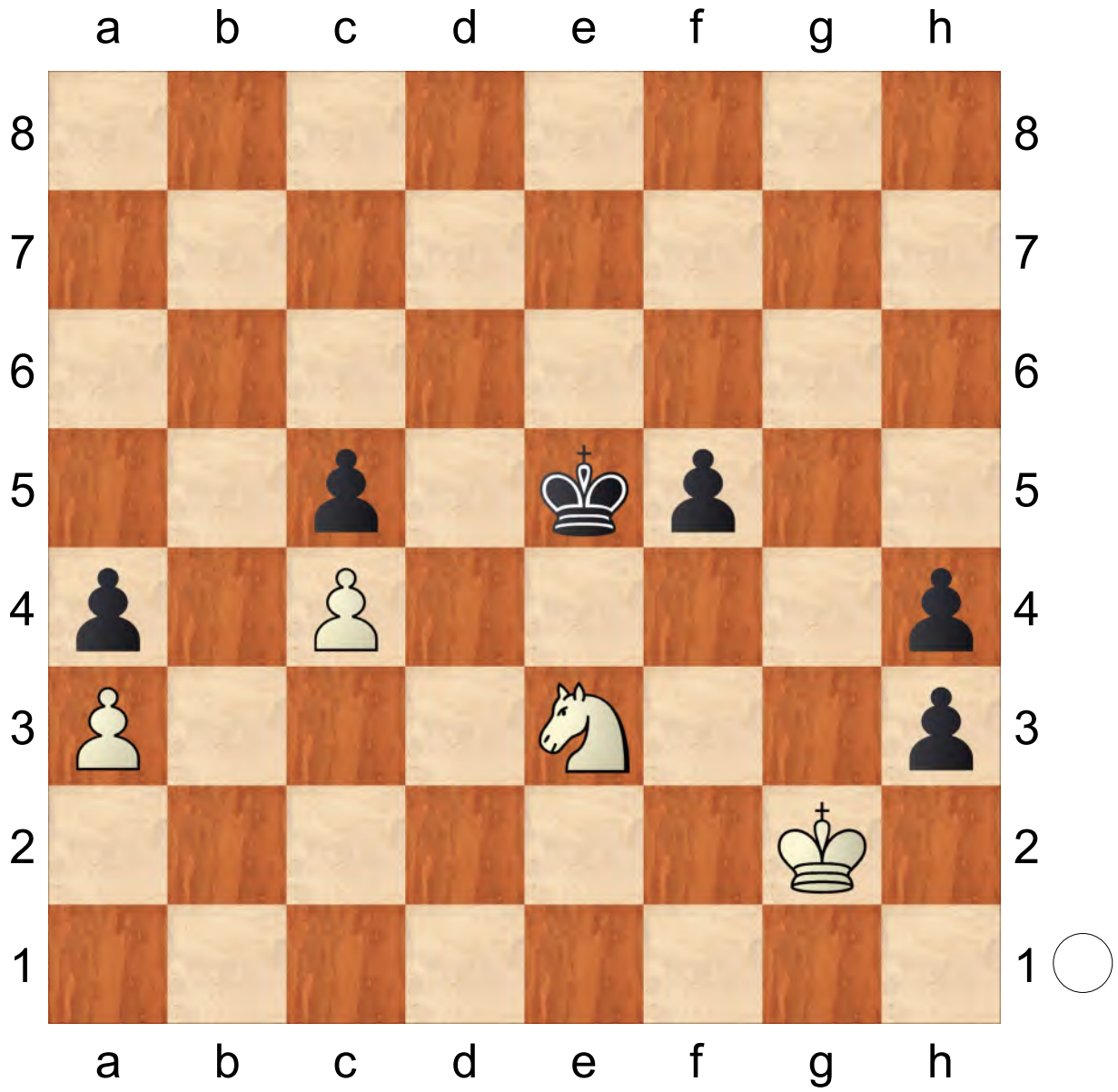
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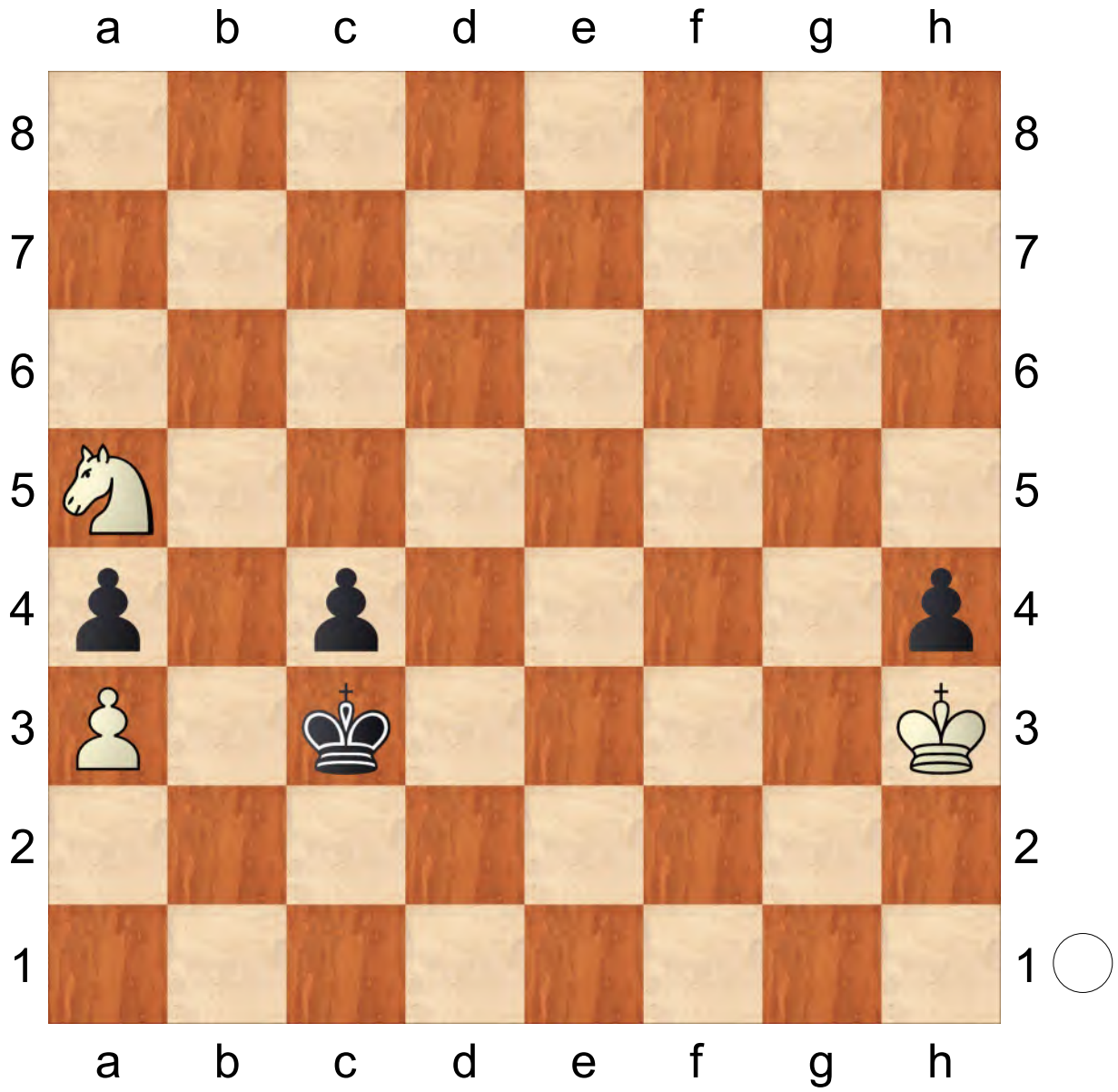
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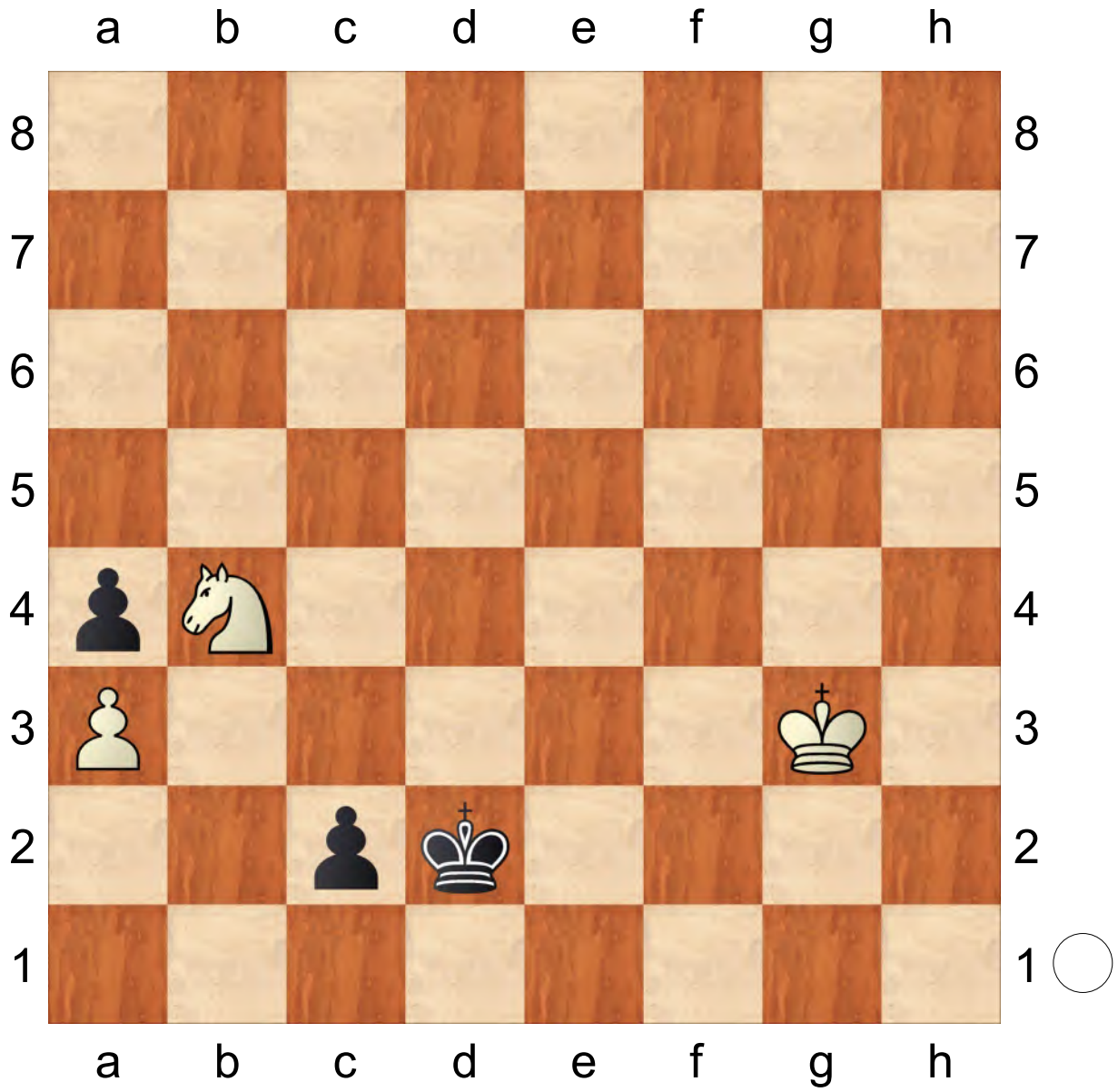

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□ **Bareev,Evgeny** **2709**
■ **Sorokin,Maxim** **2599**
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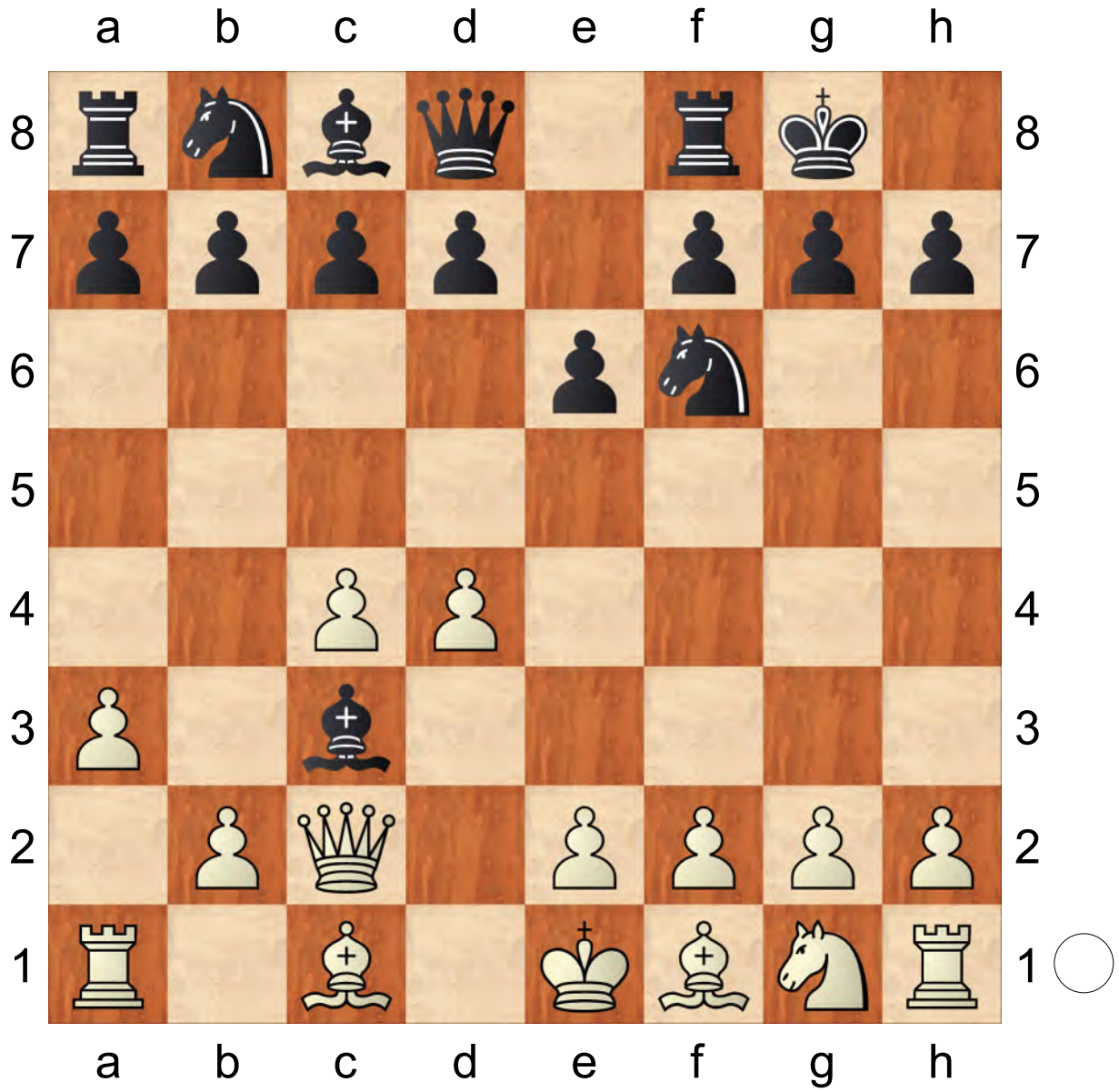
[Golod,Vitali]

1.d4 Golod,V **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Ba6 8.e3 d6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.b4 c5

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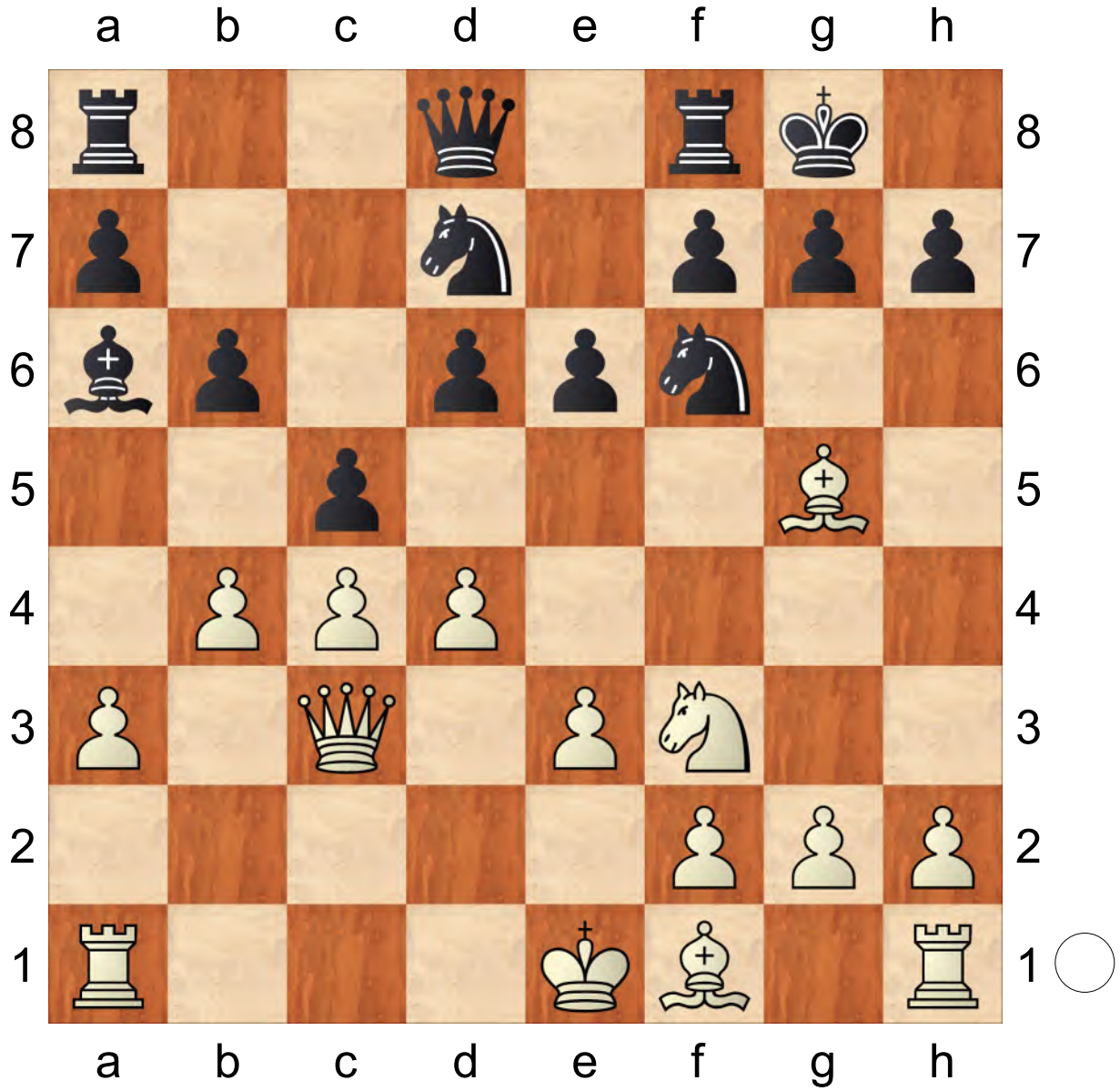
11.Nd2



[⌓11.dxc5 It's a principal decision, it is not possible to struggle for advantage by playing other moves. For further information, you can see my comments to Gabriel,C-Wells,P/Pulvermuehle,2000/CBM 75(½-½)(22)]

11...Qc7N

[The games, which have reached this position were continued as follows: 11...Rc8!? 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.b5 Bb7 14.Bd3 h6 *(≤14...Re8 15.0-0 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxf6 Nxf6 18.Nb3 Nd7 19.Rfc1 d5 20.Be2 dxc4 21.Na5 Bd5 22.f3 Nb6 23.e4 Ba8 24.Nxc4±)* Bareev,E-Tiviakov,S/Warsaw,2002(1-0)(52) 15.Bxf6

A) 15...Nxf6 16.0-0 d5 17.a4 Qd6 *(17...d4!?)* 18.f3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 e5 20.Bf5 d4 21.Qd3 Rc7 22.e4 g6 23.Bh3 Nh5 24.g3 Rf8 25.a5± Ambarcumjan,A-Yudasin,L/Los Angeles,2003(½-½)(65);

B) 15...Qxf6 16.Qxf6 Nxf6 17.f3 d5 18.Ke2 Rc7 19.Rhc1 Nd7 20.a4 Ne5 21.Ra3 Rd8 22.cxd5 exd5 23.Bf5 g6 24.Bh3 f5= Bareev,E-Fedorchuk,S/

Warsaw,2002(1-0)(48)]

12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Be2

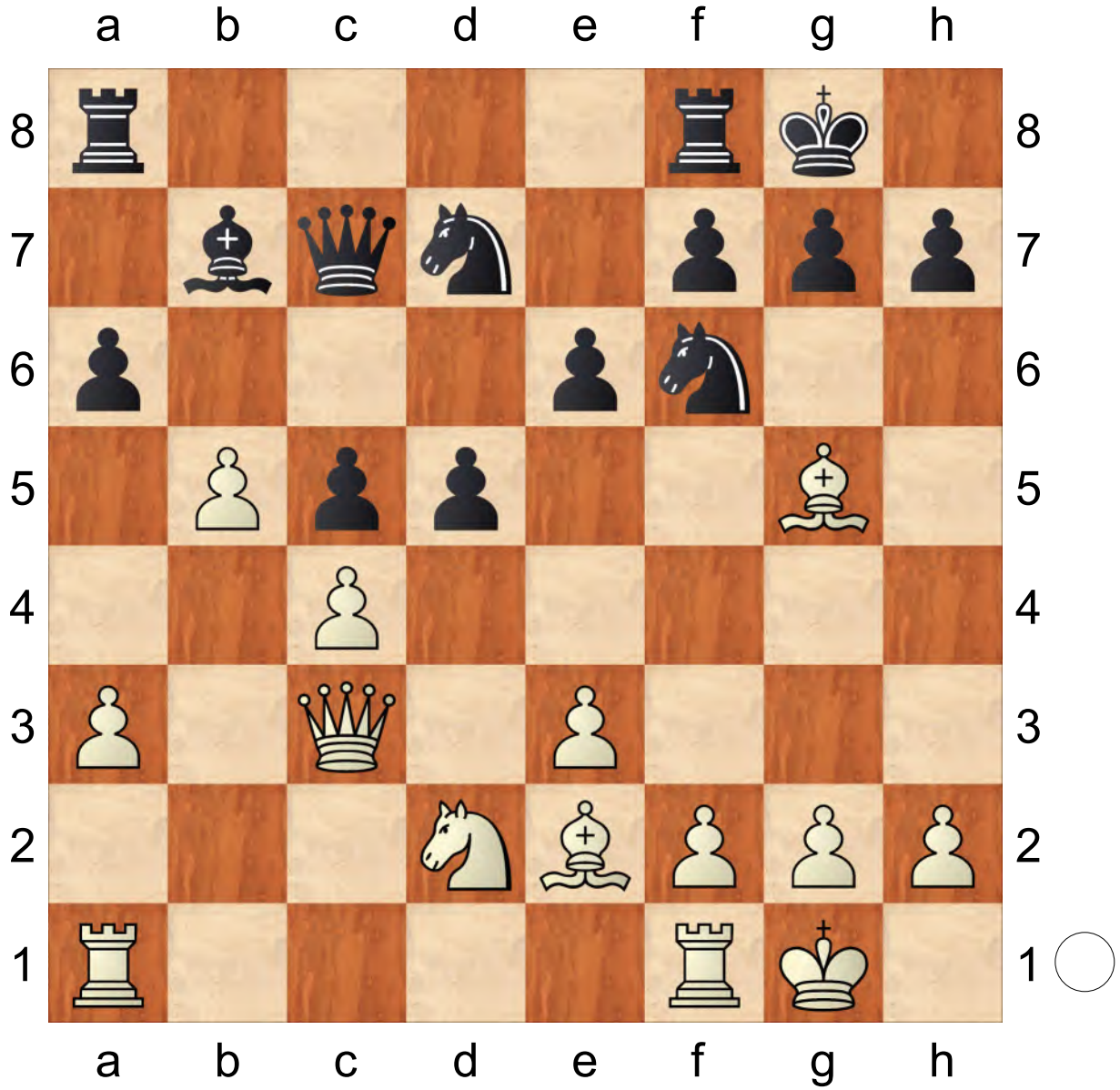
[13.Bd3!?]

13...d5 It is questionable whether Black can fully equalize after:

[13...h6 14.Bh4 *(≤14.Bf4 cxb4 15.axb4 Bb7 16.0-0 Nd5 17.Qd3 Nxf4 18.exf4 Rfd8=)* 14...Bb7 15.0-0 a5 16.b5 a4 17.Rad1±]

[or 13...Bb7 14.0-0 h6 15.Bh4 Rfd8 16.Bd3± But the move in the text also didn't solve all problems.]

14.b5 Bb7 15.0-0 a6

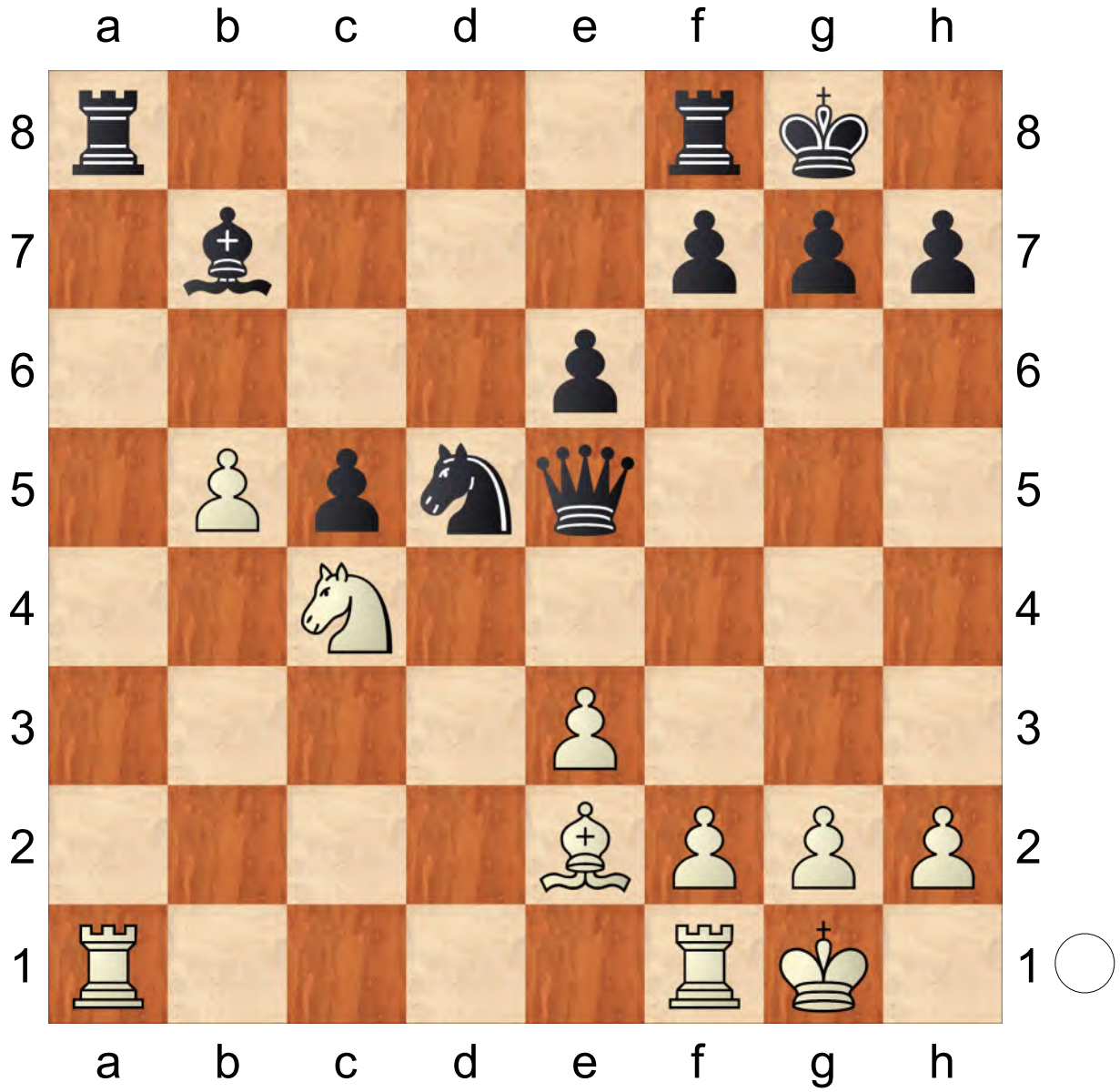


16.a4 dxc4 17.Bxf6?! A strange decision. It's not so clear what was wrong in such continuation:

[17.Bf4!? e5 18.Bg3 axb5 19.axb5 Nd5 20.Qxc4 N7b6 21.Qc2± with obvious positional advantage for White.]

17...Nxf6 18.Nxc4 axb5 19.axb5 Nd5 20.Qe5 White exchanges queens hoping to make use of his passed b-pawn. **20...Qxe5**

[20...Qd7? 21.e4 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Nf6 23.Nd6 ±/± ΔQc7? 24.Ra7 Ne8 *(24...Rb8 25.Nxf7!+-)* 25.Nc4 Qxe5 26.Nxe5 Nd6 27.Nd7 Ra8□ *(27...Rc8? 28.e5)* 28.Rxa8+ Bxa8 29.e5+-]



21.Nxe5 Nb6 22.f3± With the idea to confine Black's bishop. **22...f6**

[≤22...Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Ra8 24.Rxa8+ Bxa8 25.e4 with good chances for a win.]

23.Nc6

[≤23.Nc4 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Nxc4 25.Bxc4 Bd5=]

23...Bxc6 24.bxc6 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Rc8

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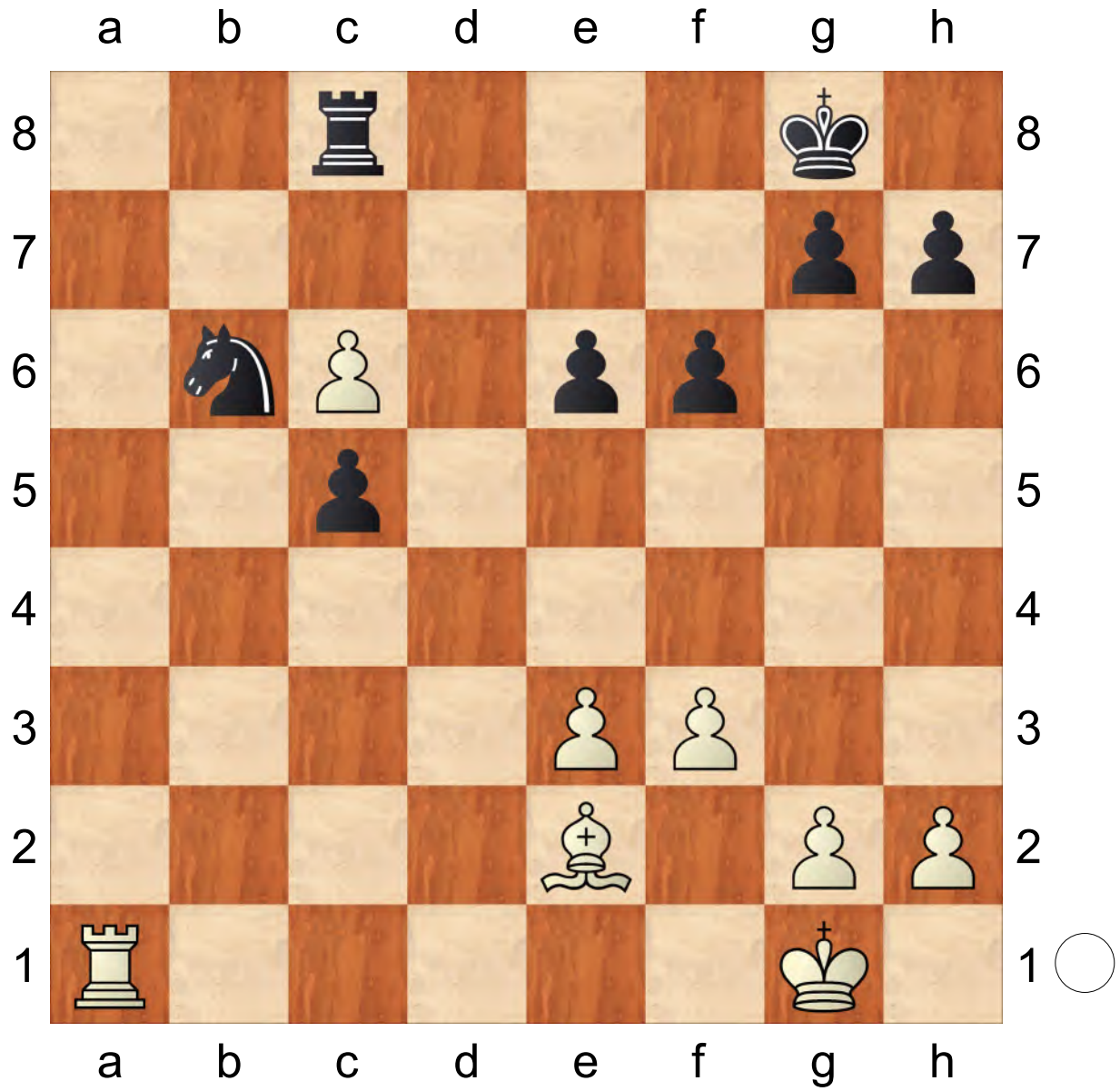

Surprisingly white's passed pawn is weak and needs protection. **26.Bb5 Rc7** Preventing 27.♖a7. **27.e4**

[27.Ra6? Nc8 28.Kf2 Kf7 29.Ke2 Na7 30.Ba4 Ke7 31.Kd3 Kd6∓]

27...Kf7 28.Rc1

[≤28.Kf2 Nc8 29.Rc1 Nd6 30.Rxc5 Nxb5 31.Rxb5 Rxc6=]

28...c4 29.f4 e5! A good move. Black prevents White from playing e5 and fixing his pawns on the light squares. **30.fxe5**

[30.Bxc4+ Nxc4 31.Rxc4 exf4 32.Kf2 Ke6 33.Kf3 Kd6 34.Kxf4 Rxc6 35.Rxc6+ Kxc6 36.g4 Kd6 37.Kf5 Ke7=]

30...fxe5

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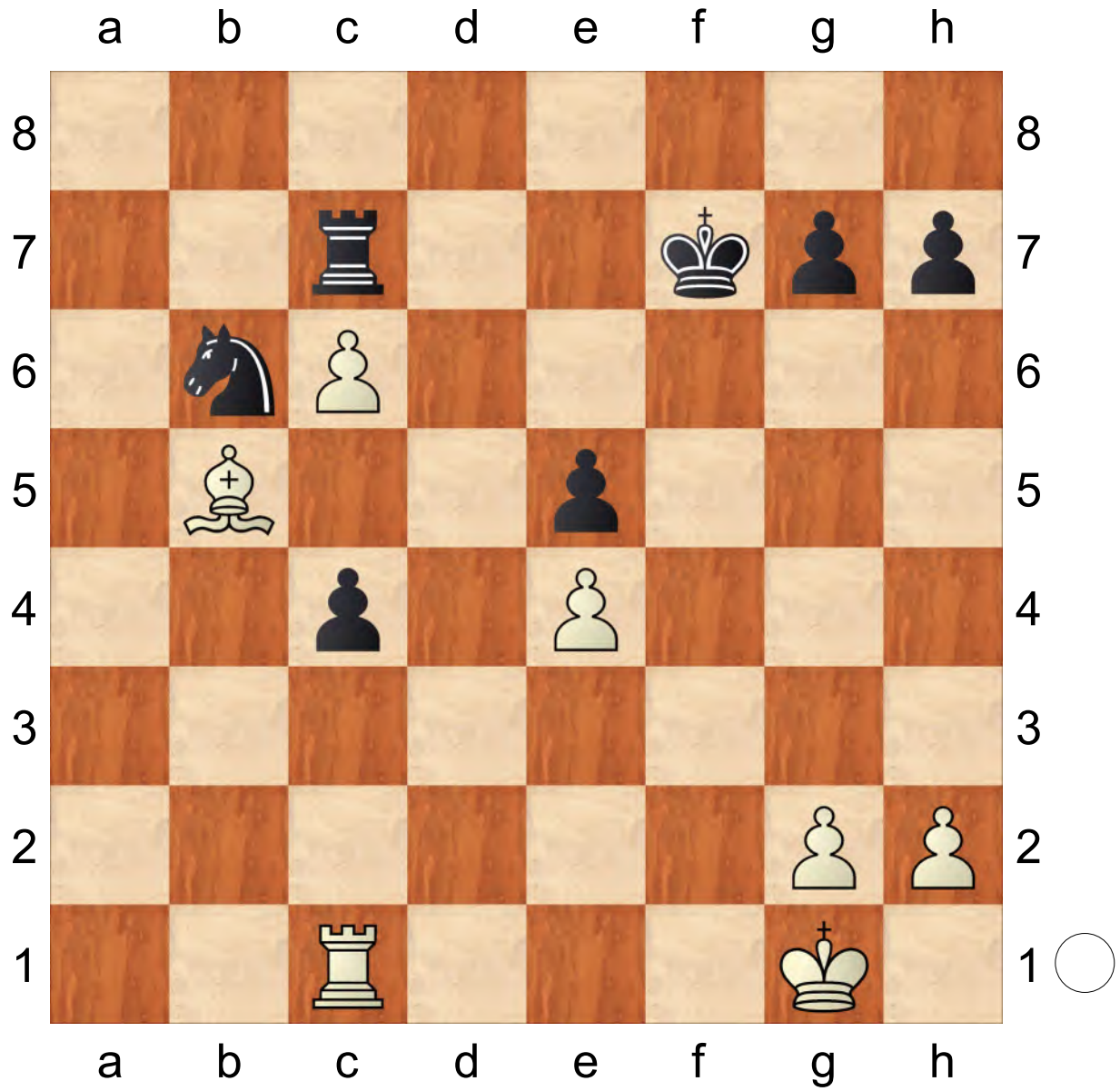
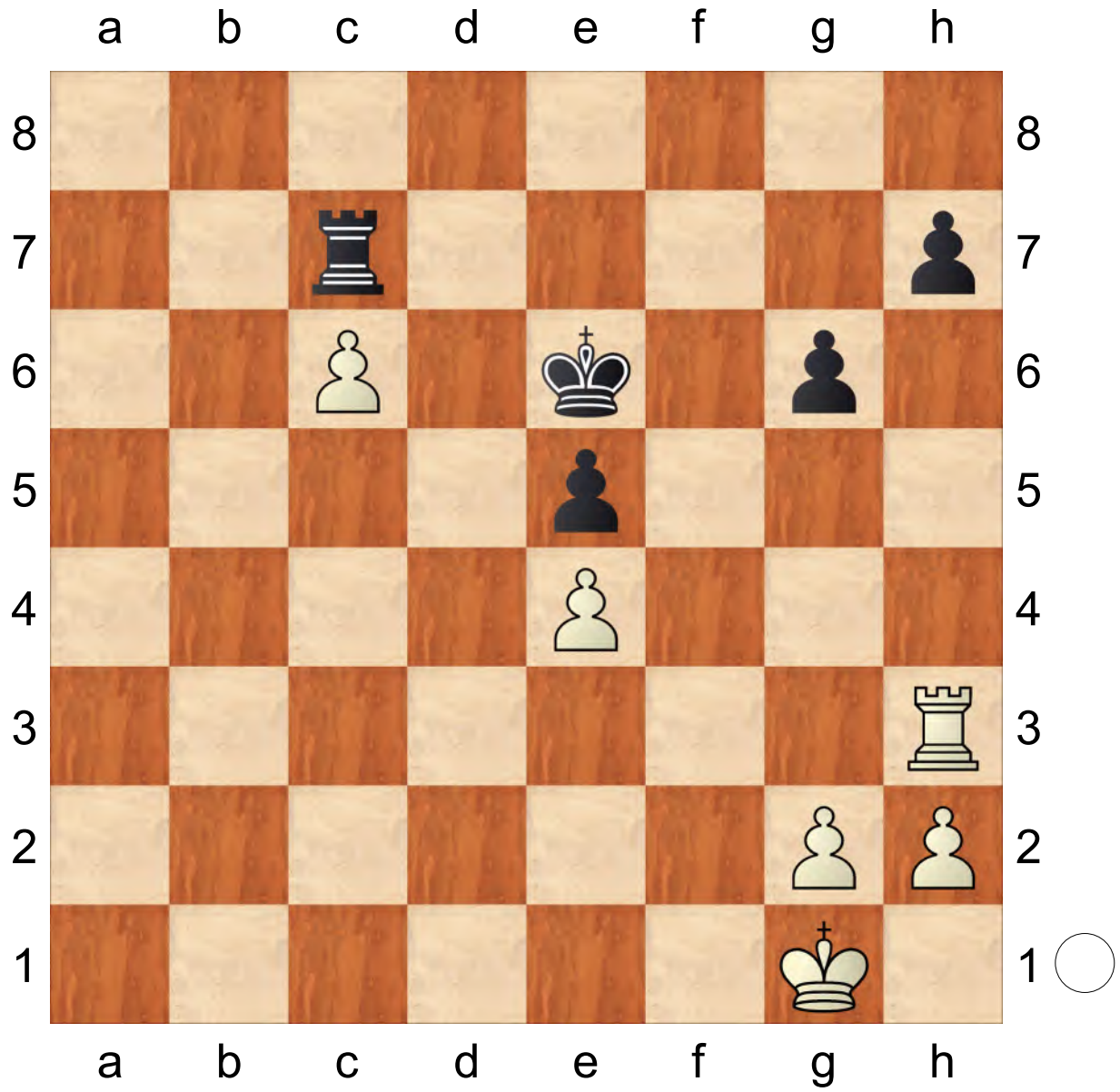


31.Bxc4+ Nxc4 32.Rxc4 Ke6 33.Rc3 Kd6= Frankly speaking, it's a drawish position. The only things that Black needs, are attention and good technique.
34.Rd3+ Ke6 35.Rh3 g6

(Diagram)

36.Kf2 Kd6 According to the basic rule of endgame, Black activates his king.
[≤36...Rxc6 37.Rxh7 Rc2+ 38.Kf3 *(38.Kf1 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Rc2+ 40.Kf1 Rc1+=)* 38...Rc3+ 39.Kg4 Kf6 40.Rd7±]
37.Kg3 Kc5! Using the bad position of white's rook, Black himself starts to play for win.
[≤37...Kxc6 38.Kg4 Kd6 39.Ra3 *(39.Kg5!?)* 39...Rc2 40.Kf3=]
38.Kg4 Kd4 39.Kg5 Kxe4 40.Rc3 Kd4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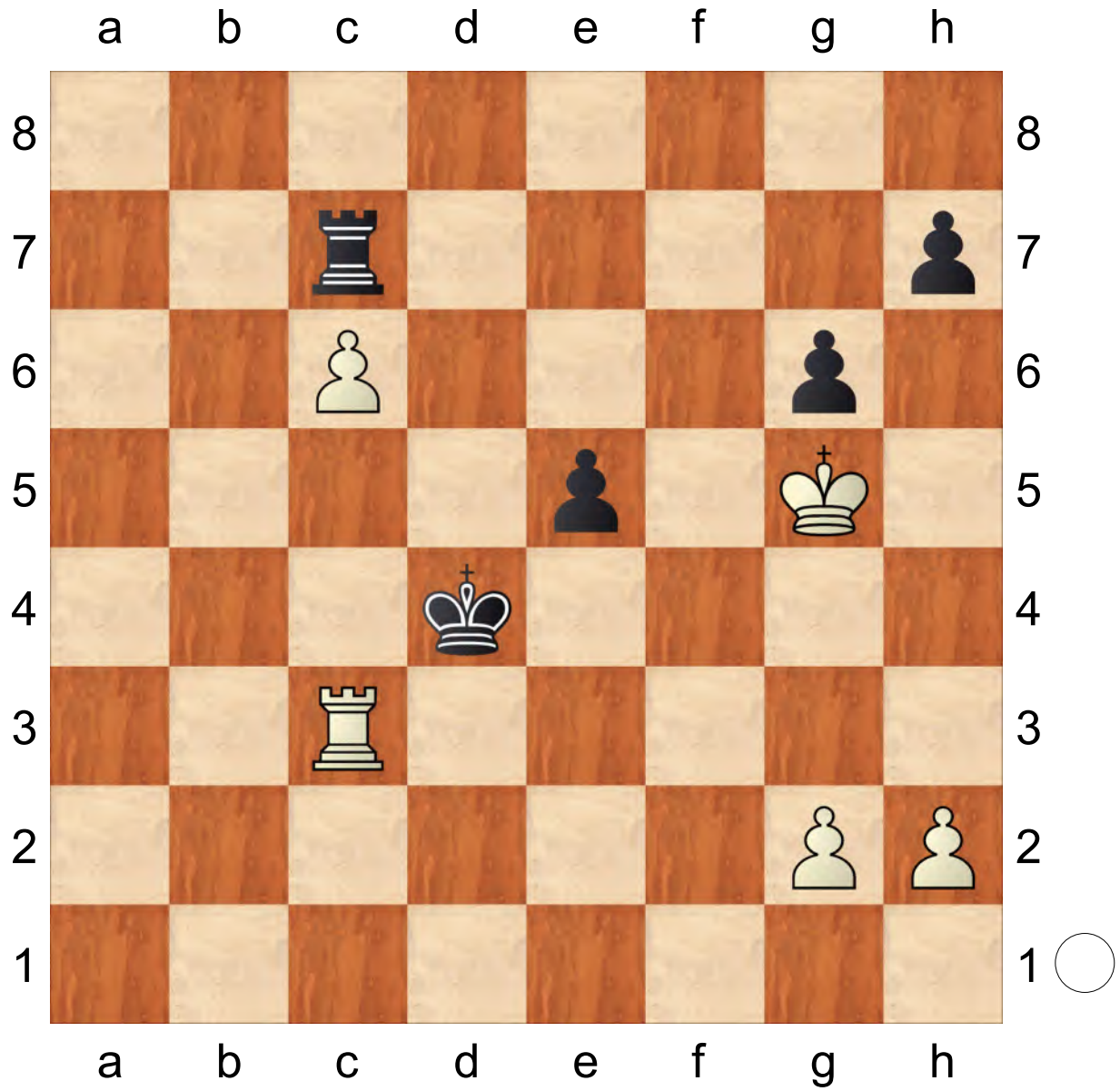

41.Rc1 e4 42.Kf4

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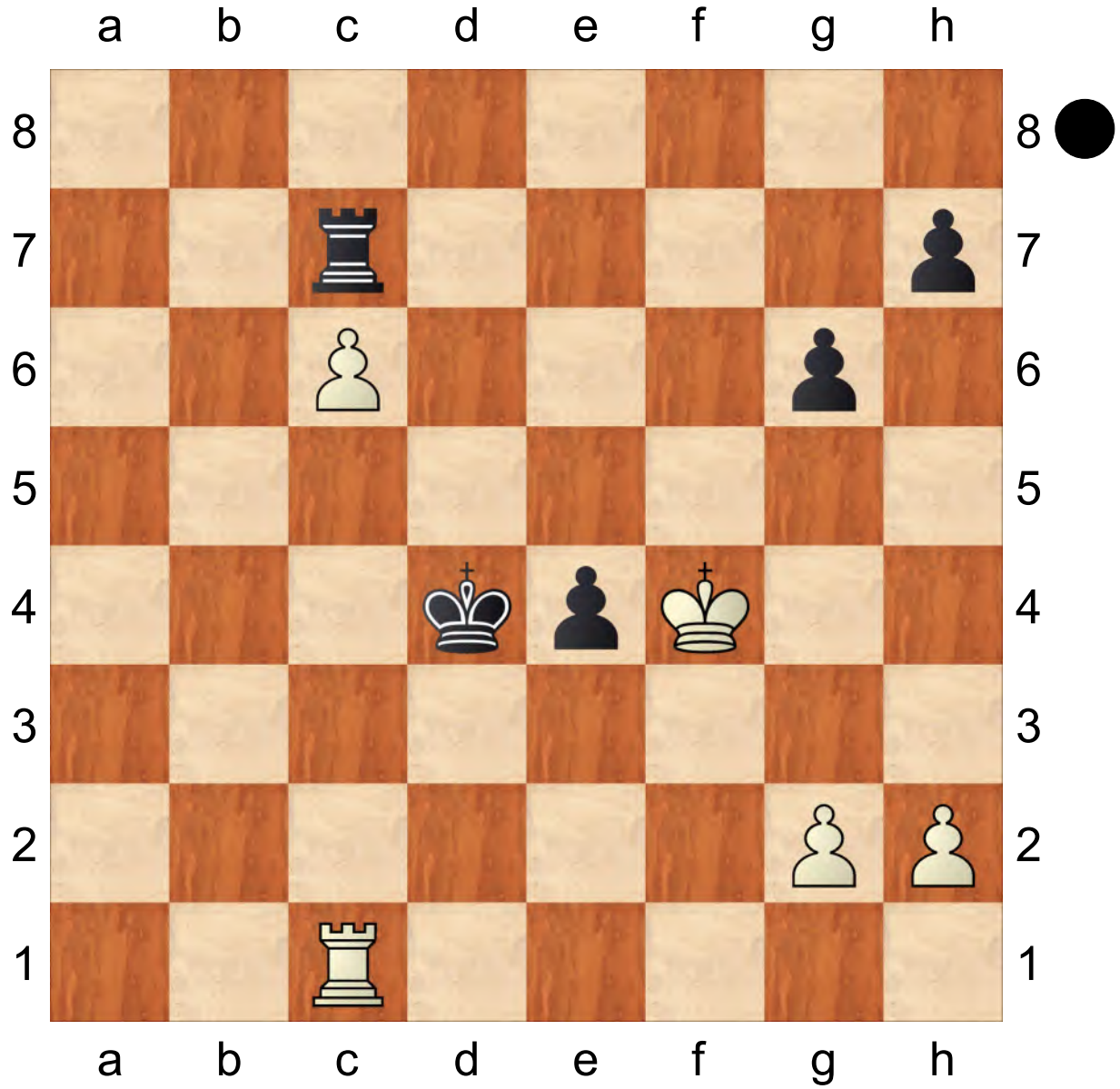
Find the best continuation for Black?

42...g5+! Unexpected surprise. **43.Kxg5**

[Sergei Shipov make the following comment on thw site "www.chesspro.ru" : 43.Kf5?? e3 44.Ke6 e2 45.Kd6 Rc8 46.Kd7 Rf8 47.c7 Kd3 48.Ra1 *(48.c8Q Rxc8 49.Kxc8 Kd2 50.Ra1 e1Q 51.Rxe1 Kxe1 52.Kd7 Kf2-+)* 48...Kd2 49.Ra2+ Ke3 50.Ra1 Kf2 51.Ra2 Kf1-+]

43...e3 44.Rd1+

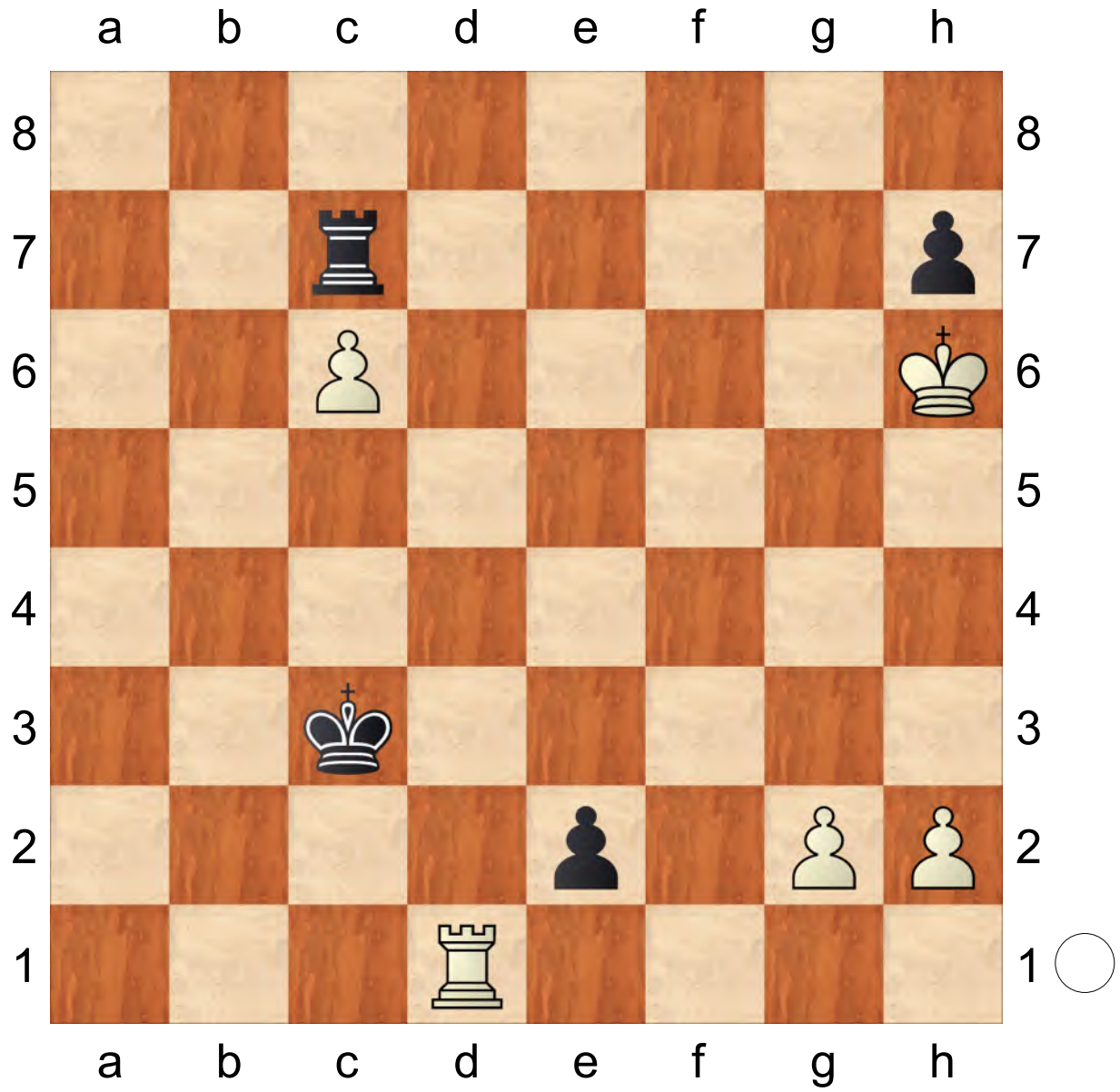
[⌓44.Kh6 e2 45.Re1 Ke3 46.g4 Kf2 47.Ra1=]



44...Kc3 45.Kh6 e2

(Diagram)

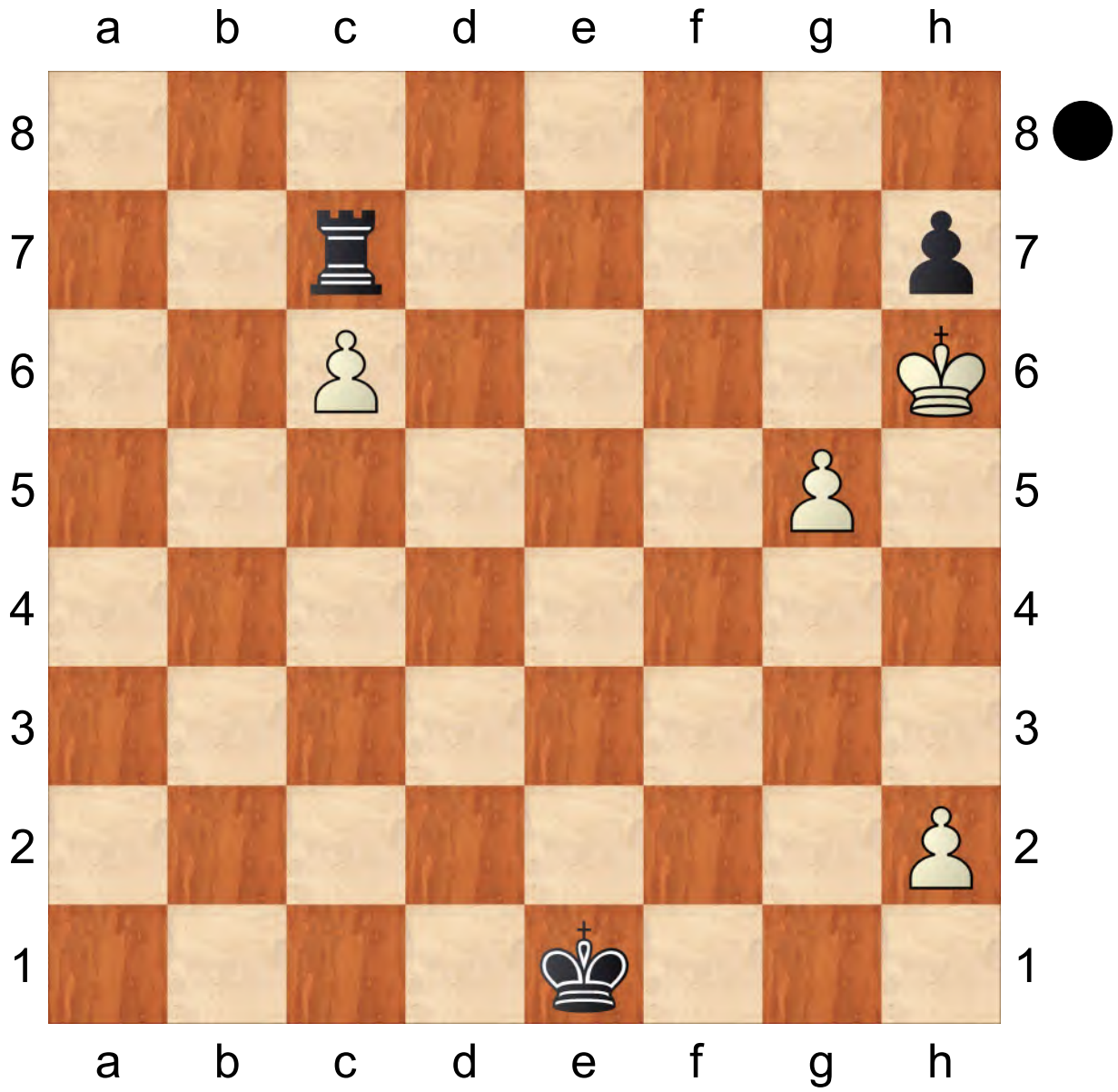
46.Ra1 Kd2 It leads immediately to a draw. The only chance to play for win was:
[46...Rxc6+!? Sergei Shipov make the following comment in site "www.chesspro.ru" : 47.Kxh7 Rc4 *(47...Rd6 48.Re1 Kd2 49.Rxe2+ Kxe2 50.g4=)* 48.h3! *(48.g3?? Rd4 49.h4 Rd1 50.Ra3+ Kd4 51.Ra4+ Kd5 52.Ra5+ Ke6 53.Ra6+ Kf5 54.Ra5+ Kg4 55.Rg5+ Kh3 56.Re5 e1Q 57.Rxe1 Rxe1 58.h5 Kg4-+)* 48...Rf4 *(48...Kd2 49.g4 Rc1 50.Ra2+ Kd1 51.Rxe2 Kxe2 52.g5=)* 49.g4 Rf1 50.Ra3+ Kd4 51.Ra4+ Ke3 52.Ra3+ Kf4 53.Ra4+ Kg5 *(53...Kg3 54.Re4 e1Q 55.Rxe1 Rxe1 56.g5=)* 54.Ra5+ Kh4 55.Rh5+ Kg3 56.Re5 e1Q 57.Rxe1 Rxe1 58.g5=]



47.g4 e1Q 48.Rxe1 Kxe1 49.g5=
[49.g5 Kf2 50.h4 Kg3 51.h5 Kf4 52.g6 hxg6 53.hxg6 Rxc6 54.Kh7 Kg5 55.g7 Rh6+ 56.Kg8=]

(Diagram)

After this move Maxim Sorokin decided not to test Evgeny Bareev and agreed to a draw.
½-½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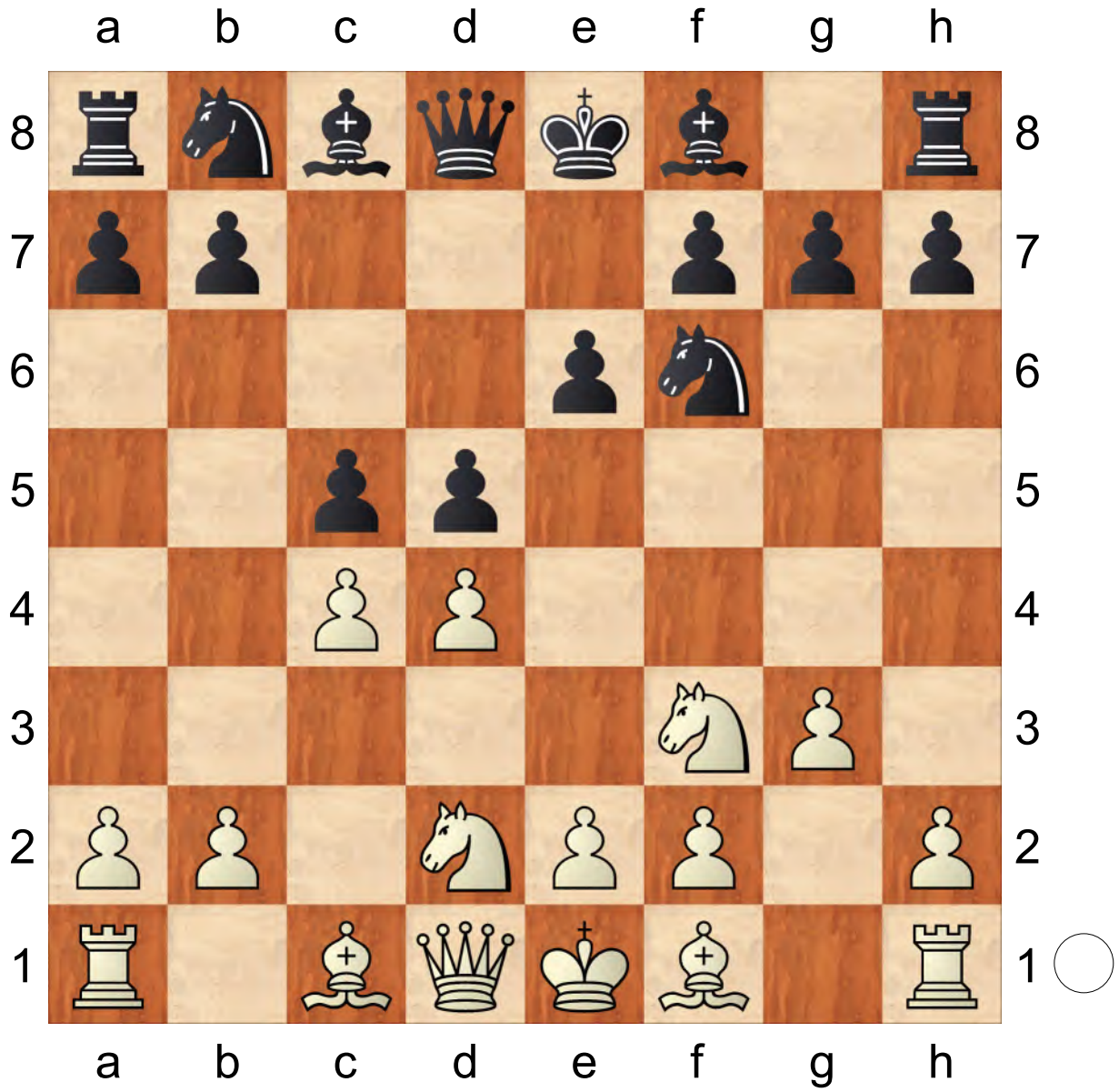
D30

□ **Ehlvest,Jaan** **2630**
■ **Pavasovic,Dusko** **2515**
Dubai op (2) 16.04.2001
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.g3 c5**



6.Bg2 Nc6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.0-0 Bf5! This move is very strong here because ♘b1 went instead of active position on c3 - attacking ♙d5 and Black ♗c8 had to go to e6 - on more successfut point- d2. So eventually after d4 and c5 ♙♙ excange ♘d2 will go to b3, and ♗f5 will go to e4. In case of bright squares ♗♗ exchange and in case of f2-f3 ♗e4-g6 moves Black equalizes.

[All another replies are worse, for example: 8...c4?! 9.b3± -see commented game 0-1 Yakovich,Y-Tregubov,P/Krasnodar 1997/EXT 2000 [Tsesarsky,I](62)]
[8...Be6?! 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Nbd4 0-0 12.b3 Ne4 13.Bb2 Rc8 14.Rc1± 0-1 Kalinski,K-Izvozchikov,A/Vilnius 1972/EXT 2001 (33)]
[8...h6?! 9.dxc5 Bxc5
A) 10.a3 0-0 11.b4 Bb6 12.Bb2 Here Black could apply pecommended above manoeuvre: Bf5! *(12...Re8 13.Nb3 Qe7 14.e3 Bg4 15.Rc1 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Nxa5 Bxa5 18.Qa4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Bb6± ½-½* Rogers,I-Raicevic,V/ Valjevo 1984/MCD (43) *)* 13.Rc1 Re8 14.Nb3 Be4 15.e3=;
B) 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Bf4 Bf5 12.Ne5 Be4 13.Bh3!±]
[8...cxd4?! 9.Nb3 Be7 10.Nbxd4 0-0 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2± time. 1-0 Bischoff,K-Boehm,J/Dortmund 1985/MCL (40)]

9.Qb3!? This novelty doesn't bring to White nothing. ♘d2 location is too bad.
[9.dxc5 Bxc5
A) 10.a3 0-0 11.b4 Bb6 12.Bb2 Qe7 13.Nb3 Rfd8 14.Nfd4 Be4 15.Nxc6 *(15.Bh3 Ne5!* a2-a3 and b2-b4 plan disadvantage is c4 square weakening!*)* 15...bxc6 16.Bd4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ne4 18.e3 ½-½ Psakhis,L-Grischuk,A/ Torshavn 2000/CBM 78 ext (18);
B) 10.Nb3 Bb6
B1) 11.Nfd4 Be4 12.Be3 *(12.f3 Bg6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Bf2⇄)* 12...0-0 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bd4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Ne4 16.Rc1 Rc8 17.Nc5 Qe7 18.b4 ½-½ Furman,S-Gufeld,E/Tbilisi 1959/URS-ch (18);
B2) 11.Bg5 Be4!⇄ *(11...h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Qxd5 Rd8 14.Qc4 Qxb2 15.Nc5 0-0 16.Na4 Qb4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.Nxb6 axb6 19.e3±* 1-0 Lugovoi,A-Solovjov,S/St Petersburg 1998/CBM 67 ext (60) *)*]

9...Qb6!? 10.Qe3+?!∓ This strange check is a source of next troubles. White ♕ will be attacked and "will feel" badly on e3.
[Right was 10.Qxb6 axb6=]

10...Be6

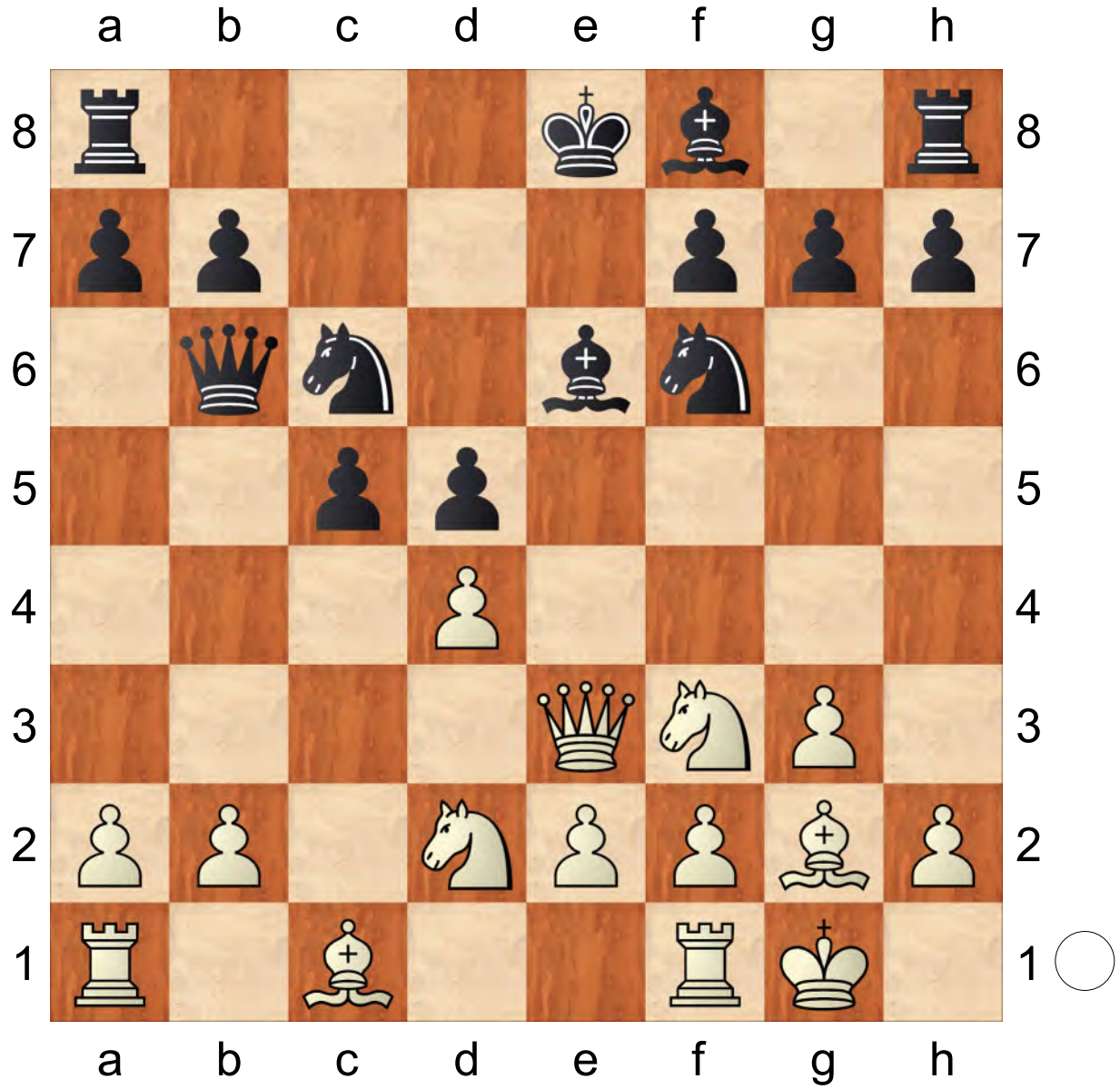
(Diagram)

11.Nb3
[≤11.dxc5?! Bxc5 12.Qd3 Nb4! *(12...Bxf2+ 13.Rxf2 Ng4 14.e3 Nxf2 15.Kxf2±; 12...Ng4 13.e3)* 13.Qb3 White ♕ suffers too hard... *(13.Qb1 Bxf2+! 14.Rxf2 Ng4-+)* 13...Ng4 *(13...Ne4 14.e3⇄)* 14.e3 d4∓]
[11.Nb1? cxd4∓]

11...c4 12.Nbd2 Be7
[12...Bb4 13.a3 Ng4 14.Qf4 Be7 15.e3 h6 16.Ne1 0-0 *(16...Bg5 17.Qf3)* 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.h3∓]

13.b3
[Interesting was 13.Nb1!? 0-0 14.Nc3 Rfe8∓]

13...0-0



[Only equal position can reach Black after 13...Ng4?

A) 14.Qf4??-+ g5 15.Nxg5 Nxd4 16.Kh1 *(16.Re1 Bd6-+)* 16...Nxe2 *(16...Bd6 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Qe4 Nf6 19.Qxb7 Qxb7 20.Bxb7 Rb8∓)* 17.Qf3 Nd4 18.Qf4 Bd6-+;

B) 14.Qc3

B1) 14...Qb4 15.Bb2 Qxc3 16.Bxc3 b5 17.bxc4 bxc4 *(17...dxc4 18.Ne1+-)* 18.Rab1±;

B2) 14...Bb4 15.Qc2 c3 16.Nb1 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.a3 Bc5 19.e3 Qf6 20.Qxc3 Be7 21.Bb2 Qh6 22.h3 Bf6 23.Qd2 Bxb2 24.Qxb2 Nf6⇄]

14.Bb2 Rac8

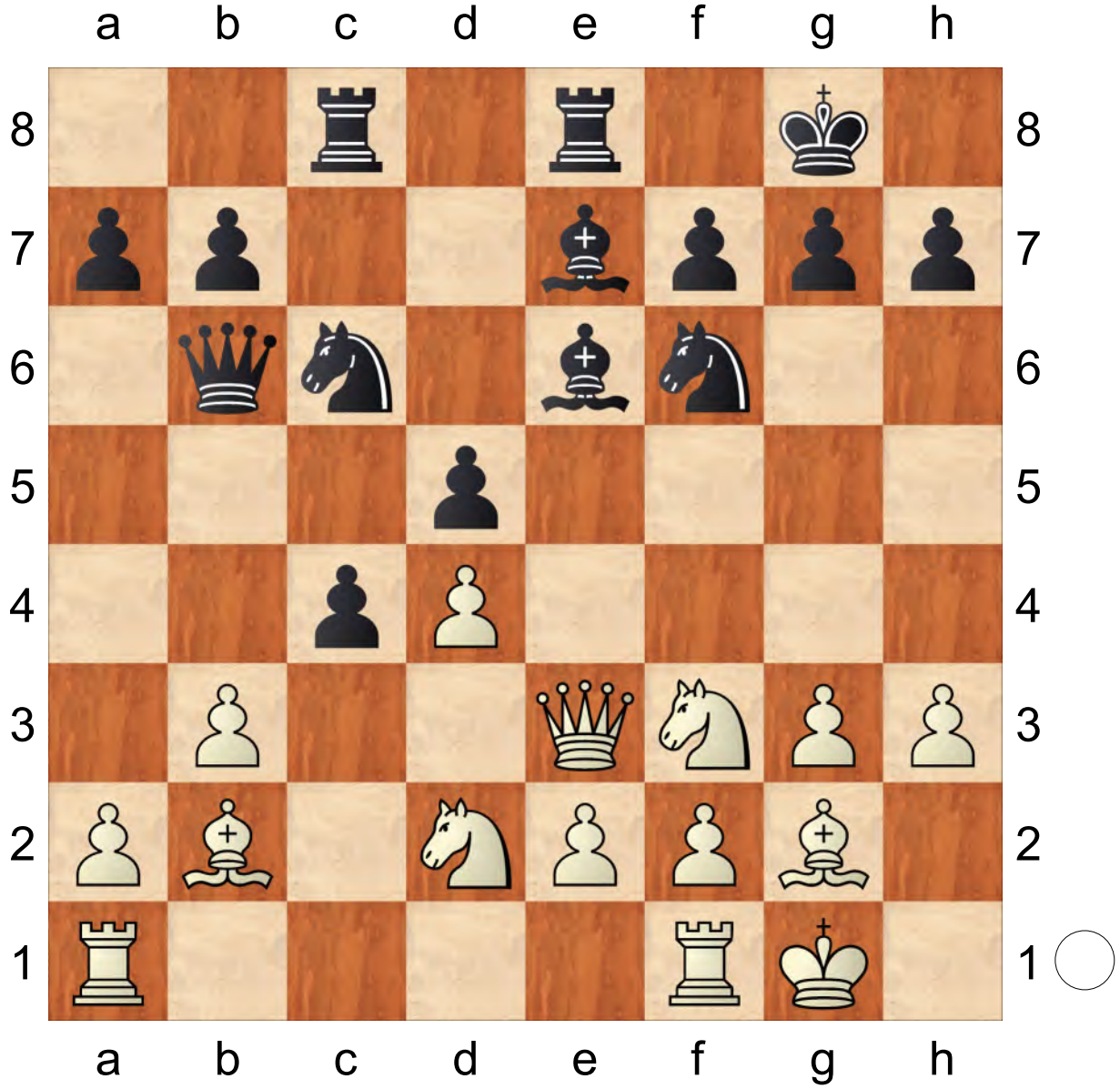
[14...Rfe8!?]

15.h3?∓

[15.Rab1? Qa6!∓]

[Right was 15.Rfb1! and here:
A) or 15...Rfe8 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Ba3 Qa5 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Qf4 *(20.Qc3? Qxc3 21.Rxc3 Rxe2 22.Nxc4 Na5-+)* 20...Rxe2 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Rce8 23.Rc5 Qb4 24.Rcc1∓;
B) 15...Ng4 16.Qf4 *(16.Qc3 Bb4 17.Qc2 c3-+)* 16...Qd8 17.Nf1 Bd6 18.Qd2 b5∓]

15...Rfe8!



It is too crowded to white ♕...♖e8 "x-rays" are unpleasant. **16.Rfc1?-+** The last mistake in the game.
[⩲16.a3 Na5! 17.b4 Nc6∓ 18.Bc3 *(18.Qc3 Nxb4! 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.Qc2 c3-+)* 18...Bxh3 19.Bxh3 Bxb4 20.axb4 *(20.Ne5 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Nxd4 22.Qe3 Rxe5! 23.Qxe5 Re8 24.Qg5 h6 25.Qh4 Rxe2-+)* 20...Rxe3 21.fxe3 Re8 22.Kf2 Nxb4∓]

16...Bb4! Threatening ♗e6xh3 and c4-c3
[Interestng was 16...c3!? But after right
A) 17.Bxc3 Ba3 18.Qd3 *(18.Rc2 Bf5-+)* 18...Bxc1 19.Rxc1 Nb4 20.Qb1 Bf5! 21.Qxf5 Nxa2 22.Ra1 Nxc3 23.e3 a5-+;
B) 17.Qxc3 Nb4 18.Qe3 Nc2 19.Qd3 Nxa1 20.Rxa1∓;
C) 17.Rxc3! Bb4 18.Rcc1 Bxh3 19.Qd3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2∓ Black has only slight advantage.]
17.bxc4
[17.Qf4 c3 18.Bxc3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Nxd4!-+]
17...dxc4!
[Not so effective 17...Bxh3
A) 18.c5?! Qa6! *(18...Bxc5 19.Qb3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qxb3 21.axb3 Bd6 22.e3 a6 23.Ba3∓)* 19.Qd3 Qxd3 20.exd3 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Re2 22.Bc3 Ng4-+;
B) 18.Qd3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 Ne4 21.c5! Nxd2 22.cxb6 Nc4 23.Bc3 Rxe2 24.bxa7 Nxa7-+ Of course, in order to win this position Black must play precisely.]
18.d5 Despair
[Hopeless also 18.Rab1 Bf5 19.Nxc4 Qa6-+]
18...Qxe3 19.fxe3 Nxd5 20.Nxc4 b5

(Diagram)

21.Nce5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5
[22.Bxe5 Nxe3-+]
22...Nxe3 23.Bc6 Red8 24.Bxb5 Nc2
[Or 24...Bxh3 25.Bd3 Bc5 26.Ba6 Rc7 27.Kh2 Be6-+]
25.Nc6
[25.Rab1 Bxa2-+]
25...Rxc6

(Diagram)

26.Bxc6 Nxa1 27.Bxa1 Bxa2 28.Kf2 a5 29.e3 Rc8 30.Bb2 Bb3

(Diagram)

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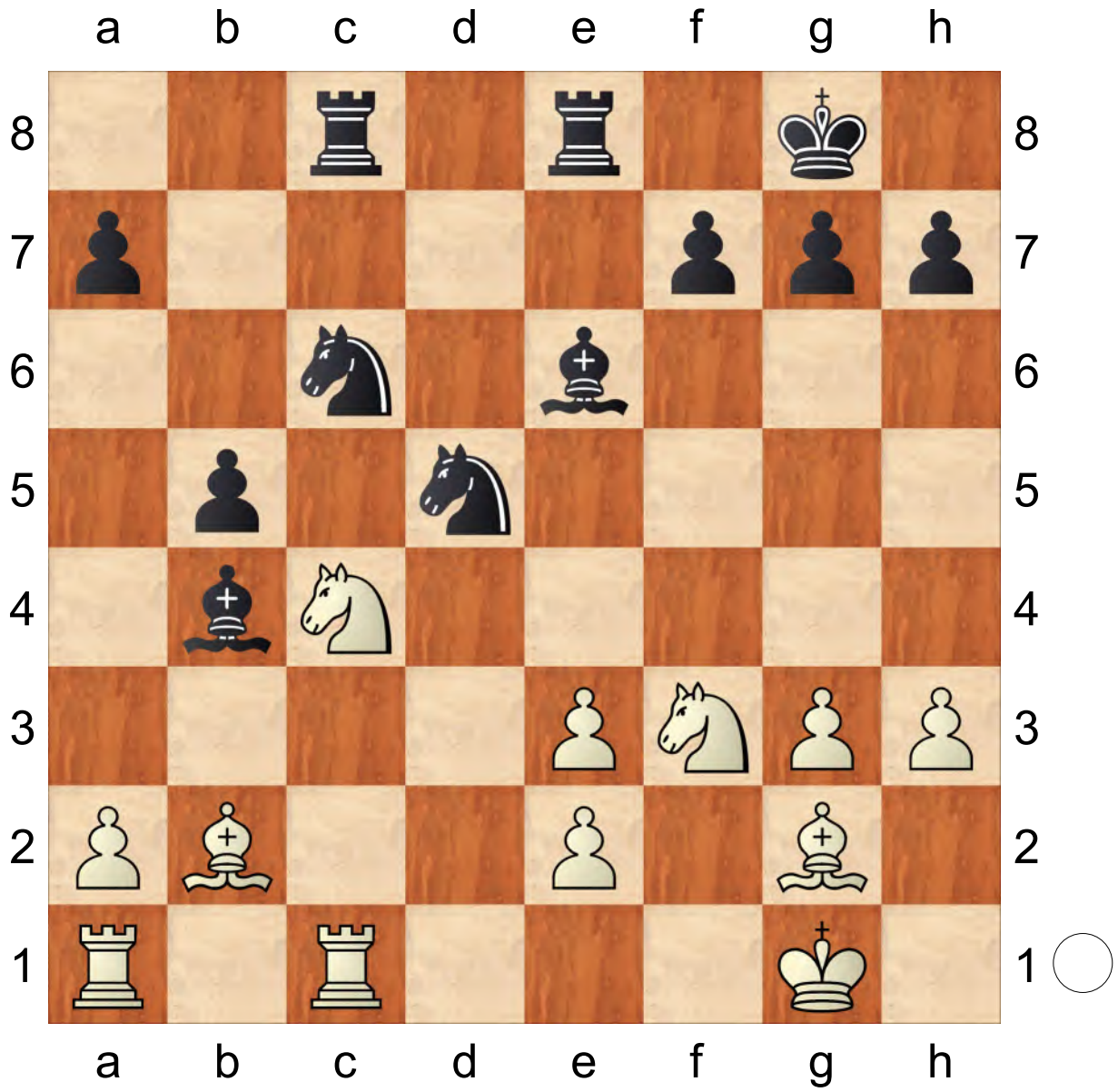
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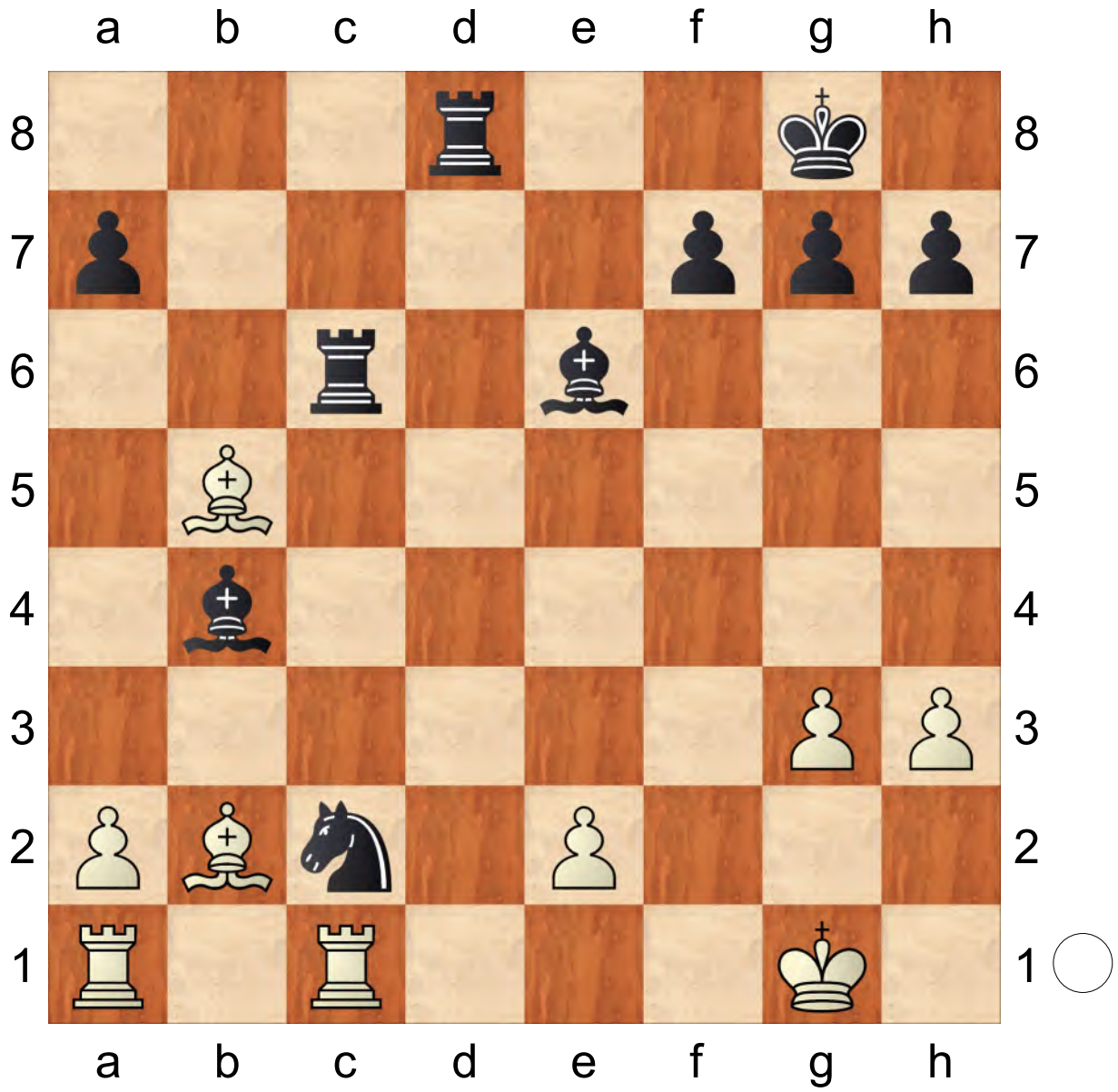
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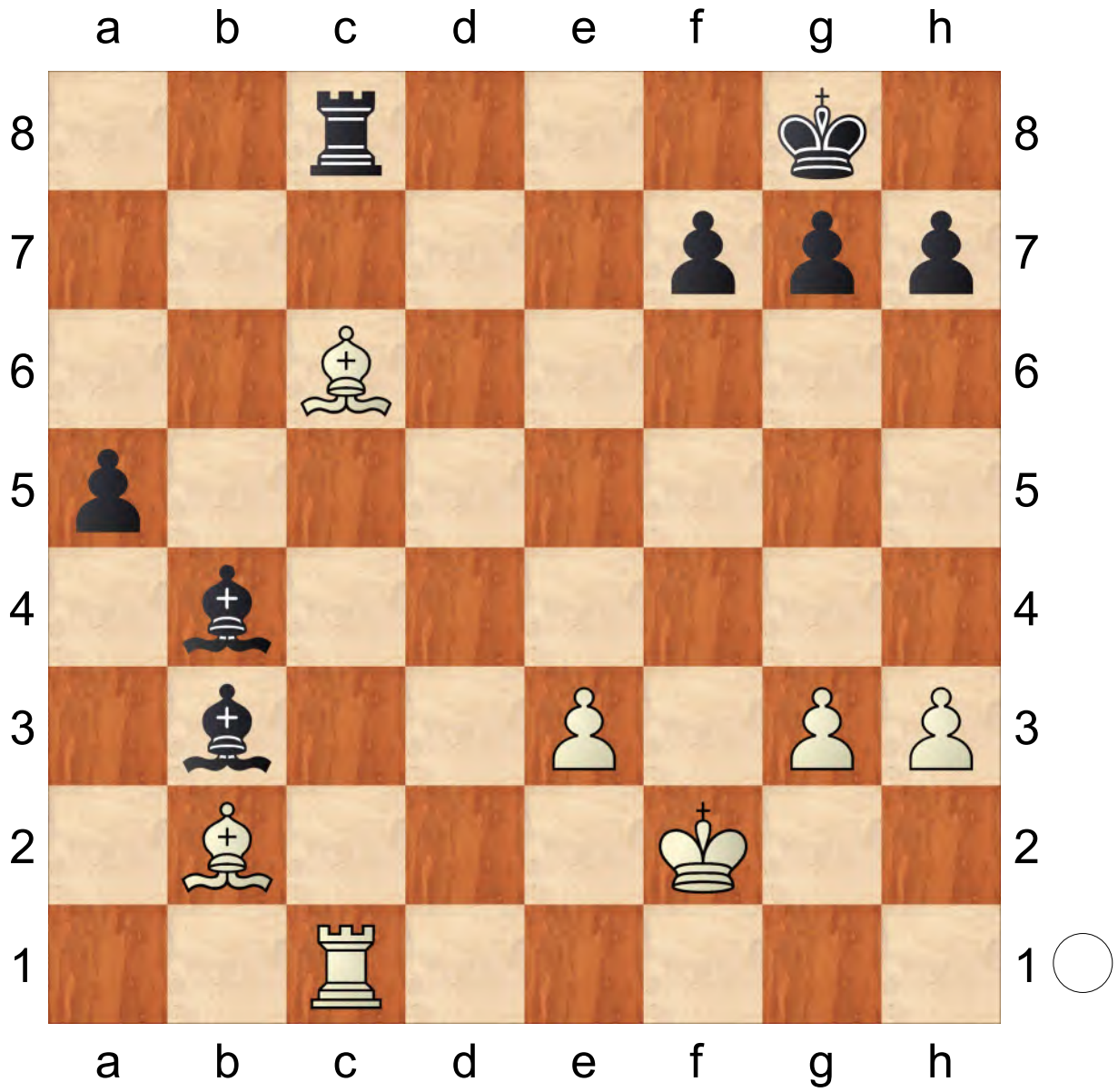
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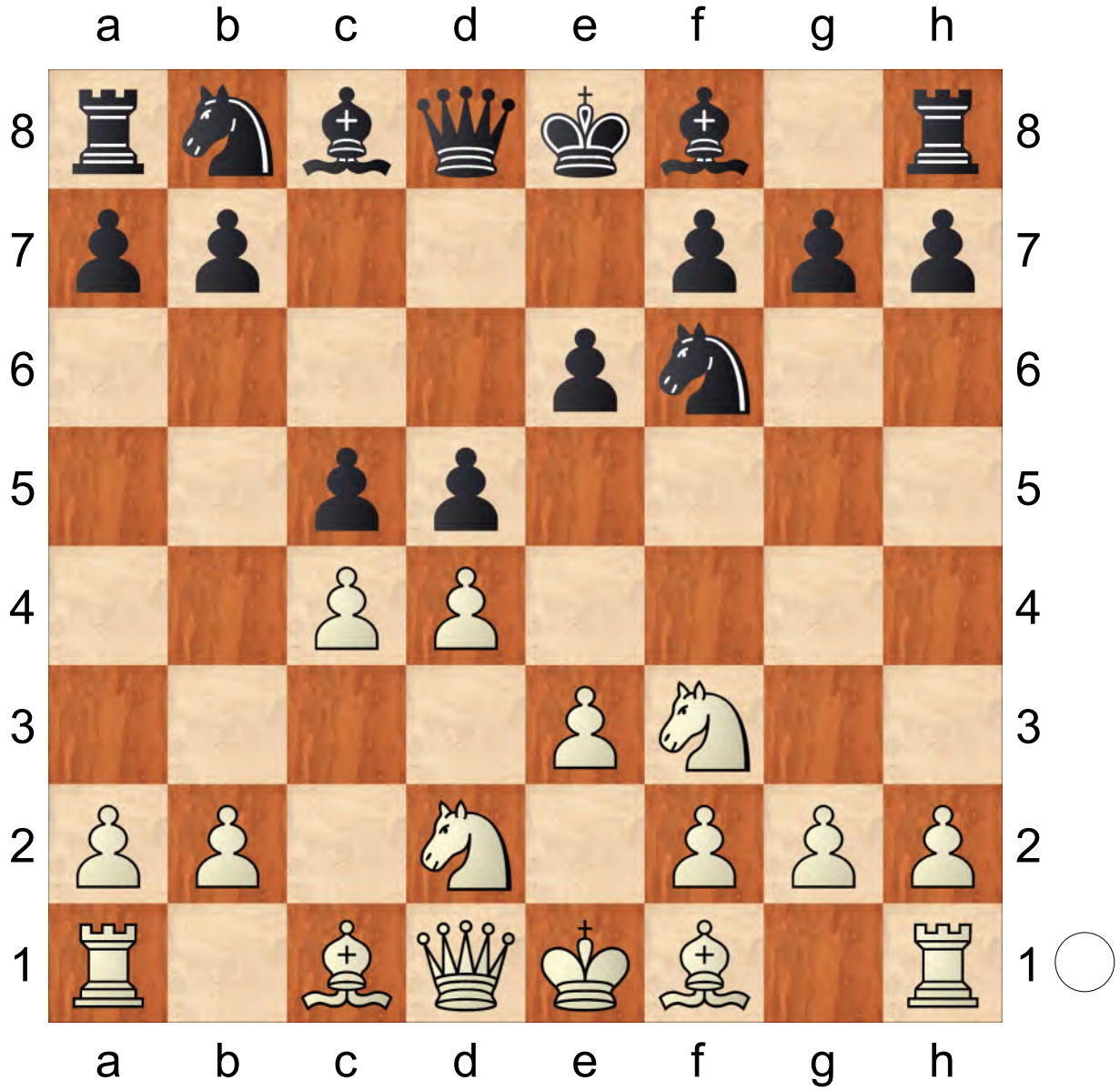
D30

□ **Shcherbakov,Ruslan** **2580**
■ **Beshukov,Sergei** **2435**
RUS-Cup6 Krasnodar (7) 1997
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.e3 c5



6.b3 Nbd7!?N

[6...Nc6 7.Bb2

A) 7...Be7 8.Bd3 *(8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 a5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Qc2 h6 13.cxd5± 1-0 Vera,R-Muir,A/32nd ol, Yerevan ARM 1996 (27))* 8...0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rfd1 Qc7 12.Rac1 Rad8 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6

15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rxc5± Smyslov,V-Shabalov,A/Tilburg 1993/1-0 (77);
B) 7...Bd6 8.Rc1 cxd4 9.exd4 Qe7 10.Ne5 Ba3 11.Bxa3 Qxa3 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bd3 Bg4 15.Qc2 Qe7+ 16.Kf1 0-0 17.h3 Bd7⇄ ½-½ Kan,I-Levenfish,G/Moscow 1935 (38);
C) 7...cxd4 8.exd4 Ne4 *(8...Be7 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Bd3 Bd7 11.0-0 Nh5? 12.Re1±* Kasparov,G-Comp Deep Blue/Philadelphia m 1996/1-0 (43)*)* 9.Bd3 Bb4 10.0-0 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 dxc4 12.Nxc4 0-0 13.Be4 Ne7 14.Qd3 Ng6 15.Rfd1 Rb8 16.d5± ½-½ Karpov,A-Kaidanov,G/Tilburg 1993 (48)]
[6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Nc4 Bc5 13.Bf3 Rc8 14.Nb5 Be7 15.Nbd6 Rc7 16.Nb5 Rc8 17.Rc1 a6 18.Nbd6 Rc7 19.Qd2 ½-½ Yusupov,A-Anand,V/Moskva 1992]

7.Bb2
[7.cxd5 Nxd5 *(7...exd5 8.Bb2±)* 8.Bb2 cxd4=]

7...b6?!
[7...Bd6 8.cxd5 exd5 *(8...Nxd5 9.dxc5±)* 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bb5+±]
[7...cxd4! 8.exd4 Be7 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Rc1=]

8.cxd5!± exd5 9.Bd3 Bb7
[9...Bd6!?]

10.0-0 Bd6

(Diagram)

11.dxc5 Bxc5
[11...bxc5 12.e4 dxe4 *(12...d4 13.e5!±)* 13.Re1 0-0 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4±]

12.Nd4
[12.a3 a5 *(12...0-0 13.b4 Bd6 14.Rc1±)* 13.Nd4±]

12...0-0 13.Nf5
[13.Rc1±]

13...g6!?
[13...Rc8 14.a3± *(14.b4? Bxb4 15.Nxg7? Bxd2-+; 14.Nxg7? Kxg7 15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.Qf5 d4 17.exd4 Rg8 18.Nf3 Bb4∓; 14.Rc1±)*]

14.Nh6+ Kg7 15.Ng4 Kg8

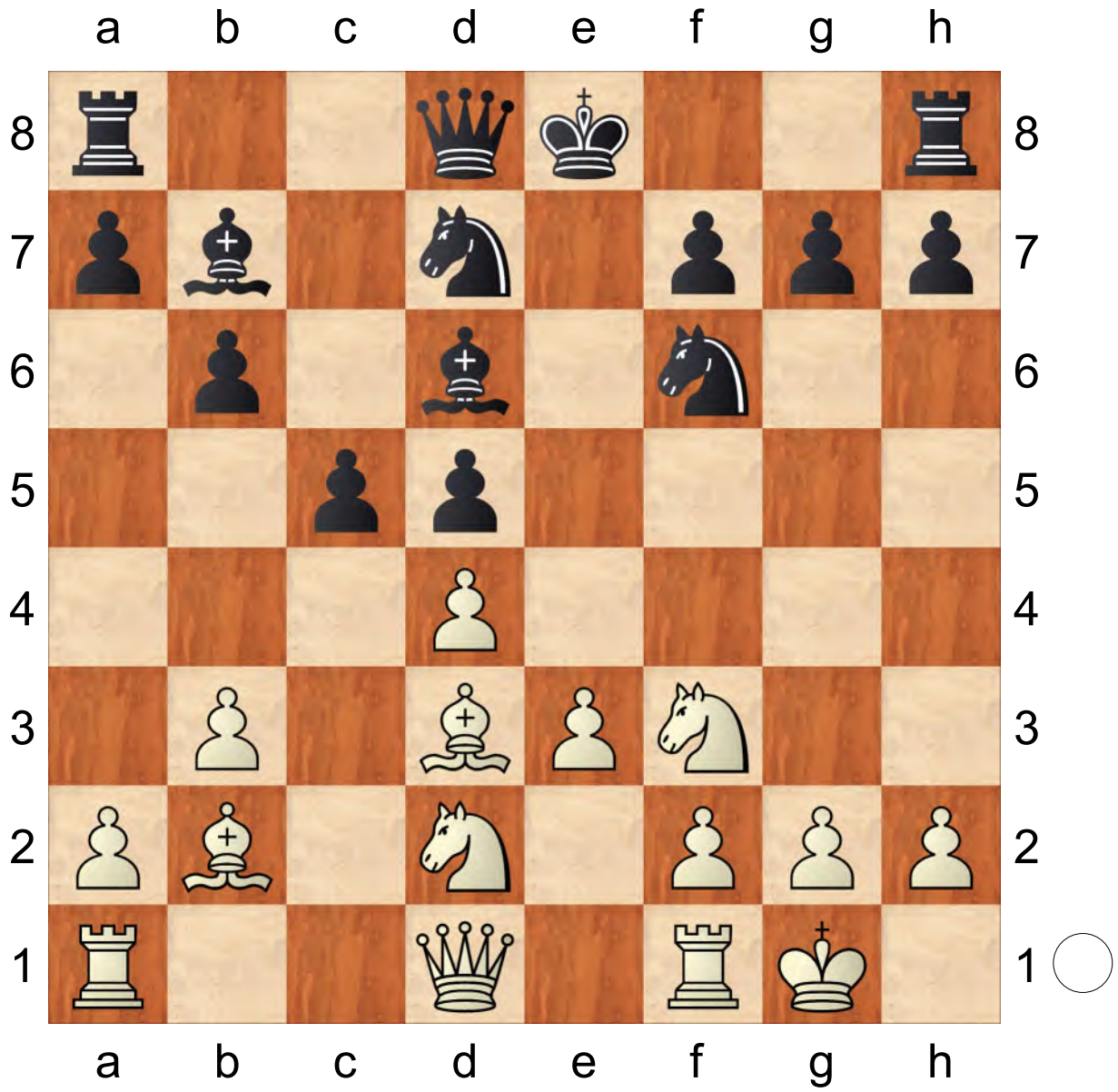
(Diagram)

16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Nf3
[17.Qf3 Ne8 18.Rac1 Qh4±]

17...Ne4
[17...Re8 18.Rc1 Qe7 19.Re1 Ne4 20.Re2±]

18.Rc1 Qe7
[18...Rc8 19.Nd4±]

19.Nd4 Rac8 20.Qe2 Bd6!?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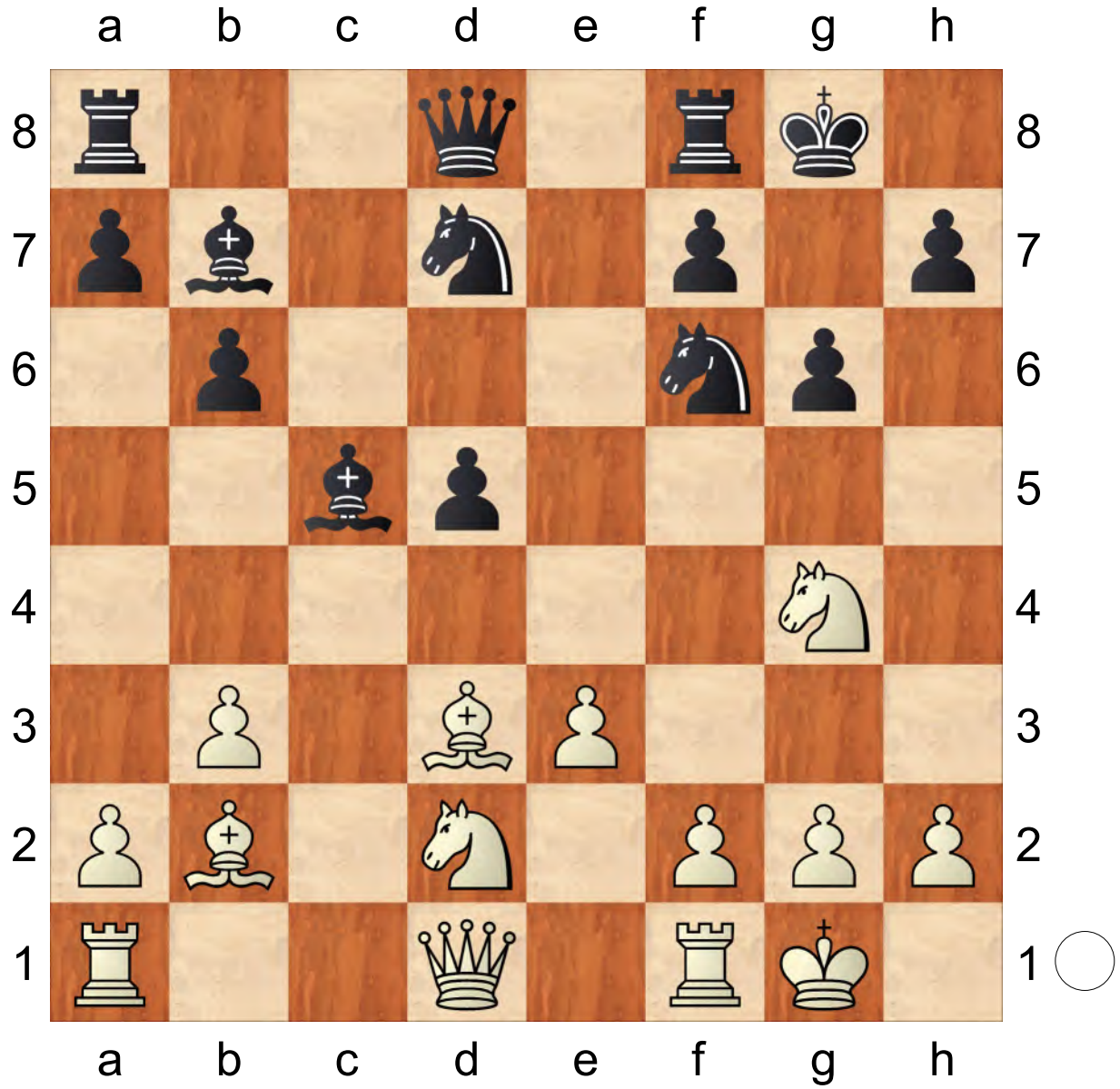


[20...f5!? 21.f3 Ng5 22.Qd2 Rfe8 23.Rfe1 a6 24.Nc2 *(24.a3 Bxa3 25.Bxa3 Qxa3 26.Ra1 Qc5 27.Bxa6 Bxa6 28.Rxa6 Qc3=)* 24...Nf7 25.b4 *(25.Qc3 Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 27.Nxe3 Rxc3∓)* 25...Bd6 26.f4 b5 27.a3±]

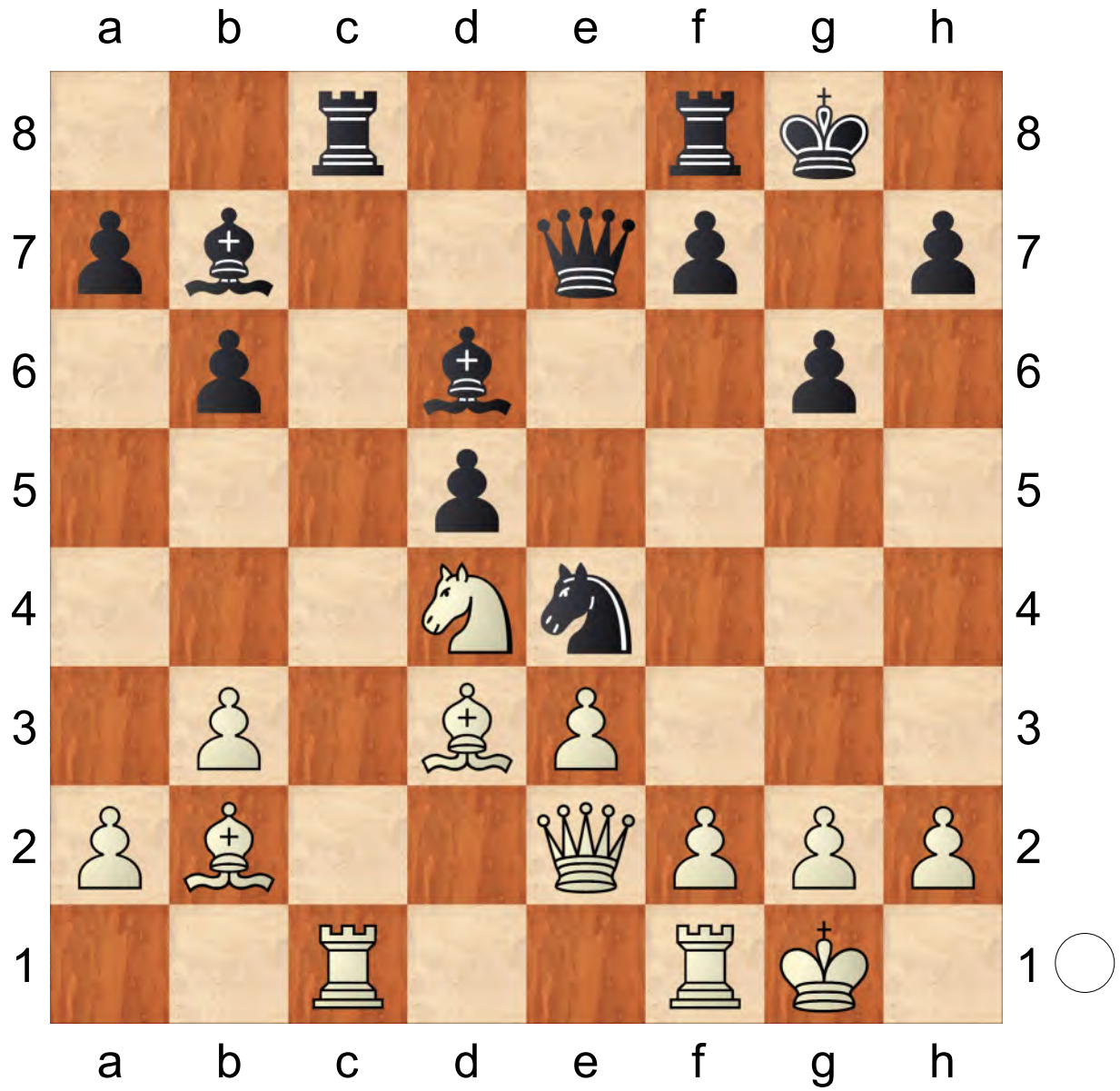
(Diagram)

21.Nb5!? Bb8

[21...Bc5 22.Nxa7 Ra8 23.Nb5 Rxa2

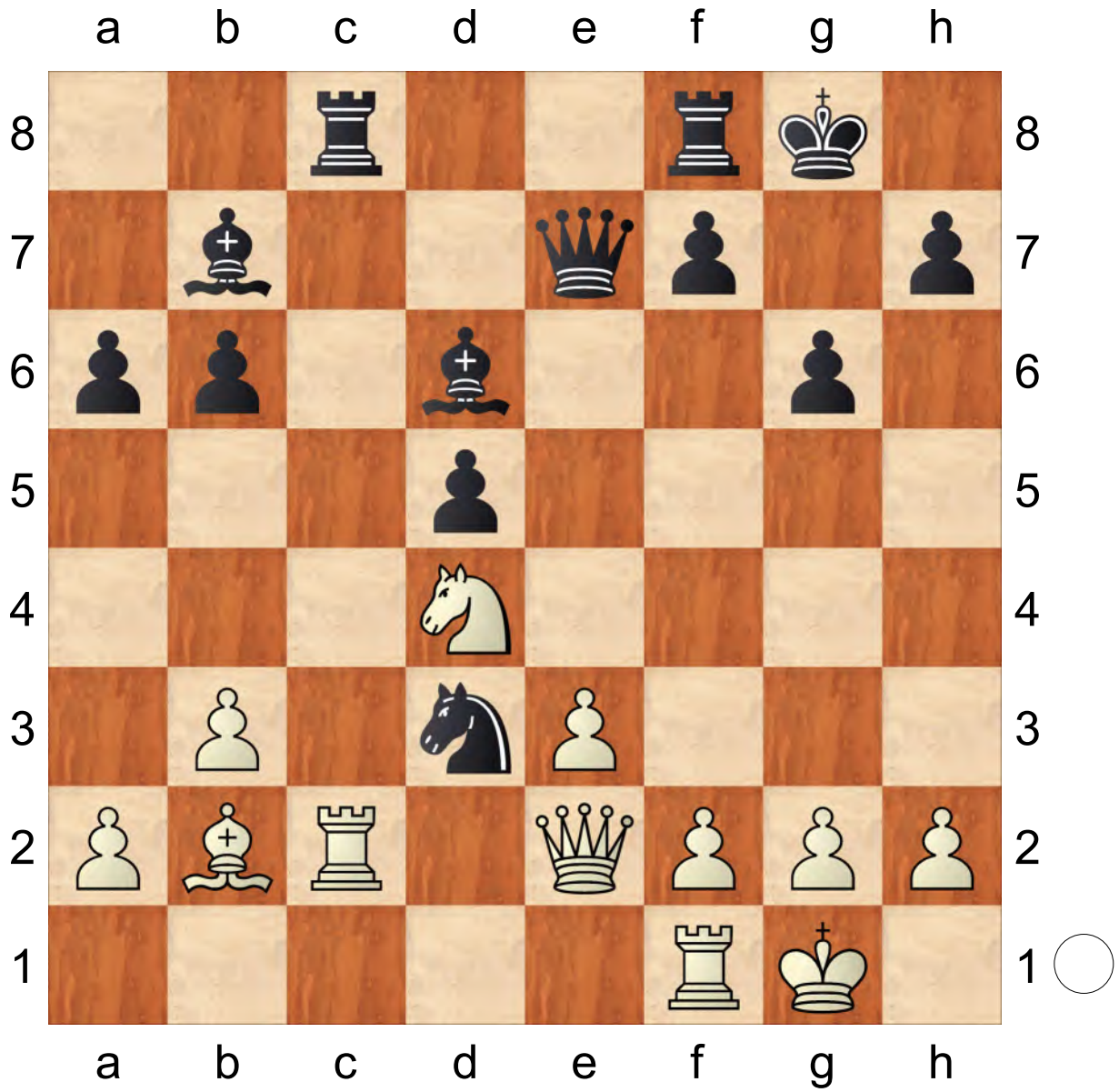
A) 24.b4 Nxf2! 25.Rxf2 *(25.bxc5 Rxb2 26.Qxb2 Nxd3 27.Qd4 Nxc1 28.Rxc1 Rc8∓)* 25...Bxe3 26.Bb1 Rxb2 27.Qxb2 Bxc1 28.Qxc1 Qxb4±;

B) 24.Bf6! Rxe2 25.Bxe7 Rd2 26.Bxf8 Rxd3 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.b4 cxb4 29.Rc7 Ba6 30.Nd4 Rc3 31.Rxc3 Nxc3 32.Ra1 Bc4 33.Ra7+-]



22.Ba3?!
[22.Rfd1±]
22...Nc5 23.Nd4
[23.Rfd1 Qh4 24.g3 Qe7±]
23...Bd6 24.Rc2
[24.Rfd1 f5!⇄]
[24.Bb2 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Qe5 26.f4 Qe4=]
24...a6
[24...f5 25.Nb5 Bb8 26.Rd1 f4!⇄]
25.Bb2 Nxd3

(Diagram)



26.Rxc8
[26.Qxd3 Rxc2 27.Nxc2 Rc8 28.Qd4 f6= *(28...Be5 29.Qxe5 Qxe5 30.Bxe5 Rxc2=)*]
26...Rxc8 27.Qxd3 Qe4
[27...Qh4 28.Nf3 Qe4=]
28.Qd2 a5
[28...Qh4 29.h3 Rc7=]
29.Rc1 Rxc1+ 30.Qxc1 Ba6
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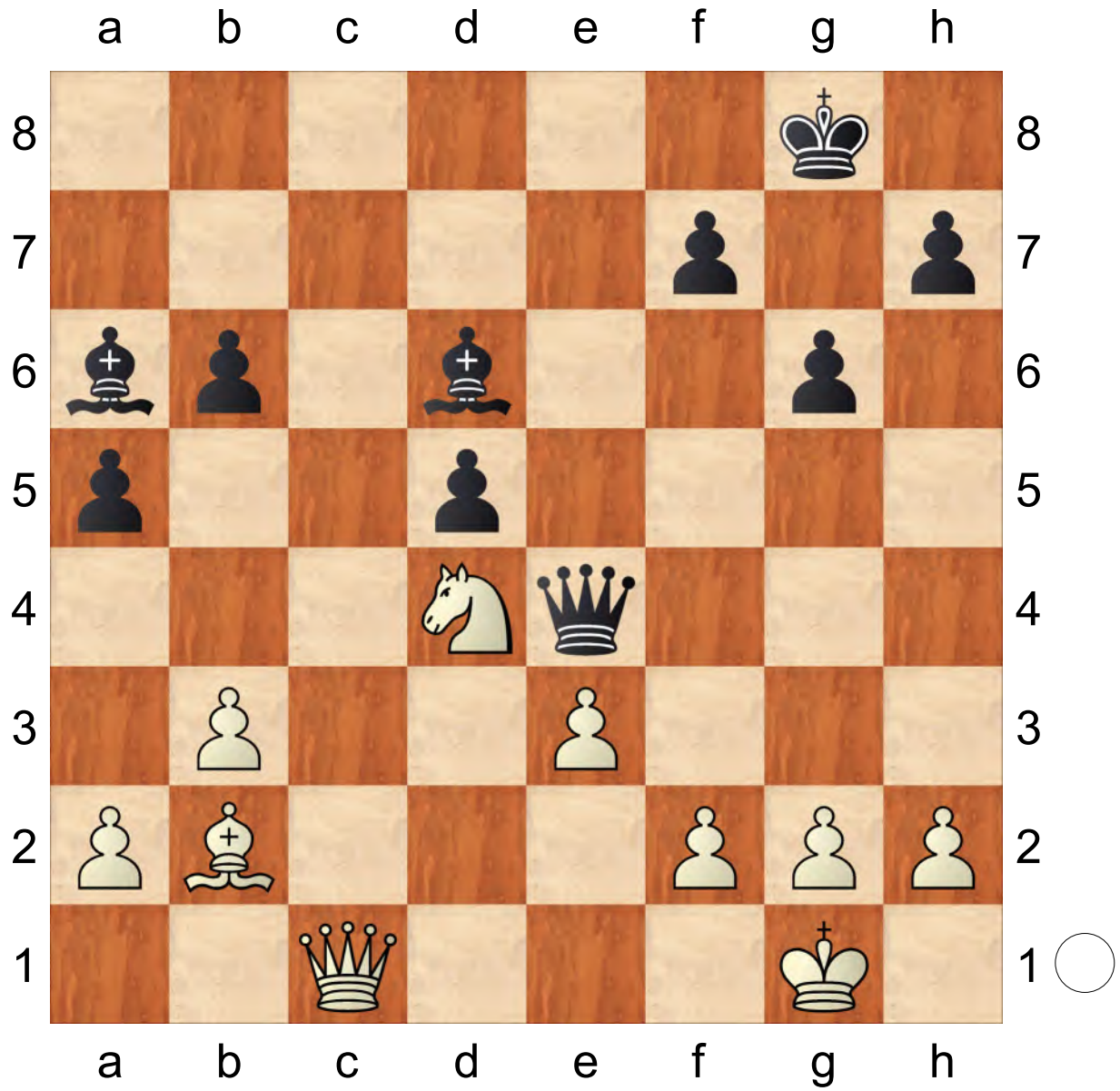

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[31.Nc6 h5 32.f3 Qd3 33.Bd4 Ba3 34.Qe1 Bd6=]
31...Bc5 32.Nf3 Qd3?
[32...h5! 33.Qc3 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 d4 35.Nxd4 Bb4 36.Qc2 Qxa2 37.Kg3⇄]
33.Ne5!± Qe2
[33...Qf5 34.Ng4 *(34.Nc6 Qd3)* 34...Kf8 35.Ba3 Bxa3 36.Qxa3+±]
34.Nd7 Bd6?
[34...h5 35.Nf6+ Kf8 36.Nxd5±]
35.Nxb6?
[35.Nf6+! Kf8
A) 36.Ba3! Bxa3□ 37.Qxa3+ Kg7 38.Nd7 Qe1+□ 39.Kh2 Qb4□
A1) 40.Qxb4 axb4 41.Nxb6 Bb7 42.Nd7 Ba6 *(42...Bc6 43.Ne5 Bb5)* 43.Ne5 *(43.Nc5 Bf1 44.Kg1 Bb5 45.f4 Kf6 46.Kf2 Ke7±)* 43...Bb5

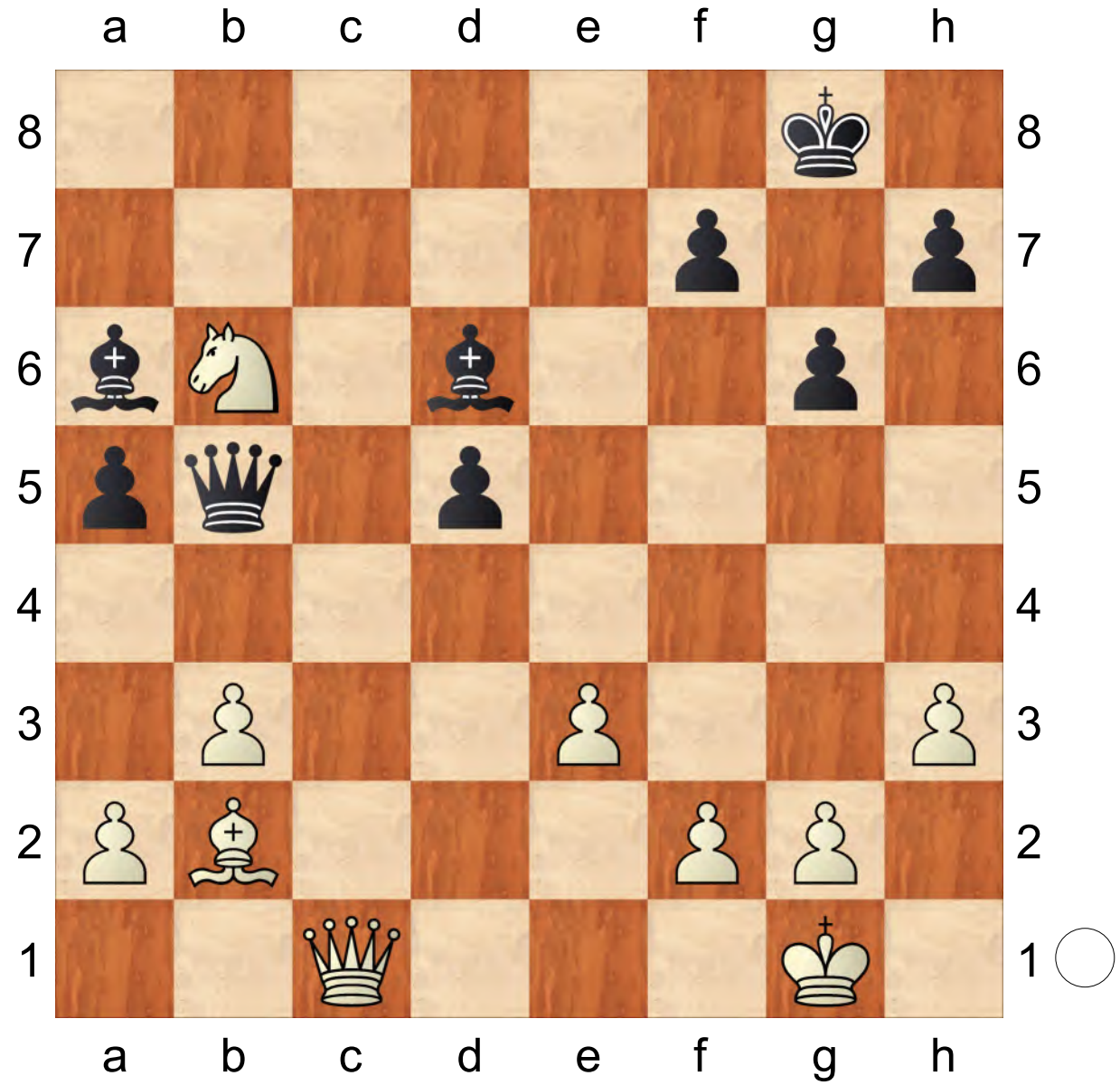
44.Kg3 f6 45.Nf3 Bd3 46.Nd4 Bb1 47.Kf3 Bxa2 48.Ke2 Bb1 49.Kd2 Kf7 50.Nc6 Ke6 51.Nxb4+-;

A2) 40.Qb2+ Kh6 *(40...d4 41.Qxd4+ Qxd4 42.exd4 b5 43.Nc5 Bc8 44.d5 Kf6 45.d6 Be6 46.Kg3 Bd5 47.f3 b4 48.Kf4+-)* 41.Qf6! Bc8 42.Ne5 Be6 43.g4 Qe4 44.Nxf7+! Bxf7 45.g5+! *(45.Qxf7+-)* 45...Kh5 46.Qg7!! Kxg5 47.f4+ Kf5 *(47...Kh5 48.Qxh7#)* 48.Qxf7#;

B) 36.Nd7+ Ke7 37.Nxb6 Ke6!±]

35...Qb5

[35...Qd3 36.Bd4±]



36.Na4 Qd3

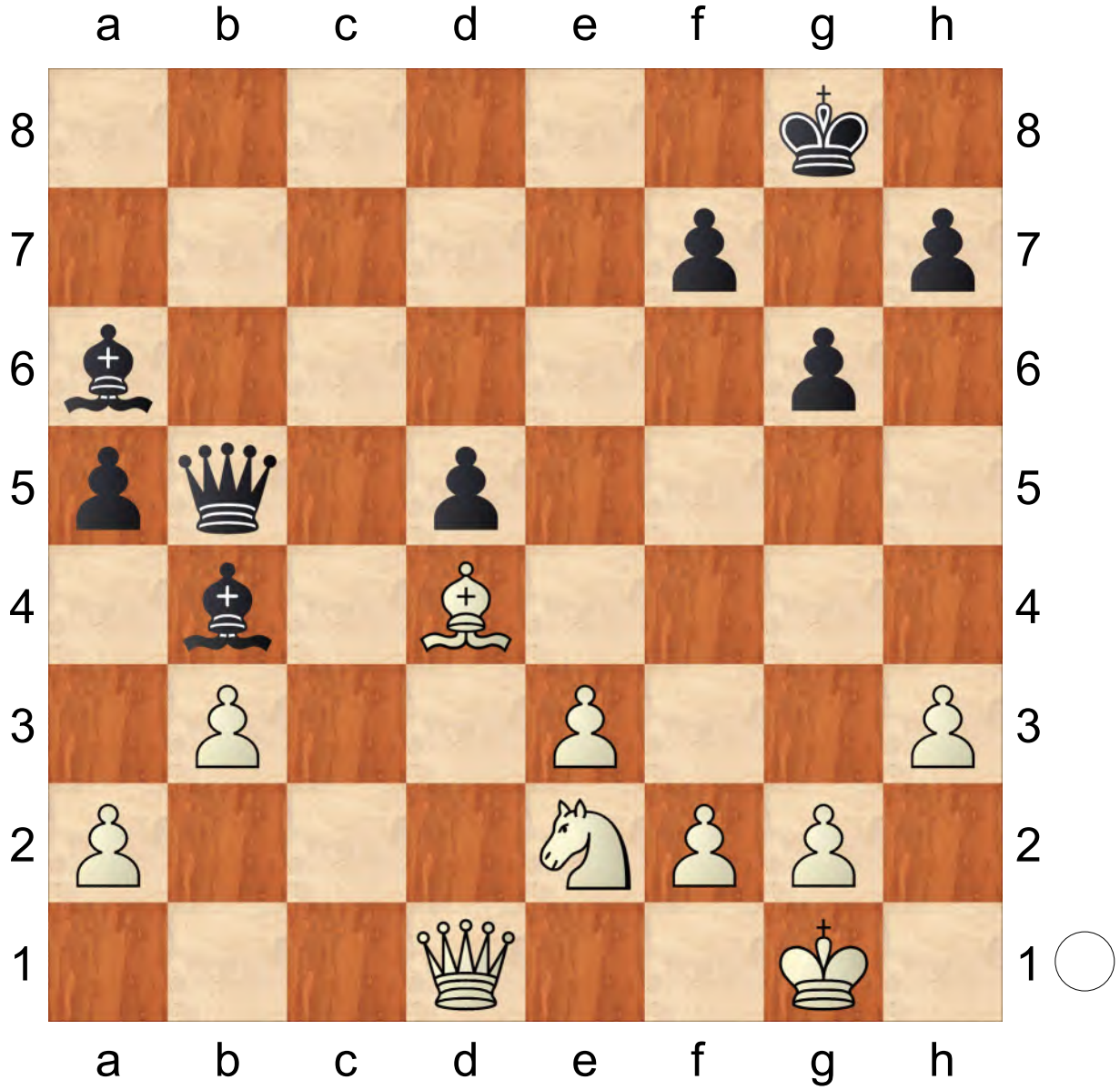
[36...h5 37.Bd4±]

37.Bd4 Qb5 38.Nc3 Qc6 39.Qd1 Bb4

[39...f5±]

40.Ne2 Qb5

[40...h5 41.Bb2 *(41.Nf4 Bd6 42.Qf3 Qc1+ 43.Kh2 Bb7 44.g3 h4 45.gxh4 Qb1±)* 41...Bc5±]



41.Nf4 Bd6 42.Qf3 Qf1+

[42...Bb7 43.g4±]

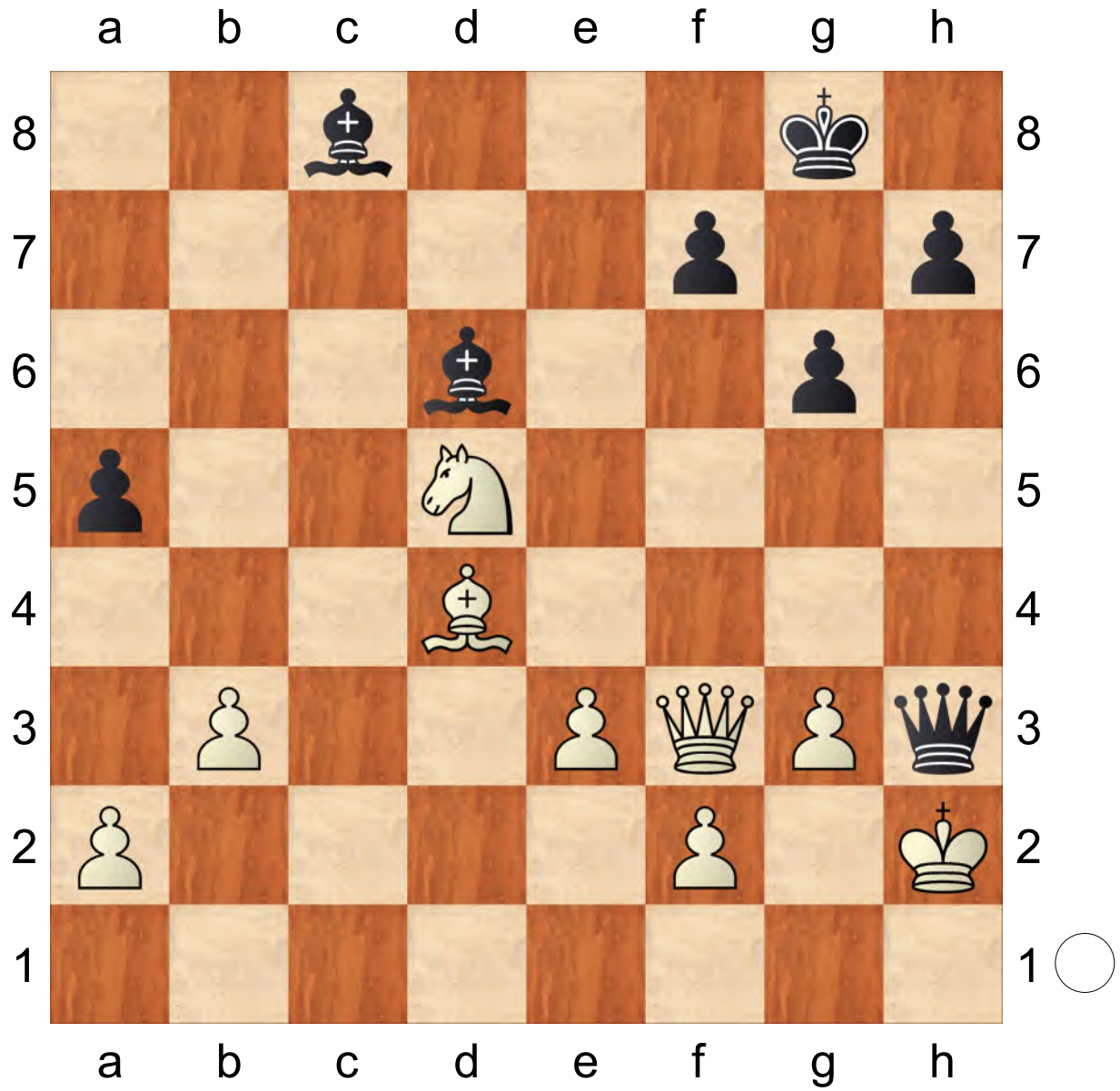
43.Kh2 Bb7 44.g3 Bc8?

[44...Qb5 45.h4 f5±]

[44...Bc7? 45.h4 Qb5 46.h5 Bd6 47.Nxg6! fxg6 48.Qf6 Qd7 49.Qh8+ Kf7 50.Qxh7++-]

45.Nxd5+- Qxh3+

(Diagram)



46.Kg1 Qf5 47.Nf6+ Kf8 48.Qc6

(Diagram)

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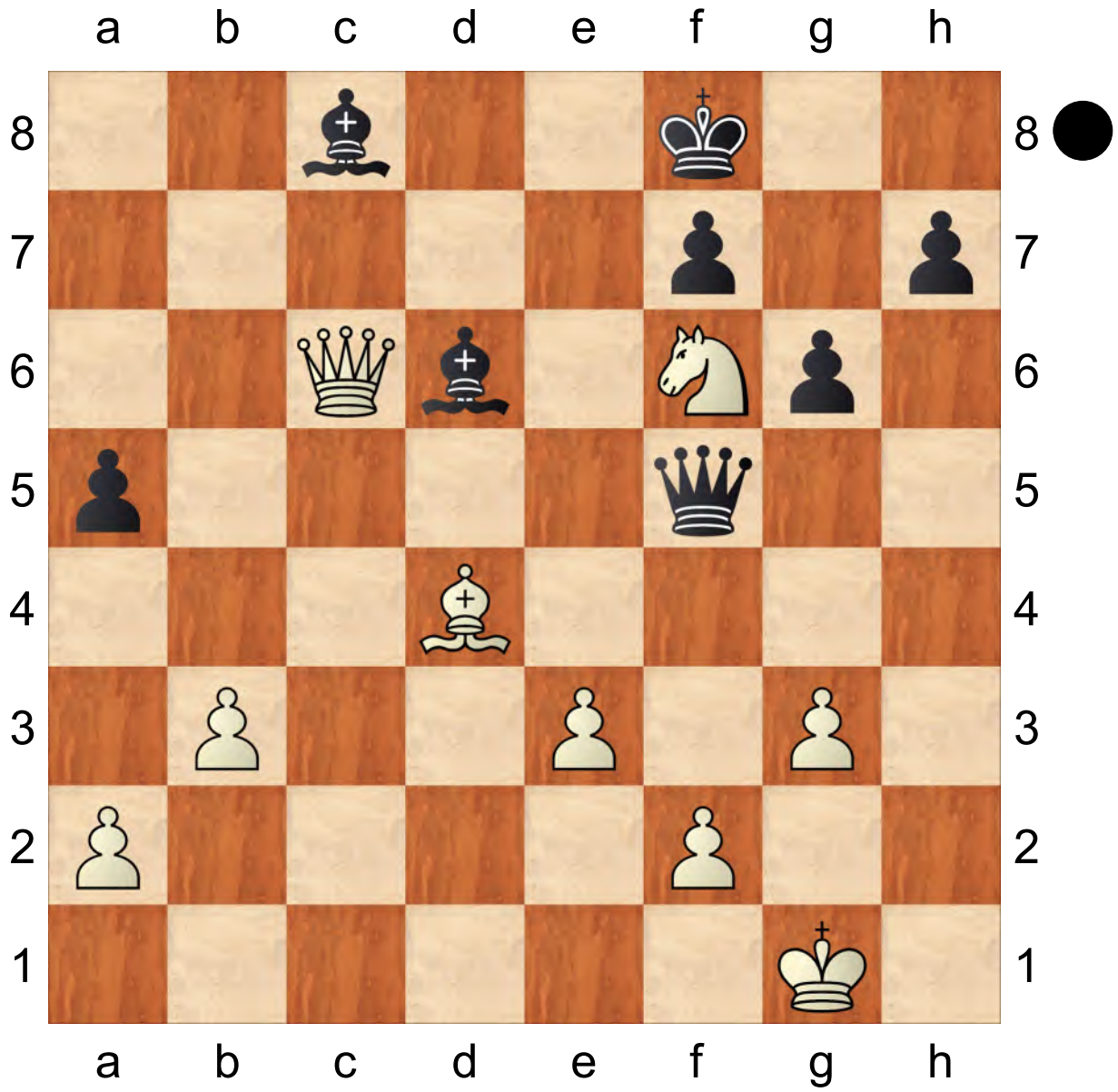
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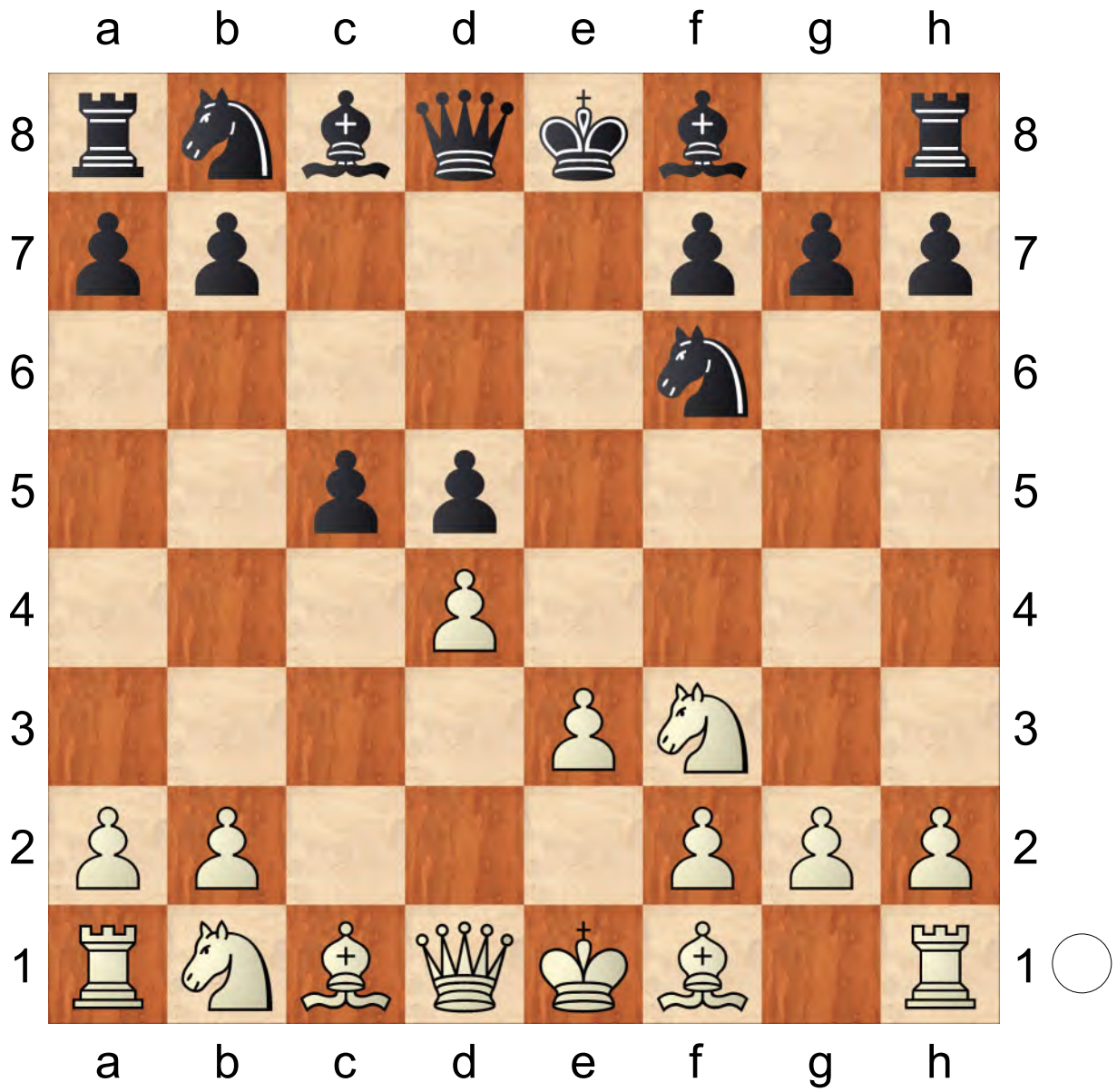
□ **Botvinnik,Mikhail I** **2239**
■ **Greenfeld,Alon** **2521**
Czerniak Memorial 15th (6) 05.04.1999
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.cxd5 exd5**



6.Bb5+ Nbd7 Greenfeld,Alon: '?!' '?!' **7.dxc5**
[7.Nc3 Greenfeld,Alon: '!?' '!?' c4? Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' 8.e4 dxe4
A) 9.Ng5 Bb4 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.Qb3 Qe7 12.0-0 *(12.Nxf7 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Rxf7 14.Ba3 Qe8 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Bxf7+ Qxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7∓)* 12...Bd6 13.Re1±;

B) 9.Ne5? a6 10.Bxd7+ Bxd7 11.Bg5 Bb4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Be6 14.f4 Qc8 15.f5 Bd5 16.Qa4+ b5∓ ½-½ Sprotte,N-Asendorf,J/BL2N 1991 (25)]

7...Bxc5

[7...a6 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7

A) 9.Qd4 Qc7

A1) 10.Nc3 Qxc5= *(10...Bxc5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 0-0±)*;

A2) 10.b4 a5

A2a) 11.Nbd2 axb4 12.Nb3 Nd7 13.Bd2 *(13.Bb2 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 Bxc5 16.Bxg7 Rg8 17.Be5 Rxg2 18.Bg3 b3 19.Nh4 Rxg3 20.hxg3 bxa2 21.Ke2 Bd6 22.f4 Bg4+ 23.Nf3 Be7-+)* 13...Nxc5 14.0-0 Ne4 15.Bxb4 Bxb4 16.Qxb4 Qc4 17.Qb6 Ra6 18.Qd4 0-0 19.Ne5 *(19.Rfc1 Qe2)* 19...Qxd4 20.Nxd4±;

A2b) 11.a3 b6⇄;

B) 9.b3 Bxc5 10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Qc1 Bf5 14.Qb2 Be4 15.Nd2 Bd3 16.Rfd1⇄ ½-½ Wells,P-Thomas,I/BCF ch Swansea (7) 1987 (60)]

8.0-0 0-0

[8...a6 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' 9.Be2 Bd6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Bc3 Qe7 12.Bd4 Ne5 13.Nc3 Bd7

A) 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Bf3 Be6 17.Qb3 *(17.Qd2±)* 17...Rfc8 18.Rfd1±;

B) 14.Qb3 Bc6 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Rd4± 1-0 Malaniuk,V-Shestakov,S/Moscow op2 1995/EXP 50 (38)]

9.b3

[9.Nc3 Greenfeld,Alon: ' ⌓' '⌓' Nb6 *(9...Nb8!?)* 10.b3 Bg4 11.Be2 Greenfeld, Alon: 'Tsesarsky' *(11.Bb2 ɔb6)* 11...Ne4 12.Bb2 Ba3 13.Bxa3 Nxc3 14.Qd2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Re8 ½-½ Sofrevski,J-Inkiov,V/Skopje ,EXT 1991 (15)]

9...Qe7 Greenfeld,Alon: 'N' 'N'

[9...Be7 10.Bb2 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Nc5 11.Nc3 Bf5 12.Ne2 *(12.Nd4±)* 12...Rc8 13.Nfd4 Bg6 14.Nf4 Nce4 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.a3 Bd6 17.f3 *(⌓17.g3±)* 17...Nc5 *(17...Nc3 18.Qd3 Nxb5 19.Nxb5 Bc5 20.b4 Bb6 21.Rac1 Rc4 22.Bd4±)* 18.Rc1 Qe7 19.Re1± ½-½ Berg,K-Renet,O/Cannes 1995 (38)]

10.Bb2

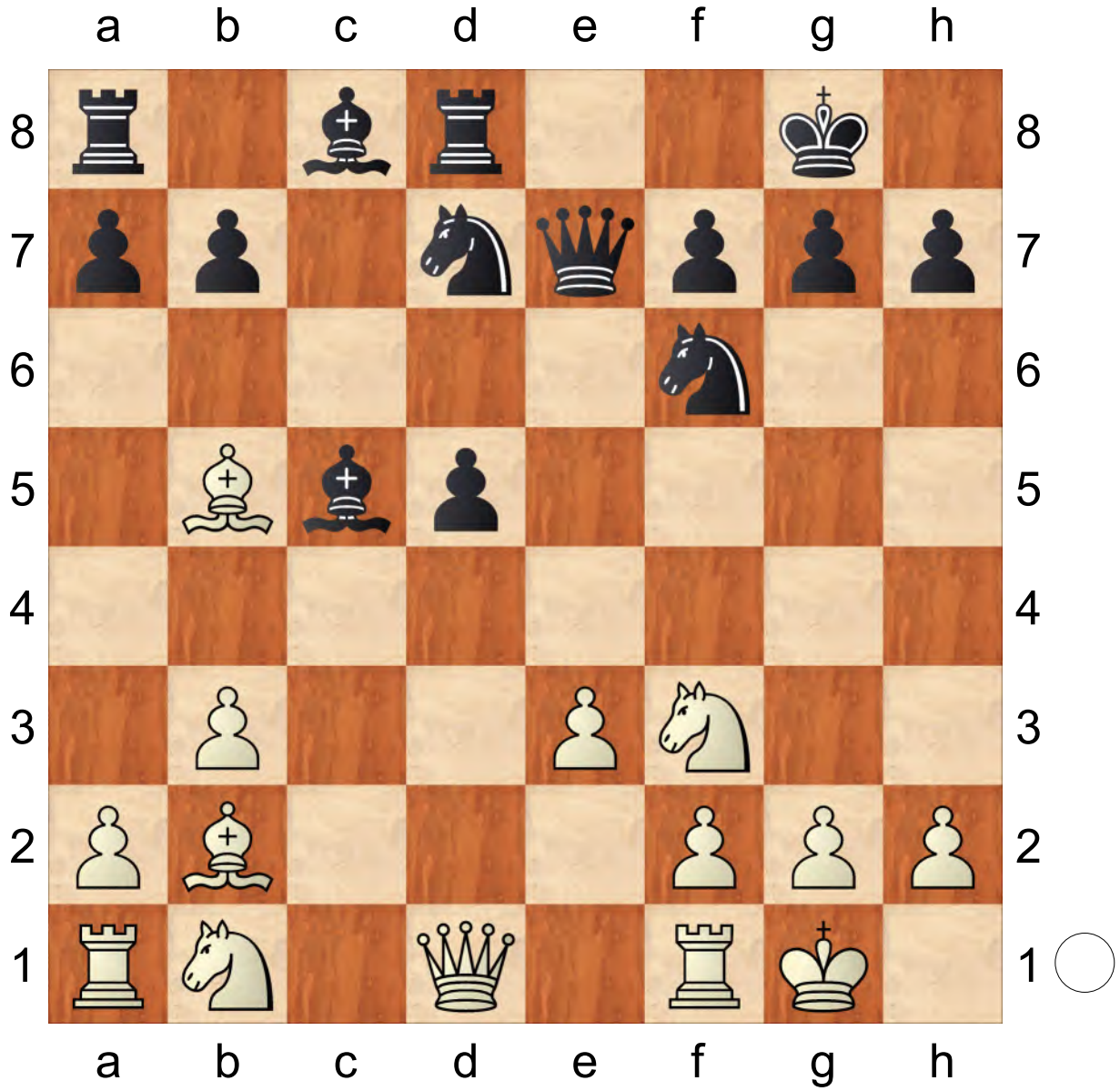
[10.Nc3 Ne5! 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Qe5 14.Rb1 *(14.Bd2 Bd6 15.Qf4 Qxa1 16.Qxd6 Qxa2)* 14...Bd6 15.Qf4 Bf5∓]

10...Rd8

[10...Nb6 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5

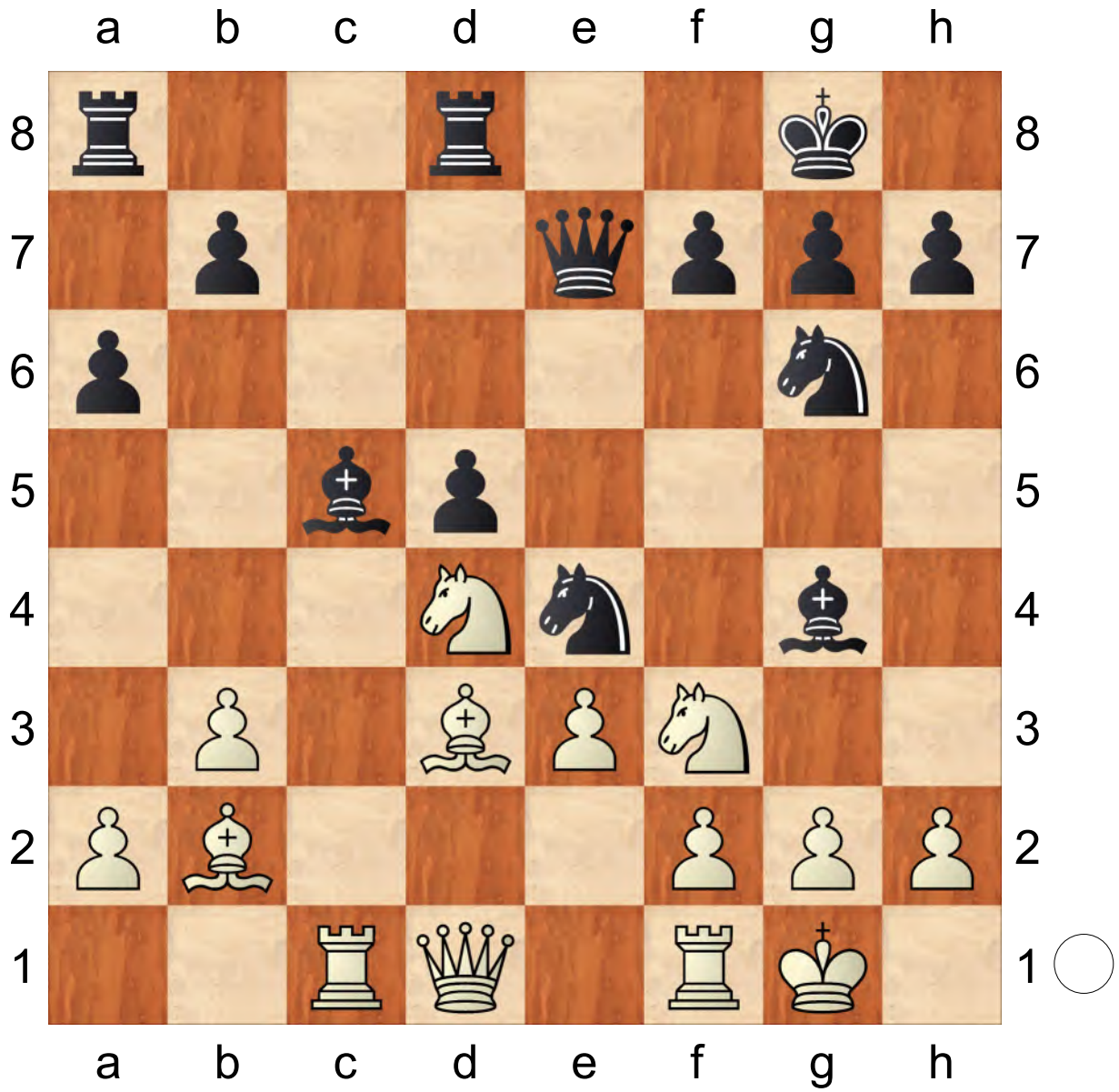
A) 13.g4 Bg6 14.g5 Nh5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Be4 17.Qd1 Rad8 18.Nd4 Qxg5+ 19.Qg4 Nf4! 20.exf4 *(20.Qxg5 Nxh3+ 21.Kh2 Nxg5-+)* 20...Qxg4+ 21.hxg4 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Rxd4 23.Rad1 Rfd8 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.Re1 f6 26.Kh2⇄;

B) 13.Be2 Rfd8 14.Rc1 Ne4 15.Nd4 Bxe2 16.Ncxe2±]



11.Nc3 Nf8 12.Ne2 Greenfeld,Alon: '[×e4]'
[⌓12.Rc1]
12...Ng6
[12...Ne4 13.Nf4! ×d5 *(13.Ned4?! Rd6!* Δ ♖h6→ *)*]
13.Ned4 Ne4 14.Rc1 a6 15.Bd3
[15.Be2 Greenfeld,Alon: ' ⌓' '⌓' Bg4 *(15...Bd7! 16.Qd3 Rac8* Δ ♗d6-b8 ↑» *)*
16.h3 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' *(16.Ne5!±)* 16...Bd7⇄]
15...Bg4
[15...Bd7⇄ Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky']

(Diagram)



16.h3
[16.Be2!?]
16...Bxd4?!± Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: '±?!" Alon Greenfeld wants to win and he must play a little bit risky. Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: 'Alon Greenfeld wants to win and he must play a little bit risky."
[16...Bd7 Greenfeld,Alon: '!?' '!?' 17.Qe2 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Rac8⇄]
17.Bxd4 Bxf3 18.gxf3
[18.Qxf3? Nd2 19.Qg4 Nxf1 20.Kxf1 Ne5 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qh5+ Kg8∓]
18...Ng5
[18...Nd6 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' 19.f4 Ne4 20.Qg4 Rd6 21.Bxe4 *(21.f3 f5 22.Qxf5 Ng3 23.Qg5 Nxf1 24.Rxf1≅)* 21...Qxe4 *(21...dxe4 22.Bc5+-)* 22.f3 Qe8
A) 23.f5 Ne5 24.Qg3 f6 25.Rc7 Rd7 26.Bxe5 *(26.Rfc1 Nc6 27.Rxd7*

Qxd7 28.Bxf6 Rf8 29.Bb2 Rxf5⇄) 26...fxe5 27.Rfc1 Rad8 28.f6 g6⇄;

B) 23.Kh1! Rc6 *(23...f6 24.Rc7 Rc6 25.Rxb7±)* 24.Rxc6 bxc6 25.Rg1±]

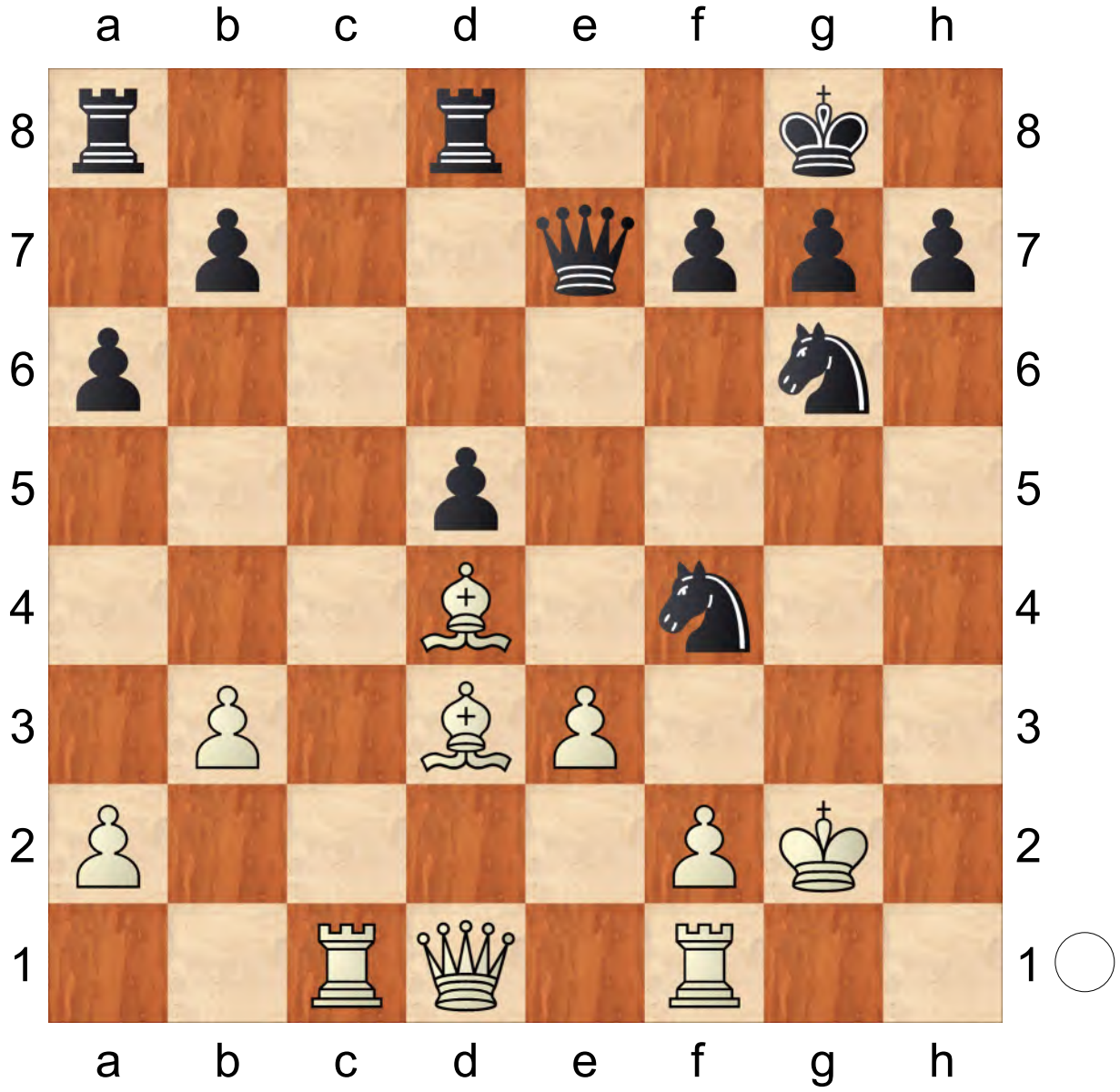
[18...Nh4?? 19.fxe4]

[18...Nd2? 19.Bxg6 *(19.Qxd2? Nh4 20.Kh1 Qe6)* 19...Qg5+ 20.Kh1 Nxf1 21.Bd3+-]

19.f4 Greenfeld,Alon: '!' '!'

[19.Bxg6 Nxh3+! *(19...hxg6∓)* 20.Kh2 *(20.Kg2 Qg5+ 21.Kxh3 Qh6+ 22.Kg3 Qxg6+-+)* 20...Qh4 21.Bxf7+ Kxf7 22.Rc7+ Ke8 23.Kg2 Rd6 24.Rxg7 Rh6!→]

19...Nxh3+ Greenfeld,Alon: '!' '!' **20.Kg2 Nhxf4+**



21.exf4 Nxf4+ 22.Kf3 Greenfeld,Alon: ' □' '□' **22...Ne6** Greenfeld,Alon: '↑' '↑' Black received the long initiative and white uneasy to prove their small advantage. Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: 'Black received the long initiative and white uneasy to prove their small advantage." **23.Bf5?!⇄** Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: '⇄?!"

[23.Bb2 Qg5 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' *(23...d4 24.Rh1± Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky')* 24.Rh1 h6 25.Qc2!±]

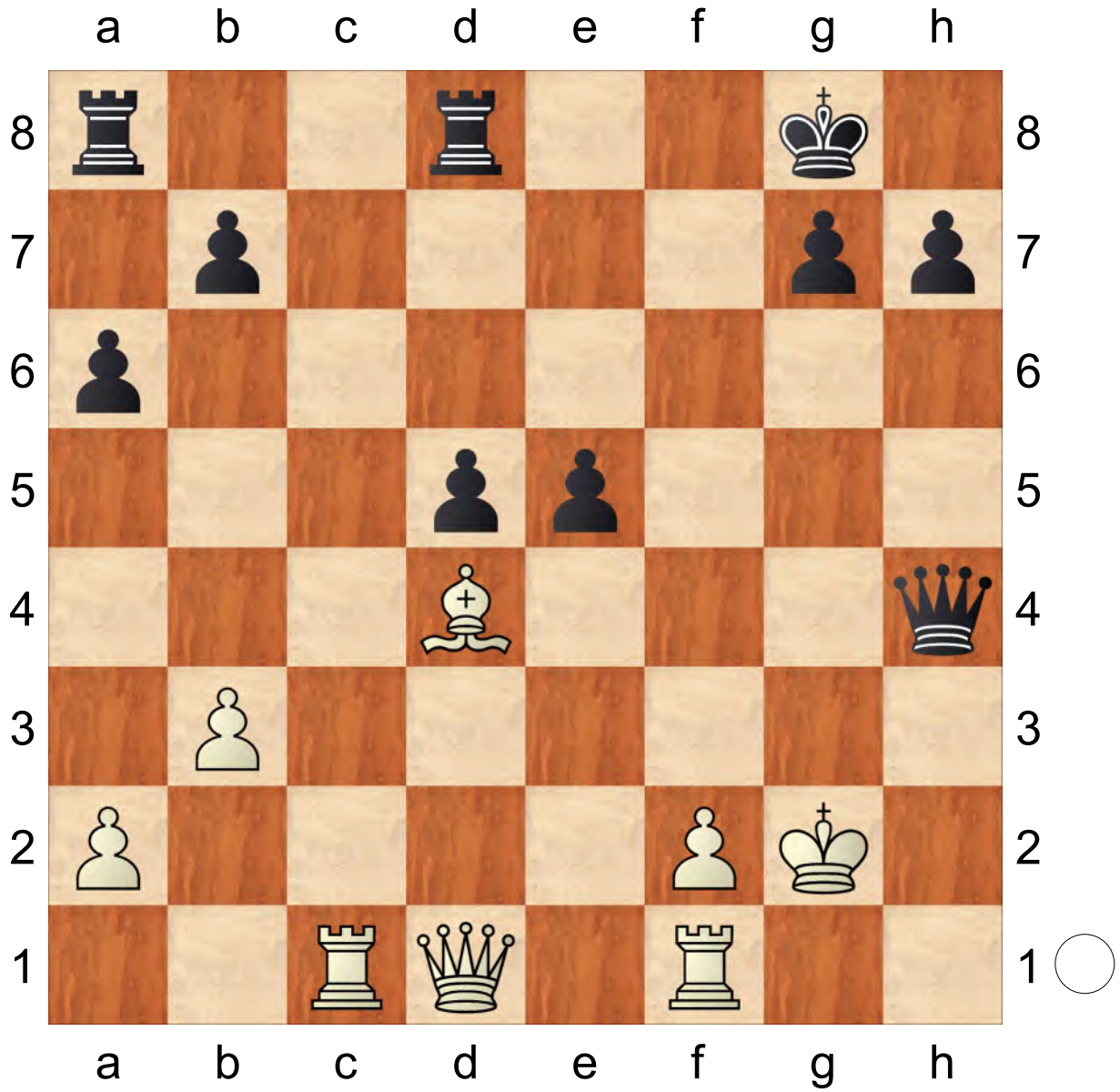
23...Qh4 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Kg2 Greenfeld,Alon: '!' '!'

[25.Rh1 Qe4+ 26.Kg3 e5 27.Rh4 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Qf5 28.Bb2 Rd6 29.Kg2 Rf8 30.Rc2⇄]

[25.Re1?? Rf8+ 26.Kg2 Rf4 Greenfeld,Alon: ' →' '→' 27.Be3 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Rg4+ 28.Kf3 *(28.Kf1 d4-+)* 28...d4 *(28...Rf8+ 29.Ke2 d4-+)* 29.Rh1 Rf8+ 30.Ke2 Qf6-+]

[25.Qd3? e5-+]

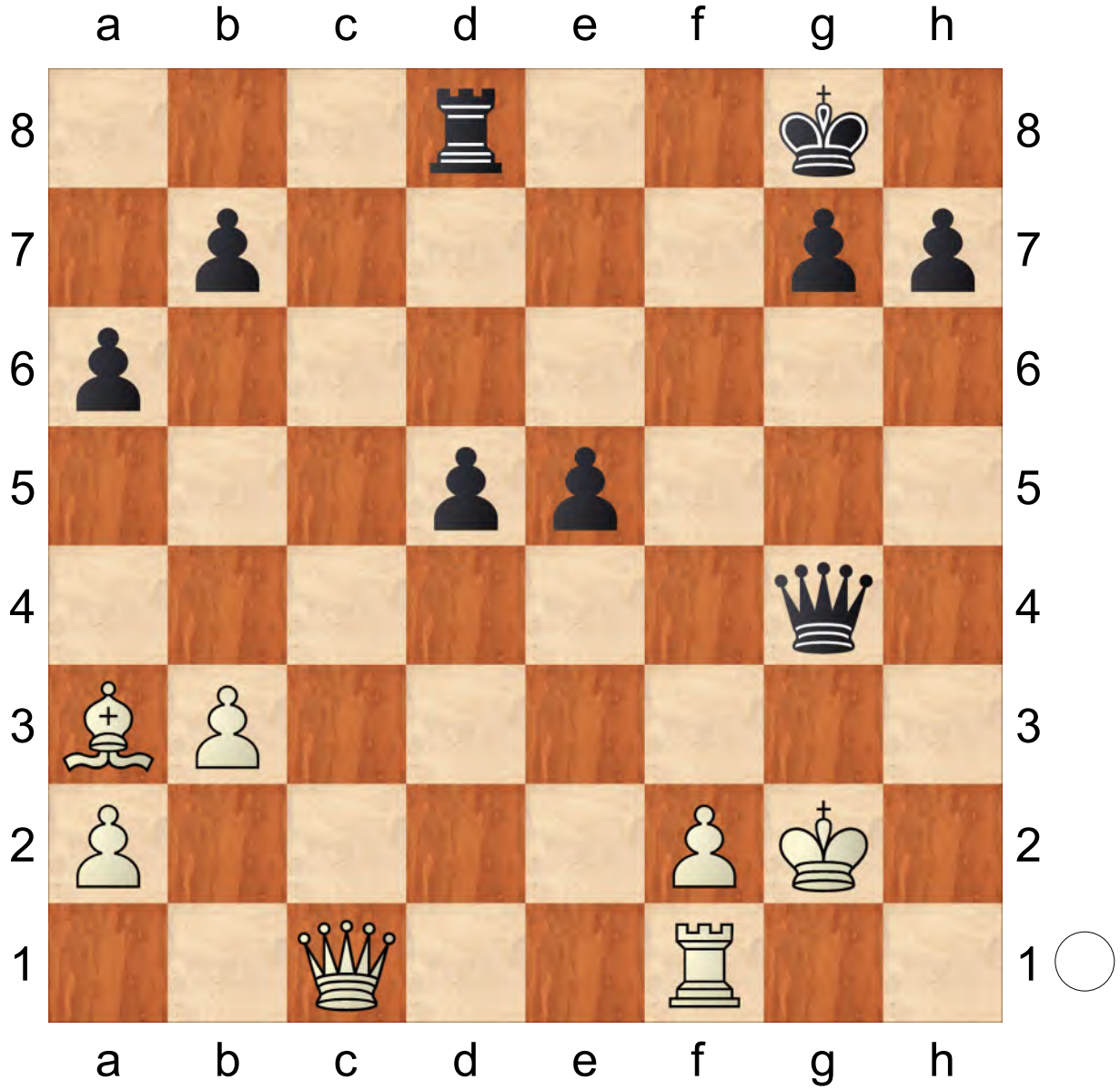
25...e5



26.Bc5 Greenfeld,Alon: ' □' '□' **26...Qg5+ 27.Kh2 Rac8 28.Ba3** Greenfeld,Alon: '!' '!'

[28.Rg1 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Qh4+ 29.Kg2 Rc6 30.Kf1 d4⇄]

28...Rxc1 29.Qxc1 Greenfeld,Alon: '□' '□'
[29.Bxc1 Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Qh4+ 30.Kg2 Rd6 31.Re1 Rg6+ 32.Kf1 Qh3+ 33.Ke2⇄]
29...Qh4+ 30.Kg2 Qg4+



31.Kh2 Qh4+ 32.Kg2 Qg4+ 33.Kh2 Rc8 34.Qd1?∓ Greenfeld,Alon: '⊕?' '⊕?' Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: ' ∓?" The first essential mistake, probably, because of time pressure. Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: 'The first essential mistake, probably, because of time pressure."
[34.Qd2 Greenfeld,Alon: ' □' '□' Qh4+ Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' *(34...Qh5+* Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' *35.Kg2 e4 36.Rc1 Rc6 37.Rxc6 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Qg4+ 39.Kh2 bxc6 40.Bc5=; 34...d4 35.Re1∓)* 35.Kg2 d4 36.Rc1⇄]
34...Qh4+ 35.Kg2 Qg5+

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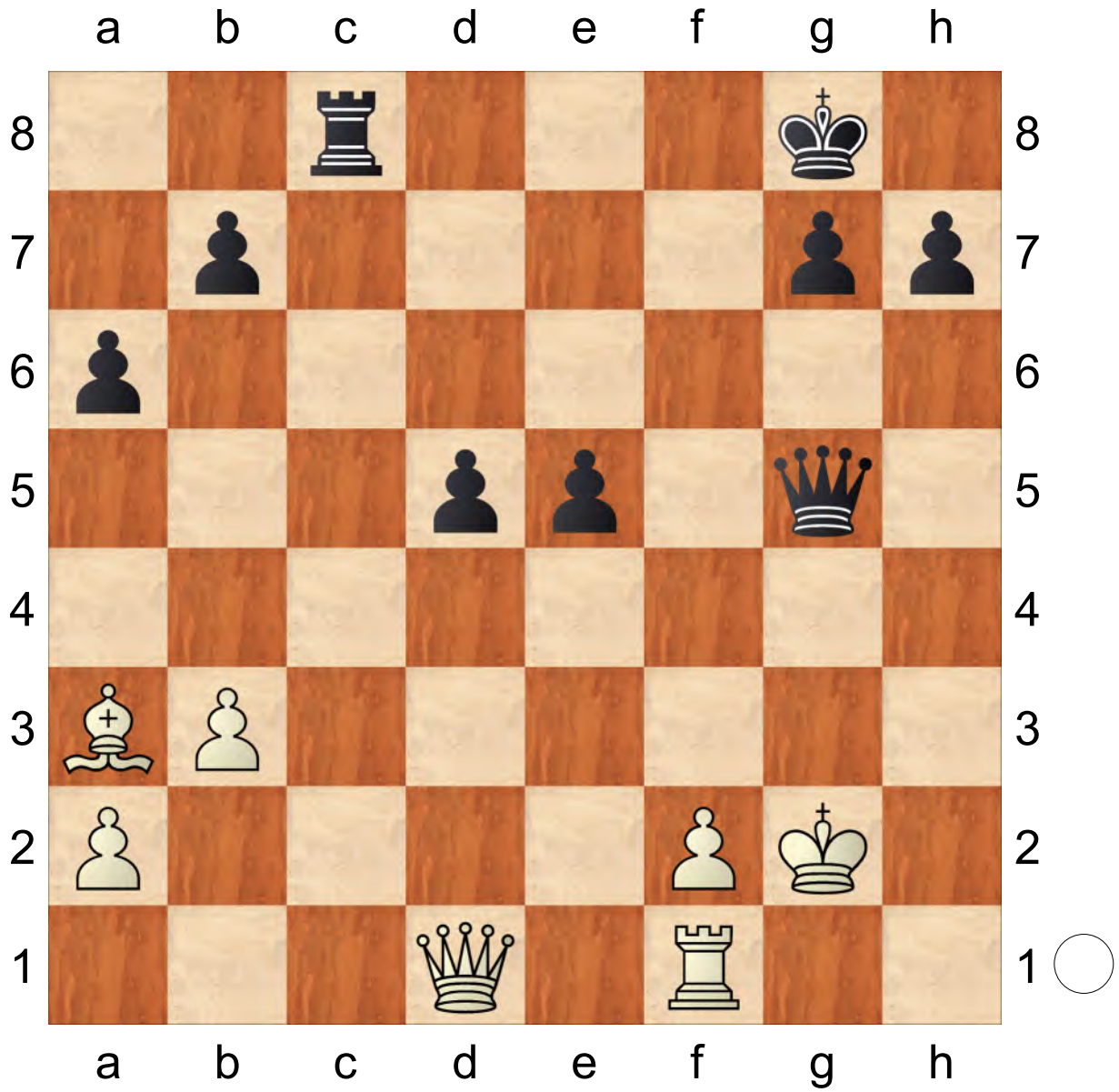

Greenfeld,Alon: '!' '!' **36.Kh2?-+** Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: '-+?" The last mistake... Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky: 'The last mistake..."

[36.Kh1? Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Rc6 37.Qxd5+ Kh8 38.Qg2 *(38.Bd6 Qh6+ 39.Kg2 Rxd6-+)* 38...Qh5+ 39.Qh2 Qf3+ 40.Qg2 Rh6+-+]

[36.Kf3! Greenfeld,Alon: 'Tsesarsky' Rc3+ *(36...d4 37.Rg1 Qf5+ 38.Kg2 Rc3 39.Kf1 Rc2 40.Rg2 Rxa2 41.Bc1∓)* 37.Ke2 d4 38.Rg1 Qf5 39.Bc1 Rc2+ 40.Bd2 Rxa2∓]

36...Rc6 Greenfeld,Alon: '!' '!' **37.Qxd5+ Kh8 38.Qg2**

[38.Bd6 Qh6+]

38...Qf4+ 39.Qg3 Rh6+

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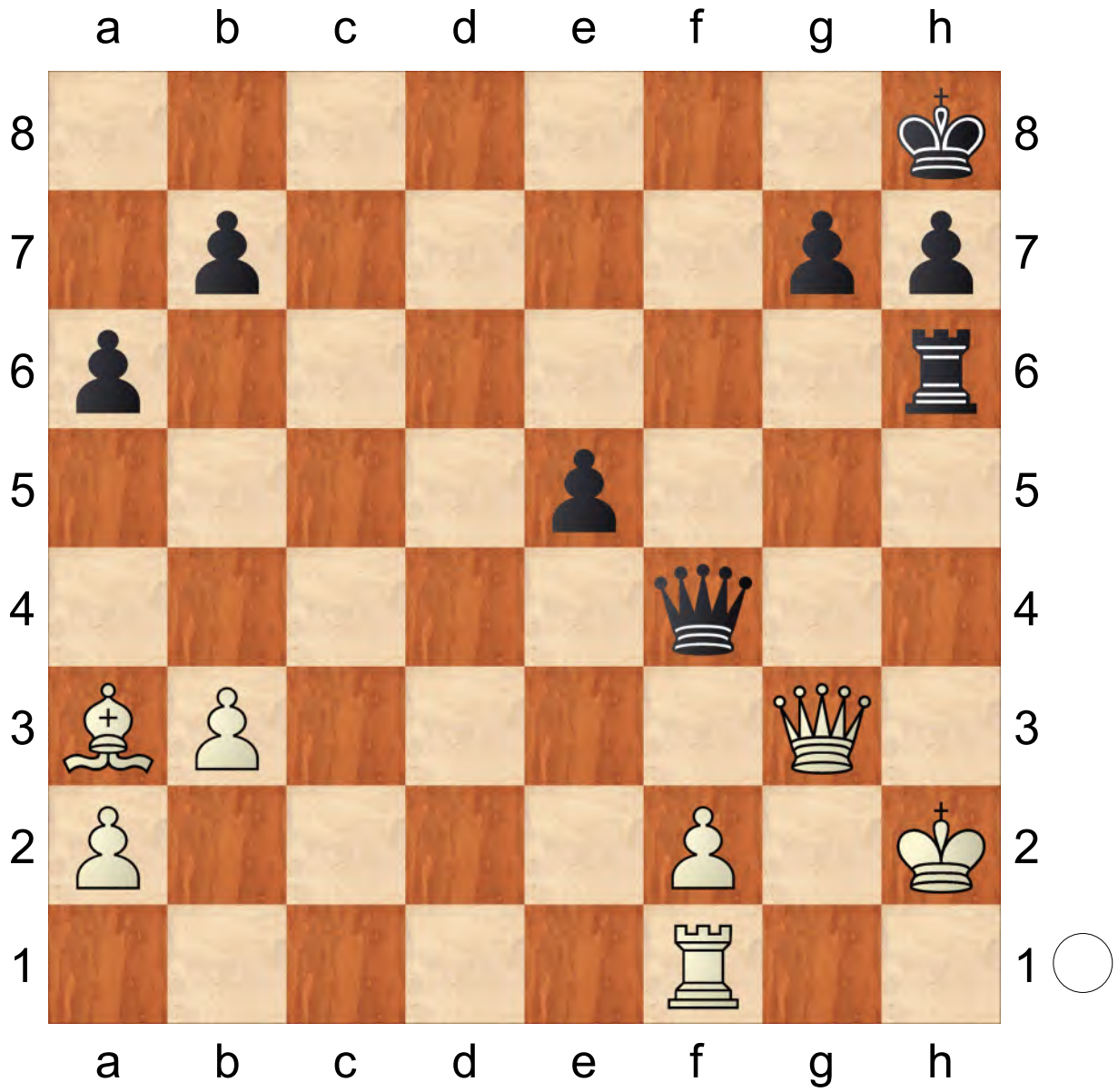

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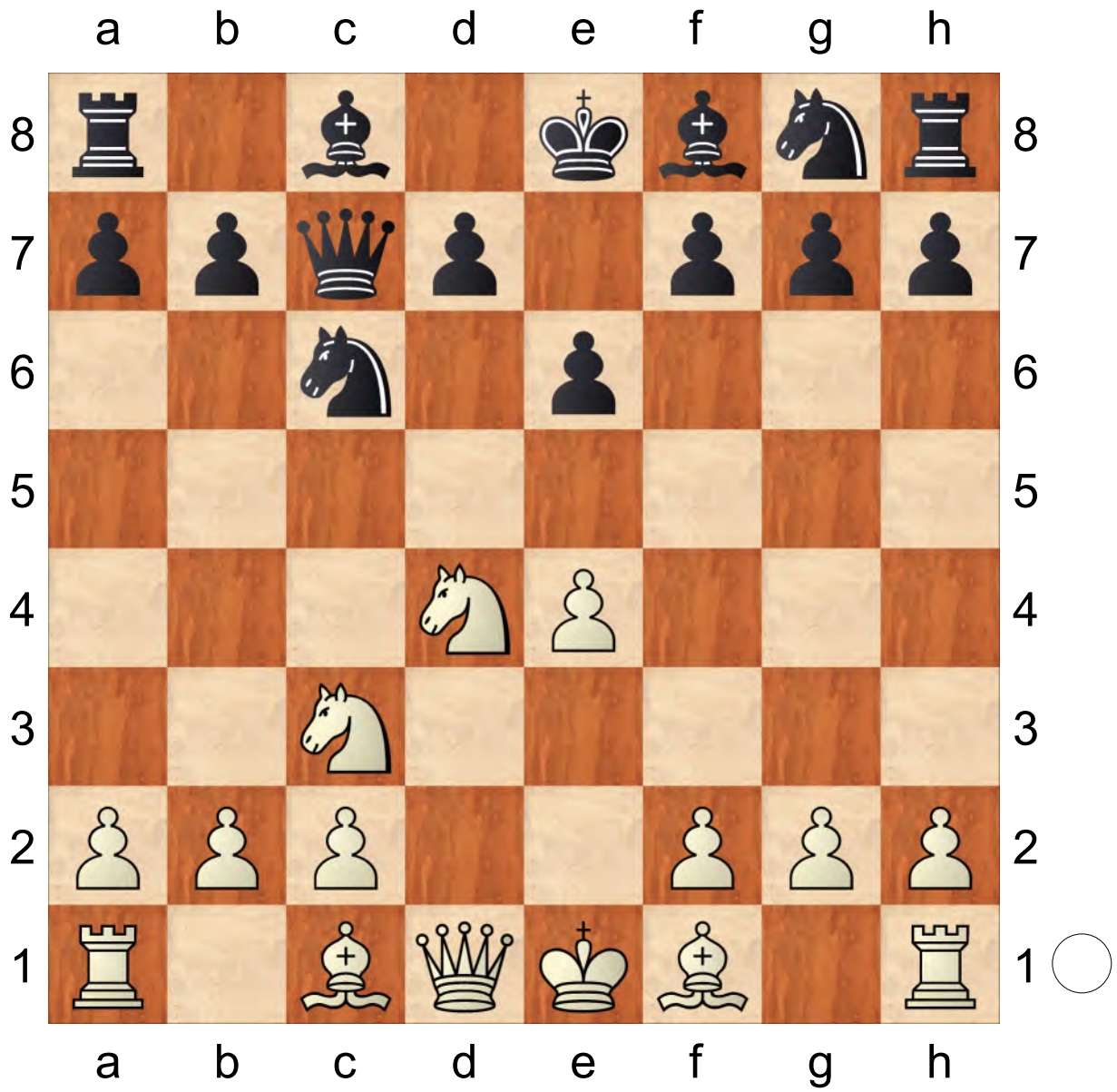
□ **Gruenfeld,Yehuda** **2520**
■ **Tsesarsky,Ilya** **2450**
Kfar Sava GP1 (2) 03.08.2001
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.e4 Tsesarsky **1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7**



6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nge7 8.Nb3
[8.Be3 -see commented game 1-0 Shevelev,A-Tsesarsky,I/Kfar-Sava 2000/CBM 78[Tsesarsky,I] (41)]
8...Ng6 9.f4
[9.Qe2 Be7 10.f4

A) 10...d6 11.Be3 0-0 12.h4 Bf6?! 13.Qd2± 1-0 Gruenfeld,Y-Tsesarsky,I/Givataim 2000 (20);
B) 10...b5 11.Be3 0-0 *(11...d6 12.h4 Bf6 13.h5 Nge7 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.g4±* 1-0 Gonzalez,G-Marcussi,B/Buenos Aires 1962/MCD (32)*)* 12.h4 f6 13.h5 Nh8⇄;
C) 10...0-0 11.h4 f6⇄]

[9.a4 Bb4 *(9...b6 10.0-0 Rb8 11.f4 Na5 12.Nd4 Bc5⇄* ½-½ Vogt,L-Bischoff,K/Altensteig 1993/CBM 37 (29)*)* 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ne2 Re8 12.f4 Be7 13.Be3 b6 14.Ned4 Bb7⇄ ½-½ Rocha,A-Bronstein,L/Mar del Plata 1969/EXT 99 (50)]

[9.0-0 Rb8 *(9...b5 10.f4 Bb7 11.Be3 Na5 12.Nxa5 Qxa5 13.Qh5 Qc7 14.Rae1 Bb4 15.Bd4 0-0 16.a3 Be7 17.Rf2 f6⇄* 0-1 Ermenkov,E-Hernandez,R/Graz 1972/MCD (43)*)* 10.f4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.h4 f6 13.h5 Nh8 14.Qd2 Nf7 15.Rad1 b5 16.g4 Nd6 17.Qe2 Nc4 18.Bc1 Bb7⇄ ½-½ Guliev,L-Bischoff,K/Dresden 1994/TD (105)]

[9.h4 Be7 *(9...Bb4 10.h5 Nge5 11.h6 g6 12.Bg5 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Qh5+ Ng6 15.Bf6 Rf8 16.Bg7 Rf7 17.0-0-0±* 1-0 Ivanov,A-Ortega,A/Philadelphia 1996/EXT 2001 (31)*)* 10.h5 Nge5 11.f4 Nc4 12.Qe2 b5 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 Nb6 15.Ra1 Bb7 16.Be3 d6⇄]

9...Bb4

[9...d6 10.a4 Na5 11.Nxa5 Qxa5 12.Be3 Be7 13.h4 0-0 *(13...Bd7 14.0-0 0-0 15.h5 Nh8 16.f5 Rfe8 17.h6 Bf8 18.hxg7 Bxg7 19.Qxd6±* 1-0 Ochsner,T-Nielsen,U/DEN-ch qual 1996/CBM 51 ext (38)*)* 14.h5 Nh8 15.h6 g6 16.Qd4 f6 17.b4 Qc7⇄]

[9...f6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Rb8 13.Kb1 Nh8 14.h4 Nf7 15.g4 b5 16.g5 b4⇄ 1-0 Popovic,P-Rechlis,G/FRA 1998/CBM 64 ext (28)]

[9...Be7 10.Be3 *(10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 b5 12.a3 Rb8 13.h4 f6 14.Kh1 Nh8 15.Qe1 Nf7 16.Rd1 Nd6⇄* ½-½ Kotz,H-Gustafsson,J/Graz AUT 2001/The Week in Chess 337 (37)*)* 10...Rb8 11.Qh5 0-0 12.0-0 f6 13.Rad1 b5 14.Rd3 Nh8 15.Rfd1 Nf7 16.Qe2 Nd6 17.Bc1 Nc4⇄ 0-1 Bakhmatov,E-Bischoff,K/Fuerth 1999/EXT 2000 (55)]

[9...b5 10.Be3 d6 11.h4 Bb7 12.Qd2 Be7 13.0-0-0 Nf8 ½-½ Aleksic,N-Miladinovic,I/Cutro 2000/CBM 77 (13)]

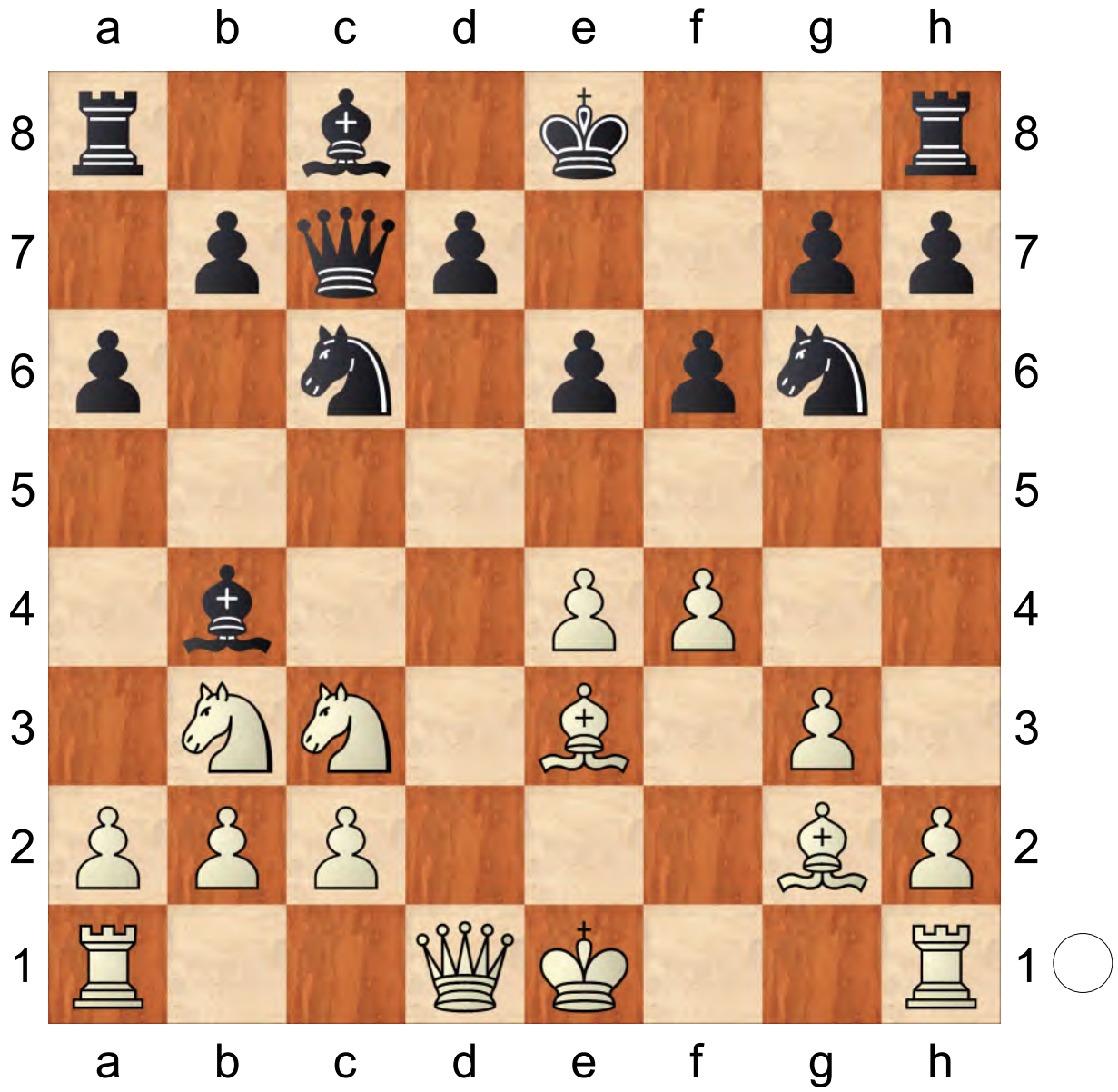
10.Be3 f6!

(Diagram)

Preventing e4-e5 promotion and preparing ♘g6-h8-f7 manoeuvre. **11.Qd3 0-0 12.a3 Be7 13.Na4** White loses 3 tempi and changes his ♘ for ♗c8. I can't justify it. Black hasn't any opening problems. **13...b5 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.Nxc8 Rfxc8⇄**

(Diagram)

16.0-0 Nf8 In view of ♗c8 disappearance ♘f8 will protect white squares in the black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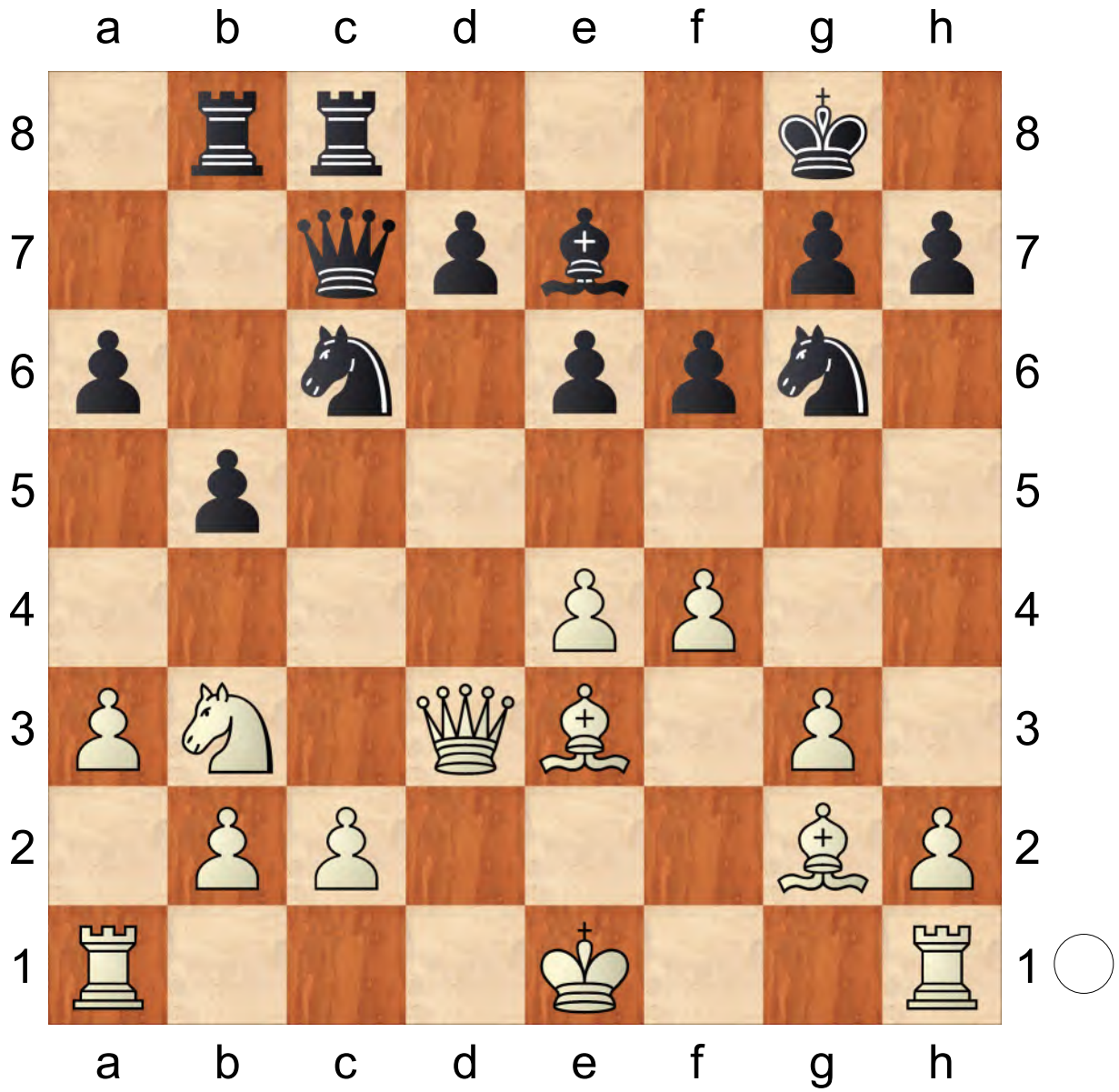
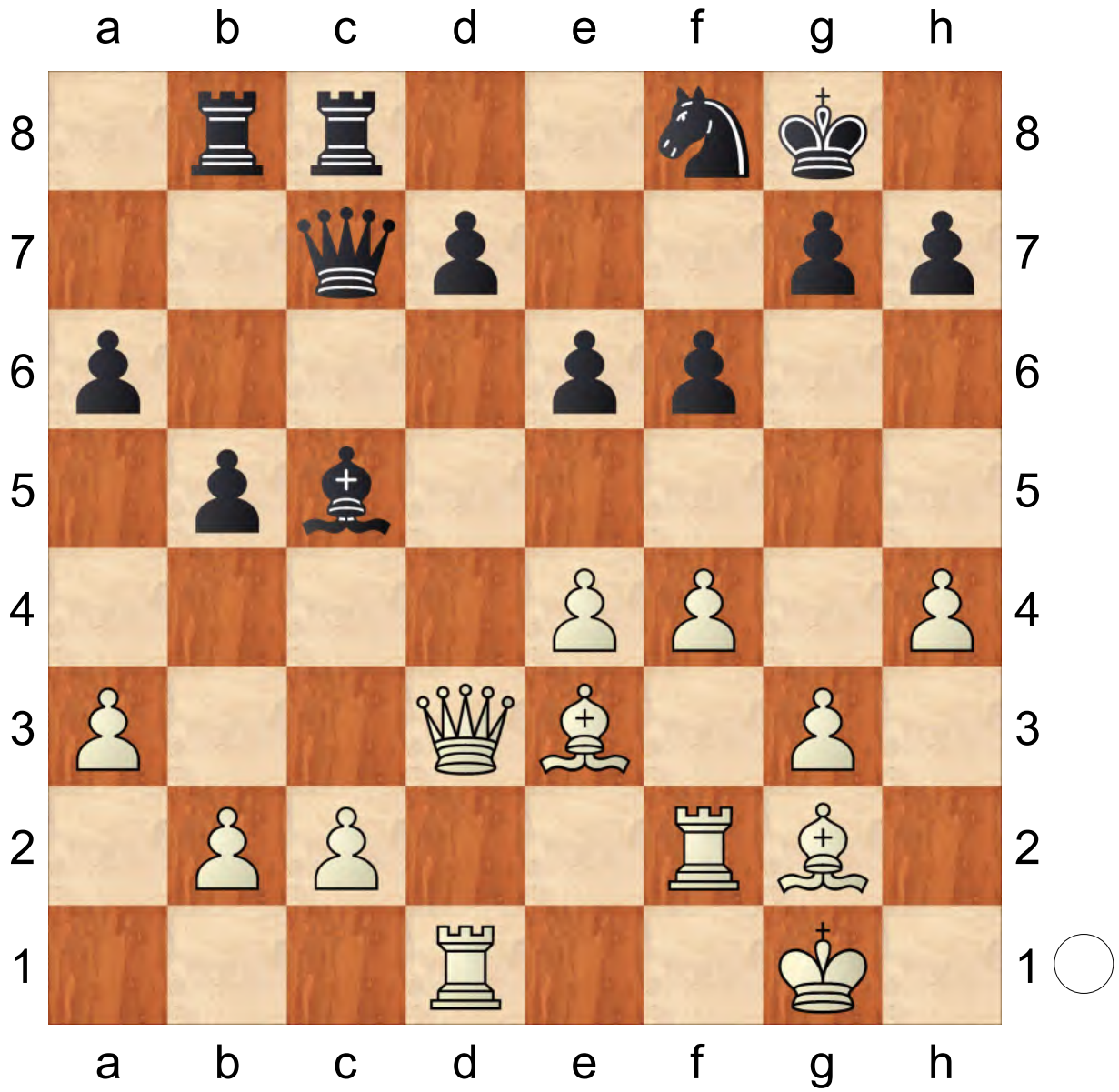


camp. **17.Rf2 Nd8!** Black prepares pair of pieces exchange via c5. **18.Rd1 Nb7 19.h4 Nc5 20.Nxc5 Bxc5**

(Diagram)

21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.c3 Rb6?!± Inaccuracy!
[Natural and strong was 22...a5 23.Qd4 b4 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.cxb4 axb4⇄]
23.Qd4 When Y.Gruenfeld made this move I was glad, because the endgame is reliable for Black. **23...Qxd4 24.Rxd4 Kf7 25.Rfd2?!⇄**
[I was afraid of 25.e5! Ke7 26.Rfd2 *(26.exf6+ gxf6 27.g4 Rc4 28.Rfd2 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Rd6 30.Rxd6 Kxd6 31.Be4 Kc5 32.Kf2 d5 33.Bd3±)* 26...fxe5 *(26...a5 27.exf6+ gxf6 28.g4±)* 27.fxe5 Rc5 28.Rd6 Rb8 *(28...Rxd6 29.exd6+ Kf6 30.b4!±)* 29.Rxa6 Rxe5±]



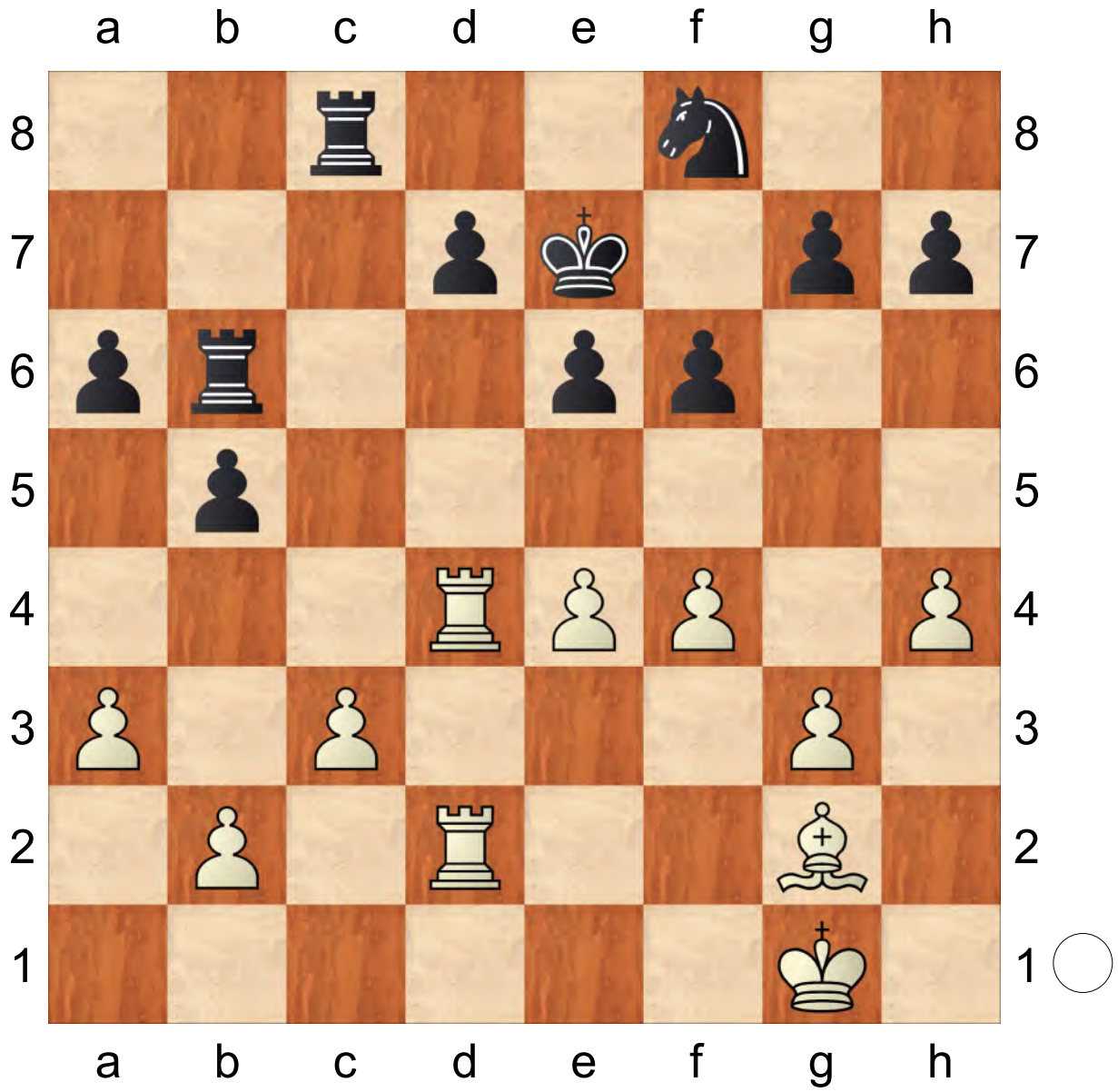
25...Ke7

(Diagram)

26.Kf2 d6 27.Bh3
[27.e5 fxe5 28.fxe5 d5 29.Rg4 g6 30.Rdd4 Nd7 31.Rg5⇄]
27...Nd7 28.Re2 a5 29.Bf1 White plays without certain plan and his position become worse and worse. **29...b4! 30.cxb4 axb4**

(Diagram)

31.a4
[Or 31.axb4 e5 32.Rd5 Rxb4 *(32...Rc4 33.b5 Rb4 34.Re3 Nc5 35.Kf3*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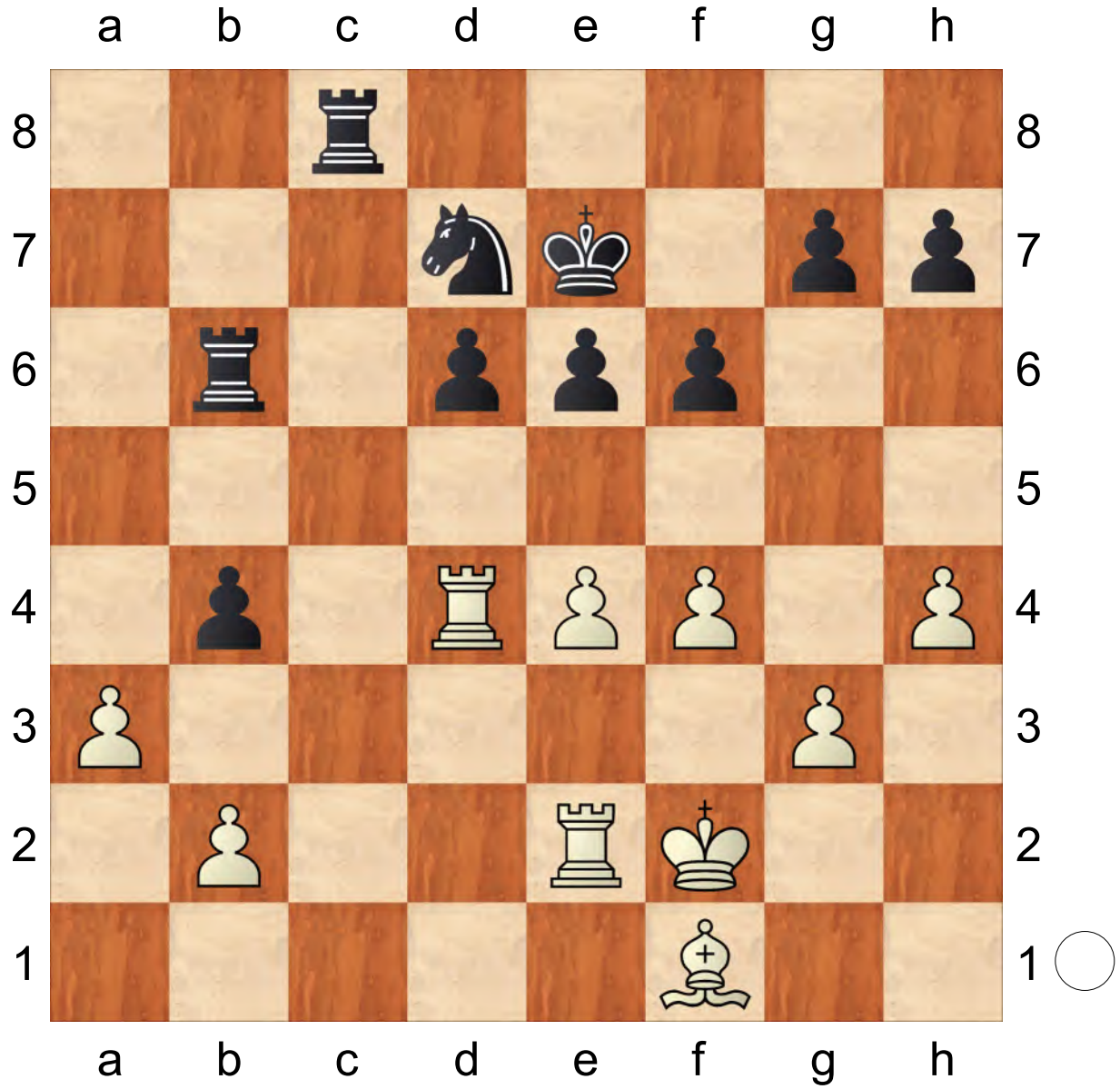


Rxb2=) 33.Bh3 Rc5∓]

31...e5?!∓

[31...Nc5!∓]

32.a5! I thought her a lot, and choosed **32...Rbb8?!**

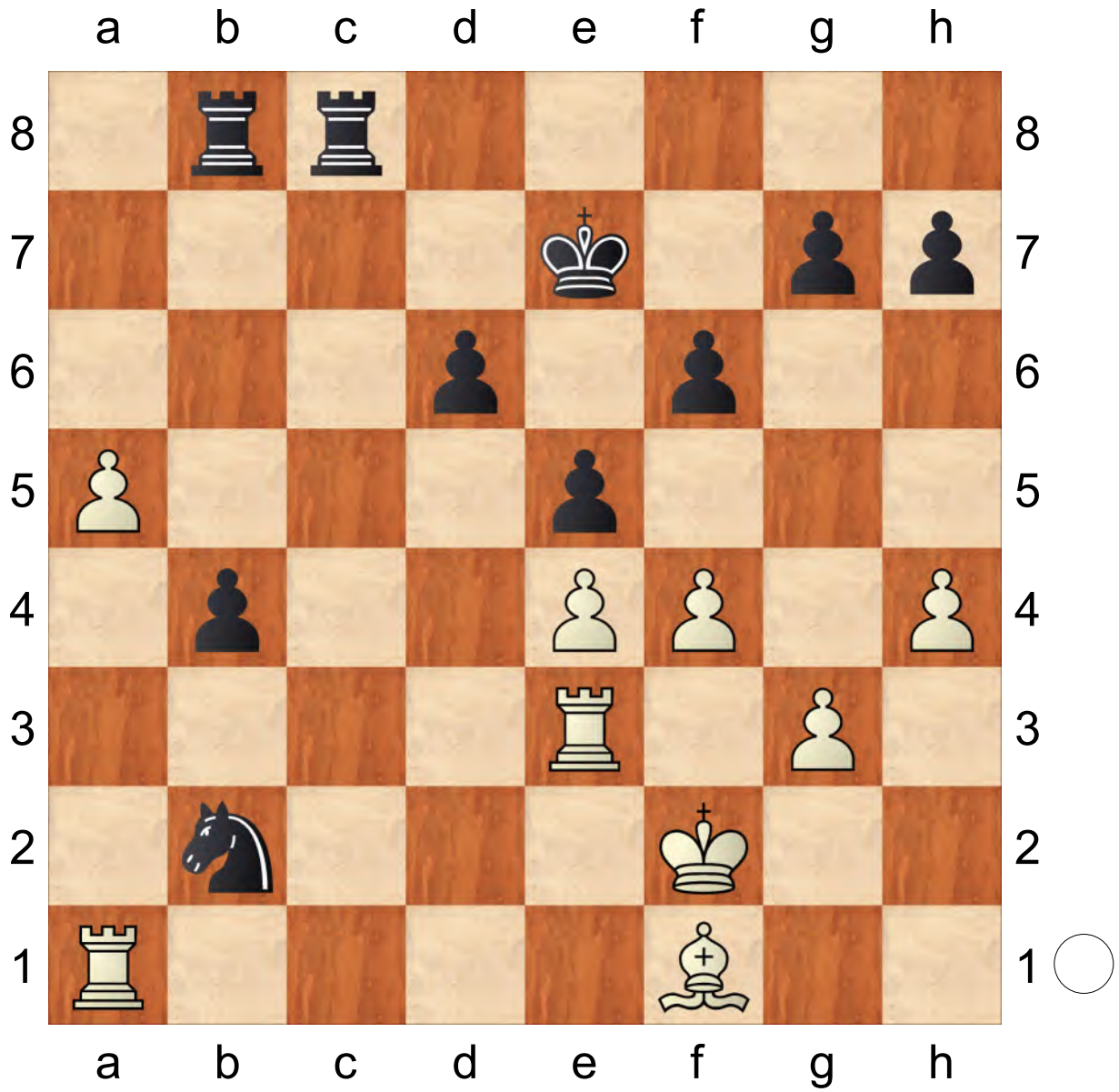
[32...exd4!? 33.axb6 Nxb6 34.Rd2 Rc1 *(34...b3 35.Be2 Rc2 36.Ke1 Nc4 37.Rxd4 Nxb2 38.Rb4 Rc3 39.Rb7+ Kf8 40.Rb8+ Kf7 41.g4⩱)* 35.Be2 Rb1 36.Bd3 Ra1 37.Be2 Ra2 38.Bb5∓]

33.Rd1 Nc5 34.Re3 Na4

[Or 34...Ra8 35.Ra1 Ra7 36.a6 Rca8 37.f5 Nxa6 38.Rb3 Nc5 39.Rxa7+ Rxa7 40.Rxb4⇄ d5 *(40...Rb7 41.Rxb7+ Nxb7 42.b4 Nd8 43.Bb5 Nf7 44.Bc4±)* 41.exd5 Kd6 42.Ke3 Kxd5 43.Bg2+ Kd6 44.Rb6+ Ke7⇄]

35.Ra1! Nxb2

(Diagram)



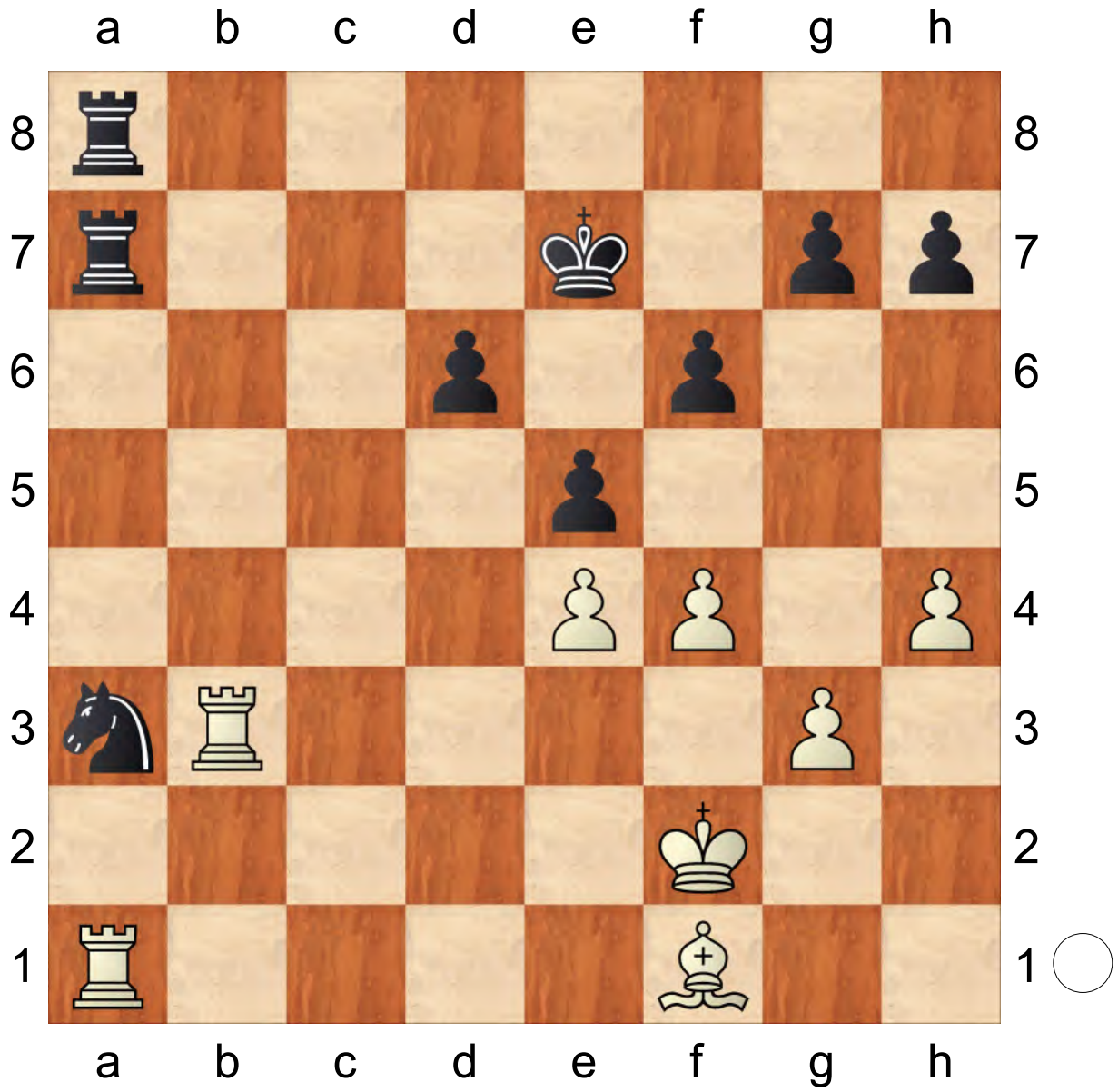
36.a6 Nc4 37.a7 Ra8 38.Rb3 Na3 39.Rxb4 Rxa7
[On 39...Nc2 I overlooked 40.Rb7+ Kf8 41.Ra6+-]
40.Rb3 Rca8≅

(Diagram)

41.Rc1 g6 42.Rcc3 Kf8 43.Bd3 Ke7 44.Ke3 White has clear plan: to win cought ♘a3. Black had to organize counterplay. **44...Ke6 45.f5+ Kf7**

(Diagram)

46.g4 Kg7 47.Rb6 Rd8 48.Rbb3
[On 48.Ba6 goes Nb1! 49.Rcc6 Na3 50.fxg6 *(50.Kd2 d5)* 50...hxg6 51.Kd2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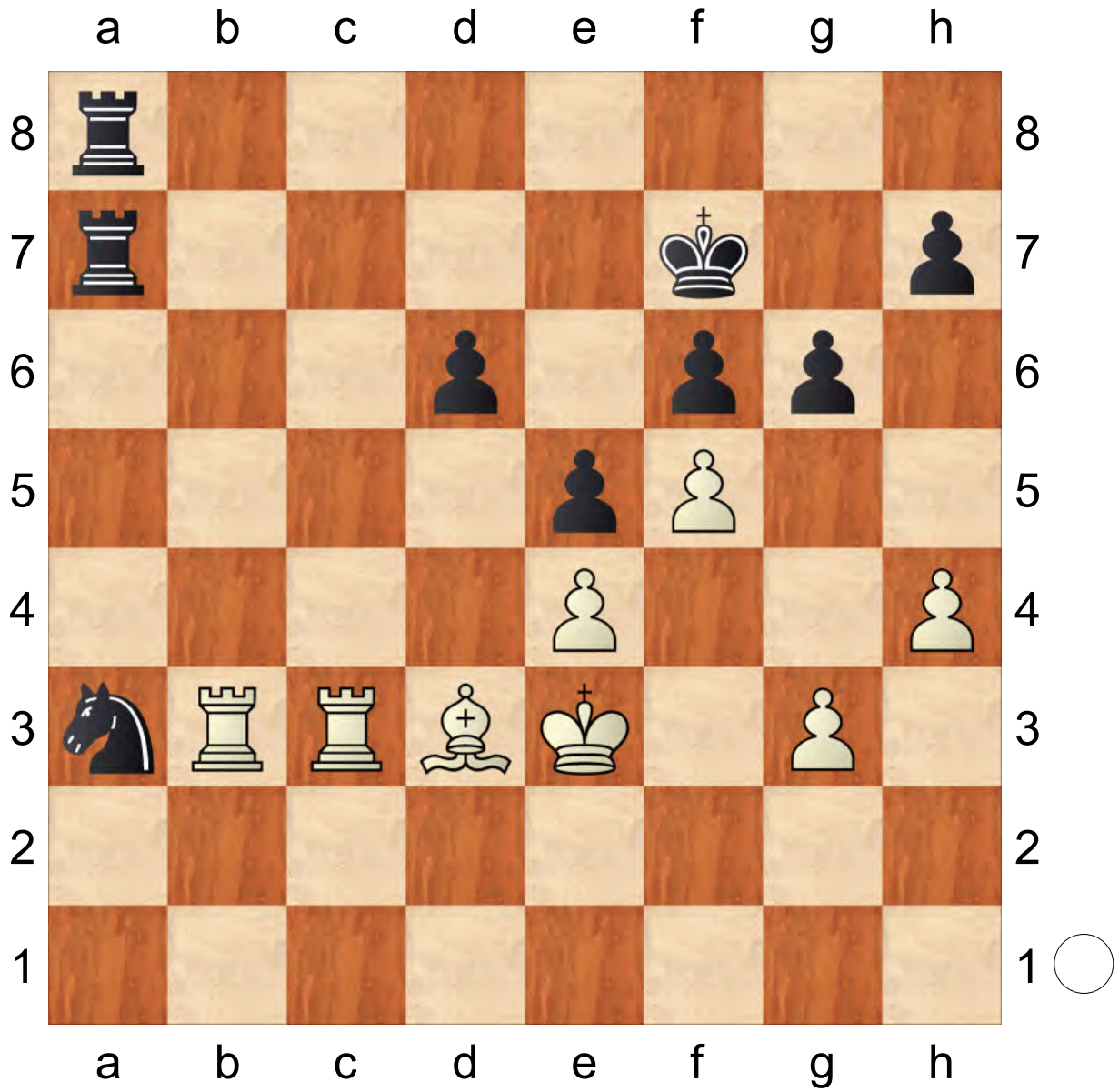


Rh8 52.Rb3 Rxh4 53.Rxa3 Rxg4♕]

48...Rda8 49.Kd2 gxf5

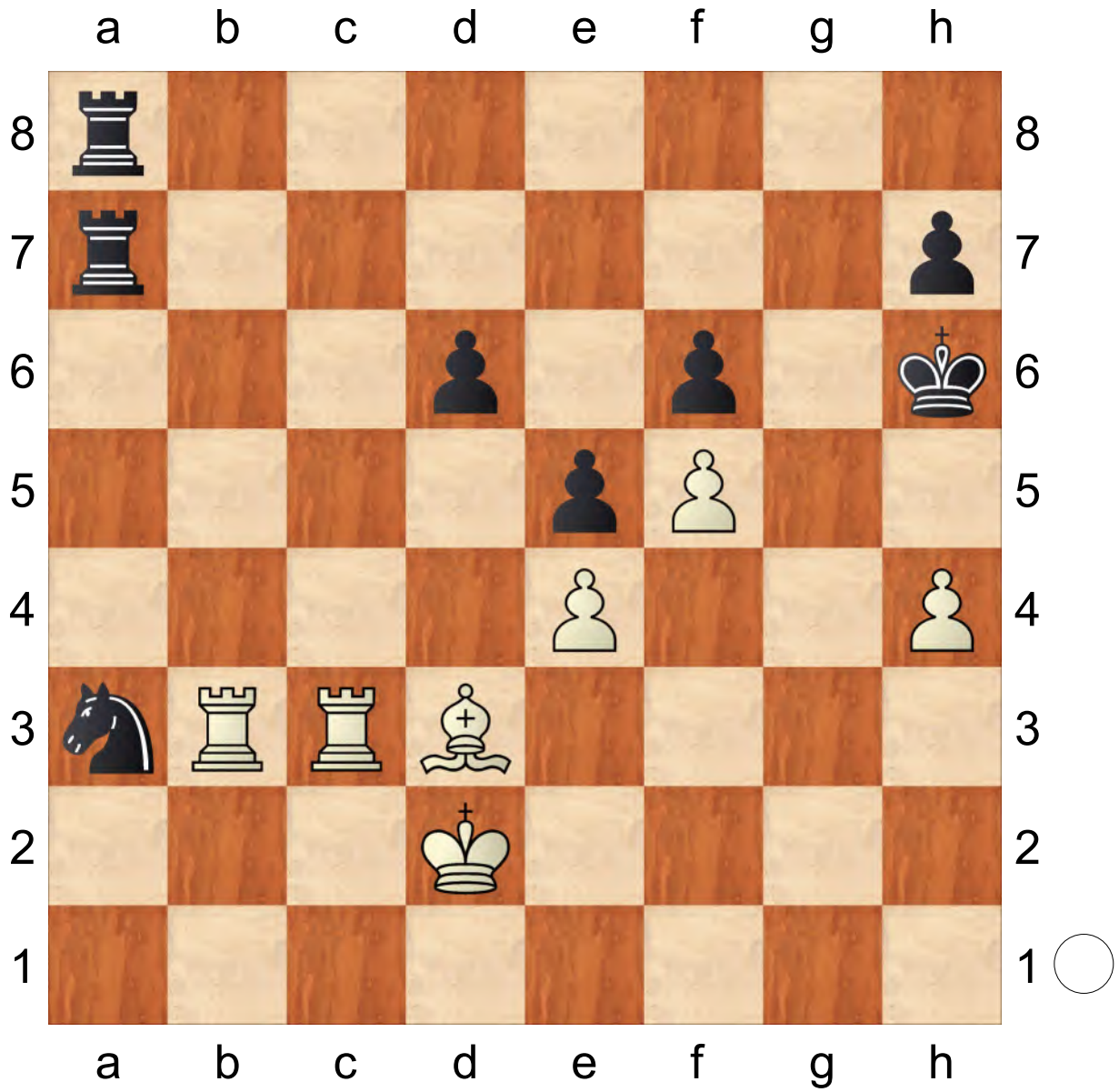
[Interesting was 49...h5!? but I wasn't able to calculate complicated variations: 50.fxg6 hxg4 51.h5 Kh6 52.Be2 d5 53.exd5 f5 54.d6 Kxh5 55.g7 Rxg7 56.Rxa3 Rd8 57.Rd3 f4 58.Ra5 f3 *(58...Rg5 59.Rh3+ Kg6 60.Bd3++-)* 59.Rxe5+ Rg5 60.Rxg5+ Kxg5 61.Bf1 g3 62.Rxf3 Rxd6+♕]

50.gxf5 Kh6

(Diagram)

51.Kc1 Ra4 52.Kb2 d5!

[Or 52...Kh5 53.Rxa3 Rxa3 54.Rxa3 Rxa3 55.Kxa3 Kxh4 56.Kb4 h5 57.Kc4 Kg3 58.Bf1 Kf2 Tsesarsky: '=' 59.Bh3 Kg3 60.Bf1 h4 *(60...Kf2=)* 61.Kd5 Kf2



62.Bh3 Kg3=]

53.exd5

[53.Rxa3 dxe4 54.Be2 e3 55.Rxe3 Rb8+ 56.Kc2 Rxh4♕]

53...e4?? Terrible mistake in time pressure.

[Right was 53...Rxh4! 54.Rxa3 Rxa3 55.Rxa3 Rd4♕ 56.Rc3 Rxd5♕]

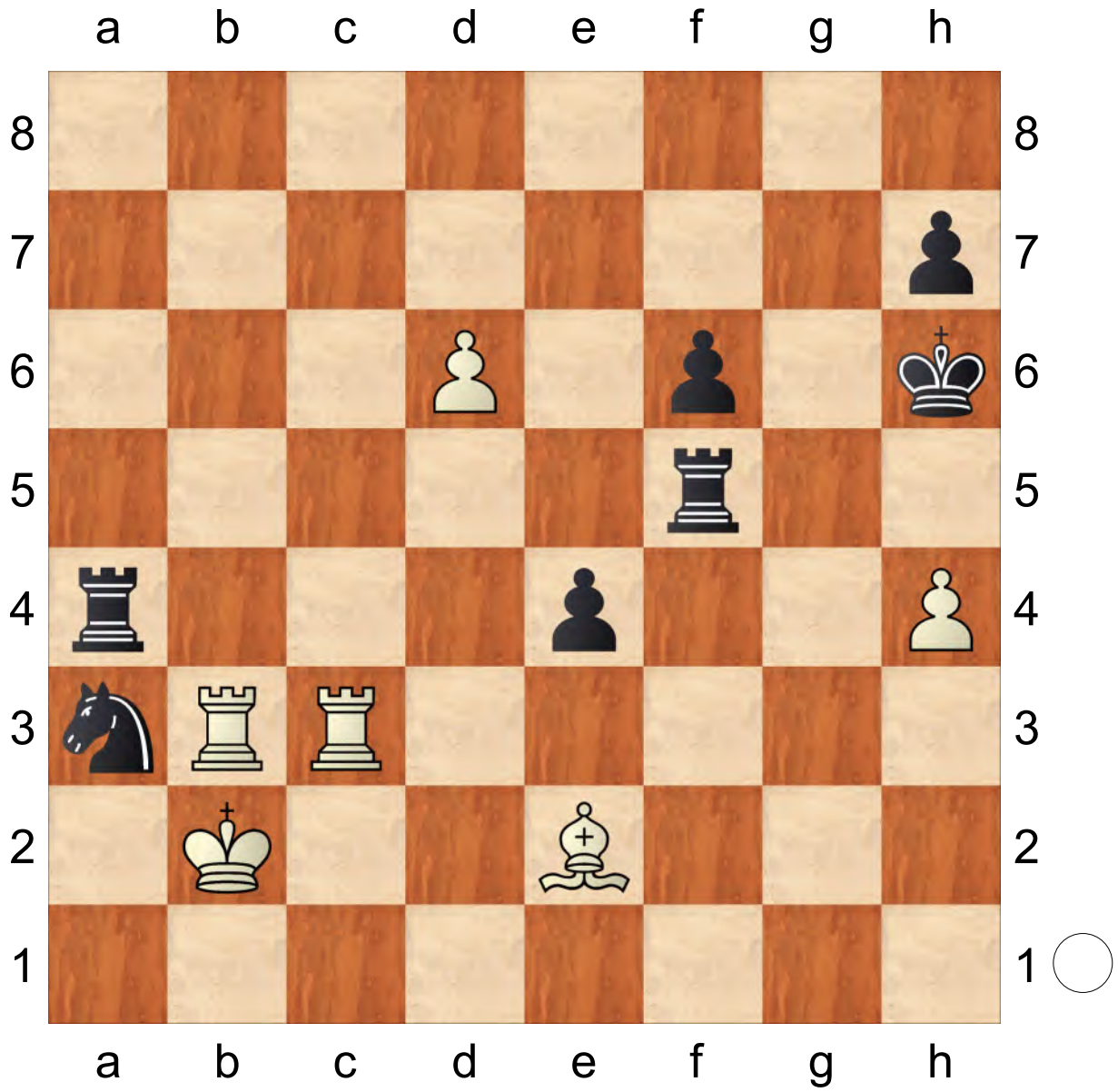
54.Be2 R8a5 55.d6

[55.Rb7! Rxd5 *(55...e3 56.Rcc7 Rxh4 57.Rxh7+ Kg5 58.Rbg7++-)* 56.Rcc7 Rxf5 57.Rxh7+ Kg6 58.Rbg7#]

55...Rxf5

(Diagram)

56.Rxa3 Rd4 57.Ra6 Rf2 58.Rc2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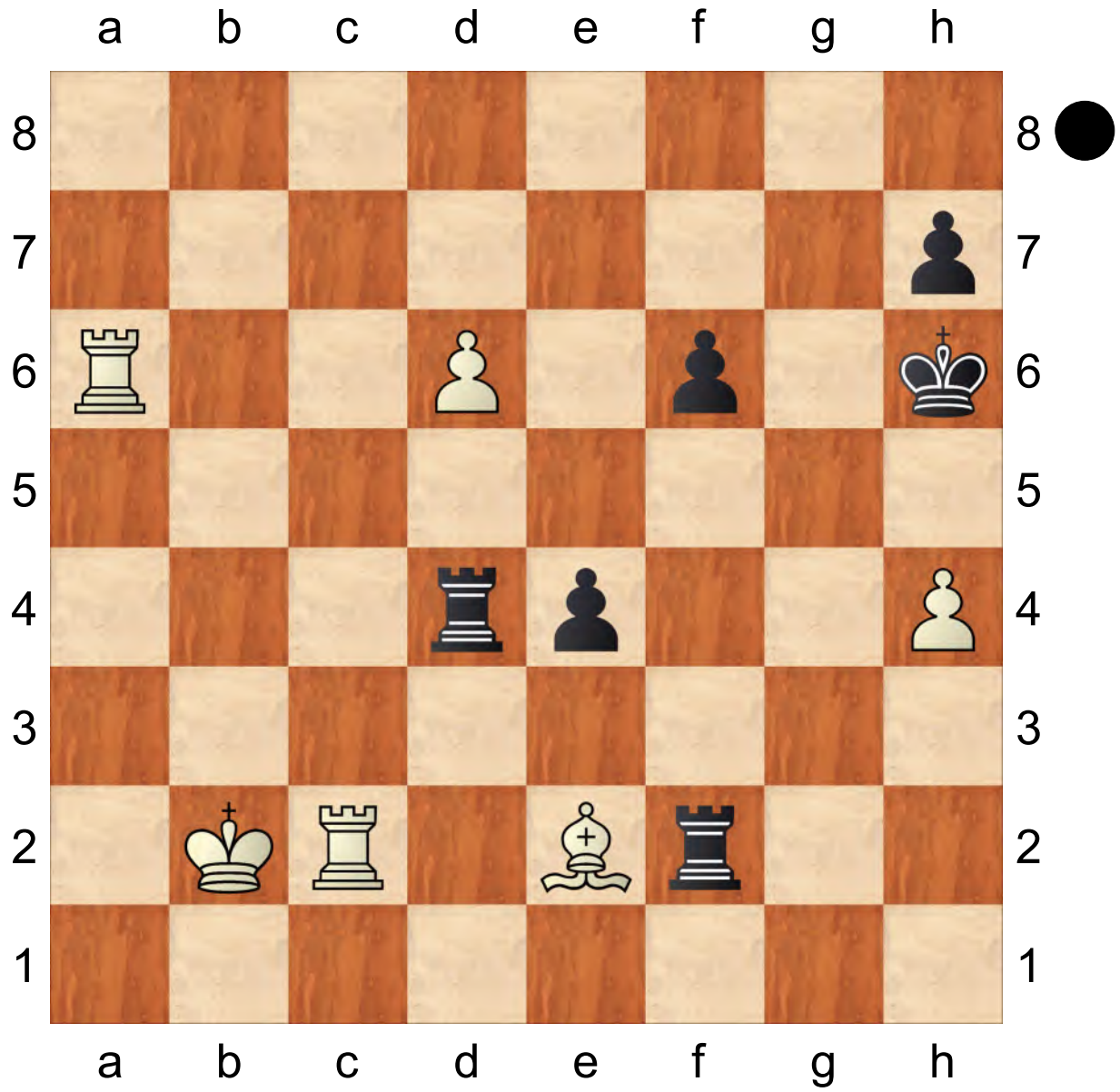

and White won.
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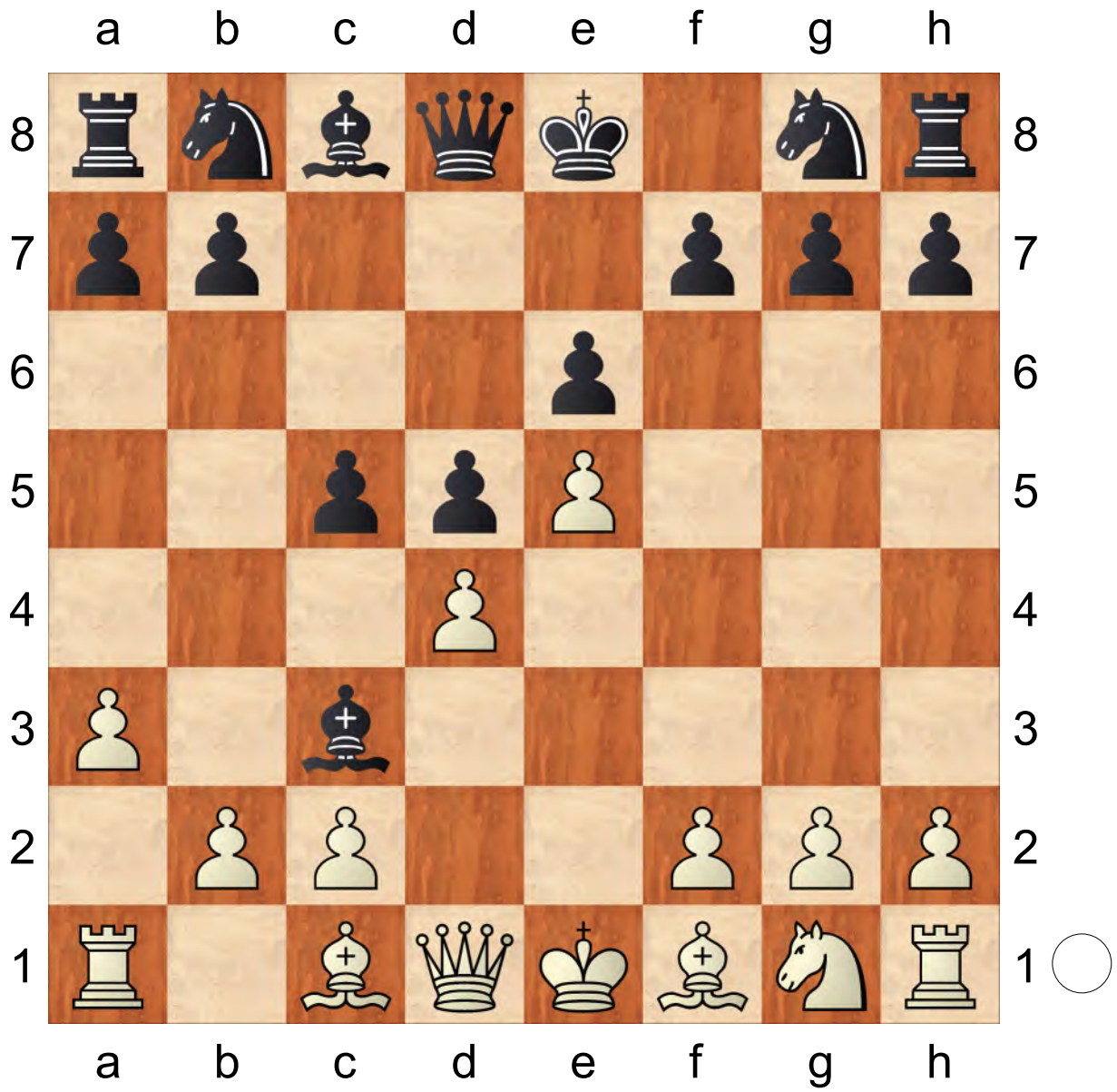
□ **Perunovic,Milos** **2624**
■ **Edouard,Romain** **2632**
EU-chT (Men) 20th (4.2) 16.11.2015
[Perunovic,Milos]

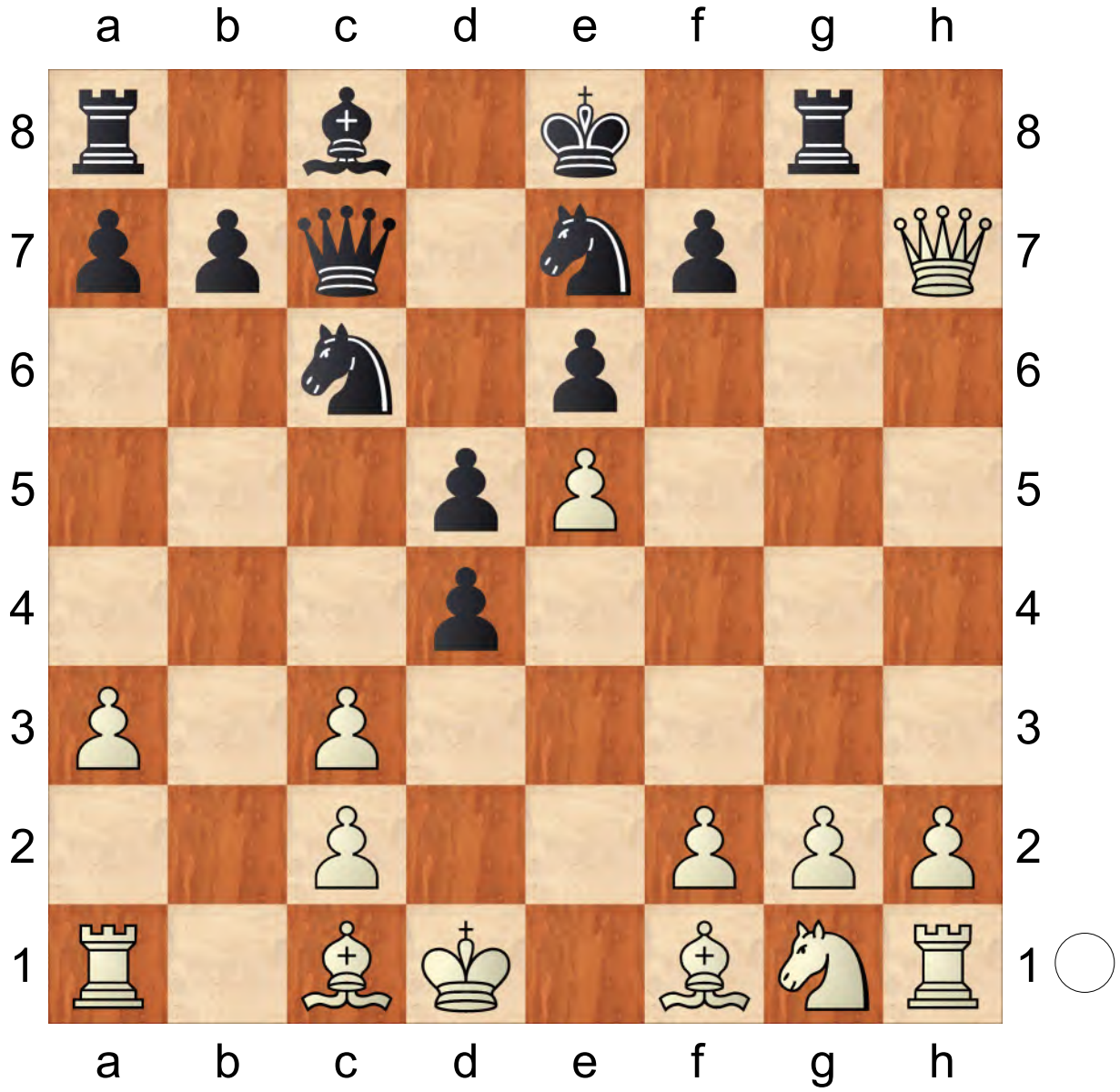
1.e4 Perunovic,M **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+**



6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 cxd4 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 Qc7 10.Kd1 I was surprised by the opening choice of my opponent, so I decided to play the line that had been employed many times by the famous Serbian grandmaster Milan Matulovic.

[10.Ne2 is the main line.]

10...Nbc6



11.Nf3 Nxe5!? After this move play is forced and requires high precision from both sides.

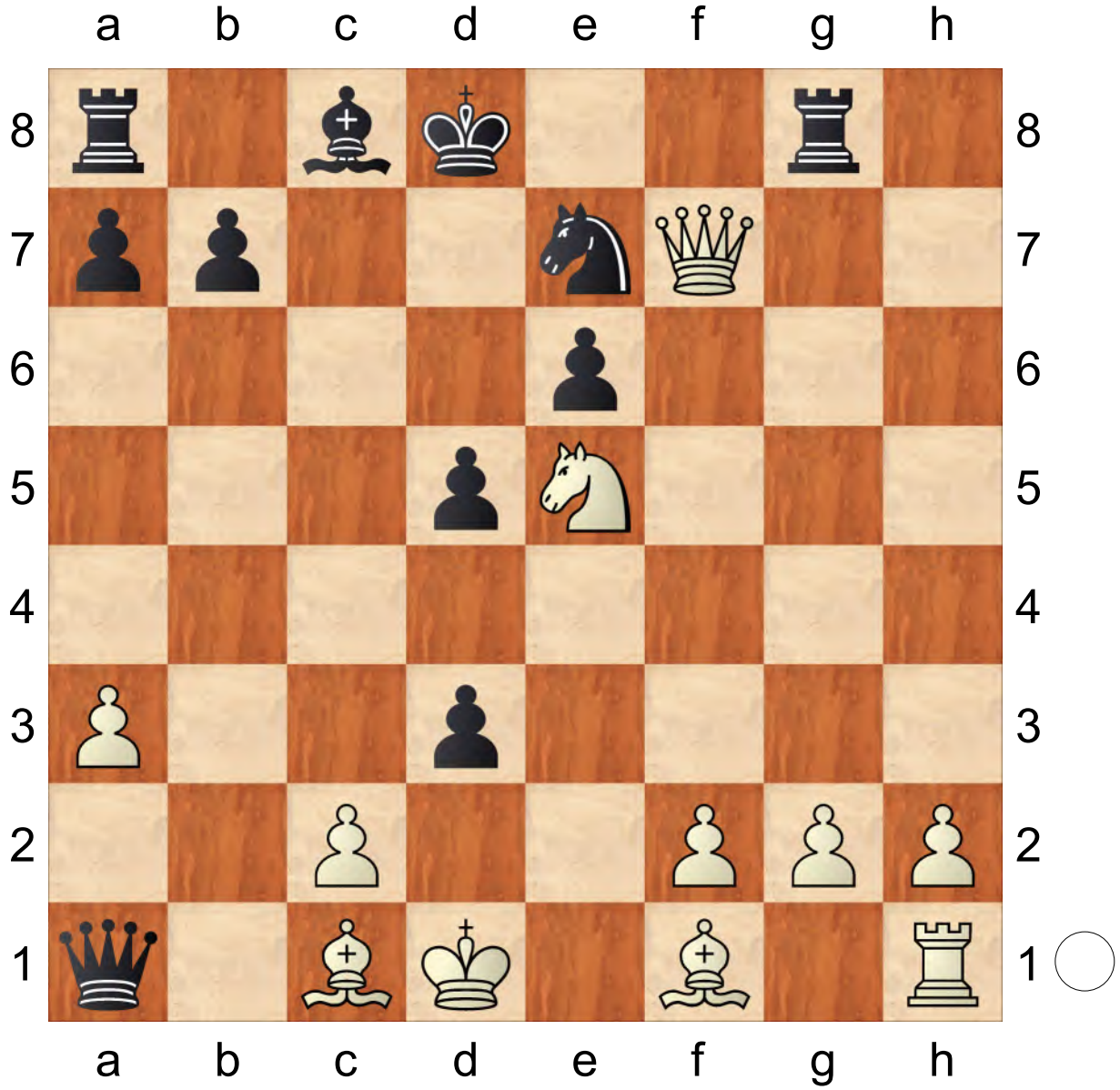
[11...dxc3 12.Ng5 Nxe5 now White has two options. 13.Bf4 *(13.f4 f6 ! 14.fxe5 fxg5 15.Qh5+ Kd8 16.Bxg5 Qc5 17.h4 Bd7∞* with an unclear position in which there are many opportunities for both sides*)* 13...Qb6!? *(13...f6 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxf2 17.Bxc3∞)* 14.Bxe5 Rxg5 15.Qh4 Rg8 16.Qd4 Qxd4+ 17.Bxd4 Bd7 *(17...Nf5 18.Bxc3∞)* 18.h4∞]

12.Bf4 Qxc3 13.Nxe5 Qxa1+ 14.Bc1 d3?! I knew the move 14...♖f8 and during the game I thought that 14...d3 was a strong move. But I was encouraged in thinking that it was not part of the preparation of my opponent, because he spent a lot of time.

[14...Rf8 15.Bd3 Bd7 *(15...Nc6 ? 16.Nxf7! Rxf7 17.Qg8+ Ke7 18.Ke2!±)* 16.Ke2 the position is very unclear, but I think White has better chances. I will show some ideas: Nf5 *(16...Qc3 17.Bh6 Qc7 18.f4 0-0-0 19.Bxf8 Rxf8*

20.Qg7 Qd8 21.Nxf7 Rg8 22.Qf6 Qf8 23.g4±) 17.Re1 0-0-0 18.Nxf7 Rde8 19.Ne5!? *(19.Kf1↑)* 19...Ba4 20.Ng6 Rg8 21.Bf4 Qc3 *(21...Rg7 22.Qxg7 Qxe1+ 23.Kxe1 Nxg7 24.g4±)* 22.Kf1 Rg7 23.Qh5↑ with the idea g4 and White has a strong initiative.]

15.Qxf7+ Kd8



16.Qf6 dxc2+ 17.Kd2?!

[17.Kxc2!? Qa2+ 18.Bb2 Bd7 19.Nf7+ Ke8 20.Nd6+ Kd8 21.Bd3 Ba4+ 22.Kd2 Rxg2 *(22...Kd7 23.Re1+-)* 23.Nxb7+ Ke8 24.Qh8+ Rg8 25.Qh5+ Kf8 26.Qe5 d4 27.Qf6+ Ke8 28.Nd6+ Kd7 29.Nc4 Rab8 30.Qxd4+ Kc8 31.Qe5±]

17...Qd4+ 18.Bd3

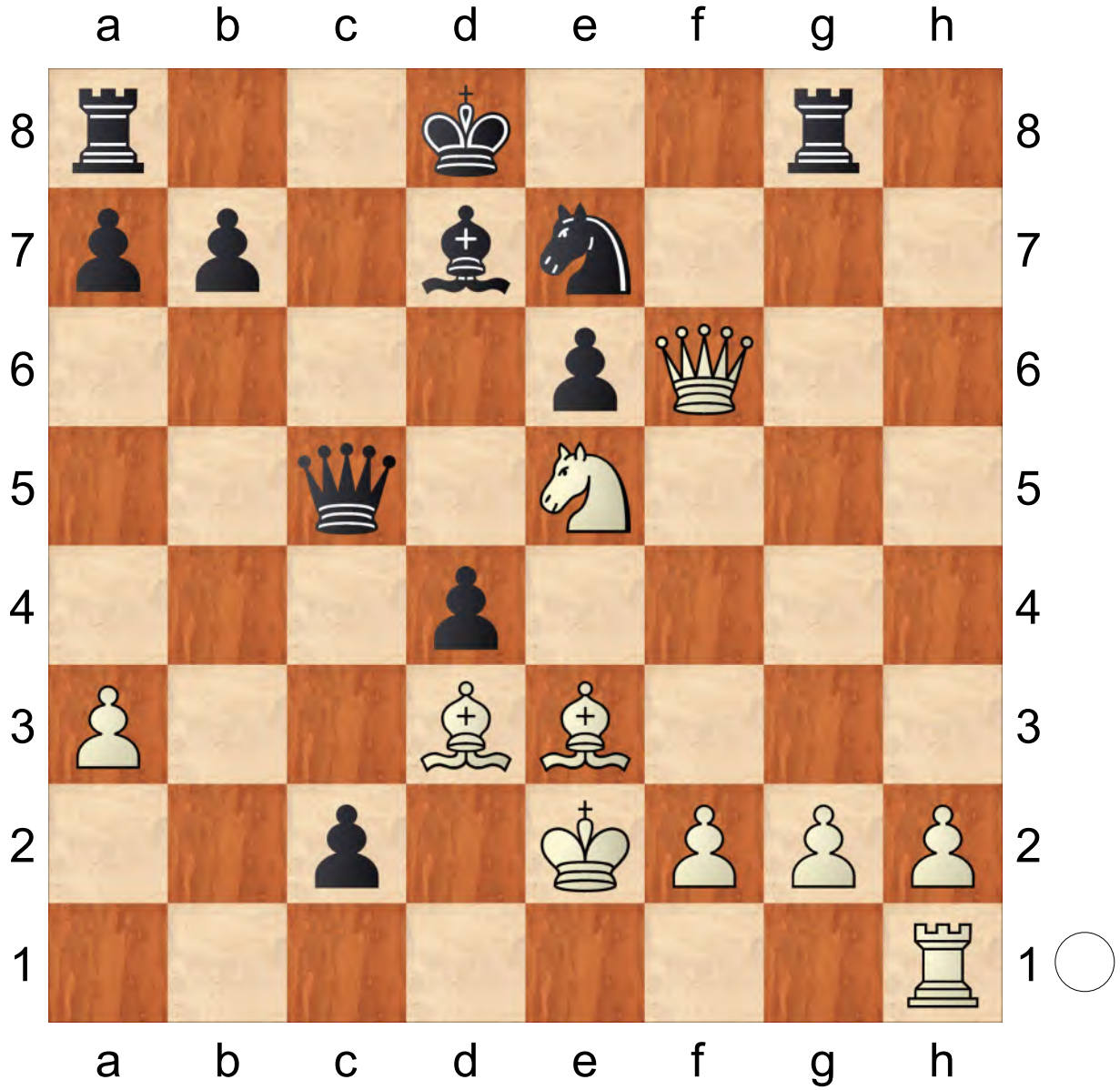
[18.Kxc2 Qc5+ 19.Kb1!? Bd7 20.Bd3 Rc8 21.g4 Kc7 22.Re1 Rcf8 23.Nxd7 Kxd7 24.Qxe6+ Kd8 25.f4±]

18...Qc5

[18...Ke8 19.Ke2 Bd7 20.Be3 Qb2 21.Rc1 Rc8 22.Nxd7 d4 23.Nb8!!+- A crazy computer move! *(23.Bd2∞ Bronstein,L-Uhlmann,W/Zagreb 1965)*]

19.Ke2 Bd7 20.Be3 d4

[20...Qxa3? 21.Ra1! Qb4 22.Bd2 Qc5 *(22...Qb6 23.Bxc2+-; 22...Qb3 23.Nf7+ Ke8 24.Nd6+ Kd8 25.Rc1+-)* 23.Nf7+ Ke8 24.Bf4 Nc8 *(24...Nf5? 25.Bxf5 Bb5+ 26.Kf3 Qe7 27.Qxe6 Qxe6 28.Bxe6+-; 24...Qb6? 25.Bd6 Nc8 26.Ba3+-)* 25.Nh6 Rxg2 26.Bg6+ Rxg6 27.Qxg6+ Ke7 28.Qg7+ Ke8 29.Qg8+ Qf8 30.Qg6+ Ke7 31.Bg5+ Kd6 32.Nf7+ Kc7 33.Bf4+ Kb6 34.Qxc2+-]



21.Bxd4 Qd5

[21...Qxa3!? 22.Nf7+ Ke8 23.Be5 Nf5 24.Bxf5 Bb5+!? 25.Kd2 Qb4+ 26.Kc1 Qb1+ Perunovic,M: '=' 27.Kd2 Qb4+ 28.Ke3 *(28.Kc1 Qb1+=)* 28...Qc5+ 29.Kd2=]

22.Rc1 Bb5? The last mistake in time trouble.
[22...Rc8 23.Bxa7 Rc3 24.Nf7+ *(24.Bd4 Rxd3 25.Kxd3 Ba4 26.g3 Re8 27.Qf3 Qb5+ 28.Kd2 Nf5 29.Qd3 Nxd4 30.Qxd4+ Kc7 31.Qc4+ Qxc4 32.Nxc4 Rd8+ 33.Kc3 Rd1 34.Kb2 b5 35.Ne5 Rd2⩱)* 24...Ke8 25.Qxc3 Kxf7 26.Qc5 Rxg2 27.Qxd5 Nxd5 28.Bb8 Rg8 29.Be5 Ra8 30.Bxc2±]
[22...Ba4 23.Bxc2 Bb5+ 24.Bd3 Rc8 25.Rd1 Rc2+ 26.Ke3±]
23.Rxc2 Bxd3+
[23...Rc8 24.Rd2+- !]
24.Kxd3 Qb3+?
[24...Re8 was better: 25.Rc5 Qb3+ *(25...Qa2?? 26.Nf7+ Kd7 27.Qf4 Qxa3+ 28.Ke4 Rg8 29.Rc7+ Ke8 30.Nd6+ Kd8 31.Nxb7+ Ke8 32.Nd6+ Kd8 33.Rxe7 Kxe7 34.Qf7+ Kxd6 35.Be5+ Kc6 36.Qxe6+ Kb5 37.Qd7+ Ka6 38.Qc6+ Ka5 39.Bc7+ Kb4 40.Bd6++-)* 26.Rc3 Qd5 *(26...Qb5+ 27.Kd2 Rc8 28.Rd3 Kc7 29.Nc4!? Qxc4 30.Rc3 Kd7 31.Rxc4 Rxc4 32.Bxa7+-)* 27.Ke2 with the threat ♗c5 or ♗b6. Qa2+ 28.Ke3 Rc8 29.Bc5 Rxc5 30.Rxc5 Qxa3+ 31.Nd3±]
25.Kd2 Qd5

(Diagram)

26.Ke3
[26.Rc3+- with the idea ♖d3.]
26...Re8 27.Nf7+ Kd7 28.Ne5+ Kd8 29.Bc5 Qb3+ 30.Kd2 Qd5+

(Diagram)

31.Kc1 Rc8 32.Bxe7+ Rxe7 33.Qf8+

(Diagram)

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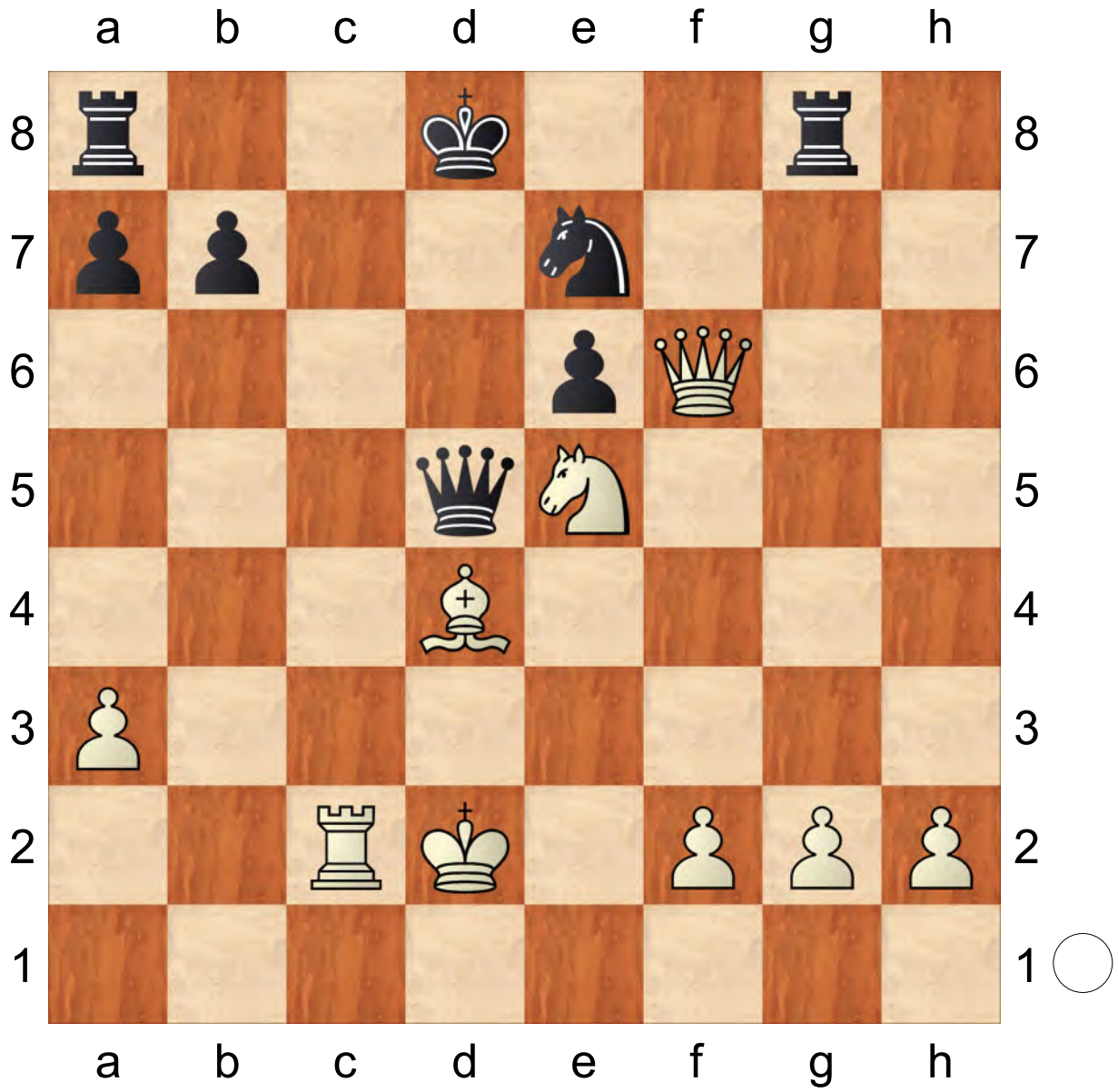
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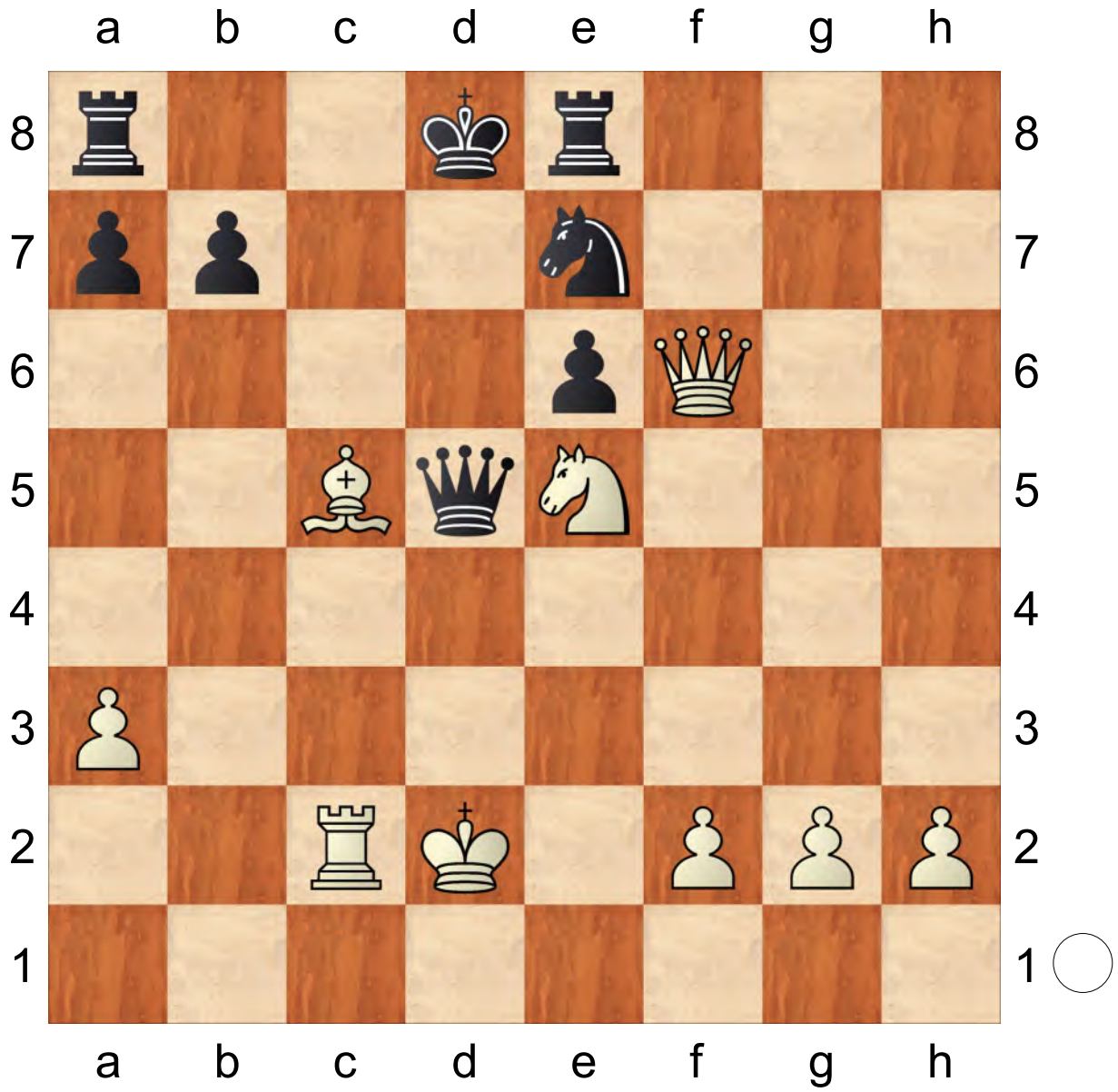
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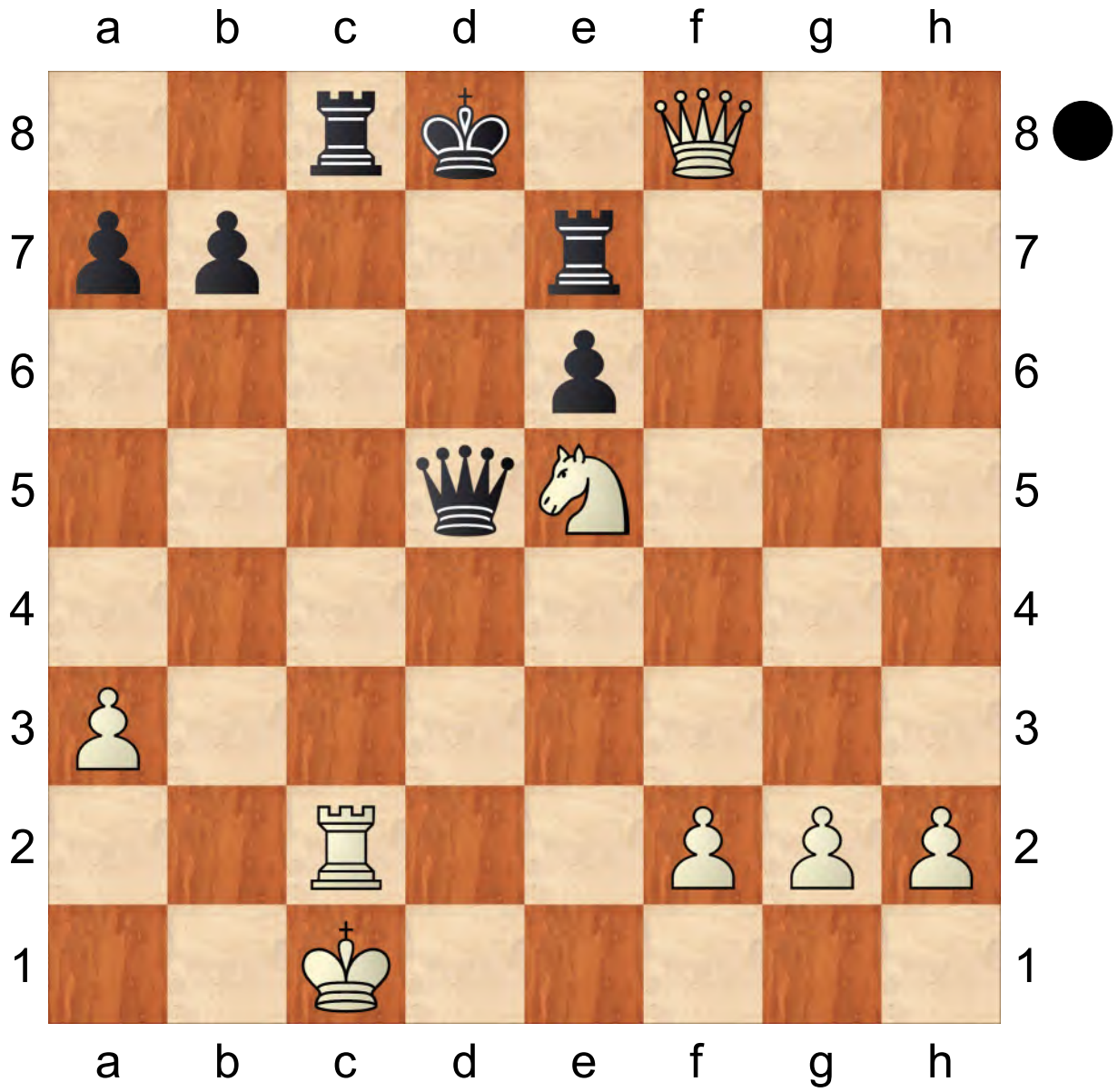
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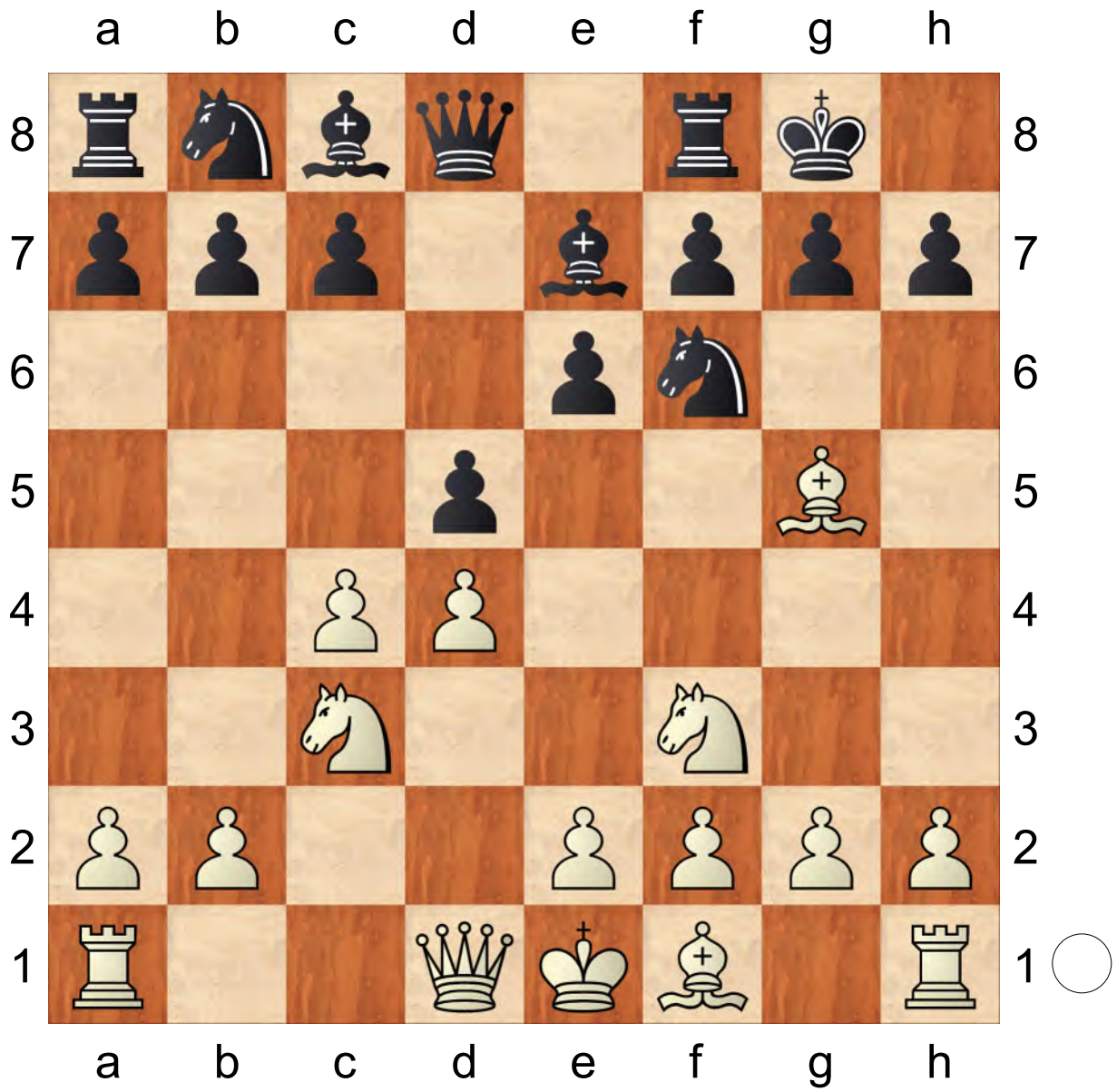
□ **Nyback,Tomi** **2575**
■ **Borriss,Martin** **2455**
Bundesliga 0607 (6.5) 09.12.2006
[Nyback/Meyer,CD]

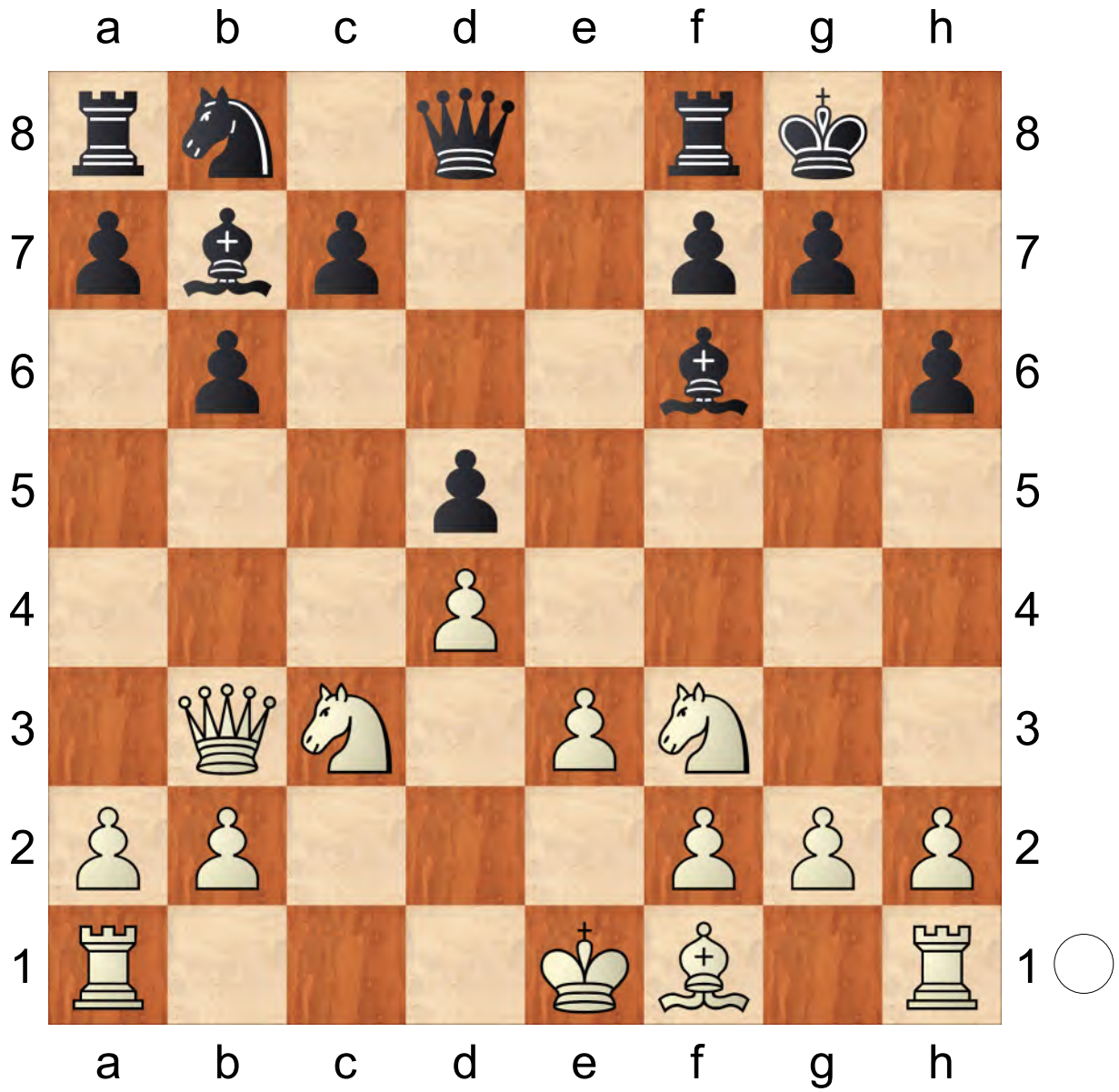
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0



6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Qb3 Bb7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.cxd5 exd5

(Diagram)

11.Rd1 Re8 12.a3 c6 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.0-0 Nf8



[14...g6 15.Rfe1 *(15.e4 c5 16.exd5 cxd4 17.Ne4 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxd5; 15.Bb1 Bg7 16.e4 Ba6* (=, ECO, D4) *17.Rfe1 Bc4 18.Qc2 dxe4 19.Rxe4 Rxe4 20.Qxe4 Bb3 21.Bc2 Nf6* remis, Kramnik-Kasparov, Moscow 2001*)* 15...Nf8 16.Bb1 *(16.e4 Ne6 17.e5 Bg7)* 16...Ne6 17.Ba2 Qc7 18.Qa4 Rad8 19.b4 Qb8 20.Qc2 Qc7 21.Bb3 (Kortschnoj-Kasparov, Kandidatenturnier, London 1983) c5! 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 cxb4= CBM]

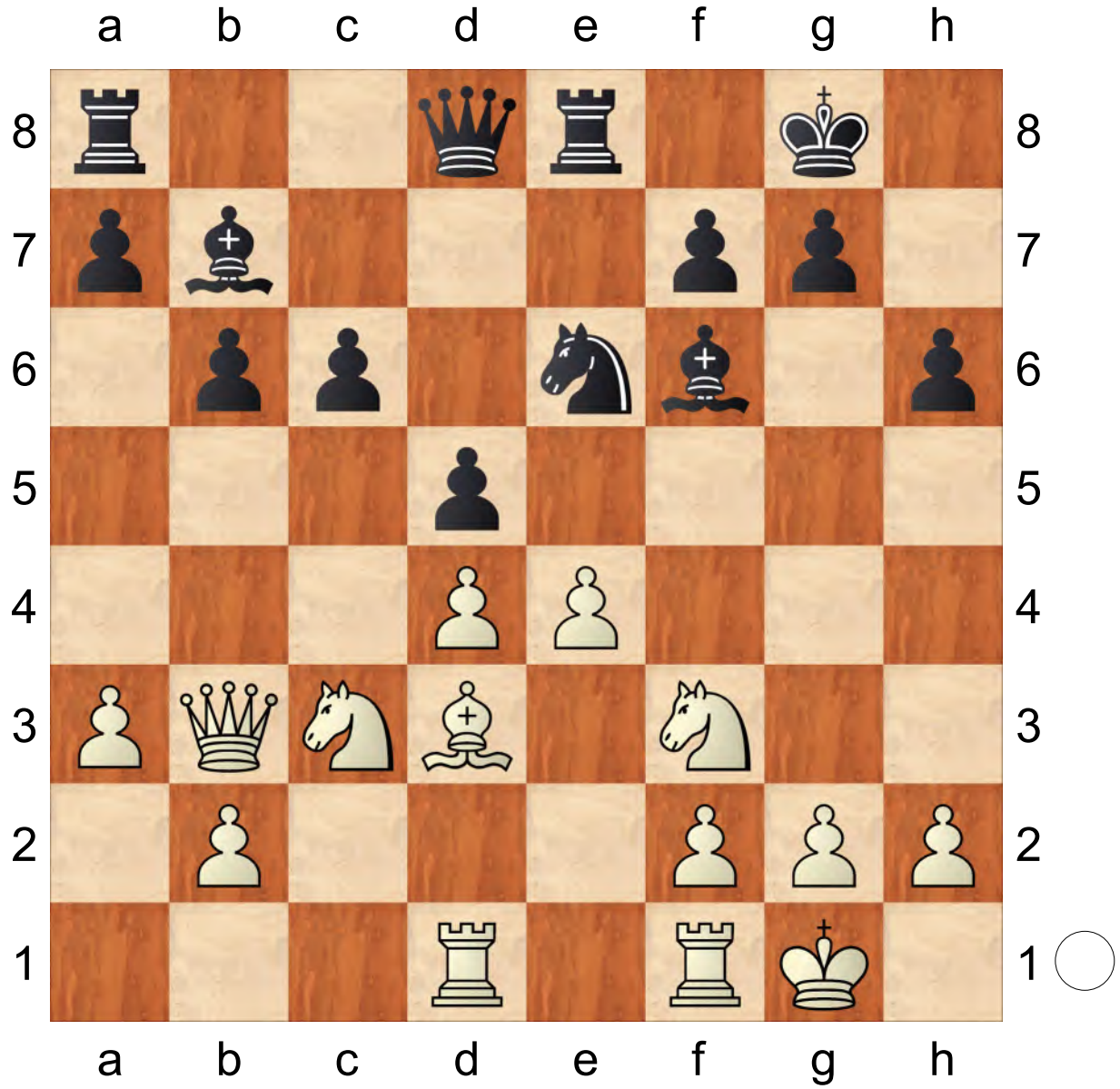
15.e4!?

[Üblich in diesem Abspiel des Tartakower-Systems sind 15.Bb1 oder 15.♖fe1.]

15...Ne6?!

[I ⩲15...g6 16.e5 Bg7 17.Rfe1 Ne6∞ erscheint logischer. Der Läufer steht viel besser auf g7 (statt auf e7), wo er seinen König beschützt und Druck auf den Bauern e5 ausübt. In der Partie indes fehlt dem nachfolgenden Befreiungszug ...c5 der Biß, so daß Weiß sein Zentrum leichter absichern kann.]

[II 15...dxe4? 16.Nxe4 Ne6 *(16...Bxd4?? 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Nd6+-)* 17.Bc4±]



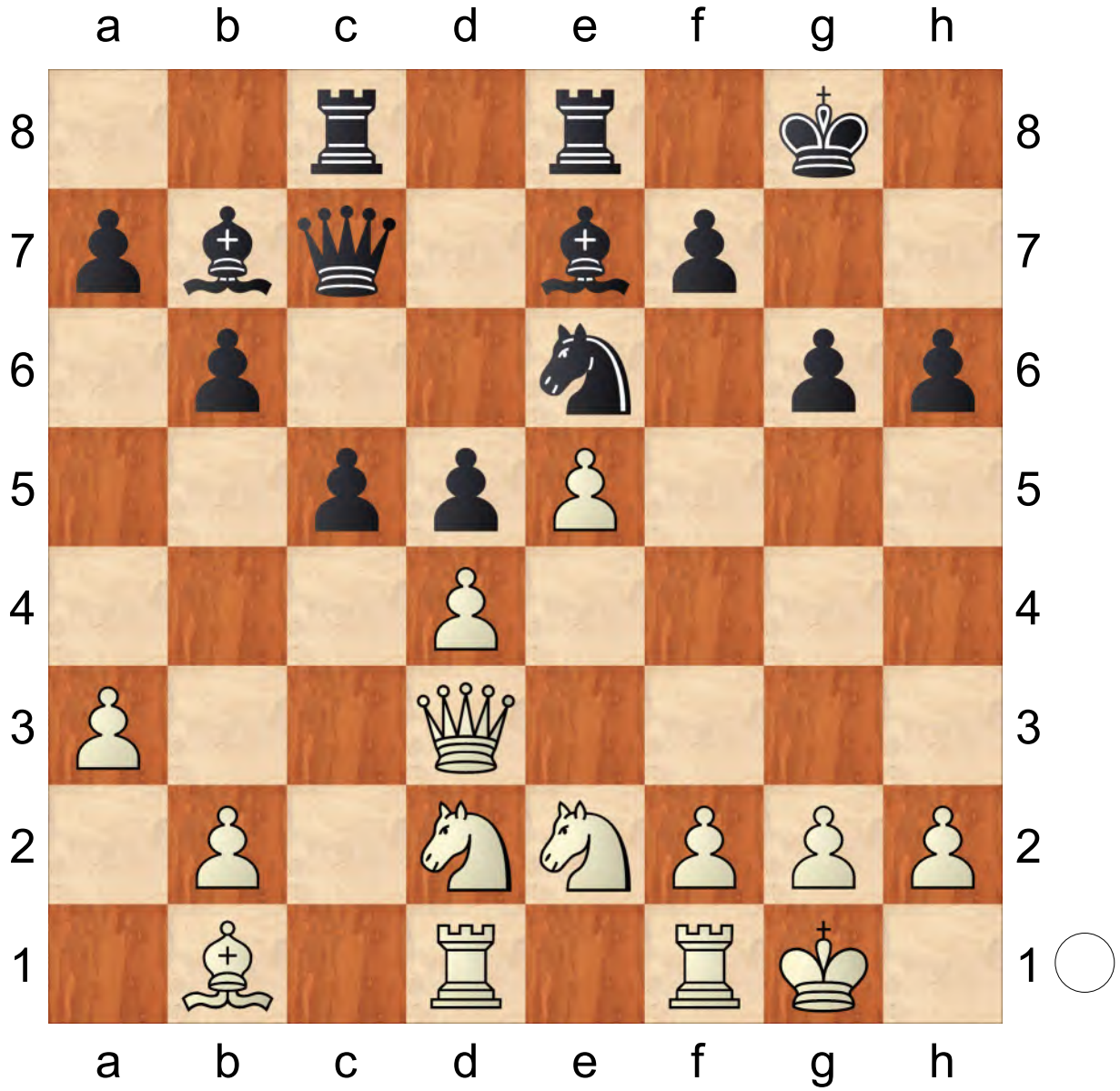
16.e5 Be7 17.Bb1 Rc8 18.Ne2! Überdeckt das Zentrum, macht der Dame Platz und beginnt mit dem geradlinigen Plan ♕d3, ♘d2 nebst f4. Weiß spart hier den Zug Tfe1 ein und setzt - dank seiner Bauernmajorität amk Königsflügel - auf den Vorstoß f2-f4-f5. **18...Qc7 19.Qd3 g6 20.Nd2**

[20.Qe3!? Bf8 21.Nf4 ist auch eine interessante Option: Nach dem Abtausch der Springer würde es Schwarz schwerfallen, echtes Gegenspiel zu erhalten.]

20...c5

(Diagram)

21.f4 Mit höchsten Anforderungen an die Verteidigung! **21...cxd4**



[Oder: I 21...Ng7 22.f5! *(22.Qh3 Ba6)* 22...Nxf5 23.Rxf5 gxf5 24.Qxf5± überläßt Weiß auch einen heftigen Angriff *(24.Ng3)*]

[II 21...Nxd4 22.Nxd4 cxd4

A) 23.f5? Bg5!∞ *(23...Qxe5? 24.fxg6)*;

B) 23.b4?? Qc3;

C) 23.Nb3!

C1) 23...Bc5 24.Qh3

C1a) 24...Ba6 25.Bd3 Bxd3 *(25...Bc4 26.Nxc5 bxc5 27.Qxh6)* 26.Rxd3±;

C1b) 24...Kh7 25.Nxd4±;

C2) 23...Qc4 24.Qg3 Qe2 *(24...d3 25.Rxd3)* 25.Nxd4 Bc5 26.b4 Bxd4+ 27.Rxd4 Qb2 *(27...Rc4?? 28.Bxg6)* 28.Rdd1 Rc3 29.Qg4±]

22.b4!! Ein Schlüsselzug: Nimmt den schwarzen Figuren ein gutes Feld am

Damenflügel und unterbricht für einen Augenblick den Angriff auf der anderen Seite.
[22.f5 wirkt wegen Nc5 23.Qg3 Bg5 übereilt.]

22...Ng7

[22...Bf8 verschafft Schwarz nach 23.Nf3 *(23.f5* mißfällt wegen *Ng5)* 23...Qc4 24.Qd2 Qb3 25.f5 gxf5 26.Nfxd4!→ auch keine Linderung.]

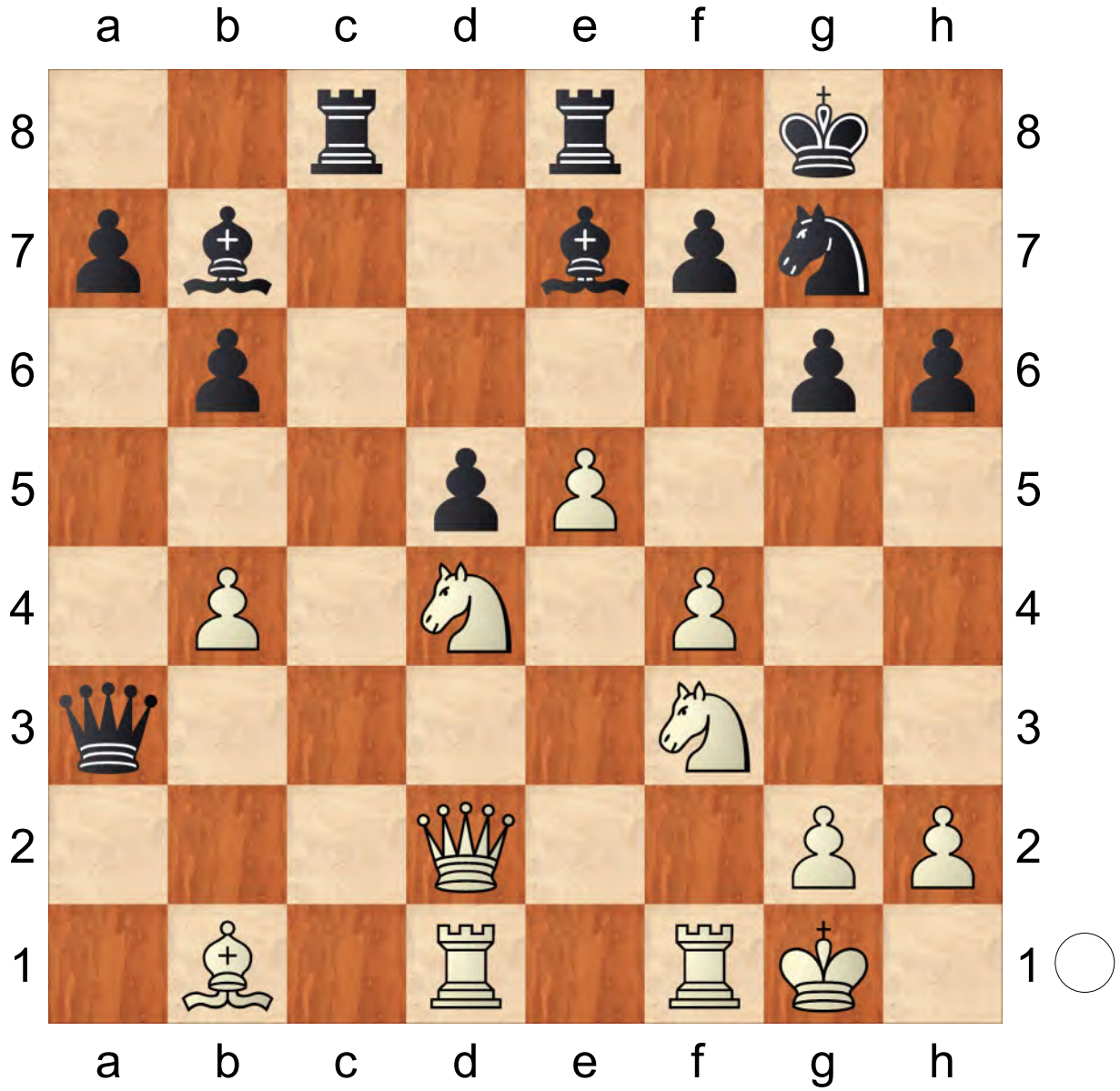
23.Nf3!

[23.Nxd4 Qc3]

23...Qc4?

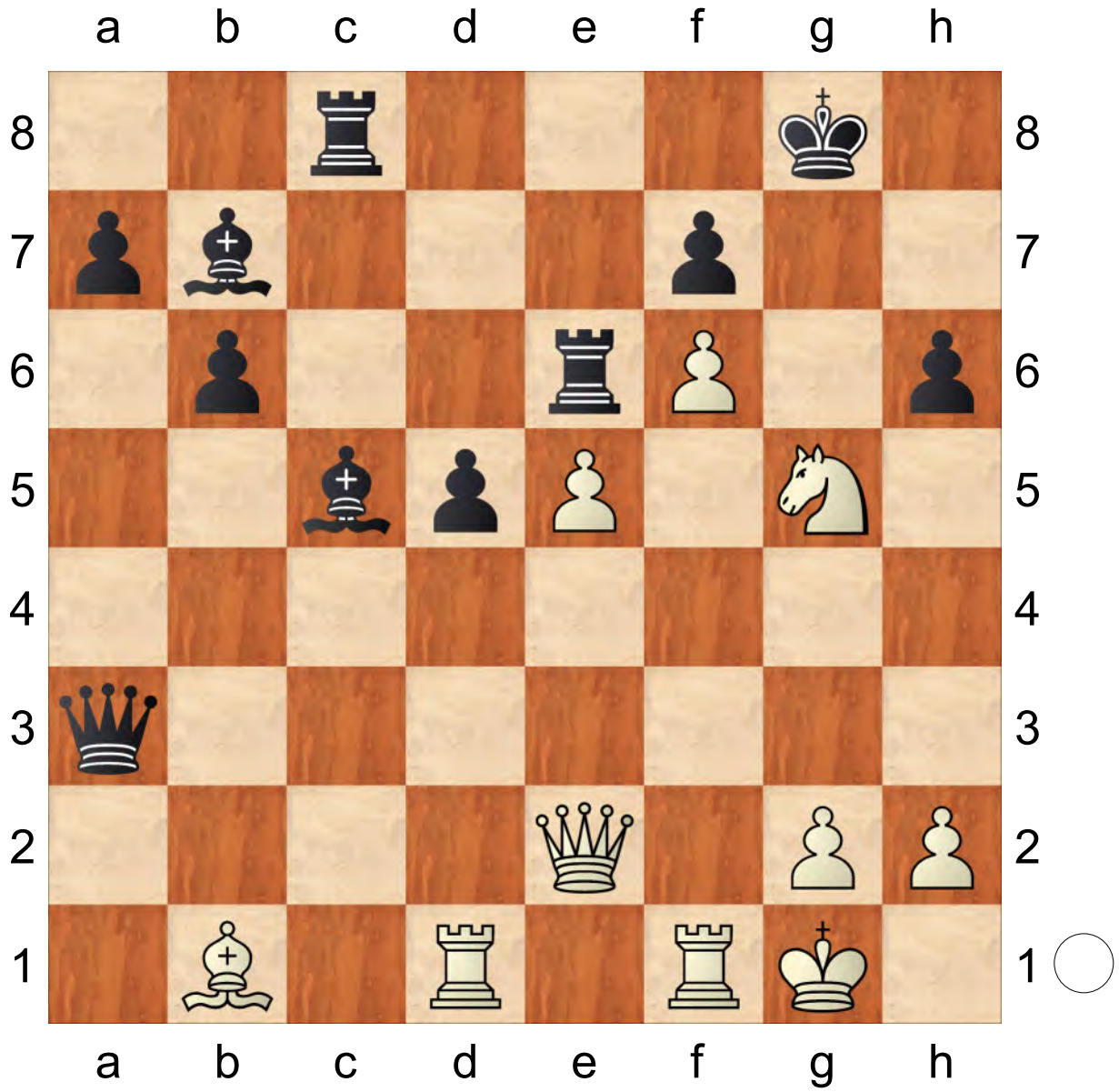
[Ein kritischer Moment: Zu ausreichendem Gegenspiel hätte wohl noch 23...a5!! gereicht: 24.Nfxd4 axb4 25.f5 Qxe5 26.fxg6 f5 27.axb4 Bxb4 28.Kh1! , und Weiß hätte zwar gute Kompensation für den Bauern, aber nicht mehr.]

24.Qd2 Qb3 25.Nexd4 Qxa3



26.f5→ ±/+- Weiß konnte sein Vorhaben schnörkellos realisieren und verfügt über

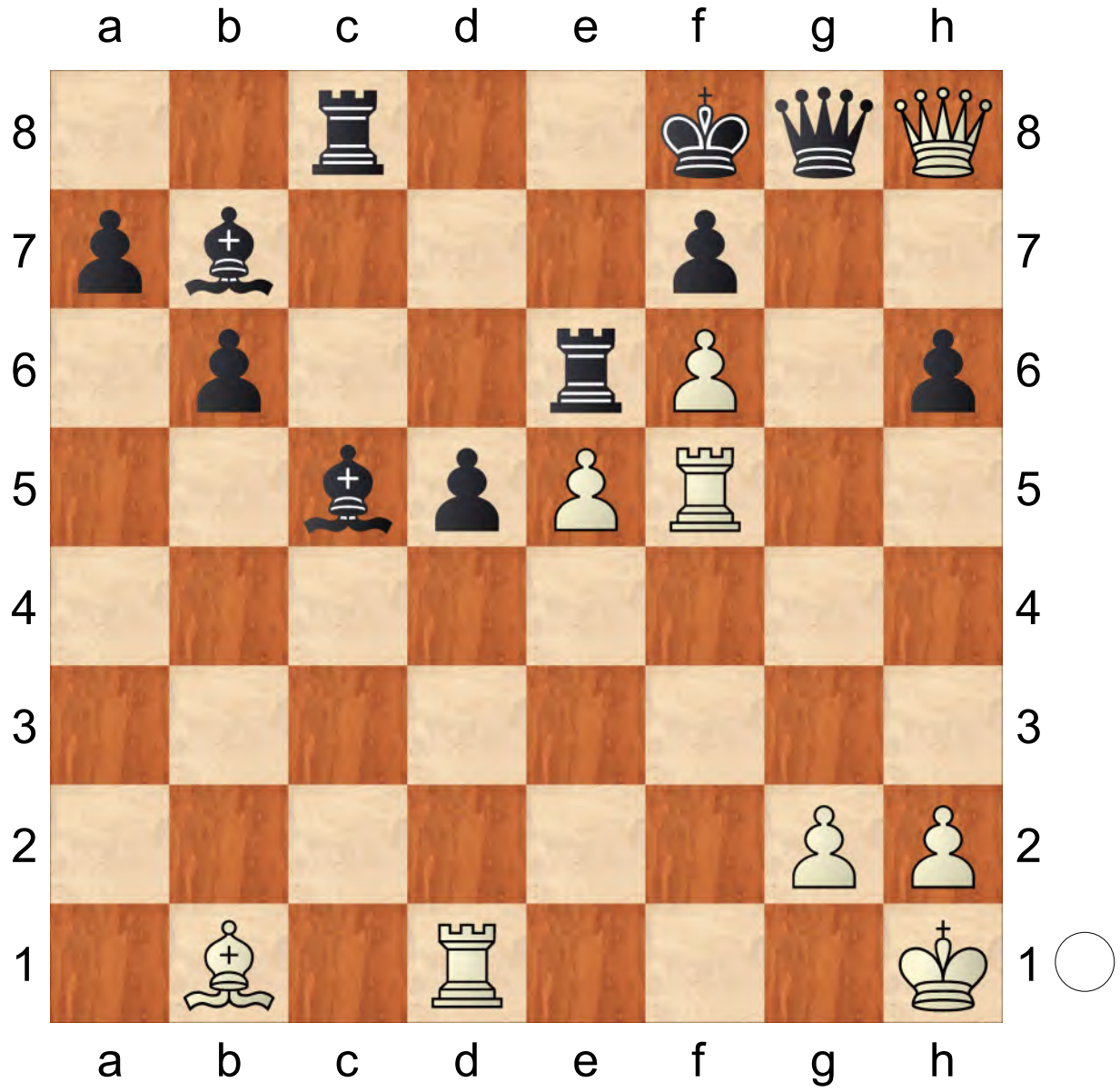
einen durchschlagenden Angriff. **26...g5□ 27.f6!**
[27.Nc2? Rxc2 28.Qxc2 Rc8 29.Qe2 Qxb4 30.f6 Bc5+ 31.Kh1 Ne6∞]
27...Bxb4 28.Qe2 Ne6
[I 28...Ba6 29.Bd3 Bxd3 30.Rxd3 Qa6 31.fxg7+-]
[II 28...Bc5 29.Kh1 Bxd4 30.Nxd4+-]
29.Nxe6 Rxe6
[29...Ba6 30.Bd3 Bxd3 31.Rxd3 Qa6 32.Ned4+-]
30.Nxg5!+- Bc5+



31.Kh1 Qe3 32.Qc2?!
[Zwar kein schlimmer Fehler, aber es ging wesentlich einfacher. I Zum sofortigen Ende hätte 32.Bh7+! Kh8 *(32...Kf8 33.Nxe6++-)* 33.Nxf7+ Kxh7 34.Qh5! geführt. Diesen Zug hatte Weiß während der Partie übersehen. *(* Weiß hatte nur *34.Qg4 Rg8 35.Qxe6 Rxg2* angedacht, was angesichts des nahen Sieges eher

chaotisch wirkt. *)* 34...Rg8 35.Rf3 Rg6 36.Rxe3 Bxe3 37.Nd8+-]
[II 32.Qxe3?! Bxe3 33.Nxe6 fxe6 34.Rf3±]

32...Qxg5 33.Qh7+ Kf8 34.Rf5 Qg6 35.Qh8+ Qg8



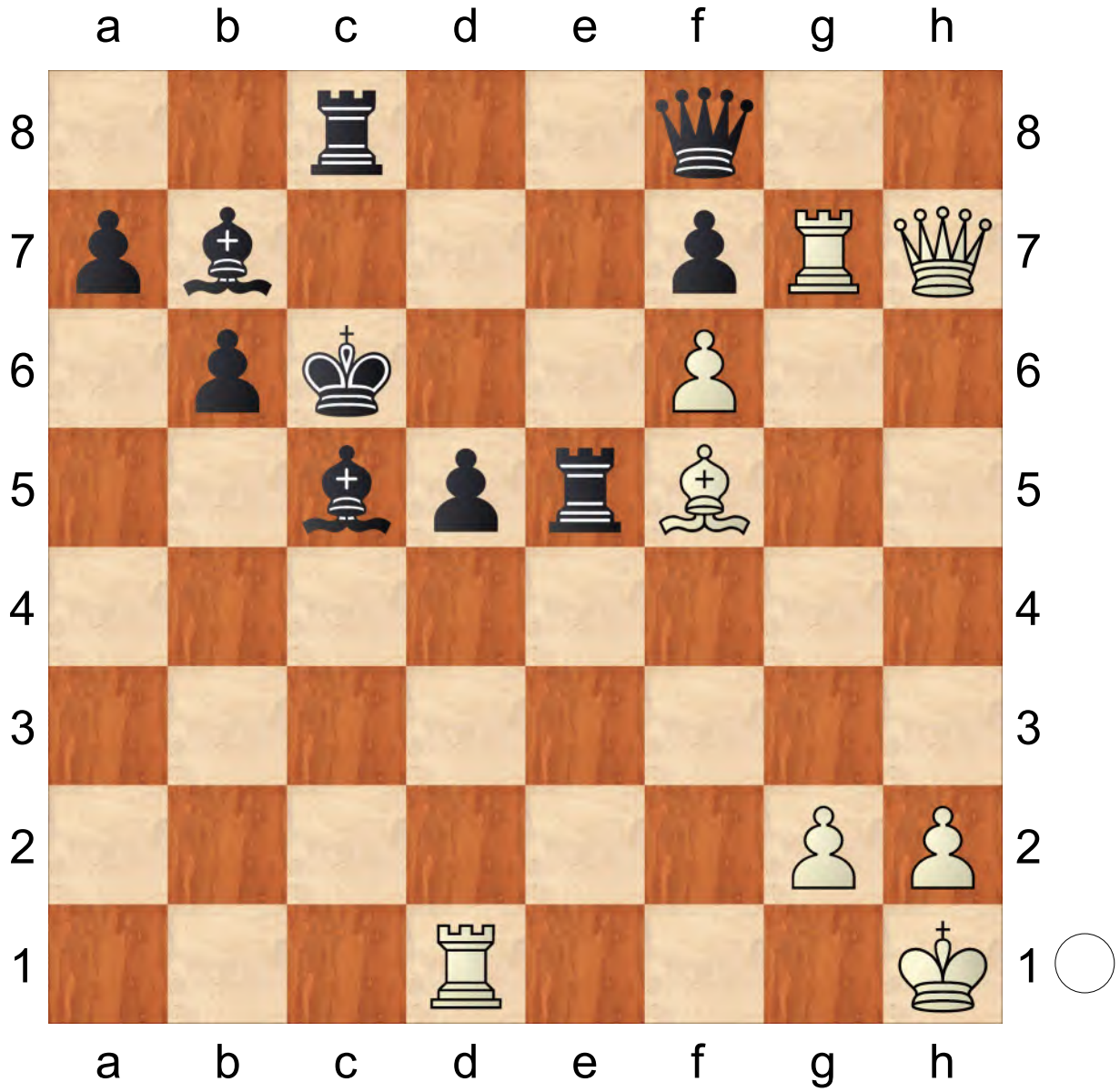
36.Qxh6+ Ke8 37.Rg5 Qf8 38.Qh7 Kd7?
[I 38...a6? 39.Bf5 Rxe5 40.Bxc8 Rxg5 41.Bxb7+-]
[II 38...Rc7!? 39.Rg8 *(39.Bd3 a6)* 39...Rxe5 40.Rxf8+ Bxf8± war relativ am besten.]

39.Rg7 Kc6
[39...Ke8 40.Re1 Bb4 41.Bg6 Rc7 42.Rg8 d4 43.Rxf8+ Bxf8 44.Bf5 Bd5 45.Bxe6 Bxe6 46.h4+-]

40.Bf5??
[Mit seinem letzten Zug vor der Zeitkontrolle greift Nybäck noch einmal daneben und macht sich das Leben schwer. Dem Finnen war einfach nicht bewußt, daß

nach ♖xf7 die Entgegnung ♕h8 bzw. ♕g8 immer an ♖c7+ scheitert. Nun in der Partie kommt es nur ungefähr auf das Gleiche hinaus, da Weiß am Ende einen Läufer weniger hat ... Korrekt war 40.Rxf7 Qxf7 *(40...Rxe5 41.Rxf8 Rxf8 42.Bf5 b5 43.Rc1 Kb6 44.f7+-)* 41.Qxf7 Rxe5 42.Bd3 *(42.Bf5 Rd8)* 42...Rce8 43.g4+- mit leichtem Gewinn.]

40...Rxe5

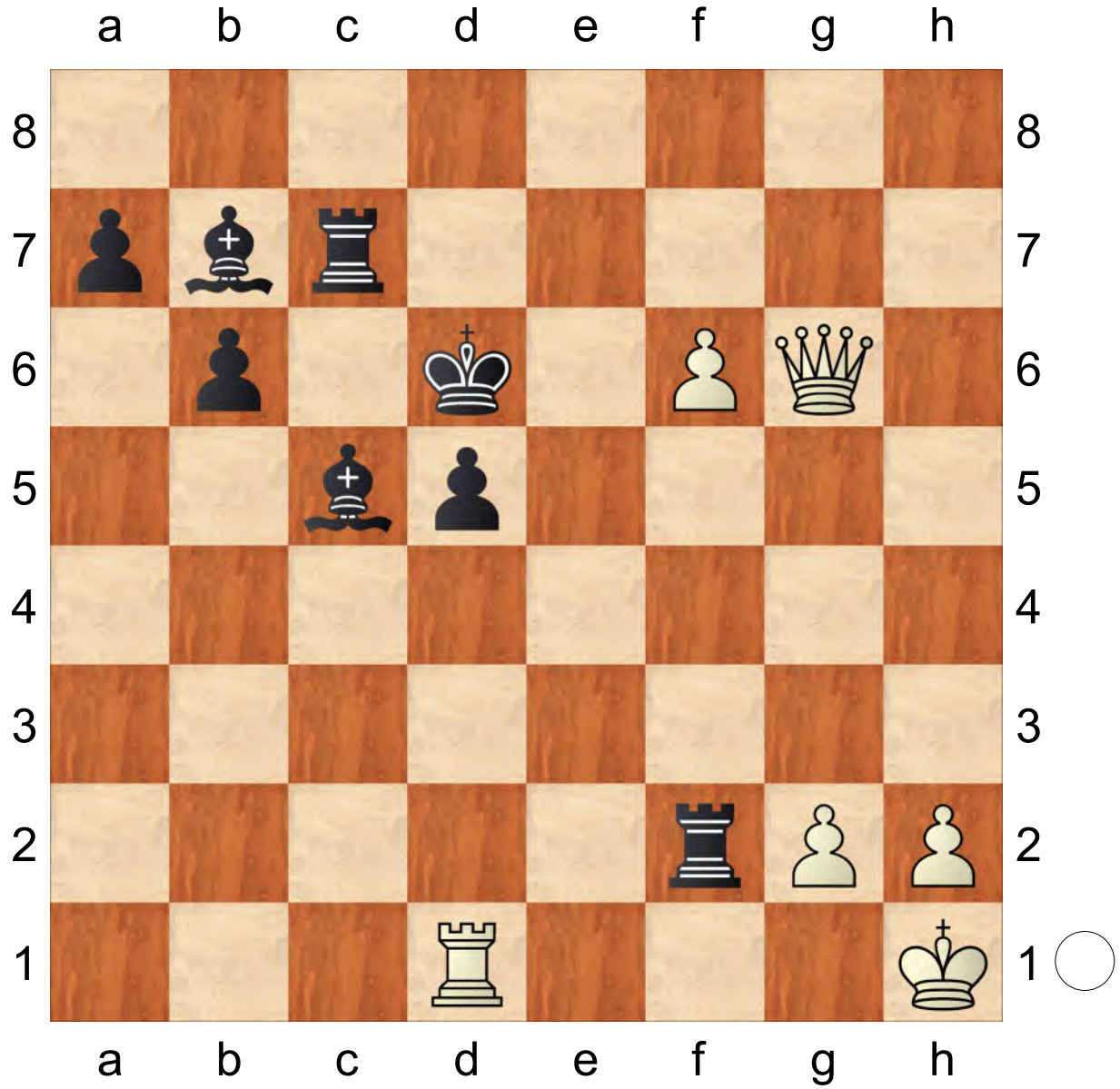


41.Rxf7 Qh8 42.Rc7+!

[42.Bxc8? Qxc8∓]

42...Rxc7 43.Qxh8 Rxf5 44.Qe8+ Kd6 45.Qg6! Rf2

[Keine Rettung verspricht 45...Bc8 wegen 46.f7+ Be6 47.Qxf5 *(47.Re1? Re7 48.Qxf5 Bxf5 49.f8Q Be4)* 47...Rxf7 *(47...Bxf7? 48.Re1; 47...Bxf5? 48.f8Q+ Ke6 49.Qg8+)* 48.Qg5 a5 49.h4± /+-]



46.f7+ Kd7 47.Re1?

[Herrliche, studienhafte Wendungen kristallisieren sich nach 47.Qg4+! heraus:

A) 47...Ke7? 48.Re1+ Kxf7 49.Qe6+ Kf8 *(49...Kg7 50.Qe5+* ergibt Zugumstellung*)* 50.Qe8+ Kg7 51.Qe5+ Kf8 52.Qxc7 Rf7 53.Qd8+ Kg7 54.h4+-;

B) 47...Kc6 48.Qe6+ Kb5 49.Rb1+ Kc4 50.Qg4+

B1) 50...Bd4? 51.Rb4+ Kc5 *(51...Kxb4 52.Qxd4+ Kb3 53.Qxf2 Rc1+ 54.Qg1 Rxg1+ 55.Kxg1+-)* 52.Qxd4+ Kd6 53.Qxf2 Rc1+ 54.Qg1 Rxg1+ 55.Kxg1 Ke7 56.Rf4 Kf8 57.g4 usw. +-;

B2) 50...d4 51.Qe6+ Bd5 *(51...Kd3? 52.Qb3+ Ke4 53.Re1+ Kf4 54.Qg3++-)* 52.Rc1+ Analyse

B2a) 52...Kb3? 53.Qxd5+ Kb2 54.Qe4!!

B2a1) 54...d3 55.Qe1!!

B2a11) 55...d2 56.Rb1+ Kc2 57.Qe4+ Kc3 58.Qd5! Bf8 59.Qe5+ Kc2 60.Qe4+ Kc3 61.Qe3+ Kc4 *(61...Kc2 62.Qb3#)* 62.Qxf2;

B2a12) 55...Rc2 56.Rb1+;

B2a2) 54...Rcxf7 55.Qb1+ Ka3 56.Qd3+ Ka2 57.h4+- Re7 58.h5 Ree2 59.Qd1 Ka3 *(59...Rxg2 60.Ra1+ Kb2 61.Rb1+ Kc3 62.Qb3+ Kd2 63.Rd1#)* 60.Rb1 Rb2 61.h6;

B2b) 52...Kb4? 53.Qxd5 Kb5 *(53...Ka5 54.Qc4 b5 55.Ra1+ Kb6 56.Qe6+ Rc6 57.Ra6+ Kxa6 58.Qxc6+ Ka5 59.Kg1+- Rf5 60.g4 d3+ 61.Qxc5 Rxc5 62.f8Q)* 54.Rb1+ Ka6 55.Ra1+ Kb5 56.Qb3+ Kc6 57.Qe6+

B2b1) 57...Kb5 58.Qe8+ Kc4 *(58...Rc6 59.Rb1+ Bb4 60.Rxb4+ Kxb4 61.Qe1+ Kb3 62.Qxf2 Rc1+ 63.Qg1 Rxg1+ 64.Kxg1)*;

B2b2) 57...Kb7 58.Qd5+ Kb8 59.Qd8+ Kb7 60.Rxa7+ Kxa7 61.Qxc7+ Ka6 62.Kg1+-;

B2c) 52...Kd3? 53.Qxd5+- Bb4 54.Qb5+ Ke4 55.Rxc7+-;

B2d) 52...Kb5□ !? 53.Qxd5± /+-, z.B. Rfxf7 *(53...a5 54.g4 Rcxf7 55.h4!; 53...Rcxf7 54.Rb1+ Ka6 55.h4 R2f5 56.Ra1+ Kb5 57.Qb3+ Kc6 58.Qe6+ Kb7 59.g4)* 54.Rb1+ Ka6 55.g4! *(55.h4 Rfd7)* 55...Rfd7 56.Qf3 d3 *(56...Rf7 57.Ra1+ Kb5 58.Qb3+ Kc6 59.g5)* 57.Rd1 b5 58.Rxd3 Rf7 59.Qd1 . Für das Spiel am Brett wäre dies freilich viel zu viel verlangt.]

47...Rc8!= 48.Qg4+ Kc7 49.Qg3+ Kd7 50.Qg4+ Kc7

(Diagram)

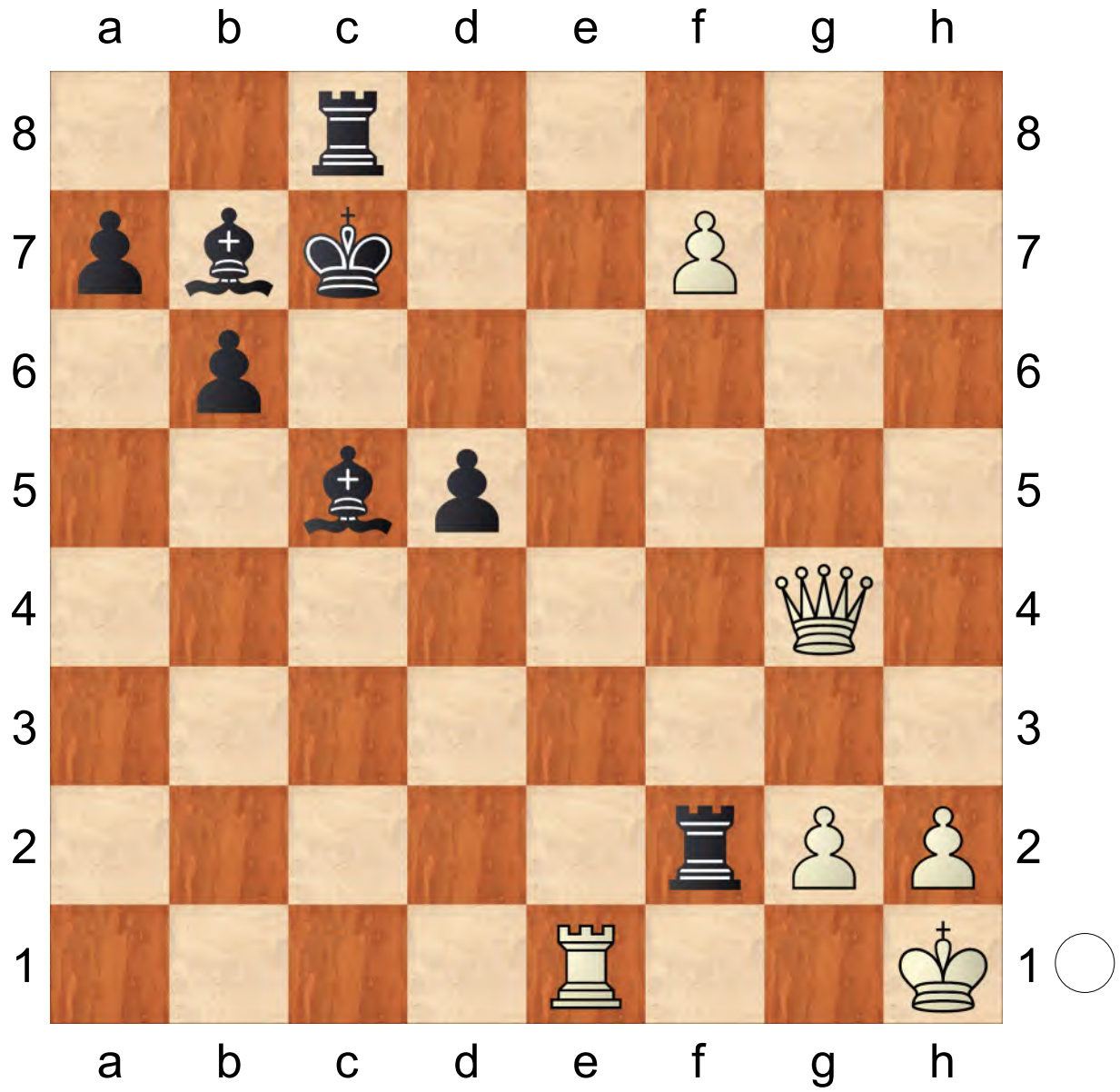
51.Qg3+ Kd7

[Nybäck hoffte noch auf 51...Kc6 52.Rc1 , was Schwarz noch etwas Kopfschmerzen bereitet hätte, aber dazu sollte es nicht kommen.]

52.Qg4+

(Diagram)

½-½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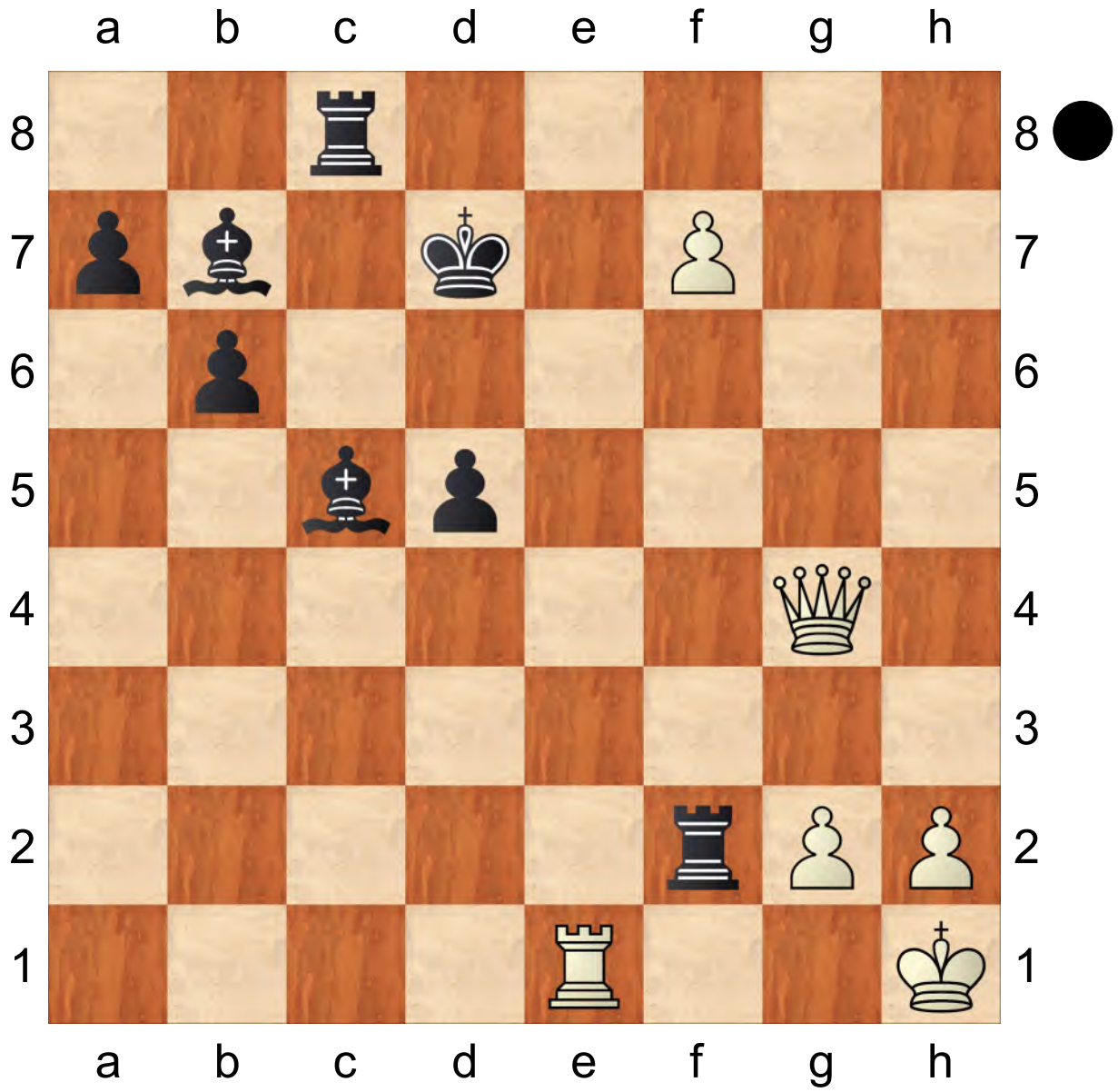
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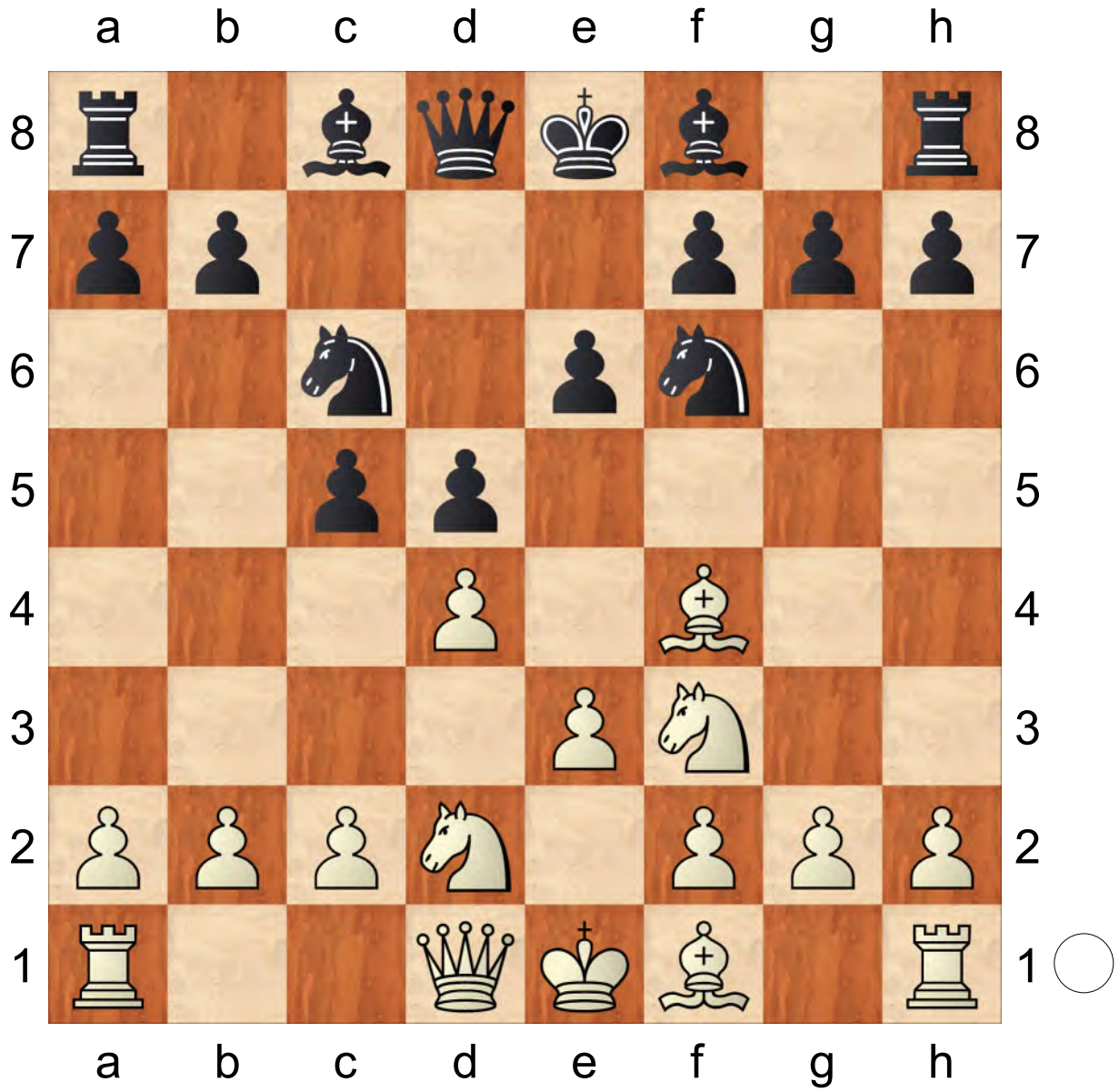
□ **Miles,Anthony John** **2579**
■ **Lesiege,Alexandre** **2582**
Capablanca Memorial Elite 35th (2) 08.05.2000
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Nbd2 Nc6



6.c3 Bd6 7.dxc5 Of course, the center concession also don't promis to White any advantage. Like another possibilities:

[7.Bxd6= -mainline]
[7.Ne5= -mainline]
[7.Bg3= -mainline]

[7.Bd3⇄ Bxf4 8.exf4
A) 8...Qc7 9.g3 Qb6= *(9...c4 10.Bc2 0-0 11.0-0 b5 12.Ne5± 1-0 Perdikis,C-Deras,R/Thessaloniki 1988/ (29))*;
B) 8...cxd4
B1) 9.cxd4 Qb6 10.Nb3 Qb4+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ *(11...Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Ne5 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nb4 15.Nc5± 1-0 Georgievski,S-Danek,P/EuClub Cup qual Gp 1997/ (56))* 12.Kxd2 Bd7=;
B2) 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Nb3 a5 12.Qd2=;
C) 8...Qb6!? 9.Qb3 *(9.dxc5 Qxb2 10.0-0 Qxc3∓ 0-1 Klaric,Z-Novikov Igor A/HUN tt 1992 (63))* 9...cxd4 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.cxd4 Bd7 13.Ke2 ½-½ Rozentalis,E-Dreev,A/URS YM Tbilisi 1989/(13)]

7...Bxc5 8.Bd3
[8.Ne5 0-0 9.Bd3 Nd7 *(9...Bd6 10.Ndf3 Qc7=)* 10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.e4= 0-1 Tsorbatzoglou,R-Karayani,E/Athens Akropolis-W ,EXT 1989/ (26)]
[8.Bb5 0-0 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Qa4 Ne7 11.Rad1 Bxf4 12.Qxf4 Qb6 13.Qb4 Nf5 14.Qb3 h6 *(14...Bd7=)* 15.Bd3 Qxb3 16.axb3 Ne7= 1-0 Henn,W-Zimmermann,P/OLBaden 1992/(57)]

8...0-0
[8...Bd6
A) 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2 *(11.c4 Rd8 12.cxd5 Qxd5=)* 11...Rd8 12.Rfd1 e5 13.e4 Be6 14.Bb5 Re8 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.c4 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Qc7 18.c5 e4= ½-½ Larsen,B-Pachman,L/Sarajevo 1960/ (24);
B) 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.axb3 Bd7 12.b4 0-0 13.0-0 a6 14.Nb3 Rfe8= 1-0 Mason,J-Englisch,B/London 1883/(53)]
[8...Qe7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Qxe7 Bxe7 14.Nb3 Bg4 15.Nbd4 ½-½ Malaniuk,V-Tal,M/Tbilisi 1986/ (15)]
[8...h6?! 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.e4 0-0 12.Qe2 e5 *(12...Qc7 13.e5 Nd7 14.Rfe1 Nc5 15.Bc2± 1-0 Bulcourf,C-Kanefsck,G/Buenos Aires NAJDORF(3) 1993/ (49))* 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Bc4 Qd6 15.Rad1 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3±]

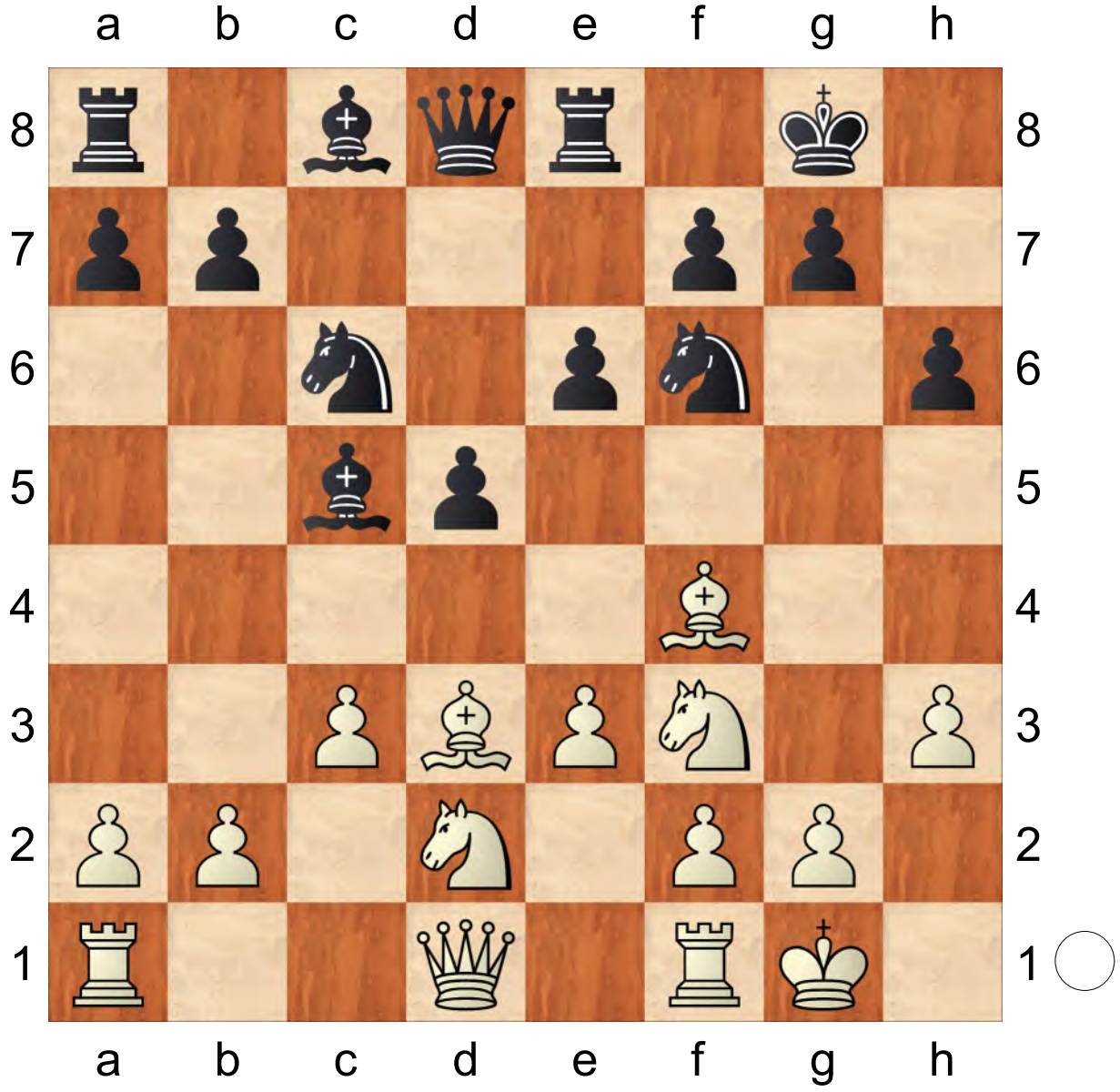
9.0-0 This equal position was played not once:
[9.Qc2 Re8 10.b4 Bf8 11.Bg5
A) 11...g6?! 12.b5 Na5 13.h4 e5 14.e4 Bg7
A1) 15.0-0?! Qd6 *(15...Bg4=)* 16.Bxf6 Bxf6= 1-0 Sanchez Perez-Miras Garcia/cr E 1989] (33);
A2) 15.h5! Be6 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.c4±;
B) 11...h6=]

9...h6!? Interesting idea.In future after e6-e5 ♗f4 can't play to g5.
[9...Bd6! 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Qe2 *(11.e4 Rd8 12.Qe2 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Bd7 14.Bc2 Rac8= ½-½ Bulcourf,C-Escobar,T/ (84))* 11...e5 12.e4 Be6 13.Rad1 Qc5 *(13...Nh5 14.g3±; 13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qe7 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Rfe1 Bg4 17.Qe4 Qg6 18.Qxg6 hxg6 19.Be4 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Rfd8 21.Kf1±)* 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Bc4 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Rad8= 1-0 Czaya,R-Rohrich/

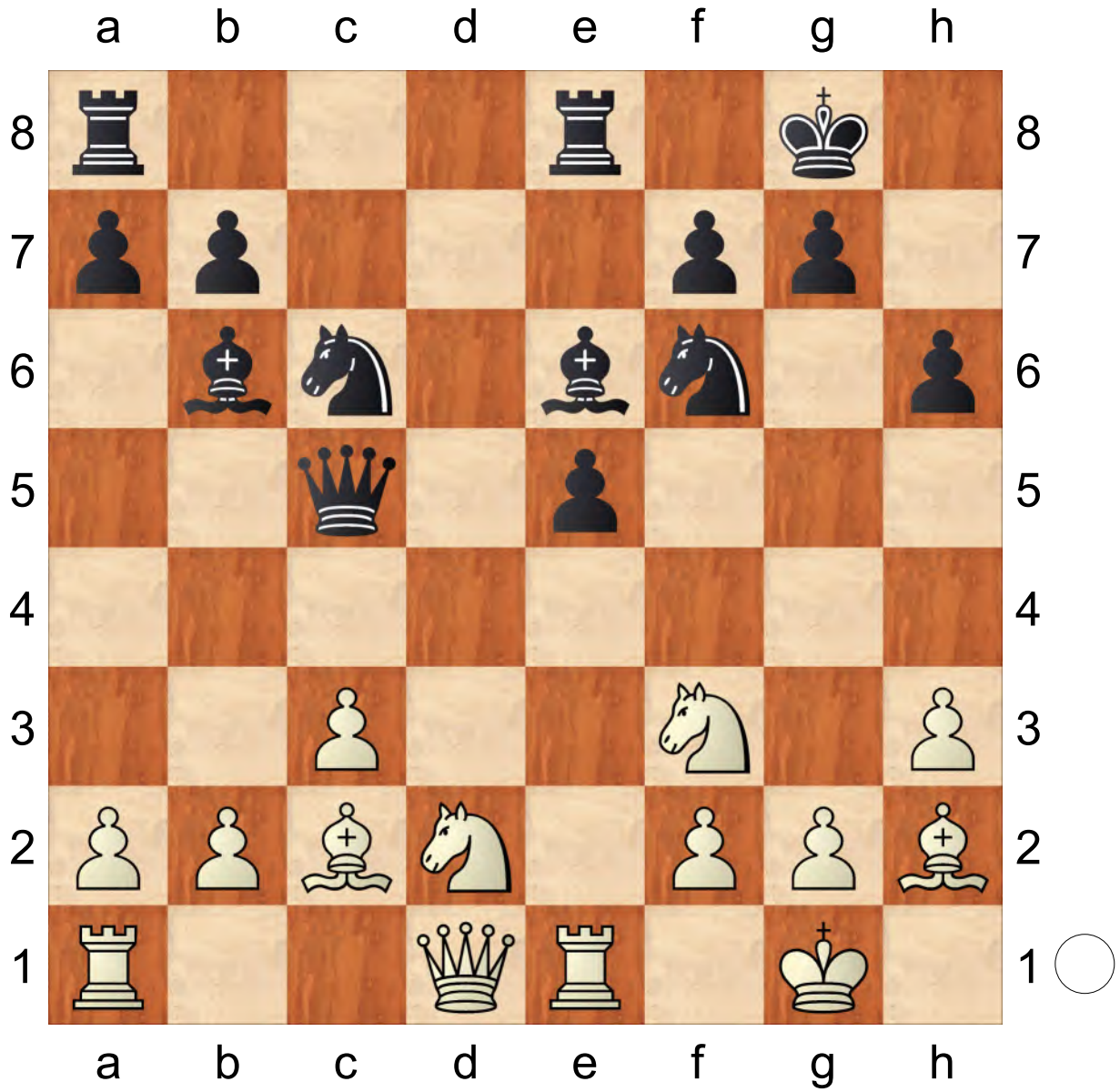
Bad Nauheim 1948/ (29)]
[9...Re8!? 10.e4 e5 11.Bg5 Be6= *(11...Be7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ne4 Qd8 15.Qc2 g6 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Be4 Be6 19.Rfe1±* 1-0 Krudde,F-Blokhuis,E/Eindhoven op 1988/EXT 88op2/ (41) *)*]
[9...Nh5?! 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 e5 12.b4 Bd6 13.b5 Ne7 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.Qxh5 e4 16.Bc2 Rf5 17.Qd1 Qc7 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Rg5 *(19...Be6 20.Nb3 Qxc3 21.Nd4 Rf6 22.Bb3±)* 20.c4± 1-0 Bagheri,A-Guseinov,A/Elista RUS 1998/ (64)]

10.h3 Re8

[10...Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e4 Rd8 13.Bc2 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qe7 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qe2 Bd7= ½-½ Kharlov Andrei-Khlian E/Ch Russia (club) Azov (Russia) (7) 1996/ (83)]



11.e4 e5 Standard moves in this variation **12.Bh2**
[12.Bg3 Bb6=]
12...Bb6
[12...d4 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Re1 Bd7 17.Rc1±]
13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Bc2
[14.Bc4 Qd8=]
14...Be6!?
[14...Qb5!? Δ15.Qb1 Be6 16.Re1 Qc5 17.Bg3 like in the game with a little difference: White ♕ placed on b1 instead of d1! Bd5 18.Nb3 Qd6!=]
15.Re1 White organized pressure on e5 **15...Qc5**



16.Bg3 Bd5 17.Nb3 Bxb3!
[17...Qd6?? 18.c4+-]
[17...Qe7 18.Nxe5! *(18.Nbd4 Rad8 19.Nxe5 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Qb4∓)* 18...Bxf2+

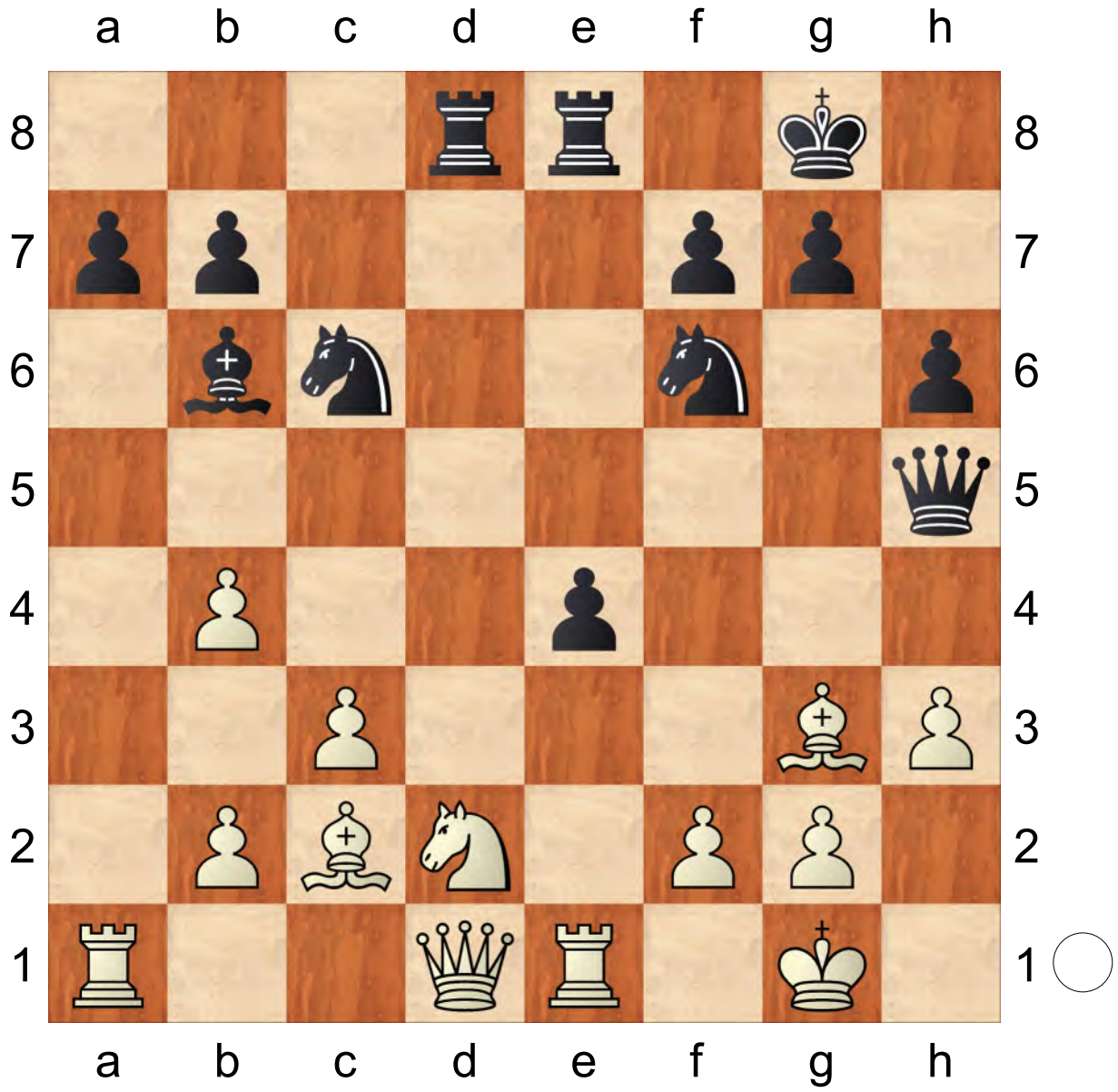
19.Kxf2 *(19.Bxf2 Nxe5 20.Nd4±)* 19...Bxb3 20.axb3 Qc5+ 21.Kf1 Nxe5 22.Bf2±]

18.axb3 e4

[18...Rad8 19.Qb1 a5 20.Bf5⇄]

19.b4 Qh5 20.Nd2 Rad8

[Also good was 20...e3!? 21.Qxh5 Nxh5 *(21...exf2+ 22.Bxf2 Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Nxh5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.b5±)* 22.Nc4 Nxg3 23.fxg3 Rad8⇄]



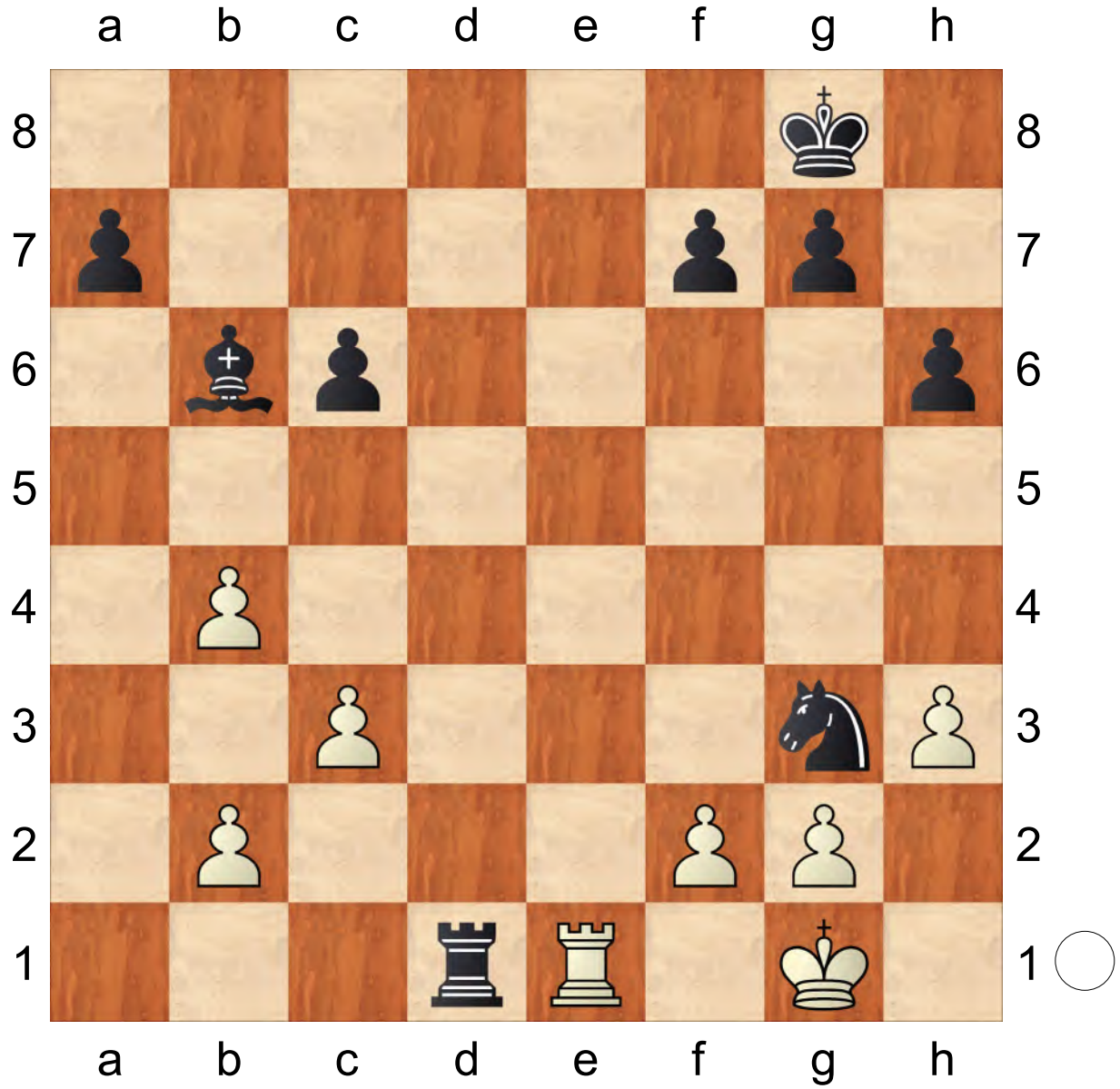
21.Qxh5 Nxh5 22.Nxe4 Now game is transforming to equal endgame with ♖+♙ against ♗+♘. More expierenced A.Miles' chances are better! **22...Rxe4!**

[Wrong was 22...Nxg3? 23.Nxg3 Bxf2+ *(23...g6±)* 24.Kxf2 Rd2+ 25.Re2 Rexe2+ 26.Nxe2 Rxc2 27.b5 Ne5 28.Rxa7 b6 29.Rb7±]

23.Bxe4 Nxg3 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rad1

[25.c4!? Bd4 26.c5 Rd7 27.Ra3 Nf5⇄]

25...Rxd1



26.Rxd1 Ne4 27.Kf1 f5

[Good was also 27...Bxf2 28.Rd8+ Kh7 29.Rc8 c5 30.Re8 Nd6 31.Ra8 Be3 32.Ke2 Bg1 33.Kf1 Be3=]

28.f3 Ng3+

[≤28...Nf6? 29.Rd6 c5 30.bxc5 Bxc5 31.Rc6 Be3 32.Ke2 f4 33.b4±]

29.Ke1 f4?± Wrong endgame evaluation!

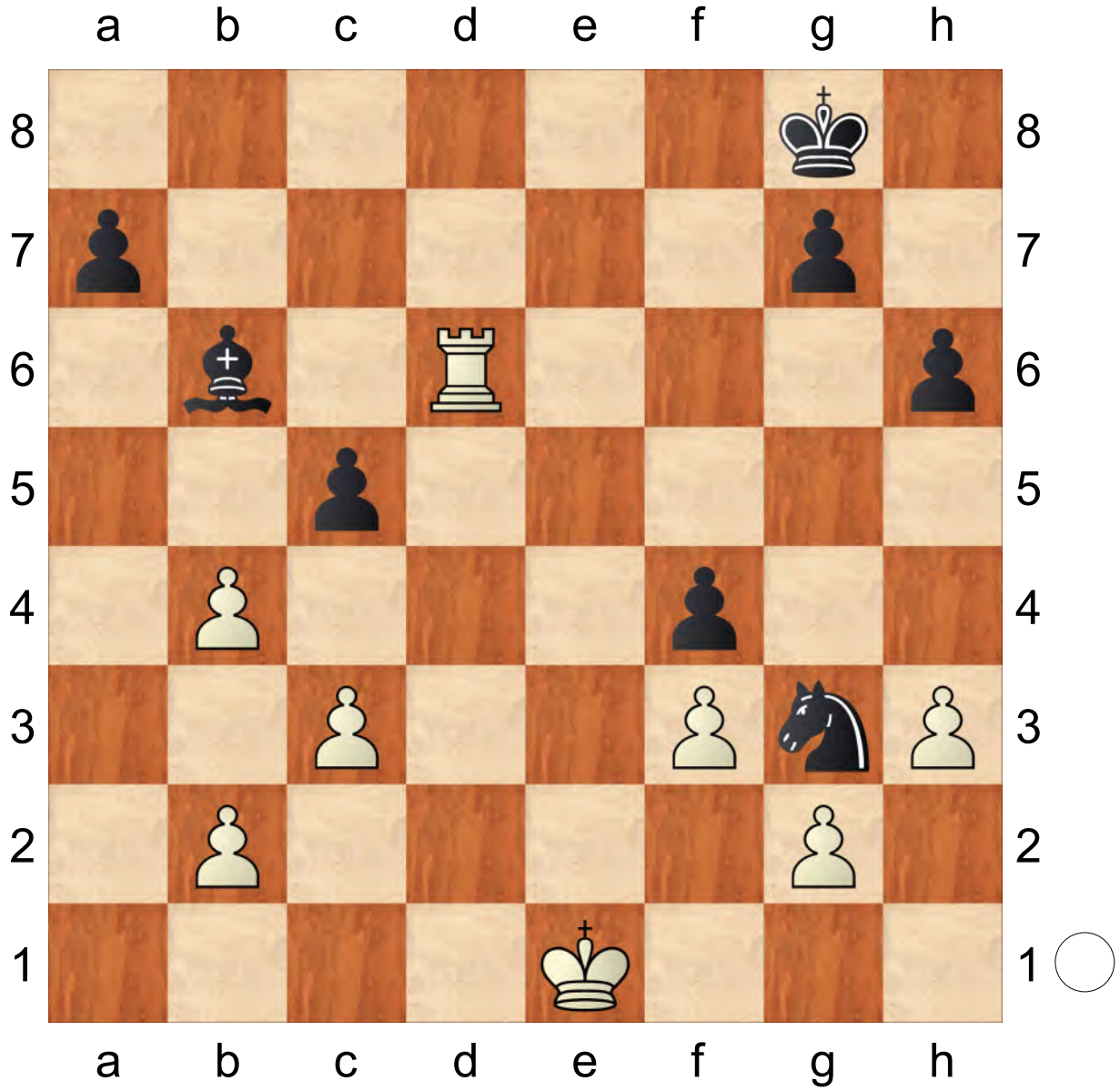
[It was necessary to bring the ♘ to the game! 29...Nh5! 30.Rd6

A) 30...Nf4? 31.Rxc6 *(31.Kf1 c5 32.bxc5 Bxc5 33.Rd7 Kf8 34.b4 Bb6 35.c4 Ne6 36.c5 Bc7 37.b5 Ke8 38.c6 Bb6=)* 31...Nxg2+ *(31...Nd3+ 32.Kd2 Nxb2 33.Kc2+-)* 32.Kd2 Kf7 33.c4 Bf2 34.Ra6 g5 35.c5 h5 36.Rxa7+ Ke6 37.Rh7 h4 38.c6±;

B) 30...c5 31.bxc5 Bxc5 32.Rd8+ *(32.Rd5 Nf4! 33.Rxf5 Nxg2+ 34.Kd2 Bb6⇄)* 32...Kf7 33.b4 Bb6⇄]

30.Rd6! c5

[30...Nf5!? 31.Rxc6 Ne3 32.Ke2! *(32.c4 Nc2+ 33.Kd1 Nxb4 34.Rc8+ Kf7 35.c5 Ba5⇄)* 32...Nxg2 *(32...Kf7 33.c4 Bd4 34.Kd3 Bxb2 35.Ra6±)* 33.c4 Bd4 34.Ra6 Ne3 35.Kd3 Bxb2 36.Rxa7±]



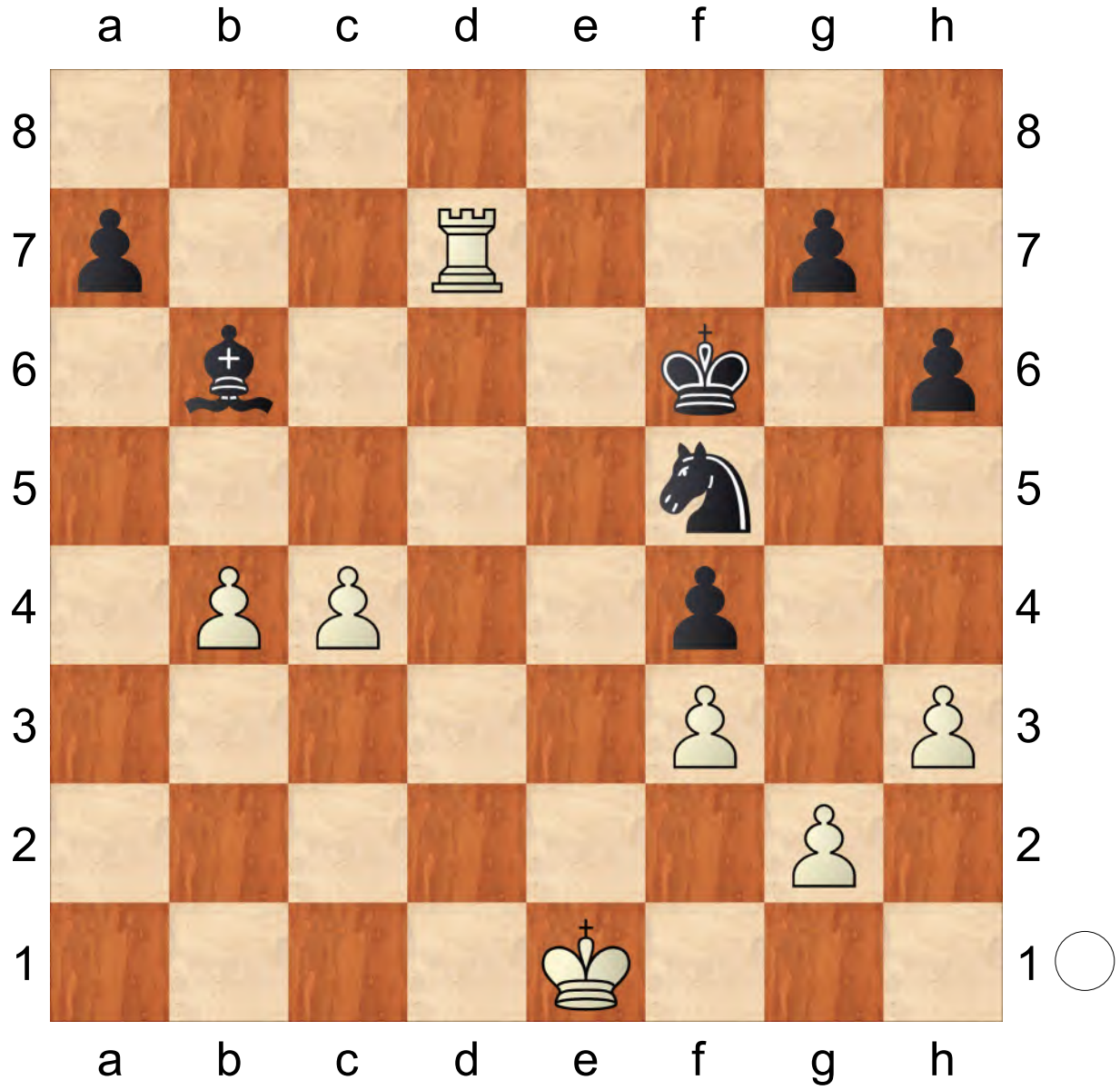
31.bxc5 Bxc5 32.Rd5 Bb6 33.b4 ♘ in offside **33...Kf7 34.Rd7+!**

[Not 34.c4? Ke6⇄]

34...Kf6 35.c4 Nf5?+-

[35...Bg1 36.c5 a5 37.c6 Bb6 38.c7 Bxc7 39.Rxc7 axb4 40.Rb7+-]

[The only possibility of resistance was 35...Ke6! 36.Rxg7 Bd4 37.Rg6+ Kf5 38.Rxh6 Bc3+ 39.Kd1 Bxb4 40.Ra6±]



36.c5

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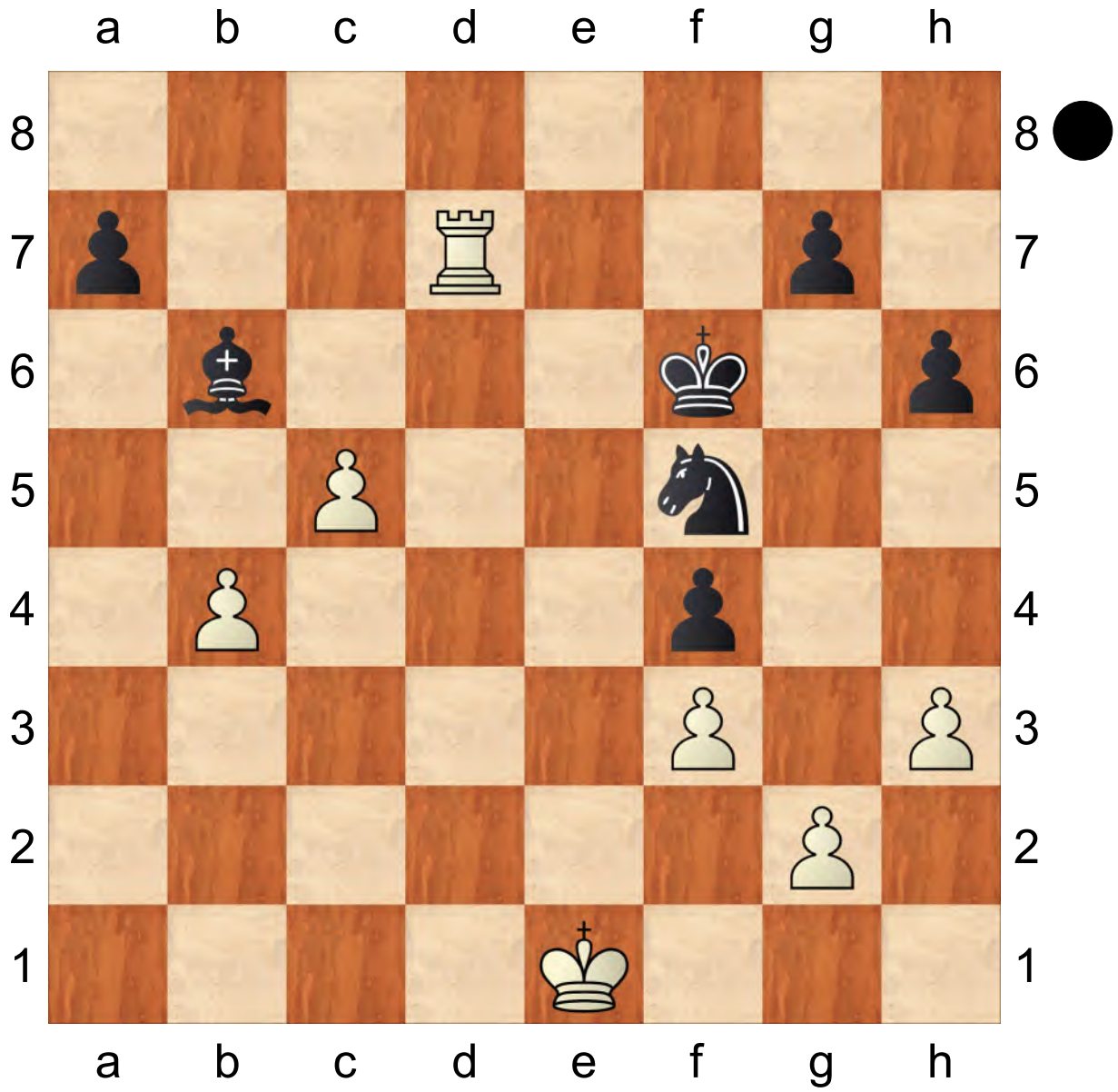
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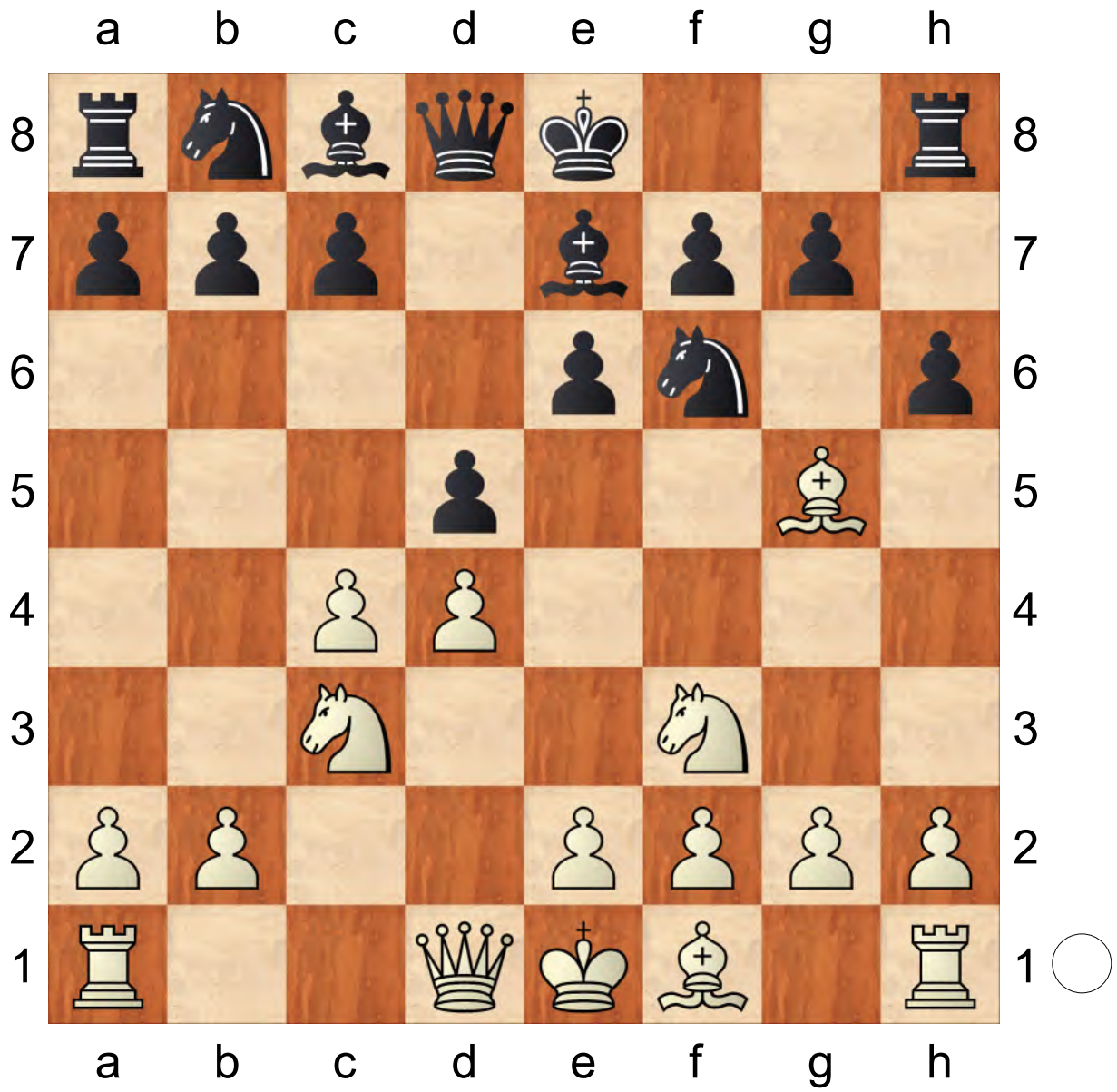
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2545**
■ **Kortschnoj,Viktor Lvovich** **2610**
Albert m (1) 11.09.1997
[Kortschnoj,Viktor Lvovich]

1.d4 Tsesarsky **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Qc2

[7.g3 Tsesarsky 0-0 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Bg2 exd5 12.Nxd5 c6 13.Rd1 Qa5+ 14.Kf1 Bc5∓ Yarovik,Y-Krivko,Y/RUS-Cup3 1996/CBM 57/[Tsesarsky]/½-½ (52)]

[7.Qd3 Tsesarsky Nc6 8.0-0-0 Nb4 9.Qb1 c5 10.e3 0-0 11.a3 cxd4 12.exd4

Bg5+ 13.Nxg5 Qxg5+ 14.Rd2 Nc6 15.h4 Qf4 16.g3 Qf6∓ 1-0 Veingold,A-Petrosian,A/Lvov URS sf 1984 (30)]

[7.Qb3 Tsesarsky c6 8.0-0-0 dxc4 9.Qxc4 b5 10.Qb3 a5 11.e4 a4 12.Qc2 Nd7⇄ 0-1 Timman,J-Yusupov,A/Tilburg cqf 1986 (38)]

7...dxc4

[7...Nc6 Tsesarsky 8.Rd1 0-0 9.e4 *(9.e3!?)*

A) 9...dxc4 10.e5 Nb4 11.Qe4 Be7 12.Bxc4 Bd7! 13.a3! *(13.Qxb7 Bc6-+; 13.d5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 c6 16.Bb3 Qa5+∓)* 13...Bc6 14.d5 exd5 *(14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Rxd5)* 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 Qe8 18.0-0 c6 19.Rd3 Rd8 20.Rfd1 Rxd3 21.Rxd3= *(21.Qxd3 Qc8 22.Qd7 Qxd7 23.Rxd7 Rd8∓)*;

B) 9...dxe4 10.Qxe4 g6

B1) 11.h4 Bg7 12.g3

B1a) 12...f5 13.Qe3 Nb4 14.Rd2 c5 15.dxc5 Qa5 16.a3 Na6 17.Nb5 f4 18.gxf4 Bxb2 19.Rg1 Rf6 *(19...Bc1 20.Rxg6+ Kf7 21.Bd3±)* 20.Ke2±;

B1b) 12...Qd6=;

B2) 11.Ne5 Ne7 12.f4 c5 *(12...Qd6=)* 13.dxc5 Qa5 14.Qe3 Nf5 15.Qf2 b6!⇄ ½-½ Quinteros,M-Hjartarson,J/New York op 1984/MCD-op (29)]

[7...c6 Tsesarsky 8.e4

A) 8...0-0!? 9.e5 Be7 10.Rd1 b6 11.Be2 *(11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bd3 Ba6∓; 11.b3 Bb7 12.Bd3 Na6!⇄)* 11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qe4 Nb4 15.0-0±;

B) 8...dxe4 9.Qxe4 c5 10.0-0-0

B1) 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nd7 12.Be2 *(12.h4!?)* 12...0-0 13.h4⇄;

B2) 10...Nc6 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 *(12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Qxb7 0-0 14.Ne4 Rb8 15.Qa6 Qe7≅)* 12...cxd4 13.Nb5 0-0 14.Bd3 g6∓ 0-1 Pisulinski,J-Gizynski,T/POL-chT Lubniewice 1994 (25)]

8.e3

[8.0-0-0 Tsesarsky a6 9.e4 b5 10.e5 Bg5+ 11.Kb1 Bb7 12.h4 Be7 13.Rh3 0-0?! *(13...Nc6∓)* 14.Ne4 Nc6 *(14...Qd5 15.Neg5 hxg5 16.Nxg5 Bxg5 17.hxg5 Qe4-+)* 15.a3 *(15.Neg5 hxg5 16.Nxg5 Bxg5 17.hxg5 g6 18.Bxc4 Kg7 19.Rdh1 Rg8-+)* 15...b4 16.Bxc4 bxa3 17.Neg5! Bxg5 18.Nxg5 hxg5 19.hxg5 Re8□ 20.Rdh1 Kf8□

A) 21.Qb3?? Ke7 22.Rd1?? *(22.Qxb7⇄)* 22...a5? 0-1 Bradbury,N-Wells,P/London Lloyds 1985/MCL 05 (39) *(22...Rb8-+)*;

B) 21.Bxa6!! Qxd4 22.Bxb7 Reb8 23.Rb3!+- *(23.Rxa3? Rxa3 24.Rh8+ Ke7 25.Rxb8 Qb4 26.Ra8 Qe1+ 27.Qc1 Qe4+ 28.Qc2 Qe1+=)*]

8...c5 9.dxc5 Qa5 10.Bxc4

[10.Nd2 Tsesarsky Nd7=]

10...Qxc5

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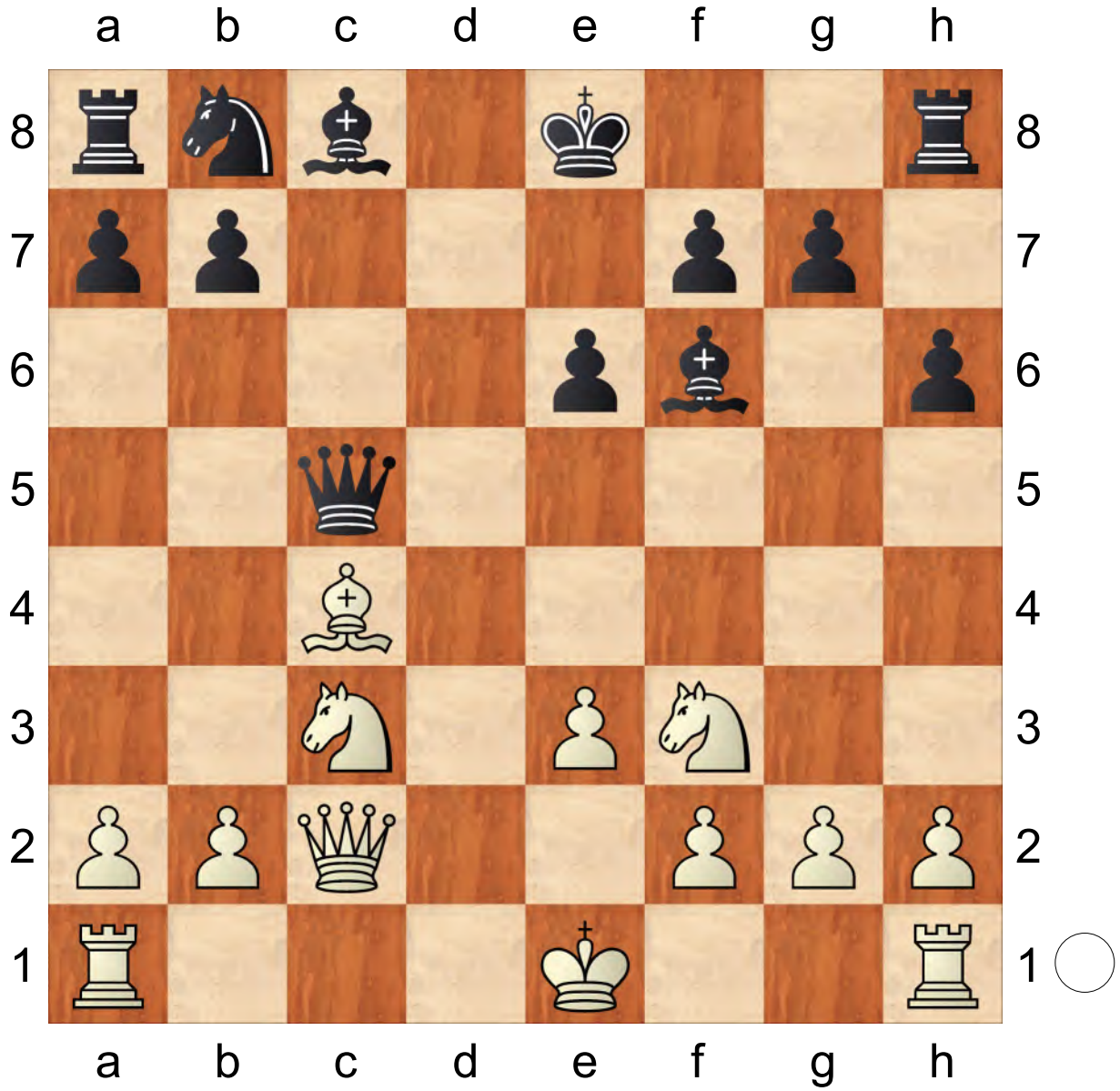


11.Ne4 Qa5+ 12.Ke2!?
[12.Nfd2 Be7 *(12...Nd7* Tsesarsky *13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.0-0 0-0=)* 13.Bb5+ Nd7= 14.Rc1 0-0 15.Bxd7? *(⌓15.Qa4)* 15...Bxd7 16.Qc7 Bb4!∓]
12...Be7 13.g4
[13.Rhd1!?]
[13.Rhd1 Tsesarsky 0-0 14.Rac1 Nd7=]
13...Nd7?!
[⌓13...Bd7!
A) 14.g5!? hxg5 15.Rhg1 Bb5 16.Nexg5 Bxc4+ 17.Qxc4 Nc6 18.Rad1 Rd8=;
B) 14.a3 Tsesarsky Bc6 15.b4 Qb6 16.Ne5 *(16.Rhd1 a5∓)* 16...Nd7 *(16...0-0 17.h4 a5 18.g5 axb4 19.gxh6 b3 20.Qb2 Bxe4 21.Nd7+-)* 17.Nxc6 *(17.Nxf7? Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Kxf7-+)* 17...Qxc6=;

C) 14.Rad1 Bc6=]

14.a3! Nf6

[14...0-0! Tsesarsky

A) 15.g5? hxg5 16.Rag1 Qf5 17.Nfxg5 Ne5∓;

B) 15.h4 b5 16.Ba2 *(16.Nd4 Ne5! 17.Bxb5 Ba6!∓)* 16...b4 17.axb4 Qxb4∓;

C) 15.b4 Qc7 16.Qb3 *(16.h4 b5 17.Bd3 Qxc2+ 18.Bxc2 a5∓; 16.Rac1 a5 17.g5 hxg5 18.Nexg5 Nf6∓)* 16...a5 17.Rac1 axb4 18.axb4 *(18.Bxe6 Qd8!∓)* 18...Qb6 19.g5 hxg5 20.Nexg5 Qxb4 *(20...Nf6 21.b5 Ra3 22.Qb1 Bd7∓)* 21.Bxe6 Qxb3 22.Bxb3 b6 23.Rhd1 *(23.Rc7 Bd8∓)* 23...Ba6+ 24.Bc4 Nc5 25.Bxa6 Rxa6 26.h4∓]

15.Ned2?

[⌓15.b4 Qb6 16.Ne5 Bd7 *(16...Nd7 17.Qc3 Qc7? 18.Nxf7+-)* 17.Qd3 Bc6 *(17...Ba4?! 18.Nc3 Bc6 19.Bxe6! fxe6 20.Qg6+→)* 18.Nxc6 bxc6±]

[15.Nxf6+ Tsesarsky Bxf6 16.b4 Qb6 17.Rac1 Bd7

A) 18.h4 Rc8 19.Nd2 *(19.g5 Rxc4-+)* 19...Bb5∓;

B) 18.Rhd1 Rc8∓]

15...Bd7

[15...0-0!? Tsesarsky 16.Nb3 *(16.Rhg1 b5 17.Bb3 Bb7∓)* 16...Qc7∓]

[15...Nxg4 Tsesarsky 16.Rag1 *(16.Rhg1 Qh5∓)* 16...Qh5 17.h3 Ne5 18.Rxg7 Bd7 19.Qc3 Nxc4 20.Nxc4 Bc6 21.Rg3 0-0-0 22.Qe5 Qxe5 23.Ncxe5 Bb5+ 24.Ke1 Rh7∓]

(Diagram)

16.Rhg1

[16.h3 Tsesarsky Rc8 17.b4∓]

16...Rc8

[16...Nd5?]

17.Qb3?!

[17.Qd3=]

[17.g5 Tsesarsky hxg5 18.Rxg5 b5! 19.Qd3 Nd5 *(19...bxc4 20.Qxd7+□ Nxd7 21.Rxa5 Rc7=)* 20.Rxd5□ exd5 21.Qxd5 Be6 22.Qxb5+ *(22.Bxb5+ Kf8 23.Qb7 Bd6 24.Ng5 Rb8 25.Nxe6+ fxe6 26.Qf3+ Ke7∓)* 22...Qxb5 23.Bxb5+ Kf8∓]

17...Qb6

[17...Ne4! 18.Rac1 *(18.Nxe4 Rxc4∓)* 18...Nd6 19.Bd3 0-0∓]

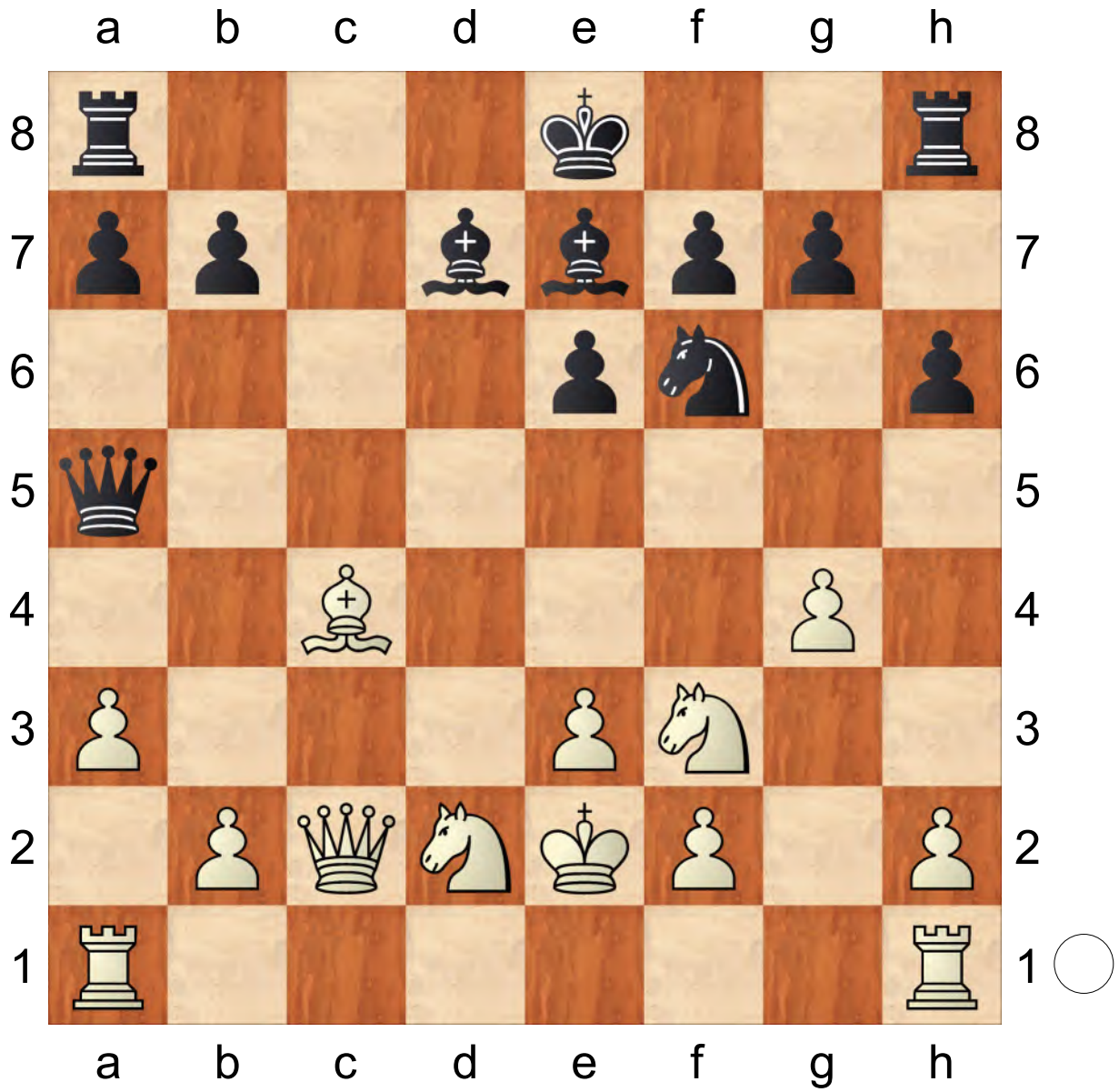
[17...Qa4 Tsesarsky 18.Qxa4 Bxa4 19.Rac1=]

18.Qxb6=

[18.Qd3!?∞]

18...axb6 19.Ne5 Ba4

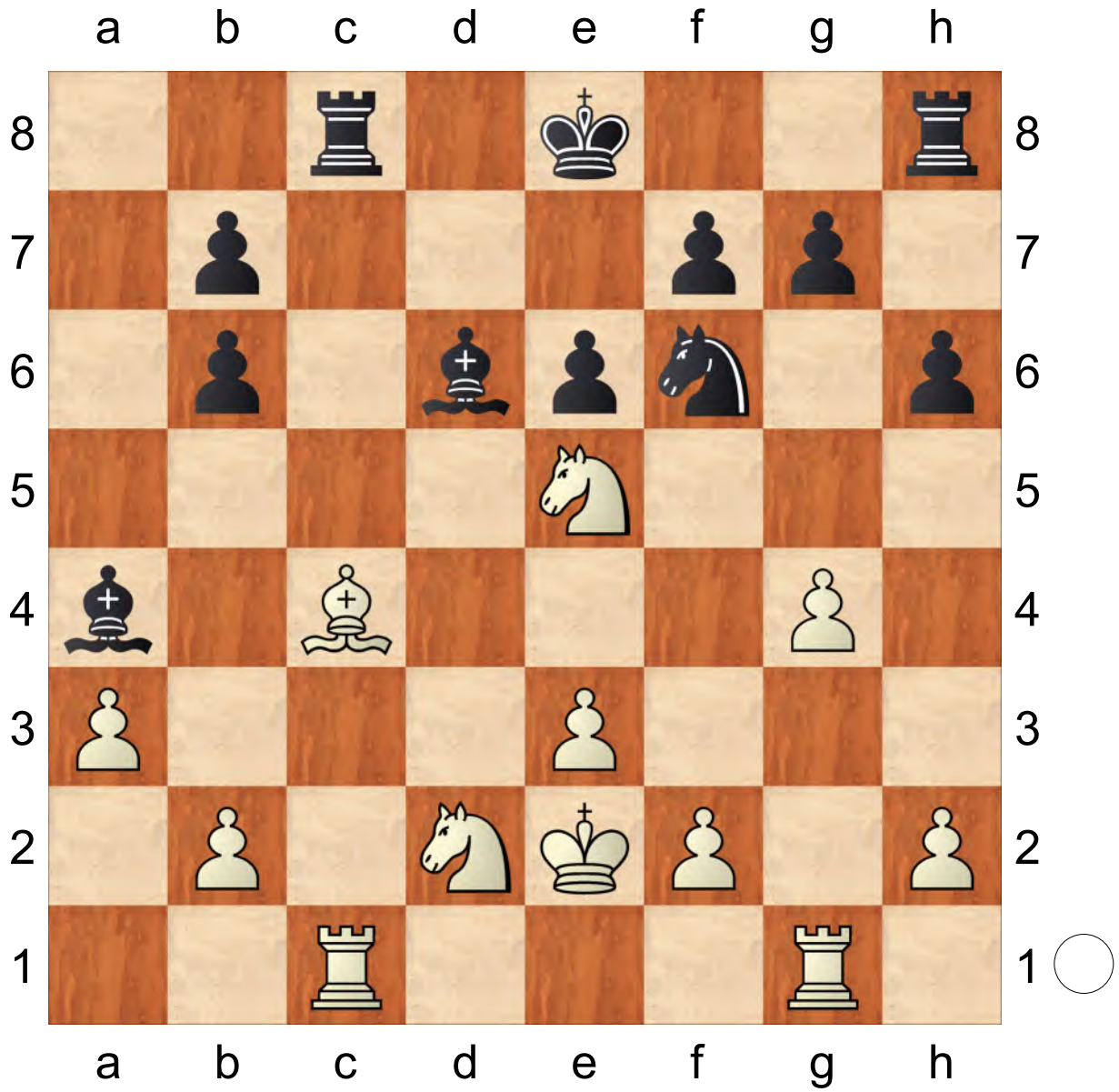
[19...Bd6 Tsesarsky 20.Nxd7 Kxd7=]



20.Rac1
[20.b3 Tsesarsky Bd6 21.Ndf3 *(21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.bxa4 Bxh2 23.Rg2 Bd6=)* 21...b5 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.bxa4 bxa4 24.Rab1 0-0 *(24...Bxa3 25.Rxb7±)* 25.g5 hxg5 *(25...Ne4 26.gxh6 Nc3+ 27.Ke1 Rc7 28.Rc1±)* 26.Rxb7⇄]
20...Bd6

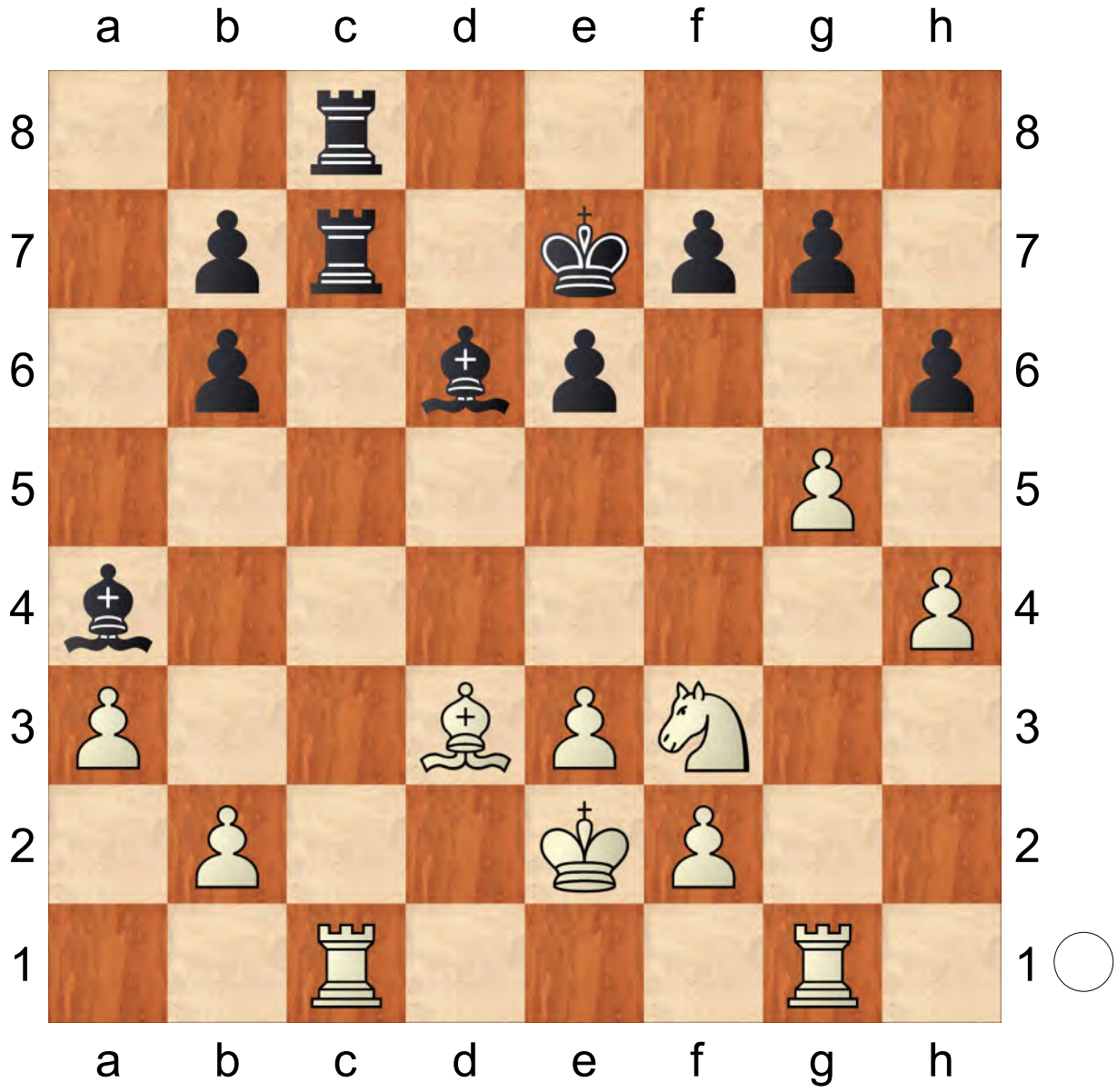
(Diagram)

21.Ndf3
[21.Bxe6? Rxc1 22.Rxc1 *(22.Bxf7+ Kd8 23.Rxc1 Bxe5∓)* 22...Bxe5 23.Rc8+ Ke7 24.Rxh8 Kxe6∓]
21...Ke7 22.h4
[22.h3= Tsesarsky]



22...Rhd8
[22...h5!? 23.g5 Ng4]
23.g5
[23.b3 Tsesarsky Bc6 24.a4=]
23...Nd7
[23...hxg5! Tsesarsky
A) 24.hxg5 Ne4
A1) 25.g6 Bxe5 26.Nxe5 Rd2+ 27.Ke1 *(27.Kf3 f5-+)* 27...Rd5! 28.Nxf7 b5-+;
A2) 25.b3 Be8 26.a4 Ba3 27.Rc2 b5 28.axb5 Bxb5 29.Rg4 Nd6∓;
B) 24.Rxg5 g6∓;
C) 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 25.Nxg5+ Ke7 26.Nxe6 Rxc4! 27.Rxc4 Bb5 28.Nxd8 Bxc4+ 29.Kd1 Kxd8 30.Rxg7 Bd5-+]

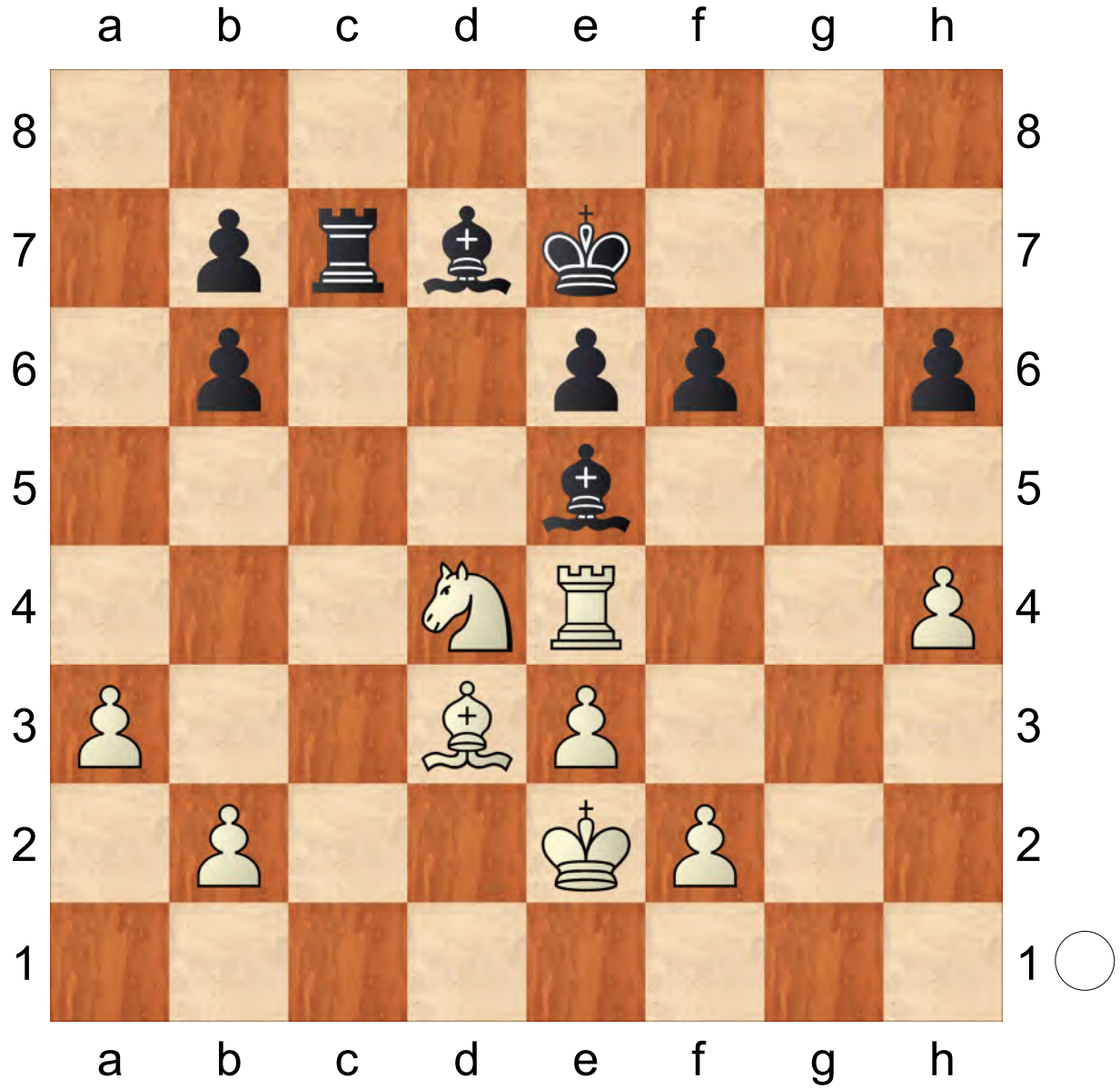
24.Nxd7 Rxd7 25.Bd3
[25.gxh6 Tsesarsky gxh6 26.Bd3=]
25...Rdc7



26.Rxc7+ Rxc7 27.Nd4
[27.gxh6 gxh6 28.Rg7 Rc1 29.Rh7 Rh1 30.Bg6 Bb5+ 31.Kd2 Be8=]
27...Be5
[27...hxg5! Tsesarsky 28.hxg5 Be5 29.Rg4 *(29.Rh1=)* 29...Bc6=]
[27...Bc6 Tsesarsky 28.gxh6 gxh6 29.Rg7±]
28.Rg4 Bd7 29.Re4
[29.gxh6 Tsesarsky gxh6 30.Rg8⇄]
29...f6?!
[29...Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Rc5=]
30.gxh6

[30.f4 Tsesarsky Bxd4 31.Rxd4 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rc5=]

30...gxh6



31.f4

[31.Rg4!±]

31...Bxd4 32.Rxd4 Rc5=

[32...Be8 Tsesarsky 33.Rb4±]

33.Rb4 b5 34.Kf2 Kd6 35.Rd4+ Kc7

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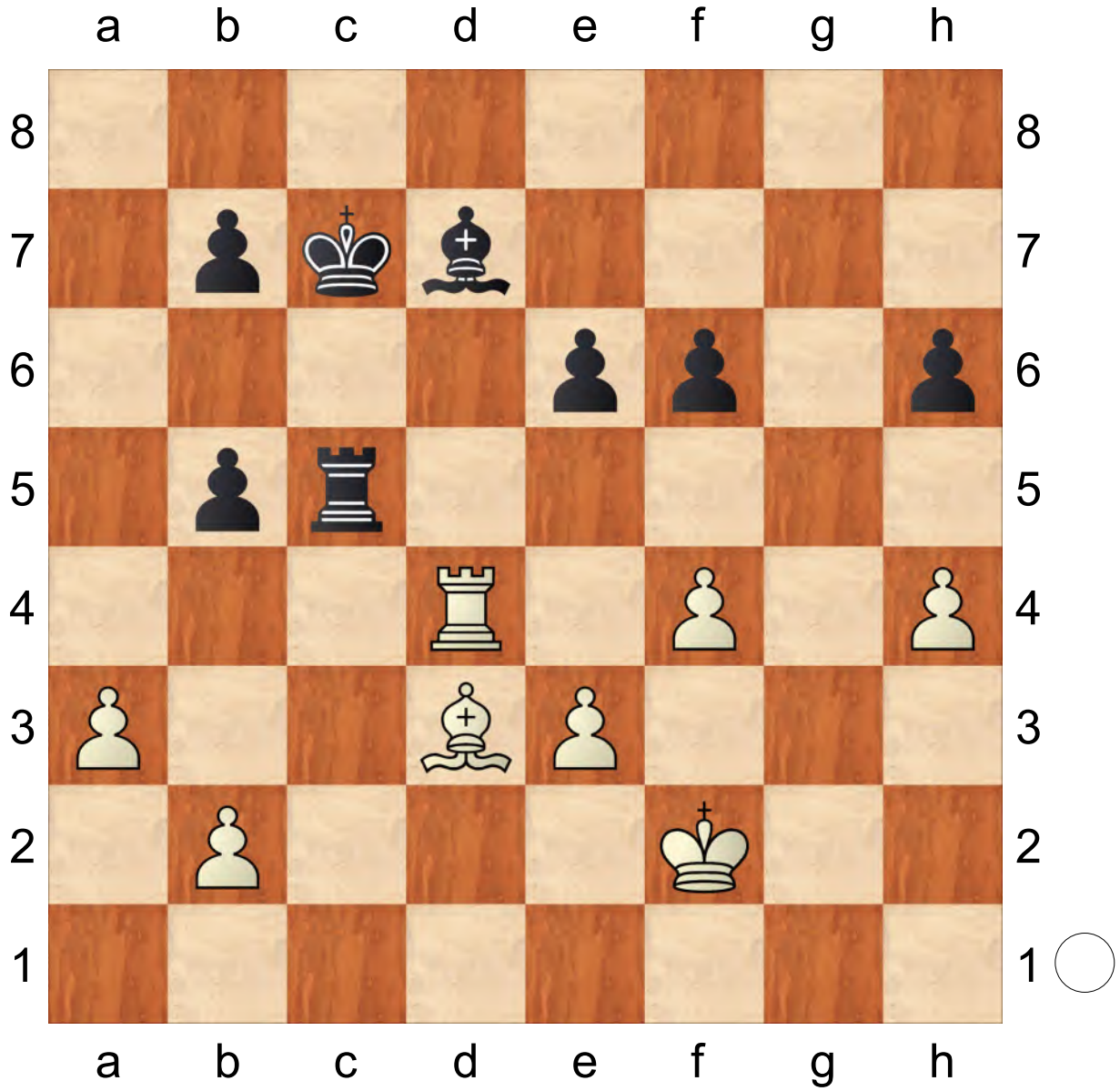
36.Be4 Bc6 37.Bxc6

[⩲37.Bd3]

[37.Bg6= Tsesarsky]

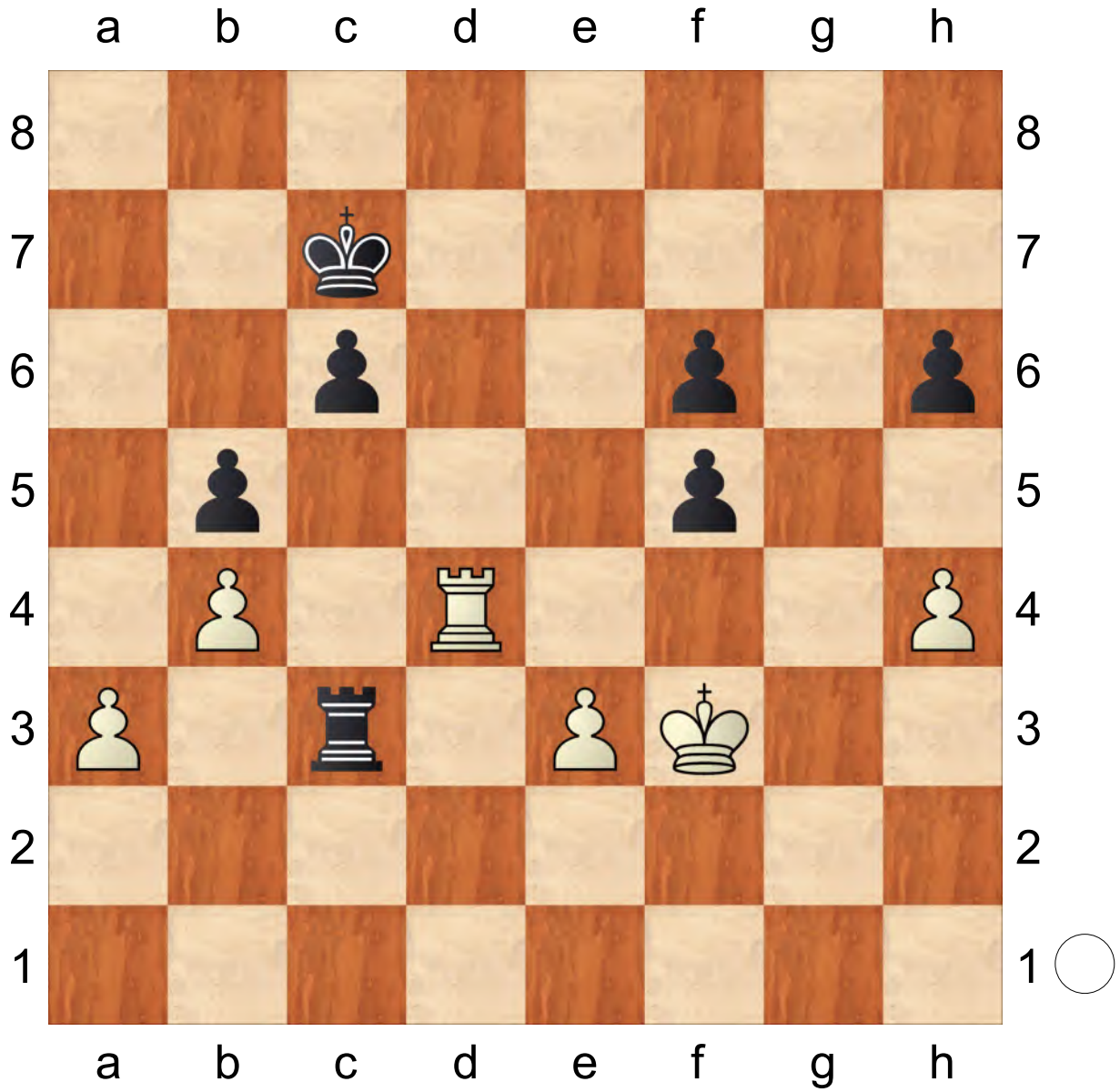


37...Rc2+
[37...bxc6 Tsesarsky 38.Rd2 Rc1∓]
38.Kf3 bxc6 39.b4 Rc3∓ 40.f5!
[40.Rd2?!∓ Tsesarsky Rxa3 41.Rg2
A) 41...Rb3 42.Rg6 Rxb4 43.Rxf6 Rc4 *(43...Kd7 44.Rxh6 Rb1⇄)* 44.Rxe6 b4 45.Re4 Rxe4 46.Kxe4 c5 47.Kd3 b3 48.e4 c4+ 49.Kc3 Kd6 50.h5 Kc5 51.f5 Kd6 52.f6 Ke6 53.e5=;
B) 41...Kd6
B1) 42.Rg6? f5 43.Rxh6 Rb3 44.Rh8 Rxb4 45.h5 Rb1 *(45...Ke7 46.h6 Kf7 47.Re8±)* 46.Kg2 Kortschnoj: '='
B1a) 46...Rb2+ 47.Kg3
B1a1) 47...Rb1 48.Kg2= *(48.h6 Rh1 49.h7 Kc5 50.Kg2 Rh6 51.Kf3 b4∓)*;

B1a2) 47...Ra2 48.h6 Ra7 49.Kh4±;
B1b) 46...Ra1 47.h6 Ra7 48.Kg3 Kc5 49.Kh4 b4 50.Rb8 Kc4 51.Kh5 c5 52.Kg6 b3 53.h7 Rxh7 54.Kxh7 Kc3 55.Kg6 c4 56.Kf6 Kb2-+;
B1c) 46...Ke7 47.h6 Kf7 48.Re8 Kg6 49.Rxe6+ Kh7 50.Rxc6±;
B2) 42.Rd2+! Ke7 43.Rc2;
C) 41...f5! 42.h5! *(42.Rg6 Kd6 43.Rxh6 Rb3 44.Rh8 Rxb4 45.h5 Rb1-+)* 42...Kd6 43.Rd2+ Ke7 44.Rc2 Rb3 45.Rxc6 Rxb4 46.Rb6 Rb1 47.Ke2 *(47.Rb7+ Kd6 48.Rh7 b4-+)* 47...b4 48.Kd3 Kf6∓]

40...exf5

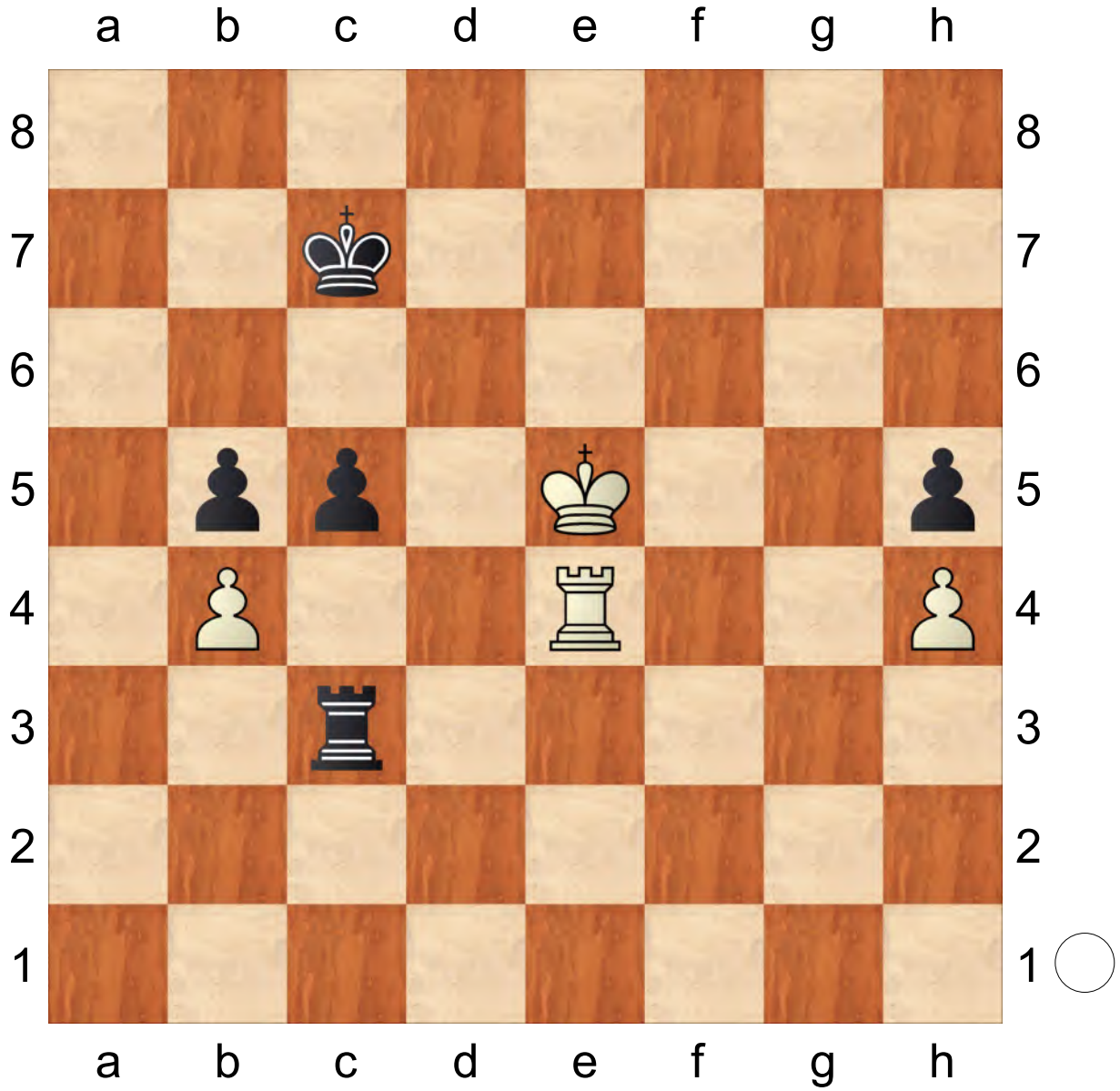
[40...e5? Tsesarsky 41.Rg4∞]



41.Kf4

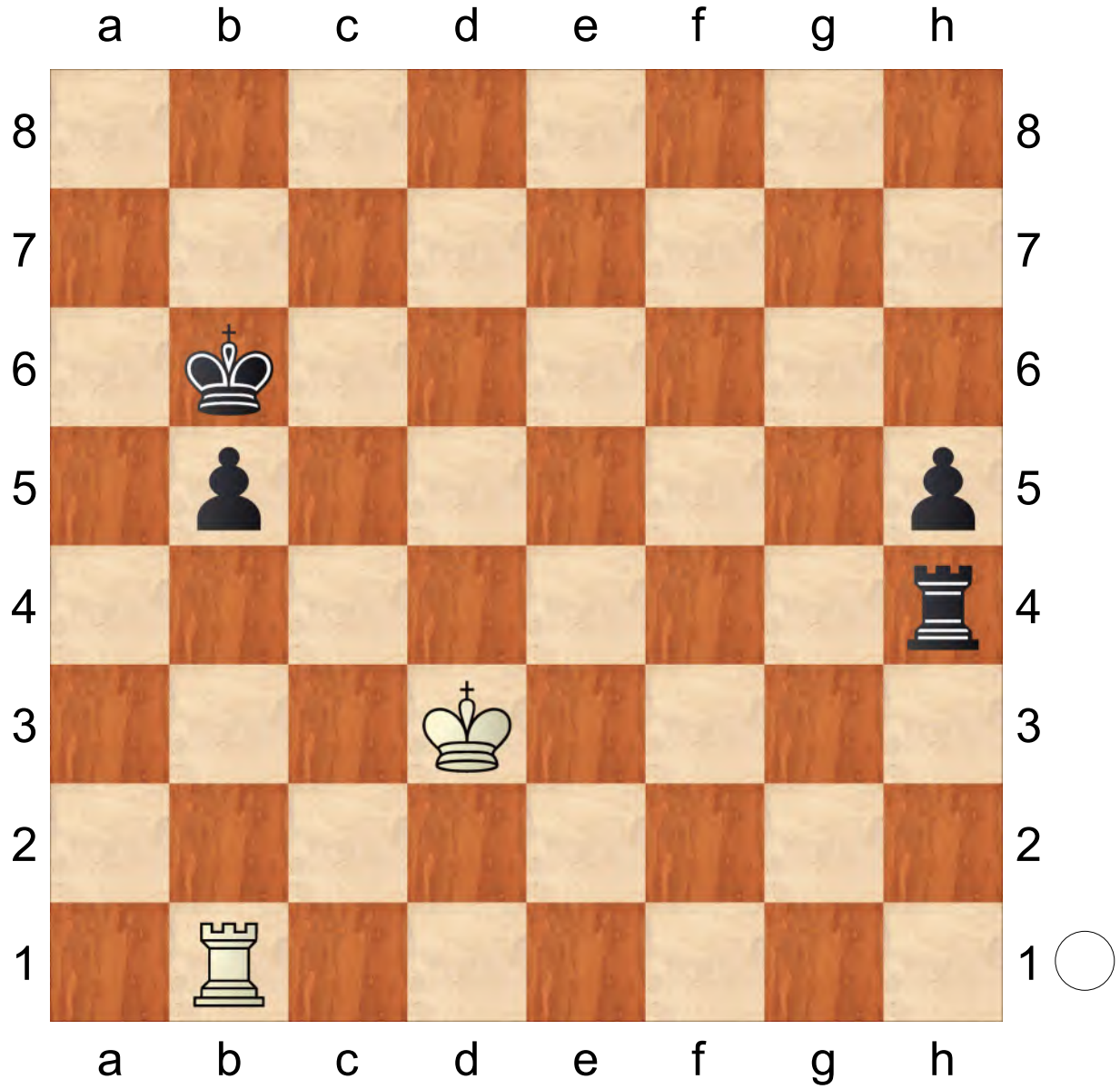
[41.Rf4!?]

41...Rxa3 42.Kxf5??
[⌓42.h5! c5! *(42...Rc3 43.Kxf5 Rxe3 44.Kg6! f5 45.Kxh6 Re4 46.Rd1 Rxb4 47.Kg5=)* 43.Rd5 *(43.bxc5? Ra4-+)* 43...Rc3 44.Rxf5□ ! cxb4 45.Rxb5 b3 46.e4! Kc6 47.Rb8 Kc5 48.Kf5 Rf3+ 49.Kg6=]
42...Rxe3 43.Kxf6
[43.Kg6 Rc3 44.h5 Rc4 45.Rd1 Rxb4 46.Kxh6 Rg4∓]
43...Rc3 44.Ke5
[44.Kg6 Tsesarsky Rc4-+]
44...h5 45.Re4
[45.Rf4 Kb6 46.Rd4 *(46.Rf5* Tsesarsky *Rc4 47.Rxh5 Rxb4-+)* 46...c5 47.Rd6+ Kc7 48.Rd5 cxb4 49.Rxb5 Rc4∓]
45...c5



46.Kd5

[46.bxc5 Tsesarsky Rxc5+ 47.Kf6 *(47.Kd4 Rc4+-+)* 47...Kb6-+]
46...cxb4 47.Rxb4 Kb6 48.Kd4 Rc5 49.Rb1 Rc4+ 50.Kd3 Rxh4



51.Kc3 Rc4+ 52.Kb3 h4 53.Rg1 Rc6 54.Rg5 Rh6

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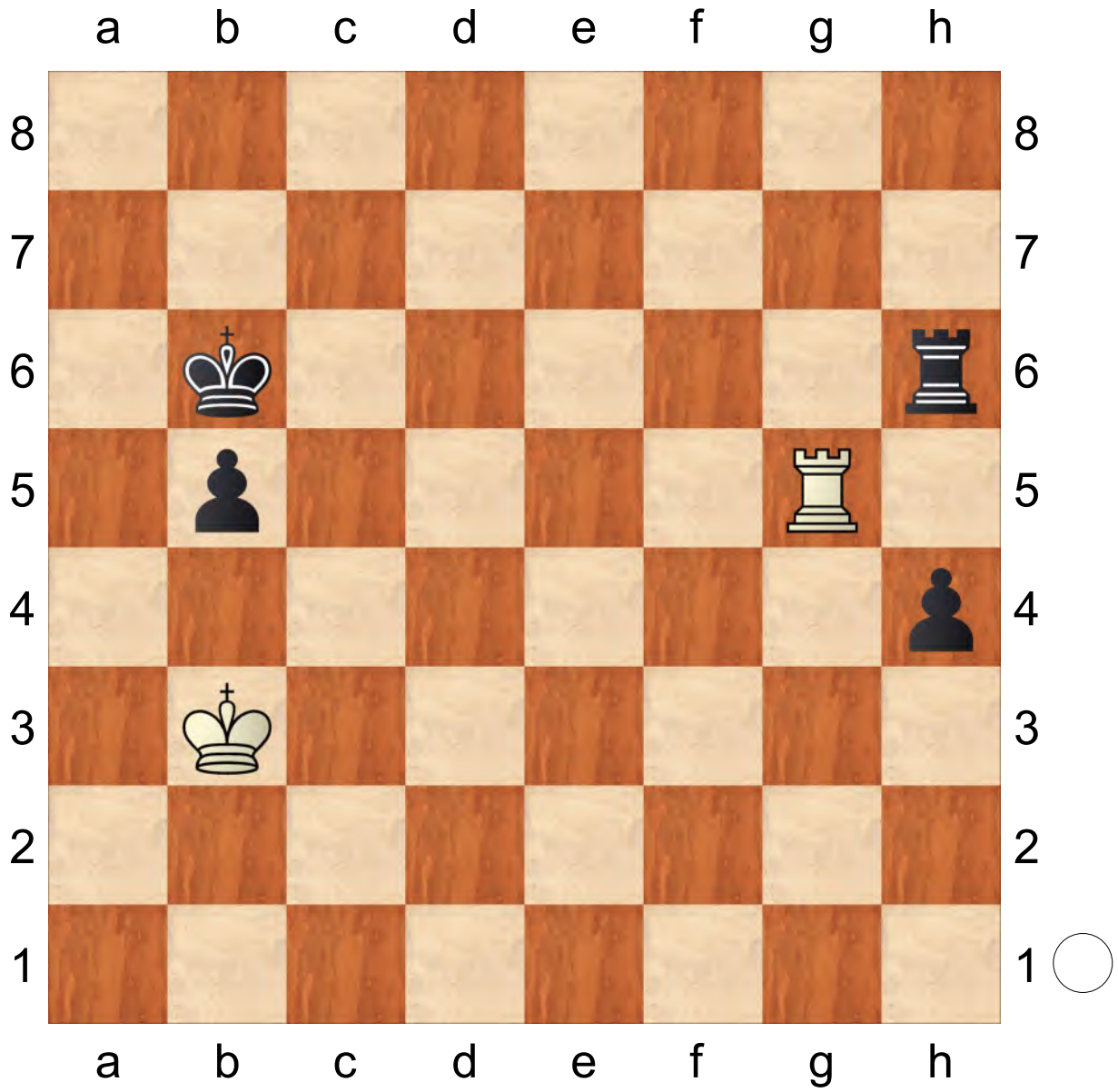
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■ **So,Wesley** **2775**
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Harikrishna,Penteala: 'SURPRISE ... SURPRISE TACTICIAN TURNS TECHNICIAN Indian GM Pentala Harikrishna presents two contrasting games. The first is characterised by slow-burning positional pressure, whilst the second explodes into action with a rapid-fire kingside attack. The first game was played in the final round of the very strong Qatar Masters 2015. Prior to this, Yu was trailing Magnus by half a point. Considering that the World Champion was now playing Kramnik, Yu must have treated this as a decisive game in order to tie for first. He approaches this game in time tested fashion - he does not play forcing lines in the opening but instead maintains ongoing positional pressure and hopes that the opponent will crack under the strain. This brings to mind Kasparov's approach in the final game of his World Championship match against Karpov in Seville 1987!' Before the final round Vladimir Kramnik and I shared second and third place with 6.0/8 each. Magnus Carlsen was leading the tournament with half a point ahead of us. When I saw that Carlsen would play with White against Kramnik in the final round, I felt that their game would very likely end in a draw. I had to play with White against Wesley So in the final round. If memory serves me right, I think our past encounters have always ended in draws. Wesley is widely viewed as an excellent and solid player. Thus, I knew that if I wanted to play for a win, I would have to choose an unusual and risky opening to avoid running into lengthy preparation. As a first step I decided to open with 1.d4 instead of my usual 1.e4. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Before the final round Vladimir Kramnik and I shared second and third place with 6.0/8 each. Magnus Carlsen was leading the tournament with half a point ahead of us. When I saw that Carlsen would play with White against Kramnik in the final round, I felt that their game would very likely end in a draw. I had to play with White against Wesley So in the final round. If memory serves me right, I think our past encounters have always ended in draws. Wesley is widely viewed as an excellent and solid player. Thus, I knew that if I wanted to play for a win, I would have to choose an unusual and risky opening to avoid running into lengthy preparation. As a first step I decided to open with 1.d4 instead of my usual 1.e4. '' **1.d4** Harikrishna,Penteala Harikrishna,Penteala Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 c5 5.g3 cxd4**

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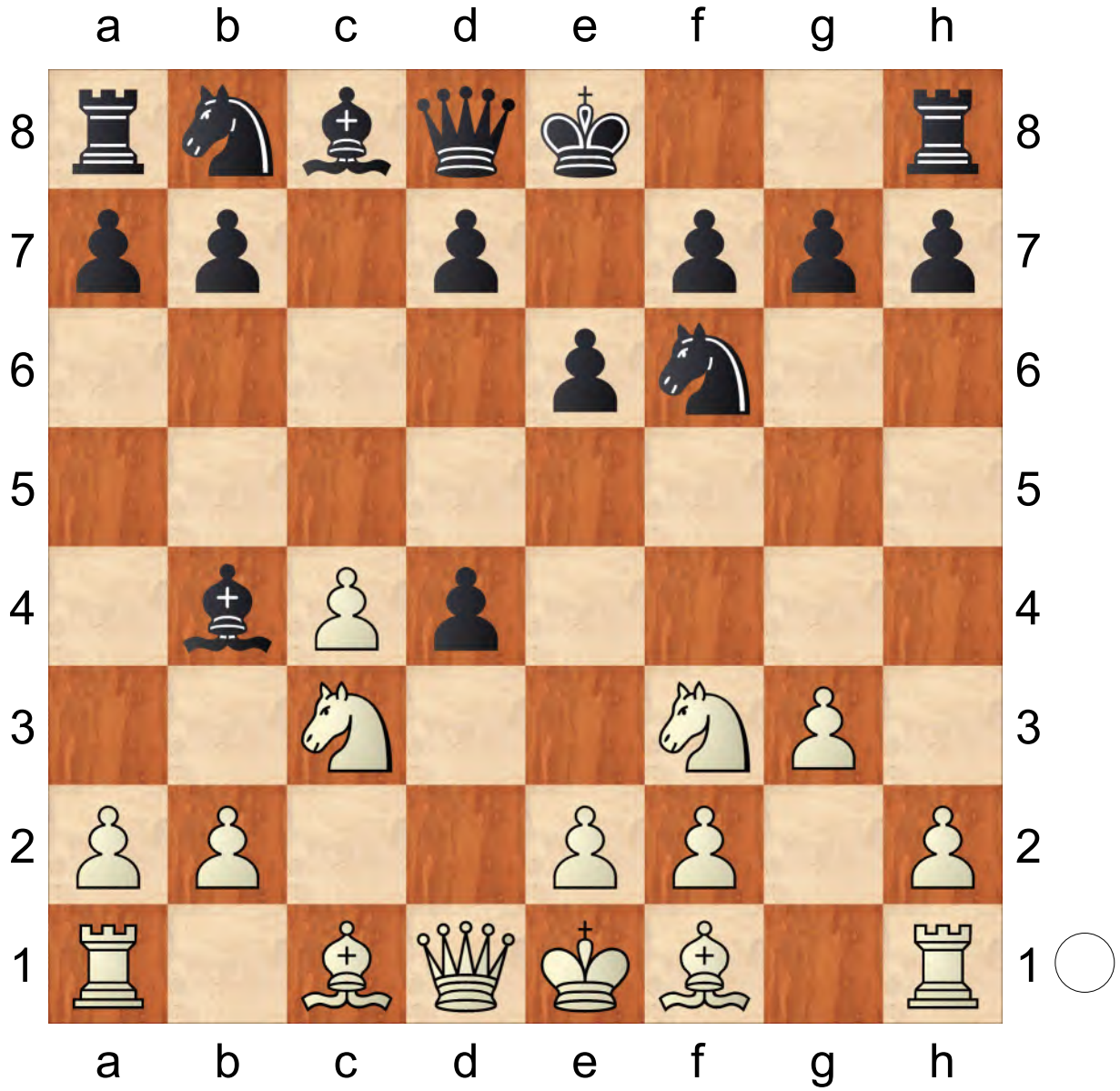
6.Nxd4 0-0 7.Bg2 d5 Up to this point all moves are common opening theory, although neither of us seems to have played this position before. With my next move,



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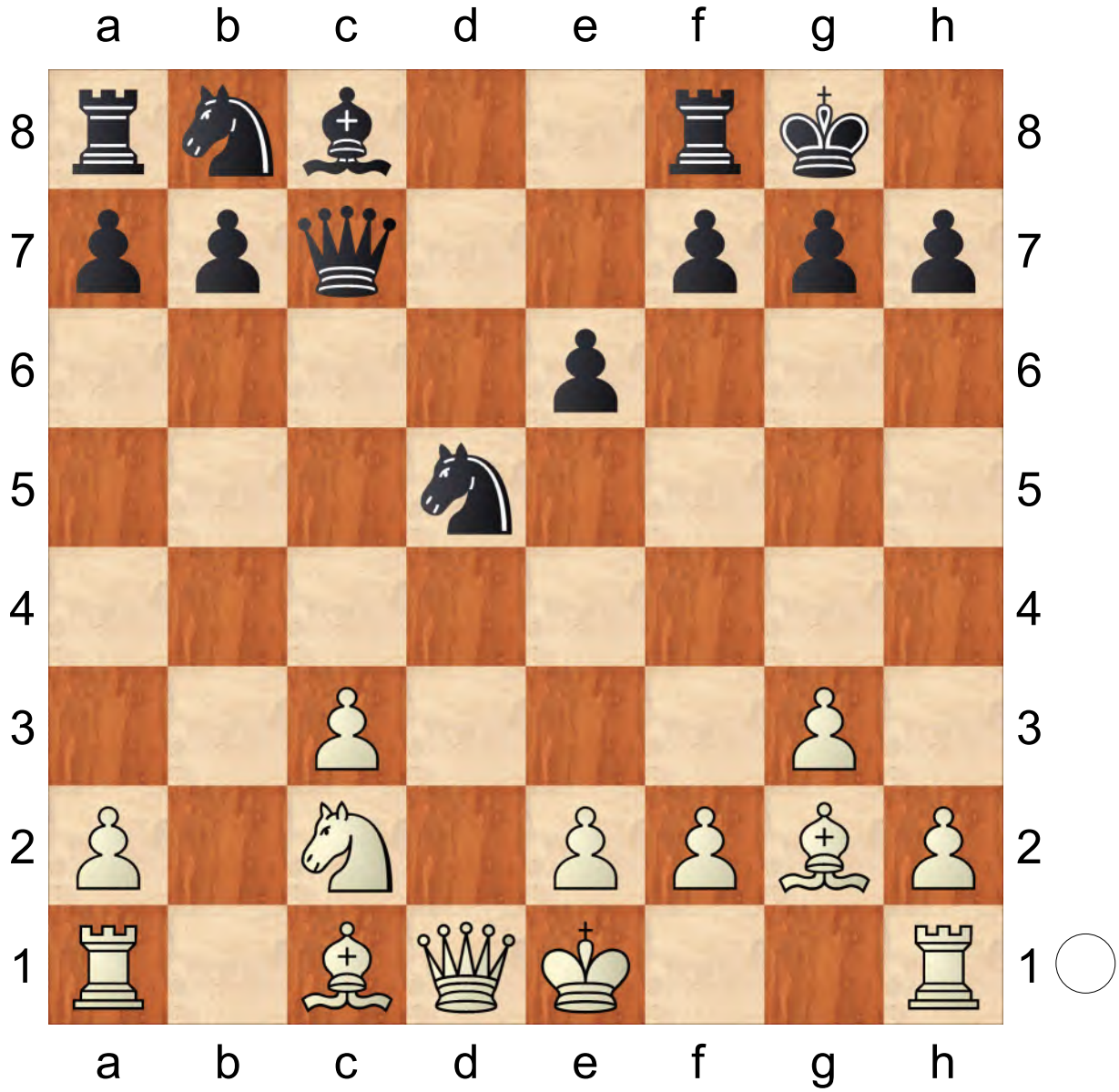
[8.cxd5 (Harikrishna,Penteala) is the main line which has been heavily analysed RR Bukavshin,Ivan 2655 - Jakovenko,Dmitrij 2759, Russia (ch) 2015 - 125/178]

8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qc7

[9...dxc4 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Ne3±]

10.cxd5 Nxd5



11.Nb4 Harikrishna,Penteala: '!?' '!?' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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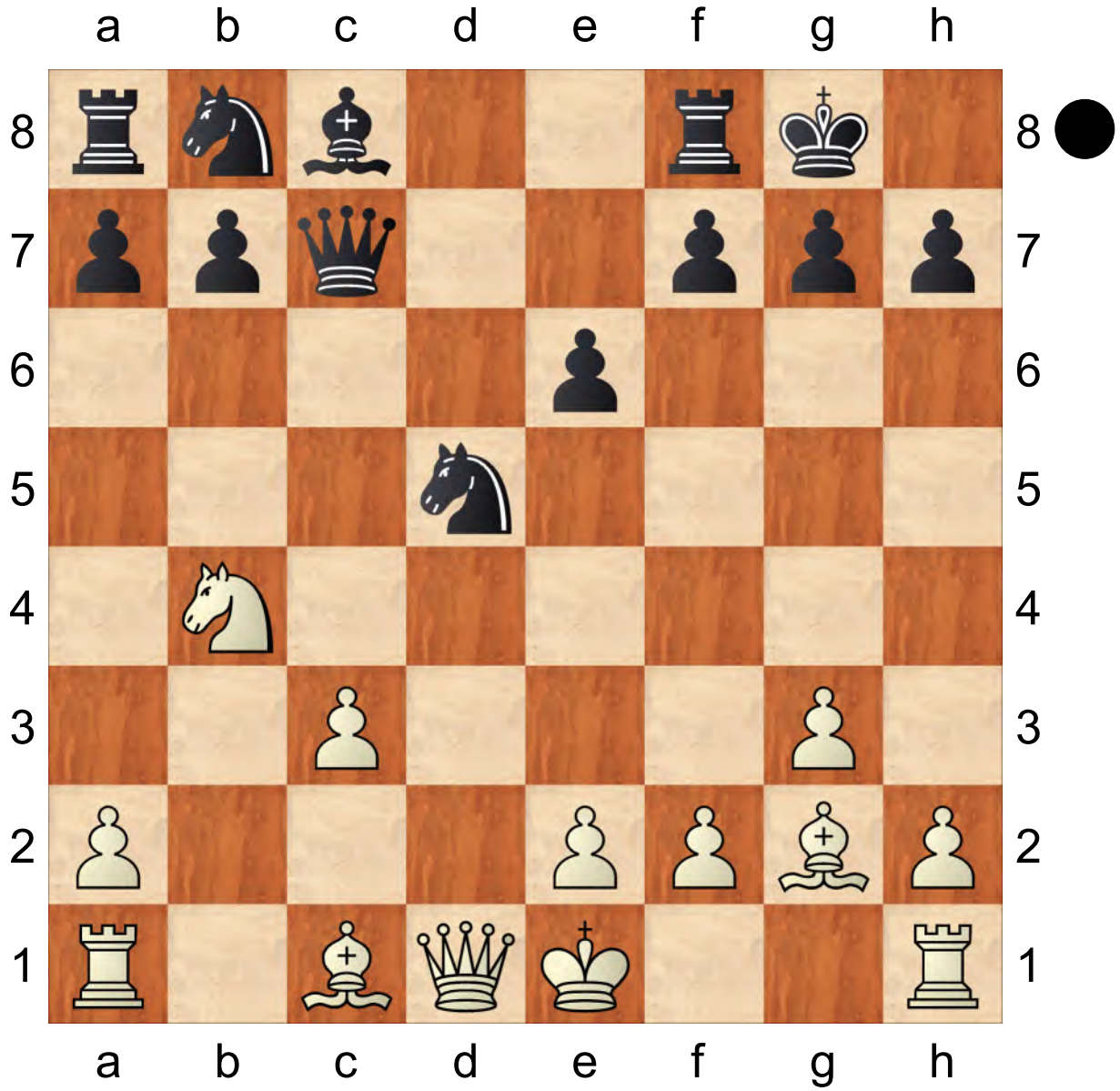
This seems to be a new idea by Yu. White sacrifices a pawn for compensation based on the bishop pair and open lines.' **11...Nxb4** Harikrishna,Penteala: '!?' '!?' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'A prudent decision by So. He avoids accepting the pawn offer and just plays to continue his development. This way he probably thought he would avoid any home preparation by his opponent.' I think Black should have taken on c3, which leads to an equal position. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'I think Black should have taken on c3, which leads to an equal position."

[11...Qxc3+ 12.Bd2 Qf6 13.Bxd5 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' *(13.Nxd5*



Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' *exd5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Bxd5 Rd8; 13.0-0⩲* Harikrishna,Penteala Harikrishna,Penteala: '. In both these lines White has the bishop pair and pressure against Black's queenside as compensation for the sacrificed pawn.'*)* 13...exd5 14.Nxd5 Qd8 15.Bf4 *(15.Bb4 Re8 16.Ne7+ Kh8=)* 15...Qa5+ 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2 Na6=]

[11...Nxc3 Harikrishna,Penteala 12.Qc2 Nd5 13.Qxc7 Nxc7 14.0-0⩲]

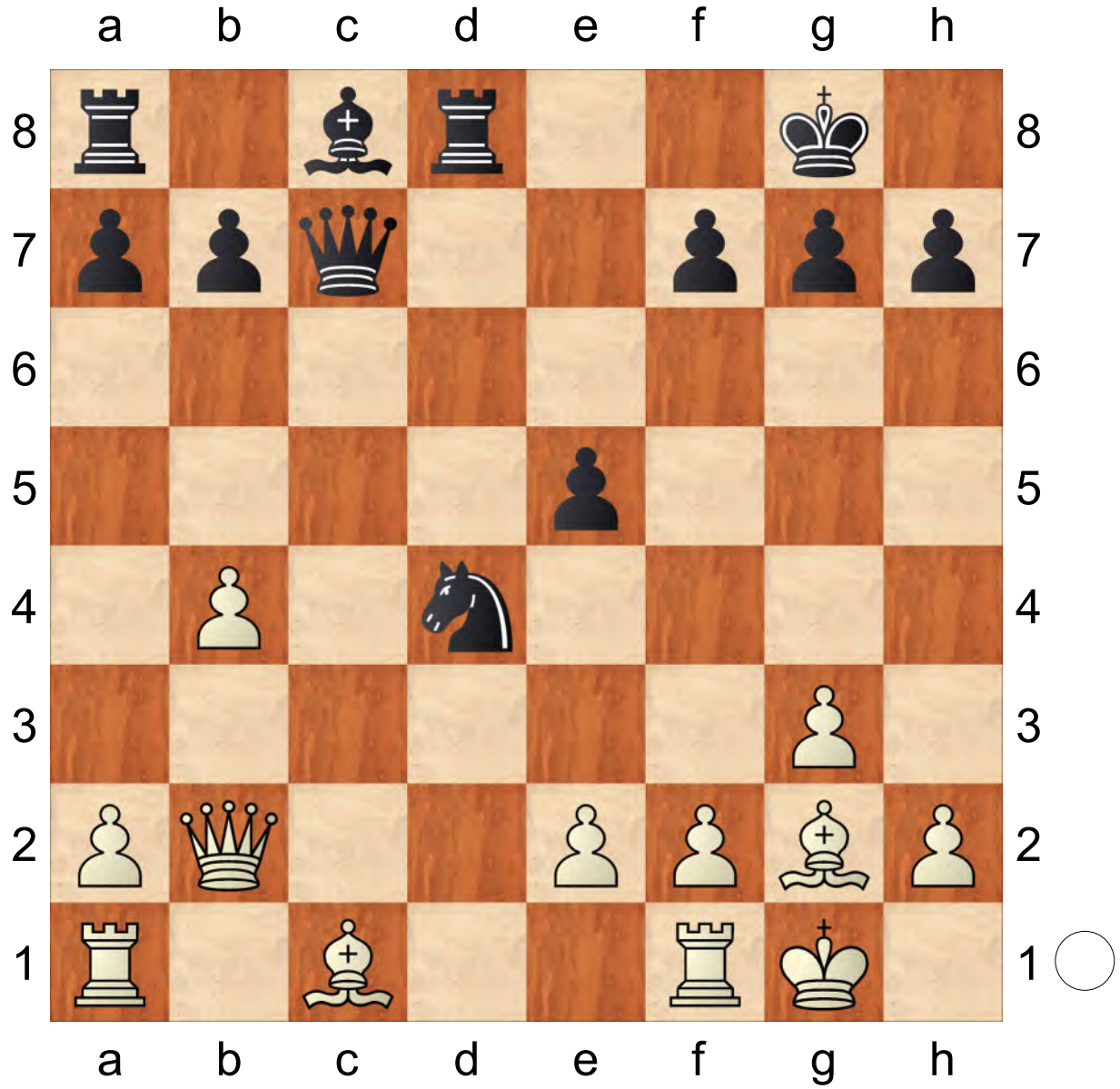
12.cxb4 Rd8 13.Qb3 Nc6 14.0-0 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'N' 'N'

[14.Be3!? Harikrishna,Penteala: 'RR' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Lybin,Dmitry Vitalievich - Miciak,Emanuel, corr. 2012 Yu Yangyi: '!?'' e5 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' *(14...Nd4* Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' *15.Bxd4 Rxd4 16.e3)* 15.0-0 Be6 16.Qb2 Bd5]

14...Nd4 15.Qb2 e5

[15...Qc4 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 16.e3 Ne2+ 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.Qb3

Bb5=]



16.Be3
[Harikrishna,Penteala: 'After' 16.e3 Harikrishna,Penteala Nc2 17.Rb1 Be6 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'White would find it impossible to evict the knight on c2 and it is not clear how he is going to develop his queen's bishop.']
16...Bg4 17.Rac1 Qd7 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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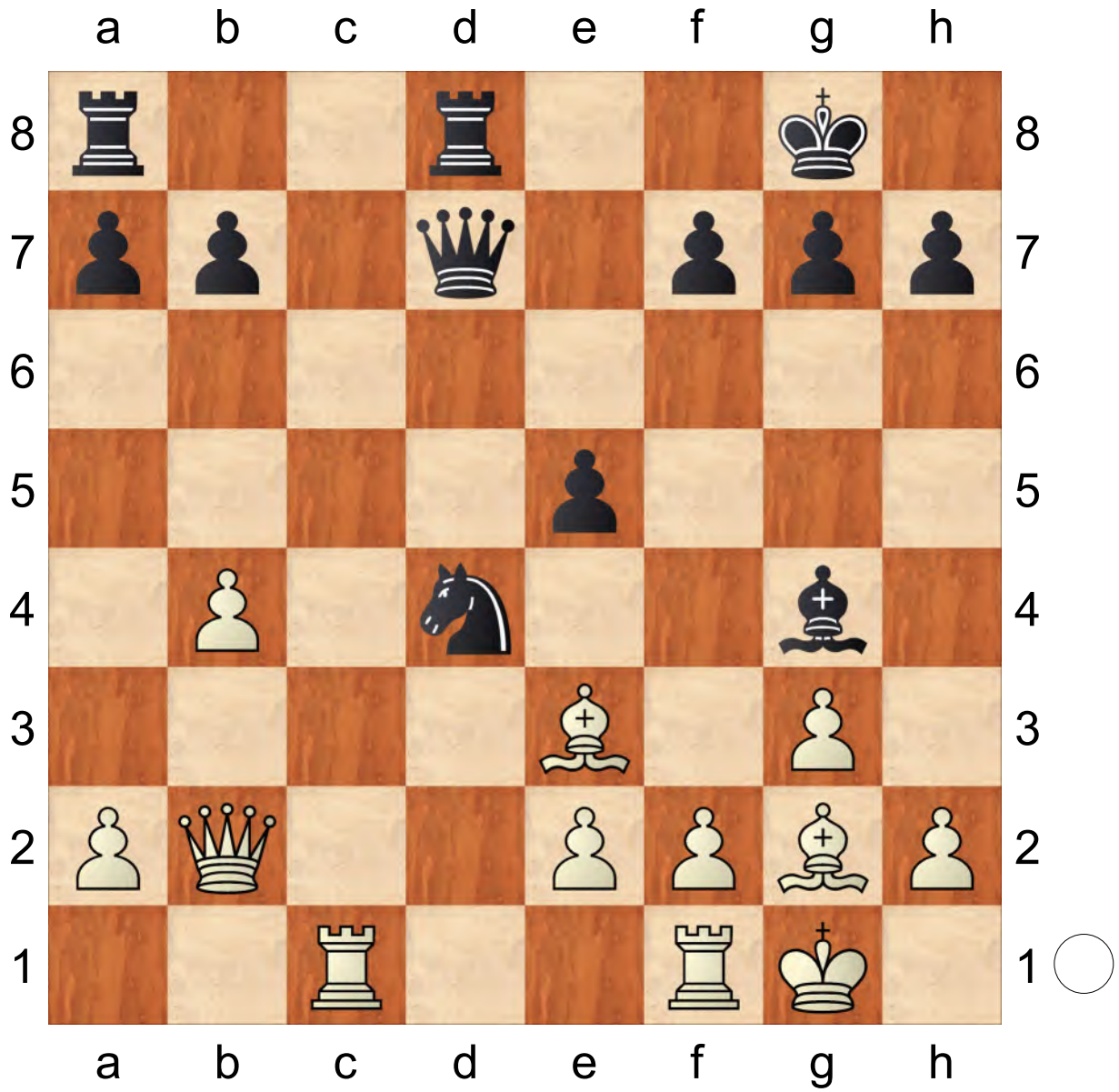
' **18.f3** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'This is in keeping with his strategy of maintaining the tension.'
[18.Bxd4 Harikrishna,Penteala Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Rxd4 *(19...exd4!?=* Harikrishna,

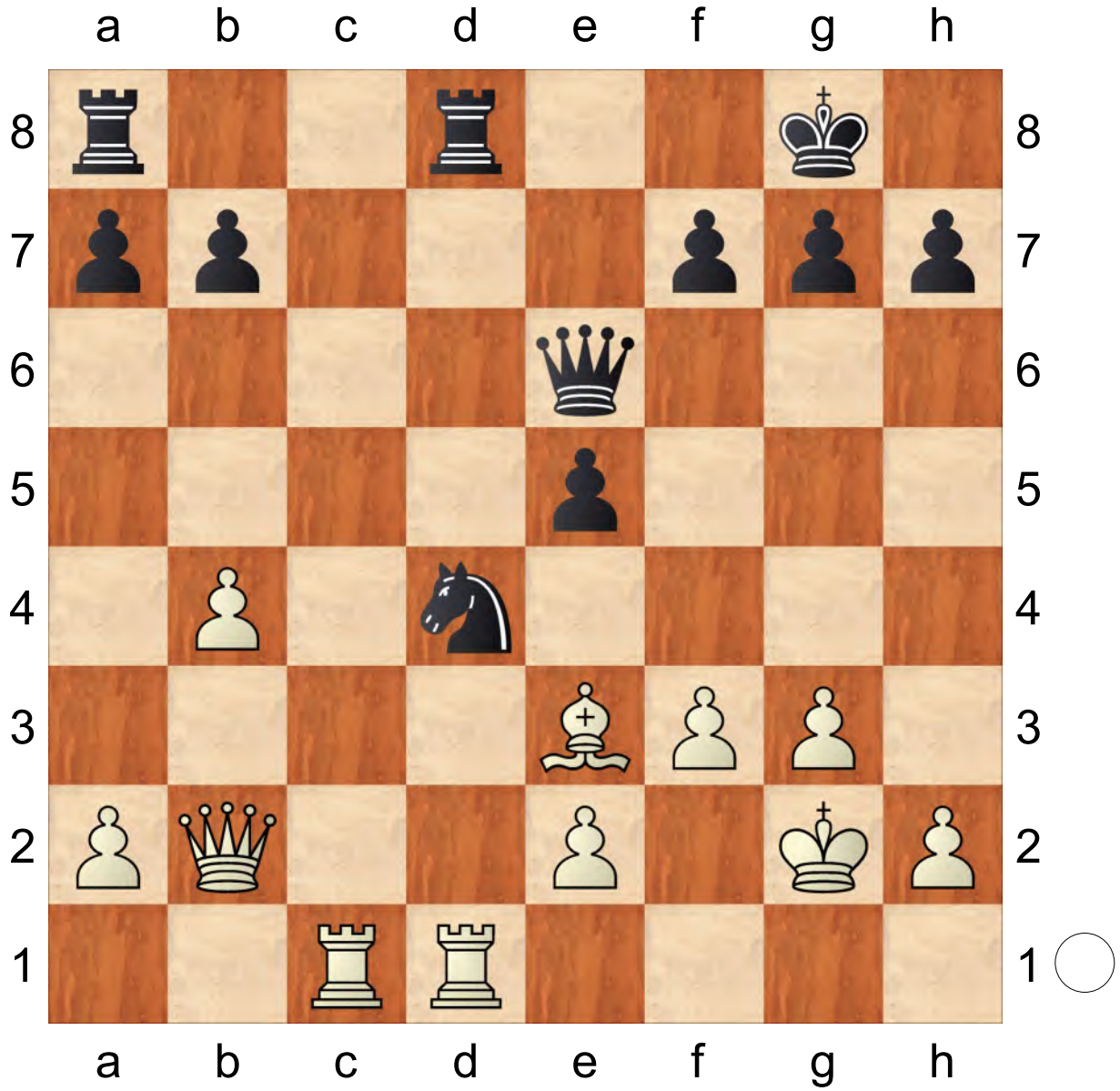


Penteala: '!?' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'is perhaps simpler and equal too.') 20.a3 Bxe2 21.Rfe1 Rd2 22.Bxb7= Harikrishna,Penteala: 'looks slightly more pleasant for White, but it should nevertheless be equal.']

18...Bh3 19.Rfd1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qe6

(Diagram)

21.Rc7 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'White keeps the game going, though objectively Black is doing absolutely fine.' **21...b6** Here I spent a lot of time assessing the position and calculating lines. I felt that 22. ♗xd4 would be good for White but that the resulting endgame would be too difficult to win and after some (mis-)calculation came to the conclusion that 22.a4 is stronger. Later I realised that things are actually far from clear. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Here I spent a lot of time assessing the



position and calculating lines. I felt that 22. ♗xd4 would be good for White but that the resulting endgame would be too difficult to win and after some (mis-)calculation came to the conclusion that 22.a4 is stronger. Later I realised that things are actually far from clear." **22.a4?!** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?!"

[22.Bxd4! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Rxd4 23.Rxd4 exd4 24.Qc2±]

22...Nf5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Bf2

[24.Bg1!? Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' h5 *(24...e4 25.Qc2 exf3+ 26.exf3 h5=)* 25.Qc2! *(25.Rxa7 e4 26.Qc2 exf3+ 27.exf3 g5!)*]

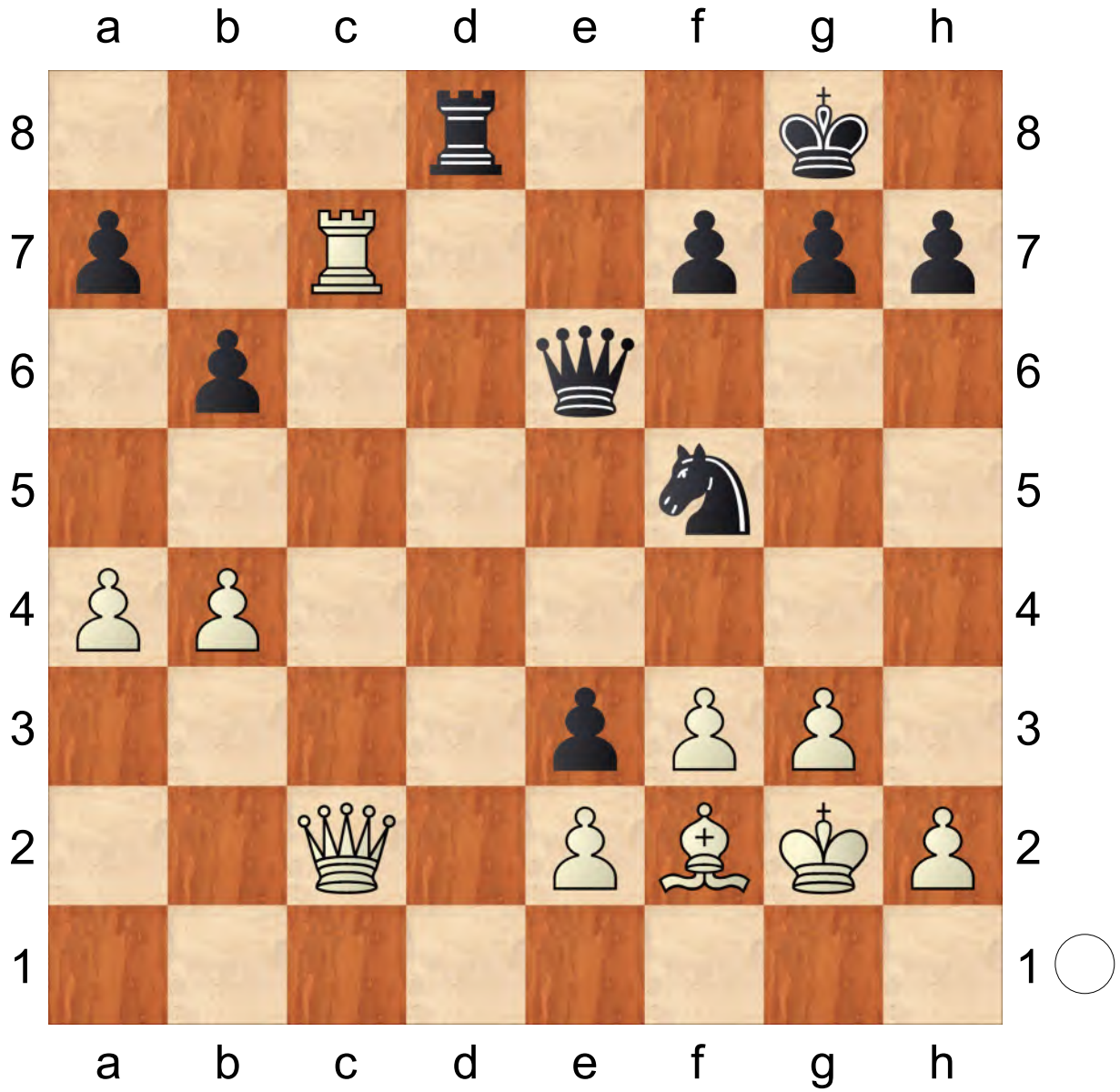
24...e4 When calculating 22.a4 I had overlooked that White after 25.♖xa7 e3 26.♗e1 ♕c4 would have the crushing 27.a5! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'When calculating 22.a4 I had overlooked that White after 25. ♖xa7 e3 26. ♗e1 ♕c4 would have the crushing 27.a5!'' As I did not see 27.a5, I went for the moderate Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'As I did not see 27.a5, I went for the moderate "

25.Qc2

[However, later, when using the engine, I discovered that after 25.Rxa7 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Black can still maintain the tension with h5 *(25...e3 26.Be1 Qc4 27.a5! b5 28.Kf1 Nd4 29.Re7 Nxf3 30.Qc3±)* 26.Rc7 exf3+ 27.exf3 h4∞]

25...e3

[25...exf3+ Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 26.exf3 Ne3+ 27.Bxe3 Qxe3 28.Rd7 Re8!=]



26.Be1 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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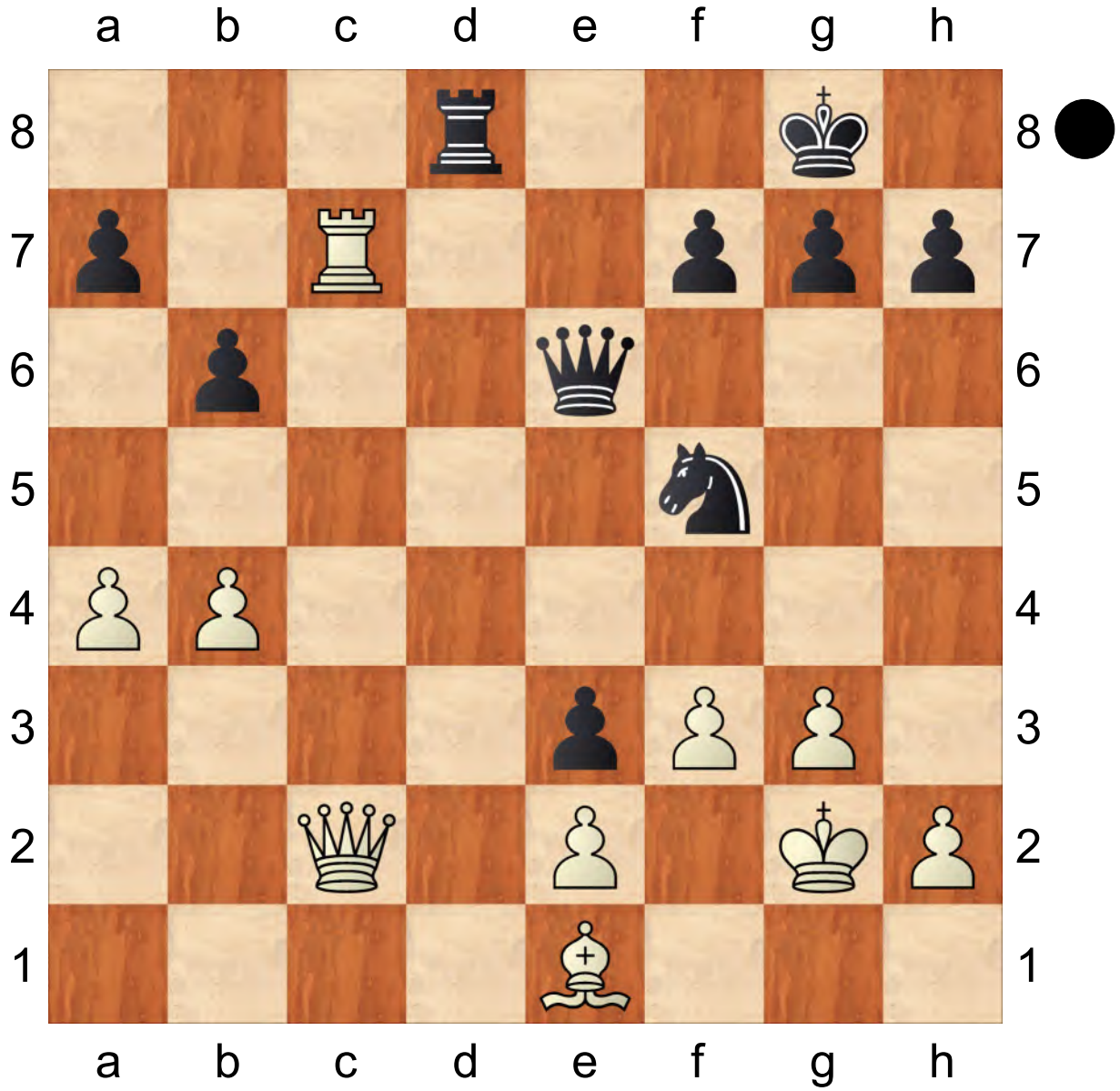

' **26...h5!** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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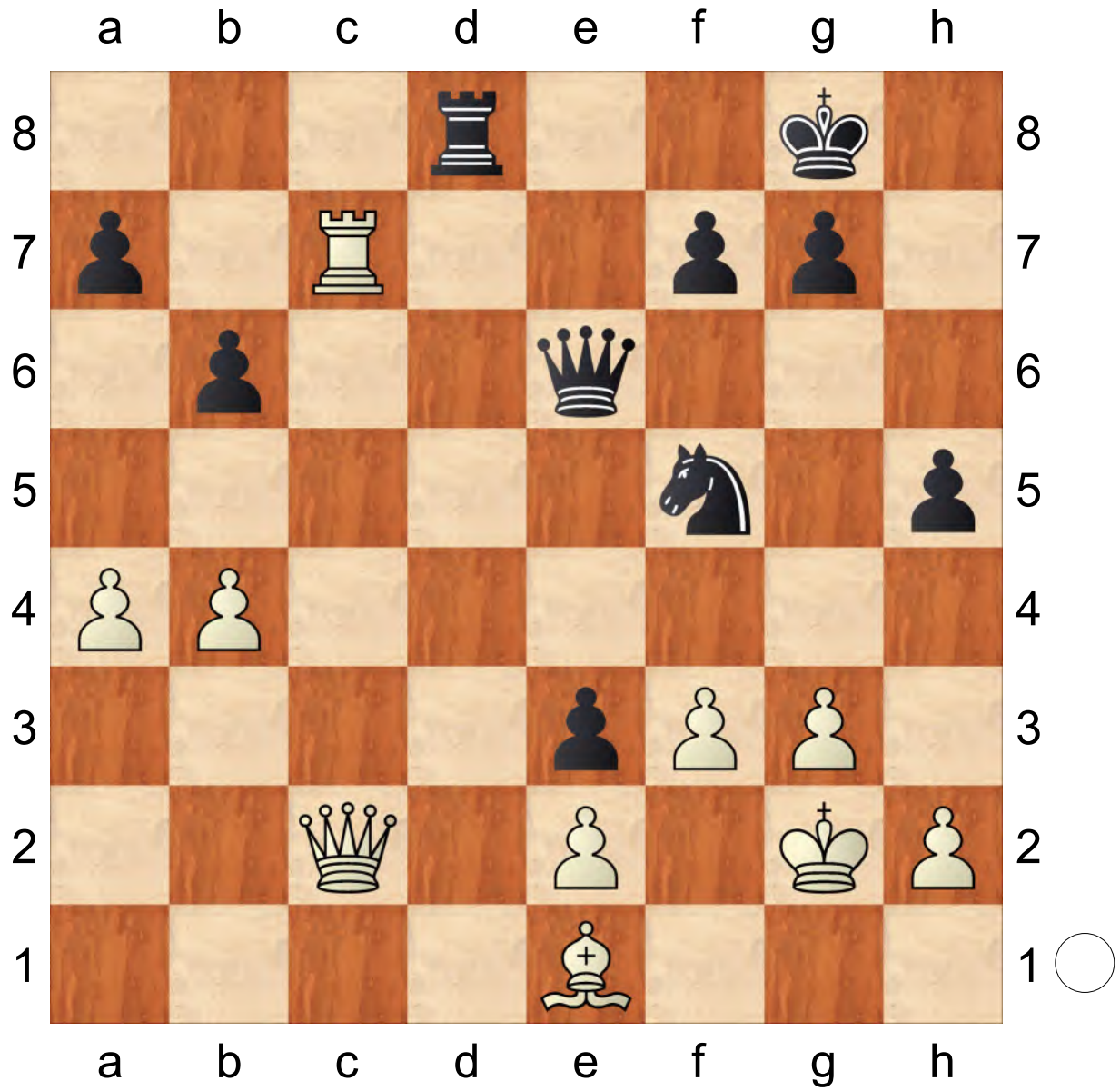
Black is playing for a win too. All three results are possible from such a complicated position.' Here I had little time left and from a purely objective point of view I should have kept the position more or less balanced with 27.a5 instead of going for complications. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Here I had little time left and from a purely objective point of view I should have kept the position more or less balanced with 27.a5 instead of going for complications.'' **27.Rxa7?!** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Of course, as expected White decides to go all-in. Yu Yangyi: '?!''

[27.a5! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' h4 *(27...bxa5 28.bxa5 a6 29.Rc5±; 27...Nd4 28.Qd3 Qe8 29.Qa6±)* 28.gxh4 *(28.g4 h3+∞)* 28...Nd4 29.Qd3 Qe8



(29...Qa2 30.Qxe3±) 30.Qe4 Nxe2 31.Rxa7 bxa5 32.bxa5 *(32.Qxe8+ Rxe8)* 32...Qxe4 33.fxe4 Rd1=]

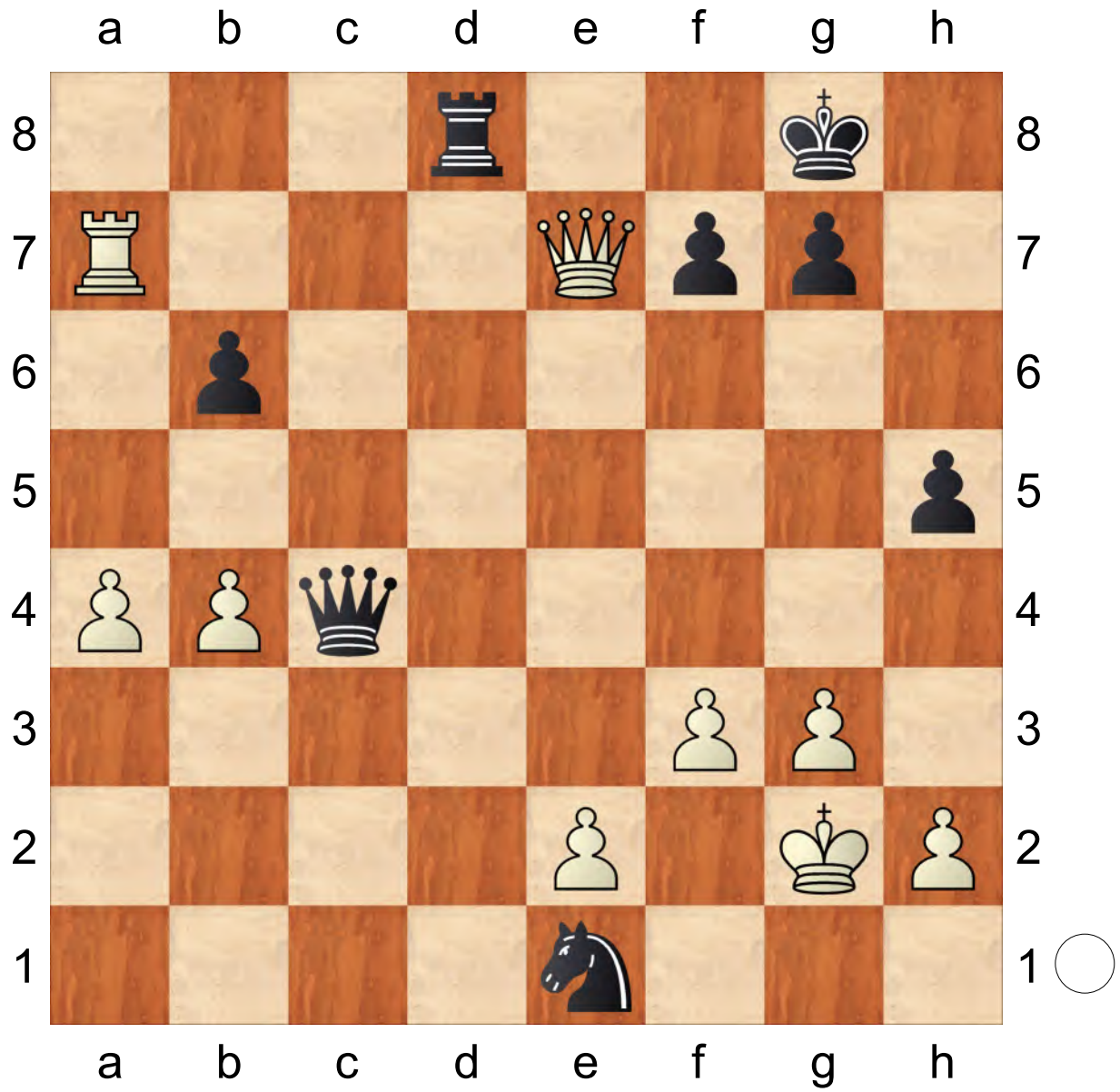
[Harikrishna,Penteala: 'He had an alternative in' 27.Qe4 Harikrishna,Penteala Rd2!? 28.Qxe6 fxe6 29.Kf1 Nd4 30.Rxa7 Nc2 31.Rc7 Nxb4 32.Rc1= Harikrishna,Penteala: ', which looks pleasant for Black but is probably equal. But here White has no winning chances whatsoever.']

27...Nd4 28.Qe4 Qc4 29.Qxe3? Harikrishna,Penteala: '?!' '?!' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?"

[Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Perhaps White had to play' Here I should have played Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Here I should have played" 29.Qd3 to go for a draw. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'to go for a draw." Qc1 *(29...Qxd3* Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' *30.exd3 Rc8 31.Re7 Rc2+ 32.Kf1 Nxf3 33.Rxe3 Nxh2+ 34.Kg1 g5=)* 30.Bc3 Nc6 31.Rd7 Rxd7 32.Qxd7 Qxc3

33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Qxf7 Harikrishna,Penteala: '=' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'when he is a piece down, but it is not easy for Black to win this position.' Qe5 Harikrishna, Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 35.Qb7=]

29...Nc2 30.Qe7 Nxe1+



31.Kf2 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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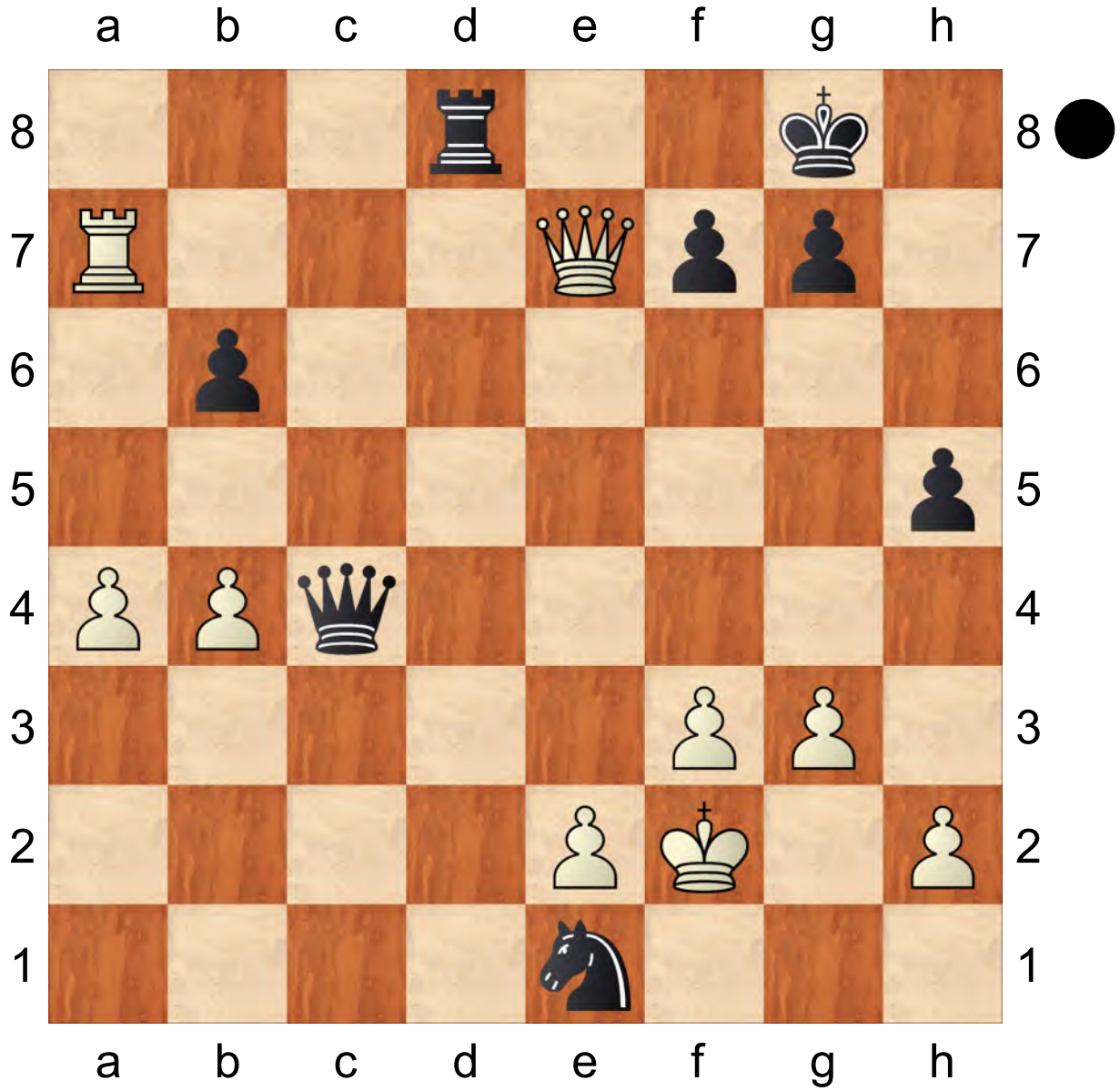
' **31...Qd4+?** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?'' I think Black played this move too fast. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'I think Black played this move too fast.''

[Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Black had to go for' If he had spent a bit more time he might have found Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'If he had spent a bit more time he might have found'' 31...Rd1! which probably wins: Harikrishna,Penteala:

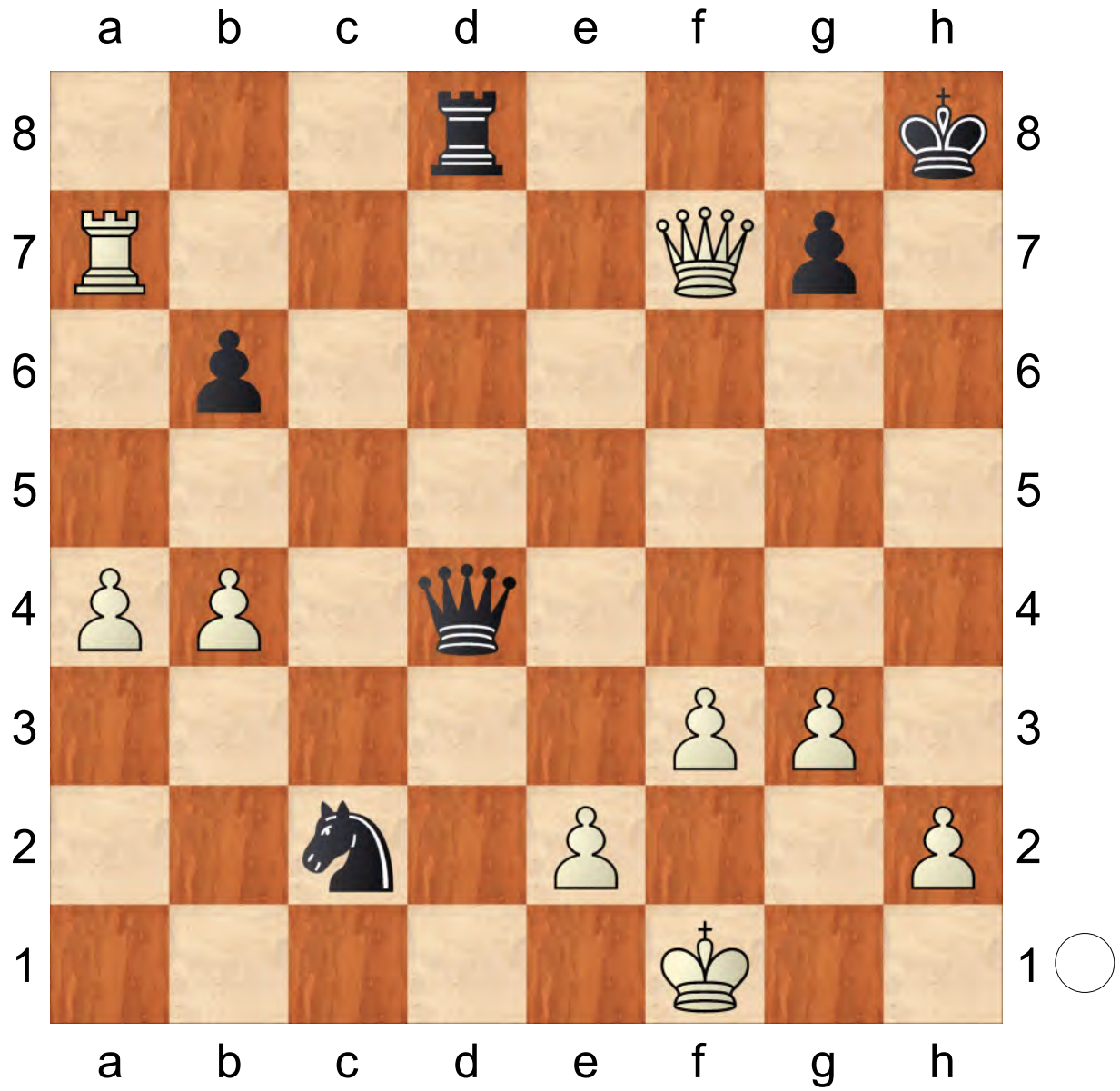


'Yu Yangyi: 'which probably wins:'' 32.Qe8+ *(32.Rd7* Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' *Rxd7 33.Qxd7 Nc2 34.a5 bxa5 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.bxa5 Qc5+ 37.e3 Qc3-+)* 32...Kh7 33.Qe4+ Qxe4 34.fxe4 Nc2 35.Rxf7 Ra1 *(35...Nxb4 36.Rf5)* 36.a5 bxa5 37.bxa5 Nd4∓ Harikrishna,Penteala: '. It is hard to definitively evaluate this position, but there is no denying that Black is the one playing for a win. Yu Yangyi: '∓'' *(37...Rxa5* Harikrishna,Penteala *38.Rf5)*]

32.Kf1 Harikrishna,Penteala: '!' '!' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'A cool move which keeps the game highly strung.' **32...Nc2?** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'A miscalculation on Black's part.'

[I believe Black by now had realised that 31...♕d4 was a mistake. Probably still in a state of psychological shock he did not find the drawing move 32...Rf8! 33.Kxe1 Qg1+ 34.Kd2 Qd4+ Harikrishna,Penteala: '=' '=' 35.Kc2 Qc4+=]

33.Qxf7+ Kh8 34.Qxh5+ Kg8 35.Qf7+ Kh8



36.Qh5+ Kg8 37.Qf7+ Kh8 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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' **38.Kg2!** Because we had only three more moves to play before the first time control and the position still offered good prospects, I decided to avoid the three-fold repetition to continue fighting. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Because we had only three more moves to play before the first time control and the position still offered good prospects, I decided to avoid the three-fold repetition to continue fighting." **38...Ne3+ 39.Kh3** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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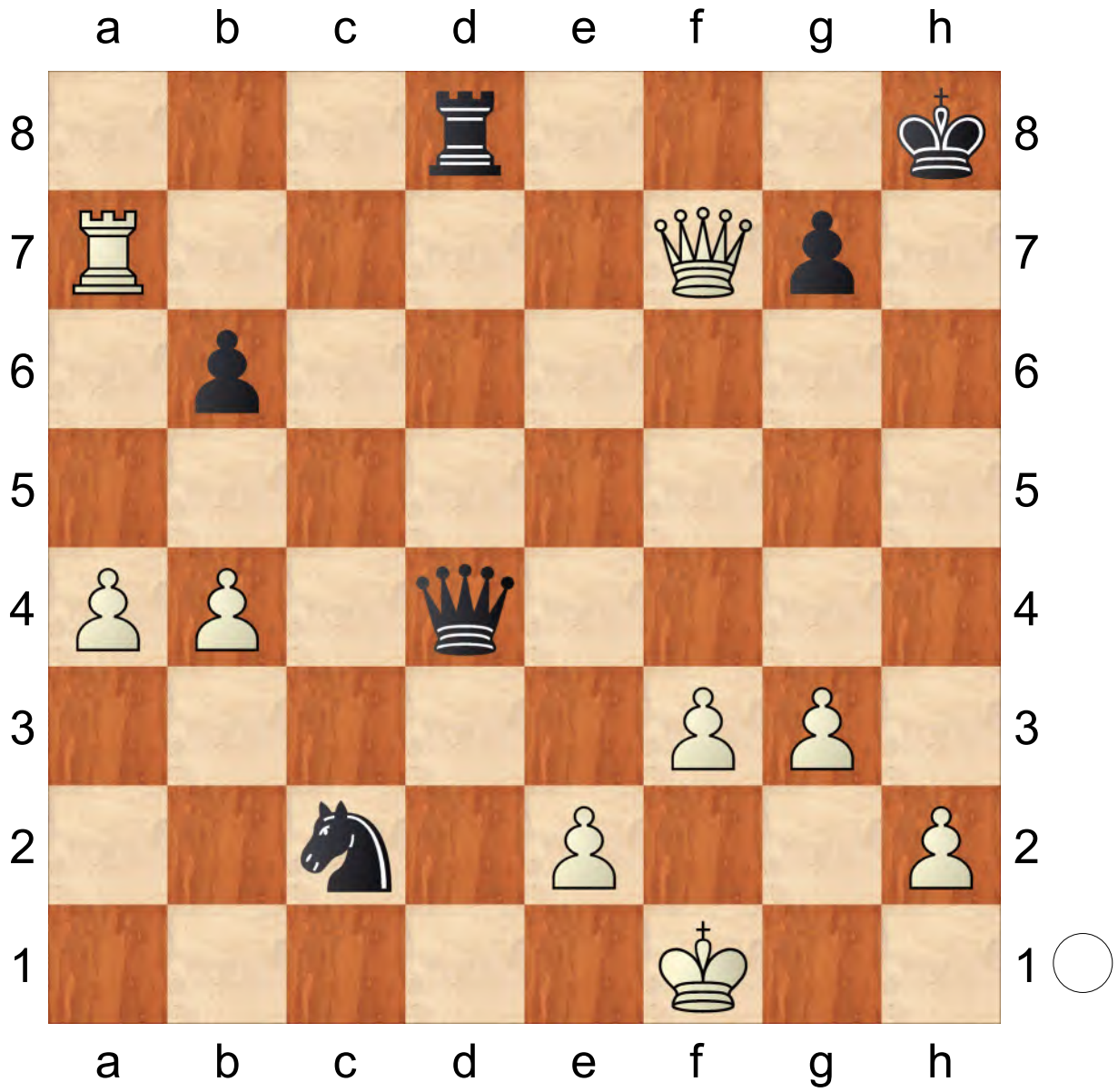
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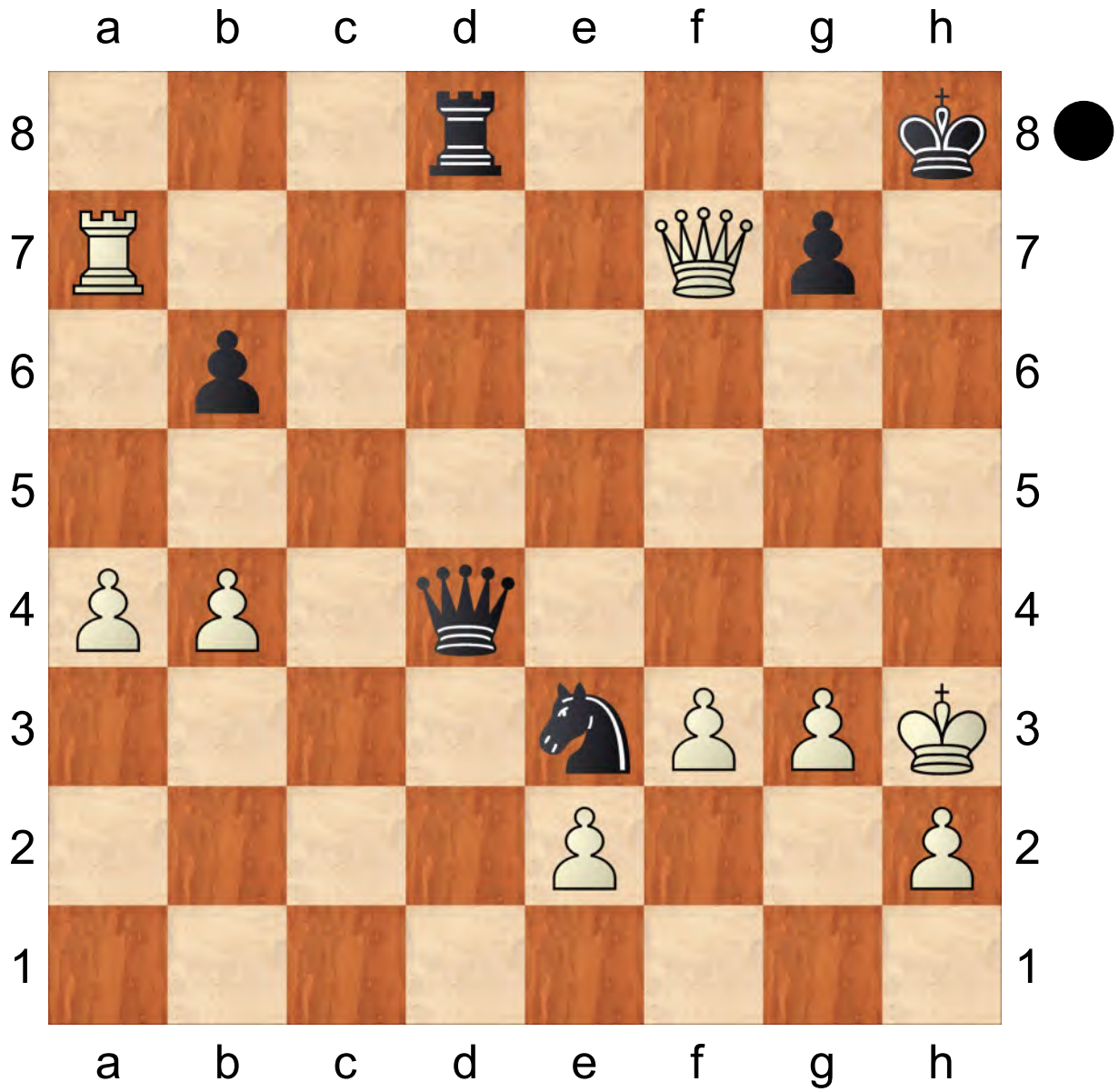

Now there is neither a mate nor a perpetual. White's king is surprisingly quite safe.' **39...Kh7 40.Qh5+ Kg8**

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41.Re7 Rf8 42.a5 bxa5 43.bxa5 Nd5 44.Qe5 Qxe5 45.Rxe5 Harikrishna, Penteala: '+-' Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Diagram

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White has forced an endgame with four pawns for a piece. This is very hard to defend in a practical game and objectively may even be winning for White.' **45...Nb4**

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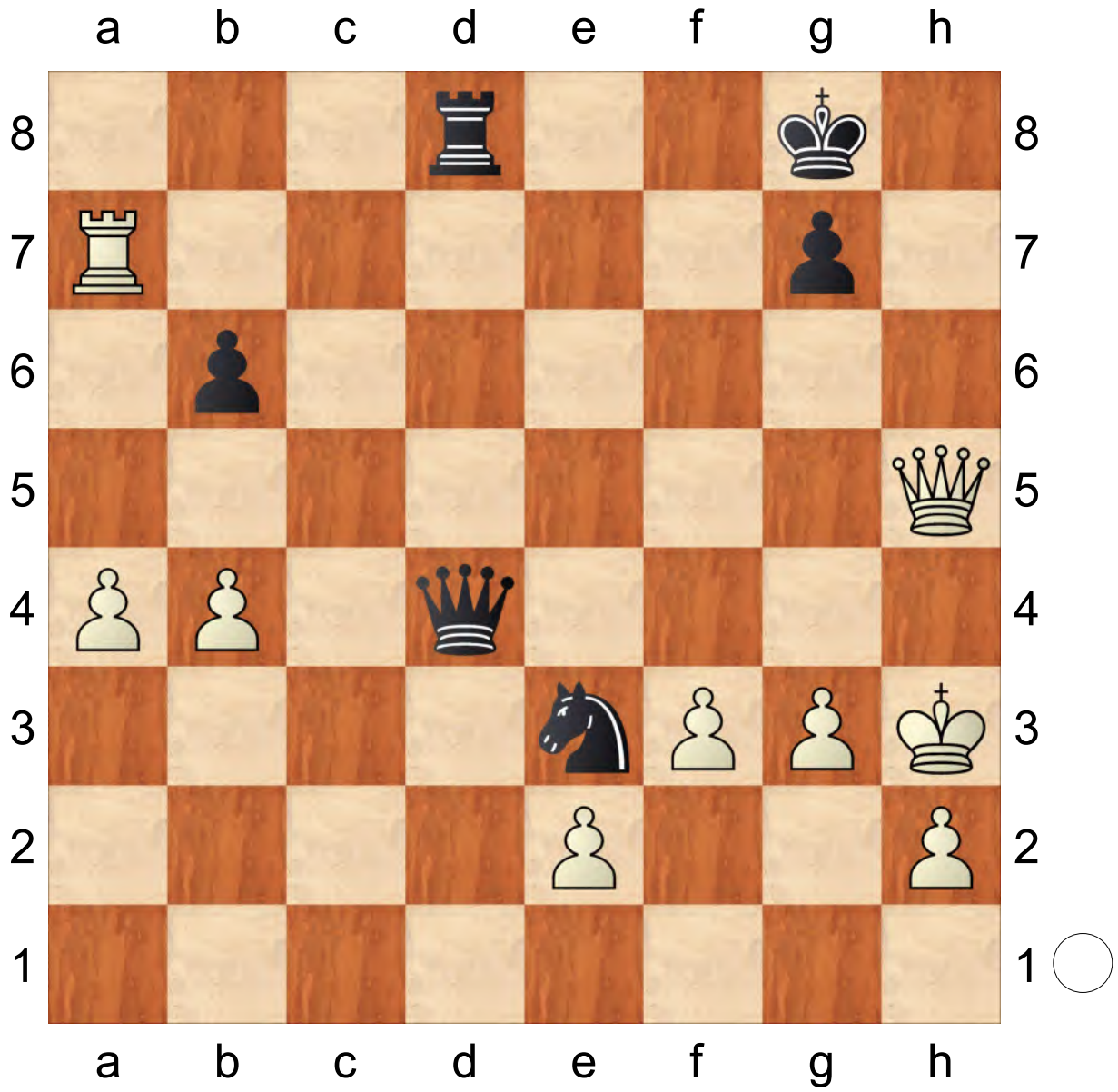
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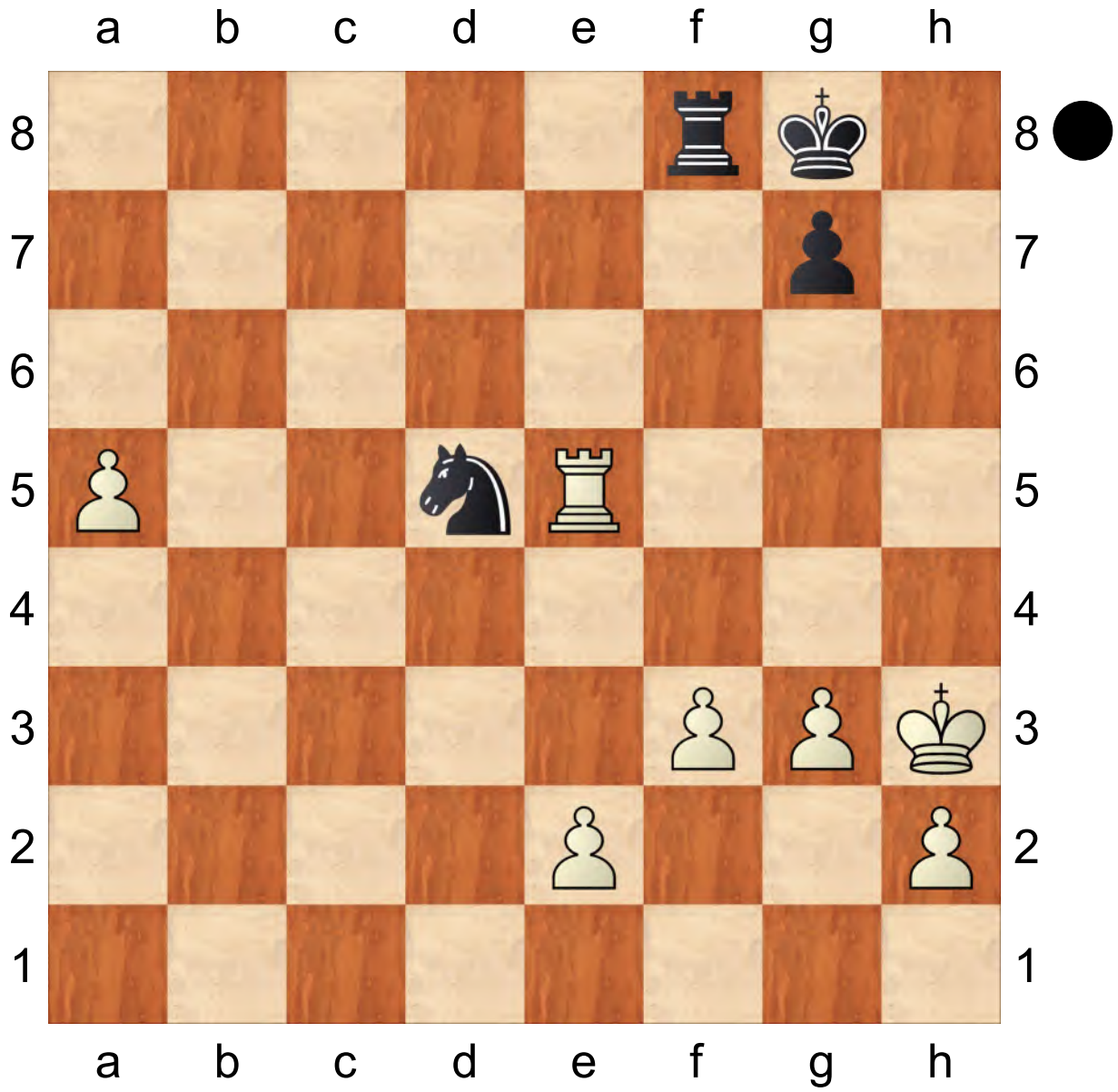
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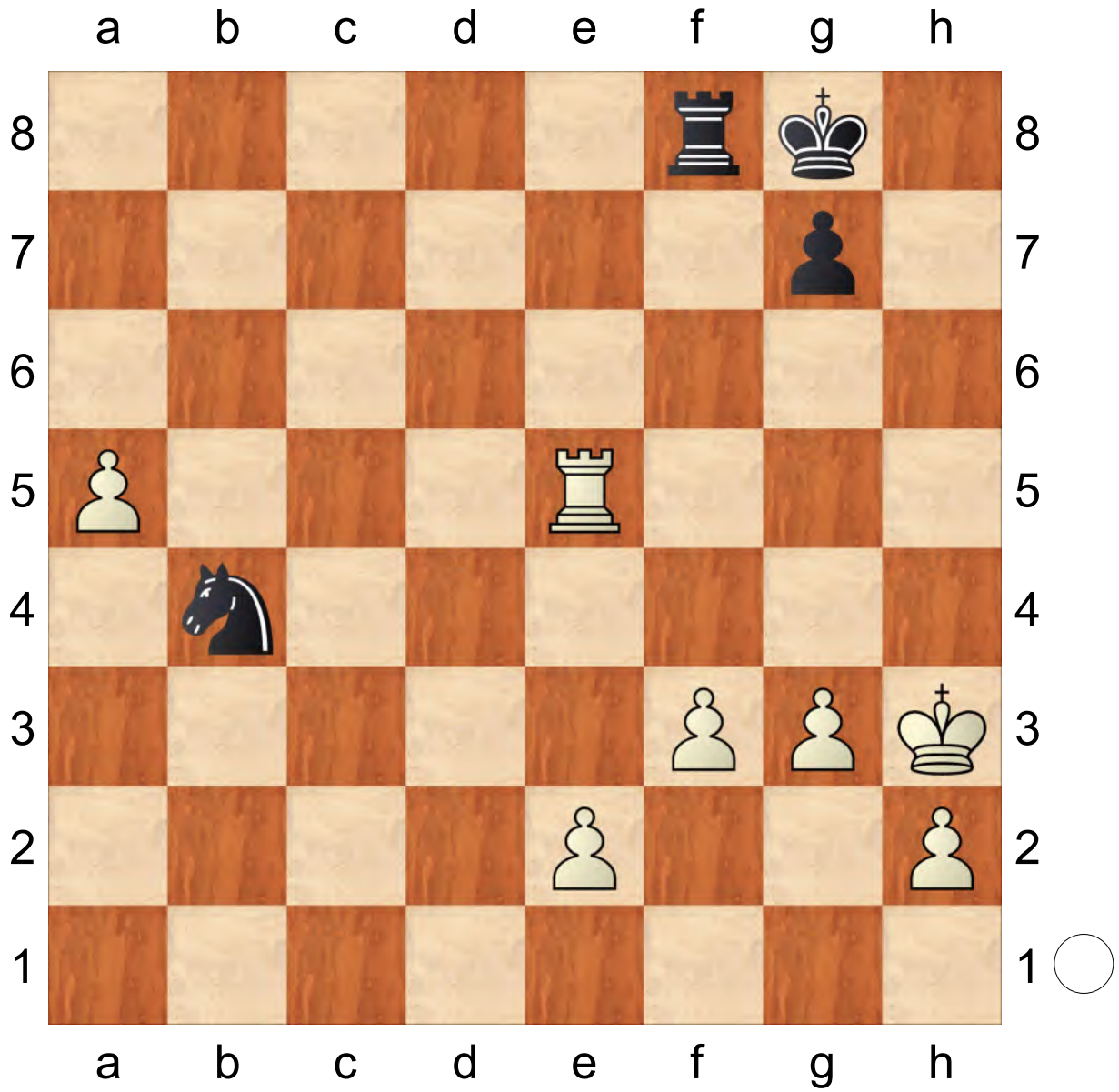
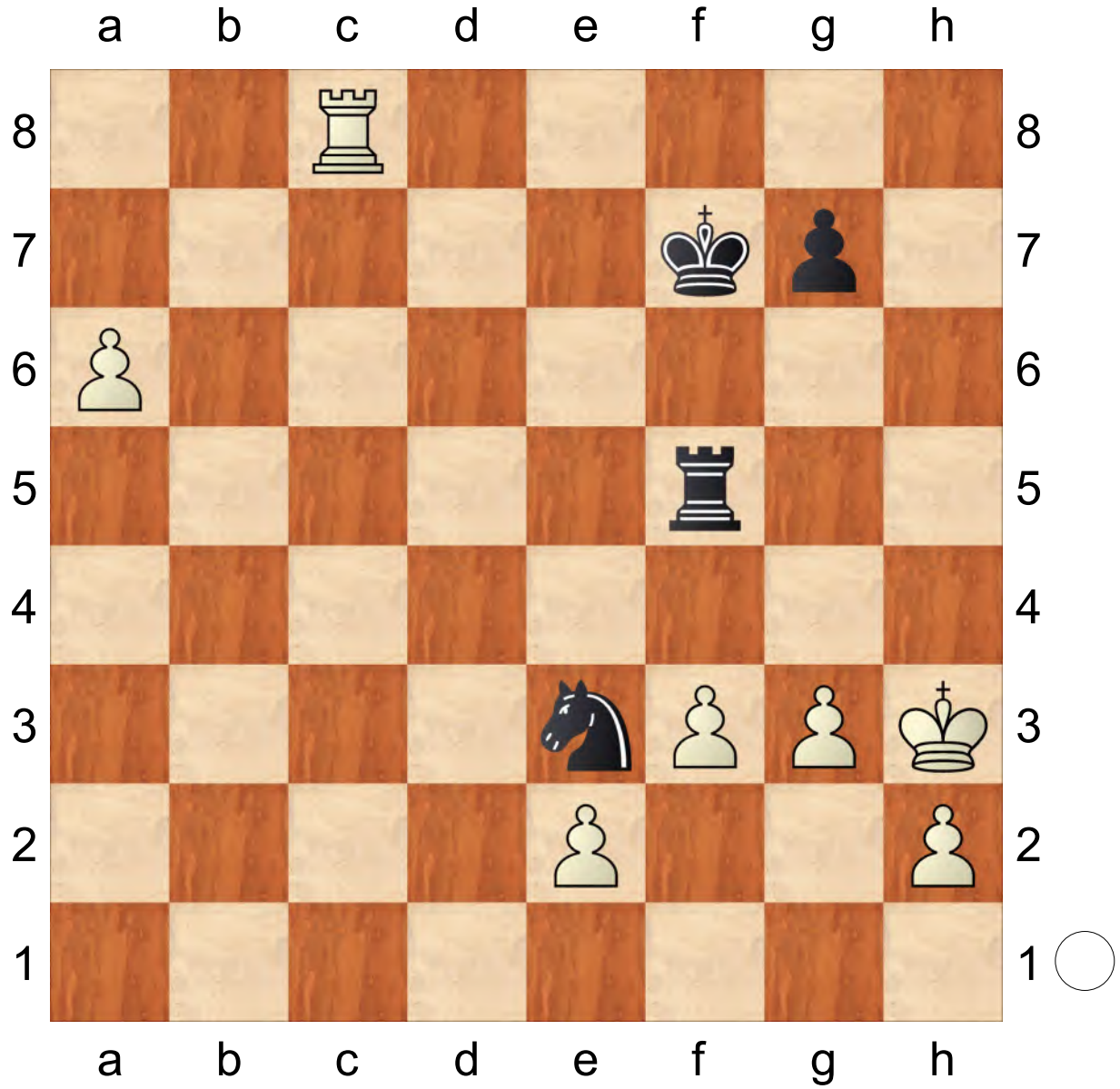


46.Re4
[46.Rb5 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Nc2]
[46.Rc5 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Ra8 47.Kg2 Ra6 48.Rb5 Nc2 49.Kf2 Nd4 50.Rb4 Nf5 51.e4 Ne7 52.Rb5 Ra7±]
46...Nd5
[46...Nc6 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 47.a6 Ra8 48.Ra4 Ra7 49.e4 Nb8 50.Rb4 Nxa6 51.Ra4 Ra8 52.Kg4 Nc7 53.Rxa8+ Nxa8 54.f4±]
47.Rc4 Rf6 48.Rc5 Rf5 49.Rc8+ Kf7 50.a6 Ne3

(Diagram)

51.g4 Ra5 52.Rc7+ Kf6 53.Rc6+?! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?!"
[Here I missed a direct tactical win: 53.a7! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Nd5



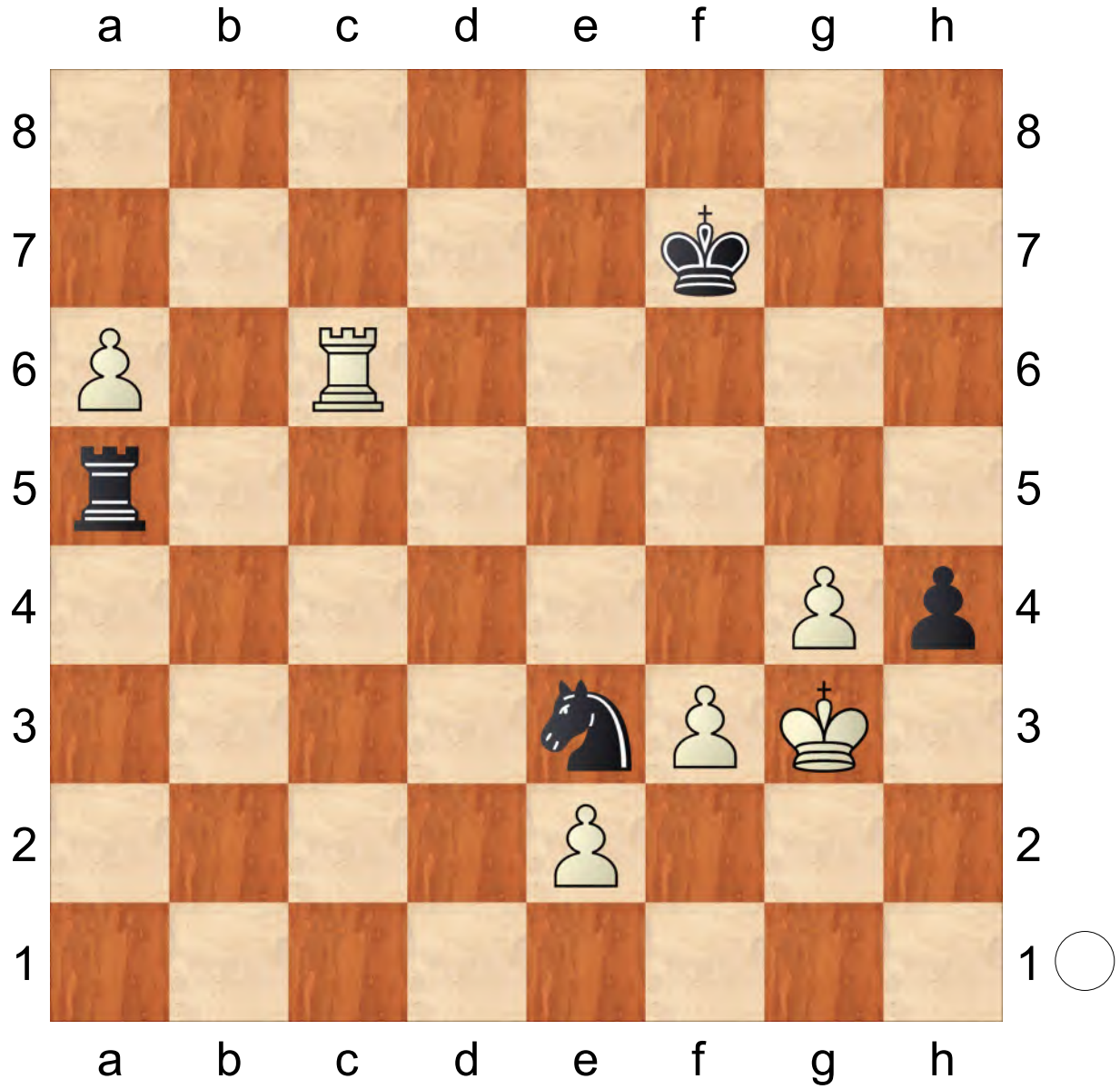
54.g5+! Kxg5 *(54...Kg6 55.Rc5 Nf4+ 56.Kg4+-)* 55.Rc5 Rxc5 56.a8Q Nf4+ 57.Kg3 Nxe2+ 58.Kf2 Nf4 59.Qd8+ Kh5 60.Qd7! Rc2+ 61.Ke3 Ng2+ 62.Kd3 Ne1+ 63.Ke4 Kg6 64.Qf5+ Kh6 65.Qh3+ Kg6 66.Qg3+ Kh7 67.Qxe1 Rxh2 68.f4 Rh6 69.f5 Rf6 70.Qh4+ Rh6 71.Qg5+-]

53...Kf7 54.Kg3 g5 55.h4 gxh4+

(Diagram)

56.Kxh4 Nd5 57.e4? Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?" To be honest, I overestimated White's advantage. After this careless move the position is again unclear. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'To be honest, I overestimated White's advantage. After this careless move the position is again unclear."

[57.g5!+- Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' would have been much stronger.]



57...Ne7 58.Rb6 Ng6+ 59.Kg3 Ra3 60.g5 Ne5

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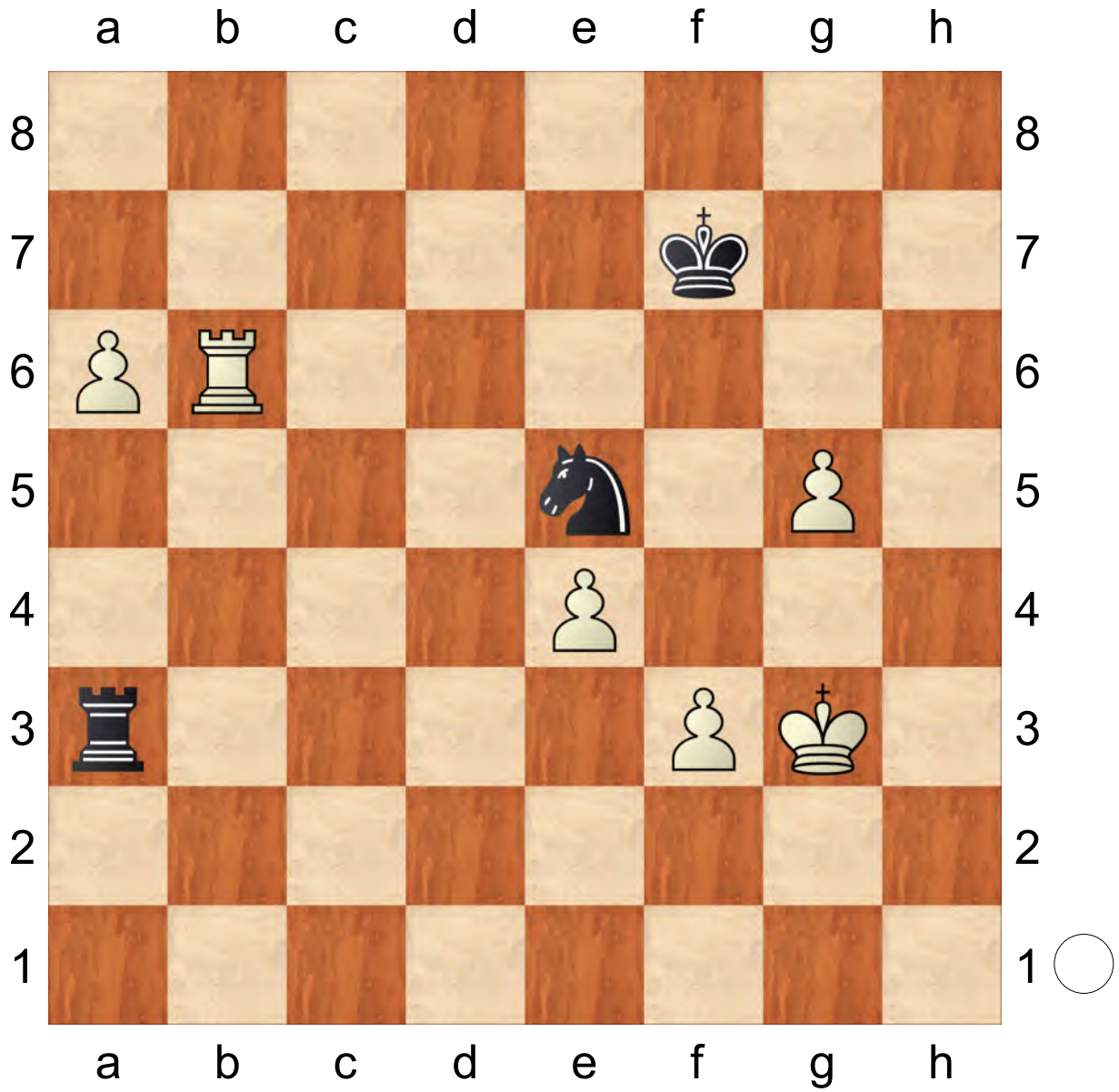
61.Rf6+ Ke7
[61...Kg7! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' is probably better.]
62.Kg2 Nd3 63.Rh6? Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?"
[I didn't see 63.f4! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Nc5 64.f5 Nxa6 *(64...Rxa6 65.Rxa6 Nxa6 66.Kf3+-)* 65.Re6+ Kf8 66.Rc6 Nb4 67.Rc8+ Kg7 68.Rc7+ Kg8 69.g6 Nd3 70.Kf3+-]
63...Ra5 64.a7
[64.Kh3 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' Rxg5 65.Rh8 Ne5 66.Re8+ Kxe8 67.a7 Nxf3 68.a8Q+ Kf7=]



64...Rxg5+ 65.Kf1 Rg8

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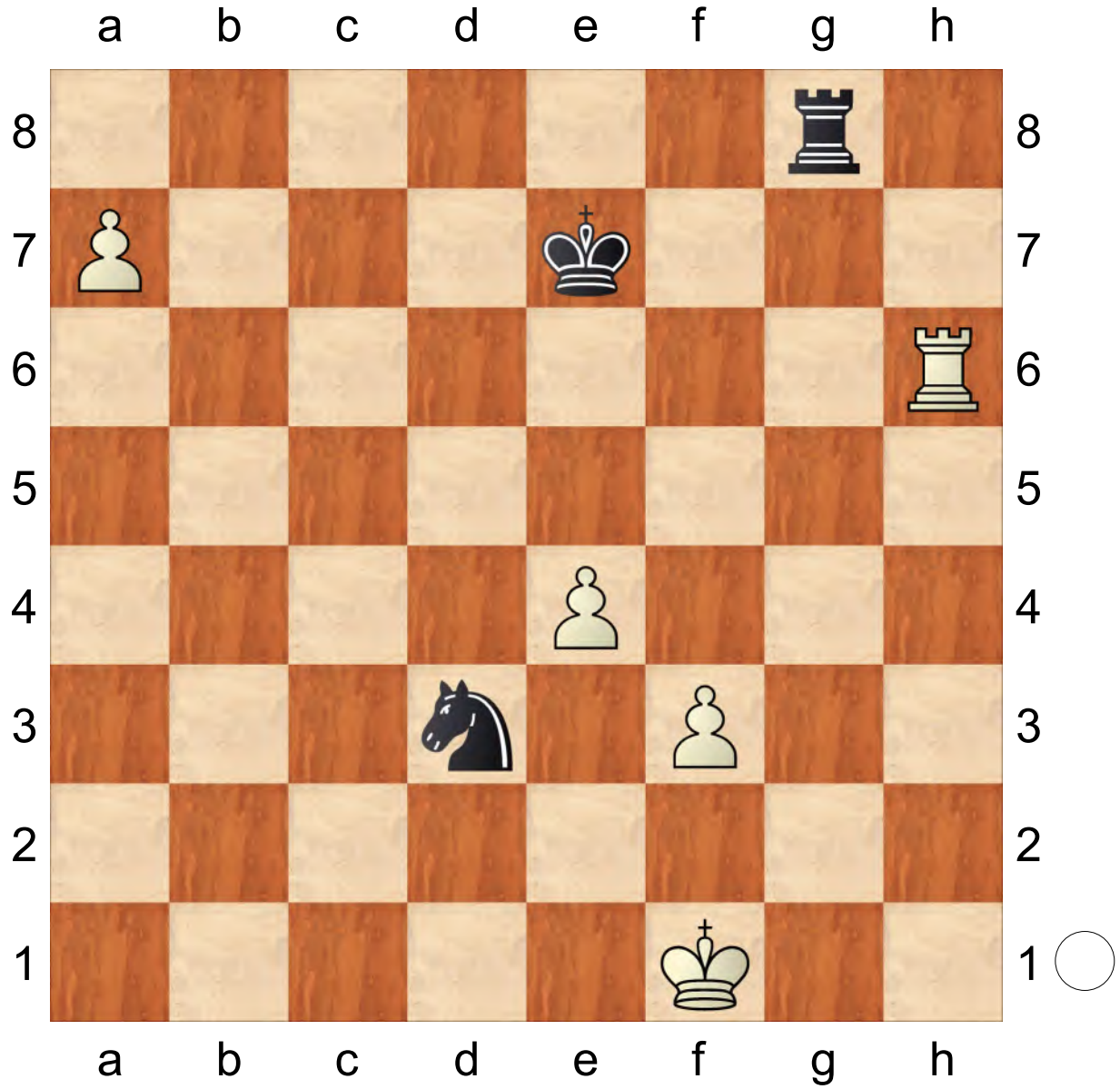
66.Ke2 After the pendulum has swung back and forth throughout the game, Black now makes the crucial mistake. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'After the pendulum has swung back and forth throughout the game, Black now makes the crucial mistake." **66...Ne5?** Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '?"

[Instead 66...Nf4+! Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' would have secured the draw. 67.Ke3 Ne6= 68.e5 Kd7=]

67.f4 Nd7 68.Ra6 Ra8 69.Ke3 Nc5

[69...Kd8 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 70.Kd4 Kc7 71.e5 Kb7 72.Ra1+-]

70.Ra1+- Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '+-" **70...Nb7**



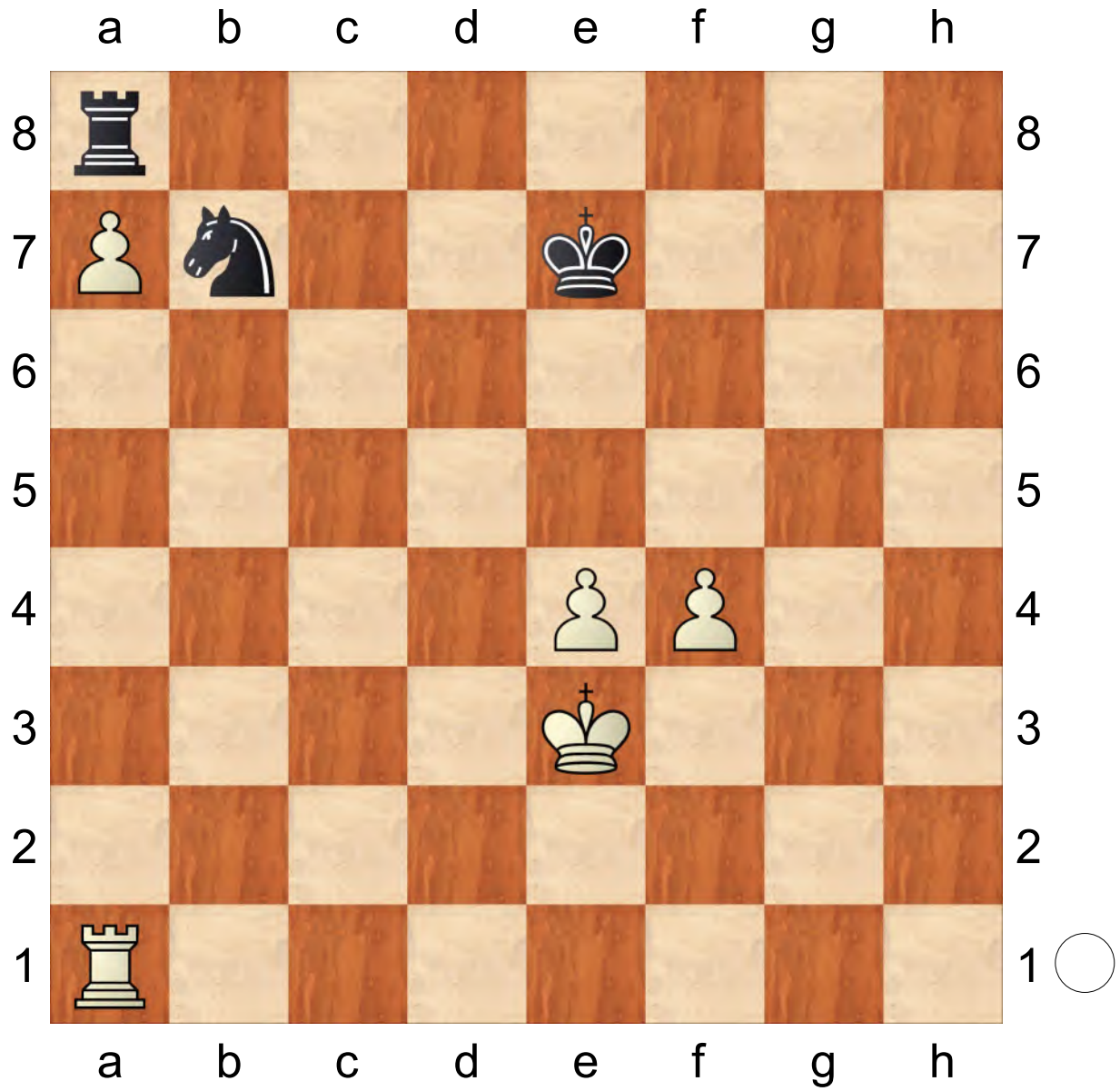
[70...Ne6 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 71.e5 Nc7 *(71...Nd8 72.Ra6 Kd7 73.f5 Nc6 74.e6+ Kc7 75.f6+-)* 72.Ke4 Nb5 73.Ra5 Nxa7 74.f5+-]

(Diagram)

71.e5 Nd8 72.Ra6 Kd7 73.f5 Nc6 74.e6+ Basically White can always sacrifice his rook for Black's knight. Black's rook and the king on c6 cannot stop White's connected e- and f-pawns. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Basically White can always sacrifice his rook for Black's knight. Black's rook and the king on c6 cannot stop White's connected e- and f-pawns." **74...Kc7**

[74...Kd6 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 75.f6 Rxa7 76.Rxc6+ Kxc6 77.f7+-]

75.f6+- Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: '+-' '+-" **75...Nb4**



[75...Kb7 Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi' 76.Rxc6 Kxc6]

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76.f7 Kb7 77.Rd6

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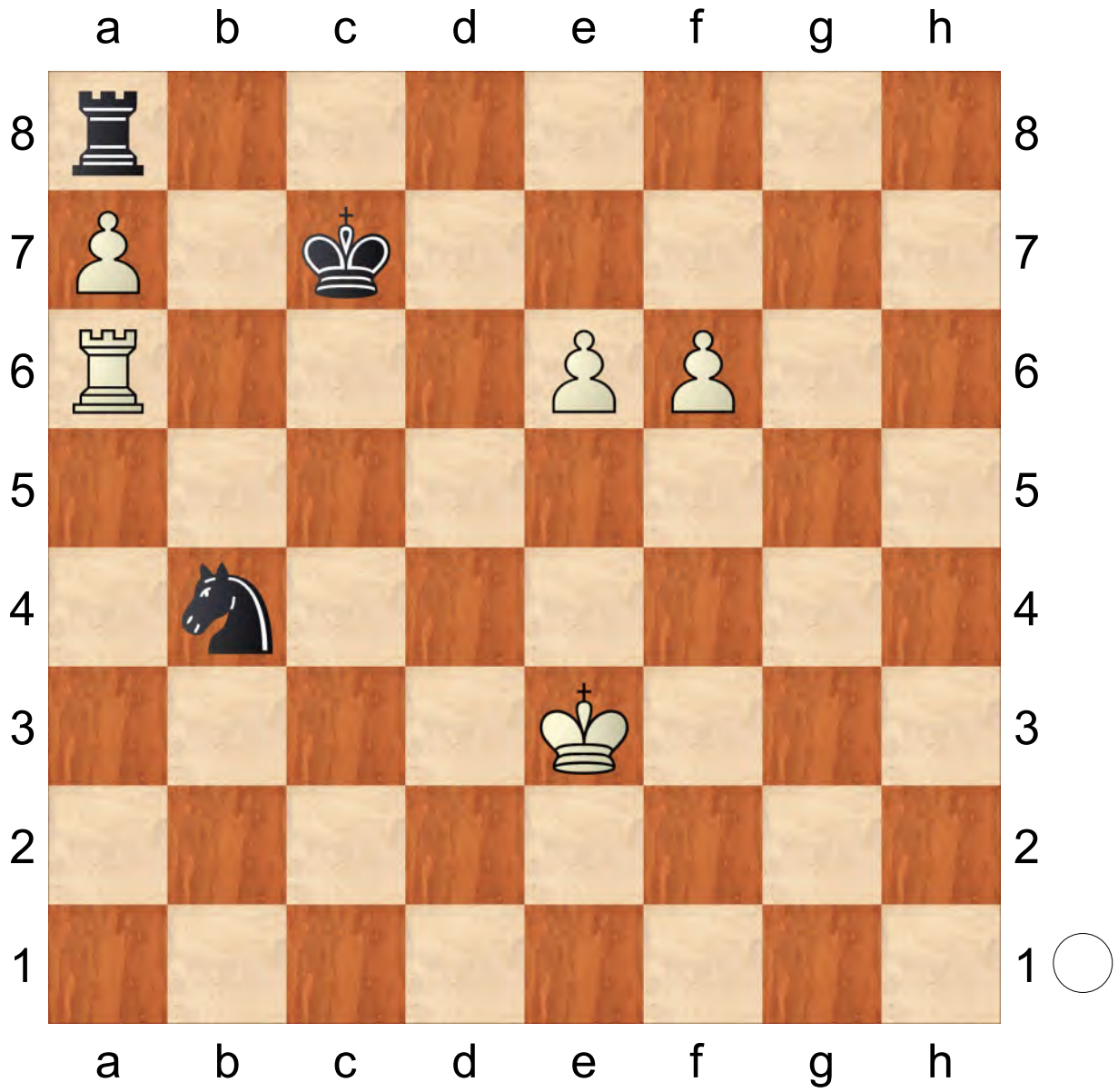
Harikrishna,Penteala: 'And so, after a hard fight, with this victory Yu had managed to force a tiebreak match against the World Champion.' Finally after five hours and lots of ups and downs, I brought home the full point. This victory gave me the opportunity to play a tie-break against Magnus Carlsen. Harikrishna,Penteala: 'Yu Yangyi: 'Finally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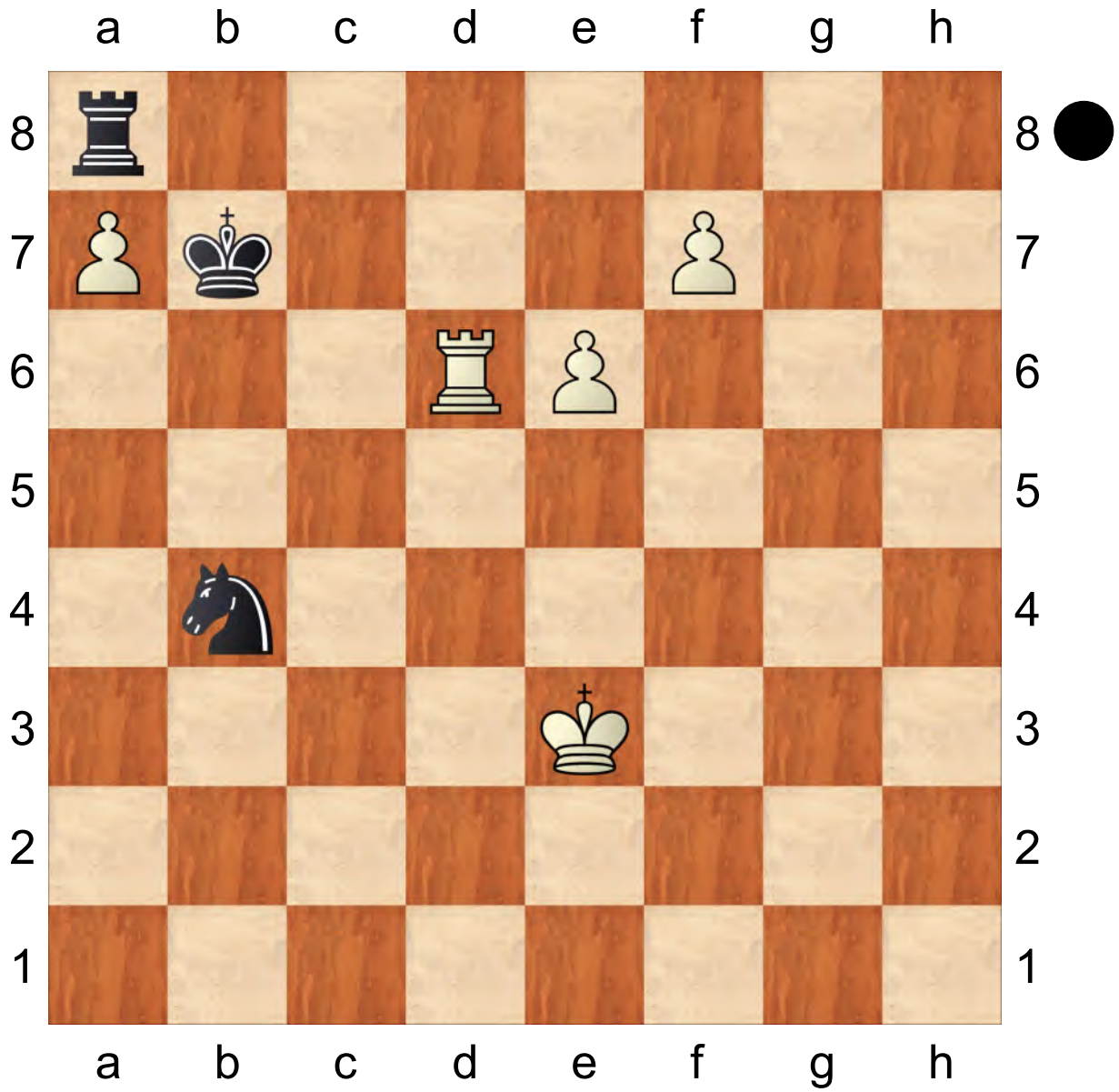

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□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2545**
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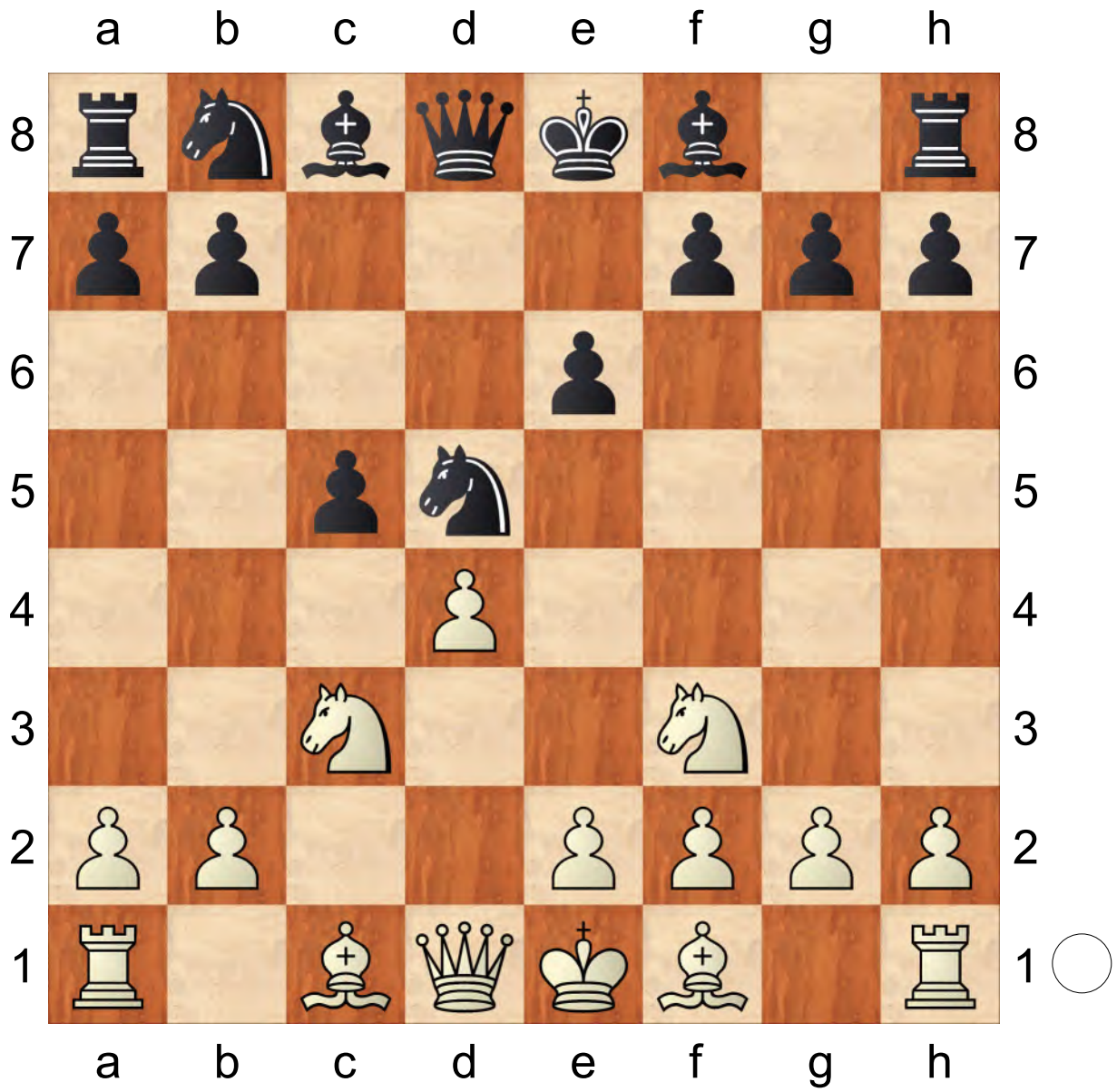

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[⩲9...Bb4+]
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A) 11...Bb7 12.a4 b4 13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 Na5

A1) 15.Re1 Be7□ 16.Qd4 *(16.d6 Qxd6 17.Qxd6 Bxd6 18.Bxa6+ Kd7 19.Bb5+ Bc6 20.Bb2 f6 21.Nd4 Bxb5 22.Nxb5 Nc4=; 16.Bg5 f6 17.d6 Qxd6 18.Qxd6 Bxd6 19.Bxa6+ Kf7 20.Bxb7 Nxb7 21.Bd2=)* 16...0-0 17.Bb2 Bf6 18.Qxb4 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Qxd5 20.Rad1 Qf5 21.Ne5 Qf6 22.Bh5 Rae8 *(22...g6 23.Qb4 Nc6 24.Qb6 Rae8 25.Nd7 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qc3 27.Rf1 Rd8 28.Qxb7 gxh5 29.Nb6±)* 23.Re3 g6 24.Qc3 Nc6 25.Bf3 Nxe5 26.Bxb7**±**;

A2) 15.Bb5+!? axb5□ 16.Re1+

A2a) 16...Be7□ 17.d6 Nc6 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.bxc6 Bxc6 *(19...Rxc1 20.d7+ Kf8 21.Qxc1+-)* 20.Rxe7+ Kf8 21.Ne1 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Qxd6 23.Ra7 Be8 24.Qc4 h5=;

A2b) 16...Kd7?? 17.Ne5++- Kc7

A2b1) 18.Nxf7

A2b11) 18...Qxd5 19.Bf4+ Kb6 20.Be3+! *(20.Qxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxh8 Bc5 22.Re5 Bc4 23.axb5 Bd4 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Rxh8∓)* 20...Bc5□ 21.Bxc5+

A2b111) 21...Kxc5 22.Re5 Rhe8 23.Qd3 Rxe5 24.Qxb5+ Kd4 25.Qxb4+ Nc4 *(25...Kd3 26.Nxe5+ Qxe5 27.Ra3++-)* 26.Rd1+ Ke4 27.Nd6+ Kf4 *(27...Qxd6 28.Qxc4+ Kf5 29.g4+ Kg5 30.f4+ Kh4 31.Rxd6 Re1+ 32.Kf2 Rh1 33.Qf7+-)* 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.g3+ Kg5 30.Qxb7+-;

A2b112) 21...Qxc5;

A2b12) 18...Qf6;

A2b2) 18.Qc2+

A2b21) 18...Kb8 19.Bf4 Ka7 *(19...Bd6 20.Nxf7 Bxf4 21.Nxd8 Rxd8 22.axb5 Bxd5 23.Rad1+-)* 20.axb5 Rc8 21.Qa4 Bxd5 22.b6+ Kb7 23.Qxa5 Ra8 24.Qb5+-;

A2b22) 18...Nc4 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.Qxc4+ Kb8 21.Re8!! Qxe8 22.Bf4+ Ka7 23.Qd4+ Ka6 24.Bc7 1-0 Vaisman,V-Grabczewski,R/ Wroclaw 1974;

B) 11...Be7

B1) 12.a4 bxa4 13.Bf4 Nb4 14.Qxa4+ Bd7 15.Qb3 Bc6 16.d5! *(16.Qb1 0-0 17.Rc1±)* 16...exd5 17.Ne5 *(17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.Bf3 Bd6 20.exd5 Qf6 21.Bg3 Rfd8 22.Nc4 Bxg3 23.hxg3 Bxd5 24.Qxb4 Bxf3 25.gxf3+-)*

B1a) 17...Bb5 18.Bxb5+ axb5 19.Bd2 f6 *(19...Bd6 20.Nf3!+-; 19...Rxa1 20.Rxa1+-)* 20.Bxb4 fxe5 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Qxb5+-;

B1b) 17...Bb7 18.Qa4+ Kf8

B1b1) 19.Rfc1! dxe4 20.Rc7 Qxc7 *(20...Nd5 21.Rd7 Qe8 22.Qxe4 Nc3 23.Qxb7 Nxe2+ 24.Kf1 Nxf4 25.Rxe7 Qxe7 26.Qxa8+ Qe8 27.Rxa6 f6 28.Qxe8+ Kxe8 29.Ra8+ Ke7 30.Nc6++-; 20...Bc8 21.Nc6 Nxc6 22.Qxc6 Be6 23.Rxa6 Rxa6 24.Bxa6 Qd1+ 25.Bf1±)* 21.Nd7+ Qxd7 22.Qxd7**±**;

B1b2) 19.Bh5 g6 20.Bh6+?! *(20.Rfb1 a5 21.Bg4⩲)* 20...Kg8 21.Rad1? *(21.Bf3∓)* 21...a5? 1-0 Romm,M-Peretz,M/Netanya-A 1973/MCD-r7 (45) *(21...Qd6!-+)*;

B2) 12.Bb2

B2a) 12...0-0

B2a1) 13.a4 b4

B2a11) 14.d5 exd5 15.exd5 Na5 16.Qd4 Bf6 17.Qxb4 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Qxd5 19.Rad1 Qb3 20.Qe5 Nc6 21.Qe4 Qe6 22.Bd3 f5 23.Qc4

B2a111) 23...Qxc4 24.Bxc4+ Kh8

B2a1111) 25.Bd5 Bd7 26.Ne5! *(26.Ng5 h6 27.Ne6 Bxe6 28.Bxe6±)* 26...Nxe5 27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.Rd5 Re8 29.f4±;

B2a1112) 25.Rd6 Na5 26.Bd3±;

B2a112) 23...Kh8 24.Rfe1±;

B2a12) 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 Na5 17.Rad1 Bd6 18.Qd4 f6 19.Bd3 g6 20.Rfe1 *(20.Qg4 Qc8 21.Qh4±)* 20...Nb3 *(20...Qd7±)* 21.Qh4± Brenninkmeijer,J-Costa,J/Lugano op 1989/TD 89\01/½-½ (67) *(21.Qg4 Qc7 22.Re6!±)*;

B2a2) 13.d5 Na5 14.Qd2 exd5 15.exd5 Re8 16.Rfe1 Bg4 17.Bc3 Bxf3

B2a21) 18.Bxa5 Bg5 19.Qb4 *(19.Qc3 Bf6!=)* 19...Be7!=;

B2a22) 18.Bxf3 Nc4 19.Qd3 *(19.Qf4±)* 19...Bd6 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Re1± ½-½ Mecking,H-Campora,D/Sao Paulo zt 1993/CBM 36 (28);

B2b) 12...Bf6 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Rfd1 Bb7

B2b1) 15.a4 Na5 *(15...b4 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Ne7 19.Qxb4 Bxd5 20.Rab1±)* 16.Qe3 b4 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Rd2 Bg5 *(18...Bxe5 19.dxe5 Qh4 20.Rd4⇄)* 19.f4 Be7⇄ 1-0 Dlugy-Costa/Brocco op/SW,39,15 1987 (37);

B2b2) 15.d5 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 exd5 17.a4 *(17.exd5 Ne7 18.d6 Nd5!∓)* 17...Qb6 18.exd5 Ne7

B2b21) 19.d6 Nd5 20.axb5 Rfd8 *(20...axb5 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Qe5±)* 21.Bc4 Rxd6 22.Qb3±;

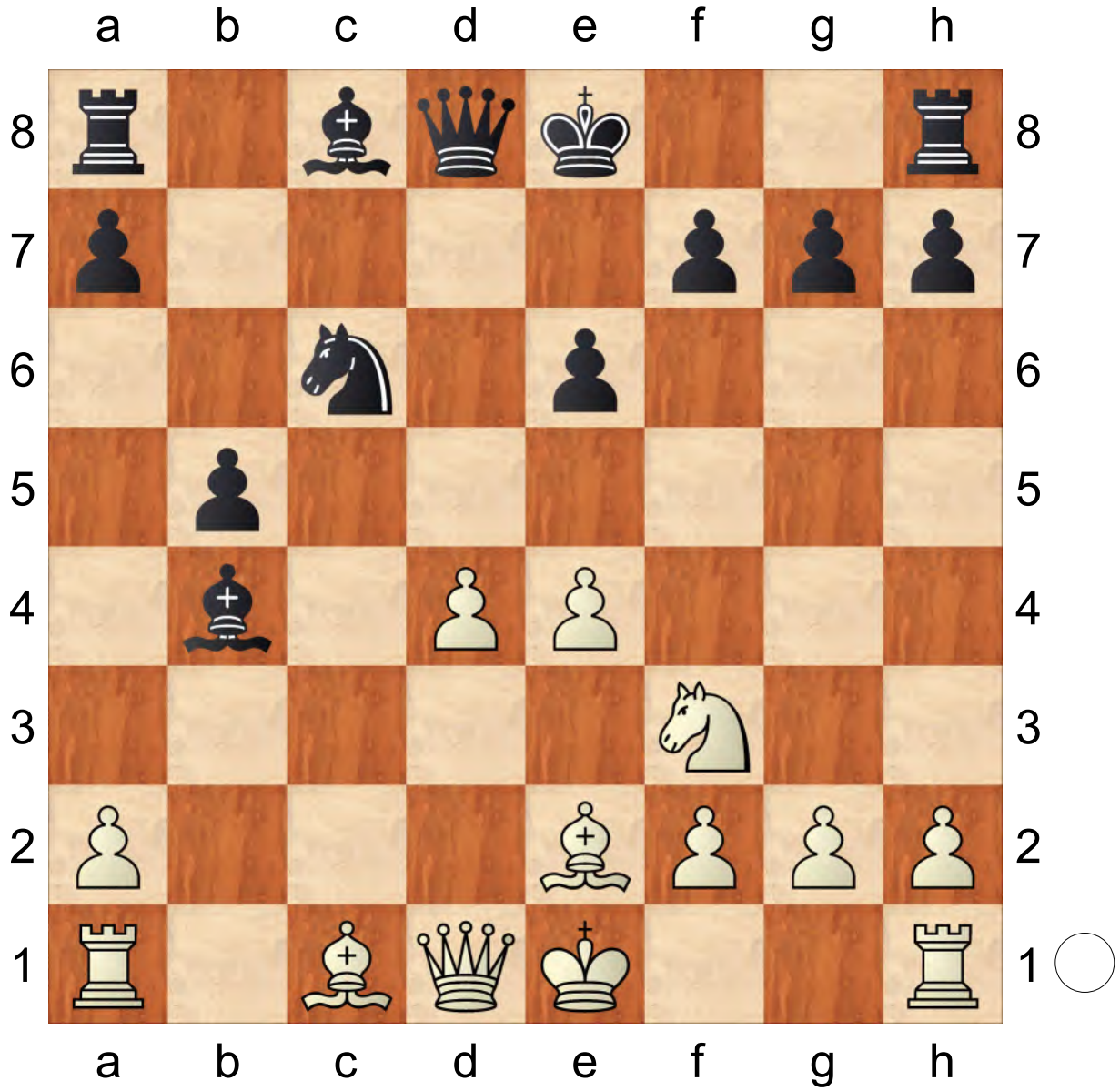
B2b22) 19.Ne5? ½-½ Bagirov,V-Shamkovich,L/URS-ch40 Baku 1972/URS-ch 19...Bxd5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qxb5 Qe6 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Ng4=]

(Diagram)

11.Bd2 Bxd2+

[11...Qa5 12.Rb1 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2±]

12.Qxd2 Rb8 13.d5!±



[13.Rc1 Ne7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rc5 Bb7 16.Qe3 a6 17.Rfc1±]

13...exd5 14.exd5 Ne7

[14...Na5 15.Qe3+ Qe7 16.Qc3+-]

15.d6 Nf5

(Diagram)

16.Rd1

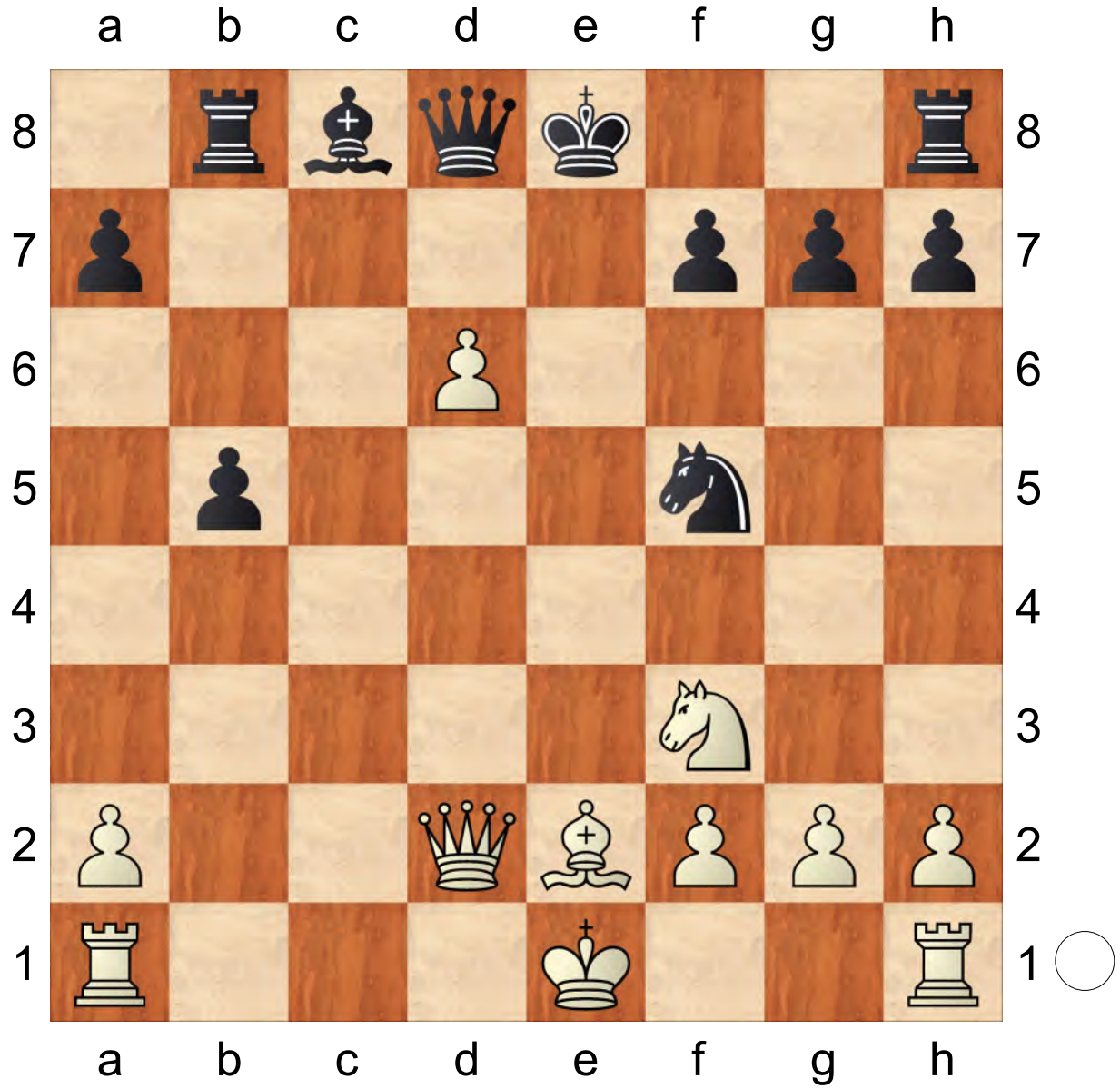
[16.Bxb5+? Kf8!=]

16...0-0

[16...Bd7 17.g4

A) 17...Nh4 18.Qe3+

A1) 18...Be6 19.d7+ Kf8 *(19...Qxd7 20.Nxh4+-)* 20.Qc5+ Kg8



21.Qxa7+-;

A2) 18...Kf8 19.Qe7++-;

B) 17...Nh6 18.Qe3+ Kf8 19.h3±]

17.d7! Bb7

[17...Ba6 18.0-0±]

18.0-0 Qf6 19.Qf4 a6

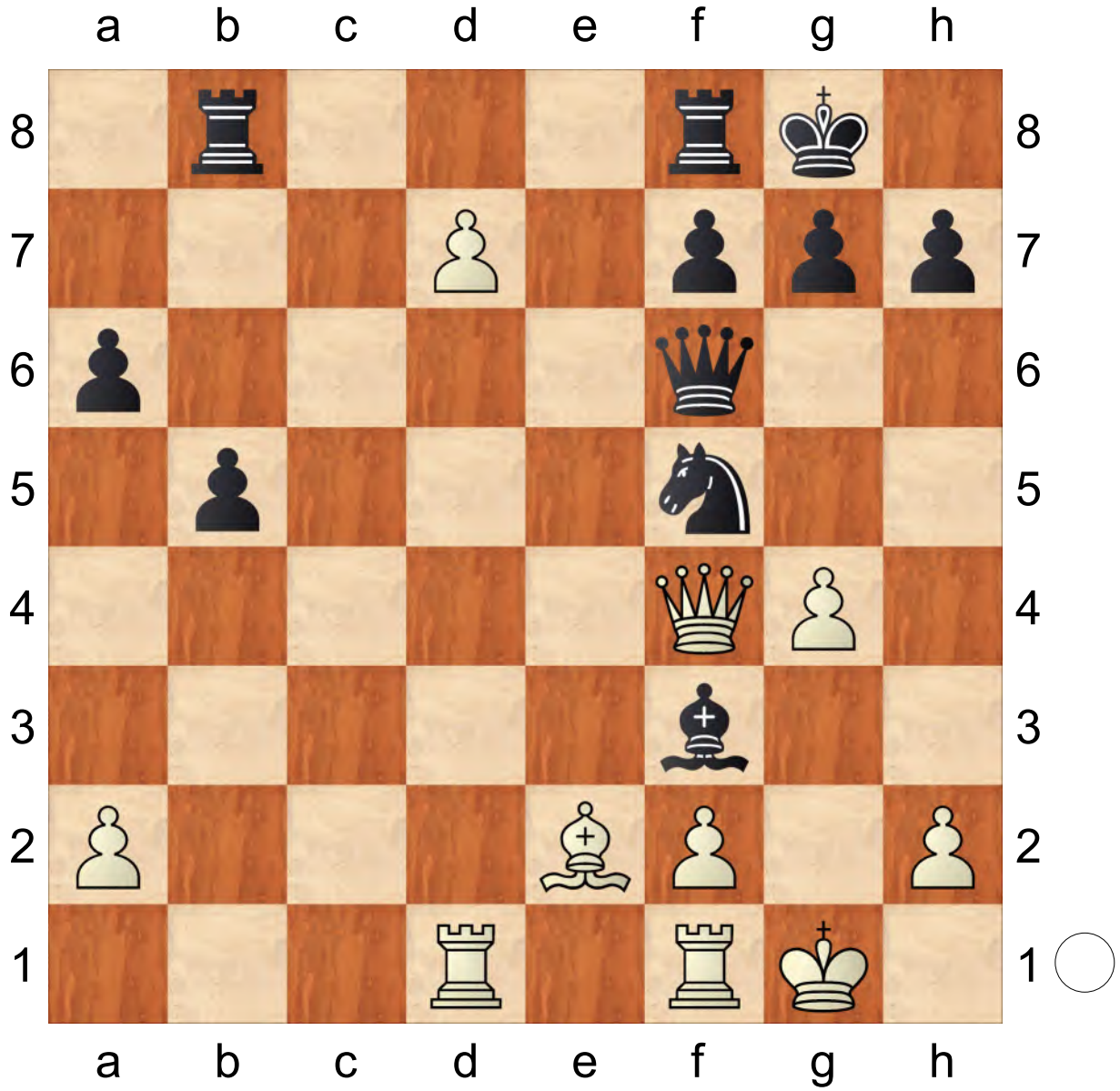
[19...Rfd8 20.g4 Nh6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Nd4!

A) 22...Rxd7? 23.Nf5! Rxd1 *(23...Nxf5 24.Rxd7+-)* 24.Nxh6+ Kg7 25.Nf5++-;

B) 22...Kf8 23.Bxb5 Nxg4 24.Rc1 Ne5 25.Rc7 Ke7 26.f4 Rg8+ 27.Kf2 Ng4+ 28.Ke2 Kd6 29.Rfc1 Nxh2 30.Nf5+ Ke6 31.Bd3 Rgd8 32.R1c5 Bd5 33.Nd4+ Kd6 34.Nb5+ Rxb5 35.Bxb5+-]

20.g4! Bxf3

[20...Nh6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rd4± *(22.h3±)*]



21.Bxf3 Nh4 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rfd8

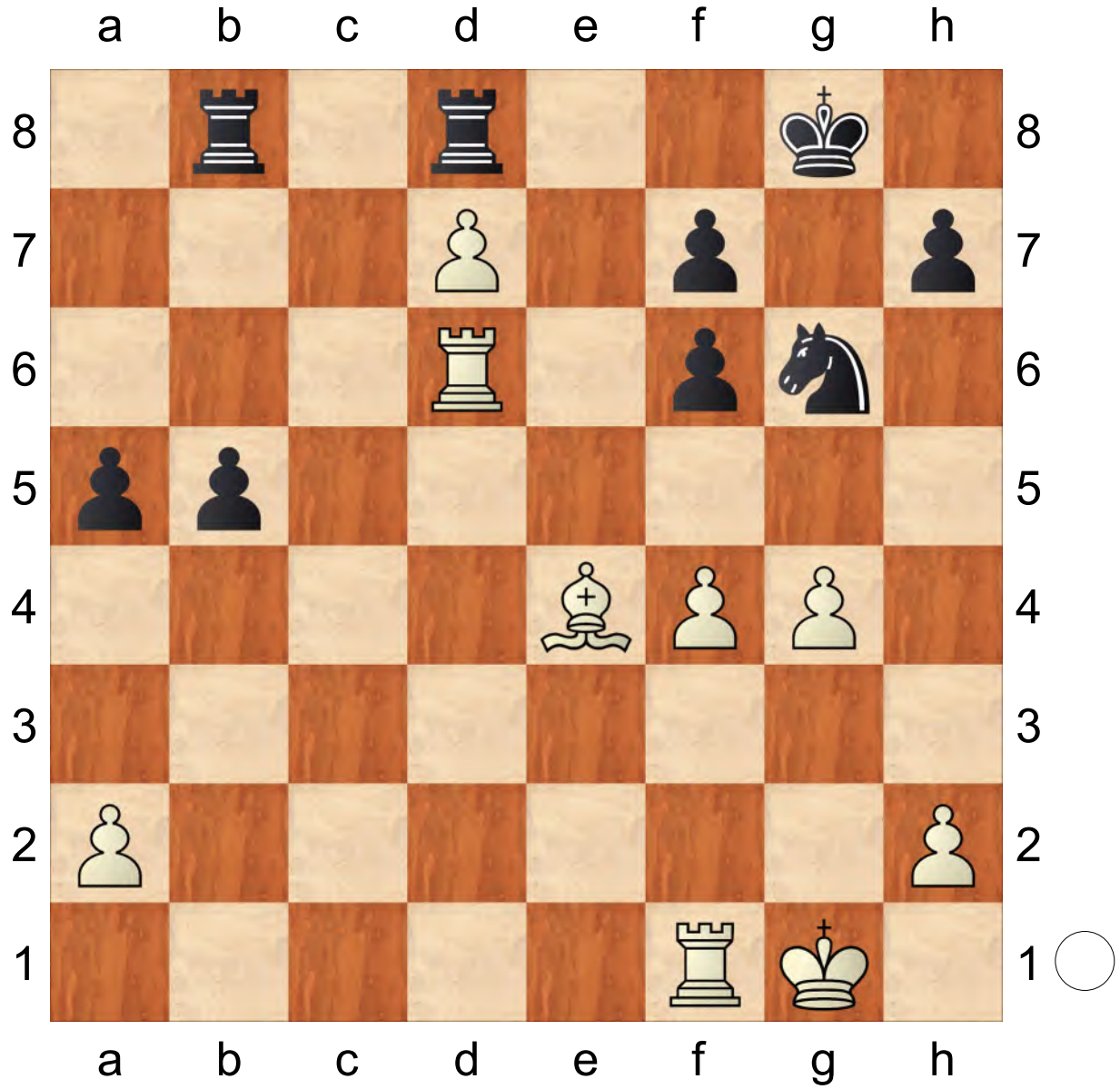
[23...Ng6 24.Rd6±]

24.Rd6 a5 25.f4 Ng6

[25...Kf8 26.f5 Ke7 27.Rfd1 b4 28.Kf2 b3 29.axb3 Rxb3 30.R6d3 Rxd3 31.Rxd3 Rxd7 32.Rxd7+ Kxd7 33.Kg3 Ng6 34.fxg6 fxg6 35.Bc2 Ke6 36.Kf4+-]

(Diagram)

26.h4+- Kg7



[26...Nxh4 27.f5 b4 28.Kf2 b3 29.axb3 Rxb3 30.Rh1+-]

27.h5 Nf8 28.h6+!

[28.Rfd1 b4 29.Bc2 Rb7 30.Ba4 Ne6 31.Rc1 Rc7 32.Rxc7 Nxc7 33.f5 Kf8 34.Rxf6 Nd5 35.Ra6 Nc3 36.Bc6 Nxa2 37.f6+-]

28...Kxh6 29.g5+ Kg7 30.gxf6+ Kg8

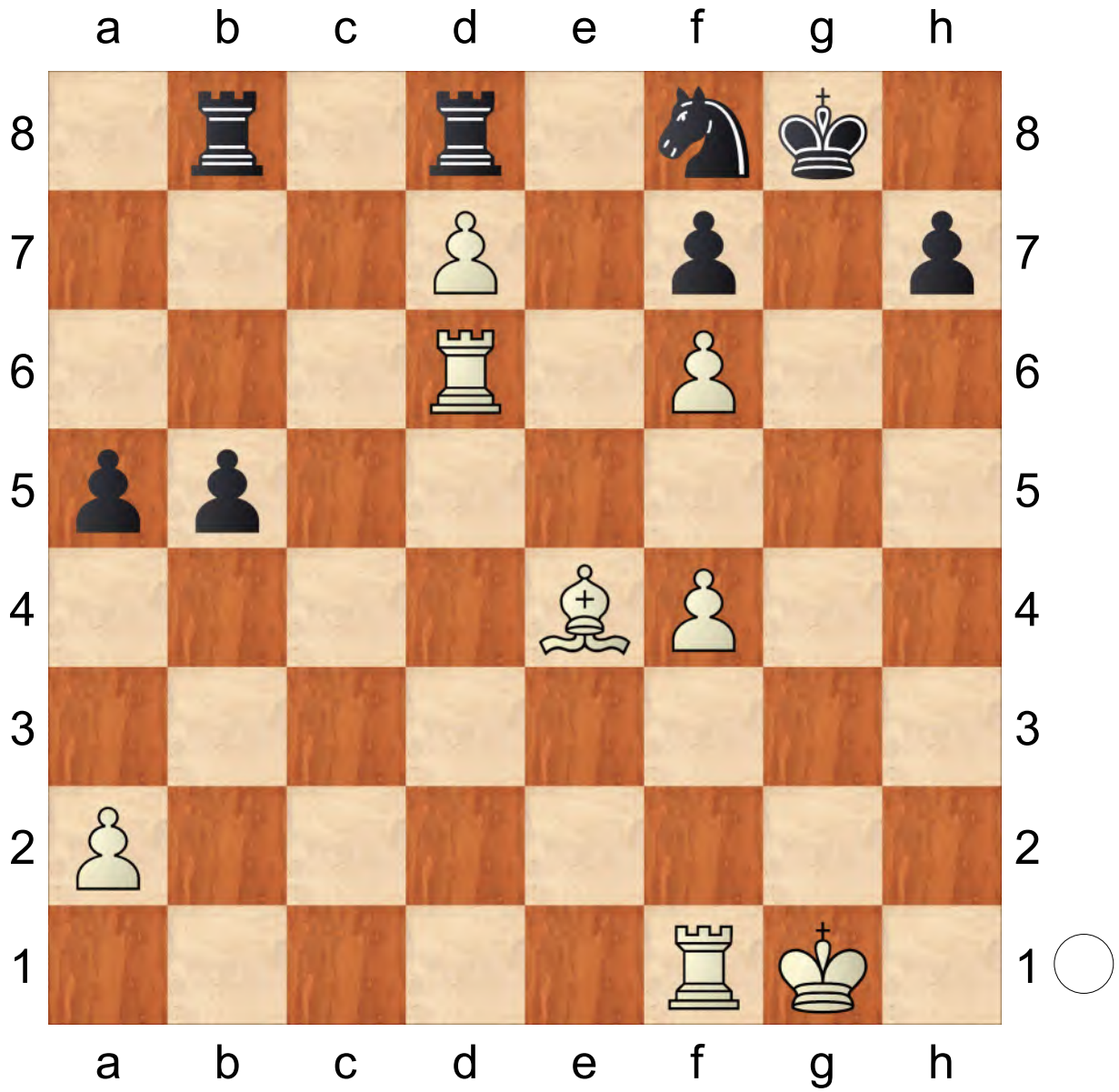
(Diagram)

31.Bc6! Ne6

[31...Rb6 32.Kf2 b4 33.Rg1+ Kh8 34.Rg7 Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Nxd7 36.Bxd7 Rxf6 37.Rg4 Rd6 38.Be8! Rd2+ 39.Ke3 Rxa2 40.Bxf7 Ra3+ 41.Ke4 h6 42.f5+-]

32.f5 Nc7 33.Rd3

[33.Kf2 Rb6 34.Rc1 h6 35.Rd4 Kh7 36.Bf3 Na6 37.Rc8 Rb8 38.Bb7!+-]



33...Rb6 34.Rc1 Na6 35.Re3 Rf8

(Diagram)

36.Re8 Rb8 37.Bxb5

(Diagram)

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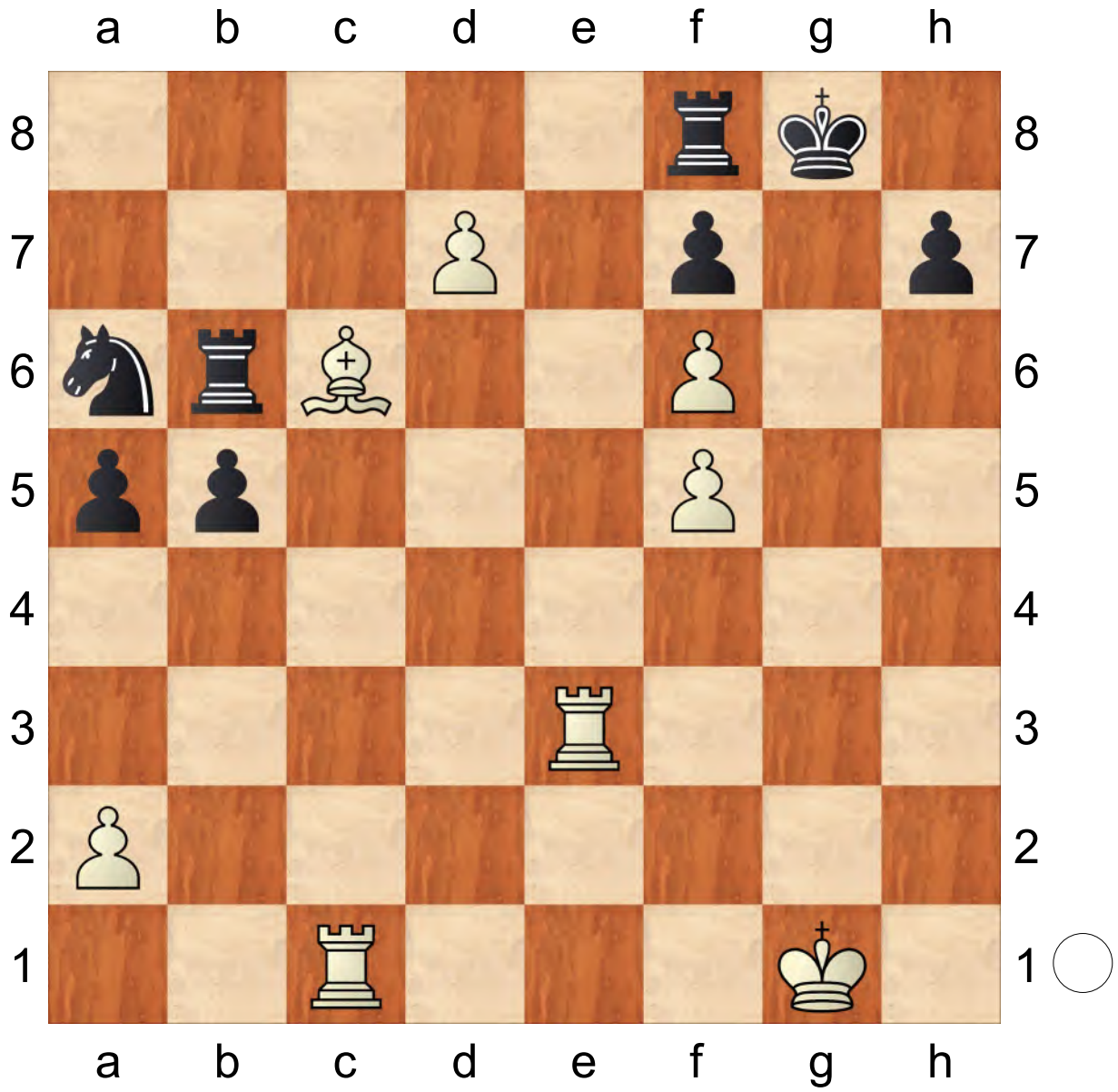
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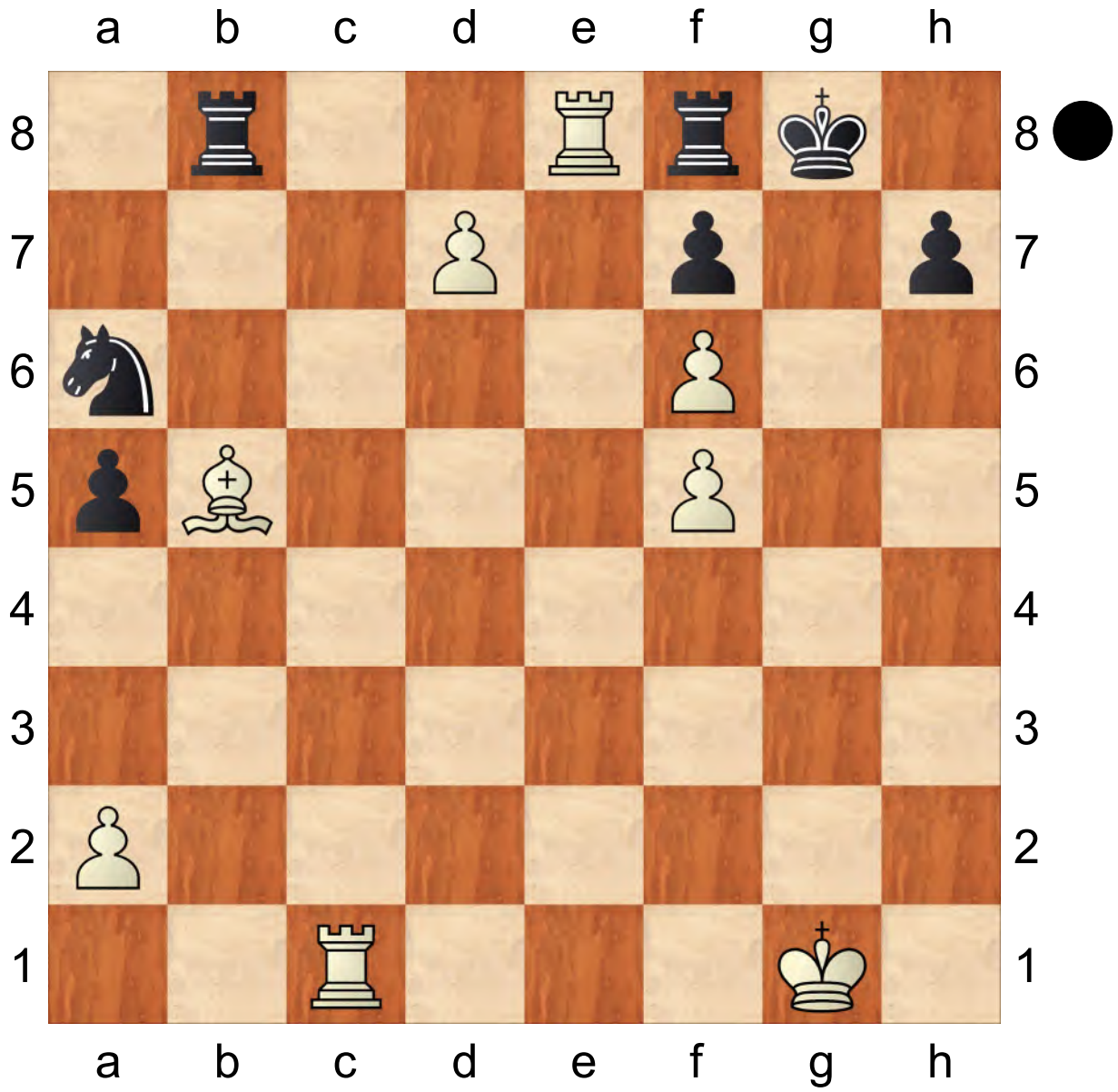
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□ **Gelfand,Boris** **2733**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2677**
Candidates sf (1.5) 01.06.2007
[Gelfand,Boris]

My candidates match vs Rustam Kasimdzanov was a tough, but very interesting one. I was pleased to hear the opinions of colleagues and commentators that despite 6 draws in 6 classical games in was the most interesting out of all the matches. This game is quite typical for the whole match: an original branch of fashionable opening, an unbalanced position, a lot of fight, great ideas and serious mistakes and...draw at the end! Mein Kandidatenmatch gegen Rustam Kasimdzanov war eine zähe, aber hochintereressante Angelegenheit. Ich war erfreut, die Meinungen von Kollegen und Kommentatoren zu hören, dass es trotz 6 Remis in 6 klassischen Partien von allen Vergleichen der interessanteste war. Diese Partie ist ganz typisch für das gesamte Match: ein origineller Zweig einer aktuellen Eröffnung, eine dynamische Stellung, eine Menge Kampf, große Ideen und ernste Fehler und... am Ende unentschieden!
1.d4 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6** This was the choice of Rustam for the match - the Meran system and the Moscow variation. He chose it in all the games, where he was Black. Dies war die Wahl von Rustam für das Match - das Meraner System und die Moskauer Variante. So spielte er in allen Partien, in denen er Schwarz hatte. **5.e3**

[5.Bg5 is what I preferred in games 1 and 3, but in this game I decided to go for the Meran system, where I have a lot of experience. war meine Wahl in den Partien 1 und 3, in dieser Begegnung aber entschied ich mich für das Meraner System, in dem ich eine Menge Erfahrung habe.]

5...Nbd7

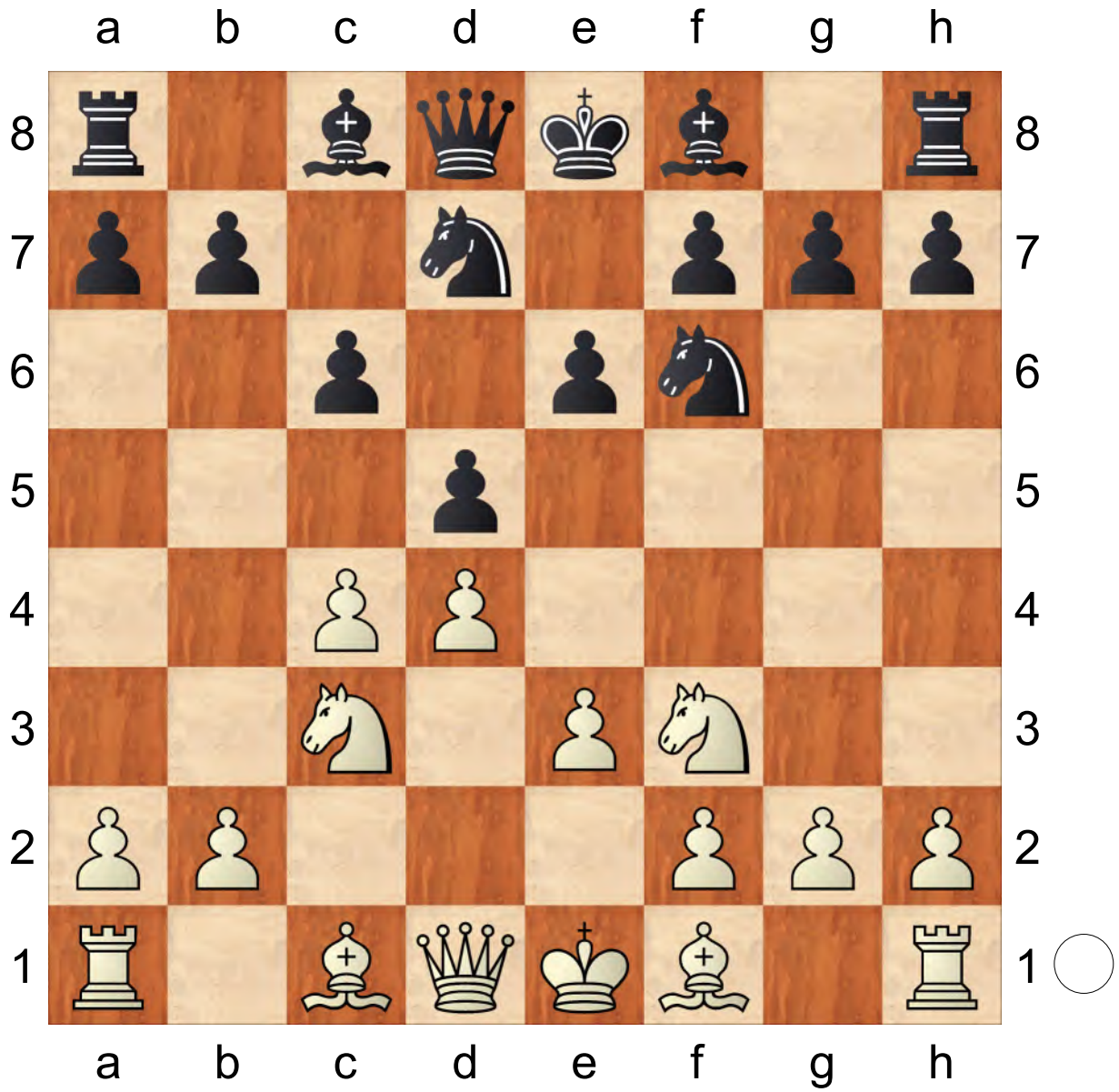
(Diagram)

6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 Much more popular nowadays are 8...♗b7 and even the latest trend - 8... ♗d6, but this system (8...a6) was never refuted. Viel populärer heutzutage sind 8... ♗b7 und sogar der neueste Trend - 8... ♗d6, aber dieses System (8...a6) wurde nie widerlegt.

[8...Bb7 9.a3 b4 10.Ne4 c5 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.0-0 Rg8 13.Qe2 Qb6 14.axb4 cxd4 15.exd4 Qc6 16.Kh1 Bxb4 17.Bf4 Rg4 18.Bg3 Rxd4 19.Rg1 Re4 *(19...Rd5!?)* 20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxe4 22.Rgc1 a5 23.Nd4± Gelfand,B-Shirov,A/Monaco 2002]

9.a4

[Of course, only 9.e4 can challenge 8...a6, but I anticipated that Rustam is well prepared there and decided to choose a rare system with venom, where there is less theory. Natürlich lässt sich 8...a6 nur mit 9.e4 herausfordern, aber ich sah



voraus, dass Rustam dort gut vorbereitet ist und entschied mich für ein seltenes System mit Gift, wo es weniger Theorie gibt. 9.e4]

9...Bb7 10.0-0 b4

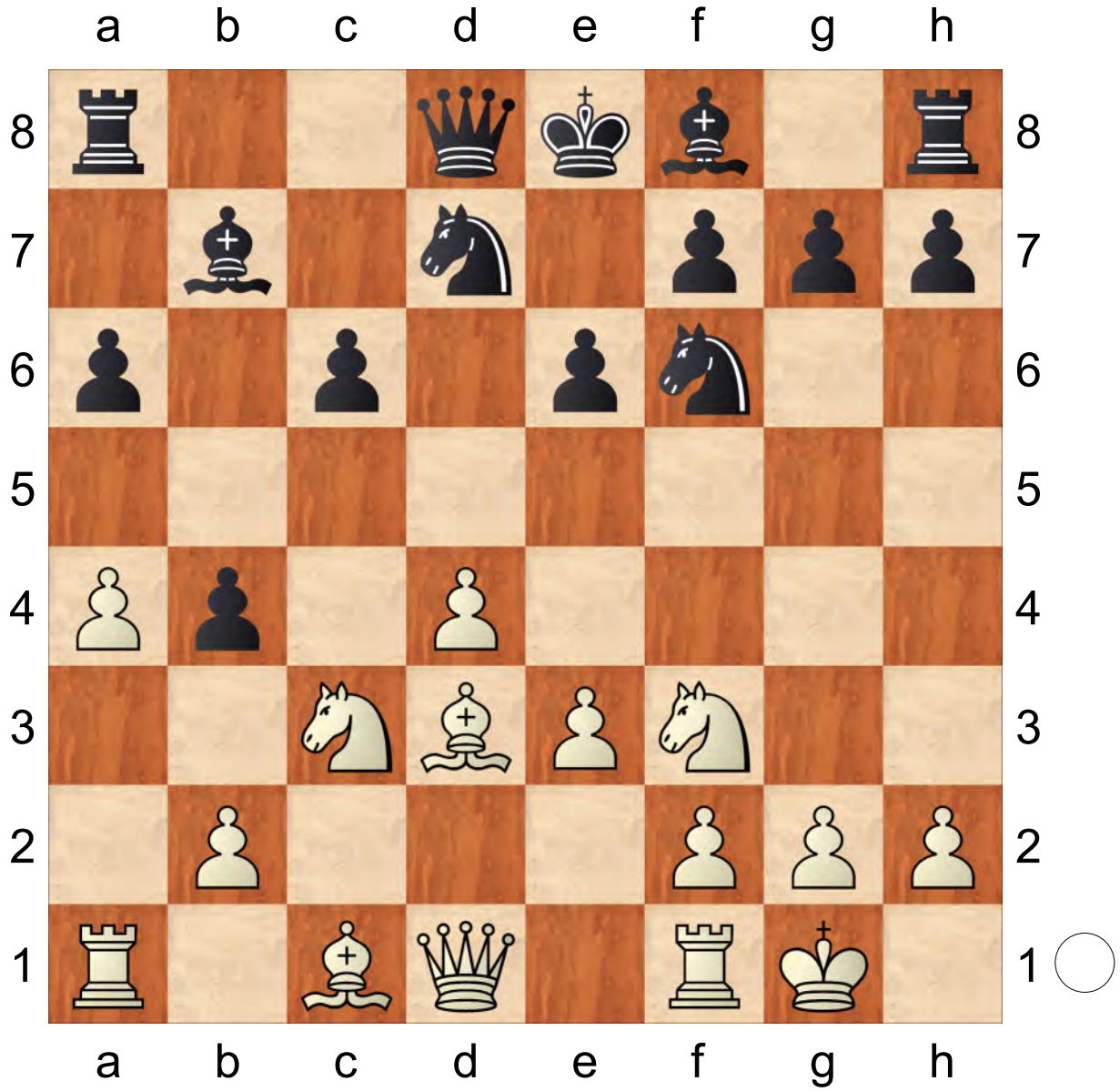
(Diagram)

11.Ne4 c5 12.Nxf6+

[12.Ned2 was tried by Korchnoi (Gothenburg 2005) and Adianto (Torino 2006) against me and also by myself as White against Kramnik in Dortmund 2006. wurde von Korchnoi (Göteborg 2005) und Adianto (Turin 2006) gegen mich versucht, und auch von mir selbst als Weißer gegen Kramnik in Dortmund 2006.]

12...gxf6!?

[In the press-conference my opponent mentioned that he was looking for a new



way and considered also In der Pressekonferenz erwähnte mein Gegner, dass er einen neuen Weg suchte und auch 12...Qxf6 erwog.]

[12...Nxf6 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Ü 81/367' is the main answer, but both of us remembered that after ist die Hauptantwort, doch wir beide erinnerten uns, dass nach 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Qe2 Qd5 15.Rd1 Kasparov in seinen Schnellpartien gegen Kramnik in Zürich 2001 nicht alle Probleme zu lösen vermochte.]

13.Qe2 I was familiar with this pawn structure, as I had already played it with Alexei Shirov (see annotations to Black's 8th move). Compared to that game, White is almost a tempo up, but on the other hand he doesn't have the possibility of a2-a3 in order to force Black to clarify the situation with the pawn structure. Mit dieser Bauernstruktur war ich vertraut, denn ich hatte sie ja bereits gegen Alexei Shirov gehabt (siehe Amerkungen zum 8. schwarzen Zug). Im Vergleich zu jener Partie hat

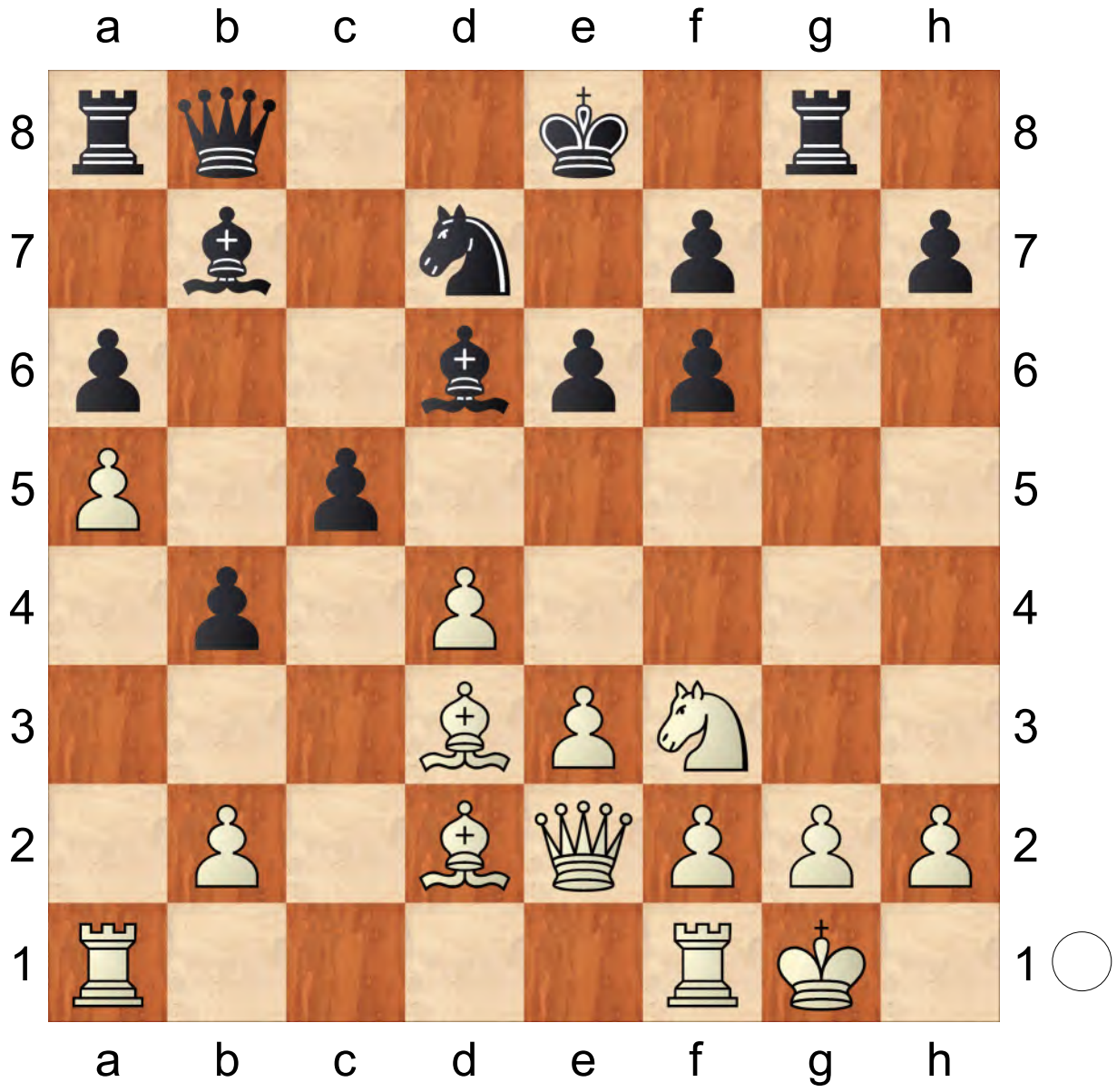
Weiß fast ein Tempo mehr, andererseits besitzt er nicht mehr die Möglichzeit zu a2-a3, um Schwarz zu zwingen, die Situation mit der Bauernstruktur zu klären. **13...Bd6** Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'N'

[13...Rg8 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander]

14.Bd2 Rg8 15.a5! An important move, in my opinion. I wanted to prevent Black's queen from entering the game via a5. Ein wichtiger Zug, für meine Begriffe. Ich wollte verhindern, dass die schwarze Dame über a5 ins Spiel eingreift.

[15.Rfc1 Qa5 Δ16.e4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Ne5 *(17...Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Qe5+ 19.g3 Qxd4 20.Rc4↑; 17...Qe5 18.f4 Qxd4+ 19.Be3 Rxg2+ 20.Kxg2 Bxe4+ 21.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 22.Qf3 Qxf3+ 23.Kxf3±)* 18.Nb3 *(18.Bb1 f5)* 18...Qd8 19.Bb1 f5↑]

15...Qb8



16.h3? Just a waste of a tempo. Immediately after the move was made, I realized that better was Einfach ein Tempoverlust. Sofort nachdem ich den Zug gespielt hatte,

wurde mir klar, dass
[16.Kh1! Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '(⇔g)' getting rid of the pin on the g-file: besser war, was die Fesselung in der g-Linie abschüttelt:
A) 16...Bxh2 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '?!' doesn't work: funktioniert nicht: 17.g3 Bxg3 18.Rg1!
A1) 18...Rg5 19.Rxg3 Rxg3 20.fxg3 Qxg3 21.Rf1 Qh3+ *(21...0-0-0 22.e4)* 22.Kg1 0-0-0 23.Kf2±;
A2) 18...f5 19.Raf1! h5 20.fxg3 Rxg3 21.Rxg3 Qxg3 22.Qg2 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: ' ±' and Black hardly has sufficient compensation for the piece. und Schwarz hat kaum ausreichende Kompensation für die Figur.;
B) 16...f5 17.e4 cxd4 *(17...c4 18.Bc2)* 18.exf5±]
[I r e j e c t e d 16.g3 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '?!' out of general considerations, but probably it is not worse than the move I made. verwarf ich aus allgemeinen Überlegungen, aber dies ist wahrscheinlich nicht schlechter als der von mir gespielte Zug.]
16...f5 17.e4 White has to play this, Weiß muss so spielen,
[as denn 17.Rfc1 cxd4 18.exd4 Bf4! Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '∓!' is clearly in Black's favour. ist klar zu Gunsten von Schwarz.]
17...c4! An interesting idea, and probably stronger than the alternative. Eine interessante Idee, und wahrscheinlich stärker als die Alternative.
[I was more concerned about Mehr Sorgen machte ich mir wegen 17...cxd4!? 18.exf5 *(*I was seriously considering ernsthaft in Erwägung zog ich *18.Rfe1!?)*
A) As Alexander Khuzman found out, better is Wie Alexander Khuzman herausfand, ist 18...Bxf3!? Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: ' ⩲!?' 19.Qxf3 Ne5 20.Qe4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '⇄' and even though it looks like White is better, it is hard to prove it, for example stärker, und obwohl es so aussieht, als ob Weiß besser steht, ist dies schwer zu beweisen, zum Beispiel 22.g3 0-0-0
A1) 23.Rfe1 e5 24.Ra4 *(24.Rac1+ Kb8 25.Rc4 Rc8 26.Rec1 Rxc4 27.Rxc4 b3∞)* 24...Qb5 25.Qxb5 axb5 26.Raa1 Kb7;
A2) Worthy of attention is the inclusion of Aufmerksamkeit verdient die Einschaltung von 23.fxe6 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '!?' fxe6;
A3) 23.Ra4!? Kb8 *(23...Qb5!?=)* 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Qxd4 Bxg3 26.Qxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxb4 Bh2+ 28.Kxh2 Rxd2 29.Rxb7+ Kxb7=;
B) 18...Ne5 but strong is , stark aber ist 19.Ng5! as suggested at crestbook.com, likely found with a help of an engine. wie bei crestbook.com vorgeschlagen, wahrscheinlich mit Hilfe einer Engine gefunden. *(19.Be4 d3 20.Qe3 exf5 21.Bxb7 Qxb7∓)* 19...Nxd3 20.fxe6 *(20.Qxd3 Bf4!∓)* 20...Rxg5
B1) stronger than the move suggested at the above-mentioned site stärker als das auf der erwähnten Seite vorgeschlagene 21.exf7+ Kxf7 22.Bxg5
B1a) 22...Qg8?! 23.Qg4! Qc8 24.Qxd4 Qd7 25.Qc4+ Kg7 26.Rad1 *(26.Qd4+ Kf7=)* 26...Ne5 27.Qh4±;

B1b) 22...Nf4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.Qc4+ Kg6 25.Qe6+ Kg7 26.Qe7+= leads only to a draw. führt nur zum Remis.;

B2) 21.Bxg5! Nc5

B2a) or 22.exf7+ Kxf7 23.Rfe1 Qc7 *(23...Kg6 24.Be7→ Bxe7 25.Qxe7 Qf8 26.Qe5±)* 24.Rad1 *(24.Qg4 Qd7)* 24...d3 25.Qg4 with a mating attack mit Mattangriff, da nun as now Qd7 is not possible: nicht möglich ist: 26.Qxd7+ Nxd7 27.Rxd3 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '+-';

B2b) 22.Qh5 Nxe6 23.Rfe1 Bd5 24.Rad1 Bc5 25.Bf6 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '+-' and according to Deep Junior White is winning. und laut Deep Junior gewinnt Weiß.]

18.Bc2 fxe4

[I don't think that it is worth including Die Einschaltung von 18...b3 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '?!' lohnt m.E. nicht: 19.Bb1 fxe4 *(19...Bf4 20.d5!↑)* 20.Bxe4 Nf6 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.d5!?]

19.Bxe4

[19.Ng5 e3! 20.Qxe3 *(20.Bxe3 Nf6 21.Ba4+ Kf8↑)* 20...Nf6 21.Rfe1 Qc7∞ /→ Δ22.Nxe6 Bh2+]

19...Nf6 20.Bxb7 Qxb7

(Diagram)

21.Rac1

[21.Rfe1 Rc8 22.Rac1 Qd5]

[I got tempted by the nice 22nd move. An alternative was Ich wurde verlockt durch den schönen 22. Zug. Eine Alternative war 21.Rfc1!? Ne4 22.Be1 c3 23.bxc3 b3!? Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '∞!?' with a total mess on the board mit einem totalen Chaos auf dem Brett. *(23...bxc3 24.Bxc3 Qd5 25.Kh1 Ng5 26.Nxg5 Rxg5 27.f3)*]

21...Ne4

[21...c3 22.bxc3 Ne4 23.Kh1 b3 24.c4 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '±' favours White. begünstigt Weiß.]

[21...Rc8 22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Qxc4 Qxf3 24.Qc8+ Ke7 25.Qxg8!+-]

22.d5! I didn't even consider other options. Andere Möglichkeiten zog ich gar nicht in Betracht.

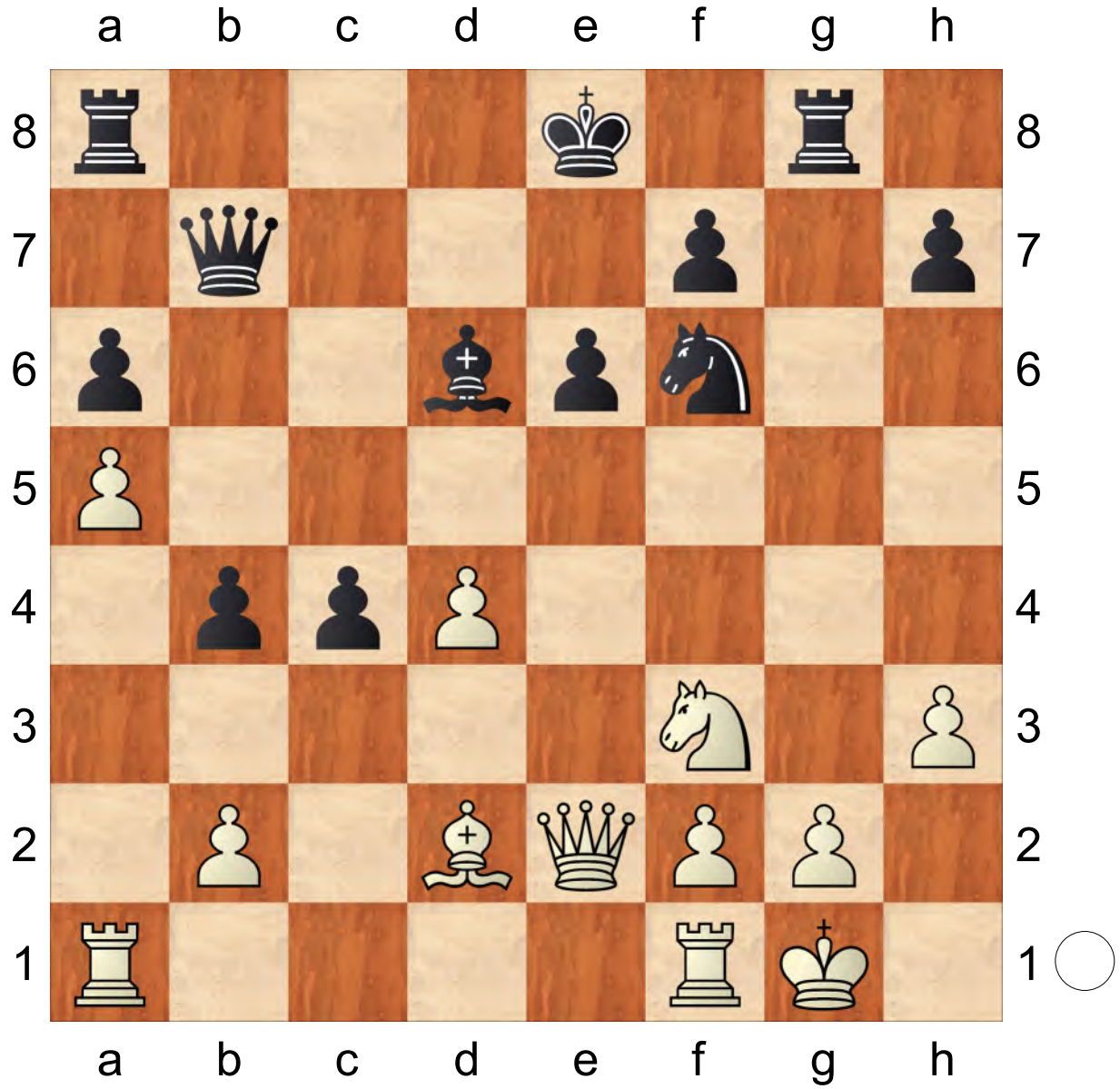
[In the tournament bulletin Ruslan Scherbakov discussed Im Turnierbulletin erörterte Ruslan Scherbakov 22.Be1 Rc8 *(22...c3 23.bxc3 Rc8 24.c4)* 23.Rxc4 Rxc4 24.Qxc4 Ng5 25.Nxg5 Rxg5 26.g3 Rxa5 27.Bd2⩲ and after , und nach Rd5 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '⩲' the position is more or less balanced. ist die Stellung mehr oder minder ausgeglichen.]

22...Qxd5

[22...exd5 23.Ng5 Rxg5 24.Bxg5 Be5 25.Rfd1 f6 26.f4!±]

23.Rfd1

[23.Qxc4 Nxd2 *(23...Nc3 24.Qxd5 Nxd5=)* 24.Qxd5 exd5 25.Nxd2 Kd7∓



and Black enjoys an endgame advantage. und Schwarz genießt einen Endspielvorteil.]

23...Qd3 A practical decision, especially as time-trouble was approaching. Eine praktische Endscheidung, vor allem bei herannahender Zeitnot.

[Interesting was Interessant war 23...Qf5 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '!?'

A) 24.Kh1 c3 *(24...Qg6 25.Rg1)* 25.bxc3 b3;

B) 24.Kf1

B1) 24...Nxd2+ 25.Nxd2 *(25.Qxd2 Qd3+ 26.Qxd3 cxd3 27.Rxd3 Ke7 28.Rc6 Rgd8 29.Ke2±)* 25...c3 -24...c3;

B2) 24...Rxg2 25.Kxg2 Ke7 26.Rxc4 Rg8+ 27.Bg5+ Nxg5 28.Nxg5 Rxg5+ 29.Rg4±;

B3) 24...c3! 25.bxc3

B3a) 25...Nxd2+ 26.Nxd2 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Ü 24...c3'

(26.Qxd2 Bf4 27.Qd7+ Kf8) 26...Kf8 27.cxb4 Bxb4 28.Nb3↑;

B3b) 25...b3!

B3b1) 26.Be3 Ba3;

B3b2) 26.Rb1 Rxg2! The point of Black's idea. Black starts a dangerous assault on White's king. Die Pointe der Idee von Schwarz - er startet einen gefährlichen Angriff auf den weißen König. *(26...Ke7 27.g4)* 27.Kxg2 Ke7 28.Ng5 Nxg5 29.Qg4 Qd5+;

B3b3) 26.g4! Qb5 *(26...Qg6 27.Qc4∞)* 27.Qxb5+ *(27.c4 Qb7)* 27...axb5 28.Rb1= with a likely draw. mit wahrscheinlichem Remis.]

[23...c3 24.Bf4 Qc6 25.Bxd6 Nxd6 26.bxc3 b3 27.Rd4!? Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '↑!?' and White has an advantage. und Weiß hat Vorteil.]

24.Qxd3 cxd3 25.Be3 Ke7?!

[As Kasimdzhanov pointed out right after the game, a stronger move was Wie Kasimdzhanov direkt nach der Partie anmerkte, war ein stärkerer Zug 25...Nf6! 26.Rxd3 Nd5= Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Kasimdzhanov,R']

(Diagram)

26.Rxd3 Rac8

[26...Rgd8 27.Rd4 f5 28.Ng5 Nf6± Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Lysyj,I' was proposed by Igor Lysyj at chesspro.ru war ein Vorschlag von Igor Lysyj bei chesspro.ru]

27.Rcd1 Bc5? This mistake could cost Black a full point. He had better options at his disposal: Dieser Fehler hätte Schwarz einen vollen Punkt kosten können. Ihm standen bessere Möglichkeiten zur Verfügung:

[27...f5 28.Ng5 Nxg5

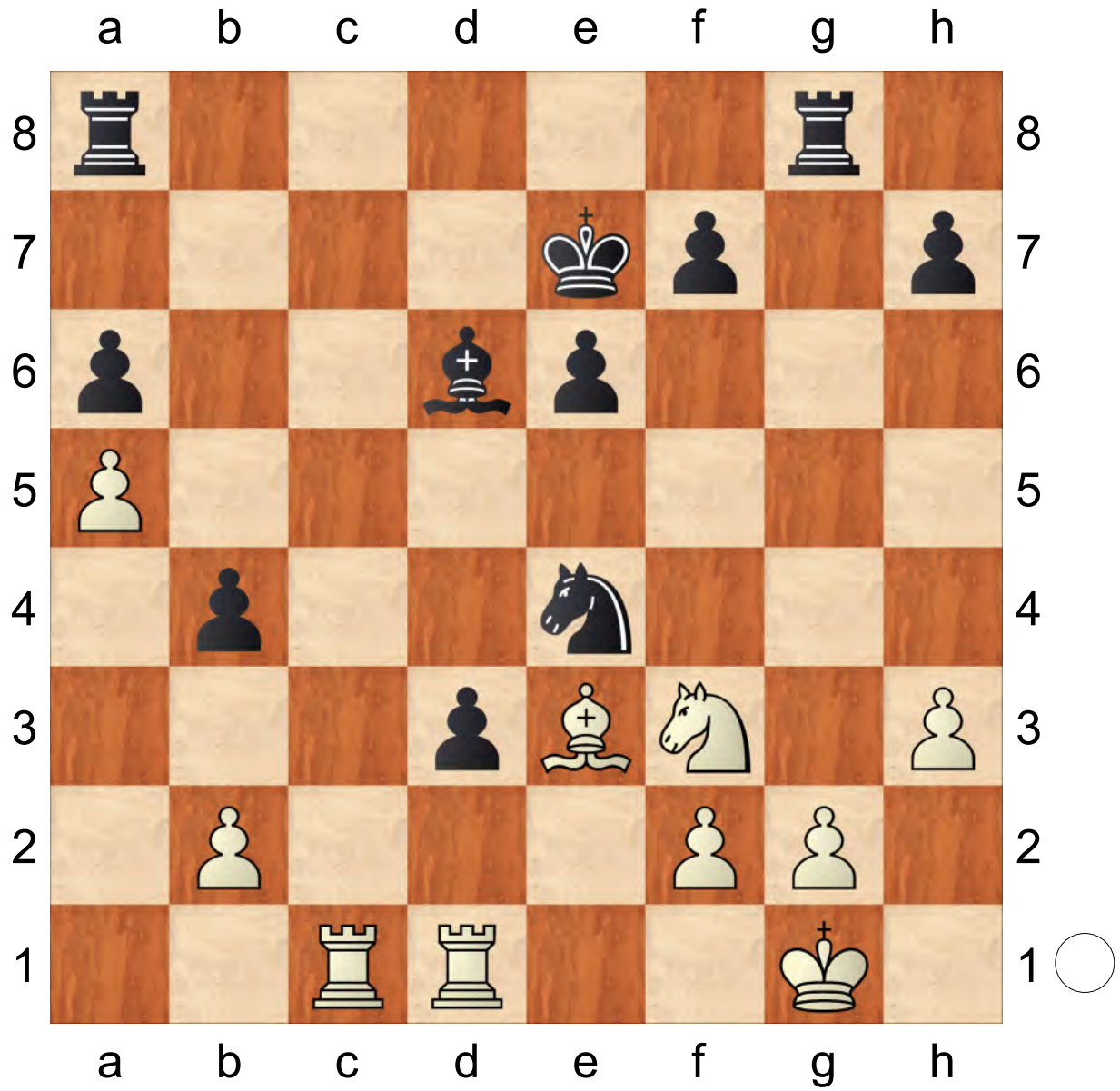
A) 29.Rxd6 f4 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '⇄' Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '∆ f3' 30.Ba7 *(30.Bb6 f3⇄)* 30...f3⇄;

B) 29.Bxg5+ Rxg5 30.Rxd6 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Ü 27...f5' Rcg8

B1) 31.Rxa6 Rxg2+ 32.Kf1 Rg1+ *(32...Rh2 33.Rdd6 Rg6 34.Rdb6 Rxh3 35.Rxb4± Lysyj Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Lysyj,I')* 33.Ke2 Rxd1 34.Kxd1 Rg1+ 35.Kc2 Rf1 with a sharp ending, where it seems Black should hold: mit scharfem Endspiel, in dem es scheint, als solle Schwarz sich halten können: 36.Rb6 Rxf2+ 37.Kb3 Rf1 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '⇄';

B2) 31.g3 f4 32.Rxa6 fxg3 White is slightly better, but it is hard to convert it into a victory, for example Weiß steht leicht besser, aber es ist schwer, dies in einen Sieg umzumünzen, z.B. 33.f4 Rf5 34.Re1 Rg6 35.Ra1 Rh5 *(35...Rxf4 36.Ra7+ Kd6 37.Rxh7 Rg8 38.a6 Ra8 39.a7)*

B2a) 36.f5 exf5 37.Rxg6 hxg6 38.a6 Rh8 39.a7 Ra8 40.Kg2 f4 41.h4 Kd6= 42.Kf3 *(42.Ra6+ Kc5 43.Kf3 Kb5 44.Rxg6 Rxa7 45.Kxf4 Ra2*



46.b3 g2=) 42...Kc5 43.Kxf4 g2=;

B2b) 36.Kg2 Rc5 37.Ra7+ Kf6 38.a6 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 Rh6 40.Ra8 Rxh3 41.Rf8+ Ke7 42.a7 *(42.Rg8 Rch2 43.Ra5 Rh1+ 44.Kg2 R1h2+ 45.Kf3 Rxb2 46.a7 g2+ 47.Ke4 Re2+ 48.Kd4 Rd2+ 49.Kc4 Rc2+ 50.Kxb4 Rb2+=)* 42...g2 43.Re8+=]

[27...Rgd8!?

A) 28.Bb6 Rd7 29.Ne5 Rb7 30.Nxf7!? *(30.Rd4 Bxe5 31.Rxe4 Bd6 32.Rh4 Bc5=)* 30...Kxf7 31.Rd4 Nxf2 32.Kxf2 Bc5 33.Bxc5 Rxc5=;

B) 28.Ng5 Nc5 *(28...Nxg5 29.Bxg5+ f6 30.Bxf6+ Kxf6 31.Rxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Rc1+ 33.Kh2 Rc2 34.Kg3±)* 29.Rd4 *(29.Bxc5 Rxc5 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Rxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Rxa5 33.Rb6 Ra1+ 34.Kh2 a5=; 29.R3d2)* 29...f6 30.Nxh7!? An original and risky try. If my memory serves me well, Viktor Korchnoi once won a game vs Robert Huebner with a similiar idea in mid 80s.

He left the ♘ trapped at h7 in the ending, but succeded with very concrete play. Ein origineller und riskanter Versuch. Wenn mich meine Erinnerung nicht trügt, gewann Viktor Korchnoi einmal Mitte der 80er Jahre mit einer ähnlichen Idee eine Partie gegen Robert Hübner. Er ließ sich den Springer im Endspiel auf h7 fangen, hatte aber Erfolg mit sehr konkretem Spiel. Nb7! *(30...Nb3 31.R4d3 Be5 32.Nf8! Rxd3 33.Ng6+ Kf7 34.Nxe5+ fxe5 35.Rxd3 Nxa5 36.Bd2±)* 31.g4

B1) 31...Rh8 32.Nxf6 Kxf6 33.Rxd6 Nxd6 34.Rxd6 Rxh3 35.Rxa6 Rxe3 *(35...Rc4 36.Kg2)* 36.fxe3 Rc2±;

B2) 31...Be5 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Rxd8 Kxd8=]

[27...f6 28.Rd4 f5 29.Ng5 Nxg5 30.Bxg5+ -27...f5 *(30.Rxd6 f4)*]

28.Rd7+ Kf6

[More stubborn was Hartnäckiger war 28...Kf8 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '⊔'

A) 29.Rb7 Bxe3 30.fxe3 Ng5 31.Ne5 Nxh3+ *(31...Rc2 32.Rd8+ Kg7 33.Rxg8+ Kxg8 34.Rxb4+-)* 32.Kh2 Ng5 33.Rxb4±;

B) 29.Bd4!? Bxd4 *(29...Ng5 30.Nxg5 Rxg5 31.Bf6+-)* 30.R7xd4±]

29.Bd4+ e5!

[29...Bxd4 30.R1xd4 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Nxf2 32.Rf4++-]

30.Bxc5?

[Stronger was Stärker war 30.Bxe5+ Ke6 31.Kf1! I missed this strong move, but my opponent showed me it right after the game. Diesen starken Zug hatte ich übersehen, mein Gegner aber zeigte ihn mir direkt nach der Partie.

A) 31...Nxf2 32.R1d6++-;

B) 31...Bxf2 32.R1d6++-;

C) 31...f6 32.Bg3! *(32.Bh2 h5)* 32...Nxg3+ 33.fxg3 Rxg3 34.Rxh7±;

D) 31...Rg6 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '!' Gelfand,Boris; Huzman, Alexander: '(Lysyj,I)' The best defence, shown as well by I. Lysyj Die beste Verteidigung, auch von I. Lysyj gezeigt. 32.Rb7 Nxf2 33.Rd2 Ne4 34.Re2 f5 35.Rxh7± Lysyj]

30...Rxc5

(Diagram)

31.Re1 Ng5 32.Nxg5

[No better is Nicht besser ist 32.Rd6+ Ke7 33.Nxg5 Kxd6 34.Ne4+ Kc6 *(34...Kd5 35.Nf6+)* 35.Nxc5 Kxc5 36.Rxe5+ Kc4⇄]

32...Rxg5 33.Rd6+ Kg7 34.Rxa6 Rc2 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '⊕' Both players were already in severe time trouble. Beide Spieler waren bereits in ernster Zeitnot. **35.b3 Rf5**

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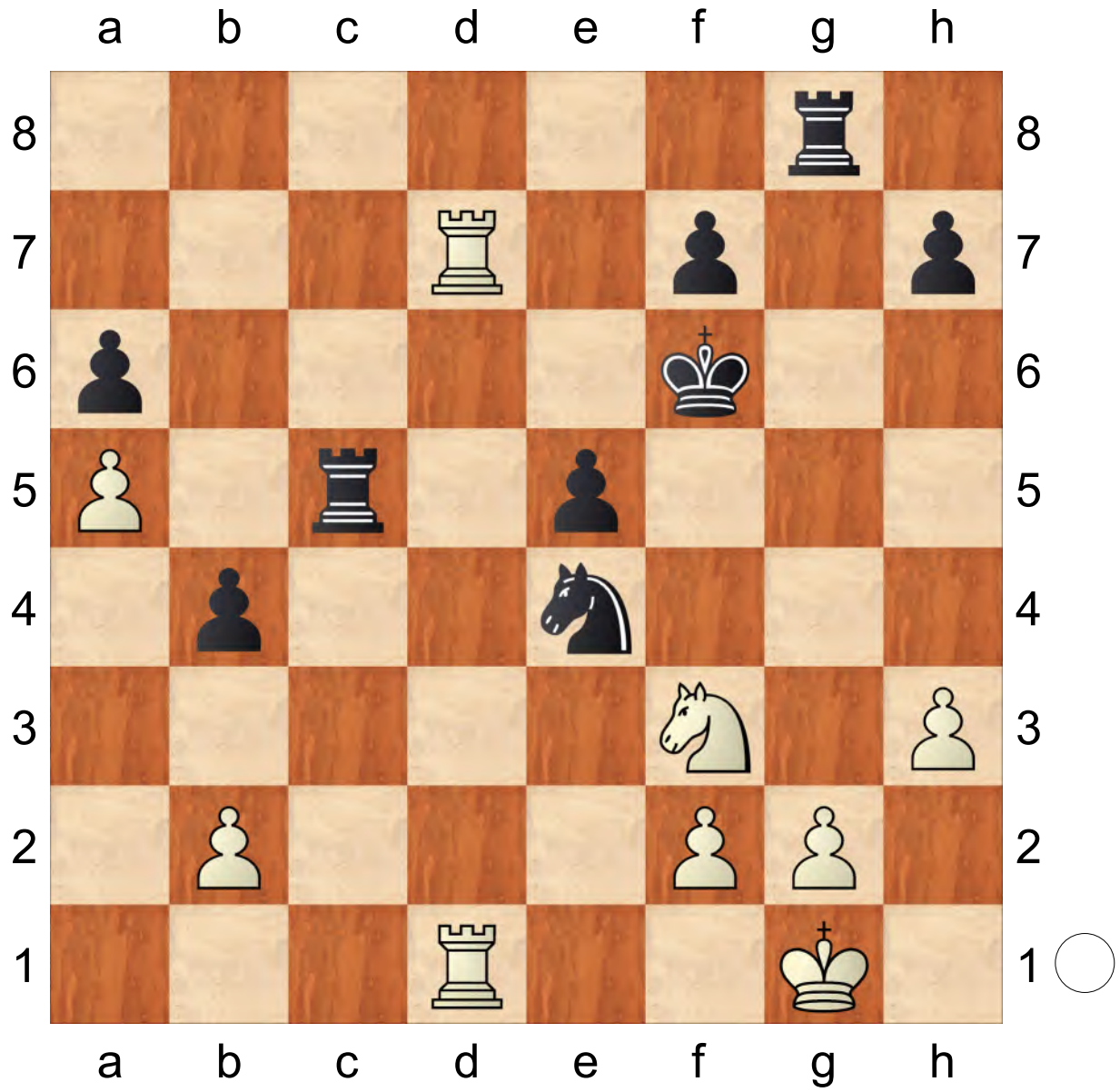
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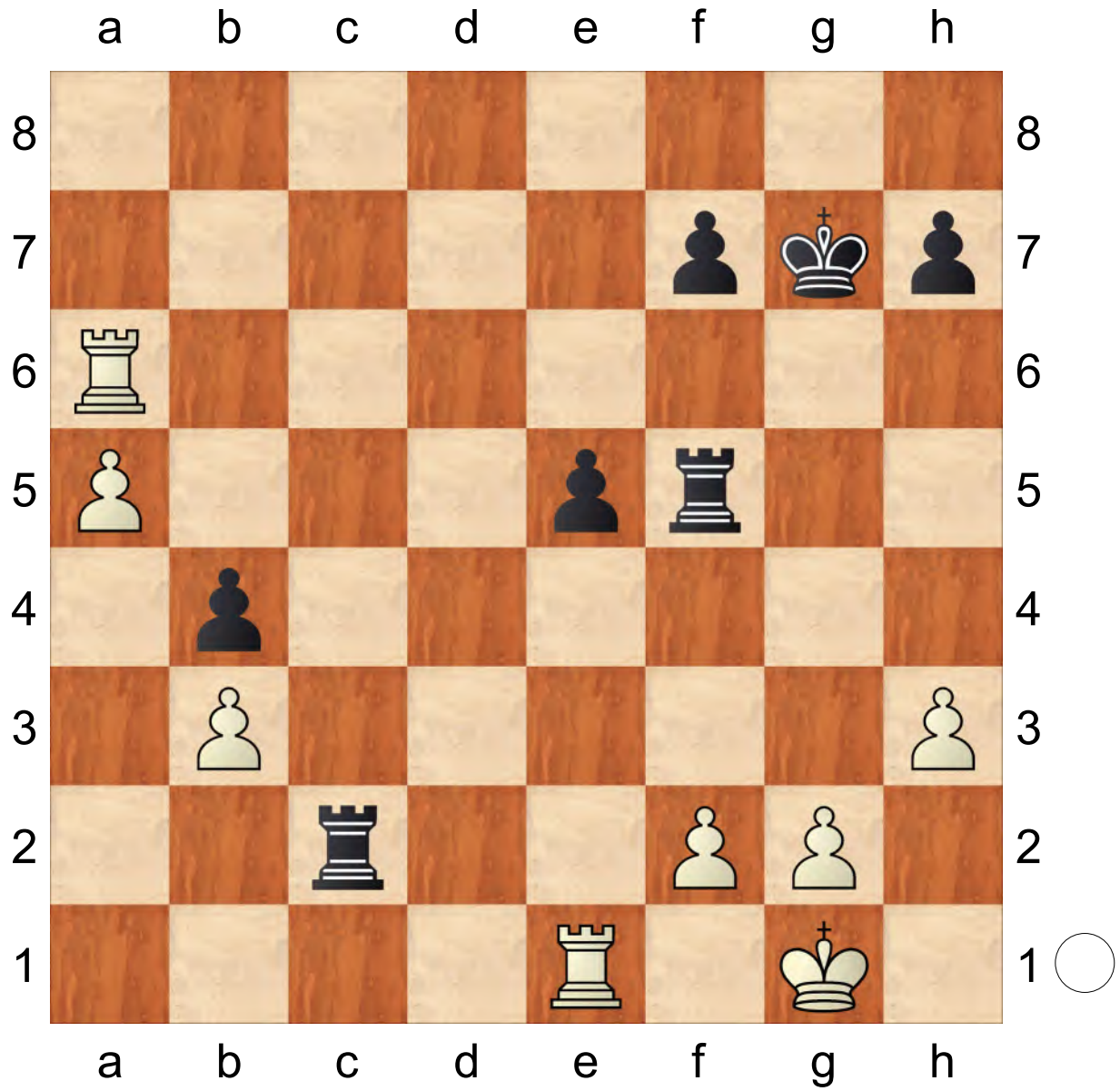


Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '[R 9/q]' **36.f3**

[I. Lysyj suggested that a better try was Ein Verbesserungsvorschlag von I. Lysyj lautet hier 36.Re3!? Rc1+ *(36...Rfxf2 37.Rg3+ Kf8 38.Rb6 Ra2 39.Rxb4 Rfb2 40.Rb5 e4±)* 37.Kh2 Rxf2 38.Rxe5 Rc3 39.Rg5+ Kf8 40.Rg3 Rb2⩲ Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: 'Lysyj,I']

36...Rb2

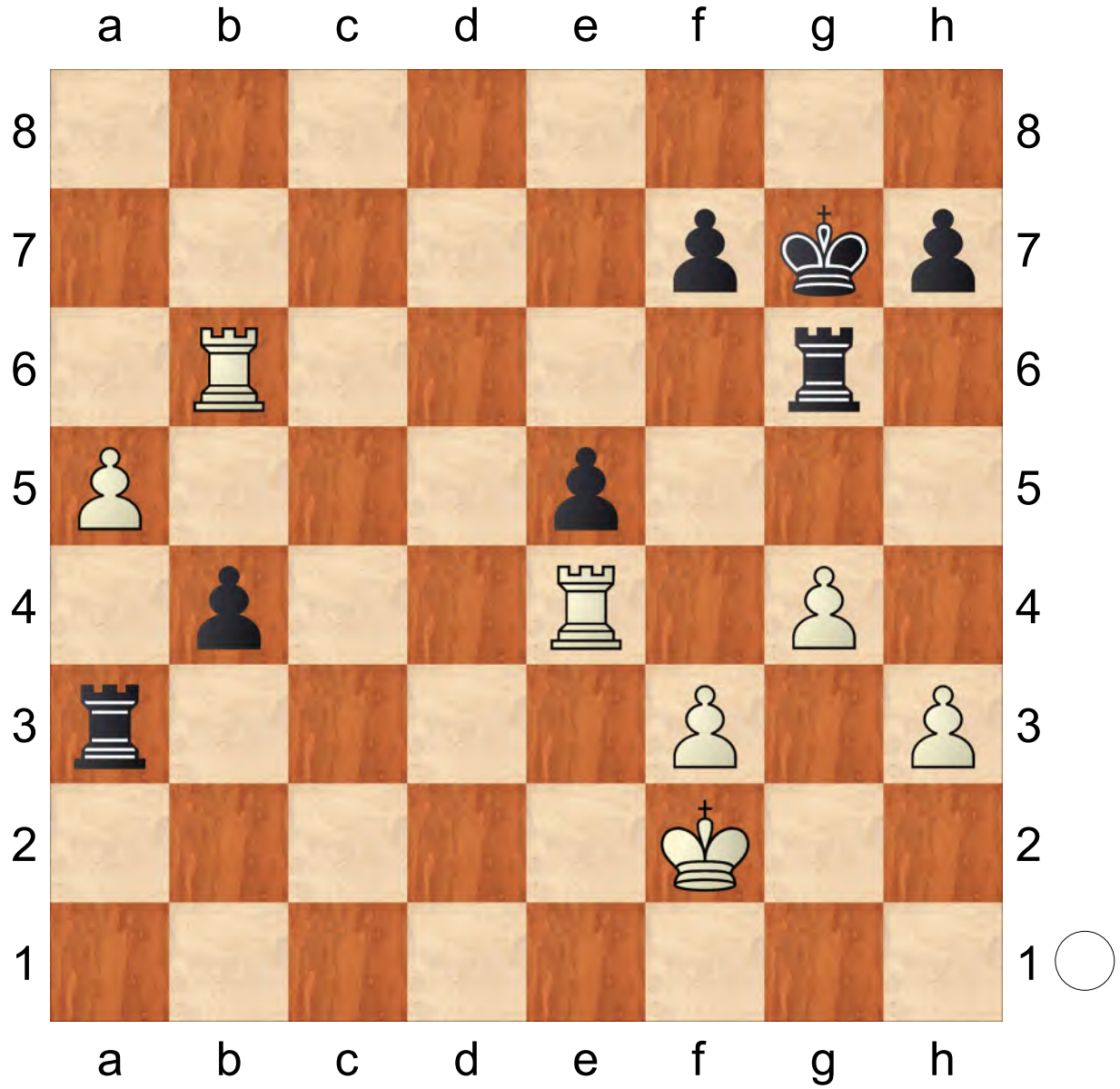
[I was expecting Ich erwartete 36...Rg5 Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '!' 37.g4 e4!= Gelfand,Boris; Huzman,Alexander: '!' with an easy draw: mit leichtem Remis: 38.fxe4 Rgc5 39.Rf1 R5c3 40.Rf2 Rxf2 41.Kxf2 Rxh3 *(41...Rxb3 42.Rb6 Ra3 43.a6 b3 44.h4 b2=)* 42.Rb6 Rxb3 43.Ke2 Ra3 44.a6 f6=]

37.Re4 Rg5 38.g4 Rxb3 39.Kf2 Rg6

[39...Ra3 40.Rxb4 e4!=]

40.Rb6 Ra3?

[40...Rf6=]



With seconds left on the clock Black blunders. Mit nur noch Sekunden auf der Uhr greift Schwarz daneben. **41.Rxe5 b3**

[41...Rf6!? would give White winning chances after würde Weiß Gewinnchancen geben nach 42.Rg5+! *(42.Rxf6 Kxf6 43.Rf5+ Kg6 44.Ke2 h6 45.Kd2 Kg7)* 42...Rg6

A) 43.Rgb5 b3 44.h4 *(44.f4 h6 45.f5 Rf6)* 44...h6;

B) 43.Rf5 b3 44.Ke2 Re6+ *(44...h6 45.Kd2)* 45.Rxe6 *(45.Kd2 Rxa5)* 45...fxe6 46.Rb5 b2 47.Rxb2 Rxa5 48.h4±]

42.Kg3? I didn't find any chances for a win and allowed an immediate draw. Ich konnte keine Gewinnchancen finden und erlaubte ein sofortiges Remis.

[Much stronger was Viel stärker war 42.Ke2! and it seems that White is winning:

und es scheint, dass Weiß gewinnt:

A) 42...b2 43.Rxb2 Rf6 44.Rg5+!

A1) 44...Kh6 45.Rbb5! Ra2+ *(45...Raxf3 46.Rg8 Rf2+ 47.Kd3 R2f3+ 48.Ke4 R6f4+ 49.Kd5 Rxh3 50.Rb6+ f6 51.Rxf6+ Rxf6 52.g5++-; 45...Rfxf3 46.Rg8 Rae3+ 47.Kd2 Rxh3 48.g5+ Kh5 49.g6++-)* 46.Ke1 Ra6 *(46...Rxf3 47.Rg8+-)* 47.h4 f6 48.Rgf5 Re6+ 49.Kf1 Ree2 50.Rb7+-;

A2) 44...Kf8 45.Rb8+ Ke7 46.Re5+

A2a) 46...Kd7 47.Rb7+ Kc8 *(47...Kd8 48.Rg5+-)* 48.Ra7 Kb8 49.Ree7 Rfxf3 50.Rab7+ Kc8 51.a6+-;

A2b) 46...Kd6 47.Re3 Ra2+ 48.Ke1 with excellent winning chances mit ausgezeichneten Gewinnchancen.;

B) 42...Rf6 43.Rxf6 Kxf6 44.Rf5+ Kg7 *(44...Ke6 45.Kd2)* 45.Kd2 b2 46.Kc2 Rb3 47.Kb1 Kg6 48.Rc5+-;

C) 42...h6!! An incredible study-like idea, indicated at crestbook.com. So far, I have failed to refute it and find a win for White, but probably our readers would be more successful? Eine unglaubliche, studienartige Idee, angegeben bei crestbook.com. Bislang habe ich sie nicht widerlegen und einen Gewinn für Weiß finden können, aber womöglich haben unsere Leser ja mehr Erfolg?

43.Rxg6+ *(43.h4 b2 44.Rxb2 Rf6 45.g5 Rfxf3 46.gxh6+ Kxh6; 43.Kd2 b2 Δ44.Kc2 Rxb6 45.axb6 Rb3=; 43.f4 b2 44.Rxb2 Rxh3)* 43...fxg6 44.Kd2 b2 45.Kc2 Rxf3

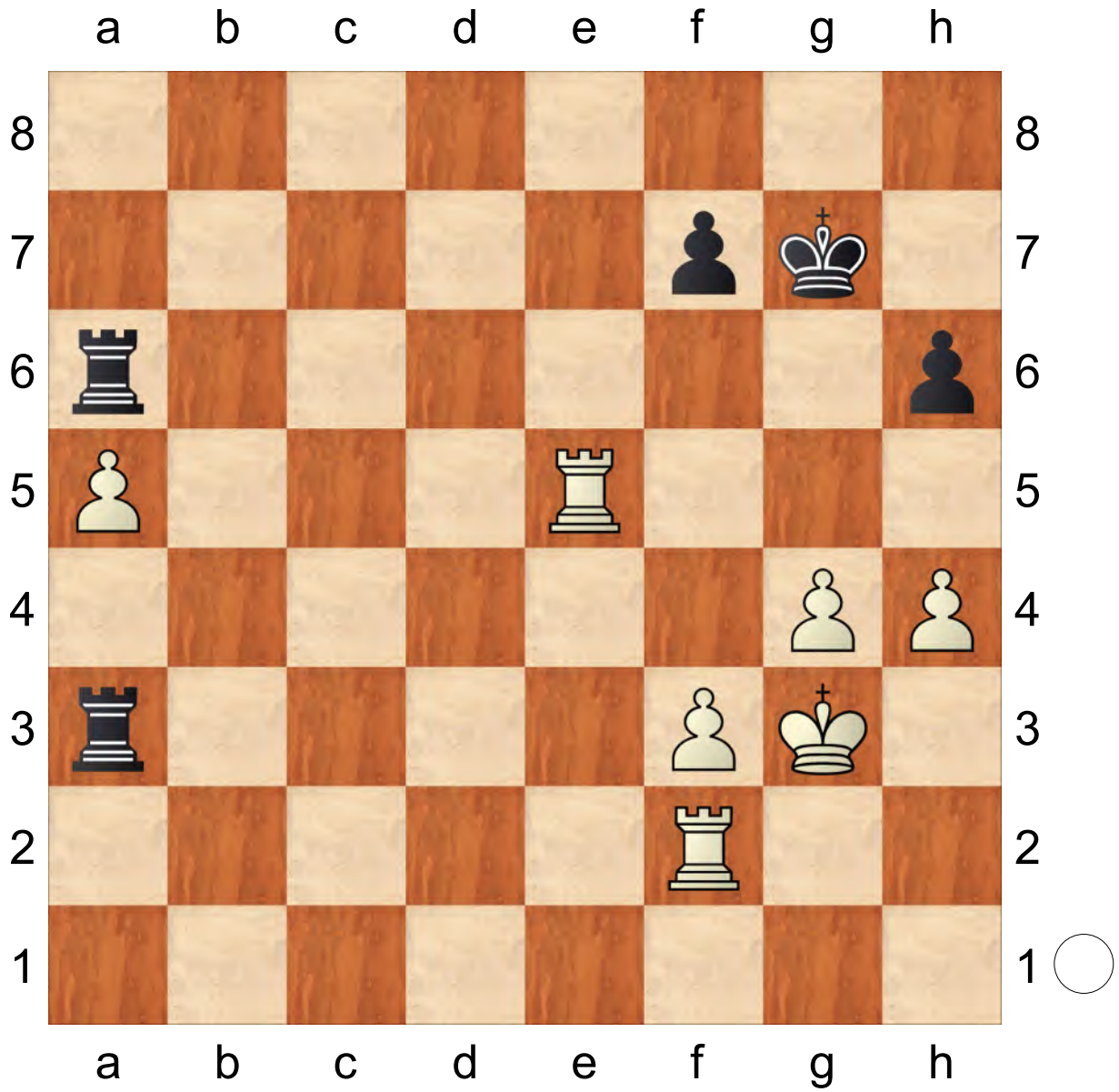
C1) 46.a6 Rxh3 *(46...Ra3 47.Re6 Rb3 48.Kb1 Rxh3 49.Kxb2 Rh2+ 50.Kb3 Rh3+ 51.Kb4 Rh1 52.Re3 Rd1 53.a7 Rd8 54.Ra3 Ra8 55.Ra6)* 47.Ra5 Rc3+ 48.Kxb2 Rc8 49.a7 Ra8;

C2) 46.Kxb2 Rxh3 47.a6 Rd3 48.a7 *(48.Re8 Rd7 49.Rb8 Kf6 50.Rb7 Rd8* crestbook.com*)* 48...Rd8 49.Ra5 Ra8 50.Kc3 h5 51.gxh5 *(51.g5 h4; 51.Kd4 hxg4 52.Kc5 g3 53.Kb6 g2 54.Rg5 Kf6 55.Rxg2 g5 56.Kb7 Rg8)* 51...gxh5 52.Kd4 Kg6! and White cannot cross the 5th rank as und Weiß kann die 5. Reihe nicht überschreiten wegen *(52...h4 53.Kc5+-)* 53.Kd5 Kg5 54.Kc6+ Kg4 55.Kb7 Rxa7+ 56.Rxa7 h4=]

42...h6 43.h4 b2 44.Rxb2 Rf6 45.Rf2 Ra6

(Diagram)

And I saw no point in senseless play in a theoretically drawn position and offered a draw. I am curious as to what the "Sofia rules" say about agreeing to a draw in such a position? I want to thank Alexander Khuzman (who together with Pavel Eljanov was helping me during these matches - many thanks to both of you guys!) for analysing this game together with me and also the annotators at crestbook.com and chesspro.ru for contributing to these annotations. Und ich sah keinen Sinn darin, eine theoretische Remisstellung weiterzuspielen, und bot die Punkteteilung an. Ich bin neugierig, was wohl die "Sofia-Regeln" über eine Remisvereinbarung in einer solchen



Stellung sagen würden? Danken möchte ich Alexander Khuzman (der mir gemeinsam mit Pavel Eljanov während dieser Matche geholfen hat - Tausend Dank euch beiden, Jungs!), dass er diese Partie gemeinsam mit mir analysiert hat, und auch den Kommentatoren bei crestbook.com und chesspro.ru für ihre Beiträge zu diesen Anmerkungen.

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□ **Knaak,Rainer** **2486**
■ **Markos,Jan** **2538**
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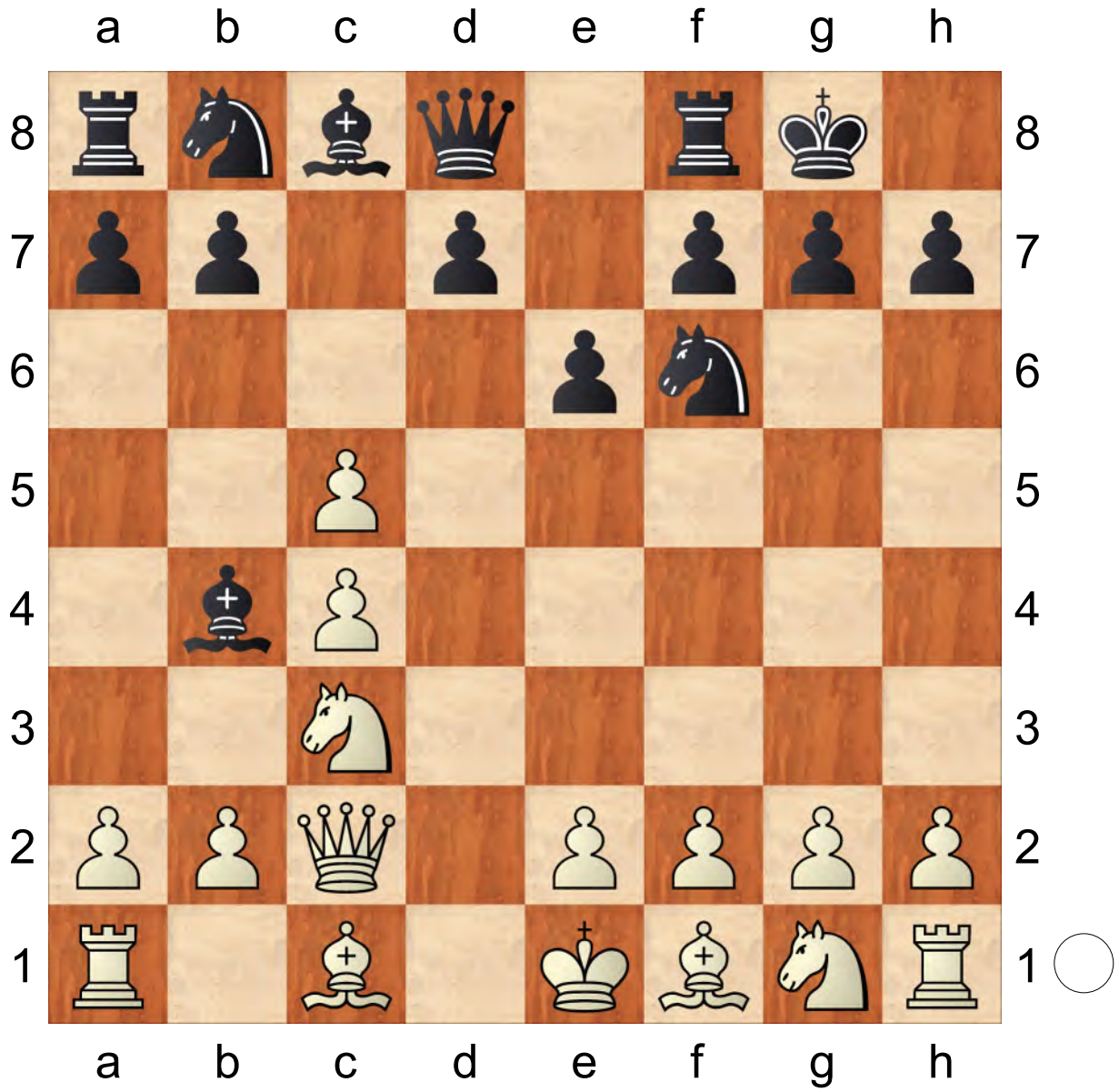
[Knaak,R/Meyer,CD]

1.d4 Knaak/Meyer,CD **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 0-0**



6.a3 Bxc5 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bg5 Bb7 9.e4 h6 10.Bh4 Be7

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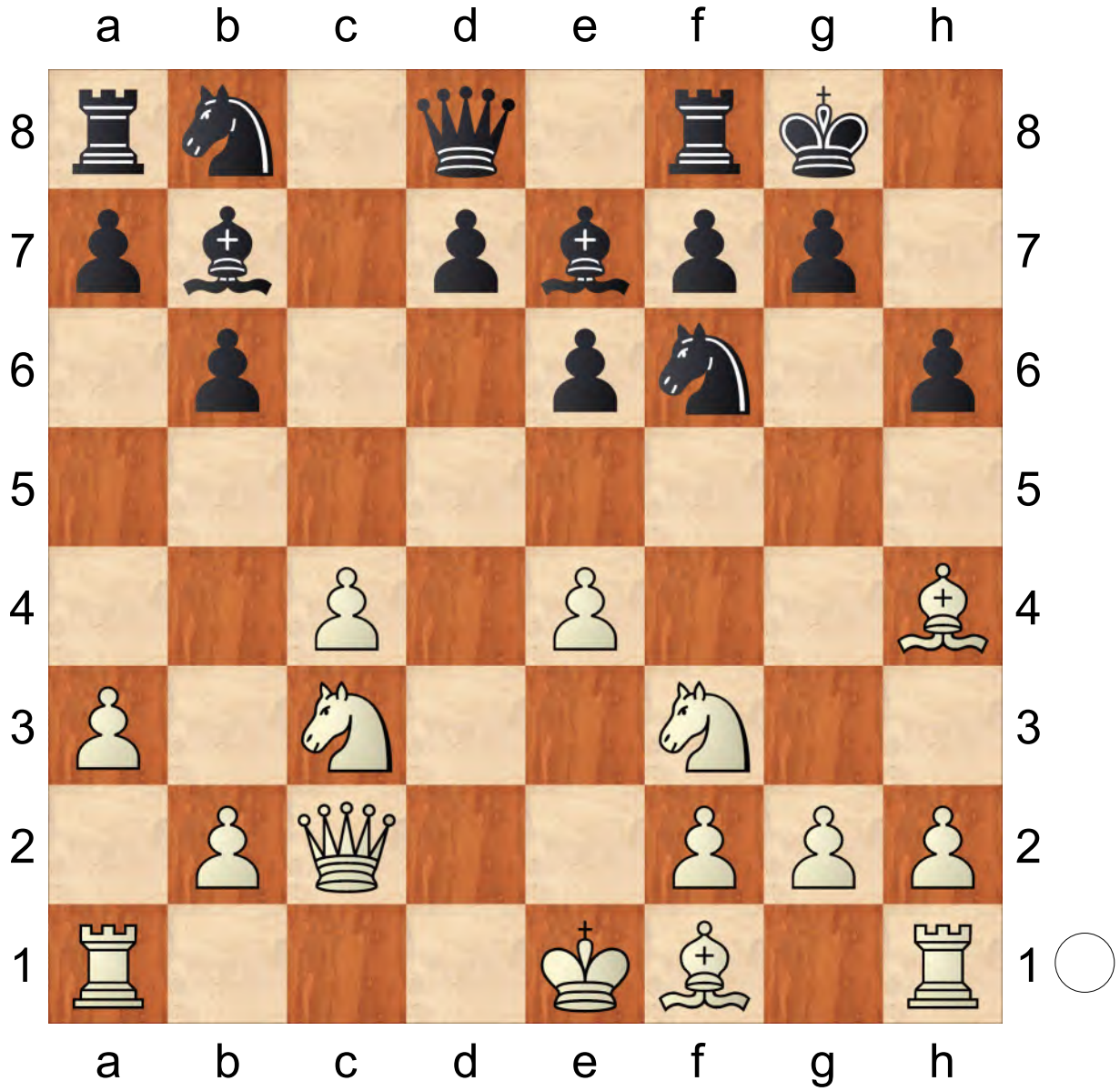


[Solider und vermutlich auch besser ist 11.Rd1 Δ♗e2, 0-0]

11...Nc6 12.e5 Ne8

[12...Nh5

A) 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qd2 *(14.Qe4!? Δ15.♕g4 g6 16. ♘e4 f6 15.Bd3 f5 16.Qe3)* 14...Rad8 15.Be2 f5?! *(15...f6!? 16.Ne1 Na5 17.Qe3 fxe5 18.Bxh5 Nxc4 19.Qg3 d5)* 16.Kb1± 1-0 Obukhov,A (2425)-Grigoriev,V (2237)/ St Petersburg 2000/EXT 2001 (44);

B) 13.Bg3 Rc8 14.Bd3 Na5⇄ ½-½ Olafsson,H (2531)-Hellsten,J (2564)/ Mallorca 2004/CBM 104 (39)]

13.Bg3

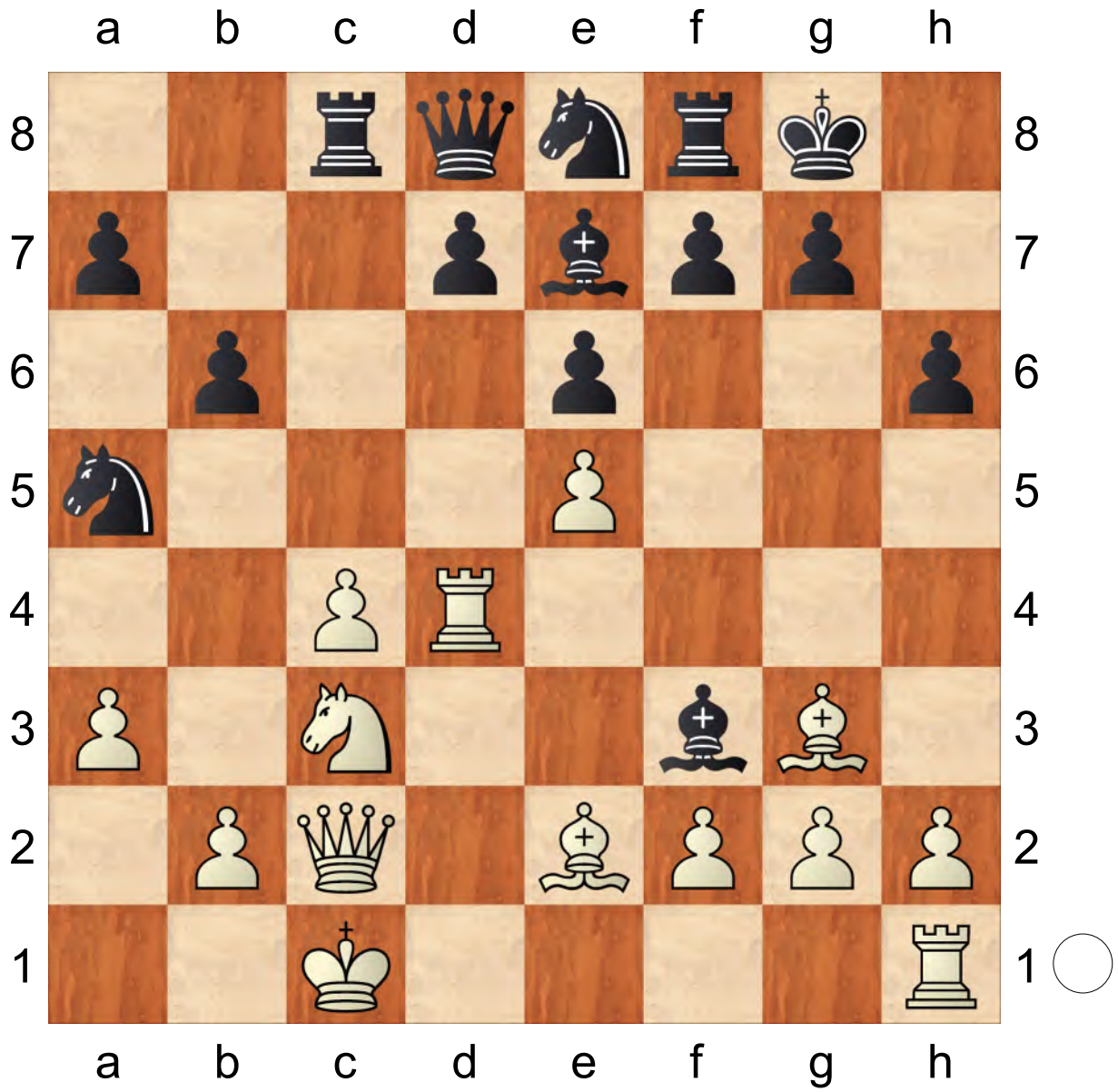
[13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qd3 Rd8 15.Ne4 Na5 16.Kb1 Ba6 *(16...Rc8)* 17.Qd4 Nc6 *(⌓17...d6!)* 18.Qd2 0-1 Serper,G (2574)-Zhang Zhong (2636)/Cap d'Agde 2000/CBM 080 (57)]

13...Na5 14.Be2 Rc8 15.Rd4± Bxf3

[15...a6 16.Rhd1

A) 16...Bc6 17.b4 *(17.Kb1 b5∞)* 17...b5 18.c5;

B) 16...Rc7?! 17.Kb1 Bxf3 *(17...Nc6)* 18.gxf3± 1-0 Esen,B (2287)-Erdogdu, M (2414)/Warsaw 2005/CBM 108 (33)]



16.Bxf3

[16.gxf3!? , obwohl vielleicht besser, verwarf der Anziehende aus prinzipiellen Erwägungen.]

16...Nxc4 17.Rhd1 d5!?

[Nach langem Nachdenken ein mutiger Gegenstoß, der aber eher aus der Verlegenheit geboren ist, während das prosaische 17...Rc7 nach 18.Qd3 Qc8 19.Rxd7 b5 20.Rxc7 Nxc7 21.Qd7± nur Weiß etwas gäbe.]

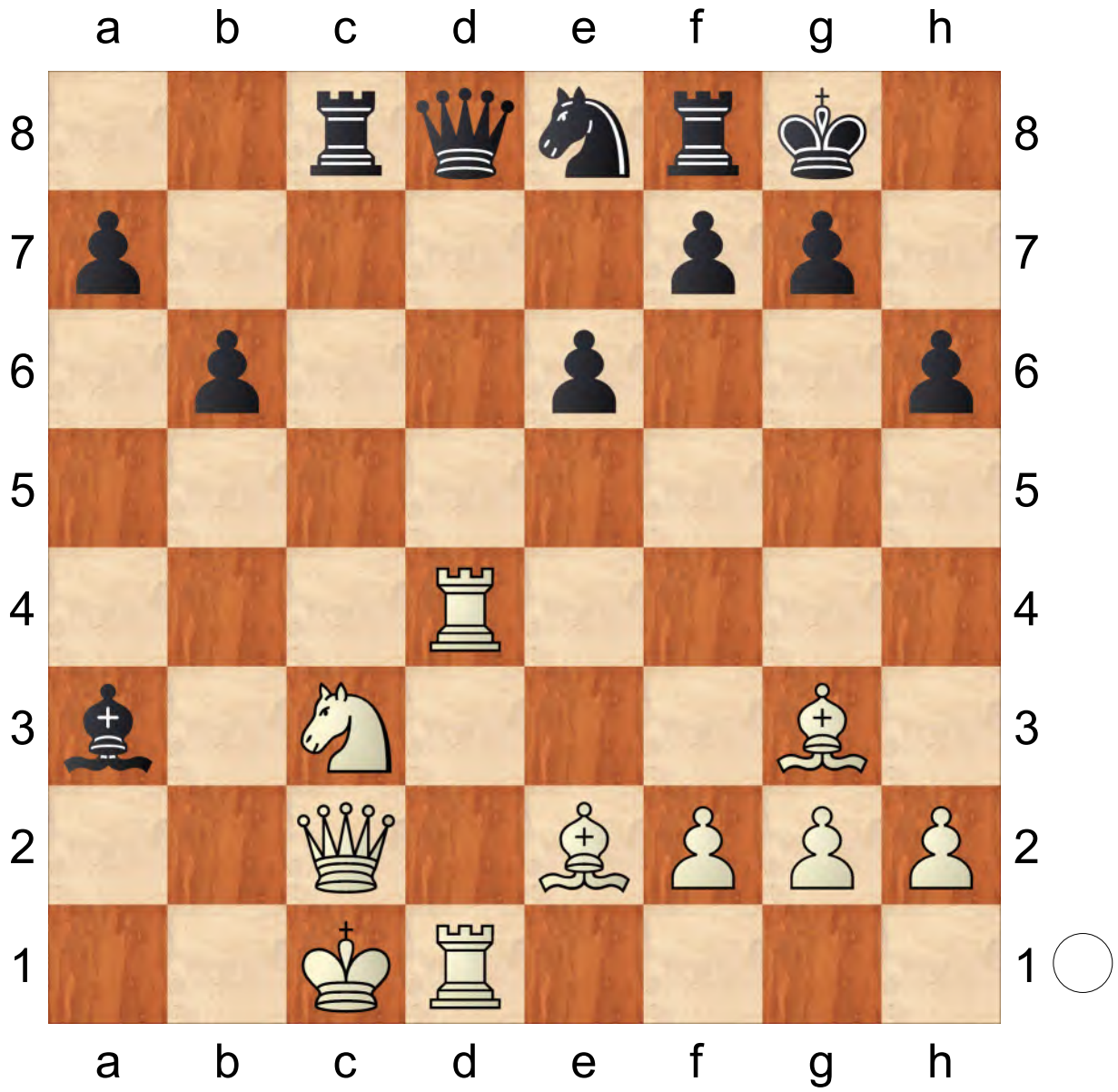
18.exd6 Bxd6?!
[Trotz längerem Nachdenken verfängt Schwarz sich in seine hausgemachten Probleme. Bessere Alternativen: I 18...Nexd6 19.Be2 Qe8 20.Rxd6 *(20.Bxd6 Nxd6 21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Qe7±)* 20...Nxd6 21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Bxd6 Qd8 23.Bxf8 Qxf8±]
[II 18...Ncxd6 19.Kb1± b5 20.Qd2 a6 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.Rxd6 Bxd6 23.Qxd6 Qa5±]
19.Be2! Eine böse Überraschung! Wegen Überlastung kann Schwarz sich jetzt nur durch ein Verzweiflungsopfer mehr schlecht als recht im Spiel halten. **19...Nxa3□**
20.bxa3!?
[I Aus schachpraktischen Erwägungen verdiente das unkomplizierte 20.Qd2!? auch Beachtung:
A) 20...Qf6 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.Rxd6 Nc4 *(22...b5 23.Qd4!)* 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.Kb1±;
B) 20...b5 21.Rxd6 Nxd6 22.Bxd6 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.Bxf8 Qxf8 25.Kb1±]
[II Ein grober Fehler wäre indes 20.Qb3?? wegen Qg5+ 21.f4 *(21.R1d2 Bxg3 22.fxg3 Qc5∓)* 21...Qc5!∓]
20...Bxa3+

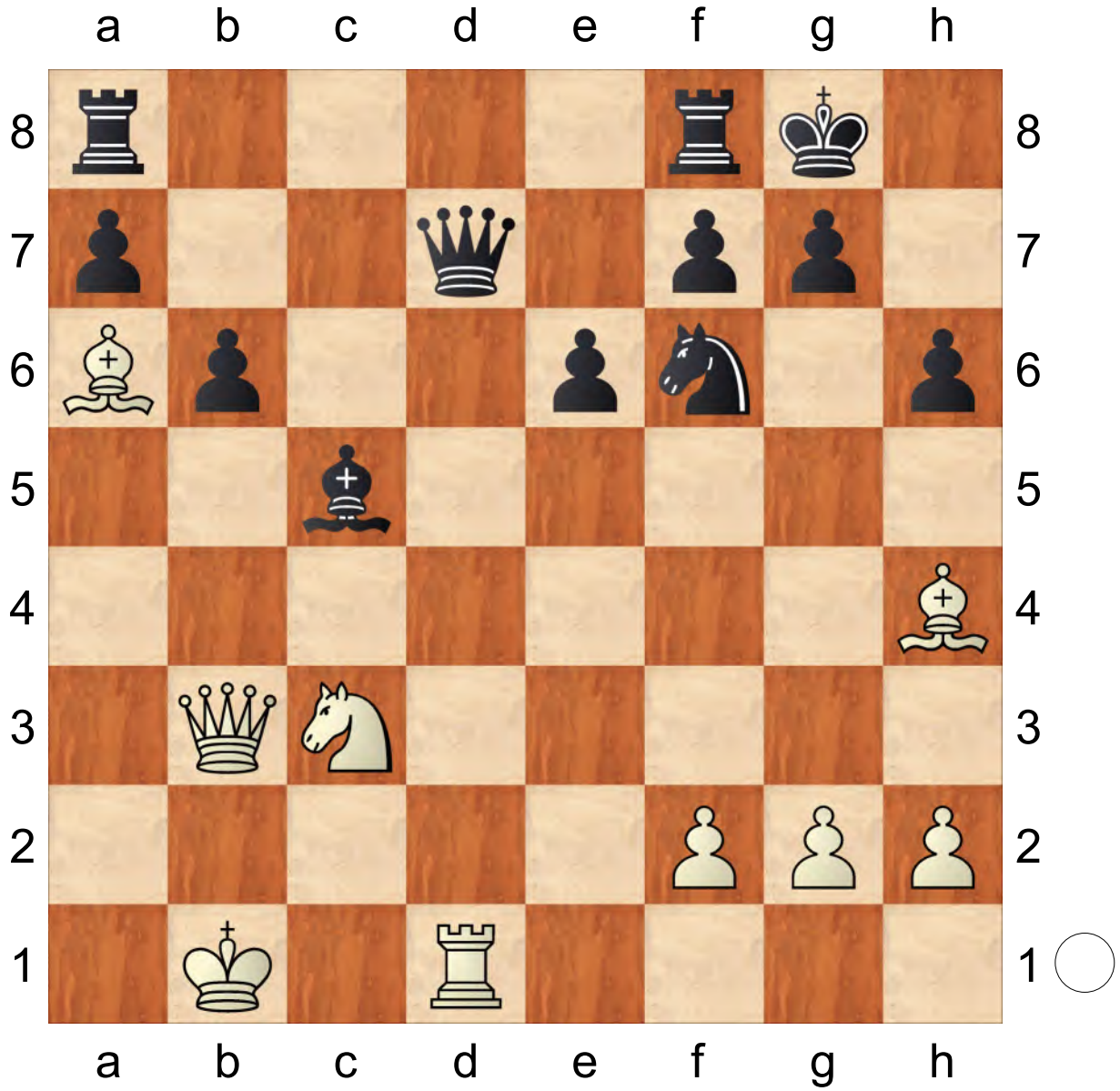
(Diagram)

21.Kb1 Qe7 Drei Bauern für eine Figur und der weiße König steht offen - scheinbar hat Schwarz gute Kompensation. Aber einige seiner Figuren sind schlecht postiert, deshalb steht Weiß deutlich besser.
[21...Qg5? 22.Ba6
A) 22...Rc6 23.Ra4 Be7 *(23...Qc5 24.Bb7)* 24.Ne4;
B) 22...Rc5 23.h4! Qh5 24.Be2 Qf5 25.Qxf5 Rxf5 26.Ra4]
22.Qb3? Sieht zwar natürlich aus, aber versäumt das sofortige und sehr effiziente Nachsetzen
[22.Ba6! und nun: Rc5 *(22...Ra8 23.Nb5 Bc5 24.Rd7 Qg5 25.f4+-; 22...Rc6 23.Nd5!)* 23.Rd7 Qg5 *(23...Qf6 24.Ne4!)* 24.h4 Qf5 25.Qxf5 Rxf5 26.Rxa7±]
22...Nf6 23.Ba6 Ra8?!
[23...Bc5! 24.R4d3 Rcd8±]
24.Bh4! Bc5
[Besser ist wohl 24...g5 , aber so wird man in einer Partie kaum spielen: 25.Bg3 Bc5 26.R4d3 Rad8 27.h4 Rxd3 28.Rxd3 Rd8 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Qd1 Rxd3 31.Bxd3∞]
25.Rd7! Qxd7

(Diagram)

26.Rxd7 Nxd7 Die schwarzen Türme sind schlecht platziert. **27.f4**





[Um ...♘e5 zu verhindern, aber eigene Aktivitäten hatten jetzt den Vorrang: ⌓27.Ne4!

A) 27...Bd4 28.Qa4 Bf6 *(28...Nc5? 29.Qxd4 Nxa6 30.Bf6!!+-)* 29.Bg3 Nc5 30.Nxc5 bxc5 31.Bd6 Rfe8 32.Bb7 Rad8 33.Bc6 Rxd6 34.Bxe8;

B) 27...Ne5 28.Bg3 *(28.Qa4 Ng6 29.Nxc5 bxc5 30.Bg3±)* 28...Bd4 29.Qb5 Ng6 30.Qh5 Δ♗d6±]

27...Bd4 28.Qa4 Bf6

[28...Nc5 29.Qxd4 Nxa6 30.Ne4 Nc5 *(30...Rfc8?! 31.Nd6 Rc7 32.f5→)* 31.Be7 *(31.Nxc5 bxc5 32.Qe5 Rfc8 33.Be1 Rab8+ 34.Kc2 Rb6 35.g4 f6 36.Qe4 Rcb8 37.Bc3±)* 31...Rfc8 32.Ng3 g6 33.h4 h5 34.Qf6±]

29.Qxd7 Bxh4 30.f5?!

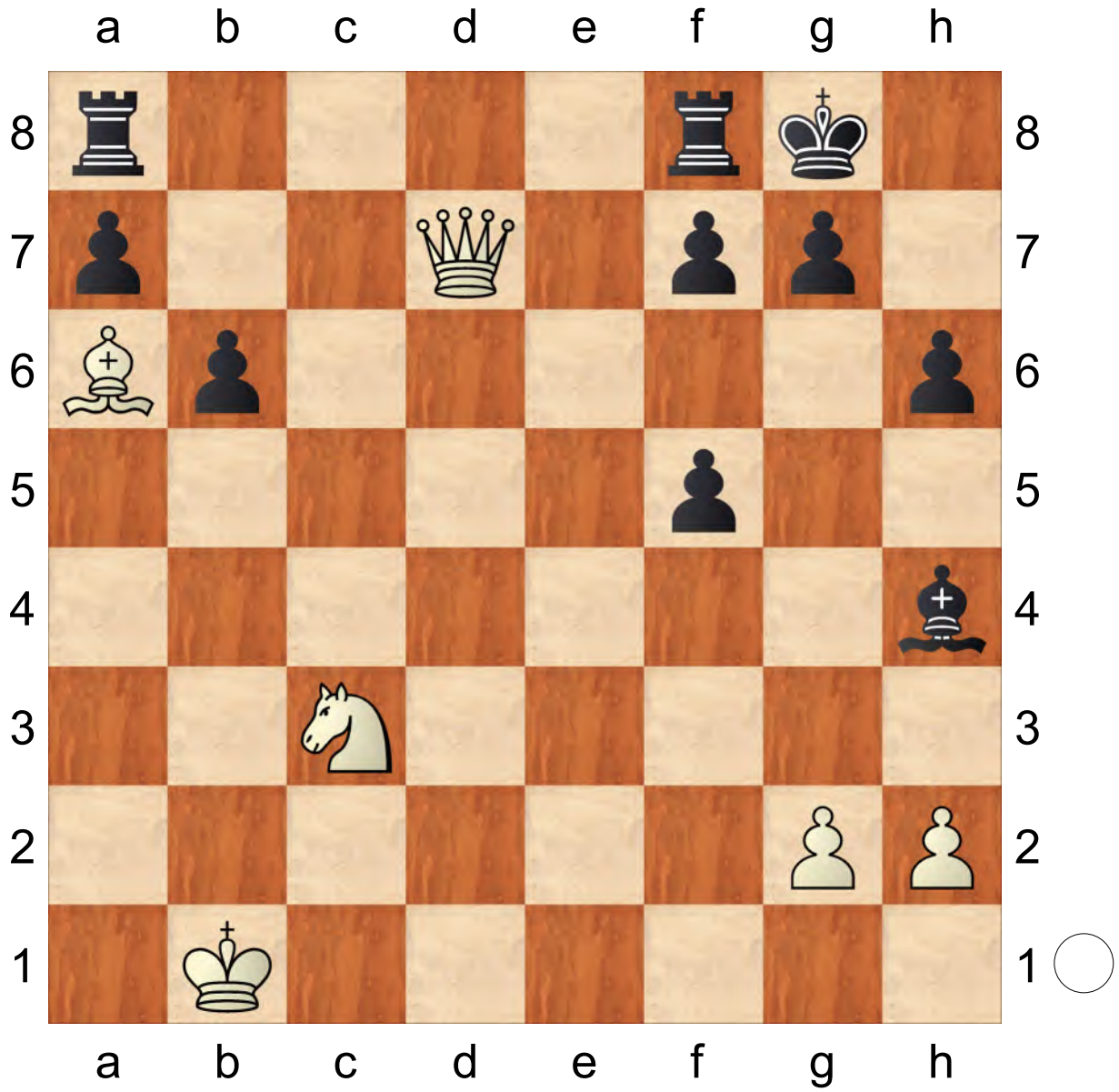
[Voreilig; nach ⌓30.g3 und z.B. Rfd8 31.Qb7 Bf6 32.Ne4 Rd1+ 33.Kc2 Rad8 34.Qxa7 Rh1 35.Nxf6+ gxf6 36.Qe7 Rxh2+ 37.Kc3 Rdd2 38.f5!± wäre dieser

Bauernzug besser getimt.]

30...exf5?!

[Alternativen: I Mit der Turmverbindung auf der d-Linie nach 30...Rfd8 31.Qb5 Be1 32.Ne4 exf5 33.Qxf5 Rd4 34.Qe5 Rad8± hätte Schwarz eine zähe Verteidigungsstellung.]

[II Nicht 30...Be1? 31.fxe6! Bxc3 32.exf7+ Kh8 33.Bd3 Rad8 34.Qf5 Rxd3 35.Qxd3 Bf6 36.Qg6 a5 37.g4 b5 38.Qh5 a4 39.h4+-]



31.Qxf5 Rad8 32.Bc4 Rd4

[32...Rd2 33.Bd5 Rf2 34.Qg4 Bf6 35.Ne4]

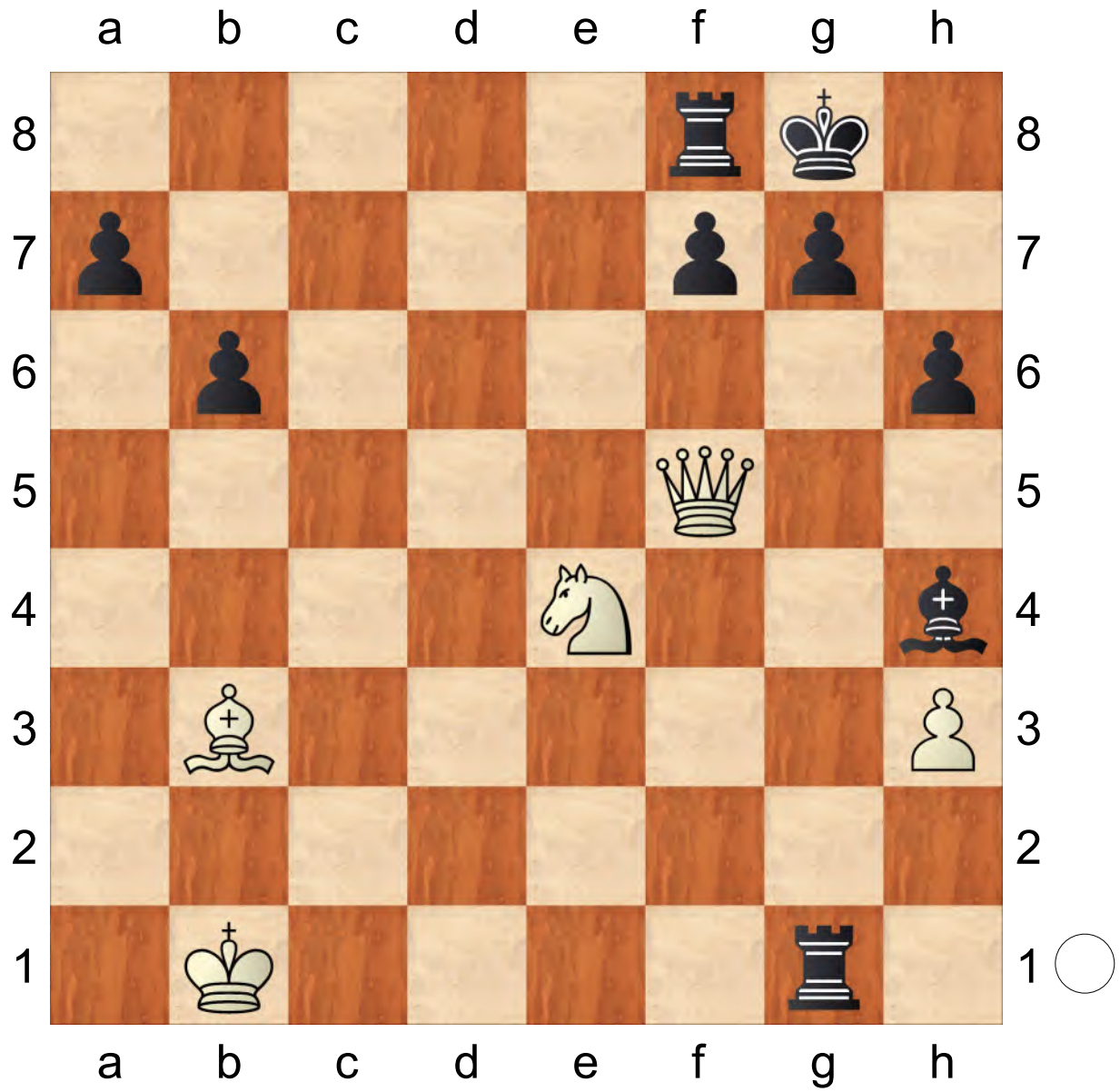
33.Bb3 Rd2?

[Erforderlich war 33...Bf6 und z.B. 34.Ne4± *(34.Bc2 Rfd8 35.Ne4±)*]

34.Ne4?

[Jetzt kraftlos, während 34.Bc2! g6 *(34...Rfd8 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Qh8+ Ke7 37.Qxg7 Bf6 38.Qg3)* 35.Qg4→ tödlichen Druck erzeugt hätte: Bg5 36.h4 Be3 37.Ne4! Rdd8 *(37...Rd4 38.Bb3 Kh7 39.Qf3+-)* 38.h5 Bd4 39.Ng3+- /±]

34...Rxg2= 35.h3 Rg1+



36.Kc2 Rg2+ 37.Kb1 Rg1+ 38.Kc2 g6 39.Qd7 Rg2+ 40.Kb1 Rg1+

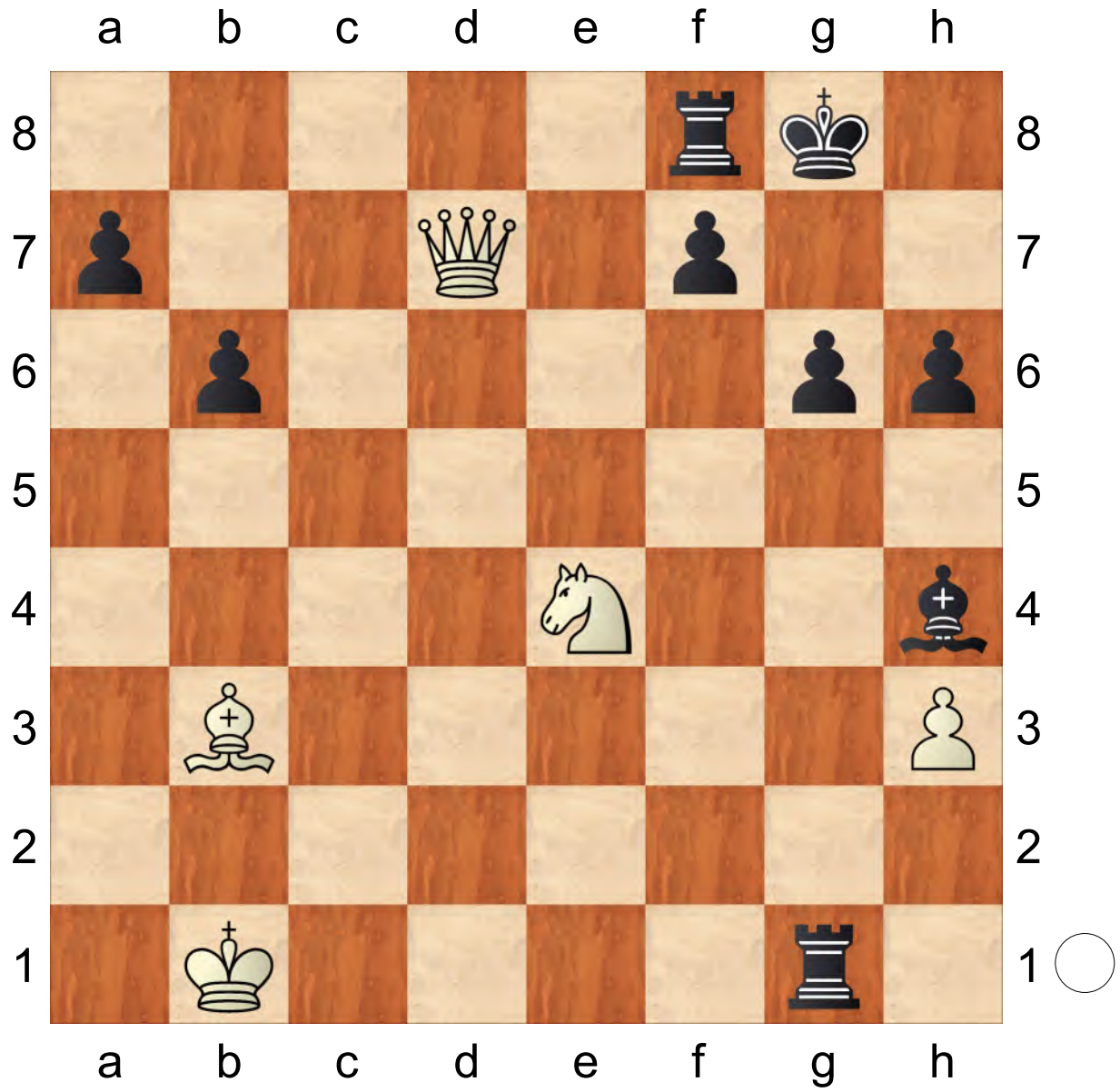
(Diagram)

41.Kb2 Rf1 42.Bc4 Bf6+ 43.Nxf6+

[43.Kc2 Rf4 44.Bd5∞]

43...Rxf6 44.Qxa7 Rc8 45.Bd5 Rc5

(Diagram)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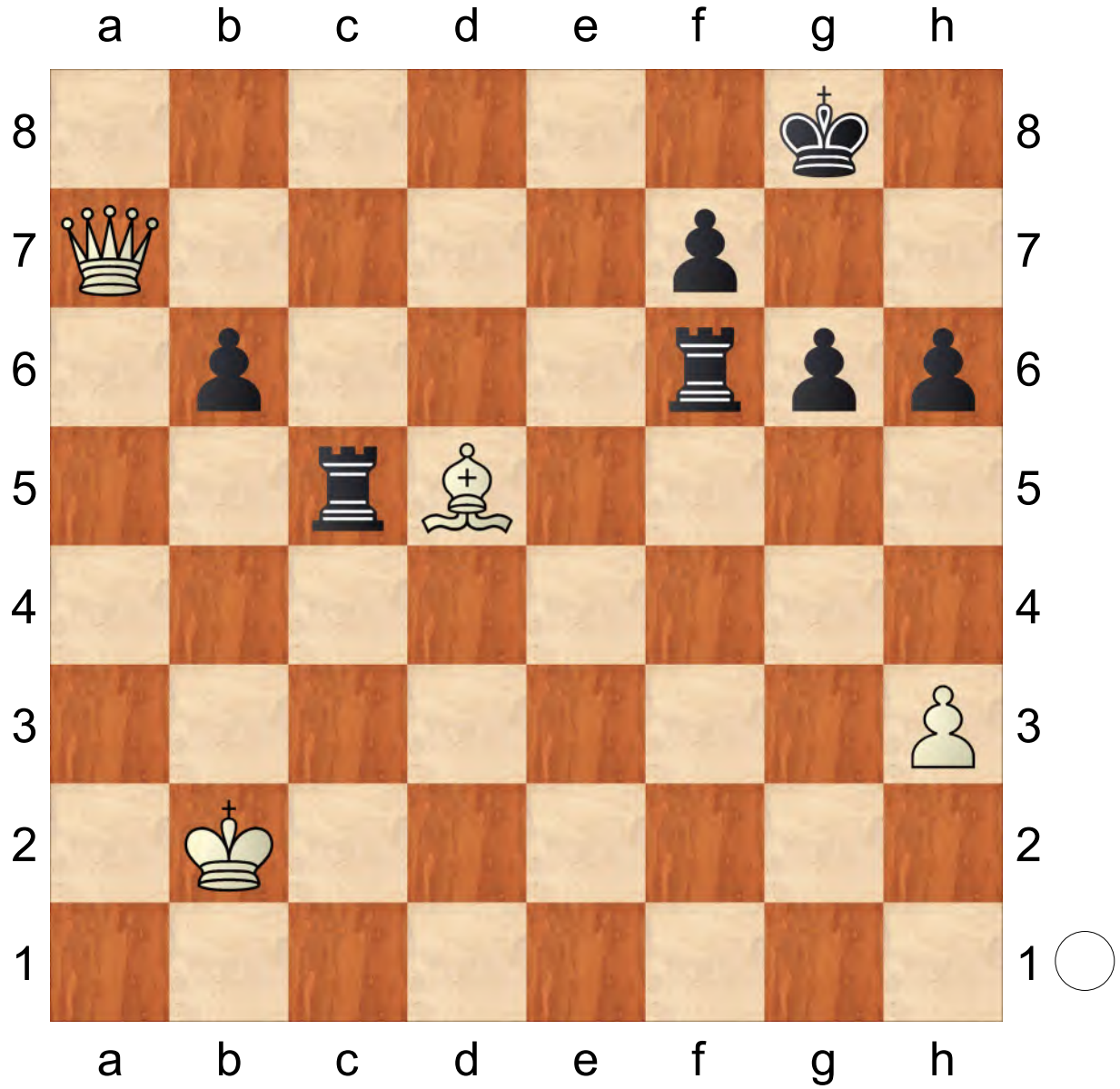


46.Qd7 Rf5 47.Bb3 Rf2+ 48.Ka3 Ra5+ 49.Kb4 Rf4+ 50.Kc3 Rg5

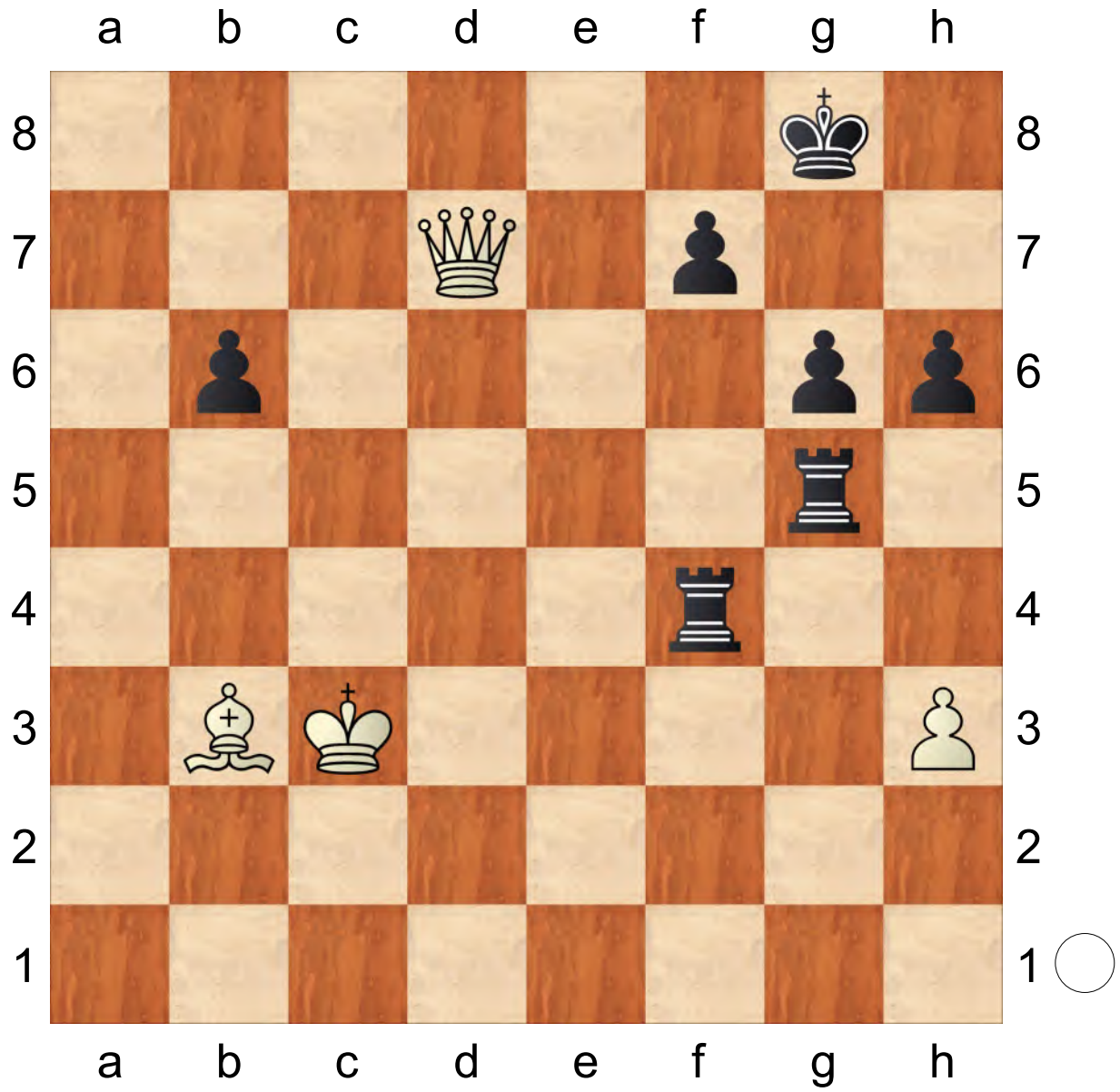
(Diagram)

51.Qe8+ Kg7 52.Qe3 Rgf5 53.Bd1 Rc5+ 54.Kb3 Rf6 55.Qd4 Rcf5

(Diagram)

56.Be2 Rf2 57.Qe3 h5 58.Bd1 Rg2 59.Qe5 Rd2 60.Be2?

[60.Bxh5! Der wurde gesehen und hätte auch gespielt werden müssen. Später kommt dieser Bauer ersatzlos abhanden. Nach dem weiteren Rd3+ 61.Kc4 Rxh3 62.Be2= hätte Schwarz aber aufgrund seiner viel größereren Bedenkzeitreserve (!) einfach weitergespielt.]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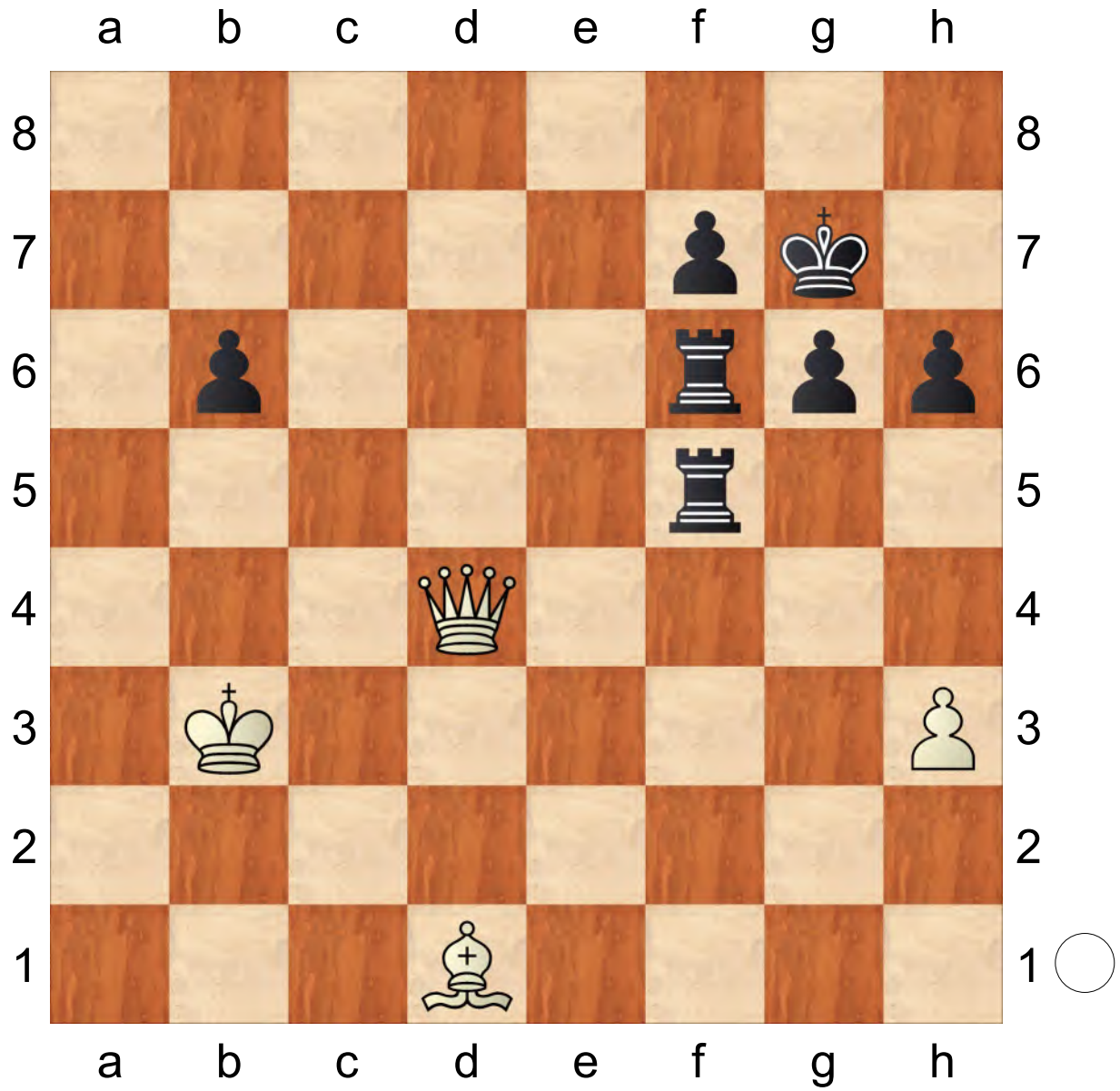


60...Rdd6

(Diagram)

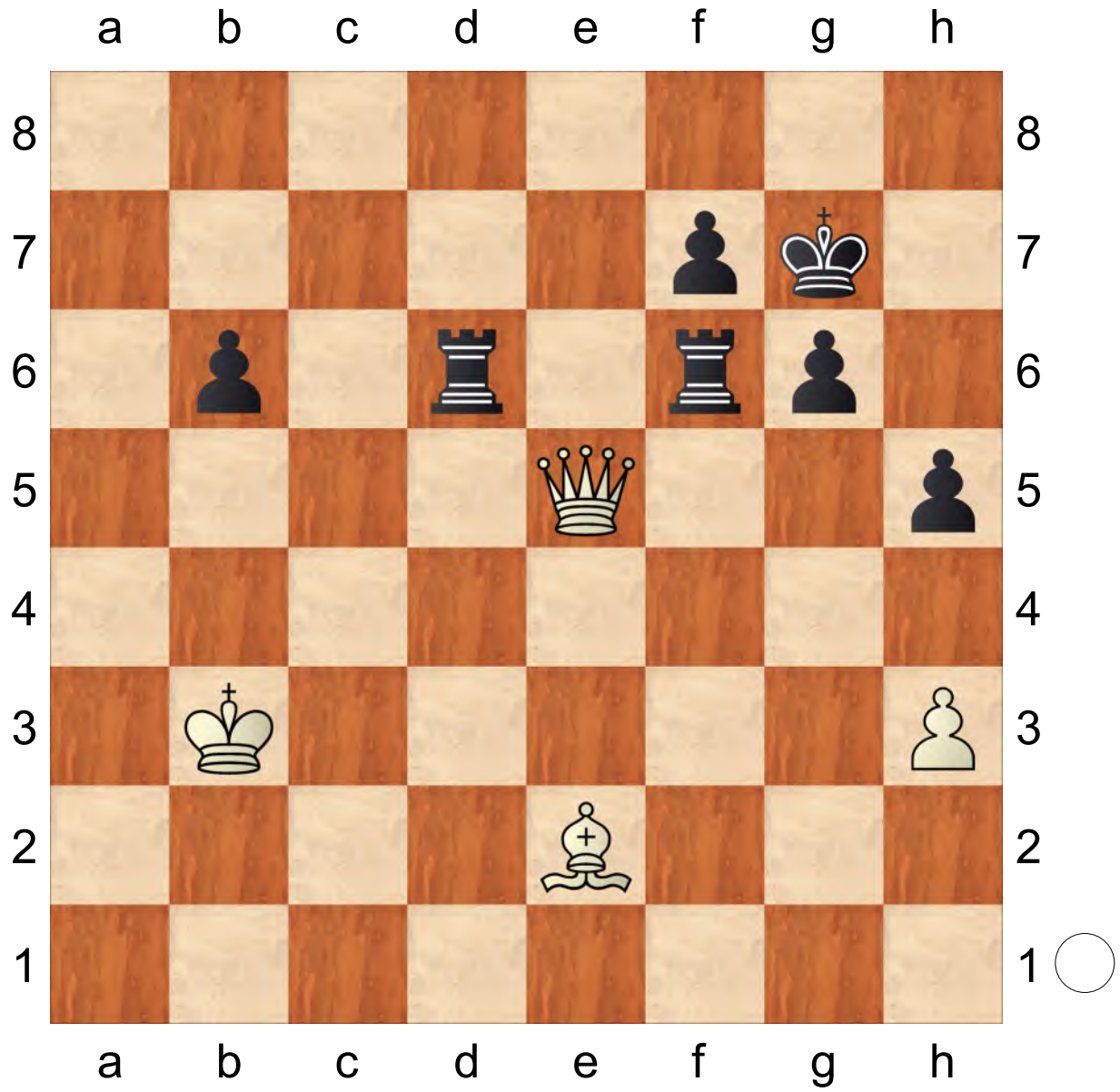
61.Bc4 Rc6 62.Bd5 Rc1 63.Bc4 Rh1 64.Qc3 Rg1 65.Qe3 Rg2

(Diagram)

66.Bd5 Rgf2 67.Qd4 Kh7 68.Qe5 R2f5 69.Qe7 Kg7 70.Qd7 Rg5

(Diagram)

71.Be4 Rg3+ 72.Kc4 Knaak/Meyer,CD: '=' **72...Re3 73.Qd4?** Hier hatte Weiß sein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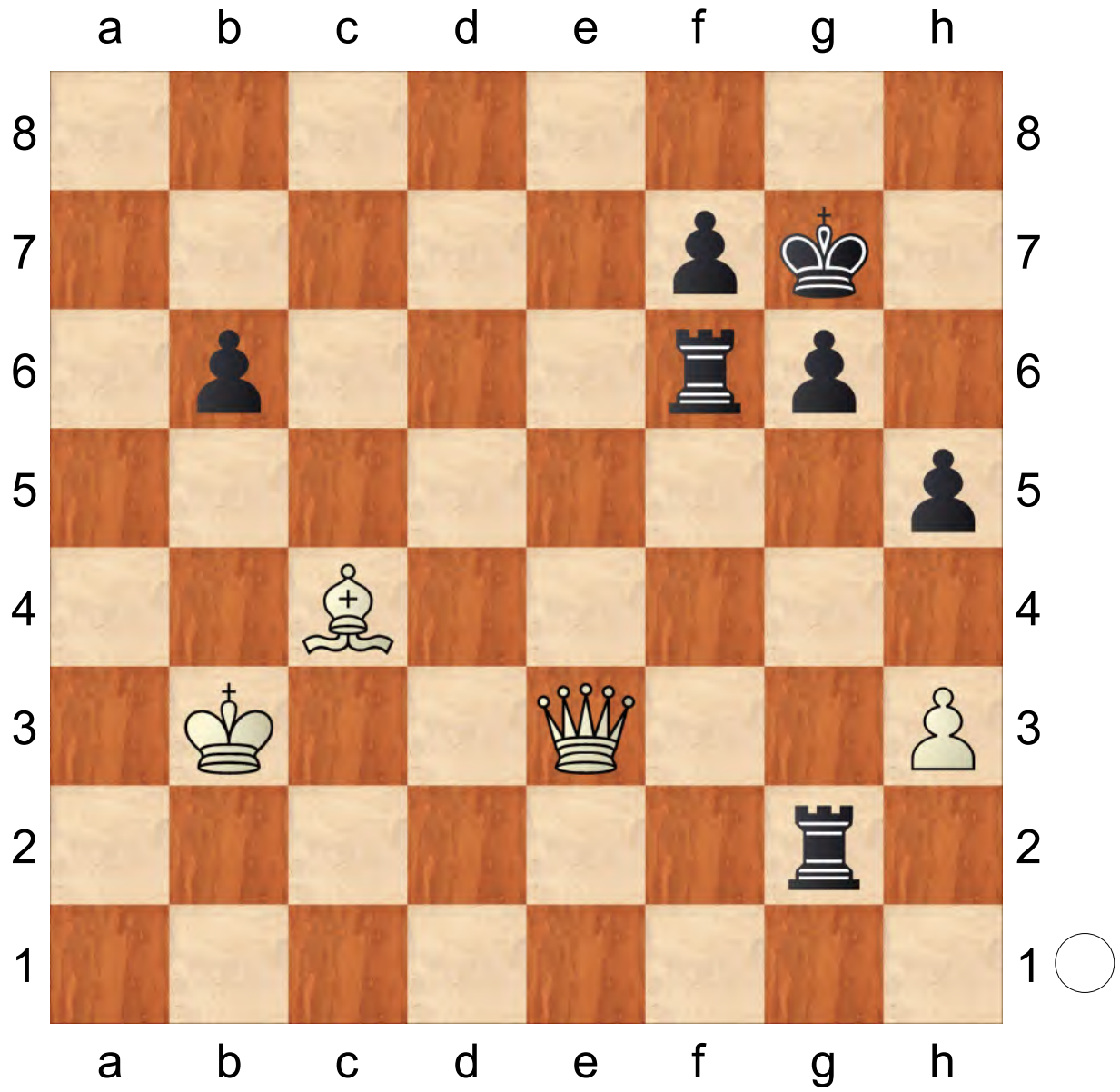
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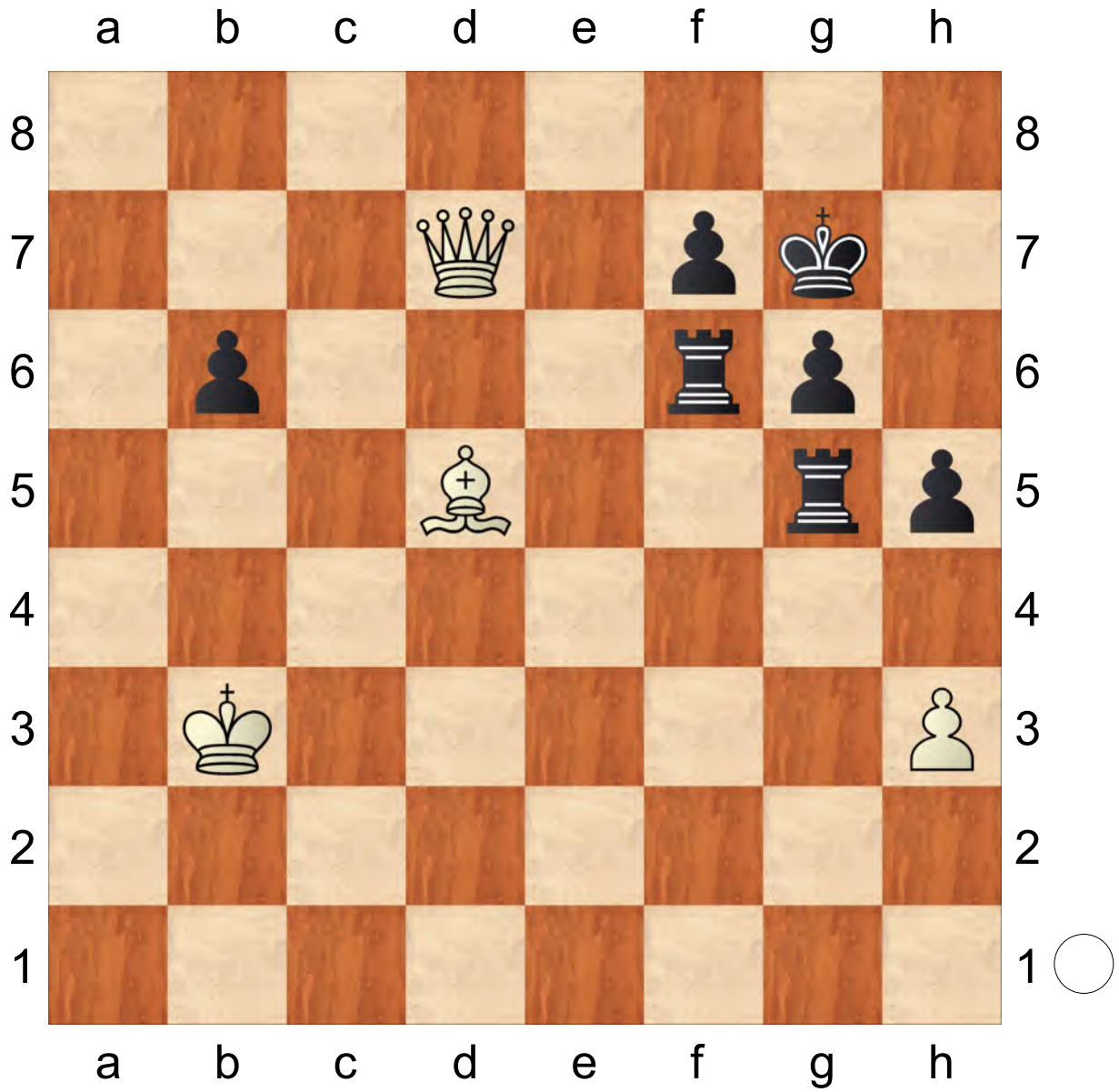


Tempo schon deutlich erhöhen müssen.
[73.Kd4 Rg3 74.Kc4 Re6 75.Bd5 Rf6 76.Be4=]
73...Rxh3-+ Schlicht eingestellt. **74.Kb5 Rb3+ 75.Ka6 Rg3**

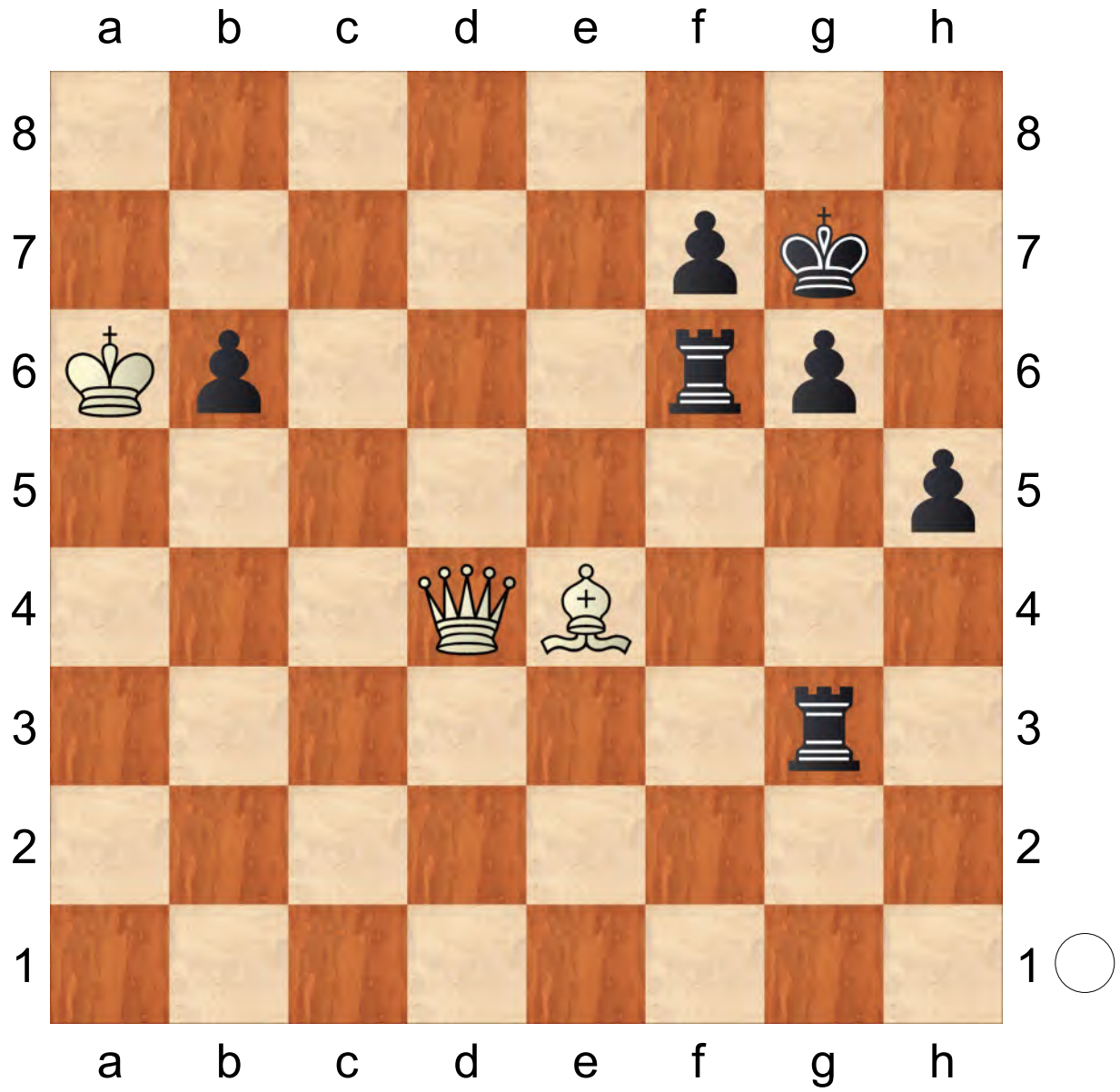
(Diagram)

76.Bd5 Rg4 77.Qc3 Rgf4 78.Kb7 R4f5 79.Qd4 h4 80.Bg2 Rf4

(Diagram)

81.Qe5 Rg4 82.Bd5 Rgf4 83.Bg2 R4f5 84.Qd4 g5 85.Bh3 Rf3

(Diagram)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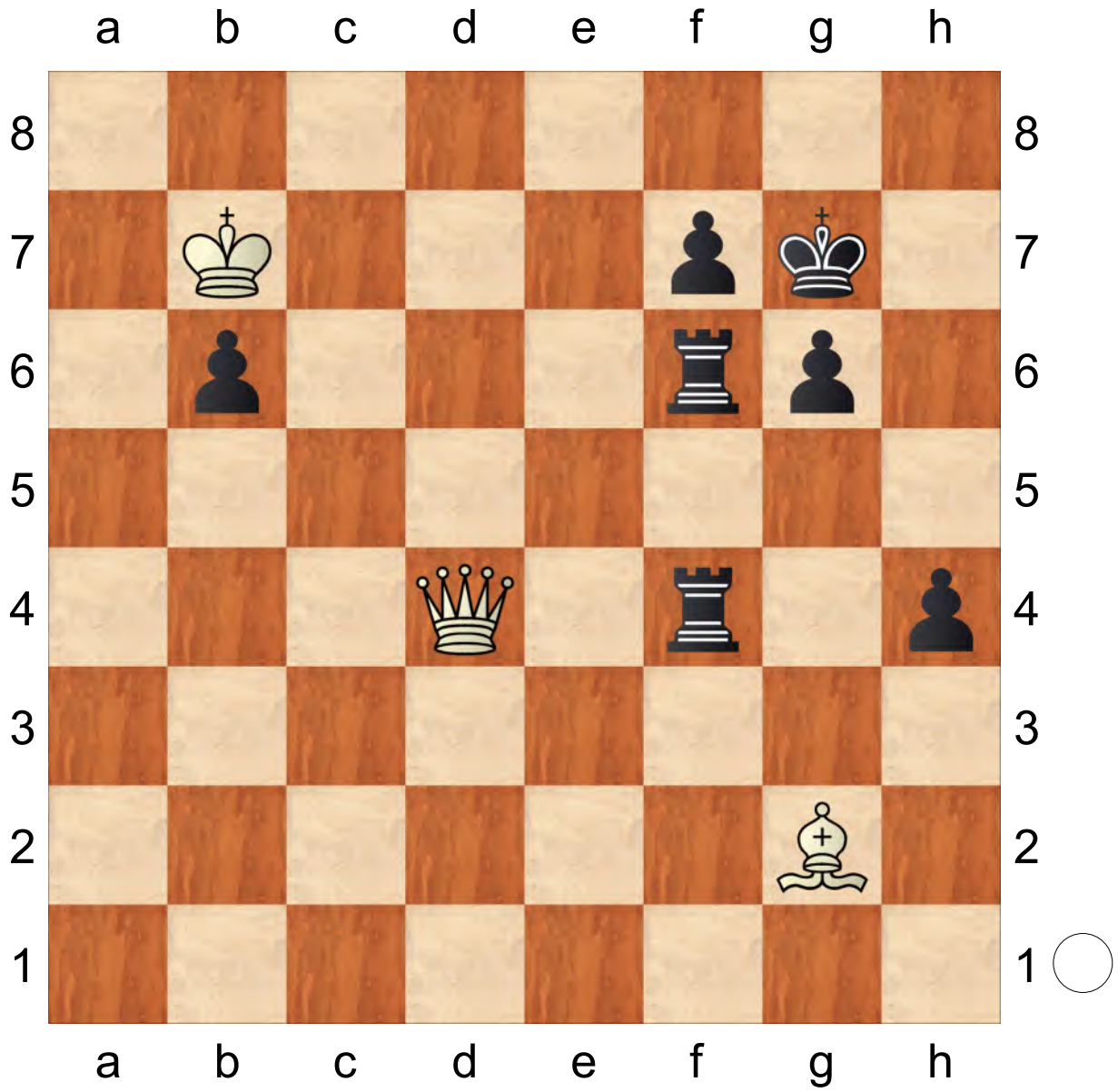
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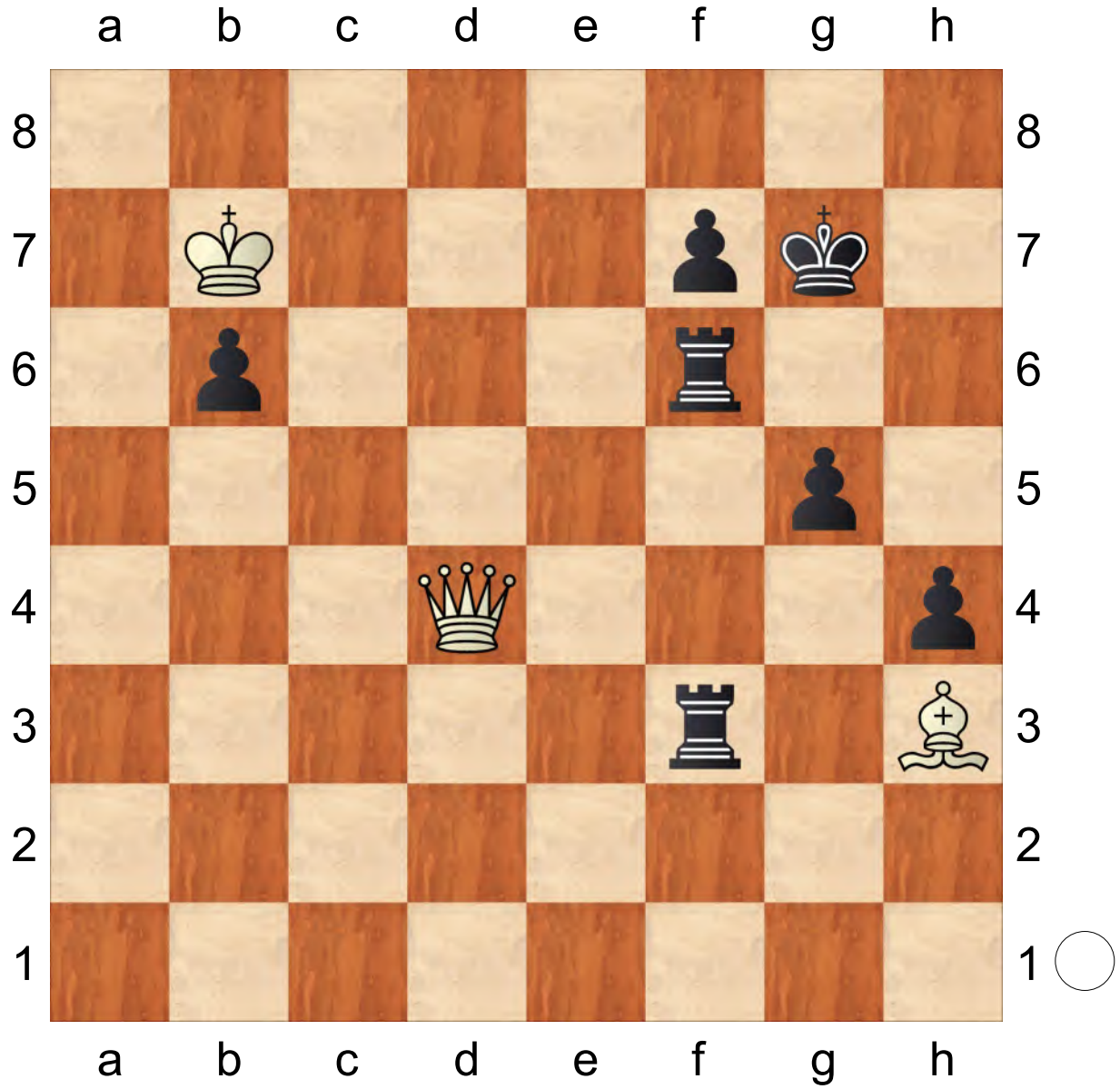


86.Qe5 Rxh3 87.Qxg5+ Rg6 88.Qe5+ Kh7 89.Qf5 Rhg3 90.Qh5+ Rh6

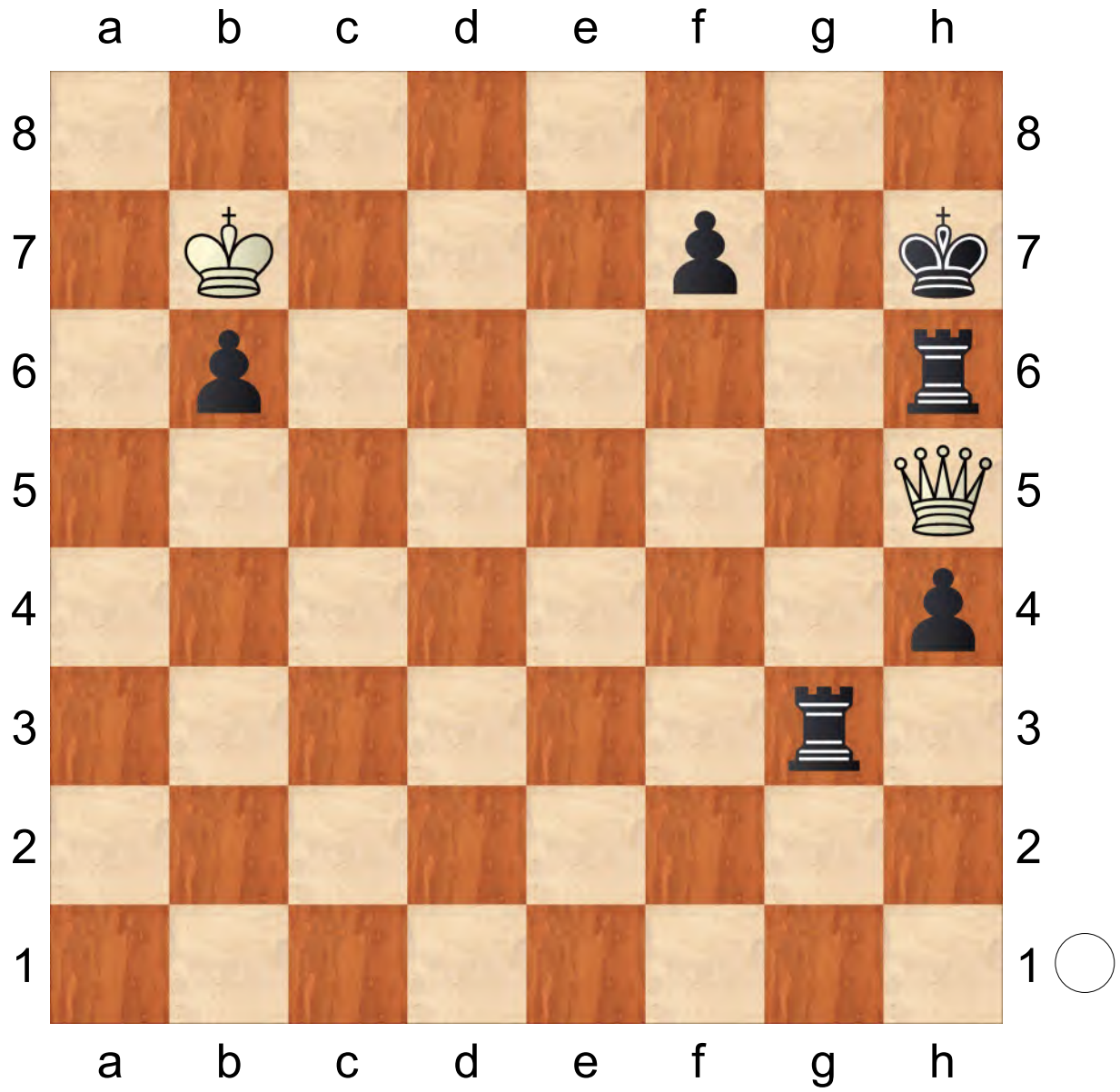
(Diagram)

91.Qf5+ Rgg6 92.Ka6 Kg7 93.Qe5+ Rf6 94.Qg5+ Rhg6 95.Qxh4 Rg2

(Diagram)

96.Qd4 Rg5 97.Kb7 Kg6 98.Qe4+ Kg7 99.Qd4 b5 100.Qc3 Rgg6

(Diagram)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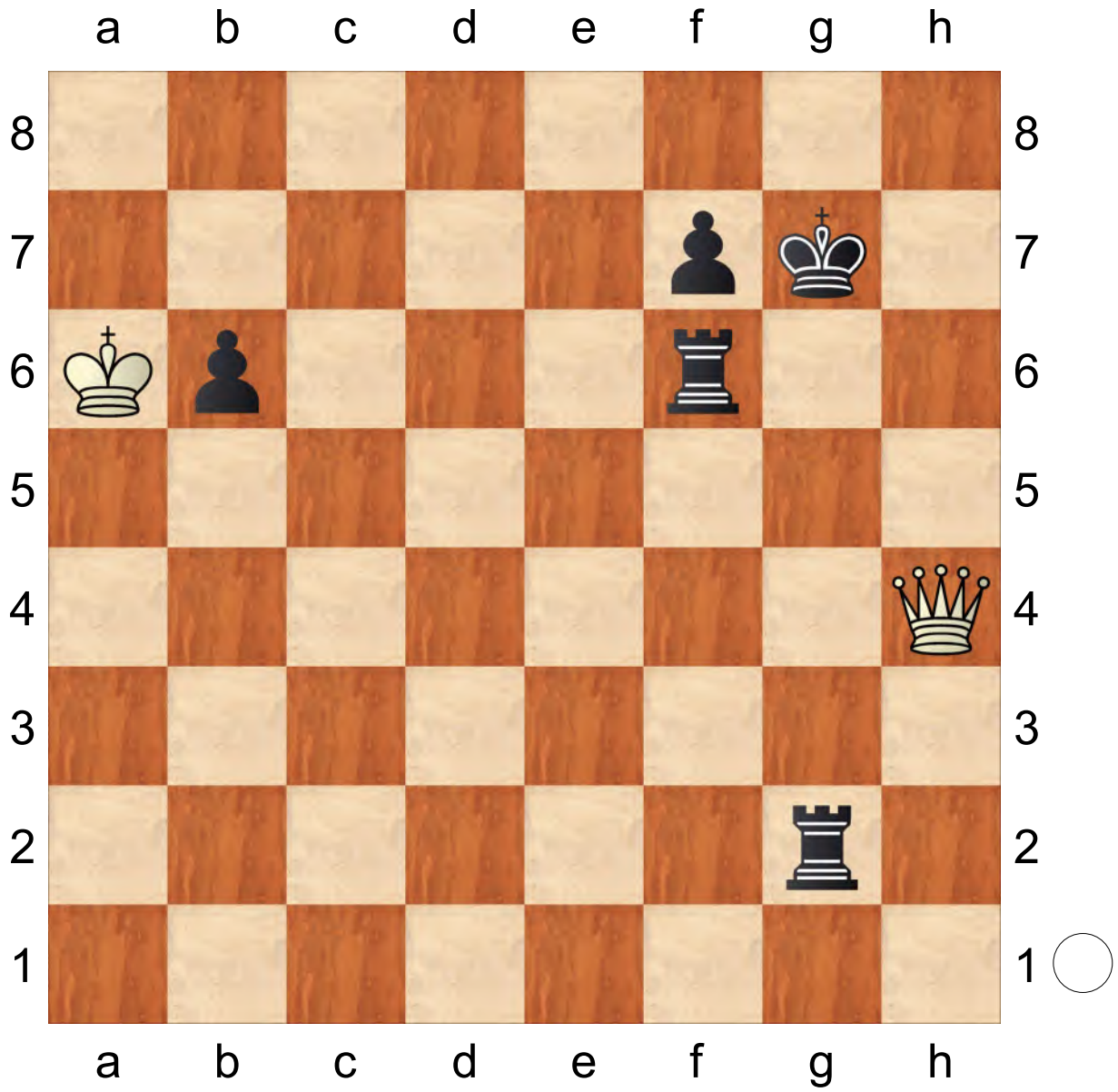
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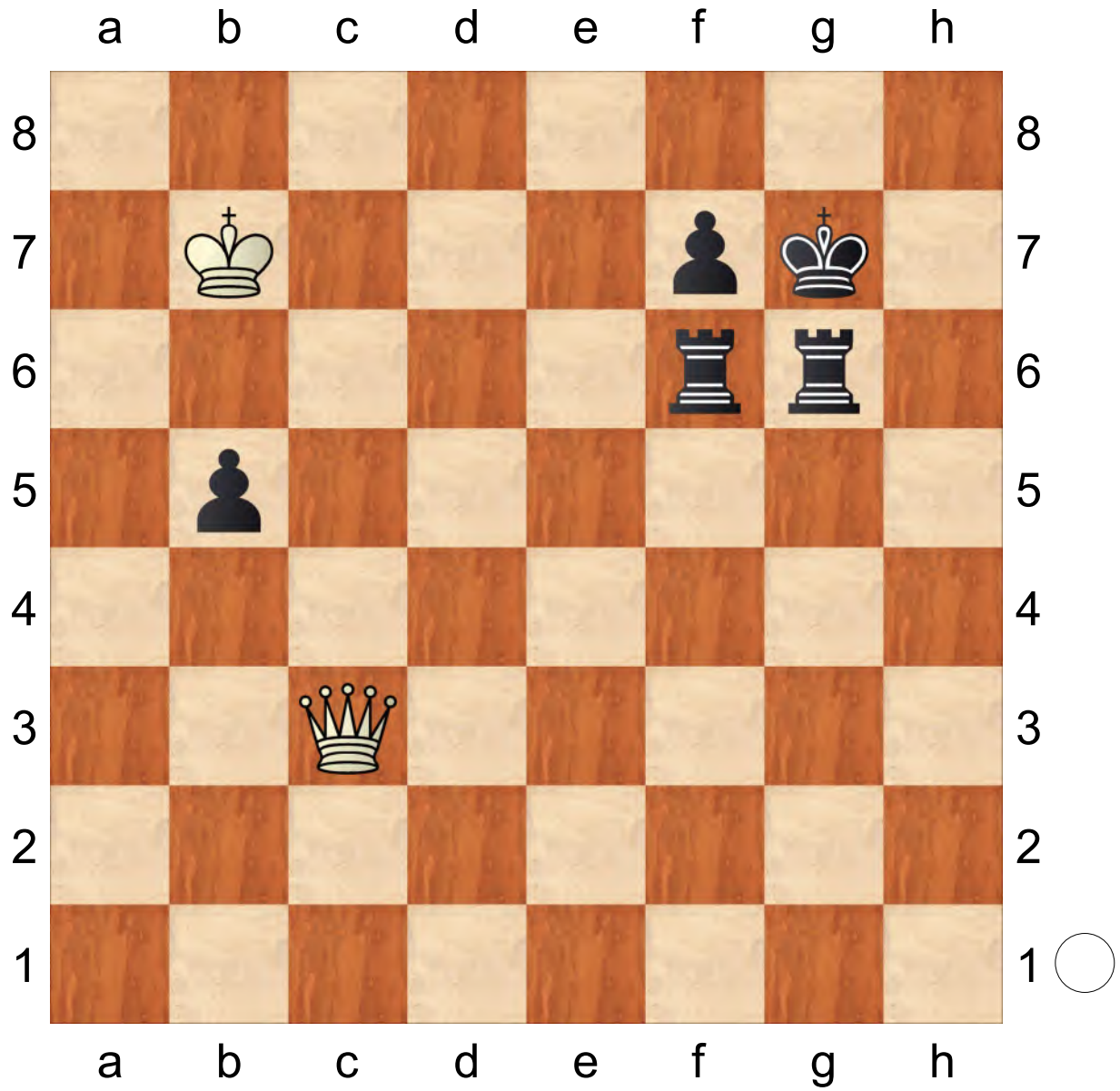

101.Qd4 b4 102.Kc7 b3 103.Kd7 Kg8

(Diagram)

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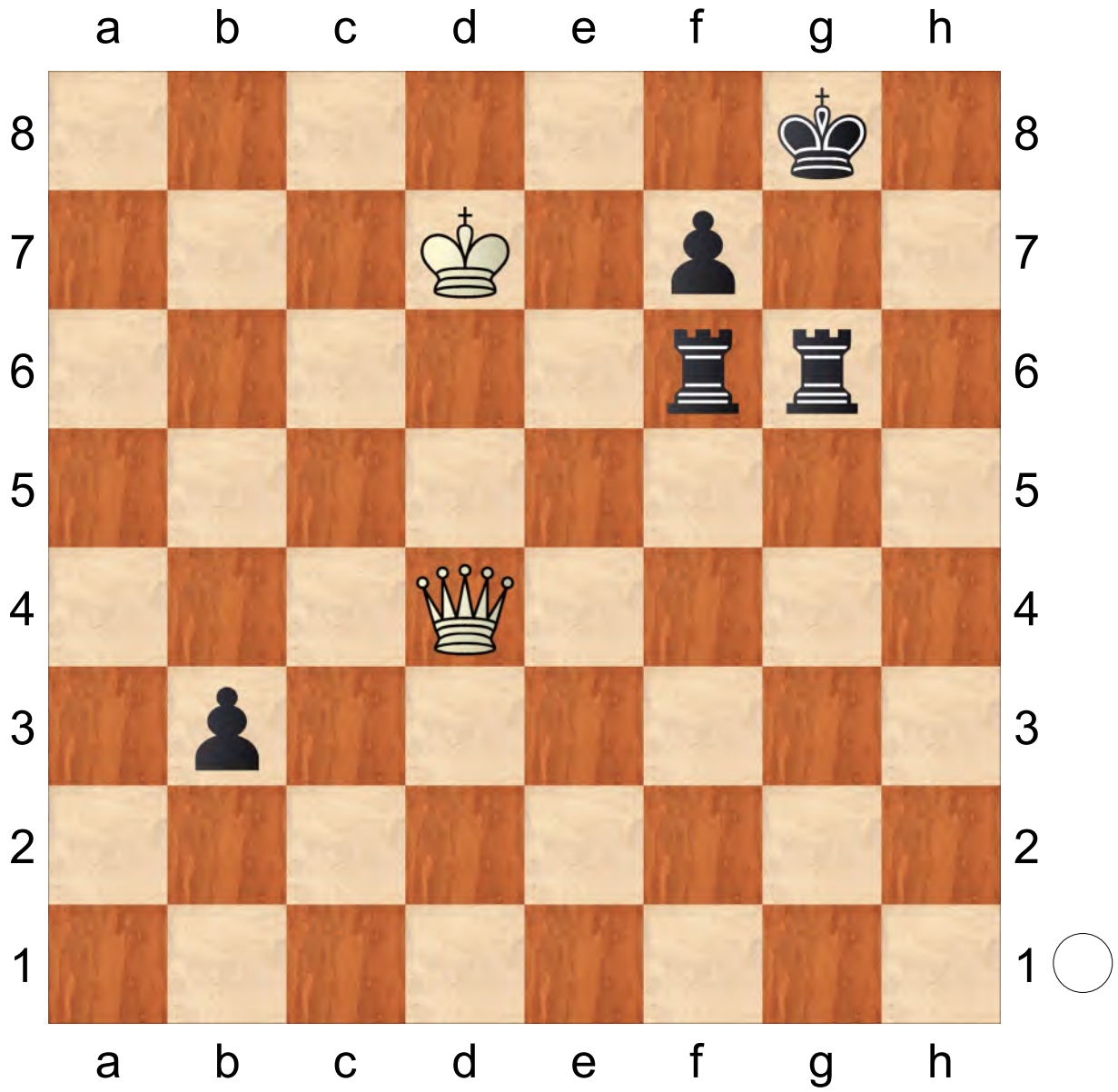
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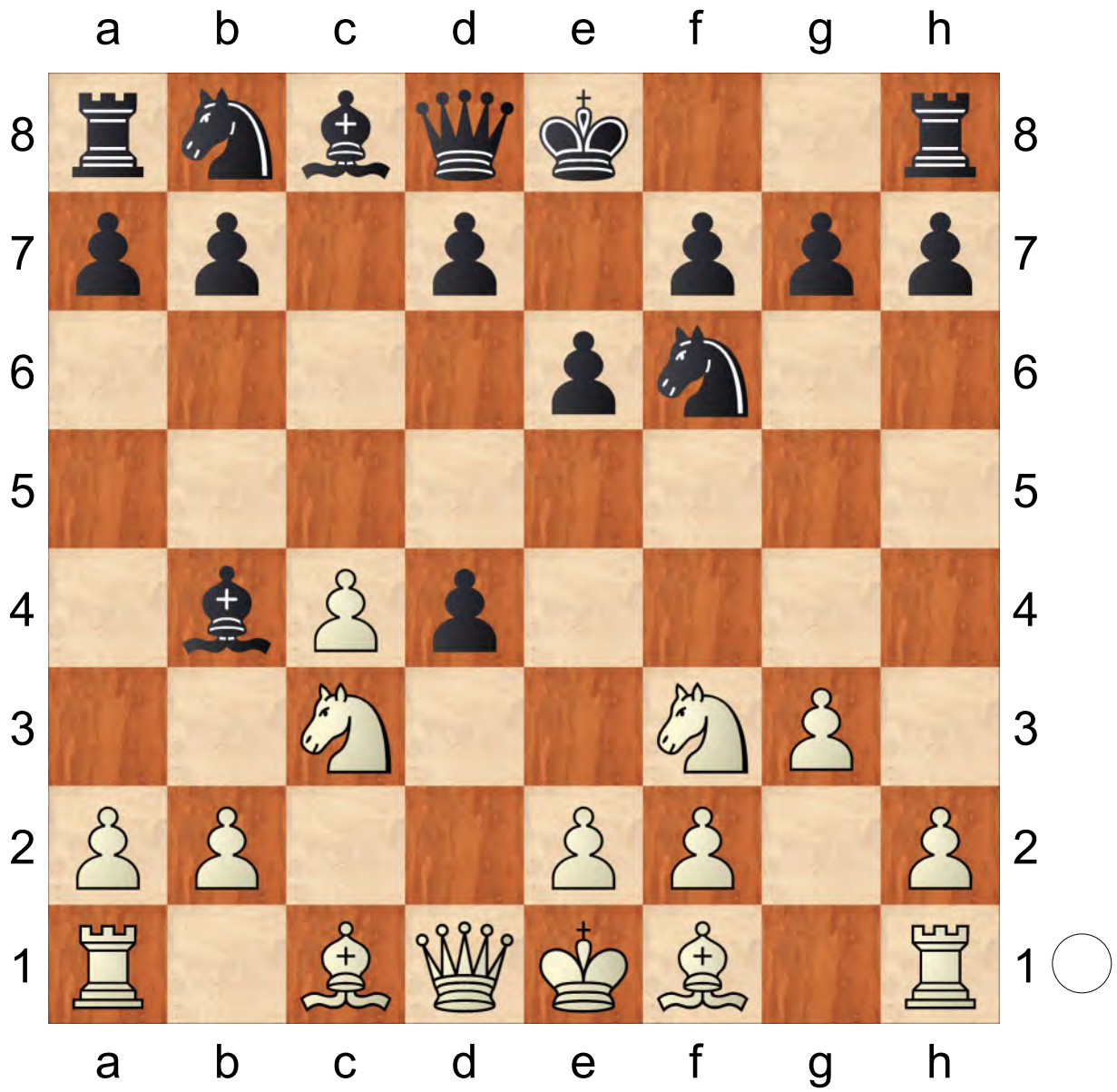
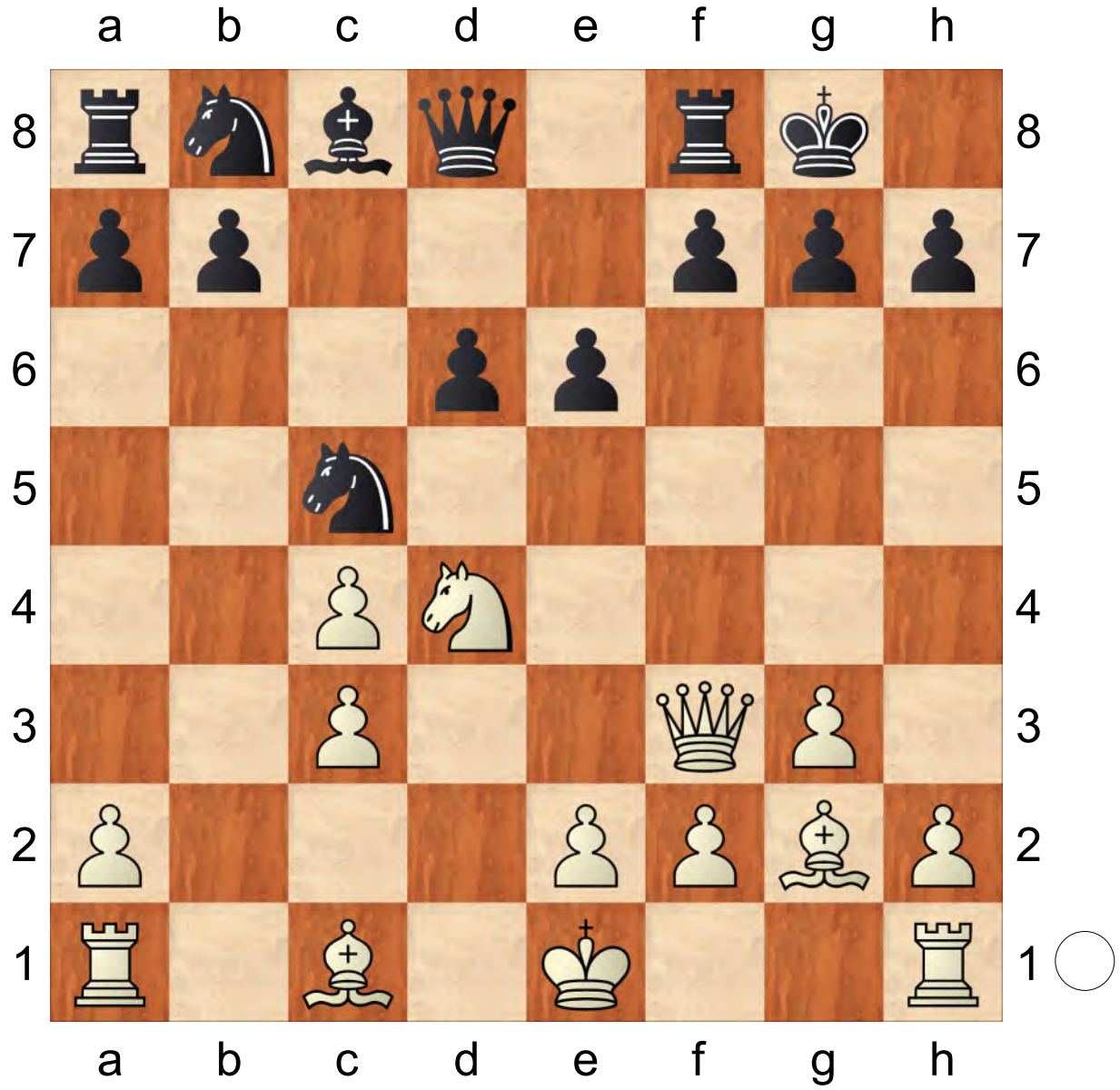
□ **Chuchelov,Vladimir** **2539**
■ **Babula,Vlastimil** **2584**
Bundesliga 0607 (4.4) 19.11.2006
[Babula/Meyer,CD]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 c5 5.g3 cxd4

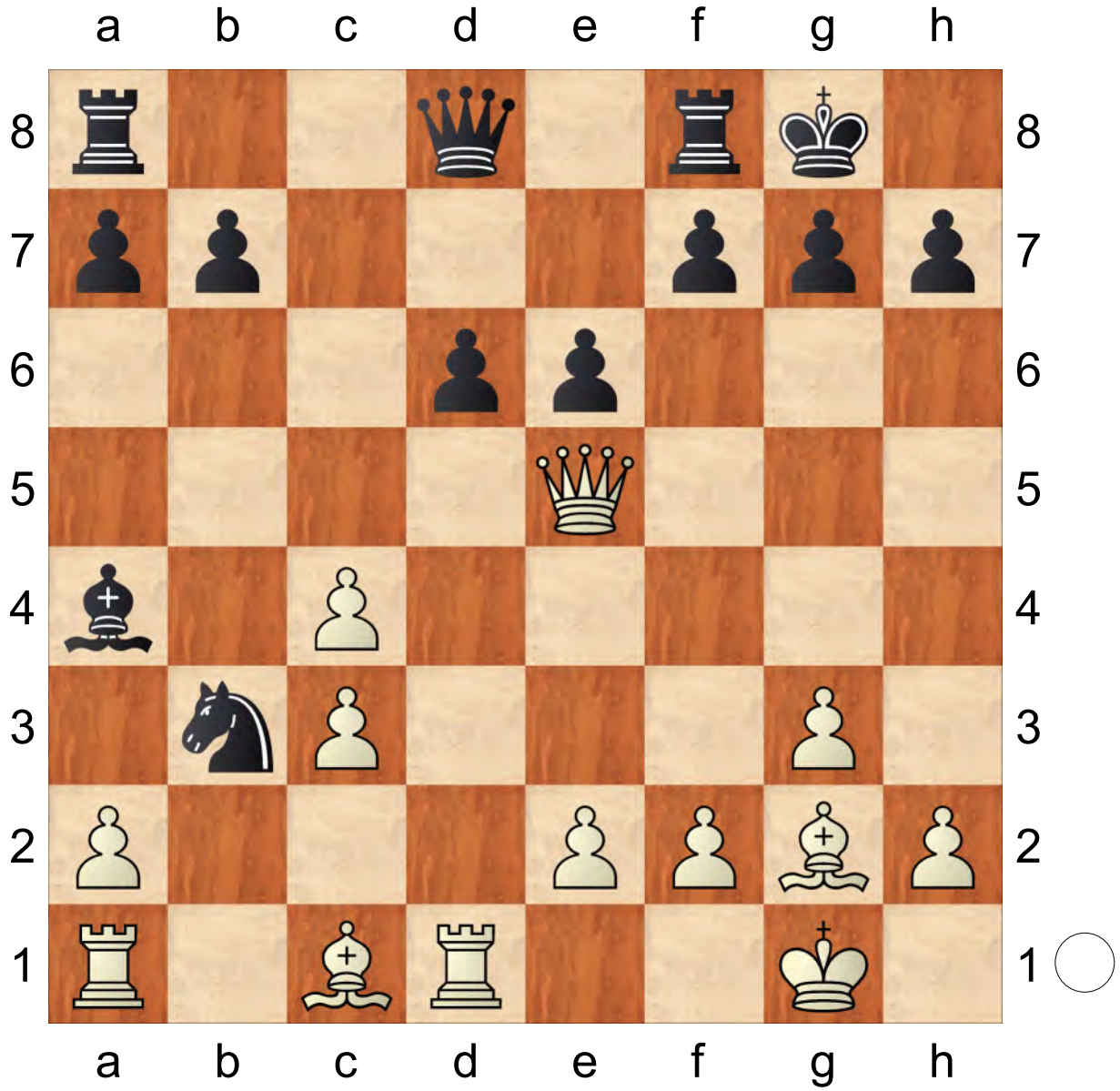


6.Nxd4 Ne4 7.Qd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nc5 9.Qf3 d6 10.Bg2 0-0?!
[Erst 10...Nbd7! 11.0-0 Ne5 12.Qf4 Bd7 , also die Rochade aufzuschieben und den Damenspringer nach e5 zu überführen, gilt als stärker und erlaubt es Schwarz, seine Eröffnungsprobleme leicht zu lösen. 13.Nb5 *(13.Nb3 Rc8)* 13...Bxb5 14.cxb5 0-0]



11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rd1 Ne5 13.Qf4 Bd7
[13...Nxc4? 14.Nb3±]
14.Nb3! Die ungenaue Zugfolge des Schwarzen wird hiermit geahndet, während
[14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.cxb5 wieder zur o.a. Hauptvariante überleiten würde.]
14...Ba4
[14...Qc7? 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 *(15...dxc5 16.Rxd7)* 16.Be3 Qc7 17.c5 d5 18.c4±]
15.Qxe5!?N
[Eine interessante Neuerung, die Chuchelov am Brett eingefallen ist, anstelle des bekannten (und soliden) 15.Ba3!? Bxb3 16.axb3 Qc7 17.Bxc5?! *(⌓17.Rab1±)* 17...dxc5 18.Bxb7 Rab8?! P. Wells - P. Smirnov, EU-ch Warschau 2005, Gavrikov/CBM *(⌓18...Qxb7 19.Qxe5 Qxb3 20.Qxc5 Qxc3=)*]
15...Nxb3

[15...dxe5? 16.Rxd8 Rfxd8 17.Nxc5 Rd1+ 18.Bf1±]



16.Rxd6

[16.axb3?! dxe5 17.Rxd8 Raxd8 18.bxa4 Rd1+ 19.Bf1 Rc8∓ ⇄]

16...Nxa1 17.Rxd8 Raxd8 18.Bxb7!

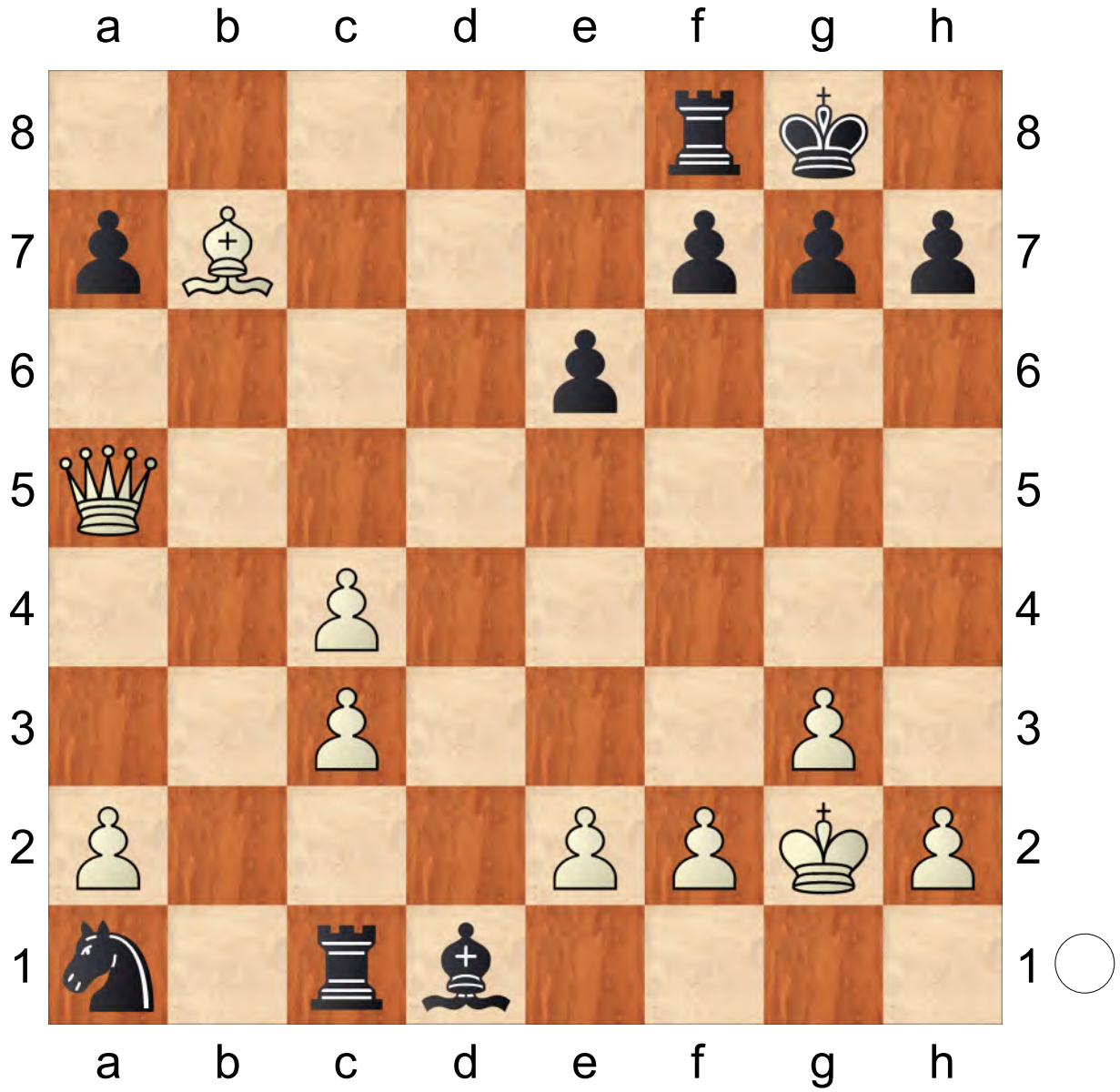
[Die Pointe der weißen Idee. Nach 18.Be3?! indes wird das Spiel unklar: Rd1+ 19.Bf1 Bd7 *(19...Nc2 20.Bxa7 Bc6⩱; 19...Bc6? 20.Bd4)* 20.Bd4 f6 21.Qc7 Bc6 22.Bxa7 Nc2 23.f3 Re8 24.Kf2 Na3 25.e4 Rd2+ 26.Kg1 *(26.Ke3 Rxh2)* 26...Rxa2⩲]

18...Rd1+ 19.Kg2 Rxc1 20.Qa5?

[Ein schwerwiegender Zeitverlust! Statt dessen hätte 20.c5 den wohlverdienten Vorteil festgehalten. Babula meint jedoch, daß Schwarz nach dem weiteren Rb1!? *(20...Rc2?! 21.c6 Bxc6+ 22.Bxc6 Rxa2 23.Qb5 g6 24.Qb1 Ra6 25.Bf3)*

21.c6 Rb6 22.Qe4 Bc2 23.Qc4 Nb3! 24.Qa4 Be4+! 25.Qxe4 Nc5 26.Qc4 Nxb7 27.cxb7 Rxb7± das Gleichgewicht halten kann (28.a4 a5!).]

20...Bd1!



21.c5?

[Das sollte der letzte Fehler in der Partie gewesen sein, während ⌓21.Qa3! mit weiterhin kompliziertem Spiel erforderlich war. Zwar wäre Schwarz darauf auch am Drücker gewesen, aber er hätte nach z.B. Rb1 22.Be4 Bc2 23.Bc6! *(23.Bxc2?! Nxc2 24.Qxa7 Ne1+∓)* 23...Bf5 *(23...Bg6 24.c5; 23...Re1 24.Bf3)* 24.g4!

A) 24...Bxg4? 25.Be4! Rbb8 *(25...Re1? 26.Bxh7+)* 26.Bd3 Bf5 27.Qc1;

B) 24...Nc2 25.Qa4∓ nichts Entscheidendes erreicht.]

21...Bxe2 22.c6

[Für 22.Qa3 war jetzt keine Zeit mehr: Rd1 23.Qxa7 Nc2 24.Kh3 *(24.h4*

Ne1+) 24...f5 mit vernichtender Attacke]

22...Nc2! Bläst die finale Jagd auf den weißen König an! **23.c7**

[Andere, prophylaktische Maßnahmen scheitern ebenfalls. Hier bietet sich reichlich Tüftelarbeit, z.B.: I 23.g4 Ne1+ 24.Kg3 Bf3

A) 25.g5 f5

A1) 26.gxf6 Rxf6 27.Qd8+ Rf8 28.Qd2 *(28.Qe7 Bd5-+)* 28...Nd3-+;

A2) 26.Kf4 Bd5 27.Ke5 *(27.Qxa7 Rxc3-+)* 27...Nd3+ 28.Kd6 Nxf2-+;

B) 25.Qxa7 f5 26.gxf5 exf5 27.Kf4 Rxc3-+]

[II 23.h4 Ne1+ 24.Kh3 f5-+ 25.c7 Bg4+ 26.Kh2 Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 Bxf3 28.g4 f4 nebst ♖h1#]

[III 23.f4 Rf1! 24.Qxa7 Ne1+ 25.Kh3 f5! 26.c7 Bg4+ 27.Kh4 h6 28.h3 Bf3 29.g4 Bxb7 30.Qxb7 Rf3 31.Qb2 Kh7 32.Qe2 *(32.Qh2 Re3-+)* 32...Re3-+]

[IV 23.f3 Ne1+ 24.Kf2 *(24.Kh3 f5-+)* 24...Bxf3 25.Qb5 Bd5 *(25...Be4!? Δ 26.c7 Rb1)* 26.c7 *(26.Ke2 Nf3)* 26...Bxb7 27.Qxb7 Nd3+ 28.Ke3 Rxc3 29.Kd4 Nc5! 30.c8Q *(30.Qb1 Na4 31.Qb4 Rxc7-+)* 30...Rd3+ 31.Kxc5 Rc3+ 32.Kd4 Rfxc8-+]

23...Ne1+ 24.Kh3 f5!-+

[Hält den Wanderkönig fest, während 24...h5 nach 25.Kh4 auf ungeahnte Schwierigkeiten stößt, z.B. Bf3! *(25...f6? 26.g4∞)* 26.Qa3 Bxb7 27.Qxc1 Nf3+ 28.Kh3 *(28.Kxh5? f5 Δ♔h7, g6#)* 28...Rc8∓ *(28...e5∓)*]

25.Qa3

[Alternativen: I 25.Qb4 Bg4+ 26.Kh4 h6-+ und gewinnt - analog der Anmerkung zum 25. Zug von Schwarz.]

[II 25.f3 g5-+ 26.g4 Bf1+ 27.Kg3 f4+ 28.Kf2 Nd3+ 29.Kg1 Bh3#]

[III 25.g4

A) 25...fxg4+? 26.Kh4!∞ *(26.Kg3? Nf3!-+)*;

B) 25...g5! 26.f4 *(26.Bg2 h5)* 26...Nd3!-+ und die Strapazen wird Weiß nicht überstehen]

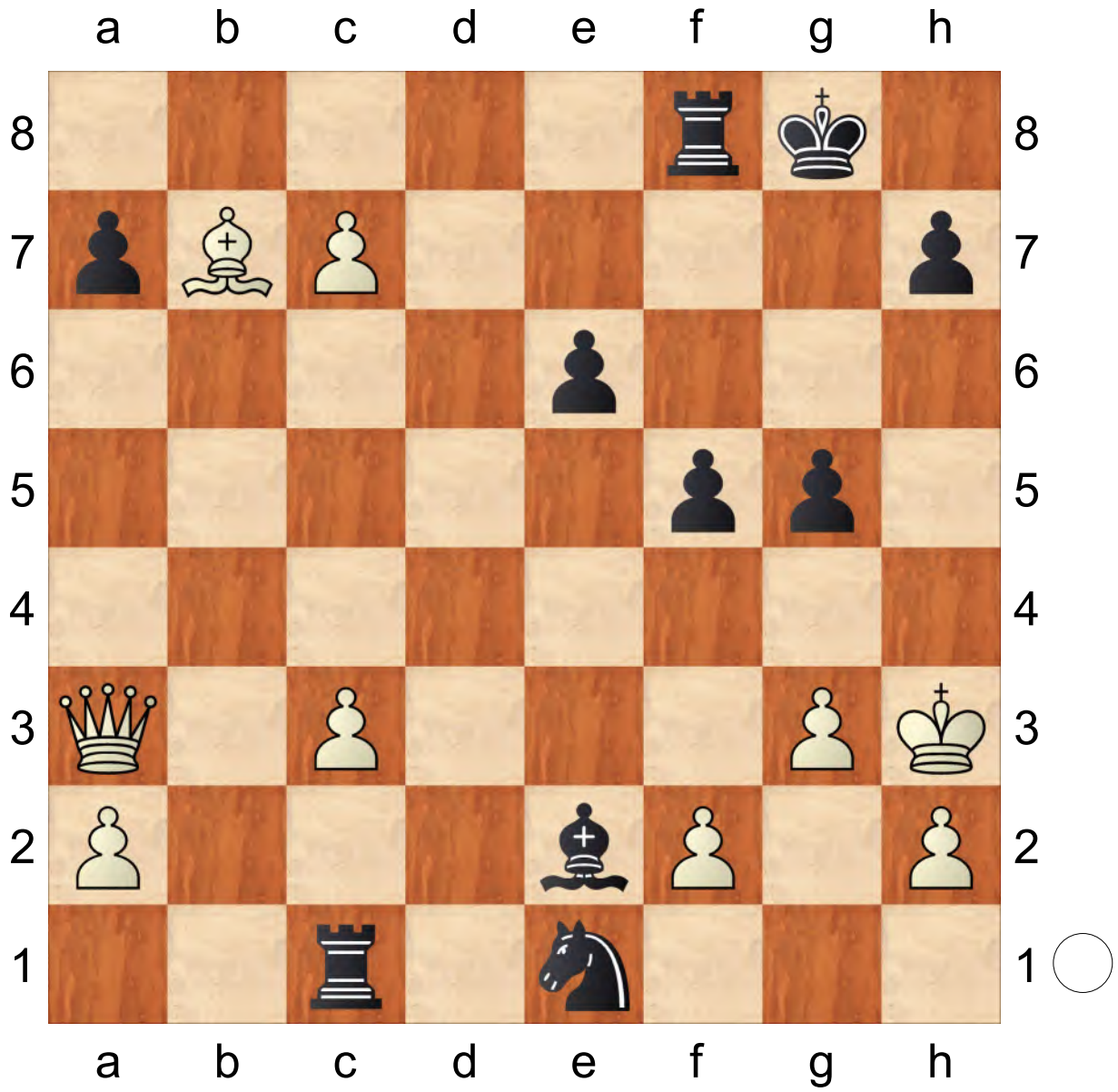
[IV 25.Kh4 h6 26.f4 Bg4 Δ♖ c2-+ 27.Qxa7 Rc2 28.Qg1 Kf7-+ nebst Mattsetzung]

25...g5?⊕

[Schade! Mit nur noch ein paar Minuten Bedenkzeit übersieht Babula die prächtige Krönung seines Mattangriffs: 25...Bg4+ 26.Kh4 h6! und nun 27.Qxf8+ *(27.Qxc1 Nf3+ 28.Bxf3 g5+ 29.Qxg5+ hxg5+ 30.Kxg5 Bxf3-+; 27.f4 Rc2 28.Qxf8+ Kh7 29.h3 Rh2-+)* 27...Kxf8 28.c8Q+ Kf7 29.Qd7+ *(29.f4 Rc2 30.Qd7+ Kg8 31.h3 Rh2 32.Qxe6+ Kh7-+)* 29...Kg8 30.Qxe6+ Kh7-+ 31.Qf7 Rc2 32.Bd5 *(32.h3 Rxf2-+)* 32...Ng2+! 33.Bxg2 Rxf2 34.h3 Rxg2-+]

(Diagram)

26.Qxf8+□ Diese Gelegenheit zum Dauerschach läßt sich Weiß natürlich nicht entgehen. **26...Kxf8 27.c8Q+= Kf7 28.Qd7+ Kf6 29.Qd8+ Kg6 30.Qe8+ Kf6**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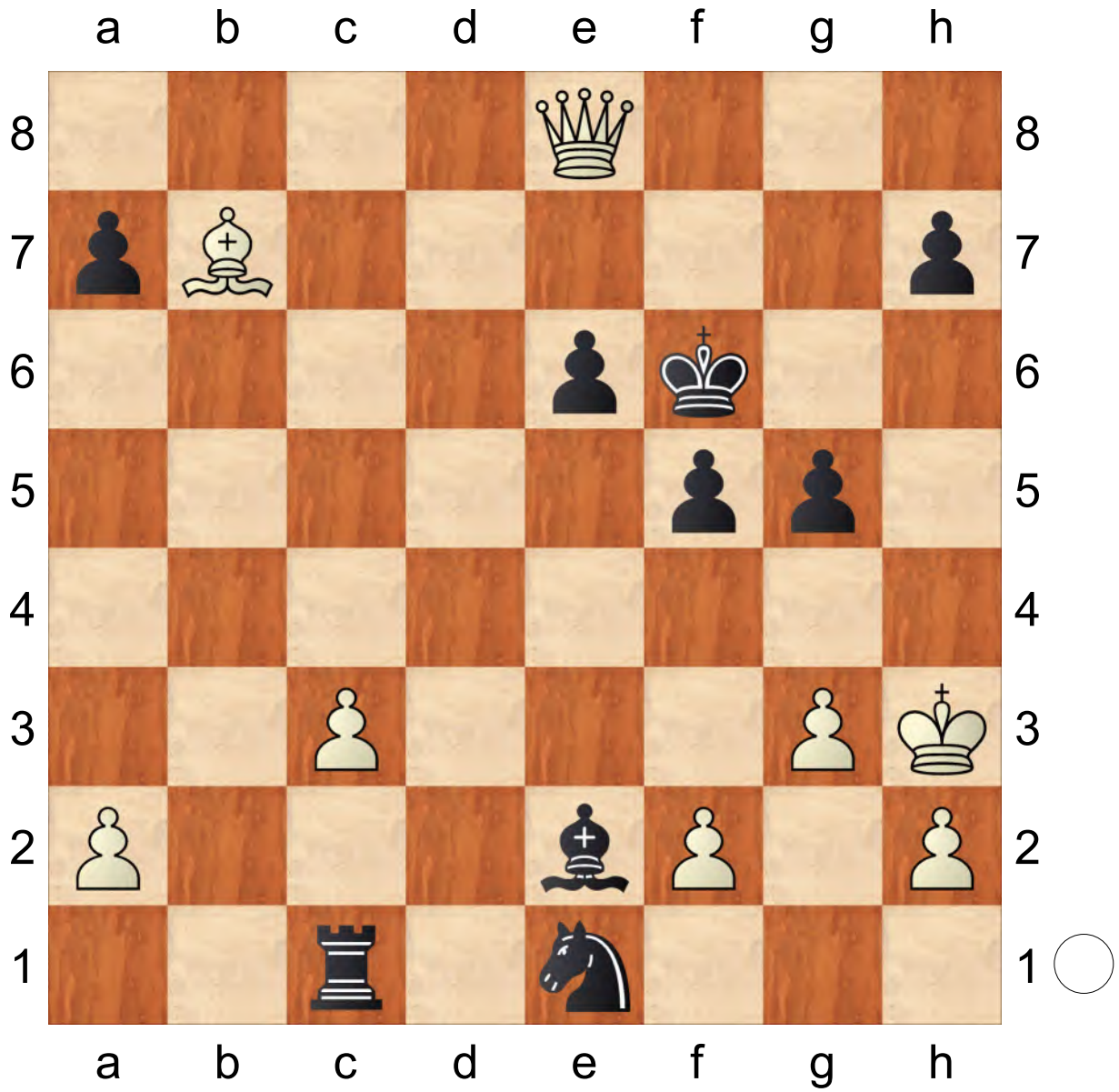

31.Qd8+ Kg6 32.Qe8+ Kf6

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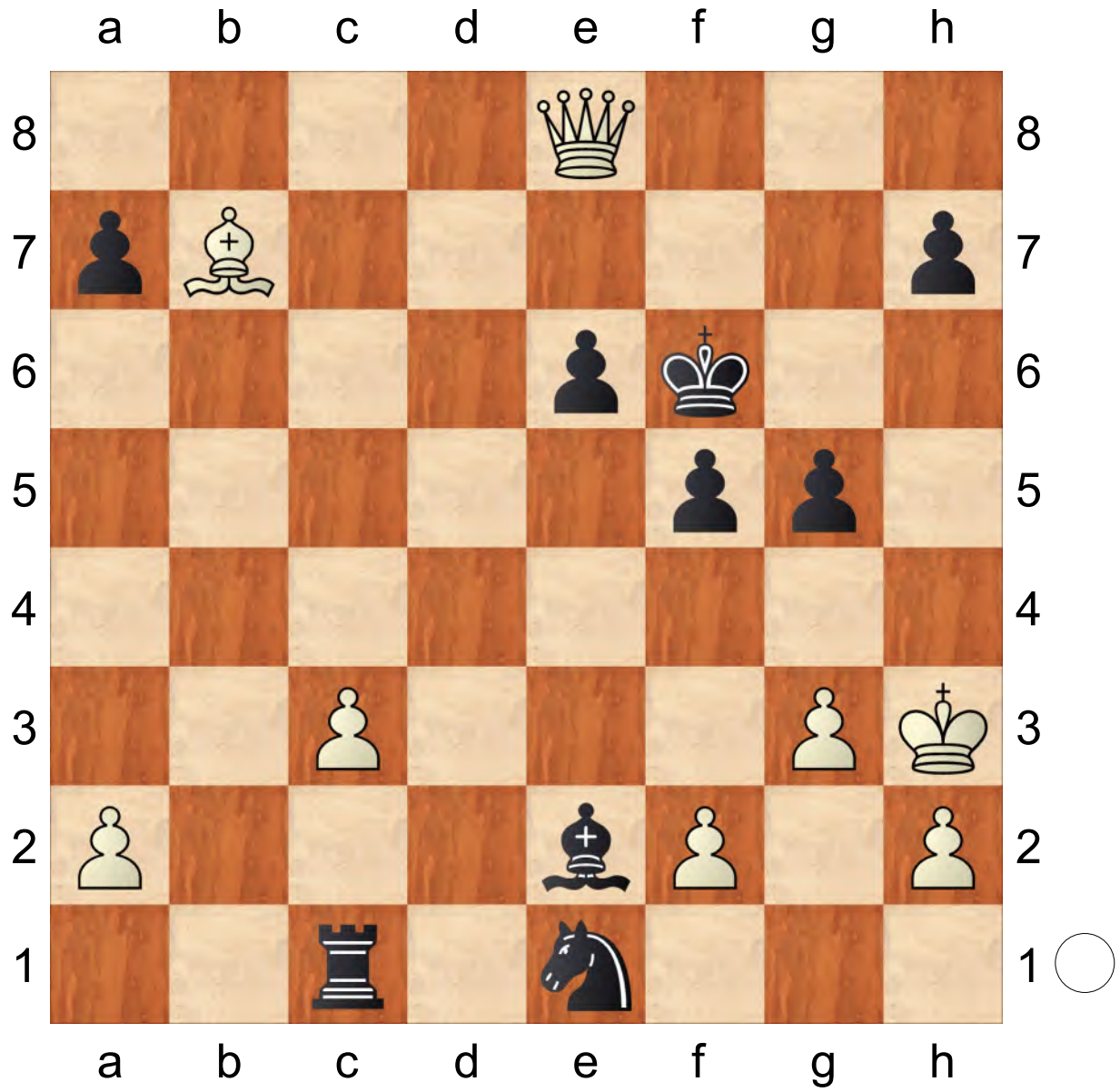
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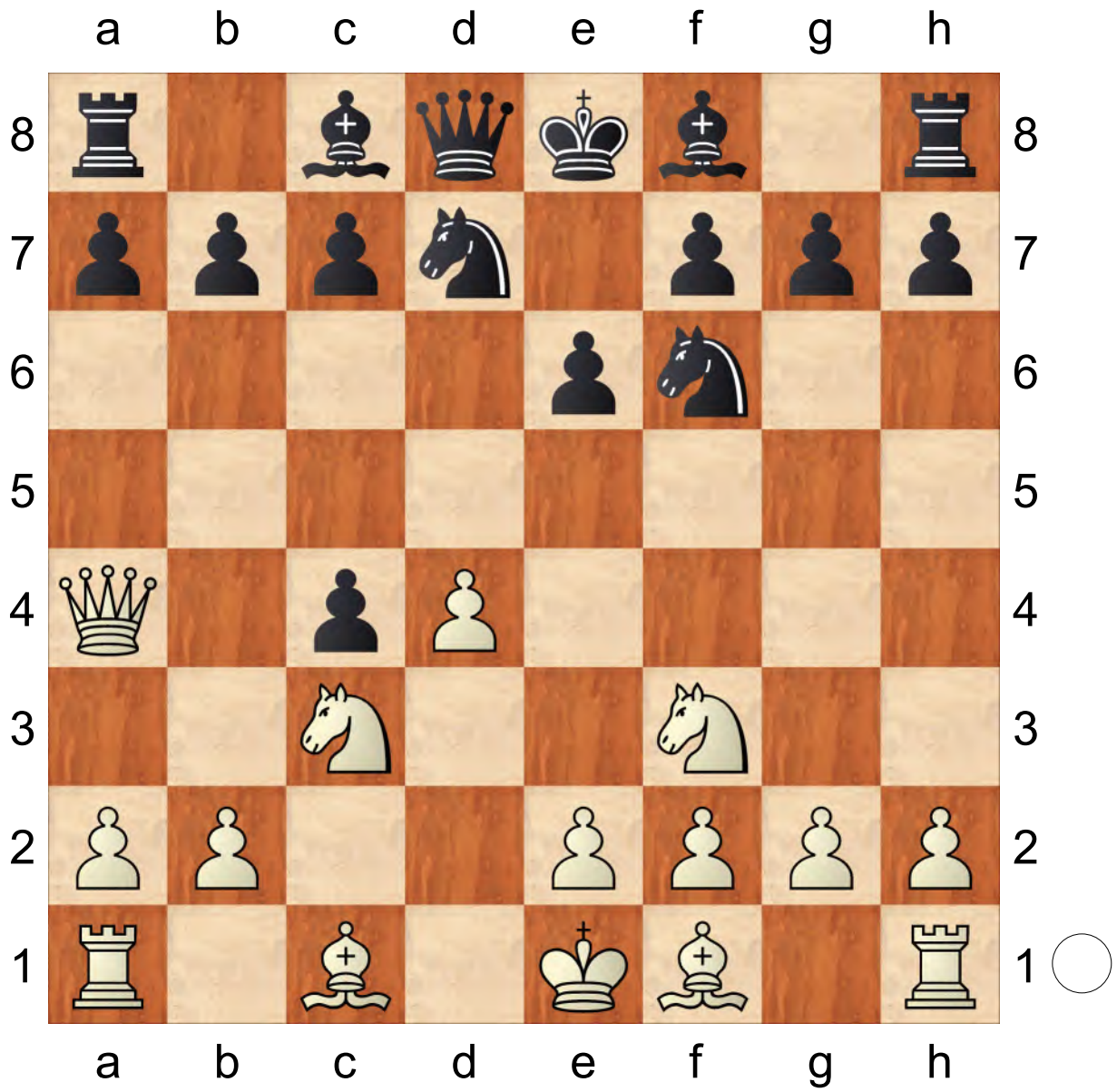
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2761**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2684**
Dortmund SuperGM 38th (6) 21.07.2010
[Krasenkow,Michal]

1.d4 Krasenkow **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7**



6.e4 a6 7.Bxc4 c6
[7...Rb8 is the main move in this rare system.]
8.Qd1?! Two other moves are more promising:
[8.Qc2!? c5 *(8...b5 9.Bd3 Be7? 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Bxh7 g6 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Qxg6+ Kf8 15.Bh6+ Rxh6 16.Qxh6+ Kf7 17.Qh7+ Ke8*

18.Qg6+ Kf8 19.h4+- 1-0 Krasenkow,M (2570)-Mesropov,K/Moscow 1991/TD (21) *)* 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Qe2 Ng4 *(11...b5!?)* 12.Bb3 h5?! *(12...0-0± M.Knezevic)* 13.Bd2 Nde5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.g3 Bd4 16.Bf4 Qa5 17.Rad1± 1-0 Knezevic,M (2505)-Romanishin,O (2610)/Kiev 1978/EXT 2000 (36)]

[8.Be2 b5 9.Qc2

A) 9...c5?! 10.dxc5! *(10.d5 Bd6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.Ng5 Bb7 13.f4 e5 14.Ne6 Qe7 15.f5 c4 16.Bg5 Nc5 17.Bh5+ g6 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.fxg6 0-0-0∞* 1/2 Landa,K (2635)-Szabo,G (2525)/Rijeka 2010/CBM 136 (43)*)* 10...Nxc5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Rfd1 1-0 Chuchelov,V (2540)-Kohlweyer,B (2445)/Bad Zwesten 1998/EXT 2000

B) 9...Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.0-0± Be7 13.Bd2 *(13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Qe2 Nb6 15.b3 h5 16.Bd2 Kd7 17.Ba5 Rc6 18.g3 Qb8 19.h4 g6 20.Qd2* 1-0 Arbakov,V (2500)-Baron Rodriguez,J (2255)/Linares 1995/CBM 045 ext *)* 13...0-0 14.Bd3 h6 15.a4 b4 16.Rfc1 Rc8 17.Qd1 Qa5 18.h4 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 21.Qc1 Bb7 22.Bxh6! Qxa4 23.Bg5± 1-0 Karpov,A (2760)-Van Wely,L (2645)/Monte Carlo 1997/CBM 057 ext (30)]

8...b5

[8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a4 b6 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Bd2 *(14.b4!?± S.Makarichev)* 14...a5! 15.Rc1 Nb8 16.Bb5 Na6 17.Qb3 Rc8 18.Rc3!± 1-0 Kasparov,G (2815)-Short,N (2665)/London 1993/EXT 1998 (27)]

[8...c5!? 9.e5 Ng4 10.Ng5 cxd4 11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.Qxg4 Nxe5 13.Qh5+ Ng6 14.Ne4 Bb4+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2∞ 1/2 Gozzoli,Y (2433)-Fressinet,L (2638)/ Port Barcares 2005/CBM 107/[Lutz] (41)]

9.Bd3 Bb7?! GM Arkadij Naiditsch probably didn't notice that he had a normal Meran position on the board (with an unusual transposition of moves)!

[9...c5 is the main theoretical line.]

10.e5! Nd5

(Diagram)

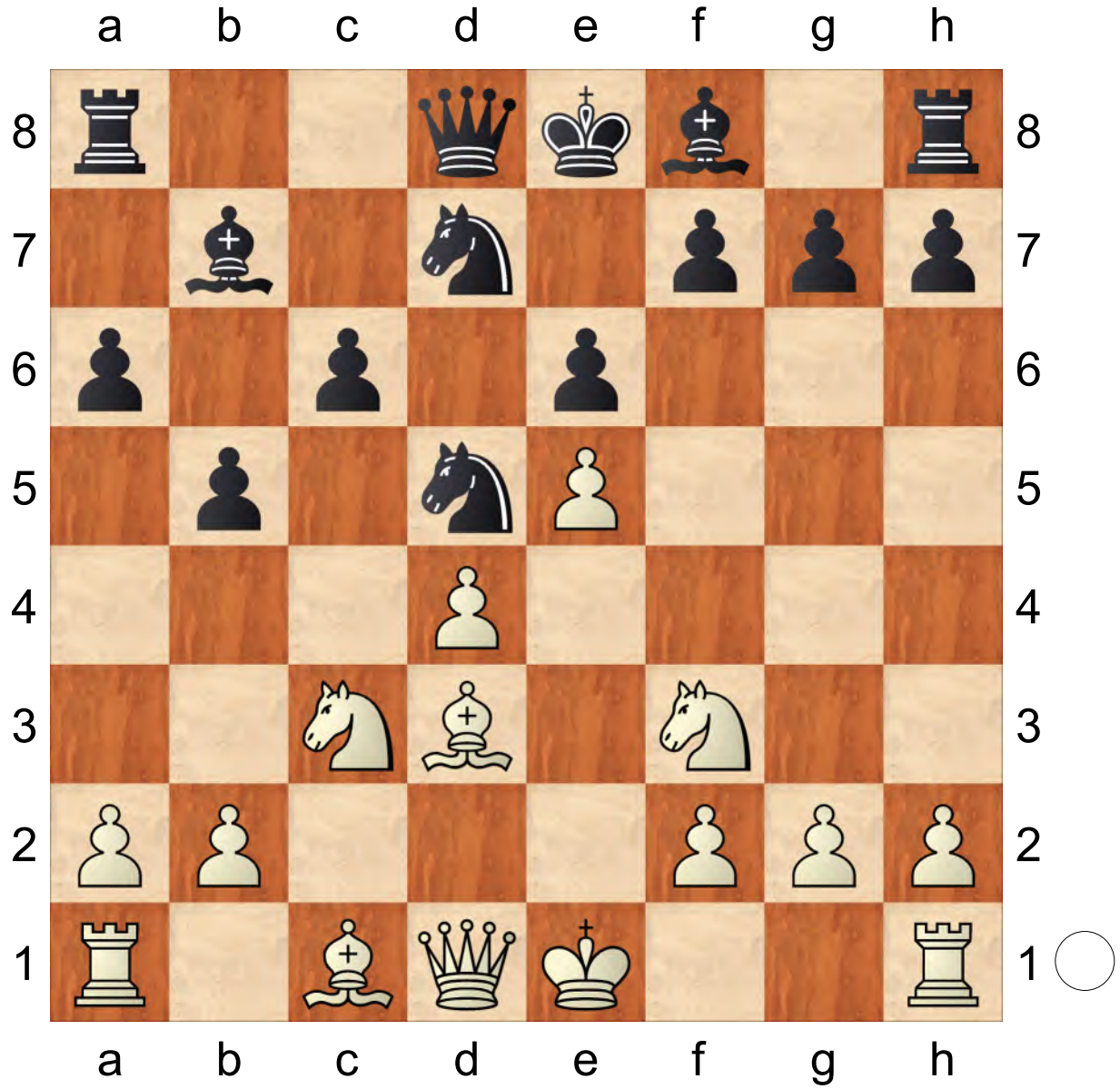
11.Nxd5 cxd5 Now we have a typical structure, which is favourable for White. The centre is closed, and he can develop his kingside attack. **12.Ng5**

[12.0-0 is probably simpler:

A) 12...h6 13.Bd2 Be7 14.Qb3 Qb6 15.Rfc1 0-0 16.a4 Bc6 17.a5 Qb7 18.Bb4 Bxb4 19.Qxb4 Rfc8 20.Nd2 Nf8 21.Nb3± 1-0 Matlak,M (2480)-Serdt, S (2215)/Ceske Budejovice 1999/EXT 2000 (60)

B) 12...Rc8 13.h4 *(13.Bd2!? Be7 14.Qe2 Bc6 15.Rfc1 0-0 16.Rc2 Qb6 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nh7 Rfe8 20.Qg4 Kh8 21.Qf4 Re7 22.g4→* 1-0 Felber,R (2375)-Perez Cruz,F (2308)/ICCF Email 2000/ICCF tele 5/2001 (31) *)* 13...Be7 14.h5 h6 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.a4 Bc6 17.a5 Qb7 18.Qe2 Rc7 19.Nh2 Kd8 20.f4 Kc8 21.f5 Kb8 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Qg4 1-0 Karpov,A (2725)-Gallissot,A/Bastia 1998/EXT 2000;

C) 12...Be7



C1) 13.Ne1!? Qb6 14.Qg4! *(14.Be3!? f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Nf3 0-0 17.Ne5 Bd6 18.Rc1± 1/2 Fuderer,A-Rossolimo,N/Dortmund 1951/EXT 2002 (78))* 14...g6 15.Bh6 b4 16.Nf3 a5 17.Qh3 Rg8 18.Bg5 h5 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.Qh4+ Kf8 21.Rac1± 0-1 Nedobora,M (2480)-Landa,K (2500)/ Noyabrsk 1995/CBM 048 (45);

C2) 13.Qe2 h6 14.Ne1 0-0 15.f4 Qb6 16.Be3 f5 17.g4 Rf7 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qh3 Nf8 21.Kh1↑ 1-0 Behrensen,J-Redolfi,A/Mar del Plata 1956/EXT 2000 (63);

C3) 13.Bf4!? 0-0 14.Qc2 g6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Bh6 Bf8 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.Bxf8 Nxf8 19.h4↑ 1-0 Bagaturov,G (2450)-Schaeffner,C (2195)/ Boeblingen 1996/EXT 2001 (28);

C4) 13.Be3 Nb6 *(13...Rc8 14.Rc1 f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Rxc8 Bxc8 17.Ne5 Bd6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Qc2± 1-0 Moiseenko,A (2625)-Van Renswoude,*

J/Dos Hermanas 2004/CBM 099 ext (31)*)* 14.b3 Rc8 15.Qd2 h6 16.Ne1 Qc7 17.Rd1 Bd8 18.Qe2 Qe7 19.Bd2 Nd7 20.a4± 1-0 Rabinovich,I-Rosselli del Turco,S/Baden-Baden 1925/HCL (32);

C5) 13.Bd2!? Or else: 13...0-0 *(13...b4 14.Qe2 Qb6 15.h4 h6 16.h5 a5 17.a4 Ba6 18.b3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qa6 20.Qxa6 Rxa6 21.Rfc1±* 1-0 Dreev,A (2697)-Dovramadjiev,T (2342)/playchess.com INT 2006/EXT 2007 (48) *)*

C5a) 14.a4 b4 15.Qb1 h6 16.Be3 a5 17.Re1 b3 18.Qd1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Qxb3 Rb6 21.Qa2 Qb8 22.Re2± 1-0 Pinter,J (2590)-Richter,M (2360)/Dortmund 1998/EXT 1999 (46)

C5b) 14.a3 f5 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Rad1 g6 18.h4↑ 1-0 Brynell,S (2493)-Sigfusson,S (2339)/Reykjavik 2006/CBM 111 ext (47);

C5c) 14.Qb1 h6!? *(14...g6?! 15.Qe1 Nb8 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Qh6 Nd7 18.Ng5 Nf8 19.h4±* 1-0 Najdorf,M-Guimard,C/Mar del Plata 1968/MCD (29) *)* 15.Qe1 Qb6 16.Ba5 Qa7 17.Bb4 Bxb4 18.Qxb4 Rac8 19.Qe7 Nb6 20.b3 Rfe8 21.Qh4± 1/2 Karjalainen,P (2380)-Dzhasmagambetov,Y (2240)/ICCF 2002/ICCF Telechess CBM 112 (37)

C5d) 14.Qe1 Qb6 15.Ba5 Qa7 16.Bb4 Bxb4 17.Qxb4 Rac8 18.Qe7 Nb8!? 19.Rac1 *(19.Qh4! h6 20.g4→)* 19...h6 20.Rfe1 Qb6 21.Qb4 Nc6 22.Qd2 Qa5 23.Qe3 Nb4 24.a3 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 b4 1/2 Gligoric,S-Pomar Salamanca,A/Havana 1969/MCD]

12...Be7

[12...g6 13.h4! h6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bxg6+ Ke7 16.Qf3 Qb6 17.Be3 Kd8 18.0-0 Rc8 19.Rac1→ 1-0 Godard,M (2265)-Moltchanov,R (2420)/Agneaux 1998/EXT 2003 (29)]

[12...Qa5+ 13.Kf1 *(13.Bd2!?)* 13...Be7 14.Qh5 Bxg5 15.Qxg5 0-0 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Qh4 f5 18.Ke2 Rfc8 19.Rhc1± 1/2 Tkachiev,V (2649)-Zhang Pengxiang (2643)/Poikovsky 2007/CBM 117 (29)]

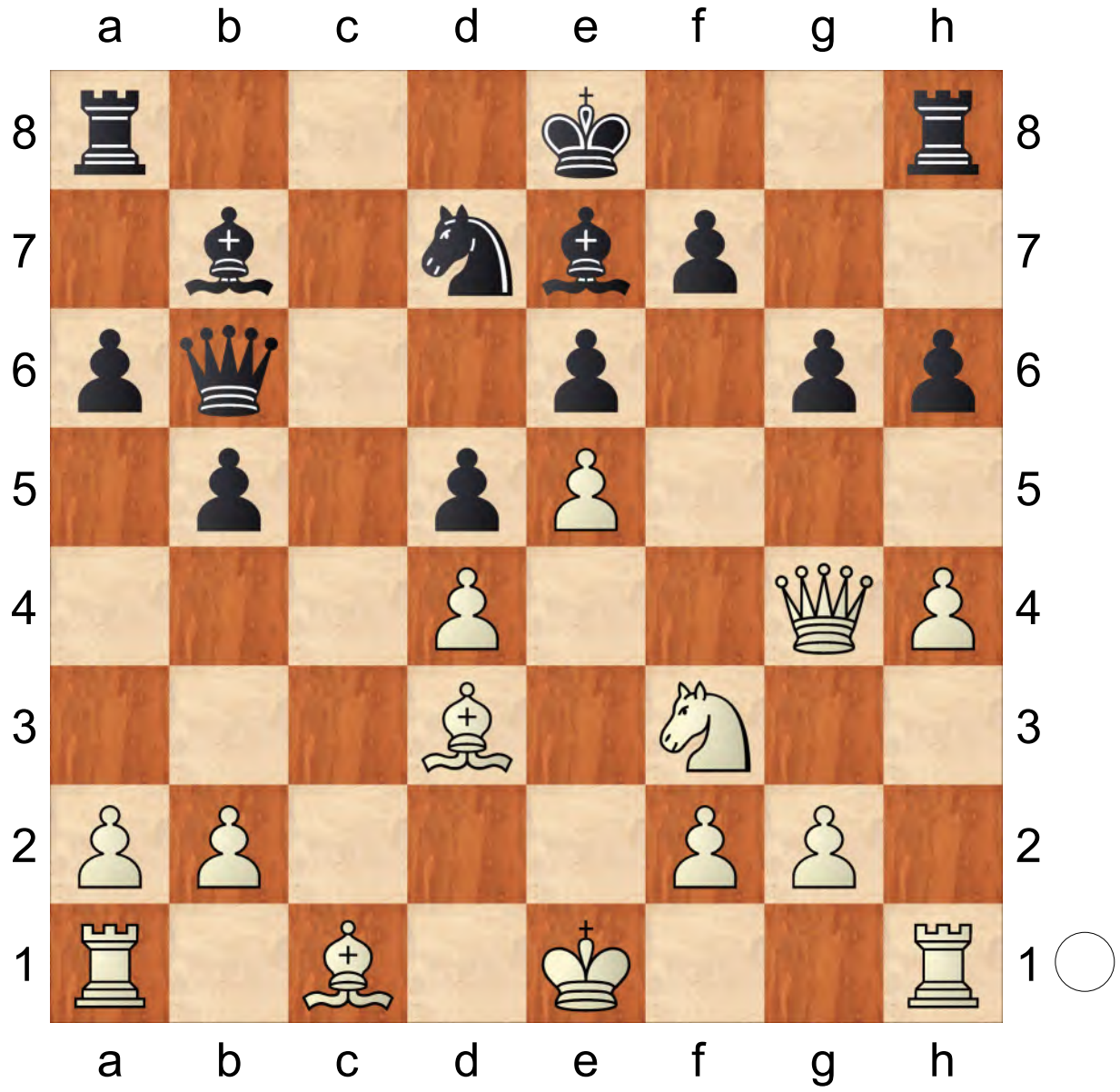
[12...Bb4+ depriving White of castling, doesn't change anything as White obtains a kingside attack anyway: 13.Kf1 Be7 *(13...Nf8 14.h4 h6 15.Nf3 Be7 16.h5 Rc8 17.Rh3 Nh7 18.Rg3 Ng5 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Kg1±* 1-0 Boensch,U (2490)-Boehnisch,M (2295)/Zittau 1989/CBM 012 (35)*; 13...h6 14.Qh5 0-0 15.h4 Qe8 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Rh3↑ Be7? 18.Nxe6* 1-0 Sinkovics,P (2415)-Bex,P (2175)/Biel 1995/CBM 048 ext*; 13...g6 14.h4 Be7 15.Qf3 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qb6 17.Be3 h5 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Ke2±* 1-0 Iotov,V (2581)-Gochev,M (2238)/Albena 2009/CBM 130 Extra (33)*)* 14.h4 Nf8 *(14...Qb6 15.Be3 Rc8 16.Rh3 h6 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Rg3±* 1-0 Kruppa,Y (2547)-Egorov,D (2417)/St Petersburg 2004/EXT 2005 (23)*)* 15.Qh5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qb6 17.Be3 g6 18.Qh6 Rg8 19.Rc1 b4 20.h5± 1-0 Cifuentes Parada,R (2535)-Pena Dieguez,M/Dos Hermanas 1998/EXT 1999 (34)]

13.h4! Qb6 14.Qg4N Not the most energetic but good enough for the advantage.

[14.Be3!? h6 15.Qh5 Bxg5?! *(15...0-0 16.Rh3→)* 16.hxg5 Qa5+ 17.Bd2 Qa4

18.Rh4+- →1-0 Indbryn,T (2102)-Fedin,V (1761)/Karasjok 2004/CBM 103 ext (26)]

14...h6 15.Nf3 g6



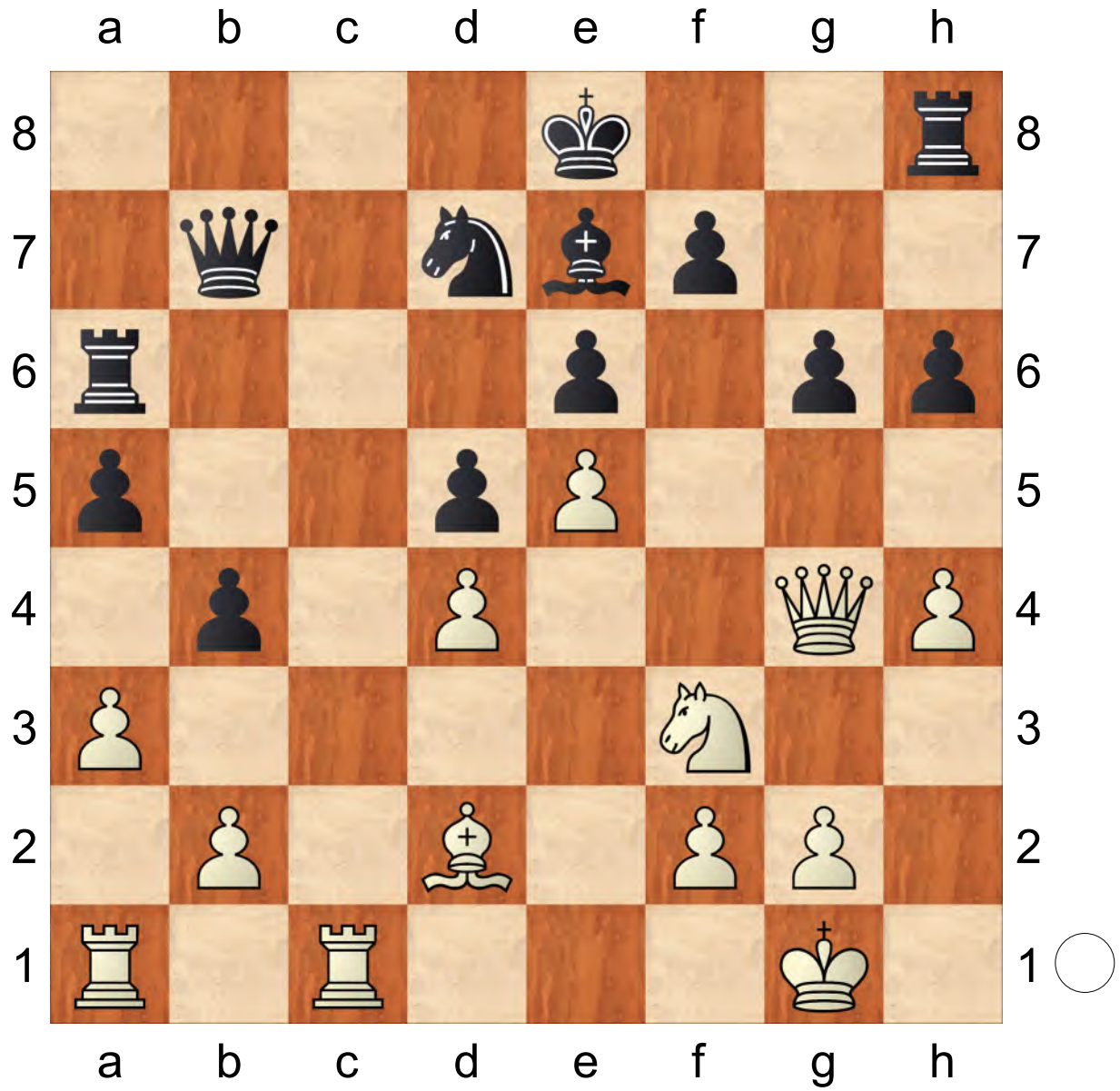
16.Bd2 a5 17.0-0± b4 Black can't castle so he desperately tries to get rid of White's important bishop. **18.a3 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rfc1 Qb7**

[20...h5 21.Rc8+]

(Diagram)

21.h5! g5 22.Nh2 bxa3 23.bxa3 0-0 At last! But White continues his attack. **24.Qg3 Qb2 25.Nf3?!** Not the best square for this knight. Besides, White misses

[25.Qd3! Rc6 26.Rab1 Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 Qa2 28.Ng4 Kg7 29.Rb7±]



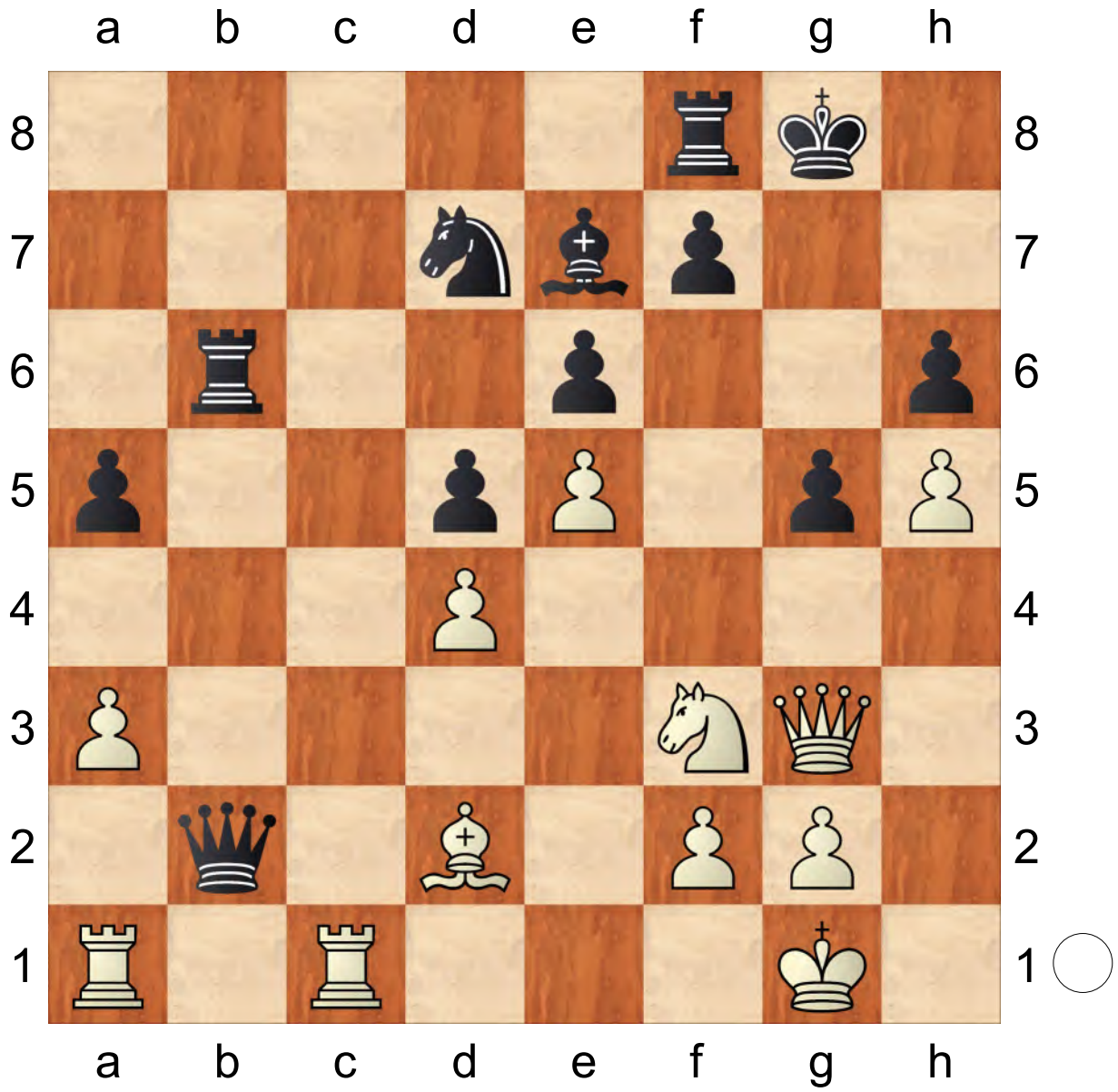
25...Rb6

(Diagram)

26.Bc3 Qb5 27.a4 Qa6 28.Bd2 Kh7?!
[28...Rb7]
29.Rc7 Rb7 30.Rac1 Rxc7?
[30...Rfb8±]

(Diagram)

31.Rxc7 Rd8 32.Nh2? Another miss. White had a forced, although quite a tricky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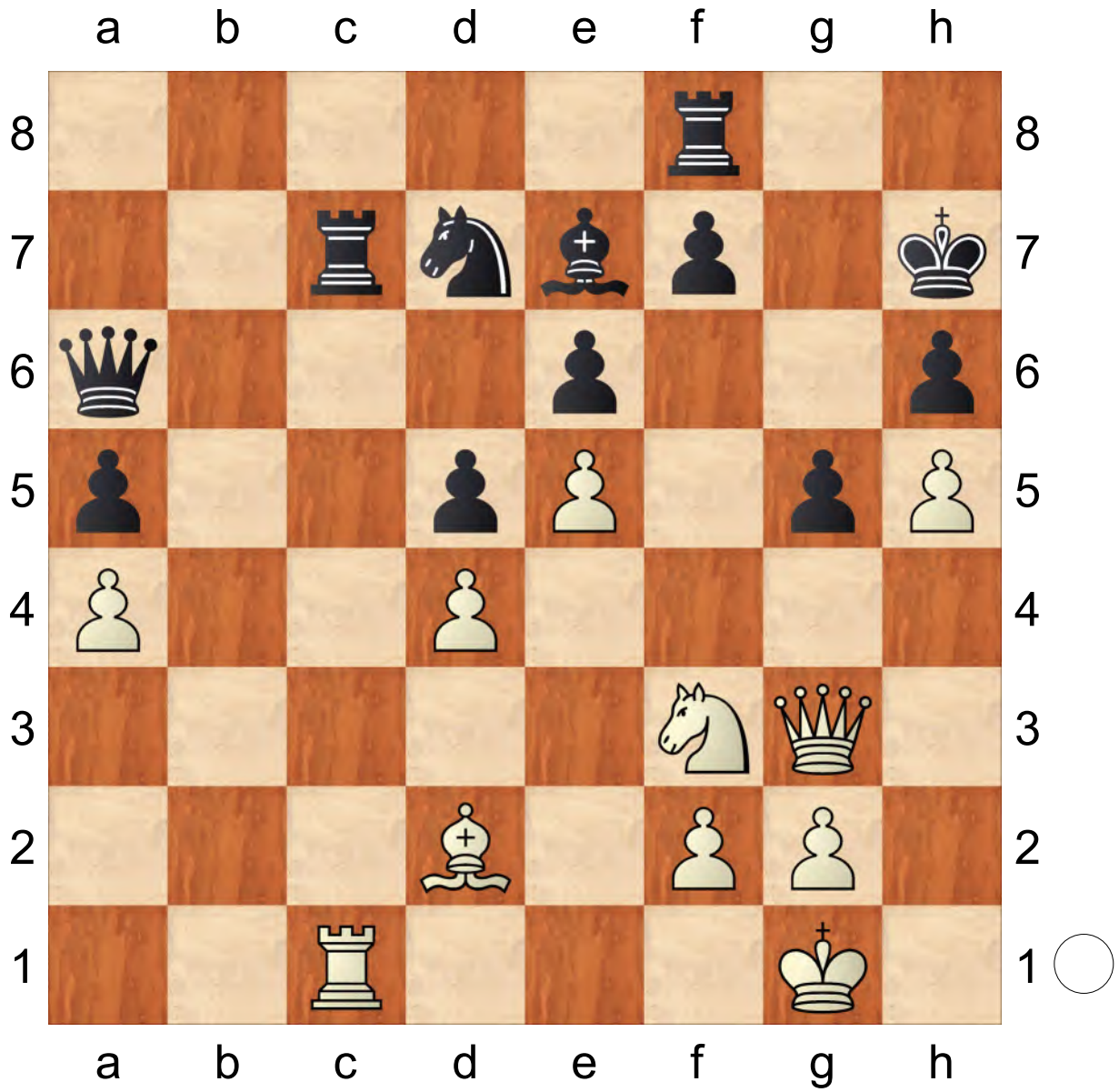


win:

[32.Bxg5! hxg5 33.Nxg5+ Bxg5 34.Qxg5 Rg8 35.Qe3! *(=35.Qd2!;* but not *35.Qe7 Qe2!=;* and not *35.Qf4 Qe2! 36.g3 Rg4! 37.Qxf7+ Rg7 38.Qxe6* , and now, say, *Rxg3+ 39.fxg3 Qe1+=)* 35...Rd8 36.Qf4!+- - Black can't protect the f7 point!]

32...Qe2?

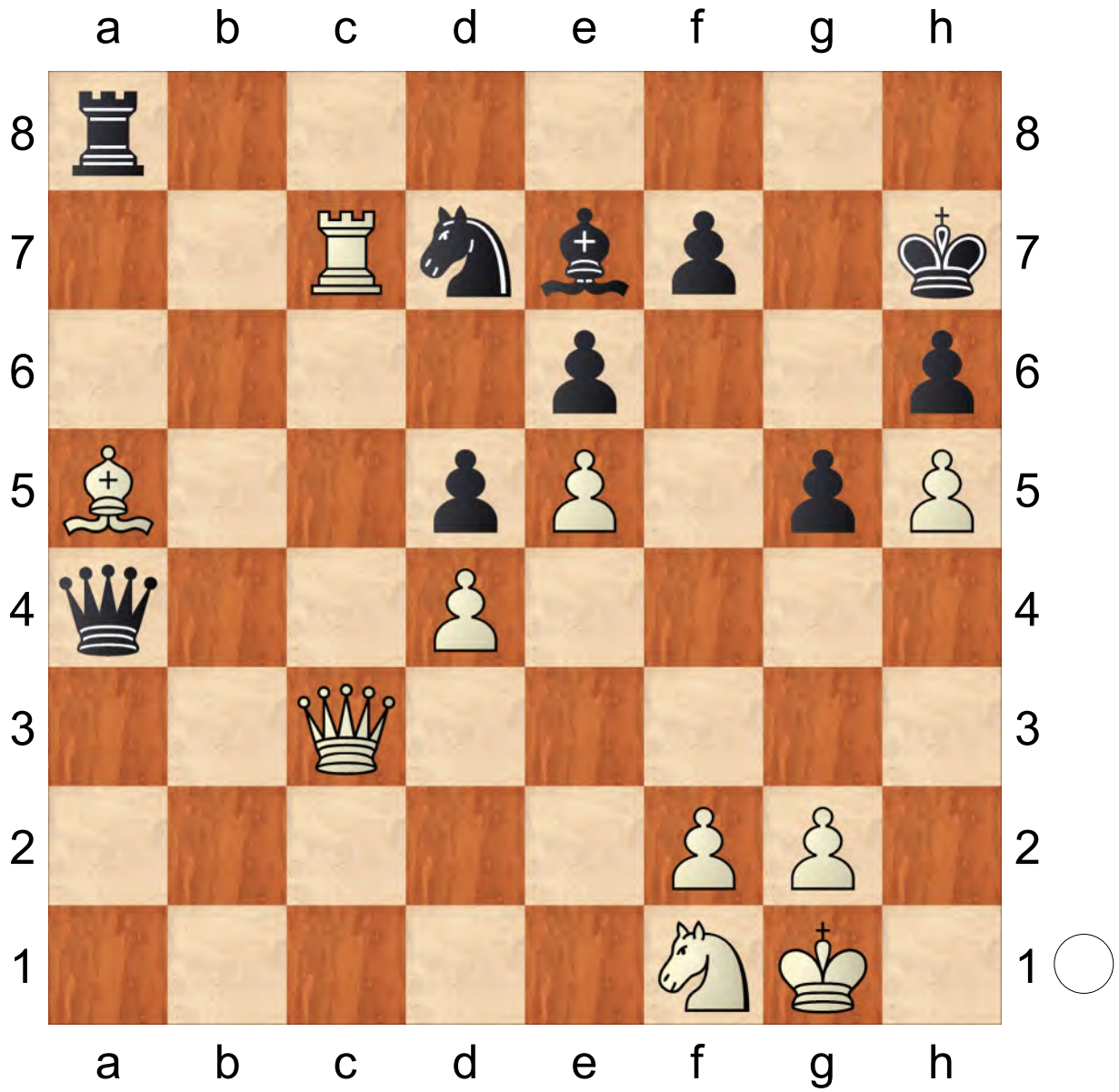
[32...Qb6! 33.Qc3]

33.Bxa5?

[33.Qf3! Qxf3 34.Nxf3 Bb4 35.Bxb4 axb4 36.a5±]

33...Qd1+ 34.Nf1 Qxa4 35.Qc3 Ra8

(Diagram)



36.Rxd7??
[36.Rb7= ΔRxa5 37.Rxd7]

(Diagram)

Frustrated, White commits a strange blunder.
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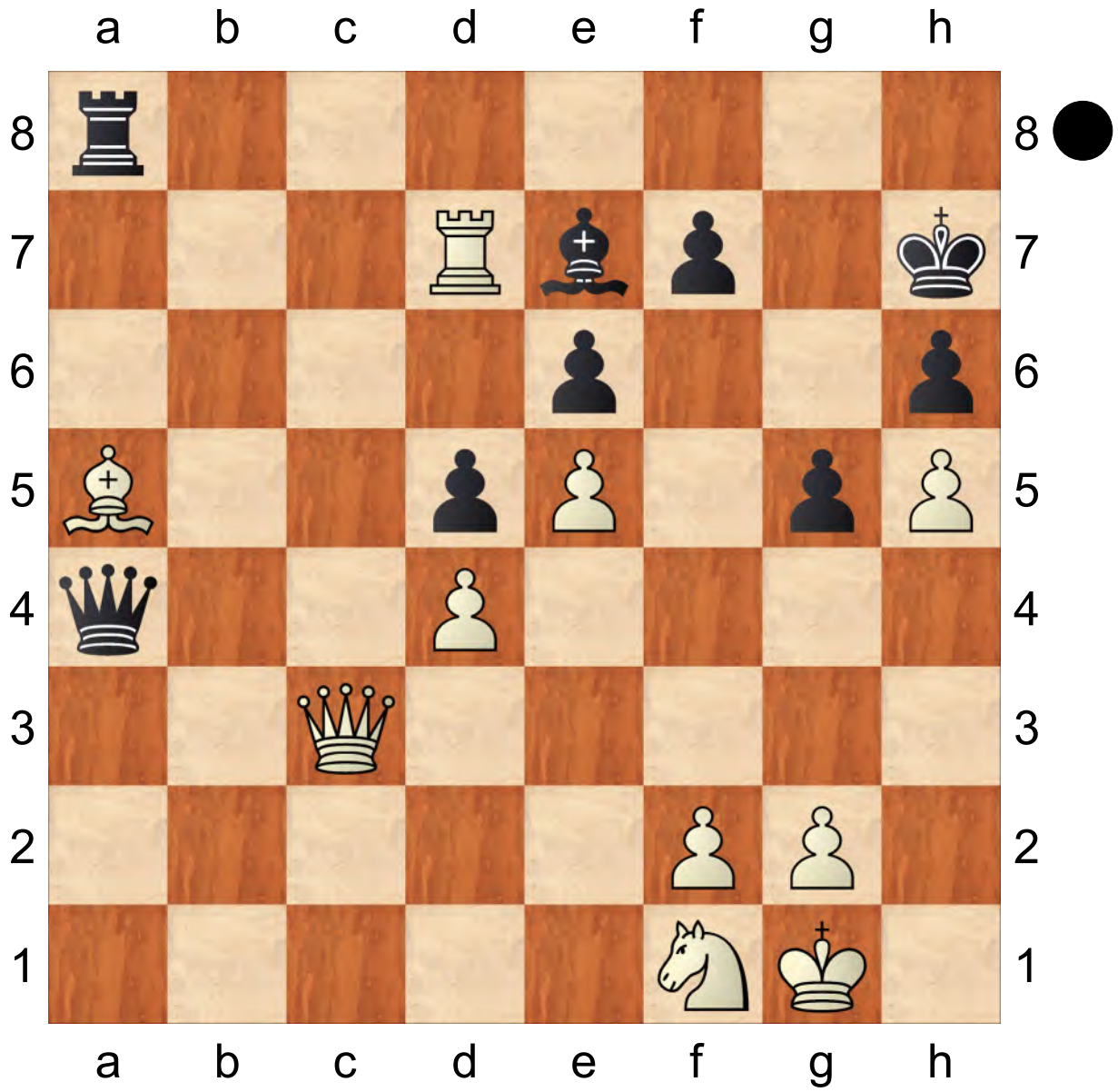
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□ **Edouard,Romain** **2640**
■ **Ashton,Adam** **2379**
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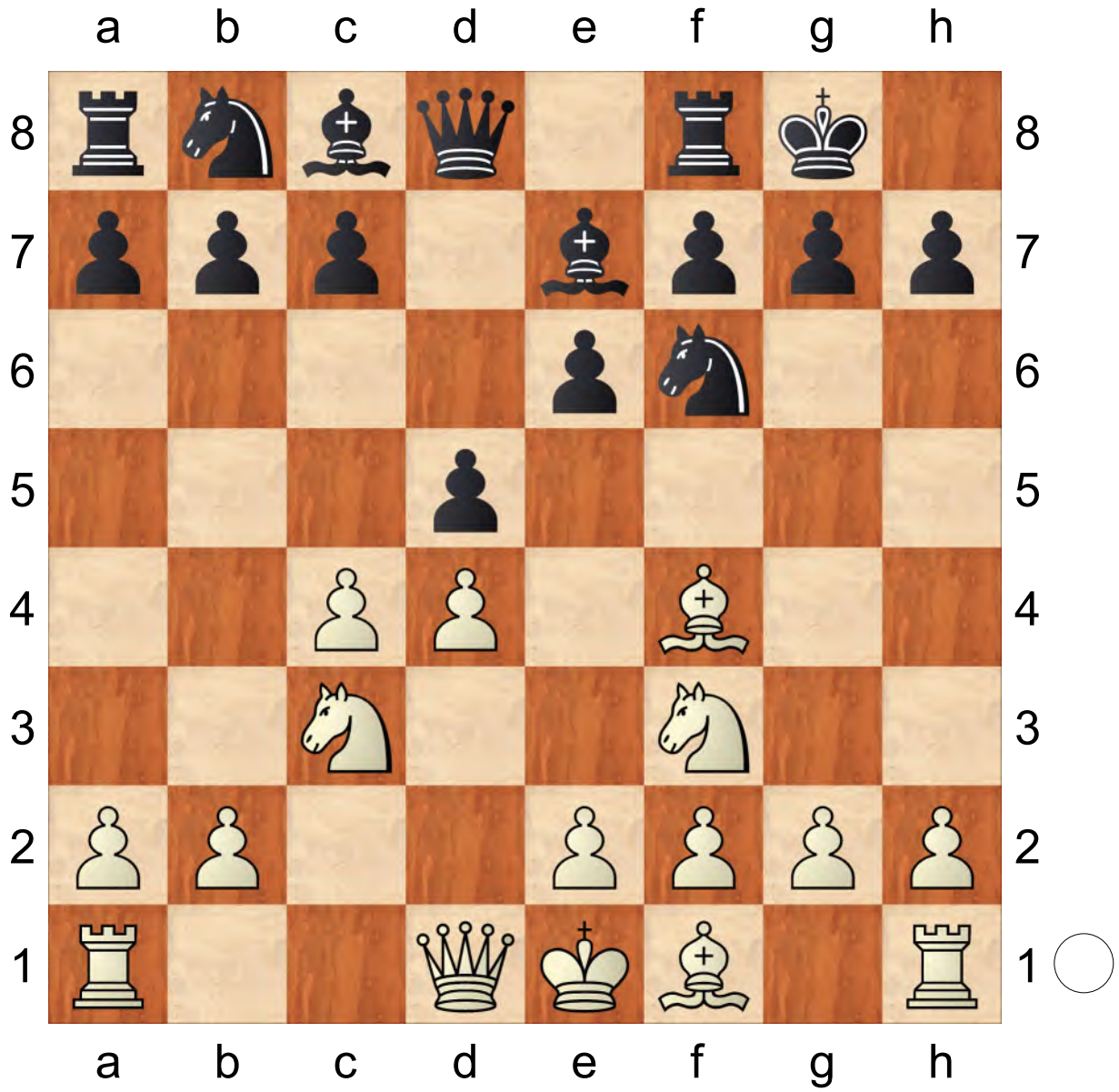
[Edouard,Romain]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0



6.e3 b6 7.Qc2 I had beaten GM Van der Wiel playing 7.Qc2 in almost the same setup - but with 6.a3 played and not 6.e3. I tried to play that game in the same style but it didn't work too well.

[The main line is 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 and here Black can go 8...Ba6 or 8...Bb7.]

7...Ba6 8.Rd1

[8.0-0-0!? is definitely the move to investigate, as it led to a masterpiece by GM Dubov: dxc4 9.Ng5! Nc6 10.a3 g6 *(10...h6? 11.h4!→)* 11.h4

A) 11...Nd5 looked natural, although after 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Be2 Black would still be under heavy pressure. *(13.Nxh7? Kxh7 14.h5 Kg7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Bh6+ Kf7 17.Bxf8 Bxf8∓)*;

B) 11...Bd6?! 12.g3!? Keeping the tension. Qe7 13.h5 e5 14.hxg6!? *(14.Nxh7!* worked as well: *Nxh7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Bg2! exf4 17.Bxc6 Qg7 18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.Rxh7+ Qxh7 20.Rh1* and White wins - a computer line obviously! *)* 14...hxg6 15.Bg2! exf4

B1) 16.gxf4 was also good. A few nice lines are: Bb7 *(16...Qd7 17.Nce4! Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rae8 19.f3!* ΔQh2*; 16...Qe8 17.f5! Ne7 18.Nge4! Nxe4 19.Nxe4+-)* 17.Nd5! Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Qf6 19.Nh7 Qg7 20.Rdg1+-;

B2) 16.Bxc6 fxg3 17.Kb1!? Rad8

B2a) 18.fxg3 (ΔQh2) Bxg3 *(18...Kg7 19.e4→)* 19.Nge4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Kg7 21.Rdg1+-;

B2b) 18.f4? This move isn't best objectively, but it's a great one in practice. 18...Bc8! *(18...Qxe3 19.Nd5! Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Kg7* alors *21.Bxf7 Rxf7 22.Rh7++-)* 19.Rde1 Kg7 20.Nd5! Nxd5 21.Rh7+ Kg8 22.Rxf7! The "Dubov Festival". *(22.Bxd5? Bf5!* works for Black: *23.e4 Bxf4! 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Rxf7 Qxg5 26.Qxc4 Rxd4! 27.Qxd4 Kxf7 28.exf5 Qxf5+ 29.Ka1 Bd6∓)* 22...Rxf7?! *(22...Nc3+!! 23.bxc3 Rxf7 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Qh6+ Rg7 26.Bd5 Ke8 27.Qh5+ Kd7* and the position is a draw, as after *28.Be6+? Kc6 29.Qh1+ Kb5 30.Bxc4+ Ka5! 31.Qd5+ c5* White no longer has b4+ as in the game. Incredible, isn't it?*)* 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Qh6+ Rg7 25.Bxd5 Ke8? *(25...Bf5+!! 26.e4 Ke8* was saving the game, according to the engine...*)* 26.Qh5+ Kd7 27.Qh3+ Ke8 28.Qh5+ Kd7 29.Be6+! Kc6 30.Qf3+ Kb5 31.Bxc4+!! Ka5 *(31...Kxc4 32.Qc6+ Bc5 33.Rc1+ Kd3 34.Rc3+ Ke2 35.Qg2+ Kd1 36.Rc1#)* 32.Qd5+ Bc5 33.b4+ Ka4 34.Qg2! Bxb4 *(34...Kxa3 35.Qb2+ Ka4 36.Qb3#)* 35.Qc6+! Kxa3 36.Bb3! Bd7 *(36...Kxb3 37.Qc2+ Ka3 38.Qa2#)* 37.Qc1+! Kxb3 38.Qc2+ Ka3 39.Qa2# 1-0 (39) Dubov,D (2699)-Svane,R (2592) Batumi 2019. What a game! Definitely reminding me of Kasparov-Topalov, Linares 1999.]

[8.Ne5 is the most natural move, but it shouldn't bring White much advantage: dxc4 *(8...Bb7!? 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.0-0 c5 12.Rad1 Qc8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Be2 cxd4 15.Rxd4 Qc6 16.Bf3 Qc8* and Black almost equalized in Li Chao2 (2732)-Zhao Jun (2604) China 2017, 1-0 (60). *)*

A) 9.Be2!? Qc8 10.Nxc4 Nd5 11.0-0 c5 12.Nd6 Bxd6 13.Bxd6 Nxc3? *(13...Rd8* should be close to equal*)* 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Bxf8 Ne2+ 16.Kh1 cxd4 17.Qe4 Nc6 18.Bxg7 1-0 Dragnev,V (2521)-Stella,A (2511) Radenci 2019;

B) 9.Bxc4 Bxc4 10.Nxc4 Nd5

B1) 11.Bg3!? c5 *(11...Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Qd5 13.0-0 c5* should probably be

played.) 12.dxc5 Nxc3 13.cxb6 Qd5 14.Qxc3 Bf6 15.Be5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxg2 17.Ke2± 0-1 (37) Fier,A (2543)-Anuj,S (2336) Taleigao 2019
B2) 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Rac1 Nd7 Again, Black almost equalized. ½-½ (36) Inarkiev,E (2693)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2669) Mali Losinj 2019]

[8.cxd5 Nxd5 *(8...Bxf1!? 9.Kxf1 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.e4 Qh5! 12.h3 c5* looks OK for Black as well.*)* 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 *(10.Rd1 Nab4 11.Qb3 a5 12.0-0 a4 13.Nxa4 Qd7 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nxa2 16.Ne5 Qa4=* 1-0 (51) L'Ami,E (2645)-Haslinger,S (2543) Germany 2014*)* 10...c5 11.Rfd1 Nab4 12.Qb3 Nxf4 13.exf4 Qc7 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne5 Rad8 16.a3 Nc6 17.Nb5 Qc8 18.Qf3 Nxe5 19.fxe5 f6= ½-½ (59) L'Ami,E (2628)-Bruzon Batista,L (2666) Merida 2015]

8...dxc4 9.e4 c5?! If Black keeps the pawn instead, he should be at least fine.

[9...b5!?]

[9...Nc6!? 10.a3 b5]

10.dxc5 Qc8

(Diagram)

11.Bd6 Bxd6 12.cxd6 Nbd7?! This natural move allows e4-e5... a chance I didn't take!

[12...Qc5! 13.e5 Ng4 14.Ne4 Qa5+ 15.Qd2 Nxe5 16.Qxa5 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 bxa5 18.Nc5 Bb5=]

13.Be2?!

[13.e5! Ng4 *(13...Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Be2±)* 14.Qe4 f5 15.exf6 Ndxf6 16.d7 Qc5 17.Qd4±]

13...Qc5 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Rfe1 b5

(Diagram)

16.Bf1 e5 17.b4?! Right after playing this move, I realized my (d6) pawn was actually hanging:

[⩲17.b3]

[⩲17.a3]

17...cxb3

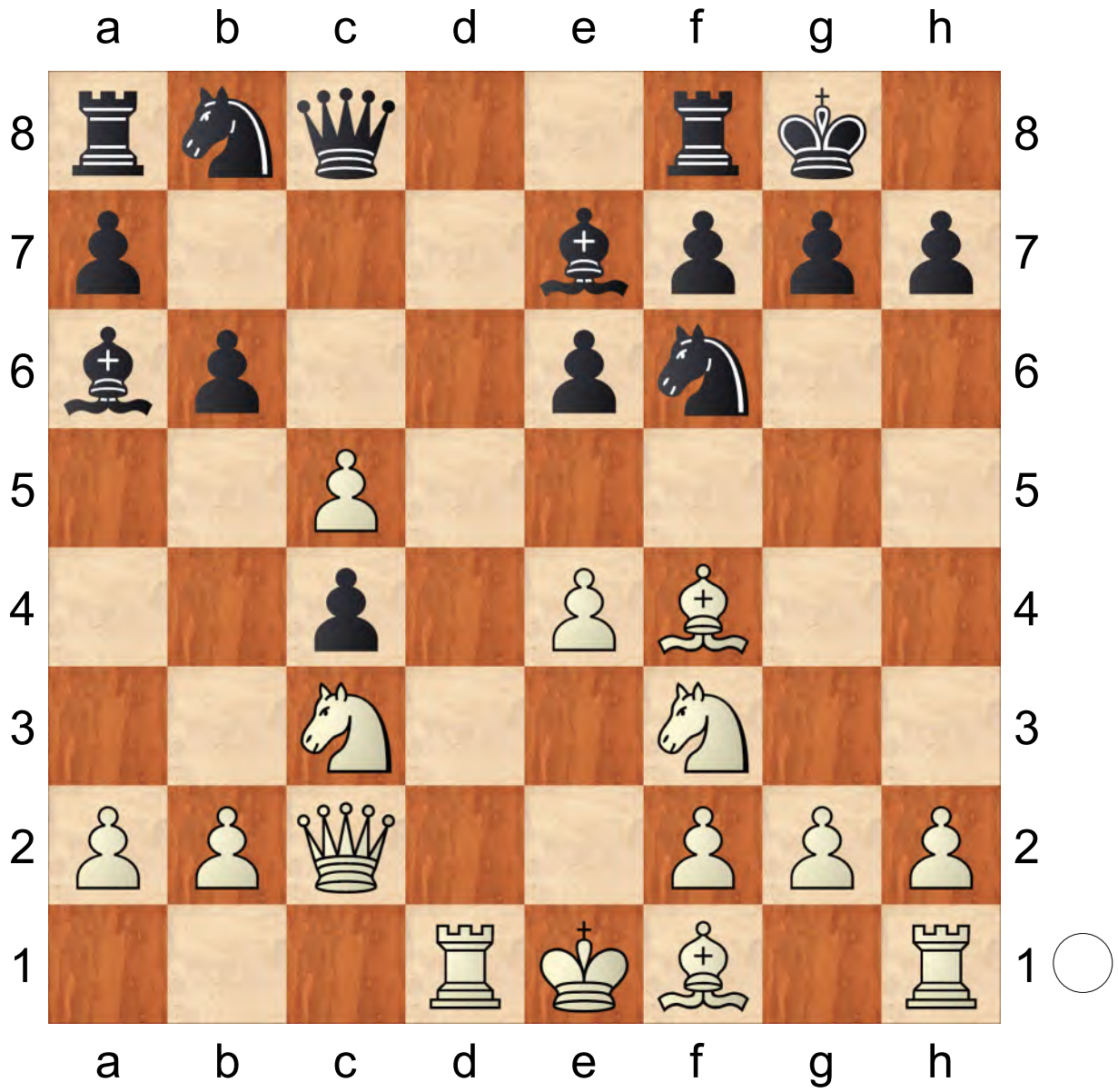
[17...Qxb4 18.Rb1 Qxd6 19.Nxb5 and White should make a draw, but no more.]

18.Qxb3 a6 19.h3 Rac8 20.Re3 b4?!

(Diagram)

21.Na4 Qc2!?

[21...Qa5!? led to unclear territories: 22.Nd2 Bc6 23.Nb2 Nc5 24.Qc2 Qxa2 25.Qxc5 Qxb2 26.Rb3 Ba4 27.Rxb2 Rxc5 28.Ra1 Bb5=]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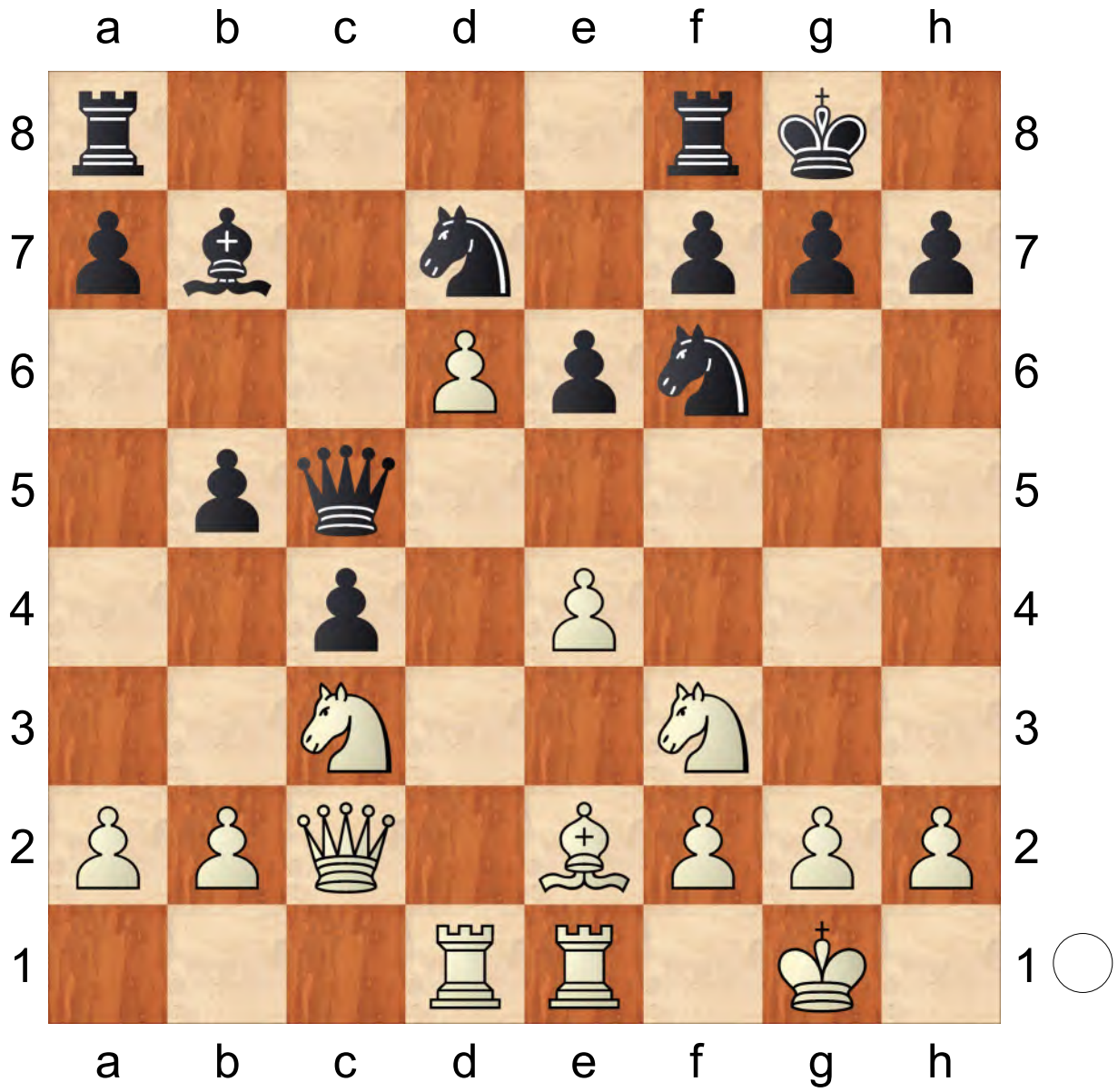
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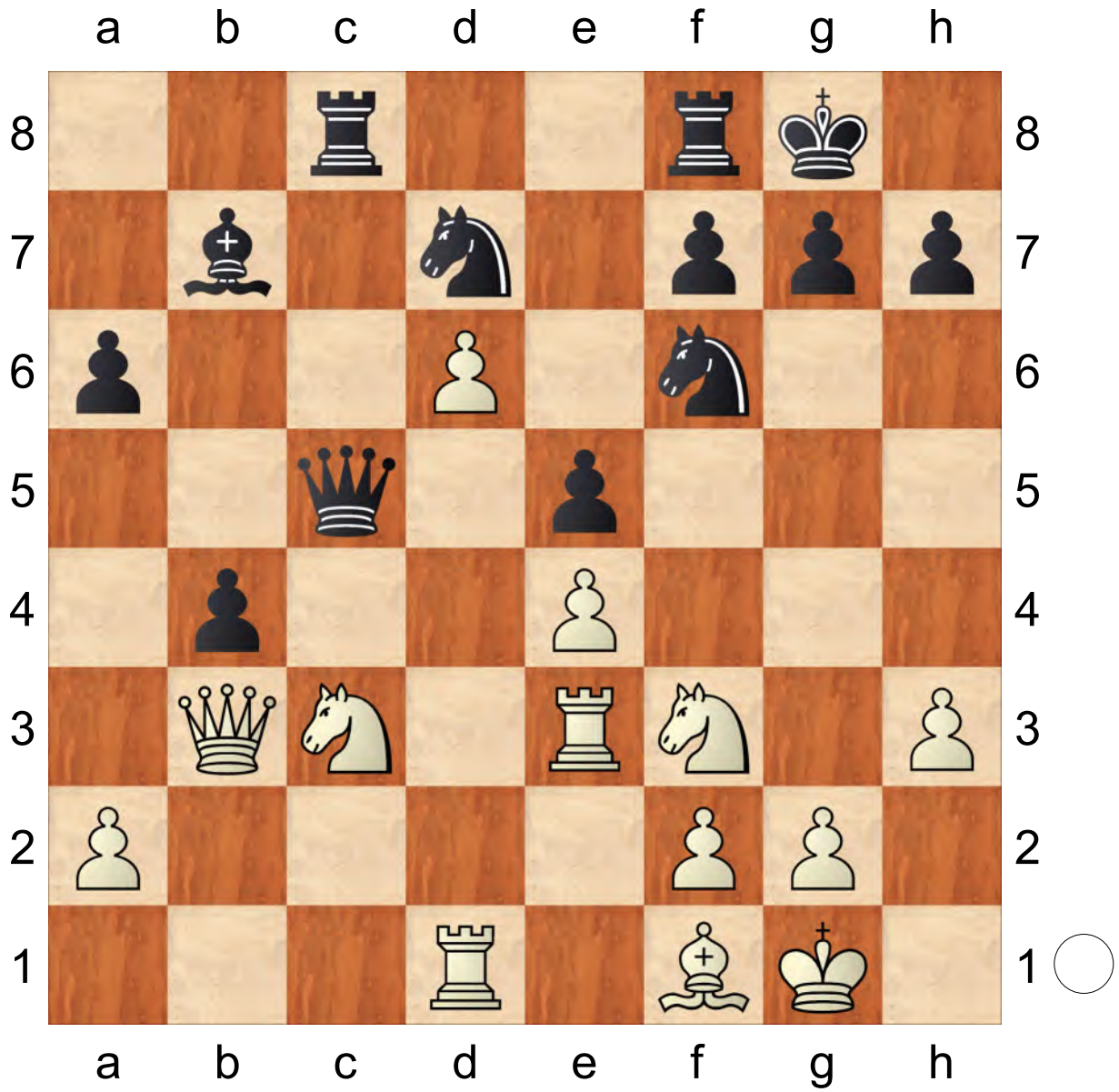
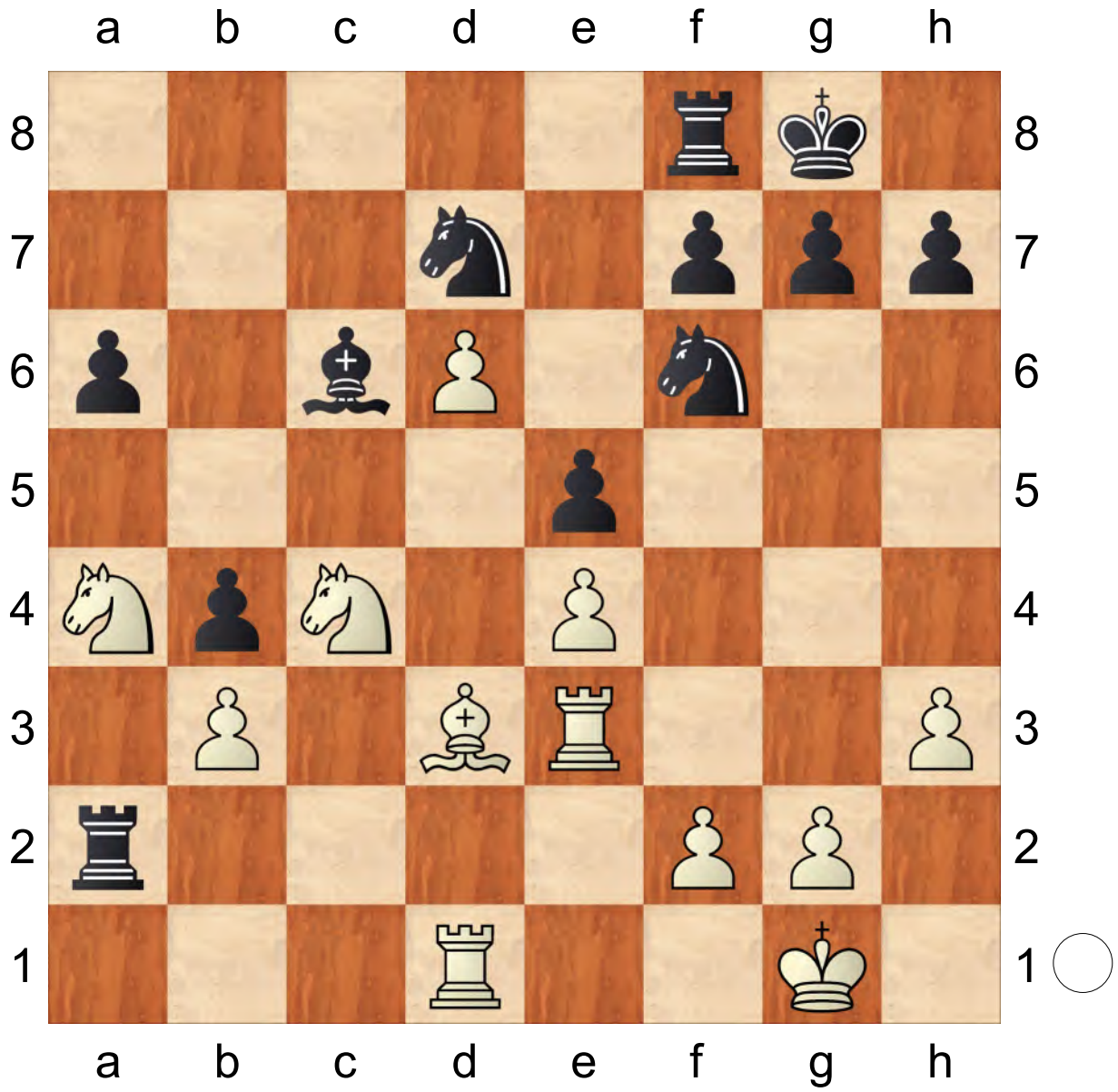


22.Nd2 Qxb3 23.axb3 Rc2 24.Bd3
[24.f3 Bc6 25.Bxa6 Ra2=]
24...Ra2 25.Nc4 Bc6

(Diagram)

26.Ncb2?!
[26.Nab2 was definitely a better move.]
26...Bb5 27.Bc4?! Rc8 Suddenly I realized about ...Bxa4/Nxa4 Rxa4 threats.
28.Bd3 What a poor game! **28...Bxd3**
[28...Rc6∓]
29.Nxd3 a5 30.Ree1 g6

(Diagram)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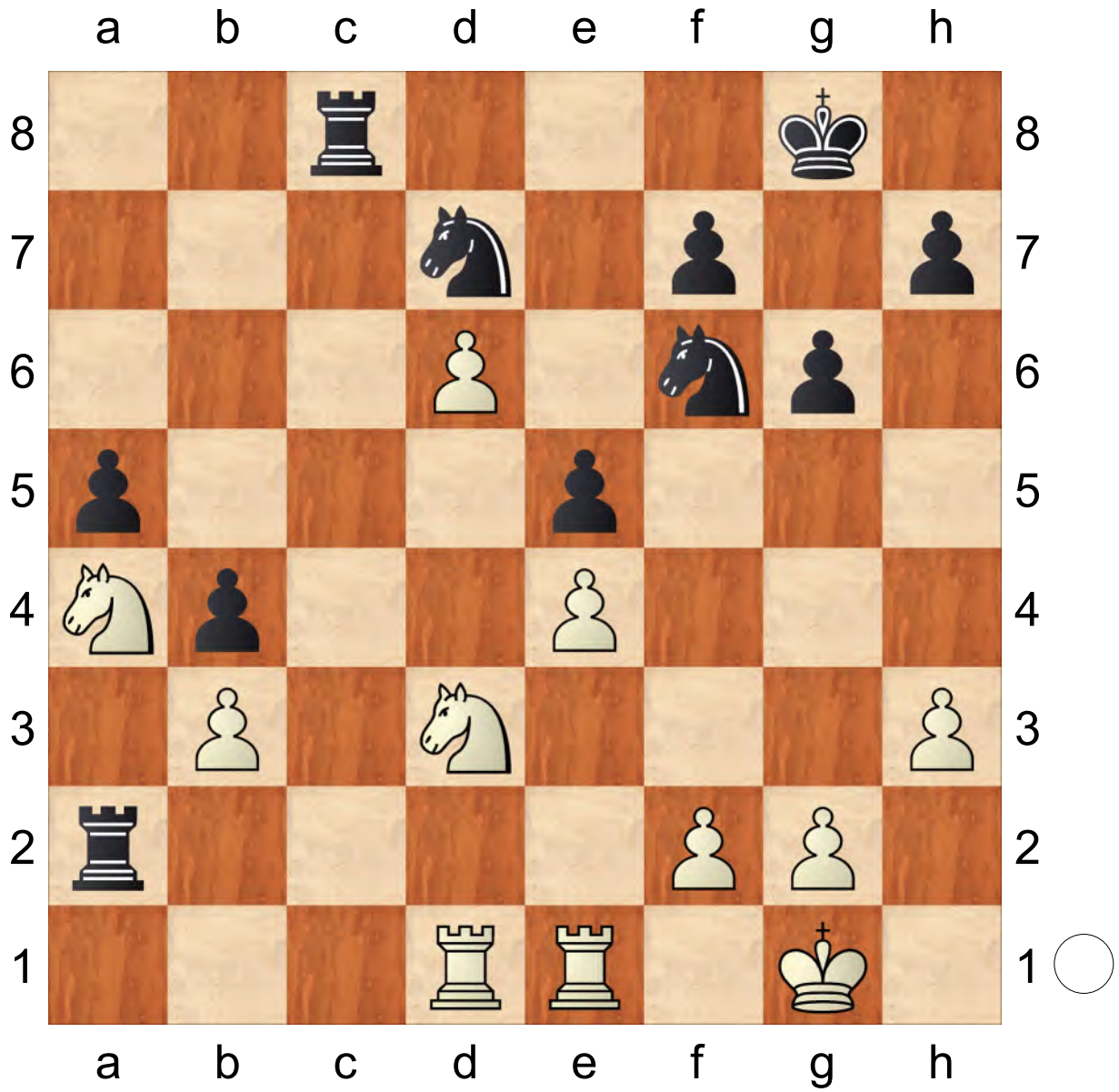
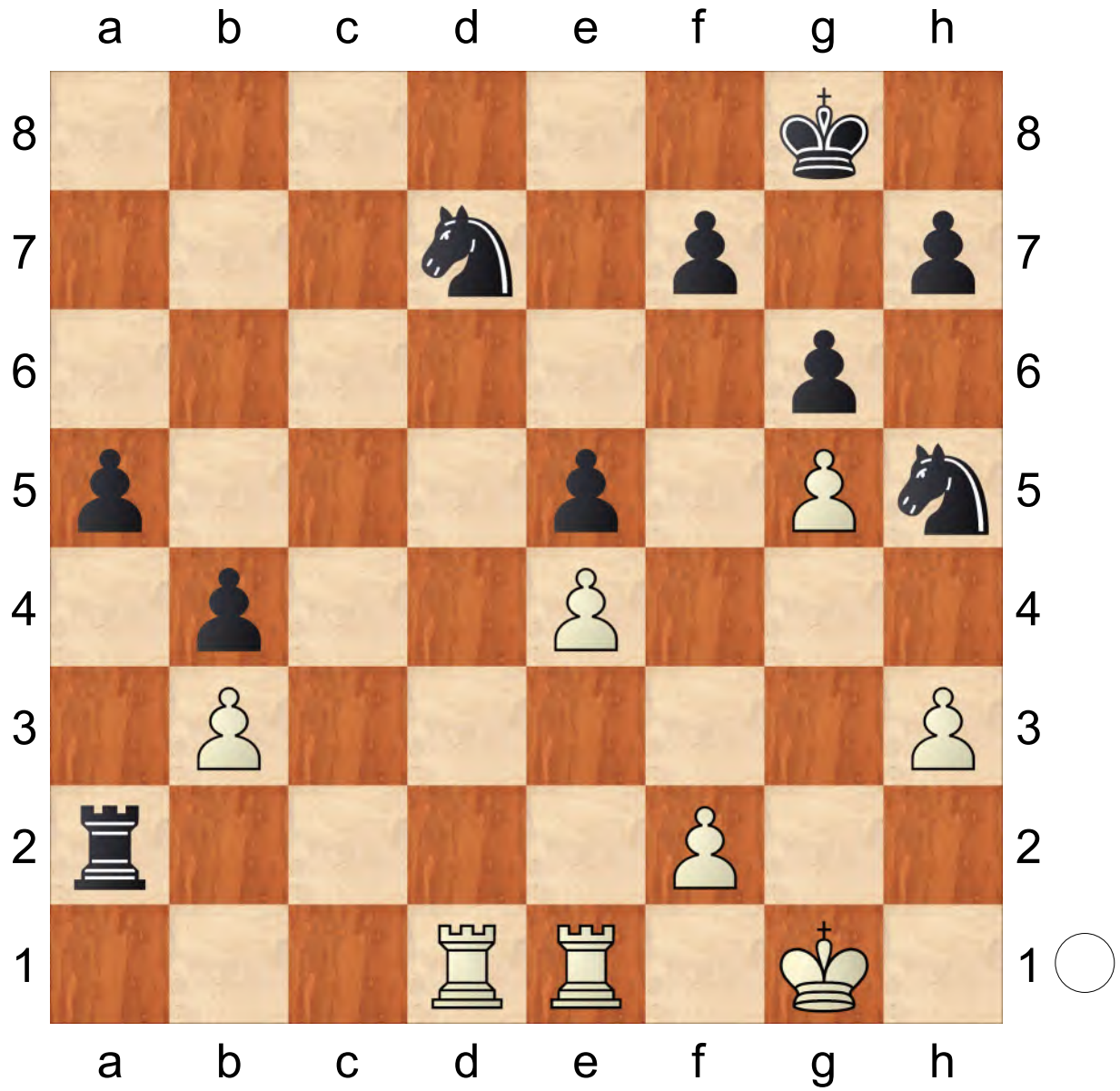


31.g4 Rc6? My opponent falls for the only trick.
[31...Rcc2 32.g5 Ne8 33.Nxe5 Nxe5 34.d7 Nxd7 35.Rxd7 Rxf2 and I should be lucky if I manage to make a draw.]
32.g5 Nh5?
[32...Ne8! was still completely fine: 33.Nxe5 *(33.Ndc5 Nxc5 34.Nxc5 Nxd6∓)* 33...Nxe5 34.d7 Nxd7 35.Rxd7 Nc7≅]
33.Ndc5! Rxc5 34.Nxc5 Nxc5 35.d7 Nxd7
[35...Ne6 36.d8Q+ Nxd8 37.Rxd8+ Kg7 was better, it seems!]

(Diagram)

36.Rxd7 Nf4 37.h4 Nh3+ 38.Kg2 Nxf2?



[38...Nf4+ was required.]

39.Kf3 Nh3 40.Rc1+- The black king can't escape! **40...Rb2**

(Diagram)

41.Rc8+ Kg7 42.Rdd8 Rxb3+ 43.Ke2 Nf4+ 44.Kd2

(Diagram)

A poor game, but a win is a win.

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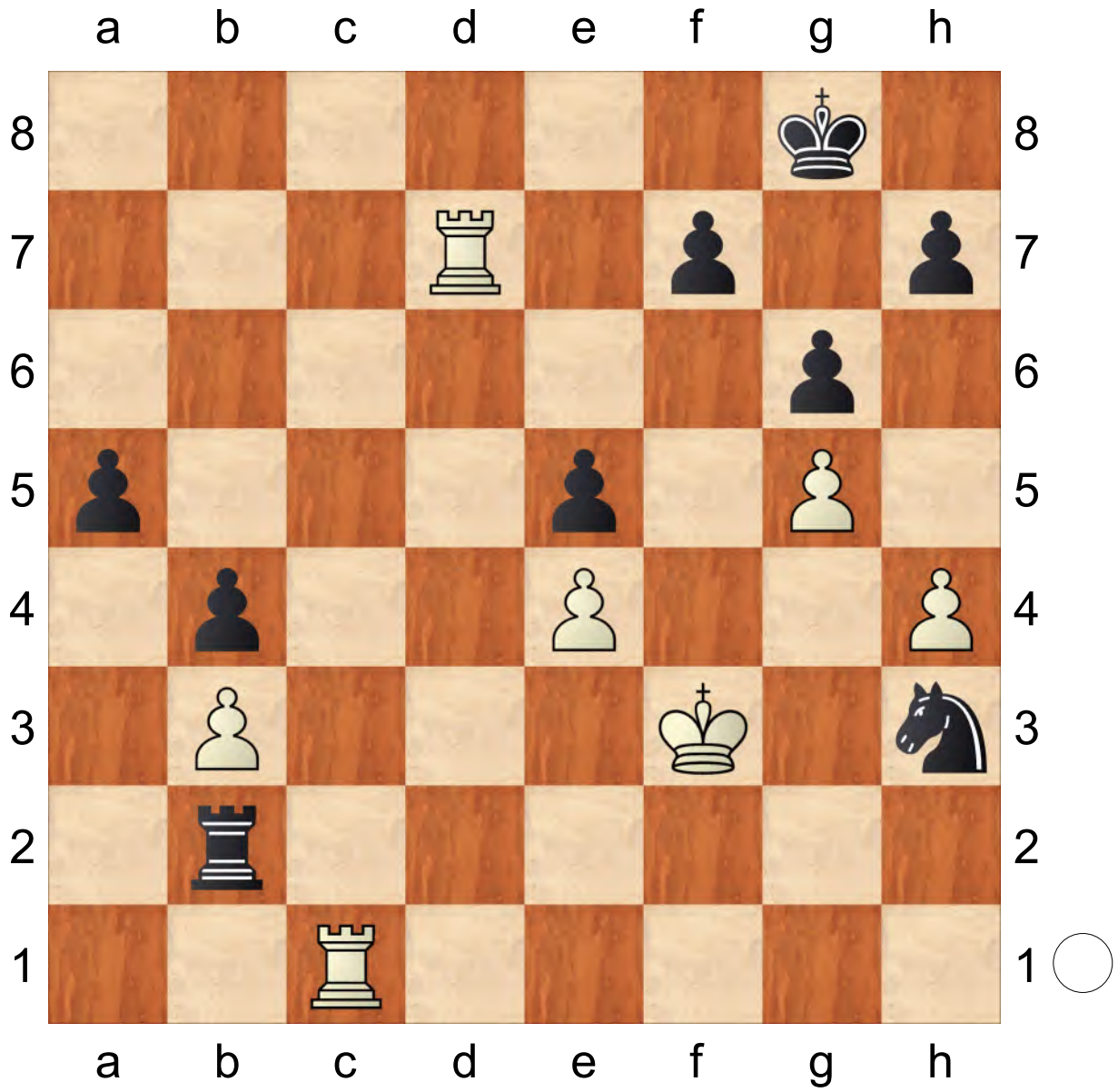
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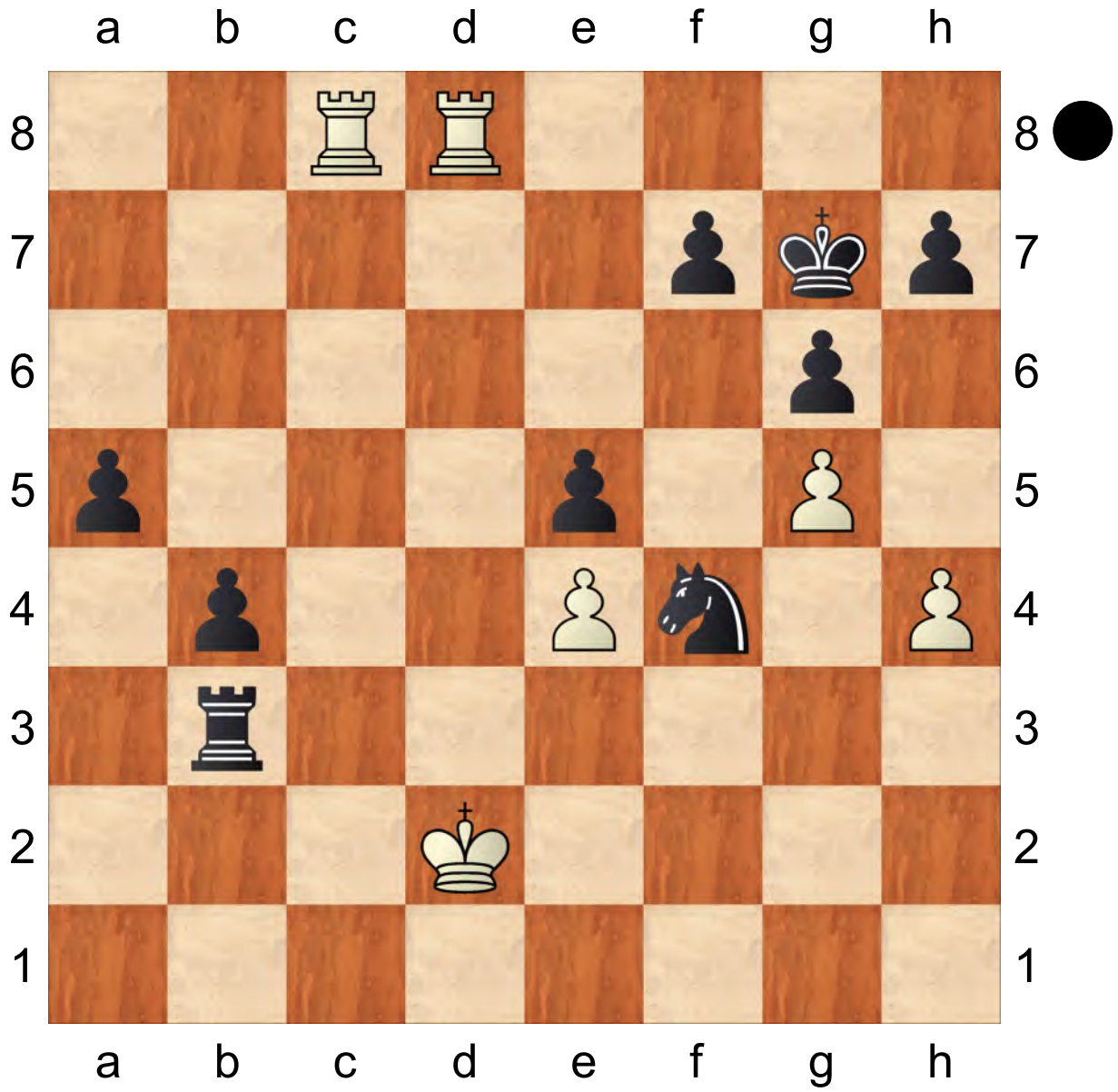
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